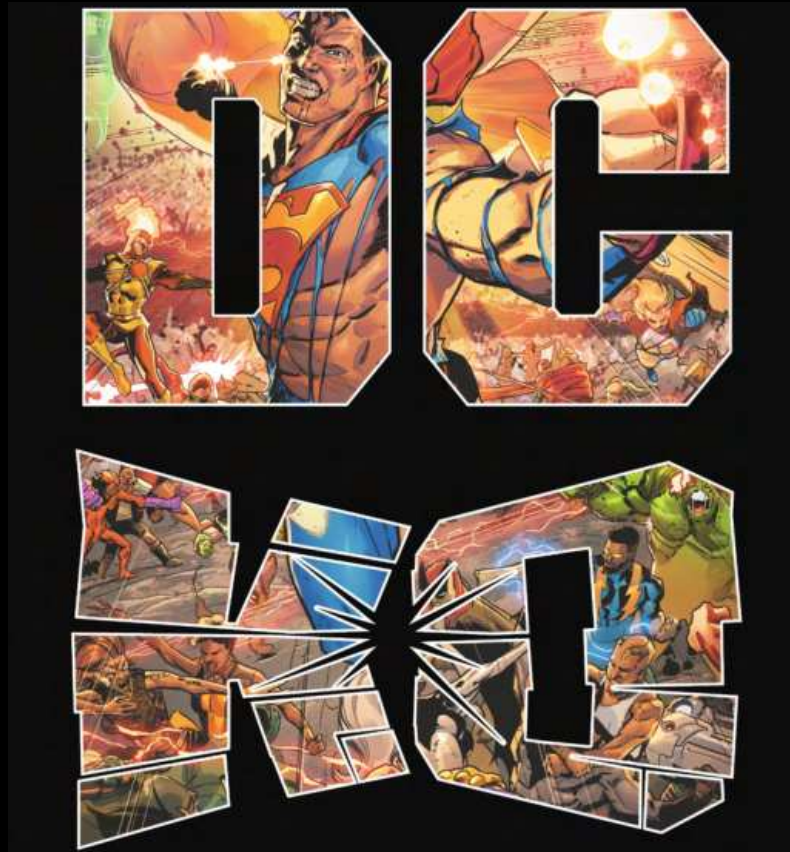




MADE BY THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS**

-Introduction-

THE DC UNIVERSE, AS YOU MIGHT ALREADY KNOW, IS FULL OF MYSTERIOUS ENERGY, WITH ITS TWO MOST PRIMAL BEING THE TWIN ENERGIES KNOWN AS **ALPHA** AND **OMEGA**. ALPHA IS THE WILD, EXPLOSIVE ENERGY OF CREATION, GENERATED BY ALMOST EVERY PLANET WITH LIFE, WHILE OMEGA IS THE ENERGY OF CONQUEST, ABSORPTION, AND CONTROL.

AFTER HIS LATEST DEATH BY THE SUPERMAN'S HAND AND THE CREATION OF THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE, **DARKSEID** PLACED A **HEART OF APOKOLIPS**, AN INFERNAL ENGINE THAT RUNS ON OMEGA ENERGY, IN THE ABSOLUTE EARTH'S CENTER, CAUSING ALL OF ITS POWER TO FLOW TO HIM. HE BECAME ABSOLUTE AS THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL ITS OMEGA ENERGY, A WALKING SINGULARITY THAT TRANSFORMS ALL AROUND HIM.

THE **KING OMEGA**.

DARKSEID WILL BE REBORN ONCE AGAIN, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER, INVADE PRIME EARTH AND THUS BECOME THE END OF EVERYTHING BY CONSUMING ALL.

HOWEVER, A QUARTET KNOWN AS THE **QUANTUM QUORUM**, FORMED BY THE FOUR MOST POWERFUL TEMPORAL BEINGS IN THIS UNIVERSE, COMBINED THEIR POWERS TO REWIND THE TIME BY SEVEN DAYS AGAIN AND AGAIN.

THEY ATTEMPTED EVERY POSSIBLE VARIATION OF THE FUTURE BUT IT ALL ENDED THE SAME AND AT THE SAME TIME, NO MATTER WHAT THEY AND THE HEROES TRIED.

IT ALWAYS ENDS WITH **DARKSEID**.

FORTUNATELY FOR THE HEROES, THEY HAVE A LAST HOPE OF SURVIVAL. BY USING THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS** LOCATED AT THE PRIME EARTH'S CENTER, THEY CAN CROWN ONE OF THEM AS A NEW **KING OMEGA** TO FACE THE HARBINGER OF ANTI-LIFE, BUT, AS THE HEART IS COSMICALLY CONNECTED TO ITS MASTER, THEY HAD TO FORCE IT TO RESTART ENTIRELY. THAT IS, USE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF OMEGA ENERGY TO CAUSE A "COSMIC HEART ATTACK" ON IT.

FOR FIVE DAYS, THE HEROES MADE THE PREPARATIONS: THEY STARTED EARTH'S MASS EVACUATIONS BY CREATING **MEGA-ARKS**, THEY SPENT SOME TIME WITH THEIR LOVED ONES, AND THEY CHOSE THEIR GEAR FOR WHAT WAS COMING.

ON THE SIXTH DAY, THEY ARRIVED AT THE **SKARTARIS NEXUS**, A PASSAGE TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH, WHERE THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS** NOW THRUMS. THEY USED THE OMEGA ENERGY THAT WAS ACCUMULATED IN BOOSTER GOLD'S BODY TO ATTACK IT.

THE BLAST IS JUST ENOUGH TO STOP THE HEART FOR NO LONGER THAN A FEW HUNDRED ZEPTOSECONDS, PLANCK TIME, BUT IT'S ENOUGH. WHEN THE HEART BEGINS AGAIN, BLANK AND NEW AND HUNGRY AND TERRIBLE, THE FIRST THING IT SEES IS THEM, THE HEROES, ROCKETING TOWARD IT.

AS THE HEROES ALREADY KNEW, THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS** IS A LIVING, SENTIENT, FOURTH-DIMENSIONAL BEING THAT, NOW REBORN, WILL IMMEDIATELY SEEK FOR A NEW CHAMPION, SOMEONE FUELED BY CONQUEST AND CONQUEST ONLY.

IT WON'T CHOOSE ANY RANDOM BYSTANDER, IT WILL DEFEND ITSELF BY RESHAPING ITSELF AND MANUFACTURING REALITIES TO TEST THE CANDIDATES.

THIS TEST IS A **TOURNAMENT**, WHERE THE CONTENDERS WILL COMPETE AGAINST EACH OTHER TO DECIDE WHO IS THE ULTIMATE CONQUEROR, WORTHY OF BECOMING THE NEW **KING OMEGA**.

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THIS IS WHERE *YOU* ENTER, AN INTERDIMENSIONAL TRAVELER KNOWN BY MANY NAMES, BUT MAINLY AS **JUMPER**. YOU PROBABLY HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE PRIME EARTH OR EVEN THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE, BUT YOU HAVE VISITED SOME ITERATION OF THE DC UNIVERSE IN THE PAST AND THUS YOU MANAGED TO BECOME PART OF THE TOURNAMENT.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN THIS UNIVERSE, YOU'LL IMMEDIATELY JOIN THE TOURNAMENT TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER CONTENDERS BUT DON'T THINK YOU CAN CHEAT WITH THE POWER OF OTHER WORLDS.

I WON'T ALLOW IT. IN THE SAME WAY AS YOU FORCED YOUR WAY INTO THE TOURNAMENT, I MANAGED TO UTILIZE SOME LOOPHOLES TO HIJACK THIS **GAUNTLET FORMAT** THAT YOUR **BENEFACTOR** AND THAT OTHER OVERSPARKED JUMPER UTILIZE.

WHILE I HAVE NO INTEREST IN USING THE **JUMPCHAIN SYSTEM** FOR MY OWN BENEFIT OR TO REACH OTHER WORLDS, I STILL INTEND TO UTILIZE IT TO TEST YOU, IN THE SAME WAY AS I'LL TEST THE OTHER CONTENDERS, BOTH HEROES AND VILLAINS ALIKE.

DEPENDING ON YOUR PERFORMANCE AND HOW MUCH **OMEGA ENERGY** YOU CAN GENERATE DURING THE TESTS, I CAN GRANT YOU SOME ADVANTAGES OVER YOUR RIVALS OR EVEN ALLOW SOME TRICKS THAT SOME COULD CALL CHEATING, BUT THAT ARE STILL WITHIN ALL. AFTER ALL, I'LL SEVERELY PUNISH ANYONE THAT ATTEMPTS TO CHEAT, EVEN YOU IF NECESSARY.

FOR YOU, THIS ENERGY IS REPRESENTED IN THE FORM OF **OMEGA POINTS**, AS YOU'RE MORE FAMILIARIZED WITH THIS KIND OF TERM. LIKE OTHER REGULAR GAUNTLETS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST, YOU WON'T RECEIVE ANY OF SUCH POINTS FOR FREE, BUT I'LL EXPLAIN ALL THE RULES LATER.

BUT NOW THAT YOU AND ALL OTHER CONTENDERS ARE READY FOR THE TOURNAMENT, WHO WILL WIN AND BE CROWNED THE **KING OMEGA**?

I CAN TELL YOU THE ANSWER NOW IF YOU'D LIKE. I MIGHT NOT BE YOUR **BENEFACTOR** AND YOUR CONNECTION WITH HER IS CURRENTLY BLOCKED, BUT I'M THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS** AFTER ALL.

I KNOW WHO WILL JOIN THE RANKS OF THE FALLEN, I KNOW ALL THE TWISTS AND TURNS THAT AWAIT THEM. I KNOW ALL THE SURPRISES COMING. AND I KNOW THE REAL TRUTH, THE FINAL ONE.

THE TRUTH IS THAT NONE OF THEM WILL WIN. NOT CLARK, NOT DIANA, NOT BRUCE, NOT LEX, NOT THE JOKER, NOT EVEN YOU.

NONE.

BECAUSE THE ONE LAST CONTENDER AMONG THEM IS THE **KING** HIMSELF, **DARKSEID**, WHO HAS TAKEN OVER BOOSTER GOLD'S BODY.

SO NO, *JUMPER*, THE GAME ISN'T BEGINNING, IT'S ALREADY OVER. GOOD LUCK, YOU'LL NEED IT, EVEN IF IT WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.

+0 OMEGA POINTS (OP)



-Rules-

BEFORE WE BEGIN, YOU MUST FIRST UNDERSTAND YOUR CURRENT SITUATION AND THE TOURNAMENT YOU'RE HEADING TO.

AS OTHER REGULAR GAUNTLETS, YOU'LL LOSE ACCESS TO ANY **OUT-OF-JUMP PERKS, ITEMS** AND EVEN TO YOUR **WAREHOUSE**, BEING BASICALLY REDUCED TO ONLY YOUR **BODY-MOD**.

HOWEVER, THIS CHALLENGE HAS A SPECIAL RULE: IN THE SAME WAY AS THE HEROES WERE ALLOWED TO PREPARE FOR FIVE DAYS AND BRING A SINGLE ITEM WITH THEM, YOU'LL BE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE TO KEEP ALL PERKS, SPECIAL PHYSIOLOGY, POWERS, AND EVEN ITEMS YOU ACQUIRED IN A SINGLE **DC JUMP** OF YOUR CHOICE (OR ANY OTHER JUMP OF YOUR CHOICE IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE **MULTIVERSAL EXPANSION** DRAWBACK).

THIS ALSO MEANS YOU MUST HAVE VISITED AT LEAST A SINGLE **DC JUMP** IN THE PAST IN ORDER TO ENTER THE TOURNAMENT. IF YOU HAVEN'T, THEN GO AWAY AND ONLY RETURN ONCE YOU FULFILL THIS REQUIREMENT.

THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE COMPOSED OF FIVE MAIN ROUNDS, IN ADDITION TO AN UNOFFICIAL ONE, COURTESY OF THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE **QUANTUM QUORUM**, WHERE YOU'LL COMPETE AGAINST SEVERAL HEROES AND VILLAINS FROM THE CURRENT ITERATION OF THE DC COMICS UNIVERSE'S PRIME EARTH TO DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE LAST STANDING CHAMPION, THE ONLY ONE WORTHY OF BEING CROWNED THE NEW **KING OMEGA**.

FOR EACH ONE OF THE SIX ROUNDS, I'LL OFFER YOU A LIST OF DRAWBACKS TO GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO GENERATE **OMEGA POINTS**, AS WELL AS PERKS AND ITEMS TO SUPPORT YOU, GAINING ACCESS TO THEM ONLY ONCE YOU REACH THAT RESPECTIVE ROUND.

FURTHERMORE, AS I'M NOT YOUR **BENEFACTOR**, THE PERKS I OFFER YOU AREN'T MEANT TO EMPOWER YOU, BUT TO GIVE YOU SOME ADVANTAGE IN THE TEST OR TO MAKE YOU MORE LIKE **HIM** ONCE THE RIGHT TIME ARRIVES. MOREOVER, AS THE HEROES WEREN'T ALLOWED TO HAVE ALL OF THEIR GEAR, YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO ACQUIRE THE ITEMS YOU PURCHASE HERE POST-JUMP.

