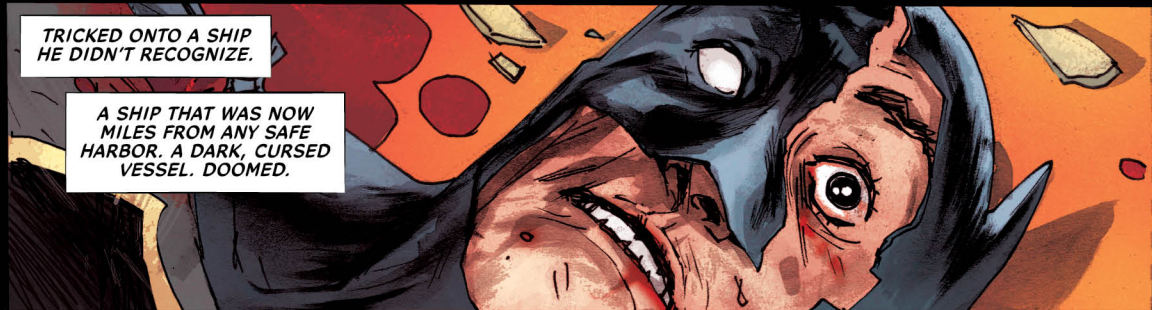


I READ A LOT OF PIRATE STORIES AS A BOY. I LOVED THEM.

A YOUNG ADVENTURER EMBARKS ON A GREAT JOURNEY...SETS SAIL FOR UNCHARTED WATERS.

OFTEN IN THESE TALES, THOUGH, THERE WOULD COME A MOMENT WHEN THE YOUNG ADVENTURER WOKE TO FIND THAT HE'D BEEN DUPED.

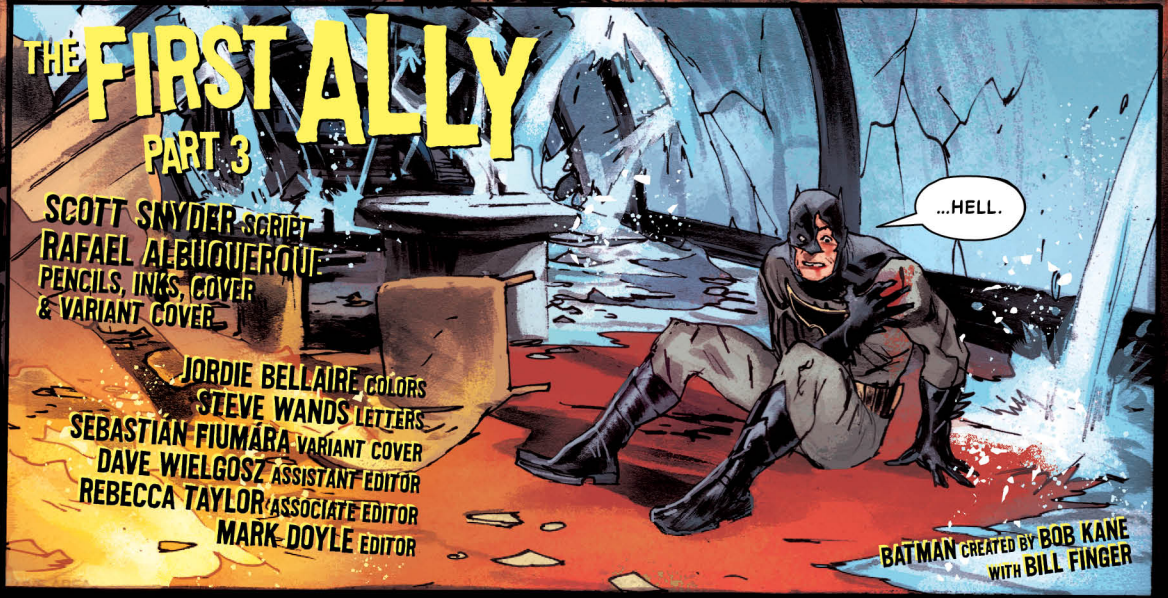


TRICKED ONTO A SHIP HE DIDN'T RECOGNIZE.

A SHIP THAT WAS NOW MILES FROM ANY SAFE HARBOR. A DARK, CURSED VESSEL. DOOMED.



