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... And there came a day, unlike any other, when the world's greatest heroes faced their greatest threat... Coveting the legendary Anti-Life Equation that would make him the Master of the Universe, the evil god Darkseid brought death and destruction to Earth... Now, the fiery, black planet Apokolips hangs above the Earth and the two worlds go to war! Separate and taken by surprise, the heroes of Earth struggle just to survive!

Heroes will rise and heroes will fall. And the DC2 will never be the same again... !

CRISIS: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 1!

"Great Krypton... "

For a moment, he was stunned, floating there in midair, doubting his senses, his ears still ringing from the sky-shattering BOOM! But the black planet was no illusion. It belched black smoke and vomited hot fire like a snorting, great beast— a killer beast!— and hung in orbit around Earth like a bastard brother of the moon.

The world seemed to hold its collective breath for a moment, and Superman was no different. He quickly recovered his senses, though, and began scanning the surface of the intruder in Earth's skies. What he saw chilled his blood: battleships of alien origin, bristling with strange armament were lifting off from the surface, horrific creatures with bug-eyed faces and wings were pouring from hives and dark-walled fortresses— and all of it was headed straight for Earth.

Then he felt the first rumble in the bowels of the earth, the world itself protesting against the uninvited guest in its orbit. Tectonic plates strained and groaned, shifting with disastrous results all over the world. Ocean tides were already disrupted, and Superman calculated that a massive tidal wave would develop in the Pacific in a matter of minutes... !

His super-vision saw the ground split and yawn just outside of Gotham City, and the cables that held the suspension bridges connecting Gotham to the mainland snapped and the bridges fell, sending hundreds of cars tumbling into the water! Superman turned in the air, aiming his body for Gotham, but his super-hearing picked up the screams from a school in Opal City where the shifting plates had caused a gas main to rupture and a fireball to blossom through the halls! He shifted his focus, catching a glimpse again of the impending danger rushing upon them all from above... !

Never had he felt so torn, so useless! Never before had he been needed everywhere, all at once... If he went to the Opal, the folks in Gotham would die. If he flew to Gotham, the children were doomed... And if he did either, the coming invaders would be unopposed.

He felt the crisis of his lifetime was upon him, and for the first time, wondered if he could face it!

In the next instant, the decision was made for him. A blinding beam of light struck him full-on, and every nerve in his body fired at once. He fell out of the sky, crashing into a busy intersection in downtown Metropolis, the cars still moving swerving to avoid him.

"A direct hit, my lord! The Kryptonian is down!"

"Yes. Disappointing. I had hoped he would prove more entertaining..."

"Never fear, my lord. This Earth is full of challenges. You shall have much diversion before it is conquered... No! It is impossible! The Kryptonian rises... !"

"Nothing has ever survived a direct hit from my Omega Beams, before... "

"My dread lord... ! Perhaps we have underestimated the Kryptonian... But the key to subduing this wretched planet is neutralizing him. We have no weapons that can stop him... "

"We have one."

"But my dread lord! Our recent 'acquisition' from the human Luthor... My work on it is not complete! It is still an untamed thing, an uncontrollable engine of murder and destruction. If it slips out of our control... "

"It had better not, Desaad. For your pitiful sake. You said it yourself: this Superman must be neutralized first if our invasion of Earth is to be successful. And I need the Kryptonian for my work with the Anti-Life Equation. Prepare the monster."

"... Yes, my most dread lord."

"Before this day is out, I want Superman at my feet, in chains... !"

Superman stood, brushing himself off, as the traffic cop next to him looked up into the sky and emitted a low whistle.

"Holy—."

"Officer, get these people to safety!" The Man of Steel urged the policeman, nodding towards the crowds pouring into the street.

It was an impossible task, as it seemed like all of Metropolis was turning out, gawking at the spectacle above them. Only Superman, with his heightened vision could see what was coming.

"GO!" He yelled, and the citizens for the first time saw something in his face they never had before: fear. "Get back to your homes! Lock the doors!"

Panic seized the crowd. Something was coming. Something that even Superman was afraid of... People started running in all directions. There was shouting and a riot was on the verge of breaking out. Superman took to the sky.

But there simply was no time. The first battleships appeared in the skies, materializing out of the clouds like spiked birds of prey! Their weapons arrays blazed and the first salvos streaked towards the ground!

Superman was a red and blue blur, cutting across the path of the barrage. His body absorbed dozens of blasts, ricocheting them harmlessly into the clouds— but hundreds more got through! They lanced through the cities, vaporizing whole buildings and forests and acres of land. Thousands perished in that first assault alone.

Then the guns fired again.

And again.

Shaking off the effects of the blasts, Superman watched in horror the devastation the invaders had wrought in just a few moments. His supervision showed him the fires and the wreckage, the burnt and twisted bodies. The screams and hoarse sobs of the dying reached his ears.

There's was just too many of them... He couldn't do this alone, but he had no time to call for help. Besides, who could he call? Batman would be of no use against an enemy like this... Wonder Woman, perhaps, but no one had heard from her in weeks...

He ground his teeth and frustration, and noticing the build-up of static electricity around the weapons arrays, he burst into action. Using his body as a superpowered javelin, he punched a hole through the hull of the nearest battleship, not stopping until he had flown through it again and again on numerous passes, holing it thoroughly. Its anti-grav units failed spectacularly, and the battleship listed, small explosions bursting from its hull in hundreds of places. It fell, burning, into Hob's Bay, and from somewhere in Metropolis, a cheer went up.

But it wasn't enough. The battleships fired again. Superman screamed in outrage, smashing longwise through a trio of them, stopping only when

he reached the command centre of the largest ship. It was an open, metallic space with dozens of crag-faced crewmen at their stations in front of a wide view-port that displayed a panoramic view of Metropolis, afire and smoking.

"STOP!" Cried the Man of Steel. His heat vision seared every console on the bridge, causing many of them to explode. A battalion of soldiers burst into the command centre and fired upon Superman. Expecting to easily deflect the blasts, Superman was surprised to find that the weapons' fire hurt him like hot needles. He rushed the soldiers, bending the nozzles of their guns and tossing bodies across the bridge.

"The Kryptonian! Kill him for Lord Darkseid!"

Superman whirled upon an officer in an ornate uniform. The commander blanched at what he saw in Superman's face, staggering backward. Superman snatched him up by his militaristic forecoat, and lifted him high into the air.

"Who is Lord Darkseid?"

The alien commander looked terrified but defiant.

"Lord Darkseid, all hail his dread name, is the ruler of Apokolips, and the future ruler of this mudball you call Earth!"

"Apokolips... !" Superman gasped. He thought back to the strange beings he had met only a few days ago, the self-professed New Gods who ran the clandestine company called Genesis Corporation... Their leader, Izaya, had spoken of their ancestral enemy Apokolips and its demonic king...

"What does this Darkseid want on Earth?" Asked Superman, giving the shaking Apokoliptian a little shake.

"To crush it! To subjugate this miserable world, and ground out all free will and hope! All hail Darkseid!"

"Call off the attack!"

The alien commander laughed. "Not even if I could. If I tried my second in command would assassinate me on the spot— that is, if the Desaadite spies amongst the crew didn't beat him to it! No matter! I would rather die than defy the will of Darkseid, all hail his dread name! Earth *will* fall! Let my death serve as a precursor of that glorious event!" And with that, the commander reached down and triggered a device on his belt.

The explosion sent Superman skidding backward and ripped a hole in the side of the battleship. The air pressure sucked screaming bodies outside, hurtling to their death, and Superman tumbled headlong after them.

