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THERE WAS
DARKNESS.

THEN THERE
WAS LIGHT.

AND THE WAR
BETWEEN THEM
BEGAN.

WHEN A DYING ALIEN GAVE
ME A RING OF GREEN WILL
POWER, IT BECAME MY JOB
TO BRIGHTEN THE BLACKEST
CORNERS OF SPACE.

RECENTLY, THAT'S
GOTTEN A LITTLE MORE
COMPLICATED.

I WAS A KID WHEN I
LEARNED ABOUT THE
SPECTRUM OF COLORS.

ANYONE OVER THE AGE
OF THREE KNOWS IT.

R.O.Y.G.B.I.V.

I DIDN'T PAY
ATTENTION TO IT.
I WAS NEVER AN
ARTIST.

I WAS JUST A GUY
TRYING TO PROVE HE
WASN'T AFRAID.

OF ANYTHING.

OR
ANYONE.



MY NAME IS
HAL JORDAN.

I'M AN OFFICER OF
THE GREEN LANTERN
CORPS. SPACE
SECTOR 2814.

NO MATTER HOW
BRIGHTLY I SHINE MY
LIGHT TODAY, THE
SHADOWS WON'T
BE LIFTED.

BLACKEST NIGHT

Death Becomes US



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CAPTAIN HAL "HIGHBALL" JORDAN WAS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT AN INTERGALACTIC POLICE FORCE CREATED BY THE OLDEST BEINGS IN EXISTENCE -- THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE. PROTECTING EARTH AND ALL OF SPACE SECTOR 2814 FROM EVERY EXTRATERRESTRIAL THREAT IMAGINABLE, HAL JORDAN SHINES HIS LIGHT PROUDLY AS THE **GREEN LANTERN**

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BRUCE
WAYNE...

...BATMAN...

I'M NOT THREATENING
YOU, JORDAN, I'M
TELLING YOU--

-- THE NEXT TIME YOU
GIVE AWAY MY POSITION,
GLOWING LIKE A DAMN
LIGHTNING BUG--

--I'M GOING TO
PUT THAT RING
WHERE IT WON'T
SHINE.

IT'S NOT MY FAULT
HIDING IN THE
SHADOWS IS YOUR
ONLY "SUPER-
POWER."

ANOTHER
REASON I
PREFER
BEING UNDER-
WATER.

LESS
SHOUTING.

...BATMAN
IS DEAD.

FLASH

HAL.



I CAN'T
STAY LONG.

IT'S O--



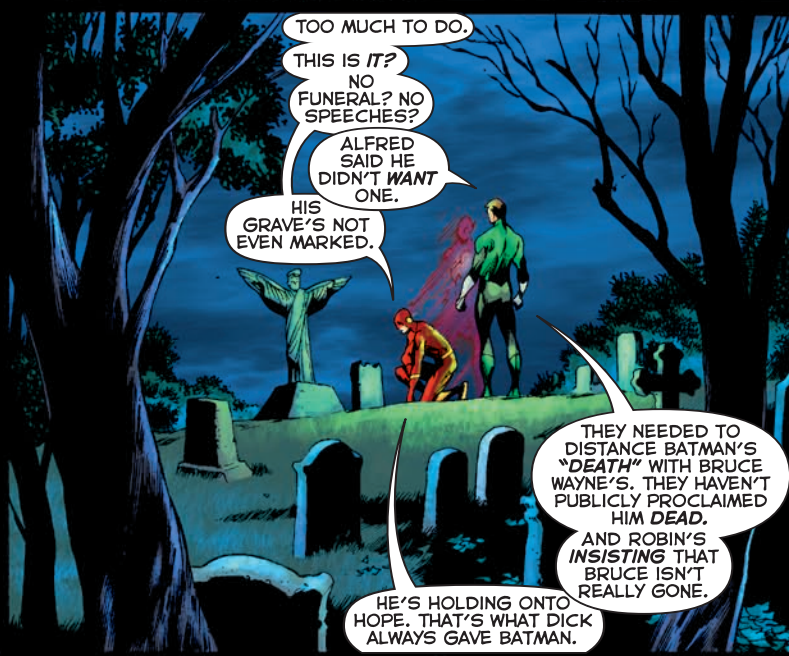
I PICKED UP
MORE CHATTER
ON MY POLICE
SCANNER.



