



ALMUN XV BACKGROUND GUIDE

Crisis Committees:
Gotham City

Gotham City: Origin Stories



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LETTER FROM THE **DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

Esteemed Faculty and Delegates,

Welcome to **ALMUN XV**! My name is Emmy K. Smith, and I have the pleasure to serve as the Director-General for the fifteenth iteration of the distinguished Alabama Model United Nations Conference. I am a current junior at The University of Alabama majoring in International Studies with a triple minor in Arabic, Counterterrorism, and the Blount Scholars Program with plans to pursue my Master's in Public Administration here at Bama. Although the last couple iterations of ALMUN have had to be canceled or virtually conducted, I am so excited to be back in person with the Southeast's premier MUN conference for high school students! We worked hard to offer a variety of committees for our delegates ranging from traditional General Assemblies to unexpected Crisis Committees to the blend of procedures that create the International Court of Justice and Press Corps.

I have participated in ALMUN since I was a junior in high school, and I fell in love with it instantly. Carrying into college, MUN has completely shaped my college experience, friend group, career goals, and opportunities. With the Alabama International Relations Club's MUN team, I have had the honor to travel the country, build lifelong friendships, and take chances that never would have been possible without MUN. Without MUN, I would be nowhere near the person I am today. The value of my experiences as a delegate, staffer, and secretariat member within the MUN world cannot be overstated.

If this is your first experience with MUN, I hope that you, too, will find that spark that ignites your life in a variety of ways. I sincerely hope that ALMUN can provide you with a renewed sense of passion and joy that will stay with you past high school. If you have any questions about ALMUN, your committee, AIRC, MUN, or anything else, please feel free to reach me at the email listed below. I wish you the best of luck in your research and preparation - see you at ALMUN, and Roll Tide!

Best,

Emmy K. Smith

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a note on RESEARCH, PREPARATION, & POSITION PAPERS

Your experience as a delegate doesn't begin on the first day of the conference. Rather, the time you spend leading up to the conference is just as important as the debate and discussion that occurs therein. Proper research and preparation are key to a successful performance, but for new delegates, or those without much experience, the idea of a MUN conference and the preparation behind it can seem like an overwhelming task. The best place to start is this Background Guide written and prepared for you by your committee staff. This document is the perfect jumping off point for all of your research, and it will also help you understand the innerworkings, schematics, and purpose of your character/country assignment and role as a delegate during the conference.

The position paper is a delegate's first impression to the dais and is the final product of a student's preparation and research for any Model United Nations conference. It contains informed perspectives and histories of the state a delegate represents and is crucial to creating an authentic MUN experience.

All delegates are strongly encouraged to submit a position paper. Each country/character represented at ALMUN XIV must submit a position paper in order to be considered for awards. The best position paper within each committee will be awarded the Outstanding Position Paper award by the committee staff.

The Crisis position paper will be one page in length. It will consist of general background information on the topic and character which can include information found from outside sources if needed. Ad Hoc delegates will not submit a position paper.

FORMAT

- The position paper will be one page. Content for the paper will be broken into paragraphs instead of additional pages. Do not exceed one page.
- The document will be single spaced, 12 pt., Times New Roman
- The document will begin with a three line header on the left side consisting of the following:
 - Name(s) of the delegate(s)
 - Character represented by the delegate(s)
 - Committee in which the delegate(s) will participate
- Additional research outside of the background guide is discouraged, but if you do use outside sources, citations are required. References will be cited using footnotes in MLA format. Include the URL for electronic sources. We strongly encourage using solely electronic sources for ease of reference.

CONTENT

Position papers will have three paragraphs outlined as follows:

The first paragraph introduces the character assigned to the delegate. It should include a summary of who the character is and the character's powers. This summary reinforces that the delegate understands the position of the character. Powers can include those which are not necessarily expressly permitted according to the background guide but are synthesized from what the background guide describes.

The second paragraph analyzes the character's role in the crisis at hand. The delegate should give a brief explanation of the crisis from the perspective of the character. More importantly, the paper should describe the character's role in the overarching story of the crisis.

The third paragraph consists of an informed discussion of solutions to be proposed by the delegate(s) at the conference. It uses the research done on the crisis and synthesizes it into new and creative ideas based on the character represented by the student.

OTHER TIPS & NOTES

- You may write in the first-person to express your character's beliefs and opinions
- Avoid the passive voice
- Write matter-of-factly rather than with embellished language
- Remember to cite your sources in-text if necessary

Please use example position paper provided on the ALMUN website for ideas on how the writing and style should look, as well as how to present the information needed to prepare for the conference

If you are looking for more information on how a committee runs and debate flows, please check out our [Delegate Resource Guide](#) and [Handbook for Rules and Procedures](#). These two documents will break down everything you need to know about awards, parliamentary procedure, and even offer a brief rundown and history of your committee's branch.

