



THE WORLD BEYOND  
MORTAL STUFF. OUR MIND.  
THE NIGHT BEFORE.



CAITLIN...

...CAITLIN  
SNOW.



WHO...  
WHO IS  
THAT?



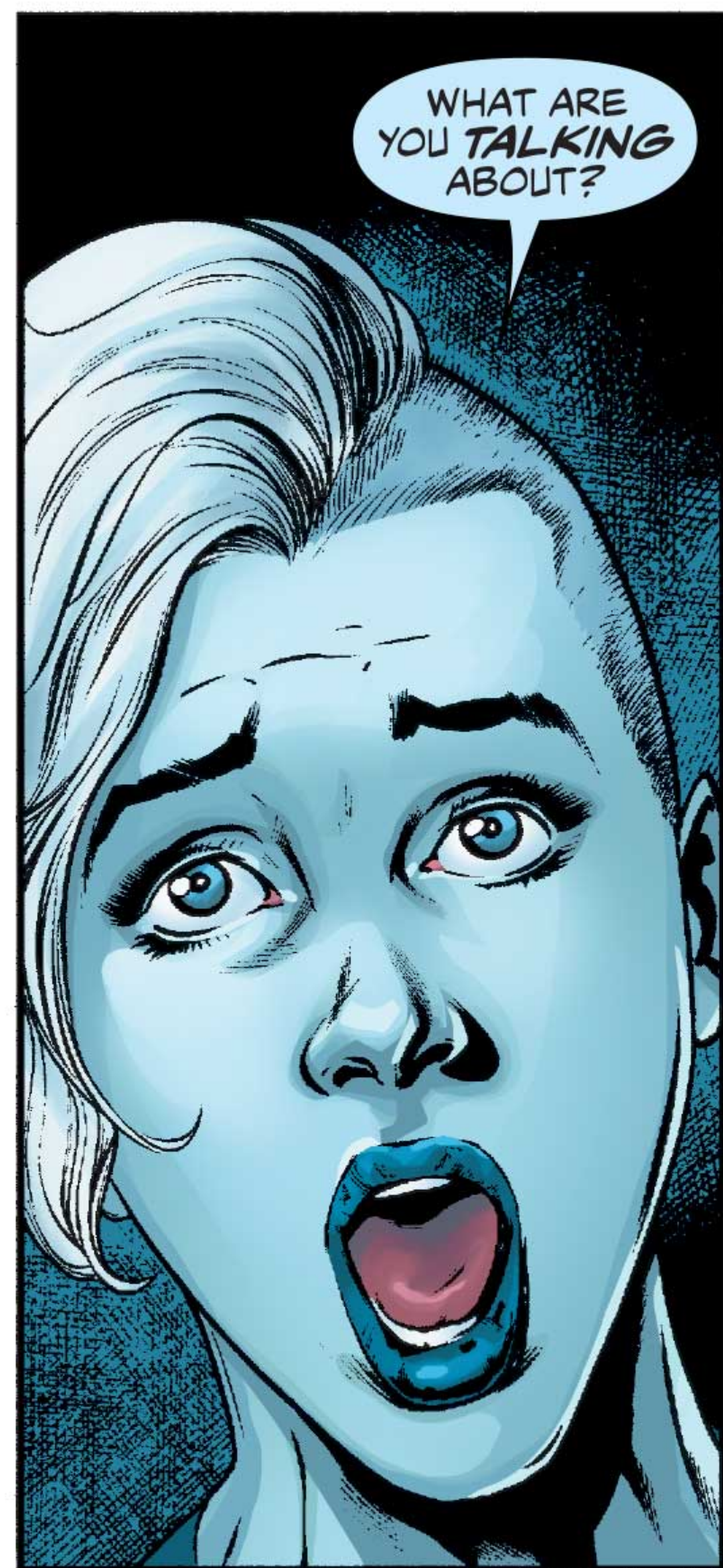
...WHERE  
AM I?



