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THE DARK SIDE OF YSMAULT.

YOU AREN'T BORN WITH HATE

YOU LEARN TO HATE.

KFF.

YOU LEARN VERY QUICKLY.

BARBAR!

THE DEPTHS TO WHICH OTHERS WILL GO TO SATISFY THEIR OWN NEEDS OR DESIRES OR AGENDAS--

--WITH NO REGARD FOR OTHERS.

KARANKITSHH!

THROUGH WAR OR PERVERSION OR CRIME.

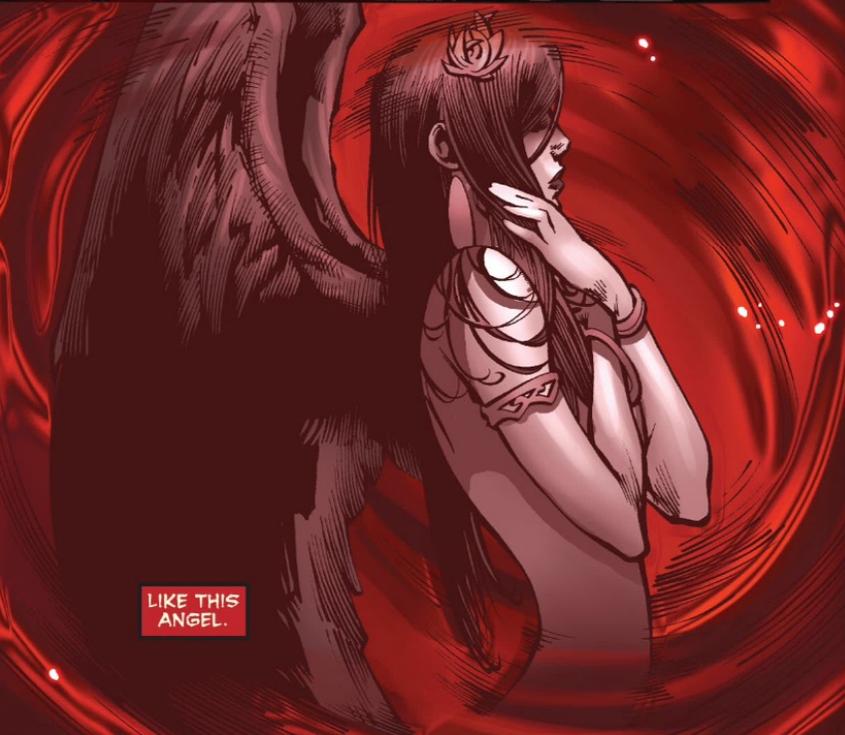
HATE BREEDS.

I AM ATROCITUS. LAST SURVIVOR OF SECTOR 666, THANKS TO THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.



I AM FULL OF RAGE.

LIKE THIS ANGEL.



THE ANGEL OF THE
RED LANTERNS.

THE PLANET HRAUNIA.

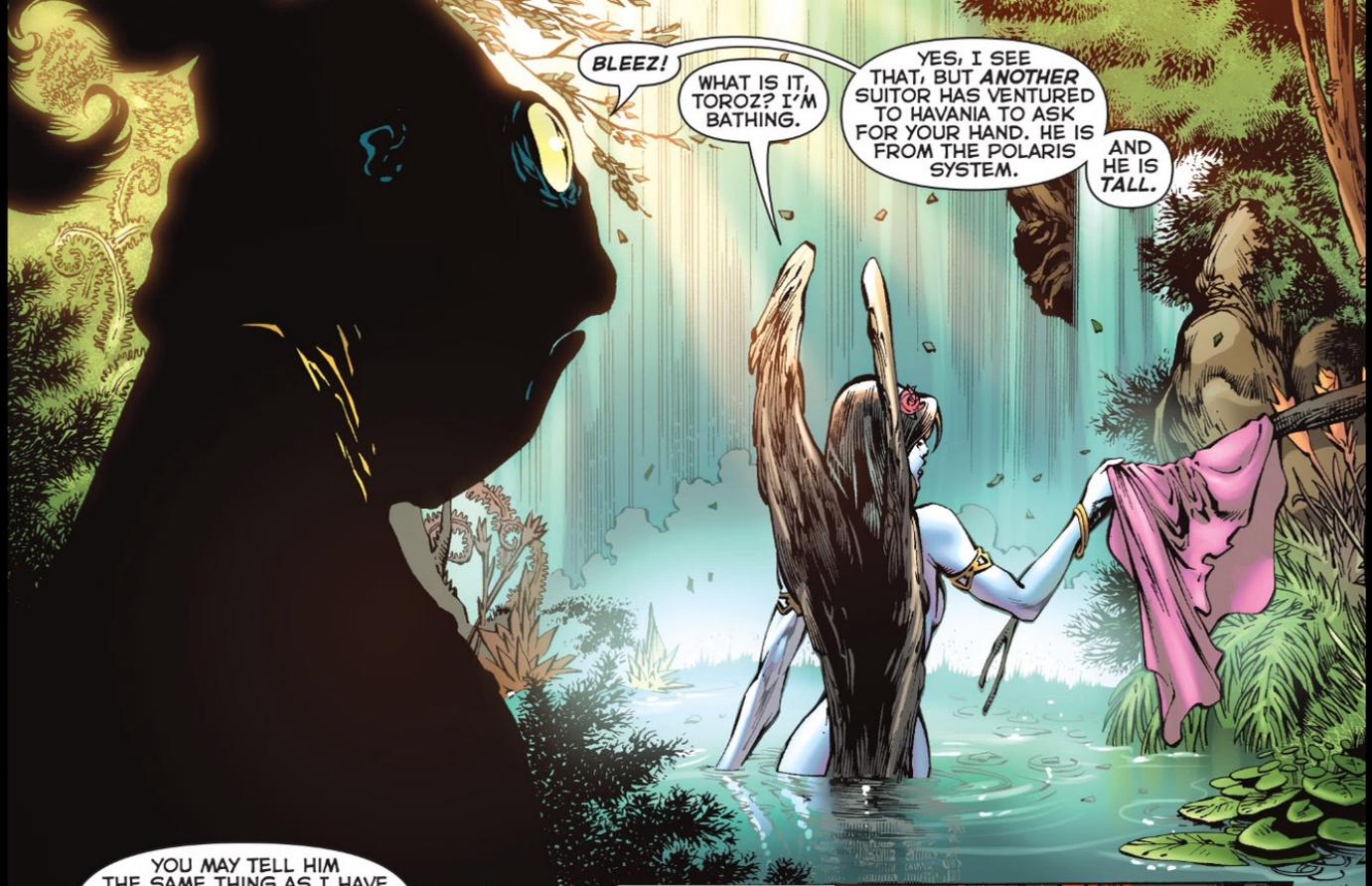
SECOND ONLY TO ODYIN IN BEAUTY.