Please submit all position papers to [this Google Form](#), no later than February 10th, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. CT

DELEGATES THAT DO NOT SUBMIT POSITION PAPERS WILL BE INELIGIBLE FOR AWARDS.

Letters from the Dias

Welcome home,

My name is Crystal Nichols, and I am excited to serve as your Crisis Director for this incredible committee! I am a junior majoring in Interior Design pursuing a minor in International Studies along with being on the CREATE Path to MBA. I'm going into my third year of having the opportunity to be a member of UA's International Relations Club, however, I have participated in Model UN conferences since my freshman year of high school. I now also serve as UA's Model UN travel team's Head Delegate. Outside of Model UN, I work with University Programs as an Event Programmer, planning events for the UA student body. I also enjoy reading fantasy novels, listening to musical soundtracks on repeat (Six), and watching video game playthroughs (Gotham Knights).

For this iteration of ALMUN, I've decided to bring you into Gotham City. I love a good origin story, and came to love the TV show Gotham, because it gives a unique perspective into the DC characters' lives before they are established villains, anti-heroes, or heroes. This committee will focus on the loss, betrayal, and hope seen throughout the show. It asks that you explore the differences between right and wrong, good and evil, and the blurring line between them all. Although Gotham is a work of fiction, it parallels the real world, so I want you to think critically about solutions and lasting impacts that may result.

You will be representing individuals of varying backgrounds and connections to Gotham City, and will be in search of what serves your best interests. Since the committee takes place prior to the billionaire Bruce Wayne becoming the Batman, I ask that you work at developing the guiding morals of the characters. The characters' stories have been written on numerous occasions, and continue to evolve in various source material; so I greatly encourage you to implement your spin on the characters. Know that Gotham can bring out the worst or best in people, so think about your characters' motivations, morals, and past.

How will that guide your actions in committee? How will you seek to create a name for yourself in the city? What will be your character's origin story?

With that feel free to reach out if you have any questions about the committee, and I look forward to meeting you all in February!

Be welcomed or forewarned,
Crystal Nichols, Crisis Director
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Hi how's it going,

My name is Ben Pendergrass and I am serving as your Chair for the most dark and rainy committee you will ever be a part of. I am a freshman pursuing a major in Political science and still trying to figure out everything else. Once I graduate I hope to attend law school and become a lawyer. I am new to model UN as a whole and this is one of my first times being involved with a conference. Model UN has always interested me but since my high school didn't have a chapter I couldn't participate. I am not involved with much around campus given I've only been here for a couple months but in the future I hope to branch out and try new things. I enjoy watching movies and T.V, specifically anything fantasy I am a sucker for. I also enjoy reading all kinds of books besides biographies which are unbelievably boring. Video games are also a big hobby of mine, so if I don't respond to an email quickly I am probably trying to get gold camos on Call of Duty.

One of the worst places to live in the D.C universe is Gotham City and that is precisely where you have been placed, lucky you! Not just any Gotham City, a Gotham city before the Batman and Joker. But don't be sad, everyone's favorite character Alfred is there mentoring a young Bruce on why dressing up as a bat and beating people's up might be unhealthy. The Gotham T.V show is of course what I am talking about. During the show's run it showed the origin stories of countless characters. Now you have the chance to become these characters and perhaps change their destiny or change the city forever.

I encourage you to have fun with these characters and think outside of the box and come up with unique ideas to advance your character whether good or bad. Of course stay within the rules of the conference, but I can't wait to see what crazy things go down.

Welcome to ALMUN 2023,

Ben Pendergrass, Chair

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Committee Overview

Gotham City. A city that is perpetually shrouded in darkness, a city currently rife with crime and corruption, a city believed to be forever cursed. The home to many, was founded by five families that built Gotham into what it is today. Each crafted their own empires and industries, but what happens when one of the pillars holding the city falls? The Wayne family matriarch and patriarch - Martha and Thomas Wayne - were prominent, wealthy Gothamites who spent their lives advancing technology, doing charity work and aiding in public services. Well that is until the night they were gunned down. The billionaires left behind their young son, their life's work, and the opportunity for many of the city's prominent figures to vie for the top position of influence within the city. This committee is convening on April 27, 1981; the morning after the murder of the Waynes.

