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FROM ANTHRO TO THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES--  
AND **BEYOND!**

# CRISIS

ON INFINITE EARTHS

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WHERE  
LEGENDS  
LIVE!

THE DAWN OF  
MAN...



ANTHRO CROUCHES,  
STARING OVER THE  
RIDGE NOT FAR FROM  
THE VILLAGE OF THE  
BEAR PEOPLE...



HE WAITS.  
THEY ARE  
COMING  
CLOSER...

TOO CLOSE AND  
ANTHRO'S FATHER'S  
VILLAGE WILL BE  
TRAMPLED BENEATH  
THEIR POWER-  
FUL LEGS...



BOTH ANXIOUS AND  
FRIGHTENED, ANTHRO  
BREATHES IN DEEPLY...



THEN THE  
YOUNG HUNTER  
JUMPS...

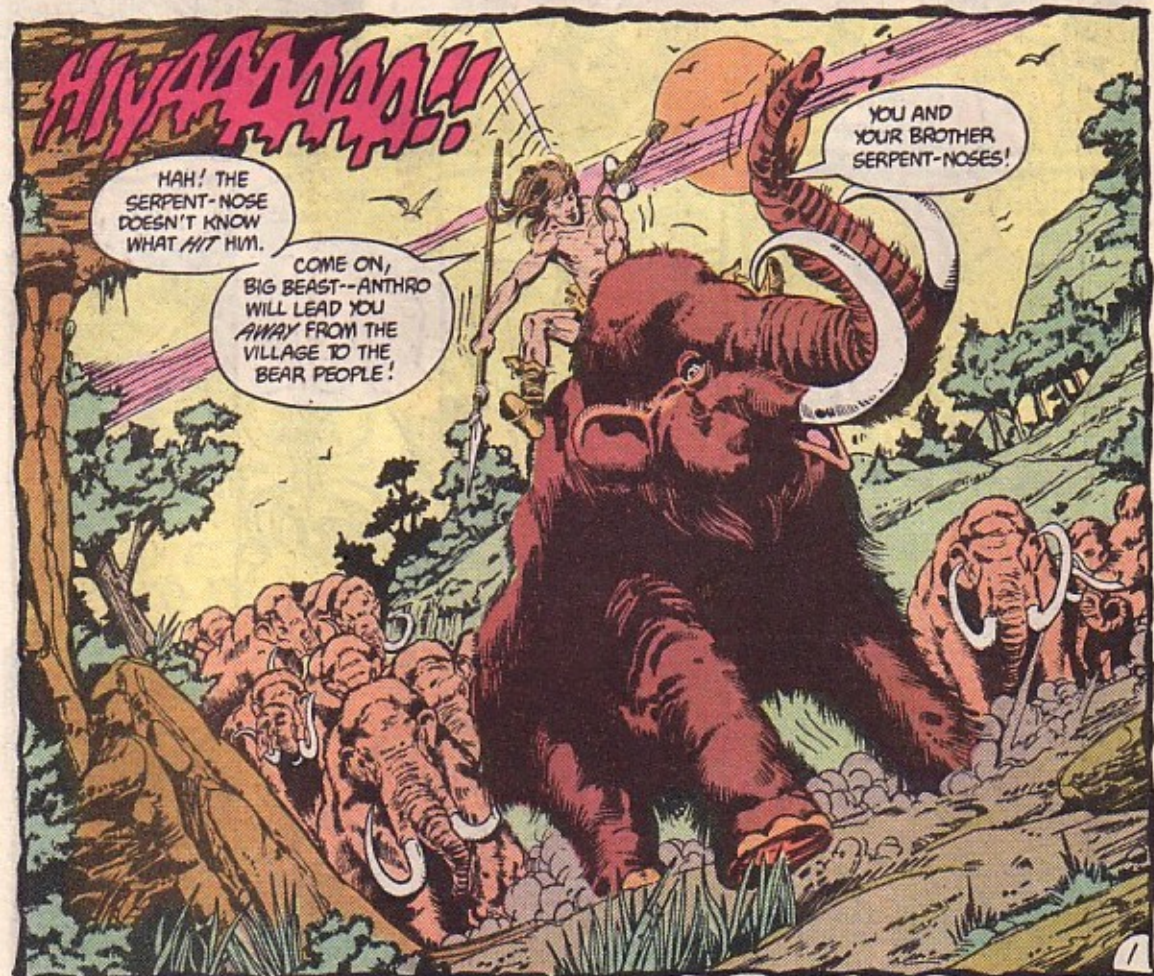


**HIYAAAAA!!**

HAH! THE  
SERPENT-NOSE  
DOESN'T KNOW  
WHAT HIT HIM.

COME ON,  
BIG BEAST--ANTHRO  
WILL LEAD YOU  
AWAY FROM THE  
VILLAGE TO THE  
BEAR PEOPLE!

YOU AND  
YOUR BROTHER  
SERPENT-NOSES!



OH, NO... THIS STUPID  
THING WON'T TURN.

U/MMM, RUN,  
EVERYONE--  
RUN TO SAFETY.

THEY DON'T HEAR ME  
OVER THE ROAR OF  
THE SERPENT-  
NOSES!

AIEEE! EMBRA,  
YOUR HUSBAND  
FAILS! WE'LL  
ALL DIE!

HE'S YOUR SON,  
TOO, NE-AHN,  
AND THE FATHER  
OF YOUR GRAND  
CHILD-TO-BE.

AND ANTHRO HASN'T  
FAILED, YET.

I  
HOPE.

COME ON, SERPENT-  
NOSE... DO I HAVE  
TO STICK MY  
SPEAR DOWN  
TO YOUR TOES  
BEFORE YOU  
TURN?

LOOK! I TOLD YOU, NE-AHN!  
MY HUSBAND SUCCEEDS!

YOUR HUSBAND?  
REMEMBER,  
HE'S MY  
SON, TOO!

I DID IT!  
I SAVED  
MY VILLAGE!

THEY'LL  
PROBABLY  
HOLD A  
CELEBRATION  
IN MY  
HONOR!

THEY'LL  
SERVE ALL  
MY FAVORITE  
FOODS!

WHAT  
STORIES  
I'LL TELL  
MY SON-  
TO-BE!

AND IT WILL BE A SON!  
EMBRA WOULD NEVER HAVE  
A SHUDDER! DAUGHTER...

...WOULD  
SHE?

