

WONDERLAND BORDERING
THE SIXTH RING OF GOTHAM.

I STILL REMEMBER
MAKING MY FIRST
COMPASS ON THE
ISLAND.

COBBLED TOGETHER WITH
TWIGS, STRING, SHRAPNEL
AND A HALF-REMEMBERED
PASSAGE FROM A BOY
SCOUT MANUAL.

FOR THE FIRST
TIME SINCE THE
SHIPWRECK, I
HAD DIRECTION.

NIGHTWING,
WE HAVE TO KEEP
MOVING! THAT
DARK ROBIN
ISN'T TOO FAR
BEHIND US!

WHAT WE
NEED IS A PLACE TO
REGROUP THAT'S **NOT**
FULL OF 'ROIDED-OUT
GOTHAM VILLAINS.
MR. TERRIFIC?

I DIDN'T KNOW
WHERE I **WAS**,
BUT I KNEW
WHERE TO **GO**.
THE ARROW WAS
POINTING DUE
NORTH.

ANOTHER
RABBIT HOLE!
QUICK, FOLLOW
ME!

BUT HERE, NOW
IN GOTHAM, THE
OPPOSITE IS TRUE.
THIS CITY DEFIES ANY
SENSE OF DIRECTION,
AND I KNEW IF I HAD
THAT OLD COMPASS
WITH ME NOW...

IT WOULD BE
SPINNING OUT
OF CONTROL.

WHAT'S
THE POINT, MR.
TERRIFIC? WE'RE
GOING AROUND IN
CIRCLES
HERE.

YOU NEED
TO TELL US
WHAT THE HELL
IS GOING
ON.

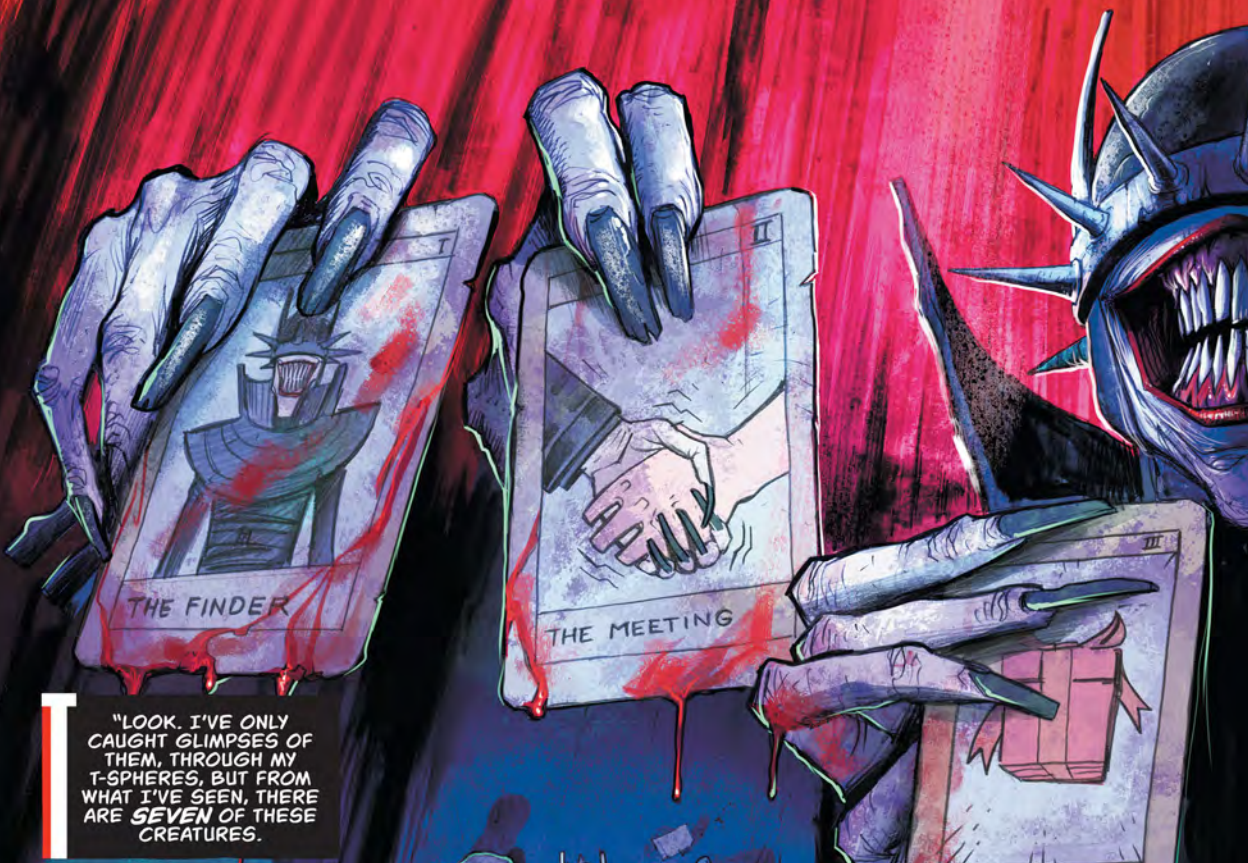
BELIEVE IT OR
NOT, IT'S **WORSE**
THAN IT SEEMS,
GREEN ARROW.

BEFORE ALL OF
THIS INSANITY STARTED...
BATMAN TASKED ME
WITH INVESTIGATING AN
UNKNOWN REGION BEYOND
THE KNOWN MULTIVERSE.
HE KNEW **SOMETHING**
WAS COMING.

YOU'VE
ENCOUNTERED
THESE **CARDS** ON
YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH
THE RINGED MAZE
OF GOTHAM.

**CAN'T
BE
LATE!**

THE **METAL**
THEY'RE MADE FROM
EMITS AN INCOMPARABLE
ENERGY...THEY ARE
WHAT HAS CHANGED
GOTHAM...



