

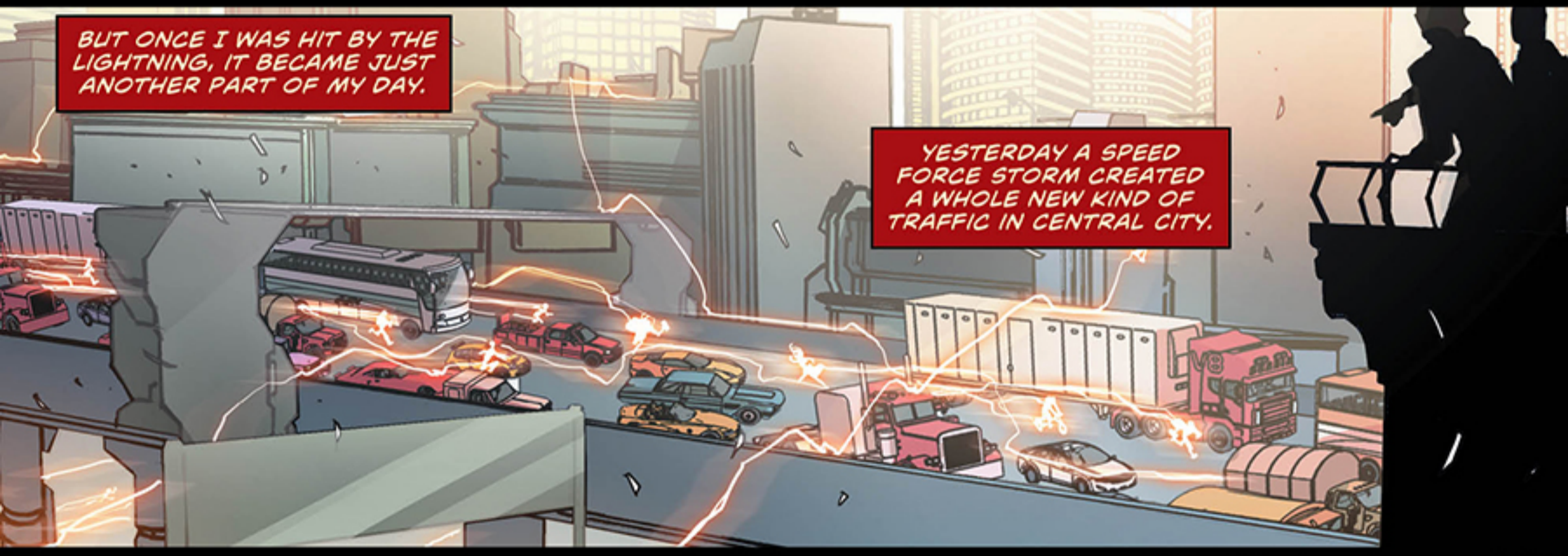


AS SOON AS I LEARNED TO WALK, MY MOM AND DAD TOLD ME TO NEVER RUN IN TRAFFIC.



BUT ONCE I WAS HIT BY THE LIGHTNING, IT BECAME JUST ANOTHER PART OF MY DAY.

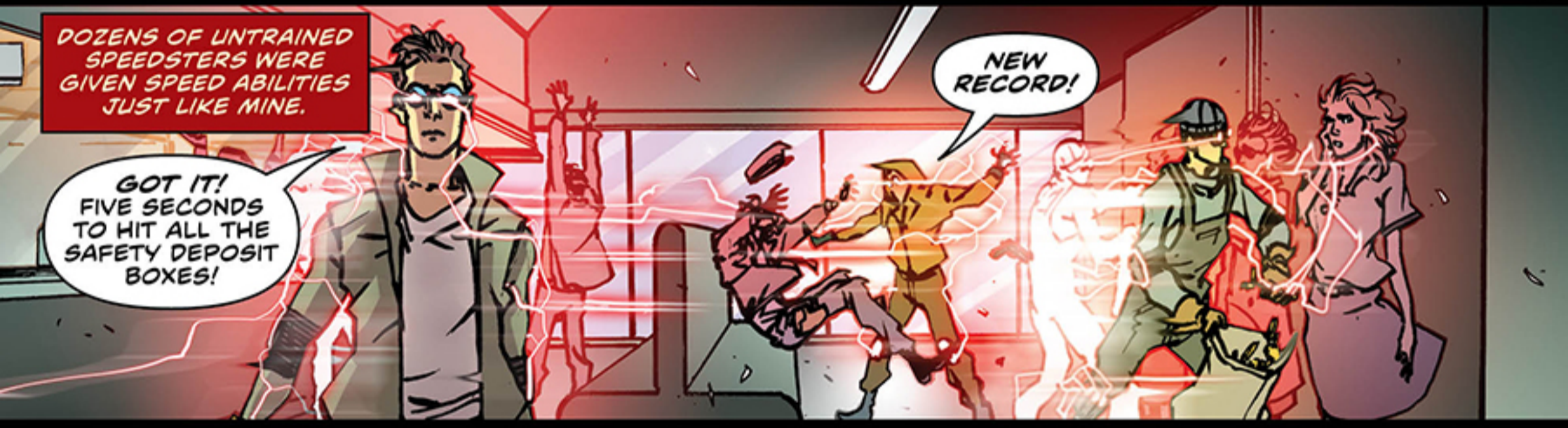
YESTERDAY A SPEED FORCE STORM CREATED A WHOLE NEW KIND OF TRAFFIC IN CENTRAL CITY.



