

DC COMICS PRESENTS

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YEARS AGO.
OUTSIDE PHILADELPHIA.

RAY?



IT'S YOUR BIRTHDAY.

A MAN WITH HATE IN HIS HEART CAN NEVER WIN, LEATHERWING!

NOT WHILE I HOLD A SWORD!

SILVERBLADE? YOU'VE SEEN THAT MOVIE A THOUSAND TIMES, RAY.

TURN AROUND.

DO I GET CANDLES THIS YEAR, MOM?

THE KIDS ON TV ALWAYS GET CANDLES.



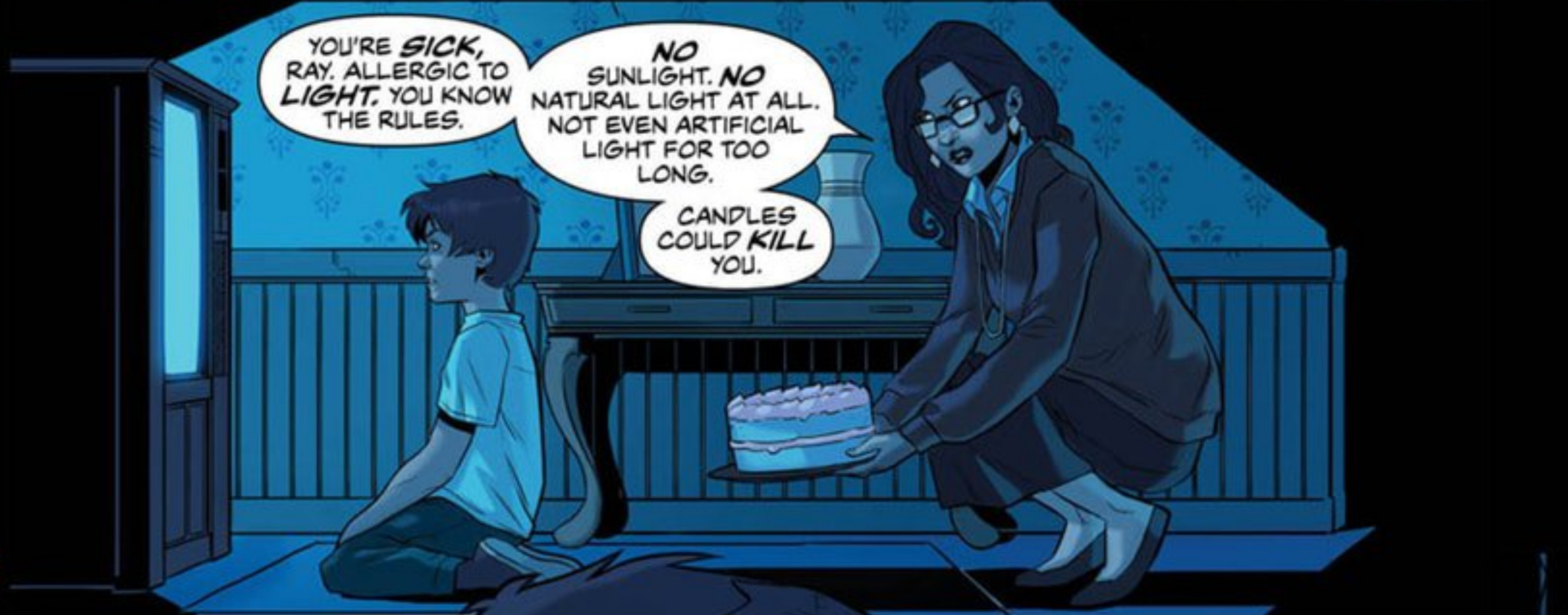
**CANDLES?!
HOW STUPID CAN
YOU--**

**SORRY,
RAY. I DIDN'T MEAN
TO YELL.**



**BUT YOU
KNOW BETTER.
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T
HAVE CANDLES. ASKING
EVERY YEAR ISN'T
GOING TO CHANGE
THE ANSWER.**

**ARE YOU
TRYING
TO MAKE ME
FEEL BAD?**



**YOU'RE SICK,
RAY. ALLERGIC TO
LIGHT. YOU KNOW
THE RULES.**

**NO
SUNLIGHT. NO
NATURAL LIGHT AT ALL.
NOT EVEN ARTIFICIAL
LIGHT FOR TOO
LONG.**

**CANDLES
COULD KILL
YOU.**



**I DON'T
CARE.**

YOU DO.
DON'T SAY
THAT.

I GET
IT. IT'S TOUGH
NEVER LEAVING
THE HOUSE.

BUT
I'VE GOT *ONE*
WINDOW, RAY. TRY TO
UNDERSTAND.

ONE WINDOW
IS MY *ONLY*
CONNECTION TO
THE WORLD
OUTSIDE.

SO PLEASE, I
KNOW IT'S HARD, BUT
TRY NOT TO TAKE IT
OUT ON ME.

MOM...

...WHAT
ABOUT *CADEN*?
IS HE COMING
OVER?

CADEN?!

"AFTER WHAT HAPPENED LAST TIME?"

CHK CHK CHK

CHK



CHK



"NO. CADEN ISN'T COMING OVER."



THEY TOOK HIM TO THE HOSPITAL, RAY. GOD KNOWS IF YOU HURT HIM. OR IF HE'S ALIVE.

KEEP THE TV LIGHT LOW. AN HOUR ON AND AN HOUR OFF. AT MOST.

EAT YOUR CAKE. I'M GOING TO BED.

