

TEN BILLION YEARS AGO.  
THE ORBIT OF PLANET MALTUS.

JUST TRY TO RELAX.

IT'S OKAY TO BE NERVOUS BEFORE A BIG MISSION.



UGH, YOU DO THIS ALL THE TIME? YOU'RE FEARLESS!

WHO, ME?! YOU GOT IT TWISTED, KAJA.

I'M, LIKE, ALWAYS AFRAID. BUT THESE RINGS... THEY SHOW YOU WHO YOU REALLY ARE.

**KAJA DOX**  
SMARTEST DUMBASS OF YOD-COLU

**JESSICA CRUZ**  
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH

**Z'KRAN Z'KRANN**  
WHITE MARTIAN OF VENGEANCE

IT'S WORKING.

BET BY NOW YOU WISH YOU'D THROWN THAT RING AWAY, YES, Z'KRAN?

**CHALLEEN**  
ELEMENTAL GUARDIAN OF PLANET ALSTAIR

NO. THIS IS THE BATTLE I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

I DIDN'T ASK JESS' RING WHAT OUR ODDS ARE. I KNOW THEY'RE GARBAGE.

WHO CAN BLAME THEM FOR BEING ANTS?

OUR SIX ROOKIE GREEN LANTERNS HAVE BARELY SPENT THE NIGHT WITH THEIR RINGS. JESS IS BARELY HOLDING US TOGETHER. THAT'S OUR TEAM."

**BRILL**  
A.I. EXPLORER



BAZ--

DON'T.

WHAT?

DON'T ASK ME ABOUT NOT HAVING A RING, BRILL.

I KNOW VOLTHOOM DESTROYED MY RING. I KNOW I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO FIGHT WITH.

I DON'T WANNA TALK ABOUT IT, OKAY?

**SIMON BAZ**  
GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH



I WASN'T--

WAIT. THIS IS IT.

AND THEN THERE'S ME. WITHOUT A RING, I'M ABOUT AS USEFUL AS A DILL PICKLE ON A BIRTHDAY CAKE.

HOW POETIC.

I HATE POETRY.

URG...MY STOMACH.

IS THERE NOT MOUSE NOR SHREW TO EAT HERE?!

**TYRAN'R**  
COMMON THIEF



CAN IT BE? "THE MIGHTY TYRAN'R" IS QUEASY BEFORE A FIGHT?

ONLY THE DEAD ARE FEARLESS, ALITHA. WHICH ARE YOU?

**ALITHA**  
WARRIOR OF THE THIRD WORLD



JESS AND I ARE STRANDED, TEN BILLION YEARS IN THE PAST.

