

The 25th Century.



WHO IS THE FLASH?



FOR CENTURIES PEOPLE SAW THE FLASH AS A HERO. HE WAS THEIR SAVIOR. THEY IDOLIZED HIM.

IT WAS DEEPER THAN WORSHIP. THEY FELT AS IF HE WAS ONE OF THEM. THEY THOUGHT HE UNDERSTOOD THEM.



IT'S FUNNY, ISN'T IT? HOW YOU CAN WATCH SOMEONE FROM AFAR AND THINK YOU KNOW THEM?



BUT THE TRUTH IS... ONLY WE REALLY KNOW THE MAN BEHIND THE MASK...

RUNNING SCARED

PART ONE

"EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE"

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MY NAME IS BARRY ALLEN AND THE FLASH. MOST DAYS I CALL MYSELF THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.

BUT IN THE FUTURE, THERE IS A LUNATIC NAMED EGBARD THAWNE. HE CALLS HIMSELF REVERSE-FLASH AND HE'S FASTER THAN ME. SO FAST THAT HE'S OUTRUN DEATH MULTIPLE TIMES.

THAWNE CAME BACK IN TIME, KIDNAPPED MY GIRLFRIEND IRIS WEST AND ATTACKED HER NEPHEW WALLY, THE NEW KID FLASH, AND I WASN'T THERE TO PROTECT THEM. I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT IRIS LEARNING MY SECRET IDENTITY THAT I PUSHED HER AND WALLY RIGHT INTO HARM'S WAY.

THAWNE LEFT ME A MESSAGE. TO RETURN TO WHERE WE FIRST MET...





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YEARS AGO, I STEPPED FOOT OFF THE COSMIC TREADMILL INTO THE CENTRAL CITY OF THE FUTURE FOR THE FIRST TIME.

AS A KID I WAS OBSESSED WITH SCIENCE, BUT I ALSO LOVED SCIENCE FICTION. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT MY MOM AND I SHARED. SHE'D READ ME STORIES OF IMPOSSIBLE WORLDS AND FUTURES FAR AWAY...



SHE WOULD HAVE LOVED THIS...

AMAZING.

FLA-FLASH...?