A PRISON  
OF YOUR OWN  
MAKING. A TRUTH  
YOU WILL NEVER  
ESCAPE...



...ALONE.



WHAT ARE  
YOU TALKING  
ABOUT?



YOU KNOW.

...WHAT IS THAT?

**THIS IS THE WORLD YOU WILL CREATE IF YOU CONTINUE DOWN YOUR PATH.**

THE SLOW, EXCRUCIATING **HEAT DEATH** OF AN ENTIRE RACE AS YOUR **HUNGER** GROWS BEYOND THIS WORLD'S ABILITY TO SATISFACTION...

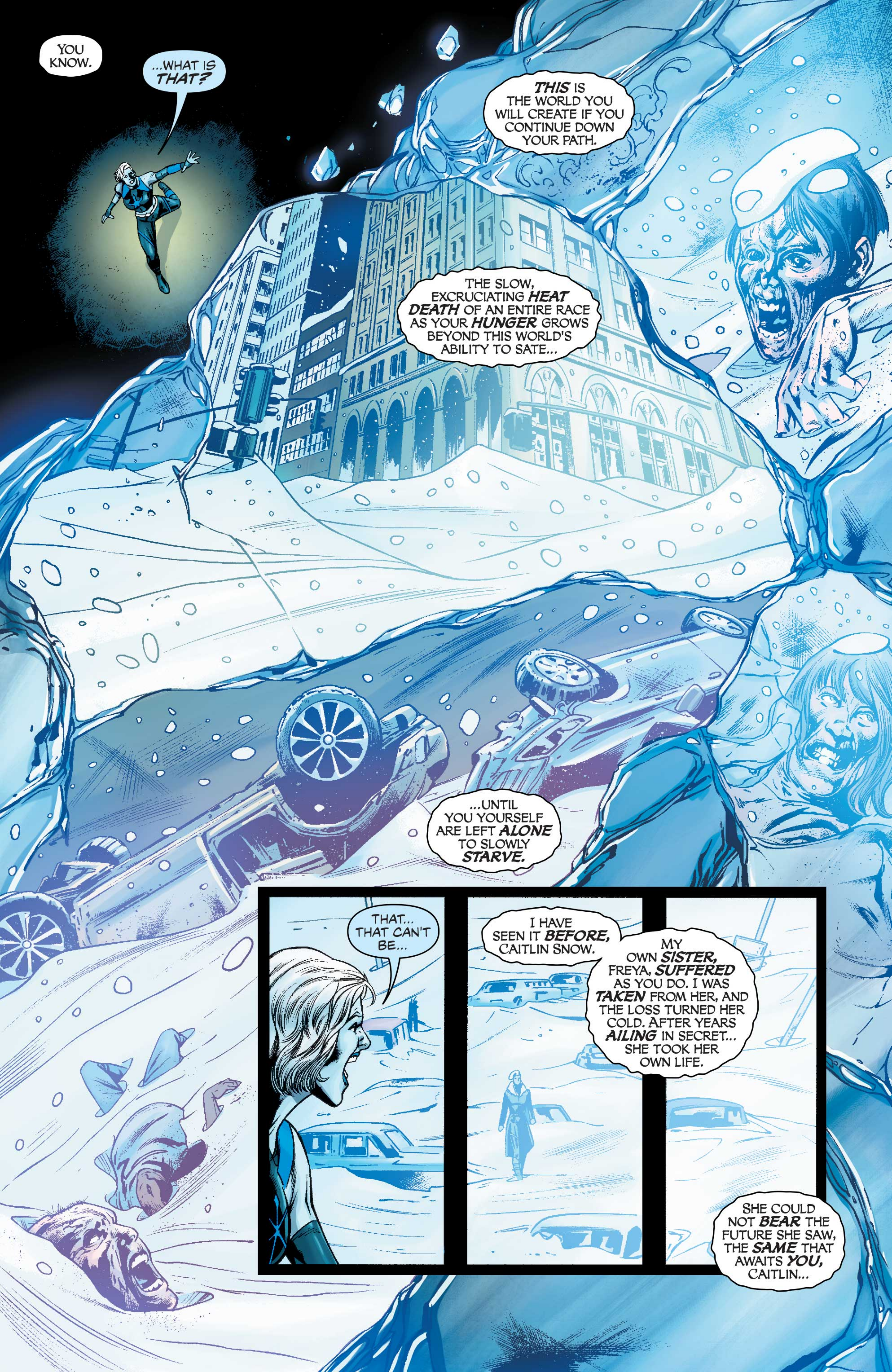
...UNTIL YOU YOURSELF ARE LEFT **ALONE** TO SLOWLY **STARVE.**

THAT... THAT CAN'T BE...

I HAVE SEEN IT **BEFORE**, CAITLIN SNOW.

MY OWN **SISTER**, FREYA, **SUFFERED** AS YOU DO. I WAS **TAKEN** FROM HER, AND THE LOSS TURNED HER COLD. AFTER YEARS **AILING** IN SECRET... SHE TOOK HER OWN LIFE.

SHE COULD NOT **BEAR** THE FUTURE SHE SAW, THE **SAME** THAT AWAITS **YOU**, CAITLIN...





I WAS HELPLESS TO **SAVE** FREYA. I FAILED HER...

...AND NOW I SEE HER IN **YOU**.

...I CAN **CURE** YOU, IF YOU **WISH** IT.

IN RETURN, WE WILL DO RIGHT BY MY **SISTER'S MEMORY**.

WE RULED THE **BODIES** OF MORTAL MEN, YET THEIR **THOUGHTS** WERE FREE. THEY **REVOLTED**, BANISHING ME AND DOOMING FREYA.

