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JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA



A STAR-STUDED SPECTACULAR...
"CHALLENGE OF THE WEAPONS MASTER!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

ATTENTION--JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA !
ARMED WITH THE FOUR MOST DESTRUCTIVE
WEAPONS EVER DEvised, I HAVE TIME-TRAVELED
10,000 YEARS FROM THE FUTURE TO DO BATTLE
WITH YOU ! READY--LET THE ACTION BEGIN !

SOME
STRANGE
FORCE IS
GRIPPING
US...RIVETING
US TO OUR
CHAIRS !

HOW CAN WE FIGHT
HIM--IF WE CAN'T
MAKE A MOVE AGAINST
HIM ?

MAN, THIS FIGHT LOOKS FIXED !
MY JUSTICE LEAGUE PALS BETTER
COME UP WITH A BIG STUNT--
QUICK-- IF THEY'RE GONNA
BEAT THIS CREEP FROM
FUTUREVILLE !

Roll Call
AQUAMAN - BATMAN
GREEN LANTERN - JOHN JONZ
FLASH - WONDER WOMAN
SUPERMAN

THE NAME AND FAME OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA HAVE SPREAD NOT ONLY TO EVERY CORNER OF THE EARTH... BUT THROUGHOUT THE AGES !
YES, EVEN IN THE FAR DISTANT FUTURE, THE 20TH CENTURY HEROES ARE REGARDED AS THE MIGHTIEST CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM THAT EVER EXISTED !
NOW-- FROM OUT OF THOSE UNCHARTED, UN-KNOWN YEARS... APPEARS A FUTURE-MAN TO ENGAGE THE SUPER-SEVEN MEMBERS IN COMBAT--A BATTLE THAT HISTORY WILL RECORD AS A DEFEAT FOR THE JUSTICE LEAGUE !

CHALLENGE OF THE WEAPONS MASTER !

IN THE FAR FUTURE--THE YEAR IS 11,960--IN A CAVERN FILLED WITH SUPER-SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS... ARCH-CRIMINAL XOTAR FINDS HIMSELF BE-SIEGED BY THE INTERSOLAR POLICE...



I HAVE FOUR WEAPONS WITH WHICH TO FIGHT THE POLICE ... AND THEY HAVE COUNTER-WEAPONS FOR THREE OF THEM ! ONLY ONE WEAPON WILL DEFEAT THEM... BUT I DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE !

I HAVE ABOUT ONE MINUTE TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT WEAPON--BEFORE THE POLICE BREAK IN ! IF I FIRE THE WRONG WEAPON -- I'LL BE UNABLE TO STOP THEM AND THEY'LL CAPTURE ME !



BUT ONE MINUTE IS ALL THE TIME I'LL NEED! WITH THE HELP OF THIS MIGHTY ROBOT... WHICH IS ALSO A TIME MACHINE--I'LL TIME-TRAVEL 10,000 YEARS INTO THE PAST WITH MY WEAPONS ...



AS THE POLICE RAY-BLAST THEIR WAY INTO THE CAVERN... YES... INTO THE PAST... TO DO BATTLE WITH THE JUSTICE



LEAGUE OF AMERICA, THE GREATEST TEAM OF CRIME-FIGHTERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE !

AS HIS HANDS CRASH DOWN ON THE STARTING LEVERS, XOTAR AND HIS ROBOT ARE SWALLOWED UP IN THE MISTS OF TIME !

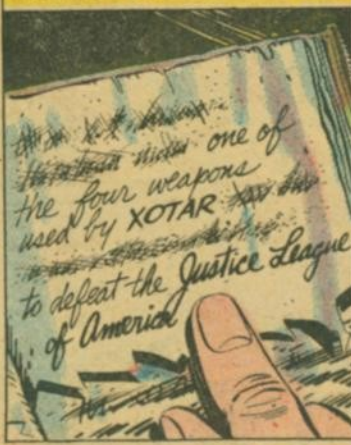


I'LL TEST MY WEAPONS ON THE JUSTICE LEAGUE... AND AS SOON AS I DISCOVER WHICH WEAPON DEFEATS THEM, I WILL RETURN TO MY OWN TIME--AND USE THE SAME WEAPON TO DEFEAT THE INTERSOLAR POLICE !

HOW CAN I BE SURE ONE OF MY WEAPONS WILL DEFEAT THE J.L.A.? IT'S REVEALED IN THIS ANCIENT BOOK, WRITTEN BY WONDER WOMAN HERSELF WHICH RECORDS THE EXPLOITS OF THOSE ANCIENT HEROES!



THOUGH THE TEN-THOUSAND-YEAR-OLD-BOOK IS BADLY FRAYED AND WORN-- WITH MUCH OF THE OLD WRITING ILLEGIBLE-- ENOUGH WORDS CAN BE MADE OUT TO EXPLAIN XOTAR'S CONVICTION...



HISTORY HAS ALREADY RECORDED MY JOURNEY TO THE PAST... EVEN IF I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED IT AS YET! I WONDER... DID I USE THIS MICROSCOPITOR TO DEFEAT THEM... OR WAS IT THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER I STOLE FROM THE INTER-STELLAR SCIENCE LABORATORY?



"MY THIRD WEAPON I FOUND IN THE ANCIENT RUINS OF A DEAD ANDROMEDA WORLD..."



"I HAVE A HUNCH THAT WEAPON NUMBER FOUR IS THE ONE WHICH DEFEATED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! IT WAS MADE FOR THE MAD DICTATOR OF ALDEBARAN WHEN HE TRIED TO CONQUER HIS GALAXY! I FOUND IT FLOATING DEEP IN SPACE..."



AS THE MIGHTY ROBOT HURTTLES BACKWARDS THROUGH THE CENTURIES ...

ONCE THIS ROBOT WAS ILARIC -- MASTER-ROBOT OF ILLIRIUM, THE ROBOT PLANET! IT WAS A PERFECT MECHANICAL BRAIN IN AN INDESTRUCTIBLE BODY!



ILARIC SOLVED THE SECRET OF TIME -- TRAVELING TO PAST AGES -- BUT I TRICKED IT! AFTER IT BUILT THE TIME MACHINE IN ITS OWN BODY I CUT THE CONTROL WIRES FROM ITS NEUTRONIC BRAIN... AND BECAME ITS MASTER!



