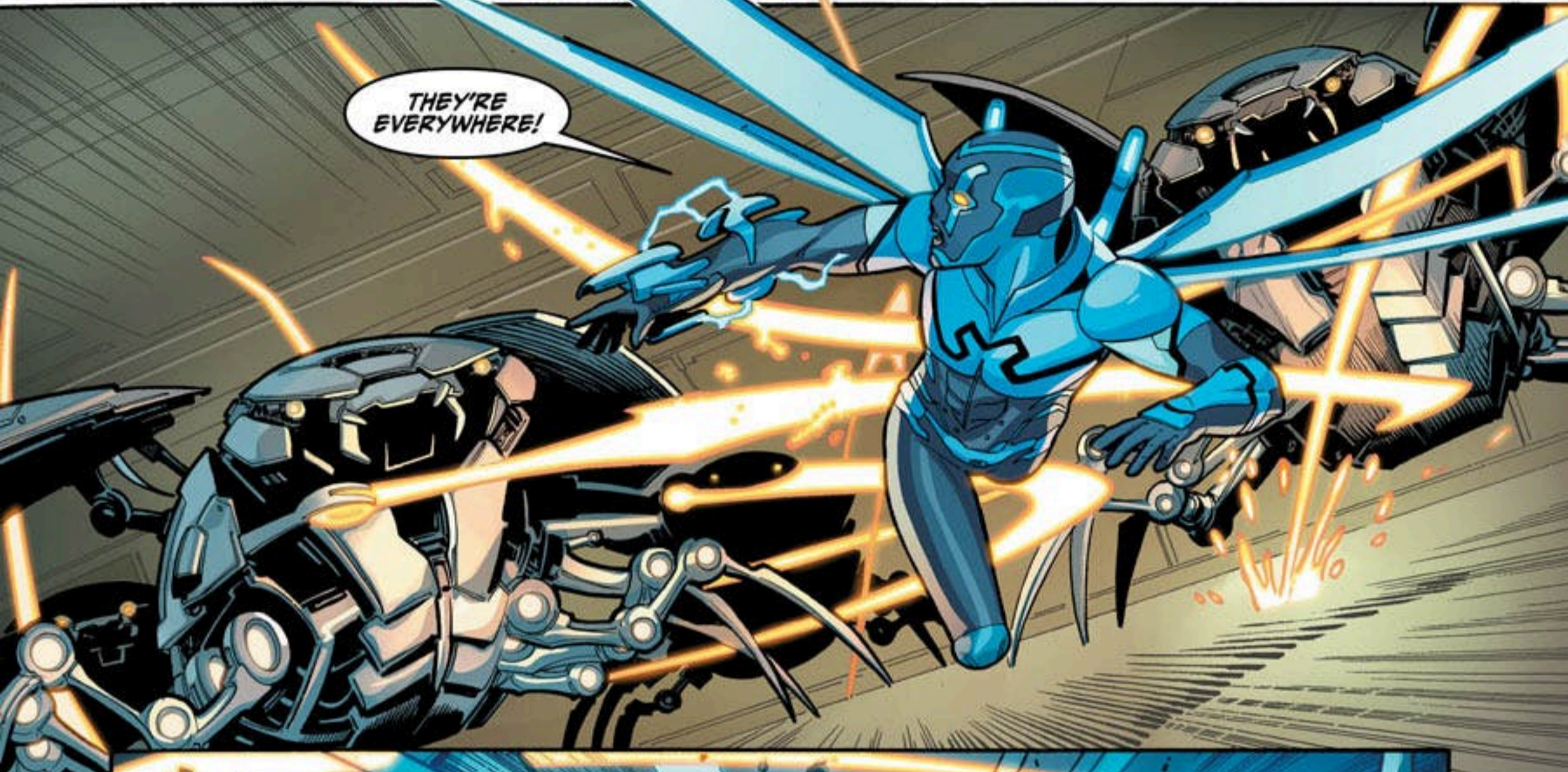




LOOK OUT!

# HOSTILE TAKEOVER

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THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!



THAT'S TOO MUCH ENERGY!  
PULL IT BACK!

I CAN'T!



