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A HOUSE DIVIDED
ROUND TWO, POPS! AND THIS TIME YOU WON'T HAVE SUPERGIRL! OR THE LONE RANGER OVER THERE TO BAIL YOU OUT!
MR. DANVERS, WAIT!
"WAIT," NOTHING! GET OUT OF HERE, MALVERNE! SHE'S AFTER ME, NOT YOU!
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SUCH BRAVERY. LET ME GIVE YOU... A CONGRATULATORY HUG...

BLAM!
OOOOOFFF!

MIDVALE P.D.! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF MURDER! YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SI--
CARRIE, SHE'S GETTING UP!

AWWW, THE HELL WITH IT! FIRE!!!
BLAMM!
KA-BLAM!
BLAAM!
KA-BLAMM!

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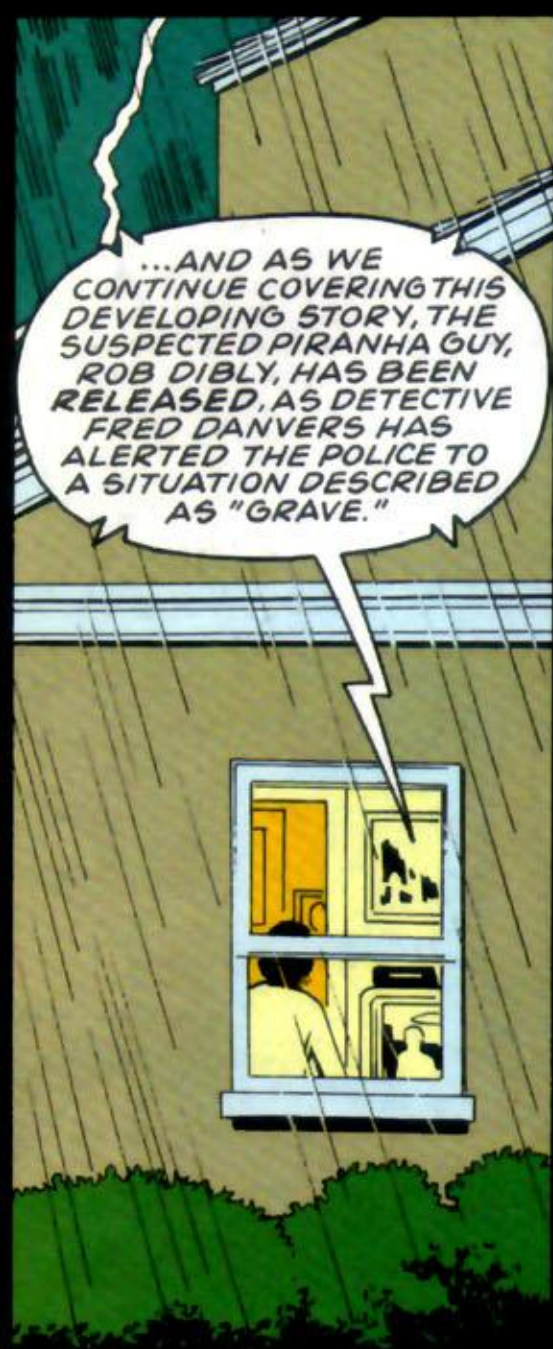
NOW THEN... THIS NEW FLAME VISION...
LET'S SEE HOW WELL IT...
EH? IT...WON'T WORK...
VERY WELL, THEN...
...LET IT BE THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
LEESBUR
C'MON, SHAUNA ...C'MON... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE...
YOU--?
DAMMIT, MALVERNE -- STOP PLAYING HERO!
THAT'S RIGHT, MALVERNE...
...HEROES ARE OVERRATED.
EVERYONE ELSE HAS GONE NIGHT-NIGHT, FRED. AND SOON, IT'LL JUST BE YOU AND ME... AND THEN JUST ME.


...AND AS WE CONTINUE COVERING THIS DEVELOPING STORY, THE SUSPECTED PIRANHA GUY, ROB DIBLY, HAS BEEN RELEASED, AS DETECTIVE FRED DANVERS HAS ALERTED THE POLICE TO A SITUATION DESCRIBED AS "GRAVE."

THE AREA BETWEEN SCHAFFEN AND BERGER STREETS HAS BEEN CORDONED OFF, AND NO REPORTERS ARE BEING ALLOWED NEAR, AS A REPORTED FREE-FOR-ALL OF PARANORMAL PROPORTIONS HAS REPORTEDLY...

OH, NO...THE POWER...
KRAKOM

GOD... PLEASE...I KNOW YOU'RE THERE...I KNOW YOU'RE LISTENING...
I KNOW THAT YOU ANSWER ALL PRAYERS, BUT THAT SOMETIMES THE ANSWER IS NO ...BUT PLEASE, THIS TIME... "NO" CAN'T BE THE ANSWER.

PLEASE SAVE FRED. AND LINDA. SHE'S INVOLVED TOO, SOMEHOW, AND IN DANGER. I JUST KNOW IT. MAYBE MORE THAN EVEN SHE CAN HANDLE.
PLEASE... PROTECT THEM... AND BRING THEM BACK TO ME SAFELY...

