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Gotham City glows in the moonlight. An unnatural sight to say the least, but if you knew the reasons behind that unearthly green horizon you'd be wary. Radioactivity is in the air, cell destroying, body dissolving radiation. How is the city now destroyed, it's inhabitants not bleached skeletons in their apartments, the flesh melted off their bones? The radiation that floats above Gotham has a mind of its own. A sentience of sorts. It drifts, with an aim, but one that we cannot discern at this moment in time. But whether this be in Metropolis or be it in Keystone... It does not bode well for Gotham...

The air is cold in the sky, a bitter chill bites through his layered uniform, and a numbness he didn't know he could feel in his home city. There is the feeling in his soul that is always there, but... But this is strange. He shakes his head; the winter weather must be getting to him. It has snowed the day before, and only tonight has it subsided. A quiet calm reaching over the city like the blankets of snow before it. Batman doesn't know if this strange weather had something to do with the strange radiation that flitters above the clouds... Was this unearthly chill some kind of reaction to the bizarre energy? Batman throws the line and drifts over the void, just as a snowflake lands on his hand. Most criminals lay low when the temperatures drop so crime rates drop slightly... But, there is one criminal who returns. A criminal who thrives in the cold. Mr. Freeze, a man who doesn't deserve the curse of villainy on his soul...

Arkham Asylum.

There is always a special cell reserved for this patient. It has to be fitted with cold generators; the stale warmth of the Asylum provides an atmosphere in which this inmate could not survive. He sits on his bed, his feet atop a thin layer of snow, created by the coolers on the walls. The coolers had to be fitted with reinforced grills after his fourth stay, after he had plunged a chair leg into the workings to shut them down, to end his own life. The city could imprison a genius in the madhouse for life, but didn't want his sub zero blood on their hands. Victor Fries lays on his bed, trying to remember the touch of his wife, the feeling of her skin underneath his fingertips. He weeps a silent tear, feels it freeze on his cheek and then pushes it off his face. He had forgotten his wife's touch. Nora's touch. He runs his hand over his baldhead, and shakes it.

It was winter, a white winter. Nora always loved the snow. She used to run out in the morning, and roll around in the fresh layers it that had fallen in the evening before. The cold never really bothered her. He always equated that with her passion, but... She didn't feel pain. When she had pneumonia, and she had the hottest fever, she didn't tell Victor. She didn't know. When she died in his arms he didn't know why. When he stood in the morgue with her, he didn't know why. They called him a bad husband, a terrible man, but the reasons for her death were not his doing... She hadn't told him. Hadn't shared the truth...

It was then he threw himself into his work. He had been developing the cryonic chamber with his wife before her death, but now he had a new goal: to bring the dead back to life. He experimented with chemicals that only worked at sub zero temperatures, he used them on small animals, and they worked. He starved them of oxygen, killed them, and then injected them with the serum he had created... The heartbeat began anew, blood rushed through the body, and the brain awoke, revived by a steady oxygen flow and a cocktail of chemicals... Dead tissue slowly healed and the subject lived again... Then cold overcame them, their veins froze and their bodies shut down. He knew how he could overcome this. And he made his attempt.

Weeks later, after exhaustive, thorough practice trials on bigger mammals, one night, he dug up his wife's body, still in perfect condition, and he secretly carried her back to his lab. He removed the embalming fluid, gave her a blood transfusion to clean out her veins, and then he gave her a high dose of the formula. Her brain began to heal, the autopsy scars

vanished, scar tissue peeled off her chest, and when she took her first breath... He placed her in an experimental freezing chamber, and preserved her before the formula could wear off.

If he had had the chance he would have continued to perfect the formula, revive her once more and then have her be at her side, with the fame and glory that would come from resurrecting the dead... He didn't care for the recognition; all he wanted was his wife. But grave robbing doesn't go unnoticed...

