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SUPERGIRL

I'VE JUST
CREATED A
MONSTER...
MYSELF!

...AND I'M AS
UNBEATABLE
AS YOU ARE!

SUPERGIRL
BECOMES HER OWN
WORST ENEMY IN...

"The BORROWED
BRAIN!"

ZATANNA BECOMES A
LIVING SWORD,
THRUST FOREVER IN
The ENCHANTED ROCK!

SUPERGIRL HAS SAVED THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS THOUSANDS DURING HER SPECTACULAR SUPER-CAREER! LIKE A TRUE CHAMPION, SHE NEVER WORRIES ABOUT HER SAFETY WHEN IT COMES TO THE WELL-BEING OF OTHERS! BUT NEVER-NEVER - HAS SHE TAKEN SUCH DRASIC MEASURES - WITH SUCH ALARMING RESULTS - TO SAVE -

THE

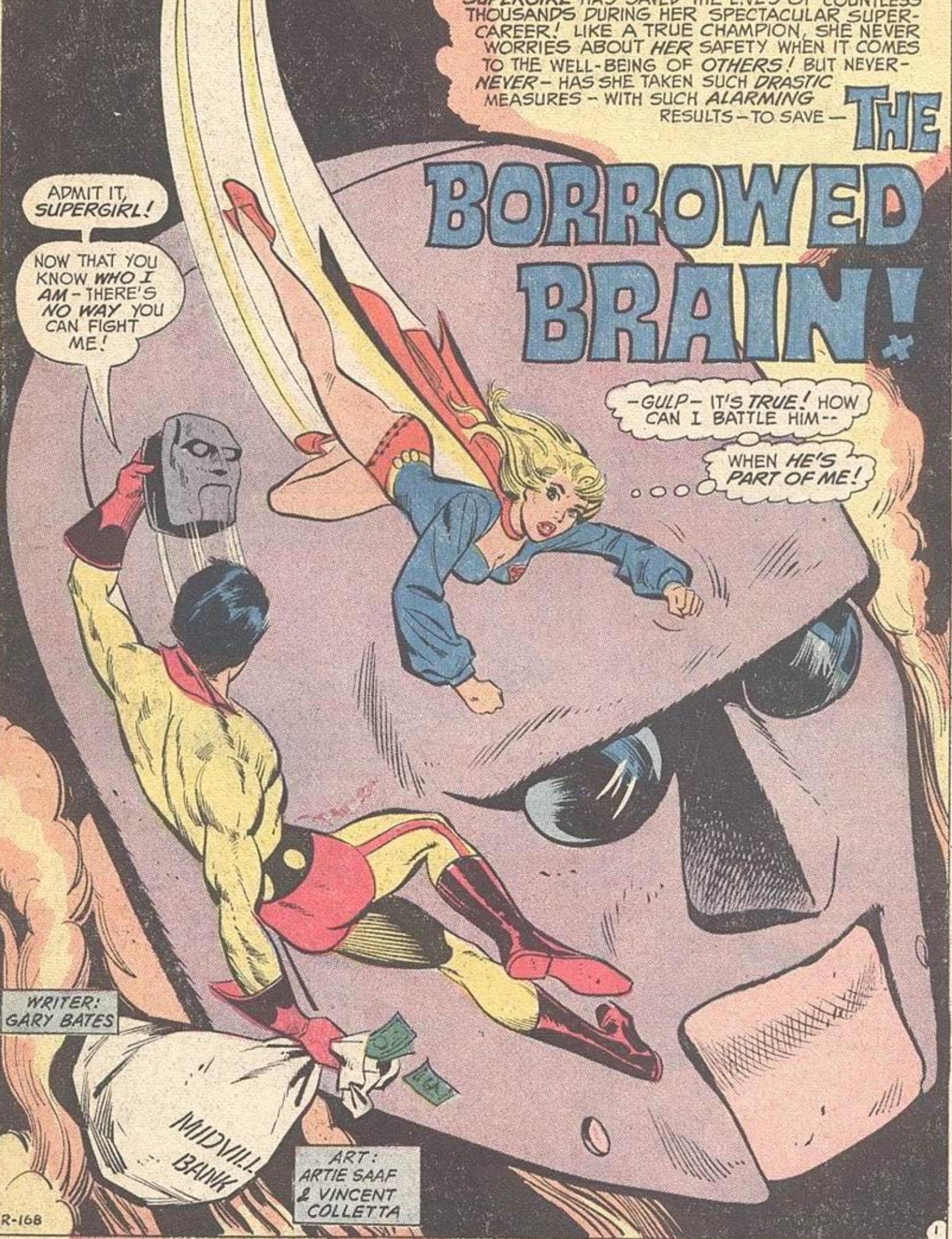
BORROWED BRAIN!

ADMIT IT,
SUPERGIRL!

NOW THAT YOU
KNOW WHO I
AM - THERE'S
NO WAY YOU
CAN FIGHT
ME!

-GULP - IT'S TRUE! HOW
CAN I BATTLE HIM--

WHEN HE'S
PART OF ME!



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FRIDAY NIGHT--AS CO-ED LINDA DANVERS AND HER TWO ROOMMATES FROLIC AT A SWIM PARTY OFF THE CAMPUS OF VANDYRE U...

SABRA! TAKE A LOOK AT SOME OF THE GORGEOUS GUYS FLOATING AROUND HERE!

I AM LOOKING, TERRY! YOU AND LINDA ROAM ON YOUR OWN! THIS FRIENDLY LITTLE ISRAELI'S GOING TO MIX!



HI, THERE!
THOUGHT YOU
MIGHT LIKE A
CUP OF PUNCH!

THANKS...
I AM A
LITTLE
THIRSTY!

ALREADY? I
LOOKS LIKE
LINDA JUST
MET HER
COMPANION
FOR THE
EVENING WITH-
OUT EVEN
TRYING!

AMID THE NICE NIGHT AND EASY
TALK, A FAST FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPS...

...SO I CAME TO VANDYRE
FOR MY POST-GRAD WORK IN
CRIMINAL SOCIOLOGY... AND
AM ENJOYING EVERY
MINUTE OF IT, LINDA!

THINK I'LL BE
ENJOYING IT
MORE, TOO... NOW
THAT I'VE MET
YOU, DAVID!