DOZENS OF UNTRAINED SPEEDSTERS WERE GIVEN SPEED ABILITIES JUST LIKE MINE.

GOT IT! FIVE SECONDS TO HIT ALL THE SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES!

NEW RECORD!



GO!

WHOOO WHOOO WHOOO

MAYBE I'M A SQUARE, BUT WHEN I GOT MY POWERS, USING THEM TO MY OWN ADVANTAGE NEVER CROSSED MY MIND.



WHOOO SHHH

NOT ALL THE NEW SPEEDSTERS FEEL THE SAME.

BUT THANKFULLY...





...I HAVE A PARTNER.

THAT'S ENOUGH JOYRIDING, BOYS!

DETECTIVE AUGUST HEART OF THE CENTRAL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND THE FIRST OF THE NEW SPEEDSTERS.

AW, BUSTED!

DO YOU KNOW HOW FAST YOU WERE GOING?

AUGUST IS PROBABLY ENJOYING TAKING DOWN THESE KIDS A BIT MORE THAN HE SHOULD. BUT WE MAKE A PRETTY GOOD TEAM.



AND WE HAVE OUR WORK CUT OUT FOR US.

ANOTHER DARING CRIME COMMITTED BY SOME CENTRAL CITY SPEEDSTERS, STOPPED BY THE FLASH AND HIS MYSTERIOUS NEW PARTNER.

NO WORD FROM THE FLASH OR S.T.A.R. LABS ON WHAT CAUSED THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTNING STORM THAT CREATED THE NEW SPEEDSTERS, BUT IT APPEARS...

CENTRAL CITY'S SPEEDSTER CRIME STAYS... CONTINUES...



THEY'RE HERE TO STAY.

WELL, ROGUES, LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME WE LEFT CENTRAL CITY FOR A WHILE...

EVER SINCE THE SPEED FORCE STORM, I'VE NOTICED THAT I'VE SLOWED DOWN A SHADE... SHARING THE SPEED FORCE WITH ALL THE NEW SPEEDSTERS...

THESE RESTRAINTS SHOULD KEEP THEM FROM RUNNING AWAY.

WE'VE BEEN LUCKY SO FAR, FLASH. A FEW SMALL-TIME OPPORTUNISTS HERE AND THERE. BUT IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE BEFORE IT GETS BETTER.

WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?

I'M A WORST-CASE-SCENARIO KIND OF GUY...

EVENTUALLY WE'RE GOING TO ENCOUNTER SOMEONE USING OUR POWERS FOR MUCH MORE THAN ROBBING BANKS.

YOU HAVE TO HAVE FAITH IN PEOPLE, AUGUST.

YEAH, WELL... WHERE ARE WE GOING TO KEEP THESE FAITHFUL SPEEDSTERS?

WHERE ELSE?



Iron Heights.



EVERY TIME I SAVE THE CITY THERE IS TALK OF CREATING A MUSEUM IN MY HONOR, BUT I ALWAYS SAY NO BECAUSE I DON'T DO THIS TO COLLECT TROPHIES.

BUT IRON HEIGHTS...IS A TESTAMENT TO MY LOSSES.

MY MOTHER'S KILLER USED TO CALL HIMSELF PROFESSOR ZOOM... BUT NOW EOBARD THAWNE CALLS THIS PRISON "HOME."

THESE METAL WALLS KEEP ME AWAY FROM THAWNE BUT IT'S STILL TOO CLOSE.

WE MEET THE CCPD HERE BECAUSE IRON HEIGHTS HAS A SPECIAL HOLDING CELL THAT CAN KEEP THE SPEEDSTERS IN CHECK UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO WITH THEM. THE GUARDS ARE EXPLAINING IT TO US...BUT I'M THINKING ABOUT THAWNE.

AUGUST CAN TELL SOMETHING IS WRONG...SO I FILL HIM IN.

ON EVERYTHING.

