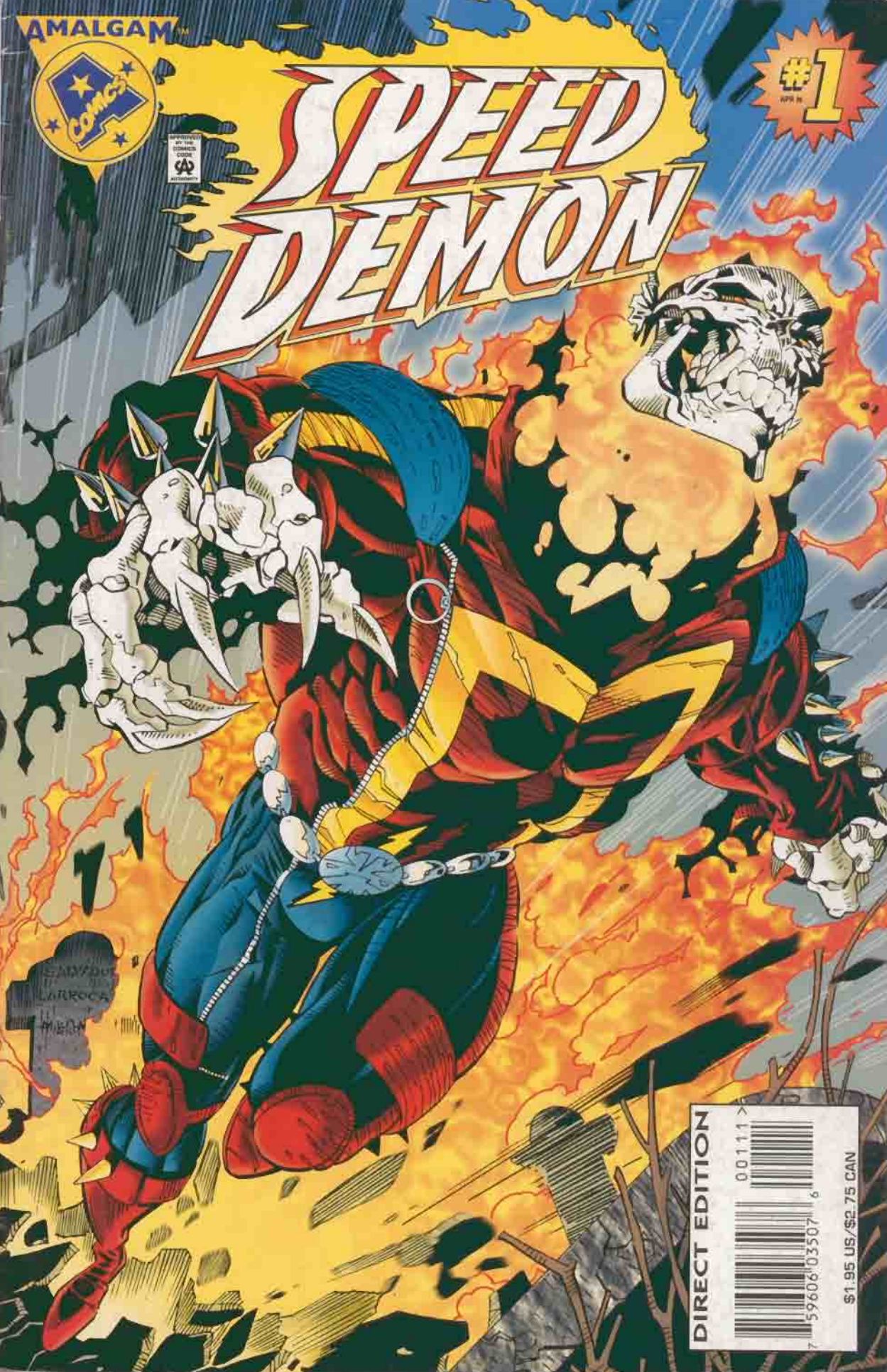


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# SPEED DEMON



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EVEN AS THE LAST  
WORDS FALL FROM  
UATU'S MOUTH...

...A RED AND YELLOW  
BLUR CUTS THROUGH  
THE DARKNESS OF  
THE ALLEY...

...AND STANDING  
BETWEEN THE  
GUARDIAN AND  
HIS INTENDED  
VICTIM IS...

