

DC COMICS PRESENTS



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE BEGINNING OUR FINAL DESCENT INTO GOTHAM.



PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR SEAT BELT IS SECURELY FASTENED AND YOUR SEAT BACKS AND TRAY TABLES ARE IN THEIR FULL AND UPRIGHT POSITION.



I AM GOTHAM

PART ONE

ALL CARRY-ON LUGGAGE SHOULD NOW BE STOWED UNDERNEATH THE SEAT IN FRONT OF YOU OR IN THE OVERHEAD BINS.

THANK YOU.

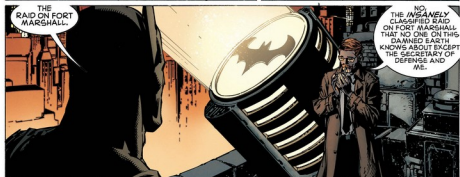
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GOT THE  
MEAD IN JUST  
NOW. UNIFORM  
BOYS'RE ALWAYS  
HESITANT TO  
SHARE.



THE  
RAID ON FORT  
MARSHALL.

NO,  
THE *INSANELY*  
CLASSIFIED RAID  
ON FORT MARSHALL  
THAT NO ONE ON THIS  
DAMNED EARTH  
KNOWS ABOUT EXCEPT  
THE SECRETARY OF  
DEFENSE AND  
ME.



AND YOU.

APPARENTLY.

HAPPENED  
A WEEK BACK,  
IT SEEMS.  
A WEEK.  
INSANITY.

CULPRITS  
GOT THREE  
SURFACE  
TO AIR  
MISSILES.

TWO  
OF WHICH MY  
BOYS STUMBLED  
ON IN A RAID  
ON A KOBRA  
CELL AN HOUR  
AGO.



THEY CHASED DOWN  
A FELLOW RUNNING  
WITH THE THIRD...

...BUT LOST HIM  
SOMEWHERE IN THE  
NARROWS.

THAT LEAVES  
ONE DESPERATE  
MAN WITH A BIG-OLD  
GUN SOMEWHERE  
IN MY CITY.

Y'KNOW,  
PAL, I LOVE  
THIS WHOLE  
ROOF THING  
WE GOT.

BUT AT  
TIMES LIKE THESE,  
I WISH YOU'D JUST  
GIVE ME YOUR  
DAMN PHONE  
NUMBER--



A dramatic comic book panel showing Batman in his suit and cowl, flying through a city street. He is positioned upside down, with his wings spread wide. The background consists of tall, detailed buildings with windows and architectural details, rendered in a warm, orange-toned light. The perspective is from a low angle, looking up at Batman as he descends.

ALFRED.

I AM MONITORING THE PILOTS' COMMUNICATIONS NOW, MASTER BRUCE. THE PLANE SUSTAINED CRITICAL DAMAGE TO THE VERTICAL STABILIZER AND REAR RUDDER.

WHAT IS WORSE, THEY APPEAR TO HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THE CENTRAL HYDRAULIC SYSTEM.

THEY EXPECT TO COME DOWN NEAR THE BASE OF KANE PLAZA, IN GOTHAM SQUARE, IN APPROXIMATELY SIX MINUTES.

A SATURDAY EVENING. THE CROWDS IN THE SQUARE.

I'M AFRAID THE LOSS OF LIFE WILL BE... EXCEPTIONAL.



ALL RIGHT. PUT IT OUT ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE CHANNEL WITH PERSONALIZED COMMS TO HAL AND CLARK.



THEN I NEED DUKE.

YES, MASTER BRUCE.



I'M HERE, BRUCE. YOU WANT ME TO PUT ON THE YELLOW? GO WHERE IT'S COMING DOWN?

I GET IT. I'M STILL TRAINING, BUT I CAN HELP.

YOU'RE RIGHT, YOU *CAN* HELP, DUKE.

PULL UP THE INFO ON THE PLANE AND THE CAR.



I NEED AN ANGLE.



PLANE AND THE CAR, ALL RIGHT. YEAH, YEAH.



I'M LOOKING AT IT NOW. UH, YEAH, I SEE IT.

IT WON'T BE EASY.

I DON'T NEED EASY, MISTER THOMAS.