







DEAR FLASH. TELL ME: HOW IS THE OLD CREW THESE DAYS? BARIN? VULCAN? QUEEN DARYA?

HAVE THEY NOT STAYED IN TOUCH?



SHAME. YOU COULD HAVE USED THEIR HELP TODAY.

I KNOW I'VE ENJOYED THEIR HELP OVER THE YEARS.



DOES THAT SURPRISE YOU? BUT IT'S TRUE!

YOU SEE, I HAVE FEWER INSURRECTIONS WHEN THE CONQUERED ANSWER TO ONE OF THEIR OWN. THIS IS WHY I ALLOW THOSE LITTLE MONARCHS THEIR LITTLE FIEFDOMS...



AND WHY I NOW EXTEND YOU A SIMILAR OFFER.

RULE EARTH FOR ME, FLASH. YOU'VE PROVEN YOURSELF MORE THAN WORTHY.

WHAT?! NEVER!

MING, YOU'RE CRAZY!

WE'LL HAVE TO THINK VERY HARD ABOUT THIS!



BARIN HAD THE SAME REACTION, FLASH... UNTIL HE REALIZED A RELUCTANT RULER WOULD BE KINDER THAN THOSE WHO SLAVER FOR THE JOB.

FATHER, THE NEW BEAST-BOMB IS READY FOR LAUNCH.



SHALL I PREPARE THE COURTYARD GATESTONE?

NO! THE U.S. ALREADY SURRENDERED-- YOU CAN'T BOMB THEM AGAIN!





I'M SIMPLY APPLYING THE "ONE-TWO PUNCH" THAT FLASH LIKES SO MUCH. DID YOUR COUNTRY NOT DROP TWO ATOM BOMBS ON JAPAN?

IT MUST BE WHAT TERRANS UNDERSTAND.



MING, NO.

I AGREE TO RULE EARTH. I'LL DO WHAT YOU SAY AND NOT REVOLT.

JUST DON'T SEND ANOTHER BEAST-BOMB.



STUPENDOUS.

A GOOD CALL, FLASH. THERE WILL BE FAR LESS CHANCE OF INSURRECTION WITH YOU AS A FIGUREHEAD.

AURA-- PREPARE A NANO-CHARGE, AND YOUR OPERATING ROOM.



"NANO-CHARGE"?

I KNOW YOU'LL NEVER MANAGE TO CAST ME OUT.

EARTH WAS THE HARDEST OF PLANETS TO CONQUER... AND NOW I'VE DONE IT. I'M UNBEATABLE.

STILL, YOU'LL TRY. YOU'RE FLASH GORDON, YOU CAN'T HELP IT.

SO YOU'LL SOON VISIT AURA'S LABORATORY.



AND, AFTER SHE INSERTS A NANO-CHARGE IN YOUR HEAD...

...ANY ACT OF DEFIANCE WILL EXPLODE YOUR BRAIN.





I IMAGINE THAT COULD HAVE GONE BETTER.

NOW WHAT, FLASH? YOU'VE JUST CONDEMNED YOURSELF.

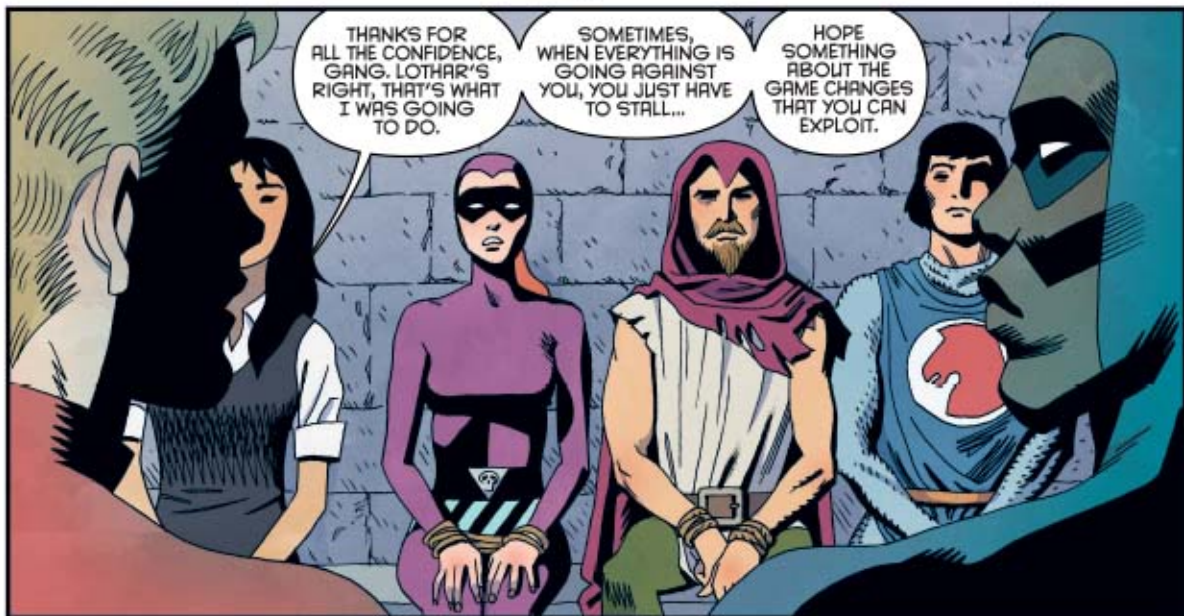
I KNOW WHAT HE'LL DO.



HE'LL TRY TO USE THE SECOND OF FREEDOM FROM THE PRISON TO REACH MING AND KILL HIM.

BUT IT WON'T WORK, MING IS TOO CAREFUL FOR THAT.

THEY'LL EITHER KILL FLASH OR COMPLETELY REMOVE HIS BRAIN AND PUPPET HIS BODY.



THANKS FOR ALL THE CONFIDENCE, GANG. LOTHAR'S RIGHT, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO DO.

SOMETIMES, WHEN EVERYTHING IS GOING AGAINST YOU, YOU JUST HAVE TO STALL...

HOPE SOMETHING ABOUT THE GAME CHANGES THAT YOU CAN EXPLOIT.



BUT IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE HAVE ANYTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENING THIS TIME.



SO IT WOULD APPEAR, FLASH.

BUT APPEARANCES ARE ONE THING...