...SOMEHOW...

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...
...TO HAVE YOUR HEAD CAVED IN...

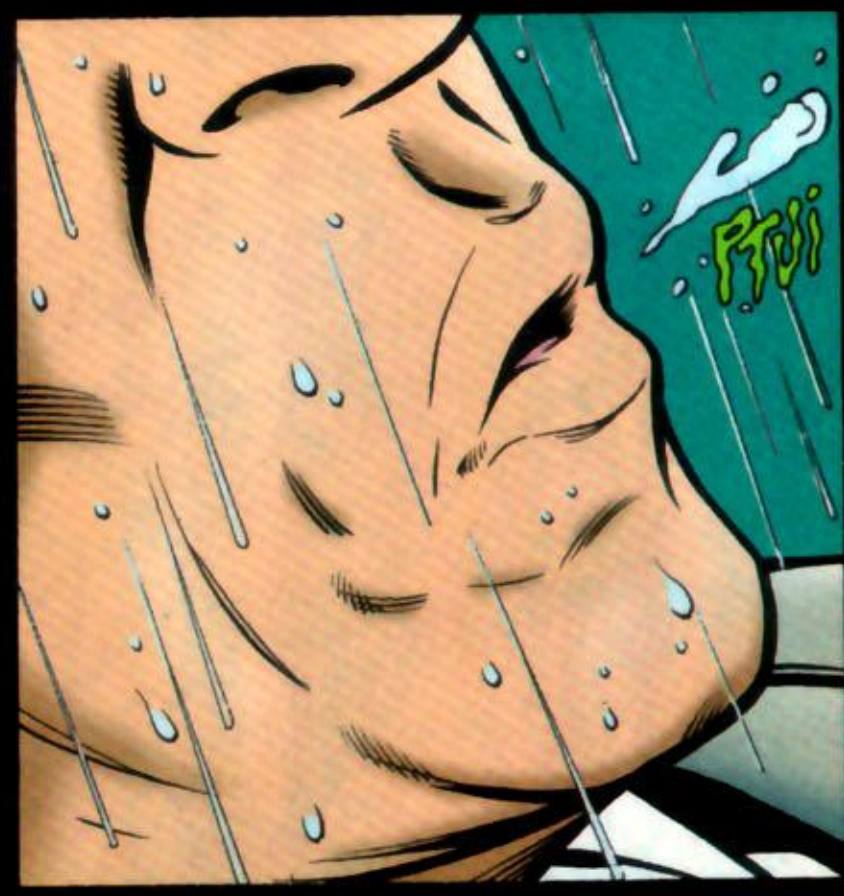
MR. DANVERS, GO! RUN! I'LL STALL HER AS LONG AS I CAN!

KLONK
OH, YES. HE'LL HAVE A WHOLE HALF-SECOND HEAD START.

OKAY, FINE! YOU WANT ME? YOU'VE SINGLED ME OUT? HERE I AM! YOU'RE NOT MY DAUGHTER, ANYWAY!
YOU NEVER GAVE A DAMN ABOUT HER. I HAVE THAT MUCH OF HER MEMORIES. I KNOW--
YOU KNOW SQUAT! YOU WANT TO KILL ME? MAKE ME BEG?

NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, LADY...OR WHATEVER THE HELL YOU ARE!
I LOVE MY DAUGHTER, AS SUPERGIRL OR LINDA. SHE'S A GOOD SOUL, AND WHATEVER THE HELL IT IS YOU'VE DONE TO HER, I HOPE YOU BURN FOR IT!

