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...INOPERABLE
CANCER AFTER
SPENDING FIFTY
YEARS LOCKED
UP IN THE MIDDLE
OF NOWHERE.

FEELS LIKE
I'VE BEEN HERE
FOR FIFTY YEARS.
I HATE THIS TOP-
SECRET HUSH-
HUSH CRAP.

CAN'T EVEN
TELL OUR WIVES
WHERE WE'RE
STATIONED.

SERIOUSLY.
I HAVEN'T
TOUCHED A
WOMAN IN THREE
MONTHS.



WHAT ABOUT
THE NEW TOXI-
COLOGIST THEY
SHIPPED IN?
I COULD STAND
UP AND SALUTE
FOR HER.

DON'T EVEN
THINK ABOUT IT.
YOU'RE FISHING
WITH THE WRONG
BAIT THERE, MY
MAN.



FIGURES.

HEY, YOUR
TURN TO
FILE THIS
TIME,
RIGHT?

NICE
TRY. I
DID IT
LAST
TIME.



AW
COME
ON...

...I
WANTED
TO WATCH
THE SUNS
GAME
TONIGHT.

KA-CHIK



FORGET
IT.

FINE,
I'LL WRITE
IT UP...

...YOU
GO TELL
THE BOSS.



OH
NO...

...NOT EVEN,
THE GEEK'S HIS
PET PROJECT
AND NOW HE'S
GONNA CROAK.

NO WAY
I'M GONNA
BE THE ONE
WHO BRINGS
THIS NEWS...



"...TO
GENERAL
GUNTHER."



HNN.
STORM
COMING.



HELLO,
GUNTHER.



YOU-
YOU CAN
TALK.

HOW DID
YOU GET OUT
OF THE LOCK-
DOWN?!

I COULD
HAVE DONE SO
ANY TIME I
WISHED. ALL
THESE YEARS,
I COULD HAVE
SIMPLY LEFT.

YOU DID
NOT KNOW
THAT, DID
YOU?

THEN
WHY DIDN'T
YOU?

BECAUSE THE
TIME YOU HAVE
KEPT ME HERE IS
NOTHING, NOT
IN TERMS OF
THE LIFESPAN
OF MY KIND.



I BELIEVED
YOU WOULD
EVENTUALLY TIRE
OF POKING MY
BODY AND PROBING
MY MIND. I
BELIEVED YOU
WOULD RELEASE
ME.

ALL THIS
WOULD HAVE
BEEN A FOR-
GOTTEN FRACTION
OF MY LIFE.

MY PATIENCE WAS
FOOLISH. YOUR BARBARIC
EXPERIMENTS HAVE
RAVAGED MY BODY WITH
DISEASE.

I, WHO
SHOULD LIVE
THOUSANDS MORE
OF YOUR YEARS,
WILL BE NO
MORE IN ONLY
A FEW MONTHS.

YOU
HAVE KILLED
ME.

IT'S NOT...IT
WASN'T PLANNED.
WE WERE ONLY
PROTECTING NATIONAL
SECURITY.

I FELL
TO YOUR WORLD
BY ACCIDENT.
I MEANT NO
HARM.



MINE IS A GENTLE RACE... UNLESS PROVOKED.

I CAN APPRECIATE YOUR POSITION. I CAN.

AND I'M NOT AN UNREASONABLE MAN. MAYBE IT'S TIME YOUR... STAY... HERE IS RECONSIDERED.

OR NOT.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU GOT OUT OF YOUR CAGE, FREAK, BUT YOU'RE TURNING AROUND AND GOING RIGHT BACK TO IT.

I'VE KEPT A LID ON YOU FOR FIVE DECADES. I'M NOT ABOUT TO HAVE YOU WIND UP ON OPRAH TELLING YOUR SORRY LITTLE STORY.

MOVE, OR YOU WON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HAVING A FEW MORE MONTHS TO LIVE.



I WILL DIE. BUT NOT YET. AND NOT ALONE.

WHAT'S... WHAT ARE YOU... DOING?

I FEEL YOUR EYES...

...INSIDE MY MIND...

...DON'T...

...PHHZ...

...DNNT MKK MM--

BLAM

END PROLOGUE

CHAPTER ONE

"COME ON, BABY..."



...GIVE WITH THE GOODS! YOU TOO, DAD, WATCH AND WALLET!

PLEASE, JUST DON'T HURT OUR SON!

HURRY IT UP, JOHNNY! WE NEED TO DO THIS FAST!

YA NEVER KNOW, HE COULD BE AROUND.



HOW MANY TIMES I GOTTA TELL YA? THAT GUY'S JUST A, WHATCHA CALL IT, A URBAN LEGEND.

HE AIN'T REAL HE DON'T...



...EXIST.

IT'S HIM!





NO...
...IT'S
THE OTHER
HIM.

PAIN & INK



GREEN LANTERN



RUN!

AW MAN, AW JEEZ...

WGGF!



GHNG!



THANK YOU! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!

YOU'RE NOT BATMAN?

NOPE, I WAS DOING THIS WHEN BATMAN WAS YOUR AGE.

YOU DON'T LOOK IT.



THANKS. LET'S GET YOU FOLKS HOME...

...THERE'S A STORM COMING.

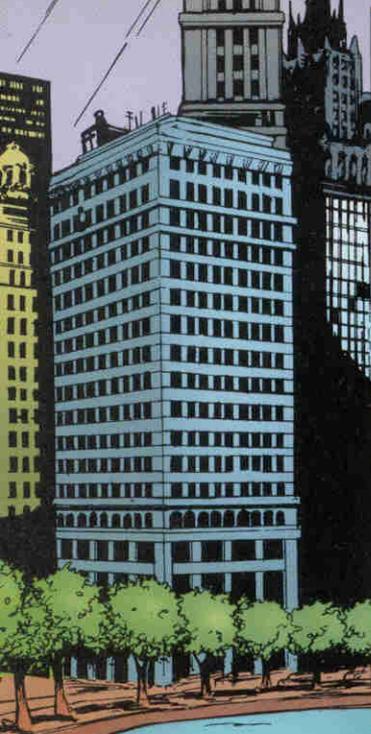


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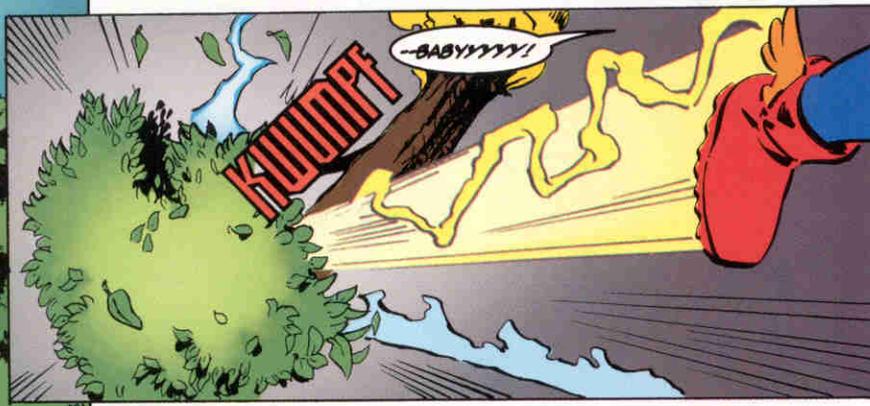


...MOMMY'LL GET US INSIDE BEFORE THE RAIN--

SKRAAAM



--NO!
SOMEBODY SAVE MY--



--BABYYYYY!

KWUMPT



The **FLASH**

AT YOUR SERVICE.

THANK GOD!
WE'D BE DEAD IF YOU HADN'T BEEN RIGHT THERE.

ACTUALLY, I WAS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF CENTRAL CITY, BUT I--





-NNGH

ARE... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?



YEAH. I'LL BE FINE. IT'S PASSING. IT ALWAYS DOES.



NOT THE FIRST TIME IT'S HAPPENED.

DOCTOR SAID IT'S... NOT WORTH WORRYING ABOUT.

REALLY.



LET'S GET YOU FOLKS HOME...



...THERE'S A STORM COMING.



...BUT THERE ARE THINGS TO BE DONE FIRST

YOU HELPED THEM KILL ME, YOU KNOW, YOU AND YOUR FRIEND.

WHAT HAPPENED FIFTY YEARS AGO WAS WRONG, BUT JAY AND I WERE NAIVE, WE THOUGHT WE WERE DOING THE R--

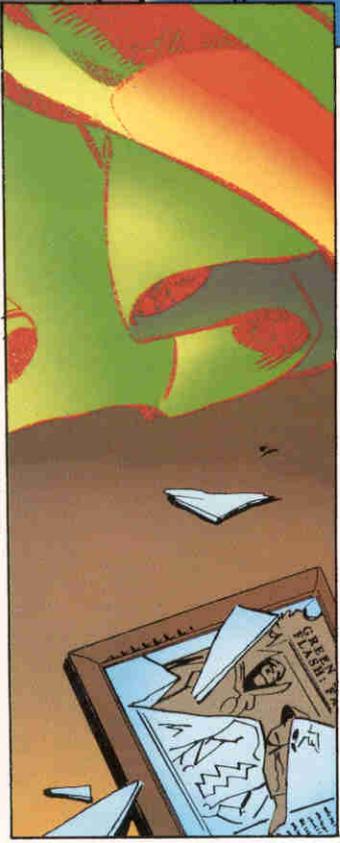


GYAH!



NOW...

...THE OTHER.





NF

MADE IT HOME IN ONE PIECE. BARELY.

LOOKS LIKE MAYBE I'M FINALLY GETTING TO THE END OF THIS RACE.



IT'S BEEN A GOOD RACE, THOUGH.



