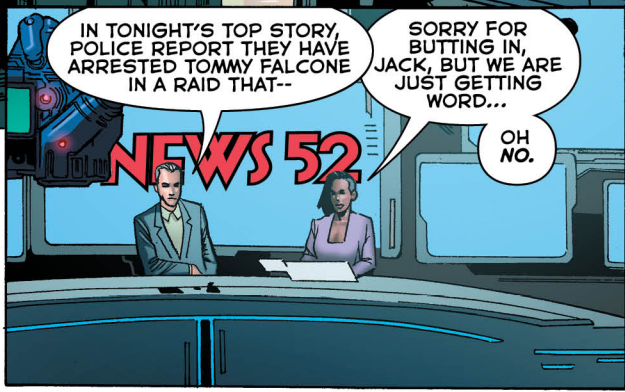




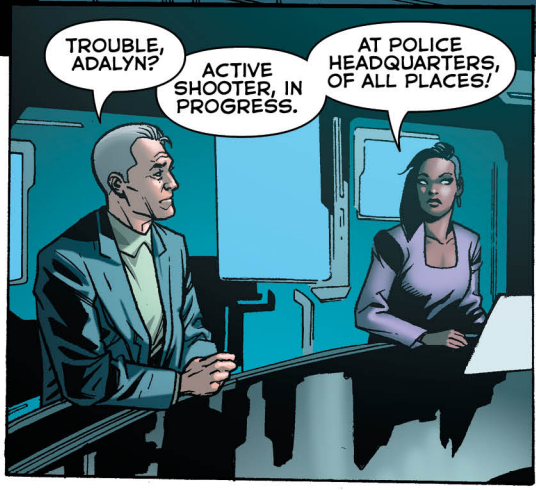
...TIME FOR JACK RYDER AND ADALYN STERN WITH ALL THE NEWS NEO-GOTHAM NEEDS TO KNOW.



IN TONIGHT'S TOP STORY, POLICE REPORT THEY HAVE ARRESTED TOMMY FALCONE IN A RAID THAT--

SORRY FOR BUTTING IN, JACK, BUT WE ARE JUST GETTING WORD...

OH NO.



TROUBLE, ADALYN?

ACTIVE SHOOTER, IN PROGRESS.

AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, OF ALL PLACES!



ANY WORD ON FATALITIES?

WE'RE HEARING THAT SEVERAL OFFICERS AND CIVILIANS ARE DOWN, WITH THE SHOOTER STILL ACTIVE.



IF THAT'S THE CASE, WE CAN ONLY HOPE...

"...THAT COMMISSIONER BARBARA GORDON CAN GET A HANDLE ON THIS CRISIS BEFORE ANYONE ELSE IS INJURED."

TARGET: BATMAN

PART ONE

IT'S UP TO YOU, SCAB!

DROP YOUR WEAPON!

IF YOU DON'T, THE ONLY WAY THIS ENDS...

...IS WITH YOU DEAD.

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DROP MY WEAPON?

WITH THAT MONSTER FLYING AROUND?!



WHAT MONSTER, SCAB?

THERE'S NO ONE HERE BUT US!



HOW CAN YOU BE SO BLIND, GORDON?

HE'S EVERYWHERE!

BADDA BAM



WHO'S EVERYWHERE?



THE BAT.

THE MONSTER BAT.



BATMAN?

WHAT DOES HE HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?

CAN'T YOU SEE...

"...THAT
BATMAN
ISN'T EVEN
HERE?"

YOU'RE
MAKING A
MISTAKE,
BRUCE.

ONE THAT,
NO MATTER
HOW YOU
CUT IT...

...IS
WRONG.

DON'T
BE SUCH
AN ALARMIST,
TERRY.

THINK
BACK A FEW
YEARS.

YOU
WOULDN'T
HAVE SAID
THAT ABOUT
YOURSELF.

I WAS
OLDER. MORE
PREPARED.

NOT TO GO OUT
ON YOUR OWN,
WHICH IS JUST
WHAT YOU
DID.

OPEN
THE DOOR
PLEASE,
ALFRED.