YOU SPEAK OF HELL? YOU'RE ABOUT TO MAKE A FIRST-HAND INSPECTION TOUR.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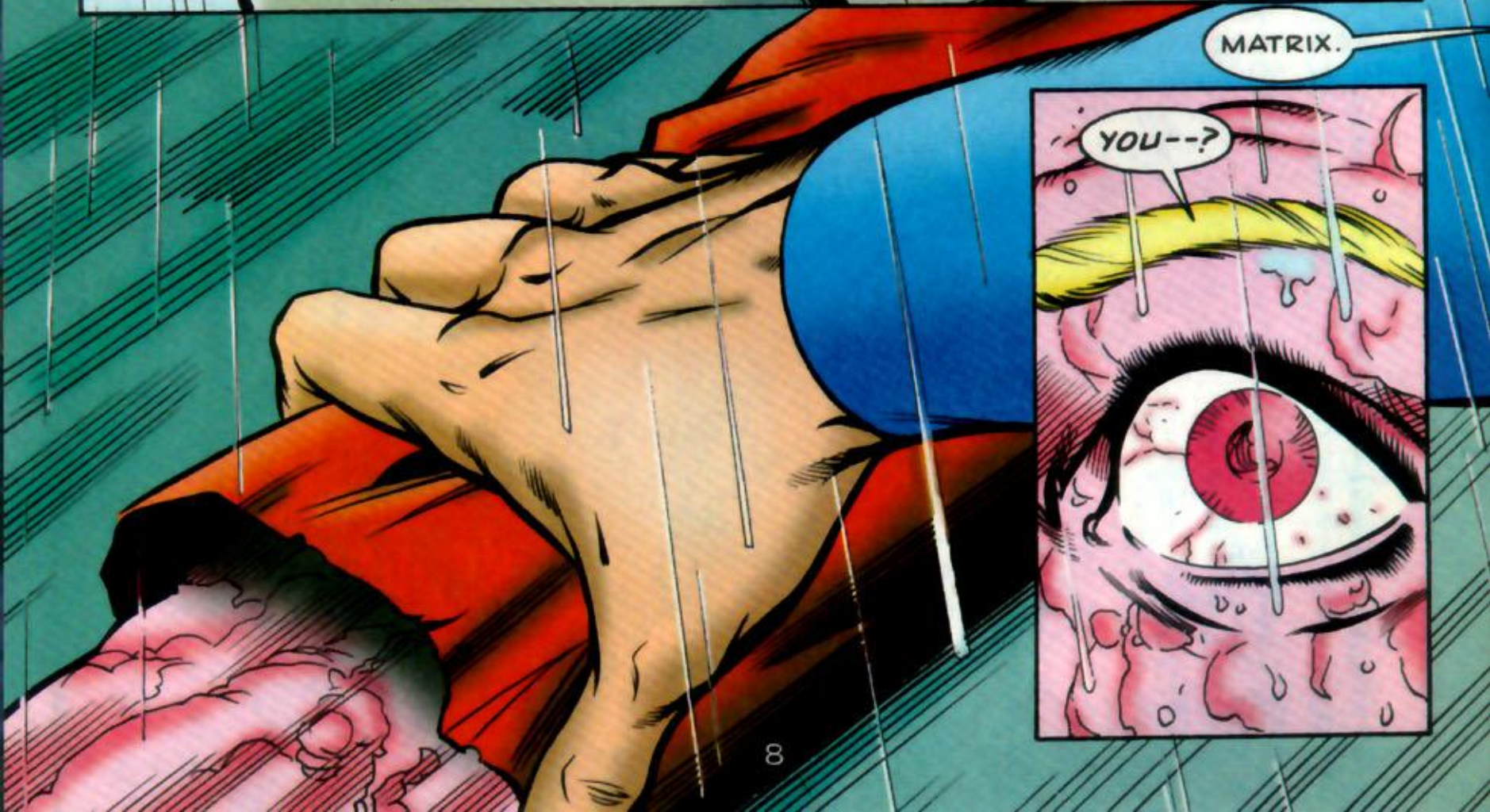
A FINAL GESTURE OF YOUR CONTEMPT FOR ME. I'LL TRY TO LIVE WITH THAT.
GOOD-BYE, "POP."


MATRIX.
YOU--?

THAT'S QUITE ENOUGH.
YOU NEED HELP...AND I'M HERE TO GIVE IT TO YOU.

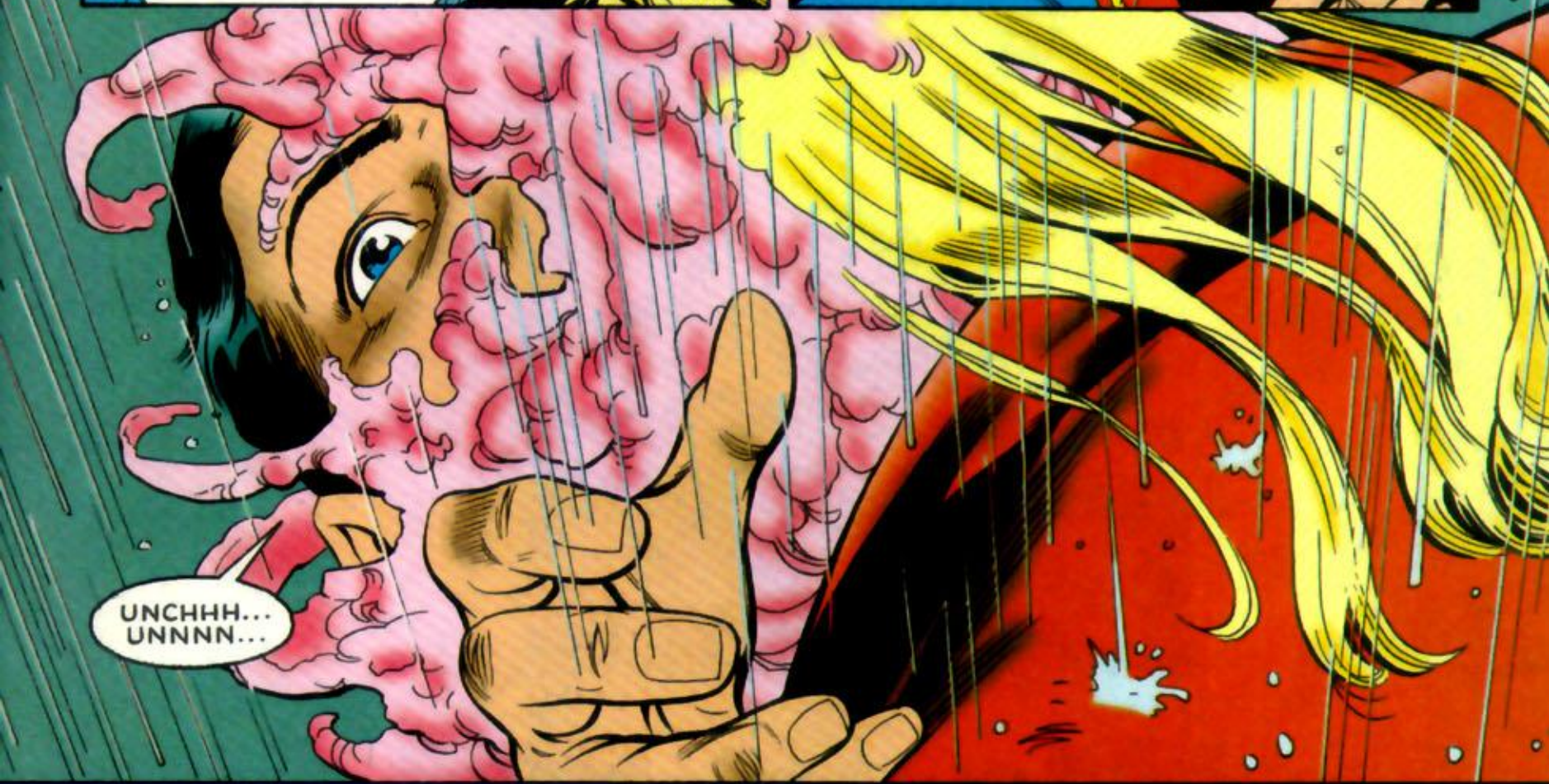
POW!