Cemetery staff called the police, and his lab was raided during the night where he nearly made a breakthrough with the formula... And a stray bullet from the weapon of Sarah Essen shattered a secondary cryogenic chamber... And doused Victor Fries in chemicals that stopped his heart, turned the blood in his veins to turn to ice, and causing him to drop to the floor, his skin blue, his heart beating no longer.

Death didn't last long for him. He awoke in the morgue chiller, his skin still blue from exposure. He couldn't feel anything. He was completely numb...

And he still is. Victor Fries blinks in his cell, and shakes his head as he stands up. His brittle bones crack with every movement, like broken ice on a road. He stands and looks out of his small barred window. It was snowing. Nora loved the snow.

A Year Ago Today:

Gotham was suffering a major energy crisis. The power grid couldn't cope with the daily needs of the citizens, and something had to be done. One man stepped forward, revealing a forward thinking plan that could fix the needs for the citizens, but when people hear 'nuclear power plant' and 'inside city limits', they get a bit twitchy, a bit easy to inflame, and the plan to set up a nuclear power plant in the city was pushed away, and the project had to go out to sea, out of harms way of the city. But the budget wasn't made for a platform on the ocean, so corners were cut, mistakes made, and one night...a monster was born.

He was the backer. One of the main backers that made the grand experiment a reality. Dr Sartorius... One night, he went into the structure. Nobody protested

or suggested that it was a bad idea for him to explore his labor of love alone... Nobody warned him that the reactor had just been installed and that it could crack open at anytime! Unbeknownst to Sartorius, the platform building had taken up so much of the allocated fund money that the reactor was old! Faulty! First, he noticed the sparks. And then he knew that he was doomed, doomed to death by radiation. The core was about to crack open and he would never reach the exit in time!

Desperation can make a man do stupid, foolish things, and rationalize them with the best of intentions, despite their inherent illogic. Sartorius dived behind a pile of sand bags, hoping, praying, that he'd be saved by their protection. Then everything went white. Five million slivers of red-hot sand were driven through his body, scouring skin, digging into flesh and burning into bone... But he survived. The sand had become radioactive by the blast, blasted upward one level on the chemical scale... Atomic number fifteen, silicon, became number sixteen...

Phosphorous... Which must forever burn!

He smiles, if you could call it that. The radiation above the city was his own, deadly, glowing power that, if it were to come into contact with human flesh, would destroy. Such an act that would have been a mercy for Sartorius. Instead, he became the inhuman, skeletal monstrosity known as DR PHOSPHOROUS! Dr Phosphorous vowed revenge on Gotham City for condemning his dream to the ocean, condemning him to a life of misery and eternal pain... And what better way to bring death to a hated foe than by disguising the object of murder as something that is loved by all?

The snow will fall again, and this time, when it rains down on the unsuspecting city... So shall death!

The Geiger counter in his belt clicks madly. Batman looks up and sees the first snowfall of the night. As a flake touches his exposed jaw, he feels a burning! He doubles over in mid air, somersaulting over rooftops as his uniform is riddled by droplets of liquefied pain and agony, and his skin feels like it was falling off in chunks... He shakes his head, and takes cover underneath an air duct, not knowing what had happened.

This isn't Fries' MO... this is something new. The snow that now falls from the sky... Is death!

Victor Fries feels the snow as it drifts through his window. As it touches his blue skin he shakes. The spot on his hand that he caught it with is pink. The skin pigment has returned, but how? How was this possible when he is a living dead man? He hurries over to the window, and feels a sudden breeze catch the snow as the wind strikes the side of the asylum. The snow hits him face on, filling his mouth and nose, his eyes and ears, and as he rips off his uniform, his bare chest too.

