

In times forgotten...

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TRAGEDY HAS ALWAYS BEEN A PART OF ME.



FOR YEARS, I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND WHY MY FATHER KILLED MY MOTHER AND THOSE GIRLS.

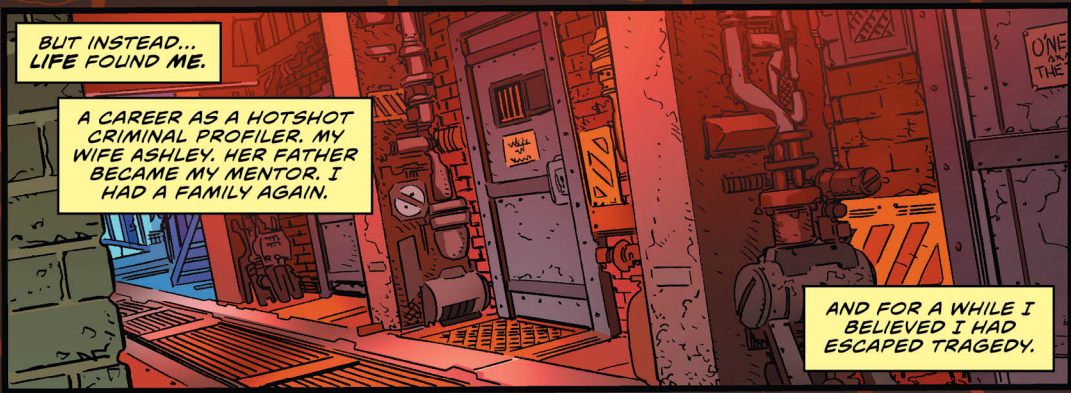
I DEDICATED MY LIFE TO FINDING A WAY TO STOP ANYONE ELSE FROM BEING LIKE HIM.



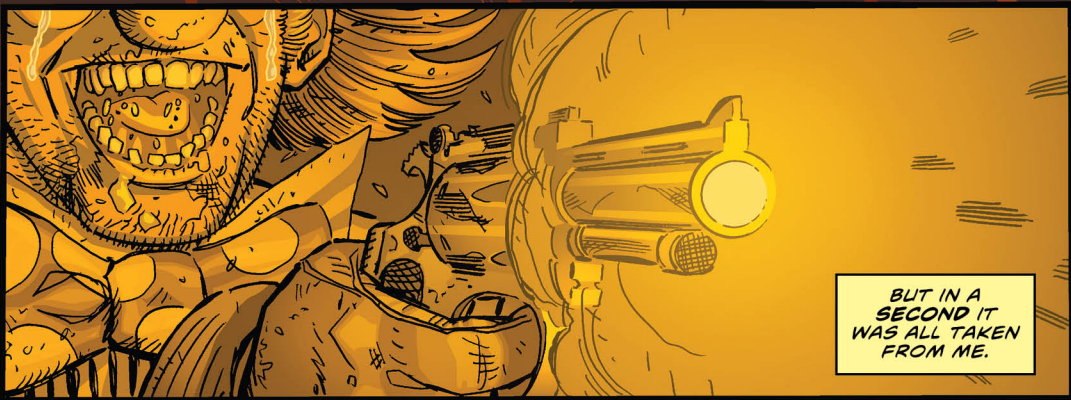
BUT INSTEAD... LIFE FOUND ME.

A CAREER AS A HOTSHOT CRIMINAL PROFILER. MY WIFE ASHLEY, HER FATHER BECAME MY MENTOR. I HAD A FAMILY AGAIN.

AND FOR A WHILE I BELIEVED I HAD ESCAPED TRAGEDY.



BUT IN A SECOND IT WAS ALL TAKEN FROM ME.



I WAS SO SURE THE CLOWN WOULDN'T HAVE A GUN. I WAS WRONG.

I REALIZED THAT ANY MISTAKE COULD LEAD TO A SECOND YOU CAN NEVER TAKE BACK.

MY LIFE WAS OVER. THE NAME HUNTER ZOLOMON WAS SHUNNED. ONLY KEYSTONE CITY WOULD TAKE ME. I HAD NOTHING LEFT.



THEN I MET WALLY WEST. THE FLASH.

OUR FRIENDSHIP HELPED ME REBUILD THE LIFE I'D LOST.



BUT WHEN I NEEDED HIM, HE WASN'T THERE.

SO I BECAME ZOOM TO CONVINCE HIM THAT GOING BACK IN TIME WAS THE WAY TO MAKE THINGS RIGHT...TO TAKE BACK THE SECOND WHEN IT ALL WENT BAD. BUT HE REJECTED ME.

