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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:

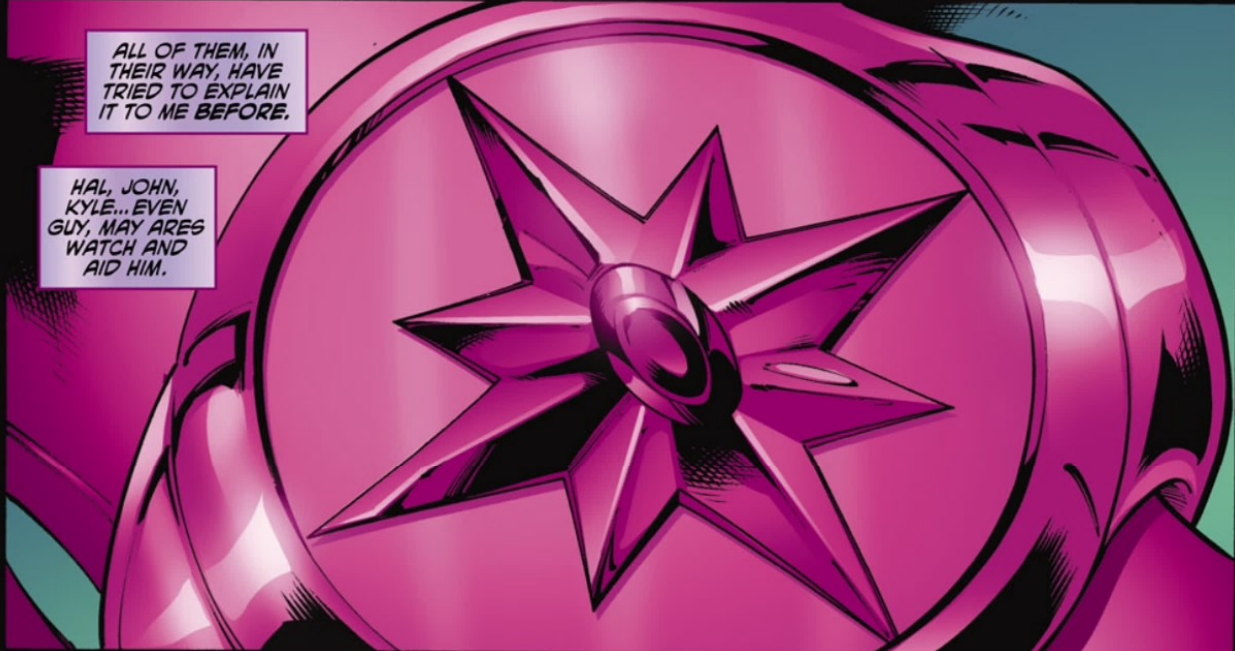
The complete Dennis O’Neil/Neal Adams GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW saga! Considered some of the greatest work ever produced, these legendary masters tell complex inner-city tales with the Emerald Archer, while Hal Jordan battles all forms of universe-threatening menace...and when they team up, it’s the 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!



