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"H-How *dare* you!" Superman held back his punch at the last moment, a calculated effort; the force of it like a compact hurricane, sending whoever this imposter was flying across the city. He claimed to be Jor-El. He claimed to be Superman's father. He didn't know who this was. He didn't know what Luthor had done, but he would not let this stand! He followed the trajectory of his punch and was about to throw another punch when the boy (simply a boy, no older than Jimmy) unleashed a blast of heat vision that seared the flesh of the Kryptonian hero's fist.

"Gah!" Pain. He hadn't felt this much pain since... Forever. They were on an even keel. Could this person actually be Kryptonian? Superman reeled back, grimaced, and then head butted the villain, who then brought his own fists up in an earth shattering blow that sent the Man of Steel hurtling back toward Centennial Park.

Just as Jor-El began to press his attack, Superman grabbed him by his body suit and slammed him into the ground. "I don't know who you are, but you picked the wrong day to start this!"

"You picked the wrong day when you subjugated this planet's people into worshipping you!"

Another punch, another blow, sending Superman skittering across the concrete and grass. "Hrrnt." Superman clambered to his feet, and then flew straight back at Jor-El and hit him so hard that he hurtled toward the upper atmosphere. Superman took a breath, glanced down at his injured hand (already healing in the bright sun light) and then prepared to

follow his attacker skywards—

“Superman!” He spun around to see Lois Lane pull up in her convertible, Clark Kent in tow. “What’s going on?”

“I don’t have *time* for this, Lois! *Clark*,” said with such spite that it surprised Lois, “Go home, and wait for me there.”

“Yes sir.” Clark awkwardly complied, and turned and got back in the convertible.

“You can’t tell us what to do, Superman. We’re reporters and it we are following this story!”

“Following this story? This story has just hit,” he paused, squinting his eye, “the mesosphere. You can follow if you wish,” and with that, Superman was gone in a flash, a gust of wind and a plume of dust and dirt following in his wake, just as the Major Crimes Unit pulled up in their high-tech vehicles.

“What’s going on, Lane?” barked Maggie Sawyer, her men armed to the teeth.

“Superman is... Was... Being... Rude!” Lois folded her arms. “He was fighting some kind of generic flighty/fighty villain. Typical. The story isn’t here, Maggie, but I’ll find it!” She turned to Clark, who was fidgeting in the convertible. “And what is it with you and that ‘Sir’, crap Smallville? Come on, we’ve got work to do.”

“But Superman said for me to—”

“Since when was Superman the boss of you? We’ve got a story we need to investigate! I can think of a dozen stops we can make, STAR Labs for one, to figure out who the hell that jerk-off was that interrupted that oh-so fun confrontation with the Man of Steel we were having, and the Wayne Satellite Servers to see where the heck that guy came from. What do you say, Smallville?” She hopped into the driver’s seat, and revved the engine. “Are you alright, you look pale?”

“BI... Uh... Well... I... Sure, let’s get going.”

Lois shook her head slowly and reversed out the park. *“Riiight...”*

“This is interesting,” said the man in the shadows, his purple and green power suit obscured by a holographic projection. To anyone else he was just a generic passer-by, but Lex Luthor was anything but generic. He looked down at his gauntlet, and began to tap in command codes. *“Is the damsel-in-distress finally figuring out her gallant knight is the dragon? Oh, Lois, you never cease to amaze me.”*

“Where are we going, Lois?”

“Where are we going? Come on, Clark, we’re going to Metro, I just remembered that I know a guy who knows a gal that owes me a favour, and we could probably—” Lois stuttered to a stop, and looked around, *“Holy crap, are we flying?”*

“Apparently so,” replied Clark, as he gripped the door. *“And we seem to be rising up at a alarming rate.”*

Lois slammed her fist on the car horn, and started to bang on whatever she could reach. *“Superman, put me down!”*

“Oh Ms Lane...” shouted a familiar voice, *“I’m afraid the alien has problems of his own right now, and so do you...”*

Lois went pale. *“Lex.”*

“Kelex...” Kara Zor-El looked around her quarters. *“Tell me... about... my... Cousin...”*

Kelex buzzed, processing the request. <Kal-El, son of Jor-El, son of Seyg-El, son of Don-El, twenty third generation of the House of El.>

“No...” Kara struggled with the words. *“Tell me... about... Him...”*

<Ah. Kal-El is... A hero... He wears the symbol of the House of El emblazoned across his chest and he brings hope to those across the planet

and the worlds beyond. As Superman, Kal-El is a hero.>

"I... Do... Not under... stand?"

