

# **MULTIVERSE:**

## ***TRUE EVIL***

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My name is Hal Jordan. I am an Elite officer of the GREEN LANTERN CORPS.... What is left of them anyway.

I have been up fighting for almost 24 hours now; and I am Exhausted! My ring is getting low and I must make it back to earth to warn the Justice League. I'm too far away for my ring to send a transmission to watchtower. My only hope now is to race back to earth and warn the others before it gets to them next.

*A pink glow follows behind Hal as he rushes full speed to earth, it quickly gains on him.*

"It followed me!" "It is like he could sense where I was!" "Well I can't lead it to earth if it is after me. If it's just me you just want, you're up for a hell of a fight!"

*Hal stops mid flight surrounded only by the emptiness of deep space and launches two big green nuclear missiles from his ring straight at the creature heading his way. The explosions of the impact outshine the nearest star causing Hal to cover his eyes. When the shine of the blast dissipates Hal looks around for traces of the creature. "I know it didn't die with that." "But it should be weakened enough for a straight fight."*

*Suddenly Hal is held at the throat by the hand of the creature. He struggles to get free and gasps for a breath. The last thing he sees are two small, red, round eyes looking at him, looking in him, looking... through him. Hal Jordan screams out in pain and pure Fear as his body is incinerated by a pink explosion. His body then dissipates into the dust of space.*

*All that remains is a green ring. A ring that heads straight to earth for a new host.*

### ***Gotham City 12:13am***

Crime in the city has been lower than usual the past few days, extremely rare for a pink moon in mid April. For some strange reason the most common factor on what has been going on, is the theft of electronic devices. I admit even the bat computer has not been 100% the past two days. Even the big leaguers like two face and the gang are responsible for the break in and robbery of the local computer store.

“Master Bruce, Mr. Fox was able to locate where this small global interference is coming from, but I’m afraid we will not be able to reach the possible coordinates he has given us.”

“Why is that Alfred?” “Deep sea? We could get a hold of Aquaman and ask...”

“Not necessary sir, I’m afraid this disturbance is not on earth at all. As a matter of fact, I’m not sure if it is even in our solar system.”

“Send me what you have and I will head over to the Observatory and check further.”

“Already did Sir.”

As I get to the Observatory the four scientists seem to be in a panic, hustling from one computer to another. All of them looking almost, confused on whatever they are working on.

“Find anything interesting tonight?” *Batman says as he immerges from the shadows.*

“IT’S THE BATMAN!” *The four scientists cry out as they were startled.*

“What are you four working on that has you in such a panic?”

“It’s Gone!”

“What is gone?” *Batman says in a confused tone.*

“The planet Eris! It’s just...Gone! As if it was suddenly blown to bits! It was there eight hours ago we swear. And before you ask, yes, our coordinates and location have not changed. There is just debris in that area now.

“Can you check on some coordinates for me?” *As batman writes the coordinates down the scientist looks at them very intrigued.*

“That is what we have been all confused about for the past two nights now.”

“What is it?”

“Well it’s nothing anymore but it was the strangest thing two nights ago. It was like a lightning storm in space. It was visible for almost an hour before it just disappeared. We were tracking a strange form of cosmic radiation in that sector and this storm seemed to be the cause of it. It was amazing! Something 80 billion miles away and we could feel a fraction of it here on earth. Our satellites detected another small known presence of this radiation in the Sto-Oa star system and once again on planet Eris.”

“Oa?! Let me see that telescope.” *As batman redirects the massive telescope on the planet Oa the astrophysicists look upon him in worry.* “You four better call it a night. Go home and in the morning contact a Lucius Fox from science and development at Wayne Enterprises. Tell him all about your discovery.”

“But Batman what do you see...” “GO NOW!”

*Batman commands in frustration as the four scientists hesitantly run away in worry. Batman looks back into the telescope to confirm what he seen. A faint green light heads straight towards him with intense speed. Expecting Green Lantern’s arrival, he makes sure the place is secure and that the scientist have left. Seconds later he could see the green glow with his own eyes, as it got closer and closer. It was not in the shape of a man or a being at all. It was the ring of a Green Lantern heading straight to batman, flying through the observatory opening. The ring projects a verbal message.*

“You have been chosen!”

*As Batman reaches out for the ring, it lands itself on his finger.*

“Bruce Wayne of earth, you have been chosen!”

***Watchtower Space Station, Justice League Headquarters: 6:00am Gotham time.***

“You know the next time you invite us all up here this early on such short notice like this, you could at least have breakfast prepared for all of us.”

“Oh Flash, for someone who can practically make time stand still you need to learn how to organize your time better like the rest of us.”

“Listen Wonder Woman, when you have a metabolism as fast as mine, you go two or three hours without a meal and see how you feel.”