--OOOUUUUTTT!

SUPERGIRL... MAE... SOMETHING'S GOTTEN TO YOU... MADE YOU ILL...
THAT'S RIGHT, SUPERMAN. YOU MAKE ME ILL.
HUMANITY MAKES ME ILL. I WAS A FREAK TO YOU, WASN'T I? SOMETHING TO BE USED!
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? I TRUSTED YOU--!
YOU USED ME! I WAS A CONVENIENCE, TO HELP CONCEAL YOUR PRECIOUS IDENTITY! YOU USED ME NO DIFFERENTLY THAN LEX LUTHOR USED ME...CONTROLLED ME, KEPT ME DOWN...!
SUPERGIRL...
DON'T CALL ME THAT! A PALE IMITATION OF YOU ...THAT'S ALL I'LL EVER BE!
THAT'S NOT TRUE... YOU NEED HELP... YOU NEED...
...YOU.
I NEED YOU.

LOOK AT ME, SUPERMAN... AM I NOT BEAUTIFUL... EVERYTHING YOU'D EVER WANT...?
MAE... I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU... YOU HAVE TO UNDERST--

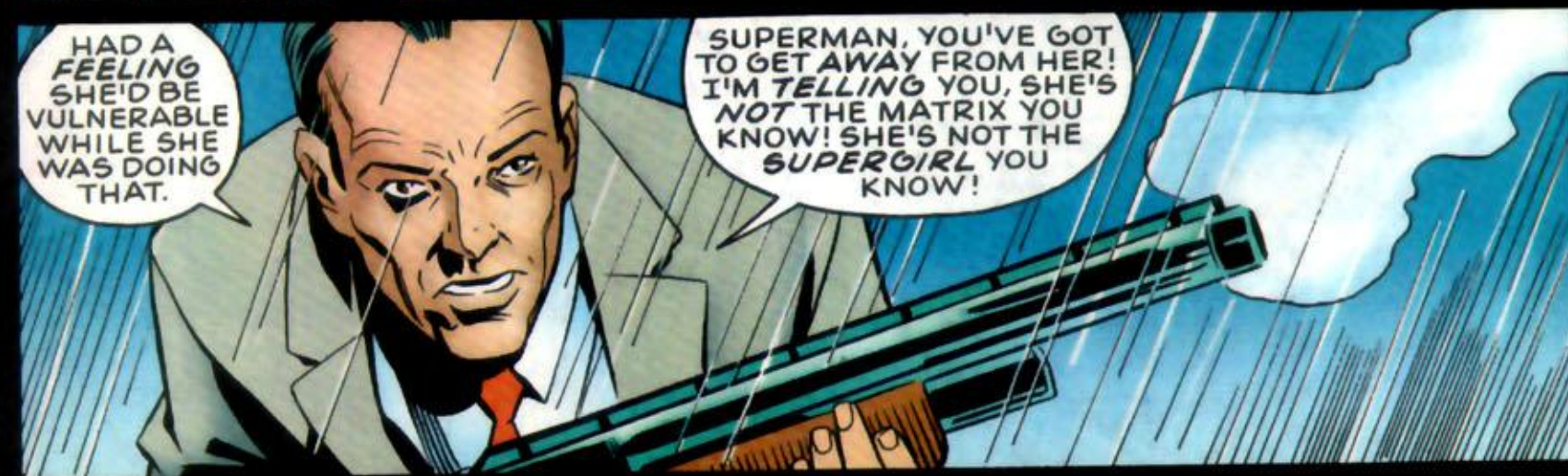
--MMMM?!


