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OF
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BEGINS!**



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Part 1 of 5 First Families of Gotham

"A boy who had been entrusted with guarding a flock of sheep thought it would be great fun to play a trick on the villagers by pretending the flock was being attacked and called out 'wolf! wolf!'"

"When the villagers ran up, the boy laughed at them for their pains. Time and again he did this and every time the villagers learned they had been hoaxed, for there was no wolf at all."

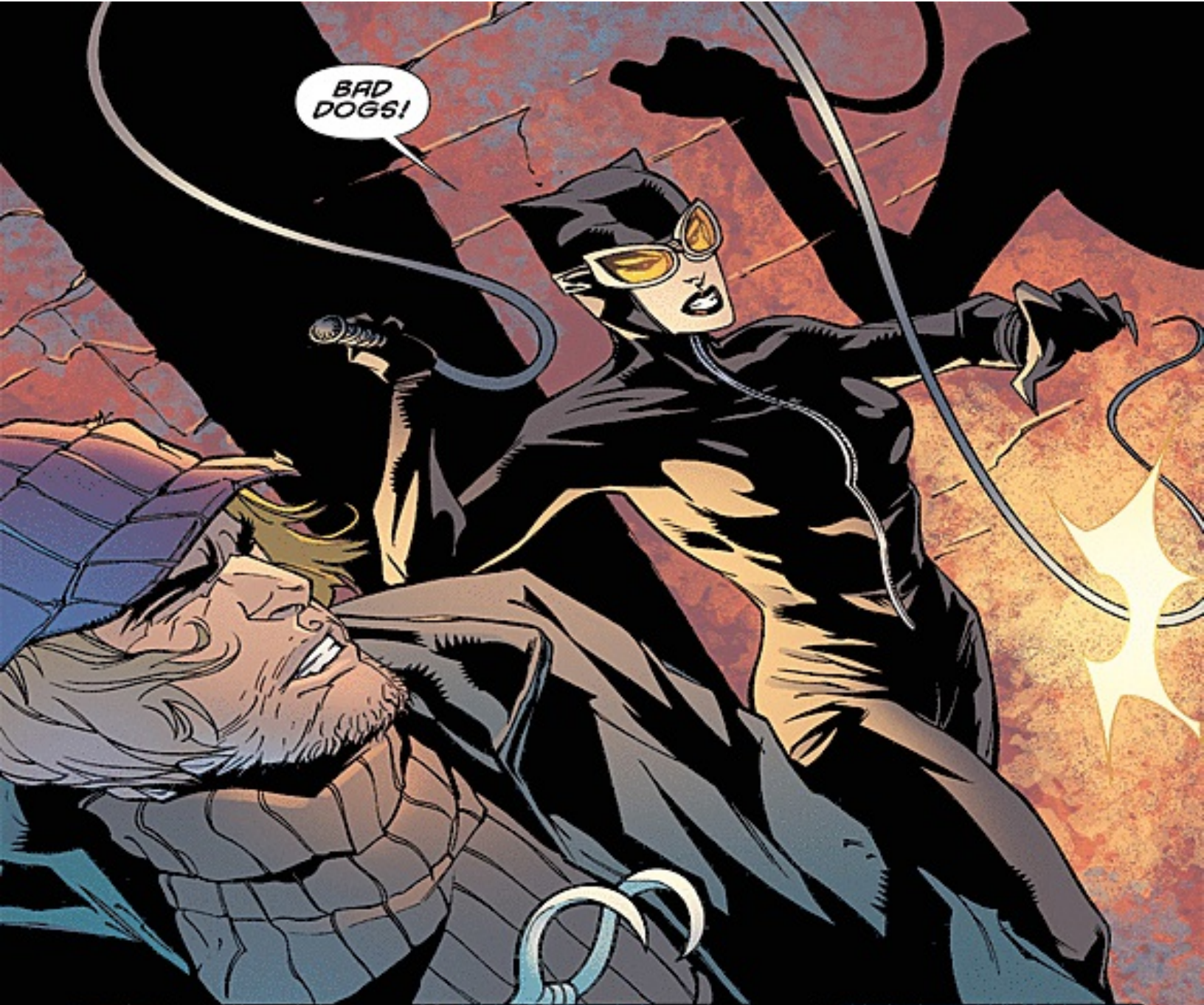
"Eventually a wolf did come and began to slaughter the flock. The boy cried 'wolf!' as loud as he could, but the people were so used to being tricked that no one came to aid him."