Superman righted himself in midair, just in time to see the swarms of parademons descending. They came on like a plague of locusts, thick and bristling with weapons. Their wings outspread, they spiralled down into the steel canyons of Metropolis, cackling in the anticipated glee of murder and rapine!

Classic siege strategy, Superman thought. *The battleships come in first to soften up the enemy, and then the shock troops arrive...* He angled himself earthward, flashing past the hordes of parademons. The battle in the sky would have to wait. Metropolis needed him on the ground. His city was about to become a war-zone.

"Great Caesar's Ghost!" Perry White clutched his desk to steady himself as the entire building shook from the last salvo. The cigar hung from his mouth, practically gnawed to nothing. "More space invaders? Who is it this time? The Martians?"

"The Martians are dead, Chief." Jimmy Olsen reminded him, busy snapping pictures out the window, leaning so far out that Perry was forced to grab the young man by the belt to keep him from falling. "They died centuries ago— remember that Martian Manhunter superhero from the fifties."

Perry steamed. Of course he remembered the Martian Manhunter! He'd covered the story himself when he was just a cub reporter for George Taylor. Got the first and only interview J'onnn J'onzz ever gave. But he

wasn't going to try to explain the finer points of facetiousness to Jimmy Olsen right now.

"Get back in here, you idiot!" He bellowed, hauling the younger man back into the room. "Superman will take care of these jokers in short order, and for some reason he only likes you to take his picture, and I'm not going to be the one to explain to him that you fell out a window!" Ash from Perry's cigar fell on Jimmy's hair as he scurried out from beneath his employer.

"Perry!" Ron Troupe burst into the office. "Radio and TV are down, but reports are coming in from the wire service from all over the planet. It's the same everywhere! It's a full-scale invasion!"

The Editor-in-Chief of the *Daily Planet* opened his mouth to say something, but then abruptly shut it again, noticing something in the bullpen outside his office. Or, more accurately, noticing the lack of something.

"Hey— Where 's Lois?"

Lois Lane rushed out on to the roof of the *Daily Planet* to get a better view of just what in the blue blazes was going on. The sight that met her was appalling. There was something big in the sky, a planet from whose charred surface jets of fire spurted.

She could only watch in amazement, her hair whipping about in the wind that arose suddenly, as the battleships appeared and opened fire. Their beams lanced the earth, and she threw her hands over her head as if a shielding of flesh and blood could protect her. But, miraculously, the first barrage missed the *Daily Planet*, as did the ones that followed, though one blast came so close as to shake the building. Lois peeked through her fingers to see Superman attacking the battleships, and watched as one sustained so much damage, it fell into the bay.

"Yes!" She pumped her fist in the air. "Get 'em, Superman!"

Then the parademons appeared. In orderly files they fell out of the sky

and swarmed over the rooftops of the city, firing their laser rifles indiscriminately. She ducked behind the rooftop ledge, narrowly avoiding a laserbolt that left a sizzling hole in the *Planet* globe behind her.

"Get out of here, you—." The words died in her throat. A parademon landed on the roof only feet away from her, his insectile face twisted into a grin.

It raised its rifle and took aim. Lois turned and made a beak for the stairs, wincing as the first shot scorched the rooftop just inches from her. It was toying with her; she could hear its amused cackling. The next shot would fry a hole in her back. She determined not to meet her death like that— she'd never be able to face her father. She spun, grabbing a shoe off her foot and threw it at her attacker.

The parademon easily dodged the projectile, raised his gun again and fired.

Lois braced herself, closing her eyes to spare herself the sight of her death (but opening them at the last moment so she wouldn't miss it)— and then Superman was there, as he always was, putting himself between her and danger.

The laserbolt bounced off his impervious chest, and the parademon grunted in surprise. Lois felt like cheering again as the Man of Steel advanced on the alien trooper, who kept firing, determined to bring his enemy down. But Superman bridged the distance in a flash, snatching the weapon away and laying out the parademon with a backhanded blow.

Elated to be alive, Lois rushed into his arms. Adrenalin was coursing through her and there were tears in her eyes. She really thought she had pressed her luck too far this time, that she had finally gotten herself into a jam there was no walking away from...

When she looked up, Superman's face was close, and she could see that he was just as stirred. He had almost not made it this time... A fraction of a second later and she would have been dead.

Their lips met as if of their own volition. They kissed passionately, urgently, and with a desperation born of the danger swirling all around

them still. For a moment, Superman held her close to him, as if he might never get the chance to do so again, and Lois pressed herself against his firm, unyieldingness.

At last the moment ended. Lois looked up, and saw the look of pain on his face, and for the first time, noticed the smoking holes on the front of his costume, the scorched flesh beneath.

"Their weapons can hurt you!" She gasped, her fingers lingering softly on his chest.

"A little." He conceded, smiling for her. "Lois, I—."

"Superman, I—."

They spoke at the same time, but neither seemed able to finish the sentiment. The look between them was enough.

"You've got to get to safety. I can't do what I have to do if I'm worrying that you're throwing yourself into harm's way." He told her gently. "Promise me you'll find someplace to wait this out."

"I promise." She lied. "I'm more concerned about you. This isn't like anything you've ever faced before. If they can hurt you, they can kill you." There were tears in her eyes.

He nodded. "I'm going to need help. Find a way to contact the Captains Marvel in Fawcett City. Wonder Woman in New York. That new guy in Coast City, Green Lantern. And try to find the New Gods. They'll help."

Lois nodded, and the first tear fell. "You're talking like you're not coming back."

He caressed the curve of her cheek with one finger, wiping away the tear. "I'll be back, Lois. And then we can talk about what just happened here... "

She moved out of his grasp and allowed him to back away. He waved once, then lifted off, throwing himself back into the never-ending battle.

And she had the most horrible feeling she would never see him again...

He landed downtown, near Centennial Park where the Metropolis Police Department had assembled to meet the parademon assault. Men and women in 'Steel' battle suits had gathered and thrown up a command post to coordinate the defence of the city. He sought out John Henry Irons himself, who stepped forward from the ranks and greeted the Man of Tomorrow. He flicked open his visor and gritted his teeth.

"Live or die, these bastards won't take Metropolis."

"I hope you're right." Superman floated above the ground, the screeching and screaming of the demonic military in the skies above him deafening to the crowds below. He turned and looked at the creatures approaching, and his eyes grew bright with fire. "Because this is war."

He unleashed his heat vision, and the first wave of parademons fell, and then with a flick of his cape, he rose into the sky, rushing the beasts of Apokolips.

Earthquakes rattled the world, mighty rifts in the Earth erupted and spouted fire as the planet was strained by the presence of Apokolips in the skies above.

Superman fought with a fury borne of desperation striking down parademon after parademon, yet more emerged from constantly appearing boom tubes. He froze the monsters around him with a burst of arctic breath, and the creatures fell to the streets below, where the MPD began firing their plasma mortars into the sky. Parademons fell out of the sky, their minds exploding with pain. Superman turned to see, but he is engulfed by another wave of the creatures. He cast about him, looking to find a familiar face, and saw the grey familiar figure of Steel, who slammed down on the creatures with his mighty hammer, sending dozens of them flying every which way and direction.

Steel nodded at Superman, and Superman returned the greeting, only to see the hero engulfed by another wave of parademons, and vanish from sight. He reached out for his friend but the monsters shook, blue energy tearing through their being. They erupted in black light, Steel soaring away from the site of the event. He stood side by side with Superman, and the two watched as the parademons regrouped.

Superman took a deep breath and unleashed another almighty blast of arctic breath, taking out row after row of parademons until the skies were momentarily clear.

