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New Green Lanterns Jessica Cruz and Simon Baz debut a new era of emerald greatness, tackling the universe's toughest beat: Earth. These rookie Lanterns promised to protect others in brightest day or blackest night, but as the "Red Planet" begins to rise, the duo finds themselves confronted with an unimaginable threat from Bleez and the Red Lanterns!

Rising star writer Sam Humphries (*Planet Hulk*, *Starlord*) and artist Robson Rocha (*Earth 2: Worlds End*, *Birds of Prey*) put on the rings with *Green Lanterns*, Volume 1: *Rage Planet*!

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From Reader Review Green Lanterns, Vol. 1: Rage Planet for online ebook

Steve says

I received this from Edelweiss and DC Comics in exchange for an honest review.

Pretty good story showing the development of the two newest Green Lanterns from Earth, Simon Baz and Jessica Cruz.

I'm interested to see what happens with this new rogue guardian and his special ring, as well as the planted rage seed, so I'll keep reading.

Chris says

The story of Jessica Cruz, the newest recruit to the Green Lantern Corps, elevates an otherwise inconsistent first volume for Green Lanterns. Sam Humphries ensures that his first story at DC Comics is an enjoyable one, but Rage Planet ultimately feels like the writer is still settling in.

Admittedly, one of my biggest gripes with the book isn't necessarily his fault. The last time we saw the Red Lanterns was in Charles Soule's fantastic run, which has been ~~retconned~~ completely ignored for Rebirth. Their leader Atrocitus is still a brilliant, rage-fueled menace and there's a great sub-plot involving Bleez, but overall the Reds lack their previous depth and characterisation.

Still, even in this lesser incarnation they provide a good challenge for Cruz and her equally reluctant partner, Simon Baz. When a "Hell Tower" spawns on Earth, thousands of humans become infected with rage. With Hal Jordan and the rest of the Green Lantern Corps on a mission in space, it's up to Baz and Cruz to work beyond their differences and prove their worth as the Emerald Peacekeepers of Sector 2814.

Jessica's struggle to overcome her anxiety was easily my favourite part of the story. Not only is she a relatable character for newcomers (as she's still new to the Lantern Corps), but readers like myself who have followed her journey since the New 52 Justice League will enjoy her first (co-)leading arc and it's satisfying conclusion. As for Simon Baz, this was my first time reading the character and despite not being won over by him just yet, there's certainly potential for him to stand out in future.

Sadly, the artwork doesn't fare as well. Robson Rocha handles the bulk of the work, but with multiple assists. Why Green Lanterns didn't have a fixed second artist like most twice-monthly Rebirth series is baffling, as Rocha's artwork is fairly generic (with some weird faces at times) and he could have easily been paired with someone of a similar style. Fortunately, Rage Planet is at least bookended with appealing visuals from Ed Benes, Will Conrad and Lantern staple Ethan Van Sciver, while ever-reliable colourist Blond ensures that

every splash of blood-red Rage and Green Lantern light stands out.

Overall, this is a solid start for the series in spite of a few flaws (the two leads re-introducing themselves every issue *has* to stop) and i'd certainly like to read more. Jessica stole the show for me in this one, but hopefully Humphries will find his groove and capitalise on the rest of Green Lanterns potential next time around.

Chad says

The 2 newest rookie GL's must partner up to protect Earth. The Red Lanterns are trying to fulfill a prophecy called Red Dawn. The story isn't all that great. People across the Earth are being infected with some kind of rage virus. What is good is the characterization and interactions between Simon Baz and Jessica Cruz. It's really what makes the book. Simon Basically thinks he can do anything through sheer willpower and he pretty much can. Jessica used to be Power Ring and was controlled by her ring until she finally overcame it. She's plagued by self-doubt and hasn't been able to form a construct because of it.

Received an advance copy from NetGalley and DC in exchange for an honest review.

Georgie says

Hal Jordan finds 2 misfits and brings them together to make this buddy cop series.

I mean misfits like this, Simon baz is a Muslim who's house is being vandalized with stuff saying "terrorists", Jessica Cruz was hiding in her apartment for 3 years because of anxiety.

The good in this is the relationship between Simon and Jessica which at times was annoying but also nice, I quite liked the story with the rage seeds and really liked the art.

The bad is that I felt some parts were boring during dialogue between the red lanterns and sometimes Simon was really cocky and annoying

Overall good book

James DeSantis says

This is officially my first Green Lantern book I've read (unless count Omegemen. Which has a Lateran in it...and it's very good. Go read it.)

