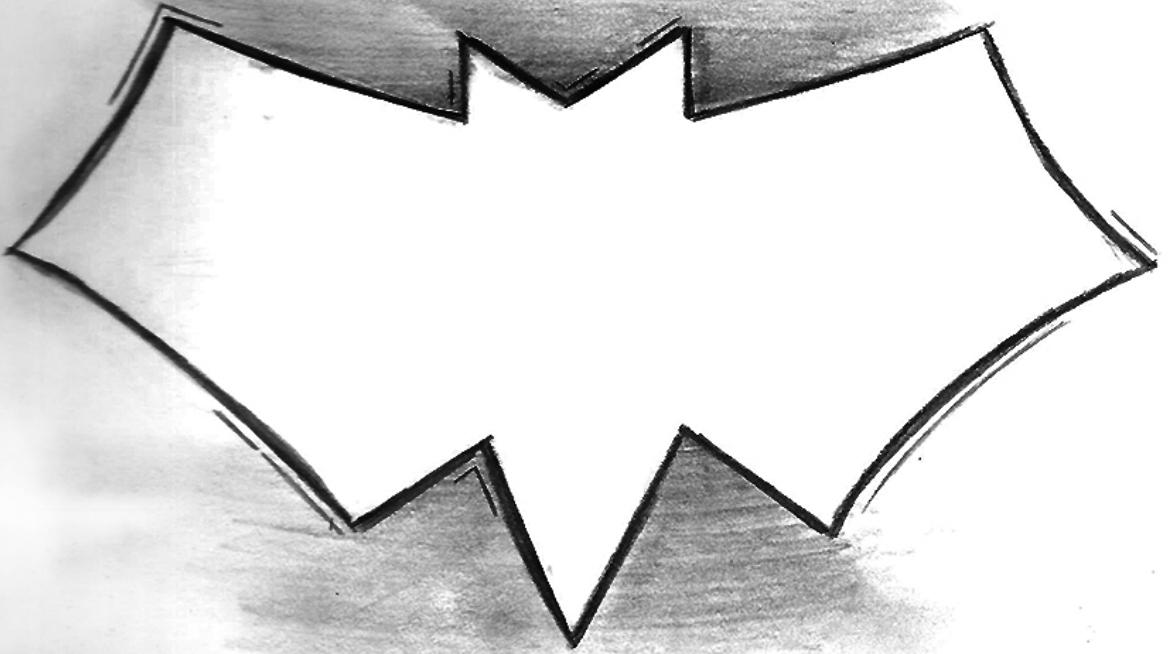


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EQUILIBRIUM



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**MY TRIBUTE TO**  
BILL FINGER AND BOB KANE

WEDNESDAY 9:30AM



**A** MASTER WAYNE, YOU HAVE A TEN O'CLOCK APPOINTMENT WITH MR. JOHN PRESTON. YOU WILL BE LATE IN YOUR CURRENT ATTIRE.

**B** THERE'S NO WAY I'M MISSING THAT MEETING ALFRED. TAKES ME FIVE MINUTES TO GET OUT OF MY ARMOR...

IT SHOULD ONLY TAKE ME TWO MINUTES TO GET INTO A SUIT



**A** THEN I SUGGEST YOU GET MOVING SIR



9:41AM

**A** BARBARA CALLED IN THIS MORNING SIR, SOMETHING ABOUT HER SCHEDULED CALL



ORACLE

BRUCE, I'M OFF DUTY...  
...IT'S BARB  
JEZ

DID YOU FIND ANYTHING?



DAD WANTED TO TAKE ME OUT ON THE BOAT. NO ENCRYPTED OR SECURE LINES OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY WITH HIM AROUND. SORRY.

IT'S...VERY STRANGE  
NOTHING. EVEN BATGIRL IS FEELING OFF ABOUT IT. ALL THE STREET GANGS HAVE WENT... ..QUIET. ROUGES AS WELL.

