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THE
REBUILDING
of
GOTHAM

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...and after the Earth shattered and the buildings crumbled, the nation abandoned Gotham City. Then only the valiant, the venal and the insane remained in the place they called **NO MAN'S LAND**

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THE NO MAN'S LAND IS AN EMBARRASSMENT, A BETRAYAL OF THE FUNDAMENTAL PRECEPTS OF THIS COUNTRY! TO DENY CITIZENSHIP, EXISTENCE, EVEN, TO OUR OWN PEOPLE IS CRIMINAL.

FOR THE BETTER PART OF A YEAR POLITICIANS HAVE SQUABBLED AND ARGUED, SQUANDERING TIME AND RESOURCES...

... ALL THE WHILE LEAVING THE SOUL OF GOTHAM--THE PEOPLE--TO SUFFER!

LEXCORP SAYS ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

WE HAVE COMMITTED OURSELVES TO REBUILDING GOTHAM CITY!

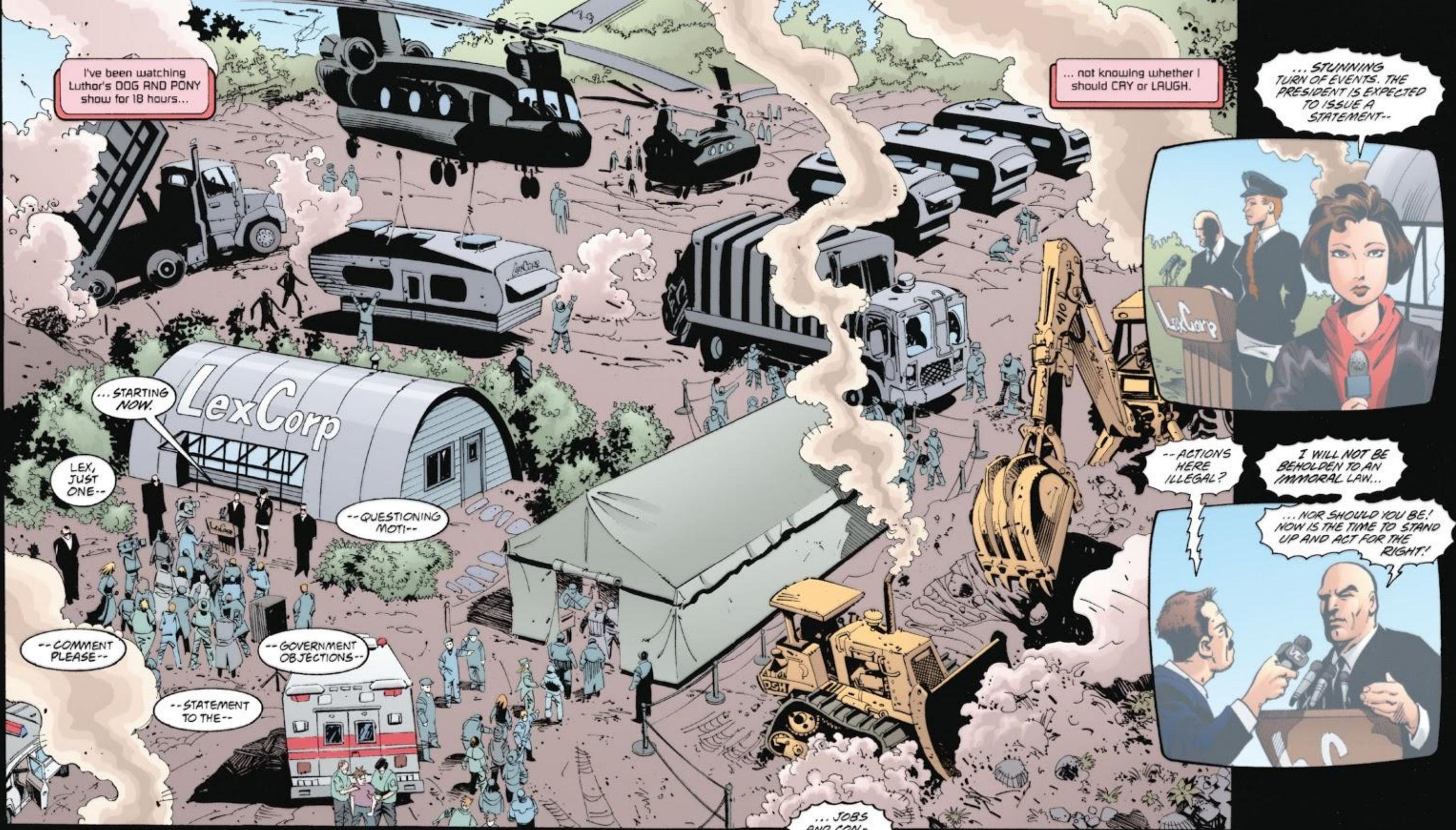
