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How does the saying go? Laughter is the best medicine? Yes, that's it. Laughter is the best medicine. I don't know who said that, or why, but they're wrong. Laughter can be evil. Haunting. Laughter can stay with you forever; it can run around in your head as a funny joke or it can be carved into your brain like a trauma scar. Laughter can be evil.

The last time Bruce Wayne felt true laughter... was when he was with his fiancée, Julie Madison, and they had just returned from a skiing trip to the Alps. She was beautiful, funny, and clever... And he had loved her. Loved her more than anyone else in the world. He had almost given up his oath, and retired as Batman, but then the laughter was stolen from him, and replaced by something darker. When the Joker slaughtered his wife-to-be and dozens of others at the fundraiser in the Chateau Desris, the laughter was gone. He had truly thought he could escape the shadow of his own identity, push forward as an entrepreneur... But no. The chance was stolen away by his archenemy. Insanity persevered over love, and Bruce Wayne was alone once more, trapped forever in the shadow of the Batman.

He thought the terror was over when he dragged the Joker back to his cell at Arkham. He had truly hoped that they could contain him... That the pain and agony that he had caused were over, that he would be gone from the streets of Gotham till the end of his life, but no, the maniacal madman escaped once more, this time travelling to Las Vegas to continue his crazed schemes. Barbara was there though. Barbara was keeping tabs on him. Bruce trusted her... But he still felt the void in his chest, where her laughter once resided... He lost one of the most important things to him that night... And he never really did recover.

Jimmy "Fatty" Phatsoni runs through the alleys, stumbling over trashcans and tripping over stray bits and piece. He is being chased because he has information, information from the top of the food chain... And if he catches wind of that... You can be sure he'll swoop down from the skies and take it from him. Fatty runs across a basketball court, then stumbles over an errant ball, and falls face-first into the chain link fence, losing any momentum he had. He takes a breath and spins around, only to have someone grab his lapels, and ram against the fence once more. He spits as the impact steals the wind from his lungs.

All that the hoodlum can see is a black mass; with burning eyes and gritted teeth, an image that will stay with him till the nightmares stop. "What do you know, Jimmy."

"I don't know nothing, man! Please... I'm out of all that now..."

"LIES!" Batman picks him up and holds him out, pushing him against the chain links. "Tell me what I want to know and I promise I won't cripple you where you stand..." He holds him out with one hand, and then grabs the hood's mouth, holding it tightly closed. "Now before you think of spouting some lie, remember: I know when you tell the truth and when you don't. So think it through... Think about your children. Your wife."

The blood drains from Jimmy's face, as the words hit him like a sledgehammer. He hasn't seen his kids for three years, not since his wife took them away without a word to him. "Wh-What do you know about my kids?"

"I know everything about you, Phatsoni. I know where they are, what state, what address... I can make life real easy for you. I can tell you where they live. I'll even draw you a road map. You'll be able to see them again... now, WHAT DO YOU KNOW?"

Jimmy looks down at his hands, and takes a breath, and begins speaking. "There have been rumblings..." He takes another breath, "...that he's back."

"He?" Batman moves in close, pulling the criminal to his face. "Who's he?"

"Joker." Batman feels the blood rush from his face. He feels the pain of his loss

and he hears the laughter echo in his mind. No. Not him. Not again. Not here, not in Gotham, again...

"Where?" Batman calmly releases the hood and lets him stand. "Tell me where and you'll have the address." He reaches into his belt and takes out a scrap of paper. Jimmy looks at it, and grimaces.

"I don't know, Bats. I'm serious, I don't know... But please... The paper." Batman looks at the scrap of paper in his hand and pushes it into Jimmy's chest. He hurls a small, bat-shaped grapnel. It disappears into the night sky. A moment later, so does the Dark Knight. Jimmy grabs the piece of paper and looks at the words printed on it. His grimace turns into a small smile as a tear falls from his eye.

"Finally..."

The only sound in the cave is that of fist upon rubber, again and again. He takes out his rage on the one thing that can take it. He punches with his right, feints with his left, and goes for the uppercut, gritting his teeth, and holding back the snarl inside his soul. Left. Left. Right. Right. He's still holding in the anger. When he feels his muscles burn, he pushes himself harder; the pain initially helps to take his mind off the ache, but then he remembers why he's doing this to himself and he grimaces. until He smashes through the rubber padding, into the stuffing inside, his hands bleeding, his eyes wet with tears. Why does he do this to himself? Why let the anguish overcome him? Why is it so hard with this villain? These memories? He shakes his head, and picks up his towel and shirt, and wipes his brow. He needed to bandage his bleeding knuckles now and the... The hunt will begin. He will find the homicidal comedian, he will drag him back to Arkham and he the evil clown WILL pay. It's the only thing he Batman is willing to can do, no matter how far he is stretched. He can contemplate ending his Joker's life; he could do it in moments. It would be so easy.... He could make it last, or he could make it quick. He could snap the lunatic's neck or strangle him... He could punch the clown so hard in the chest that his sternum would splinter and bone fragments would enter his heart, causing a slow, painful death as he bleeds out internally... He could do it, but that would make him the same, as Joker. he can never cross that line. He needs for there to be

that distinction. He can't be compared to the Joker, because if that were true... The thought scares him. He places his cowl over his head, feels the cape flow behind his back, leaps into the car, and prepares to hunt.

"Harley, baby, did you do what I asked?" The voice is strained, dirty yet light.

"Oh, puddin' you know I have. I can never keep anything from you. It's going to be such a laugh, I tell you..." Harleen Quinzel giggles, rubbing the white make-up on her face.

"Oh my beautiful minstrel of misery, ever since you helped me out of Arkham, you've been such a doll face."

Harley giggles again like a schoolgirl and places the black domino mask over her eyes. "I love it when you talk pretty, Joe."

"For you, anything my killer honey bee." The Joker smiles, and puts down the phone, and laughs manically. Las Vegas is a beautiful place this time of the year, and he still has no intention of leaving! The Royal Flush Gang is under his thumb, and he likes the feeling that gives his hand. But the trap is set, the danger real, and when his enemy enters the house of fun... He'll die LAUGHING!

