

THE
JOKER.

PEOPLE ALWAYS
WANT TO KNOW:
WHO WAS HE
BEFORE, WELL...
THIS?



A NIHILISTIC
KILLER...



...A HAPLESS
COMEDIAN...



...A
TROUBLED
CHILD...

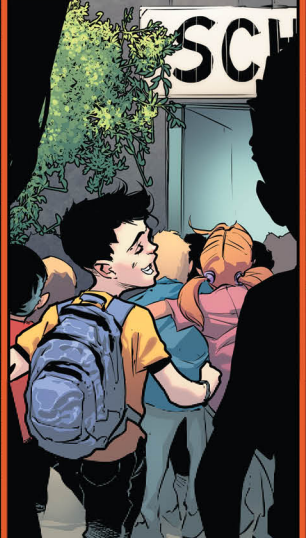
...OR MAYBE JUST
A NORMAL CHILD.



BUT IF YOU ASKED
HIM, THE JOKER
(BEFORE KILLING YOU)
WOULD SAY HE
DIDN'T KNOW.

THE BEST JOKES
HAVE MANY SETUPS.
THE *PUNCH LINE*
IS WHAT MATTERS.

AND NOW, IN A POD INSIDE
MARTIAN MANHUNTER'S
BRAIN...HE IS CAUTIOUSLY
JOYFUL, BECAUSE
FOR THE FIRST TIME...



...THE WORLD FINALLY
SEEMS READY TO
LAUGH WITH HIM.

UMBRAX.
ULTRAVIOLET LANTERN SUN.
EARTH'S ORBIT. NOW.

JUSTICE LEAGUE

THE TOTALITY

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WITH THE COSMIC MEMBRANE DOWN, UMBRAX'S ENERGY IS TOO STRONG, CYBORG! SINESTRO IS PULLING HALF THE DAMN POPULATION INTO HIS CORPS!

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT... UMBRAX INFECTS ITS TARGET'S PRIMAL LIFE FORCES-- THE RED, THE GREEN-- IF WE DON'T ACT FAST, JOHN, EARTH WILL BECOME A **LIVING EVIL PLANET** IN ITS GALAXY!

CAN YOU CALL IN REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE MULTIVERSE?

I CAN SURE TRY.

HURRY, VIC. UMBRAX'S ENERGY... I... I CAN FEEL IT PULLING ME IN AGAIN. I CAN'T HOLD IT OFF MUCH LONGER.

