

GREEN LANTERN GREEN ARROW

IN THE SHIMMERING, TERRIBLE HEAT OF THE NEVADA DESERT, THE BATTLE RAGES... A PAIR OF GREEN-CLAD WARRIORS OF EARTH IN DEADLY BATTLE WITH CREATURES FROM BEYOND THE STARS...



TO THE VICTORS WILL GO PERHAPS THE MOST VALUABLE PRIZE IN THE UNIVERSE! AND TO THE LOSERS...? DEFEAT, HUMILIATION... AND ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH!

GREEN LANTERN AND HIS COMPANION GREEN ARROW, MUST USE ALL THEIR SKILLS, ALL THEIR COURAGE TO COMBAT--

"THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT!"

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OA, A SOLITARY PLANET
AT THE EDGE OF THE
GALAXY, HOME OF THE
GUARDIANS OF THE
UNIVERSE...

...WHERE THE
ELITE GREEN
LANTERN CORPS
IS ATTENDING
A RARE
MEETING!

WE TRUST THE
IMPROVED POWER RINGS
WE HAVE GIVEN YOU
WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE
TO YOU IN YOUR MISSIONS,
GREEN LANTERNS!



ALTHOUGH YOU
WILL FIND THEM
MORE POWERFUL,
REMEMBER-- THEY
MUST STILL BE
RECHARGED
EVERY TWENTY-
FOUR HOURS!

YOU ARE
DISMISSED!
MAY THE
FATES BE
WITH YOU!

I WONDER HOW
MANY OTHER
IMPROVEMENTS
THE GUARDIANS
HAVE MADE IN
OUR EQUIPMENT
OVER THE YEARS!

I
CAN'T
SAY--



--I HAVE HEARD
THE CORPS WAS
ONCE QUITE
DIFFERENT!
IT'S NOTHING I
WORRY ABOUT--

--ESPECIALLY* WHEN
THERE MAY BE TROUBLE
WAITING FOR ME ON
EARTH!

I'LL PICK UP
GREEN ARROW AND
CHECK IT OUT!



NOON, A DESOLATE AREA SOMEWHERE SOUTHEAST OF LAS VEGAS... AND A VERY DISGRUNTLED ARCHER--

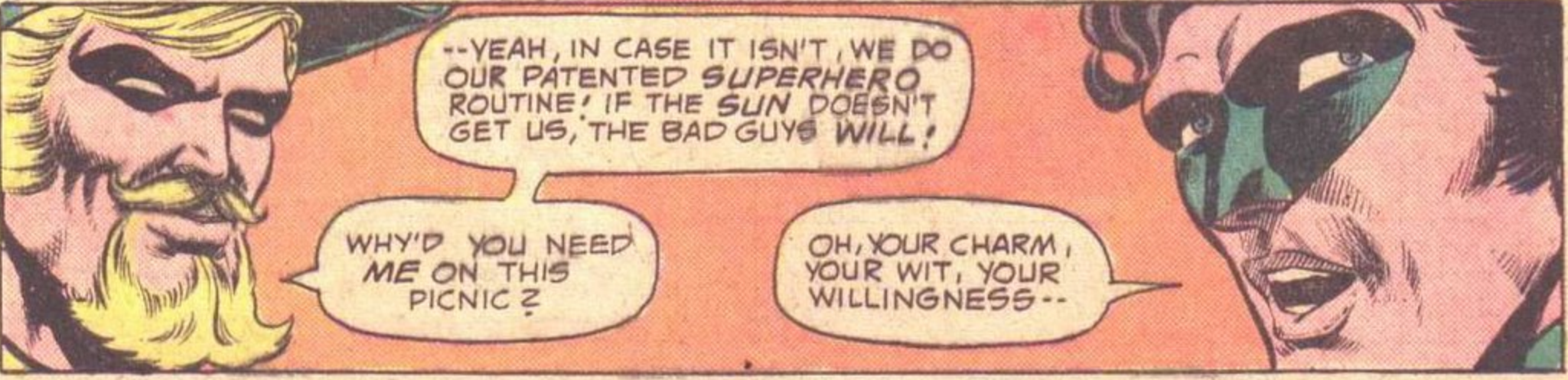
SO TELL ME AGAIN, LANTERN! WHY'D YOU DRAG ME OUT HERE? SUNSTROKE I COULD'VE GOTTEN IN THE CITY!

OKAY, ONCE MORE--



--THE LAST UNDERGROUND. ATOMIC TEST UNCOVERED THAT... THING, WHATEVER IT IS!

IT'S PROBABLY HARMLESS... PROBABLY! BUT IN CASE IT ISN'T--



--YEAH, IN CASE IT ISN'T, WE DO OUR PATENTED SUPERHERO ROUTINE! IF THE SUN DOESN'T GET US, THE BAD GUYS WILL!

WHY'D YOU NEED ME ON THIS PICNIC?

OH, YOUR CHARM, YOUR WIT, YOUR WILLINGNESS--



IN OTHER WORDS, TO HAIL YOUR BOD OUT OF THE TROUBLE YOU'LL DOUBTLESS GET IN!

I SIMPLY HATE TO INTERRUPT YOUR GLITTERING CONVERSATION, BUT I HAVE A CHORE TO PERFORM!

FLATTERY, ALWAYS FLATTERY!



IT'S BEEN NEARLY 24 HOURS SINCE I RECHARGED MY RING!



UNLESS IT GETS A HIT FROM THE POWER BATTERY, THE RING IS NOTHING MORE THAN A TRINKET...

LANTERN... LOOK! THE GIZMO IS MOVING--!

A BRIEF GLOW IN THE SCORCHING AIR AND GREEN LANTERN'S POWER BATTERY BECOMES VISIBLE...



THE RECHARGING WILL HAVE TO WAIT!

CHECK! I HAVE THAT FUNNY FEELING ALONG MY SPINE I GET WHEN THERE'S ABOUT TO BE TROUBLE!

SUDDENLY--



HELP!*

AN ALIEN... TELEPATHICALLY CALLING FOR HELP!

*NOTE: ALIEN CONVERSATION FROM HERE ON IS TELEPATHIC! THUS, WE DISPENSE WITH THOSE JAGGED LINES THAT DRIVE OUR LETTERER TWITCHY!



ENTER THE BAD GUYS... SHOOTING AS USUAL! SWELL! I'M IN A SHOOTING MOOD MYSELF!

