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DEATHSTROKE

THE H.I.V.E. NEVER SHOULD HAVE HIRED YOU TO GO AFTER THE TITANS, SON. THAT'S WHAT GOT YOU KILLED.

"WHEN IT COMES TO GRIEF, EVERYONE DEALS WITH IT IN THEIR OWN WAY."

THEY'RE STILL PAYING FOR THAT MISTAKE.

"WHEN LOVED ONES ARE TAKEN FROM US, SOME CAN NEVER SEE BEYOND THOSE RESPONSIBLE. SOME ARE FOREVER DRIVEN BY A DESIRE FOR PAYBACK."

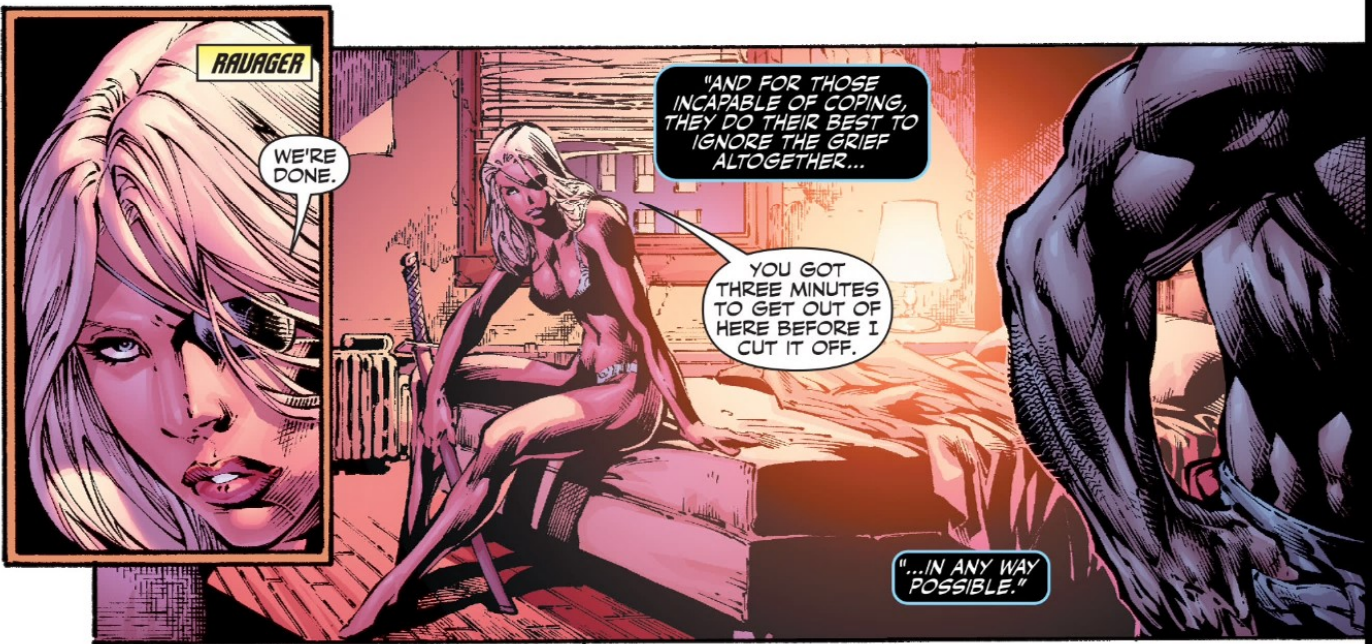


RED STAR

NA ZDOROVYE.

"OTHERS GO INWARD, FACING THE GRIEF HEAD-ON, LIKE A FREIGHT TRAIN."

"GOOD AND BAD, THEY CLING TO THE MEMORIES BECAUSE IT'S ALL THEY HAVE."



RAVAGER

WE'RE DONE.

"AND FOR THOSE INCAPABLE OF COPING, THEY DO THEIR BEST TO IGNORE THE GRIEF ALTOGETHER..."