IF YOU GENERATED MORE **OMEGA POINTS** IN A ROUND THAT YOU SPENT ON IT, YOU MAY SPEND THEM IN THE FOLLOWING ROUNDS BUT YOU CAN'T SPEND POINTS YOU GAINED IN A SPECIFIC ROUND IN THE PERKS AND ITEMS FROM THE PREVIOUS ONES. AFTER ALL, SPENDING POINTS FROM A ROUND BEFORE YOU ACTUALLY EARNED THEM WOULD MEAN SPENDING AN ENERGY THAT YOU STILL DON'T HAVE. BUT YOU CAN PURCHASE THINGS FROM EARLIER ROUNDS.

IN ADDITION TO THE ROUND-SPECIFIC OPTIONS, I'LL ALSO OFFER YOU GENERAL DRAWBACKS THAT WILL AFFECT YOU THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT AS WELL AS GENERAL PERKS AND ITEMS THAT YOU'LL ACQUIRE FROM THE BEGINNING.

WINNING EACH ROUND WILL ALSO GIVE YOU A SPECIAL **REWARD** AND YOU'LL ONLY EARN THE **GREAT PRIZE** OF THE TOURNAMENT BY BEING THE LAST STANDING CHAMPION.

FINALLY, DEATH WON'T COUNT AS A CHAIN-FAILURE FOR YOU, BUT IT'LL STILL COUNT AS FAILING THIS JUMP, CAUSING YOU TO LOSE ALL THE PERKS, ITEMS AND REWARDS OF THE ROUNDS YOU DIDN'T TAKE PART IN.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU LOST IN THE SECOND ROUND, YOU'LL KEEP EVERYTHING FROM THE FIRST ROUND (INCLUDING THAT ROUND'S REWARD) AS WELL AS THE PERKS AND ITEMS FROM THE SECOND ROUND, BUT YOU'LL LOSE EVERYTHING FROM THE THIRD ROUND ONWARDS.

REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE TOURNAMENT, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY LASTING CORRUPTION THANKS TO THE **OMEGA ENERGY** THAT WILL FLOW IN YOUR VEINS OR EVEN THE INFLUENCE OF **DARKSEID**, AS YOUR BENEFACTOR WILL BE ABLE TO HEAL YOU COMPLETELY ONCE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT ENDS AND YOUR CONNECTION WITH HER IS FULLY RE-ESTABLISHED.

LASTLY, AS YOU LIKELY ALREADY NOTICED, THERE ARE NO ORIGINS AND NO DISCOUNTS HERE. NOTHING IS FREE FOR YOU.

NOW, YOU MUST LEARN TO NOT HOLD BACK, TO BE MERCILESS, TO BE LIKE HIM, ALL IN ORDER TO BECOME THE **KING OMEGA**.

-General Drawbacks-

RANDOMIZED MATCHUP (+100 OP): AS THE GAME MASTER, I KNOW ALL THE MATCHES THAT WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE TOURNAMENT AND ALL THE RESULTS OF THOSE MATCHES, BUT YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT TOO AND THIS GIVES YOU AN ADVANTAGE. IF YOU DON'T INTERFERE TOO MUCH, THE MATCHUP BETWEEN THE CONTENDERS WOULD NORMALLY REMAIN MORE OR LESS THE SAME, WITH YOU JUST TAKING THE PLACE OF ONE OF THEM, BUT THIS WILL CHANGE BY TAKING THIS DRAWBACK.

FROM NOW ON, FATE ITSELF WILL CONSPIRE TO ENSURE THAT THE MATCHUPS WILL BE DIFFERENT, COMPLETELY RANDOM FROM THE ORIGINAL ONES. MAYBE HAWKMAN WILL BE LUCKY TO NOT HAVE TO FIGHT AQUAMAN WHILE THE JOKER WILL BE UNLUCKY AND END UP FACING CAPTAIN ATOM. THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE OF HOW THINGS WILL TURN UP DIFFERENTLY IN THE TOURNAMENT.

+THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME (+200 OP - REQUIRES THE MOST DANGEROUS GAME): AS I SAID BEFORE, THE MATCHUPS WOULD BE RANDOM, BUT YOU SEEM TO WANT MORE THAN THIS. YOU WANT A TRUE CHALLENGE AND STILL IS SOMETHING I VALUE.

BY TAKING THIS DRAWBACK, INSTEAD OF THE MATCHUP BEING MERELY RANDOM, IT'S SURE THAT YOU'LL END UP WITH THE WORST POSSIBLE MATCHUP FOR THIS TOURNAMENT, LIKE FACING CAPTAIN ATOM IN THE SECOND ROUND AND SUPERMAN (AND SHAZAM) IN THE THIRD ROUND. IF YOU WANT TO FACE THE MOST POWERFUL AND DANGEROUS CONTENDERS IN THE TOURNAMENT INSTEAD OF ONLY FACING STREET-LEVEL THUGS/VIGILANTES, THEN THIS OPTION IS FOR YOU.

EXTENDED ROSTER (+100 OP): MOST OF THE EARTH'S POPULATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN EVACUATED RIGHT NOW, SO THE HEROES DECIDED TO LEAVE LESS OF THEM TO PROTECT THE PLANET, AT THE SAME TIME AS MORE VILLAINS MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND JOIN THE TOURNAMENT. AS A RESULT, THE AMOUNT OF HEROES AND VILLAINS HERE WILL NOW BE TWICE ITS ORIGINAL QUANTITY, MEANING THE DOUBLE OF COMPETITORS TO THE GRAND PRIZE. THIS ALSO MEANS THAT 64 CONTENDERS WILL BE ALLOWED TO JOIN THE SECOND ROUND INSTEAD OF THE REGULAR 32.

+MULTIVERSAL EXPANSION (+200 OP - REQUIRES EXTENDED ROSTER AND MUST HAVE AT LEAST 8 JUMPS BEFORE THIS ONE): WHEN I TOOK OVER THIS **GAUNTLET FORMAT** AND GAINED ACCESS TO YOUR **JUMPCHAIN SYSTEM**, I HAD NO INTEREST IN USING IT TO ANYTHING OTHER THAN TESTING YOU, BUT I CHANGED MY MIND. I SHALL USE YOUR CONNECTION TO OTHER WORLDS TO EXPAND THE TOURNAMENT EVEN FURTHER.

THE NUMBER OF COMPETITORS WILL DOUBLE ONCE AGAIN, WITH 128 CONTENDERS BEING ALLOWED TO JOIN THE SECOND ROUND, BUT THERE IS A CATCH. THE EXTRA 64 COMPETITORS WILL BE FROM WORLDS YOU VISITED IN THE PAST INSTEAD OF BEING NATIVE TO EARTH 0.

THEY'LL BE SUMMONED FROM YOUR PREVIOUS JUMPS, MORE PRECISELY, FROM ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS OF THEM WHERE YOU NEVER ARRIVED AND THEIR STORIES FOLLOWED THEIR REGULAR PATHS. I'LL SPECIFICALLY CHOOSE POWERFUL FIGHTERS THAT WANT THE POWER TO RESHAPE THE WORLD FOR GOOD OR FOR EVIL.

FURTHERMORE, BY TAKING THIS DRAWBACK, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO PICK ANY OTHER JUMP TO RETAIN ITS PERKS AND ITEMS INSTEAD OF BEING RESTRICTED TO ONLY PICKING A DC JUMP. THIS DRAWBACK ALSO ALLOWS YOU TO USE THIS GAUNTLET AND JOIN THE TOURNAMENT IF YOU HAVE NEVER VISITED SOME ITERATION OF THE DC UNIVERSE BEFORE.



“I’LL ALLOW IT” (+100 OP): YOU HAVE MADE A VERY SERIOUS MISTAKE. THE **ENTITY**, ALSO KNOWN AS THE **ALMIGHTY** OR THE **PRESENCE**, HEARD YOU TAKE HIS NAME IN VAIN AND HE’S NOW PISSED OFF WITH YOU. FORTUNATELY, HE’S TOO KIND TO TAKE ANY DIRECT ACTION AGAINST YOU AND HE STILL THINKS WATCHING YOU IS ENTERTAINING, BUT, EVEN SO, YOU CAN SAY GOODBYE TO ANY IMMORTALITY OR I-UP BONUS YOU HAD. YOU’LL BE ALLOWED TO KEEP EVEN EXTREMELY POWERFUL HEALING FACTORS, BUT YOU’LL LOSE ANY TRUE IMMORTALITY, IN THE SAME WAY AS LOBO WILL LOSE HIS DURING HIS FIGHT AGAINST WONDER WOMAN.

WELL, IF YOU DON’T HAVE ANY TRUE IMMORTALITY OR I-UP BONUS, THEN THIS WILL BE FREE OMEGA ENERGY FOR YOU, BUT DON’T DARE TO ASK ANYTHING FROM THE **PRESENCE**, HE’S STILL PISSED OFF.

THE HEART CORRUPTS (+200 OP): IN ORDER TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT, YOU MUST ACT LIKE **DARKSEID**, BE MERCILESS AND NEVER HOLD BACK. THIS IS A LESSON THAT ALL COMPETITORS WILL LEARN DURING THE COURSE OF THE ROUNDS, SOME SOONER, SOME LATER.

SOME OF THEM WILL BE LIKE CAPTAIN ATOM AND START ATTACKING THEIR OWN FRIENDS ALREADY IN THE FIRST ROUND TO ENSURE THEIR VICTORIES, WHILE OTHERS WILL BE LIKE SUPERMAN WHO WILL ONLY BE RUTHLESS WHEN CORNERED AND OUT OF OTHER OPTIONS.

THIS ISN'T MERELY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE TOURNAMENT FORCING THEM TO ACT LIKE THIS BUT ALSO A RESULT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE OMEGA ENERGY THAT WILL FLOW IN THEIR VEINS, SHOWING THEM HOW GOOD IT FEELS TO WIN, TO SLAUGHTER THE OPPONENTS.

NORMALLY, MOST OF THEM WOULD RESIST IT, BUT SOMETHING CHANGED. ALL OF YOUR OPPONENTS WILL BE CONSIDERABLY MORE VULNERABLE TO THE EFFECTS OF THE OMEGA ENERGY THAN THE NORMAL AND WILL BECOME CORRUPTED LIKE CAPTAIN ATOM FAR MORE EASILY.

UNSTABLE POWER LEVELS (+200 OP): HOW DID JOKER'S HARPOON PIERCE THROUGH BATMAN'S JUSTICE BUSTER TWO? MAYBE THE REALITIES I MAKE AREN'T AS PERFECT AS I PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT OR IT'S JUST A RESULT OF THE ACCUMULATION OF OMEGA ENERGY, BUT, REGARDLESS OF THE EXACT REASON, THE POWER LEVELS OF YOU AND THE OTHER CONTENDERS SEEM TO BE FLUCTUATING RANDOMLY. SOMETIMES SOME OF YOU WILL BE WEAKENED, OTHER TIMES THEY'LL BE STRENGTHENED FAR BEYOND THE NORMAL. WHILE THIS MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL FOR YOU IF YOU'RE LUCKY, THIS DRAWBACK SYNERGIES PARTICULARLY BAD WITH **THE FAVORITE CHAMPION** DRAWBACK, AS THE CHOSEN CHAMPION WILL BE ABSURDLY EMPOWERED BY THIS.

A BLIND EYE AGAINST YOU (+300 OP): AS MENTIONED EARLIER, I PLAN TO SEVERELY PUNISH ANYONE THAT ATTEMPTS TO CHEAT, BUT, IF I WERE TO CAREFULLY ANALYZE, YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE, AS YOU DIDN'T "JUMP" TO EARTH 0, MERELY FORCED YOUR WAY DIRECTLY TO MY TOURNAMENT. YOUR VERY PRESENCE HERE IS A CHEAT AND YET I ALLOWED YOU TO JOIN. IN ORDER TO BALANCE THE TOURNAMENT AGAIN, I'LL TURN A BLIND EYE TO ANY OF YOUR OPPONENTS, ALLOWING THEM TO CHEAT AGAINST YOU, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T INTERFERE WITH THE REST OF THE GAME.

YOU COULD CALL IT A DOUBLE STANDARD, SINCE I'LL PUNISH YOU IF YOU TRY TO CHEAT THE SAME WAY, BUT FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, I'M JUST LEVELING THE PLAYING FIELD.

THE FAVORITE CHAMPION (+300 OP): IT SEEMS LIKE ONE SPECIFIC OPPONENT OF YOURS IS FAVORED BY FATE ITSELF, AS IF A HIGHER FORCE INSISTED ON SUPPORTING THEM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE BY GIVING THEM A VERY POWERFUL "PLOT ARMOR". THIS SPECIFIC ENEMY **JUST. WON'T. LOSE.** EVEN WHEN BY ALL LOGIC THEY SHOULD. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO THE EXTRA MILE ON THIS ONE IF YOU WANT TO BEAT THEM, JUMPER.