ANTHRO, I  
KNEW YOU WOULD  
SAVE US.

YOU'RE  
A HERO!

A HERO? I AM,  
AREN'T I?

MAYBE THE  
SILDEST  
HERO THE  
BEAR TRIBE  
EVER--



FACE ME NOW, ANIMAL!  
ANTHRO IS A HERO!

I'LL FIGHT  
ANY CREATURE  
I CAN...

IT WAS A  
LONG-BEAST  
OR A  
SERPENT!

HE HIT ME  
WHEN I  
WASN'T  
LOOKING!

YIIIKES!

BUT WHAT THE YOUNG MAN SEES IS NOT ANY BEAST  
OF PREY OR TREE-SLITHERING SERPENT...



...SEE?



NO, WHAT ANTHRO  
SEES BEGARS  
DESCRIPTION...

EMBRA! FATHER! LART!  
ALL OF YOU, LOOK!

PLEASE,  
HURRY!

YOU DID  
IT, BROTHER.  
I KNEW  
YOU WOULD.



WHAT IS IT,  
ANTHRO?

IT'S A VILLAGE,  
BUT BIGGER THAN...

WHAT HAPPENED  
TO THE VILLAGE?  
WHO MOVED IT?

THERE WAS THIS  
SHINING VILLAGE,  
AND...

YOU  
HURT YOUR HEAD  
ON THAT BRANCH.  
LET ME MAKE IT  
BETTER.

BUT I SAW THIS  
BIG VILLAGE, AND...  
OH, NEVER MIND!

I STILL SAVED  
OUR PEOPLE,  
DIDN'T I?  
LET'S CELE-  
BRATE!

AND WHERE  
ARE THE  
SERPENT  
NOSES?

BUT WHAT DID  
HAPPEN TO THE  
SERPENT-  
NOSES?

THE DISTANT PAST FADES TO THE THIRTIETH CENTURY...

...AS BONE-WEARY MEMBERS OF THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES CONTINUE THEIR VIGILANT SEARCH...

STILL NO SIGN OF DAWNSTAR. WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

YOU KNOW SHE VANISHED.

BUT TO WHERE, WILDFIRE?

I DON'T "KNOW", BUT WE'LL FIND HER! WE'VE GOT TO!

COLOSSAL BOY, WHY DIDN'T SHE SIGNAL US?

I DON'T KNOW. IT ISN'T AT ALL LIKE HER.

HOLD ON, DO YOU HEAR IT, REEP?

CERTAINLY DO, LIGHTNING LASS. LOUD AND CLEAR.

BRAINIAC 5! AND THERE'S TROUBLE!

CHAMELEON BOY, PHANTOM GIRL, WILDFIRE, LIGHTNING LASS, AND COLOSSAL BOY--

--YOU'RE ALL NEEDED IMMEDIATELY!

PLAZA SQUARE-- AND LET'S PRAY THIS IS JUST A GAS!

HOLEEEE CHRISTMAS! WHAT IN BLAZES ARE THOSE THINGS?

C'MON, SID--YOU'VE NEVER SEEN THEIR BONES IN THE MUSEUM?

THEY'RE MAMMOTS! BIG SUCKERS, TOO!

JUST ONE QUESTION...

YEAH, FREDDY?

THEY DIED A ZILLION YEARS AGO! NOW'D THEY GET HERE?!

"STAND TALL, MEN!"

"SET YOUR WEAPON TO KILL!"

"ON MY ORDER..."

READY... AIM... AND FI--



NO! DON'T!  
WE'LL HANDLE  
THIS!

HOLD YOUR  
FIRE! IT'S THE  
LESION!

THIS IS MORE  
UP THEIR  
ALLEY, ANYWAY!



FIRST, YOU  
GET THEIR  
ATTENTION!

SKRAK SKRAK



THEY'RE PANICKING! THEY NEED  
A LEADER!

HURRY, REEP.  
IT'S UP TO YOU!

WE'LL LOSE DAWNSTAR'S  
TRAIL IF WE TAKE TOO  
LONG.



DON'T WORRY YOUR  
PRETTY MASK, WILDFIRE.

I'VE GOT THIS  
WELL IN HAND.  
OR HOOF!

FOLLOW  
THE LEADER!  
GIM, YOU  
READY?



AS READY AS I CAN BE,  
CHAMELEON BOY!

I HAVEN'T  
STOPPED TOO MANY  
MAMMOTHS IN  
MY CAREER!

BUT I THINK  
I'M BIG ENOUGH  
FOR THE JOB!



WOULDN'T  
YOU AGREE--  
TH--THEY'RE  
DISAPPEARING?



WHAT IN BLAZES  
IS GOING ON  
HERE?

WHERE ARE THEY?  
WHAT HAPPENED?



FIRST DAWNSTAR VANISHES,  
THEN MAMMOTHS APPEAR  
AND THEN VANISH, TOO.

I--DON'T  
UNDER-  
STAND!

CALL  
BRAINIAC  
5--MAYBE  
HE PICKED UP  
SOMETHING!

FORGET THE MAMMOTHS, AND DAWNSTAR, AT LEAST FOR NOW.

WE'VE GOT SERIOUS PROBLEMS!

MY COMPUTERS DETECT HIGH-INTENSITY FREQUENCY WAVES ... ON THE ALPHA/OMEGA SCALE!

ENOUGH ENERGY TO DESTROY NOT ONLY US--

-- BUT THE UNIVERSE!

THERE'S ANTI-MATTER ENERGY MOVING TOWARD THE EARTH FROM SOMEWHERE I STILL CANNOT DETERMINE!

THE FUTURE...

FADES NOW TO THE PRESENT. LATE JULY 1953

EARTH ONE, AND THE STATELY MANSION OF MILLIONAIRE HAROLD J. STANDISH THE THIRD!

ACTUALLY, THE MANSION WHICH NOW BELONGS TO MR. STANDISH'S HEIRS!

AH, 'T WAS A SHAME, HAROLD, OLD BEAN-- YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DIE. OH, I APPRECIATE IT THAT YOU DID...

... BUT IT WASN'T MANDATORY! ALL I WANTED WAS THE OWNERSHIP TO ALL YOUR COPYRIGHTS!

PIDDLING MATTER. YOU OWNED THE BIG © TO ALL THOSE SILENT COMEDY FILMS...

