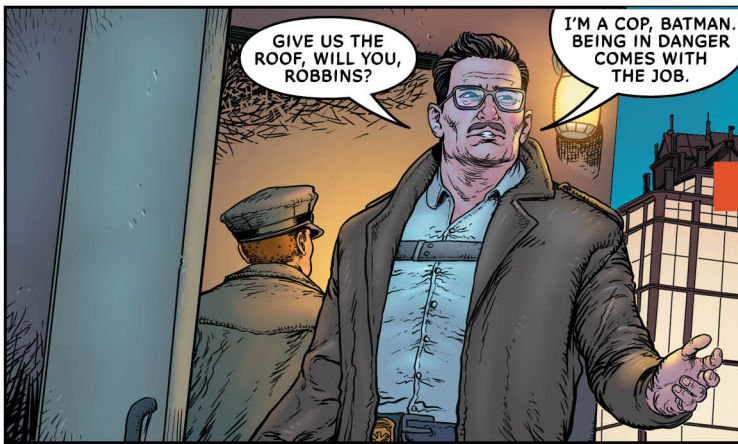




BATMAN

SINS OF THE FATHER
PART FIVE

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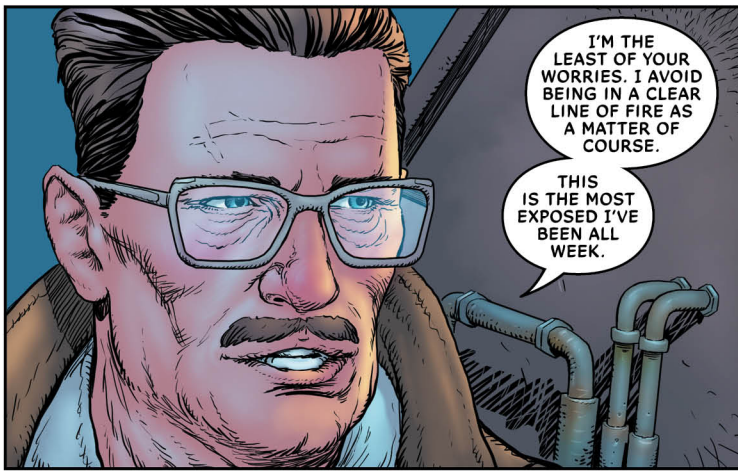
GIVE US THE ROOF, WILL YOU, ROBBINS?

I'M A COP, BATMAN. BEING IN DANGER COMES WITH THE JOB.



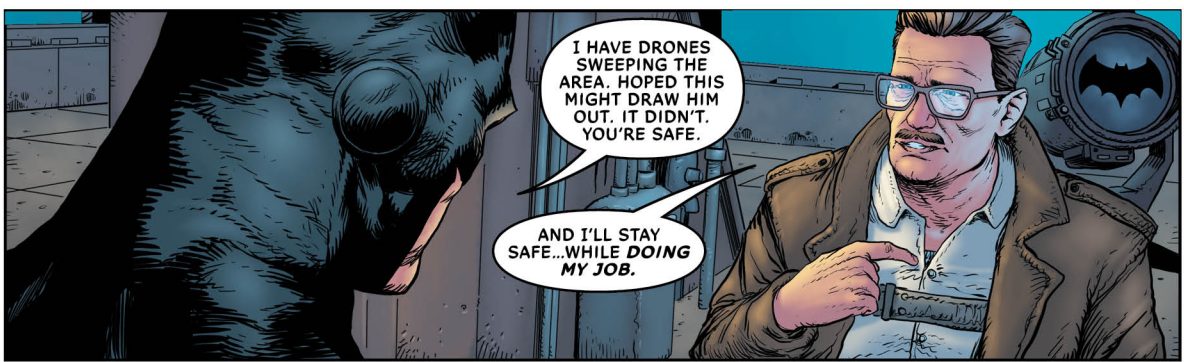
I'M TALKING ABOUT *DEADSHOT*. I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE HE'S TARGETING PEOPLE HE PERCEIVES AS...CLOSE... TO ME.

IT'S PUBLICLY KNOWN I'M WORKING WITH YOU.



