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PANEL 1

Landscape panel of LEO, body surrounded by flames as the fire spread across the room. MARIAH and CALEB stand to the sides of him as several heroes are raising their arms to shield themselves against the blast.

PANEL 2

Close-up of the female superhero that confronted MARIAH and CALEB. She is standing in front of the other heroes, her expression a mix of shock and rage. Flames are close around her but she no longer seems concerned about them.

WOMAN

You little fools...what have you done?

PANEL 3

LEO's head is free of the flames, his face is split in a wide grin. His neck is slightly tilted, indicating that his head was placed at a slight angle. He is laughing loudly, his arms spread as he let the flames die down around him.

LEOSTRYGON

(laughing)

PANEL 4

CALEB is standing by MARIAH, her hands gripping one of his arms as he stands by her. LEO is still laughing, his arms in the air. The flames have died down, leaving black scorch marks everywhere. LEO's clothes are burnt and torn apart in several places.

LEOSTRYGON

(laughing)

What's wrong? Aren't you all glad to see me?

PANEL 5

The group of heroes all look nervous but poised for a fight, some glowing as they prepare for a sudden fight. LEO is still grinning, his arms open in welcome.

LEOSTRYGON

Now is this any way to greet your old
pal?

(pause)

Now, who the hell is responsible for
cutting my head off?

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PANEL 1

The woman in front, glowing a bright green, raises her fists that are releasing a black glow, almost like small portals similar to the one that got them there in the first place.

WOMAN

We'll gladly repeat the job.

LEOSTRYGON

Do you now? Well, good luck with that. I'm sure you'll find that I never fall for the same trick twice.

PANEL 2

Several heroes shoot energy at him but with a flaming punch, LEO sends flames back at them. The flames break through the attacks, aiming right toward the group of heroes.

LEOSTRYGON

I was taken down by a group of weakling like you? How pathetic!

PANEL 3

MARIAH and CALEB are to the side behind LEO. MARIAH is nervous and CALEB is frozen in place, unsure of what to do.

MARIAH

What do we do, Cal?

CALEB

I-I don't know, alright?

MARIAH

What did you think was gonna happen when we woke him up?

CALEB

I don't know! I thought he'd blast us out of here, but he's so- so

MARIAH

Crazy?

PANEL 4

CALEB calms a bit as he speaks to MARIAH, his expression one of confidence. MARIAH doubts what he is saying and frowns at his back.

CALEB
The association will get us out of here. They probably got word that we woke him up.

MARIAH
Miss Gate would have gotten us if they wanted to help, Cal.

CALEB
Just sit tight, they'll be here. I'm sure of it.

PANEL 5

LEO finally notices them and looks over his shoulder at them. MARIAH and CALEB stiffen up, suddenly alert by his menacing look.

LEOSTRYGON
You two.

CALEB
Uh, yeah?

LEOSTRYGON
Are you the ones that revived me?

MARIAH
I-I did, sir.

LEOSTRYGON
Who do you work for?

CALEB
We're with the association. We were sent here to retrieve you.

PANEL 6

LEO is facing them, MARIAH and CALEB appear more relaxed seeing that LEO now knows they are with the association. The heroes in the room are scowling but make no move to attack.

LEOSTRYGON

The association sent you two? Children!

CALEB

We were suited for the task.

MARIAH

Um, Miss Gate tasked us with taking you to the association. We woke you up because they showed up.



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PANEL 1

LEO is facing MARIAH and CALEB but his eyes are focused on the wall behind them.

MARIAH
Mr. Leo?

PANEL 2

MARIAH shrieks when LEO blasts at the wall, blowing it up so that sunlight streaks through the clouds of dust.

LEOSTRYGON
Thanks, kid. I guess I owe you. Now, I've got a few stops to make before dropping by the association.

CALEB
Wait! You can't just leave!

LEOSTRYGON
Watch me.

PANEL 3

LEO jumps out the open doorway, laughing at the heroes last minute attempts to attack him. MARIAH and CALEB watch shocked as they are left behind.

WOMAN
Stop him!