BUT IF YOU TAKE MY **WISH**, I WILL REGAIN THE MORTAL PLANE, A STEPPING STONE TO THE REALM OF **PURE IMAGINATION**. THERE, YOU AND I WILL **RULE** HUMANITY'S VERY **THOUGHTS**.

THERE WILL BE NO **REVOLT**. YOU WILL BE **SAFE**. AND IN FREYA'S MEMORY, WE WILL MOLD THEM INTO THE **GOOD** PEOPLE SHE **BELIEVED** THEY WERE.

KNOW THIS, SISTER. YOUR LIFE HANGS ON AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE.

I AM TSARITSA. THE **MIGHT** THEY CAST BEYOND THE MIRROR.

AND I AM YOUR **QUEEN**.

I DON'T HAVE A SISTER... BUT I **CAN'T** LET ALL THIS **DEATH** HAPPEN. I **CAN'T**...

**NO ONE** HAS BEEN ABLE TO FIND A CURE... **WHO ARE YOU?**

MY NAME IS CAITLIN SNOW...



...AND THIS IS HOW I MADE AN IMPOSSIBLE CHOICE.

**THE SANCTUARY.**  
HAPPY HARBOR,  
RHODE ISLAND. NOW.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, CAITLIN?

YOU'RE CURED?!

I DON'T KNOW, RYAN... I WOKE UP THIS MORNING, AND THE SICKNESS, THE HUNGER... IT WAS GONE, LIKE... LIKE BEFORE MY ACCIDENT.