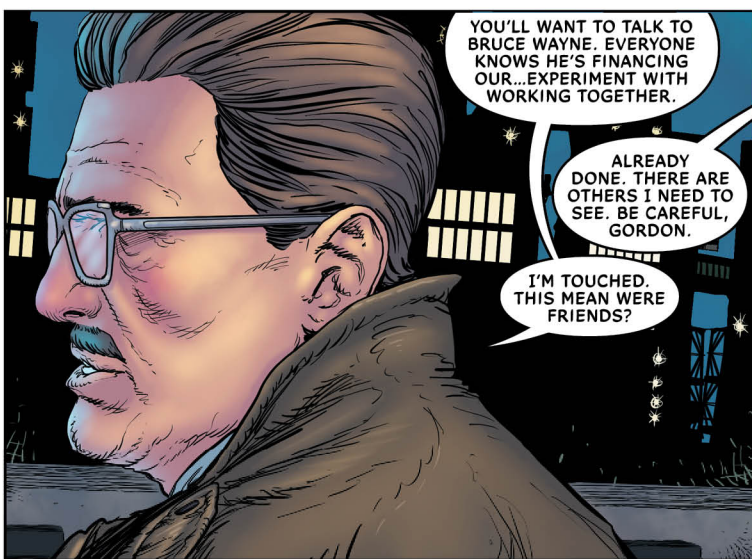
I'M THE LEAST OF YOUR WORRIES. I AVOID BEING IN A CLEAR LINE OF FIRE AS A MATTER OF COURSE.

THIS IS THE MOST EXPOSED I'VE BEEN ALL WEEK.



I HAVE DRONES SWEEPING THE AREA. HOPED THIS MIGHT DRAW HIM OUT. IT DIDN'T. YOU'RE SAFE.

AND I'LL STAY SAFE...WHILE DOING MY JOB.



YOU'LL WANT TO TALK TO BRUCE WAYNE. EVERYONE KNOWS HE'S FINANCING OUR...EXPERIMENT WITH WORKING TOGETHER.

ALREADY DONE. THERE ARE OTHERS I NEED TO SEE. BE CAREFUL, GORDON.

I'M TOUCHED. THIS MEAN WERE FRIENDS?



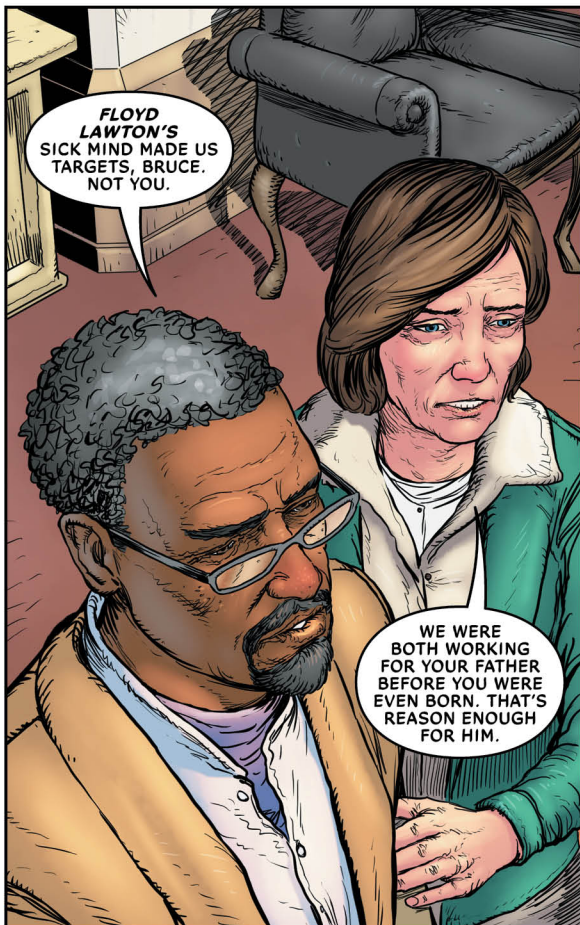
I NEED TO GET MORE CONSIDERATE FRIENDS.

WAYNE ENTERPRISES.

FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, I'D SUGGEST NOT LEAVING THIS BUILDING...BUT I UNDERSTAND YOU NEED TO SEE YOUR FAMILIES.

SO I'M PROVIDING SECURITY AT YOUR HOMES, AT MY EXPENSE, AND ARMORED TRANSPORT BETWEEN THERE AND HERE. PLEASE DON'T GO ANYWHERE ELSE.

