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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!





**9** WALK WITH DEATH.

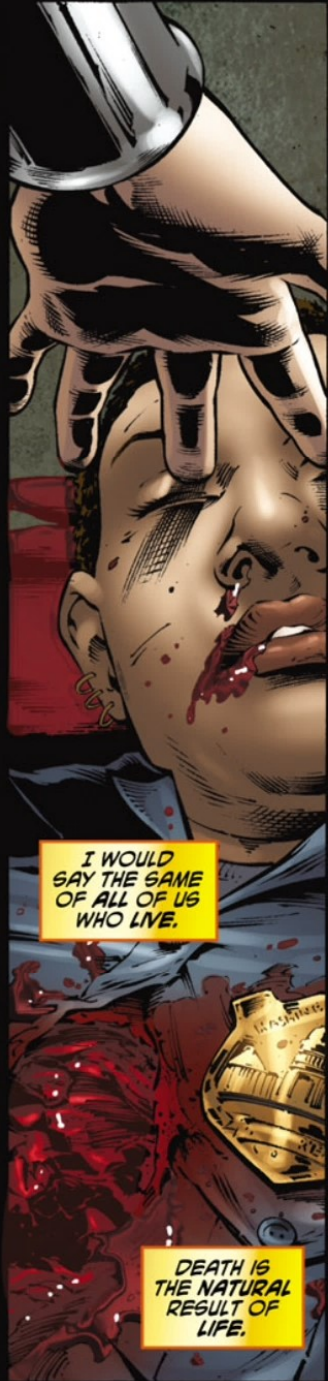
I DO NOT FOLLOW DEATH. NOR DO I LEAD.

RATHER, DEATH IS AT MY SIDE, THE UNEASY, CONSTANT COMPANION OF ANY WARRIOR.

I WOULD SAY THE SAME OF ALL OF US WHO LIVE.

DEATH IS THE NATURAL RESULT OF LIFE.

READY FOR A REMATCH?



TODAY, HERE, NOW, NOTHING IS NATURAL.

TODAY, THE SKY BILLOWS BLACK, AND NIGHT FALLS BEFORE ITS TIME.

TODAY, DEATH IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND...



ONLY MURDER.



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## PART ONE: THE LIVING

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PRINCESS OF THEMYSKIRA, THE AMAZON KNOWN AS DIANA, IS EMPOWERED BY THE GREEK GODS THEMSELVES WITH SUPREME WISDOM, STRENGTH, SPEED, AND BEAUTY. HAVING LEFT HER HOME, SHE LIVES AMONG US, STRIVING TO PROTECT AND DEFEND THE INNOCENT, WHILE LEADING THE WORLD TO A BETTER TOMORROW.





I ACCEPT DEATH. I HAVE LEARNED TO.

I HAVE LOST MANY TO ITS CALL.

FAR TOO MANY.



I AM AN AMAZON. I HAVE HAD NO CHOICE.

BUT I AM AN AMAZON, AND MURDER SICKENS ME, STILL.

IT IS A MONSTROUS ACT.



THE MONSTER THAT HAS BROUGHT ALL THIS HAS A NAME I KNOW WELL.

MAXWELL LORD.



I SLEW HIM ONCE.



I WILL NOT HESITATE TO DO SO AGAIN.





**I** HAVE LIVED THROUGH DEATH MYSELF.

I DID NOT CARE FOR IT.

THE DEMON NERON ASSAULTED MY SOUL, RAKED AND BURNT IT.

I LINGERED FOR DAYS BEFORE FINALLY DYING.

I SPEAK FROM EXPERIENCE WHEN I SAY THAT LIVING IS BETTER, NO MATTER HOW HARD, NO MATTER HOW PAINFUL.



THE BLACK LANTERNS ARE NOT WHAT NOR WHO THEY APPEAR TO BE. RAY PALMER, THE ATOM--AS COMPASSIONATE A SOUL AS I HAVE MET--HAS CONFIRMED THIS:

THE RING WEARS THE BODY, NOT THE BODY WEARS THE RING. THUS THE RING IS NOT THE PERSON, ONLY ITS FORM, ITS SHAPE, ITS MEMORIES.

AND ITS POWERS.

MAXWELL LORD'S POWER WAS TO TURN PEOPLE INTO PUPPETS TO DANCE ON HIS STRING.

TO ENSLAVE THEM TO HIS WILL.



THE BLACK LANTERNS, I AM TOLD, FEED ON EMOTIONS, INCITING THEM TO THE HIGHEST PITCH BEFORE FEASTING.

I KNOW WHAT MAX WANTS. I KNOW WHY HE'S DOING IT.