# DEMON'S NIGHT

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## SPEED DEMON

WHAT'S  
THIS?

MADMAN  
JORDAN HAS A  
DEFENDER?

IF IT IS A  
FIGHT YOU WANT,  
FLAMING HEADED  
FRIEND...

...IT IS  
A FIGHT  
YOU WILL  
GET.

NO  
TIME FOR A  
FIGHT...



...I SAY  
GOOD  
NIGHT!

THANKS...  
WHOEVER YOU  
ARE.

BY THE  
SPIRITS OF  
OLD...

YOU  
ARE HAL  
JORDAN, I WAS  
TOLD!

YEAH...  
THAT'S RIGHT.  
WHO TOLD  
YOU?

MANY  
MURDERS HAVE  
YOU COMMITTED  
IT MUST BE  
ADDICTED.  
TO THIS YOU  
MUST NOT SAY  
FIE...

FIEP

GOT  
NO TIME  
FOR BAD  
POETRY. I'VE  
GOT SOME  
BLUE MEN TO  
BURY.

well  
then...

now  
you must  
die!

I MUST  
REMARK  
TO THE SIDE  
YOU HAVE  
WALKED...

...THAT  
LIES IN THE  
DARK



GOOTHAM CITY.

CRIME ALLEY.

WE FIND THE  
DRUNKEN,  
DISBARRED  
AND DISGRACED  
HAL JORDAN  
OF STARBRAND  
CORPS.

GET  
AWAY FROM  
ME!

YOU  
FRAMED ME!  
BETRAYED THE  
CORPS! KILLED  
SINESTRO!

BUT  
YOU AND THE  
GUARDIANS  
WON'T GET  
ME...

...UATU!

OH,  
BUT I WILL,  
HAL.

YOU  
ARE THE  
LAST OF THE  
CORPS.

WITH  
YOUR PASSING,  
THE DREAM  
ENDS.

ALL  
THE UNIVERSE  
BELIEVED YOU  
TO BE THE  
TRAITOR.

AND WE HAD THE  
CORPS SCOUR  
THE UNIVERSE FOR  
THE "MADMAN"  
JORDAN...

...ONE  
BY ONE, I  
SLIT THEIR  
THROATS.

NOW  
SIT STILL  
AND DIE LIKE  
A GOOD  
BOY...

...FOR A  
NEW UNIVERSE  
LOOMS ON THE  
HORIZON.





THE QUENTIN CARNIVAL.

I WANT YOU OUT OF HERE BY SUNUP, BOY!

PUCK'S RIGHT, WALLY. YOU'VE GOT TO LEAVE THIS CIRCUS AND GET ON WITH YOUR LIFE.

AW, MISS MIRACLE, I KNOW YOU ALL MEAN WELL, AND YOU'RE ALL LIKE FAMILY TO ME. WHICH IS WHY I CAN'T LEAVE YOU AND UNCLE BLAZE --

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH MEANING WELL. YOUR UNCLE IS OFF HIS BEAN.

AND ALL OF US THINK OF YOU LIKE A KID BROTHER, WHICH IS WHY WE WANT YOU AWAY FROM BLAZE AND ALL THE SUPERNATURAL GARBAGE HE'S BEEN PLAYING WITH SINCE IRIS DIED.

I CAN'T LEAVE UNCLE BLAZE.



WE'RE NOT GIVING YOU A CHOICE.

WALLY WEST IS NO LONGER WELCOME HERE.



I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, BLOB, BUT...



...I'M STILL NOT LEAVING.

WHAT'S THAT HEADING INTO UNCLE BLAZE'S TRAILER?



THE TRAILER OF BLAZE ALLEN HAS TURNED INTO SOMETHING MUCH MORE THAN A MOBILE HOME.

LITTLE ROOM IS LEFT FOR LIVING AMONGST THE MYSTICAL ARTIFACTS WHICH HE COLLECTED THROUGH THE YEARS.

AND HERE WE FIND SPEED DEMON CROUCHED IN THE CENTER OF THE MYSTERIOUS CIRCLE OF POWER -- CHANTING AN ANCIENT DREAD RHYME...

GONE  
GONE  
GONERIGAN...

...COME  
AGAIN THE  
FORD OF  
COANI

AND AS THE FINAL  
WORD FALLS FROM  
THE DEMON'S MOUTH...

