

SPECTRE

THE SPIRIT OF VENGEANCE

JIM CORRIGAN (SPECTRE I)

FIRST APPEARANCE MORE FUN COMICS #52 (February 1940)
 STATUS Hero REAL NAME James Brendan Corrigan
 OCCUPATION Police detective; spirit of vengeance
 BASE New York City
 HEIGHT (as Corrigan) 6ft 1in WEIGHT (as Corrigan) 184 lbs
 EYES (as Corrigan) Blue HAIR (as Corrigan) Red, with white streak

HAL JORDAN (SPECTRE II)

FIRST APPEARANCE (as the Spectre) DAY OF JUDGEMENT #5 (November 1999) STATUS Hero REAL NAME Harold "Hal" Jordan
 OCCUPATION Former test pilot, Green Lantern; the Spirit of Wrath
 BASE Mobile
 HEIGHT (as Jordan) 6ft WEIGHT (as Jordan) 186 lbs
 EYES (as Jordan) Brown HAIR (as Jordan) Brown

SPECIAL POWERS/ABILITIES The Spectre is among the most powerful beings in the universe. Limited only by its need to bond with another host, the Spectre possesses the ability to fly at nearly any speed, become intangible, inhabit and animate objects, read minds, teleport, and psychically project hideous fears into the hearts and souls of his victims. He can turn invisible, cast illusions, create impenetrable mists, travel across the astral planes, grow to incomprehensible size, and manipulate magics to nearly any end his spiritual mind can conceive!



GHOSTLY *The Spectre arrived in a swirl of mist to pass his sentence on criminals.*

JIM CORRIGAN

James Corrigan was the only child of the Reverend Jedediah Corrigan, a fundamentalist preacher who physically and emotionally abused his son to discourage him from the temptations of sin. As a teenager, Corrigan ran away to New York City and enrolled in the police academy, excelling at detective work. Self-righteous, arrogant, Corrigan became a pitiless cop.

Corrigan's brutality caught up with him, when he was killed by mobster Gat Benson in 1940. Corrigan's soul cried out for vengeance and was answered by

the Spectre. Infused with the Spectre's power, Corrigan's spirit, returned to his body and took revenge on Benson. The Spectre was subsequently encouraged to use his power for good by Percival

Poplanski, a patrolman who witnessed Benson's demise. Manifesting itself as a ghostly spirit, the Spectre joined the JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA as one of its most powerful members.

After World War II, the Spectre fought the demon Azmodus, who trapped the Spirit of Vengeance in Corrigan's undead frame for nearly two decades. The Ghostly Guardian quarreled often with his earthly host over methodology and the nature of humanity itself.

THE CRISIS

During the Crisis (see Great Battles, pp. 320-1), the Spectre traveled back to the dawn of time and used his vast power to save all of Creation as its heroes battled the universe-consuming Anti-Monitor. The Spectre's powers were greatly diminished, and he was once again separated from Corrigan. Exhausted by his life on Earth, and forgiving his father for his abuses, Corrigan pleaded with the Presence to allow his soul to travel to its final resting place. The Spectre, nearly omnipotent, was once again left without a human focus.

LOOSED ON EARTH by the almighty Presence in 776 BC, the Spectre is the mystical embodiment of God's wrath. When the angel Raphael, who rebelled against Heaven with Lucifer, repented his sins, God transformed him into an avenger that would inflict His wrath on sinful souls. The Spectre destroyed Sodom and Gommorah, spread the ten plagues across Egypt, and brought down the walls of Jericho. After the birth of Jesus, whose mission was to teach people compassion, the Presence decreed that the spirits of vengeance and forgiveness should not exist on Earth at the same time. The Spectre bided in Limbo until Christ's death. Then, forced to bond with mortal souls to manifest his power, the Spectre leaped forth, meting out vengeance down the centuries.



AVENGING ANGEL *The Spectre uses his powers to horrify criminals, visiting upon them grisly retribution in its most hideous form.*



HAL JORDAN

Hal Jordan was one of the most powerful officers in the legendary GREEN LANTERN CORPS and a founding member of the JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. When MONGUL and the CYBORG SUPERMAN destroyed Jordan's hometown, Coast City, slaughtering its seven million inhabitants, Jordan went insane, usurping the power of the Corps and transforming into the universe-threatening PARALLAX.

Parallax first tried to recreate Coast City by tampering with time during the Zero Hour crisis (see Great Battles, pp. 320-1). Failing time and time again, Parallax nonetheless helped reignite the Earth's sun, which had been extinguished by an alien creature, at the cost of his own life. His spirit consigned to Purgatory for his sins, Jordan bonded with the Spectre's energies after they briefly inhabited ASMODEL.

Returned to Earth in this new, ghostly form, the spirit of Hal Jordan and the essence of the Spectre wander the globe, seeking redemption while inflicting punishment on the guilty. PJ

HELPING YOUNG JUSTICE

As the Spectre, Hal Jordan used his omnipotent power to help SECRET learn the truth about her past. The elder ghost helped the younger discover that her death was a sacrifice to a demon, and that she had been transformed by the Lords of Light into a spirit guide. The Spectre used his power to help Secret accept her dismal past, and hopeful future.



JLA ALLY *Hal Jordan uses his new power to aid his former teammates in the JLA. While Jordan's vast power worries BATMAN, Jordan's diligence in hunting evil earns Batman's trust, and the trust of Earth's Greatest Heroes.*



KEY STORYLINES

- MORE FUN COMICS #52 (FEBRUARY 1940): The first appearance of the ghostly avenger.
- DC SPECIAL #29 (SEPTEMBER 1977): The Spectre becomes a founding member of the Justice Society of America.
- CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS (TPB, 2000) The Spectre stops the Anti-Monitor from destroying all creation, and reignites the universe.
- DAY OF JUDGEMENT #1-4 (NOVEMBER 1999-FEBRUARY 2000): Hal Jordan rescues the spirit of God's wrath from Asmodel and becomes the new Spectre.



MURDER! *Gat Benton stuffed Jim Corrigan's body in a cement-filled barrel and drowned him.*