LEOSTRYGON
(laughing)

PANEL 4

MARIAH and CALEB look at each other, their eyes wide as though they are asking each other, 'What the hell just happened?'

PANEL 5

Landscape panel shows them suddenly surrounded by the heroes. MARIAH and CALEB stand closely to each other. MARIAH appears shy and frightened while CALEB grins weakly at them.

CALEB

(laughs nervously)

So uh, where's the exit again?

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PANEL 1

GATE and AXIOM are standing right outside the front door to the building. They are looking up at the sky, their faces glowing, indicating that LEO is nearby and shooting flames around himself again.

GATE

Well, it appears our new recruits didn't fail after all.

AXIOM

That remains to be seen. Do you see them anywhere?

PANEL 2

LEO lands at the bottom of the stairs of where they are standing. His body is covered in flames, the concrete underneath him cracked from the impact he made. Gate and AXIOM do not look impressed with him.

AXIOM

LEO, dear friend, how good to see you again.

LEOSTRYGON

(clicks tongue)

Still on a leash, I see. Has the association truly been so lost without me?

AXIOM

We've gotten more done since your...arrest.

PANEL 3

LEO is now grabbing AXIOM by the collar of his suit, AXIOM appear unaffected while Gate sighs and rolls her eyes at the sight. LEO's flames are bigger as he tries to intimidate them.

AXIOM

Still as savage as before. Go on. Perhaps you'd like everyone within a 50

mile radius to see where the great
Leostrygon has gone. I'm sure the
association will truly appreciate the
media.

PANEL 4

LEO shoves AXIOM away as his attention is now on GATE who has to
tilt her head back just to make eye contact with him. AXIOM is
straightening his suit, flames forcing him to pat himself down.

GATE

You were freed and yet I don't see the
recruits that were sent to do so.

LEOSTRYGON

Little fools probably got themselves
captured.

GATE

And you allowed it?

LEOSTRYGON

What am I, a babysitter? Perhaps you
shouldn't have sent in the first place.
The two looked like they barely reached
me in time before the entire building
came up to greet us.

PANEL 5

Landscape panel shows LEO and AXIOM looking at GATE as she
speaks.

GATE

Then it seems we are without our two
recruits.

AXIOM

It's not like they know much to give to
the heroes.

GATE

No, but they are still a liability.
Meaning-

LEOSTRYGON

Meaning?

GATE
They'll need to be exterminated.



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PANEL 1

At hero headquarters, MARIAH and CALEB are now in an interrogation room. The woman from before is standing across from them, seeming to tower them as a means of intimidation. MARIAH appears submissive, looking down at her lap while CALEB, although looking nervous, wear a scowl on his face.

CALEB

The association will retaliate for this, you know.

SAVANNAH

(laughs)

I highly doubt that. I've never heard of villains going out of their way to save a few captured villains.

CALEB

They did with Leo.

SAVANNAH

Leostrygon is a menace, he's a ticking time-bomb that the association wants to control. But, that won't matter soon.

PANEL 2

MARIAH is looking at the hero, her eyebrows raised. CALEB seem a lot more nervous with the statement the hero makes.

MARIAH

What do you mean?

SAVANNAH

(smirks)

You didn't think we'd just allow the most wanted villain walk away of his own free will, did you?

CALEB

We helped him escape because you failed to keep him locked up here.

PANEL 3

The hero slams her hands down on the table in front of them. MARIAH and CALEB jump up in their seats at the sound of her slamming the table. The hero seems to momentarily lose her composure, her hands glowing in anger.

PANEL 4

Sighing, the hero smooths her hair back from her face.

SAVANNAH

(sighs)

A mistake that can easily be remedied.
I would be more concerned about myself
if I were you.

PANEL 5

CALEB, angry, yells at the hero, voicing his confidence in the association. MARIAH appears nervous but she is now looking at CALEB, as though she has just realized something about him.

CALEB

(yelling)

The association is going to take you
down!

SAVANNAH

You sure have a lot of faith in them,
kid. Makes me wonder why no attempt to
rescue you two has been made.

CALEB

(scowling)

