# THE DAY I MET MY MATCH
## As narrated by
## Hal Jordan
## (The Green Lantern)

by

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# Prologue

I am Hal Jordan. I am a Fighter Jet pilot and The GREEN LANTERN - a super hero whose power draws from the green energy of will power coming out of a green ring. If my will is strong enough, I can create anything I see in my mind. I got the ring from a dying purple alien in a swamp. I went through war, and defeated the enemy of will - FEAR. An ugly creature called Parallax. I tricked it into falling into the Sun and that was the end of him. Just as I thought we are at peace the leader of all the green lantern soldiers, Sinestro, our leader, turned evil, and the story of fear continued. One day, while chasing, him the most unexpected thing happened.

# A Most Unexpected event

I was chasing Sinestro near a star when he shot a ball of swirling gases at me. I tried to move away, but it was too fast. It hit me and captured me in a yellow sphere. Then the sphere moved, taking me with it. The next thing I knew, the sphere had transported me to a green field. There were tall snow covered hills in the distance. I turned around and the sphere faded away. I felt weak, and could barely walk.

*"Where am I? Maybe I can find someone near those hills."*, I thought.

I thought too soon. A second later an arrow came flying at me. I quickly changed its direction by creating and throwing an SUV out of pure green energy at it. I have no idea why I threw an SUV at it. I was thinking why did I not throw a ball or something at it, when a figure with a large bow came towards me. He had another arrow ready for me. It came flying so fast that there was no time to think. This time, I made a big flamethrower that burnt the arrow to a crisp. Now, I decided to be proactive. I shot three missiles at him. But he was as quick. The next arrow shot by him exploded all

my three missiles harmlessly. He then put away his bow and ran towards me with a sword. I created a sword and ran towards him too.

The swords clashed with a TING. We fought like mad until my sword shattered his. But he was quick to smash my sword of energy with his shield, the next instant. He shot a dazzling arrow at me that shone like the sun. I deflected it with a ball of energy of my own, and the explosion threw us both on our backs. We were very tired, and equally matched. I got up to take a good look at my opponent's face. He had dark skin, a warriors body and long hair. My powers let me telepathically speak to other beings.

"Who are you?!!" I sent a thought to the person who was fighting me.

"I am Arjun, son of Kunti." he said "Who are you?!!!"

"I am Hal Jordan" I replied. "Where am I?"

"You are in Bharat." he said.

"Why are you here?" asked Arjun.

"I don't know." I said. "Why are you here?"

"I am going to mount Kailash, The home of the god Shiva to get his blessings before the war. It is near those hills." he said pointing a the distant hills.

"War? What war?" I asked him. We started to walk towards the hills.

"My brother Yudishtra is the eldest of all my cousins and brothers. He is supposed to be the heir of Hastinapur. But my eldest cousin Duryodhan became king by cheating us in a game and stole our kingdom. We were banished from our kingdom for twelve years of exile. I came here to get the blessings of a god so my brothers and I cam claim our kingdom in a war against them." he said.

"Okay. I guess I should come with you. I don't have anyone else to do right now anyway.", I said.


Arjun told me a lot about India. About the four ages which pass every one billion years. First is the golden age. It was very peaceful. Then came the silver age. Evil came to Earth in the form of greed. Then the third age of copper where there are battles fought by gods. Then the final age of iron. It was the current age. It was also called the Kali Yuga - the age of destruction, where all of creation will be destroyed in a cosmic explosion.

He told me that he was heading to mount Kailash which is the origin of Ganges. I offered to fly him to Mt.Kailash, but he refused. He said his determination would take him there. We travelled for many days. The mountains were near us now. They were covered in snow. It was an amazing sight.

"That is Mount Kailash where the lord Shiva lives." said Arjun pointing to a particularly large mountain. We kept walking till we were in front of the mountain. Arjun took a rope and an arrow from his quiver. He tied the rope to the arrow. He aimed it towards the top of the mountain and released it. It lifted of as fast as a rocket. It went so fast all I saw of it before it hit the peak was its silver tip.

