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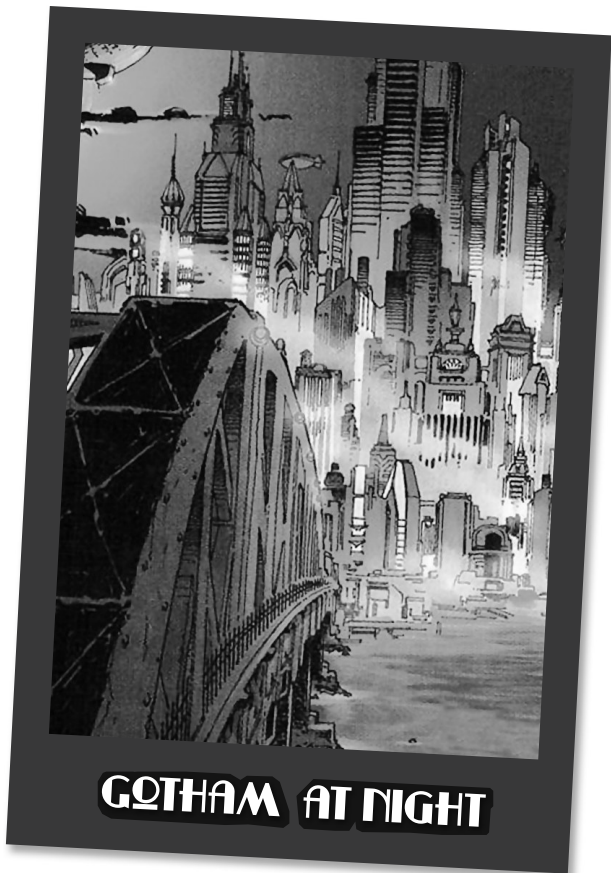


CHAPTER ONE



BEFORE BATGIRL

When Lieutenant James Gordon moved his family from Chicago to Gotham City, he had no idea how drastically he was about to change the life of his daughter Barbara. James Gordon was an honest cop with a desire to make something of himself. He believed that opportunities had dried up for him in his hometown of Chicago. Gotham City seemed like the kind of town where he could make a real impact. But the one thing that Gordon had failed to realize was just how corrupt



GOTHAM AT NIGHT

this new city truly was.

Over half the cops in the Gotham City Police Department were making secret deals with various criminal organizations. Even Police Commissioner Gillian Loeb worked hand in hand with dangerous criminals—but that didn't stop James Gordon from



BATMAN HAS ALWAYS BEEN A CREATURE OF THE SHADOWS, EVEN WHEN WORKING WITH TRUSTED FRIENDS LIKE JAMES GORDON.

fighting for a better city. He saw to the capture of the Black Mask Gang, a group of masked criminals working for a wealthy businessman. He arrested many corrupt police officers, including the GCPD internal affairs officer Zachary Henshaw. Though he was reluctant about it at first, James Gordon even began working with a vigilante who had appeared in Gotham City: a mysterious masked man in a cape whom the press called Batman.

Gordon rose through the ranks of the Gotham City Police Department and was declared a hero by the public. But his biggest fan lived at home with him. His daughter Barbara was an extremely intelligent teenager who had idolized her father for as long as she could remember—and she could remember quite a lot. She possessed an eidetic memory—also known as a photographic memory—and could recall events from her past with incredible accuracy and detail. Barbara had long recognized her father for the hero he was, and her dad doted on her in return.



Commissioner James Gordon

With a strong sense of ethics and a tough stance against crime, Commissioner James Gordon's only weakness seems to be his daughter Barbara. Gordon is a true hero who worked his way up the Gotham City Police Department from lieutenant to commissioner. He has formed a strong bond with Barbara, perhaps seeing his own determination reflected in her eyes. Gordon has never learned about his own daughter's double identity. He is simply content to see her happy and healthy, willing to let her lead her own life and make her own choices.