Batman rides through the streets, his police scanner active. He sifts through call after call, scanning for any report that refers to his target. Then, he hears it, a phone call to Gotham Central, maniacal laughter and a woman screaming. His instruments follow the call back to its source. He hits the brakes, squeals into a U-turn, and heads out of the city, following one of the older roads. It leads him to a large, ominous building, striking against the skyline.

The news strikes him in the chest like a hard punch. The next few words that Bullock utters hit him like a haymaker, and then it begins to settle in. The Joker was back in town!? He speaks on instinct, jerks out of his chair and grabs his

coat. "Bullock, I want a squad ready yesterday, I want units ready to move on the first call we get of The Joker's whereabouts..."

"Right, Jim."

He picks up his holster and removes his weapon, checks the magazine and then grimaces. "Come on." He leaves the building, followed by Harvey, and then they clamber into the unmarked vehicle, and get going. To hunt.

The large factory on the outskirts of Gotham City is abandoned. A large clown face is built onto the front of the building. It's typical Joker, an obvious hideout, using the oh so typical clown motif to hide his evil plans... Batman enters through the skylight, and slides down his line until he's in the rafters, high above the work area, ready for anything. The sensors built into his uniform pick up someone, weeping. As he presses a button on his gauntlet, the sound becomes louder. He follows the crying to its source.

He's surrounded by large toys, conveyer belts and dust. He can smell something rancid, and as he places a small filter into each nostril he can hear the weeping intensify... "Hello?" As he enters a room, a sudden wave of realisation hits him and his eyes widen. Scattered in each corner of the room, rotting flesh and ghastly smiles appoint dozens of corpses, their face dyed white, their hair green, red grins stretched onto their faces in a haunting death mask. He moves between the bodies, a hand to his mouth, and comes across a small ledger with 'Property of Joe Ker' scrawled atop it in green pen next to a yellow smiley face sticker. He places it in a plastic bag and then takes a batarang from his belt. "Hello?"

"H-Help!" He turns and sees a woman sitting in the corner of the room, surrounded by corpses. "H-He's gone for... for now... but... he'll be back!" Batman puts the batarang away and approaches her cautiously.

"Who? Who'll be back?" He places his hand on her shoulder and then gasps as the woman turns, white face paint covering her features and black lipstick on her lips.

"JOKER!" She sprays a small aerosol can in Batman's face, and then

kicks him hard in the stomach, knocking the breath out of him. He stumbles backwards and falls to the floor, his throat constricting as the toxin does its work. He feels something racing through his system, overpowering his mind and then—

“Heh.” He twists in his own skin, something creeping up his own spine. “Heheha...” He looks at his hands. His skin feels strange, like insects are crawling over it an overpowering feeling that he must laugh, some joke in his head, something so hilarious that he can’t help but giggle and snigger. “HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!”

Harley Quinn pulls her wig off and then tugs on her mask behind her neck, pulling it over her face. “Mr J thought you’d find that one funny, Bats!” He looks at her, his eyes bloodshot and his irises green, even though the white slits on his mask do not reveal this, his lips scarlet and a sickeningly wide grin stretching over his mouth. “Hehehehe... The look suits you!”

“You... Hehehe... Think... Ha... Thi- This... This is funny?” He holds his chest, his lungs seize up with laughter. He is unable to breathe.

She scratches the side of her nose and then cartwheels in front of him. “How could I not, tall, dark and batty?”

“Well I DON’T!” He punches her hard in the face, knocking her out and causing her to fall to the floor. “Ha... Now that was funny... 10 for the landing... heheheahaha!” He pulls himself off the floor, and struggles with his belt, taking out a small mask and placing it over his clownish grin. “Need... To breathe...”

“FREEZE!” He spins around and bursts out laughing at the sight of Harvey Bullock and James Gordon. “I knew we shouldn’t have waited for back up... Whoa, holy hell... The freak’s dressed up as Batman!” Harvey looks to James and shakes his head. “What now, Jimbo?”

“By the book, Harv... ON THE GROUND, NOW!”

Batman smile nearly fades, but then he motions forward moves towards them, his arms outstretched. “Jim, it’s—”

“He’s going for—” Harvey fires his weapon, and catches Batman in the chest. Batman slumps to the floor in a heap.

“HARVEY!” Jim shakes his head and places his hand over Bullock’s weapon. “Something’s not right...”

Bullock nods slowly, and holsters his weapon. “I’m gonna’ check the body, Jim...” He looks at Gordon and grimaces. “Cover me, ‘kay?”

“Sure.”

Harvey approaches the fallen Batman and puts his fingers to his neck, but feels nothing. “Damn, whatever this mask is made of, I can’t feel a pulse. Nothing, nada.”

“Take the mask off then, Harv...”

Bullock rolls his eyes. “O’course, o’course...” He tugs on the mask and stumbles back, as an invisible stream of gas hits him in the face. “ACK! OH FU—WHAT IS THIS STUFF?!” He falls to the floor, choking on the compound in his lungs.

Batman jerks up, smiling. “Now that’s comedy!” He punches Bullock unconscious, and before Gordon can react the vigilante is upon him. One gloved hand finds the officer’s weapon and the other Gordon’s face, knocking his glasses off him and breaking his nose. “Sorry about this, didums!” Batman leaps up, springs into the rafters exits through the skylight, and vanishes into the shadows as sirens fill the air.

“H-Harvey?” Gordon stumbles up, blood from his nose, and then kicks his partner. “Ger’up...” Harvey coughs loudly, and then jerks upwards, looking at where Batman was formerly.

“Where’d he go?” He pulls his weapon out the holster, then looks at the unconscious body of Harley Quinn beside them. “An’ who’s the broad?”

“Sure looks familiar...” Gordon handcuffs her, and then pulls her to her feet. “My God... Harleen? Harleen Quinzel?”

She stirs, groggy at first and then buzzing with excitement. “Heh...

