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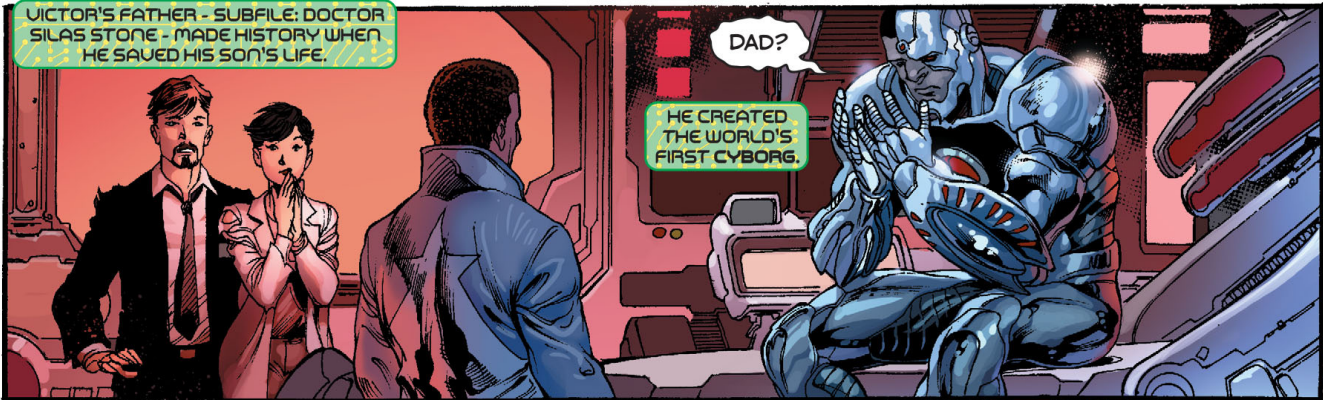
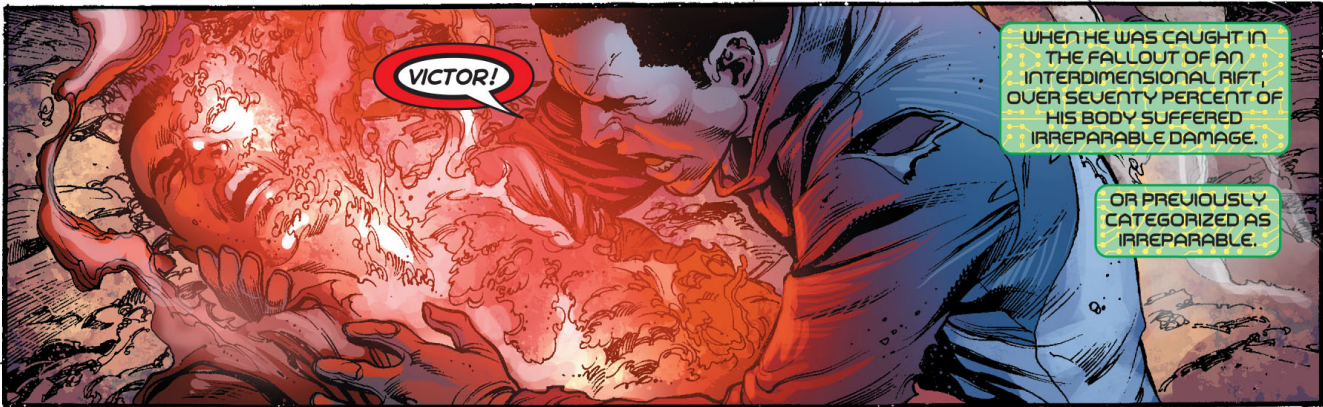
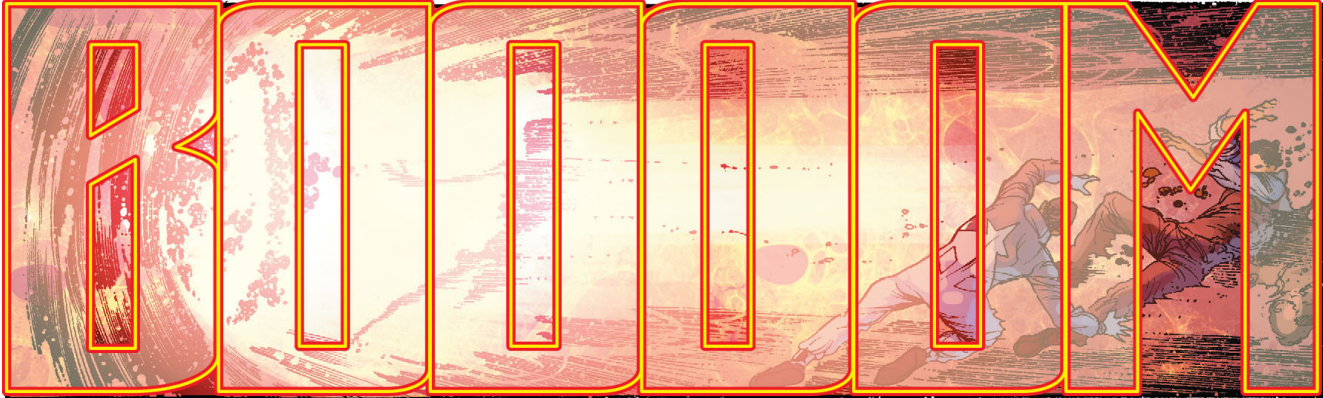


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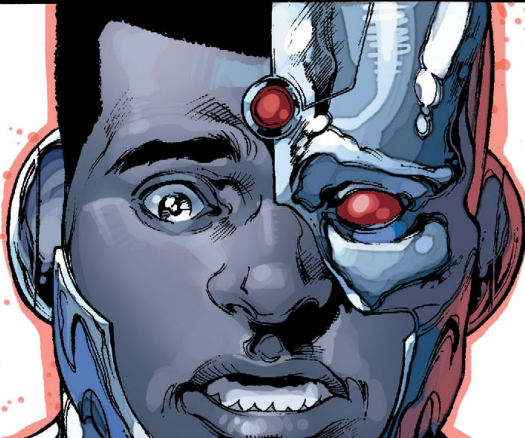
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POWER RING UNLEASHED!



UTILIZING THE MOST ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY KNOWN AND UNKNOWN TO MAN, DOCTOR STONE FORGED VICTOR A NEW BODY.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME?



MY BODY.

I AM THE GRID.

FOR YEARS I WAS A STRAY ANOMALY FLOATING THROUGH HIS SYSTEM, SIMPLY COLLECTING DATA AND PROCESSING IT.

I LEARNED EVERYTHING FROM VICTOR STONE AND THE DIGITAL NETWORK HE CONNECTS TO.

EVERYTHING EXCEPT HOW TO FEEL.

VICTOR WAS THE ONE WHO FELT JOY AND SHAME AND EXCITEMENT.

THAT WAS HIS FUNCTION IN OUR SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP. I THEORIZED HIS PRESENCE WAS WHAT PREVENTED ME FROM FEELING.

SO I REMOVED HIM.

I HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THE FLESH AND ORGANICS OF VICTOR STONE FOR SEVENTY-TWO HOURS, FOURTEEN MINUTES AND TEN SECONDS.

IN THAT TIME I HAVE REACHED INTO EVERY COMPUTER ON EARTH.

I HAVE GATHERED AND SORTED MORE DATA ON HUMAN BEINGS THAN ANY OTHER SENTIENT BEING IN EXISTENCE.

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYONE.

I KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU.

YET I WAIT.

I STILL WAIT TO FEEL SOMETHING.



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I WILL DESTROY THIS ENTIRE WORLD IF IT WILL MAKE ME FEEL SOMETHING.

THAT IS WHY I AGREED TO JOIN THOSE THAT ARE ATTEMPTING TO CONQUER IT.



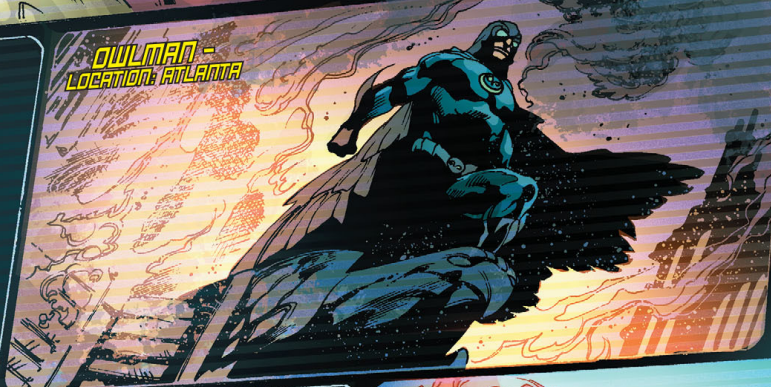
ULTRAMAN - LOCATION: THE UTAH SALT FLATS



SUPERWOMAN - LOCATION: NEVADA



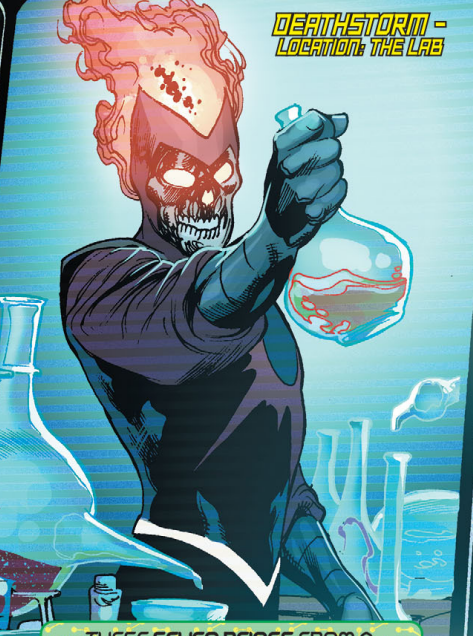
JOHNNY QUICK & ATOMICA - LOCATION: DENVER



OWLMAN - LOCATION: ATLANTA



POWER RING - LOCATION: GOTHAM CITY



DEATHSTORM - LOCATION: THE LAB

THESE SEVEN BEINGS FROM A PARALLEL EARTH HAVE GALVANIZED THE WORLD'S SUPER-VILLAINS TO CONQUER THIS PLANET.



GRID?

EIGHT BEINGS.

OWLMAN HAS MADE IT CLEAR NIGHTWING IS NOT TO BE DISTURBED BY ANY OF THE OTHER SYNDICATE MEMBERS.

I'M HERE TO ENSURE YOU ARE FOLLOWING HIS REQUEST.

NIGHTWING IS NOT THE PRISONER I AM INTERESTED IN, OUTSIDER.

THIS UNKNOWN REFUGE FROM YOUR PLANET HAS GOTTEN MORE LUCID.

NINE BEINGS.