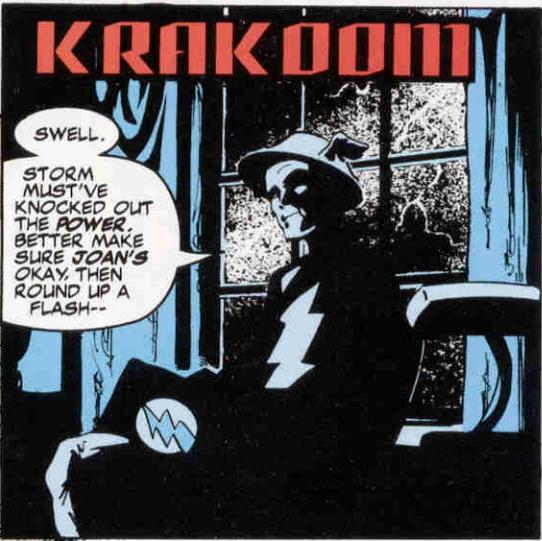
A FEW BUMPS ALONG THE WAY, BUT I'VE HAD A PRETTY FAIR CAREER.

THERE'S ONE I HAVEN'T THOUGHT ABOUT IN YEARS...



...THE FIRST TIME I EVER MET ALAN, HE LOOKED ABOUT AS HAPPY AS I DID WHEN THEY SNAPPED--

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KRAKOOOM!

SWELL.

STORM MUST'VE KNOCKED OUT THE POWER. BETTER MAKE SURE JOAN'S OKAY, THEN ROUND UP A FLASH--





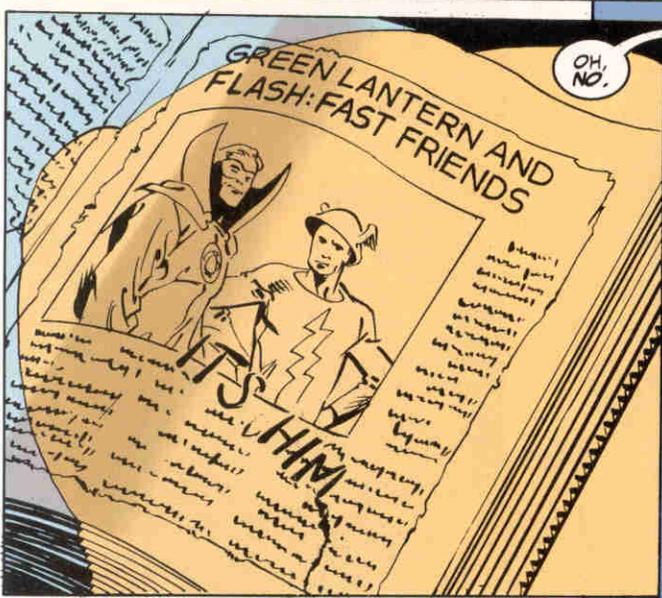
JAY?



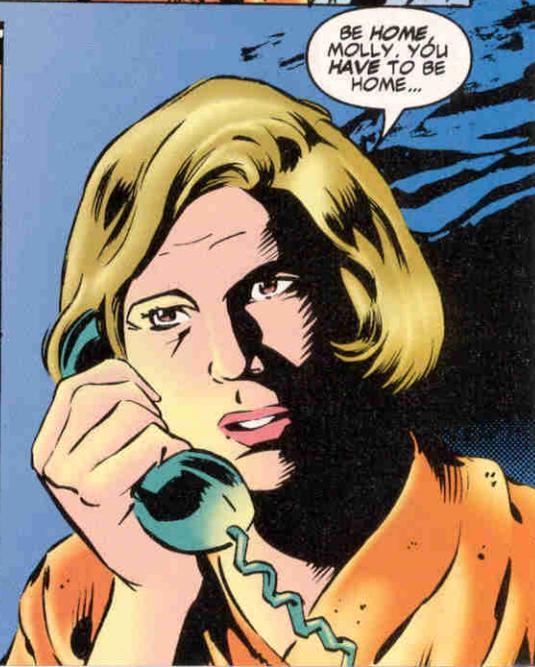
JAY, ARE YOU HOME? I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU COME IN AND THEN THE POWER WENT OUT AND I--



-OH.



OH, NO.



BE HOME MOLLY. YOU HAVE TO BE HOME...



ALAN?

WHY ARE YOU ROOTING AROUND DOWN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT? WHY DON'T YOU COME TO--



BRRRING



HELLO?

JOAN, HI. IT'S FUNNY YOU SHOULD BE--

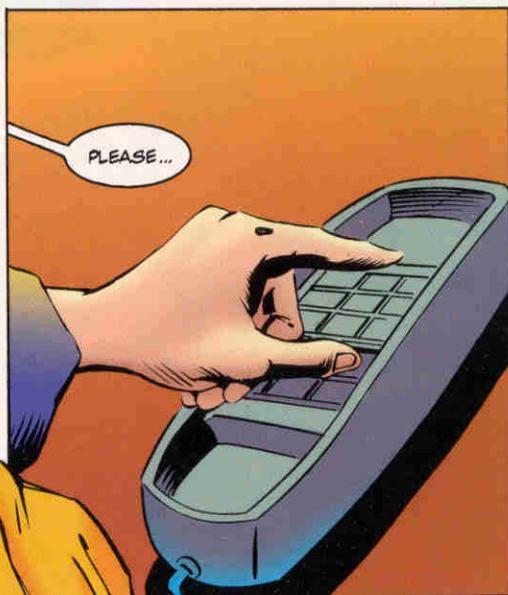
I... YES I FOUND IT TOO. THEN IT'S NOT A COINCIDENCE.

I KNOW, YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE. THIS TIME IT FEELS SERIOUS.



YES, I'LL DO THE SAME. AND JOAN? KEEP A GOOD THOUGHT.

'BYE.



PLEASE...

...PICK UP THE PHONE, KYLE.

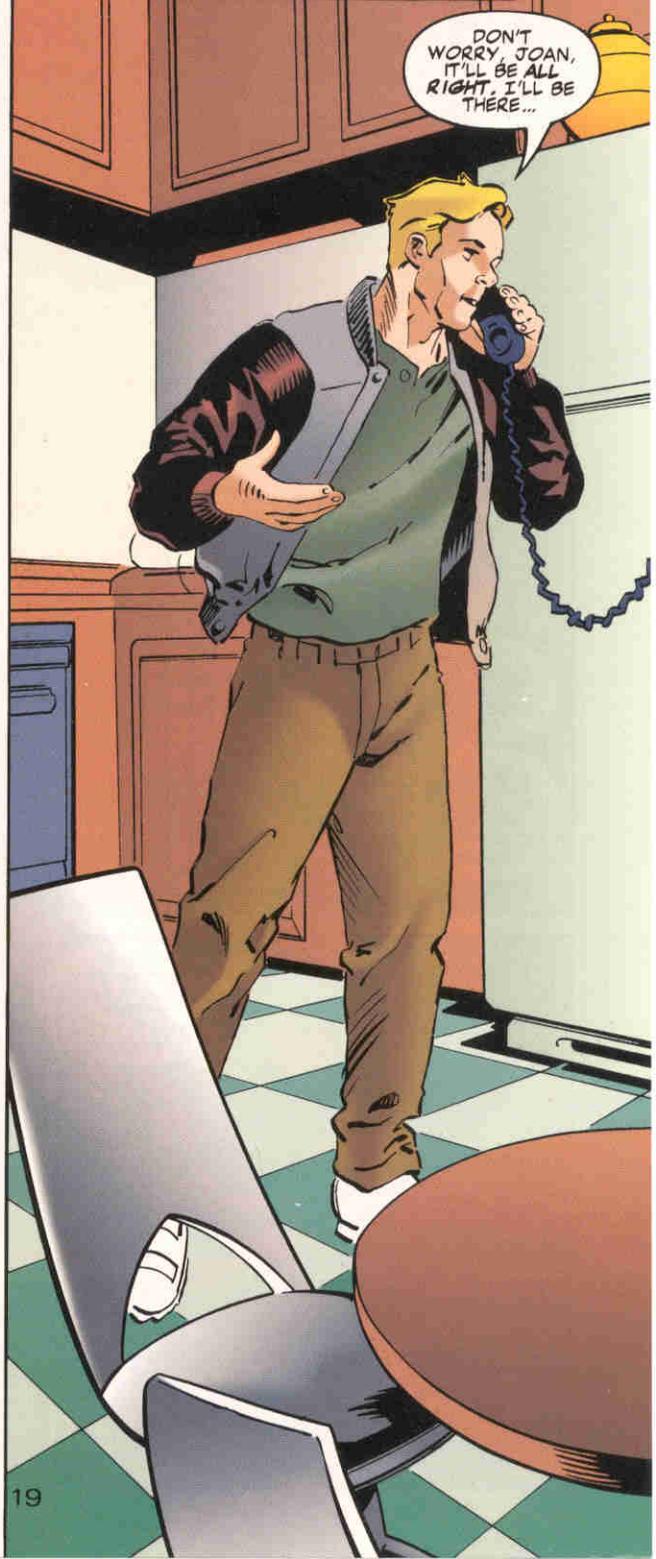


HELLO, WALLY? I'M AFRAID THERE'S... SOMETHING WRONG...



HELLO?

DON'T WORRY, JOAN, IT'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I'LL BE THERE...





...AS SOON AS I CAN.

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT HAPPENED TO JAY?

IT'S...

...I THINK IT'S...



...WALLY, IT'S BAD. I'M SO WORRIED ABOUT HIM.

IT'S GOING TO BE OKAY. THIS IS JAY WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

HE CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF. HE'S BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS.



THAT'S JUST IT, HE HAS BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS. AND I THINK TONIGHT IT CAME BACK TO HAUNT HIM.

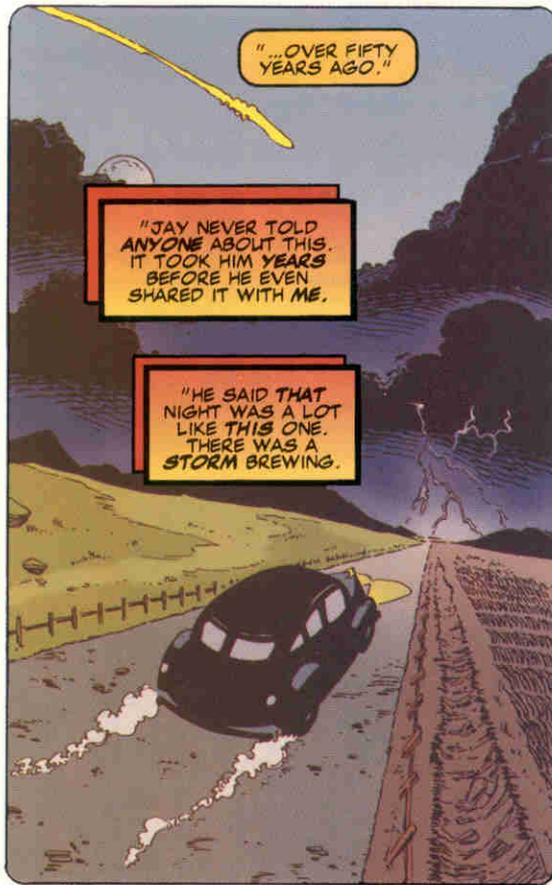
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?



