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ALL I
WANTED
WAS TO *SAVE*
MY SON.

BRUCE DIED IN FRONT
OF ME IN AN ALLEYWAY.
SHOT BY A MAN I
LATER BEAT TO DEATH.

MY NAME IS
THOMAS WAYNE.
THE BATMAN.

AQUAMAN AND
WONDER WOMAN'S
WAR WAS SPILLING
ACROSS THE EARTH.

THEN CAME **THE FLASH**. A MAN
WHO CLAIMED THE REALITY I
LIVED IN WAS A **LIE**, AN **ACCIDENT**.
ULTIMATELY CAUSED BY **HIM**. HE
TRAVELED BACK IN TIME TO
SAVE HIS MOTHER, HE SAID.

AND DOING SO
CAUSED REVERBERATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE LIVES OF
THOSE CLOSEST TO HIM.
BRUCE WASN'T SUPPOSED
TO BE SHOT AND KILLED IN
THAT ALLEY. **I WAS**.

THE FLASH GAVE
ME **HOPE** FOR THE
FIRST TIME SINCE I
LOST MY SON.

I PUT MY FAITH IN HIM
TO CHANGE IT ALL TO
THE WAY IT WAS **SUPPOSED**
TO BE, SO THAT BRUCE
WOULD **LIVE...**

...AND **I**
WOULD **DIE**.

AS WOULD THIS
NIGHTMARE
OF A WORLD.

BUT SOMETHING
PUT THE WORLD
ON LIFE SUPPORT...
AND THE NIGHTMARE
DIDN'T STOP.

IF A PATIENT ON MY
TABLE WAS TOO FAR
GONE... IT WAS BEST TO
LET THEM PASS... INSTEAD
OF CONTINUING TO
CUT AT THEM...

THE WAR
CONTINUED... THE
FIGHTS, THE FLOODS,
AND THE DEATHS
OF MILLIONS...

...I WAS A
FOOL TO
HOPE...

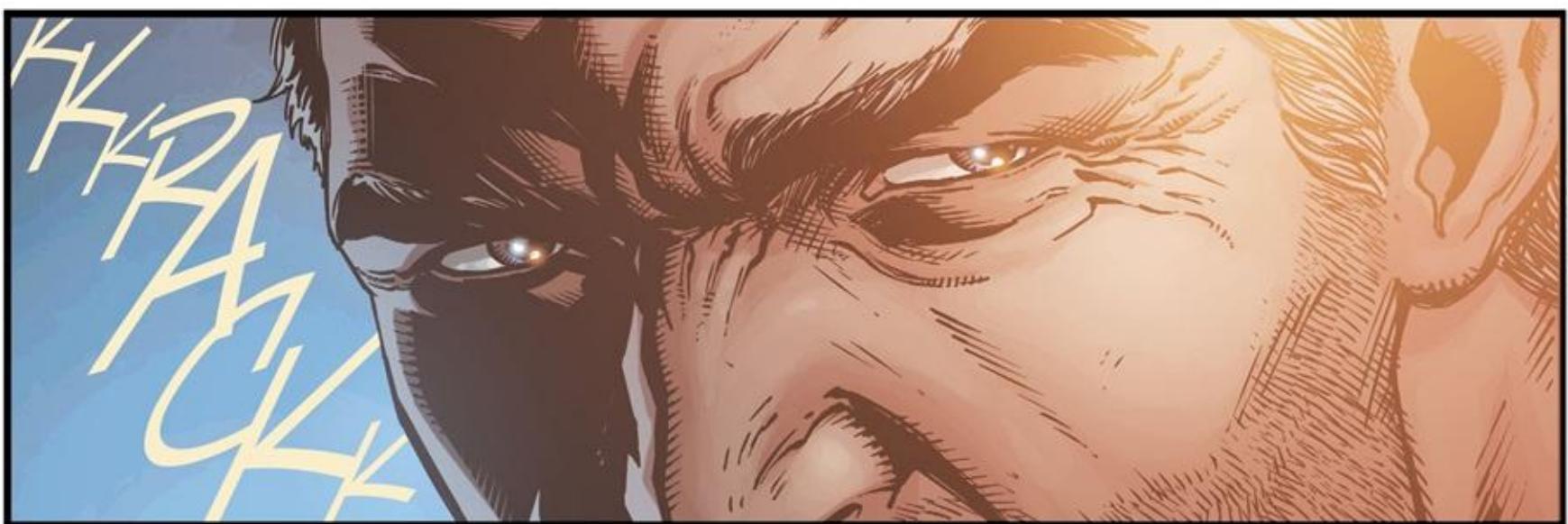
...TO THINK
I COULD DO
ANYTHING TO
SAVE MY SON.

AND NOW...

MY ENEMIES
COME FOR ME.

WONDER WOMAN
AND AQUAMAN
FINALLY AGREED
ON SOMETHING AND HAVE
SENT THEIR SOLDIERS
TO PUT ME DOWN.

