



One-shot: The Fall of Gotham City Featuring Nightwing and The Winter Soldier

Previously

Gotham City is in crisis! With the prison break bringing all the Arkham wing patients back home, the GCPD is mobilised, but with Jim Gordon missing, Batman stopping the Joker at Arkham, and Robin and Red Robin working with the Juniors, responsibility for protecting city now lands on Nightwing's shoulders. Can he protect the city on his own?

Scene 1

Port 21, Gotham City, 8th October 19:00 EDT

A ship comes into port, Nightwing is watching the ship come in, scanning it with his detective vision

Nightwing: You were right, Oracle; that's a lot of guns coming into port.

Oracle: You alright stopping them?

Nightwing: Only one way to find out (he jumps off a roof, and glides towards the boat, he sneaks past several of the guards and makes his way into the main weapons storage facility)

<Nightwing>: If this lot got into the city, it'd be a disaster waiting to happen (he plants an explosive charge on one of the support columns, he then scans the area and prepares a shuriken, he spots a fire alarm) perfect (he throws a shuriken at the fire alarm activating it, one of the guards discovers the Shuriken) damn

Guard: Search the boat, find whoever threw this, and get him off the ship

<Nightwing>: Can't detonate the bomb with all these people on board, I'll have to keep to the shadows (the bomb begins to activate) oh no (he grapples up to the ceiling as the bomb detonates, several smaller explosions blow up the weapons) I'm not the only one here (he scans the area and sees someone confronted by more guards on the bridge) not him again (he swings towards the bridge as more explosives blow up the boat)

The bridge

The Winter Soldier is fighting off against 3 armed guards, two of them punch but he blocks and breaks their wrists, before head-butting one of them back, and throwing the other into him, the final guard attacks doing a spin kick, and catching the Winter Soldier off-guard. He prepares to strike a blow on the Winter Soldier when Nightwing enters and knocks the guard out with a shuriken to the face

Winter Soldier: Nice of you to show up

Nightwing: I had this handled

Winter Soldier: Sure you did (the boat shakes as it begins to sink)

Nightwing: We'd better go, hopefully the crew can make it out on their own (He throws a shuriken at the glass, breaking it and he and the Winter Soldier jump out, with the Winter Soldier having grabbed the ship's Captain, they land on the dock, and pin the captain against the wall of a nearby warehouse)

Winter Soldier: You could've gone down with the ship but we saved you, you owe us. Who is responsible for this shipment?

Captain: I don't care; I got paid a fortune to bring this junk into Gotham.

Nightwing: He's telling the truth

Winter Soldier: Then we don't need him (he prepares to shoot, but Nightwing lifts the Winter Soldier's arm with one hand and knocks out the Captain with the other) you don't get it do you? This guy will be up in an hour and delivering weapons to someone else. Even if the cops arrest him, they have no-where to put him.

Nightwing: That doesn't mean we should deny him any chance of redemptions, besides (he cuffs the Captain to a pole) I'd like to see him get out of that in a hurry (they hear a phone vibrate, The Winter Soldier lifts it out of the Captain's pocket)

Winter Soldier: It's an encrypted line. I could get my friends at S.H.I.E.L.D. to decrypt it

Nightwing: Don't bother, I know someone here than can do that (he grabs the phone and grapples away, Winter Soldier follows but Nightwing throws smoke to cover his leaving)

Winter Soldier: Damn

Scene 2

Gotham Clock Tower, 20:34 EDT

Nightwing enters the main room

Nightwing: Hey Barb

Oracle: Dick

Nightwing: Look, we recovered a phone from the ship's captain, can you use to find out who he's working for?

Oracle: I should be able to.