“Food will have to wait for now.” *Superman stated in a calm voice.* “Batman called this meeting with great urgency; now that everyone is here we can get started.” “Except I couldn’t reach Green Lantern at all as you requested Batman.”

“I knew you weren’t going to, but I wanted you to try in hopes I was wrong. You all, I’m sure, have noticed the small interference that seems to be slightly affecting our satellites and any non-wired signal on earth. Last night I discovered the source of this interference.” *Batman displays images on the projector screen behind him as the lights dim.* “A group of astrophysicists discovered this 2 nights ago. It appears to be what they were calling a “lightning storm in space.” Now whatever this thing is, according to my sources, the wave of interference that we are getting will pass us by and not last very long.”

***“It’s a black hole”*** *Martian Manhunter says in a strong voice. “I have seen this before.”*

“A black hole does not destroy full planets then move across solar systems to directly attack the green Lantern corps!” *Batman states in a furious voice.*

*Everyone freezes in shock and disbelief at what batman said. Batman reaches into his belt and pulls out a green lantern ring.*

“This ring belonged to Hal Jordan; it found me last night and chose me as its new host. It was very dim, and very weak. I’m surprised it had enough power to make it to me. I went to Hal’s apartment last night and found the charging lantern for the ring. This leaves me to suspect that Hal expected to return shortly and didn’t expect to go to battle. I then charged the ring while it made me recite the oath. After which, the ring displayed this message.” *Batman put the ring on and out of it came a hologram message from Hal Jordan.*

“Batman, if you are seeing this message it means I am already dead. I programmed the ring to find you directly if I was ever killed in battle unexpectedly. I know you are very strong willed and I figured if someone with no powers, besides hiding in the dark, can keep up with the rest of us, having this sent to you can now give you the ultimate edge to help track down and stop my killer. I know you probably didn’t want this responsibility so when my killer is no longer a threat to anyone I care about.

You have the option to send the ring off to find a new host. Remember, the ring is used by your willpower and imagination. Farewell my friend.”

Everyone hangs their head in grief and sorrow, as Zatanna, Flash, and Shazam Fight to hold back tears.

“Something must have come out of that black hole to have done this!” *Superman says as he clinched fists.* “Manhunter, you said you have seen this type of black hole before, what can you tell us about it?”

*“It is very rare but not unknown. It produces a powerful form of cosmic radiation because of what the other end is connected to.”*

“What is the other end of this black hole connected to?”

*“That’s the thing Superman it could be anything or anywhere. It could be the other end of a galaxy, to another end of time, or even a different universe all together.”*

“Whoa whoa whoa, slow down, so are you telling me some thing from another past, present, future, galaxy, or universe could have come out of a black hole, attacked the Green Lantern Corps and Killed Hal Jordan?”

*“That is exactly what I’m speculating Flash.”*

“Wonder Woman is right, I should have ate before I came”

*Batman begins to map out the star system with the ring and project it around the room.*

“This black hole was located about 90 million miles away from planet Oa, the home planet of the Green lanterns. It is also where the Green Lantern Power Battery is located. If the power battery was destroyed this ring would no longer be working. Oa normally glows green when looking at it through the Hubble Telescope, but when I looked for it I couldn’t see it.”

“Do you think it was destroyed?”

“I don’t think so Superman, I saw the planet Eris after its destruction. It was nothing more than floating debris in that area. I think its still there just not glowing like it would be normally. Superman, Manhunter, and I will head over to planet Oa and evaluate the situation. Maybe we can figure out what we are up against at least. The ring can get the three of us there in a matter of a few hours.

“But Batman, why don’t I just go with you? I can teleport the four of us to Oa and back faster than you could fly with that ring.”

“Because the atmosphere of planet Oa is too unstable for you Cyborg, you wouldn’t survive two minutes. The ring can protect me in such conditions, and it will not have any effect to Superman or Manhunter. Luckily there is a yellow sun about 100 million miles from the planet. We will take the

portable Boom Tube you created with us. Since it only has a onetime use, we can use it to teleport us back to earth. We may just need it if we need a quick escape. Keep Watchtower in orbit away from the sun, I will take a few Wayne Satellites with us and drop them along the way. With them spread out along our path I might be able to relay a transmission one way through the ring back to Watchtower.”

