The world is still here today. For how much longer I can’t say.

Earth was invaded a few hours ago by a fleet of ships, now being referred to as nodes, seeking to link up together here on Earth as they disabled all of the planet’s defenses. In command of this armada is what strangely appears to be a Cyborg version of Superman. The Justice League and many others responded to the threat quickly, but their ultimate goal was just that—to be a diversionary tactic allowing a stargate to be built and let what seems to be a planet sized starship through.

We cannot lose hope yet. Superman has returned. Batman and a group that included Lex Luthor have managed to get rid of the Kryptonite in the atmosphere, allowing the Man of Steel to shed his Doomsday persona and become more himself. My unwitting role in this as a pawn of the true mastermind behind this, Brainiac has been severed. But nothing has changed for Smallville or Metropolis where its citizens still remain in comas.

There are still many that can stand against this new danger. We have to just not stop believing in them. The next move is the enemies…
RED HOOD! THIS IS BATMAN!

DO YOU SEE THE BRAINIAC MOTHERSHIP?

IF YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BAJILLION MILE LONG SPACE-THING THAT'S BLOTTING OUT THE SUN...

IT'S KIND OF HARD TO MISS.

IT'S EMITTING SOME KIND OF PSYCHIC ENERGY!

YOU HAVE TO GET TO THE BATCAVE—IT'S THE ONLY PLACE THAT'S SHIELDED—

SAVING CIVILIANS HERE, BIG GUIN.

CITY'S STILL A MESS FROM THE FIGHT WITH BRAINIAC'S ADVANCE FLEET--

THEN SET THEM UNDERGROUND!

YOU'VE GOT TO HURRY!

ALL RIGHT, EVERYBODY! WE'RE HEADING FOR THE SUBWAY!

WHOA, KID... ARE YOU--

OH, NO, BATMAN, SOMETHING'S--

GGAAARK--

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GGAAARK--

GGAAARK--
WHAT'S HAPPENING?

RED HOOD!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

RED HOOD!
LUTHOR—I'M SHOWING FLATLINE BRAINWAVES FOR FORTY PERCENT OF THE CITY'S POPULATION...

CONFIRMED: DR. VERITAS DOWN TO THIRTY NINE... THIRTY SEVEN...

SUPERMAN! COME IN!

THE PHANTOM KING'S ESCAPED. REMEMBER?*

WAIT, BATMAN!

WE SAVED SUPERMAN BY REMOVING THE KRYPTONITE FROM THE ATMOSPHERE...

BUT THAT'S JUST STRENGTHENED THE PHANTOM KING.

AND HE SEEMED DETERMINED TO DESTROY EVERYTHING SUPERMAN LOVES...

ONE CRISIS AT A TIME, LUTHOR.

FIRST, WE SAVE GOTHAM--

NOT QUITE SO SIMPLE ANY LONGER, BATMAN...
Brainiac’s attacking the whole world, now.

You’re in danger.

Lexcorp is fully shielded from a psychic attack.

The North Atlantic...

Baltimore...

Metropolis.

Nonsense. Lexcorp is fully shielded from a psychic attack.

You’ve got to get out of his range, now!

Superman! New plan!

Brainiac’s too strong!
METROPOLIS.

BRUCE MAKING SENSE AS USUAL.

BUT IF BRAINIAC COULD TAKE ME OUT...

...WOULDN'T HE HAVE DONE IT ALREADY?

AND MORE TO THE POINT...

MY FRIENDS NEED HELP.

BAKA...

THE MONSTER "PRINCE OF SUBTERRANEA."

HE BELIEVED IN ME ENOUGH TO RISK HIS LIFE WHEN I WAS TAKEN OVER BY THE DOOMSDAY VIRUS.
GOTCHA.

SUPERMAN...
...LOOKING HAPPY AGAIN.

HE KNEW I'D CATCH HIM.

I'M BACK, BRAINIAC.

YOU THOUGHT DOOMSDAY WOULD KILL ME...

...OR TURN ME INTO A MONSTER.

BUT MY FRIENDS HELPED ME, AND NOW WE'RE GONNA--

NO!

BAKAY
Clark’s shout makes the buildings tremble.

But it’s the agony I read in his mind that tears me apart.

Lois? You’re— you’re okay?

Yes—ever since you burned away Brainiac’s control bots. I can feel him picking around the corners of my mind...

...but I’ve got enough telepathic power to resist him.

Can you help Baka?

