



"IN ANOTHER LIFE, I WAS DICK GRAYSON. AN ORDINARY PERSON."

"I WAS A JOURNALIST. I HAD A WIFE, A BABY SON."



"I WAS HAPPY. I MEAN, TRULY HAPPY."

"THEN THE WORLD ENDED."

"LITERALLY."



"A ROGUE DEMON PLANET CALLED APOKOLIPS ANNIHILATED THE WORLD."

"MY WIFE DIED. MY SON WAS LOST. I WAS CRIPPLED."

SKRUNCH

"EVERYTHING ENDED."

"TRUE STORY. TRAGIC ONE."



HERE'S
ANOTHER
STORY.

THERE
WAS A GUY
CALLED BRUCE
WAYNE.

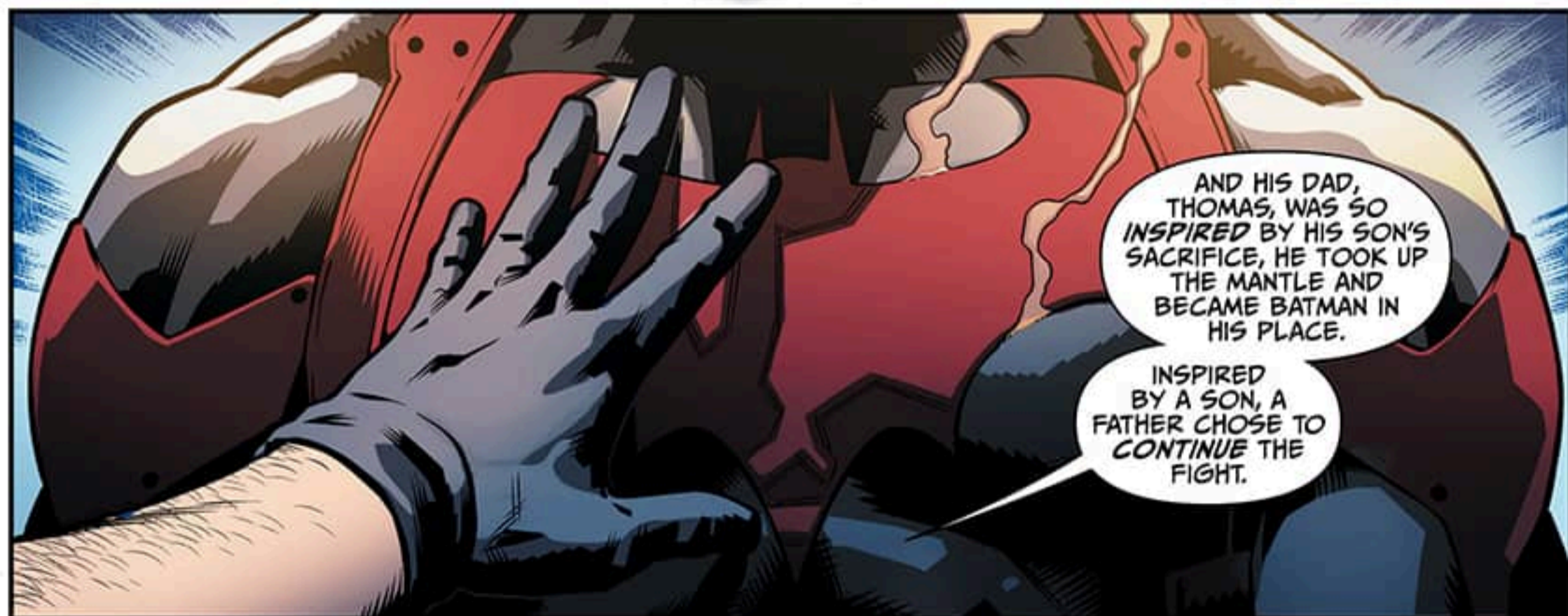
HE WAS A
WONDER. HE
FOUGHT AGAINST
CRIME AND EVIL
AS BATMAN.

FTTZZZ
ZZZZ



IT WAS A
DANGEROUS
LIFE, AND IT
CAUGHT UP
WITH HIM IN
THE END.

HE
DIED. HE
DIED SAVING
THE WORLD.
A HERO'S
DEATH.



AND HIS DAD,
THOMAS, WAS SO
INSPIRED BY HIS SON'S
SACRIFICE, HE TOOK UP
THE MANTLE AND
BECAME BATMAN IN
HIS PLACE.

INSPIRED
BY A SON, A
FATHER CHOSE TO
CONTINUE THE
FIGHT.



THOMAS,
HE WAS MEANER
THAN BRUCE. MORE
RUTHLESS.

SO THEY
TELL ME.

BUT HE
WAS STILL
BATMAN. THE
WONDER
ENDURED.



THEN
THOMAS DIED, TOO.
ANOTHER HEROIC
SACRIFICE.

SO, YOU SEE,
THAT'S KIND OF WHERE
THE TWO STORIES COME
TOGETHER...



...YOU'VE
GOT THE LEGACY
OF BATMAN LEFT
VACANT, WITHOUT A
SUCCESSOR.

