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POWERLESS #1



CABRAL



MAKE THEM TREMBLE
BEFORE THE MIGHT OF
COLONEL LYCAN AND
HIS FANG BRIGADE!



DO I
EVEN HAVE
TO SAY IT?



BAD DOG.
BAD, BAD DOG.

AND ME
WITHOUT A CURLED
UP NEWSPAPER.



ULTRA CORPS
ENGAGE!



THOSE ARE THE THREE SWEETEST WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

IF YOU REALLY FEEL THAT WAY, BOULDER, THEN I FEEL SORRY FOR YOUR LOVE LIFE.



WE'LL WORRY ABOUT HIS LOVE LIFE LATER, TIGRESS. RIGHT NOW, FOCUS ON DRIVING THE WOLVES TOWARD THE TOWN SQUARE.

KID HELIOS, STAY UP HIGH. MAKE SURE THE CIVILIANS ARE SAFE.

FINISHER...



DON'T TELL ME HOW TO DO MY JOB, HELIOS, AND I WON'T TELL YOU HOW TO DO YOURS.



ETHERIA,
WATCH YOUR BACK!
THESE WOLVES ARE
KNOWN FOR THEIR
STEALTH.



LET ME
GIVE YOU SOME
OF MY OWN.

SOUND ADVICE,
HERO.

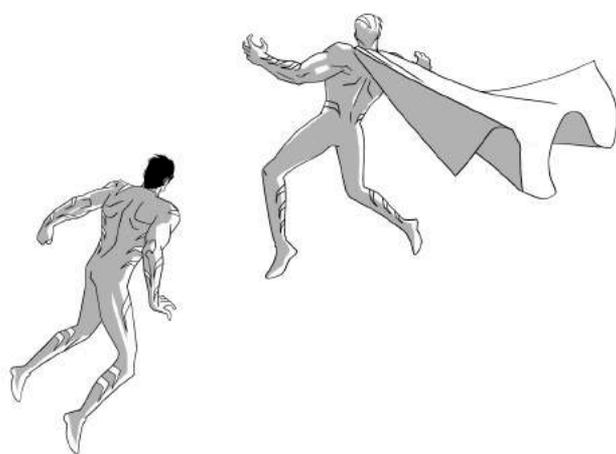
YOU SHOULD
WORRY LESS ABOUT
YOUR TEAMMATES AND
MORE ABOUT YOUR OWN
SOON-TO-BE TATTERED
SKIN!

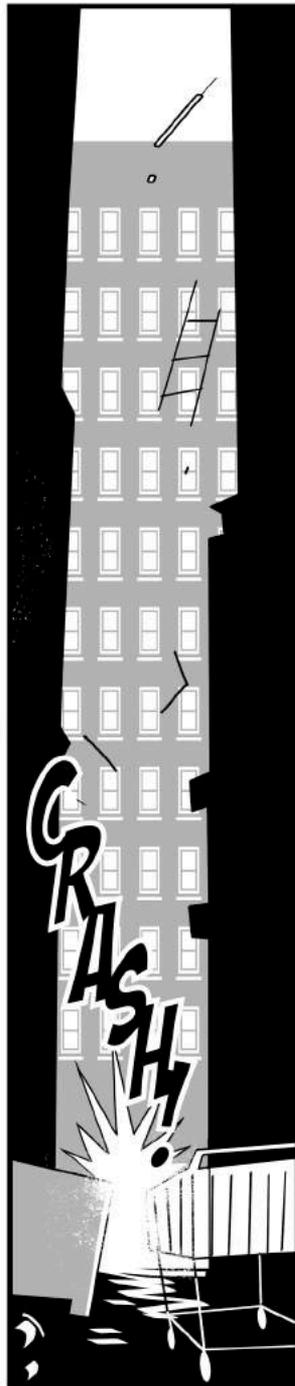


MAYBE I WOULD
BE SCARED, COLONEL,
IF I HAD SOMETHING
TO WORRY ABOUT.



*WHAT THE--
WHAT IS THIS?*







NO...



NOOOO!

