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THE ONLY WAY TO SAVE THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY FROM SUFFERING A TERRIBLE DISASTER IS TO MAKE THEM ALL INVISIBLE!
BUS STOP
Featuring A POWER-CHARGED ADVENTURE...
"The DAY 100,000 PEOPLE VANISHED!"

GREEN LANTERN
THE INCREDIBLE OCCURRENCE IN VALDALE, AN ORDINARILY BUSY COMMUNITY ON THE WEST COAST, LED GREEN LANTERN, STALWART CHAMPION OF JUSTICE, ON A LONG, LONG TRAIL THAT FINALLY BROUGHT HIM FACE TO FACE WITH A FANTASTIC FOE -- THE AMAZING SINESTRO, A RENEGADE "GREEN LANTERN" WHO HAD JOINED FORCES WITH THE EVIL WEAPONERS OF QWARD!
The DAY 100,000 PEOPLE VANISHED!
IT'S UNCANNY! EVERY SINGLE PERSON IN THIS CITY SEEMS TO HAVE VANISHED OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
GREEN LANTERN-- YOU'RE NEXT!

AT PRECISELY FOURTEEN MINUTES AFTER NINE ON A BRIGHT MORNING IN THE THRIVING COMMUNITY OF VALDALE ON THE WEST COAST, THE RESIDENTS BUSTLE ABOUT THEIR USUAL ACTIVITIES...
FILL 'ER UP, JOE!
GET A MOVE ON, WILLYA?
HONK!
LOVELY DAY, ISN'T IT, MRS. WILSON?
SUDDENLY, THERE IS AN ODD SHIMMERING IN THE AIR, LIKE A RAIN OF LIGHT...
AND THE NEXT INSTANT A NOISE LIKE A THUNDERCLAP...
CRAACK!
AND AT EXACTLY NINE FIFTEEN, ONE MINUTE LATER, THE CITY OF VALDALE, 100,000 STRONG...
...HAS BECOME A GHOST TOWN WITH NOT A SINGLE LIVING HUMAN BEING LEFT IN IT!
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WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS EXTRA-ORDINARY EVENT WHICH HORRIFIES THE ENTIRE NATION WHEN IT BECOMES KNOWN? IT IS A MYSTERY WHICH BAFFLES GREEN LANTERN-- ALIAS HAL JORDAN, ACE TEST PILOT--AS MUCH AS ANYONE...
GREEN LANTERN-- DID YOU FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED AT VALDALE?
I EXAMINED THE WHOLE TOWN WITH MY POWER RING, PIEFACE--THERE'S NOT A SINGLE CLUE! THE PEOPLE ARE GONE AS IF THEY VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
JUMPING FISHHOOKS!
WHILE ON THE WAY BACK FROM VALDALE, I WAS THINKING-- THE INCREDIBLE DISAPPEARANCE TOOK PLACE AT A LITTLE AFTER NINE O'CLOCK...
THAT'S RIGHT, GL! BUT WHAT--?
PIEFACE, IT JUST HAPPENS THAT I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN VALDALE AT THAT HOUR--TO TAKE PART IN A CEREMONY OPENING UP A NEW BOYS SETTLEMENT HOUSE THERE! I COULDN'T MAKE IT BECAUSE I HAD TO FINISH A CASE I WAS WORKING ON...
GREAT AURORA! THEN YOU WOULD HAVE VANISHED TOO--IF YOU HAD KEPT THE APPOINTMENT!
EXACTLY! AND I CAN'T HELP WONDERING-- EH?
BEFORE THE EMERALD GLADIATOR CAN CONTINUE, AN ODD FEELING PASSES OVER HIM...
THAT'S STRANGE! FOR AN INSTANT MY MIND WENT BLANK AND I COULDN'T REMEMBER WHAT I WAS SAYING! BUT I'M OKAY NOW!
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*Editor's Note: SEE "PLANET OF DOOMED MEN!" IN GREEN LANTERN #1

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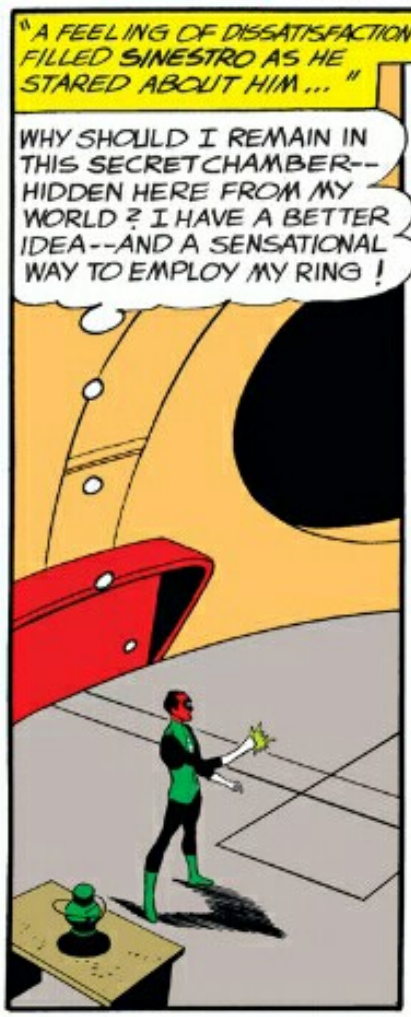
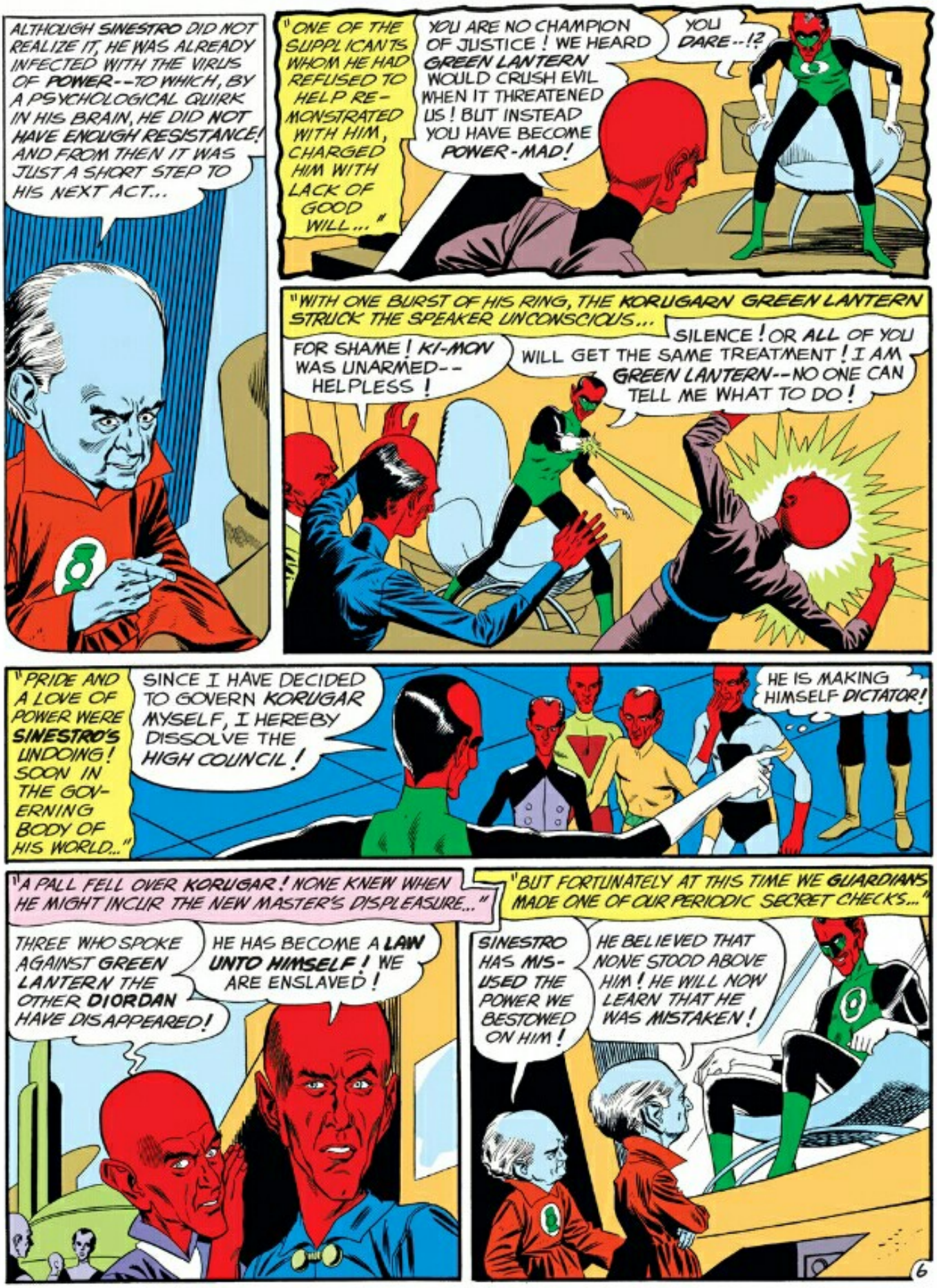


*Editor's Note: DIORDAN: 37 DIORS, OR ONE DAY!


