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I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING... TED GAYNOR LOVES AMERICA...

...SO WHY IS HE ATTACKING AN AMERICAN CITY? THAT'S WHAT **TERRORISTS** DO, NOT RED-BLOODED AMERICANS.

BUT I ASK YOU--DID THAT STOP FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT IN 1942?

HE KNEW AMERICA NEEDED TO JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST GERMANY SO HE PRACTICALLY **INVITED** JAPAN TO DESTROY A BUNCH OF SCRAP BOATS HE KNEW WE DIDN'T NEED.

BECAUSE ROOSEVELT KNEW THE TRUTH--

Ted Gaynor, once a Blackhawk.

Now a madman with global ambitions.


ROOSEVELT KNEW AMERICA **NEEDS** WAR.





I'VE ALREADY SENT A VIDEOTAPE TO THE **DAILY PLANET** CLAIMING THE DESTRUCTION OF GOTHAM CITY AS AN ACT OF CHINESE AGGRESSION AIDED BY THE SUBVERSIVE, PRO-COMMUNIST BLACKHAWK CORPORATION.

*Janos Prohaska, the original Blackhawk. Rumors of his death have been greatly exaggerated.*




IF I WERE A BETTING MAN, I'D SAY WE'LL SEE NUCLEAR MISSILES FLYING INTO BEIJING LONG BEFORE ANY OF THIS GETS SORTED OUT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

*Zinda Blake, the Lady Blackhawk, Brainwashed into aiding Gaynor.*



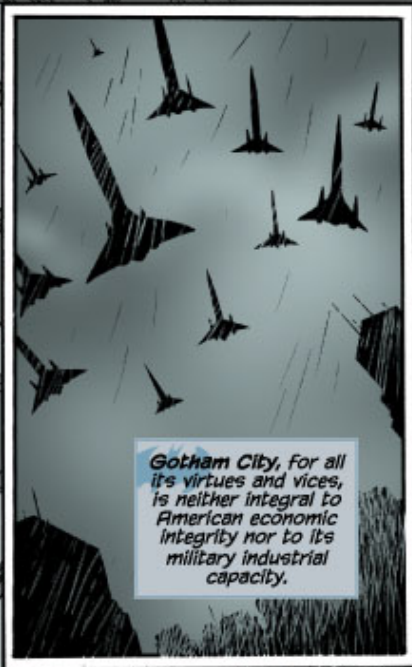
THAT'S WHY I'M A **REAL** AMERICAN.



BECAUSE, LIKE ROOSEVELT, I UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICA NEEDS WAR. AND WHAT YOU BOYS ARE...



...IS **TOO LATE** TO STOP ME.



*Gotham City, for all its virtues and vices, is neither integral to American economic integrity nor to its military industrial capacity.*

*Gaynor knows that an attack here would not cripple our nation.*

*Rather, he intends to horrify us, broadcast images of devastation into households across the country, and direct our minds toward thoughts of revenge.*



*Like a gardener, he prunes away the excess to encourage further growth.*

*But at what cost?*

THERE WON'T BE ANY WAR, GAYNOR.



THE REVOLUTION STOPS HERE.

GUHH



ZINDA, LISTEN TO ME. WHATEVER GAYNOR DID TO YOU, I CAN HELP!



WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU?

ALL THIS TIME, YOU WERE ALIVE AND YOU LET ME BELIEVE YOU WERE DEAD.

I CAN'T CHANGE WHAT'S DONE, ZINDA, BUT I CAN TRY TO MAKE IT UP TO YOU.

YOU'RE NOT SORRY, BLACKHAWK.

I WAS NEVER MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER PRETTY GIRL TO YOU.

YOU USED ME LIKE YOU USE EVERYONE.