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September 2

It's the right thing to do.

It's the only thing to do.



YOU SHOULD TAKE THE BRACELET. I'M SURE YOUR WIFE WOULD LIKE IT.

NO. PLEASE, SARAH. KEEP IT.



DAMN IT, JIM, YOU'RE RIGHT, OF COURSE

I JUST WANT TO *KNOW*-- IF YOUR WIFE WEREN'T *PREGNANT*, WOULD YOU--



--I'M SORRY. WASN'T FAIR.

DAMN IT, JIM.



HERO COP LIEUTENANT **JAMES GORDON** TODAY APPREHENDED NOTORIOUS NARCOTICS DEALER **JEFFERSON SKEEVERS**. IT LOOKS LIKE **GORDON'S** OUT TO SET A **RECORD**. RIGHT, TOM?

IT SURE DOES, TRISH. HE'S CAUGHT A *BIG FISH* THIS TIME. IF **SKEEVERS** IS *CONVICTED*, THIS'LL BE THE *FOURTH* TIME HE GOES TO PRISON. BET THEY THROW AWAY THE *KEY*.



September 7

Her arms are strong. Her whole body's strong.

It's late. We've both worked late again.

I never get tired around her.

She's requested a transfer. She's leaving Gotham City.

I'm in love with her.

It's the only thing to do.

September 10

JUDGE RAFFERTY SET BAIL FOR JEFFERSON SKEEVERS. SURPRISINGLY, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY HARVEY DENT DID NOT ARGUE WITH THIS DECISION...



I KNOW YOU AREN'T ON THE TAKE-- AND I DON'T THINK YOU'RE CRAZY--

--SO TELL ME WHY YOU LET THEM LET SKEEVERS OUT ON THE STREET, DENT--

I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, LIEUTENANT.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BORROW MY UMBRELLA?

September 11

NO. NO. NONE OF THAT. YOU STAY CLEAN UNTIL WE'VE GOTTEN YOU OFF.

DON'T SWEAT IT, BABE. JUST A COUPLE OF LINES.

DENT AND GORDON ARE NOT FOR YOU, SKEEVERS. THEY'D LOVE TO CATCH YOU WITH YOUR PANTS DOWN.

CATCH ME? THEY CAUGHT ME, BABE--AND THEY LET ME GO. AND YOU GOT ME A COURT ORDER TYING GORDON'S HANDS...

NNFF

...I MEAN, I'D BE SWEATING, BABE-- IF IT WASN'T FOR OUR COP.

THEY NAIL ME AND I TALK ABOUT FLASS--

--AND MAYBE FLASS TALKS ABOUT COMMISSIONER LOEB...

YOU SAY ONE WORD ABOUT FLASS AND THEY'LL KILL BOTH OF US, SKEEVERS.

NOW TAKE THAT THING OUT OF YOUR NOSE AND LISTEN TO ME.

JUST A COUPLE OF LINES...

WHERE DO I START. BAD ENOUGH THAT YOU'RE BLACK.

I WANT YOU IN A BLUE SUIT AT THE INQUEST. WITH A TIE. MAKE IT BLACK. SAME FOR THE SHOES. NONE OF THAT PIMP STUFF.

AND WHEN YOU SMILE AT THE JURY, MAKE IT NICE. PARTICULARLY THE WOMEN.

I SMILED AT THEM OKAY.

JUST REMEMBER THEY'VE STILL GOT THEIR CLOTHES ON.

KLICK



September 13

DETECTIVE FLASS IS A FRIEND OF MINE, GORDON. YOU MIGHT HAVE AT LEAST INFORMED ME OF YOUR PLANS BEFORE HANDING HIS HEAD TO INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

IT WAS A SLIP, SIR. EVERYBODY'S WORKING SUCH LONG HOURS.

GILLIAN B. L. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

FRIENDSHIP, GORDON. LOYALTY. THESE WORDS STILL COUNT FOR SOMETHING IN GOTHAM CITY.