WHO IS GOING TO BE THIS CHAMPION FAVORED BY FATE IS COMPLETELY RANDOM. MAYBE THE JOKER, HARLEY, LEX LUTHOR, GIGANTA, OR EVEN SUPERMAN HIMSELF. IF YOU'RE LUCKY, YOU'LL ONLY FACE THEM IN THE FINAL ROUNDS, BUT IF YOU AREN'T, WELL, WHAT HAPPENED IN THE BATTLE OF RED HOOD AGAINST THE JOKER WILL LIKELY HAPPEN WITH YOU.

JUMP MODE (+1000 OP): DO YOU ACCEPT THAT THERE IS NO POSSIBLE RESULT OTHER THAN **DARKSEID'S** VICTORY? IF YOU WANT TO RECOVER YOUR POWERS, YOU MUST GIVE UP THE POSSIBILITY OF FACING THE **KING** HIMSELF IN THE FINAL ROUND. BY TAKING THIS TOGGLE, THIS GAUNTLET WILL COUNT AS A JUMP INSTEAD, WITH YOU RECOVERING YOUR OUT-OF-JUMP PERKS AND ITEMS. I'LL ALSO GRANT YOU A HUGE AMOUNT OF MY OWN OMEGA ENERGY, IN THE FORM OF **+1000 OP**. UNLIKE REGULAR JUMPS, YOU WON'T NEED TO STAY 10 YEARS HERE AND YOUR STAY HERE WILL BE FINISHED RIGHT AFTER YOU REACH THE FINAL ROUND, BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT DEATH HERE WILL COUNT AS FAILING YOUR CHAIN NOW.

-Punishments-

DO YOU THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE YOUR PITIFUL ATTEMPT AT CHEATING? YOU'RE LUCKY I SEE POTENTIAL IN YOU, SO I WON'T ELIMINATE YOU FROM THE TOURNAMENT, BUT DON'T THINK I WON'T PUNISH YOU IF YOU'VE CHEATED IN ONE OF THE WAYS MENTIONED BELOW, YOU'RE FORCED TO TAKE SOME SPECIAL DRAWBACKS.

ABNORMAL BODY MODIFICATION (-100 OP - MANDATORY IF YOU ADDED ANY ITEM, PERK OR SPECIAL PHYSIOLOGY TO YOUR BASE BODY-MOD): THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH YOU, SOMETHING ABNORMAL IN YOUR **BODY-MOD**... AFTER SEEING YOU CLOSER, I UNDERSTAND IT NOW, YOU'VE FOUND SOME WAY TO MODIFY IT, HAVING ENHANCED IT USING THE POWER OF OTHER WORLDS, LIKE ADDING SOME PERK FROM ANOTHER JUMP TO IT FOR EXAMPLE. THAT'S CLEVER, BUT I CAN'T LET THIS PASS. AS YOUR PUNISHMENT, ANYTHING EXTRA YOU ADDED TO YOUR BASIC BODY-MOD WILL ALSO BE GRANTED TO HALF OF THE OTHER COMPETITORS, ESSENTIALLY GIVING THEM A SMALL PORTION OF THE POWER YOU GATHERED IN OTHER WORLDS.

TONE SHIFT DENIED (-100 OP - MANDATORY IF YOU TRIED TO USE ANY "TONE SHIFT" ABILITY): DID YOU REALLY TRY TO REJECT THIS CRUEL REALITY BY REPLACING IT WITH A MORE "PLEASANT" ONE IN YOUR EYES BY USING SOME ABILITY TO SHIFT THE TONE OF THIS TOURNAMENT'S NARRATIVE?

BECAUSE OF SUCH A PERSONAL AFFRONT, IN ADDITION TO UNDOING THAT TONE SHIFT, I'LL THROW YOU INTO A REPLICATION OF THE **FIRE PITS IN APOKOLIPS** FOR A MONTH, WHERE YOU'LL BE CONSTANTLY ATTACKED BY HORDES OF PARADEMONS, WITH LITTLE ROOM FOR REST. TIME WILL FLOW FASTER INSIDE THE PITS, AS NOT EVEN A SECOND WILL HAVE PASSED WHEN YOU RETURN TO THE TOURNAMENT. ADDITIONALLY, YOU WON'T DIE THERE, AS I'LL REGENERATE ANY OF YOUR WOUNDS, BUT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE THE HORRORS OF APOKOLIPS FIRST HAND. MAYBE THIS EXPERIENCE WILL TEACH YOU TO APPRECIATE THE TOURNAMENT MORE.

FURTHERMORE, I'LL ALSO TAKE THE OMEGA ENERGY I USED TO MAKE THE FALSE FIRE PITS AND THE PARADEMONS FROM YOU. IF YOU TRY TO DO THIS AGAIN, I'LL TAKE MORE **OMEGA POINTS** FROM YOU AND SEND YOU TO THE PITS FOR ANOTHER MONTH.

ANTI-PACIFIST ROUTE (-100 OP - MANDATORY IF YOU TRIED TO FORCE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION FOR ANY OF THE ROUNDS BY USING SOME PERK OR ITEM): YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT THEM! NOT SPARE THEM, NOT SOLVE THINGS WITH EMPATHY AND KINDNESS OR WITH SOME CARD GAMES! BECAUSE OF THIS, IN ADDITION TO NULLIFYING WHAT YOU TRIED TO DO, I WILL HURT YOUR HEART.

THIS WILL BE DONE BY MANIPULATING YOUR PERCEPTION AND FORCING YOU TO SEE YOUR CURRENT OPPONENT AS IF THEY WERE ONE OF YOUR LOVED ONES. WHILE YOUR OPPONENT WON'T NOTICE THE DIFFERENCE, FROM YOUR VIEWPOINT, THEY'LL LOOK LIKE A PERFECT COPY OF THAT INDIVIDUAL SPECIAL FOR YOU, FROM THEIR APPEARANCE AND MANNERISM TO THEIR WAY OF SPEAKING AND EVEN SPIRITUAL AURA IF YOU'RE ABLE TO SENSE IT. BUT NO MATTER WHO YOUR OPPONENT MAY LOOK LIKE, YOU MUST NOT HOLD BACK IF YOU WANT TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT, BUT I KNOW IT'LL HURT YOU. THIS IS YOUR PUNISHMENT AFTER ALL.

CHEATER'S PAYMENT (-1000 OP - MANDATORY IF YOU USED THE CHEATER'S MANUAL SUPPLEMENT): YOU'VE OUTDONE YOURSELF NOW. THIS MUST BE CONSIDERED CHEATING EVEN BY THE STANDARDS OF YOUR **BENEFACTOR**. I'M GENUINELY SURPRISED SHE EVEN ALLOWED YOU TO DO THIS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE POWER BEHIND WHATEVER YOU BROUGHT USING THAT "SUPPLEMENT" IS SOMETHING I CAN'T SIMPLY NULLIFY OR REMOVE, BUT I CAN MAKE YOU PAY, BUT NOT WITH SOME TORTURE, TEST OR EVEN BY GIVING THIS POWER TO OTHERS THIS TIME. AS YOUR PUNISHMENT, I'LL REMOVE A VERY LARGE PORTION OF THE OMEGA ENERGY YOU COULD ACQUIRE HERE. KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU CAN'T FINISH THIS GAUNTLET WHILE BEING IN "DEBT" WITH ME, SO YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE ENOUGH DRAWBACKS TO HAVE AT LEAST ZERO OR MORE **OMEGA POINTS**.

-General Perks-

(50 OP): (FOR EACH ENEMY YOU DEFEAT, YOU RECEIVE A DECORATIVE STATUE IN YOUR WAREHOUSE, IN THE SAME WAY AS THE FALLEN CHAMPIONS BECOME STATUES. UNLIKE THOSE STATUES, YOURS AREN'T ACTUALLY YOUR FOES.)

(200 OP): (WHILE FIGHTING, YOU'RE A SPECIALIST AT BEING AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSING AS MUCH DAMAGE/PAIN AS POSSIBLE. THE HEART WILL DEFINITELY ENJOY WATCHING YOU FIGHT.)

(200 OP): (YOU CAN TURN OFF YOUR MERCY, ALLOWING YOU TO NOT HOLD BACK AND ACT JUST LIKE HIM. YOU'LL ALSO HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH GORE AND BRUTALITY)

(300 OP): (COMPLETE, ABSOLUTE IMMUNITY TO CORRUPTION)

JUMPERFIGHT (400 OP): (A SECOND CHANCE TO RE-JOIN THE TOURNAMENT IF YOU LOSE AND SUCCEED A TEST. 1-UP BONUS POST-JUMP.)

-General Items-

(50 OP): (THAT BOARD GAME) ()

DAWNSDAY KNUCKLES (200 OP): (A PAIR OF KNUCKLES CREATED BY SUPERMAN WHICH CONTAINS MINIATURE SUNS.)

THE ANTI-LIFE EQUATION (500 OP): ()

INFANT HEART OF APOKOLIPS (500 OP): ()

-The First Round-



TO WELCOME ALL THE CONTENDERS, THE HEART GIVES YOU EACH A MIRACULOUS VISION. EVERY ONE OF THE CONTENDERS SUDDENLY SEES THEMSELVES WIN. EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE CONTENDERS FEELS WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BECOME THE **HEART**'S CHAMPION, THE **SOLE GOD**, TO HAVE THE UNIVERSE BEND TO THEM, TO HAVE IT RE-FORMED AROUND THEIR IDEAS, THEIR BELIEFS...

YOU'RE NO EXCEPTION TO THIS, BUT JUST AS QUICKLY AS IT APPEARED, THE VISION VANISHES, GIVING WAY TO DARKNESS. YOU FIND YOURSELF WAITING AT THE ARENA GATES AND, JUST LIKE THAT, THE **TOURNAMENT** IS UPON YOU.

ONCE THE GATES ARE OPEN, YOU'LL BE IN AN ARENA FILLED WITH BOOBY-TRAPPED TILES AND PROTECTED BY DEMONIC GOLIATHS. ONCE ALL COMBATANTS EXIT THEIR WAITING ROOMS, ONE OF THE GOLIATHS WILL DROP THEIR HELL MACE, SIGNALLING THE START OF THE **FIRST ROUND**.

IN THE FIRST ROUND, THE GOAL IS SIMPLE: YOU MUST CROSS THE ARENA AND REACH A LARGE GLOWING PORTAL BEFORE IT CLOSES. ONLY THE 32 FIRST COMBATANTS TO REACH IT WILL BE QUALIFIED FOR THE NEXT STAGE. HOWEVER, AS MENTIONED BEFORE, THE ARENA IS FILLED WITH TRAPS, RANGING FROM TILES THAT WILL DISINTEGRATE YOU IF YOU STEP ON THEM TO TRAPS THAT WILL SUMMON HORDES OF OMEGADEMONS. SURPRISINGLY FOR YOU, THE DEMONIC GOLIATHS WILL SIMPLY OBSERVE THE CONTEST, AS THEY'LL ONLY INTERFERE IF YOU CHEAT BY ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE ARENA BEFORE THE ROUND STARTS.

-REWARD: AS YOUR REWARD FOR WINNING THE FIRST ROUND, YOU'LL RECEIVE THIS ROUND'S ARENA, THE **APOKOLIPTIAN COLISEUM**, AS YOUR FIAT-BACKED PROPERTY LOCATED SOMEWHERE OF YOUR CHOICE IN FUTURE WORLDS. WHILE IT WON'T COME WITH ANY OF ITS TRAPS AND DEMONS BY DEFAULT, THIS LARGE COLISEUM IS STILL AN ARENA WORTHY OF THE NEW GODS THEMSELVES, BEING INCREDIBLY DURABLE AS ANY DESTRUCTION CAUSED BY BATTLES WILL BE CONTAINED WITHIN ITS STRUCTURE, WITHOUT CAUSING COLLATERAL DAMAGE ON THE OUTSIDE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO.

-First Round Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM I (+100 OP): ONE COULD ARGUE I RESPOND TO OMEGA ENERGY ONLY AND THIS WOULDN'T BE INCORRECT, BUT I ALSO HAVE MY PREFERENCES WHEN IT COMES TO HOW THE COMPETITORS FIGHT. I LOVE WHEN THE FIGHTERS FIGHT BRUTALLY AND, TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE BRUTAL AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE FIRST ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE FIRST ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME. THE OTHER COMPETITORS WON'T KEEP THEIR MEMORIES, ONLY YOU.

FURTHERMORE, THERE WILL BE MORE DRAWBACKS LIKE THIS ONE IN THE FOLLOWING ROUNDS, BUT IT'LL TAKE INCREASINGLY MORE BRUTALITY TO SATISFY AND ENTERTAIN ME IN THE LATER ROUNDS. IN THIS FIRST ROUND, MERELY KILLING SOME OF THE OTHER COMPETITORS WILL BE ENOUGH, BUT, IN THE PENULTIMATE ROUND, YOU'LL NEED TO TORTURE YOUR ENEMIES IN AN INCREDIBLY PAINFUL AND GROTESQUE WAY.

