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BELLE REVE
PENITENTIARY,
LOUISIANA.

WHY IS IT SO
NECESSARY TO KEEP
THEM CONTAINED?

THE SUPER-
HUMANS.

I REMEMBER
THE FIRST TIME
MY DADDY TOOK
ME DOWNTOWN,
AND I DID WHAT
ALL CHILDREN
DO. I LOOKED
UP AT THE
SKYSCRAPERS
LIKE THEY WERE
CASTLES.

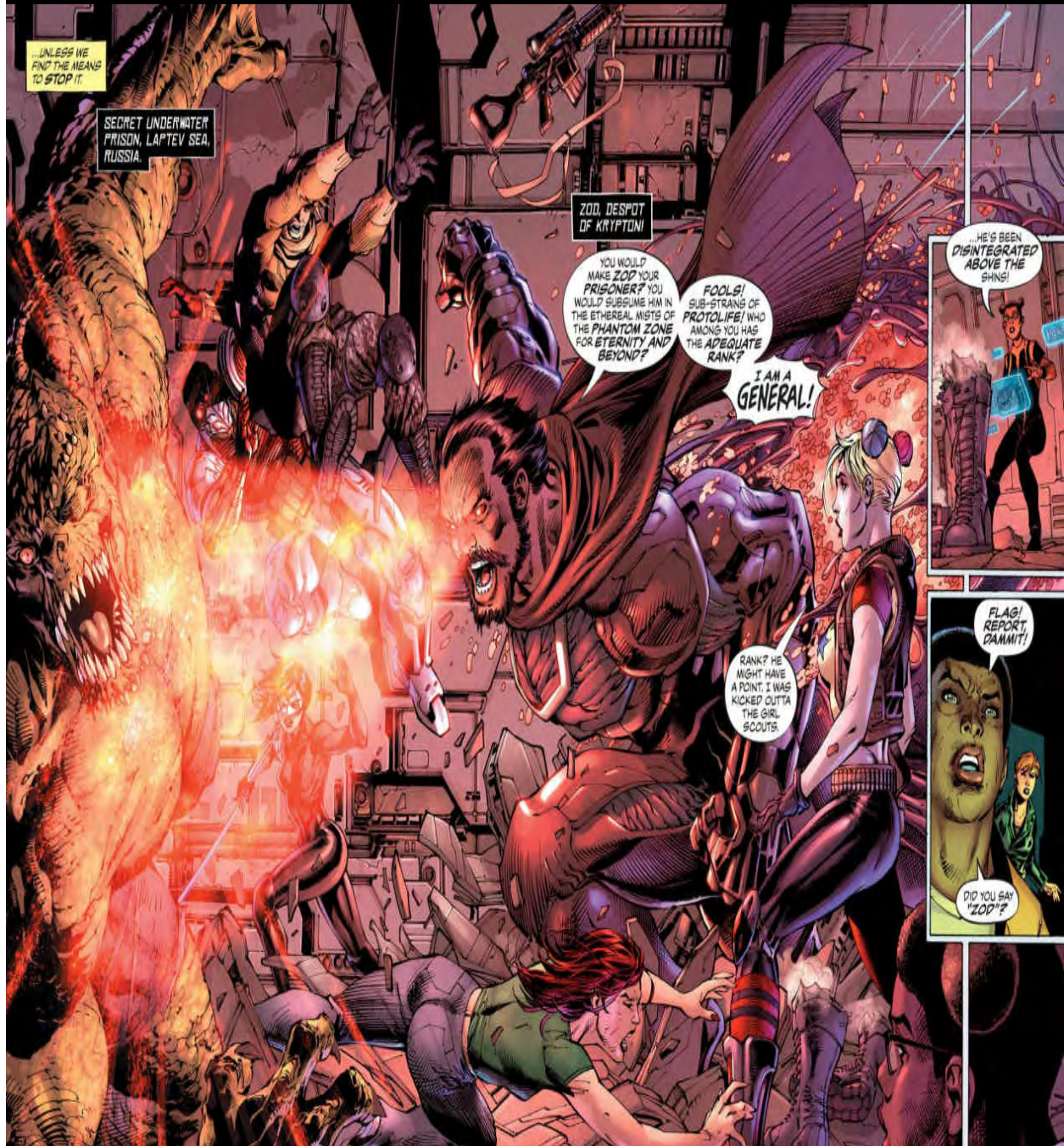
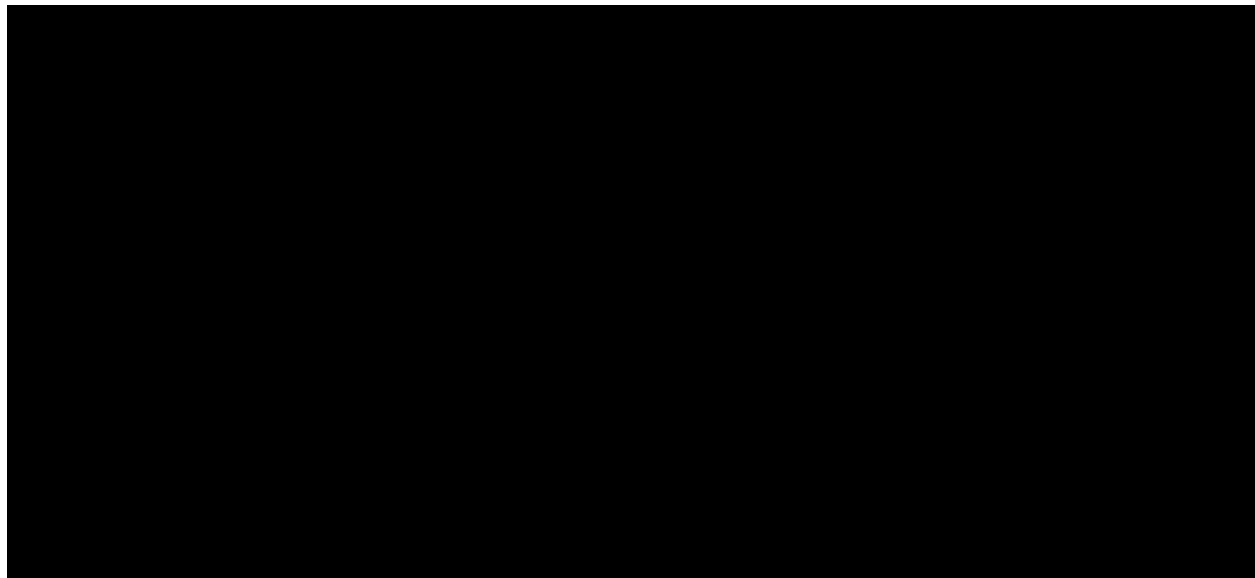
I ASKED, IN
AWE, WHO
BUILT THEM?
AND DADDY
SAID, "WE DID,
AMANDA.
ORDINARY
HUMAN
BEINGS
JUST LIKE
YOU AND ME."

