

Central City.



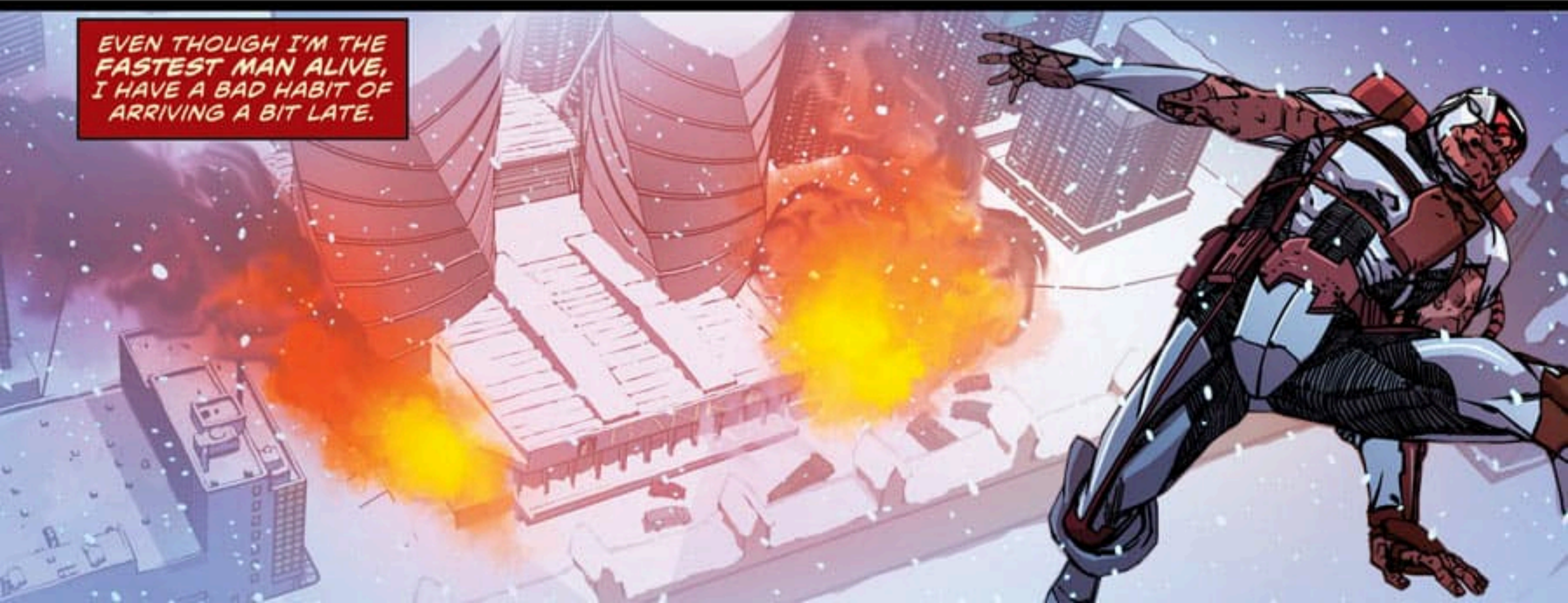
MY HOME CITY
BURNS AND
IT'S ALL MY
FAULT. SORT OF.



THE REAL GUILTY PARTY IS
MICK RORY. HEAT WAVE.
HE'S A PYROMANIAC. HIS FILE
AT CCPD SAYS HE BECAME
OBSESSED WHEN HIS HOME
CAUGHT FIRE AND HIS
FAMILY WAS BURNED ALIVE.



MY NAME IS BARRY
ALLEN...I CALL MYSELF
THE FLASH.



EVEN THOUGH I'M THE
FASTEST MAN ALIVE,
I HAVE A BAD HABIT OF
ARRIVING A BIT LATE.

 EXCEPT THIS TIME, I NEVER SHOWED UP AT ALL.

ROGUES RELOADED

PART THREE

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THANKFULLY NO ONE WAS HURT IN HEAT WAVE'S THEFT.

AFTER THE SPEED FORCE STORM, THE ROGUES SKIPPED TOWN. I TRIED TO FIND THEM AND MAKE SURE THEY HADN'T FALLEN BACK INTO BAD HABITS AGAIN.

THEY TRICKED ME INTO LEAVING CENTRAL CITY.

WHILE I WAS MILES AWAY IN CORTO MALTESE, BATTLING MIRROR MASTER AND MIRROR VERSIONS OF THE ROGUES, THE REAL ROGUES SEPARATED AND ROBBED THE CITY IN FIVE DIFFERENT LOCATIONS.

IT WAS ALL PART OF A PLAN. AND I FELL FOR IT.

NOW THE CLOCK IS TICKING... I SEARCHED THE CITY STREETS AT SUPER-SPEED THE SECOND I GOT BACK.

WITH EACH MOMENT THE ROGUES GET CLOSER TO ESCAPING.

I LOOKED INTO EVERY BIT OF EVIDENCE THEY LEFT BEHIND, AND IT ALL LED ME TO...

...NOTHING.

I MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN HERE IN TIME FOR THE FIRE, BUT I KNOW I CAN FIND THE ROGUES.

LOOKS LIKE THE ROGUES FINALLY BEAT THE FLASH.



THAT'S A HEADLINE THAT'LL GET A LOT OF HITS.

BUT I'D RATHER RUN "FLASH CATCHES THE ROGUES AGAIN."

SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IRIS WEST WOULD BE COVERING THE RETURN OF THE ROGUES FOR THE CENTRAL CITY CITIZEN.

PLEASE KEEP BACK, MA'AM.

WE'VE BEEN DATING BUT I HAVEN'T TOLD HER I'M THE FLASH YET...



IT'S OKAY, OFFICER. I KNOW MISS WEST.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT THE HEADLINE, IRIS... I LET THIS CITY DOWN.

THEN LET ME HELP, FLASH.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAPTAIN COLD STOLE?



I... I DON'T KNOW.

ANOTHER WAY THAT THE ROGUES HAVE OUTSMARTED ME.

DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF.

THE ROGUES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN DANGEROUS...



BUT AFTER THEIR LAST FEW APPEARANCES... I WAS HOPING THEY FINALLY REALIZED THE CITY WANTS THEM TO BE HEROES.

I DIDN'T WANT TO ADMIT IT TO MYSELF BEFORE, BUT SO DID I.



IT'S MY HOPE THAT PEOPLE ARE INHERENTLY GOOD AND WILL DO THE RIGHT THING...

BUT THE ROGUES ALWAYS TEST THAT.

AND THE VERY IDEA OF TRYING TO SEE THEIR POINT OF VIEW... SCARES ME.



THINKING LIKE A ROGUE DOESN'T MAKE YOU ONE OF THEM, FLASH.

YOU'RE... YOU'RE RIGHT, IRIS.

AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME AN IDEA...