



BRUCE...

I KNOW.

BRUCE, YOU'RE--

I SAID, I KNOW.

PERHAPS
HEAVY
SUPER
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PART
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BATMAN SPEAKS BY BOB AARD

WITH BILL FINGER

IT'S OVER, BRUCE.
YOU WILL NEVER BE
BATMAN AGAIN.





ENOUGH! DAMMIT! I CAN DO THIS.

I KNOW I CAN.

MAYOR MRYOR, THIS... THIS SIMPLY MAY BE A JOB TOO BIG FOR BATMAN.

THE COUNCIL OF OWLS RECOMMENDS UTILIZING THE FULL TITAN GUARD.



NO, I DON'T WANT THEM HORDED AFTER THE NOCTURNE ATTACK, AND THE LOGS... THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, I CAN--



SCREEEE



IT'S HAPPENING! THERE'S NO TIME!

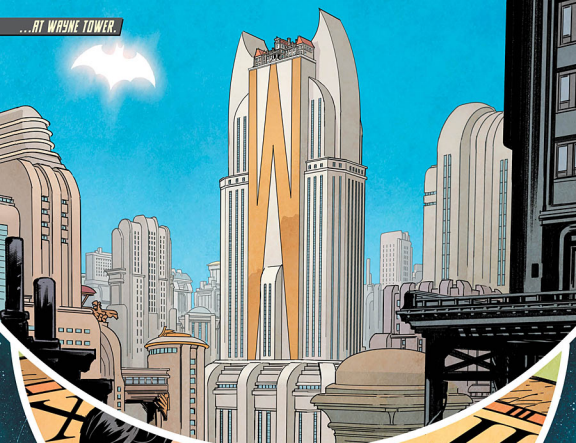
MISTER MRYOR, PLEASE... AT LEAST CONSIDER USING THE GUARD!

MISTER MRYOR!

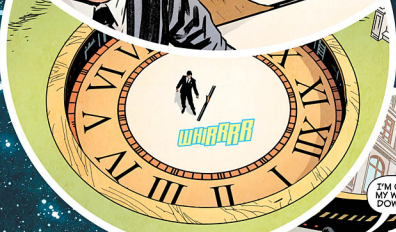


WAYNE MANOR...

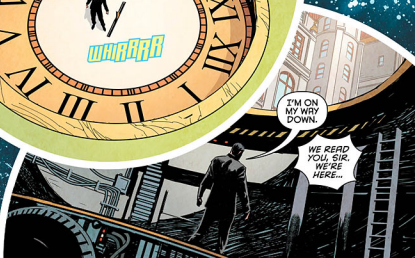
...AT WAYNE TOWER.



TEN FORTY SEVEN.



WHARRR



I'M ON MY WAY DOWN.

WE READ YOU, SIR, WE'RE HERE...

"...AWAITING
YOUR
ARRIVAL."

WAYNE MANOR. THIRTY MINUTES AGO.

WHAT'S
BEHIND
THE
CLOCK,
ALFRED?

NOTHING/
NOTHING'S
BEHIND IT/
SIR, PLEASE,
IF YOU'LL
JUST--

IT GOES DOWN TO
THE *CAVES* BELOW THIS
PLACE. DOESN'T IT? IT
WAS THE FEAR IN YOUR
VOICE WHEN YOU WERE
TELLING ME MY HISTORY.
THE WAY YOU WALKED
TOWARDS IT. I KNEW IT
HAD A *SECRET*.

THAT'S WHY I
STOPPED YOU. ALL
THOSE MONTHS AGO. I
WASN'T THE BRUCE FROM
BEFORE. THEY WEREN'T
MY SECRETS TO TAKE.

BUT NOW I KNOW
THERE'S NO WAY
AROUND IT. I KNOW
WHAT'S BEHIND THIS
DOOR. I *NEED*
TO SEE.

DON'T...
PLEASE DON'T.
I BEG YOU, MY
SON.

ALFRED,
YOU NEED
TO GET OUT
OF--

STOP!

I SAID STOP,
DAMMIT! YOU'RE
NOT GOING
DOWN THERE!

I HAVE
TO. I'M--