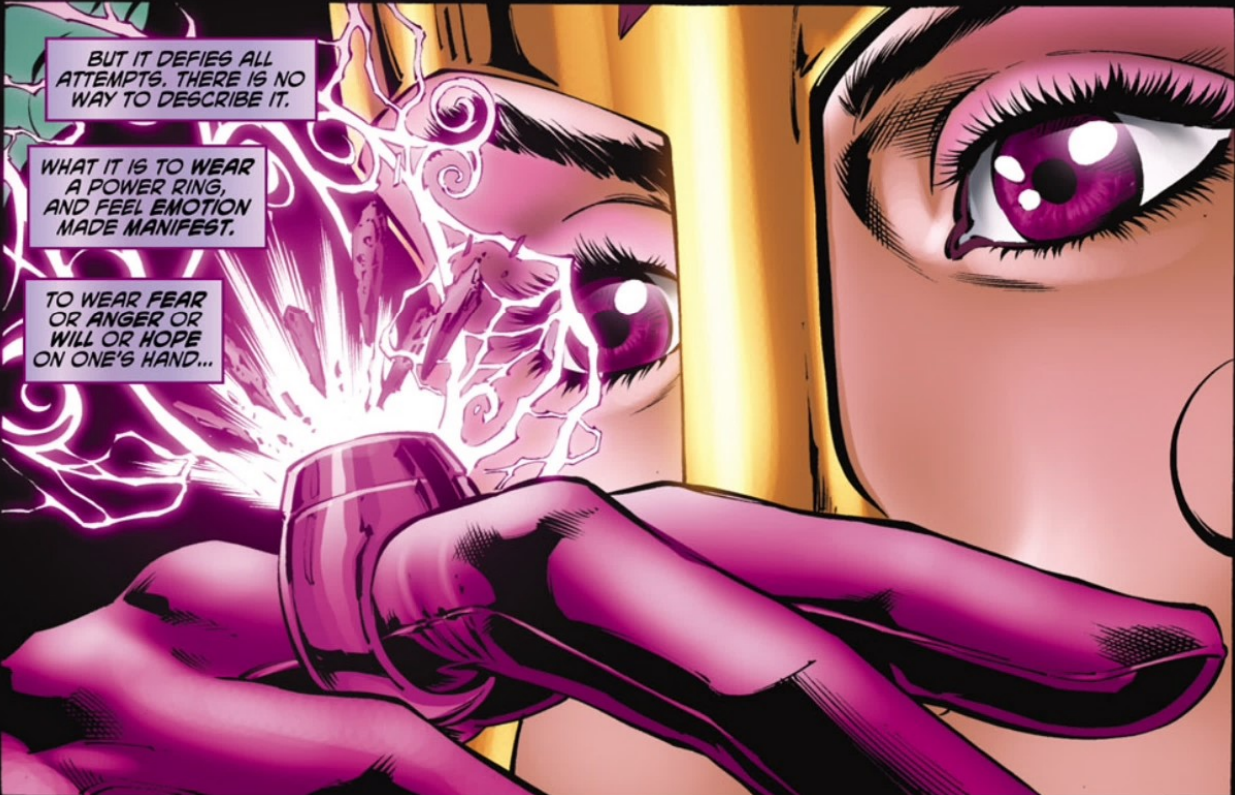


EXTRAORDINARY.



ALL OF THEM, IN
THEIR WAY, HAVE
TRIED TO EXPLAIN
IT TO ME BEFORE.

HAL, JOHN,
KYLE... EVEN
GUY, MAY ARES
WATCH AND
AID HIM.



BUT IT DEFIES ALL
ATTEMPTS. THERE IS NO
WAY TO DESCRIBE IT.

WHAT IT IS TO WEAR
A POWER RING,
AND FEEL EMOTION
MADE MANIFEST.

TO WEAR FEAR
OR ANGER OR
WILL OR HOPE
ON ONE'S HAND...



To WEAR LOVE.

TOO BEAUTIFUL FOR WORDS...

DIANA!

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CAROL? IS THIS YOUR DOING?

IT IS, YES. I--WE-- NEEDED HELP, ALL OF US WITH RINGS. WE SENT THEM OUT, LOOKING FOR DESPITES. YOU'VE BEEN CHOSEN.



YOU'RE MY BACKUP.

SO I SEE.



THE OTHERS--ATOM, FLASH, THE REST--ALL OF THEM WERE *FREE* WHEN THEIR RINGS FOUND THEM. BUT YOU...

I WAS POSSESSED. I WAS A *BLACK LANTERN*.

YES. YET ENOUGH OF YOU REMAINED THAT THE VIOLET COULD *REACH* YOU, AND THAT YOU COULD DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE COULD DO... AND REACH *BACK*.



THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE.

BUT WHY ME? WHY NOT SOMEONE ELSE?

THE VIOLET, THE STAR SAPPHIRES, THEIR COLOR IS LOVE, DIANA.



THE LOVE YOU CARRY FOR... FOR EVERYTHING, FOR THE ENTIRETY OF CREATION... IT'S LIMITLESS.


I'VE NEVER ENCOUNTERED ANYTHING LIKE IT.

YET YOU WEAR THE SAME RING. YOU ARE A STAR SAPPHIRE.

IT'S NOT THE SAME.

NO, I SEE THAT. YOUR LOVE IS UNREQUESTED. SO YOUR RING FILLS ITS PLACE.

IT IS EVIDENT. YOU'RE A QUICK LEARNER.



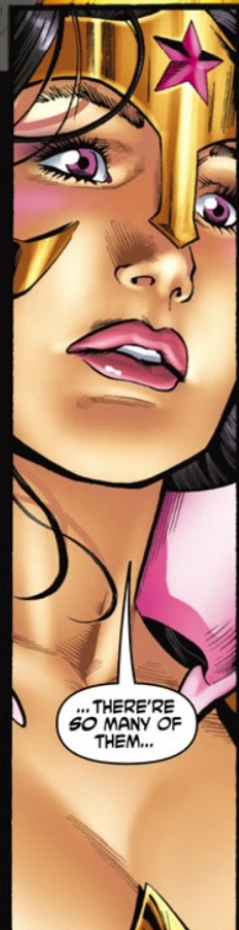
LOVING HIM FROM AFAR IS NOT WORTHY OF HIM, OR YOU.