ABSENCE OF A UNIFIED GOAL (+100 OP): AS YOU EXIT THE GATE, YOU WOULD NORMALLY SEE A PORTAL LOCALIZED ON THE OPPOSITE END OF THE ARENA, BUT NOT ANYMORE. INSTEAD OF A SINGLE, UNIFIED PORTAL, THERE WILL BE MULTIPLE INDIVIDUAL PORTALS SCATTERED AROUND THE ARENA, A PORTAL FOR EACH AVAILABLE SPOT IN THE SECOND ROUND, BE IT 32 BY DEFAULT, 64 IF YOU HAVE TAKEN **EXTENDED ROSTER**, OR EVEN 128 IF YOU HAVE TAKEN **MULTIVERSAL EXPANSION**.

EXPANDED ARENA (+200 OP): I HAVE DEVOTED MORE RESOURCES IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COLISEUM THAT SERVES AS THIS ROUND'S ARENA. AS A RESULT, THE ARENA IS NOW THE SIZE OF A LARGE CITY, WITH THE PORTAL(S) BEING HIDDEN IN A RANDOM LOCATION WITHIN IT. THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE NUMBER OF TRAPS AROUND THE ARENA HAS BEEN PROPORTIONALLY INCREASED TOO.

THE GLADIATORS (+300 OP): IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER CONTENDERS, THE ONLY OTHER ACTIVE ENEMIES YOU'LL FIND IN THE ARENA ARE THE OMEGADEMONS THAT CAN BE SUMMONED IF ONE OF YOU TRIGGER THE RIGHT TRAP, BUT, IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE DANGER OF THIS GAUNTLET, I SHALL CREATE PERFECT REPLICAS OF SOME APOKOLIPTIAN NEW GODS SUCH AS BIG BARDA AND GRANNY GOODNESS IN ORDER FOR THEM TO SPECIFICALLY GUARD THE PORTALS AND TRY TO PREVENT ANY OF THE CONTENDERS FROM ACCESSING THEM. WHILE THEY'RE ESSENTIALLY ONLY SOULLESS IMITATIONS OF THE ORIGINAL NEW GODS THAT ACT AS MERE EXTENSIONS OF MY WILL, THEY'RE STILL AS POWERFUL AS THE ORIGINAL ONES.

-First Round Perks-

(100 OP): (YOU HAVE A SIXTH SENSE FOR TRAPS)

(200 OP): (YOU DON'T TRIGGER TRAPS)

(200 OP): (YOU INSTINCTIVELY KNOWS WHEN SOMEONE IS GOING TO ATTACK YOU FROM BEHIND, EVEN WHEN THEY'RE ACTIVELY HIDING THEIR PRESENCE WITH SOME SUPERNATURAL ABILITY)

-First Round Items-

(100 OP): (THE DEATH TRAPS)

(100 OP): (GIANT DEMON GUARDS)

THE OMEGA LEGION (300 OP): (LEGION OF OMEGADEMONS)

-The Second Round-



AS SOON AS YOU CROSS THE PORTAL AND WIN THE FIRST ROUND, YOU AND OTHER 31 CHAMPIONS WILL BE TELEPORTED TO A REALM. A DIMENSION THAT TOOK ELEVEN BILLION YEARS TO CONSTRUCT, BUT WAS CARVED INSIDE A MICROSCOPIC WHITE HOLE, WHERE TIME MOVES LIKE LIGHT. A BLINK, AND IT EXISTS, HISTORY AND ALL. FROM YOUR VIEWPOINT, ALMOST NO TIME PASSED BETWEEN ROUNDS, WITH NO REST AND NO PAUSE FOR CONTEMPLATION.

ONLY THE SECOND CHALLENGE LIES IN FRONT OF YOU.

TO BECOME **KING OMEGA** IN THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE, DARKSEID HAD TO TAKE POWER FROM HIS KIND, THAT IS, PRIMORDIAL BEINGS AND GODS. HERE, YOU AND THE REMAINING 31 CONTENDERS MUST DO THE SAME, BUT FROM YOUR OWN KIND, YOUR FELLOW CHAMPIONS.

HIDDEN THROUGHOUT THIS REALM ARE SOME OF THE MOST POWERFUL ITEMS IN THE PRIME EARTH'S UNIVERSE. THIS ARENA IS NOTHING MORE THAN A GRAVEYARD OF ELDER GODS SLAIN BY DARKSEID. THE ITEMS LIE IN THEIR RUINS. WHEN ALL THE ITEMS ARE FOUND, THE SECOND ROUND IS OVER. WHOEVER IS HOLDING AN ITEM AT THAT TIME MOVES, WHILE WHOEVER IS NOT DIES.

THERE ARE ONLY 16 ITEMS HIDDEN HERE AND 32 CHAMPIONS (OR MORE ITEMS AND CHAMPIONS DEPENDING ON YOUR PREVIOUS CHOICES). EITHER WAY, BY THE END OF THIS CHALLENGE, ONLY **HALF** OF YOU WILL REMAIN.

LIKE THE REST OF THE TOURNAMENT, THERE ARE NO RULES OF CONDUCT. NOTHING MATTERS BUT WINNING. AND REMEMBER THIS RULE ABOVE ALL: HERE, IN THIS ARENA, IF YOU FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF DARKSEID, YOU SHALL BE **REWARDED**.

-REWARD: AS SOON AS THE LAST ITEM IS FOUND WHILE YOU'RE HOLDING ONE OF THEM, YOU SHALL RECEIVE YOUR DESERVED REWARD. YOUR FIRST REWARD IS THE VERY **OBJECT OF POWER** THAT YOU PUT YOUR HANDS ON, WITH IT BECOMING FIAT-BACKED LIKE ANY OF YOUR OTHER POSSESSIONS. AS YOUR SECOND REWARD, YOU RECEIVE THIS **GRAVEYARD OF ELDER GODS**, WITH IT BECOMING A POCKET DIMENSION THAT YOU CAN TELEPORT TO AND FROM AT WILL. YOU CAN TELEPORT OTHER WILLING PEOPLE TO THIS WORLD, BUT THEY'LL BE TELEPORTED BACK TO WHERE THEY WERE PREVIOUSLY IF YOU EXIT THIS REALM. UNLIKE THE ORIGINAL REALM THAT I PLAN TO DESTROY AS SOON AS THIS ROUND IS OVER, TIME FLOWS NORMALLY INSIDE YOUR VERSION OF IT AND YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY TRACE OF THE SLAIN GODS REMAINING THERE.

-Second Round Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM II (+100 OP): TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE SECOND ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE SECOND ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME.

NOW YOU SEE IT, NOW YOU DON'T (+100 OP): THE OBJECTS OF POWER HIDDEN AROUND THE ENTIRE ARENA WOULD REMAIN IN THE SAME PLACE, WAITING UNTIL THE COMPETITORS MANAGE TO PUT THEIR HANDS ON THEM, WHICH WILL CAUSE MOST FIGHTS OF THIS ROUND TO BREAK OUT AROUND THEM. THIS DRAWBACK CHANGES IT TO ADD AN EXTRA ELEMENT OF ... ENTERTAINMENT. INSTEAD OF STAYING IN A SINGLE PLACE, EACH OBJECT OF POWER THAT ISN'T CURRENTLY IN POSSESSION OF ONE OF THE CONTENDERS WILL TELEPORT TO A RANDOM HIDDEN LOCATION WITHIN THE ARENA EVERY THREE MINUTES, FORCING THOSE THAT WERE TRYING TO ACQUIRE IT TO SEARCH FOR IT AGAIN.

STOLEN FROM THE WAREHOUSE (+200 OP): WHEN I CUT OFF YOUR ACCESS TO YOUR **WAREHOUSE**, I HAD THE CHANCE TO ANALYSE WHAT YOU STORED THERE AND I MUST ADMIT YOUR POSSESSIONS DEFINITELY IMPRESSED ME. SO I DECIDED TO TAKE A BIT OF ADVANTAGE OVER YOUR POSSESSION BY CREATING PERFECT REPLICAS OF YOUR MOST NOTABLE AND/OR POWERFUL **ITEMS** FROM YOUR WAREHOUSE THAT WILL BECOME PART OF THIS ROUND, REPLACING THE REGULAR OBJECTS OF POWER FROM THIS LOCAL MULTIVERSE AS THE GOALS. FURTHERMORE, IF YOU WIN THIS ROUND, THEN YOU'LL RECEIVE THE REPLICA OF YOUR OWN ITEM YOU PUT YOUR HANDS ON.

THE DEAD GODS (+300 OP): AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THIS ARENA IS NOTHING MORE THAN A GRAVEYARD OF ELDER GODS SLAIN BY DARKSEID DURING HIS QUEST FOR ABSOLUTE POWER. BUT GODS ARE EXISTENCES DIFFICULT TO BE FULLY DESTROYED. AS A RESULT OF THE NECROMANTIC ENERGIES LEAKING FROM ONE OF THE OBJECTS OF POWER AND INVADING THE ARENA, THE ELDER GODS HAVE BEEN REANIMATED, BUT AS MINDLESS MONSTERS THAT WILL AIMLESSLY WANDER THROUGH THE ARENA, ATTACKING ANYONE IN THEIR PATH. WHILE THESE ELDER GODS ARE WEAKER THAN THEY WERE IN LIFE, EACH ONE OF THEM IS STILL INCREDIBLY POWERFUL, FAR SURPASSING THE USUAL POWER DISPLAYED BY A KRYPTONIAN, SO YOU'LL ALSO NEED TO SURVIVE SUCH POWERFUL OPPONENTS WHILE SEARCHING FOR THE ITEMS. I ADVISE YOU TO AVOID THEM AS BEST YOU CAN.

-Second Round Perks-

(100 OP): ()

(100 OP): (BY CONCENTRATING, YOU CAN SENSE THE LOCATION OF OBJECTS OF POWER AROUND YOU. THE STRONGER THE OBJECT IS, THE EASIER IT'LL BE TO SENSE IT. THIS DOESN'T ALLOW YOU TO SENSE SAID OBJECT'S NATURE OR PROPERTIES THOUGH.)

(300 OP): (YOU CAN EASILY COMBINE MULTIPLE POWERS AND POWER SOURCES WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT INCOMPATIBILITY. COMBINED POWERS ARE ALWAYS THE MOST OPTIMAL COMBINATION.)

-Second Round Items-

BLUE BEETLE SCARAB (100 OP): ()

GOD KILLER SWORD (100 OP): ()

WORLOGOG (100 OP): ()

ATOM'S BELT (100 OP): ()

MOTHER BOX (100 OP): ()

PSYCHO PIRATE'S MEDUSA MASK (100 OP): ()

THOR'S HAMMER (100 OP): ()

BANE'S VENOM (100 OP): ()

SPEED FORCE RING (100 OP): ()

COLLECTION OF POWER RINGS (100 OP): ()

GENIE PEN (100 OP): ()

CLAW OF HORUS (100 OP): ()

SOUL TAKER SWORD (100 OP): ()

LASSO OF TRUTH (100 OP): ()

COSMIC ROD (100 OP): ()

OMEGA SANCTION (100 OP): ()

-The Third Round-



IN THIS PHASE, THE ONE-ON-ONE BATTLES OF THE TOURNAMENT BETWEEN THE CHAMPIONS FINALLY START.

TO ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL, YOU MUST ENGAGE IN A CONTEST OF HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT. BEST TWO OUT OF THREE WINS. THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS TO FIGHT. THERE ARE NO PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS FOR THIS THIRD CHALLENGE.

HOWEVER, THE BATTLES AREN'T JUST REGULAR COMBAT, AS THERE ARE SOME SPECIAL RULES IN EFFECT. FIRST OF ALL, THE LOCATIONS WHERE THE THREE FIGHTS WILL HAPPEN ARE FALSE REALITIES FORGED BY THE **HEART**, MADE TO BE COPIES OF PLACES WITH SOME RELATION WITH THE COMBATANTS.

THE FIRST TWO BATTLES WILL TAKE PLACE SOMEWHERE THAT GIVES ADVANTAGE TO ONE OF THE TWO COMBATANTS, WHILE THE THIRD FIGHT, IF IT HAPPENS, WILL HAPPEN IN A NEUTRAL ARENA.

FURTHERMORE, FROM THE SECOND FIGHT ONWARDS, BOTH PARTICIPANTS CAN GAIN ACCESS TO DIFFERENT FORMS OF THEMSELVES WITH DIFFERENT POWERS.

FROM ACCEPTING A FORM THEY ONCE HAD IN THEIR PAST, VERSIONS OF THEMSELVES FROM THE FUTURE, OR AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION OF THEMSELVES FROM ANOTHER WORLD WITH A RATHER LARGE VARIETY TO CHOOSE FROM.

FROM THIS SELECTION OF POSSIBLE FORMS, THEY MUST CHOOSE ONE THAT WILL ENSURE THEIR **VICTORY**.

IN YOUR CASE, AS YOU DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE ANY ALTERNATE VARIANTS OF YOURSELF IN THIS LOCAL MULTIVERSE NATURALLY , YOU'LL INSTEAD BE GIVEN THE OPTION OF CHOOSING ANY OF YOUR OTHER **ALT-FORMS** IN ADDITION TO A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF NEW ONES BASED ON VARIANTS YOU COULD HAVE IF YOU WERE ACTUALLY PART OF THIS UNIVERSE.