TALES OF THE
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CORPS

FLY AWAY

Bleez!

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BLEEZ!

WHAT IS IT, TOROZ? I'M BATHING.

YES, I SEE THAT, BUT ANOTHER SUITOR HAS VENTURED TO HAVANIA TO ASK FOR YOUR HAND. HE IS FROM THE POLARIS SYSTEM.

AND HE IS TALL.

YOU MAY TELL HIM THE SAME THING AS I HAVE TOLD ALL THE OTHERS: I HAVE NO INTEREST IN A SUITOR WHO KNOWS WHO I AM, FOR THEY KNOW NOTHING OF ME BUT MY FACE.

BUT YOUR FACE IS OF LEGEND. YOUR FACE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN THIS SYSTEM AND SEVEN OTHERS!

YES. I KNOW. BUT MY FACE IS NOT ME.



YOUR MOTHER WILL BE DISPLEASED. SHE FEARS SHE WILL NOT SEE A GRANDCHILD BEFORE HER LAST SUNSET.

AND I CANNOT ARGUE.

OF COURSE, YOU CANNOT ARGUE, TOROZ.

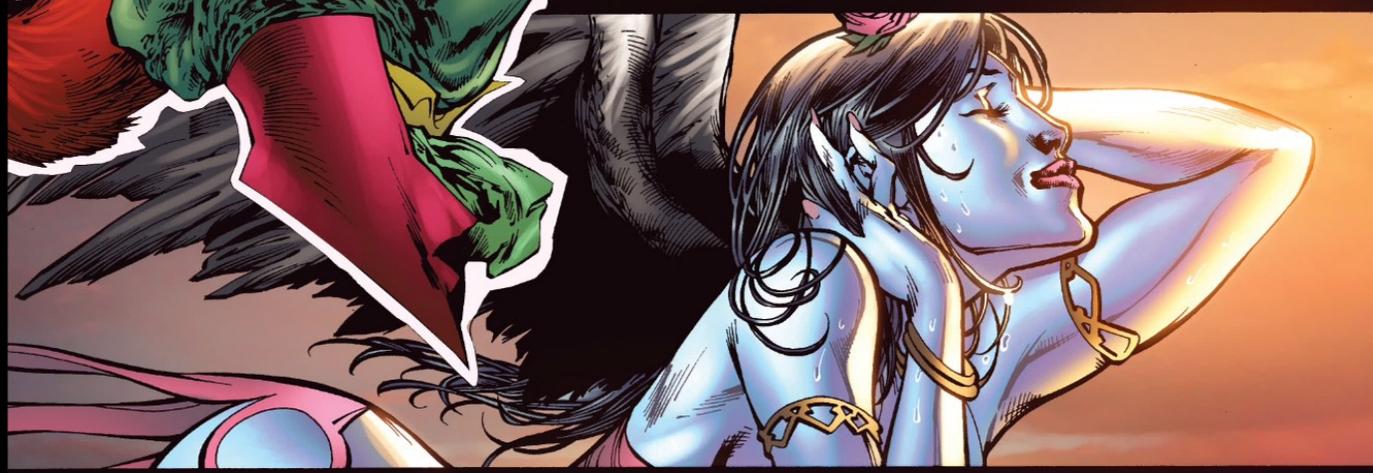


YOU ARE BUT A SLAVE.





YOU ARE NOT FREE.



YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE GARDENS ATTENDING HISTORICAL GRACE, BLEEZ. I SENT TOROZ LOOKING EVERYWHERE FOR YOU.

ANOTHER SUITOR HAS ARRIVED.

MOTHER, PLEASE. YOUR MATCHMAKING SCHEMES ARE LIKE **WEIGHTS** AROUND MY ANKLES. I HAVE ASKED YOU REPEATEDLY TO **DENY** ANY MORE OF THESE SUITORS.

AND I HAVE ASKED YOU REPEATEDLY FOR A GRANDCHILD. I WILL NOT HAVE YOUR FATHER'S LINEAGE DIE WITH YOU. HE SACRIFICED TOO MUCH BUILDING THIS FAMILY SANCTUARY TO LET IT GO **EMPTY** AND BECOME **RANSACKED** BY THE COMMONERS BELOW.

I HAVE NO WISH TO TALK TO THOSE THAT DO NOT LISTEN, MOTHER. NOR DO I WISH TO MEET THOSE THAT ONLY SEEK TO CLAIM **BEAUTY**.

I AM MORE THAN BEAUTY.

BUT THIS ONE IS **DIFFERENT**, BLEEZ. HE WIELDS A **GREAT POWER**. THIS ONE WILL KEEP YOUR FAMILY-TO-BE **SAFE**.

AND THIS ONE IS **TALL**.

AH. SO YOU ARE HOME.

YOUR MYTHIC BEAUTY IS ANYTHING **BUT**, LADY BLEEZ.

YES! ALLOW ME TO PRESENT MY DAUGHTER--



A PLEASURE.



YOU'VE STOPPED STRUGGLING THESE LAST TWO DAYS. HAVE YOU FINALLY ACCEPTED THE CITY OF RANX AS YOUR HOME?

THE CITY OF PLEASURE FOR SINESTRO'S SOLDIERS.

HM?



ON YOUR WORLD YOU WOULD SPIT ON ME BECAUSE I COULDN'T FLY.

YET, I CAN FLY NOW...



BLEEZ HAD NEVER KNOWN SLAVERY. NOR HAD SHE THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT IT.

NO! YOU COME BACK, BLEEZ!

BUT WHEN SHE SAW THE HOLE IN RANX LEADING TO THE VAST, EMPTINESS OF SPACE.

SHE FINALLY UNDERSTOOD THE PRICE OF FREEDOM.

BLEEZ!

NOT UNTIL I SAY SO.

NO! YOU TOOK MY MOTHER. MY PLANET.

I REFUSE TO GIVE YOU ANYTHING ELSE! COME ANY CLOSER AND I'LL... I'LL KILL YOU.

HMM. MORE.

WHAT?! WHAT ELSE DO YOU WANT FROM ME?!





BLEEZ OF SECTOR 33.

YOU HAVE GREAT RAGE IN YOUR HEART.

BABUM



BABUM BABUM



BABUM BABUM BABUM



WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU--?

KLA KLIK KLA KLIK KIKL



BABUM BABUM BABUM



FSHLT



RAGE.

SINISTRO
CORPS MEMBER 465
DECEASED.

SCANNING
SECTOR 465
FOR SENTIENT
REPLACEMENT
INITIATED.



BLEEZ NO LONGER
KNOWS FREEDOM.



NOR
PAIN.



BUT SHE WILL
ALWAYS KNOW
RAGE.

BECAUSE HATE
CREATES HATE.

AND THAT IS ITS
TRUE POWER.

END.



RED LANTERN CORPS



RATCHET

SKALLOX

FURY-6

DEX-STARR

BLEEZ

ZILIUS ZOX

VICE

ATROCITUS

HAGGOR

UEONI

EMOTION: Rage

HOMEWORLD: Ysmault

HISTORY: Before the Green Lantern Corps, the Guardians brought order to the universe with an android police force known as the Manhunters. Due to a "programming glitch," the Manhunters murdered every living creature within Sector 666 before they were stopped. The only five survivors of the massacre formed a terrorist group targeting the Guardians called the five Inversions. Imprisoned on Ysmault, Atrocitus used his primitive prophetic rituals and the blood of the other four Inversions to harness the red rage rampant throughout the universe. He now uses his Red Lanterns as mad dogs against the targets of his rage: Hal Jordan, Sinestro and their respective Corps.

POWERS: Upon induction into the Red Lantern Corps, a Lantern's blood is expelled and replaced with a napalm-like plasma, which can be projected by the Lantern through their mouth. As long as anger is present, the red fire burns, even in the vacuum of space. The power rings also provide flight and force fields.

WEAKNESSES: Because red is on the farther edges of the emotional spectrum, Red Lanterns are unable to think clearly or be reasoned with. They rarely speak, save for their leader Atrocitus, and often attack without distinction. The blue light of hope can extinguish the red flame.

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SPKOOOM

YESTERDAY.

CAROL FERRIS OF EARTH.