WORTH, OH, ROUGHLY, TWENTY-SIX MILLION ONCE THEY UNDERWENT THE NEW COMPUTER COLORATION PROCESS! I ALWAYS SAW MYSELF A MOVIE MOSUL...

LOUIE B. MEYER, CECIL B. DE MILLE, BOTH THE WARNER BROTHERS, AND, OF COURSE-- ME!

ONLY MOVIE YOU'LL EVER MAKE, JOKER-- IS THE SEQUEL TO "THE PRISONER"!

AND I DON'T MEAN THE ONE IN THAT VILLAGE!

THE BATMAN? YOU ACTUALLY DECAPITATED MY CLUE? AMAZING!

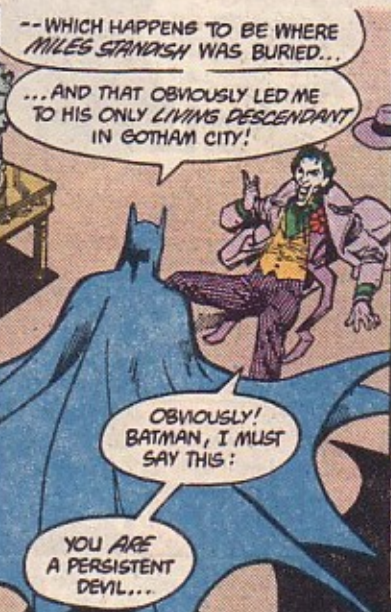
EVEN I WAS STUMPED... AND I WROTE IT!



IT WASN'T DIFFICULT, JOKER.

YOUR LAST VICTIM'S APPOINTMENT BOOK MENTIONED A "MR. JOHN ALDEN OF PLYMOUTH FILMS..."

...AND A 25-MILLION-DOLLAR MOVIE TO BE CALLED "CAPTAIN'S HILL" --



-- WHICH HAPPENS TO BE WHERE MILES STANDISH WAS BURIED...

... AND THAT OBVIOUSLY LED ME TO HIS ONLY LIVING DESCENDANT IN GOTHAM CITY!

OBVIOUSLY! BATMAN, I MUST SAY THIS:

YOU ARE A PERSISTENT DEVIL...



AND YOU'VE CERTAINLY PROVEN YOUR STICK-TO-ITIVENESS!

VERY STICKY TO IT, TOO!

GUMMED UP YOUR WORKS, BATMAN? GETTING OLD, STIFF JOINTS? DON'T FRET, FRIEND!



I HAVE A .45 CALIBER REMEDY MY MOM SOLD TO ME ON HER DEATHBED!



--HELP ME!

HELP... SOMEONE --ANYONE! PLEASE--

THE FLASH? BUT HE... HE DISAPPEARED\*

\*SEE THE FLASH #350 FOR DETAILS!



ANOTHER SECOND AND I'LL REACH THE SOLVENT IN MY UTILITY BELT!

THEN I'LL FIGURE OUT WHAT NEW GAME THAT CAPRICIOUS CLOWN IS PLAYING!

FLASH!?!



N-NO FAIR, SPEEDSTER. YOUR TOWN'S CENTRAL CITY! TELL HIM, BATMAN! HE HAS NO JURISDICTION HERE!







NO, I DON'T SUPPOSE YOU WILL TELL HIM, WILL YOU?

YOU CAPED AND COWLED CORPSES-TO-COME HAVE SOME SORT OF SECRET RECIPROCAL DEAL, DON'T YOU?

WELL, I'LL TELL HIM MY WAY!



EAT PASTE, FAST-BOY!

THAT'S ENOUGH, JOKER!

OWWW!



YOU'RE GOING BACK TO ARKHAM, WHERE YOU BELONGS!

I STILL HAVE AN ACE UP MY SLEEVE.

TRY ANYTHING AND YOU WON'T HAVE AN ARM THERE TO KEEP IT COMPANY!



PLEASE... CAN'T YOU SEE THE WORLD?

I-IT'S DYING ALL AROUND ME!

IRIS-- IRIS??

THAT IMAGE ISN'T THE JOKER'S DOING... HE WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT BARRY'S LATE WIFE, IRIS.



TOODLES, BATS--THE BETTER PART OF VALOR IS TO RUN WHEN YOU'VE GOT THE CHANCE.

'TIL NEXT TIME.

HE ACTUALLY GOT THE "PLYMOUTH" CLUE? AMAZING!



WHERE ARE YOU, FLASH?

I CAN HELP RESCUE YOU.

DYING... THE WORLD IS DYING...



...IRIS... DYING... MAY ALREADY BE DEAD...

SAVE US... SAVE US... SAVE US...

THE FLASH...



...DISINTEGRATING BEFORE MY EYES!

DEAR GOD-- WHAT IS HAPPENING?

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# CRISIS ON

THEY ARE FIFTEEN BEINGS WITH EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES, AND THEY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT ABOARD THIS SPACE-AND TIME-SPANNING SATELLITE FOR REASONS THEY HAVE YET TO LEARN!

PSYCHO PIRATE

FIREBRAND

PSYMON

BLUE BEETLE

GEO-FORCE

FIRESTORM

SOLMAR

NOW CUT THAT OUT!

KILLER FROST

I AM--THE MONITOR... AND I HAVE SUMMONED YOU HERE BECAUSE YOUR UNIVERSES ARE ABOUT TO DIE!

ALREADY MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND UNIVERSES HAVE PERISHED.

THE LAST CONTAINED THE WORLD YOU KNOW AS EARTH THREE!

NOW, THE ANTI-MATTER FORCE ONCE MORE SHATTERS THE DIMENSIONAL BARRIERS...

# TIME AND

WORLDS IN UPEHEVAL: EARTHQUAKES, VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES, FLOODS WHICH WILL CRUSH YOUR COAST-LINE CITIES LIKE SO MANY TWIGS BENEATH YOUR FEET.

HOLD IT, PAL. LIKE ANTLER-HEAD SAID-- I'VE HEARD OF YOU, TOO.

YOU'VE BEEN SELLING THE BAD GUY'S WEAPONS AND STUFF FOR THE PAST YEAR OR SO. WHAT GIVES?

I HAVE COME HERE TO HELP *SAVE* YOUR WORLDS, NOT TO FIGHT YOU. PLEASE, I AM... *Tired*.

BUT I WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN *ALL*.

YOU'LL EXPLAIN *NOTHING*, MONITOR.