ALTHOUGH SINESTRO DID NOT REALIZE IT, HE WAS ALREADY INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS OF POWER--TO WHICH, BY A PSYCHOLOGICAL QUIRK IN HIS BRAIN, HE DID NOT HAVE ENOUGH RESISTANCE! AND FROM THEN IT WAS JUST A SHORT STEP TO HIS NEXT ACT...
"ONE OF THE SUPPLICANTS WHOM HE HAD REFUSED TO HELP RE-MONSTRATED WITH HIM, CHARGED HIM WITH LACK OF GOOD WILL..."
YOU ARE NO CHAMPION OF JUSTICE! WE HEARD GREEN LANTERN WOULD CRUSH EVIL WHEN IT THREATENED US! BUT INSTEAD YOU HAVE BECOME POWER-MAD!
YOU DARE--!?
"WITH ONE BURST OF HIS RING, THE KORUGARN GREEN LANTERN STRUCK THE SPEAKER UNCONSCIOUS...
FOR SHAME! KI-MON WAS UNARMED--HELPLESS!
SILENCE! OR ALL OF YOU WILL GET THE SAME TREATMENT! I AM GREEN LANTERN--NO ONE CAN TELL ME WHAT TO DO!
"PRIDE AND A LOVE OF POWER WERE SINESTRO'S UNDOING! SOON IN THE GOVERNING BODY OF HIS WORLD..."
SINCE I HAVE DECIDED TO GOVERN KORUGAR MYSELF, I HEREBY DISSOLVE THE HIGH COUNCIL!
HE IS MAKING HIMSELF DICTATOR!
"A PALL FELL OVER KORUGAR! NONE KNEW WHEN HE MIGHT INCUR THE NEW MASTER'S DISPLEASURE..."
THREE WHO SPOKE AGAINST GREEN LANTERN THE OTHER DIORDAN HAVE DISAPPEARED!
HE HAS BECOME A LAW UNTO HIMSELF! WE ARE ENSLAVED!
"BUT FORTUNATELY AT THIS TIME WE GUARDIANS MADE ONE OF OUR PERIODIC SECRET CHECKS..."
SINESTRO HAS MIS-USED THE POWER WE BESTOWED ON HIM!
HE BELIEVED THAT NONE STOOD ABOVE HIM! HE WILL NOW LEARN THAT HE WAS MISTAKEN!
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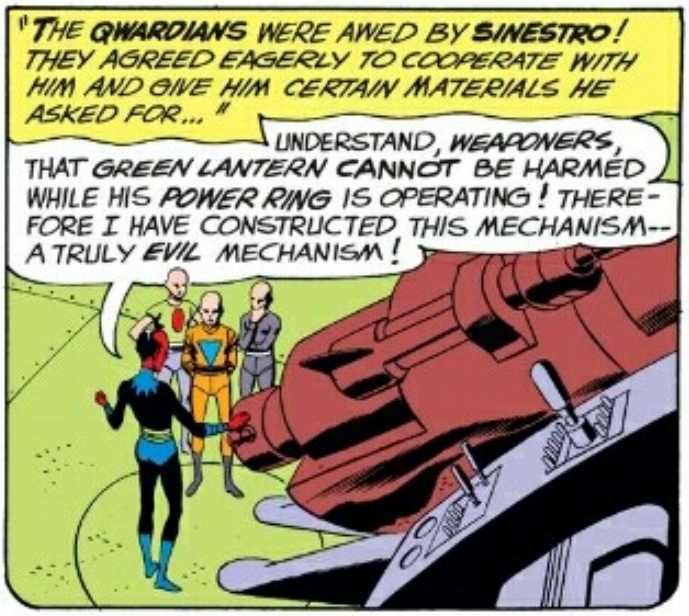
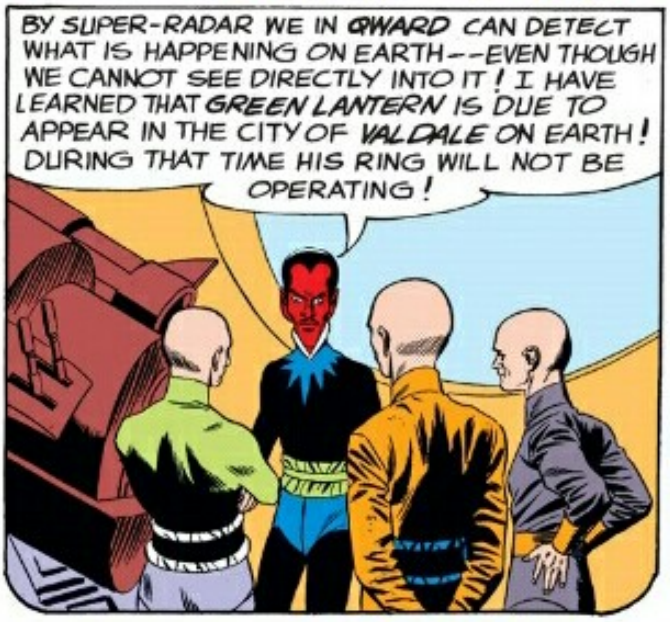
"BY MEANS KNOWN ONLY TO OURSELVES, WE BROUGHT THE KORUGARN BATTERY POSSESSOR BEFORE US..."
SINESTRO, YOU HAVE ABUSED YOUR SACRED TRUST! INSTEAD OF DISPENSING JUSTICE ON YOUR WORLD--YOU HAVE DISPENSED EVIL! UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THERE IS ONLY ONE COURSE OPEN TO US!
"IT WAS THE FIRST AND ONLY TIME WE HAD BEEN FORCED TO TAKE SUCH EXTREME MEASURES..."
SINESTRO OF KORUGAR, YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND UNWORTHY TO BE A BATTERY POSSESSOR! YOU ARE HEREBY STRIPPED OF ALL INSIGNIA AND HONORS--!
YOUR POWER RING IS NO LONGER YOURS!
YOUR BATTERY OF POWER IS NOW RETURNING TO US!
EVIL YOU ARE--TO EVIL YOU WILL GO! WE ARE BANISHING YOU TO THE ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE OF QWARD--WHERE ALL IS EVIL AND WHERE YOUR EVIL WILL FIND ONLY OTHER EVIL TO CLASH WITH!
"WE THOUGHT THAT BY SENDING SINESTRO OUT OF OUR UNIVERSE ALTOGETHER WE HAD ENDED HIS MENACE TO US..."
BUT ONCE AGAIN WE WERE WRONG AS FAR AS SINESTRO WAS CONCERNED! WHICH LEADS US TO WHY WE BROUGHT YOU HERE TODAY!
THOUGH WE HAVE NO POWER IN THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE OF QWARD, WE CAN PEER INTO IT! NOW WE WILL SHOW YOU CERTAIN SCENES WHICH OUR DEVICES HAVE RECORDED--SCENES OF INTEREST TO YOU!
"SINESTRO WITH HIS FIERY ENERGY LOST NO TIME IN CONTACTING THE RULERS OF HIS NEW UNIVERSE--THE EVIL WEAPONERS OF QWARD..."
I AM DETERMINED TO BECOME MASTER OF THIS WORLD JUST AS I WAS MASTER OF KORUGAR! THE GUARDIANS WILL NEVER SHAKE MY WILL! I SHALL DEFEAT THEM YET! AND THERE IS ONE WAY TO BEGIN MY STRUGGLE--

