

There's a saying here in Gotham...it was adopted from the Miagani Tribe who lived here long ago...

...before they were all murder.

It goes... "Happiness is seeing the world through the eyes of children."

There's even a Latin version on our subway token. "Through new eyes..."

There's truth in it, though.

I've never told anyone this, but whenever I have a **bad night**... whenever I doubt myself, or my mission as Batman (like now... **now**)... I try to see things through my children's eyes.

Dick was the first Robin. He had the happiest eyes. Circus eyes. Weightless **leaps**. Leaping, never falling.

But it's true of all of them.

So remind yourself, Bruce. Now. Quickly...

...feel it. The joy, the **place** it brings...

THE BATCAVE. NOW.

...to look into your child's eyes...

...see the world as they see it.



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!



WHAT I HAD TO.



WHAT ARE YOU--

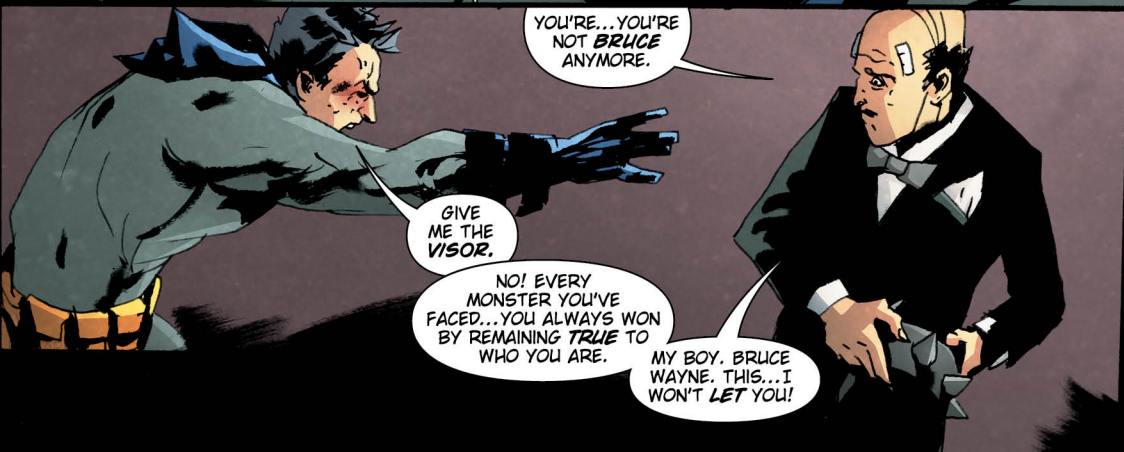
TAKE THAT DAMNED THING OFF RIGHT NOW! LET ME SEE YOUR BLOODY...



...EYES--

--MY GOD.

ALFRED.
DO NOT. DO. THAT. AGAIN.

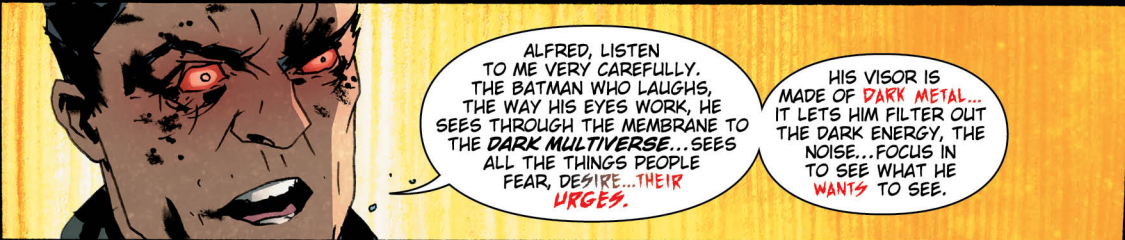


YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT BRUCE ANYMORE.

GIVE ME THE VISOR.

NO! EVERY MONSTER YOU'VE FACED... YOU ALWAYS WON BY REMAINING TRUE TO WHO YOU ARE.

MY BOY. BRUCE WAYNE. THIS... I WON'T LET YOU!



ALFRED, LISTEN TO ME VERY CAREFULLY. THE BATMAN WHO LAUGHS, THE WAY HIS EYES WORK, HE SEES THROUGH THE MEMBRANE TO THE DARK MULTIVERSE... SEES ALL THE THINGS PEOPLE FEAR, DESIRE... THEIR **URGES**.

HIS VISOR IS MADE OF **DARK METAL**... IT LETS HIM FILTER OUT THE DARK ENERGY, THE NOISE... FOCUS IN TO SEE WHAT HE **WANTS** TO SEE.

I FORGED THE VISOR IN YOUR HANDS FROM THE **DARK METAL** WE STRIPPED FROM GOTHAM.

IT'S ATTUNED TO THE SAME ENERGY AS HIS. IF I CAN LEARN TO USE IT, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO PREDICT WHERE THE NEXT BRUCE WAYNE IS COMING THROUGH. **BEAT HIM AT HIS OWN GAME**.

PLEASE, I'LL TAKE IT FROM YOU IF I HAVE TO.

...

YOU'LL TRY.



DAMMIT, GIVE IT T--

WHAM!

NO!

ARGH!



... YOU... HIT ME. **HEH.**



BRUCE... I... I'M SO SORRY. I--



RAHHH!





HIT--

NO! Don't touch him, Bruce!

You've never fought Alfred before. Never!

JUST HIT HIM.

BUST HIS EYES TO KNOW HIM WHO'S WHO! stop it--

--stop. He loves you! Look at him!

LOOK!

I'M GOING TO CRIPPLE YOU...