...THE LIVING HELLFIRE WHICH  
IS THE SPEED DEMON VANISHES  
FROM SIGHT.

AND IN HIS PLACE  
STANDS... BLAZE  
ALLEN.

OMIGOD!

WALLY!  
WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE? YOU  
WERE NEVER  
SUPPOSED  
TO SEE --

YOU...  
YOU'RE THE  
SPEED DEMON!  
WHY...?

WHY,  
WALLY?



BECAUSE OF IRIS.

IT SEEMS LIKE SO LONG AGO...

"IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE HAPPIEST DAY OF OUR LIVES.

"FROM THE MOMENT I LAID EYES ON HER, I KNEW IRIS WAS MY SOULMATE.

"HEARING FATHER HELLSTROM PRONOUNCE US HUSBAND AND WIFE WAS THE MOMENT BOTH OF US HAD LIVED FOR.

"BUT WE WERE ONLY GIVEN A MOMENT.

"OUR KISS WAS STILL LINGERING WHEN IRIS WAS TORN FROM MY ARMS.

"THE THING WHICH HELD MY BELOVED WHISPERED TO ME FROM BENEATH ITS ROBES.

"AND THEN I WATCHED, AS THE LIFEFORCE WAS DRAINED FROM MY IRIS AND...

SHE IS MINE FOR ALL ETERNITY NOW, MORTAL...

...SOON I WILL HAVE YOU.

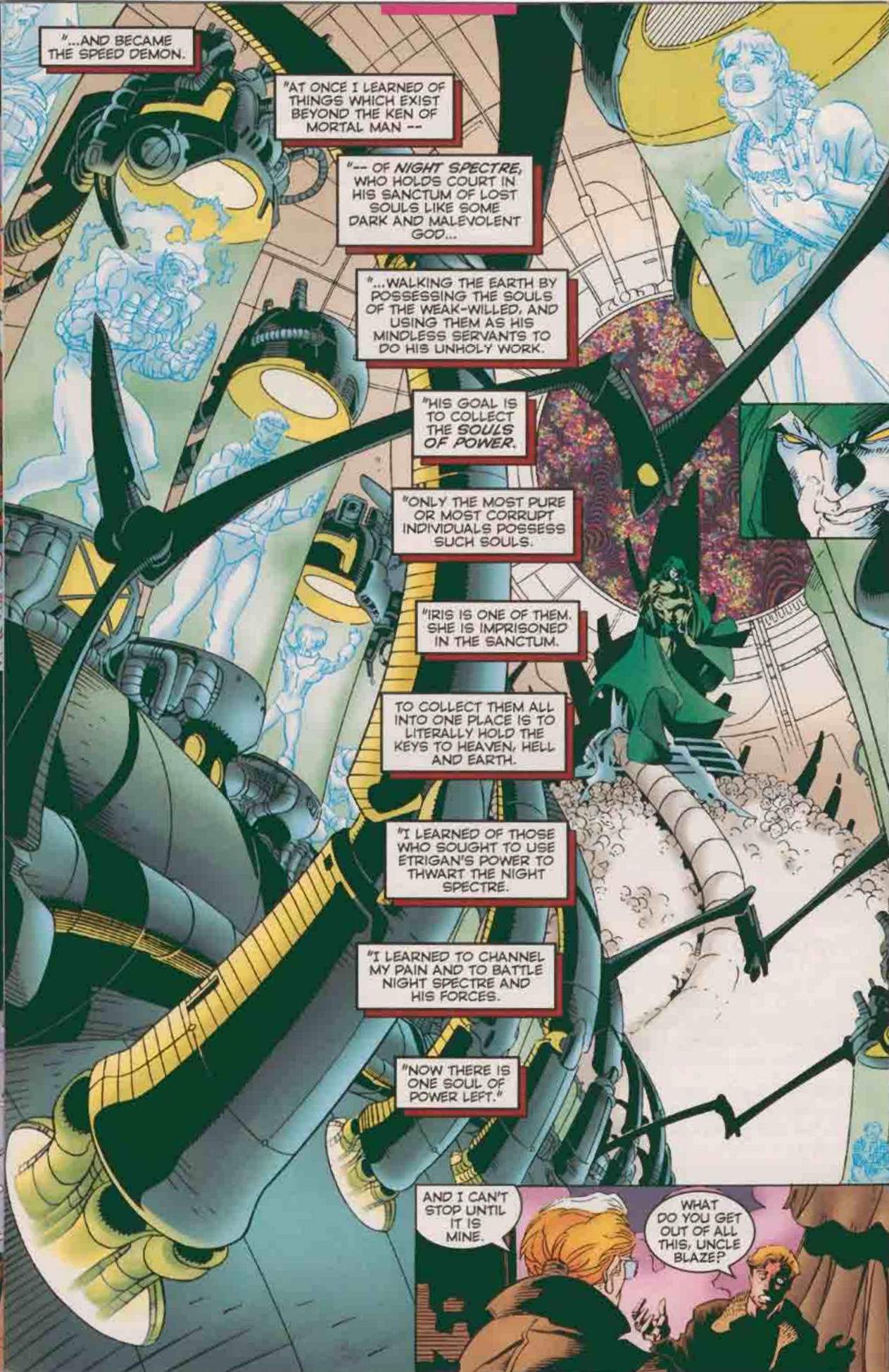
"I PRAYED AND CURSED FOR ANY CHANCE TO HAVE HER BACK.