That's me, Jimmy Bob!"

Harvey scratches his head, and then looks at his partner. "Who?"

"This... this is the woman who released Joker from Arkham! She used to be his psychiatrist and now... What happened to you, woman?"

"Y-You'll have to ssspeak up, Jimmy, I don't ssspeak Cchicagoian..." She talks with a slur, her jaw aching, but her smile is ever present, maniacal laughter on her lips.

"What?" Harvey raises his weapon and grits his teeth. "Watch your mouth!"

"No, it's ok Harv, obviously she's lost her mind... Come on; let's get her out of here... What is this place?" He turns to Harley, who he holds onto tightly with Bullock.

"Where Mr J used to create his Smilex! Smilex Smilex Smilex Smiley-Ex! Makes you smile, makes you smile!" Harley laughs loudly. "And where he told me to..." She looks around, her smile becoming wider. "Nah, never mind..."

"What?" Gordon looks at her intently, curious and confused. "Where who told you what?"

"Where Mr J told me to lead Batman... And where Batman would find something VERY funny..."

Gordon feels the blood drain from his face. "Oh my. You mean..."

"Batman's got a brand new bag, pig! Smile on his face and a mean itch to scratch because of it... Itch in the brain itch in the brain!" She giggles intently and then leans backwards, savouring the last ounce of laughter as it leaves her belly

"That... That was Batman?" Harvey runs his hand through his hair and then looks at his gun. "Holy Toledo... I shot Bats?"

"That you DID!" Harley laughs and then leans in close to the detective. "And he's suuure to be pissed!"

Elsewhere:

He pounds against brick, again and again, as he tries to scratch the itch in his hands. He looks up and then slams his head into the wall. Then his laughter erupts once more, and he falls to the floor, blood pouring from self-inflicted injuries. The bullets in his chest hurt, not because they've penetrated his flesh, but because of the intensity of the impact; his body armour can only protect him so far ... He grimaces, and then takes the book out from a compartment at the rear of his utility belt. "What... What's this?" He opens to a random page, and his eyes widen. The handwriting is meticulous and the photos familiar... Victims. All victims of The Joker. But the dates go back ten, twenty years, and the ink... It's not green... What's going on?

Five Years Ago:

"WHO ARE YOU?" Batman grimaces, fists clenched.

"Y'see, I used to be called... something or other, but now that I've forgotten that, I don't especially know, but I remember distinctly having been named the Hood. Robin... ? No, RED! The Red Hood. Yeah, that was suitable way back when, when I WORE a red hood. But now all I wear is this grin, this smile, so what do you think should be my new name, Grinny McGrinnyson?"

"What is this, some kind of joke to you? You've killed... dozens! Destroyed countless businesses... You're a terrorist!"

"Oh, Batman..." the villain smiles and puts a purple gloved finger to his ruby red lips. "A terrorist?" He bursts out laughing and then straightens up, pulling his long, greasy green hair out of his eyes. "It's just one small step! I'm looking for genocide baby, yeah! So come on, Pretty Eyes, let's rumba!"

He dives for Batman. The dark knight dodges the purple-clad murderer's attack, and slams his elbow into his foe's shoulder, causing the pale-skinned monster to fall to the floor. The villain rolls to his side, and smiles. "I have it, mi amigo! I have it in my head case! I have a name!" Batman slams his fist into his enemy's

head, but the grinning clown rolls with the punch, and delivers a mighty kick to Batman's ribs, nearly causing the young vigilante fall to the floor. "Smiley! Smiley's the name and murder's my game! No job too big, no job too small, I'm always willing to make a... KILLING!" He yanks off his glove and slams his hand into Batman's shoulder, causing electricity to race through the costumed vigilante. "Buzz!" The hero screams as he collapses to the floor. The villain holds fast. "Think this smarts, do you Boy?"

"Smarts?" Batman smiles slightly, and then kicks up, snapping the villain's arm, causing him to pull the buzzer away. "I bet that does."

"AAAAAAH!" He looks at the bone protruding from his sleeve. "YOU BROKE ME ARM, CAP'N!"

Batman slowly rises from the ground, his cape surrounding him. "That's not all I'm going to break." He raises his fist, and slams into his enemy's face, loosening teeth, and sending blood flying from the madman's red lips. "I'm taking you down."

"Heh... HAH! I wish!" Batman arches an eyebrow, and then slams his booted foot into the villain's face, knocking him out cold. "Ha..."

"You're going away forever, you maniac. You murderous Joker."

Now:

"He kept... a journal... of his kills?" Batman bursts out laughing. He feels blood on his ruby red lips, and then pulls off his glove to, look at the damage he's done to his fist. His white skin, is scratched and torn. Blood dribbles from the open wounds on his knuckles. "Heh... Now that's funny." He replaces his glove, and turns the page. His eyes widen, and then he clenches his fist. "Oh... Hah."

One Year Ago:

"Why aren't you laughing?" The Joker spins around, Tommy-gun in hand. Corpses surround him. "Oh that's right... What a dead audience! BWHAAAAAAAAAAAAHA!"

"Joker..." He spins around, but sees nothing.

"My mind must be playing tricks on me. Shut up, brain; I'm supposed to pull the pranks around here!"

"No. I'll be the one talking." He turns back and a gloved fist connects with his mouth. "I vowed the first time I beat you that you'd never again see the light of day. But you escape over and over... Not this time." He picks up the 'Clown Prince of Crime', throws him through a glass wall, and watches him tumble and roll to a stop. "Never again."

"Y-You didn't think my little crime spree was good enough? All I did was shoot my mouth off!" The Joker smiles. "Oh, and I shot this too!" He pulls a revolver from his belt and fires, causing Batman first to blink, and then dive to the side. He looks up a second later, and watches as The Joker examines the small red flag that emerged after he pulled the trigger. It reads 'bang'. "Oh chim-chim-cheroo! I'm firing blanks now, am I? The ladies hate that!" He winks at Batman and then bursts out laughing.

"Your sick little jokes have backfired on you, creep." Batman storms towards him, anger flashing in his eyes.