UNCHHH... UNNNN...

No... Oh, God ...Kal... no...

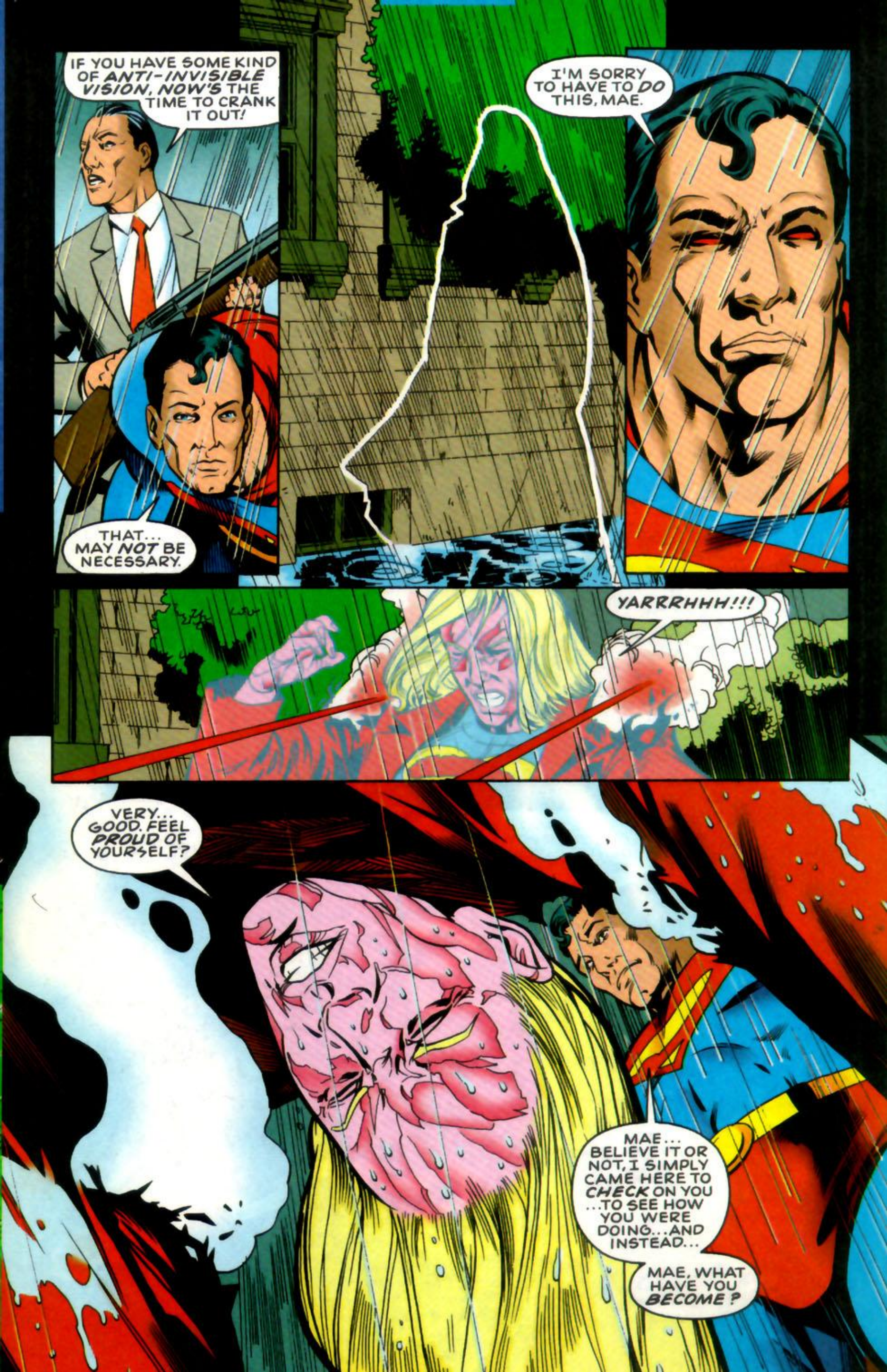
NNGGG... NNNGGGG!

