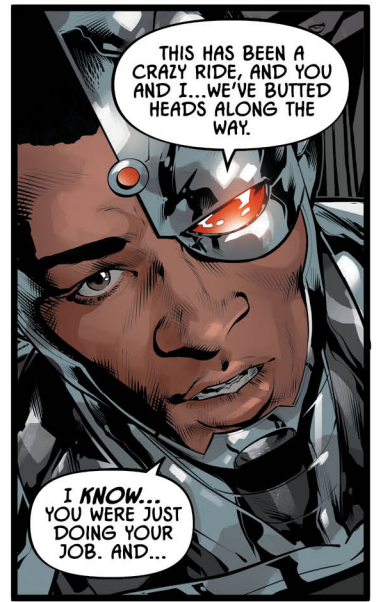


LOOK, UH...
I'M CODING
THIS MESSAGE
ONTO YOUR
RING, SO YOU
CAN HEAR IT
LATER.

IT'S STUFF
I WANTED TO
SAY IN PERSON,
BUT--



THIS HAS BEEN A
CRAZY RIDE, AND YOU
AND I...WE'VE BUTTED
HEADS ALONG THE
WAY.

I *KNOW*...
YOU WERE JUST
DOING YOUR
JOB. AND...



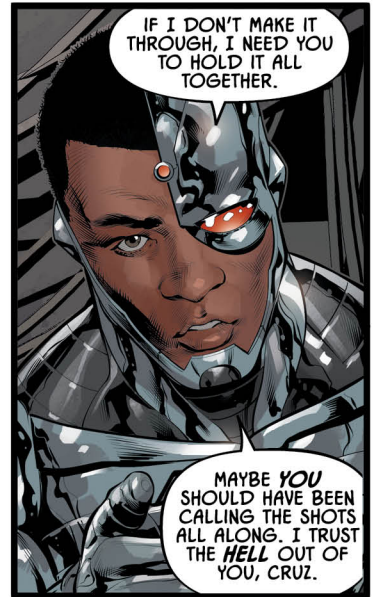
...AND I WAS TRYING
TO DO *MINE*. LEAD THIS
TEAM. PUT RIGHT THE TRAIL
OF DAMAGE WE'VE LEFT
BEHIND US.

THE LEAGUE IS
PRETTY DAMN FINE
WHEN IT COMES TO
SAVING THE GALAXY,
BUT CLEANING UP
AFTERWARD? NOT
SO MUCH.



WE'RE ABOUT
TO GO AGAINST
DARKSEID. I
THINK--

--I THINK IT'S
GONNA COME
DOWN TO A FIGHT,
AND THAT'S NOT
GOING TO BE
PRETTY.



IF I DON'T MAKE IT
THROUGH, I NEED YOU
TO HOLD IT ALL
TOGETHER.

MAYBE *YOU*
SHOULD HAVE BEEN
CALLING THE SHOTS
ALL ALONG. I TRUST
THE *HELL* OUT OF
YOU, CRUZ.



IF THIS GOES BAD,
I WANT *YOU* TO LEAD
THE TEAM. DO WHAT *I*
COULDN'T DO.

I WANTED
YOU TO HEAR
THAT FROM ME.
AND I WANTED
TO SAY...



