

BLACK CANARY WENT UNDERCOVER TO FIND SOMEONE NAMED BLACKBIRD, WHO WAS ELEVATING METAHUMANS' POWERS TO DANGEROUS LEVELS.

BUT SHE'S BEEN SILENT FOR FAR TOO LONG--SO WE'RE TAKING NO CHANCES ON THIS RESCUE MISSION.

ORACLE--
ARE WE CLOSE?

ACCORDING TO GEMINI'S MAP, BLACKBIRD'S NEST IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER.

THANKS FOR THE INTEL, GEMINI. THERE'S HOPE FOR YOU YET.

IF YOU SAY SO, NIGHTWING.

HOW ARE WE SURE THIS ISN'T A TRAP?

BECAUSE, GREEN ARROW, WITHOUT HER POWERS, GEMINI HAS NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE.

HUNTRESS IS RIGHT. ALL I WANT IS TO SEE BLACKBIRD SUFFER.

BLACKBIRD

PART 3: BLACKBIRD RISE

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I JUST HOPE WE'RE NOT TOO LATE...

Blackbird's Empty Nest.

BIRD. NEST. YOU GET IT.

YOU WERE SAYING...?

WAIT. THE CANDLES. THEY'RE LONG AND STILL LIT...

BATGIRL'S RIGHT, WE MUST HAVE JUST MISSED THEM.

I WAS WRONG. YOU **DO** HAVE SOMETHING LEFT TO LOSE. **YOUR LIFE.**

I HEAR SOMEONE! WE'RE NOT ALONE!

STAY RIGHT THERE! WHO ARE YOU?

OWEN... I THINK...?

HE'S DANGEROUS! OWEN CAN CONTROL MINDS.

NOT ANYMORE. BLACKBIRD **TOOK** MY POWERS. DONNA TRIED TO WARN ME...

DONNA?

SHE WAS MY **FRIEND**. SHE WANTED TO STOP BLACKBIRD. I SHOULD HAVE **LISTENED** TO DONNA AND NOW **VSHE'S GONE.**

SOUNDS LIKE OUR GIRL IS STILL ALIVE.

OWEN, TELL ME WHERE THEY WENT, **PLEASE.** WE NEED TO FIND HER.

I DON'T KNOW... I DON'T KNOW WHAT I DON'T KNOW...



LET'S GET ORACLE IN THE AIR. SWEEP THE PERIMETER.

ALREADY SCANNING CAMS ALL OVER THE CITY.

WE NEED TO SPREAD OUT. THEY COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR.

WAIT, WE HAVE NO IDEA IF BLACKBIRD PICKED UP *SPEED* OR *TELEPORTATION* POWERS. THEY COULD BE *ANYWHERE*.

BESIDES, SOUNDS LIKE BLACKBIRD HAS *MIND CONTROL* NOW. EVEN IF WE FIND HER, WE'LL BE IN DANGER OF FALLING UNDER HER *SPELL*.



LET *ME* HANDLE THAT. JUST NEED TO MAKE A CALL...

EVEN IF *HE* HELPS, DO YOU THINK *IT* WILL STILL WORK?

IT HAS TO.

