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THE SPECTRE vs. THE ANTI-MONITOR!  
DEATH AT THE DAWN OF TIME!



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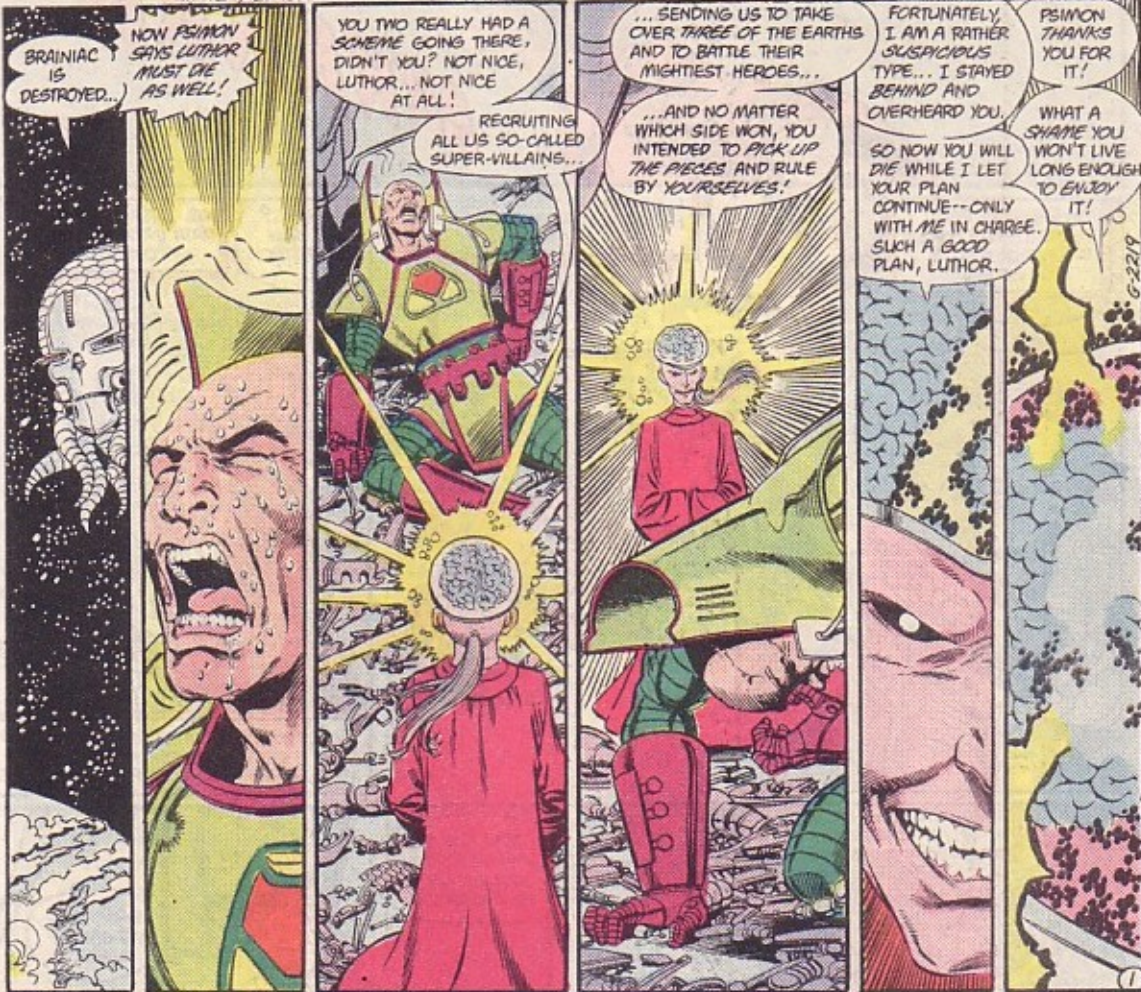
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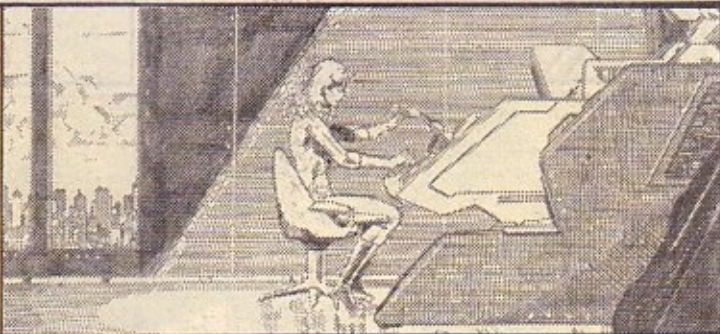
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## THE Monitor Tapes ...

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NOR SHALL  
YOU, PSIMON.



AKKKKKKK

THIS SHIP IS PART  
OF ME... EACH CIRCUIT  
INTERFACES WITH  
ONE OF MINE.

I MONITORED YOUR PRESENCE  
FROM THE MOMENT YOU CAME  
ABOARD.

YOU COULD NOT HIDE  
FROM ME. YOU WERE A  
FOOL TO THINK YOU  
COULD.

BRAINIAC?  
BUT I SAW  
HIM DESTROY  
YOU.

NO. I TRANSFERRED MY  
DATA INTO MY SHIP'S  
COMPUTERS.



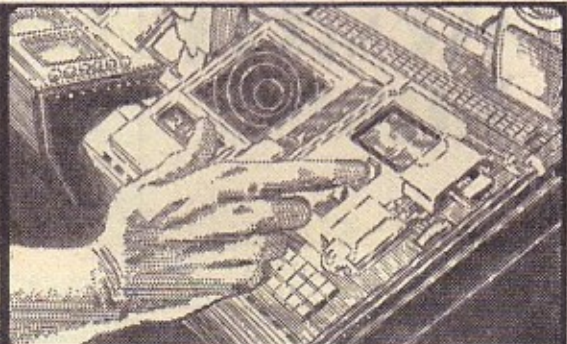
ONLY MY OUTER SHELL WAS DESTROYED  
... AND I WAS ABLE TO COMMAND THE LIVING  
METAL OF THIS VESSEL TO FORM A NEW ONE.

PSIMON IS ELIMINATED. OUR  
PLAN CONTINUES.

IT SURE  
DOES, PAL.

YOU AND ME...  
AGAINST THE  
HEROES OF  
FIVE WORLDS.

BRAINIAC,  
WE CAN'T  
LOSE!



Perhaps it's not as difficult to believe as I had thought. The Monitor had predicted his own death ... now I learn he transferred his files to Earth before they could be lost. All his years of work must not be in vain.

EARTH-1... AT THE DAWN OF MAN-KIND.