BLAM

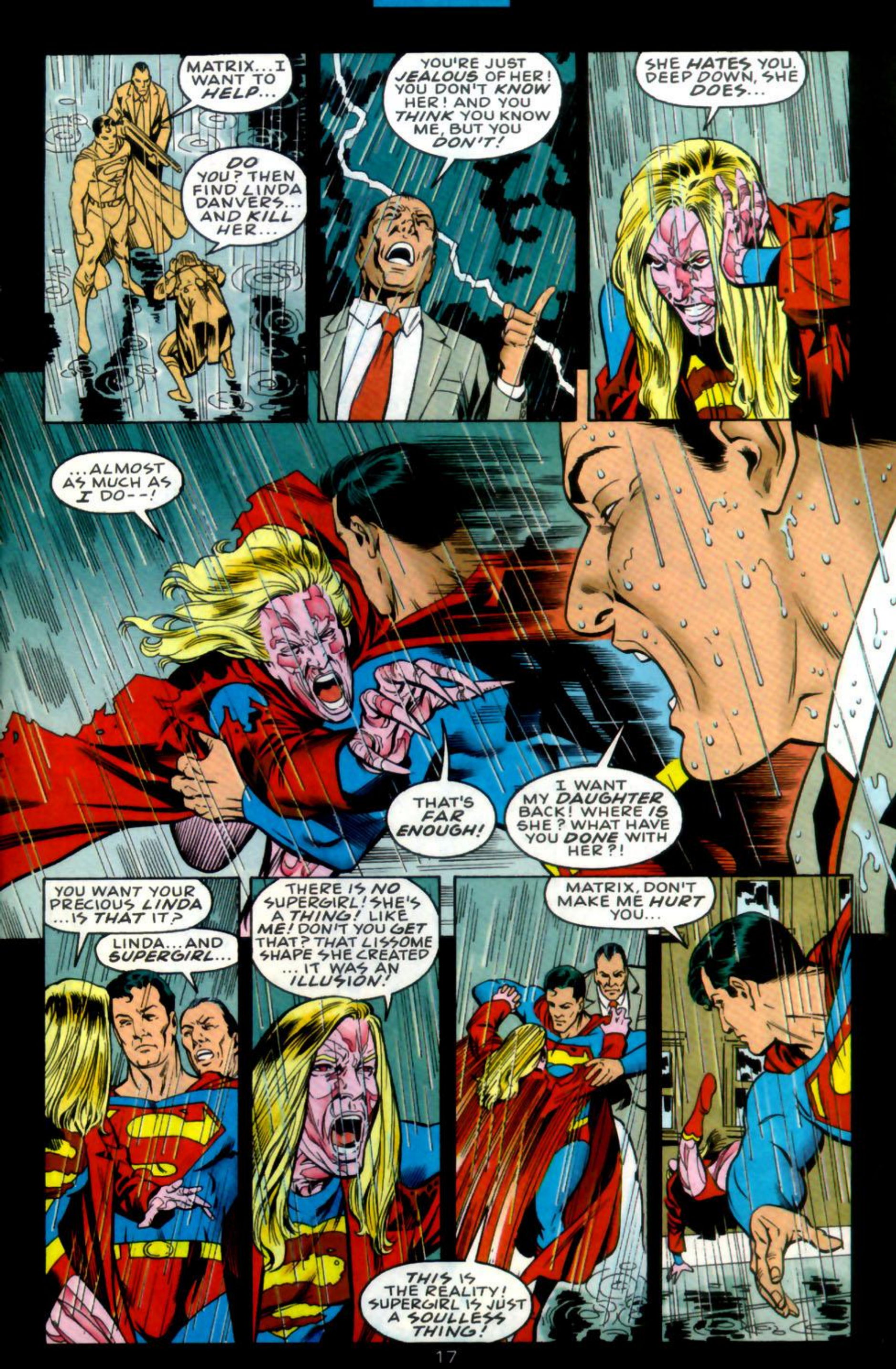

HAD A FEELING SHE'D BE VULNERABLE WHILE SHE WAS DOING THAT.
SUPERMAN, YOU'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM HER! I'M TELLING YOU, SHE'S NOT THE MATRIX YOU KNOW! SHE'S NOT THE SUPERGIRL YOU KNOW!