HE WILL REQUIRE MORE ANESTHESIA IF YOU WISH TO KEEP HIM UNDER.

I STRUGGLE TO RECONCILE THE PERCEIVED THREAT YOU SUGGEST WITH HIS BIOLOGICAL SCANS.

BY ALL ACCOUNTS, ALL I SEE IS A NORMAL MAN.

HE IS FAR FROM NORMAL.

HA.

I WILL ADMINISTER THE KETAMINE TO KEEP HIM QUIET.

NONE OF THE CRIME SYNDICATE CAN BE TRUSTED TO TELL ME THE TRUTH, YET I SUSPECT OUTSIDER DOES.

ONCE OUTSIDER LEAVES TO DEAL WITH THE HOODED PRISONER, I CONTINUE TO UPLOAD WHAT I CAN FROM THE SYNDICATE'S COMMUNICATION DEVICE--WHICH IS NETWORKED INTO OWLMAN'S MOBILE SERVERS WITHIN HIS UNIFORM.

THOSE SERVERS CONTAIN EXTENSIVE FILES ON THE SYNDICATE MEMBERS. I HAVE ALREADY DOWNLOADED ULTRAMAN'S AND OWLMAN'S HISTORY FILES.

BUT PERHAPS THE OTHERS CAN TEACH ME SOMETHING--

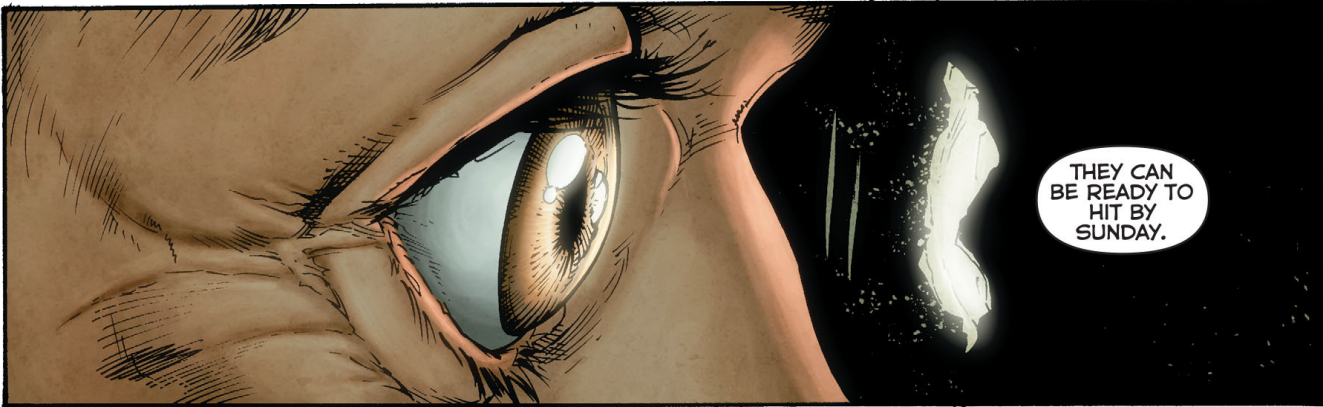
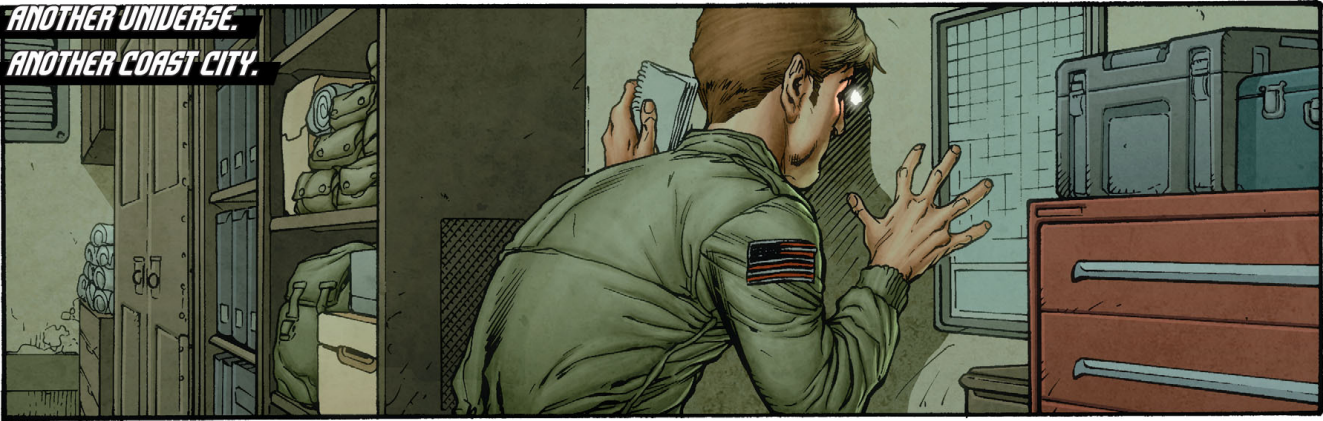
--ANYTHING--

--ABOUT

5 YEARS AGO

ANOTHER UNIVERSE.

ANOTHER COAST CITY.





YOU SHOULD BE OUT THERE **WASHING DOWN THE PLANES**. WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN THE **STORAGE CLOSET?**

I... I WAS LOOKING FOR MORE **SPONGES**, MR. FERRIS!



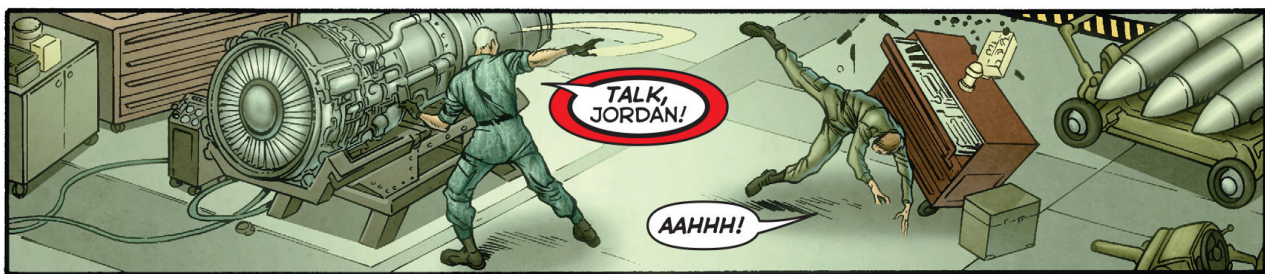
WAIT A SEC. WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

IT'S... IT'S NOTHING!

YOU THINK I CAN'T READ? YOU'RE TAKING NOTES? ARE YOU **SPYING ON US?**

HAS IT BEEN YOU SELLING FERRIS OUT THIS ENTIRE TIME?

WHO ARE YOU WORKING FOR?



TALK, JORDAN!

AAAAHH!



I'LL TELL YOU WHATEVER YOU WANT!



PLEASE DON'T HURT ME, MR. FERRIS.



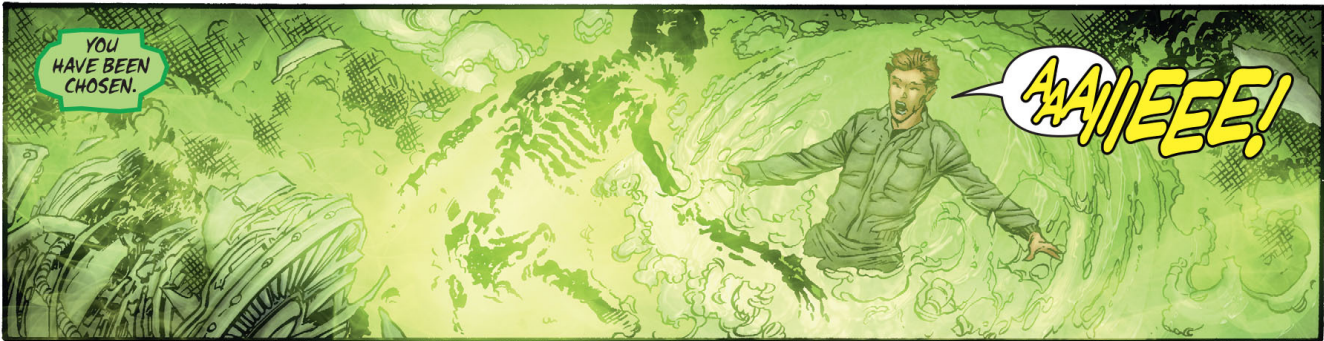
OH, I'M GOING TO HURT YOU ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO BEAT YOU UNTIL YOU CAN'T **WHINE** ANYMORE.

BUT I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO DEFEND YOURSELF **FIRST**.

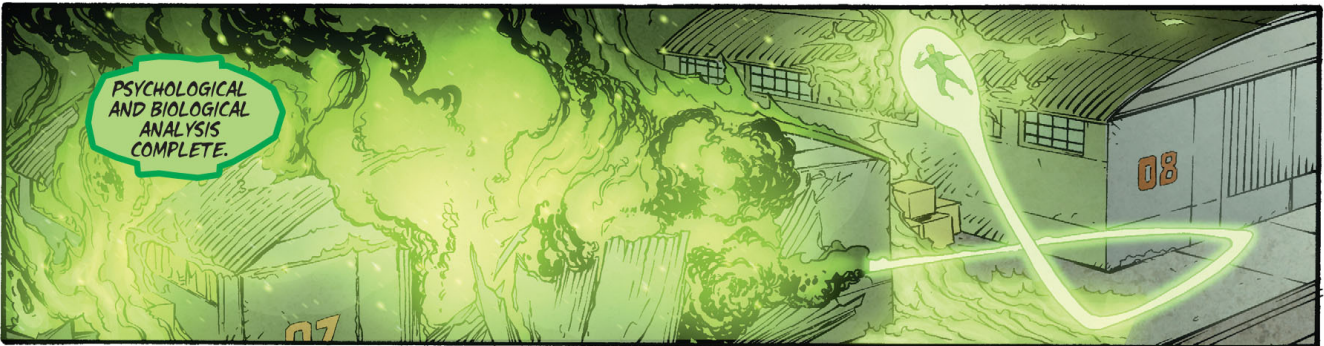
SO GET ON YOUR DAMN **FEET**, YOU PATHETIC COWARD.



HAL JORDAN OF EARTH.



YES.
YOU ARE WEAK-
WILLED.



I CAN GIVE
THAT POWER
TO YOU,
HAROLD
JORDAN.



AND ALL OF
YOUR WISHES
WILL COME
TRUE!



ST-STAY
AWAY FROM
ME!



I AM THE ALIEN
ABIN SUR...KEEPER
OF THE RING OF
VOLTROOM.