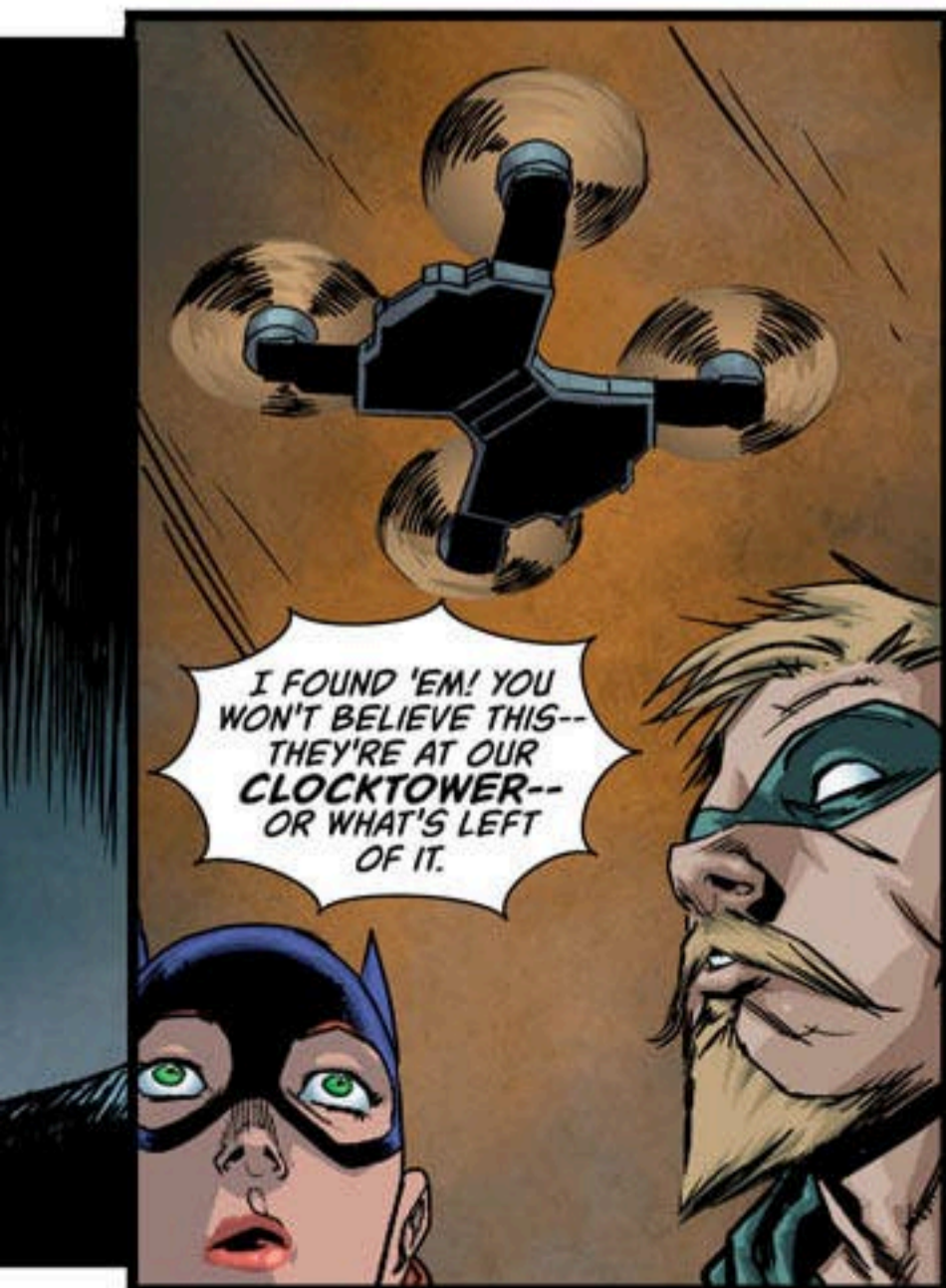


YOU'RE WORRIED BLACKBIRD USED HER MIND CONTROL ON DINAH.

IT'S THE ONLY EXPLANATION AS TO WHY BLACKBIRD'S *STILL* BREATHING.

LOOK, CANARY'S STRONG--

THAT'S WHAT I'M AFRAID OF. WHEN WE *DO* FIND HER, WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST HER *CRY*.



I FOUND 'EM! YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS-- THEY'RE AT OUR *CLOCKTOWER*-- OR WHAT'S LEFT OF IT.



GO. I'LL WATCH THE KID. WE'RE NO USE TO YOU IN A FIGHT.

ORACLE...

YEAH, YEAH. I'LL LEAVE A DRONE BEHIND, KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS IN CASE BLACKBIRD DECIDES TO *CIRCLE* BACK.

TELL DONNA, I'M SORRY.

YOU'LL TELL HER *YOURSELF* SOON ENOUGH.

LET'S GO!



