

HOME OF THE INTERGALACTIC POLICE FORCE KNOWN AS THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.

LANTERN STEWART--YOU NEED NOT STAND SENTINEL. IF I SENSE ANYTHING ENTER MY NEAR-SPACE, I WILL BE CERTAIN TO WARN YOU.

I'M NOT ON DUTY, MOGO. JUST WATCHING THE SUNSET.

SUN-SET? I HAVE HEARD OF THAT CONCEPT, BUT I STRUGGLE TO UNDERSTAND. THE SUN IS EVER BESIDE ME.

IF YOU WISH, I COULD REVERSE MY ROTATION. THIS WOULD MAKE--AS YOU CALL IT--A SUN-RISE.

NO THANKS. HONESTLY, IT FEELS LIKE A GOOD SYMBOL FOR THE CORPS THESE DAYS.

RELIC DESTROYED OA. THE DURLANS PAINTED US AS VILLAINS ACROSS THE UNIVERSE. THE NEW GODS NEARLY WIPED US OFF THE MAP.

AND FATALITY...

BUT--YOU KNOW--WE FACED THE VERY WORST THAT COULD BE THROWN AT US, AND WE SURVIVED. WE FOUGHT GODS TO A STANDSTILL.

AS DARK AS THINGS HAVE BEEN, IT GIVES ME HOPE--

THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS HAS INDEED FALLEN ON DARK TIMES, JOHN STEWART.

THE DARK

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WE NEED YOU TO LEAD IT BACK INTO THE LIGHT.

GUARDIANS... WHAT ARE YOU ASKING OF ME?

THE CORPS MUST PROVE ITSELF AGAIN. TO DO THAT, WE MUST SEND LANTERNS BACK TO THEIR SECTORS. WE MUST LET THE UNIVERSE KNOW THE CORPS STANDS READY TO ACT.

AFTER LANTERN JORDAN'S... INTERESTING CHOICES AS CORPS LEADER, WE HAVE SENT HIM ON LEAVE.

YOU WILL SERVE AS CORPS COMMANDER IN HIS STEAD.

NO OFFENSE TO HAL--OR TO YOU-- BUT IF I WASN'T GOOD ENOUGH TO LEAD THEN, WHY NOW?

WE NEVER DOUBTED YOUR ABILITY TO LEAD, JOHN--

--WE DOUBTED YOUR ABILITY TO FEEL.

BUT WE DOUBT NO LONGER. PLEASE...

I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY, BUT I'M MOST NEEDED SOMEWHERE ELSE.

WE'VE BEEN RUN THROUGH THE WRINGER THESE PAST MONTHS. THE NEW RECRUITS NEVER GOT THE TRAINING THEY DESERVED.

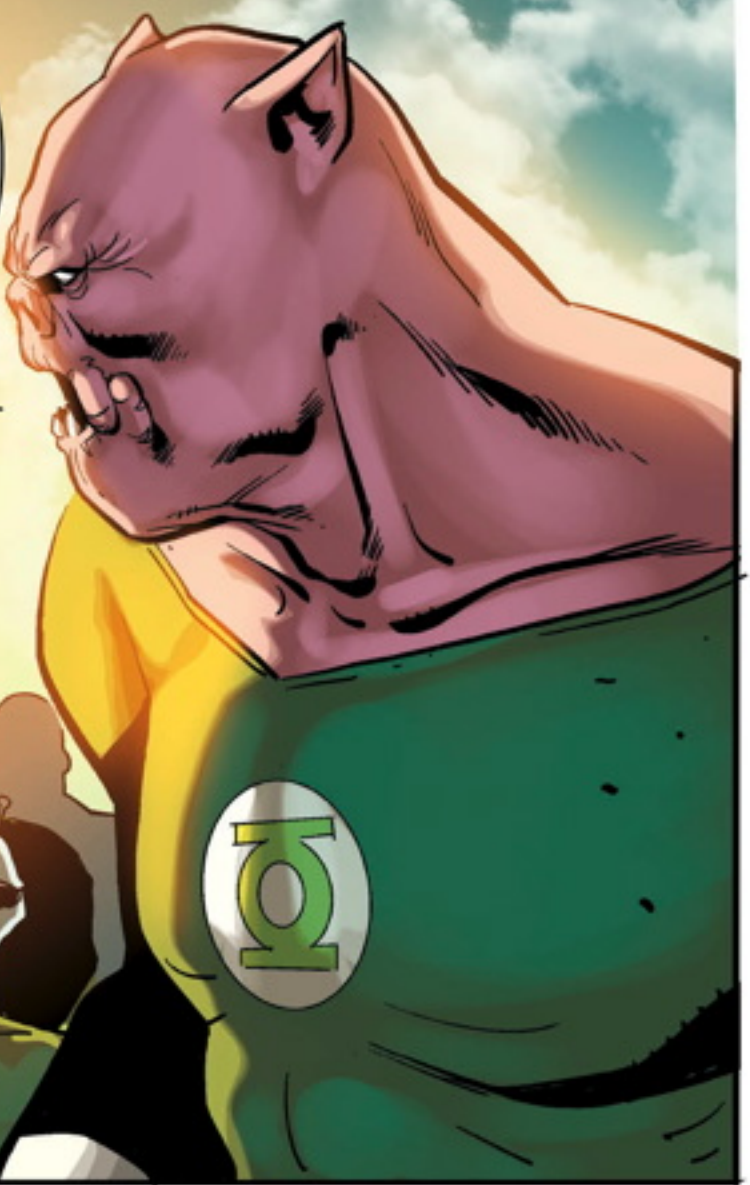
I MADE A COMMITMENT THAT I WOULD SEE THEM BECOME FULL LANTERNS...

