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Today:

He zipped in between energy blasts, dodging and ducking, avoiding the yellow blasts of energy as they attempted to separate his head from his shoulders. Adrenaline rushing through his body, his ring spluttered and splat, begging for release. Didn't they know he was the last Green Lantern? With a ring more powerful than any that had come before? His charge was full, {Power levels at 124%} and his body was covered in a green aura. He allowed their fire to be focused on him. Yellow rays of light ricocheted off, and green beams followed their trajectory back to gun barrels, disabling the weapons attacking him. He smiled. Yellow? He had no weakness to yellow! Not anymore! He laughed, and concentrated. Hundreds of tendrils of light shot out, and knocked out the attackers. Mercenaries from Sector 2813, wanting a challenge it would seem? His ring darted over their fallen bodies, and picked up a matrix chip from inside one of the attacker's pouches. His ring translated the words.

"Occupy Hal Jordan." What? What did that mean?

"Isn't it obvious, Jordan?" He recognized the voice. He span around. Sinestro, flanked by Alex Nero, Parallax, Guy Gardner, Dr Polaris, Star Sapphire, The Tattooed Man, Black Hand and the Masters of Disaster; all the villains he had faced since he gained ownership over the ring, flanked by thousands of Manhunters. Where had they come from? No matter. Just a challenge. Sinestro began to speak. That arrogant drawl, the snobbish tone, as patronizing and condescending as ever.

"I wanted you distracted." A yellow beam of light shot out of the jewel in the center of Sinestro's yellow ring, and brought a sphere of yellow energy out from behind the horde of villains. It floated in front of Hal, and he clenched his fist, strengthened his aura.

The sphere burst, and onto the ground fell the Justice League, the Justice Society, the Teen Titans, The New Outsiders... Every hero he had ever met, dead. And then, on top of the pile of deceased heroes, was one face he knew immediately, and he knew fear. Her eyes were white, her skin pale and taut. Blood dribbled from the corners of her mouth.

"Mom!"

{Power levels at 0%} The ring went dead. And his enemies descended on him.

He heard Sinestro's words echo in his dying ears. "She suffered."

"Guh!" He jerked awake, and gasped for air. A dream. The same one that had been haunting him for weeks now, since Sinestro revealed himself as a member of the 'Society' of villains working behind the scenes to manipulate a war between the United States and the Justice League.

He breathed in deeply, and got his bearings.

Clothes littered the floor. His black trousers were flung over a chair, his white shirt was lying on the ground with the buttons torn off. His jacket was somewhere, and he could see his socks peeking out of the bathroom. Her black dress was in the hall outside, and her underwear at the foot of the bed. He looked at the ring in his hand. It had been a long day. A damn long day. Not that he was complaining by the tail end of it. He smiled, and turned to her, lying there with the thin sheets covering her perfect body. She breathed in deeply, and exhaled silently. He could lie there and listen to that forever, he thought. Her skin was so soft, her dark hair covering her beautiful face. Her beautiful hazel eyes. He moved a hand and stroked strands of hair away from them, and smiled again. They fluttered open, and she smiled.

"Hey," he whispered.

"Hi." She smiled.

“You okay?”

“Tired...”

He chuckled. “Yeah.”

“At least you’re smiling again,” she said, stroking his face. There was a night’s worth of stubble there, and his smile faded as her fingers touched him. She moved her hand away, and sighed. “Sorry.”

“It’s okay, Carol,” he replied, getting back into bed, placing his ring on his finger. She moved into his arms, and nestled her head against his shoulder. “Tomorrow’s a whole new day.” He sighed, and closed his eyes. Time for rest.

Yesterday:

The sky was clear, no clouds above their heads. The sun shone brightly, and Hal stood stoically beside Carol in the cemetery. She held onto his arm tightly, and his hand rested on hers. They were surrounded by people. People Hal hadn’t seen for a long time.

“Hal?” asked Carol, nearly a whisper. “Are you okay?”

Hal nodded. It’d been a long few months recently. Parallax escaping. Black Hand. Checkmate. The Society. And after all that... this.

“Why didn’t you tell us, Hal?”

He turned. “Excuse me?”

“Why didn’t you tell us she was sick?”

“Jim.” He looked at his brother, who was red in the face, his fist shaking. “I didn’t...” He turned to the grave, where the coffin had just been lowered. “I didn’t... know. Mom...”

“You should have been there, Hal. You should have been there for her! For us! Not running about chasing tail and flying your stupid planes like

dad!"

"Jim," came another voice, Hal recognizing it immediately. Jack Jordan placed his hand on his brother's shoulder and shook his head slowly. "Now isn't the time. This isn't Hal's fault."

Wasn't it? thought Hal. The dreams had been coming with more frequency. He had thought them just... nightmares; his subconscious fears taken shape. But that wasn't possible, was it? He was Green Lantern. Last of his kind. Fearless. Fear is weakness in this job, but what if... He felt his ring, invisible to all those around him, warm up around his finger. What if his ring... What if his ring was trying to warn him? Those dreams being some kind of message from the ring as he wore it in his sleep? Months ago the dreams had started. Over a year. And then when Parallax had taken over his body, the fears it had conjured up from the depths of his heart, his soul... Mom.

"Fine." Jim turned, and then hesitated. He turned again. "You left Edwards last year, Hal. Mom knew. We all knew. And you moved back into the city, and you know what? You've seen us less and less. You haven't got the air force to use as your excuse anymore."

Carol looked at Hal uncomfortably. She could see his back teeth grind together. "Things have... come up..."

"Yeah. I bet they were really important. To not see your family. Your blood. And you just spent all that time doing something important while mom wasted away."

Hal snapped. "Where were you then, Jim? Where? You're angry, I get that, but don't you dare lay all this on me! You get all self-righteous, but where were you? Don't you dare pull this crap when you weren't there either. Don't you dare!"

Jim looked at Jack, looking for support, but finding none. Hal looked at his hand, trembling with anger, and then back up to his estranged brother. "I'm going to go, alright? Just let me say goodbye."

Carol released his arm and smiled, and Hal approached his mother's grave. The coffin was visible in the hole, and, as he looked up, clouds

began to darken the sky overhead. Typical. He concentrated for a moment, his ring becoming visible on his finger. The clouds cleared, a flicker of emerald light ricocheting through the gathering of frozen particles and preventing them from showering down below, and the sun shone once more. He smiled glumly.

"You deserve the best, Mom. Always did." He grabbed a handful of dirt and threw it over the lid, and nodded slowly. "I'm sorry I wasn't there."

Cancer. She had been diagnosed a year ago. Chemo didn't work. Nothing did. So she died. All this, without telling her boys. He grimaced. He should have been there. He looked at his ring. The most powerful tool in the universe. Tool, not weapon. A tool that can do anything the bearer wills it to. Could it remove cancerous cells from a body? Should he even think that? He took another glance at the ring and willed it to vanish. He should have been there. He walked back over to Carol, and nodded slowly, then turned to his brothers. "I'm sorry." Jack nodded and smiled weakly, whilst Jim didn't even look at him.

