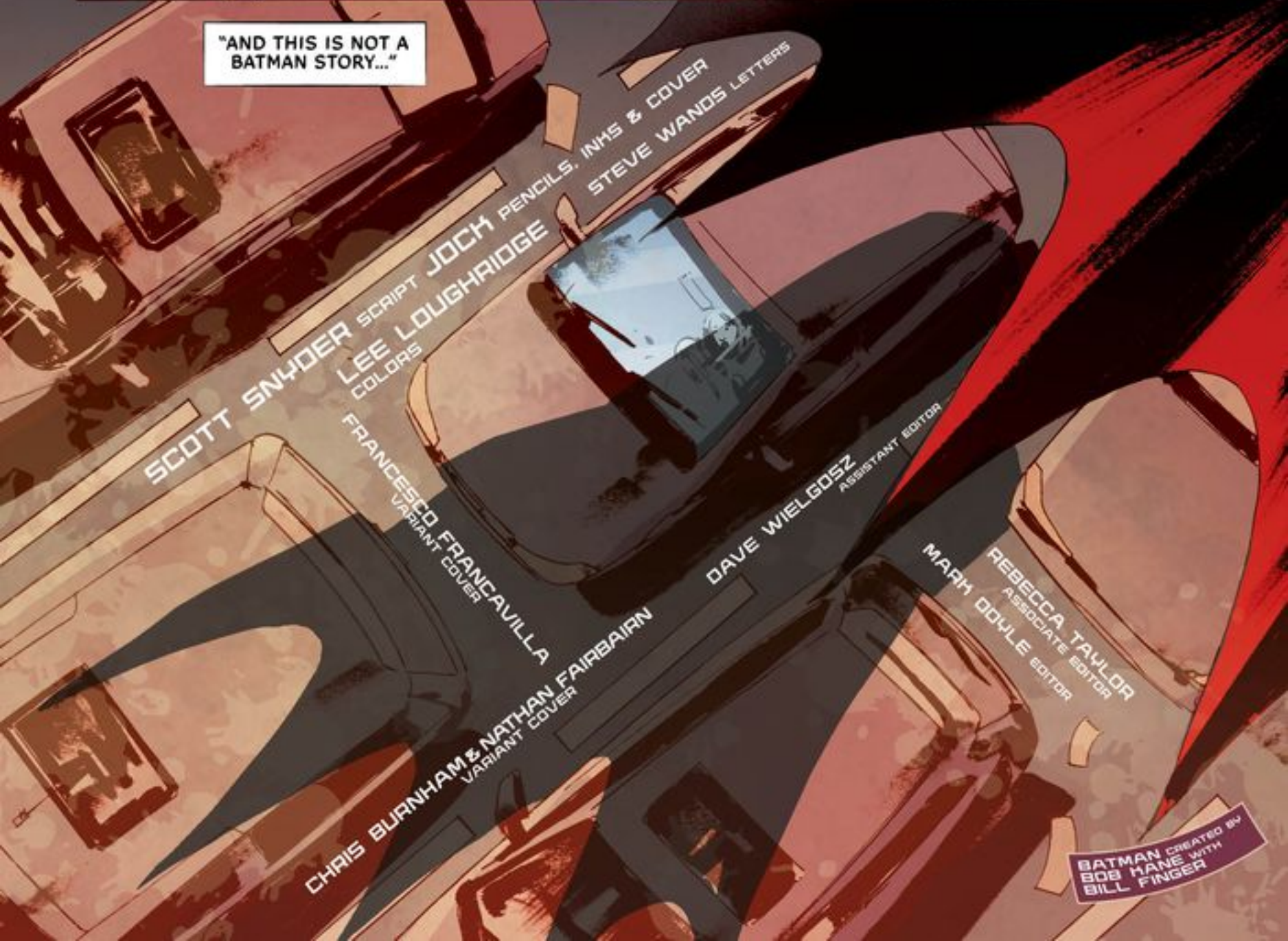


"THIS IS NOT
A PHONE."



"THAT IS
NOT A CAR."

"AND THIS IS NOT A
BATMAN STORY..."



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"...NO MATTER
HOW IT LOOKS."



ALFRED!
THEY BLEW OUT MY
GPS, BLEW OUT THE
WEAPONS SYSTEMS. I'M
JUST AN ENGINE AND
WHEELS! DIRECT
ME. NOW!

I'M
TRYING, SIR...
BUT THIS ISN'T
GOTHAM! THERE
ARE NO ALLEYS OR
TUNNELS, AND
YOU HAVE EVERY
GUN TRAINED
ON Y--

WHLMP

LOOK
AT YOUR
SCREEN.

IN
NINETEEN
MINUTES, THE
BLACKHAWKS
PUT A BULLET IN
DUKE'S HEAD IF
WE CAN'T GET
TO THAT
TOWER.

WE NEED
TO GET THE
PERSON
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE *FREEZE*
SPORE, THE
HATTER TECH,
ALL OF IT...



19:00

...SO GET ME THE HELL THERE!"



