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ANOTHER PLAYER HAS ENTERED THE WAR. A SINGLE BEING.

STAND DOWN, GREEN LANTERN.

AN ARMY WOULD BE PREFERABLE.

I AM PROCANON KAA, WARRIOR, OF SPACE SECTOR 422.

I'VE HAD OCCASION TO FACE THE WEAPONS OF THE GUARDIANS IN THE PAST.

I DO NOT "STAND DOWN."

EVEN THE LEAST OF THEM ARE FORMIDABLE BEYOND RECKONING.

NO?

DO YOU FIGHT BATTLES YOU CAN'T WIN, PROCANON KAA?

IF IT STOPS A GENOCIDE, SO BE IT.

"A BATTLE I CAN'T WIN"?

YES, THEN, IF SUCH A THING EXISTS.

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PART 2: LIFELOOD

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UGH!!

THE
ANSWER IS
"YES!"





I'M AFRAID THE ASSETS COLUMN IS A BIT LESS WEIGHTY THAN THE LIABILITIES.

HOLY CRAP, DIANA! AREN'T THE GREEN LANTERNS SUPPOSED TO BE THE GOOD GUYS?

NO TWO COUNTRIES ON EARTH DEFINE "GOOD" THE SAME WAY, ETTA.

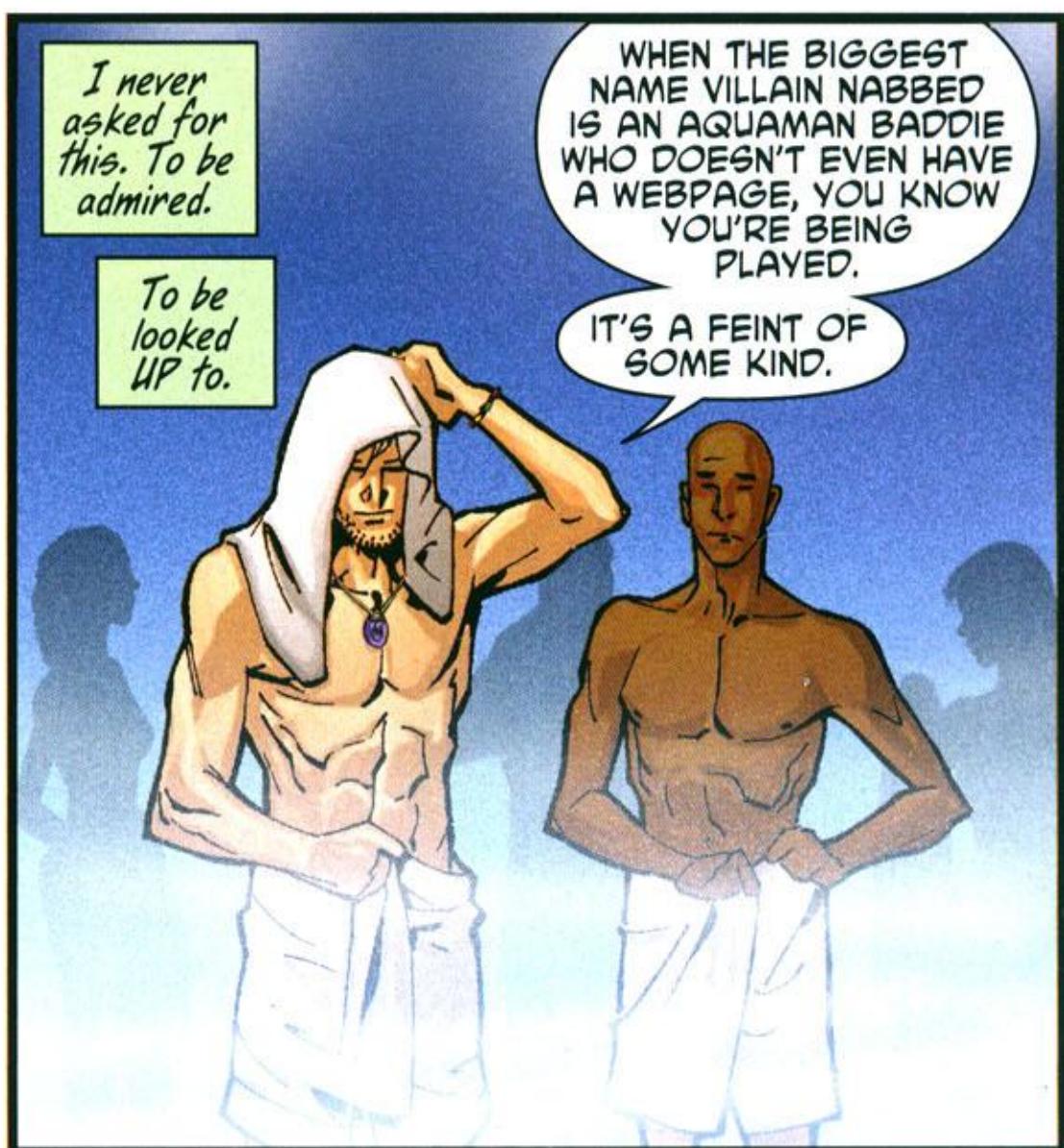
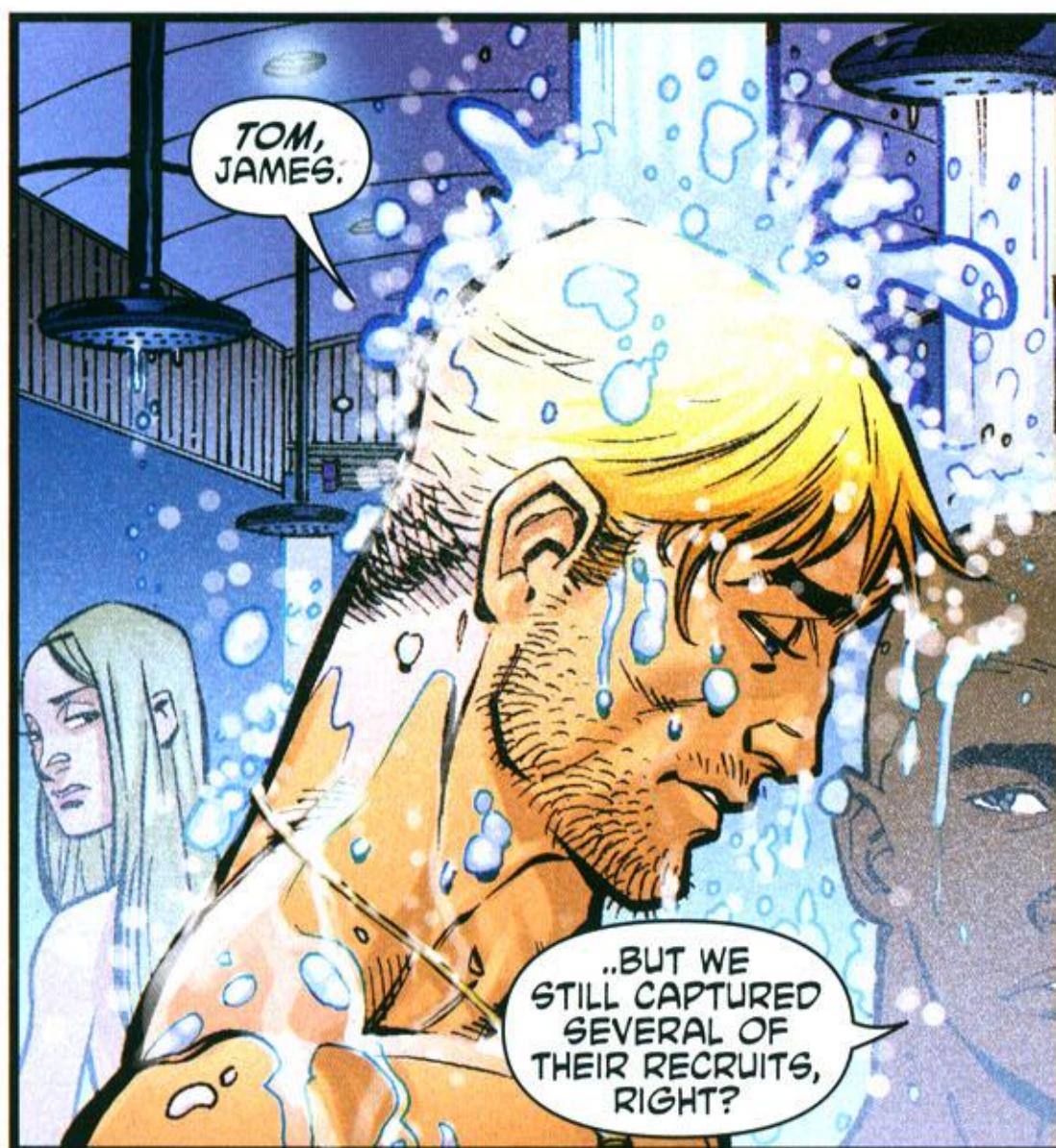
AND THIS MAN IS FROM LIGHT-YEARS MORE DISTANT STILL.