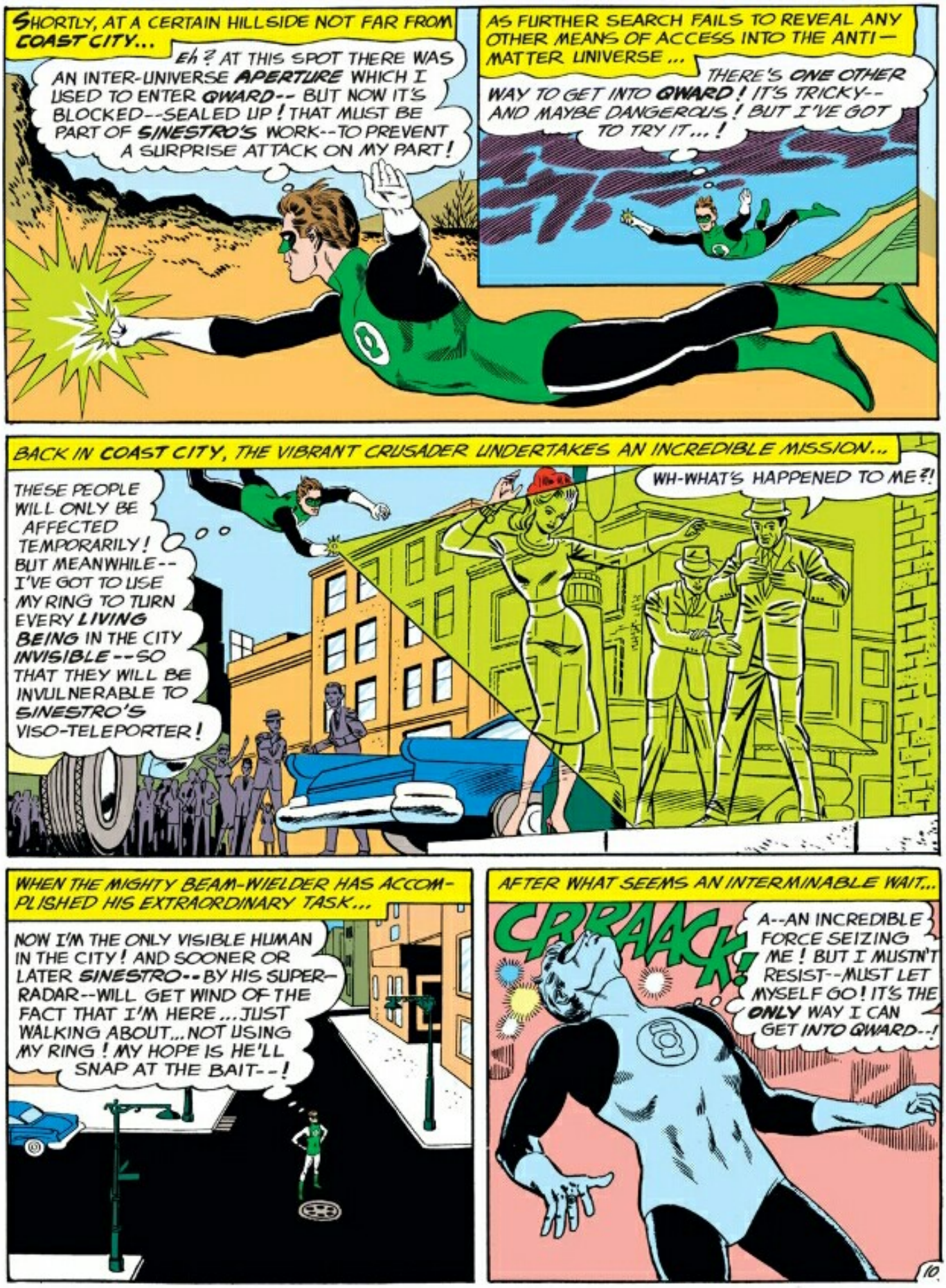
YOU QWARDIANS HAVE FAILED IN THREE ATTEMPTS TO DESTROY YOUR MORTAL ENEMY, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH! AND THE REASON IS THAT YOU ARE NOT EVIL ENOUGH! I SHALL TEACH YOU HOW TO BE THE ULTIMATE IN EVIL!


"THE QWARDIANS WERE AWED BY SINESTRO! THEY AGREED EAGERLY TO COOPERATE WITH HIM AND GIVE HIM CERTAIN MATERIALS HE ASKED FOR..."
UNDERSTAND, WEAPONERS, THAT GREEN LANTERN CANNOT BE HARMED WHILE HIS POWER RING IS OPERATING! THEREFORE I HAVE CONSTRUCTED THIS MECHANISM--A TRULY EVIL MECHANISM!


BY SUPER-RADAR WE IN QWARD CAN DETECT WHAT IS HAPPENING ON EARTH--EVEN THOUGH WE CANNOT SEE DIRECTLY INTO IT! I HAVE LEARNED THAT GREEN LANTERN IS DUE TO APPEAR IN THE CITY OF VALDALE ON EARTH! DURING THAT TIME HIS RING WILL NOT BE OPERATING!

AT THE RIGHT MOMENT I WILL SWITCH ON MY NEW VISO-TELEPORTER--WHICH IS DIRECTED AT VALDALE--AND EVERY VISIBLE HUMAN BEING IN THE CITY--INCLUDING GREEN LANTERN, WILL INSTANTLY BE TRANSPORTED HERE TO QWARD!
MARVELOUS, SINESTRO! WE WILL HAVE GREEN LANTERN IN OUR POWER!

AS THE SCREEN FADES, AND REALIZATION DAWNS ON THE ASTRAL VISITANT...
GREAT STARS! THEN THAT EXPLAINS WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE OF VALDALE! AND I ESCAPED ONLY BY ACCIDENT--BY NOT GOING THERE!
YES! AND NOW THAT WE HAVE TOLD YOU ALL WE KNOW, GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH...
...THE REST IS UP TO YOU! YOU MUST DEFEAT YOUR NEW AND VENOMOUS FOE, SINESTRO--AND YOU MUST DO IT BY YOURSELF! FOR OUR JURISDICTION DOES NOT EXTEND TO QWARD AND WE CANNOT HELP YOU!
I UNDERSTAND! I WILL DO MY BEST!
GOOD! YOU WILL RETURN TO EARTH NOW TO REJOIN YOUR CORPOREAL BODY! BUT THIS TIME, IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR VALOR AND LOYALTY, WE ARE ALLOWING YOU TO RETAIN A COMPLETE MEMORY OF THIS INTERVIEW WITH US!
BACK ON EARTH, ALMOST INSTANTLY, AT THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY...
GREEN LANTERN--ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
YES...YES!
I CAN'T TELL PIEFACE ANYTHING ABOUT THE GUARDIANS! THAT'S ONE SECRET I CAN'T SHARE WITH ANYONE!
THE NEXT MOMENT...
JUMPING FISHHOOKS! HE--HE JUST MUMBLED A FEW WORDS TO ME, AND THEN TOOK OFF--LIKE A STREAK--!
I'VE GOT TO FIND MY WAY INTO QWARD WITHOUT A MOMENT'S DELAY! NOT ONLY MUST SINESTRO BE DEALT WITH--BUT ALSO I'VE GOT TO DISCOVER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 100,000 INNOCENT PEOPLE OF VALDALE!


