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PART TWO

"ONE WAY OR ANOTHER"

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...OR IF THEY'RE SAVING IT FOR LAST.







UGH, C'MON!

WHOOOSH!



NOT TOO OLD...



...FOR ONE LAST...



RUN!



I'M SORRY I WASN'T ALWAYS THERE FOR YOU!

BUT I'M HERE NOW AND I'M READY TO LISTEN!



CAN'T  
GROUND ME  
AND DAWN  
ANYMORE,  
DAD!

DON'S  
RIGHT! IS THIS  
WHERE YOU TELL  
US YOU'RE NOT  
MAD...

...JUST  
DISAPPOINTED?!



I'M  
NOT ANY  
OF THOSE  
THINGS,  
KIDS.

NO  
MATTER  
WHAT YOU AND  
YOUR BROTHER  
HAVE DONE  
TO CENTRAL  
CITY...

I WANT  
YOU TO KNOW  
THAT YOUR  
MOTHER AND I  
STILL LOVE  
YOU.





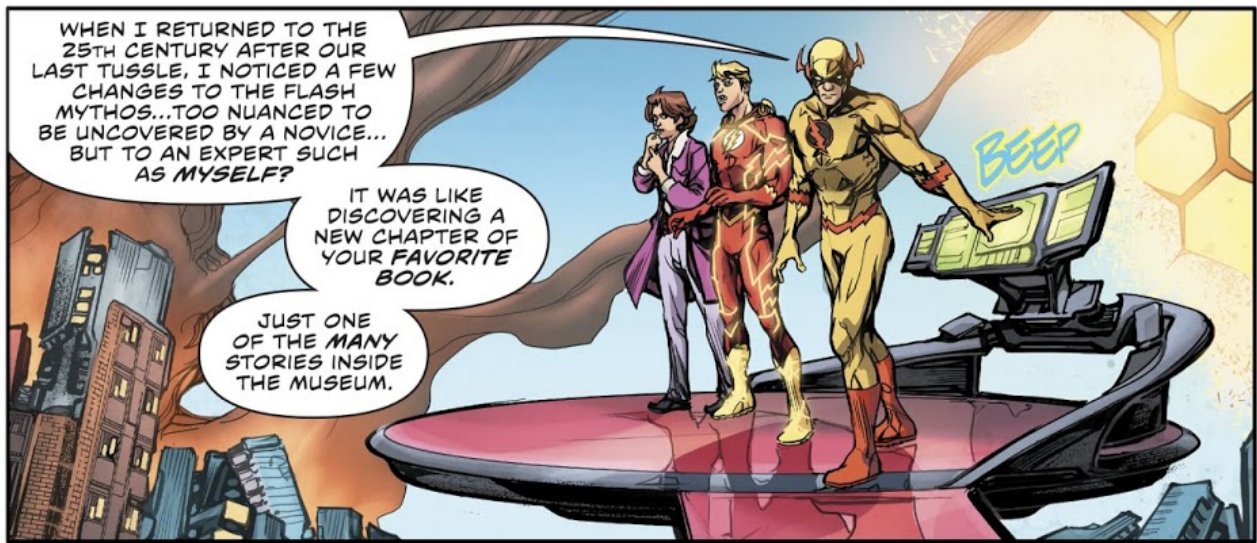
DON AND DAWN ALLEN SHOULD BE HEROES, BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR ABSENTEE FATHER THEY BECAME ROGUES INSTEAD.

TRAGIC.

NO...YOU DID THIS. YOU--

WAS THIS A "HAPPY ACCIDENT" A RESULT OF OUR MANY TIME TRAVEL ADVENTURES?

OR IS IT AS SIMPLE AS TWO CHILDREN WHO NEVER FELT THE LOVE THEY DESERVED?