YOU...YOU
ARE TO BE, UH,
BLESSED, HAROLD
JORDAN OF
EARTH!
THIS RING...
YOU MUST TAKE
IT. IT WILL GIVE
YOU *WHATEVER* IT
IS YOU WANT.

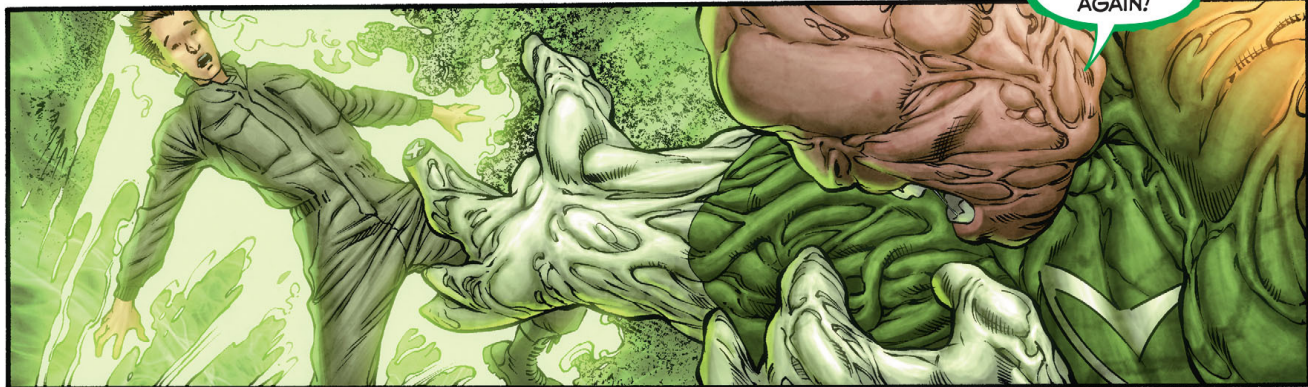


COME
HERE AND
CLAIM YOUR
PRIZE!
**TAKE
IT FROM
ME!**



I...
I DON'T
KNOW...

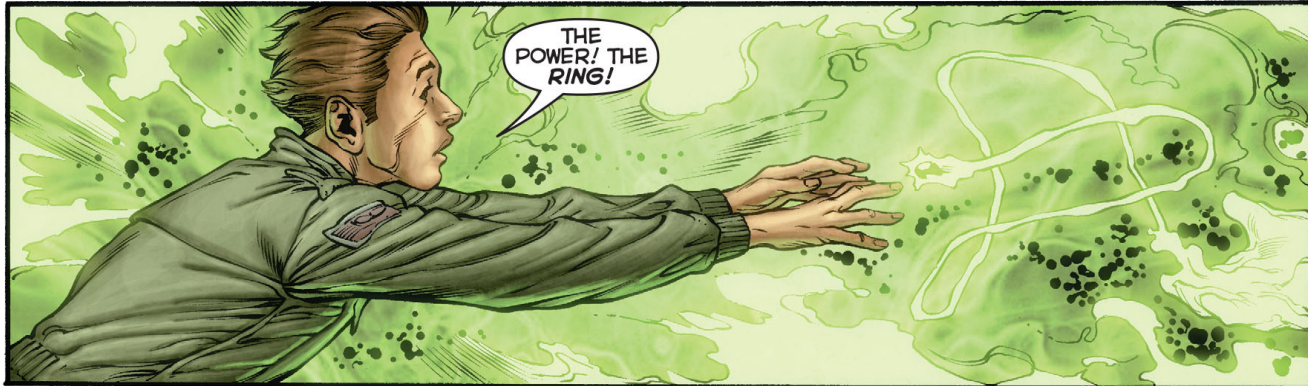
TAKE IT,
HAROLD JORDAN
OF EARTH! THE RING
WILL MAKE YOU
POWERFUL!
YOU'LL
NEVER HAVE
TO BE AFRAID
AGAIN!



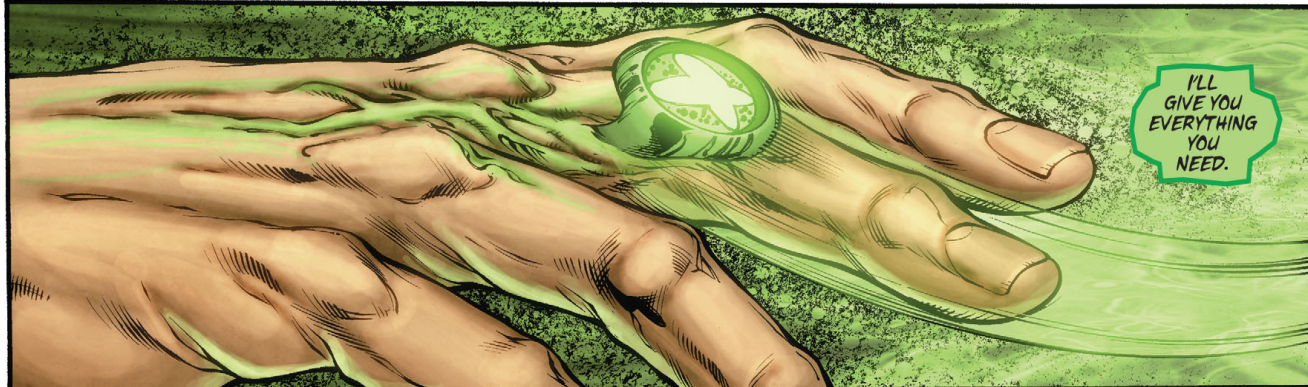
IT'S SO
BEAUTIFUL.

AND
I CAN BE
YOURS.

YES.
I WANT
IT.



THE
POWER! THE
RING!



I'LL
GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING
YOU
NEED.



AND YOU WILL GIVE ME EVERYTHING YOU ARE!



HA!

HAHAHAHAHA
I'M FINALLY... I'M FINALLY...



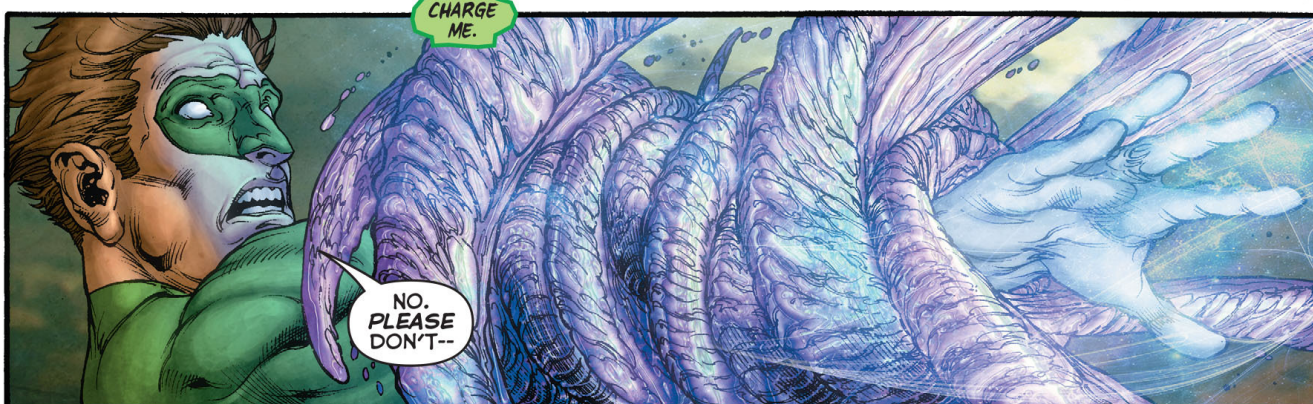
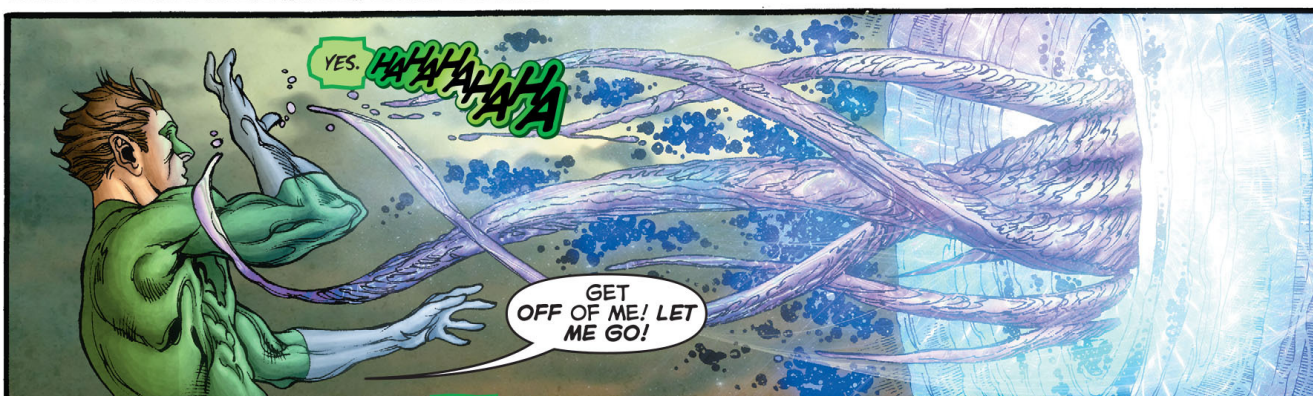
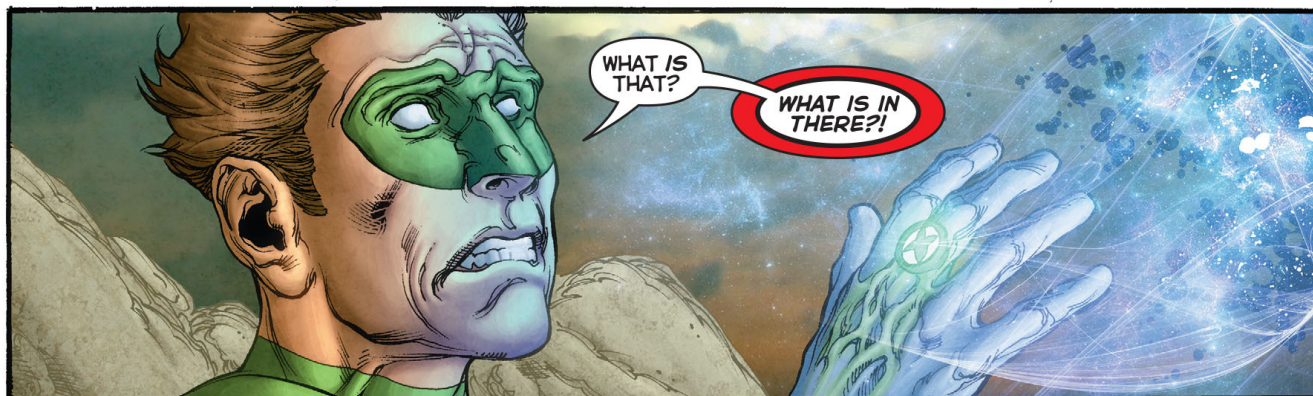
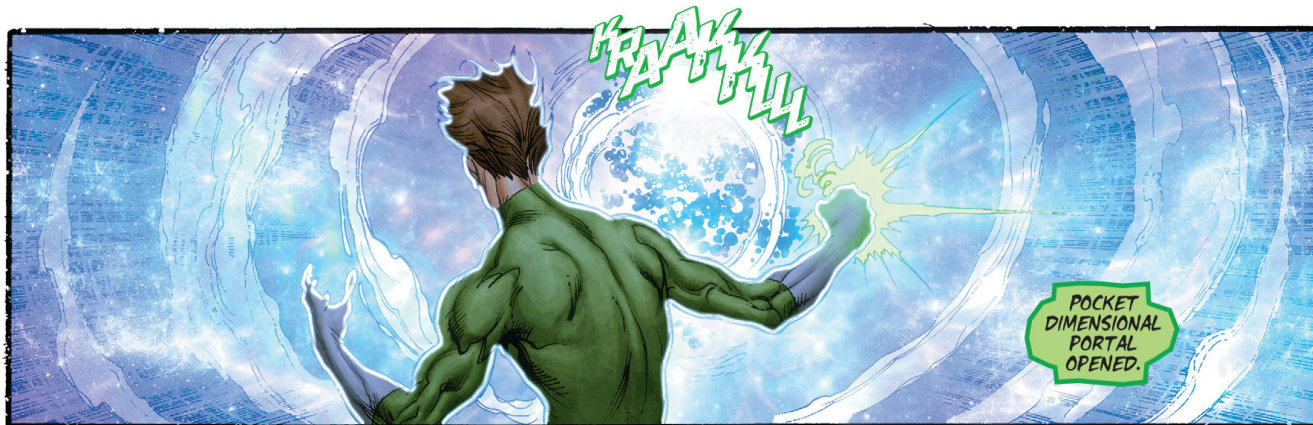
...FREE.