"Are you okay?" Carol asked again. "I don't... I don't want to get involved in something between you and your brothers, I just... I don't know. You didn't deserve that. You've saved the world how many times over, and..."

"I'm fine," he replied. "I'm fine." He turned to her, and attempting a weak smile once more. "Want to grab a coffee?" He paused, and then his smile turned slightly, into something wry and sneaky, "I need caffeine, else my system is going to crash completely."

"Sure." She laughed, nodding. She knew he was holding it in. Keeping it all under wraps. He's a man without fear, didn't you know. That's why she hired him. Twice. Best pilot in the air force or out. There had been a rush to hire him, to corner the market on hotshot pilots, and Ferris had secured him with a contract that only an insane man would want to break. She'd fired him once, but he was a different man then, literally. Possessed by Black Hand, twisting his life inside and out and screwing up both Green Lantern's work and Hal Jordan's. But after her own extra-terrestrial experience at the hands of those aliens who wanted her to be their queen... she understood. Completely. "Let's go."

“Jordan.” Another voice, not Jim’s or Jack’s, but familiar none the less. He gritted his teeth, and turned.

“What the HELL are you doing here, Faraday?” He grabbed the man by the collar of his suit. “You can’t help yourself, can you? You try and destroy the League, and now you desecrate my mom’s funeral? You’re a sick £\$%^!”

Faraday pushed Hal back. “I just wanted...” He looked at the agents behind him, and they straightened up and walked away from the two men. “I wanted to give you my condolences. I’ve lost people. And I know how it can be.”

“You trying to say you’ve got a heart beneath that gruff exterior? Do me a favor and leave before I do something I regret.”

“I also wanted to inform you that this is the last time I will, hopefully, ever see you. Our professional relationship is over. We will no longer call on you for your services and you’ll no longer be bailed out of trouble by our agents.”

“What’s brought this on? The realization that we don’t want anything to do with your ‘DEO’? Oh, wait, wasn’t it ‘Checkmate’ the last time I checked?”

King Faraday smiled slyly. “‘We’ don’t want anything to do with us? Ha. I hope I never see you around again, Jordan.” He walked away slowly, a smile still on his smug face. He turned as he was tapped on the shoulder.

“The feeling is mutual.”

He hit the ground hard, his jaw ringing after the right cross Hal Jordan just delivered. Hal saluted him formally, and then returned back to Carol. Faraday clambered up and his smile reformed. “Heh.”

Tomorrow:

The ring buzzed alive as he slept. Words shot through his nerves and into his mind, and he awoke with a start, his uniform already forming

around his body.

{Extraterrestrial incursion Earth side,} came the words.

Carol stirred slightly, a hand moving over his body, then flinching backwards, waking her up more so. "Ah!"

"Sorry," replied Hal, his ring toning down the heat of the green on his uniform. "It does that sometimes." He clambered out of bed.

"What's wrong?"

"I got sick of things sneaking up on me when I'm not looking, so my ring scans the planet constantly for aliens taking a pit stop, and it seems that someone just made the mistake of tripping my alarm." A green map formed above his ring, and closed in on America, more importantly, outside of New York. And moving fast.

"So you have to go?"

"Sorry, but yeah, I need to get on this." His ring sparked, and a green aura spread over him, ready for flight. "I'll be back later though. I'll bring Chinese."

Carol nodded, and got up slightly, kissing his cheek. "I'd like that."

"I knew you would." He lifted off the ground, and drifted out the window. "That's why I'm doing it." She laughed as he vanished into the night sky, leaving her alone in his bed.

New York:

He hurtled through the sky, the light of the stars above reflecting on his strange ornate armor. Strange pistons wrapped themselves around his limbs, and on his chest was a glowing furnace, though only dying embers resided inside. He needed a charge, a boost, a battery to power his next journey. The sensors in his ancient armor had detected one inside this human city, and he was ready to take what he needed. No matter what.

In front of him, getting closer every moment, was a strange craft, long and white with bizarre flaps on each side. Small windows housed screaming people. He didn't like the look of it. He raised his hand, and yellow energy crackled around his gauntlet.

Meanwhile, Hal Jordan shot through the air. But he wasn't Hal Jordan anymore, no, he was Green Lantern. And that was all that mattered. He put aside all that had happened, the death of his mother, all the events from the past months, and he focused. He stretched out his hand in front of him, and his Power Battery, his link to Kyle Rayner, Ion, current embodiment of the Central Power Battery itself, materialized from the dimensional lock he kept it in between charges.

The words came easily. They always had done. "In brightest day, in blackest night, no evil shall escape my sight, let those who worship evil's might, beware my power—" The strange visitor came into view, and he pulled back a fist... "—Green Lantern's light!"

{Power levels at 125%} The Ring spoke to Hal, and he could almost feel it smiling.

Green Lantern multitasked. A baseball glove grabbed the glowing yellow power gauntlet of his attacker and smothered it, muffling the blast, and two rockets attached themselves to the back of the airplane, causing it to shoot out of range of the two people hanging in the air suspended by whatever their means. A boxing glove materialized in front of the man, and began to jump from one side of his face to another, causing him to become confused, and then it suddenly jerked forward, hitting him in the face. The individual's armor shuddered, and then he slumped into the arms of quickly forming emerald angels.

Hal gritted his teeth. "I was fully prepared to give you the benefit of the doubt. To not ASSUME you were here to cause trouble. But then you go and try and blow up a passenger jet?" He shook his ring finger. "No, sorry. Not going to take that. I've had enough of people like you ruining my day. Tell me why you're here."

"The... Battery..." muttered the alien, his tongue grasping the English language not with ease. "I am here..." His words became clearer. "I am

here for the battery.”

“Battery?”

{Power levels at 87.2%}

The armor pulsed, and Hal could see what looked like fluid begin to pump through the pistons and into the man’s body. “But your little trinket will do!”

“Crap!” The creep was absorbing the ring’s charge! Hal pushed the man away, and aimed his weapon squarely at the man’s chest. “Who the hell are you?!”

“I am Kavorkian, last sentinel of the library of Avaracknos. I have so much to do, and so little time to do it. I have traveled the worlds beyond this one, and need more power to be on my way.”

“A librarian?!” Hal laughed at the man’s title, still trying to formulate a plan, “Why didn’t you just ask for a charge? I would have helped you as best I could!”

{Power levels at 68.9%}

“Your planet will make a suitable launching point for my next endeavor. So much in the cosmos to catalog. So much to learn.”

“Well now you’re just being mean!” Hal couldn’t make out the man’s body behind the armor. Glimpses of flesh were visible, but it was old, almost mummified. Black and gaunt, like the things you see lifted out of tombs in Egypt. Hal launched an emerald energy beam at the man, but it was easily swatted away.

“Nuisance! As I steal your power, I steal your words! I understand! I comprehend! You shall assist me in the cataloging of this place! Then you shall perish with your people.”