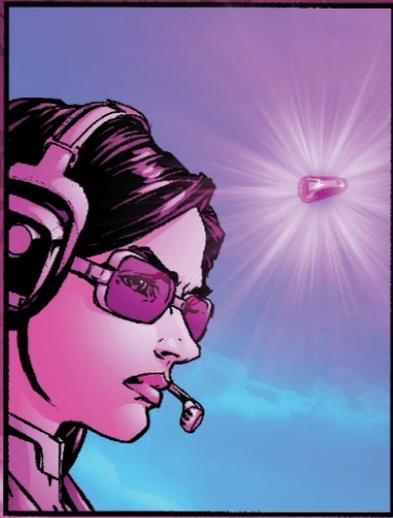
YOU HAVE GREAT LOSS IN YOUR HEART.

OH, COME ON.
NOT AGAIN.



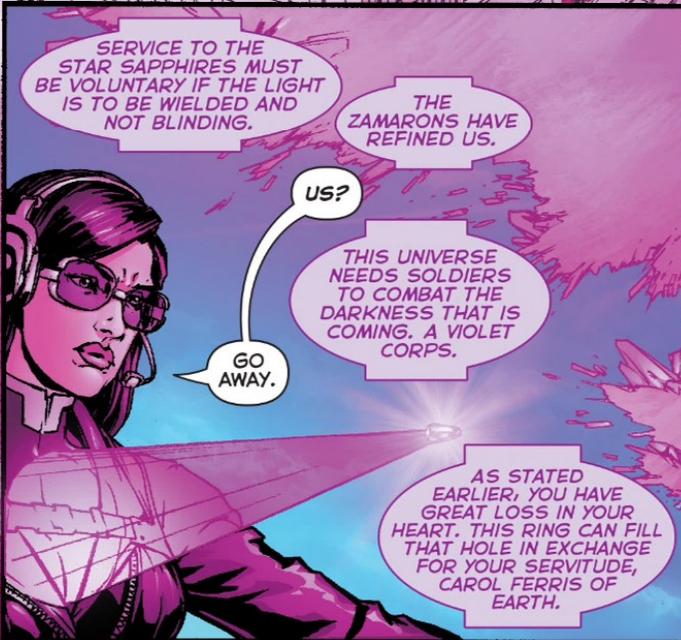
Tales of the Star Sapphires Lost Love

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"YOU MADE ME TRY TO KILL THE MAN I..."

"LOVE? YES. BUT IT HAS ALL CHANGED."



WELL?

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

I AM WAITING FOR YOUR ACCEPTANCE.

MY ACCEPTANCE? YOU'RE AN ALIEN PARASITE. ONE WHO, EVERY FEW YEARS...

...HAS SHOT DOWN FROM THE SKY AND TURNED ME INTO GREEN LANTERN'S "FEMME FATALE."

LOVE, UNFORTUNATELY, HAS A DANGEROUS COMPONENT TO IT. IT CAN BLIND THE ONE WHO SHINES BRIGHT WITH IT. IT CAN ALTER THEIR BEHAVIOR IN IRRATIONAL AND UNEXPECTED WAYS.

IRRATIONAL AND UNEXPECTED?

SERVICE TO THE STAR SAPPHIRES MUST BE VOLUNTARY IF THE LIGHT IS TO BE WIELDED AND NOT BLINDING.

THE ZAMARONS HAVE REFINED US.

US?

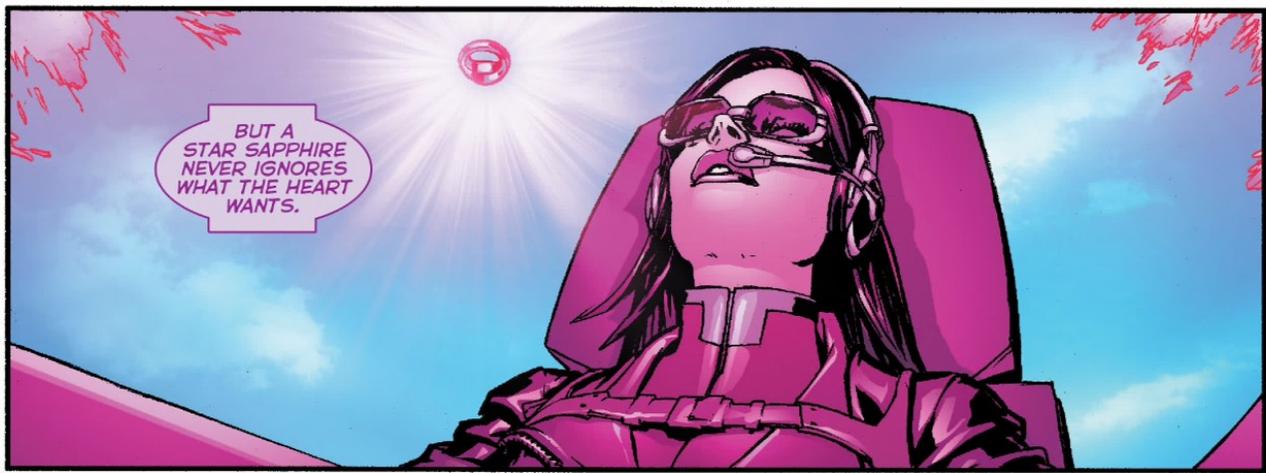
THIS UNIVERSE NEEDS SOLDIERS TO COMBAT THE DARKNESS THAT IS COMING. A VIOLET CORPS.