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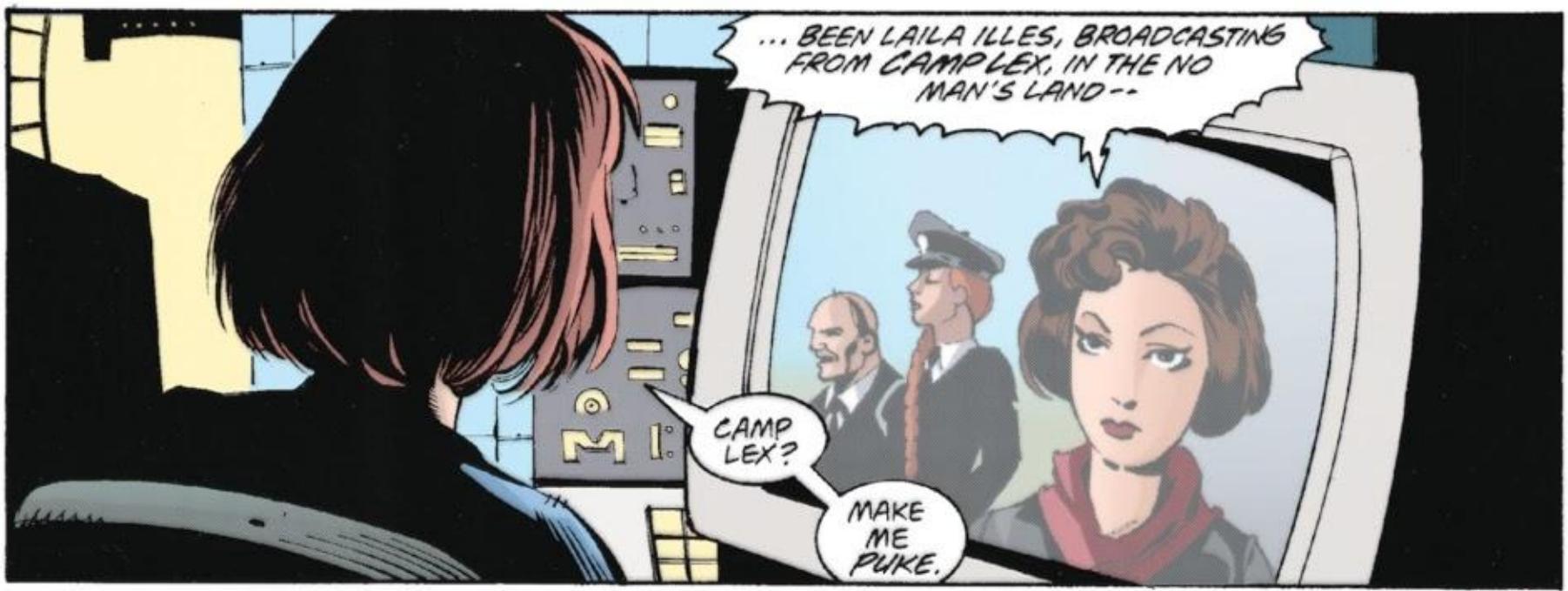
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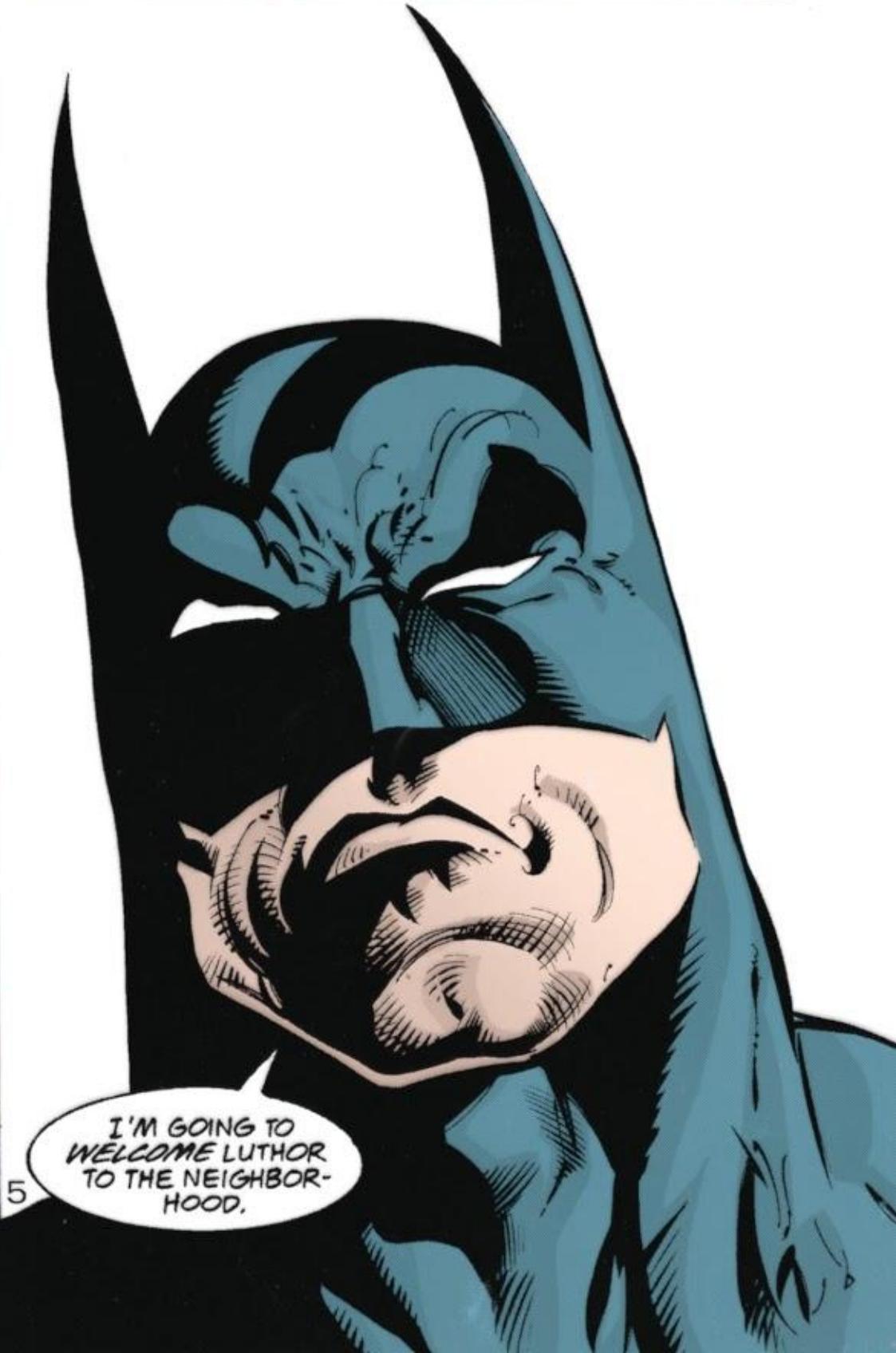
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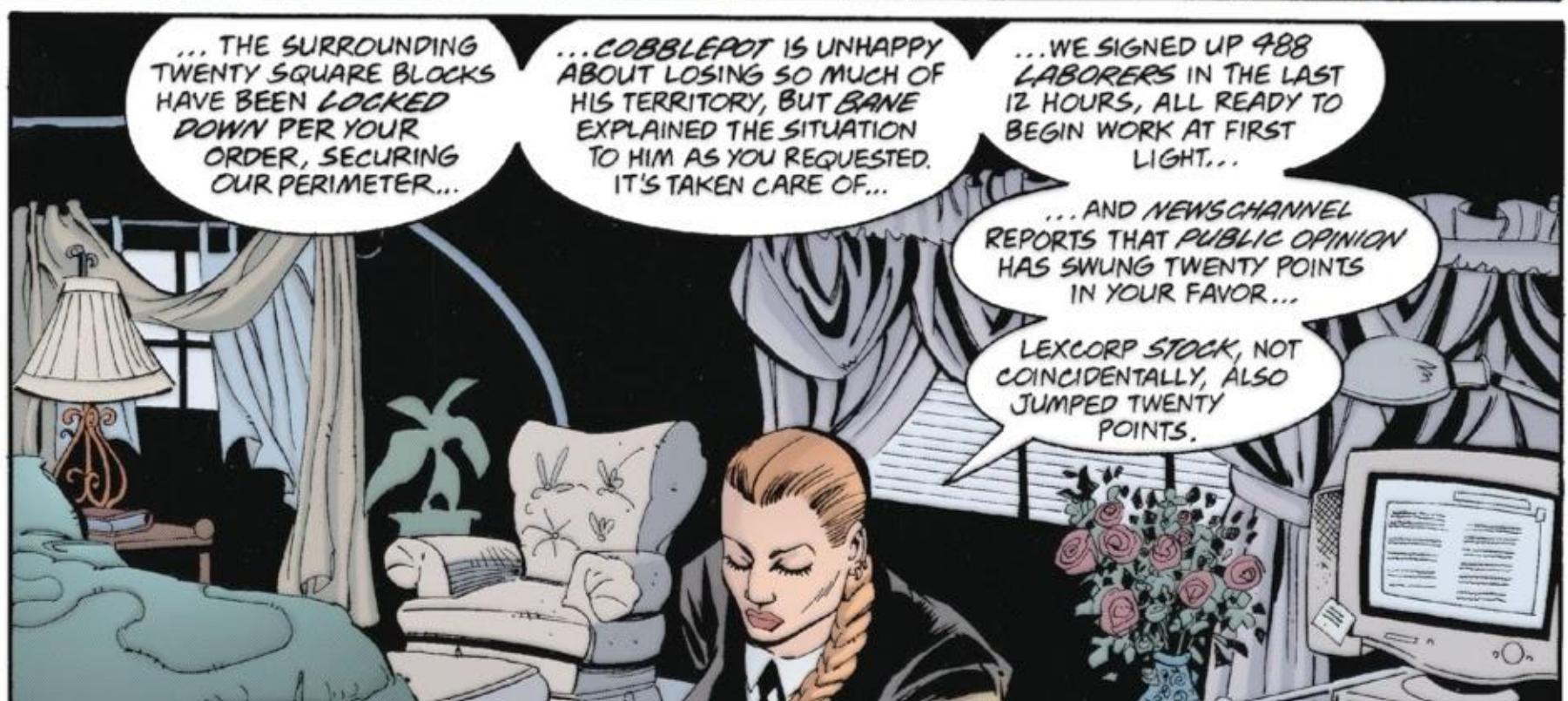