{Power levels at 56.7%}

“I don’t appreciate that sentiment!” howled Hal, launching a hundred

separate beams of power at his attacker. They lashed over his armor, some swatted away by the villain's energy gauntlets, tendrils grabbed and absorbed by the strange armor. But then others, just as Hal had planned, latched themselves onto the man's exposed flesh, and dug in. The villain howled, and his skin ruptured, black ooze flickering out of the wounds.

{Anti-Matter build-up detected}

"WHAT?!" Hal upped the ante on his attack, and noted his ring's charge still being drained away. This guy, whoever he was, had somehow hacked into his ring, and stolen energy, information, and, if he wasn't careful, Hal would fall out of the sky. He didn't need that right now.

{Alternate vibrational frequency detected}

"Scan his armor, I want weak points, I want Achilles' heels, I want anything..." The ring enveloped Kavorkian, and the ring began to speak in between thoughts, so fast that no one else but Hal could hear.

{Avaraknos. Long thought dead race of genocidal procurers of knowledge. 'Sentinels' travel from world to world gathering information and then destroying the source of it. 'Sentinels' have been known to pierce holes, worm holes, through reality to travel from location to location—}

"That doesn't sound good..."

"You will be educated."

"Not by you." Hal's power ring slammed Kavorkian upwards, into the atmosphere, away from New York. "Not by anyone."

{Alternate vibrational frequency building}

"What does that mean?!" shouted Hal at his ring, the words not making any sense.

"It means I will soon be on my way," howled Kavorkian as he collided with Hal, causing the two to fall earthbound. The villain's armor seemed to twist and contort, absorbing more and more power. Hal could feel it

heat up, almost burning him through his ring aura. He thought words. And his ring replied.

{Armour is powered by outside energy sources, susceptible to overloading and overheating.}

Hal smiled. "So you want power?"

"Knowledge is all I crave, little Lantern, and through knowledge power!"

"THEN HAVE IT!" Hal tore his power battery from the dimensional lock and screamed his oath. Green power bathed into Kavorkian's armor, and it shuddered and shook. He couldn't withdraw any energy from inside the being, but if he could fill it so it could take no more, and to an extent where his power cells burst because of the overabundance of energy...
"IN BRIGHTEST DAY!"

"What are you doing?" growled Karvorkian, his pistons burning against his cold dead flesh.

"IN BLACKEST NIGHT!"

{'Sentinel' armor cells at maximum}

{Power levels at 45%}

"NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT!" His flesh began to blister as his ring aura began to decay. He couldn't falter. He had to push on.

Around them, the air shook. Around Karvorkian a white blur formed.
"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!"

He felt pain. He ignored it. "LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT (That's you, ya dirty creep!)"

"Can you not hear the sound!? Can you not hear the buzzing?!"

"BEWARE MY POWER!" Emerald light bathed both of them.

“SOMETHING IS WRONG!” screamed the villain, as he began to fade from sight, engulfed by the power charge.

“GREEN LANTERN’S LIGHT!” The sky exploded. Hal felt the burning cease, and the ring repaired the damaged cells in his body. He grimaced. It was healing him. His ring was healing him. It could have healed his mother, couldn’t it? Damn. He looked around, and could see no more of the villain who attacked him above the skies. Where?

{Power levels at 7.4%} Yeah. His ring had channeled his charge through it and into the armor. Overloaded the systems. But if the armor had imploded, exploded, disintegrated, something, there would be energy signatures. Evidence.

He brought himself to a stop in midair, and spoke to his ring. “Where is he?”

{Subject is no longer on Earth}

“Are we okay then?”

{Subject is no longer inside Sector 2814}

“What?”

{Scanning—}

“Where is he?”

{Unable to locate in sectors 0-3600}

Hal scratched his head. “What happened? Wait... Those ‘sentinels’ can pierce reality?” he remembered what the ring had told him. “So he’s... Crap, he’s no longer on this plane of existence? Then...” he paused, and squinted out to the horizon. Something was approaching him. Something big. “What the hell is that?”

{Scanning}

It seemed to devour the sky. A wave of something... Something so loud

he could hear it from where he hovered. He held his power battery in one hand, and pointed his ring at it. It seemed to lack any depth, and he couldn't tell if it was solid or otherwise. And it was white. A white wall of something he could not identify.

{Warning, energy signature matches chronicled recordings of 'anti-matter'}

"It's coming in fast. Let's contain it—"

{Unable to comply. Ring energy would have no effect}

Hal looked at his ring, the thundering sound from the wall getting louder and louder. "Then what does?"

{Unable to comply}

"Oh, God." It wasn't fear. It was awe. It was unlike anything he had ever seen. He had no time to call the Justice League or the Justice Society. There were no Corps, he couldn't contact the Guardians. This was him. "What's going to happen?"

{Antimatter wall overlaps section of reality it touches. Replaces all known organisms and entities}

"So there are people behind that?"

{Unable to comply}

"If it replaces... Then..." He concentrated.

{Power levels at 4.2%}

Above his ring formed a globe of glistening energy. A container of all the information on what had just happened. The Avaraknos. The sentinels. The anti-matter wave. All that had happened since he arrived. He pooled all his willpower, all his inner strength, and watched as the storm of anti-matter was mere meters away from him. The sound was deafening.

"GO! FIND—" The words didn't leave his lips in time. But he knew what

he wanted to say before the wave crashed into him. 'GO! FIND SOMEONE WHO CAN STOP THIS! THE GREATEST HERO!'

Silence.

The wall engulfed him. He no longer felt... anything. He didn't exist.

The globe hovered in midair. It contained everything. Information from another universe. Tendrils of energy whipped out, and scanned. The greatest hero. Who is the greatest hero? It scanned records, and hacked into something... Something familiar.

{Book of OA connection active}

How was it possible? The globe might theorize if it was sentient. But the Book of OA was connected to the Central Power Battery. Where the globe had come from, the CPB had been transformed into an Ion Battery. A living thing. The connection to the Book of OA was gone; all Hal Jordan had left was the information stored inside his ring.

{Greatest hero.}

It searched.

{Greatest Green Lantern.}

It flew through space. It jumped into sub-luminal pathways between space sectors. It flew as fast as it could. And then it arrived at its destination. In a far off space sector.

He reached out a thin emerald-ring-covered finger, and touched the globe. His own ring absorbed all the information, and his eyes widened.

"What brings you to Sector 1417?" Sinestro, wearing his green uniform, arched an eyebrow, and rubbed his chin. His own ring channeled all that was recorded inside the ring into his mind's eye, and he projected the route the globe had come. "Who is Hal Jordan?"

Sinestro of Korugar, greatest Green Lantern known to the Guardians of

the Universe, was confused. "And why did he have access to a power ring?"

To Be Continued...

Tales of the Green Lantern Corps

Before Darkseid's legions invaded Earth, he knew that the Green Lantern Corps had to be destroyed first. Through a series of unfortunate events, the Green Lantern Power battery on OA was destroyed leaving all but one emerald ring powerless. The destruction allowed the Manhunters and their new Grand-Master the opportunity to invade OA. The Guardian Appa Ali Apsa and a handful of ex-Corpsmen are all that stand between the Manhunters and their dreams of galactic conquest.