"AND IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY ONE WHO IS EVIL INCARNATE.

"ON THAT DAY I ALLOWED PART OF MY SOUL TO BE BONDED TO A DEMON NAMED ETRIGAN..."

"...I WAS LEFT WITH ONLY A WITHERED HUSK OF HER BODY... AND MY PAIN.





"...AND BECAME  
THE SPEED DEMON.

"AT ONCE I LEARNED OF  
THINGS WHICH EXIST  
BEYOND THE KEN OF  
MORTAL MAN --

"-- OF NIGHT SPECTRE,  
WHO HOLDS COURT IN  
HIS SANCTUM OF LOST  
SOULS LIKE SOME  
DARK AND MALEVOLENT  
GOD...

"...WALKING THE EARTH BY  
POSSESSING THE SOULS  
OF THE WEAK-WILLED, AND  
USING THEM AS HIS  
MINDLESS SERVANTS TO  
DO HIS UNHOLY WORK.

"HIS GOAL IS  
TO COLLECT  
THE SOULS  
OF POWER.

"ONLY THE MOST PURE  
OR MOST CORRUPT  
INDIVIDUALS POSSESS  
SUCH SOULS.

"IRIS IS ONE OF THEM.  
SHE IS IMPRISONED  
IN THE SANCTUM.

TO COLLECT THEM ALL  
INTO ONE PLACE IS TO  
LITERALLY HOLD THE  
KEYS TO HEAVEN, HELL  
AND EARTH.

"I LEARNED OF THOSE  
WHO SOUGHT TO USE  
ETRIGAN'S POWER TO  
THWART THE NIGHT  
SPECTRE.

"I LEARNED TO CHANNEL  
MY PAIN AND TO BATTLE  
NIGHT SPECTRE AND  
HIS FORCES.

"NOW THERE IS  
ONE SOUL OF  
POWER LEFT."

AND I CAN'T  
STOP UNTIL  
IT IS  
MINE.

WHAT  
DO YOU GET  
OUT OF ALL  
THIS, UNCLE  
BLAZE?



I GET ONE LAST CHANCE TO PUT IRIS'S SOUL TO REST.

SHE IS ALL I CARE ABOUT...

...BESIDES YOU.

SO PLEASE JUST STAY OUT OF THIS, KID.

I CAN FEEL ETRIGAN CALLING TO BE RELEASED. HE HAS LOCATED THE LAST SOUL OF POWER.

GONE, GONE THE FORM OF MAN...

...RISE  
the demon  
ETRIGAN!

BOOI!



OKAY, UNCLE BLAZE GETS IRIS... I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU? WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS? YOU'RE A DEMON!

why,  
you cry?

BEFORE YOU CAST UPON ME INCRIMINATION, THINK TWICE IF YOU BELIEVE I WAS ALWAYS THIS ABOMINATION.

SOMETIMES IT IS ENOUGH TO GRANT THEE PEACE TO KNOW THAT HISTORY WILL NOT TWICE REPEAT.

NIGHT SPECTRE LIVES FOR OTHERS SUFFERING TO SEE - I KNOW THAT WHICH YOUR UNCLE...

...will  
someday  
be.





ACROSS  
TOWN.

