

GREEN LANTERN

ACROSS THE SKIES OF NORTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA STREAKS GREEN LANTERN, ACCOMPANIED BY THE ALIEN CREATURE HE BEFRIENDED DURING HIS RECENT CLASH WITH THE RAVAGERS...

ITTY. I GET THE IMPRESSION YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE EARTH YOUR NEW HOME!

OKAY, BUT FIRST YOU'RE ENTITLED TO A GUIDED TOUR--

A BIZARRE BEGINNING TO A STRANGE BATTLE WITH AN EVEN STRANGER FOE--THE ENTIRE PLANT KINGDOM!



--AS I POINT OUT THE BEAUTIFUL TERRAIN--

WHAT'S THE MATTER, ITTY? I CAN SENSE YOU'RE ALARMED ABOUT SOMETHING--



GREAT GUARDIANS!

TWO GIANT TREES CLOBBERING EACH OTHER!

PERILOUS PLAN OF THE PLANT MASTER!

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I'D BETTER
STOP THIS DUEL
AND **REPLANT**
THOSE **TREES**
BEFORE IT STARTS
RAINING BRANCHES!

THEN WE'LL TRY
TO LEARN THE
REASON FOR
THEIR HOSTILE
NATURE!

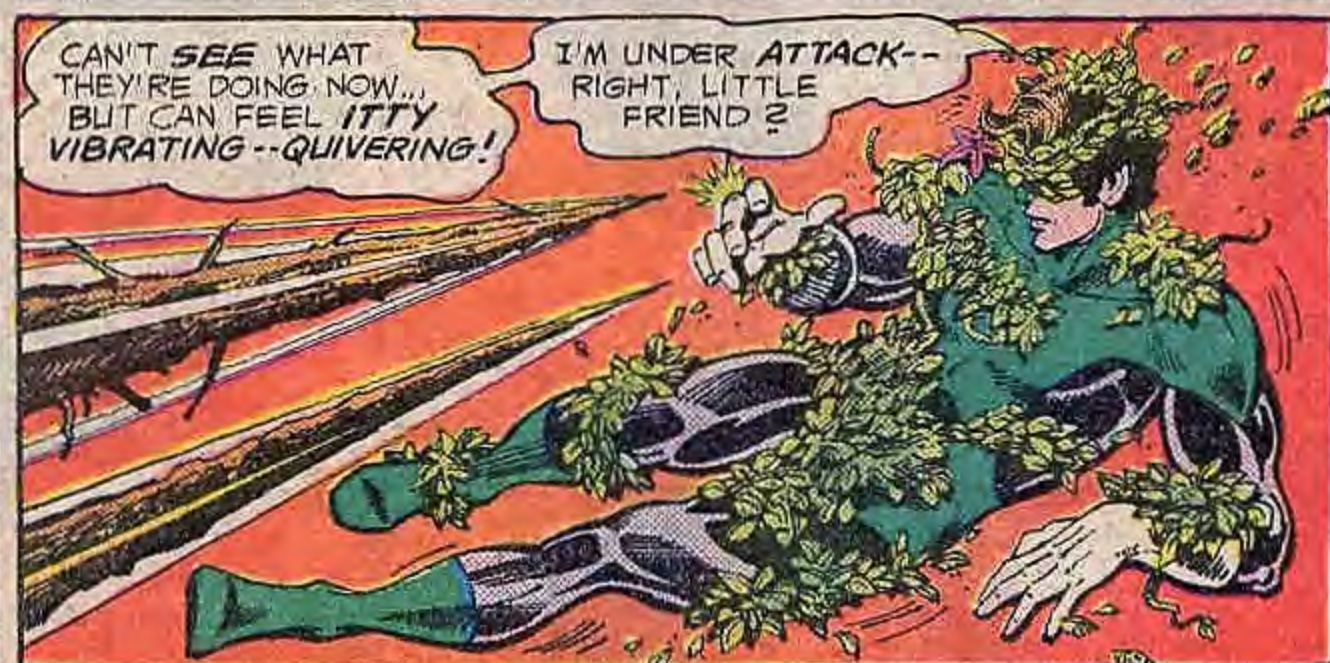


EH--? THEY'RE
SHOOTING THEIR
LEAVES AT ME...

...BLINDING
ME!

CAN'T **SEE** WHAT
THEY'RE DOING NOW...
BUT CAN FEEL **ITTY**
VIBRATING--QUIVERING!

I'M UNDER **ATTACK**--
RIGHT, LITTLE
FRIEND?



ORDINARILY
I WOULDN'T
HARM ONE OF
THESE **GIANT**
TREES!

THEY'RE A **NATURAL**
RESOURCE THAT'S
BEING **DEPLETED**!

