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ROGUE RAGE!

KEYSTONE CITY.

"I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO."

I GUESS I'VE NEVER KNOWN WHAT TO DO. I FIND OUT MY FATHER IS CAPTAIN BOOMERANG, THAT I HAVE SUPER-SPEED...

...AS SOON AS HE GETS DONE SHOWING ME THE FAMILY BUSINESS, HE DIES. NOW HE'S BACK?

I TRIED TO CAPTURE MY FATHER AND RESTRAIN HIM, BUT...

...HE GOT AWAY.

AND NOW I NEED YOUR HELP.

WHY ME?

YOU'RE NEW TO THE TWIN CITIES, SANDBLAST. AND I HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE YOU CAME HERE BECAUSE YOU WANTED TO GET IN WITH THE ROGUES.

YOU HEARD RIGHT.

I CAN MAKE CAPTAIN COLD FORGET YOU'RE A SEX OFFENDER.



YOU BETTER FORGET IT TOO.



THAT KINDA CRAP CAN FOLLOW YOU AROUND--





ME.



AARRHH!



THUD



IT'S WORKING, SON. I CAN FEEL MY BLOOD WARMING UP. I CAN HEAR MY HEART BEAT AGAIN.

JUST A FEW MORE.



JUST BRING ME A FEW MORE.

MY NAME IS BARRY ALLEN.

I'M GLAD TO BE ALIVE.

HANG ON, WALLY. I'VE NEVER FLOWN BEFORE.

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STRUCK BY A BOLT OF LIGHTNING AND DOUSED IN CHEMICALS, POLICE SCIENTIST BARRY ALLEN WAS TRANSFORMED INTO THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE. WITH EVERY STEP HE RUNS, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER GENERATES AN ENIGMATIC ENERGY CALLED THE SPEED FORCE, ABLE TO BE TAPPED INTO BY OTHERS THROUGHOUT TIME WHO SHARE HIS SENSE OF JUSTICE. TODAY, BARRY ALLEN PROTECTS AND SERVES THE WORLD OVER AS

The FLASH





IF THAT RING IS TELLING YOU BART'S STILL ALIVE--WHAT ABOUT SOLOVAR?

YOU'RE SO BRIGHT, BARRY. YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO BRIGHT.

NOT ALWAYS, SOLOVAR.



ESPECIALLY WHEN HE GOT BACK. HE WAS LIKE, "A NEW KID FLASH?" WHO CARES?!



UNLIKE BART ALLEN, SOLOVAR HAS ALREADY MOVED ON FROM HIS TERRESTRIAL EXISTENCE AND BACK TO THE LIGHT.

BUT TAKE COMFORT. ALTHOUGH HIS BODY HAS BEEN DESECRATED BY THE BLACK RING--

--HIS ESSENCE IS BEYOND ANY PAIN OR SORROW THEY CAN INFLICT.

I BELIEVE EVERYTHING SAINT WALKER SAYS.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE RING HE GAVE ME. IT'S THE WAY HE SPEAKS. EVERY WORD BACKED BY UNSHAKABLE FAITH.

EVEN HAL DOUBTS HIMSELF FROM TIME TO TIME.

AND AS LONG AS THIS BLACK LANTERN IS OCCUPIED, OUR MINDS REMAIN AS CLEAR AS OUR HEARTS.

FOCUS ON WHAT MATTERS HERE: SAVING BART ALLEN.

BUT NOT THE BLUE LANTERN.



OR THE BLUE RING.

DON'T YOU GUYS NEED A ROAD TO RUN ON?



GUESS WHO, WALLY?

I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT! YOU HATE ME AS MUCH AS I HATE YOU.

BART IS DYING. WE NEED TO GET THE BLACK RING OFF HIM.

THAWNE IS A DIFFERENT STORY.


GLOW FOR ME, BARRY. GLOW WITH ALL YOUR HOPE.



HE MIGHT BE DEAD NOW, BUT I KNOW HE'S RESURRECTED AT SOME POINT IN HIS OWN RELATIVE FUTURE.

