

EARTH.



YOU HAVE  
MADE ALL  
YOUR OFFERS,  
LUTHOR.



EXCEPT  
**ONE.**

THIS  
AGAIN?

DARKSEID IS  
**GONE**. ERASED  
FROM EXISTENCE  
WHEN THE SOURCE  
WALL FELL, ALONG  
WITH **ALL** THE NEW  
GODS.

HE IS **NO**  
LONGER A  
VARIABLE.

DARKSEID  
IS **ALWAYS**  
A DAMN  
VARIABLE,  
BRAINIAC.



IF ANYTHING  
OR **ANYONE**  
CAN DISRUPT  
MY ENDEAVORS,  
IT'S **HIM**.

YOU **OVER-  
ESTIMATE** HIM.  
IN YOUR APEX  
FORM--



DISAGREE.  
DARKSEID IS A  
PRESIDENT GENIUS,  
COSMICALLY ATTUNED.  
HE WOULD HAVE  
**SENSED** THIS  
COMING.

AND HE  
WOULD **NOT** HAVE  
ALLOWED HIMSELF  
TO BE TAKEN OFF  
THE BOARD SO  
EASILY.

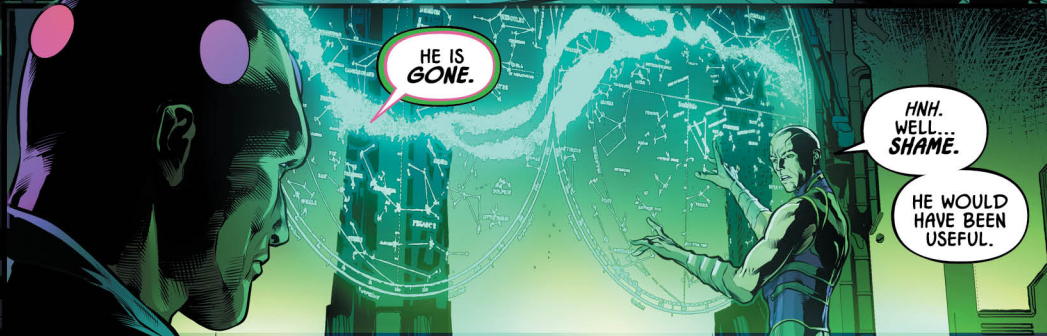
HE  
WOULD'VE  
PREPARED--

HE **DID**  
PREPARE,  
LUTHOR. LONG  
AGO.

A CONTINGENCY  
CALLED **SEPULKORE**.  
A LIFEBOAT TO  
**PROTECT** HIM IN  
THE EVENT OF A  
MULTIVERSAL  
CATACLYSM.









...JUST TO SEE IF  
THAT FACE OF HIS  
EVER CRACKS AN  
EXPRESSION...

HNH.

WWWPP

SEPULKORE, IN THE GHOST SECTOR.

WHEN DO  
WE MAKE OUR  
MOVE? VIC?

NOT YET.  
WE DON'T  
KNOW ENOUGH  
ABOUT--

HE'S  
COMING  
BACK.

YOU LOOK  
AMUSED BY  
SOMETHING.

WHICH IS  
DISTURBING.

JUST THE SIGHT  
OF ARROGANT  
MORTAL **CHILDREN**  
SWIMMING OUT OF  
THEIR DEPTH.

MEANING...  
US?





NO,  
CYBORG.

YOU ARE MY FELLOW  
PARTICIPANTS IN THIS ACT  
OF SALVATION. I WOULD  
NOT **MOCK** YOU.

THERE  
NEEDS TO  
BE A MEASURE  
OF **RESPECT**  
BETWEEN US.

RIGHT.  
RESPECT.  
**TRUST.**

EXCUSE **US** IF  
WE HAVE A HARD  
TIME DOING  
THAT.



I **LIKE** YOU,  
JESSICA CRUZ. YOU  
ARE **DEFIANTLY**  
ANNOYING.

...THANKS?



LET US  
COMMENCE. YOU  
HAVE RETRIEVED  
**TEN** RELICS.

TIME WAS  
SHORT. IT  
WILL HAVE  
TO DO.

AND YOU'VE  
RECOVERED...  
WHAT...**FIFTY?**



**THIS** IS  
SEPUKORE?

IT WILL  
BE.

FOR NOW, IT IS  
JUST A COLD **ROCK**.  
A STRUCTURE I BUILT  
FROM ACCRETED MINERAL  
ORES. ITS SYSTEMS ARE  
DORMANT. ITS FIRE PITS  
AWAIT IGNITION.

