



AND THAT'S ALL, THEN. IT'S LOST.

NOT QUITE.

PHIL NEAL CAN STILL SHUFFLE IT ON TO THE LEFT FOR MCATEER--

NOT BLOODY LIKELY--

"Tyne-Wear Derby"

THE TODD ENGLISH
NEW YORK CITY



--AS THAT WOULD SPOIL LIVERPOOL'S SPOTLESS REPUTATION FOR COLLAPSING UNDER PRESSURE.

WILLIAM RANDOLPH WINTERGREEN. SQUAD 22 OF HER MAJESTY'S SPECIAL AIR SERVICE.

RETIRED, OF COURSE. AND YOU ARE--?

HAVING A PRIVATE CONVERSATION, I'M SURE.

NONSENSE.

AL PENNYWORTH... AND I AM PENELOPE BLAKE, MAJOR. CHARMED.

OF COURSE YOU ARE.

ON THE ROAD TO A BIT OF THE OLD "HOW'S YOUR FATHER?" EH, JAKES?

SEE HERE: WHICH STRATEGY BEST SUITS A LIVERPOOL FAN--?

GRACEFUL DEFEAT, OR INGLOURIOUS TRUNCING?

GOOD QUESTION.

THE GAME IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE, AND THE MAJOR IS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS.

WE SHALL SOON SEE...



...COMPLETELY INCOHERENT PERFORMANCE BY MANCHESTER!

MOURINHO'S LOST FURTHER GROUND ON CHELSEA IN THE TITLE RACE.

A POINT MOVES LIVERPOOL THREE CLEAR OF MANCHESTER CITY IN FIFTH PLACE AND FIVE CLEAR OF UNITED IN SIXTH.

"Teacups Thrown"

THE TODD ENGLISH
TEN YEARS LATER

MILNER'S EARLY PENALTY WAS CANCELED OUT BY IBRAHIMOVIC'S LATE EQUALIZER YET NEITHER SIDE DID ENOUGH TO WIN IT...

JAKES...ARE THERE DAYS WHEN YOU FEEL AS IF...YOU'VE CREATED A MONSTER...?

YOUR BENEFACTOR?

UMMM.
I RETIRED ONCE. DIDN'T STICK.



RESIGNED. MORE THAN ONCE.

THERE IS AN EDGE, RANDY.

MY MASTER SEEMS TO DELIGHT IN DRAGGING ME WELL BEYOND IT.

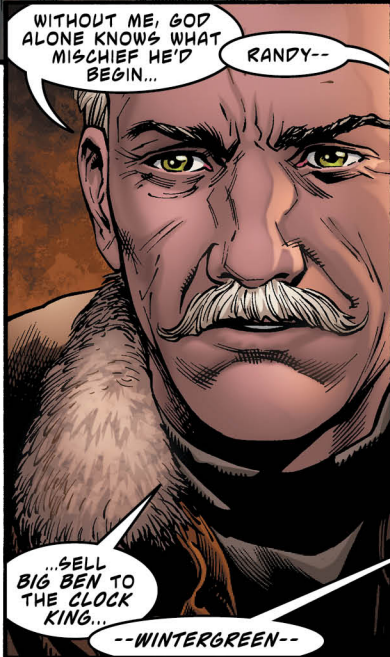


I'VE MORAL QUALMS.

SHOULD HE TAP SOME MURDEROUS DESPOT, WELL GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

BUT DESPOTS ARE NOWADAYS HIS BLOODY FRIENDS. "ASSETS" HE CALLS THEM.

JAKES, I CAN'T SIT DOWN.



WITHOUT ME, GOD ALONE KNOWS WHAT MISCHIEF HE'D BEGIN...

RANDY--

...SELL BIG BEN TO THE CLOCK KING...

--WINTERGREEN--



--OUR BENEFACTORS BEGAN AS BOYS WITH THE BEST OF INTENTIONS--

--AND NOW SEEM READY TO LOSE THE PLOT.*

TWO MEN WITH THE POWER TO DESTROY THE PLANET. PERHAPS WE OWE IT TO THE WORLD...

...TO SAVE THEM. SEE HERE...

*GO CRAZY. --ALEX



I DON'T ACTUALLY CALL HIM "DAD," BUT I SHOULD.

HE'S MORE THAN EARNED THE TITLE.

HE NAVIGATES LIFE WITHIN A PAIR OF NARROW RAILS HELD IN TENSION--

--JUSTICE AND VENGEANCE.

YOU CAN'T HAVE BOTH. YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE.

HE OPERATES WAY OUT ON THE EDGE, MAKING PEOPLE BELIEVE HE'S CRAZY.

HE WEAPONIZES MYSTIQUE.

THERE IS A LINE. CROSS IT, AND HE'S COMING FOR YOU.

HE'S NOT A PUZZLE.

HE'S AN ETCH A SKETCH.

IN PRACTICE, HE'S A SECTARIAN.

WHICH MAKES PEOPLE DESCRIBE HIM AS "COMPLEX" WHEN HE'S ACTUALLY PRETTY SIMPLE.