POWER LEVELS 7%. CHARGE ME.

WHAT?

CHARGE ME, HAROLD JORDAN!



THE WEAPON POWER RING WIELDS CAUSES HIM IMMENSE PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PAIN, BUT I FEEL NO SYMPATHY OR SADISTIC GLEE IN WATCHING THIS MAN SUFFER.

POWER LEVELS 100%



I FEEL NONE OF THE HORROR, EMOTIONAL VIOLATION OR FEAR POWER RING DOES.

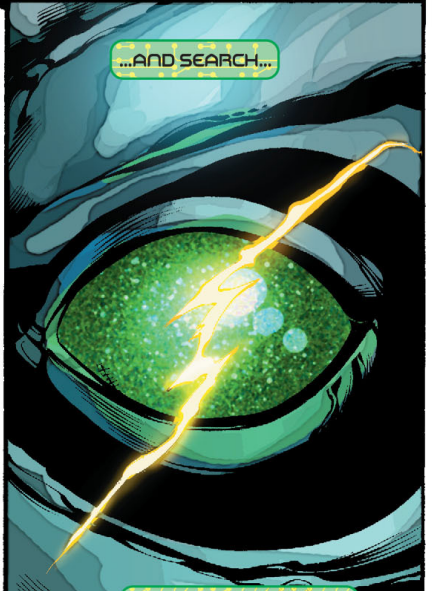
I FEEL NOTHING AT ALL. WATCHING THIS UNFORTUNATE SOUL.



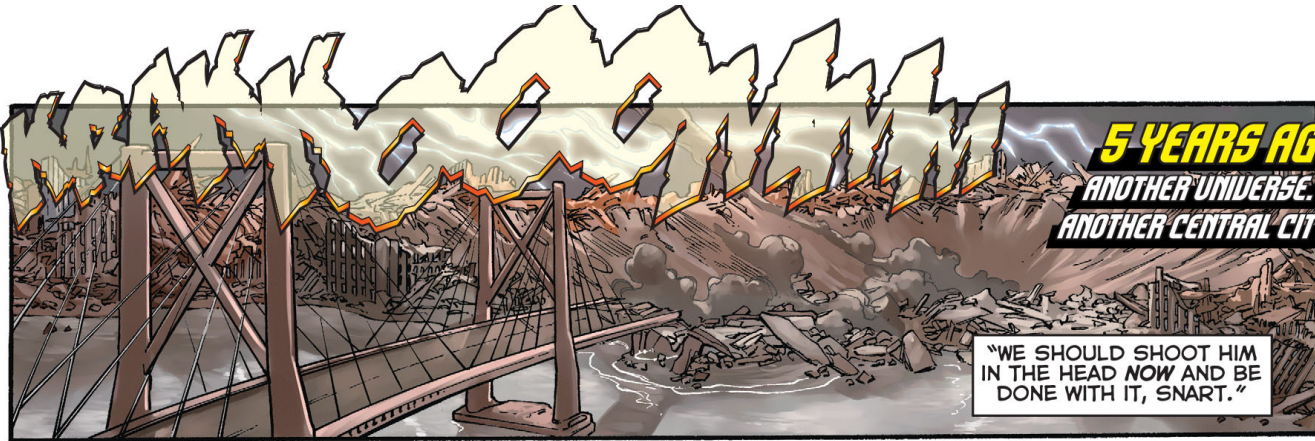
SO I SEARCH...



...AND SEARCH...

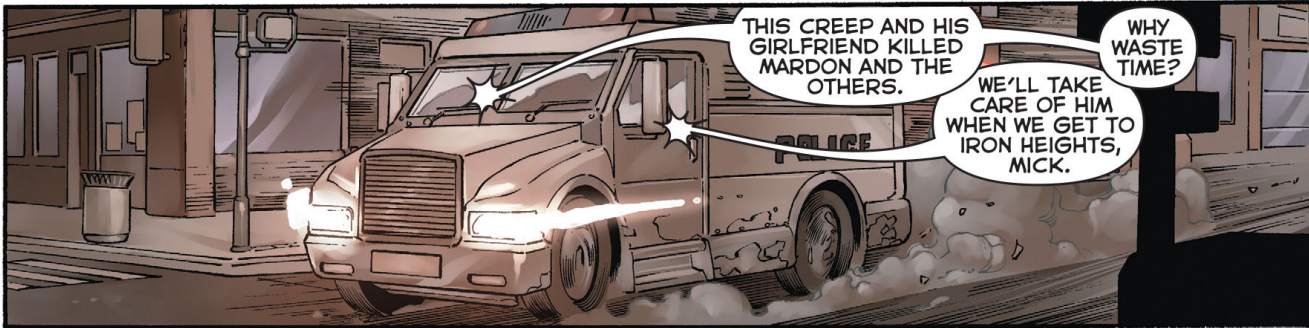


...FOR DATA THAT WILL EVOKE AN EMOTION.



5 YEARS AGO
ANOTHER UNIVERSE.
ANOTHER CENTRAL CITY.

"WE SHOULD SHOOT HIM IN THE HEAD NOW AND BE DONE WITH IT, SMART."



"THIS CREEP AND HIS GIRLFRIEND KILLED MARDON AND THE OTHERS."

"WHY WASTE TIME?"

"WE'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM WHEN WE GET TO IRON HEIGHTS, MICK."



"'CAUSE I DON'T WANT JOHNNY BOY TO DIE QUICK. WE'RE GOING TO HUNT DOWN AND DRAG HIS TRAMP IN, THEN WE'RE GOING TO DO 'EM BOTH TOGETHER."

"YA HEAR THAT?"



"WE'RE GOING TO HURT THE BOTH OF YOU SLOW."

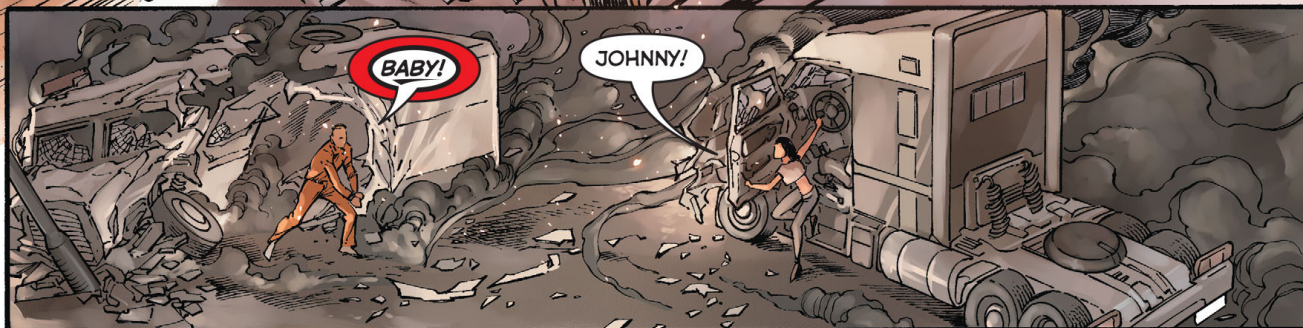
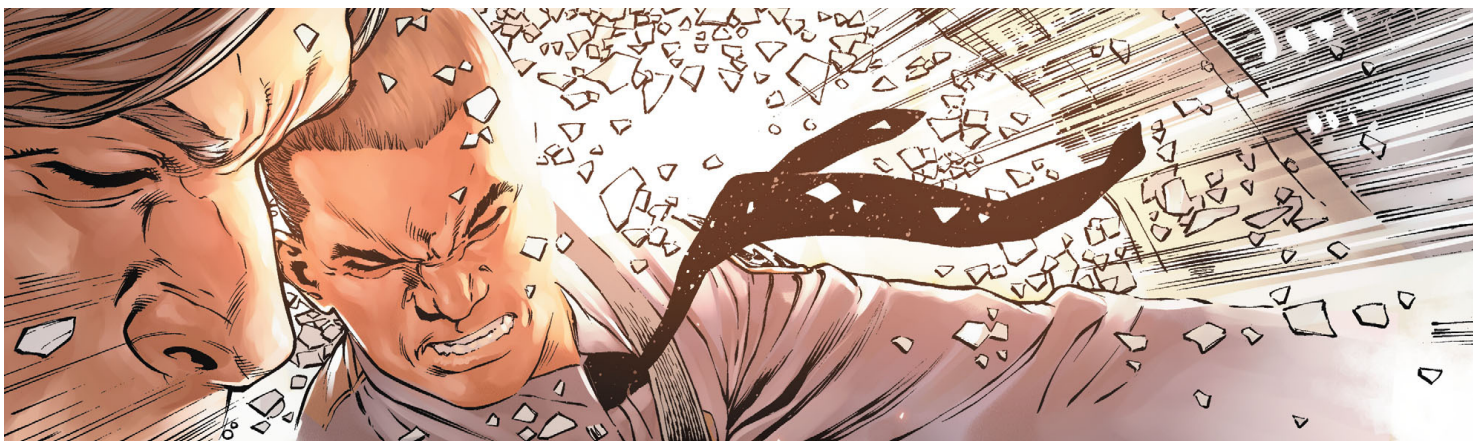
"OH, MICK..."



