

ROLE MODEL

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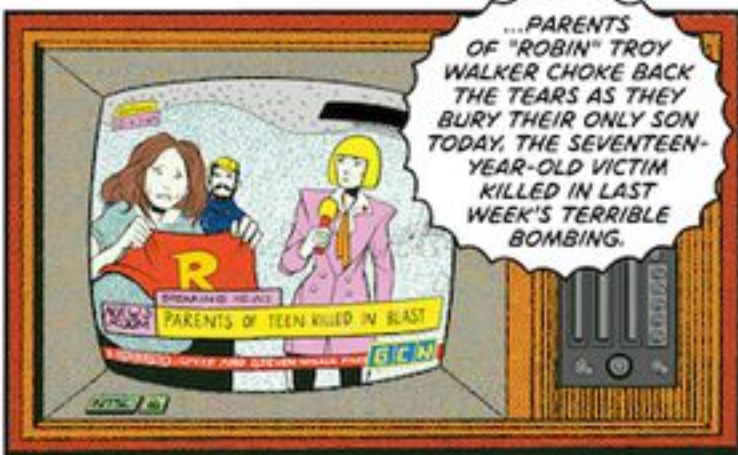
BATMAN
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IT WAS A
BEAUTIFUL DREAM.

IT *STILL* IS.


THE *FREEDOM* PART.

THE BLOOD OF PATRIOTS IS THE
PART THAT MAKES YOU WAKE UP.





"YOUNG TROY'S INVOLVEMENT IN A NEW YOUTH MOVEMENT USING THE *ROBIN* SYMBOL AND COLORS TO BATTLE CRIME IS THE TOPIC ON EVERY GOTHAMITE'S LIPS.



"THE *GCPD* INSISTS THAT THEY'RE PURSUING A FEW SOLID LEADS REGARDING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBING ITSELF...

"...BUT MANY GOTHAMITES, INCLUDING TROY'S PARENTS, STEPHEN AND JOYCE WALKER, INSIST THAT THESE YOUNG 'ROBINS' ARE CAUSING MORE HARM THAN GOOD.

"AN OPINION SHARED AND EXPRESSED BY BATMAN HIMSELF, WHO ORDERED THE YOUNG VIGILANTES TO CEASE AND DESIST AFTER THEIR INVOLVEMENT WITH A RIOT IN MIDTOWN THE NIGHT OF THE BOMBING.

*OTHERS INSIST THAT MOVEMENTS SUCH AS THIS ARE THE *ONLY* RECOURSE IN A CITY CONSTANTLY UNDER CRIMINAL ATTACK. SOMETHING OF A GOTHAM *TRADITION*...

*...ORDINARY CITIZENS DEFENDING THEMSELVES AND OTHERS IN TIMES OF NEED.

*AN HONORABLE CONCEPT TO SOME, BUT *SMALL CONSOLATION* TO STEPHEN AND JOYCE WALKER, WHO LAY THEIR ONLY SON TO REST TODAY, A LONELY VICTIM OF YET *ANOTHER* GOTHAM TRAGEDY.

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