The snow is triggering something in him, something that opens up doorways in his mind that had been closed for so long, he remembers what he had discovered the night he was murdered... The breakthrough he was pursuing... Had something to do with... Radiation! His blood begins to flow into his heart. It flutters, then strains, then beats. Blood pumps through his veins. He is alive! Fries thinks fast, remembering the touch of his wife's hand and her soft lips that touched his so often. He can't not experience this, and if the snow is the thing that brings his memories back, activates the failed serum in his body and cures him... He has to get out, has to get into the snow. He looks around, and picks up the chair by his bed, then smashes it down on the icy floor, shattering the metal seat with a burst of inhuman strength. He rams the metal chair leg into the cooler, with enough force to shatter the mechanism that pumps icy air into his room, and causes flames to spurt from inside the machinery, because sparks to fly, and a small explosion rips through the wall, exposing the villain to the city air once more. Victor Fries is free, free from the shackles of Mr. Freeze and back to his old self. He leaps from the hole in the wall and feels the snow his body. He heads for the city, and a lab that he set up before his capture. He has to think, he has to continue his research. He knows that Nora should be County Hospital, sent there in the cryo tube after his last battle with the Batman. He knows that he doesn't want to confront the vigilante again. Too much is coming back to him: his first images of Nora, the day he gave her the locket she still wears, memories of his marriage, images of the wedding, the song his wife chose to have their first dance to (Lynyrd Skynyrd – Freebird). He loves it, feeling emotions he hasn't felt for years. He is back. Alive.

The skull appears on TV screens in the morning, a pirate transmission hijacking every television screen. Dr Phosphorous is in every home, talking to every man and woman, and he had a smile on his lips. His gaunt green eyes beam out of his skull and his glowing skeleton visible.

“People of Gotham... You caused me to become what I am right now... And I can understand why. I’m not mad at you, why would I be? You stood by your convictions, you stood up for your rights, and my dream was scuttled, sent out to sea to crash and burn. You caused me to lose my life, caused me to become this monster... And now it’s time for payback.”

Rupert Thorne, chairman of the City Council feels his eyes widen. He remembers the nuclear facility project, a state of the art facility that would provide Gotham with enough power to satisfy its needs, but the people found out... This man... Was it the man he had basically condemned to death? Sartorius?

“I know that payback is a strong word, but I don’t think of it truly as that. It’s not payback, more like returning the favor. **YOU MADE ME THIS!**” He motions to his glowing skeletal body and grits his teeth. **“YOU WILL FEEL MY PAIN!”** The denizens of Gotham are speechless at his words. How was this man going to make them pay? Make them suffer? He was like the reaper, his glowing green body means only impending death for the people... Who is Dr Phosphorous to hate them so?

“Canceling all your appointments today, Master Bruce? How very unlike you.” Alfred smirks as he walks down the steps leading to the cave. Then he takes a good look at his employer. Bruce’s body is bandaged, his skin is red and blistered, and there is a look of pain in his eyes. “Good Lord! What happened Bruce?”

Bruce looks at his manservant and grimaces. “Nuclear winter, Alfred...”

He presses a button on the computer he is sitting at and shakes his head. "Someone contaminated the snow. Him." A photo flashes onto the screen of a thin man, with greased black hair and a small moustache above his top lip.

"He doesn't look so menacing, Master Bruce... Let me help you..."

Bruce shakes his head as Alfred brings out more bandages. "Not as menacing as he looks now let me promise you..." Dr Phosphorous flashes onto the screen, glowing radioactive green, his eyes glimmering alongside an image of his former appearance. "Could you get me more antiseptic? I've been in the decontamination chamber for most of the morning and I want to make sure these cuts don't get infected." He shakes his head, his skin raw.

"I heard something over the radio, young Sir..." Alfred returns to his employer's side with a bottle of antiseptic, and removes a layer of bandages, gasping at the damage done. "Victor Fries has escaped Arkham."

Bruce pulls up another file, containing information on the tragic villain. "Albeit without a cold suit... Meaning he's either overcome his crippling curse of not being able to survive outside of sub zero temperatures, or he's got a death wish."

"He's a man who's lost everything... What's to say he hasn't?"

Alfred applies the stinging chemical to Bruce's skin, causing the vigilante to flinch in pain. "The more you squirm the longer it shall take, Sir."

