

ON THE BOOKSHELF

ACTION 999 "What Would Superman Do?"

General Sam Lane comes to visit his estranged daughter, which thrills his grandson Jonathan Samuel Kent. However, Lois is still brittle toward him. Their argument takes on the familiar sticking points: why do they trust Superman and what if he changes? Why can't Sam see that what Lois does is critical? Meanwhile, Superman is fashioning a more humane prison for the twisted mind and body of Cyborg-Superman, so he won't have to stay in the Phantom Zone. Clark returns and does a wonderful job as peacemaker between father-in-law and wife, showing them common love and respect.

BATGIRL BIRDS OF PREY 20 "Full Circle—Part 2"

Gus Yale, the Oracle-wannabe, was horribly murdered by a villain seeking Oracle's true identity. BG accidentally led him to Gus, and that broke up the team Birds of Prey, at least temporarily. Helena's mom was up for parole, and Helena was horrified that the judge sent her mom to Arkham Asylum. When Huntress goes after the corrupt judge, she decides not to kill him in front of his family. But the Calculator plans to destroy the BOP by using Helena's mom and a psychopathic super-villainess they break out!

DETECTIVE 976 "Batman Eternal—Part 1"

Spoiler is in therapy with a specialist hired by Bruce. She worries if someday they will kill her like Kate killed Clayface. Kate recruits Azarel and friends into The Colony, leaving Gotham to Batman but taking on a global peace-keeping missions. BM is worried about Tim, who leaves in a huff and is met by the mysterious Ulysses Hadrian Armstrong.

HAL JORDAN AND THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS 40 "Zod's Will—Part 4"

The battle is huge. Zod, his wife and infant son are ruthless, but the GLs don't quit. Kyle is pummeled again but he uses the ring to call Hal out of his cell. Hal is determined to stop Zod, no matter what.

JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA 26 "New Life and Death-Conclusion"

On the planet Angor, Lord Havok has re-emerged, but BM & Canary aren't quitting. Dreamslayer and Havok grapple, so Batman offers himself as a sacrifice to give Angor another chance to be restored. But Havok and Dreamslayer are united: it is their world, and their sacrifice to make. Which they do. Angor is reborn. Meanwhile, Atom bids farewell to Lobo, who heads home. And the next adventure unfolds in 20 years

RED HOOD AND THE OUTLAWS 20 "Now Hiring"

Jason sends a bad-guy back to Europe, Bizarro and Artemis meet for breakfast, but afterward RH follows B. He has sent out a fake call to hire henchmen, and when they assemble he announces he plans to kill them. When B realizes he is contemplating killing minions he relents. RH is worried. Artemis finds the hidden artificial kryptonite bath and B finds her there.

SUICIDE SQUAD 37 "Drain the Swamp—Conclusion"

Hack had invaded the central processors of Belle Reve (as she is now existing as an electric current), but Waller destroys the power plant. Hack preserves them all in a digital cloud, threatening to kill them all unless someone confesses to killing her. Capt. Boomerang does, "The Wall" arrives as they reappear on the ground. He infects Hack and knocks them all out.

THE FLASH 42 "Perfect Storm—Part 4"

While Barry and Godspeed work on getting his speed back, Kid Flash and the Flash of China talk to Meena, the new Dark-Flash who working with Grodd. But she won't turn back, and when Godspeed shows up with Barry and the wand, a fight ensues. Barry uses the wand to get his power back, but Grodd uses the change to take over the mind of the Flash-Family!

TITANS 21 "Titans Apart—Part 2"

Roy is convinced that a new threat is rising, but he can't convince Donna or the JL that he's right. Dick and Wally go visit him but he doesn't think they believe him, so after a big fight he leaves alone. The Brotherhood of Evil has gotten together, with help from Cheshire, and Roy is all alone against them.

TRINITY 19 "No Home For You Here—Conclusion"

The three superheroes crossed into a magical land called Skartaris, recruited to fight an evil. The Warlord's daughter used her magic to employ the trinity as a lure to bring in the evil forces of Deimos. Skartaris is an offshoot of Atlantis, using its science to create magic, including an aging spell. Warlord reappears and leads his army to finish the forces that the Trinity had been battling. They tell all this to a man who pretends to be Steve Trevor, but they know it's not really him. Next mission: find Steve and bring him home

WONDER WOMAN 42 "Amazons Attacked—Part 2 "

Diana's half-brother Jason, who she thought was dead, is back, wearing magic armor and being able to fly. When Grail, Darkseid's daughter, is found, they fly to catch her. Diana learns about Darkseid's plans, Jason defeats a horde of Parademons, but Grail tricks Dian and escapes. Darkseid decides to invade ARGUS to get the last of ancient Greek relics.