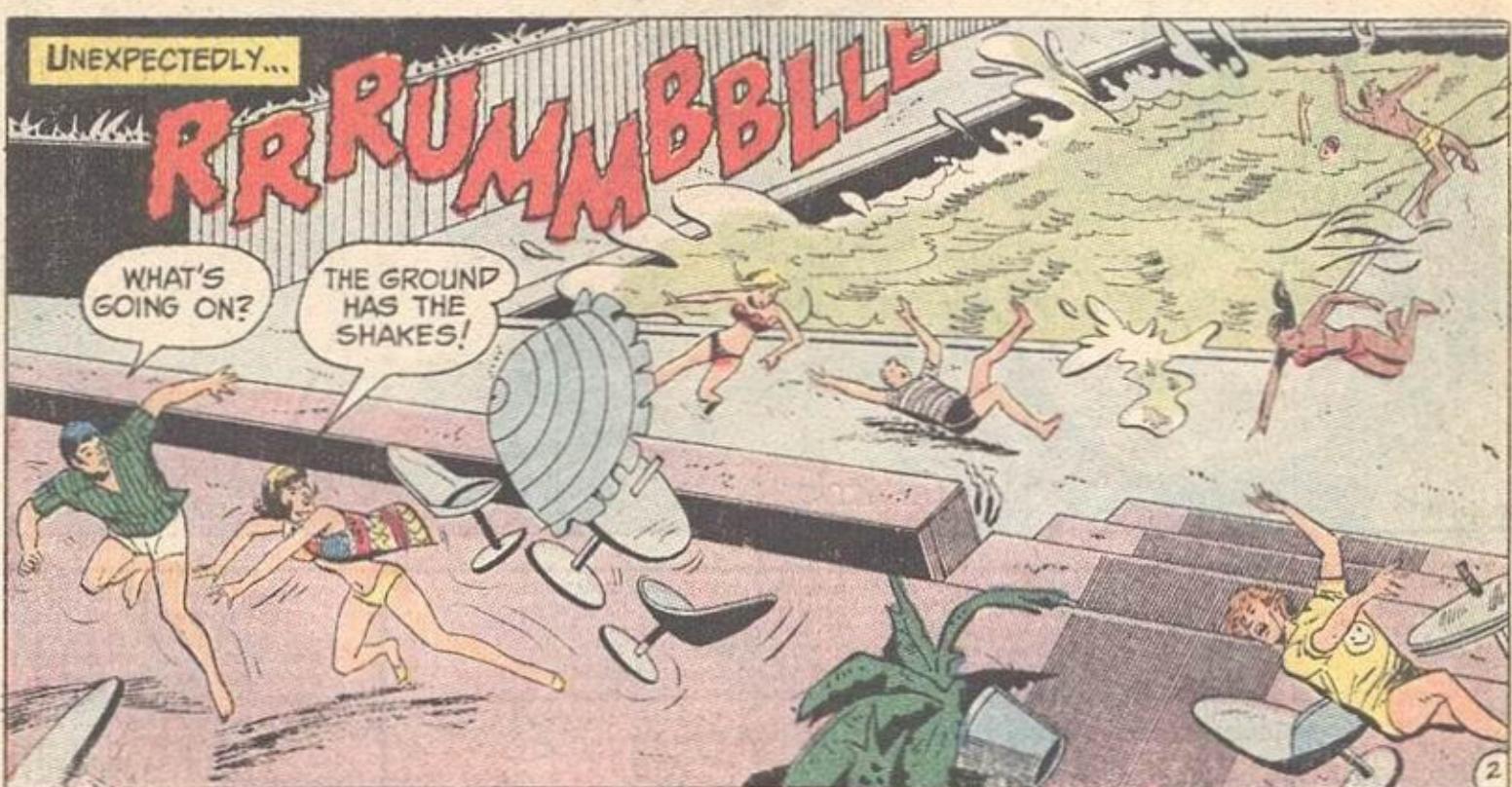


UNEXPECTEDLY...

RR RUMMBBLE

WHAT'S
GOING ON?

THE GROUND
HAS THE
SHAKES!





YEAH! HERE'S THE *BLUEPRINT*
FOR YOUR NEXT ROBBERY...
THE FLOOR-PLAN, VAULT-TYPE,
POSITIONS OF GUARDS...
BURGLAR ALARM SYSTEM—
EVERYTHING YOU'LL
NEED TO KNOW!

FOLLOW MY
INSTRUCTIONS
AND WE
CAN'T LOSE!

YOUR PLANS AINT NEVER
FAILED, BOSS!

WHAT A COVER YOU
GOT— A COLLEGE
GRADUATE! HA, HA!

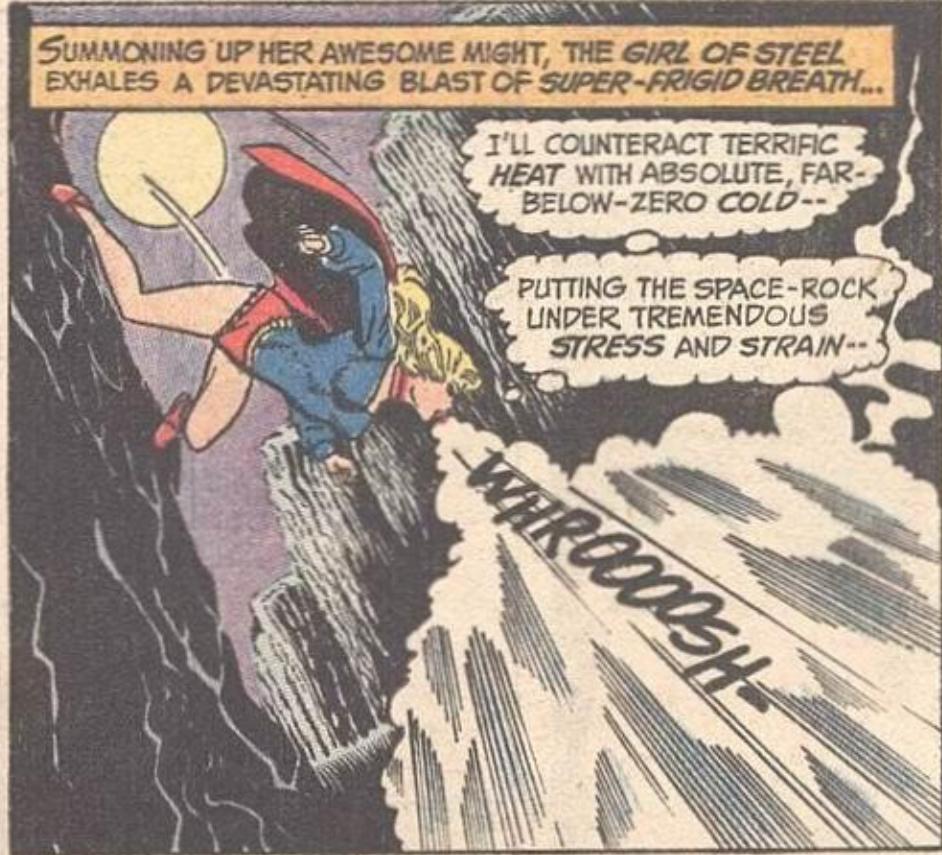
AT THAT MOMENT, OVER A TUMULTUOUS UPHEAVAL
OF RAW EARTH AND SHATTERED ROCK...

WHW! THAT GIRDER
CONSTRUCTION WAS
TWISTED APART LIKE
LOOSE TAFFY!

THE FISSURE FIRST
OPENED UP IN THIS AREA
...CAN'T LET IT SPREAD
APART ANY FURTHER!

SO THAT'S WHAT
STARTED ALL THE
TROUBLE --

A FANTASTICALLY
HOT METEOR THAT
BURROWED ITS
WAY DEEP INTO
THE EARTH!



WHILE MY GANG EXECUTES THE CRIMES I LAY OUT FOR THEM ... I ESTABLISH AN ALIBI FOR MYSELF HERE ON CAMPUS! A PERFECT SYSTEM!

HEY! THE QUAKING HAS STOPPED!

THE SULTRY VOICE OF SUPERGIRL'S BEAUTIFUL ROOMMATE ATTRACTS EVERYONE, AS...

...SO LET'S USE THE POOL AGAIN! THIS SISTER'S GOING TO DIVE IN AND COOL OFF!