He works manically in his lab He's already called some of his old @employees@ and hired them once more to secure a certain something from County General and return it to him. His fingers don't stop moving for hours, as Fries tries desperately to complete the formula needed to return his wife to him. He looks down at his pink hands, smiles once more, and types in the final sequence needed. There. He has the information; all he needs now is the test subject herself.

He's about to finish setting up the equipment needed to transfer the

radiation into his wife's blood stream when his hands begin to shake. Excruciating pain shoots through his limbs. He looks down at his hands again, and sees the gray tint begin to spread up his fingers. His eyes widen and he clenches his fist, fighting past the pain. His exposure wasn't long enough, or powerful enough. His body is rejecting the process and returning to its former frosty state... But he is dying. His cells were dying one by one...

He falls to the floor, his body rejecting itself, his organs beginning to decay and rot inside his body Not now... Not when I'm so close to saving my wife!" He looks up at a small locker and grimaces, stumbling over to it and unlocking the mechanism, causing the door swings open. He needed time... Time to save his wife. He moves the bulky armor around, and begins fiddling with the computer matrix at the back, changing the settings. Instead of providing a sub zero environments, he programs the system to preserve what little life he has left in him! He clammers inside; the glass around his face rises to lock together with the panel behind his neck, sealing him in for the last time. He looks over to the television quietly buzzing in the background and sees the face of the man who did this to him.

"The snow was the beginning! The clouds will bulge with radiation, enough to sear the flesh from your bones, and if the snow doesn't get you... The rain will! The hail! You won't be safe in your homes, you'll all perish!" Mr. Freeze's eyes widen, the pain in his chest subsiding. Dr Phosphorous has done this to him. Not Batman, not the officer known as Essen, it was Phosphorous. He'd given him false hope, the hope of living once more as a real human being... He restored Fries' humanity for scant hours only to snatch it away once more. He will pay. He will feel the cold might of a man who has lost everything.

"Victor! We have her! They didn't even put up a fight!" Freeze turns to one of his old henchman, wheeling in the cylinder that contains his frozen wife. "Whoa... What you doing in that suit? I thought you was cured?"

"The process did not stick for me, Sam. But it will for her. My beloved Nora shall live again, even if I have to die..." Mr. Freeze puts his thoughts of vengeance aside for a moment and smiles slightly; enough emotion is left to him to know that he can grant his own dying wish, to

save Nora's life. He must do it; else his entire life would be in vain. "Thank you for doing this for me, Sam. Here." He throws the criminal a credit card from his desk. "All the money I ever promised you are in this account. Have a good life. Get out of the one you're in now..."

Sam looks up at him, and then the card. "Victor... Is there anything you need me for? Anything I can help you with?"

"You're paid... Go home to your kids..."

"They're with their mom. Please, let me help." Victor smiles again, his emotions still warm.

"We must hurry; I do not have much time left. We need to..."

Batman puts on his thermal uniform over the layers of bandages and looks at his English butler. "I contacted Gordon as soon as the snow touched me. He's keeping the people off the streets and he spoke to Mayor Krol, got him to issue a statement. All shops are closed, and hopefully, no one will be leaving their homes before the next snow storm."

"The weather report states that there may be a massive cold front on its way. Enough to make it snow for the next week or so."

"Then I'll have to get down to it. But first... Nora Fries was kidnapped from County General. Masked hoods absconded with her cryogenic tube. She was still inside..."

Alfred looks at the detective in front of him, and smiles. "And that means?"

"I'm no fool, Alfred..."

"I never said you were, Master Bruce."

Bruce smiles as he pulls his cowl over his face. "I'm no fool, He repeats. The last time the tube was stolen I attached a tracking device to the base of it. I know where Freeze is. Phosphorous... I have no leads on... I'll

need for you to work from here. Cross-reference anything you can, discover where he might be hiding..."

Alfred sits at the computer and begins to type. "I'll get right to it, Master Bruce."

"Keep in touch." Bruce leaps into the bat mobile and streaks out of sight, leaving the ex-British military intelligence officer to his work.