"This is insane! They're still coming, everyone we take down another twenty take its place! How can these guys keep it up?"

"I don't know, John, but it's happening all over the world!" Superman took another breath, and grabbed Steel, flying both of them up into the sky, into the sun drenched cloud above. "Take a breath, round two is coming up!"

The clouds parted and a dark pestilence of parademons, clambered through the precipitation for a piece of the heroes.

"Power packs!" Maggie Sawyer fired her weapon in the face of a parademon, sending it hurtling back down the street. "Wide beam, aim it up!"

Dan Turpin nodded and pressed an arrangement of buttons on the plasma artillery, and pulled the trigger, taking out another dozen or so monsters on the streets.

The battle-suited officers fired off their weapons, taking down squad after squad of the monsters, but their size made them vulnerable, and the parademons threw sonic charges, blowing apart the weaponized limbs of the suits, and killing the officers inside, and eventually, the monsters surrounded the army of officers.

Suddenly, the creatures stopped their attack, and a loud explosion ripped through the atmosphere.

"What in God's name... ?"

"Sounded like another one of those damned 'boom' tubes, ma'am... "

"Loud as hell though, Dan... louder than any other... And something... Like an echo?" She reloaded her weapon and turned to her officers. "Pick up ammo, reload and start shooting! Jus' because they've stopped doesn't mean it's a mutually accepted agreement! TAKE 'EM DOOWN!"

The officers took aim at the creatures, and the parademons fall, but none took their places.

DOOM

An almighty series of explosions filled the air, causing the officers to point up in the sky.

"Hell's that?" A blur approached from above, landing on the street and tearing up concrete as it approached.

DOOM

"What is that?" Lois Lane looked from where she and Jimmy were helping a line of non-combatants into a shelter. A blur... Some kind of massive blur moving too fast for the eye to see, and too fast for Jimmy's camera's to pick up.

DOOM

DOOM

Superman was engulfed by more and more parademons, the creatures grabbing at his face with razor sharp claws, trying to cause him pain. He released another blast of arctic breath that caused the creatures to fly back and shatter against each other, and then he looked around, a loud noise filling his ears.

DOOM

slammed him into the lead-lined walls, again and again, until he grew tired of this tact, and released. The beast leapt up into the sky above, and landed with a crash on the street.

"Superman!"

The crowd gasped as they saw the creature leap out of the sewers, blood covering its bony protrusions, its grey skin glistening with crimson liquid. Where was Superman?

Lois rushed to the scene, Jimmy at her heels. She scanned the hole in the ground where Superman had last been seen... . And then, a hand began to rise out of the pit. Hands bruised and cut, blood covering the knuckles but a hand... And then another, dragging himself out of the pit. The crowd began to rumble, then cheer, as a beaten and battered Superman rose out of the pit, struggling at first but then determined, strong and then... he smiles, and sets off for the sky.

The officers screamed as the creature clad in the shreds of his green containment suit tore through their ranks, slicing through flesh and breaking bones.

Dan Turpin was hit square in the back by the flying torso of one of his men, and was sent clattering to the ground, the bloody body bits surrounding him as the creature tore through the good men and women of the force. He grabbed the handle of the plasma mortar, and pushed the body of the man off his own body, then pointed the weapon at the creature, unleashing all the power at it, causing the creature to stumble back, losing its balance slightly, only for it to slam its foot down, and send shockwaves outwards, Dan flying into the air and crashing to the ground with a wet thud.

The Doomsday creature stormed over to him and he slammed his fist down, but Dan rolled away, scrambling around for another weapon, but the creature grabbed his leg, and hurled him up. Dan grabbed a plasma rifle and pointed it at the creature, pressed the trigger but was slammed

into the concrete so hard his body liquefied from the force of the blow. Doomsday shrugged off the plasma attack and stepped over Turpin's wet corpse, and then headed back to the hole where he had left Kal-El.

Without warning, Superman streaked down from the sky, and snatched his mutated half brother, flinging him into space. He turned and looked at where the police department had made their stand and cringed. He couldn't hear any heartbeats; he smelled the blood and saw the shattered corpses of the men and women who fought beside him so valiantly for the past six years. He shook his head, and a massive explosion filled his ears.

BOOM! - KRACKOOOOOOOM!

A cylinder of energy opened up, and the mutated Kryptonian shot back into Metropolis, colliding with Superman's back, sending them tumbling down the street.

Before Kal could react his head was grabbed and he was thrown through a building, the foundations cracking as Doomsday leaped into the hero, punching him back, not allowing him to get up. Superman looked up, his eyes blazing, and unleashed his heat vision across his brother's face, fire boring into his eyes, and causing him to stagger back into a support beam that rocked the entire building. Superman saw his chance and punched at his enemy, but his hand was caught in the giant grip of Kru-El, whose deformed mouth stretched into a smile.

Kru began to crush down on his hand, and he screamed. He looked up, about to unleash a barrage of his heat vision, but Kru slammed his fist across his face. Superman jerked back, and then up, shooting through the building, crashing through floor after floor until he reached fresh air, only to be yanked down onto the roof of the tall skyscraper, that began to topple as the two battled. Parademons flooded the sky, surrounding the two combatants, ensuring no one could enter the battle. Superman listened with his enhanced hearing, and Doomsday saw his chance, grabbing Superman's head and yanking him forward, unleashing a ear splitting roar centimetres away from his half brother's ears, causing Superman to reel back and stumble off the side of the falling building, and

hurtle to the ground with an almighty crunch, just as the building collapses upon him, dust and debris settling everywhere as Doomsday leaps to the street below, the impossible smile still contorting over his face.

Never been so badly hurt... Can't feel... Anything... So tired, so very much... In pain... Eyes, red... Can't see through the blood, my face so swollen, my heat vision would probably only worsen the wounds... Now I can't even hear and that creature, apparently my brother, is somewhere, and I'm at his mercy... I need help... Who can help me now, when I can't even defend myself?

The concrete fell away from Superman as he was pulled from the debris by the massive creature that was once Kru-El, and he's thrown to the floor, the street shaking once more.

"Hey, dirt bag!"

Doomsday turned and was hit head on by a hammer, sending him flying back onto the street below, and skidding to a stop outside the empty *Daily Planet* building.

A massive cheer erupted once more, people beginning to chant the name "Steel" over and over, but Lois shook her head, straining against Jimmy to run to Superman's side. This wasn't a game of football. This was real life. People were suffering, people were dying, and no one realised that there were stakes too high to count. The Metropolis Police Department had been brutalised, slaughtered by this grey beast, and no one cared. They were caught up in the superheroics, the action, the game that... If Superman and Steel lost... They all lost.

This was it. The end of the world... If Earth's heroes don't win... *Doomsday.*

John Henry Irons lifted up Superman, and took off into the air, shooting through the Parademons that flooded the sky. The two heroes reached the sun light, and Superman looked up, his wounds healing as his body is once more imbued with the sun's life-giving energy. Steel nodded at Superman, and they looked down as the Parademons shot up like a column of evil and chaos, the screams they released unlike anything they've heard before. Steel pressed a button on the gauntlet on his hand, and a black and white beam of power shoots out, hitting the Parademons and sucking them into the vortex he had created.

Superman shook his head, confused. "I- I made that, John... "

"What?"

