

GOTHAM MERCY HOSPITAL

"OH THANK GOD."

"THANK GOD, I'M STILL HERE. RORY, I TELL YOU, THERE WAS A MINUTE THERE, FOR ME..."

"...I THOUGHT IT WAS THE END OF THE ROAD."





OF COURSE I DO, SON.
WHAT KIND OF WORLD WOULD THIS BE WITHOUT SYMPATHY?



THEY SAID THEY WERE RUAH TUM'AH, POP. UNCLEAN SPIRITS.
REMEMBER THE OLD STORIES? LIKE THE ONES RABBI LURIA USED TO TELL US...



BUT I GOT A LINE ON THEM. I'M GONNA SEE IF I CAN HELP THE POLICE.



YOU GOT A LINE ON THEM.
I THINK THEY WERE LOOKING FOR YOU, RORY. IS THERE SOMETHING YOU SHOULD TELL ME?



RORY, I'M YOUR FATHER.
WHAT IS IT YOU DON'T WANT ME TO KNOW?



POP. THIS IS GOING TO SOUND CRAZY...



"...BUT I'M STILL AT WAR. I CAME HOME FROM ONE BATTLEFIELD AND JUMPED STRAIGHT INTO ANOTHER.

"THAT LAST MISSION, WHEN IT ALL WENT WRONG, WHEN ALL THE GUYS DIED... I JUST CAN'T SEEM TO LEAVE IT BEHIND..."

"IT'S STILL WITH ME, POP. I'M FIGHTING THAT SAME FIGHT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, IN THE STREETS, AT THE VET CENTER... EVERYWHERE.

"NOBODY WARNED ME ABOUT THAT. THEY MADE IT SOUND LIKE WE'D DO OUR THING OVER THERE AND COME BACK TO A LIFE OF PEACE..."

"THERE'S NO PEACE. I'M TIRED, POP. FIGHTING ALL THE TIME..."

RAGMAN

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"BUT THERE'S NO CHOICE. ALL MY HOPES, ALL MY PLANS, I JUST CAN'T GET BACK TO THEM. NOT UNTIL THIS IS SETTLED. NOT UNTIL THIS WAR LETS ME GO..."

"...AND I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN."

HAHA! THOU'RT BUT A FLIMS Y INSECT!

WE'LL STAMP THEE OUT, RAG MAN! THOU--

RRRRRAGH!

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HEY, "RAG MAN." I THINK IT'S TIME WE TALKED.

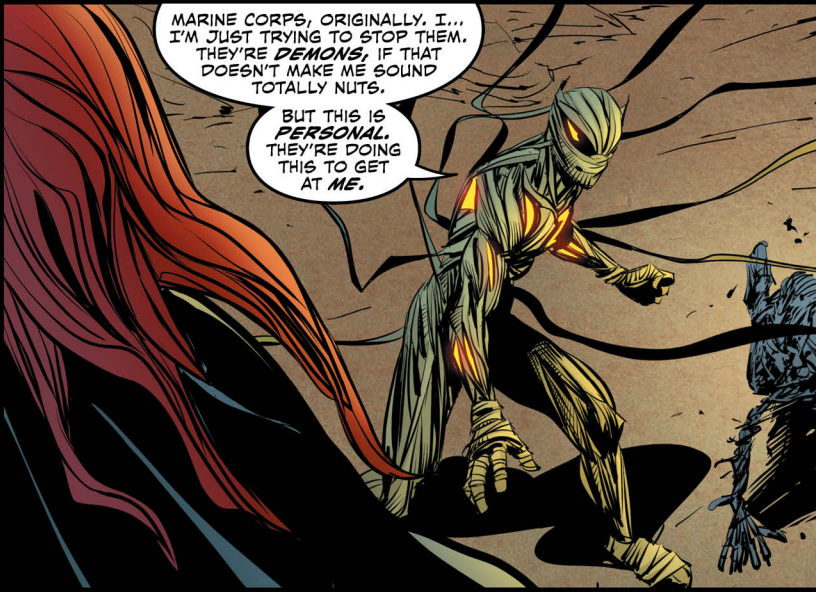
BATWOMAN?!

I'VE SEEN YOU STOPPING THESE... THINGS FROM HURTING PEOPLE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE, BUT I KNOW THEY AREN'T HUMAN.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU ARE, EITHER, BUT I CAN TELL YOU'RE SOME KIND OF SOLDIER, OR YOU WERE. THE WAY YOU FIGHT. SPECIAL FORCES?

TELL ME THIS ISN'T SOME KIND OF TURF WAR IN GOTHAM. TELL ME I DON'T HAVE TO TAKE YOU DOWN...





MARINE CORPS, ORIGINALLY. I... I'M JUST TRYING TO STOP THEM. THEY'RE **DEMONS**, IF THAT DOESN'T MAKE ME SOUND TOTALLY NUTS.

BUT THIS IS **PERSONAL**. THEY'RE DOING THIS TO GET AT **ME**.



THEY WIPED OUT MY **UNIT**. THEY CAME HERE AND TRIED TO KILL MY FATHER.

THEY GET **INTO** YOU, THEY MESS YOU UP. THE WHOLE POINT IS TO KEEP ANYONE ELSE FROM GETTING INVOLVED.

...YOUR FATHER?



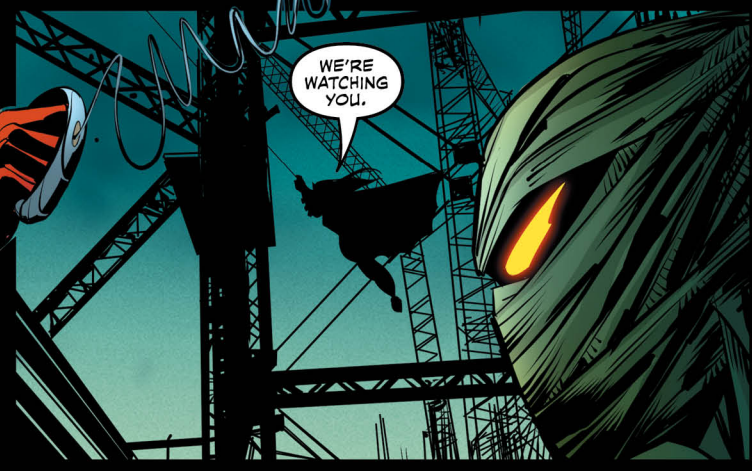
THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO MYSELF. **PLEASE**.

I HEAR YOU.

YOU SEEM TO BE DOING ALL RIGHT SO FAR.



JUST SO YOU KNOW, WE'LL FIND YOU IF THAT **CHANGES**.



WE'RE WATCHING YOU.



YOU'RE NOT ALONE.

"YEAH, I FEEL SAFER ALREADY..."