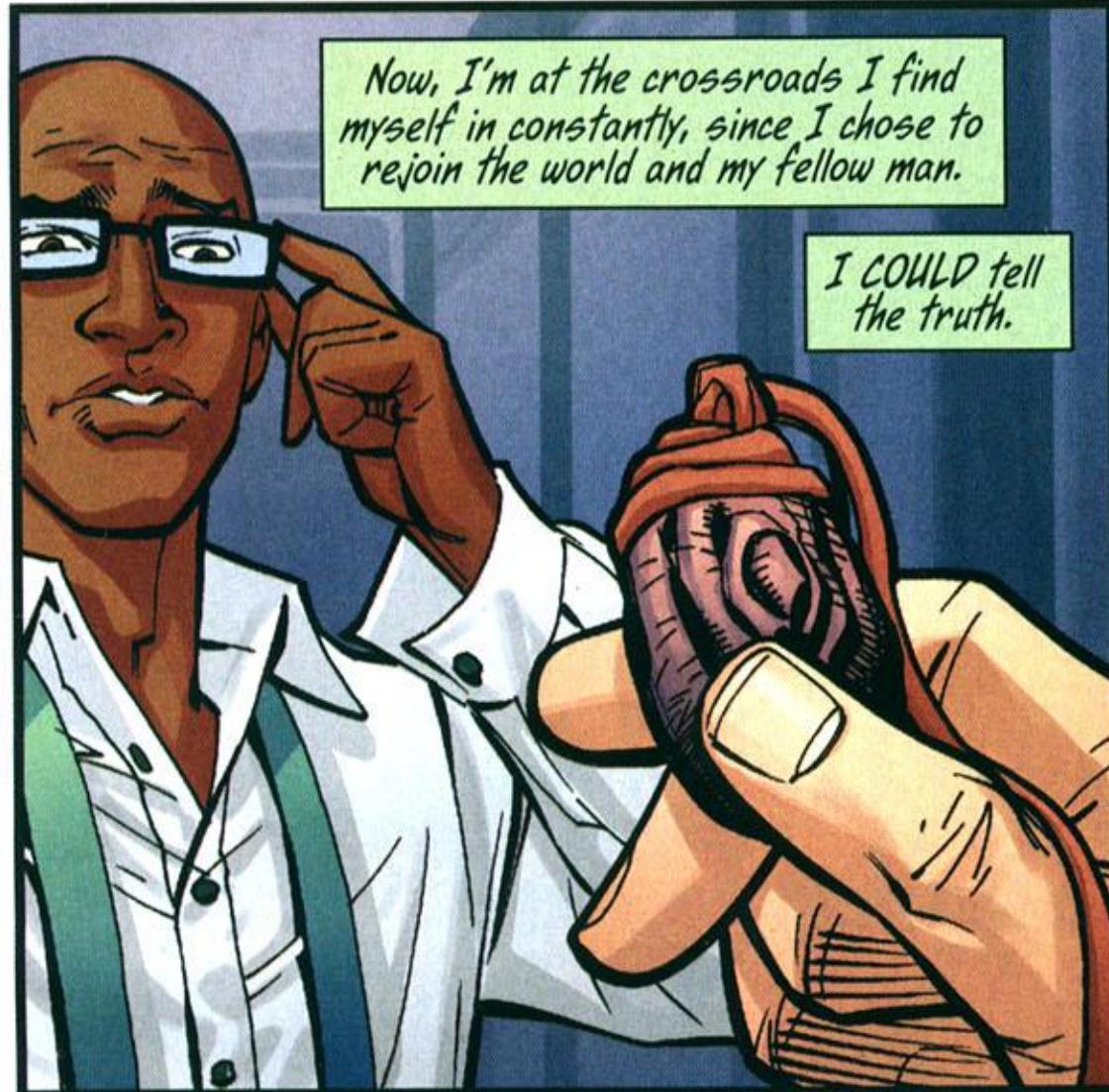
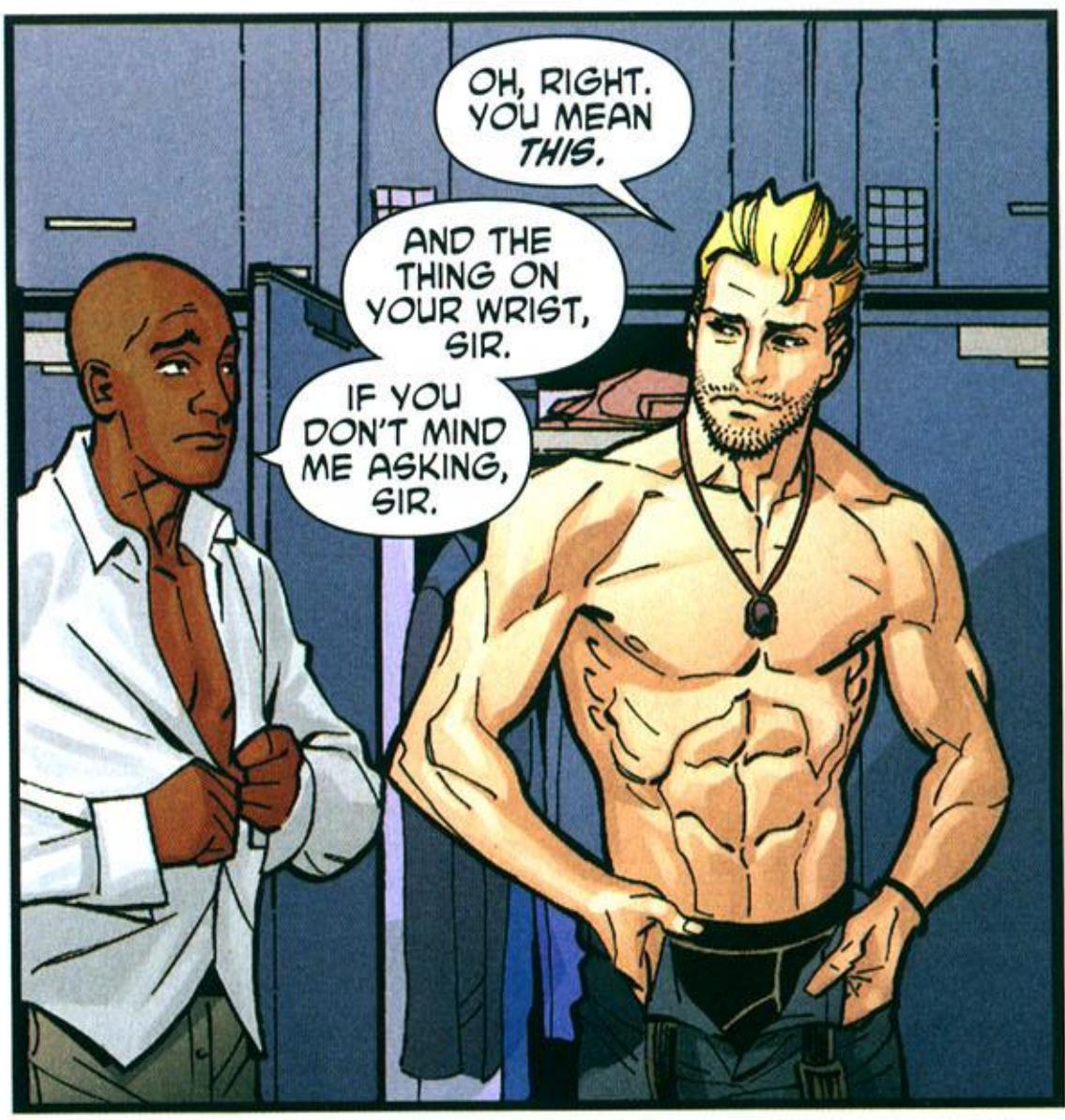
FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS CAVERN. QUICK AS YOU CAN.

