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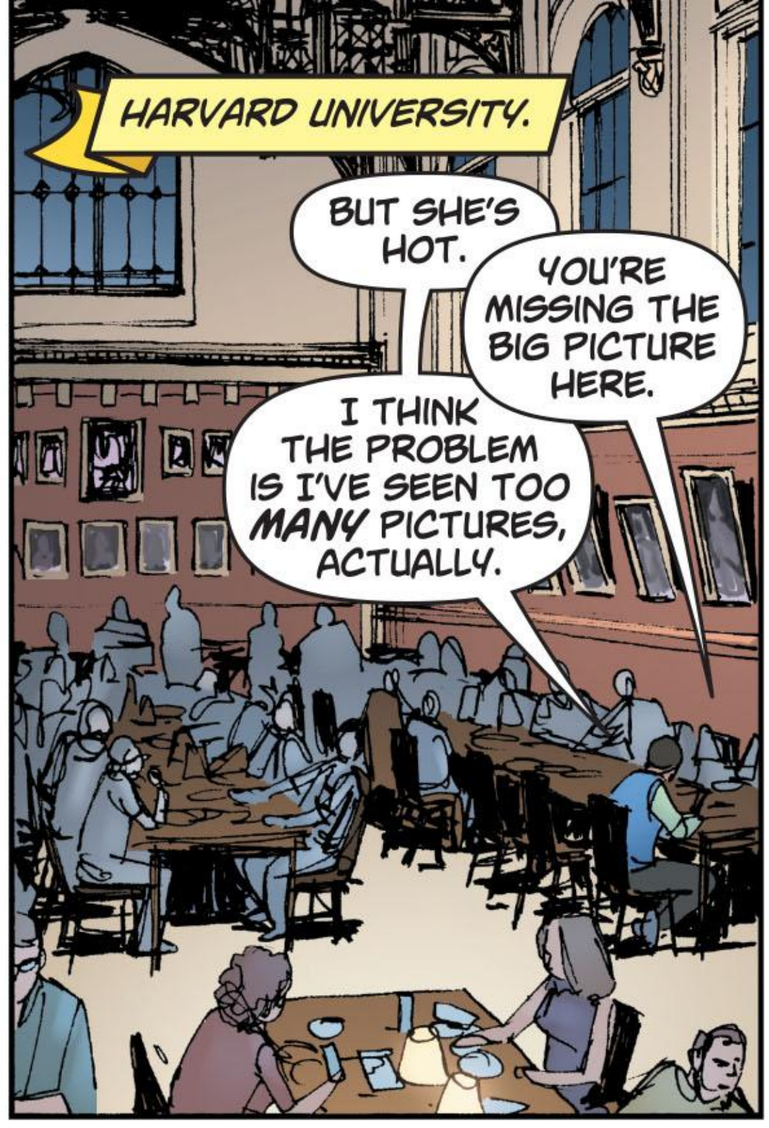
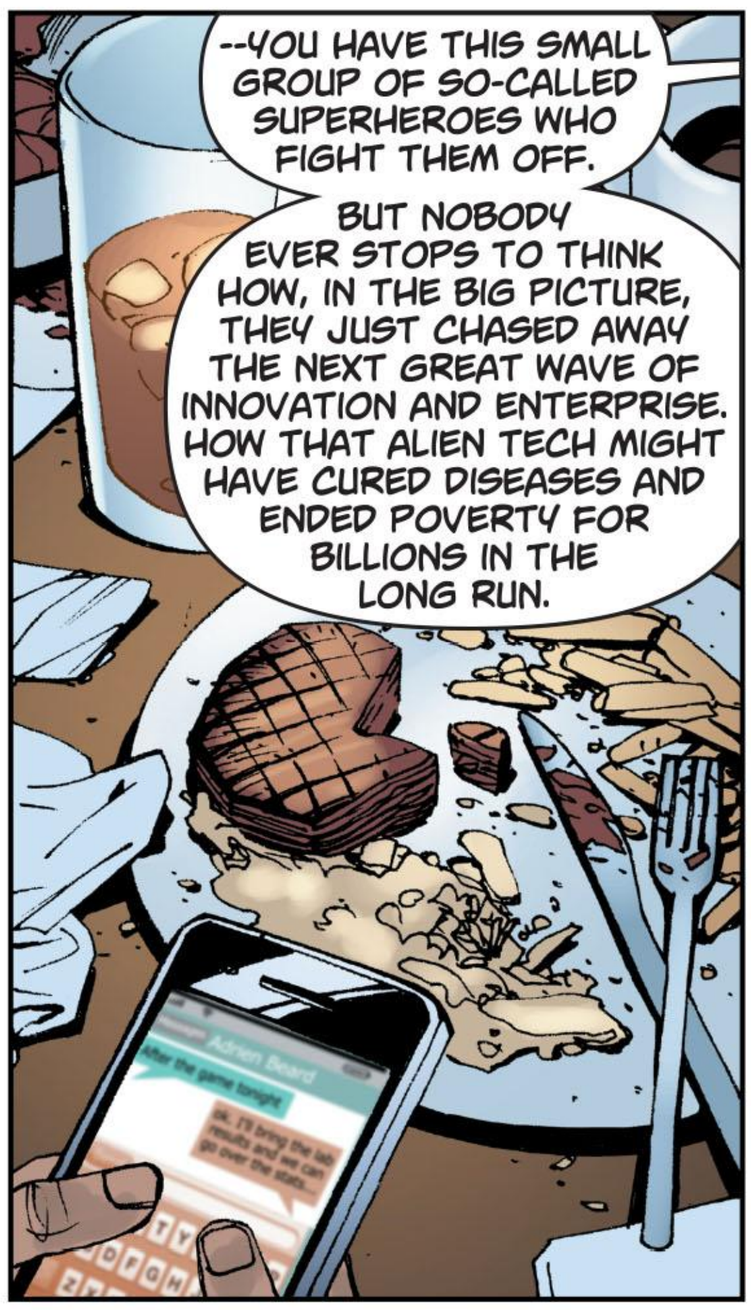
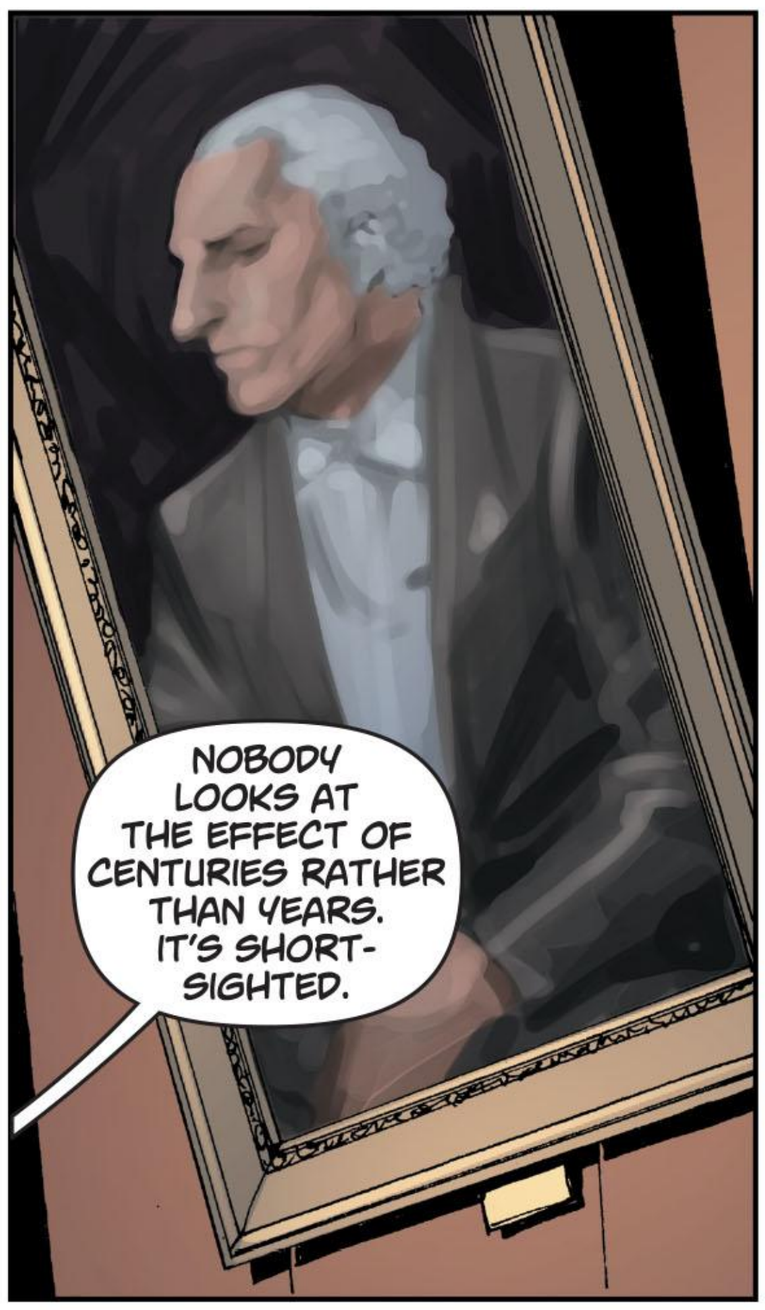

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.
BUT SHE'S HOT.
YOU'RE MISSING THE BIG PICTURE HERE.
I THINK THE PROBLEM IS I'VE SEEN TOO MANY PICTURES, ACTUALLY.

LOOK AT THE ROMAN EMPIRE. HOW MANY THOUSANDS DID THEY ENSLAVE? HOW MANY THOUSANDS DID THEY KILL?
RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, STATE-SANCTIONED RAPE AND POLYGAMY, ETHNIC CLEANSING...
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIVING UNDER THEIR RULE WAS LIKE FOR JEWS? AFRICANS?

BUT WHEN WE THINK OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE, WE THINK HOW THEY GAVE US ROADS.
WE THINK ABOUT HOW THEY MOVED US ALL FORWARD OUT OF HUTS AND CAVES AND INTO CIVILIZATION.
NONE OF US IS SORRY ALL THAT HAPPENED. NOT REALLY.

I DON'T GET THE POINT.
THE POINT IS, EVERY TIME A HIGHLY ADVANCED ALIEN RACE HITS EARTH LOOKING TO CONQUER IT AND MAKE IT A PART OF THEIR EMPIRE--

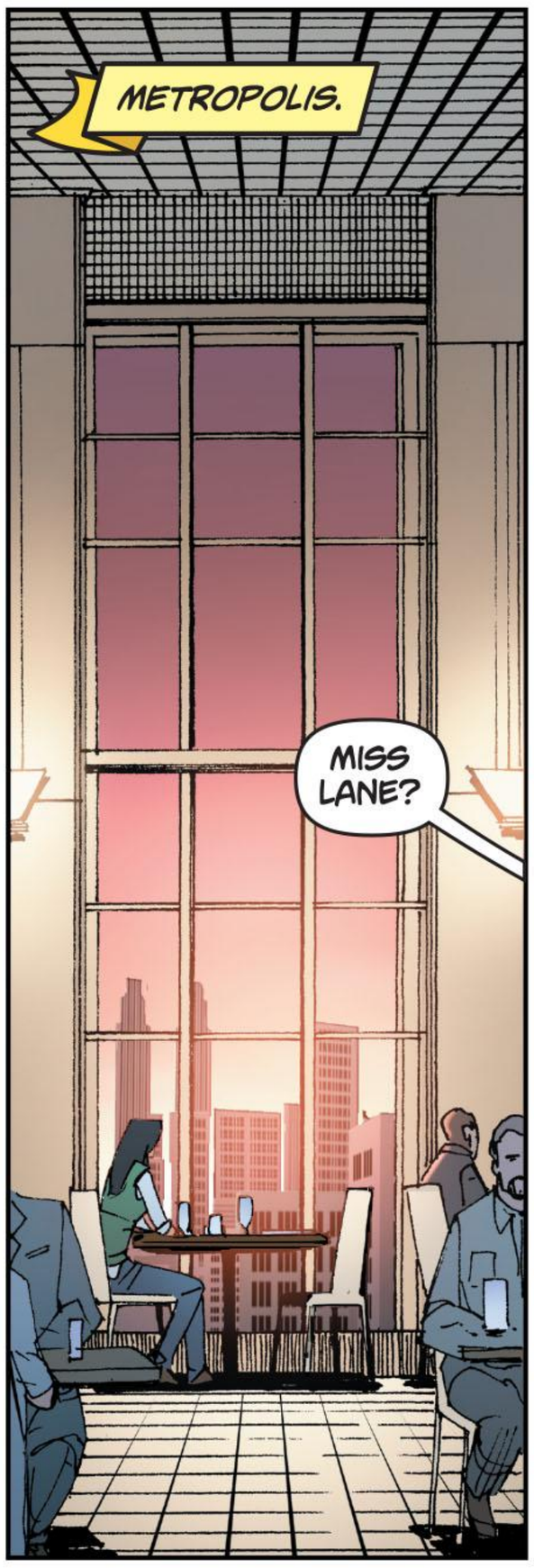

--YOU HAVE THIS SMALL GROUP OF SO-CALLED SUPERHEROES WHO FIGHT THEM OFF.
BUT NOBODY EVER STOPS TO THINK HOW, IN THE BIG PICTURE, THEY JUST CHASED AWAY THE NEXT GREAT WAVE OF INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE. HOW THAT ALIEN TECH MIGHT HAVE CURED DISEASES AND ENDED POVERTY FOR BILLIONS IN THE LONG RUN.


NOBODY LOOKS AT THE EFFECT OF CENTURIES RATHER THAN YEARS. IT'S SHORT-SIGHTED.

BUT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT SUPERGIRL. SUPERGIRL IS AN ALIEN.
THAT'S... THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE. AND IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY.