"Not really." The Joker pulls the trigger again, and the small flag erupts from the weapon and pierces Batman's shoulder. It rips through body armour and flesh, stopping just shy of the bone. "See? A back up for a back up, a plan for a plan and a flag for a flag!" He throws the weapon away, and frowns. "That means you owe me a flag, my lovely!"

Batman looks up, pulls the flagpole out of his arm, and throws it aside. "No." He dives at The Joker, narrowly missing the stream of acid that sprays from the small flower on his enemy's lapel. "I owe you NOTHING!" He slams his fist into the villain's chest, and then follows through with an uppercut to the jaw, which breaks more teeth and causes the clown-faced villain to fall to the floor. "Nothing..."

"Got... got... got your nose..." The Joker smiles feebly, hides his thumb between two fingers, and yanks Batman's mask down his face, obscuring his vision. "Heh!" He breaks free of the hero's grip. He sprints for the exit, but Batman swiftly throws two batarangs after him. One cuts into the back of his knee, and

the other swings around his ankles, causing the Joker to collapse to the floor, dragged down by the slender line attached to it. "OW! You got me!"

It's at this moment that the doors to the room burst open, and a squad of Gotham's finest rushes in, guns raised and ready. "Y-You're under arrest!"

"Does that mean someone can be OVER arrest? Aheh." Joker looks up, pain on his face. "That... That may be very well and true my comrades, but I wish to press charges against that man! Assault and battery! Dangerous weapons! It's all very much against the law!" He points in the direction of an exhausted and battered Batman. James Gordon emerges from behind the officers and shakes his head.

"I don't see anyone, Joker. It's another one of your crazy hallucinations."

"I DO NOT SUFFER FROM HALLUCINATIONS!" The Joker shakes his head, outraged. "AND THAT IS SLANDER! SLANDER I TELL YOU! THEY SUFFER FROM ME!" He points to Batman, who has just recovered the flagpole that had punctured him and placed it in his belt. "DON'T YOU SEE THE MAN DRESSED AS THE FLYING RODENT? THE MAN IN BLACK! BATMAN! BATMAN! BATTYMAN!"

Gordon looks around and shrugs to The Joker, and motions all around him. "There's no one here, Joker."

"Y-You're lying—"

"No." Gordon shakes his head, Batman is gone once more. He must be exhausted, battered, and drained from this crime wave that has finally come to an end.

"You mean he doesn't want to stay for the party? Doesn't want to stay for my big ol' party down at Gotham Central? Oh tut..." The Joker is handcuffed and then dragged up. As they are taking him away, he calls back. "I wanted him to make an appearance... Jumping out the cake!"

Now:

"JULIE!" He looks down at his hands and screams her name. Then he

picks himself up, and drags himself to the rooftops, laughter replaced by the agony of memory. He had *felt* The Joker's insanity in his mind. "J-Julie..." Suddenly, he is in darkness, somewhere familiar. "J-Julie?"

"Master Bruce, is that... Good lord!" Batman looks up to see Alfred Pennyworth, faithful family retainer with his shotgun in his hands. "Put your hands where I can see them!"

"My oh my oh MY! I'm thinking of redecorating! Spikes and chains and flames and everything to make every cave worth living in!" Batman bursts out laughing as Joker's Smilex gas overrides his own thoughts. "Caves and chains and automobiles!" He looks over to Alfred, who has the shotgun levelled at his employer's head. "Alfie! Come on, can't you take a joke?" He laughs so hard he falls to the floor. When he looks up, his teeth are clenched together, "A-Alfred... It's me... Joker... Venom..." he collapses onto the floor in front of his butler. He feels himself being dragged, and then hoisted onto a small cold table. "Smilex... Advanced infection...!"

"I know Sir, I had something prepared in case of an emergency like this..." Alfred presses a hidden button on Batman's gauntlet, and pulls off the cowl. "Good lord... Don't move, Sir." He straps him down to the cold metal table and then feels for a pulse. It is abnormally fast, and getting worse. He takes the top off the needle, presses the syringe into his employer's neck, and watches as his master convulses. "Calm down sir... You can think past the pain!" He watches as the tremors continue.

After a few minutes, Bruce's skin colour improves, but he screams in agony as his immune system battles the infection.

"Fight it, Bruce... Fight it..."

Days later:

He awakens in his own bed, his chest aching and his face screaming with pain. He feels his mouth and smiles, but then realises the irony of such a reaction, and grimaces. He looks over to the end of his bed, picks up his dressing gown, and then stumbles out into the hallway, looking for Alfred. "Master Bruce, you're awake!"

“Yes, Alfred... but everything hurts!” He laughs weakly, once again realising the irony of it after the events of the night prior to this one. “What’s been happening?”

“Nothing with which to concern yourself, Master Bruce. Miss Barbara telephoned with an update regarding... *him*. And Detective Gordon has been trying to get in touch with your other half.”

Bruce scratches the stubble on his chin, curious. “How?”

“He called men of influence, doubtless under the impression that they might know how to get in touch with ‘The Batman’. Bruce Wayne was one such contact. I advised the detective that you were in Sweden, attending to a private matter.”

Bruce scratches his stubbly chin. “And the ledger in my back pouch, did you recover that?”

“It’s sealed and ready for transport, Master Bruce. I’m assuming you’ll want forward it to the GCPD to assist them in building their a case against that felon whenever he is recaptured?”

“Of course. And let’s hope that the courts send him to Blackgate instead of Arkham this time...” He shakes his head. “I’m going to have a shower.”

Alfred shakes his head. “A bath. I’ll run it for you in a moment.”

Bruce smiles. “Thanks.”

“I like to think so. And after that?”

The man known as Batman rubs his chin and then nods. “I think I’ll check my computer, and then... I’ll return from Sweden, I suppose.”

“Of course. Your night clothes are pressed and ready.”

“For tonight?”

“Obviously for tonight.”

Bruce laughs. “And whatever the night might bring!”

The End!