YOU TURNED DOWN MY REQUEST FOR WEAPONS. YOU LISTENED AND *REBUSED* MY NEEDS.

I SWORE THEN I WOULD *DESTROY* YOU.

WILL DO NOTHING. I TURNED YOU DOWN BECAUSE YOUR SCHEME WOULD HAVE *ENDANGERED* THE VERY ONES I NEED.

THEN SHALL COME THE *NOTHINGNESS*... SILENT, INVISIBLE... SWEEPING ACROSS YOUR WORLDS, TAKING WITH IT... EVERYTHING.

NOW PSYMON WILL--

# INFINITE EARTH



SUPERMAN

ARION

DR. POLARIS

OBSIDIAN

CYBORG

DAWNSTAR

GREEN LANTERN

YOU'VE SUPPLIED WEAPONS TO OTHER SUPER-VILLAINS!

... EXPANDING OUTWARD, ENGULFING ONE-UNIVERSE AND THEN ANOTHER. DESTROYING ALL LIFE... AND HOPE.

FIRST YOUR WORLDS WILL FEEL NATURE'S WRATH AS YOUR PLANETS CRY OUT IN AGONY...



# TIME AGAIN!



ARE YOU MAD, MAN? THINK-- WHAT IF HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH?

UNHAND ME, YOU STUPID POLTROON!



MONITOR, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SO *WREAK* BEFORE.

MY FOE'S STRENGTH GROWS AND I BECOME WEAKER. BUT I WILL LIVE, LYLA...

STILL, I NEED THE POWERS OF HARBINGER BESIDE ME...

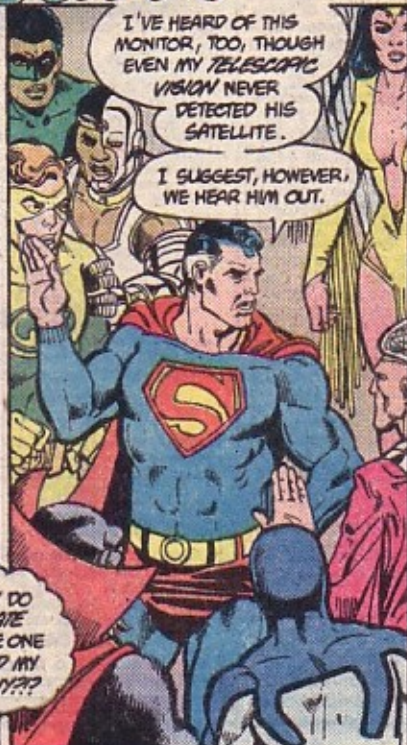
... I FEAR THESE EARTHLINGS MAY BE TOO DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.



I WILL STAND AT YOUR SIDE...

YET WHY DO I FEEL AS I DO? A FORCE, AN ENERGY-- BURNING INSIDE ME...

AND WHY DO I FEEL *HAVE* TOWARD THE ONE WHO SAVED MY LIFE? WHY???



I'VE HEARD OF THIS MONITOR, TOO, THOUGH EVEN MY TELESCOPIC VISION NEVER DETECTED HIS SATELLITE.

I SUGGEST, HOWEVER, WE HEAR HIM OUT.



IF HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH, WE'LL SAVE OUR WORLDS.

IF HE'S LYING, NO POWER EXISTS THAT CAN DEFEAT US ALL.

UNDERSTAND, I AM LINKED WITH ALL POSITIVE MATTER. IT FLOWS THROUGH ME, GIVES ME MY POWER.

BUT AS THE ANTI-MATTER DESTROYS MORE AND MORE, I WEAKEN...

SOON, IF YOU FAIL, I WILL BE HELPLESS TO PREVENT MY FOE FROM DESTROYING ALL THAT EXISTS.

MONITOR, WHY US? SURELY THERE ARE OTHERS WITH GREATER POWERS?

YOUR STORY RINGS FALSE.

MAYBE SO, BUT MY POWER RINGS WOULD'VE TOLD ME IF HE WAS LYIN'.

I-I'M STILL CONFUSED. WHO ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE? I KNOW ONLY A VERY FEW.

WE'RE FROM DIFFERENT TIMES, FIREBRAND... SOMETIMES EVEN DIFFERENT EARTH'S.

I AM NOT CONVINCED. I SAY WE LEAVE THIS INSTANT.

TAKE IT EASY, GEO-FORCE. WE GOTTA HEAR THIS THROUGH.

I DON'T LIKE ANY OF THIS.

NONE OF US DOES, PSIMON BUT WE'LL LISTEN.



YOU KNOW ME AND SUPERMAN, AND I ONLY A FEW OTHERS.



I HAVE TESTED ALL OF YOU AND MORE... PITTED YOU ONE AGAINST THE OTHER TO FULLY CATALOG YOUR ABILITIES.

WHAT IS AT STAKE NOW IS GREATER THAN ANY MORALITY OF GOOD AND EVIL... THE FINAL FATE OF ALL LIFE RESTS IN YOUR HANDS.

PLEASE... YOU MUST... MUST...



HE'S LOSING IT. WE CAN RUSH HIM.

NO, DR. POLARIS, IF THE GOLDEN GATES OF ATLANTIS ARE ENDANGERED, ARION'S COURSE IS DECIDED.



YOU ARE MY INITIAL FORCE... OTHERS WILL BE SUMMONED AS THEIR ABILITIES ARE REQUIRED.



OH, I--I BELIEVE HIM, TOO. THE PSYCHO PIRATE KNOWS TRUE MADNESS WHEN HE HEARS IT.



THEN WHY DO YOU ARGUE? PLEDGE TO AID THE MONITOR.

SO THERE YOU ARE, HARBINGER.

I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D SHOW!

IN FIVE CRUCIAL ERAS THROUGHOUT TIME THE MONITOR HAS PLANTED CERTAIN DEVICES POWERFUL ENOUGH TO HALT THE ANTI-MATTER TIDE...

FIVE ERAS WHICH COINCIDE WITH THE EXISTENCE OF HEROES SUCH AS YOU.

FOR THE PRESENCE OF SUCH HEROIC IDEALS CREATES ITS OWN FOCAL POINT!

SHE'S DIFFERENT... I SENSE DARKNESS WITHIN HER.

I TRUST THE MONITOR, YET THE ONE WHO SERVES HIM...

...FRIGHTENS ME DEEPLY.

THE MONITOR IS *WEAK*... WHAT IS YOUR ANSWER? SPEAK!