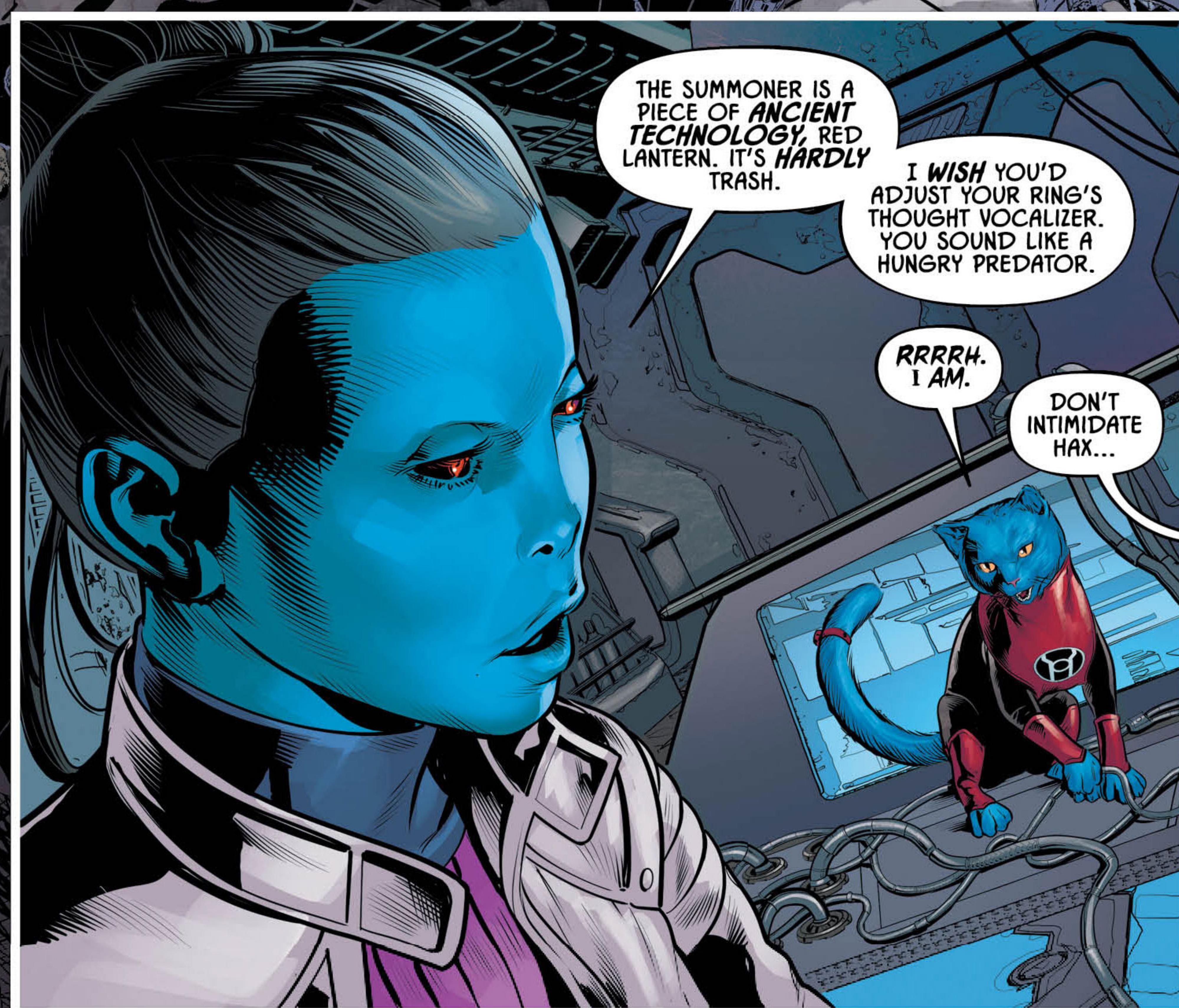
