

Trapped in the arms of an octopoid experiment!

I SUPPOSE I CAN'T FAULT YOU FOR TRYING TO ESCAPE.

IT'S THOSE QUALITIES THAT I WANTED WORKING FOR ME, AND T.H.R.U.S.H.

# "THE BATMAN AFFAIR"

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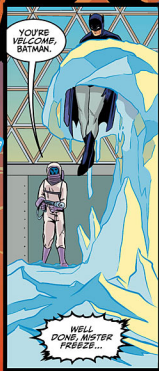
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"...TOMORROW WE CAN RESUME OUR CONDITIONING."

YOU RESPECT LAW BECAUSE IT ESTABLISHES ORDER...

LAW... ORDER...

LAW ENFORCEMENT CAN STILL HAPPEN— UNDER DIFFERENT LAWS...

...THE LAWS OF T.H.R.U.S.A...

...GOSH...

**DAY 5.**

HA-HA-HAA... OUR FOES SEEM MUCH MORE DOCILE AFTER A WEEK OF THERAPY.

HUGO HAS LET THEM KEEP THEIR UTILITY BELTS, A MISTAKE IN MY EGG-SPERIENCE.

HUGO'S PSYCHOLOGY, EGGIE. THEY FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE AND TRUSTING.

ALL THE CHEMICALS AND ESCAPE GADGETS WERE REMOVED. NOW REMEMBER, WE HAVE TO BE NICE.

WE'RE GOING TO BE ALLIES.



DIDN'T MEAN...  
TO ANGER YOU...  
FRIENDS.

BELT...  
RECORDED  
HUGO...

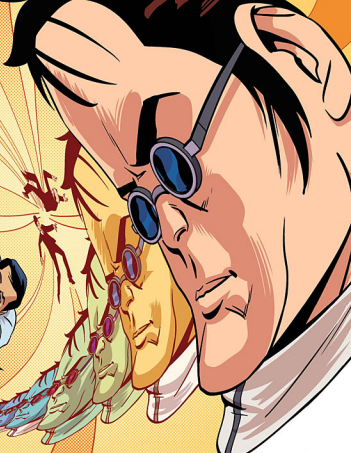
I TOLD  
YOU, HE HAS  
SOMETHING IN  
THERE!

CLICK

I'M  
NOT MERELY  
BRINGING YOU INTO  
T.H.R.U.S.H., I'M  
PROMOTING  
YOU!

YOU WON'T BE  
MERE FOOTSOLDIERS LIKE  
THE CRIMINALS, YOU WILL BE  
THE HIGHEST RANK!

FOOT-  
SOLDIERS?  
PLAY MORE  
OF THAT.



--WORLD WAR  
THREE!

AS I HAVE  
MADE THOSE BRILLIANT  
EGOMANIACAL VILLAINS PUT ASIDE  
THEIR SELFISH GOALS TO  
WORK TOGETHER...



...I WANT  
TO DO THE SAME  
FOR THE WHOLE  
WORLD!

HE'S PROBABLY JUST SAYING THAT  
SO THEY'D RESIST HIM LESS--

I CAN TELL WHEN  
SOMEONE'S LYING!  
HE MEANT IT.

HE THINKS  
OF US AS  
HENCHMEN...

TO DARE THINK  
HIMSELF MORE  
AN INTELLECT  
THAN ME.



HE'S BEEN PUSHIN' OUR  
BUTTONS, MANIPULATING  
US.

BECAUSE HE  
SPENT MONTHS  
PROFILING US! BUT  
VICTOR FRIES IS  
NOBODY'S PAWN!





WHEN WE RETURN TO MONACO, WE CAN MAKE A BREAK FOR IT.

YES.

YOU'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING.



FORGETTING WHAT?

JUST HOW VAST THE T.H.R.U.S.H. NETWORK IS, AND HOW ANYONE MAY BE AN AGENT HUNTING FOR YOU.



ONLY THEY WILL NOT TAKE CARE TO BRING YOU IN ALIVE LIKE BATMAN DOES.

YOU CAN'T MAKE AN OMELET WITHOUT BREAK--

I KNOW, I KNOW!



THEN WHAT-- WHAT DO WE DO?

YOU MUST DELIVER T.H.R.U.S.H. A MASSIVE SETBACK AND TAKE HUGO STRANGE DOWN.



AND I PROPOSE AN ALLIANCE. A REAL ONE.