LIKE WE
WERE
REACHING
UP FOR
THE SKY.

HERE'S DOWNTOWN TODAY,
IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE
RECENT BATTLE BETWEEN
DARKSEID AND THE
ANTI-MONITOR.*

THE TYPE OF
DESTRUCTION
THAT COULD FALL
UPON US AT
ANY MOMENT...

*JUSTICE LEAGUE: THE
DARKSEID WAR --ANDY







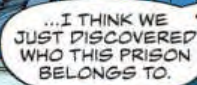
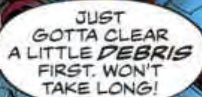
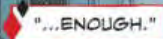












FOR
THESE WASTES OF
FLESH, OUR JAILERS HAVE
RELEASED US FROM
CONFINEMENT?

...

COSMONUT IS
RIGHT, **TANKOGRAD**.
THE SECRET OF
TEMHO-MENTA PRISON
MUST NEVER BE
EXPOSED.

WE
MUST DESTROY
ALL INTRUDERS, OR
DIREKTOR KARLA
WILL OBLITERATE
US.

YES,
COMRADES.
LEAVE NO ONE ALIVE.
FOR WE ARE THE
**ANNIHILATION
BRIGADE**.

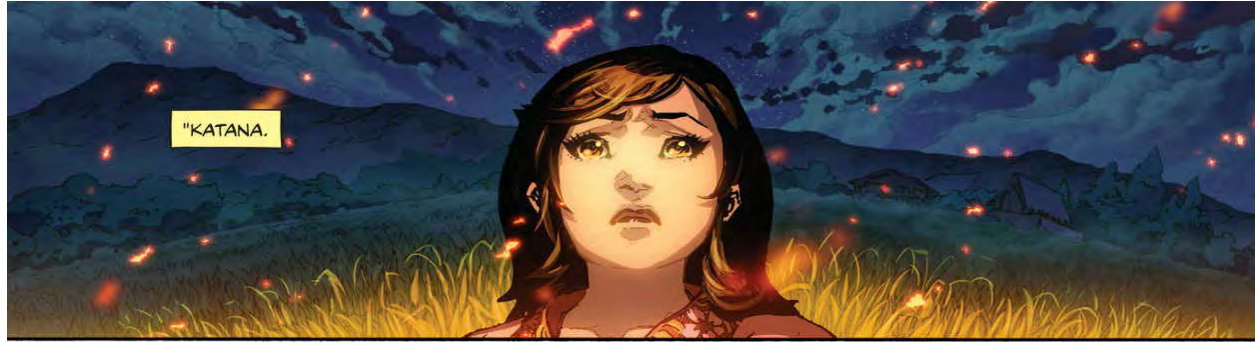
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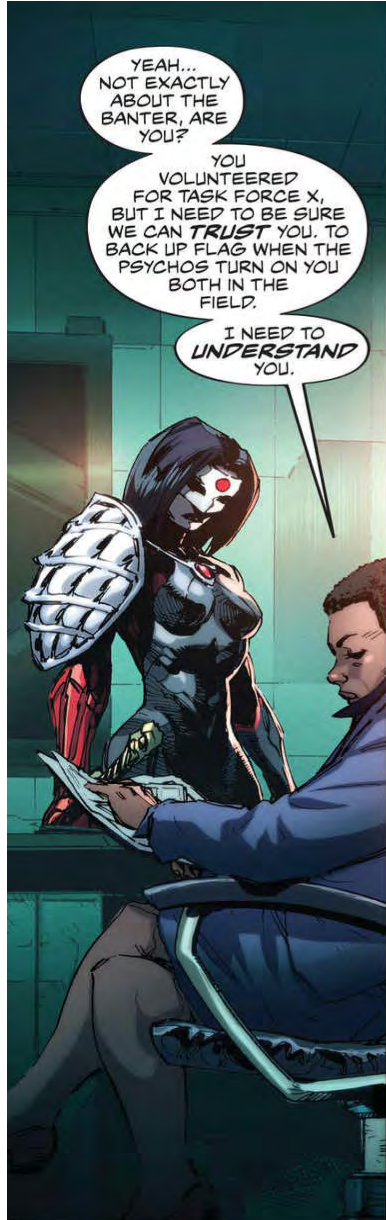
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YEAH...
NOT EXACTLY
ABOUT THE
BANTER, ARE
YOU?

YOU
VOLUNTEERED
FOR TASK FORCE X,
BUT I NEED TO BE SURE
WE CAN **TRUST** YOU. TO
BACK UP FLAG WHEN THE
PSYCHOS TURN ON YOU
BOTH IN THE
FIELD.

