



STOP!

this is the **NEW...**



APR. NO. 76

GREEN LANTERN

CO-STARRING

GREEN ARROW

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IN BRIGHTEST DAY,
IN BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL
ESCAPE MY SIGHT!

NEVER
AGAIN!



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FOR YEARS HE HAS BEEN A PROUD MAN! HE HAS WORN THE POWER RING OF THE GUARDIANS, AND USED IT WELL, AND NEVER DOUBTED THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HIS CAUSE...

IN THE NEXT DOZEN SECONDS, AN EVENT WILL OCCUR WHICH WILL SIGNAL THE END OF HIS GRANDEUR, AND THE BEGINNING OF A LONG TORMENT...

THERE WILL BE NO HAPPY ENDING, FOR THIS IS NOT A HAPPY TALE... NOR A SIMPLE ONE. BUT WHAT YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS IS, PERHAPS, INEVITABLE-- HIS NAME, OF COURSE, IS--

GREEN LANTERN
--AND OFTEN HE HAS VOWED THAT--

NO EVIL SHALL MY SIGHT!

...HE HAS BEEN FOOLING HIMSELF...

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IT BEGINS WITH A MISSION OF CHARITY IN THE SKY ABOVE STAR CITY...



I HAVEN'T HEARD MUCH FROM GREEN ARROW LATELY! AND THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM, HE WAS BUGGED...

--ABOUT WHAT, I DON'T KNOW! BUT AS LONG AS I'M IN THE AREA ANYWAY, I MIGHT AS WELL LOOK HIM UP!



HUH-OH... TROUBLE BELOW! A PUNK ATTACKING THAT MAN--!

WE DON'T LIKE YOUR KIND AROUND HERE, FATSO!



GET ME--? YOU COME FOOTIN' AROUND, YOU'RE GONNA GET LEANED ON!

GIVE IT TO 'IM, MIKE!

YEAH, MAN!

AND THE ONLOOKERS ARE ENCOURAGING HIM! NO RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER--NONE!



HE-EY...

I'LL GIVE HIM... AND HIS CHEERING SECTION... A WELL-NEEDED LESSON--

...TEACH THEM A LITTLE RESPECT!

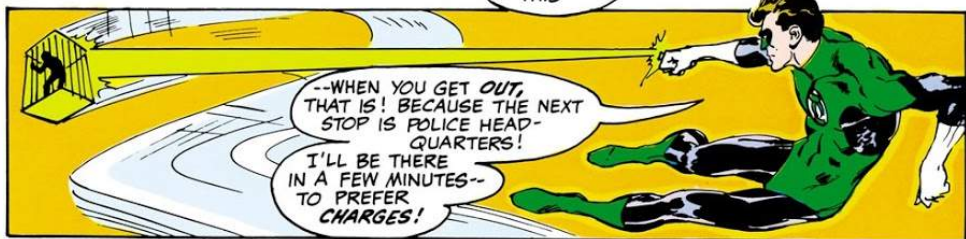


LEMME DOWN--!

NOT YET, SONNY--



...NOT TILL I'M CERTAIN YOU'LL REMEMBER THIS--



--WHEN YOU GET OUT, THAT IS! BECAUSE THE NEXT STOP IS POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS!
I'LL BE THERE IN A FEW MINUTES-- TO PREFER CHARGES!



YOU ALL RIGHT, FELLA?

JUST FINE, LANTERN -- THANKS TO YOU! BUT ANOTHER SECOND, THAT KID MIGHTA HURT ME...

YOU'RE MY KIND OF GUY, LANTERN! MORE GUYS LIKE YOU, THIS OLD WORLD'D BE A BETTER PLACE!

HEY--SUPER-HERO!



THERE'S NO NEED TO THANK ME, PEOPLE! I WAS JUST DOING MY DUTY...



TUNK



FROM EVERY WINDOW...FROM EACH ROOFTOP... COMES A HAIL OF GARBAGE, BOTTLES, TIN CANS--

MY RING WILL PROTECT US! AND THEY BETTER HAVE PROTECTION, TOO... BECAUSE I'VE HAD IT!

