

WE'RE NOT
READY FOR
THIS.

GANGS OR
MUGGERS, SURE.
EVEN BANK
ROBBERS.

BUT AN ACTUAL
SUPER-VILLAIN
FROM GOTHAM
CITY?

I CAME TO
BLÜDHAVEN IN
SEARCH OF THE
LOST SON OF
GOTHAM.

BUT WHEN I GOT
HERE, I REALIZED IT IS
SUCH A **FRESH** AND
FERTILE CITY--

--FILLED WITH A
PEOPLE WHO STILL
BELIEVE IN SOMETHING
AS FOOLISH AS
HOPE.

I REALIZED
I'M HERE FOR
A REASON FAR
MORE COMPLEX
THAN **SIMPLE**
REVENGE...

KNIGHT TERRORS

PART
SEVEN

HEROIC TENDENCIES

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...I AM HERE TO LIFT THE GOSSAMER VEIL OF CIVILIZATION FROM THEIR EYES.

FOR ONLY FEAR EMPOWERS!

ONLY FEAR INSPIRES US TO RAGE AGAINST THE DYING OF THE LIGHT!

ONLY FEAR WILL SET US FREE!

IT'S WORKING, SCARECROW-- I FEAR YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO SHUT UP!

UMM... REALLY, H-WING? YOU THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO TORQUE OFF THE GUY WHO CLEARLY CONTROLS A MOB?

A ROUTINE ARSON INVESTIGATION LED ME--DETECTIVE ALPOHNSÉ SAPIENZA--TO A HIDDEN BUNKER FILLED WITH EQUIPMENT FROM THE VIGILANTE KNOWN AS NIGHTWING.

FRUSTRATED WITH THE RED TAPE ASSOCIATED WITH BEING ONE OF BLÜDHAVEN'S FINEST, I MADE THE ONLY RATIONAL DECISION...

...I TOOK THE EQUIPMENT TO CARRY ON THE MANTLE OF A MISSING HERO...

H-WING? I DIDN'T AGREE TO CODE NAMES.

HEADS IN THE GAME, PEOPLE.

...AND DRAGGED MY FRIENDS INTO THIS INSANITY.

MALCOLM HUTCH DIDN'T MAKE IT THROUGH THE POLICE ACADEMY FOR PERSONAL REASONS-- BUT HE'S THE MOST NATURALLY GIFTED COP I'VE EVER KNOWN.

TAUNTING THE BAD GUY.

SUPER-HERO 101.

I'VE BEEN RESEARCHING.

GUYS, IF WE WANTED TO PLAY BY THE BOOK--

--WE NEVER WOULD HAVE PUT ON THE MASKS.

COLLEEN EDWARDS HAS TAKEN TO THE COSTUME TOO EASILY. I'M HOPING HER RECKLESSNESS DOESN'T GET US KILLED.

HER BROTHER ZAK IS YOUNG AND TOO CAUTIOUS. AND I'M HOPING HIS TIMIDITY DOESN'T GET US KILLED.

JURY IS STILL OUT ON WHETHER THAT WAS A GOOD IDEA, SIS.

LET'S KEEP THIS SIMPLE: FREEZE OR DIE, STRAW MAN.

NOT HELPFUL.

SCARECROW! STAND DOWN AND SURRENDER YOURSELF NOW!

IF NOT, I CAN'T BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR SAFETY.

YOU... YOU'RE NOT NIGHTWING.

YOU'RE A FRAUD. YOU ALL ARE FRAUDS!

WE ARE THE LAW IN BLÜDHAVEN.

THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT US.

WHATEVER TOXIN YOU'RE RELEASING, STOP IT NOW!

LET'S NOT ESCALATE THIS ANY FURTHER!

ESCALATE? THIS IS NOT AN ESCALATION...



...IT'S AN EMANCIPATION!

THIS IS AN UNLEASHING OF EVERYTHING YOU FEAR--

--A POPULACE UNENCUMBERED BY RESTRAINT!



THESE PEOPLE ARE OVERCOME BY HORROR!

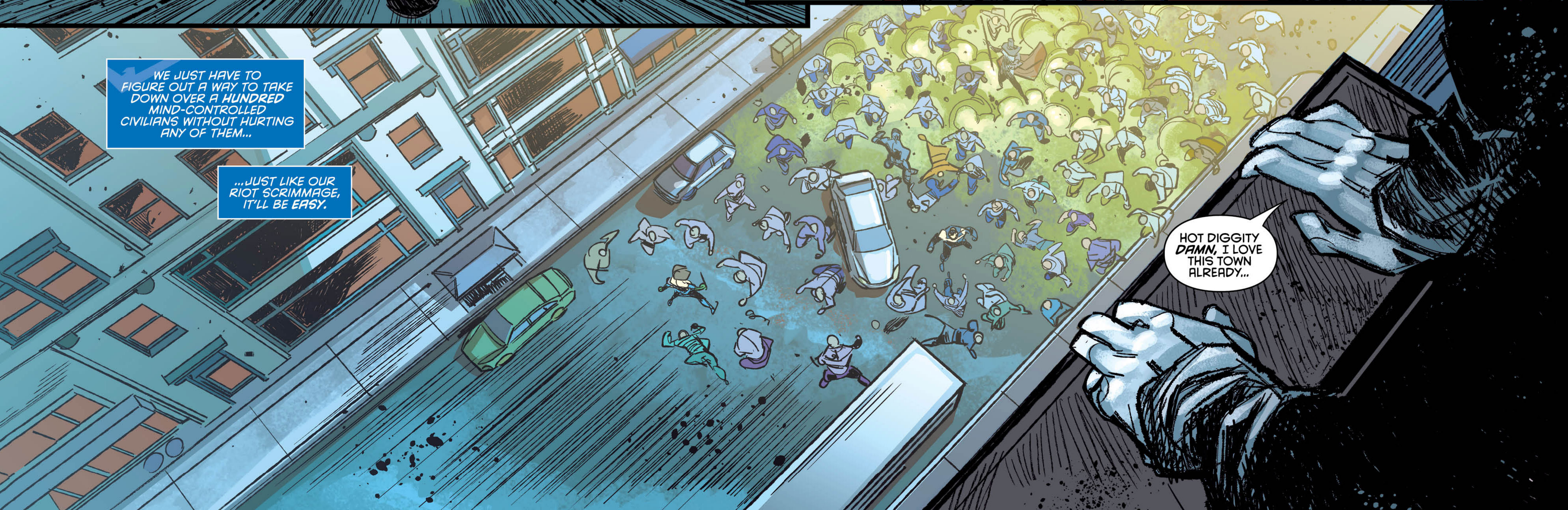
HONESTLY? I'M RIGHT THERE WITH THEM.

BREATHING DEVICE NOTWITHSTANDING.



THIS'D BE SO MUCH EASIER IF WE JUST SHOT THEM.

PLEASE TELL ME YOU'RE JOKING.



WE JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO TAKE DOWN OVER A HUNDRED MIND-CONTROLLED CIVILIANS WITHOUT HURTING ANY OF THEM...

...JUST LIKE OUR RIOT SCRIMMAGE, IT'LL BE EASY.

HOT DIGGITY DAMN, I LOVE THIS TOWN ALREADY...