NOW ILARIC OBEYS MY COMMANDS AND WITH ITS HELP I SHALL MEET AND DEFEAT-- THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

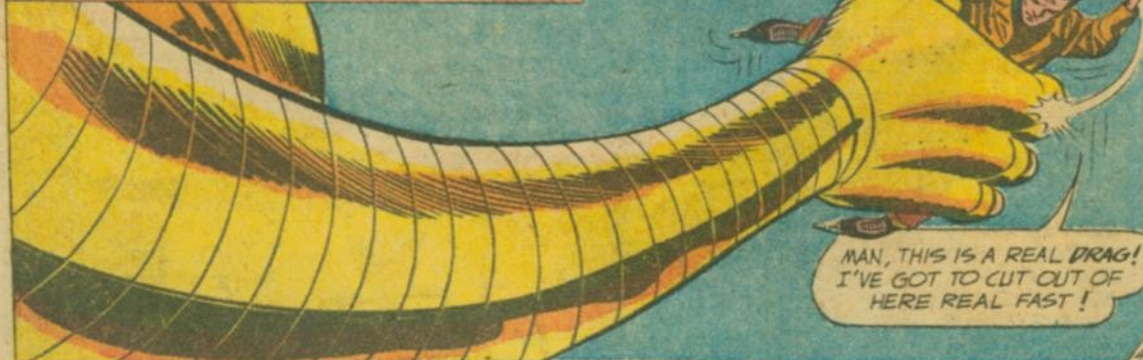


IN THE YEAR 1960, YOUNG SNAPPER CARR IS CUTTING FIGURE EIGHTS ON FROZEN RILL RACE POND WHEN...



DIG THAT CRAZY CLAW! HEY-- IT'S COMING RIGHT AT-- ME!

AS THE COLD METAL FINGERS CLOSE ABOUT HIM, SNAPPER FIGHTS WITH COLD DETERMINATION ...



MAN, THIS IS A REAL DRAG! I'VE GOT TO CUT OUT OF HERE REAL FAST!

WHEN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MADE ME AN HONORARY MEMBER AFTER I HELPED THEM AGAINST STARRO, THEY GAVE ME AN ALARM BELT WITH WHICH I COULD SEND OUT AN EMERGENCY CALL ...

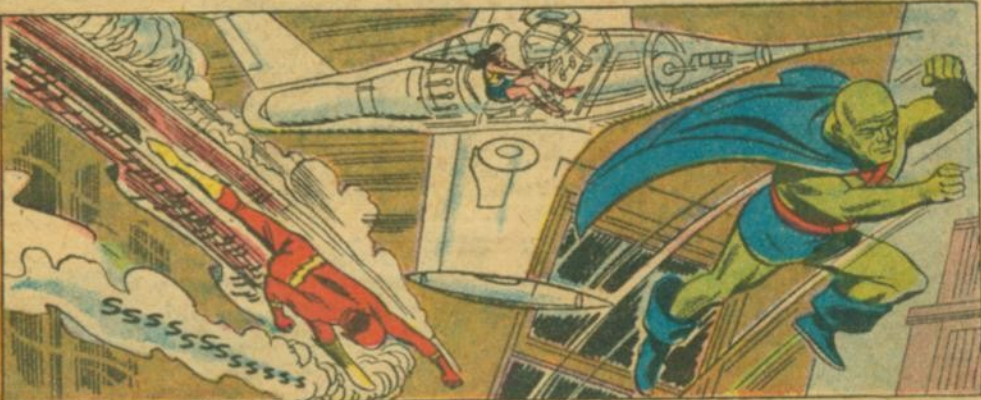


I DON'T WANT TO DO THE PANIC BUTTON BIT, BUT IF THIS ISN'T A REAL COOL EMERGENCY-- THEN I'VE GOT HOLES IN MY HEAD! HERE GOES!



AS RECOUNTED IN THE PREVIOUS ISSUE OF THIS MAGAZINE.

IN EVERY DIRECTION OF THE COMPASS SPEEDS THE CALL TO ARMS-- REACHING FLASH-- WONDER WOMAN-- JOHN JONZ, MANHUNTER FROM MARS ...



AQUAMAN--BATMAN--GREEN LANTERN-- RACE TOWARD THE SECRET LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS-- FULLY AWARE THAT SOME MONUMENTAL DANGER THREATENS A FELLOW MEMBER OR THE WORLD ... !



OF ALL THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS ONLY SUPERMAN FAILS TO RESPOND TO THE ALARM!

WHY?

WHEN THEY ARRIVE AT THE HIDDEN SANCTUARY, THEY FIND SNAPPER CARR SEATED BY HIMSELF--EYES WIDE AND STARING-- AS A STRANGE VOICE ISSUES FROM HIS LIPS...

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS AT THE TABLE! I--XOTAR OF THE YEAR 11,960-- HAVE BORROWED YOUR YOUNG FRIEND IN ORDER TO SUMMON YOU HERE AND CHALLENGE YOU TO COMBAT!



SPEAKING THROUGH THE VOICE OF SNAPPER CARR, XOTAR EXPLAINS ABOUT HIS FOUR SUPER-WEAPONS...

...AND YOU SHALL FIGHT ME ONE AT A TIME TO HELP ME DETERMINE WHICH WEAPON WILL OVERCOME THE INTERSOLAR POLICE! FIRST, I SELECT FLASH!

WHY TACKLE HIM ONE AT A TIME? LET'S ALL GO AFTER THIS CRIMINAL!

SUDDENLY A YELLOW LIGHT BEAMS DOWN AT THEM FROM ABOVE...

THE YELLOW LIGHT BEAM IS A GRAVITIC RAY! IT HOLDS YOU ROOTED TO YOUR CHAIRS! IN THIS WAY I AM SURE OF FIGHTING YOU--IN THE ORDER I SELECT!

AGAINST A YELLOW BEAM MY RING IS POWERLESS!

I'M FROZEN SOLID! I CAN'T MOVE!



