



"AFTER IT WAS OVER, I TRIED TO SEE HOW IT BEGAN."



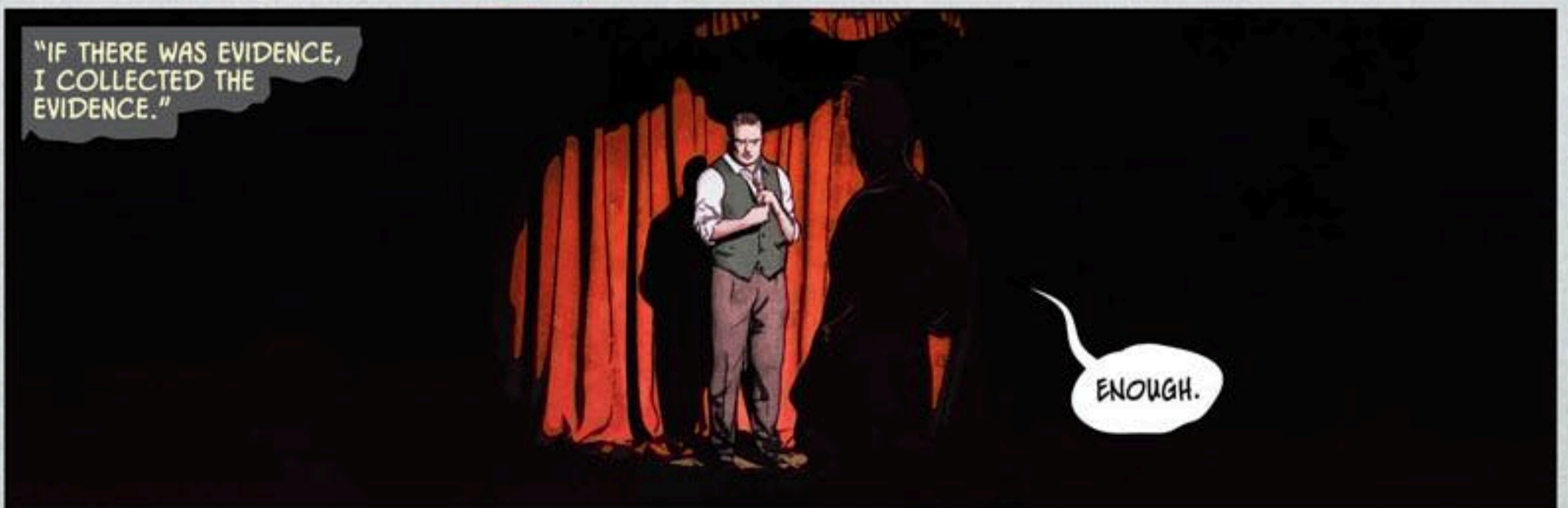
"I WENT WHERE THEY HAD GONE."



"IF THERE WERE RECORDINGS, I WATCHED THE RECORDINGS."



"IF THERE WERE WITNESSES, I INTERVIEWED THE WITNESSES."



"IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE, I COLLECTED THE EVIDENCE."

ENOUGH.



I GOT MORE! I GOT A GREAT FIVE-MINUTE SET ON SCOTLAND.

I SWEAR! IT'S GOOD! YOU'LL LOVE IT! IT KILLS.

"WHEN I HAD FOUND ALL I COULD FIND, I VISITED EACH OF THEM IN TURN."



I JUST GOT BACK FROM A TRIP TO SCOTLAND...

"I TALKED TO THEM IN THEIR CELLS."

"I SPOKE TO THEM ACROSS THE BARS."



BANG

"THEY TOLD THEIR STORIES."



NEXT.
PLEASE.

"SOME OF IT WAS TRUE."



YEAH, HEY! I'M... NEXT.

I'M... I'M CHRIS FEDER. FROM QUEENS.

YES, YES.
DON'T FORGET TO CLEAR THE STAGE.

"SOME OF IT WASN'T."

"IN THE END, I KNEW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW."