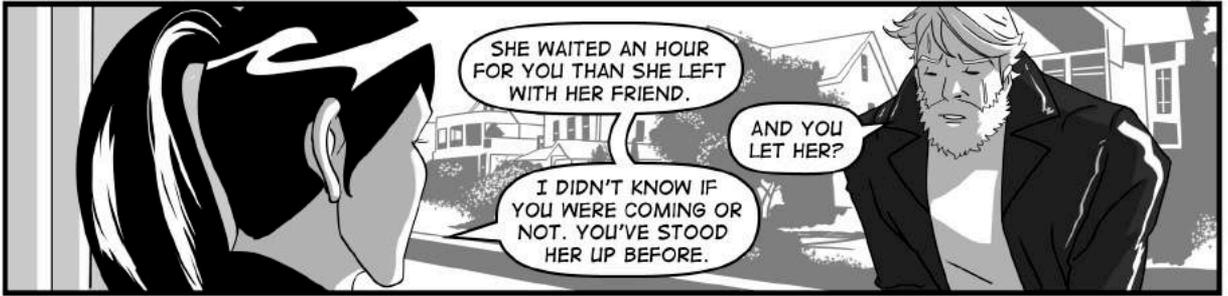




SHE'S GONE.

WHADDYA
MEAN,
"GONE?"

I JUST RAN TWO
MILES TO GET HERE!
THIS IS MY WEEKEND
WITH HER!



SHE WAITED AN HOUR
FOR YOU THAN SHE LEFT
WITH HER FRIEND.

AND YOU
LET HER?

I DIDN'T KNOW IF
YOU WERE COMING OR
NOT. YOU'VE STOOD
HER UP BEFORE.

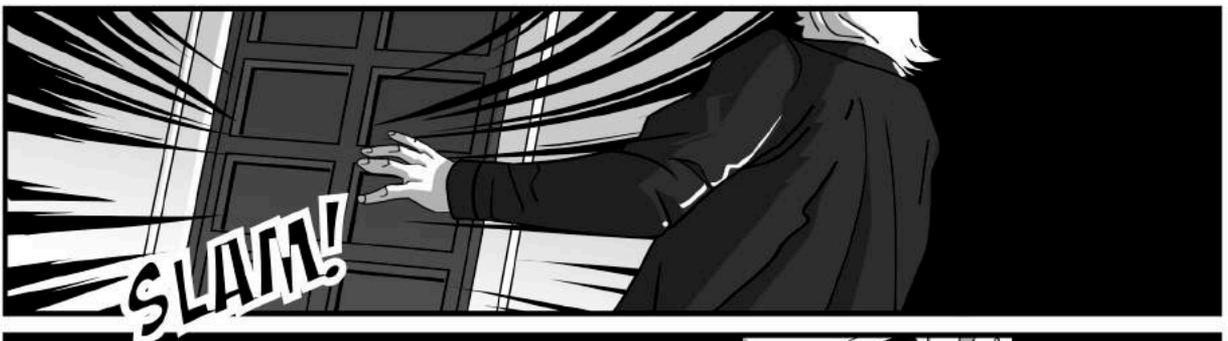


YOU'RE JUST
TRYING TO SABOTAGE
ME. TO KEEP ME FROM
SPENDING TIME WITH
MY DAUGHTER.

HA!



NEWSFLASH, JUSTIN,
SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T
EVEN WANT TO GO WITH
HER DEADBEAT, LOSER
FATHER IN THE
FIRST PLACE!



SLAM!





TODAY MARKS THE SEVEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE "FLASH," THE MYSTERIOUS EVENT THAT LEFT EVERY SUPERPOWERED PERSON ON THE PLANET POWERLESS. MANY ARE WONDERING WHAT HAPPENED TO OUR BRAVE PROTECTORS?