FLASH, YOU WILL FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ESCAPE THE GRAVITIC RAY, I'M SURE! SO WHILE YOU'RE FREEING YOURSELF--REMEMBER THIS! WHEN THE GHOST WALKS AT HESPERUS ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MOONLESS MONTH, I AM WAITING TO DO BATTLE!

BY VIBRATING HIS BODY FASTER THAN THE SPEED OF LIGHT, THE FLASH BREAKS FREE OF THE YELLOW BEAM...

AH, I SEE YOU FIGURED OUT THE ESCAPE, FLASH! GOOD! I'M SURE YOU'LL PROVE TO BE A WORTHY OPPONENT!

I'LL BE BACK SHORTLY--IN PERSON-- AFTER I DISPOSE OF THE FLASH-- TO DO BATTLE WITH THE REST OF YOU!

GO GET HIM, FLASH!



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Challenge of the **WEAPONS MASTER!**

CHAPTER 2

WELL, FLASH, HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT MY RIDDLE? WHEN THE GHOST WALKS AT HESPERUS ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE MOONLESS MONTH, I AM WAITING TO DO BATTLE!



AS FLASH RACES ACROSS THE FROZEN GROUND OUTSIDE THE SECRET SANCTUARY OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA, HE SEES THE ROBOT OUT OF TIME AS A SHIMMERING VISION -- ALWAYS JUST OUT OF REACH OF HIS SPEEDING BODY...

AS NOTAR DIRECTS HIS TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT ALONG A LONELY COUNTRY ROAD...

I'M ON MY WAY TO KEEP MY APPOINTMENT WITH THE FLASH! BY THE TIME HE FIGURES OUT WHERE THAT IS I'LL BE THERE WAITING FOR HIM!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER IS RACING THROUGH THE TOWN OF MIDDLEDALE...

I KNOW THAT "WHEN THE GHOST WALKS" IS THEATRICAL SLANG FOR PAY DAY... BUT I'VE GOT TO VISIT THE LOCAL LIBRARY FOR A CLUE TO THE WORD "HESPERUS"!



IN THE HUSHED QUIET OF THE MIDDLEDALE LIBRARY, A VOLUME OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA APPEARS TO REMOVE ITSELF FROM THE SHELF--ITS PAGES FLIP--THEN RETURN TO ITS SLOT...



HERE IT IS-- HESPERUS -- THE NAME GIVEN BY HOMER IN HIS ILIAD TO THE PLANET VENUS!

THERE'S A PROJECT VENUS DOWN IN FLORIDA-- A TOP PRIORITY CRASH-PROGRAM TO SEND A ROCKET TO THE PLANET VENUS! THAT'S WHERE XOTAR IS GOING TO STRIKE!



WITHIN SECONDS, THE FASTEST MAN ALIVE IS HURTLING DOWN THE ATLANTIC COASTLINE...

THE NEW MOON... WHICH IS INVISIBLE TO EARTH EYES... APPEARS EVERY 29 1/2 DAYS! THEREFORE, FEBRUARY-- WITH ONLY 28 DAYS... IS OCCASIONALLY A MOONLESS MONTH! TODAY-- FEBRUARY 1ST IS PAY DAY! THAT'S WHEN XOTAR WILL STRIKE!



REACHING THE MISSILE BASE, FLASH ALERTS GENERAL MORGAN ANDERSON AND CIVILIAN CHIEF WARNER HUNTER OF THE DANGER ...



THIS XOTAR MUST BE STOPPED AT ALL COSTS, FLASH!

WE'VE BEEN WORKING DAY AND NIGHT TO PULL AHEAD OF OUR RIVAL IN THE SPACE-RACE!

IF XOTAR AND HIS TIME-ROBOT ARE ALLOWED TO RUN WILD-- THEY'LL SET OUR SPACE PROGRAM BACK FIVE YEARS!





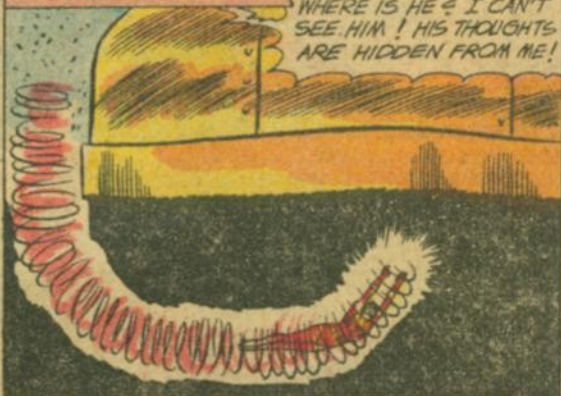
LEAPING FORWARD--DODGING--TWISTING--LEAPING-- HE IS HIT AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE SIZE-REDUCING MICROSCOPICOR WEAPON...



XOTAR MUST BE READING MY MIND! HE KNOWS WHICH WAY I'M GOING TO MOVE... AS SOON AS I KNOW IT MYSELF!

NOW ONLY A FOOT HIGH, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER NEVERTHELESS HURTLÉS FORWARD, GRIMLY DETERMINED -- YET HE IS HIT AGAIN AND AGAIN BY THE SHRINKING RAYS OF THE MICROSCOPICOR!

SUDDENLY FLASH VIBRATES WITH SUCH TREMENDOUS SPEED THAT HE TURNS HIMSELF INTO A LIVING CORKSCREW--AND BURROWS THROUGH THE EARTH!



WHERE IS HE? I CAN'T SEE HIM! HIS THOUGHTS ARE HIDDEN FROM ME!

NOW THREE INCHES TALL, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER VIBRATES HIS WAY THROUGH THE METAL LEG OF THE TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT...



BEFORE XOTAR REALIZES WHERE I AM, I'LL DESTROY HIS WEAPON--THEN MAKE HIM MY PRISONER!

NOW I'M ONLY SIX INCHES TALL! I MUST DESTROY THE WEAPON... BUT HOW? I HAVE NOWHERE TO HIDE... AND IN ANOTHER MOMENT I'LL BE DOWN TO SUB-ATOMIC SIZE!

WHERE DID FLASH GO? UNLESS I KEEP HITTING HIM WITH THE MICROSCOPITOR BEAM -- REDUCING HIM TO INFINITESIMAL SIZE SO THAT HE ENTERS A SUB-ATOMIC UNIVERSE -- THE EFFECT OF THE BEAM WILL WEAR OFF!



