



NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA.

FINALLY,
A LITTLE
R&R!

I WAS
STARTING TO
THINK YOU
NEVER TAKE A
DAY OFF.

WELL...
IT'S NOT FAR
FROM BELLE REVE,
AND AFTER WHAT
WE WENT THROUGH
IN THERE, I
FIGURED--

YOU
FIGURED
RIGHT, TIM. I
ALWAYS WANTED
TO SEE THE BIG
EASY...



WEIRD
HOW NO ONE
GIVES GAR
A SECOND
GLANCE.

MAYBE
IN THE HOME
OF MARDI GRAS,
A GREEN KID WITH
POINTY EARS IS JUST
PAR FOR THE
COURSE?



UH-
OH.

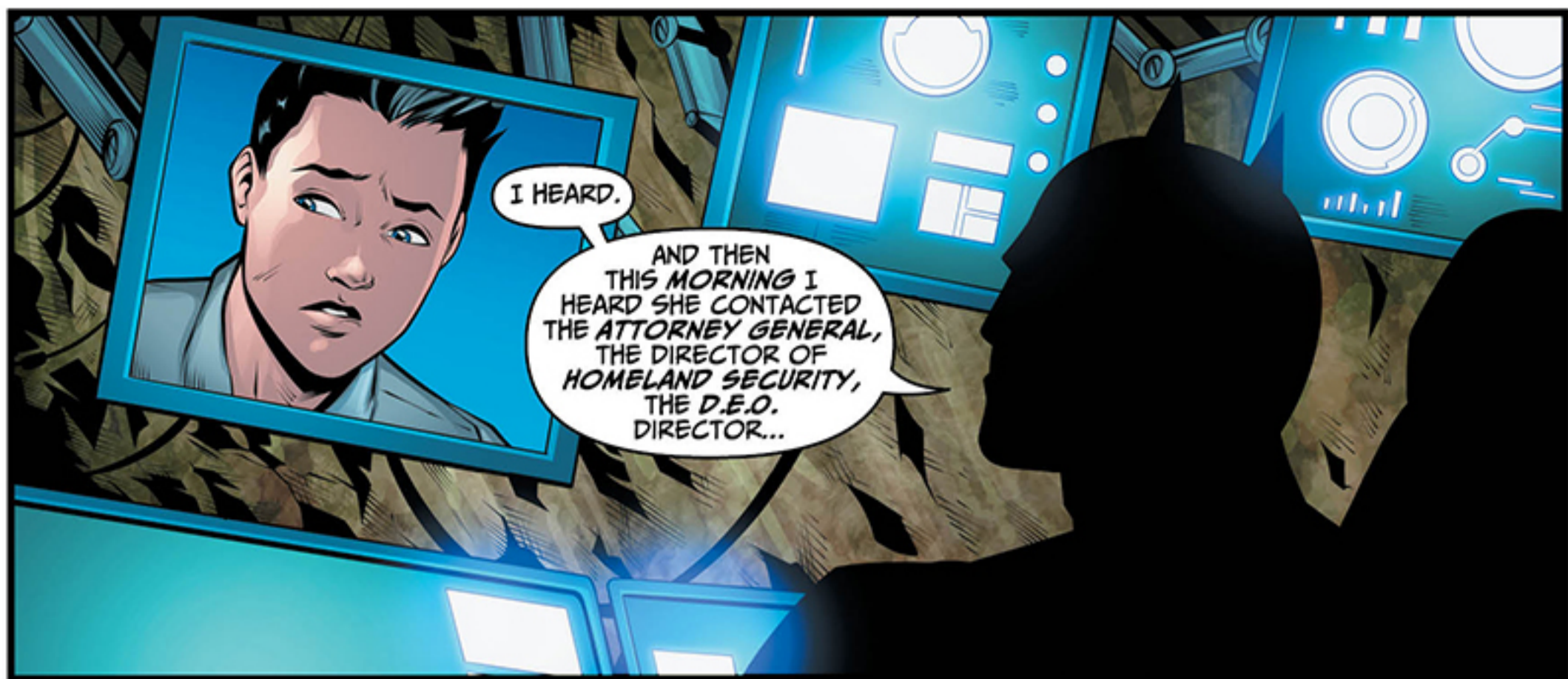
IS
THAT...?

