

Dark Nights

Part II: Death

-Dick's Apartment-

Barbara: Dick ... How are you?

Dick: Never better, why?

Barbara: It's just that.. I heard about your fight with Bruce.

Dick grimaces.

Barbara: Sorry, I guess that's between the two of you.

Dick: I'd just rather not talk about him right now. Anyway, I wanted to talk to you about something.

Barbara: Yes?

Dick: Ever since we got together, I've been holding back in our relationship, keeping secrets, disappearing all the time, never telling you anything about certain aspects of my life.

Barbara: I know you need time, it's alright.

Dick: You've been infinitely patient with me, through all the secrets, the lies... everything. You deserve so much better than me. The things I put you through... I don't understand how you've been so willing to stick with me this whole time. She smiles.

Barbara: I understand how busy you can get working for Bruce at his company. I get caught up with work all the time too. I can't expect you to tell me your company's secrets.

Dick: Barbara...

His beeper turns on. He grimaces then starts to talk again while the beeper goes off.

Dick: Barb... I think it's... I think it's time that.....

Barbara: Maybe you should take care of that.

Dick picks it up, turns it off, then tosses it on the floor.

Dick: "Anyway, I think it's time that we ..."

Barbara's phone starts ringing. He gets angry.

Barbara: "I should get that."

She gets up and picks up the phone.

Barbara: It's Bruce.

He takes the call reluctantly.

Bruce: "Pier 41. 20 minutes."

Dial tone.

Dick throws her phone into the wall and it shatters.

Dick: ...I'm sorry... I have to go.

Barbara: It's alright, go ahead. I know you have serious responsibilities at Wayne Enterprises.

Dick leaves.

-Pier 41 Dock-

The scene opens with smugglers carrying boxes and machine guns around the dock.

The Scene then cuts to Batman on a close-by rooftop.

Robin arrives and walks up beside batman.

Batman: "If you'd gotten here any later I would've made batgirl my new partner."

Robin: "Go right ahead, she's dying to be under you."

Batman: "I'm not laughing."

Robin: "So what's the situation?"

Batman: "If you don't know that then get off this rooftop."

Robin: "I meant, what's been going on the past 2 minutes."

Batman: "You've been ruining my schedule. Half of our targets are gone."

Robin: Sorry, I got caught up with thinking I could have a social life. Besides, we still got Mendler. –he nods to one of the smugglers in particular.

Batman: We don't have much time. Try and keep up.

Batman then jumps off of the rooftop.

Scene cuts to smuggler holding a box and walking by himself around a corner. He see's something fly past and turns towards it. He begins to walk towards it and then the scene cuts to some of the other smuggles minding their business until they hear a crash and a scream. A few of them go to where they heard the scream but they are picked off one by one by Batman and Robin. The rest of the smugglers then drop their crates and arm themselves. Robin jumps the gun and throws one of his r's knocking a gun out of one of the smuggler's hands. The rest then follow where the "r" came from while shooting.

Batman grabs Robin and leads him to the top of the warehouse nearby –dropping a smoke bomb to cover their tracks. The smugglers, including Mendler, then quickly get to their vehicles and drive away, escaping. Robin starts to go after them but Batman stops him. They glare at each other until the scene ends.

- Batcave –

Robin puts on his jacket as he prepares to leave the batcave.

Batman comes up behind him.

Batman: Next time you want to risk your life being reckless and foolish, do it on your own.

Robin: I made a mistake. Some of us aren't obsessed night and day over it.

Batman: I didn't ask you to help to be half-assed about it. I need someone to back me up. Not someone who I have to watch over like a baby!

Robin: I never asked for your help out there! I could've handled myself and we could've got Mendler if you weren't always holding me back!

Batman: We didn't stand a chance of catching him. We'd have gotten too much exposure from the chase.

Robin: Too much exposure? What the hell is it with you and all this! The city loves us! Would it kill you to let someone you love know who you really are?

Batman stares him down for a moment.

Batman: If this is about Barbara...

Robin: What if it is?! You going kill her if she finds out!? You going kill me?!

Batman: If anyone else finds out it's not just your secret, it's mine too!

Robin: Then you're in for a rude awakening, because I'm not holding back anything anymore once we get married.

Batman pauses for a moment: Your engaged?

Robin: Will be.

He pulls out the ring.

Batman: I won't let you endanger our lives let alone hers.

Robin: And just how are you going to stop me?!

Alfred the walks into the room, and the two younger men calm down a bit.

Alfred: Listen to the two of you. How long has it been since you've been partners, best friends, brothers? Whatever your fighting over, I'm sure it's not worth this.