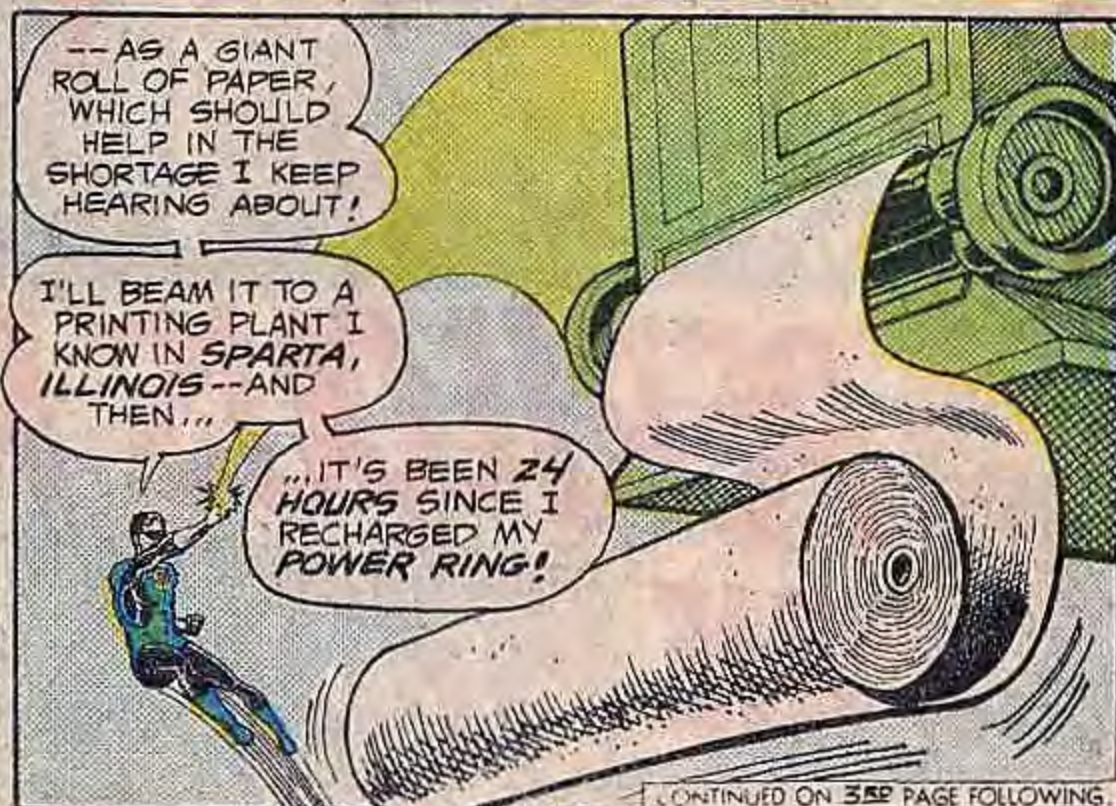


BUT SINCE
I'VE GOT TO
SHRED THEM,
I'LL PUT THEM
TO **GOOD USE**--

--AS A **GIANT**
ROLL OF **PAPER**,
WHICH SHOULD
HELP IN THE
SHORTAGE I KEEP
HEARING ABOUT!

I'LL BEAM IT TO A
PRINTING PLANT I
KNOW IN **SPARTA**,
ILLINOIS--AND
THEN...

...IT'S BEEN **24**
HOURS SINCE I
RECHARGED MY
POWER RING!



HIS FACE
SET, THE
EMERALD
CRUSADER
MAKES
VISIBLE
HIS
POWER
BATTERY
AND
RENEWS
HIS
SOLEMN
OATH...



IN BRIGHTEST DAY,
IN BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL
ESCAPE MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO WORSHIP
EVIL'S MIGHT,
BEWARE MY POWER--
GREEN LANTERN'S
LIGHT!

NOW, ITTY, WE'LL HAVE
A LOOK AROUND! SOME-
THING "POSSESSED"
THOSE TREES AND
I MEAN TO LEARN
WHAT!

HUH--? YOU'RE
VIBRATING
AGAIN--TUNED
IN TO MORE
DANGER--?

SURE WISH
WE COULD
COMMUNICATE--



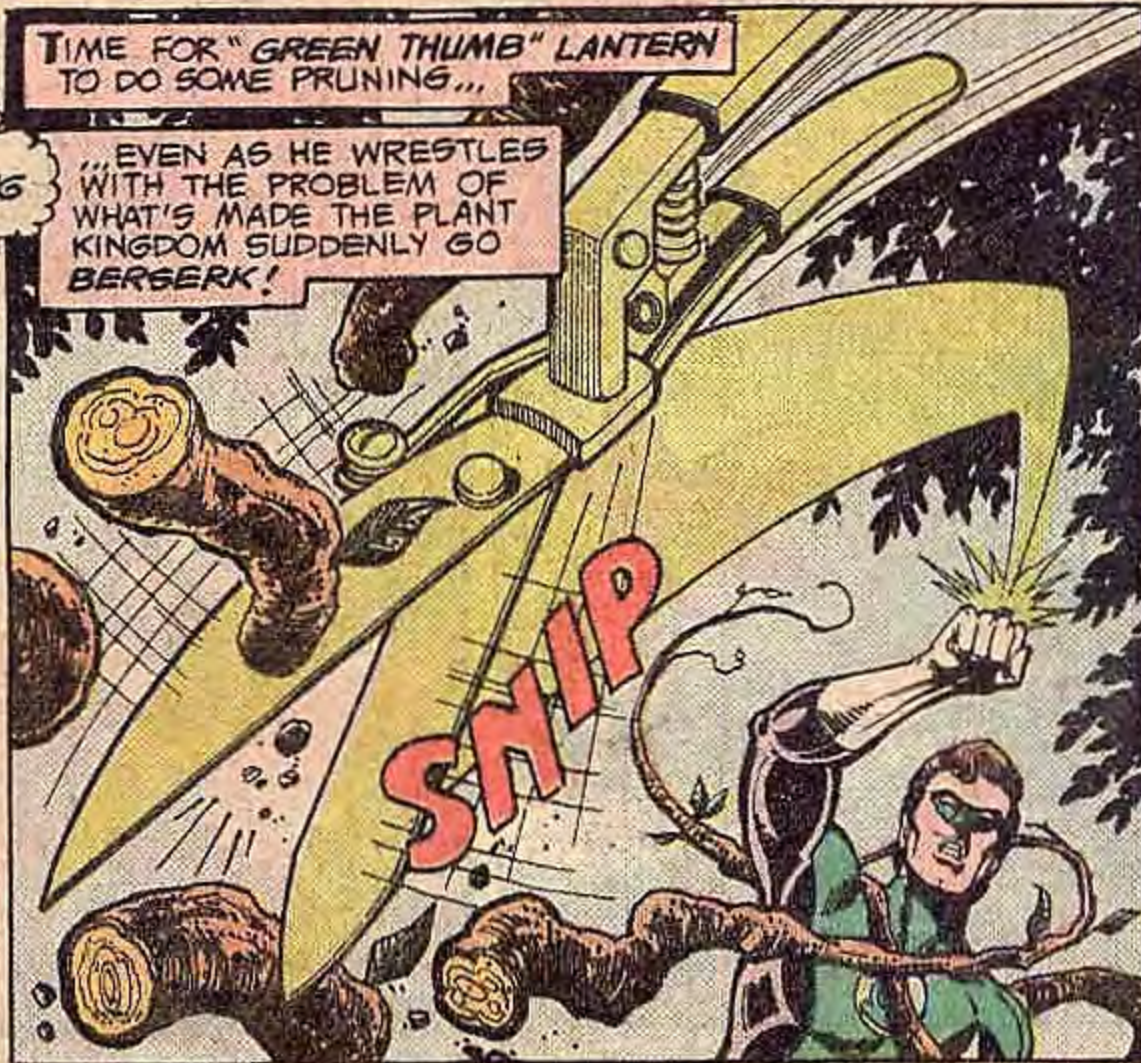
EVEN IF ITTY COULD
SPEAK, HE'D NEVER
WARN GL FAST
ENOUGH BEFORE...

