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Alright, here goes (WARNING: LONG AND SPOILER-FILLED)

PART ONE:

- Suicidal after the death of his wife Sue, **Ralph Dibney** (formerly the **Elongated Man**) nearly commits suicide, holding a gun labeled "**Anselmo Case 1995**" in his mouth, but is stopped when a phone call from the funeral home informs him that Sue's grave has been marked. The mark is an upside-down version of Superman's emblem (which is actually a Kryptonian ideogram for "hope"), and Ralph learns that the inverted symbol means "rebirth". This leads him to the Cult of Kon-El, a religious sect headed by **Wondergirl** that seeks to resurrect **Superboy**, who was killed during the Crisis. The cult promises to show him his wife, but instead they steal his wedding ring.

- Betrayed by **Alexander Luthor** during the Crisis, **Black Adam** becomes a major d!ck, ripping low-rent supervillain Terra-Man in half on national TV to demonstrate his new zero-tolerance policy towards supercriminals. He also forms alliances with worrisome folks like the **Great Ten**, China's state-sanctioned superteam. But at least he doesn't truck with **Intergang** - he kills two of their representatives when they bring him an orphan girl named **Adrianna Tomaz**...

- Former GCPD detective **Renee Montoya**, mired in guilt after the death of her partner **Crispus Allen**, has been getting drunk and having lots of random sex. This changes however when she attracts the attention of the **Question**, who also calls himself **Charlie**. He hires her to help him investigate an apparently abandoned building. After several nights staking out the building, the two of them see someone enter, and follow him. The visitor turns out to be a horrible monster who nearly kills both of them, but fortunately, Renee finds a hi-tech weapon and kills the beast with it.

- **John Henry Irons** (AKA **Steel**) has been having problems with his niece **Natasha**, who wants power and glory without sacrifice. Called in to investigate the apparent murder of **Lex Luthor**, Irons discovers the body actually belongs to Alexander Luthor, whom Lex uses as a scapegoat for the crimes committed during his recent supervillain career. Lex rewards Irons by injecting him with a chemical that causes him to gain a temporary steel shell. These apparent newfound powers infuriate Nat, who walks out, believing her uncle is a hypocrite for gaining powers without effort.

- With **Superman** temporarily depowered after a deadly battle with **Superboy Prime**, second-stringer **Booster Gold** sees an opportunity to establish himself as the star he feels he should have been. Of course, in order to speed up his rise to fame, he uses robo-buddy **Skeets** to feed him information about future crimes and disasters so he can stop them, and about future business news so he can invest wisely and become rich. Of course, this tactic backfires, as the future becomes increasingly unpredictable. Meanwhile, the apparently pure-hearted hero **Supernova** appears, and starts to steal Booster's thunder...

- **Dr. Will Magnus**, creator of the **Metal Men**, makes regular visits to **Dr. Morrow**, creator of the

android **Red Tornado**. Morrow expresses increasing worry about the disappearance of several other super-scientists, including **Dr. Sivana**. Meanwhile, Magnus struggles with bipolar disorder and harassment from the government, which seeks to gain control of his Metal Men.

- The space team led by **Donna Troy** during the crisis reappears, having gone missing while trying to repair the space-time fabric (which had been ripped open by Alexander Luthor). Unfortunately, they are not quite safe and sound. According to **Sentinel**, **Adam Strange** attempted to open a zeta beam to take them home, but the beam split and shrank **Bumblebee** and enlarged **Hawkgirl**, fused **Cyborg** and **Firestorm**, and caused Red Tornado to explode, critically wounding **Herald**, who lost his voice, and Sentinel, who lost an eye.

- Meanwhile, unbeknownst to Sentinel, **Animal Man** (AKA **Buddy Baker**), **Starfire**, and Adam Strange were sent to a distant planet. Strange lost his eyes in the accident, but they were otherwise unharmed, and had apparently ended up in a paradise. Unfortunately, the paradise happens to be the stomping grounds of **Devilance**, the Fourth-World god of the hunt. The three manage to escape after incapacitating Devilance and using the tip of his spear as a conductor to activate an old warship, which takes them into space.