



I WATCH THEM RACE ACROSS TIME AS IT ALL FALLS APART. SHOUTING FROM A DISTANCE. SILENT AS A GHOST.

FORGOTTEN LIKE ONE.

I KNOW WHO THE POWER OF THIS BUTTON BELONGS TO, FLASH!

AND THEY'VE NEVER FACED SOMEONE LIKE ME!

BARRY ALLEN IS THE KEY. HE SAVED WALLY WEST.

NOW IT'S MY TURN.

THE BUTTON

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HE ONLY HAS TO LISTEN.

BARRY?!

THAWNE, I'VE SEEN YOUR FUTURE. IF YOU KEEP FOLLOWING THAT TRAIL, WHATEVER YOU'RE RUNNING TO, IT WILL KILL YOU--



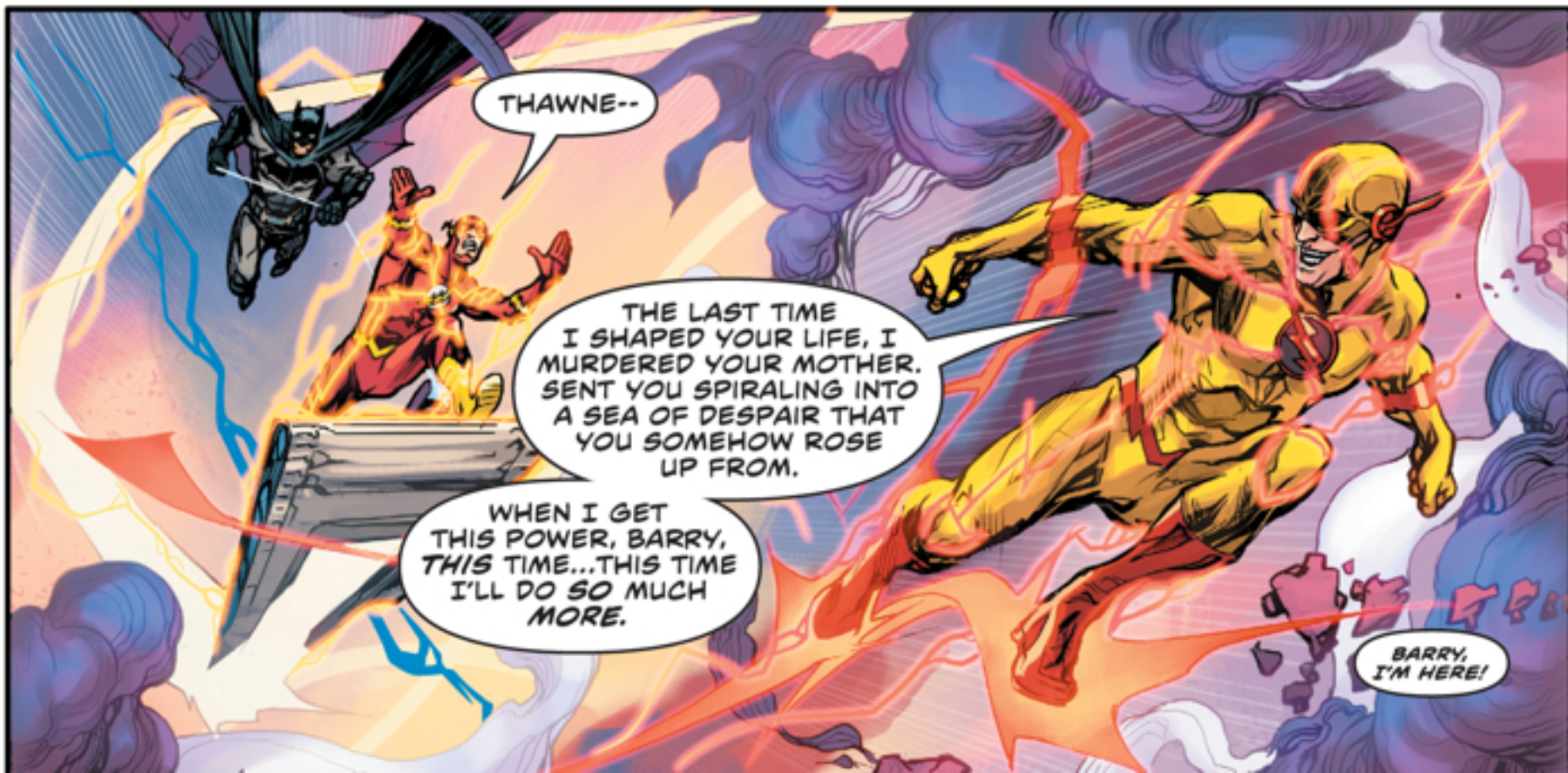
MY FUTURE, BARRY? LIKE THE DAY YOU BROKE MY NECK? OR THE NIGHT YOU WATCHED BATMAN'S FATHER SLIDE A SWORD THROUGH MY BACK?