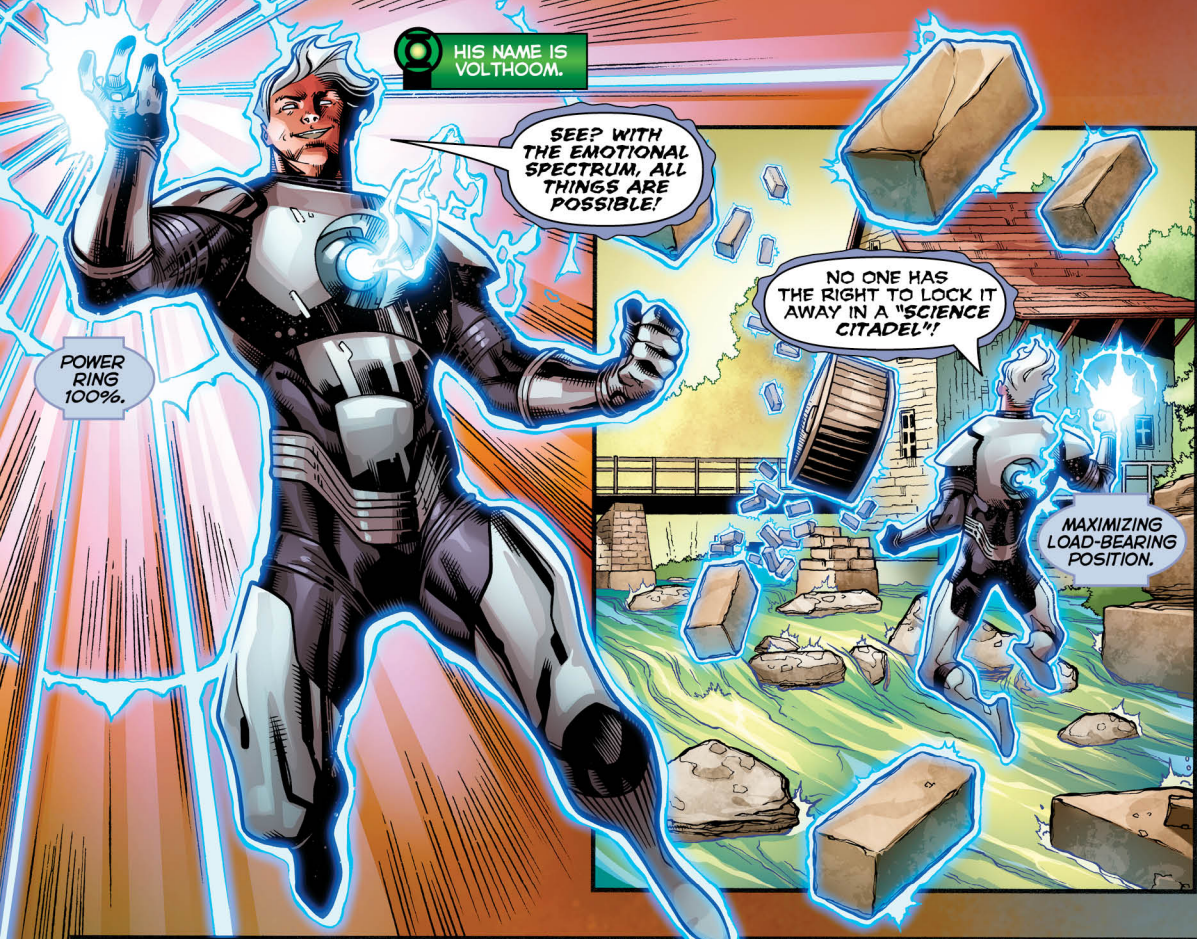
MY WORLD WAS BORN IN BATTLE.

SHHH, ALMOST TIME.

FINALLY. MY BELLY CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE.

OUR ONLY WAY HOME IS THROUGH THE FIRST BEING TO EVER WEAR A POWER RING.





HIS NAME IS VOLTHOOM.

SEE? WITH THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

POWER RING 100%.

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO LOCK IT AWAY IN A "SCIENCE CITADEL"!

MAXIMIZING LOAD-BEARING POSITION.



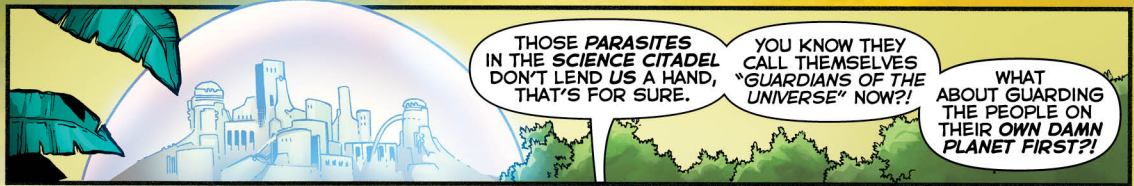
VOLTHOOM, YOU ARE INCREDIBLE!

WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD THE MILL SINCE THE BLIZZARD!

YOU SAVED THE WHOLE DAMN HARVEST!

HEH.

YOU NEEDED HELP, I'M HAPPY TO HELP.



THOSE PARASITES IN THE SCIENCE CITADEL DON'T LEND US A HAND, THAT'S FOR SURE.

YOU KNOW THEY CALL THEMSELVES "GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE" NOW?!

WHAT ABOUT GUARDING THE PEOPLE ON THEIR OWN DAMN PLANET FIRST?!