"I created that device... Last year... After Zod left Earth... It's a phantom zone gauntlet... "

"I surmised that, Superman... I have been using it to send these bastards to that blasted place... I'm just wondering how an identical duplicate of you ended up with it on, and Metropolis vanished from Earth for two days... "

Superman released himself from Steel's grip and shot back down to the city, his eyes blazing with power. As he approached Doomsday, who started running towards him, he unleashed all his pent up frustration in one massive attack, sending them both flying in opposite directions. Doomsday rolled to the ground, dazed, and Superman floated towards him, his cape and uniform in tatters, blood covering him.

"THIS ENDS NOW, KRU!"

The monster screamed and leaped into the air, Superman hot on his heels. They landed atop the *Daily Planet* building, grappling before their feet touched the rooftop.

HrrrrRRRRRAAAARGGGGGGGH!!!! Doomsday wrenched the *Daily Planet* globe off its struts and slammed it down on Superman, dashing it to a million pieces. Superman emerged from the wreckage and uppercut his foe, slamming the wreckage of the globe atop Doomsday, knocking

him across the skyline and into a Soder Cola billboard, which exploded in a brilliant display of pyrotechnics. The Man of Steel took to the sky to press his advantage searching for where Doomsday had fallen. Rubble exploded as Doomsday shot up and punched him, again and again, and the brothers begin to approach where Steel waited with his phantom zone gauntlet...

Steel saw the two grappling enemies approach him, and tried to activate the beam on the gauntlet, but it shook and vibrated, and then abruptly power shot up, an impossible amount, the beam widening, absorbing more and more matter, moving towards Superman and the Doomsday creature! Steel pressed every button, trying to turn the gauntlet off, but it began to glow, and he tore it from his armour, trying to remove it from the power supply. The gauntlet floated in midair, and John felt his jaw drop. It had become self sufficient, using the matter it stole from the parademons to fuel itself! He looked around, and watched as Superman was wrenched into the beam of the phantom zone gauntlet, and began to loose matter on his face...

The pain is excruciating, more so than the beating I was taking at Kru's hands. My body is trying to be sucked into the bright light, but his grip is too tight, and my being is neither here nor there, stuck between places... I feel like my bones are being wrenched out of my body, my blood is boiling and everything aches like never before...

"STOP!"

Superman unleashed a gust of Arctic breath, freezing Kru-El, and allowing him time to wrench himself free, and pound the creature back. He grabbed the bony spikes on his enemy's shoulders and swung him back into the phantom zone ray.

BRRRRRUUUUUTHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHRRRRRRRR!

Superman caught his lost breath and composed himself, watching as Doomsday flickered in and out of reality, and was whipped into the gauntlet's portal. The gauntlet popped as Doomsday was absorbed, but the beam didn't stop there. It seemed to fracture, and then a massive explosion ripped through the sky as it collapsed in on itself, and burst with more powerful than before.

BOOM!

Steel stumbled back in midair, the gauntlet exploding in a burst of light, and then watched as his gear began to fail on him. His armour suddenly lost its energy source, his body turning unearthly cold... What was happening? He thought through everything, trying desperately to reroute his subroutines to power his armour... The phantom zone blast had just sucked every ounce of energy out of his suit, leaving him near lifeless... He collided with the ground hard, his armour dead weight, and John Henry Irons... didn't get up.

Superman stumbled up off the ground, trying to get his bearings. He was about to lift off into the sky to find John when Doomsday appeared from nowhere, kicked Superman in the knee and caused him to double over in pain. The monster followed through with a punch to the jaw that sent his brother flying, blood and spit flying from the hero's face. Superman turned, attempting to unleash his heat vision but Doomsday covered his half brother's head with his massive grey hand. There was a burst of red light around Superman's head, and then Doomsday began to press around his enemy's face, causing Kal to scream in agony. He released him, and Superman fell to the ground, only to be kicked up by Doomsday's booted foot, and sent hurtling into another building.

Doomsday smiled and lept over to Superman's battered body, spoke. "**You thnkk... You can stop... The inevitable?**"

Superman looked up at the creature's semblance of intelligence, some how able to string together words that were not its own. "**The alpha... and the omega... Is coming... You will kneel... Before...**" Doomsday brought his fist up over Superman's bloody head, and grabbed his neck with his free hand. "**DARKSEID!**" He slammed his fist down, knocking

out the Man of Steel, and sending him sprawling to the floor.

Kru-El slowly falls, the pain of his own transformation overcoming him, and he lay on the floor, his body shifting and growing, his bones stretching, his muscles expanding... And then a massive explosion filled the air, and the two Kryptonians, corrupted and otherwise, are dragged through the dimensional portal, and taken to Apokolips...

Silence. The residents of Metropolis were silent. Superman had fallen. The creature he was battling had fallen as well but... Superman had fallen. A massive explosion wracked Metropolis as a tube of pure light shot out of nowhere, and small creatures drag both combatants into it, and then nothing, a pop as the tube vanished, and then silence. Metropolis was silent. Steel lay motionless beneath rubble, the blood of Superman everywhere, the sky darkened by the parademons patrols in the sky above.

Metropolis... Had fallen.

Lex Luthor smiled, looking dangerous in his black power suit, his gold cufflinks twinkling in the gleam of the red fires of Apokolips. The smell of burning flesh and sulphur filled his nostrils, the stench of death and destruction so close to him. He was in hell, and he was walking through the front door to sell his soul.

In front of him was an empty stone throne, and as he leaned against a wall, waiting, he heard a shuffling of metal down the corridor, and without any warning, Superman was thrown forward in front of the throne, in heavy, unearthly chains, bloody from wounds caused by Doomsday.

Lex looked up from Superman's battered body, and his eyes widened as a being that seemed to be carved out of grey stone sat atop the throne, his eyes blazing red, his brow arching over those dark mahogany pits, and his muscles like sculpted steel. He wore a black uniform, regal in nature, but dirty, gritty, reflecting the nature of this world. He looked at the fallen Kryptonian, and then at Lex Luthor.

"You have done well, human."

"I usually do, great Darkseid." Lex conceded. He was filled with a swelling feeling of triumph. Superman, in chains on the ground. How long had he waited to see this... ? At last, he had won.

"You wanted something in return for the capture of this 'great hero' did you not?"

"I want Metropolis, the greatest city on Earth... " Lex managed to keep his composure as he made his demands of a god. He was getting excited. "I want Metropolis safe."

"Safe?" Darkseid seemed amused by Luthor's words, and slowly rose out of his throne. **"Safe? None are safe from my wrath. I am Alpha, I am Omega, I am the beginning of everything and the end of all. Nothing is safe!"**

Lex stumbled back against the wall, momentarily taken aback by the godly ire he had roused.

Darkseid's lip curled... and he sat again.

"But your wish is granted. My parademons shall cease the assault on Metropolis, your city shall be spared. Unless..." Darkseid trailed off into silence.

"Unless what, merciful Darkseid?"

"Unless I change my mind." And with that, red beams of light streaked from Darkseid's glowing eyes, and hit Lex in the chest, leaving him shaking in his twenty thousand dollar shoes.

Nothing happened.

"W-What?"

"Tracker beams. Goodbye, human."

A massive explosion of light and power burst out from where the original beams came from, and then Luthor was gone in a flash of black and brilliance.

Struggling in the inerton chains that sapped his will and strength, Superman managed to pull himself up on one knee, his chin out and his fists shacking in his shackles.

"Why... ?" Was all he could think to say.

The dark god sat atop his cold throne, considered his prisoner, and the question. At last he answered.

"I could conquer the universe. Become the master of a corporeal realm. I need only stretch out my hand, and unleash my hordes upon the worlds and it is done. Earth shall prove but a momentary diversion. But, for whatever reason, on this mudball, this insignificant speck in the cosmos, the components of the Anti-Life Equation lay within my grasp. And with the Equation, I shall become the lord of all that live, batter down the Source Wall and become the Master of All Realities."

