

SPARK



CAUGHT IN THE 'NET



SO, ARE THERE ANY OTHER KIDS LIVING HERE, ALREADY?

POSTED THIS AREA UNDER HEAVY SURVEILLANCE!



YES, THERE IS ONE GIRL, WHO IS LIKE YOU.

WHAT DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?

OH, YOU KNOW...



COME IN! YOU MUST BE KILOBYTE!

I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE GOING TO BE LIVING WITH US FOR A WHILE.

YES MA'AM.

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW YOU.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET YOUR NEW ROOMIE?

MIRAGE!

COME DOWN HERE AND MEET K.B.!

HEY! GRAB YOUR STUFF AND COME ON UP TO YOUR NEW ROOM!

GO AHEAD, DEAR. THIS IS MIRAGE. YOU TWO CAN BE FRIENDS.

MAYBE EVEN SISTERS.



SO...? WHAT ARE YOU IN FOR?

WHAT???

YOU KNOW, WHY ARE YOU IN CUSTODY...

...AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHY ARE YOU IN THIS PARTICULAR HOME?

'SIGH'

FINE, I'LL GO FIRST.

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THAT'S WHY I'M **HERE**. MY DAD HAD ME MAKE **MONEY**, BUT THE **LAST** TIME DIDN'T GO TOO **WELL**, AND I ENDED UP **HERE**...

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I CAN TALK TO **MACHINES**. THE MORE **COMPLEX**—THE **BETTER**.

I HELPED MY MOM **STEAL** CASH FROM **ATMs** BY TELLING IT TO GIVE US **MONEY**.

ANYWAY, THE **BANK** CAUGHT ON AND NOW I'M **HERE**.

SO YOU CAN TELL **COMPUTERS** TO BYPASS **PROTECTIONS** AND **BLOCKED** SITES?

I SUPPOSE. **WHY?**

I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THIS **GUY** ONLINE, BUT **MRS. POWERS** PUT THE **LOCK** ON **SOCIAL** MEDIA...

...EVER SINCE SHE **CAUGHT** ME TRYING TO **SNEAK** OUT TO GO SEE **HIM**.





I GOT CAUGHT TRYING TO MEET YOU THE OTHER NIGHT, AND GOT ALL MY INTERNET ACCESS TAKEN AWAY.

I EVEN STARTED TO READ BOOKS—

—LIKE, MADE OUT OF PAPER!



IT'S COOL. I GET IT. SO, WHO'S YOUR FRIEND?

SHE'S CUTE.

THAT EASY, HUH? YOU AIN'T EVEN MAD? OKAY THEN...



THIS HERE IS K.B.

SHE HELPED ME WITH MY INTERNET SITUATION.

SO, IS SHE LIKE YOU? YOU KNOW...



"HA-HA" IN A WAY, I GUESS.



MIRAGE!

RELAX.

IT'S OKAY, HE'S HARMLESS.



ANYWAY WE HAVE TO GO. DON'T WANT TO GET CAUGHT ON HERE.

BUT I HAD TO SEE YOU.

I'M GLAD YOU DID, BUT WHEN ARE WE GOING TO MEET IN PERSON?



WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW NIGHT? I'LL GET K.B. HERE TO GET US THROUGH SECURITY...

...I MEAN, IF SHE'S COOL AND ALL.



OH MAN, I DO NOT LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS!



THE NEXT MORNING...

K.B., I HOPE YOU ARE SETTLING IN.

YES MA'AM.

GOOD. I JUST WANT TO KEEP YOU KIDS SAFE.

I KNOW FIRSTHAND HOW DANGEROUS THE WORLD IS...

...AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT MIGHT BE WAITING FOR YOU OUT THERE.



I UNDERSTAND.

YEAH, ME AND K.B. ARE ON THE UP AND UP...

...TRUST ME!





I'M STARTING TO GET A **BAD** FEELING ABOUT THIS.

RELAX, K.B. DANCE A LITTLE. WHO KNOWS?

MAYBE YOU'LL MEET A NICE BOY HERE...

SO YOU CAN STOP DROOLING OVER MINE.

I WAS NOT DROOLING!



WELL, WE DON'T NEED THESE **FAKE I.D.S** ANYMORE. NOW DO WE?