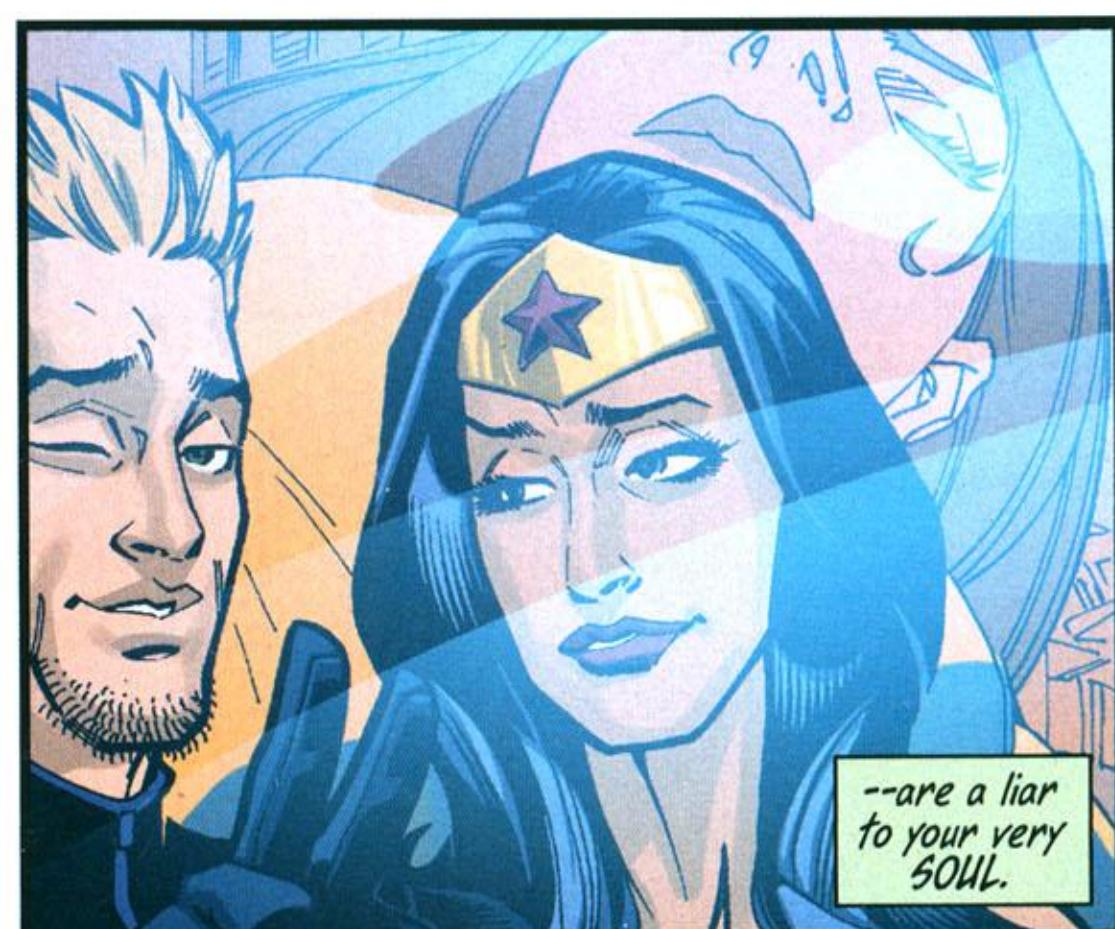
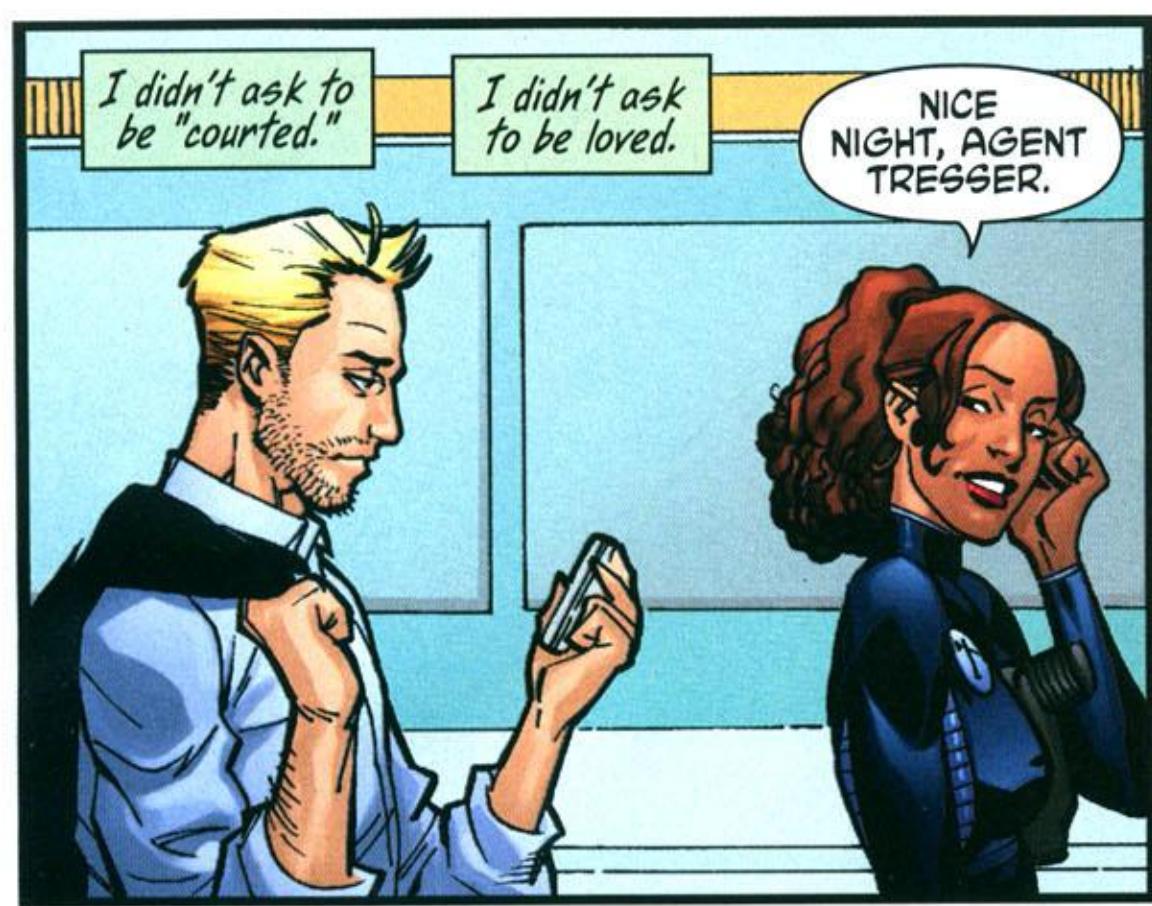
BLADES WILL CLASH. BLOOD MIGHT SPILL.