HIS REANIMATED BODY MAY BE HERE--



 -BUT I PUT HIM, ALIVE AND ALMOST WELL, IN IRON HEIGHTS MYSELF LAST WEEK.



THAWNE, EOBARD
THE REVERSE-FLASH

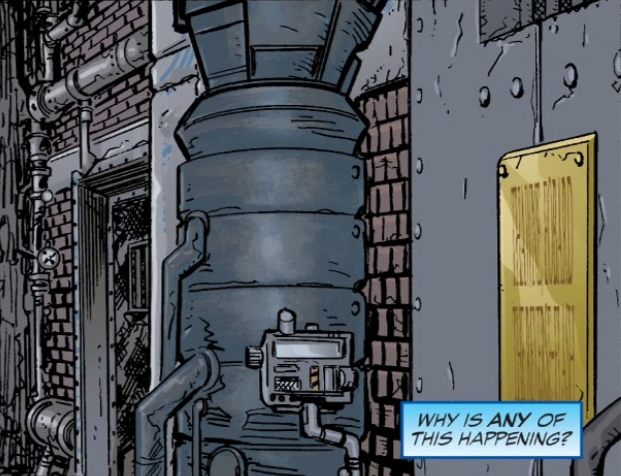
I WONDER HOW IT COULD BE POSSIBLE, BUT THE RING URGES ME TO STOP THINKING WITH MY MIND.



SO IN MY HEART I DON'T WONDER HOW, I WONDER WHY.



WHY IS ANY OF THIS HAPPENING?



FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I PUT IT ON, THE BLUE RING GROWS SILENT.

UH, COLD? YOUR AIM IS OFF. THEY'RE BACK THAT WAY.

I'M NOT WORRIED ABOUT THEM, TRICKSTER.



I'M WORRIED ABOUT US.

HANG ON, MCCULLOCH!

KRR
KSH
HH

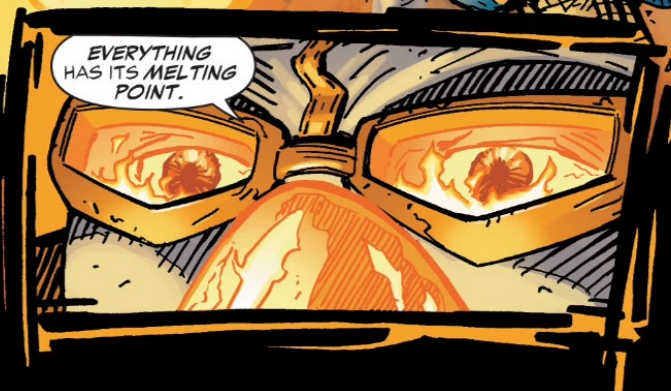
A LITTLE HEAT WAVE OF MY OWN TO ADD TO YOURS, MICK.

YOU THINK YOU CAN INCINERATE THEM?

