

SO, NOW IT'S COME TO THIS?

IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR A CROOK TO COME IN AND STEAL OR BEAT THEIR VICTIMS. THEY NEED TO POISON THEM WHILE THEY'RE AT IT. I SWEAR THE INTERNET IS GIVING THESE PSYCHOS OUT THERE WAY TOO MANY IDEAS.

DO WE KNOW WHAT KILLED HIM, YET?

SOME TYPE OF GAS. WE'VE SENT A SAMPLE OUT TO THE LAB ALREADY. BUT AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, THERE'S NO OTHER MARKS ON HIM. NO SIGNS OF A STRUGGLE OR A FIGHT.

WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE MASK?

SOME KIND OF TOKEN TO LET US ALL KNOW HOW SPECIAL THE KILLER IS. THE REAL SADISTIC ONES GET A KICK OUT OF LEAVING VISUAL HINTS BEHIND.

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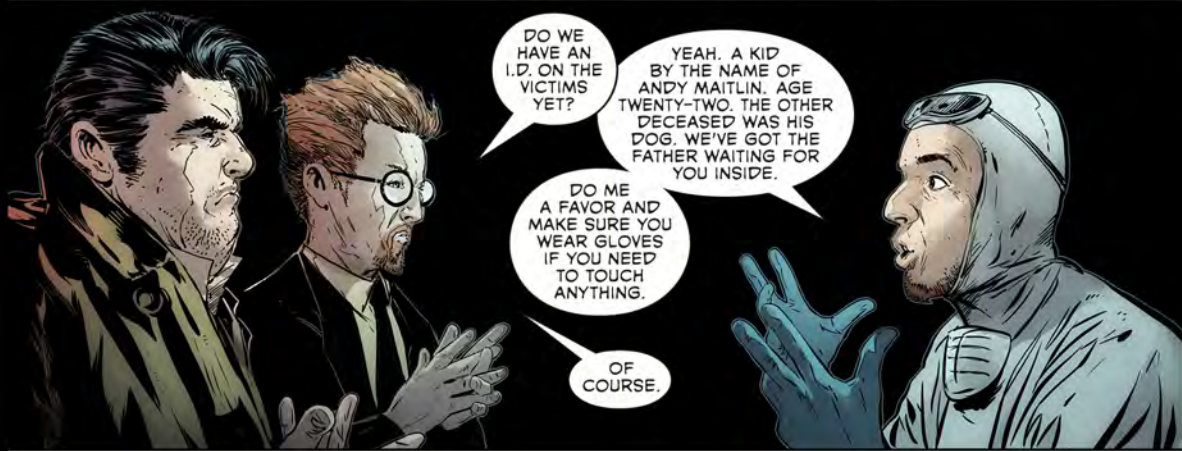
THEY'D THOUGHT THE VICTIMS ONLY HAD INTERIOR TRAUMA TO THEIR LUNGS, OBVIOUSLY, THEY ASSUMED WRONG.



HEY, TWITCH. SAM. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LIKE WHAT'S INSIDE THE HOUSE.

UM, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.

THAT BAD?