POOF!



NOW, TO FIND MY **SUGAR!**

LOOK!



THERE HE IS!



SO--

—WHAT KEPT YOU?



WOAH! SLOW DOWN.

WHAT'S YOUR RUSH?

IT'S JUST THAT I WAS **AFRAID** YOU WEREN'T GOING TO BE HERE...

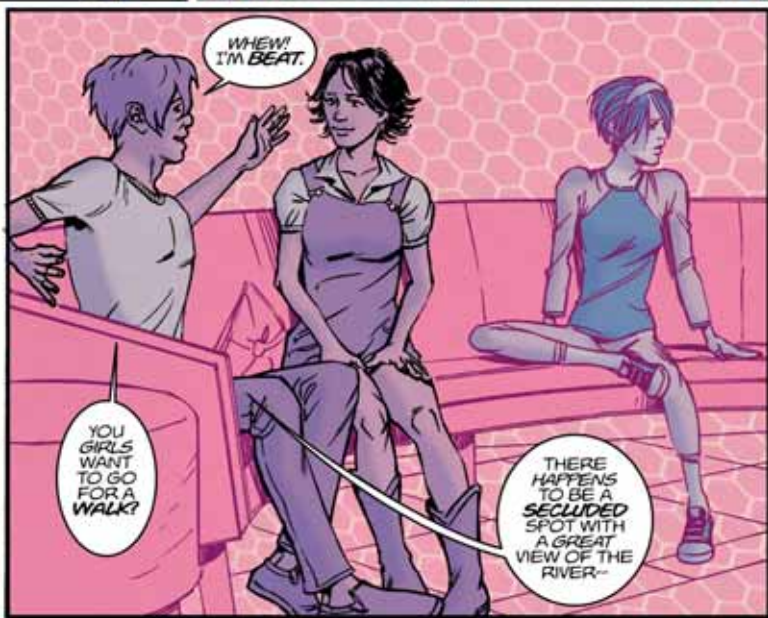
...THAT YOU WERE TOO **GOOD** TO BE TRUE!



LET'S DANCE!
HEY, K.B.
JOIN IN!



SOMETHING
DOESN'T FEEL
RIGHT ABOUT
ALL THIS.



WHEW!
I'M BEAT.

YOU
GIRLS
WANT TO
GO FOR A
WALK?

THERE
HAPPENS
TO BE A
SECLUDED
SPOT WITH
A GREAT
VIEW OF THE
RIVER--



--PROBABLY
HAVE IT ALL TO
OURSELVES--

I DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
WERE SUCH A
ROMANTIC.

YOU
NEVER
KNOW.

I MIGHT
BE FULL OF
SURPRISES.

YEAH
THAT'S
WHAT'S
GOT ME
WORRIED!







I KNEW YOU WERE POWERFUL AFTER YOU GOT BY THAT...

...HUM?

SPARK!
HELP!

PARASITE!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE DONE ROBBING PEOPLE OF THEIR SPECIAL POWERS.

ZAP!

