

...NO RESPONSE FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE REGARDING THESE MURDER ACCUSATIONS...

...THE LEAGUE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE AN OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN...

BAT-MURDERER?

"Identity Crisis"



...ALTHOUGH GOTHAM CITY'S COMMISSIONER GORDON VEHEMENTLY DEFENDS THE CAPED CRUSADER...

--RIDICULOUS.

I CAN STATE CATEGORICALLY-- THAT WAS NOT THE BATMAN.

SIONER GORDON



BUT HOW CAN ANYONE KNOW FOR SURE WHO IS BEHIND THAT MASK...

...OR HOW MANY BATMEN ARE OUT THERE?

THE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL HEARING...

BAT-MURDERER?

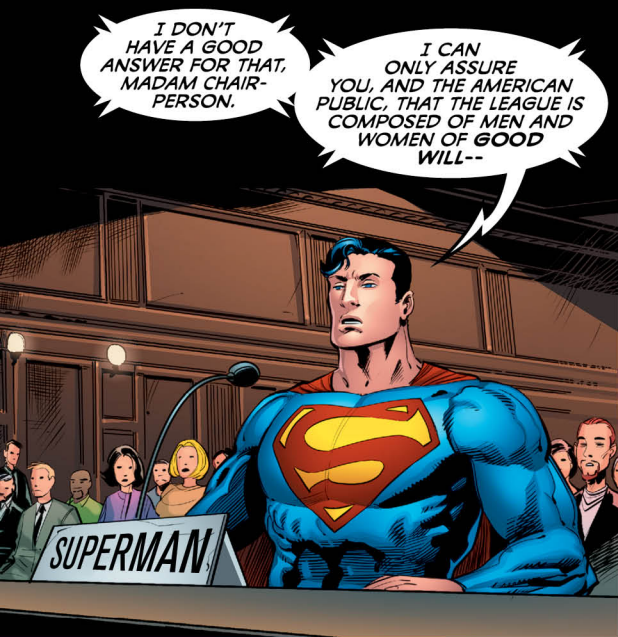


AND... THE MASKS, SIR...

HOW DO YOU SUBPOENA A WRAITH?

HON. D. HASGROVE

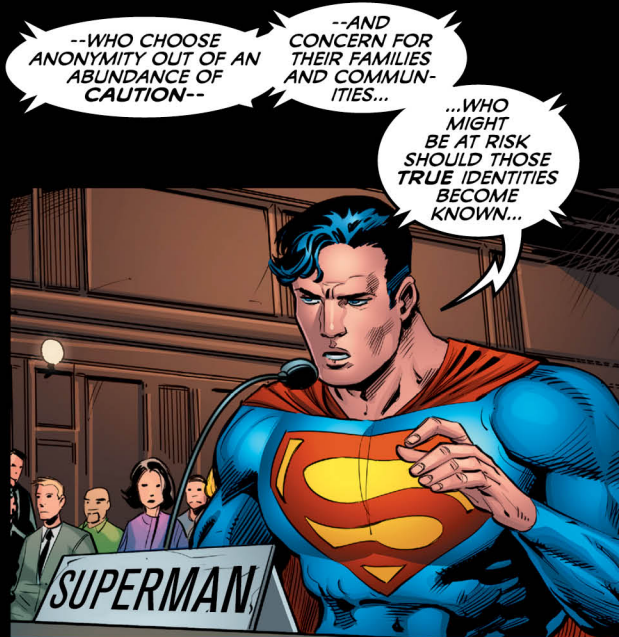
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I DON'T HAVE A GOOD ANSWER FOR THAT, MADAM CHAIRPERSON.

I CAN ONLY ASSURE YOU, AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, THAT THE LEAGUE IS COMPOSED OF MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL--

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--WHO CHOOSE ANONYMITY OUT OF AN ABUNDANCE OF CAUTION--

--AND CONCERN FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES...

...WHO MIGHT BE AT RISK SHOULD THOSE TRUE IDENTITIES BECOME KNOWN...

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There was this kid I knew once.

His name was Andre, but we called him Diesel. Like the guy from the movies.

Bumped SCT down in U-Town 'round the boojy Weco snobs.

All part of bein' poor white kids in Estl.*

*BUMPED = PLAYED MUSIC LOUDLY;
SCT = BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY;
U-TOWN = UNIVERSITY CITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI;
WECO = WEST ST. LOUIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS;
ESTL = EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS --BRIAN

Deez's mom run off with her chiroprapist. His pops was a degenerate oiler.

For us, life was one major intersection with no traffic signal.

Go.

Stop.

No left turn.

I wouldn't call Deez my best friend. Don't believe in best friends.

Puts too much pressure on the relationship, you start with the labels.

Now his birthday I gotta, what, buy some greeting card. Stick a five in it.

