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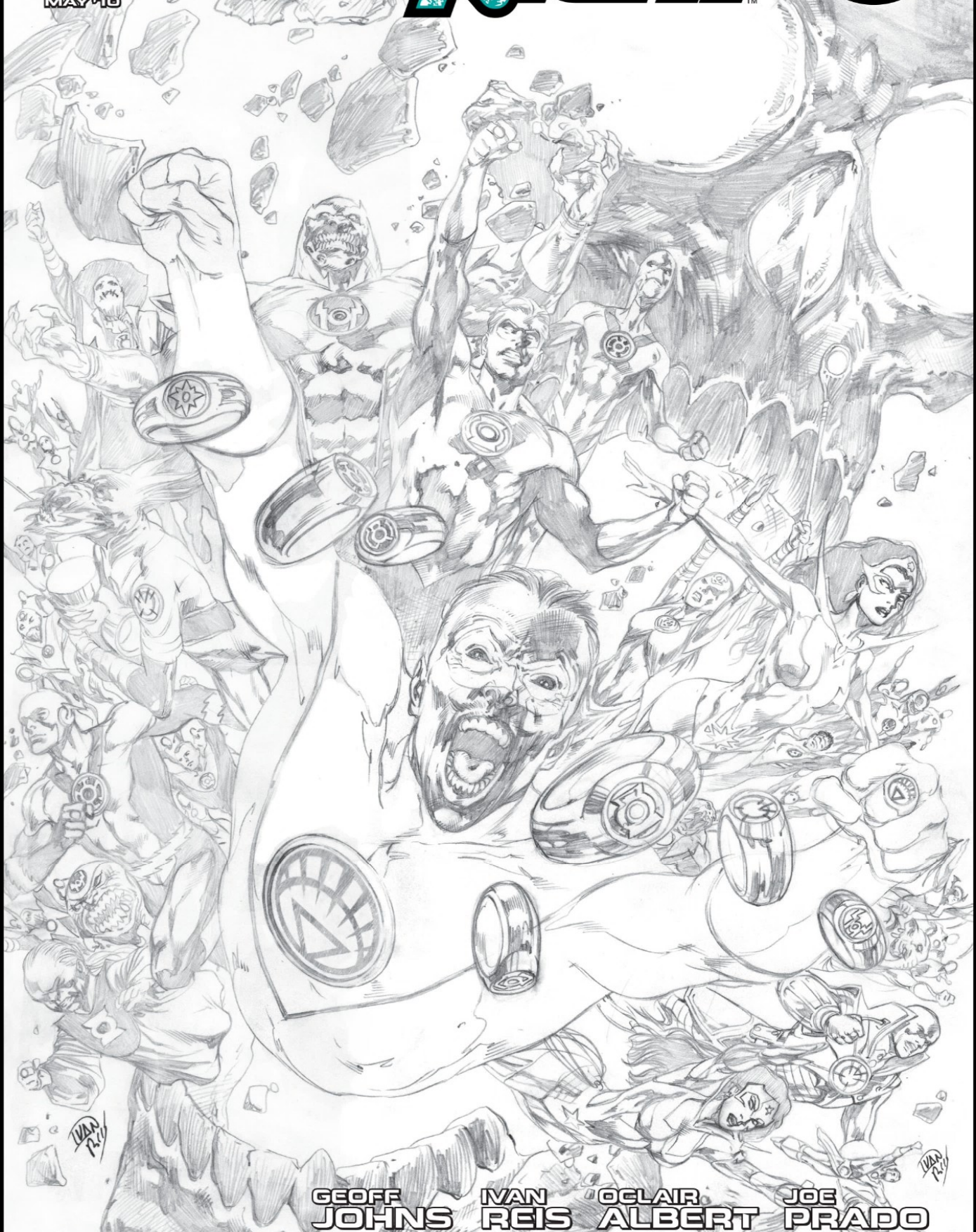




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THE TRUTH IS,  
I AM AFRAID  
OF ONE THING.



I'M AFRAID  
TO GET  
CLOSE TO  
PEOPLE.

BECAUSE BLACK  
HAND IS RIGHT.



EVENTUALLY,  
EVERYONE  
WILL DIE.



A POET ONCE SAID, "CARPE  
DIEM QUAM MINIMUM CREDULA  
POSTERO" WHICH MEANT, "SEIZE  
THE DAY, TRUSTING AS LITTLE AS  
POSSIBLE IN THE FUTURE."

MOST PEOPLE ONLY  
KNOW THE FIRST PART--  
"CARPE DIEM"--PROBABLY  
BECAUSE NOT TRUSTING  
TOMORROW IS TOO DAMN  
CYNICAL. IT IS TO  
ME, ANYWAY.

SURE YOU CAN'T RELY  
ON TOMORROW, WE'RE  
NOT GUARANTEED  
WE'LL HAVE IT--



-- BUT WE CAN'T  
BE AFRAID OF IT  
EITHER.

STAY BACK,  
ALL OF YOU. I  
AM BONDED WITH  
THE LIGHT OF  
LIFE ITSELF.

I AM  
**SINESTRO**--  
SAVIOR OF THE  
UNIVERSE!

YOUR  
SCYTHE  
CANNOT KILL  
ME, NEKRON!  
NOTHING  
CAN!



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SO MUCH FOR A TEAM EFFORT. I HOPE SINESTRO KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING.

WHAT ELSE IS NEW?  
HE THINKS HE DOES, CAROL.

SINESTRO IS NOW JOINED WITH THE VERY LIGHT THAT WAS DRIVEN INTO THE UNIVERSE.

SINESTRO IS NOW ONE WITH THE ENTITY.

THAT WAS A RHETORICAL QUESTION, GANTHET.

WHAT KIND OF POWER ARE WE TALKING ABOUT?

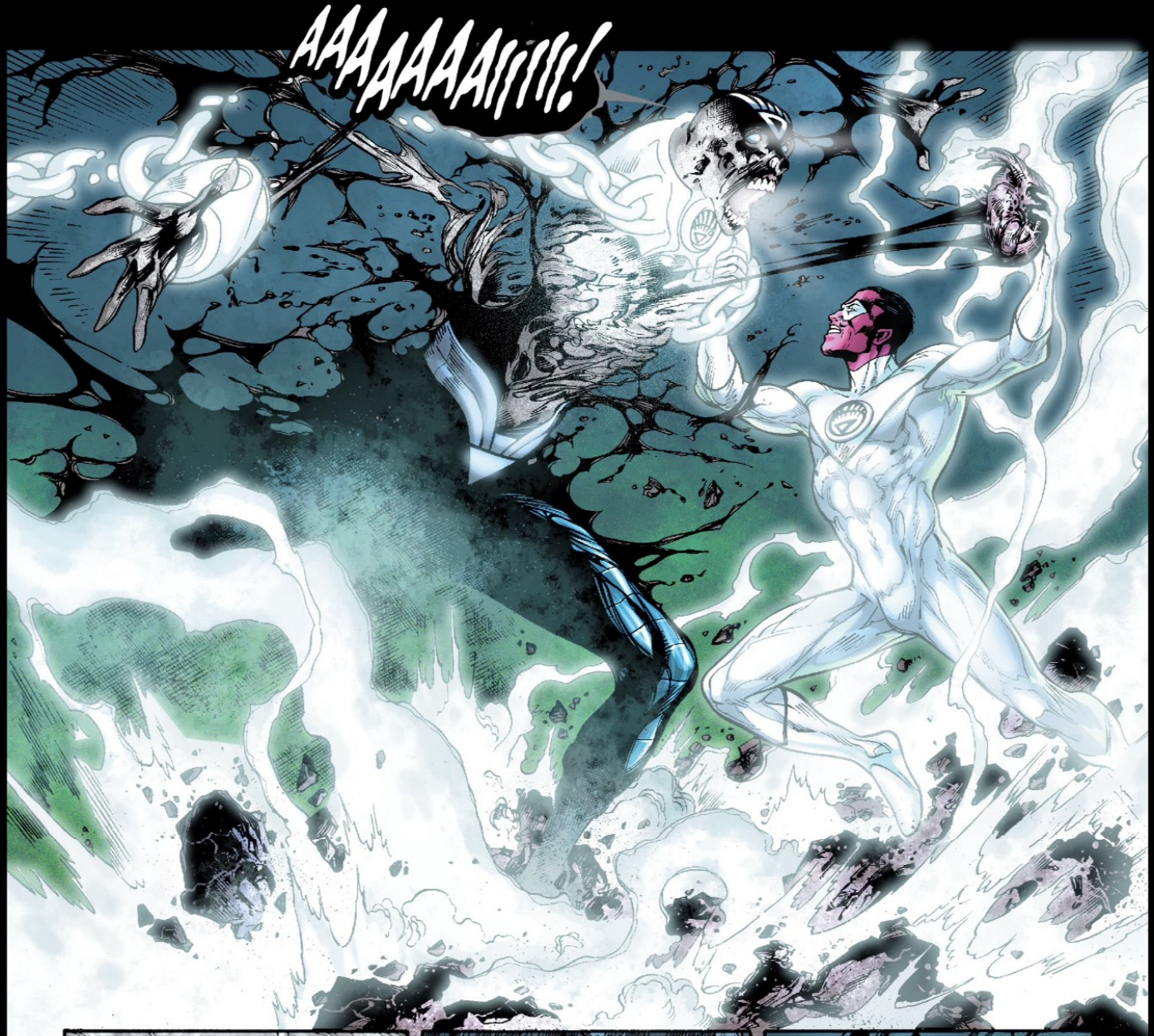
NOTHING LESS THAN GODLIKE, RAY PALMER.

