



**I AM
ROBIN!**



LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING, MISTER-LIQUOR-STORE-ROBBER, SIR?

YOU EVER HEARD THAT SONG, "THE MAN ON THE FLYING TRAPEZE"?

Y'KNOW, "HE FLIES THROUGH THE AIR, WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE, THE DARING YOUNG MAN..."



WELL, GUESS WHAT? I AM A *DARING* YOUNG MAN.

AND THIS AIN'T NOTHING BUT EASE.

DROP IT! NOW!



WHAT?



GUN ON THE FLOOR! HANDS IN THE AIR!

NOW!



NO, NO, NO, YOU DON'T GET IT.

I'M A ROBIN.

I'M, LIKE, ON THE GOOD SIDE. LIKE YOU, MAN.

DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THERE'S LOTS OF US DOING THIS, MAN. WE'RE A MOVEMENT.



HANDS! GUN! NOW!



I CAUGHT THIS GUY! I CAUGHT HIM!

AND I GAVE HIM THIS GOOD LINE I'VE BEEN PRACTICING ABOUT EASE. IT COMES FROM ROBIN!

I'M JUST LIKE HIM. I AM HIM, Y'KNOW. I AM ROBIN!



MNNNGGG

THWAP



BANG

KRSCHH



STOP! STOP!

NO!



STOP, STOP, STOP...

GIVE IT TO ME! GIVE ME THE GUN!



WHAT? WHAT... NO...

I JUST WANTED A DRINK!



NO... NO, YOU HAVE TO STOP IT.



SHUT UP! I JUST WANTED A DRINK.

ST-ST-STOP IT!



A DRINK!

NO... NO.

NO!

BANG
BANG
BANG



BUT... BUT...

ROBIN *WAR* PART ONE

WITH THE GREATEST OF EASE

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A high-angle illustration of Robin in a bar. He is kneeling on a green floor, holding a handgun. Two bodies lie on the floor around him, one with a pool of blood. Several cans are scattered on the floor. A speech bubble above Robin says "I'M ROBIN. I'M ROBIN. I'M ROBIN." In the background, a man in a grey shirt stands behind a bar counter with a cash register and a microscope. Shelves with bottles are visible in the background.

I'M ROBIN.
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BATMAN CREATED BY BOB KANE
WITH BILL FINGER

...REPORTS NOW IN THAT THERE IS FOOTAGE OF THE SHOOTING OF A GCPD POLICE OFFICER, WHO WAS KILLED LAST NIGHT AT THE J WOOD LIQUOR STORE ON GOTHAM'S EAST SIDE.



--THERE WAS ONE OF THESE KIDS. THESE KIDS WHO DRESS UP. HE WAS THERE AT THE TIME OF THE KILLING. AND APPEARED TO FLEE THE SCENE--



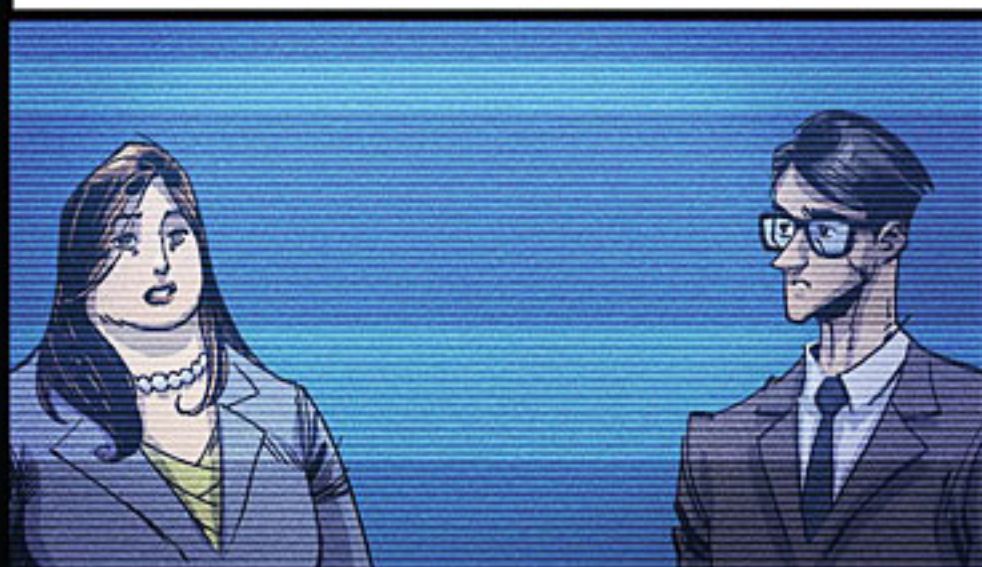
...ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS MAN. OR MAYBE THIS CHILD. YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE HE'S WEARING A MASK. HE IS CONFIRMED AS THE SHOOTER OF OFFICER DARRELL...