AND IT'S A SOLDIER'S DAWN, THIS DAY.

DEPARTMENT OF
METAHUMAN AFFAIRS







EMPEROR'S
ADVISORS
HALL, KHUND
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SAY
THAT AGAIN,
FOOTSOLDIER.
WITHOUT THE
HISTRIONICS,
PLEASE.

IT'S KHO,
LIEGE. YOUR
DAUGHTER.

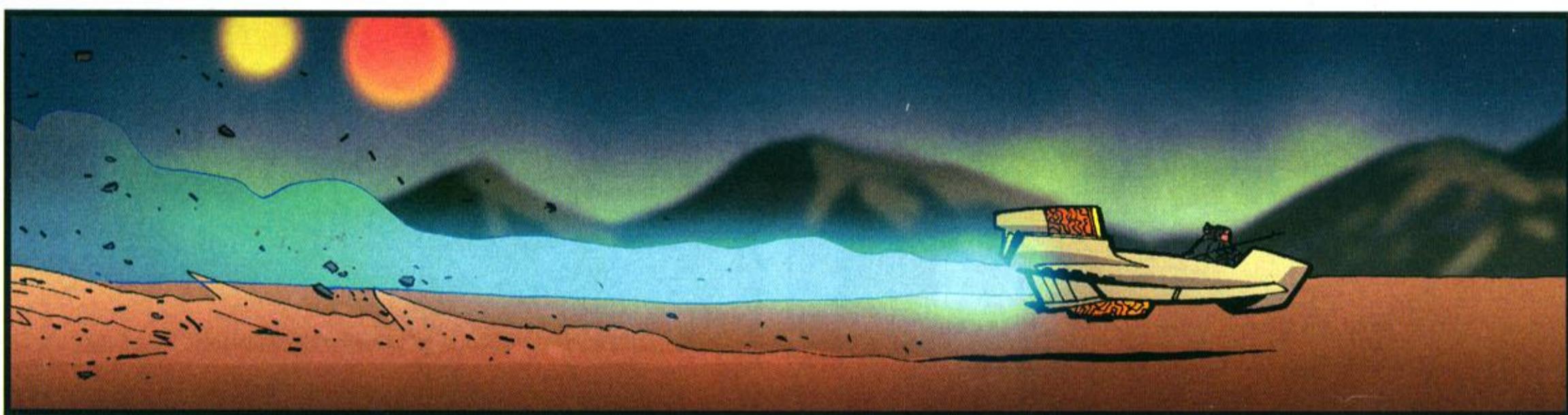
SHE'S
STOLEN A
HOVER.

MY
DAUGHTER.
MY BELOVED
DAUGHTER.

BUT... THE
ICHOR. IF SHE
GOES THERE,
THEY'LL BURN
HER ALIVE.

YES.

SO
SAID, IT
IS SO.



"I WILL DIE
AT YOUR
SIDE, DIANA!"

ROUND
TWO.

THAT SHIP,
PROCANON.
IT'S MURDERING
KHUND BY THE
MILLIONS.

IS THAT
THE OAN
PRINCIPLE
OF MERCY
NOW?

MERCY?

ANALYSIS:

MISTAKES.
HE'S MADE
TWO, HERE.