GIVE US THE ROOM.

"Hauling the Mail"

EMIRATES BANK
GOTHAM



FIGURE FIVE-MAN CREW.

SKIPPED THE SAFE AND TELLER DRAWERS, MOST OF THE LOCK-BOXES.

THEY KNEW WHAT THEY WERE COMING FOR--



--22 BOXES BELONGING TO BERNIE CHUA, MAJOR WEIGHT COKE WHOLESALER FROM HONG KONG.

CRIME SCENE GUESSES JEWELS, BEARER BONDS, QUICK-RINSE ITEMS.

INTERPOL PUTS CHUA IN DUBAI--



--MAJOR CASE FIGURES CHUA'S RIVALS OR SOME DISGRUNTLED EMPLOYEES RIPPED HIM OFF.

WHAT'S THE OTHER SHOE?

WHAT EARNS THE POLICE COMMISSIONER'S PERSONAL ATTENTION?



BATMAN
C/O COMM J. GORDON
1 POLICE PLAZA
GOTHAM CITY

THIS.
FOUND IN ONE OF THE BOXES.



IT'S FOR YOU.

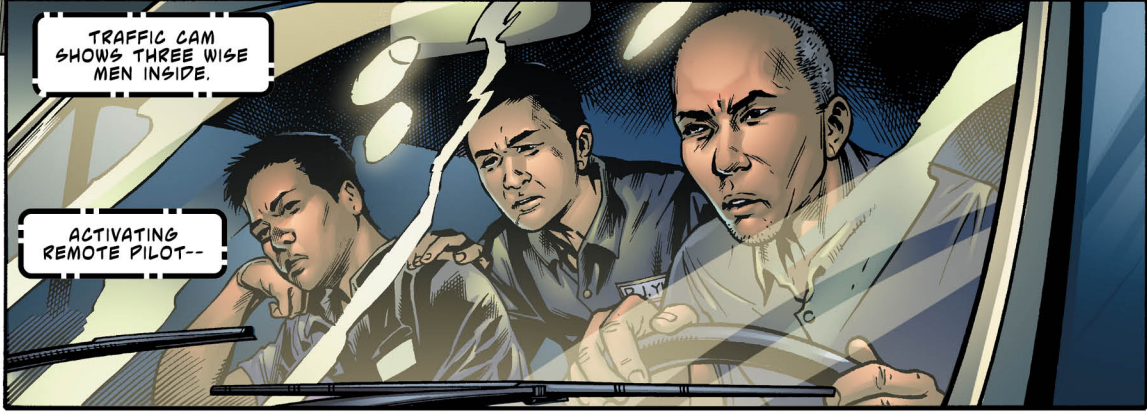


AIRPORT SHUTTLE VAN, SIR-- CENTER LANE.

Gotham Airport

"Mob Rules"

BASS ELLIOT EXPRESSWAY
GOTHAM



TRAFFIC CAM SHOWS THREE WISE MEN INSIDE.

ACTIVATING REMOTE PILOT--



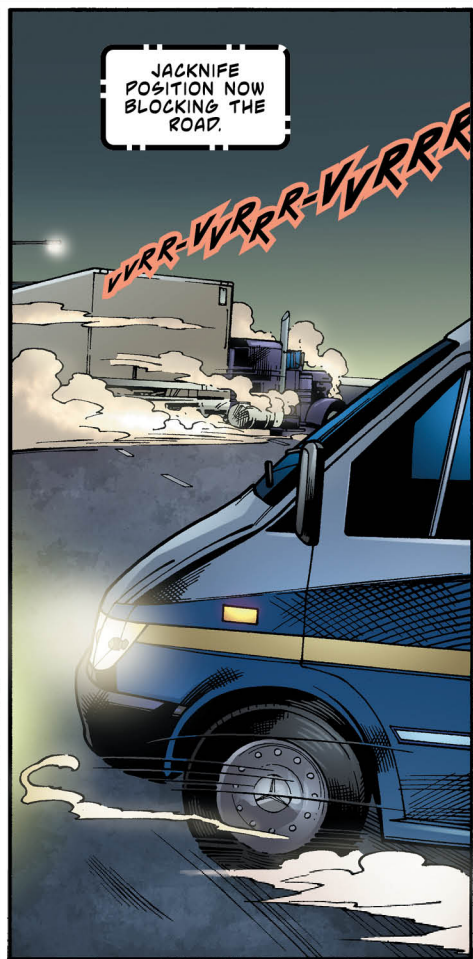
KARROO!!!

--ON THE TRACTOR.



HANG ON.

SKREEECH!!!



JACKNIFE POSITION NOW BLOCKING THE ROAD.

VVRR-VVRR-VVRR

RELEASING
EXPLOSIVE BOLTS.

VNR ROOUMM!!

HEAT
SIGNATURE FROM
THE CARGO
TRAILER--

PAKKT!

MULTI-FOCAL
LASER, SIR!

EEEEEE