THE BEAR TRIBE IS HUNGRY, AND A YOUNG HUNTER WANTED ANTHRO STRAITS THE WILD BOAR...

WHAT'S THAT? A FIRE IN THE SKY?

OH, NO-- IT'S GONE?

L-LIKE THAT VILAGE I SAW. \*

NO... BETTER NOT SAY ANYTHING. THEY ALREADY THINK I'M CRAZY LIKE OLD WOMAN FE-LAN.

BUT I'M NOT CRAZY.

I BETTER TELL THE OTHERS...

AM I?

\* CRISIS #2, -- MARV

EARTH-4...

A WORLD BURNING IN CHAOS.

FREEDOM IS GONE, STOLEN BY THOSE WITH POWERS AND ABILITIES FAR GREATER THAN ANY MORTAL MAN.

CHEMO MINDLESSLY STARES AT THE CHEMICALLY BURNING WATERS AND SOMEHOW FEELS SATISFACTION AT TURNING A LIFE-GIVING OCEAN INTO A POISONOUS SEA

FIEND! HOW MANY LIVES HAVE YOU DESTROYED?

GLURP  
GLURP

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DO YOU EVEN CARE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?

THERE CAN BE NO ANSWER. CHEMO MOVES, HE ACTS, HE KILLS... BUT HE IS WITHOUT A MIND.



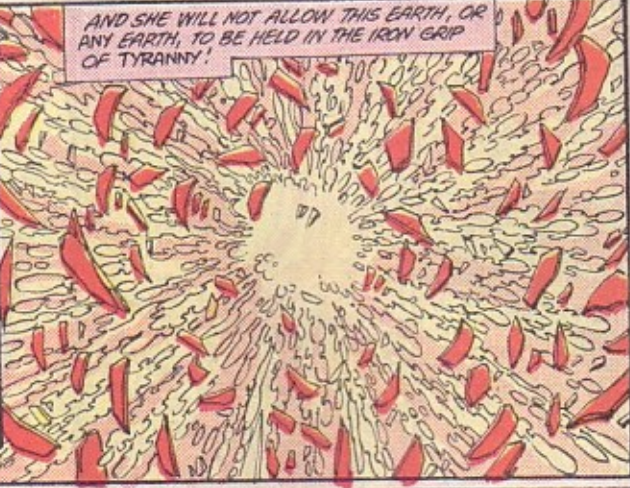
He observed all worlds in all times ... recording information on those with special powers. He is dead now. I must continue his files with what has occurred since the Crisis began. Monitor, please help me to understand why I must do this.



YOU CAN NOT BE ALLOWED TO SURVIVE!



SHE FLED HER HOMETLAND IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM.



AND SHE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS EARTH, OR ANY EARTH, TO BE HELD IN THE IRON GRIP OF TYRANNY!

SHE IS THE ENERGY BEING KNOWN AS NEGATIVE WOMAN, RUSSIAN DEFECTOR AND MEMBER OF THE NEW DOOM PATROL...



PLEASE, TULA... DON'T DIE!

YOU CAN'T DIE! I... I LOVE YOU.



SH... SHE'S SO SILENT... BARELY BREATHING.

LORD, SHE WON'T MAKE IT...

IT'S NOT FAIR! IT'S NOT AT ALL FAIR!



WHILE ABOVE... IN THE EARTH-4 EQUIVALENT OF NEW YORK CITY...

DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS, BUT I KNOW WHO HE'S HURTING!

THAT'S ROBOTMAN AND DOVE!



WELL, IT'S TIME FOR KOLE TO DO HER ACT!



WHAT? WHO DARES ATTACK BLACK ADAM?

M-MY ARM... IT'S TURNING TO CRYSTAL?



How many universes perished? How many survived? Pariah lived when millions of his people died. So did Lady Quark and Alexander Luthor ... and the boy ... from Earth-Prime as they called it ... he survived ... where has he gone?



NOW HE'S ALL CRYSTAL.

HOW DID HE DO THAT?

WHO CARES, DOVE? SHE'S GIVEN US THE CHANCE TO GET RID OF THIS BOZO ONCE AND FOR ALL!

N-NO! YOU CAN'T! IT'S NOT RIGHT TO HURT SOMEONE ELSE...

NO MATTER WHAT HE DID TO US.



CELSIUS--BEHIND YOU!

NO PROBLEM, CYBORG...

I CAN HANDLE BOTH OF THEM.

PRESS ME AND I CAN ALSO CHEW GUM AT THE SAME TIME.

NOT BAD, KID... NOT BAD AT ALL!

SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN THE TITANS?



ABOVE THE FROZEN WASTELANDS OF EARTH-S...



IT APPEARS WE HAVE OUR FOES ON ICE, SIVANA.

HEE HEE HEE... YOU KNOW IT, DR. CYBER,

OH, I'VE BEEN AWAITING THIS DAY FOR SO LONG.



BILLY BATSON BOUND AND BAGGED, ALONG WITH THE REST OF HIS ACCOURSED MARVEL FAMILY!

DON'T GLOAT YET, SHORTY... THE HEROES ARE HEADING OUR WAY.



WE ARE PREPARED FOR THEM, TOMORROW.

CYBER, I LIKE THE WAY YOU THINK.



How many worlds have perished, Monitor? Mibrannu, a planet of sentient methane gas, perhaps the most peaceful in any universe, died while the murderous Kallidrane armies survived to destroy again. Is that justice, Monitor?



INDEED. LET THEM COME--

--AND LET THEM EXPERIENCE THEIR GREATEST FEARS.



NONE CAN RESIST THE POWER OF PHOBIA.

AND THOSE WHO DO, MY FRIEND--



--WILL SUFFER THE WOODOO PAIN AS ONLY HOUNGAY CAN GIVE IT.



QUIET! WE'VE BEEN FOUND! PREPARE YOURSELVES!



NO, HECTOR HAMMOND, NOTHING CAN HELP YOU NOW.

THE MARTIAN MAN-HUNTER?!!

I AM TIRED OF YOU HUMANS! TIRED OF YOUR EVIL! TIRED OF YOUR LUST FOR POWER!



OUT OF MY WAY, DEATHBOLT!

SURRENDER TO US NOW. LET US RETURN ORDER AND JUSTICE TO THIS EARTH!



UH-UH-- J'ONN J'ONZZ... LOOK AT THEM. THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED.

OKAY... LET'S SHOW 'EM WHAT WE CAN DO!



AHH, SHE ATTACKS. NOW, GIRL-- WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

WHAT WILL CAUSE YOUR MIND TO BECOME NUMB WITH HORROR?

PHOBIA-- IT WON'T WORK WITH HER.



THAT'S PLATINUM OF THE METAL MEN!



