

# THE VICTIM SYNDICATE

PART ONE: I SAW THE DEVIL

NO  
MORE

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE, RENÉE?

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THAT'S THE QUESTION, ISN'T IT, BATWOMAN?

IT WAS 8:17 P.M. WHEN WAYNE ENTERPRISES CEO LUCIUS FOX ENTERED THE LOBBY.

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NO, MS. VALE. I THINK THIS IS EXACTLY THE RIGHT MOMENT TO TALK ABOUT BUILDING A BETTER CITY. RIGHT WHEN THE PAIN IS THE WORST. WHEN IT'S OVERWHELMING.

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BRUCE WAYNE WAS EIGHT YEARS OLD WHEN HIS LIFE WAS DESTROYED. HE HAS SPENT EVERY MOMENT SINCE BUILDING HIMSELF BACK UP, DOING EVERYTHING HE CAN TO MAKE THE WORLD A FINER PLACE.

THE LEAST HIS COMPANY CAN DO IS LIVE UP TO HIS ETHICS.

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THE CALL? I WAS SPEAKING TO VICKI VALE FROM THE GOTHAM GAZETTE. I'D DELAYED THE INTERVIEW TO MAKE SURE THE NUMBERS WERE CORRECT BEFORE THE ARTICLE RAN.

NUMBERS?



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WAYNE ENTERPRISES IS FOOTING THE ENTIRE BILL FOR RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE MONSTER ATTACKS LAST MONTH. WE'D JUST FINALIZED THE DEAL WITH THE STATE AND WERE GOING PUBLIC.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A CELEBRATORY EVENING.



INTGTY

DID YOU SEE MR. FOX ENTER THE BUILDING?

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N-NO.

DO YOU RECALL ANYTHING BEFORE--



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I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING! I WAS ON MY PHONE OR SOMETHING, I DON'T KNOW!



BUT THEN THE DOORS OPENED?

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THAT'S WHEN IT STARTED.

DING

YES.

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WHO ON EARTH ARE--

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I DON'T KNOW HOW TO DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED NEXT...THE PALE ONE IN THE BACK, HE LOOKED AT ME WITH HIS STRANGE EYES...

THE ROOM WENT SILENT. SILENT EXCEPT FOR THEIR FOOTSTEPS...I TRIED TO SAY SOMETHING, I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT...BUT NOTHING CAME OUT.

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I TRIED SHOUTING, BUT NOTHING HAPPENED...

WHEN THE COPS RUSHED IN I TRIED TO SCREAM...

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WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

THE GREEN GUY, WITH THAT CREEPY SMILE...HE JUST RAISED HIS HAND.

I'VE NEVER SEEN MEN DIE LIKE THAT. IT WAS AS IF THEY WERE POISONED IN A HUNDRED DIFFERENT WAYS, ALL AT ONCE.



PETER  
PETERSON



OSCAR  
SIUDJINSKI



MARIAN  
PIPER

NOBODY  
MOVED AFTER  
THAT. NOBODY DARED.  
IT WAS SO QUIET  
UNTIL--

HIS VOICE...  
THE ONE IN FRONT.  
I CAN STILL FEEL IT  
SCRATCHING ON  
THE BACK OF MY  
MIND...

...I THINK  
I'LL HEAR THAT  
VOICE THE REST  
OF MY LIFE.

WE  
WISH TO FILE  
AN OFFICIAL  
COMPLAINT.





SO, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT MEANS AFTER THE LAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, THERE'S NO SHORTAGE OF SCARY PEOPLE IN GOTHAM CITY WHO WISH THERE WASN'T A BATMAN.

RENEE.

I'M NOT BEING GLIB. PEOPLE ARE *SCARED* RIGHT NOW. GIANT MONSTERS RIPPED THROUGH OUR CITY, AND WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP THEM.



DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE *PROTESTING* THIS POLICE FUNDRAISER TONIGHT JUST BECAUSE THERE'S A BAT-SIGNAL ON THE ROOF AT THE GCPD?



THE *INTERESTING* THING IS THAT NOTHING WAS *STOLEN*. THESE GUYS, WHOEVER THEY ARE, THEY DIDN'T HURT ANYBODY *EXCEPT* THOSE COPS.