WE'LL HELP AND WE'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH IF IT'S ALL TRUE.

WHERE ARE THESE PLACES YOU'RE SENDING US?

YOU MUST PROTECT THEM FROM OUR ENEMIES. THEN YOU MUST ENGAGE THEM ON OUR COMMAND.



BLUE BEETLE, SEE FOR YOURSELF!

ONE MOMENT THEY ARE THERE...

...WITHIN THE CONFINES OF A SATELLITE THAT SEEMINGLY EXISTS IN ALL TIMES, PLACES, AND DIMENSIONS...

...SCATTERED ACROSS A GREAT, WIDE COSMOS.



REST NOW, MONITOR-- CONSERVE YOUR STRENGTH...

...WHILE I MUST ALERT THE OTHER.

I... I AM UNABLE TO RESIST HIM, AND I AM FORCED TO OBEY HIS COMMANDS.

--I NOW BETRAY YOU.



FORGIVE ME... THOUGH YOU HAVE BEEN MY FATHER AND MORE--

THEN THEY ARE GONE...

THIS IS A WORLD SHROUDED IN MYSTERY; A WORLD VERY FEW KNOW EVEN EXISTS. YET THIS TINY GLOBE IN THE VERY CENTER OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE...

...CONTROLS THE POWER INFINITE!

IT'S TRUE, THEN?

WE MONITOR ALL THE GALAXIES. OUR INSTRUMENTS TRACK ALL UNIVERSAL ANOMALIES.

WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CERTAIN BEFORE NOW.

WE DISCOVERED ITS PRESENCE TWELVE CYCLES AGO. POWER INSINUATING OUR UNIVERSE...

...A POWER WHICH HAS ALREADY SWEEPED THROUGH MOST OF THE OTHER DIMENSIONAL PLANES.

IF WE CANNOT STOP ITS MOVEMENTS, OUR UNIVERSE WILL FALL.

IT SEEMS TO BE. BUT HOW COULD IT ESCAPE OUR DETECTION BEFORE NOW?

WE NEED THE COMPLETE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.

AND EVEN THEN I FEAR FOR OUR SUCCESS.

NO, GUARDIANS-- IT IS TOO LATE.

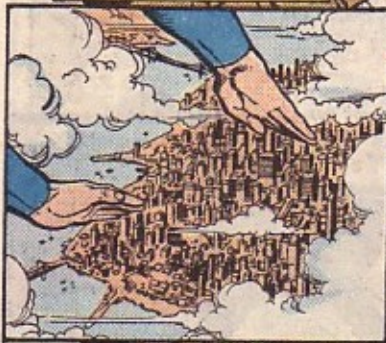
YOU SHALL NO MORE SUMMON YOUR SOLDIERS THAN PROVE A THREAT TO MY PLANS.

WHAT BEGAN WITH YOU SO MANY CENTURIES AGO-- ENDS WITH YOU NOW!!

THIS IS OA, HOMETOWN OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE!

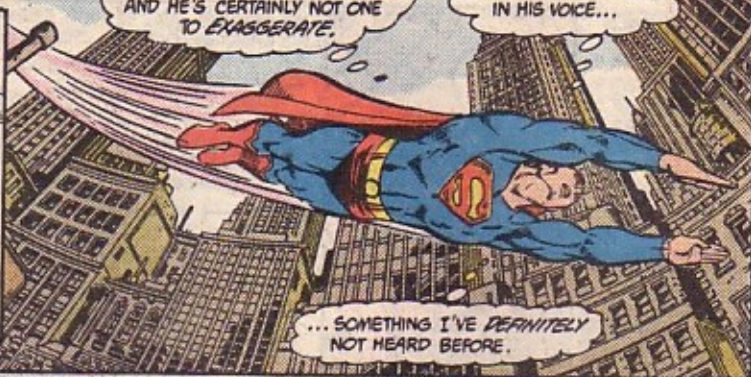
**SPAAAAA!**

METROPOLIS, EARTH ONE...



BATMAN SAID IT WAS URGENT, AND HE'S CERTAINLY NOT ONE TO EXAGGERATE.

AND THERE WAS FEAR IN HIS VOICE...

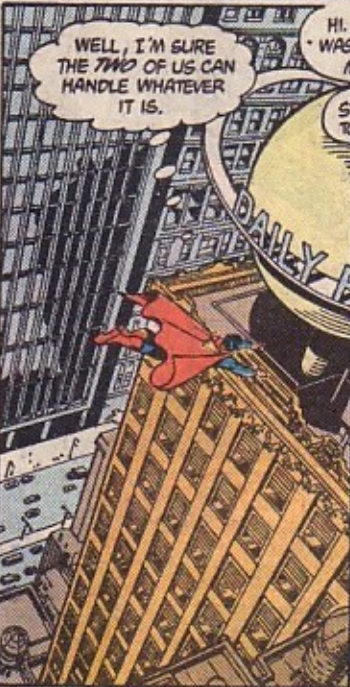


... SOMETHING I'VE DEFINITELY NOT HEARD BEFORE.

WELL, I'M SURE THE TWO OF US CAN HANDLE WHATEVER IT IS.

HI. SORRY I WAS LATE BUT THERE WAS A VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

STRANGEST THING, TOO. TOTALLY UNEXPECTED.



SUPERMAN, THERE'S TROUBLE.

AND AFTER THE BATMAN'S EXPLANATION...

IT WAS JUST AN IMAGE, BUT I HEARD HIM CALL OUT.

AND NONE OF US KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AFTER HIS TRIAL...



AND IT CONCERNS THE FLASH.

I OBVIOUSLY FEAR THE WORST.

PRaise HEAVEN, HELP AT LAST!

WHO ARE YOU?



I-- I AM CALLED PARIAH...

I NEED YOU, BOTH OF YOU. YOUR LEGENDS REACHED MY WORLD LONGS BEFORE MY EXILE.

IT'S YOUR WORLD... AND YOUR UNIVERSE YOUR EARTH IS DYING-- AS HAVE THE OTHER EARTHS BEFORE-- NO! NO!!

I-- I CANNOT RESIST. HELP!

I'M BEING CALLED AWAY...



HE'S GONE? JUST LIKE THAT?

HE SAID THE EARTH WAS DYING. THAT'S WHAT FLASH SAID.



