

ON THE BOOKSHELF

BATMAN 42 'Everybody Loves Ivy—Part 2'

Batman and Catwoman are trying to figure out why Ivy is using her powers to control the entire world. Bruce makes Clark punch him, so he can go to Harley Quinn's clinic, while Selina talks with Ivy, whose is confused about things, too!

DEATHSTROKE 29 "Chinatown—Conclusion"

Slade is rescuing a hostage but with less actual violence than before. Rose admits to Joseph that she might have killed his treacherous fiancé Etienne, when she was possessed by the spirit of an ancient woman. Slade infuriates Terra because she, Wintergreen and Adeline (the ex-Mrs. Wilson) have been conspiring to commit him, but it works anyway.

GREEN ARROW 38

Oliver finally gets his day in court. He fires his attorney and admits his guilt in making poor choices; admits he hasn't always understand who was running the family business. He exposes the Nth Circle, the Underground Men, and all the rest. All along, his pals from the JL help him by freeing the kidnapped woman who was thought murdered by GA, rapidly removing the prosecuting attorney (who is a member of the Nth Circle), and more. Oliver is exonerated, he uses the recovered millions from the Nth Circle treasure trove to create meaningful sanctuaries for the marginalized, including The Dinah Lance Home for Wayward Kids. Best of all, Oliver reflects on the positive changes he's seen in his family, his team, and his life.

GREEN LANTERNS 42 "Superhuman Trafficking—Part 3"

Simon & Jessica go undercover at new converts to the quasi-religious organization enslaving superheroes. Their associate is Scrapps of the Omega Men, a tough and experienced warrior. When the GLs try to arrest the bogus leader of "the Rule of the Steed", they find that the captives contain installed mind-control technology into their brains. And the one controlling even the leader is Night Pilot, the missing Earth superhero!

HARLEY QUINN 39 "Angry Bird—Part 3"

HQ is wearing herself out working every day as a Bounty Hunter. The police know that she hates Penguin, and that he's behind all the trouble. Coach figures out that HQ changed after she met a guy who turns out to be False Face, but he gets the drop on her and knocks her out, too.

JUSTICE LEAGUE 40 "Justice Lost—Part 2"

While lawyers on Earth start a massive class-action suit to file suit against costumed heroes, the JL and the JLA work together to save the Watchtower in orbit. It seems the fans have decided to destroy it, believing it will help their super-powered heroes. The two teams must decide: are any expendable? Who can be saved (and who should be saved?) Both teams develop a rapid plan to save everyone, and all of them use their powers in one effort to create a heat-shield for the plummeting Watchtower.

NIGHTWING 40 "The Untouchable—Part 6"

Dick has become a man possessed and obsessed with finding the Judge, who is convincing people all over town to betray their loved ones, confess their crimes and be killed by him. NW escaped a death-trap that almost worked, confronted his oldest friend who betrayed him to the Judge, and road his motorcycle up one floor after another in the biggest casino, looking to stop the Judge for good.

SUPERMAN 42 "Bizarroverse--Part 1"

Superboy visits his friend Kathy back in Smallville, and she uses her late grandfather's dimensional device to visit a Bizarro dimension (and a Boyzarro!) He misses the sounds and sights of the countryside but zooms home when he remembers dinner is his responsibility that night. It's take-out, and when Clark and Lois begin to figure out where he's been, Jon cleans up quickly and heads to bed. Just as he is saying his nightly prayer and falling asleep, Boyzarro bursts in!