*Flash turns to Green Arrow and asks. “Do you ever wonder how Batman seems to always know all this stuff?”*

*“I do my research.” Batman says in a strong tone.*

*“So what are we suppose to do, just sit around and wait?”*

*“Wonder Woman is right, we can’t just do nothing.”*

*“Aquaman, all of you may be the last line of defense the earth has if we fail to return. The last thing we need is to bring the fight back home.” Batman turns on all the lights, turns off the projectors and takes off the ring. “If this thing attacking is powerful enough to really do everything that we think it did. It might be more dangerous than we can imagine. Cyborg, find out all you can about this black hole. If we can’t defeat it, we may be able to send it back where it came from.”*

*“Why don’t we go have a talk to your old friend Lex Luthor in prison, Superman? His study on multiple universes could be of some use to us.”*

*“I don’t think that is a good idea Flash, Luthor’s thesis stated there are an infinite number of universes. Even if you went as your alternate ego and just had an inelegant conversation with him, it may not be worth our time. We would never be able to detect where it could have come from. Although, we might be able to detect if this black hole returns with the radiation it produces. With the Wayne satellites spread throughout the solar system, we may be able to detect its return sooner than before. Besides, if Luthor discovered that I’m not on earth and or the League is distracted, he could make matters worse for all of us. We will stick to Batman’s plan; our only lead may be on the planet Oa. The three of us will leave immediately.”*

*“Wait a minute, what will we do if you three don’t return?” Wonder Woman says in a worried manner.*

*Superman walks over to Wonder Woman and rubs her shoulder. “Don’t worry, we will come back, if things get too intense we will just teleport right back and plan our next move. Worst case scenario you alert every hero and organize a combined assault.*

*Green Arrow turns to Black Canary and whispers “If those three don’t make it back what good will the rest of us do?”*

## ***Planet Oa: Home of the Green Lanterns***

"Watchtower, this is Batman. We have reached the Planet Oa, and this place looks like a war zone. There are blast craters everywhere and bodies of what I assume are former Lanterns. ...This one seems to have a hole through his chest."

"Batman!" *Superman yells from the center of a massive crater. "You're not going to believe this."*

*Batman flies over and finds Superman helping lean up a badly beaten Sinestro. Half his body was burned as if he took an explosion to the chest. His yellow lantern ring looks at only 50% as it dims.*

"Sinestro, what happened here!?" *Batman states in a demanding way.*

*"Do you really think you have a chance with Hal Jordan's ring Batman?"*

"Sinestro please, what happened?" *Superman says in a calm voice.*

*"I was a quadrant over when I saw three Green Lanterns flying away from something. The pink bastard caught up with those weaklings fast. Two were killed quickly as they all turned to fight back. The creature seemed to actually put fear in the third as she flew back to Oa. She thought she got off free, but it just let her go so it could follow. It then began to attack everything and everyone it saw once it reached Oa, including me. I called in my own corps to back me up, but even we could only do so much. Realizing that such evil was not from this universe, the Guardians hid the green central core battery and went into exile. It really must not have known anything about any of us, since it looked so intrigued at everything our rings were capable of. The creature was super strong, and just as fast. It had the ability to shoot energy blasts from its hands, and seemed to be a very skilled fighter. It had full control of its abilities, blasting through a single defense or destroying a whole group of lanterns at once."*

*Sinestro ached as he tried standing up.*

*"But what really came to my surprise was that it looked as if it was having fun, like it was looking for a greater challenge, and was enjoying every second of itself. Hal Jordan and I allied our attacks. It practically mocked and played with the both of us for hours; before proving its strength was greater than ours together. This creature is an evil unlike anything this universe has ever seen. I took a blast to the chest that broke through my energy shield. There was only a hand full of Lanterns left before I went unconscious. By the looks of things now I can only presume Hal Jordan's fate, didn't last much longer."*

*"What did it look like?"*



*Sinestro looks up.*

*“It seems you will have your answer sooner than later Manhunter.”*

*Off in a far distance above the planet Oa appeared a pink figure quickly heading their way.*

*“Do you think it was keeping an eye on the planet for others to come?”*

*“I don’t think so superman, that is the same direction and angle we arrived. Which means it could have followed us at any point of our travel. I’m not surprised the way I glow now.”*

*Batman, Superman, Sinestro, and the Martian Manhunter brace themselves for an attack. The creature stops 100 yards from where they are, hovering in mid air, looking down at them as if it was thinking what to do with them all. It was as tall as a child standing only five feet in height, with pink skin and no hair. Its body was thin but in great physical shape. It was wearing only baggy white pants, with a black belt with a golden (M) on the buckle, and black wrist covers. The physical appearance of the creature seemed to be male, having small holes on his chest, arms, and along the side of his head. A small center portion of his head elongated out like a thick 12 inch pink antenna, but almost curled at the tip, as it leaned towards the back of his head.*

*“Who are you and why are you attacking?” Superman shouted at the creature.*

*It slowly lifted its arm and opened its palm towards them. Appearing from the center of its hand was a pink glow, the small ball of light got as big as a softball.*