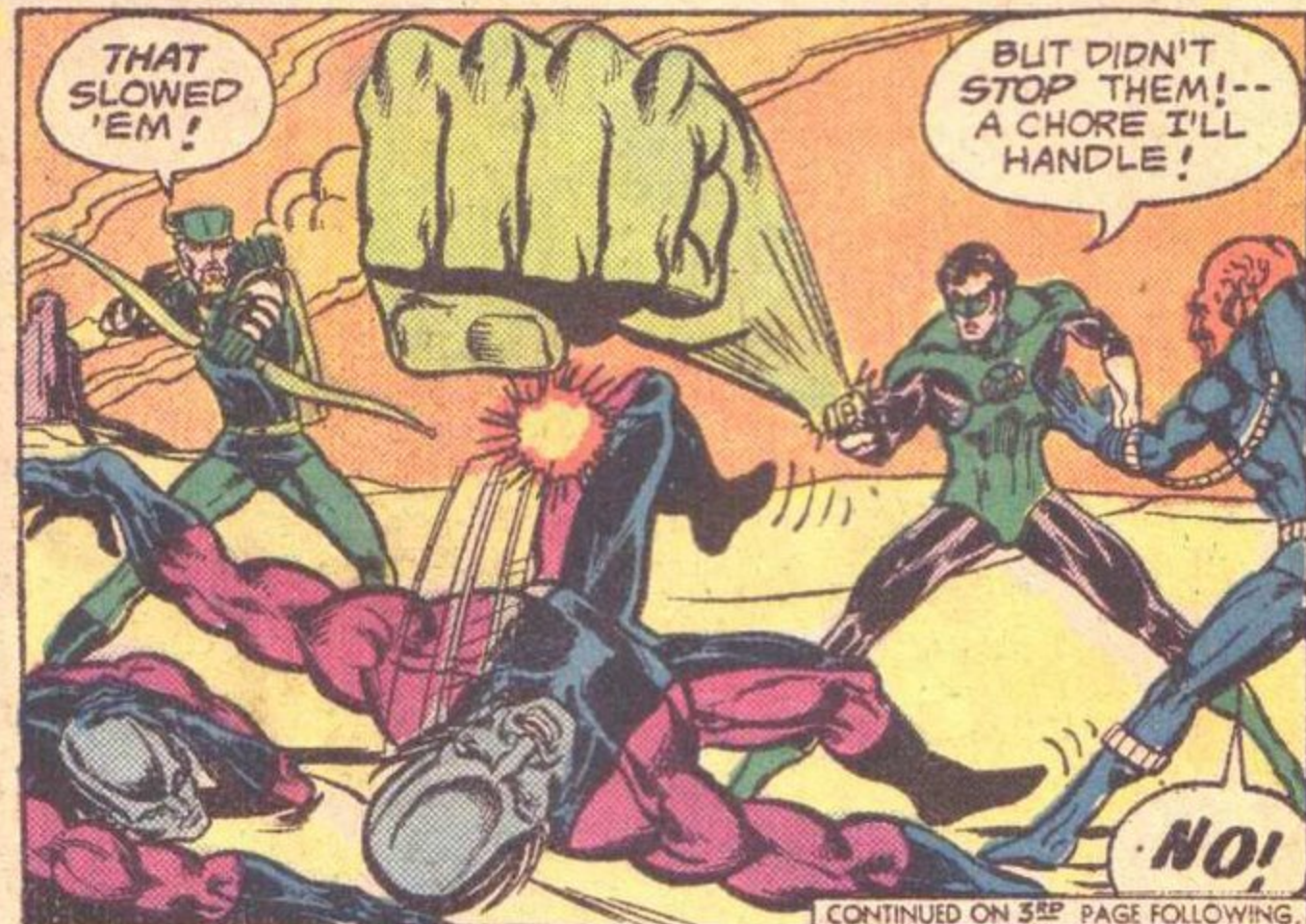


FOR OPENERS, WE'LL TRY ONE OF MY OLD RELIABLES--



--AN EXPLODING ARROW!

KA-WHOOOW



THAT SLOWED 'EM!

BUT DIDN'T STOP THEM!-- A CHORE I'LL HANDLE!

NO!

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YOUR FRIEND CAN COMBAT THE HALLA'S ALONE!

AT LEAST YOU RECOGNIZE CLASS, CHUM!

I NEED YOU... YOUR RING! I MUST ENTER IT!

I GO INSIDE... AND YOU TAKE ME OFF THE PLANET! I WILL EXPLAIN WHEN I AM SAFE!



YOU... YOU ARE ENTERING THE STONE!

BETTER DO AS HE SAYS, LANTERN! I KNOW YOU DON'T WANT TO QUIT A FRACAS--



-- BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I CAN END THE PARTY SOLO! BRAWLING IS MY DEPARTMENT... WEIRDNESS IS YOURS!



ARROW... YOU CAN'T BE SURE!

-- OF ANYTHING BUT DEATH AND TAXES, YEAH! LISTEN, LANTERN, DON'T ARGUE! JUST GO!

CATCH YOU LATER!



GOT YOURSELF UNTANGLED, HEY-- YOU CLEVER DEVIL, YOU!



TRY GETTING YOURSELF UNPUNCHED!



AND NOW, OUR SLEEPING BEAUTY ARISES! BUT I HAVE A HUNCH THAT ISN'T A ROSE YOU'RE REACHING FOR--



--SO I'LL PRETEND I'M HANK AARON! ONLY INSTEAD OF BREAKING RECORDS--



-- I'LL BREAK A BADDIE!

WAIT! YOU MISTAKE--



COULD BE! IF I HAVE, I'LL OWE YOU AN APOLOGY... A DEBT I DOUBT I'LL HAVE TO PAY!



I NAILED TWO OF THREE... NOT BAD CONSIDERING I DON'T HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHAT I WAS FIGHTING!

I'LL ROUND UP THE ONE THE LANTERN BASHED AND PUT ROPES ON 'EM!

WONDER HOW THE RING SLINGER IS DOING!

HOW IS GREEN LANTERN DOING? TO ANSWER GREEN ARROW'S QUESTION, TRAVEL TO THE ETERNAL CHILL OF SPACE...

YOU-- IN THE RING! CAN YOU COMMUNICATE?

YES! FIRST THOUGH, SPEED TO CALLISTO!

ONE OF JUPITER'S MOONS?

THE SAME!



SOON...

WE'VE ARRIVED! NOT EXACTLY A LUXURY RESORT, IS IT?

RESORT? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND!



NEVER MIND... THAT WAS A JOKE! I'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND GREEN ARROW TOO MUCH!

YOU CAN COME OUT! WE'RE ENCLOSED IN A LIFE SPHERE THE RING MANUFACTURED!



YOU PROMISED ME AN EXPLANATION!

WHICH YOU DESERVE! HOWEVER, OUR JOURNEY IS NOT YET COMPLETE!





MY SECRET-- THE SOURCE OF MY STRANGE ACTIONS-- LIES WITHIN THAT CAVE!

THERE, YOU SHALL LEARN EVERYTHING!

LEAD ON!



CAREFUL!



SORRY I HAD TO BE ROUGH! BUT A ROCK WAS FALLING TOWARD US AND I COULDN'T BE CERTAIN THE SPHERE WOULD PROTECT US!



APOLOGY ACCEPTED!



DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL?

YOU MEAN THE WALLS OF THIS HOLE? THEY'RE SOLID GOLD, AREN'T THEY?

YOU ARE OBSERVANT! FOR THEY ARE, INDEED!



AN HOUR PASSES... ANOTHER, AND--

HOW FAR HAVE WE WALKED? WE'VE TAKEN SO MANY TWISTS AND TURNS--!

ARE YOU CONFUSED?

CONFUSED? I CONFESS... I AM THOROUGHLY LOST! I COULDN'T FIND MY WAY BACK WITH A WHOLE TROOP OF BOY SCOUTS HELPING!

ARE YOU FEARFUL?

NO!

BUT I AM LONG OVER-DUE FOR A CERTAIN DUTY!

A DEVICE APPEARS FROM NOTHINGNESS?

NO, IT'S BEEN WITH US ALL ALONG!

I KEEP IT INVISIBLE UNLESS THERE'S SOME REASON NOT TO!

NOW, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME A MINUTE!

RING TOUCHES BATTERY--

--AND THE EMERALD GLADIATOR BEGINS TO SPEAK HIS OATH...