Think of this committee as the origin stories of the heroes, vigilantes, and villains of Gotham City. There will be a constant battle between good and evil. The coming wars threaten the innocence of Gotham's citizens. It also threatens to compromise the thread-thin integrity of the city as some criminals will fall as casualties, while others will rise as super villains. Will the city fall further into disarray or will some individuals who were in the shadows, finally be brought to the light? How will you as delegates alter the stories of the many Gothamites and how will the stories' evolution affect the trajectory of the city itself?



“Tales of Gotham City”

A Cursed Beginning

It is believed that Gotham came to be, thousands of years ago, the burial ground for a nefarious sorcerer, Dr. Gotham. According to the legend, his rotten soul seeped into the surrounding soil of the future city. Years later, the native tribe, the Miyagani, came to inhabit the ancient burial ground. The tribe’s bitter demise is theorized to be the result of a Shaman, Blackfire. He terrorized the tribe and was soon asked to leave by the Miyagani. In retaliation, Blackfire executed the chief of the tribe; and was promptly faced with being shot with arrows, tied to a pole, and sealed away in a cave. However, this failed to kill him, so the tribe constructed a totem as a warning to others about the evil that lay within the cave. Legend details that Blackfire escaped and cursed the land. The thoroughly blighted land it sits on has thus aptly awarded Gotham the reputation of somewhere likely never to be fixed.

Founding Families

The five founding families, the Waynes, the Dumas, the Kanes, the Elliots, and the Crownes: the center of Gotham’s history, the ones who molded the city into its modern-day state. Each family has influenced Gotham’s five boroughs through unique aesthetics, cultures, and contributing industries. The extremely powerful families each brought new industries, whether it was the tech giant Waynes, the steel tycoon Dumases, militarily-aligned Kanes, media tycoon Elliots, or the mystery-shrouded Crownes. Developing an understanding of the families could help uncover the secrets of the city and recognize how these five families rule Gotham’s high society.

Wayne Family

In the 18th century, Gotham came to be the site of a major battle during the Revolutionary War, with the leaders Darius Wayne and Anthony Wayne achieving a victory over British forces. Anthony Wayne, or “Mad” Anthony, joined the war in

1775, and became a brigadier general under George Washington's own army. After retiring from the military, he tried his hand at politics and pioneered the merchant house of what has become Wayne Enterprises. Darius's heir bought all unwanted swamp land in the area for very little, and became the first to develop what would become Gotham. With a history in the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, the Wayne family home is believed to be housed over caves that were intrinsic to the underground railroad in the 1800s. Anthony's descendents took a liking to other interests by officially instituting the company in the 19th century, by founding Wayne Shipping, Wayne Chemical, and Wayne Manufacturing. The Industrial Revolution was responsible for cementing Wayne Enterprises as a major powerhouse within the city and the Waynes as the richest family. The Wayne family has more recently added advanced technology production under WayneTech, various scientific research endeavors, and philanthropic initiatives to their vast portfolio. Martha and Thomas Wayne, in particular, were heavily interested in reforming access to mental and general health care in Gotham. The family's resulting influence over the city is unmatched, and they have proven integral to the conception of Gotham's history.

Dumas Family

Philip D. Murphy, the American financier and diplomat once said, "Paper buys time. Steel buys Freedom." In Gotham's early history, the Dumas family came to be known as the steel titans of the city. The family's success and place in Gotham's high society was cemented 200 years ago during the Industrial Revolution. Though more recently, there is little record of the Dumas family existing in Gotham, with streets and buildings having been renamed along with almost no press releases. Much of the family that remained were said to have moved to Europe. While there, they created a religious sect named the Order of Saint Dumas, a subgroup of the Knights of Templar. The sudden upheaval of the family's life has left a gap in Gotham's history, with an unknown catalyst.

Kane Family

As an industrialist family, the Kanes made their mark on the city and their fortune in the lands just north of Gotham. The Kane family is cited as being so rich that the only parts of the city not owned by the Kane family are owned by the Waynes. Under Kane Industries, they manufactured weapons and ships for the military. They expanded their business even further after constructing a bridge to connect with other founding families in the city. Similar bridges were also constructed by the Dumases, Waynes, and Elliots earlier in time; they had been nicknamed the Gates of Gotham. As a result of the bridge construction, the family's business venture expanded to include Kane Chemicals, though many in the Dumas family believed that the Kane's also participated in nefarious business activities. The few remaining patriarchs within the family are Harrison Kane, or the Deputy Mayor of Gotham, and Jacob Kane, the current CEO of Kane industries. As one of Gotham's City's most wealthy and well-known families, they are well ingrained and integrated into the city's high society.