"Come on." he said tugging the rope " Let's climb."

I thick he was used to climbing mountains, unlike me. I have flown in space, defeated enemies in rockets, and crashed a fighter jet - but never climbed a mountain. So I kept on sending jets of energy downwards to propel me upward.

"Where are you from?" asked Arjun.

"I am from a time two thousand years from now. The 20th century. I was sent back in time by my enemy while chasing him." I said.

He was not convinced!

"Let me show you something from my time." I said.

I created a helicopter so we can fly up. Then when Arjun noticed its glow. He came climbed up with me to take a closer look.

"This is a helicopter." I said "It helps you fly."

He was amazed.

I got in and shouted "Come and sit here" I said pointing to the seat next to me.
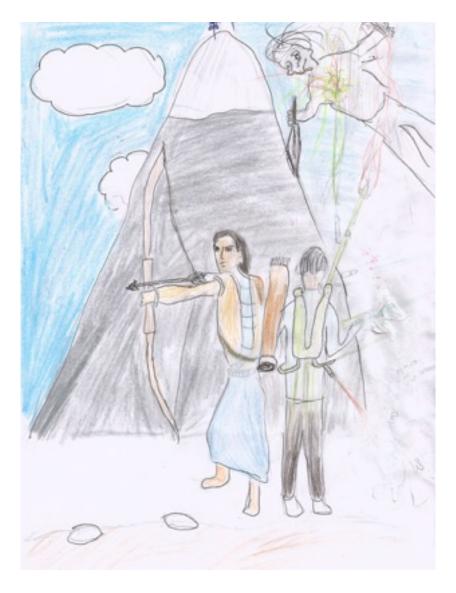
"Ok. I am coming" he said.

He got in and flew above huge mountains in minutes. The view from above could not be beaten. There were enormous snow covered mountains with dried leaves and plain trees covered with snow.

# The Kailash fight

As our helicopter hoovered over a high mountain we landed. Arjun pointed to where he wanted to go. I slowly lowered the Helicopter towards the icy surface. Then we got down and the helicopter traced its outline with a white ray and disappeared. Then we saw something. A peacock. It slowly lifted its feathers and then hissed loudly.

*Wait a minute.* I thought. *Peacocks don't hiss do they?*

Then I saw it coming closer. Its head looked like a snake's head and its feet were like razor sharp knives. It came closer and hissed again. It flew up into the air with its razor sharp claws aimed at me and plunged back down! Then suddenly a sword shot into the air sliced the creature in half. Then the two pieces fell down. I looked

to my right I saw Arjun with his bow still aimed upwards with nothing in it. He looked at me.
But it wasn't over. I saw smaller creatures about 3 feet tall were running towards us with axes, swords and bow and arrows. There were also flying creatures with a tail and claws which were as sharp as daggers. They came closer really fast. A few seconds later we realised that we were surrounded.

We charged with weapons. Arjun used his bow and arrow and I created guns with my imagination. I opened fire on every enemy I saw. I watched as they fell backwards, with their weapons fly above them. It was a horrible sight but I had to deal with it. Or else there might be no way of getting out of here.

I looked at Arjun. He had an extremely powerful looking weapon. I thought  I should add to it. He saw me staring at it and said:

"This is the *Bhramastara*. One of the most powerful among the gods"
The moment he released his arrow I created a Huge fighter jet around it and pulled it down towards the enemies. The explosion was so great that blasted every rock and enemy into oblivion. Nearly nobody survived that blast. I saw the archers sitting on high rocks shooting arrows at us. I created a hammer and smashed three enemies in a row and pulled it back. Next I chucked a wind turbine at them.

