



ARE YOU PEOPLE INSANE?

GET THESE DAMN WIRES OFF ME.

GET ME OUT OF HERE!

DO YOU SEE IT? RIGHT THERE. IT'S REAL.

THE MOTHER BOX.

IT IS POWER. AND IT IS ALL OURS.

S.T.A.R.

# STEEL & BLOOD

CHAPTER THREE:  
AGAINST EACH OTHER

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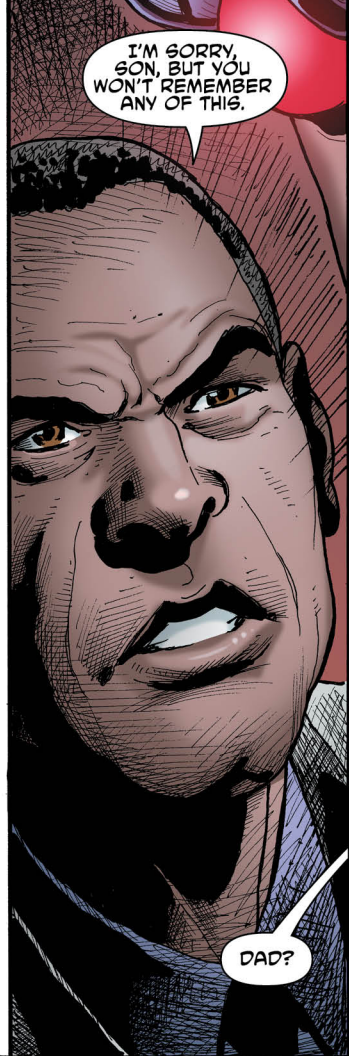
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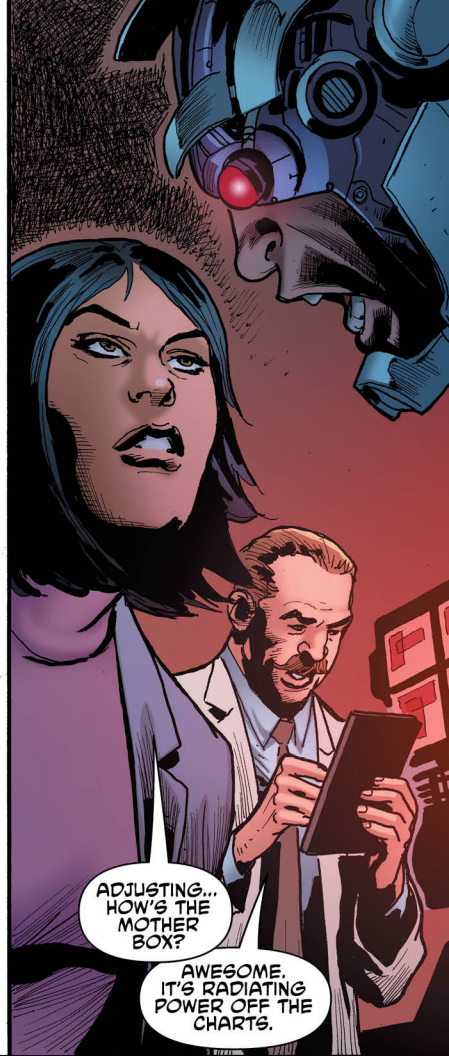


DEAL WITH THE BOX. I'M HACKING HIS MEMORY DRIVES.