9:52AM

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MR. WAYNE...

GOOD MORNING

I HOPE I DIDN'T KEEP YOU WAITING LONG

JUST GOT HERE, SO YOU ARE RIGHT ON TIME



**P** MR. WAYNE, AS YOUR COO FOR ECW, I WANTED TO TELL YOU IN PERSON THAT OVER THE LAST SIX MONTHS, PRODUCTION HAS TRIPLED.

JUST YESTERDAY, I WAS HELPED OPEN CALTECH'S NEW VIRTUAL CLASSROOM WITH WAYNECORP'S NEW 3D COMPUTER.

**B** I HAD A FEELING THAT THIS MEETING WAS GOING TO BRING GOOD NEWS.

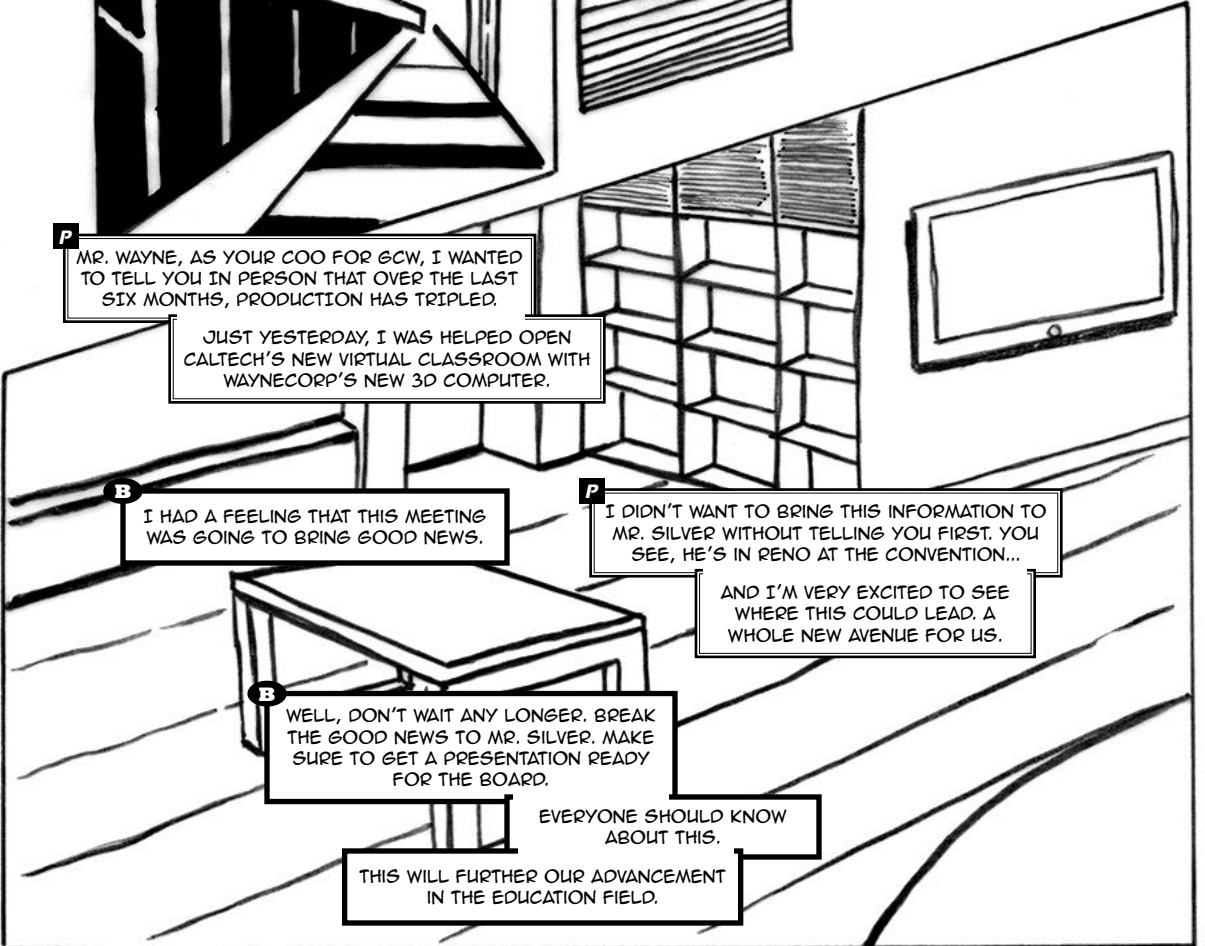
**P** I DIDN'T WANT TO BRING THIS INFORMATION TO MR. SILVER WITHOUT TELLING YOU FIRST. YOU SEE, HE'S IN RENO AT THE CONVENTION...

