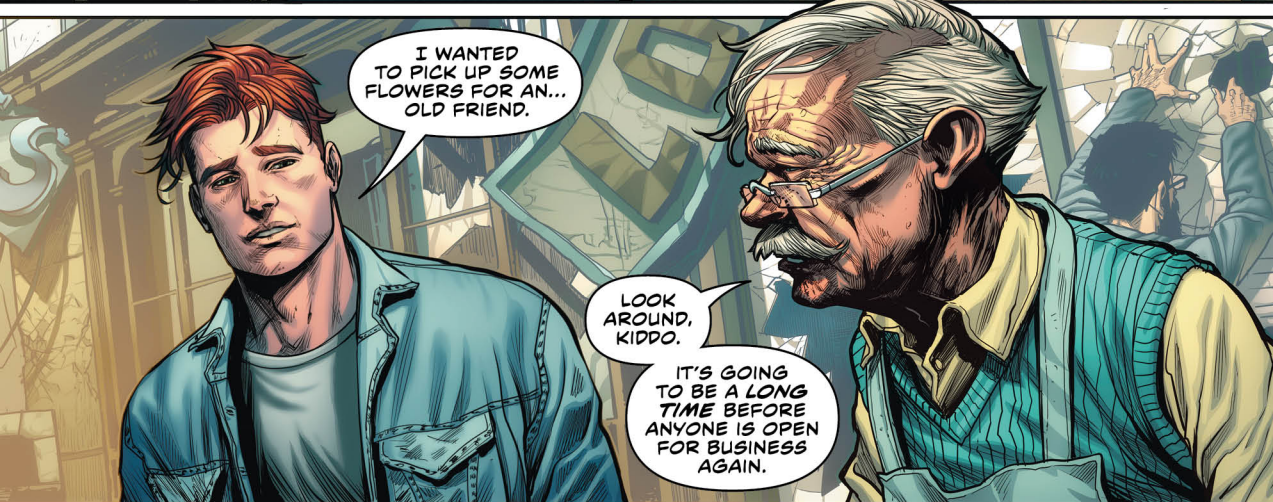


Central City.
*The day after
the storm.*



AFTER THE STORM

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"...I'M SURE IT'LL GO BY FASTER THAN YOU THINK."



MY NAME IS BARRY ALLEN AND MY FRIENDS AND I ARE THE FASTEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.

GRODD DID A REAL NUMBER ON THE CITY. THE BUILDINGS...

HA! WELL, I'LL BE.

LOOKS LIKE I AM OPEN!



...THAT'S AN EASY FIX FOR A BUNCH OF SPEEDSTERS.



HOW ABOUT TULIPS? THE FLASH HIMSELF HELPED ME SAVE THESE!

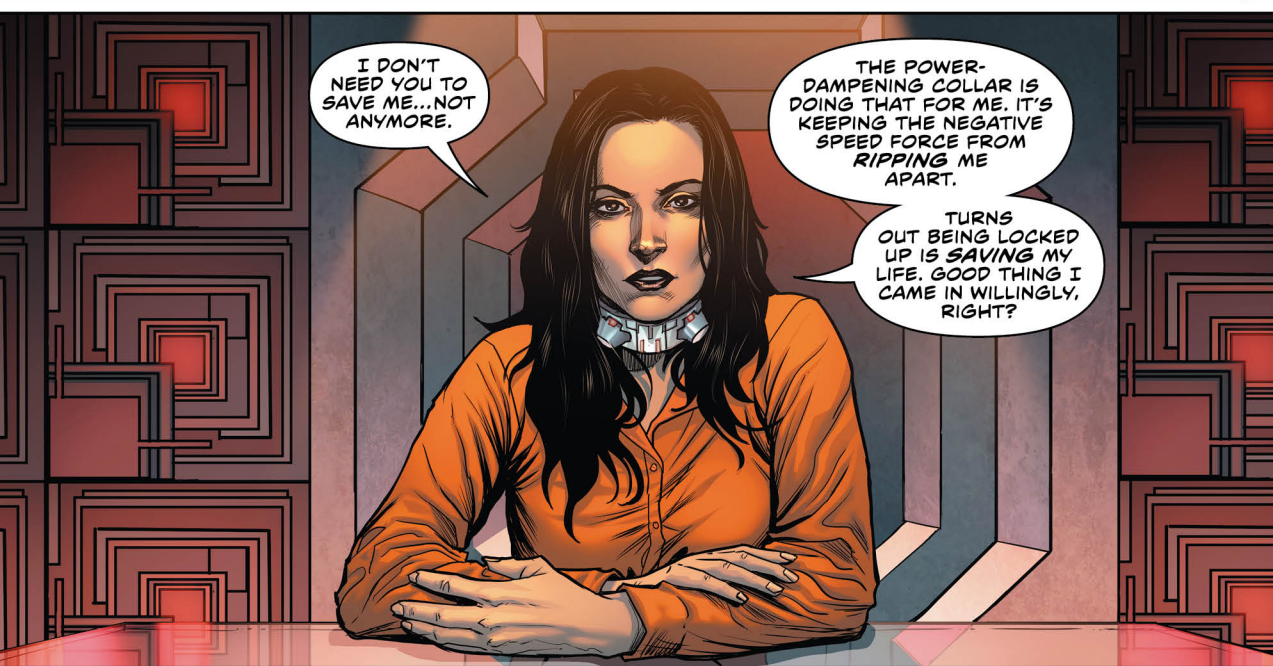
PERFECT.