ONCE HARVEY  
OSBORNE WAS  
A RESPECTED  
MEMBER OF  
GOTHAM CITY  
SOCIETY.

NOW HE'S JUST  
ANOTHER FREAK.

AND NOW  
HE'S...

...THE GREEN  
GOBLIN.

DON'T  
KNOW WHY  
YOU, OR THE SCARE-  
CROW, CHOSE  
TO TRY AND KILL ME,  
SILICONMAN.

ONCE  
WE WERE ALL  
SUCH GOOD  
PARTNERS AS  
MEMBERS OF  
THE TERRIBLE  
THREE.

HEY, SCARE-  
CROW, HANG  
AROUND...

...I'LL  
GET TO  
YOU IN A  
MINUTE.

WE  
WANT YOUR  
SOUL.

MY  
SOUL?

I  
THOUGHT  
I LOST THAT  
LONG  
AGO...

AND  
NOW, FOR TWO  
SUCH CLOSE  
AND PERSONAL  
FRIENDS, TO  
TURN ON  
ME...

...ALL I CAN  
DO IS ASK...  
WHY?

AND  
HERE'S A  
TREAT FOR  
YOU,  
SILI!





SCIENCE  
QUIZ -- SILICON  
AND PUMPKIN  
PLASMA  
MAKE --P

-- A  
GLASS MAN!  
NO REALLY,  
SCARECROW,  
TAKE A CLOSER  
LOOK!



DOESN'T  
THAT JUST  
CRACK YOU  
UP?



LOOKS LIKE THAT OL'  
GANG O' MINE IS  
ALL BROKEN  
UP.

Oh,  
WELL.

YOUR  
SOUL IS TOO  
IMPORTANT  
TO ME.

IT IS  
THE LAST  
SOUL OF  
POWER.

AND  
IT WILL  
DECIDE  
ALL.



AS  
MUCH AS  
IT DISGUSTS  
ME TO TAKE  
HUMAN  
FORM...

...IT  
SEEMS MY  
NIGHT MINIONS  
HAVE FAILED  
ME AND...

...I MUST  
DEAL WITH YOU  
PERSONALLY.

NOW  
FEEL THE PAIN  
OF YOUR SOUL  
BEING RIPPED FROM  
THE VERY FABRIC  
OF YOUR  
BEING.

THIS  
RACE HAS  
ENDED, AND I  
AM THE...





...VICTOR?

GONE?

HOW?  
WHERE?

WHERE?

ONE BLOCK  
AWAY... AND  
UP...

HEY, HOW DID YOU GET ME AWAY FROM THERE SO FAST? WHAT'S THE TRICK?

there  
is no trick  
for i am most  
quick

NOW  
STOP YOUR  
CHURNING.  
FOR SOON YOU  
WILL BE  
BURNING.

**AARGH**  
...ACID  
PELLETS!

...ACID  
PELLETS!

YOU  
LOOK LIKE  
YOU CAN  
AFFORD THE  
CALORIES!

NOW HOW ABOUT  
YOU TELL ME  
WHAT ALL THIS  
TALK OF WANTING  
MY SOUL IS  
ABOUT?

TALK  
AND I'LL  
KILL YOU  
FAST!

YOU  
CANNOT KILL  
ONE ALREADY  
DEAD.

**BURNING?**

Ooh,  
I DON'T  
THINK  
SO.

HOW ABOUT WE SHARE SOME OF MY HALLOWEEN CANDY CORN INSTEAD?

...especially  
NOT when you  
lose your  
head.

**WHOA!**









bye...  
...bye!



the  
water served  
simply as  
discretion...

...my  
hellfire now  
reduces you to  
a fraction.

prepare  
yourself  
where you  
lie...



...for now  
it's time  
for you  
to --

CHUNK



CHUNK



CHUNK



CHUNK



THAT  
pins down the  
problem.



FINISH IT,  
ARROWCASTER.

CHOOSE  
WISELY...

...AN  
ARROW TO THE  
HEART WILL FINISH  
HIM QUICKLY,  
BUT...



...ONE  
TO THE STOMACH  
WILL PROLONG THE  
AGONY.



# AAAARRGH

your  
arrowed lackey  
to ash has been  
diminished...

...AND  
NOW THIS RACE  
CAN FINALLY BE  
FINISHED.

DO NOT  
UNDERESTIMATE  
ME, DEMON.