THEY'RE GOING
TO BE WELCOMED
BY MORE THAN A
KINDLY BUTLER.



FLASH...THIS
PLACE...

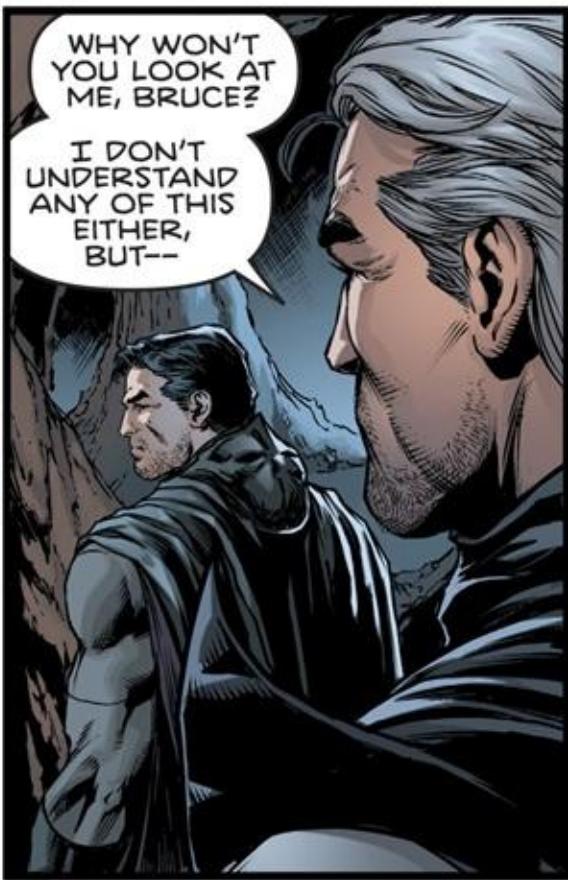
I'D KNOW IT
ANYWHERE...

I'VE KNOWN
IT EVER SINCE
I FELL DOWN
HERE AS A
CHILD...









BECAUSE
OF THEM.

BY THE ORDER OF
KING ARTHUR OF
ATLANTIS AND QUEEN
DIANA OF NEW
THEMYSICRA...

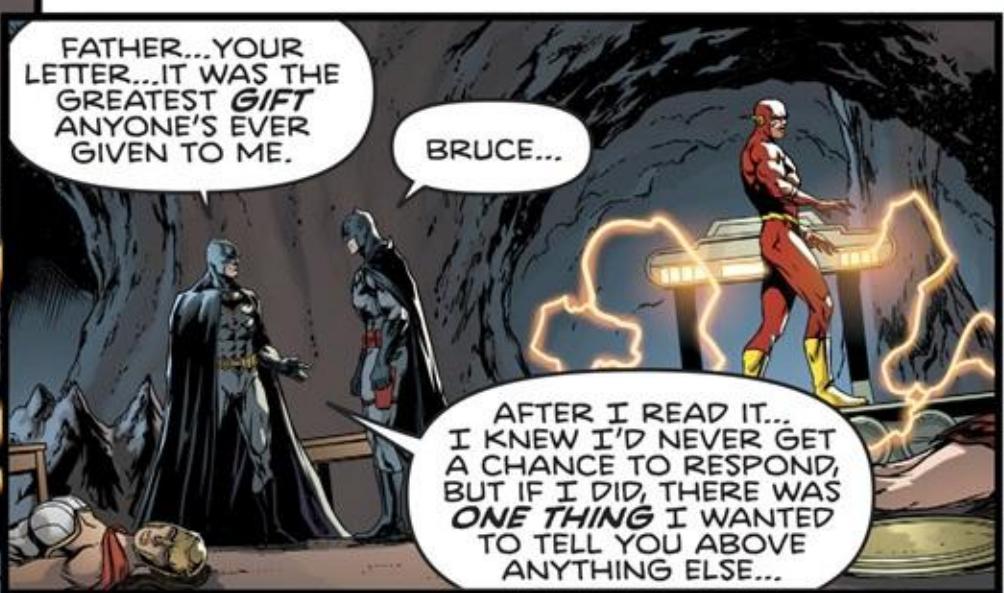
PREPARE
TO DIE,
BAT!



















WE
RISE.





THERE MUST
BE A WAY TO
GO BACK--

BRUCE, I'M
SORRY--THERE'S
NOTHING TO GO
BACK TO.



WHATEVER WE
JUST LEFT IS
GONE.

LOOK AROUND
YOU, BRUCE--THE
TIME STREAM--
TIME ITSELF IS
COMING UNDONE
AROUND US!