AND I'M VERY EXCITED TO SEE WHERE THIS COULD LEAD. A WHOLE NEW AVENUE FOR US.

**B** WELL, DON'T WAIT ANY LONGER. BREAK THE GOOD NEWS TO MR. SILVER. MAKE SURE TO GET A PRESENTATION READY FOR THE BOARD.

EVERYONE SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THIS.

THIS WILL FURTHER OUR ADVANCEMENT IN THE EDUCATION FIELD.





AS BY DESIGN, BOTH OF THEIR CELL PHONES RING AT THE SAME TIME -- BUT ONLY ONE IS FROM A JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBER.

**P** SORRY, I NEED TO GET THIS.



**B** SORRY, I NEED TO GET THIS.

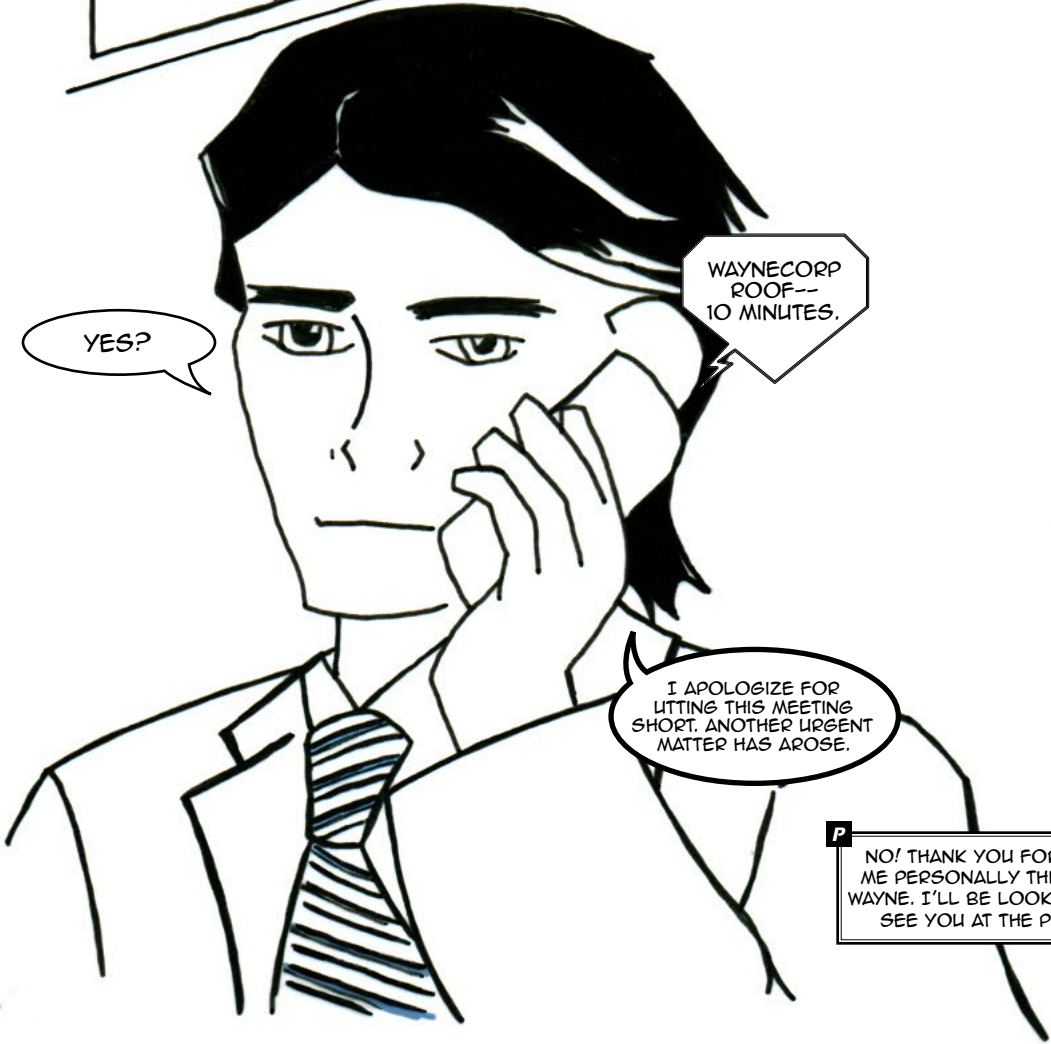


YES?

WAYNECORP  
ROOF--  
10 MINUTES.

I APOLOGIZE FOR  
LITTING THIS MEETING  
SHORT. ANOTHER URGENT  
MATTER HAS AROSE.

**P** NO! THANK YOU FOR MEETING WITH  
ME PERSONALLY THIS MORNING MR.  