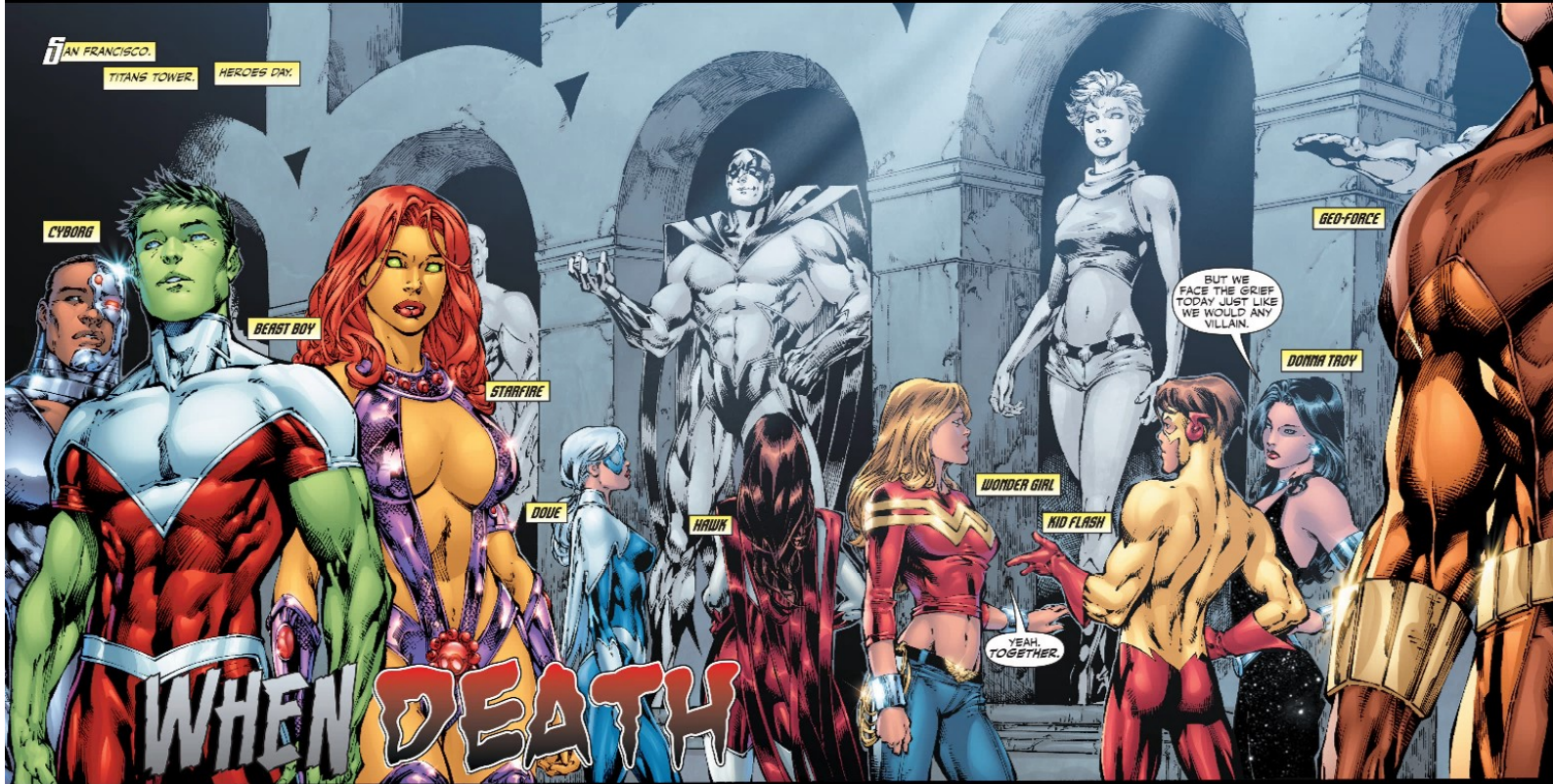
YOU GOT THREE MINUTES TO GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I CUT IT OFF.

"...IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE."

SAN FRANCISCO.

TITANS TOWER.

HEROES DAY.



WHEN DEATH

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IT DIDN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE ME, CASSIE.

WE TOOK YOUR STATUE DOWN ANYWAY, BART.

I WISH YOU COULD TAKE THEM ALL DOWN.



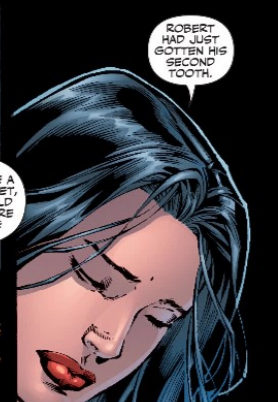
WE GOT YOU AND CONNER. I'D SAY HAVING KID FLASH AND SUPERBOY BACK IS A GOOD START FOR THE TITANS.

I USED TO THINK DEATH WAS IT. BUT BEING ABLE TO LOOK INTO CONNER'S EYES AGAIN, I TRULY BELIEVE THAT ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE.



SOME OF US HAVE CHEATED DEATH, ME, MORE TIMES THAN I CARE TO REMEMBER. BUT FOR MOST, CASSIE... DEATH IS THE END.

TERRY AND MY SON, ROBERT, DIDN'T DIE FIGHTING BROTHER BLOOD OR TRIGON. IT WAS JUST A RANDOM CAR ACCIDENT.



ROBERT HAD JUST GOTTEN HIS SECOND TOOTH.

IF DEATH CAN REALLY BE A TWO-WAY STREET, I WISH IT WOULD WORK FOR MORE THAN PEOPLE LIKE US.



I DO NOT UNDERSTAND. IF **GEO-FORCE** KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS SISTER, WHY DOES HER STATUE STILL STAND?

SHE DOES NOT DESERVE TO BE HERE. **TERRA** WAS A TRAITOR.

TARA WAS STILL A TITAN, KORY.

A TITAN WHO TRIED TO MURDER US.



SO DID RAVAGER. HER MIND WAS POISONED BY **DEATHSTROKE**. BUT ROBIN SAVED HER IN THE END, DIDN'T HE?