It has been a year since the fall of the Corps... the time for the Green Lantern Corps to strike back has come.

'The Gathering' Part 2: "The Year of the Dog."

Part 1 of 2

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Kilowog and Katma Tui, Sector 68, One year ago... (excerpt taken from *Tales of the Green Lantern Corps* #9)

"I know I asked this before... but I really, really have no desire to go to G'newt..."

"Don't even continue that statement. That's an order. We have a job ta do and we're gonna do it," Kilowog barked at her. "How many sprockin' times are we

gonna have this conversation? You're a member of the elite for frak's sake; act like it!"

Katma didn't respond. He was right, she would have never mouthed off to Sines-tro. Her mind traveled back to him. How she hated his guts, yet respected him all the same. He didn't deserve to die on Earth, though she no longer blamed Hal for that. She let go of her anger. Jordan had proven himself and one day they'd bring Sinestro's killer to justice.

{Trace elements of Oan energy discovered on the planet below} The voice of Branwilla, Kilowog's mentor, spoke through his ring.

Both Lanterns stopped in mid-flight, and looked down to the rock below. The barren world was ashen gray, devoid of water or any form of life.

Katma glanced over at Kilowog with a hopeful look on her face. He looked at her, then down at the planet below.

"Fine!" he said irritably, "Go, check it out. You find anything— and I mean ANYTHING— You report to OA immediately, understood? No questions, got it?"

"Got it!" she replied with a smile and flew full speed to the planet surface.

"Sprocking meat... fraggin' impatient... Daughter of a Pooz..." he mumbled to himself as he continued the journey toward G'newt.

Sector 68, Planet G'newt.

Kilowog entered G'newtian airspace with no fanfare. The race of humanoid dog-people were only slightly less-advanced than the people of Earth, by Bolovaxian standards. For a human, that would have been an insult... unfortunately for Kilowog there were no humans present on the planet below him.

He followed a trail of Oan energy to the planet with Katma Tui... after the Legion Virus fiasco the Green Lantern Corps had begun to rebuild its numbers. Part of that task was finding missing rings of fallen Corpsmen. Kilowog, tired of hearing Katma complain about being bored, let her

investigate another trace of Oan energy on a nearby planet. Honestly he just wanted her to shut the sprock up...

In mere moments he would regret that decision.

As he approached the Northern most continent of G'newt his power ring started to surge, spewing massive amounts of emerald energy.

"Ring, report!" he ordered, but no answer came as his ring suddenly went dead.

Kilowog's rather strong stomach lurched into his throat as his body began to plummet over 200 feet to the ground below. The closer he got to the planet surface the more he began to doubt that he would survive the impact. His people were very thick-skinned and strong, but at the speed he was falling... He noticed that the area below him was thick with Bantaroon trees, native to G'newt; the trees were thick, incredibly tall, and very leafy. He rolled over onto his back (naturally, the strongest part of a Bolovaxian's body) and curled up into a fetal position, tucking his limbs in tightly mere seconds before the first impact.

With each branch collision he cursed a little louder and in several languages he'd learned as his tenure as Green Lantern Corps trainer and drill sergeant. Branches shattered beneath his weight as he plowed deeper and deeper into the forest, rapidly approaching the ground below.

"Oh Frak!" he cursed finally as the surface came up to greet him with a loud thud.

364 days ago...

Darkness still surrounded Kilowog. He had regained consciousness, but was unwilling to open his eyes. Every bone and muscle in his body screamed for the sweet release that only death would bring. But unfortunately for him, that release would not come. Instead, he felt the slight tickle of something rubbing his forehead... and the odd sound of someone or something sniffing. He opened an eye just as a clear ooze dripped into it.

“Gah!” He lurched up rubbing violently at his eye; his attacker yelped hopping away and hiding behind the tree that Kilowog had nearly stripped of branches during his freefall. “Show yerself!” Kilowog barked angrily holding out his now powerless power ring.

He tried to create a construct but nothing happened at all. The ring was completely dead. No trace residue of power at all. Something bad had happened.

He forgot about the creature that was near him as he stood and stretched out his limbs. With every movement his body popped and cracked back into place. He had no broken bones, though his body was covered in bruises and deep lacerations.

He looked around and saw no trace of the creature that had been sniffing him. Had to be a G’newtian. Kilowog groaned, suddenly wishing he had gone with Katma...

{“Honey, honey! You’ll never believe what I found in the forest!”} G’nort of G’newt yelped to his wife as he skittered into their home.

G’nort’s wife, G’nancy, just rolled her eyes, neglecting to respond to her husband. Her father warned her that G’nort would never amount to anything... if he were still alive, he’d probably beam with satisfaction at just how right he was. Not only did G’nort amount to nothing, G’nort amounted to less than nothing. He couldn’t hold a job longer than a day... he couldn’t hold one for an hour.

{“Honey, I found a giant pig in the forest!”}

{“Uh-huh”}

{“No, really, a giant pig! Bigger than the great hydrant!”}

{“Uh-huh”}

{“This tall!”} G’nort stood on his tip toes his hand stretched high above his head.

{“Then why don’t you make yourself useful for once! Go kill it and bring it home for us to eat!”}

{“Well... I can’t do that... he wasn’t a normal pig... he was wearing a suit”}

360 Days ago...

Kilowog was not wandering the forest aimlessly, so to speak. He had his bearing, he knew which way was North vs. South... and he knew the missing ring was due East. Somewhere. As Hal would say, talk about a needle in a haystack. But duty above all.

He had attempted several times to will his power battery to him, but nothing ever happened. He knew there had to be a problem... because his will was rock solid. He hoped.

He suddenly heard the sound of rustling leaves. He stopped, readying himself for an attack. He wasn’t sure what kind of beasts hunted in the woods, but he refused to be anyone or anything’s prey. The creature came closer and closer; he could hear its panting breath. Branches parted and out walked a G’newtian carrying a stick with a bag on the end of it. The bag was filled with foul-smelling food and at least two green shirts.

{“Oh, hello! My name is G’nort... ”}

Though the creature attempted to speak to him, all that came out was: “Yip, Ruff! Grrr, ralp snort Bark!”

Without his ring active Kilowog couldn’t understand a word the creature said.

“Go away, Poozer. Git! I ain’t got time to deal with you... ” Kilowog shouted before turning away.

{“Wait, giant Pig-man!”} G’nort rushed in front of him hopping up and down animatedly.

“Look, little critter, I’m on an important mission... ” He pointed at his

chest and then at his ring. "I'm a Green Lantern, I'm on a mission to find another one of these." He pointed to his eyes then to the forest to emphasize that he was searching for something in the woods.

All that G'nort heard was "blah blah blah, wah wah wah... etc." But he did understand that he was looking for a shiny green thing.

{"Oooh! Ooh! I can help you!"} G'nort yiped. {"Follow me!"} G'nort headed out in the direction Kilowog pointed.

"Great... " Kilowog held his head in his hands feeling a headache come on. "Well, I'm not getting anywhere on my own."

120 Days ago...

The muzzle had helped.