CHOKES! VINES
WRAPPING AROUND
MY THROAT LIKE
NOOSES... STRANGLING
ME!



TIME FOR "GREEN THUMB" LANTERN
TO DO SOME PRUNING...

...EVEN AS HE WRESTLES
WITH THE PROBLEM OF
WHAT'S MADE THE PLANT
KINGDOM SUDDENLY GO
BERSERK!



ITTY, I HAVE A HUNCH
YOU COULD PROVE
HELPFUL... ITTY?!

HE'S GONE... AND I
HAVEN'T A PRAYER
OF FINDING HIM IN
ALL THIS GREENERY!



HAS HE
JUST
WANDERED
AWAY--OR
IS HE IN
SOME
KIND OF
PLANT-
PERIL
THE WAY
I'VE BEEN?



NEITHER,
POWER-
RINGER...

...ITTY IS
INVESTIGATING
ON HIS OWN!

FOLLOWING THE TREMORS OF
LEAVES AND STALKS THAT A
HUMAN BEING COULDN'T
DETECT, HE DRIFTS THROUGH
THE WOODS...

HIS THOUGHTS ARE NOT LIKE
THOSE OF EARTHLINGS, FOR
HE IS NOT LIKE US!

BUT HE IS A LOYAL FRIEND
TO GREEN LANTERN--AND
DETERMINED TO HELP HIM!



COMING UPON AN UNNATURAL
"CRACK" IN THE EARTH, ITTY
INTUITIVELY REALIZES IT IS
A CONCEALED TRAPDOOR--
THOUGH HE DOESN'T KNOW
TO CALL IT THAT!

--AND SILENTLY, HE
SLIPS INSIDE,, INTO A
HIDDEN CHAMBER...

...WHERE HE
SEES ANOTHER
EARTHMAN--

HE SENSES THE
OBJECT OF HIS
QUEST IS NEAR--



--BUT
IN THIS
HUMAN
HE
SENSES
THE
PRESENCE
OF EVIL!

EVIL IN
THE
HUMAN
FORM OF
JASON
WOODRUE--
THE
PLANT-
MASTER!



THEY KEPT ME IN THAT FOUL PRISON FOR SO MANY YEARS, I FEARED I'D LOST MY POWER OVER PLANTS!

BUT I HAVEN'T--AS I JUST PROVED WITH MY MASTERY OVER THOSE GIANT TREES!

INDEED, I HAVE BECOME MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER!

UNFORTUNATELY, THE CURSED GREEN LANTERN HAD TO HAPPEN BY IN THE MIDDLE OF MY TESTS--ALMOST RUINED THEM!



HE'LL NEVER DO THAT AGAIN--ONCE I'VE TAKEN THE ELIXIR WHICH WILL GIVE ME ULTIMATE PLANT-POWER--

--THE REALIZATION OF MY EVERY DREAM!

GAHH! THE TASTE IS HORRIBLE! MY BODY FEELS CHOKE ON FIRE!

BUT I CAN STAND THE AGONY... KNOWING THAT THE POTION IS WORKING!

IF ITTY COULD GASP IN ASTONISHMENT, HE WOULD--FOR HE IS WITNESS TO AN ASTONISHING TRANSFORMATION...



THIS HUMAN WHO WAS JASON WOODRUE UNDERGOES AN INHUMAN TRANSFORMATION-- HIS SKIN, HIS HAIR, HIS BONES, HIS VERY SELF CHANGES-- FROM FAUNA TO FLORA! JASON WOODRUE IS NOW A FLORONIC MAN!



--PROMPTING ITTY TO SPEED BACK TO GREEN LANTERN-- NOT KNOWING HOW HE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH HIS EARTH-MENTOR...



... ONLY THAT SOMEHOW HE MUST!...

AND AS GL AND ITTY SEARCH FOR EACH OTHER...



NOW THAT I HAVE GAINED MENTAL CONTROL OVER ALL PLANT LIFE, I'M ANXIOUS TO TRY IT OUT!

AND WHAT BETTER TEST-VICTIM CAN I CHOOSE THAN GREEN LANTERN!

