

CENTRAL CITY.

IRON HEIGHTS PENITENTIARY.

CURRENT POPULATION: FOUR FEWER
INMATES THAN THERE SHOULD BE.

DAD!

JUST
TAKE IT EASY,
BARRY.

WHERE IS
HE, DARRYL?
WHERE'S
DAD?!

THERE'S BEEN
AN ESCAPE. YOUR
DAD IS MISSING.

LET ME EXAMINE HIS CELL!
I HELPED BUILD THE CASES
THAT PUT HIS CELLMATES AWAY!
THEY MUST'VE TAKEN HIM
HOSTAGE AS PAYBACK!

TELL HIM,
DIRECTOR
SINGH!

CAPTAIN FRYE IS HERE AS
A COURTESY, ALLEN. MOSTLY TO
HELP KEEP YOU OUT. YOU'RE
TOO CLOSE TO THIS ONE.

YOUR OLD MAN WAS
NO BYSTANDER HERE. HE WAS
IN ON THE ESCAPE. IT'S ON THE
SURVEILLANCE FEEDS. HE
KNOCKED OUT A GUARD.

DAD
WOULD
NEVER—!

LET ME HANDLE
THIS, BARRY. TRUST ME.
WE'RE FAMILY.

MY ONLY
FAMILY IS AT THE
MERCY OF A GANG OF
LUNATICS!

STAY
OUT.

BLOOD IS THICKER

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DRAFT LIKE THAT IN MY CELL, I'D...

NOTHING...

NO SIGN OF A STRUGGLE. HOW CAN THERE BE NOTHING TO GO ON...?

I'M SORRY, WARDEN... THEY WERE ON ME SO FAST. I--

WE'LL TAKE A FRESH CRACK AT EVERYTHING IN THE MORNING.

YOU'VE GIVEN US WHAT YOU CAN FOR TONIGHT. YOU'VE GOT YOUR WIFE TO TAKE CARE OF.

BARRY? SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN THE CELLS, LOOKING FOR CLUES? I'M THE REPORTER. LEAVE THE EAVESDROPPING TO ME.

I'M SHUT OUT, IRIS. SINGH WON'T LET ME NEAR THE CASE.

IT'S... IT'S MY DAD. HE'S ONE OF THE MISSING.

GO HOME, ELNAH.



OH, BARRY. I'M SO SORRY. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHY HE WOULD WANT TO--?

HE DIDN'T ESCAPE. THEY TOOK HIM. HE WOULDN'T DO THAT.

HE ISN'T A CRIMINAL.



IRIS... YOU CAN'T QUOTE ANYTHING I SAID.

I WOULDN'T DO THAT TO YOU. BESIDES, IT ISN'T MUCH OF A STORY, NOW THAT I'M ON THE FLASH BEAT.

"THE FLASH BEAT"?

YEAH. THE *CITIZEN* HAS A DEDICATED REPORTER FOLLOWING WHATEVER THE FLASH DOES. IT'S A GREAT GIG.

WHEREVER HE GOES, THERE'S SOME KIND OF DISASTER OR FIGHT WITH A COSTUMED FREAK.

IT'S A GOLDEN TICKET TO ENDLESS FRONT-PAGE BYLINES.

HEY, I'M SORRY. I DIDN'T MEAN THAT YOUR DAD'S ESCAPE...UH, KIDNAPPING... ISN'T NEWSWORTHY.

NO...I UNDERSTAND.

SO, THAT'S HOW PEOPLE SEE THE FLASH? THAT HE'S SOME KIND OF *MAGNET* FOR TROUBLE?

THERE'S THIS SAYING, THAT WHENEVER YOU SEE HIM COME RUNNING, YOU'D BETTER WATCH OUT FOR *THE WAKE*. AND THE COPS? THEY HATE HIM.



OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ALL THAT PLUGGED IN AT THE CCPD ANYMORE, NOT SINCE MY SOURCE...




I KNOW PATTY WAS FEEDING YOU STORIES. SHE TOLD ME BEFORE SHE DUMPED ME.



PATTY DIDN'T LEAVE BECAUSE OF YOU. SHE LEFT BECAUSE SHE WAS SCARED OF THE FLASH.



SO... HOW'S WALLY DOING?



HE'S GREAT. ONCE HE FIGURED OUT THAT YOU NEED TO STUDY MATH AND SCIENCE TO LEARN HOW TO BUILD CARS, HE REALLY STARTED APPLYING HIMSELF.



IT ISN'T ALWAYS EASY, BUT WE'RE MAKING IT WORK.



I HAD TO LIE TO HIM ABOUT WHERE I WAS GOING TONIGHT. HE DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO *THINK* ABOUT HIS UNCLE BEING LOCKED UP HERE. ALL THE TERRIBLE THINGS DANIEL DID.



BUT THAT'S HOW IT GOES WITH FAMILY...



"...SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO COMPROMISE YOUR MORALS TO PROTECT THE ONES YOU LOVE."

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WHAT THE HELL, ALLEN? WHAT'D WE BREAK INTO *THIS* PLACE FOR? WE SHOULD BE HALFWAY TO CANADA BY NOW.

DUDE... ANYPLACE ELSE BUT CANADA. I TRIED THAT ONCE.

DON'T FORGET HOW WE GOT OUT, ANTHONY. WE MADE A *PROMISE*, AND WE'RE KEEPING IT. AFTER THAT, I DON'T CARE WHERE ANY OF YOU GO. NOW HELP ME WITH THIS EQUIPMENT.

ERNIE, YOU GO HOTWIRE ONE OF THE DELIVERY TRUCKS AT THE DOCK.

TRAVIS, KEEP AN EYE OUT.

FOR WHAT? *MICE?*

JUST DO IT! I--

HAH?