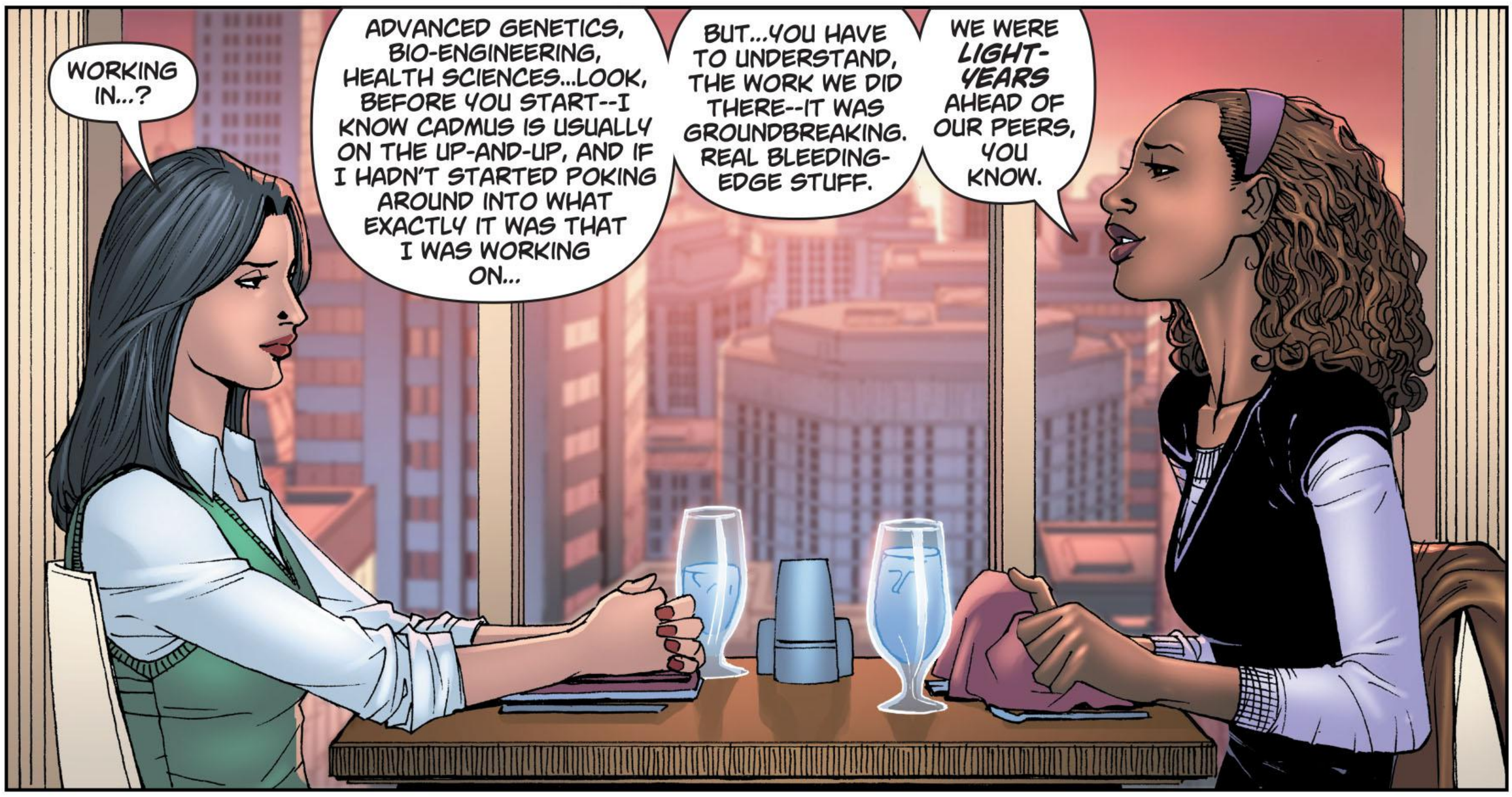
IT'S UP.
OKAY, COOL.

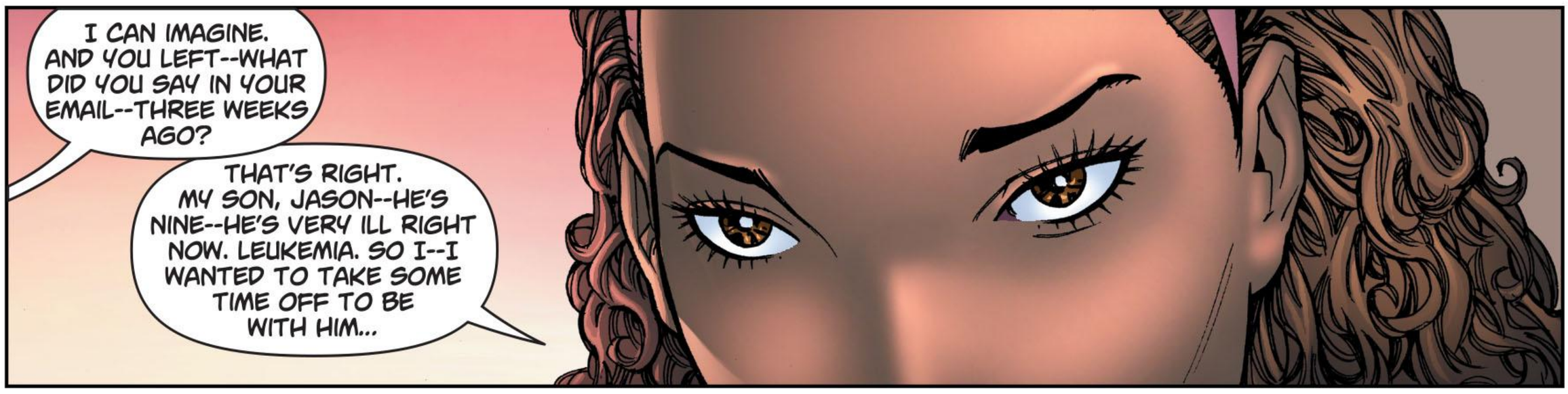
WAIT-- WHAT'S UP?


METROPOLIS.
MISS LANE?

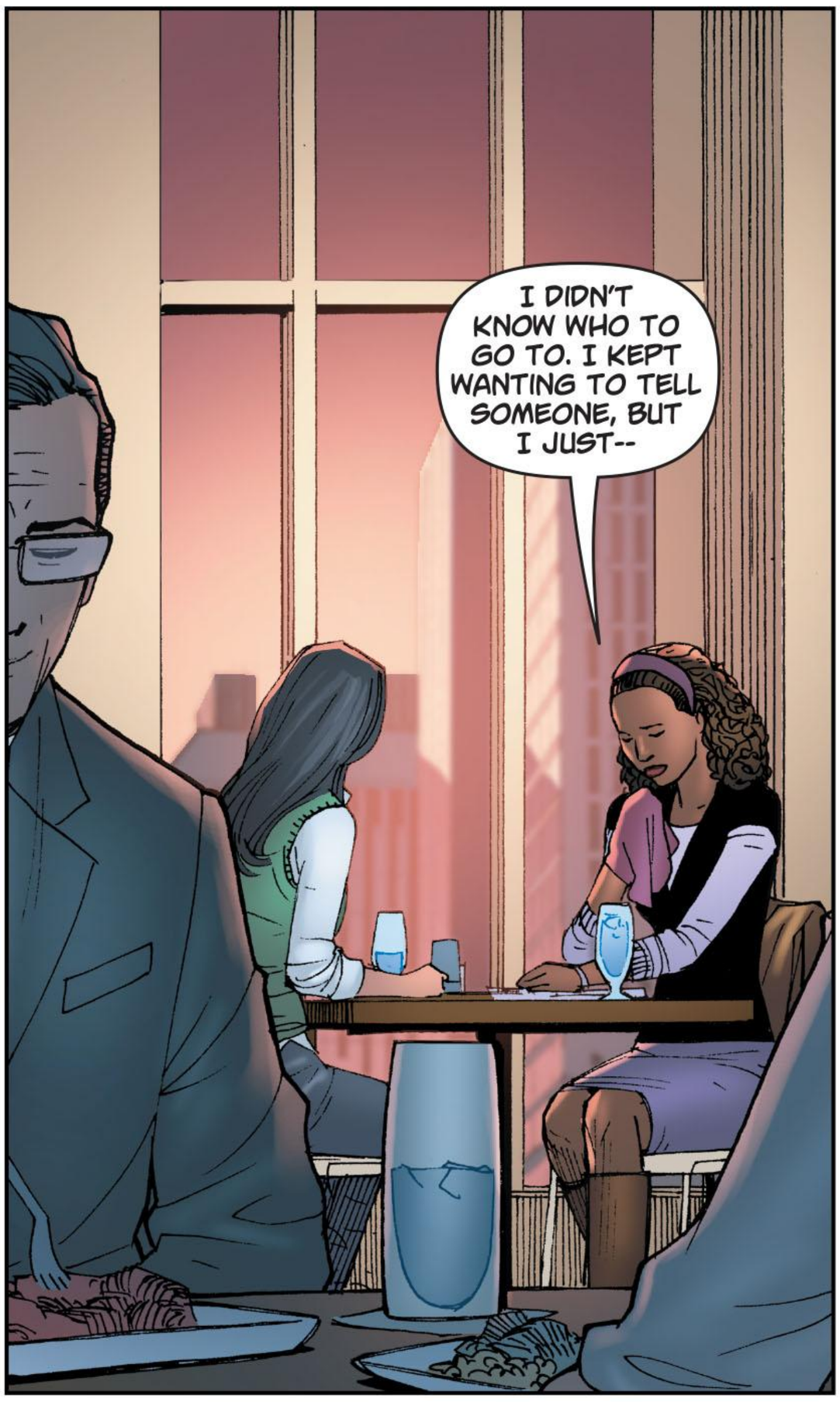
CATHERINE DEVEREUX?
YES.
PLEASURE TO FINALLY MEET YOU.

SO, CATHERINE--HOW LONG WERE YOU AT CADMUS?
ALMOST FIFTEEN YEARS.

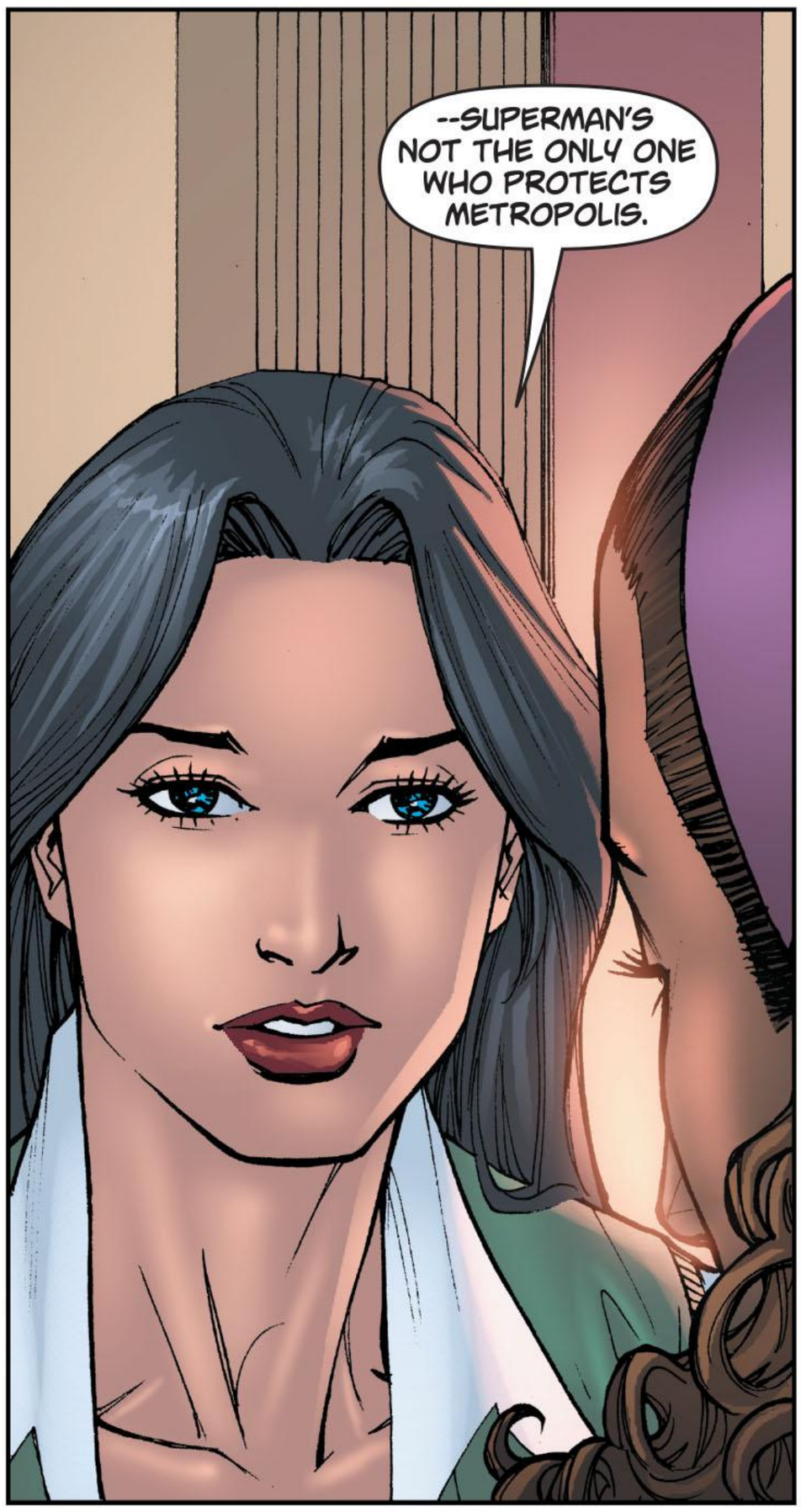

WORKING IN...?
ADVANCED GENETICS, BIO-ENGINEERING, HEALTH SCIENCES...LOOK, BEFORE YOU START--I KNOW CADMUS IS USUALLY ON THE UP-AND-UP, AND IF I HADN'T STARTED POKING AROUND INTO WHAT EXACTLY IT WAS THAT I WAS WORKING ON...
BUT...YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, THE WORK WE DID THERE--IT WAS GROUNDBREAKING. REAL BLEEDING-EDGE STUFF.
WE WERE LIGHT-YEARS AHEAD OF OUR PEERS, YOU KNOW.