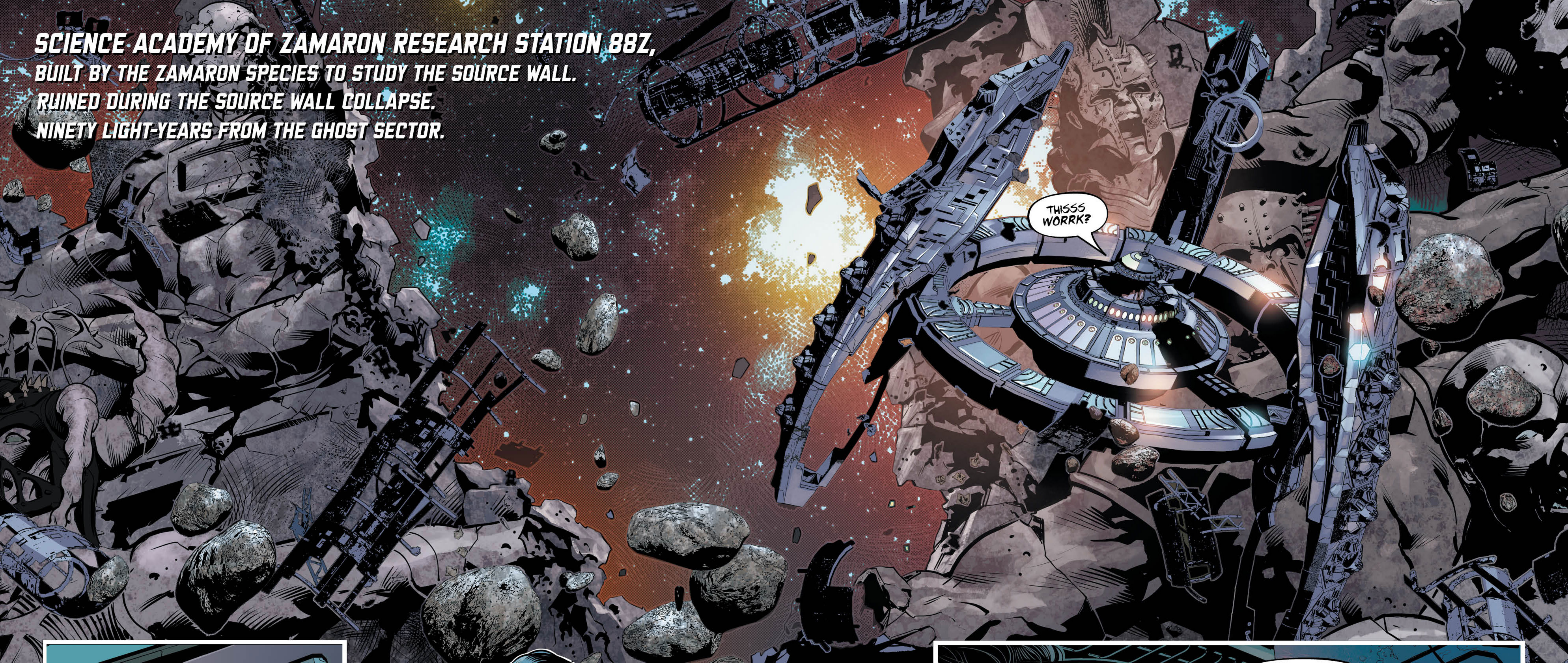
...SORRY FOR
EVERYTHING.

