

SARATOGA.



"BATMAN."

YOUR MEN SCREAM YOUR NAME. I'VE HEARD THAT BEFORE.

ON MY WORLD, THE RETALIATORS CRIED SO TO THEIR LEADER-- THE CRUSADER. HE HAD NO POWER, LIKE YOU, YET GODS AND MIRACLES WERE LOST WITHOUT HIM.

IT WAS NOT RESPECT. IT WAS SIMPERING.



YOU'D SACRIFICE YOURSELF FOR THAT?



POP

SCHWAM

FIZZLE



IN A SECOND.



I WON'T ARGUE.

YOU WANT TO HELP EARTH, HAVOK?

THIS "CRUSADER" MAY NOT HAVE UNDERSTOOD WHAT YOU'RE DOING. BUT I DO. LET MY TEAM GO.

WHAT THE HELL IS HE DOING, VIKEN?

WORKING HAVOK, DE-ESCALATING. THIS IS THE RAZOR'S EDGE. I'VE BEEN HERE. MY MOTHER DIED HERE...

BATMAN'S STALLING FOR US TO GET TO SAFETY.

LIKE HELL. HE SAVED MY LIFE. I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

NUCLEAR FIRE BURNED OUR WORLD. WHAT DO YOU KNOW OF TRAGEDY?

I LOST MY WORLD, TOO. WHEN I WAS A BOY. I RESPECT YOUR GOAL.

BUT YOU DON'T KNOW EARTH. I DO. LET MY TEAM GO, AND I'LL HELP YOU SAVE THIS WORLD.

...YOU KNOW YOUR PLACE. BENEATH ME.

YOU'LL JOIN US. YOUR TEAM WILL LIVE, AS LONG AS THEY DO NOT DISRUPT.

YOU'D LET THESE "HEROES" LIVE?

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH, HAVOK.



I'VE SEEN ENOUGH!

SHOOOM



DR. DIEHARD--  
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?



WHAT WE NEED TO DO, GORGON! I'M SICK OF THIS!

WE CAME HERE TO PROTECT, TO RULE! NOW HAVOK CAPITULATES? COMPROMISES? IT'S MORE OF THE SAME.



HAVOK PROMISED US-- "EXTREME MEASURES." BUT HE'S GROWN WEAKER AND WEAKER SINCE ANGOR.

YOU DESERVE STRONGER LEADERSHIP. WITH THE STRENGTH TO DO WHAT IS REQUIRED.

I HAVE THAT STRENGTH.



AND YOU, BATMAN.  
IF YOU COULD SAVE THIS WORLD, YOU WOULD'VE ALREADY DONE IT.

YOU WENT TOO FAR ON ANGOR.

HERE? YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

"TOO FAR?! HAVE YOU HELD A BOY'S SMOKING BODY IN YOUR HANDS? WE DIDN'T GO FAR ENOUGH!"

"THEY CALLED US MONSTERS. VILLAINS. BUT REAL PEOPLE WERE WORSE THAN ANY OF US.



"SELF-INTEREST TORE OUR WORLD APART. I WOULD SPARE YOU THAT.



"WE TRIED TO WORK WITH ANGOR'S HEROES. WE GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO SEE THE TRUTH--FREEDOM IS TOXIC!"



THAT WAS OUR MISTAKE! THEIR REBELLION BROUGHT FIRE ON US ALL.



WE TRIED YOUR WAY. HAVOK CLINGS TO IT. HE'S LEARNED NOTHING.



THERE CAN BE ONLY ONE CONSEQUENCE FOR DISSENT--