IN BRIGHTEST DAY,
IN BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL
ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO
WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT...



BUT BEFORE GREEN LANTERN CAN FINISH THE VERSE...

UNNGH!

AT LAST! I HAVE THE PRIZE I SOUGHT!

HE'S GOT... BATTERY... DIDN'T COMPLETE THE RECHARGING...



...TOO GROGGY TO FOCUS MY WILL POWER THROUGH THE RING... GOT TO TAKE HIM PHYSICALLY!

YOU THINK TO BEST ME WITH YOUR STRENGTH-- AT THIS...



...MY MOMENT OF TRIUMPH?

A PLUNGE INTO A SEA OF PAIN... A TEMPLE-THROBBING AGONY AS GREEN LANTERN VALIANTLY STRUGGLES TO REGAIN HIS SENSES--



--AND FINALLY SUCCEEDS-- TOO LATE!

AH! YOU AWAKEN!

I DON'T EXPECT YOU'LL BE AWARDED ME ANY PRIZES FOR IT! INSTEAD, I HAVE A HUNCH YOU'LL DO A BIT OF CROWING!



CROWING? SOUNDS LIKE A BIRD? I DO NOT UNDERSTAND! ANOTHER... JOKE PERHAPS?



NO MATTER! I WILL EXPLAIN TO YOU YOUR PLIGHT!

I CAN HARDLY WAIT!

AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU ARE BOUND WITH ROPES WOVEN OF GOLD --



-- THE SAME METAL THAT FORMS THIS CAVERN... A YELLOW METAL YOUR RING IS USELESS AGAINST!

SHOULD YOU MANAGE TO FREE YOURSELF, YOU WOULD STILL NEED TO FIND THE EXIT!



THAT WOULD REQUIRE HOURS -- DAYS, PERHAPS! AND I ESTIMATE YOU HAVE LESS THAN FORTY MINUTES POWER LEFT IN YOUR RING! THEN YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREATHE!

WON'T YOU ALLOW ME A FEW QUESTIONS? SUCH AS --

-- WHO ARE YOU? WHY HAVE YOU SUCKERED ME?



NO ANSWERS! YOU WILL DIE ASKING YOURSELF THOSE QUESTIONS!

FAREWELL -- FOREVER!

MEANWHILE, ON EARTH--



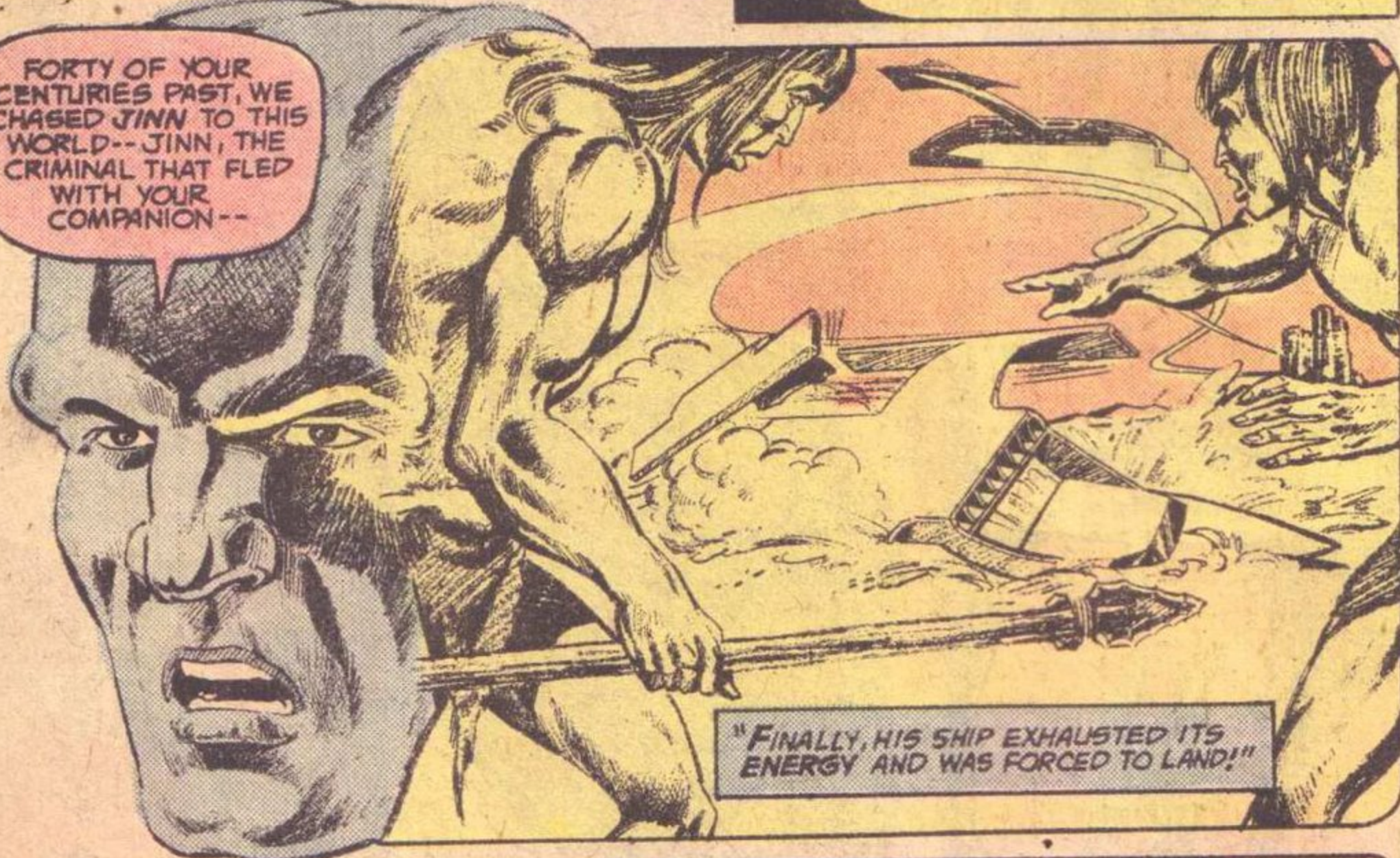
BEFORE I ROCKED YOU GUYS TO SLEEP, YOU WANTED TO EXPLAIN SOMETHING!

OKAY, I'M LISTENING! SPIN YOUR FAIRY TALE!

AS I STARTED TO SAY, YOU MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! YOU MISTOOK THE VILLAIN FOR THE VIRTUOUS!