I’m... I’m not strong enough. But you saved me, Clark, and now I’ve got Metallo here, and Batman’s got a crew in the fortress...

—We’re going to figure this out.

I’m... I’m not strong enough.

But you saved me, Clark. And now I’ve got Metallo here, and Batman’s got a crew in the fortress.

We have to be fast.

All around us...

...the whole city...

...the whole planet...

...so many heartbeats slowing down...

Wait...

She holds her breath.

Millions of tiny capillaries beneath her skin constrict...

...and relax.

And now I hold my breath...
...BECAUSE SUDENLY I FEEL HER HOPE.

MARTIAN MANHUNTER... THIS IS LOIS LANE.

AH, YOU'RE BACK WITH US. WONDERFUL.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

THERE ARE FIVE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE PLANES IN THE SKY RIGHT NOW...

...BUT NONE OF THEM ARE CRASHING.

...BRAINIAK'S TAPPED INTO THE MINDS OF EVERYONE ON BOARD...

...EVEN THE PILOTS...

...BUT THE PLANES ARE STILL FLYING.

...SOME... BUT WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

YOU HEAR THAT CLARK?

BRAINIAK WANTS THEM ALIVE.

WE'VE GOT TIME.

KRYPTO, YOU HAVE TO WATCH OVER BAKA.

AND EVERYONE ELSE IN METROPOLIS.

SAME FOR YOU, JOHN.

PROTECT THIS CITY.

OKAY, LOIS.

LW BUT WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

AND NOW THE BLOOD RUSHES AWAY FROM HER SKIN.

...AND SURGES TO HER MUSCLES AND BRAIN.

SHE'S READY.

READY TO FIGHT.

WELL, WE'RE WORKING WITH SUPERMAN, NOW...
“...so we're going to save the world.”


All right, computer, reel 'em in.

Kaff! Kaff! Atta girl, LANA.

Thanks, Cyborg.

So we've got the three in the satellite out of Brainiac's range...

Kaff! Kaff! Atta girl, LANA.

Thanks, Cyborg.

Lois and Martian Manhunter protected by their own psychic powers...

...Lois and Martian Manhunter protected by their own psychic powers...

And Batman, Harrow, and Ghost Soldier shielded by the Kryptonian defenses here in the fortress.

AND ME.

Diana! How...

Wonder Woman—You escaped assimilation?

I suppose there are some advantages to being a demigod.

Lois.

Whoa!

Last time we met, we nearly killed each other.

But now I know what you've endured.

Thank you, sister.

And welcome back, hero.
Hey, guys! Lana Lang, here! I’m getting a look at this new data... and I think Brainiac’s networking all these brains!

He’s just building them into his system... but why...

Yes, that makes sense. I don’t sense him searching their minds...

...and networking? But I’m not picking up any information exchange...

...He’s just processing power.

Monsul tried something like this a while back. Tapped into millions of brains, tried to turn the Earth into a massive psychic weapon.

We had to throw him into the Phantom Zone to stop him.

I guess the Mothership’s a little too big for that solution.

But we’ve got to take it down.

Harrow can summon the dead. We can stay intangible until the last minute, which should help us from getting assimilated.

Just point us to the ship’s soft spot and—

Believe me, I’d love to break all of Brainiac’s toys. But right now, seven billion minds are linked to that Mothership...

I... I don’t know what’ll happen to them if we just smash it.

I... I have an idea.

And then Bruce falls silent. And I feel their eyes on me.

Hrrnn...
SEVEN BILLION LIVES.

HOW CAN ONE PERSON EVEN THINK ABOUT THAT KIND OF RESPONSIBILITY?

WHO THE HELL DO I THINK I AM?

GHOST SOLDIERS! ATTACK!

BUT THEN AGAIN...

...WHO THE HELL WOULD I BE IF I DIDN’T TRY?
HOW ARE WE DOING, J'ONN?

SO FAR SO GOOD.

BRAINAC'S FORCES ARE FOCUSED ON HARROW'S ARMY, JUST LIKE WE HOPED...

...AND MY PSYCHIC SHIELDS APPEAR TO BE HIDING US PRETTY WELL SO FAR.

IS THIS CLOSE ENOUGH FOR YOU?

SQUINTS IN THE SUN.

HE'S NEVER BEEN THIS CLOSE.

NO LIVING THINGS' EVER BEEN THIS CLOSE.

HE'S TERRIFIED.

I SHOULD BE, TOO.

SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE.

