

NEO-GOTHAM  
CELEBRATES RENEWAL

FAILURES.

I WANTED  
THE BAT.

YOU WERE  
SUPPOSED TO  
DRAW HIM INTO  
THE OPEN...

...AND  
FAILED,  
KING.

WE DID  
OUR BEST, BUT  
HE NEVER  
SHOWED.

DREG'S  
AFRAID,  
KNOWS I'LL  
ROAST  
HIM.

LOSERS, YOU  
WANT YOUR  
PAY...

...DO  
IT.

I  
OBJECT--!

NO MORE  
TALK.

DO YOUR  
JOB OR YOU'LL  
NEVER SEE THE  
REST OF YOUR  
MONEY.

IN FACT, I  
WILL ALSO TAKE  
BACK MY DOWN  
PAYMENT.

YOU--!

URRT

DAMN  
HOLOGRAM!

PETTY  
CRIMES  
AREN'T  
ENOUGH,  
JACK.

TO GET  
BATMAN  
INVOLVED,  
WE MUST  
COME UP WITH  
SOMETHING  
BIG.

SOMETHING  
MOMENTOUS.



THANKS FOR THE LIFT.

GLAD TO BE HOME, MR. WAYNE?

# THE LONG PAYBACK part one

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MY CANE, TERRY.

WHOA.

YOU JUST HAD BACK SURGERY, BRUCE.

THE DOCTOR SAID TO STAY IN THE CHAIR.



MY... ...CANE.



...NGH...

BANE GAVE YOU A LIFETIME OF BACK PROBLEMS.

YOUR FIGHT WITH KORU...\*

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...MADE IT WORSE.

YOU HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

SWIT



I'M... FINE.

I...



UH.

YOU NEED TIME, BRUCE.



IF YOU THINK I'M GOING TO LET A HORDE OF NURSES AND CAREGIVERS INTO THIS HOUSE...



ABOUT THAT.

WE KNEW YOU WOULDN'T GO FOR THAT SO WE, UH, WELL...

WE MOVED IN, MR. WAYNE!



IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT YOU TOLD DAMIAN AND ME YOU FELT LIKE YOU HAD TWO SONS.

THE FACT IS, YOU NEED HELP AROUND HERE.

GIVEN THE REALITIES OF OUR OPERATION, HIRING OUT ISN'T ON THE TABLE.

MATT AND I ARE YOUR BEST OPTIONS, BRUCE.

...  
OKAY.



BESIDES, YOU COULD FIT AN ARMY IN THIS HOUSE.

IF IT'S SOLITUDE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

NO, YOU'RE RIGHT, TERRY.

MY HOME IS YOUR HOME.

SCHWAY!



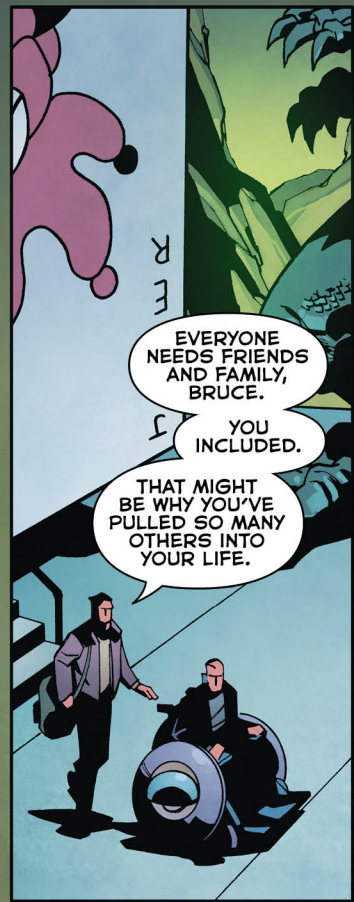
WHO KNOWS? YOU MAY ENJOY HAVING US AROUND.

HAS TO BE A BIT LONELY LIVING BY YOURSELF IN A PLACE THIS BIG.

I'VE SPENT MOST OF MY LIFE LIVING ALONE, TERRY.

MAYBE THAT'S PART OF YOUR PROBLEM.

HMPH.



EVERYONE NEEDS FRIENDS AND FAMILY, BRUCE.

YOU INCLUDED.

THAT MIGHT BE WHY YOU'VE PULLED SO MANY OTHERS INTO YOUR LIFE.



DICK, BARBARA, JASON, TIM, DUKE, ME... YOU NEED US.

WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHAT DO YOU NEED, TERRY?

TO BE BATMAN.

I MIGHT HAVE QUESTIONED THAT BEFORE, BUT I KNOW NOW...

...THAT'S WHO I AM.