GO AWAY.

AS STATED EARLIER, YOU HAVE GREAT LOSS IN YOUR HEART. THIS RING CAN FILL THAT HOLE IN EXCHANGE FOR YOUR SERVITUDE, CAROL FERRIS OF EARTH.

I DON'T HAVE A HOLE IN MY HEART.

BUT YOU DO. YOU SIMPLY CHOOSE TO IGNORE IT.



BUT A STAR SAPPHIRE NEVER IGNORES WHAT THE HEART WANTS.



I'M GOING TO BE A PILOT WHEN I GROW UP.

REALLY? ME TOO!



WELL, I'M GOING TO OWN MY OWN PLANE.

"YOU MET HAL JORDAN WHEN YOU WERE EIGHT YEARS OLD.

THAT'D BE COOL.

HEY! YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO GO IN THERE. THE SIGN SAYS SO.

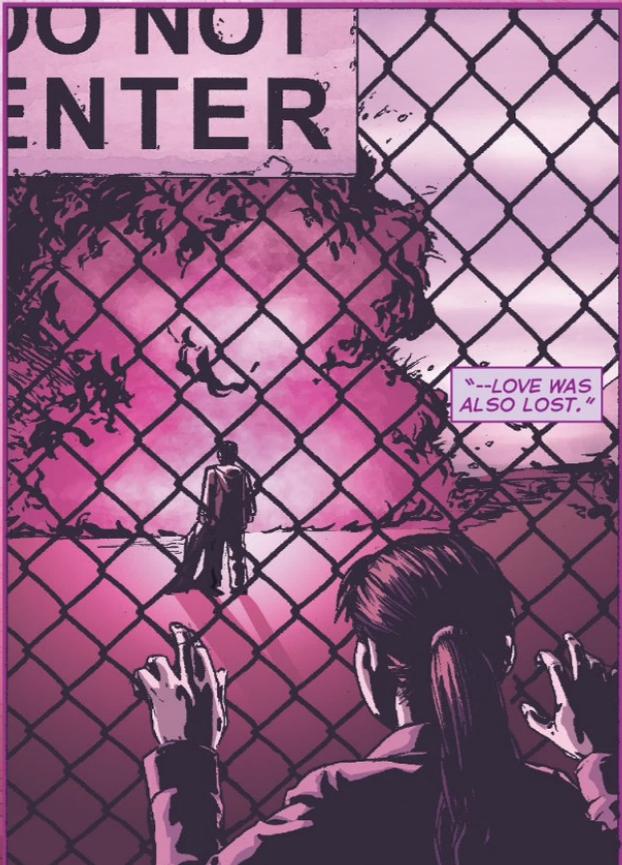


YOU WANNA COME?

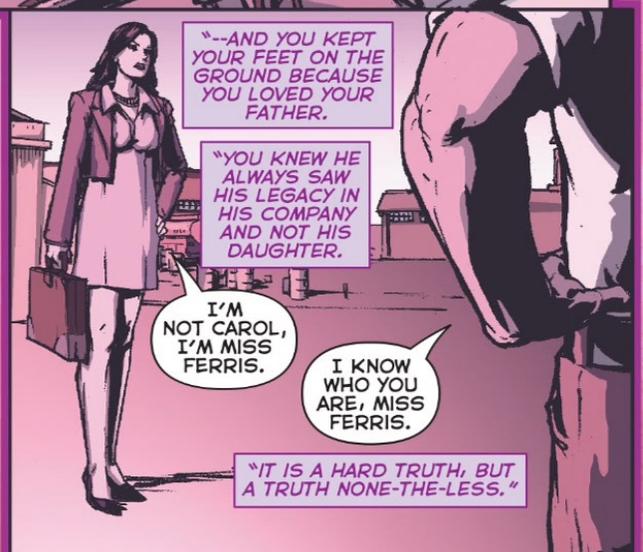
NO. YOU'RE GOING TO GET IN TROUBLE.

I'M NOT AFRAID OF GETTING IN TROUBLE, CAROL.

"AND ALTHOUGH LOVE WAS BORN THAT DAY--



"--LOVE WAS ALSO LOST."







"AND THAT INCLUDES HAL JORDAN."

"YOU HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME THE MOST POWERFUL AMONG THE STAR SAPPHIRES. YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO LEAD THEM INTO WAR ALONGSIDE THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS."

"YOU ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE EVERYTHING FOR TRUE LOVE."

AND TRUE LOVE IS THREATENED. YOUR TRUE LOVE.

HAL...

A CHOICE NOW PRESENTS ITSELF:

TURN AWAY OR EMBRACE THE LIGHT AND ALLOW THE STAR SAPPHIRE TO FILL THE HOLE OF YOUR BROKEN HEART SO THAT LOVE MAY CONTINUE TO BATTLE HATE AND FEAR ACROSS THE UNIVERSE.

