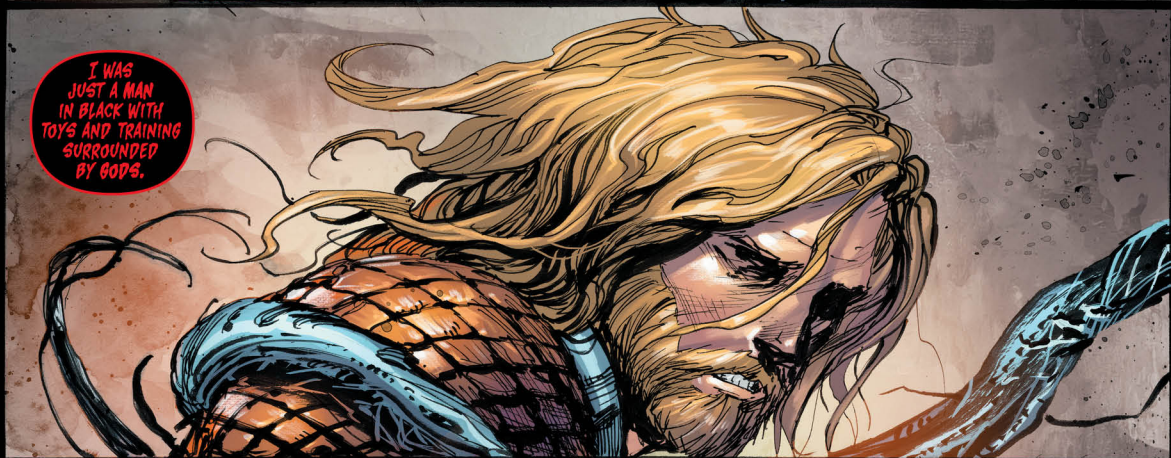




WHEN I FIRST JOINED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE I FELT INTIMIDATED.



I WAS JUST A MAN IN BLACK WITH TOYS AND TRAINING SURROUNDED BY GODS.



BUT WITH EACH ADVENTURE WE SHARED I SAW THEIR FLAWS.



AND ONE DAY IT HIT ME... THEIR POWERS WERE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE GUNS THE CRIMINALS USED ON THE STREETS OF GOTHAM.

AND FINALLY, I REALIZED...

BATS OUT OF HELL

FINALE

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THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE ARE
A SUPERSTITIOUS AND
COWARDLY LOT!

HAHAHA
HAHA

I'VE NEVER HEARD
BATMAN LAUGH BEFORE.

AND EVEN THOUGH
I KNOW THIS ISN'T
MY BRUCE, IT'S
TERRIFYING TO HEAR.

LAUGHING AT
THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE'S
LOSSES...

PING

...AS HE FLOODS MY MOTHER BOX WITH ENERGY FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE HE CRAWLED OUT OF. HE SAID HE WANTS TO EXTRACT SOMETHING CALLED THE ELEMENT X FROM INSIDE OF ME.

ARRRGHHH

TO GET IT, HE'S RUSHING ME WITH VISIONS OF ALL THE WAYS I COULD LOSE.

MY NIGHTMARES. OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

THERE'S NO WAY TO GET MY TEAM BACK TOGETHER NOW... WE'VE LOST IT ALL.

THE PAIN IS UNRELENTING.

PING

IT'S LIKE SOME TWISTED VERSION OF WHEN I WOULD STUDY GAME TAPE TO SEE WHY WE LOST...

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BUT THIS ISN'T A GAME. AND WE SURE AS HELL CAN'T WIN.

