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# A HOLE IN REALITY

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ARE YOU  
SURE THIS IS A  
GOOD IDEA,  
KENT?

YOU NEED  
TO CLEAN UP  
AFTER YOURSELF,  
KHALID--IT'S PART OF  
BEING A GROWN-UP,  
MUCH LESS A  
WIZARD.

WHEN  
YOU CAME BACK  
FROM THE DEAD,  
YOU LEFT THE GATEWAY  
OPEN FOR THE AFREET  
THAT TRIED TO BURN  
DOWN NEW  
YORK.

WE DON'T  
WANT ANY  
MORE OF THOSE  
LITTLE BASTARDS  
COMING THROUGH,  
DO WE?



N-NO...

...SO ALL THOSE FIRES WERE REALLY MY FAULT?

MAGIC IS FULL OF UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES, KHALID, BUT WE HAVE TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.

YOU OPENED THE DOOR, YOU NEED TO CLOSE IT.

AH... THERE...

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW IT WAS THERE!

WHY DOESN'T NABU TEACH ME ANY OF THIS?

FIRST OF ALL, HE'S DEAD.

AS A GENERAL RULE, SPIRITS DON'T SEE THE WORLD AS WE DO.

AND NABU... WELL, LET'S JUST SAY HIS LOYALTIES ARE COMPLEX...

...AND NOT TO BE COMPLETELY TRUSTED.

IN FACT, IN THE WORLD OF MAGIC, DON'T TRUST ANYONE COMPLETELY. NOT NABU, NOT THE CAT THAT GAVE YOU THE HELMET, CERTAINLY NOT CONSTANTINE...

...NOT EVEN ME.

BUT THEN HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO--

YOU'LL LEARN.





READY?

ACTUALLY, NO. BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY CHOICE, DO I?

REALISTICALLY, YOU DON'T.



IT'S YOUR SPELL, YOU NEED TO UNDO IT. I'M NOT GOING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE CHASING YOUR MISTAKES.

IF THE FIRST RULE IN HEALING THE WORLD IS DON'T MAKE THINGS WORSE, I FLUNKED.

I'LL GO.



JUST PROMISE ME IT'S NOT GOING TO LEAD ME BACK TO THE DUAT...

...I'LL **REALLY** BE DEAD IF ANUBIS GETS HIS PAWS ON ME AGAIN.



PLEASE.

THIS IS NOT WISE.

GO!







GOT TO BE AN EASIER WAY TO TRAVEL. I'D RATHER ARGUE WITH HOMELAND SECURITY ABOUT DAD'S IMMIGRATION STATUS AFTER A TWELVE-HOUR FLIGHT THAN GET BOUNCED AROUND LIKE THIS.

FLYING OVER MANHATTAN'S COOL...THIS ISN'T.

AND HOW IN HELL AM I SUPPOSED TO STEER TO WHERE I WANT TO BE? WHICH BETTER *NOT* BE IN...