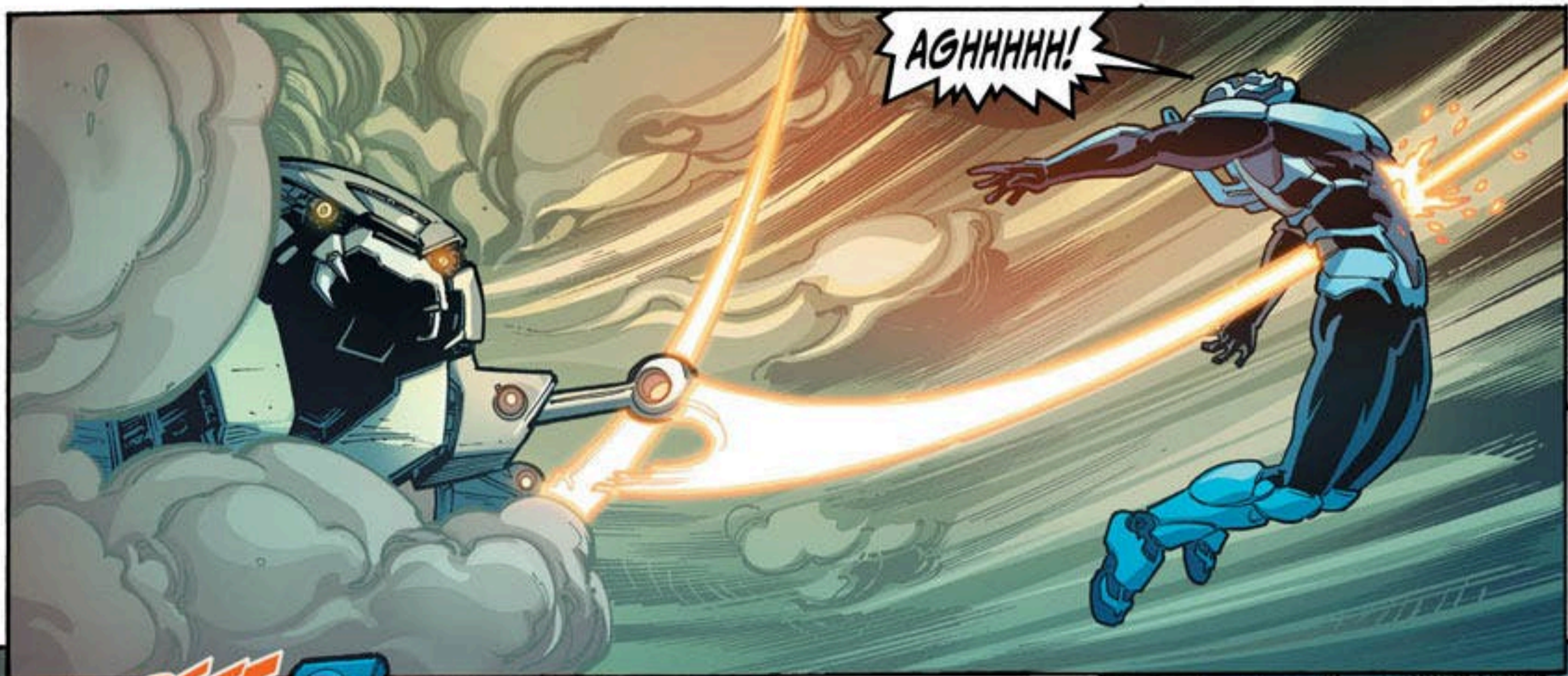
YOU'VE FILLED THE ROOM WITH SMOKE.

I CAN SEE THAT.

ACTUALLY, I CAN'T SEE MUCH AT ALL, BUT... YOU KNOW--

BEHIND YOU!

HUH?



AGHHHHH!



DEET

WELL, THAT'S JUST GREAT.



IF THAT HAD BEEN A REAL ENERGY BLADE, YOU'D BE DEAD RIGHT NOW.

YOU DON'T KNOW THAT.

I COULD JUST BE HORRIBLY MAIMED AND PERMANENTLY DISFIGURED.



SERIOUSLY, YOU NEVER MADE MISTAKES?

IT'S NOT ABOUT ME, JAIME. I'M NOT THE BLUE BEETLE ANYMORE. YOU ARE.

SO, YOU'RE AVOIDING THE QUESTION?

THAT'S A YES.



YES. I MADE HEAPS OF MISTAKES.

BUT I'M MENTORING YOU NOW. SO, I CAN BE AS HYPOCRITICALLY CRITICAL AS I WANT.



YOU HAVE TO CONCENTRATE, JAIME.

YOU HAVE TO GAIN CONTROL OVER THE SCARAB.

I'M TRYING, MR. KORD.



YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO TAKE OUT THIS ONE WITHOUT DESTROYING IT.

I KNOW. I'M SORRY. I'LL PAY YOU BACK.

SKEETS? HOW MUCH WAS THAT BATTLE BUG WORTH?



THREE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.



I HAVE... TWO DOLLARS AND--?

I'LL TAKE IT.

REALLY?