SHORTLY, AT A CERTAIN HILLSIDE NOT FAR FROM COAST CITY...
EH? AT THIS SPOT THERE WAS AN INTER-UNIVERSE APERTURE WHICH I USED TO ENTER QWARD-- BUT NOW IT'S BLOCKED--SEALED UP! THAT MUST BE PART OF SINESTRO'S WORK--TO PREVENT A SURPRISE ATTACK ON MY PART!
AS FURTHER SEARCH FAILS TO REVEAL ANY OTHER MEANS OF ACCESS INTO THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE...
THERE'S ONE OTHER WAY TO GET INTO QWARD! IT'S TRICKY--AND MAYBE DANGEROUS! BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY IT...!
BACK IN COAST CITY, THE VIBRANT CRUSADER UNDERTAKES AN INCREDIBLE MISSION...
THESE PEOPLE WILL ONLY BE AFFECTED TEMPORARILY! BUT MEANWHILE-- I'VE GOT TO USE MY RING TO TURN EVERY LIVING BEING IN THE CITY INVISIBLE--SO THAT THEY WILL BE INVULNERABLE TO SINESTRO'S VISO-TELEPORTER!
WH-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME?!
WHEN THE MIGHTY BEAM-WIELDER HAS ACCOMPLISHED HIS EXTRAORDINARY TASK...
NOW I'M THE ONLY VISIBLE HUMAN IN THE CITY! AND SOONER OR LATER SINESTRO--BY HIS SUPER-RADAR--WILL GET WIND OF THE FACT THAT I'M HERE...JUST WALKING ABOUT...NOT USING MY RING! MY HOPE IS HE'LL SNAP AT THE BAIT--!
AFTER WHAT SEEMS AN INTERMINABLE WAIT...
CRRAACK!
A--AN INCREDIBLE FORCE SEIZING ME! BUT I MUSTN'T RESIST--MUST LET MYSELF GO! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN GET INTO QWARD--!
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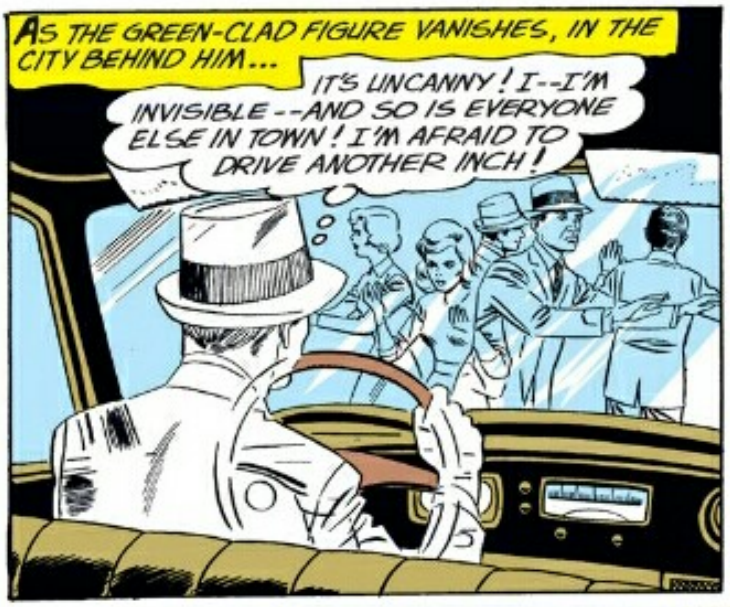

AS THE GREEN-CLAD FIGURE VANISHES, IN THE CITY BEHIND HIM...
IT'S UNCANNY! I--I'M INVISIBLE--AND SO IS EVERYONE ELSE IN TOWN! I'M AFRAID TO DRIVE ANOTHER INCH!

THEN SUDDENLY, SINCE GREEN LANTERN HAD COMMANDED HIS RING TO HAVE ONLY A TEMPORARY EFFECT...
GREAT SCOTT! NOW--NOW WE'RE VISIBLE AGAIN!

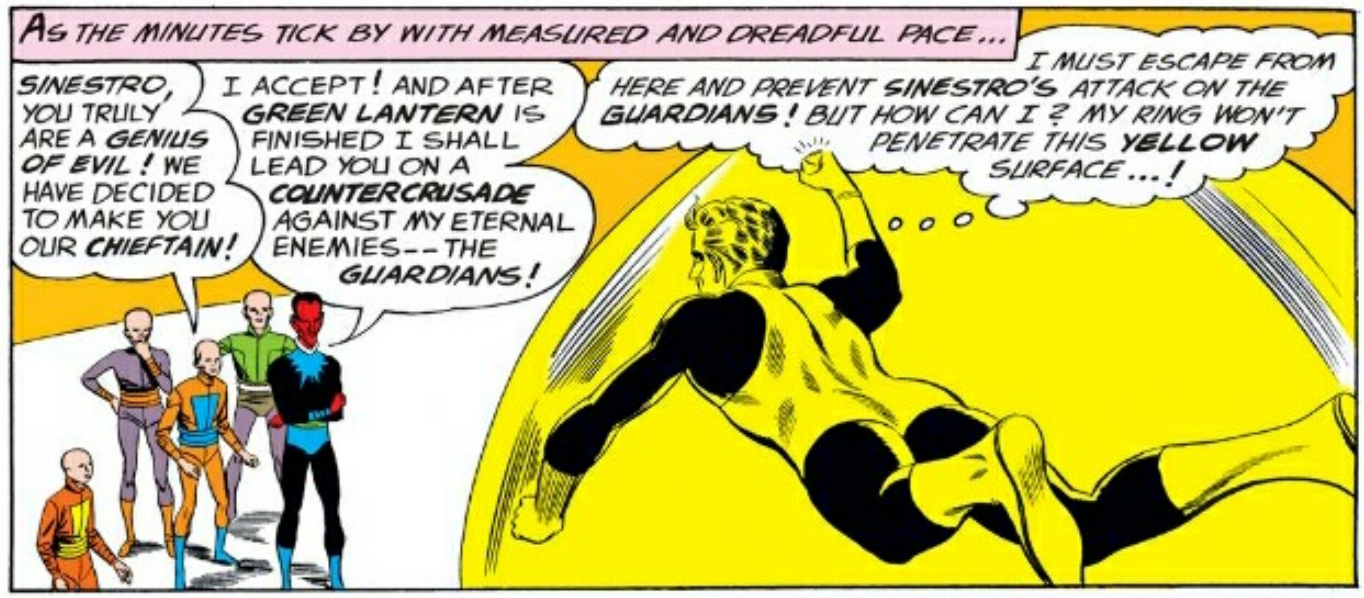
AT THIS MOMENT, IN THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE OF QWARD, WHERE EVIL IS THE STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR--JUST AS GOOD IS IN OURS...
SINESTRO HAS KEPT HIS PROMISE! HE HAS DELIVERED GREEN LANTERN TO US!
OPEN FIRE! DESTROY HIM!

AS A BATTERY OF DEADLY RADIATION SPURTS AT THE GREEN-CLAD ARRIVAL...
THEY WERE READY FOR ME! I GUESS THEY COUNTED ON MY BEING DAZED WHEN I GOT HERE--UNABLE TO USE MY POWER RING! BUT THEY DON'T REALIZE I FORESAW THIS!
ZZZZT!

IN A SPLIT-SECOND, THE GREEN GLADIATOR SETS UP AN IMPENETRABLE SHIELD BEFORE HIM...
OUR ENERGY BURSTS CANNOT REACH HIM! WHAT DO WE DO NOW, SINESTRO?
FEAR NOT! MY EVIL MIND IS EASILY EQUAL TO THIS EMERGENCY--!

HEAR ME, GREEN LANTERN! UNLESS YOU SURRENDER TO US, YOUR COUNTRYMEN--THE 100,000 PEOPLE OF VALDALE--WILL BE DESTROYED AT ONCE!

AFTER AN AGONIZING MOMENT, THE EMERALD WARRIOR REACHES A DECISION...
THIS IS ONE THING I DID NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT! I HAVE NO CHOICE! I MUST DO AS HE SAYS!
I ACCEPT YOUR TERMS! I WILL PLACE MYSELF IN YOUR POWER--ON ONE CONDITION--
--THAT YOU RELEASE THE PEOPLE OF VALDALE, AND SEND THEM BACK WHERE THEY BELONG--SAFE AND SOUND!
AGREED! YOU HAVE MADE A GOOD BARGAIN, GREEN LANTERN--100,000 FOR ONE!
AND SOON, BACK IN VALDALE WHICH WAS A MOMENT BEFORE ONLY A GHOST CITY...
WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO US?
NO ONE KNOWS! BUT THANK GOODNESS WE ARE BACK HOME AGAIN AND ALIVE!
WHILE IN QWARD, TRUE TO HIS PROMISE, GREEN LANTERN HAS ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE CAPTURED...
YOU'VE ENCASED ME IN A YELLOW BUBBLE OF PULSATING ENERGY, SINESTRO! BUT--IS THIS THE WAY YOU PROPOSE TO DESTROY ME?
PATIENCE, MY EX-COLLEAGUE--PATIENCE!
AS A FORMER RING-WIELDER MYSELF, I KNOW THAT YOUR GREEN BEAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY PROTECT YOU FROM ALL HARM AS LONG AS YOU ARE CONSCIOUS! THEREFORE, MY PLAN IS SIMPLE! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE FROM OUR YELLOW ENERGO-SAC--!*
FURTHER, OUR SUPER-RADAR INFORMED US EXACTLY WHEN YOU LAST CHARGED YOUR RING! WHEN THAT CLOCK STRIKES SIX--YOUR RING WILL RUN OUT OF POWER! THEN WE SHALL DESTROY YOU!
Editor's Note: DUE TO A NECESSARY IMPURITY IN ITS COMPOSITION, GL's RING HAS NO POWER OVER ANYTHING YELLOW--A FACT WELL KNOWN TO SINESTRO, THE RENEGADE "GREEN LANTERN"!


