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GOTHAM

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# **THE BRIEFING**

**GOTHAM IS A CITY OF MYTHS. GOOD CLASHES WITH THE TWISTED, GRINNING REFLECTION OF EVIL UNDER ETERNAL TWILIGHT. IT IS THE FRONT LINE FOR AN UNENDING WAR OF JUSTICE AGAINST CRIME. THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE WHO LIVE AS ABSOLUTES, WHO GIVE THEIR LIVES TO HIGHER CAUSES, WHO PUSH THEMSELVES TO THE LIMITS OF HUMANITY.**

**... YOU ARE NOT ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE. YOU ARE THE BEAT COPS, THE MARKS, THE DIME STORE VIGILANTES, THE HENCHMEN, AND TWO-BIT CROOKS TRYING TO GET BY IN THE CROSSFIRE OF UNSTOPPABLE FORCES AND IMMOVABLE OBJECTS.**

**THIS TOWN WILL BREAK YOUR HEART, TAKE YOUR WALLET, CARVE A SMILE ON YOUR FACE TO LET YOU BLEED OUT ON THE STREET.**

**THIS MAKES GOTHAM THE PERFECT ENVIRONMENT FOR HIGH AMBITION AND POOR IMPULSE CONTROL.**

**REMEMBER, WHAT DOESN'T KILL YOU WILL PROBABLY LEAVE YOU HORRIBLY SCARRED AND CRIMINALLY INSANE.**

# RELATIONSHIPS...

## 1 FAMILY

- ☐ • twins separated by implausibly tragic circumstances
- ☐ • Surrogate parent and child
- ☐ •• orphan/secretly not dead parent
- ☐ •• near strangers who made a baby
- ☐ •• Parent/Child on opposite sides of the law.
- ☐ ••• Protégé/the Birth Child.

## 2 WORK

- ☐ • Partners or Ex-Partners.
- ☐ • Allies of circumstance.
- ☐ •• People who only hench because you look like twins.
- ☐ •• Giant spotlight repair team
- ☐ •• Informant/The person pulling the strings.
- ☐ ••• You got the job because you look like twins.

## 3 RIVALRIES

- ☐ • Two assassins who have to kill the same guy.
- ☐ • Displaced right hand man/ Current right hand man.
- ☐ •• Detective and Vigilante.
- ☐ •• Paper pusher for the Good Guys/paper pusher for the Bad Guys.
- ☐ •• Rival henchmen for similarly themed Bad Guys.
- ☐ ••• Opposite themed henchmen.

## 4 SUPER VILLAINOUS

- ☐ Current and former alter egos of a legacy identity.
- ☐ "World class" assassin and Criminal "mastermind".
- ☐ You were on the suicide squad together.
- ☐ Villains anonymous and sponsor.
- ☐ Frenemies from the Asylum.
- ☐ You can't stand each other, but your themes coordinate perfectly.

## 5 HEROIC

- ☐ Former sidekick/Current sidekick.
- ☐ Eye in the sky/Agent on the ground.
- ☐ A dead hero changed both your lives.
- ☐ Destined to **die tragically** (and soon!)/Will swear to avenge this.
- ☐ 3 days from retirement/Rookie replacement.
- ☐ You died. He or she took up your mantle. You came back.

## 6 ROMANTIC

- ☐ Sexy anti-hero/Brooding Good Guy.
- ☐ Adopted siblings.
- ☐ You are only together to piss off a distant father figure.
- ☐ Afraid to confess their feelings/Person who totally knows what's up.
- ☐ Madly in love despite being awful for one another.
- ☐ Boy from the Street/Girl from the Stars.

# NEEDS...

## 1 TO PROVE MYSELF

- To the person who only knows me as a criminal.
- To the father who can never tell me he loves me.
- To the city I must protect.
- To the world that thinks I'm a failure.
- To the symbol that haunts my family.
- To the society that rejected me.


## 2 TO AVENGE!

- ...my dead parents!
- ...my lover.
- ...my life before the accident.
- ...my tainted reputation.
- ...my fucking azaleas!
- ...the partner I couldn't save.

## 3 TO DEFEAT

- The Bat!
- Everyone standing in my way.
- My own crippling fear.
- The Society that couldn't save me.
- Humanity's destructive impulses... by any means necessary.
- The greatest puzzle the world has ever known, the human mind!

## 4 TO GET...


 Filthy Rich!

 Famous!


 Laid!


 Power!


 Dark Vengeance!


 Out of town!


## 5 TO FIND


 The identity of your enemy.

 The Answer/The Question


 The witness who knows too much.


 The sibling you thought was dead.


 True love.


 The best friend that framed you for murder.


## 6 TO FINALLY...


 Get away with the Perfect Score!

 Break the Bat!

 Prove I was right all along!

 End the Mob's hold on Gotham!

 Get out of this wretched place.

 Destroy this city!