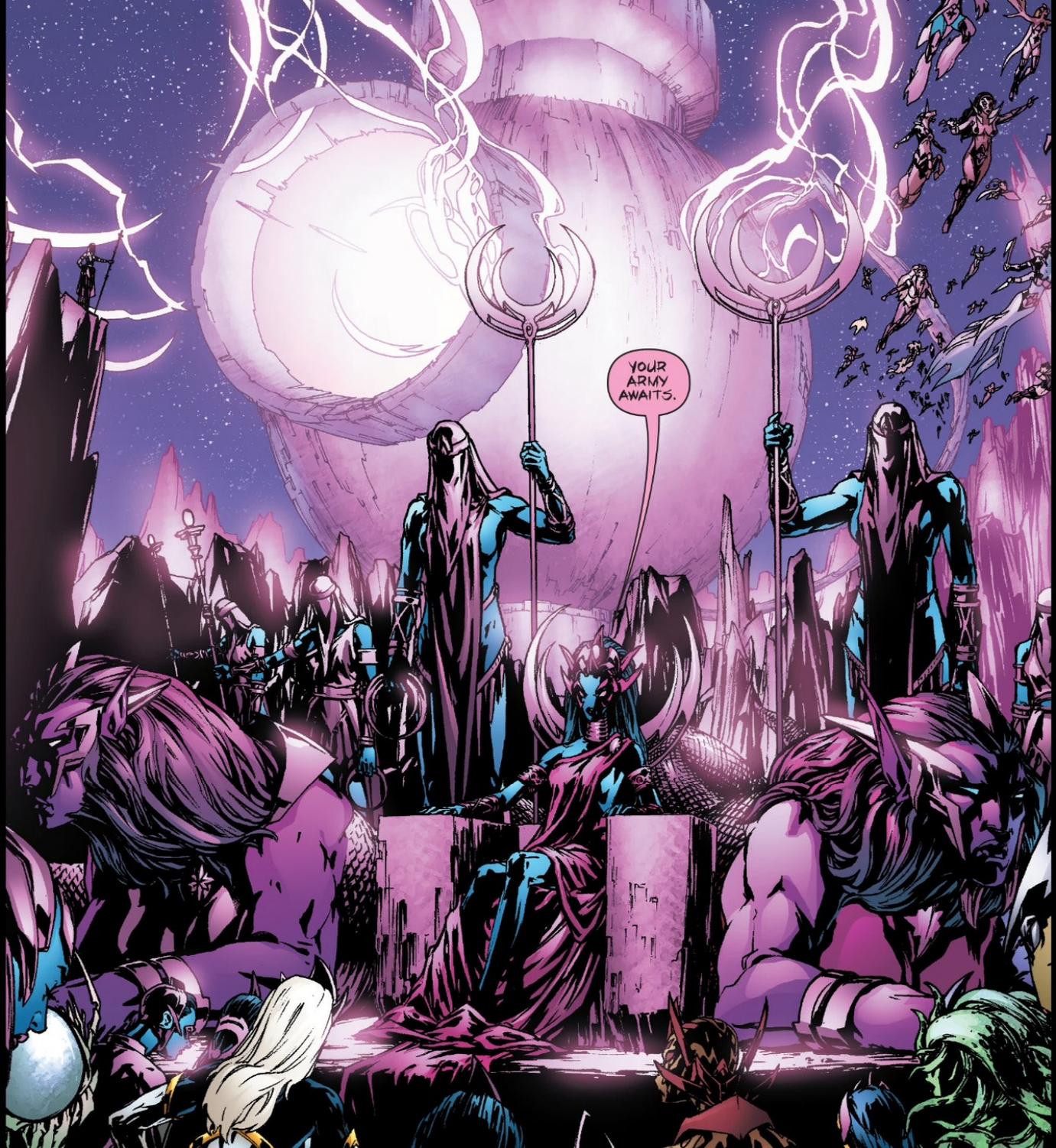
WHAT DID YOU SHOW ME? WAS THAT THE FUTURE? WAS THAT NOW?

IS HAL IN TROUBLE?

WHICH SHALL IT BE?

I...

...I ACCEPT.



YOUR ARMY AWAITS.



QUEEN AGA'PO, THE SINESTRO CORPS APPROACHES.

YES. LET THEM COME.



FOR LOVE WILL CONQUER ALL.

END.



STAR SAPPHIRES

EMOTION: Love

HOMEWORLD: Zamaron

QUEEN
AGA'PO

FATALITY

THE LOST
SAPPHIRE

DELA
PHARON

RACE

MISS BLOSS

MIRI

CAROL
FERRIS

HISTORY: When the Guardians of Oa debated to abandon emotions eons ago, a splinter tribe of female Oans left to do the exact opposite - embrace them. They journeyed from world to world until they discovered the heart of the violet light on the planet Zamaron. Forging the crystallized world into their own, the Zamarons created an army of soldiers dubbed the Star Sapphires who wield the violet energy of love and have vowed to convert all to their way of light.

WEAKNESSES: Because violet is on the far end of the emotional spectrum, a Star Sapphire's thought process can be altered considerably, though that is not always the case.

POWERS: The Star Sapphire rings reach into the hearts of those who wear them and reveal their greatest love. The ring can also create a tether to an embattled love that is under threat and bring the Star Sapphire to its aid.

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MANY YEARS AGO...

