

I ARRIVED TOO LATE TO STOP THE MASSACRE.

THE FIRES WERE STILL RAGING.

THE SMELL OF BLOOD AND BURNING FLESH LINGERED.

AN ENTIRE TOWN IN THE COUNTRY OF QURAC RAZED TO GROUND.

HUNDREDS KILLED ON THEIR STREETS—HUNDREDS MORE BURIED BENEATH THEIR OWN HOMES.

I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING TO SAVE THE PEOPLE WHO LIVED HERE.

BUT I'D BE DAMNED IF I WASN'T GOING TO AVENGE THEM.

I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS.

NO ONE PERSON WOULD.

WHO THE HELL AM I KIDDING?

I WAS DAMNED ANYWAY.





BUT THE TRUTH IS, YOU BROUGHT THIS ON YOURSELVES.

I BROUGHT THE SIX OF US TOGETHER TO MAKE SOME MONEY.

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY-- TO DO SOME GOOD.

AND WE DID, ARSENAL. WE FREED THE PEOPLE FROM AN OPPRESSIVE DICTATORSHIP.

WE ASKED PROLETARIAN SOLDIERS TO LET US FILL IN THE LEADERSHIP VACUUM...

WHEN THEY SAID NO, YOU DECIDED TO KILL EVERYONE IN THIS TOWN AS A SHOW OF STRENGTH.

YOU ARE SO SICK, EVEREST.

YOU ALL ARE.

JASON TODD IS RED HOOD

ROY HARPER IS ARSENAL

MURDER-- FOR THE RIGHT PRICE.

RED HOOD ARSENAL IN DANCING WITH THE DEVIL'S DAUGHTER!

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YOU WAITED UNTIL I WAS IN THIS CAPITAL CITY BEFORE YOU MADE YOUR MOVE.

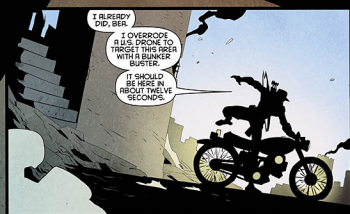
YOU KNEW I'D NEVER LET YOU GET AWAY WITH THIS!

ALL YOU'VE DONE IS LIBERATE THEM FROM ONE EVIL REGIME AND TRIED TO REPLACE IT WITH YOUR OWN.



ROY... PLEASE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS.



I ALREADY DID, BIRD.

I OVERRODE A U.S. DRONE TO TARGET THIS BIKER WITH A BUNKER BUSTER.

IT SHOULD BE HERE IN ABOUT TWELVE SECONDS.



IF THEY WERE
SCREAMING—
BEGGING?

I COULDN'T
HEAR IT OVER
THE ROAR OF
THE BIKE.



NOT THAT IT WOULD
HAVE MATTERED.

I WOULDN'T
HAVE GONE BACK.

ROT
IN HELL,
GUYS.



I GOT CLEAR
OF THE BLAST.

PHYSICALLY.



DID I "AVENGE" THEIR
VICTIMS THAT DAY?

MAYBE.

BUT IT WAS MY FAULT
THE IRON RULE WAS THERE
IN THE FIRST PLACE.

A PART OF ME WILL
ALWAYS WONDER—

--IF I SHOULD HAVE
WAITED THERE WITH THEM.



DAMMIT.

THE DREAM AGAIN.

NO--NOT A DREAM, THAT IS UNDERSELLING IT.

THEY WERE MEMORIES.

TIRED OF LIVING IN OLIVER QUEEN'S SHADOW, I SET OUT TO DO WHAT HE WANTED TO DO--ONLY BIGGER AND BETTER.

I WAS GOING TO SAVE THE WORLD.

I WAS KIDDING MYSELF THEN.



SOMETHING I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GOOD AT.

"NO, I DON'T HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM."

"HOW ARE DRUGS ANY WORSE FOR YOU THAN ALCOHOL?"

"I CAN STOP ANY TIME."



I THOUGHT THOSE DAYS WERE BEHIND ME.

BUT AS MY SPONSOR WAYLON ALWAYS SAYS...

"TURN YOUR BACK ON YOUR PAST, AND IT'LL BITE YOU ON THE ASS. EVERY TIME."