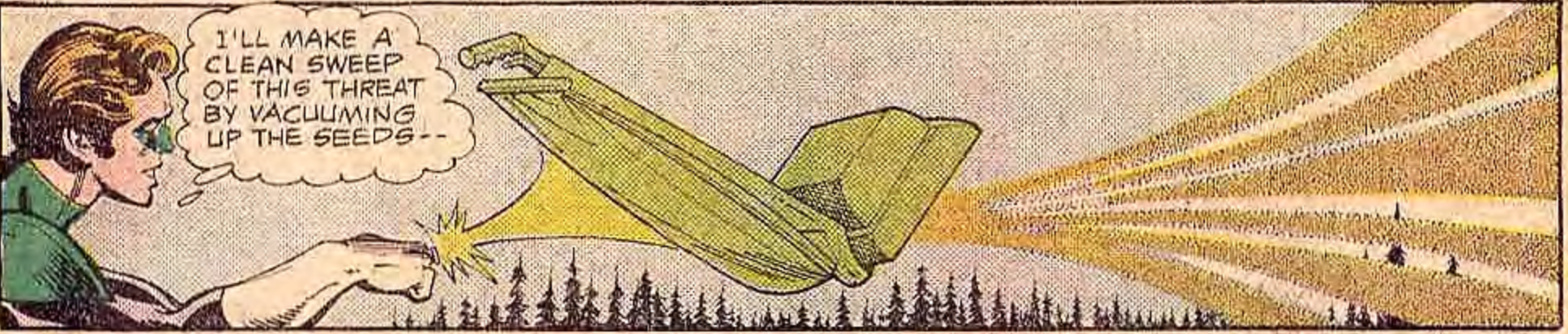


FOUND HIM! MY FIRST MOVE... A WHIRLWIND-BARRAGE TO "COVER" MY ATTACK!



YEOW! BEING BUFFETED BY BULLET-LIKE SEEDS--!

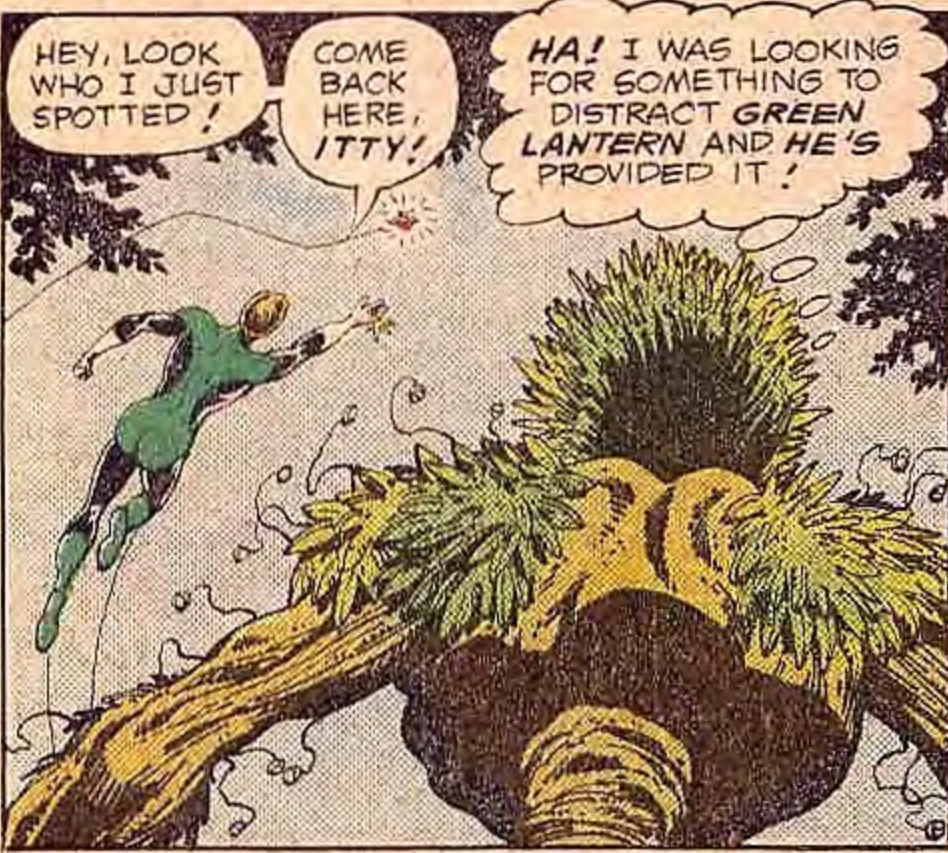
WHAT'S THE PLANT KINGDOM GOT AGAINST THIS GREEN CRUSADER?



I'LL MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF THIS THREAT BY VACUUMING UP THE SEEDS--



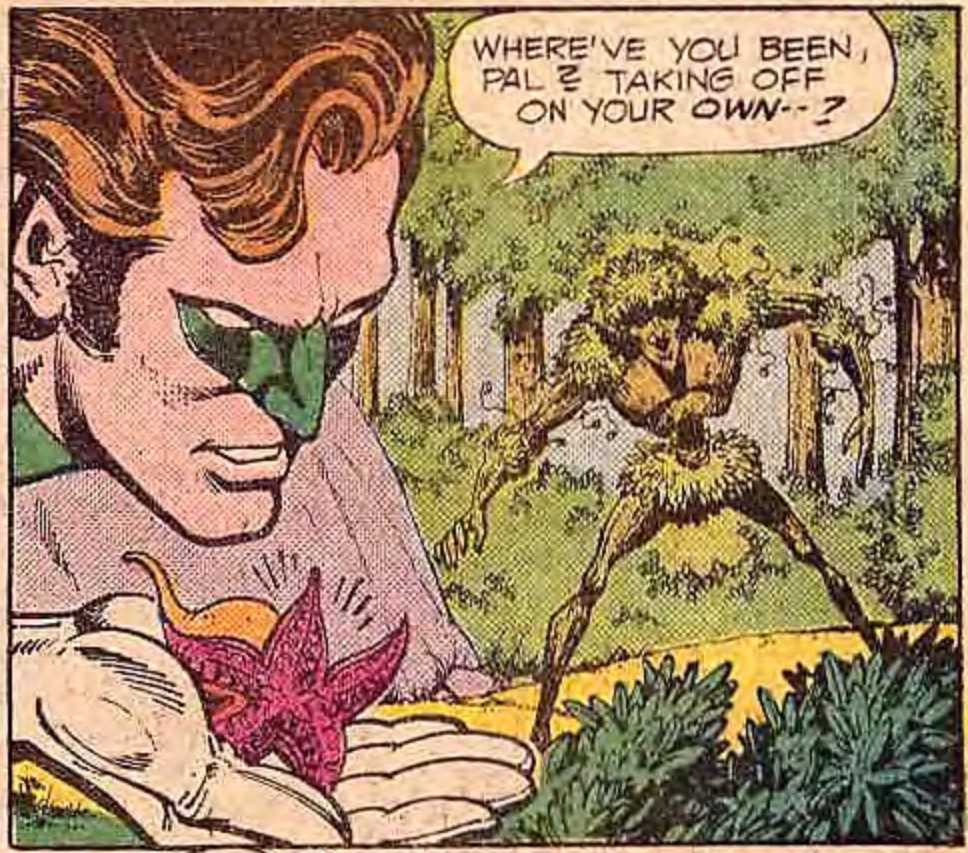
--AND BLOWING THEM BACK INTO THE EARTH WHERE THEY CAN BE PUT TO BETTER USE!



