

GOTHAM CITY.
SUBCELLARS OF ARKHAM ASYLUM.



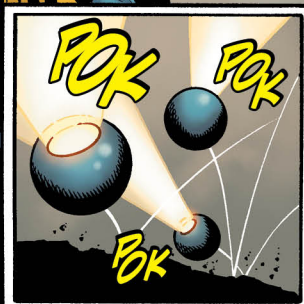
BY THE LOOKS OF IT, THEY BLEW OUT PRETTY FAST AND LEFT A LOT OF STUFF BEHIND.

LET'S SHED A LITTLE LIGHT AND GET OUR FIRST QUESTION ANSWERED.

DOCTOR, IS YOUR DAUGHTER THE ARKHAM KNIGHT?

YES...

...YES, SHE IS.



DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO REALLY SCOPE THIS PLACE OUT ON MY FIRST VISIT...

AND A DISTORTED ONE AT THAT.

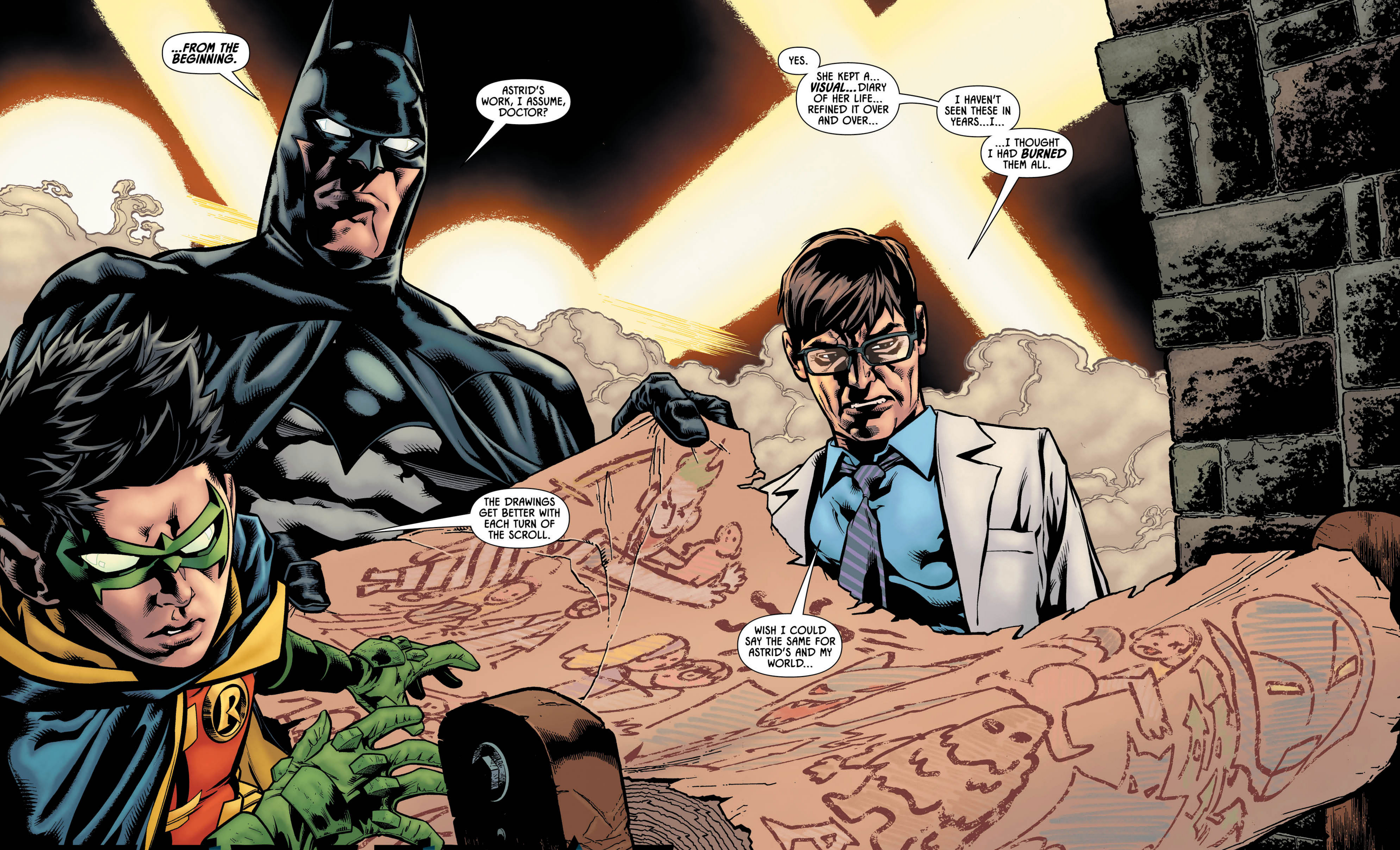
LET'S HEAR IT, DOCTOR.