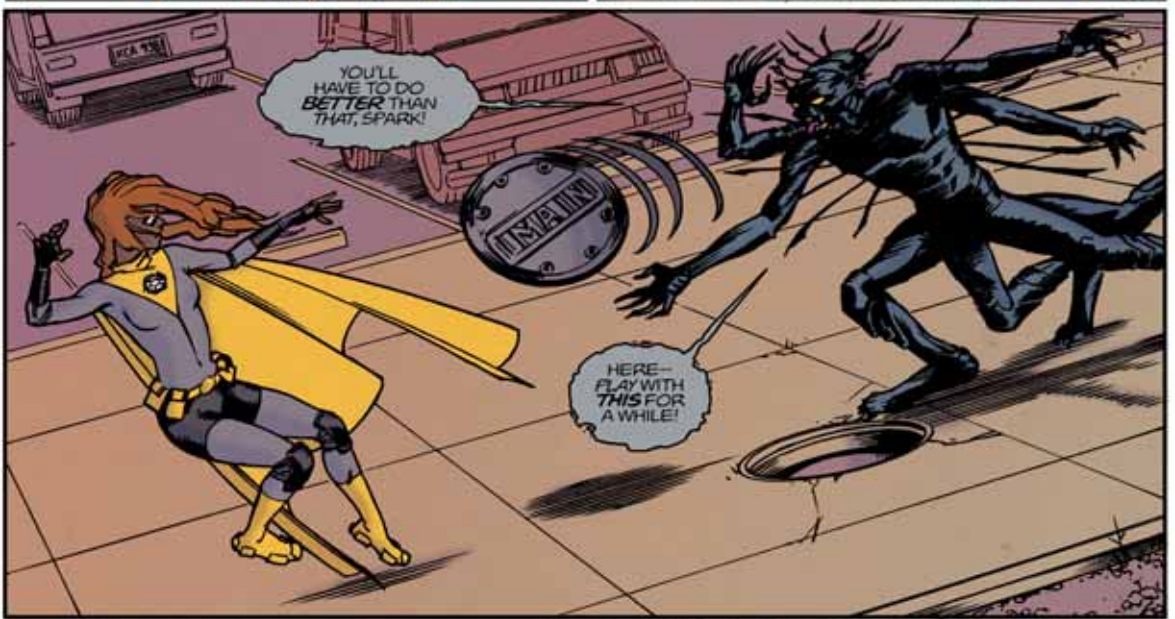


YOU'RE TOO LATE, SPARK. MIRAGE'S POWERS WILL HELP ME DESTROY YOU.

THEN THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF POWERS TO ABSORB!



GUESS AGAIN, ROMEO.





THANKS FOR THE HELP.

I THINK I SHOULD BE THANKING YOU

WOW!
QUICK THINKING!



OH NO!

MIRAGE!



Nothing...

...Nothing is happening...

I can't make--

--can't make anything!

nothing...

THIS IS TERRIBLE.

PARASITE HAS TAKEN AWAY ALL OF HER SPECIAL POWERS.



why?

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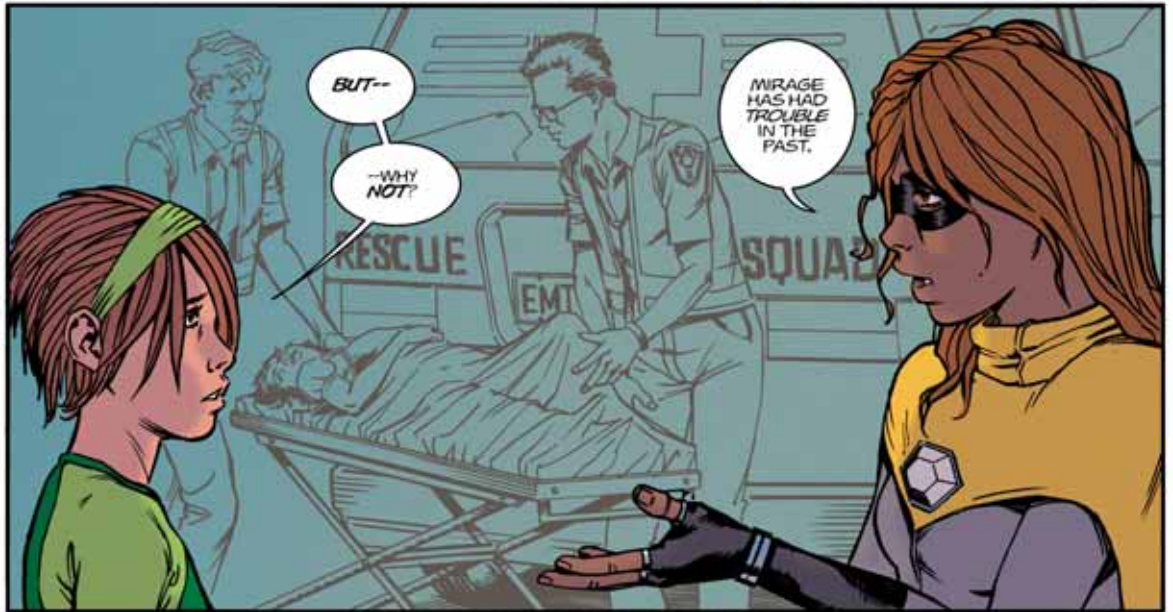
I don't understand..

WILL SHE BE OKAY?



PHYSICALLY SHE'LL BE FINE.

