



HEY...UH, **TWEEDLES**. GOT WORD FROM **JOKER**.

HE WANTS US, THE THREE OF US, TO DO RECON INTO **RIDDLER** TERRITORY.

TONIGHT.



OH, WELL THAT

WILL BE

FUN.



YEAH? THAT'S GOOD. 'CAUSE IT'LL BE MY FIRST TIME.

GOING OUT. TO THERE.

NICE TO SEE YOU'VE DONE IT, AND, YOU, Y'KNOW, YOU'RE READY TO GO AGAIN.



I'VE FOUGHT

**BATMAN**. HE HIT ME

IN THE FACE. DO YOU

KNOW HOW MUCH

THAT HURTS?



EVEN IF EVERYTHING GOES

WRONG, WHO DOES THE

**RIDDLER** HAVE THAT

HITS AS HARD AS

**BATMAN**?



YEAH.

YOU'RE RIGHT. EVEN IF EVERYTHING GOES WRONG...

...WHO DOES THE **RIDDLER** HAVE THAT HITS AS HARD AS **BATMAN**?



THE WAR OF JOKES & RIDDLES INTERLUDE

# The Ballad of **KATE MAN** Part 2

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**POW**

GUHGGGH

"DADDY, CAN I TELL YOU SOMETHING?"



LUNGGG

"SURE,  
CHARLIE."

"WHAT'S UP?"

GHHHH

"MOMMY WAS TALKING  
ON THE PHONE, I  
DON'T KNOW TO WHO."

"OKAY."

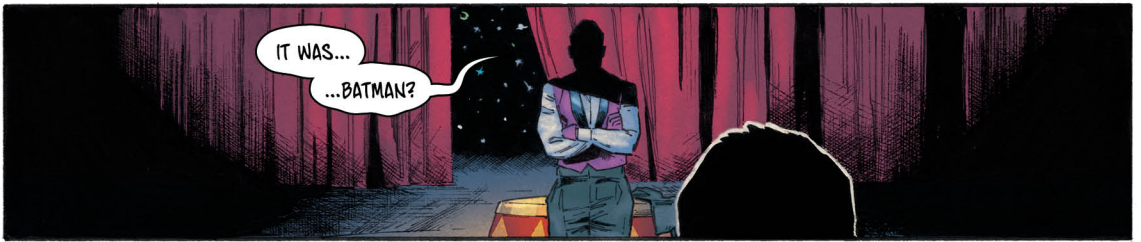
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"AND SHE SAID...  
WELL, SHE WAS TALKING  
ABOUT YOU, AND..."

WHO'S AFRAID  
OF THE BIG  
BLACK BAT?

"WELL, MOMMY  
SAID YOU'RE A  
JOKE."





IT WAS...  
...BATMAN?



YEAH.



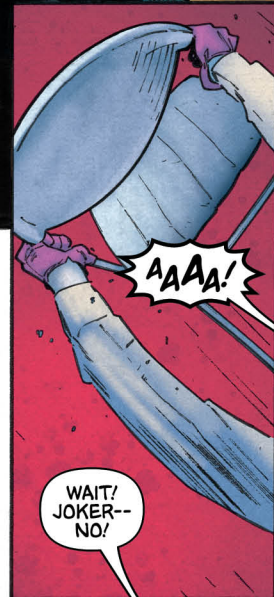
HE WAS WEARING ONE OF THOSE RIDDLER THINGS.  
I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS HE'S DOING RIDDLER THINGS NOW.



HE TOOK DUM AND DEE.  
KNOCKED THEM OUT. HARD. TOOK THEM.  
I DON'T KNOW WHERE.



AAAAAAA!



AAAA!

WAIT!  
JOKER--  
NO!



KKKRACK  
AAAA!

UGGKKG!





"WHAT?"

"WHY DID MOMMY SAY YOU'RE A JOKE?"

"SHE SAID THAT IN FRONT OF YOU. THAT I'M A JOKE."



"WELL, IT WAS ON THE PHONE. THAT TIME."

"SHE SAID IT BEFORE, TOO. THAT WAS PROBABLY IN FRONT OF ME. SHE SAYS IT LOTS."



"YOUR MOTHER SHOULDN'T--"

"DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT, BUDDY."

"THAT'S NOT YOUR BUSINESS."



"BLIT, DADDY..."



"...ARE YOU A JOKE?"