In the Line of Fire!
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SHOULD WE TAKE HIM IN?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. JUST TRACK HIM. WHEN THE TIME COMES, WE NEED TO--

OH, GOD!

DAMMIT. TOWER CONTROL, HE'S SPOTTED CIVILIANS.

DON'T MOVE. DON'T SCREAM.

@AAAHH!

SHAKOOOM
He... he killed them.  

What are you talking about? He destroyed the entire iceberg—

Because that was the quickest way to get to the water.

We have no idea how his brain even works...

...but he's planning something.

This may not be the same old Doomsday after all...
My father always told me the strongest person has to be the most careful.

HE TOLD ME TO COUNT TO TEN...

...and then if I was still mad, start counting again.

I'm up to ten thousand.

And I'm still mad...
...so I'm glad these guys feel like fighting.

Not a heartbeat among them.

They're Ghost Soldiers, like Sawyer here.
So I cut loose. They should know better by now. Once they become tangible... I can freeze them.

I dunno, Dad, does it count as punching down...

...when you're fighting murderers?

Tell your boss, it's over.
I'm going to incinerate every piece of equipment they have.

And then I'm going to tear the tower to the ground and figure out how to send these ghosts back to--

---and then I hear a heartbeat.

Hello, Superman. My name is Harrow, commander of the tower. And I'm a little surprised. You always try to make friends. Why treat us so differently?

She's alive. I can't just freeze her like the others.

So I give her one chance...

It can take me a while, but eventually I figure out who the real monsters are.
YOU SENT YOUR SOLDIERS TO TRY TO KILL WONDER WOMAN.

YOU SENT YOUR DRONES TO SHOOT UP MY FRIEND BAG.

YOU SENT SAWYER TO SLAUGHTER THE INNOCENT CREATURES WE SAVED FROM SUBTERRANE.

AND BECAUSE OF YOUR CONSTANT THREATS, YOU FORCED ME TO EXILE THE BOY I PROMISED TO PROTECT.

YOU’VE WRECKED EVERYTHING EVERY TIME I TRY TO HELP.

I DON’T KNOW WHERE YOU COME FROM OR HOW YOU DO WHAT YOU DO.

BUT IT’S TIME FOR YOU TO SURRENDER, UNCONDITIONALLY.

I APPRECIATE YOUR PASSION, SUPERMAN.

BUT THAT’S A VERY LIMITED VIEW OF THE SITUATION.
BEFORE WE ATTACKED HER, YOU AND WONDER WOMAN SET OFF A NUCLEAR BOMB TO DEFEND AN ENEMY...

YOU CALMED DOWN THE BAKA MONSTER.

BUT THEN THE TWO OF YOU STARTED A WAR WITH AN UNDERGROUND EMPIRE.

THE "INNOCENT CREATURES" THAT HAD TURNED INTO KILLERS WHEN EXPOSED TO SUNLIGHT... YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD REDEEM THEM.

BUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN YOU ENDANGER THE WORLD.

YOU'RE TOO POWERFUL—AND TOO WEAK—AT THE SAME TIME.

YOU'VE BEEN MIND-CONTROLLED BEFORE.

YOU KILLED MILLIONS.

IT'S SIMPLE. SUPERMAN...

NEXT TIME, YOU COULD KILL MILLIONS...
YOU DON'T BELONG IN THIS WORLD. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN POWER. AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE PERSPECTIVE NECESSARY TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES.

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SAWYER. BUT HE CAME WHEN I CALLED... BECAUSE HE'S STILL HUMAN.

THAT'S WHY HE STAYED IN THIS PLANE. HE WILL ALWAYS FIGHT FOR HUMANITY, ABOVE ALL ELSE.

THE JOB BELONGS TO US. YOU NEED TO LEAVE.

HER HEARTBEAT NEVER WAVERs.
TRUE BELIEVER.
SO SURE OF WHO BELONGS AND WHO DOESN'T.

I THINK ABOUT BAKA. CRYING IN THE DARK...

FWOOSH... ALL RIGHT THEN.

YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE.

...AND I DON'T EVEN TRUST MYSELF TO SPEAK FOR FEAR OF DESTROYING EVERYTHING WITHIN A MILE.
AND THEN HARRROW SHOWS WHAT SHE’S REALLY MADE OF.

