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INTRODUCTION



Hal Jordan was chosen to represent an intergalactic police force created by the oldest beings in existence—the Guardians of the Universe. Protecting Earth and all of space sector 2814 from every extraterrestrial threat imaginable, Hal shines his light proudly as Green Lantern! Follow his adventures from his "Rebirth" and triumphant return to the DC Universe, through his darkest hour in the Blackest Night!

Hal Jordan's best friend, Oliver Queen, was once a self-centered billionaire and head of Queen Industries. His fall from grace (and life) was epic...but the Emerald Archer found a way to survive. Now considered a super hero, he strikes out against crime and corruption in his home of Star City as the world's greatest archer and ultimate hero for the people—Green Arrow!

And as a special treat, available for the first time ever digitally:

The complete Dennis O'Neil/Neal Adams GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW saga! Considered some of the greatest work ever produced, these legendary masters tell complex inner-city tales with the Emerald Archer, while Hal Jordan battles all forms of universe-threatening menace...and when they team up, it's the stuff of legends! Read history as it was being created and enjoy some of the most exciting, innovative stories of the genre!

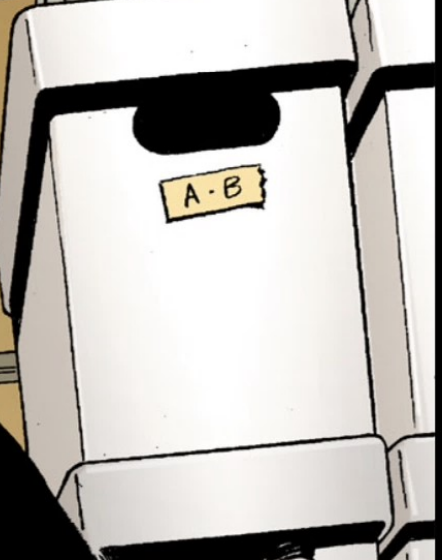
GREEN ARROW: THE LONGBOW HUNTERS is the groundbreaking story of an older, more introspective Green Arrow who's begun to question the decisions he's made throughout his career. But danger follows the Emerald Archer and he soon finds himself bow-deep in intrigue and violence, as he's joined by the mysterious Yakuza archer Shado, in a desperate bid to save Black Canary's life!



EARTH-PRIME.



OH, GREAT!





EARTH.

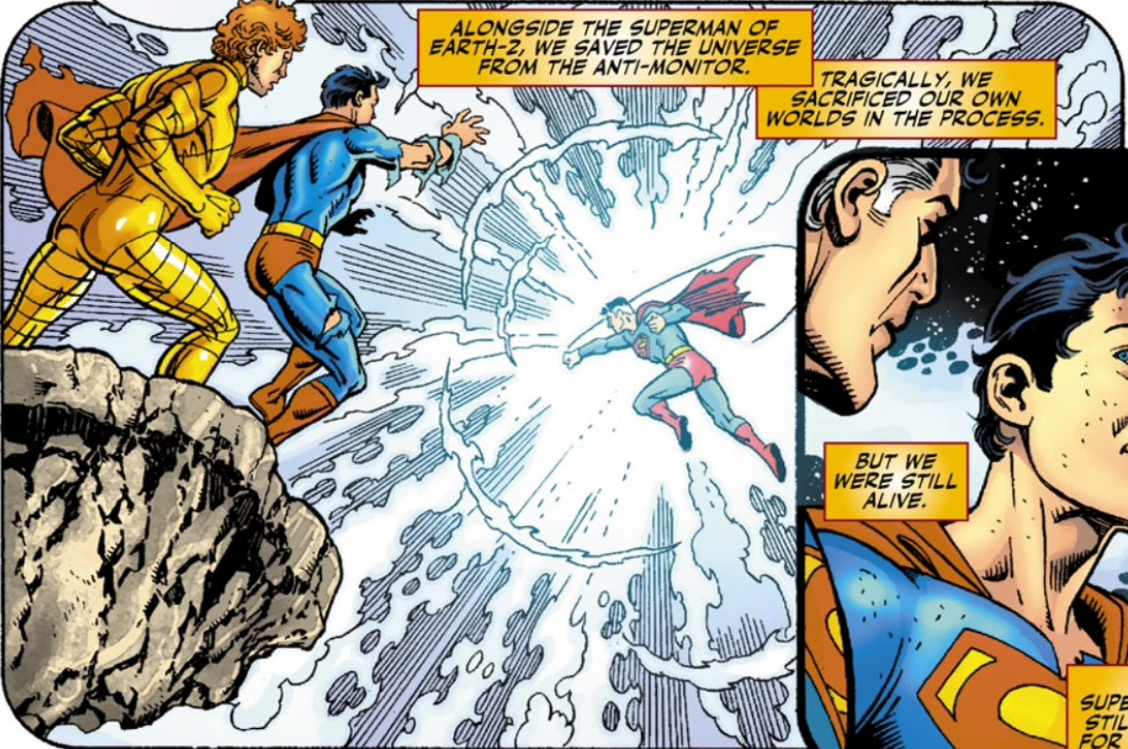
TARGET LOCKED.