WAYNE. I'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO  
SEE YOU AT THE PRESENTATION.





ALFRED,  
OFFICE PLEASE--  
SEVEN MINUTES

OF COURSE SIR



WEIRD SEEING  
YOU IN THE DAYTIME  
LIKE THIS.  
ESPECIALLY ON SUCH  
A NICE DAY.

• AFTER QUIETLY




CLARK...

RIGHT TO  
THE POINT.

GOHAM'S  
BEEN QUIET.  
METROPOLIS' GONE SILENT.  
BLUDHAVEN'S BEEN...  
...A DULL ROAR.  
SOMETHING IS UP.

THOUGHTS?



I'VE BEEN HAVING  
BATGIRL AND ORACLE DO  
PARALLEL ON EVERYTHING AND  
EVERYTHING.

HELL, EVEN COBBLEPOT WENT  
LEGIT. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S  
NEXT HONESTLY.

YOU ARE RIGHT  
THOUGH.  
EVERYTHING IS TOO  
QUIET TO JUST...

I KNOW, LUTHER IS  
EVEN... ..ALMOST SCARED  
WHEN IN PUBLIC.

IT'S LIKE SOMEONE  
HAS EVERYONE, RIGHT WHERE  
THEY NEED THEM. IT'S BEEN EIGHT  
MONTHS.

