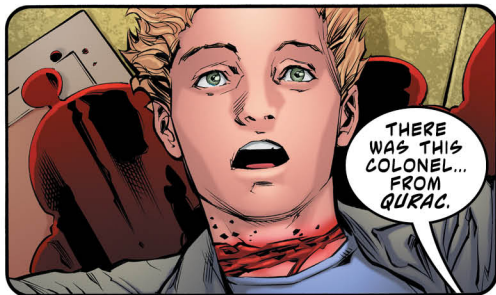
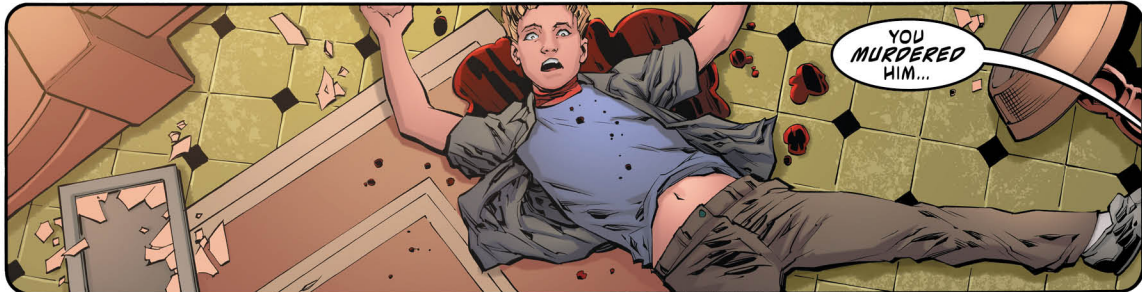


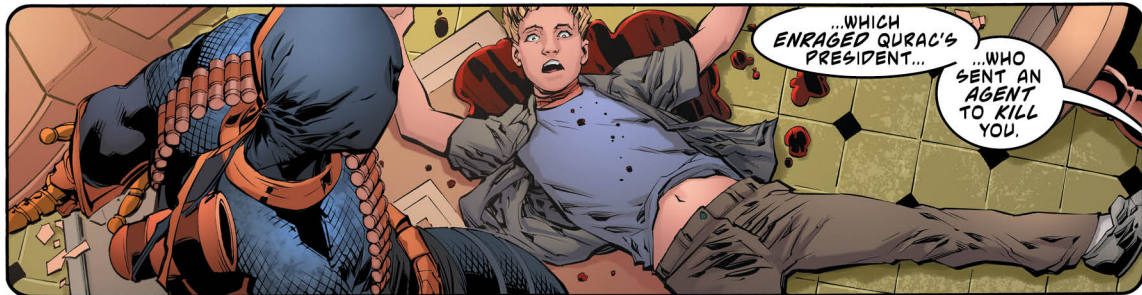
"Closure"



THERE WAS THIS COLONEL... FROM QURAC.