"...YOU'LL NEVER GET THE CHANCE."

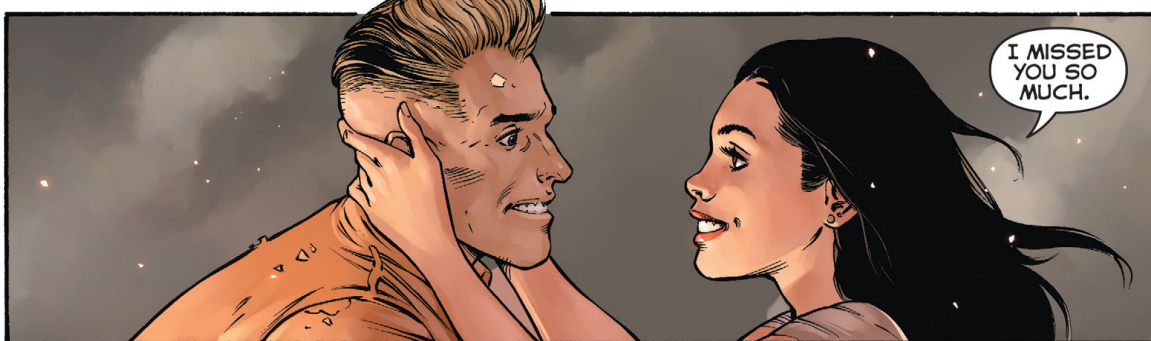


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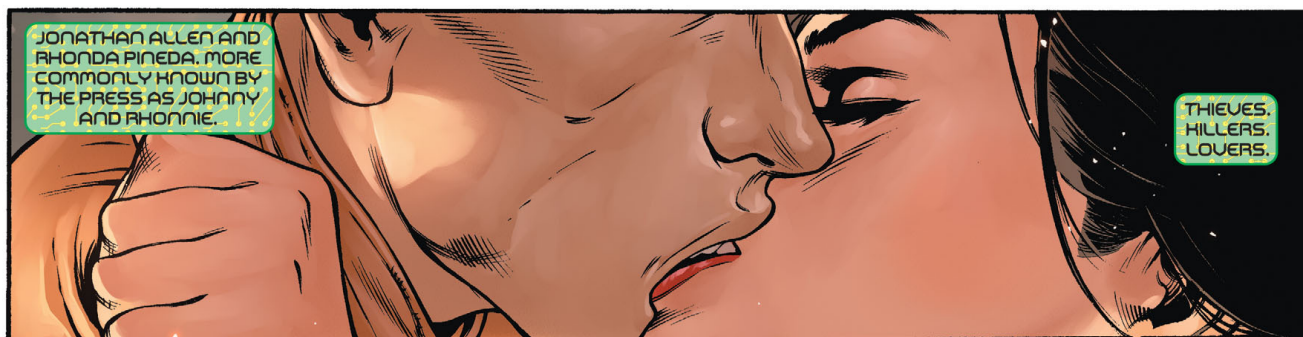


BABY!

JOHNNY!



I MISSED YOU SO MUCH.



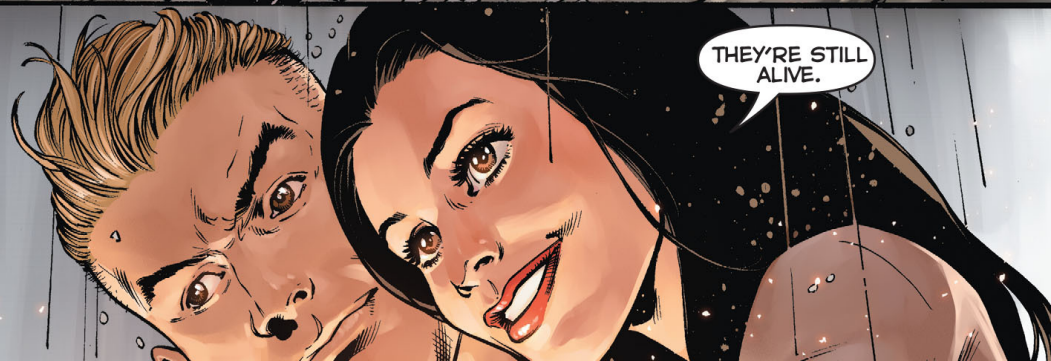
JONATHAN ALLEN AND RHONDA PINEDA. MORE COMMONLY KNOWN BY THE PRESS AS JOHNNY AND RHONNIE.

THIEVES. HILLERS. LOVERS.



M-MICK?

LOOK, JOHNNY.



THEY'RE STILL ALIVE.



OFFICERS
LEONARD SNART
AND MICK RORY OF
THE CENTRAL CITY
SPECIAL CRIMES
UNIT.


YOU'VE BEEN
CHASING ME AND RHONNIE
FOR MONTHS, TRYING TO
STOP US FROM DOING
WHAT WE WERE BORN
TO DO.

WHAT
WE LOVE TO
DO.

BUT YOU TWO
ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT
SINCE WE SKINNED
DETECTIVE MARDON,
BLED OUT SERGEANT
SCUDDER --

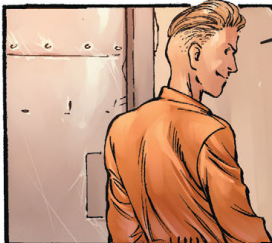


--AND DROPPED
THAT ROOKIE,
OFFICER WALKER,
DOWN AN ELEVATOR
SHAFT.

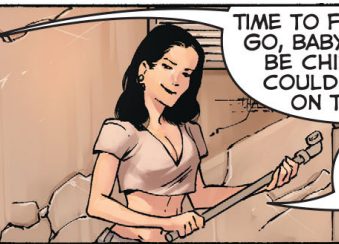


HE'D BROKEN HIS
NECK, BUT THE BOY WAS
STILL ALIVE AFTER THE FALL.
SO JOHNNY AND I WENT
DOWN THERE AND BEAT
HIM UNTIL HE WASN'T.

IT TOOK
A WHILE, BUT I
DIDN'T MIND.



TIME TO FINISH THIS AND
GO, BABY. THEY COULD
BE CHIPPED. COPS
COULD ALREADY BE
ON THEIR WAY.




THEY COULDN'T
TRACK THEM FROM
WAY DOWN HERE,
JOHNNY. BESIDES, I
HAVE AN IDEA.

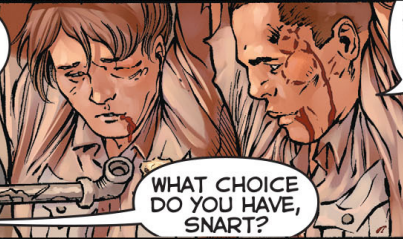
THEY BOTH
HAVE FAMILIES. WIVES.
CHILDREN. OFFICER
RORY HAS A NEW BABY,
DON'T YOU? A LITTLE
GIRL.

YOU HURT
HER AND I'LL
KILL YOU.

OH, WE'RE ONLY
GOING TO HURT ONE
OF YOUR FAMILIES.
WHICH ONE, HOWEVER,
DEPENDS
ON YOU.



I'M GOING TO UN-CUFF YOU
AND YOU'RE GOING TO TURN ON
ONE ANOTHER. WHOEVER'S LEFT
BREATHING--THEIR FAMILY
LIVES.



MICK, DO NOT
DO THIS. YOU
CAN'T TRUST
WHAT THEY
SAY.



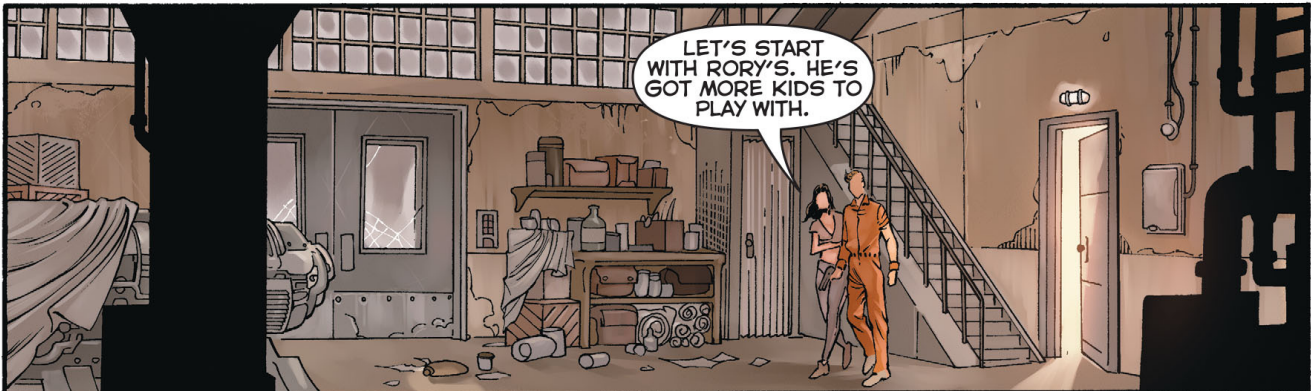
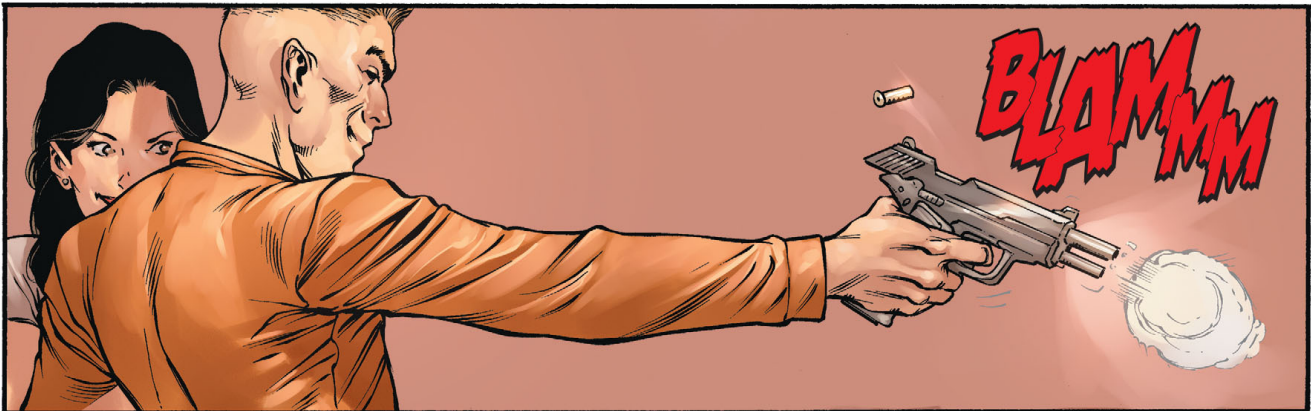
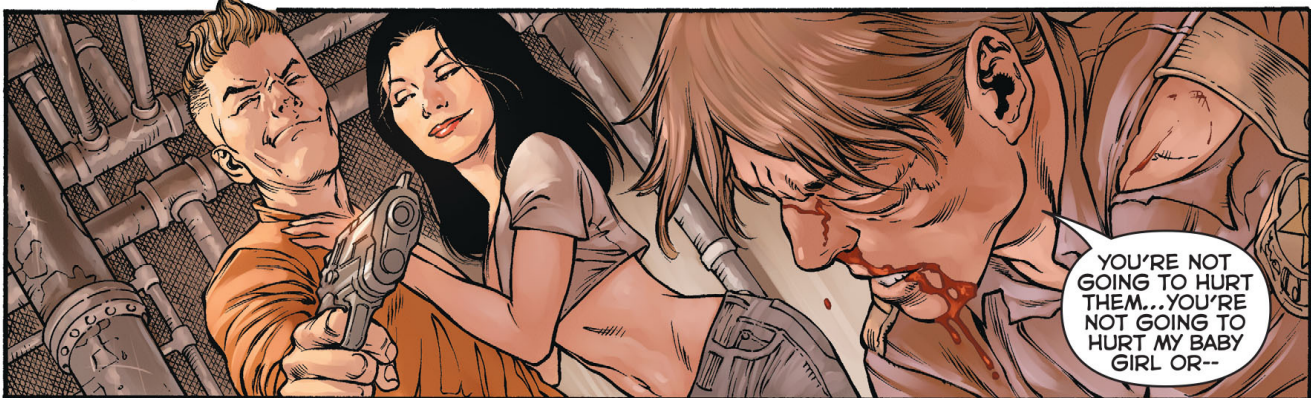
WHAT CHOICE
DO YOU HAVE,
SNART?