I'VE ALREADY  
CALCULATED YOUR  
DEMISE.

NO... you will  
fall upon this  
scene...

...AND I WILL COLLECT  
THE SOUL OF  
GOBLIN...

...GREEN?

HE'S  
GOTTEN  
AWAY!

FOLLOW  
ME... IF YOU  
DARE!



GOT  
TO GET  
AWAY!

GOT TO  
THINK.  
THIS  
IS ALL TOO  
MUCH!

DEMONS...  
SOULS OF  
POWER...

AND THE  
DOCTORS  
SAY I'M  
CRAZY!

FW  
LOMP

OH,  
BUT YOU  
ARE CRAZY,  
NORMAN... I  
ASSURE YOU  
OF THAT!

AND  
I'M THE  
DARK SPECTRE  
YOU SEE IN YOUR  
NIGHTMARES.

I'VE  
COME  
FOR YOUR  
SOUL...

...TO  
TORTURE IT  
FOR ALL AGES  
IN THE NEXUS OF  
FEAR-- MY  
SANCTUM!

AH,  
SPEED DEMON...  
YOU HOUND MY  
VERY STEPS.

COME.  
FOLLOW  
ME...

...TO  
THE HEART OF  
DARKNESS!



he's gone.

FOLLOW HIM.

TO FOLLOW WOULD SURELY TURN SOUR IN HIS REAR. HE HAS SUPREME POWER.

I GO TO FACE MY FOE.  
GO... GO... GO!

IF DAMNATION BE NIGHT SPECTRE'S TRICK...

...THEN LET IT AT LEAST BE QUICK!

AT THAT MOMENT...

YOUNG MASTER ALLEN, YOUR THOUGHTS ARE ON YOUR UNCLE.

WHO ARE YOU? HOW DID YOU KNOW...?

I KNOW MUCH OF YOU AND YOUR UNCLE, YOUNG WALLY.

I HAVE JOURNEYED FAR TO IMPART THAT WHICH I KNOW TO YOU.



FOR TONIGHT IS A TURNING POINT IN THE LIVES OF ALL THE BLAZE MALES.

JUST AS THAT NIGHT, LONG AGO, WHEN YOUR UNCLE, AN AMATEUR MYSTIC AT BEST...

...SPURNED THE NIGHT SPECTRE'S DESIRE FOR A HUMAN PAWN.

NIGHT SPECTRE WAS ATTRACTED TO YOUR UNCLE'S POWERFUL, YET INNATE, ARCANЕ ABILITIES.

THE DEMON LORD ASKED FOR HIS SERVICES IN THE SOUL RACE.

"YOUR UNCLE REFUSED... CAST NIGHT SPECTRE OUT... AND THAT NIGHT SEALED THE FATE OF BOTH HIS BELOVED IRIS AND OF HIMSELF."

HE DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT... DID HE, BOY? THAT IT WAS HIS OWN RECKLESSNESS WHICH COST HIM HIS BRIDE?

I'M SURE HE ALSO DIDN'T TELL YOU THAT ON HIS WEDDING NIGHT, MOURNING HIS STILL WARM BRIDE, HE ONCE AGAIN TURNED TO THE ARCANЕ.

THIS TIME I ANSWERED HIS CALL FOR VENGEANCE.

"I GAVE HIM THE MEANS TO ENSURE THAT THE NIGHT SPECTRE NOT WIN THE RACE... AND A WAY FOR BLAZE TO SEE THAT IRIS'S SOUL REST IN PEACE."

THEN IT WAS YOU WHO TURNED MY UNCLE INTO THE SPEED DEMON.

BUT I FEAR HE IS NOW DOOMED.

WE HAVE TO HELP UNCLE BLAZE!

I HAVE A PROPOSITION FOR YOU, THEN...



THE NIGHT SPECTRE'S  
SANCTUM OF LOST  
SOULS.

WHERE  
ARE YOU, ALLEN  
KNOWN AS  
BLAZE...

...I  
SENSE OUR  
SOULS ARE OUT  
OF PHASE.

THE  
GREEN COBBLIN  
LIES HERE AT  
MY HEELS...



WE HAVE BEEN  
PARCELED IN THIS  
PLACE OF LOST  
SOULS...

AND NOW  
I AM TORN  
FROM OUR  
GOALS.



THESE  
SOULS MUST  
BE FREED  
HERE...