I WON'T ARGUE THE POINT. BUT RIGHT NOW...



...WE NEED TO START *SPREADING* THE LOVE AROUND.

BY HER GRAY EYES...



...THERE'RE SO MANY OF THEM...



FOLLOW ME!



THE BLACK RINGS DIE IN THE LIGHT! BUT OUR RINGS ALONE WON'T BE ENOUGH.

JUST TRY TO *RESTRAIN* AS MANY OF THEM AS YOU CAN!



HEY, EVERYBODY, LOOK! MY GIRLFRIEND'S HERE!



I THINK I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THIS, GIVEN WHAT YOU NORMALLY WEAR...



... BUT ARE YOU INTO BONDAGE?

AWWW NO--



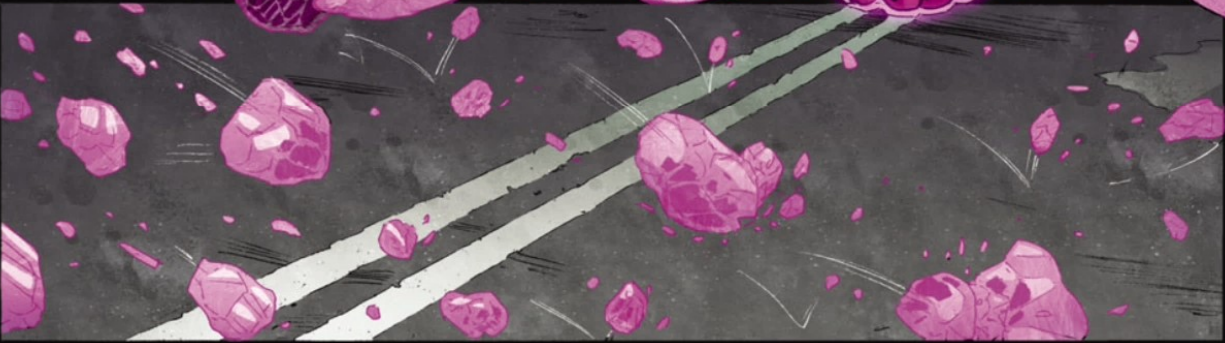
--LIBERATION.



WOOF!
I LIKE THE GIRLS WHO PLAY ROUGH!



I'M NOT A GIRL, MAX.





HE'LL RE-FORM
IF WE DON'T
DESTROY HIS
RING!

WE NEED A
GREEN--



--I'LL GET
HAL!



STAY
BACK.



HNRRR?



SO...
WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
AFTER?



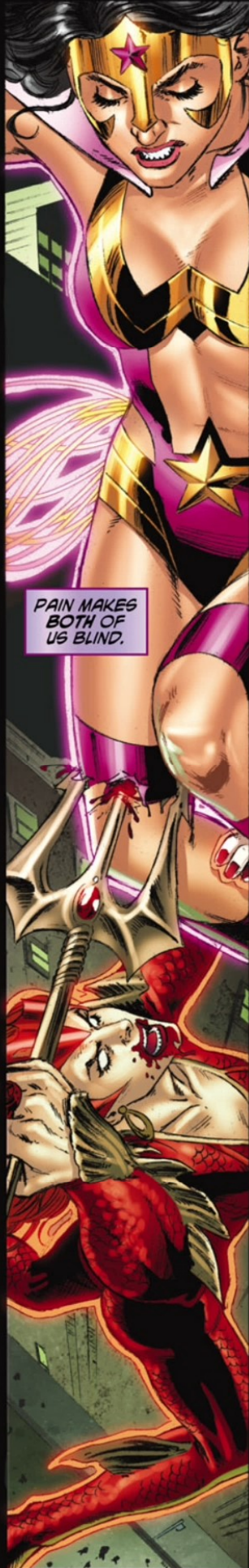
JUST
KICKING
AROU--



NERA!



THE RING ON MY
HAND--MY RING--
TRIES TO SEE
HER HEART.



PAIN MAKES
BOTH OF
US BLIND.

MINE IS
PHYSICAL.



HERS
RUNS MUCH
DEEPER.