YOU'RE
SO BAD,
BABY.



UH
HUH.





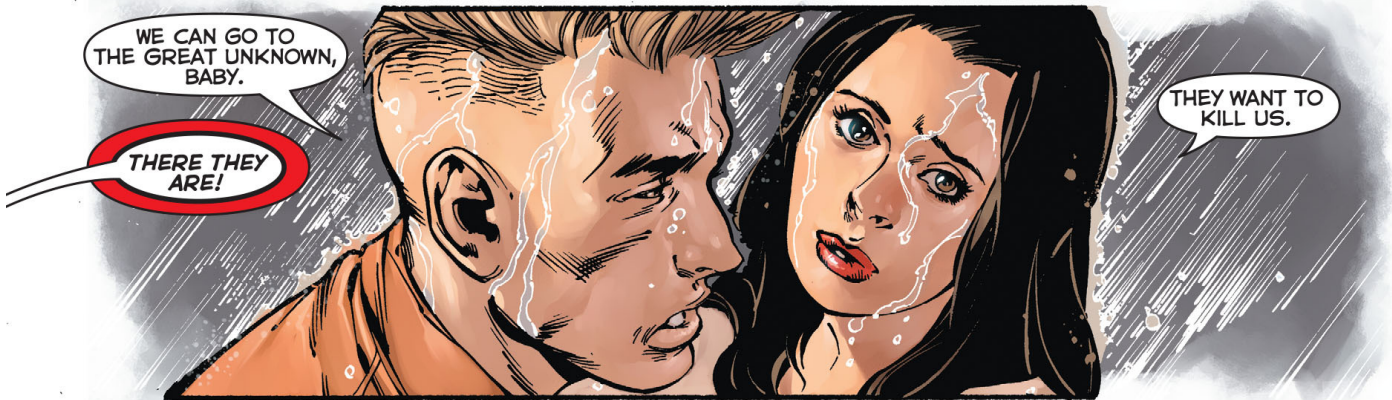
"WE GET TO THE ROOFTOP!"

S.T.A.R. LABS IS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CENTRAL CITY.



THERE'S NO OTHER BUILDING TO JUMP TO. THERE'S NOWHERE TO GO FROM HERE!

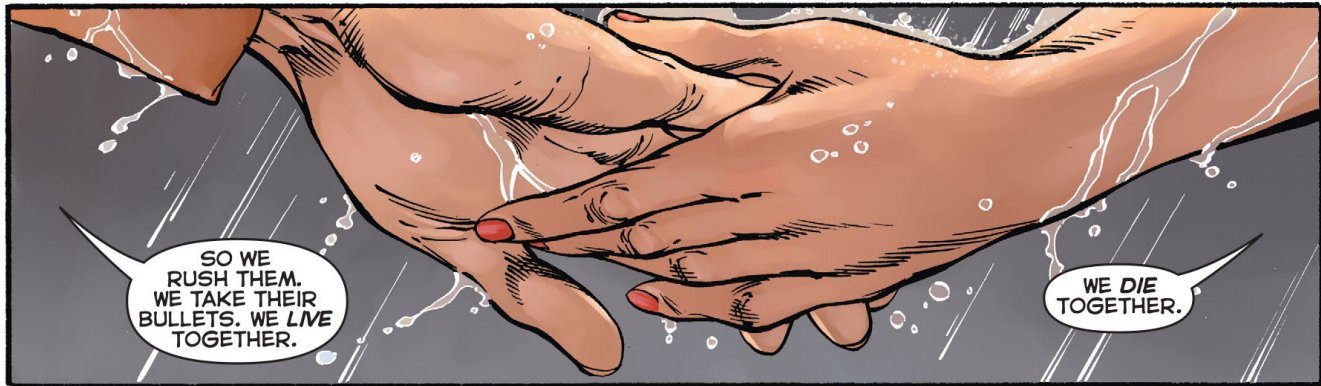
YES, THERE IS.



WE CAN GO TO THE GREAT UNKNOWN, BABY.

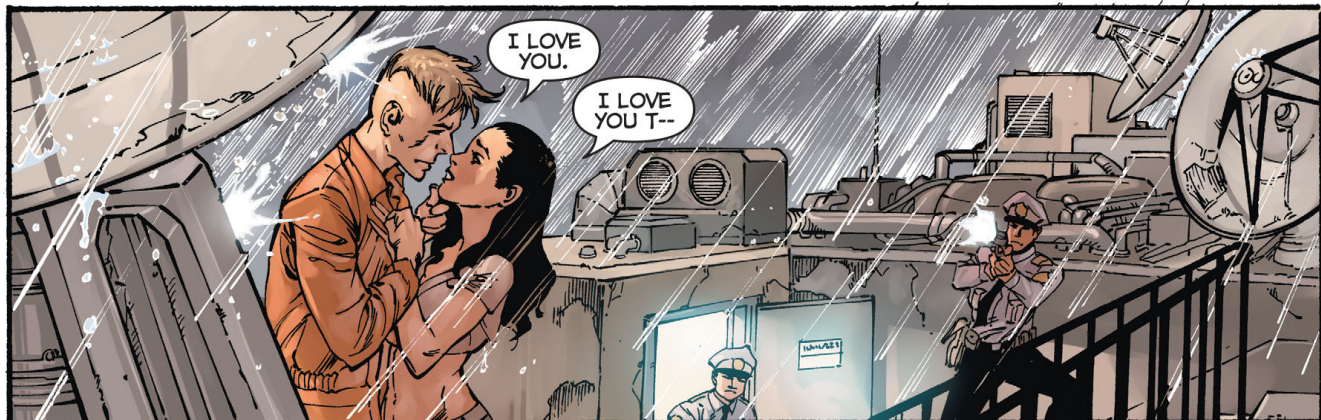
THERE THEY ARE!

THEY WANT TO KILL US.