Horror filled the Man of Steel. Darkseid had pronounced this like a prophecy. Like it was already accomplished.

"I will spend every ounce of my life to see that never comes to pass!" Superman bite off each word with conviction.

The dark god seemed to be genuinely amused. **"No. I will spend every ounce of your life. You see, I need you, Superman. The components of the Anti-Life Equation are locked within the DNA of certain species."** He arose from his throne, towering menacingly over Superman. He grabbed the Man of Steel around the throat and lifted him, squirming, off the floor. **"I have looked long and hard for a Kryptonian specimen."**

Superman struggled for breath, Darkseid's laughter ringing in his ears. The dark god waved, and a stone panel behind his throne slid away, revealing a grotesque scene: hanging there, crucified on a static energon field and groaning piteously, were two figures. The first was an Oan, his normally placid features contorted in agony, and the second was a fluid, morphing being struggling merely to keep its shape, but still trapped—

was that J'onn J'onzz, the legendary Martian Manhunter of the early days of superheroes... ?

And there were two empty spaces.

Darkseid hung Superman on the wall next to the Oan, and the Kryptonian was too weak to resist. He writhed as the energon field fried his nerves, the inerton sapping his strength.

Darkseid surveyed his trophy collection, well pleased.

"Desaad shall be along shortly, Kryptonian. And his ministrations will not be gentle. I lack but one frail mortal to complete the Anti-Life Equation. My agents seek him even now, and I shall take great pleasure in extracting the information from his DNA with my own hands... !"

"I— I'm not the only defender of Earth... !" Superman clenched his teeth. "Heroes— will rise against you."

Darkseid loomed over Superman, grabbing him by the hair, forcing his head up. **"Many have tried before. None have survived. I will deliver a holocaust to this planet."**

"We will stop you." Superman gasped into the teeth of the tyrant.

"You will try." Darkseid snarled.

CRISIS: THE APOKOLIPS IMPERATIVE CONTINUES THIS WEEK
IN TALES OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS #10!

(Editor's Note: This is the final issue of *The Adventures of Superman*)

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Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Special: Facets (2005)

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There are 3600 Green Lanterns in existence throughout the universe and there are the seconds, the people ready to take on the mantle of Green Lantern when their predecessor falls. Moving away from Sector 2814 with this one shot, we focus the spotlight on Jar Kell, Green Lantern of Sector 3598, who is having the worst day of his tenure in the Corps!

Batman #0 (2005)

Batman: Shadow of the Bat.

Meet Bruce Wayne. Business man. Playboy. All public masks... But the one beneath it all, the one, true mask... is cloaked in the shadow of the bat!

Meet Batman. Masked vigilante, master of the rarest disciplines of martial arts that grace this earth, mysterious protector of Gotham's streets.

Live his earliest years in this book!

In this issue, Bruce Wayne takes to the streets in the guise of Batman for a quiet night of patrol, and gets more than he bargained for...

Jim Gordon, Harvey Bullock and Sam Merkel investigate seemingly random, but seriously violent, attacks on computer programmers all hired by Enigma Corporation...

Batman #1 (2005)

Batman: The Smoking Gun, Part 1.

Something stirs beneath Metropolis and Batman comes a-calling for the first meeting of the worlds greatest heroes!

Batman #2 (2005)

Batman: World's Finest?

The Worlds Finest team unite to defeat the unstoppable monstrosity discovered last issue, and to defeat it, Batman must join forces with... Lex Luthor?

The Flash #0 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies, Prelude.

Barry Allen was struck by a bolt of mysterious lightning, and then discovered he had the power of super speed! Follow this series to read the trials and tribulations of the Scarlet Speedster! See the Rogues gallery form and a mysterious villain put into motion a scheme that could destroy the history of the Flash!
Blood will run!

The Flash #1 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies: Ice Cold Man...

Barry Allen is the happiest man alive! Oh sorry... Barry Allen is the fastest man alive! Everything 's falling into place for the scarlet speedster...

So obviously...

Something has to go wrong!

The Flash #2 (2005)

The Flash: Time Flies: Whispers.

It's Flash Day in Keystone city, and the entire city has come out to celebrate!

And what better time for a Rogue to pop up his head and try and kill them all?

Secrets will be revealed, new mysteries will be woven and one character is going to be changed forever in the latest part of Time Flies!

The Adventures of Superman #4 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Black Zero, Part 2: War on Solitude. Second in the biweekly crossover running through Adventures of Superman and Action Comics!

In the rebuilt Fortress of Solitude, Superman battles his greatest, most evil foe... It's not General Zod, Lex Luthor or Metallo and not even Braniac or Parasite... Who exactly?

Action Comics #2 (2006)

Action Comics: Black Zero, Part Three: Fearful Symmetry.

Third in a biweekly crossover running through Adventures of Superman and Action Comics!

Now that the threat has been revealed, and the Man of Steel has been removed from the picture, just what does the evil villain have in mind for Metropolis?

You won't believe the answer!
And is the man who defeated Superman just a pawn in a much greater game?

The Adventures of Superman #5 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Black Zero, Part 4: Men of Steel.
Fourth in a biweekly crossover running through *Adventures of Superman* and *Action Comics*!

Superman and Green Lantern Jar Kell reach Metropolis, but an evil lurks on the inside as well as on the outside, awaiting the two heroes and setting a deadly ambush.

Action Comics #3 (2006)

Action Comics: Black Zero, Part 5: Endgame.

The fifth and final chapter of the biweekly crossover running through *Adventures of Superman* and *Action Comics*!

Superman learns the true nature of his people in the conclusion of **BLACK ZERO**!

Action Comics #4 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There be a Superman, Part One: Fragments and Facets.

Superman has left Metropolis? Lex Luthor targeted for death? Metropolis invaded by aliens? The return of a threat from the past? A revelation that will leave you reeling and... Joey from *Adventures of Superman #3*?

Action Comics #5 (2006)

Action Comics: Must There Be A Superman? Part 2 of 2: War Crimes and Amnesty (Or, the One with all the Action).

Tomar Re will make sure Lex Luthor stands trial for the murder of Jar Kell if it's the last thing he'll do! The only man standing in the way of his fury? A Superman wracked with insecurity, who must overcome his fear of the unknown once more to save his arch foe! Will he pull through to save the day?

Action Comics #6 (2006)

Action Comics: Full Circle and the End.

A forgotten hero, kidnapped in his hey day and trapped in an inescapable prison is released by a freak accident after the death of

one of his wretched captors... How will this man react to a world not his own?

Batman #3 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped In E. Nigma, Part 1 (of 2).

He's here! The Count of Conundrum! The Prince of Puzzle himself... The Riddler! Edward Nigma has arrived in The Batman's world, and Gotham City won't ever be the same again! Continued from the events of #0, Batman is about to have the worst night in his short career...

Detective Comics #9 (2006)

Detective Comics: Escapism.

Someone has arrived in Gotham, someone who's very existence could bring about the end of humankind as we know it. So when someone is sent from his home to pursue and drag him back to the fiery hell he escaped from... You can bet Batman will be on the scene!

Batman #8 (2006)

Batman: Half [A] Life.

Two villains make their DC2 debut in this issue, as one reflects on his life before villainy in Arkham, and another emerges from the shadows to destroy the city! Will Batman stand a chance against this deadly double threat of devilry? Not without a little help from the one man he wouldn't expect assistance from!