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It's all-out war as Apokolips invades Planet Earth: heroes will rise-- and some will fall before it's done!--- and unlikely allies will be made! And not even Superman is safe when Darkseid sets his sites on the Man of Steel! You won't believe how this one ends!

Action Comics #4 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There be a Superman, Part One: Fragments and Facets.

Superman has left Metropolis? Lex Luthor targeted for death?

Metropolis invaded by aliens? The return of a threat from the

past? A revelation that will leave you reeling and... Joey from *Adventures of Superman #3*?

Action Comics #5 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There Be A Superman? Part 2 of 2: War Crimes and Amnesty (Or, the One with all the Action).

Tomar Re will make sure Lex Luthor stands trial for the murder of Jar Kell if it's the last thing he'll do! The only man standing in the way of his fury? A Superman wracked with insecurity, who must overcome his fear of the unknown once more to save his arch foe! Will he pull through to save the day?

Action Comics #6 (2006)

Action Comics: Full Circle and the End.

A forgotten hero, kidnapped in his hey day and trapped in an inescapable prison is released by a freak accident after the death of one of his wretched captors... How will this man react to a world not his own?

Batman #3 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped In E. Nigma, Part 1 (of 2).

He's here! The Count of Conundrum! The Prince of Puzzle himself... The Riddler! Edward Nigma has arrived in The Batman's world, and Gotham City won't ever be the same again! Continued from the events of #0, Batman is about to have the worst night in his short career...

Detective Comics #9 (2006)

Detective Comics: Escapism.

Someone has arrived in Gotham, someone who's very existence could bring about the end of humankind as we know it. So when someone is sent from his home to pursue and drag him back to the fiery hell he escaped from... You can bet Batman will be on the scene!

Batman #8 (2006)

Batman: Half [A] Life.

Two villains make their DC2 debut in this issue, as one reflects on his life before villainy in Arkham, and another emerges from the shadows to destroy the city! Will Batman stand a chance against this deadly double threat of devilry? Not without a little help from the one man he wouldn't expect assistance from!

Batman #4 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped in E. Nigma, Part 2: Clueless?

The conclusion to The Riddler story arc and also the conclusion of Charlie's run on the book! Expect some major twists and turns as Batman and Harvey Bullock race against time to rescue Gotham's elite computer programmers from being murdered by a mysterious villain known only as "The Question Mark Slasher"!

What's wrong with Edward Nigma? What happened all those years ago that changed Michael Hughes into a so called Crime Prince of Conundrum?

Batman #10 (2006)

Batman: Apokolips History X.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 3!

The hordes of Apokolips continue to overrun the planet, and in Gotham City Batman protects the one man that Darkseid wants the most, the only man to ever escape from his clutches: Scott Free, Mister Miracle! As Jim Gordon and the GCPD form a desperate last line of defense, the Dark Knight makes his plans to get the son of the Highfather out of the city before its inevitable fall!

Detective Comics #10 (2006)

Detective Comics: Duel.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 12!

Battered and besieged, Gotham City is occupied by the forces of General Steppenwolf, as the rag-tag forces of the GCPD lead a guerrilla resistance and the Dark Knight Detective himself is stalked by Darkseid's own master assassin Kanto! It's a battle royale in the Batcave, the winner take Gotham!

Batman #11 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Part 1 (of 2).

As The Batman patrols the night, an old friend rolls into town, and an old foe escapes from Arkham Asylum and begins to wreak havoc in Gotham City!

Batman #12 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Finale.

The body count builds as Batman and his new ally fight through the night, and as the Dark Knight finds a survivor from Zsasz's

killing spree, he hands the dying victim over to the one woman he thinks can save her, but then paints a target on her back! That woman? Leslie Thompkins!

Batman #13 (2006)

Batman: Too Many Santas Will Kill You.

Batman uncovers a deadly plot to kill one of the wealthiest businessmen in Gotham... Bruce Wayne! And on Christmas Eve of all nights, with a legion of assassins after him, all with murder on their minds, how will the Caped Crusader save the day?

The Flash #3 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies: A Conversation with my Predecessor...

After the events of last issue, Barry Allen is confronted by Jay Garrick, who has many things to tell the new Speedster...

And not all of them good!

And behind the scenes, new Rogues are born!

The Question Quarterly #1 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 1.

Vic Sage is a unique entity in Hub City... A famous journalist who tells the truth in a city of lies and deceit, who becomes an enemy of every criminal in the city with his latest expose! So when corruption and evil crawl beneath the skin of the Hub, and only one man dares fight the never-ending battle for justice, when Vic Sage dies... Who is The Question?

The Question Quarterly #2 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 2.

Everything is falling apart in the Hub. Lives are ending, lies have been revealed and the truth... Is the one thing that keeps one man, our 'hero', going. But when the truth is at last revealed, and the implications of that fully understood... The one sane man in Hub City might conform to the general taste in insanity...

The Question Quarterly #3 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: Desolation Row.

For our final issue we have a change of pace as things get dark and gritty in Arkham Asylum. Think you've seen Vic Sage at his lowest? You'd be wrong. Think this is the end? Only for now, as

The Question faces a darker threat than he has ever before, as Arkham Asylum suffers a jailbreak at the hands of two dastardly DC2 villains who make their debut in this issue... So when the inmates run free... Where is The Question?

The Flash #7 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Conclusion! Part One: Everyone, Run Fast! Flashback! We return to the past, two months since Issue Three, and The Flash is facing one of his greatest challenges... The Rogues have formed before their time, a leader clad in yellow showing them the way to destroy Barry Allen's life... With a loved one lying paralyzed in bed, and his friends falling all around him, what hope has The Flash got?

The Flash #8 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Finale.

Professor Zoom, The Reverse Flash, stands revealed to Barry Allen and Jay Garrick... Who is he? How is he? And why?

The Flash #9 (2006)

The Flash: Speed Demon.

A malevolent figure appears in Titans Tower, confronting Wally West AKA Kid Flash, and then vanishes, leaving the young speedster with a foreboding prophecy that comes true almost as suddenly as he appeared! With Kid Flash taken over by some mysterious entity, who you gonna' call?