THEY'RE ACTING LIKE ANIMALS...



YOU WANT A RIOT, MISTER? OKAY, THAT'S WHAT I'LL GIVE YOU...

TOUCH HIM FIRST, GREEN LANTERN, AND YOU'LL HAVE TO TOUCH ME SECOND...



...AND I'LL TOUCH BACK!-- BELIEVE IT, CHUM!

BACK OFF! GO CHASE A MAD SCIENTIST OR SOMETHING!

GREEN ARROW--! YOU'RE... DEFENDING THESE... THESE ANARCHISTS?!



CAN'T YOU SEE THEY'RE BREAKING THE LAW?

YEAH, I CAN SEE... LOTS OF THINGS! LIKE THAT YOU'VE NO BUSINESS HERE--

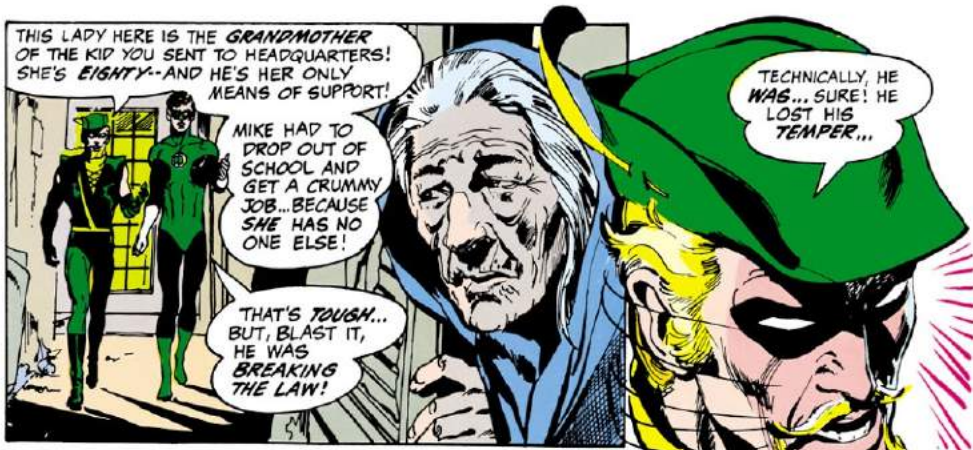
I WAS ALMOST TEMPTED TO THROW A CAN AT YOU MYSELF!



YOU'RE NOT MAKING SENSE, GREEN ARROW!

NO? COME ON... I'LL GIVE YOU A GUIDED TOUR... A LOOK AT HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES--

--IF YOU CAN CALL IT LIVING!



THIS LADY HERE IS THE **GRANDMOTHER** OF THE KID YOU SENT TO HEADQUARTERS! SHE'S **EIGHTY**--AND HE'S HER ONLY MEANS OF SUPPORT!

MIKE HAD TO DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND GET A CRUMMY JOB... BECAUSE **SHE** HAS NO ONE ELSE!

THAT'S TOUGH... BUT, BLAST IT, HE WAS **BREAKING THE LAW!**

TECHNICALLY, HE WAS... SURE! HE LOST HIS TEMPER...



AND ROUGHED UP THE FAT CAT LANDLORD WHO OWNS THIS DUMP!--THE CREEP WHO HASN'T SPENT A **CENT** FOR REPAIRS IN YEARS!



NOW, HE FIGURES HE CAN MAKE MORE MONEY USING THE PROPERTY FOR A **PARKING LOT!** SO HE'S GOING TO **EVICT** THE TENANTS--



...KICK A LOT OF OLD FOLKS OUT ON THE **STREET!** LORD KNOWS THIS BUILDING IS **BAD**... BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE!

LIKE WHAT YOU'VE SEEN? LISTEN, I HOPE YOU ENJOYED PLAYING **SUPER-HERO** OUT THERE... I HOPE IT DID A LOT OF GOOD FOR YOUR **EGO**...