"OR, AT LEAST, I KNEW EVERY *FACT* THERE WAS TO KNOW."



"WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT *MOTIVATED* THEM..."

"WHAT MOTIVATED ME."

"WHETHER I KNOW THAT OR *UNDERSTAND* THAT... I DON'T..."



ALL RIGHT.

GO AHEAD, MR. FEDER.

I'M READY TO LAUGH.

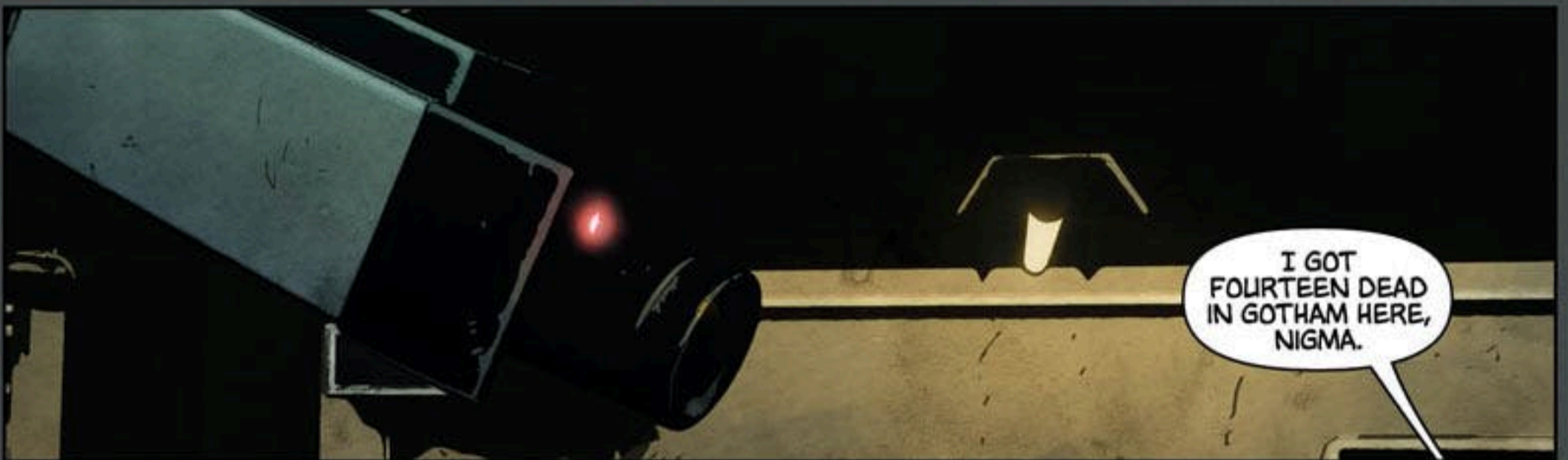
"ALL I CAN DO IS TELL THE STORY."



"AND LET YOU DECIDE."



Ha
HaHa
Ha!



I GOT
FOURTEEN DEAD
IN GOTHAM HERE,
NIGMA.



SO,
EXCUSE ME,
BUT I'M NOT
SEEING THE
JOKE.

"RIDDLER HAD
BEEN LOCKED UP FOR
ALMOST A YEAR."



NO,
I'M SORRY, I
KNOW YOU DON'T,
DETECTIVE.

BUT
CAN'T YOU
AT LEAST
SEE...

"DURING THAT TIME,
SOME COPS IN THE
GCPD HAD BEGUN
USING HIM."



... THAT
IS THE
JOKE.

"IF THEY HAD A PUZZLE
THEY COULDN'T SOLVE,
THEY WENT TO HIM."



DEAL IS, YOU DON'T GET HELP IF YOU DON'T HELP.

YOU'RE NOT HELPING. SO THAT'S THE END OF ME.

GOOD-BYE, NIGMA.



GUESS GORDON'S RIGHT.

ONLY THE BAT CAN FIGURE OUT WHERE JOKER'S HIDING.