BLOODY...



...HELL.

THE FIRST ALLY

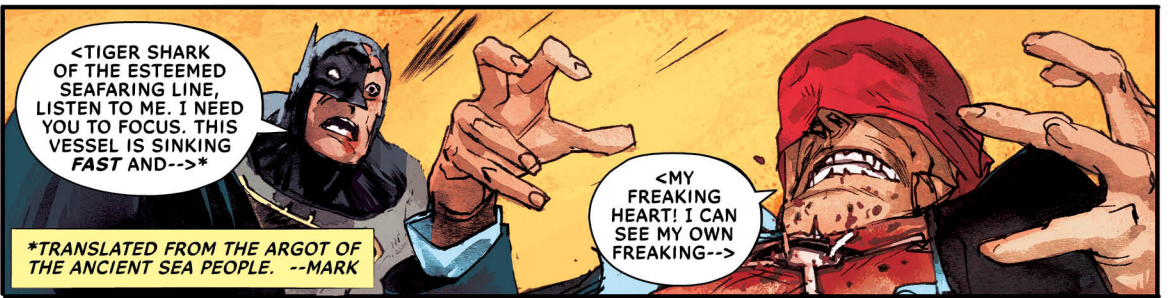
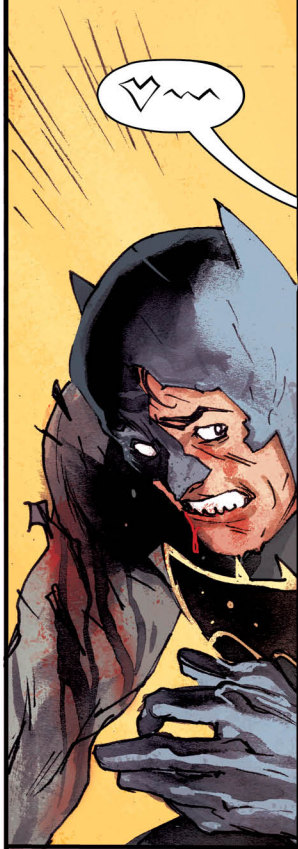
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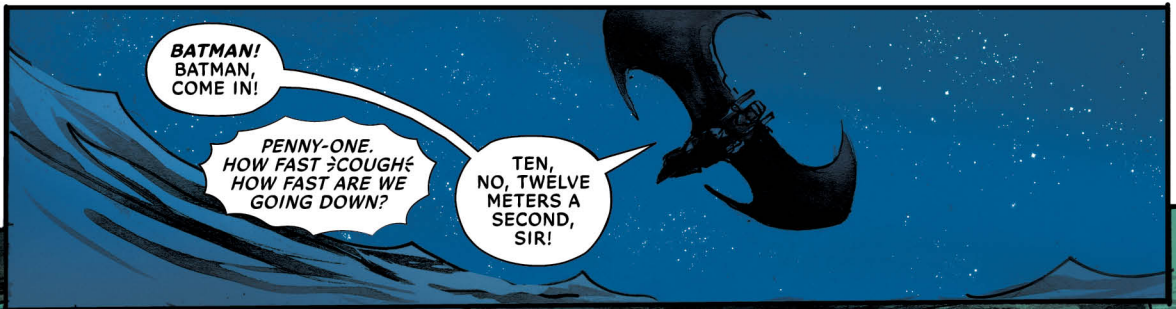
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RAFAEL ALBUQUERQUE
PENCILS, INKS, COVER
& VARIANT COVER

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STEVE WANDS LETTERS

SEBASTIAN FIUMARA VARIANT COVER
DAVE WIELGOSZ ASSISTANT EDITOR
REBECCA TAYLOR ASSOCIATE EDITOR
MARK DOYLE EDITOR

BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE
WITH BILL FINGER





BATMAN!
BATMAN,
COME IN!

PENNY-ONE.
HOW FAST ARE WE
GOING DOWN?

TEN,
NO, TWELVE
METERS A
SECOND,
SIR!