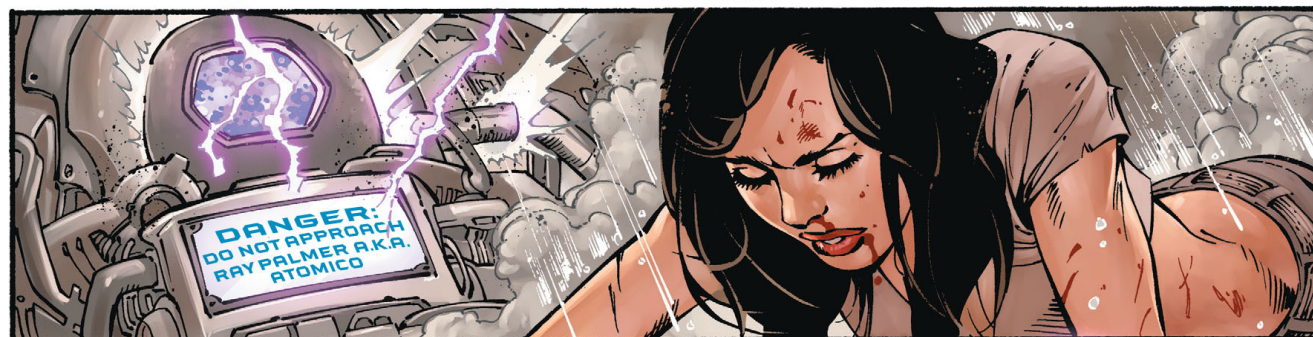
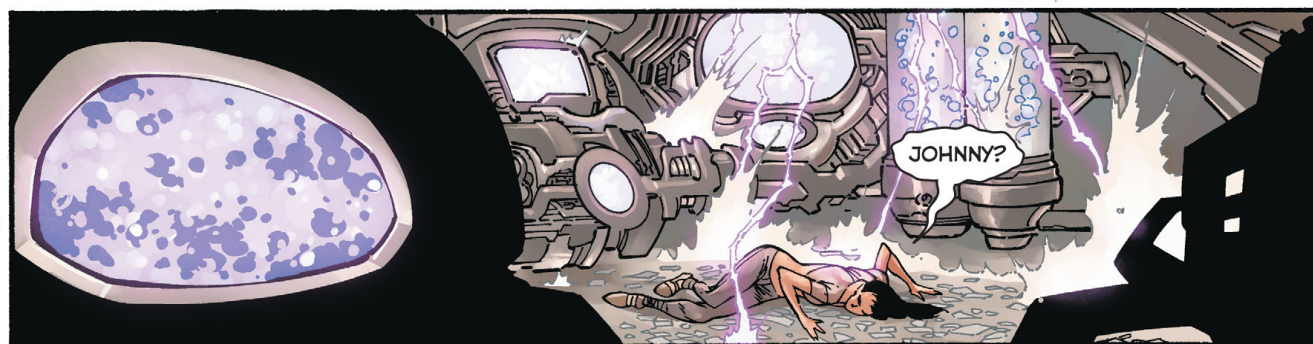
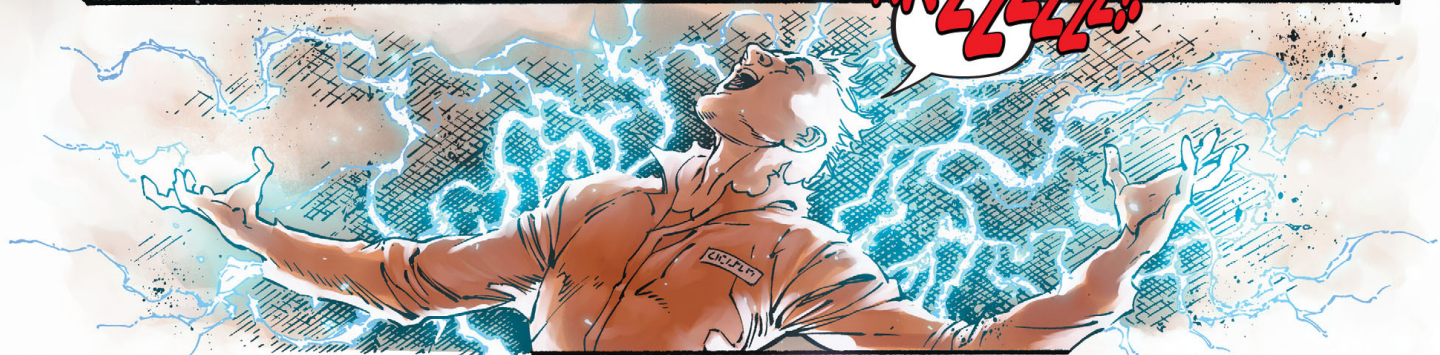
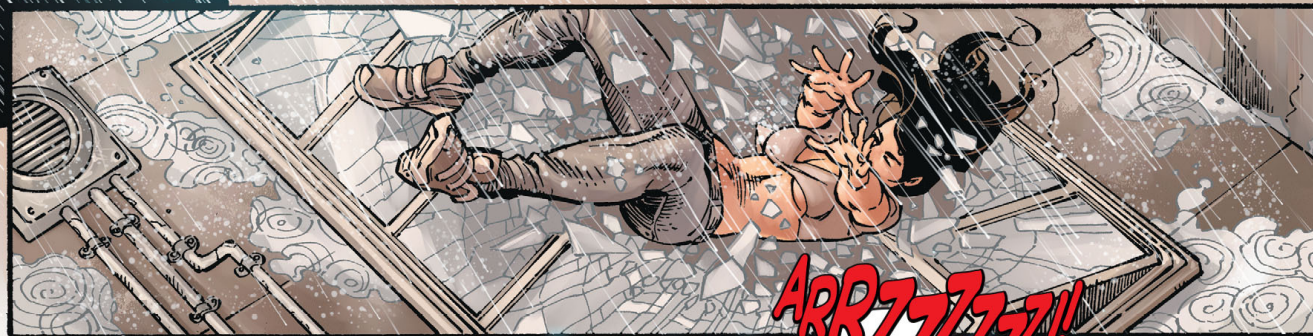
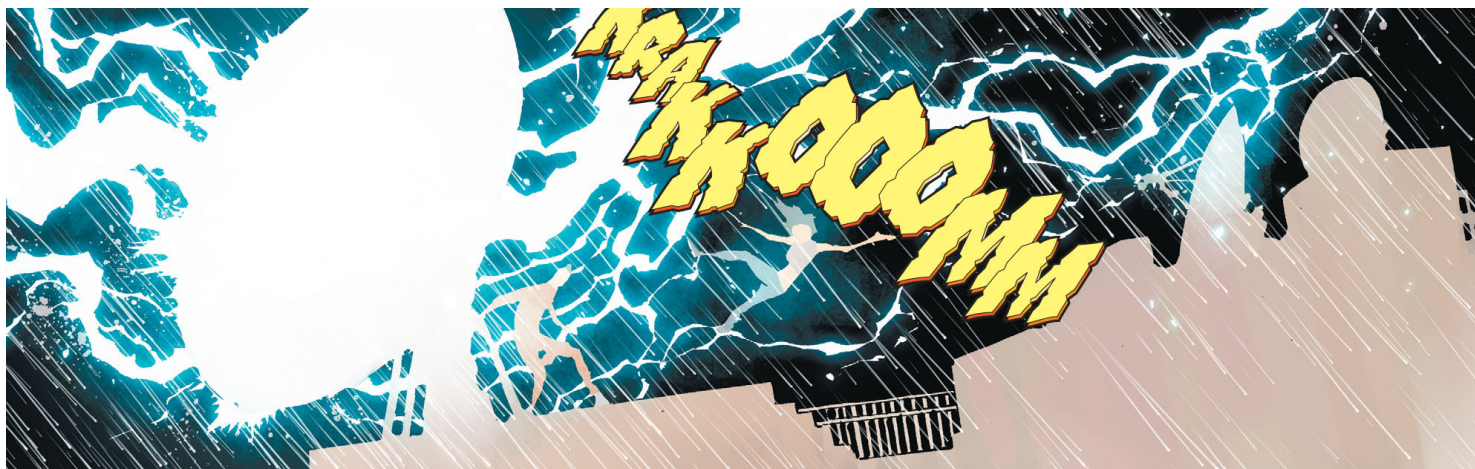
SO WE RUSH THEM. WE TAKE THEIR BULLETS. WE LIVE TOGETHER.

WE DIE TOGETHER.



I LOVE YOU.

I LOVE YOU T--



THEY WERE BOTH TRANSFORMED WHEN THE LIGHTNING BOLT ERUPTED THROUGHOUT S.T.A.R. LABS. FOREVER BONDED, EVEN CLOSER THAN THEY WERE BEFORE.

THEIR LOVE SURVIVED ACROSS DIMENSIONS, AND IT NEVER DIMINISHED DURING THEIR YEARS APART, WHILE HE WAS THERE AND SHE HERE.

PERHAPS THAT IS WHAT



DANGER: DO NOT APPROACH RAY PALMER A.K.A.

I CAN LEARN



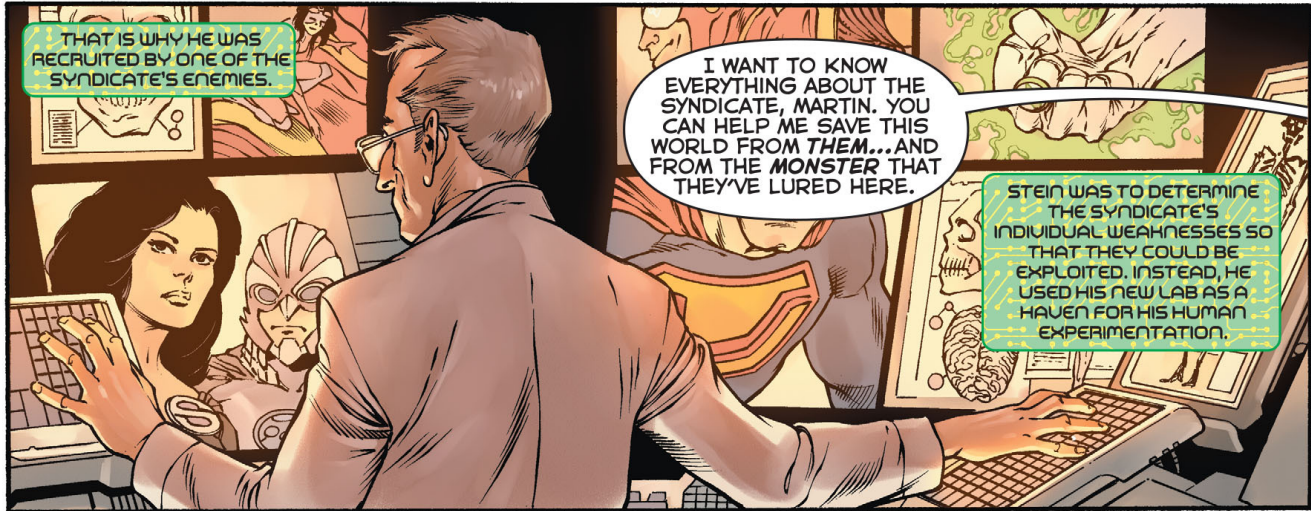
BUT NOT FROM THIS MAN.

PROFESSOR MARTIN STEIN WAS KNOWN FOR HIS CONTROVERSIAL EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS, ACCUSED OF LURING DOZENS OF HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO HIS LAB WHERE THEY WOULD RARELY BE SEEN AGAIN. AT LEAST IN ANY RECOGNIZABLE FORM.

STEIN WAS OBSESSED WITH UNLOCKING THE SECRET OF LIFE THROUGH DEATH.

STILL, HE WAS CONSIDERED THE WORLD'S GREATEST MIND WHEN IT CAME TO THEORETICAL BIOLOGY.

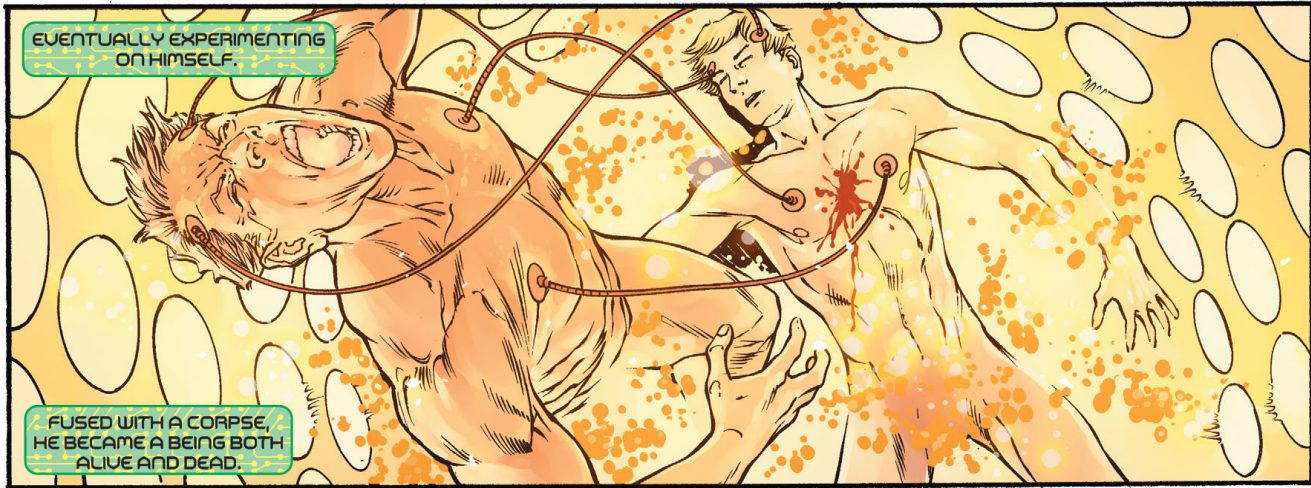
I'LL PAY YOU TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS, SON. AND ALL I NEED FROM YOU IS A SMALL TISSUE SAMPLE. SOMETHING YOU'LL NEVER MISS.



