

*Terry McGinnis--
Batman--is missing.*

*False Face stole his
memories weeks ago,
leaving him to wander
the city without a clue
as to who he is.**

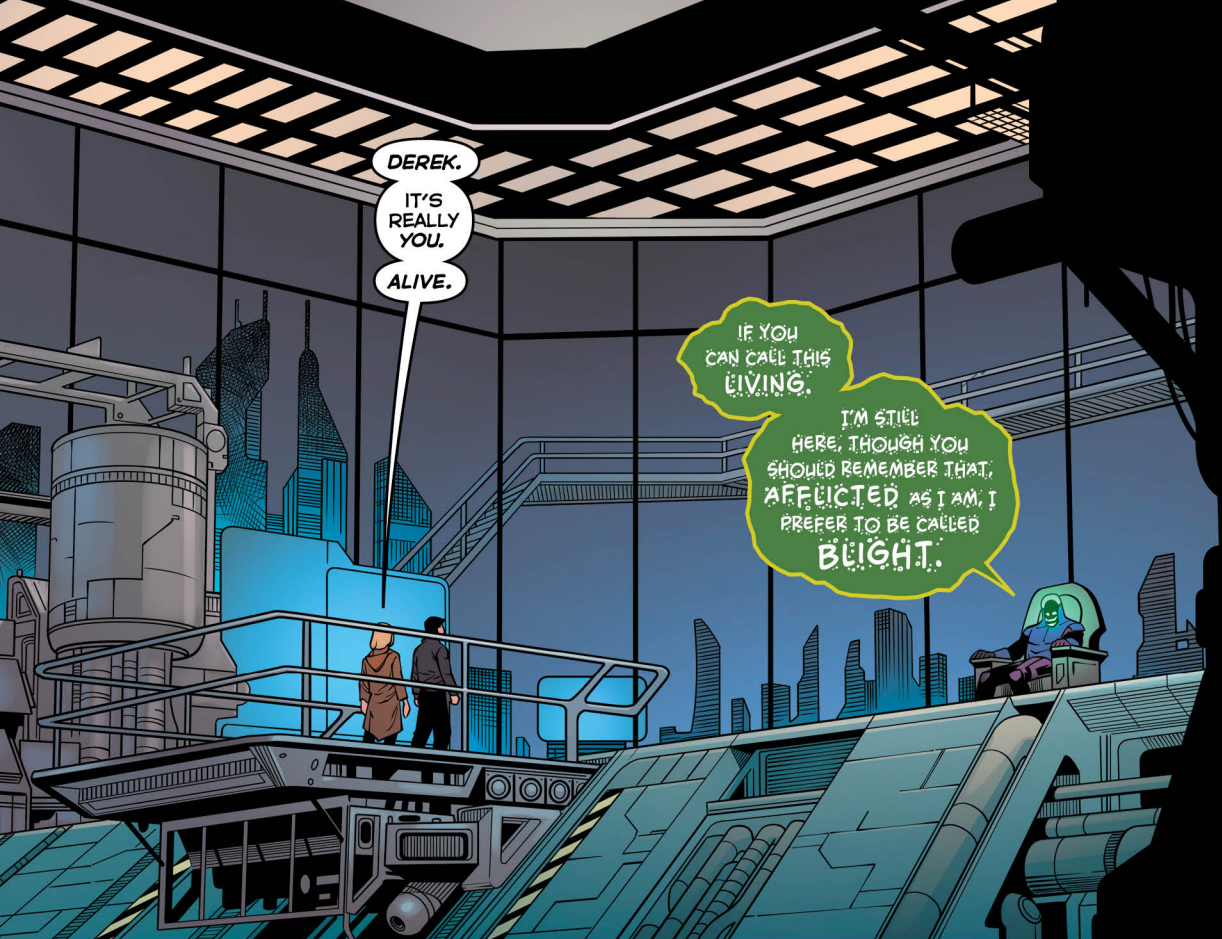
*He has no idea who
his friends are...*

*...or who to turn
to for help.*

*He's probably
in trouble.*

*Deep
trouble.*

ENTER.



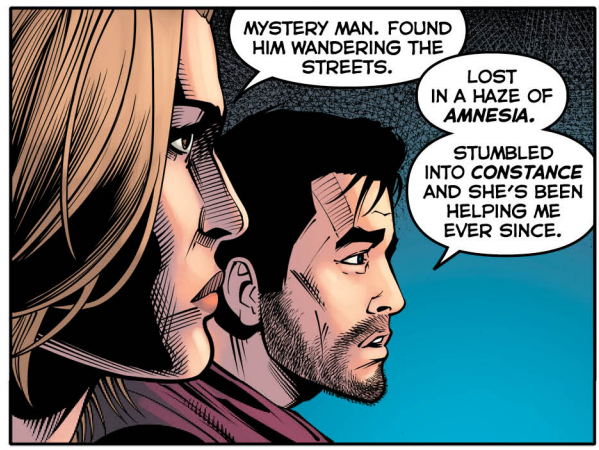
DEREK.
IT'S REALLY YOU.
ALIVE.

