



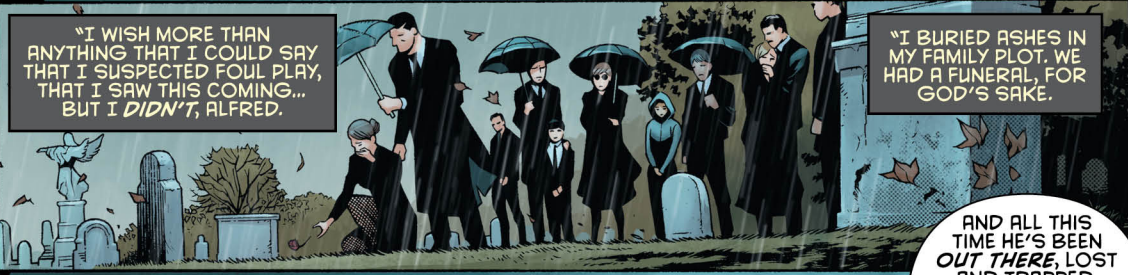
SOMETHING... *SOMEONE*... WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I WOULDN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING.

IT WAS A TARGETED PLOY.

EVER SINCE DAMIAN... I'VE MADE SURE THAT I FOLLOW EVERY THREAD. THE BROKEN WING PROTOCOL.

I SPENT A WEEK AND A HALF STUDYING TIM'S REMAINS. EXAMINING WHAT HAPPENED FROM EVERY ANGLE. BUT I ONLY SAW WHAT I WAS *MEANT* TO SEE.

IT'S CLEAR NOW MORE THAN EVER THAT IT WAS *DELIBERATE*. WHATEVER TOOK HIM *KNEW* EXACTLY HOW TO PASS EVERY ONE OF MY TESTS.

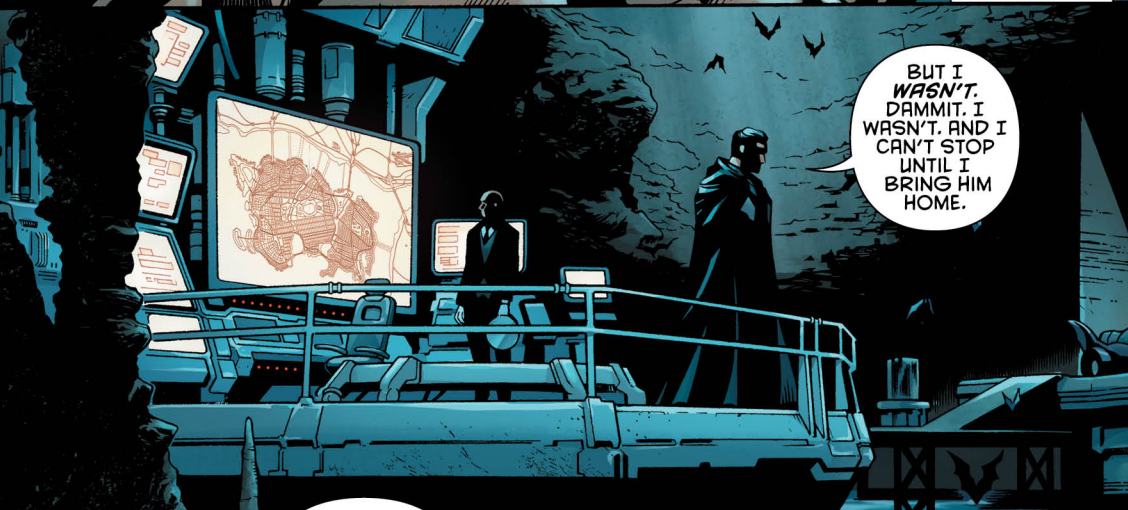


"I WISH MORE THAN ANYTHING THAT I COULD SAY THAT I SUSPECTED FOUL PLAY, THAT I SAW THIS COMING... BUT I *DIDN'T*, ALFRED.

