

GOTHAM

"Vampire"

Deleted/Alternate Scenes: Tommy Elliot's Cameo

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INT. ANDERS PREPATORY ACADEMY - LIBRARY - DAY

Bruce sits at a table, with three YEARBOOKS laid out, and takes notes.

He goes from one to the other, looking at pictures of Gardner Fox, Alan Grant, and Robert Janson.

He flips through each one, crossing off his notes in frustration.

Suddenly, a hand closes one of the yearbooks. Bruce looks up to see the bully, KONIK.

KONIK

You and I aren't done yet.

BRUCE

If you want a fight, Konik, there's better places to pick than the library.

He nods over to the group of teachers talking in the corner.

KONIK

Oh, I'm not here to fight. I've just got someone who wants to talk to you.

Konik nods behind him. TOMMY ELLIOT takes the seat across from Bruce.

TOMMY

Hi, Brucie.

BRUCE

Tommy. I see you're having Konik do your dirty work these days.

TOMMY

What can I say? Once we left you alone, I stopped having fun. But we can't have you interrupting Konik like the other day.

BRUCE

Then maybe he should get a new hobby.

TOMMY

Speaking of hobbies...

Tommy GRABS Bruce's notes.

BRUCE
Give it back!

Tommy holds it up for him and Konik to read. Konik puts a finger to his mouth.

TOMMY
Quiet. We're in a library,
remember?

Tommy reads the sheet.

TOMMY
Gardner. Alan. Robert. Aren't these
the dead kids?

BRUCE
It's none of your concern.

TOMMY
Don't tell me you're playing
detective.

Bruce takes the notes back.

BRUCE
There's a connection in the three
kids.

Tommy laughs.

BRUCE
What's so funny?

TOMMY
Isn't it obvious?

BRUCE
Just tell me.

TOMMY
Promise you'll leave Konik alone
first.

BRUCE
How do I know I can trust you?

TOMMY
Never mind. I'm not sharing.

Tommy gets up and walks with Konik. Bruce gets up.

BRUCE
Tommy, wait.

Tommy and Konik turn as Bruce takes a GAME off the shelf.

BRUCE

If you win, I'll leave you and Konik alone for the rest of the year. But if I win, you tell me what you know.

Tommy smiles.

TOMMY

You're on.

INT. ANDERS PREPARATORY ACADEMY - LIBRARY - LATER

Bruce and Tommy face off over a GAME BOARD, moving different pieces.

Bruce looks over the board. He has less pieces than Tommy. He's losing.

TOMMY

At least make it tough for me, Bruce.

BRUCE

Quiet. I'm thinking.

TOMMY

You've already lost.

Bruce moves his piece. Tommy immediately moves his next and takes one of Bruce's pieces.

TOMMY

Your problem is, you're reactive. Only thinking of the next step when you have to. While I'm already six moves ahead.

BRUCE

What did the three kids have in common, Tommy?

Tommy gloats as Bruce moves his piece.

TOMMY

Why would I tell you when you're losing? It's staring you in the face, Bruce. You just don't see it yet.

BRUCE

It's your turn. Make your move.

Tommy moves his piece. Bruce immediately moves further, taking Tommy's piece. Tommy shakes his head.

TOMMY

You sure about that? You're leaving your General unguarded.

BRUCE

You know what I think? I think you knew one of them before he died. I can probably guess who it was. Robert.

TOMMY

The asthma Kid? Don't insult me. I saw him try to deal with Konik once. He couldn't even kick anything without losing his breath.

Bruce thinks for a moment on Tommy's words. Then smiles.

BRUCE

Thanks for the help, Tommy.

He gets up.

TOMMY

What?

Bruce walks off.

TOMMY

But we're not done! Bruce!