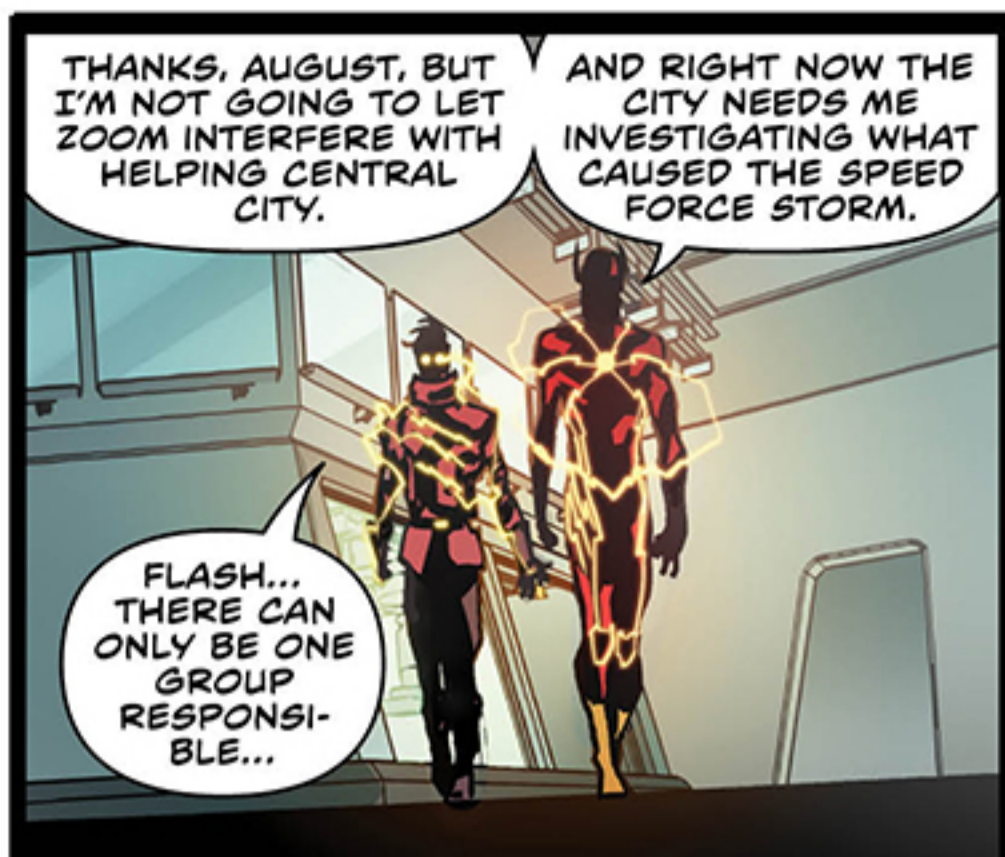
HOLY...THAT IS CRAZY. ZOOM DID ALL THAT JUST TO MAKE YOU SUFFER?

I KNEW THAT THAWNE MURDERED YOUR MOTHER, BUT I HAD NO IDEA...



IF IT WERE *ME*... I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO SLEEP AT NIGHT KNOWING MY MOTHER'S KILLER WAS STILL ALIVE IN THIS PLACE.

I COULD HAVE JUST DROPPED THE ROGUE SPEEDSTERS OFF MYSELF. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO COME HERE.



THANKS, AUGUST, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET ZOOM INTERFERE WITH HELPING CENTRAL CITY.

AND RIGHT NOW THE CITY NEEDS ME INVESTIGATING WHAT CAUSED THE SPEED FORCE STORM.

FLASH... THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE GROUP RESPONSIBLE...



"THE BLACK HOLE."

"THERE IS NO WAY DR. CARVER IS NOT CONNECTED TO THE SPEED FORCE STORM."



BLACK HOLE IS THE FIRST REAL LEAD I'VE HAD ON MY BROTHER'S CASE SINCE BILLY PARKS WAS RELEASED...

IF THEY KNOW WHERE PARKS IS I MIGHT FINALLY BRING HIM TO JUSTICE FOR KILLING MY BROTHER.



WE'LL NEED TO FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE, AUGUST.

WHY WOULD BLACK HOLE WANT TO CREATE AN ARMY OF SPEEDSTERS?

MAYBE THEY'RE ALL WORKING TOGETHER?

I DON'T THINK THE MEN WE STOPPED TODAY KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT ANY "MASTER PLAN."

THANKFULLY IRON HEIGHTS ALREADY HAS THE TECHNOLOGY TO CONTAIN THAWNE AND WAS PREPARED TO HOLD THE SPEEDSTERS.



DON'T WORRY, FLASH. THIS TEMP LOCK-UP IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR PROCESSING. THEY'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

BETWEEN IRON HEIGHTS AND S.T.A.R. LABS, YOU'RE COVERED.

WHAT ABOUT S.T.A.R. LABS...?

YOU DIDN'T HEAR? THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE FIRST TO KNOW.