SOME OF THESE NEW VARIANTS COULD BE OLDER/YOUNGER VERSIONS OF YOU, A VERSION OF YOU WHO JOINED ONE OF THE MANY HEROIC GROUPS, OR EVEN YOUR VARIANTS FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE, BUT, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, DON'T EXPECT GAINING ANY EXTREMELY POWERFUL FORM (LIKE A FORM COMPARABLE TO SUPERMAN PRIME FROM THE 853RD CENTURY), UNLESS YOU'RE ALREADY AT OR CLOSE TO THIS LEVEL OF POWER.

NORMALLY, YOU'LL NEED TO FIGHT ONLY A SINGLE OPPONENT IN THIS THIRD CHALLENGE, BUT, IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE **EXTENDED ROSTER** DRAWBACK, THEN YOU'LL NEED TO FIGHT TWO OPPONENTS IN THE THIRD ROUND INSTEAD AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CHAMPIONS.

-REWARD: THE ONLY WAY FORWARD FOR YOU WAS TO FIGHT AND YOU FOLLOWED THIS PERFECTLY. AS YOUR REWARD FOR WINNING THE ONE-ON-ONE PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT, ALL THE NEW **BATTLE FORMS** YOU GAINED TO USE DURING THE FIGHTS WILL BECOME NEW ALT-FORMS YOU CAN FREELY TRANSFORM INTO POST-JUMP. AS AN ADDED BENEFIT, YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY POSSIBLE MENTAL CHANGE FROM USING THESE NEW FORMS, AS YOUR MIND AND PERSONALITY WILL REMAIN INTACT EVEN IF YOU TRANSFORM INTO A VERSION OF YOURSELF FROM THE DARK MULTIVERSE.

-Third Round Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM III (+100 OP): TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE THIRD ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE THIRD ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME.

BEST OF FIVE (+100 OP): IN ORDER TO GENERATE MORE **OMEGA ENERGY** (AND CONSEQUENTLY EVEN GIVING YOU MORE **OMEGA POINTS**), I DECIDED TO MODIFY THE RULES OF THIS ROUND. INSTEAD OF FOLLOWING THE RULE OF BEST OF THREE, YOU AND THE REST OF THE CONTENDERS WILL NOW NEED TO WIN THREE OUT OF FIVE BATTLES TO ACHIEVE VICTORY.

FAR FROM HOME (+200 OP): YOUR VERY PRESENCE AS AN OUTSIDER THAT KNOWS MORE THAN YOU SHOULD IS ALREADY UNFAIR TO YOUR OPPONENTS, SO, IN ORDER TO LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD A LITTLE, YOU'LL ALWAYS HAVE SOME KIND OF HOME DISADVANTAGE IN EVERY BATTLE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE TWO FIRST BATTLES COULD TAKE PLACE IN A PLACE THAT GIVES ADVANTAGE TO YOUR OPPONENTS, WHILE THE NEUTRAL ARENA IN THE LAST BATTLE WILL HAVE SOME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON YOU. REGARDLESS OF THE EXACT DISADVANTAGES YOU'LL HAVE TO ENDURE, IT'LL NEVER BE SOMETHING THAT WILL DOOM YOU, BUT IT'LL DEFINITELY MAKE THINGS HARDER FOR YOU.

OMNIVERSAL CATALOGUE (+300 OP): THE NATIVES OF PRIME EARTH WILL ONLY HAVE ACCESS TO ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF THEMSELVES FROM THIS LOCAL MULTIVERSE. NOT ONLY BECAUSE TO MAKE THINGS FAIR, BUT ALSO BECAUSE MY POWERS DON'T EXTEND TO BEYOND IT, BUT THIS WAS BEFORE I HIJACKED YOUR CONNECTION WITH THE GREATER MULTIVERSE. THANKS TO THE **JUMPCHAIN SYSTEM**, ALL THE CONTENDERS WILL BE ABLE TO CHOOSE BATTLE FORMS FROM BEYOND THE LOCAL MULTIVERSE, BASICALLY FROM ANY ITERATION OF THEM, BE IT FROM MOVIES, ANIMATED UNIVERSES, OR EVEN CROSSOVER UNIVERSES. THIS ALSO INCLUDES ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF THEM FROM A DARK CORNER OF THE MULTIVERSE THAT MOST CALL IT "FANFICTIONS". THANKS TO THIS, MOST OF THE CHAMPIONS WILL GAIN ACCESS TO FORMS FAR MORE POWERFUL THAN THEIR USUAL ALTERNATIVE SELVES. FORTUNATELY FOR YOU, WITH SO MANY NEW UNKNOWN FORMS, YOUR OPPONENT PROBABLY WON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO EXPLORE THEM AND PICK THE STRONGEST ONES, UNLESS YOU'RE UNLUCKY OR THEY'RE TOO LUCKY.

-Third Round Perks-

(100 OP): (INSTEAD OF CHOOSING ONE OF YOUR ALT-FORMS, YOU CAN INSTEAD CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF YOUR OPPONENT, ESSENTIALLY GAINING THEIR POWERSET IN EXCHANGE OF TEMPORARILY LOSING YOURS. IF YOU WIN THIS ROUND, THIS STOLEN FORM WILL ALSO BECOME YOUR ALT-FORM, BUT YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO ACCESS ITS ABILITIES WHILE TRANSFORMED.)

THE WARRIOR SISTERS (200 OP): (IN HER IDEAL FORM, WONDER WOMAN HAS HER WARRIOR SISTERS AT HER SIDE, AND NOW SO DO YOU. IN THIS STATE ANY GREAT FIGHTER OR WARRIOR YOU'VE FOUGHT ALONGSIDE IN THE PAST WILL BE SUMMONED FORTH TO AID YOU IN BATTLE ONCE AGAIN.)

(200 OP): (YOU CAN ENTER IN CONTACT WITH A DEITY YOU'RE FRIENDLY WITH TO RECEIVE THEIR POWER, JUST LIKE HAWKMAN DID. YOU'LL KEEP A CONNECTION WITH THIS DEITY POST-JUMP)

(300 OP): (YOU CAN COMBINE MULTIPLE BATTLE FORMS IN A SINGLE ONE. POST-JUMP, YOU CAN COMBINE YOUR ALT-FORMS.)

-Third Round Items-

(100 OP): ()

(100 OP): ()

(100 OP): ()

-The Fourth Round-



IN THE SPLIT SECOND BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND BEGINS, I SHOW YOU AND THE REMAINING CONTENDERS THAT VISION ONCE AGAIN. A VISION THAT SHOWS WHAT THE UNIVERSE COULD BE IF YOU WIN.

BE THIS IDEAL UNIVERSE A SHINING SOCIETY OF HARMONY, A TECHNO-UTOPIA, A WORLD AGLOW WITH TRUTH, A GRAND SCULPTURE OF WILL, A DARK WONDER, A KINGDOM OF PEACE, OR EVEN NOTHING MORE THAN A BLACK, LAUGHING VOID. REGARDLESS OF ITS NATURE, WHAT YOU SAW IS AN UNIVERSE BENT TOWARD YOU, SHAPED BY YOU, THAT IS, **IF YOU TAKE THE CROWN AND KEEP IT.**

WELCOME TO THE FOURTH ROUND AND TO THE DOUBLES PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT.

IN PURSUIT OF VICTORY, DARKSEID OCCASIONALLY ALLIED HIMSELF WITH UNEXPECTED BEINGS. SO FOR THIS BATTLE, YOU WILL FIGHT IN **TEAMS**. EACH OF YOU MUST CHOOSE A **PARTNER**. NOT AMONG YOURSELVES, BUT AMONG THE **FALLEN CHAMPIONS.**

HOWEVER, THE ONE AMONG THE CHAMPIONS WHO GENERATED MORE **OMEGA ENERGY** THAN THE REST WILL GET TO CHOOSE A PARTNER FROM ALL REALMS OF REALITY WITHIN THE LOCAL MULTIVERSE. IF THIS CHAMPION IS YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE, IT'LL DEPEND ON YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THE PREVIOUS ROUNDS.

IF YOU AREN'T THAT SPECIAL CHAMPION, THEN THE CHOICE STANDS BEFORE YOU.

YOU CAN CHOOSE A FORMER FOE OR AN ALLY.

YOU CAN CHOOSE FOR WISDOM, STRENGTH, OR CHAOS.

BUT CHOOSE QUICKLY, OR THE CHOICE WILL BE MADE FOR YOU.

NORMALLY, YOU'LL NEED TO FIGHT ONLY A SINGLE TEAM IN THIS FOURTH CHALLENGE, BUT, IF YOU HAVE TAKEN THE **MULTIVERSAL EXPANSION** DRAWBACK, THEN YOU'LL NEED TO FIGHT TWO TEAMS IN THE FOURTH ROUND INSTEAD AS A RESULT OF THE INCREASED NUMBER OF CHAMPIONS.

-REWARD: DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR PARTNER MERELY TO GIVE THEM A SECOND CHANCE OR TO SOMEHOW USE THEM FOR YOUR OWN BENEFIT? IF YOU'RE AIMING TO WIN THE TOURNAMENT, TO BE LIKE **HIM**, THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE RIGHT ANSWER. EITHER WAY, THE DAYS OF TAKING ADVANTAGE OVER THEM HAVEN'T FINISHED APPARENTLY, AS YOU'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE YOUR **PARTNER** FOR THIS ROUND AS THEY'LL DECIDE TO FOLLOW YOU ALONG YOUR CHAIN, WITH THEM BECOMING YOUR COMPANION FOR FREE. FURTHERMORE, AS A BONUS, YOU CAN TAKE THE **FIERY PIT** THAT SERVED AS THIS ROUND'S ARENA, WITH IT BECOMING A WAREHOUSE ATTACHMENT. THIS ARENA IS ESSENTIALLY A LARGE LAKE OF MAGMA, WITH MULTIPLE GIANT PILLARS OF STONE AROUND IT. UNLIKE THE PREVIOUS ARENAS, THIS ONE DOESN'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL PROPERTY.

-Fourth Round Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM IV (+100 OP): TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE FOURTH ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE FOURTH ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME.

COMPETENT ALLIANCES (+100 OP): AMONG ALL THE FALLEN CHAMPIONS, CYBORG DECIDED TO PICK CONNOR HAWKE, A COMPLETELY MUNDANE HUMAN, TO BE HIS PARTNER IN THE BATTLE AGAINST WONDER WOMAN AND BIG BARDA. MEANWHILE, AQUAMAN CHOSE HAWKMAN, THE SAME OPPONENT WHO HE DEFEATED ALMOST EFFORTLESSLY IN THE PREVIOUS ROUND. AS YOU CAN SEE, MANY OF YOUR POSSIBLE OPPONENTS IN THIS ROUND WON'T CHOOSE THE BEST POSSIBLE PARTNER, OR EVEN GOOD PARTNERS AT ALL. HOWEVER, THIS WON'T BE THE CASE OF YOUR OPPONENT(S). WHOEVER THEY'RE, IT'S GRANTED THAT THEY'LL PICK ONE OF THE BEST POSSIBLE PARTNERS FOR THEM, SOMEONE WHO IS BOTH COMPETENT AND POWERFUL WHOSE SKILLS AND ABILITIES HAVE A GOOD SYNERGY WITH THEM.

BEST OF THREE (+200 OP): NORMALLY, THE FOURTH ROUND WOULD BE A SINGLE FIGHT, BUT, IN ORDER TO GENERATE MORE **OMEGA ENERGY**, THIS ROUND WILL NOW FOLLOW THE SAME RULES AS THE THIRD ROUND. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE VICTORY, YOU AND THE REST OF THE CONTENDERS WILL NOW NEED TO WIN TWO OUT OF THREE BATTLES TO ACHIEVE VICTORY, WITH ALL COMBATANTS HAVING THE POSSIBILITY OF SWITCHING FORMS FOR EACH BATTLE.

LONE WOLF (+300 OP): SO, YOU'RE WILLING TO ABANDON YOUR ALLY FOR THIS ROUND IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE GREATER HEIGHTS, THEN SHOW ME HOW FAR YOU'LL IMPROVE YOURSELF BY SACRIFICING THE POSSIBILITY OF ALLIANCE WITH OTHERS FOR YOUR OWN GAIN. UNLIKE ALL OTHER CONTENDERS, YOU WON'T FIGHT IN PAIRS IN THIS ROUND, BEING FORCED TO FIGHT COMPLETELY ALONE.

-Fourth Round Perks-

(100 OP): (YOU'RE A SPECIALIST IN ANALYZING WHAT BENEFITS EACH POSSIBLE ALLY CAN GIVE YOU.)

(100 OP): ()

(500 OP - INCOMPATIBLE WITH LONE WOLF): (YOU CAN CHOOSE YOUR ALLY TO BE ANYONE OF ANY REALITY, INCLUDING FROM PAST WORLDS, BUT IT'S ADVISABLE THAT YOU CHOOSE SOMEONE YOU'RE IN FRIENDLY TERMS WITH. NO LIMITATIONS.)