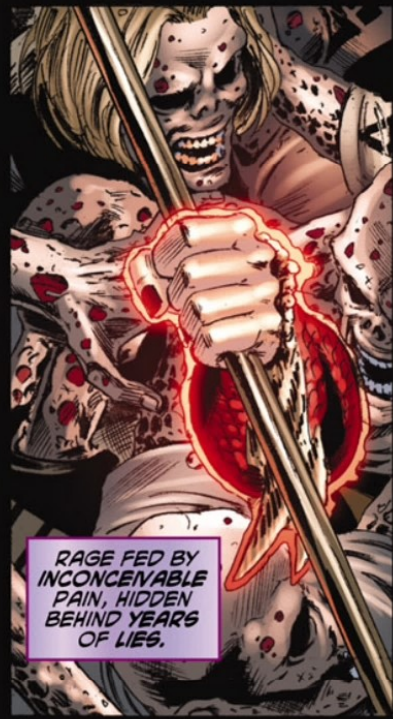
I CAN FEEL THE RING SIFTING THROUGH THE RED HAZE...



...SEARCHING MEMORY AND HEARTBREAK...



...SEARCHING IN VAIN AS HER RAGE RUNS RAMPANT.



RAGE FED BY INCONCEIVABLE PAIN, HIDDEN BEHIND YEARS OF LIES.

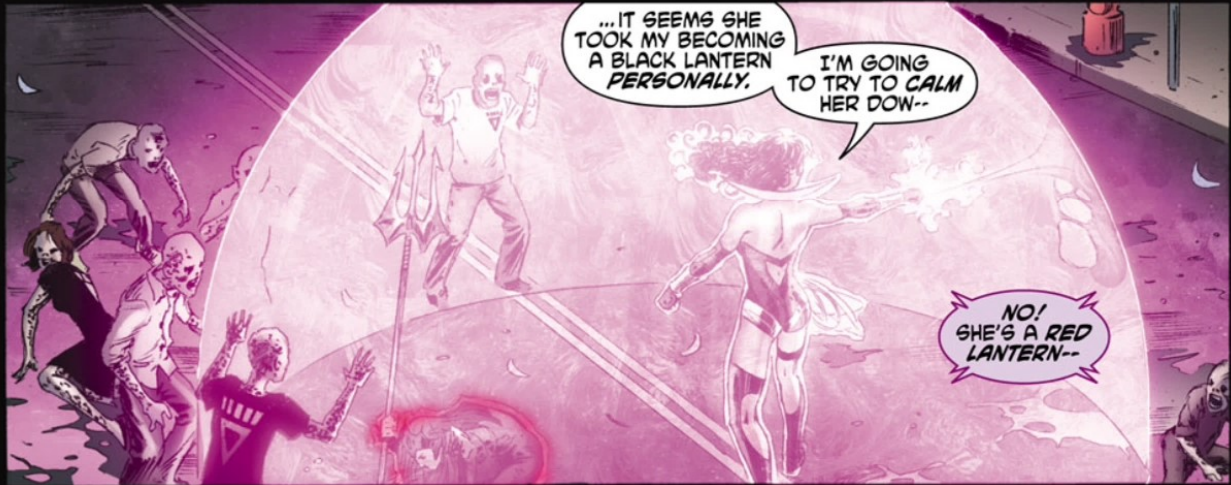
BACK--
-OFF!





DIANA?
WHAT'S GOING
ON?

RAN INTO
MERA...



...IT SEEMS SHE
TOOK MY BECOMING
A BLACK LANTERN
PERSONALLY.

I'M GOING
TO TRY TO CALM
HER DOWN--

NO!
SHE'S A RED
LANTERN--



--YOU
CAN'T CALM
THAT KIND OF
RAGE!

MERA?
LISTEN TO MY
VOICE...



...IT'S
ME, YOUR
FRIEND--



NOT AN ENTIRELY UNEXPECTED RESPONSE.

RRRF!



I STAND CORRECTED.



SO MUCH ANGER...