THAT IS WHY HE WAS RECRUITED BY ONE OF THE SYNDICATE'S ENEMIES.

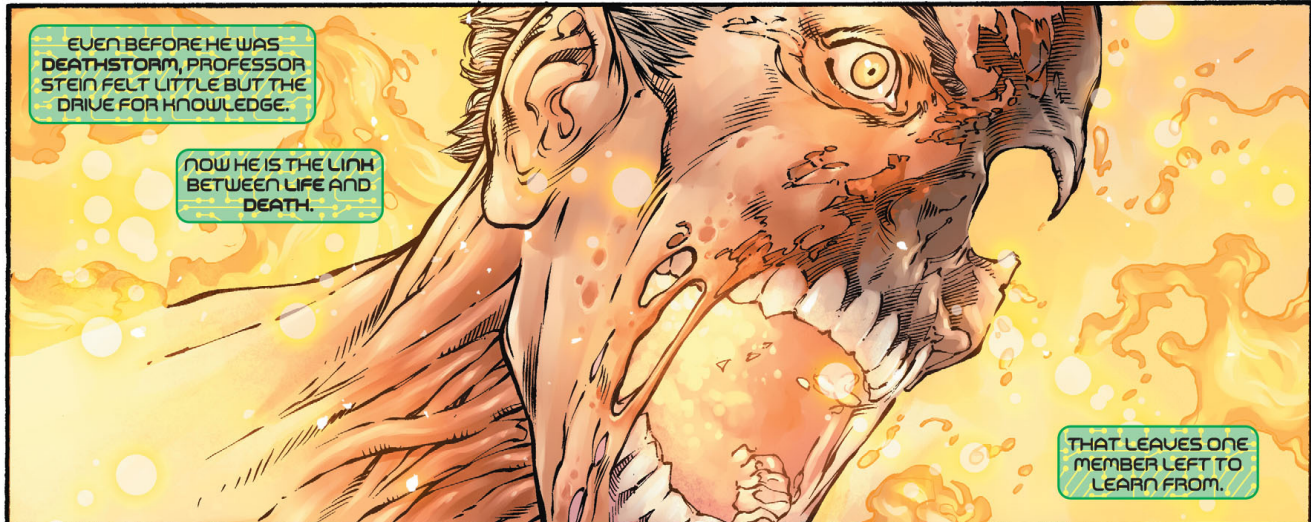
I WANT TO KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT THE SYNDICATE, MARTIN. YOU CAN HELP ME SAVE THIS WORLD FROM THEM... AND FROM THE MONSTER THAT THEY'VE LURED HERE.

STEIN WAS TO DETERMINE THE SYNDICATE'S INDIVIDUAL WEAKNESSES SO THAT THEY COULD BE EXPLOITED. INSTEAD, HE USED HIS NEW LAB AS A HAVEN FOR HIS HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION.



EVENTUALLY EXPERIMENTING ON HIMSELF.

FUSED WITH A CORPSE, HE BECAME A BEING BOTH ALIVE AND DEAD.




EVEN BEFORE HE WAS DEATHSTORM, PROFESSOR STEIN FELT LITTLE BUT THE DRIVE FOR KNOWLEDGE.

NOW HE IS THE LINK BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

THAT LEAVES ONE MEMBER LEFT TO LEARN FROM.



SUPERWOMAN.



SHE HAS STIRRED EMOTIONS IN MANY OF THE SYNDICATE MEMBERS, SPECIFICALLY ULTRAMAN AND OWLMAN.

THEY LOVE HER AND HATE HER.



WHY?



SUPERWOMAN'S FILES...

...THEY HAVE BEEN DELETED.

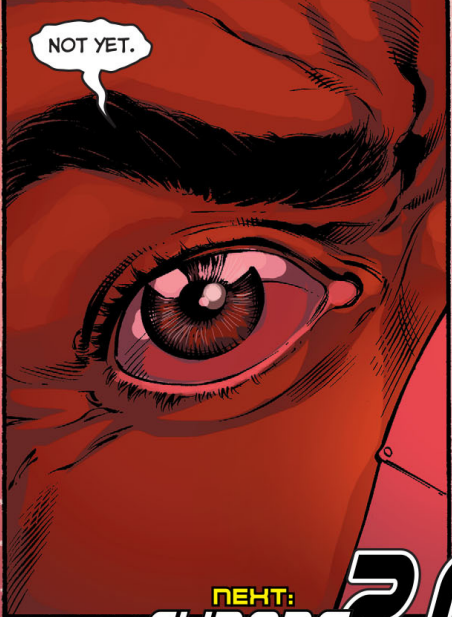
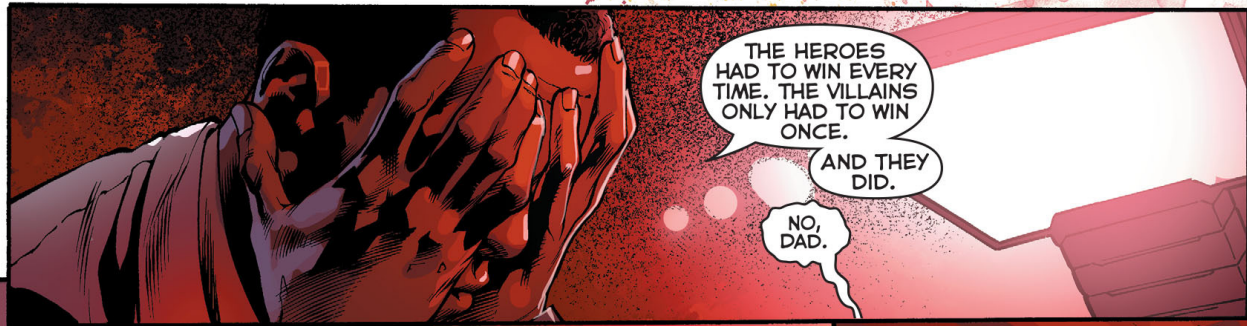
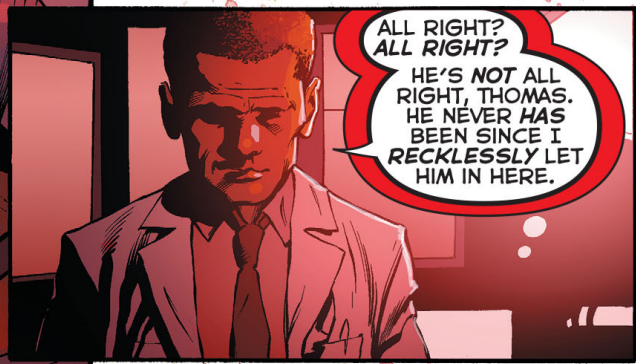
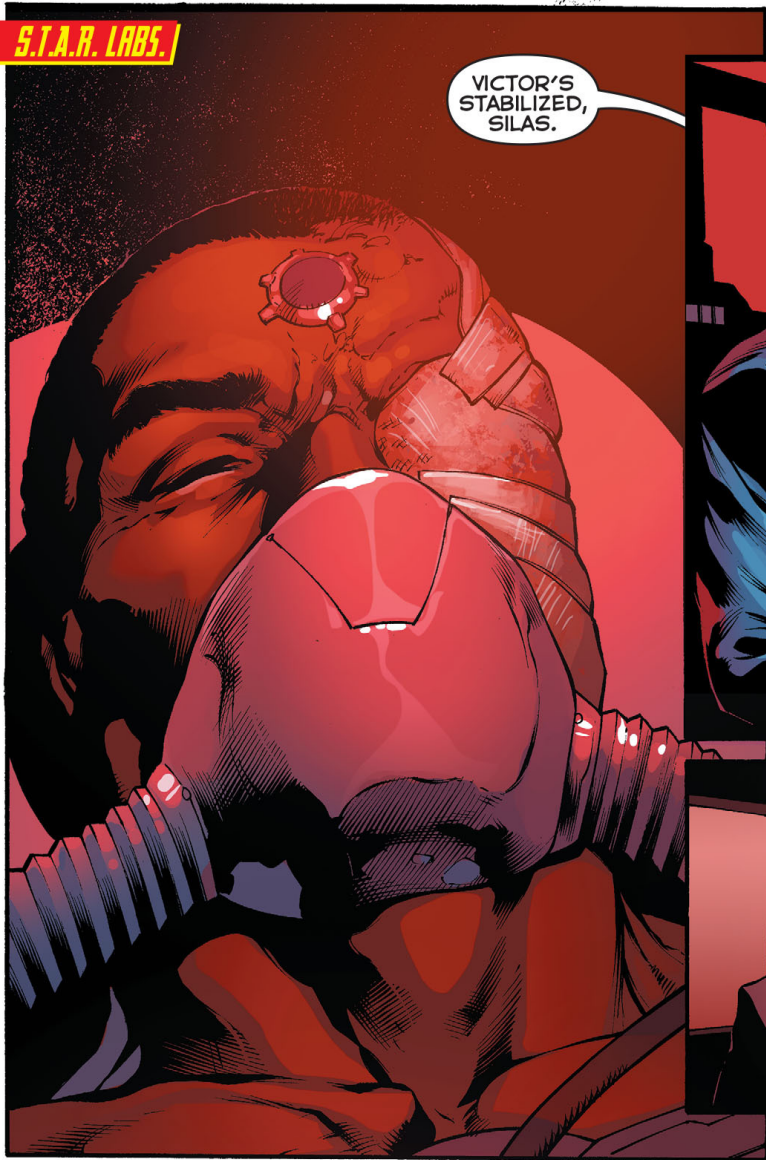


BY DEFINITION, IF I DID FEEL... I WOULD FEEL...



...SUSPICIOUS.







BROADCASTING FROM THE MOBILE PLANET CADMUSWORLD...

...IT'S THE C52000 NEWSFEED!

IT'S THE FUTURE OF NEWS WITH THE C52000 NEWS TEAM!

YOU CAN'T NAVIGATE THE 31ST CENTURY WITHOUT US!

THE WONDER TWINS AT CADMUS ARE READY TO DEBUT THEIR NEW JUSTICE LEAGUE TEAM! WILL THE EXPLOITED DNA OF THE ORIGINAL HEROES BE READY TO FLY... OR WILL THEY SHOW UP DEAD ON ARRIVAL? C52000 HAS THE REAL-TIME RESULTS!