After two more days of the yelping and yapping, Kilowog decided it was either him or the mutt. While the creature slept (at Kilowog's feet, of course), he began to fashion a muzzle out of twine, twigs, sticks and leaves. When the critter woke up Kilowog strapped it on. G'nort didn't seem to mind though; he liked the way it made his voice echo to his ultra-sensitive dog-senses. Kilowog would only take it off when G'nort ate and drank.

Kilowog tried and tried to get G'nort to leave him be, but he refused to.

110 Days ago...

The muzzle lasted 10 days... after that G'nort discovered that he could use his hands to remove it. Again, Kilowog contemplated murder...

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Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Special: Facets (2005)

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There are 3600 Green Lanterns in existence throughout the universe and there are the seconds, the people ready to take on the mantle of Green Lantern when their predecessor falls. Moving away from Sector 2814 with this one shot, we focus the spotlight on Jar Kell, Green Lantern of Sector 3598, who is having the worst day of his tenure in the Corps!

Batman #0 (2005)

Batman: Shadow of the Bat.

Meet Bruce Wayne. Business man. Playboy. All public masks... But the one beneath it all, the one, true mask... is cloaked in the shadow of the bat!

Meet Batman. Masked vigilante, master of the rarest disciplines of martial arts that grace this earth, mysterious protector of Gotham's streets.

Live his earliest years in this book!

In this issue, Bruce Wayne takes to the streets in the guise of Batman for a quiet night of patrol, and gets more than he bargained for...

Jim Gordon, Harvey Bullock and Sam Merkel investigate seemingly random, but seriously violent, attacks on computer programmers all hired by Enigma Corporation...

Batman #1 (2005)

Batman: The Smoking Gun, Part 1.

Something stirs beneath Metropolis and Batman comes a-calling for the first meeting of the worlds greatest heroes!

Batman #2 (2005)

Batman: World's Finest?

The Worlds Finest team unite to defeat the unstoppable monstrosity discovered last issue, and to defeat it, Batman must join forces with... Lex Luthor?

The Flash #0 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies, Prelude.

Barry Allen was struck by a bolt of mysterious lightning, and then discovered he had the power of super speed! Follow this series to read the trials and tribulations of the Scarlet Speedster! See the Rogues gallery form and a mysterious villain put into motion a scheme that could destroy the history of the Flash!
Blood will run!

The Flash #1 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies: Ice Cold Man...

Barry Allen is the happiest man alive! Oh sorry... Barry Allen is the fastest man alive! Everything 's falling into place for the scarlet speedster...

So obviously...

Something has to go wrong!

The Flash #2 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies: Whispers.

It's Flash Day in Keystone city, and the entire city has come out to celebrate!

And what better time for a Rogue to pop up his head and try and kill them all?

Secrets will be revealed, new mysteries will be woven and one character is going to be changed forever in the latest part of Time Flies!

The Adventures of Superman #4 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Black Zero, Part 2: War on Solitude. Second in the biweekly crossover running through Adventures of Superman and Action Comics!

In the rebuilt Fortress of Solitude, Superman battles his greatest, most evil foe... It's not General Zod, Lex Luthor or Metallo and not even Braniac or Parasite... Who exactly?

Action Comics #2 (2006)

Action Comics: Black Zero, Part Three: Fearful Symmetry.

Third in a biweekly crossover running through Adventures of Superman and Action Comics!

Now that the threat has been revealed, and the Man of Steel has been removed from the picture, just what does the evil villain have in mind for Metropolis?

You won't believe the answer!
And is the man who defeated Superman just a pawn in a much greater game?

The Adventures of Superman #5 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Black Zero, Part 4: Men of Steel.
Fourth in a biweekly crossover running through *Adventures of Superman* and *Action Comics*!

Superman and Green Lantern Jar Kell reach Metropolis, but an evil lurks on the inside as well as on the outside, awaiting the two heroes and setting a deadly ambush.

Action Comics #3 (2006)

Action Comics: Black Zero, Part 5: Endgame.

The fifth and final chapter of the biweekly crossover running through *Adventures of Superman* and *Action Comics*!

Superman learns the true nature of his people in the conclusion of **BLACK ZERO!**

The Adventures of Superman #10 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Doomsday.

THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 1!

This is it! The greatest crisis the world has ever faced is upon the heroes of the DC2, and nothing will be the same ever again!

The plans of the evil god Darkseid have come to fruition at last!

It's all-out war as Apokolips invades Planet Earth: heroes will rise-- and some will fall before it's done!--- and unlikely allies will be made! And not even Superman is safe when Darkseid sets his sites on the Man of Steel! You won't believe how this one ends!

Action Comics #4 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There be a Superman, Part One: Fragments and Facets.

Superman has left Metropolis? Lex Luthor targeted for death?

Metropolis invaded by aliens? The return of a threat from the past?

A revelation that will leave you reeling and... Joey from *Adventures of Superman #3*?

Action Comics #5 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There Be A Superman? Part 2 of 2: War Crimes and Amnesty (Or, the One with all the Action).

Tomar Re will make sure Lex Luthor stands trial for the murder of Jar Kell if it's the last thing he'll do! The only man standing in the way of his fury? A Superman wracked with insecurity, who must overcome his fear of the unknown once more to save his arch foe! Will he pull through to save the day?

Action Comics #6 (2006)

Action Comics: Full Circle and the End.

A forgotten hero, kidnapped in his hey day and trapped in an inescapable prison is released by a freak accident after the death of one of his wretched captors... How will this man react to a world not his own?

Batman #3 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped In E. Nigma, Part 1 (of 2).

He's here! The Count of Conundrum! The Prince of Puzzle himself... The Riddler! Edward Nigma has arrived in The Batman's world, and Gotham City won't ever be the same again! Continued from the events of #0, Batman is about to have the worst night in his short career...

Detective Comics #9 (2006)

Detective Comics: Escapism.

Someone has arrived in Gotham, someone who's very existence could bring about the end of humankind as we know it. So when someone is sent from his home to pursue and drag him back to the fiery hell he escaped from... You can bet Batman will be on the scene!

Batman #8 (2006)

Batman: Half [A] Life.

Two villains make their DC2 debut in this issue, as one reflects on his life before villainy in Arkham, and another emerges from the shadows to destroy the city! Will Batman stand a chance against this deadly double threat of devilry? Not without a little help from the one man he wouldn't expect assistance from!

Batman #4 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped in E. Nigma, Part 2: Clueless?

The conclusion to The Riddler story arc and also the conclusion of Charlie's run on the book! Expect some major twists and turns as Batman and Harvey Bullock race against time to rescue Gotham's elite computer programmers from being murdered by a mysterious villain known only as "The Question Mark Slasher"!

What's wrong with Edward Nigma? What happened all those years ago that changed Michael Hughes into a so called Crime Prince of Conundrum?

Batman #9 (2006)

Batman: Crooked Smiles.

There are rumors circling in Gotham that the Crown Prince of Crime has returned! Are the whispers true? Or is someone trying to scare the inhabitants of the city? Batman intends to find out...

Batman #10 (2006)

Batman: Apokolips History X.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 3!