THERE'S SO *MUCH* FREE MONEY IN HERE. THAT'S WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THEY WENT THROUGH ALL OF THAT *JUST* TO DELIVER *THIS* MESSAGE.



WHY DID YOU CALL ME, NOT *HIMP*?



THE SYMBOL'S IN *YOUR* COLOR, ISN'T IT? MAYBE IT'S *NOT* ABOUT HIM. *MAYBE* IT'S ABOUT YOU.

MAYBE.

OR MAYBE I ENDED OUR CONVERSATION TOO QUICK THE OTHER NIGHT, AND I'VE BEEN REGRETTING IT.



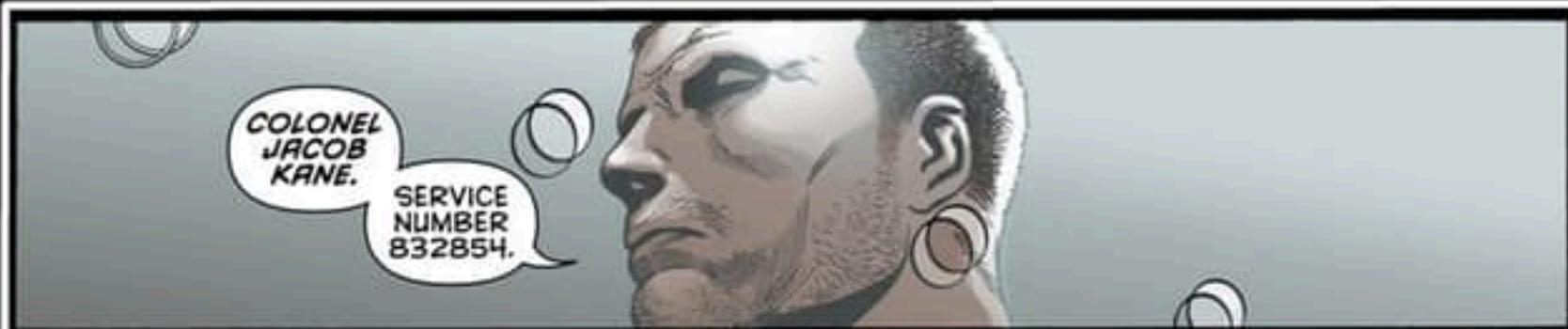
I JUST--

I NEED TO GET THIS INFORMATION TO BATMAN. WE'LL GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS. YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY.

SOMETHING *HAPPENED*, DIDN'T IT? YOU'RE NOT USUALLY *THIS* COLD. YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG.



NO. I CAN'T.



COLONEL  
JACOB  
KANE.

SERVICE  
NUMBER  
832854.



THAT'S *ALL* YOU'RE  
GETTING OUT OF ME,  
BRUCE. YOU *HAVE* TO  
HAVE FIGURED THAT  
OUT BY NOW.

YOU AREN'T  
GOING TO *BEAT* ANY  
SECRETS OUT OF ME, YOU'RE  
NOT GOING TO *TRICK* ME  
INTO REVEALING WHERE TO  
FIND THE COLONY ABROAD,  
YOU'RE *NOT* GOING TO  
FIND OUT WHO I'VE WORKED  
FOR, OR WITH, OR  
WHAT I KNOW.



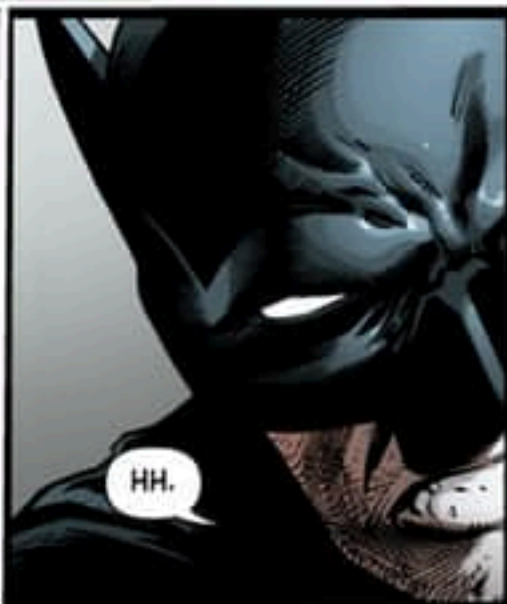
I CAN  
MAKE YOU  
TALK.

