

HELLO?
IS THIS THING
ON?

**TAP
TAP**



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AH. THERE
WE GO. THE
WI-FI HERE
STINKS.

NOT THAT THAT
NARROWS DOWN MY
LOCATION FOR YOU AT
ALL, REALLY, SO DON'T
GET YOUR HOPES UP
ABOUT *THAT.*

PEOPLE OF
ST. BARRINGTON, I'LL
BE *BLUNT*. I'M *VERY*
DISAPPOINTED IN YOU.
HURT, EVEN.



MY EFFORTS SEEM UNAPPRECIATED. BUILDING A *WEBPAGE*, ENGINEERING A *LIVE FEED*, SETTING UP AN UNTRACEABLE *ONE-CLICK DONATION* BUTTON...
...ALL TO MAKE IT AS EASY AS *POSSIBLE* FOR YOU TO SHOW ME THAT YOU *CARE* AND THAT YOU WANT TO *GIVE* FOR A *CAUSE*.



AND YET, WITH VERY LITTLE TIME TO *GO*, YOU HAVE *NOT* YET REACHED THE \$50 MILLION MARK.

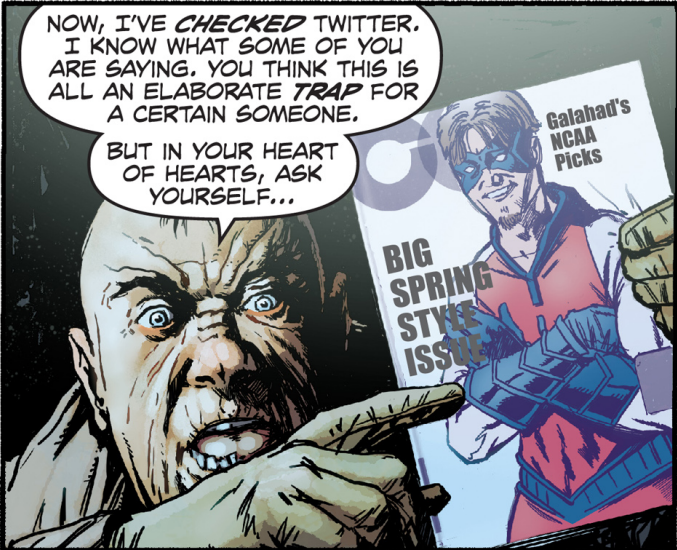


YES, I GIVE YOU THIS MUCH: TIMES ARE *TIGHT*...




...BUT HOW DO YOU PUT A PRICE ON A LITTLE GIRL'S LIFE?

...PLEASE...
LET ME
GO...



NOW, I'VE *CHECKED* TWITTER. I KNOW WHAT SOME OF YOU ARE SAYING. YOU THINK THIS IS ALL AN ELABORATE *TRAP* FOR A CERTAIN SOMEONE.

BUT IN YOUR HEART OF HEARTS, ASK YOURSELF...



...DO YOU *REALLY* BELIEVE *THIS* ASSHOLE IS GOING TO GET HIS *HANDS* DIRTY WHEN HE HAS A PERFECTLY *GOOD* CHARITY EVENT TO ATTEND?

