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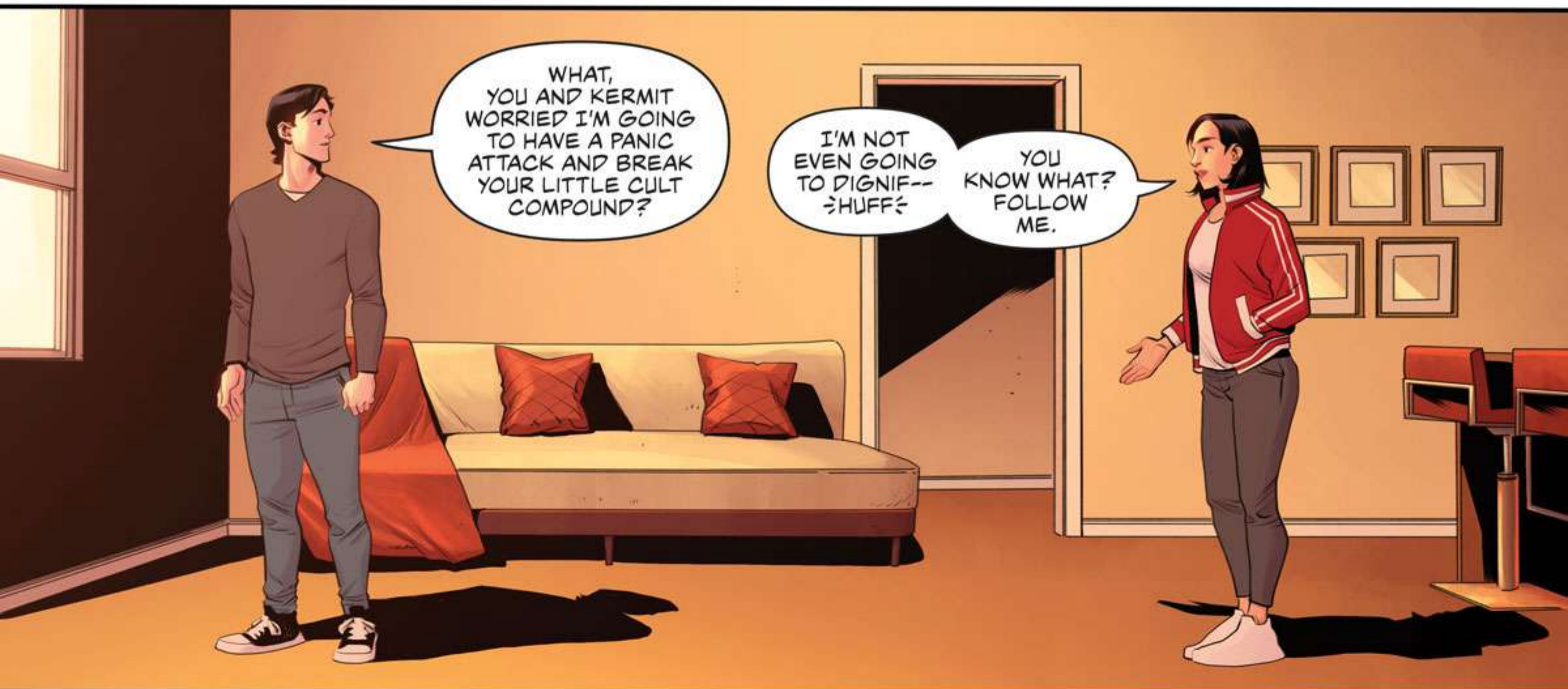
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WEST TOWN, BUCKTOWN, LOGAN SQUARE--
DEMOLISHED BY CATALYST. THE WHOLE INFRASTRUCTURE WAS WAY TOO EXPENSIVE TO FIX--TOO EXPENSIVE TO EVEN **BULLDOZE**. BUT GUY HAD THE CONNECTIONS AND THE MONEY. I HAD THE MUSCLE.

NOW, IT'S OUR OWN AREA. THE RED-GREEN ZONE.

I KNOW YOU HATE THAT WE'VE GIVEN HIM A SECOND CHANCE--

--BUT WE'RE ALL JUST TRYING TO BE BETTER.

OH, I'M THE ONE WHO ISN'T GIVING SECOND CHANCES?

...LIKE, DON'T GET ME WRONG. IT'S NICE TO SEE **SOMETHING** WORKING OUT IN THIS WORLD. BUT YOU'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL.

HERE YOU GO.

IT'S HORIZON'S SHOW NOW. WHATEVER THEY UPGRADED HIM WITH, HE'S WAY STRONGER THAN I THOUGHT.

I DON'T THINK I'M TAKING HIM DOWN WITHOUT SOME SERIOUS DEATH STAR EXHAUST PORT ACTION.

MAYBE WE CAN HELP. WHAT DO YOU EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS GUY?

BASICALLY NOTHING.

GOVERNMENT STOOGES. TALL. DEEP VOICE. MASCULINE.

I MEAN, LIKE, INTEL. NOT A DATING PROFILE.

