



Who is the Batman?

The easy answer: Bruce Wayne



Being the Batman  
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JASON

alarm

a l a r m

alarm

alarm

LIGHTS!

Time up. Start the day. First thought:  
Batman

Yes

God school work

Just remember - be the Batman

So, I get up.

I'm up!

Running running running

get in shape

be the Batman

Batman

in class - learning... struggling

at work - customer servicing... struggling

Batman be the Batman

You can do it. Be Batman

Just some more homework

Run just one more time.

Get in shape.

Shape

Shape to be Batman

Fuck

Done shower!

Shower sleep.

sleep

sleep

sleep

Did I set the alarm?

Shit





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ALARM!  
 FUCK!

...

...

ouch  
 ceiling  
 damn lofted bed

Shake it off, be the Batman...  
 Gotta run - get out of bed...

Missed the last step. Ground came up too quickly. Should stay  
 with the treadmills.

Class. Not as hard. No homework.  
 work is easy

FINALLY! first break

Getting excited  
 It is time to relax  
 It is what he is here for  
 Getting through the day  
 yes

BATMAN!

(voice over)



Batman yes Batman Batman I loved this game Batman videogames Arkham City is the best videogame ever made it is almost the exact essence of what the comics are but not the essence is suppose essence means something different regardless this game is the shit fuck there is penguin he is such a disspicable little shit however I don't think he is the worst of the villains he is just a small little man with a big empire he understand show to run a business but nothing ever goes in his favor I don't know about that actually he is just another little man though shown especially through his physical disfigurement and shit there are the titan henchmen god pauldini the writer of Batman writers I love his stuff especially the animated series that is at its core what the Arkham videogames are an extension or even the final chapter to the animated series the only real difference is the origins story doesn't sink up as much with the animated series but that doesn't matter as much it is just a really great game series and Pauldini isn't writing Arkham Knight but that might actually be a good thing considering the endings fizzling out a bit game play wise in City and Asylum hmmm I have played these games many times and will probably play them again but they are just so so so good Mark Hamill Joker legendary the same as Troy Baker's really Troy Baker really plays up just how sadistic that man is how so incredibly sadistic here really is Heath Ledger did a great job portraying that as well but more in a human way that of f set who Batman was as a person it was interesting I just need to get Arkham Knight when it comes out it is going to be so good so so so so so good I cannot wait you know you can't be a how good Batman is even Joel Schumacher tried and he failed you cannot shoot down what Batman is he is just too big mmm I really hope homework is not too bad tomorrow I just want to relax for the day there he is the Joker Joker banes carecrow two face Penguin Jim Gordon Barbara Gordon Batgirl Robin Dick Grayson Bruce Timmy Jason Todd Tim Drake Daymion Wayne Talia Al Ghul Ras Al Ghul Vicki Vale Bill Finger Bob Kane based Batman off a horror movie where there was a giant blood sucking bat that killed people and down the line Batman made his way up to what he is today there is no stopping him the best Batman has been and will be I can't wait for it speaking of what is going on in class this week I have a test on Thursday and practice later tonight at seven I need to warm up before I get there next week we won't have practice which sucks because it is the week after I really need off but I can deal with it it'll work itself out hmmm Batman I like Batman a lot doo be doo be doo be doo be doo Batman I am looking forward to Batman vs Superman Dawn of Justice so much and Ben Affleck is such a good casting choice for Bruce Wayne and his little bit of footage shown at Comic-Con was so Batman which I think can be (voice-over ends)



Break over. Gotta go. On my mind Batman.

I throw on my jacket.  
I run to the train stop.  
I get on the train.  
I show up at Jake's  
we plug in  
we play  
we're not very good  
but we have so much fun  
we finish  
we each have a drink  
I don't  
Bruce Wayne drinks non-alcoholic champagne.  
Mark drinks too fast  
Come on Mark  
I leave  
Mark is tipsy  
The other two are fine.  
I walk through the streets back to my place  
Train would take ten minutes but the night is good  
I put in my headphones and play Batman  
I hear people down the street  
I keep walking the same as I was  
but I pull out one of the earbuds  
to listen  
to make sure nothing wrong is happening  
listening like Batman.  
I wouldn't be able to intervene depending on what it is  
but I could follow up and tell someone  
the police  
I am not Batman I am a citizen of Gotham  
Well not Gotham: Gotham is dirty.  
This is just a city.  
I love it here  
Batman cannot leave Gotham  
I love it here



Damn ceiling

Class, no work.