Crowne Family

The least well-known founding family, the Crownes, still continue to play a significant role in the shaping of the city. As one of the youngest founding families, the Crownes may feel they have more to protect than the other four. Recently, the Crownes merged with the Cobb family, showcasing the "black" and "white" mixing to create a gray middle ground for the Gray Son. This story begins with William Cobb who was born to a middle-class family. His father passed away during the construction of the Kane family's bridge, leaving his family struggling. Cobb resorted to juggling on the streets for loose change, eventually being picked up by the Haly's circus that traveled the US. While there, he took to juggling knives instead of baseballs, becoming adept at handling knives and a household name. After returning to Gotham, he fell in love with Amelia Crowne and had a child,

William. However, the marriage was rejected by Amelia's father, Burton Crowne. After the rejection, Cobb accepted a new position with the circus director Nathaniel Haly and has been fulfilling this role ever since.

Elliot Family

After staying in Gotham for generations, the Elliot founding family has their hands in industries from media to pharmaceuticals. Family leader Edward Elliot heads the Gotham Gazette as an investigative reporter. The Gazette is a metropolitan newspaper based out of Gotham city with nation-wide syndication. His work contributions, though not published, have been found to have created unfavorable relations between the Elliot and Wayne family. Edward's son, Roger Elliot, took more to the route of medicine and pharmaceuticals. Martha Wayne previously attempted to approach Roger about charitable work with the medical clinics she and Dr. Leslie "Lee" Thompkins worked on. He, however, consistently refused to support their work, showcasing his lack of interest in charitable endeavors. Roger later married Marla Elliot and fathered Thomas "Tommy" Elliot. When Tommy was young, his parents were set up in a car accident. Thanks to Thomas Wayne, Marla survived, but the same could not be said for Roger. Tommy Elliot, a childhood friend of Bruce Wayne, attends Anders Preparatory Academy.

"Gotham Central"

Legislation

Riddled with crime seemingly since its founding, the mayors and prominent politicians of Gotham City have never had the capabilities to protect their citizens on their own. Several measures have been taken during Gotham's long history to curb violence and corruption, some of which being rather unusual. In 1840, Judge Solomon Wayne and architect Cyrus Pinkey spearheaded a major urban planning initiative that would utilize religious themes throughout the city in order to transform the city into "a living being that would itself fight against evil." This design

included gargoyles to frighten people onto the path of righteousness, buildings with rounded edges to confuse malevolent beings, and thick walls to lock in virtue. Although these changes to the city were harshly criticized, they were, in their own way, successful, as they attracted many newcomers to establish themselves in Gotham, thus creating a thriving commercial center in the city's financial sector. Despite this architectural legislation's success, Gotham's commercial and cultural achievements were overlooked, as Gotham City continued to fall into poverty, crime, and the blatant corruption of its government.

By the 1930s, crime and corruption had reached new heights, which allowed Gotham to become home to the Green Lantern and Black Canary, and eventually even the Justice Society of America. Despite any good that these forces were able to accomplish, organized crime remained.

Amidst the growing paranoia of the Cold War, Gotham City was forced to adapt, and various bomb shelters were built throughout the city. By the 1960s, an ambitious project, called the Underground Highway, began. It began at Fourth Avenue, and was meant to be a subterranean path that connected to the subway, however, they were only able to complete 200 yards of the project before funds were cut, forcing them to abandon the project. The unfinished highway would soon become a haven for the homeless and even a few criminals.

Growing Crime

Compared to the wealth of the elites, many Gothamites did not have the luxury of a lavish lifestyle, instead finding themselves worrying for their safety and well-being. The ever growing crime rates of the city festered from one particular area: The Narrows. Situated between Midtown and Downtown, the Narrows is an island in the middle of Gotham River. It is home to the most impoverished populations in Gotham, as well as Arkham Asylum, and is the product of excessive

urban sprawls and successes. This borough sees the worst of what Gotham has to offer, teeming with corruption and inadequate resources for its inhabitants, violence, and crime seem to be the only option for survival.

Crackdown on Crime

Warring Families

“There will be chaos, rivers of blood in the streets.”

Bitter rivals for decades, the Falcones and Maronis’ distaste for each other is coming to its head as the streets are filled with constant efforts to gain an upper hand on the other. The heads of each family, Carmine “The Roman” Falcone and Sal “The Boss” Maroni, have created infamous reputations for themselves.