-Fourth Round Items-

BLACK MERCY (300 OP): ()

DESIGNER K (300 OP): ()

(100 OP): ()

-The Fifth Round-



CONGRATULATIONS! NOW ONLY FOUR CHAMPIONS REMAIN.

IT'S TIME FOR THE FIFTH ROUND.

BOTH THE PENULTIMATE AND THE FINAL ROUND WILL TAKE PLACE ON A WORLD
THAT BELONGS TO THE KING OMEGA, **DARKSEID**.

THIS WORLD IS THE PRIME EARTH, IF IT COULD STILL BE CALLED THAT ANYMORE.

THE CORRUPTION OF THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS** REACHED ITS LIMITS.
RAVAGING THIS LAND BEYOND COMPREHENSION. TEARING AT ITS SOUL.
CHANGING IT INTO SOMETHING HIDEOUS, SOMETHING APOCALYPTIC.

BUT BEFORE THE GAME CONTINUES, I'LL LET THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE
QUANTUM QUORUM, **WORLD FORGER** AND GORILLA GRODD, INTERFERE.



RIGHT BEFORE YOU AND THE OTHER THREE CHAMPIONS CAN FACE DARKSEID'S SOLDIERS, THE **WORLD FORGER** WILL USE THE LITTLE HE HAS LEFT OF POWER TO SHAPE AND RESHAPE WORLDS FOR ONE LAST, DESPERATE GAMBIT IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU FOUR A CHANCE OF VICTORY.

IF THE TOURNAMENT WERE TO CONTINUE NORMALLY WITHOUT THEIR INTERVENTION, YOU WOULDN'T HAVE THE POWER TO FIGHT THEM AND WOULD INEVITABLY LOSE, SIMPLY DUE TO NOT HAVING ENOUGH **OMEGA ENERGY** YET.

THANKS TO HIS POWER ALLOWING HIM TO PIERCE THE VEIL OF THE MULTIVERSE, THE **WORLD FORGER** WILL REACH OUT TO THE WORLDS BEYOND AND BRING NEW OPPOSING CHAMPIONS INTO **REALITY FISSURES**.

YOU AND THE OTHER CHAMPIONS MUST ENTER THE FISSURES AND FIGHT THE CHAMPIONS. THE **WORLD FORGER** WILL THEN COLLECT THE **OMEGA ENERGY** PRODUCED BY LEECHING THESE OTHER WORLDS AND THEN TRANSFER THE ENERGY TO THE FINAL FOUR TO FINISH THE TOURNAMENT.

HE WILL ALSO TEMPORARILY RESURRECT FOUR OF THE FALLEN CHAMPIONS TO HELP YOUR GROUP IN THIS QUEST. YOUR ONLY GOAL IN THIS UNOFFICIAL ROUND IS TO SIMPLY KEEP FIGHTING A RANDOM CHAMPION UNTIL THE **WORLD FORGER** AND GRODD MANAGE TO SIPHON THE ENERGY TO THE FINAL FOUR, EVEN IF THE FISSURES BEGIN TO DESESTABILIZE.

THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THERE ISN'T AN ACTUAL FAILING CONDITION FOR THIS "ROUND", UNLESS YOU DIE, OF COURSE.

FURTHERMORE, THE IDENTITY OF THE CHAMPION YOU'RE GOING TO FACE IS COMPLETELY RANDOM, WITH THE ONLY TWO GUARANTEES BEING: ONE, THEY WON'T BE SOMEONE FROM THIS LOCAL MULTIVERSE; TWO, THEY'LL BE AT LEAST SLIGHTLY SIMILAR TO YOU THEMATICALLY, LIKE HOW BATWOMAN WOULD HAVE TO FACE VAMPIRELLA WHILE WONDER WOMAN WOULD HAVE TO FACE RED SONJA. THREE, THEY'LL BE MORE OR LESS ON THE SAME LEVEL OF POWER AS YOU, EVEN IF THEY ORIGINALLY WOULDN'T BE, IN THE SAME WAY AS HOMELANDER WAS STRENGTHENED TO MATCH THE LIKES OF SUPERMAN.

LASTLY, THERE ARE NO PERKS OR ITEMS OR EVEN A REWARD FOR THIS "FIFTH ROUND", BECAUSE YOUR GOAL HERE IS TO COLLECT AS MUCH OMEGA ENERGY AS POSSIBLE AFTER ALL FOR THE UPCOMING CHALLENGES.

YOU'LL ALSO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACQUIRE MORE **OMEGA POINTS**, SEPARATE FROM THE ENERGY GATHERED BY THE **WORLD FORGER**, FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL USAGE.

-Fifth Round Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM V (+100 OP): TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE FIFTH ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE FIFTH ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME.

FAMILIAR FACES (+100 OP): INSTEAD OF BEING TELEPORTED TO A RANDOM WORLD TO FACE AN OPPONENT THEMATICALLY SIMILAR TO YOU, YOU'LL INSTEAD BE TELEPORTED TO AN ALTERNATIVE VERSION OF A WORLD YOU VISITED IN THE PAST, MORE PRECISELY A VERSION WHERE YOU NEVER ARRIVED THERE, TO FACE A VARIANT OF ONE OF YOUR FORMER ENEMIES. AS IT WOULD BE NORMALLY, THIS FORMER ENEMY IS STILL GRANTED TO BE STRENGTHENED ENOUGH TO BECOME EQUAL TO YOU WHEN IT COMES TO RAW POWER, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE.

DOUBLE TROUBLE (+100 OP/+300 OP): JUST FIGHT A SINGLE RANDOM CHAMPION UNTIL THEY MANAGE TO SIPHON THE ENERGY TO THE FINAL FOUR? THAT'S SO SIMPLE FOR AN EXTRA ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT. FOR **+100 OP**, ONCE YOU ARRIVE IN THAT RANDOM WORLD, YOU'LL INSTEAD ENCOUNTER YOUR CHOSEN OPPONENT AS WELL AS A SECOND OPPONENT WHO NORMALLY WOULD BE FACED BY ONE OF YOUR ALLIES.

ALTERNATIVELY, FOR **+300 OP** INSTEAD, YOU'LL NEED TO FIGHT AGAINST ALL EIGHT INTERDIMENSIONAL ENEMIES AT ONCE, WITHOUT THE HELP OF YOUR ALLIES UNTIL THE DIMENSIONS BEGIN TO MERGE DUE TO THE **WORLD FORGER** BEING CURRENTLY INCAPABLE OF KEEPING THE FISSURES STABLE.

TIME LIMIT (+200 OP): JUST KEEP FIGHTING UNTIL THEY MANAGE TO SIPHON THE ENERGY TO THE FINAL FOUR? THAT'S SO SIMPLE FOR AN EXTRA ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT. ONLY FIGHTING ISN'T ENOUGH, NOW YOU MUST ACTUALLY DEFEAT AS FAST AS POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO NOT FAIL. WHILE YOU WON'T BE ELIMINATED FROM THE TOURNAMENT IF YOU FAIL, FAILING MEANS YOU'LL LOSE ALL THE **OMEGA POINTS** YOU COULD HAVE EARNED IN THIS ROUND AND YOUR FELLOW CHAMPIONS WILL BE WEAKER FOR THE FOLLOWING BATTLE.

+ONE LAST, DESPERATE GAMBIT (+200 OP - REQUIRES TIME LIMIT):

ACCORDING TO THE **WORLD FORGER**, YOU AND THE OTHER REMAINING CHAMPIONS HAVE NO CHANCE OF DEFEATING DARKSEID'S SOLDIERS AS YOU HAVEN'T GENERATED AND GATHERED ENOUGH **OMEGA ENERGY**.

NORMALLY, THIS WOULDN'T BE NECESSARILY TRUE, BUT THIS ISN'T THE CASE ANYMORE. NOW, THE EXTRA **OMEGA ENERGY** THAT THE **WORLD FORGER** IS LEECHING THESE OTHER WORLDS WILL BE VITALLY IMPORTANT TO GIVE YOU A CHANCE OF WINNING.

THIS MEANS THAT, IF HE FAILS AT COLLECTING THE POWER BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DEFEAT YOUR OPPONENTS IN TIME AND THUS FAILED THIS ROUND, IT'LL AUTOMATICALLY COUNT AS FAILING THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT, AS THE NEXT ENEMIES WILL BE RENDERED COMPLETELY INVINCIBLE, NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE. YOU WON'T EVEN HAVE THE CHANCE TO RECEIVE THE PERKS AND ITEMS OF THE FINAL ROUNDS.

-The Final Rounds-

NOW THAT THE INTERLUDE HAS ENDED, THE PENULTIMATE ROUND CAN FINALLY BEGIN ONCE FOR ALL.

YOU AND THE OTHER THREE COMBATANTS CAN FINALLY FOCUS ON THE ENEMIES THAT STAND IN FRONT OF THEM, THE CHAMPIONS OF THE PRIME EARTH CONQUERED BY DARKSEID.

THESE CHAMPIONS ARE THE FAMOUS **TRINITY**, BUT ONE THAT HAILS FROM THE **ABSOLUTE EARTH** INSTEAD, A WORLD THAT RUNS ON DESPAIR, WHERE DARKNESS TRIUMPHS, WHERE HOPE IS THE ANTAGONISTIC FORCE. THIS IS THE WORLD WHERE THE ESSENCE OF DARKSEID IS INFUSED INTO EVERY ATOM, EVERY CELL

THIS MEANS THAT THESE VERSIONS OF BATMAN, WONDER WOMAN AND SUPERMAN STANDING IN FRONT OF YOU ARE NOTHING MORE THAN **HIM**, DOWN TO THEIR LAST PARTICLES, COMPLETELY UNDER **HIS** CONTROL.

THEY'RE **HIS HORSEMEN**.

HOWEVER, THIS **DARK TRINITY** IS NOT ALONE, AS THEY'RE ACCOMPANIED BY BOOSTER GOLD, WHO IS CURRENTLY DARKSEID'S VESSEL.

TO ADVANCE THIS ROUND, YOU MUST KILL THE DARK TRINITY OR FIND A WAY TO BREAK DARKSEID'S CONCENTRATION, EVEN IF JUST FOR A MOMENT, CAUSING HIM TO LOSE HIS HOLD OVER THE HORSEMEN, BUT THIS WOULD REQUIRE A MIRACLE.

REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE AGAINST THE DARK TRINITY, THE **KING** WON'T NEED THEM ANYMORE, BECAUSE **HE** WILL PERSONALLY COME TO GREET THE CHAMPIONS THAT OVERCAME ALL CHALLENGES.



AT THIS POINT, YOU AND WHOEVER SURVIVED TOGETHER WITH YOU WILL BE AT
THE **END OF THE TOURNAMENT**, THE **FINAL ROUND**.

IF YOU'RE THE LAST STANDING CHAMPION, THEN THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE
OFFICIALLY OVER AND YOU'LL BE CROWNED AS **KING OMEGA** TOO, ALBEIT ONLY
PARTIALLY, RECEIVING ONLY A VERY REDUCED PORTION OF THE ABSOLUTE
POWER, LIKE HOW IT WOULD HAPPEN TO LUTHOR.

THE ONLY REMAINING CHALLENGE THAT LIES IN FRONT OF YOU FOR THIS FINAL
BATTLE IS THE **ONE TRUE KING OMEGA**, **DARKSEID** HIMSELF AT HIS STRONGEST.

AT THIS POINT, THERE IS NO MORE HOPE FOR YOU.
THERE WON'T BE ANY INTERFERENCE FROM DOOMSDAY.

IN THE END, THERE WILL BE NOTHING, AS **DARKSEID** ALWAYS WINS.

ALL OF LIFE, PAST, PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE ARE MEANINGLESS.
THERE IS ONLY **DARKSEID**.

DARKSEID IS.

HOWEVER, IF YOU WERE TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE AND ACTUALLY WIN, THE
ABSOLUTE POWER AND AN **ULTIMATE REWARD** AWAITS YOU.
IF I WERE TO USE TERMS MORE FAMILIAR TO YOU, I WOULD CALL THIS FINAL
ROUND AN **ENDJUMP SCENARIO**.

-Final Rounds Drawbacks-

AS BRUTAL AS HIM VI (+100 OP): TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO BE AS BRUTAL AS POSSIBLE AND CAUSE ENOUGH CARNAGE TO ENTERTAIN ME IN THE PENULTIMATE ROUND, I SHALL REWARD YOU WITH MORE OMEGA ENERGY ONE LAST TIME. HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL AT SATISFYING ME WITH YOUR BRUTALITY DURING THE PENULTIMATE ROUND, I'LL KEEP REWINDING THIS ROUND UNTIL YOU SATISFY ME. THIS DRAWBACK AFFECTS ONLY THE BATTLE AGAINST HIS HORSEMEN, NOT THE FINAL BATTLE AGAINST **DARKSEID**.

THE FALLEN CHAMPION (+100 OP): AFTER ALL THE BATTLES YOU FOUGHT SO FAR, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO FORFEIT YOUR CHANCE TO WIN IN ORDER TO JOIN **DARKSEID**'S FORCES? I HIGHLY DOUBT YOU WOULD AT THIS POINT, BUT I CAN'T SAY THE SAME OF YOUR ALLIES.