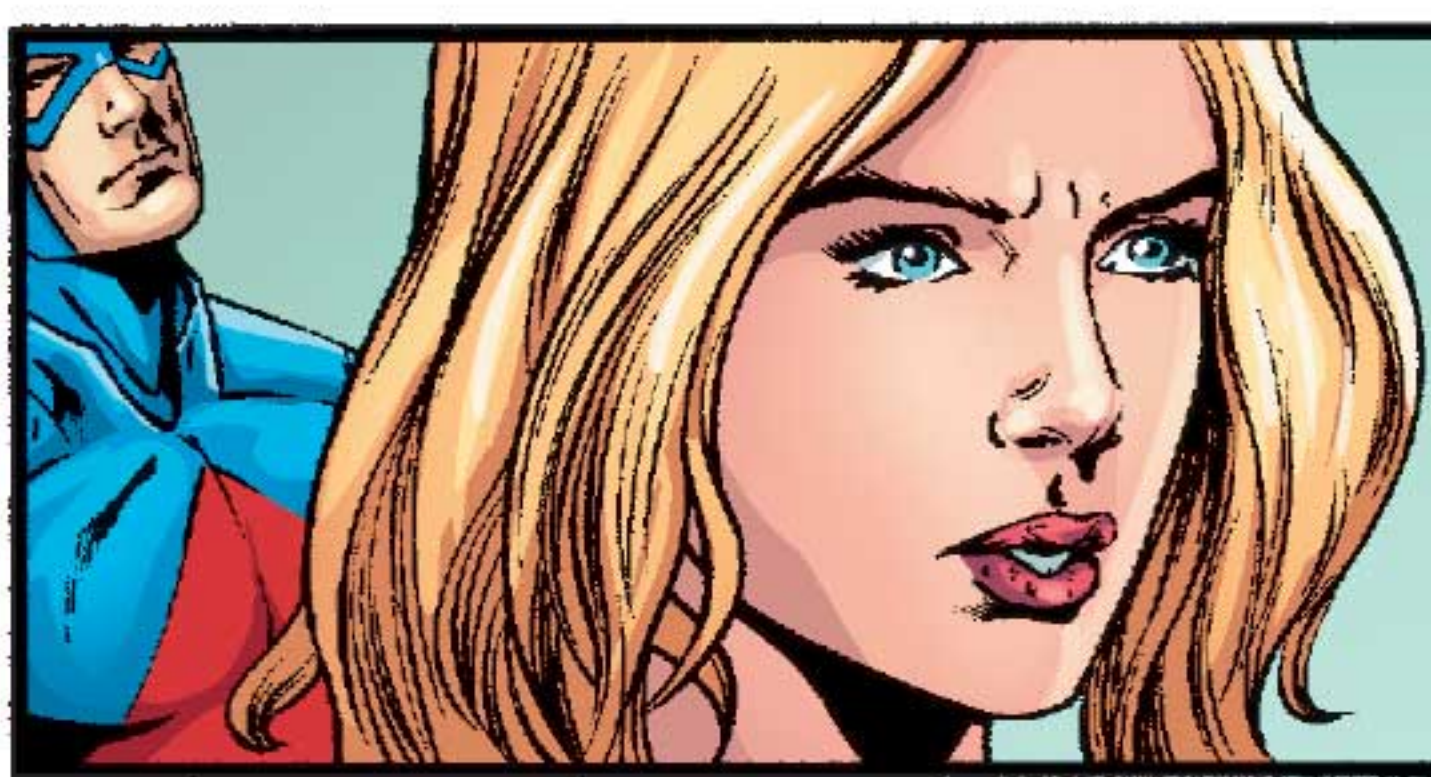


RIGHT. WELL, IT AIN'T NO MIRACLE, YA FAITHFUL FRAGS.

...YA'VE ALL WONDERED WHY THE MAIN MAN'S BEEN HERE SINCE THA BEGINNIN'. CANARY ALREADY KNOWS...

I'M HERE 'CAUSE BATS HAD SOMETHIN' I WANT.\* HE KNEW THE MIGHT WAS COMIN', HAD HIMSELF A VISIT FROM HER. AN' HE WANTED ME TA GIVE HER WHAT FOR WHEN SHE SHOWED UP.