HEY, LOOK WHO I JUST SPOTTED!

COME BACK HERE, ITTY!

HA! I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DISTRACT GREEN LANTERN AND HE'S PROVIDED IT!



WHERE'VE YOU BEEN, PAL? TAKING OFF ON YOUR OWN--?



YOU'RE VIBRATING AGAIN? BUT THERE'S NO DANGER NOW--

--AT LEAST, NONE THAT I CAN SEE!



YOU CAN STOP SHAKING NOW! THERE'S NOTHING BUT PEACEFUL GREENERY AROUND HERE!



"PEACEFUL", GREEN LANTERN? YOU'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT DIFFERENT!

WHAT IS JASON WOODRUE'S PLAN FOR GREEN LANTERN... FOR THE WHOLE WORLD? DON'T MISS THE EARTH-SHATTERING ANSWERS IN NEXT ISSUE'S "FURY OF THE FLORONIC MAN!"

GREEN LANTERN

SOMEWHERE IN THE GREAT PACIFIC NORTH-WEST, GREEN LANTERN TRIES DESPERATELY TO UNDERSTAND HIS FRIEND ITTY--

-- KNOWING THAT THE TINY ALIEN IS TRYING TO WARN HIM OF SOME UNSEEN DANGER-- BUT HAVING NO IDEA WHAT THE DANGER IS!

WHAT ITTY--AND WE--KNOW IS THAT JASON WOODRUE, THE PLANT-MASTER, HAS TRANSFORMED HIMSELF INTO A HUMAN PLANT?



DANGER, EXCITEMENT, AND THE STRANGEST CLIMAX EVER AWAIT THE EMERALD CRUSADER AS HE FACES THE...

FURY OF THE

FIARANT MAN!

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THOUGH HIS BODY IS NON-HUMAN, JASON WOODRUE'S THOUGHTS ARE PURELY HUMAN... AND PURELY EVIL--

IF I AM TO DESTROY GREEN LANTERN, I MUST FIRST DISTRACT HIM--

--AND WITH MY COMPLETE CONTROL OVER THE PLANT KINGDOM, THAT SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM!

THOSE GIANT TREES WILL SERVE ME WELL!

A FAINT RUSTLING CAUSES THE GREEN GLADIATOR TO GLANCE UPWARD, AND..

A BRANCH... PLUMMETING DOWN AT ME!

SO THIS IS WHAT ITTY WAS TRYING TO TELL ME--TIMBER!

NOTHING LIKE AN UMBRELLA WHEN IT STARTS TO "RAIN"!

--WHICH CALLS FOR A LARGER UMBRELLA!

GREAT GUARDIANS! THIS IS A REAL DOWNPOUR OF WOOD--

YOUR WARNING HELPED, ITTY! THANKS--

UNABLE TO SPEAK OR COMMUNICATE IN ANY WAY GL CAN UNDERSTAND, THE ALIEN IS FRUSTRATED IN HIS ATTEMPT TO WARN HIS FRIEND OF AN EVEN GREATER HAZARD...

...AS JASON
WOODRUE
ATTACKS!

WITH MY NEW
POWERS, I CAN
CAUSE ANY KIND
OF PLANT TO
GROW
ANYWHERE!

SO,
WHILE
THIS
CACTUS
NORMALLY
GROWS
ONLY
IN A
WARMER,
DRYER
CLIMATE,
I CAN
MAKE IT
SPROUT
HERE--

--AND
THEREBY
DOOM
THAT
MEDDLING
SUPER-
HERO!

THIS RAIN OF
BRANCHES ISN'T
NORMAL, ITTY!
USUALLY IT COMES
DOWN AS DROPS
OF WATER!

WHILE HE'S
BUSY WITH THE
DISTRACTION
I CREATED--

--I'LL COMMAND
A CACTUS NEEDLE
TO SHOOT AWAY!

THEN, LIKE
A GUIDED-
MISSILE,
I PROPEL
THE NEEDLE
AT GREEN
LANTERN!

HE'S SO BUSY
TRYING TO
FIGURE OUT
HOW THOSE
BRANCHES
ARE FALLING,
HE'LL NEVER
SEE IT
COMING!

OWWW...
SOMETHING
STUNG ME!



PROBABLY A HARMLESS BEE--CAN'T BE ANYTHING IMPORTANT!

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS DOING SOMETHING WITH ALL THIS WOOD!



I GUESS I SHOULD MAKE PAPER OUT OF IT..

