

# LONDON. BEFORE.

YOU'VE HEARD MANY STORIES ABOUT THE BOY I RAISED. BRUCE WAYNE. THE BOY WHO WOULD BECOME BATMAN.

THERE ARE ALMOST TOO MANY TO COUNT.

THIS ONE TAKES PLACE IN MY HOMETOWN, LONDON.



AND IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE REST.

OF COURSE, IT STARTS THE WAY THE OTHERS DO.



THE ANGRY YOUNG MAN, FAR FROM WAYNE MANOR. LOST.

THERE HE IS! GET HIM!



THEFT, BURGLARY! DEFACING PROPERTY WITH YOUR DAMN MARK... TIME TO GO BACK TO GOTHAM, PUNK!



JUST TRY TO KEEP UP, BOBBIES!

AND LIKE THE OTHERS, IT'S A MYSTERY--A DETECTIVE STORY ABOUT THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BOY HE WAS THEN...

**MIAMI. NOW.**

...AND THE MAN HE IS TODAY.

I SAID STAY ON HIM!

I'M TRYING, SIR, BUT--


**BRAKKA BRAKKA**

BLOODY HELL!

LISTEN TO ME. THE CAR CAN TAKE IT. DON'T BE SCARED. HUSH DOESN'T GET AWAY. YOU HEAR ME?

↳SIGH I HEAR YOU, SIR.

HAHA! LOOK AT HIM! TAKE HIM OUT OF GOTHAM AND BATMAN DRIVES LIKE AN OLD MAN!



ENOUGH GAMES!  
TAKE US OVER THE  
STADIUM, HE  
WON'T BE ABLE TO  
FOLLOW!



HE'S  
HEADED FOR  
THE STADIUM!  
AFTER HIM!

BUT  
THERE'S NO  
WAY AROUND  
THAT WILL KEEP  
PACE WITH  
HIM, SIR.

# THE FIRST ALLY

PART 1

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BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE  
WITH BILL FINGER



THEN  
DON'T GO  
AROUND.



THAT'S RIGHT, BILL, WITH BOTH TEAMS OUT OF THE RUNNING FOR THE PLAYOFFS, THE MOOD OVER THE STADIUM IS GRIM.

YOU CAN SAY THAT AGAIN, JERRY.

IS IT ME, OR DOES EVEN THE SINGER LOOK DOWNCAST?

...BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT...

NO, I AGREE, BOB. THE GOTHAM KNIGHTS AND THE MIAMI MARLINS BOTH HAD MISERABLE SEASONS, AND EVEN ON "BAT-DAY" IT SEEMS THERE'S LITTLE THAT COULD CHEER THIS CROWD UP.

IF ONLY... DO YOU HEAR THAT?

WHAT IN THE HECK? THIS AIRSPACE IS RESTRICTED. NO ONE IS...





...TWILIGHT'S  
UM...LASSST...



WAIT!  
LOOK!

NO  
WAY!



OVER THE YEARS, MY SON  
HAS DEVELOPED A BIT OF A  
FLAIR FOR THE THEATRICAL.

I LIKE TO THINK HE  
GETS IT FROM ME.



BUT REALLY, IF I'M  
BEING HONEST  
WITH MYSELF...