

**S.T.A.R. Labs in  
Central City.**  
*A Few Months Ago.*

"BEFORE ALL  
OF THIS..."

"...I WAS IN  
CONTROL OF  
MY LIFE."

LOOK, I'M JUST SAYING, YOU SHOULD AT LEAST GIVE US A CHANCE. JOIN US, JUST FOR ONE MEETING, MEENA.

BUT THE THINGS WE'RE LOOKING AT...

WARREN, IT'S ONE HUNDRED PERCENT FORBIDDEN BY S.T.A.R. LABS.

...THEY'RE UNBELIEVABLE!

OH, I HAVE NO DOUBT IT'S ALL VERY UNBELIEVABLE, WARREN.

C'MON, MEENA! WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SPEED FORCE HERE.

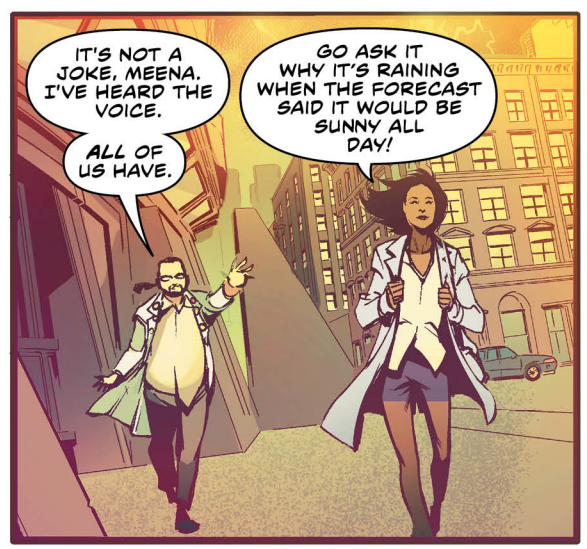
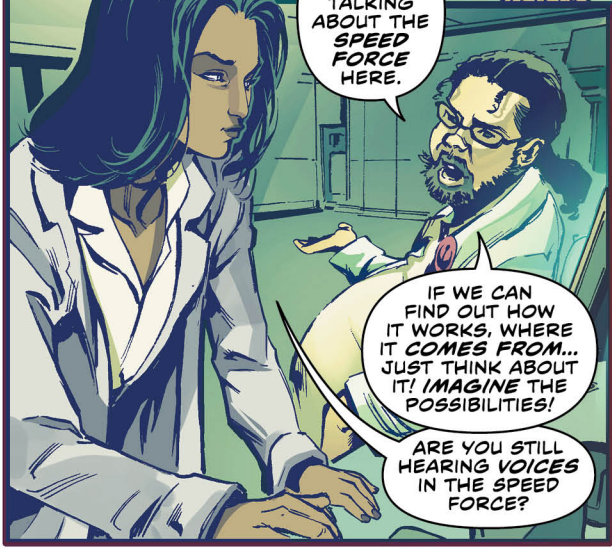
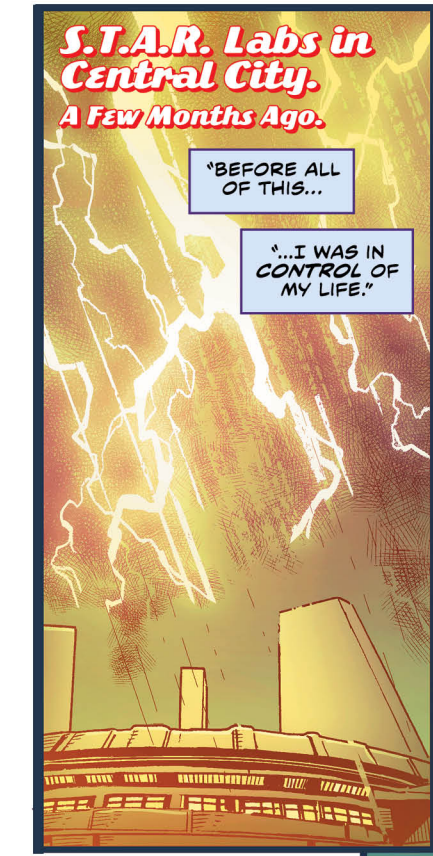
IF WE CAN FIND OUT HOW IT WORKS, WHERE IT COMES FROM... JUST THINK ABOUT IT! IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES!

ARE YOU STILL HEARING VOICES IN THE SPEED FORCE?

IT'S NOT A JOKE, MEENA. I'VE HEARD THE VOICE.

ALL OF US HAVE.