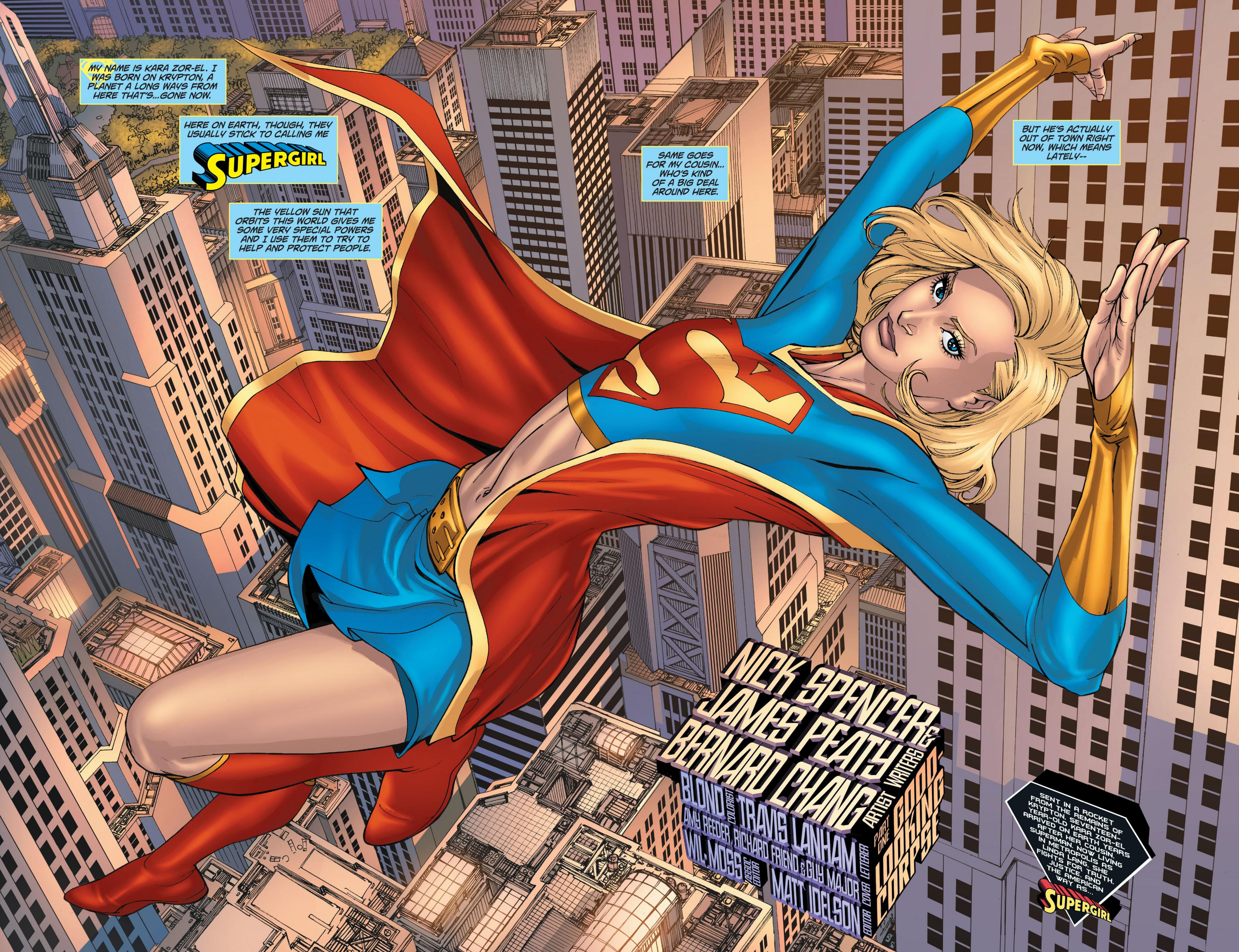

I CAN IMAGINE. AND YOU LEFT--WHAT DID YOU SAY IN YOUR EMAIL--THREE WEEKS AGO?
THAT'S RIGHT. MY SON, JASON--HE'S NINE--HE'S VERY ILL RIGHT NOW. LEUKEMIA. SO I--I WANTED TO TAKE SOME TIME OFF TO BE WITH HIM...

ESPECIALLY AFTER I FOUND OUT ABOUT *THE PROJECT*...


I DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO GO TO. I KEPT WANTING TO TELL SOMEONE, BUT I JUST--

IT DIDN'T FEEL SAFE. AND WITH SUPERMAN GONE...
HEY... CATHERINE-- HEY, *LOOK* AT ME--IF THAT'S WHAT THIS IS ABOUT--


--SUPERMAN'S NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO PROTECTS METROPOLIS.


MY NAME IS KARA ZOR-EL. I WAS BORN ON KRYPTON, A PLANET A LONG WAYS FROM HERE THAT'S...GONE NOW.
HERE ON EARTH, THOUGH, THEY USUALLY STICK TO CALLING ME SUPERGIRL
THE YELLOW SUN THAT ORBITS THIS WORLD GIVES ME SOME VERY SPECIAL POWERS AND I USE THEM TO TRY TO HELP AND PROTECT PEOPLE.
SAME GOES FOR MY COUSIN... WHO'S KIND OF A BIG DEAL AROUND HERE.
BUT HE'S ACTUALLY OUT OF TOWN RIGHT NOW, WHICH MEANS LATELY--
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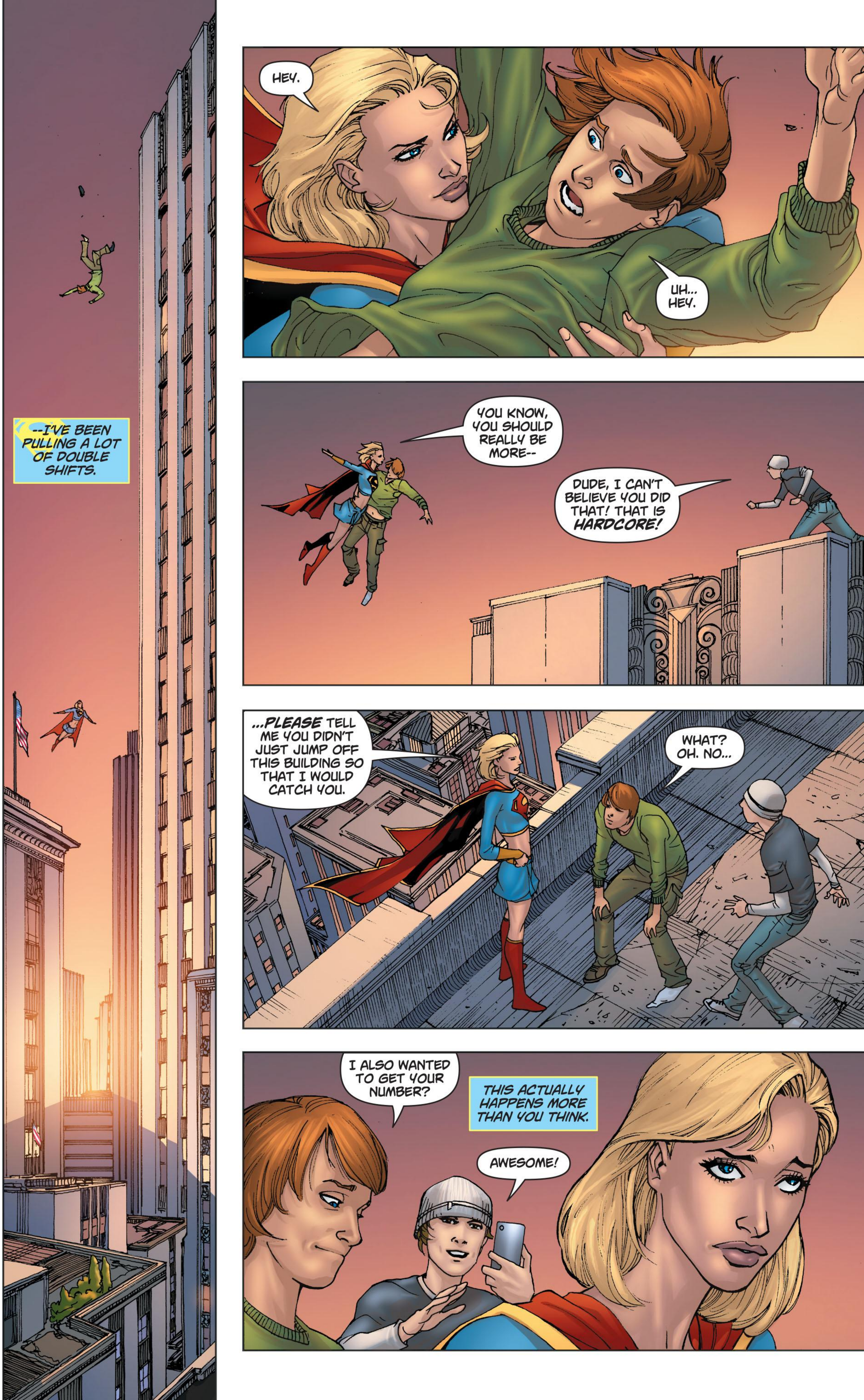
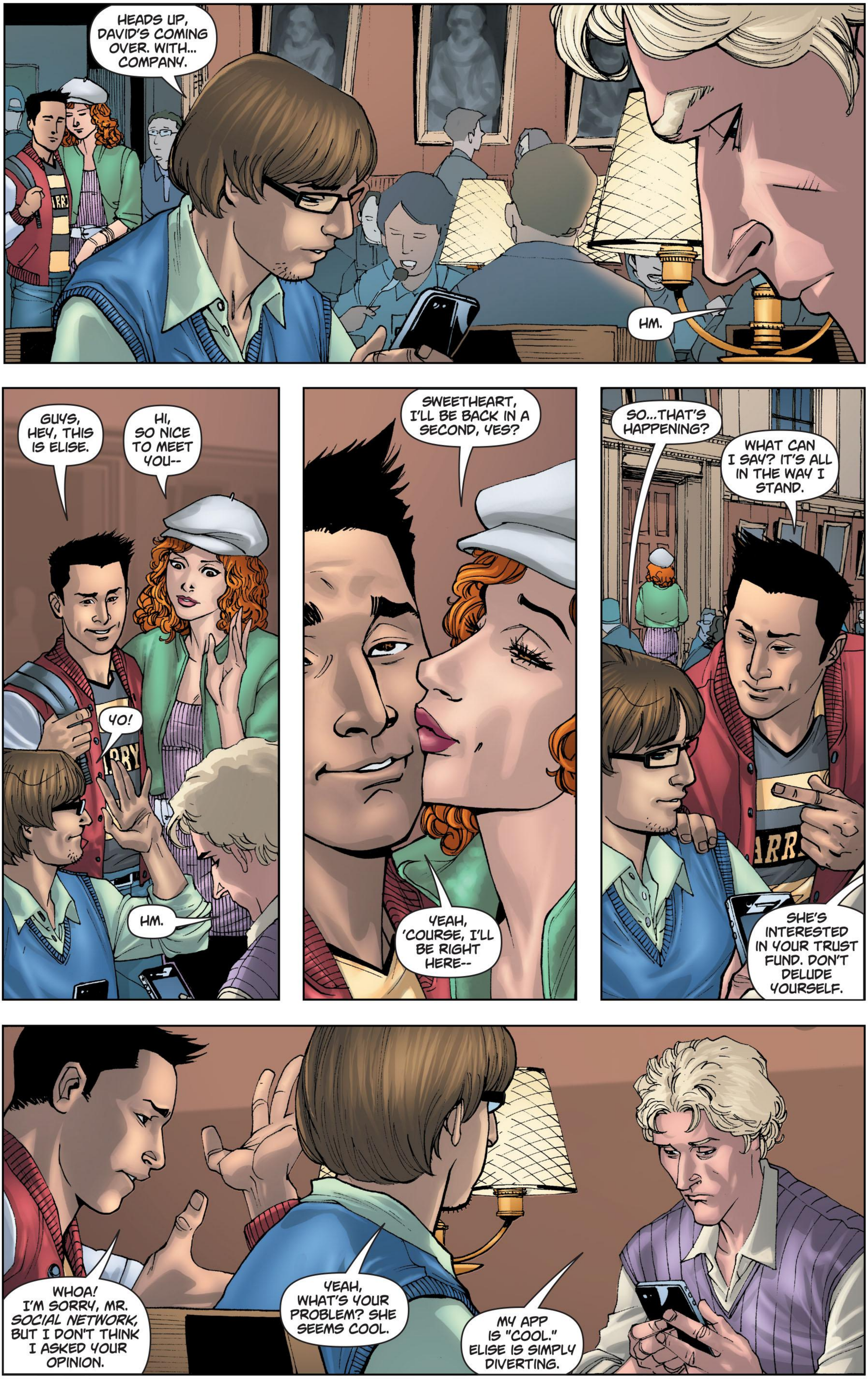
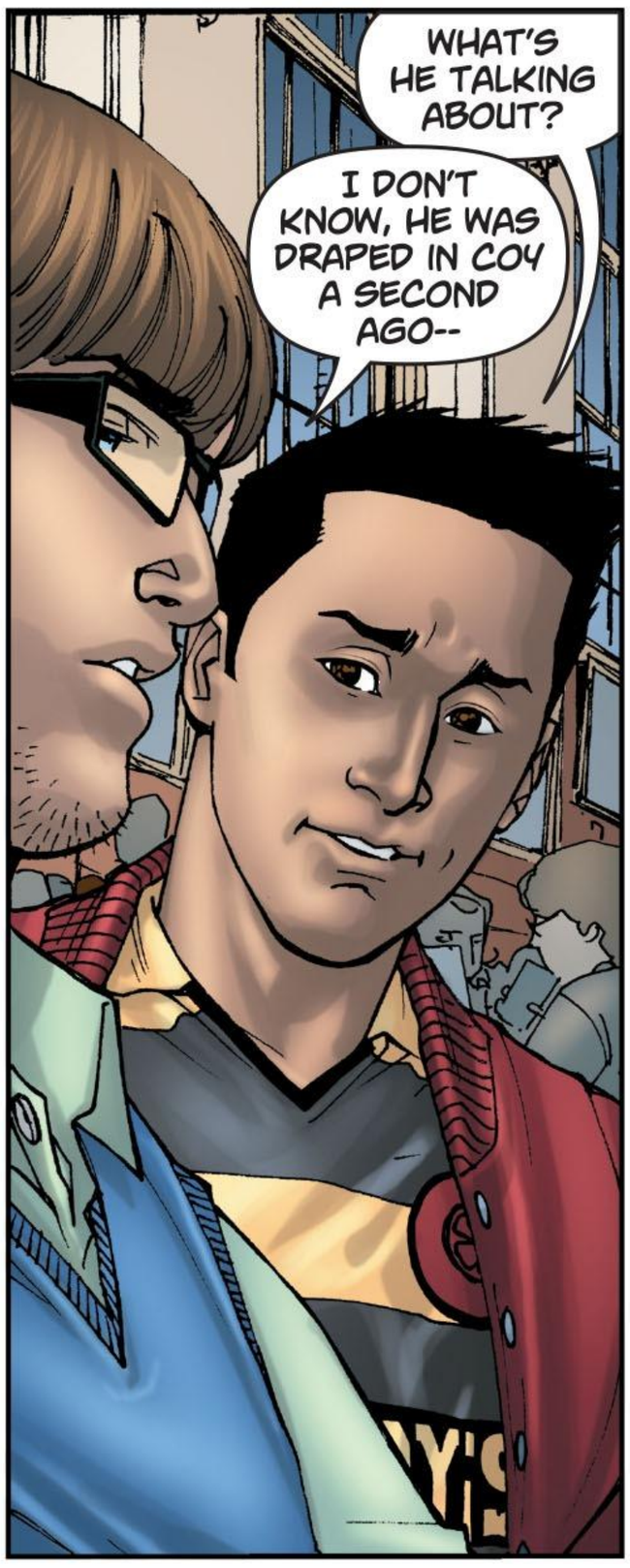
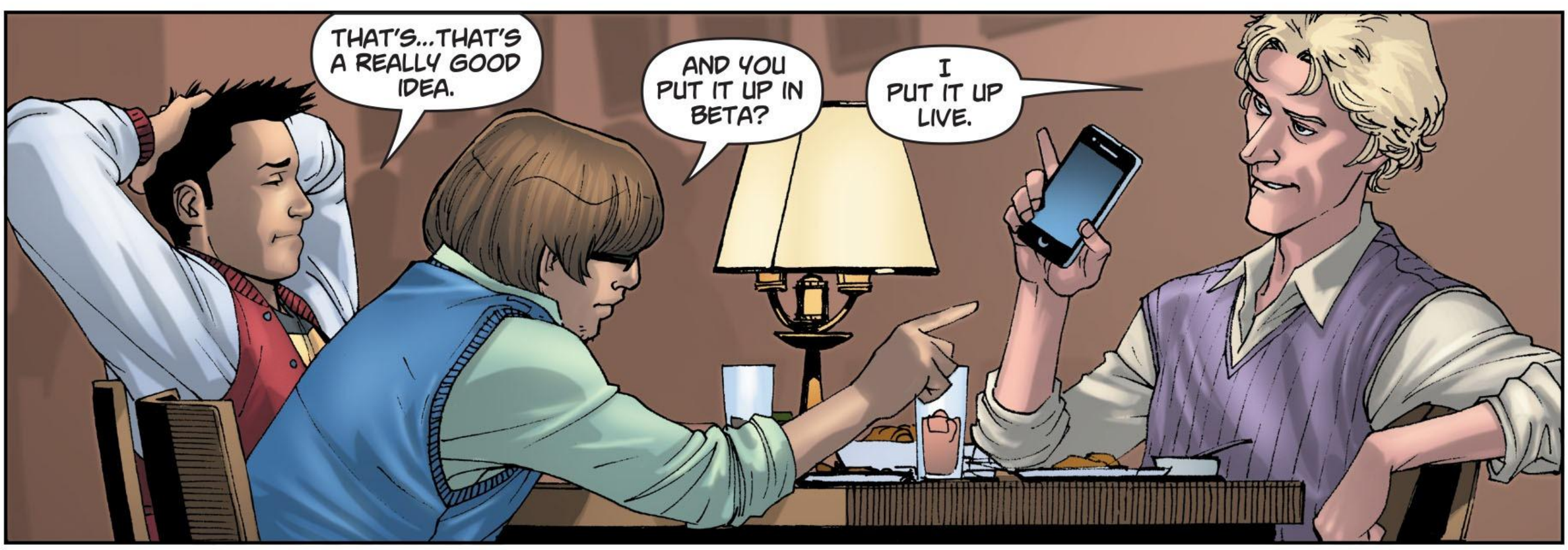
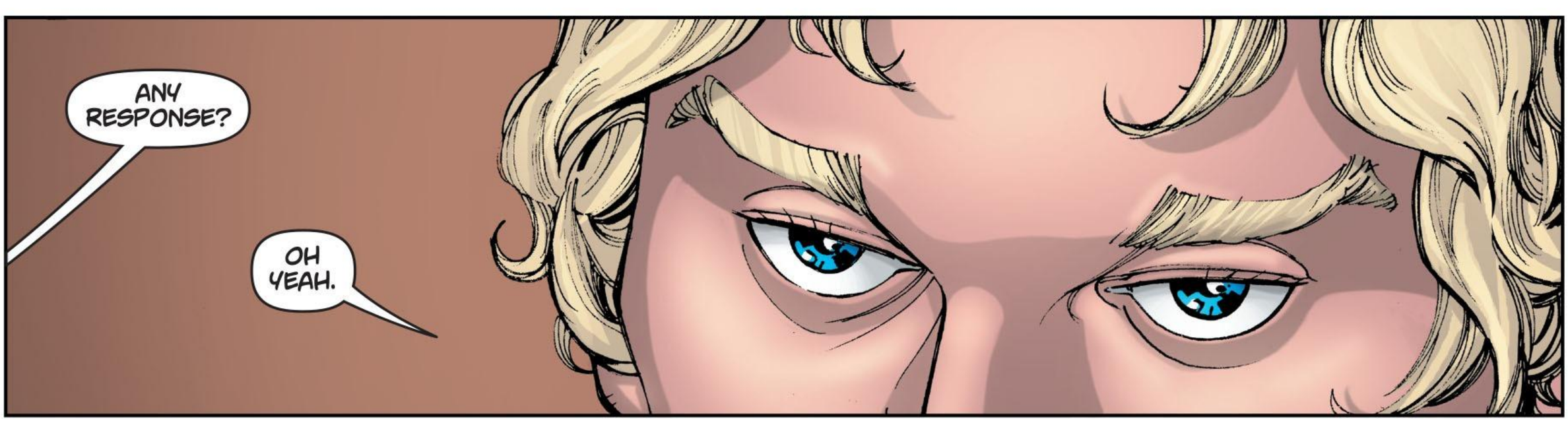
GOOD LOOKING CORPSE
SENT IN A ROCKET FROM THE REMAINS OF KRYPTON, SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD KARA ZOR-EL ARRIVED ON EARTH YEARS AFTER HER COUSIN, SUPERMAN, NOW LIVING IN METROPOLIS AS LINDA LANG, SHE FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE AMERICAN WAY AS...
SUPERGIRL