YOU'D BETTER SIT DOWN, THERE'S A STORY I HAVE TO TELL YOU...



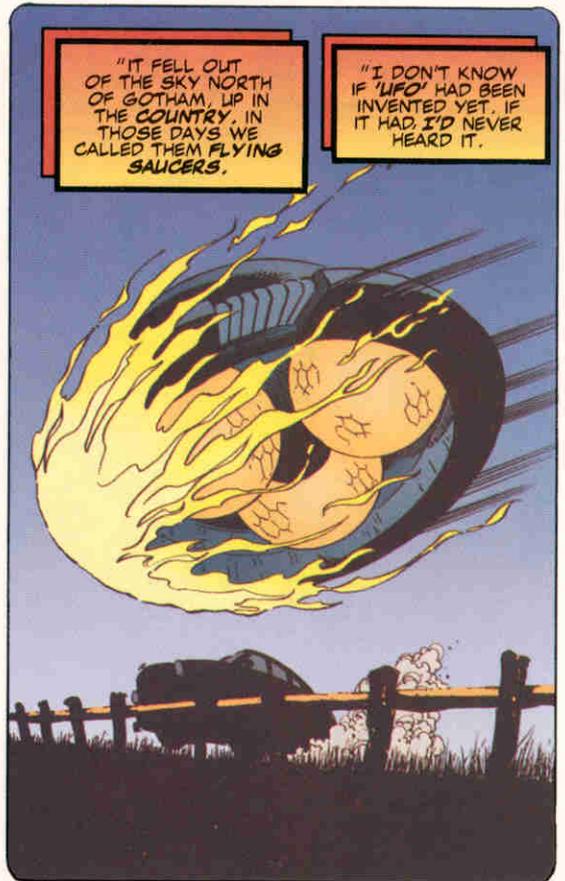
...AND I NEED TO START AT THE BEGINNING...



"...OVER FIFTY YEARS AGO."

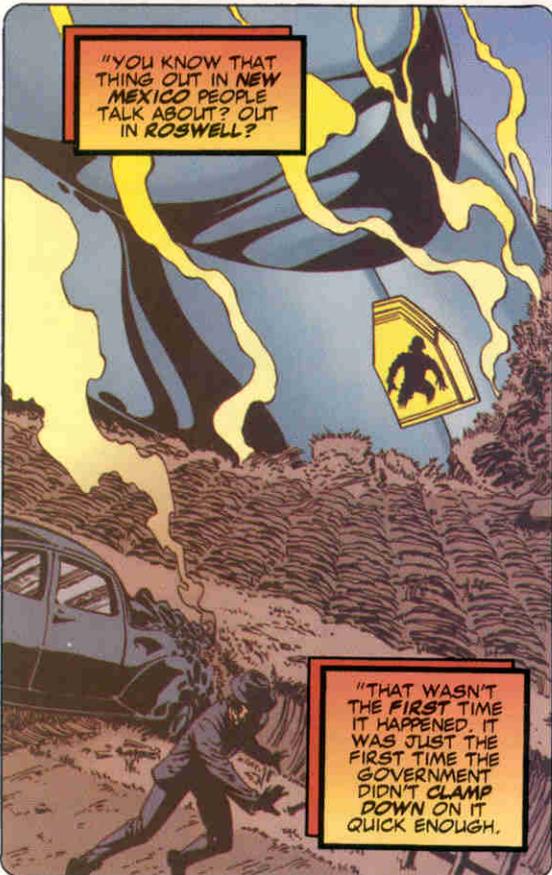
"JAY NEVER TOLD ANYONE ABOUT THIS. IT TOOK HIM YEARS BEFORE HE EVEN SHARED IT WITH ME."

"HE SAID THAT NIGHT WAS A LOT LIKE THIS ONE. THERE WAS A STORM BREWING."



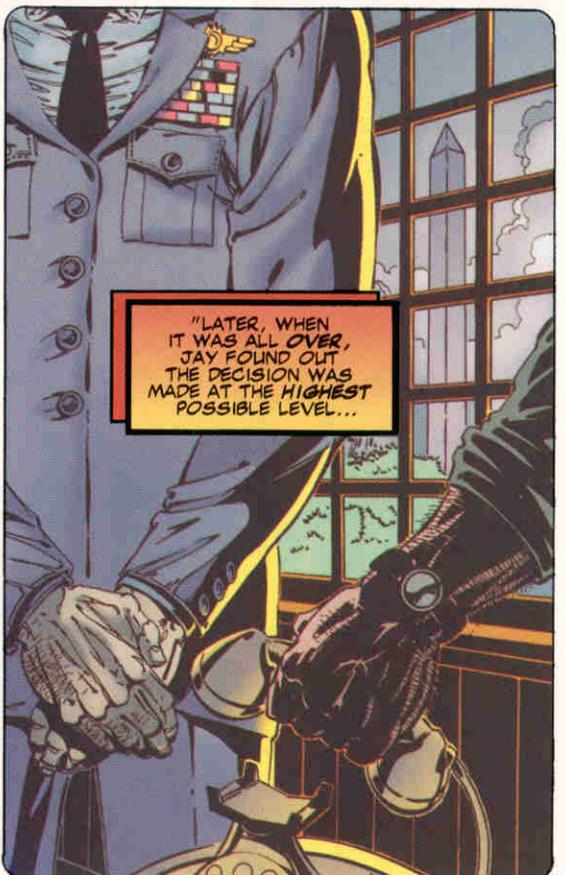
"IT FELL OUT OF THE SKY NORTH OF GOTHAM, UP IN THE COUNTRY. IN THOSE DAYS WE CALLED THEM FLYING SAUCERS."

"I DON'T KNOW IF 'LIFO' HAD BEEN INVENTED YET. IF IT HAD, I'D NEVER HEARD IT."



"YOU KNOW THAT THING OUT IN NEW MEXICO PEOPLE TALK ABOUT? OUT IN ROSWELL?"

"THAT WASN'T THE FIRST TIME IT HAPPENED. IT WAS JUST THE FIRST TIME THE GOVERNMENT DIDN'T CLAMP DOWN ON IT QUICK ENOUGH."



"LATER, WHEN IT WAS ALL OVER, JAY FOUND OUT THE DECISION WAS MADE AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL..."

"...AND THE DECISION WAS TO BRING IN JAY, ALONG WITH ALAN SCOTT, THE GREEN LANTERN."

"TRUTHFULLY, NEITHER ONE WAS VERY HAPPY ABOUT IT, MOSTLY BECAUSE BOTH OF THEM FELT THEY DIDN'T NEED ANY HELP."

"HEROES WERE A NEW THING THEN. THEY DIDN'T PAL AROUND TOGETHER. THEY DIDN'T 'TEAM UP.'"

"BUT NOW ALAN AND JAY WERE PRACTICALLY BEING FORCED. THE OFFICER IN CHARGE--HIS NAME WAS GLANTHER. JAY ALWAYS REMEMBERED HIS NAME-- WAS YOUNG, EAGER TO PROVE HIMSELF."

"HE TOLD JAY AND ALAN ABOUT THE SALICER THAT HAD CRASHED THE NIGHT BEFORE."



"HE TOLD THEM THE ALIEN REPRESENTED A THREAT TO AMERICA, TO NATIONAL SECURITY. HE TOLD THEM IT WAS THEIR PATRIOTIC DUTY."

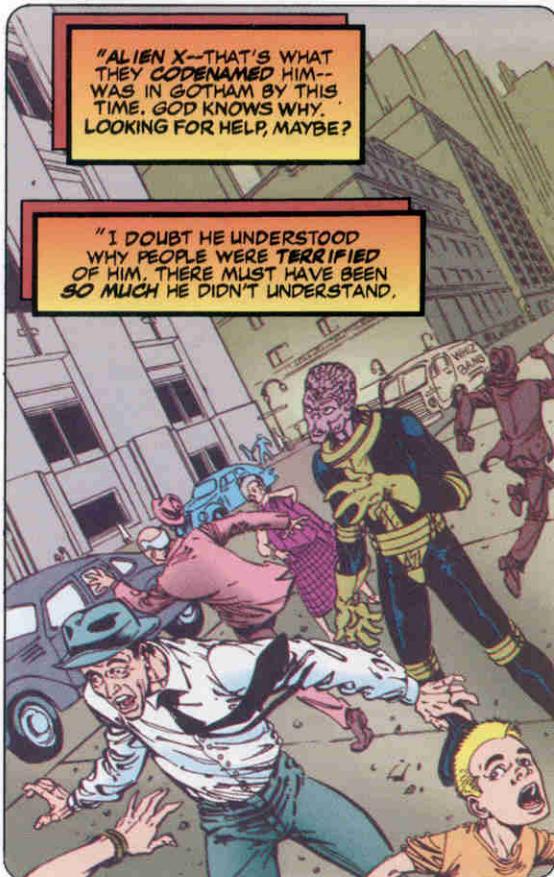
"MAYBE THIS IS HARD FOR YOU TO BELIEVE, WALLY, BUT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN AMERICANS TRUSTED THEIR GOVERNMENT."



"SO OFF THEY WENT, JAY AND ALAN, CONVINCED THEY WERE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY."

"ALIEN X--THAT'S WHAT THEY CODENAMED HIM-- WAS IN GOTHAM BY THIS TIME. GOD KNOWS WHY. LOOKING FOR HELP, MAYBE?"

"I DOUBT HE UNDERSTOOD WHY PEOPLE WERE TERRIFIED OF HIM. THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SO MUCH HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND."