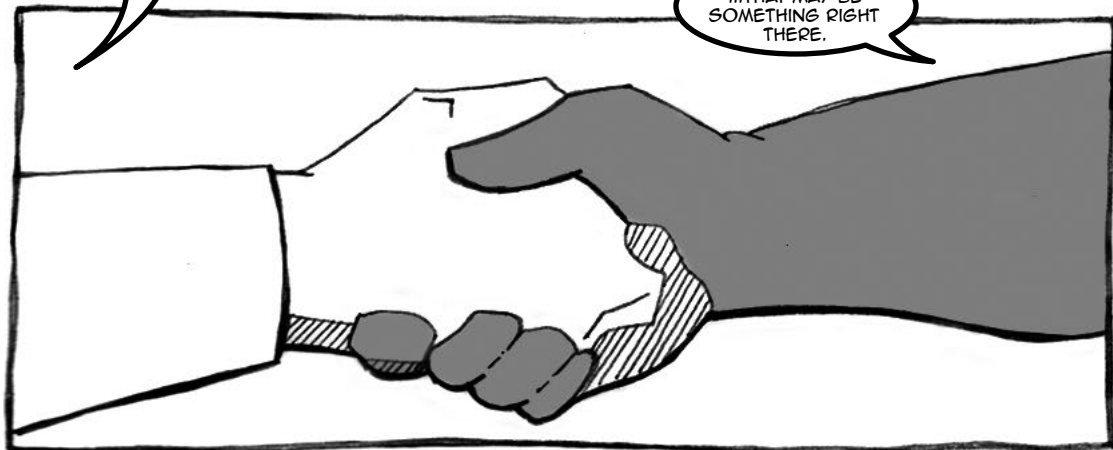
SOMETHING, OR SOMEONE HAS  
TO BREAK.

EIGHT MONTHS.  
FEELS LIKE IT'S BEEN  
ETERNITY SINCE MY  
LAST ROUNDS.

I ACTUALLY  
SHOW UP AT THE  
OFFICE.

MAYBE YOU NEED A  
BREAK. GO TO THE FOR-  
TRESS FOR A FEW... ..DAYS,  
AND THEN COME BACK.  
SOMETHING SHOULD STIR  
IF YOU ARE SUDDENLY  
JUST GONE.

YOU KNOW...  
...THAT MAY BE  
SOMETHING RIGHT  
THERE.





AND YOU ALFRED?

ALL SYSTEMS WILL BE OPERATING AS NORMAL.  
MANOR DEFENSES WILL BE ON HIGH ALERT.

HEADING TO SCOTLAND.  
BUT I WILL BE BUT A PHONE CALL AWAY SIR.  
ARE YOU SURE THIS IS WISE?

I'M NOT SURE ON A LOT OF THINGS ANYMORE ALFRED.

ETA 17 MINUTES.  
DESTINATION --- FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE  
CLEARED FOR APPROACH.

**B** WHAT IF THIS IS JUST SOME GAME TO KEEP ME AWAY FROM GOTHAM.  
HUSH IS GONE. JOKER'S LOCKED UP.

AND SHOWING SIGNS OF SANITY.

RIDDLER IS UNDER HEAVY GUARD AT GOTHAM GENERAL AFTER IVY'S ATTACK.  
IVY'S IN STATIS.



**B**

FREEZE IS UNDER  
LOCK AND KEY.

PENGUIN LEGIT.  
SOMETHING IS WRONG.



AUTOMATED MESSAGE INCOMING...

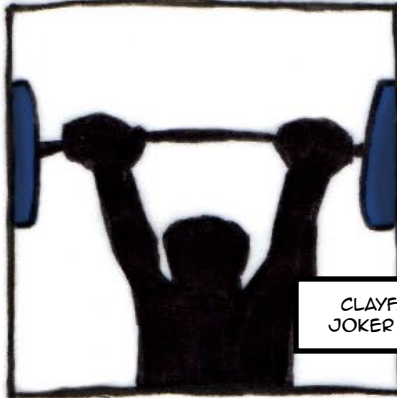
BRUCE, MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.  
COMPUTERS ARE AT YOUR DISPOSAL.





HARVEY - NO.  
BANE - NO PROFIT.

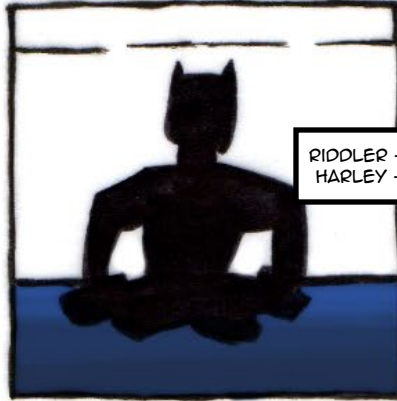
PENGUIN - TRIED.  
SELINA - NOT HER STYLE.