I...I DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START...

...FROM THE WAY SHE TALKED ABOUT YOU AND ALL THESE TAPESTRIES, I'M GUESSING SHE'S YOUR BIGGEST FAN...

...SINCE SHE DEDICATED THIS...SHRINE TO YOU.

TRY STARTING WHERE YOUR DAUGHTER STARTED...



...FROM THE
BEGINNING.

ASTRID'S
WORK, I ASSUME,
DOCTOR?

YES.

SHE KEPT A...
VISUAL...DIARY
OF HER LIFE...
REFINED IT OVER
AND OVER...

I HAVEN'T
SEEN THESE IN
YEARS...I...

...I THOUGHT
I HAD **BURNED**
THEM ALL.

THE DRAWINGS
GET BETTER WITH
EACH TURN OF
THE SCROLL.

WISH I COULD
SAY THE SAME FOR
ASTRID'S AND MY
WORLD...

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"THERE WAS SO MUCH HOPE WHEN **INGRID KARLSSON** STEPPED INTO MY LIFE."

"AS A GENERAL CARE PHYSICIAN, SHE LIT UP EVERY ROOM SHE WALKED INTO WITH EMPATHY AND KINDNESS."

"AND HER ATTENTION TO DETAIL WAS SECOND TO NONE."

"IF ONE OF THE PATIENTS COMPLAINED OF PAIN, SHE'D TIRELESSLY DIG HER HEELS IN UNTIL SHE DISCOVERED ITS SOURCE AND ADDRESSED IT."

"INGRID'S PASSION FOR MEDICINE AND CAREGIVING FOR THE TROUBLED AND DAMAGED SOULS IN THE ASYLUM REIGNITED MY LONG-DORMANT ETHICS..."

"...HER WORK **EMBOLDENED ME--** PUSHED ME TO STRIVE--TO ENGAGE-- TO BE THE DOCTOR OF THE MIND I ALWAYS HOPED TO BE."

"INGRID MADE ME WANT TO BE A BETTER MAN."

"AND I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER FOR IT."

"WE AGREED ON A MISSION-- TO BRING OUR TALENTS TO BEAR ON THE MINDS AND BODIES OF THOSE UNDER OUR SUPERVISION-- TO SHOW THEM THAT THERE WAS A LIGHT, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, BURNING IN THE DARKNESS..."

"...THAT OUR SOLE DUTY WAS ILLUMINATION."

"I OBSERVED INGRID'S EVERY MOVE IN THE CELL AREAS, GRIPPING THE CHAIR UNTIL MY KNUCKLES WERE WHITE-- MY MOUTH DRY WITH FEAR-- MIND RACING AS I IMAGINED THE LOVE OF MY LIFE AT THE MERCY OF THESE...THESE... GOD FORGIVE ME..."

MURDEROUS CREATURES...

"...BUT AS TIME PASSED, THOSE FEARS SUBSIDED AS I MARVELED AT THE WAY INGRID INTERACTED WITH THE PATIENTS."

"THEY CAME TO RESPECT INGRID BECAUSE SHE WAS FIRM YET HONEST."

"THEY SENSED HER PURITY OF SPIRIT."

"THEY KNEW SHE WAS THERE TO HELP."



"I PROPOSED."

"SHE ACCEPTED."

"I COULDN'T ENVISION HOW OUR PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIVES COULD BE ANY MORE COMPLETE-- EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT..."

JEREMIAH
AND INGRID SITTING IN
A TREE, K-I-S-S-I-N-G.
FIRST COMES LOVE,
THEN COMES MARRIAGE,
THEN COMES A BABY IN A
BABY CARRIAGE!

"...UNTIL OUR LOVE
CREATED LIFE AND DROVE
A WEDGE BETWEEN US."

"I IMPORED INGRID TO
STOP WORKING AS SHE
CAME CLOSE TO TERM."

"SHE REFUSED--INSISTING THAT THE
PATIENTS NEEDED HER, ESPECIALLY
SINCE SHE WOULD SOON BE AWAY
FOR SIX MONTHS OF MATERNITY
LEAVE ONCE THE BABY WAS BORN."

"AND THEN IT
HAPPENED."

"MY WORST
FEAR REALIZED."

"A RIOT BROKE OUT AS NEW PATIENTS
BEING TRANSFERRED INTO THE ASYLUM
OVERCAME THE GUARDS..."

"...AND STUCK IN THE MIDDLE OF
THIS MAELSTROM OF TERROR AND
VIOLENCE WAS MY PREGNANT WIFE."