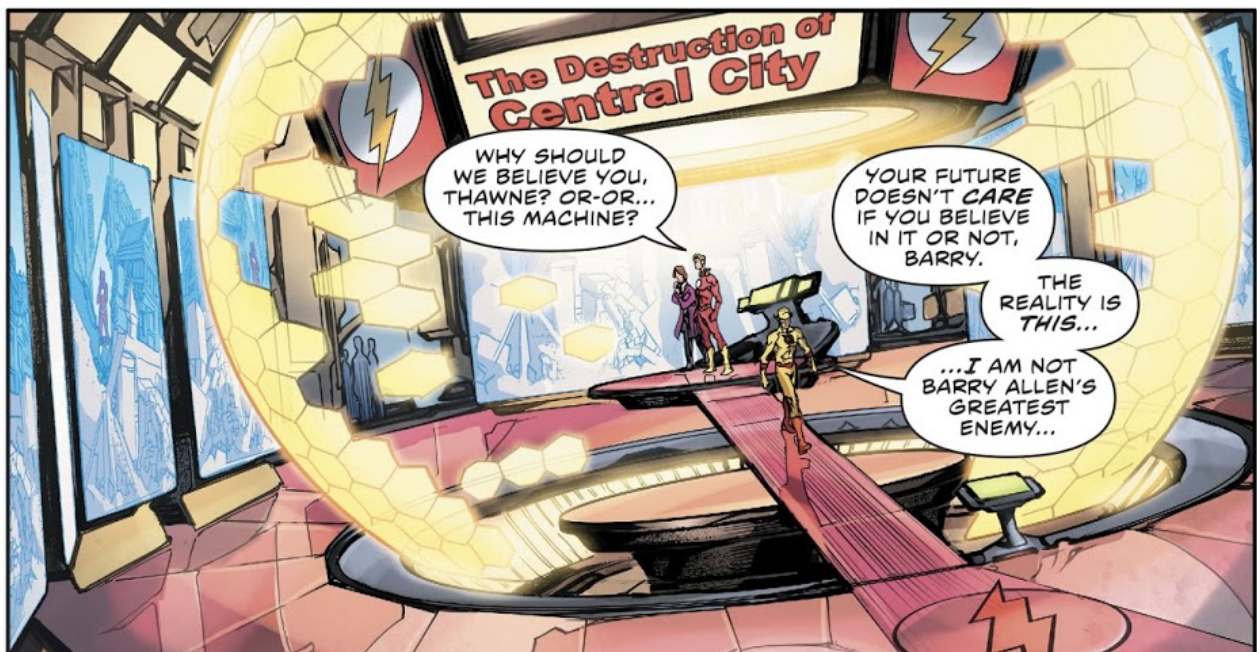


WHEN I RETURNED TO THE 25TH CENTURY AFTER OUR LAST TUSSELE, I NOTICED A FEW CHANGES TO THE FLASH MYTHOS...TOO NUANCED TO BE UNCOVERED BY A NOVICE... BUT TO AN EXPERT SUCH AS MYSELF?

IT WAS LIKE DISCOVERING A NEW CHAPTER OF YOUR FAVORITE BOOK.

JUST ONE OF THE MANY STORIES INSIDE THE MUSEUM.

BEEP



WHY SHOULD WE BELIEVE YOU, THAWNE? OR-OR... THIS MACHINE?

YOUR FUTURE DOESN'T CARE IF YOU BELIEVE IN IT OR NOT, BARRY.

THE REALITY IS THIS...

...I AM NOT BARRY ALLEN'S GREATEST ENEMY...