FROM  
THE NIGHT  
SPECTRE'S  
CHAMBER OF  
FEAR.



THIS SOUL CASTS  
MY REFLECTION  
DARKLY...



IN BLIGHTED  
PAST SUNDERED  
FROM THE  
STARGLY.



BUT  
MY HUMAN  
COUNTER I  
CANNOT  
FEEL.



NO.

IT  
WON'T BE  
SO EASY, I'M  
AFRAID.

YOU WILL  
NOT REGAIN  
YOUR SOUL,  
DEMON.



YOUR  
DAYS AS JAY  
GARRICK ARE LONG  
OVER, AND SOON  
IT WILL ALL  
BE OVER.



I'VE WON.

I HAVE BLAZE!

MERLIN'S SOUL-BINDING SPELL HAS ABSOLUTELY NO EFFECT IN MY REALM.

NOW YOU ARE ON YOUR OWN, DEMON. NO LONGER WILL YOU HAVE YOUR PET HUMAN'S CALMER HEAD TO GUIDE YOU IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE.

I SENSE YOU ARE PREPARING TO REDUCE TO ASH THIS THRALL BODY WHICH I AM INHABITING.

NO, NO, MR. ALLEN. YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FORMER PARTNER. HE WON'T KILL ME NOW THAT HE KNOWS WHAT THE TRUE STAKES ARE.

DON'T... DO IT!

HE COULDN'T STAND TO SEE YOU LOSE YOUR IRIS. NOT AFTER WHAT HE HAS LOST.

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE JOKE MERLIN PLAYED IN WEDDING YOUR TWO SOULS TOGETHER. YOU SEE ETRIGAN WAS ONCE —

STOP. QUIET. YOU HAVE US. JUST DO IT QUIETLY.

WHAT, NO JOLLY RHYMES?

MORE'S THE SHAME.

AND SO IT ENDS NOT WITH A BANG, BUT WITH A...

THINK *QUICK*, DEMON! WHAT BECOMES OF BLAZE ALLEN OF HIS PRECIOUS IRIS? OF ALL THE SOULS TRAPPED WITHIN THIS PLACE IF I DIE?

IN YOUR CURRENT STATE ARE YOU YET CAPABLE OF SUCH THOUGHT, ETRIGAN?

LET ME GIVE YOU A HINT... THEY WILL ALL PERISH WITH ME.







THROUGH  
THE SANCTUM  
WINDOW -- ANOTHER  
SPEED DEMON!  
IMPOSSIBLE!



THE  
GOBLIN HAS BEEN  
SUBDUED. TAKE  
HIM AND CLAIM  
HELL.

MY  
LOST SOUL  
FOUND AND NIGH  
SPECTRE DEFEATED,  
I WISH NO HELL.  
MY MISSION IS  
COMPLETED.

BUT  
THINGS HAVE  
OBVIOUSLY TAKEN  
A STRANGE TURN --  
WHO ARE YOU,  
STRANGER?

THERE IS A BRIGHT  
FLASH FROM THE  
BIKE'S STRANGELY  
CARVED GAS-CAP...

-- AND THE HISS OF  
SIZZLING FLESH.

IT'S  
ME, UNCLE  
BLAZE!

WALLY!  
WHAT MESS  
HAVE YOU  
GOTTEN  
YOURSELF  
INTO? I TOLD  
YOU --

TALK ABOUT  
UNGRATEFUL! YOU  
WERE GETTING YOUR  
BUTT KICKED. MERLIN  
SAID --







MERLIN!  
WE'RE ALL IN A  
HEAP OF TROUBLE  
IF THAT'S WHO'S  
RESPONSIBLE FOR  
THIS, BOY.

FILL  
ME IN AND  
MAKE IT  
QUICK.

MERLIN  
SAID WE'RE ALL  
IN DEEP TROUBLE.  
NIGHT SPECTRE HAS  
TRANSFERRED HIS SPIRIT  
INTO A HUMAN HOST --  
LIKE MERLIN SET YOU  
UP WITH SPEED  
DEMON.

NIGHT  
SPECTRE HOPES TO  
SUCCEED IN HIS PLANS  
WITH THE ADVANTAGE  
OF A HUMAN HOST --  
LIKE SPEED DEMON  
DID WITH  
YOU.

