

IT HAS BEEN A WEEK SINCE TERROR CAME TO THE MASSARO RECREATION CENTER ON THE NEAR WEST SIDE OF CLEVELAND.

THE FORENSICS CREW HAS FINISHED THEIR WORK.

NOW THE REBUILDING CAN BEGIN.



TWO POLICE OFFICERS--BRAVE AND TRUE--WERE CUT DOWN BY THE FLYING KILLERS TOBIAS WHALE UNLEASHED ON THE CITY.

SOME DAMAGE CAN NEVER BE REPAIRED.

OFFICER SAL LOMBINO HAD BEEN RECRUITED FOR S.W.A.T. JUST TWO YEARS OUT OF THE POLICE ACADEMY.

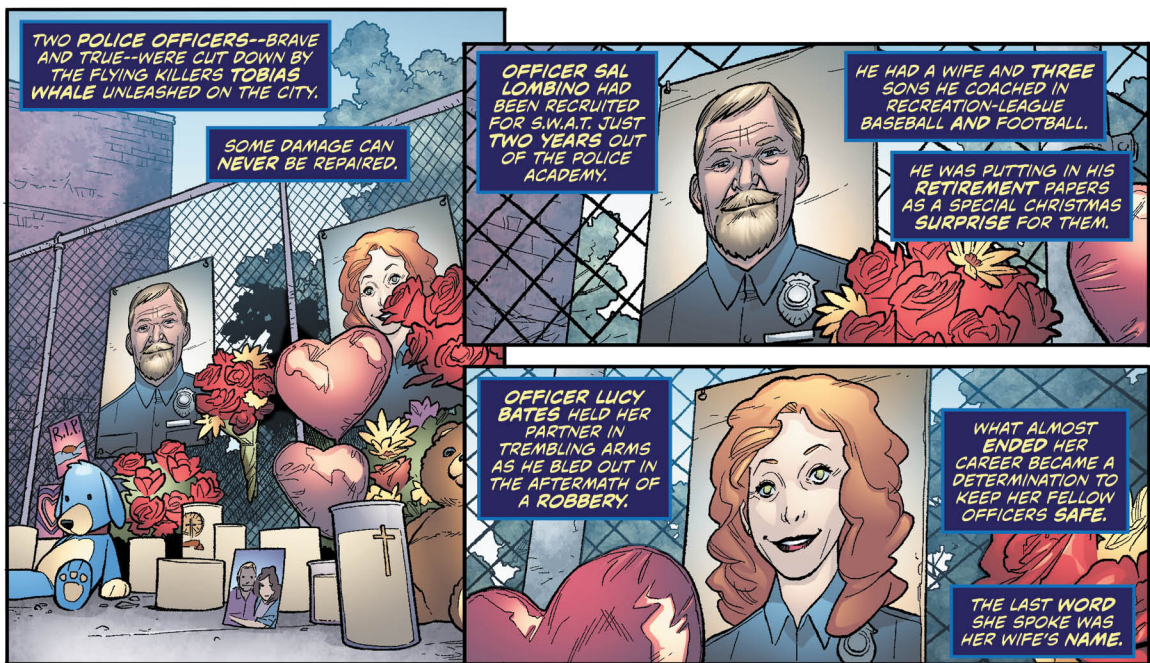
HE HAD A WIFE AND THREE SONS HE COACHED IN RECREATION-LEAGUE BASEBALL AND FOOTBALL.

HE WAS PUTTING IN HIS RETIREMENT PAPERS AS A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SURPRISE FOR THEM.

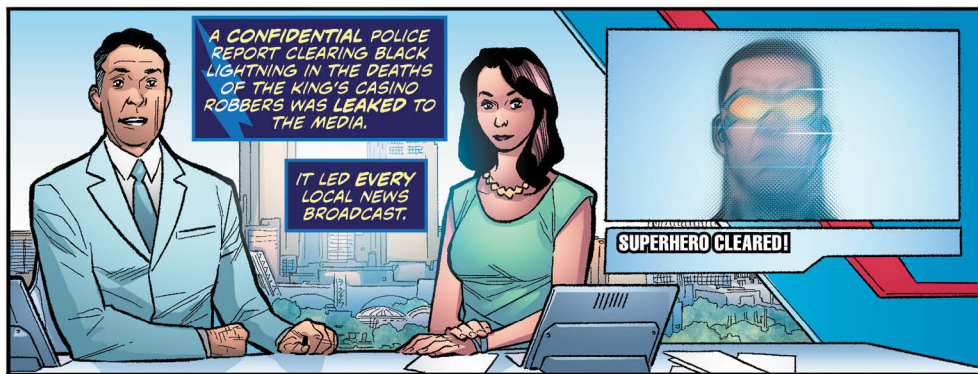
OFFICER LUCY BATES HELD HER PARTNER IN TREMBLING ARMS AS HE BLEED OUT IN THE AFTERMATH OF A ROBBERY.