Victor attaches the line through the tube wall, and guides it till it reaches his wife's arm. He presses a small button and a needle emerges from it. With the flick of a switch it pierces her translucent skin. He is ready. He looks over to Sam, who brings the small lead box over, and then he smiles. "You've done more than enough, Sam... I must insist that you leave now."

"Ok boss. If you ever need anything, and I mean anything, just give me a holler." With that he hurries out of the lab, leaving Victor to finish the job.

Victor attaches the radioactive material to the intravenous lead, and presses another button. He watches as the substance glides up the tubes and into his wife's body. She'll soon be alive again.

Batman drives as fast as he can to the tracking device's location, not knowing that, from the rooftops above, a man is following him. He makes a hard left, and suddenly a blast of green light hits the hood of his car and sends it spinning. It flips over and crashes, sliding further down the street. Dr Phosphorous leaps down from the rooftops and lands, smiling.

"I knew you'd be foolish enough to try and find me Batman! But I'm ready for you!"

Batman crawls from the wreckage and grimaces. Damn. When he wanted to find these people he can't get a clue, but when he's looking for

someone else... They usually destroy his car. He's close now, close to the harbor base that Mr. Freeze must be in. For now though, he had Phosphorous to contend with.

The green man barges into him, sending him flying into a warehouse wall, his uniform glowing an unearthly green. Hell. This guy is off the scale... He needs to keep his distance, attack from afar, and drop him before he can get any good punches in... And tear the flesh from his bones. His earlier wounds don't bother him, what matters are these moments, living in the now, the present, thinking and plotting on how to take down his adversary before he can rain hell down on the city he calls home. Phosphorous smiles from afar.

"I know what you're thinking, Dark Knight. You're thinking you've got to stay away from me. Because, if you stay out of range of the man, the monster, he can't touch you... Can't kill you with radiation..." His smile widens, and Batman's eyes do the same. The man's hands are glowing impossibly bright, and before Batman can even think to react, he's blasted back into the wall, and sent crashing down into the secret lab below!

"BATMAN?!" Mr. Freeze grabs his cold gun and fires off a burst of ice before Batman can get his bearings and within moments the Dark Knight is frozen in a column of ice above the lab floor. Mr. Freeze looks up at the massive hole in his warehouse hideout and he curses beneath his breath. Phosphorous!

"Didn't expect that, did you Bats?" He looks over to the armored villain below and smiles, surprised. "Hey, you're Mr. Freeze! Oh, I've heard about you..." The radioactive fiend leaps down from his perch and lands next to the tube containing Nora Fries and smiles. "Is this your wife? She is one hot—"

Mr. Freeze screams in rage, and unleashes a blast from his cold gun, sending the burning man flying across the lab floor. "I am going to KILL you!"

"What did I... Fine! If you want to play it that way!" Dr Phosphorous cracks his knuckles. Freeze pounces on him with inhuman speed, pummeling the radioactive man with impossible rage. "Hrph—Ah... HNT!" Phosphorous struggles for breathe, his bones visibly breaking, until he

blasts the sub zero villain in the face. The faceplate cracks under the strain of the radiation. "I've done nothing to you!" Phosphorous gets up, and shakes his head, walking past the frozen Batman, not realizing that his flames are causing the ice to melt! "And then you go and do that! Why I ask? Why?"

"What you did to me..." Freeze clambers up, and grabs his cold gun, only to see it melted by Phosphorous' power. "Is worse than any hell. Any imprisonment..." The two villains clash like titans, the frost giant and the fire god, pounding against radioactive skin and reinforced metal. "YOU GAVE ME BACK MY HEART!"

Batman's hand spasms beneath the ice, his uniform beginning to heat up as a device beneath the Kevlar and the nomex activates. He flexes his hand and the ice falls away. He's free but exhausted, and now, he is caught between two of the deadliest men on the planet. Indecision freezes his mind for scant moments before he concocts a plan. He can throw a batarang against Freeze's glass-domed head. If he does it properly, it will ricochet towards that coolant reserve above their heads, causing it to tip and fall, incapacitating the radioactive man. But before he can act on his plan, Batman hears something, and spins around, to see Nora Fries alive, panicking in her tube!