The Falcone and Maroni Families’ History

Vincent Falcone created the Falcone crime family from the ground up. He fathered two children, Carmine Falcone and Carla Vitti. Eventually, Carla Vitti moved to Chicago to start the Vitti crime family. The family would continue to expand, along with their control on Gotham’s criminal activity. Their undisputed reign would not last for long, eventually Vincent’s rival Luigi “Big Lou” Maroni started his own operation with his son, Sal. Big Lou ordered a hit on Vincent’s only son, leaving him knocking at death’s door. With limited options due to fearing Maroni would finish the job in a public hospital, Vincent carried his son to Gotham’s greatest doctor and philanthropist, Dr. Thomas Wayne. Urging Wayne to complete the surgery in Wayne Manor, a very young Bruce watched as his father saved Carmine Falcone’s life.

After a successful recovery, Carmine Falcone would take over as the don for his father. Soon, after Vincent would pass. The resulting hit only strengthened the

feud, creating more chaos for the city of Gotham. More recently, Sal Maroni has become the head of his family, resulting in more brazen and ambitious actions. He's called hits on many of the Falcone's businesses and shipments. The looming war of the two gangsters proves to be deadly for anyone who interferes.

Land Up for Grabs

Arkham Asylum:

Arkham Asylum has been closed for fifteen years. The Wayne family was in the process of redeveloping the site, tearing down the century-old asylum building and building a modern, state-of-the-art mental health facility in its place. They believed if they could help the city's least fortunate, it would bring hope to Gotham. Currently, the state of the building and land is uncertain after the death of the Waynes. City Council officials are set to put ownership to a vote in the coming weeks.

Indian Hill:

Indian Hill, a place on the Arkham grounds that is a toxic waste dump. Ownership is unknown, but the land seems to be up for discussion on who the new owners will be. City Council officials are set to put ownership to a vote, as well, in the coming weeks.

City Organization

Maps will continually be updated throughout the committee weekend as territory evolves.
The current map is displayed below



Gotham Gazette: April 27, 1981 Edition



GOTHAM CITY PUBLISHED DAILY

APRIL 27, 1981



THOMAS & MARTHA WAYNE MURDERED IN ROBBERY

CHILD'S FUTURE UNKNOWN; WHO WILL RAISE YOUNG BRUCE?



All of Gotham is in a state of shock after receiving the news that our own Thomas and Martha Wayne were gunned down in a theatre district alley way while trying to return home. The suspect fled the scene of the crime before police arrived, resulting an ongoing investigation. Commissioner Gillian →



Loeb has ensured the public a swift process for bringing the Waynes murders to justice. Crime scene investigators and medical examiners have undergone searches of the scene to search for leads. Martha and Thomas Wayne leave behind their only son, Bruce Wayne. Continued on pg. 3 →

GOTHAM CRIME RATE SOARS



The recent rise in crime has Gotham City on edge. Public leaders should unify their platform in efforts to stop all infighting. Instead, Gothamites have been left with destruction from Gotham's most dangerous

Detective James Gordon is the newest addition to the Gotham City Police Department. As son of a the previous district attorney, Peter Gordon, he has some large shoes to fill. The top police performer in the academy has been assigned to the Wayne murders along with the veteran detective, Harvey Bullock.



NEW DETECTIVE: JAMES GORDON



gangsters. With a pillar in Gotham gone, some places are left in a state of flux. Main contenders include Arkham Asylum and Indian Hill. Decisions will be made by City Council on ...

Continued on pg. 2. →

A City in Flux

Political Structure

The mayors of Gotham City have been able to somewhat hold their ground in their fight to combat crime and corruption, but it often feels as if the forces that have overcome this city are larger than political institutions. On the surface, it appears that those that have been elected by their people to preside over the city of Gotham have worked tirelessly to actively protect their citizens from threats that they may face. However, even those in the public eye are not free of corruption, which is a recurring theme in this universe. Most notably is the corruption within the Gotham City Police Department, whose officers often work towards advancing the agenda of the city's civil authorities rather than protecting Gotham's citizens.¹ The instability of Gotham's political structure has created several mayors that have succumbed to corruption, and instead of fighting injustices, lend themselves to abuses of power or helplessness.

Mayor Aubrey James

Aubrey James has served as the long-term mayor of Gotham City. He has had a long and complicated history with the people of Gotham, through his suspected involvement with the Falcone crime family. Additionally, his "Tough Love" program, which received a lot of well-deserved backlash, sent formerly rescued homeless children that were deemed unfit for the public eye to a juvenile hall facility without trial instead of foster homes. In light of the Wayne murders, Mayor James was quick to appear on television and state that "the murderer would be swiftly brought to justice." Mayor James will serve as the chair in this committee, and although he will not have any position within the committee room, he will be able to serve as a liaison between the city's prominent figures and the public.