SH-SHE'S A ROBOT!



No planet has been spared, but each has reacted differently. Thanagar, preparing for war, saw the Crisis as an invasion—but not from the anti-matter universe, but from within. Five thousand Thanagarians died in mad rioting.



In the thirtieth century, the Anti-Monitor destroyed Takron-Galtos, the prison planet. Into a universe already doomed were unleashed the most evil of evils. The Legion of Super-Heroes couldn't stop them. Nobody could. *Is that justice?*



EARTH-X...



C'MON... TOGETHER! JUST KEEP PUSHING FORWARD!



THE OUTSIDERS ARE DOING THE BEST WE CAN, BATMAN.

"UNBELIEVABLE, BRAINIAC. DESPITE OUR OVERWHELMING POWER THE SIDES SEEM EQUAL."

"NOT UNEXPECTED, LUTHOR. THE HUMANS ON OUR SIDE ARE OVERLY SUSPICIOUS... HIGHLY UNCOOPERATIVE."



YOU OKAY, TIN?

HAWKGIRL, I-- I TH--THINK I'VE BEEN B-B-BETTER!



VIXEN-- WATCH OUT!

THANKS, FIRESTORM...

...BUT I SMELLED THIS CREEP COMING A MILE AWAY!



I CAN'T STOP HIM. THE SHAGGY MAN'S NOT EVEN ALIVE.

GREAT!

THEN I DON'T MIND USING MY EXPLOSIVE ARROW!

SCRATCH ONE SHAGGY MAN! OVER AND OUT!



WAY TO GO, GREEN ARROW!

"THEY FIGHT ALONE... DISDAINING THE AID OF OTHERS. OUR FOES WORK IN TEAMS... ONLY IN UNITY IS THERE STRENGTH."

"I KNOW... I KNOW... BUT I EXPECTED A BETTER SHOWING."

I WANTED THOSE SO-CALLED HEROES DEAD AND BURIED!"



Validus! The Persuader! Dr. Regulus! Lightning Lord! How many others survived? How many worlds did they destroy before they were brought to Brainiac's starship? They say they're going to help us, but who's side are they really on?



Some fought to destroy, but there were others who only wished to help! One was called *Sterman*, and he had struggled to build an empire. Now he's dead, sacrificed buying precious time so his subjects could live on in peace.

HE HAS FLED FROM THIS ERA... RETREATED TO THE FIRST... BEFORE LIFE EVOLVED... BEFORE THIS EARTH WAS FORMED!



HE HAS TRAVELED TO THE VERY DAWN OF TIME ITSELF!

NO LONGER WILL THERE BE POSITIVE MATTER, ONLY ANTI-MATTER WILL PREVAIL!

ALL EARTHS... ALL UNIVERSES... ALL LIFE WILL BE ELIMINATED!

FROM THERE HE WILL CHANGE THE COURSE OF ALL TIME!



WHILE YOUR FOE REMAINED IN THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE, I WAS POWERLESS... BUT I SAW... I OBSERVED!

"THE MONITOR RECRUITED ALL PEOPLE--HEROES AND VILLAINS... NOT TO FIGHT AMONGST THEMSELVES--BUT TO COMBINE THEIR AWESOME POWERS!"



"THERE MUST BE COOPERATION OR ALL LIFE IS DOOMED TO NON-EXISTENCE."

"DECIDE NOW! THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHANCES!"

"HALF MUST TRAVEL TO THE BEGINNINGS OF TIME. THE OTHERS MUST GO TO THE PLANET OGA, WHERE HISTORY MUST BE CHANGED!"



In a binary star-system near Vega the planet Kuraq was swept into chaos! Six different dimensional versions of Kuraq were violently compressed into one by the mad goddess X'hal. Nimbus, the Omega Man, lay trapped between them.

WE CAN STILL HAVE SOME LEVERAGE...  
A WORLD OR TWO FOR OUR PARTICIPATION.

PERHAPS,  
LUTHOR...

... BUT SHOULD THEY REFUSE, WE  
WILL ALL BE ELIMINATED. THIS  
ORGANISM CAN NOT ACCEPT THAT  
POSSIBILITY.

CALL IN  
OUR  
WARRIORS.

FOR NOW  
THERE MUST BE  
COOPERATION!

BUT  
ONLY  
FOR  
NOW.

THEY MEET ON THE GREAT BARREN WASTELANDS OF EARTH-1'S DEATH VALLEY... RIP HUNTER BRINGS HIS TIME  
SPHERE; THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, THEIR TIME BUBBLES; THE LORD OF TIME, HIS TEMPORAL TRANSPORTER...

MORE THAN A  
HUNDRED HAVE  
COME HERE,  
WAITING FOR  
THE WORD.

I'M  
FRIGHTENED.

FRIGHTENED THAT I'LL LOSE YOU.  
SCARED THAT I'LL NEVER SEE  
YOU AGAIN.

I WANT TO COME  
WITH YOU.

LOIS, AS MUCH AS I WISH IT, I CAN'T  
BRING YOU.

I LOVE YOU.  
I DON'T WANT  
TO LOSE YOU.

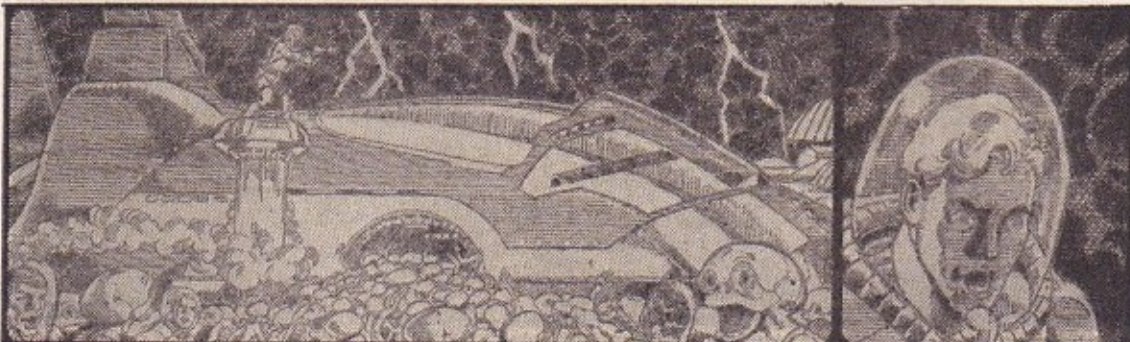
AND I LOVE YOU...  
MORE THAN  
I CAN  
SAY.

YOU'VE GIVEN ME  
SO MUCH... I ONLY  
PRAY THAT I'VE RETURNED  
THAT HAPPINESS.