--I'VE BEEN PULLING A LOT OF DOUBLE SHIFTS.
HEY.
UH... HEY.
YOU KNOW, YOU SHOULD REALLY BE MORE--
DUDE, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU DID THAT! THAT IS HARDCORE!
...PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T JUST JUMP OFF THIS BUILDING SO THAT I WOULD CATCH YOU.
WHAT? OH. NO...
I ALSO WANTED TO GET YOUR NUMBER?
THIS ACTUALLY HAPPENS MORE THAN YOU THINK.
AWESOME!


HEADS UP, DAVID'S COMING OVER. WITH... COMPANY.
HM.
GUYS, HEY, THIS IS ELISE.
HI, SO NICE TO MEET YOU--
YO!
HM.
SWEETHEART, I'LL BE BACK IN A SECOND, YES?
YEAH, 'COURSE, I'LL BE RIGHT HERE--
SO...THAT'S HAPPENING?
WHAT CAN I SAY? IT'S ALL IN THE WAY I STAND.
SHE'S INTERESTED IN YOUR TRUST FUND. DON'T DELUDE YOURSELF.
WHOA! I'M SORRY, MR. SOCIAL NETWORK, BUT I DON'T THINK I ASKED YOUR OPINION.
YEAH, WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? SHE SEEMS COOL.
MY APP IS "COOL." ELISE IS SIMPLY DIVERTING.







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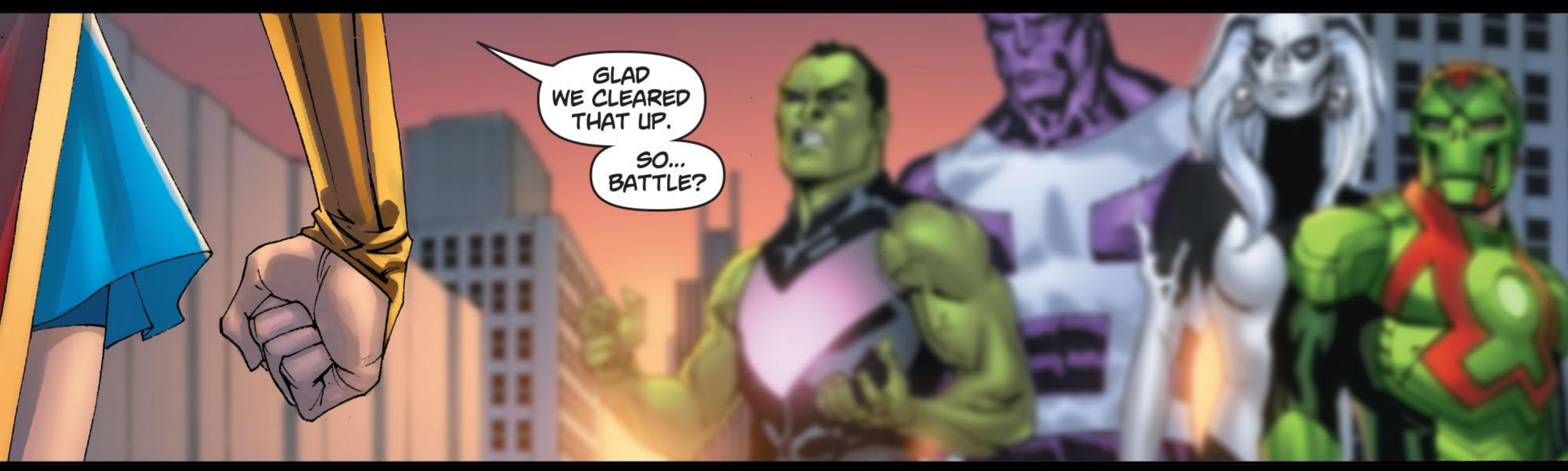
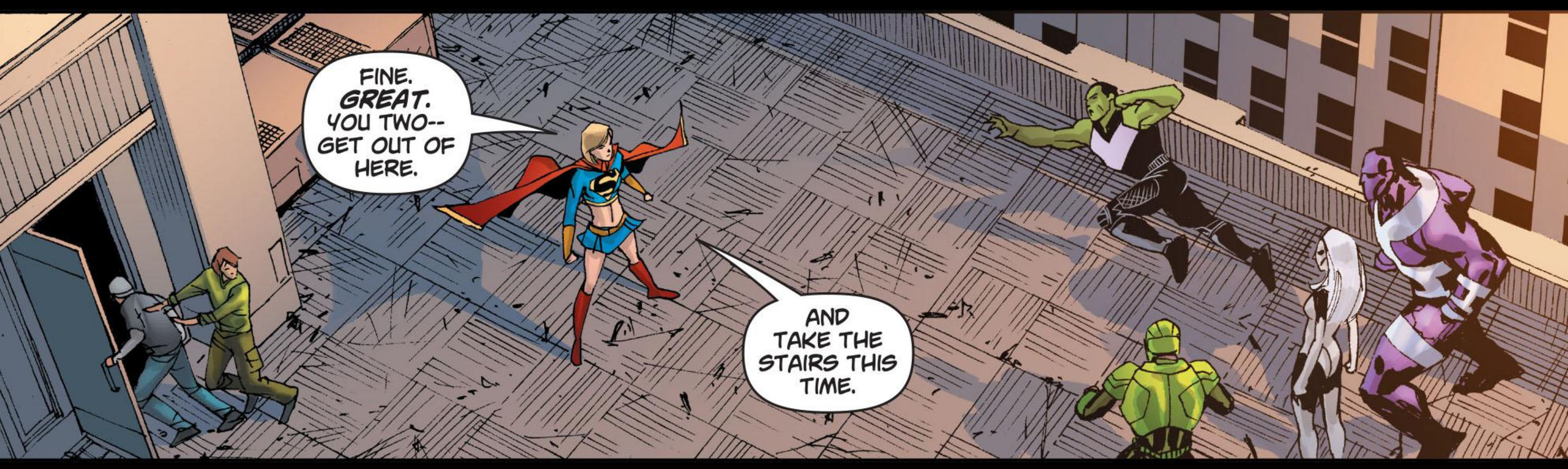
PLACES, PEOPLE--
--FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE EVERYTHING.
AS SOON AS THEY COME THROUGH, I CAN TELL WHAT I'M IN FOR. IT'S LIKE HALF MY COUSIN'S ROGUES GALLERY JUST FORMED A CLUB AND SOUGHT ME OUT.
THERE'S PARASITE, KRYPTONITE MAN...HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN A WHILE. METALLO, TOO. AND SINCE WHEN DOES SILVER BANSHEE HANG OUT WITH OTHER VILLAINS?