I THOUGHT THAT MAYBE IF FLASH KNEW TRAGEDY THE WAY I DID, HE'D UNDERSTAND THE TRUE POTENTIAL OF HIS POWERS.



HE'D BE THE HERO I KNOW HE CAN BE.

I FAILED. THE MAN WHO ONCE CALLED ME A FRIEND NOW CALLS ME A VILLAIN.

I'M POWERLESS, SLOWED DOWN. BUT I HAVE A CLEAR MIND AGAIN. I CAN REFLECT.

I STILL KNOW I CAN MAKE WALLY INTO THE TRUE HERO WE ALL THINK HE IS...BUT...I NEED TO STOP LOOKING BACKWARD...

...AND INSTEAD LOOK FORWARD.



...YOU COULD
MAKE US
BETTER.

IS THE
STUDENT READY
TO BECOME THE
TEACHER?

EOBARD THAWNE
WAS OBSESSED
WITH BARRY
ALLEN. THE
ORIGINAL FLASH.

FOR YEARS, AS THE
REVERSE-FLASH, HE
TORMENTED BARRY.
MADE HIM SUFFER.

WE BOTH HAD BEEN
DISAPPOINTED BY
THE FLASH IN THE
PAST...

ROAD TO FLASH WAR

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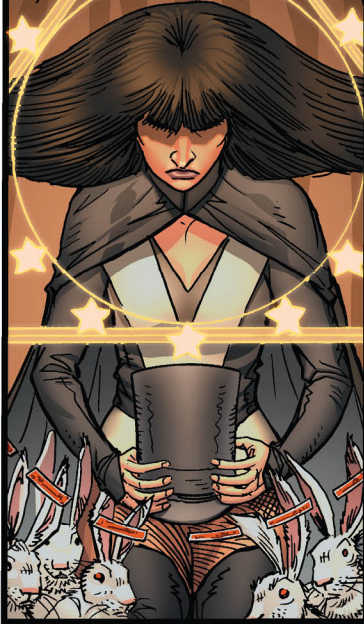
...BUT TOGETHER,
MAYBE WE CAN
FINALLY PUT BOTH
FLASHES ON THE
ROAD TO BEING
A BETTER HERO.



Now.

IT'S NOT MAGIC.

BECAUSE OF THE CRACK IN THE SOURCE WALL, THE MAGIC IN OUR UNIVERSE IS CHANGING EVERY DAY, BUT EVEN WITH A SIMPLE SPELL I CAN SEE THAT...



...HIS MIND IS FRACTURED. IT IS UNWISE TO EXPLORE FURTHER IF WE WISH TO AVOID FURTHER DAMAGE.

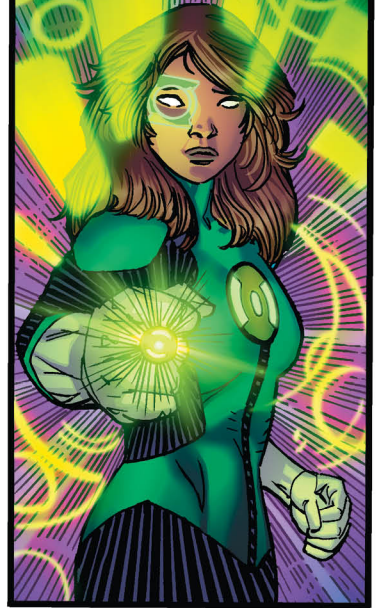
ON MARS I WITNESSED THINGS LIKE THIS, BUT WE WOULD SEND MARTIANS TO LIVE IN THE RED SAND CAVES ALONE FOR INTENSE MEDITATION UNTIL IT CLEARED UP.

IT WOULD TAKE DECADES... BUT OTHERWISE I BELIEVE THE CAUSE OF THIS DAMAGE IS...



...UNKNOWN. BIO-SCAN RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE.

YOU HEARD THE RING... NOT MUCH MORE I CAN DO FOR HIM. SORRY, BARRY.



BARRY, WHY IS THIS HAPPENING TO JUST WALLY?

WHY NOT ME? WE BOTH GOT OUR MEMORIES BACK AT THE SAME TIME...

HOW ARE YOU DOING... WITH THE MEMORIES, IRIS?



IT'S LIKE TRYING TO REMEMBER A MOVIE I SAW ONCE, A LONG TIME AGO. BUT NOT ALL OF IT. I GET BITS AND PIECES.

IMAGES OF PEOPLE I CAN'T NAME.

THAT'S HOW I'VE FELT SINCE WALLY CAME BACK, TOO...



NO!



WALLY?!