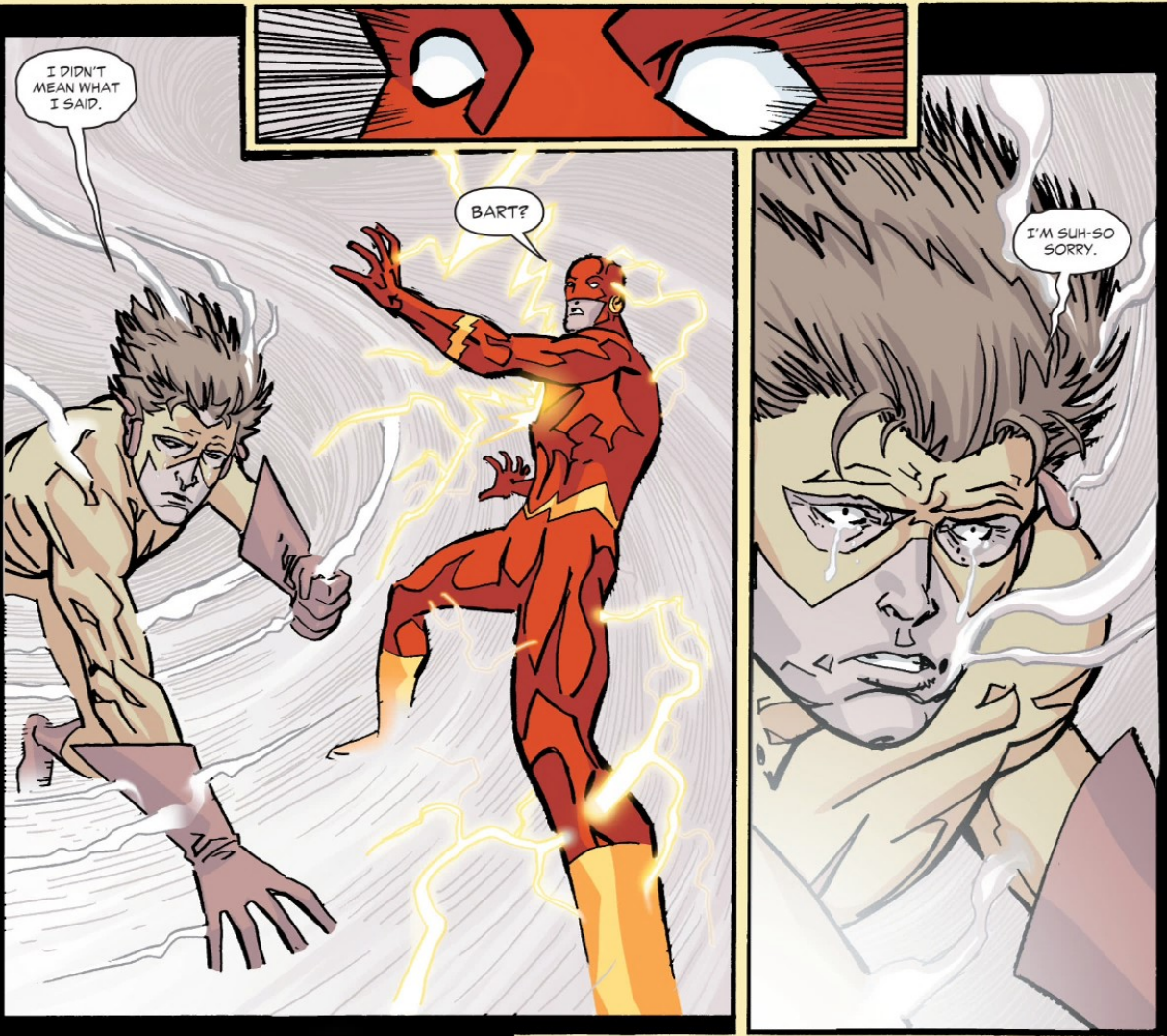
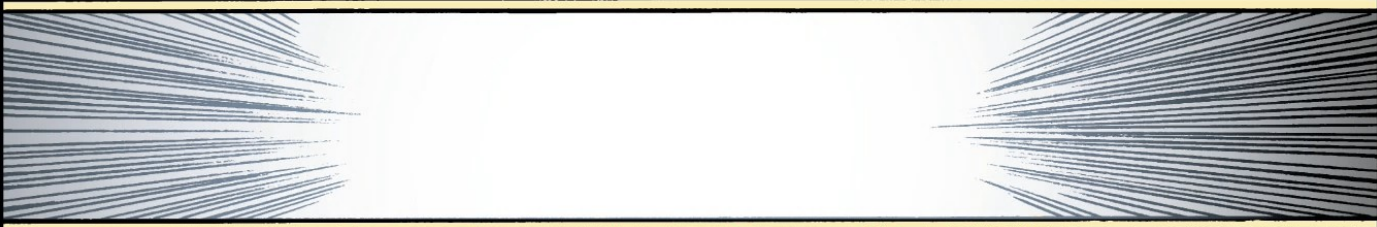
TRUST ME, KID.

BWOOSH

EVERYTHING HAS ITS MELTING POINT.







I DIDN'T MEAN WHAT I SAID.