HUNDREDS OF VOICES SCREAMING OVER THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

THE DEAD FROM COUNTLESS WARS, DRAGGED HOWLING FROM THEIR GRAVES.

KRRAAAKK!

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HELP PEOPLE... LISTEN TO THEM—THEY DON'T WANT THIS!

YOU THINK ANY OF US DO?

LOOK WHAT IT DOES TO ME, SUPERMAN.

BUT IF YOU CAN’T LEAVE THIS WORLD ALONE...
...THE DEAD WILL PROTECT THEIR OWN!
Their touch burns.

I can feel their anger.

But they're stronger than the others.

Running me through with pure hate.

These are your champions, Harrow?
YOU DON'T SAVE THE WORLD WITH SLAVES.

NOOOOO!

THE AGONY IN THEIR VOICES--

--BRAIN'S SPLITTING APART

STOP FIGHTING.  LET THEM STAB.

AND GET THEIR ATTENTION.

NOW THEY KNOW.

THEM KNOW THEIR ENEMY.

CRRAAAAAAA!

MY BEAUTIFUL DEAD...
AAAAAAA!

AHOOOOSH!

...FORGIVE ME.

NOW...

...HOW CAN SHE KILL THE DEAD?

AND THEN I SEE...

...SHE JUST RELEASED THEM.
HARROW...

MOSTLY I RECRUIT THE WILLING DEAD. THIS... WAS DIFFERENT.

TOOK ALL I HAD.

SO GO AHEAD. ONE LITTLE PUFF FROM YOU AND I'LL VANISH LIKE A BAD DREAM.

CONGRATULATIONS, SUPERMAN.

YOU WIN.

COUNT TO TEN...
YOU JUST PROVED EVERY POINT I’VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I RAISE THE DEAD.

WHAT MORE TERRIBLE THREAT CAN YOU IMAGINE?

YOU DON’T KNOW HOW TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS.

AND YOU WILL DESTROY THE WORLD YOU’RE SO DESPERATELY TRYING TO SAVE.

WE’RE FIGHTING FOR THE SAME THING.
WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER.

INCREDIBLE.

AND YOU COULD HAVE DEFEATED ME.
BUT YOU PULLED YOUR PUNCH.
“NEXT TIME, SUPERMAN, WE WILL KILL YOU...”

“...AND THEN YOU CAN JOIN US, IF YOU'RE STILL WILLING.”
TOWER CONTROL, I HAVE UNIT 9D IN POSITION, STANDING BY FOR YOUR ORDERS.

COPY THAT, TOWER THREE.

THE BLUEBIRD IS TOO STRONG.

WE NEED SOMETHING STRONGER.

IT'S TIME TO WAKE DOOMSDAY...
...or whatever Doomsday has become.
CHANNEL 52 REPORTING LIVE: THERE HAS BEEN A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT IN GOTHAM CITY!

SECURITY CAMERAS CATCH THE DESTRUCTION OF A SUBWAY TRAIN IN THE WAKE OF REPORTS THAT BATMAN AND THE G.C.P.D. HA- BEEN BATTLING PROFESSOR PYG.

CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AND, IN SHOCKING NEWS, WE'RE HEARING COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE EVENTS!

MORE NEWS TO COME ON THIS HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.
ATMAN ETERNAL BEGINS!

This is a Bat-story so massive, we need every week of the month to tell it! An immense cast of Gotham’s best (and worst) examines the relationship Batman has with his allies and his city. On sale weekly, Batman Eternal also features some of your favorite writers and artists including Scott Snyder, James Tynion IV, Ray Fawkes, John Layman, Tim Seeley, Jason Fabok, Dustin Nguyen, Andy Clarke, Trevor McCarthy, Emanuel Simeoni, and Guillem March!

To kick things off, Commissioner Gordon is arrested and a gang war erupts in Gotham City! And we promise that there will be more twists and turns in Batman Eternal that will keep you guessing and keep introducing new characters into Batman’s world. And just because they’re new doesn’t mean you have never seen them before!

So tune in to Batman Eternal and check back here for more news and updates as the weeks go by!