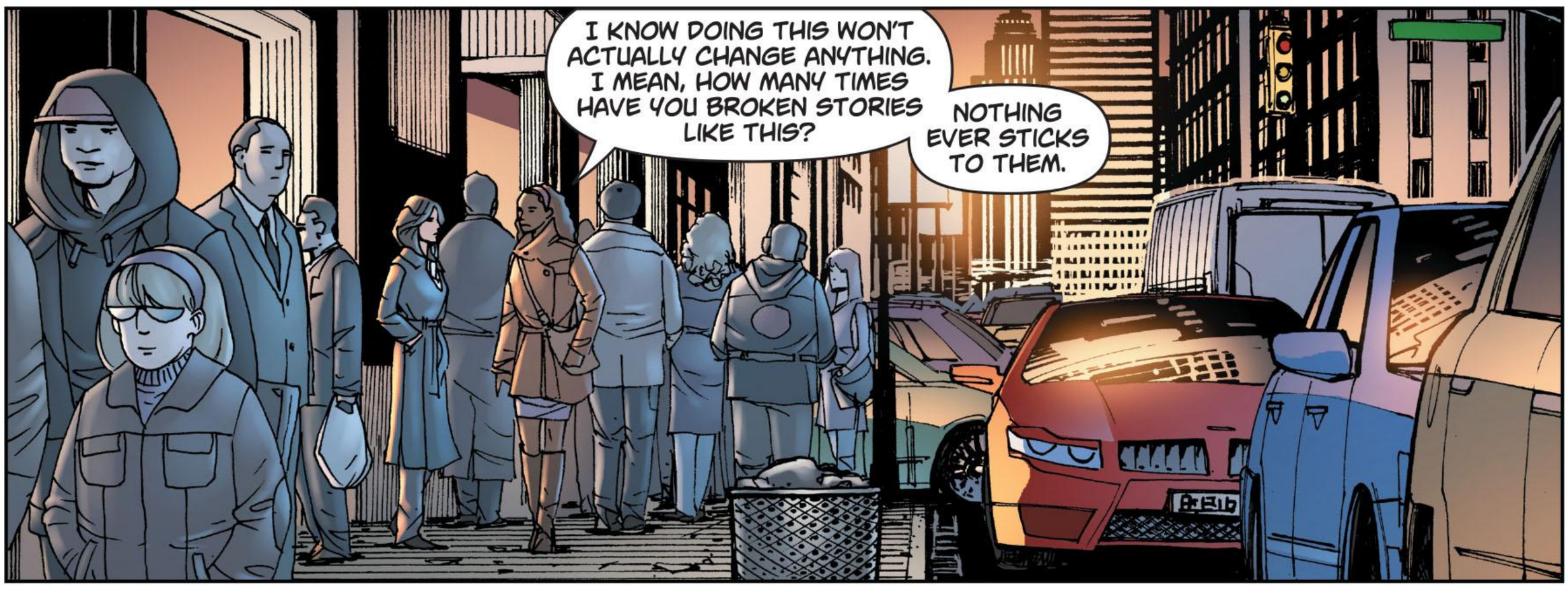
BANSHEE AND PARASITE ARE DIFFICULT ENOUGH, BUT THEM AND TWO GUYS WITH KRYPTONITE-BASED POWERS?
I'M GUESSING THIS ISN'T A SOCIAL CALL.
WHO HIRED YOU?

HIRE? YOU THINK WE WOULDN'T KILL YOU FOR FREE?

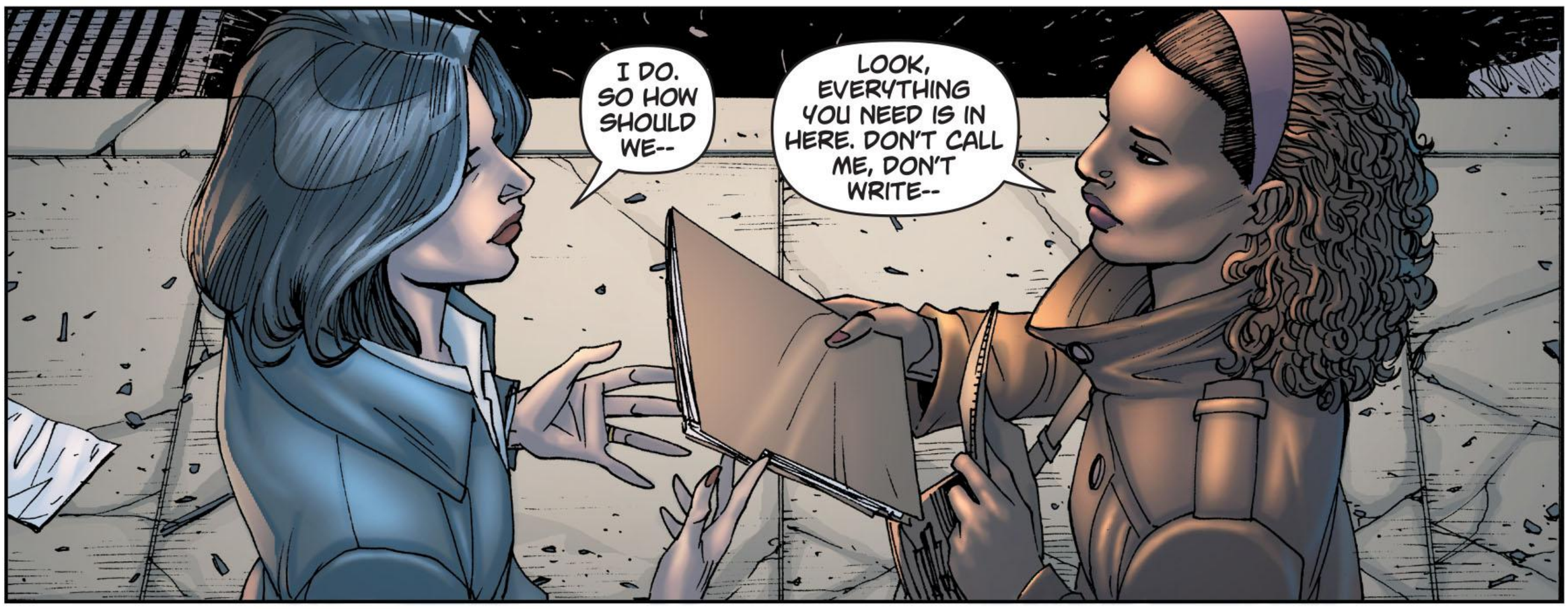

GLAD WE CLEARED THAT UP.
SO... BATTLE?

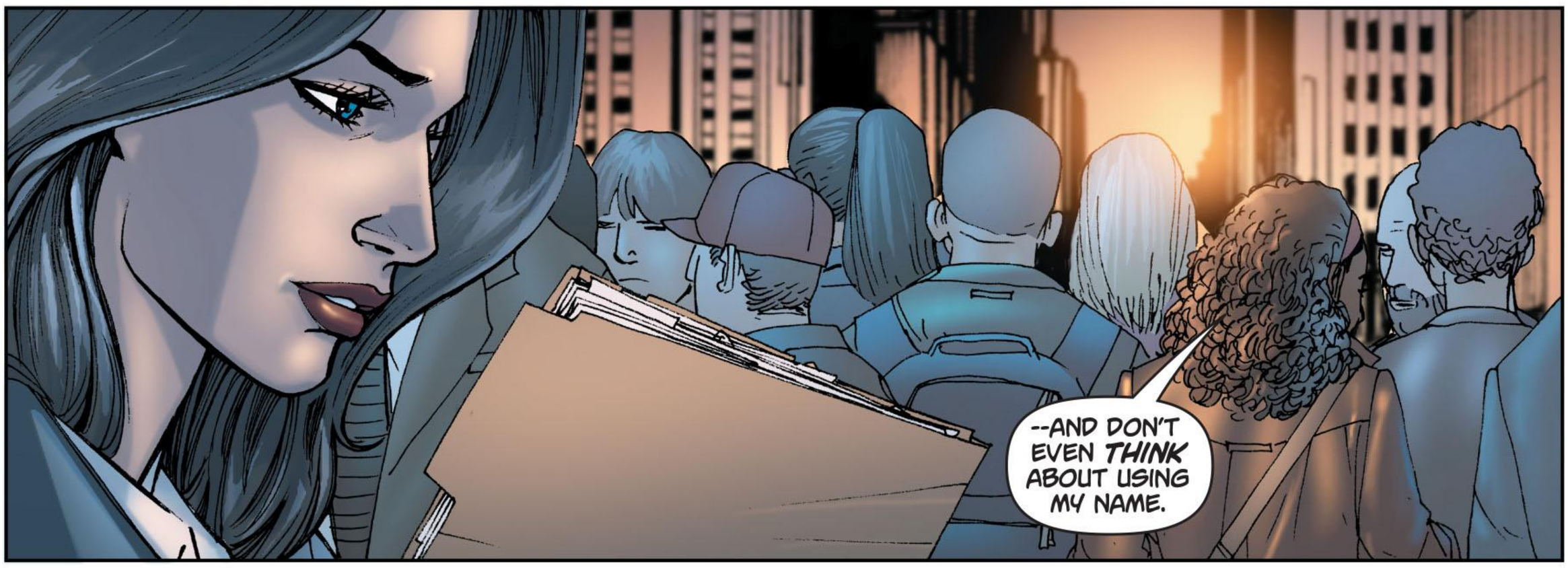
BATTLE.

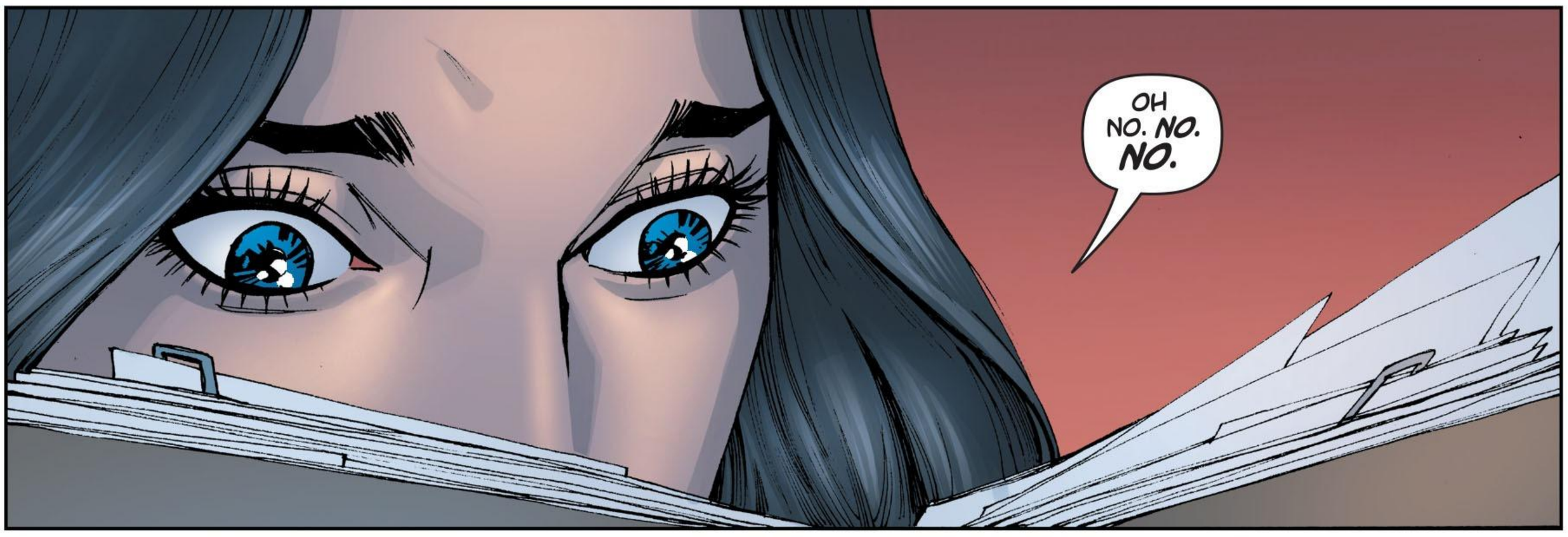

FINE. GREAT. YOU TWO-- GET OUT OF HERE.
AND TAKE THE STAIRS THIS TIME.


I KNOW DOING THIS WON'T ACTUALLY CHANGE ANYTHING. I MEAN, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BROKEN STORIES LIKE THIS?
NOTHING EVER STICKS TO THEM.

SURE IT DOES. DEATH BY A THOUSAND CUTS MAY BE SLOW, BUT IT'S EFFECTIVE. YOU'RE DOING A GOOD THING HERE--
I COULD CARE LESS. I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO LOOK MY KID IN THE EYE AGAIN, YOU KNOW?


I DO. SO HOW SHOULD WE--
LOOK, EVERYTHING YOU NEED IS IN HERE. DON'T CALL ME, DON'T WRITE--


--AND DON'T EVEN *THINK* ABOUT USING MY NAME.