THE TREMORS MUST'VE TORN LOOSE A LARGE CHUNK OF THE POOL BOTTOM! IT'S JUTTING UP LIKE AN UNDERWATER BATTERING RAM --

AND THAT GIRL DOESN'T SEE IT!

WHAT'S THAT I SEE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE POOL?

HERE'S WHERE I MAKE A DRAMATIC LIFE-SAVING RESCUE IN FRONT OF EVERYONE!

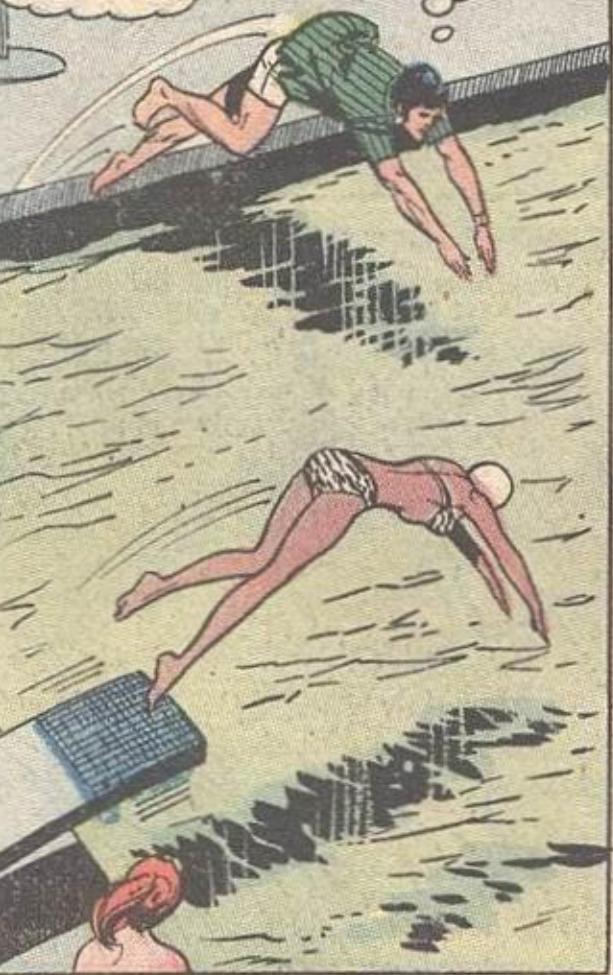
JUST ANOTHER STUNT TO BOLSTER MY ALL-AMERICAN "GOOD-GUY" COVER-IMAGE!

BUT AS DAVID INTERCEPTS TERRY IN THE SPARKLING CHLORINATED WATERS...

OOOFF! STOPPED HER--

BUT THE IMPACT IS SHOVING ME BACK--

UHHHH...



A FRENZIED
MOMENT
LATER...

H-HE SAVED MY LIFE
GLUB! BUT HE'S HURT--
HELP!



AFTER PULLING
TERRY AND HER
INJURED RESCUER
OUT OF THE WATER...

IT'S HIS
HEAD!

LOOKS
REAL BAD!

HERE'S
SUPergirl!



DAVID! THIS IS ALL MY FAULT!
IF I HADN'T LEFT HIS
SIDE... I COULD'VE
PREVENTED THIS!

BETTER GET
HIM TO A
DOCTOR FAST,
SUPergirl!



AGONIZING HOURS LATER... AS THE FIRST GLINTS
OF DAWN FILTER OVER THE VANDYRE CLINIC...

THE INJURY WAS MORE
MASSIVE THAN WE
THOUGHT, SUPergirl!

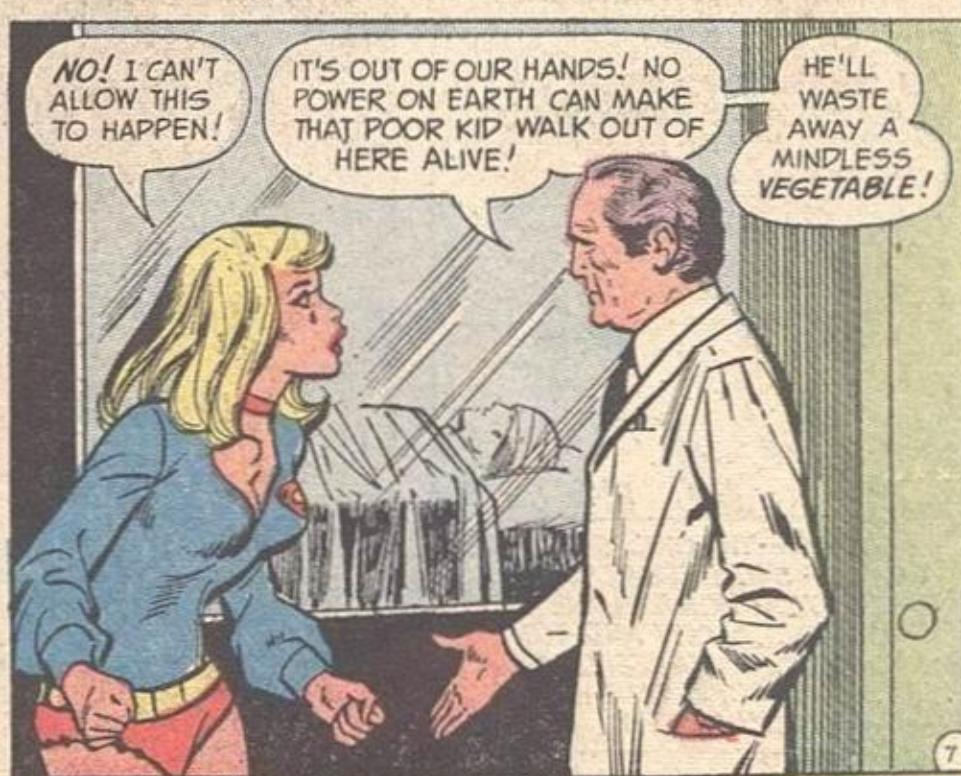
I'M AFRAID THE LAD'S BRAIN-
DAMAGE IS BEYOND REPAIR--
AND BEYOND HOPE!



NO! I CAN'T
ALLOW THIS
TO HAPPEN!

IT'S OUT OF OUR HANDS! NO
POWER ON EARTH CAN MAKE
THAT POOR KID WALK OUT OF
HERE ALIVE!

HE'LL
WASTE
AWAY A
MINDLESS
VEGETABLE!



BUT IN THE FACE OF TOTAL DESPAIR, THE MAID OF MIGHT YOWS WITH GRIM RESOLVE...

IF NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE DAVID...

I KNOW A POWER FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE THAT MIGHT RESTORE HIS HEALTH!

ELSEWHERE, IN THE CONFINES OF A DINGY BOARDING HOUSE...

...AND VANDYRE STUDENT DAVID GRAHAM STILL LIES IN A COMA THIS MORNING IN GRAVE CONDITION AFTER A SWIMMING MISHAP LAST NIGHT!

TOO BAD ABOUT THE BOSS... HE'S IN NO SHAPE TO COLLECT HIS SHARE OF LAST NIGHT'S HAUL!

LUCKY FOR US HE LEFT US WITH THREE MORE CRIME - BLUEPRINTS WE AIN'T USED YET!

NOW WE CAN COMMIT A FEW MORE ROBBERIES... IN HIS MEMORY! HA, HA!