SUPERBOY-PRIME WAS LIKE ME.



WE WERE HEROES.



ALONGSIDE THE SUPERMAN OF EARTH-2, WE SAVED THE UNIVERSE FROM THE ANTI-MONITOR.

TRAGICALLY, WE SACRIFICED OUR OWN WORLDS IN THE PROCESS.



BUT WE WERE STILL ALIVE.

AND SUPERBOY-PRIME STILL HAD HOPE FOR TOMORROW.



I CREATED A DIMENSION WE WOULD CALL HOME FROM THEN ON.



ON EARTH-PRIME THE TRIUMPHS AND TRAGEDIES OF EARTH COULD BE FOUND IN "FICTIONAL" COMIC BOOKS.

SUPERBOY-PRIME HAD GROWN UP READING THEIR EXPLOITS, UNAWARE AT THE TIME HE HAD ABILITIES LIKE THEM UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE TO SAVE HIS WORLD.



I CREATED A CRYSTAL WALL ENABLING SUPERBOY-PRIME TO CONTINUE TO FOLLOW HIS HEROES AS THEY CREATED THEIR NEW LIVES ON EARTH.

TOGETHER WE SCANNED THROUGH THE GLIMPSES OF THEIR LIVES AND WE JUDGED THEM WITHOUT HESITATION. TO US, THEY WERE HEAVILY FLAWED.

ENRAGED BY THEIR FAILURES AND SINS, WE ESCAPED AND SET OUT TO DESTROY THIS FAILED EARTH AND REVIVE THE MULTIVERSE AND OUR HOMEWORLDS.

I WATCHED SUPERBOY-PRIME'S RAGE GROW FROM THE LOSS HE SUFFERED.

AND I WAS THE ONE WHO JUSTIFIED HIS VIOLENT ACTIONS.

SUCH AS THE MURDER OF HIS MOST HATED DOPPELGANGER: SUPERBOY.

I WAS SUPERBOY-PRIME'S ONLY ALLY.

I BECAME THE ONLY HOPE HE HAD FOR RETURNING HOME TO EARTH-PRIME.

BUT MY OWN DOPPELGANGER, LEX LUTHOR, AND THE JOKER, HUNTED ME DOWN, BURNED ME WITH ACID FROM HIS FLOWER, ELECTROCUTED ME AND THEN I DIED--

--DIED--

--DIED--

MEMORY DOWNLOAD COMPLETE.