YOU THINK I BECAME A BILLIONAIRE BY SAYING NO TO FREE MONEY?

GO HOME. COME BACK TOMORROW. MORE FOCUSED.

OKAY. BUT I'LL EMPTY MY WALLET FIRST.

GOOD INSTINCT.

AND, JAIME. YES. I MADE A LOT OF MISTAKES. PEOPLE GOT HURT.

YOU KNOW WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS?



WHAT?

YOU'RE GONNA BE A WHOLE LOT BETTER THAN I WAS.



SKEETS. GO WITH HIM, WOULD YOU? THE KID SEEMS RATTLED.

MAKE SURE HE GETS HOME WITHOUT ACCIDENTALLY DESTROYING SOMETHING, YEAH?

YES. THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED.



HUH?

NEVER MIND. IT'S AN HONOR SERVING YOU, SIR.

SURE... AND IT WILL STILL BE AN HONOR TOMORROW. OFF YOU GO, SKEETS.

GOOD-BYE, TED KORD.



TED KORD.

I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR YEARS, BRUCE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO USE MY FULL NAME, EVEN WHEN YOU'RE OMINOUSLY STEPPING OUT OF THE SHADOWS.

ALSO, WHY ARE YOU SNEAKING IN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT? YOU COULD LITERALLY MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.

IT'S EASIER.

IT'S CREEPY.



BRUCE WAYNE CAN'T WALK INTO KORD INDUSTRIES.

OKAY. YES. I CAN SEE THAT.

BUT, STILL, YOU CAN CALL AHEAD. OR WE COULD MEET SOMEWHERE ELSE.

IT MAY NOT HAVE THE SAME DRAMA, BUT WE COULD JUST GET A COFFEE.



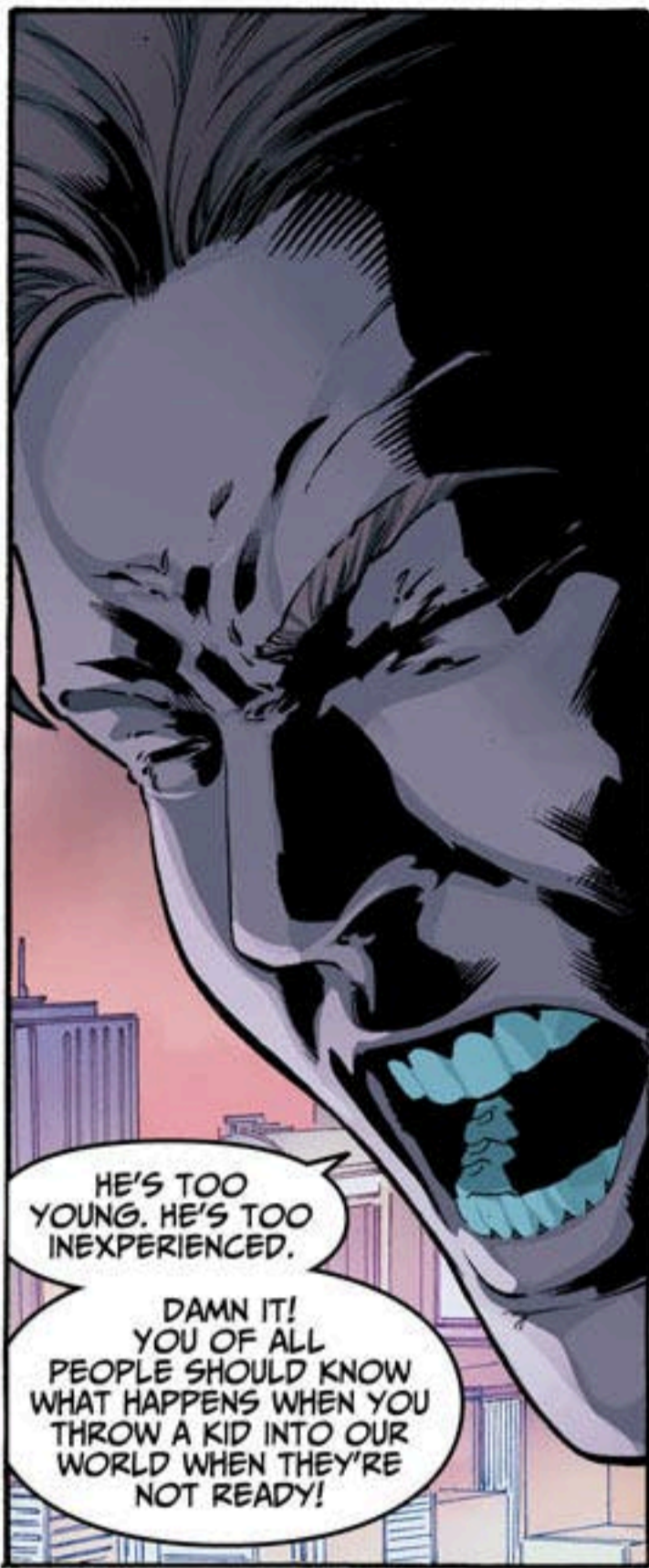
HOW LONG WERE YOU WATCHING?