THOUSANDS OF MILES TO THE NORTH, A RED-AND-BLUE BLUR STREAKS TOWARD THE FABULOUS FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE HIDDEN IN THE ARCTIC...

MY COUSIN SUPERMAN AND I ARE VERY SECRETIVE WHEN IT COMES TO KANDOR! WE ONLY SEEK THE KANDORIANS' HELP IN TIMES OF EXTREME CRISIS...

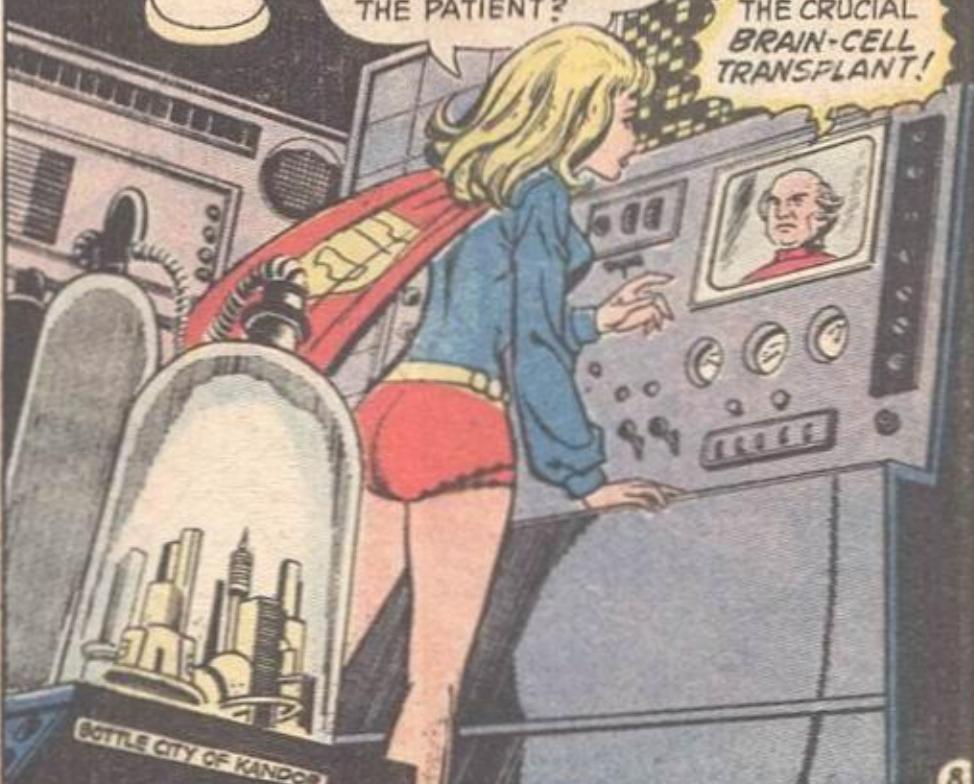
I'VE GOT TO CONTACT KANDOR'S EMINENT SCIENTIST!

KANDOR - THE ONLY SURVIVING CITY OF SUPERGIRL'S DESTROYED HOME PLANET, KRYPTON... A CITY AND ITS PEOPLE MINIATURIZED SHRUNK TO MICROSCOPIC SIZE INSIDE A GLASS BOTTLE!

SOON, WITHIN THE ROCKY CONFINES OF THE FORTRESS...

...I'VE DESCRIBED THE INJURY, PROF. NAR-KOR! DO YOU THINK YOUR ADVANCED KANDORIAN SURGERY CAN SAVE THE PATIENT?

THE LAD HAS A CHANCE-- IF YOU CAN CORRECTLY PERFORM THE CRUCIAL BRAIN-CELL TRANSPLANT!



I'LL BEAM UP THE PROPER QUASI-ENERGY INSTRUMENTS... AND A VISI-TAPE OF ME DICTATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE OPERATION!

BUT ONE MISTAKE COULD BE FATAL TO YOUR PATIENT-- OR YOU, SUPERGIRL!

READY TO GO THROUGH WITH IT?

YES!

MOMENTS LATER, AN ARRAY OF STRANGE GLOWING IMPLEMENTS IS PROJECTED OUT OF THE BOTTLE CITY...

TOO BAD THE MICRO-WAVE TUNNEL ISN'T POWERFUL ENOUGH TO ENLARGE A KANDORIAN TO NORMAL SIZE... THEN I COULD PERFORM THE TRANSPLANT MYSELF!

THE SURGICAL TOOLS ARE COMING THROUGH, NAR-KOR!

PULSATING TOOLS OF PURE ENERGY, WHICH NO EARTH DOCTOR COULD EVER HANDLE! DESPITE MY INVULNERABILITY— THEY'RE EVEN PAINFUL FOR ME TO TOUCH THEM!

SOON, THE VANDYRE CLINIC BECOMES A SITE FOR MIND-STAGGERING MEDICAL HISTORY...

DO YOU SEE THAT WEIRD BEAM ENTERING HER OWN SKULL!

SHE MAY BE A SUPERGIRL... BUT I ONLY PRAY SHE KNOWS THE TERRIFIC RISK SHE'S TAKING WITH HER OWN LIFE!

THE MAID OF MIGHT
REMAINS A MONUMENT
OF PURE CONCENTRA-
TION--HEARING ONLY
THE GUIDING VOICE OF
KANDORIAN SURGEON
NAR-KOR...

...YOUR AIM MUST BE
ABSOLUTELY PERFECT!
DON'T LET YOUR HAND
WAVER EVEN A
MICRO-INCH!

I-I'M TRYING...BUT
THIS CELL-EXTRACTOR
IS STABBING MY
HEAD WITH PAIN!

ANOTHER AGONIZING MOMENT, AND...

EXCELLENT, SUPERGIRL!
YOU'VE COMPLETED
STEP ONE--SUCCESSFULLY
TRANSFERRING THOUSANDS OF
YOUR SUPER-BRAIN-CELLS
INTO THE EXTRACTOR!

-WHEW--

AS YOU KNOW, THE HUMAN BRAIN--
EVEN YOURS--ONLY USES A SMALL
FRACTION OF ITS "GREY MATTER"!
THAT'S WHY YOU COULD AFFORD
TO SPARE SOME OF YOURS!

BUT WHEN MY
SUPER-CELLS
ARE TRANSPLANTED
INTO DAVID...
WILL THEY
REJUVENATE HIS
DAMAGED
BRAIN CELLS?

YES, SUPERGIRL! HIS
CHANCES FOR A COMPLETE
RECOVERY ARE EXCELLENT!

I HOPE THE YOUNG MAN
WILL REALIZE HOW LUCKY
HE IS TO HAVE SUPERGIRL
FOR A DONOR!

AND AS THE GIRL OF STEEL GALLANTLY CONTINUES THE PRO-
CEDURE--STILL ENDURING ACUTE PAIN FROM THE QUASI-ENERGY...

CHOKE! DAVID
MUST GET WELL!
HE MUST!

I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF IF I CAN'T
RESTORE HIS HEALTH...IF DAVID
DOESN'T RECOVER AND COME OUT
EXACTLY AS HE WAS
BEFORE THE
ACCIDENT!

AFTER THE GRUELING TEST OF SUPERGIRL'S SKILL AND STAMINA IS OVER...

