

I KNOW, MY DARLINGS. DESPITE ITS HEAVY, POLLUTED AIR, AND ITS WEAK SUNLIGHT, BLOCKED BY TOWERS OF STEEL...

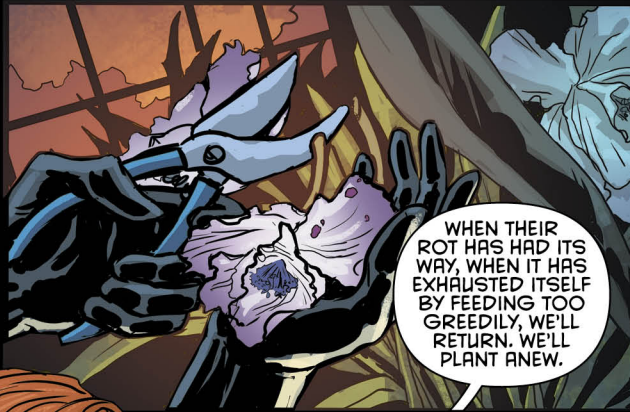
YOU MISS YOUR ADOPTED HOME.



BUT NOW IS NO TIME FOR LIFE TO THRIVE IN GOTHAM CITY.



THE MADMEN, WHO ONCE CRAWLED THROUGH THE FOUNDATIONS LIKE WEEDS, HAVE NOW TAKEN ROOT.



WHEN THEIR ROT HAS HAD ITS WAY, WHEN IT HAS EXHAUSTED ITSELF BY FEEDING TOO GREEDILY, WE'LL RETURN. WE'LL PLANT ANEW.



WE'LL SPREAD ACROSS THE BROKEN CONCRETE, AND BRING A NEW GOTHAM TO THE SURFACE.



AH, BUT WHAT OF THE CHAMPIONS OF GOTHAM CITY, YOU ASK?

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THEM, MY BABIES.

"HOW COULD I FORGET OUR
DARK KNIGHT DETECTIVE?"

NEAR THE COAST OF KARACHI, PAKISTAN.

RA'S!!

BATMAN... ETERNAL?

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NEARBY. THE CONTROL ROOM.

AS BROKEN AS HE IS, IT WOULD SEEM THE DETECTIVE HAS RETURNED TO FORM AFTER SEVERAL DISAPPOINTING INTERACTIONS.

IF YOU SAY SO, I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE...WELL...I'VE BEEN BACK.



HE'S QUITE CONVINCED I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ILLS OF HIS BELOVED CITY THESE PAST MONTHS, FROM THE FRAMING OF JAMES GORDON TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF MARTIAL LAW TO THE TRAFFIC LIGHT PROBLEMS.



HE BELIEVES EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS TO BELIEVE. WHAT HIS DARKER HALF WOULD HAVE HIM BELIEVE.

I BELIEVE HE IS MORE THAN READY FOR HIS LATEST LESSON, WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, DR. DARRK?



YES, DEMON'S HEAD.

PREPARE TO TIME TRAVEL.



BLACKGATE PENITENTIARY.
GOTHAM CITY.

DAMN BABY,
ARE THOSE
SPACE PANTS
YOU'RE
WEARING?

'CUZ
YOUR--

DUDE,
WHAT THE
HELL ARE
YOU
DOING?

I'M JUST
STAKING MY
CLAIM, MRN.
YOU SEE THAT
GIRL?

WHAT I SEE
IS THE **KINGPIN OF
GOTHAM**. YOU MORON.
IF YOU WANNA MAYBE
AVOID SLEEPING FACE
DOWN IN THE TOILET
TONIGHT, YOU SHOULD
SHUT YOUR STUPID
HEAD.

LEO.

NO NEED TO CALL ME
THAT, **SELINA HONEY**.
THE CAT'S OUTTA THE
BAG, SO TO SPEAK.
WHAT CAN **THE LION**
DO FOR YA?

YOU HAVEN'T EARNED
THAT TITLE FOR A LONG
TIME, **REX**. IN FACT, YOU
DESERVE THAT NAME JUST
SLIGHTLY LESS THAN
YOU DESERVE TO BE
CALLED "**DAD**."

I--
ENOUGH
REMINISCING, MY
DEAR. MY TIME IS AT
A PREMIUM THESE DAYS.
WHAT BRINGS YOU
DOWN TO BLACKGATE
THROUGH THE **FRONT
DOOR**?