

HIS NAME?
BRUCE WAYNE.

YEAH.

I'VE KNOWN
FOR YEARS.

I KNOW YOU DON'T
BELIEVE ME.

LISTEN TO ME,
LOOK AT MY
MOUTH:

WEYP.

I GOT THE WHOLE
STORY NOW.

WEYP.

LITTLE BRUCE WAYNE'S PARENTS
GOT THEMSELVES WHACKED AT
THE MOVIES SO BRUCE WENT
AND BEAT ON PEOPLE FOR
THE REST OF HIS LIFE.

AREN'T I
LUCKY.

THAT GUY IN THE
ALLEY CAN'T FINISH
THE JOB...AND NOW
I'M STUCK PAYING
THE CHECK.

WEYP.

HOW DID I
FIND OUT?

WEYP.

I KNOW

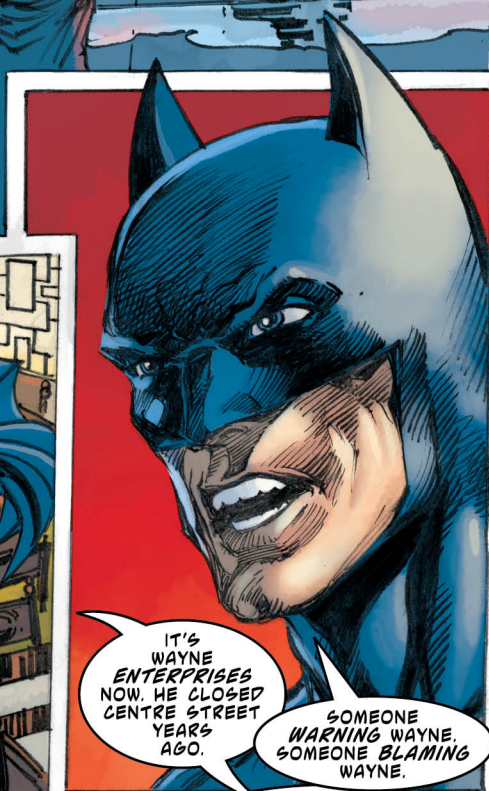
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IT'S WAYNE ENTERPRISES NOW. HE CLOSED CENTRE STREET YEARS AGO.

SOMEONE WARNING WAYNE. SOMEONE BLAMING WAYNE.

IF I SUMMONED BILL GATES TO EVERY CRIME VIC HOLDING HIS BUSINESS CARD...



Return to **CRIME ALLEY**

LESLIE THOMPINS'
VOICE IS SHRILL AND
EDGED WITH PANIC.

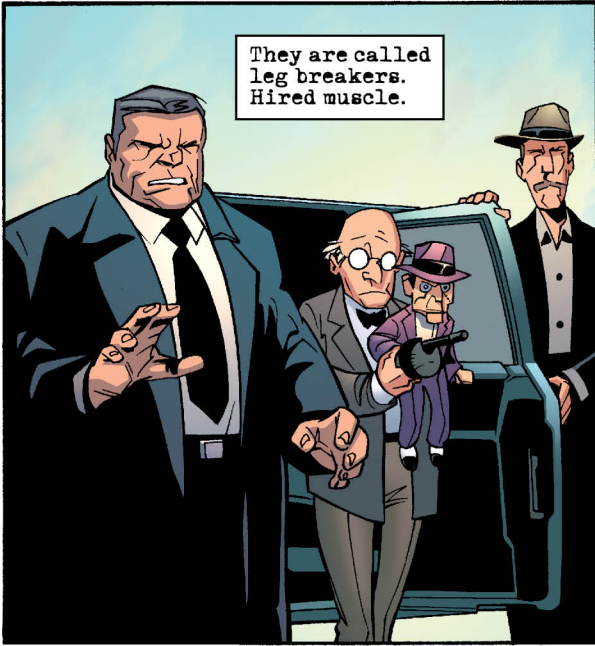
SHE MUST STOP
BRUCE WAYNE
FROM DOING WHAT
HE WILL FOREVER
REGRET.

SHE MUST STOP
BATMAN FROM
DOING THE
UNFORGIVABLE.


BRUCE...

NO.

DENNY O'NEIL WRITER STEVE EPTING ARTIST
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They are called
leg breakers.
Hired muscle.




Torpedoes.
Goons.
Gunsels.


