



I WANTED TO KNOW WHAT MARS HAD BECOME AND NOW I SEE I HAVE MY ANSWER.

THE SOUL DESERT OF MARS. THE PAST.



TELL ME.



THIS... ALL HAPPENED SO LONG AGO. IT IS AN OIL SLICK OF A MEMORY THAT HAS BECOME BRITTLE AND CORRODED LIKE DEAD, DRY ROCK.

A MONSTER.

OR PERHAPS IT IS ALL INVENTED. A VISION OF A LIFE THAT THEY GAVE ME.

PERHAPS I AM... INSANE.



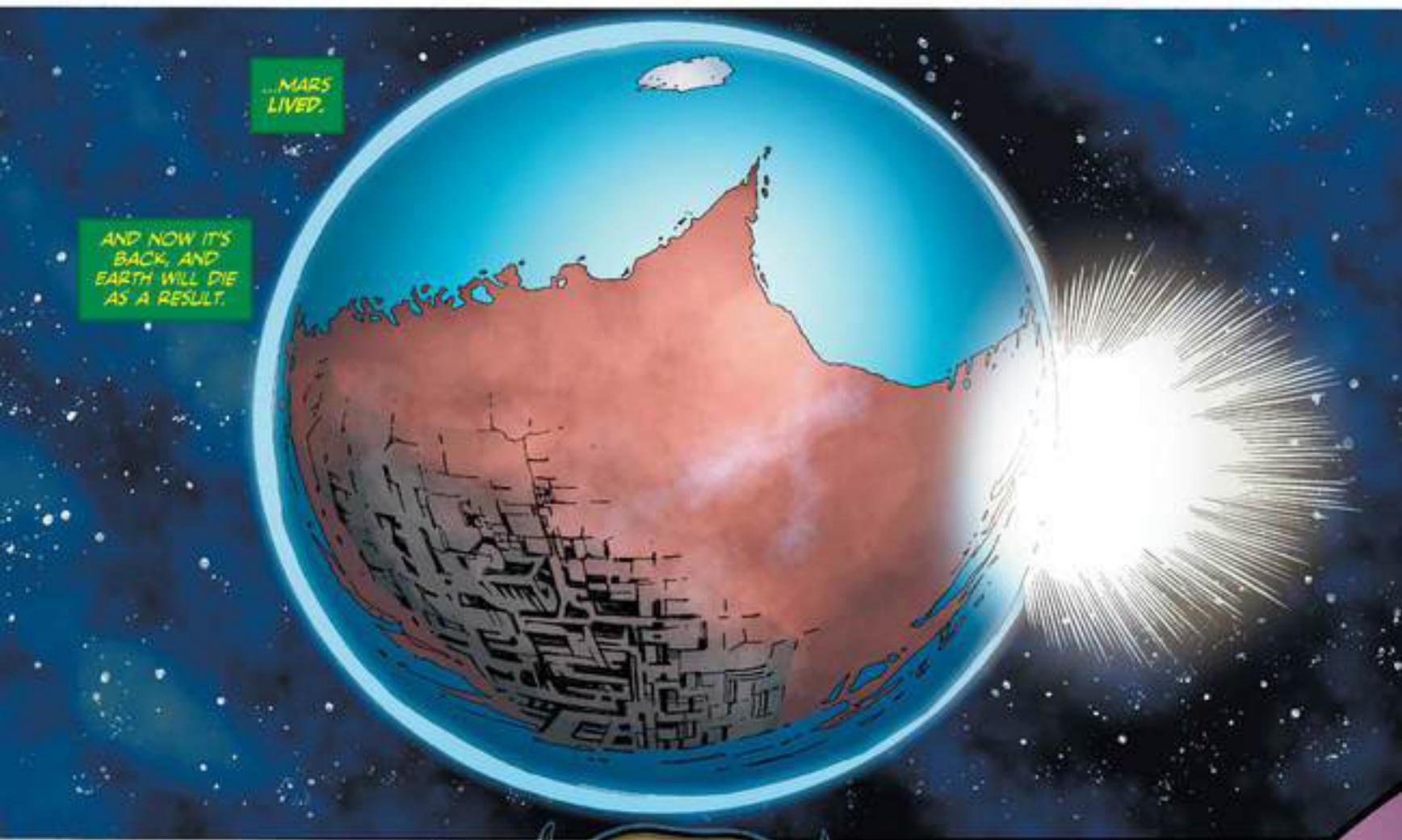
I DESERVE TO BE INSANE... FOR WHAT I'VE DONE.

MARS STOOD TALL ONCE... BUT AT A COST.



ADVANCEMENT ALWAYS COMES AT A COST.

BUT, NEVERTHELESS, ONCE UPON A TIME, MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO...



...MARS LIVED.

AND NOW IT'S BACK, AND EARTH WILL DIE AS A RESULT.



ALL THANKS TO THIS DOOFUS!

WHAT DID YOU CALL ME?





WHERE THE HELL ARE WE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PLANE? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 300 PEOPLE ON THE PLANE?