YOUR ANNIHILATION MARKS THE END OF ABIN SUR'S MISSION.

GNK

AND THE BEGINNING OF MY OWN.





AAAAAAIIII!



WELL, NOW.



"THAT WASN'T SO DIFFICULT."

NEKRON.



RISE.





YOU FIGHT ME AS IF I LIVE, LANTERN. I DO NOT.

I AM DEATH.

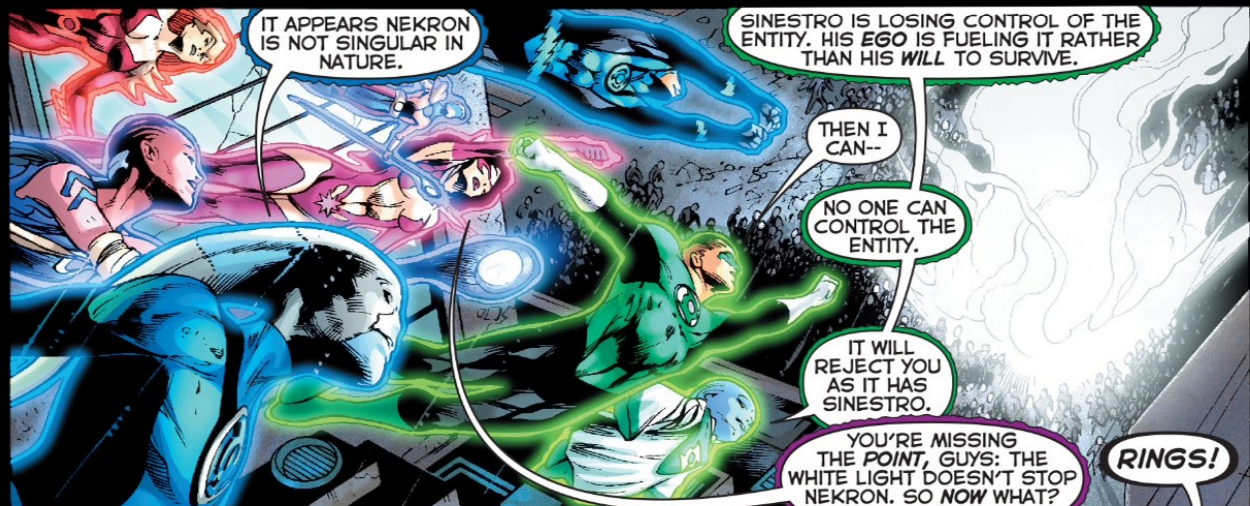


AND YOU CANNOT ERADICATE DEATH ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN SPACE.



NO MORE HIDING, TRESPASSER.

ARRGH!



IT APPEARS NEKRON IS NOT SINGULAR IN NATURE.

SINESTRO IS LOSING CONTROL OF THE ENTITY. HIS EGO IS FUELING IT RATHER THAN HIS WILL TO SURVIVE.

THEN I CAN--

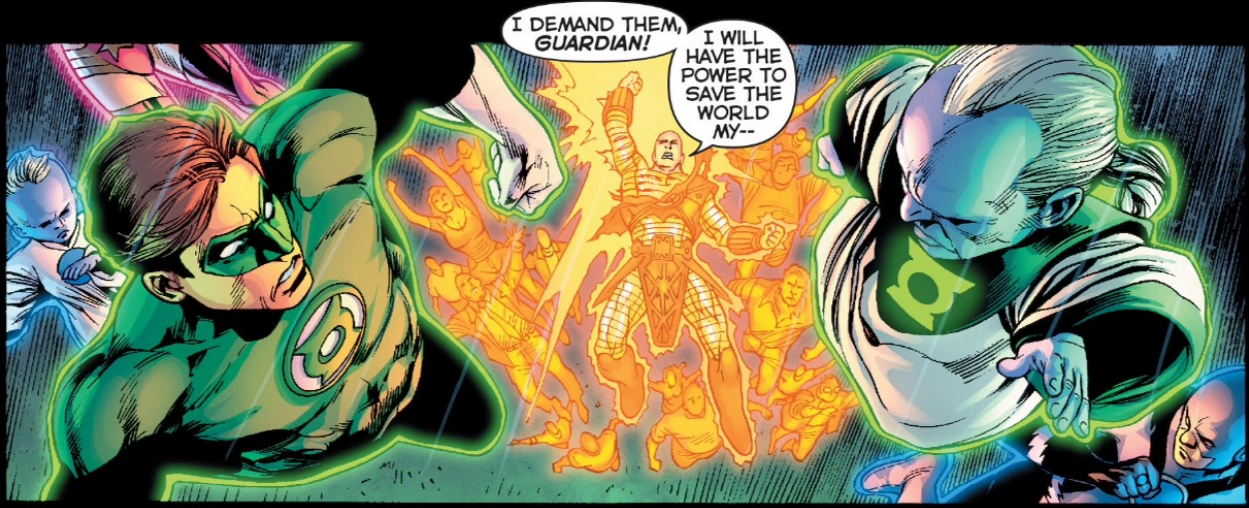
NO ONE CAN CONTROL THE ENTITY.

IT WILL REJECT YOU AS IT HAS SINESTRO.

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT, GUYS: THE WHITE LIGHT DOESN'T STOP NEKRON. SO NOW WHAT?

RINGS!





I DEMAND THEM, GUARDIAN!

I WILL HAVE THE POWER TO SAVE THE WORLD MY--

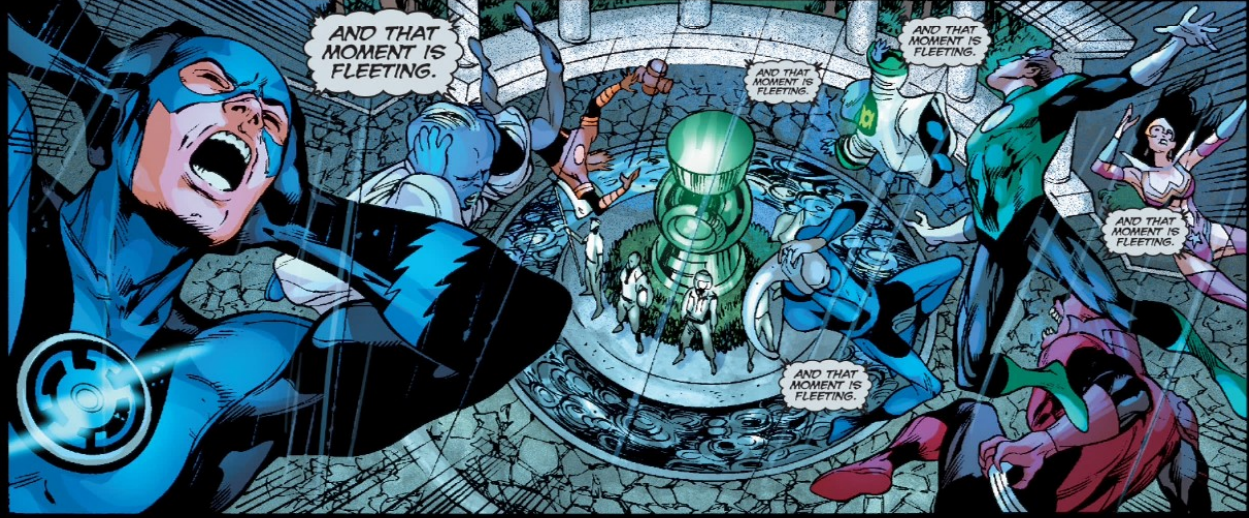


VICTORY IS MINE, BALDY!