By any
other name:
HENCHMEN.



Some are ruthless young hopefuls
determined to rise quickly through
the ranks of the criminal elite...



...while others are lifelong losers, anonymous
flunkies risking prison or death to back up any
psycho with a few bucks to throw their way.



And then
there's
KNUTE
BRODY.

His origins are obscure and his whereabouts,
if he's alive, are unknown.

Yet, this cauliflower-eared, pug-faced
stumblebum has achieved near-mythic
status as the WORST henchman ever to
drift through Gotham City's underworld.

Tonight on *Gotham Insider*,
we examine

THE LEGEND OF KNUTE BRODY.

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DEREK FRIDOLFS *Inks*

JOHN KALISZ *Colors*

STEVE WANDS *Letters*

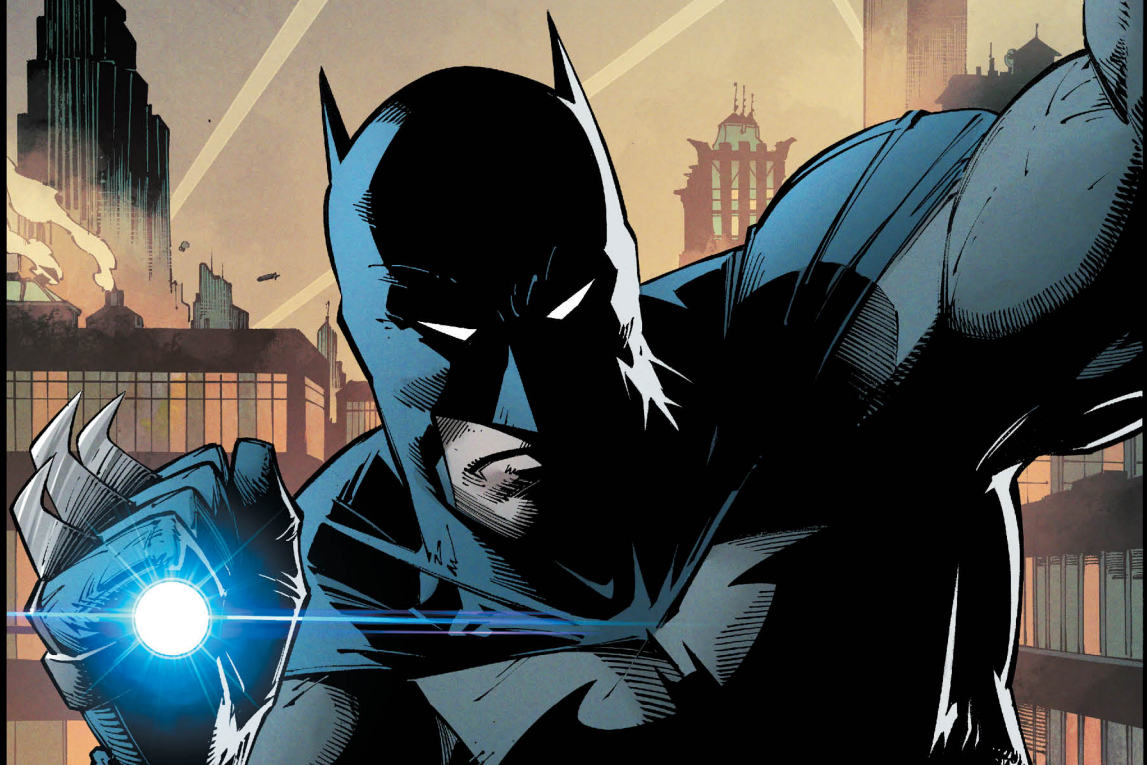
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*It's a case that
seems to have a
thousand parts...*

*It has taken me
as many days...*

*Brought me to
as many places...*

*Tonight though, I'm
closing the book on
it once and for all.*



Batman's
LONGEST CASE

SCOTT SNYDER WRITER • GREG CAPULLO PENCILS
JONATHAN GLAPION INKS • FCO PLASCENCIA COLORS • TOM NAPOLITANO LETTERS

"RICHARD."

"DAMIAN."

"DO YOU KNOW?"



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"I KNOW A LOT, KID. YOU'RE GOING TO NEED A LITTLE MORE SPECIFICITY."

"TT. IF YOU KNEW A LOT, YOU WOULDN'T NEED SPECIFICITY."