HOW CAN I EVEN...

...DAMNIT...
KRYPTONIAN HEAT VISION ATTACK: FAIL.

KRAAHHHHOOOMM

BRAINIAAC MOTHERSHIP: SECURE.

BRAINIAAC DAUGHTER-SHIPS!

INTERCEPT HEAT VISION BLAST BEFORE IT HITS.

WAIT...

DAUGHTER-SHIPS, CONVERGE ON SUPERMAN AND DELAY HIM UNTIL—

BRAINIAAC DAUGHTER-SHIPS!

BRAINIAAC MOTHERSHIP: SECURE.

THEY’VE DONE IT!

WE’VE GOT FULL POWER!

TURN YOUR KEY, BATMAN!

WAIT...

INTERCEPT HEAT VISION BLAST BEFORE IT HITS.

THEY’VE DONE IT!

WE’VE GOT FULL POWER!

TURN YOUR KEY, BATMAN!
WHAT IS IT, LOIS?

C-CLARK... SO C-COLD... LIKE MY HEART STOPPED...

THAT'S IT...

ALL RIGHT, THIS IS THE PHANTOM ZONE CONTROLLER SUPERMAN GAVE ME.

IT'S NOT ENOUGH...

WE'VE OPENED THE PORTAL TO THE PHANTOM ZONE.

NNNNGH!

THE PORTAL'S RISING TOWARDS THE MOTHERSHIP--

--BUT IT'S NOT BIG ENOUGH!

JOHN, CYBORG! THIS IS OUR CUE!

SYSTEM'S PREPARED!

ALL RIGHT, CYBORG. THIS IS THE PHANTOM ZONE CONTROLLER SUPERMAN GAVE ME.

HE MUST REALLY TRUST YOU.

YEAH, WELL....
WE'RE SO INSANE TO PULL BOTH THE MOTHERS..."...IT'S WORKING. ...AND THE ENTIRE PLANET... ...INTO THE PHANTOM ZONE... ...A PLACE WITHOUT TIME... ...IN ORDER TO BUY THE TIME WE NEED TO SAVE EVERYONE.

SHAY, PLEASE TELL ME SOMETHING GOOD.

HAPPY TO OBLIGE, SUPERMAN...
GAAAAAAAAH!

BUT MAYBE NOT.

GHOST ARMY THREAT ANALYSIS: COMPLETE.

GHOST ARMY ASSIMILATION: INITIATED.

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SATELLITE THREAT ANALYSIS: COMPLETE.

SATELLITE TERMINATION: IMMINENT.

HOW MANY TIMES IN ONE DAY ARE WE GOING TO GET BLOWN UP IN OUTERSPACE?
PHANTOM ZONE PORTAL THREAT...

TERMINATED.

SET OUT OF THERE!

SHAY! GET OUT OF THERE!

MOTHERSHIP COLLISION WITH EARTH: IMMINENT.

"YOU'RE JUST KILLING YOURSELF!"

"VERITAS, QUANTUM INTELLIGENCE THREAT: ELIMINATED."

"BRAINAC, WAIT..."

IMMINENT.
CLARK. LISTEN TO ME.
I'M SORRY, LOS, I THOUGHT--
SHUT UP, YOU DID EVERYTHING YOU COULD.

AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA DO EVEN MORE.

GRRAAAAA!

THE MOTHERSHIP IS BIGGER THAN THE PLANET.
IT'S PLUMMETING INTO THE STRATEOSPHERE AT THIRTY SIX THOUSAND MILES PER HOUR.

WE'RE GOING TO BURN.

WE'RE GOING TO DIE.

SEVEN BILLION...
WE PUSHEP THE MOTHER-SHIP CLEAR, SUPERMAN!

WE... ...WE DID IT!

LOIS, WHAT'S HAPPENING?

EVERYONE, TAKE COVER!

OH, NO.

NOTHING, CLARK.

YOU ALREADY KNOW THE NUMBERS, CLARK. I'VE HEARD THEM ECHOING THROUGH YOUR MIND THIS WHOLE DAMN TIME.

DON'T THINK OF US THREE. THINK OF SEVEN BILLION.

AND YOU TAKE OUT THAT MONSTER BRAINIAC...
...NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS DOWN HERE.

WE'RE... WE'RE FREE LORD MONGUL!
FREE OF THE PHANTOM ZONE!

YES, NON... FINALLY... BUT LET'S SAVE THE CELEBRATION...