"...AND I INTEND TO MAKE GOOD ON THAT PROMISE."

YOU ALL STARTED OUT AS SOME OF THE **SORRIEST** ROOKIES TO EVER SLING A RING. AND YOU DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A **SECOND** OF TRAINING BEFORE GETTING PUT TO THE TEST.

IT WASN'T JUST THAT YOU MADE IT THROUGH SOME OF THE WORST SCRAPS THE CORPS HAS FACED...IT'S SAFE TO SAY THE CORPS WOULD HAVE FALLEN WITHOUT YOU.

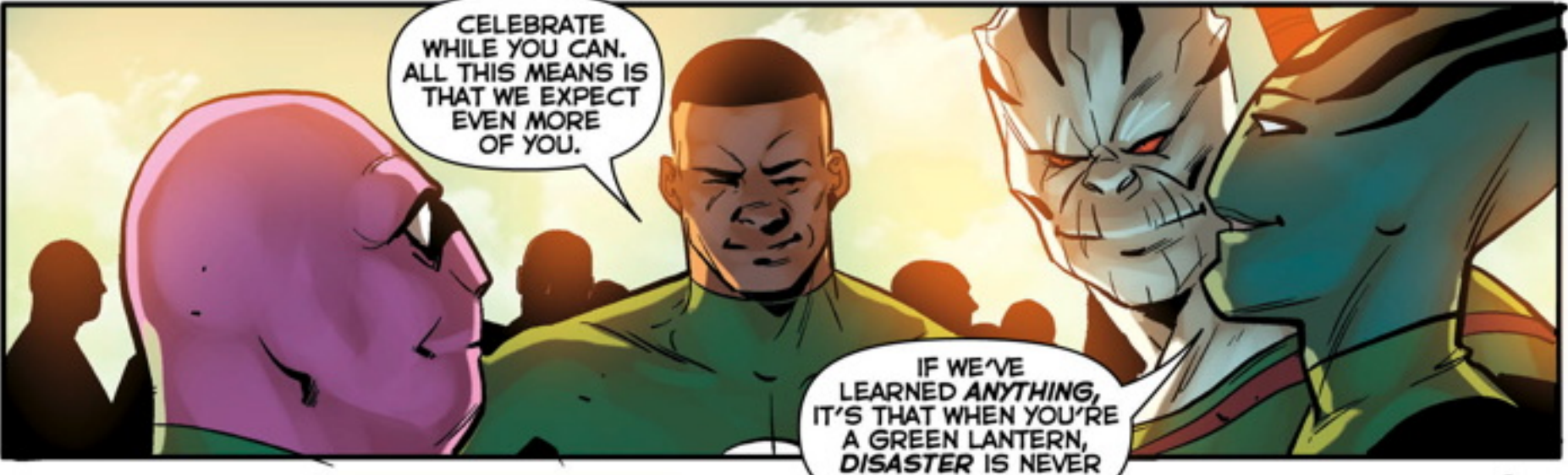
SO I'M HAPPY TO SAY--



--YOU POOZERS AREN'T RECRUITS ANY LONGER.