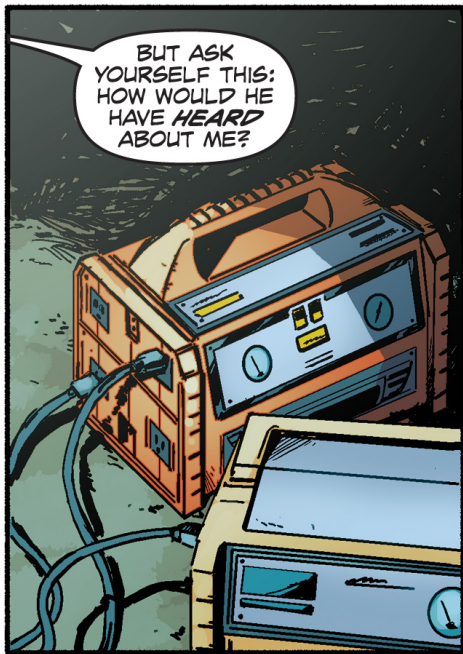
Galahad's
NCAA
Picks

BIG
SPRING
STYLE

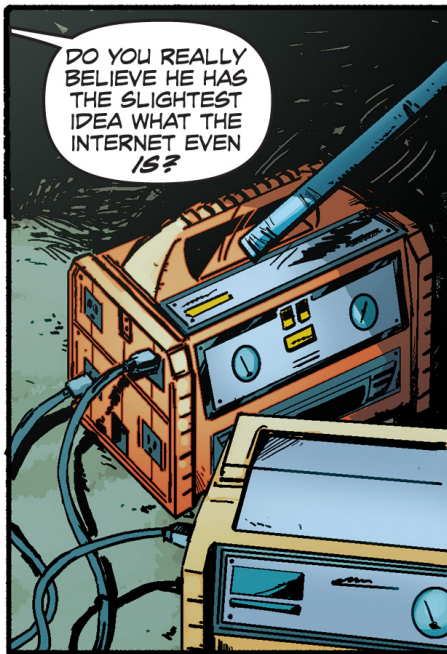


NOW, THE
OLD GUY...YEAH,
HE COULD POP
IN. *COULD.*

AND IF YOU'VE
GOT ANY STOCK IN
BEN-GAY, YOUR
FINGERS ARE
CROSSED.



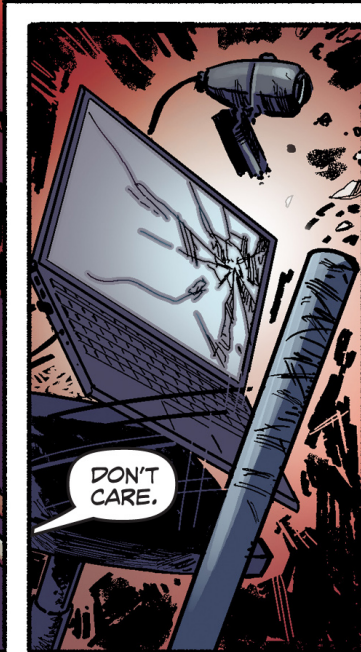
BUT ASK
YOURSELF THIS:
HOW WOULD HE
HAVE *HEARD*
ABOUT ME?



DO YOU REALLY
BELIEVE HE HAS
THE SLIGHTEST
IDEA WHAT THE
INTERNET EVEN
IS?



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HURRY,
MR. NOCTURNUS...







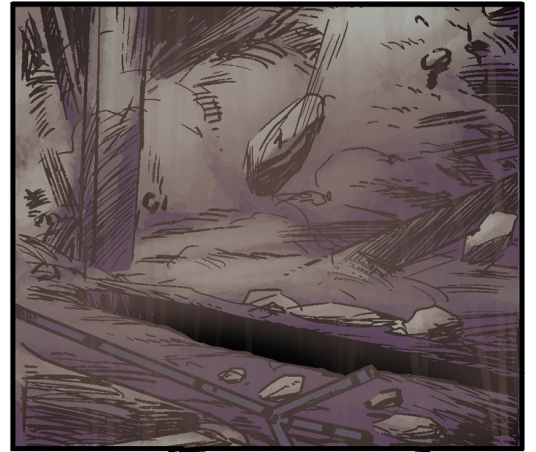
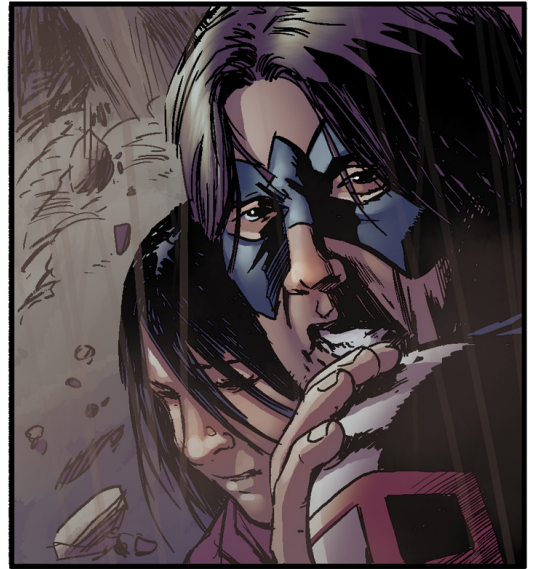


