



**JAIMÉ REYES: RELUCTANT WIELDER OF THE POWER OF THE BLUE BEETLE SCARAB. TED KORD: BILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST AND SIDELINED SUPERHERO. TOGETHER THEY ARE THE BLUE BEETLE. WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT.**



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...AND YOU'RE SAYING THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE--

--THIRD HOLE, FAR'S WE KNOW.

GOES IN ABOUT THIRTY OR SO FEET THEN DEAD-ENDS.

IF IT'S LIKE THE OTHERS.

OTHERS? THERE ARE OTHERS?

**INTRODUCING: the POSSE**



**ROOT:**  
SENTIENT FOLIAGE



**BLUR:**  
TELEPORTER (LIMITED)



**NIGHTCATCHER:**  
LIVING BIDWEAPON



**SPHISH:**  
LIVING ENERGY



**BLOT:**  
SHADOW WALKER



**SMOKEY:**  
MISTY POWERHOUSE



HOW TUNED IN ARE YOU?

TUNED IN?

I MEAN, YOU KNOW THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR YOU JUST BIDDING YOUR TIME UNTIL SOME SUPER-TEAM NOTICES YOU?



I KNOW ENOUGH.

PFFT... PART-TIMER.

STOW THAT. THE DECICCO PLACE AND THAT DUMP SANDOVAL CALLS HOME. BOTH HIT.



FIGURED THEY JUS' PACKED UP 'N' TOOK OFF. AIN'T NEWS 'ROUND HERE WHEN FOLKS DO LIKE THAT.

THE SANDOVALS, SURE. WHITE TRASH WITH ATTITUDE. BUT THE DECICCO'S?

LIVING THE DREAM, Y'KNOW?



KIND OF MAKES YOU WONDER HOW MANY MORE MIGHT BE MISSING.

THAT'S WHY WE HAVE POLICE.

WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?



POLICE?

HUH? OH...JUST, AHH...JUST THINKING OUT LOUD.

YO, ROOT. MAYBE WE OUGHTA GET BLOT OVER TO DOC REYES.

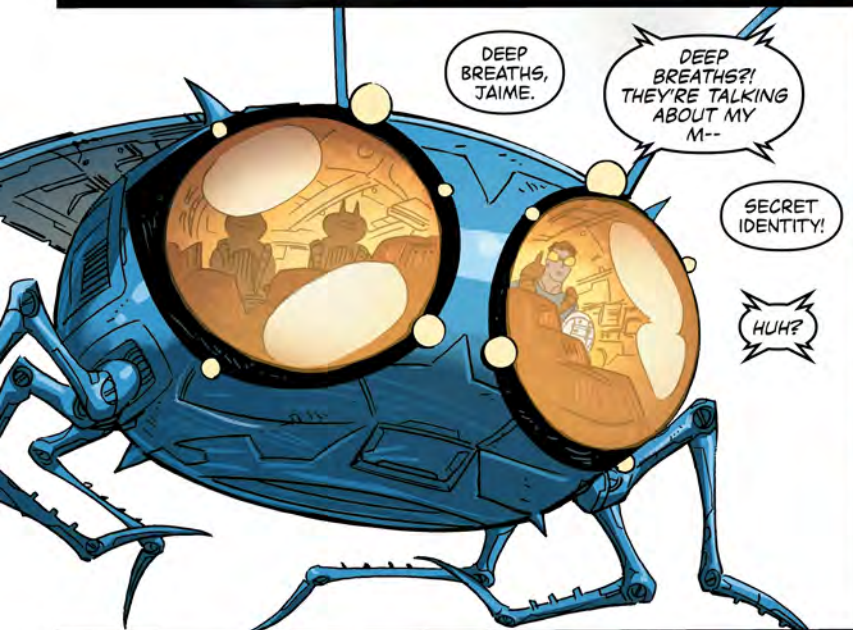
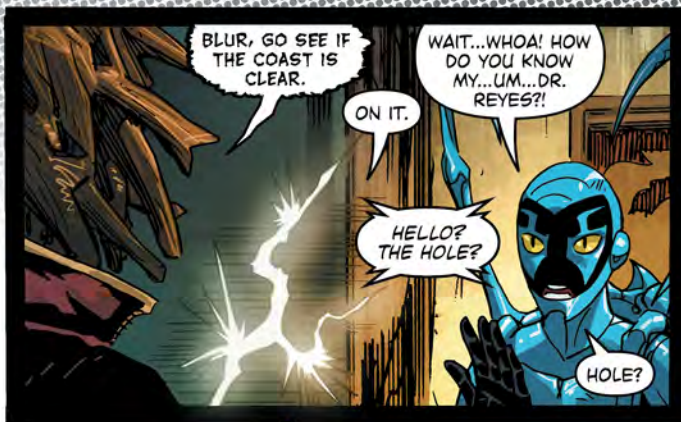
JUST TO CHECK HIM OUT.



REYES?

REYES?!