? WHEW! FINISHED! WILL HE MAKE IT, NAR-KOR?

WHY DON'T YOU ASK HIM?



S-SUPERGIRL?!
W-WHERE AM I?
LAST THING I
REMEMBER IS
DIVING INTO
A POOL...?

?!? HE'S UP AND
AROUND ALREADY!
PROOF POSITIVE
OF THE MIRACLES
OF KANDORIAN
MEDICINE!

THANK THE STAR
OF KRYPTON-HE'S
ALL RIGHT!

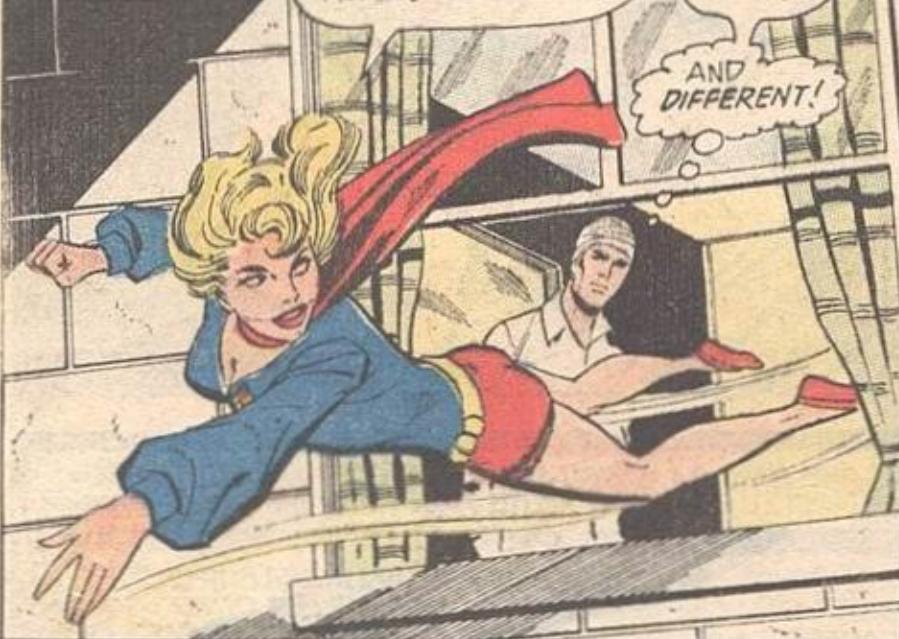


YOU'D BETTER
TAKE IT EASY
FOR AWHILE!

ER... LINDA DANVERS
WILL BE GLAD TO HEAR
YOU'RE ON YOUR FEET
AGAIN! 'BYE NOW.

THANKS,
SUPERCITY!
I-I FEEL
FINE!

AND
DIFFERENT!



THE NEXT DAY, AS THE REUNITED
DAVID AND LINDA STROLL ACROSS
CAMPUS...

...AND THAT NIGHT
IN THE POOL, WHEN
I THOUGHT IT WAS
ALL OVER... MY
LAST THOUGHTS WERE
OF YOU, LINDA!

OH, DAVID...
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO SAY!
YOU KNOW
HOW DEEP
MY FEELINGS
ARE FOR
YOU!



SHE'S FALLING FOR THIS SAPPY
LOVE-ROUTINE, ALL THE WAY!
ESTABLISHING A FULL-TIME
GIRLFRIEND WILL HELP MY
COVER HERE AS A LEGIT
STUDENT!

ESPECIALLY
SINCE I'M
ABOUT TO
START A NEW
CRIME-CAREER!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN A SMALL
TOWN NEAR VANDYRE U....

JUST FILL OUR
SACKS WITH CASH
-- AND NOBODY
GETS HURT!

AND THAT
INCLUDES
YOUR EXTRA
FUNDS!



READER - DO YOU DARE GUESS WHAT HAS MADE
DAVID EVEN MORE CUNNING THAN BEFORE?

BUT... HOW DID YOU KNOW WE WERE HOLDING A FEDERAL RESERVE SHIPMENT OF TWO MILLION TODAY?

LET'S JUST SAY WE LUCKED OUT!

HA! THE COLLEGE-PUNK'S LAST CRIME-BLUEPRINTS WERE AS ACCURATE AS EVER!

MEANWHILE...

WHAT IS IT, DAVID? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT YOUR WATCH?

JUST REMEMBERED-- I HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE DEAN I MUSTN'T MISS!

OKAY, I'LL BE WAITING!

BUT FOR NOW, SINCE DAVID'S LEAVING ME TO MYSELF...

A MOMENT LATER...

--I MIGHT AS WELL KEEP BUSY AND PERFORM MY DAILY PATROL AS SUPERGIRL!

THESE CRATES PROVIDE THE COVER I NEED TO SWITCH GARB!

BUT IF THE GIRL OF STEEL COULD SEE HER HEART-THROB JUST NOW...

THIS UNIFORM I DESIGNED MYSELF IS OUTA SIGHT!

THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO MEET ITS MOST DANGEROUS CROOK-- SUPER-SCAVENGER!

A CROOK SUPERGIRL HERSELF SPAWNED!

HER SUPER-CELLS NOT ONLY REPAIRED MY BRAIN-DAMAGE... THEY FORTIFIED MY ENTIRE BODY!



BUT A WEAPON SOARING INTO THE STRATOSPHERE DOESN'T GO UNNOTICED...

?/? A RIFLE--HURTLING SPACE-WARD AT ESCAPE-VELOCITY!

ONLY SUPERMAN AND MYSELF WOULD HAVE THE STRENGTH FOR SUCH A TOSS!

WROOOOSH-

I'M HERE... COUSIN SUPERMAN'S IN METROPOLIS... SO SOMEBODY ELSE HAS TO BE RECKONED WITH!

I'LL TRACE THE RIFLE'S TRAJECTORY DOWN TO ITS SOURCE!

I WONDER... AM I MEETING A FRIEND... OR FOE?

MEANWHILE...

YOU TWO LEAVING SO SOON? THE FUN'S JUST STARTING--!

IT AIN'T SUPERGIRL... IT AIN'T SUPERMAN...

SO WHO IN THE BLAZES IS HE?

THOSE GOONS WOULD FLIP OUT IF THEY KNEW THEIR FORMER PARTNER WAS DOING THEM IN!

YIIEEEEE!
HELLLPP!

AFTER ALL, WHO NEEDS THEM NOW THAT I'M SUPER-POWERED? I'M NOT GOING TO SHARE MY LOOT WITH THESE TWO-BIT THIEVES!

L-LET ME DOWN!
PLEASE!

VROOOOSH-

NEXT MOMENT...

THANKS FOR STOPPING THOSE THUGS—WHOEVER YOU ARE! YOU'LL GET A SUBSTANTIAL REWARD!

YOU BET I WILL FRIEND...

--NAMELY, ALL THE LOOT!

SUPER-SCAVENGER'S THE NAME!

KRAASHH



AT THIS RATE I'LL BE A MULTI-BILLIONAIRE IN JUST A FEW DAYS-- WITHOUT TAKING ANY RISKS!

I'LL LET OTHER CROOKS DO THE ROBBING FOR ME...

THEN I MOVE IN AND SWIPE THEIR LOOT WITH MY SUPER-POWERS! 1-2-3!



BUT THEN, WITHOUT WARNING...