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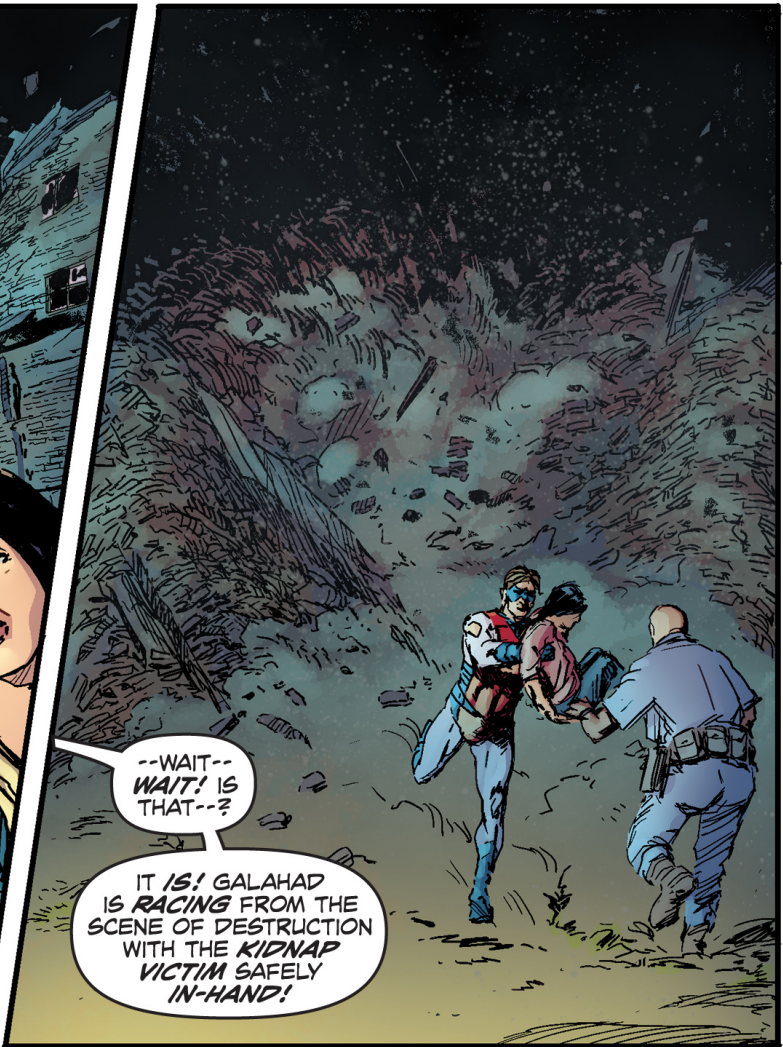






--WHOLE THING'S COMING DOWN!

GRACE WEIDENSALL REPORTING LIVE FROM THE WAREHOUSE DISTRICT, WHERE LOCAL HERO AND CELEBRITY GALAHAD WAS SPOTTED--



--WAIT--
WAIT! IS THAT--?

IT IS! GALAHAD IS RACING FROM THE SCENE OF DESTRUCTION WITH THE KIDNAP VICTIM SAFELY IN-HAND!



GALAHAD,
THE POLICE WERE
PARALYZED OVER
THIS ONE! HOW DID
YOU SINGLE-
HANDEDLY--

ST. BARRINGTON
KNOWS HOW I DID IT! BY
PUTTING THE SAME KIND
OF EFFORT INTO SAVING
ONE LITTLE GIRL--

--AS I HAVE INTO
PROTECTING THIS WHOLE
CITY AND MAKING IT
SAFE!