The hordes of Apokolips continue to overrun the planet, and in Gotham City Batman protects the one man that Darkseid wants the most, the only man to ever escape from his clutches: Scott Free, Mister Miracle! As Jim Gordon and the GCPD form a desperate last line of defense, the Dark Knight makes his plans to get the son of the Highfather out of the city before its inevitable fall!

Detective Comics #10 (2006)

Detective Comics: Duel.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 12!

Battered and besieged, Gotham City is occupied by the forces of General Steppenwolf, as the rag-tag forces of the GCPD lead a guerrilla resistance and the Dark Knight Detective himself is stalked by Darkseid's own master assassin Kanto! It's a battle royale in the Batcave, the winner take Gotham!

Batman #11 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Part 1 (of 2).

As The Batman patrols the night, an old friend rolls into town, and an old foe escapes from Arkham Asylum and begins to wreak havoc in Gotham City!

Batman #12 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Finale.

The body count builds as Batman and his new ally fight through the night, and as the Dark Knight finds a survivor from Zsasz's killing spree, he hands the dying victim over to the one woman he thinks can save her, but then paints a target on her back! That woman? Leslie Thompkins!

Batman #13 (2006)

Batman: Too Many Santas Will Kill You.

Batman uncovers a deadly plot to kill one of the wealthiest businessmen in Gotham... Bruce Wayne! And on Christmas Eve of all nights, with a legion of assassins after him, all with murder on their minds, how will the Caped Crusader save the day?

The Flash #3 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies: A Conversation with my Predecessor...

After the events of last issue, Barry Allen is confronted by Jay Garrick, who has many things to tell the new Speedster...

And not all of them good!

And behind the scenes, new Rogues are born!

The Question Quarterly #1 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 1.

Vic Sage is a unique entity in Hub City... A famous journalist who tells the truth in a city of lies and deceit, who becomes an enemy of every criminal in the city with his latest expose! So when corruption and evil crawl beneath the skin of the Hub, and only one man dares fight the never-ending battle for justice, when Vic Sage dies... Who is The Question?

The Question Quarterly #2 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 2.

Everything is falling apart in the Hub. Lives are ending, lies have been revealed and the truth... Is the one thing that keeps one man, our 'hero', going. But when the truth is at last revealed, and the

implications of that fully understood... The one sane man in Hub City might conform to the general taste in insanity...

The Question Quarterly #3 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: Desolation Row.

For our final issue we have a change of pace as things get dark and gritty in Arkham Asylum. Think you've seen Vic Sage at his lowest? You'd be wrong. Think this is the end? Only for now, as The Question faces a darker threat than he has ever before, as Arkham Asylum suffers a jailbreak at the hands of two dastardly DC2 villains who make their debut in this issue... So when the inmates run free... Where is The Question?

The Flash #7 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Conclusion! Part One: Everyone, Run Fast!

Flashback! We return to the past, two months since Issue Three, and The Flash is facing one of his greatest challenges... The Rogues have formed before their time, a leader clad in yellow showing them the way to destroy Barry Allen's life... With a loved one lying paralyzed in bed, and his friends falling all around him, what hope has The Flash got?

The Flash #8 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Finale.

Professor Zoom, The Reverse Flash, stands revealed to Barry Allen and Jay Garrick... Who is he? How is he? And why?

The Flash #9 (2006)

The Flash: Speed Demon.

A malevolent figure appears in Titans Tower, confronting Wally West AKA Kid Flash, and then vanishes, leaving the young speedster with a foreboding prophecy that comes true almost as suddenly as he appeared! With Kid Flash taken over by some mysterious entity, who you gonna' call?

The Flash #10 (2006)

The Flash: Flashes of Lightning.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 10!

The body count continues to rise!

The hellbores are falling and soon the earth will be remade in the

image of Apokolips! But not if the Flash can help it! It's a battle to the death as the despicable Desaad and Darkseid's own bastard son Gravyn plant the doomsday device called the Infernal Machine in Keystone City. Can the Flash outrace destiny--- or will the Black Racer be waiting for him at the finish line?

The Flash Annual #1 (2006)

The Flash Annual: Eulogies.

Jay Garrick, the Golden Age Flash, is dead, and two months later, with the world healing, it's time for his funeral. 'Nuff Said.

The Question #1 (2006)

The Question: The Devil's Fingers.

The Question #2 (2006)

The Question: See No Evil.

The Question is still heading for Las Vegas when he drives into the wrong city at the wrong time, where the citizens are gripped with terror as a new, horrific serial killer is murdering women left and right with no discernible pattern... Until the right pair of eyes gaze onto the problem...

The Question Annual #1 (2006)

The Question Annual: Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.

The Question is in Las Vegas and a mystery has caught up with him from a friend of the past (is there any other kind?) and two heroes in his way.

The Question #3 (2006)

The Question: A Night In Their Arms.

The lights of Las Vegas welcome a lone traveler onto its streets. Yes, after so many months, The Question has arrived. Why is he here? What is so important to him? What is so important to the whole DC2? The conspiracy continues here.

Powers, Inc. #6 (2006)

Powers, Inc.: Life During Wartimes.

Steel wakes up a new man in the first part of this story, and in the second, Prysm discovers her true identity among the stars, and everything falls apart for her new life as her father is betrayed!

Action Comics #17 (2007)

Action Comics: The Linear Man Is Our Only Hope.

Action Comics #18 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 1 (of 3): The Tide

Action Comics #13 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 1 (of 2): The Thing That Should Not Be...

Something's coming to Smallville, leaving a trail of corpses in its wake! Clark Kent enjoys some down time from his responsibilities with a game of catch, while Lois Lane has to babysit a new reporter at the Daily Planet... But what has the DEO got to do with all this?

Action Comics #14 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 2 (of 2): With Teeth!

Action Comics #19 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 2 (of 3): Shadow On the Sun

Action Comics Annual #2 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 3 (of 3): Burein Sukuracchi.

DC2 Special #2: World's Finest (2007)

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Batman #14 (2007)

Batman: Instinct.

The topside of Gotham City has been rebuilt over the past year thanks to Wayne Enterprises and their charitable efforts, but the sewers are another problem entirely... So when sewage workers are vanishing into the darkness, who does Batman think is the number one suspect?

Batman #15 (2007)

Batman: Masks, Part 1 (of 4).

Bruce Wayne is having a good day. Too bad he hasn't been in the Cave since he got in last night with Vicki Vale. Because when he

gets down there and logs on, he's going to discover the terrible fate that has befallen James Gordon. And he isn't going to be happy. Not by a long shot.

The Flash #21 (2007)

The Flash: Ride the Lightning.

Lightning strikes once more in the Twin Cities, and you won't believe the consequences!

Batman #17 (2007)

Batman: Hizzoner, The Joker!

The Question #4 (2007)

The Question: Sneaking Mission.

The conspiracy deepens as a new player enters the game, and the puppet-master reveals himself to one of the cast! With more from the Agents of the DEO, and two buddies from another book making an appearance, you won't want to miss this as this arc continues!