The enemies were crushed. But so was the ice. I saw that there was a big hole in the ice behind them. Then I turned behind me and saw more enemies had come from nowhere. I wanted to find out their source so I created a huge racing car and crashed into a few enemies and stopped at the back of the mass. The car disappeared. I saw one small, demon-like, ugly creature coming from a slope. I am thinking it leads to the peak. I immediately created a grenade, pulled of the cap and chucked it towards the enemy.

It also obliterated a little bit of the slope.

*I'm not sure if they can come back down again.* I thought.

I flew back to the other side and fought back to back with him. Then suddenly, the rocks started moving. The ice cracked and shifted. Then the mass of ice which I was standing on cracked and a chunk of it fell off! I stepped backwards thinking that another chunk will fall off.I saw demons coming towards me so created a huge fist punched a lot of them away.

Only a few survived and surrendered.

# LIFTOFF!!!

I looked at the edge. I saw the ground looked a few meters away. Then suddenly the whole risen mass shook. It was as if an earth quake happened and the landmass rose into the air but pretty slowly.

"What's happening?!" I asked Arjun.

"I don't know. I didn't even know this was going to happen!" he replied sounding stressed.

"Will it stop rising?" I shouted.

"Maybe. But I can't be sure." shouted Arjun. We were both shouting because of the loud noise of the ice chunks continuously cracking and falling off.

Then I noticed that more demons were coming. I realised that they are fighting with older generation weapons. I should fight them with equal weapons and not the futuristic  weapons.

I created a hammer and started toppling everyone with it. I spun around with it and threw it at them.

It knocked down a row of enemies in one throw. I then created a Japanese sword. I cut down every enemy that came close to me. I am going to call these demons like warriors 'dorriors'. Then I started throwing boulders at them. Many of them got knocked down like a bowling ball knocking down bowling pins.

"Strike!" I shouted. We kept fighting until the last enemy was 'bowled' into oblivion. They suddenly stopped fighting.

I then saw that the mountain peak had started glowing. Something huge was about to happen. "Thank you for your help Hal Jordan into getting me to Kailash." said Arjun. "Thank you for saving my life multiple times Arjun." I said.

"Careful the ground is sli…………." said Arjun. I couldn't here the last part because I just slipped on ice and fell downwards. I thought that he said "slippery".
I fell into a crevasse and kept falling. I wondered if this is ever going to end. Then suddenly I felt scared when I am not supposed to be. My power wasn't working! Then a yellow sphere captured me

"Not good" I said. There was no point in saying it because the whole world around me collapsed anyway.

# Back to the present

When I woke up I saw my friend Carol looking at me. I also realised that my suit was gone. I looked to my right and saw the ring on a desk.

"Thank god!" she said "You are alive!"

"Hi Carol. Where am I?" I asked.

"Home." said Carol happily. "So where did you disappear?"

"I went back in time and landed in India, and met an epic warrior." I replied.

I resumed my normal super hero life. Many months passed, but I kept thinking about India and Arjun. Was it all a dream? Finally, after a year, Carol and I decided to make a trip to India. We landed in New Delhi, and we travelled around.  One day, I was on my way to my hotel room when something outside a small temple caught my eye. It was a carving of a suited figure with a mask, next to some one carrying a giant bow.

"Driver, Could you stop near that temple?" I said.

I ran towards the carving and looked at it carefully. I saw that the masked figure had a big ring on his finger, and the exact same symbol as my suit on his chest. I saw a priest going out of the temple so I asked:

"Excuse me, could you tell me who this man is in the carving."

"Oh, this is a very ancient sculpture - hundreds of years old. The masked man is '*Hara Chirag*' - The Green Lamp, he was a Deva sent down by the gods to help Arjun to get to lord Shiva in mount Kailash." he said.

Then it struck me. It was no dream. I had gone into the past, met my match, made a friend, and in that process, changed history for ever.

# About the Author

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# About The Book

Hal Jordan is a super hero called Green Lantern. When he was chased by his worst enemy he gets sent back in time to India and meets a warrior from Hindu religion. Will Hal be able to face the demons of Mount Kailash? Will he ever come back? Read on to find out…