

Several Years Ago... on the Night of the Storm...

WE CAN'T LET A KILLER BACK ON THE STREETS, BARRY.

I'D NEVER ASK YOU TO SET YOUR MOTHER'S CASE ASIDE...

IT'S JUST THAT THE D.A. IS GONNA LET MY BROTHER'S MURDERER WALK AND MY GUT IS TELLING ME BILLY PARKS IS THE GUY.

I PROMISED MY MOM AND DAD I'D GET ANOTHER SET OF EYES ON THE EVIDENCE AND--

AUGUST, IT'S OKAY... OF COURSE, I'LL HELP YOU.

YOUR BROTHER WAS A GOOD COP. IF THERE WERE MORE LIKE HIM IN CENTRAL CITY... MY DAD MIGHT NOT BE IN PRISON.

LISTEN, I'LL DO MY BEST.

COME BACK AFTER YOUR SHIFT AND WE'LL LOOK AT THE RESULTS TOGETHER.

I KNOW YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING, BARRY! I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS.

I OWE YOU!

DON'T... MENTION...

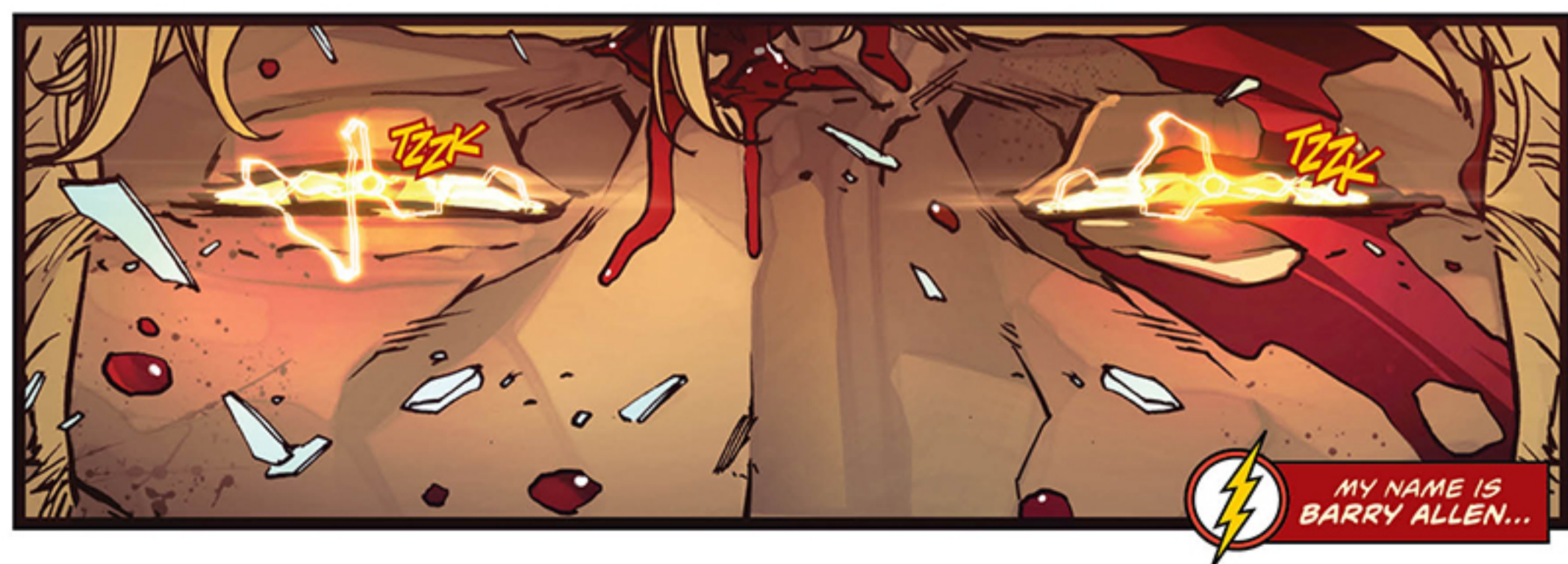
WHAT IS...?



CRASH

**LIGHTNING STRIKES TWICE PART ONE:
DEUS EX MACHINA**

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 ...AND I'M THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE!

Today.

SOMEONE HAS AFFECTED REALITY, TAKING TEN YEARS OF OUR LIVES AND MEMORIES FROM US, BUT I CAN'T HELP BUT SMILE BECAUSE MY BEST FRIEND, WALLY WEST, IS BACK!

AND NOW HE'S WORKING WITH THE ORIGINAL TEEN TITANS TO SEE IF HE CAN FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO US.

Read about it in DCU: REBIRTH and FLASH: REBIRTH

BATMAN AND I ALREADY HAVE OUR SUSPICIONS ON WHAT WAS DONE TO OUR WORLD, BUT WE DECIDED IT WAS BEST WE KEPT OUR FINDINGS TO OURSELVES UNTIL WALLY GATHERS MORE EVIDENCE.

I WISH I COULD DO MORE, BUT I CAN ONLY INVESTIGATE A CRIME IF I KNOW WHERE THE CRIME SCENE IS.

WALLY WAS THE FLASH FOR YEARS WITHOUT ME, SO I TRUST HIM ON HIS OWN, EXCEPT I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I DON'T MISS HAVING A PARTNER RUNNING BY MY SIDE.