YEP. I'M
ABOUT TO
GET CHEWED
OUT BY
THE VERY
BEST...



HI,
BATMAN.

I, UH...
GUESS YOU
HEARD ABOUT
OUR RUN-IN WITH
AMANDA
WALLER LAST
NIGHT?



I HEARD.

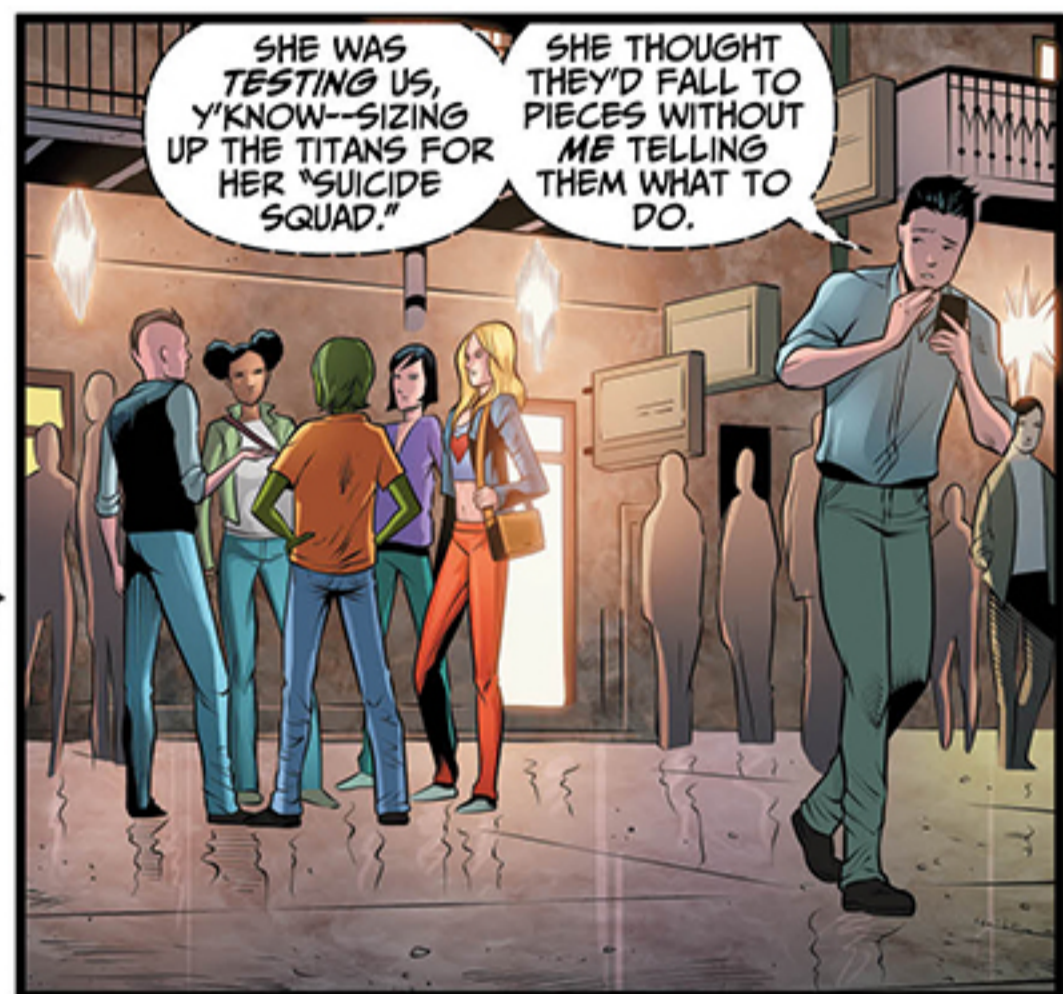
AND THEN THIS MORNING I HEARD SHE CONTACTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY, THE D.E.O. DIRECTOR...



...AND GOT ALL CRIMINAL CHARGES AGAINST THE TEEN TITANS QUIETLY DISMISSED.

YOU MEAN... WE'RE NO LONGER FUGITIVES...?