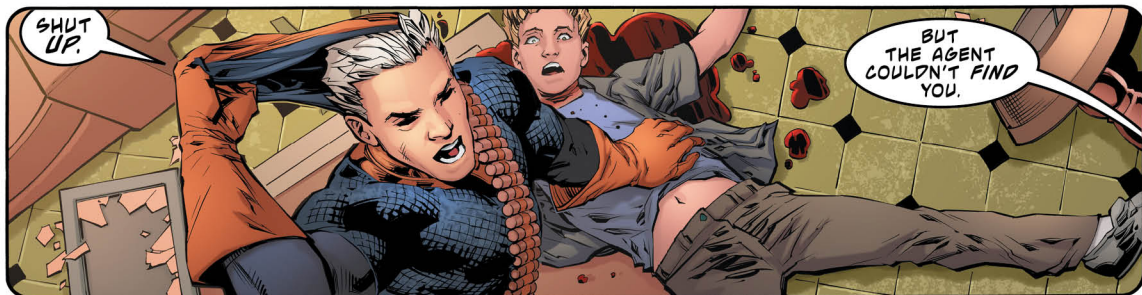


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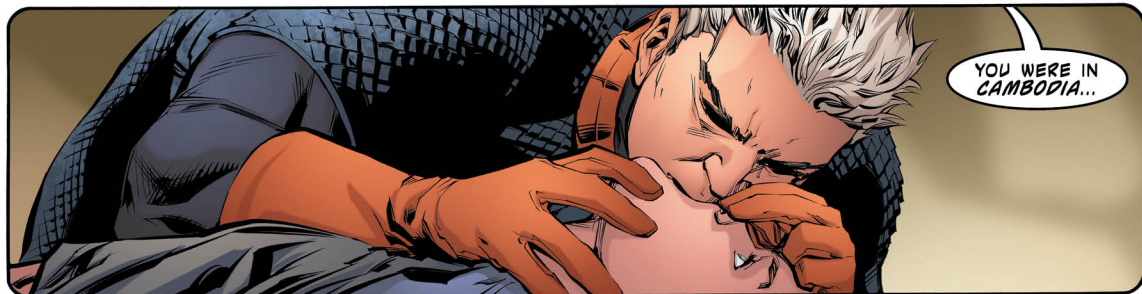
...WHICH ENRAGED QURAC'S PRESIDENT...

...WHO SENT AN AGENT TO KILL YOU.

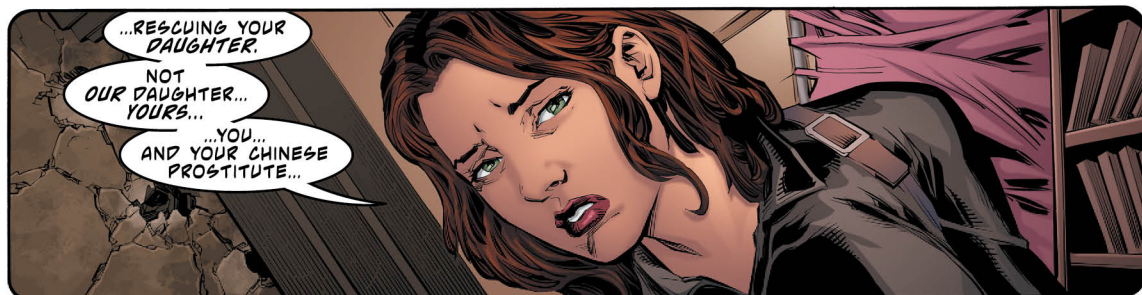


SHUT UP.

BUT THE AGENT COULDN'T FIND YOU.