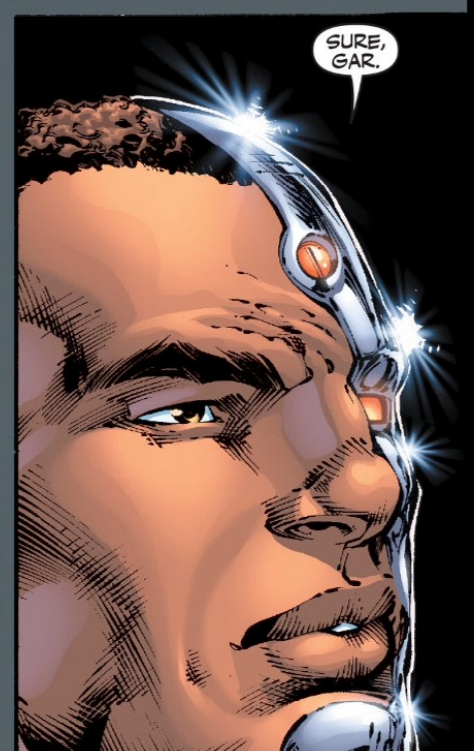
WE ACCEPTED ROSE. AND NOW, **DEATHSTROKE'S** DAUGHTER IS ONE OF US.



TERRA WASN'T BEING DRUGGED, GAR.



IF GIVEN THE CHANCE, SHE COULD HAVE BEEN A **GREAT TITAN**.



SURE, GAR.



THEY REALLY CAPTURED HIS SMUG SMILE.



HANK WASN'T SMUG, HOLLY. EVERYBODY SAYS THAT, BUT THEY DIDN'T KNOW HIM. NOT REALLY.

I HEARD ENOUGH STORIES ABOUT THE GREAT HANK HALL TO KNOW WHAT HE WAS.

POMPOUS, EGOTISTICAL... *SEXIST*. SOUNDED LIKE A TOTAL TOOL.

WHEN I FIRST BECAME DOVE, I THOUGHT THE SAME THING. BUT THAT WASN'T WHO HANK WAS. IT WAS JUST HIS ARMOR.

NOBODY SAW THAT BUT ME.



ALL I KNOW IS, THE LORD OF CHAOS TRADED UP WHEN IT APPOINTED ME THE NEW AVATAR OF WAR.

YOU CAN ROMANTICIZE HANK LIKE HE WAS A MARTYR IF YOU WANT. BUT REMEMBER...IN THE END, HE DIED A BAD GUY.



HOLLY, TEARING HANK DOWN WON'T MAKE YOU A BETTER HAWK. IT'S NOT A COMPETITION.



WHATEVER. SAVE THE BIG-SISTER ADVICE FOR ONE OF YOUR CHARITY CASES.



"DON HALL OF EARTH."

DOVE

RI--

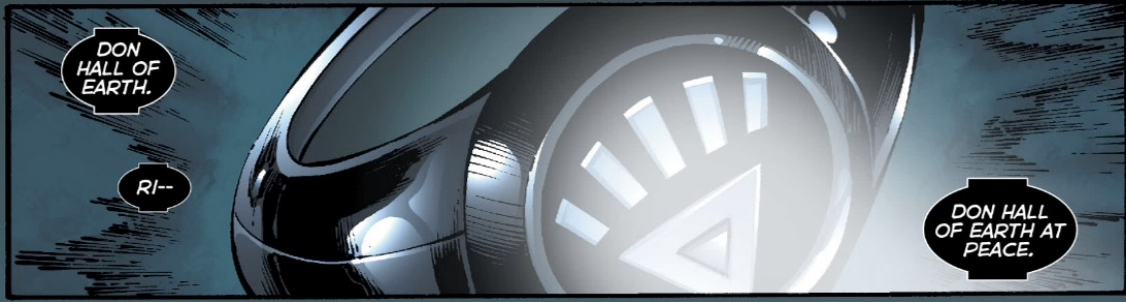
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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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I GET THAT THIS IS YOUR COLLEGE HANGOUT, DAWN. BUT THE FOOD SUCKS.

YOU SEEMED TO LIKE THE BEER. BOTH PITCHERS.

I WOULD HAVE STOPPED AT ONE, BUT YOU KEPT DRONING ON ABOUT ME GOING TO COLLEGE AGAIN.

BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU. THERE'S MORE TO LIFE THAN BEING HAWK.

YOU JUST WANT ME TO BE MORE LIKE YOU.

STUDY SOCIAL WORK OR SOMETHING. GET ALL TOUCHY-FEELY. BUT WE'RE OPPOSITES, DAWN. I'M NOT THE AVATAR OF PEACE. THAT'S YOUR BAG.

YOU'RE RIGHT--YOU ARE HAWK. SO WAS HANK. AND LIKE YOU SAID, HE DIED A BAD GUY.

BEING THE AVATAR OF WAR DROVE HIM THAT WAY.

YOU SEE, THAT'S WHERE WE DISAGREE.

NOW, IF YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT STUDYING MILITARY HISTORY OR COUNTER-TERRORISM OR MARTIAL ARTS, THEN THAT WOULD BE ONE THING.

BUT YOU'RE NOT.

HANK THOUGHT HE WAS STRONGER THAN THE RAGE. HE WASN'T.

I DON'T WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN TO YOU. I LOVE YOU, HOLLY.

I KNOW. AND I REALLY DO LIKE HAVING A BIG SISTER LOOKING OUT FOR ME.

EVEN IF SHE IS A PAIN.

WHAT'S THAT?

A DEAD HAWK AND A DEAD DOVE. SOMEONE'S SENDING US A MESSAGE.

THEN LET'S SEND THEM ONE BACK.

