

**GOTHAM CITY.**

THE FIRST THING YOU OWN IN LIFE IS YOUR TIME.

**FREEZE!**

THIS IS **RENEE MONTROYA** OF THE **GCPCD!**

**STOP WHERE YOU ARE!**

**BLAM  
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YOU CAN SPEND TIME, LOSE IT, WASTE IT, KILL IT.

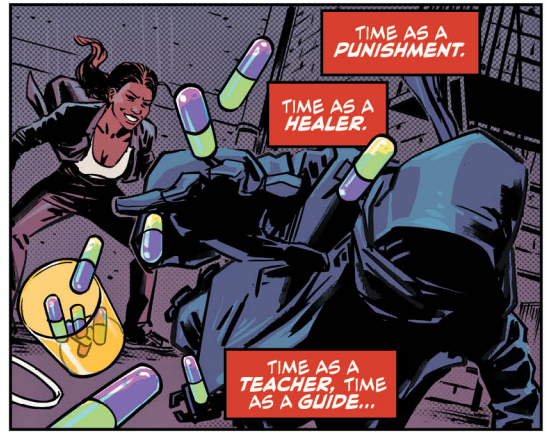
IT CAN BE STOLEN FROM YOU. GAMBLER, GIVEN AWAY.



**WUMP**

IT IS YOUR FIRST POSSESSION, SEPARATE FROM YOURSELF.

AND THERE ARE SO MANY USES FOR TIME...



TIME AS A PUNISHMENT.

TIME AS A HEALER.

TIME AS A TEACHER, TIME AS A GUIDE...



...TIME AS A TOOL...

...AND TIME...



...AS A  
WEAPON.

**THE  
TIME  
OF  
YOUR  
LIFE**  
PART ONE

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WHERE DOES ALL THAT TIME GO, IN THE SECONDS THAT SPELL OUT A LIFE?

I'VE BEEN BACK IN GOTHAM FOR THREE MONTHS AFTER A YEAR IN THE FIELD.

I HAVEN'T ALWAYS BEEN GOOD WITH MY TIME.

MY PHILOSOPHY WAS ONCE, "HEY, YOU CAN ONLY SCRAPE THE BOTTOM OF THE BARREL IF YOU SHOOT DOWN ALL THE WHISKEY FIRST."

BUT I'VE SHARPENED UP.

SET MY SOUL TO RIGHTS.

PAID FOR MY PAST.

AND NOW--

--I'VE COME HOME.

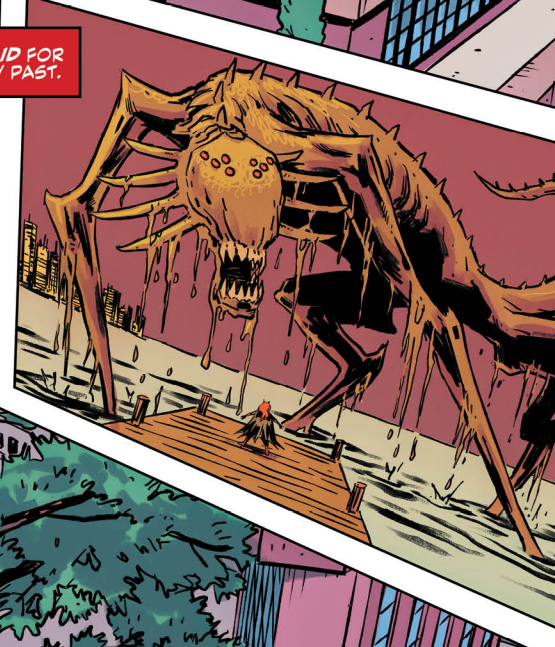
SEQUIOAS ONLY GROW IF THEIR ROOTS GO DEEP, IF THEY STAY SETTLED, AND FOR SUCH A LONG, LONG TIME.

AND I WANT ROOTS.

I WANT A FUTURE, NOT A PAST.

I WANT A FAMILY, NOT GHOSTS.

SO I'VE TRADED THE YACHT AND THE AIRSHIP FOR A HUGE, LIVING TOWER...



...WHERE I LIVE WITH MY SISTER, MY TWIN...

...MY BETH.