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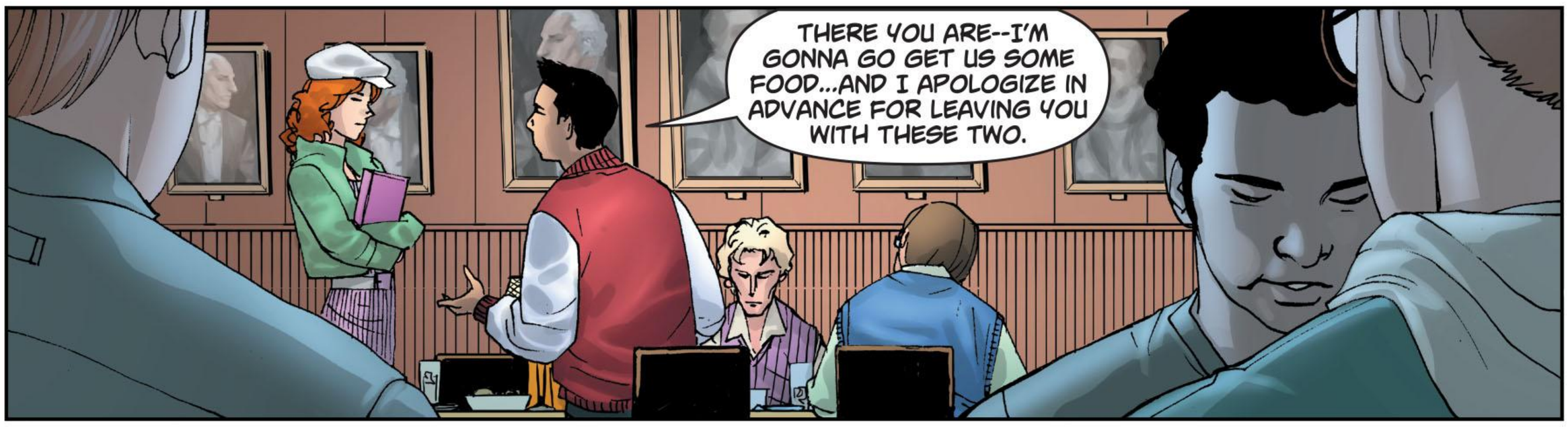
HOPE YOU DON'T THINK JUST BECAUSE MY COUSIN IS OUT OF TOWN--
--THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ACTUALLY WIN--

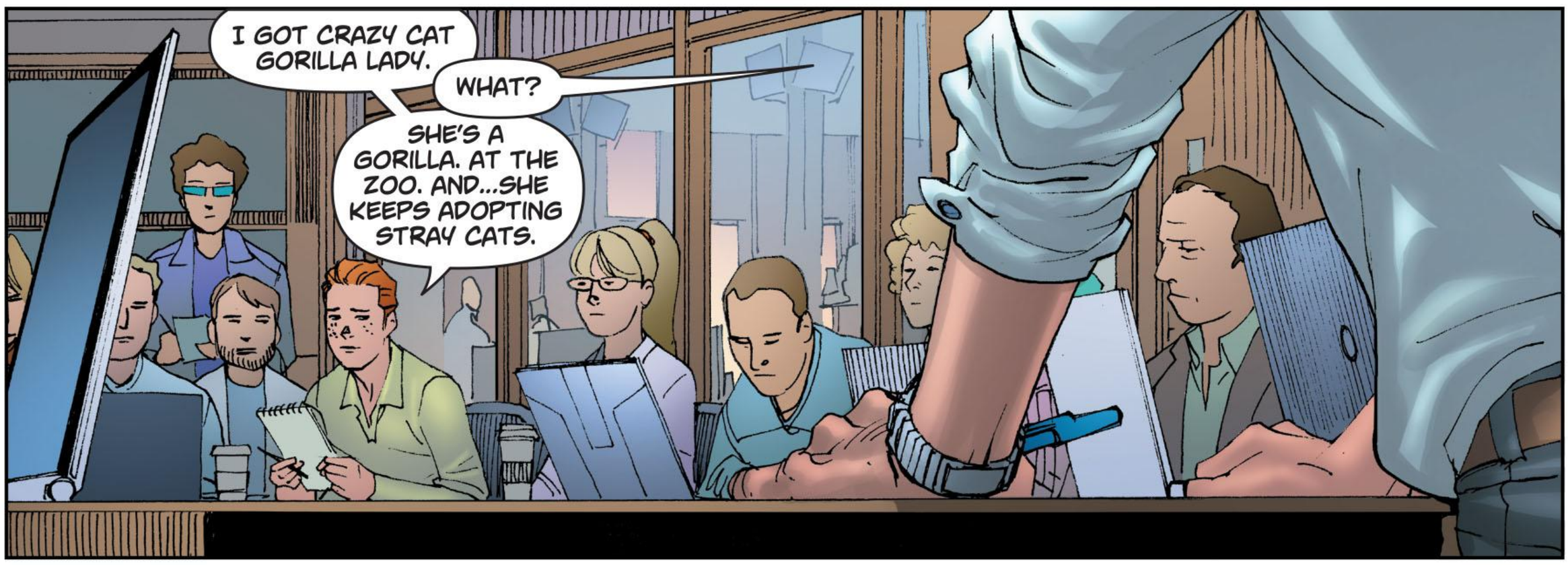
--FOR A CHANGE.
GUGHH!

NICE MOVE. YOU KNOW I HAVE MILITARY TRAINING?

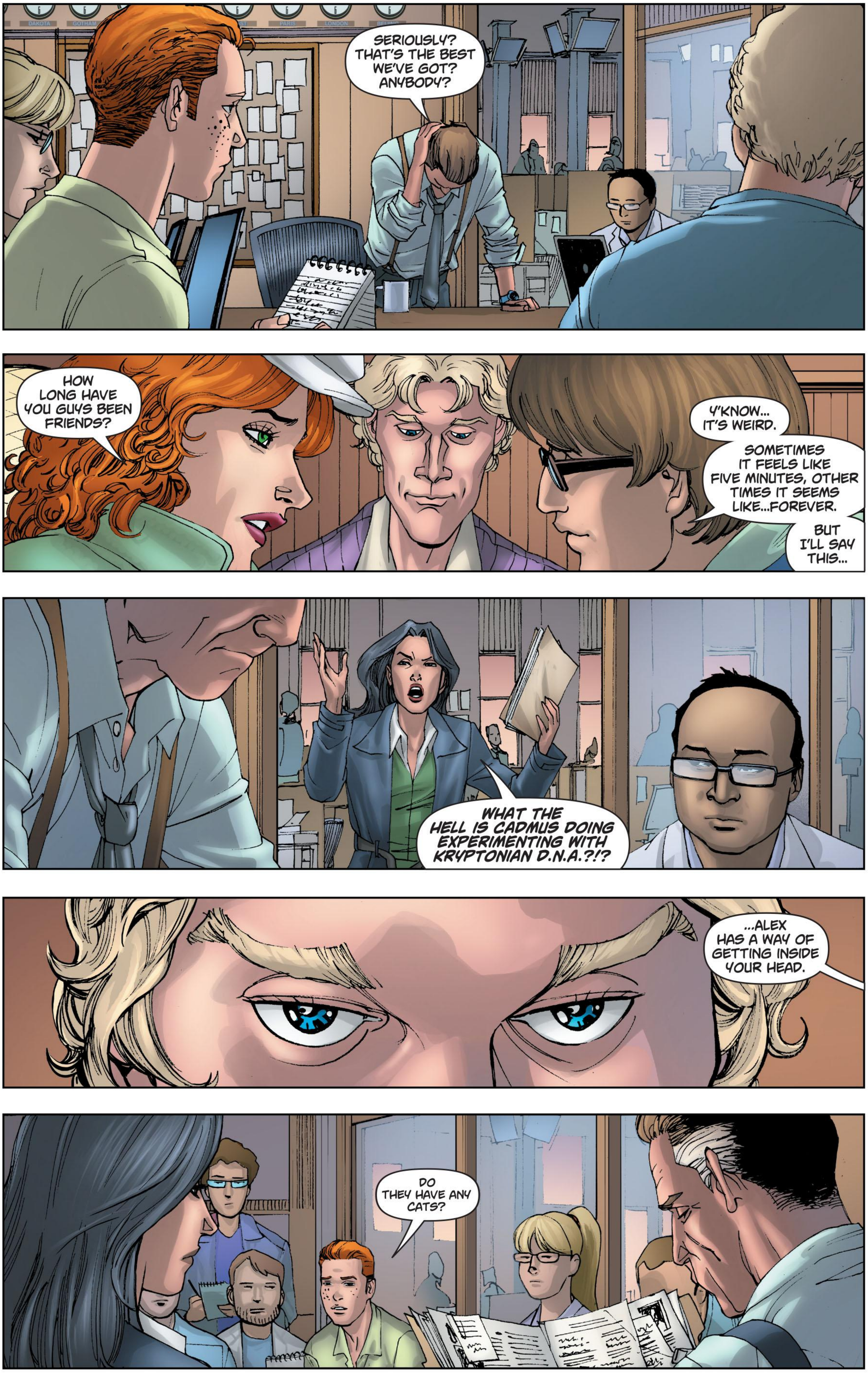
DIDN'T ASK, DON'T TELL.
WHAM!
SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT HERE.

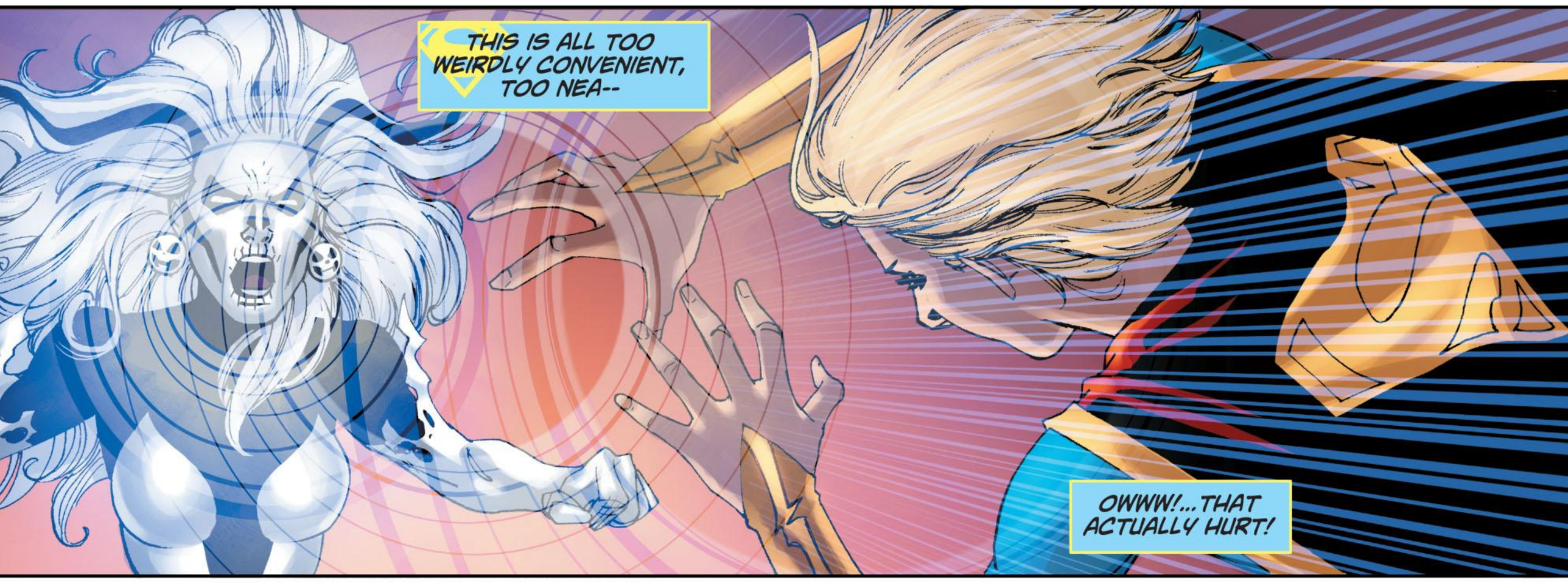
ALL RIGHT PEOPLE, LISTEN UP. WE'RE GOING WITH RON'S STORY ABOUT THE RED LANTERNS AND THE SPECTRE INTERFERING WITH THE EXECUTION OF JOSHUA HAYES IN MONTANA. THAT'S THE TOP HEADLINE.
BOTTOM HALF WILL BE THE RUMORS THAT CAPTAIN ATOM WAS INVOLVED IN THE EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO, BOTTOM TWO-THIRDS, AND ROUNDING OUT WITH THE STORY ABOUT THAT SUPER-TOWN THAT HAS CROPPED UP OUTSIDE WASHINGTON, D.C.
WHAT I NEED IS SOMETHING LOCAL. I DON'T BUY FOR A SECOND THAT NOTHING IS HAPPENING IN METROPOLIS JUST 'CAUSE SUPERMAN'S DOING HIS WALKABOUT.
SO, WHAT DO YOU HAVE FOR ME?


THERE YOU ARE--I'M GONNA GO GET US SOME FOOD...AND I APOLOGIZE IN ADVANCE FOR LEAVING YOU WITH THESE TWO.


I GOT CRAZY CAT GORILLA LADY.
WHAT?
SHE'S A GORILLA. AT THE ZOO. AND...SHE KEEPS ADOPTING STRAY CATS.

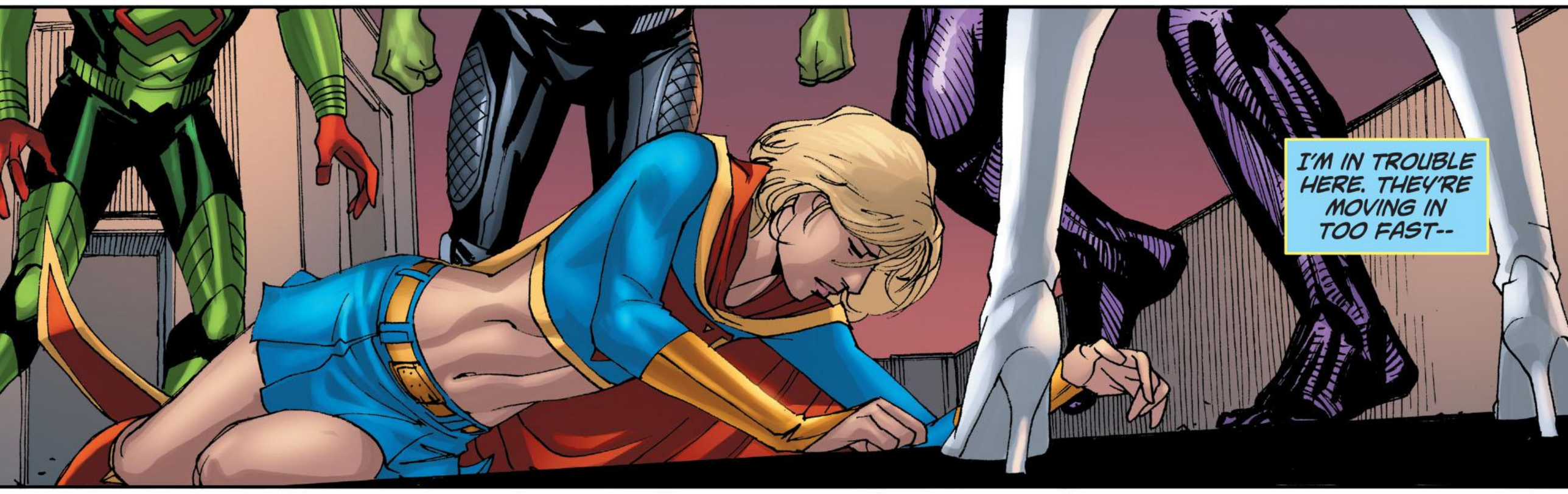
I'M SORRY...I DID NOT HEAR YOUR NAMES...
I'M JUSTIN, AND THIS ONE WITH THE LACK OF ATTENTION IS ALEX.
ALEX? LIKE "ALEXANDER THE GREAT," YES?
IT KNOWS SOME HISTORY. CUTE.