WE WON'T BE  
APART, LOIS. I  
PROMISE YOU  
THAT.

BUT I HAVE  
TO DO THIS.

IT'S AS  
SIMPLE  
AS THAT!



Not all the heroes died. In the year 2185 Tommy Tomorrow of the Planeteers commanded an expedition to save NGC-2683, a star-system threatened by the anti-matter cloud. Because of him, the population of sixteen worlds will survive.



I KNOW. BUT I DON'T HAVE TO LIKE IT.

BUT I ALSO KNEW WHAT I WAS GETTING INTO WHEN I MARRIED YOU!



YOU'RE THE WORLD'S MOST RELENTLESS BOY SCOUT!



AND I KNOW MY PROBLEM, TOO. I WOULDN'T HAVE YOU ANY OTHER WAY.

BUT I WILL SAY I LOVE YOU.

JUST PLEASE... PLEASE COME BACK TO ME.



WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, SPECTRE, IS CHANGING HISTORY THAT CAN'T BE DONE. LORD KNOWS I'VE TRIED TO.

IT CAN BE, SUPERMAN, BUT ONLY AT THE DAWN OF TIME...



WHO IS SHE, SELINDA? SHE WEARS THE COSTUME OF DR. LIGHT!

I DO NOT KNOW, BROTHER... BUT I DON'T LIKE HER...

SHE SHOWS CONTEMPT FOR ALL THE FEARSOME FIVE!



SPACE RANGER-? CRULL AND I DIVERTED ALL MY SHIP'S POWER TO YOUR TIME SPHERE.



THE LEGION'S READY TO BEGIN WHEN YOU GIVE THE WORD.



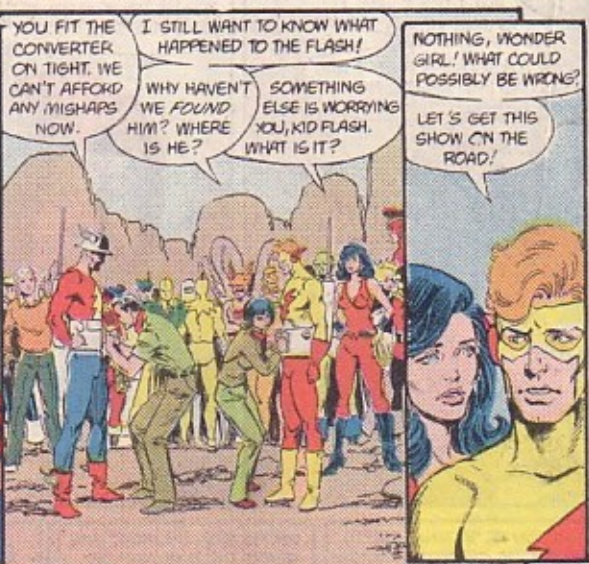
INDEED. SO IS THE LORD OF TIME!



EVERYONE'S READY, SPECTRE. GOOD. THEN WE CAN BEGIN!



On the planet Adon, five youths known as *The Forever People* used their powers to protect their adopted world from destruction. Across the dimensions, their pursuer, Darkseid the destroyer, cloaked only Apokolips from harm.



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LIFE... LADY QUARK'S THINKINGS OF ABR WORLD AGAIN... AND SHE STILL BLAMES PARIAH.

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM. THAT POOR GUY'S SUFFERED ENOUGH.

I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS SUPERBOY JOINING US.

AND I CAN CERTAINLY VOUCH FOR HIS POWERS.

SO, CAN WE GO?

VERY WELL, LET US BEGIN.

HOLD ON JUST ONE SECOND, SON.

MEBBE IT'S TIME T' REMIND US WHAT THIS HERE'S ALL ABOUT.

WE GOT HERE FOLKS NOT ONLY FROM DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, BUT DIFFERENT WORLDS!

NOT ALL OF US BELIEVE IN THE SAME THINGS... LEAST NOT POLITICALLY SPEAKIN'.

BUT THAT'S OKAY. THE THING IS WE GOT US THE RIGHT TO THINK DIFFERENTLY...

BUT RIGHT NOW, WE ALL GOTTA FORGET THOSE DIFFERENCES. Y'SEE, WE'RE FIGHTIN' NOT ONLY FOR OUR LIVES...

... BUT FOR OUR FREEDOM TO THINK AS WE DO... TO ACT AS WE DO... TO BE WHAT WE WANT TO BE.

THAT MAY SOUND KINDA CORNY TO SOME OF YOU... AN' MAYBE IT IS... BUT IT'S WHAT FREEDOM'S ALL ABOUT...

... AND I RECKON DEEP DOWN INSIDE NO MATTER WHERE YOU COME FROM, NO MATTER WHAT RELIGION YOU ARE... OR WHAT POLITICS YOU BELIEVE... YOU GOTTA BELIEVE THAT.

THAT'S IT, FOLK... WE'RE FIGHTIN' TO PRESERVE LIFE AN' LIBERTY... SO LET'S GIVE IT OUR BEST SHOT, EH?



HE MAY BE THAT, LORD OF TIME. BUT, AS MUCH AS IT APPALS ME TO SAY THIS--HE'S RIGHT.

UNDER THE ANTI-MONITOR HE WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE.



No dimension is safe, Monitor—Even the golden halls of Olympus itself were bloodied in battle against the forces your brother unleashed. Three of the gods perished, two more are dying. Whomever destroys the gods must be mad!



OKAY, EVERYONE IS IN PLACE...

ALL THE POWER IS BEING FED INTO THE TIME MACHINES.

GOLD, YOU'RE CERTAIN YOU CAN SURVIVE THE CURRENT WE'RE CONDUCTING THROUGH YOU.



DR. MAGNUS BELIEVES SO, DR. HUNTER. THAT'S GOOD ENOUGH FOR THIS METAL MAN.



THEN OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.



ARE OUR ELECTRICAL-BASED VOLUNTEERS READY?

A FEW ARE A LITTLE EDGEY, BUT WE'RE ALL SET.

WE NEED ALL THIS POWER.

AND OUR MAGNETIC FRIENDS ARE IN PLACE, TOO.

SURE YOU'RE OKAY, WALLY?

I SAID I WAS. LET'S DO WHAT WE HAVE TO.



"ALL ELECTRICAL POWER ON--NOW!"



ASHHH! M...MORE POWER THAN I IMAGINED...



B...BUT I CAN'T GIVE IN TO IT...I CAN'T!