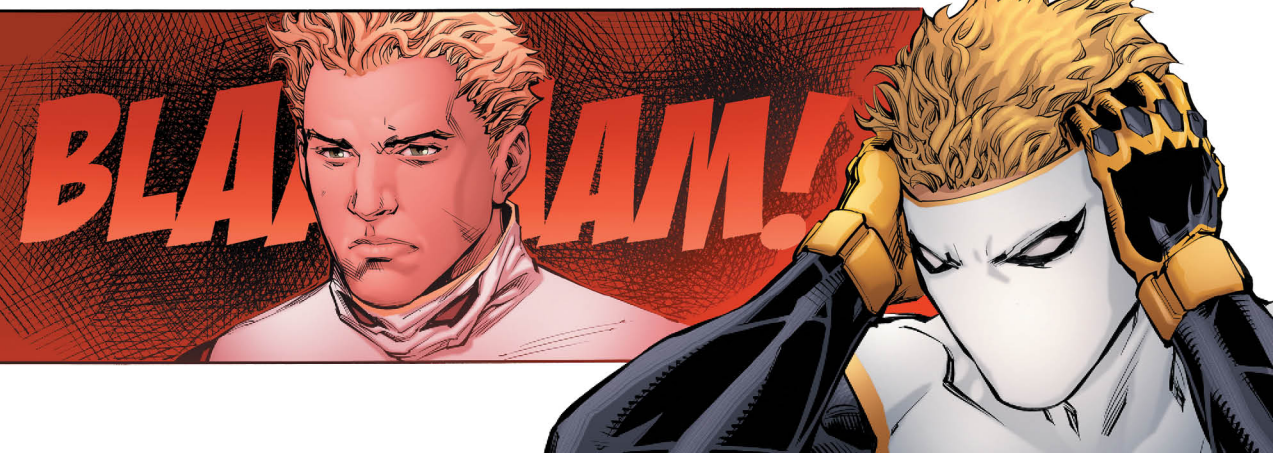
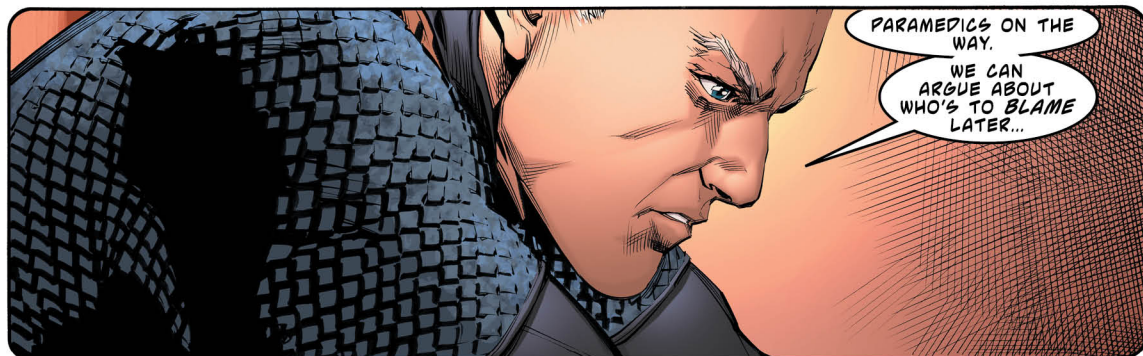
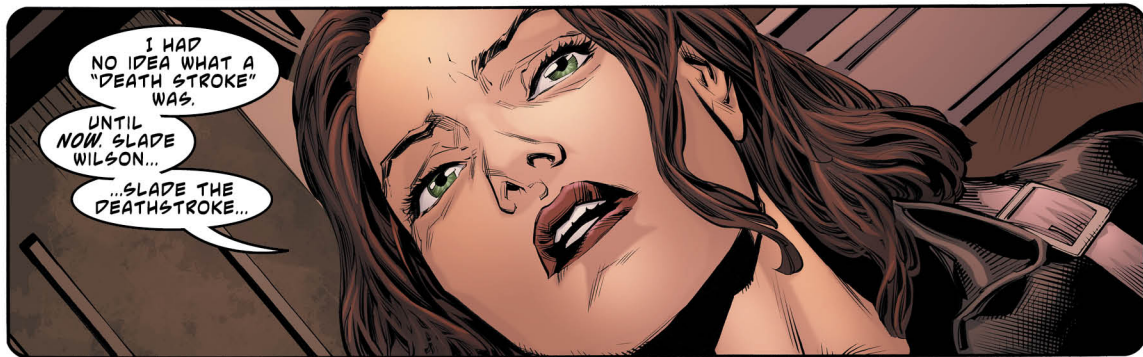
YOU WERE IN CAMBODIA...



...RESCUING YOUR DAUGHTER.

NOT OUR DAUGHTER... YOURS...

...YOU... AND YOUR CHINESE PROSTITUTE...



HOW BAD?

BAD.

STILL GETTING THE RUNAROUND, BUT SOMEBODY PUSHED A BUTTON ON YOU.

DOESN'T TAKE MUCH THESE DAYS.

SO, WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, WALTER, IS--

"Bullies"

WAYNE MANOR
CREST HILL, BRISTOL TOWNSHIP

--I'M BROKE.

THAT'S THE LEAST OF IT.

HOMELAND SECURITY, MY GUESS. SECRET COURTS, SECRET WARRANTS.

FBI RAIDING YOUR OFFICE RIGHT NOW.

WELL.

IT'S THEIR MOVE. LET THEM MAKE IT.

YOU'RE LOSING NEARLY TWO MILLION PER DAY.

IT'S WHAT BULLIES DO, WALTER: TAX YOU FOR YOUR LUNCH MONEY.