WHAT ALMOST ENDED HER CAREER BECAME A DETERMINATION TO KEEP HER FELLOW OFFICERS SAFE.

THE LAST WORD SHE SPOKE WAS HER WIFE'S NAME.





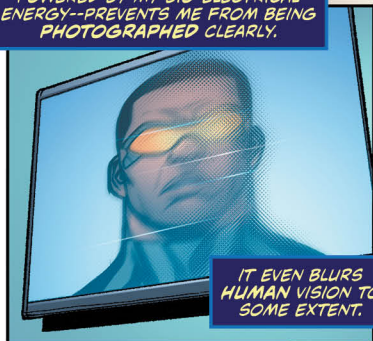


A CONFIDENTIAL POLICE REPORT CLEARING BLACK LIGHTNING IN THE DEATHS OF THE KING'S CASINO ROBBERS WAS LEAKED TO THE MEDIA.

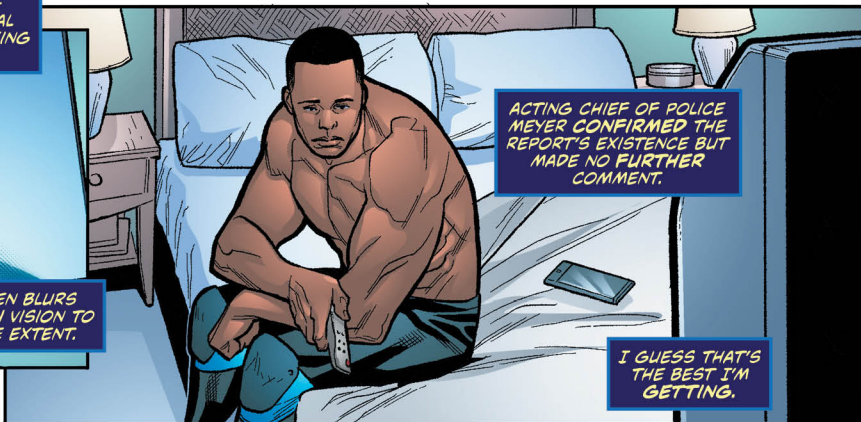
IT LED EVERY LOCAL NEWS BROADCAST.

**SUPERHERO CLEARED!**

THE TECH IN MY GOGGLES--POWERED BY MY BIO-ELECTRICAL ENERGY--PREVENTS ME FROM BEING PHOTOGRAPHED CLEARLY.