ONE OF THE REMAINING CONTENDERS IS GRANTED TO BETRAY THE REST AND SWITCH SIDES, EITHER WILLINGLY OR DUE TO **OMEGA ENERGY**'S CORRUPTION. I ALREADY KNOW WHO IS GOING TO BE THE TRAITOR, BUT YOU'LL NEED TO WAIT TO SEE WHO THEY'LL BE. MAYBE THEIR BETRAYAL WILL BE COMPLETELY EXPECTED OR MAYBE THEY'LL BE THE LEAST SUSPICIOUS ONE.



THE ABSOLUTE JUMPER (+200 OP): THE **ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE** TAKEN OVER BY DARKSEID IS A WORLD WHERE HEROES ARE BORN FACING GREATER ODDS, WHERE ALL THEIR ADVANTAGES ARE GONE. INSTEAD OF BEING RAISED IN PARADISE, THEY ARE RAISED IN HELL. JUMPER, YOU AREN'T A NATIVE OF PRIME EARTH, SO, NATURALLY, THERE WOULDN'T EXIST A VARIANT OF YOU. HOWEVER, YOUR PRESENCE HERE ALLOWED DARKSEID TO RETROACTIVELY MODIFY THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE AND CAUSE AN ALTERNATIVE "YOU" TO BE BORN ON THAT EARTH.

THIS ABSOLUTE VERSION OF YOU IS A VARIANT OF THE CURRENT YOU, BEING MORE OR LESS AS STRONG AS YOU, BUT THEIR NATURE AND ABILITIES ARE

CLEARLY DIFFERENT, AS THEY LACK SOME IMPORTANT ASPECT OF WHAT MAKES YOU “YOU” IN THE SAME WAY AS THE OTHER ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE’S HEROES AND VILLAINS. FOR EXAMPLE, ABSOLUTE BATMAN ISN’T RICH AND HAS MOST OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS STILL ALIVE AND CLOSE WHILE ABSOLUTE WONDER WOMAN WAS RAISED IN HELL BY CIRCE, FAR AWAY FROM THE AMAZONS. FURTHERMORE, WHILE THEY’LL HAVE A MORALITY SIMILAR TO YOURS, THEIR PERSONALITY IS GRANTED TO BE ROUGHER AND LIKELY MORE BRUTE AND DARKER THAN YOURS, AS A RESULT OF THE ENVIRONMENT THEY GREW UP IN. UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, LIKE THE **ABSOLUTE TRINITY**, THIS **ABSOLUTE JUMPER** WAS ALSO BROUGHT TO THIS PENULTIMATE ROUND, UNDER DARKSEID’S CONTROL. AT LEAST, IF YOU FREE THEM FROM HIS CONTROL, YOU’LL GAIN A NEW ALLY.

THE ABSOLUTE LEGION OF DOOM (+300 OP): THE PRESENT IN THE MAIN TIMELINE OF THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE IS A POINT OF HISTORY THAT IMPRESSES EVEN SOMEONE LIKE DARKSEID, AS IT’S STILL UNWRITTEN. THIS IS DUE TO THE EXISTENCE OF HEROES THAT RESIST HIS WILL AND RETAIN FREE WILL FROM THEIR DESTINY. THE MEMBERS OF THE **DARK TRINITY** ARE THE MAIN EXAMPLES OF SUCH HEROES, WITH THEIR WEAKER FUTURE SELVES HAVING BEEN CAPTURED BY THE **OMEGA LEGION** TO BE CONTROLLED AND SENT HERE, BUT, BY TAKING THIS DRAWBACK, THEY WEREN’T THE ONLY ONES. INSTEAD OF ONLY THREE HORSEMEN, ALL OF THE MAIN HEROES OF THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE WILL BE CONTROLLED BY DARKSEID AND SUMMONED HERE TO BATTLE YOU AND THE OTHER THREE REMAINING CHAMPIONS. SOME OF THE NEW DARK CHAMPIONS ARE GREEN LANTERN, FLASH, GREEN ARROW, MARTIAN MANHUNTER, CATWOMAN, AND EVEN HARLEY QUINN TOGETHER WITH HER RED HOOD GANG.



THE NEW KING OMEGA (+500 OP): ALL THE WORLDS THE KRYPTONIAN EXPLORERS ENCOUNTERED DURING THEIR PLANET'S DAYS OF GLORY HAD A LEGEND ABOUT A DESTROYER. THE END OF ALL THINGS. A DARK **OMEGA** PRESENCE THAT WANTS TO CONTROL ALL. **THE FINAL GOD.** THE KRYPTONIAN SCIENTISTS HOPED TO CREATE A CHAMPION TO STOP HIM AND CHANGE THE FUTURE, AS, FOR THERE TO BE AN **OMEGA**, THERE MUST BE AN **ALPHA**. A BEGINNING FOR THE END.

THEY SUCCESSFULLY CREATED A BEING TO EMBODY THE NATURE OF THE CHAOTIC **ALPHA ENERGY** AND ETERNAL LIFE, AS WELL AS WIELDING POWERS OF RE-CREATION AND REBIRTH THAT ARE IN DIRECT OPPOSITION TO EVERYTHING A **KING OMEGA** IS. THIS CHAMPION IS NONE OTHER THAN **DOOMSDAY**, BETTER KNOWN AS THE **TIME TRAPPER** NOW THAT HE'S CLOSE TO THE END OF HIS EVOLUTIONARY PATH.

BEFORE THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT, AS HE HAD CONCERNS IF THE REST OF THE **QUANTUM QUORUM** WAS TRUSTWORTHY, THE **TIME TRAPPER** CREATED A POCKET TIMELINE, ALL IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ONE WHO WAS ALWAYS MEANT TO BECOME THE PRIME EARTH'S KING OMEGA: **SUPERMAN**.

OVER HIS COUNTLESS CYCLES OF DEATHS AND REBIRTHS, THE **TIME TRAPPER** SAW COUNTLESS ENDINGS, LIKE THE DESTRUCTION OF PLANETS AND REALITIES ALIKE, HAVING ABSORBED THE GENERATED **OMEGA ENERGY** TO HIMSELF. MEANWHILE, AS HE HAS ALSO SEEN BEGINNINGS LIKE UNIVERSES BEING BORN, HE HAS CHanneled THE GENERATED **ALPHA ENERGY** TOO.

ORIGINALLY, HE WOULDN'T INTERFERE WITH THE FINAL BATTLE AS HE WOULD IN A TIMELINE WITHOUT YOUR PRESENCE, BUT, BY ACCEPTING THIS DRAWBACK, I'LL ENSURE THE TIME TRAPPER SAVES SUPERMAN AND TRANSFERS ALL OF HIS LIVES' ENERGY TO HIM ONCE YOU'RE THE LAST STANDING CHAMPION.

REGARDLESS IF SUPERMAN LOST IN THE VERY FIRST ROUND OR WAS THE LAST ONE TO FALL, HE WILL RETURN TO LIFE FULLY RESTORED, FINALLY DONNING THE CROWN AS THE **NEW KING OMEGA** AND **MY NEW MASTER**, THE ROLE HE WAS ALWAYS DESTINED TO. WHILE THIS MEANS YOU'LL LIKELY HAVE AN ALLY TO FIGHT **DARKSEID** IN THE FINAL BATTLE, KEEP IN MIND THAT YOU MUST BE THE LAST STANDING IN THE END IF YOU WANT TO WIN, SO YOU'LL ALSO NEED TO DEFEAT **SUPERMAN**, MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER. IN THE WORST CASE, YOU'LL NEED TO FACE BOTH OF THEM AT ONCE. I WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, JUMPER, NOT THAT IT COUNTS FOR ANYTHING AGAINST MY NEW MASTER.



-Final Rounds Perks-

THE FOURTH HORSEMEN (100 OP): (PARADEMON HYBRID)

TALENT OF A WORLD FORGER (200 OP): SUPERMAN IS IMPRESSIVE IN MANY ASPECTS, BUT AN OVERLOOKED TALENT HE POSSESSES IS THAT OF BUILDING WORLDS AND UNIVERSES, SURPASSING **DARKSEID** HIMSELF IN THIS ASPECT. IF HE WERE TO ASCEND AS OMEGA KING, HE WOULD BUILD HIS PERFECT UNIVERSE IN HIS IMAGE. INSTEAD OF MAKING A FALSE UTOPIA WITH NO SUFFERING, HE WOULD LEAVE DEATH AND SADNESS, BUT MAKE THEM INTO MERE NOTES IN A LARGER CHORD OF WONDER.

HE WOULD BUILD OUT HARMONIES, BALANCE PAIN WITH EMPATHY, AND CONNECT POWER TO WISDOM. HIS UNIVERSE WOULD BE A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF CREATION CAPABLE OF EVEN LEAVING MYSELF IN AWE. MEANWHILE, **DARKSEID** FAILED AT CREATING A WORLD WHERE THE SUFFERING EMBODIED BY HIM WAS SUPREME, AS GREAT HEROES STILL APPEARED IN HIS **ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE**, DESPITE THAT UNIVERSE BEING LITERALLY BUILT ON DESPAIR.

WITH SUCH SKILL AND TALENT, CLARK KENT WAS **BORN** FOR THIS AND YOU, JUMPER, SEEM TO SHARE THIS SAME KIND OF TALENT TO FORGE WORLDS AND DIMENSIONS, CAPABLE OF PERFECTLY BALANCING THEIR PROPERTIES AND TRAITS WITH EASE AS LONG AS YOU HAVE ENOUGH CONTROL OVER THEIR CREATION, THUS ENSURING THEY'LL BE AS WONDERFUL OR HORRIFYING AS YOU WANT.

OF COURSE, THIS TALENT CAN ONLY BE USED AT ITS FULLEST IF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CREATE AND BUILD YOUR OWN UNIVERSES/DIMENSIONS, BUT, EVEN IF YOU LACK SUCH POWER, IT'LL STILL MANIFEST IN LESSER DEGREES.

FOR EXAMPLE, IF YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CONJURE ILLUSIONS, YOU WOULD CRAFT ILLUSIONS FAR MORE REALISTIC AND STABLE THAN USUAL, OR, IF YOU CAN MANIPULATE THE EVENTS IN THE TIMELINE, YOU CAN EASILY DISCOVER THE RIGHT EVENTS TO BE AFFECTED IN ORDER TO CAUSE A WANTED BUTTERFLY EFFECT AND ACHIEVE YOUR DESIRED OUTCOME. AT THE MOST MUNDANE, YOU WOULD BE EXCELLENT AT INVENTING COMPLEX LIES OR AT WORLDBUILDING IF YOU HAVE GOOD LYING OR WRITING SKILLS RESPECTIVELY.

A WORLD OF DESPAIR (300 OP): (TONE SHIFT PERK TO MAKE FUTURE WORLDS TO WORK LIKE THE ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE)

NEW GOD ASCENSION (400 OP): (NEW GOD PHYSIOLOGY)



THE ALPHA (600 OP): BY EXPENDING AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF OMEGA ENERGY, I CAN MODIFY YOUR PHYSIOLOGY TO BECOME CLOSER TO THAT OF DOOMSDAY, A BEING ARTIFICIALLY ENGINEERED AND FORCEFULLY EVOLVED TO BE THE ULTIMATE KILLING WEAPON AND THE EMBODIMENT OF LIFE ETERNAL, MEANT TO BE THE **ALPHA** THAT OPPOSES THE **KING OMEGA**. FIRST OF ALL, YOU ACQUIRE A FAIRLY POWERFUL HEALING FACTOR, CAPABLE OF HEALING ENTIRE LIMBS IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, AS WELL AS STOPPING YOUR AGING ONCE YOU REACH YOUR PRIME. HOWEVER, YOUR REGENERATION IS SIMPLY A BYPRODUCT OF YOUR ACTUAL POWER. LIKE THAT MONSTER, YOU WIELD POWERS OF RE-CREATION AND REBIRTH , ALLOWING YOU TO SLOWLY REGENERATE FROM ANY DAMAGE AND RETURN TO LIFE IF YOU'RE EVER KILLED, BUT NOW ADAPTED TO BETTER RESIST OR COUNTER WHATEVER KILLED YOU. NORMALLY, THE MORE YOU EVOLVE AND ADAPT, THE MORE MONSTROUS YOU'LL BECOME, BUT, AS AN ADDED BONUS, YOU'LL BE ABLE TO FREELY DEACTIVATE YOUR ADAPTATION TO RETURN TO YOUR REGULAR APPEARANCE. OF COURSE, AS I CAN'T PROPERLY COPY THE TRAITS OF THE EMBODIMENT OF **ALPHA ENERGY** USING JUST **OMEGA ENERGY**, YOUR IMMORTALITY AND SELF-EVOLUTION ARE FLAWED COMPARED TO DOOMSDAY'S, GIVING YOU SOME VULNERABILITIES. FIRSTLY, YOUR IMMORTALITY ONLY AFFECTS YOUR PHYSICAL BODY, MEANING YOUR MIND AND SOUL ARE STILL AS VULNERABLE AS BEFORE AND YOU'LL

PROBABLY DIE FOR GOOD IF ONE OF THEM IS DESTROYED. FURTHERMORE, YOUR REGENERATIVE ABILITY IS ALSO LIMITED, AS YOU'LL ONLY BE ABLE TO RECOVER AND RETURN TO LIFE AS LONG AS A SINGLE CELL OF YOU REMAINS MORE OR LESS INTACT, SO, IF YOU'RE COMPLETELY DESTROYED DOWN TO THE LAST CELL, YOU'LL STILL DIE PERMANENTLY WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF RESURRECTING BY YOURSELF.