HEY! YOU DIDN' HEAR THAT. YOU CALL DOWN HEAT ON TH' DOC 'N' WE GO A FEW ROUNDS. KNOW WHAT I MEAN?

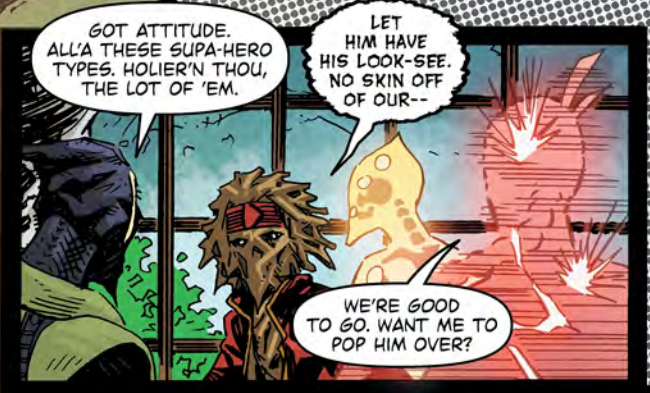




WHY YOU WANNA DO THIS? ALREADY TOLD YOU IT DEAD-ENDS.

MAYBE I CAN SEE SOMETHING YOU MISSED.

YOU CALLING US STUPID?



GOT ATTITUDE. ALLA THESE SUPA-HERO TYPES. HOLIER'N THOU, THE LOT OF 'EM.

LET HIM HAVE HIS LOOK-SEE. NO SKIN OFF OF OUR--

WE'RE GOOD TO GO. WANT ME TO POP HIM OVER?



WHAT? AND SPEND THE REST OF THE DAY LOOKING FOR HIM?

HEY! AIN'T MY FAULT! THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO 'PORT WITH ME!



YOU OKAY?

SURE. FINE. JUST FINE.

MY MOM'S POSSE. COULDN'T BE BETTER!

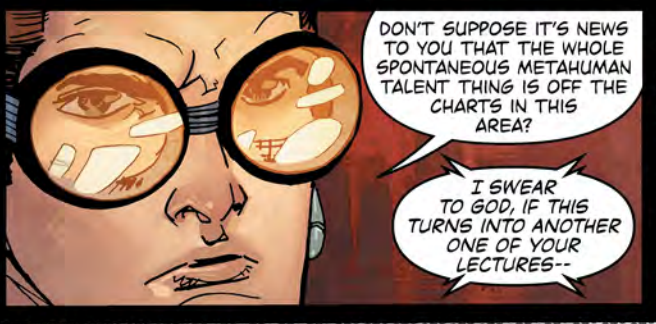


SEEMS TO ME SHE'S TRYING TO HELP.

HELP? HOW'S BEING THE POSSE'S...GP, OR WHATEVER, HELPING?

GOT TO SPELL IT OUT FOR YOU?

OH, PLEASE, "ENLIGHTEN" ME.



DON'T SUPPOSE IT'S NEWS TO YOU THAT THE WHOLE SPONTANEOUS METAHUMAN TALENT THING IS OFF THE CHARTS IN THIS AREA?

I SWEAR TO GOD, IF THIS TURNS INTO ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR LECTURES--

SOMEONE'S GOT TO SEE TO THEM.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THAT SOMEONE.

I'VE GOT MY HANDS FULL WITH YOU. GOOD THING I'VE GOT THE WHOLE DELEGATING AUTHORITY THING DOWN TO A FINE ART.

WHAT? YOU SET MY MOM UP AS...

OMIGOD! YOU DID!

HMPH... I CAN SEE WHY SHE DIDN'T LET YOU IN ON--

SHE'S MY MOTHER!



SHE'S A DEDICATED PROFESSIONAL. WHY DO YOU THINK SHE SET UP THAT CLINIC? SKILLS LIKE HERS, SHE COULD HAVE LANDED IN ANY HOSPITAL OR RESEARCH CENTER AND THEY'D BE DAMN GLAD TO HAVE HER.

SO SHE WORKS FOR YOU?!



NOT EXACTLY. I SEE TO IT SHE'S WELL COMPENSATED AND SHE FILES THE OCCASIONAL REPORT. TERI HANDLES IT SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO ASK HER ABOUT IT.

AND YOU NEVER THOUGHT TO TELL ME?!



NEITHER DID SHE, I MIGHT POINT OUT.

I CONSIDER IT CONTRIBUTING TO YOUR COLLEGE FUND. AND YOUR SISTER'S. YOUR MOM DRIVES A HARD BARGAIN.

NEVER DAWNED ON YOU THAT SHE MIGHT BE PLACING HERSELF IN DANGER?!

ARE YOU KIDDING? POSSE'S TERRIFIED OF HER. SO AM I...IF I'M BEING COMPLETELY HONEST.

HUH... TUNNEL JUST DEAD-ENDS. CHECK FOR HIDDEN SEAMS.

HELLO?! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MY MOM HERE!