"JAY AND ALAN WADED RIGHT IN. WHY NOT? THEY BELIEVED THEY WERE IN THE RIGHT."



"ALIEN X FOUGHT BACK, OF COURSE."



"WHAT ELSE WOULD HE DO? HE'D BEEN ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING."

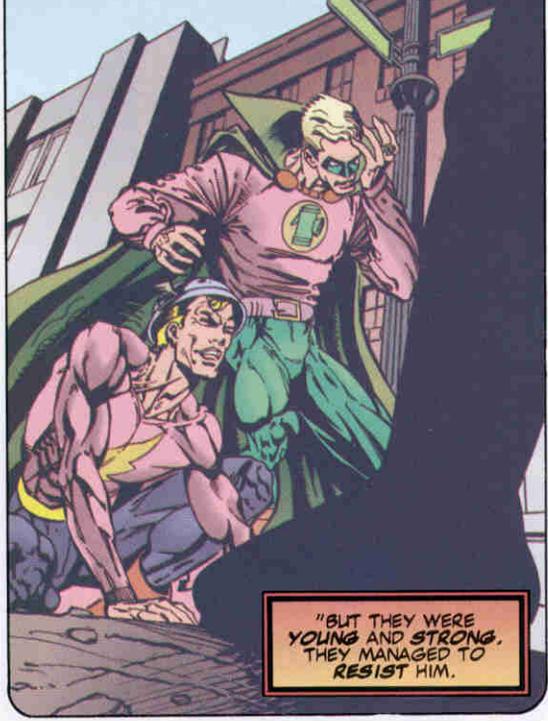


"HANG ON A MINUTE, MOLLY. THIS IS GOING ON IN THE MIDDLE OF GOTHAM? WHY DIDN'T THE NEWS EVER GET OUT?"

"IT WAS A MORE INNOCENT TIME, KYLE. PEOPLE SAW ALIEN X DEFENDING HIMSELF, BUT LATER THEY WERE TOLD IT WAS A MOVIE, A PUBLICITY STUNT..."

"...ANYTHING BUT THE TRUTH. AND THEY BELIEVED IT. YOU TRUSTED WHAT A MAN IN UNIFORM TOLD YOU."

"ALIEN X WAS...PSYCHIC, I GUESS YOU'D CALL IT. HE TRIED TO USE HIS MIND TO TAKE CONTROL OF ALAN AND JAY."



"BUT THEY WERE YOUNG AND STRONG. THEY MANAGED TO RESIST HIM."

"ALAN AND JAY BEGAN TO WORK TOGETHER INSTEAD OF COMPETING WITH ONE ANOTHER."



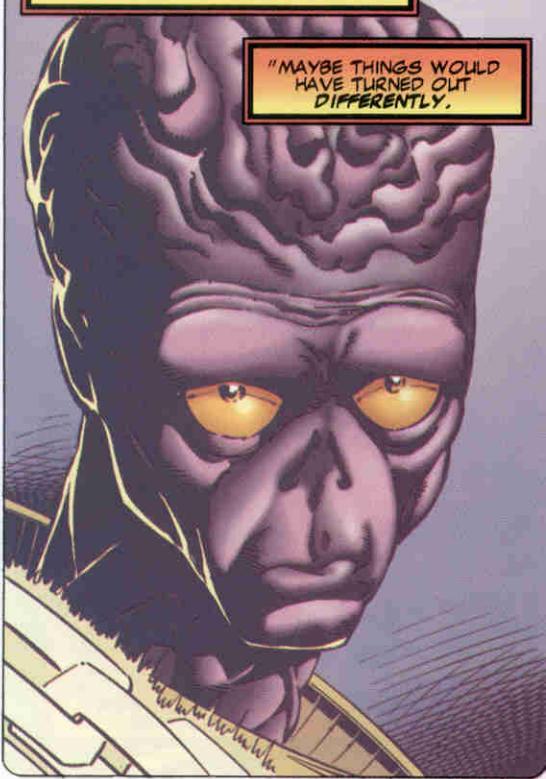
"THAT WAS REALLY THE START OF THEIR FRIENDSHIP. ONCE THEY'D LEARNED TO TRUST EACH OTHER..."

"...ALIEN X WAS NO MATCH FOR THEM. THEY CAPTURED HIM, CONVINCED THEY WERE DOING IT FOR GOD AND COUNTRY AND ALL THAT."



"IF THERE'D BEEN MORE TIME,
ALAN AND JAY MIGHT HAVE FOUND
A WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH
THE ALIEN.

"MAYBE THINGS WOULD
HAVE TURNED OUT
DIFFERENTLY.



"BUT GUNTHER
AND HIS TROOPS
MOVED IN LIKE
CONQUERING
HEROES. ALAN
AND JAY WERE
SUDDENLY
BYSTANDERS.



"THE MILITARY
DRAGGED AWAY
ALIEN X WITHOUT
SO MUCH AS A
THANK YOU TO
ALAN AND JAY.



"AND GUNTHER
MADE IT PRETTY
OBVIOUS NOW
THAT THEY'D
DONE THEIR JOB,
THEY WERE NO
LONGER
NEEDED.

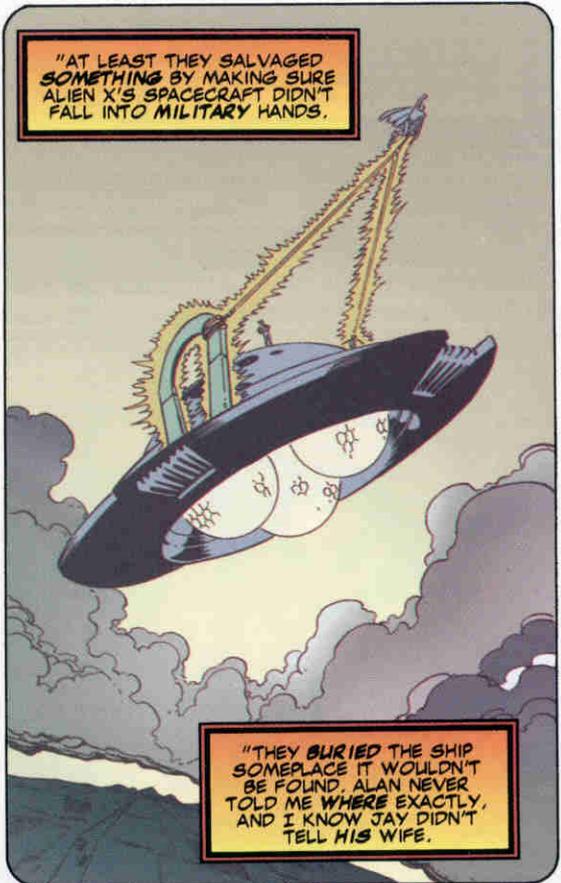
"OR
WANTED.

"ALAN AND JAY
HAD SIMPLY BEEN
USED. THIS INCIDENT'S
ONE OF THE REASONS
MOST HEROES NEVER
WORKED FOR THE
GOVERNMENT, EVEN
DURING THE WAR.

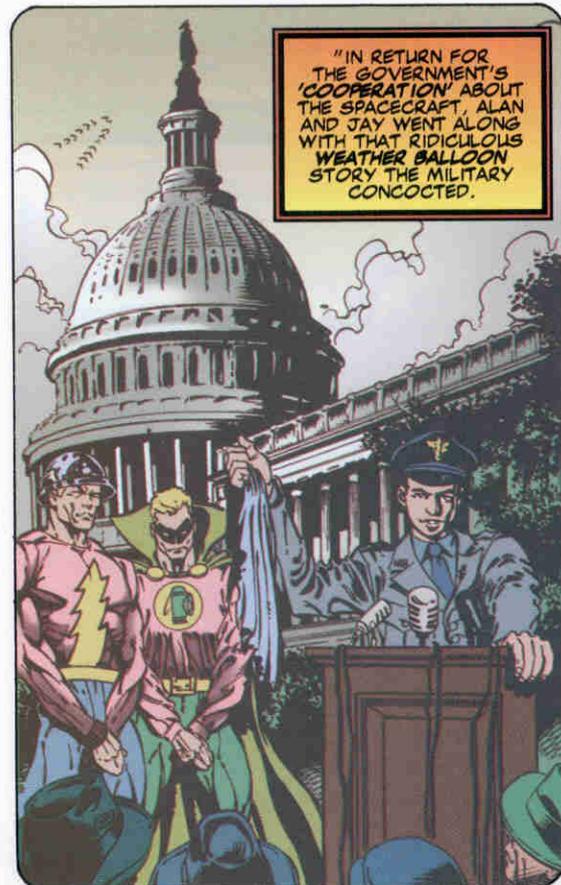




"ALAN AND JAY WERE ANGRY AT BEING TREATED LIKE PAWNS, AT NOT BEING ABLE TO SEE THE JOB THROUGH TO ITS END. THEY FELT BETRAYED."