Green Lanterns is the story of two characters, very different, who have to work together to take down the RED. The red are basically filled with rage and want to make everyone in the world fill up with...you guessed it...RAGEEEEEEEE!

Jessica has been a Lantern before, and it seemed she fucked up (again haven't read any other title...this is probably not the best idea) and she must team up with none other than Simon...who is basically a man with a "dark" past that makes him bullheaded. Two very different characters now have to stop the world from turning into insane evil rage monsters.

It's not bad actually. The goods are the art, which I enjoyed. I also love the dialog between the two main characters. Having them back and forth convos, which are mostly humorous, makes it a easy and enjoyable read.

The negatives really come down to the pacing, it seems off, or rushed. It also wraps up to easy for such a BIG threat. I also didn't like some of the forced background stories making the characters seem weaker when it should be about growth not forced emotion.

Either way this did get me excited enough to want to continue. I also really should get on that GL omnibus...I will I swear....I just need money...I NEED MONEY...okay I'm good. A 3/5!

David - proud Gleeman in Branwen's adventuring party says

Review to come

Michael says

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Dank Amazon habe ich Band 1 der Reihe nach Band 2 gelesen und das war vielleicht gar nicht mal so verkehrt. Der Auftakt der neuen GL-Reihe ist nicht schlecht, aber die Fortsetzung hat mir besser gefallen. Trotzdem ist auch Band 1 unterhaltsam zu lesen und sehr gut gezeichnet.

Jessica Cruz ist ganz klar als die Sympathiefigur angelegt, während Simon Cruz eher wie ein Dummi daher kommt. Man sollte vielleicht mal eine Tabelle anlegen, auf wie vielen Panels Jessica und auf wie vielen Simon ist. Wahrscheinlich hält es sich in der Wage, aber gefühlt dominiert Jessica stark.

Anne says

I *wanted* to like Simon and Jessica, but the honest truth is that that these two (when paired up) just annoyed the shit out of me.

He's angry and she's scared. All. The. Time.

And yeah. The point of this volume is that they each overcome some of their demons and learn to rely on each other as partners. So...yay! Mission accomplished.

On the upside? Gorgeous art & vibrant colors. If you happen to *like* the storyline and characters, then the visuals are just going to be icing on the cake!

Bottom line?

I thought Jessica was a cool character when I read about her originally, but this time around she didn't impress me at all. Plus, I found the entire storyline dull for some reason. I'd read a few pages and then put it down, so it took me over a week to finish this one volume - which is just waaay too long for a comic book. There was nothing particularly *bad* about this thing, but it wasn't my personal cuppa and the thought of going back for more of this just doesn't do it for me.

Diz says

I really loved this because I'm a fan of both Simon Baz and Jessica Cruz. Their personalities are so different, so it's interesting to see them overcome these differences. Also, they are flawed as Lanterns, so their struggles against their flaws are compelling to read. In particular, Jessica's battle against anxiety attacks makes her a very different kind of superhero. The conflict between her fear and the willpower it takes for her to even go out the door is powerful. As an added bonus, Bleeze's backstory is explored, and I felt really sorry for her. Making villains somewhat sympathetic add a welcome layer of complexity to the story.

Jesse A says

I dig this one. I trust they'll develop the characters more down the line, but it's a good start.

Richard says

In DC's Rebirth reset, all of the senior Green Lanterns of Earth are away across the cosmos (you can read about their adventures in Hal Jordan and the Green Lantern Corps, Volume 1: Sinestro's Law), leaving the duty to protect Space Sector 2814 to a pair of fresh new recruits. I've been excited about this series because it seems like a great new direction for the Green Lantern mythos, by telling a modern story through fresh eyes. It brings the Green Lantern concept back to its core of being a space cop story.

In a structure that recalls many buddy cop stories, we witness Simon Baz and Jessica Cruz not only deal with being forced to work together as a team (they have to share one Power Battery!), but also deal with growing themselves as heroes. Simon deals with anger issues and Jessica has anxiety and doubt in herself as a Lantern. The story here is pretty stupid and throwaway though, with the duo trying to stop Atrocitus and his Red Lanterns from turning Earth into a breeding ground for rage and bringing about what he dubs the Red Dawn. It feels like they tacked a story on to the book as a requirement, and I know the Red Lanterns are more interesting than this and deserve better. But the strength here is on our relatable heroes, and I'm interested to see where this goes!

Sam Quixote says

“RAAAARRRGH! My name is Atrocitus and I’m a monster with a red ring. I leads the Red Lanterns!”

“Ugh, why’re you spitting blood everywhere?!”

“Excuse me but I’m VOMITING blood everywhere and it’s because I’m a Red Lantern – it’s what we do! I want to put a Rage Seed in Earth.”