Desperation floods over him. He can't let her die... Not after Victor Fries has defied every rule of science and logic to get her here... "FRIES!" He spins around to Victor, who still battles the villain. "What—What can I do?"

Victor glances towards the caped crusader, and grimaces, the radioactive fists pounding onto the glass in front of his face, staggering him. "Gett herrr outttt!" Fries slams his foot onto Phosphorous', breaking bone. The glowing villain screams in agony. In pure animal rage, Phosphorus unleashes a blast of his radioactive power onto Fries' chest plate; burning through the reinforced mechanics and life support systems and hitting him square in the chest. As the radioactivity spreads through his body, Victor screams "Battmaan.... Teeeell herrrr I looooveee herrrr." Victor lurches forward, grabbing his enemy by the arms. With slow deliberations, he crushes the bones in his enemy's shoulders. The villain screams, and once more releases his radioactive blasts, burning through the metal floor and into the harbor floor below, sending the two foes tumbling into

the ocean. Fries sinks faster because of his armor. His cellular degeneration is now spreading so rapidly that he can't even feel the life leave him, and Dr Phosphorous sinks beneath the heavy weight of the armor, screaming what little amount of oxygen he had left in his lungs out.

Batman frees Nora Fries from her tube and smiles reassuringly to her. "What... What happened...? W-Who are you?"

He nods as she speaks. "I'm the Batman... And... And Victor saved you, Nora. He gave everything to save you." Nora's eyes widen in confusion, not fully understanding his words.

"He... He's... He's dead?"

Batman nods slowly. "He died protecting you. Saving the city and making sure you live to see the snowfall of another winter. He loved you."

"Oh... Victor..." She falls into Batman's hands, sobbing and weeping into his arms.

Epilogues:

1:

Nora Fries lies in the hospital bed, and cries into her pillow. Victor Fries, her beloved husband is gone, washed away into the currents of the Atlantic Ocean, taking the villainous Dr Phosphorous with him. She hears the whispers of the nurses, their comments about her being a zombie, the bride of a freak. She hears them and she doesn't care. Victor was a hero in the end, and that's all that matters. She holds onto the locket he gave her all those years ago, when they first met, and looks at it longingly, and then flicks it open. To her surprise, a small piece of paper falls out of it. She takes it out, curious, and carefully unfolds it. A wave of happiness flows over her as she remembers the moment captured on the photo. Victor and herself, students at Gotham University, a year after they had started going out. She smiles, holds it close to her heart, and lies still, thinking of all the good times and the bad. Just then, her door opens, and a man steps through, smiling. "Mrs. Fries? My name is Francis D'Anjou, I'm your doctor and I have some news..."

2:

The sky is clear at night once more, no more menacing clouds of radiation float overhead, threatening those below with a lingering, painful death. Batman swings over the city, a grim determination over his face. He has had enough of the snow, and yet it falls again, the blanket of whiteness makes his home beam with a deceiving innocence, one lost years ago. He leaps over buildings, and then lands beside a gargoyle. He sits, lost in thought:

I find myself asking the question. What if? What if? What if I missed something? I recovered copies of Fries' research. I was able to... Acquire... Nora Fries' blood work and medical results. But... What if? What if Dr Phosphorous drowned? What if he swam away, leaving Victor to sink to the bottom of Gotham harbor to die alone? What if the amount of radiation Victor was exposed to reversed the cellular decay bought about by the first exposure to phosphorous 'nuclear winter'? What if Victor Fries has escaped once more into the cold? A whole man once more...? I have no proof. No evidence to support these theories. But for once... I pray... That he lives. I pray Victor Fries' life was saved, and that he is now recovering from the fight, ready to return to the side of his wife. A man can pray, can't he, even if he isn't sure that anyone is listening?

The End

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

Tales of the Green Lantern Corps Special: Facets.

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 #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)

DC2 Special: World's Finest.

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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