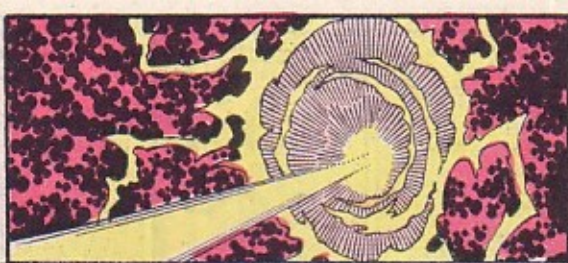
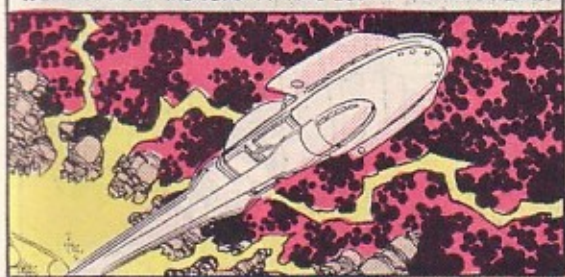
HAVE TO FOCUS ALL THAT ELECTRO-MAGNETIC ENERGY INTO THE TIME SPHERES!



The Crisis has been universal, striking all worlds in all times. But now it comes to Earth ... the nexus point, you called it, Monitor. My homeland. It's suffered so much already, it seems so unfair that the suffering has to continue.



THERE ARE TWO POINTS OF FOCUS... TWO ERAS TO BE TRAVELED TO. THE LORD OF TIME BEGINS HIS MOVEMENT...

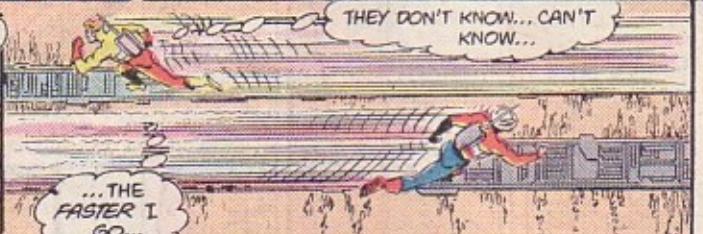


ABOARD HIS SHIP, DOZENS OF SUPER-VILLAINS CRASH THROUGH THE TEMPORAL BARRIER TO A TIME TEN BILLION YEARS IN THE PAST...



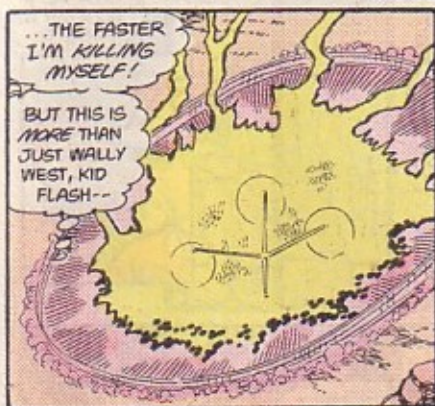
FLASHES-- GET READY!!

DO YOUR STUFF-- NOW!



THEY DON'T KNOW... CAN'T KNOW...

...THE FASTER I GO...



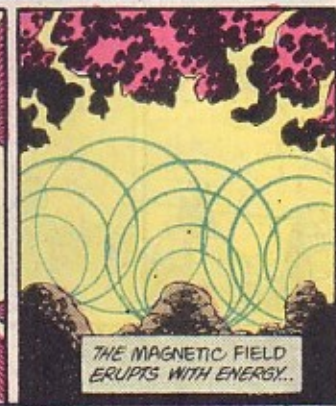
...THE FASTER I'M KILLING MYSELF!

BUT THIS IS MORE THAN JUST WALLY WEST, KID FLASH--



ALEX, HOLD ON--

THIS IS IT!

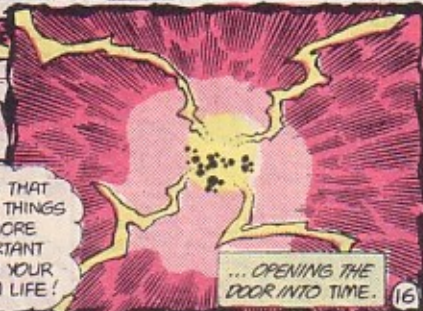


THE MAGNETIC FIELD ERUPTS WITH ENERGY...



--IF ALL THOSE YEARS WITH THE FLASH... OR ALONGSIDE THE TEEN TITANS TAUGHT ME ANYTHING--

--IT'S THAT SOME THINGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOUR OWN LIFE!



... OPENING THE DOOR INTO TIME. 16



He was called *Immortal Man*, and he died a thousand deaths. Yet, with each death he was reborn—though with a new and *different* body. But in helping to save his world, Immortal Man was eliminated from *all* existence.

IN SPACE...



THEY HAVE ALL VANISHED INTO THE PAST...

... MOVING TO THE TIME BEFORE TIME BEGINS.



CHANCES FOR SUCCESS? .00362!

CHANCES FOR MY SURVIVAL? .00436!

I MUST SHUT DOWN ALL BIO/SENSORY FUNCTIONS. SHOULD MY PHYSICAL PRESENCE BE ELIMINATED...

...THERE IS STILL A .043 POSSIBILITY THAT MY ELECTRONIC INTELLECT CAN SURVIVE.



BENEATH THE SEVEN SEAS...



MERA? LORI... SHE'S ALL RIGHT, ISN'T SHE?

N-NO... SHE'S DEAD. YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME TULA'S DEAD.



DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! ALL THOSE PEOPLE HAVE SUPER-POWERS. THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO HELP HER.



THEY CAN MAKE HER LIVE AGAIN... THEY CAN... THEY CAN!



GARTH, NOBODY HAS THAT POWER.

I... I'M SORRY.



I... I LOVED HER SO MUCH.



I had never thought about immortality before, but I'm forced to now. Immortal Man's body recreated itself ... so did the body of Alec Holland—now The Swamp Thing. But he's not like the Immortal Man—he can't die ... can he?

I'VE TRIED GOING TO THE DAWNY OF TIME... BUT I'VE ALWAYS FAILED!

EVEN I DON'T HAVE THAT SORT OF POWER.

BUT NOW... WITH ALL THE ELECTROMAGNETIC ENERGY OF THOSE HEROES AND VILLAINS PUSHING ME FORWARD--

NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE! NOTHING!

SUPERMAN HAS TO GET ME TO THE PAST BEFORE ALL THE OTHERS...

...SO I CAN OPEN THE DOOR TO THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE.

BUT I'M SCARED. IT'S ALL UP TO ME NOW. IT'S ALL UP TO ME.

AND THEY HAVE EMERGED INTO THIS NOTHINGNESS. THIS TIME BEFORE TIME. BEFORE THOUGHT. BEFORE CREATION.

THE ANTI-MONITOR!

