

NEW KORUGAR.



FORMERLY THE PENAL COLONY OF NECROPOLIS.

...TO SOME, IT MIGHT SEEM AS IF I CHOSE THIS PLANET RASHLY.

THE CONDITIONS HERE ARE...**HARSH** TO SAY THE LEAST.



DRASTIC TEMPERATURE SHIFTS...

...**DEADLY DUST STORMS...**

...**A LACK OF NATURAL RESOURCES...**



...THERE'S EVEN AN **UNSTABLE REACTOR** AT THE PLANET'S CORE...

...KEPT IN CHECK NOW ONLY THROUGH THE **MERCURIAL POWER** OF THE FEAR ENTITY **PARALLAX**.



YET THIS IS THE WORLD I HAVE SELECTED FOR MY PEOPLE.

THIS IS WHERE THE **KORUGARIANS** WILL THRIVE ONCE AGAIN... OR GO **EXTINCT** ONCE AND FOR ALL.





THIS IS WHERE THEY WILL GROW STRONG.

I SHOULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING.

I COULD HAVE HAD THE LANTERNS RAISE SHIELDS AROUND THE ENCAMPMENT.

I COULD HAVE HELPED THESE PEOPLE WEATHER THE STORM.



I DON'T KNOW THAT I'M CUT OUT FOR THIS.

I DON'T HAVE THE FORESIGHT NEEDED TO LEAD.



I SHOULD BE OUT THERE... WHERE I CAN BE SEEN...

...AND NOT ALL SNUG AND COZY IN HERE.

YOU COULD SAY THE SAME ABOUT ME, I SUPPOSE.

I AM THE SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE KORUGARIANS, BUT I HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE SHELTER INSTEAD OF BATTLING THE STORM.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO--



IT'S ALL RIGHT, SORANIK.

YOU MUST STOP SECOND-GUESSING YOUR EVERY UTTERANCE.

YOUR FATHER-- SINESTRO-- PICKED YOU TO LEAD FOR A REASON.

JUST AS YOU MUST TRUST THAT THE KORUGARIANS WILL LEARN TO FEND FOR THEMSELVES...

YOU MUST TRUST IN YOURSELF.



...EVEN IF YOU ARE NOT HERE TO PROTECT THEM.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF LEAVING THESE PEOPLE...

...OF LEAVING YOU...

AND YET YOU KNOW THAT ONE DAY YOU MUST.

YOU LEAD THE GREATEST POLICE FORCE IN THE UNIVERSE.

LIKE IT OR NOT, NEW KORUGAR IS ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF YOUR DOMAIN.

YOUR ATTENTION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE DRAWN ELSEWHERE.



YOU CANNOT WATCH OVER ALL OF SPACE...

...IF YOU ARE TOO BUSY FIGHTING FOR THIS DESOLATE LITTLE WORLD.

RAGE LANTERN TREVIUS...

...WE ARE CLOSE NOW?

YES, BLEEZ.

WE WILL REACH NEW KORUGAR SHORTLY.

THE RAGE MOTHER SHOULD PREPARE TO RELEASE HER MINDLESS BERSERKERS ON SINESTRO'S PET PROJECT.

DO I DETECT A MOCKING TONE?

YOU ARE A RED LANTERN NOW, DEZ. YOUR ANGER HAS BEEN ROUSED.

YOU SHOULD HONOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED BEYOND DEATH AND AWAKENED TO BEAUTIFUL, MINDLESS, ALL-CONSUMING FURY.

THE BERSERKERS, AS YOU CALL THEM, ARE OUR TRUEST WARRIORS.

YES... WELL...

...IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THEY WILL HAVE THE CHANCE TO PROVE THEMSELVES.



I'VE GOT A LOT ON MY PLATE RIGHT NOW, SO I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU ONE CHANCE.

JUST ONE.

TURN AROUND AND FLY FOR OPEN SPACE.

DO THAT RIGHT THIS INSTANT AND THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A FIGHT.

YOU DECLARED WAR ON THE RED LANTERNS?

YOU SENT YOUR ASSASSINS TO DESTROY US!

I REALIZE THAT THE SINESTRO CORPS MADE A PREEMPTIVE STRIKE AGAINST YOU.

FOR THAT, I'M SORRY. BUT WE'RE UNDER NEW LEADERSHIP NOW. MY LEADERSHIP.

WHAT IS MY CONCERN IS THAT YOU'VE CHOSEN A PLANET POPULATED BY INNOCENT PEOPLE AS YOUR TARGET. YOU WANT VENGEANCE AGAINST THE YELLOW LANTERNS—FINE.

THAT SMIRK— SHE REALLY IS SINESTRO'S DAUGHTER!

I KNOW.

JUST LIKE I KNOW HOW THIS FIGHT—IF YOU LET IT HAPPEN—IS GOING TO PLAY OUT.

THAT'S THE BENEFIT OF HAVING A FORTUNE TELLER ON YOUR TEAM.

THAT SMIRK—

SHE REALLY IS SINESTRO'S DAUGHTER!

BUT DO IT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE PLANNING, AND I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN.

WE WILL NOT BE THREATENED!

WE WILL NOT BE COWED! RETRIBUTION IS AT HAND! RED LANTERNS--

AND—FRANKLY—WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU IS NOT MY PROBLEM.