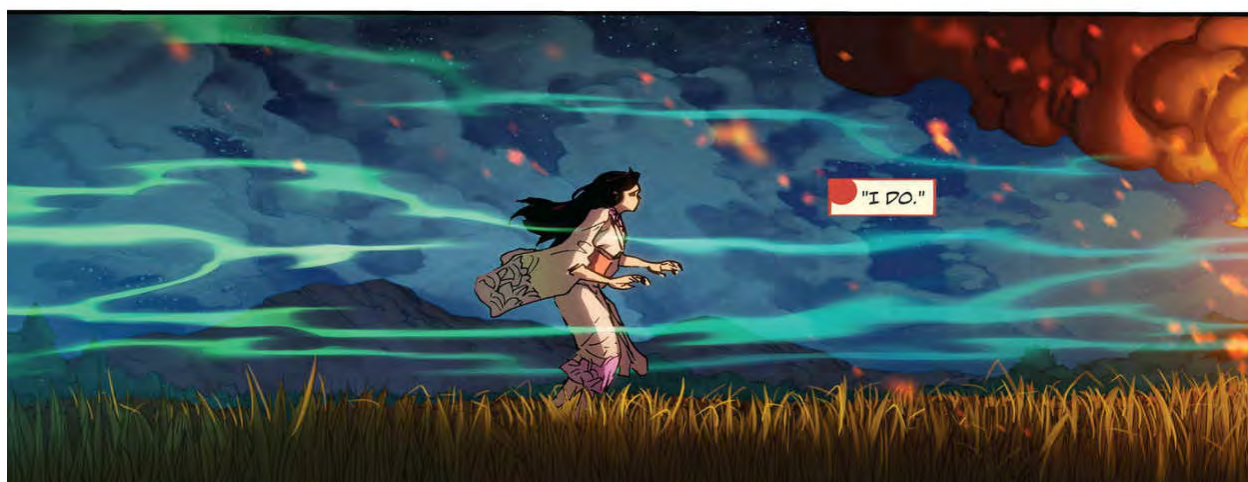
I NEED TO
UNDERSTAND
YOU.



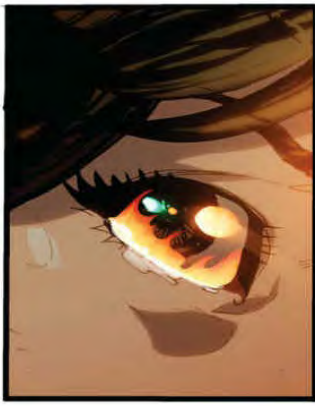
YOUR
SWORD IS CALLED
SOULTAKER.

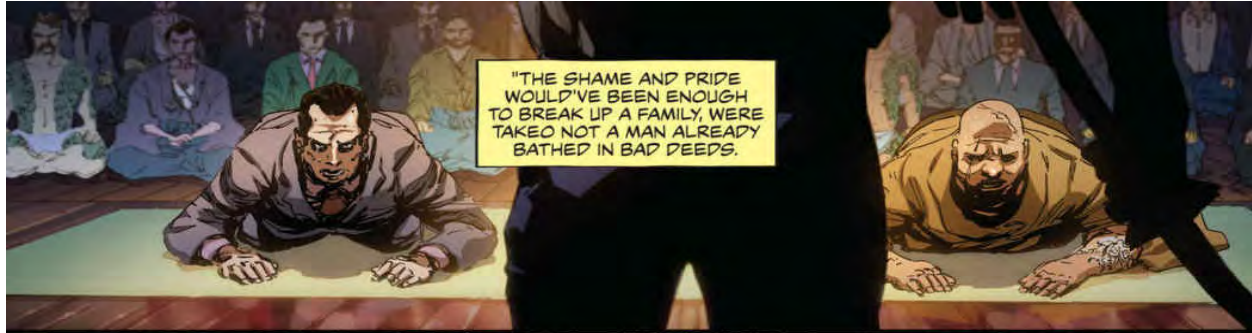
YOU BELIEVE
THAT IT **TALKS**
TO YOU.

THAT IT
CONTAINS
THE SOULS OF
THOSE IT'S
KILLED?



"I DO."





"THE SHAME AND PRIDE WOULD'VE BEEN ENOUGH TO BREAK UP A FAMILY, WERE TAKEO NOT A MAN ALREADY BATHED IN BAD DEEDS."



"AND THEN, FROM PARTIES UNKNOWN, TAKEO GAINED POSSESSION OF AN ANCIENT SAMURAI SWORD KNOWN AS *SOULTAKER*."