WAIT, PLEASE. I CAN DO IT.

I WANT TO HELP, I DO.

YEAH?



I CAN SOLVE IT BETTER THAN...

...ANYWAY, IF YOU CAN JUST CLARIFY ONE THING, IT'LL BE EASY TO SOLVE.

SURE, NIGMA.



WHAT DO YOU NEED?



WELL... IF YOU COULD JUST...

...I MEAN, CAN YOU JUST TELL ME WHY THE END OF THE WORLD NEVER COMES?



EXCUSE ME?



Ugggk

"THE RIDDLER STARTED IN THE LIEUTENANT'S NECK, BUT IT SEEMS THE KNIFE HIT A HARD BONE, FRUSTRATING HIM."



"SO HE MOVED ON QUICKLY. TO THE STOMACH, THEN THE CHEST, THEN BACK TO THE NECK."

"THE FACE."

"UP-DOWN. IN-OUT."

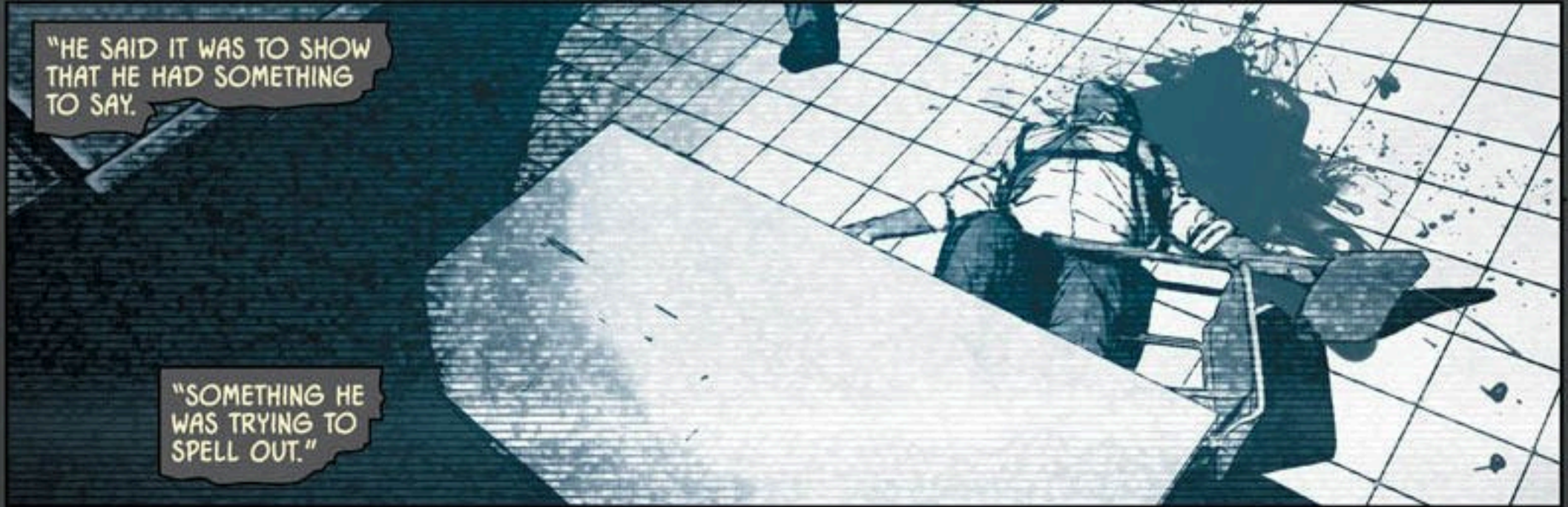


"HE STABBED THE LIEUTENANT TWENTY-SIX TIMES."



BECAUSE IT'S ROUND.

"ONCE FOR EACH LETTER OF THE ALPHABET."



"HE SAID IT WAS TO SHOW THAT HE HAD SOMETHING TO SAY."

"SOMETHING HE WAS TRYING TO SPELL OUT."