The Destruction of Central City

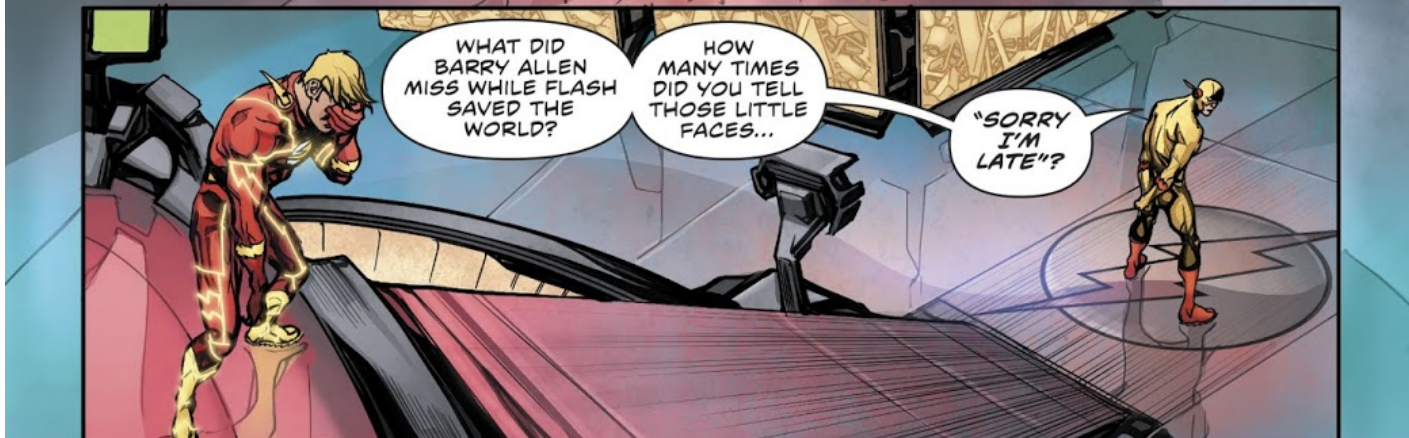


THE FLASH IS.

THINK ABOUT IT. FOR YEARS, YOU HAVE BEEN IN CONFLICT WITH YOURSELF. THE FLASH ALWAYS TOOK PRIORITY IN THE BATTLE OF FLASH VERSUS BARRY ALLEN, THE CSI, THE FRIEND, THE LOVER...

WHY SHOULD IT BE ANY DIFFERENT WHEN IT CAME TO BARRY ALLEN, THE FATHER?

THEIR FIRST STEPS...FIRST WORDS...BIRTHDAY PARTIES...



WHAT DID BARRY ALLEN MISS WHILE FLASH SAVED THE WORLD?

HOW MANY TIMES DID YOU TELL THOSE LITTLE FACES...

"SORRY I'M LATE"?



...FFTT.



IRIS?

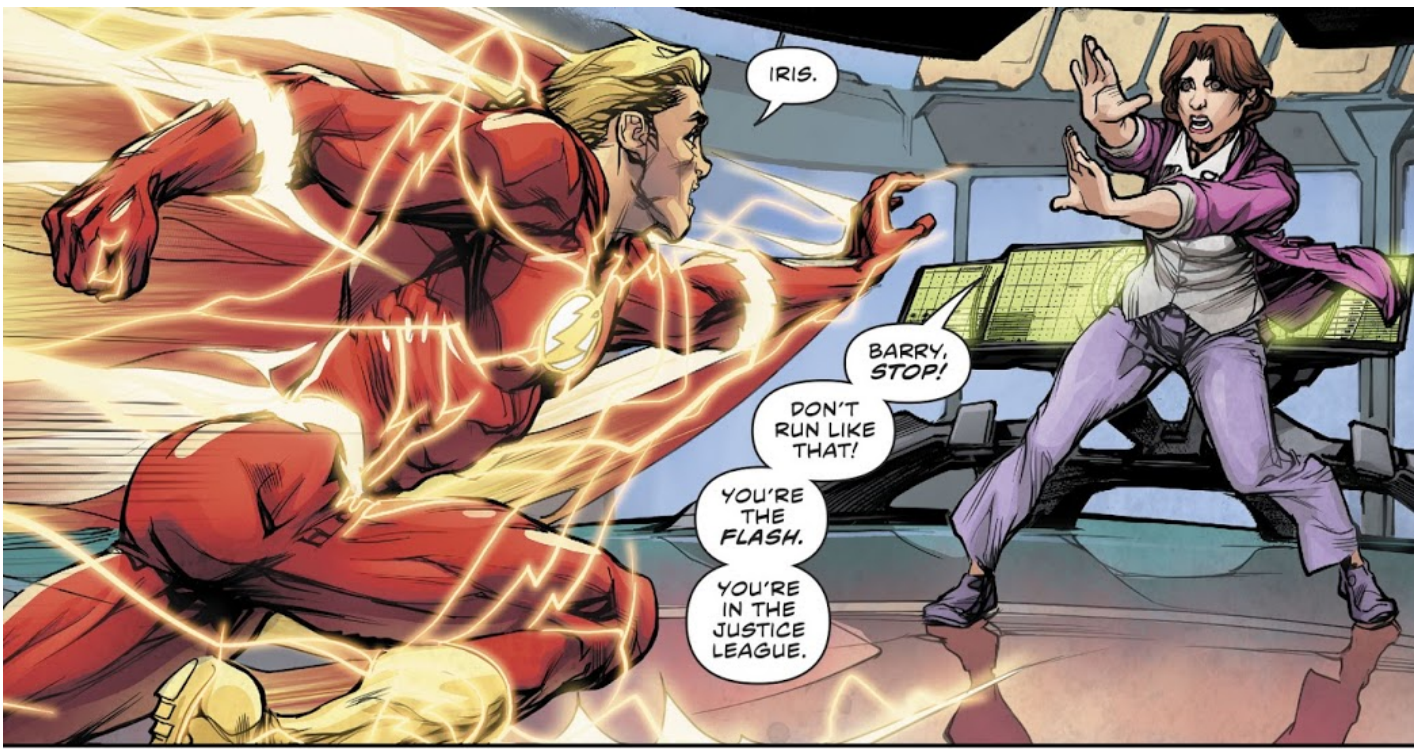
WHAT THAWNE IS SAYING...IT-- IT CAN'T BE TRUE.