The Question #5 (2007)

The Question: The Double-Edged Sword.

The con is on as The Question and his superfriends infiltrate "Hell" and search for what they're looking for. But as they delve deeper and deeper into Area 15... They realize that something is terribly terribly wrong in this government run complex!

The Question #6 (2007)

The Question: Knocking on Heaven's Door.

Blind, defenseless, lost in the bowels of hell and at the mercy of a master of torture. The Question meets Dr Moon... And witness the return of four characters you'd never thought you'd see again, spinning out of The Question Quarterly...

The Flash #20 (2007)

The Flash: Random Flashes.

In one day, a man's world can be turned upside down. Barry Allen is about to have one of those days. And you won't believe the consequences...

The Question #7 (2007)

The Question: Here With Me.

An Extra Sized Finale Issue!

You've seen The Question taken to his lowest by Steel Hand, you've seen him in Arkham Asylum, you've seen him on the road and you've seen him tortured at the hands of Dr. Moon. Travis Clevenger and Bill Nodell find their way to Area 15, only to be confronted by a very powerful someone who doesn't have The Question's best intentions in mind, and inside "Hell" itself... People are dying... But by whose order? And what familiar face makes his "welcome" return to the world of the DC2? All these questions answered and more... Including the most important one asked! What is it? Who asked it? And why?

Wonder Woman #23 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of Champions.

Wonder Woman battles a close friend, and then is given another task by Athena! With the balance of the world at stake, the Greek Gods aren't the only ones who have noticed, and another champion joins the battle against the greatest threat to humanity since... Forever!

Nightwing #26 (2008)

Nightwing: Boy Hostage.

Nightwing is in deep when a confrontation with an old foe goes awry, and he ends up more than six feet under inside a metal casket in New York harbor!

Action Comics #28 (2008)

Action Comics: Family is Like...

Superman returns home to find his cousin Kara confused and bewildered, and she's not the only one! Lois and Clark a couple? Who is the NEW Clark Kent? Plus another family member finds Superman, and it's not a happy reunion!

Action Comics #29 (2008)

Action Comics: Sons & Daughters of Krypton.

After the shocking final moments of last issue, Superman faces the challenge of a lifetime, and a foe he never thought he'd meet in combat?

It's Father Vs Son across the world, as Jor-El battles his son for his subjugation of the Planet Earth...! You can probably guess Lex Luthor has had a hand in this!

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation #1 (2008)

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation: Invasion.

Our intrepid squad of heroes are on their way to Oa for the last stand against the Manhunters and their mysterious Grandmaster! Who is underneath the hood of the robotic killing machines master? What could possibly go wrong if the Green Lanterns go past Rann? What indeed...

Detective Comics #33 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Prologue.

A new creative team and a new direction!

Dick Grayson has adopted the mantle of the Bat and has to face all the evil that comes with it! Seeds are sown for months to come as Batman is stalked by an unseen foe, battles against the citizens of Gotham itself, and is targeted by a familiar team! Meanwhile, Harvey Bullock and the GCPD are drawn into a horrendous murder mystery, one that shakes Bullock to his very core!

Also featuring a back-up feature written by Charlie Wilkins & Samantha Chapman!

Detective Comics #34 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 1.

Lucius Fox returns to Wayne Manor and Dick Grayson makes a big decision about Gotham City! The Batman continues his nightly patrols, only to run into a little trouble, the kind offered by... The Suicide Squad!

Batman Vs the Suicide Squad! It begins here!

Detective Comics #35 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 2 of 3.

The calm before the storm. The Suicide Squad nearly had him, he wasn't prepared, and if Bruce was something, he was always prepared. So with Dick fighting for his life beneath the cowl of the Bat, he needs to rethink his approach. He needs to draw up battle plans. But when push comes to shove, will he really be able to defeat the Suicide Squad, even with a little help from his friends?

Detective Comics #36 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 3.

Batman, Batwoman, Blue Beetle and Robin vs. the Suicide Squad! As the Squad launch their attack during a Wayne Enterprises ball, nobody will come out on top! Be here for the extra-sized finale to this arc!

Wonder Woman #26 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Dead-Beat.

In the aftermath of her battle in the Underworld, Wonder Woman returns home to recuperate, but meanwhile, across the world, danger rises and chaos looms...

Wonder Woman #22 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of the Dead.

Wonder Woman faces the challenge of a lifetime on the first of three days that will shape her world for the months to come! Featuring the return of two DC2 villains, Wonder Woman is tasked by her patron Gods to take down a threat powerful enough to destroy even them!

Wonder Woman #24 (2008)

Wonder Woman: All Hope...

Wonder Woman descends into the Underworld, and as the world above waits with baited breath... Down below... Something rises!

Wonder Woman #25 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Era.

One tiny event can change everything, and for Wonder Woman, former princess of the Amazons and current defender of the dead isle of Themyscira, currently situated where New York used to thrive, that is a fact she knows too well. With the world in ruins due to something that happened in the world a century ago, during the modern age of superheroics, Wonder Woman is the last Amazon.

With a chance to change the world for the better... Will she take it?

Wonder Woman #27 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part One (of Two). Dreams haunt Wonder Woman that aren't hers, leading the Queen of the Amazons on a mission to save a lost soul, and battle a threat that she could never dream possible!

Wonder Woman #28 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part Two (of Two): Hands Bound. "She is coming!" he screams, and rightly so too, as Wonder Woman is hot on the heels of the someone, or something, that haunts the dreamscape of all of humanity.

Wonder Woman #29 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Twilight.

Twilight over Paradise Island. Beautiful dark blue skies streaked with orange and yellow, running together like an oil painting. The majority of the island slept. Doom's Doorway stood loomed on the outskirts of the city, the imposing mountain silent in the receding darkness of the coming morning, and the guards stood as vigilant as ever. None were expecting what would emerge from the twilight.

Wonder Woman #30 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Potential.

The Cheetah returns, and Wonder Woman must deal with the chaos rout! President Jeb Stewart visits Themyscira House, and so does the White King of Checkmate! That's right, Steve Trevor returns into Queen Diana's life, and the Gods take note!

Wonder Woman #31 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part One (of Three).

Things start falling apart. Donna Troy is haunted by dreams of her past, Diana is confronted by a shocking new destiny, Mt. Olympus suffers a crisis of its own, and Steve Trevor is not left untouched by the growing evil that spreads across the world. This is only the beginning...

Batman #34 (2009)

Batman: Don't Say a Word.

In this issue, Commissioner Gordon, Sergeant Bullock, Black Mask, Wildcat, Hush, Robin, Alfred Pennyworth and even

Batman! The mysterious bandaged man known as Hush strikes in Gotham, but what is he up to? And why does he have his sights set on James Gordon! Robin gets some training from one of the elite fighters of the DC2, and Batman can't catch a break... all that, plus who is the stranger that stalks the Narrows?

Batman #35 (2009)

Batman: The Big Heat.