The Flash #10 (2006)

The Flash: Flashes of Lightning.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 10!

The body count continues to rise!

The hellbores are falling and soon the earth will be remade in the image of Apokolips! But not if the Flash can help it! It's a battle to the death as the despicable Desaad and Darkseid's own bastard son Gravyn plant the doomsday device called the Infernal Machine in Keystone City. Can the Flash outrace destiny--- or will the Black Racer be waiting for him at the finish line?

The Flash Annual #1 (2006)

The Flash Annual: Eulogies.

Jay Garrick, the Golden Age Flash, is dead, and two months later, with the world healing, it's time for his funeral. 'Nuff Said.

The Question #1 (2006)

The Question: The Devil's Fingers.

The Question #2 (2006)

The Question: See No Evil.

The Question is still heading for Las Vegas when he drives into the wrong city at the wrong time, where the citizens are gripped with terror as a new, horrific serial killer is murdering women left and right with no discernible pattern... Until the right pair of eyes gaze onto the problem...

The Question Annual #1 (2006)

The Question Annual: Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.

The Question is in Las Vegas and a mystery has caught up with him from a friend of the past (is there any other kind?) and two heroes in his way.

The Question #3 (2006)

The Question: A Night In Their Arms.

The lights of Las Vegas welcome a lone traveler onto its streets. Yes, after so many months, The Question has arrived. Why is he here? What is so important to him? What is so important to the whole DC2? The conspiracy continues here.

Powers, Inc. #6 (2006)

Powers, Inc.: Life During Wartimes.

Steel wakes up a new man in the first part of this story, and in the second, Prysm discovers her true identity among the stars, and everything falls apart for her new life as her father is betrayed!

Action Comics #17 (2007)

Action Comics: The Linear Man Is Our Only Hope.

Action Comics #18 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 1 (of 3): The Tide

Action Comics #13 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 1 (of 2): The Thing That Should Not Be...

Something's coming to Smallville, leaving a trail of corpses in its wake! Clark Kent enjoys some down time from his responsibilities with a game of catch, while Lois Lane has to babysit a new reporter at the Daily Planet... But what has the DEO got to do with all this?

Action Comics #14 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 2 (of 2): With Teeth!

Action Comics #19 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 2 (of 3): Shadow On the Sun

Action Comics Annual #2 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 3 (of 3): Burein Sukuracchi.

DC2 Special #2: World's Finest (2007)

DC2 Special: World's Finest.

Batman #14 (2007)

Batman: Instinct.

The topside of Gotham City has been rebuilt over the past year thanks to Wayne Enterprises and their charitable efforts, but the sewers are another problem entirely... So when sewage workers are vanishing into the darkness, who does Batman think is the number one suspect?

Batman #15 (2007)

Batman: Masks, Part 1 (of 4).

Bruce Wayne is having a good day. Too bad he hasn't been in the Cave since he got in last night with Vicki Vale. Because when he gets down there and logs on, he's going to discover the terrible fate that has befallen James Gordon. And he isn't going to be happy. Not by a long shot.

The Flash #21 (2007)

The Flash: Ride the Lightning.

Lightning strikes once more in the Twin Cities, and you won't believe the consequences!

Batman #17 (2007)

Batman: Hizzoner, The Joker!

Green Lantern #8 (2007)

Green Lantern: Brave New World, Part 1.

A threat from the stars descends from the Heavens, searching for a battery to power the most devastating weapon known to all existence! Hal Jordan, Green Lantern, is all that stands between this villain and his target, and you won't believe the conclusion!

The Question #4 (2007)

The Question: Sneaking Mission.

The conspiracy deepens as a new player enters the game, and the puppet-master reveals himself to one of the cast! With more from the Agents of the DEO, and two buddies from another book making an appearance, you won't want to miss this as this arc continues!

The Question #5 (2007)

The Question: The Double-Edged Sword.

The con is on as The Question and his superfriends infiltrate "Hell" and search for what they're looking for. But as they delve deeper and deeper into Area 15... They realize that something is terribly terribly wrong in this government run complex!

The Question #6 (2007)

The Question: Knocking on Heaven's Door.

Blind, defenseless, lost in the bowels of hell and at the mercy of a master of torture. The Question meets Dr Moon... And witness the return of four characters you'd never thought you'd see again, spinning out of The Question Quarterly...

The Flash #20 (2007)

The Flash: Random Flashes.

In one day, a man's world can be turned upside down. Barry Allen is about to have one of those days. And you won't believe the consequences...

The Question #7 (2007)

The Question: Here With Me.

An Extra Sized Finale Issue!

You've seen The Question taken to his lowest by Steel Hand, you've seen him in Arkham Asylum, you've seen him on the road and you've seen him tortured at the hands of Dr. Moon. Travis Clevenger and Bill Nodell find their way to Area 15, only to be confronted by a very powerful someone who doesn't have The Question's best intentions in mind, and inside "Hell" itself... People are dying... But by whose order? And what familiar face makes his "welcome" return to the world of the DC2? All these questions answered and more... Including the most important one asked! What is it? Who asked it? And why?

Wonder Woman #23 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of Champions.

Wonder Woman battles a close friend, and then is given another task by Athena! With the balance of the world at stake, the Greek Gods aren't the only ones who have noticed, and another champion joins the battle against the greatest threat to humanity since... Forever!

Nightwing #26 (2008)

Nightwing: Boy Hostage.

Nightwing is in deep when a confrontation with an old foe goes awry, and he ends up more than six feet under inside a metal casket in New York harbor!

Action Comics #28 (2008)

Action Comics: Family is Like...

Superman returns home to find his cousin Kara confused and bewildered, and she's not the only one! Lois and Clark a couple? Who is the NEW Clark Kent? Plus another family member finds Superman, and it's not a happy reunion!

Action Comics #29 (2008)

Action Comics: Sons & Daughters of Krypton.

After the shocking final moments of last issue, Superman faces the challenge of a lifetime, and a foe he never thought he'd meet in combat?

