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PART FIVE:

- John Henry Irons manages to intercept his estranged niece Natasha during a pre-New Year's Eve shopping trip and warns her about Luthor's control over her powers. When he mentions the fact that the slow Blockbuster managed to kill speedster Trajectory, it finally occurs to Nat that something might indeed be going on...

- After much pleading by his new family, Black Adam agrees to reveal his human form to the world as a gesture of humility. As a result, Osiris and Sobek are invited to join the Teen Titans, but when Black Adam and Isis arrive to pick them up after their first day, the family is intercepted by the latest iteration of the Suicide Squad, led by Black Adam's former teammate Atom Smasher. The team, made up of losers like **Electrocutioner** and **Plastique**, are no match for the Black Marvels, but when the axe-wielding **Persuader** manages to hurt Isis, Osiris panics and flies right through the bastard, tearing him apart. The footage is captured by Amanda Waller, who feeds it to the media...

- The new year kicks off with a bang, as Luthor hits a switch depowering almost all of the Everymen in Metropolis, causing them to fall out of the sky. The only Everymen spared are the members of Infinity Incorporated, who rush into action to clean things up, unaware that their boss is behind it. The subsequent panic is intended to draw out Superman, but instead Supernova appears, along with a host of other heroes, including newbie **Offspring**, son of **Plastic Man**. In the aftermath, Starlight realizes that her uncle was right all along...

- Arriving at the remains of Vartu, Adam Strange learns that Lobo intends to hand him and his friends over to Lady Styx in exchange for the bounty Styx has placed on their heads. He thus forms a plan: Lobo takes Starfire and Animal Man in, while he and Ekkron prepare a diversion. Lobo betrays Starfire and Animal Man, expecting payment for them from Styx, but she refuses, and he goes into a berzerker rage, egged on by a reluctant Fishy, who, for all its belief in non-violence, is not terribly eager to die. Strange blasts holes in the Lady's citadel, and Ekkron pulls off a kamikaze attack, grabbing Styx and pulling her into a herd of **Sun-Eaters**. The battle costs Ekkron his life and, it seems, Buddy's as well, as Baker is shot by a neuro-toxin dart...

- Skeets finds Rip Hunter at last, hidden in the most remote location on Earth - the bottled city of **Kandor**. Just as it moves in for the kill, though, Supernova appears and reveals his true identity - Michael Jon Carter, formerly known as Booster Gold! It turns out that back when Booster visited Hunter's lab, Hunter appeared and warned him that Skeets was insane. In order to escape Skeets' surveillance, he had faked his own death by having Rip switch him with his own future corpse, then traveling back in time 12 weeks to assume the identity of Supernova. He further reveals that Supernova's powers came from the **Phantom Zone Projector**, which Rip Hunter then whips out and uses on Skeets. But the robot manages to surprise them by consuming the zone itself. In a final desperate maneuver, Rip opens a portal through which he and Booster escape... but Skeets is right behind them...

- In space, the apparently deceased Animal Man is left on a makeshift slab, where he later awakens to find himself in the presence of the beings who first gave him his powers...

- On Oolong, Dr. Magnus is going through a complete manic episode after being "liberated" from his meds by Dr. Veronica Cale. He is summoned for the unveiling of three of the four horsemen: **Roggra of War**, **Zorrm of Fevers**, and **Azraeuz of Death**. As the monstrosities are unveiled, some of the scientists are elated, but others, like Dr. Cale, are horrified...

- In Gotham, Charlie is dying in complete agony, constantly hallucinating. Renee tries to send for plants from Nanda Parbat, but none of them survive outside their natural habitat. Finally, in complete desperation, she takes him back to the Himalayas, hoping that if they can reach Nanda Parbat, the mystics there will heal him. Alas, it's to no avail; Vic Sage dies on the mountainside, but not before asking a final question of Renee: "Who are you going to be?"

pew That's all for now. Got to get out to the comic shop soon...