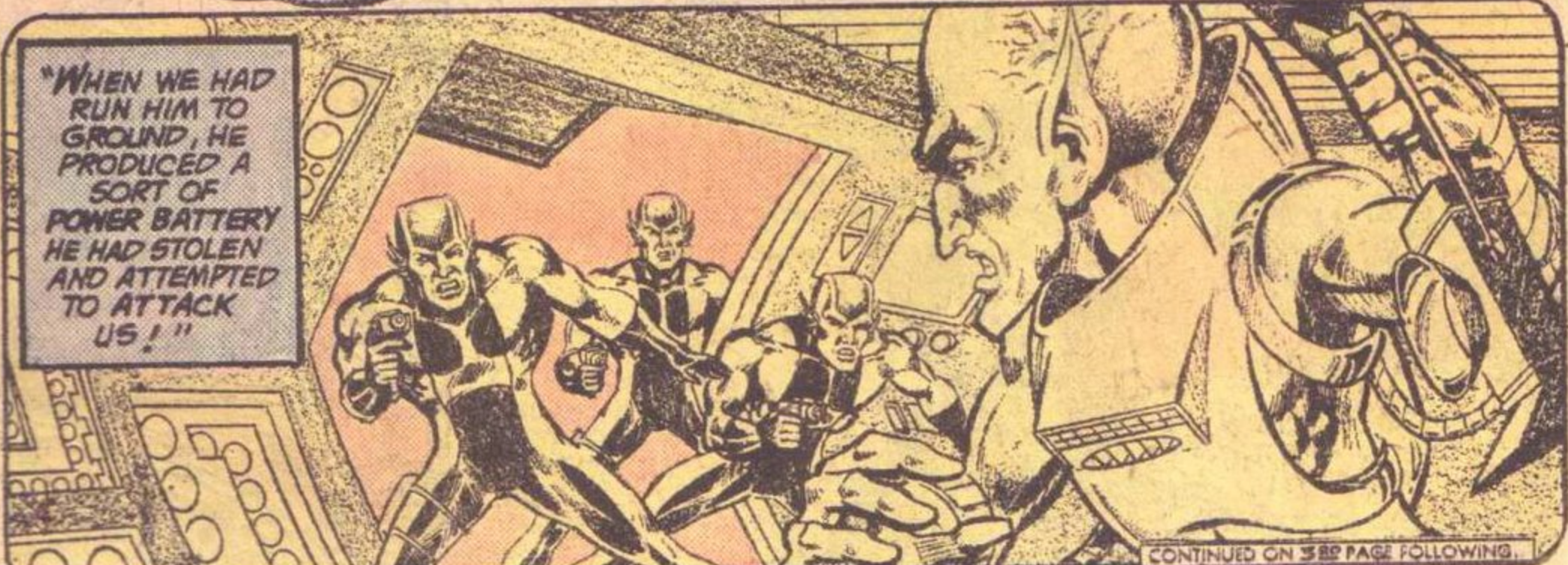


FORTY OF YOUR CENTURIES PAST, WE CHASED JINN TO THIS WORLD-- JINN, THE CRIMINAL THAT FLED WITH YOUR COMPANION--



"FINALLY, HIS SHIP EXHAUSTED ITS ENERGY AND WAS FORCED TO LAND!"

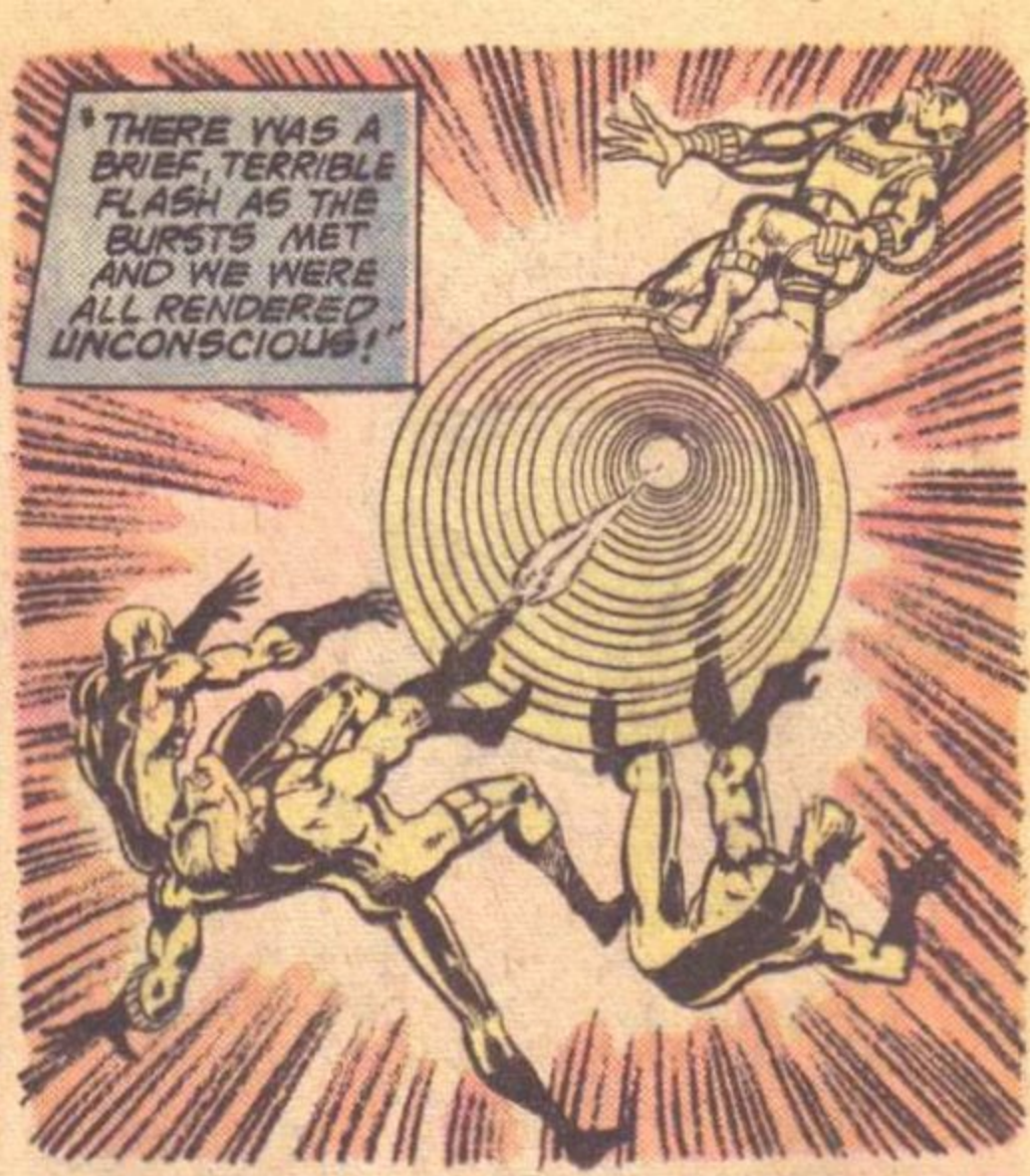
"WHEN WE HAD RUN HIM TO GROUND, HE PRODUCED A SORT OF POWER BATTERY HE HAD STOLEN AND ATTEMPTED TO ATTACK US!"