GO ASK IT WHY IT'S RAINING WHEN THE FORECAST SAID IT WOULD BE SUNNY ALL DAY!



# KRACCOKK

"WHEN I WAS HIT BY THAT LIGHTNING FROM THE SPEED FORCE STORM...IT GAVE ME POWERS THAT DEFIED EVERYTHING I KNEW.

"I NEVER LIKED MYSTERIES. I LIKED FACTS.

# BLACK HOLE RISING

PART ONE

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"THAT'S WHY I VOLUNTEERED TO SET UP THE SPEED FORCE TRAINING CENTER, BECAUSE I WAS WORRIED I'D NEVER FEEL IN CONTROL AGAIN..."



...BUT THEN I MET YOU, BARRY.

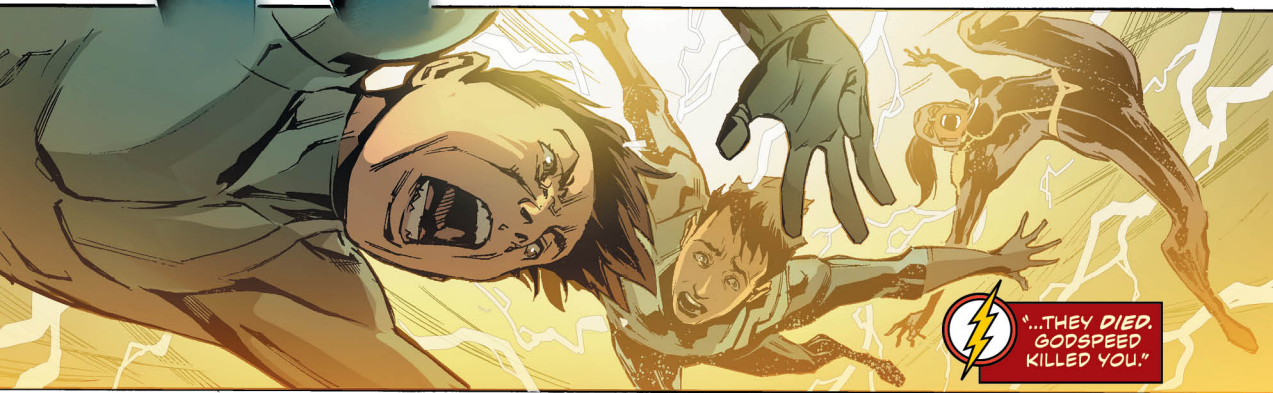
YOU HELPED ME. SHARED YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE SPEED FORCE...AND YOURSELF...  
AND I'VE DONE EVERYTHING I COULD TO FIND YOU AGAIN...



THIS IS A LOT TO TAKE IN, I KNOW. BUT I PROMISE IT WILL ALL MAKE SENSE--

MAKE SENSE?

MEENA, YOU WEREN'T JUST AWAY OR NOT RETURNING MY CALLS. THOSE OTHER TWO SPEEDSTERS WHO WERE WITH YOU...

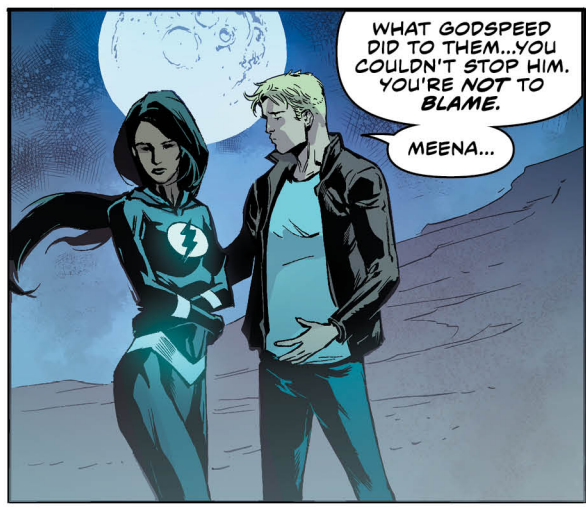


 "...THEY DIED. GODSPEED KILLED YOU."



I THINK ABOUT THEM ALL THE TIME.

THEY WERE SO SCARED, IN SO MUCH PAIN. AND JUST KNOWING THAT I LIVED WHILE THEY... THEY--



WHAT GODSPEED DID TO THEM...YOU COULDN'T STOP HIM. YOU'RE NOT TO BLAME.

MEENA...