HE PRIMED ME

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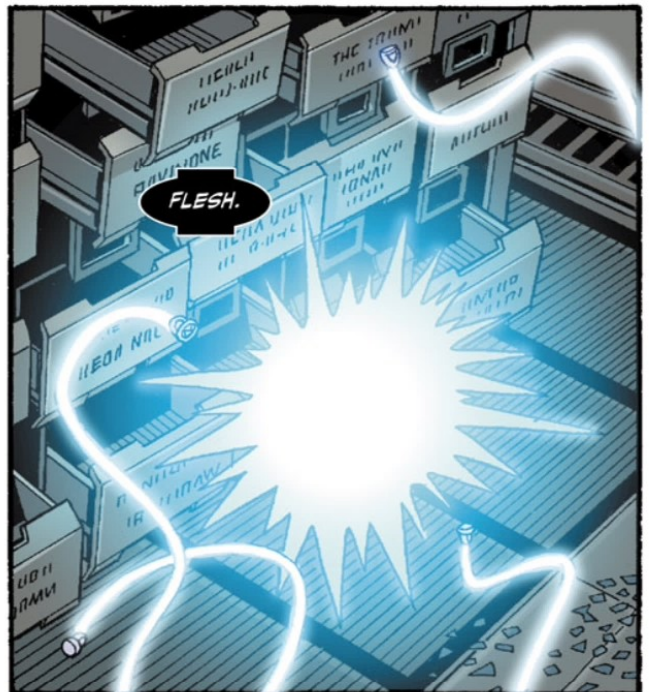
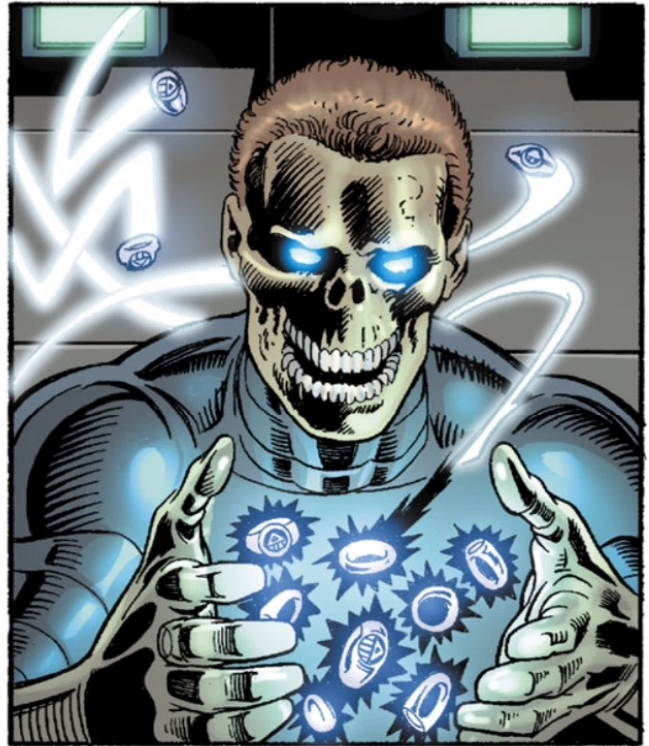
RISE.

BAT
EVE

E, CLIFFORD
THE HINKER

LUTHOR,
ALEXANDER
OF EARTH-3





THE 31ST CENTURY.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES OF EARTH-PRIME.

THEY ARE THE PROBLEM.

WAIT. WHAT? WHO IS AGAIN?

THEM.

THE JADED CYNICS WHO THINK THEY RUN THIS PLANET, LIGHTNING LAD. DID YOU SEE THE RECENT LEGISLATION THEY WANT THE LEGION TO ADHERE TO?

I THINK IT WAS ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO YOU.

FORBIDDING FURTHER EXCAVATION IN OLD SAN DIEGO AND THEREBY INHIBITING MY SEARCH FOR THE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS OF NEW EARTH.

IT'S POSSIBLE OUR OWN HISTORY MIGHT BE RECORDED WITHIN THEIR PAGES AS WAS SUPERBOY-PRIME'S WHEN HE WAS SHUNTED THERE.

WE MAY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PREVENT THE DEATHS OF BOTH SUN BOY AND ELEMENT LAD AT THE HANDS OF SUPERBOY-PRIME IF WE HAD SEEN THEM.



WHAT IS IT, SIS?

EMERGENCY SIGNAL COMING IN FROM THE EARLY 21ST CENTURY. SOMETHING JUST PIERCED THE MULTIVERSE AND CAUSED A TEMPORAL ANOMALY. TIME JUST ALTERED.

SUPERBOY-PRIME IS UNDER HOUSE ARREST, BUT ACCORDING TO THESE TIME SENSORS--





"--HE JUST WALKED OUT HIS FRONT DOOR."

MOM?!



CLARK...DEAR. I ONLY WENT TO GET GROCERIES. THAT'S ALL.