Robin: Oh, she's worth it.

He storms out of the cave.

Batman hangs his head in self-disappointment.

Alfred walks over to him.

Alfred: Why won't you let them tell each other? Or at least let her tell him she already knows? He'll find out one way or the other. And it's far past time.

There is another glimpse of batman and the scene fades out on him.

- Barb's apartment –

Outside her apartment he calls her on the phone

He gets her voice mail.

Dick: Barbara, I didn't want to do this over the phone but, I just don't know how else to do it. I'm... I... (long pause) I'm Robin. I'm sorry I've been keeping it from you for so long but you have to understand. I had to know for sure that I could trust you with this, then when I thought I could he... Bruce... told me not to. He told me not to tell you who I was. I guess cause he figured you'd make the connection between him and Batman soon enough and he still didn't trust you. So I kept it from you because Bruce still had control over me but... not anymore. I can't do this anymore. I can't... I don't want to do this anymore. I can't.. be Robin anymore.”-he starts to cry-“Barbara, the only thing I want in life right now is to be with you. I just want to have a normal life. (short pause) Barbara...”

He then gets a look on his face

Dick: *why didn't you answer your phone?*

He shakes off some of his fear then opens the door and pokes his head in.

Dick: Barb?

She doesn't answer so he walks in slowly.

Dick: Barbara?

She still doesn't answer so he head's towards her bedroom. He knocks on the door first, then he enters to find it empty.

Dick looks at the clock which reads 2:23am. He then notices a note on the bed.

The note reads: Dick, I'm running an errand, be back soon. Barbara Gordon.

Dick: What kind of errand is she running *now*?

The dreadful thought then immediately occurs to him. He's not sure, but he can't ignore the feeling in his gut.

He looks around the room and notices that there is a light on in her closet. He opens the closet door and sees that it's completely empty. (“so y is the light on?”) He examines the

closet a bit more until he sees that the wall is a bit on a slant. He pushes against it and his jaws drop.

1 Pier 41 Dock- Pt II. –

The Scene starts with Batman and Batgirl motioning to one another then splitting up, running to different parts of the pier. Batman takes down someone skillfully. Then Batgirl gets her first 2 cents in. Then Batman enters the warehouse on the right and Batgirl heads towards the other one. Batman takes one guy down then the rest of the guys in his warehouse get tense- ready to fight/run but they don't know where he is. Then Robin is seen on the motor cycle about 200m from the warehouse- he does his cool grapple and crash-window-kick move and then the rest of the smugglers begin to scatter towards the exit. Batman springs out and stops one and takes him down. Robin sees this and jumps straight down to the ground level. Batman starts to chase the rest of the smugglers who are escaping but then Robin grabs him and throws a punch but batman ducks it and the two wrestle for a minute but then push away from each other. They then stare each other down.

Batman: What the hell are you doing?

Robin: What I should've done a long time ago.

Robin then charges Batman again, this time, successfully punching him square in the face and the Batman blocking and kicking him in the chest. Batman then charges and knocks him down. But Robin's rage is too strong for him to say down and he quickly gets himself up and throws a few punches and kicks towards Batman until batman kicks his shin and then tries to kick him in the face but Robin catches his leg and throws him onto the ground. Batman rolls away and then begins to head outside of the warehouse while doing his best to block and avoid Robin's oncoming blows.

Batman: I don't want to fight you!

Robin continues to throw endless blows at Batman until he knocks him down. Robin charges him on the ground but batman uses his momentum against him to sent him flying over him. Robin lands face first on the ground, tired and hurt, but just more enraged. He gets up slowly and tosses off his cape (his costume is a bit dirty now). He then tries to double jump-kick batman and hits him with the second after missing with the first. Batman comes back after him with two hard lunges-punches that hit only air, then, while Robin tries to punch him again, he grabs his arm, knees him, and then knocks him down with a left hook. Robin falls to the ground again and gets up with batman having distanced himself from Robin. Robin then begins to charge him again until Batgirl gets between them.

Batgirl: Enough! Robin! Whatever it is, let it go. It's over. Let it go.

Robin: Your taking his side again!

Batgirl: What are you talking about?

Robin: You lied to me! You let me thi... And you trusted him!?

Barbara: What!? I don't...

Dick rips her mask off and pushes her into Batman.

Barbara stares at him in shock. After a long pause...

Barbara: Dick I..... I'm sorry....

Dick stares the two of them down for another moment.

Dick then tears off his "R", then pulls the engagement ring out of his belt and throws it to the ground at batgirl's feet.

Barbara: Dick.....

Dick: It's over. No more... no more...

Robin then walks away.

She begins to cry.

The End.