Nightwing: And I have to ask, are you angry with me?
Oracle: You disappeared, again, after the gang war; you were gone for 4 years
Nightwing: I just had to deal with everything I'd found out. My parents were murdered not by a mob boss wanting insurance money but by Ra's al Ghul's assassin trying to stop me becoming a member of the Court of Owls.
Oracle: I understand but you're not Bruce, you shouldn't be Bruce, you can always open up to me.
Nightwing: I know (he smiles)
Oracle: The Captain has several contacts in the city. But 2 that may raise problems
Nightwing: Which two?
Oracle: Harvey Dent and Garfield Lynns
Nightwing: Two Face I get, but Firefly? Since when did he need weapons aside his own?
Oracle: You'll have to find out. Catwoman is stopping street crime all over the city, and she's the only backup I could've given you.
Nightwing: Guess I'll have to bring in the Winter Soldier again
Oracle: Be careful with him, he's spent many years as an assassin
Nightwing: Under the control of the Red Skull
Oracle: Or so he claims. (Nightwing turns around)
Nightwing: Thanks for the intel; I'd better get back out there

Scene 3

Gotham City Courthouse, 21:00 EDT

Nightwing and the Winter Soldier are perched above the Courthouse
Oracle: Batman says don't mess around, a lot could go wrong tonight (Two-Face is holding a meeting with his followers)
Two Face: Gotham City is ours! The Joker isn't trying, the Penguin is gone and the Black Mask is dead. We own Gotham City, and soon the people will see that it belongs to us. (His followers cheer)
Winter Soldier: Now (they jump into action)
Two Face: It seems that Nightwing thinks differently, cut him and his partner in two. (As his followers attack Nightwing and the Winter Soldier, Two Face flips his coin; Nightwing and The Winter Soldier take down Two Face's followers)
<Nightwing>: (Kicking a follower in the face) good job we took out that shipment, if they'd been armed this would've been a much more one-sided battle (Two Face's coin comes up tails)
Two Face: Bad choice (he gets his hand gun and begins shooting at Nightwing)
Nightwing: You realise you have more of a chance of hitting your own guys, right, especially since my armour is bulletproof (he takes out a smoke grenade

and looks at the Winter Soldier, he throws them, creating a smoke screen whilst Nightwing and the Winter Soldier continue to take out the followers of Two Face, only Two Face remains) you say you own Gotham City Harv, you don't own squat (the city is rocked by numerous explosions) Lynns. Take care of this (he grapples away, the Winter Soldier walks towards Two Face, Two Face shoots but the Winter Soldier dodges the bullets and grabs the gun from his hands)

Winter Soldier: Should I flip that coin to decide whether to kill you.

Two Face: You fool; I've got two guns (he points his other weapon at the Winter Soldier's face)

Winter Soldier: You won't shoot, you haven't flipped your coin (he is knocked in the face by Two Face's gun, and Two Face escapes, flips his coin and it lands heads)

Two-Face: Guess the coin's come up in your favour, you were lucky. I still have work to do (he leaves the courthouse, as the Winter Soldier recovers)

Scene 4

Park Row, Gotham City, 9th October 01:00 EDT

Firefly watches from above a rooftop

Firefly: Pretty (Nightwing grabs him and tries to force him towards the ground, he slams Nightwing on the back with both hands, and Nightwing releases his grip. Falling, Nightwing fires a grappling hook around Firefly's legs, Firefly flies away, with Nightwing flying around behind him) let go

Nightwing: No, I like this rope (he takes out another grappling hook and fires it around a chimney of a nearby building, he attaches the grappling hooks together and when the rope goes taut, he jumps onto it, easily balancing on it as Firefly tries to pull himself free, Nightwing gets out his escrima sticks and electrocutes the rope, Firefly is electrocuted and begins to fall, the rope goes loose and Nightwing opens his glider, Firefly falls towards the building and hits the wall of the building, Nightwing lands nearby)

<Nightwing>: Firefly's a lot easier to handle than Two Face but I should've handled him first, now the City's on fire

Oracle: (On coms, upset) Dick

Nightwing: Oracle, what's wrong?

Oracle: It's dad, (she's crying) he's gone

Nightwing: I'm sorry Barbara, if there's anything I can do to...

Oracle: Come back to the tower

Nightwing: Of course

Scene 5

Clock tower, 01:55 EDT

Nightwing enters the Clock Tower and sees Barbara, crying

<Nightwing>: I may not have been there to be comforted by her when I needed it but that doesn't mean I shouldn't be there for her (he approaches her and kneels and they embrace) hope has always been a rare substance in this city but tonight, another spark of hope just went out on us all.