**BARRY?!**

BARRY, I WAS LISTENING TO YOUR MESSAGE, BUT IT JUST CUT OFF! ARE YOU--

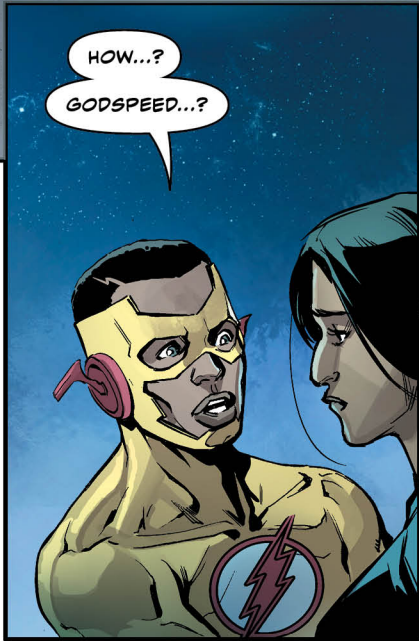
**KID FLASH?!**

MEENA...?

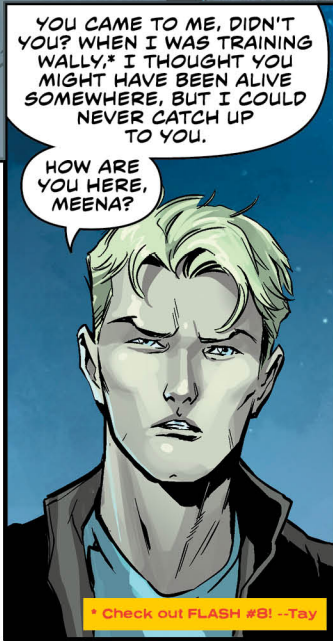




YOU'RE ALIVE!



HOW...?  
GODSPEED...?



YOU CAME TO ME, DIDN'T YOU? WHEN I WAS TRAINING WALLY,\* I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALIVE SOMEWHERE, BUT I COULD NEVER CATCH UP TO YOU.

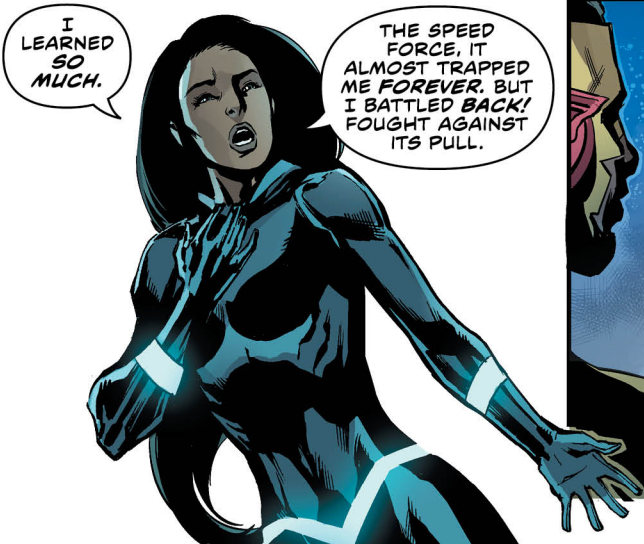
HOW ARE YOU HERE, MEENA?

\* Check out FLASH #8! --Toy



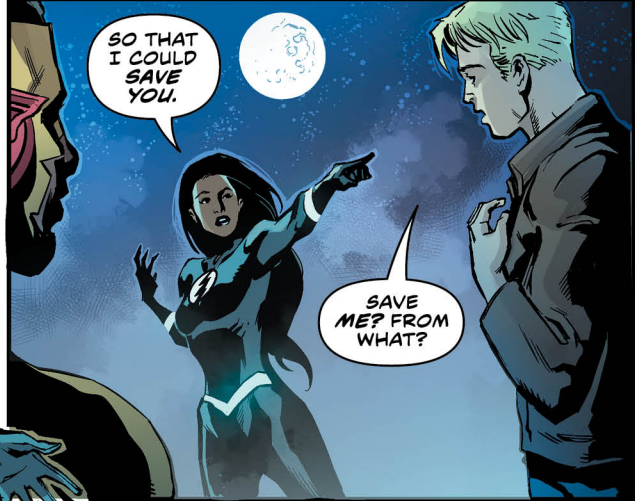
THE SPEED FORCE ABSORBED ME INTO IT.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, NOT COMPLETELY, BUT THE THINGS THAT I SAW...WHAT I FOUND OUT...



I LEARNED SO MUCH.

THE SPEED FORCE, IT ALMOST TRAPPED ME FOREVER. BUT I BATTLED BACK! FOUGHT AGAINST ITS PULL.



SO THAT I COULD SAVE YOU.

SAVE ME? FROM WHAT?