Kelex computed for a moment. With a mechanical spark, he dropped the forcefield that kept Kara contained. <Come. Follow me.>

Snow and ice parted as a blur collided with the side of a mountain. Echoes and vibrations flew outward, and Jor-El tried to climb out of the crater his impact had created, but was suddenly confronted with Superman. "Ready to tell me who you are now? Ready to tell me the truth?"

"I told you, Kal-El, I am your father!"

"My father," started Superman, his fist shaking at his waist, "died with Krypton. You are another one of Luthor's abominations. A Bizarro. What did he do? Use my DNA? You could be me, ten years ago." Superman took a moment to scan Jor-El's DNA and realized the DNA was not his own. It was Kryptonian, sure, but not his.

"You have been blinded by your contempt for mankind, Kal-El, and it is up to me to stop you."

Superman had had enough of his ravings, and moved in for another punch; something just enough to knock him out, when Jor-El vanished from sight. Then suddenly he had him in a headlock. "You know nothing of your heritage. For instance, that move I just used to get you in this headlock? K特拉-Vo."

"The Kryptonian martial art?!" Superman had read from his crystal archives of such an art, something that only the highest echelon of Kryptonian society practiced. Not something you use for the offensive, but a purely defensive method of fighting, using ones enemies momentum against them to prevail over any odds. He had not studied it, but if this person had heard of it... Try as he might, he could not escape Jor-El's arms, and he was beginning to feel his head go fuzzy.

"Yes. You have molded this planet into your image. Lex Luthor showed

me the images. The statues. You have this world held in an iron grip. This is not what I intend for you, my son... If only I had been there for you when you were growing up. To save you from the obvious depravities meted out to you by your adoptive parents..."

"You know *nothing* of my parents!" Superman felt a fresh burst of adrenaline rush through his veins, not enough to free himself from Jor-El's clutches, but enough to stave off the unconsciousness that crept up on him. "Jonathan and Martha Kent raised me to uphold the virtues of this world!"

"All I have seen is that you have made yourself a God on this Earth, shaping humankind's development and ruining them!"

"Lies! Lex Luthor is a dangerous, calculating menace; if any one is the villain here it is him!" He took a breath, and continued to talk. He could think of fifteen ways to escape, but he had to reason with him, had to talk him down, "What you are saying is preposterous, I have taken... great pains... To allow mankind to control its own destiny."

Jor-El tightened his hold on his son's head, "Really? Open your eyes, Kal-El, can you not see what is in front of you?" He motioned to a small boy, too frail and still wearing a ragged, torn shirt that was too small for him. Embalmed across the blue was the familiar s-shield that adorned Superman's own costume "Our family crest is an avatar for our Kryptonian heritage, not a symbol for oppression."

"Enough of this—" Superman took another breath, and released a blast of Arctic breath that sent the two of them high into the sky. Without his balance, Jor-El loosened his grip, and the two of them hurtled to the ground. Superman grabbed Jor-El, and held him with one hand, not tightly, not threateningly, just enough to keep him at arm's length.

"*Oppression?* People wear my symbol because I do all in my power to do what is right. Because I try to bring people hope. Villains like Luthor shove their views and their twisted ideals down people's throats and if you don't fall for it, if you see the truth, then you're his enemy."

He pulled Jor-El close.

"I will not have Luthor or his twisted clones harm these people that have taken me into their hearts and homes. Luthor will not dirty my father's proud name or his sacrifice so that I lived. My father was a good man! A good man who, against all the odds, tried his best to save a world; yet all he could do... Was save me... He... sacrificed his life. And I lost my family, my people, and—" Tears streamed down Superman's face, and Jor-El looked deep into his eyes.

Jor-El's fist was pulled back ready to deliver a blow to end this; the sun was high in the sky energizing his cells. He was older now, strangely enough, his body ageing faster due to solar exposure, a weird experience for the formerly dead alien scientist. "Son..."

"Don't call me that!" screamed Superman, as he collapsed to his knees. He had lost so much. He had lost his adopted-father, and had not been able to say goodbye. And now this? This clone-thing was claiming to be his long dead biological father? He couldn't concentrate. He couldn't think. "I can't..."

Going On Nearly Two Years Ago...

"Son," smiled Jonathan Kent, as he and his son Clark watched the sun rise up over the fields, "this is the life, isn't it?"

Clark grinned. "It's good to be home, Pa. It feels like forever."

"Don't worry, son, home is always where you need it to be." He patted his chest. "Home is here: In your heart. Don't ever forget that. Whether you're off fighting aliens on the moon, or, say, rescuing a cat up a tree, home is always in your heart."