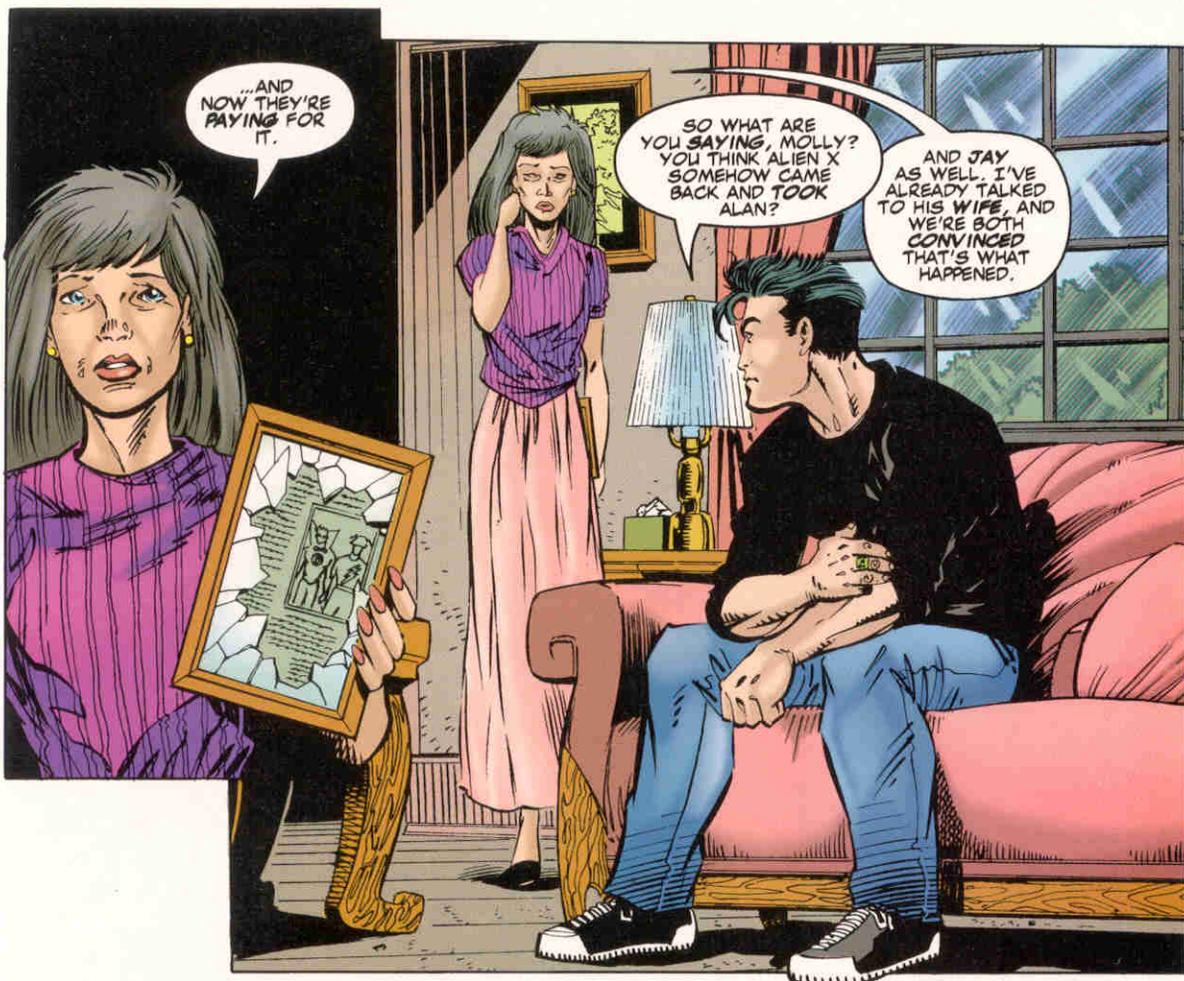
"THEY BURIED THE SHIP SOMEPLACE IT WOULDN'T BE FOUND. ALAN NEVER TOLD ME WHERE EXACTLY, AND I KNOW JAY DIDN'T TELL HIS WIFE."



"IN RETURN FOR THE GOVERNMENT'S 'COOPERATION' ABOUT THE SPACECRAFT, ALAN AND JAY WENT ALONG WITH THAT RIDICULOUS WEATHER BALLOON STORY THE MILITARY CONCOCTED."



"THEY READ THE SCRIPT AND POSED FOR THE PICTURES AND STAYED QUIET ALL THESE YEARS..."



...AND NOW THEY'RE PAYING FOR IT.

SO WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MOLLY? YOU THINK ALIEN X SOMEHOW CAME BACK AND TOOK ALAN?

AND JAY AS WELL. I'VE ALREADY TALKED TO HIS WIFE, AND WE'RE BOTH CONVINCED THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.



IT MAKES SENSE ALIEN X WANTS TO GET BACK TO HIS SHIP WHO KNOWS WHY.

JAY AND ALAN ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN LEAD HIM TO IT. ALL JOAN AND I HAVE EVER KNOWN IS A GENERAL DIRECTION -NORTH, SOMEWHERE IN THE ARCTIC.



YOU WON'T HAVE TO GO ALONE, KYLE...

...BUT WE'RE ASKING YOU TO FIND THEM. BRING ALAN AND JAY BACK SAFE.



COUNT ON IT.

CHAPTER TWO

SO THIS IS
WHAT SHE MEANT
BY NOT HAVING TO
DO IT ALONE.

WALLY WEST WOULDN'T
BE MY FIRST CHOICE FOR
A DOUBLE DATE, BUT IT'S
LIKE PEOPLE JUST EXPECT
US TO BE A TEAM.

 **GREEN
LANTERN**



...AND
THE FLASH

HE'S A SPEEDSTER,
MY RING CREATES
ANYTHING I CAN
THINK OF. OPPOSITE
ENDS OF THE SPEC-
TRUM, RIGHT?

TRUE, WALLY AND I ARE
IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE
TOGETHER. WE'RE STILL
NOT WHAT YOU'D CALL
CLOSE, THOUGH.

BUT I GUESS
I'M STUCK WITH
HIM.





OF COURSE...

...HE'S PROBABLY THINKING THE SAME THING ABOUT ME.



ALAN AND JAY, HAL JORDAN AND BARRY ALLEN. FLASHES AND GREEN LANTERNS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN BEST FRIENDS. UNTIL NOW.

FIRST TIME WE MET HE COMES ON LIKE "FATHER KNOWS BEST," TREATS ME LIKE I'M AN LITTER NOVICE.

WHICH WASN'T TOO FAR FROM THE TRUTH AT THE TIME, SO PROBABLY I CAME WITH AN ATTITUDE OF MY OWN.

I REMEMBER THINKING, WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM A GUY WHO, YOU KNOW, BASICALLY RUNS FAST.

I'M SURE I GAVE WALLY AS MUCH GRIEF AS I GOT. BY THE END OF IT ALL WE AT LEAST RESPECTED EACH OTHER...

...BUT THAT'S ABOUT IT.

SO HERE WE ARE AGAIN, AND THIS TIME WE'VE GOT ALAN AND JAY DEPENDING ON US.



THIS ISN'T WORKING.

HUH?

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

JUST WANDERING AROUND LIKE THIS LOOKING FOR THEM. IT'S NEEDLE IN A HAYSTACK.

EVEN IF JAY AND ALAN ARE IN PLAIN SIGHT, WE COULD BE SEARCHING FOR DAYS.

CAN'T YOU USE THAT THING AND FIND ALAN SOMEHOW? YOU FOUND HAL WHEN YOU NEEDED TO.

SORRY IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.

AT LEAST NOT THAT I KNOW OF.

I FOUND HAL WHEN THE SUN WENT OUT BECAUSE HE WAS PART OF THE SAME POWER SOURCE THAT SUPPLIES THE RING.



ALAN'S POWER COMES FROM A DIFFERENT PLACE ENTIRELY, MAYBE IF HE WAS ACTIVELY USING HIS POWER I'D HAVE A CHANCE...

...BUT RIGHT NOW THERE'S NOTHING. I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU'VE BEEN TALKING TO, BUT THIS THING'S NOT MAGIC, YOU KNOW.



WELL IT SURE SEEMED THAT WAY WHEN HAL HAD IT. AT LEAST HE KNEW HOW TO USE IT.



CUT ME SOME SLACK, WHY DON'T YOU? I HAVEN'T BEEN DOING THIS SINCE I WAS IN DIAPERS...

...LIKE SOME PEOPLE.

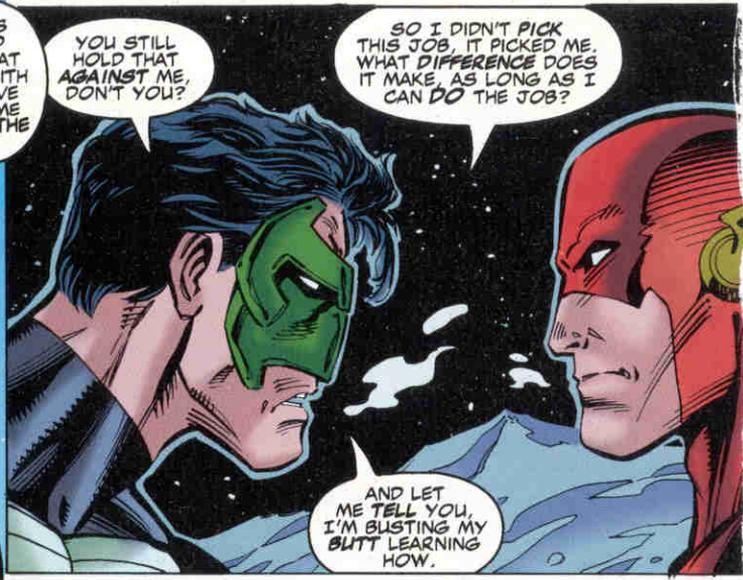
THAT'S RIGHT, I WAS A **SIDERICK**, I WAS A **TITAN**, I PAID MY DUES.

I EARNED THIS COSTUME AND EVERYTHING THAT GOES ALONG WITH IT. I DIDN'T HAVE IT HANDED TO ME LIKE I'D WON THE **LOTTERY**.

YOU STILL HOLD THAT AGAINST ME, DON'T YOU?

SO I DIDN'T PICK THIS JOB, IT PICKED ME. WHAT **DIFFERENCE** DOES IT MAKE, AS LONG AS I CAN DO THE JOB?

AND LET ME TELL YOU, I'M **BUSTING MY BUTT** LEARNING HOW.



THIS'LL GO FASTER IF WE **SPLIT UP**.

WHAT A **COINCIDENCE**, I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.

I'LL LET YOU KNOW IF I FIND SOMETHING.



THAT WENT WELL.

HAD A LOT TO DO WITH THE **FRUSTRATION** OF COMING UP EMPTY SO FAR, BUT STILL, IT JUST NEVER CHANGES BETWEEN US.

WALLY WILL COVER MORE **GROUND** THAN I WILL MY BEST CHANCE OF FINDING THEM...



...IS FOR ALAN TO USE HIS POWER.

NO...

...I WON'T DO IT.

I HAVE COMPELLED YOU TO LEAD ME HERE, TO THE HIDING PLACE OF MY SHIP, NOW YOU WILL USE YOUR POWER TO UNEARTH IT.

AND I SAID NO, NOT UNLESS YOU SWEAR TO US THAT ALL YOU WANT TO USE THE SHIP FOR IS LEAVING EARTH.