FRANK



HAWK

DOVE



MORE DEAD BIRDS.

I DON'T LIKE THIS. SOMEONE'S WATCHING US.



AT LEAST THEY'RE LEAVING A GOOD TRAIL FOR US TO FOLLOW.

HAWK, WAIT. IT'S OBVIOUSLY A TRAP.

I SURE HOPE SO. I DIDN'T GET ALL DRESSED UP FOR NOTHING.



OKAY, PSYCHO-STALKER! YOU GOT OUR ATTENTION. COME OUT, COME OUT WHEREVER YOU ARE.

DO YOU HAVE TO SHOUT?

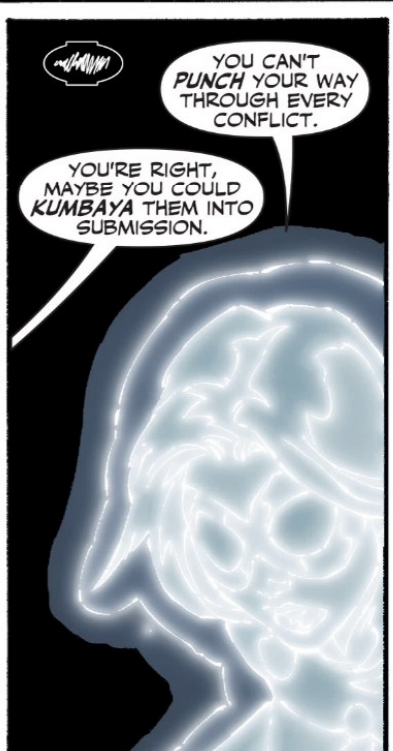


RAGE.

WHAT? THE LIBRARY'S CLOSED. I DON'T THINK THE RULE ABOUT SILENCE APPLIES.

WHOEVER IS OUT THERE, YOU DON'T NEED TO PROVOKE HIM.

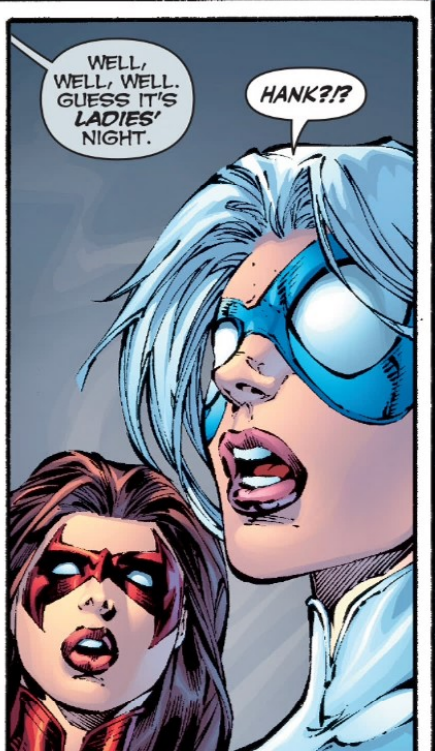
THEY STARTED IT. I'M JUST GOING TO FINISH IT.



WINDY.

YOU CAN'T PUNCH YOUR WAY THROUGH EVERY CONFLICT.

YOU'RE RIGHT, MAYBE YOU COULD KUMBAYA THEM INTO SUBMISSION.



WELL, WELL, WELL. GUESS IT'S LADIES' NIGHT.

HANK???