AS THE MINUTES TICK BY WITH MEASURED AND DREADFUL PACE...
SINESTRO, YOU TRULY ARE A GENIUS OF EVIL! WE HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE YOU OUR CHIEFTAIN!
I ACCEPT! AND AFTER GREEN LANTERN IS FINISHED I SHALL LEAD YOU ON A COUNTERCRUSADE AGAINST MY ETERNAL ENEMIES--THE GUARDIANS!
I MUST ESCAPE FROM HERE AND PREVENT SINESTRO'S ATTACK ON THE GUARDIANS! BUT HOW CAN I? MY RING WON'T PENETRATE THIS YELLOW SURFACE...!

IT SEEMS HOPELESS! AND YET--IN THE TIME I'VE BEEN IN HERE, I'VE NOTICED SOMETHING ABOUT THAT CLOCK! IT WORKS ON THE VIBRATION OF ATOMIC PARTICLES--MY RING HAS BEEN RECEIVING ITS IMPULSES! Hmm! I WONDER--!

NOT LONG AFTER, WHEN THE FINAL MOMENT ARRIVES...
THE CLOCK STRIKES SIX!
AND SEE--HIS RING IS RUNNING OUT OF POWER--JUST AS I SAID IT WOULD!

AS THE MASTER OF EVIL UNLIMBERS AN ENERGY-GUN...
NO NEED FOR THE YELLOW BUBBLE, GREEN LANTERN! YOUR HOUR OF DOOM HAS STRUCK--
PERHAPS, SINESTRO...
...AND PERHAPS NOT!
AHH--!? HIS RING--IT IS STILL WORKING!?
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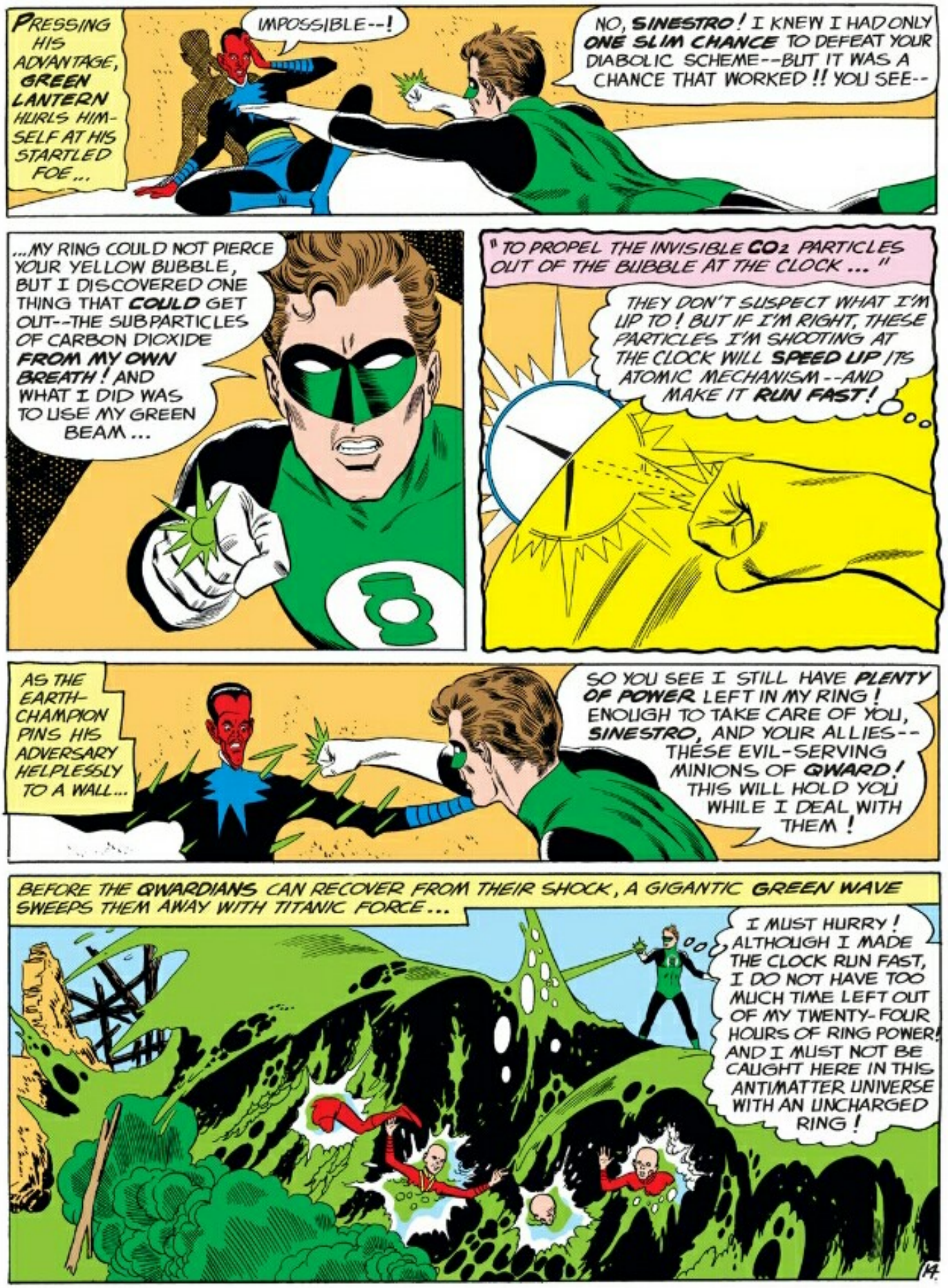
PRESSING HIS ADVANTAGE, GREEN LANTERN HURLS HIMSELF AT HIS STARTLED FOE...
IMPOSSIBLE--!
NO, SINESTRO! I KNEW I HAD ONLY ONE SLIM CHANCE TO DEFEAT YOUR DIABOLIC SCHEME--BUT IT WAS A CHANCE THAT WORKED!! YOU SEE--
...MY RING COULD NOT PIERCE YOUR YELLOW BUBBLE, BUT I DISCOVERED ONE THING THAT COULD GET OUT--THE SUBPARTICLES OF CARBON DIOXIDE FROM MY OWN BREATH! AND WHAT I DID WAS TO USE MY GREEN BEAM...
"TO PROPEL THE INVISIBLE CO2 PARTICLES OUT OF THE BUBBLE AT THE CLOCK..."
THEY DON'T SUSPECT WHAT I'M UP TO! BUT IF I'M RIGHT, THESE PARTICLES I'M SHOOTING AT THE CLOCK WILL SPEED UP ITS ATOMIC MECHANISM--AND MAKE IT RUN FAST!
AS THE EARTH-CHAMPION PINS HIS ADVERSARY HELPLESSLY TO A WALL...
SO YOU SEE I STILL HAVE PLENTY OF POWER LEFT IN MY RING! ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF YOU, SINESTRO, AND YOUR ALLIES--THESE EVIL-SERVING MINIONS OF QWARD! THIS WILL HOLD YOU WHILE I DEAL WITH THEM!
BEFORE THE QWARDIANS CAN RECOVER FROM THEIR SHOCK, A GIGANTIC GREEN WAVE SWEEPS THEM AWAY WITH TITANIC FORCE...
I MUST HURRY! ALTHOUGH I MADE THE CLOCK RUN FAST, I DO NOT HAVE TOO MUCH TIME LEFT OUT OF MY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF RING POWER! AND I MUST NOT BE CAUGHT HERE IN THIS ANTIMATTER UNIVERSE WITH AN UNCHARGED RING!
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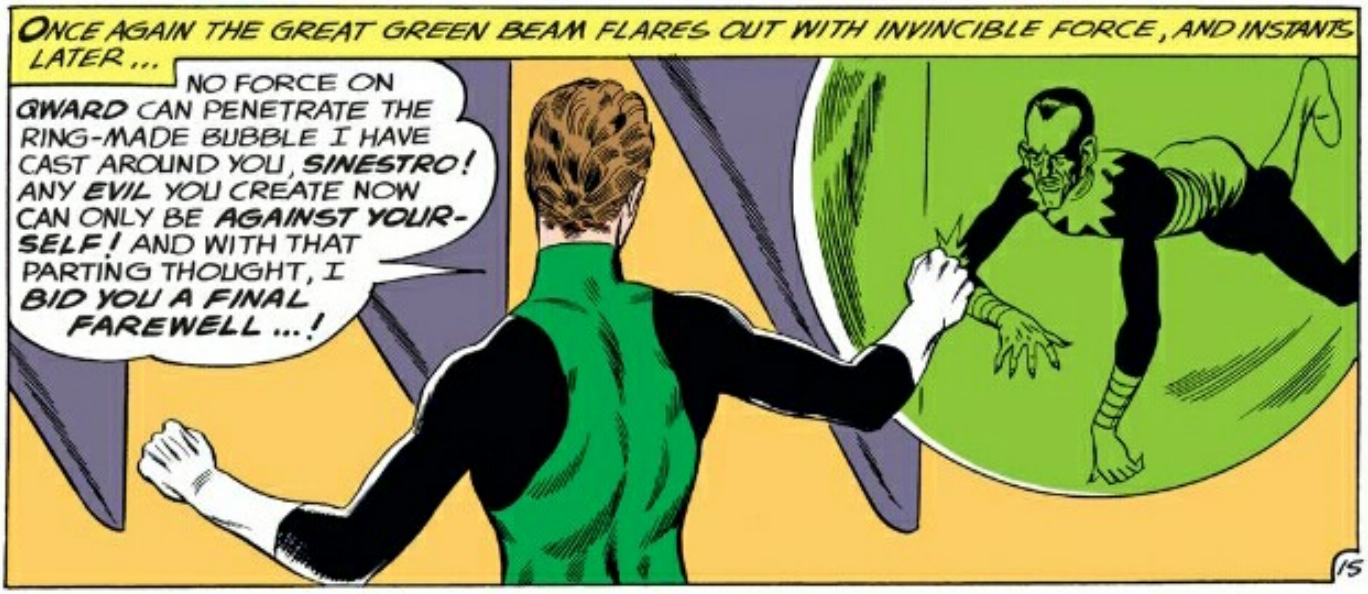
AS GREEN LANTERN TURNS ONCE AGAIN TO HIS TRAPPED ARCHFOE...
LAUGHING--!?
HA! HA! OF COURSE! YOU AMUSE ME, GREEN LANTERN, AND I WILL TELL YOU WHY! IF I HAD CAUGHT YOU THE WAY YOU HAVE CAUGHT ME, I WOULD HAVE DESTROYED YOU AT ONCE! BUT YOU--