WE TOOK YOU IN, YES WE DID. BLEMISHES AND ALL. AND YOU DO HAVE YOUR BLEMISHES. AND YOU GO AND --

I'VE DONE EXACTLY WHAT I PROMISED, COMMISSIONER. YOU GET MY BEST WORK.

YOU GET GOOD PRESS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.

THEY LIKE YOU, DON'T THEY, AGEE AND HIS PACK AT THE GAZETTE.

BUT THEY DON'T KNOW YOU. NO THEY DON'T.

NOT THE WAY WE KNOW YOU.

TERRIBLE IF THEY-- OR YOUR WIFE-- LEARNED OF THE SPECIAL NATURE OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP--

-- WITH SERGEANT ESSEN.

WALLS HAVE EARS, JIMMY.

September 25

COMMISSIONER LOEB ASSURES GOTHAM THAT THE MANHUNT FOR THE BATMAN CONTINUES, WITH HERO COP JAMES GORDON ON THE CASE...

The butler makes us feel as welcome as a virus. He leads us through a few dozen rooms the size of small states to Wayne's study.

Wayne's been out of the country. Wayne's had the flu. This morning I was told he had a hangover, but he'd see me.

Better than having Barbara stay at home and worry about being so overdue...

POLICE LIEUTENANT AND MRS. GORDON, SIR.

MRS. GORDON. I'M CHARMED.

ALFRED-- BE A JOY AND GET SOME GLASSES FOR OUR GUESTS.

AND ANOTHER BOTTLE. THIS ONE'S EVAPORATED.

LITTLE EARLY IN THE DAY FOR US, THANKS.

MY TIME IS WORTHLESS, LIEUTENANT. JUST ASK ALFRED.

HMF.

MR. WAYNE-- I DON'T WANT TO WASTE YOUR TIME...

I'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOUR EXPLOITS, LIEUTENANT, AND I MUST SAY THAT I'M IMPRESSED. YOU'RE GETTING AS MUCH PRESS AS BATMAN.

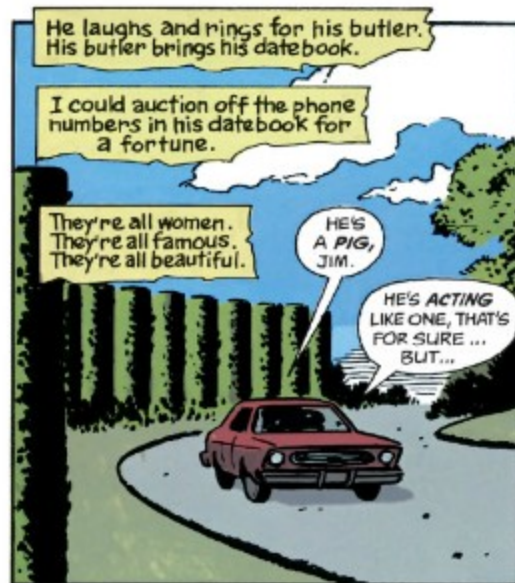
IT IS BATMAN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT, ISN'T IT? SOMETHING ABOUT MY BEING HIM?

EXCUSE ME. IT MUST BE THE CHAMPAGNE. I NEGLECTED TO INTRODUCE MY FRIEND-- YOU SEE, I'M NOT SURE OF HER NAME, AND SHE DOESN'T SPEAK ANY LANGUAGE I KNOW...

THAT MUST BE CONVENIENT.

BARBARA.