THE ONLY THING I DON'T TOTALLY GET, LAST NIGHT THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT...WELL, I **THOUGHT** THEY SAID **FURBY**. FERBUS? FERMAT? IS THAT ANYTHING?

FERMI.

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION

WHAT DID I TELL YOU?

THE BEST WAY TO HELP YOURSELF IS TO HELP OTHERS.



WE NEED TO TALK, JACK. YESTERDAY WAS WEIRD. NOTHING LIKE THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED BEFORE. I-I DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE--

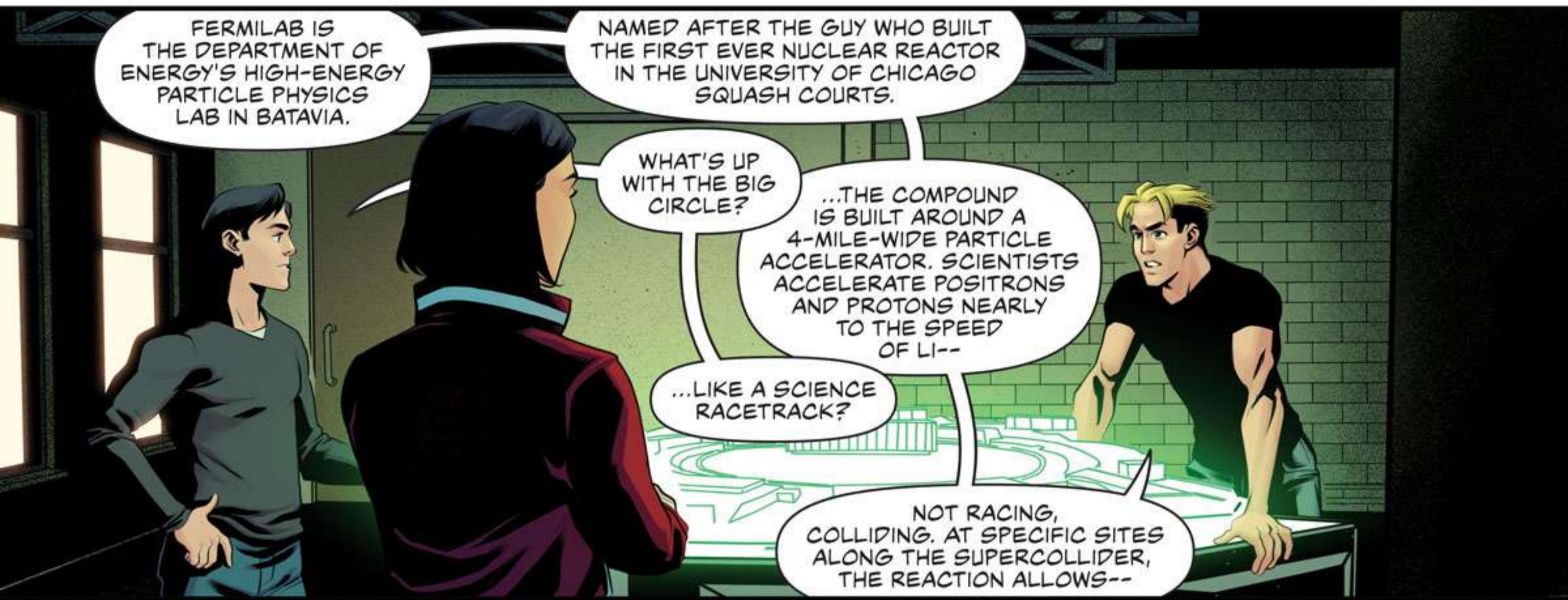
DO NOT WORRY ABOUT THAT. OUR PEOPLE ARE ON IT. WE HAVE EVERYTHING DIALED IN-- ALL YOUR DATA IS WELL WITHIN TOLERANCE RANGE. IT'LL BE FINE.

AND RADIANT BLACK ATTACKING A GOVERNMENT FACILITY IS PLAYING WELL FOR US. IT'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.



SMILE FOR THE CAMERA. TOMORROW'S THE BIG DAY.





FERMILAB IS THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S HIGH-ENERGY PARTICLE PHYSICS LAB IN BATAVIA.

NAMED AFTER THE GUY WHO BUILT THE FIRST EVER NUCLEAR REACTOR IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO SQUASH COURTS.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE BIG CIRCLE?

...THE COMPOUND IS BUILT AROUND A 4-MILE-WIDE PARTICLE ACCELERATOR. SCIENTISTS ACCELERATE POSITRONS AND PROTONS NEARLY TO THE SPEED OF LI--

...LIKE A SCIENCE RACETRACK?

