

# ABOVE GOTHAM. COLONY AIRSHIP ALPHA.



SIR. WE'VE INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE.

PLAY IT.

THIS IS BATMAN TO ALL ALLIES.

RED ROBIN IS ENGAGED IN A MORTALLY DANGEROUS FIGHT AT OLD WAYNE TOWER. I NEED SOMEONE, ANYONE, WHO CAN GET THERE TO HELP HIM.

NOBODY FALLS TODAY. THAT'S AN ORDER.



ULYSSES. I WANT THOSE THINGS POINTED BACK AT THEIR ORIGINAL TARGETS NOW.

I CODED THEM SO THAT THEY CAN'T BE REMOTELY SHUT DOWN FROM THE OUTSIDE. I DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE BATMAN AN OFF BUTTON TO EXPLOIT!

I DIDN'T THINK RED ROBIN WOULD CHANGE THE MISSION! WHAT KIND OF LUNATIC WOULD MAKE HIMSELF THE SOLE TARGET OF A MASSIVE DRONE-STRIKE?



EXACTLY THE KIND OF IDIOTS WE MODELED OURSELVES AFTER!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE JUST LOST US?

I DON'T KNOW, DAD.



I THINK YOU LOST THIS ONE ALL ON YOUR OWN.

KRTE. I'M TRYING TO STOP THIS. EVEN IF THAT BOY SURVIVES THE FIRST DRONE FLEET, THE SECOND JUST ENTERED THE CITY LIMITS.

THESE ARE CAPABLE OF TAKING DOWN BUILDINGS. I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THEY'D DO TO A TEENAGER. I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN. IT WAS NEVER MY INTENTION THAT ANY OF YOU GET HURT.

I SAW YOU HOLD A GUN TO BATMAN'S HEAD.  
I WAS BLUFFING. I WAS TRYING TO PROVE A POINT.  
EITHER YOU WERE LYING THEN, OR YOU'RE LYING NOW, BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER.

KRTE. I WON'T FIGHT YOU.  
GOOD.

GOOD.



STRAP DOWN.  
THIS IS PERSONAL.

WHY...  
AT EVERY DAMN POINT, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO DISAPPOINT ME? ALL I EVER WANTED TO DO WAS MAKE YOU PROUD.  
YOU WERE ALL I HAD LEFT! YOU WERE THE ONLY PERSON I COULD TRUST IN THIS WHOLE DAMN WORLD!

KRTE. THERE'S GOING TO COME A POINT VERY SOON WHEN YOU ARE GOING TO UNDERSTAND THAT I WAS THE GOOD GUY HERE.  
WHEN THEY COME, YOU'RE GOING TO NEED OUR HELP. COME FIND ME, THEN WE'LL TALK.  
WE'LL MAKE THIS RIGHT.

NO, DAD. BATMAN ALREADY SPOKE TO THE PRESIDENT. THIS WHOLE BRANCH OF THE MILITARY IS NOW WANTED FOR DOMESTIC TERRORISM.  
YOU'RE GOING TO BE COURT-MARTIALED AND WILL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN MILITARY PRISON.  
NO, I'M NOT.

YOU WANT TO BET?

COLONEL JACOB KANE. THIS IS ARGUS. WE ARE HERE UNDER THE DIRECT ORDERS OF YOUR COMMANDER IN CHIEF.

YOU WILL LAND THIS VESSEL IMMEDIATELY AND SURRENDER, OR WE WILL SHOOT YOU OUT OF THE SKY.

# RISE OF THE BATMEN

## PART SEVEN

### THE RED BADGE OF COURAGE

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ULYSSES...

HE SHOULDN'T BE ABLE TO DO THIS... HE'S ACTUALLY WINNING.

WE BOTH KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN THE SECOND FLEET CATCHES UP TO HIM, SO STOP WATCHING YOUR MACHINES KILL THAT BOY. I NEED EYES ON THE CAVE NOW.

S-SORRY, SIR. THEY'RE BREAKING DOWN THE WALLS. THEY HAVE US. THERE'S NO GOING BACK NOW.

DAMMIT... ACTIVATE THE BLACK FLIGHT PROTOCOL.

SIR... IT'S JUST EXPERIMENTAL.

DO IT.

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO FIGHT THE MILITARY? ARE YOU THAT FAR GONE?

NO, I'M NOT. WE'RE RETREATING. TELEPORTING TO A SHADOW BASE FAR FROM GOTHAM. THE WORLD CAN'T AFFORD US TO STOP FIGHTING THIS WAR.

BUT, SIR, THAT'S ALIEN TECH, WE'RE NOT EVEN SURE IF IT CAN WORK...

YOU CAN'T--

IT'S TOO LATE, KATE. IT'S DONE.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM OF YOU.

BUT IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO COME FIGHT WITH ME... THIS IS WHERE YOU NEED TO GET OFF.

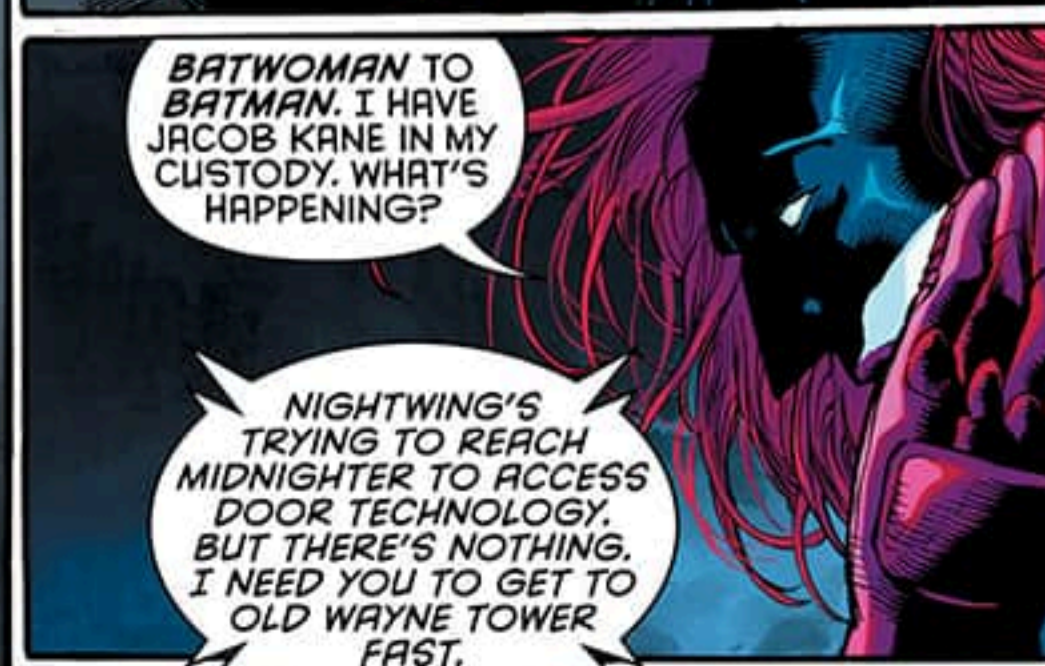
YOU FIRST.



**BOOM!**



YOU SHOULD'N'T HAVE DONE THAT, KATE.



BATWOMAN TO BATMAN. I HAVE JACOB KANE IN MY CUSTODY. WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NIGHTWING'S TRYING TO REACH MIDNIGHTER TO ACCESS DOOR TECHNOLOGY. BUT THERE'S NOTHING. I NEED YOU TO GET TO OLD WAYNE TOWER FAST.



BATMAN, THIS IS ABOUT TO GET MUCH, MUCH WORSE.