

TDK - MONOLOGUE ENDING QUOTE

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INSERT CUT: GORDON STANDS AT A PODIUM AT DENT'S FUNERAL.
BEHIND HIM IS A LARGE PHOTOGRAPH OF DENT SMILING.

GORDON
...a hero. Not the hero we
deserved- the hero we needed.
Nothing less than a knight.
Shining... GORDON (V.O.) They'll
hunt you. BATMAN (V.O.) You'll hunt
me.

INSERT CUT: GORDON, ON THE ROOF OF GOTHAM CENTRAL, AXE IN
HAND, WATCHED BY AN ASSORTMENT OF COPS AND REPORTERS...

BATMAN (V.O.)(CONT'D)
You'll condemn me, set the dogs on
me...

GORDON TAKES THE AXE TO THE BAT SYMBOL- SPARKING, SMASHING...

BATMAN (V.O.)(CONT'D)
...because it's what needs to
happen.

INSERT CUT: ALFRED HOLDS THE LETTER FROM RACHEL. THINKING.

BATMAN (V.O.)(CONT'D)
Because sometimes the truth isn't
good enough...

INSERT CUT: ALFRED BURNS THE ENVELOPE FROM RACHEL.

BATMAN (V.O.) (CONT'D)
...sometimes, people deserve more.

INSERT CUT: LUCIUS FOX TYPES HIS NAME INTO THE SONAR MACHINE.
INSERT CUT: FOX HITS THE "X". THE MACHINE FLASHES RED "SELF-
DESTRUCT WARNINGS". THEN DIES. FOX SMILES TO HIMSELF. Batman
hurries off. LIMPING into the shadows.

JAMES
Batman?!

James RUNS down the stairs to join father-

JAMES (CONT'D)
Why's he running, Dad?!

Gordon stares after Batman.

GORDON
Because we have to chase him...

387 EXT. WAREHOUSE -- CONTINUOUS**387**

As Cops race into the buildings the DOGS get the scent and pull away from the doorway, following the SHADOW into the stacks of shipping containers...

388 INT. WAREHOUSE -- CONTINUOUS**388**

James looks at his father, confused.

JAMES

He didn't do anything wrong!

Gordon stares after the Batman. The sound of the dogs becoming louder and more ferocious.

JAMES (CONT'D)

Why, dad? Why?! GORDON Because...

389 EXT. DOCKSIDE ROOFTOPS -- CONTINUOUS**389**

The Batman LURCHES between shipping containers. STUMBLING. BLEEDING. He makes it to the bat-pod...

GORDON (V.O.)

...he's the hero Gotham deserves...
but not the one it needs right now.
So we'll hunt him, because he can
take it. Because he's not our
hero...

The bat-pod streaks through Gotham's underground streets, the Batman's cape fluttering behind. A wraith...

GORDON (V.O.)

...he's a silent guardian, a
watchful protector... a dark
knight.

The Batman races up a ramp into a blinding light-

CUT TO BLACK. CREDITS. END.