So tired.

I get out of class. Shake sleep from my eyes.

Stay present - be the Batman

Batman doesn't get tired

Do home work

The motions

Batman doesn't go through the motions when he is on patrol

Focus

Focus

F o c u s

Mind slipping

Work halfway there

Take a moment to breath

Class in ten

Fuck

I make it

Theory

A girl sits in front of me

She doesn't pay attention

She just takes selfies and sends them to her friends

And I am behind her

Batman doesn't let his photo be taken

Neither do I.

I push my bag and stack of books to block me from each snap.

Each smile, cross eyes, and stuck out tongue.

God so peppy,

but only in front of the camera

She never pays attention to the lecture

Professor tells us to open our books,





everyone does except her until everyone has their book open  
She tries to whisper to me to ask what page we are on

I don't want to tell her

I tell her

Batman would have just disappeared before anyone knew he was gone

Why'd I tell her?  
Just this once.

She goes to the page.  
After thanking me.

I should pretend I don't hear her  
I don't  
I say you're welcome

She's cute

Damn it

Be Batman

Batman has Catwoman

No, Selina isn't the same as peppy theory girl

Catwoman was a criminal before she got together with Batman  
but, what was Batman before he even had Selina?

Not a criminal. Never, but not as content.

Shh - thoughts distracting from the point

Shh -

Batman

I avoid the ceiling this morning  
Running is easier  
I still sweat  
My headphones play the dark music



Oof. Batman.

Decide on coffee today

Wonder if Bruce Wayne used coffee during the day

Probably not - in one version of it he was using energy  
replacing hormones that limited the amount of sleep he needed  
to two hours a night without it interfering with his

ability to function

Batman's ability to function

ability to function

function!

That was a good version, should not have been cancelled one  
season in. Great animation, really good stories too.

Sitting at my desk at work.

Work is over.

Leave.

It's Thursday, that means night off.

Text from Mark.

Thirsty Thursday.

Tipsy Mark.

heh Tipsy Mark.

Batman would go and make sure he was alright.

Bruce Wayne would.

No, Bruce Wayne would let Batman play.

Bruce Wayne would send a friend to look after someone if he  
couldn't.

Or, didn't want to.

I need a Robin.

I go to Mark's.

He talks me into a few drinks.

I only have one.



Okay, actually two.  
Mark keeps on wanting to pour me more.  
I don't let him  
The rest of the band shows up  
on instinct we play  
doesn't last long  
Tipsy Mark is drunk, can't play well  
So, we watch TV

Nothing good on.

Decide on a movie.

Mark is tipsy - he'll want Star Wars  
Without a vote from me, the group puts in Batman.

The Dark Knight.

This evening has been good.

The movie starts as it always does.

The buzz of Hans Zimmer's theme.

The DC Logo

And, that symbol  
The symbol

(Voice-over)

I have seen this movie more than any other movie on the face of the planet could quote it backwards and forwards over and over is a wit for the first time when I was thirteen before eighth grade started and it blew me away it was what got me obsessed and acquainted with everything that is Batman I love it so much heath ledger blow his performance out of the water and into pure epicness there it is the window it is zooming in with the camera and Pam there goes the window and the two Joker henchmen cocking the zipline gun and boom they are sliding over the city this is probably the best opening to a movie to ever exist it is frightening beautiful epic and so fitting in its way of defining this iteration of the Joker it sets up a set of characters that ultimately don't have anything to do with the story at large except to serve as its own little vignette side plot to allow in the mass chaos of all that comes later and!

It's time to go home

Two drinks don't do a lot to me

Two drinks don't do a lot to Batman

He takes fear gas to the face on a regular basis

He fights drugged up super criminals all the time

He takes hormones that keep him from falling

morning?

Floor. Smells nasty.

Must've been really tired.

Friday - it is Friday.

Good have nothing to do on Friday until later.

Check watch. Nine A.M.

That smell

Oh fuck!

Mark!

So much vomit, is he breathing?

Shit. Oh no no no.

Put hand to mouth. Breath still flowing

God.

Isn't the first time.

Probably won't be the last.



Shake it off. You're up. It's the day.

Time to be Bruce Wayne.

Damn it, Mark.

Decide to have a talk with him later about this.

It's Friday. Means I'll see him tonight.

Mark...

Home.