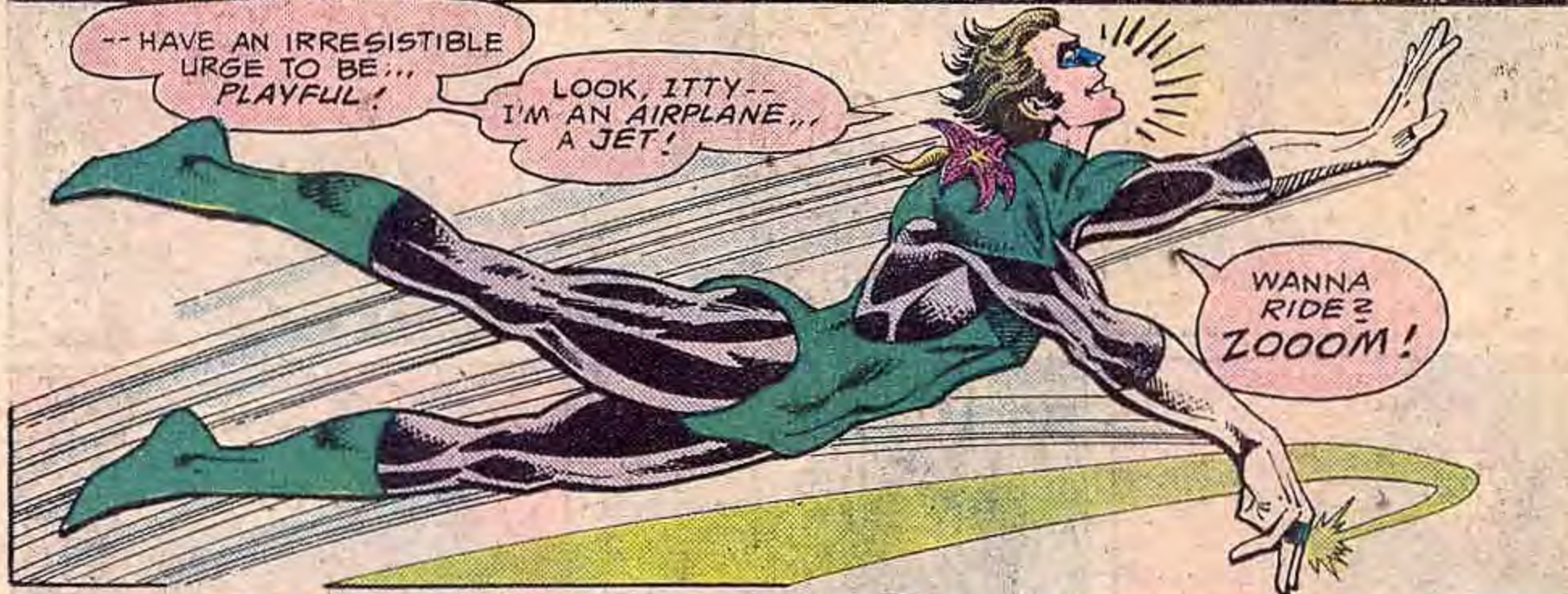
ODD... SUDDENLY I FEEL-- FUNNY...



HO HA... OVERWHELMED WITH LAUGHTER-- HA HA HA!



HA HEE HA!
CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF--



-- HAVE AN IRRESISTIBLE URGE TO BE... PLAYFUL!

LOOK, ITTY-- I'M AN AIRPLANE... A JET!

WANNA RIDE?
ZOOOM!



AND CLOSE BY, THE EMERALD CRUSADER'S STRANGE ACTIONS ARE BEING WATCHED...

THE STING FROM THE CACTUS NEEDLE IS ACTING UPON HIM EXACTLY AS PLANNED... CAUSING TEMPORARY INSANITY!

SOON, GREEN LANTERN WILL BE PLANTED SIX FEET UNDERGROUND!

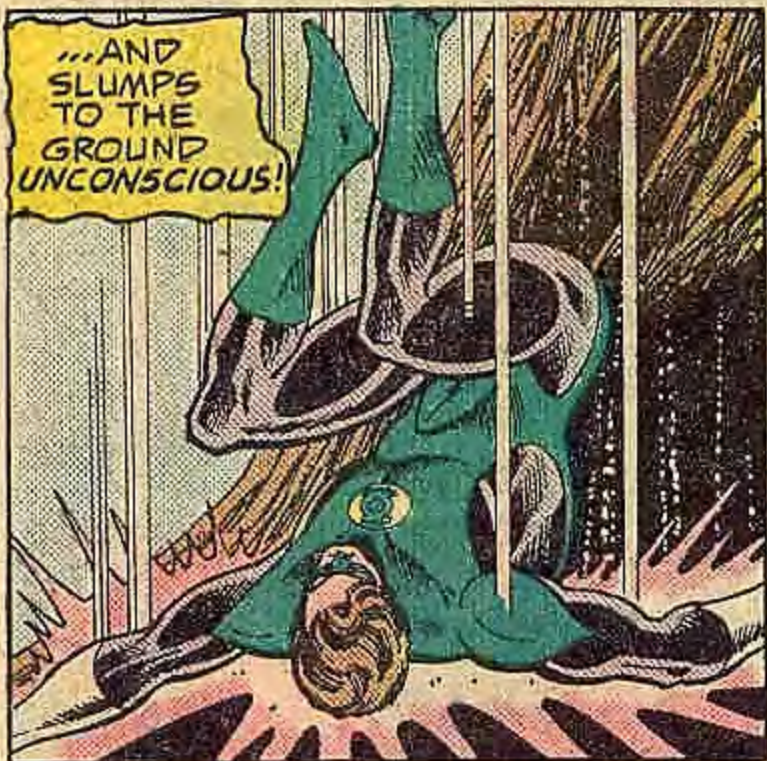
WATCH ME COME IN FOR
A CRASH-LANDING,
ITTY!