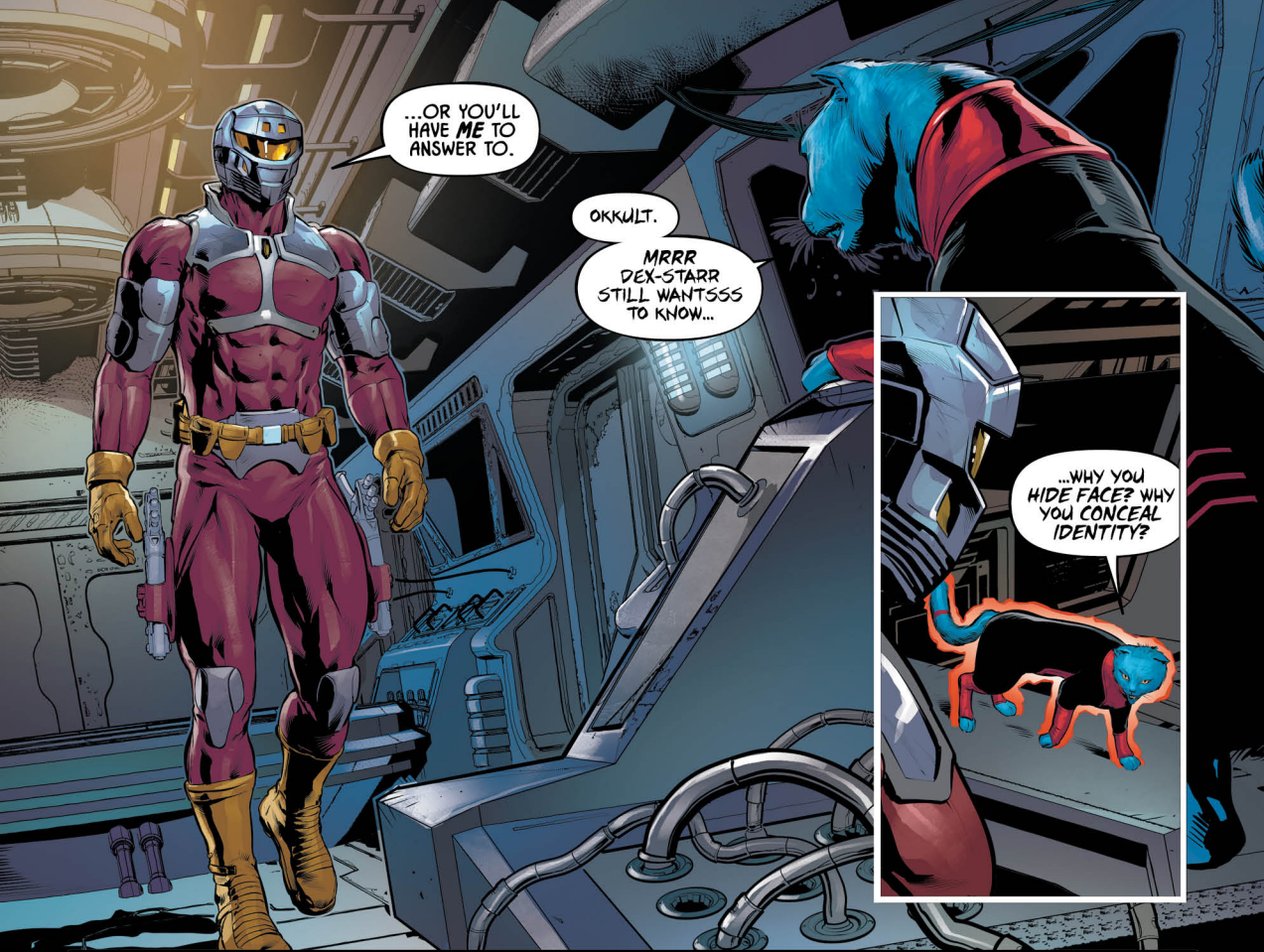


OKAY.
LET'S GO
DO THIS--

SKKZZZKKT

SCIENCE ACADEMY OF ZAMARON RESEARCH STATION 88Z,
BUILT BY THE ZAMARON SPECIES TO STUDY THE SOURCE WALL.
RUINED DURING THE SOURCE WALL COLLAPSE.
NINETY LIGHT-YEARS FROM THE GHOST SECTOR.





...OR YOU'LL HAVE **ME** TO ANSWER TO.

OKKULT.

MRRR DEX-STARR STILL WANTSSS TO KNOW...

...WHY YOU HIDE FACE? WHY YOU CONCEAL IDENTITY?



MY BUSINESS IS **MY** BUSINESS, RED LANTERN.

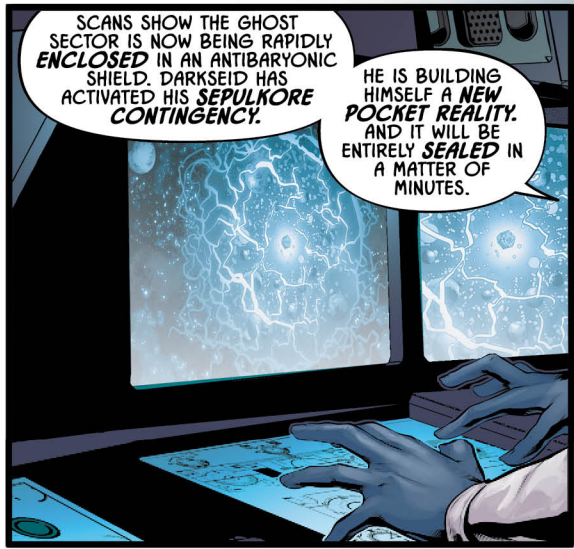
YOUR PRESENCE HERE IS **ONLY** TOLERATED BECAUSE YOU SHARE THE SAME GOALS AS US.

DESSSTRUCTION OF DARRRKSEID.

MENACE TO ALL.

EXACTLY THAT. A CAUSE THAT MUST **UNITE** ALL LIVING CREATURES BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.

ARLA HAX? STATUS?



SCANS SHOW THE GHOST SECTOR IS NOW BEING RAPIDLY **ENCLOSED** IN AN ANTIBARYONIC SHIELD. DARKSEID HAS ACTIVATED HIS **SEPULKORE CONTINGENCY**.

HE IS BUILDING HIMSELF A **NEW POCKET REALITY**. AND IT WILL BE ENTIRELY **SEALED** IN A MATTER OF MINUTES.