Deputy Mayor Harrison Kane

Harrison Kane, who is rumored to be a descendant of the famous Kane Family,² serves as the Deputy Mayor under Aubrey James. His responsibilities include being

¹ "Gotham City."

² "Kane Family."

a representative of the mayor's office to boards, commissions, task forces, and high-level policy and council meetings. Kane ran for the mayoral candidacy, but was unable to garner the necessary support, and now serves alongside Mayor James as a liaison to the public and to the city's leaders. In committee, Harrison Kane will serve as the Co-chair, and will embody a similar role to that of the Chair.

Sociopolitical State

Gotham City, and the *Batman* franchise as a whole, often serves as a reflection of modern day society. Gotham city is not meant to represent any one city in the United States, but rather, contains elements that can be identified throughout the country. The power-hungry elite, corruption within the government, a lack of reform for social and welfare institutions, and not to mention the villains in each storyline often suffering from various mental illnesses, encompassing the state of mental health care in our nation, all create a society that can be compared in tandem to that of the United States. In light of the numerous criticisms faced by the Republican Party, the "Gotham Theory" has been adopted as a means of confronting the root of the problem. Essentially, this theory states that "the party cannot sustain itself in its current state. It needs to bottom out in order to begin rebuilding successfully,"³ which was adopted from the notion that Gotham City has fallen too far from grace to be saved. By understanding how Gotham City mirrors the sociopolitical state of this country, one will be able to also understand the nuanced nature of the issues that Gotham's citizens face.

The creation of Batman is intertwined with politicism, due to the circumstances that led to his parents' demise. Gotham City did not have the capacity to enact justice effectively and properly, as defined by the standard of modern societies which expects 'the state' to claim "monopolistic authority to use punishment as a means to establish order, deter crime, and redress injury on behalf of a political community."⁴ The crumbling infrastructure of the city led to the inevitable establishment of vigilantes throughout Gotham's history who felt that the only possible way to combat injustices in their city was to take matters into their own hands.

³ Cillizza, "The 'Gotham Theory' of the Republican Party," 2013.

⁴ Baily, "Justice Unmasked," pg. 16.

Questions to Consider

- 1. Are there acts that are beyond redemption? What can and cannot be redeemed? How and why?*
- 2. What role does the GCPD have in reforming Gotham and its citizens? What about the roles of politicians and average people? What types of reform should be implemented and to what extent?*
- 3. Is the current war on crime just? If so, then what does this tell us about the relationship between justice and law? What is “justice”? If we are committed to building a just society, what place do certain individuals and actions have in it?*
- 4. What is the link between logical vengeance and political justice? What about the connection between Gotham returning to normal at risk of further escalation within the city?*

Character Dossier

Detective Harvey Bullock

"This is not a city or a job for nice guys."

Harvey Bullock has been a detective for over 10 years for the Gotham City Police Department, so he has been subjected to the increasingly horrible crime within the city. Before being partnered with Detective James "Jim" Gordon, he was partnered with Dix, who after a bad case was left paralyzed. Bullock is known to have close relations with Fish Mooney, after a break-in of Wayne Manor, and often enlists her help on some cases. Now, he and Gordon have been assigned to the Wayne murder case, and face the challenging task of naming a culprit.

Oswald Cobblepot

"I could not stay away. Gotham is my home! It's my destiny!"

Born to Gertrud Kapelput (Americanized to Cobblepot), this low level member of Gotham's underworld is simply an umbrella boy for Fish Mooney. Why else would Fish keep him around so long? At an early age, his mother cut contact with his father prior to his birth, due his father's family's disapproval of the relationship. Now, he has been dubbed the name "Penguin" due to his gait, despite Cobblepot's obvious distaste of the nickname. Tasked with carrying out the low level tasks of Fish and her nightclub, he has gained a better understanding of how the criminal underworld works. He is known for his cunning and manipulative skills, along with a machiavelli survival sense. What will he do with that little bit of danger in his eye?

Harvey Dent

"The world is cruel, and the only morality in a cruel world is chance."

The charming, good-looking, and seemingly untouchable assistant district attorney, Harvey Dent, is a key factor of upholding justice within Gotham. He has showcased a diligent work ethic and drive towards becoming the youngest district attorney in

the city's history. In pursuit of upholding law and order, he has taken an interest in the Wayne's murders. Though, he has shown a propensity toward reacting in an overly hasty manner as a result of anger or enthusiasm.

Edward Elliot

"Twenty years ago, one reporter set out to uncover the dark truth. He found shocking family secrets."