"And in the end, the boy was slaughtered, too."

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BAD DOGS!

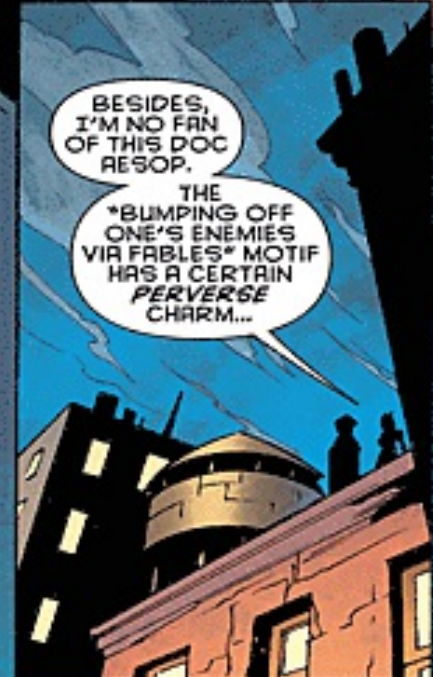


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THANKS FOR THE HELP.

IT WAS THE LEAST I COULD DO FOR GOTHAM'S ACE CRIME FIGHTER, "LEFTY KNOX." I PREFER HIM TO THE OVERUSED "MATCHES MALONE."



BESIDES, I'M NO FAN OF THIS DOC RESOP.

THE "BUMPING OFF ONE'S ENEMIES VIA FABLES" MOTIF HAS A CERTAIN PERVERSE CHARM...



BUT I KNOW HE'S BEEN PAYING *BIG MONEY* TO BLACK MARKET SMUGGLERS FOR THE ANIMALS HE USES IN HIS TRAPS.



I WAS TRYING TO BRING DOWN HIS GANG FROM THE INSIDE.

APPARENTLY RESOP HAS LITTLE TOLERANCE FOR MEMBERS WHO MAKE "INNOCENT" MISTAKES.

WANT TO GO AFTER HIM TOGETHER?

THAT DEPENDS...



...ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN SPARE A NIGHT AWAY FROM JEZEBEL JET?



SHE'S IN PARIS, SPEARHEADING A CHARITY DRIVE FOR HER COUNTRY.



BESIDES, THIS IS FOR THE ANIMALS.

RIGHT. THE ANIMALS.

Wealth. Adventure. Dangerous women.


You live the life, don't you, Bruce?





But then, you
always were
fortune's
favorite.

It took the tragedy
of losing your parents
to buy you that life.
A tragedy I had tried
desperately to
engineer for myself.




Those rumors
only hastened
my return.
For only Hush
has the right to
execute you for
the crimes you
inflicted on me
when I was first
a boy and then
a man.

Our first
encounters
ended in
stalemates,
with me
ultimately
withdrawing
to consider
how best to
attack you
next.



Recently I
began hearing
whispers of
"The Black
Glove," a
mysterious
entity
that seeks
Batman's
extinction.



THE BANDAGES.
WHATEVER HAPPENED
TO YOUR FACE, YOU AIN'T
GOING TO FIND HELP
HERE. HOSPITAL'S BEEN
BOARDED UP FOR
YEARS.

YOU'RE
OUT OF
LUCK.

EXCUSE
ME?



I'M NOT HERE FOR TREATMENT.

YOU SEE, I RECENTLY **PURCHASED** THE HOSPITAL. I'M IN THE PROCESS OF RESTORING IT.

THAT A FACT?



INDEED. I LOOK AT IT AS MY CHANCE TO GIVE SOMETHING **BACK** TO THE COMMUNITY. PERHAPS PROVIDE A FEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE SUCH AS YOURSELF WHO MIGHT HAVE LOST THEIR WAY.

THAT'S NICE OF YOU, MISTER.



BUT I NEVER WENT TO ANY KIND OF MEDICAL SCHOOL. I GOT NO PLACE HERE.

I'M SURE WE CAN FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU.



YEAH, BUT... OH, EXCUSE ME, DOC. I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

BUMP



URRH...

AHH!





My most distinguished pupil

I was pleased to hear the news of your last
were just that I trust you will be proud that
to have a child (nephew) who has found that
the demands you placed I need not have
to be the time and then looking forward to
remaining for sometime to see it made an
all his best

Yours, as always
C.



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*"The heroes seem larger than life
and is awe-inspiring."*
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