EASY... YOU'VE NO CAUSE TO YELL AT ME! I HAVE A JOB ...I DO IT!

SEEMS I'VE HEARD THAT LINE BEFORE... AT THE **NAZI WAR TRIALS!**



I WANT TO ASK THE RING-SLINGER A QUESTION, MR. **GREEN ARROW**--

I BEEN READIN' ABOUT YOU... HOW YOU WORK FOR THE **BLUE SKINS**... AND HOW ON A PLANET SOMEPLACE YOU HELPED OUT THE **ORANGE SKINS**...

...AND YOU DONE CONSIDERABLE FOR THE **PURPLE SKINS**! ONLY THERE'S **SKINS** YOU NEVER BOTHERED WITH--!



...THE **BLACK SKINS**! I WANT TO KNOW... HOW COME?!

ANSWER ME THAT, MR. GREEN LANTERN!



I... CAN'T...

IN THE TIME IT TAKES TO DRAW A SINGLE BREATH... THE SPAN OF A HEARTBEAT-- A MAN LOOKS INTO HIS OWN SOUL, AND HIS LIFE CHANGES...



OKAY... MAYBE I HAVE BEEN A DUMMY! SO TELL ME... HOW DO I HELP?

I'M NO ADVICE COMMITTEE... IF YOU WANT TO BAD ENOUGH, YOU'LL FIND A WAY!



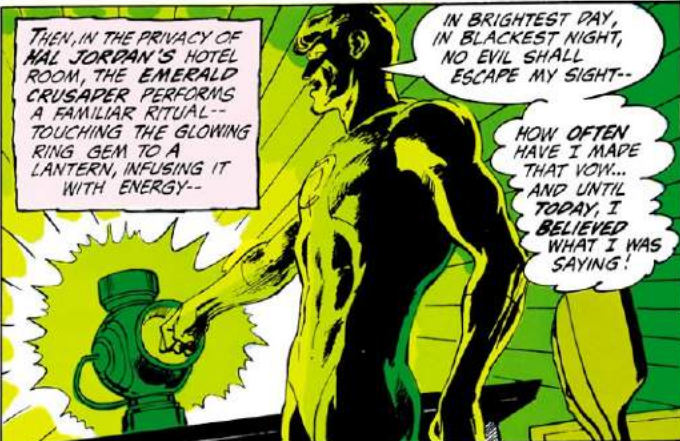
AND YOU KNOW... I THINK YOU DO WANT TO!

FOR OPENERS, YOU MIGHT TRY TO KEEP FOLKS FROM GETTING KICKED INTO THE STREETS!



I CAN TALK TO THE LANDLORD--

YOU SURE CAN... AND LOTS OF LUCK, PAL!



THEN, IN THE PRIVACY OF HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM, THE EMERALD CRUSADER PERFORMS A FAMILIAR RITUAL-- TOUCHING THE GLOWING RING GEM TO A LANTERN, INFUSING IT WITH ENERGY--

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT--

HOW OFTEN HAVE I MADE THAT VOY... AND UNTIL TODAY, I BELIEVED WHAT I WAS SAYING!



BUT EVIL WAS ALL AROUND ME... DISGUISED AS FAMILIAR, EVERYDAY PERSONS AND PLACES!

I'VE LIVED THIS LONG WITHOUT LEARNINGS THAT BAD DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A BUG-EYED MONSTER OR A MAD SCIENTIST--



...NOR IS IT ALWAYS HIDDEN! THAT PENTHOUSE IS PRETTY VISIBLE...

...AND IF GREEN ARROW IS RIGHT, IT HOUSES CORRUPTION!





A WILLED COMMAND TO THE RING...AND TIME-AND-SPACE TWISTS AND COILS AS LIMITLESS DISTANCES ARE COMPRESSED INTO HAND-BREADTHS...

OA--A SOLITARY PLANET CIRCLING A STAR FOR WHICH MEN HAVE NO NAME--HOME OF THE GUARDIANS...