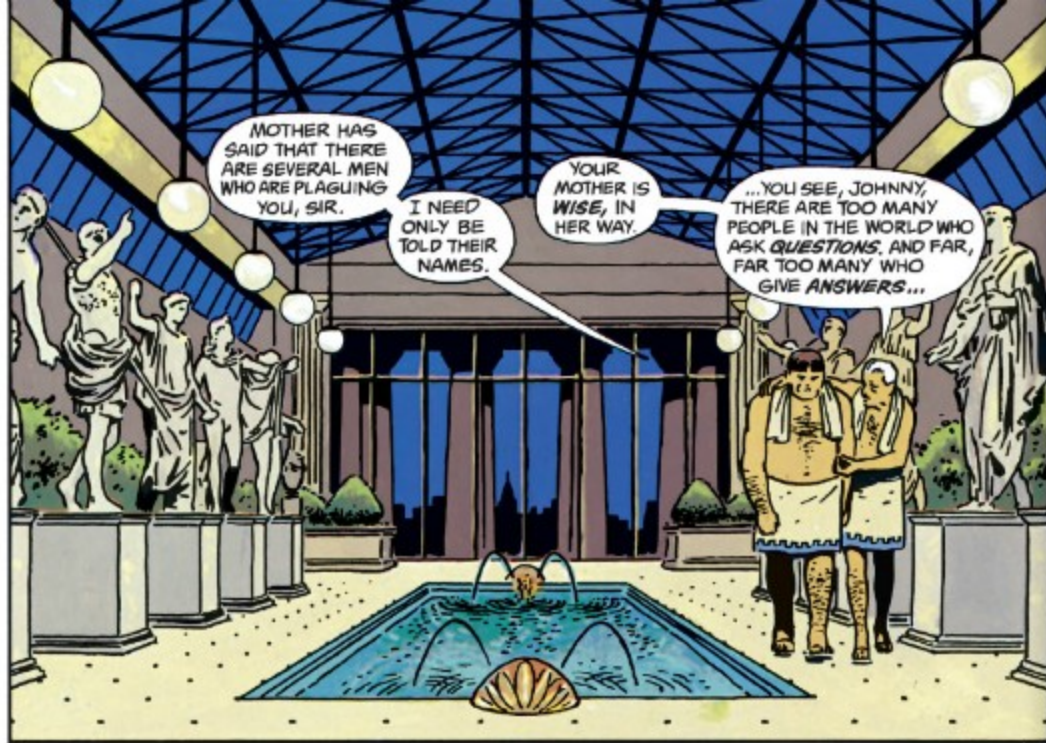
MR. WAYNE, I NEED TO KNOW WHERE YOU WERE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES...





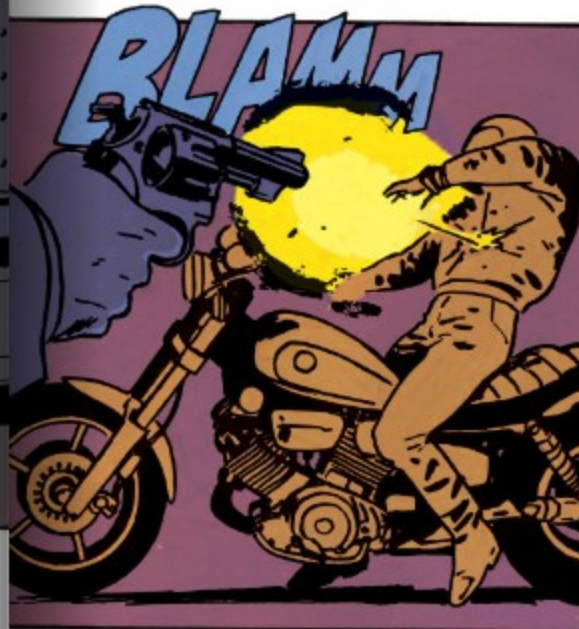
...INDUSTRY EXPERTS WERE STUNNED BY THE DEMONSTRATION OF UNHEARD-OF POSSIBILITIES FOR LIGHTWEIGHT, DURABLE PLASTICS...













The driver hits the brakes, too late-- going too fast--

--the bridge shakes--

--I listen to the rending metal and clattering glass--



--I listen-- the radiator hisses, spits water on the street--

--I don't hear a human sound--

--I don't hear my baby cry--



--the metal rail digs into my back--

--he's heavy--