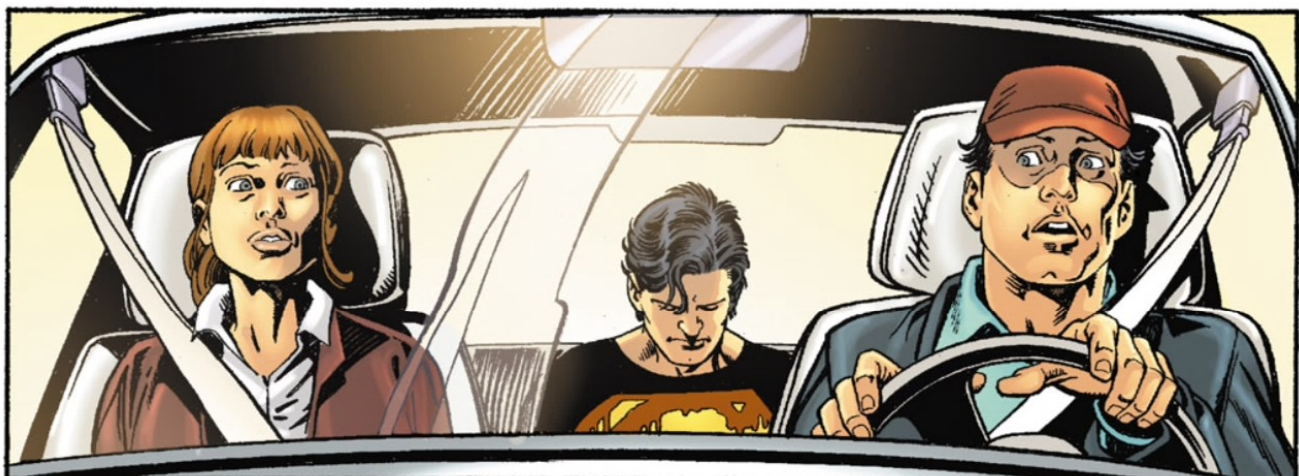
AND YOUR MOTHER GOT WHAT YOU WANTED, SON. EVERYTHING ON THE LIST.



I NEED YOU TO TAKE ME TO JET COMICS!

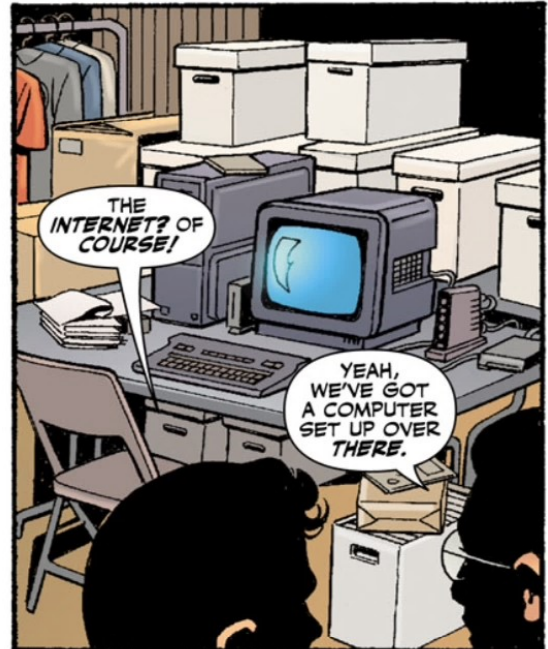
NOW!

IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH!











"DOES... ANYBODY... KNOW... WHAT... HAPPENS TO... SUPERBOY-PRIME NEXT MONTH?"

"I NEED TO KNOW... ABOUT... ADVENTURE COMICS... #5... NOW!"



RAGE.



WHOA. SWEET BLACK LANTERN COSTUME, DUDE--



CHH BOOM



OH, NO!



AAAAHHH!

HELLO, PRIME.



STAY BACK, I'VE READ ABOUT YOU! I KNOW WHAT YOU ARE!

YOU'RE NOT REALLY ALEXANDER LUTHOR! YOU'RE JUST A RING WITH A PROGRAM. "THE RINGS WEAR THE DEAD!" THAT'S WHAT THE ATOM SAID--