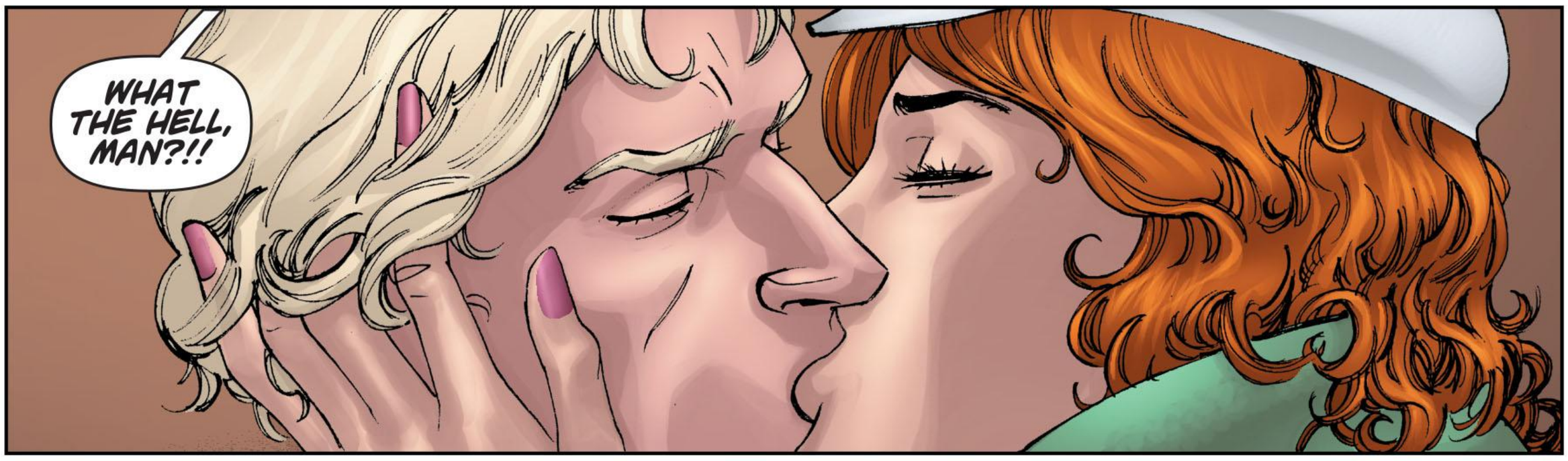

SERIOUSLY? THAT'S THE BEST WE'VE GOT? ANYBODY?
HOW LONG HAVE YOU GUYS BEEN FRIENDS?
Y'KNOW... IT'S WEIRD.
SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE FIVE MINUTES, OTHER TIMES IT SEEMS LIKE...FOREVER.
BUT I'LL SAY THIS...
WHAT THE HELL IS CADMUS DOING EXPERIMENTING WITH KRYPTONIAN D.N.A.?!?
...ALEX HAS A WAY OF GETTING INSIDE YOUR HEAD.
DO THEY HAVE ANY CATS?


THIS IS ALL TOO WEIRDLY CONVENIENT, TOO NEA--
OWWW!...THAT ACTUALLY HURT!

THOUGHT YOU WERE...IN SMALLVILLE...

JASON? I'M HOME--

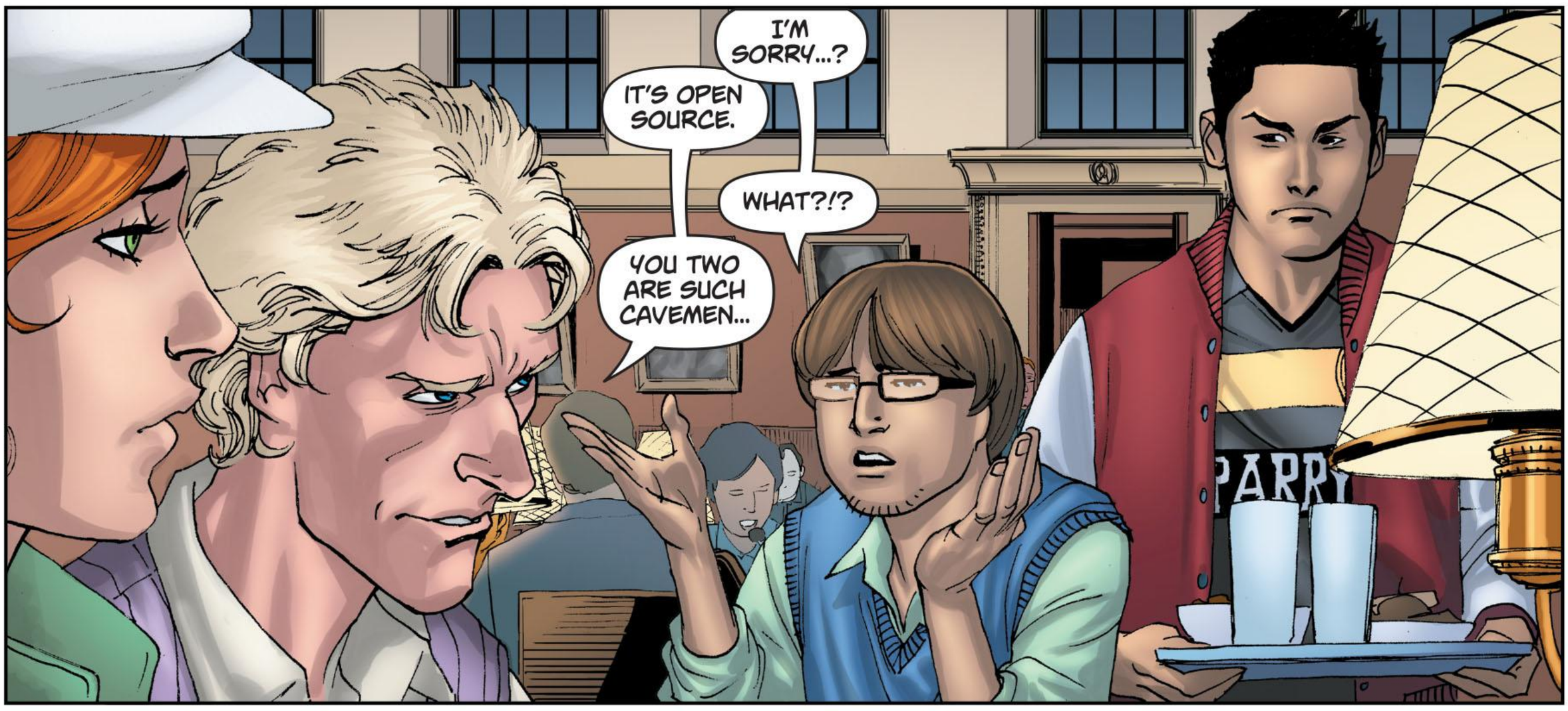

I'M IN TROUBLE HERE. THEY'RE MOVING IN TOO FAST--

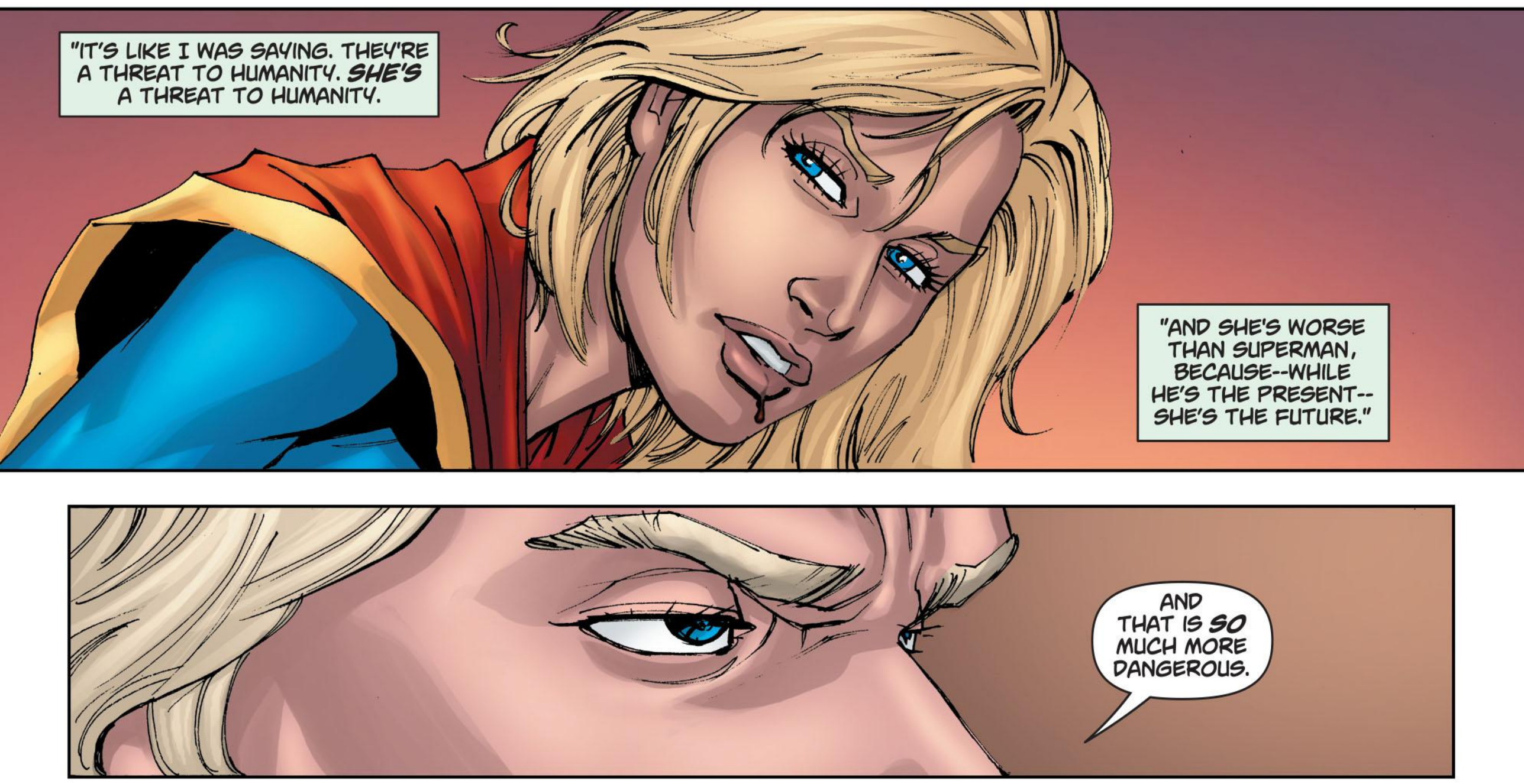

WHAT THE HELL, MAN?!!

I WAS GONE FOR *FIVE* MINUTES!
OH, PLEASE, YOU'VE KNOWN HER HOW LONG? A WEEK? AND BESIDES--YOU SHOULD THANK ME FOR THIS.
ANY GIRL THAT WOULD MAKE OUT WITH A GUY JUST BECAUSE SHE THINKS HE'LL GROW UP TO BE A MILLIONAIRE ISN'T WORTH BEING WITH IN THE FIRST PLACE.
HEY!

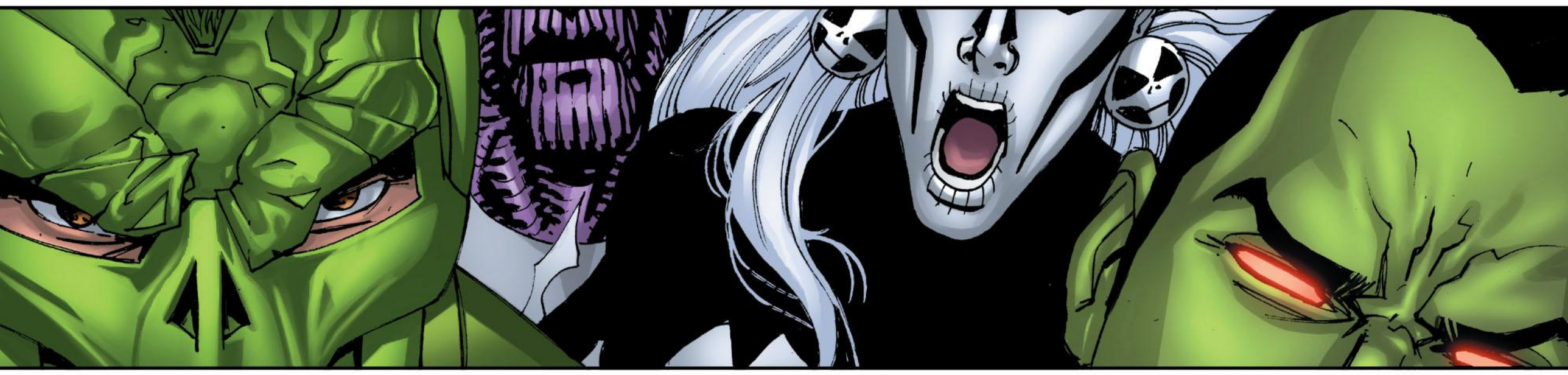
JASON?

HERE'S A HINT, ALEX--KEEP YOUR HANDS OFF OTHER PEOPLE'S GIRLFRIENDS AND GO BACK TO TRYING TO MAKE MONEY OFF YOUR GEEKY LITTLE APP.
WHO SAID ANYTHING ABOUT MAKING MONEY?


I'M SORRY...?
IT'S OPEN SOURCE.
WHAT?!?
YOU TWO ARE SUCH CAVEMEN...
PARRY


"IT'S LIKE I WAS SAYING. THEY'RE A THREAT TO HUMANITY. SHE'S A THREAT TO HUMANITY.
"AND SHE'S WORSE THAN SUPERMAN, BECAUSE--WHILE HE'S THE PRESENT--SHE'S THE FUTURE."
AND THAT IS SO MUCH MORE DANGEROUS.

"UNLESS IT'S CHOKED AT BIRTH."