The crusading reporter of the Gotham Gazette, Edward Elliot, is thoroughly proficient at discovering dirt on anyone. The family leader has helped make the paper into not only a metropolitan newspaper, but a media outlet with nation-wide syndication. He is also responsible for the construction of one of the Gates to Gotham in the city. Some of his work contributions, though not published, have been found to have created unfavorable opinions between the Elliot and Wayne family. Aside from his unearthing of others' family affairs, his family seems to be hiding its own secrets, notably surrounding his son.

Carmine "The Roman" Falcone

"I'm a businessman. You can't have organized crime without law and order."

A lover of arias, Carmine Falcone is the don of the Falcone crime family. Through and through, he ultimately cares about the control he wields as he has been virtually untouchable in Gotham. From the Mayor, to the City Council, and the Police Commissioner; his connections within the city are seemingly endless. His businesses include general racketeering for smuggling and protection; all carried out by his "extended" family: Fish Mooney, Butch Gilzean, Oswald Cobblepot, Victor Zsasz, and countless others. As a friend of Jim Gordon's father, he upholds his loyalties; even to his daughter, Sophia Falcone, who has been away from Gotham from a young age for her safety. As he grows older, many around him perceive his control to be weakening, creating a looming war for authority.

Lucius Fox

“People, surely we should have a backup strategy, given the strong possibilities of failure.”

As a junior executive of Wayne Enterprises, Lucius Fox has been a consistent force when working with technical resources and Thomas Wayne. In his earlier years, Fox was a member of the army under the Office of Strategic Services, or later called the CIA. After his military stint, he graduated magna cum laude from the Morton School of Business, and since has had positions for Atwater Air and Wayne Enterprises developing exceptional skills in financial and stock management.

Theodore “Theo” Galavan

“What Gotham wants is a hero.”

Theo Galavan and his sister Tabitha grew up near the sea owning several animals. At a young age, they were both taken away by the monks from the Order of St. Dumas. He has developed a growing hatred for a founding family as a result of his time with the monks. After returning to Gotham, he’s been welcomed as the Chairman of Development in the Gotham City Chamber of Commerce. In this position, he is responsible for promoting interest in local business through money, planning, inspiration, and guidance. Galavan is typically well liked thanks to his charismatic attitude, but it may be hiding something more sinister.

Butch Gilzean

“Just let me do the talkin’. You just smile and make like we’re friends.”

Butch Gilzean, born Cyrus Gold, is the right-hand man of Fish Mooney. He grew up alongside another Falcone gang member named Jimmy Saviano, the two often committed crimes together and developed a brotherly relationship. One time when stealing meat from a butcher shop to help feed their families, Butch withheld the best meat for himself leaving Jimmy with the bad meat. As Gilzean got older and more involved with the Carmine Falcone crime family he was assigned to work

under Fish Mooney. After 10 years of hard work, he and Fish turned their nightclub into a successful venture. With fulfilling most of Fish's dirty work, his loyalty is split between Fish and Falcone.

Detective James "Jim" Gordon

"I promise you, however dark and scary the world might be right now, there will be light."

Detective James "Jim" Gordon was raised in the suburbs of Gotham. As the son of the successful yet corrupt District Attorney, Peter Gordon, Jim fantasized about a very different Gotham than the reality. When Jim was nine his father was reportedly killed by a drunk driver. Gordon would later go on to join the Army and become a war hero. After leaving the military he decided to become a police officer to help clean up the city he fantasized about as a child. While in the academy Gordon started dating his now fiancée Barbara Kean. His first case after being assigned to the GCPD is the Waynes murder with his partner Detective Harvey Bullock.

Barbara Kean

"It's Gotham, baby. We've all got flair."

Based on her early years and strained relationship, Barbara Kean became estranged from her parents. More than just a pretty face, she eventually became a lucrative art gallery owner in Gotham's art district. While Jim Gordon was in the police academy, he and Kean developed a relationship. Kean would later become his fiancée. Despite being in a steady place in life, she finds herself searching for a spark to add variety to her life.

Selena Kyle

“The best liars always tell the truth.”

At a very young age, Selena Kyle was abandoned by her mother at the St. Maria Orphanage. Without much parental oversight, Kyle became a skilled street thief. While on the streets Kyle has met other girls, Ivy Pepper and Bridgit Pike, and they have become good friends. Kyle is often seen hopping from roofs and climbing over walls to run away from those she has stolen from. This reputation, her evasiveness, and tendency to watch from above has earned her the nickname Catwomen. Her skills and watchful eyes could prove beneficial for cases, as they have already proven her will and ability to sustain herself and others.

Commissioner Gillian B. Loeb

“I do enjoy when unwavering certainty is undermined by the truth.”