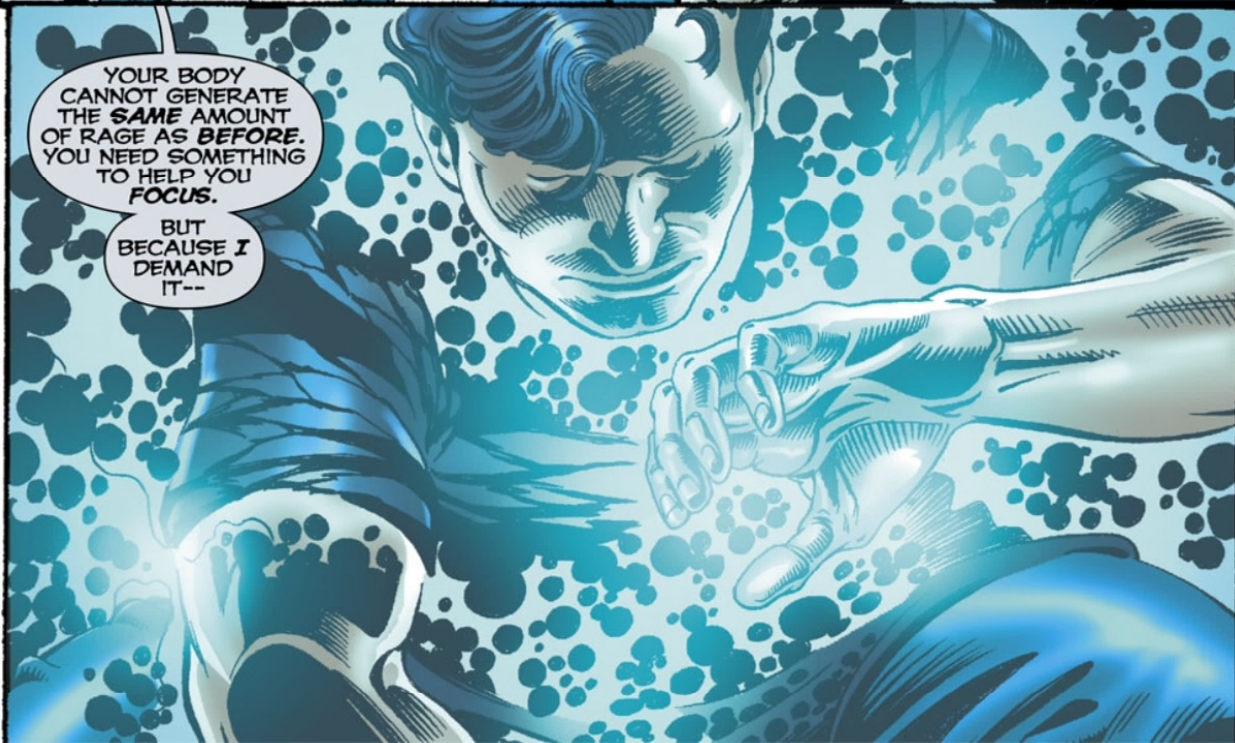
INTERESTING.



THIS BOX. IT'S A CONDUIT FOR THE RAGE OF THE PEOPLE ON THIS EARTH.

AND YOU CONTINUE TO EVOKE QUITE A BIT OF RAGE FROM THEM, PRIME.