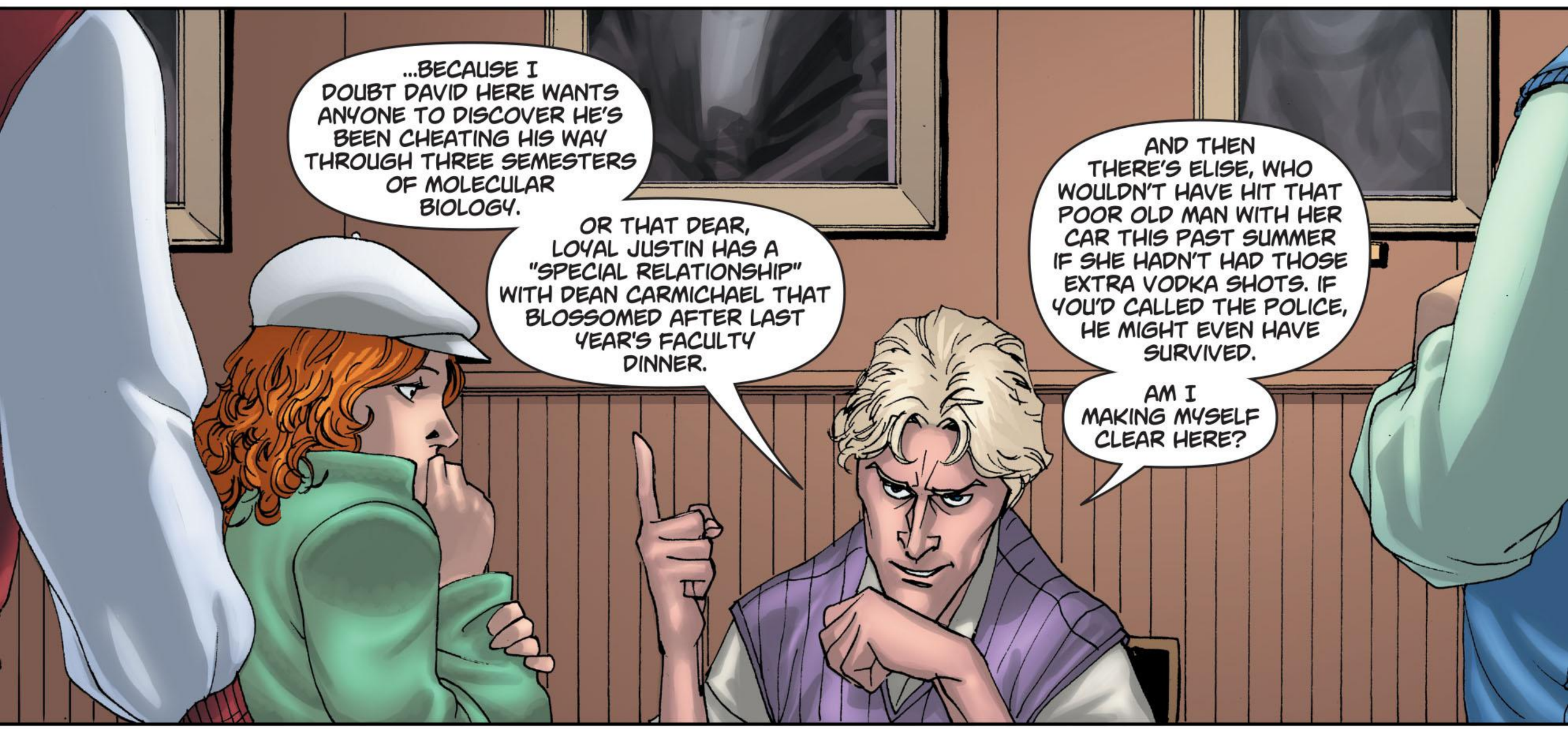
YOU... YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT KILLING SUPERGIRL?
HONESTLY, JUSTIN...YOU REALLY NEED TO START THINKING BIGGER.

MT&T
flyover
check-in
shout out
friends
places
to do
badges
more
"THIS IS ABOUT A LOT MORE THAN JUST SUPERGIRL."

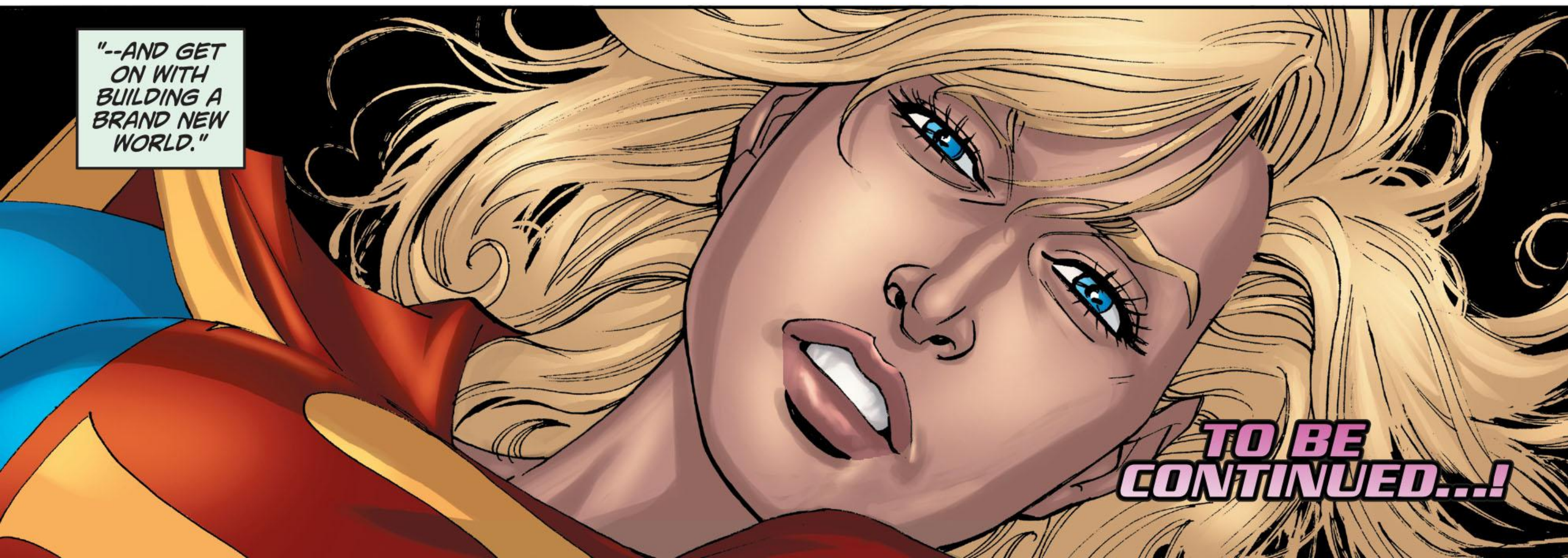
MY BABY... MY BABY...

YOU'RE CRAZY.
AND YET YOU'RE ALL ABOUT TO HELP ME. HOW FUNNY.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

"ALL IN GOOD TIME.
"AND DON'T ANY OF YOU GO THINKING ABOUT OPENING YOUR MOUTHS TO ANYONE ABOUT THIS..."


...BECAUSE I DOUBT DAVID HERE WANTS ANYONE TO DISCOVER HE'S BEEN CHEATING HIS WAY THROUGH THREE SEMESTERS OF MOLECULAR BIOLOGY.
OR THAT DEAR, LOYAL JUSTIN HAS A "SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP" WITH DEAN CARMICHAEL THAT BLOSSOMED AFTER LAST YEAR'S FACULTY DINNER.
AND THEN THERE'S ELISE, WHO WOULDN'T HAVE HIT THAT POOR OLD MAN WITH HER CAR THIS PAST SUMMER IF SHE HADN'T HAD THOSE EXTRA VODKA SHOTS. IF YOU'D CALLED THE POLICE, HE MIGHT EVEN HAVE SURVIVED.
AM I MAKING MYSELF CLEAR HERE?

"GOOD. NOW, IF WE'RE DONE, COLLEGE HAS BEEN GREAT, BUT IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PUT THE BOOKS TO ONE SIDE--
It's not nice to talk out of class. Sorry for your loss.
Best,
Alex


"--AND GET ON WITH BUILDING A BRAND NEW WORLD."
TO BE CONTINUED...!

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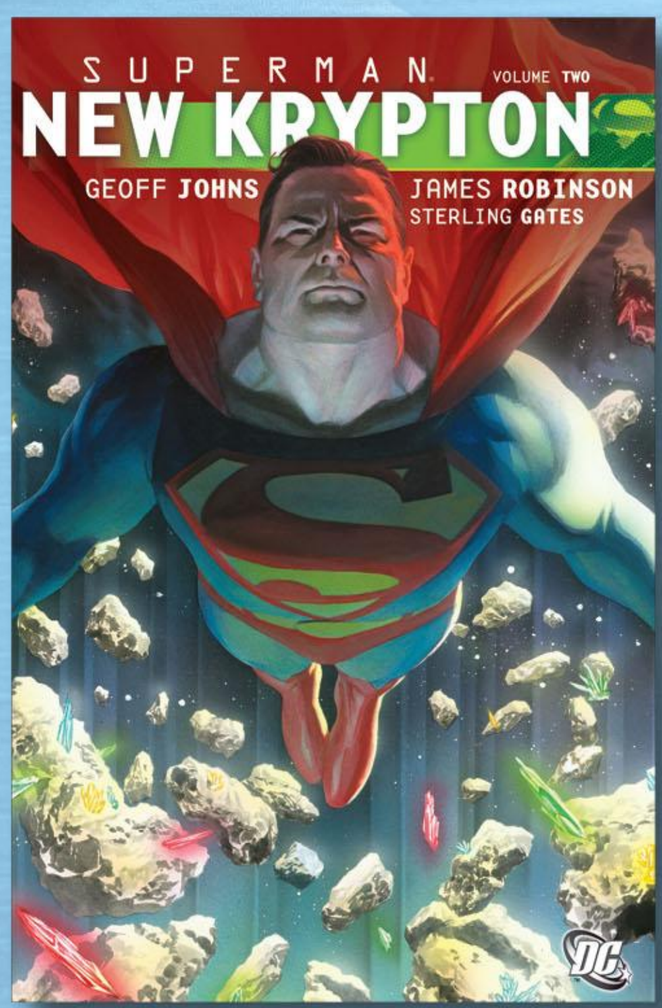

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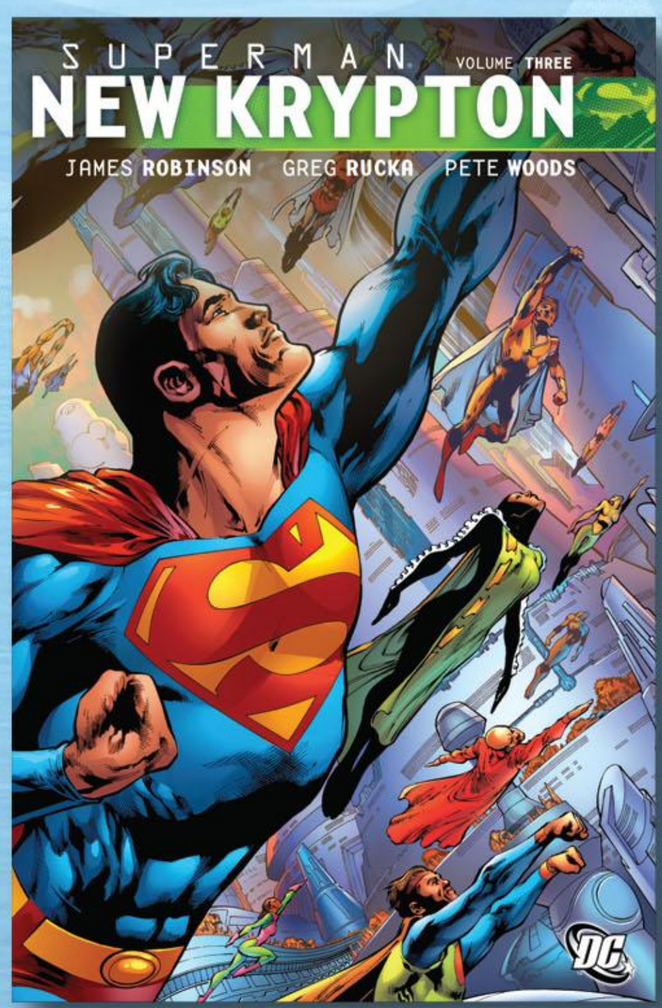

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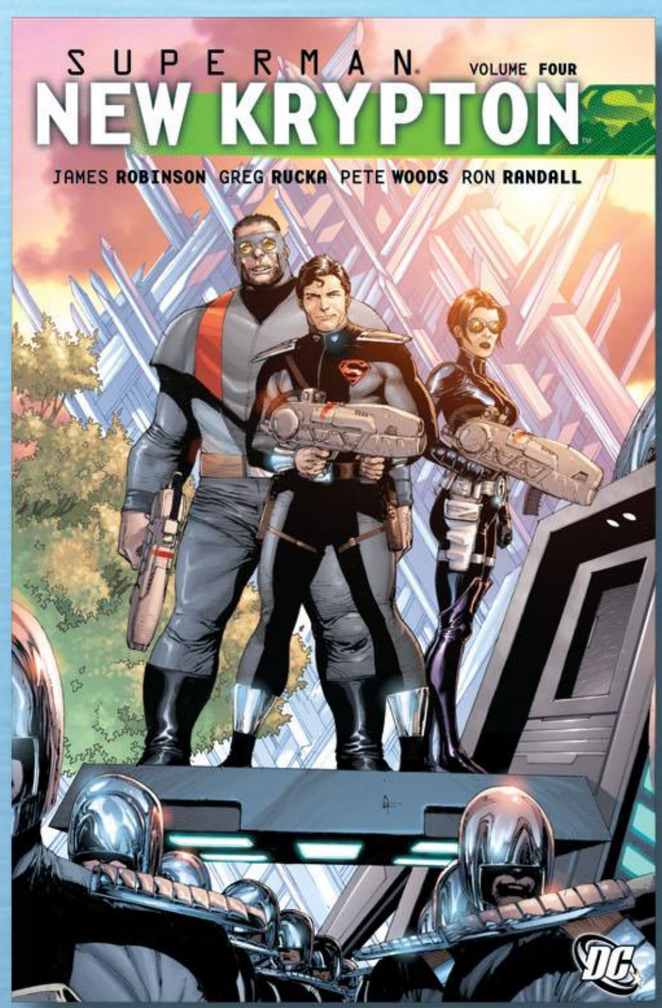

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