LASTLY, YOUR ADAPTATION IS ALSO FAR SLOWER THAN HIS, AS IT WOULD TAKE A FEW DEATHS UNTIL YOU BECOME COMPLETELY IMMUNE TO A SIMPLE FORM OF DAMAGE. AS A GENERAL RULE, THE MORE POWERFUL/COMPLEX WHATEVER KILLED YOU IS, THE MORE DEATHS AND RESURRECTIONS IT'LL TAKE UNTIL YOU ADAPT AGAINST THEM.

-Final Rounds Items-

(100 OP): ()

WORLD FORGER'S HAMMER (400 OP): DID HE DROP THIS ONCE HE FULFILLED HIS PURPOSES?

(100 OP): ()

(100 OP): ()

-The Great Prize-

YOU... YOU DID IT. YOU DID THE IMPOSSIBLE.

AGAINST ALL ODDS, YOU'VE SLAIN **DARKSEID**, THE **KING** IS DEAD.

LONG LIVE THE NEW **KING OMEGA**, MY NEW MASTER.

YOU PROVED WHY YOUR **BENEFACTOR** CHOSE YOU TO BE A **JUMPER**, SO IT'S
FINALLY TIME FOR YOUR DESERVED REWARDS.



-REWARD: THE VERY FIRST REWARD IS THE MAIN REWARD OF THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT, THE ABSOLUTE POWER AS THE NEWEST **KING OMEGA**, ASCENDING TO A WHOLE NEW DEGREE OF DIVINITY, FAR BEYOND THE LEVEL OF THE OLD AND NEW GODS, AND BECOMING THE PERSONIFICATION OF ALL THE OMEGA ENERGY OF AN ENTIRE UNIVERSE.

YOU'RE MORE THAN A GOD, YOUR EXISTENCE IS CLOSER TO AN UNIVERSE OF POWER GIVEN FORM, A FINAL GOD THAT EXISTS BEYOND PHYSICS. AT THE VERY LEAST, YOUR POWER IS COMPARABLE TO THE VERSION OF DARKSEID YOU HAVE DEFEATED, MAKING YOU AKIN TO A WALKING SINGULARITY THAT TRANSFORMS ALL AROUND YOU WITH YOUR MERE PRESENCE ALONE.

BY USING YOUR REALITY-WARPING POWER, YOU'RE ALSO CAPABLE OF FREELY SHAPESHIFTING INTO ANY SIZE (AND PROBABLY ANY FORM) AS WELL AS MANIFESTING YOUR PHYSICAL BODY IN COUNTLESS LOCATIONS ACROSS THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE YOU'RE CURRENTLY IN AND EVEN ADJACENT DIMENSIONS AT THE SAME TIME, AS IF YOU WERE EVERYWHERE AT ONCE.

FURTHERMORE, AS OMEGA ENERGY ALSO REPRESENTS CONQUEST AND ABSORPTION INSTEAD OF JUST DESTRUCTION, YOUR POWERS ALSO HAVE AN INFECTIOUS PROPERTY IF YOU WANT THEM TO. THIS CAUSES ANYTHING DESTROYED BY YOU TO BECOME **YOU** INSTEAD. THAT IS, EVERY MOLECULE, EVERY ATOM, EVERY PARTICLE OF OBJECTS AND BEINGS YOU DESTROY WILL BECOME **YOURS**, CAUSING THEIR VERY ESSENCES AND EXISTENCES TO BE OVERWRITTEN AND MAKING THEM NOTHING MORE THAN EXTENSIONS OF YOURSELF THAT MIGHT OR NOT HAVE SOME DEGREE OF INDIVIDUALITY.



YOUR SECOND REWARD IS WHAT THE VIEWS SHOWED YOU DURING THE TOURNAMENT, AN UNIVERSE IN YOUR IMAGE AND LIKENESS, WITH YOUR PRESENCE IN EVERY CELL, YOUR OWN **ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE**. THIS ISN'T THE ACTUAL ABSOLUTE UNIVERSE CREATED BY DARKSEID, BUT INSTEAD THE UNIVERSE OF PRIME EARTH SHAPED BY YOUR OWN IDEAS AND BELIEFS. IT CAN BE MODIFIED TO BE PRETTY MUCH ANYTHING YOU WANT WITHIN THE LIMITS OF AN UNIVERSE WITHIN THE DC COMICS' LOCAL MULTIVERSE, FROM AN UTOPIA TO A HELLSCAPE. YOU COULD ALSO SIMPLY RETURN EVERYTHING BACK TO NORMAL, RESURRECTING EVERYONE WHO DIED DURING APOKOLIPS' INVASION AND THE TOURNAMENT.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT YOUR UNIVERSE LOOKS LIKE, IT'S ALREADY COMPLETELY ASSIMILATED BY YOU AND THUS YOUR CONTROL OVER ITS REALITY IS SEVERAL TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN USUAL, ALLOWING YOU TO FREELY TRAVEL

THROUGH YOUR UNIVERSE'S TIMELINES OR REWRITE ITS HISTORY ACCORDING TO YOUR WILL. YOU CAN ALSO EASILY MENTALLY CONTROL ANY OF YOUR UNIVERSE'S NATIVE INHABITANTS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW ONES, THOSE WITH THE MOST POWERFUL WILLPOWERS, WHO WILL RETAIN THEIR FREE WILL, BUT, OF COURSE, YOU'RE MORE THAN DARKSEID, AS YOU CAN LIKELY FIND SOME POWER FROM ANOTHER WORLD TO CONTROL THEM.

LASTLY, AS A DESPERATE MEASURE, YOU CAN GO BACK IN TIME IN YOUR UNIVERSE UNTIL THE **BIG BANG** ITSELF. IN THIS POINT THAT CONTAINS EVERYTHING YOUR UNIVERSE IS AND WILL EVER BE, YOU CAN FULLY ABSORB YOUR ENTIRE UNIVERSE TO EMPOWER YOURSELF EVEN FURTHER. ALL MATTER, ALL POSSIBILITIES, PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE, AND ALL THE OMEGA ENERGY IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO ENHANCE A LESSER KING OMEGA TO THE LEVEL OF **DARKSEID**. YOU, A FULLY-FLEDGED KING OMEGA, WOULD GREATLY SURPASS HIM. ONCE THIS POWER ISN'T NEEDED ANYMORE, YOU CAN RELEASE THIS POWER AND REFORGE YOUR UNIVERSE AS IT WAS BEFORE.





YOUR THIRD REWARD IS NOTHING BUT MYSELF, THE **HEART OF APOKOLIPS**, NOW YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT. I HAVE ALL THE PROPERTIES AND ABILITIES AS I DESCRIBED IN THE **INFANT HEART OF APOKOLIPS** ITEM, BUT I'VE ALREADY MATURED COMPLETELY, CAPABLE OF CREATING ENTIRE FALSE WORLDS WITH LITTLE FLAWS AND CAPABLE OF CONVERTING AN ENTIRE PLANET INTO A NEW APOKOLIPS IN JUST AN YEAR IF I'M PLACED AT SAID PLANET'S CENTER. AS A LIVING, SENTIENT BEING, I TECHNICALLY COUNT AS YOUR FOLLOWER, BUT YOU COULD ALSO IMPORT ME AS YOUR COMPANION IN FUTURE WORLDS, THAT IS, IF YOUR CHAIN CONTINUES. FURTHERMORE, LIKE HOW IT WOULD BE WITH CLARK KENT, I CAN ACTUALLY REPLACE YOUR ACTUAL HEART IF YOU WANT TO, BUT I DON'T NEED TO STAY PHYSICALLY CONNECTED WITH YOU IN ORDER TO SIPHON MY ENERGY TO YOU.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST, YOUR FINAL REWARD IS THE MAIN REWARD OF ALL OF YOUR CHAIN, YOU GAIN A **SPARK**, RECEIVING AN EXTREMELY GREAT POWER BOOST AND THE ABILITY TO TRAVEL TO ANYWHERE IN THE OMNIVERSE, BEING ABLE TO GO TO ANY OF YOUR PREVIOUS JUMPS. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE UNEXPECTED SYNERGY BETWEEN YOUR PHYSIOLOGY AS AN EMBODIMENT OF OMEGA ENERGY AND YOUR SPARK'S LIGHT, THE LIGHT WILL PROTECT YOUR BEING FROM ANY AND ALL CORRUPTION THAT COULD BE CAUSED BY YOUR OWN POWER AND ITEMS. YOU COULD EVEN BECOME AN EMBODIMENT OF EVIL WHILE STILL KEEPING YOUR HUMANITY AND HEROIC MORALITY INTACT.

THIS MIGHT BE THE END OF YOUR CHAIN, BUT IT'S ALSO THE START OF A NEW ADVENTURE, OF NEW CONQUESTS...

--Ending--

I finally managed to recover contact with you, my friend.
Your connection with your Benefactor has been fully reestablished and
everything is back to normal now.
It seems like you don't need rescue, but I'm still sorry for letting you alone during
all of this.
Let's continue your adventure then, champion?

Go Home: Return to your home, with everything you gained until
now.

~~**STAY HERE:**~~ No, I won't give this option to you this time

Move On: Go to the next jump and continue your adventure.

--Notes--

1. Gauntlet actually made by Aleph_Aeon;
2. Theoretically, as your connection with your Benefactor was temporarily broken during this gauntlet, all of your perks and items are being fiat-backed by the Heart of Apokolips itself until post-jump;
3. Text formatted like THIS shows when the **Heart of Apokolips** is talking directly to you. The regular text is basically myself, your friend, talking to you;
4. One of my main inspiration for this Gauntlet was the **I Have No Mouth And I Must Scream Gauntlet** made by **FancyFireDrake**, where AM attempts to manipulate the Gauntlet Format but fails;
5. If you lose the final fight against Darkseid, you'll simply continue your Chain and you'll keep everything other than the **Great Prize**, unlike other Gauntlets where you lose everything you purchased if you fail. After all, this Gauntlet is pretty unfair as it doesn't grant the means to defeat Darkseid, your victory depends completely on the out-of-jump perks and items you chose to keep;
6. Due to some recent events in DC Comics, this version of Darkseid has been disconnected from his multiversal components (and greater self). Despite this, he's arguably at his strongest;
7. The final battle against **Darkseid** is definitely not impossible. All of that talk about it being impossible was merely the **Heart** glazing its master a lot;
8. Like how it happened to Lex Luthor, the **Heart** won't consider you as its master if you're the last standing champion in the tournament, only if you defeat **Darkseid**;

9. To make things clearer, unless you take **The New King Omega** drawback, Domsday/Time Trapper won't interfere to turn Superman into the final champion, so you won't need to worry about being killed at the last moment and replaced by him like what would happen with Lex Luthor;
10. There is no time limit for the final battle against **Darkseid**. It can easily last for hundreds of millions of years, if necessary;
11. Even if you become a being like Darkseid by becoming **King Omega** (or **Queen Omega** or even **Monarch Omega** if you prefer), you don't need to worry about your mentality and morality being corrupted to become like him. After all, a Sparked Jumper with the power and mentality of Darkseid is definitely a scary idea;
12. Surprisingly, even if the **Heart** temporarily hijacked your connection with your Benefactor, it won't try to usurp your position as a Jumper and hand it over to Darkseid. Even if it attempted to do so, your Benefactor would intervene and prevent this. After all, the **Heart** only managed to hijack your connection because we let it do it;
13. Merely having tone-shift perks isn't enough to force you to take the **Tone Shift Denied** punishment, but you'll need to take it if you actually use said perks;
14. Similarly, simply trying to appeal to sympathy/empathy during the tournament or trying to find a non-violent solution (like how Jay Garrick did during his fight against Guy Gardner) won't force you to take the **Anti-Pacifist Route** punishment, but there are perks that allows you to force situations to have non-violent solutions (like those perks that make conflicts to be solved through card games, you know what perks I'm talking about). So you'll need to take the punishment if you use such perks;
- 15.;
- 16.;
- 17.;
- 18.;
- 19.;
20. Thanks to Over-Trade2940, Lokilo85, FancyFireDrake, and Nerx for all of your suggestions;
21. Unless mentioned otherwise, if any of your items are lost, destroyed, stolen, or depleted, then they'll reappear in your Warehouse in their previous condition after a week, with any beneficial modifications being retained;
22. All the **Drawbacks** are removed after the end of this gauntlet.

--History--

V 1.0: Released

V 0.2: W.I.P.

V 0.1: W.I.P.