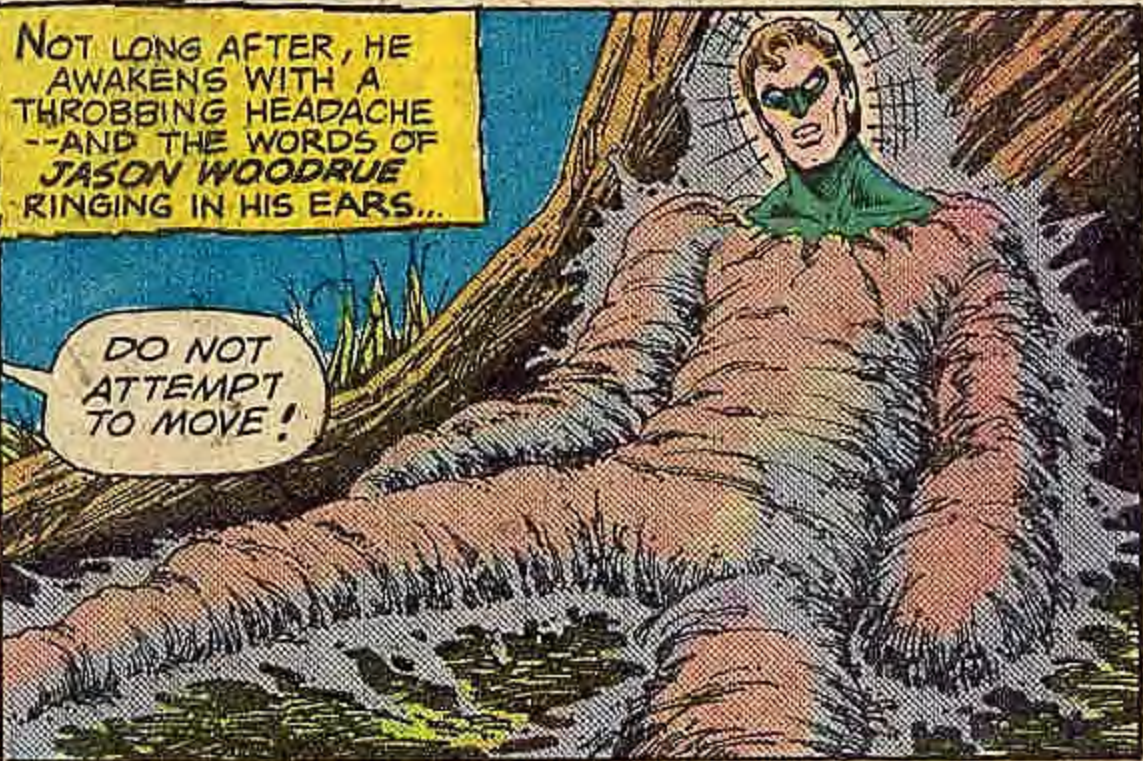
WITH PILE-DRIVER
FORCE, GREEN LANTERN
SMASHES INTO THE
LIVING WOOD...



...AND
SLUMPS
TO THE
GROUND
UNCONSCIOUS!



NOT LONG AFTER, HE
AWAKENS WITH A
THROBBING HEADACHE
--AND THE WORDS OF
JASON WOODRUE
RINGING IN HIS EARS...



DO NOT
ATTEMPT
TO MOVE!



YOU'RE STUCK IN THAT TREE'S SAP--
WHICH IS BETTER THAN THE
STRONGEST GLUE!

AND DON'T DEPEND
ON YOUR POWER
RING TO SAVE YOU--

-- BECAUSE
I'VE TAKEN
THE TRINKET!



WHAT?! NO MAN
CAN REMOVE MY
RING!

I'VE COMMANDED
IT TO STAY ON MY
FINGER IF ANYONE
TRIES!

NO HUMAN CAN
REMOVE IT--

--BUT I AM A
PLANT-MAN--

--A
FLORONIC
MAN!





I
SUPPOSE
YOU HAVE
SOME WILD
SCHEME
TO RULE THE
WORLD--?



MERELY TO TRANSFORM
THE WORLD INTO A
PARADISE--A GLOBAL
GARDEN OF EDEN!

I'LL HANG YOUR
TOY HERE--
TO TAUNT
YOU!



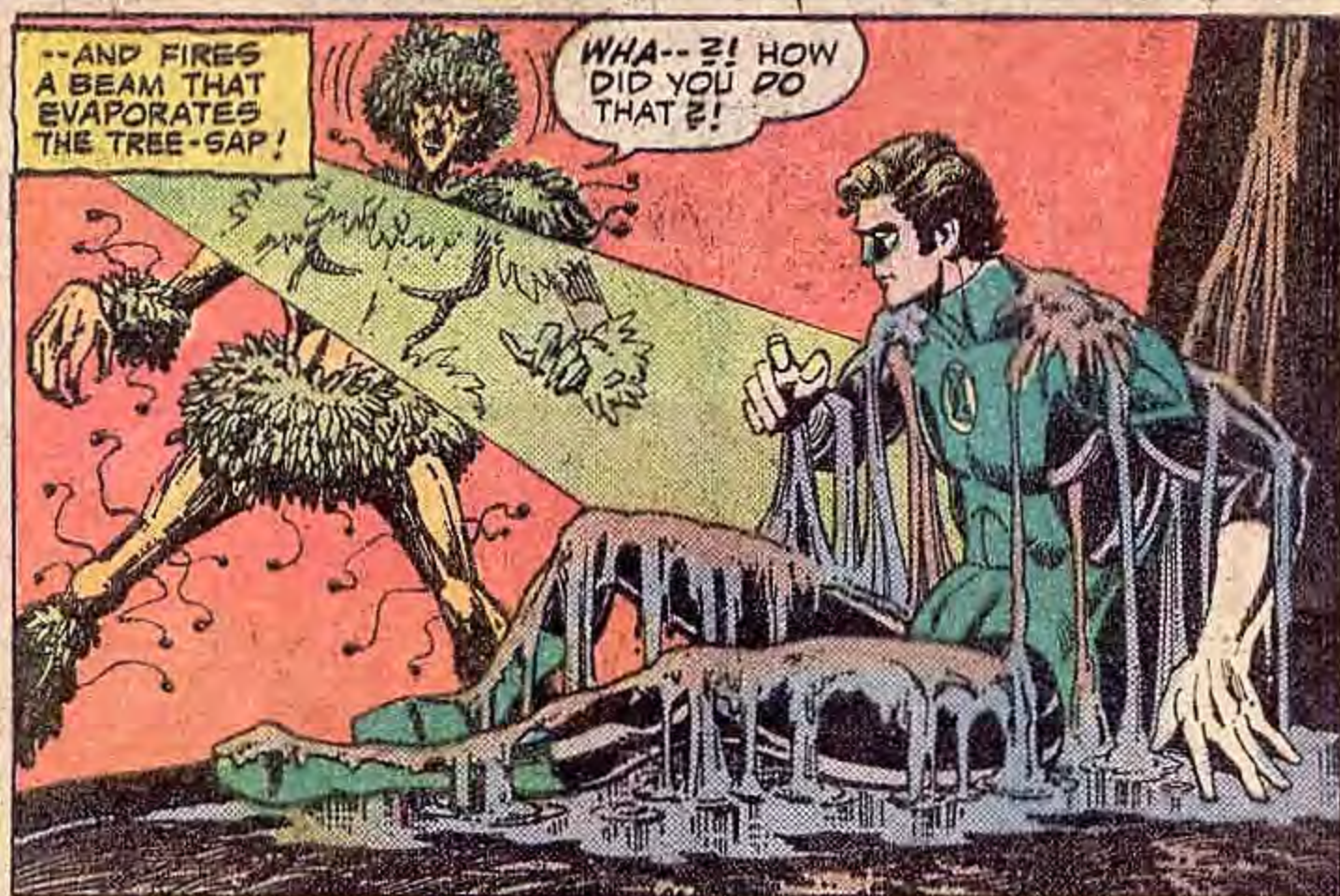
AND I
DON'T
IMAGINE
THERE WILL
BE ANY
ROOM FOR
PEOPLE
IN YOUR
PROPOSED
PARADISE?