WHATEVER YOU DID AT BELLE REVE, IT MADE A BIG IMPRESSION ON AMANDA WALLER.



SHE WAS TESTING US, Y'KNOW--SIZING UP THE TITANS FOR HER "SUICIDE SQUAD."

SHE THOUGHT THEY'D FALL TO PIECES WITHOUT ME TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO.



SHE EVEN ACCUSED ME OF WANTING THEM TO FAIL WITHOUT ME.

BUT WATCHING THEM PLAN AND EXECUTE MY RESCUE... SEEING THEM OVERCOME WHATEVER SHE THREW AT THEM...?

I THINK THEY NEED ME LESS THAN I NEED THEM.



TIM, YOU KNOW I'VE HAD MY DOUBTS ABOUT YOUR TITANS PROJECT, BUT MAYBE I WAS WRO--
≡SQUARKE≡



UM... DID THE WHOLE CITY JUST BLOW A FUSE?

IT'S NOT JUST THE POWER GRID. PHONES AND INTERNET ARE CRASHING, TOO...



SHADES OF AZARATH, CAN YOU FEEL IT?!

FEEL WHAT?

SOMETHING... TERRIBLE COMING...

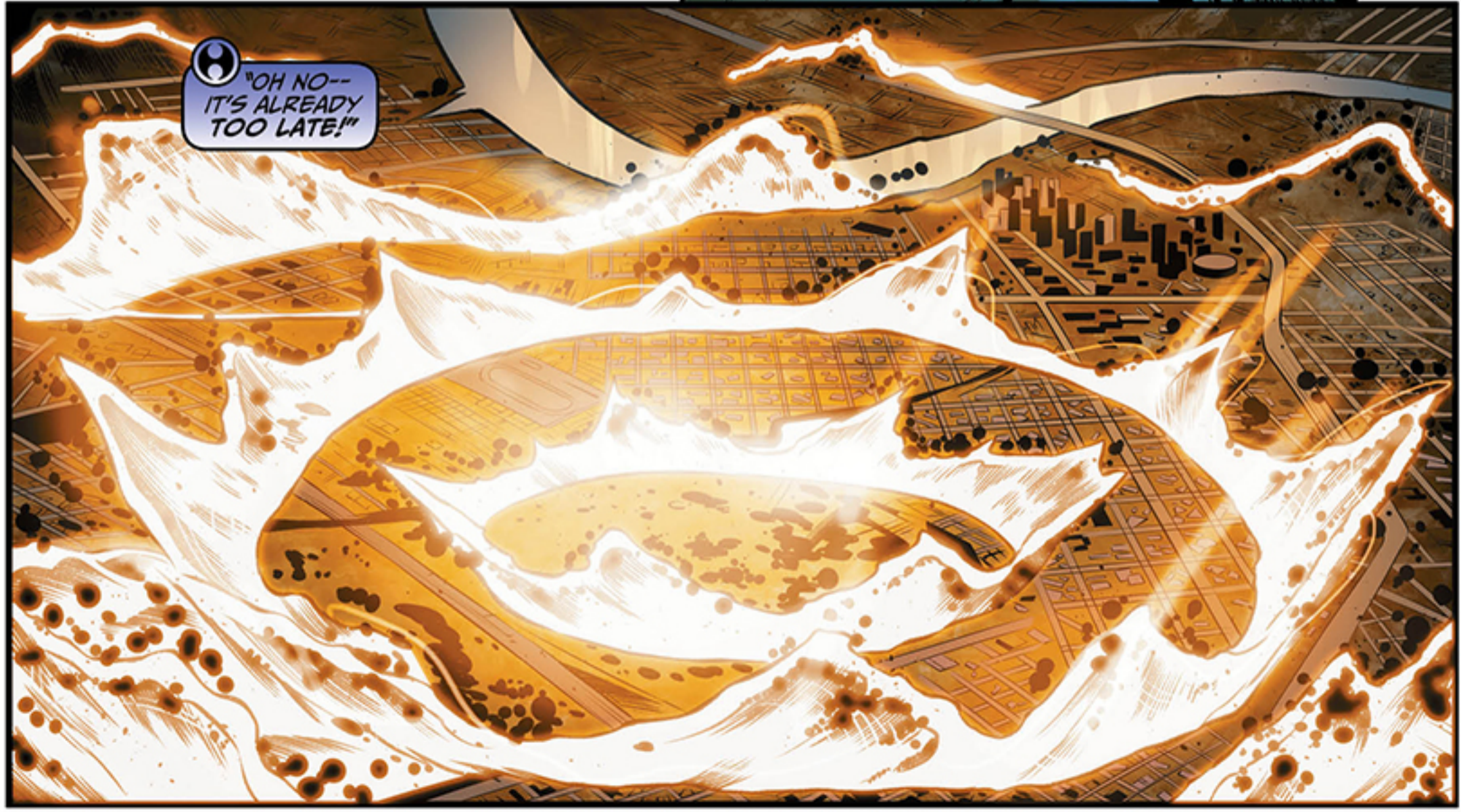
IS THIS LIKE WHEN MY ABUELA'S DOG FREAKED OUT BEFORE THE QUAKE IN MEXICO CITY...?