AND IF YOU HAD ANY HAIR I'D TAKE THAT TOO!

HEE!

VICTORY BELONGS TO YOU ONLY FOR THE MOMENT, ORANGE LANTERN.



AND THAT MOMENT IS FLEETING.

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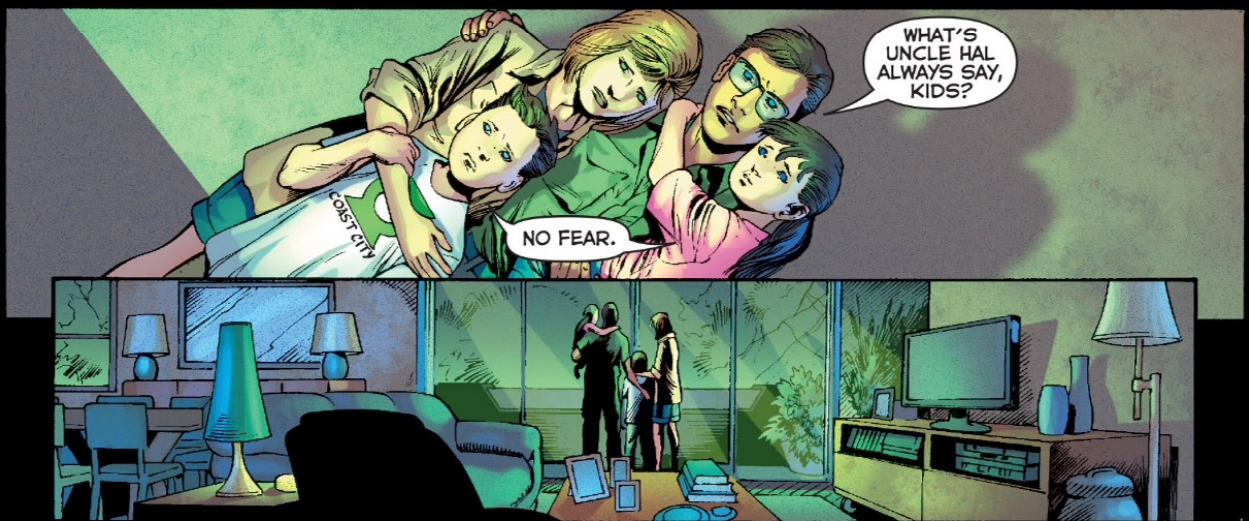
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AS ARE YOUR LIVES.



WHAT'S UNCLE HAL ALWAYS SAY, KIDS?

NO FEAR.





SHE BELONGS TO ME, HUMAN.

TRAMP.

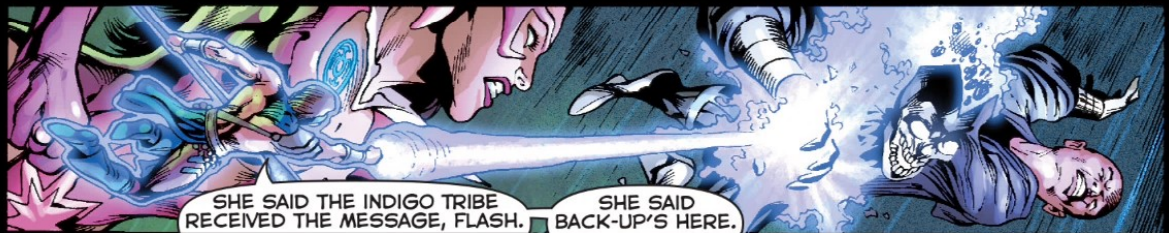
MERA--!

WAIT? WHICH BELONGS TO WHO?



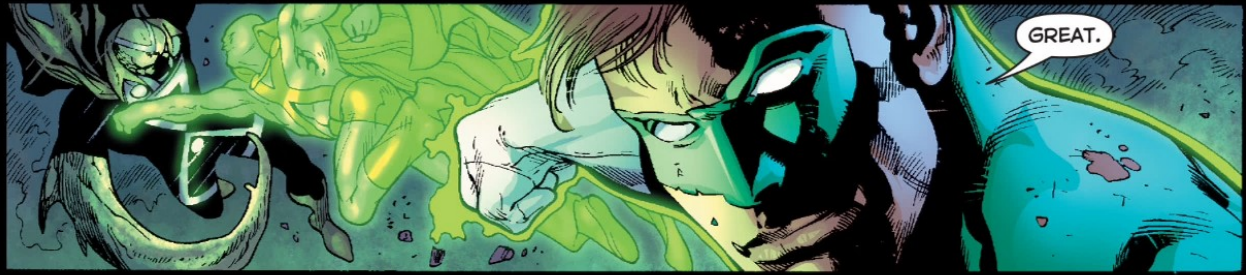
LEK RAANOR ROL NOK.

WHAT'D YOU SAY?



SHE SAID THE INDIGO TRIBE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE, FLASH.

SHE SAID BACK-UP'S HERE.



GREAT.









FORGET THE BLACK LANTERNS AND HIT THE SOURCE. EVERYBODY, SWING YOUR BEAMS ONTO NEKRON!

WE CAN DO THIS IF WE ALL WORK TOGETHER.

ALL OF US AS IN ALL OF US WITH A POWER RING?



BECAUSE IF YOU THINK WE GOT THE ROOM OR ABILITY TO GALVANIZE LIKE THAT, KYLE, YOU SHOULD TRADE THAT GREEN RING IN FOR A BLUE ONE.



HUH, CAN'T GET THE RING TO WORK. EH, I WAS NEVER INTO JEWELRY ANYWAY.

GUY?

IT'S DEADMAN, LANTERN.



I'VE BEEN FLOATIN' INSIDE THESE THINGS AND LEARNIN'. NEKRON IS, UM, SENTIENT BLACKNESS. HE'S THE EMPTY SPACE BETWEEN ATOMS AND PLANETS.



NEKRON CAN ONLY PLAY PATTY-CAKE WITH US BECAUSE HE'S CREATED A TETHER TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING.



BLACK HAND, YOU SHUT THE DOOR IN NEKRON'S FACE AND LOCK HIM IN HIS ROOM.



FIX BLACK HAND? GET HIS HEART BEATING AGAIN.

AND HOW THE HELL ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?

HEY, YOU'RE THE SUPER-HERO. I'M JUST THE GHOST WITH THE MOST-K

WHAT? WHAT THE HELL JUST--



-- WHATEVER. BACK ON TRACK.

HEY, SKELETOR!

BEWARE OUR POWER!



NO, LANTERNS.

BEWARE MINE.





**NO!**  
IT IS MY DESTINY!

DEATH IS YOUR DESTINY, SINESTRO.

AS IT IS YOURS, HAL JORDAN. LIKE THE OTHERS WHO CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD, YOU DID SO BECAUSE I ALLOWED IT.

NO MORE.  
I WANT PEACE AGAIN.



YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE CREDIT FOR BRINGING ME BACK TO LIFE, NEKRON?