WE CAN'T EVER JUSTIFY WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO YOU, BUT WE CAN'T LET YOU TRY TO AVENGE IT EITHER.

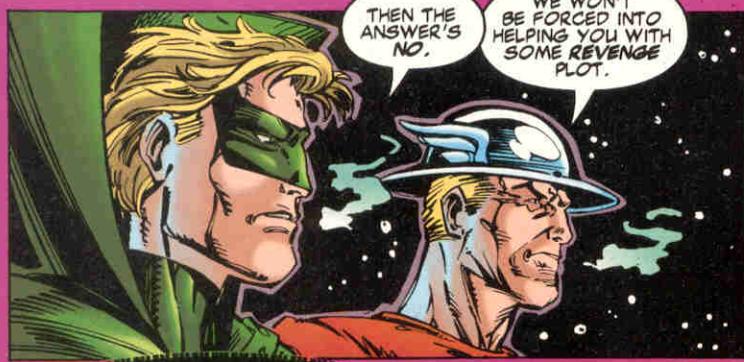


LEAVE EARTH? WHY?

I AM DEAD ALREADY, WHAT DOES IT MATTER WHERE I DIE?

THEN THE ANSWER'S NO.

WE WON'T BE FORCED INTO HELPING YOU WITH SOME REVENGE PLOT.



YOU ARE OLD MEN, EVEN YOU, ALAN SCOTT, WHO NOW WEAR A YOUNG BODY, HAVE AN OLD MAN'S MIND.

YOU DO NOT HAVE THE WILL TO RESIST AS YOU DID IN THE PAST, MY COMMANDS ARE YOUR ACTIONS.

ALAN?

IT'S NOT ME DOING IT, JAY, IT'S HIM...



...AND I CAN'T STOP MYSELF.







WAIT.

I'M GETTING SOMETHING. MAYBE ALAN IS USING HIS POWER...

...AND I ACTUALLY CAN PICK IT UP.

COME ON, CONCENTRATE. TRACK HIM BEFORE IT'S GONE.

HATE TO ADMIT IT, BUT THAT JERK IN THE RED SUIT HAD THE RIGHT IDEA. ALAN'S ENERGY SIGNATURE ISN'T THE SAME, BUT IT'S AT LEAST IN THE BALLPARK.



CONCENTRATE. SHUT EVERYTHING ELSE OUT...

...PINPOINT HIM...

GOT 'IM!



MAN, SPEEDYBOY'S GONNA BE BURNED WHEN I LET HIM KNOW I'M THE ONE WHO...

...HEY, WHERE'D THE RUG COME FROM?



OH.

ONE OF THOSE BEARSKIN RUGS...

...WITH THE BEAR STILL IN IT.

=OOPS=

RRRRRRRRRR

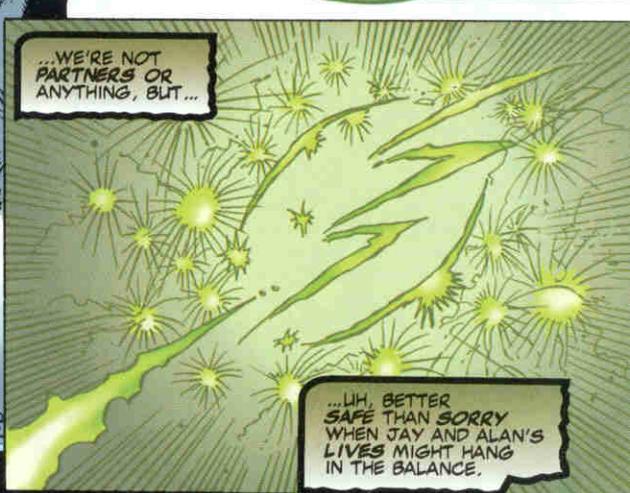
HEH.
MY, WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE.

WON'T WALLY LOOK SMUG WHEN HE FINDS OUT I WOUND UP AS POLAR BEAR FOOD.

I WON'T GIVE HIM THE SATISFACTION.

OR LET DOWN JAY AND ALAN.

I THINK YOU NEED TO BE REMINDED...



...TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

CHAPTER THREE

CHICK **VINEET**

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO?

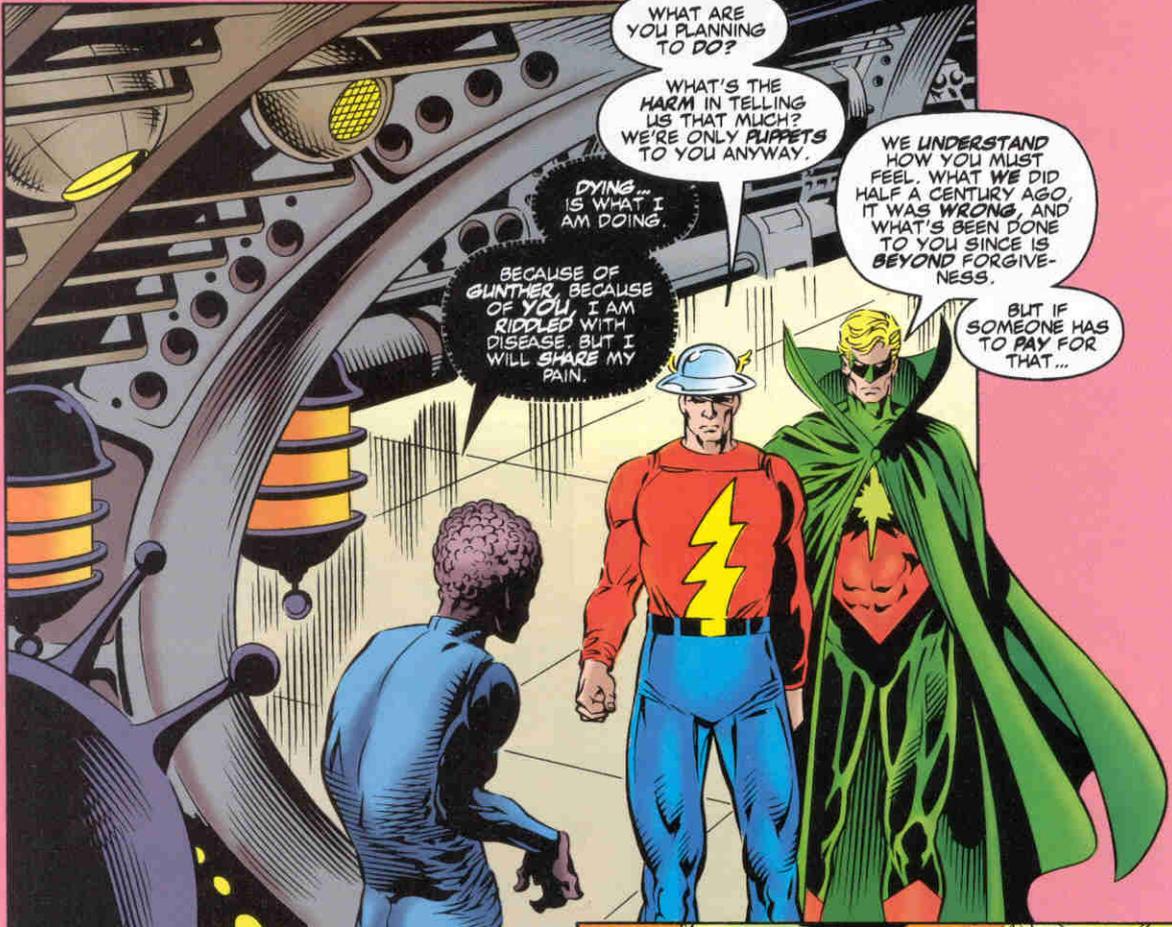
WHAT'S THE HARM IN TELLING US THAT MUCH? WE'RE ONLY PUPPETS TO YOU ANYWAY.

WE UNDERSTAND HOW YOU MUST FEEL. WHAT WE DID HALF A CENTURY AGO, IT WAS WRONG, AND WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO YOU SINCE IS BEYOND FORGIVENESS.

BUT IF SOMEONE HAS TO PAY FOR THAT...

DYING... IS WHAT I AM DOING.

BECAUSE OF GUNTHER, BECAUSE OF YOU, I AM RIDDLED WITH DISEASE. BUT I WILL SHARE MY PAIN.



...LET IT BE US.

NO INNOCENTS NEED TO BE HURT.



INNOCENTS. WHAT WOULD THIS WORLD KNOW OF INNOCENCE, WHEN IT--



...WHAT?

KRA-CHUNG



HI.
WE LET OURSELVES IN.

AT LEAST WE ALWAYS SEEM TO AGREE WHEN IT GETS TO THIS POINT.

CAVALRY TO THE RESCUE. I'M SEEING WALLY IN THE CORPORAL AGARN ROLE...

...WHICH WOULD MAKE ME...

...UM, YOU KNOW, THAT OTHER GUY, FORREST TUCKER.



DON'T BOTHER TO GET UP.





SO THAT'S ALIEN X. DOESN'T LOOK TOO SCARY. AND LET'S FACE IT...

...THERE'S ONLY ONE OF HIM.



NO...

...THERE ARE THREE.



PLEASE DON'T MAKE US...



FORGIVE US, KYLE.

WE'VE TRIED TO RESIST...

...IT'S NO GOOD.

AAH!

UFF!

HE MUST BE IN ALAN AND JAY'S MINDS, FORCING THEM TO DO THIS.



BUT KNOWING THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT ANY EASIER TO FIGHT THEM. I DON'T WANT TO RISK HURTING ALAN...



STOP THIS, ALIEN X!



...JUST AS MUCH AS WALLY DOESN'T WANT TO RISK HURTING JAY.

YOU HAVE TO...
...TAKE US DOWN, WALLY...

WHUP WHUP WHUP WHUP



AND THE REAL QUESTION IS, WHAT'S HE UP TO WHILE WE'RE BEING KEPT OCCUPIED?