HE'S DONE A GOOD
JOB, DON'T GET ME
WRONG...



BUT THAT THING
WITH TWO-FACE
YESTERDAY...
... HE WANTED
HIS BLOOD, FOR
NO REASON...







LUTHOR.

LET'S TALK.

I HOPE YOU DIDN'T HURT HER PERMANENTLY.

GOOD HELP IS SO HARD TO FIND.

SHE'LL LIVE.

DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT.

IS THERE A POINT TO THIS VISIT?...

...OR ARE YOU JUST PLANNING ON LOOMING OMINOUSLY AT ME FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT?



THIS IS NOT
A THREAT,
LEX.

THIS IS A
WARNING.
YOU
DON'T WANT
ME TO TAKE
YOU DOWN...

...AND
SHE
DOESN'T
WANT TO
START
ANY-
THING.

DON'T
BOther,
MERCY...

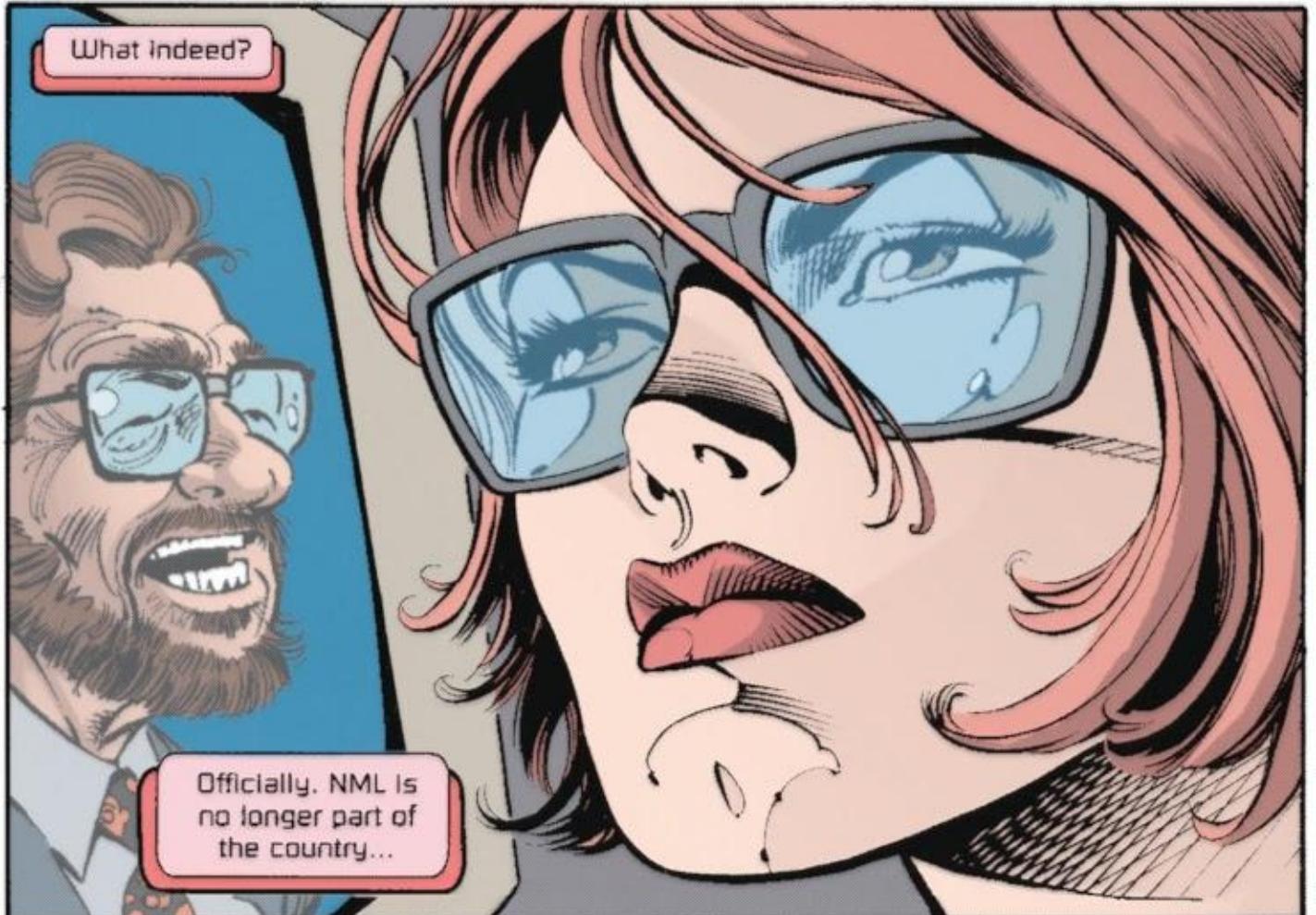
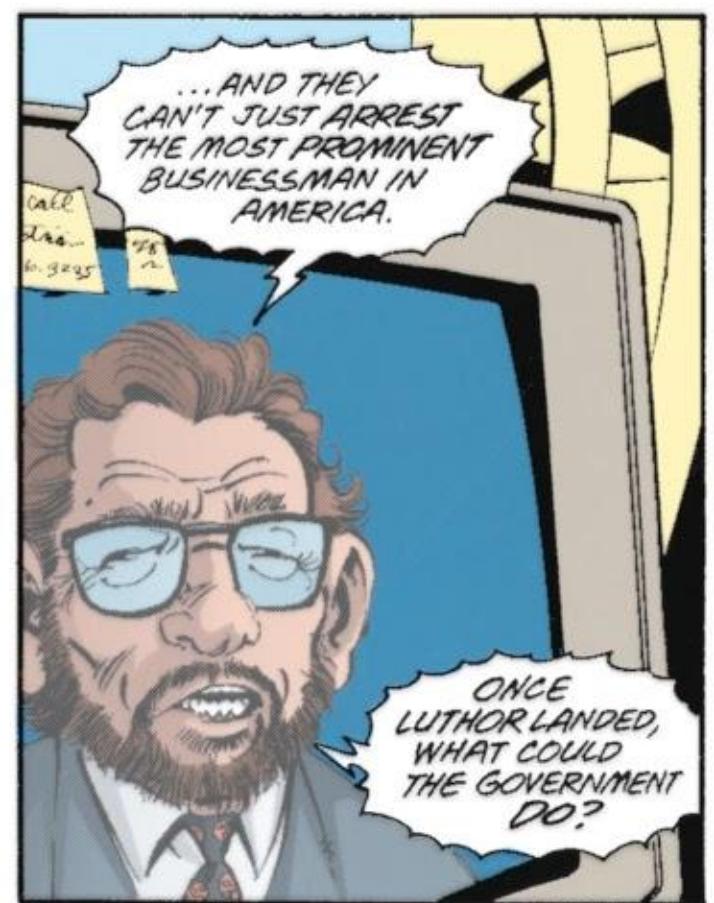
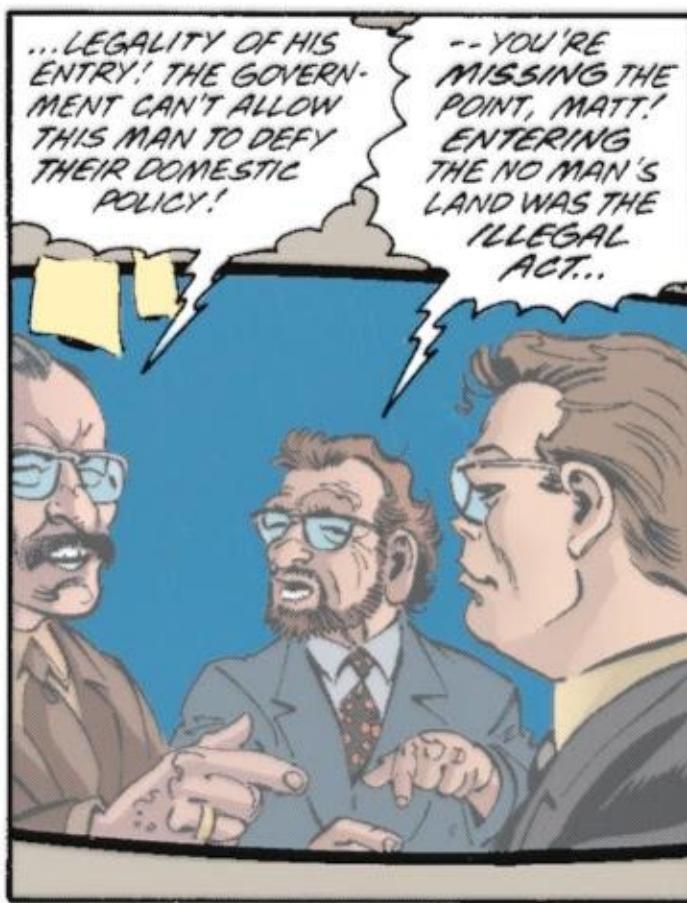
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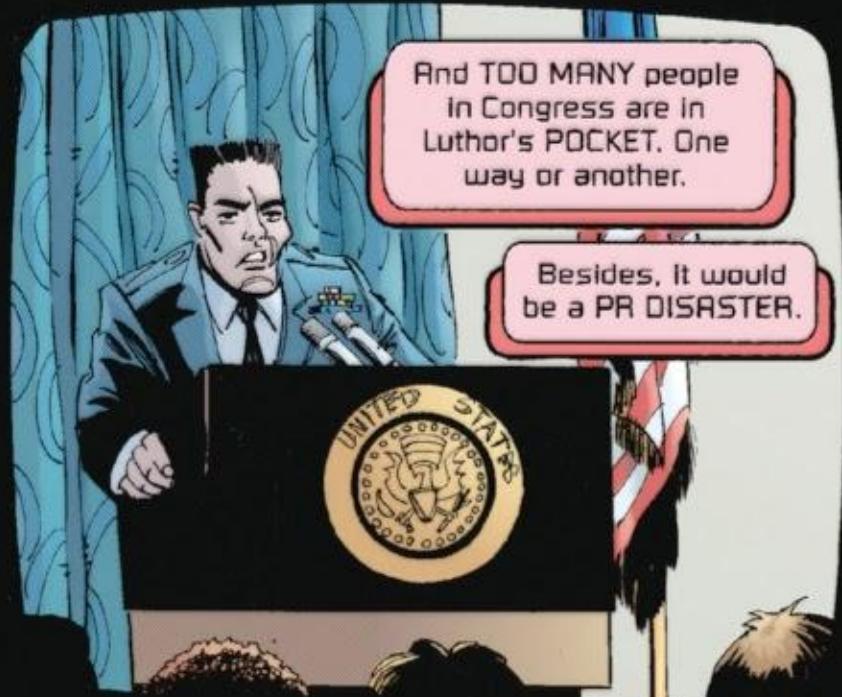
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BANE.