I'M AFRAID YOU'VE OVERDRAWN YOUR ACCOUNT, SKY-BOY! I'M PULLING YOU IN!

SUPERGIRL!



GUESS AGAIN, BEAUTIFUL! THIS TIME YOU'RE UP AGAINST A GUY WHO'S IN YOUR LEAGUE!

KRAKK-



AS THE MAID OF
IGHT REELS
BACKWARD,
MOMENTARILY
STUNNED...

-WHEW! - WAS THAT
A SUPER-KICK
IN THE FACE!

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT HE
HAS SUPER-POWERS!

IF NOT FOR HIS
LEAD MASK - I
COULD FIND OUT
WHO HE IS -?



GREAT KRYPTON!

THAT WRISTWATCH--IT'S DAVID'S!

GULP! I'M FIGHTING
MY DAVID!!



SUMMONING ALL
HER WILL,
SUPergirl
STRIKES BACK
AT THE BOY
SHE LOVED...

CHOKE - IT
ALL MAKES
SENSE NOW...

I SHOULD'VE
FORSEEN THIS
SIDE-EFFECT
MYSELF!



KEEP AWAY
FROM ME!

SPLAAAK

SO LONG,
SUPER HAS
BEEN!

MY TRANSPLANTED
SUPER-CELLS
HAVE OVERWHELMED
DAVID'S BODY
AND MADE HIM AS
POWERFUL AS ME!



DAVID!—DAVID! YOUR SUPER-POWERS ARE ONLY TEMPORARY!

S-SOMETHING'S WRONG!! ALL OF A SUDDEN--I CAN'T FLY ANYMORE!

HELP ME, SUPERGIRL!

AS THE HELPLESS BOY PLUMMETS TOWARD THE GROUND— EACH SPLIT-SECOND THAT MUCH CLOSER TO INSTANT DEATH...

I FAILED TO SAVE HIM ONCE-- AND HE ALMOST DIED!

I SAVED HIM—AND HE TURNED BAD!

NOW—WHAT?



--AFTER ALL, I'M PART OF YOU! MY SUPER-POWERS MAY BE GONE, BUT SOME OF YOUR CELLS ARE STILL INSIDE ME!

TAKE ME TO SAFETY-- AND YOU AND I COULD HAVE A BEAUTIFUL FUTURE TOGETHER!

BUT AS THE SUPER-SWIFT FLIGHT COMES TO AN END...

YOU'RE TURNING ME IN?? YOU MUST HAVE A HEART OF ICE!

JUST LIKE YOURS, DAVID! I GUESS WE'RE TWO OF A KIND!

“CHOKE— CAN'T LET HIM SEE MY TEARS—!”



AND THE NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT...

SURE YOU DON'T WANT TO JOIN US, LINDA?

A LOT OF GROOVY GUYS ARE IN THERE, JUST WAITING TO BE MET!

I'LL PASS THIS TIME! I'M NOT READY TO MEET SOMEONE ELSE--

NOT JUST YET--!





SUPER FE-MAIL

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Dear Editor:

I would like to comment on *SUPERGIRL #1*. It would have to be rated high on my all-time list of favorite comic-books. In "The Trail of the Madman," Supergirl uses her powers just enough without overdoing it (or not using them enough). Unfortunately, I think I found a mistake. On page 5, Wanda runs out of the School of Drama and Linda is standing there. But on page 11, when Wanda recalls that same scene, Linda is NOT there. Anyway, I like the way you handled the story; very exciting with LOTS of action. And the art was excellent. Great art, Art and Vince! Great story, Cary! And I liked the ZATANNA story . . . Please keep her in *SUPERGIRL* magazine. Keep up the good work, and I will be your fan forever!

—Gregory Bennett
Onancock, Va.

Dear Gregory:

Your comments on *SUPERGIRL #1* match mostly all the other letters. Everyone's happy to see the Maid of Might in her own book at last, and everyone also likes the way her adventures are being handled!

As for the "goof" you spotted, how can you possibly blame us because Wanda's thoughts aren't perfectly detailed?

—A.A.

Dear Editor:

AT LAST Supergirl has her own magazine! I'm glad you had her quit her job and return to school; I think it'll be more interesting having Linda become an actress, although I WAS hoping that maybe she'd get a job on the Daily Planet working with her cousin. But why don't you mention Mr. & Mrs. Danvers anymore?

Incidentally, my boyfriend (who's a *SUPERGIRL* fan) is always kidding me because my name is also Linda, and my last initial is "D!"

—Linda Deneroff
Bronx, New York City

Dear Linda:

We also think Linda's change to a drama student is a good thing. The Danvers have not been forgotten; though Linda is starting a new phase of her life, she will never forget the people who made her their daughter, any more than she will forget her true parents, Zor-El and Alura.

—A.A.

Dear Editor:

Supergirl #1 was just great! I can't wait to find out more about her roommates at Vandrye University. The ZATANNA story was great. I hope you keep her around for a long time. Why not have a story where she and Supergirl team up? And I can't resist

asking . . . who is the mysterious Wanda Five? Where does she come from?

—Billy Menzies
Hollywood, California

Dear Billy:

Now that *SUPERGIRL* and *ZATANNA* are sharing a book together, there's no reason why they can't team up sometime in the future. As for telling you about the Mysterious Wanda Five . . . If we told you about her, she wouldn't be mysterious any more, right?

—A.A.

Dear Editor:

Well, you told us we'd get a change, and we sure did! But isn't the plot somewhat reminiscent of an old Nancy Drew plot? And doesn't Wanda remind some of the older readers of Lena Thorul Colby? I like the idea of Supergirl becoming an actress, because at least THAT'S original. For Heaven's sake, change Linda's hair!

—Kari Smartt
Cupertino, California

Dear Kari:

I don't see the connection between *SUPERGIRL* and Nancy Drew. Why, there wasn't even one hidden staircase in the entire story! Wanda has E.S.P. in common with Lena, but it would be telling to say any more. The reason why we didn't change Linda's hairdo to any extreme, is because we feel there have been alterations in *SUPERGIRL'S* life-style, costume, plus her move into her own book. Finding herself with a new hairdo overnight might give her a super-nervous breakdown . . . You wouldn't want that to happen, would you?

—A.A.

Dear Editor:

I quit reading comic-books about a year ago. However, when *SUPERGIRL #1* came out, I had to buy it if only to see what was going on. I'm glad I did! If you're going to keep Wanda around, please refer to her abilities as "psi" instead of "E.S.P." "E.S.P." as a term is not very accurate, as far as parapsychology goes. On the whole, Wanda looks promising, though.

Zatanna is rapidly getting to the point that a lot of the all-powerful heroes are or were in. She is limited only by the normals she associates with, and not at all by herself.

—Diane Hardison
Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Diane:

Yes, *ZATANNA* is a pretty (in more ways than one) powerful character! As for Wanda's abilities, I think that E.S.P. is more widely known than Psi (if only because of T.V. and film usage of the term).

—A.A.

ZATANNA THE MAGICIAN in "THE ROCK OF REVENGE!"

ONE DAY, A RELAXING AND PEACEFUL AFTERNOON IN THE PARK IS ASTONISHINGLY INTERRUPTED BY...

DEAN -- WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO US?

I-I DON'T KNOW!
IS THE WORLD UPSIDE-
DOWN--OR US?

