

*Two people,
coming together.*

*A swirl of emotions.
Bonds. Connections.
An intertwining of
lives. And then...
just as easily...*

...nothing.

*Love. Compassion. Respect.
There are a lot of aspects
to a healthy relationship.*

*Personally, though,
I think that last one
is the most important.*

*Love can ebb and flow.
People can fall in and out.
But when respect goes...
that's when things start
to break down for good.
And really...*

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...you could say that about any kind of relationship.

IT'S...CERTAINLY DISCONCERTING, I'LL SAY THAT. HIS BLOOD'S ACTIVELY **REJECTING** THE ISOTOPE...

SO HOLT'S DATA--

SO FAR, YES. BUT I'LL NEED MORE TIME TO REALLY KNOW.

DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO.

"WE NEED TO BE **SURE**."

HELLO, JAKE.

WE'VE MET A FEW TIMES BEFORE. WHEN YOU WERE YOUNGER. DO YOU REMEMBER ME?

YOU'RE MS. KANE. YOU USED TO BE **BATWOMAN**.

YES, I DID. HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

TIRED.

THAT'S THE TRANQUILIZERS. CAN'T HAVE YOU FLARING UP THOSE NEW POWERS OF YOURS ON US NOW. YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT?

NOT REALLY.



I'M SORRY ABOUT ALL THIS. I KNOW...IT'S ALL REALLY **UNFAIR** TO YOU. I **DO** KNOW THAT.

AND I PROMISE, I'M GOING TO DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO KEEP THIS ALL AS SMOOTH AND PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE.



AM I GONNA BE FROZEN?



...I DON'T THINK ANY OF US KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN JUST YET. THIS IS...SLIGHTLY NEW TERRITORY, FOR ALL OF US.

RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE SOME MORE TESTS WE'D LIKE TO RUN. AND SOME QUESTIONS WE NEED TO GO OVER WITH YOU. THIS IS ALL SO WE CAN **HELP** YOU, JAKE.



DO YOU BELIEVE ME?

NOT REALLY.



TRY TO GET SOME REST, JAKE...



IT'S IMPORTANT YOU'RE WELL RESTED...

"...FOR THE TESTS."

THE GREAT
DICK GRAYSON, *GRACING*
US WITH HIS PRESENCE. I *STILL*
SAY WE SHOULD'VE LEFT HIM
FOR STEWART.

THAT'S
WHY IT'S NOT *UP*
TO YOU.

AGAIN,
HOW DO WE
KNOW THIS WHOLE
THING ISN'T JUST
A *TRAP*?

WE *DON'T*. THE STUFF
AT THE HOUSE COULD'VE BEEN
STAGED. THE *CRUSADERS*
COULD BE GETTING READY
TO CRASH ON US
NOW.

