

# ON THE BOOKSHELF

## DC Universe: Rebirth" series from DC Comics

### **ACTION 988 "The Oz Effect Part 2"**

Mr. Oz now claims to be Jor-El, Superman's natural father who died when Krypton exploded. He makes an impressive explanation, including his access to the Fortress of Solitude crystal computer files. Something retrieved him as his beloved wife Lara perished in the flames, and dumped him in the middle of a civil war in Africa. His face scarred and left eye destroyed, Oz proclaims that Earth is worse than Krypton. He's come to take Kal and his family away to a better planet!

### **BATGIRL 15 "Summer of Lies Part 2"**

BG & NW are working together again, which is nice. They met staking out peer teen parties to find evidence of a drug ring, when Barbara first came to Gotham. Now they face the Red Queen, who is controlling her victims into violent, almost psychotic behavior through massive infusion of nanobots. The grown NW & BG fight their old feelings for each other, and she remembers the name of the latest victim!

### **BATMAN THE MURDER MACHINE 1 "Heavy Metal"**

Victor/Cyborg is in the JL satellite HQ, and his father is coordinating data with him from STAR Labs. When a nightmare Batman on Earth-44 teleports into the JL HQ, he doesn't bring help. He brings an attack on Victor, aided by an AI of Alfred, who was murdered by Bane. The Alfred-AI in turn killed every one of Bruce's foes, and then took over Batman. Now he plans to kill Cyborg.

### **DETECTIVE 965 "A Lonely Place of Living Part 1"**

Tim Drake/Red Robin is being held in some sort of mysterious prison cell and being interrogated by Mr. Oz, who reveals his identity. He claims to be Jor-El, the father of Superman! He tells Tim that his prison cell is an illusion, and Tim uses his suit's power to send an SOS to Batman. When a Batman who is bearing a huge handgun shows up, he's shocked to see that it his future self. Then Doomsday appears!

### **THE FLASH 31 "Bloodwork Finale"**

Ramsey Russo was a hemophiliac lab tech who stole blood samples from the CSI, but when affected by Flash's negative speed force became Bloodwork! Barry opens up to Ramsey and his powers act like a defibrillator and cancel Bloodwork's ability to send blood vessels on the attack. Barry is banished to a crime scene gig, along with his colleague Kristen. Barry tries to give his Flash ring to the new Wally/Kid Flash until he learns to control the negative infection Thawne gave him. Kid Flash forgives him and offers to re-train Barry!

## **HAL JORDAN & THE GLC 29 "Fall of the gods-conclusion"**

While Kyle keeps Orion alive with a construct of an artificial heart, Hal keeps Highfather alive by staying ahead of his would-be assassin. Yuga Khan is the guy who sent the metal golem after them. John Stewart leads the GLC into battle and they destroy the giant metal creatures. The threat is over.

## **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA 15 "Panic in the Microverse Part 4"**

Dr. Ray Palmer, the original Atom, discovered a microverse, and found that it was in trouble. He decided to descend into it in order to help, leaving his young protégé as the new "Atom" on Earth. In the microverse, Ray connected with Dr. Aut and a woman named Preon to make a team, traveling to find the cause that was unraveling the microverse. They found the ignition point, separated from Preon along the way. But it wasn't an accident—the damage was purposeful!

## **NIGHTWING THE NEW ORDER -2 of 6**

This limited series takes place a few decades into the future. When supernatural abilities began to profligate, Dick Grayson found a way to neutralize almost all of them, including his wife Koriander. It made him a hero, but now his son Jake is exhibiting super-abilities. He can't cancel them out; and he can only hide them so long before his detection squads uncover the deception. Then one night the mechanized bullies show up to tranquilize Jake and Dick, and they shoot Alfred because he dares to stand up against them.

## **SUICIDE SQUAD 26 "Gotham Resistance Part 3 "**

Nightwing, Robin and Green Arrow are teamed with the Suicide Squad as they try to figure out what happened in Gotham. HQ is driving an old school bus when they realize a canyon had opened up, and she tries to jump it. The bus and its riders are caught by a pair of giant carnivorous plants—Poison Ivy's! But she's been whacked out, too, and plans for all the humans to be eaten, starting with her pal HQ! Starfire has been turned, too. The weird robin tries to recruit Dick and Damian, but Killer Croc refuses to allow it. He doesn't care for Batman but Gotham is HIS city, too. Dick has been getting visions that Batman, the real one, is being consumed by molten Nth Metal. He fears that Bruce is dead, but Damian insists it can't be.

## **WONDER WOMAN 31 "Children of the gods part 2"**

Hercules, son of Zeus, is hiding out as a lumberjack in the deep forest when a stunning woman appears. Grail, daughter of Darkseid, is coming to kill him and steal his life-force, proclaiming that he is one of the "old gods" and her father is one of the "new gods". His power rejuvenates her father a little, and he reminds his daughter that there are others to kill, like Diana. She, meanwhile, has inherited Hercules' vast estate upon his death!