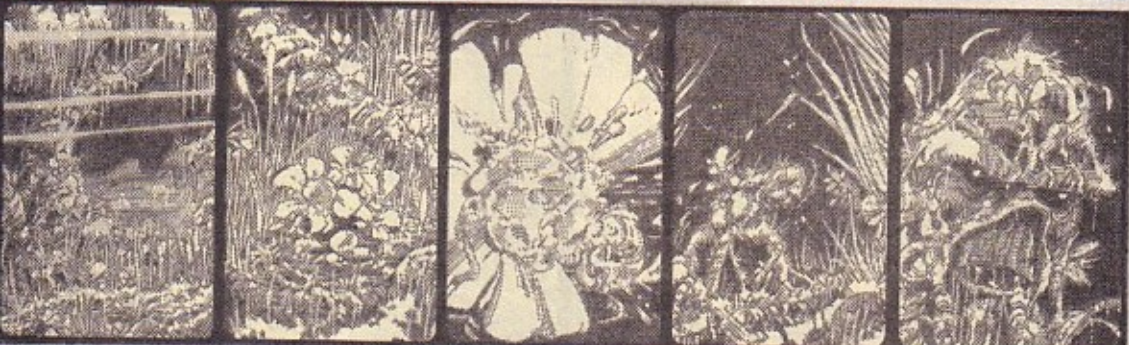
I HAVE BEEN AWAITING YOUR ARRIVAL HERE.

INDEED, I HAVE BEEN DIS-APPOINTED THAT IT HAS TAKEN YOU THIS LONG TO FIND ME.

THERE IS NOTHINGNESS HERE...

...NOTHINGNESS WITHOUT END...

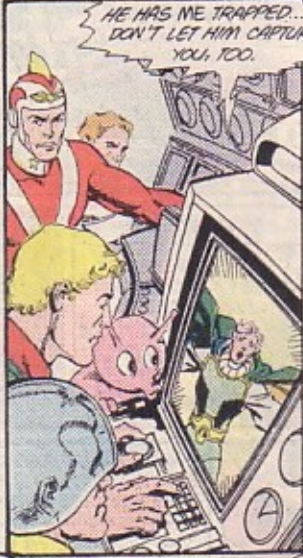
... WITHOUT HOPE.



I saw his body completely destroyed by the wave of anti-matter. But his essence lived—merging with the green ... with whatever life this planet possessed. He took root and form. Swamp Thing's body died ... but he still lived.



GO BACK-- QUICKLY! FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE DON'T STAY HERE.



HE HAS ME TRAPPED... DON'T LET HIM CAPTURE YOU, TOO.



I CAUSED THIS... I BROUGHT THE ANTI-MONITOR BACK TO LIFE EVEN AS I DESTROYED MY OWN UNIVERSE.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME-- DESTROY HIM!



FOOL! YOU DID NOTHING BUT OPEN THE ANTI-MATTER PORTAL TO THE DAWN OF TIME.



DID YOU TRULY BELIEVE MERE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATION COULD UNLEASH FORCES GREAT ENOUGH TO DESTROY A UNIVERSE?

NO--BUT I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR EXPERIMENT... I CONVERTED THE ANTI-MATTER INTO ENERGY...

...WHICH I FOCUSED INTO YOUR UNIVERSE, DESTROYING THOSE WORLDS TO GATHER EVEN MORE ENERGY!



ONLY THEN WAS I POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BREAK FREE OF MY PRISON...

...AND TO SPREAD MY RULE!



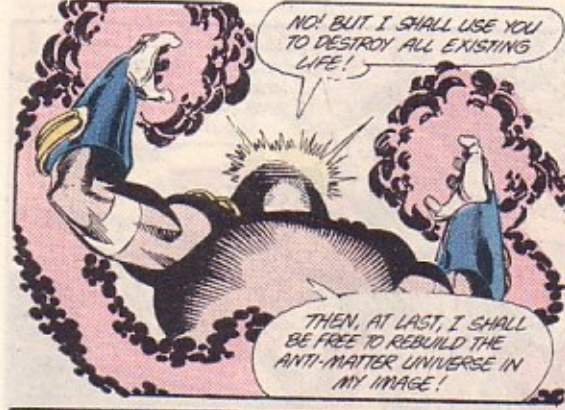
I... I DIDN'T KILL MY PEOPLE... MY WORLD... MY UNIVERSE?



BY THE CREATOR! PARIASH DIDN'T DESTROY MY FAMILY!??



Hawkman of Earth-2 was also an immortal; the reincarnation of Khufu—an Egyptian Prince. But now this valiant hero is dying, wounded in the villain war. Monitor, I pray there's still life for him in his godson's land of Feithera.



NO! BUT I SHALL USE YOU TO DESTROY ALL EXISTING LIFE!

THEN, AT LAST, I SHALL BE FREE TO REBUILD THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE IN MY IMAGE!

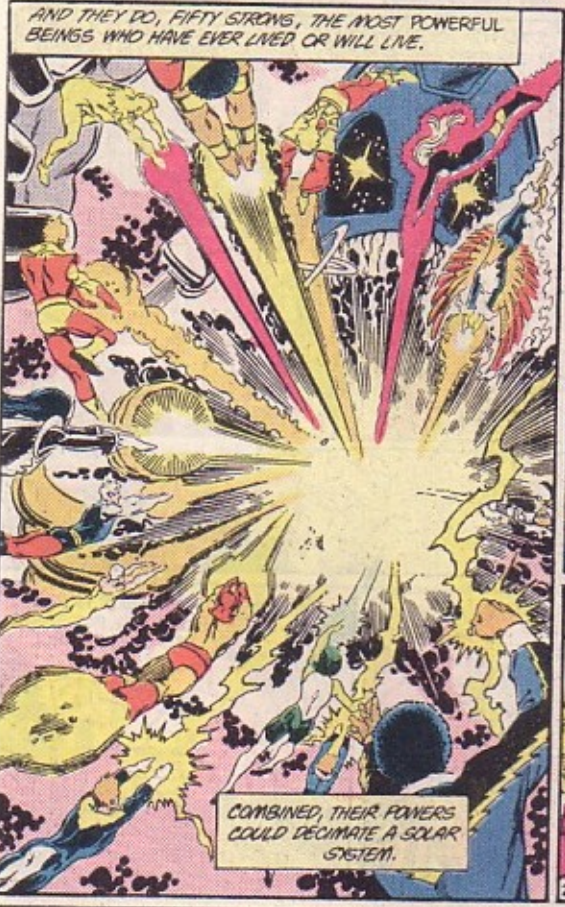


DON'T BELIEVE IT, MONITOR.

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED --

--YOU'RE ALREADY DEAD!

ATTACK!!