IT'S
OKA--

WITH
NO BAT-
SIGNAL
LIGHTING UP
THE SKY, EVEN
THE COMMON
SCUM IN
GOTHAM ARE
FEARLESSLY
COMING OUT
INTO THE
NIGHT.

IT'S
OKAY,
BARRY.



TOO MUCH TO DO.

THIS IS IT?
NO
FUNERAL? NO
SPEECHES?

ALFRED
SAID HE
DIDN'T WANT
ONE.

HIS
GRAVE'S NOT
EVEN MARKED.

THEY NEEDED TO
DISTANCE BATMAN'S
"DEATH" WITH BRUCE
WAYNE'S. THEY HAVEN'T
PUBLICLY PROCLAIMED
HIM DEAD.

AND ROBIN'S
INSISTING THAT
BRUCE ISN'T
REALLY GONE.

HE'S HOLDING ONTO
HOPE. THAT'S WHAT DICK
ALWAYS GAVE BATMAN.



I MEANT TIM
DRAKE, BARRY.
YOU HAVEN'T MET
HIM YET.

HE'S THE
CURRENT
ROBIN.



RIGHT.

TIM
DRAKE.



I LIKE HIM
ALREADY.



HAS ANYONE TOLD YOU WHAT KIND OF SERVICE YOU HAD WHEN YOU WERE LOST TO THE SPEED FORCE?

I HAVEN'T HAD TIME TO ASK.

YOU PACKED THE HOUSE, BARRY. PEOPLE CAME FROM EVERYWHERE. AND I DO MEAN EVERYWHERE.

THE FAR FUTURE, PARALLEL WORLDS, SUPER-INTELLIGENT GORILLA CITIES.



IT WAS THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF MINE.

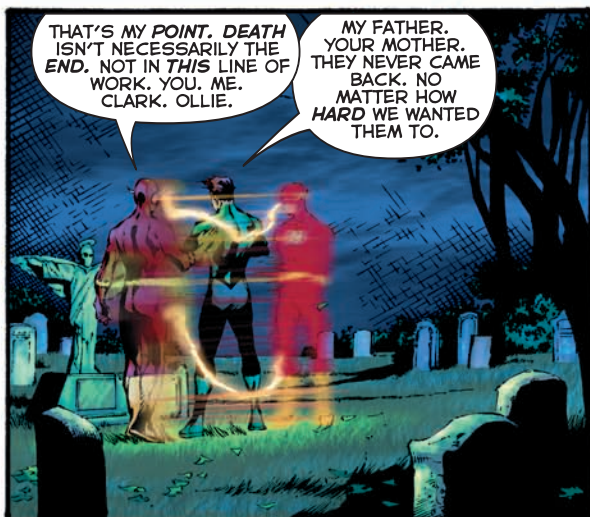
WHEN I WAS INFECTED BY PARALLAX, DRIVEN MAD WITH FEAR, AND THEY THOUGHT I WAS DEAD?

MY TOMBSTONE WAS DESECRATED. NOT BY MY ENEMIES. BY OLD ALLIES.



I DIED A SINNER.

YOU DIED A SAINT.



THAT'S MY POINT. DEATH ISN'T NECESSARILY THE END. NOT IN *THIS* LINE OF WORK. YOU. ME. CLARK. OLLIE.

MY FATHER. YOUR MOTHER. THEY NEVER CAME BACK. NO MATTER HOW HARD WE WANTED THEM TO.



BUT SOMETHING'S *PRIED* THE DOOR OPEN. THERE'S A BIGGER FORCE AT WORK, THAT MUCH I BELIEVE.

AND IF THERE'S AN ESCAPE, YOU CAN BET BATMAN'S ALREADY PLANNING IT.



"BATMAN ALWAYS HAD A PLAN."

"WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT WHEN WE GET THERE?"

BE AN OPTIMIST FOR ONCE, BATMAN. WE'RE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--

"-- WE'RE UNTOUCHABLE."

BATMAN WAS HIT BY DARKSEID'S OMEGA BEAMS.

SUPERMAN HELD HIS SKELETON IN HIS ARMS.

AND THEY BURIED HIM RIGHT HERE.