Batman #4 (2006)

Batman: A Riddle Wrapped in E. Nigma, Part 2: Clueless?

The conclusion to The Riddler story arc and also the conclusion of Charlie's run on the book! Expect some major twists and turns as Batman and Harvey Bullock race against time to rescue Gotham's elite computer programmers from being murdered by a mysterious villain known only as "The Question Mark Slasher"!

What's wrong with Edward Nigma? What happened all those years ago that changed Michael Hughes into a so called Crime Prince of Conundrum?

Batman #9 (2006)

Batman: Crooked Smiles.

There are rumors circling in Gotham that the Crown Prince of Crime has returned! Are the whispers true? Or is someone trying to scare the inhabitants of the city? Batman intends to find out...

Batman #10 (2006)

Batman: Apokolips History X.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 3!

The hordes of Apokolips continue to overrun the planet, and in Gotham City Batman protects the one man that Darkseid wants the most, the only man to ever escape from his clutches: Scott Free, Mister Miracle! As Jim Gordon and the GCPD form a desperate last line of defense, the Dark Knight makes his plans to get the son of the Highfather out of the city before its inevitable fall!

Detective Comics #10 (2006)

Detective Comics: Duel.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 12!

Battered and besieged, Gotham City is occupied by the forces of General Steppenwolf, as the rag-tag forces of the GCPD lead a guerrilla resistance and the Dark Knight Detective himself is stalked by Darkseid's own master assassin Kanto! It's a battle royale in the Batcave, the winner take Gotham!

Batman #11 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Part 1 (of 2).

As The Batman patrols the night, an old friend rolls into town, and an old foe escapes from Arkham Asylum and begins to wreak havoc in Gotham City!

Batman #12 (2006)

Batman: From the Pit, Finale.

The body count builds as Batman and his new ally fight through the night, and as the Dark Knight finds a survivor from Zsasz's killing spree, he hands the dying victim over to the one woman he thinks can save her, but then paints a target on her back! That woman? Leslie Thompkins!

Batman #13 (2006)

Batman: Too Many Santas Will Kill You.

Batman uncovers a deadly plot to kill one of the wealthiest businessmen in Gotham... Bruce Wayne! And on Christmas Eve of all nights, with a legion of assassins after him, all with murder on their minds, how will the Caped Crusader save the day?

The Flash #3 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies: A Conversation with my Predecessor...

After the events of last issue, Barry Allen is confronted by Jay Garrick, who has many things to tell the new Speedster...

And not all of them good!

And behind the scenes, new Rogues are born!

The Question Quarterly #1 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 1.

Vic Sage is a unique entity in Hub City... A famous journalist who tells the truth in a city of lies and deceit, who becomes an enemy of every criminal in the city with his latest expose! So when corruption and evil crawl beneath the skin of the Hub, and only one man dares fight the never-ending battle for justice, when Vic Sage dies... Who is The Question?

The Question Quarterly #2 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: The Death of Vic Sage, Part 2.

Everything is falling apart in the Hub. Lives are ending, lies have been revealed and the truth... Is the one thing that keeps one man, our 'hero', going. But when the truth is at last revealed, and the implications of that fully understood... The one sane man in Hub City might conform to the general taste in insanity...

The Question Quarterly #3 (2006)

The Question Quarterly: Desolation Row.

For our final issue we have a change of pace as things get dark and gritty in Arkham Asylum. Think you've seen Vic Sage at his lowest? You'd be wrong. Think this is the end? Only for now, as The Question faces a darker threat than he has ever before, as Arkham Asylum suffers a jailbreak at the hands of two dastardly DC2 villains who make their debut in this issue... So when the inmates run free... Where is The Question?

The Flash #7 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Conclusion! Part One: Everyone, Run Fast! Flashback! We return to the past, two months since Issue Three, and The Flash is facing one of his greatest challenges... The Rogues have formed before their time, a leader clad in yellow showing them the way to destroy Barry Allen's life... With a loved one lying paralyzed in bed, and his friends falling all around him, what hope has The Flash got?

The Flash #8 (2006)

The Flash: Time Flies, Finale.

Professor Zoom, The Reverse Flash, stands revealed to Barry Allen and Jay Garrick... Who is he? How is he? And why?

The Flash #9 (2006)

The Flash: Speed Demon.

A malevolent figure appears in Titans Tower, confronting Wally West AKA Kid Flash, and then vanishes, leaving the young speedster with a foreboding prophecy that comes true almost as suddenly as he appeared! With Kid Flash taken over by some mysterious entity, who you gonna' call?

The Flash #10 (2006)

The Flash: Flashes of Lightning.

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 10!

The body count continues to rise!

The hellbores are falling and soon the earth will be remade in the image of Apokolips! But not if the Flash can help it! It's a battle to the death as the despicable Desaad and Darkseid's own bastard son Gravyn plant the doomsday device called the Infernal Machine in Keystone City. Can the Flash outrace destiny--- or will the Black Racer be waiting for him at the finish line?

The Flash Annual #1 (2006)

The Flash Annual: Eulogies.

Jay Garrick, the Golden Age Flash, is dead, and two months later, with the world healing, it's time for his funeral. 'Nuff Said.

The Question #1 (2006)

The Question: The Devil's Fingers.

The Question #2 (2006)

The Question: See No Evil.

The Question is still heading for Las Vegas when he drives into the wrong city at the wrong time, where the citizens are gripped with terror as a new, horrific serial killer is murdering women left and right with no discernible pattern... Until the right pair of eyes gaze onto the problem...

The Question Annual #1 (2006)

The Question Annual: Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas.

The Question is in Las Vegas and a mystery has caught up with him from a friend of the past (is there any other kind?) and two heroes in his way.

The Question #3 (2006)

The Question: A Night In Their Arms.

The lights of Las Vegas welcome a lone traveler onto its streets. Yes, after so many months, The Question has arrived. Why is he here? What is so important to him? What is so important to the whole DC2? The conspiracy continues here.

Powers, Inc. #6 (2006)

Powers, Inc.: Life During Wartimes.

Steel wakes up a new man in the first part of this story, and in the second, Prysm discovers her true identity among the stars, and everything falls apart for her new life as her father is betrayed!

Action Comics #17 (2007)

Action Comics: The Linear Man Is Our Only Hope.

Action Comics #18 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 1 (of 3): The Tide

Action Comics #13 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 1 (of 2): The Thing That Should Not Be...

Something's coming to Smallville, leaving a trail of corpses in its wake! Clark Kent enjoys some down time from his responsibilities with a game of catch, while Lois Lane has to babysit a new

reporter at the Daily Planet... But what has the DEO got to do with all this?

Action Comics #14 (2007)

Action Comics: Convergence, Part 2 (of 2): With Teeth!

Action Comics #19 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 2 (of 3): Shadow On the Sun

Action Comics Annual #2 (2007)

Action Comics: Doomsdays, Part 3 (of 3): Burein Sukuracchi.

DC2 Special #2: World's Finest (2007)

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Batman #14 (2007)

Batman: Instinct.

The topside of Gotham City has been rebuilt over the past year thanks to Wayne Enterprises and their charitable efforts, but the sewers are another problem entirely... So when sewage workers are vanishing into the darkness, who does Batman think is the number one suspect?

Batman #15 (2007)

Batman: Masks, Part 1 (of 4).

Bruce Wayne is having a good day. Too bad he hasn't been in the Cave since he got in last night with Vicki Vale. Because when he gets down there and logs on, he's going to discover the terrible fate that has befallen James Gordon. And he isn't going to be happy. Not by a long shot.