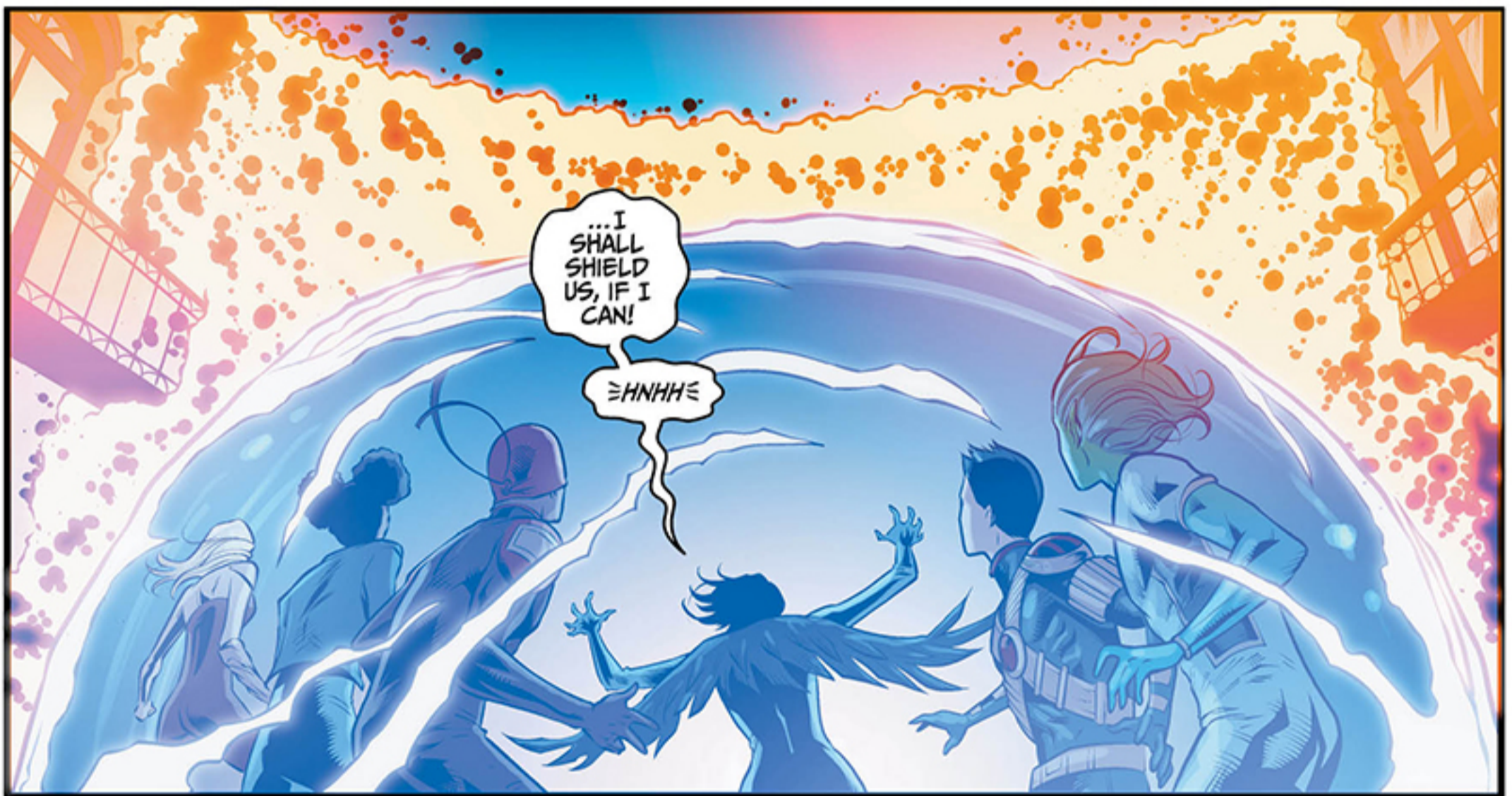