IRIS...?

IRIS?





IRIS.

BARRY, STOP!

DON'T RUN LIKE THAT!

YOU'RE THE FLASH.

YOU'RE IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.



YOU SAVE THE WORLD.

YOU SAVE THE WORLD EVERY DAY.



AND I'M... I'M JUST IRIS WEST... AREN'T I?



IRIS, NO...

I WAS GOING TO TELL YOU--



AH, AH, AH. BARRY, IN ALL YOUR TIMELINES YOU NEVER TOLD IRIS WHO YOU ARE. NOT OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

IRIS ALWAYS FOUND OUT ON HER OWN. BECAUSE YOU...



...ARE ALWAYS A LIAR.



THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY FOR YOU TO AVOID THAT FUTURE. TO SAVE CENTRAL CITY.

RUN SIDE BY SIDE WITH ME TO A PLACE WHERE YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO HURT ANOTHER SOUL AGAIN.



I...

YOU'LL TAKE IRIS HOME AND LEAVE HER AND MY FAMILY ALONE?

ON MY LIFE, I PROMISE.



BARRY, IF YOU WOULD JUST TALK TO--

START RUNNING.



BARRY?! WAIT!

FINALLY.



I DIDN'T WANT...WE COULD HAVE FOUND ANOTHER WAY...

...TOGETHER.

⚡ "WHAT IS THIS, THAWNE?!"



ANOTHER  
TIMELINE?

NO, BARRY.  
I'M TAKING YOU  
TO A PLACE OF  
MY OWN  
CREATION.

A WORLD  
YOU'LL NEVER  
ESCAPE!



THE  
NEGATIVE  
SPEED  
FORCE!

YOU'LL BE  
FOREVER ALONE.  
ABSORBED INTO  
THE ENERGY THAT  
POWERS MY  
EVERY ACTION.



AND THEN? IRIS  
ALLEN'S FUTURE  
IS OVER.



THAWNE!



YOU  
PROMISED!



I SHOULD  
HAVE SAID  
GOOD-BYE...



...SAID I WAS SORRY.



CAN'T FIND ANYBODY TO PICK HIM UP. POOR KID...

TO MY FRIENDS.  
MY FAMILY.



TO HER.



I HEARD HIS DAD KILLED HIS MOM...

TO EVERYONE I'VE HURT.

WHATEVER I SAID TO THEM LAST...

...IT WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH.

