

NEAR THE BEGINNING.



DC COMICS PRESENTS...



A dynamic comic book illustration of Catwoman driving a car at night. She is wearing her signature black mask and cowl, with a wide, mischievous grin showing her teeth. Her hands are firmly on the steering wheel. The background is a dark city street at night, with blurred lights and streaks of motion, suggesting high speed. A speech bubble in the upper left corner contains the word "MEOW." in all caps.

MEOW.

SOME OF THESE DAYS

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AAA!!!

MASTER BRUCE.



BUSY.

"YES, I AM AWARE OF YOUR CURRENT... **BUSINESS.**"



SCREEEEEEEEEEE

"HOWEVER, I SHOULD BE MADE AWARE."



THAT IT SEEMS WE HAVE A PROBLEM.

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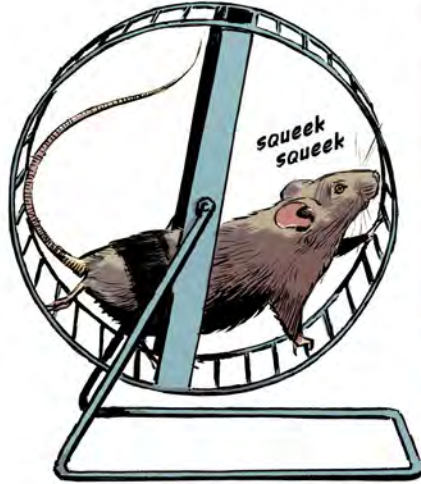


SCREEEE

"WITH THE CAR."

LATER.

SIR, I THOUGHT WE AGREED, TODAY WOULD BE A DAY OF REST.



LAST NIGHT, WHEN I TURNED HIM OVER TO GORDON, NIGMA ASKED:

"WHAT HAS BEEN PLAYED?"

I BELIEVE IT'S A CODE. CONVERT THE LETTERS TO NUMBERS AND--



SIR, YOU HAVE A NOT-MILD CONCUSSION, A BRUISED RIB, AND A SERIOUS ABDOMINAL LACERATION.

RIDDLER IS IN JAIL.

YOU SHOULD BE IN BED.



THE LOOK ON HIS FACE AS HE SAID IT, AS HE WAS TAKEN AWAY.

HE WAS... **SATISFIED.** CONTENT.

YOU KNOW THAT LOOK, ALFRED?



YES, MASTER BRUCE, I BELIEVE I SAW IT ONCE.



MANY YEARS AGO.



"WHAT HAS BEEN PLAYED..."

WAIT...

FRANCIS WATT. THE SECOND BASEMAN FOR THE GOTHAM KNIGHTS.



DIDN'T HE MISS HIS LAST START?







STOP!

NO.



I'M GOING TO CATCH YOU!

NO, YOU'RE NOT.



THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

THAT YOU THINK YOU CAN CATCH ME?

I AGREE.



I AM GOING TO CATCH YOU!

NO, YOU'RE NOT.



I MEANT TO TELL YOU, I WANTED TO BE **NICE**, Y'KNOW, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED WITH THE **CAR**.

SO I CALLED THE COPS ON **MYSELF** BEFORE I BROKE IN. WHICH I THINK IS **VERY** GENEROUS.

ANYWAY, THEY SHOULD BE PULLING UP RIGHT ABOUT **NOW**.



AND WON'T THEY BE **EXCITED** TO SEE ME GO RIGHT OUT THE FRONT WINDOW?



OH.

AND WON'T THEY BE **SURPRISED** TO SEE **YOU** FOLLOW?



BRUCE WAYNE.