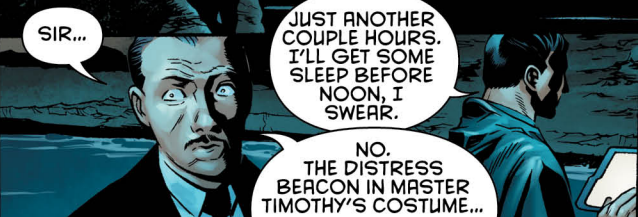
"I BURIED ASHES IN MY FAMILY PLOT. WE HAD A FUNERAL, FOR GOD'S SAKE.

AND ALL THIS TIME HE'S BEEN *OUT THERE*, LOST AND TRAPPED, KNOWING THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY, HIS MENTOR WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST DETECTIVES ON THE PLANET.

HE WOULD KNOW THAT I WAS *COMING*.



BUT I *WASN'T*. DAMMIT. I *WASN'T*. AND I CAN'T STOP UNTIL I BRING HIM HOME.



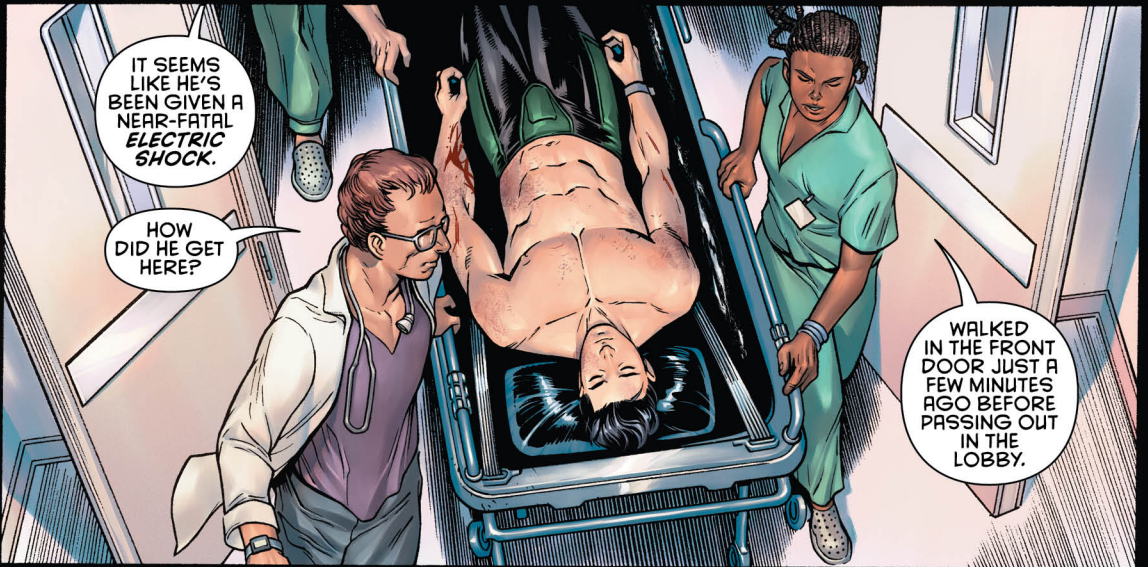
SIR...

JUST ANOTHER COUPLE HOURS. I'LL GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE NOON, I SWEAR.

NO. THE DISTRESS BEACON IN MASTER TIMOTHY'S COSTUME...



IT JUST ACTIVATED, HERE IN *GOTHAM*.



IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S BEEN GIVEN A NEAR-FATAL **ELECTRIC SHOCK**.

HOW DID HE GET HERE?

WALKED IN THE FRONT DOOR JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO BEFORE PASSING OUT IN THE LOBBY.



WHY'S HE IN WORKOUT GEAR?