It's Father Vs Son across the world, as Jor-El battles his son for his subjugation of the Planet Earth...! You can probably guess Lex Luthor has had a hand in this!

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation #1 (2008)

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation: Invasion.

Our intrepid squad of heroes are on their way to Oa for the last stand against the Manhunters and their mysterious Grandmaster! Who is underneath the hood of the robotic killing machines master? What could possibly go wrong if the Green Lanterns go past Rann? What indeed...

Detective Comics #33 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Prologue.

A new creative team and a new direction!

Dick Grayson has adopted the mantle of the Bat and has to face all the evil that comes with it! Seeds are sown for months to come as Batman is stalked by an unseen foe, battles against the citizens of Gotham itself, and is targeted by a familiar team! Meanwhile, Harvey Bullock and the GCPD are drawn into a horrendous murder mystery, one that shakes Bullock to his very core!

Also featuring a back-up feature written by Charlie Wilkins & Samantha Chapman!

Detective Comics #34 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 1.

Lucius Fox returns to Wayne Manor and Dick Grayson makes a big decision about Gotham City! The Batman continues his nightly patrols, only to run into a little trouble, the kind offered by... The Suicide Squad!

Batman Vs the Suicide Squad! It begins here!

Detective Comics #35 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 2 of 3.

The calm before the storm. The Suicide Squad nearly had him, he wasn't prepared, and if Bruce was something, he was always prepared. So with Dick fighting for his life beneath the cowl of the Bat, he needs to rethink his approach. He needs to draw up battle plans. But when push comes to shove, will he really be able to defeat the Suicide Squad, even with a little help from his friends?

Detective Comics #36 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 3.

Batman, Batwoman, Blue Beetle and Robin vs. the Suicide Squad! As the Squad launch their attack during a Wayne Enterprises ball, nobody will come out on top! Be here for the extra-sized finale to this arc!

Wonder Woman #26 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Dead-Beat.

In the aftermath of her battle in the Underworld, Wonder Woman returns home to recuperate, but meanwhile, across the world, danger rises and chaos looms...

Wonder Woman #22 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of the Dead.

Wonder Woman faces the challenge of a lifetime on the first of three days that will shape her world for the months to come! Featuring the return of two DC2 villains, Wonder Woman is tasked by her patron Gods to take down a threat powerful enough to destroy even them!

Wonder Woman #24 (2008)

Wonder Woman: All Hope...

Wonder Woman descends into the Underworld, and as the world above waits with baited breath... Down below... Something rises!

Wonder Woman #25 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Era.

One tiny event can change everything, and for Wonder Woman, former princess of the Amazons and current defender of the dead isle of Themyscira, currently situated where New York used to thrive, that is a fact she knows too well. With the world in ruins due to something that happened in the world a century ago, during the modern age of superheroics, Wonder Woman is the last Amazon.

With a chance to change the world for the better... Will she take it?

Wonder Woman #27 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part One (of Two). Dreams haunt Wonder Woman that aren't hers, leading the Queen of the Amazons on a mission to save a lost soul, and battle a threat that she could never dream possible!

Wonder Woman #28 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part Two (of Two): Hands Bound. "She is coming!" he screams, and rightly so too, as Wonder Woman is hot on the heels of the someone, or something, that haunts the dreamscape of all of humanity.

Wonder Woman #29 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Twilight.

Twilight over Paradise Island. Beautiful dark blue skies streaked with orange and yellow, running together like an oil painting. The majority of the island slept. Doom's Doorway stood loomed on the outskirts of the city, the imposing mountain silent in the receding darkness of the coming morning, and the guards stood as vigilant as ever. None were expecting what would emerge from the twilight.

Wonder Woman #30 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Potential.

The Cheetah returns, and Wonder Woman must deal with the chaos rout! President Jeb Stewart visits Themyscira House, and so does the White King of Checkmate! That's right, Steve Trevor returns into Queen Diana's life, and the Gods take note!

Wonder Woman #31 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part One (of Three).

Things start falling apart. Donna Troy is haunted by dreams of her past, Diana is confronted by a shocking new destiny, Mt. Olympus suffers a crisis of its own, and Steve Trevor is not left untouched by the growing evil that spreads across the world. This is only the beginning...

Batman #34 (2009)

Batman: Don't Say a Word.

In this issue, Commissioner Gordon, Sergeant Bullock, Black Mask, Wildcat, Hush, Robin, Alfred Pennyworth and even

Batman! The mysterious bandaged man known as Hush strikes in Gotham, but what is he up to? And why does he have his sights set on James Gordon! Robin gets some training from one of the elite fighters of the DC2, and Batman can't catch a break... all that, plus who is the stranger that stalks the Narrows?

Batman #35 (2009)

Batman: The Big Heat.

Black Mask returns to the streets of Gotham City with a whole lot of darkness in his heart and a massive wanting to inflict pain on every single living person that walk the streets. Batman and Robin come face-to-face with the Grey Ghost, and discover the murderous vigilante's true identity... a man with ties to Bruce Wayne's dark past! All this, and The Dark Knight rises as the scarlet hooded girl and the big bad white wolf with his ruby red lips stalk the Narrows and circle the mysterious man into what could be his demise! Intrigued? All this, inside!

Batman #37 (2009)

Batman: When The Man-Bat Flies..."

A murderous villain stalks the Narrows, emulating Jack the Ripper! Is history repeating itself once more? The Dark Knight intends to find out, in his own imitable way! And meanwhile, an old foe resurfaces on a murderous rampage that the Batman will struggle to stop-- and you won't believe the final scene!

Detective Comics #39 (2009)

Detective Comics: What Are You Afraid Of?

Arkham Asylum has been replaced by a bigger, better institution, spearheaded by Wayne Enterprises. During the prisoner transfer, an old enemy escapes-- but in twenty minutes, what can one mad man do? A lot, it seems, as secrets and horrors from Jonathan Crane's past haunts Gotham City as a living embodiment of fear runs free!

