



BATMAN BEYOND

NEO-GOTHIC

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INTO THE
REMAINS
OF
OLD
GOTHAM!

13+
TEEN

BEFORE THE DARK KNIGHT...
BRUCE WAYNE'S TRIALS BEGIN.

The BATMAN Knight

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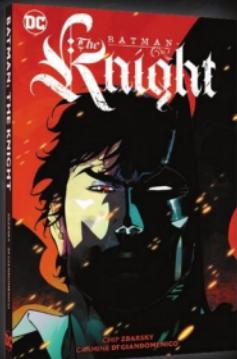
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RELEASES FROM DC IN RECENT YEARS."

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Lesson the first.



Death is not the end.



It's not a period at the end of a maudlin refrain.



Nor a desperate tragedy to be forever avoided.



Death is a promise.



Death is the beginning.



You can already hear the clock ticking
if you bend your ear toward doom.



Most won't ever admit it. But we all do.
In our quietest moments.



The inevitable chasm growing below.
Its single, insistent command.



"Live while you can."



Do you understand what I'm saying, boy?



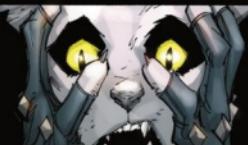
This hard-earned lesson.



We stand alone, but death unites us.



We stand condemned, but death inspires us.



If humanity's a bloody garden...



...there's death in the roots.



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NEW GOTHIC

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THAT'S THE
FIFTH SIGNAL
TONIGHT.

IF I DIDN'T
KNOW BETTER,
GESTALT, I'D THINK
YOU WERE TRYING
TO KILL ME.

REFORMED
VILLAINS
OPERATE YOUR
CAVE, BATMAN.
EMPHASIS ON
REFORMED.

AND WITH OUR RECENT
CROWDSOURCING UPDATES
IN PLACE, THE CRISIS DATA
SET GETS LARGER AND
LARGER EVERY NIGHT.

THE LIVING GOTHAM
KEPT THE CRIMINAL
LINE FLAT, WITH ITS
CONTROL RELEASED...

...I'M WHAT
STANDS BETWEEN
THE CITY AND
COMPLETE CHAOS.
TRUST ME.
I KNOW.

CRISIS ZONE
TOUCHDOWN
IN FIVE.

BEAM, THAT
VOTE'S TODAY,
RIGHT? ANY LUCK
ON THE **GORDON**
INITIATIVE?

CITY HALL'S
BARELY SETTLED FROM
THE PROVISIONAL ELECTION,
TERRY. THE LAST THING THEY
WANT TO DO IS TAKE A
CHANCE ON A **CITYWIDE**
CRIME-FIGHTING
COLLECTIVE.

AND WITH
BARBARA RETIRING
TO CORTO MALTESE,
WE'RE HAVING TO RELY
ON MY PEOPLE SKILLS.
WHICH ARE, YA KNOW...
HISTORICALLY BAD.

DON'T
UNH!
-- SAY THAT.
YOU'RE
ACK!
-- YOU'RE
GREAT
WITH ME.

TERRY,
ARE YOU TRYING
TO TALK TO ME
WHILE YOU FIGHT
SUPER-VILLAINS
AGAIN?

BEAM,
WHEN I'M
WORKING...

REALLY CALL ME
BATMAN.

WELL,
BATMAN. THE
POLICE FORCE IN
GOTHAM IS STILL
BOUGHT AND PAID
FOR BY WAYNE-
POWERS.

YOU MEAN
LUMOS
INDUSTRIES.

I JUST
TRULY HATE
SAYING THAT
DRAGBAG'S
NAME.

BUT THAT'S
THE POINT OF
OUR INITIATIVE,
ISN'T IT? BRING
EVERDAY HEROES
TO EVERY STREET
IN NEO-
GOTHAM?

YOUR
OPTIMISM IS
ADORABLE.

YOU
TAKE THAT
BACK.

WHY WON'T
YOU LET US MAKE
YOU BEAUTIFUL,
BATMAN?!

I'M JUST
SAYING, YOU'RE
PUSHING YOURSELF
LIKE YOU DON'T NEED
TO LAST VERY
LONG.

BUT UNTIL
WE SUCCEED IN
GETTING THIS THING
DECENTRALIZED,
YOU'RE THE ONLY
BATMAN WE'VE
GOT.

YOU
GOTTA TAKE
CARE OF HIM,
ALL RIGHT?

LOGGING OFF...

YEAH.
ALL RIGHT.

"..I'LL SEE
YOU AT HOME."







DISCONNECTED

CAVE TO BATMAN.
YOUR ATTENTION
IS REQUIRED...

...A DISTURBING
PATTERN EMERGES.

JUST
ANOTHER DAY IN
NEO-GOTHAM.
SO...

...HOW
CAN WE
HELP?

DATA COLLATION
INDICATES HIGH
RATE OF IDENTICAL
DISAPPEARANCES.

THEY
SNEAK
OUT AT
NIGHT.
THEY TAKE
MONEY,
AND THEY
NEVER
RETURN.

CHILDREN. ALL CHILDREN.
AND ALL FROM FOOD-DESERT
DISTRICTS. THE LOWER
NARROWS. BREYFOGLE
FLATS. MIGNOLA FALLS.

THE NEWSPAPERS ARE REPORTING THE
DISAPPEARANCES AS STRUCTURAL
SINKHOLES IN OLD BUILDINGS, MOST
RECENTLY AT FOX APARTMENTS.