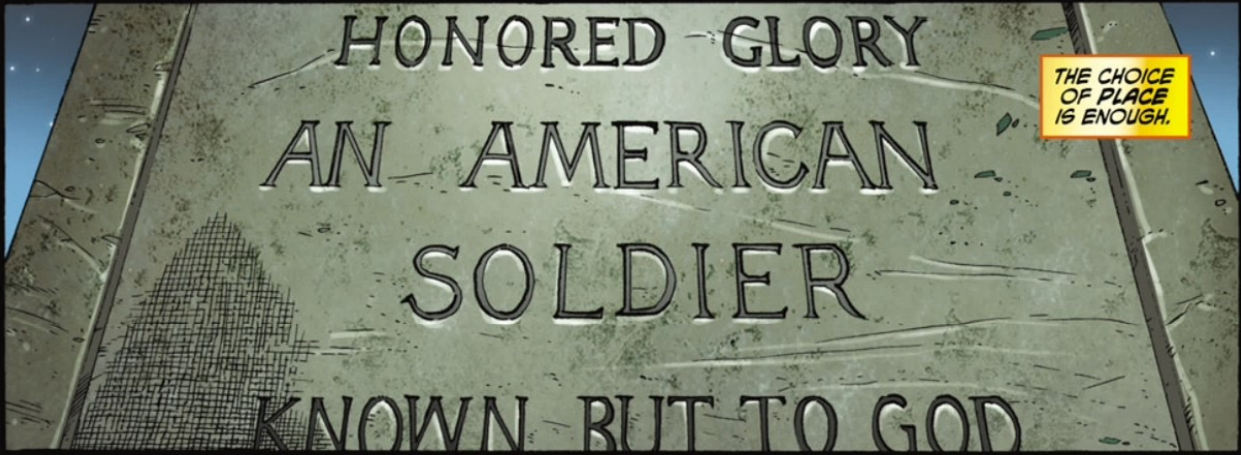
HE WANTS ME ANGRY.



HE SLAUGHTERS INNOCENTS TO TAUNT ME.



HE LAYS A TRAIL TO HALLOWED GROUND, A FIELD OF FALLEN WARRIORS WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.



THE CHOICE OF PLACE IS ENOUGH.



HE PROMISES MORE SACRILEGE TO COME.

HE WANTS ME ANGRY.



LOVE.



**H**E NEVER DID  
UNDERSTAND ME.











... BUT MY BODY IS SAYING--

NO--

EXACTLY!



ALL ABOARD THE TED KORD EXPRESS--



TNK

--DESTINATION BRAINS!

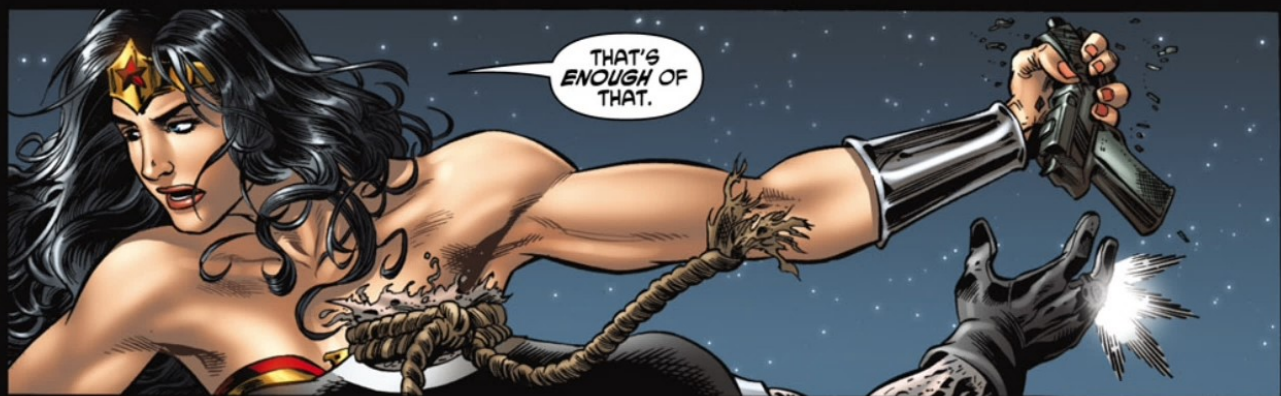


WILL.

LOVE.

WILL.

... ARE REST  
... HONORED G  
... ERU  
... SOLDIE  
... KNOWN BUT TO



THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT.





--MORE THAN ENOUGH, IN FACT.

SKLOCHH

YOU WILL RELEASE THESE MEN FROM YOUR CONTROL NOW.

OR BY ATHENA'S VERY EYES, I WILL CARVE YOU INTO SO MUCH STEW MEAT.