*“WATCH OUT!”*

*Sinestro yells, as he flies away from where they were all standing. The blast of light shoots from the creature’s hand exploding the ground when it hit, like a large missile, just as the three Justice League members quickly fly away in the nick of time.*

*Manhunter soars directly at the creature to attack but as he got close enough to land a punch on the creature, it performs a round house kick to the face of Manhunter. The kick was powerful enough to send him crashing to the ground.*

*The creature holds his hand above his head creating another pink ball, when Superman shoots it right out of its hand with his heat vision. It turns and smiles at Superman before it charges directly at him. With great speed the two collide with such a thunderous force, it shakes the ground. Superman proves to be slightly stronger than the pink killer. Taking every punch, kick, knee, and elbow it lands on him. After taking a good beating, Superman finally is able to land a solid punch to the face of the creature, sending it into a nearby mountain. Tons of rock and debris collapse on top of the creature. Superman hovers over the rubble just before the rocks start to glow pink. A Large stream of light hits superman like a laser beam, shooting him out in the air.*

*The creature hovers out and above the rubble of rock, as steam pours out of the holes on his head and body. The dent on his face that Superman left fills up and regenerates.*

*“Buu squash you like bugs!” The creature yells out in a child like voice.*

*“So you can speak, and you have a name” Batman says to himself as he goes in to attack. Buu swiftly charges in at Batman throwing full body attacks. Knees, kicks, elbows, punches, even stretching the extended portion of its head, to attack like an extra limb. Every attack that Buu threw at Batman was thrown with full force. But to Buu’s surprise, he wasn’t able to land a single one. Batman countered and blocked everything that was thrown at him. With his newly enhanced speed, strength, and abilities, Batman was even able to materialize ways to block the limbs that were too quick for him, if he was unable to block them on his own. Unfortunately, no matter how many attacks Batman was able to land, he just couldn’t deal enough damage to slow Buu down. For every big right hand or every flying forward kick that sent Buu crashing to the ground, he flew right back in the fight. The further Batman proved to be the more skilled fighter, the more upset Buu became. The more upset Buu got, the sloppier his fighting progressed.*

*Batman lands another big punch on Buu, causing him to hit the ground head first. Buu gets back up and instead of flying directly back to Batman, who was floating in the air, Buu flew past to be above him.*

*“Changing your attack angle will do you no good.” Batman says with a smirk. “Your style of mixed martial arts is nothing new to me. You may be faster and stronger, but I already had you studied while you were fighting Superman. It would be best for you to surrender now.”*

*Buu put both hands together and formed a dark pink ball of energy that he blasted at Batman. Batman quickly materialized a big green shield in front of him. But the blast was so strong it broke through the shield and sent Batman falling to the ground. Martian Manhunter catches Batman just before he smashes to the ground.*

*Sinestro forms a giant yellow laser gun and begins to fire at Buu. Buu bobs and weaves dodging Sinestro’s attack, and fires back destroying Sinestro’s weapon.*

*Manhunter goes for a second head on attack, Buu then shoots dozens of pink blasts right at him. Buu’s face turns from a smile, to a frown, as every energy blast that was projected, Manhunter was able to phase right through them all. As Buu prepared to strike again, Manhunter disappeared. Buu looks around in confusion and frustration. Staying invisible, Manhunter hits Buu from behind sending him smashing to the ground. Just as Buu stands, Manhunter attacks again punching violently gaining the upper hand. Unable to see Manhunter, Buu shoots energy blasts directly at him with great speed and rage. One hits Manhunter in the chest, for he wasn’t able to phase through it in time. Manhunter is shot to the ground with a great explosion.*

*Superman rejoins the fight, catching Buu off guard and landing a big right hand to the center of his chest. The power of the punch sends Buu flying across Oa. Batman materializes a giant green bat from the ring; the bat catches Buu in mid air and smashes him to the ground.*

*Buu is slow getting up from the team attack he just endured. Superman, Batman, Sinestro and Manhunter surround Buu as he finally gets to his feet.*

*"It's all over!" Superman shouts. "We won; there is no need to continue. Why are you attacking causing death and destruction?"*

*Buu looks around at all of them with a very obvious anger. His small red eyes then stare at Superman with glare.*

*"He's just stalling to regenerate!" Batman yells as he sees the marks on Buu's body fade away.*

*Manhunter wraps his body around Buu just before he could lift his hands. Buu's small body fights and struggles to get free but Manhunter begins to attack his mind telepathically. With Manhunter's body wrapped around him, he begins to tighten his grip as Buu yells out.*