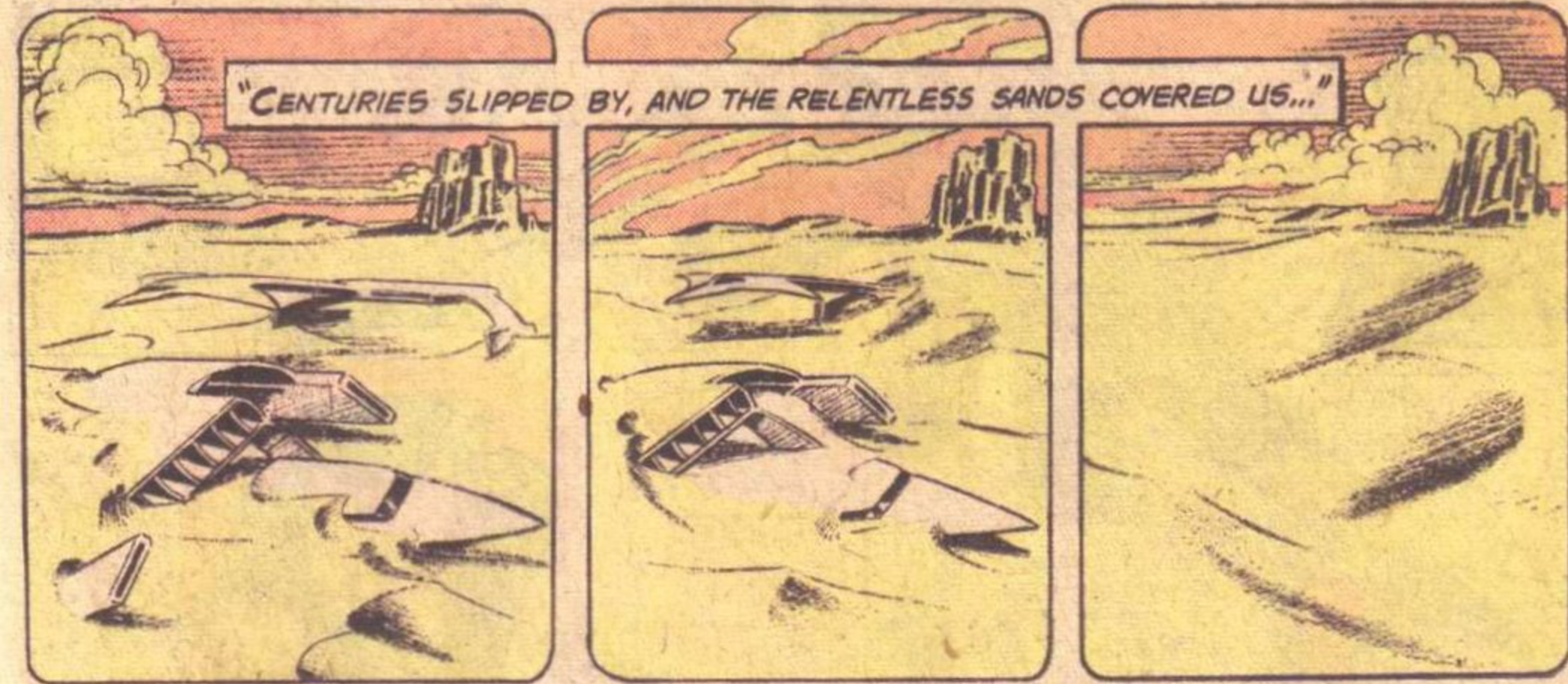
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"HE WAS INEPT!
HE LET LOOSE A
BURST OF POWER
AT THE SAME
INSTANT I FIRED
MY STUN RAY!"



"THERE WAS A
BRIEF, TERRIBLE
FLASH AS THE
BURSTS MET
AND WE WERE
ALL RENDERED
UNCONSCIOUS!"



"CENTURIES SLIPPED BY, AND THE RELENTLESS SANDS COVERED US..."



"...UNTIL WE
WERE REVIVED
BY A NUCLEAR
BLAST!"

"YEAH, THE
ATOMIC TEST!
I'LL ADMIT YOU
TELL A HECK OF
A TALE, BUT IT
HAS HOLES!"



"YOU CLAIM TO BE SOME
SORT OF COSMIC COPS,
RIGHT? WELL, SO IS MY
PAL GREEN LANTERN!
HOW COME HE DIDN'T
KNOW YOU?"

"YOU STILL DO
NOT COMPREHEND?
WE, OURSELVES,
ARE PREDECESSORS OF
THE GREEN LANTERN
CORPS!"

NO WAY! YOU USE GUNS... STUN RAYS, YOU CALLED THEM! GREEN LANTERN'S WEAPON IS HIS RING! AND HE DOESN'T USE SPACESHIPS!

BESIDES, YOUR UNIFORMS AREN'T ANYTHING LIKE HIS!



THINGS CHANGE! SURELY, IN FORTY-THOUSAND YEARS, OUR LEADERS IMPROVED OUR WEAPONS... OUR CLOTHING!

IT WAS OUR BATTERY JINN STOLE! WE USED IT TO CHARGE OUR RAYS!



BOY O BOY! YOUR YARN IS TOO WILD NOT TO BE TRUE! I'M CONVINCED... AND YOU'VE GOT THAT APOLOGY I PROMISED!

I'LL UNTIE YOU AND--

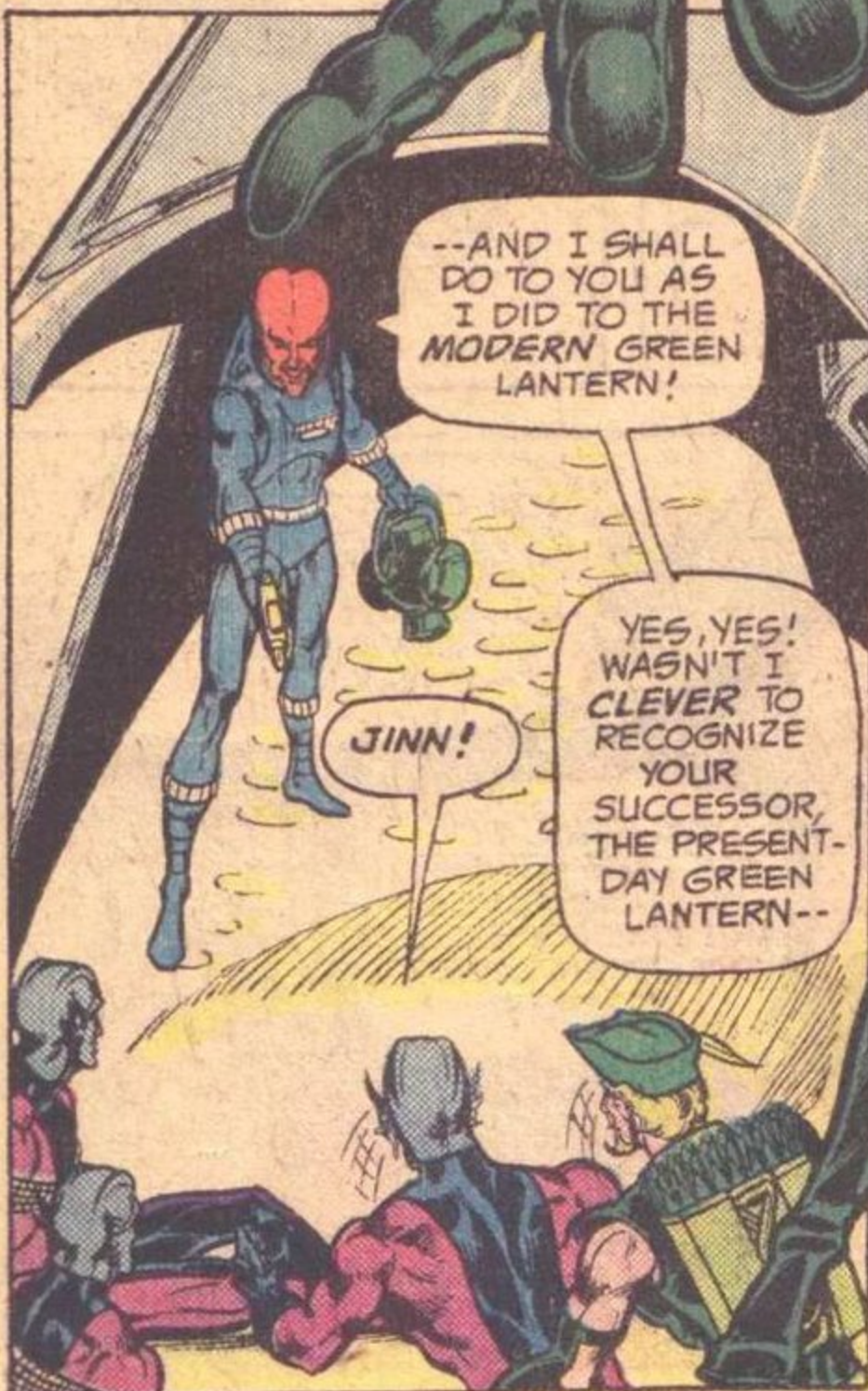


--AND TRICK HIM TO HIS DEATH?