NOW.



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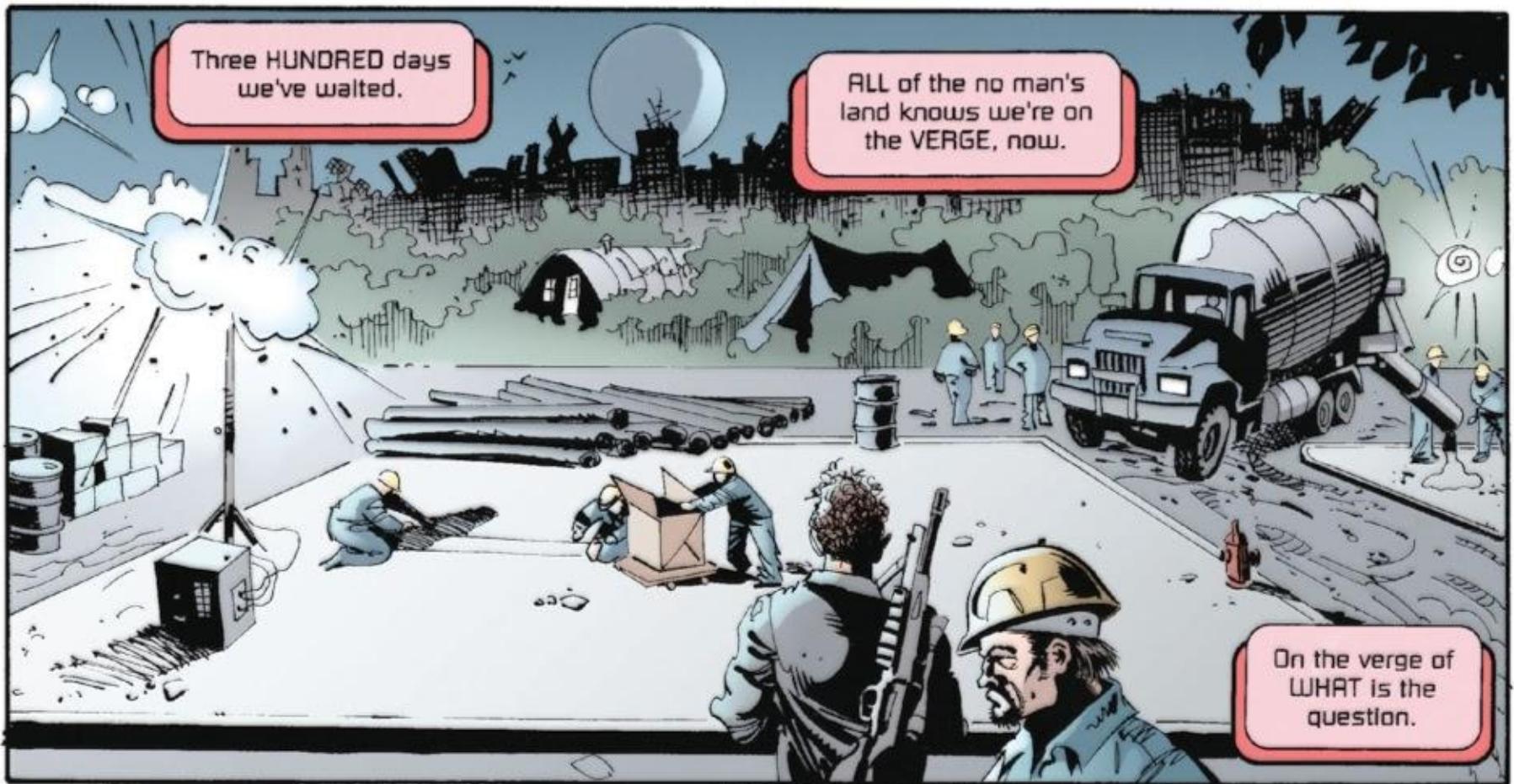












I KNOW HIS PLAN.

It's risky.

It's dangerous.

Two hundred days ago he asked me to trust him...