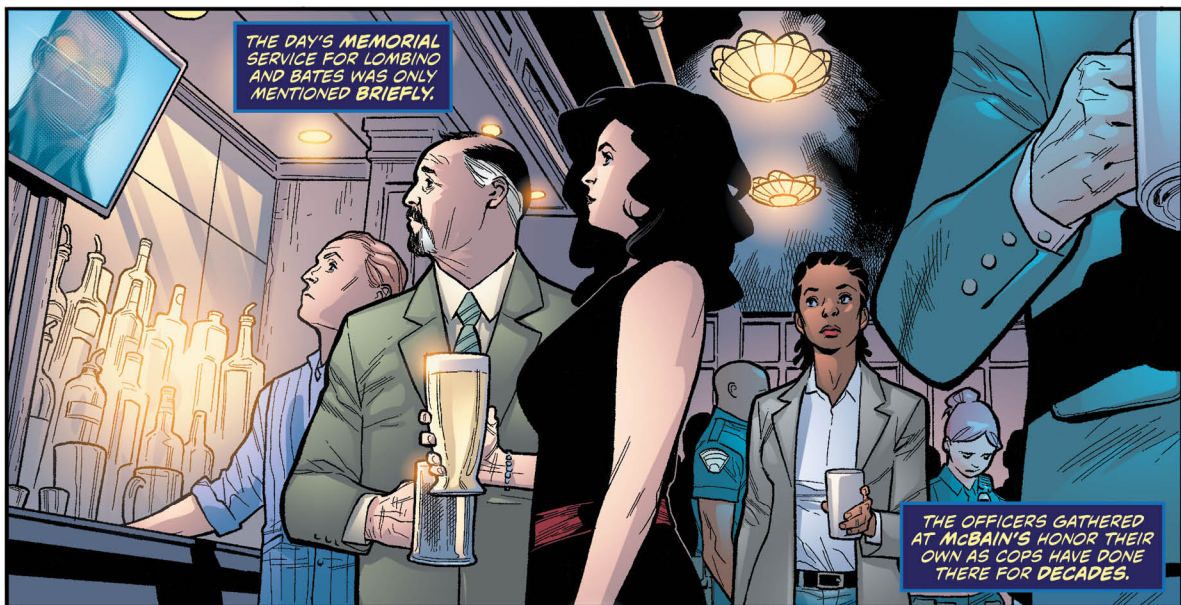


IT EVEN BLURS HUMAN VISION TO SOME EXTENT.



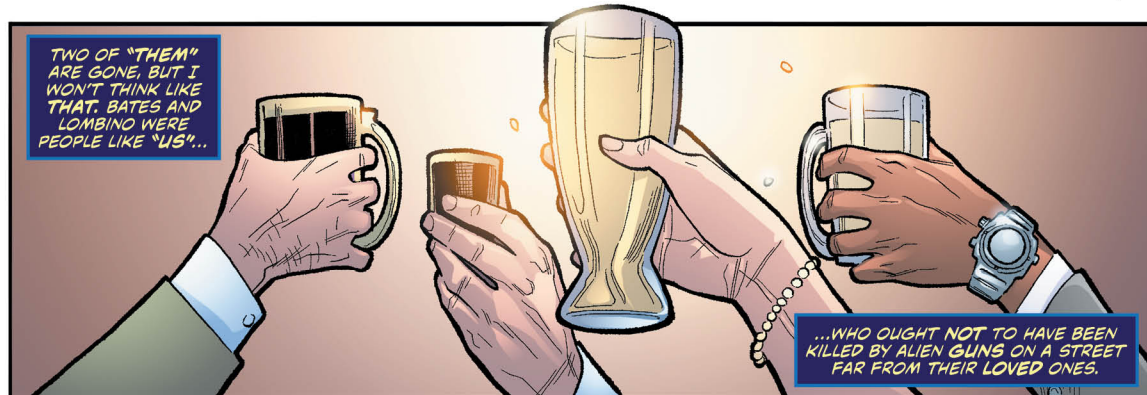
ACTING CHIEF OF POLICE MEYER CONFIRMED THE REPORT'S EXISTENCE BUT MADE NO FURTHER COMMENT.

I GUESS THAT'S THE BEST I'M GETTING.



THE DAY'S MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LOMBINO AND BATES WAS ONLY MENTIONED BRIEFLY.