EMPTY THREATS TO A LIVING PARADOX.

THERE IS NO FUTURE. NO PAST.



UNTIL I DECIDE TO PUT IT ALL BACK TOGETHER.

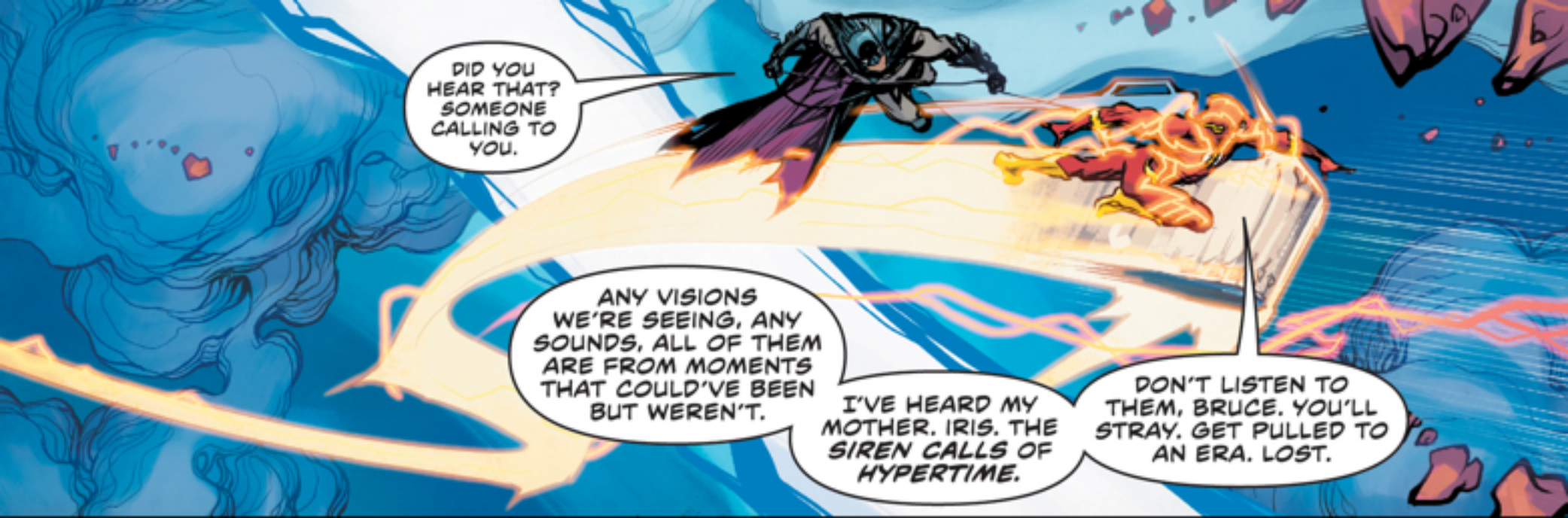


THAWNE--

THE LAST TIME I SHAPED YOUR LIFE, I MURDERED YOUR MOTHER. SENT YOU SPIRALING INTO A SEA OF DESPAIR THAT YOU SOMEHOW ROSE UP FROM.

WHEN I GET THIS POWER, BARRY, THIS TIME...THIS TIME I'LL DO SO MUCH MORE.

BARRY, I'M HERE!



DID YOU HEAR THAT? SOMEONE CALLING TO YOU.

ANY VISIONS WE'RE SEEING, ANY SOUNDS, ALL OF THEM ARE FROM MOMENTS THAT COULD'VE BEEN BUT WEREN'T.

I'VE HEARD MY MOTHER. IRIS. THE SIREN CALLS OF HYPERTIME.

DON'T LISTEN TO THEM, BRUCE. YOU'LL STRAY. GET PULLED TO AN ERA. LOST.



BARRY!

MY FATHER WASN'T A VISION, BARRY. HE WAS REAL.



I HAVE AN IDEA, BARRY.

THE NIGHT YOUR MOTHER DIES, I'M GOING TO BE THERE. A SOCIAL WORKER. OR A LIFELONG NEIGHBOR. A FRIEND. I'LL TAKE YOU IN. RAISE YOU AS MY OWN.

MAKE YOU MY SON.

MY ACOLYTE.



BOOM

BRUCE, HANG ON! THE TREADMILL...IT'S BREAKING UP!



WE NEED TO LAND SOMEWHERE, BARRY.



WE NEED TO CATCH THAWNE. STOP HIM FROM--



LIKE ALWAYS, YOU'RE TOO LATE, BARRY.

I'M HERE.