"IT BECAME HIS SIGNATURE DISCIPLINE IN THE TOKYO UNDERWORLD. HIS LEGEND."

"IT WAS SAID THAT IF SOULTAKER DID NOT APPROVE OF ITS OWNER, IT WOULD DRIVE THEM *INSANE*."



<MASEO!>*

<TATSU...>

"YOU MOVED FAR INTO THE COUNTRYSIDE. TRIED TO HIDE. BUT TAKEO HAD SWORN REVENGE."



"AND SO HE FOUND YOUR HOUSE AND BURNED IT DOWN."

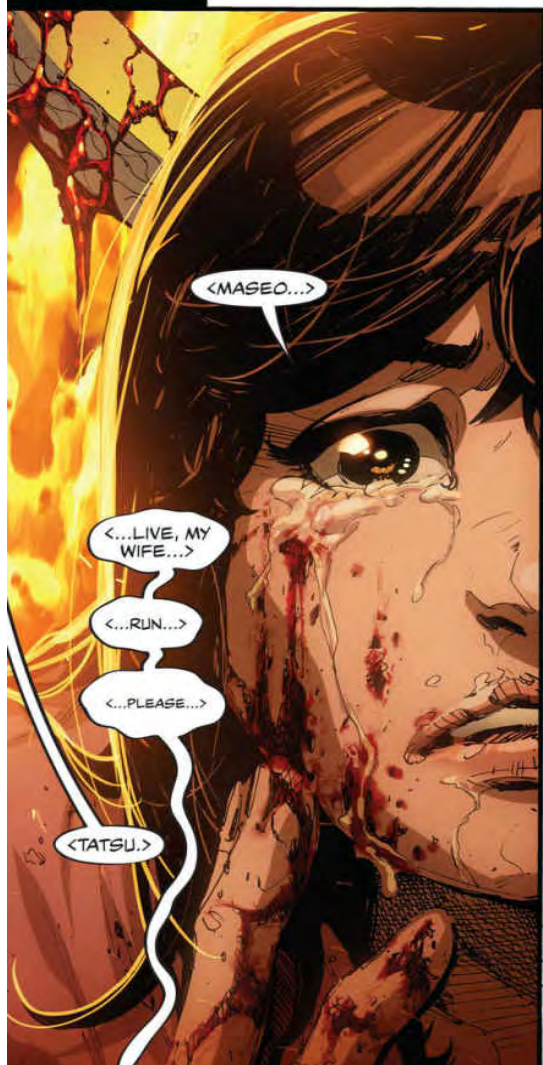
<MASEO!>
<MASEO... OH GOD...OH...THE CHILDREN.>