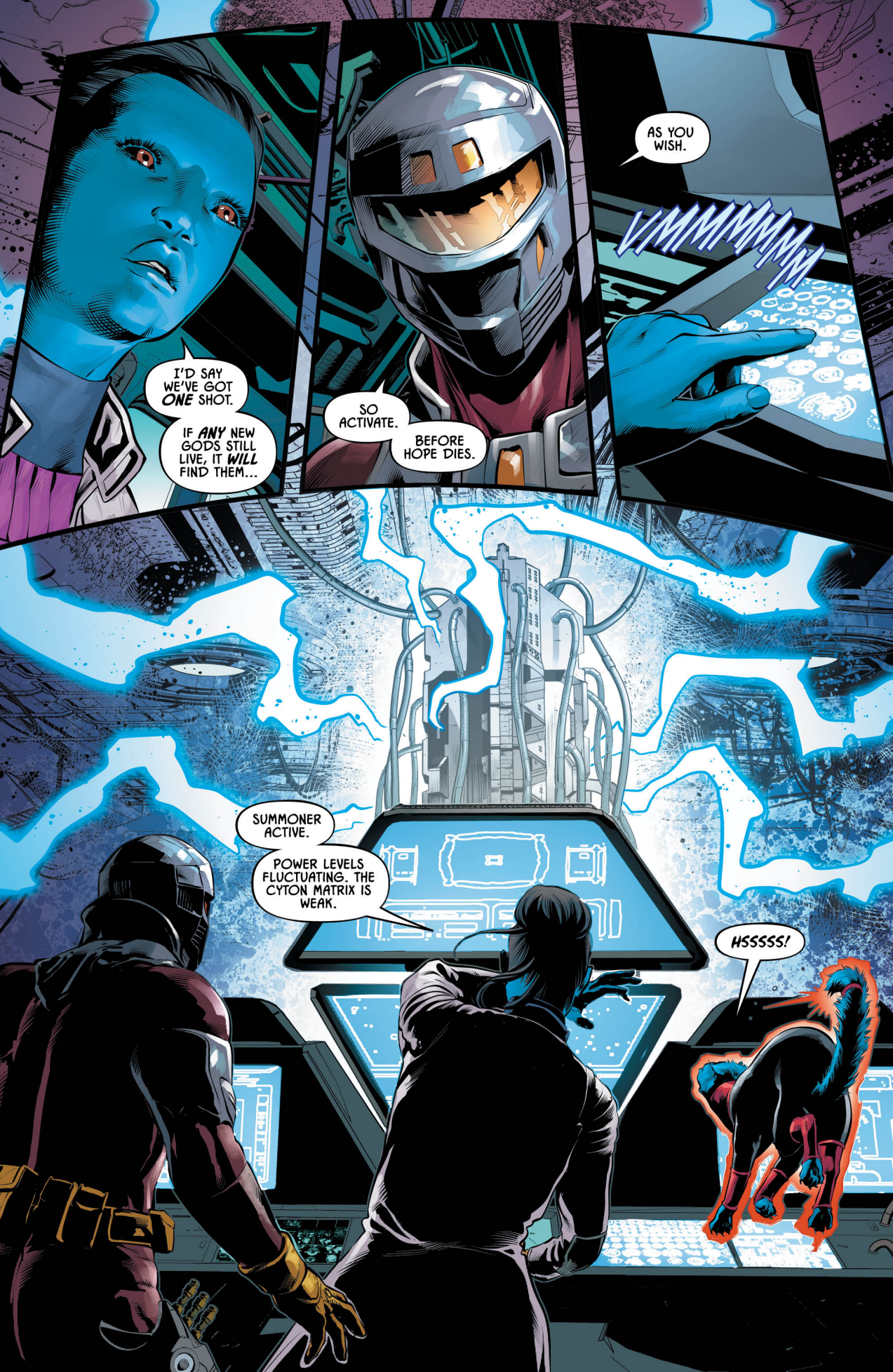


IS THE SUMMONER OPERATIONAL?

RESTORING DORMANT TECHNOLOGY AS OLD AS THIS--

AS FAR AS I CAN TELL.

JUST ANSWER MY QUESTION, HAX.



I'D SAY
WE'VE GOT
ONE SHOT.

IF *ANY* NEW
GODS STILL
LIVE, IT *WILL*
FIND THEM...

SO
ACTIVATE.

BEFORE
HOPE DIES.

AS YOU
WISH.

SUMMONER
ACTIVE.

POWER LEVELS
FLUCTUATING. THE
CYTON MATRIX IS
WEAK.

HSSSSS!