WALLY BEING WITH ME FOR JUST A FEW MOMENTS WAS BITTERSWEET...

THANKFULLY I HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TO KEEP ME BUSY.

THE NIGHT I WAS HIT BY LIGHTNING AND DOUSED IN CHEMICALS, IT CREATED THE SPEED FORCE.

ALLOWING ME THE SPEED TO BE WHERE I'M NEEDED...

...BUT...



 ...I'M NOT ALWAYS FAST ENOUGH.



TORNADO'S DOWN, FLASH! YOU DID IT!



EVERYONE'S SAFE. A LITTLE SHAKEN UP, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE IF NOT FOR YOU.

I'LL START TO REBUILD THEIR HOMES. GET THESE FAMILIES BACK TO THEIR NORMAL LIVES.

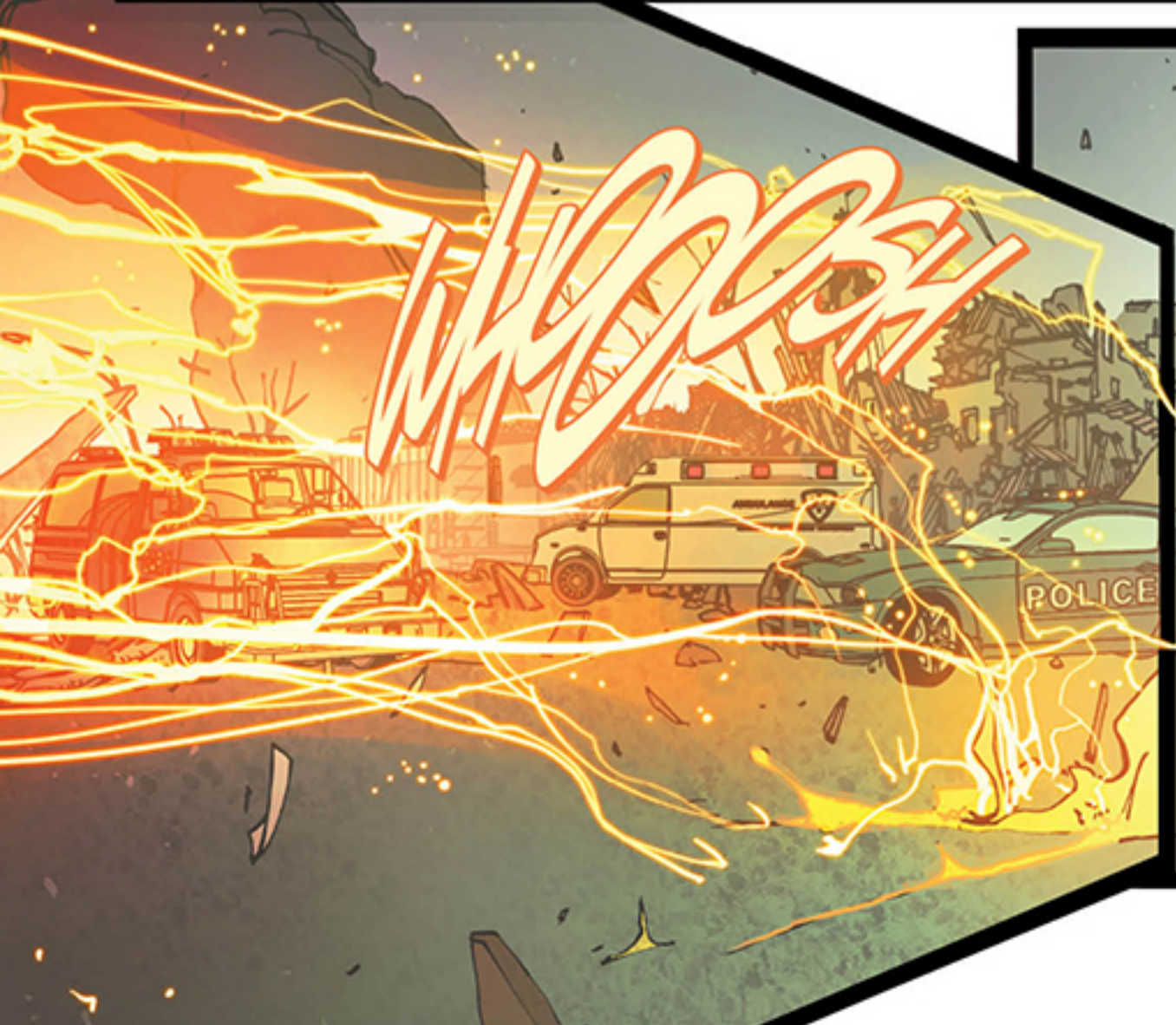
SORRY, BUT WE CAN'T LET YOU DO THAT. NOT UNTIL THE SURVEY TEAM COMES AND MAKES SURE IT'S SAFE.



ARE YOU SURE? I COULD--

NOTHING ELSE YOU CAN DO RIGHT NOW.

WE GOT IT FROM HERE, FLASH. BUT I REALLY WANTED TO SAY...



WHOOSH!



...THANK YOU...

I CAN NEVER STAY IN ONE PLACE TOO LONG...