The Flash #21 (2007)

The Flash: Ride the Lightning.

Lightning strikes once more in the Twin Cities, and you won't believe the consequences!

Batman #17 (2007)

Batman: Hizzoner, The Joker!

Green Lantern #8 (2007)

Green Lantern: Brave New World, Part 1.

A threat from the stars descends from the Heavens, searching for a battery to power the most devastating weapon known to all existence! Hal Jordan, Green Lantern, is all that stands between this villain and his target, and you won't believe the conclusion!

The Question #4 (2007)

The Question: Sneaking Mission.

The conspiracy deepens as a new player enters the game, and the puppet-master reveals himself to one of the cast! With more from the Agents of the DEO, and two buddies from another book making an appearance, you won't want to miss this as this arc continues!

The Question #5 (2007)

The Question: The Double-Edged Sword.

The con is on as The Question and his superfriends infiltrate "Hell" and search for what they're looking for. But as they delve deeper and deeper into Area 15... They realize that something is terribly terribly wrong in this government run complex!

The Question #6 (2007)

The Question: Knocking on Heaven's Door.

Blind, defenseless, lost in the bowels of hell and at the mercy of a master of torture. The Question meets Dr Moon... And witness the return of four characters you'd never thought you'd see again, spinning out of The Question Quarterly...

The Flash #20 (2007)

The Flash: Random Flashes.

In one day, a man's world can be turned upside down. Barry Allen is about to have one of those days. And you won't believe the consequences...

The Question #7 (2007)

The Question: Here With Me.

An Extra Sized Finale Issue!

You've seen The Question taken to his lowest by Steel Hand, you've seen him in Arkham Asylum, you've seen him on the road and you've seen him tortured at the hands of Dr. Moon. Travis

Clevenger and Bill Nodell find their way to Area 15, only to be confronted by a very powerful someone who doesn't have The Question's best intentions in mind, and inside "Hell" itself... People are dying... But by whose order? And what familiar face makes his "welcome" return to the world of the DC2? All these questions answered and more... Including the most important one asked! What is it? Who asked it? And why?

Wonder Woman #23 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of Champions.

Wonder Woman battles a close friend, and then is given another task by Athena! With the balance of the world at stake, the Greek Gods aren't the only ones who have noticed, and another champion joins the battle against the greatest threat to humanity since... Forever!

Nightwing #26 (2008)

Nightwing: Boy Hostage.

Nightwing is in deep when a confrontation with an old foe goes awry, and he ends up more than six feet under inside a metal casket in New York harbor!

Action Comics #28 (2008)

Action Comics: Family is Like...

Superman returns home to find his cousin Kara confused and bewildered, and she's not the only one! Lois and Clark a couple? Who is the NEW Clark Kent? Plus another family member finds Superman, and it's not a happy reunion!

Action Comics #29 (2008)

Action Comics: Sons & Daughters of Krypton.

After the shocking final moments of last issue, Superman faces the challenge of a lifetime, and a foe he never thought he'd meet in combat?

It's Father Vs Son across the world, as Jor-El battles his son for his subjugation of the Planet Earth...! You can probably guess Lex Luthor has had a hand in this!

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation #1 (2008)

Green Lantern Corps: Liberation: Invasion.

Our intrepid squad of heroes are on their way to Oa for the last stand against the Manhunters and their mysterious Grandmaster! Who is underneath the hood of the robotic killing machines master? What could possibly go wrong if the Green Lanterns go past Rann? What indeed...

Detective Comics #33 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Prologue.

A new creative team and a new direction!

Dick Grayson has adopted the mantle of the Bat and has to face all the evil that comes with it! Seeds are sown for months to come as Batman is stalked by an unseen foe, battles against the citizens of Gotham itself, and is targeted by a familiar team! Meanwhile, Harvey Bullock and the GCPD are drawn into a horrendous murder mystery, one that shakes Bullock to his very core!

Also featuring a back-up feature written by Charlie Wilkins & Samantha Chapman!

Detective Comics #34 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 1.

Lucius Fox returns to Wayne Manor and Dick Grayson makes a big decision about Gotham City! The Batman continues his nightly patrols, only to run into a little trouble, the kind offered by... The Suicide Squad!

Batman Vs the Suicide Squad! It begins here!

Detective Comics #35 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 2 of 3.

The calm before the storm. The Suicide Squad nearly had him, he wasn't prepared, and if Bruce was something, he was always prepared. So with Dick fighting for his life beneath the cowl of the Bat, he needs to rethink his approach. He needs to draw up battle plans. But when push comes to shove, will he really be able to defeat the Suicide Squad, even with a little help from his friends?

Detective Comics #36 (2008)

Detective Comics: Trial by Fire, Part 3.

Batman, Batwoman, Blue Beetle and Robin vs. the Suicide Squad! As the Squad launch their attack during a Wayne Enterprises ball,

nobody will come out on top! Be here for the extra-sized finale to this arc!

Wonder Woman #26 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Dead-Beat.

In the aftermath of her battle in the Underworld, Wonder Woman returns home to recuperate, but meanwhile, across the world, danger rises and chaos looms...

Wonder Woman #22 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Day of the Dead.

Wonder Woman faces the challenge of a lifetime on the first of three days that will shape her world for the months to come! Featuring the return of two DC2 villains, Wonder Woman is tasked by her patron Gods to take down a threat powerful enough to destroy even them!

Wonder Woman #24 (2008)

Wonder Woman: All Hope...

Wonder Woman descends into the Underworld, and as the world above waits with baited breath... Down below... Something rises!

Wonder Woman #25 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Era.

One tiny event can change everything, and for Wonder Woman, former princess of the Amazons and current defender of the dead isle of Themyscira, currently situated where New York used to thrive, that is a fact she knows too well. With the world in ruins due to something that happened in the world a century ago, during the modern age of superheroics, Wonder Woman is the last Amazon.

With a chance to change the world for the better... Will she take it?

Wonder Woman #27 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part One (of Two). Dreams haunt Wonder Woman that aren't hers, leading the Queen of the Amazons on a mission to save a lost soul, and battle a threat that she could never dream possible!

Wonder Woman #28 (2008)

Wonder Woman: The Herald, Part Two (of Two): Hands Bound.
"She is coming!" he screams, and rightly so too, as Wonder Woman is hot on the heels of the someone, or something, that haunts the dreamscape of all of humanity.

Wonder Woman #29 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Twilight.

Twilight over Paradise Island. Beautiful dark blue skies streaked with orange and yellow, running together like an oil painting. The majority of the island slept. Doom's Doorway stood loomed on the outskirts of the city, the imposing mountain silent in the receding darkness of the coming morning, and the guards stood as vigilant as ever. None were expecting what would emerge from the twilight.

Wonder Woman #30 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Potential.

The Cheetah returns, and Wonder Woman must deal with the chaos rout! President Jeb Stewart visits Themyscira House, and so does the White King of Checkmate! That's right, Steve Trevor returns into Queen Diana's life, and the Gods take note!

Wonder Woman #31 (2008)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part One (of Three).

Things start falling apart. Donna Troy is haunted by dreams of her past, Diana is confronted by a shocking new destiny, Mt. Olympus suffers a crisis of its own, and Steve Trevor is not left untouched by the growing evil that spreads across the world. This is only the beginning...

Batman #34 (2009)

Batman: Don't Say a Word.

In this issue, Commissioner Gordon, Sergeant Bullock, Black Mask, Wildcat, Hush, Robin, Alfred Pennyworth and even Batman! The mysterious bandaged man known as Hush strikes in Gotham, but what is he up to? And why does he have his sights set on James Gordon! Robin gets some training from one of the elite fighters of the DC2, and Batman can't catch a break... all that, plus who is the stranger that stalks the Narrows?