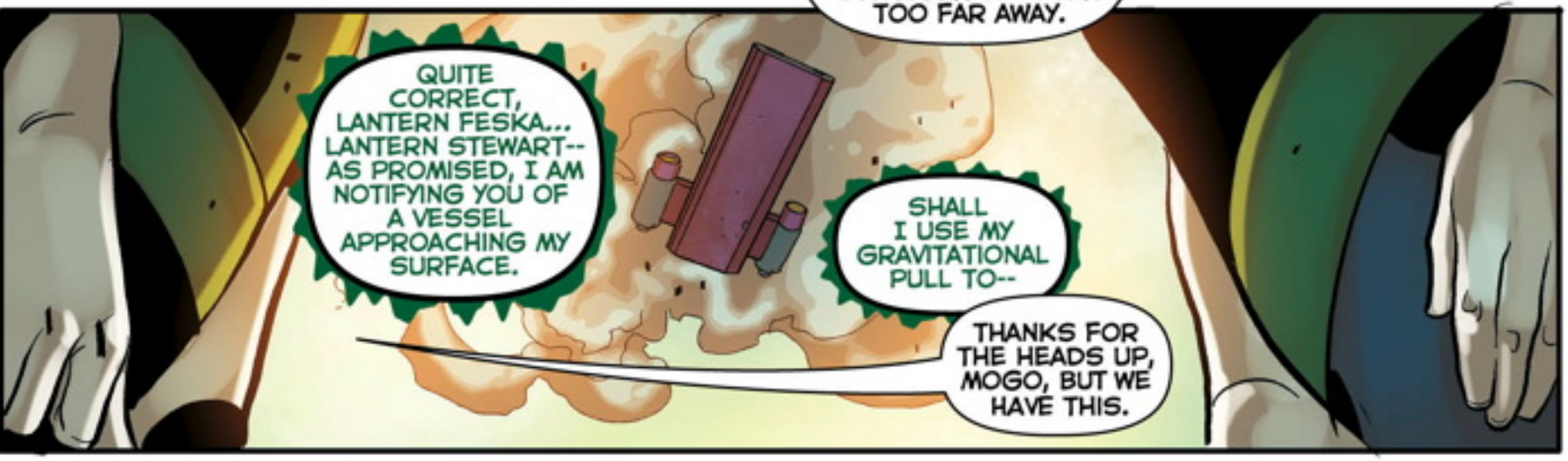


**IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN DARKEST NIGHT
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT.
LET ALL WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT
BEWARE MY POWER,
GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!**



CELEBRATE WHILE YOU CAN. ALL THIS MEANS IS THAT WE EXPECT EVEN MORE OF YOU.

IF WE'VE LEARNED ANYTHING, IT'S THAT WHEN YOU'RE A GREEN LANTERN, DISASTER IS NEVER TOO FAR AWAY.



QUITE CORRECT, LANTERN FESKA... LANTERN STEWART-- AS PROMISED, I AM NOTIFYING YOU OF A VESSEL APPROACHING MY SURFACE.

SHALL I USE MY GRAVITATIONAL PULL TO--

THANKS FOR THE HEADS UP, MOGO, BUT WE HAVE THIS.



FOLLOW MY LEAD. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST.

FINALLY, SOMETHING FOR JRUK TO CRUSH.

WAIT! THAT SHIP...



IT'S FROM ZAROX!

IT'S FROM MY PLANET!

FELLOW ZAROXIANS! IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE SEEN ANY OF OUR KIND.



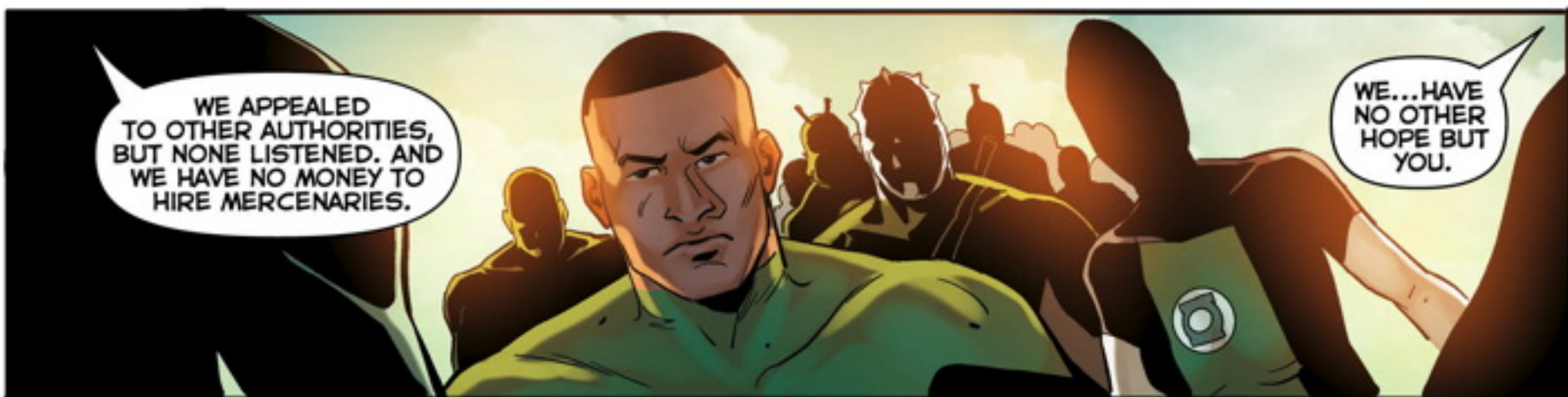
IT IS TRUE. WORD HAD SPREAD THAT ONE OF OUR KIND HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE GREEN LANTERNS.

WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?



ZAROX HAS FALLEN INTO BLEAK TIMES. CRIMINALS HAVE TAKEN OVER EVERYTHING. THEY CALL THEMSELVES THE *SHADOW MARKET*.

MOST OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN SWAYED TO THIS LIFE OF VICE AND VIOLENCE, SEEING IT AS A MEANS TO ESCAPE FROM THE POVERTY OF OUR PLANET. BUT A FEW OF US YET RESIST.



WE APPEALED TO OTHER AUTHORITIES, BUT NONE LISTENED. AND WE HAVE NO MONEY TO HIRE MERCENARIES.

WE...HAVE NO OTHER HOPE BUT YOU.