# LOCATIONS...

## 7 LIVE ACTION TIMELINES

- 66'.
- Burtonverse. (Batman, Batman Returns. Batman Forever)
- Nolanverse. (Batman Begins, The Dark Knight, the Dark Knight Rises)
- Gotham. (The TV Show)
- Idris Elba is Batman. (Oh so dreamy)
- Ben Affleck is Batman now. (I hope you are proud of yourself)

## 2 ANIMATED TIMELINE

- Batman: The Animated Series
- Brave and the Bold
- Justice League Unlimited
- Young Justice
- Scooby Doo
- Beyond

## 3 COMIC TIMELINES

- Golden Age.
- Silver age.
- The Dark Age (90's)/No Mans Land
- The New 52.
- Dick and Damian Days
- The Grant Morrison Era



## 4 LANDMARKS

- The Highway between Metropolis and Gotham.
- Justice League Museum.
- Gotham International Airport.
- Lexcorp: Gotham Corporate Headquarters.
- Star Labs.
- Wayne Enterprises International Headquarters.

## 5 BAT







- Crime alley.
- Ace Chemicals.
- Wayne Manor.
- Abandoned amusement park.
- The Narrows.
- Arkham Asylum.

## 6 THE UNDERBELLY







- Gigantic Novelty Item Factory.
- The Iceburg Lounge.
- Nolans Pub.
- A totally legitimate Italian business.
- The secret tailor on Robinson street.
- The Seediest Bathroom in Gotham.

# OBJECTS...







## 1 SENTIMENTAL

-  A 1947 penny.
-  Mechanical t-rex.
-  Playing card.
-  Suit from the night of your greatest failure.
-  A string of old pearls.
-  A worn leather whip.

## 2 VILLIANOUS

-  Joy buzzer.
-  An umbrella.
-  A two headed coin.
-  A ventriloquist's dummy.
-  A cane with a curved handle?
-  An oversized mallet.

## 3 MISPLACED

-  A stylized boomerang.
-  A lost child.
-  A utility belt.
-  A case of Venom.
-  A glowing green rock.
-  Batmobile

## 4 ANIMALS

- Ace the Bat-Hound
- A Black Cat
- A live bat in an envelope
- A joker fish
- A Penguin with a bomb strapped to it
- A pack of Hyenas

## 5 INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE

- List of everyone on the take
- Shipping manifest labeled "DON'T SHOW TO PORT AUTHORITY"
- A written confession
- file detailing what you did in your former life
- Literal hand in the cookie jar.
- A file on how to kill all you best friends

## 6 TRANSPORTATION

- Cruise Ship
- Armored Vehicle
- Wheel chair
- Police cruiser
- Whirlybat
- Trained Giant Bat

# THE TILT...

## 1 BODY

- A face is forever scarred.
- Someone is beaten with a crowbar.
- Someone dies the most 90's death imaginable.
- After washing your hands, you realize your body is made of clay.
- Someone gets dropped into a vat of chemicals.
- Someone starts laughing uncontrollably.

**NO MATTER WHAT GOES DOWN IN ACT 1, ONCE YOU HIT THE TILT, A BAT FLIES THROUGH THE WINDOW. THAT CAN MEAN A LOT OF THINGS. IT COULD BE A GUY IN A COSTUME, IT COULD BE AN ANIMAL, IT COULD BE A GUY WHO LOOKS LIKE AN ANIMAL. ONE THING IT ALWAYS MEANS IS TROUBLE.**

## 2 MIND

- Someone is mind controlled.
- Fear gas is released throughout the city.
- A preoccupation turns into a serious obsession.
- It looks like your friend "Matches" is actually Batman.
- Someone's Xur-en-arrh personality defense is triggered.
- Someone crawls out of a Lazarus pit... CHANGED.

## 3 SOUL

- Someone breaks their one rule.
- The most determined person gives up.
- Someone loses faith in a person they trust.
- The person responsible for your lifelong vendetta shows up.
- The Spectre possesses a worthy vessel.
- You realize the person you love can never come back.

## 4 PEOPLE

- ☐ Parents die.
- ☐ Someone is revealed to not be dead.
- ☐ Someone is betrayed by someone close.
- ☐ Someone has a surprise clone.
- ☐ Someone smooched someone else's love interest.
- ☐ Someone takes on a new identity.

## 5 PLACES

- ☐ A home burns down.
- ☐ The bridges out of Gotham get shut down.
- ☐ An earthquake hits.
- ☐ There is a mass prison break at Arkham Asylum.
- ☐ There's rioting in the narrows.
- ☐ Half the city is now a prison.

## 6 CRISIS NONSENSE

- ☐ Black lanterns friggin everywhere.
- ☐ Starro Lives!
- ☐ Suddenly every minor character was part of the Owl conspiracy
- ☐ An Apokalypse Pit shows up in the middle of the city.
- ☐ Jonah Hex is here and one of you is on his list.
- ☐ Every one pick a number 1-6 and roll a die the person who is closest is now being protected by the Phantom Stranger.