*Suddenly Buu's body becomes a pink slime. This pink slime begins to cover Manhunter's body. Soon there was a big pink ball of goo that seemed to entrap Manhunter. Now the Martian Manhunter is the one struggling to get free. The face of Buu appears out of the ball but with the eyes of Manhunter. He looks into the eyes of Batman, as Batman looks back mesmerized, not flinching or moving a single muscle.*

*"Now is our chance to blast it away!"*

*"No Sinestro! We could harm Manhunter!"*

*"Enough with your morals Superman! This thing will kill us all if given the chance; we should not waste an opportunity to do the same!"*

*"You're wrong Sinestro, we can find another way. Right Batman? ...Batman?"*

*Batman remains in a strait stare into the eyes of the half Bu/Manhunter face.*

*"Go now!" The face yells in the voice of Manhunter, as it seems to have been pulled back into the pink sphere. Batman falls to his knees holding his head. Superman grabs a hold of Batman to help him up.*

*"Well I for certain do not run away in fear, I embrace Fear!"*

*Sinestro fires yellow blast beams from his ring at the pink blob, but they go right through with no effect.*

*The pink sphere begins to retake the shape of Buu, but this time as tall as Martian Manhunter. The elongated portion of the head was bigger and longer as it went down his back to his hips. He stands straight up with a strong posture, now wearing Manhunter's cape.*

*Batman pulls out the portable boom tube and mother box from his belt as he starts to regain composure. The new Bu holds up his hand and fires at Sinestro who was able to move out of the way in time. But the force of the landing blast sends Sinestro flying into Batman. Superman flies right at Bu, landing a powerful punch to the side of his face. But this time to Superman's surprise, it only brings Buu to one knee.*

***"Is that the best you got?"*** *Buu's voice now deep, with an eerie vibe.*

*Batman is finally able to activate the boom tube. The teleportation device begins to make a thunderous Boom. A tunnel of rippling circles of light begins to form as the portal was created.*

***"COME ON WE HAVE TO GO NOW!"*** *Batman yells to Superman.*

*Buu punches Superman sending him flying in the air. Batman materializes a giant green hand to catch Superman and bring him through the teleportation field with him and Sinestro, just before it closes.*

### ***Watchtower Space Station: 5:00pm Gotham Time***

"Wonder Woman, Flash is almost done gathering every available super hero at the Hall of Justice."

"Thank you Cyborg, I would like to broadcast a message to them all as soon as possible if I can."

"Don't you think gathering everyone up like this could be a bit premature?"

"We haven't heard a transmission from Batman since they arrived on Oa. I feel something awful could have happened. Are there any more readings on the possible black hole forming again?"

"According to my calculations, the reading that the satellites picked up an hour ago does match the radiation we are looking for. It has progressed quickly since then, if it continues at the same rate, a black hole should form in about 8 hours; unfortunately it is located in the Oa system again. Our satellites are already feeling its interference."

*A blast of light and strong winds suddenly appears, followed by a loud boom. The teleportation portal emerges in the middle of the Watchtower science room where Wonder Woman and Cyborg are located. Both heroes are relieved to see their comrades returning. But both get a sudden chill down their spine when they see an injured Sinestro, Batman and Superman with no Manhunter.*

"Are you guys ok? What happened? And why is he with you?" *Wonder Woman cried out.*

"We were attacked!" *Superman explains.* "We barely scouted the planet and found Sinestro here when this creature attacked us. It ended up getting stronger as it killed Martian Manhunter."

"Its name is Majin Buu, and it didn't kill Manhunter entirely, it absorbed him." *Batman says as he rubs his head.*

"*And how would you know that you incapable human?*" *Sinestro says with disgust.*

"Because Manhunter's last display was telepathically telling me everything he could about the creature. So much information was put in my head in such a short period of time, I almost had a seizure."

"*Well did he tell you how to beat the damn thing?*"

"Since it now has the added strength, knowledge, and abilities of Manhunter, I'm not too sure Sinestro. Majin Buu comes from a different universe entirely, its sole purpose and desire is to kill and destroy. It doesn't care about ruling or conquer for gain, this is true evil. It enjoys a challenge and hates to be mocked or insulted. It has a fast regenerative healing factor and can sense how powerful you are. Buu was formerly defeated and shot into the black hole where it emerged. This is why it immediately

started attacking with rage and searched for power to kill when it entered our universe. I'm certain Buu is on his way, but with earth as a target."

"Is there a way to retrieve Manhunter from Buu?"

"I'm not too sure Superman, along with Manhunter's power and knowledge, Buu now has his weakness. We may be able to force him out of Buu, but the results might kill Manhunter. Unless we can find a way to get inside Buu's mind. But unfortunately for us, Manhunter was too strong of a telepath."

