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LOCATION: UNKNOWN.



>HFF<
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HAVE
TO GET
HELP!



HAVE TO
RUN!



YOUR CEASELESS
TINKERING HAS BECOME
A NUISANCE, YEKOP.

I KNOW
WHAT YOU
SEEK HERE,
KELLIC.

I KNOW.

YES, YOU
WOULD. AMONG THE
TEMPLAR GUARDIANS,
YOU WERE ALWAYS THE
TECHNOLOGICAL
SAVANT.

HOWEVER,
LONG BEFORE YOU
WERE A GUARDIAN,
YOU WERE
SIMPLY...



...MALTUSIAN.

YEEAAAAGH!



YEEEAHHHAY!

SPACE SECTOR ZERO.
ABOVE THE SENTIENT
PLANET MOGO.

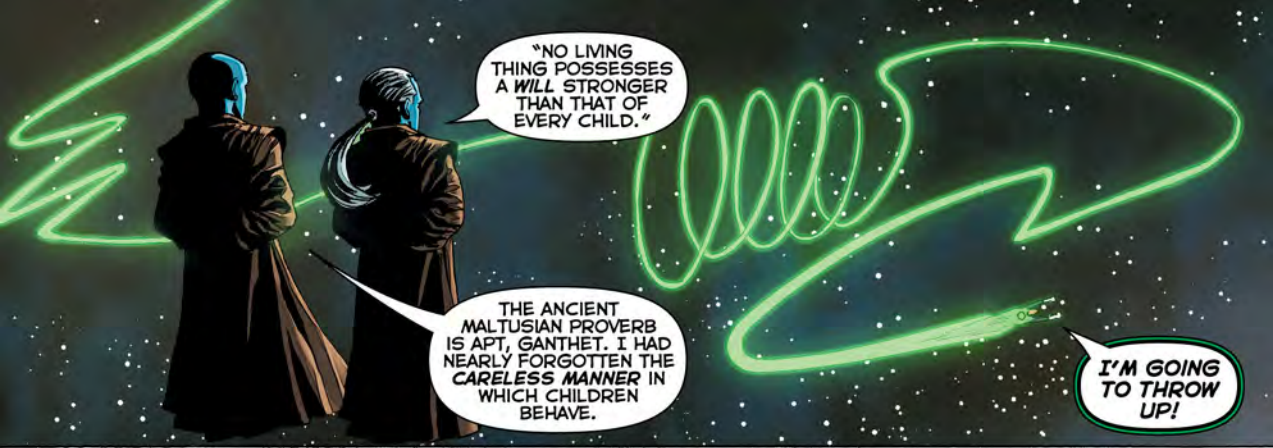
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
INTERGALACTIC POLICE
FORCE KNOWN AS THE...

**GREEN LANTERN
CORPS.**

TWILIGHT OF THE GUARDIANS

PART ONE SMASH AND GRAB

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"NO LIVING THING POSSESSES A WILL STRONGER THAN THAT OF EVERY CHILD."

THE ANCIENT MALTHUSIAN PROVERB IS APT, GANTHET. I HAD NEARLY FORGOTTEN THE CARELESS MANNER IN WHICH CHILDREN BEHAVE.

I'M GOING TO THROW UP!



AND I DONNN'T CARRRE!

YOU MISS IT, MY WIFE?

I CANNOT SAY. THE MEMORIES ARE TOO FAR REMOVED BY TIME.

I BELIEVE THE LAST CHILD I KNEW WAS...

...MYSELF?

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED THAT YOU WOULD...



THAT WE MIGHT--

--WISH TO ADD A LOWER AGE PARAMETER ON THOSE CHOSEN TO WEAR THE RING OF A GREEN LANTERN?

A WISE POLICY.

HOWEVER, YOUNG SOMAR-LE OF XUDAR HAS ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN, SO HER INVOLVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE CORPS MUST BE RESTRICTED.

SHRRGL=



QUITE RIGHT, SAYD.