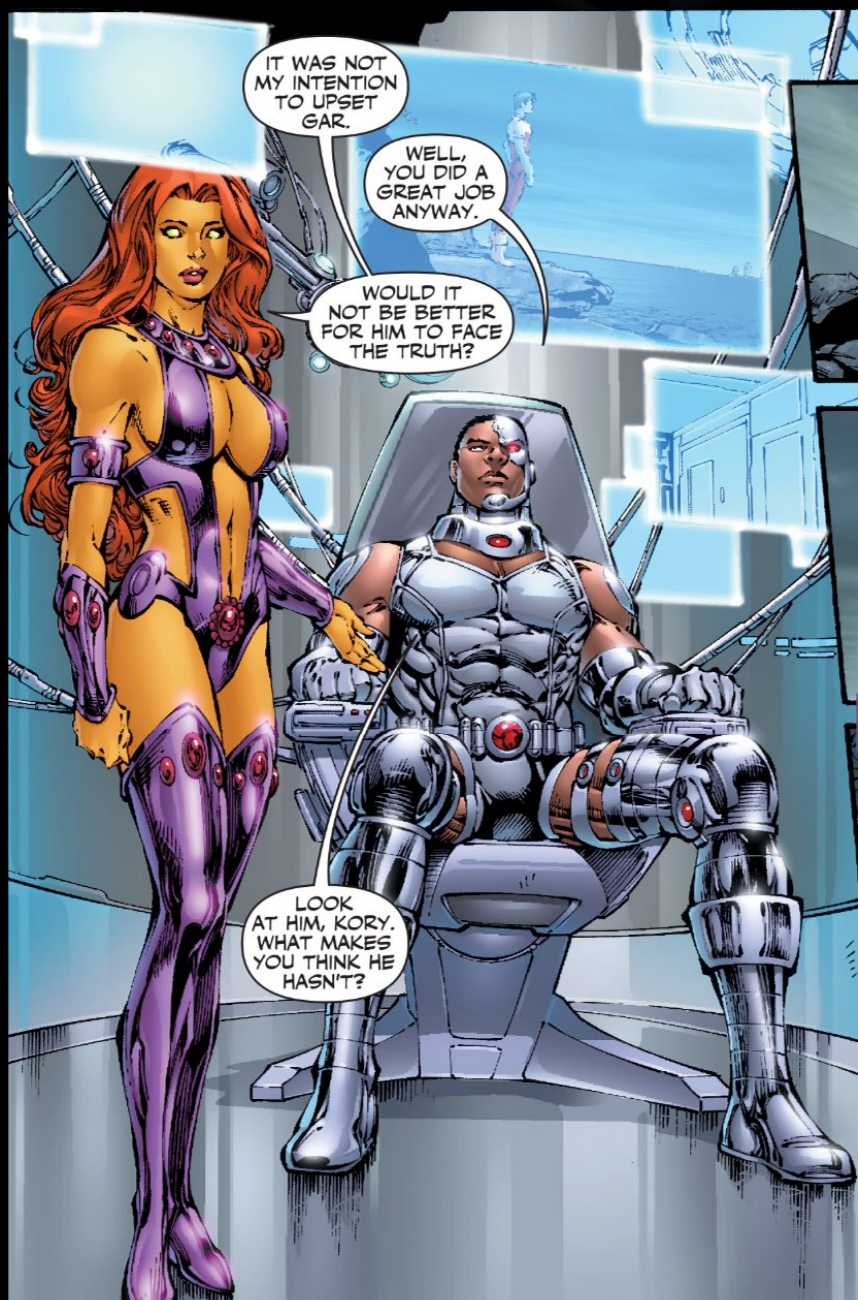


IN
THE FLESH,
BABY.
LITERALLY.



BART?
YOU READY
TO GO?

YEAH...IN
A MINUTE.

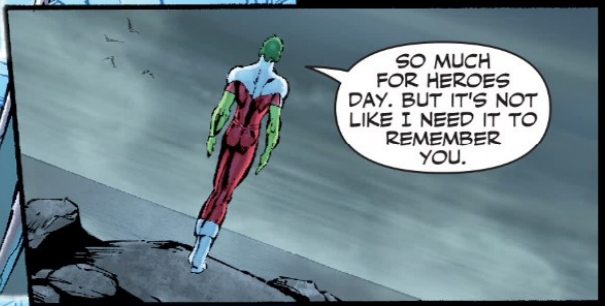


IT WAS NOT
MY INTENTION
TO UPSET
GAR.

WELL,
YOU DID A
GREAT JOB
ANYWAY.

WOULD IT
NOT BE BETTER
FOR HIM TO FACE
THE TRUTH?

LOOK
AT HIM, KORY.
WHAT MAKES
YOU THINK HE
HASN'T?



SO MUCH
FOR HEROES
DAY. BUT IT'S NOT
LIKE I NEED IT TO
REMEMBER
YOU.



RIGHT,
TARA?

"VIC--I THINK I SEE SOMEONE
OUT THERE WITH HIM."



HELLO,
GAR...



TARA?

YEAH, IT'S ME.



WHAT--? HOW...HOW CAN YOU BE HERE?

I WATCHED YOU GET BURIED UNDERNEATH A HUNDRED TONS OF RUBBLE!

I CAN CONTROL EARTH. REMEMBER? RUBBLE IS MY MIDDLE NAME.

AFTER EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, AFTER I HELPED DEATHSTROKE SABOTAGE YOU GUYS, STABBING EVERYONE IN THE BACK, I WAS SO ASHAMED.

I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER IF I STAYED DEAD.

DEATHSTROKE GOT ME SO TURNED AROUND WITH HIS PERSONAL VENDETTA AGAINST THE TITANS, I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH END WAS UP.

SO THAT WAS YOUR SOLUTION? TO JUST DISAPPEAR FOREVER?

NO, NOT FOREVER, I'M HERE, AREN'T I?

WHY NOW?

WHAT? CONNER AND BART CAN COME BACK TO THE PEOPLE THEY LOVE, BUT I CAN'T? DIDN'T YOU MISS ME?

OF COURSE, BUT THIS IS--



SO,
YOU'RE
THE NEW
HAWK?



I'M NOT
IMPRESSED.