NOT RACING, COLLIDING. AT SPECIFIC SITES ALONG THE SUPERCOLLIDER, THE REACTION ALLOWS--

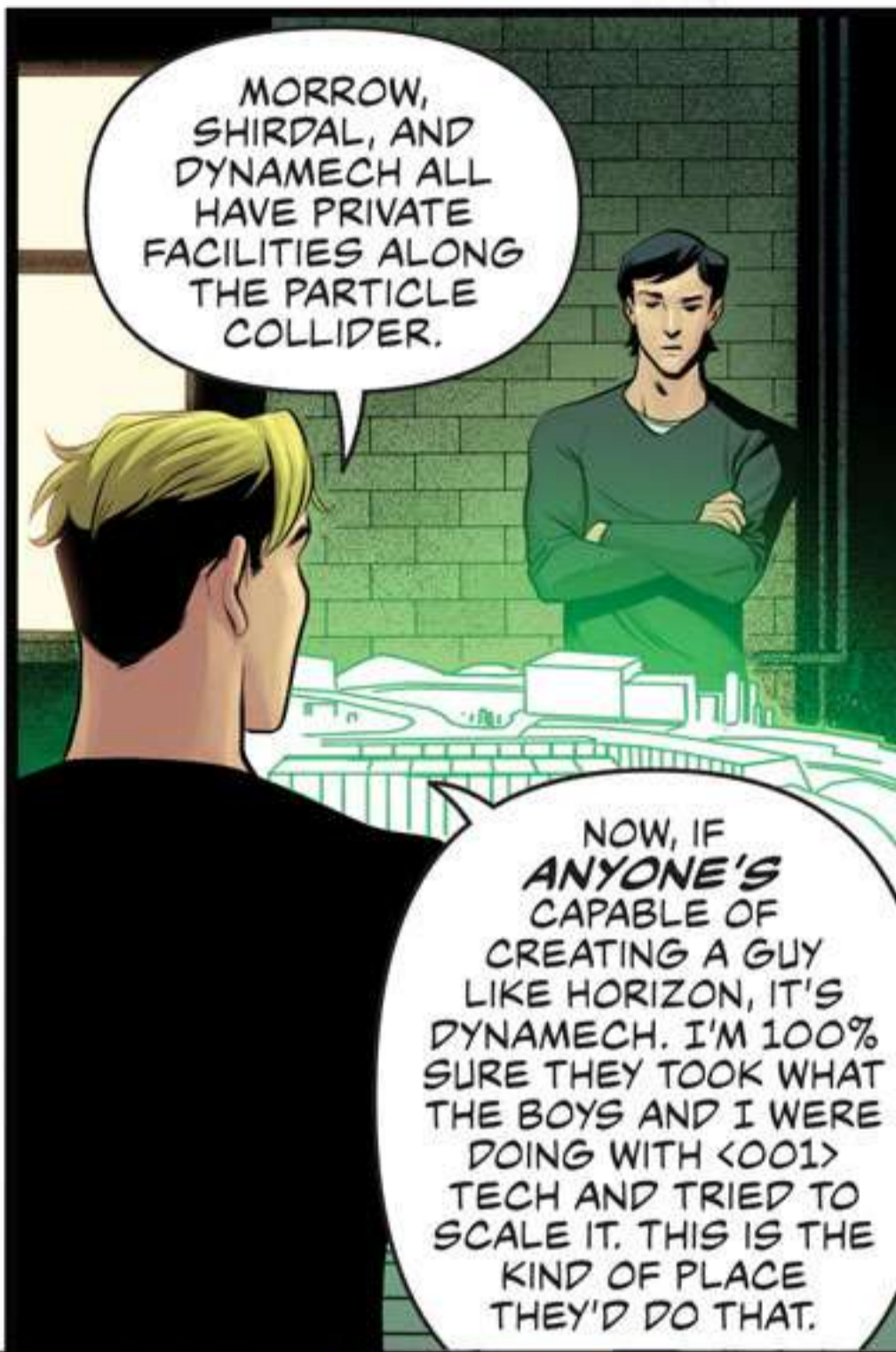


WHAT'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CIRCLE?

IT'S *NOT* IMPORTANT.

IT'S A BUFFALO RESERVE.

LISTEN. I *PRESUMED* THE TEVATRON WAS SHUT DOWN AFTER CERN OPENED, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE FERMILAB IS UP AND RUNNING... AND AVAILABLE FOR RENT.



MORROW, SHIRDAL, AND DYNAMECH ALL HAVE PRIVATE FACILITIES ALONG THE PARTICLE COLLIDER.

NOW, IF *ANYONE'S* CAPABLE OF CREATING A GUY LIKE HORIZON, IT'S DYNAMECH. I'M 100% SURE THEY TOOK WHAT THE BOYS AND I WERE DOING WITH <001> TECH AND TRIED TO SCALE IT. THIS IS THE KIND OF PLACE THEY'D DO THAT.



SO I GO TEAR THE ROOF OFF THE BUILDING AND FIND WHAT I NEED.



...AND THEY SEND *HORIZON* IN TO RIP YOU APART. NO, YOU TWO WILL NEED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE.

I'M SORRY, "YOU TWO"?



YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR OR WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND IT. YOU *NEED* ME. WE JUST HAVE TO WORK OUT HOW TO GET IN.

...HOLD ON.

DID YOU SAY BUFFALO?