BART?

I'M SUH-SO SORRY.



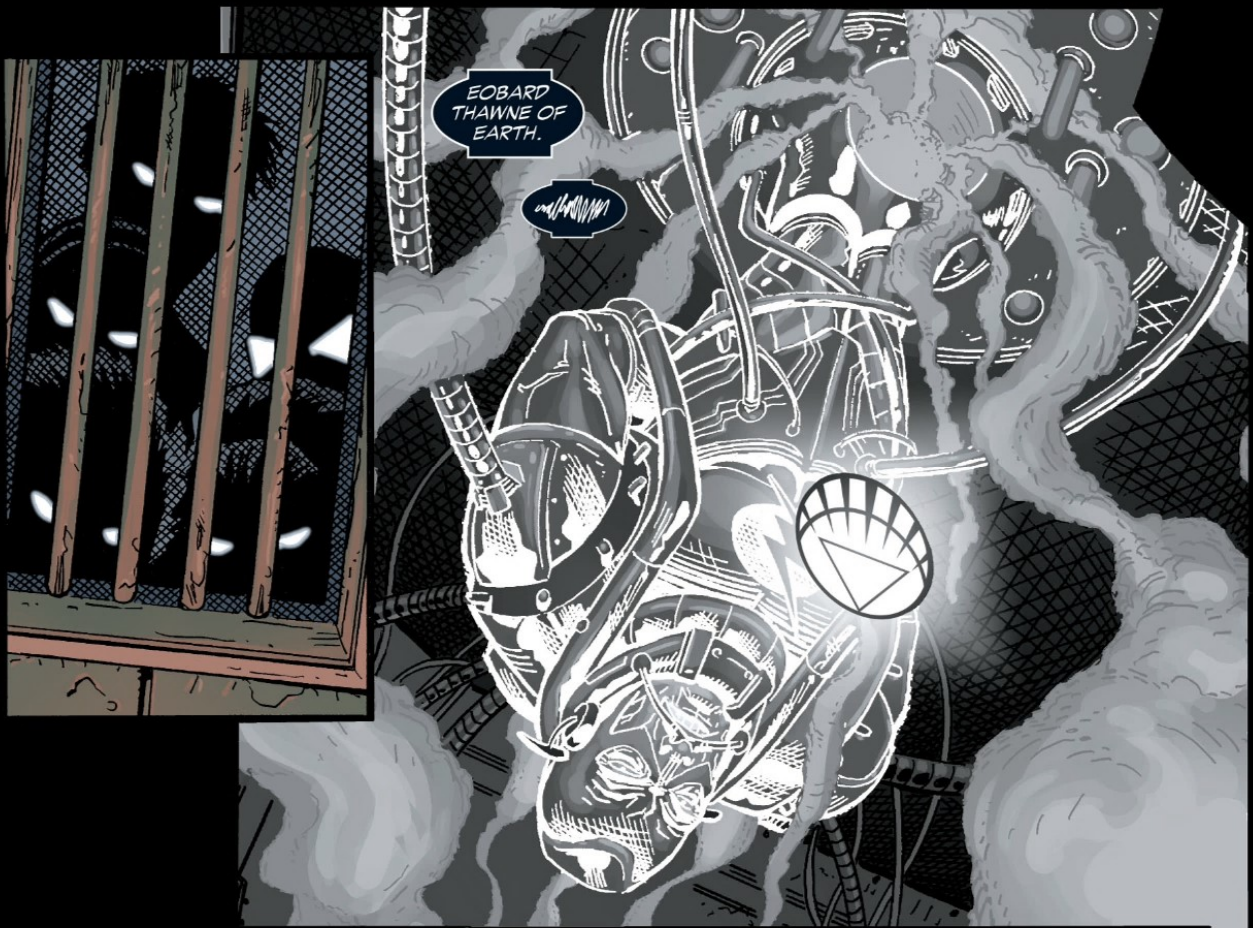
I'M SO SORRY FOR SCREWING EVERYTHING UP.

INFECTION DETECTED.

