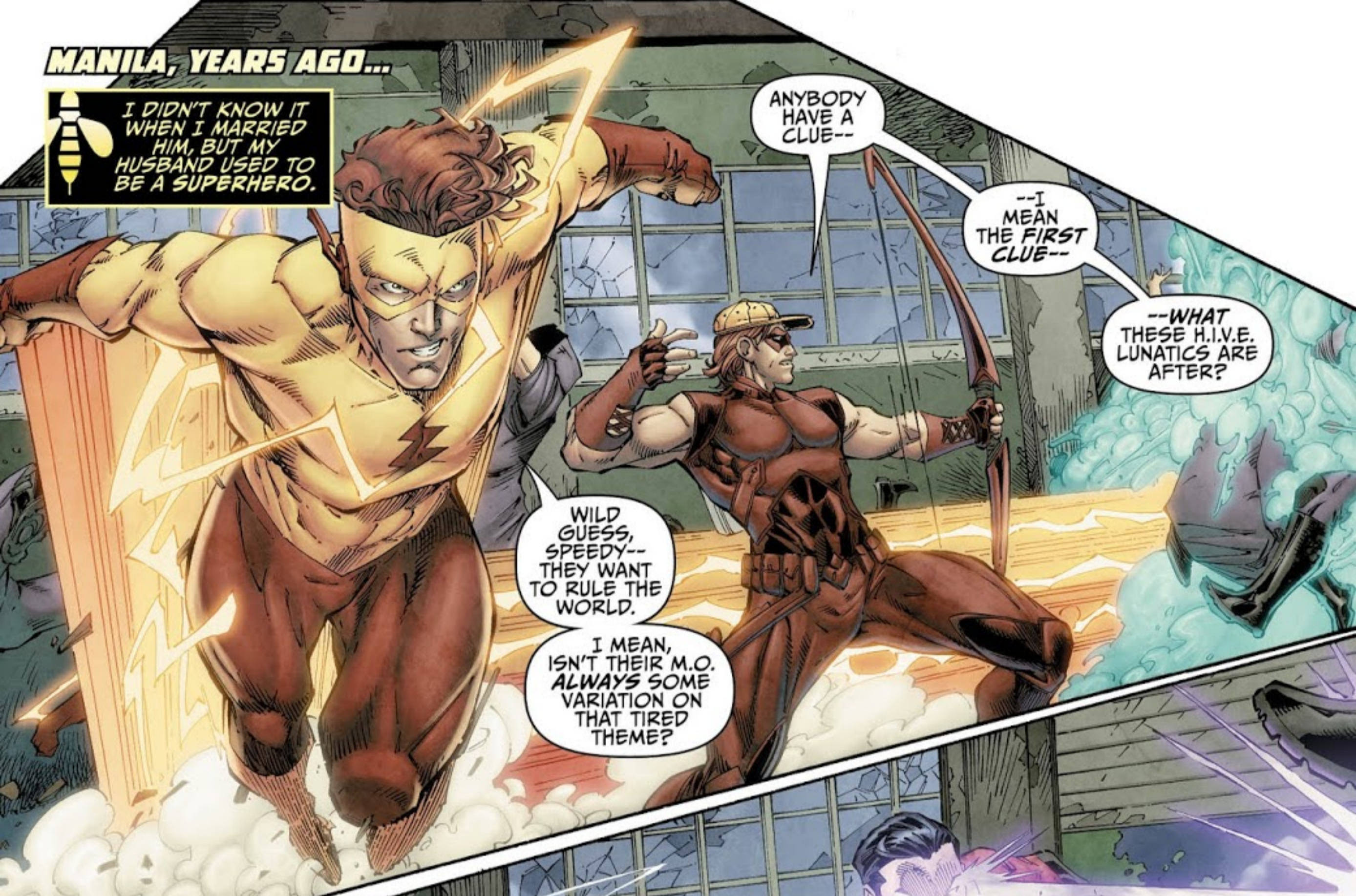


MANILA, YEARS AGO...

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WHEN I MARRIED HIM, BUT MY HUSBAND USED TO BE A SUPERHERO.



ANYBODY HAVE A CLUE--

--I MEAN THE FIRST CLUE--

--WHAT THESE H.I.V.E. LUNATICS ARE AFTER?

WILD GUESS, SPEEDY-- THEY WANT TO RULE THE WORLD.

I MEAN, ISN'T THEIR M.O. ALWAYS SOME VARIATION ON THAT TIRED THEME?



CYNICAL MUCH, KID FLASH?

HE MAY BE GLIB, WONDER GIRL, BUT I AM READING DISTINCTLY MEGALOMANIACAL PSIONIC AURAS.

NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THE SPECIFICS OF THEIR PLAN, LILITH!

AQUALAD'S RIGHT!

THEIR REINFORCEMENTS HAVE ARRIVED!

HERALD! WE NEED TO LEVEL THE FIELD FAST!

YOU CALLED THE TUNE, ROBIN...



HE USED
TO BE
A TITAN.

HE USED
TO BE REALLY
GOOD AT IT.

BUT THAT WAS
ANOTHER LIFE,
ONE THAT HE'S
ALMOST LITERALLY
FORGOTTEN.

WE HAVE
A BETTER
LIFE NOW.

MADE IN
MANHATTAN
PART ONE:
TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE

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META SOLUTIONS

AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY, IN NEW YORK CITY.

TO MAKE SURE THAT LIFE STAYS BETTER.

I'M A LITTLE SCARED, MAL.

DON'T BE, BABY.

I'VE RECENTLY DEVELOPED POWERS OF MY OWN. ACTUAL SUPERPOWERS.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY CAME FROM. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY WORK. I'M NO SUPERHERO.

BUT MAL SAYS META SOLUTIONS CAN HELP ME.

THESE GUYS SPECIALIZE IN EVALUATING METAHUMAN POWERS.

THEY CAN TEACH PEOPLE--REGULAR PEOPLE--HOW TO LIVE WITH STRANGE GIFTS.

AND IF THEY REALLY CAN'T COPE WITH THE PROBLEMS THEIR GIFTS CREATE... META HAS A CURE.

A WAY OF TAKING THOSE POWERS AWAY.

HONEY, WE HAVE A SWEET LIFE. OUR CAREERS, OUR BABY GIRL.

I'LL BE HONEST... THESE GIFTS I SUDDENLY HAVE ARE SO EXCITING. BUT I DO NOT WANT THEM TO RUIN US.



KAREN,
I DON'T
REMEMBER
MUCH ABOUT
MY *SUPER-*
LIFE.


BUT I
KNOW IT WAS
SCARY AND
DANGEROUS
AND IT *MESSED*
ME UP.

I--

META
SOLUTIONS



RRAAAGHHH!



--I DON'T
WANT THAT
UGLINESS
TO BE PART
OF US.

THE
PEOPLE
AT META CAN
HELP. I TRUST
THEM.

LOOK, THIS IS EMBARRASSING... I'VE BEEN TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO TELL YOU.

I WANTED TO SEE IF THEY COULD HELP ME.

I TRUST META BECAUSE I CHECKED THEM OUT A MONTH AGO.

I AGREED TO THEIR CURE, KAREN.

MY POWERS ARE GONE.



YOU WHAT?!

MAL, ARE YOU JOKING?

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO THINK... I WAS A COWARD OR SOMETHING.

