

STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS ONE...

...WORLDS WILL LIVE, WORLDS WILL DIE...

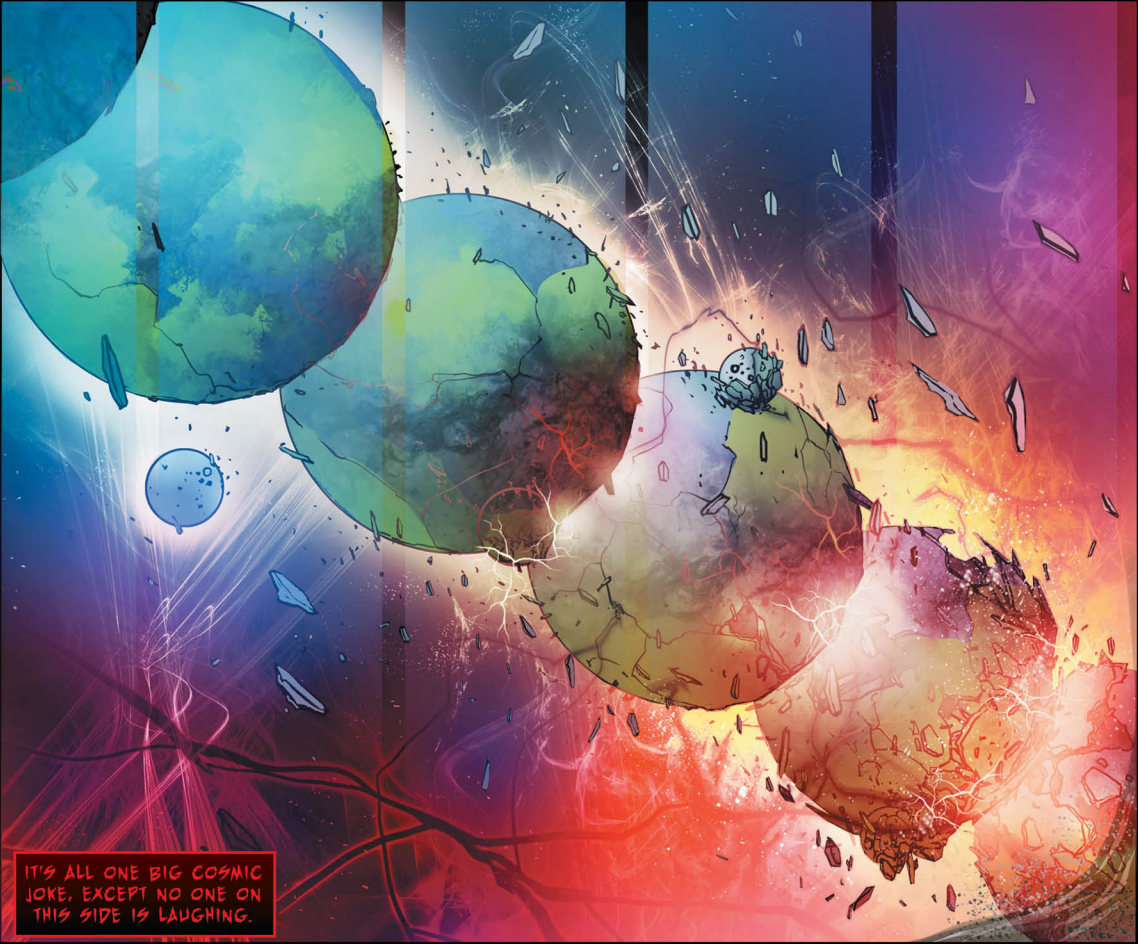
BUT IMAGINE IF YOUR EVERY FEAR, EACH BAD DECISION, GAVE BIRTH TO A MALFORMED WORLD OF NIGHTMARE.

A WORLD THAT SHOULDN'T EXIST. AND DESPERATE AS IT FIGHTS TO SURVIVE IN THE LIGHT OF THE TRUE MULTIVERSE FAR ABOVE...