BARE MINUTES AFTER HE IS SUMMONED, GREEN LANTERN STANDS BEFORE THE GRAND COUNCIL--

YOU HAVE BEHAVED INEXCUSABLY!

WE HAVE MONITORED YOUR ACTIVITIES! WE HAVE OBSERVED YOUR EMOTIONAL ATTACK ON YOUR BROTHER EARTHLING!

THAT...FILTH... IS NO BROTHER OF MINE...!

SILENCE! WE ARE PREPARED TO OVERLOOK YOUR INSUBORDINATION... ONCE! WE SHALL SAY NO MORE! YOU ARE WARNED!

NOW ATTEND US! THERE IS A TASK YOU MUST NEEDS PERFORM...

A SWARM OF STRAY METEORS WILL COLLIDE WITH TITAN... ONE OF THE SATELLITES OF SATURN IN YOUR SOLAR SYSTEM! YOU ARE TO DIVERT IT! AND STAY ON STATION UNTIL WE HAVE RECALLED YOU!

ALL RIGHT! AND... I'M SORRY!

WE HAVE NO USE FOR APOLOGIES! DISMISSED!

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EPILOGUE



GREEN LANTERN OF EARTH!
HEED ME--HEED MY ANGER! YOU
HAVE BEEN INSUBORDINATE!
YOU DISOBEYED OUR ORDERS!

WE COMMANDED YOU TO
REMAIN ON STATION
UNTIL WE DECREED YOUR
TASK COMPLETED!

I...I'M
SORRY...



THAT'S RIGHT,
LANTERN...
APOLOGIZE!
GROVEL IN FRONT
OF THAT WALKING
MUMMY!



YOU CALL YOURSELF
A HERO! CHUM...YOU
DON'T EVEN QUALIFY
AS A MAN!

YOU'RE NO MORE
THAN A PUPPET...AND
THE GUARDIANS PULL
YOUR STRINGS!



LISTEN...FORGET ABOUT CHASING
AROUND THE GALAXY...AND
REMEMBER AMERICA...

...IT'S A GOOD COUNTRY...BEAUTIFUL
...FERTILE...AND TERRIBLY SICK!

THERE ARE CHILDREN DYING...
HONEST PEOPLE COVERING IN
FEAR...DISILLUSIONED KIDS
RIPPING UP CAMPUSES...

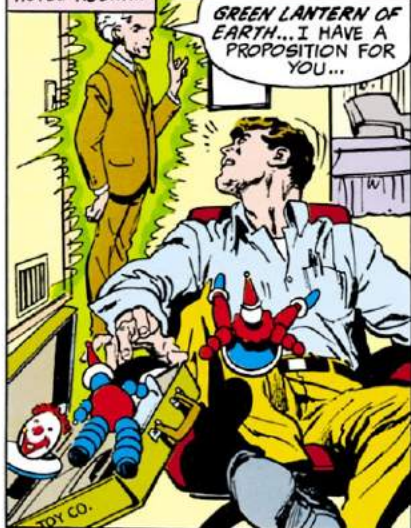


ON THE STREETS OF
MEMPHIS A GOOD BLACK
MAN DIED...AND IN LOS
ANGELES, A GOOD
WHITE MAN FELL...

SOMETHING IS WRONG!
SOMETHING IS KILLING
US ALL...! SOME HIDEOUS
MORAL CANCER IS
ROTTING OUR VERY
SOULS!



FINALLY, ONE OF THEIR NUMBER IS CHOSEN TO LEAVE OA. DISGUISED AS AN EARTH MORTAL, HE APPEARS IN HAL JORDAN'S HOTEL ROOM...



THEN, ON A CLEAR, CHILLY DAY BRIGHT WITH THE PROMISE OF SPRING...





THREE SET OUT TOGETHER, MOVING THROUGH CITIES AND VILLAGES AND THE MAJESTY OF THE WILDERNESS... SEARCHING FOR A SPECIAL KIND OF TRUTH... SEARCHING FOR THEMSELVES...