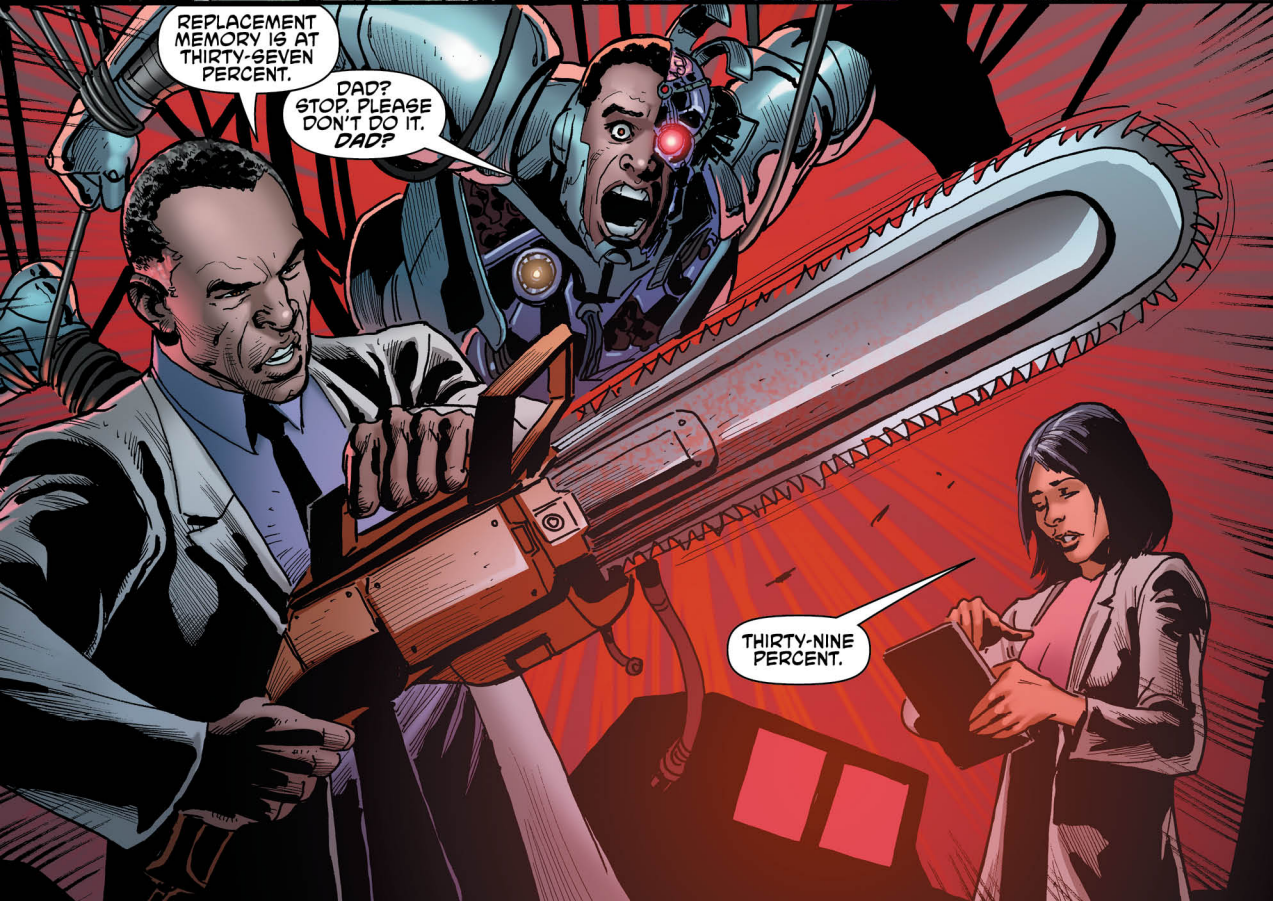
I'M SORRY, SON, BUT YOU WON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS.

DAD?



ADJUSTING... HOW'S THE MOTHER BOX?

AWESOME. IT'S RADIATING POWER OFF THE CHARTS.



REPLACEMENT MEMORY IS AT THIRTY-SEVEN PERCENT.

DAD? STOP. PLEASE DON'T DO IT. DAD?

THIRTY-NINE PERCENT.



# WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO ME?



D-DAD?  
DAD...?

...

DREAMING?  
OH MY  
GOD...



I-I'M  
STILL AT  
STARLITE?