"AND IF YOU KNEW A LOT, YOU WOULDN'T BE ASKING ME IF I KNEW."

"JASON DOESN'T KNOW."

"YOU ASKED HIM BEFORE YOU ASKED ME?"

Batman's Greatest Case.

"STEPHANIE, TIMOTHY, HELENA, CASSANDRA, BARBARA, KATHERINE, DUKE, ALFRED. NO ONE KNOWS."

"YOU ASKED EVERYONE BEFORE YOU ASKED ME?"

TOM KING Writer

"YOU HAVE MANY FINE ATTRIBUTES, RICHARD, BUT YOU ARE NOT THE GREATEST DETECTIVE."

"SURE, BUT I THOUGHT I'D AT LEAST BE THE, LIKE, THIRD-GREATEST DETECTIVE."

"YOU ARE THE ELEVENTH-GREATEST."

TONY S. DANIEL & JOËLLE JONES Artists

"OH, OKAY. AT LEAST I'M ABOVE ACE."

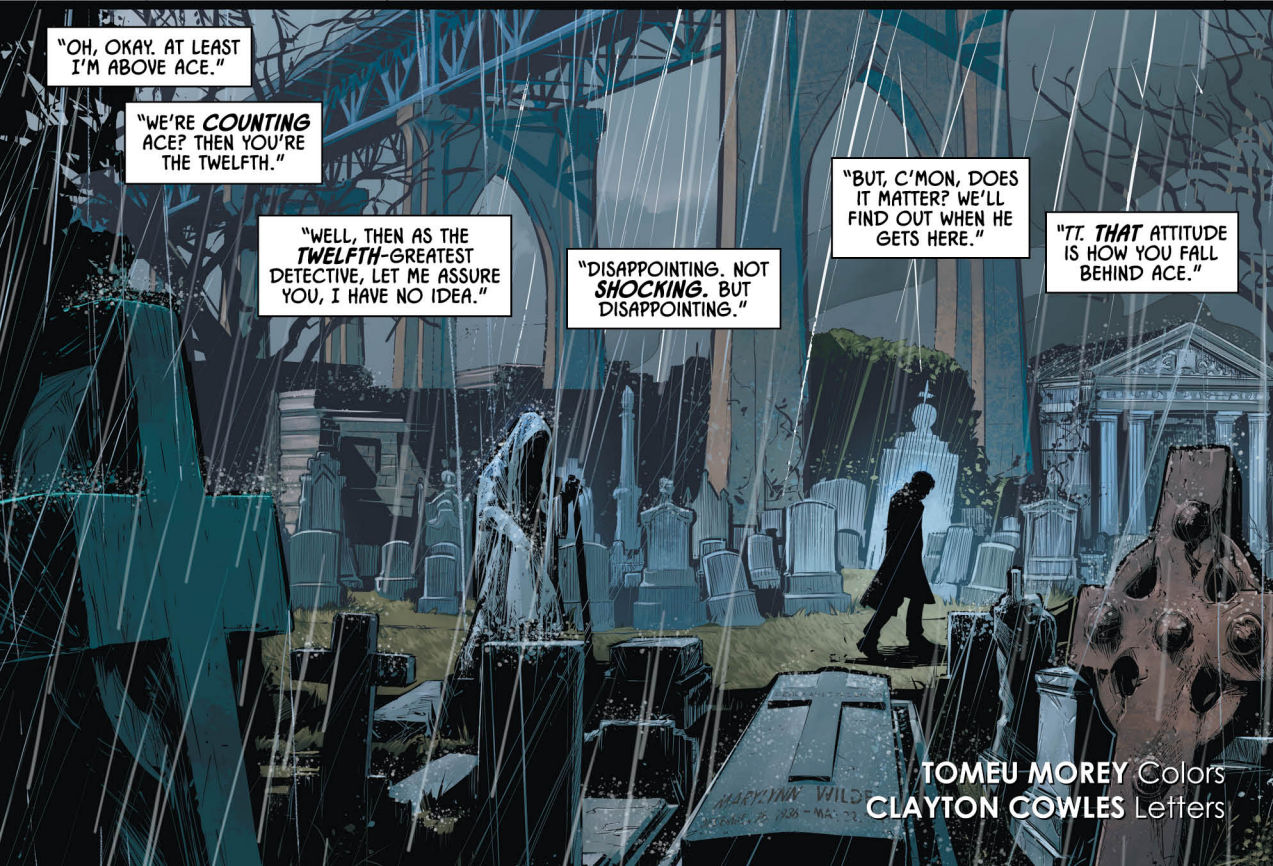
"WE'RE COUNTING ACE? THEN YOU'RE THE TWELFTH."