WE FLEW INTO THE RED PORTAL AND THEN...

MARS. WE ARE ON MARS. A LIVING MARS.

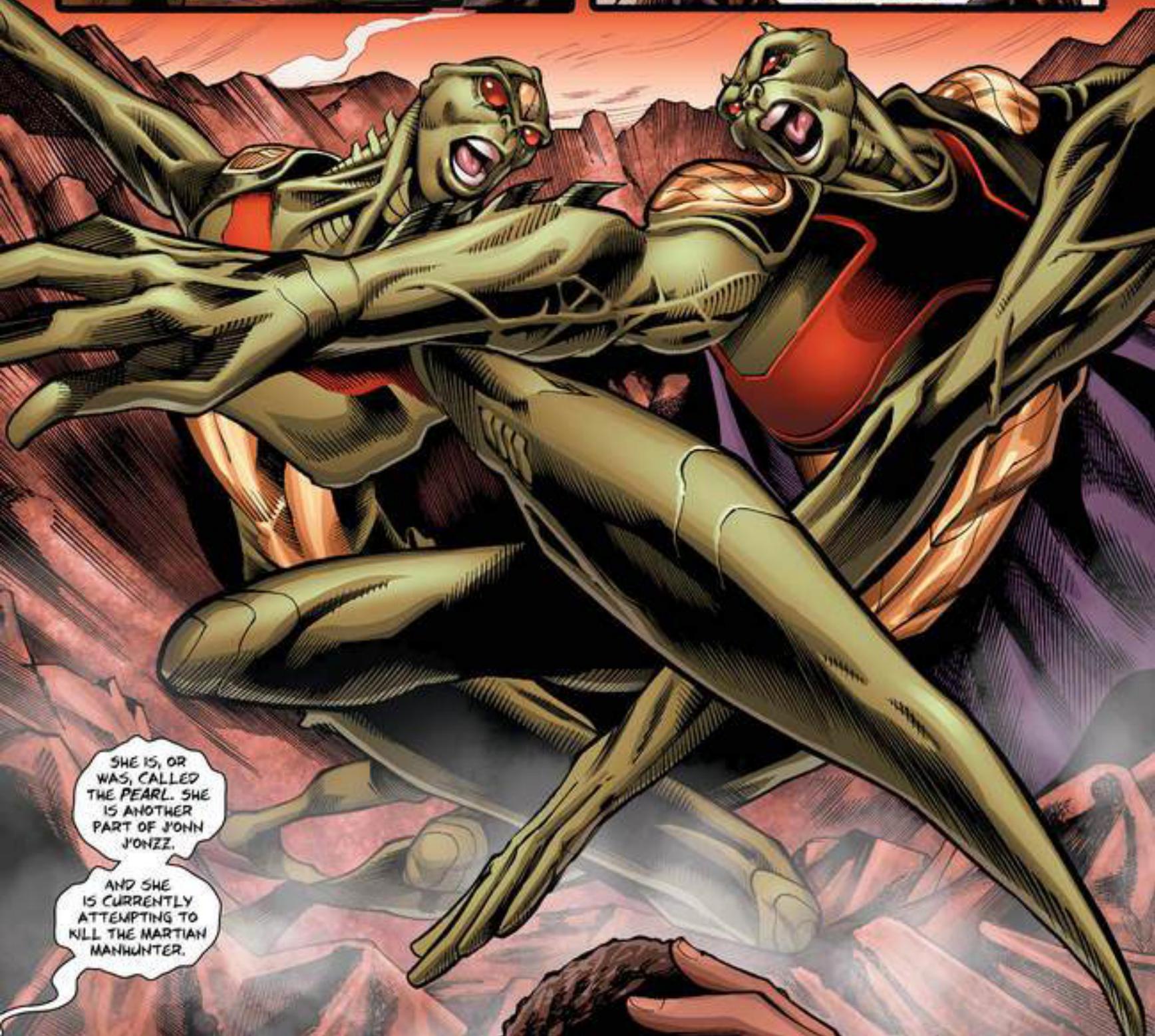
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WHO'S HE?

WOULD HE IS ANOTHER PART OF J'ONN J'ONZZ. HE IS THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER JUST LIKE US. HE IS J'ONN'S... BRAIN.

OKAY. WHO'S THE LADY MARTIAN AND WHO'S SHE HITTING?



SHE IS, OR WAS, CALLED THE PEARL. SHE IS ANOTHER PART OF J'ONN J'ONZZ.

AND SHE IS CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO KILL THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER.



I REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND...

AH DARYL, IT IS THE CLASSIC HOLLYWOOD STORY... A TALE AS OLD AS TIME.

THEY BEGIN BY IRRITATING EACH OTHER, THEN THEY ATTEMPT TO EVISCERATE EACH OTHER VIA SHAPE-SHIFTING UBER VIOLENCE. AND THEN THEY FALL IN LOVE.

BUT... THEY'RE THE SAME PERSON, RIGHT? WE'RE ALL J'ONN J'ONZZ.