\*SEE JLA ANNUAL #1, YA TRIBBS. -BRIAN



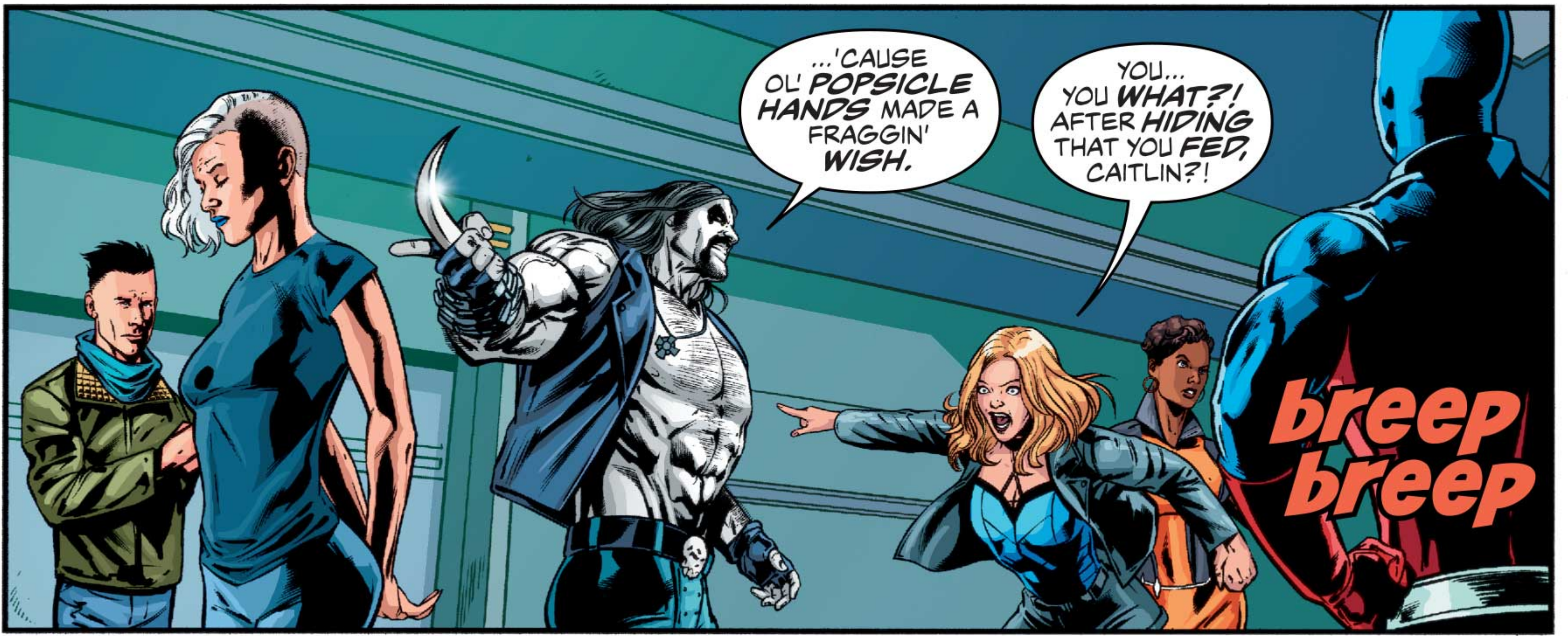
HE NEEDED PEOPLE THE MIGHT'S OFFER COULDN'T TEMPT, THAT KNEW THERE'S NO QUICK FIX, THAT EVERY DAY IS A FIGHT.

HE DIDN'T TRUST THE OTHER LEAGUE WITH IT. BUT HE TRUSTED US.

SURE. 'CEPT I GUESS HE FRAGGED THAT UP..







... 'CAUSE OL' POPSICLE HANDS MADE A FRAGGIN' WISH.

YOU... YOU WHAT?! AFTER HIDING THAT YOU FED, CAITLIN?!

bweep  
bweep



WE'VE GOT **GLOBAL REPORTS** COMING IN OF MORE **WISHES**. PEOPLE ARE MORE DESPERATE THAN EVER WITH EVIL BATMEN RAINING DOWN ON THEM.

NO-- TELL THEM, CAITLIN! YOU... YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT...

