

CENTRAL CITY.
FIVE YEARS AGO.

DID
SUPERMAN
KILL THE
JOKER?

WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?

I DON'T
KNOW IF I CAN
STAND WITH SUPERMAN
AFTER WHAT HE DID. BUT
AT THE SAME TIME, WHAT
WOULD I HAVE DONE IF IT
WERE CENTRAL CITY...
AND YOU?

IS IT
TRUE?

THE JOKER
SET OFF A NUKE
IN METROPOLIS...
KILLED LOIS... AND
THEIR UNBORN
SON.

YOU WOULD
HAVE BROUGHT
THE JOKER TO
JUSTICE. BECAUSE
THAT'S WHO
YOU ARE.

MAYBE ALL I CAN DO IS
BE THERE FOR HIM AND HELP
KEEP HIM IN CHECK.

THAT'S
WHO SUPERMAN
WAS... UNTIL HE
WASN'T.

I DON'T BELIEVE YOU
COULD EVER BE CAPABLE OF
COLD-BLOODED MURDER.

WHATEVER
HAPPENS, YOU CAN'T
CONDONE WHAT HE HAS
DONE. EVER.

IF HE GOES DOWN
THE WRONG PATH, PROMISE
ME YOU WILL STAND UP TO HIM.

I PROMISE.

HALL OF JUSTICE. NOW.

"WHERE IS VICTOR ZSASZ NOW?"

HAL DELIVERED HIM BACK TO THE TEMPORARY PRISON AND IS PERSONALLY KEEPING WATCH OVER HIM. AT LEAST UNTIL...

WE DETERMINE IF SINESTRO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ESCAPE?

NOT OFFICIALLY. BUT YES.

SUPERMAN IS ALSO READY TO ROLL OUT STRATEGIC COUNTER-OFFENSIVES AGAINST THE ANTI-REGIME TERRORIST GROUPS CROPPING UP--

YOU LET BRUCE GO... WHY?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!

GET YOUR... HANDS OFF OF ME...

GLK!

YOU BETRAYED ME! WE HAD HIM AND YOU HELPED HIM ESCAPE.

PUT HIM DOWN!



WHAT MAKES YOU THINK YOU CAN TELL ME WHAT TO DO?!

DO NOT TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME, CLARK.

EASY, EVERYONE...

I... SAID...

...LET GO!

I SAVED BRUCE BECAUSE HE WAS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF HIS FAMILY. SOMETHING YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD UNDERSTAND.

ALFRED PENNYWORTH DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO SERVING THE GREATER GOOD.

I CHOSE TO RESPECT AND HONOR THE MAN'S LEGACY.

AND FOR THE RECORD, "WE" DIDN'T HAVE HIM. YOU WERE FLAT ON YOUR BACK.





IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT YOUR FRIENDS?

ENOUGH. THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR.

WAY TOO FAR.

IT'S JUST ANOTHER DAY IN THE LIFE OF "EMPEROR SUPERMAN." WE'VE SEEN WHAT YOU DO TO HIS ENEMIES--





WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?! YOU TRIED TO TAKE BARRY'S HEAD OFF. IF HE HADN'T MOVED...



I'D BE ONE MORE VICTIM ON YOUR LIST.



I WILL NOT ALLOW SUBVERSION IN MY RANKS! FROM YOU OR ANYONE!



YOU NEED TO DECIDE IF YOU'RE WITH THE REGIME...
...OR IF YOU ARE A PROBLEM THAT I NEED TO SOLVE ONCE AND FOR ALL.



DON'T COME LOOKING FOR ME.