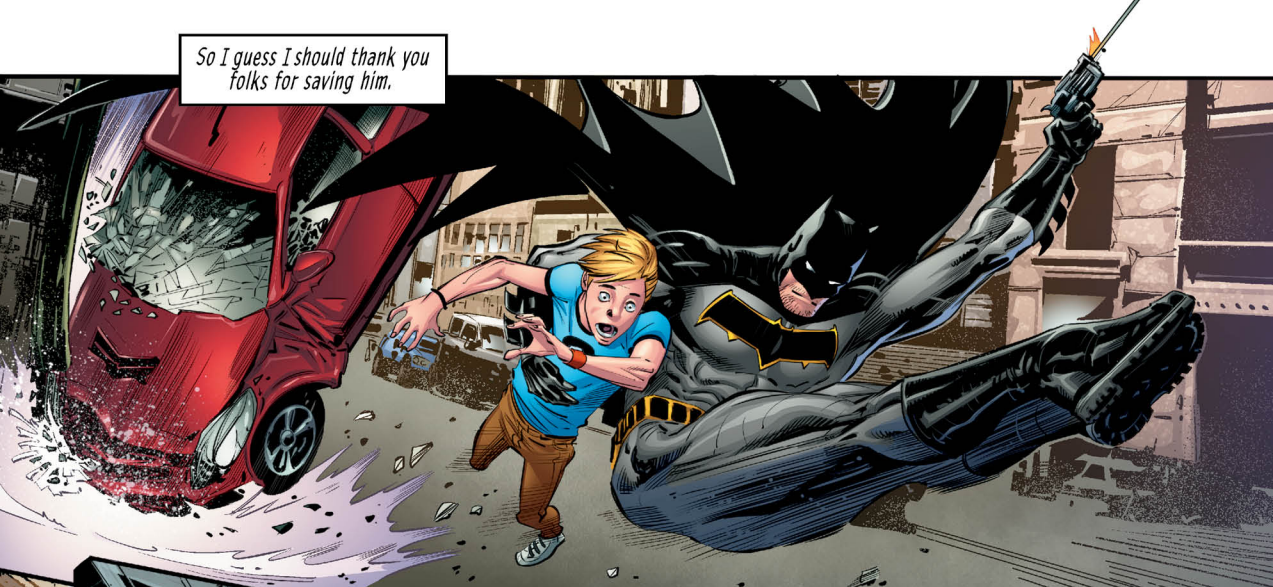
No.

Deez was just a kid I knew once.

If there was trouble, we'd be in it.

I liked Deez.


I'm glad he didn't die.



So I guess I should thank you folks for saving him.

*He was alright, that Dee.
Didn't talk too much.*

*No backwash in
the pop bottle.*



*I liked that
about him.*

*Now, Dee
got run over
by a beer
truck on his
nineteenth
birthday.*

*But that's neither
here nor there.*

*As kids, we were
INSEPARABLE.*

*Where you saw ONE, just
look around someplace--*

*--you'd find
the other...*

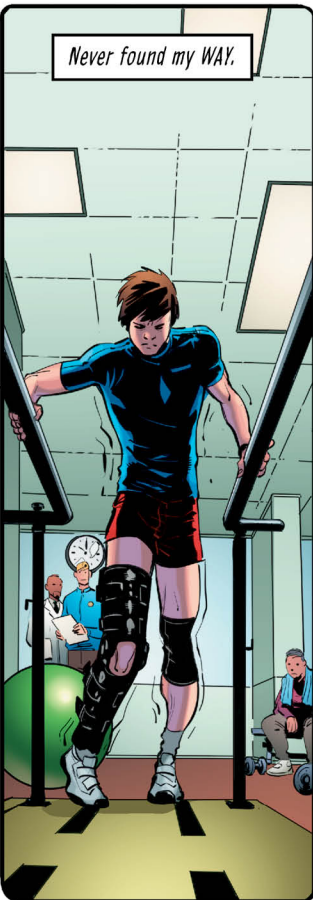


Fact is, without Deez--

--I'da never made it back.

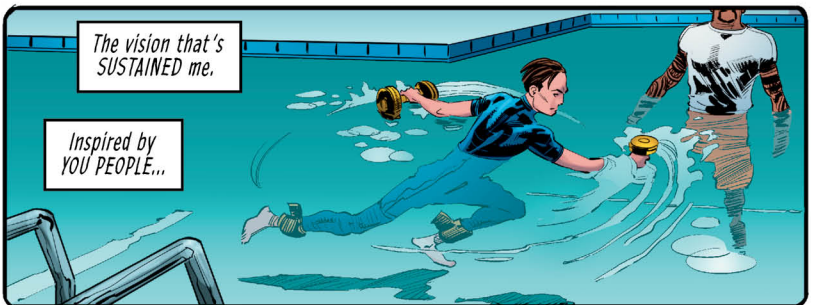


Never found my WAY.



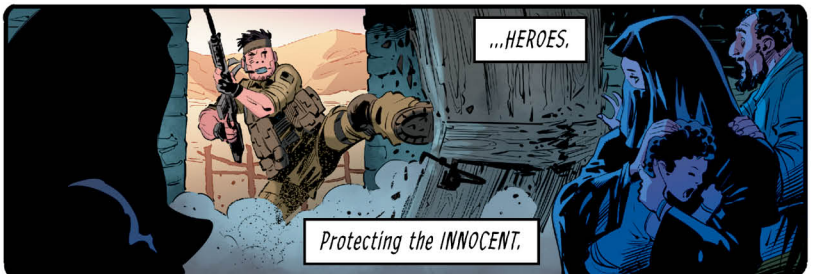
The vision that's SUSTAINED me.

Inspired by YOU PEOPLE...



...HEROES.

Protecting the INNOCENT.



The never-ending battle...

...truth... JUSTICE...

...and the American way...