Batman #35 (2009)

Batman: The Big Heat.

Black Mask returns to the streets of Gotham City with a whole lot of darkness in his heart and a massive wanting to inflict pain on every single living person that walk the streets. Batman and Robin come face-to-face with the Grey Ghost, and discover the murderous vigilante's true identity... a man with ties to Bruce Wayne's dark past! All this, and The Dark Knight rises as the scarlet hooded girl and the big bad white wolf with his ruby red lips stalk the Narrows and circle the mysterious man into what could be his demise! Intrigued? All this, inside!

Batman #37 (2009)

Batman: When The Man-Bat Flies..."

A murderous villain stalks the Narrows, emulating Jack the Ripper! Is history repeating itself once more? The Dark Knight intends to find out, in his own imitable way! And meanwhile, an old foe resurfaces on a murderous rampage that the Batman will struggle to stop-- and you won't believe the final scene!

Detective Comics #39 (2009)

Detective Comics: What Are You Afraid Of?

Arkham Asylum has been replaced by a bigger, better institution, spearheaded by Wayne Enterprises. During the prisoner transfer, an old enemy escapes-- but in twenty minutes, what can one mad man do? A lot, it seems, as secrets and horrors from Jonathan Crane's past haunts Gotham City as a living embodiment of fear runs free!

Batman #39 (2009)

Batman: Surface Tension.

Jason Todd is Batman?! Dick Grayson is missing, presumed insane?! This issue, Black Mask makes a move against the city, prompting the new Batman and Robin team to launch an all out offense on the Gotham Underground, all the while Hush and Constantine Drakon make their presence known in Gotham City, and while two "old" players appear on the scene, promising many nights of mayhem for the city of Gotham!

Batman #40 (2009)

Batman: Confinement.

Dick Grayson fights for his life against the villainous Nicholas Lucian, the devilish madman who holds him captive, all the while edging closer and closer to the darkness that consumes the city he vowed to protect! Batman comes faces-to-face with his arch-foe, and it's not who you think! Batwoman joins the search for the missing Dick Grayson, racing against time, unsure if he's even alive!

Green Lantern #20 (2009)

Green Lantern: Secret of the Star Sapphire.

Hal Jordan, Green Lantern of Sector 2814 faces a threat from the past as the Star Sapphire of the Zamorans barrels down on Earth, to test the Oan representative of Earth! It all begins here, as a new era for Green Lantern begins!

Batman #41 (2009)

Batman: Until Death.

Meet The Flesh-Monger. Meet The Prince of Lies, and his loyal aide-de-campe Milo Vesuvius. Meet the Gun-Moll. Meet Boss Synth. Meet the new breed of villainy that Gotham City must accept as her own-- even if she doesn't want to. How will a Batman and Robin team survive if they can't trust one another? And will Dick Grayson survive the night?

Green Lantern #21 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 1.

In the aftermath of last issue, Hal Jordan is pulled across the universe for a debriefing by the Guardians of the Universe-- and is briefed on the secret history of the Zamorans! All this, and Guy Gardner returns-- and he's not entirely himself...

Batman #42 (2009)

Batman: Fear of the Dark.

Beneath Gotham City, Batwoman, The Dark Knight, Robin and Batman are at the mercy of Brimstone and his cohorts Charaxes and Killer Croc! The torture of Dick Grayson comes to a head, Jason Todd and Barbara Gordon are exposed to a mind-altering substance that shifts their perceptions from sanity to madness, and

all the while, a greater threat looms over Gotham City as the gangs move toward war!

Green Lantern #22 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 2.

All-out-war over Coast City's skies as Hal Jordan battles Guy Gardner, with the safety of the entire universe at stake! Chloe Sullivan returns, as these two ring-wielders slug it out, and you won't believe the events that unfold!

Green Lantern #23 (2009)

Green Lantern: Infect, Part 3 (of 3).

One man heads to Oa, triumphant, whilst another finds himself trapped on Earth -- and the Green Lantern Corps shut down their home-base and issue a kill-on-sight order to ensure that they do not fall!

Wonder Woman #32 (2009)

Wonder Woman: Dystopia, Part Two (of Three).

The pieces fall into place as Themyscira is besieged by the entire world, Donna Troy steps up and Zenobia follows, Athena's plan begins to unfold and Ares takes the fight to Kronus on Paradise Island! Diana's fate is revealed and Steve Trevor and Apollo begin their own counterattack, and below, in the Underworld, Persephone raises an army of the dead, and begins their march to the world above!

Wonder Woman #34 (2009)

Wonder Woman: The Good Old Days.

In the future, the world is a different place, all thanks to one woman. In the past... Wonder Woman faces a blast from the past, a long forgotten secret from The Apokolips Imperative!

Batman #46 (2010)

Batman: The Way Things Will Be.

Bruce Wayne is back, so what does that mean for Gotham city? Jason Todd is about to find out.

Shazam! Special #1 (2010)

Shazam!: Sons of their Fathers.

Action Comics #47 (2010)

Action Comics: Heart Of Kryptonite, Soul On Fire.

Green Lantern #27 (2010)

Green Lantern, Love Lost, Part 2.

Hal Jordan takes his daughter and Chloe Sullivan to Rann, where the ringslinger teams up with Adam Strange to face some demons, and Chloe shares a heart-to-heart with Alanna. Meanwhile, people close to Hal Jordan are visited by a strange apparition, and not all of them make it out intact, and Guy Gardner pays a visit to Carol Ferris, who is still seeing visions of a dead man as plain as day!

Green Lantern #24 (2010)

Green Lantern: A Day Like Any Other.

Green Lantern 2814.2, Hank Henshaw, returns to Earth, and takes on all the duties of his partner, Hal Jordan, in the aftermath of Infect! But with Mongul prowling on the outer fringes of the solar system, and Coast City in his sights, how will one of the greatest, most talented Green Lanterns perform? The ultimate test for Hank Henshaw begins!

Green Lantern Annual #2 (2010)

Green Lantern Annual: The Rise and Fall of Sinestro.

Sinestro has been a presence since the earliest days of the DC2--infected with the LEGION virus, enraptured by Parallax, used and abused and made a pawn in a game he never wanted to play in. But what happens when Sinestro is freed from all the possessions and the mind control? What happens then? What happens when Sinestro roams the universe once more?

Green Lantern #25 (2010)

Green Lantern: Requiem.

Across the universe, chaos begins to unfurl. Mongul hurtles away from Earth, hoping to avoid the colossal rage that the Green Lantern Corps is aiming to unleash, Hal Jordan and Guy Gardner at the forefront of the tidal wave of emerald might that wants the yellow-skinned intergalactic terrorist's head! Meanwhile, just because the world is looking one way, doesn't mean that the rest of the galaxy stops ticking over-- something is looming on the

horizon, and it means nothing but trouble for the Corps and beyond!

Green Lantern #26 (2010)

Green Lantern: Love Lost.

Guy Gardner inducts John Stewart into the Green Lantern Corps, whilst Hal Jordan receives a phone call from an old flame-- Carol Ferris is back on the scene, and is she seeing things, or is an old face really back? Will this spell trouble for the burgeoning relationship between Hal and Chloe Sullivan?

Green Lantern #28 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Lost, Part Three (of Four).

One year later... and we're back. The story continues.

Green Lantern #29 (2011)

Green Lantern: Love Hurts, Part Four (of Four).

Heroes live, heroes die.



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