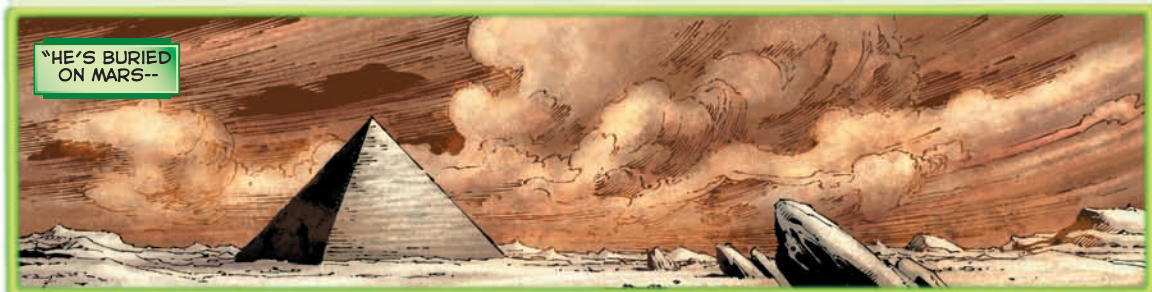




"J'ONN J'ONZZ..."

"...MARTIAN
MANHUNTER..."

"...HE WAS
MURDERED BY
DARKSEID'S
FOLLOWERS."



"HE'S BURIED
ON MARS--"



"--THE HEART AND
SOUL OF THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE IS GONE."

AND NOW SO IS
BRUCE.

I MAY NOT HAVE TALKED
WITH HIM LATE INTO THE NIGHT
ABOUT FORENSICS AND CRIMINAL
PSYCHOLOGY LIKE YOU...WE HAD
OUR DIFFERENCES, PLENTY
OF THEM...



"...BUT AFTER ALL WAS SAID AND DONE..."



YOU SAW THEM DIE IN FRONT OF YOU?

YES.

I DIDN'T KNOW.

WHEN I WAS A KID--

YOU WATCHED A PLANE CRASH TAKE YOUR FATHER'S LIFE.

NO WONDER WE'RE BOTH SCREWED UP.



SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.



BRUCE WAS MY FRIEND.

THEY WERE MY FRIENDS TOO, HAL.

AND I WON'T STOP HOPING THAT THEY'LL FIND THEIR WAY BACK.



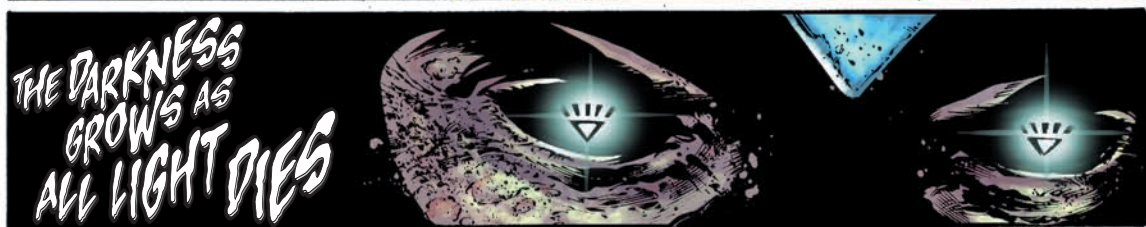
YES.

THIS ONE.

"LIKE YOU AND I DID."



**THE
BLACKEST
NIGHT**



BY MY BLACK
HAND-- THE
DEAD SHALL
RISE!



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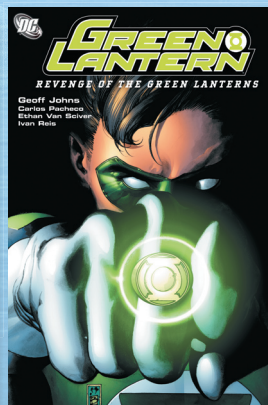


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NO FEAR



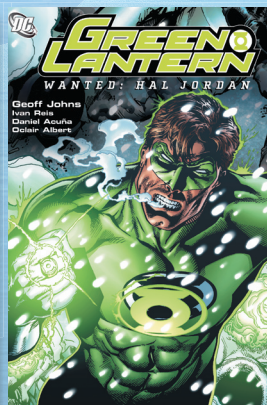
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**CARLOS PACHECO
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REVENGE OF
THE GREEN LANTERNS



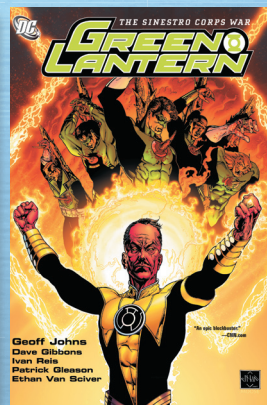
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