"LOOK. I'VE ONLY CAUGHT GLIMPSSES OF THEM, THROUGH MY T-SPHERES, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE SEEN, THERE ARE **SEVEN** OF THESE CREATURES.

"TWISTED, DEPRAVED, VERSIONS OF THE BATMAN WE KNOW AND LOVE. AND THE ONE RUNNING THE SHOW IS THE MOST FRIGHTENING OF THEM ALL.



"HE PRESENTED EACH WITH A CARD... AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO **RE-CREATE GOTHAM** IN THEIR IMAGE.

"THEY CALL HIM THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS. TURNED GOTHAM INTO THIS NEVER-ENDING NIGHTMARE, WITH THE HELP OF BATMAN'S GREATEST ROGUES...





THE TRANSFORMATION

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"OF COURSE, THEY ALL TOOK HIM UP ON THE OFFER..."

"AND SO GOTHAM WARPED INTO A MAZE OF NIGHTMARES--WITH CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN SPIKING FROM ITS CENTER.

"IT SEEMS TO ACT LIKE A MONSTROUS ANTENNA, A NEXUS OF DARK ENERGY.

"WHAT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND IS THAT IT'S SCIENCE. NOT MAGIC. THEY'RE REWRITING THE LAWS OF PHYSICS IN GOTHAM CITY FROM THE GROUND UP."

BUT HOW? I HAVE NO IDEA. I HAVE MORE PHD'S THAN YOU HAVE FINGERS, BUT I CAN'T THINK MY WAY THROUGH THIS.

THE DARK METAL IN THOSE CARDS DEFIES EVERY LAW OF SCIENCE AND REASON I'VE EVER KNOWN...

HOLD ON, T-BALL, YOU SAID YOU WERE WORKING WITH MY FATHER? WHEN?

BEFORE CHALLENGERS MOUNTAIN APPEARED IN GOTHAM, BATMAN ASKED ME TO STUDY IT, ROBIN.

NGGH!

NIGHTWING!

YOU'RE STILL HAVING THOSE VISIONS? DO I EVEN WANNA KNOW WHAT YOU ARE SEEING NOW?

I...I DON'T EVEN KNOW, AND THERE'S MUSIC.

...BATMAN AT A WINDOW...TALKING TO ME, BUT I CAN'T HEAR HIM. JUST THE SAME CHORDS OVER AND OVER...

AND SOMETHING MORE... SOMETHING MOVING...

"...A MACHINE. THE TEEN TITANS...CROC... THEY'RE ALL ON IT. CONNECTED, LIKE BATTERIES. IT'S HEADED TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN.

"BUT WE CAN'T TRUST ANYTHING I SEE.

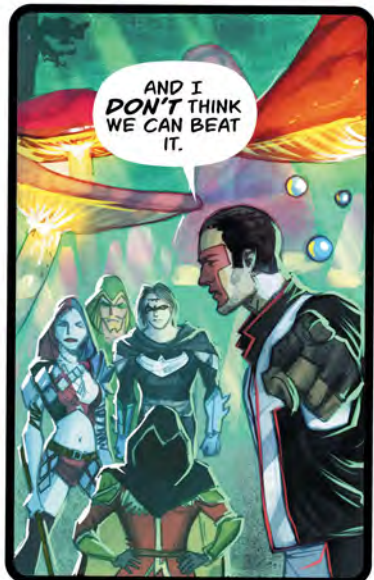
"DR. HURT'S DARK METAL BLADE TRIGGERED SOMETHING IN ME. I THINK IT'S THE ELECTRUM THE COURT OF OWLS PUT IN MY BLOOD.

"THAT METAL WE FOUND IN THEIR ARMORY, I THINK IT WAS NTH METAL. THAT'S WHY I WAS DRAWN TO IT. IT WAS A STOCKPILE FOR SOMETHING. FOR THIS."

"I THINK I KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING. EVERY LIVING BEING FROM OUR REALITY VIBRATES AT A CERTAIN FREQUENCY... THE FREQUENCY OF OUR MULTIVERSE.

"IF THEY USE THEIR METAL, AND CHANGE THE FREQUENCY OF ENOUGH PEOPLE, OUR ENTIRE WORLD WILL TUMBLE OUT OF EXISTENCE AS WE KNOW IT.

"AND INTO THE DARK MULTIVERSE."



...WITH YOUR HELP.

IF MY FATHER IS TRULY GONE, THEN IT'S UP TO ME TO SAVE THIS CITY. UP TO **US**.

I ALREADY ABANDONED ONE TEAM. I **WON'T** DO THAT AGAIN.

WHEN BATMAN ASKED ME TO LOOK AFTER ROBIN AND KEEP HIM SAFE...

...IT WAS CLEAR ENOUGH THAT THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE DIDN'T KNOW A DAMN THING ABOUT HIS OWN SON.

BUT I SPEAK TEENAGER.

AND NO MATTER WHAT THEY **SAY**, ALL THEY **WANT** IS THE ILLUSION OF BEING IN CHARGE...WHILE HAVING A SUPPORT SYSTEM TO FALL BACK ON.

ROBIN WANTS TO BE JUST LIKE HIS OLD MAN, BUT IT'S ONLY NOW THAT HE UNDERSTANDS....

BATS DID MORE THAN BUILD TEAMS... HE WORKED **WITH THEM**.

WE'RE WITH YOU, KID. WHAT'S OUR MISSION?

SIMPLE. STOP THAT MACHINE. GET OUR FRIENDS. SAVE OUR CITY. KICK IN THE FACE WHATEVER GETS IN OUR WAY.

NOW YER TALKIN', KID. WE'RE **THE GOTHAM RESISTANCE**.