YOU'VE CERTAINLY
ENJOYED A
STRING OF
VICTORIES SINCE
STRIKING OUT ON
YOUR OWN,
GALAHAD! DO YOU
CONSIDER
YOURSELF MORE
EFFECTIVE NOW
THAN--

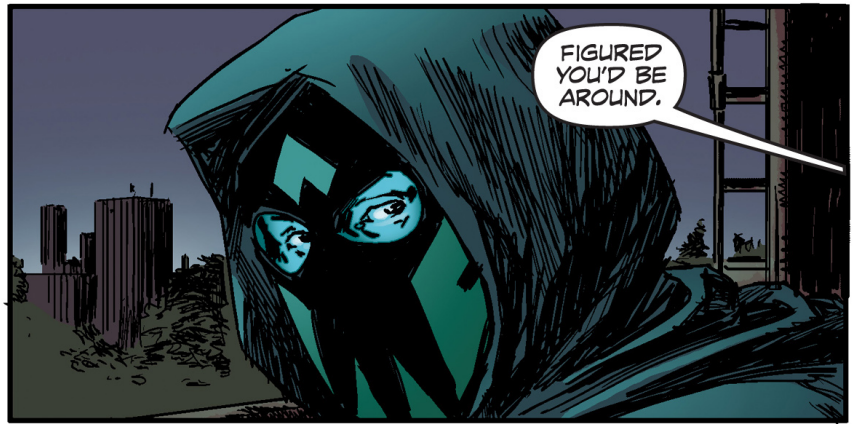
LOOK AT THE **NUMBERS**,
GRACE! CRIME IN ST. BARRY
IS DOWN **SIXTY PERCENT**
IN THE LAST TWO YEARS!
VIOLENT ASSAULT,
EIGHTY!

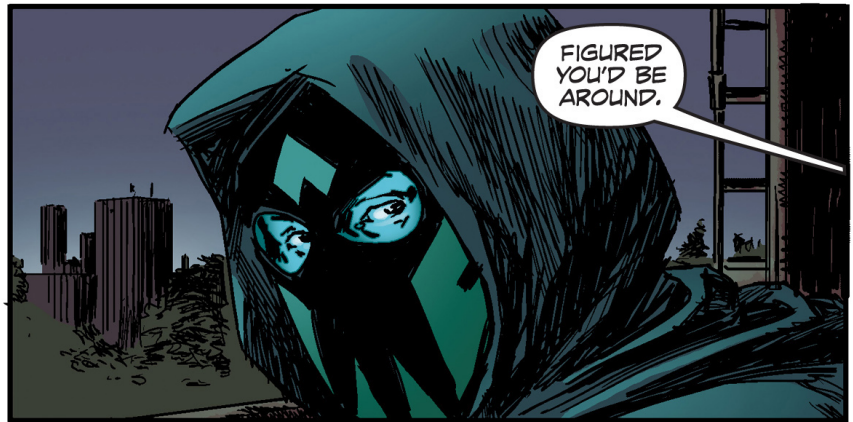
BUT THIS IS NOT
ABOUT ME, NOT
TODAY! IT'S ABOUT
JUSTICE AND **HOPE** IN
THE KIND OF CITY THAT
NOCTURNUS TRIED TO
GIVE YOU IN **HIS DAY**
BUT COULD **NOT!**