XOTAR'S EYES BULGE AS HE SEES THE BUTT OF HIS SUPER-WEAPON BEGINS TO MELT BEFORE HIM...

FLASH MUST BE CAUSING THIS... B-BUT HOW?



AS FLASH... MOVING SO FAST HE IS INVISIBLE... RACES AROUND AND AROUND THE MICROSCOPITOR, HIS SPEED MELTS THE METALLIC WEAPON BUTT...

THE WEAPON IS RUINED! NOW FOR XOTAR!



AT THAT MOMENT, XOTAR HITS THE WEAPON - EJECTION BUTTON OF HIS TIME-ROBOT! INSTANTLY FLASH AND THE NOW USELESS MICROSCOPITOR ARE HURLED OUTWARD--



AS HE GROWS BACK TO NORMAL SIZE, THE SCARLET SPEEDSTER SEES THE ROBOT FADE INTO INVISIBILITY...

WHERE IS XOTAR DISAPPEARING TO?



XOTAR DIRECTS HIS ROBOT BACK IN TIME TOWARD THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...

NOW THAT MY FIRST WEAPON HAS PROVED A FAILURE... I MUST TEST THE SECOND!



Challenge of the WEAPONS MASTER!

CHAPTER 3



I WONDER HOW FLASH IS MAKING OUT AGAINST XOTAR?

DON'T WORRY ABOUT FLASH! NOBODY'S EVER BEATEN HIM YET!

ONE MINUTE AFTER THE FLASH HAS RACED FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE HIDEOUT--XOTAR AND HIS TIME-TRAVELING ROBOT APPEAR BEFORE THE GATHERED MEMBERS WHO ARE STILL HELD IN THEIR SEATS BY THE GRAVITIC BEAM!

IT'S XOTAR!

THEN... THAT MEANS HE DEFEATED THE FLASH-- IN ONE MINUTE!

OH, NO! ACTUALLY THE FLASH OVERCAME MY MICRO-SCOPIOR WEAPON!



IT TOOK HIM LESS THAN AN HOUR TO DO THAT--BUT I JOURNEYED BACK IN TIME--TO ONE MINUTE AFTER FLASH LEFT! HE'S ON HIS WAY HERE NOW... BUT HE WON'T ARRIVE FOR AN HOUR OR SO! NOW--ON TO THE NEXT TEST!



XOTAR TOUCHES A DIAL INSIDE THE ROBOT. AND AQUAMAN AND JOHN JONZ ARE FREED FROM THE GRAVITIC BEAM...

I'VE DECIDED TO RELEASE TWO OF YOU THIS TIME -- TO BATTLE MY NEXT WEAPON! LISTEN! -- I WILL STRIKE WHERE THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST AND SETS IN THE EAST! TRY TO STOP ME!

AS THE TIME-ROBOT FADES FROM VIEW...

THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE THE SUN RISES IN THE WEST AND SETS IN THE EAST!

THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA!

THE ISTHMUS TURNS AND TWISTS IN SUCH A MANNER THAT THE EASTERNMOST TIP OF THE PANAMA CANAL TOUCHES THE PACIFIC OCEAN -- WHILE THE WESTERNMOST TIP TOUCHES THE ATLANTIC!

FEW PEOPLE REALIZE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL RUNS NORTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST RATHER THAN DUE EAST AND WEST!

THE SEA KING AND THE MAN FROM MARS ARE SOON SPEEDING ACROSS THE HEAVING WAVES OF THE ATLANTIC OCEAN...

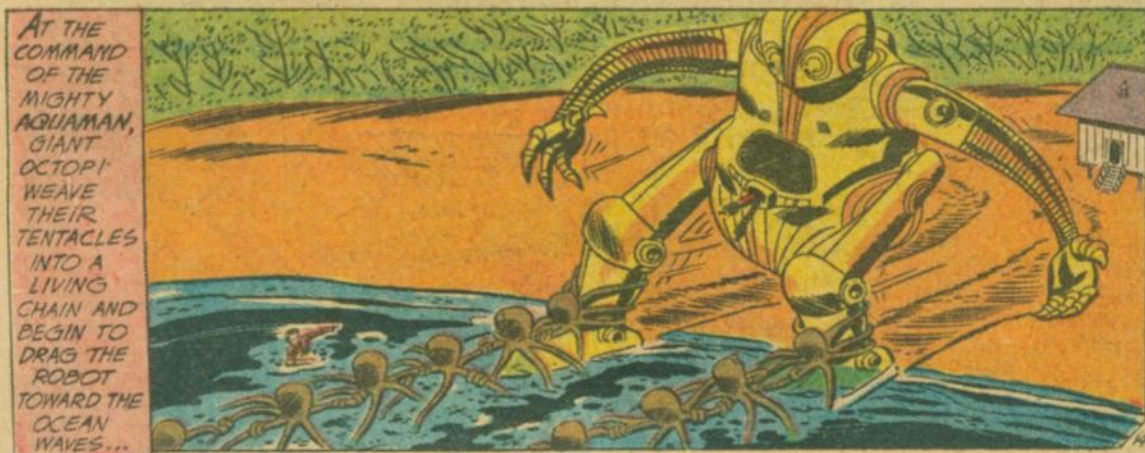
BY BLOWING MY SUPER-BREATH AGAINST THE SAIL-FISH'S HUGE DORSAL FIN I'LL HAVE AQUAMAN THERE IN NO TIME AT ALL!

WHEN THEY REACH PANAMA, JOHN JONZ RISES SKYWARD TO SCAN THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY-SIDE WITH HIS MARTIAN VISION...

I SEE HIM, AQUAMAN! HE'S ON SHORE-HEADING FOR THE CANAL!

THE TIME-ROBOT SWINGS ABOUT AS THEY APPROACH-- AND A BOLT FROM XOTAR'S DE-EVOLUTIONIZER WEAPON STRIKES JOHN JONZ...

XOTAR'S WEAPON GOT JOHN JONZ! BLASTED HIM INTO NOTHINGNESS!