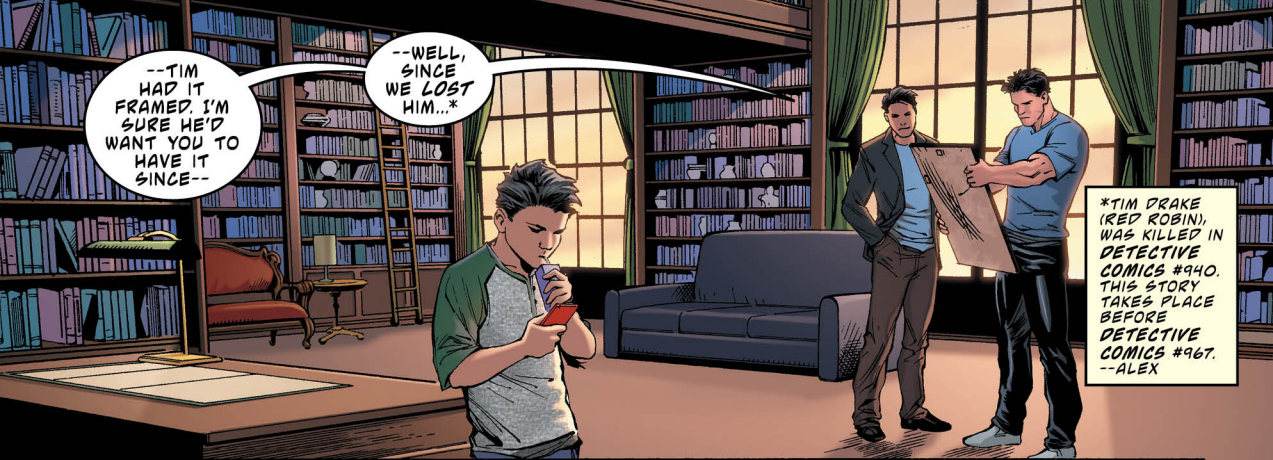
...SLADE...

WHO--?!

DICK STOPPED BY. BACK TO YOU IN A FEW.



WE FOUND THIS AMONG TIM'S THINGS--



--TIM HAD IT FRAMED. I'M SURE HE'D WANT YOU TO HAVE IT SINCE--

--WELL, SINCE WE LOST HIM...*

*TIM DRAKE (RED ROBIN), WAS KILLED IN DETECTIVE COMICS #940. THIS STORY TAKES PLACE BEFORE DETECTIVE COMICS #967. --ALEX



TIM WAS A GOOD KID, BRUCE.

SMART. EFFICIENT... RELIABLE...

...HE EARNED THE ROBIN SLOT. MADE US PROUD.



THEN I GUESS YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE FIRED HIM.



WHEN YOU BRIEFLY TOOK OVER, THE FIRST THING YOU DID WAS MOVE TIMOTHY OUT.

THE SECOND WAS FORGE A LETTER TO ME FROM MY FATHER--

--URGING ME TO SUPPORT YOU AS "BATMAN."



WHICH HAS WHAT TO DO WITH TIM?!

THERE WAS AN OLD CELL PHONE AMONG HIS EFFECTS, A VIDEO RECORDED ON IT. TIM DESPISED ME.

WELL--YOU IMPALED HIM ON A STALACTITE.

UNINTENTIONAL.

I PRESUMED HE HAD STRONGER COMBAT SKILLS.



BECOMING ROBIN WAS MY BIRTHRIGHT.

TIMOTHY SHOULD CERTAINLY HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT.

INSTEAD, HE LEFT SOME... RIDICULOUS VIDEO--

VIDEO--?



UTTER NONSENSE ABOUT DEATHSTROKE BEING MY "TRUE" FATHER.

I CONFRONTED DEATHSTROKE MYSELF.

THE MATTER HAS BEEN PUT TO REST.



KRAASH



GIVE US THE ROOM.



--
--YOU ARE MY SON.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME?



MY SON.
NO MATTER WHAT GAMES THAT BASTARD PLAYS.

TELL ME YOU UNDERSTAND.

I UNDERSTAND.



YOU ARE NOT TO ENGAGE HIM ANY FURTHER.

END OF DISCUSSION. DISMISSED.

I'M GOING TO PUT AN END TO THIS...

DEATHSTROKE

VERSUS

BATMAN

The Stormy Present

Part 5 of 6

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