FLASH

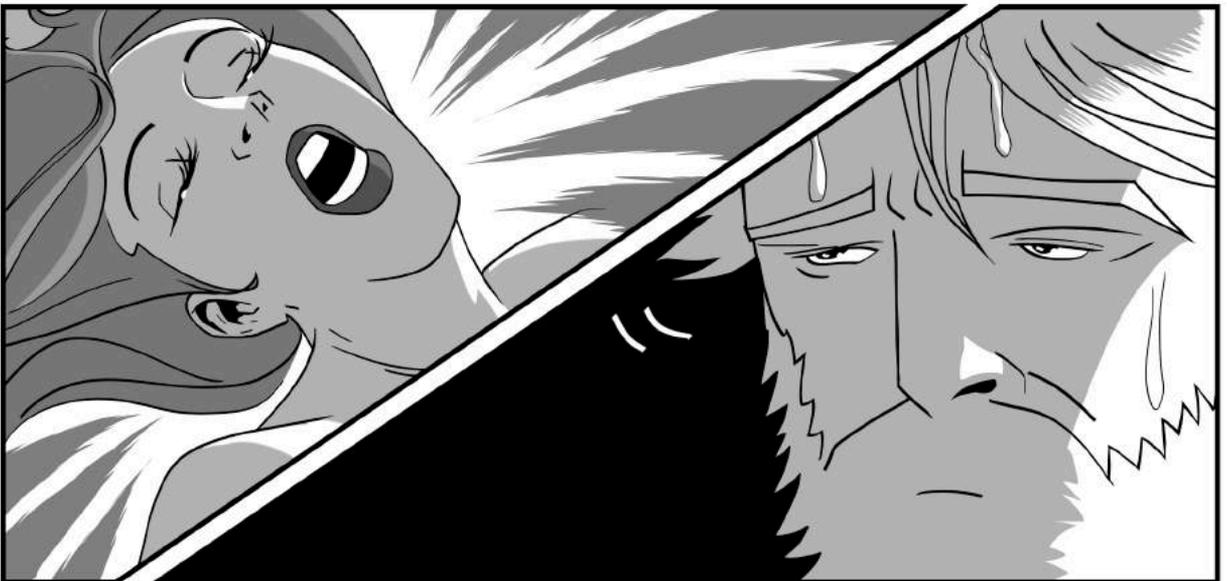


WHERE ARE THE HEROES NOW?

BUT I, FOR ONE, AM LESS CURIOUS AND MORE GRATEFUL, MOST ESPECIALLY TO ULTRA CORPS. WHEREVER YOU ARE, WE WISH YOU HAPPINESS AND GOOD FORTUNE...

HEY, BARTENDER. GIVE ME ANOTHER ONE. MAKE IT A DOUBLE.







YOU'RE UP EARLY.

I GOTTA GET TO WORK. THE STORE OPENS UP AT 8.

YOU KNOW, WE HAVE AN OPENING ON THE SECURITY STAFF, IN CASE YOU'RE STILL LOOKING FOR WORK.



YOU WANT ME TO GO FROM SAVING THE PLANET TO WATCHING A MUSEUM? THANKS, BUT I'LL PASS, TIGRESS.

DON'T CALL ME THAT! I'M NOT TIGRESS ANYMORE.



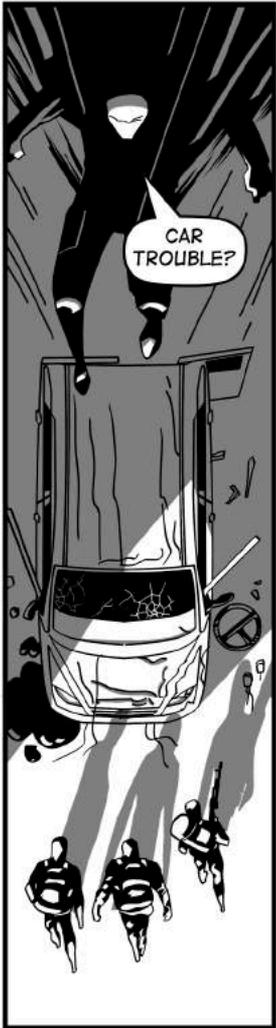
AND YOUR SAVING THE PLANET DAYS ARE OVER, JUSTIN.

THE SOONER YOU REALIZE THAT, THE BETTER OFF YOU'LL BE. WE'RE JUST PEOPLE NOW.



WE'RE THE ONES THAT NEED SAVING.











FIND OUT WHO DID THIS TO US. MAYBE FIND A WAY TO GET OUR POWERS BACK.

I WANT YOU TO REOPEN YOUR INVESTIGATION INTO THE FLASH.

NO THANKS. I LIKE THE WAY THINGS ARE. I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT NUMBNUTS WITH NUCLEAR POWERS, OR SERIAL KILLERS WITH TELEPATHY.

THE FLASH WAS A BLESSING, AND I'M NOT ONE TO LOOK A GIFT HORSE IN THE MOUTH.



WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO DIED BECAUSE OF THE FLASH, LIKE ETHERIA? DON'T THEY DESERVE JUSTICE?

ETHERIA WAS A BEING OF PURE MAGIC. HOW "ALIVE" SHE WAS IN THE FIRST PLACE IS DEBATABLE.

PLUS, SHE PROBABLY WENT WHEREVER ALL THE OTHER MAGIC WENT.



AND KID HELIOS?



I'M SORRY, JUSTIN. IT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN.



I'M SORRY TOO, ERIC. YOU LEFT ME NO CHOICE.

BUT IF YOU DON'T HELP ME, I'M GONNA... I'M GONNA TELL THE ENTIRE WORLD YOUR SECRET IDENTITY.



YOU LITTLE SHIT! YOU'RE THREATENING ME?



I HAVE... A SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX WITH YOUR NAME IN IT... IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO ME...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO.



I... WAS...



FINE. YOU WIN. I'LL PLAY ALONG.

>COUGH<
>COUGH<



MY PREVIOUS INVESTIGATION WAS AS USELESS AS THE OTHERS, BUT THERE'S AN OPTION I NEVER GOT THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE.

