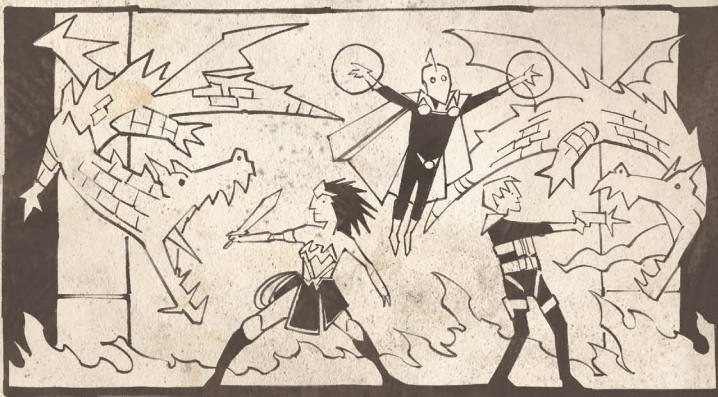


Once upon a time, there was a library full of stories that would never be told.

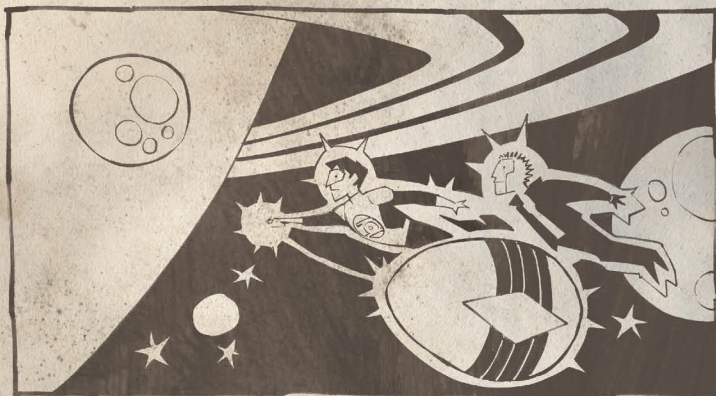
And so after battling the Dark Knights, and barely escaping with their lives, our heroes continue their search for the universe's last bits of Nth Metal, the only material that might be used to repel the World-Ender, Barbatos, and his evil paladins.



While the ones called Wonder Woman, Doctor Fate and Kendra Saunders make their way to the Rock of Eternity in search of the fabled Mace of Carter Hall, the Hawkman...



...the ocean king, Aquaman, and the mercenary Deathstroke venture to the ancient and forbidden burial grounds of Atlantis, where a trove of Nth Metal is said to be hidden.



Meanwhile, the galactic guardian Green Lantern, the cosmic scientist Mr. Terrific, and Plastic...egg... seek Nth Metal on the hidden planet of Thanagar Prime...

...as the speedmaster Flash and the mysterious and powerful Cyborg search the multiverse for help.



They are hopeful, these heroes, and formidable, but there is something dark they do not know.

Impossible stories destined only to happen in dream, or in nightmare.

Should any of these stories be spoken, let alone actually occur...

...the whole library will **burn**...

...and the world will likely burn with it.

THE DARK MULTIVERSE.

COME ON, OLD FRIEND. IT'S TIME.

NO MORE... PLEASE...

EASY, BRUCE. WE'RE HERE TO SAVE YOU.

NO... YOU... YOU'RE NOT CLARK, YOU'RE HIS--

HIS NIGHTMARES? LIKE WHAT IF HE FINALLY KILLED YOU AND TOOK YOUR MANTLE AND IT JUST FELT... SO GOOD?

THE GOOD NEWS IS, YOU'RE NO LONGER NEEDED HERE. YOU LURED SUPERMAN, SO HE COULD BECOME THE GREAT BATTERY. NOW YOUR WORLD IS SINKING TOWARD US.

SOON IT'LL BE LOW ENOUGH THAT WE CAN TRAVEL THROUGH AND CLAIM IT.

WE CAN NOW TAKE YOU TO DEEPER CORNERS OF THIS REALM, FAR FROM HERE...

...AND FROM YOUR CLARK.

NOW COME ALONG, PA WAYNE, IT'S TIME TO GO GENTLY INTO THAT GOOD KNIGHT.

LIKE HELL IT IS!