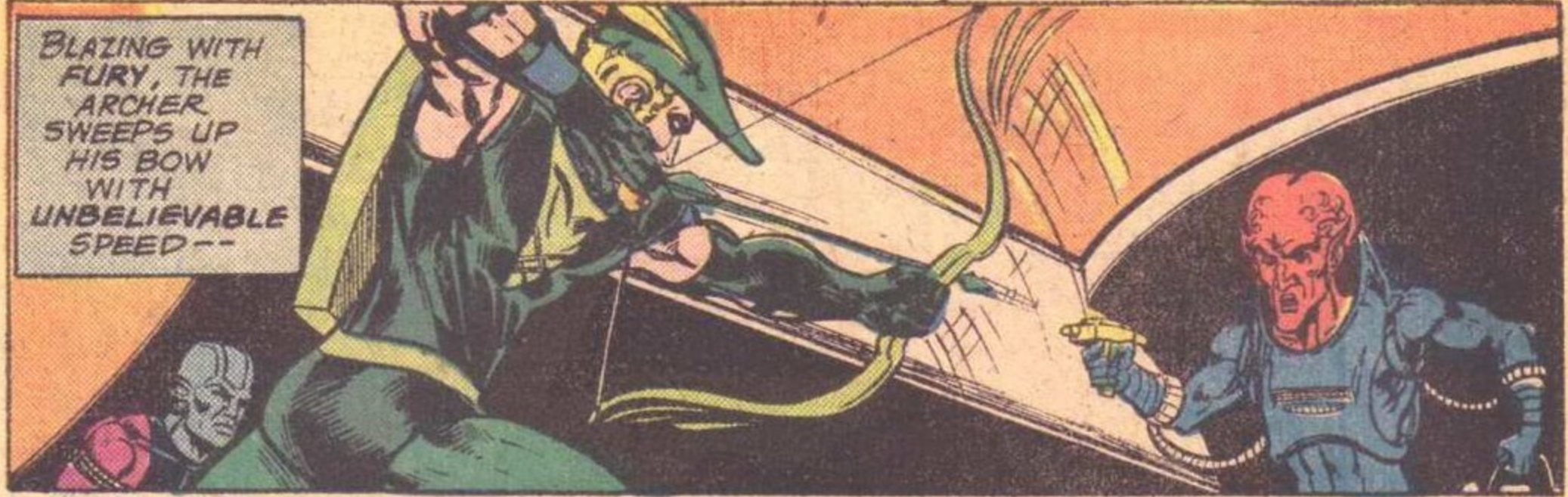
--AND I SHALL DO TO YOU AS I DID TO THE MODERN GREEN LANTERN!

YES, YES! WASN'T I CLEVER TO RECOGNIZE YOUR SUCCESSOR, THE PRESENT-DAY GREEN LANTERN--

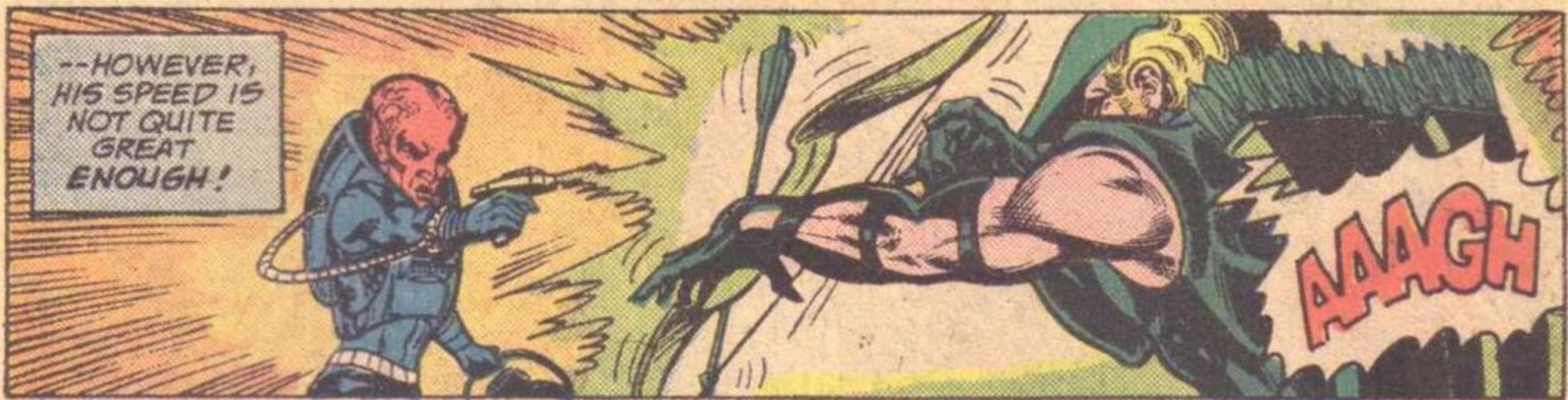
JINN!



YOU MURDERED THE LANTERN? THE LANTERN-- DEAD?



BLAZING WITH FURY, THE ARCHER SWEEPS UP HIS BOW WITH UNBELIEVABLE SPEED--



--HOWEVER, HIS SPEED IS NOT QUITE GREAT ENOUGH!

AAAGH



MY AIM IS EXCELLENT, IS IT NOT?



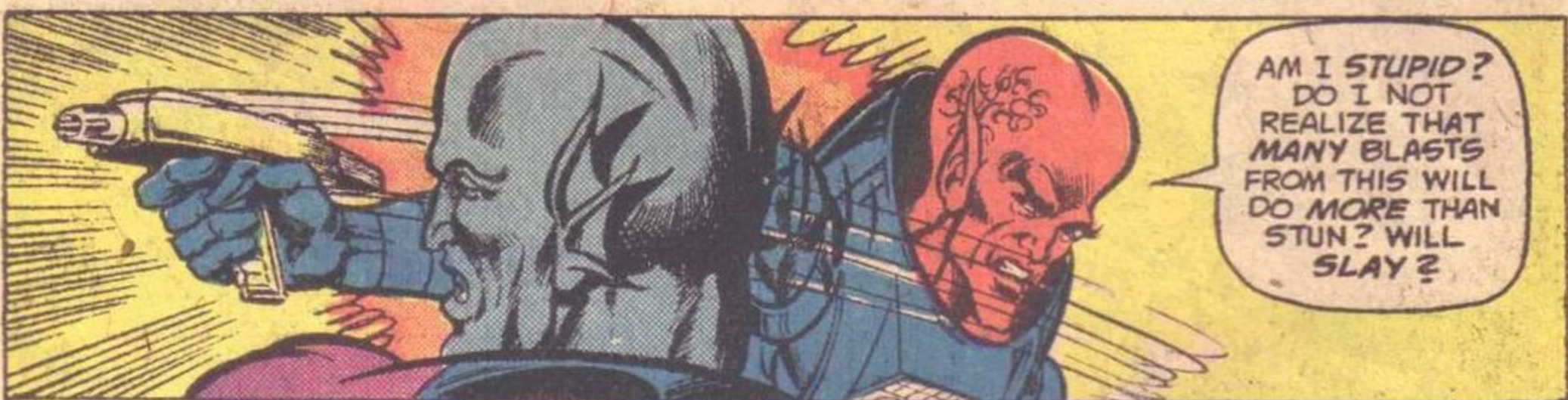
AFTER THESE CENTURIES, THE GUN IS ALMOST EMPTY! BUT I SHALL REMEDY THIS!

