



"BIG BEAR OF APOKOLIPS, YOU HAVE REACHED OUT BEYOND THE VEIL AND TOUCHED MY SPIRIT."

"YOU SAID YOU NEED ANSWERS, AND I NEED YOUR HELP."

"YOU'RE DAMN *RIGHT* I NEED ANSWERS. *NOTHING'S* MADE SENSE FROM THE MOMENT YOU ENTERED OUR LIVES."

"THEN LET YOUR MIND ENTER MINE, AND ALL THE SECRETS I KEEP WILL STAND REVEALED."



"FOLLOW ME BACK TO THE TIME WHEN NEW GENESIS BURNED WITH THE FIRES OF WAR AND THE NEW GODS STOOD ON THE BRINK OF DESTRUCTION."

"EVEN ON APOKOLIPS, THOSE DAYS ARE ONLY SPOKEN ABOUT IN WHISPERS."



"THEN YOU KNOW YOUR DARK LORD WAS HELL-BENT ON THE TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF ALL THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM."

"DARKSEID WAS *NEVER* MY LORD. I *HATE* HIM. I LEFT MY FAMILY AND MY HOMEWORLD TO STAY *FREE* OF HIS OPPRESSION."

"THEN, HAVING SUFFERED AS YOU HAVE, YOU MAY UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M ABOUT TO EXPLAIN."



"I AM THE INFINITY MAN, AND THIS IS MY STORY."

"IN THE DAYS BEFORE MY BIRTH, THE CONTINENTS OF NEW GENESIS LAY SCORCHED, AND THE LEADERSHIP OF IZAYA WAS CALLED INTO QUESTION.

"IZAYA WAS YOUNG AND IDEALISTIC. HE VALUED LIFE OVER EVERYTHING, AND EVERY LOSS WEIGHED HEAVILY ON HIS SOUL."

"THAT SOUNDS NOTHING LIKE THE HIGHFATHER I'VE COME TO KNOW."

"THIS IS THE TIME BEFORE THERE WAS A HIGHFATHER. THERE WAS ONLY IZAYA, A NEW GOD WHO WOULD SACRIFICE HIMSELF FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS."

"BUT THAT MAKES NO SENSE. WHY WOULD HE SHED COMPASSION FOR COLD LOGIC? WHAT COULD HAVE CHANGED HIM?"

...THIS ISN'T THE STUPIDEST IDEA I'VE EVER HEARD, BUT IT'S CLOSE.

"IT WAS A SUICIDE RUN THROUGH THE MOST HOSTILE LANDS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REGAIN CONTROL OF HIS PLANET.

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"BUT INSTEAD OF RECLAIMING NEW GENESIS, HE ONLY HASTENED ITS DESTRUCTION."

"I RECOGNIZE THIS PART OF THE PLANET. THERE'S NOTHING OF VALUE OUT THERE. NOTHING WORTH SACRIFICING YOUR LIFE FOR."

"LISTEN AND YOU WILL LEARN."

WILL YOU KEEP IT DOWN? WE CAN CLOAK OUR APPEARANCE BUT SOUND STILL CARRIES!

OH, GREAT... *JUST GREAT!* WILL YOU LOOK AT THE SIZE OF THEM? HOW DO THEY BUILD SUCH MASSIVE NESTS IN SO SHORT A SPAN OF TI--

PARADEMONS ARE AN INFESTATION. GIVEN ENOUGH TIME, THEY WOULD DOMINATE THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF NEW GENESIS.

GOT TO HAND IT TO DARKSEID, HE'S MANAGED TO KEEP THEM UNDER CONTROL SINCE--

YOU'RE SHOWING *ADMIRATION FOR DARKSEID!*?

"SINCE WHEN CAN PARADEMONS SPEAK? UNLESS, OF COURSE..."

FINE. *FINE!* JUST FORGET I SAID ANYTHING.

NOW DUMMY UP. WE'RE GOING IN.

"...IT'S CAMOUFLAGE."

"DECEPTION WAS ONLY PART OF THEIR GAME. THERE WAS AN INFESTATION ON THE PLANET, AND IT NEEDED TO BE ELIMINATED BEFORE IT CLIMBED TO THE FLOATING CITY ABOVE."

WE'RE IN!  
NOW WE'VE JUST GOT TO DUMP THIS IN A FOOD BIN AND GET OUT BEFORE IT EXPLODES.



THERE'S GOT TO BE A FOOD DEPOSITORY SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE.

I THOUGHT YOU SAID TO "DUMMY UP"?

UNAUTHORIZED PRESENCE IDENTIFIED. OVERRIDING CAMO-SHIELDS. GENERAL ALERT ISSUED.



IZAYA! OUR SHIELDS!

I'M GOING TO GO OUT ON A LIMB HERE AND SAY THIS ISN'T SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!?

DAMMITALL! THEY'VE INSTALLED CLOAK TECH! WE'VE BEEN MADE!





WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

THROW IT!

THROW--

JUST THROW IT ALREADY!



NOW WHAT!?

I'M THINKING, GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT BLOWS? THE TWO-MINUTE EMERGENCY COUNT PROBABLY KICKED IN THE SECOND WE WERE MADE!



GREAT! NOW WE'VE GOTTEN THEM MAD!

YOU'RE SO NEGATIVE.

NOT FUNNY.

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