BY THE TIME THE MAN OF THE FUTURE CAN GET HIS WINDOW-NIPERS INTO OPERATION, HIS ROBOT IS DRAWN INTO DEEP WATER...

NOW THAT I CAN SEE WHAT IS HAPPENING, I'LL BLAST THOSE EIGHT-ARMED CREATURES WITH THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER!

THE SUPER-WEAPON BLAZES FURIOUSLY AND THE DENIZENS OF THE DEEP ARE TRANSFORMED INTO A PRIMITIVE EVOLUTIONARY STAGE!...



BELOW THE SURFACE, GIANT CLAMS--HASTILY SUMMONED BY THE RULER OF THE SEVEN SEAS--CLOSE THEIR SHELLS ABOUT THE ROBOT'S LEGS AND HOLD THEM FAST...

THE ROBOT WON'T MOVE! AND WITH AQUAMAN SWIMMING UNDERWATER... I CAN'T GET AT HIM!



MEANWHILE, ON SHORE, JOHN JONZ BECOMES VISIBLE--AND WITH HIS SUPER-POWERS RESTORED, USES HIS MARTIAN BREATH TO ROTATE A SWIRLING COLUMN OF SAND SO SWIFTLY THAT FRICTION HEATS IT TO A RED GLOW...

THIS IS THE FIRST STAGE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF GLASS!



FROM THE SOIL--BY DRAWING A MARTIAN SUPER-BREATH--HE LIFTS OUT POTASH AND SODA, OXIDE OF IRON AND ALUMINUM, AND MIXES THEM AT SUPER-HEAT...

NOW THAT I'VE MADE GLASS, I'LL BACK IT WITH SILVER--THUS TURNING IT INTO A MIRROR!



WITH THE MIRROR HELD FIRMLY IN A HAND BEHIND HIS BACK, J'OWN J'ONZ HURTLES AT THE TIME-ROBOT! INSTANTLY XOTAR SWINGS THE DIAMOND BARREL OF THE SUPER-WEAPON TOWARDS HIM...



WHA--? IT'S J'OWN J'ONZ! I MUST HAVE MISSED HIM BEFORE! THIS TIME I'LL SCORE A DIRECT HIT!

A BOLT OF INCREDIBLE POWER SPEEDS STRAIGHT FOR THE MARTIAN, WHO LIFTS HIS HAND TO CATCH IT ON THE BRIGHT SURFACE OF HIS MIRROR!



INSTANTLY THE MIRROR IS DE-EVOLUTIONIZED INTO SAND AND SODA, POTASH AND METALLIC OXIDES--BUT NOT BEFORE...



THE BOLT FROM THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER WAS REFLECTED BACK AT THE DIAMOND BARREL OF MY SUPER-WEAPON! IT DE-EVOLUTIONIZED THE DIAMOND INTO ITS ORIGINAL FORM... PURE CARBON!

AND SINCE THE DE-EVOLUTIONIZER NEEDS A BARREL OF SOLID DIAMOND TO WORK, MY SECOND SUPER-WEAPON HAS BEEN DEFEATED!



WITH ONE HAND, XOTAR HITS THE WEAPON-EJECTOR BUTTON WHILE WITH THE OTHER HE THROWS OVER THE CONTROLS OF THE TIME MACHINE...



I HAVE TWO WEAPONS LEFT!... ONE OF WHICH MUST DEFEAT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

XOTAR IS STARTING TO FADE AWAY!

HE'S TAKING THE ROBOT BACK INTO TIME --TO CHALLENGE ANOTHER JUSTICE LEAGUE TEAM!

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CHAPTER 4

WONDER WOMAN!--BATMAN!--GREEN LANTERN!--
I SUMMON YOU TO FIGHT ME--ABOVE THE LIVING
STONE OF THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT!

ONE MINUTE AFTER AQUAMAN AND
JOHN JONZ HAVE LEFT JUSTICE
LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS TO INTER-
CEPT XOTAR AT THE PANAMA CANAL,
THE MAN FROM 10,000 YEARS IN THE
FUTURE IS BACK AT THE HIDEOUT --
ISSUING HIS THIRD CHALLENGE!

AS THE GRAVITIC BEAM RELEASES ITS HOLD,
THE THREE REMAINING JLA MEMBERS RISE
TO THEIR FEET...

XOTAR IS FADING
INTO TIME --TO
MEET US--

"ABOVE THE
LIVING STONE
OF THE RING-
NECKED
PHEASANT!"

B-BUT
WHERE'S
THAT?
SOUND'S
LIKE
KOOKIE
TALK TO
ME!

XOTAR IS THE MOST
DANGEROUS ENEMY THE
JLA EVER FACED!

WE MAY NEED
SUPERMAN
TO GIVE US A
HAND AGAINST
HIM!

BUT THE MAN OF
STEEL DOESN'T
ANSWER THE
EMERGENCY
ALARM! WHERE
COULD HE POSSIBLY
BE--THAT HIS SUPER-
SENSITIVE HEARING
COULDN'T DETECT
OUR SIGNAL?



I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE HE MAY BE -- AND WHY HE HASN'T ANSWERED SNAPPER'S CALL! I'LL GO CHECK ON MY THEORY!

WHILE YOU DO THAT--GREEN LANTERN AND I WILL GO AFTER XOTAR!



WONDER WOMAN IN HER ROBOT PLANE AND GREEN LANTERN WITH HIS POWER RING ARE SOON SOARING HIGH ABOVE THE EARTH...

"LIVING STONE" IS STONE WHICH HAS BEEN SCULPTURED INTO STATUARY WHILE STILL IN ITS NATURAL STATE... AS DISTINGUISHED FROM QUARRIED STONE, LIKE A MARBLE SLAB!



AT SUPER-SPEED THEY ROCKET ABOVE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER, HEADING WESTWARD...

THE RING-NECKED PHEASANT IS THE OFFICIAL STATE BIRD OF SOUTH DAKOTA! THAT'S THE PLACE WHERE GUTZON BORGLUM CARVED LIVING ROCK IN A NATIONAL MONUMENT!

THE MOUNT RUSHMORE MEMORIAL! THAT'S WHERE XOTAR IS WAITING!