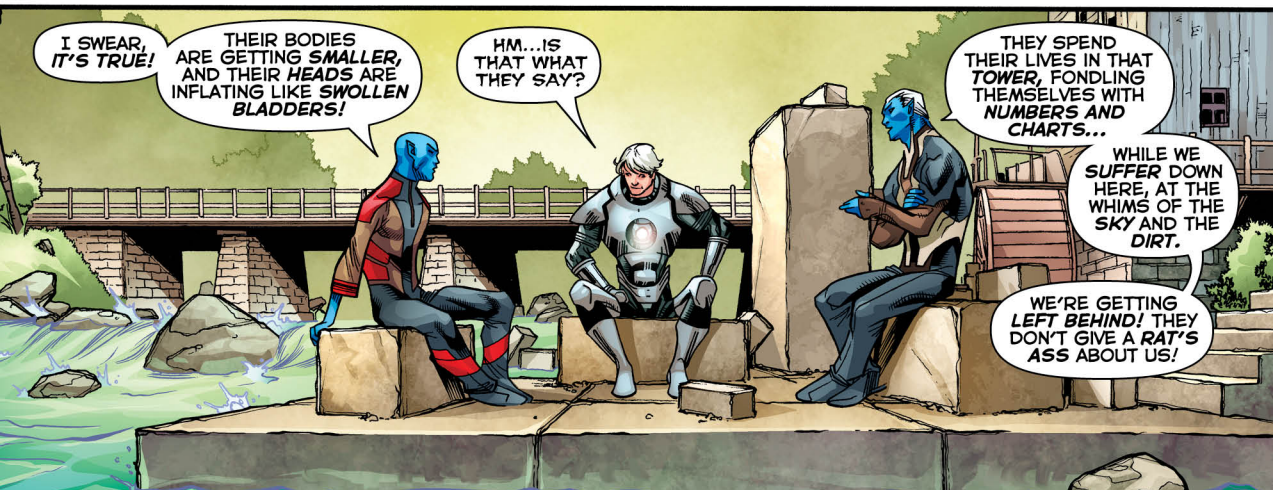


GUARDIANS... OF THEIR OWN PRETENTIOUSNESS, MAYBE!

WAAAAH VOLTHOOM! I LIKE YOUR TEMPERAMENT.

MY WIFE'S SISTER'S BOY-FRIEND'S NEPHEW DELIVERS FRUIT TO THE GUARDIANS.

HE SAYS THEY ARE SHRINKING!



I SWEAR, IT'S TRUE!

THEIR BODIES ARE GETTING SMALLER, AND THEIR HEADS ARE INFLATING LIKE SWOLLEN BLADDERS!

HM...IS THAT WHAT THEY SAY?

THEY SPEND THEIR LIVES IN THAT TOWER, FONDLING THEMSELVES WITH NUMBERS AND CHARTS...

WHILE WE SUFFER DOWN HERE, AT THE WHIMS OF THE SKY AND THE DIRT.

WE'RE GETTING LEFT BEHIND! THEY DON'T GIVE A RAT'S ASS ABOUT US!



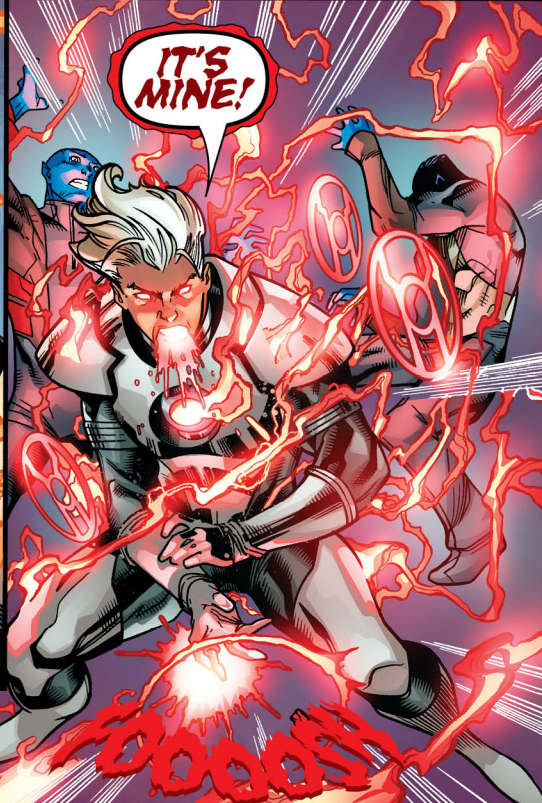
THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM COULD DO SO MUCH TO IMPROVE LIFE OUT HERE! IT BELONGS TO EVERYONE!