Clark smiled. "I missed you, Pa."

"And your mother and I miss you! But we know that you're off fighting the good fight, and we know that the world needs you too. So we always know, son... that you are in our hearts."

"And you in mine," he hugged his adopted father, not knowing that in less than a week Darkseid would come, and reign hell down on earth.

Not knowing his father would be one of millions of casualties. Not knowing that he'd never have a chance to say goodbye. He didn't know that his father always knew that some day, this time would come. And that Jonathan Kent knew, no matter what, that he had raised young Clark well. That he loved him more than anything.

"...I miss him..."

Jor-El looked down at his son. This man could not be the monster Lex Luthor had been speaking of. Too noble, too pure, to be the oppressor, the monster. He placed a hand on Superman's shoulder, and then took him into his arms. He began to sing softly in Kryptonese, something Superman had heard mechanical recordings of, but never in real life experienced:

*"...Rao leaves the sky, and the moons begin their trek.
The crystal falls sing of morning
The night will not be long
And in the morning we will rise
The sons and daughters of Krypton..."*

<As you can see, Kara Zor-El, Kal-El has long been a protector of this planet, ever since he was a child. He protected Smallville from threats, before traveling the world and then returning to America to live in Metropolis, which became his base of operations as he acted as Superman. From there on in, he traveled the globe, the universe, formed alliances with men and women such as the Batman and Wonder Woman, and became a force for good renowned throughout the galaxy.>

"Hero." Kara felt the word leave her lips. "Could I... Be a hero...?"

<Could you be a hero?> again, Kelex fell silent. <Why yes, Kara Zor-El, you could.>

“What are you doing, Luthor?” Lois looked down at the ocean below them, and realized that inside whatever force-field was carrying them, time was moving slower. They must be traveling so fast, to be covering so many miles so quickly. She struggled with her cell-phone, but could find no signal. “Aww, crap...”

Lex’s voice bubbled inside the force-field. “I’m afraid that my force-field cuts off any communication, Lois. I can call you Lois, can’t I? It’s been so long that I forget the proper etiquette.”

“Where are you taking us, Luthor?” shouted Clark, nearly standing inside the car. Lois watched as he addressed their captor, almost bristling with rage. Smallville has surprised her recently, and today was no exception.

“Why, my secret lair of course!” Luthor chuckled. “I’m a super-scientist; of course I’m taking you to my secret lair!”

“Don’t you mean super-villain, Luthor?” snapped back Clark, “Because we both know you’ve never been anything but a trumped up little sociopath with a corporation behind you!”

“Mr Kent, you surprise me. Never before have you shown such emotion. Even back in Smallville, you were a insular little social half-wit!”

“I think you’re projecting, Luthor,” replied Clark, “If I remember correctly, you were the friendless one. I took you under my wing; I spoke to you when no one else would. If anyone is the insular little social half-wit, I’m afraid it’s you! You want evidence, Lex? You’re kidnapping someone for a nice, cozy chat? Why don’t you let Lois go, we both know it’s me you want!”

“No, Lex, I can get you Superman,” interrupted Lois, “Let Clark go and he can bring him to you, you know that’s what you’ve always wanted...”

“Oh, Lois, I don’t think you understand. Superman is taken care of in a most ironic fashion and no Clark, it’s not you I want, it’s Lois. Always has been. But I will take your suggestion to heart, and let our poor

country boy go.”

Another beam suddenly grabbed Lois by the waist, and the force-field around the convertible dropped, and as Lois Lane screamed, Clark Kent plummeted toward the ocean below, hundreds of miles away from civilization. Lex and Lois watched as the car hit the waters, and simply sank below the depths. “Lex, you murderer! You cold hearted murderer!”

Lex activated another force-field around Lois’ head, cutting off her oxygen supply and knocking her out. He smiled as he continued onwards to points unknown. “Don’t worry, Ms Lane... You will soon be next...”

To Be Concluded!

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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!**

The Adventures of Superman #10 (2006)

The Adventures of Superman: Doomsday.

THIS IS THE FINAL ISSUE OF THE ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN

Crisis: The Apokolips Imperative, Part 1!

This is it! The greatest crisis the world has ever faced is upon the heroes of the DC2, and nothing will be the same ever again!

The plans of the evil god Darkseid have come to fruition at last!

It's all-out war as Apokolips invades Planet Earth: heroes will rise-- and some will fall before it's done!--- and unlikely allies will be made! And not even Superman is safe when Darkseid sets his sites on the Man of Steel! You won't believe how this one ends!

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!

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).

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