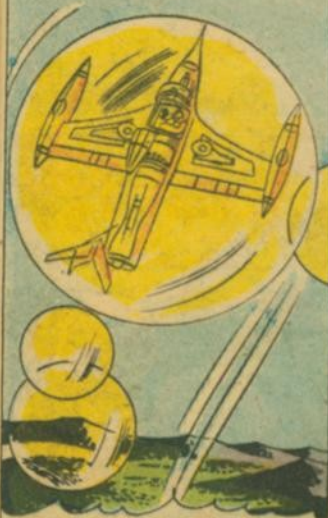
AH, WONDER WOMAN AND GREEN LANTERN HAVE ARRIVED-- COMING AT ME FROM DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS!

FROM THE MUZZLES OF THE THIRD SUPER-WEAPON SPURT YELLOW BUBBLES AT THE AMAZON PRINCESS...

LADIES FIRST-- MAKING WONDER WOMAN THE PRIME TARGET OF MY MAGNETO-BUBBLE WEAPON!



IMPRISONED IN ONE OF THE MAGNETIC BUBBLES, WONDER WOMAN AND HER ROBOT PLANE ARE DRAWN SKYWARD.



THE BUBBLE HAS A STRONG MAGNETIC ATTRACTION FOR THE YELLOW STAR CAPELLA--250 TRILLION MILES FROM EARTH!



'CAPELLA WILL PULL WONDER WOMAN AND THE BUBBLE TO IT! EVEN IF SHE SHOULD SURVIVE THE LONG JOURNEY THROUGH SPACE--CAPELLA'S HEAT WILL SURELY FINISH HER OFF!'



LEAPING UPWARD AT THE MOMENT OF HER IMPRISONMENT INSIDE THE BUBBLE... GREEN LANTERN SEEKS A WAY TO FREE HIS HAPLESS PARTNER...



MY RING IS POWERLESS AGAINST ANYTHING YELLOW! XOTAR MUST HAVE KNOWN THAT... AND PLANNED HIS ATTACK ACCORDINGLY!

BUT THERE'S STILL A WAY TO OVERCOME THE HANDICAP AND FREE WONDER WOMAN! WITH MY POWER RING, I'LL CREATE A BOLIDE!*

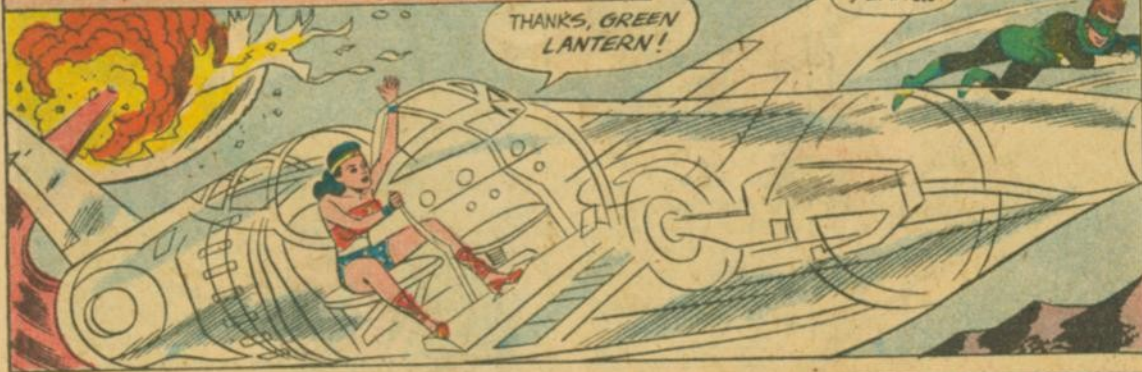


*Editor's Note: A BRIGHT METEOR WHICH EXPLODES IN THE COURSE OF ITS FLIGHT THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE!



I CAUSED THE BOLIDE TO EXPLODE IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ITS VIBRATIONS WILL SHATTER THE MAGNETIC BUBBLE!

UNDER THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT OF THE BLAST, THE MAGNETIC DUBBLE CRACKS OPEN--FREEING THE MIGHTY AMAZON!



THANKS, GREEN LANTERN!

NOW LET'S GO AFTER XOTAR! HERE'S MY PLAN...

MEANWHILE, THE MAN FROM THE FUTURE HAS WITNESSED THE AMAZING RESCUE...

THE EMERALD WARRIOR IS PROVING HIMSELF A WORTHY OPPONENT! PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE ELIMINATED HIM FIRST!

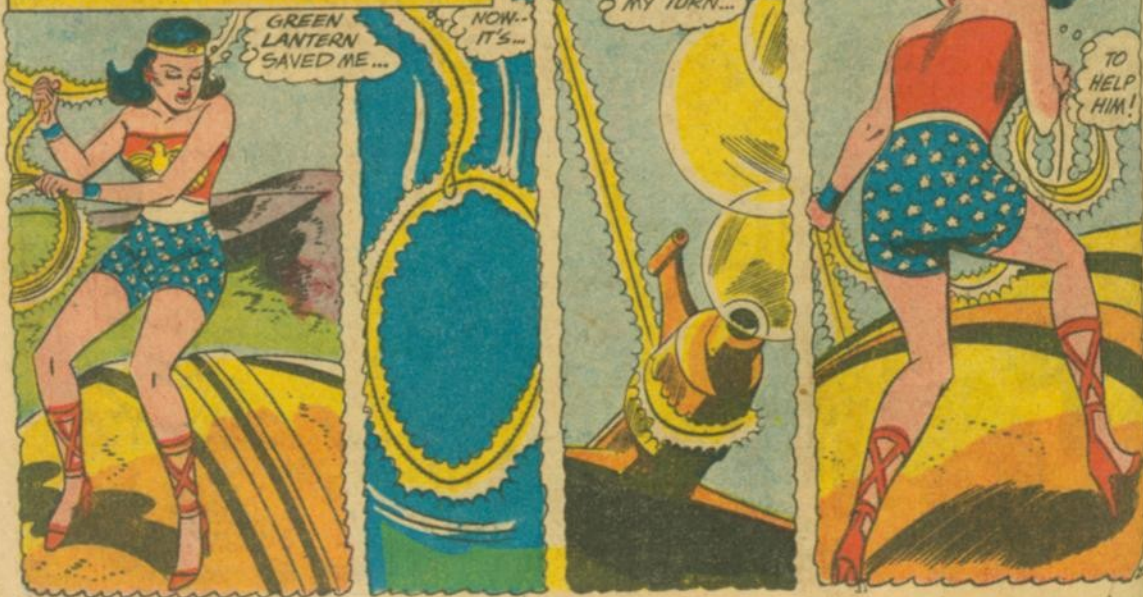


XOTAR'S HANDS CLOSE TIGHTLY ON THE FIRING GRIPS OF HIS MAGNETO-DUBBLE WEAPON--FIRING AGAIN AND AGAIN!



