

IN THE 31ST CENTURY...

U.P. TODAY

...GOOD MORNING, THIS IS **UTNIK POOLE**-- FASHION MODEL, PHILOSOPHER AND ROLE MODEL FOR WOMEN ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH--

--WELCOMING YOU TO ANOTHER EDITION OF **U.P. TODAY!**

MY GUEST TODAY IS THE CELEBRATED SCIENTIST-- AND FORMER FUGITIVE-- **ARIEL MASTERS**--

--PERHAPS BEST KNOWN TO OUR VIEWING AUDIENCE AS THE LEADER OF THE **JUSTICE LEAGUE**: THOSE CELEBRATED **TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY HEROES** WHO MYSTERIOUSLY APPEARED IN OUR TIME--

--TO FREE THE COMMONWEALTH FROM THE TYRANNY OF THE FIVE!

I WOULDN'T CALL MYSELF THE J.L.'S LEADER, **UTNIK**. I'M MORE LIKE AN **ADVISOR**--PROVIDING A GUIDING HAND.

WHATEVER THE LABEL, I MUST SAY I'M **ENVIIOUS**. SPENDING YOUR DAYS IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THESE **LIVING LEGENDS** MUST BE--

A NIGHTMARE.

I WAS GOING TO SAY IT MUST BE AN HONOR.

WELL... ah...YES...OF COURSE... THAT'S WHAT I MEANT...

I THINK WHAT MY AUDIENCE IS MOST CURIOUS ABOUT, **ARIEL**, IS HOW THE LEAGUE MADE THE LEAP TO THIS CENTURY.

WE KNOW **CADMUS** WAS SOMEHOW INVOLVED, BUT--

I'M AFRAID THAT'S **CLASSIFIED**, **UTNIK**.

CAN'T YOU GIVE US JUST A TINY HINT?

I'M AFRAID IF I TOLD YOU, I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU.

OH, **ARIEL**--YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR IS JUST DELICIOUS.

ISN'T IT?

TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW **GREEN LANTERN**. SHE'S QUITE THE LOOKER.

WE BROUGHT **GUY** IN AFTER **HAL JORDAN** DECIDED TO TAKE A LEAVE OF ABSENCE.

IS IT TRUE THAT **JORDAN** IS SICK?

I'M AFRAID SO. THE **GREEN ENERGY** THAT GIVES **HAL** HIS POWER IS ALSO KILLING HIM. HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH TIME LEFT.

SO THAT'S ONE DOWN.

EXCUSE ME?

Slight LOOK, YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT THOSE YUTZES ARE REALLY LIKE, I'LL TELL YOU:

WONDER WOMAN IS A BLOODTHIRSTY PSYCHOPATH... GARDNER IS A MORON... SUPERMAN IS AN EVEN BIGGER MORON--

--FLASH IS A TOTAL DITZ... BATMAN DOESN'T EVEN WANT TO BE BATMAN ANYMORE AND--

HEAVENS TO BRADBURY! IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU HATE THEM!

HATE THEM? HATE THEM?! OF COURSE I--

...I...

I'M JUST KIDDING YOU, UTNIK.

MY...UM... DELICIOUS SENSE OF HUMOR AT WORK AGAIN.

THE TRUTH IS I ADORE THE JUSTICE LEAGUE... EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM.

AAAND-- THAT'S A WRAP!

"A WRAP"? W-WE'VE GOT ANOTHER EIGHTY-FIVE MINUTES TO GO!

WELL, I HOPE YOU'VE GOT A LONG COOKING SEGMENT PLANNED--

--'CAUSE I AM OUT OF HERE.

WE'LL...ah... BE RIGHT BACK AFTER A WORD FROM MRS. LEARY'S PSYCHOTROPIC BLINTZES!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? NOBODY WALKS OUT ON UTNIK POOLE IN THE MIDDLE OF A SHOW!

I'LL SUE YOU-- AND THE WHOLE DAMN JUSTICE LEAGUE!

FEEL FREE TO CHECK IN WITH OUR LEGAL TEAM AT CADMUS. EVEN GOD COULDN'T WIN A LAWSUIT AGAINST THOSE SHARKS!

YOU COME BACK HERE!

"YOU COME BACK
HERE RIGHT NOW!"

...STUPIDEST
IDEA IN THE HISTORY
OF STUPID IDEAS!

I DON'T
KNOW WHY
I EVER
AGREED
TO IT!

YOU'RE BACK EARLY,
MADAME. AND, JUDGING
FROM YOUR TONE AND
BODY LANGUAGE--

--I'D SAY
THINGS DIDN'T
EXACTLY GO
AS PLANNED.

I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED, RONALD. I WENT
IN THERE, PREPARED
TO CONTINUE THE
CHARADE--

--PRETENDING
TO BE ARIEL
MASTERS--

BUT THE LOIS LANE
IN YOU CAME PEEKING
THROUGH?

PEEKING?
ROARING
IS MORE
LIKE IT!

JUST
HEARING THE AWE
AND ADMIRATION IN
THAT NINNY'S VOICE...IT
GOT TO ME! SOMETHING
SNAPPED AND--

DEAR GOD...
I HATE THEM
SO MUCH!

YES, WELL,
THAT'S BEEN
CLEARLY
ESTABLISHED.

I'VE WASTED ENOUGH
TIME PRETENDING! IT'S TIME TO
FINISH THE JOB I STARTED WHEN
I INJECTED MY CONSCIOUSNESS
INTO ARIEL MASTERS' BODY!

IT'S TIME
FOR CLARK KENT
AND HIS
BRAIN-DAMAGED,
SUPER-POWERED
PLAYMATES--

"...TO PAY
THE PRICE!"

THIS IS THE
FOURTH WAVE
THAT'S ATTACKED US
IN THE PAST HALF
AN HOUR!

AN' I CAN
SEE MORE OF 'EM,
BATS--GATHERIN' OFF
IN THE DISTANCE!

THIS IS WAR,
SUPERMAN--WE
CANNOT AFFORD
TO SHOW THEM
MERCY!

WE CAME
HERE TO SAVE THIS
PLANET, DIANA--NOT
DESTROY IT!

THERE ARE
ALWAYS LIVES THAT
MUST BE SACRIFICED--
IN THE NAME OF THE
GREATER GOOD!

NOT IF I HAVE
ANYTHING TO SAY
ABOUT IT!

WELL, WELL--
AREN'T YOU
SUDDENLY THE
FEISTY ONE!

JUSTICE LEAGUE
3001 in

Twinkle, Twinkle, Little
STARRRO!

REMEMBER: THESE
ARE INNOCENT PEOPLE
WHOSE BODIES HAVE BEEN
INFECTED BY THE STARRO-
CONSCIOUSNESS--

--WE HAVE
TO STOP THEM
WITHOUT KILLING
THEM!

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OKAY, I ADMIT IT:
I COULDN'T THINK
OF ANYTHING
FUNNY TO PUT IN
THE CREDITS THIS
MONTH!--JMD.