THEY REALLY DO HATE YOU--



**SUPERBOY-PRIME
RETURNS!**





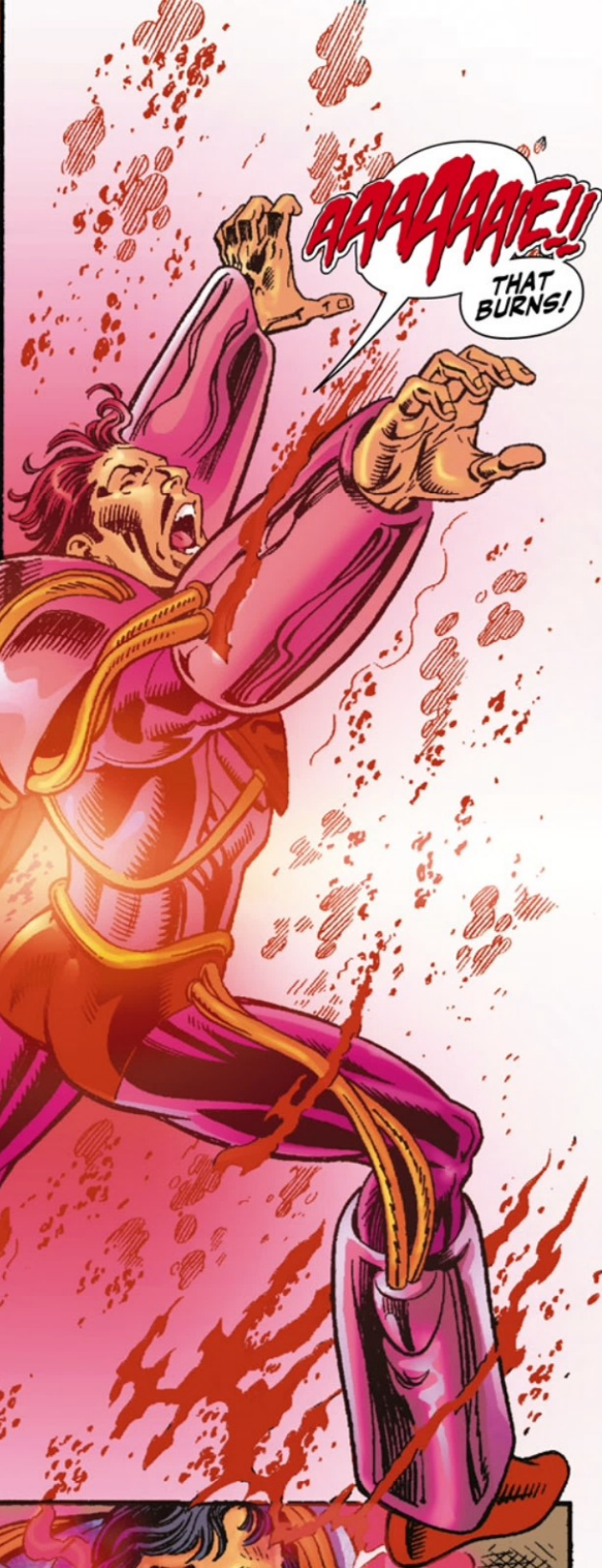




KRRKRR!

AAAAH!
KR-KR-
KRYPTONITE?!

THE OTHER
CHARACTERS...



AAAAAAIE!!
THAT
BURNS!

BWOOSH!



...THE
FANS...



... THE PEOPLE YOU'VE KILLED. EVERYONE WANTS YOU DEAD.

AND "SPOILER ALERT"---

OH, NO.

--SUPERBOY-PRIME DIES NEXT ISSUE.

NO, WAIT! WAIT, ALEX! IT CAN'T END NOW! WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

WHAT HAPPENS NEX--

THE 31ST CENTURY.

METROPOLIS.

HEADQUARTERS OF
THE LEGION OF
SUPER-HEROES.

I
AM NOT
STAYING
HERE!

**I
NEED TO
FIND THE
WHITE
WITCH!**

BLOK.
HOMEWORLD: DRIVAD.
ABILITIES: ENERGY
ABSORPTION, DURABILITY
AND SUPER-STRENGTH.

LONG LIVE THE
LEGION
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STAR-CROSSED

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BLOK, WAIT!

IT NEVER FAILS.

PHANTOM GIRL - TINYA WAZZO. HOMEWORLD: BZTL. ABILITIES: INTANGIBILITY.

BRAINAC 5. HOMEWORLD: COLU. ABILITIES: 12TH-LEVEL SUPER-INTELLIGENCE.

IF THERE'S *ONE* CONSTANT ON THIS TEAM, IT'S THAT EVERY TIME A LEGIONNAIRE-- NEXT TO *MYSELF* AND PERHAPS QUISLET-- EXPERIENCES AN AGITATED EMOTIONAL STATE, MOST LIKELY LOVE OR THE LACK THEREOF, THEIR *BRAIN* TURNS OFF.

YET SOMEHOW I'M STILL SURPRISED.



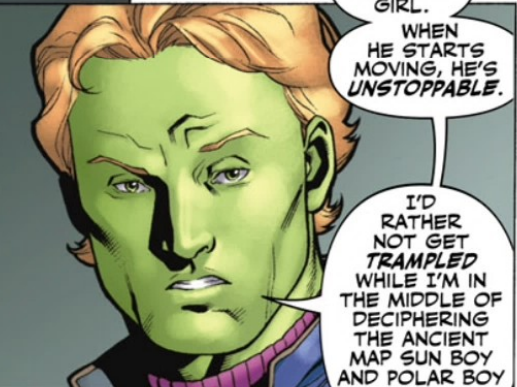
BRAINY? WE HAVE TO GO AFTER HIM! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

CALLING A PAIR OF LEGIONNAIRES WHO CAN RELATE TO BLOK'S HEART-BREAK TO DEAL WITH THIS.

BUT--

BLOK HAS ONE POWER, PHANTOM GIRL.

WHEN HE STARTS MOVING, HE'S UNSTOPPABLE.



I'D RATHER NOT GET TRAMPLED WHILE I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF DECIPHERING THE ANCIENT MAP SUN BOY AND POLAR BOY FOUND ON CRYO-KING.

I HAVE WORK TO DO.

"ON TOP OF THAT, BLOK'S RECENT 'ENCOUNTER' WITH MORDRU, BEFORE THE WHITE WITCH APPARENTLY DESTROYED THE DARK MAGE, HAS STARTED SOME KIND OF BIOLOGICAL ALTERATION WITHIN BLOK.

"WHICH IS WHY I REFUSED TO GIVE HIM CLEARANCE TO HEAD TO SORCERER'S WORLD AFTER HER.