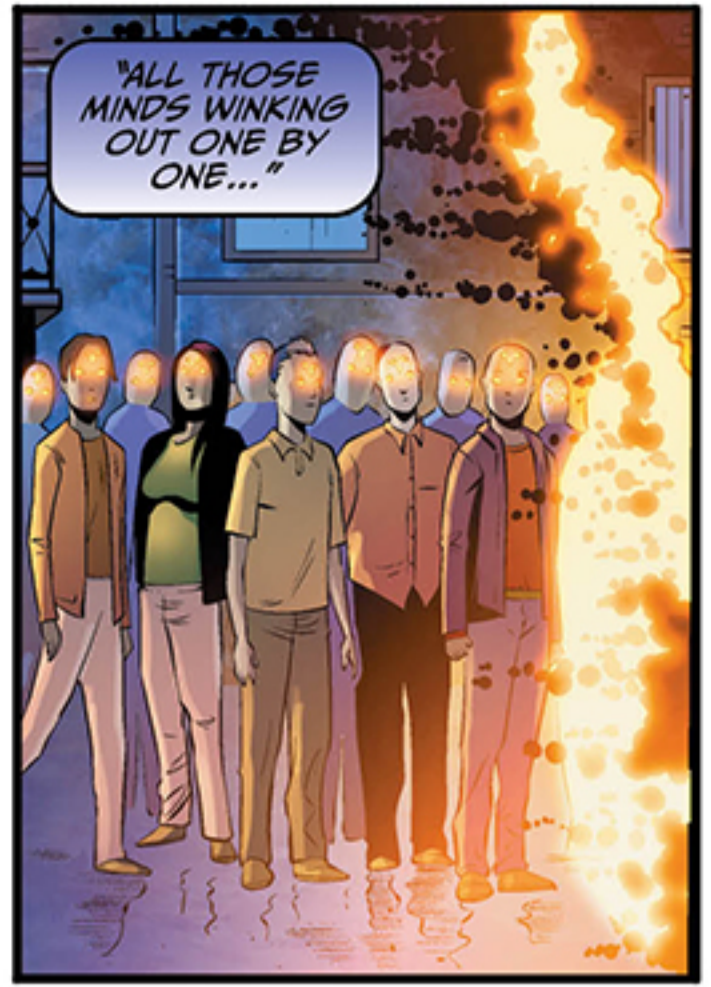
ALLOW ME TO TEST THAT THEORY...