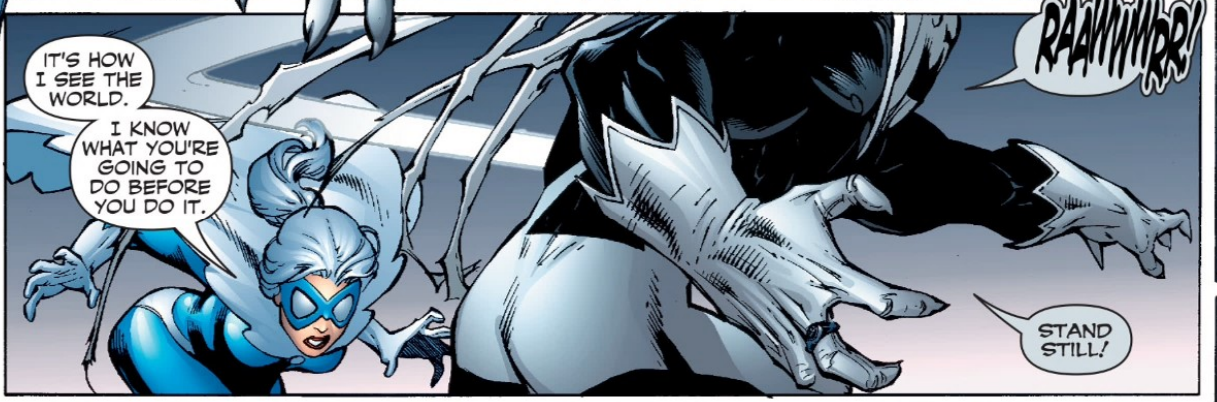


YOU CAN'T DO
BETTER THAN THE
ORIGINAL. BUT THEN,
YOU ALREADY KNOW
THAT, DON'T
YOU?

YOU MIGHT
SAY YOU'RE HANK,
BUT YOU'RE
NOT HIM.



OTHERWISE, YOU'D KNOW THAT YOU CAN'T LAY A FINGER ON ME IF I DON'T WANT YOU TO.

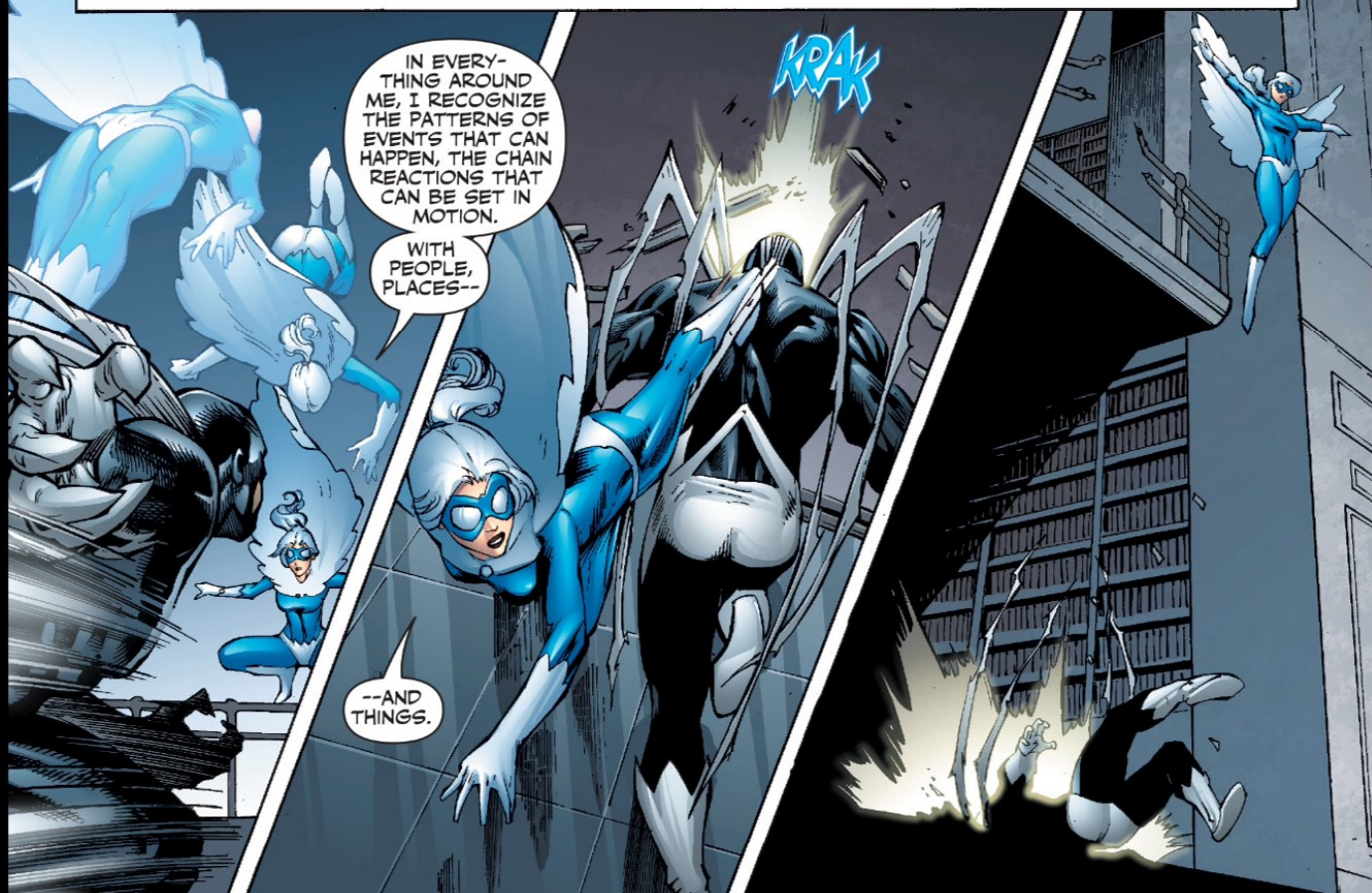


IT'S HOW I SEE THE WORLD.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO BEFORE YOU DO IT.

RAAMWWWRR!

STAND STILL!