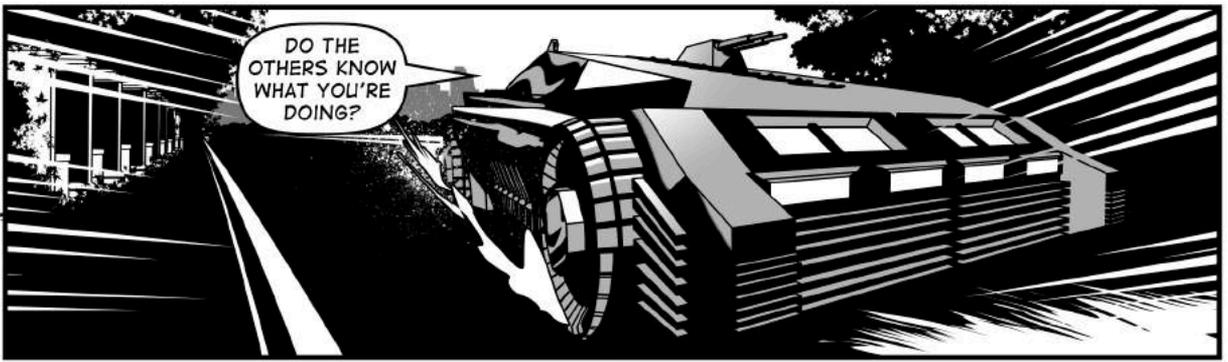
CEREBRUM. CERTIFIED EVIL GENIUS. IF ANYONE HAS AN IDEA ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, IT'D BE HIM. I SAY WE ASK. BUT FIRST...



BLAM!



THAT'S FOR BLACKMAILING ME. NOW LET'S GO.



DO THE OTHERS KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING?



SOME OF THEM MIGHT NOT WANT THINGS BACK TO HOW THEY WERE.

THEY'LL UNDERSTAND. I'M BRINGING OUR HEROES BACK.

YOU DON'T NEED POWERS TO BE A HERO.



I JUST... ONCE THE POWERS ARE BACK, THINGS WILL GET BETTER FOR EVERYONE... YOU'LL SEE. WE'RE DOING... WE'RE DOING THE RIGHT THING.

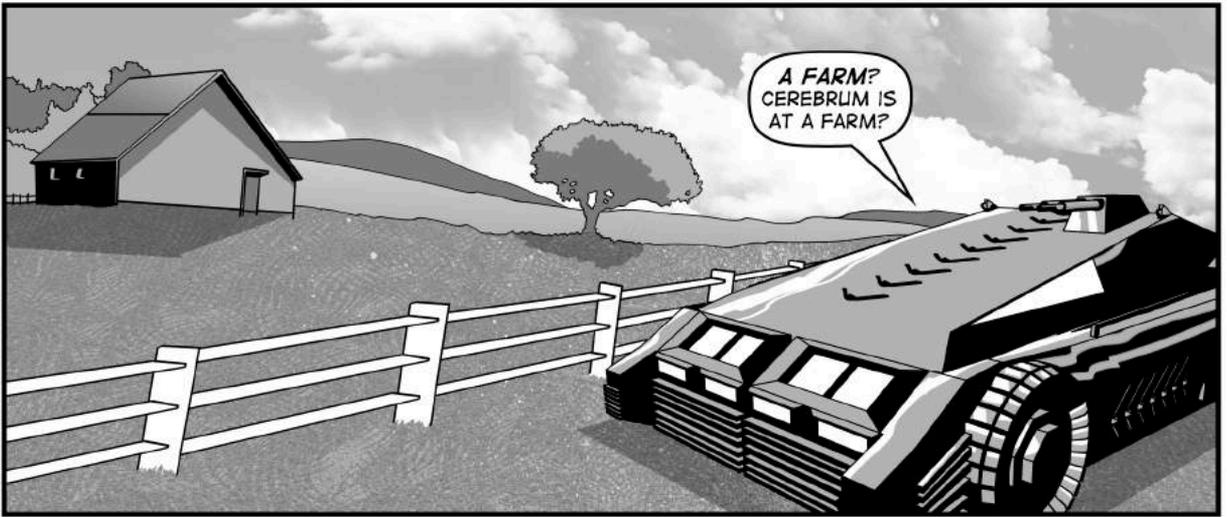


SPARE ME THE HALF-ASSED JUSTIFICATIONS. WE DO THIS, THEN WE'RE THROUGH. YOU HEAR ME?



YES.

GOOD. CAUSE WE'RE HERE.



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Sneak Peek: POWERLESS #2