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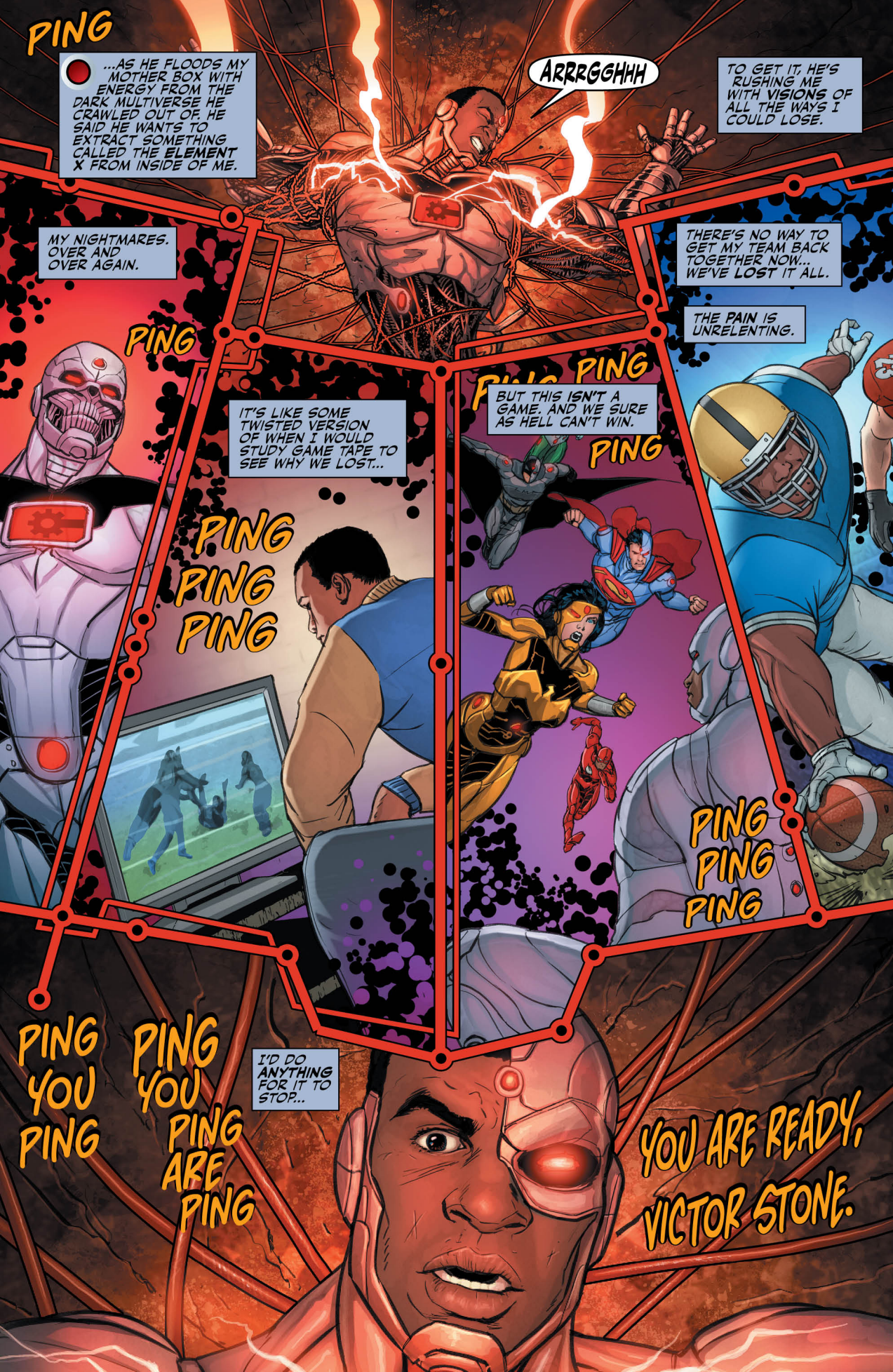
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I'D DO ANYTHING FOR IT TO STOP...

**YOU ARE READY,
VICTOR STONE.**



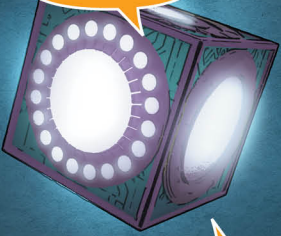
YOU AND I HAVE BEEN CONNECTED FOR A LONG TIME, VICTOR STONE. AND IT APPEARS YOU ARE READY TO ACCESS YOUR TRUE PROGRAMMING.

YOU'RE MY MOTHER BOX. THIS IS ALL INSIDE MY HEAD?

THAT IS CORRECT.

AND AT MY HEART IS ELEMENT X.

THE PUREST, BRIGHTEST METAL IN THE COSMOS, FROM THE WORLD FORGE ITSELF. TEEMING WITH POSSIBILITY.



IF YOU ALLOW YOURSELF TO BECOME ONE WITH ME, IT CAN BE YOURS.

WHY ME?

ALL WHO HAVE CONNECTED TO A MOTHER BOX IN THE PAST HAVE ACHIEVED THEIR PERFECT FORM, AND YET YOU HAVE ALWAYS RESISTED.

YOU ARE A GLITCH IN THE UNIVERSE. BUT IT IS FINALLY TIME.



WAIT... THERE ARE OTHERS LIKE ME?

MANY.

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF I WERE TO GIVE IN?

I WILL DELETE YOUR ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING FROM BEFORE YOU BONDED WITH THE MOTHER BOX AND TAKE OVER TO DEFEAT THE DARK KNIGHTS.

"ORIGINAL PROGRAMMING"? YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME. YOU'D ERASE ME TO WIN...

DAMN...

YOU ARE NOT NECESSARY. THE MULTIVERSE DOES NOT NEED YOU TO SAVE IT. YOU KNOW THIS.

LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS AT STAKE.



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