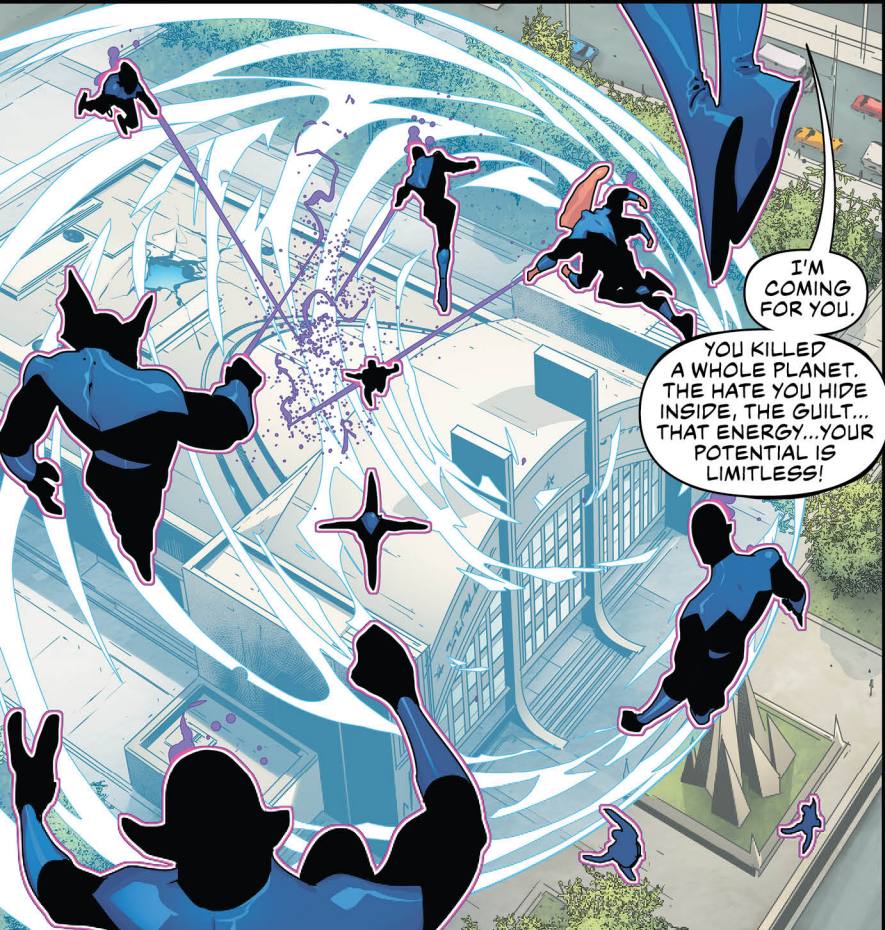
BUM

THEN DON'T, STEWART.

SINESTRO!



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I'M COMING FOR YOU.

YOU KILLED A WHOLE PLANET. THE HATE YOU HIDE INSIDE, THE GUILT... THAT ENERGY... YOUR POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS!



COME OUT AND JOIN ME! DON'T BE SOME MIDDLING GREEN LANTERN! IN MY CORPS YOU'LL BE THE MOST POWERFUL LANTERN EVER, WARRIOR SUPREME!

IT'S YOUR FATE...

"...EMBRACE IT."

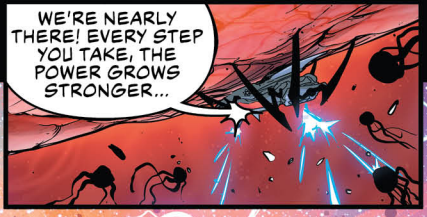
INSIDE THE TOTALITY.

THAT'S IT!
YES! KEEP GOING, YOU FOOLS!



HEEE...

REACH PAST ITS SHELL AND ENTER THE CORE!



WE'RE NEARLY THERE! EVERY STEP YOU TAKE, THE POWER GROWS STRONGER...



...I CAN FEEL IT.

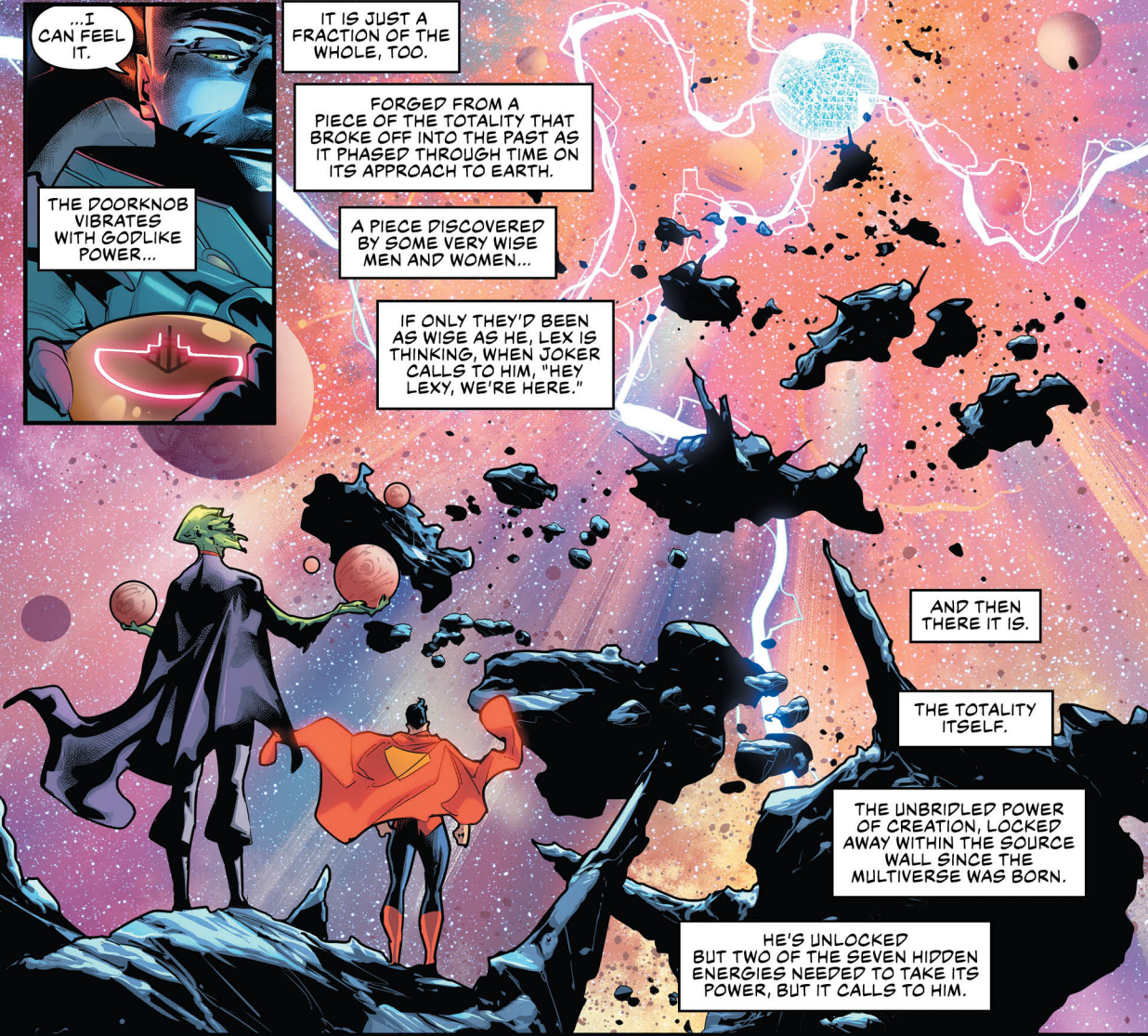
THE DOORKNOB VIBRATES WITH GODLIKE POWER...