...BELIEVED TO BE PART OF THIS NEW MOVEMENT THAT HAS SPREAD ALL OVER GOTHAM. TEENAGERS--CHILDREN, REALLY DRESSING UP, TRYING TO BE...HEROES OR SUPER HEROES.



THEY CALL THEMSELVES ROBIN. AFTER BATMAN'S PARTNER. THAT CHILD PARTNER HE HAS. HE'S THEIR ROLE MODEL. OBVIOUSLY NOT A GOOD ONE.



YES, YES, THE YOUNG GENTLEMEN WAS WEARING A MASK. AND AUDIO CONFIRMS HE IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ROBIN. AS A ROBIN, I SHOULD BE CLEAR.



LOOK, THIS ISN'T CONTROVERSY. IT'S FACT. THAT BOY IS NOT THERE, THE COPS DO THEIR JOB. THE COP DOES HIS JOB, HE LIVES. THIS FALLS ON THE BOY!



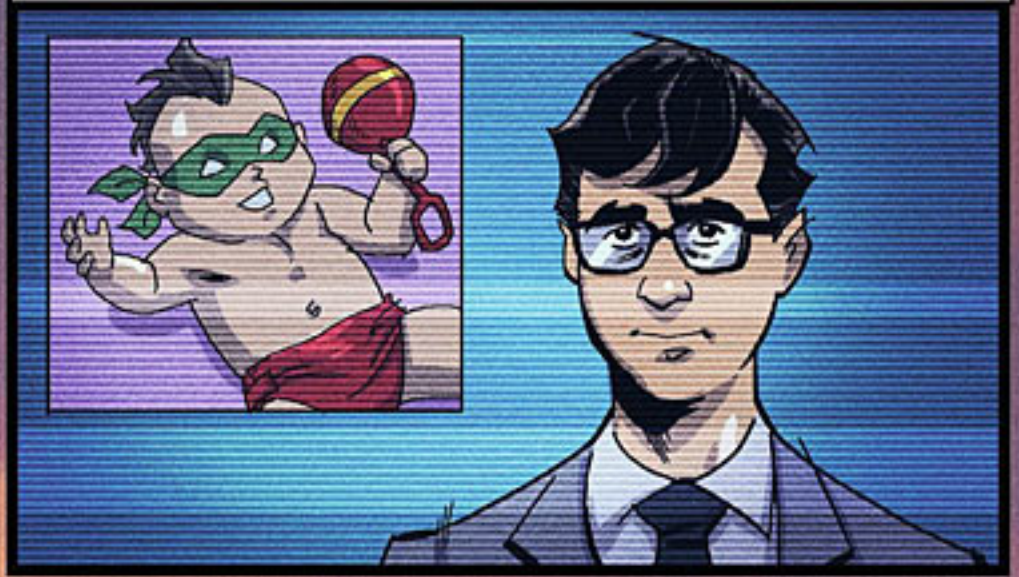
...HAVE TO BLAME THE POLICE. THEY LET THIS HAPPEN. FIRST IT'S BATMAN. THEN IT'S ROBIN. THEN IT'S ALL THE ROBINS. THEY GAVE THESE PEOPLE AN INCH, THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING.



MY HUSBAND WAS TRAINED! HE WENT THROUGH TRAINING TO DO HIS JOB! NOW THIS KID DOES THIS? WHO TRAINED HIM? THAT'S WHAT I KEEP ASKING.



...NO ACTIONS TO STOP THIS? NONE? NONE? WHAT'S NEXT, GOTHAM? DEATHSTROKE THE TODDLER TERMINATOR WIELDING HIS DIRTY DIAPER OF DESTRUCTION?!



...GOTHAM NEEDS TO SAY NO! NO TO ROBINS! NO TO MASKED TEENAGERS! NO TO AMATEUR HOUR VIGILANTES! NO. NO! NO!



...AND I LIKE BATMAN. HE SAVED MY SISTER. BUT I DON'T WANT, Y'KNOW, KIDS DOING IT. I DON'T WANT TO BE THAT COP, Y'KNOW.



...CITY COUNCIL IS LOOKING INTO THE MATTER. WE ARE REVIEWING ALL OPTIONS IN DEALING WITH THIS ROBIN SITUATION. NOTHING IS OFF THE TABLE.



...PROTESTS ACROSS GOTHAM, DEMANDING THAT THE POLICE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SO-CALLED "ROBIN SITUATION."



THE POLICE LET THIS HAPPEN! THEY KILLED THEIR OWN MAN! THEY LET THE ROBIN KILL HIM! TO HELL WITH THESE KIDS! TO HELL WITH THE POLICE!



...AND JUST EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE ASKING: WHAT WILL GOTHAM DO?