THIS PATTERN IS
NOT. BOONMA
WENT ON FOOT
TO INTERFACE
DIRECTLY WITH
THE FAMILIES.

OLD TENEMENT BUILDING,
A DEAD WRECK BUT FILLED
WITH THOSE IN NEED. BUT
THE THEORY IS WRONG.
SINKHOLES ARE RANDOM.

AND YOU
WON'T BELIEVE
WHO I FOUND
PICKING OVER
THE CORPSE.

NEGLECTED
FRIENDS OF LOWER
GOTHAM!

LEND
ME YOUR
EARS!

DONOVAN
\$#%&
LUMOS

THINK
ANYONE
WOULD MIND
IF I LENT HIM
MY FIST
INSTEAD?

THESE TRAGIC
DISAPPEARANCES
HAVE HIGHLIGHTED
AN ISSUE THAT HAS
FESTERED IN
THE
HEART OF THIS CITY
FAR TOO
LONG!

OLD
BUILDINGS, FALLING
TO RUIN, KEEPING OUR
CITY FROM ACHIEVING THE
**BRIGHT FUTURE IT
DESERVES!**

AND AS WITH
THE **LIVING**
GOTHAM, WHICH
LUMOS INDUSTRIES
HAS **DEDICATED**
ITSELF TO
ERADICATING
FROM OUR
STREETS...

...NOW THAT
WE'VE **SEEN**
THE PROBLEM,
I WOULD LIKE TO
USE MY EXTENSIVE
RESOURCES
TO BE THE
SOLUTION.

WHICH IS
WHY, TODAY, I
HAVE ACQUIRED
THIS ENTIRE CITY
BLOCK. AND WHY,
TOMORROW...

...I'LL
DEMOLISH
IT.



"...IN THE
GOTHAM
DEEP."



UNDER
EDITION
MONDAY





Lesson the second.



Curiosity kills cats.



If someone is coming to you to solve their problem,
you're the one who's made a mistake.



You're nobody.
You know nothing.

ONLY
IF I HAVE
TO.



Your business is yours.

YOU DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING ABOUT ME.
OR WHAT IT MEANS TO
BE UNDERGOTH.

YOU MIGHT
BE THE KNIGHT OF
THE SHADOWS...

BUT
WE'VE GOT
DARK
DOWN HERE
THAT YOU
CAN'T EVEN
DREAM
OF!

THAT'S
WHY I'M
HERE.

KIDS ARE GOING MISSING.
RECENTLY, A WAVE OF THEM.
I KNOW THAT THEY'RE VANISHING
DOWNWARD, BUT I DON'T
KNOW HOW DEEP
THEY'VE GONE.

I NEED A
GUIDE.

If you let someone
into your life who
thinks otherwise?

TO GO
AS DEEP
AS YOU
CAN?

WHATEVER
IT TAKES.

That's a gun you put
to your own head.

MR RO
Ww

A HUNDRED
CREDITS.
PER
LEVEL.







...I'M GOING TO
BREAK THE BAT!



ARE YOU
KIDDING
ME?



YOU CAN'T
EVEN MAKE
ME BREAK A
SWEAT.

ZRAF

Moments Later...



AND
HERE WE
ARE! THERE
MIGHT BE OTHER
WAYS DOWN,
BUT THIS ONE
IS MINE.

OKAY, I'M ONLY SAYING
THIS **ONCE**, CUZ THIS
IS AS DEEP AS I'VE
EVER GONE.

THERE'S
DEATH IN
THE ROOTS.
GOT IT?

STAY
CLOSE.
STAY
ALIVE.

Lesson the third. This one is short.

IT'S
WET.
IT IS,
YES.
IT'S
DARK.
YOU
CAN'T SEE
IN THE
DARK?

SFV LSH

NOT
YET.

If you ever forget lesson the second?

YESSS!

You'll learn lesson the first.

Death might not be the end.

FEEDING!



But there are things out there that will make you wish it was.

FEAST
ON THE
BAT.

NEXT:
KING
CROC!

IT'S NOT JUST A DREAM!



KNIGHT TERRORS: ZATANNA

THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE
AGAINST THE SLEEPLESS KNIGHTS!



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STUCK IN HER OWN HORROR
MOVIE WITH NO WAY OUT!

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MEET THE WAKING
WORLD'S FINAL GIRL!



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KNIGHT TERRORS: RAVAGER

CAN ROSE WILSON
SAVE...HERSELF?!



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DAWN OF DC

KNIGHT TERRORS

IT'S NOT JUST
A DREAM!

Knight Terrors: Night's End #1

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MONTH TWO CHECKLIST

AUGUST 1

- *Knight Terrors: Batman #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Black Adam #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Poison Ivy #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Ravager #2*
- *Knight Terrors: The Joker #2*

AUGUST 8

- *Knight Terrors #3*
- *Knight Terrors: Green Lantern #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Robin #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Shazam! #2*
- *Knight Terrors: The Flash #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Zatanna #2*

AUGUST 15

- *Knight Terrors: Catwoman #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Nightwing #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Punchline #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Superman #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Wonder Woman #2*

AUGUST 22

- *Knight Terrors #4*
- *Knight Terrors: Action Comics #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Angel Breaker #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Detective Comics #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Harley Quinn #2*
- *Knight Terrors: Titans #2*

AUGUST 28

- *Knight Terrors: Night's End #1*

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