THESE WORLDS ARE DOOMED TO ROT APART, AND DIE, BECAUSE THEY ARE **WRONG** AT THEIR CORE.



WELCOME TO THE DARK MULTIVERSE. HOME TO STORIES THAT SHOULD NEVER BE...



IT'S ALL ONE BIG COSMIC JOKE, EXCEPT NO ONE ON THIS SIDE IS LAUGHING.

...WELL,
ALMOST NO
ONE...

LISTEN CLOSE, NOW.
THIS IS A STORY OF A
WORLD'S END, AND A
WORLD TRANSFORMED.

WITNESS
THE RISE OF A
DARK KNIGHT.

BATMAN

THE RED DEATH

IN

RIDE THE LIGHTNING

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IT'S
GETTING
WORSE!

CENTRAL
CITY IS COMING
APART!



YOU'RE THE
SMARTEST
PERSON I
KNOW!



THIS
IS BIGGER
THAN EITHER
OF US.

WE HAVE TO
DO SOMETHING
BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE!

A full-page comic book illustration of Batman standing amidst the wreckage of a building. He is wearing his tactical suit and cowl, holding a glowing blue energy orb in his right hand. The background is filled with fire, falling debris, and a large, jagged hole in the ceiling through which bright light streams. The scene is dynamic and action-oriented.

AS
USUAL, YOU'RE
ALREADY LATE,
FLASH.

IT'S
TIME YOU
LET SOMEONE
ELSE HAVE
THE SPEED
FORCE.



BATMAN, I TOLD YOU!

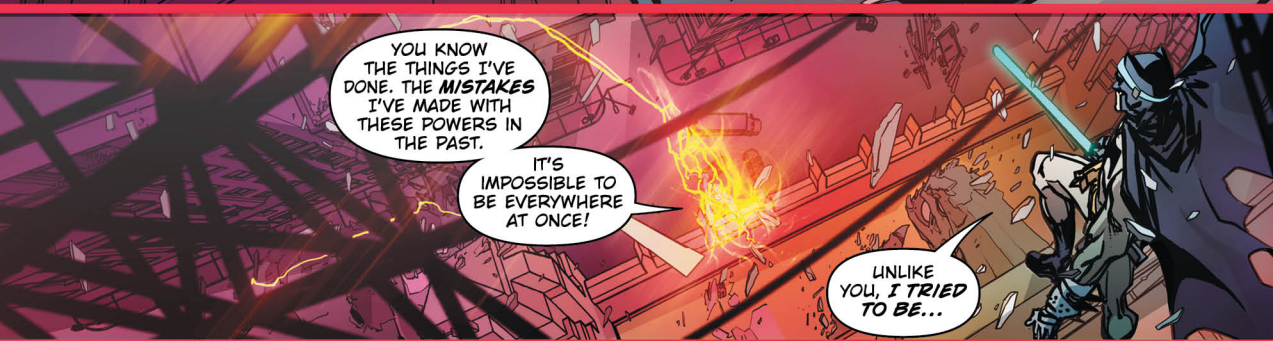
I WON'T GIVE YOU THE SPEED FORCE.

I'VE LOST PEOPLE I LOVED, TOO, BUT...



THEN YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND!

IF YOU DON'T HELP ME WILLINGLY... I'LL MAKE YOU!



YOU KNOW THE THINGS I'VE DONE. THE MISTAKES I'VE MADE WITH THESE POWERS IN THE PAST.

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE!

UNLIKE YOU, I TRIED TO BE...



"...AND IT COST ME MY FAMILY!"



USING ONE OF MIRROR MASTER'S OLD TRICKS... REALLY?



ALL THE ROGUES' WEAPONS, WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'LL SUCCEED WITH THEM AGAINST ME, WHEN THEY COULDN'T?

YOU'RE RIGHT--