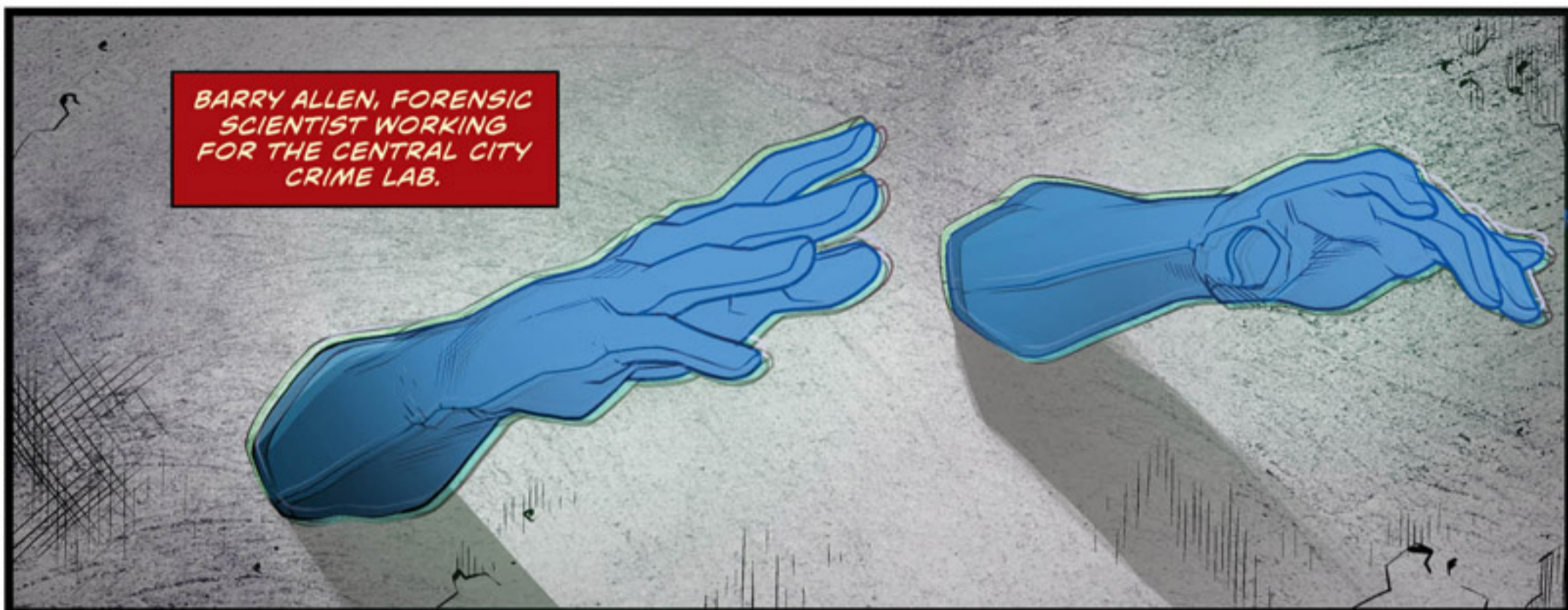
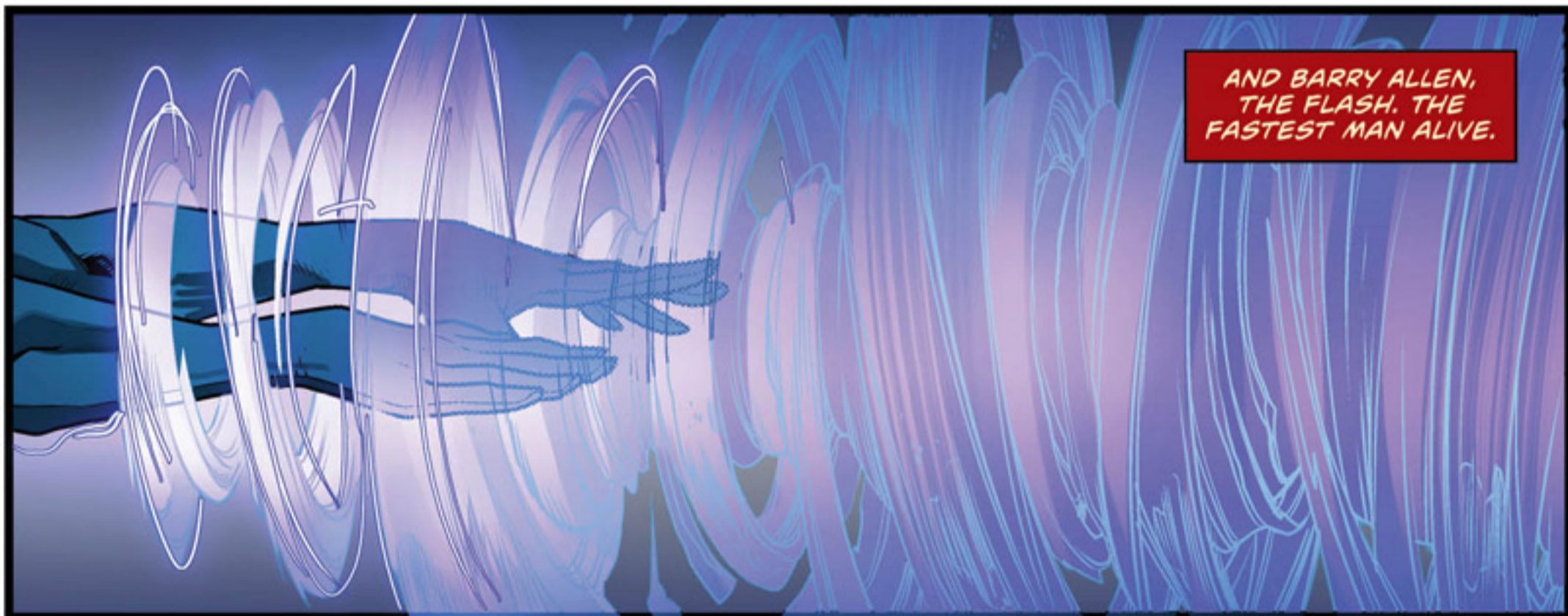