IN EVERYTHING AROUND ME, I RECOGNIZE THE PATTERNS OF EVENTS THAT CAN HAPPEN, THE CHAIN REACTIONS THAT CAN BE SET IN MOTION.

WITH PEOPLE, PLACES--

--AND THINGS.

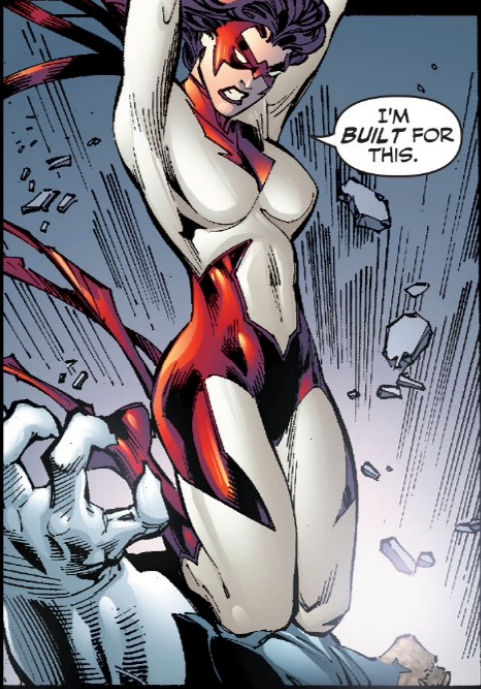
KRAK



AW, C'MON, DAWN. STILL PLAYING HARD TO GET?

LET'S TRY THIS AGAIN.

YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH, BUT I'M A WAR MACHINE. I'M UNSTOPPABLE. I CAN TEAR THROUGH A TANK, A BATTLESHIP. AN ENTIRE ARMY.

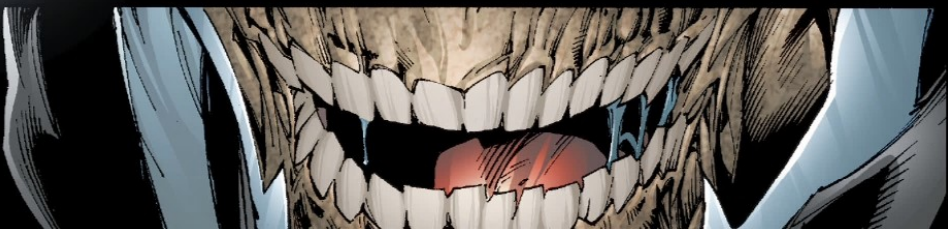


I'M BUILT FOR THIS.



BUT YOU FORGOT THE FIRST RULE.
DON'T MESS WITH HAWK.

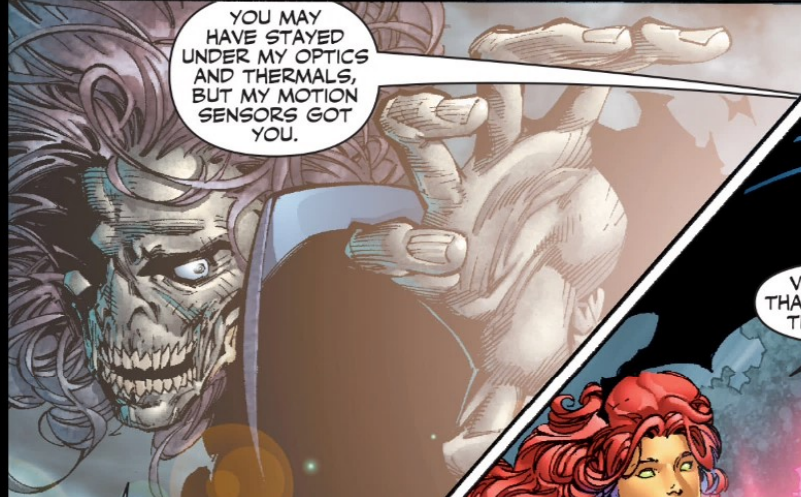
PLAYTIME'S OVER.





LOVE.

YOU MAY HAVE STAYED UNDER MY OPTICS AND THERMALS, BUT MY MOTION SENSORS GOT YOU.



VIC--LOOK AT THAT COSTUME. IS THAT...LILITH?

RRRAAIIIIIRRR!!

TYPICAL TITANS. RUINING ANYONE ELSE'S CHANCE AT HAPPINESS. EVEN IF IT'S ALL IN GAR'S HEAD.



WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S MESSIN' WITH GAR'S HEAD.



WH...WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?

DON'T STAND THERE DROOLING. WHATTAYA THINK OF THE ALL-NEW TERRAP

COME ON, GAR. YOU GAVE ME YOUR HEART LONG AGO...

...I'M JUST HERE TO COLLECT.

MOMMY?