IF YOU CAN CALL THIS LIVING.
I'M STILL HERE, THOUGH YOU SHOULD REMEMBER THAT, AFFLICTED AS I AM, I PREFER TO BE CALLED BUGHT.

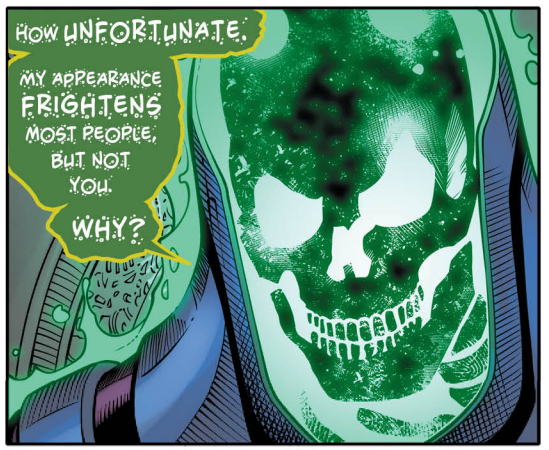
As if amnesia weren't enough to deal with, McGinnis is wanted for murder.
He can't, possibly be guilty, but we can assume he's fallen in with a bad crowd.

IF I'D KNOWN YOU WERE ALIVE, I WOULD HAVE COME LOOKING FOR YOU.
BUT THE POLICE SAID YOU WERE DEAD.

SO THEY THOUGHT, BUT YOU CAN'T KILL RADIATION.
WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?



MYSTERY MAN. FOUND HIM WANDERING THE STREETS.
LOST IN A HAZE OF AMNESIA.
STUMBLED INTO CONSTANCE AND SHE'S BEEN HELPING ME EVER SINCE.

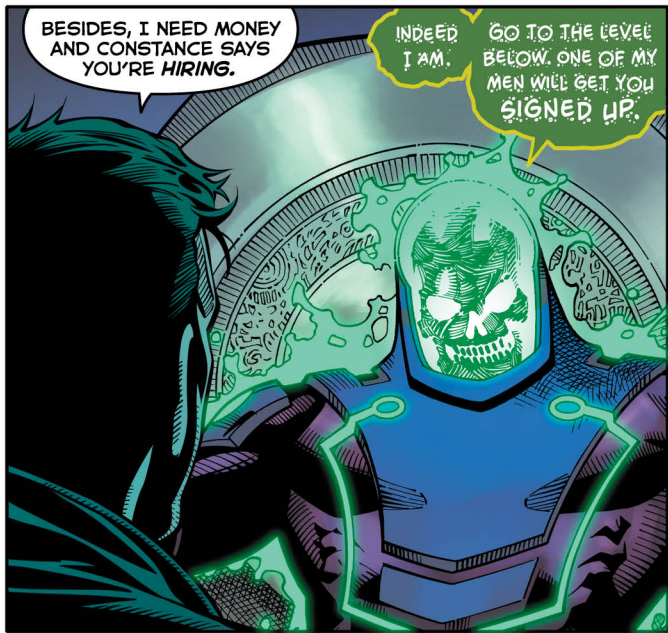


HOW UNFORTUNATE.
MY APPEARANCE FRIGHTENS MOST PEOPLE, BUT NOT YOU.
WHY?



PROBABLY BECAUSE CONSTANCE TOLD ME WHAT TO EXPECT, MR. POWERS.

SAID IT WAS THE RESULT OF A RADIATION ACCIDENT.



BESIDES, I NEED MONEY AND CONSTANCE SAYS YOU'RE HIRING.

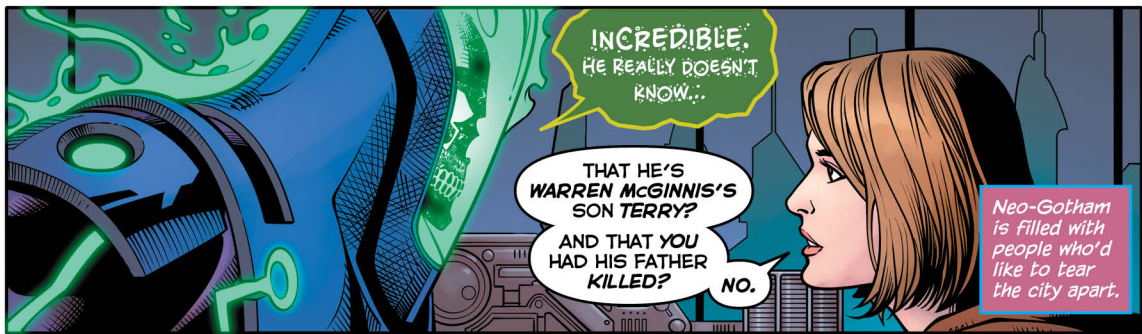
INDEED I AM.