CUTE.  
TOO CUTE. I DON'T  
BUY IT. SPEEDY HAS  
WON THE RACE FOR HELL.  
IT'S OURS. WHAT COULD  
NIGHT SPECTRE BE  
AFTER?

EARTH.



GREAT. PERFECT. HE'S GOING  
TO MAKE HIS OWN NIGHTMARISH  
VISION OF HELL. I'M NOT GOING  
TO LET THAT HAPPEN -- NOT  
WHILE I GOT BREATH IN ME. YOU  
GOING OFF TO REDECORATE  
HELL, SPEEDY?

YOUR  
DISCONCEPTIONS ARE A  
LOT BETTER, I THOUGHT. BY NOW  
YOU'D KNOW ME BETTER.



WALLY.  
GET ON THE  
BIKE. GET THE  
ENGINE RUNNING.  
SPEEDY AND I HAVE  
SOME HATCHETS TO  
BURY. WE WON'T  
BE LONG -- I  
HOPE.



the  
TORTURED  
SOUL OF THE MAN  
I ONCE WAS -- JAY  
GARRICK. ONCE LIFE  
WAS FREE AND  
RUNNING...

THE  
TORN SOUL OF  
MY BELOVED IRIS.  
ONCE LIFE WAS  
A DREAM AND  
ENDLESS.

EVERYTHING'S A  
NIGHTMARE NOW --  
LIKE IT SHOULDN'T BE  
THAT WAY AND WE'RE  
GOING TO WAKE UP  
NEXT MONTH.

BUT  
I KNOW WE  
WON'T. I'M EITHER  
GOING TO SPEND MY  
EXISTENCE CHASING  
DEMONS OR RUNNING  
AWAY FROM  
THEM.

SPEEDY,  
THESE SOULS  
DESERVE BETTER  
THAN US AND OUR  
GAMES. PUT THEM  
TO REST...  
AND DO IT  
QUICK.

verily, my  
specialty.





IS THAT...?

IT'S  
PEACE, WALLY.  
CHERISH IT IN YOUR  
HEART, BECAUSE  
YOUR LIFE NOW  
WILL BE DEVOID  
OF IT.

LET'S SADDLE UP.  
YOU READY TO  
TEAM UP AGAIN,  
SPEEDY?

YEA,  
BEFORE THE  
RISE OF THE SUN,  
LET'S...

BOBO

"...RUN!"

AND THROUGH THE DARK WOODS  
OUTSIDE OF GOTHAM, TWO STREAKS  
OF FIRE GO RACING FASTER THAN THE  
ROSY FINGERS OF DAWN'S FIRST LIGHT.



IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE,  
WHERE TWO DEMONS  
STOOD, NOW STAND THE  
FORM OF MEN...

I'VE MADE SOME  
BAD MISTAKES,  
KID. BUT THE WORST  
WAS GETTING YOU  
MIXED UP IN THIS  
MESS.

AW, UNCLE  
BLAZE, ALL I EVER  
WANTED WAS  
TO DO SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT... TO  
BE SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT  
TO YOU.

NOW  
I AM. MERLIN  
SAID FACING NIGHT  
SPECTRE'S HUMAN  
HOST WOULD BE THE  
HARDEST CHALLENGE  
YOU'D HAVE TO FACE.  
BUT, NOW I'M  
HERE.

I CAN  
BE YOUR  
SIDEKICK --  
LIKE SPARROW  
AND THE DARK  
CLAW!

HAHA!  
OKAY,  
KID.

GET  
SOME SLEEP.  
WE GOT A  
WORLD TO  
SAVE!

WALLY'S  
A GOOD KID.  
KIND OF LIKE THE  
SON IRIS AND  
I MIGHT HAVE  
HAD.

AND  
NOW I'VE  
RUINED HIS  
LIFE LIKE I  
DID MY OWN.

WAIT...

"...WHO'S THE DEMON  
WALLY'S BONDED  
WITH?!"

I WILL,  
UNCLE BLAZE. I  
JUST WANT TO  
VISIT MOM AND  
POP'S GRAVE AND  
PAY MY RESPECTS  
BEFORE THE  
CARNY PACKS UP  
AND LEAVES TOWN.

...ETRIGAN'S  
THE DEMON  
I'M BONDED  
WITH --  
SO...

BE HERE IN  
THIRTY DAYS FOR...  
**"BATTLE LINES  
DRAWN IN  
BLOOD!"**