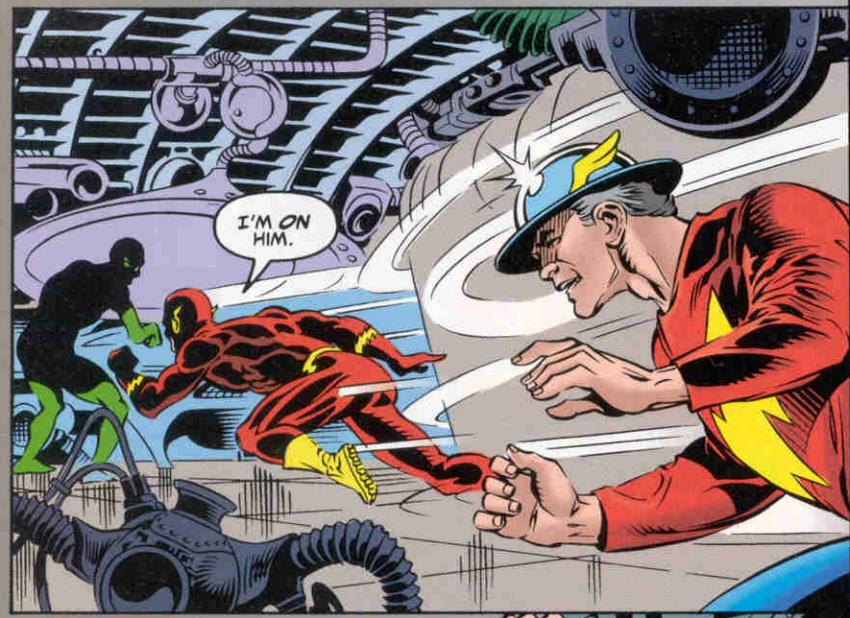
GO FOR THE ALIEN!
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AT WAR WITH HIM, NOT ALAN AND JAY!



KYLE!

WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO HERE?!





I'M ON HIM.



HE WON'T LET YOU GET CLOSE, WALLY.



HE WON'T LET US LET YOU GET CLOSE.

YOU CAN'T KEEP TREATING US WITH KID GLOVES. DON'T WORRY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO ME OR ALAN.

WE MADE A HORRIBLE MISTAKE A LONG TIME AGO. WE DESERVE TO PAY FOR IT...

THRUUUR



...SO DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO.

JUST MAKE SURE ALIEN X DOESN'T CARRY OUT HIS PLANS. THAT'S ALL THAT'S IMPORTANT.



KA-KUR



I'VE NEVER EVEN MET YOU BEFORE, JAY, AND IT'S GOT TO BE LIKE THIS!

I'M SORRY.

JAY!

HNF!

WHUMP

AHHGH!

JAY?

MY GOD, WHAT'D HE DO TO HIM?!

JAY NEEDS HELP ALAN, I HAVE TO GET TO HIM...

...AND I CAN'T HAVE YOU TRYING TO GET IN MY WAY.

WHRRRRRRR

GNF!

JAY, PLEASE, I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO--

NOT...
...YOU...



ONE SIDE, KYLE!

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH ALREADY!

NOT HIS FAULT... WALLY. IT'S JUST...

...IT'LL PASS. ALWAYS HAS BEFORE...



AT LEAST THE PAIN HELPED ME... BREAK CONTROL...

... DOESN'T MATTER, THOUGH. NOTHING... MATTERS... NOT ME...

...NOT ALAN... ONLY... HIM...

...ONLY STOPPING HIM...



...LET'S GO.

RIGHT BEHIND YOU.



BE A TEAM...

...LIKE ALAN AND I WERE...

...LIKE THE OLD DAYS...



WHATEVER IT IS YOU'RE DOING YOU'RE DONE.

NOT YET...



WELL?

YOU HEARD THE MAN...



"TWO MORE TASKS BEFORE I'M DONE."

WHAT'S THIS?!

HELL, I DUNNO, JUST GRAB THE GEEK!



HFF!

WHAT'D YOU JUST DO?!



ANSWER US!

THE HEADSET THE WIRES, WHY? YOU LAUNCH SOME KIND OF BOMB OR DEATH RAY OR SOMETHING?



A MESSAGE.

I SIMPLY SENT A MESSAGE INTO SPACE, A KIND OF...

...INVITATION.





ONE FINAL TASK, YOUR KIND FORCED THE DISEASE UPON ME...

...BUT I CAN AT LEAST HAVE THE DIGNITY OF CHOOSING THE TIME AND PLACE OF MY END.

GAAAH!

MIND BLAST!



AND I CHOSE HERE...
...AND NOW.

TEK TEK KLIK



THAT MUST'VE TRIGGERED A SELF-DESTRUCT! HOW DO WE STOP IT?

FORGET IT, WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW HE STARTED IT. LET'S DO WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO...

...GET JAY AND ALAN TO SAFETY.



YOU GET THEM OUT, I'LL GET HIM.

WHAT?!

THIS THING'S GONNA BLOW, HE WANTS TO GO WITH IT!



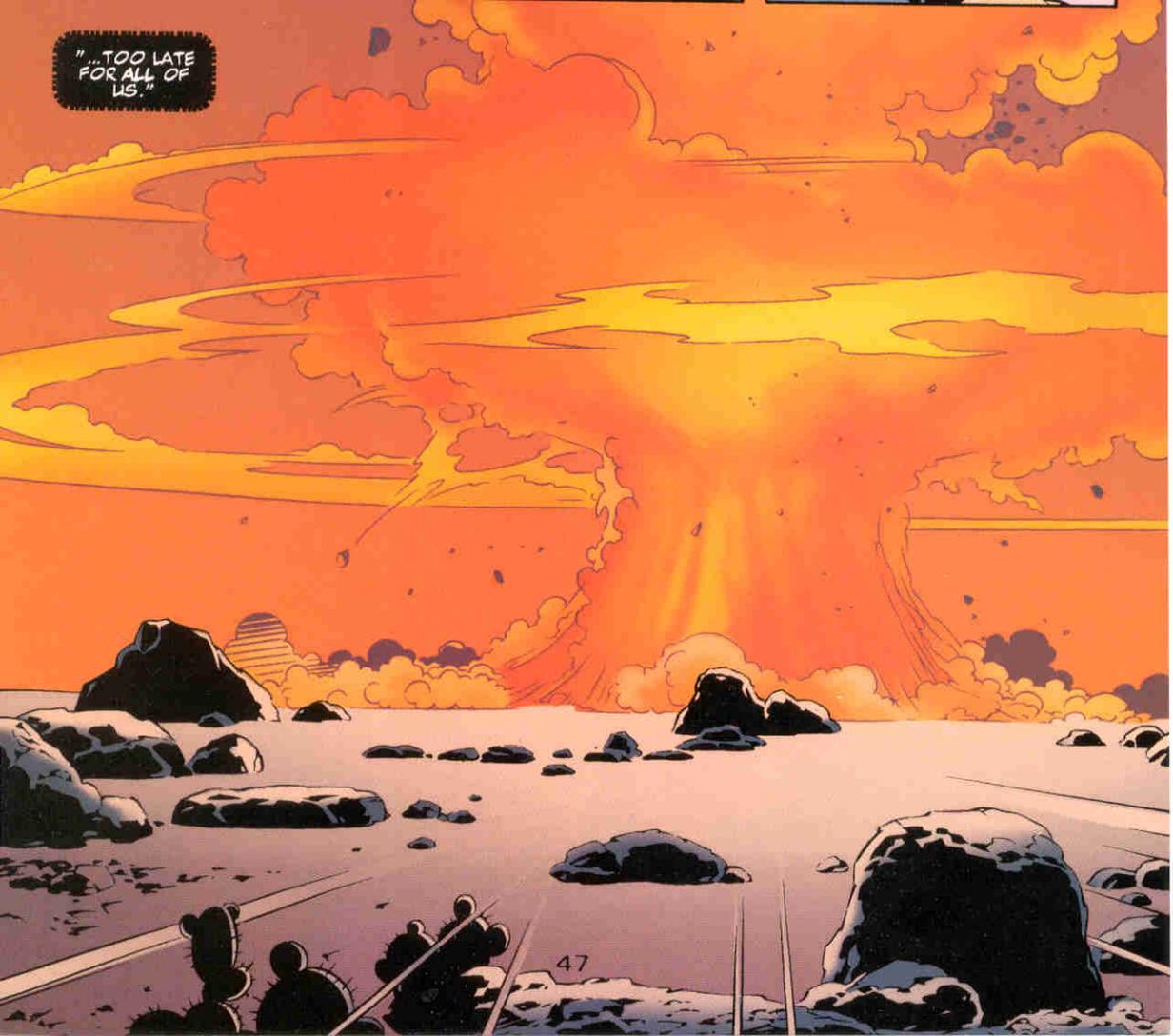
JUST MOVE, WALLY!

HOPES YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

YEAH...



"...TOO LATE FOR ALL OF US."

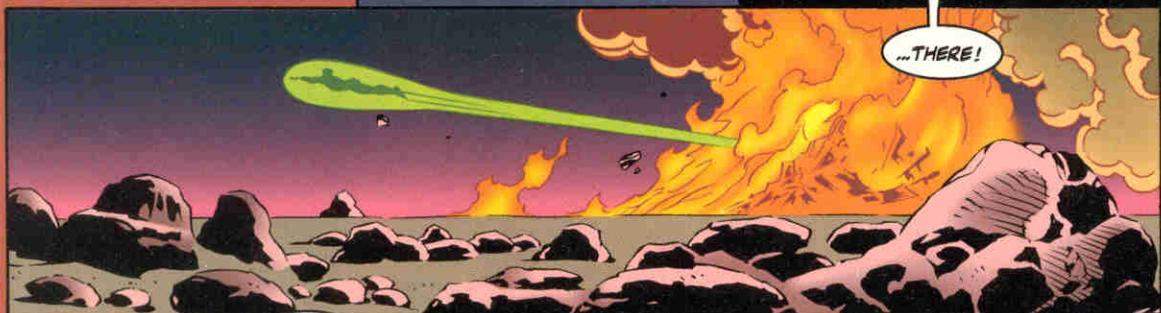




HE...

...HE DIDN'T MAKE IT OUT.

WAIT...



...THERE!