“You wanna knock up the planet? That sounds stupid.”

“It is. And a penis-like Hell Tower will burrow down into the Earth’s egg, uh, core where the Seed will be placed.”

“Why!?”

“Prophecy.”

“What?”

“There’s a prophecy, dude.”

“I’ve read the New 52 Red Lanterns books and there’s never been talk of some bullshit prophecy.”

“It’s called Red Dawn.”

“That’s even stupider. You know that’s the title of a couple of crap movies, right?”

“Woah, really? Are they about being angry and wanting to impregnate a planet?”

“No, that would be immensely retarded. They do suck though.”

“I’m still going to watch them.”

“Moron. Wait, why Earth exactly?”

“It’s the angriest planet in the universe.”

“And how did you find that out?”

“...”

“Tell me this isn’t the whole book.”

“Hello, I’m Simon Baz!”

“And I’m Jessica Cruz!”

“And together we are the new Green Lanterns!”

“We don’t get along at first but eventually become friends. This is a buddy cop movie, like a superhero version of Lethal Weapon but not as good!”

“Huh. Well, I guess you two do have decent chemistry and aren’t totally annoying. But why do so many Green Lanterns come from Earth?”

“...”

“And I’m a secret Guardian who made a secret super ring – I need to speak to Hal Jordan!”

“Go away, secret Guardian, you’re meant for later books!”

“Ok, I’ll go wait in the wings and order a beer.”

“Hi, I’m Atrocitus and I’ve got some nonsense to spew.”

“I’ll leave you all to it, I don’t need to hear it again.”

“Are you coming back to see what happens in the next book?”

“Yeah, you guys look great!”

“Did he have his fingers in his ears?”

“He was running too. I don’t think he’s gonna come back. Did you just spit blood on my spiffy green outfit?”

“Vomited blood, yes.”

“Why?!”

“I’ve been reading DC Rebirth books. I mean, I’m a Red Lantern, it’s what I do.”

“Do you need medical treatment?”

“Got any Tums?”

“No, but I can construct a green one.”

“Awesome. Ooo, it tastes minty too! So let’s get down to it. There’s this Prophecy called Red Dawn...”

(Both Green Lanterns vomit.)

Roxanne says

Whether you like this will depend on two things.

1: Whether you like Jess & Simon.

2: Whether you want an easy plot that is quick to get through.

I really enjoyed this one, i love Jess & Simon i think they're an adorable team they overcome a lot within this volume, and i would say this does focus more so on the characters, giving them depth than creating this huge technical plot. Hal shows up and essentially forces them to work together, and they gotta go up against the red lanterns who are making everyone rage, and that's pretty much the plot which might be too simple or just not enough to keep some interested.

I quite liked the story, and after reading so much crappy rebirth titles i just wanted an easy read, with no double crossing and a plot that didn't leave me with five hundred odd questions.

I think this definitely delivers a pretty good read, Simon and Jess both have their moments, it's funny and quite sweet as well as seeing Jess and Simon battling some inner demons. Well worth picking up if you're after a more character focused read and i'm interested to see where this one goes next.

Sesana says

I missed when Jess and Simon both became the current Green Lanterns of Earth, or why exactly Hal is off in deep space. I assume that will be explored more thoroughly in his book. I guess how much you like this book will depend on how much you like Jess and Simon, and I liked Jess rather more than Simon. It's not that I don't like him, it's just that he's more or less interchangeable with any number of impulsive young mean I've encountered in fiction, and it's only the exact details of his dramatic past (internment at Gitmo) that makes him stand out in that crowd. Sure, he's likable, if somewhat bland, but I found Jess and her struggles with anxiety and borderline (?) agoraphobia much more interesting and relatable. The story is could be fairly interesting, except that it felt like it went on for a bit too long. Not the best possible way to start off a new book, but it isn't bad, and I really like one of the main characters. Besides, I want to see where Humprhies is going with Bleez.

Roy says

Solid first outing for the new green lantern recruits. Both characters are at differnt ends of the personality spectrum. You have the overly confident Simon and the anxious and to a certain degree frightened Jessica. Both have to tackle the red lantern threat, which has appeared to spread a Rage virus. Interesting dialogue between the 2, if a little cliched, the plotting/story is pretty weak if not predictable. The artwork is ok not amazing but seems to suffer from the same issue as the story. Its just a little disoriented, it doesn't seem to know how to flesh out 2 main protagonists that well. Interesting take on how each character struggles with their inner thoughts to control the power. Not sure if I'll continue with the series. May pick it up later.