AND THEY DO, FIFTY STRONG, THE MOST POWERFUL BEINGS WHO HAVE EVER LIVED OR WILL LIVE.

COMBINED, THEIR POWERS COULD DECIMATE A SOLAR SYSTEM.



BUT THE ANTI-MONITOR HAS ABSORBED THE TOTAL ENERGY OF HIS ENTIRE UNIVERSE.



BATMAN, WE HAVEN'T GOT ANY POWERS. WHAT CAN WE DO?

WE CAN SHARE OUR COURAGE.

WE CAN GIVE THEM HOPE.



To compose these records you must reflect on the events. The Earth renews itself ...from death comes new life. From hell—a paradise. But, the serpent in this Eden doesn't want us to worship him—he wants us destroyed.

WE MOVE FORWARD FROM THE DAWN OF CREATION... TO A TIME ONLY TEN BILLION YEARS AGO...



DO WHATEVER YOU HAVE TO DO.

IT IS TO THIS TIME AND PLACE THAT LUTHER HAS BROUGHT HIS WARRIORS.

WE MUST REACH KRONA BEFORE HIS EXPERIMENT CREATES THE MULTIVERSE AND THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE.

"THESE GUNS ARE EXPENDABLE, AND KRONA MUST BE KILLED!"

TO THE POSITIVE MATTER UNIVERSE... AND THE PLANET GA.



I DO NOT KNOW WHO THOSE HUMANOIDS ARE, BUT THEY ATTACK US.

THEY MUST NOT DESTROY OUR PROPERTY.



YET I SENSE THEY SOMEHOW WISH TO HELP US.

PERHAPS THEY DO.

BUT THAT IS NOT OF ANY IMMEDIATE CONCERN.

WE HAVE OUR PROPERTY TO PROTECT.



AGHHH! MY HEAD!



IT FEELS LIKE IT'S EXPLODING!

WH-WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO US?



THIS GROUP IS NOW HARMLESS. BUT THERE ARE OTHERS STILL LOOSE.



But we refuse to die, don't we...? We struggle for existence... we race into darkness like *The Losers* did... not knowing, perhaps never seeing what they fought... certainly not understanding. Yet they fought for life because they had to.



THIS IS IT! KRONA'S LABORATORY!

THIS IS WHERE HE ACCIDENTALLY CREATED THE MULTIVERSE. ♣

SEE CRISIS #7--MARRY



MAALDOR IS READY! NOTHING CAN STOP ME NOW.

GIVE ME A BREAK, MAALY!

THE TOUGHEST PART IS STILL AHEAD.



SPEAKING OF WHICH... KRONA'S SCREEN... THE ONE ON WHICH HE SAW THE HAND WE WERE TOLD ABOUT!

WHAT HAND, MIRROR MASTER?

WHO CARES, ICICLE? IT'S NOT IMPORTANT



STAND BACK, PALS N' GALS, WHILE I USE MY SPECIALLY PREPARED MIRROR--

-- TO SHATTER THAT SCREEN TO SHARP SHARDS AND SMYTHEEREENS!



HOLD IT THERE, WISE-GLASS!

WHO BETTER THAN THE ICICLE TO PUT THIS INFINITE EARTH'S SCHEME ON ICE?



YOU TWO ARGUE WHILE MAALDOR SMASHES THAT SCREEN!



DOLTS!

AARGHNNH!

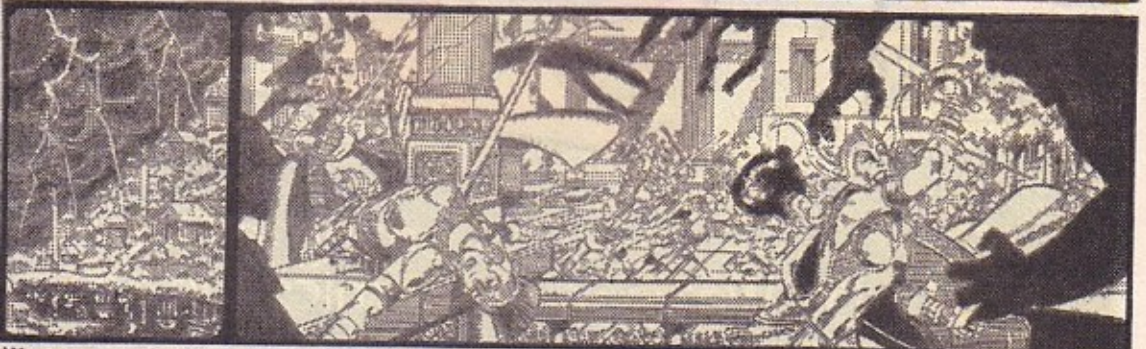


DID YOU TRULY BELIEVE I WOULD LEAVE MY LABORATORY UNATTENDED WHEN I AM SO CLOSE TO SUCCESS?

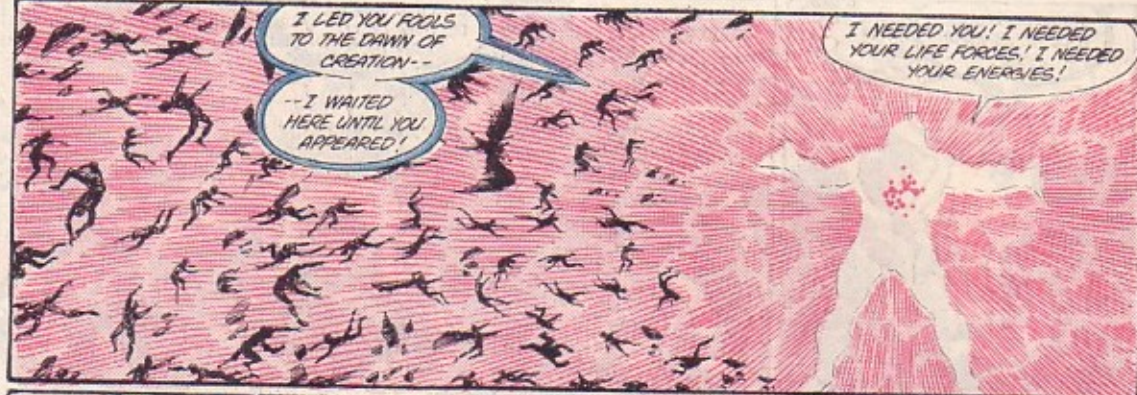
IF THE OTHERS PROMISED YOU RICHES TO STOP MY FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENTS... YOU HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR REWARD!



DEATH! TOTAL... FINAL... AND EVERLASTING!



We preserve what we have ... then better ourselves. The Amazons forsook the wars of mankind for the peace of Paradise Island. Yet, when their existence was threatened, they fought for life. Monitor, we will survive!