BUT IT'S THE PEOPLE IN THE CITY WHO MATTER. THEY'RE THE ONES WE NEED TO MAKE IT UP TO.

I KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE, BARRY.

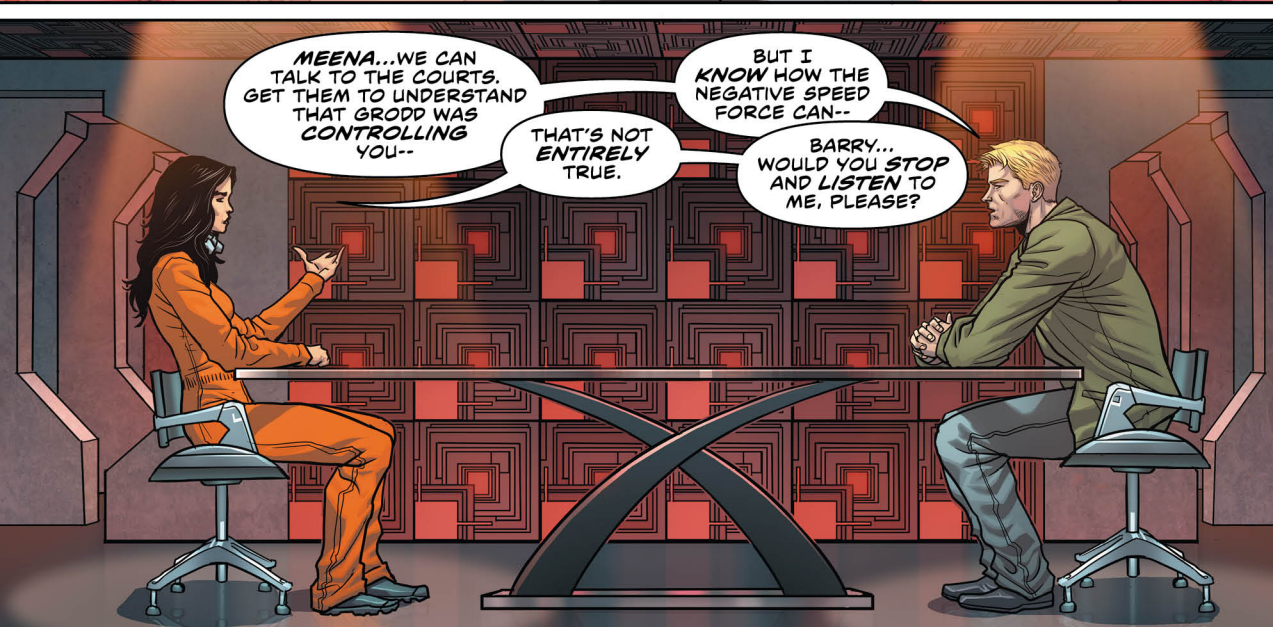
Iron Heights Penitentiary.