"BECAUSE OF THE MAGICK, THERE'S NO SCIENTIFIC WAY OF TELLING WHAT CHANGES BLOK OR THE WHITE WITCH ARE TRULY GOING THROUGH."



DAWNSTAR.
HOMEWORLD: STARHAVEN,
EARTH COLONY.
ABILITIES: LONG-RANGE
TRACKING.

WILDFIRE - DRAKE BURROUGHS.
HOMEWORLD: EARTH.
ABILITIES: ENERGY BLASTS
AND MANIPULATION.
IS COMPOSED OF ANTI-ENERGY.

HEY,
DAWNY, LET
ME PLAY THE
PATHFINDER
THIS TIME.



HE WENT DOWN
THATWAY!

THIS IS NO
JOKE, WILDFIRE. BLOK'S
CONDITION IS UNSTABLE.

WHOSE
ISN'T?



HIS HEALTH,
DRAKE. BEYOND
THE DAMAGE
HE'S DONE TO
THE FLOOR AND
WALLS, EVEN
YOU CAN SEE
THE TRAIL
HE'S LEFT.

BLOK'S
OUTER
SHELL IS
BREAKING
APART.



YOU CAN'T
LEAVE THE LEGION
HEADQUARTERS
IN YOUR
CONDITION.
BLOK!

TELL
BRAINAC 5
I WILL CHECK
MYSELF IN WHEN
I RETURN.

BRAINY SAYS
YOU'RE PUTTING
YOURSELF AT
ONE HELLUVA
RISK, PAL.

AND MYSA PUT
HERSELF AT RISK
FOR ME, WILDFIRE.

AFTER CLAIMING
MORDRU'S POWER
FOR HER OWN, SHE
WENT THROUGH A
TRANSFORMATION
THAT IS IMPACTING
HER PHYSICAL
AND MENTAL
WELL-BEING.

I CANNOT
PUT MYSELF
BEFORE HER. I
COULD NEVER
PUT MYSELF
BEFORE HER.



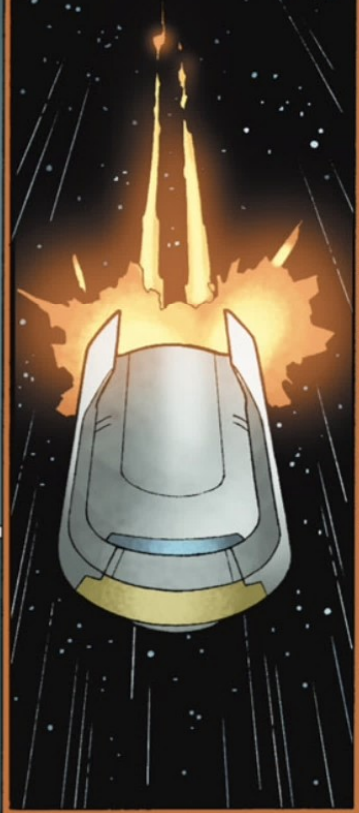
I LOVE
HER.

NOW DO NOT
TRY TO STOP ME.
BECAUSE, AS YOU
SHOULD KNOW, YOU
WILL BE UNABLE TO.

WOULDN'T DARE
ARM-WRESTLE
YOU, BIG
BOY.
BUT YOU
KNOW THAT
OLD EARTH
SAYING,
DON'T YOU?



"IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM, JOIN 'EM."



WE'VE GOT ANOTHER INCOMING CALL.

BRAINY AGAIN?

COSMIC BOY.

UH-OH.

I'LL CALM HIM DOWN.



WE'RE NOT THAT MUCH DIFFERENT, YOU KNOW.

WHO? YOU AND ME?

MYSA AND I. DAWNSTAR AND YOU.



OUR LOVE MAY BE STRONG, BUT IT CAN NEVER TRULY BE CONSUMMATED, LET ALONE, IN THIS POLITICAL CLIMATE, PUBLICLY KNOWN.

YOU MEAN THE SMALL-MINDED XENOPHOBES.

SOMETIMES I THINK THE ROOT OF XENOPHOBIA IS THE FEAR OF FALLING IN THE KIND OF LOVE THAT THE UNIVERSE DOESN'T ALLOW.

WOW. YOU GIVE THOSE JERKS A LOT OF CREDIT.

IT'S BEEN A TRUISM SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME. THE MORE BEINGS WE ENCOUNTER, THE MORE ALONE WE FEEL.

