



I'VE BEEN GOOD TO YOU, HAVEN'T I?

YEAH. NOT SAYING YOU HAVEN'T. BUT--



BUT? NO EXCUSES...

...TRICKSTER.



IT'S JUST...A CON LIKE THIS. IT TAKES TIME.

TIME.

TIME, TIME, TIME. IT'S MONEY. IT FLIES. IT EVEN HEALS ALL WOUNDS. I RATHER LIKE TIME.

THE LONG GAME DOESN'T BOTHER ME. SO LONG AS I KNOW THE OUTCOME IS GUARANTEED.



THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, TRICKSTER. YOU'RE MY LITTLE GUARANTEE.

"YOU'RE GOING TO HELP ME ELIMINATE THE FLASH."

CCPD SPECIAL TASK FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

I BUILT THE EVIDENCE THAT SENT YOU TO IRON HEIGHTS, SMART. *TWICE*. I PUT *ALL* THE *ROGUES* AWAY. SO DON'T EXPECT ME TO BUY INTO YOUR *HERO* TURN.

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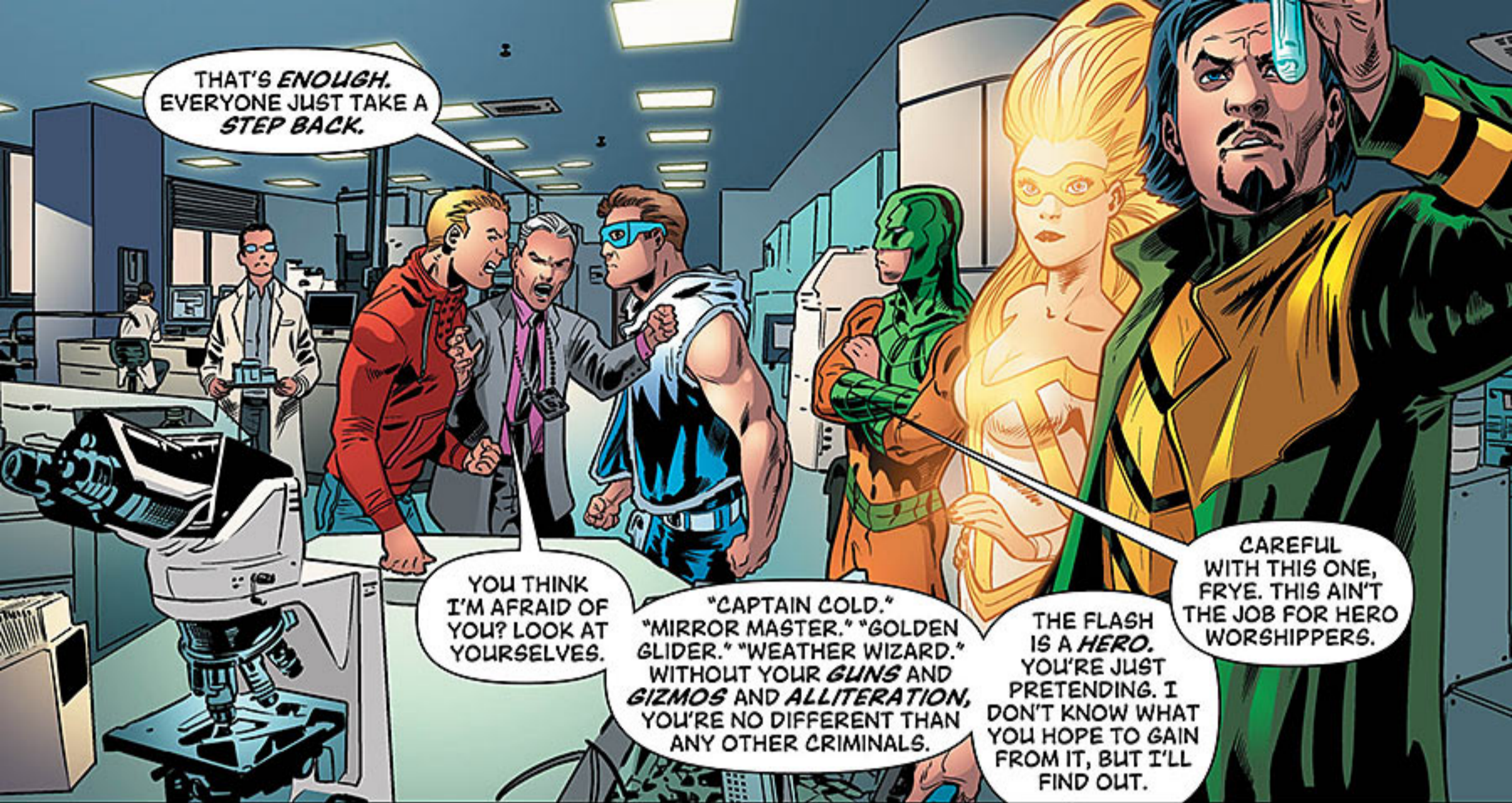
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WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE, LAB RAT. WE'RE *BONA FIDE* NOW.