BRUCE, I LOVE YOU. LOOK AT ME!

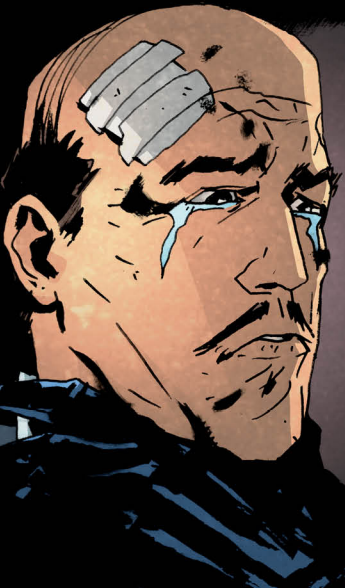
...HURT YOU. HURT YOU SO BAD... SO YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE ME...

...EVER AGAIN!



SLAM

YOU THINK YOU CAN HURT ME?!

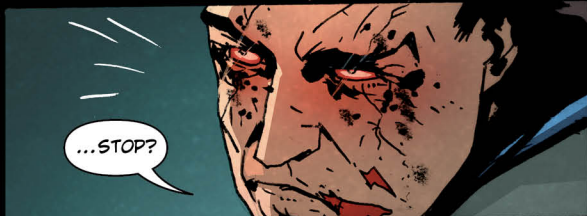


ALL YOU'VE DONE FOR YEARSSSS IS HOLD ME BACK! I'VE CARRIED YOU OUT OF PITY! BECAUSE YOU'RE PATHETIC! YOU THINK YOU'RE SOME FATHER TO ME?! DO YOU?!

WELL IT'S LONG PAST TIME FOR ME TO...

PLEASE... ->KOFF= BRUCE...

...STOP?



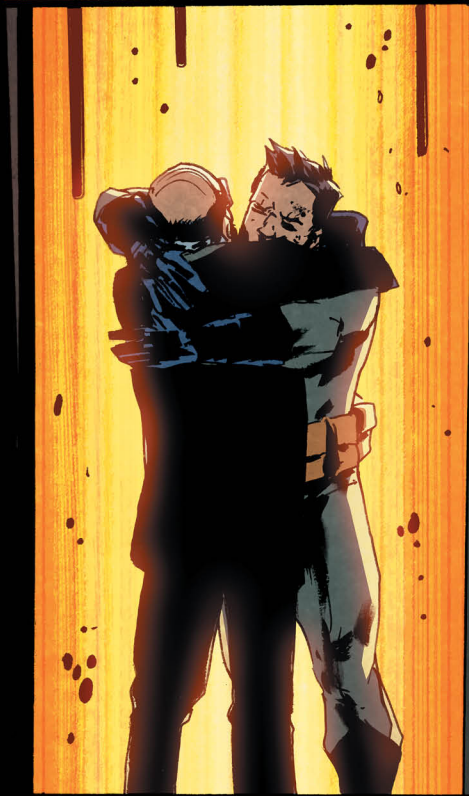


=GASP=

...



ALFRED,
I...



I'M SO
SORRY.

I KNOW, BRUCE,
AND I'M SORRY,
TOO. MY JOB IS TO
PROTECT YOU,
THOUGH. AND I
JUST...



...I FEAR
THERE IS NO
PROTECTING
YOU THIS
TIME.

MAYBE NOT.
BUT... BATMAN ISN'T
ABOUT ME. HE NEVER
WAS. HE'S ABOUT
EVERYONE ELSE. YOU
TAUGHT ME THAT,
ALFRED. YOU.



BATMAN
IS ABOUT
GOTHAM...

...I NEED
TO SEE IT AS THAT
MONSTER DOES.

"LOOK AT
YOU GO..."



...STRUGGLING
AND FIGHTING EVEN
THOUGH THERE'S
NOWHERE
TO RUN.

THERE.
YOU CAN
SEE!

HELLO.

SO GOOD
TO FINALLY
MEET YOU,
JIM.

MMNN!

I NEVER
TOLD YOU THIS, BUT
WHEN I WAS BATMAN,
YOU WERE MY BEST
FRIEND.

AFTER ALL, YOU WERE THE
ONE WHO TAUGHT THEM
HOW TO SEE BATMAN FOR
WHO HE WAS, THE LIGHT
IN THE SKY...

...BUT ME, AS I
AM NOW, I NEVER GOT
TO MEET YOU. SEE, ON MY
WORLD, I WAS BORN JUST
AFTER JOKER FINALLY
CROSSED THE LINE, KILLED
CROC, FREEZE, ALL THE
VILLAINS, HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE, DEAD.

YOU, THOUGH, EVEN
THEN YOU WERE DETERMINED
TO BRING HIM IN **BY
THE BOOK.**

SO TO BE FUNNY,
JOKER BOOBY-TRAPPED YOUR
NOTEBOOK WITH THIS SPRING-
LOADED ACID...

GGGKKK.

YES, YOU
MADE A SOUND
JUST LIKE
THAT.

THE THING I
REMEMBER MOST WAS
CATCHING YOUR GLASSES.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT
WAS HAPPENING YET, THEN I
LOOKED UP AND SAW IT WAS
**BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T
HAVE A NOSE
ANYMORE.**

BUT HERE
YOU ARE, NOSE
AND ALL! HAA! FUNNY,
BECAUSE IF IT WASN'T
FOR YOUR DEATH...BAT-
MAN WOULDN'T HAVE
KILLED THE JOKER
AND THERE'D BE
NO ME.

SEE, IN A
WAY, YOU'RE
MY BEST
FRIEND, TOO.
HAHA!