



I'VE BEEN TO OUTER SPACE.

HOW SOON WILL THEY GET HERE?!

SIR, POLICE ARE ON THEIR WAY, JUST STAY CALM AND--



GOTHAM CITY.
DIAMOND DISTRICT.

I'VE NEVER SEEN WILLIAM LIKE THIS. I'M AFRAID--

STAY ON THE LINE, SIR, HELP IS COMING AS FAST AS POSSIBLE--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! NONE OF US IS SAFE FROM HIM!



PHILLIP, THE ONLY WAY I CAN PROTECT YOU IS TO KILL YOU!

I'LL KILL US BOTH IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES!



SIR, WHAT WAS THAT NOISE?!

SOMEONE IS HERE!

I'VE SEEN OTHER PLANETS.



SIR,
IS IT THE
POLICE?

NO...

I'VE
ESCAPED
THE LAND
OF THE
DEAD.



IT IS
DEFINITELY
NOT THE
POLICE.

Noooo!
IT'S
HIM!
IT'S THE
BATMAN!



STAY
AWAY FROM
ME!

BUT NONE
OF THAT IS
QUITE AS
INTIMIDATING...



...AS
GOTHAM
CITY.

IS IT
HIM?

GET AWAY
FROM ME!

I DON'T
WANT TO
HURT YOU--
NNNF!



EVEN WHEN
YOU'RE INVITED
BY BATMAN.



I'M
SIMON
BAZ.

SHE'S MY
PARTNER,
JESSICA
CRUZ.

WE'VE FACED
MONSTERS,
ALIENS...EVEN
EACH OTHER.

GREEN
LANTERNS.

WELCOME
TO GOTHAM.

BUT NOTHING
MAKES ME
MORE NERVOUS
THAN TEAMING
UP WITH
BATMAN.

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I HOPE WE DON'T SCREW IT UP.



LOOKS LIKE WE ARRIVED JUST IN TIME TO SAVE YOU.

TO SAVE HIM. AND YOU'RE LATE.