

NOW.

YOU LET AN  
INNOCENT MAN DIE,  
NIGHTWING!

NO...  
RAPTOR...

# Better Than BATMAN <sup>Part 3</sup>

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**THEN.**  
**NEAR REINE, NORWAY.**

THAT'S  
THE PLACE,  
NIGHTWING.

RULD ER  
GALEHUSET.  
"RULD'S  
MADHOUSE."

The home of one  
Knut Ruld, the  
world's most  
acclaimed designer  
of mazes.

LOOKS  
LIKE HE TAKES  
HIS WORK  
HOME WITH  
HIM.

The story goes  
that Knut got his  
fortune told once  
by a tarot reader.

The reader scared the  
hell out of him by telling  
him that someday an  
assassin would come into  
his house and kill him.

Knut, a notoriously paranoid shut-in,  
used all the money he made from  
designing mazes and labyrinths and  
put it into his ever-expanding puzzle  
house, a home that only he knows  
how to navigate.

YOU  
READY TO  
PLAY?

RAPTOR, WHILE  
OTHER TEENAGERS  
WERE DOING THEIR  
PAPER ROUTES, I WAS  
NAVIGATING THE SECRET  
LAIRS OF JOKERS,  
FRANKSTERS,  
PUZZLERS AND  
RIDDLERS.

THERE  
WAS EVEN A  
"SUDOKUER"  
ONCE, I  
THINK--

"WINGS.

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WE'VE GOT COMPANY.

TAK

HRH!



WHAT YOU'VE GOT IS A MOUTHFUL OF PERMFROST, JERK!

Gaaaaah!  
BATGIRL!

PAF



FNT FNT

HEY, DON'T RNY OF YOU BAT-KID'S STRY IN GOTHAM RNYMORE?

SORRY, KIDDO, THE RAPTOR SCHOOL OF SIDEKICK REHABILITATION ISN'T TAKING NEW STUDENTS UNTIL SPRING SEMESTER.



THIK

THAK

\*STUDENT\*?  
WHAT THE HELL  
ARE YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?





THE PARLIAMENT OF OWLS APPOINTED HIM AS MY... PARTNER.

THIS IS THE "UNDERCOVER" JOB I TOLD YOU ABOUT. IT GOT CRAZY, INVOLVED. I'M SORRY I MISSED YOU.



YOU'RE WORKING WITH A THIEF FOR THE PARLIAMENT OF OWLS? I-- I DON'T KNOW HOW TO PROCESS THIS.

AT LEAST I'M NOT ALONE, RIGHT?

THE OWLS, DICK? DON'T YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY DID TO US-- TO OUR FAMILY, BACK IN GOTHAM?

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT THEY'RE CAPABLE OF.



I DO KNOW, TOO WELL.

THAT'S WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT.

AND I'M SO CLOSE, BABS.