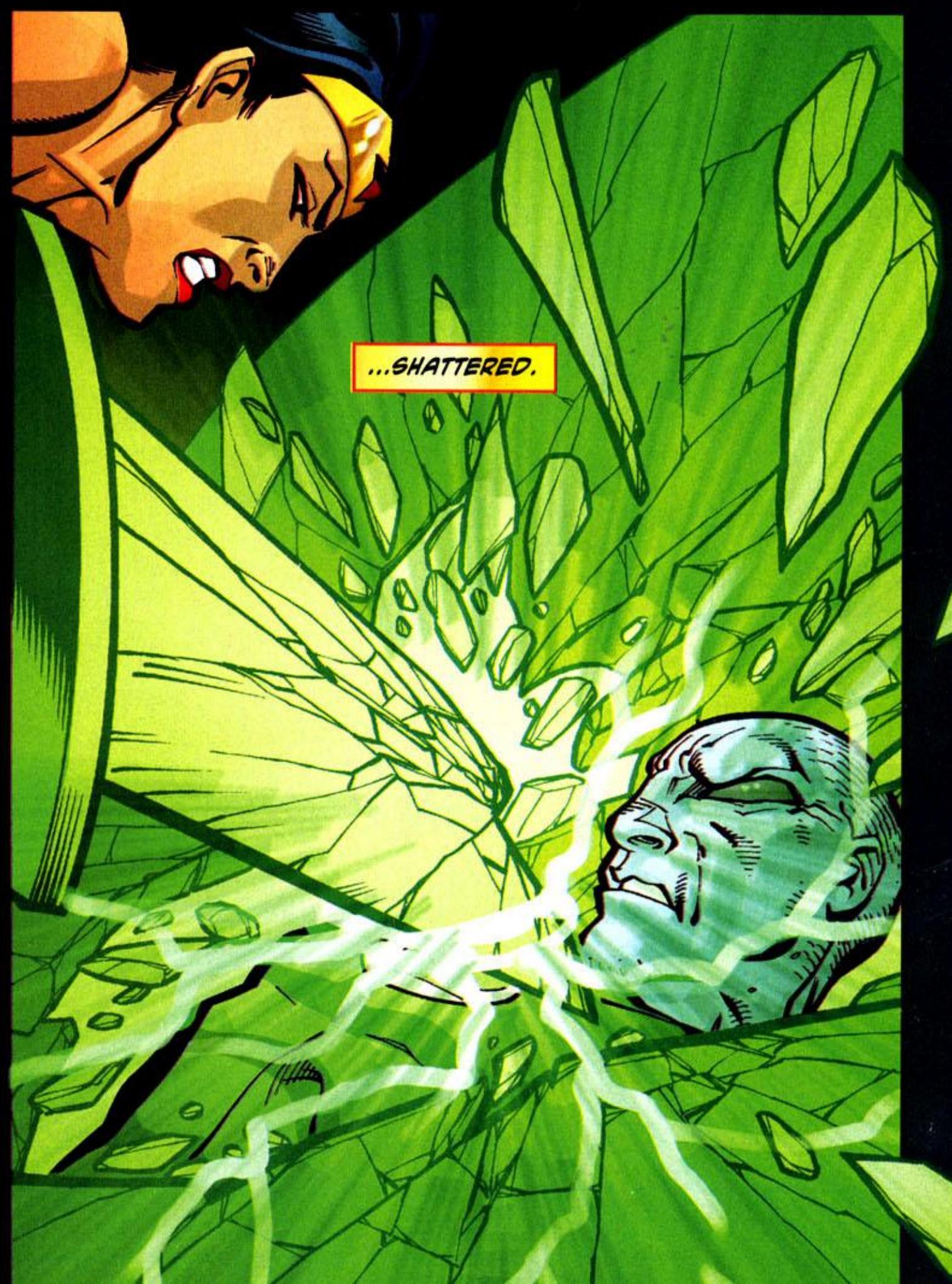
WHEN I
MENTION THE
KHUNDS, HIS
WILL FALTERS.

HIS
MANIFESTATIONS
BECOME LESS
FORMED, WITH
FEWER DETAILS.

AND
ANOTHER:

... THAT HE CAN
BE TOUCHED.

HE'S MADE IT
PERSONAL. HE'S
PUT HIMSELF IN HIS
CREATION. AND
THAT MEANS...



I'VE WON,
WON THE
WAR.

BUT I'M IN
DANGER OF
LOSING THE
PEACE.

UHHNNN...

TAKE
MY HAND,
LANTERN.

IT IS
OPEN. WILL
YOU FILL IT
WITH YOUR
OWN?

RAARRGGH!

UNNNH!

ALLY TO
MURDERERS!

COLLABORATOR
TO GENOCIDE!



IT HAS BEEN AN HONOR SERVING WITH YOU, ADVISOR KHARHI.

THANK YOU, CORPORAL SARAL.

THAT IS NOT MY INTENTION, GREEN LANTERN.

CORPSMAN...

...WILL YOU FILL MY HAND?

I AM PROCANON KAA, GREEN LANTERN OF SECTOR 422.

WHICH INCLUDES MUCH OF THE KHUND EMPIRE.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY CALL THE PLANETS THEY CONQUER, EARTH WOMAN?

"MUD WORLDS, WARRIOR.

"THE PEOPLE ARE ENSLAVED, MADE TO ASSIST IN THEIR OWN GENOCIDE. THE RESOURCES PLUNDERED. WHOLE CITIES ARE BURNED TO THE GROUND.

"THEY ATTACKED MINE WHILE I WAS PLANETS DISTANT.

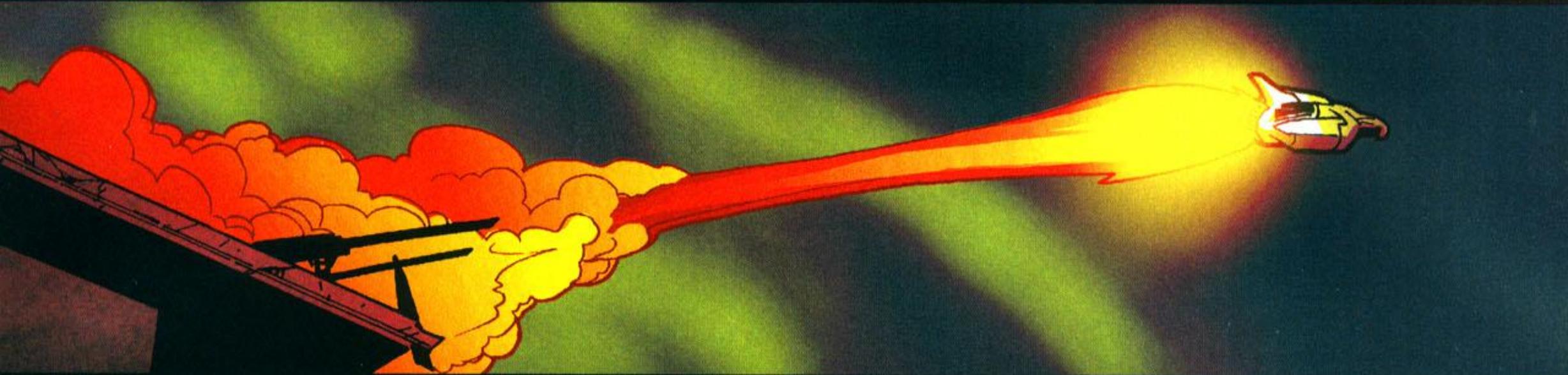
"MY DAUGHTER DIED IN THE WARNING ATTACK.