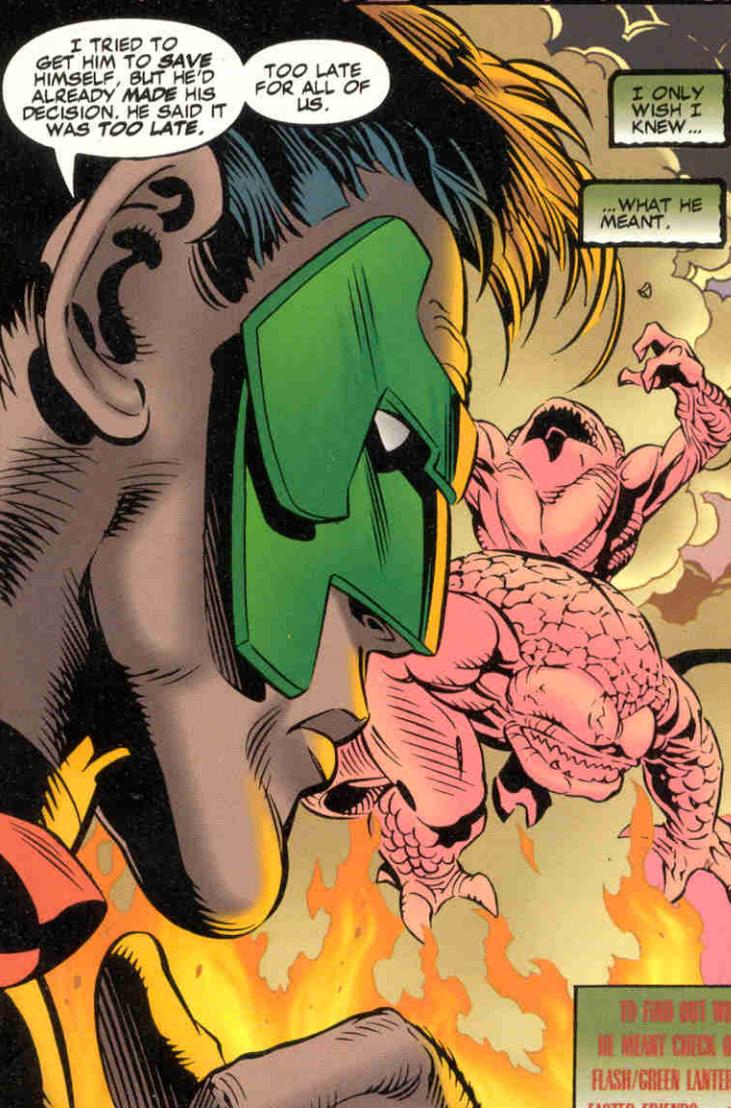
KYLE!

JEEZ, WALLY, DIDN'T KNOW YOU CARED.

HOW ARE YOU, JAY?

BETTER. IT ALWAYS GETS BETTER.

WHAT HAPPENED IN THERE?



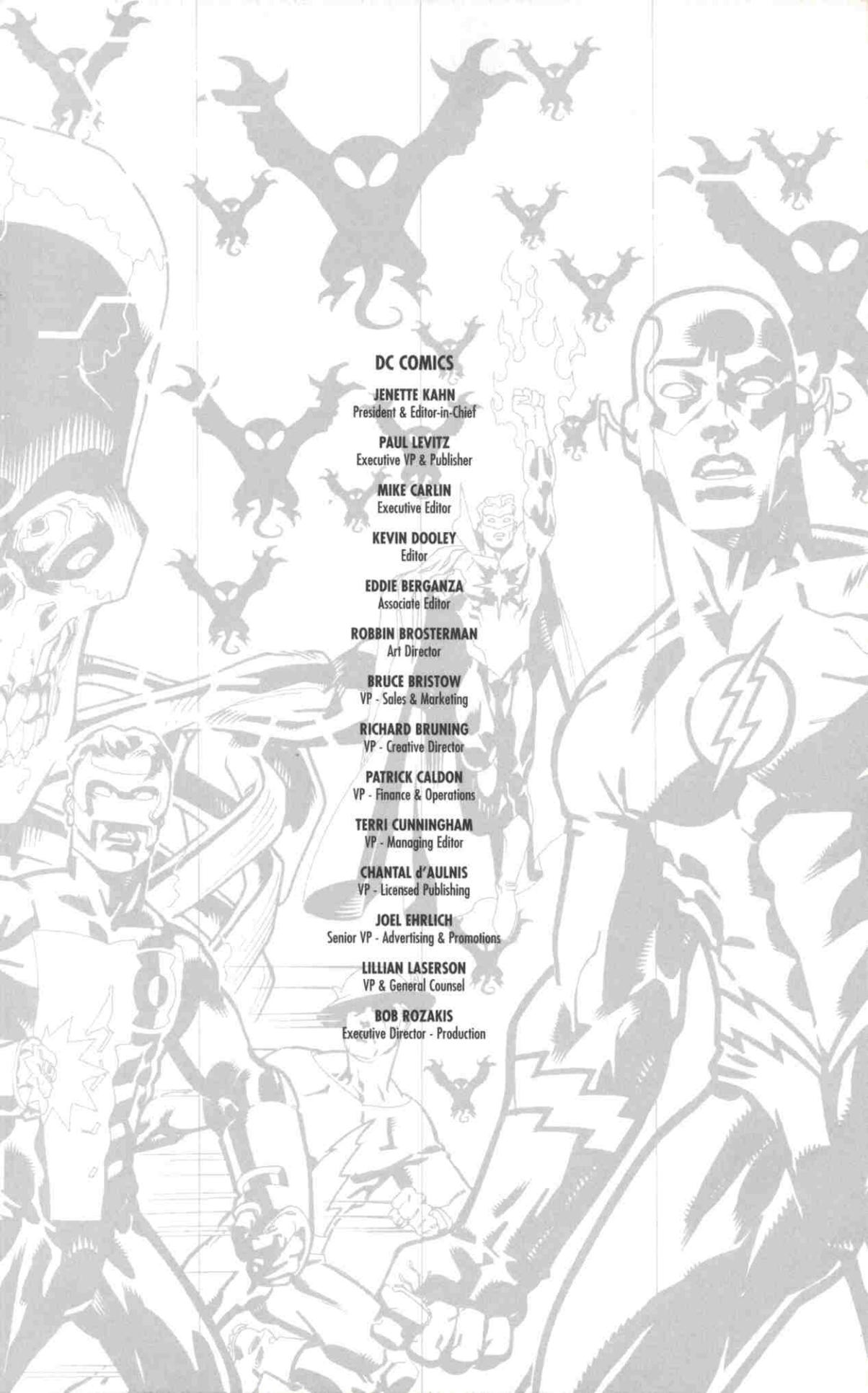
I TRIED TO GET HIM TO SAVE HIMSELF, BUT HE'D ALREADY MADE HIS DECISION. HE SAID IT WAS TOO LATE.

TOO LATE FOR ALL OF US.

I ONLY WISH I KNEW...

...WHAT HE MEANT.

TO FIND OUT WHAT HE MEANT CHECK OUT FLASH/GREEN LANTERN: FASTER FRIENDS part 2



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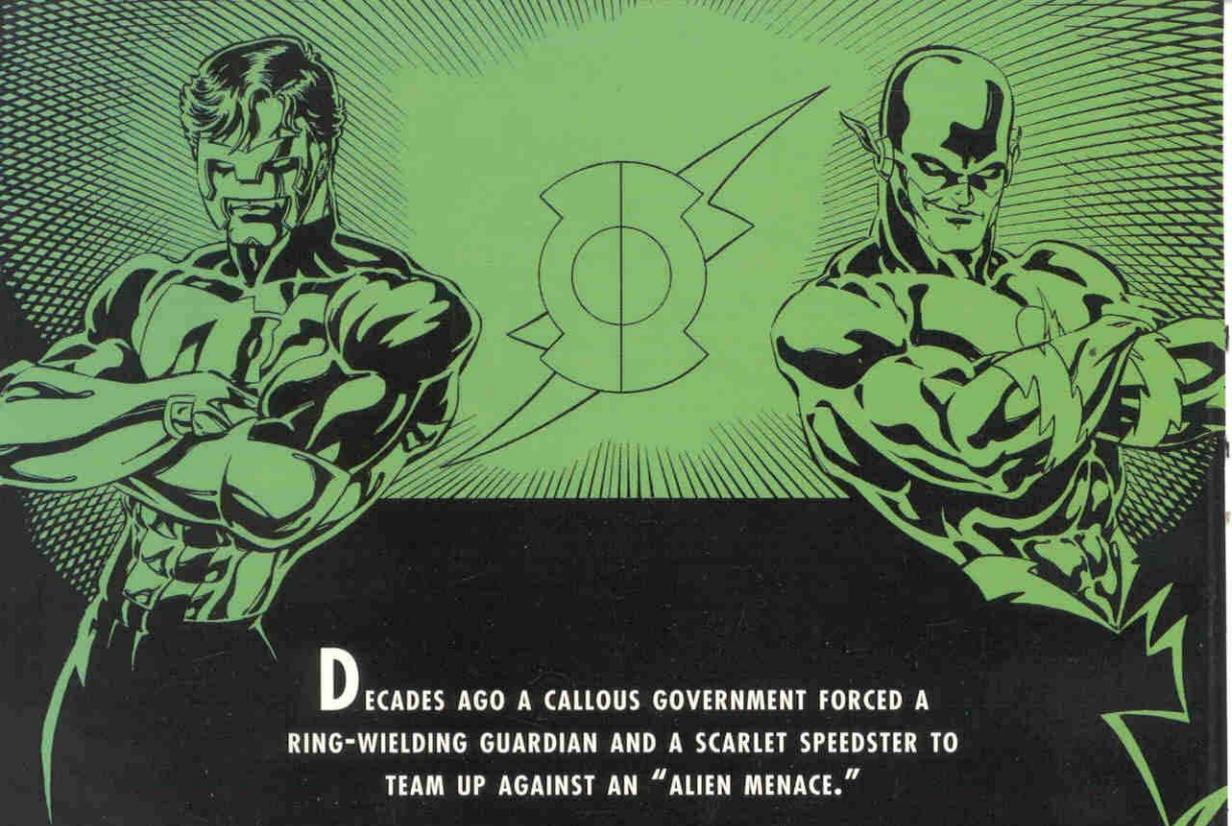
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IF THEY CAN ONLY GET ALONG FOR FIVE MINUTES.

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