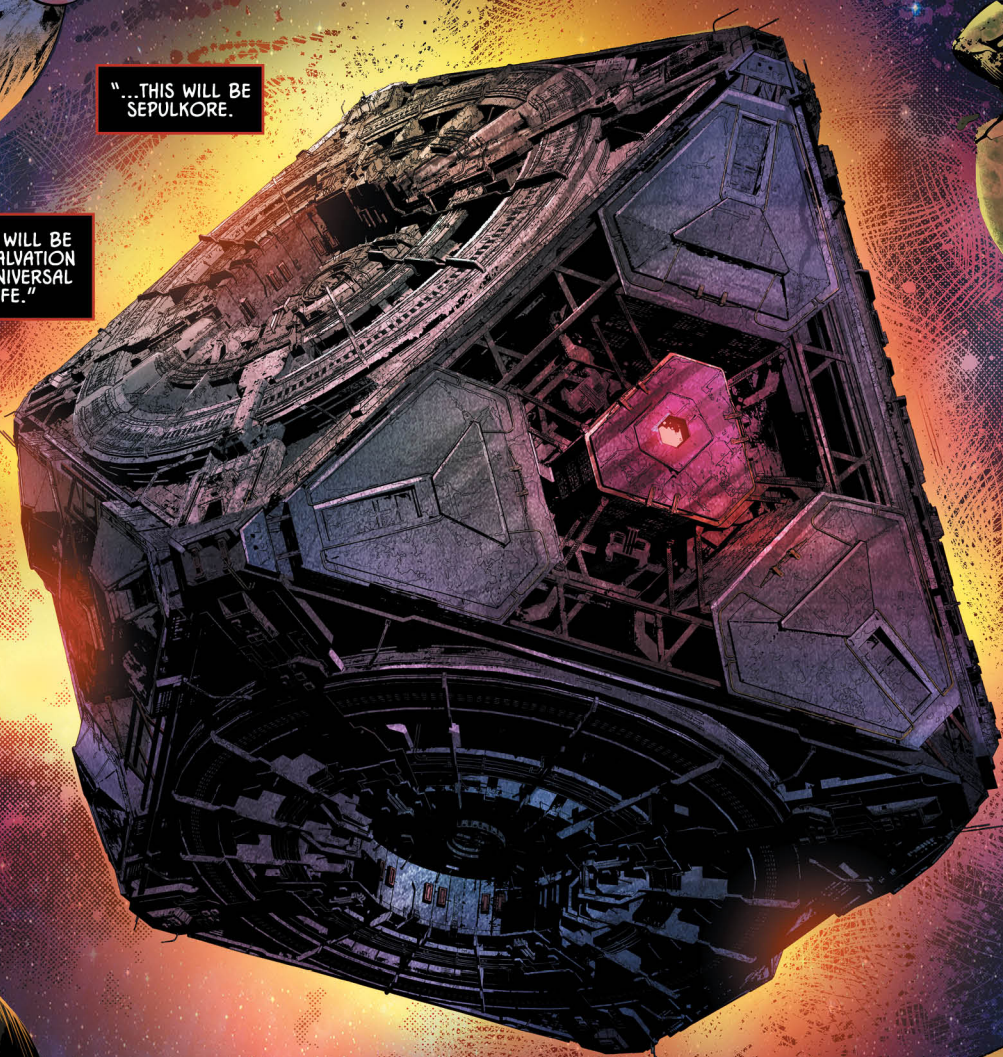


BUT YES, AN  
**HOURL** FROM  
NOW...



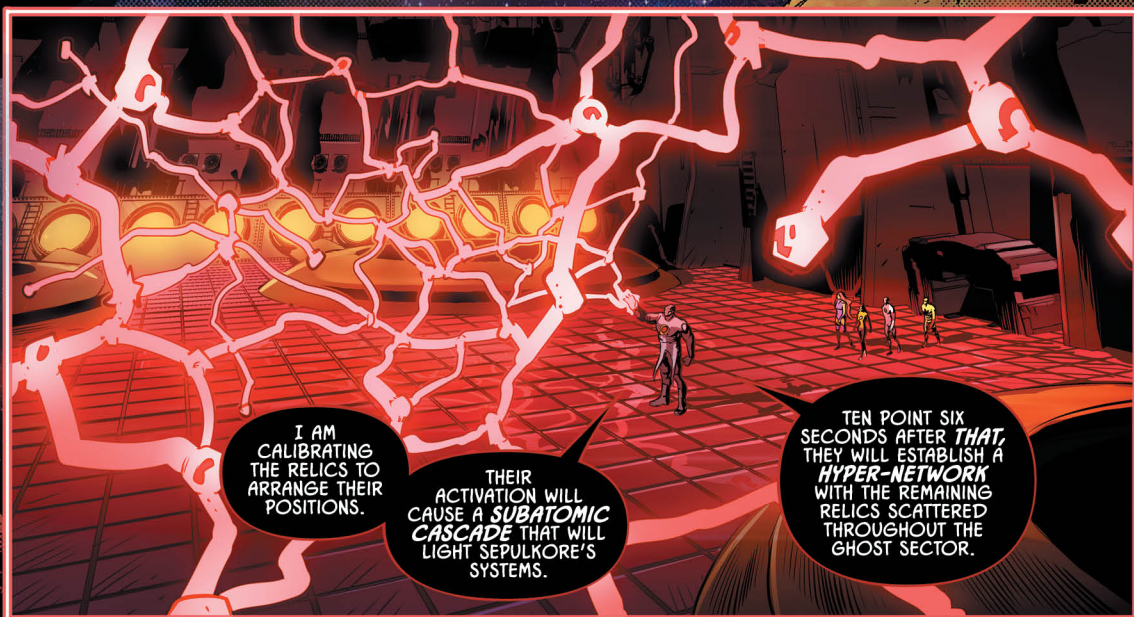
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SEPULKORE."

"THIS WILL BE  
THE SALVATION  
OF UNIVERSAL  
LIFE."



# SEPULKORE

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I AM  
CALIBRATING  
THE RELICS TO  
ARRANGE THEIR  
POSITIONS.

THEIR  
ACTIVATION WILL  
CAUSE A *SUBATOMIC*  
CASCADE THAT WILL  
LIGHT SEPULKORE'S  
SYSTEMS.

TEN POINT SIX  
SECONDS AFTER *THAT*,  
THEY WILL ESTABLISH A  
*HYPER-NETWORK*  
WITH THE REMAINING  
RELICS SCATTERED  
THROUGHOUT THE  
GHOST SECTOR.