Time to run?

Yes

Finish running

Time to...

Don't know...

Tired...

I sit. I breathe.

Batman has to at least breathe sometimes.

Clear head, we've got the day ahead of us.

Only had two drinks last night. Must've been more.

Don't let Mark pour drinks again.

Send text to Mark.

Make sure he is alright.

He doesn't have a hang over.

The man is a tank.

Batman is a tank.

Should work on my tolerance.

Have Theory in an hour.

Get to class

sit down

put text books on table

see Peppy girl

she sits

she pulls out phone

she texts

she puts it in her pocket

she pulls out phone

she texts



she puts it in her pocket  
 she pulls out phone  
 she texts.  
 she puts.

drops it

heh

she goes for it  
 her strap on tanktop falls down  
 turn head Batman wouldn't look  
 Shit!  
 It's there. It is right there.  
 On her shoulder...  
 The symbol!  
 Oh. My. God. She Can't!  
 No.

Okaythinkwhaterawasit?

Classic symbol. Animated Series.

Hathatistheoneeveryoneknows!

But, wait, what if she..

I have to know.

Everyoneknowsthatsymbol

No everyone knows the Nolan symbol

andthatsymbol

It's not like it is complicated in this day and age to know  
 the Bat-symbol when you see it.

I have to know

I am going to regret this

Batman doesn't regret. He acts.

Regret debatable. Issue 18 of the Snyder series.

Acts. Always.

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Hey, is that a Batman tattoo?

She turns

Hate to bother you, but do you have

God she is looking at me

I'm getting in too deep. Need a Robin. For backup.



Robin only comes in when needed. When called.  
Don't mean to be weird. Just noticed it.

She does.  
She shows it.  
It hits me.

Okay you know what you already knew time to stop.  
Nice, the animated series era.  
You're killing me. Come on, be that Batman!

Then she says it  
she says the last thing expected  
Yes, I love it. Kevin Conroy is the best Batman.  
My heart jumps.

Batman wouldn't say that.

He would if it were Selina.

Shut up.

Conroy is the best! Keaton and Bale did cool things with the  
role, but Conroy is the only one to just nail it.

She asks me more Batman  
I answer  
She knows Batman  
Knows it very well  
It's perfect  
Didn't introduce myself  
No!  
Need to.  
God, need to.

Okay, calm down - think of what Bruce Wayne would do.  
Sorry, I totally forgot to introduce myself. I'm Jason.

Her name.  
My god.  
Her name.

Selina.

Catwoman



Her parents named her after Selina Kyle.

All of a sudden I see it.

Batman.

All the moments.

Batman saving Selina from Hush.

Selina saving Batman

Batman revealing Bruce Wayne... to Selina.

Batman changing Selina from crime to good.

I see all of it in front of me.

What color is her hair?

Brown. Like Selina.

Height?

Tall. Like Selina.

Selina

We talk about Batman

Class starts...

My eyes go to the teacher

My focus stays on her

Selina

Batman

Batman and Selina

Class is over.

I try to make conversation as we leave.

I do. Batman

I walk with her to the bus stop

Don't even need a bus yet

We talk

We talk Batman

We talk class

We talk





Her bus comes  
 I smile  
 I go off  
 I see the sun coming down  
 the sun set is sun rise for Batman

"The Night is Dark just before the dawn. And, I swear to you,  
 the dawn is coming"  
 -Harvey Dent, The Dark Knight

Selina...

Friday Night.  
 Means actual drinks at Mark's place.  
 But I am pouring mine own.

Selina

Selina... and...

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Oof that was strong.  
 Drink had a nip  
 knock at the door  
 Mark invited more people  
 fine its his place  
 just means not as many drinks  
 Mark goes to open the door  
 I go to pour myself a drink  
 pouring  
 poured  
 Mark goes  
 Opens door  
 Then she is there

Selina  
 with friends  
 one friend hugs Mark  
 one kisses him on cheek

drunk friend  
 drunk friend for tipsy Mark

She says that she tried calling.  
 Good thing I heard the knock.

She is here.

In the room.  
 At Marks.  
 Oh god.  
 Oh fuck.  
 Fuck.  
 Fuck.

I turn around  
 shot in hand  
 I take it.  
 Bruce Wayne is not in tonight.  
 The Tank is.  
 Bat-Mobile ready to engage the Mutant leader.

She isn't the mutant leader  
 She is Selina

God.