A LANTERN OUGHT NOT BE PLACED ON ACTIVE DUTY UNLESS IT IS ASSURED THEY WILL WEAR THE RING RESPONSIBLY AND WITH DISCIPLINE.

FW! IT MADE GLOBS!



A GUY GARDNER JOKE WOULD BE TOO OBVIOUS HERE, RIGHT?

CORPS LEADER STEWART, IT IS RARE TO FIND YOU AWAY FROM THE BEEHIVE OF YOUR COMMAND CENTER.

ALL IS WELL, PERHAPS.

NO ACTIVE INTERGALACTIC WARS OR UNIVERSE-WIDE DOOMSDAY SCENARIOS. BUT CHECK WITH ME AGAIN IN FIVE MINUTES.

HURM.



I GUESS I...



FUN!
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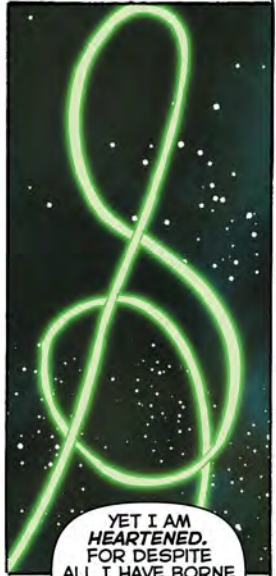
I JUST WANTED TO WATCH.



THE RESPONSIBILITY OF A UNIVERSE VAST AND UNPREDICTABLE IS YOURS, JOHN STEWART.



I TELL YOU NOW, SUCH THOUGHTS ARE THE PATH TO MADNESS.



YET I AM HEARTENED. FOR DESPITE ALL I HAVE BORNE WITNESS TO IN MY IMMORTAL LIFE...



IN TIME, YOU MAY FEEL YOU ARE ALWAYS REACTIVE TO THE SCHEMES OF OTHERS.

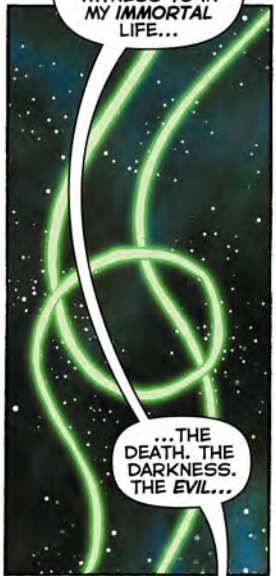
SINESTRO. BRAINIAC. OLD GODS.

ARRIVING ONLY AFTER AN EVIL ACT.

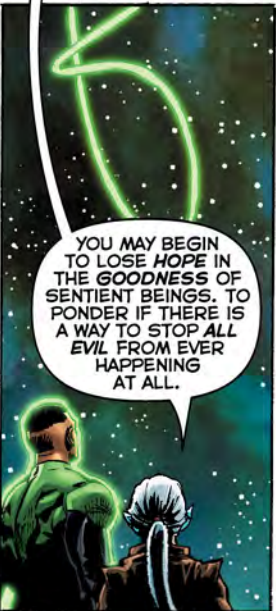


IT IS THE SORT OF PONDERING THAT DROVE THE REST OF THE GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE TO BECOME THE EVIL THEY SOUGHT TO STAMP OUT.

THEY ARE DEAD NOW, VICTIMS OF THEIR OWN SCHEMES. THE COUNCIL OF THE GUARDIANS IS BROKEN. ONLY SAYD AND I REMAIN.



...THE DEATH. THE DARKNESS. THE EVIL...



YOU MAY BEGIN TO LOSE HOPE IN THE GOODNESS OF SENTIENT BEINGS. TO PONDER IF THERE IS A WAY TO STOP ALL EVIL FROM EVER HAPPENING AT ALL.



IF ANY WERE TO HAVE AN EXCUSE TO LOSE HOPE, IT IS I.



THERE IS STILL THE JOY OF A CHILD TAKING FLIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME.