YOU MIGHT'VE OPENED THE DOORWAY, BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO WALKED THROUGH IT.



WHY?  
LIFE WAS AN ACCIDENT, JORDAN. IT HAS NO MEANING. IT HAS NO PURPOSE.





LIFE DOESN'T GIVE US PURPOSE, BLACK HAND.



WE GIVE LIFE PURPOSE.

I MAY HAVE SOME KIND OF MORBID CONNECTION TO NEKRON, BUT I HAVE A STRONGER CONNECTION TO LIFE.



NOT AFTER I'M THROUGH WITH YOU, HAL.

YOU DO TOO, SUPERMAN. DOOMSDAY PUT YOU DOWN, BUT YOU GOT BACK UP.



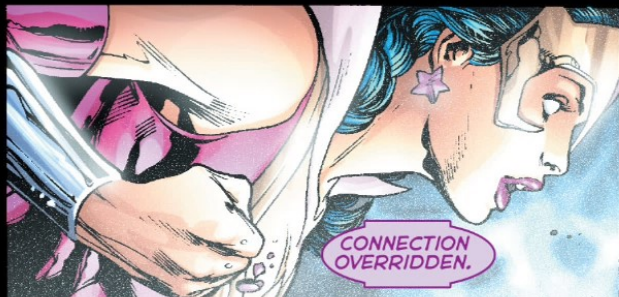
EVERYONE YOU THINK YOU ALLOWED BACK DID IT THEMSELVES, NEKRON.



WE ALL CHOSE LIFE WHEN GIVEN THE CHANCE.



CONNECTION SEVERED.



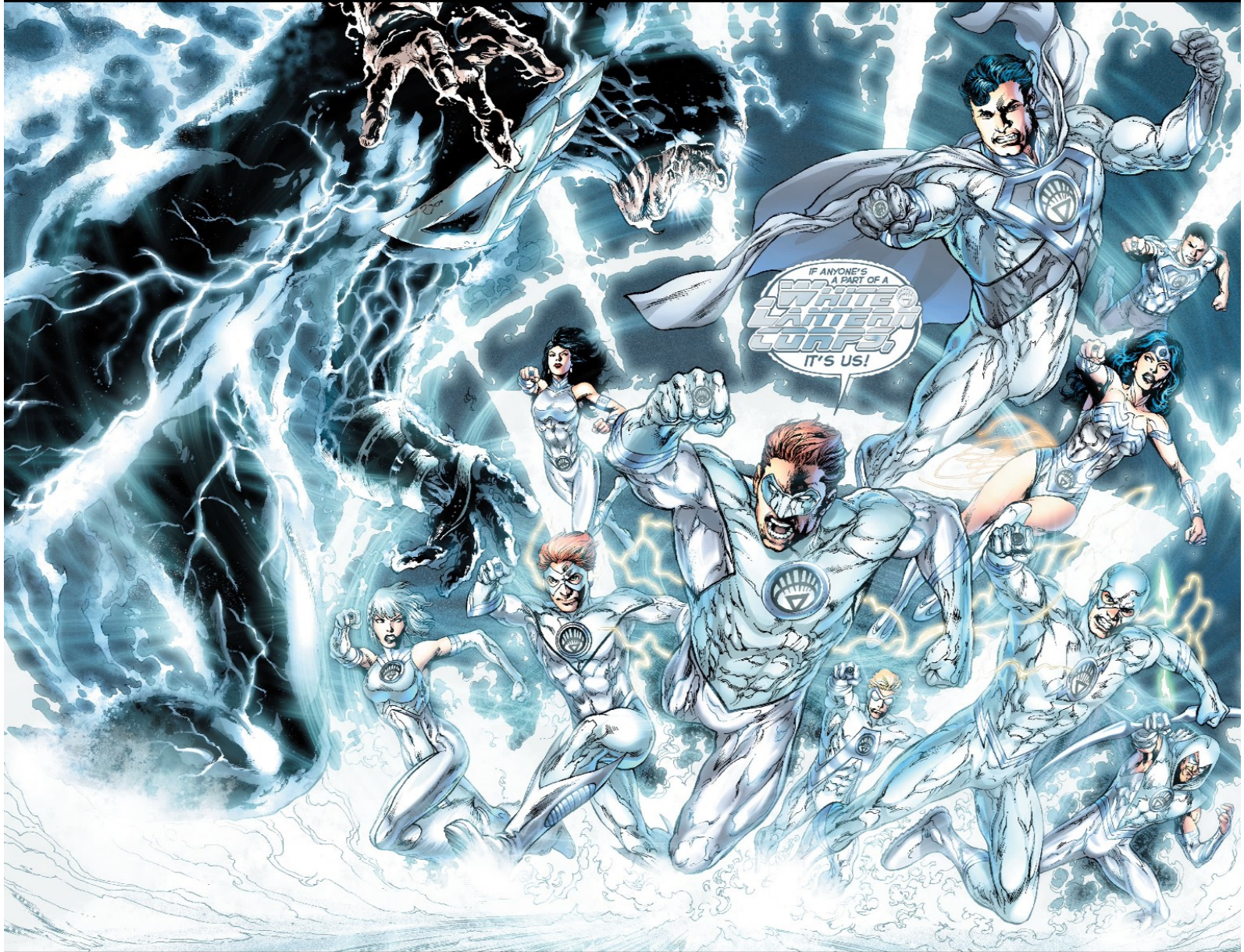
CONNECTION OVERRIDDEN.



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WE'RE ALL CONNECTED.















LIVE.







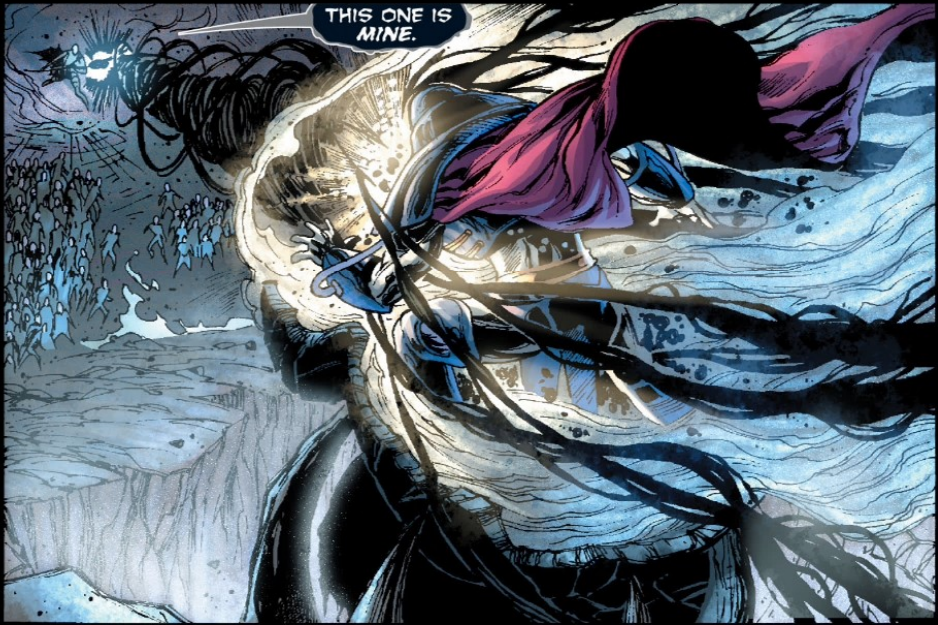
I AM YOUR PRISONER AND POWER SOURCE NO MORE, NEKRON.



THEN YOU ARE NOTHING.



GO BACK TO YOUR OWN UNIVERSE, CREATURE.



THIS ONE IS MINE.



REFRAG!!!



NEKRON.



NO! YOU ARE THE TRESPASSERS! YOU ARE THE ENEMIES TO EXISTENCE---

















OH, MY GOD.

ARTHUR?

**BABUM**



LOVE.

MERA--?

RAGE COMPROMISED.