HOLY CRAP! HOLY CRAPHOLYCRAP HOLYCRAP!

WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE! RIGHT NOW!



OH NO-- IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE!!





THAT *SYMBOL* ON THEIR HEADS--I RECOGNIZE IT FROM A METROPOLIS INCIDENT REPORT. IT'S AN ORGANIZATION CALLED *H.I.V.E.*

THEY'RE LED BY A WORLD-CLASS TELEPATH WHO CALLS HERSELF THE *H.I.V.E. QUEEN*.



WHEN DO YOU FIND TIME TO RESEARCH ALL THIS STUFF?

THIS IS AS CLOSE AS I'VE GOT TO A SUPERPOWER, MIGUEL.

I TAKE CARE OF IT, IT TAKES CARE OF US.



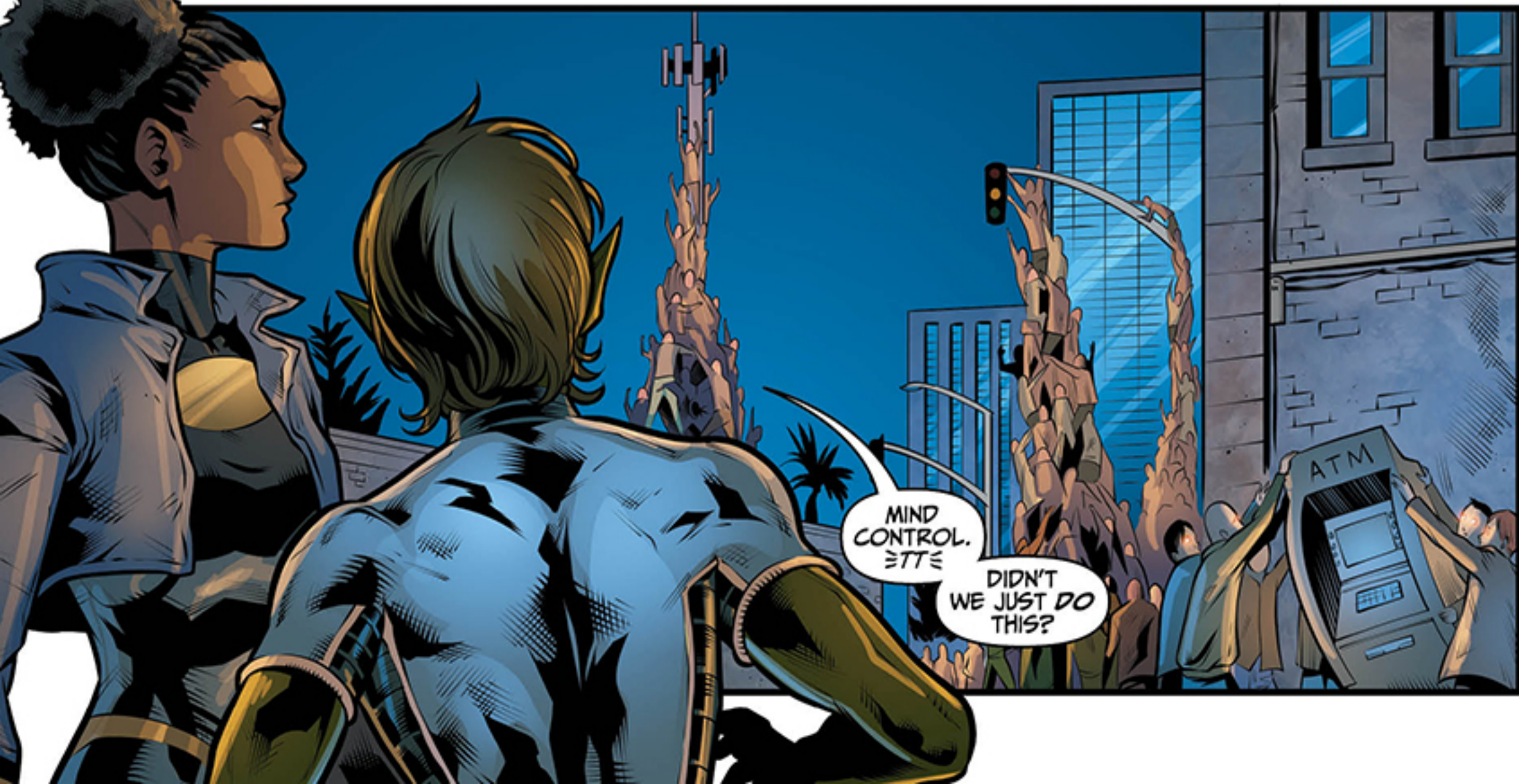
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE GOTTEN THEIR MARCHING ORDERS. LET'S FOLLOW--SEE WHERE THIS LEADS.



RAVEN, WHY AREN'T THEY REACTING TO US?

...MINDS... TOO FULL...

...H.I.V.E. QUEEN... ALL-CONSUMING...



MIND CONTROL. $\Xi T T \Xi$

DIDN'T WE JUST DO THIS?