INFECTION EXPELLED.







EOBARD
THAWNE OF
EARTH.

and



I'M ALL OUTTA
TRICKS.

I DON'T THINK
THEY'RE INTERESTED,
TRICKSTER.

WUT ARE
TH' STARIN'
AT?



DON'T KNOW.
DON'T CARE.



KRNGGGG



GIVE ME YOUR HOPE!

AAHHH!!



WHAT'S THAT?

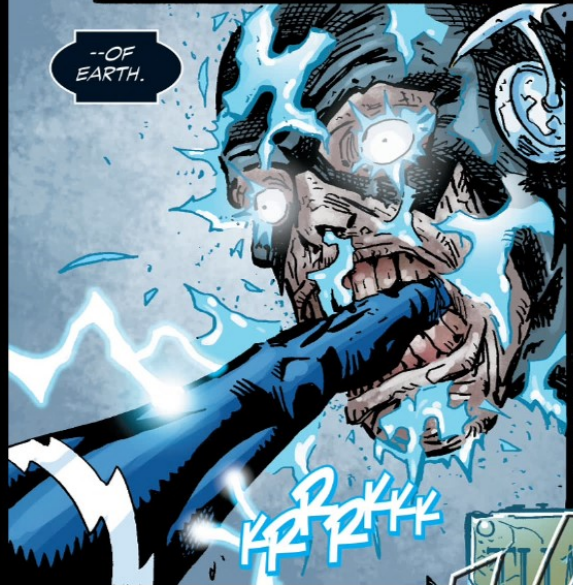
COLD-GRENADE. IT'S GOING TO TURN THIS WHOLE PLACE INTO AN ICEBERG.

AWESOME!



EOBARD THAWNE--

KRRINGGG



--OF EARTH.

KRRINGGG



KRRINGGG

BARRY!

KRRNINGGG

WALLY, I--

FOCUS ON BART HERE, REMEMBER?

HE IS IN THERE, BARRY. BART TRIED TO VIBRATE THROUGH ME AND SOMETHING HAPPENED. I THINK WE'RE STILL CONNECTED TO HIM.

THE SPEED FORCE IS CONNECTING US.

YOU NEED TO VIBRATE THROUGH HIM AND GET HIM OUT OF THERE.

BUT YOU--

I VIBRATE THROUGH THINGS AND THEY EXPLODE.

WHEN DID THAT START?

LATER. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE MUCH TIME.

I BARELY KNOW HIM, WALLY. WHAT DO I SAY--?

YOU ALWAYS KNOW WHAT TO SAY, BARRY.



NEKRON'S CALLING
FIRESTORM AWAY.
MARTIAN MANHUNTER
AND SUPERMAN.

HE'S
CALLING ME
TOO.

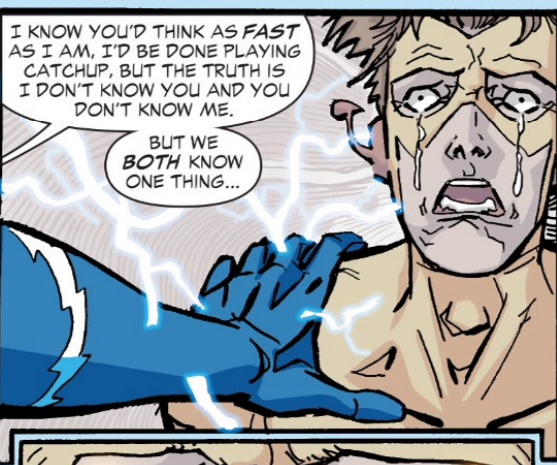
BART.

GO AWAY.
I'M DEAD.



YOU'RE
NOT DEAD,
BART.

FROM WHAT
I HEAR, YOU
KNOW HOW TO
LIVE MORE THAN
ANYONE ELSE.



I KNOW YOU'D THINK AS FAST
AS I AM, I'D BE DONE PLAYING
CATCHUP, BUT THE TRUTH IS
I DON'T KNOW YOU AND YOU
DON'T KNOW ME.