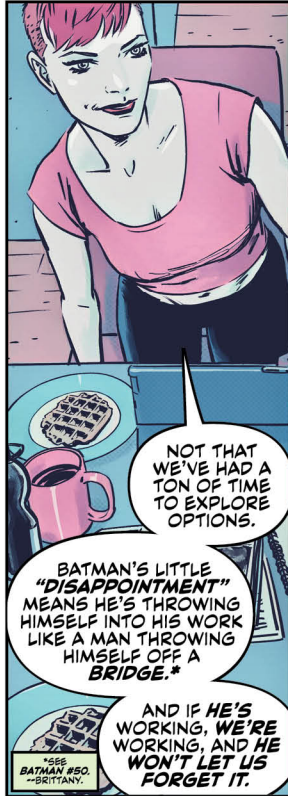
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SO, LESS "MENTAL ILL HEALTH" AND MORE "MYSTICAL ILL USE"?

MAAAAYBE?

I DO LIKE MY THERAPIST, THOUGH. SHE HAS A SIMPLY SPLENDID TOP HAT.



NOT THAT WE'VE HAD A TON OF TIME TO EXPLORE OPTIONS.

BATMAN'S LITTLE "DISAPPOINTMENT" MEANS HE'S THROWING HIMSELF INTO HIS WORK LIKE A MAN THROWING HIMSELF OFF A BRIDGE.\*

AND IF HE'S WORKING, WE'RE WORKING, AND HE WON'T LET US FORGET IT.

\*SEE BATMAN #50. --BRITTANY.



KATE...

...ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, THE NIGHT OF THE PLAGUE...



YOU DID WHAT YOU THOUGHT BEST.

I DID WHAT I THOUGHT BEST.

EVERYTHING ELSE...

# THE HOME OF KATE AND BETH KANE.

AND WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHERE THE "ALICE" PERSONALITY COMES FROM?

NOPE! AND DON'T YOU DARE LET ME OUT UNTIL WE DO.

WE AREN'T EVEN SURE IF ALICE IS A PROPER "PERSONALITY." AFTER ALL, I HAVE FAR FINER TASTE THAN TWO-FACE.

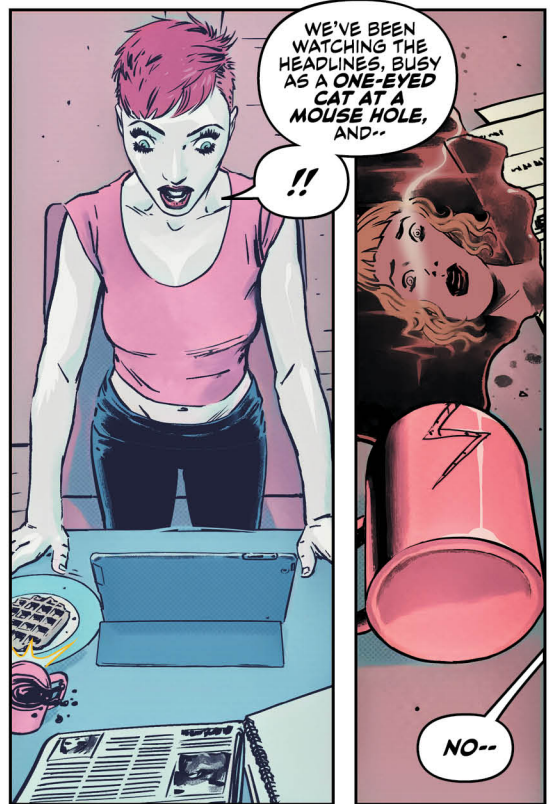
WE CONSIDERED TRAUMA, AND OUR CURRENT THEORY IS THAT "ALICE" IS A PARASITIC POLTERGEIST THAT THE CULT GRAFTED ONTO BETH SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE.



SO, UH... WORKING AT THE BREAKFAST TABLE?

BATMAN'S BREATHING THE ICY CHILL OF DEATH ITSELF DOWN OUR NECKS--WE'RE DIGGING INTO COLD CASE BACKLOGS FOR EXTRA WORK.

WEIRD OCCURRENCES, UNSOLVED CRIMES, ODD PIECES OF EVIDENCE THAT WE CAN'T CONNECT.



WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THE HEADLINES, BUSY AS A ONE-EYED CAT AT A MOUSE HOLE, AND--

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NO--