SKEEEK SKEEEK SKEEEK SKEEEK

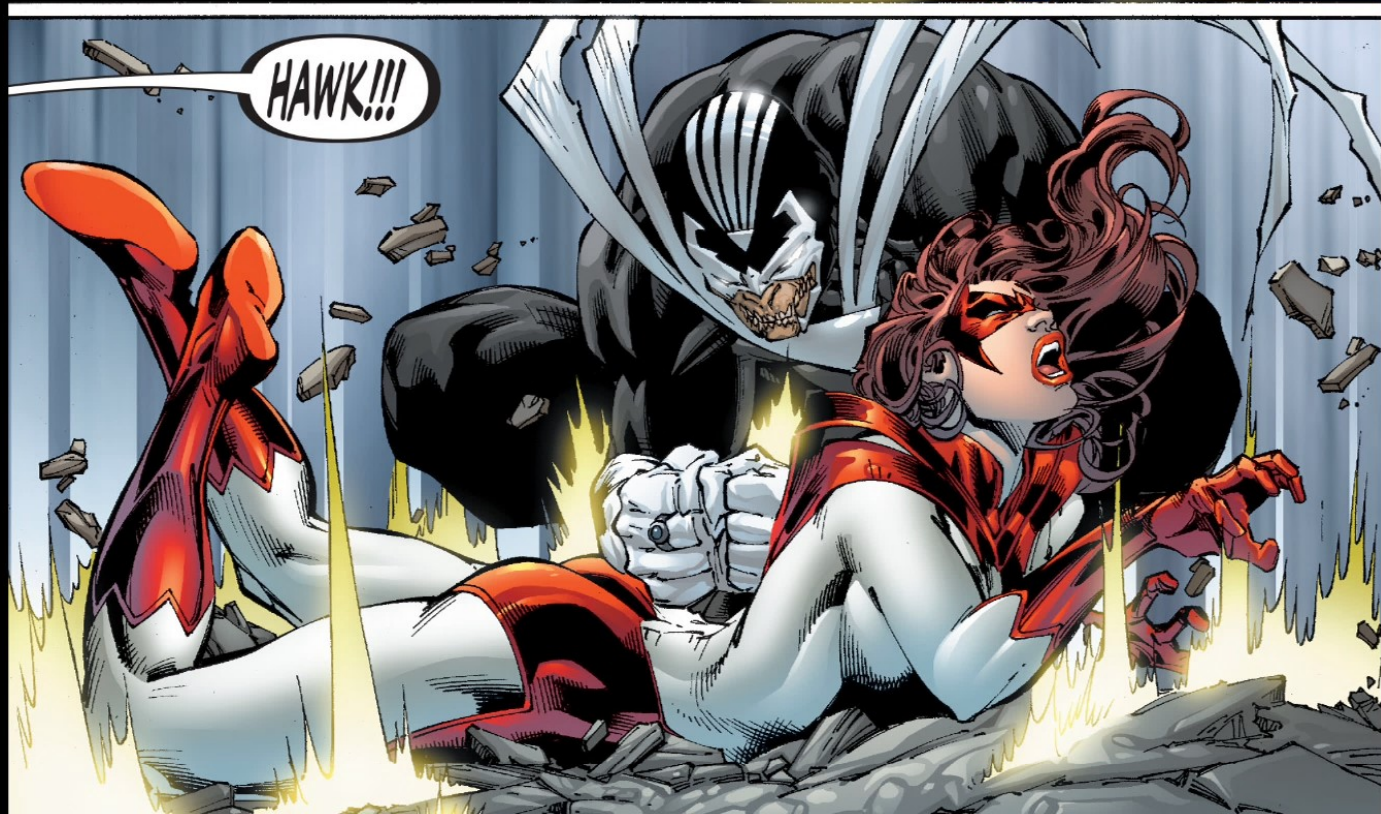


HAWK!
ARE YOU
OKAY?

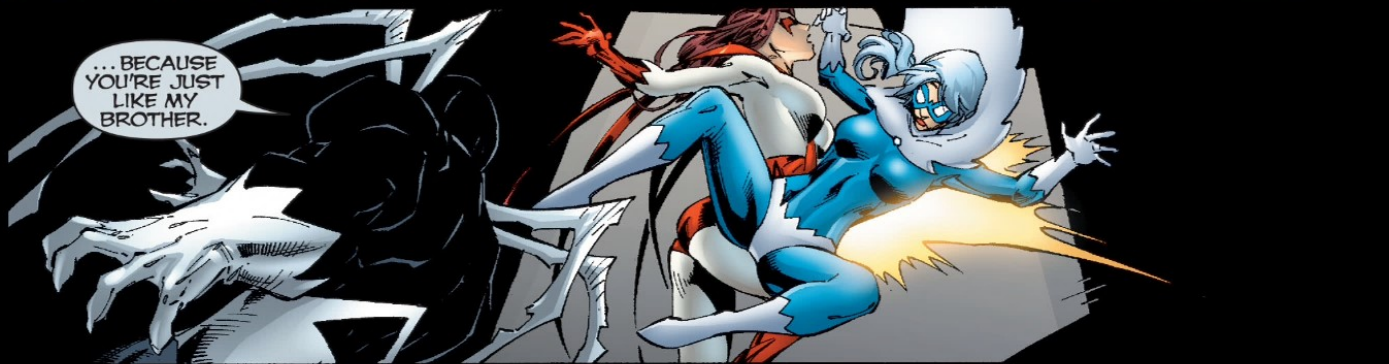
NNNN.

NO. AND
SHE'S ABOUT TO
GET WORSE.

TWO
BIRDS
FOR THE
PRICE OF
ONE.



HAWK!!!



THAT'S
A PROBLEM
I DON'T
HAVE.

AAAAHHHH!!!

HOLLY!!!

Next issue... BLACK LANTERN

HAWKS!