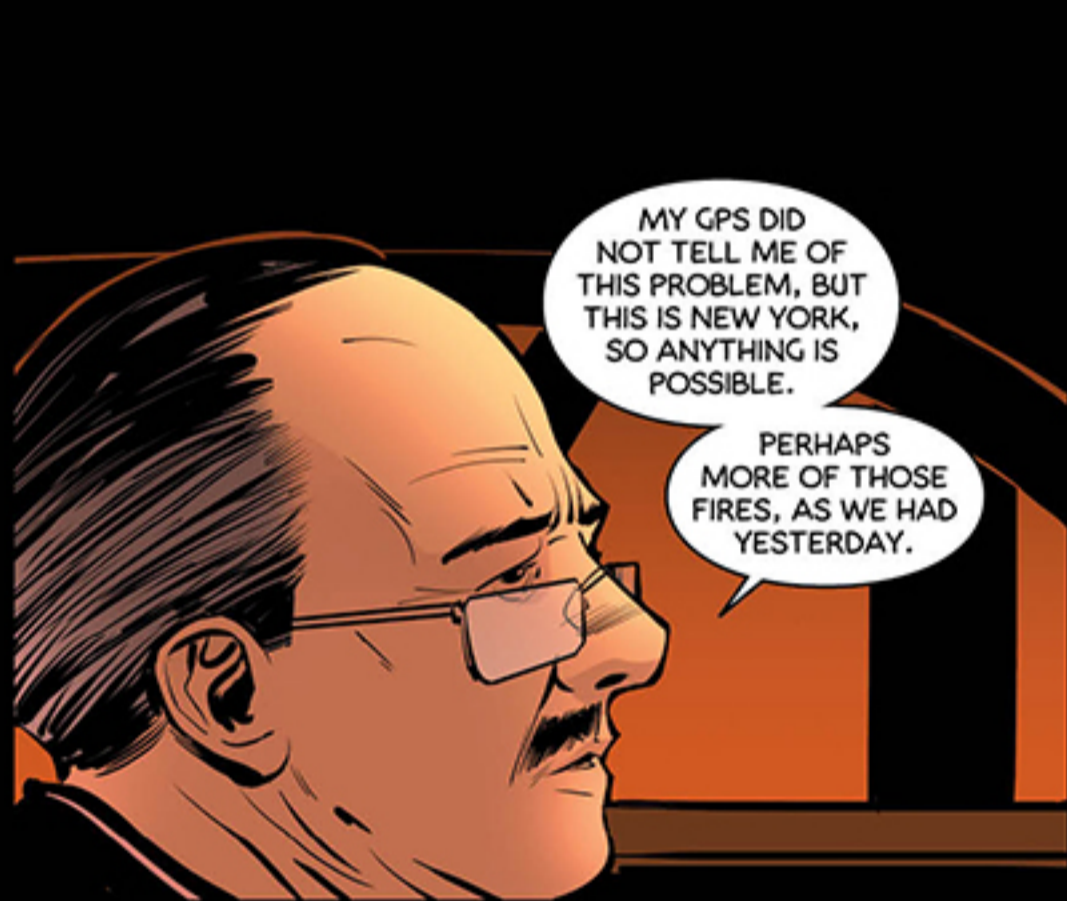




...HELL OF A TIME FOR A TRAFFIC JAM! WHY DID YOU TAKE THE BRIDGE, ANYWAY?

WOULDN'T THE TUNNEL HAVE BEEN FASTER, CABBIE?

MY NAME IS MOHAMMED, SIR, AND IF YOU HAD A SPECIFIC ROUTE YOU WISHED TO TAKE, YOU SHOULD HAVE TOLD ME.



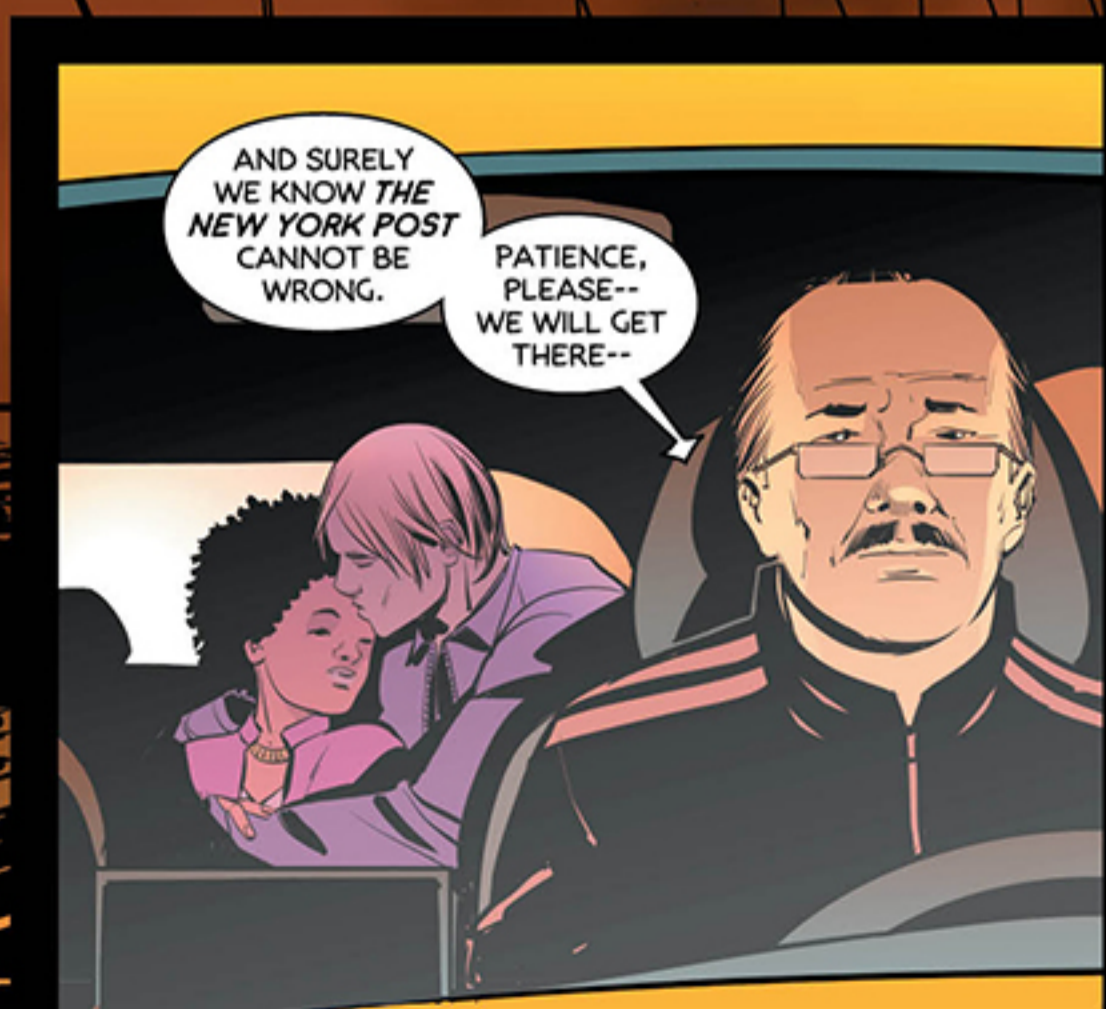
MY GPS DID NOT TELL ME OF THIS PROBLEM, BUT THIS IS NEW YORK, SO ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.

PERHAPS MORE OF THOSE FIRES, AS WE HAD YESTERDAY.



WE CAN'T BE LATE FOR THE AFTER PARTY, GREG!

THE *POST* SAID THE FIRES WERE OUT-- SOMETHING ABOUT A SUPERHERO STOPPING THEM.



AND SURELY WE KNOW *THE NEW YORK POST* CANNOT BE WRONG.

PATIENCE, PLEASE-- WE WILL GET THERE--



--EVENTUALLY.