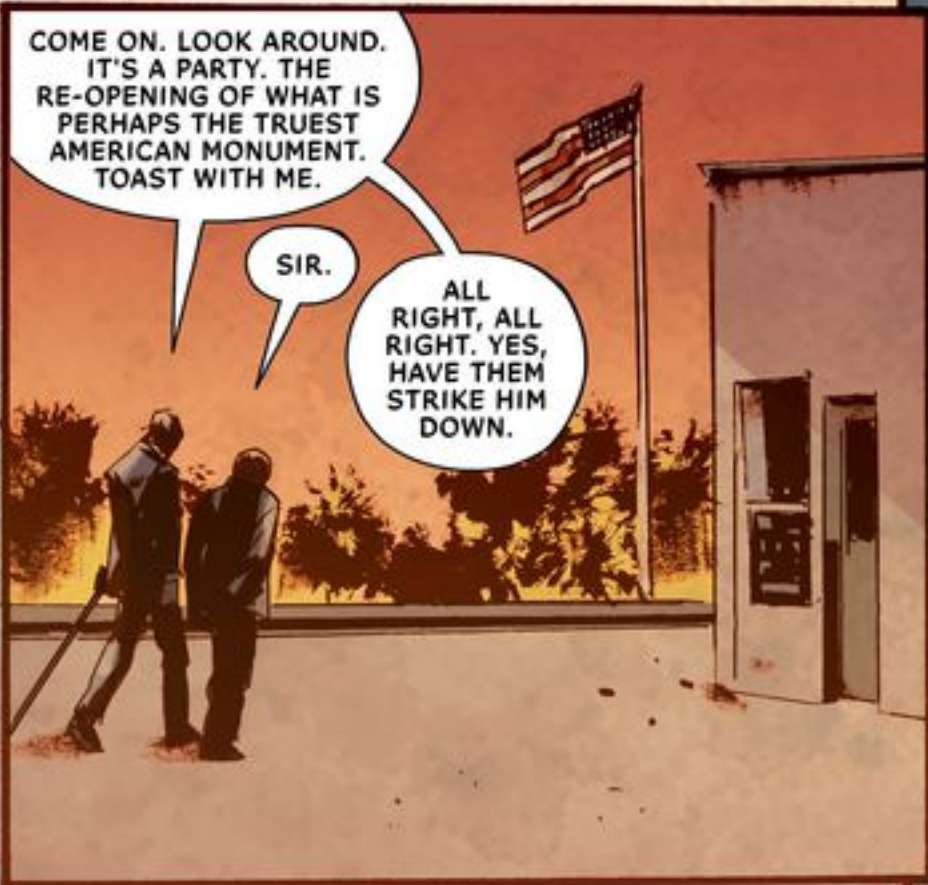
STILL FORTY BLOCKS AWAY, SIR. HE WON'T GET CLOSE.

THANK YOU, YOUNG MAN.



WHY THE FROWN, OLD FRIEND?

I'M OLD. THIS IS MY FACE. AND WAYNE IS RESOURCEFUL.



COME ON. LOOK AROUND. IT'S A PARTY. THE RE-OPENING OF WHAT IS PERHAPS THE TRUEST AMERICAN MONUMENT. TOAST WITH ME.

SIR.

ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT. YES, HAVE THEM STRIKE HIM DOWN.



COME NOW.

LET'S WATCH THE WORLD END.

**BRAKKA
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HE'S
GOT PEOPLE
IN THE AIR!
ALFRED...


I'M LOOKING,
SIR, BUT THIS BLOODY
CITY IS DESIGNED FOR
THEATER, ALL OPEN
PROMENADES
AND--

ALL
RIGHT.
YOU WON'T
DIRECT
ME?


I'LL DIRECT
MY DAMN
SELF!




HEY! UP IN
THE TOWER! COME
IN. I KNOW YOU'RE
LISTENING! I SAID,
COME IN!



AND NOW
COMES THE TIME
FOR ANSWERS.
RIGHT OR WRONG,
WE WRITE THEM
IN...



NO...



"HE CAN'T
SOLVE THIS
ONE, DUKE..."



"THIS RIDDLE
IS ALL
YOURS..."



...SO TELL ME WHAT THE ANSWER IS.



HOW RIDDLER DID IT?

SURE, DARYL, I'LL TELL YOU...

click



click



DUKE, WHAT'S GOING ON?

RIDDLER DID IT WITH YOUR HELP, DARYL...

ALL THE PLACES HE ATTACKED, HOSPITALS, CARE CENTERS... FILLED WITH PEOPLE WITH AILMENTS YOU CAN FIX. RIDDLER SENT THE NURSE, WHO YOU CURED, TO THESE PLACES AS AN EMISSARY.

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THEY PLAY RIDDLER'S GAME, AND IF BATMAN WINS, THEY GET CURES THROUGH YOU. IF NOT, THEY WERE ON THE WAY OUT ANYWAY.

THE ANSWER HAS TO DO WITH YOU...



LOOK AT THAT. CONGRATS, SEEMS YOU'VE STEPPED UP, DUKE, SAME AS ME. BUT THAT *ISN'T* THE ANSWER I'M LOOKING FOR.

WHAT?



THE ANSWER I'M LOOKING FOR IS THE SAME ONE YOU'VE BEEN AFTER, OR PRETENDING TO BE AFTER. THE ANSWER TO *WHO* YOU ARE, DUKE.

OR RATHER... *WHAT* YOU ARE.

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