IT IS JUST A FRACTION OF THE WHOLE, TOO.

FORGED FROM A PIECE OF THE TOTALITY THAT BROKE OFF INTO THE PAST AS IT PHASED THROUGH TIME ON ITS APPROACH TO EARTH.

A PIECE DISCOVERED BY SOME VERY WISE MEN AND WOMEN...

IF ONLY THEY'D BEEN AS WISE AS HE, LEX IS THINKING, WHEN JOKER CALLS TO HIM, "HEY LEXY, WE'RE HERE."



AND THEN THERE IT IS.

THE TOTALITY ITSELF.

THE UNBRIDLED POWER OF CREATION, LOCKED AWAY WITHIN THE SOURCE WALL SINCE THE MULTIVERSE WAS BORN.

HE'S UNLOCKED BUT TWO OF THE SEVEN HIDDEN ENERGIES NEEDED TO TAKE ITS POWER, BUT IT CALLS TO HIM.



IT WANTS HIM TO TAKE IT. HE CAN FEEL IT!

HE EVEN STARTS TO REACH OUT...



...BUT THEN SOMETHING REACHES BACK.

SOMETHING DARK.

AND VERY PISSED OFF.

BATMAN?!
BUT YOU WERE EATEN BY HIS CELLS! I SAW YOU...

KRYPTONITE RING, LUTHOR. MUTATED OR NOT, IT'S STILL SUPERMAN'S DNA.


YOU BROUGHT KRYPTONITE *INSIDE* SUPERMAN? HEH. WITH FRIENDS LIKE YOU, WHO NEEDS ENEMIES?

YOU DO. SO HERE I AM. HI.

NOW I'M GOING TO HURT YOU.

AND TAKE THAT THING YOU WERE HOLDING.

HEH. "THAT THING..." LOOK AT YOU, BATMAN... TALK TOUGH ALL YOU WANT. YOU'RE SCARED OUT OF YOUR MIND, AREN'T YOU?



WHY?
BECAUSE YOU
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT YOU'RE UP
AGAINST.

YOU'RE A
CITY DETECTIVE.
THIS IS ALL TOO BIG
FOR A MAN LIKE
YOU. AND YOU
KNOW IT!



CLOSE...

YOU KNOW
WHAT THE
DIFFERENCE
IS BETWEEN
YOU AND
ME?!



CLOSERRRR...



I STILL
HAVE
TEETH?

YOU'RE A
CHILD GUIDED BY
NIGHTMARES, I'M
A MAN GUIDED BY
DREAMS!

CUTE
BOOK TITLE.
I'M TAKING
THAT ~~UNHIS~~
DOORKNOB.

BUT THE TREMOR
IN BATMAN'S VOICE
BETRAYS HIM. HE IS
CALCULATING THE
IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.



AND WITHOUT
A MIRACLE, HE
KNOWS...