GOING OUT
ON MY OWN
WASN'T JUST
GOOD FOR
ME--

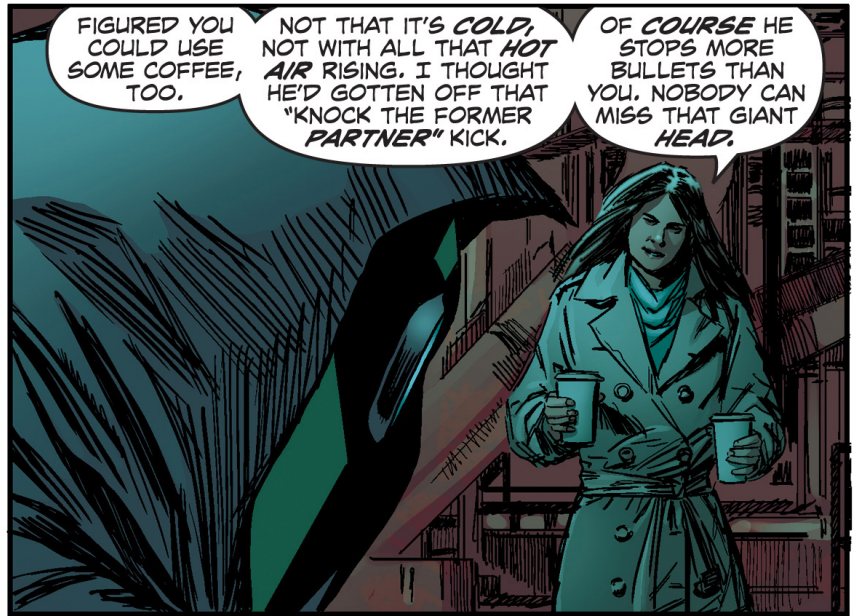


--IT WAS
GOOD FOR
ALL OF
US!





FIGURED
YOU'D BE
AROUND.



FIGURED YOU
COULD USE
SOME COFFEE,
TOO.

NOT THAT IT'S *COLD*,
NOT WITH ALL THAT *HOT*
AIR RISING. I THOUGHT
HE'D GOTTEN OFF THAT
"KNOCK THE FORMER
PARTNER" KICK.

OF *COURSE* HE
STOPS MORE
BULLETS THAN
YOU. NOBODY CAN
MISS THAT *GIANT*
HEAD.



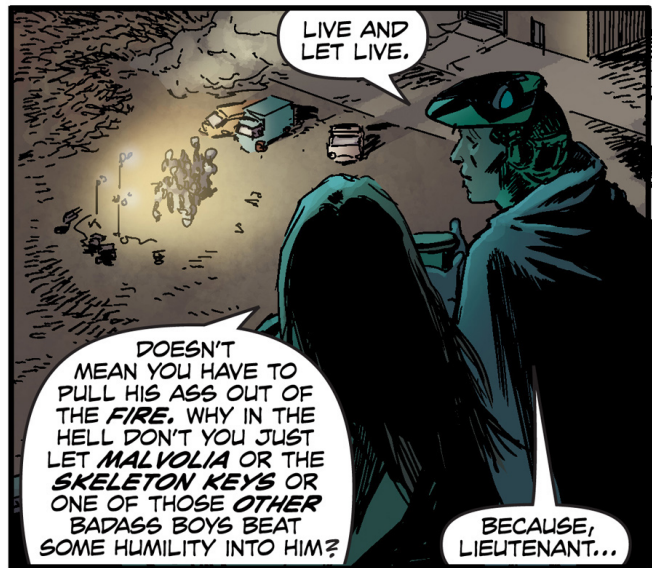
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BECAUSE, LIEUTENANT...

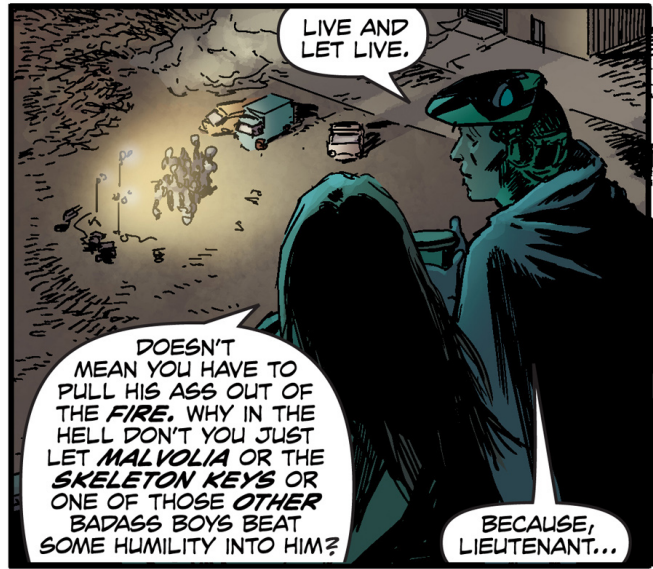


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