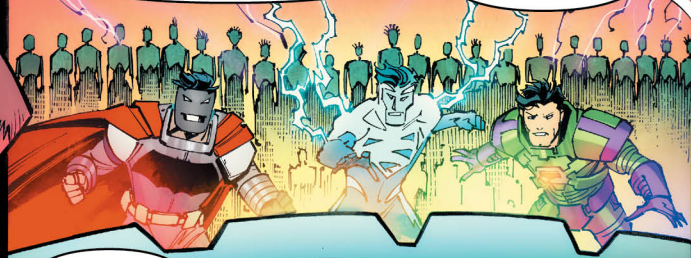


THE REAL CLARK NEVER HAD ANY *IMAGINATION* FOR WEAPONS. IF YOU'RE HIS FEAR OF ME, THEN YOUR TECH IS BASED ON WHAT HE SAW IN *MY* CAVE.

AND I KNOW MY OWN *DAMN* TOYS WHEN I SEE THEM.

I CALL THIS GAUNTLET "FIVE FINGER DEATH PUNCH." IT HAS EVERY COLOR *KRYPTONITE* FROM GOLD TO PERIWINKLE. I THINK ONE OF THEM MAKES YOU SPARKLY. ANOTHER MAKES YOUR FLESH DISSOLVE.

I BARELY REMEMBER. SO I GUESS THE QUESTION IS, HOW *SUPER* ARE YOU FEELING TODAY, FARM BOYS?

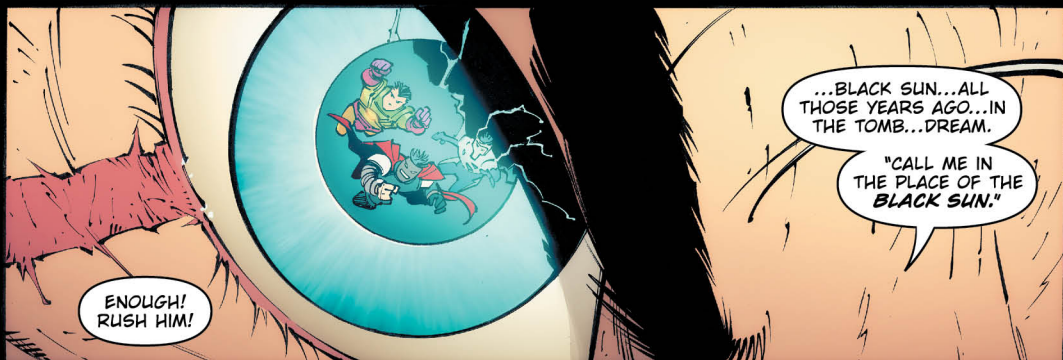
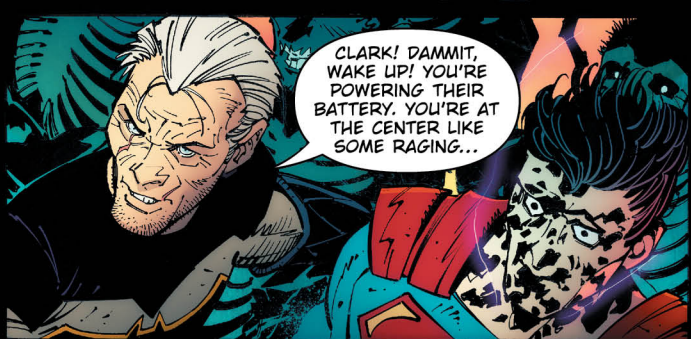


ANYTHING YOU USE WILL AFFECT YOUR CLARK, TOO. YOU WOULDN'T--

I'VE BEEN LOCKED IN A NIGHTMARE FOR *THIRTY YEARS*. YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'D DO.