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

# THE GREAT DISASTER

IT IS SOMETIME IN SOME FUTURE, IN A TIME LINE THAT AT TIMES STANDS BETWEEN MODERN EARTH AND A 30TH CENTURY WHICH KNOWS NOTHING OF ITS EXISTENCE...

THE WORLD HAS BEEN CHANGED. HUMANS ARE HUNTED SPECIES, AND ANIMALS, NOW INTELLIGENT AND DEADLY, ARE THEIR HUNTERS.

IN THIS WORLD OF MADNESS LIVES KAMANDI, KNOWN TO MANY AS THE LAST BOY ON EARTH.

I'VE RECENTLY RIDDEN OVER THIS AREA A DOZEN TIMES.

AND WHATEVER THIS IS, IT SURE WASN'T HERE BEFORE.

WONDER WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO?



THERE'S A LOT OF LOST SCIENCE WE STILL KNOW NOTHING ABOUT. MAYBE THIS MACHINE IS--

NAH, DR. CANUS WOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS.

I... I WONDER IF I'LL EVER SEE HIM AGAIN. I'M SURE NEITHER OF US WANTED THAT FIGHT, BUT...

HUH? WH-WHAT IS THAT???

IT'S LIKE A SHADOW FLYING OUT OF THE MACHINE!

NOT QUITE, LAD. YOU'RE SAFE IN MY HANDS.

SUPERMAN?

HOW DO YOU-- AH, OF COURSE...

YOU MUST HAVE MET MY EARTH-1 COUNTERPART.

IT'S A SMALL WORLD, AND GETTING SMALLER IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING TO HELP.

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY THE MONITOR'S MACHINE.

SUPERMAN, I DON'T SEE THE SHADOW-BEAST...

BOY, WHEN DID IT APPEAR? IS THERE MORE THAN ONE?

A GORILLA? YOU'VE GOT TO BE ONE OF OZAR SIMIAN'S HIRED KILLERS.

HAPPILY, BOY, I'M NO SUCH THING.

I'M NOT EVEN FROM YOUR TIME PERIOD.

UH-OH, LOST MY GRIP--

I'M DONE FOR!

YOUR EYES ARE DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ANIMALS'

WARMER... MORE TRUSTING.

THE SHADOW THING IS BACK-- THIS TIME WITH FRIENDS!

-- BUT IT DOESN'T SEEM AS STRONG HERE AS IT DID ON THE MONITOR'S SHIP.

YOU GUYS THINK ABOUT IT? HOW DID THE SHADOWS GET THERE?

AND UNLESS I'M COMPLETELY MISTAKEN, THEIR SILHOUETTE WAS THE SAME AS THE MONITOR'S OWN.

I NOTICED THAT MYSELF, DAWNSTAR.

IT'S OBVIOUS WE HAVEN'T BEEN TOLD EVERYTHING...

... BUT THAT DOESN'T NEGATE THE BASIC THREAT!

NOT THAT THESE SHADOWS ARE POSING MUCH OF ONE.

MY SHOULDER-- THIS THING JUST TOUCHED IT, AND MY SHOULDER BURNS.

SOMEONE, HELP GET IT OFF ME!

NO PROBLEM, BOY. PLEASED TO BE OF SERVICE!

LIKE THE LAST TIME, THE SHADOWS ATTACK AND FLEE.

BUT THIS TIME THEY'RE NOT DISAPPEARING.

NO, GIRL -- LET THEM GO.

WE WERE BROUGHT HERE TO PROTECT THE MACHINE. NOT TO LEAVE IT ALONE FOR A SECOND ATTACK.

I AGREE. YET, SOMEHOW I FEEL THE SHADOW DEMONS ARE MERELY A PRELUDE TO SOME GREATER DISASTER.

WILL SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I CAN TRACK THEM NO MATTER WHERE THEY HIDE.

FROM ANYWHERE ON EARTH TO THE DARK NEBULAE THEMSELVES!

I KNOW, BUT IT'S FRUSTRATING TO SIMPLY WAIT HERE.

FROM NOT TOO FAR AWAY, HARBINGER WATCHES AND CHUCKLES...

THE MONITOR'S SATELLITE...

IT HAS ONLY BEEN HOURS SINCE ONE OF HARBINGER'S PERSONAS FOUND ITSELF TAKEN OVER BY SOMETHING UN-KNOWN...

ONLY HOURS SINCE Lyla WAS TAKEN OVER FULLY...

... ONLY HOURS SINCE SHE EMBRACED THE PATH OF THE MONITOR'S DEADLY FOE.

YET, STILL SHE DOES THE MONITOR'S BIDDING, UNTIL SHE IS GIVEN THE FINAL COMMAND!

THAT WILL COME SOON ENOUGH, ALL TOO SOON ENOUGH.

HIS NAME IS ALEXANDER LUTHOR, CHILD OF THE LATE ALEX AND LOIS LUTHOR FROM THE PLANET EARTH-3.

EARTH-3, LIKE HIS PARENTS, NO LONGER EXISTS.

LYLA, WHAT IS IT?

WHAT IS HARBINGER? CAN'T YOU BRING THE LUTHOR BABY TO ME?

LYLA DOESN'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO ANSWER THE MAN WHO HAD RAISED HER SINCE CHILDHOOD.

LET THEM PROTECT THE MACHINE; IT WILL SERVE THOSE FOOLS NO GOOD.

THEIR EFFORTS WILL BE REWARDED WITH...

...DEATH!

INDEED, HOW CAN YOU EXPLAIN THE LIGHT SHE NOW SEES?

ATLANTIS...

THE GLEAMING GATES STILL STAND, AND BY THE SACRED RITE OF CHOLCH, THEY SHALL NEVER FALL.



AND IT HOUSES SO MANY PEOPLE, TOO. WITH SO MANY EMOTIONS, YOU FEEL THEM, MY FRIENDS?

THIS IS GLORIOUS, SIMPLY GLORIOUS.

USE YOUR EMOTION-CONTROLLING POWERS ON THEM ONCE, PSYCHO PIRATE, AND MY PUNISHMENT WILL BE SWIFT.

COME NOW--THERE IS WORK THAT MUST BE DONE.



OH, OF COURSE, OF COURSE, DEAR LORD AIRON.

I WOULD NEVER SPREAD MY MADNESS HERE.

AT LEAST NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW, STUPID GAF.



LORD AIRON! WHEN THAT MACHINE APPEARED WE FOLLOWED YOU ACROSS THE GREAT ICE--BUT YOUR TRACKS SUDDENLY ENDED.