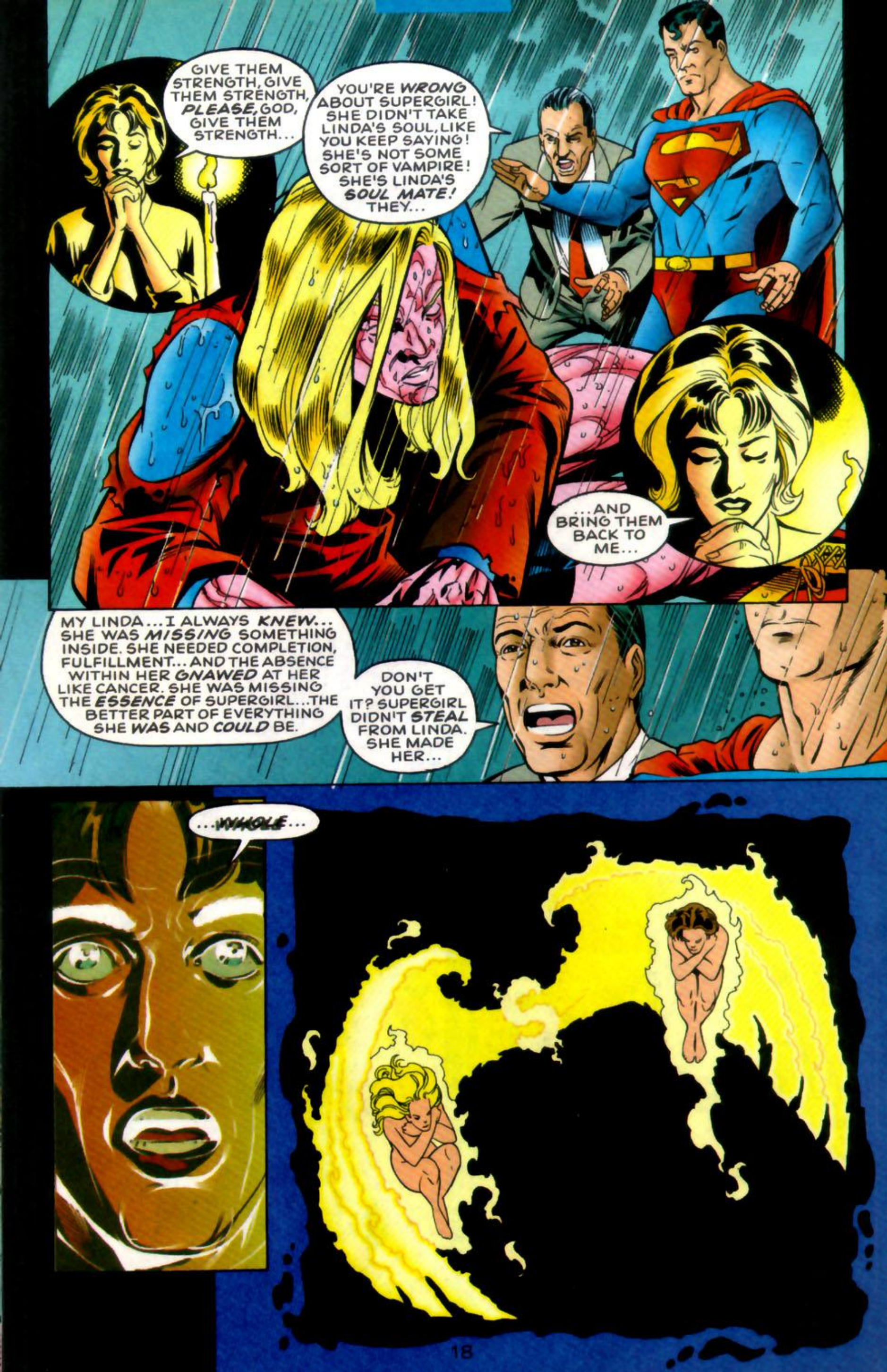
YOU KEEP SAYING THAT! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING AB--
BECAUSE THE REAL SUPERGIRL IS MY DAUGHTER!
WHAT...?
YOUR... DAUGHTER...?

LUUU
LUUUISSSS...
...LISTEN TO HIM, SUPERMAN.
YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING. SO SMUG, SO SATISFIED WITH YOURSELF.
SO IN CONTROL, OF YOURSELF AND YOUR LITTLE WORLD.
YOU'VE SEEN HER SEVERAL TIMES SINCE SHE STOLE THE LIFE OF A YOUNG GIRL... AND DIDN'T SEE HER FOR WHAT SHE IS...
...YOU DON'T SEE ANYTHING...
SHE CAN... TURN INVISIBLE? I'VE NEVER SEEN HER DO THAT.
I HAVE. BUT I...
OOOOOOFFF!
Well, her telekinetic blasts still have pop to them...


IF YOU HAVE SOME KIND OF ANTI-INVISIBLE VISION, NOW'S THE TIME TO CRANK IT OUT!
THAT... MAY NOT BE NECESSARY.
I'M SORRY TO HAVE TO DO THIS, MAE.
YARRRHHH!!!
VERY... GOOD. FEEL PROUD OF YOURSELF?
MAE... BELIEVE IT OR NOT, I SIMPLY CAME HERE TO CHECK ON YOU ...TO SEE HOW YOU WERE DOING...AND INSTEAD...
MAE, WHAT HAVE YOU BECOME?

I AM... WHAT YOU HAVE MADE ME. YOU, THE ICON OF THE WORLD.
YOU... THE PERFECT CREATURE. HOW CAN I HOPE TO COMPETE?
IT WAS NEVER ABOUT COMPETITION. IT WAS ABOUT HELPING PEOPLE. ABOUT...
DOING GOOD? DON'T MAKE ME...
...L...LAUGH...
TWO WHO ARE ONE. SHE MADE YOU DOUBT YOURSELF. THAT IS FATAL. THE POWER YOU WIELD... HINGES ON BELIEF IN YOURSELF.
LOSE THAT... AND YOU LOSE YOUR POWER... YOUR IDENTITY... YOUR VERY SOUL. NEVER DOUBT... OR YOU WILL NEVER WIN...


MATRIX... I WANT TO HELP...
DO YOU? THEN FIND LINDA DANVERS... AND KILL HER...
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS OF HER! YOU DON'T KNOW HER! AND YOU THINK YOU KNOW ME, BUT YOU DON'T!
SHE HATES YOU. DEEP DOWN, SHE DOES...
...ALMOST AS MUCH AS I DO--!
THAT'S FAR ENOUGH!
I WANT MY DAUGHTER BACK! WHERE IS SHE? WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH HER?!
YOU WANT YOUR PRECIOUS LINDA ...IS THAT IT?
LINDA... AND SUPERGIRL...
THERE IS NO SUPERGIRL! SHE'S A THING! LIKE ME! DON'T YOU GET THAT? THAT LISSOME SHAPE SHE CREATED ... IT WAS AN ILLUSION!
THIS IS THE REALITY! SUPERGIRL IS JUST A SOULLESS THING!
MATRIX, DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU...