EVER SINCE THE NIGHT I WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING, I'VE BEEN LIVING TWO LIVES.



BARRY ALLEN, FORENSIC SCIENTIST WORKING FOR THE CENTRAL CITY CRIME LAB.



AND BARRY ALLEN, THE FLASH. THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE.



BUT NOW THERE IS ALSO...

TEAMWORK

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 ...BARRY ALLEN,
THE TEACHER.

AND I
LOVE IT.

RECENTLY A STORM RAINED
DOWN SPEED FORCE-
INFUSED LIGHTNING ON
CENTRAL CITY AND TURNED
A FEW OF ITS CITIZENS INTO
BRAND-NEW SPEEDSTERS.

AND I'VE BEEN WORKING
WITH THEM SO THAT
THEY CAN MASTER
THEIR POWERS...

FEEL THE SPEED
INSIDE OF YOU. IT'S
MORE THAN JUST RUNNING
FAST. YOU NEED TO LEARN
HOW TO THINK
FAST, AS WELL.

SADLY, I'M NOT JUST
TRAINING THEM. I'M
INVESTIGATING THEM.

THE SCARY REALITY IS
THAT GODSPEED COULD
BE SOMEONE IN OUR
GROUP. SOMEONE THAT
I'M TRAINING.

FLASH,
CAN YOU STEP
INSIDE MY
OFFICE?

A FEW DAYS AGO, THREE SPEEDSTERS
IN CUSTODY AT IRON HEIGHTS WERE
KILLED BY SOMEONE CALLING
HIMSELF GODSPEED.

GOOD WORK,
AVERY. YOU'RE
REALLY GETTING
THE HANG
OF IT.

SURE
THING,
MEENA.

AS WE
DISCUSSED, I'VE
BEEN STUDYING THE
VITALS ON THE NEW
SPEEDSTERS AND I
UNCOVERED SOME
REALLY INTERESTING
DATA...



ALL THE SPEEDSTERS, INCLUDING YOU AND ME, ARE CONNECTED VIA THE SPEED FORCE. BUT IT HASN'T COMPLETELY BONDED TO OUR CELLS LIKE IT HAS WITH YOU YET. IT'S AS IF THE SPEED FORCE HAS BEEN DIVIDED UP, BUT THE TESTS SHOW THAT IT WANTS TO RECOMBINE.

SO IT'S TEMPORARY?

I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH DATA TO COME TO THAT CONCLUSION. BUT I DID NOTICE SOMETHING...

WHENEVER THE SPEEDSTERS ARE USING THEIR SPEED NEAR ONE ANOTHER, THE SPEED FORCE STARTS TO LOCK TOGETHER AND RECOMBINE IN ONE OF THE SPEEDSTERS. ESSENTIALLY...

WHOEVER WINS THE RACE WINS THE SPEED.

AND THAT IS HOW GODSPEED STOLE THE SPEED FORCE AT IRON HEIGHTS. HE WAS ALREADY FASTER THAN THEM.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE RUNNING TOGETHER...JUST USING THE SPEED FORCE NEXT TO EACH OTHER. AS SOON AS YOU START, YOU'RE JOINED.

SO IF YOU AND I WERE RUNNING SIDE BY SIDE, OUR SPEED FORCE WOULD CONNECT AND START TO BOND? AND I COULD... TAKE AWAY YOUR SPEED?

THAT'S A BINGO.

AND HERE I THOUGHT WE JUST HAD A NATURAL CONNECTION.



ARE YOU...ARE YOU TRYING TO FLIRT WITH ME RIGHT NOW?

ME? I UHH... UHHH...



THE FLASH DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO FLIRT DR. DHAWAN.

FOR AS SMART AS HE IS, HE CAN BE PRETTY DENSE.