BUT WE
BOTH KNOW
ONE THING...



...YOU STILL
HAVE A LONG ROAD
TO RUN.



BARRY?



LET'S GET
OUT OF HERE,
KID.

CONNECTION SEVERED.

KRASH





ARE YOU OKAY?

HE LOOKS IT.

IT WAS SO WEIRD. I COULD SEE YOU, BOTH OF YOU. I COULD HEAR EVERYTHING I SAID.



YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT NEKRON.



HE'S CALLING ALL THE BLACK LANTERNS INTO COAST CITY.

WHY DID REVERSE-FLASH FREEZE LIKE THAT? THE BLUE RING--?

I DON'T THINK SO, WALLY. BUT IF YOU LOOK CLOSE INTO THE ICE YOU CAN SEE A REFLECTION.

MIRROR MASTER?

NO.



THAWNE.



WE TOOK CARE OF THE OTHERS, KID, BUT THERE'S STILL ONE STRAGGLER.

WHERE IS HE?

WHERE'S DIGGER?



YOU HAVE TO LEAVE HIM ALONE, COLD. I'M BRINGING HIM BACK.

MY DAD'S GOING TO COME BACK.

THESE THINGS AREN'T THEM.

WHEN HE FEEDS ENOUGH--



FEEDS? THIS AIN'T HELLRAISER, OWEN! THESE THINGS DIDN'T CRAWL OUT OF THE GROUND SO THEY COULD REJOIN THE LIVING!

HE CAN FEEL HIS HEART STARTING TO BEAT!

THEY'RE PLAYING WITH US LIKE CATS PLAY WITH MICE BEFORE CLAWING THEIR GUTS OUT.

YOU SHOULD'VE STAYED WITH US WHEN WE OFFERED YOU YOUR FATHER'S SPOT. SINCE THEN YOU'VE BEEN FLYING BACK AND FORTH LIKE A BOOMERANG.



RAGE.

LOVE.

AVARICE.

HOPE.



COLD?



COLD?? MY DEAR FRIEND, IS THAT YOU AGAIN?



HOW MANY YOU SHOVE DOWN THERE?

I...



ANY WOMEN OR CHILDREN?



OWEN.

THE ROGUES DON'T KILL WOMEN OR CHILDREN.



AHHH!

BMP



SON? SON, I'M SO CLOSE.

DAD, I'LL GET YOU ANOTHER--

NO, OWEN.



FEAR.

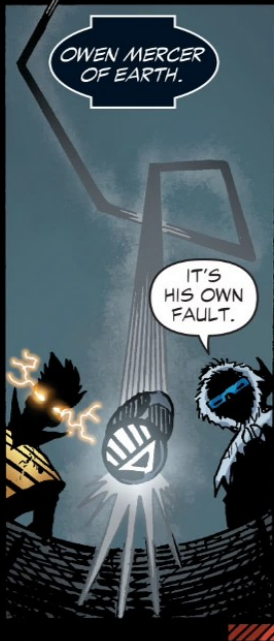
HOPE.

LOVE.

AVARICE.

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH FOR DEAR OL' DAD.





OWEN MERCER OF EARTH.

IT'S HIS OWN FAULT.



I'M A LITTLE SCARED TO BE HONEST.

IT'S OKAY TO BE RATTLED, BART, BUT HAL NEEDS OUR HELP.

IT'S OKAY? I THOUGHT YOU SAID THE BLACK LANTERNS WOULD--

WE'VE BEEN FIGHTING THIS ALL WRONG, WALLY. TOSSING ASIDE EMOTION LIKE THE GUARDIANS. HIDING WHAT WE FEEL. WE REAP WHAT WE SOW.



RISE.



