

ON THE BOOKSHELF

"DC Universe: Rebirth" series from DC Comics

AQUAMAN 29 "Underworld"

Garth uses his magic to get Mera closer to Atlantis, and slips her a magic amulet while he provides cover. Ondine and Vulko work their way through the ghosts of heroes to access the Treasury for a weapon to use against Corom Rath's evil magic. Dolphin convinces Arthur to be the hero that Atlantis needs, to be Aquaman again. The gangster Krush comes to Commander Roth with the news of Arthur being alive but the response is a shocker!

BATMAN 33 "The Rules of Engagement Part 1"

Batman and Catwoman travel across the desert to Khardym, and no one knows why. The JL is headed there, the UN is alerted. Alfred tells Dick, Jason, Thomas and Damian, who are hanging around the mansion together, that Bruce and Selina are engaged to be married. Damian is upset, saying it is his fault that BM went to Khardym. It's to tell his mother, Talia al Ghul, about Bruce's engagement!

DARK NIGHTS: BATMAN THE DROWNED #1 "Rime of the Ancient Mariner" In the on-going METAL mini-series, this is Multi-verse tale from Earth-11 of A Batwoman, Bryce Wayne. After making terrible sacrifices to save her world from evil Atlanteans, including creating Dead Water, she was approached by The One Who Laughs. Babatos has empowered the ultra-evil being to lead other broken heroes from across the multi-verse to destroy Earth-0, and that's where the Dark Batwoman comes, to drown Earth!

GREEN ARROW 33 "Trial of Two Cities Part 1"

Oliver is being tried for a murder he didn't commit as he struggles to redeem his beloved Star City; in fact, the victim is still alive but she has been traumatized by her captivity. After all the changes the Nth Circle has inflicted on the citizenry and police, they're all glad to see his return. Emi is delighted to have her brother back, Dinah is delighted to be reunited with her lover, and Shad is being sent to kill Moira Queen (who Ollie thinks is already dead.)

GREEN LANTERNS 33 "Work Release Part 1"

Jessica and Baz are sent to Mol, a tiny world whose sun is about to go nova. The GLs must evacuate the underground population of entire planet, but they don't want to leave. It's a religious decision, and the GLs won't disregard them. The nearby Ungarians have sent a ship to observe the nova. The leader brought her pop-star daughter but it goes bad when a massive gamma radiation burst from the dying star devastates the ship! Earlier back on Earth, both Jessica and Baz were being pressured to get a paying job!

JUSTICE LEAGUE 31 "Legacy-Conclusion"

The evil, the darkness, tries its best to convince parent and child to kill one another, but Diana's mother and a few of the children and Batman find a way to beat it back. Hippolyta and the seriously injured future Aquaman will boom-tube the evil morass into nothingness. The present and the future are saved.

HARLEY QUINN 30 "Vote Harley Part 3"

It's the last day before the election for mayor of NYC, and HQ is pulling up in the polls. She calls a midnight press conference to announce more city parks and gets Ivy to make Central Park even bigger. Results were mixed. Harley Sinn reveals that her dad sent her to Arkham rather than rehab and that the mayor was involved, too. Harley and Mason are getting very serious. On the way to the last debate, they get separated and the mayor's capture him. She must quit or he dies!

NIGHTWING 31 "Raptor's Revenge Part 2"

Well, Dick chases off another lady friend, Helena/Huntress, who is furious at him for misleading her about the Whale's Enders and Roland Desmond aka Blockbuster. She's angry at herself for opening up her heart to NW. Raptor busted up a reception Roland was hosting to help neighborhood teens, and the ex-supervillain group that Dick used to help discovers that Shawn's old friend Pigeon might be working with Raptor!

SUPER SONS 9 "Planet of the Capes Part 4"

The boys are up against Ygarrdis, "a murderous, cannibalistic biomass that has crushed universes", aided only by a would-be magician who unwittingly allowed this monster access to Earth plus two young heroines who might be clay constructs. The young heroes fight and the magician is inspired by them to clobber the monster to allow them to close the portal from the side of Earth. They reluctantly leave the fight to the girls and Kraklow, who plans to make a clay army to fight and defeat Ygarrdis completely.

SUPERMAN 33 "Imperius Lex Part 1"

After their recent adventure, Lex Luthor has a genuine change of heart. He understands Superman and so he is invited to patrol Metropolis with him. After they go their separate ways, Lex is kidnapped by mysterious people who proclaim him the new lord of Apokolips. Lex sends a private signal to SM then sends an old Lexcorp bot to summon SM. It captures all three of them, and transports them to Apokolips via boom-tube, but they are separated!

TITANS 16 "The World Stops"

Flash Wally West of the Titans is dead! A super-powered PSImon has turned several of the Titans against the rest, and Donna Troy is consumed with rage over Wally. The new Wally West heads their way to help. Two villains show up: The Key and Mister Twister, harbingers of a surprise emergence into our world through the pain and emotional suffering of the Titans. It's TROIA, the grown Donna Troy!

TRINITY 14 "Dark Destiny Part 3"

Constantine was unable to keep Deadman from saving Superman from the influence of the Pandora Pits. Zatanna has not given up, even as she has been bled into the Pits by Circe. Z released Deadman from Superman, freeing him. But they are being pulled by the power of evil from Hell's pits, which is where Circe has realized she is headed unless she sacrifices the world to save herself. Meanwhile, Batman has a desperate plan and grabs Red Hood to test his theory. He's going to kill him!