I SEE **JUDGMENT** IN THEIR FACES. **NONE** OF THEM KNOW WHAT I SAW.



A WORLD FALLEN TO **ICE...** BY MY HAND. I HAD TO MAKE A CHOICE FOR **BILLIONS** OF LIVES.



I DIDN'T **WISH** FOR SUCCESS OR FAME. I WISHED TO **SAVE** THE WORLD FROM MYSELF.



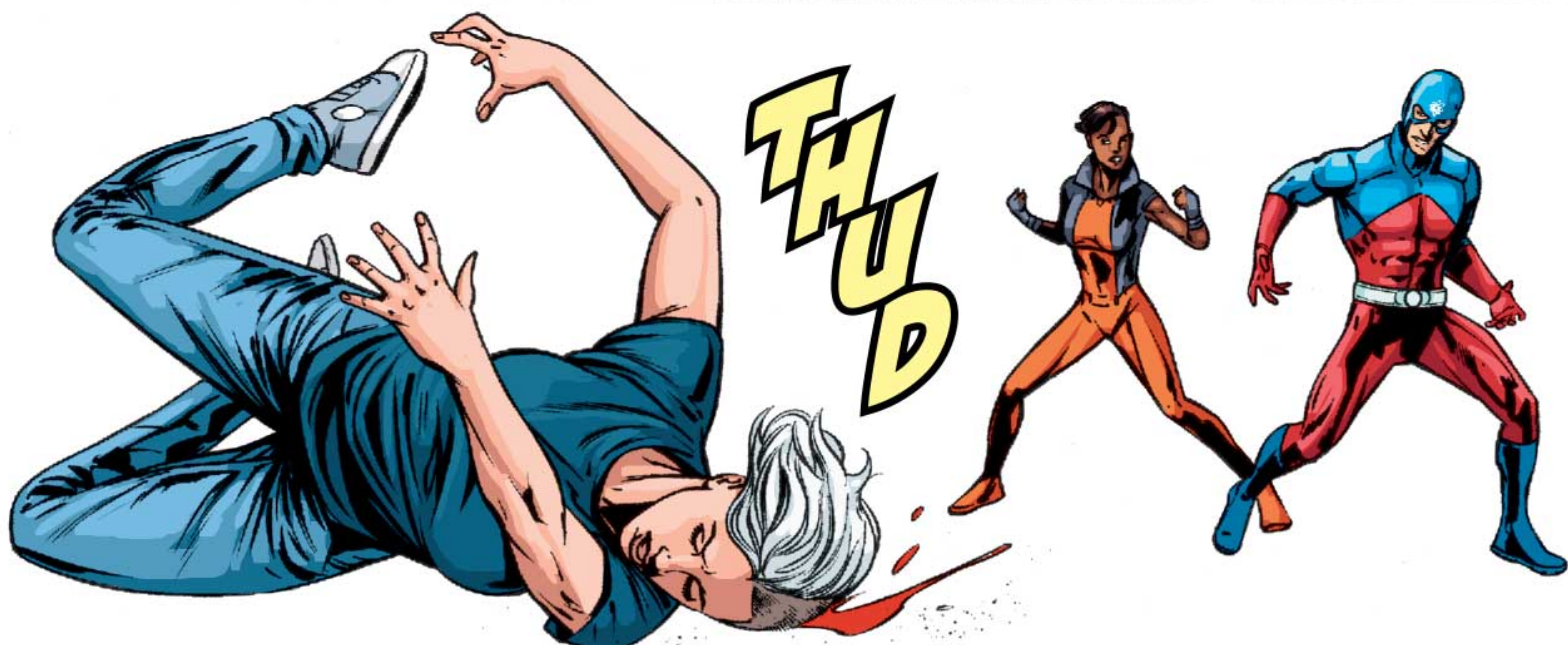
...IT SUDDENLY FEELS LIKE MY **HEAD'S** GOING TO **SPLIT OPEN...**



CAITLIN!



RYAN...



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