JUST ASK THE *MAYOR*.





THAT'S ENOUGH. EVERYONE JUST TAKE A STEP BACK.

YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF YOU? LOOK AT YOURSELVES.

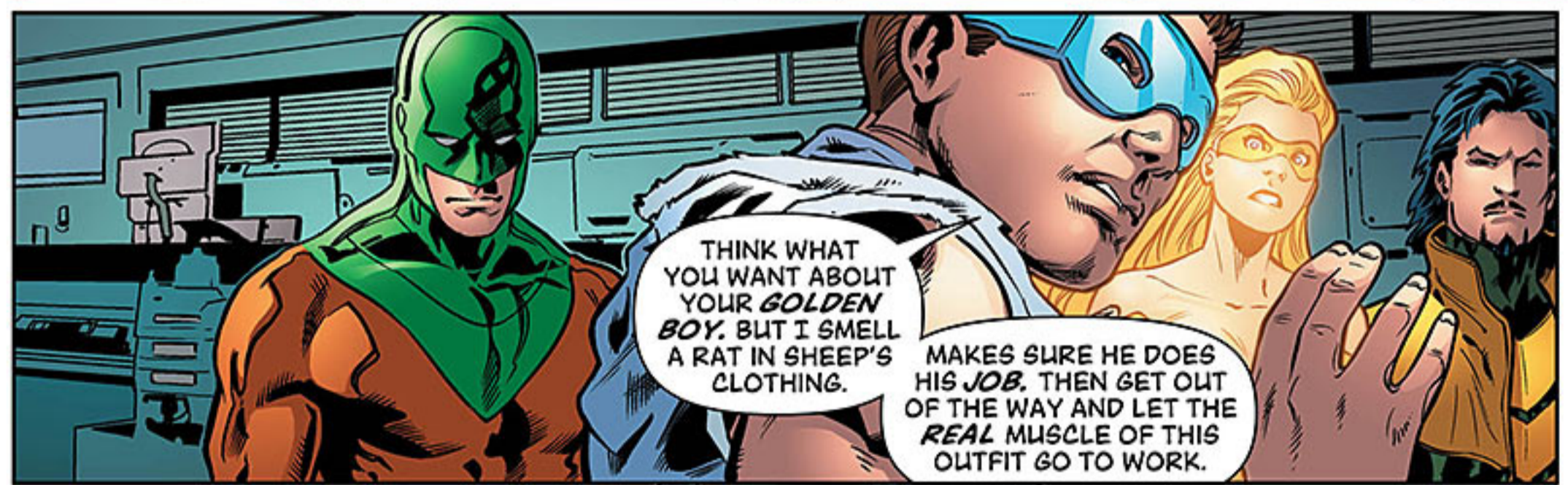
"CAPTAIN COLD." "MIRROR MASTER." "GOLDEN GLIDER." "WEATHER WIZARD." WITHOUT YOUR *GUNS* AND *GIZMOS* AND *ALLITERATION*, YOU'RE NO DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER CRIMINALS.

THE FLASH IS A *HERO*. YOU'RE JUST PRETENDING. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU HOPE TO GAIN FROM IT, BUT I'LL FIND OUT.

CAREFUL WITH THIS ONE, FRYE. THIS AIN'T THE JOB FOR HERO WORSHIPPERS.



IT'S *CAPTAIN* FRYE, SMART. AND I BROUGHT BARRY IN ON THIS TASK FORCE FOR A REASON. I TOOK HIM IN AND RAISED HIM WHEN HE HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO GO, SO I *DAMN* WELL KNOW HE'LL DO GOOD WORK FOR ME.



THINK WHAT YOU WANT ABOUT YOUR *GOLDEN BOY*. BUT I SMELL A RAT IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.

MAKES SURE HE DOES HIS *JOB*. THEN GET OUT OF THE WAY AND LET THE *REAL* MUSCLE OF THIS OUTFIT GO TO WORK.