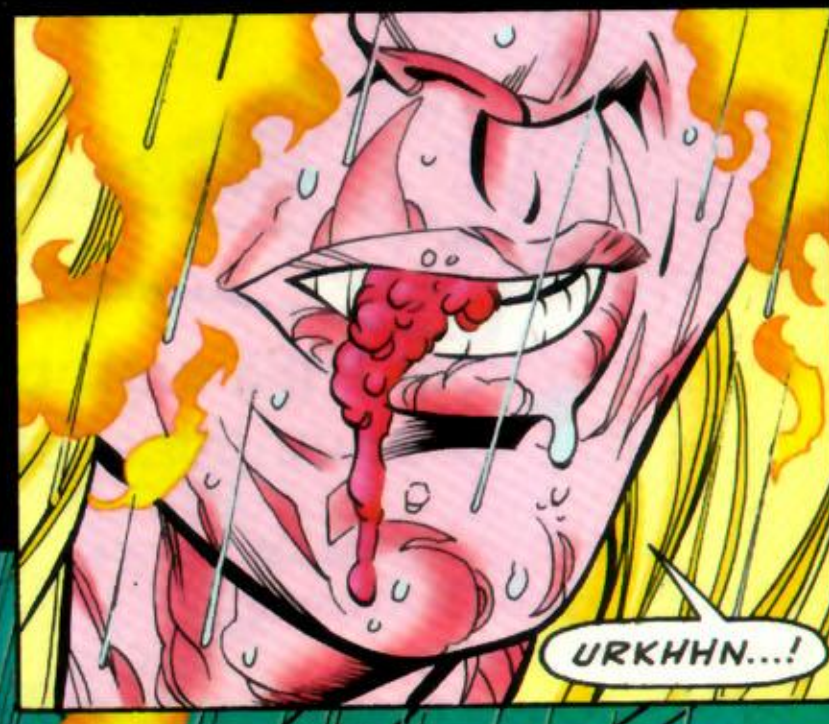

GIVE THEM STRENGTH, GIVE THEM STRENGTH, PLEASE, GOD, GIVE THEM STRENGTH...
YOU'RE WRONG ABOUT SUPERGIRL! SHE DIDN'T TAKE LINDA'S SOUL, LIKE YOU KEEP SAYING! SHE'S NOT SOME SORT OF VAMPIRE! SHE'S LINDA'S SOUL MATE! THEY...
...AND BRING THEM BACK TO ME...
MY LINDA... I ALWAYS KNEW... SHE WAS MISSING SOMETHING INSIDE. SHE NEEDED COMPLETION, FULFILLMENT... AND THE ABSENCE WITHIN HER GNAWED AT HER LIKE CANCER. SHE WAS MISSING THE ESSENCE OF SUPERGIRL...THE BETTER PART OF EVERYTHING SHE WAS AND COULD BE.
DON'T YOU GET IT? SUPERGIRL DIDN'T STEAL FROM LINDA. SHE MADE HER...
...WHOLE...

URKKKHH!!

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?! IS SHE... CHOKING...?

I...I DON'T KNOW...

UNHHHH...


URKHHN...!

It's...

It's...not Fair... I deserve more...

I'm better than her... purer than her... I want...

...to live ...don't...

...gooooo

HUNNNH

HUNNNNH

UNHHHHHH!!

I'VE GOT YOU, MISS.

Ma... Matrix...?

SHE'S ...IT'S...A FLAMING MASS...NO LONGER A DANGER TO YOU.

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YOU'RE LINDA, I TAKE IT?

SOME... SOMETIMES...

...AND... OTHER TIMES...

WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? HOW COULD YOU NOT TELL ME?
I'M SORRY ...I SHOULD HAVE...I... DIDN'T KNOW HOW...I...

HERE... YOU'LL PROBABLY WANT TO PUT THIS ON BEFORE EVERYBODY ELSE COMES TO...

DADDY?
I...I WAS SO SCARED...
IT'S OKAY...IT'S OVER...

YOU SHOULD HAVE *TOLD* ME, MAE. IT'S *UNCONSCIONABLE* THAT YOU DIDN'T. YOU SHOULD HAVE *TRUSTED* ME, AS MUCH AS I TRUSTED *YOU*.

I WAS AFRAID OF... OF ALL THE THINGS THAT MATRIX *SAID* I WAS. THAT YOU'D THINK I'D TAKEN *ADVANTAGE* OF LINDA, THAT I WAS SOME SORT OF *SOUL-STEALER*, THAT I...

I'M SORRY. I CAN'T DO *MORE* THAN APOL--

WE'LL HAVE TO DISCUSS IT *LATER*. THERE'S ANOTHER SITUATION THAT REQUIRES MY *IMMEDIATE* ATTENTION.

Huh?

That was abrupt. Well... maybe he's just angry with me and needs *distance*. Can't *blame* him, I guess.

THIS *ALL* OF IT?

ALL OF THE REMAINING PROTOPLASM?

YEAH, ALL THAT WE WERE ABLE TO *GET*.

LET'S *ROLL*.