

WATCHTOWER

3.01 | Lazarus
"Silence of the Dead"
Preview Scene.

INT. WAYNE MANSION, LIBRARY - NIGHT.

PULL BACK from the shattered window to find-

BRUCE is lost in the image of the night sky, as the hopeful symbol burns bright alongside the stars. Even the sound of approaching footsteps fail to distract him...

ALFRED (O.S.)
It would appear your city needs
you, sir.

From behind, we find ALFRED. He looks on with concerned, yet, understanding eyes. Listens.

BRUCE
It was meant to work. I-It was
meant to bring her back. She was
supposed to...

And he snaps out of his gaze, bowing his head. He looks to his shoulder, acknowledging the butler's presence.

BRUCE (CONT'D)
Do you think its time I moved on?

Alfred takes in a long, deep breath...

ALFRED
Do you want to know what I think?

BRUCE
Please.

ALFRED
I think you're tired, sir.
(long pause)
...I think that you are so very
tired of people being ripped out of
your life and having to accept that
they're gone that you've decided
this time enough is enough. And so
now... you refuse to let it happen
anymore.

BRUCE
She has a child, Alfred...

ALFRED
I don't judge you. Far from it.
(beat)
But you can't ignore the cries of
the living for the silence of the
dead.

BRUCE
You don't understand.

And Bruce turns to explain...

BRUCE (CONT'D)
 She *saved* me. She saw the wreck I
 had become, and she took the time
 to put me back together. She...
 (long pause)
 She *never* gave up on me, Alfred.

ALFRED
 (realising)
 ...and you can't give up on her.

Bruce's eyes fall to the floor.

BRUCE
 No.

CLOSE IN on Alfred, who is torn inside. Struggles, until...

ALFRED
 Then perhaps I can be of some
 assistance...

Bruce lifts his head, curious.

ALFRED (CONT'D)
 Have I ever told you the legend of
 "*Ra's Al Ghul*"?

OFF the spark ignited in Bruce's eyes, we...

SMASH CUT TO:

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