

Then.

MOM...

DAD...

OUCH. SORRY YOU HAD TO WATCH THAT, LUV. WISH I COULD HAVE SAVED THEM, TOO.

THE KROOS ATTACKED. KILLED THEM. YOU TRIED TO... WARN US THEY WERE LYING.

AVE.

IT BREAKS ME EVER-LOVIN' HEART TO SEE DOVES CRV.

PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS ALWAYS SOUND NICE, BUT REAL TRUTH AND JUSTICE? THEY'RE WON FANS TO CLAW. NO ROOM FOR HESITATION.

BLACK IS BLACK.

WHITE IS WHITE.

PLEASE... CAN YOU HELP US?

ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS ASK, LUV.









DEATH IS EVERYWHERE.



THAT'S YOUR FEAR TALKING, COBB.

WE ONLY DID WHAT BLACK TAUGHT US. WE'D DO IT AGAIN.

WHAT IF THAT'S THE PROBLEM, MARTINEZ?

COBB, WE ARE ALL SHAKEN BY THESE... DEVELOPMENTS. YOU AND KATHY HAVE SERVED FAITHFULLY AS ADVISERS, BUT I CANNOT HAVE YOU REVERTING TO WEAKENED MINDSETS.

I DON'T HAVE TO REMIND YOU WHAT THAT CAN COST.



THE RIFT'S SEAL AROUND THE SHIP HAS ALWAYS BEEN IN FLUX. IF IT WEREN'T FOR BLACK'S POWERS IT WOULD COLLAPSE INTO A SINGULARITY.

SECURITY IS HIS JOB. WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF OURS: THE BOY.



DON'T LECTURE ME ON SECURITY, GOODMAN! FIRST KROOG, THEN FRANKENSTEIN, HIS BRIDE, BATMAN, ROBIN, AND NOW THESE RIFTSQUIDS INVADE OUR PEACEFUL TOWN?

HOW ARE ANY OF US ANY SAFER? I DEMAND TO TALK TO BLACK RIGHT NOW!



OUT OF THE QUESTION.

PERHAPS A CONVERSATION SHOULD BE HAD, BUT NOT WITH YOU.



BLAST IT, GOODMAN! IF YOU HAVE ANY SENSE YOU'D FORGO PROTOCOL AND OPEN YOUR EARS--

I'M DONE LISTENING TODAY, COBB. YOU AND KATHY RETURN HOME AND AWAIT FURTHER ORDERS. HAVE I MADE MYSELF CLEAR?

Hrrn...



...YES, SIR.