Black Mask returns to the streets of Gotham City with a whole lot of darkness in his heart and a massive wanting to inflict pain on every single living person that walk the streets. Batman and Robin come face-to-face with the Grey Ghost, and discover the murderous vigilante's true identity... a man with ties to Bruce Wayne's dark past! All this, and The Dark Knight rises as the scarlet hooded girl and the big bad white wolf with his ruby red lips stalk the Narrows and circle the mysterious man into what could be his demise! Intrigued? All this, inside!

Batman #37 (2009)

Batman: When The Man-Bat Flies..."

A murderous villain stalks the Narrows, emulating Jack the Ripper! Is history repeating itself once more? The Dark Knight intends to find out, in his own imitable way! And meanwhile, an old foe resurfaces on a murderous rampage that the Batman will struggle to stop-- and you won't believe the final scene!

Detective Comics #39 (2009)

Detective Comics: What Are You Afraid Of?

Arkham Asylum has been replaced by a bigger, better institution, spearheaded by Wayne Enterprises. During the prisoner transfer, an old enemy escapes-- but in twenty minutes, what can one mad man do? A lot, it seems, as secrets and horrors from Jonathan Crane's past haunts Gotham City as a living embodiment of fear runs free!

Batman #39 (2009)

Batman: Surface Tension.

Jason Todd is Batman?! Dick Grayson is missing, presumed insane?! This issue, Black Mask makes a move against the city, prompting the new Batman and Robin team to launch an all out

offense on the Gotham Underground, all the while Hush and Constantine Drakon make their presence known in Gotham City, and while two "old" players appear on the scene, promising many nights of mayhem for the city of Gotham!

Batman #40 (2009)

Batman: Confinement.

Dick Grayson fights for his life against the villainous Nicholas Lucian, the devilish madman who holds him captive, all the while edging closer and closer to the darkness that consumes the city he vowed to protect! Batman comes faces-to-face with his arch-foe, and it's not who you think! Batwoman joins the search for the missing Dick Grayson, racing against time, unsure if he's even alive!

Green Lantern #20 (2009)

Green Lantern: Secret of the Star Sapphire.

Hal Jordan, Green Lantern of Sector 2814 faces a threat from the past as the Star Sapphire of the Zamorans barrels down on Earth, to test the Oan representative of Earth! It all begins here, as a new era for Green Lantern begins!

Batman #41 (2009)

Batman: Until Death.

Meet The Flesh-Monger. Meet The Prince of Lies, and his loyal aide-de-campe Milo Vesuvius. Meet the Gun-Moll. Meet Boss Synth. Meet the new breed of villainy that Gotham City must accept as her own-- even if she doesn't want to. How will a Batman and Robin team survive if they can't trust one another? And will Dick Grayson survive the night?

Green Lantern #21 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 1.

In the aftermath of last issue, Hal Jordan is pulled across the universe for a debriefing by the Guardians of the Universe-- and is briefed on the secret history of the Zamorans! All this, and Guy Gardner returns-- and he's not entirely himself...

Batman #42 (2009)

Batman: Fear of the Dark.

Beneath Gotham City, Batwoman, The Dark Knight, Robin and Batman are at the mercy of Brimstone and his cohorts Charaxes and Killer Croc! The torture of Dick Grayson comes to a head, Jason Todd and Barbara Gordon are exposed to a mind-altering substance that shifts their perceptions from sanity to madness, and all the while, a greater threat looms over Gotham City as the gangs move toward war!

Green Lantern #22 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 2.

All-out-war over Coast City's skies as Hal Jordan battles Guy Gardner, with the safety of the entire universe at stake! Chloe Sullivan returns, as these two ring-wielders slug it out, and you won't believe the events that unfold!

Green Lantern #23 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 3 (of 3).

One man heads to Oa, triumphant, whilst another finds himself trapped on Earth -- and the Green Lantern Corps shut down their home-base and issue a kill-on-sight order to ensure that they do not fall!

Wonder Woman #32 (2009)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part Two (of Three).

The pieces fall into place as Themyscira is besieged by the entire world, Donna Troy steps up and Zenobia follows, Athena's plan begins to unfold and Ares takes the fight to Kronus on Paradise Island! Diana's fate is revealed and Steve Trevor and Apollo begin their own counterattack, and below, in the Underworld, Persephone raises an army of the dead, and begins their march to the world above!

Wonder Woman #34 (2009)

Wonder Woman: The Good Old Days.

In the future, the world is a different place, all thanks to one woman. In the past... Wonder Woman faces a blast from the past, a long forgotten secret from The Apokolips Imperative!

Batman #46 (2010)

Batman: The Way Things Will Be.

Bruce Wayne is back, so what does that mean for Gotham city?
Jason Todd is about to find out.

Shazam! Special #1 (2010)
Shazam!: Sons of their Fathers.

Action Comics #47 (2010)
Action Comics: Heart Of Kryptonite, Soul On Fire.

Green Lantern #27 (2010)
Green Lantern, Love Lost, Part 2.
Hal Jordan takes his daughter and Chloe Sullivan to Rann, where the ringslinger teams up with Adam Strange to face some demons, and Chloe shares a heart-to-heart with Alanna. Meanwhile, people close to Hal Jordan are visited by a strange apparition, and not all of them make it out intact, and Guy Gardner pays a visit to Carol Ferris, who is still seeing visions of a dead man as plain as day!

Green Lantern #24 (2010)
Green Lantern: A Day Like Any Other.
Green Lantern 2814.2, Hank Henshaw, returns to Earth, and takes on all the duties of his partner, Hal Jordan, in the aftermath of Infect! But with Mongul prowling on the outer fringes of the solar system, and Coast City in his sights, how will one of the greatest, most talented Green Lanterns perform? The ultimate test for Hank Henshaw begins!

Green Lantern Annual #2 (2010)
Green Lantern Annual: The Rise and Fall of Sinestro.
Sinestro has been a presence since the earliest days of the DC2--infected with the LEGION virus, enraptured by Parallax, used and abused and made a pawn in a game he never wanted to play in. But what happens when Sinestro is freed from all the possessions and the mind control? What happens then? What happens when Sinestro roams the universe once more?

Green Lantern #25 (2010)
Green Lantern: Requiem.
Across the universe, chaos begins to unfurl. Mongul hurtles away from Earth, hoping to avoid the colossal rage that the Green

Lantern Corps is aiming to unleash, Hal Jordan and Guy Gardner at the forefront of the tidal wave of emerald might that wants the yellow-skinned intergalactic terrorist's head! Meanwhile, just because the world is looking one way, doesn't mean that the rest of the galaxy stops ticking over-- something is looming on the horizon, and it means nothing but trouble for the Corps and beyond!

Green Lantern #26 (2010)

Green Lantern: Love Lost.

Guy Gardner inducts John Stewart into the Green Lantern Corps, whilst Hal Jordan receives a phone call from an old flame-- Carol Ferris is back on the scene, and is she seeing things, or is an old face really back? Will this spell trouble for the burgeoning relationship between Hal and Chloe Sullivan?

Green Lantern #28 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Lost, Part Three (of Four).

One year later... and we're back. The story continues.

Green Lantern #29 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Hurts, Part Four (of Four).

Heroes live, heroes die.



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