SIZZLING STARS! THAT
POOR FAMILY--!!

NEXT INSTANT, THE BEWITCHING
MAGICIAN KNOWN AS ZATANNA
WIELDS HER FANTASTIC BRAND
OF REAL MAGIC, AND...

SSARG NRUT
ELBAT
THGIRPU!*

WHEW! HOW-
EVER YOU PULLED
THAT TRICK--WE
THANK YOU, MISS--
WHOEVER YOU
ARE!

MY GUESS
IS SOMEONE
ELSE IN THE
PARK HAS
ALREADY
BEEN PULLING
TRICKS!

*ZATANNA NEED ONLY SPEAK
WORDS BACKWARD TO
MAGICALY MAKE WHAT
SHE SAYS COME TO PASS!

CAUTIOUSLY,
THE SAUCY
SORCERESS
EXPLORES
THE PARK--
UNAWARE
OF THE
NARROWED
EYES
WATCHING
HER...

A MOMENT
LATER...

IF I DIDN'T KNOW
BETTER, I'D SAY
THAT WAS KING
ARTHUR'S
ENCHANTED
SWORD,
EXCALIBUR!

BUT IT
CAN'T
BE--
CAN IT?

ZATANNA! - I
SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
IT WAS HER!

THAT MEDDLING MAGICIAN
SPOILED MY LITTLE PRANK...
BUT I'LL GET EVEN...

FASCINATED, ZATANNA RECALLS THE FAMOUS
STORY-- HOW EVERY KNIGHT THROUGHOUT ANCIENT
ENGLAND TRIED REMOVING THE HANDSOME SWORD...

BUT NO ONE COULD BUDGE EXCALIBUR,
SAVE THE YOUNG FUTURE KING IT WAS
DESTINED FOR-- ARTHUR!

I KNOW IT'S FAR-FETCHED...
BUT MY CURIOSITY HAS THE
BETTER OF ME! I MUST
FIND OUT IF THIS IS INDEED
ARTHUR'S ENCHANTED
SWORD!

WITHOUT WARNING, THE
SPLIT-INSTANT ZATANNA'S
HAND TOUCHES THE
GLEAMING HANDLE...

WH--WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO ME?!

THE NEXT MOMENT...

IMPOSSIBLE! THE SWORD HAS DISAPPEARED-- AND NOW I'M STUCK IN THE STONE INSTEAD!

CAN'T BUDGE--!

YOU'LL NEVER BUDGE-- YOU TROUBLE-MAKING WENCH!

MERBA THE SORCERER! YOU WERE BANNED FROM THIS CITY AFTER YOUR LAST PERFORMANCE ENDANGERED AN AUDIENCE!

RUBBISH! I WAS SIMPLY PRACTICING A FEW HARMLESS STUNTS IN THE PARK WHEN YOU CAME ALONG AND RUINED EVERYTHING!

IN CASE YOU DIDN'T KNOW-- I'M A DIRECT DESCENDANT OF THE MOST FAMOUS SORCERER OF ALL-- MERLIN!

I SPIRITED THIS BEWITCHED ROCK FROM KING ARTHUR'S COURT MANY CENTURIES AGO, WHERE MERLIN PRACTICED!

THE SWORD YOU SAW WAS MERELY AN ILLUSION TO LURE YOU IN!

AND BELIEVE ME, YOU'RE "IN" FOREVER! NOT EVEN YOUR MAGIC CAN COUNTERACT A SPELL OF MERLIN'S!

FAREWELL, ZATANNA! THAT ROCK IS NOW YOUR "LIVING TOMBSTONE"!

MAYBE ONE OF MY DESCENDANTS WILL CHECK UP ON YOU IN A FEW CENTURIES!

YOU'LL ANSWER FOR THIS, MERBA! THAT'S A PROMISE!

THE SOUND OF MOCKING LAUGHTER IS CARRIED AWAY ON THE WIND, LEAVING THE ENTRAPPED ZATANNA ALONE WITH HER GRIM FATE ...

I'M CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS SITTING DOWN...OR SHOULD I SAY STANDING UP?

DUOLC, DNEL
EM A DNAH!

NO GO! THE CLOUD-WRAITH I CREATED DRIFTED APART AS SOON AS IT TOUCHED ME!

HAVE TO TRY ANOTHER TACTIC!

DISMAYED BUT UNDAUNTED, THE FEMALE WIZARD WHIPS UP ONE SPELL AFTER ANOTHER ...

DNUORG
HTAENREONU
EM RAEPPASID!

BUT NONE OF HER INCANTATIONS CAN CRACK THE SORCERY BASED ON MERLIN'S MAGIC ...

SLLIRD DNA
SREMMAH--TEG
EM TUO!

FINALLY,
AFTER
EXHAUSTING
ALMOST
ALL HER
MAGICAL
RESOURCES...

NOTHING SEEMS TO WORK! MERBA'S CURSED TRICK HAS MADE ME A "LIVING SWORD"-- STUCK IN THIS STONE AS FIRMLY AS EXCALIBUR ONCE WAS!

IF ONLY KING ARTHUR WERE STILL AROUND--!

WAIT A MINUTE!
THAT'S THE ANSWER!

EVEN THOUGH ARTHUR LIVED AND DIED AGES AGO...HE MIGHT STILL BE MY ONE TICKET OUT OF HERE!

READER--MATCH WITS WITH ZATANNA AND SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT SHE'S PLANNING!

A MOMENT LATER, THE PRINCESS OF MAGIC SENDS FORTH A PHANTOM LOOK-ALIKE...

ETACILPUD ANNATAZ, ESR HTROF!

I'M PROJECTING MY ASTRAL SPIRIT-FORM OUT OF MY BODY, SO IT CAN SEARCH THE ENDS OF THE EARTH FOR THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP ME!