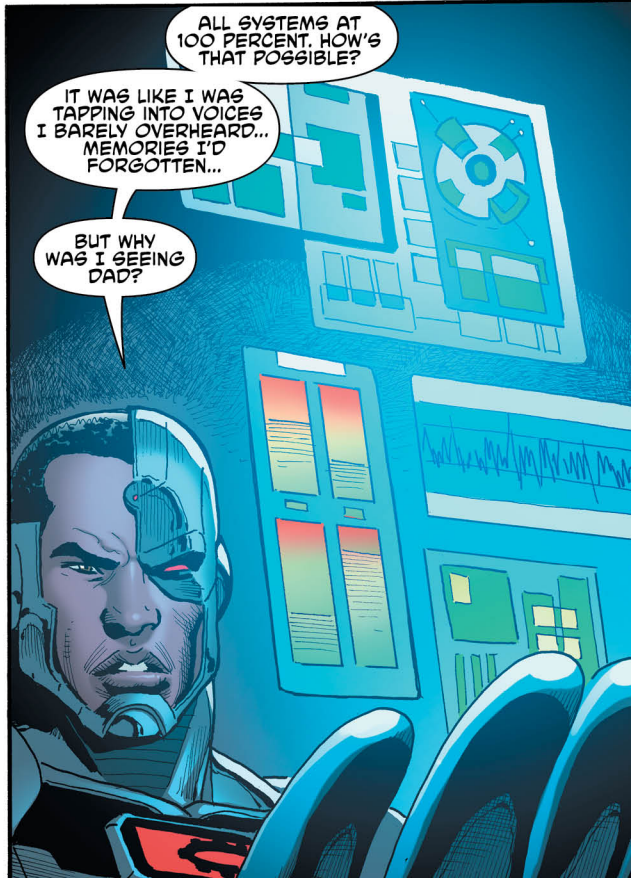
I-IT  
WAS SO  
REAL...



WHO DID THIS TO ME?  
STARLITE? THE TEKTOWN  
GROUP? S.T.A.R. LABS?  
SYSTEMS CHECK--  
INITIATE NOW...

COMMENCING  
SYSTEMS CHECK...

...



ALL SYSTEMS AT  
100 PERCENT. HOW'S  
THAT POSSIBLE?

IT WAS LIKE I WAS  
TAPPING INTO VOICES  
I BARELY OVERHEARD...  
MEMORIES I'D  
FORGOTTEN...

BUT WHY  
WAS I SEEING  
DAD?

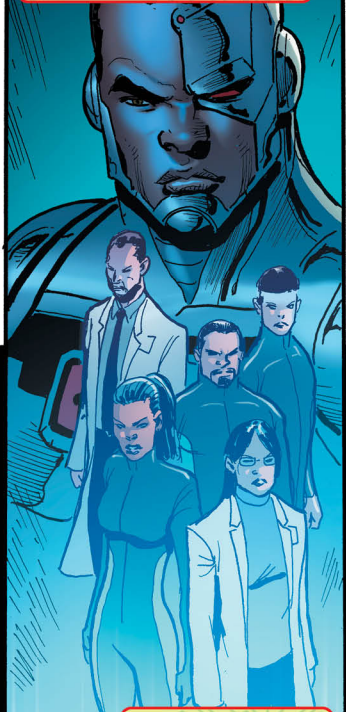


DON'T DWELL ON IT. CONSIDER IT A PARANOID, MIX-AND-MATCH DREAM.



THINK THIS THROUGH. TEK-TOWN IS S.T.A.R. LABS' HAWAIIAN DIVISION.

STARLITE'S COMPOSED OF S.T.A.R. LABS TECHS WHO STRUCK OFF ON THEIR OWN.



AND THEN THERE'S THE THIRD GROUP... THEY SENT THOSE BABY BOTS AFTER THE STARLITE MECH. WHO THE HELL WERE THEY?

KATE? IT'S VICTOR. MY DAD THERE? IT'S IMPORTANT.

SILAS? HE'S AT S.T.A.R. LABS DETROIT. WHAT WOULD HE BE DOING HERE?



HER HEARTBEAT'S GOING WILD. SHE'S LYING. BUT WHY?



Uhhh, okay. I'll try there. Thanks. Later, Kate.

I DON'T LIKE LYING TO VICTOR.



NEITHER DO I. BUT IT'S IN HIS BEST INTEREST.

KATE'S LYING AND OBVIOUSLY DAD DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ME.



WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?