GO TO THE LEVEL BELOW. ONE OF MY MEN WILL GET YOU SIGNED UP.



THANKS! I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS!

AS AM I.



INCREDIBLE. HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW..

THAT HE'S WARREN MCGINNIS'S SON TERRY?
AND THAT YOU HAD HIS FATHER KILLED? NO.

Neo-Gotham is filled with people who'd like to tear the city apart.



Who want nothing more than to watch Gotham burn.

THE IRONY ALONE MAKES MCGINNIS PERFECT FOR WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND.



That's why the city will always need a Batman.

HE'S PERFECT FOR YOU, DEREK. NOT ONLY YOUR IMMEDIATE NEED, BUT FOR REVENGE AGAINST WAYNE AS WELL.

IT'S THE FIRST MATTER THAT CONCERNS ME MOST. IN TERMS OF MY HATE FOR WAYNE..

... OPERATIONS WITH
THE DEVOURER
ARE WELL UNDER WAY.

Or if not
Batman...

... Batwoman.

FIRST FLIGHT PART FOUR

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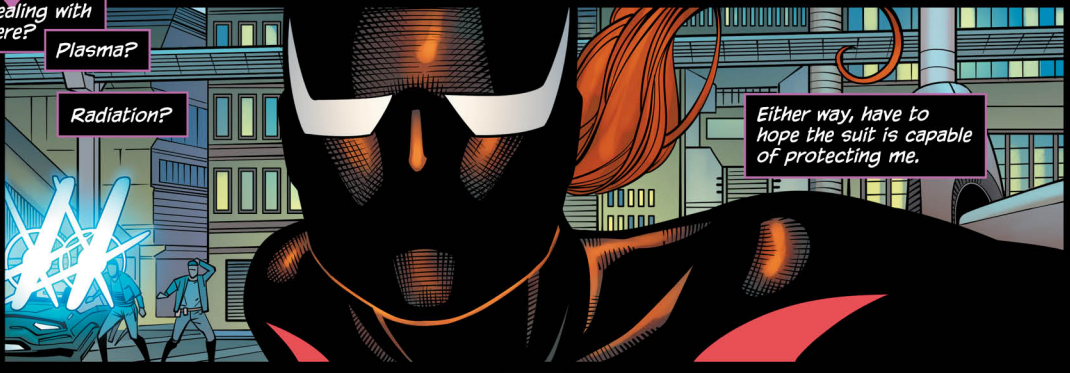
BATMAN created by BOB KANE with BILL FINGER

What am I dealing with here?

Plasma?

Radiation?

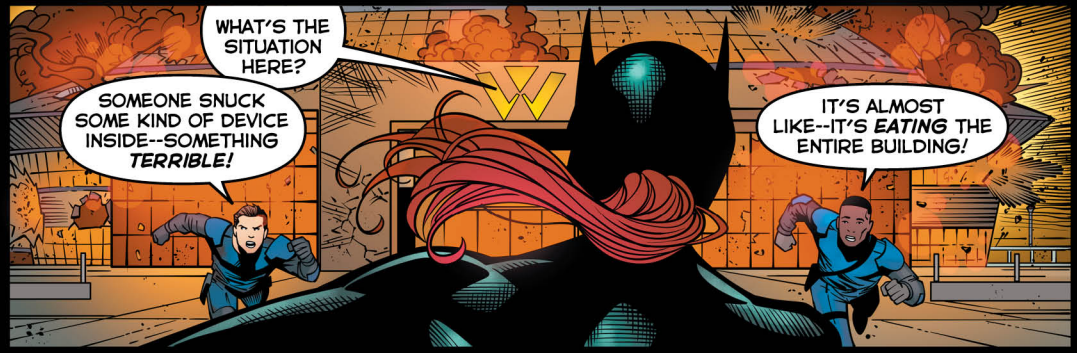
Either way, have to hope the suit is capable of protecting me.



WHAT'S THE SITUATION HERE?

SOMEONE SNUCK SOME KIND OF DEVICE INSIDE--SOMETHING TERRIBLE!

IT'S ALMOST LIKE--IT'S EATING THE ENTIRE BUILDING!



EATING?

EAT, DISINTEGRATE, DISSOLVE--WHATEVER!

ALL I KNOW IS THAT IT'S CHEWING UP EVERYTHING IN SIGHT!



ONE OF OUR BUDDIES IS TRAPPED!

SHE'S A GONER!

NO, SHE'S NOT.



Whoa.

Worse than I thought.

Whatever that device is, it's grinding the building to dust.

If their friend is still alive...

BATMAN!

DO I LOOK LIKE A MAN?

SORRY!

PLEASE-- JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE, OKAY?

ON MY WAY.

HURRY!

THIS PLATFORM IS ABOUT TO--

CRASH!