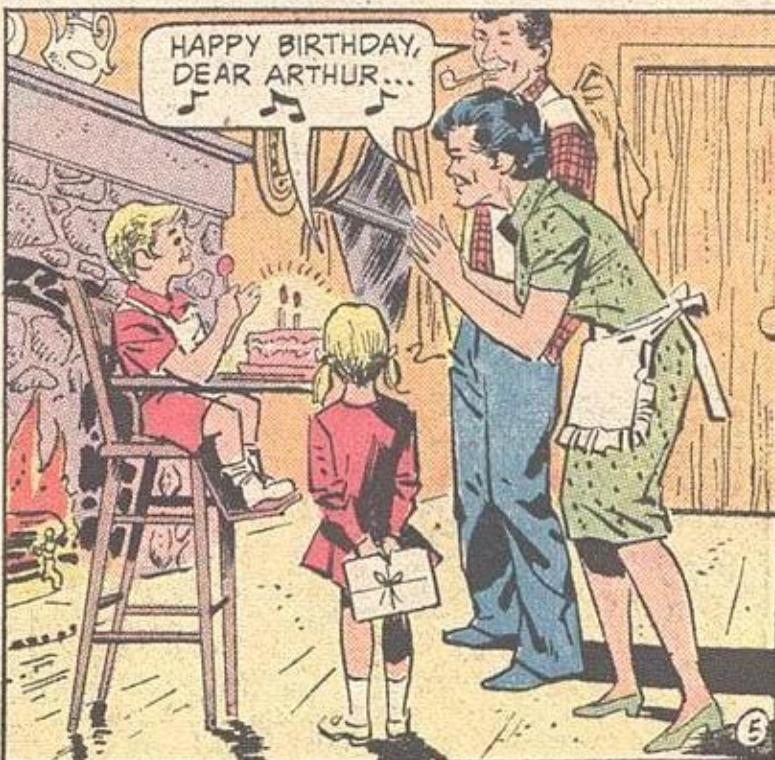
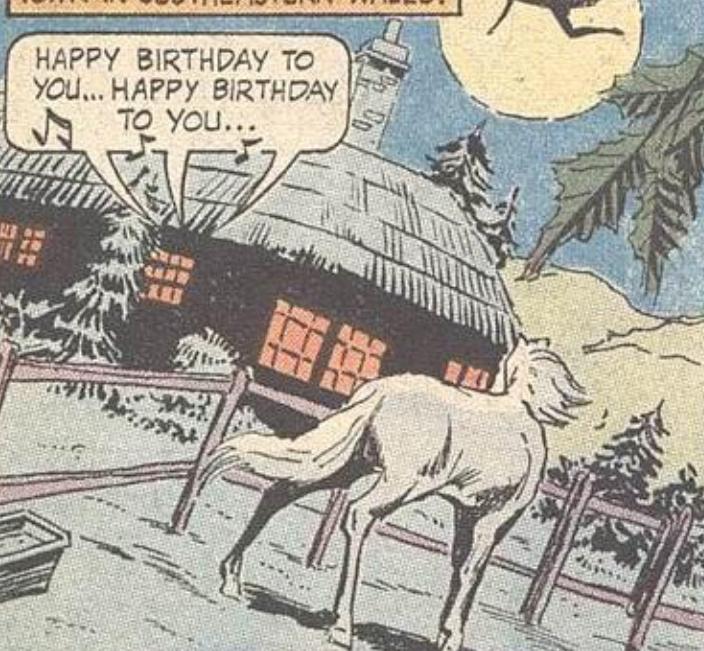
MYSTICALLY SCANNING MILLIONS OF FACES, THOUSANDS OF LOCALES--THE ASTRAL ZATANNA SWEEPS OVER THE GLOBE IN A MATTER OF MINUTES...

...SEEKING, ALWAYS SEEKING, CONDUCTING THE MOST FANTASTIC MANHUNT OF ALL TIME!

UNTIL FINALLY, THE PHANTOM COMES TO REST OVER A SMALL TOWN IN SOUTHEASTERN WALES!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR ARTHUR...



STARTLINGLY...

WHERE'S
ARTHUR?

H-HE JUST
V-VANISHED!

IT CAN'T
BE!

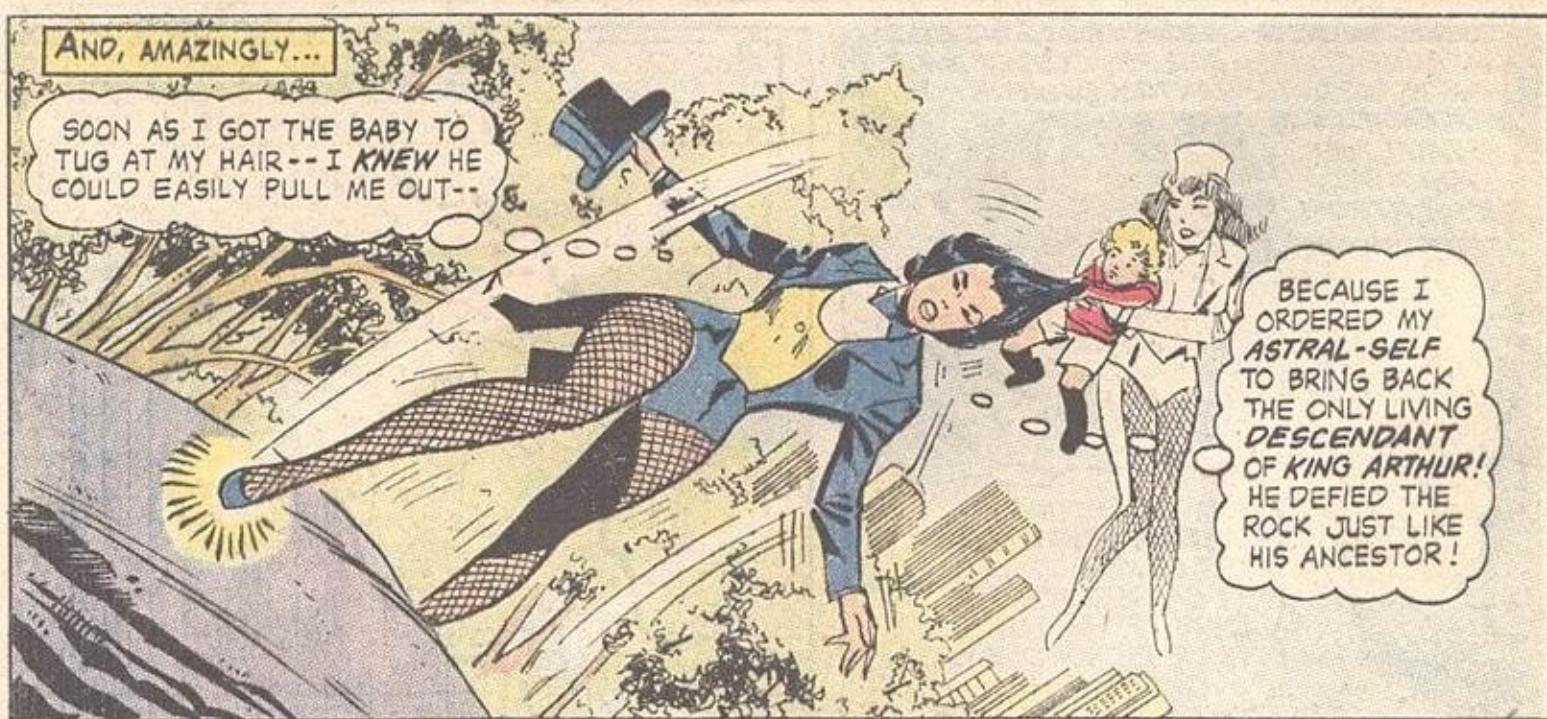
MEANWHILE, AFTER BEING SPIRITED ACROSS THE
OCEAN TO A CERTAIN GRASSY PARK...



AND, AMAZINGLY...

SOON AS I GOT THE BABY TO
TUG AT MY HAIR -- I KNEW HE
COULD EASILY PULL ME OUT --

BECAUSE I
ORDERED MY
ASTRAL-SELF
TO BRING BACK
THE ONLY LIVING
DESCENDANT
OF KING ARTHUR!
HE DEFIED THE
ROCK JUST LIKE
HIS ANCESTOR!



As the saucy sorceress merges with
her phantom double ...

I'VE GOT A SCORE
TO SETTLE WITH
THAT RENEGADE
MAGICIAN, MERBA --

BUT FIRST,
LITTLE
ARTHUR
GETS A
FIRST CLASS
TRIP
BACK TO
WALES!

Soon, ZATANNA JOINS THE INFANT'S FAMILY--
AND HELPS CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY FIT FOR A
KING ...

...HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR
ARTHUR--HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO YOU! ♫ ♫

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NI
DIM-RIA!

