

THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE.

HAL?

ARE YOU
THERE?

WE
FOUND THE
LOCATION,
HAL.

WE
DUG DEEP
INTO ORION'S
MIND.

I DON'T
KNOW HOW YOU'LL
DO IT, BUT WE CAN'T
SAFEGUARD HIGHFATHER
UNLESS YOU COME
THROUGH.

THE NTH
METAL GOLEMS
WILL KILL HIM.

MISSION
SUCCESS
IS ALL ON
YOU.

YOU HAVE
TO CATCH LIGHTRAY,
SPEEDSTER OF THE
NEW GODS.

FALL OF THE GODS PART THREE
GODSPEED

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ORDERS RECEIVED, JOHN.

I'M PUSHING MAX SPEED OUT OF TRANSLUMINAL SPACE.

I'VE MARKED LIGHTRAY. HE'S TOWING HIGHFATHER, RIGHT WHERE ORION SAID THEY'D BE.

AND THEY NEED HELP. THERE ARE TWIN OMEGA BEAMS ON THEIR SIX.

WHICH MEANS ONE OF THE GOLEMS ALREADY FOUND HIGHFATHER AND GOT A SHOT OFF.

THERE GOES ANY CHANCE THEY'LL STOP AND CHAT.

NO FEAR, JOHN. HE'S FAST, BUT I'LL BAG HIM.

COPY TH:SKZZ: WE'LL BE :KZZZT:

SAY AGAIN, JOHN?

:ZZKKZZ: :KZZRRT:

JOHN, IF YOU'RE READING ME, THERE'S SOME KIND OF ENERGY WAKE OUTSIDE THE COCKPIT. MUST BE INTERFERING WITH COMMS.

ERROR.

COMMUNICATIONS SEVERED.

ALL RIGHT, HAL.

BOOM!

BOOM!

YOU KNEW THIS WAS A SOLO MISSION.

KRAK KRAK KRAK

WARNING.

SPEED EXCEEDS LIMITS OF CONSTRUCT INTEGRITY.

KRAK

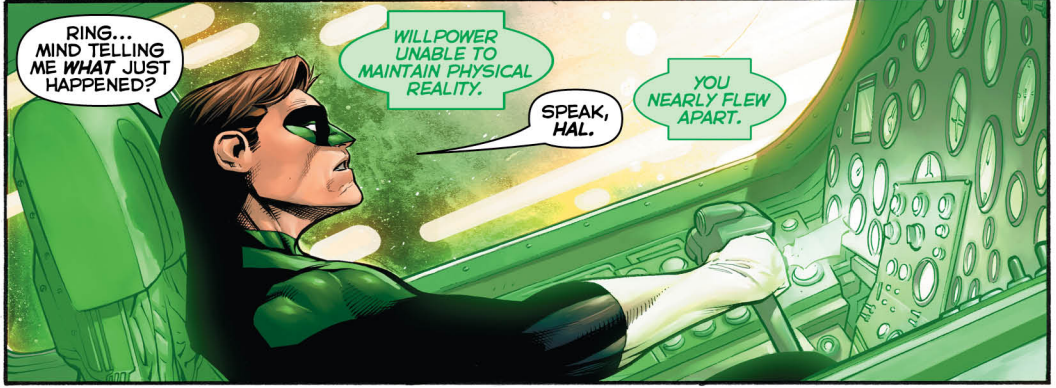
REDUCE SPEED BEFORE INTEGRITY IS BREACHED.

KRAK

WHAT?



BACK IT DOWN!



RING... MIND TELLING ME WHAT JUST HAPPENED?

WILLPOWER UNABLE TO MAINTAIN PHYSICAL REALITY.

SPEAK, HAL.

YOU NEARLY FLEW APART.



DID WE AT LEAST GET CLOSE TO LIGHTRAY?

NEGATIVE.

DISTANCE TO TARGET INCREASED.



YOU DON'T ALWAYS HAVE TO GO SOLO, HAROLD.



I'LL BE YOUR
WINGMAN.