AMAZING. YOU REALLY MEAN THAT...



LOVE.

... BUT YOUR INDIGNATION FAILS TO OVERWHELM THIS NAUSEATING LOVE YOU CARRY FOR ALL LIVING THINGS.

WILL.

LIFE IS MUCH MORE THAN SEVEN SIMPLE COLORS.

WILL.



FINE...



... HAVE THEM...

NHNN...

UHNN...

HERE RESTS IN THE STORY













YOUR SKIN'S SO SOFT! DO YOU LOOFAP?

THIS IS POINTLESS, PRINCESS...

... YOU CAN'T OULTRUN DEATH!

NHNN!

UNFF!

MAX...  
...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?





NO ANGER? NO FEAR?

TOO MUCH RESPECT FOR THE HONORED DEAD TO FIGHT THEM?



THESE ARE SOLDIERS THEY GAVE THEIR LIVES--



FOR NOTHING FOR EMPTY GAINS AND HOLLOW VICTORIES? PAWNS IN LIFE AND PAWNS IN DEATH!



... I'LL TAKE ALL THE LOVE YOU'VE GOT TO GIVE

MAX, YOU FOOL--



YOU WON'T FIGHT THEM... YOU DON'T FEAR THEM...



--LOVE CAN'T BE TAKEN--

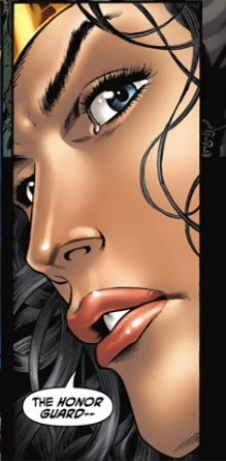


... THAT'S FINE WITH ME, BABY...

LOVE



--ONLY GIVEN--



THE HONOR GUARD--





I HAVE  
A NAME.  
I JUST CAN'T  
REMEMBER IT.



TELL ME  
YOURS...



IT'S  
WONDER  
WOMAN.



MY  
FRIENDS  
CALL ME  
DIANA.



YOU'RE  
NOT ONE OF  
THEM.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,  
SOLDIER?

ASIDE FROM  
THE MAXIMUM  
PUCKER FACTOR?  
YEG, MA'AM, I  
AM.

I SHOT THAT  
THING THREE  
TIMES, DIDN'T  
EVEN SLOW HIM  
DOWN.





IT'S THEIR RINGS, WE NEED LIGHT TO DESTROY THEM...  
...LIGHT...

WONDER WOMAN? IT'S FLASH--



--WE NEED ALL ABLE BODIES IN COAST CITY RIGHT AWAY.

UNDERSTOOD. I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS I CAN.

INCOMING!



BUT YOU CAN'T LEAVE, PRINCESS! WE'VE HARDLY HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH UP!

AT LEAST STAY UNTIL AFTER DARK!



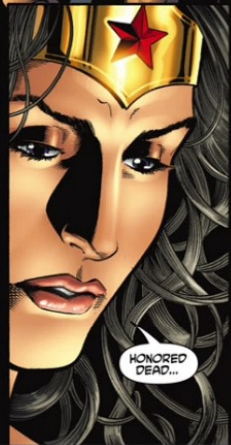
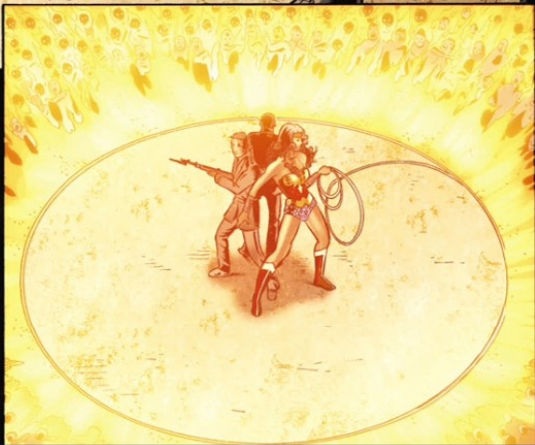
I'M NOT AFRAID OF THE DARK.



WE'LL FIX THAT. WE'LL PUT OUT ALL THE LIGHTS.  
AND THEN THERE'LL BE NOTHING AT ALL FOR YOU TO LOVE.

MAX, YOU STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND...









I MUST GO. YOU DO YOUR OFFICE HONOR, GENTLEMEN. ...BE WELL...



...BE SAFE.



LOVE.

WILL.



GO.



I'LL BE SEEING YOU AGAIN REAL SOON...

**NEXT:  
BLACK  
LANTERN  
WONDER  
WOMAN!**