I... I CAN'T HIT HIM! W-WHAT'S WRONG... I KNOW I'M AIMING CORRECTLY--

MOMENTS BEFORE, UNSEEN BY XOTAR, WONDER WOMAN HAD PREVIOUSLY STATIONED HERSELF ATOP THE ROBOT, AND LOOPEED HER MAGIC LASSED ABOUT THE BARREL OF THE SUPER-WEAPON...



GREEN LANTERN SAVED ME...

NOW-- IT'S...

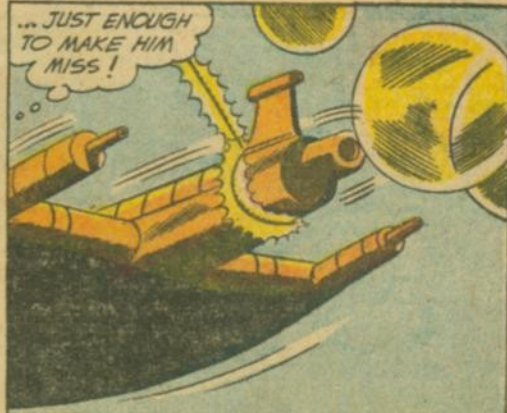
MY TURN...

TO HELP HIM!

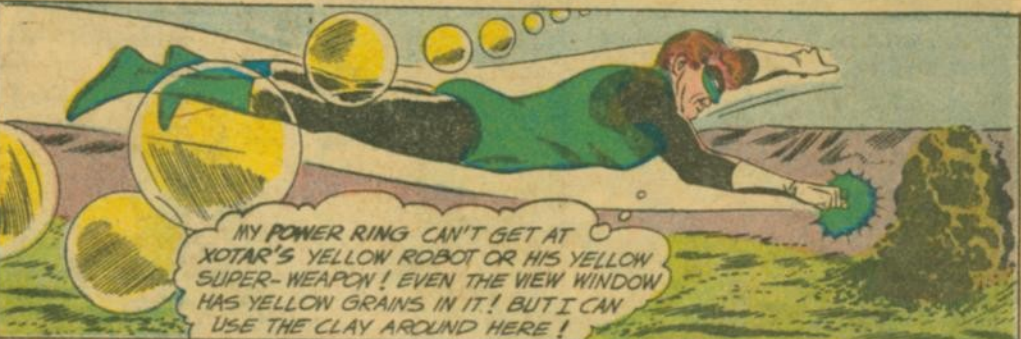
AS XOTAR FIRES AWAY, I KEEP JIGGLING THE BARREL OF HIS WEAPON--



... JUST ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM MISS!



AS THE YELLOW BUBBLES FLASH HARMLESSLY PAST HIM, THE GREEN GLADIATOR SCOOPS UP A WEDGE OF CLAY...



MY POWER RING CAN'T GET AT XOTAR'S YELLOW ROBOT OR HIS YELLOW SUPER-WEAPON! EVEN THE VIEW WINDOW HAS YELLOW GRAINS IN IT! BUT I CAN USE THE CLAY AROUND HERE!

WITH TERRIFIC FORCE, HE RAMS THE CLAY INTO THE MUZZLES OF THE SUPER-WEAPON -- CLOGGING THEM--RENDERING THEM USELESS!



THE NEXT MOMENT, THE MAN OF THE YEAR 11,960 HITS THE WEAPON-EJECTOR BUTTON AND...

GOOD WORK, GREEN LANTERN! WE'VE WON OVER XOTAR'S THIRD WEAPON! BUT... HE'S GOING INTO TIME AGAIN!

XOTAR SAID HE WAS GOING TO TEST FOUR SUPER-WEAPONS! I WONDER WHAT THE LAST ONE WILL BE LIKE?



MOVING THROUGH THE MISTS OF TIME, XOTAR CHUCKLES TO HIMSELF...

ALL ALONG I'VE FELT THE FOURTH WEAPON WAS THE INVINCIBLE ONE! NOW I'LL PROVE IT... BY FIGHTING THE ENTIRE JUSTICE LEAGUE-- AT THE SAME TIME.. AND DEFEATING IT!



CHALLENGE OF THE WEAPONS MASTER! CHAPTER 5

I--XOTAR--SPEAK ONCE AGAIN TO YOU THROUGH THE LIPS OF SNAPPER CARR! THIS TIME I CHALLENGE ALL OF YOU AT THE SAME TIME--TO DO BATTLE WITH ME IN THE VALLEY OF THE TEN THOUSAND SMOOKES!



FROM THE MISSILE BASE OF PROJECT VENUS -- FROM THE TROPICAL SHORES OF PANAMA -- FROM THE MOUNTAIN LANDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA -- THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS RETURN TRIUMPHANT TO THEIR HEADQUARTERS -- TO FACE A FOURTH AND FINAL CHALLENGE FROM THE WEAPONS MASTER ...

I FEEL OBLIGED TO WARN YOU--IT HAS ALREADY BEEN WRITTEN THAT I SHALL DEFEAT YOU--WITH THE MOST TERRIBLE WEAPON OF ALL TIME! YOUR PRIDE, I AM SURE, WILL NOT LET YOU IGNORE MY DARE!



WE'VE BEATEN XOTAR THREE TIMES! WE CAN BEAT HIM AGAIN...
...NO MATTER WHAT HAS BEEN WRITTEN...
...OR HOW TERRIBLE HIS WEAPON IS! LET'S GO!



