

Batman 51: Cold Days

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1. As Bruce Wayne exits his car to go to Gotham South Court, he has a flashback to hitting Mr. Freeze. Bruce Wayne then says “just doing my civic duty.” What is the dual meaning of this statement?
2. What is unique about the structure of each page leading up to the double page spread? What impact does this repetitive structure have on the story and its themes?

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3. What type of irony is used when Bruce Wayne is questioned before being added to the jury? How is this irony integral to the story?

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4. How do the silent panels impact the mood? What do they reveal about Bruce?

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5. While Commissioner Gordon is on the stand, the attorney asks him if Batman is licensed to perform autopsies – how do previous flashbacks impact our understanding of these events?

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6. What cues (dialogue and visual) reveal Batman’s aggression?

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7. What does the jury’s conversation reveal about humans?
8. What is a theme of this issue and how do Tom King and Lee Weeks depict this theme?