THIS GALAXY HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT OF A DISAPPOINTMENT.

BUT I FINALLY FEEL THE GRAVITY PULL OF ANOTHER PLANET.



THE QUESTION, OF COURSE, IS WHETHER THIS WORLD IS WORTH MY TIME AND ENERGY.

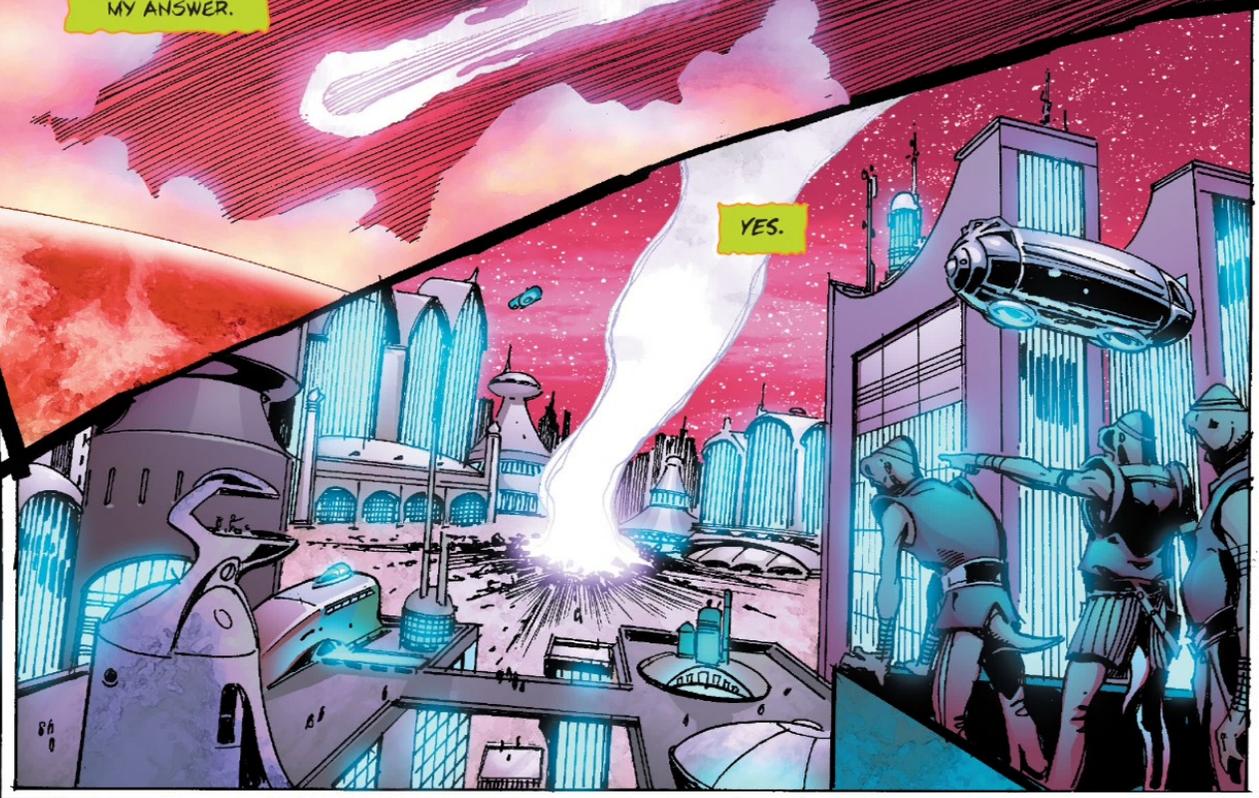


I CAN SEE FOR MILES-- THOUSANDS OF THEM.



AND AFTER A FEW PATIENT MINUTES IN ORBIT...

...I FINALLY GET MY ANSWER.



YES.



WHAT IS IT?

CALL THE KING!

INFORM THE MEDIA-WORKS!

REQUEST THE PRESENCE OF THE HIGH PRIEST!



I AM A GOD OF HUNGER!



WHAT DO YOU VALUE?!



WHAT IS THIS WORLD PREPARED TO OFFER TO CONTINUE EXISTING?



I STILL HUNGER! MORE!



WHY HAVE THE OFFERINGS CEASED?

I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION, WHOEVER YOU ARE.



I AM THE RULER OF THIS PLANET. THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT.

THERE'S NOTHING OF VALUE THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

THERE IS NOTHING LEFT TO GIVE.



YOU HAVE GIVEN ME EVERYTHING YOUR PEOPLE VALUE?

YES. EVERYTHING. DO WHAT YOU MUST.



THEN CONSIDER YOUR WORLD SPARED.

GOODBYE.

THE NEXT GALAXY PROVES TO BE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE LAST.

MOTIVATION IS CALLED FOR ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION.



SOME ARE MORE WILLING TO GIVE THAN OTHERS.



I AM A GOD OF HUNGER.

I AM HERE FOR ALL THAT YOU HOLD DEAR, ALL THAT YOU CONSIDER VALUABLE AND PRICELESS.