I LED YOU FOOLS TO THE DAWN OF CREATION--

--I WAITED HERE UNTIL YOU APPEARED!

I NEEDED YOU! I NEEDED YOUR LIFE FORCES! I NEEDED YOUR ENERGIES!



FOR I EXPENDED MY OWN IN BREACHING THE WALL OF CREATION!



THERE! YOUR OWN ENERGIES SHALL CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY--FOR ONLY HERE, BEFORE CREATION, CAN THE FUTURE BE CHANGED!

...IT SHALL BE MY HAND HE SEES! MY HAND WHICH SHALL DESTROY THE POSITIVE MATTER MULTIVERSE FOR NOW AND FOREVER!

MY HAND WHICH SHALL MAKE THE ANTI-MATTER UNIVERSE SUPREME!



YOU FOOLS HAVE GIVEN ME THE POWER TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY!

WHEN KRONA TAPS THE COSMIC FORCES, OPENING THE DOOR BETWEEN MATTER AND ANTI-MATTER...



Throughout the history of all worlds, all thinking creatures have fought for survival and freedom—whether in times when they battled with little more than stone, or when their enemies possessed weapons far greater than they.





THE MULTIVERSE WILL NO LONGER EXIST!



ALL LIFE WILL BE DESTROYED!

AFTER TEN BILLION YEARS I SHALL BE VICTORIOUS!



NO... YOU CAN'T... DO THIS... YOU CAN'T...

STOP HIM... SOMEONE STOP HIM!



BUT NOBODY CAN... FOR IT IS THEIR POWER WHICH HOLDS THEM BACK...

...EVEN AS IT SHATTERS THE PORTAL BETWEEN MATTER AND ANTI-MATTER AT THE VERY DAWN OF TIME.



BUT THEN...



I FEEL A FORCE RESISTING ME!

WHO DARES?



I DARE, CRUEL ONE!



AND I WILL STOP YOU!



Now our enemies become our allies... those we fought against are now the very ones we fight alongside. The danger is to us all... but somehow we will survive. Somehow we will triumph. Somehow we will succeed even in the face of death!



AS YOU HAVE ABSORBED THE POWERS OF THOSE GREAT EARTHLY HEROES--



--THE SPECTRE SHALL ABSORB THOSE OF THE SORCERERS!

THEIR MAGICKS FLOW INTO ME--  
--THEIR GREAT POWERS BECOME MINE!



WE RESIST YOU, MONITOR!

AND WE WILL NOT SURRENDER!



BACK, MONITOR-- BACK DOWN INTO THE PIT!

WE SHALL FORCE YOU TO RETURN TO HELL!



NO!!!



CONCENTRATE! THE SPECTRE NEEDS MORE POWER. THE ANTI-MONITOR RESISTS US... HE MUST BE CONTAINED...

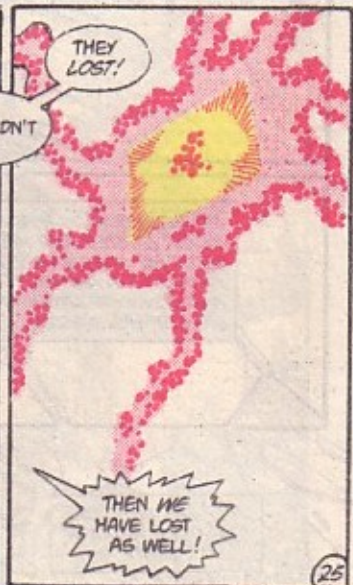
BUT WE CANNOT KILL HIM...

...OR ALL OUR COMRADES IN-ARMS... ALL OUR FRIENDS WHOSE POWER HE STEALS-- WILL DIE!



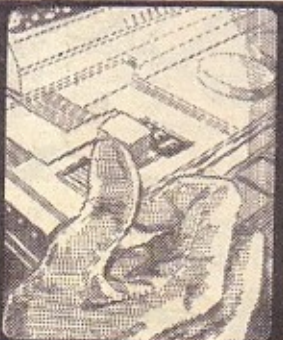
LOOK THERE-- KRONA'S SCREEN APPEARS.

THEN THE VILLAINS COULDN'T STOP HIM.

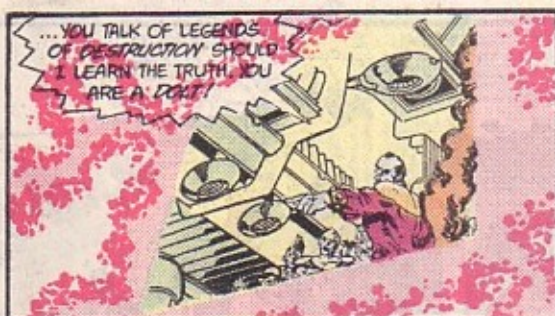


THEY LOST!

THEN WE HAVE LOST AS WELL!



Monitor—the HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE—from the dawn of fiery creation to its last smoking ember—will be recorded here for all posterity. What you began I shall gladly continue. It is my duty and it shall not be forsaken.



... YOU TALK OF LEGENDS  
OF DESTRUCTION SHOULD  
I LEARN THE TRUTH YOU  
ARE A DOG!

IN HIS OWN LABORATORY, A BILLION YEARS FROM  
THE DAWN OF CREATION, KRONA TURNS FROM THE  
QUESTIONING CHAIRS TOWARD HIS SCREEN.



NOW, KRONA--OPEN  
THE PORTAL. PEER BACK  
TO THE DAWN OF  
CREATION!

DO IT NOW!  
NOW! NOW!!!



NO! WE  
HAVE NOT  
LOST! NOT  
YET!

MORE POWER! I  
NEED MORE STRENGTH!  
MORE! MORE!

THE ENERGY EXPLODES INSIDE HIM!  
IT RIPS THROUGH HIS BEING... INTO  
HIS MIND, THROUGH EACH AND  
EVERY ATOM...

THE SPECTRE SCREAMS IN PAIN...  
HE IS A FUNNEL, A CONDUIT...  
MORE ENERGY POURS INTO HIM...  
MORE POWER FUNNELS THROUGH  
HIM!



HE SEES WORLDS THAT HAVE  
NEVER EXISTED AND NEVER  
WILL! HE SEES SHAPES  
AND COLORS AND PATTERNS  
AND CONCEPTS UNDREAMT  
EVEN BY HIS MASTER!

AND THE SPECTRE  
SCREAMS AGAIN!

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AND THE UNIVERSE  
EXPLODES AROUND  
HIM.

AND, FROM THE  
DAWN OF CREATION...  
COMES DEATH...

IT IS THE END OF  
ALL THAT WAS.

TO BE CONTINUED...?