YOUR STUPID CODE PREVENTS YOU FROM KILLING OR HARMING ANYONE IF YOU CAN HELP IT! I KNOW THAT BECAUSE I WORE A UNIFORM LIKE YOURS MYSELF ONCE--BEFORE I LEARNED BETTER! GOOD IS HELPLESS--EVIL ALONE CAN ACT!

AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU CANNOT EVEN TAKE ME WITH YOU BACK INTO YOUR WORLD TO IMPRISON ME--BECAUSE I WAS BANISHED FOREVER FROM YOUR UNIVERSE BY THE GUARDIANS--AND YOU CANNOT COUNTERMAND THEIR ORDERS! HA! HA! HA!
THAT'S TRUE...

BUT YOU ARE WRONG ABOUT GOOD BEING HELPLESS, SINESTRO! I WILL SHOW YOU HOW WRONG...


ONCE AGAIN THE GREAT GREEN BEAM FLARES OUT WITH INVINCIBLE FORCE, AND INSTANTS LATER...
NO FORCE ON QWARD CAN PENETRATE THE RING-MADE BUBBLE I HAVE CAST AROUND YOU, SINESTRO! ANY EVIL YOU CREATE NOW CAN ONLY BE AGAINST YOURSELF! AND WITH THAT PARTING THOUGHT, I BID YOU A FINAL FAREWELL...!

AT THE SEALED-UP APERTURE BETWEEN THE TWO UNIVERSES SOON AFTER...
I COULDN'T GET THROUGH THIS OPENING FROM OUR SIDE -- BUT BY USING MY RING AND BACKING IT WITH ALL MY WILL POWER -- I CAN GET THROUGH FROM THIS SIDE!
AND SHORTLY, IN A CERTAIN FAMILIAR CUBICLE IN THE HANGAR OF THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY, A SOLEMN OATH IS RENEWED...
I HAD ONLY A FEW SECONDS OF POWER LEFT--
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER -- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
ON A ONCE-AGAIN PEACEFUL EARTH A BRILLIANT GREEN SHAPE FLARES ALONG...
THE OPENING OF THE BOYS SETTLEMENT HOUSE IN VALDALE HAS BEEN POSTPONED -- DUE TO THE EXTRAORDINARY EVENTS YESTERDAY -- TO TODAY! AND THIS TIME I'M KEEPING MY APPOINTMENT TO APPEAR THERE!
SOON, A SEA OF YOUTHFUL FACES IS STARING WORSHIPFULLY UP AT THE EMERALD GLADIATOR...
...AND REMEMBER THIS, BOYS, WHEN RIGHT IS ON YOUR SIDE, YOU WILL ALWAYS OVERCOME EVIL NO MATTER WHERE YOU FIND IT!
The End
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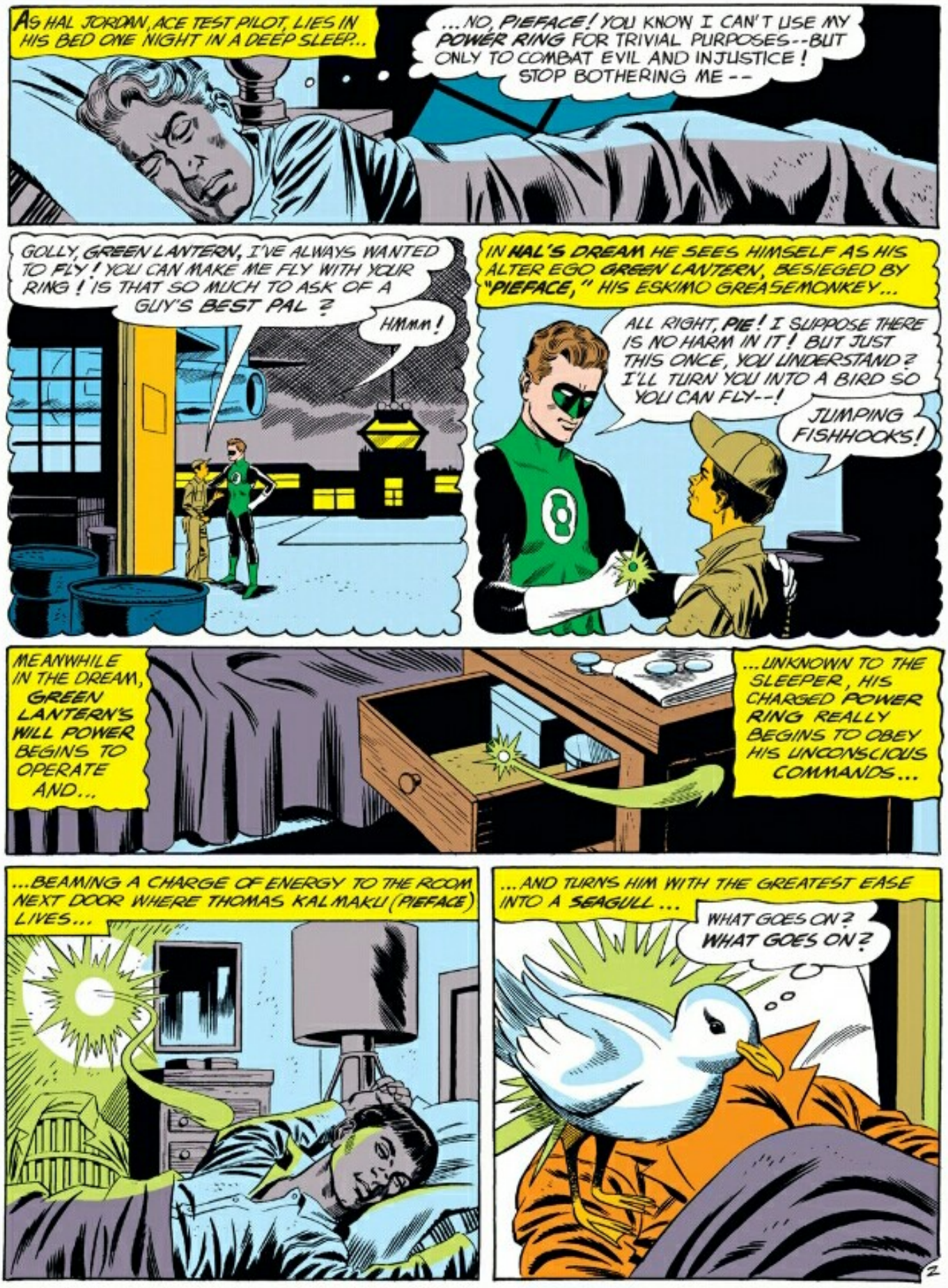
AS HAL JORDAN, ACE TEST PILOT, LIES IN HIS BED ONE NIGHT IN A DEEP SLEEP...
...NO, PIEFACE! YOU KNOW I CAN'T USE MY POWER RING FOR TRIVIAL PURPOSES--BUT ONLY TO COMBAT EVIL AND INJUSTICE! STOP BOTHERING ME--
GOLLY, GREEN LANTERN, I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO FLY! YOU CAN MAKE ME FLY WITH YOUR RING! IS THAT SO MUCH TO ASK OF A GUY'S BEST PAL?
HMMM!
IN HAL'S DREAM HE SEES HIMSELF AS HIS ALTER EGO GREEN LANTERN, BESIEGED BY "PIEFACE," HIS ESKIMO GREASEMONKEY...
ALL RIGHT, PIE! I SUPPOSE THERE IS NO HARM IN IT! BUT JUST THIS ONCE, YOU UNDERSTAND? I'LL TURN YOU INTO A BIRD SO YOU CAN FLY--!
JUMPING FISHHOOKS!
MEANWHILE IN THE DREAM, GREEN LANTERN'S WILL POWER BEGINS TO OPERATE AND...
...UNKNOWN TO THE SLEEPER, HIS CHARGED POWER RING REALLY BEGINS TO OBEY HIS UNCONSCIOUS COMMANDS...
...BEAMING A CHARGE OF ENERGY TO THE ROOM NEXT DOOR WHERE THOMAS KALMAKU (PIEFACE) LIVES...
...AND TURNS HIM WITH THE GREATEST EASE INTO A SEAGULL...
WHAT GOES ON? WHAT GOES ON?
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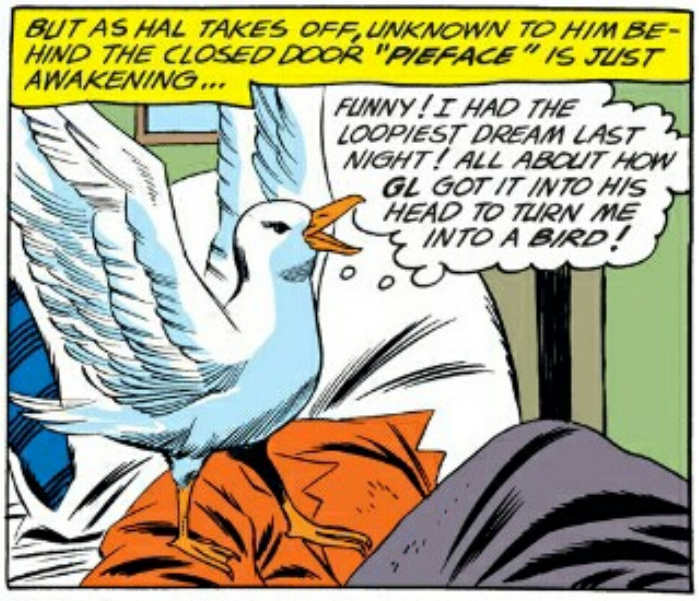
IN THE MORNING...
GOSH, I SLEPT LATE! I'D BETTER HURRY, GET PIEFACE, AND MAKE IT OUT TO THE FIELD!* WE HAVE A BUSY DAY AHEAD OF US--
*Editor's Note; THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY WHERE HAL JORDAN IS CHIEF TEST PILOT!