"SHE DID NOT BELIEVE IN WAR.

"WAR FOUND HER ANYWAY."

"THE GREEN LANTERNS BELIEVE IN JUSTICE."

"BUT I AM UNCERTAIN IF I SHARE THAT BELIEF, STILL."



PRINCESS!

HALT!

PRINCESS!
DIANA!

WE HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF HERE!

SHE! HER CURSED FATHER
IS THE ONE WHO GAVE THE ORDER
TO DESTROY MY PLANET!

HE--MY
FATHER--
HE--

LET
THE LADY
TALK, BIG
FELLA.

SPEAK
PLAINLY,
KHO.
PLEASE.

HE'S
LAUNCHED A
RADIOACTIVE
SUICIDE
BOMB!

... OVER THIS
CAVERN?

NO,
PRINCESS!

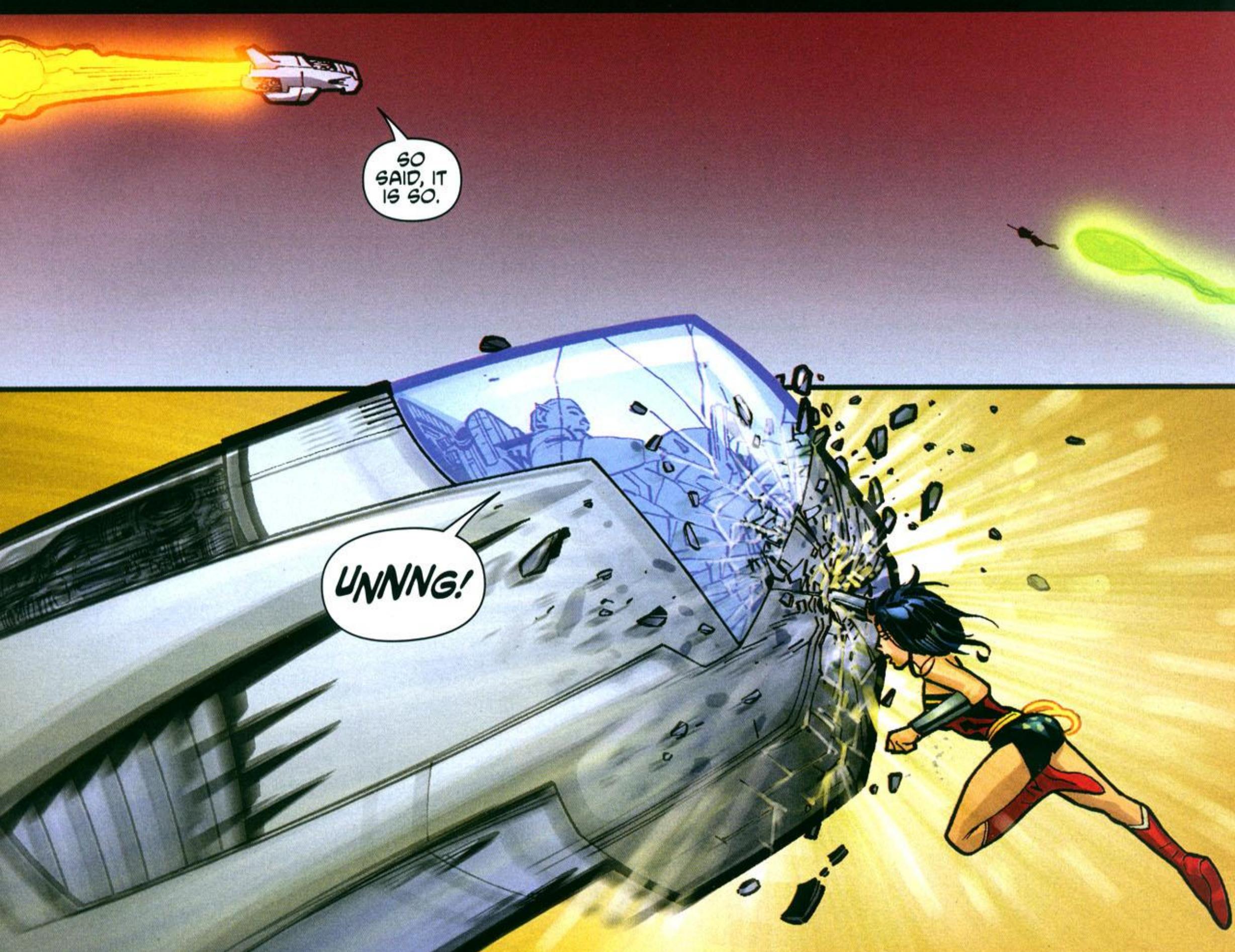
9 FEAR I ALREADY KNOW THE ANSWER.
THE KHUND ARE CONQUERORS TO
THEIR SOULS. AND THEY NEVER, EVER...