I turn.



I say hello.  
 She is surprised to see me.  
 Happily surprised.

I tell myself

She is happily surprised  
 She asks what I am having  
 She wants one  
 She didn't bring a shot glass  
 I offer her mine  
 I pour her one  
 She takes it  
 She drinks  
 We talk  
 We drink  
 We talk  
 We drink  
 We talk  
 We drink

Mark is drunk

We talk

She knows the DC U

Mark is drunk

We talk

She loves Marvel

Mark goes out like a light

We talk

She loves comics for the love of them

He is out

We talk

Loves Batman

The guys look out for him

Talk

Favorite Book is Dark Knight Returns - Mine too

The guys are drunk too

Talk

Heath Ledger wasn't everything Joker is  
 Just a good interpretation

I am drunk

Talk

Her favorite is CatWoman

She is drunk

Talk

CatWoman is Selina. Selina...

Not as drunk as

Kiss.



Kiss?  
Kiss!

Kiss.  
Kissing.  
Kisskisskisskiss.  
A lot of kissing.  
Alcohol has hold of system.  
Keep it in check.  
Just make out.  
Nothing else.  
Her hands go to my waist.  
Things get intense.  
Party is still going  
We find a way out  
Mark's room  
He is too busy on the couch anyway  
Guys are looking out for him

She. Takes. My. Hand.

Selina

She. pushes. me. on. the. bed.

Selina

She kisses me.

How drunk is Mark?  
How drunk are the guys?  
Be the Bat!

Hush...

In that one Batman reveals himself to her  
Their relationship starts  
It spans time  
From Hush onward  
After Bruce Wayne's Death  
His return  
They are still there.  
Bruce and Selina  
Batman and Catwoman  
Going all the way until the end of the new 52 before the  
Hush!  
No time for details  
I am with Selina

It is intense  
She is a Cat.



But I... am the Bat.

No one can be the Batman, except for  
Shut up

I see images  
The symbol  
The symbol

The symbol!

I forget that we are in Mark's room  
I forget that it is Mark's bed  
I forget Mark

How drunk were the guys?

I forget.  
I have Selina.

You needed to have a talk with Mark.  
Be

I wonder if this is how Bruce felt?  
There had to be at least a moment where Batman melted away.

The

It is after all a costume.

Bat

A symbol.

Man  
Mark!

But a symbol is a collection of small parts.  
And, the costume one of them.  
And right now, Bruce doesn't have the costume.

Stay alert

Right now.

Who is outside the window?

Right now is good.

Is that? Mark?

He will be fine. It isn't the first time.

Right now I am Bruce.

Probably won't be the last.  
Is that a phone I hear buzzing?

No.

Right now I am Jason.

And I am with Selina.

She stirs



Makes a joke  
How my name is like Jason Todd's

Robin.  
How could I need one when I am?  
I'm not Robin

We fall asleep.

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It hits me  
 The light  
 Feel like I was wrapped around the hood of the Bat-Mobile  
 Can't move  
 I feel warm though  
 Vision fuzzy  
 Warm though  
 I try to see  
 There she is  
 Selina  
 The hangover doesn't matter anymore  
 Batman probably doesn't get hang overs  
 Like someone I know...  
 Tired.  
 Fall back asleep.

Don't know how much time passes  
 But it is brighter when I wake up again  
 Head isn't swimming  
 Selina gets up a moment after me  
 She looks at me  
 I worry  
 She smiles  
 I don't worry  
 She nestles her head on my chest  
 I am lucky

We lay there for a few moments  
 We lay there on the bed  
 It is soft  
 This isn't my room though





It is someone elses  
It is...  
It's...

Mark's

Mark!

Then it hits me and I am sober  
or acting like it  
Mark never came back to his room  
He was on the couch last I saw him

Tell Selina I will be right back

Go to the living room  
Isn't there  
The guys are  
Some asleep  
Some awake  
Couch is empty  
I ask where Mark is  
They don't know  
I say I don't know  
Then we all look for him  
Not the first time he wandered off  
Nowhere to be found in the place  
My head swims  
I try to remember  
Then I do  
The window!  
I go for the backdoor.  
Look out the window.  
See a lump in the snow.  
It can't be...

Whatever it is.  
Be the Batman.

Probably nothing.

I tell the guys before I forget  
I am going outside  
Some come to the door  
I go out  
Remember I am not wearing shoes