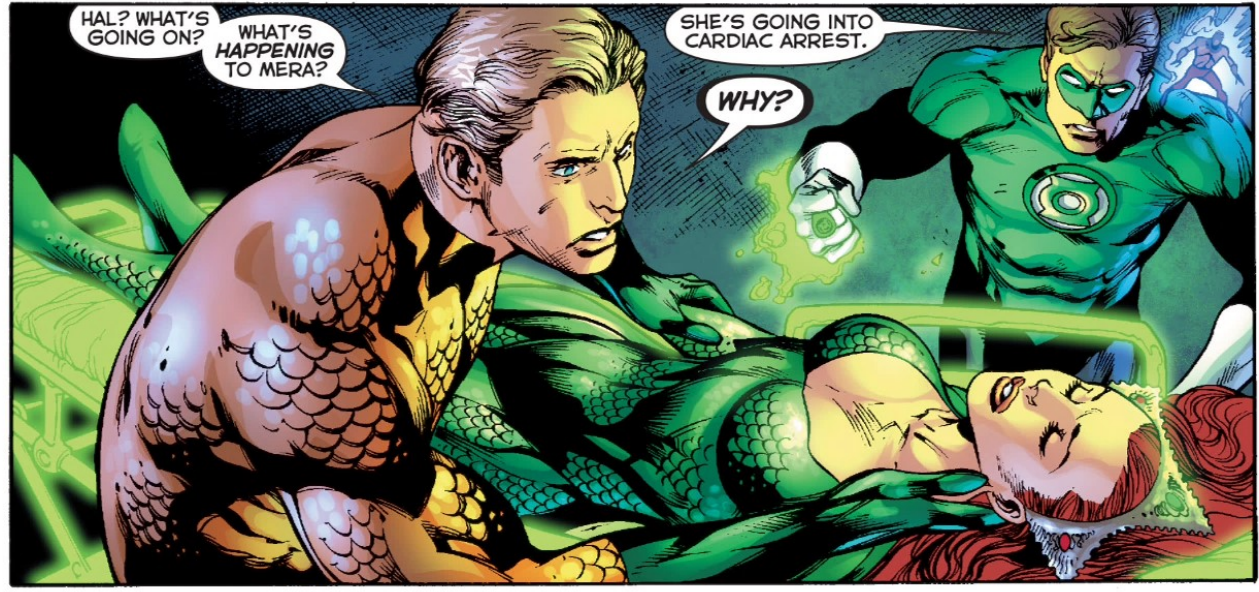
SINK!  
SINK!



ARRGHH!



MERA?!



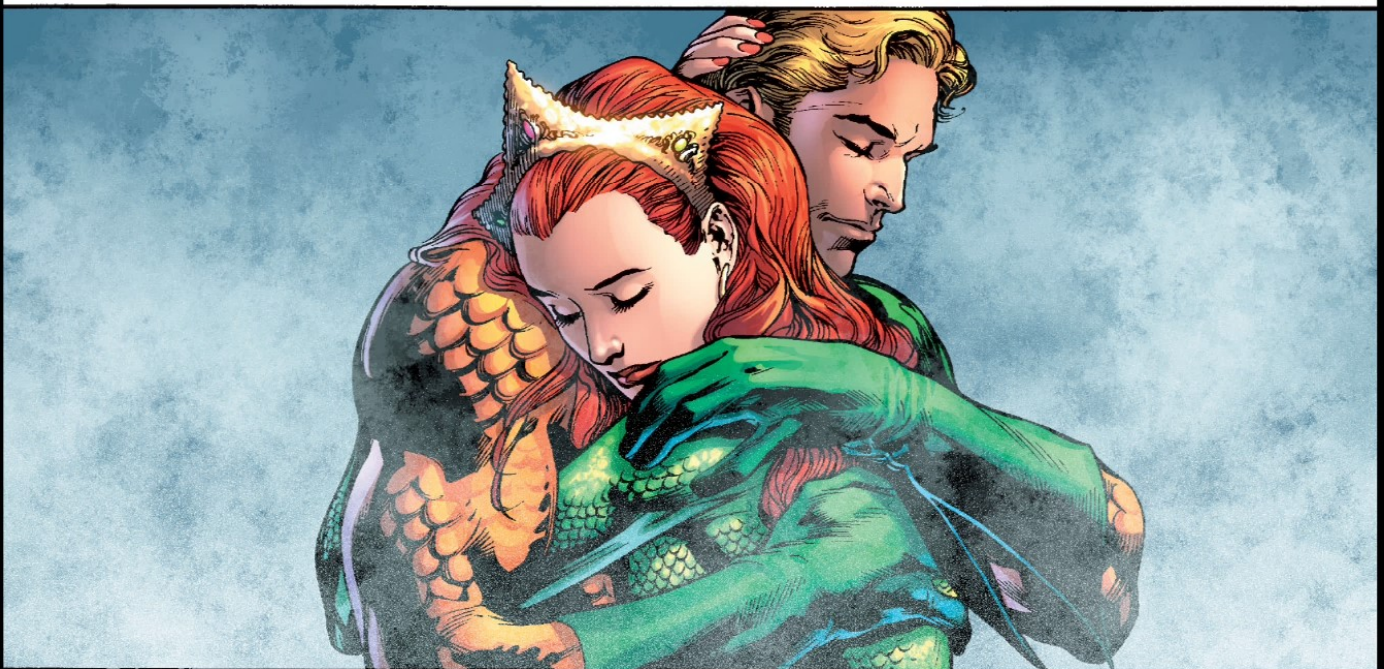
HAL? WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MERA?

SHE'S GOING INTO CARDIAC ARREST.

WHY?





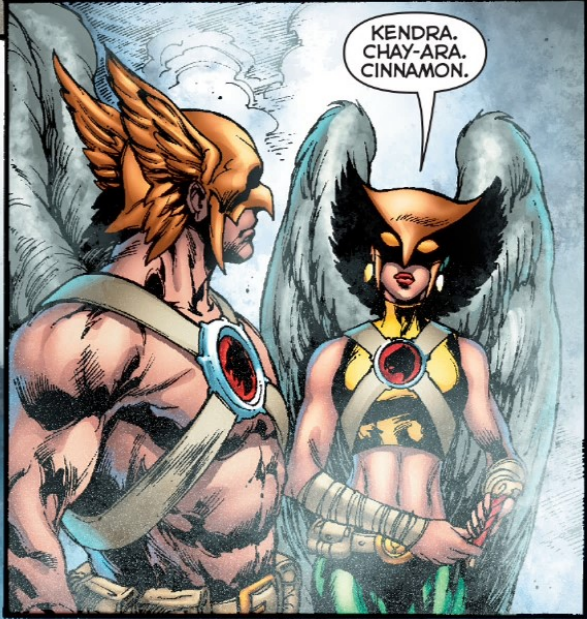




KENDRA?  
KENDRA,  
ARE YOU ALL  
RIGHT?



KENDRA?



KENDRA.  
CHAY-ARA.  
CINNAMON.