SOON...
NO ANSWER! I GUESS PIEFACE LEFT WITHOUT ME! HE MUST HAVE TRIED TO WAKE ME AND COULDN'T!
KNOCK! KNOCK!


BUT AS HAL TAKES OFF, UNKNOWN TO HIM BEHIND THE CLOSED DOOR "PIEFACE" IS JUST AWAKENING...
FUNNY! I HAD THE LOOPIEST DREAM LAST NIGHT! ALL ABOUT HOW GL GOT IT INTO HIS HEAD TO TURN ME INTO A BIRD!

K-KEK! IMAGINE THAT! ME A BIRD! BUT, FUNNY--I FEEL KIND OF ITCHY...

...LIKE I WAS COVERED WITH FEATHERS--OR SOMETHING! I'LL TAKE A LOOK AT MYSELF IN THE MIRROR--

K-KEK! I MUST BE STILL DREAMING--OBVIOUSLY! BUT IN THAT CASE, WHAT AM I DOING UP? I'LL GET BACK INTO BED!

WHY AM I PULLING THE COVERS BACK THIS WAY--USING MY BEAK INSTEAD OF MY HANDS? FUNNY, I'M BEGINNING TO GET THE QUEEREST FEELING THAT I'M NOT ASLEEP AT ALL...

AND IF I'M NOT ASLEEP THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE CONCLUSION! I'M NOT DREAMING! AND IF I'M NOT DREAMING THAT MEANS (K-KEK!) I AM A BIRD!

YEOWIE! SOME MEAN VILLAIN HAS DONE THIS--PROBABLY SOME FIEND FROM OUTER SPACE--TRYING TO ELIMINATE ME BEFORE HIS ALIEN RACE INVADES THE EARTH! I GOTTA FIND MY PAL GREEN LANTERN--WARN HIM...

GL CAN CHANGE ME BACK TO MY REGULAR SHAPE! HE CAN DO IT WITH HIS RING--AND THEN TOGETHER THE TWO OF US CAN TAKE ON THE INVADERS! I GOTTA FLY FAST--!

MEANWHILE AT THE AIRCRAFT COMPANY ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF COAST CITY...
STRANGE! THERE'S BEEN NO SIGN OF PIE-FACE! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HIM! AND ESPECIALLY THIS MORNING WHEN THIS TELEGRAM HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR SO LONG HAS FINALLY ARRIVED...

...FROM HIS CHILDHOOD SWEETHEART, TERGA--SAYING THAT SHE'S ARRIVING ON THE TEN O'CLOCK PLANE FROM ALASKA AND THAT HE MUST MEET HER! GREAT SCOTT! THE POOR GIRL WILL BE WORRIED TO DEATH IF THERE'S NO ONE THERE! I'VE GOT TO FILL IN FOR PIE--!

IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS DRESSING ROOM A TRANSFORMATION COMES OVER THE YOUTHFUL PILOT...
NO TIME TO WASTE! I'LL RE-CHARGE MY RING AS GREEN LANTERN AND GET OUT TO THE AIRPORT AT ONCE!
IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!
WHILE POWER-FLYING TO THE AIRPORT...
THAT PESKY BIRD! KEEPS FLYING AT ME--! WHAT IN THUNDER IS THE MATTER WITH IT?
HEY, GL--GL, YOU MUST LISTEN TO ME!
SUPER-SCIENTIFIC ALIENS...ABOUT TO INVADE THE EARTH! AWFUL EMERGENCY...YOU AND I MUST FIGHT--AFTER YOU TURN ME BACK TO MY REGULAR SHAPE!
THIS BIRD LOOKS LIKE A SEAGULL-- BUT ACTS LIKE A CUCKOO!
WITH AN ADDITIONAL BURST OF POWER, THE EMERALD GLADIATOR DRAWS SWIFTLY AWAY FROM THE WINGED NUISANCE...
THANK GOODNESS SEAGULLS AREN'T KNOWN FOR SPEED, AND I COULD EASILY GET AWAY FROM IT! NOW TO GET TO THE AIRPORT...
K-KEK!
AND SOON, NEAR THE AIRFIELD, GREEN LANTERN SUDDENLY DECIDES TO USE HIS RING TO SUMMON HIS HAL JORDAN CLOTHES TO HIM...
IT'S OCCURRED TO ME I'D BETTER GREET PIEFACE'S GIRL FRIEND AS HAL JORDAN! THAT WAY IT WILL BE EASIER TO EXPLAIN MY RELATION TO PIE AND WHY I'M HERE!
Editor's Note: GREEN LANTERN HAS WILLED HIS CLOTHES TO TRAVEL INVISIBLY FROM HIS HANGAR DRESSING ROOM, TO APPEAR ONLY IN FRONT OF HIM!
PROMPTLY AT TEN...
THERE'S THE PLANE! BUT I DON'T SEE TERGA... OR ANYONE WHO REMOTELY FITS HER DESCRIPTION! Eh? WHAT'S THAT...?
...NO MOVE FROM HERE...
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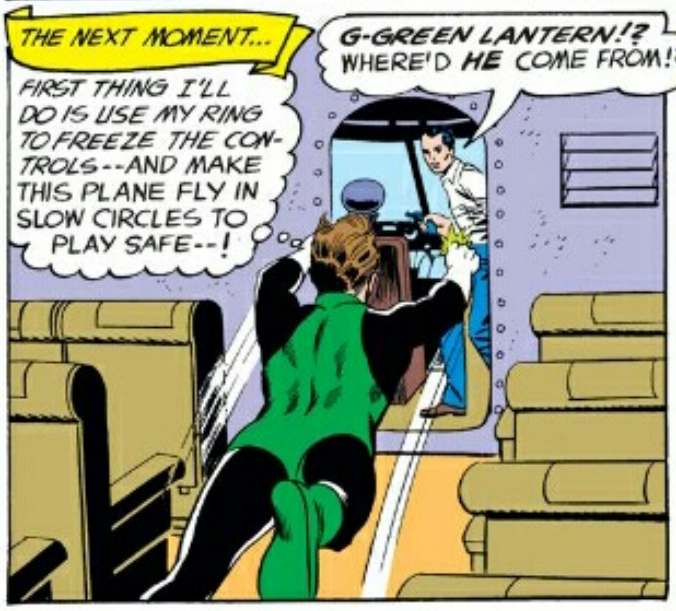
AS THE ACE TEST PILOT BOARDS THE AIRLINER...
I...NO...MOVE! WANT...SEE THOMAS! NO... MOVE TILL HE COME...
THAT MUST BE TERGA! SHE'S ASKING FOR THOMAS KALMAKU-- THAT'S PIE'S SQUARE MONIKER! BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE--SHE CAN HARDLY SPEAK ENGLISH!