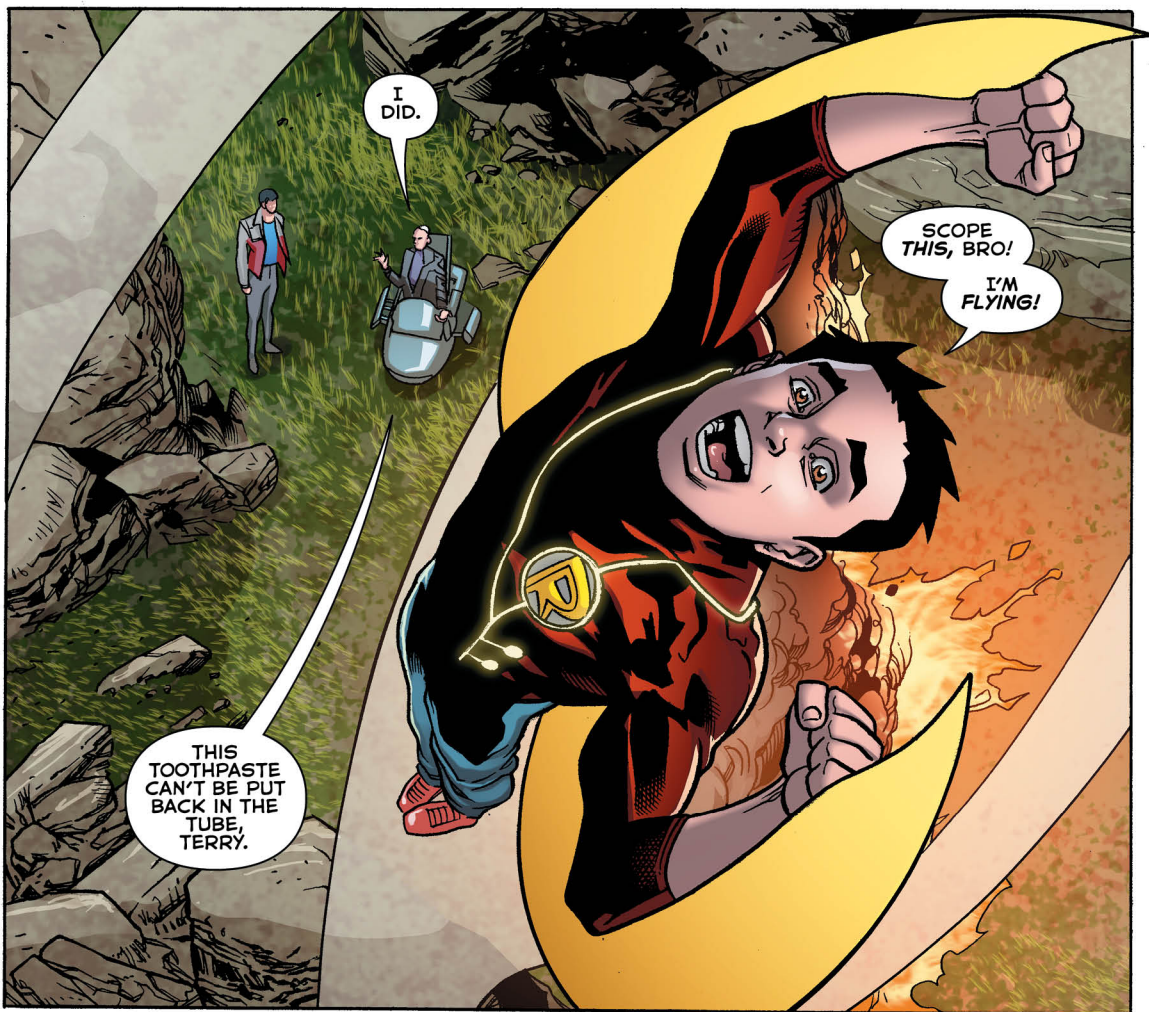
*Patio
doors open,
sir.*

THAT ISN'T A FAIR
COMPARISON AND
YOU KNOW IT.

YOU TOOK
MY SUIT WITHOUT
PERMISSION AND
WENT INTO ACTION,
TERRY.

YOUR BROTHER WILL
BENEFIT BECAUSE HE
HAS YOU TO HELP
HIM.

TELL ME
YOU DIDN'T--!



I DID.

SCOPE THIS, BRO!
I'M FLYING!

THIS TOOTHPASTE CAN'T BE PUT BACK IN THE TUBE, TERRY.



MATT IS IN THE GAME AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE...

...WITH OR WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION.

THIS WAS NOT YOUR CALL TO MAKE!

KNOW WHAT THIS IS?



YOU KNOW YOUR BROTHER BETTER THAN I, TERRY.

WHICH MEANS YOU ALSO KNOW THAT IF WE DON'T COACH, TRAIN AND BRING HIM ALONG PROPERLY...

...WELL, HE'LL SNEAK OUT ON HIS OWN.

THE SCHWAYEST THING EVER!