"WELL, THEN AS THE TWELFTH-GREATEST DETECTIVE, LET ME ASSURE YOU, I HAVE NO IDEA."

"DISAPPOINTING. NOT SHOCKING. BUT DISAPPOINTING."

"BUT, C'MON, DOES IT MATTER? WE'LL FIND OUT WHEN HE GETS HERE."

"TT. THAT ATTITUDE IS HOW YOU FALL BEHIND ACE."

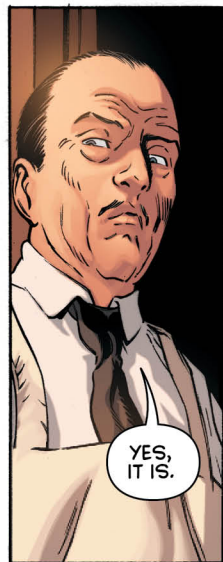


TOMEU MOREY Colors
CLAYTON COWLES Letters



THE PRECEDENT

JAMES TYNION IV WRITER ALVARO MARTINEZ-BUENO PENCILS
RAUL FERNANDEZ INKS BRAD ANDERSON COLORS SAL CIPRIANO LETTERING



Hopped up on illegal superhuman-emulation drugs, full of black market healing upgrades, and wearing stolen military-grade power armor.

I'm delighted.

It means I don't have to be gentle.

THE BATMAN'S DESIGN

WARREN ELLIS WRITER
BECKY CLOONAN ARTIST
JORDIE BELLAIRE COLORS
SIMON BOWLAND LETTERS

They're from bad places and they made bad choices. On some level, I don't blame them for trying to make new futures any way they could.

But not like that. Not in my haunt.

BATMAN.

SAY IT FAST.

REALLY FAST.

AS FAST AS YOU CAN.

OVER AND OVER.

SO, WHAT DO YOU HEAR?

BADMAN.

BAD.

MAN.

BATMAN.

BADMAN.

TO ME...

...NOW AND FOREVER...

...ONE AND THE SAME.

THE PEOPLE OF GOTHAM CITY DESERVE BETTER THAN A DARK KNIGHT.

THEY WILL EXPERIENCE THE HAND OF A FAIR AND TRUE SERVANT AT WORK.

AND THEY WILL BEAR WITNESS TO THE ARKHAM KNIGHT FINALLY DELIVERING JUSTICE TO THE BATMAN.

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IT'S BEEN OVER A MONTH SINCE OLD MAN GORDON FLIPPED IT ON!

LET'S BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT, DAMIAN.

GRATEFUL? DAD. ARKHAM CLOSED WITH A WHIMPER. BANE'S IN REHAB WRITING US APOLOGY LETTERS. AND DUELA DENT NAMED HER NEWBORN TWINS BATMAN AND ROBIN...AS A THANK-YOU FOR "SETTING HER STRAIGHT."

I'M READY FOR SOME OLD-SCHOOL ACTION!

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN A BIT QUIET IN GOTHAM SINCE THE JOKER GOT SICK.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A CRIME-FREE GOTHAM, MOM.

RIGHT, DAD?

YES, ECHO. BUT GOTHAM'S NOT CRIME-FREE.

NOT YET.

RUFF!

The LAST CRIME in GOTHAM

GEOFF JOHNS writer
KELLEY JONES artist
MICHELLE MADSEN colorist
ROB LEIGH letterer





"I'M GOING TO MAKE THAT METAL PAY FOR ITS SINS."



"I'M GOING TO BURN THE METAL THAT KILLED MY PARENTS."




"AND FORGE IT INTO SOMETHING USEFUL."



"SO THE METAL THAT BROKE MY HEART AS A CHILD?"



"THAT SAME METAL WILL PROTECT MY HEART AS A MAN."



"AND THAT IS JUSTICE."



MANUFACTURE FOR USE

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JIM LEE pencils
SCOTT WILLIAMS inks
ALEX SINCLAIR colors
TODD KLEIN letters