LUCIUS, REGINA...I'M SORRY. I'VE MADE YOU BOTH TARGETS.



FLOYD LAWTON'S SICK MIND MADE US TARGETS, BRUCE. NOT YOU.

WE WERE BOTH WORKING FOR YOUR FATHER BEFORE YOU WERE EVEN BORN. THAT'S REASON ENOUGH FOR HIM.



BUT YOU ALSO...HE'S FIXATED ON THE FACT THAT I HAD A **SUPPORT SYSTEM**, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER BEING ORPHANED, WHEN HE DIDN'T.

YOU COULD'VE PUSHED ME OUT OF WAYNE ENTERPRISES. I WAS A KID. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN EASY.

INSTEAD, YOU WELCOMED ME. GROOMED ME TO TAKE OVER. AND I...I'VE NEVER ADEQUATELY THANKED YOU FOR IT.



YOU'VE JUSTIFIED EVERY BIT OF FAITH WE PUT IN YOU, SON.

AND MUCH AS WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THE CREDIT, IT WAS ALFRED WHO RAISED YOU, BRUCE.

WE'LL TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION. BUT IS **HE** SAFE?



HE'S WHERE LAWTON CAN'T POSSIBLY GET TO HIM.

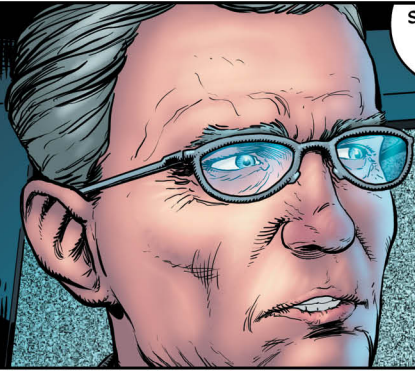
THE BATCAVE.

SINCE WE DEPLOYED THE DRONES TO WATCH HIM, MR. LAWTON HASN'T LEFT HIS HOME.

OF COURSE, THE DRONES ARE ONLY ABLE TO GET SO CLOSE TO THE BUILDING...



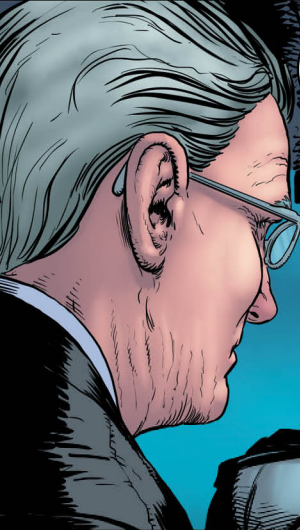
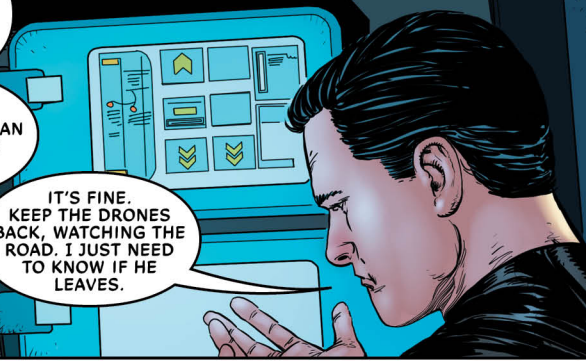
...BEFORE THAT OCCURS.



STATE LAW IS UNCLEAR ON A HOMEOWNER'S RIGHT TO SHOOT DOWN DRONES OVER THEIR PROPERTY.

WE COULD FILE A COMPLAINT, BUT SEEING AS HE HAS AN ACTIVE RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST YOU...

IT'S FINE. KEEP THE DRONES BACK, WATCHING THE ROAD. I JUST NEED TO KNOW IF HE LEAVES.



THUS FAR, ONLY HIS BUTLER HAS DEPARTED THE PREMISES.

ALFRED...THESE REVELATIONS ABOUT MY FATHER HAVE BEEN... DISTURBING. WHEN I FOUND OUT, I CONSIDERED IT A CURSE.

BUT TALKING TO LAWTON SHOWED ME IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE.



HE HAD NO ONE. NOTHING.

I HAD A GOOD MAN TO RAISE ME. YOU.

YOU'RE MORE MY FATHER THAN THOMAS WAYNE EVER WAS.