Gillian B. Loeb is the known corrupt commissioner of the Gotham City Police Department. Though he has a domineering personality, donned in order to maintain his position as commissioner, he has a soft spot for his daughter Miriam. During his time as commissioner, he has been known to implement some unfavorable policies due his relaxed outlook on crime. Preferring the status quo, Loeb is a primary reason for the state of today's Gotham.

Sal “The Boss” Maroni

"You're a smart monkey. But you're a monkey. And I'm the zookeeper."

The don of the Maroni crime family, Salvatore “Sal” Maroni, has been on the rise as one of the toughest gangsters in Gotham and second to Carmine Falcone. Sal resents the “weakening” Falcones and has made it his life’s mission to become the number one crime family in all of Gotham. The restless boss has developed a particular interest in Arkham Asylum and its reopening. With the Maroni family’s power rising and Sal’s ambition and will to stop at nothing heightening, a gang war is on the horizon.

Fish Mooney

“Now you’ve had me as your enemy. Wouldn't you rather have me as your friend.”

Fish Mooney, starting from nothing, is the right hand lieutenant to Carmine Falcone. With this position she has a great deal of power and autonomy; controlling the Fashion, Theater, and parts of the Diamond districts giving her a large territory for business. With this autonomy and power, Fish heads the Mooney Nightclub which proves to be a lucrative venture. Being so close to Carmine Falcone has proved beneficial as she has acquired new information about the city and the ways of the family.

Edward Nygma

"A diamond plate, a glowing grate, a place you never leave. Where am I?"

Edward Nygma got his start by earning a forensic science degree from Gotham City University, and being awarded the Whippleburn Prize for excellence in criminal science writing. Nygma is now a forensic scientist for the Gotham City Police Department, at the dismay of his colleagues. Two months ago, before the Wayne’s murder, Nygma was responsible for identifying the robber of Wayne Manor. Along with Gordon and Bullock, Nygma is working the Wayne murder case, and the working patience of his coworkers with his incessant riddles.

Alfred Pennyworth

“There are two types of people on this planet, you see. Them you can trust, and them you can’t.”

Originally born in London, Alfred Pennyworth served in the British Armed Forces. While in London, Pennyworth was going to be arrested for assaulting a man, however, Thomas Wayne stopped this by telling the police Pennyworth was defending him. After this Pennyworth was in debt to Waynes, so he followed him back to the United States and became his butler. After Wayne’s son Bruce was born Pennyworth became his de facto protector/mentor. Thanks to his time in the military, Pennyworth has an assortment of combat specialties and can hold his own in any fight.

Ivy Pepper

“Gotham will be what I decide... Won’t that be beautiful?”

Ivy Pepper, the daughter of Mario and Alice Pepper, has developed an interesting relationship with plants over the years. Her father, Mario is known to engage in criminal activity and behaviors. Due to her father’s behavior, Ivy often retreats into the things she loves most, plants. At some point Ivy meets Selina Kyle, and they become friends. Selena’s criminal activities seem to be rubbing off on Ivy, as she and Selina help each other on multiple occasions.

Dr. Leslie “Lee” Thompkins

“We can’t change the past, but there’s a difference between moving on and letting go.”

Dr. Leslie “Lee” Thompkins runs the free Thomas Wayne Clinic, now the Thomas Wayne Memorial Clinic, for the criminals of Gotham. Despite many of her patients being repeat offenders, she continues to serve the community with great perseverance and determination. When Martha and Thomas Wayne were alive, she was very close friends with both due to working together to provide medical care

for the city. She is set to be the lead medical examiner of Arkham Asylum, that is if it is reopened.

Bruce Wayne

"There's nothing wrong with being afraid. Once you realize it's normal, then you can put it in its place. Then, you can act. Fight back."

As the only son of Martha and Thomas Wayne, Bruce is the heir to the Wayne family fortune. After his parents' murders, he has developed a need to better understand the innerworkings of Gotham. He has also tasked himself with upholding his parents' legacies and missions within Wayne Enterprises. Though as he is young, he struggles with how to best uphold their memory. Currently, he is in the care of the family's trusted butler, Alfred Pennyworth.

Victor Zsasz

"I don't... try. And I never stop. You won't see me coming. And you won't feel a thing."

Born into a wealthy family, Victor Zsasz amassed a large personal fortune in an international company. At a young age, Zsasz's parents died in a boating accident sending him into a gambling spiral. After losing all of his money, he ultimately turned to "liberating" and "helping" others. Eventually, he became employed by Carmine Falcone as his enforcer. He has become the hitman in Gotham, sparking fear into everyone, including the Gotham City Police Department.

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