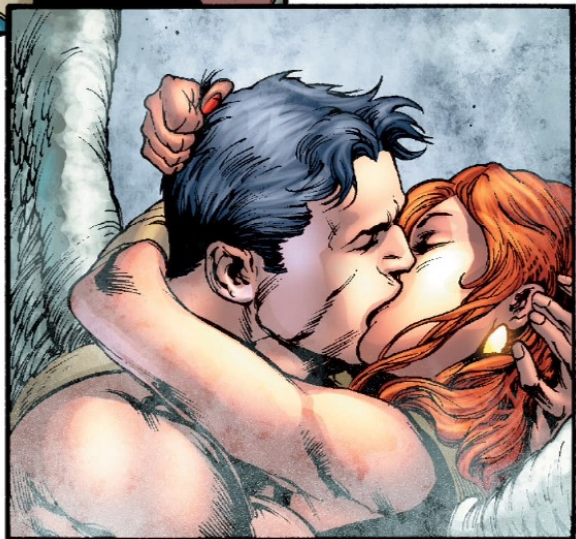
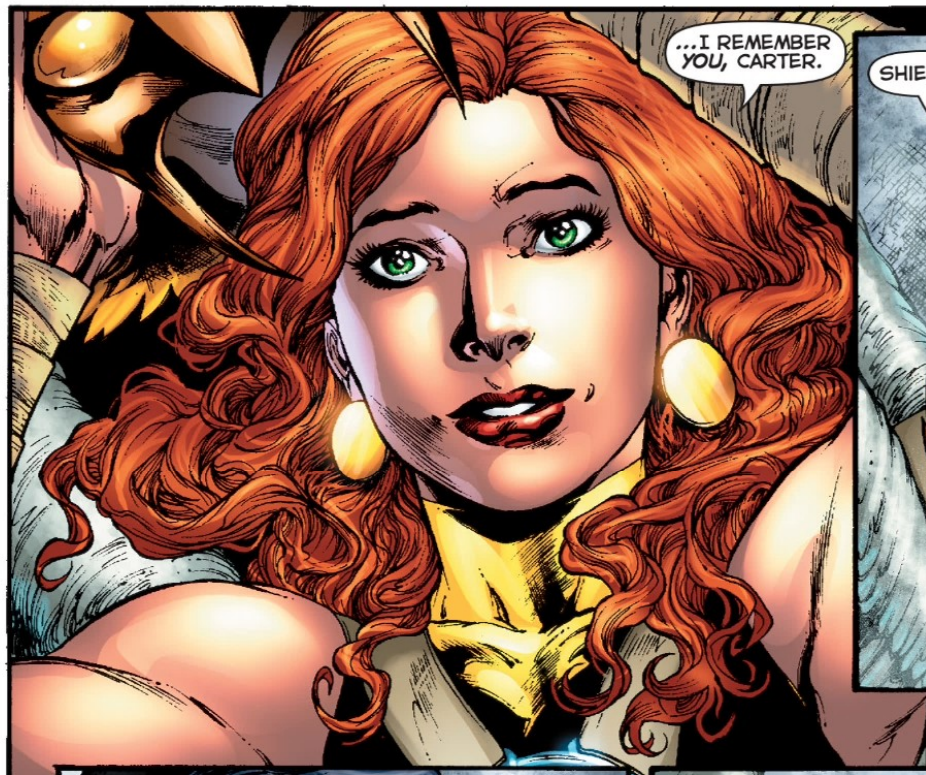


I REMEMBER  
EVERYTHING. I  
REMEMBER OUR PAST  
LIVES. I REMEMBER OUR  
TIME WITH THE JUSTICE  
SOCIETY AND THE  
JUSTICE LEAGUE.



BUT  
MOST OF  
ALL...









MARTIAN MANHUNTER?!

HELP!

ARRGHH!

LET GO OF ME!

WHO ARE YOU? GET OUT!



JASON!

GEN... HE KILLED GEN...



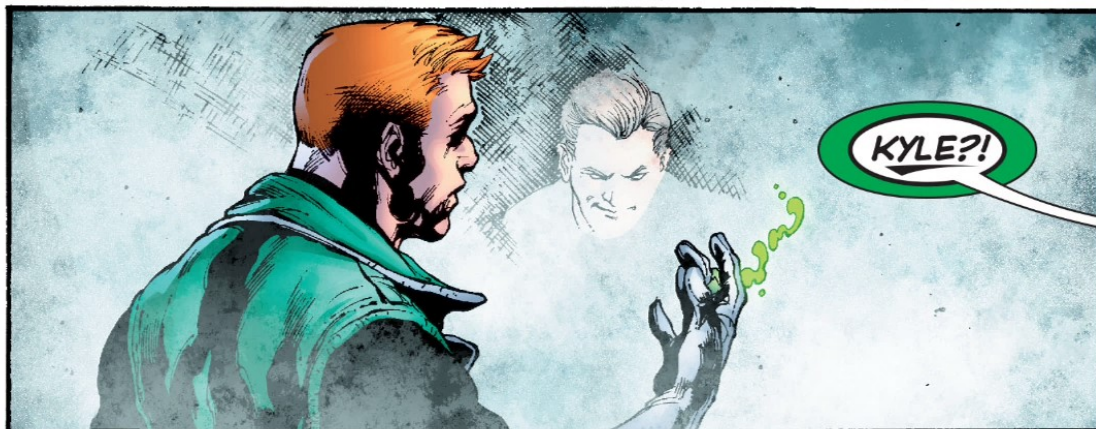
RONNIE?

ATOM? WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHERE'S PROFESSOR STEIN?

GET YOUR HANDS OFFA ME!

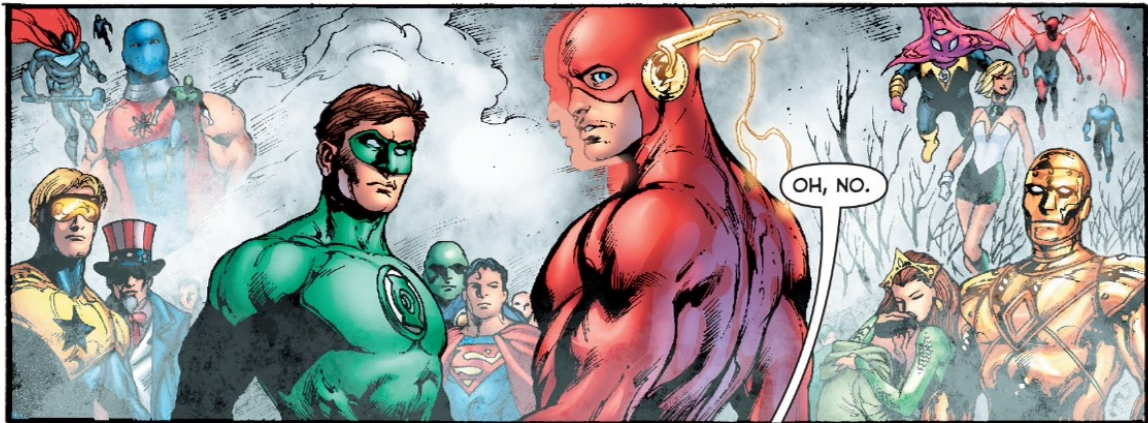
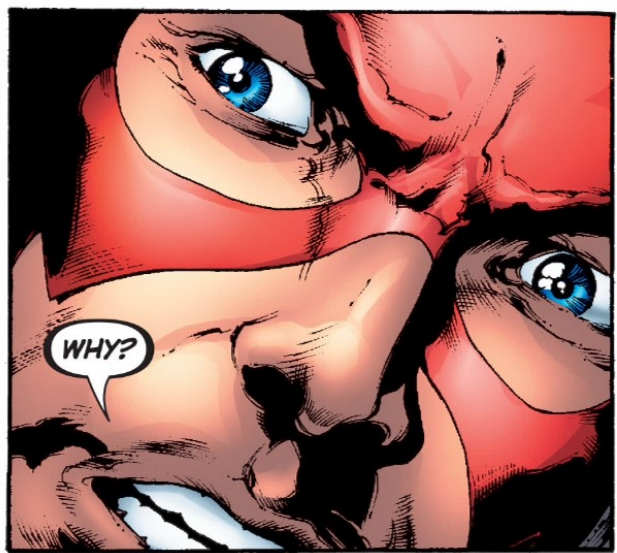
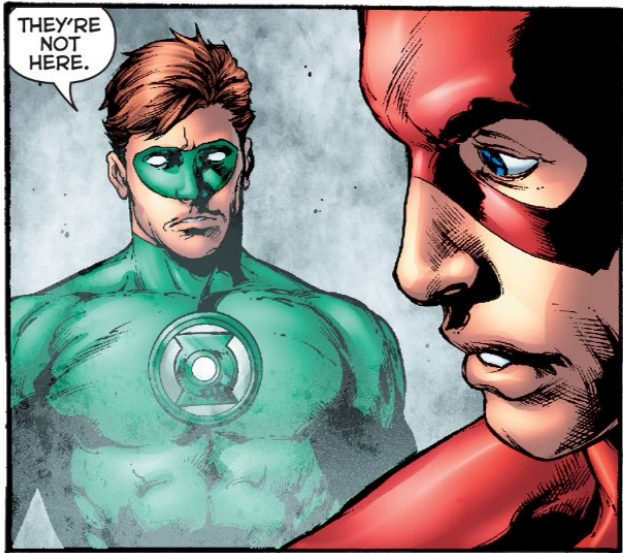
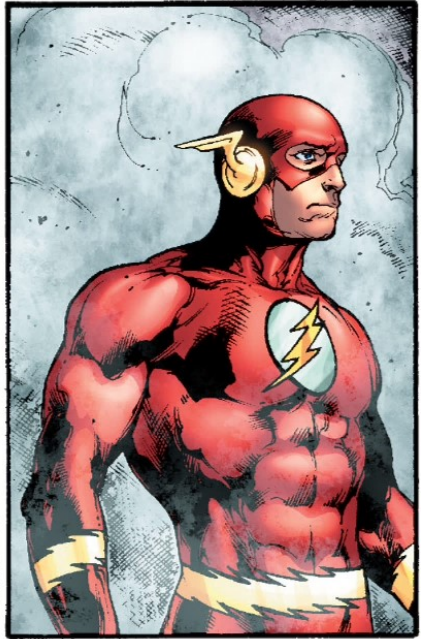