"There is another black hole that is forming in the Oa system in about eight hours. With all of us attacking together we can stop this Majin Buu. We will burn Manhunter out of him, and send it back through the black hole where it came from. Flash and the others have gathered every super hero available on earth down at the Hall of Justice. If all of us team up and devise a proper plan..."

"We must remember Wonder Woman, that Manhunter knew everything about us. From green kryptonite to the abilities and limitations of the power ring, he would expect a team attack from us all, and he knows how we would do it. He also knows that the original plan was to find a way to send Buu back through the black hole. Even if we were able to retrieve Manhunter, there is a possibility one of us could be sucked up by the black hole as well. He knows our only chance is for all of us to beat him head on, and that's exactly what he will be expecting.

"Let's give him something he wouldn't expect then." Superman says with a smirk.

### ***Fortress of Solitude: 5:30pm Gotham Time***

"When I fought Majin Buu I was obviously stronger than he was. But with his fighting skill, it was hard for me to land a single punch. You on the other hand, I saw you match up with him. He was obviously more powerful than you, yet with the ring and your moves you out matched him. Getting out skilled was not something he liked at all. If we attack together, with the strength and abilities he has now, he would defiantly find a way to pick us off one at a time and over power us."

"What are you getting at Clark?"

"I've been testing and studying the different forms of Kryptonite in my possession. There may be a way I can transfer my powers to you. The affects on the other hand will be only temporary, but with my powers, your knowledge, and skill all amplified with the power of the ring. You can have a single head on attack that even Martian Manhunter would never expect."

"Isn't playing with these rocks in your spare time a bit dangerous for you?"

"Doing something dangerous in spare time never stopped you Bruce."

"I never have time to spare." *Batman smirks.* "So how would this work?"

"Using my Kryptonian crystal technology and the artificial gold kryptonite, confiscated from Lex Luthor, I may be able to send by abilities that the gold kryptonite absorbs, into you. By using this very rare, "slow Kryptonite", that's what I call it."

"Slow Kryptonite? Why haven't I ever heard of this before?"

"It has only ever been mentioned once or twice. I call it slow because the frequency it produces is too slow to affect me, but is slow enough to affect humans, such as yourself. As long as I don't touch this gold kryptonite, but stay just close enough to let it take my powers. My crystals will project the energy into this slow kryptonite, to which your body will absorb."

"How long will the effects last?"

"There is no way to tell, could be a few hours, could be day. I of course have never tested this out."

"That's reassuring." *Batman utters in a sarcastic tone.*

"Remember to stay close to the sun, and you may want to take off some of that armor and let the sunlight touch your skin if this works."

"I know, I know" *Batman utters.*

*Both heroes step into crystal tubes, as a gold light shines on Superman, and bright white light rays down on Batman.*

### ***Hall of Justice: 6:15pm Gotham time***

*Cyborg Teleports down from Watchtower with Wonder Woman, to meet up with the other heroes of earth inside the Hall of Justice.*

*“Ok guys.” Wonder Woman shouts. “We have confirmation that Majin Buu will be here any second. Our Job is to hold him off until Batman and Superman return with their plan.”*

*“How will we know when this thing gets here?”*

*A large explosion can be heard coming from outside as all the heroes run out the building to see what it was.*

*“You had to be quick to ask didn’t you flash?” Green Arrow says as he rolls his eyes.*

*As they all looked up, they could see Watch Tower Space Station falling in burning pieces into the ocean. All of them brace themselves for battle. Standing in the front Aquaman grips his trident, Green Arrow loads his bow, and Wonder Woman stands tall with her shield and sword. Out in the distance in front of them stands a tall Majin Buu, looking and evaluating all of them.*

*Wonder Woman and Shazam soar in for an attack. Majin Buu back hands Wonder Woman sending her flying in the air. Shazam lands a punch on the jaw of Buu. But the creature didn’t even move a muscle at the punch he endured. Buu punches back Shazam, slamming him into the ground unconscious. Green Arrow shoots his arrow, but it was caught by Buu, inches from his eyes. The arrow tip explodes into the face of Majin Buu. Aquaman throws his trident, as it sticks into his belly. But the explosion had no effect, and Buu pulls out the trident and throws it on the ground. The holes on Buu’s body that the trident created begin to close up, fully regenerating.*

***“Where is Superman? As you all can tell, you do not stand a chance. With the intelligence and power of your Martian, I need someone worthy enough to test it on.”***

*Raven mentally attacks Majin Buu with the attempts to remove Manhunter out of him. But with great focus Buu turns it back at raven, bringing her to her knees.*