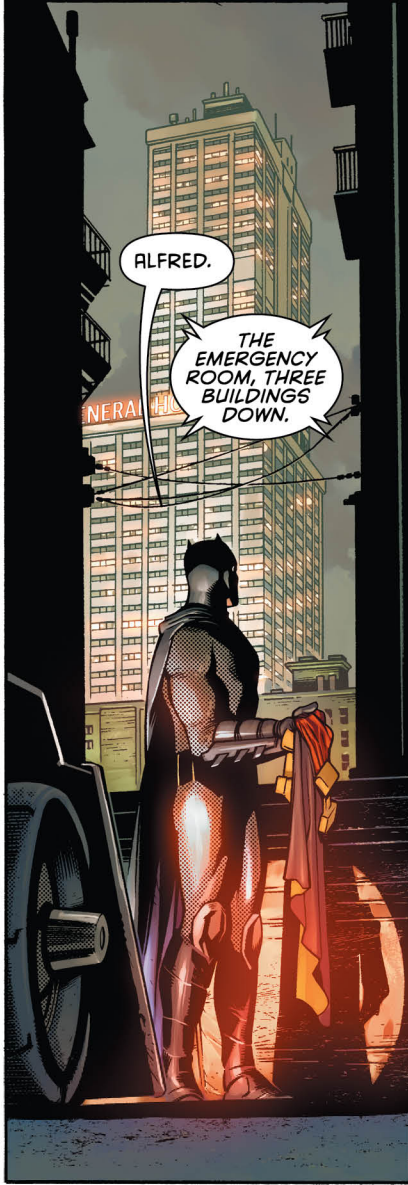
YOU'LL HAVE TO ASK HIM.



SON... SON, CAN YOU HEAR ME?

HE'S GOING INTO CARDIAC ARREST. GET THE PADDLES.

YUNNH



ALFRED.

THE EMERGENCY ROOM, THREE BUILDINGS DOWN.

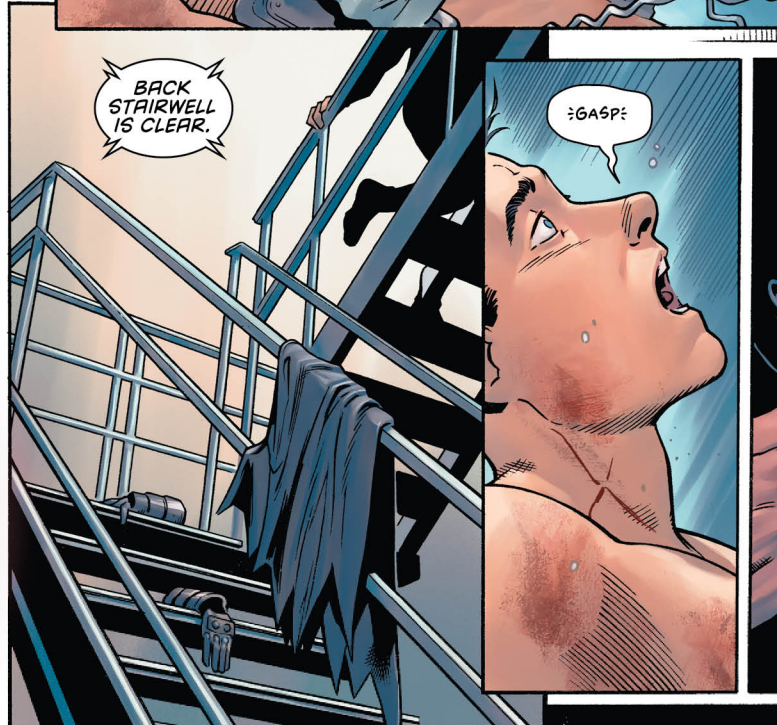


CLEAR.

CHARGE AGAIN...



CLEAR.



BACK STAIRWELL IS CLEAR.

=:GASP:="



HE'S OUT OF COSTUME. YOU'LL NEED TO--

I KNOW. I HAVE THE BACKUP.



WAYNE. BRUCE WAYNE.

THE BOY IS TIMOTHY JACKSON DRAKE. I'M HIS LEGAL GUARDIAN.

AND I OWN THIS HOSPITAL. YOU'RE GOING TO LEAVE THE ROOM NOW.



I THINK... I THINK HE'S GOING TO BE OKAY...



GOOD.

YOU CAN'T BE BACK HERE, MISTER...



BRUCE...

A LONELY PLACE OF LIVING CHAPTER 3



TIM...
I'M SORRY.
I--I CAN'T--

DON'T GET
UP, SAVE YOUR
STRENGTH--

SKOFF I
HAVE TO.

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BRUCE...
I DIDN'T COME
BACK ALONE.

WE HAVE TO
PREPARE.

WHERE IS
KATE? WHERE IS
BATWOMAN?