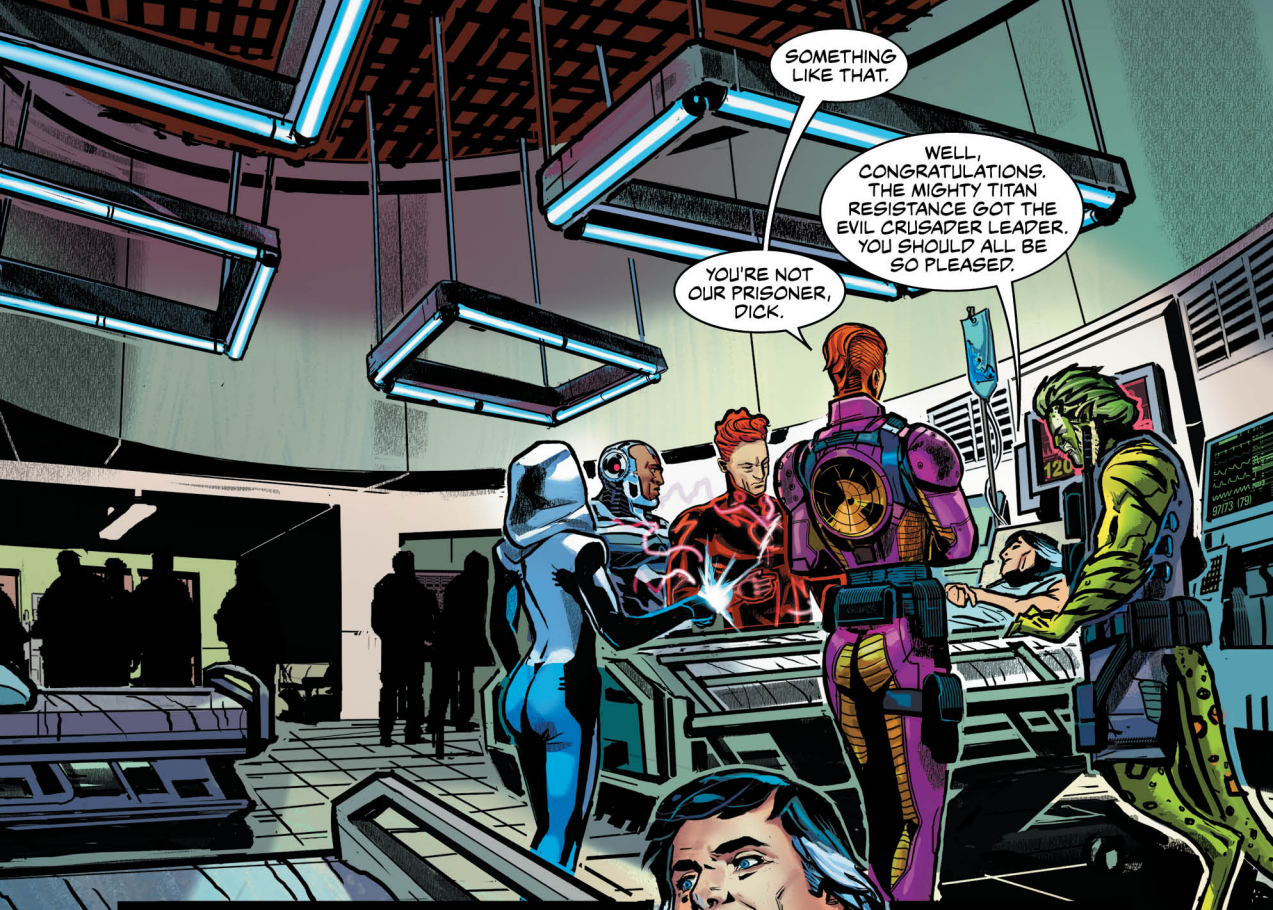
I HAVE *BEEN*
TO THE HOUSE. WHAT
HAPPENED IS NOT
STAGED.

YOU WENT
TO THE HOUSE?!
OH MAN. ARE YOU
OKAY?

I THINK
HE'S WAKING
UP..

SO...
...THE
OLD GANG'S
ALL HERE,
HUH?





SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

WELL, CONGRATULATIONS. THE MIGHTY TITAN RESISTANCE GOT THE EVIL CRUSADER LEADER. YOU SHOULD ALL BE SO PLEASED.

YOU'RE NOT OUR PRISONER, DICK.



NGG. THAT RIGHT?



THE BLUE RING HAS HEALING ABILITIES, GRAYSON. I'VE BEEN *FIXING* YOU.

WELL, YOU'RE A REAL SAINT NOW, AREN'T YOU, LOIS?

SEE, I'M STARTING TO THINK WHAT YOU REALLY NEED IS A *GAG*.



JUST BECAUSE THINGS WENT DOWN THE WAY THEY DID DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE SUDDENLY ON THE SAME *SIDE*.

DON'T BE AN IDIOT. WITHOUT US, STEWART HAULS YOU BACK TO KATE KANE AND YOU'RE GOING INTO STASIS AS WE SPEAK.

I *DIDN'T* ASK FOR YOU TO BAIL ME OUT, WALLY.

I *DIDN'T WANT TO*.



SHE DID.