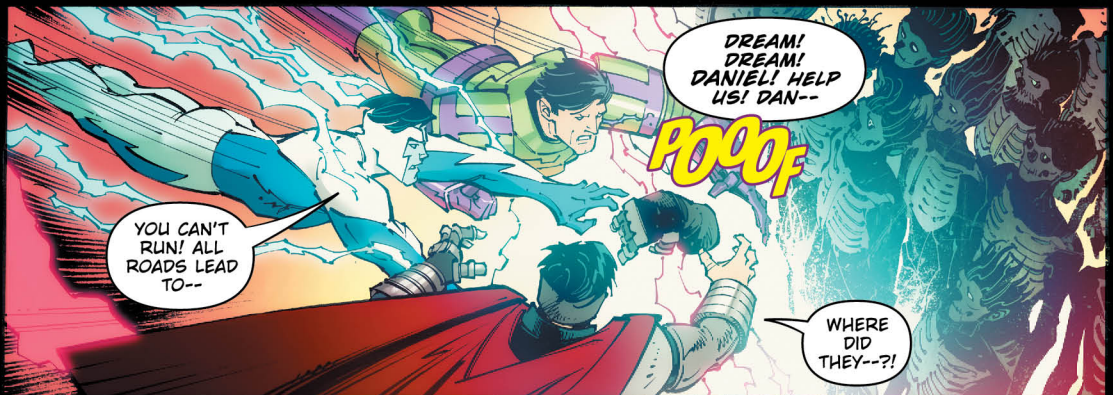
CLARK! DAMMIT, WAKE UP! YOU'RE POWERING THEIR BATTERY. YOU'RE AT THE CENTER LIKE SOME RAGING...



ENOUGH! RUSH HIM!

...BLACK SUN...ALL THOSE YEARS AGO...IN THE TOMB...DREAM.

"CALL ME IN THE PLACE OF THE *BLACK SUN*."



YOU CAN'T RUN! ALL ROADS LEAD TO--

DREAM! DREAM! DANIEL! HELP US! DAN--

POOF

WHERE DID THEY--?!

**THE ROCK OF ETERNITY,
COSMIC CENTER OF
THE MULTIVERSE.**

FATE! WHAT MONSTERS ARE THESE?

YOU SHALL NOT PASS!

THE ROCK IS PROTECTED!

THEY'RE THE ANCIENT GUARDIANS OF THIS PLACE, WONDER WOMAN! THE PERSONIFICATIONS OF THE **SEVEN SINS**. WRATH, GLUTTONY, SLOTH, AVAR--

PUSHING NUNS DOWN STAIRS, GYM SELFIES. WE GET IT! JUST TAKE THEM OUT ALREADY!

WHY ARE THEY ATTACKING US?!

I DO NOT KNOW... THEY SHOULD BE **WELCOMING** US, GIVEN OUR MISSION. SOMETHING IS NOT RIGHT!

OH, SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH THE MISSION? **HUGE SURPRISE!** LET ME ASK THIS ONE WHAT THIS ISSUE IS.

ENOUGH, KENDRA!

BAM BAM



YOU NEVER SUPPORTED THE LEAGUE'S PLAN TO COLLECT THE LAST BITS OF NTH METAL, SO WHY ARE YOU **HERE?**

I SENSE A DARK, UNKNOWN **PRESENCE** HERE.

YOU WILL LEAVE! THE...

I WARNED YOU THIS WAS A MISTAKE, BUT YOU DIDN'T LISTEN!

BY THE GODS, KENDRA, THE ONLY TRUE MISTAKE WE CAN MAKE IS **NOT TRUSTING** EACH OTHER!

YOU NEED TO OPEN...

THUNK!

...UP!

...ROCK IS... SACRED...

I COULD USE THE LASSO. BUT WE ARE YOUR **FRIENDS**. WHY ARE YOU SO SURE WE'LL FAIL?

LOOK... THIS PLACE.

CARTER LEFT FROM HERE WHEN HE VENTURED INTO THE DARK. THE NTH METAL HERE, IT'S PROBABLY HIS **MACE**.

YOUR BLACKHAWKS SOUGHT TO DESTROY ALL NTH METAL YET YOU NEVER CAME FOR HIS **MACE?**

I... WAS AFRAID. CARTER **REFUSED** TO BELIEVE THE DARK WAS EVIL.

ME... I **KNEW**. IT'S AS IF... **BARBATOS** IS IN MY BONES. TELLING ME... ALL ROADS LEAD BACK TO DARKNESS.

I COULDN'T COME HERE BECAUSE IF I WAS RIGHT...

WHATEVER TRUTH IS HERE, KENDRA, WE'LL FACE IT **TOGETHER**. I PROMISE.

WONDER WOMAN, WE'VE DISCOVERED SOMETHING.

AQUAMAN? YOU FOUND THE NTH METAL?

NO. WE FOUND...