*“erif fo elcric” Zatana chants as a circle of fire surrounds Buu, causing him to mentally let go of Raven and fly away landing closer to the group of heroes. Buu holds up his palm and shoots a blast at Zatanna. Flash quickly moves Zatanna and Constantine out of the way of the blast. Afterwards, Flash runs at Buu to land a punch, but his fist was caught. Buu begins to crush the hand of Flash, breaking the bones in his hand. Flash cries out in pain as Buu lifts up the Flash by his crushed hand, and throws him into the arms of Aquaman and Cyborg. Hawkman and Hawkgirl soar over in formation to attack together. Majin Buu yells out as intense winds blow the both of them back.*



*"As I told you before, all of you do not stand a chance next to me. If none of you will tell me where the infamous Superman is, I will just have to kill you all and call him out that way."*

*Majin Buu lifts his hand above his head and begins to form another energy blast. But suddenly, he stops and freezes in surprise, with a smile.*

*"It is about time you arrive, I have been expecting you." Buu says with a grin as he turns around and looks in the air.*

*But to Buu's surprise, he sees a sleeveless Batman, floating in the air, and not Superman.*

*"I didn't think you were that much of a coward to challenge those weaker than you. Sounds like something only a weakling would do." Batman says as he puts on the power ring.*

*Majin Buu charges in at Batman with anger as the two collide in mid air. The shock wave of the force when they collided exploded near by windows and threw people standing hundreds of yards away, off their feet. Both moving and striking one another faster than the speed of light, as Batman slowly moves the fight higher in the air, away from earth. Majin Buu charges in for another attack when Batman blows freezing air at him, causing Buu to freeze on his way to batman. Batman punches Buu in the chest shattering him into hundreds of pieces, as Batman takes a deep breath in relief. The pieces of Majin Buu fall to the ground and begin to thaw. Forming again as Buu's pieces goo back together and reshape. Batman is in shock when he sees what could have been over, shaping up to be a very long night.*

*Batman flies towards Buu for another attack, just as Batman was about to land a punch, Buu disappears. Batman is struck from behind sending him flying into the air. As Batman tries to regain control of himself, an energy blast shoots him from above. Batman is sent crashing onto the planet, making a massive crater upon impact. Batman is slow to get up as he looks around for signs of Buu. Batman is hit in the face, sending him flying into a nearby mountain. Batman slowly floats out of the rubble of rock, closes his eyes, and thinks...*

*Stay calm Bruce, he is just invisible. Use your senses.*

*Batman performs a spinning kick sending Majin Buu crashing to the ground. Buu gets back up and strikes batman with kicks and head attacks that are all blocked by Batman. Even now and then turning invisible, Buu was still stopped by batman and struck to the ground. With perfect form Batman regains the upper hand, materializing green hands and weaponry to attack back at Buu, proving to be the superior fighter once again. While blocking and countering everything that was thrown at him, Batman was this time able to put some hurt on Majin Buu, causing Buu to produce steam out of his body holes in anger. For Five long hours they continue as Majin Buu throws everything he can at Batman, trying his hardest to land a powerful enough attack as he begins to get tired. Unfortunately after a while, Batman begins to weaken, as the attacks he throws at Buu now causing less damage, some even blocked losing speed. Batman begins to think to himself...*

*"I can't be losing superman's power already. Maybe I'm just too far away from the sun."*

*Batman materializes green chains that tie up Buu, preventing him from lifting his hands. Buu is then punched out of the atmosphere, as he breaks free of the chains. Buu strikes with his elongated head, when Batman grabs it, and throws him into the moon. Buu gets up with more rage, and shoots a long blast of energy at Batman. Batman forms a green shield from his ring that deflects the beam away from him and earth. Buu then puts both his hands together, shooting another even more powerful pink energy blast at Batman. Batman quickly shoots back using green energy from the ring. Both beams collide with such force it blows both of them into space.*

*After spinning out of control, Batman regains control and flies back closer to the sun with Majin Buu following close behind. The power ring then begins to flash as it is getting low.*

*"No, not yet."*

*Batman turns to punch Buu, but his fist phases right through his face. Majin Buu wraps the elongated portion of his head around the neck of Batman. Batman fights to get free but the pure strength of the grip around his neck, is over whelming as it squeezes tighter. Buu covers the ring, wrapping his hand around the fist of Batman. Now being closer to the sun, batman struggles and fights so the sunrays can touch his arms. Batman looks into the small red eyes and fights to stay conscious as Buu slowly pulls him down to earth.*

*After they enter earth's atmosphere, Purple smoke appears in the air as Raven, the half-demon and half-human woman arrives. Raven mentally tries to psychically attack the mind of Majin Buu, to extract Martian Manhunter again. Her attempt proves to be overpowered once more; Buu is able to mentally bring her to the fetal position as she screams in pain holding her head.*