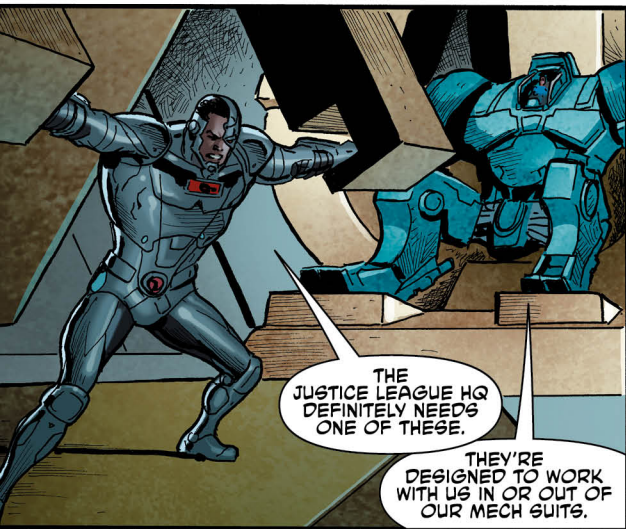
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MARCIA DAVIES.  
TECH-PILOT.

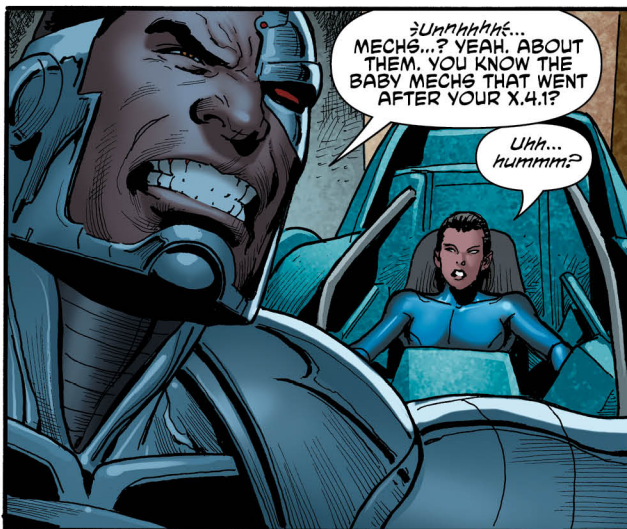
MARCIA...  
HI, I'M ASSUMING  
THIS IS THE--

GYM? YEAH. TRY  
THE GRAY-WEIGHTS.  
ADJUSTABLE FROM A  
QUARTER-TON TO WELL  
OVER A HUNDRED.  
IT IS WAY COOL.



THE  
JUSTICE LEAGUE HQ  
DEFINITELY NEEDS  
ONE OF THESE.

THEY'RE  
DESIGNED TO WORK  
WITH US IN OR OUT OF  
OUR MECH SUITS.



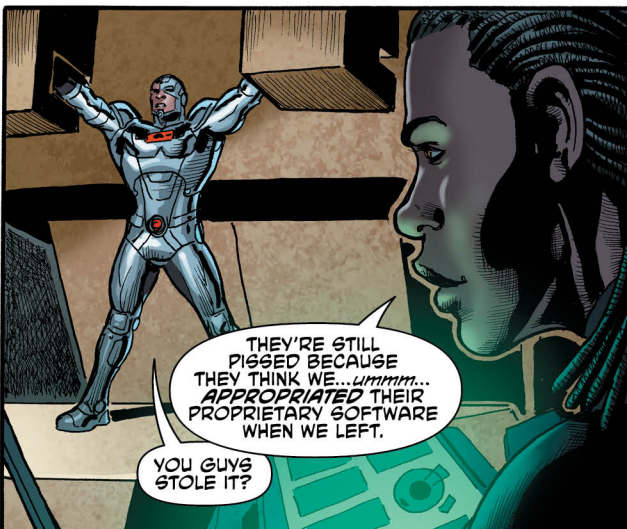
Ummmm...  
MECHS...? YEAH. ABOUT  
THEM, YOU KNOW THE  
BABY MECHS THAT WENT  
AFTER YOUR X.4.1?

Uhh...  
hummm?



I Ummmm... NEED  
TO EXAMINE THE  
MINI ONE, THE ONE  
I TOOK OUT.

YEAH, WELL,  
TEKTOWN HAS BOTH  
IT AND THE X.4.1.  
SO THAT'S NOT  
GONNA HAPPEN.



THEY'RE STILL  
PIGGED BECAUSE  
THEY THINK WE... Ummmm...  
APPROPRIATED THEIR  
PROPRIETARY SOFTWARE  
WHEN WE LEFT.

YOU GUYS  
STOLE IT?