IN A MINUTE IT WILL DRAW POWER FROM THE BATTERY--



--AND THIS IT IS! NOW, TO COMPLETE THE TASK OF ELIMINATING MY ENEMIES!

NOT WITH THAT GUN! IT IS DESIGNED MERELY TO STUN!



AM I STUPID? DO I NOT REALIZE THAT MANY BLASTS FROM THIS WILL DO MORE THAN STUN? WILL SLAY?



I BEGIN WITH THE EARTHMAN! I JUDGE A DOZEN BLASTS SHOULD SUFFICE TO RENDER HIM COLD MEAT!



AT THAT FATEFUL INSTANT...

I MAY AS WELL ADMIT IT TO MYSELF! I WAS FOOLED BY THE ALIEN'S INNOCENT ACT!

BUT WE GREEN LANTERNS AREN'T CHOSEN FOR STUPIDITY--!



WHEN I NOTICED WE WERE ENTERING A YELLOW CHAMBER, I PRETENDED TO REPEL A FALLING ROCK! ACTUALLY, I USED THE RING TO ESTABLISH A BEACON--



--LIKE A MINIATURE LIGHTHOUSE SENDING SIGNALS MY RING CAN FOLLOW!



I FEEL AWKWARD AS A BABY GOAT, FLYING BOUND... BUT MY PLAN IS WORKING!

THE RING IS HOMING IN ON THE BEACON--



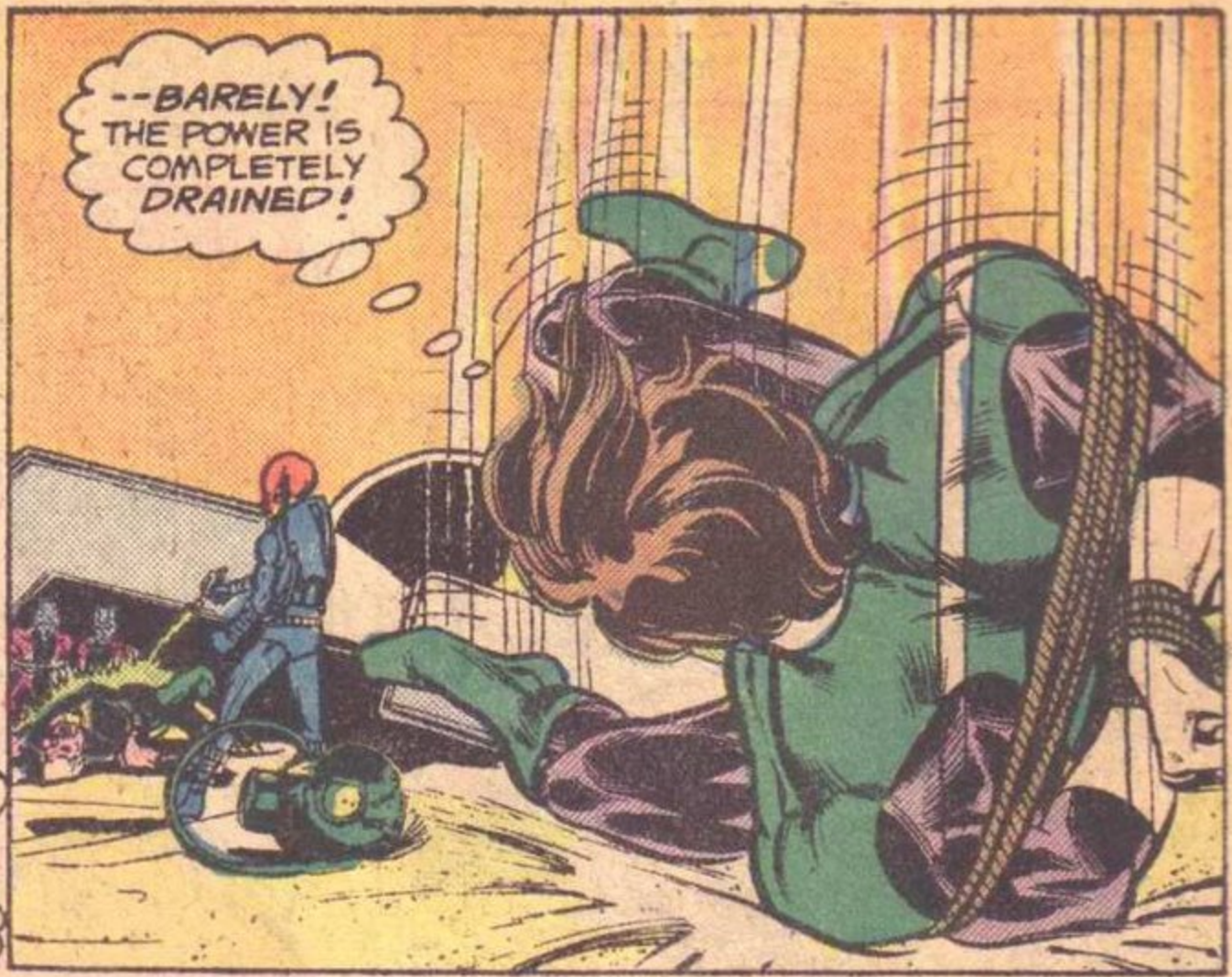
I'M OUTSIDE! I'D LIKE TO SQUIRM FREE OF THESE BLASTED GOLDEN ROPES!

CAN'T, THOUGH! I HAVE MAYBE TWENTY MINUTES POWER LEFT--BARELY SUFFICIENT FOR ME TO RETURN TO EARTH!



I'M USING EVERY BIT OF WILL POWER I CAN SUMMON TO KEEP GOING... AND STILL, I FEEL THE POWER WEAKENING!

THE OLD RING WOULD'VE ALREADY QUIT! THE NEW MODEL WILL GET ME BACK TO GREEN ARROW--



--BARELY! THE POWER IS COMPLETELY DRAINED!



BLINKING SWEAT FROM HIS EYES, GREEN LANTERN VIEWS THE GRIM SCENE AND THINKS --

THE ALIEN! AND HE'S RACKING THE ARCHER! GREEN ARROW SEEMS TO BE ALIVE --



--BUT HE OBVIOUSLY CAN'T LAST MUCH LONGER... AND I'M HELPLESS... UNLESS I CAN SQUIRM ACROSS THE SAND TO THE BATTERY!



IF HE TURNS HIS HEAD AND SEES ME, WE'RE BOTH GONERS!

I HAVE SECONDS TO SAVE US--!