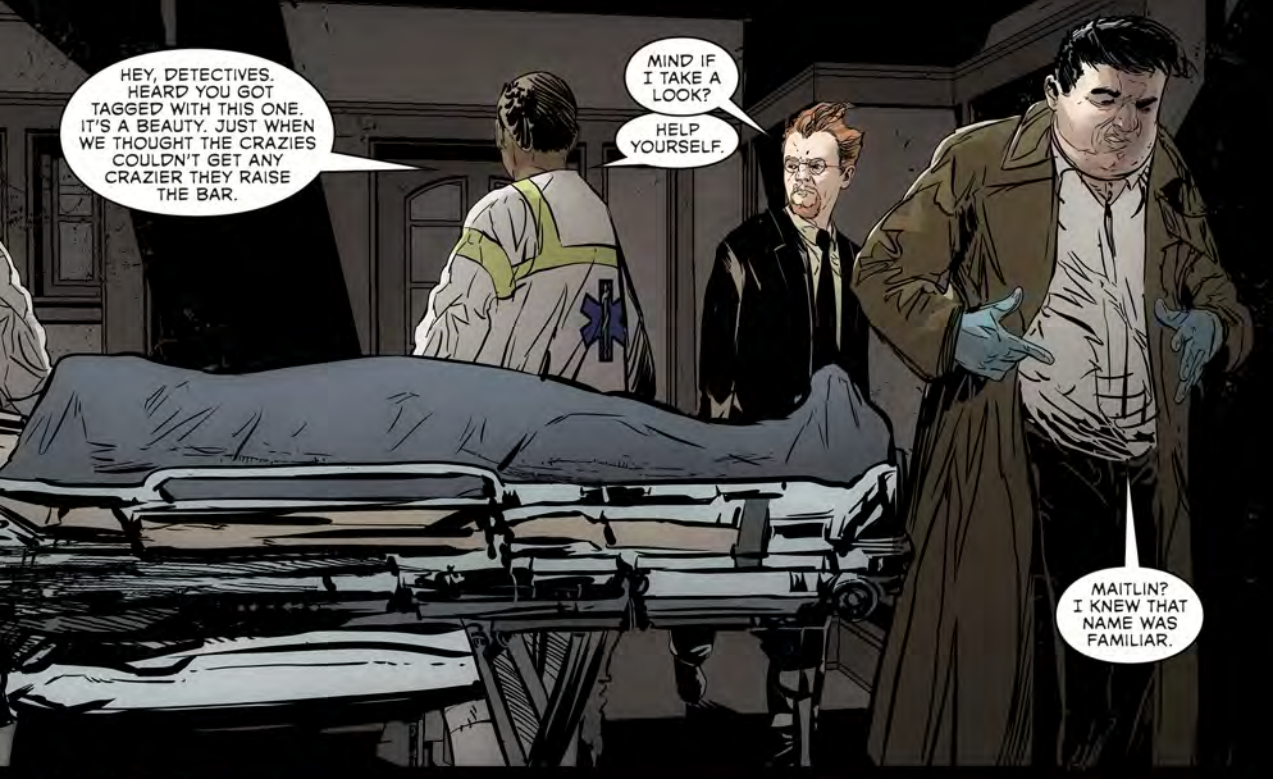


DO WE HAVE AN I.D. ON THE VICTIMS YET?

YEAH. A KID BY THE NAME OF ANDY MAITLIN. AGE TWENTY-TWO. THE OTHER DECEASED WAS HIS DOG. WE'VE GOT THE FATHER WAITING FOR YOU INSIDE.

DO ME A FAVOR AND MAKE SURE YOU WEAR GLOVES IF YOU NEED TO TOUCH ANYTHING.

OF COURSE.



HEY, DETECTIVES. HEARD YOU GOT TAGGED WITH THIS ONE. IT'S A BEAUTY. JUST WHEN WE THOUGHT THE CRAZIES COULDN'T GET ANY CRAZIER THEY RAISE THE BAR.

MIND IF I TAKE A LOOK?
HELP YOURSELF.

MAITLIN? I KNEW THAT NAME WAS FAMILIAR.



HE'S SOME KIND OF BIG SHOT INVESTOR OR STOCK HOLDER FOR SOME BIOCHEMICAL COMPANY, I THINK.



MR. MAITLIN? DO YOU MIND IF WE ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS BEFORE YOU HEAD TO THE CORONER'S?

DID YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO MY BOY?
WE DID.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DOES SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
WE DON'T KNOW. BUT OUR JOB IS TO FIND YOU THAT ANSWER.

YOU MISS HER TOO, DON'T YOU?



YOUR MOM?



YEAH. SHE DIDN'T TALK TO ME MUCH ABOUT WHEN YOU GUYS WERE MARRIED.

BUT I COULD TELL SHE HAD SOME KIND OF SPECIAL BOND WITH YOU. I THINK SHE MOSTLY TRIED TO HIDE IT FROM MY DAD.

I WISH...



...THAT SHE WAS STILL HERE. DON'T YOU?

EVERY DAY.



SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