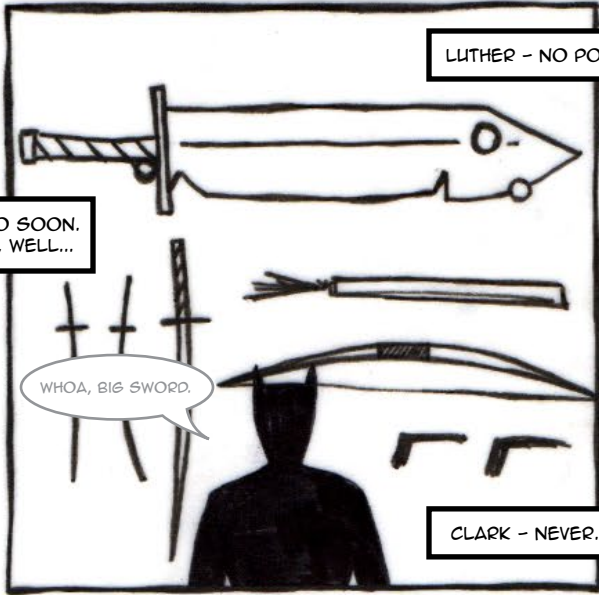
CLAYFACE - NO.  
JOKER - HELL NO.



HUNTRESS - DEFINITELY NOT.  
BLACK MASK - DEAD.



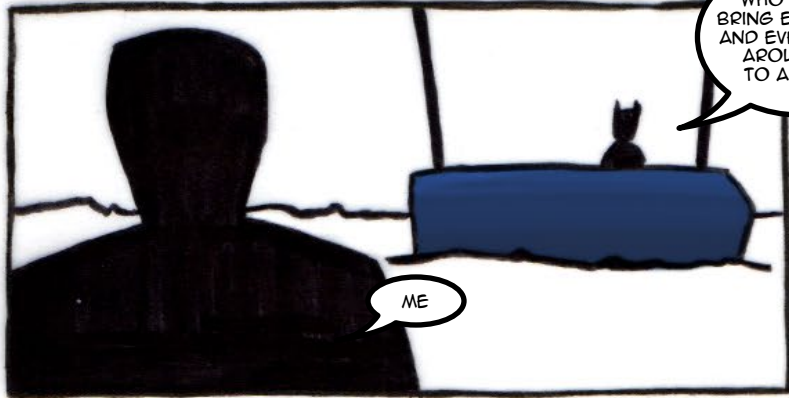
RIDDLER - TOO SOON.  
HARLEY - NO, WELL...



LUTHER - NO POLITICAL GAIN.

WHOA, BIG SWORD.

CLARK - NEVER.



WHO COULD  
BRING EVERYONE  
AND EVERYTHING  
AROUND ME  
TO A HALT?

ME



YOU?

AND WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?



BRUCE.  
OR SHALL I CALL YOU BATMAN?  
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU.

TEN YEARS IN FACT. WE MET IN METROPOLIS.

I AM PAVLOVITS.

I WAS HERE ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS THEN, DELIVERING KAL EL'S FINAL PIECE OF KRYPTON.

IT WAS THE GORN, THE FINAL RECORD OF HIS FATHER'S WORK.



DEVOTION?  
MY DEVOTION IS YOUR GOAL?

YOU ALREADY KNOW MY RESPONSE.

YES, I'M AFRAID I DO.  
BUT NOTHING YOU CAN DO CAN STOP ME. I AM KRYPTONIAN.  
AND LIKE YOUR FRIEND KAL EL, I HAVE ONLY ONE WEAKNESS.

AND WITH THIS DRUG IMPIA, YOU WILL OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND.

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW ME AS WELL AS YOU THINK...

AND HOW'S THAT?