*TRANSLATED FROM JAPANESE. --ANDY



<THE SWORD...IT HAS **CHANGED** TAKEO...IT HAS TAKEN HIS SOUL..>

<I HEARD IT SPEAK!>



<MASEO...>

<...LIVE, MY WIFE...>

<...RUN...>

<...PLEASE...>

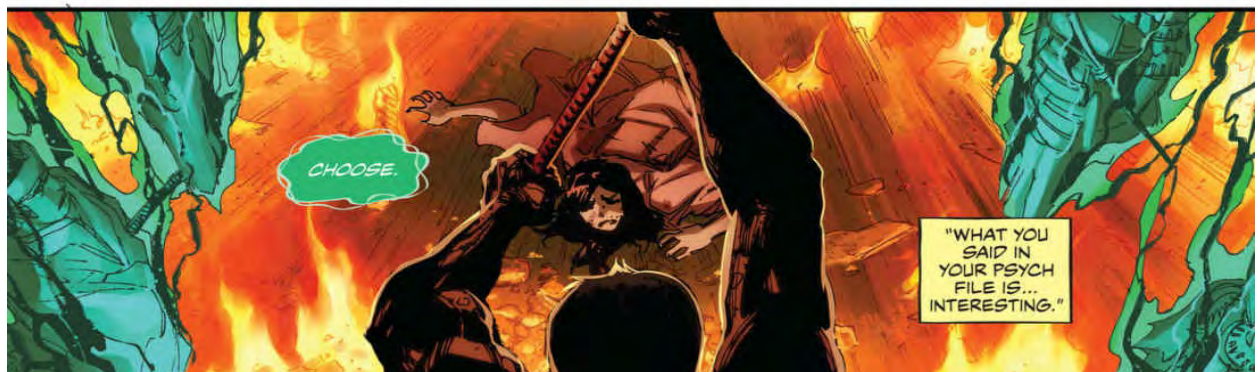
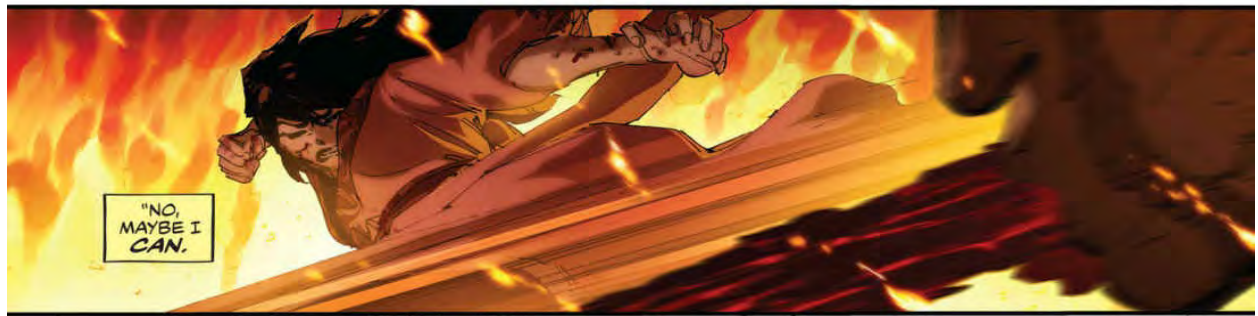
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<YOUR CHILDREN.>

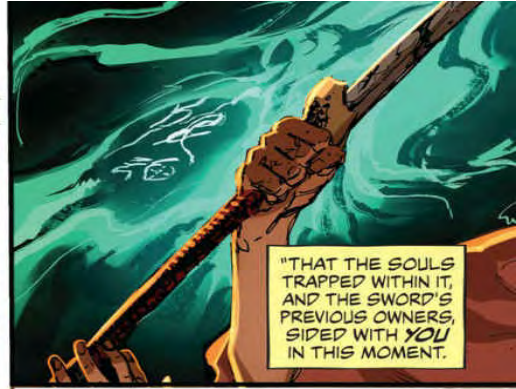
<YOU WANT THEM...?>

<THEN GO THROUGH ME.>





"YOU BELIEVE
THAT THE
SWORD *CHOSE*
TO LEAVE
TAKEO'S GRIP.



"THAT THE SOULS
TRAPPED WITHIN IT,
AND THE SWORD'S
PREVIOUS OWNERS,
SIDED WITH *YOU*
IN THIS MOMENT.



"YOU DID
NOT CHOOSE
THE SWORD...

"IT
CHOSE
YOU."





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After a violent shipwreck, billionaire playboy Oliver Queen was missing and presumed dead for five years before being discovered alive on a remote

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family and fighting injustice. As the Green Arrow, he protects his city with the help of former soldier John Diggle, computer science expert Felicity Smoak, his vigilante-trained sister Thea Queen, former police captain Quentin Lance and brilliant inventor Curtis Holt.

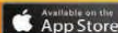
Newly appointed mayor Oliver Queen finds himself challenged as he fights on two fronts for the future of Star City. With Diggle back in the military and Thea adamant about hanging up her hood as Speedy, Team Green Arrow is down to just Oliver and Felicity – but they're no longer the only vigilantes in town. Green Arrow's public defeat of Damien Darhk at the end of Season Four has inspired a new crop of masked heroes to step up and defend the city, though their painful inexperience makes them obstacles, rather than allies, in the field. The arrival of a deadly new adversary will force Oliver to confront questions about his own legacy, both as mayor and as the Green Arrow.

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