LADY CHIAN, THERE ARE STRIPES I COULD TELL...



...OF WORLDS AND POWERS THAT COULD HUMBLE EVEN FABLED ATLANTIS HERSELF.

YOU KNOW OF THIS MACHINE?

I DO. BUT PLEASE...ASK ME NOTHING NOW.



AIRON--

AH, YES, OBSSIDIAN, OUR WORK.

NOT THAT--IT'S THE PSYCHO PIRATE. WHERE IS HE?

I CAN'T FIND HIM ANYWHERE!



THEY WON'T LET ME FEED ON THE EMOTIONS...

IT'S NO LONGER ENOUGH TO CHANGE EMOTIONS, IS IT?

NO, I'VE GOT TO SNIFF???

I'M PICKING UP... ZERRAR. OH, GOOD-- SWEET, MANIPULABLE FEAR. MY KIND OF DREAD!

WHERE AM I? I NEED TO KNOW?

I THINK IT'S ATLANTIS. DON'T ASK THE YEAR.

SAY, YOU'RE WORRIED, AREN'T YOU?

ATLANTIS? EARTH-1 THEN-- 40,000 YEARS BEFORE MY LAST APPEARANCE.

NO SADNESS OR WORRY AROUND ME, FRIEND.

NOT WHEN I' NEED YOUR FEELINGS MORE THAN YOU DO.

SO HERE, LIGHTEN UP-- LAUGH!

LORD, NO-- DON'T MAKE ME--

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA

DEMENTED FOOL, THAT IS ENOUGH!

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING... STOP IT!

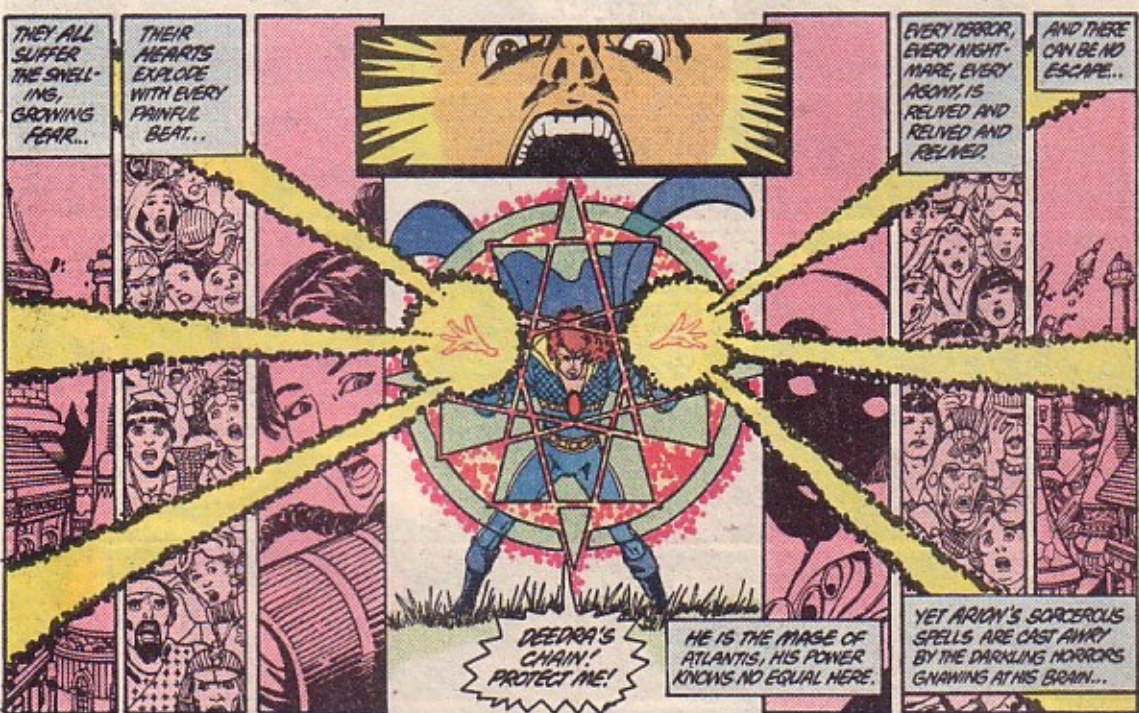
WHAT? WHO DARES TO--

OH, IT'S YOU. MISTAKE, FRIENDS-- REAL MISTAKE.

YOU SEE, ABSORBING PURPLE-HAIR'S EMOTIONS INCREASED MY STRENGTH!

WHAT YOU FOOLS NEED IS A HEALTHY DOSE OF TERROR!

FIGHT ME IF YOU CAN, BUT YOU MAY AS WELL RESIST THE TERROR OF YOUR OWN EMOTIONS.



THEY ALL SUFFER THE SNEELING, GROWING FEAR...

THEIR HEARTS EXPLODE WITH EVERY PAINFUL BEAT...

EVERY TERROR, EVERY NIGHTMARE, EVERY AGONY, IS RELIEVED AND RELIVED AND RELIVED

AND THERE CAN BE NO ESCAPE...

DEEDRA'S CHAIN! PROTECT ME!

HE IS THE MAGE OF ATLANTIS, HIS POWER KNOWS NO EQUAL HERE.

YET ARION'S SORCERUS SPELLS ARE CAST AWAY BY THE DARKLING HORRORS GNAWING AT HIS BRAIN...



ARION, QUICKLY-- COME TO ME.

PSYCHO PIRATE'S POWERS AFFECT YOU BECAUSE YOU CAN SEE HIS FACIAL CHANGES...



BUT IN MY SHADOW-FORM I CAN PROTECT YOU.

CHOLON! THE MADNESS FADES. I THANK YOU, OBSIDIAN.



NOT SO SIMPLE. THE INFINITOR CAN'T PROTECT ALL OF YOU.

YOU'RE STILL PREY TO MY MADNESS. YOU'RE...



WHAT?

NO!



HE DISAPPEARED. BUT I DON'T THINK HE PLANNED TO.

LORD ARION?

THANK YOU, LADY CHIAN -- BUT MY STRENGTH QUICKLY RETURNS.

TO WHERE DID THE PSYCHO PIRATE VANISH?

WHAT HAPPENED?  
WHERE AM I?



"PSYCHO PIRATE,  
I NEED YOU."

YOUR VOICE--  
IT'S LIKE ICE.