...FOR WHEN WE FINALLY MURDER THIS FILTHY WORLD.

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SUPERMAN WONDER WOMAN #11
While BATMAN ETERNAL gets grim and gritty in the streets of Gotham, and FUTURSW END plows into the DC Universe of five years from now, our third weekly series, EARTH 2: WORLD’S END is out of this world—literally.

Debuting in October, E2WE is set on another planet, a parallel Earth where we don’t play by any rules, where anything can happen, and WILL! Whether you’re a hardcore EARTH 2 regular or not, you won’t want to miss this. Here’s why:

**OPEN INVITATION**

Haven’t picked up EARTH 2 yet? Doesn’t matter. Daniel H. Wilson, New York Times best selling author of Robopocalypse, will guide this series, joined by two DC fan-favorites, writers Marguerite Bennett (MOM’S DAUGHTER) and Mike Johnson (SUPERSGIRL). The 38-page issue #1 (at only $2.99, no less!) not only gives a primer to how Earth 2 has become occupied by the nefarious forces of Apokolips, but it also ties together long-lingering questions and mysteries that even longtime E2 readers will find surprising and shocking.

**NOT-SO-SUPERMAN**

Unlike the Man of Steel we know and love, the Earth 2 Superman is just not ready for prime-time. This rookie Kryptonian may have the same powers, but he lacks the experience to stop world-ending threats... and that’s exactly what he’s facing! If Val-Zod doesn’t step up quickly, and break his vow of pacifism, his adopted world is doomed to suffer the same fate as his homeworld.

**ART TO DIE FOR**

Not only does the incomparable Phil Jimenez provide design work on E2WE’s characters (see above for how he’s imagined all-new nightmares from Apokolips) and vehicles (the latter are very important to this series), but the weekly is packed with gorgeous and detailed artists including Ed Barrows (NIGHTWING), Ed Benes (SUPERMAN), Paulo Siqueira (SUPERMAN/WONDER WOMAN), Jorge Jimenez (SUPERBOY) and Tyler Kirkham (TEEN TITANS) each handling a specific plotline.

**BAD-ASS BATMAN**

Earth 2’s Dark Knight is far from the young, hot, billionaire. We got an old and cranky one, who’s a disgraced surgeon and drug addict, who makes Bruce Wayne seem tame by comparison, and why shouldn’t he? This is big-daddy Thomas Wayne under the cowl, and he’s ready to chew Bat-gum and kick Apokaliptian ass. Spoiler alert: He’s all out of Bat-gum.

**BRING THE BODY BAGS**

Lots of them, but also a character that embodies what they represent. And the big drama about Death is: she’s pregnant, but with what? And what happens when it’s born?

Along with her fellow Furies of Apokolips—Famine, War and Pestilence (all working names at present)—Death roams E2 preparing for Darksied’s return.

And that’s just the beginning of the end for us. Seriously, you won’t want to miss EARTH 2: WORLD’S END starting OCTOBER 8th.

—EDDIE BERGANZA
Superman Group Editor
Get ready for the break-in of the century, Bat-fans, as this August viewers will be reentering the world of the best-selling Batman: Arkham video games to witness the formation of the Suicide Squad in the all-new DC Universe Animated Original Movie BATMAN: ASSAULT ON ARKHAM!

This action-packed film directed by Jay Oliva and Ethan Spaulding serves as a direct sequel to Batman: Arkham Origins and centers on villains Harley Quinn, Deadshot, Captain Boomerang, Black Spider, Killer Frost, and King Shark. The dangerous crew of criminals is brought together by Amanda Waller, who recruits the squad for a suicidal mission: break into Arkham Asylum and recover top secret information stolen by The Riddler.

Of course, things go a little awry when Harley Quinn ends up freeing the Joker, who is intent on blowing up Arkham Asylum and Gotham City—a move that shouldn’t really surprise anyone and gets the Dark Knight involved in events. The film sees Kevin Conroy reprising his critically acclaimed role as the Caped Crusader and also sees C.C.H. Pounder returning as Amanda Waller and Troy Baker as The Joker, Baker having taken over the role from Mark Hamill in Batman: Arkham Origins. The film also features the voices of Neal McDonough, Giancarlo Esposito, Matthew Gray Gubler, Jennifer Hale, Greg Ellis, Hynden Walch, and John DiMaggio.

BATMAN: ASSAULT ON ARKHAM hits stores August 12 and will be available in Blu-Ray™ Combo Pack, DVD, and Digital HD.