YOU SURE YOU WANT THIS DRAFTY OLD LAB, ALLEN? YOU'D BE ALL ALONE.



IT'S OKAY. I'M USED TO THAT.

I SHOULD HAVE TOLD THEM ALL THE TRUTH.





THIS WHOLE MUSEUM DEDICATED TO THE FLASH, ONE OF THE ROGUES' WEAPONS HAS TO STILL WORK.



IS--IS THAT...ONE OF BLACK HOLE'S LIGHTNING GUNS?



"I USED A GUN JUST LIKE THIS A FEW WEEKS AGO WHEN I HAD THAT RUN-IN WITH BLACK HOLE AT S.T.A.R. LABS."

\*SEE FLASH #20!



WHAT DOES IT SAY HERE ABOUT BLACK HOLE AND--

WAIT...



YOU HAVE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.

IF WALLY SAW THIS HE WOULD NEVER LET ME LIVE IT DOWN.

MY WHOLE FUTURE RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.



SHOULD I...?

GO ON.



TAKE A LOOK.

SEE THE LIFE YOU'LL NEVER HAVE.



THIS AGAIN?

CAN'T WE JUST TALK LIKE ADULTS, IRIS?



I ASSURE YOU I'M A VERY GOOD LISTENER.



YOU'RE SO USED TO BARRY ALWAYS BEING IN A HURRY, YOU'VE PROBABLY FORGOTTEN WHAT THAT'S LIKE.



YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN, I PROMISE.



THAWNE...



...I'M DONE RUNNING.



OH, IRIS, AREN'T YOU JUST FULL OF SURPRISES?  
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE "PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD" TYPE.



YOU SAID YOU'D TAKE ME HOME.

WHAT CAN I SAY? BARRY ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO LIES.



...BARRY...?



IMPOSSIBLE. HOW...?




FLASH? YOU'RE...  
...BEAUTIFUL.



I'M  
GOING TO  
KILL YOU,  
THAWNE.

**NEXT: DEATH IN THE FLASH MUSEUM!**

A photograph of Adam West as Batman, wearing the classic cowl and cape, with a blue bat symbol on his chest. The background is a dark, blue-tinted interior.

**"I never had to say *I'm Batman.*  
I showed up.  
People knew I was Batman."**

**Adam West  
1928-2017**

Thanks for being our first real hero, old chum...  
from your pals at DC Comics.



# MISTER MIRACLE

HE'S DYING TO ESCAPE LIFE.



HUGO AWARD-NOMINATED WRITER OF BATMAN AND VISION

**TOM KING**

ART BY

**MITCH GERADS**



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# DARK DAYS

## THE CASTING

The next chapter on the road to  
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**Y**ou read **DARK DAYS: THE FORGE**; now get ready for **DARK DAYS: THE CASTING**, the next chapter on the road to the summer's greatest comics event: **METAL**. The one-shot will be written by Scott Snyder and James Tynion IV and illustrated by DC Master Class artists Jim Lee, Andy Kubert and John Romita Jr. **DARK DAYS: THE CASTING** sets the stage for the epic event that reunites the *New York Times* best-selling team of Scott Snyder and Greg Capullo.

"I've been planning **METAL** for as long as I've been writing *Batman*," said Snyder. "But this is bigger than *Batman*. Greg and I started dropping clues during the 'Court of Owls,' continued through our *Joker* stories and placed our biggest hints in the run that culminated with *BATMAN #50*. Now we're back to tell a story that breaks everything apart. This will be the definitive project of our careers. **METAL** takes us in an entirely new direction. Greg and I will dig beneath the surface of all the stories we've told to find a place of terror and twisted nightmares."

"I'm looking forward to rock'n' and roll'n' together again," said Capullo. "Fans have been loud and clear; they want more from us. We're primed and ready to blow it up."

"I want **METAL** to be built upon the stories happening now in *Rebirth* and create new material that feels really modern and different," said Snyder. "And above all, it's going to be **FUN**. Even with terror and nightmares, it won't be grim. **DARK NIGHTS: METAL** will be celebratory, huge and crazy."

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Multiverse  
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