THE UNIVERSE IS FILLED WITH STORIES OF LOVERS FROM DIFFERENT PLACES WHO WANT TO BE TOGETHER BUT CAN'T. IT'S THE STORY OF ROMEO AND JULIET.



WORST STORY EVER.

AGREED. WORST STORY EVER.



YOU *SURE* WE'RE ON THE RIGHT PLANET? LAST TIME IT WAS ALL **ROCKY** AND **BARREN** WITH A FEW STREAMS OF BUBBLING LAVA AND **BLOOD**.

IT IS MYSA, WILDFIRE.

SHE HAS TAKEN MORDRU'S THRONE AND TRANSFORMED THIS CRUEL WORLD INTO A WONDERFUL **FANTASY**. AND I... I FEEL **STRONGER** HERE. I FEEL **BETTER**.



YOU SOUND BETTER TOO, BLOK.

WHY DON'T YOU CALL COS BACK, DAWNY.



TELL THEM WE WERE ALL WORRIED FOR **NOTHING**.



YOU MAY HAVE JUMPED TO THAT CONCLUSION TOO SOON, DRAKE.

ALTHOUGH THE PLANET ITSELF HAS CHANGED, THE INTERIOR OF THE CASTLE HAS NOT ALTERED--

NNNGG.

BLOK?!

YOU ALL RIGHT?

IT **HURTS**. AGAIN.



LEGIONNAIRES.



WELCOME.



MYSA?

BLOK, BE CAREFUL. SHE'S NOT THE WHITE WITCH ANYMORE.

NO, BUT SHE'S STILL MYSA.



YES, BLOK. I'M STILL MYSA. BUT I AM THE BLACK WITCH. NOW AND FOREVER.



MYSA, SORCERER'S WORLD IS DIFFERENT. THE BRIGHTNESS, THE LIGHT, THE CHANGE-- IS THIS ALL YOU?

YES BLOK. THIS WORLD IS FREE OF THE DARK MAGIC THAT RULED IT FOR CENTURIES. THIS WORLD IS FREE, BUT I AM NOT.

IT'S TOO MUCH FOR YOU, ISN'T IT--



--AARGHHH!

BLOK!



EVER SINCE HE GOT BLASTED BY MORDRU, HE'S BEEN SICK.

DO SOMETHING, MYSA.

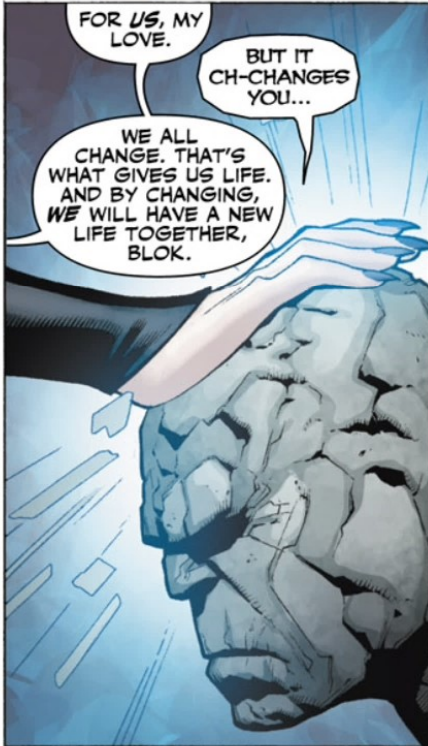
IT'S TAKING ALL THE STRENGTH I HAVE TO CONTAIN MORDRU'S POWER AND TRANSFORM IT INTO GOOD. I FEAR REST. I FEAR SLEEP.



I FEAR MY WEAKNESS.

BUT I DON'T FEAR MY CHOICE.

THERE IS SO MUCH DARK MAGIC. SO MUCH BLACK. IF I TAKE IT ALL... CARE FOR IT... HOLD IT. CONTROL IT. THEN I CAN DO SO MUCH GOOD. FOR THIS WORLD. FOR ALL WORLDS.



FOR US, MY LOVE.

BUT IT CH-CHANGES YOU...

WE ALL CHANGE. THAT'S WHAT GIVES US LIFE. AND BY CHANGING, WE WILL HAVE A NEW LIFE TOGETHER, BLOK.



MORDRU ATTEMPTED TO POISON YOU--



--BUT I WILL SAVE YOU. MY ROCK.

IF I CAN BE
THE BLACK WITCH
WE CAN BE TOGETHER.
IT'S THE ONLY WAY. THE
ONLY WAY FOR US.







END.