LONG ENOUGH.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE HERE FOR. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTING, BUT HE'S NOT READY.

HIS POWERS COULD BE--



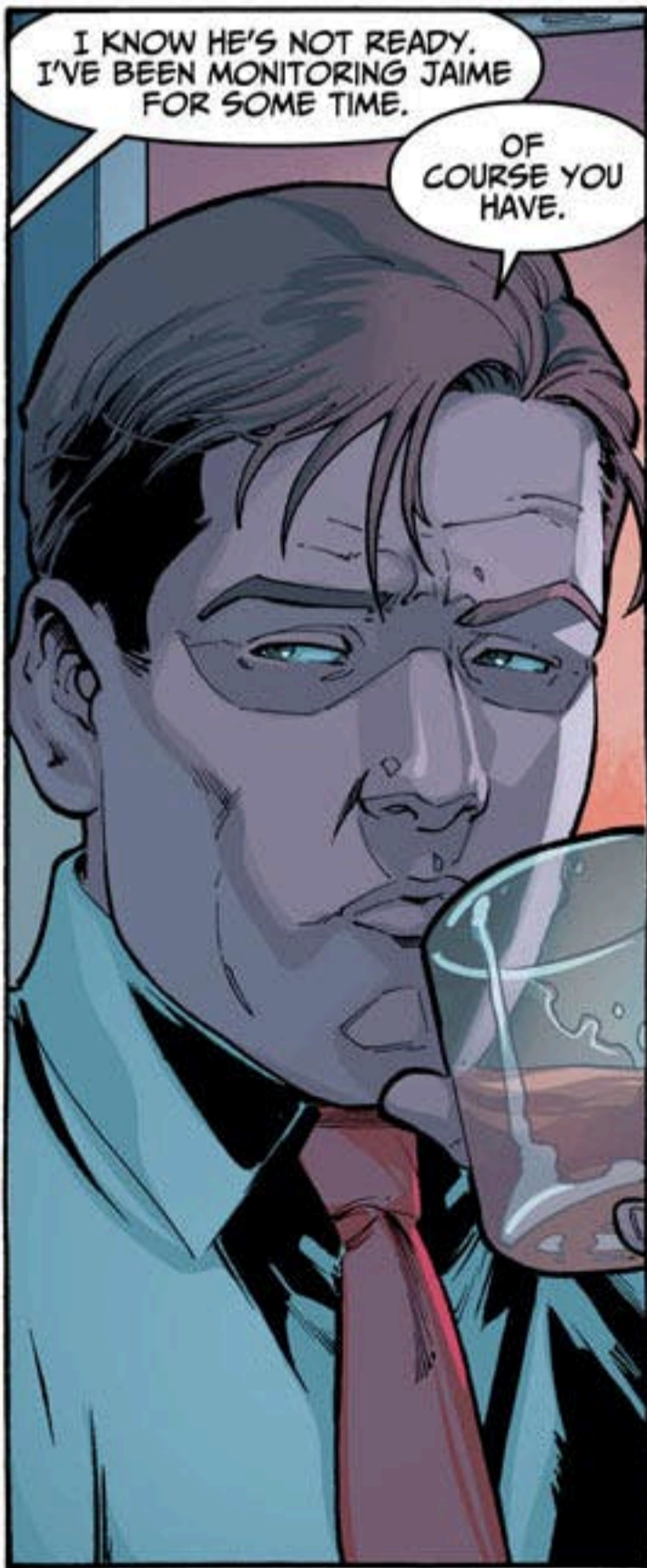
HE'S TOO YOUNG. HE'S TOO INEXPERIENCED.

DAMN IT! YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU THROW A KID INTO OUR WORLD WHEN THEY'RE NOT READY!



I'M SORRY. THAT WAS A CHEAP SHOT.

NO... YOU'RE RIGHT.



I KNOW HE'S NOT READY. I'VE BEEN MONITORING JAIME FOR SOME TIME.

OF COURSE YOU HAVE.



I'M NOT HERE FOR JAIME. I'M HERE FOR YOU. TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP.

YOU DON'T ASK PEOPLE FOR HELP.

I'M GROWING.