WHILE YOU'VE BEEN BLATHERING, I'VE BEEN PROGRAMMING KAL'S COMPUTER TO FILTER OUT THE UV RADIATION IN THE ENTIRE FORTRESS.  
CAUSING YOU TO LOOSE YOUR POWERS.

NO...

YES

YOU SEE, I HAVE SENT MERCENARIES TO EACH OF YOUR ROUGES TO... ..PACIFY THEM.

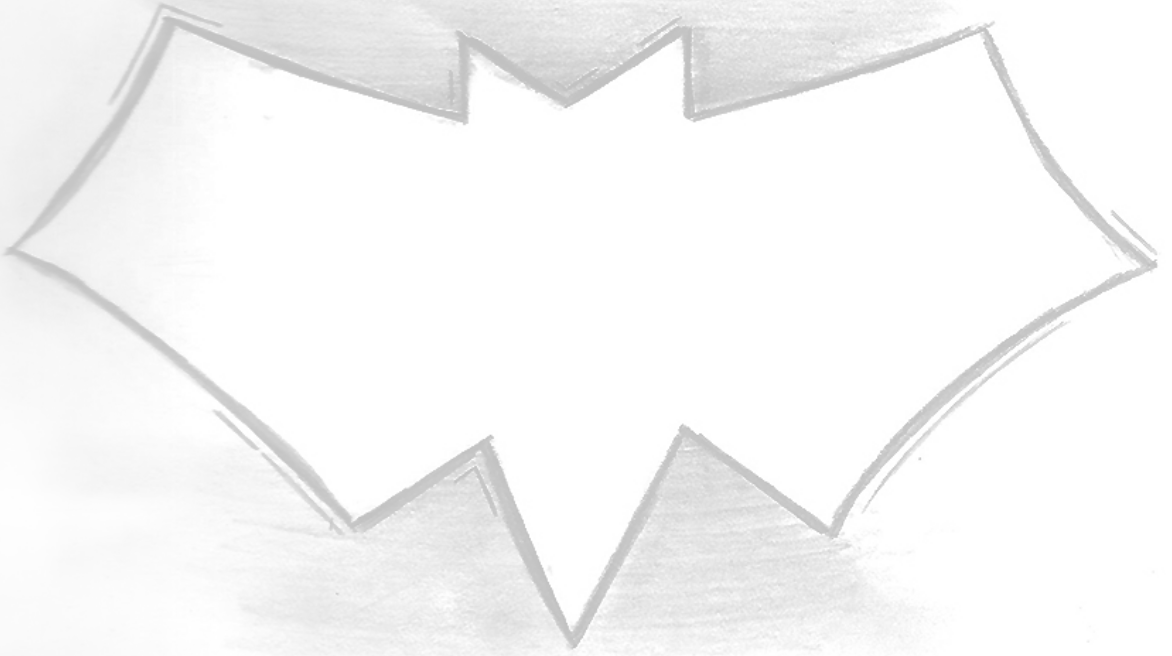
TO BRING GOTHAM CITY AND IT'S PEOPLE TO AN EQUILIBRIUM. NOW THAT I CONTROL THE BAD ELEMENT OF GOTHAM, I WISH TO CONTROL THE GOOD AS WELL.

AND NOW THAT WE ARE AWAY FROM YOUR ASSISTANTS AND THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE IS UNAWARE OF MY PRESENCE, I CAN PROPOSE THIS SITUATION.

YES, AND NOW...  
...I WILL PROPOSE THIS:  
JOIN ME.

YOU WERE THE FIRST IN MY ROSTER TO RECRUIT. ONCE YOU JOIN ME, THE REST OF THE JLA WILL FOLLOW AND THEN THE WORLD.





Hey kiddos, daddoo wrote a Batman comic. I hope you realize how absolutely proud I am of both of you. Both of you are awesome kids. I love you with great intensity, even though you guys drive me insane.

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