BUT I DON'T NEED YOU. AND  
I DON'T EVEN WANT YOU.

SHOW ME YOUR  
FACE AND I'LL TEACH  
YOU THE MEANING  
OF TERROR.



"FOOL! YOU  
WOULD  
WANT A  
FACE..."

... WITHOUT  
ONE OF  
YOUR  
OWN!

"YOU WANT TO  
SCREAM, DON'T YOU?  
WELL, FOOL, YOU  
CANNOT... NOT  
WITHOUT A MOUTH!"



"AND YOU WILL DIE  
WITHOUT AN OUTLET  
FOR YOUR  
EMOTIONS!"



"IF YOU WISH TO LIVE,  
LET ME KNOW. BUT  
TO LIVE--"

-- YOU MUST  
SERVE ME  
AS I  
DEMAND!

"YOUR ANSWER--  
NOW!"

OH, LORD--YES, I'LL DO  
ANYTHING... BUT PLEASE DON'T  
EVER DO THAT AGAIN.

WITHOUT A WAY OF  
EXPRESSING THEM,  
THE EMOTIONS SEALED  
INSIDE ME WOULD  
HAVE DESTROYED  
ME.



WE'VE LOST THE  
PSYCHO PIRATE.

I--I'LL DO AS  
YOU DEMAND!

MONITOR, SURELY  
HIS POWERS  
WEREN'T THAT  
CRUCIAL.

MY DEAR LYLA, I  
NEEDED HIM MORE  
THAN EITHER OBSIDIAN  
OR ARION. THE MENACE  
WE DEAL WITH IS ONE  
OF EMOTION.

THEN  
WHAT OF  
THE EMPATH  
CALLED  
RAVEN?

I CAN FIND NO  
TRACE OF HER. IF  
SHE IS ON THIS EARTH,  
EVERYTHING ABOUT  
HER HAS BEEN  
CHANGED.

NO, I FEAR WE WILL HAVE  
TO FORESO THIS AVENUE  
AND INVESTIGATE ANOTHER.

LYLA, MY DEAR, GET  
ME THE FILE ON  
THE NEW DR.  
LIGHT!

IT IS TIME  
FOR ME TO  
CREATE  
HER!



THE MAD ONE WAS ABOUT TO KILL HIM WHEN I ATTACKED.

HE'S NOT FROM ATLANTIS, THEN?

NO, NOT FROM THIS EARTH, BUT ANOTHER--



--THE FIRST THAT FELL WHEN THIS INSANITY BEGAN.

BUT LONG AFTER I WAS CURSED FOR AN EVIL ACT I HAD COMMITTED.

A DEED I HAVE PAID FOR A THOUSAND TIMES OVER, AND MUST SUFFER STILL A THOUSAND TIMES MORE.

I WITNESS TRAGEDY, AND MY BEING HERE MEANS DISASTER IS SOON TO STRIKE.



DISASTER? BUT THE MONITOR SWORE OUR PRESENCE HERE WOULD DIVERT SUCH CRISES!

UPON HIS COMMAND WE ARE TO ACTIVATE HIS MACHINES--

AND I TELL YOU WHAT I AM. I MOVE BETWEEN YOUR TIME PERIODS, BUT EVERYWHERE I GO I SEE THE SAME SIGN...



ARION, BY CHOLOH-- LOOK!

I AM SORRY, BUT IT BEGINS ANEW!

IN A MATTER OF HOURS FROM NOW--

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S COMING RIGHT AT US.

ANTI-MATTER WILL SWEEP THROUGHOUT THIS UNIVERSE...

--YOUR EARTH WILL DIE!

THEN THE MONITOR LIED! HE LIED!!



WHILE, IN THE MONITOR'S SATELLITE...

THE FRYING BEGINS AGAIN.

IT REACHES THIS UNIVERSE, TOO.

AND I HAVEN'T COMPLETED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE NEW DR. LIGHT.

MY FOE MOVES FASTER THAN I ANTICIPATED...

...WHILE I... FEEL THE WEAKNESS SPREADING ALL TOO QUICKLY.

ALL TOO SOON NOW I WILL DIE OR BE KILLED.

UNLESS...

UNLESS...

MEANWHILE...

"HARBINGER, SPEAK TO ME NOW!"

THE MONITOR HAS IMPLEMENTED HIS PLANS.

ALTHOUGH NOT ALL HIS WARRIORS ARE IN PLACE, MOST STAND READY!

THE MONITOR WILL FAIL!

AS HE HAS ALWAYS FAILED TO STOP ME!

"I STEAL HIS STRENGTH AND MINE GROWS STRONGER!"

"HIS CHAMPIONS ARE DOOMED AS I PIT ONE AGAINST THE OTHER."

NOW GO! THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE!

"AS ALWAYS, HE PROVES THE INCOMPETENT FOOL FOR NOT ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE! WHEN I AM DONE, ALL HIS UNIVERSES SHALL BE DESTROYED..."

"WHILE MINE SHALL RULE SUPREME!"

"UNIVERSE  
AFTER UNIVERSE  
HAS FALLEN  
BEFORE MY POWER  
WORLD AFTER  
WORLD IS  
ABSORBED INTO  
ONE.

"HOW MANY WORLDS  
DO I NOW CONTROL?  
HOW MANY LIVES  
ARE NOW MINE?"

"LYLA, I RAISED YOU FROM  
CHILDHOOD, YET EVEN THEN  
I KNEW HOW IT ALL WOULD  
END.

"YOU WERE A  
CHILD LOST FROM  
THE START, BUT I  
INSTILLED WITHIN  
YOU HOPE.

"FIND THAT HOPE,  
LYLA-- CALL ON  
IT SOON, FOR  
THE DARKEST  
TIMES ARE ONLY  
HOURS AWAY.

"RESIST HIS TEMPTATIONS,  
LYLA-- THROUGH YOU, THROUGH  
THE CHILD FROM EARTH-3,  
THROUGH THE MAN WHO  
CALLS HIMSELF PARIAH--

"-- ONLY THROUGH ALL OF YOU AND ALL  
MY CHAMPIONS CAN THE UNIVERSES THAT  
STILL LIVE SURVIVE!"

NEXT ISSUE: THE TEEN TITANS! THE OUTSIDERS! THE HAUNTED  
TANK! SGT. ROCK AND EASY COMPANY! JONAH HEX!  
BAT LASH! AND MANY, MANY MORE...