THE GUARDIANS...THEY JUST STEAL THINGS AND KEEP THEM FOR THEMSELVES.

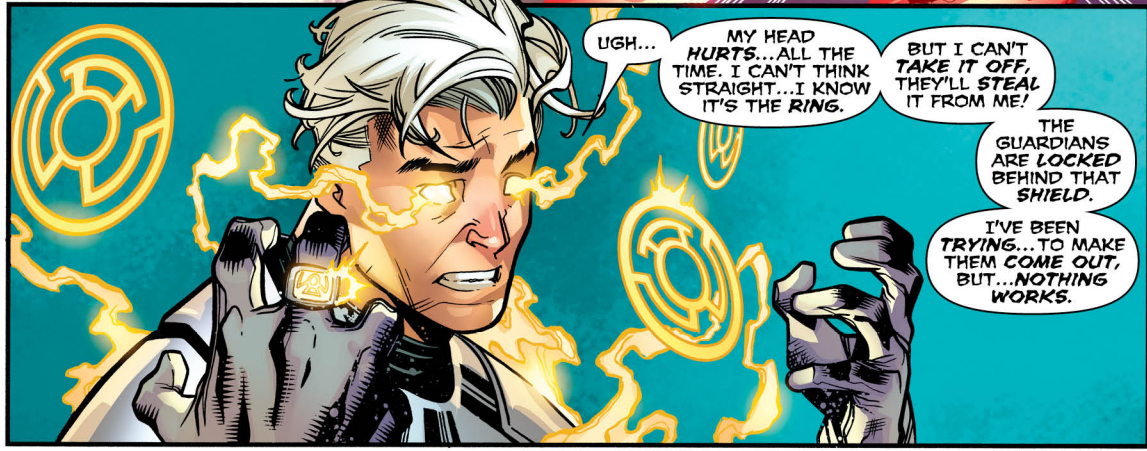


MY TRAVEL LANTERN...THEY TOOK IT FROM ME!

I WANT IT BACK! I NEED MY TRAVEL LANTERN TO GET HOME!



IT'S MINE!



UGH...

MY HEAD HURTS...ALL THE TIME. I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT...I KNOW IT'S THE RING.

BUT I CAN'T TAKE IT OFF, THEY'LL STEAL IT FROM ME!

THE GUARDIANS ARE LOCKED BEHIND THAT SHIELD.

I'VE BEEN TRYING...TO MAKE THEM COME OUT, BUT...NOTHING WORKS.



VOLTHOOM...?  
ARE YOU--

HEH! I'M  
SORRY, I SCARED  
YOU, DIDN'T I? I'M  
OKAY NOW! NO NEED  
TO BE AFRAID,  
RIGHT?!

I'M JUST...  
IN SO MUCH  
PAIN...

I DESTROYED  
A PLANET, YOU  
KNOW.

IF THE  
GUARDIANS  
DON'T COME  
OUT SOON,  
I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT I WILL  
DO.

I MIGHT  
HAVE TO RESORT  
TO SOMETHING  
TERRIBLE... LIKE  
MURDER...



HUH?  
WHAT?

YOUR CHILDREN.  
ONE BY ONE.

I DON'T WANT TO  
DO THIS. BUT I NEED  
TO GET MY TRAVEL  
LANTERN BACK!



DO YOU  
THINK THAT  
WILL GET THEIR  
ATTENTION--  
EH?!

INCOMING  
THREAT--

**NOW!**

**HEADS UP,  
BASTARD!**

**KKRAKAW**