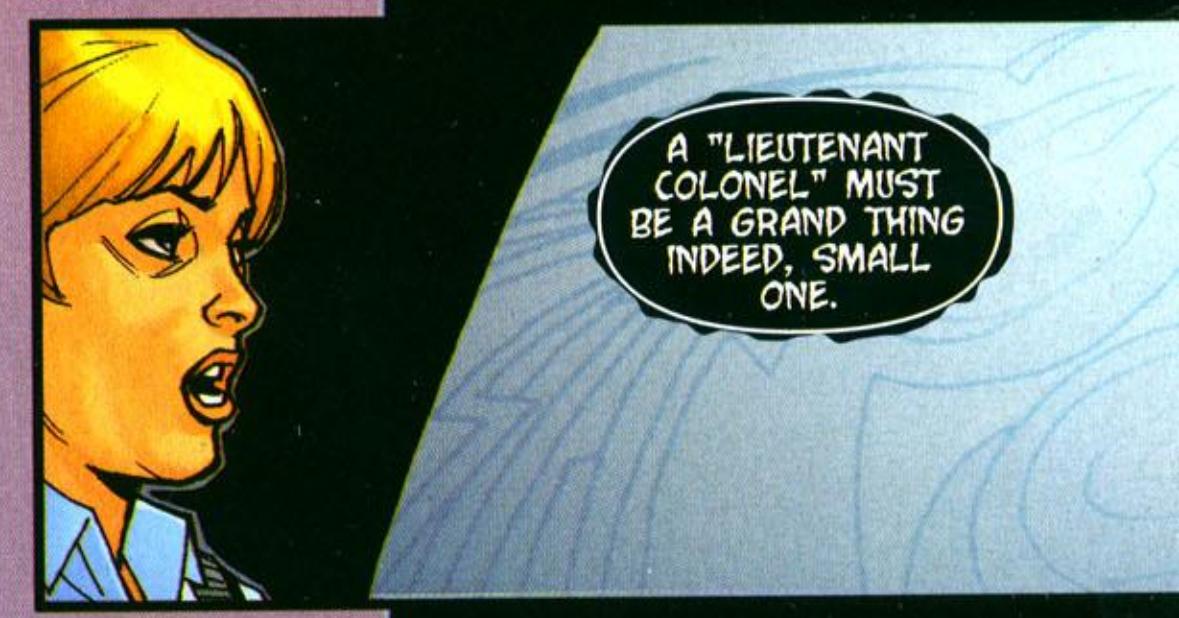
...FORGIVE DEFEAT.

"OVER THIS
HEMISPHERE!"

GOODBYE,
HOMeworld. MAY
YOU SLAY THE
ANGELS IN THE
AFTERLIFE.











BEWARE MY
POWER...

**GREEN
LANTERN'S
LIGHT!**



WHAT?
HEY,
IT RHYMES,
RIGHT?

WELL...
IT'S A
START.

NEXT: THE BLACK HORIZON

**HERE
WILL
LIE
BATMAN
(REALLY?)**

So we were working a little late the other night when the phone rings. At this hour it's one of two things: Geoff Johns wanting to talk through his newest story idea (the dude never stops thinking) or my mom wondering why I never call her. Either way, I have to take the call. Now imagine my surprise when I find the voice on the line to be Frank from Boston. Frank, a longtime reader, first-time caller, somehow found a way to get to my direct line. (Kids, do not try this at home! Normally there is a small but very powerful Italian lady named Simona who can stop these calls in four languages. There are other ways to reach me. This is not one of them.)

Anyway, Frank, once over the shock that he actually got through to me, was very concerned over a rumor he heard in his local comics shop. Now, if you've seen me at conventions, you know I hate responding to rumors. I feel they spread misinformation and are usually pushing someone's personal agenda. Conversely, though, I do love the chatter and excitement that comes from fans talking about their favorite characters, things that just happened and guessing what might be coming next. With so many great stories heading your way — "Final Crisis"; "Batman R.I.P."; "Trinity"; "Kingdome Come sequel"; "The Dark Side Club"; "Blackest Night"; "The Manzons," just to name a few — it would be hard not to speculate about what might be happening next. In good conscience, I decided to use this column to put some rumors to rest; that way we can keep the conversation going on all the real stuff coming your way.

Only problem, since I hate mentioning rumors, I will just give the answers to the top five...

Number 5. Yes, it's true: he is returning and sooner than you think.

Number 4. Nope, didn't do it then and have no plans to try to do it again.

Number 3. Don't worry, he'll be back in FINAL CRISIS in all his glory.

Number 2. Wrong. This time final means final. Seriously.

Number 1. Last one is a tough one. The change is coming, it's just not the way everyone thinks.

Well, there you have it! That should put all the crazy rumors to rest. Hopefully, you feel better now. I know I do. It's a relief finally getting that off my chest!

As for Frank, I hope he takes this column and shows it to his friend at the comics store. Yes, there is plenty more All Star heading your way. Grant has Superman stories past his 12 issues with Mr. Quietly, and Frank and Jim plan to keep ALL STAR BATMAN going into next year.

And that's a fact.

To be continued... DD

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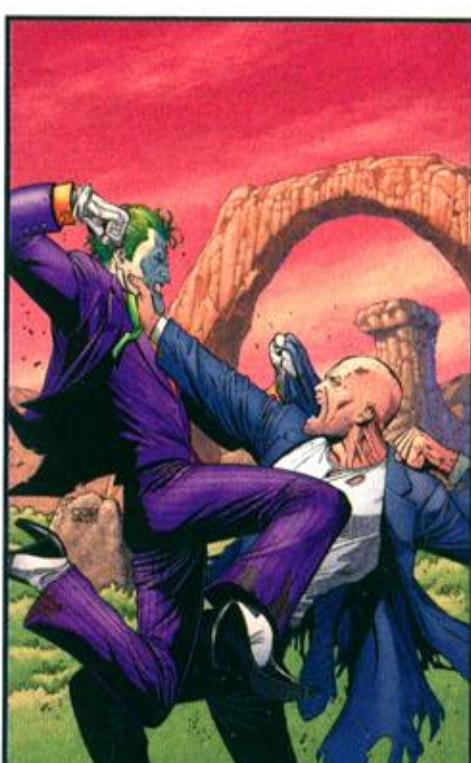
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