*"Oh Batman, your friends can't help you, you know this, and where did you get such power? Even with the strength of Superman, once your ring goes low you're no longer worthy. Either way, you will be the perfect addition to my body won't you? Don't worry, there will be nothing to be afraid of once you're in such perfection."*

*Then suddenly a large yellow spear stabs Majin Buu in the chest freeing Batman.*

*"I shall show you the Meaning of fear you foul creature!"*

*Sinestro returns, shooting yellow blasts from his ring at Majin Buu, making his body look like Swiss cheese, as he catches him off guard. The holes Sinestro puts in the torso of Buu quickly heal as Buu looks at him with rage. Majin Buu loses focus on Raven and flies towards Sinestro fast as light, sticking his open palm right through the chest of Sinestro, before he could even put up a shield or move out the way. Sinestro coughs up blood as he looks down at the arm of Buu through his chest. Buu retracts his arm as the body of Sinestro falls all the way down to earth. His yellow lantern ring flies away before his dead body hits the ground.*

*Batman removes his mask, cape and shirt, exposing the skin on his face and full chest to the sun. He yells out as he shoots heat vision from his eyes and a green blast from his ring at Majin Buu, using up what powers he had left from superman and the power ring. Raven once again tries to remove Manhunter out of Majin Buu as Buu's body turns into a burning pink ball of goo. Raven screams out in pain as Buu tries to fight back mentally. The face of Martian Manhunter appears out of the pink sphere once again and speaks in the voice of Manhunter.*

*"I'm sorry my friends."*

*"Fight back , Fight to free yourself." Batman yells out.*

*"Please forgive me, for this is the only way..."*

*The pink blob forms into the shape of Manhunter as it flies into the sun. Batman tries his hardest to stop him, but the power of superman is fully drained and his ring is too weak to allow him to go any further. Majin Buu/Martian Manhunter flies into the sun burning and being completely incinerated, as the power of the sun kills all cells and molecules of them both.*

*Both Raven and Batman fall down to earth gaining speed, when after regaining his powers, Superman catches both of them in mid air bringing them both safely back to the ground.*

**Wayne Manor: 3:30am**

“So you see Bruce, you can’t always be the only one with a well devised plan.”

“Well Clark, your plan would have worked better if this ring didn’t have the battery life of a damn i-Phone.”

“Ha ha ha, that’s another thing I wanted to ask you. Now with Majin Buu dead and gone, what will you do with Hal’s ring? Will you send it off to find someone else? “

“I wanted to but something tells me I should hold on to it for a while, there will be a lot of new Green Lantern’s out in the universe and they will need someone to train them for a while.”

“WOW! You’re really going to become a Green Lantern?”

“I didn’t say that! I said the Green Lanterns need someone to train them. Once the corps is up and running again, I will send the ring off to a better host. The Guardians can take care of the rest. ”

“How did it feel to have my powers for a while?”

“Like a Damn Sunflower. Although having them for a little while longer could have helped too. How is the rest of the league doing?”

“We had to reconstruct the bones in Flash’s hand, because of his fast regeneration, they started healing improperly. But he will be running around as his good old self before dawn. Everyone else is fine; they are still mourning over Hal and Manhunter.”

“I wish I could have stopped him.”

“Do not take his sacrifice away from him! What he did was brave; we don’t know exactly what was inside the head of that creature.”

“I do Clark... I guess after thinking about it, I probably would have done the same if I could. Although I was surprised to see Sinestro perform the way he did.”

“That Lantern shocked us all.”

“I don’t know whether it was bravery or stupidity. Either way, personal gain or not, he saved my life too. The Guardians will have a proper farewell ceremony for both him and Hal tomorrow. You are more than welcome to attend.”

“I would like that. I wonder what is going to happen with Sinestro’s yellow lantern corps now that Sinestro is gone.”

### ***A.R.G.U.S. Prison Facility***

“Most people ask the same age old question. Which is better? To be feared, or to be loved? Most ignorant people would prefer to be loved. Some would ask for both. But the intelligent will asked to be feared. You see, when someone loves you and says they love you, you trust them never to betray you. But some way or another they always do, whether they intentionally do so or not. It is human nature; we are not at all perfect. To be feared on the other hand, lasts much longer than love and is easier to maintain. As long as you learn to always expect people to betray you, and keep them knowing what you will do to them when they do so. Fear, will always keep people loyal. That’s why I am here, and in solitary confident. People fear me, not just me as a man; they fear my intelligence and what I am capable of. They fear what I will do when I get out of this cell.”

*A yellow glow is seen through the barred window of the concrete holding cell.*

*“You have been chosen! You have been chosen!” The yellow glow repeats as a ring flies into the prison cell.*

**“Alexander Luthor of Earth, You have been Chosen!”**

*Lex Luther reaches out and grabs the ring, with a smile.*

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