

DARKSEID

LORD OF APOKOLIPS

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STATUS Villain REAL NAME Uxas

OCCUPATION Tyrant/world conqueror BASE Apokolips

HEIGHT 8ft 9in WEIGHT 1,815 lbs EYES Red HAIR None

SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES Utterly ruthless, unforgiving planetary overlord who rules underlings by fear; immensely strong and apparently invulnerable; eyes project Omega Beams, powerful rays that incinerate, annihilate, or transport beings.



RUTHLESS *Darkseid respects no-one and any person or god is but a means to his own ends.*

opposed by his own son, Orion. Recently he was thwarted in his attempt to take the just arrived Kryptonian Kara Zor-El from Earth to add to his FEMALE FURIES. Darkseid continued to scheme, casting a dark shadow across the universe and throughout time. History shows Darkseid finally conquering Mars in the 340th century, but it proved a hollow victory. Learning that the age of gods had passed, Darkseid surrendered to the Source, the energy that sustains the universe. RG

THE WARBRINGER

Against Heggra's wishes, Darkseid secretly married the sorceress Suli, and they had a son named KALIBAK. Suli was murdered, at Heggra's command by the torturer DESAAD and Heggra then ordered her son to marry TIGGRA, with whom he had a son, ORION. To settle the war between New Genesis and Apokolips, a peace treaty was signed known as "The Pact," wherein the ruling gods of Apokolips and New Genesis give one another their sons to be raised by the other. The New Genesis ruler HIGHFATHER raised Orion as his own; Darkseid had Scott Free (MISTER MIRACLE) raised by GRANNY GOODNESS at her brutal orphanage.

Martian philosophy led Darkseid to conceptualize the "Anti-Life Equation" as the object of his quest for power, and agents of Apokolips attacked Mars. Later, Darkseid turned his sights on Earth. Despite frequent setbacks, Darkseid continued his conquest of the universe, although he was frequently being

EVIL PLANS *During the Imperix War, Darkseid manipulated events to gain any advantage possible.*



OMEGA BEAMS *The Omega Effect has no known limitations and can dissolve any organic being.*

KEY STORYLINES

- JACK KIRBY'S New Gods (1997): The initial storyline introducing Darkseid and his quest for the "Anti-Life Equation" plus a glimpse into the horror that is Apokolips.
- LEGENDS (1987): Darkseid attempts to besmirch the reputation of Earth's defenders, bringing down the heroes to make Earth an easier planet to pillage.
- COSMIC ODYSSEY (2003): Darkseid thinks he has found the "Anti-Life Equation" and will destroy entire planets to obtain it. However, he finds himself opposed by Highfather's handpicked champions—Superman, Orion, Batman, Green Lantern, and Bug.

Darkseid is the gravest threat to life in the DC Universe, representing all that is vile and corrupt. In the wake of the old gods dying, a race of NEW GODS were born, split between two planets, bright New Genesis and smoldering Apokolips, who were continually at war with each other. On Apokolips, Queen Heggra and her own son Uxas plotted and schemed against each other, one determined to retain power, the other seeking it. Uxas's drive for control resulted in his brother Drax's death. Uxas then evolved into the creature known as Darkseid.



APOKOLIPS
Born out of the cataclysm that claimed the old gods, a perpetually burning world.