UNFORTUNATELY, SHE **WON'T** BE ABLE TO STAY AT THE HOUSE WITH YOU ANY LONGER.



BUT--

--WHY NOT?

MIRAGE HAS HAD TROUBLE IN THE PAST.



I HATE THAT SHE HAD TO LEARN THE LESSON THE **HARD** WAY.

BUT IT'S **GOOD** THAT YOU WERE HERE TO HELP HER, IN THE END.





BETTER
YET--

--YOU WERE
ABLE TO SEE WHAT
CAN HAPPEN BY JUST
TRUSTING SOME
RANDO ON THE
INTERNET.



YOU'RE
RIGHT,
SPARK.

WE DID
LET HIM
LURE US
INTO THIS
MESS!



WE
TOTALLY
BLEW IT,
AND NOW
LOOK.

I
ALMOST
FEEL
SORRY
FOR THE
CREEP...





OKAY, THAT WAS AMAZING!



YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOW ME HOW YOU DID THAT SOMETIME.

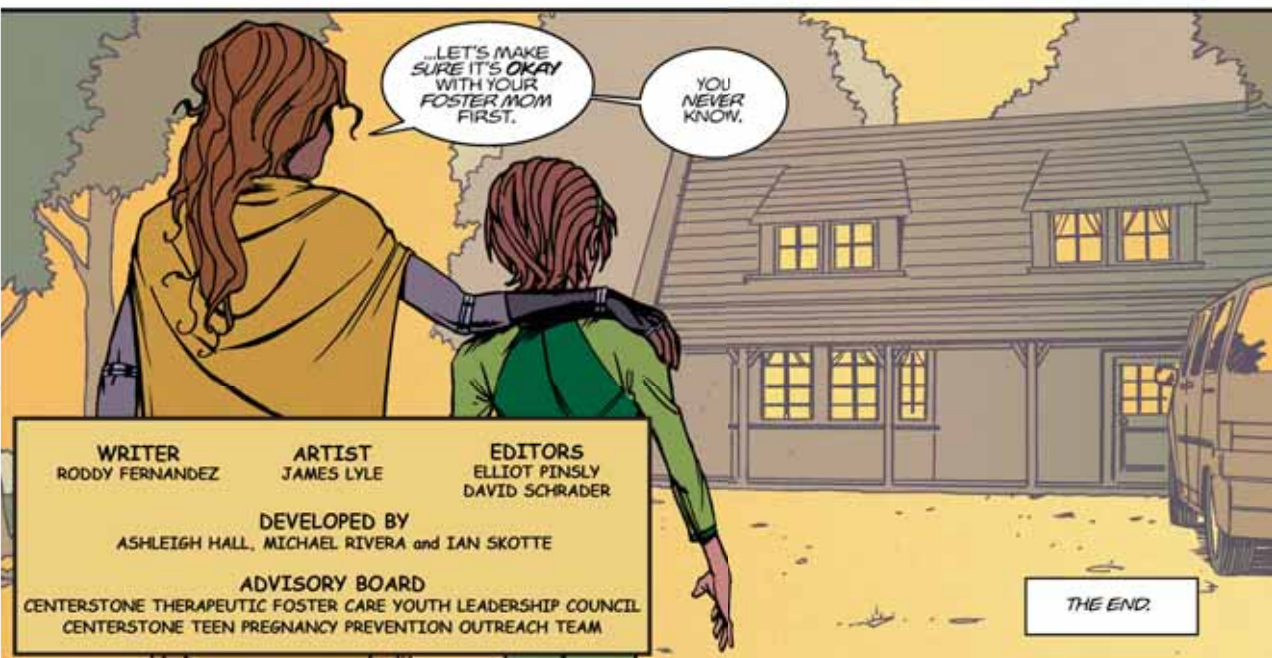
ONLY IF YOU PROMISE TO SHOW ME HOW YOU MOVED THAT SUN!



MAYBE I COULD HELP YOU OUT-DOWN THE ROAD.

YOU KNOW... AS A THANK YOU FOR TONIGHT.

I'D LIKE THAT, BUT...



LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S OKAY WITH YOUR FOSTER MOM FIRST.

YOU NEVER KNOW.

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THE END.

MEANWHILE...

ACROSS TOWN



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