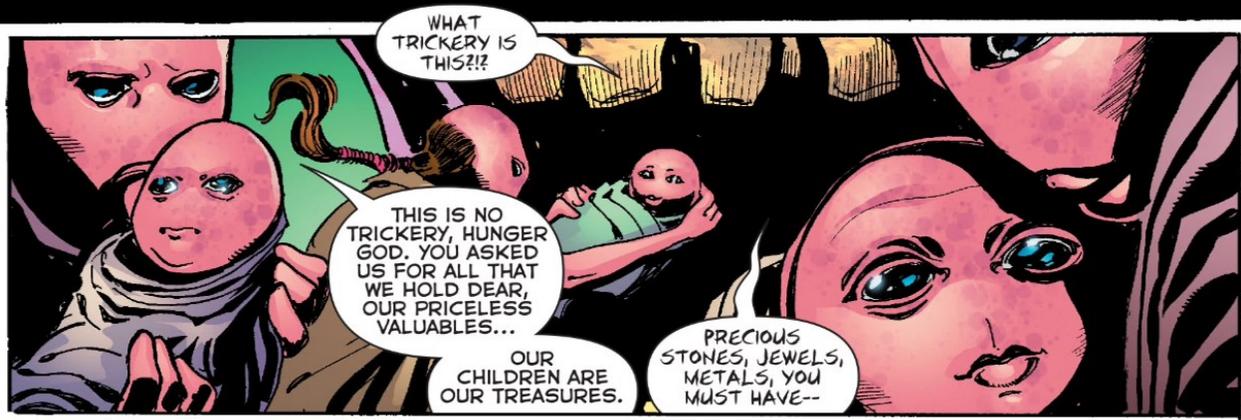
IF I FIND YOUR OFFERING SATISFYING I WILL SPARE YOU ALL FROM MY CRUEL AND HORRIBLE HAND.

NOW GO, AND BRING ME WHAT I ASK!



GIVE YOUR TREASURES TO ME SO THAT YOUR PLANET MAY LIVE TO SEE ANOTHER DAY.





WHAT TRICKERY IS THIS??!

THIS IS NO TRICKERY, HUNGER GOD. YOU ASKED US FOR ALL THAT WE HOLD DEAR, OUR PRICELESS VALUABLES...

OUR CHILDREN ARE OUR TREASURES.

PRECIOUS STONES, JEWELS, METALS, YOU MUST HAVE--



OUR PLANET IS POOR IN RESOURCES BUT RICH IN SPIRIT.

OUR CHILDREN ARE *PRECIOUS*. AND IF WE ARE TO SAVE THIS WORLD FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, THEN THIS SACRIFICE-- THOUGH WE ARE LOATH TO OFFER IT--

IS TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT THOSE TO COME.



CONTINUE.



THE DEFINITION OF "PRECIOUS" IS MOST DEFINITELY IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER.

SO, BEFORE I TAKE FLIGHT, I LEAVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET A REMINDER OF HOW MERCIFUL A GOD CAN BE...



...WHEN HE HAS NO USE FOR SOMETHING.

WAAGGHHH

THE PLANET OKAARA.

MY SENSES HAVE DETECTED GREAT WEALTH HIDDEN HERE.

SO MUCH SO, THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO ENTER MY HIBERNATION CYCLE EARLIER THAN EXPECTED.

I AM THE GOD OF HUNGER!
WHAT DO YOU AND THIS PLANET HAVE TO OFFER ME!?

SNFF
SNFF

"WHAT DO I HAVE TO OFFER?"

HEH. THAT'S FUNNY, I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU THE SAME THING.

WHAT--
CALL OFF THIS ATTACK!
YOU DARE LAY YOUR HANDS ON A GOD!?

ARRGHGH

Nooooo!

BLUME OF SECTOR 2751.

YOU BELONG TO AGENT ORANGE.

MINE.

CONSUMPTION COMPLETE.

IDENTITY STOLEN.

REPLICATING.

TALES OF THE ORANGE LANTERNS

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END.



AGENT ORANGE

EMOTION: Avarice

HOMEWORLD: Okaara, the Vega System

LARFLEEZE

HISTORY: Millennia ago, the Guardians of the Universe made a pact with the keepers of the Orange Light: As long as they kept it buried, their solar system would be out of the jurisdiction of the Green Lantern Corps. That pact was recently broken, and the sole remaining keeper of the Orange Light, Larfleeze a.k.a. Agent Orange, has unleashed his Orange Lanterns, seeking to steal and consume any and all rings.

POWERS: Agent Orange is capable of creating avatars Orange Lanterns of the beings he kills, literally stealing their identity postmortem.

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WEAKNESSES: The orange ring is unable to drain power from a blue ring. Its interactions with the indigo ring are as yet unknown. The orange ring also has addictive side effects that have, to this date, gone unmeasured.



BLACK LANTERN CORPS

EMOTION: Death

HOMEWORLD: The Dead World of Ryut

HISTORY: The mysterious Black Lantern rose around the corpse of the Anti-Monitor on the planet Ryut, a world once decimated by the Guardians' Manhunters. Its ultimate purpose and its creator are unknown.

POWERS: Unknown

WEAKNESSES: Unknown

SCAR

BLACK HAND



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