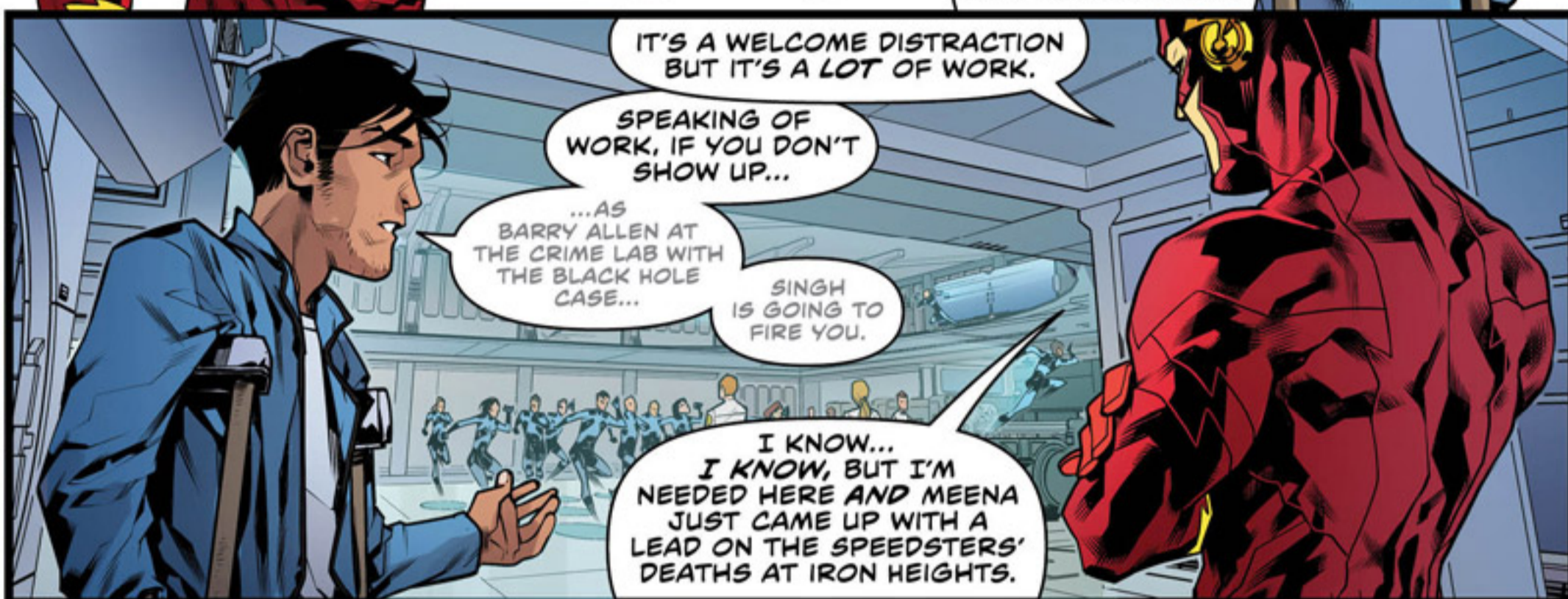
I SEE YOU'RE HEALING FROM YOUR BIKING ACCIDENT, DETECTIVE HEART...

YES. YES, I AM...

WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL, AUGUST... MEENA KNOWS ABOUT YOUR POWERS BUT THE REST OF THE SPEEDSTERS DON'T. IF THEY SAW THAT THE SPEED FORCE WAS HEALING YOU...

I KNOW... BUT AFTER WHAT GODSPEED DID TO THOSE SPEEDSTERS AT IRON HEIGHTS... I NEEDED TO GET BACK ON MY FEET AND HELP.

HOW ARE THINGS COMING ALONG WITH THE NEW SPEEDSTERS?



IT'S A WELCOME DISTRACTION BUT IT'S A LOT OF WORK.

SPEAKING OF WORK, IF YOU DON'T SHOW UP...

...AS BARRY ALLEN AT THE CRIME LAB WITH THE BLACK HOLE CASE...

SINGH IS GOING TO FIRE YOU.

I KNOW... I KNOW, BUT I'M NEEDED HERE AND MEENA JUST CAME UP WITH A LEAD ON THE SPEEDSTERS' DEATHS AT IRON HEIGHTS.



THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. I BROUGHT YOU THE CRIME SCENE RESULTS TO CHECK OUT.

BUT I'LL SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE...

...THERE IS ZERO THERE. IT'S LIKE GODSPEED WAS A GHOST.



IF GODSPEED HAD THE SKILLS TO VIBRATE THROUGH THE WALLS OF IRON HEIGHTS AND LEAVE NO TRACE, THEN THAT MEANS HE HAS EXPERIENCE.

CATCHING HIM WILL BE LIKE... TRYING TO CATCH ME.

WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHO HAD ACCESS TO THE SPEED FORCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO STEAL IT...

I MAY BE ABLE TO HELP WITH THAT.



YOU'RE GONNA OWE ME BIG, FLASH.



IRIS...?

I'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING A STORY ABOUT DR. CARVER AND BLACK HOLE'S BREAK-INS AT S.T.A.R. LABS.

NOW NORMALLY I'D JUST SLAM THIS NEWS ONLINE AND COLLECT MY BYLINE, BUT I'M GOING TO WAIT 24 HOURS BECAUSE... YOU NEED TO SEE THIS.