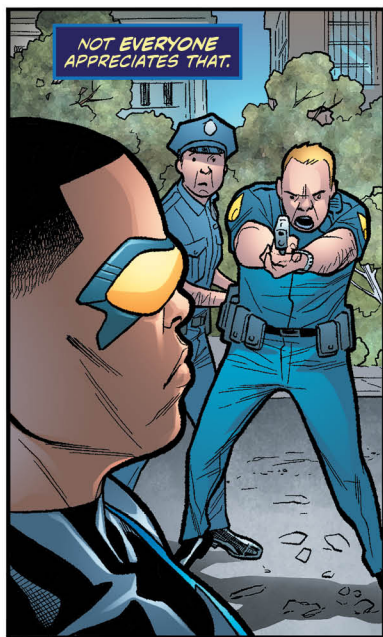
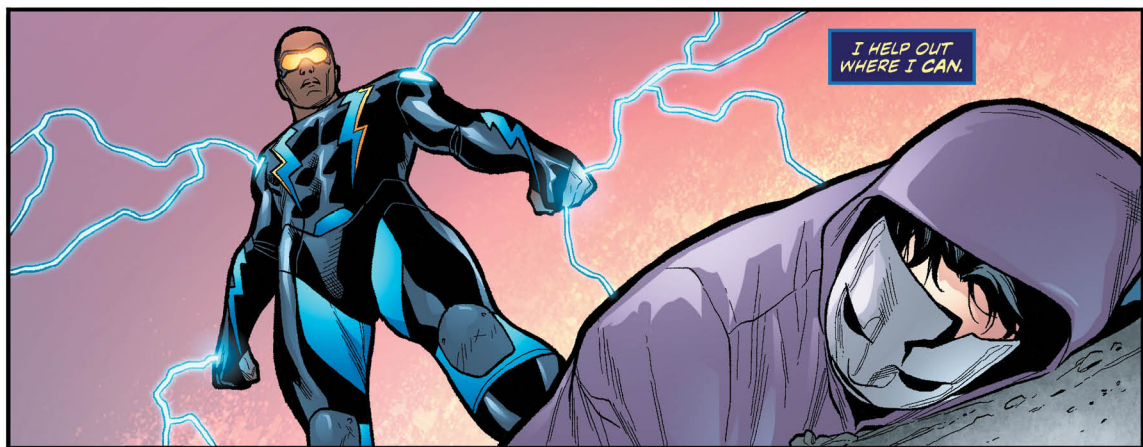
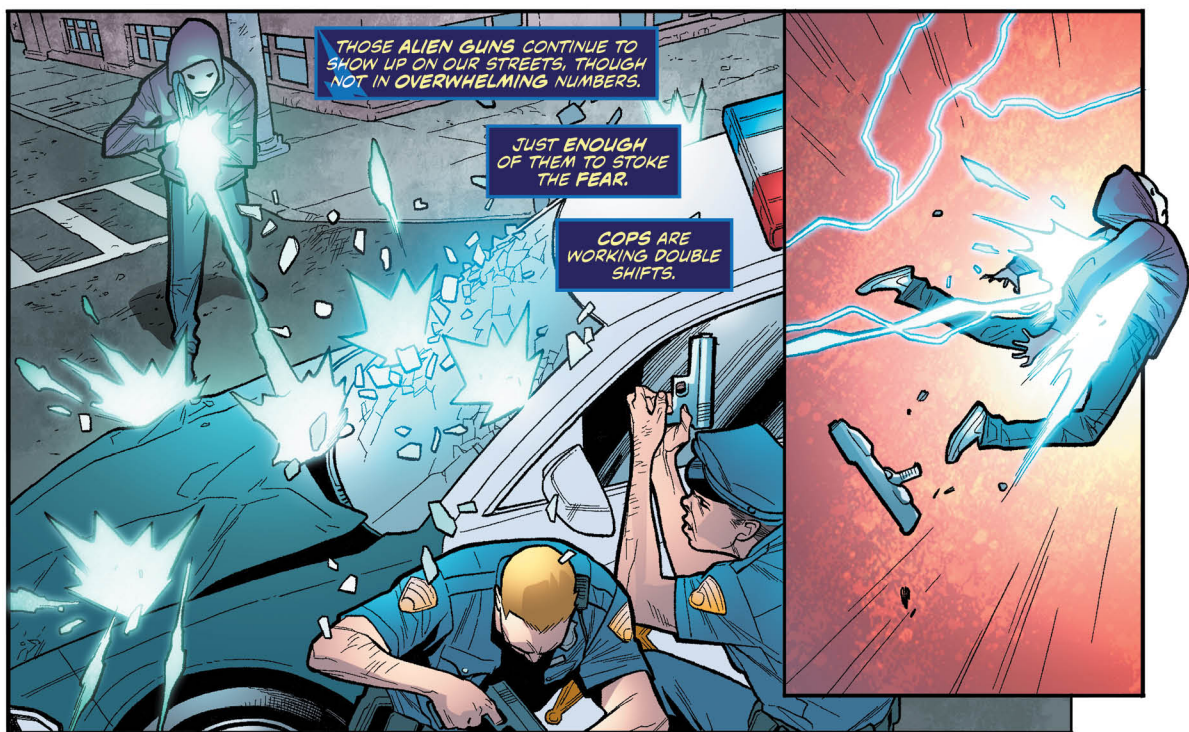
THE OFFICERS GATHERED AT MCBAIN'S HONOR THEIR OWN AS COPS HAVE DONE THERE FOR DECADES.



