

NOT FROM YOUR OWN STUPIDITY.

THE IDEA IS TO HOLD ON TO THE T-BAR UNTIL YOU KNOW YOU CAN CLEAR A SAFE LANDING.

I THOUGHT IT WAS SAFE!

WHICH PROVES MY POINT.

Walt in
LIFE, DEATH AND ABSOLUTE CHAOS!

GIFFEN, DEMATTEIS & KOLINS
have done it again!*

JOSH REED-LETTERS
ROMULO FAJARDO JR.-COLORS
ROB LEVIN-SUAVE
JIM CHADWICK-SOPHISTICATED

*WE'RE NOT SURE EXACTLY WHAT THEY'VE DONE— BUT WHEN WE FIND OUT, THEY'RE IN DEEP TROUBLE!



I DON'T SEE HOW INSULTING ME HELPS.

I'M NOT INSULTING YOU, JAIME--I'M TRAINING YOU.

YOU'RE USED TO THE POWER OF THE SCARAB PROTECTING YOU. BUT THAT DAY IS DONE.

YOU'RE WEARING MY OLD COSTUME NOW AND IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE KIND OF BLUE BEETLE I ONCE WAS, THEN--



THEN I'M GONNA END UP HAVING A HEART ATTACK.

WHO'S BEING INSULTING NOW?

SORRY, TED. I'M JUST NERVOUS, I GUESS.

YOU AND ME BOTH, KID. IF YOUR MOTHER KNEW I WAS SENDING YOU OUT THERE AGAINST ARION, SHE'D--



MY MOTHER'S A RAGING MONSTROSITY AT THE MOMENT--AND SHE'LL STAY THAT WAY IF WE DON'T STOP THAT ATLANTEAN LOON!

YOU REALLY DON'T TRUST DOCTOR FATE TO DO THE JOB, DO YOU?

NO. DO YOU?

I THOUGHT I DID. BUT HOW CAN YOU EVER BE REALLY SURE OF THE MOTIVES OF AN IMMORTAL LORD OF ORDER?

YOU CAN'T. NOW WHERE'S TER? YOU SAID SHE'D BE HERE.



SHE WILL BE.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THAT SHE CAN DO... WHAT SHE DOES? AND HOW COME YOU NEVER TOLD ME?

THAT'S NOT IMPORTANT RIGHT NOW.

REALLY? YOUR ASSISTANT'S A META AND YOU DON'T THINK THAT'S--



NOSY LITTLE THING, AREN'T YOU?

GAH! DON'T SNEAK UP ON ME LIKE THAT!

A GIRL'S GOTTA HAVE A LITTLE FUN.



FUN? WHEN THE WORLD'S ABOUT TO END?

YOU KNOW WHAT, JUNIOR?

I'VE SEEN THE END OF THE WORLD UP CLOSE AND I PROMISE YOU:

WE'RE NOT THERE YET.

I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT.

AND DON'T CALL ME "JUNIOR." WHAT'RE YOU--TWO, THREE YEARS OLDER THAN ME?

ACTUALLY, I'M YOUNGER THAN YOU ARE--IN A... PECULIAR KIND OF WAY.

CAN'T GET A STRAIGHT ANSWER OUT OF YOU, CAN I? BET YOU WON'T EVEN TELL ME WHERE YOUR POWERS CAME FROM.

I WAS BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE ANTELOPE.

FORGET I ASKED.

CAN WE DISPENSE WITH THE BANTER AND GET ON WITH IT, PLEASE?

BUT I LIKE BANTER!

THEN I PROMISE TO PROVIDE ENDLESS HOURS OF WITTY REPARTEE--AFTER WE COMPLETE THE MISSION.

I'LL HOLD YOU TO IT.

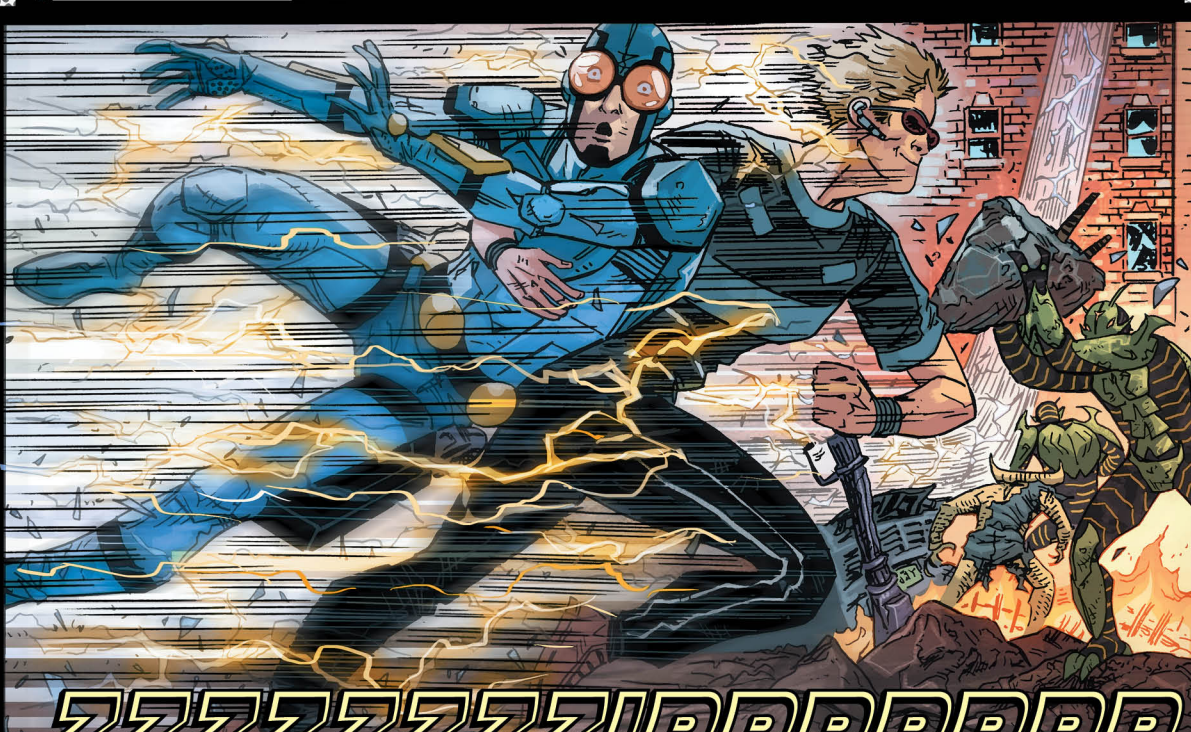
READY TO SAVE THE WORLD, JUNIOR?

NO, BUT LET'S DO IT ANYWAY. FOLLOW ME AND--

I THINK IT'LL BE A LITTLE BIT FASTER--

--IF I TAKE THE LEAD!

FWOODDOSH



ZZZZZZZZZZI PPPPPP

A LITTLE W-WARNING, PLEASE? OH, MAN--

--I THINK I'M GONNA HURL!

NOT THE BEST TIME FOR THAT.

WHY NOT?