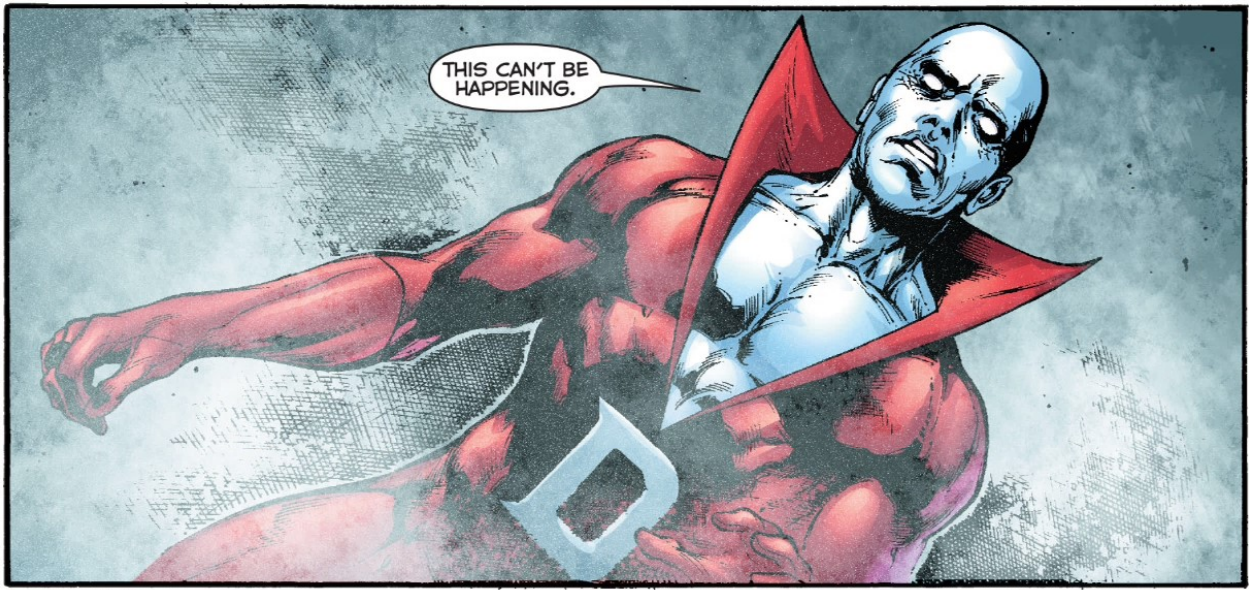












THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING.



DEADMAN?



YOU CAN SEE ME?



THIS ISN'T RIGHT. I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO BE HERE.



HERE!





HE'S FROM YOUR WORLD. DISPOSE OF THIS HAIRLESS THIEF!

YOU DO REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE JUST DONE, DON'T YOU, LARFLEEZE?

WHAT? WHAT'S SO FUNNY?



YOU FINALLY GAVE SOMEONE SOMETHING, YOU RIDICULOUS RODENT.



HEE!

I DIDN'T... YOU...



...I HELPED SAVE EVERYONE! I DEMAND WHAT I WAS PROMISED!

YOU BELONG TO ME, BLUE ONE!



SAYD--

IT IS ALL RIGHT, GANTHET. PERHAPS I CAN HELP HIM.

BUT THE CORPS--

THERE IS MUCH TO DISCUSS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ALL THE CORPS.



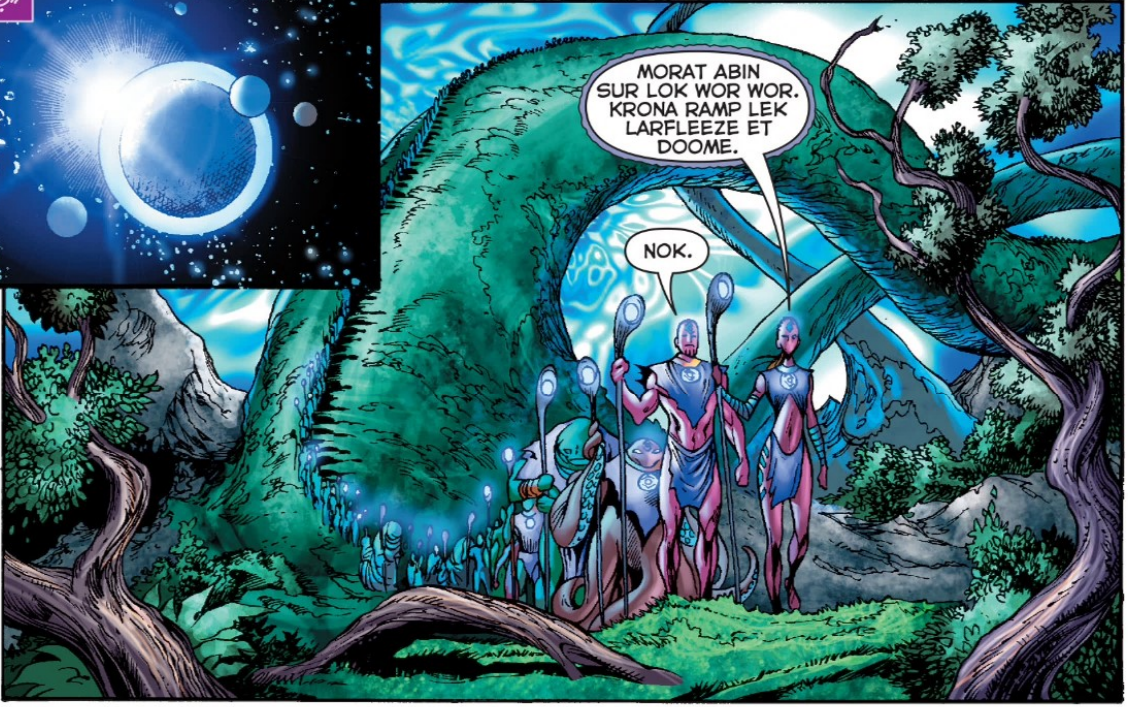
THE ANTI-MONITOR HAS RETURNED, BUT OUR IMMEDIATE CONCERN SHOULD BE WITH BLACK HAND. HE IS MISSING.



SO IS INDIGO-1. AND HER TRIBE.



"WHERE DID THEY GO?"





GOTHAM CITY.

"I DON'T KNOW WHY THE EARTH OR THE SKY OR PEOPLE EXIST. AND THE FACT IS, I'LL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW."

BUT I DO KNOW ONE THING, BARRY. WHEN YOU TOLD BLACK HAND WE WERE THE ONES THAT GIVE LIFE PURPOSE, YOU WERE RIGHT.

WE ALL LIVE FOR DIFFERENT REASONS, HAL. IT'S UP TO US TO FIGURE THOSE OUT.