Batman #39 (2009)

Batman: Surface Tension.

Jason Todd is Batman?! Dick Grayson is missing, presumed insane?! This issue, Black Mask makes a move against the city, prompting the new Batman and Robin team to launch an all out

offense on the Gotham Underground, all the while Hush and Constantine Drakon make their presence known in Gotham City, and while two "old" players appear on the scene, promising many nights of mayhem for the city of Gotham!

Batman #40 (2009)

Batman: Confinement.

Dick Grayson fights for his life against the villainous Nicholas Lucian, the devilish madman who holds him captive, all the while edging closer and closer to the darkness that consumes the city he vowed to protect! Batman comes faces-to-face with his arch-foe, and it's not who you think! Batwoman joins the search for the missing Dick Grayson, racing against time, unsure if he's even alive!

Green Lantern #20 (2009)

Green Lantern: Secret of the Star Sapphire.

Hal Jordan, Green Lantern of Sector 2814 faces a threat from the past as the Star Sapphire of the Zamorans barrels down on Earth, to test the Oan representative of Earth! It all begins here, as a new era for Green Lantern begins!

Batman #41 (2009)

Batman: Until Death.

Meet The Flesh-Monger. Meet The Prince of Lies, and his loyal aide-de-campe Milo Vesuvius. Meet the Gun-Moll. Meet Boss Synth. Meet the new breed of villainy that Gotham City must accept as her own-- even if she doesn't want to. How will a Batman and Robin team survive if they can't trust one another? And will Dick Grayson survive the night?

Green Lantern #21 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 1.

In the aftermath of last issue, Hal Jordan is pulled across the universe for a debriefing by the Guardians of the Universe-- and is briefed on the secret history of the Zamorans! All this, and Guy Gardner returns-- and he's not entirely himself...

Batman #42 (2009)

Batman: Fear of the Dark.

Beneath Gotham City, Batwoman, The Dark Knight, Robin and Batman are at the mercy of Brimstone and his cohorts Charaxes and Killer Croc! The torture of Dick Grayson comes to a head, Jason Todd and Barbara Gordon are exposed to a mind-altering substance that shifts their perceptions from sanity to madness, and all the while, a greater threat looms over Gotham City as the gangs move toward war!

Green Lantern #22 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 2.

All-out-war over Coast City's skies as Hal Jordan battles Guy Gardner, with the safety of the entire universe at stake! Chloe Sullivan returns, as these two ring-wielders slug it out, and you won't believe the events that unfold!

Green Lantern #23 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 3 (of 3).

One man heads to Oa, triumphant, whilst another finds himself trapped on Earth -- and the Green Lantern Corps shut down their home-base and issue a kill-on-sight order to ensure that they do not fall!

Wonder Woman #32 (2009)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part Two (of Three).

The pieces fall into place as Themyscira is besieged by the entire world, Donna Troy steps up and Zenobia follows, Athena's plan begins to unfold and Ares takes the fight to Kronus on Paradise Island! Diana's fate is revealed and Steve Trevor and Apollo begin their own counterattack, and below, in the Underworld, Persephone raises an army of the dead, and begins their march to the world above!

Wonder Woman #34 (2009)

Wonder Woman: The Good Old Days.

In the future, the world is a different place, all thanks to one woman. In the past... Wonder Woman faces a blast from the past, a long forgotten secret from The Apokolips Imperative!

Batman #46 (2010)

Batman: The Way Things Will Be.

Bruce Wayne is back, so what does that mean for Gotham city?
Jason Todd is about to find out.

Shazam! Special #1 (2010)
Shazam!: Sons of their Fathers.

Action Comics #47 (2010)
Action Comics: Heart Of Kryptonite, Soul On Fire.

Green Lantern #27 (2010)
Green Lantern, Love Lost, Part 2.
Hal Jordan takes his daughter and Chloe Sullivan to Rann, where the ringslinger teams up with Adam Strange to face some demons, and Chloe shares a heart-to-heart with Alanna. Meanwhile, people close to Hal Jordan are visited by a strange apparition, and not all of them make it out intact, and Guy Gardner pays a visit to Carol Ferris, who is still seeing visions of a dead man as plain as day!

Green Lantern #24 (2010)
Green Lantern: A Day Like Any Other.
Green Lantern 2814.2, Hank Henshaw, returns to Earth, and takes on all the duties of his partner, Hal Jordan, in the aftermath of Infect! But with Mongul prowling on the outer fringes of the solar system, and Coast City in his sights, how will one of the greatest, most talented Green Lanterns perform? The ultimate test for Hank Henshaw begins!

Green Lantern Annual #2 (2010)
Green Lantern Annual: The Rise and Fall of Sinestro.
Sinestro has been a presence since the earliest days of the DC2--infected with the LEGION virus, enraptured by Parallax, used and abused and made a pawn in a game he never wanted to play in. But what happens when Sinestro is freed from all the possessions and the mind control? What happens then? What happens when Sinestro roams the universe once more?

Green Lantern #25 (2010)
Green Lantern: Requiem.
Across the universe, chaos begins to unfurl. Mongul hurtles away from Earth, hoping to avoid the colossal rage that the Green

Lantern Corps is aiming to unleash, Hal Jordan and Guy Gardner at the forefront of the tidal wave of emerald might that wants the yellow-skinned intergalactic terrorist's head! Meanwhile, just because the world is looking one way, doesn't mean that the rest of the galaxy stops ticking over-- something is looming on the horizon, and it means nothing but trouble for the Corps and beyond!

Green Lantern #26 (2010)

Green Lantern: Love Lost.

Guy Gardner inducts John Stewart into the Green Lantern Corps, whilst Hal Jordan receives a phone call from an old flame-- Carol Ferris is back on the scene, and is she seeing things, or is an old face really back? Will this spell trouble for the burgeoning relationship between Hal and Chloe Sullivan?

Green Lantern #28 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Lost, Part Three (of Four).

One year later... and we're back. The story continues.

Green Lantern #29 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Hurts, Part Four (of Four).

Heroes live, heroes die.



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