AND YOU'VE
GOT DICK GRAYSON,
WIDOWER, HIS SON LOST,
WITH NO PURPOSE
LEFT IN HIS LIFE.



SO...DICK
GRAYSON
BECOMES
BATMAN?
A THIRD
BATMAN?

RIGHT.

IT SEEMED
TO MAKE SENSE.
TAKE TWO BROKEN
STORIES AND MAKE
ONE *GOOD* ONE
OUT OF THEM.



SURVIVAL
HERE ON EARTH 2 IS
HARD. THE REFUGEES
NEED WONDERS TO
PROTECT THEM.

DICK GRAYSON
STEPPED UP. JUST
LIKE THOMAS WAYNE,
INSPIRED BY THE LOSS
OF A SON.

HE FOUND
A PURPOSE.
A REASON TO
GO ON.



NOW EARTH-2
IS ON THE BRINK,
THREATENED BY A
MANIAC CALLED THE
ULTRA-HUMANITE.

HE COULD
DESTROY THIS
WORLD JUST
LIKE APOKOLIPS
DESTROYED THE
LAST
ONE.

SO I'M
THINKING...

NEOTROPOLIS, EARTH-2.

3:00 A.M.

LEGACY

IS IT
TIME FOR
ANOTHER
HEROIC
SACRIFICE?

OUR
HEROES
UNITE

WOLFE BRIDGES (BATMAN SQUAD)
UNIVERSAL FILMS (SUPERHERO/SCIENCE FICTION)
MUSIC: JAY

AND ALAN CURTIS (BATMAN SQUAD)
FOR THE SUPERHERO/SCIENCE FICTION
FILM

FOR LARRY LARSEN: TONY LARSEN LARSEN
BARRY BRIDGES AND BARRY BRIDGES LARSEN
AND CHUCK LARSEN
BARRY BRIDGES BY BOB BRIDGES WITH BILL BRIDGES

AND THE STORY
WAS PLACED IN THE
MIDDLE OF THE
EARTH'S HISTORY
—END—

On a parallel Earth, alternate versions of familiar heroes struggle to keep the world safe. One of these "Wonders" is Dick Grayson, now serving as Batman. When the evil genius known as the Ultra-Humanite launches a plan to re-make Earth-2 using a precious mystical artifact—the Pandora Box—Grayson discovers that his missing son John, long presumed dead, has been enslaved as one of the mastermind's Humanite enforcers.

THESE
STORIES ARE LIKE
INTERLOCKING
CYCLES,
REPEATING.

LIKE A
LEGEND, AN
ANCIENT EPIC
MYTH.

DOES A
BATMAN ALWAYS
NEED TO DIE
TO SAVE THE
WORLD?

I'M BATMAN. I
MADE THAT
CHOICE.

IS IT
MY TURN
NOW?

BUT—



EXACTLY.
THERE'S A
"BUT".
YOU.



RIGHT HERE,
RIGHT NOW, IN WHAT
MIGHT BE THE LAST
FEW HOURS OF THE
WORLD, YOU
APPEAR.

MY SON.
MY BABY JOHN.
NOT LOST
AFTER ALL.



SO I DON'T
KNOW IF I CAN
BE BATMAN
ANYMORE.

I DON'T
KNOW IF THERE
CAN BE A BATMAN
THIS TIME WHEN THE
CYCLE COMES
AROUND.





GET
OUT OF MY
HEAD.

YOU FAILED
TO SECURE THE
AMAZONIAN CASKET
WHEN YOU HAD THE
CHANCE.


YOU THEN
DISOBEYED
ME AND **RESISTED**
MY MENTAL
CONTROL.



ARE YOU NOW
CONTRITE?

ARE YOU READY TO
ACCEPT MY AUTHORITY
AND **REJOIN** THE RANKS
OF THE HUMANITES?

THERE IS
STILL A **PLACE**
FOR YOU,
JOHN.



YOU ALWAYS HAD
SUCH POTENTIAL.
PERHAPS MORE THAN
ANY OF THE OTHER
HUMANITES.

I HAD
HOPES FOR
YOU. I WOULD
HATE TO **LOSE**
YOU.

PLEASE...

I'M OFFERING
YOU A **SECOND**
CHANCE, JOHN. TAKE
IT. ATONE FOR YOUR
ERRORS AND **REJOIN**
MY SERVICE.



YOU
LIED TO
ME.



I DID WHAT?

YOU SAID MY FATHER WAS DEAD. HE ISN'T.



I SAW HIM THERE IN THE TOWER. HE'S BATMAN.

HE KNEW ME. HE CALLED TO ME. HE SAID IT WOULD BE OKAY.

AND YOU TOLD ME TO KILL HIM.



HE'S NOT YOUR FATHER. HE GAVE UP THAT NIGHT YEARS AGO WHEN HE LEFT YOU FOR DEAD.

BATMAN IS A WONDER. HE STANDS IN OUR WAY.

HE IS THE ENEMY. HE IS A LEGITIMATE TARGET.



NO! HE'S MY DADDY!

JOHN?