ALONG THE SEACOAST RACES FLASH--ABOVE HIM WONDER WOMAN, GREEN LANTERN, AND J'ONN J'ONZ HURTLE WITH SUPER-SPEED... NEARBY IN THE SEA SWIMS AQUAMAN...



UNTIL THEY REACH THE FUMARoles OF THE VALLEY OF THE TEN THOUSAND SMOKEs... ONE OF THE MOST EERILY BEAUTIFUL PLACES IN ALL ALASKA...

WELCOME, JUSTICE LEAGUE! WELCOME TO YOUR WATERLOO! THE ONE BATTLE YOU ARE DOOMED TO LOSE!



EVEN AS HE SPEAKS, NOTAR RELEASES THE FIRING PIN OF THE FOURTH WEAPON...

THE GRAVITIC WEAPON WHICH HELD THEM ROOTED TO THEIR CHAIRS WOULD HAVE MADE A FINE WEAPON EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT IT SURROUNDED THEM WITH A FORCE-FIELD THROUGH WHICH I COULD NOT REACH THEM!



CAUGHT FULLY BY THE MYSTERIOUS RADIATION, THE MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE STAGGER BLINDLY ABOUT, HELPLESS! FINALLY, WHEN THEIR SENSES CLEAR...

THIS FOURTH WEAPON IS TRULY FEARSOME! IT LIFTED US OFF THE EARTH-- --AND DROPPED US ON SOME GREAT HERA! PLANET WITH TWO GREEN SUNS! LOOK!



BOUNDING ACROSS THE GROUND OF THE ALIEN PLANET COMES A HORDE OF ALIEN MONSTERS...



THE JUSTICE LEAGUE MOVES TO DEFEND ITSELF!
THE FLASH RAPIDLY CIRCLES AROUND ONE
BEAST...

I'VE SURROUNDED THIS MONSTER IN A
WHIRLPOOL OF AIR--BUT IT'S EASILY
BREAKING THROUGH!



WONDER WOMAN ROPES A SECOND CREATURE...
BUT IS STUNNED TO DISCOVER...

SUFFERING SAPHRO! IT BROKE FREE
OF THE NOOSE! THAT'S THE FIRST
TIME THAT EVER HAPPENED!



AMAZINGLY, THE SUPER-POWERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE FAIL TO
HALT THE ONSLAUGHT OF THE ALIEN MONSTERS...

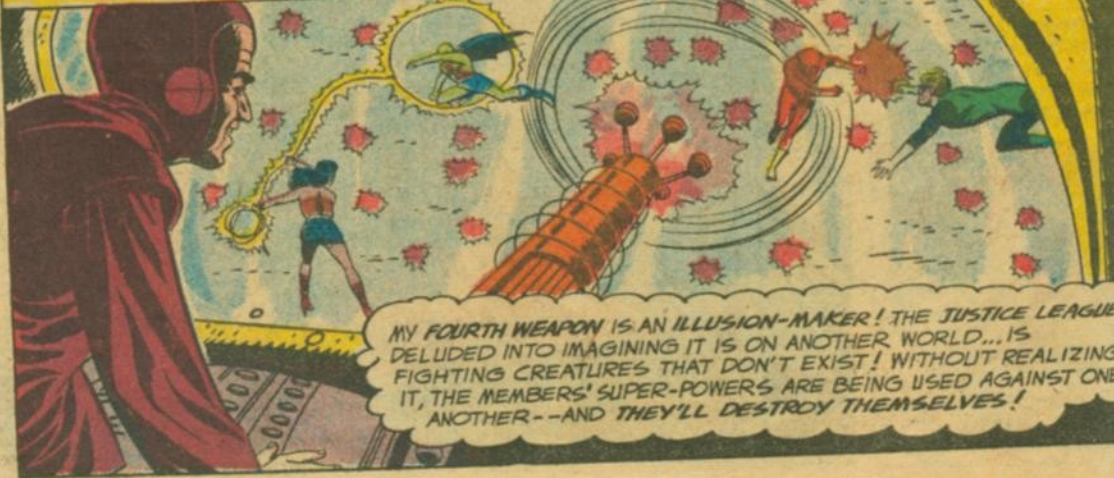


HELPLESS
BEFORE
THIS FIRE-
BREATHING
DRAGON!

SEA-SERPENT
DEFYING
MY TELE-
PATHIC
COMMANDS!

GIANT BIRD RESISTING
MY POWER-RING
ATTACKS!

BUT THIS IS THE PICTURE THE GLOATING XOTAR OBSERVES...



MY FOURTH WEAPON IS AN ILLUSION-MAKER! THE JUSTICE LEAGUE-
DELUIDED INTO IMAGINING IT IS ON ANOTHER WORLD... IS
FIGHTING CREATURES THAT DON'T EXIST! WITHOUT REALIZING
IT, THE MEMBERS' SUPER-POWERS ARE BEING USED AGAINST ONE
ANOTHER--AND THEY'LL DESTROY THEMSELVES!





SMASHING HIS WAY INTO THE ROBOT, SUPERMAN ADJUSTS THE TIME-CONTROLS, THEN...

I'M LOCKING THE CONTROLS, TO PREVENT YOU FROM EVER RETURNING TO OUR TIME! IN A MOMENT, I'LL LEAVE... AND YOU AND THE ROBOT WILL TIME-TRAVEL BACK TO YOUR OWN ERA!

A MOMENT LATER... 10,000 YEARS IN THE FUTURE...



THE INTERSOLAR POLICE HAVE BROKEN INTO MY HIDEOUT!... I MUST SURRENDER!

AS PRISONER XOTAR IS LED AWAY...



I... I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! WONDER WOMAN'S MEMOIRS SAID I HAD DEFEATED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE! WHAT WENT WRONG?

the illusion - waterer was one of the four weapons used by XOTAR to defeat the Justice League of America

AT THAT MOMENT, IN THE SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE...



WONDER WOMAN, DON'T FORGET TO WRITE UP OUR ADVENTURE WITH XOTAR!

I'M BEGINNING IT RIGHT NOW, FLASH!

AND THE TRUE VERSION OF WHAT WONDER WOMAN WRITES IS...

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IN THE NEXT ISSUE... ANOTHER STAR-STUDDED ADVENTURE OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA

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