



"The Darkest Knight"  
LOS ANGELES



# DEATHSTROKE

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## TWILIGHT

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SAFETY  
YOUR WEAPONS  
AND LAY  
THEM ON THE  
GROUND!

DO NOT  
TEMPT THE  
WRATH OF THE  
LIBERATOR OF  
BUREDUNIA--

--OSAGYEFO--  
REDEEMER,  
CONQUEROR OF RIVERS,  
THE UNBOWED, DEFENDER  
OF THE FAITH--  
JA ZAKI--

--THE  
RED  
LION!!





MATTHEW...

...SERIOUSLY.

"The Lyin' of Winter"  
ADX "SUPERMAX"  
FLORENCE, COLORADO  
SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE



OH. IS THAT WHAT WE ARE...? FRIENDS...?

YES. TONIGHT.

WHICH MEANS YOU WANT SOMETHING.

I AM OWED SOMETHING.

AFTER YOUR BETRAYAL-- THAT FOOLISHNESS WITH THE CONGRESSMAN.



NO NEED TO THANK ME. AFTER ALL--

--WHAT ARE FELLOW WHEELONS FOR?

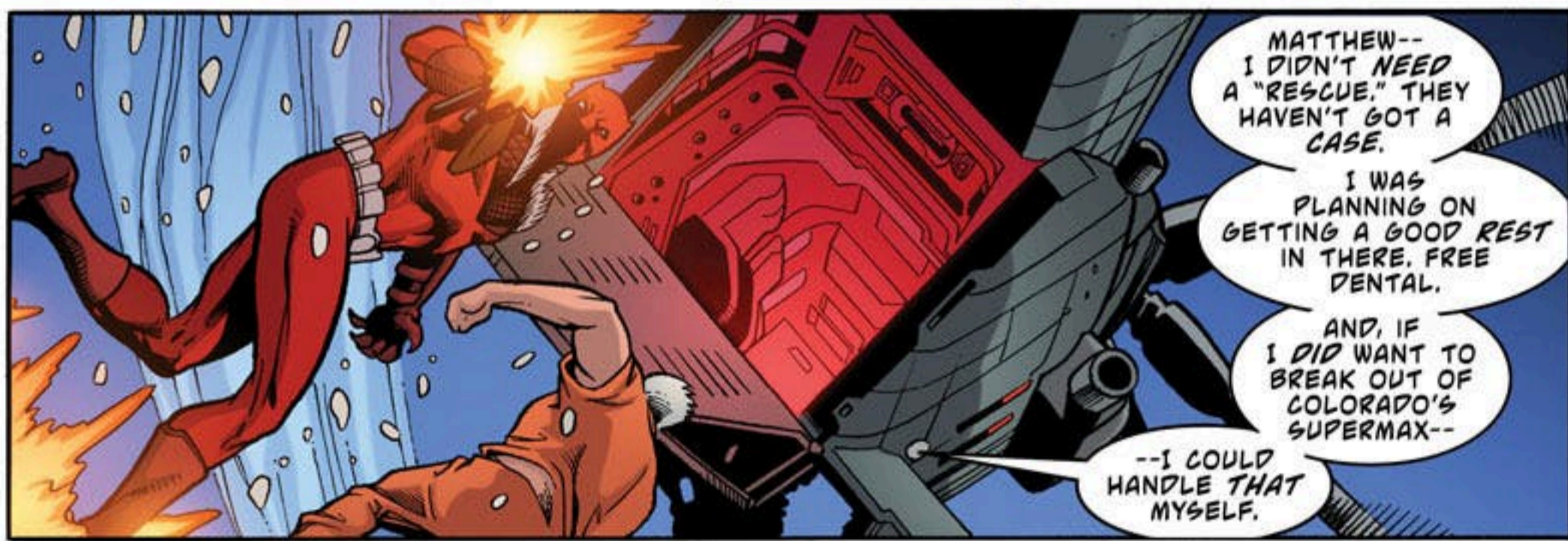




YOU MEAN, AFTER YOU SET ME UP TO GET KILLED.\*

A TERRIBLE DISTORTION OF A SIMPLE BUSINESS TRANSACTION...

\*ISSUE #1--ALEX



MATTHEW-- I DIDN'T NEED A "RESCUE." THEY HAVEN'T GOT A CASE.

I WAS PLANNING ON GETTING A GOOD REST IN THERE, FREE DENTAL.

AND, IF I DID WANT TO BREAK OUT OF COLORADO'S SUPERMAX--

--I COULD HANDLE THAT MYSELF.



YES, BUT PRESSING MATTERS ATTEND. FOR EXAMPLE:

THERE ARE REPORTS OF "DEATH-STROKE" EXECUTING KILLERS IN CHICAGO.\*

MY JET CAN HAVE YOU THERE IN AN HOUR.

\*SEE LAST ISSUE --ALEX



BREAK ME OUT, THEN GET RID OF ME.

YES.

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO, MATTHEW?

ISN'T IT OBVIOUS--?

I WANT MY COUNTRY BACK, DAWG.

THE ONE YOU HELPED AMERICA RUIN.



SO...BUSTING ME OUT WAS...SOME KIND OF REVENGE.

SOME KIND.

IF NOT FOR ME, THE REBELS IN YOUR COUNTRY WOULD HAVE SLICED YOU TO LUNCH MEAT.

WHICH IS WHY YOU SHOULD HAVE ALLOWED MY CLEANSING TO CONTINUE.

YOU MEAN MASSACRE.

YOU SAY "TO-MAY-TOE."

FINE. I'LL PAY THIS CHICAGO "DEATH-STROKE" A VISIT.

WHEN I GET BACK, I'LL WANT SOME ANSWERS.



"Yao Ming"  
MINNEAPOLIS