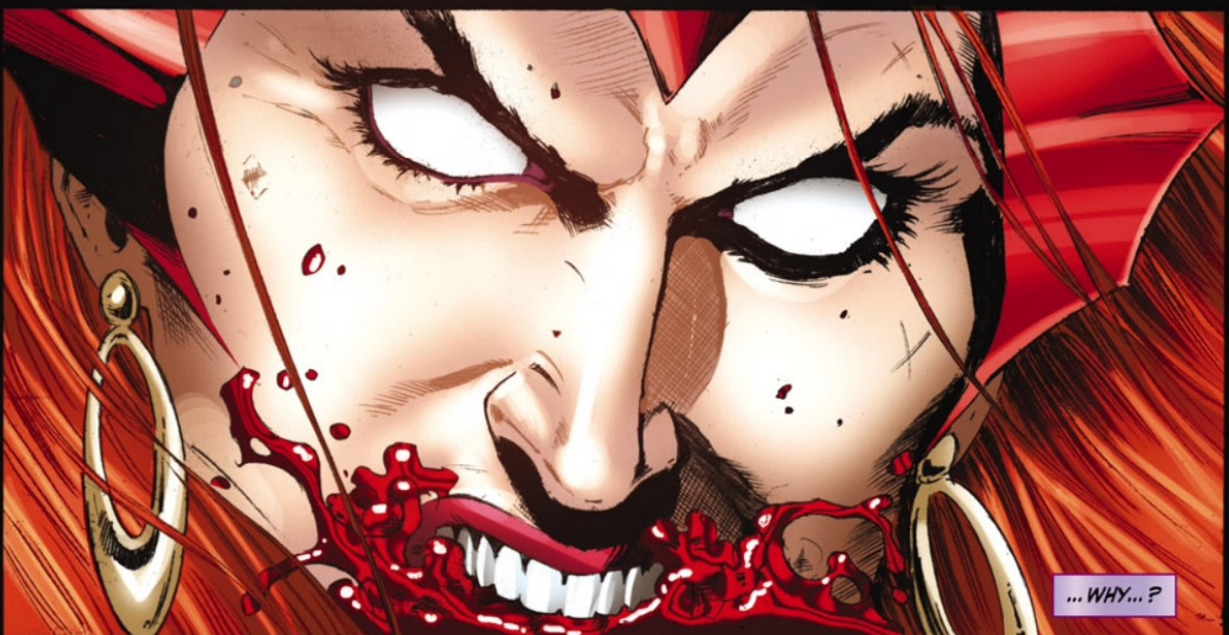
HNNH...

RRRAAA!



... TOO MUCH...

GHNN...



... WHY... ?



IT'S NOT JUST RAGE...

NERA!



... IT'S MORE THAN THAT...

LISTEN, PLEASE.

I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY.



... IT'S A KIND OF HATRED...

GAARAAA!



... AND IT RUNS DEEP.

I AM YOUR FRIEND...

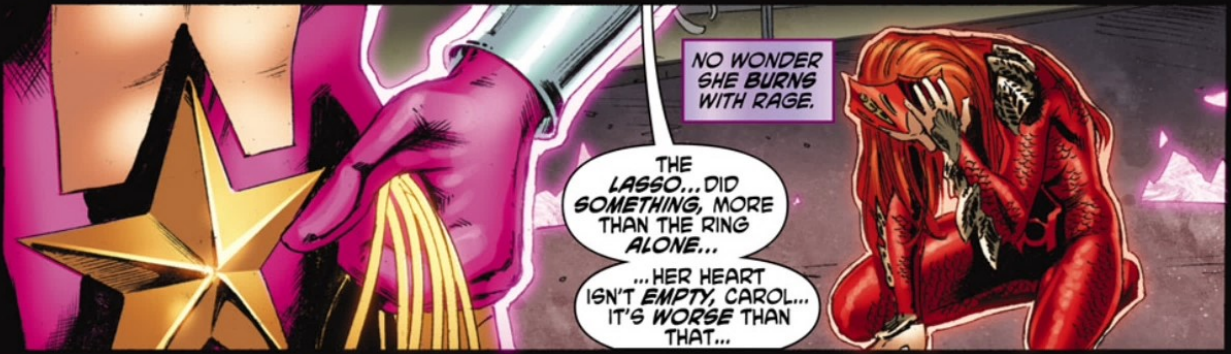


DEEPER THAN MY RING CAN REVEAL...

... LET ME SHOW YOU.

... OR AT LEAST CAN REVEAL ALONE.







W-WHAT
COULD I TELL
HIM?
AFTER
EVERYTHING,
WHAT COULD
I SAY?



THE
TRUTH.



THE LASSO
SHOWED ME YOUR
HEART THE SAME
WAY IT SHOWED
YOU MINE.

WHAT IS
THE TRUTH
THERE?



YOU NEVER SPOKE
A WORD.

BECAUSE
THERE WAS
NOTHING
THAT EVER
NEEDED
SAYING.

AND
EVEN IF
THERE HAD
BEEN...



...IT'S
TOO LATE
FOR THAT,
NOW.



BUT
PERHAPS
NOT FOR
YOU.

NOT IF WE
SURVIVE THIS
NIGHT.

WE'RE
GOING TO
SURVIVE...



...IN FACT, WE'RE GOING TO KICK THIS NIGHT'S ASS.

SO LET'S GET ON WITH IT.

**TO BE CONTINUED IN
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NIGHT!**