NO MATTER WHAT LIFE THROWS AT YOU--



--OR WHAT WAY THE ROAD TURNS--

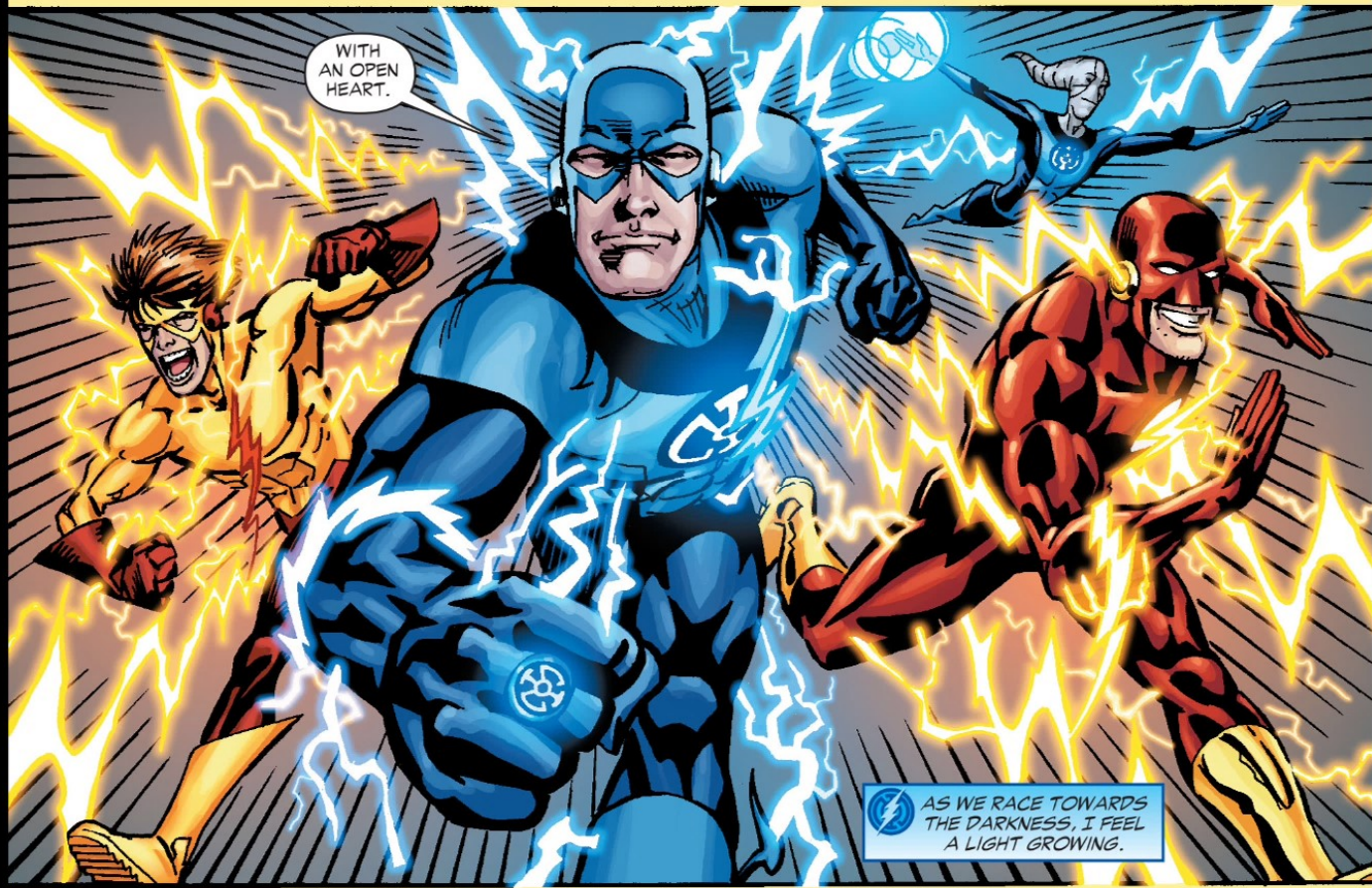
KRNGGG



--YOU'VE GOT TO PUT ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER--



--AND KEEP MOVIN' FORWARD--



WITH AN OPEN HEART.

AS WE RACE TOWARDS THE DARKNESS, I FEEL A LIGHT GROWING.



WITH A COLD HEART.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS--

--BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT.

END