

YEARS AGO.

SPACE SECTOR 1313.

APPROACHING THE PLANET XANSHI.

WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE, KATMA? WE'RE GREEN LANTERNS, NOT DOCTORS.

THE CORPS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE UNIVERSE, JOHN-- NO MATTER THE THREAT. I KNOW YOU SERVED IN YOUR WORLD'S MILITARY, BUT OUR WORK ISN'T SIMPLY ELIMINATING ENEMIES.

MARINES DO A LOT MORE THAN JUST FIGHT. BUT OUR RINGS CAN'T HEAL--

--SO HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO STOP AN EPIDEMIC THAT SPREAD ACROSS A WHOLE PLANET IN DAYS?

THE GUARDIANS SENT US BECAUSE I WAS A DOCTOR BEFORE JOINING THE CORPS. SO I KNOW THAT THE KEY TO CURING A DISEASE IS TRACING IT TO ITS SOURCE.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS. HOW DID IT START?

THE FIRST FELL SICK WITH THE DARKNESS A WEEK AGO--AFTER THE RIVER RAN BLACK. WE WERE WARNED NOT TO DRINK, BUT... WE HAD NO OTHER WATER.

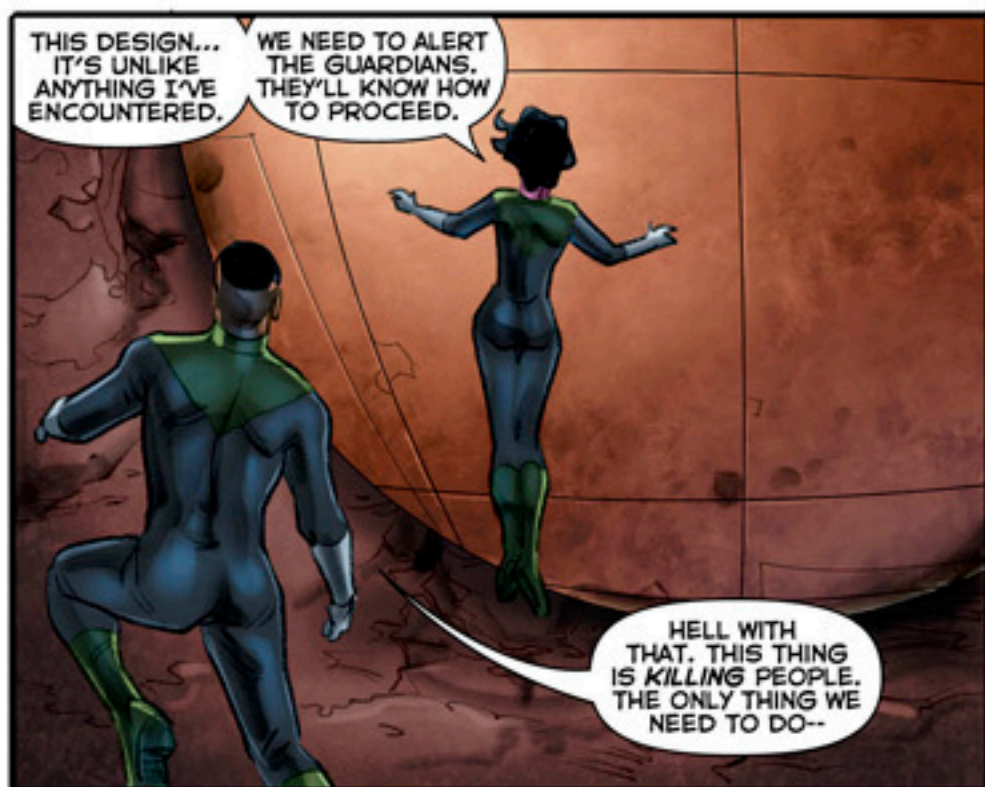
YOU THINK WHATEVER'S HAPPENED TO THE WATER CAUSED THIS?

REPORTS INDICATE THAT AS MUCH AS NINETY PERCENT OF XANSHIANS ARE INFECTED. NO DISEASE SPREADS THAT FAST.

LIKE I SAID. TO CURE A DISEASE, YOU HAVE TO FOLLOW IT BACK...

...TO WHERE IT STARTED.

WHAT IS THAT?



"--I'M SO SORRY."

WITH A BANG

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SPACE SECTOR 2525.

BENEATH THE PLANET ZAROX.

NOW.

GOD,
NO...

WHAT
IS IT, JOHN?
WHAT IS THAT
THING?

A
BOMB. I'VE
SEEN IT ONCE
BEFORE. ON
XANSHI.

BUT...
XANSHI WAS
DESTROYED.

SO IT
WAS. AND
SO ZAROX
WILL BE.

GHRRLUUU

DARKNESS
FALLS.

I WON'T
LET THIS
HAPPEN. NOT
AGAIN.

JRUK--
DO WHAT
YOU DO
BEST.

I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO BUILD.



WE HAVE TO TAKE IT AWAY FROM HERE!

FESKA-- MAKE ME AN EXIT!

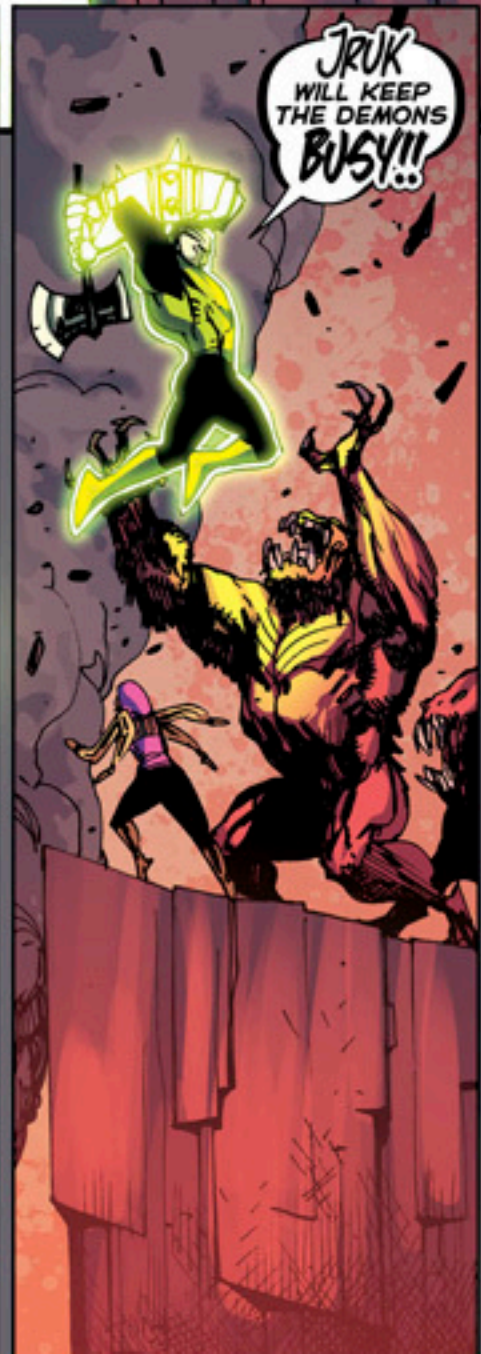


I'M ON IT!

GRUNN CHUCK



BE CAREFUL. WE CAN'T RISK CAUSING A DETONATION.



JRUK WILL KEEP THE DEMONS BUSY!!