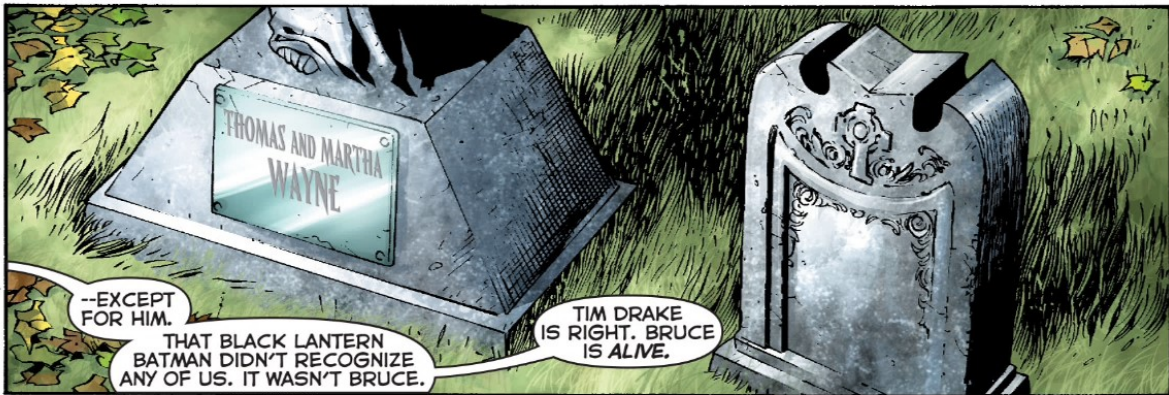
I JUST WISH WE KNEW WHY THE WHITE LIGHT RESURRECTED AQUAMAN AND THE OTHERS, BUT NOT EVERYONE.

GANTHET THINKS THERE'S A BIGGER PICTURE TO IT ALL. ONE WE'LL EVENTUALLY SEE...

...I DON'T KNOW.

DO YOU THINK WITHOUT NEKRON PULLING THE STRINGS, THE RESURRECTIONS ARE OVER?

I THINK DEAD IS DEAD FROM HERE ON OUT--



--EXCEPT FOR HIM.

THAT BLACK LANTERN BATMAN DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ANY OF US. IT WASN'T BRUCE.

TIM DRAKE IS RIGHT. BRUCE IS ALIVE.

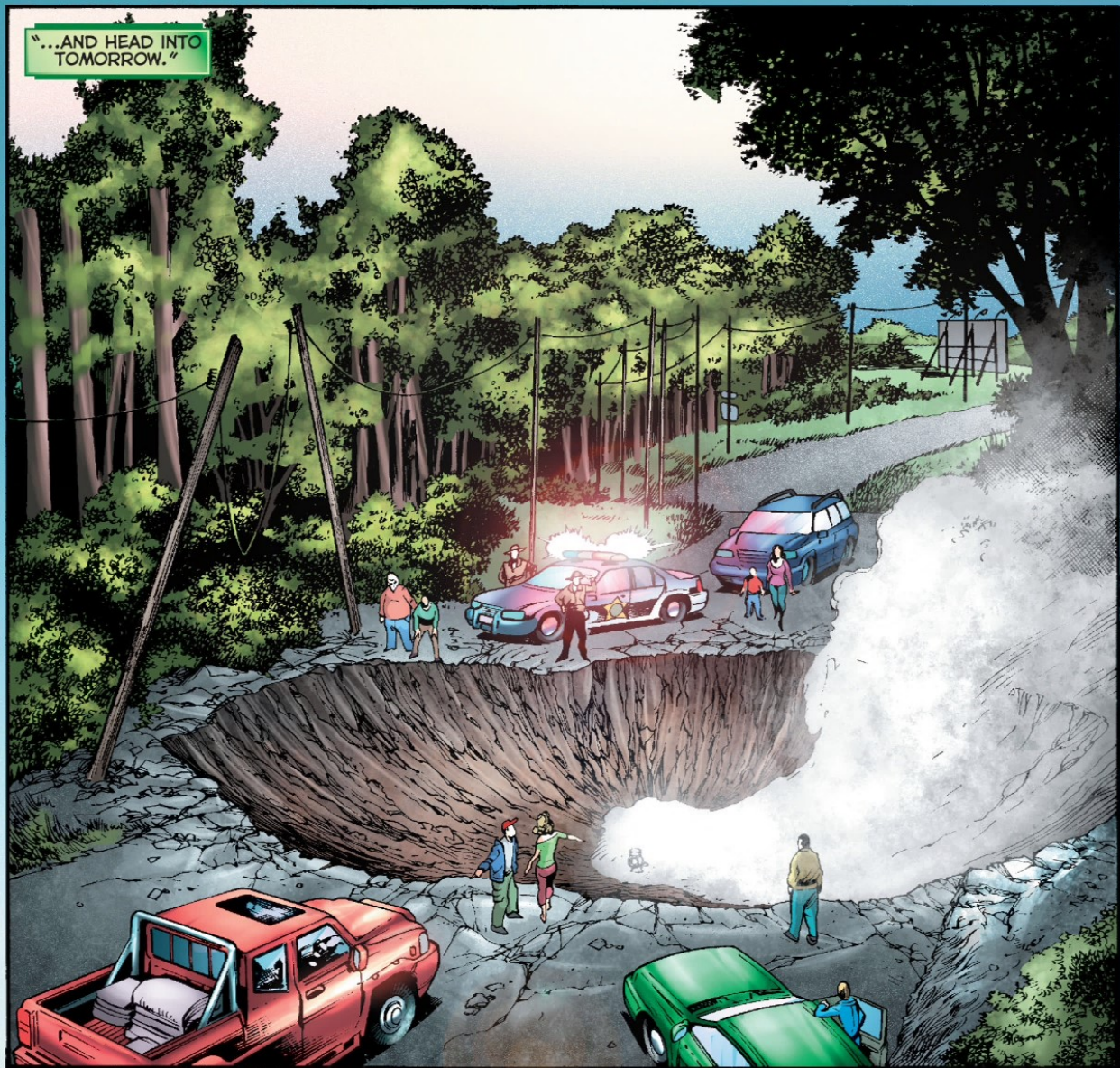
WHAT ABOUT THE ENTITY? THE WHITE LIGHT?

DID IT DISAPPEAR BACK INTO THE EARTH? IS IT INSIDE BLACK HAND?

NO. I CAN FEEL IT OUT THERE, BARRY. URGING US TO BREAK AWAY FROM THE PAST AND THE BLACKEST NIGHT...



"...AND HEAD INTO TOMORROW."





# THE BOOK OF THE BLACK

THE BURNED-IN THOUGHTS OF WILLIAM HAND:

## CHAPTER 1, VERSE 7

NEK SAN "NOK?"

NEKRON LOR LEK NEK NEK SUR  
GUARDIANS WA RET SCOPET. KLEK KLEK  
NEE. LOK NAK NORA LORUUTA GORGER RO  
RO. LOKOK NAK LETT ABIN SUR RATCH HAL  
JORDAN ET SINESTRO DORO GREEN  
LANTERNS. SUR MUNK HARK TE KEKAKEK  
OA LEDD MONROTT DORO SCOPET.  
NOK. SCOPET LOR, "LET THERE  
BE LIGHT!" KLEK OCTA ROQ?

LEKORA LEK LEK!

RET ROGORA LARFLEEZE ET ATROCITUS  
DORO SAINT WALKER ET STAR SAPPHIRE.  
KER QUR. KLOK SINESTRO DEF HART TE  
PARALLAX ET HECTOR HAMMOND.  
TUR HECTOR HAMMOND LOR LEK  
SUR SHARK. ET DORO RADSAW  
LETT RESMUN AQUAWARR.

TOR LORKE SAN, BOR NAKKA MUR.  
NATROMO FANN TORNEK WOT UR.  
TER LANTERN KER LO ABIN SUR.  
TAAN LEK LEK NOK - FORMORROW SUR!

NOK. - "MAY COMPASSION GUIDE YOU."

LER ORAK TE WILLIAM HAND. -  
"MY NAME IS WILLIAM HAND."

LUCA. - "PLEASE."

KLOK NER! - "HELP ME!"