BUT BEFORE HAL CAN EVEN APPROACH THE GIRL...
eh? THOSE MEN--BARGED IN HERE--TAKING OVER THE PLANE AT GUN-POINT!
YOU--PILOT! DON'T ASK QUESTIONS! JUST TAKE THE PLANE UP--AND FAST!

AS THE PLANE CAPTAIN IS FORCED TO OBEY...
WE'RE ALOFT ALREADY! THOSE GUNMEN MUST BE ESCAPED CONVICTS OUT TO MAKE A GETAWAY! I'VE GOT TO STOP THEM--BUT I MUST BE CAREFUL! I DON'T WANT TERGA TO BE HURT--!

A THOUGHT-COMMAND FROM HAL JORDAN-- AND HIS OUTER GARMENTS FLY OFF...
THOSE CROOKS AREN'T KEEPING TOO CLOSE A WATCH ON ME! I GUESS THEY DON'T THINK I MATTER MUCH! BUT THEY'RE ABOUT TO LEARN DIFFERENTLY!


THE NEXT MOMENT...
FIRST THING I'LL DO IS USE MY RING TO FREEZE THE CONTROLS--AND MAKE THIS PLANE FLY IN SLOW CIRCLES TO PLAY SAFE--!
G-GREEN LANTERN!? WHERE'D HE COME FROM!?

BUT THEN AS AN UNEXPECTED AIR POCKET CAUSES THE CRAFT TO LURCH...
LOOK! GREEN LANTERN SLAMMED INTO THAT SEAT--
UHH!
--AND IS CONKING OUT!

QUICK! PLUG HIM! BEFORE HE COMES TO--!
OH!
AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE CIRCLING CRAFT...
THERE'S TERGA-- AND MY PAL GREEN LANTERN IN DANGER! IT'S A GOOD THING I SPOTTED THIS PLANE!
AS THE INTREPID BIRD MAKES A SUDDEN ENTRANCE...
HEY!?
GOT THAT HOOD'S ATTENTION JUST BEFORE HE PULLED THAT TRIGGER! BUT TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T USE THAT GUN--
CRASH!
JUMPING JETS! THAT BIRD AGAIN--AND LOOKS LIKE IT'S JUST SAVED MY LIFE!
RECOVERING SWIFTLY, THE EMERALD CRUSADER PROPELS HIS GREEN BEAM OUTWARD WITH OVERPOWERING EFFECT...
GREAT GOING, GL! K-KEK!
HE'S GOT US! OUR BUST-OUT IS OVER!

LATER, WITH THE CONVICTS BACK IN STATE PRISON WHERE THEY BELONG...
AT LEAST I GOT TERGA OFF THE PLANE! SHE SEEMS INCLINED TO TRUST ME! BUT I'D BETTER GET HOLD OF CAROL TO CHAPERONE HER, UNTIL WE CAN LOCATE PIEFACE! I STILL-- EH?

OOH! BIRD-- GO AWAY...
THAT BIRD! IT'S NOT AFTER ME NOW--IT'S GOING FOR TERGA!!

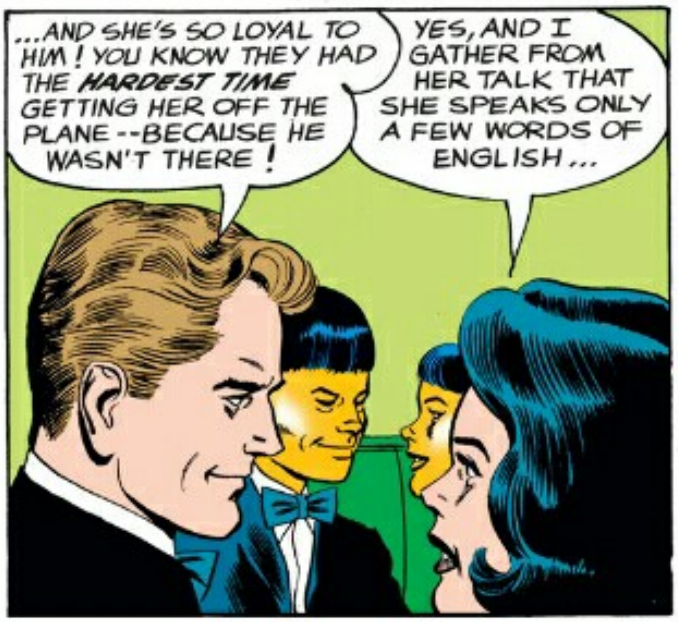
IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT'S HAPPY TO SEE TERGA! AS IF IT'S TRYING TO KISS HER--EH? JUMPIN' JETS! IS IT POSSIBLE--!?

SUDDENLY, IN BACK OF GREEN LANTERN'S MIND A MEMORY STIRS...
MY DREAM LAST NIGHT...USING MY POWER RING... TO TURN PIEFACE INTO A BIRD!! IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ACTUALLY I--! GULP!! GOT TO FIND OUT!

THEN, AFTER BEAMING A CAGE AROUND THE BIRD...
er--EXCUSE ME A MOMENT, TERGA! I'VE-- er--GOT A LITTLE BUSINESS TO TAKE CARE OF! YOU STAY RIGHT THERE... STAY...THERE... UNDERSTAND?
Y-YES...

BEHIND THE HANGAR A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...
PIEFACE! Whew! I MUST MAKE SURE I COMMAND MY POWER RING NEVER TO LET SUCH A "NIGHTMARE" HAPPEN AGAIN!
HI, GL! IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN-- FACE TO FACE!

THAT EVENING AFTER THE EMERALD CRUSADER HAS "VANISHED" AND HAL JORDAN HAS AGAIN POPPED UP...
IT WAS A GOOD IDEA OF YOURS, HAL, TO ARRANGE THIS DOUBLE DATE WITH TERGA AND PIEFACE! I'M ENJOYING THEM--
SO AM I, CAROL!* THEY ARE A WONDERFUL COUPLE...
*Editor's Note! CAROL FERRIS, IN THE ABSENCE OF HER FATHER, IS IN SOLE CHARGE OF THE FERRIS AIRCRAFT COMPANY WHERE HAL WORKS! NOMINALLY, THEREFORE, SHE IS HAL'S BOSS--BUT ACTUALLY, AND MAINLY, SHE IS HIS ROMANTIC INTEREST!


...AND SHE'S SO LOYAL TO HIM! YOU KNOW THEY HAD THE HARDEST TIME GETTING HER OFF THE PLANE--BECAUSE HE WASN'T THERE!
YES, AND I GATHER FROM HER TALK THAT SHE SPEAKS ONLY A FEW WORDS OF ENGLISH...

--AND SHE'S USING MOST OF THEM NOW!
THOMAS... YOU... ME... LOVE!
The End
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