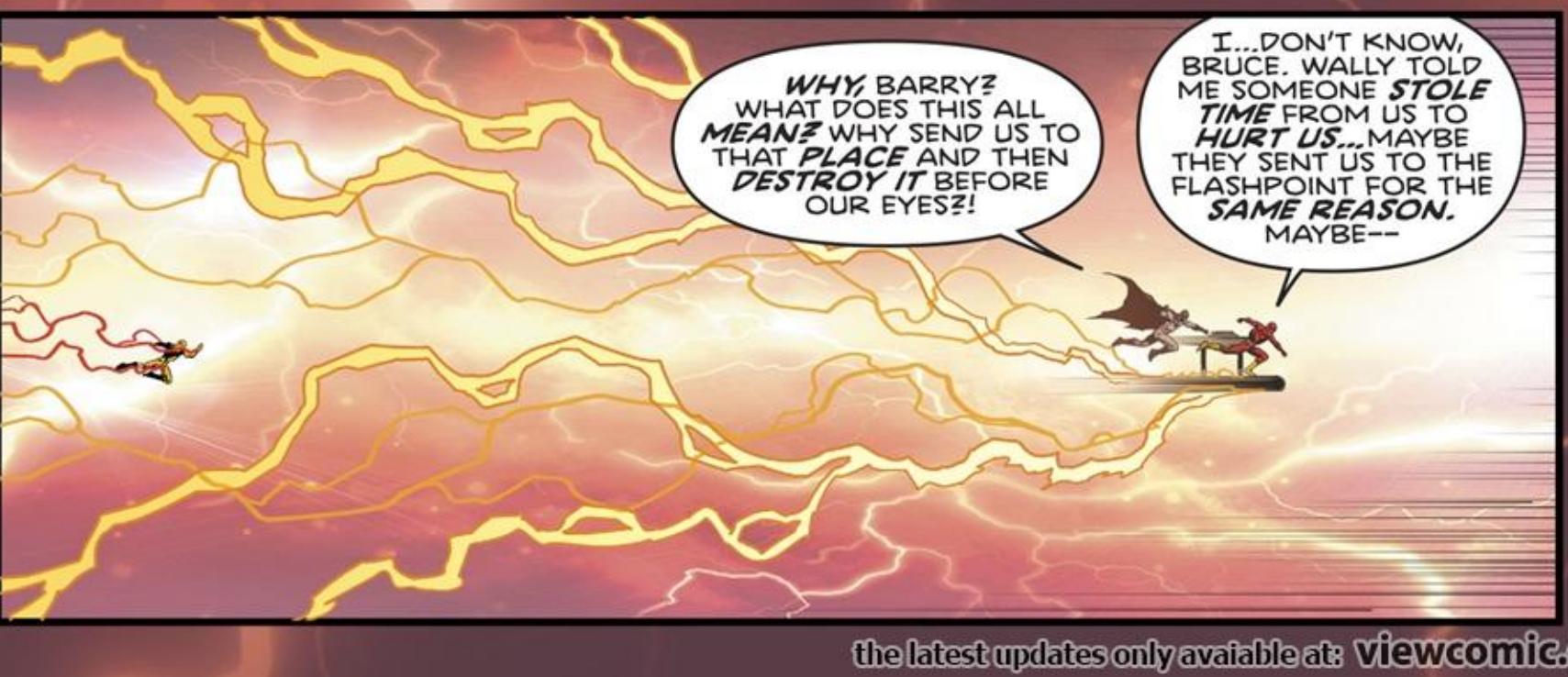


I DON'T
KNOW WHY THE
BUTTON'S TRAIL
LED US THERE,
BUT I KNOW WE
CAN'T **STOP!** WE
NEED TO **KEEP
MOVING!**



THE
BUTTON CAME
TO **MY CAVE**...AND
BROUGHT ME TO
MY FATHER...

...BUT
WHY?



WHY, BARRY?
WHAT DOES THIS ALL
MEAN? WHY SEND US TO
THAT PLACE AND THEN
DESTROY IT BEFORE
OUR EYES?!

I...DON'T KNOW,
BRUCE. WALLY TOLD
ME SOMEONE **STOLE**
TIME FROM US TO
HURT US... MAYBE
THEY SENT US TO THE
FLASHPOINT FOR THE
SAME REASON.
MAYBE--

COMING
THROUGH, FLASH!

HOW ON EARTH DID YOU GET AHEAD OF ME, LET ALONE FIND ME?!

THAWNE!

YOU'RE ALIVE?!*

YOU CAN'T SLOW ME DOWN!

*Thawne was killed in BATMAN #21. --Mark

FLASH... HE STILL HAS THE BUTTON.

THIS IS THAWNE BEFORE HE DIED!

THE TIME STREAM MUST HAVE DOUBLED BACK TO THIS MOMENT!

THAWNE, YOU HAVE TO STOP!

IF YOU KEEP RUNNING, YOU'LL DIE!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA THE THINGS I'VE SEEN, ALLEN! THE PLACES I'VE BEEN!

I KNOW WHO THE POWER OF THE BUTTON BELONGS TO!

AND
THEY'VE
NEVER
FACED
SOMEONE
LIKE ME!

THE BUTTON

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