PEOPLE--NEVER!
I DESPISE THEM!

IT'S TIME FOR PLANTS
TO RULE THE EARTH...
WITH ME AS THEIR
KING!

UNNOTICED,
ITTY
SNEAKS
INTO THE
RING...

...AND WITHOUT
REALLY COMPREHENDING
WHAT THE RING IS,
GUMMONS UP HIS
WILL POWER--AIMS
THE RING--



--AND FIRES
A BEAM THAT
EVAPORATES
THE TREE-SAP!

WHA--?! HOW
DID YOU DO
THAT?!



THAT'S MY SECRET,
WOODRUE! NOW TO
RETRIEVE MY
RING--

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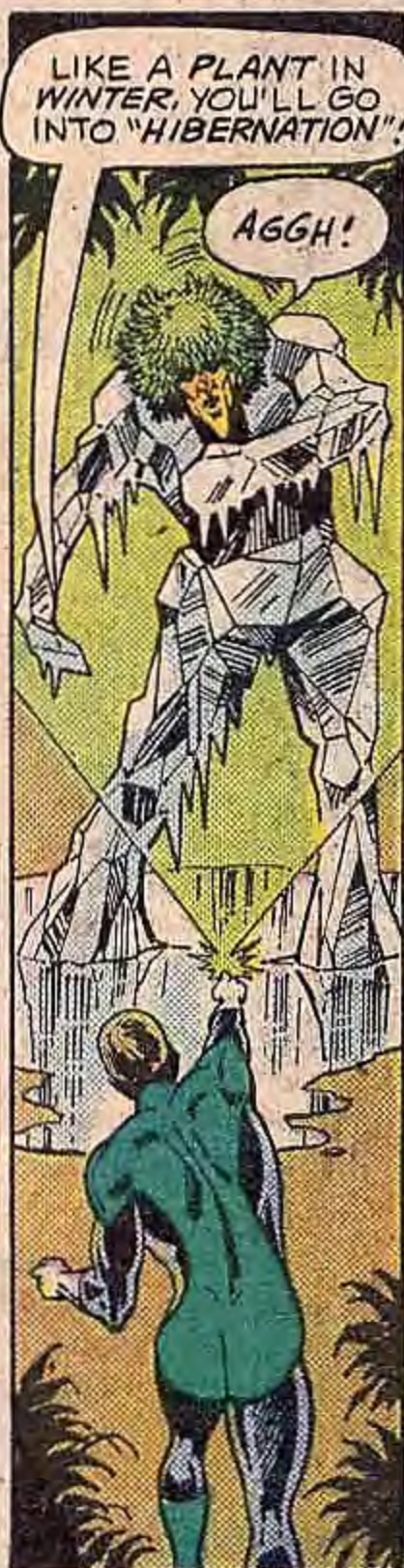
--AND THEN, MR. FLORONIC MAN--
LET YOU SAMPLE MY GREEN
POWER!

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?



TURNING THE MOISTURE
IN THE GROUND
BENEATH YOU--

--INTO
ICE!



LIKE A PLANT IN
WINTER, YOU'LL GO
INTO "HIBERNATION"!

AGGH!



AND YOU'LL STAY THAT
WAY TILL I FIGURE OUT
WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!



OUR TASK IS
DONE, ITTY!
ALL THAT'S
LEFT TO DO--



--IS TO RECHARGE
HIS RING FROM THE
POWER BATTERY...
AND RENEW HIS OATH--

IN BRIGHTEST DAY, IN
BLACKEST NIGHT,
NO EVIL SHALL ESCAPE
MY SIGHT!
LET THOSE WHO WOR-
SHIP EVIL'S MIGHT,
BEWARE MY POWER--
GREEN LANTERN'S
LIGHT!



THAT'S
ODD! I
THOUGHT
I HEARD
SOMEONE
REPEATING
MY OATH...
ITTY?!

WATCH FOR
GREEN
LANTERN--
SOLO-
STARRING
IN HIS OWN
MAGAZINE--
AT YOUR
FAVORITE
COMIC
STORE
IN
NOVEMBER--
AND A
PURE
WINNER!

THE
END

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN DECEMBER