TWO OF "THEM" ARE GONE, BUT I WON'T THINK LIKE THAT. BATES AND LOMBINO WERE PEOPLE LIKE "US"...

...WHO OUGHT NOT TO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY ALIEN GUNS ON A STREET FAR FROM THEIR LOVED ONES.







TOMMI COLAVITO AND DENISE SIMMS ARE LEAD DETECTIVES ON THE CASE. THEY HAVE TO MOVE FAST.

"FEDERAL AGENTS" HAVE ALREADY SEIZED THE ALIEN GUNS, BUT THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT SSSEARR.



SSSEARR, WHO LED THE ATTACK AT THE RECREATION CENTER, IS HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO MAKE A DEAL.

HE KNOWS BOTH TOBIAS WHALE AND THOSE AGENTS WANT TO MAKE HIM DISAPPEAR.

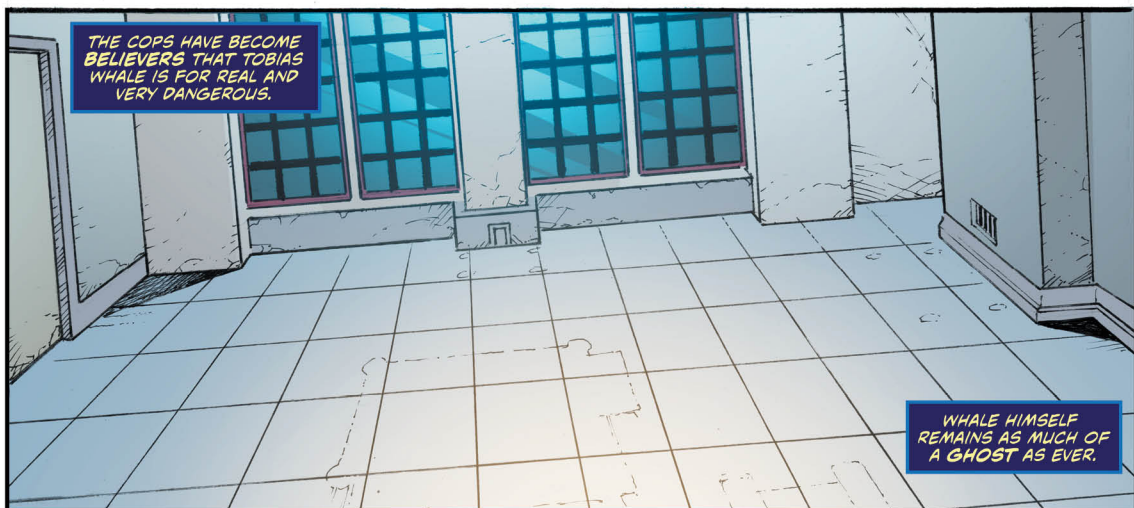


HE GIVES UP THE LOCATION OF WHALE'S OFFICE.



THE COPS HAVE BECOME BELIEVERS THAT TOBIAS WHALE IS FOR REAL AND VERY DANGEROUS.

WHALE HIMSELF REMAINS AS MUCH OF A GHOST AS EVER.





JEFFERSON PIERCE, A MAN WHO CAME HOME AND FOUND THAT HOME STRUGGLING WITH TROUBLES OLD AND NEW. NOW HE FIGHTS FOR THE FUTURE ON TWO FRONTS: IN THE CLASSROOM AS A DEDICATED TEACHER AND ON THE STREETS AS...

**BLACK  
LIGHTNING**

# COLD DEAD HANDS

PART FIVE: "WATCH 'EM KILL EACH OTHER"

YOU SHOT HIM! YOU SAID HE WAS ONE OF THE CREATURES, AND THEN YOU JUST SHOT HIM!

WHY WERE YOU SO SURE IT WAS HIM?

YOU KNOW HE WASN'T LIKE US. YOU ALL KNOW THAT.

DIDN'T ACT LIKE US. DIDN'T TALK LIKE US.

HE WAS... DIFFERENT.



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