**SLAM**

NO YOU  
*CAN'T*. AND  
DO YOU  
KNOW  
WHY?



YOU  
DON'T  
SCARE  
ME.



HH.



KILL THE  
LIGHTS.



YOU WANT TO  
*KNOW* WHAT'S  
IN MY HEAD, YOU  
KNOW WHAT IT'S  
GOING TO  
TAKE.

I'LL  
TALK TO  
*HER*. NOT  
TO YOU.



BATWOMAN.  
REPORT IN.



NO FATALITIES  
OTHER THAN THE THREE  
OFFICERS. LUCIUS FOX IS IN  
GOTHAM MERCY FOR A TOX  
SCREEN. WHATEVER KILLED THE  
COPS *MAY* HAVE BEEN  
*CONTAGIOUS*. I WOULDN'T  
GO IN FOR WORK FOR  
A FEW DAYS, IF I  
WERE YOU.



I WANT TO  
KNOW WHO DID  
THIS. WHERE ARE  
THE OTHERS?

I SENT ORPHAN  
AND CLAYFACE INTO THE  
MUD ROOM TO TRAIN. I  
CALLED SPOILER FOR BACKUP,  
BUT NO RESPONSE. I'M  
STARTING TO GET  
WORRIED...

SHE JUST  
NEEDS TIME.



SIR, I'M NOT SURE I  
*AGREE*. THE ONLY  
TIMES SHE'S COME IN  
LATELY SHE'S BEEN  
*DISTRACTED*.

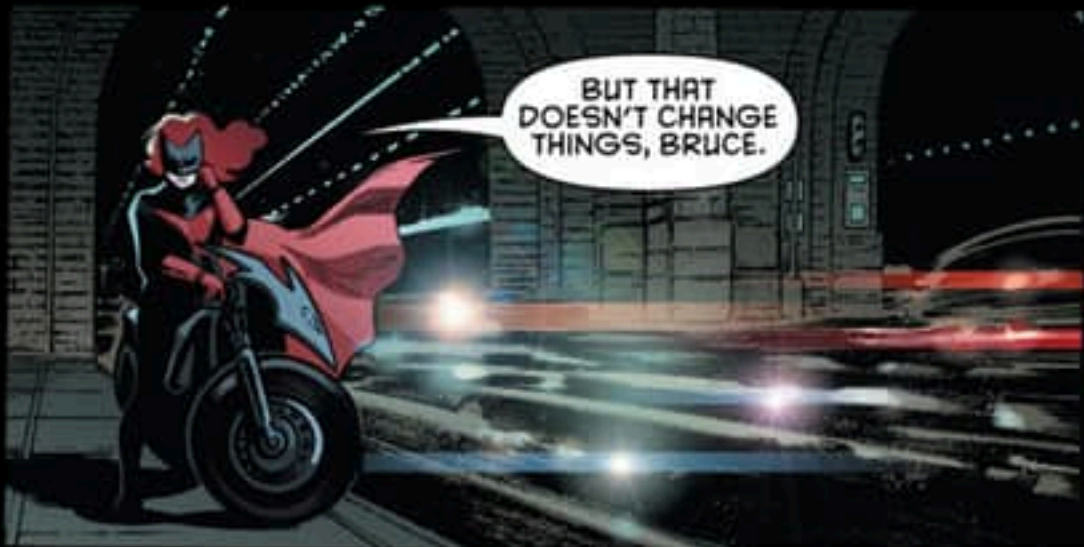
I DON'T  
KNOW IF SHE  
CAN *BE* THE  
SOLDIER SHE  
WAS AFTER WHAT  
SHE'S *LOST*...



WHAT  
WE'VE ALL  
LOST.

DO YOU  
*REALLY* THINK  
I NEED TO BE  
REMIND OF  
THAT?

DO YOU  
*REALLY* THINK  
I WOULD EVER  
FORGET?



BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THINGS, BRUCE.



WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT STEPHANIE.