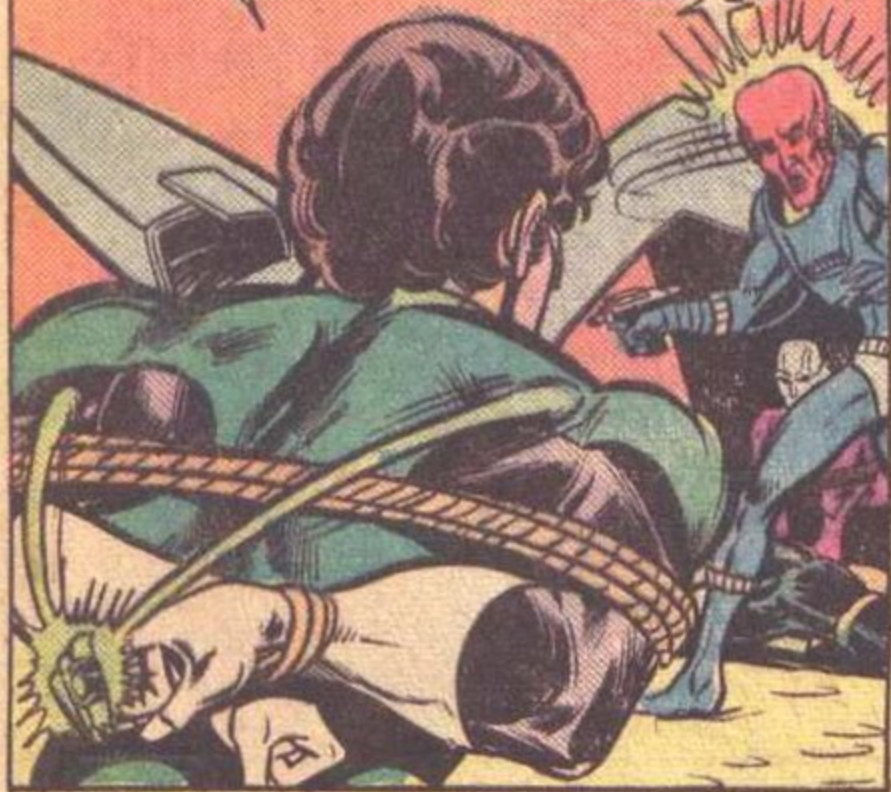
IN THE FIERY AIR, A WHISPERED RECITATION...

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN BLACKEST NIGHT, NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE MY SIGHT! LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP EVIL'S MIGHT BEWARE MY POWER-- GREEN LANTERN'S LIGHT!

THEN, A FULL-VOICED COMMAND--

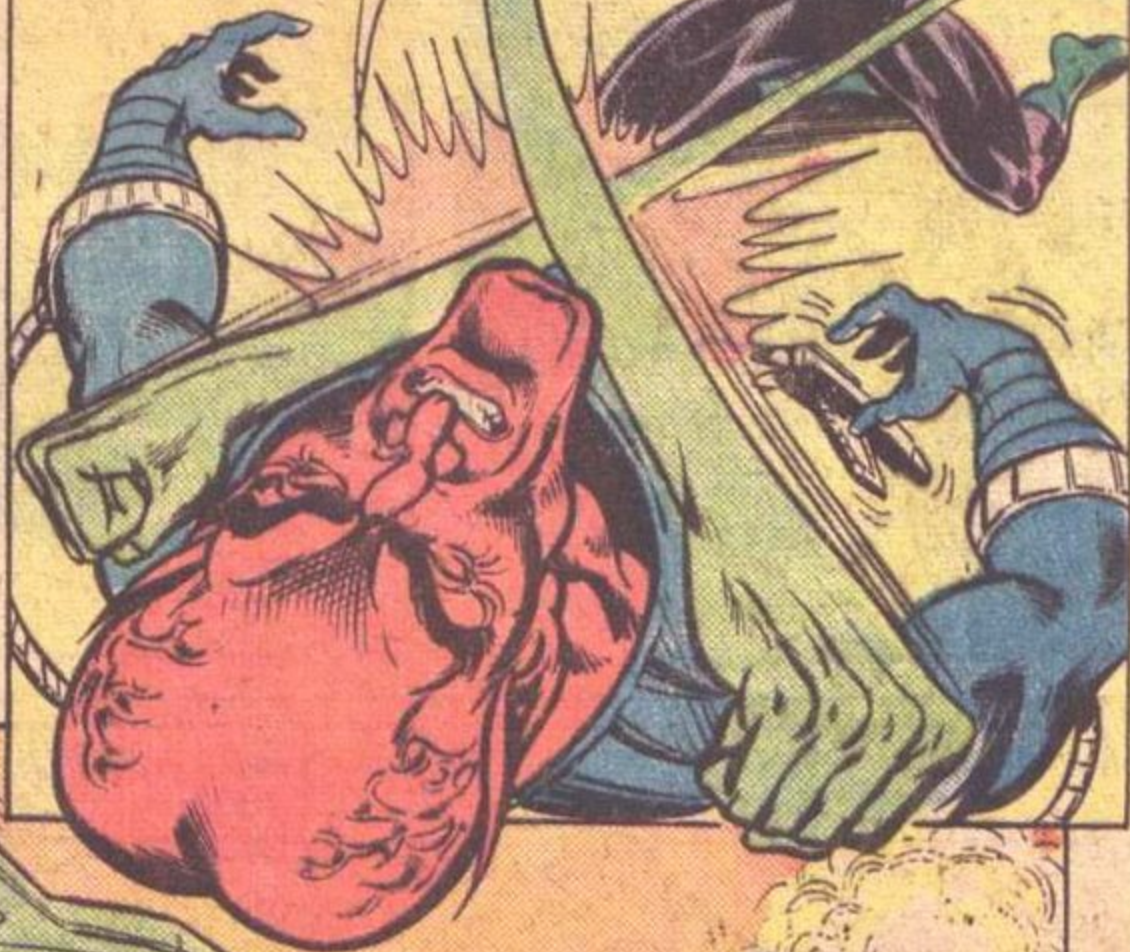
FACE ME!

YOU!
IT IS NOT
POSSIBLE--!



I
UNDERESTIMATED
YOU--

UNGH!



LATER, AFTER
THE ARCHER
HAS TOLD
GREEN LANTERN
WHAT'S
HAPPENED...

I'LL UNBURY
YOUR SPACE
CRAFT! YOU
CAN RETURN
TO OA FOR
RETRAINING--



AND, AS THE SUN SINKS
AND THE COOL OF EVENING
CLAIMS THE DESERT...

--AND TAKE
JINN ALONG! THE
COCOON I'VE
WRAPPED HIM IN
WILL PREVENT
HIS DOING HIS
SHRINKING
NUMBER--OR
ANYTHING ELSE!

WE ARE
GRATEFUL!



LANTERN, THERE'S
USUALLY A MORAL
AT THE END OF OUR
SESSIONS TOGETHER!

TWO MORALS,
ARROW! WE
ACTED IN
IGNORANCE--



--AND
TOOK FRIENDS
FOR
ENEMIES!
MORAL
ONE! BE
SURE!

AND EARLIER I SAID I
DIDN'T CARE ABOUT THE
PAST! IF I HAD, WE
WOULDN'T HAVE NEARLY
BEEN KILLED! MORAL
TWO: IGNORANCE OF
THE PAST MAY DOOM
THE FUTURE!

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