I DON'T NEED YOU TO SAVE ME...NOT ANYMORE.

THE POWER-DAMPENING COLLAR IS DOING THAT FOR ME. IT'S KEEPING THE NEGATIVE SPEED FORCE FROM RIPPING ME APART.

URNS OUT BEING LOCKED UP IS SAVING MY LIFE. GOOD THING I CAME IN WILLINGLY, RIGHT?



MEENA...WE CAN TALK TO THE COURTS. GET THEM TO UNDERSTAND THAT GRODD WAS CONTROLLING YOU--

THAT'S NOT ENTIRELY TRUE.

BUT I KNOW HOW THE NEGATIVE SPEED FORCE CAN--

BARRY... WOULD YOU STOP AND LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE?



NOT ALL OF THAT WAS GRODD.

HONESTLY, I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW MUCH WAS ME AND HOW MUCH WASN'T.

GRODD PUSHED FORWARD SOME REAL FEELINGS I WAS HAVING.

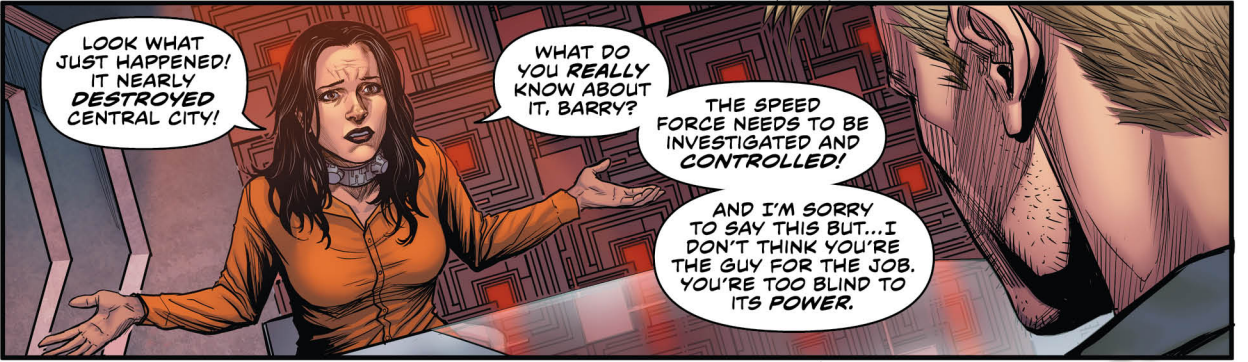


I MEAN...I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE.

BUT AT ITS CORE, BLACK HOLE HAD THE RIGHT IDEA.

THE SPEED FORCE IS DANGEROUS.

FOR YOU. ME. THE WORLD.



LOOK WHAT JUST HAPPENED! IT NEARLY DESTROYED CENTRAL CITY!

WHAT DO YOU REALLY KNOW ABOUT IT, BARRY?

THE SPEED FORCE NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED AND CONTROLLED!

AND I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS BUT...I DON'T THINK YOU'RE THE GUY FOR THE JOB. YOU'RE TOO BLIND TO ITS POWER.



MAYBE... MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.

BUT FAILING YOU WILL ALWAYS REMIND ME HOW IMPORTANT MY ROLE IS.



MY POWERS ARE A BLESSING AND A CURSE, BUT I HAVE PEOPLE WHO HELP KEEP ME ON A STRAIGHT PATH.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO'LL BE THERE FOR ME...



MEENA!

...AND SO DO YOU.



I HATE SEEING MEENA BEHIND BARS, BUT IRON HEIGHTS MIGHT BE THE BEST PLACE FOR HER.

SHE'LL SEE THAT FLASHES NEVER GIVE UP ON THEIR FRIENDS.

WALLACE! AVERY!



I AM SO SORRY.

YOU TWO...YOU'RE SO BRAVE.

THANK YOU.

I HAD HOPED GODSPEED KNEW THAT, TOO. THAT HE WAS TRULY READY FOR A SECOND CHANCE...