IN MOMENTS
IT'LL BE TWENTY,
CRITICAL, AND THERE'LL
BE NO REVERSING THE
COURSE. FIRE YOUR
TOW CABLES
AND--

NOT LONG
ENOUGH. SO I NEED
YOU TO DO SOMETHING
FOR ME. I NEED YOU
TO SCREAM.

SIR?

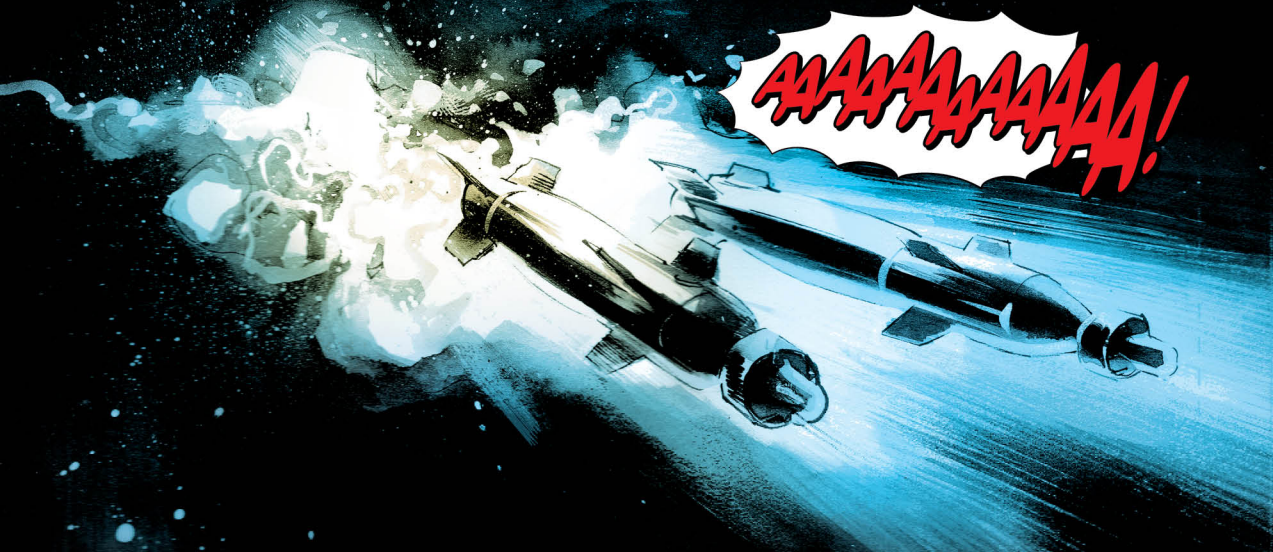
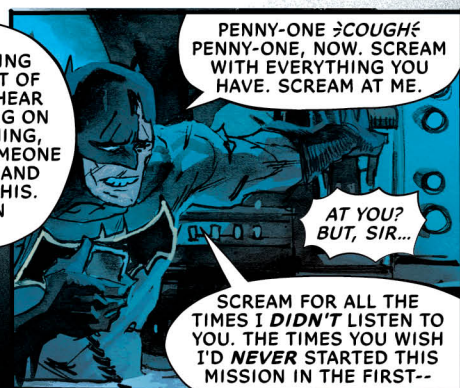
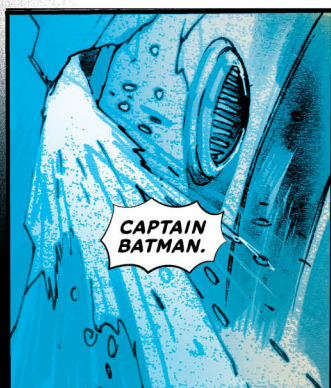


WITH RADAR MASKING
AND STEALTH
SYSTEMS, MOST MILITARY
SHIPS RUN MECHANICALLY
SILENT AND HEAT
CONTAINED.

SO THE LATEST TORPEDOES
THEY CAN BE SET TO TARGET
HUMAN
SOUNDS. BREATHING, COUGHING,
VOICES, FOOTSTEPS. THINGS A
CREW CAN'T HIDE...



SO
WHEN I
GIVE THE
CUE...





AAAAAAAAAAAAA



AAAAAAAAAAAAA



AAAAAAAAA

HEH...
DON'T HOLD
BACK...PENNY...
ONE...

