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# SUPERGIRL & LAGOON BOY!



## WATER-WHIRLED!

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It's so dark...so silent...I never realized before...

It's like a tomb.

My tomb.



Where am I?  
How did I come to this?



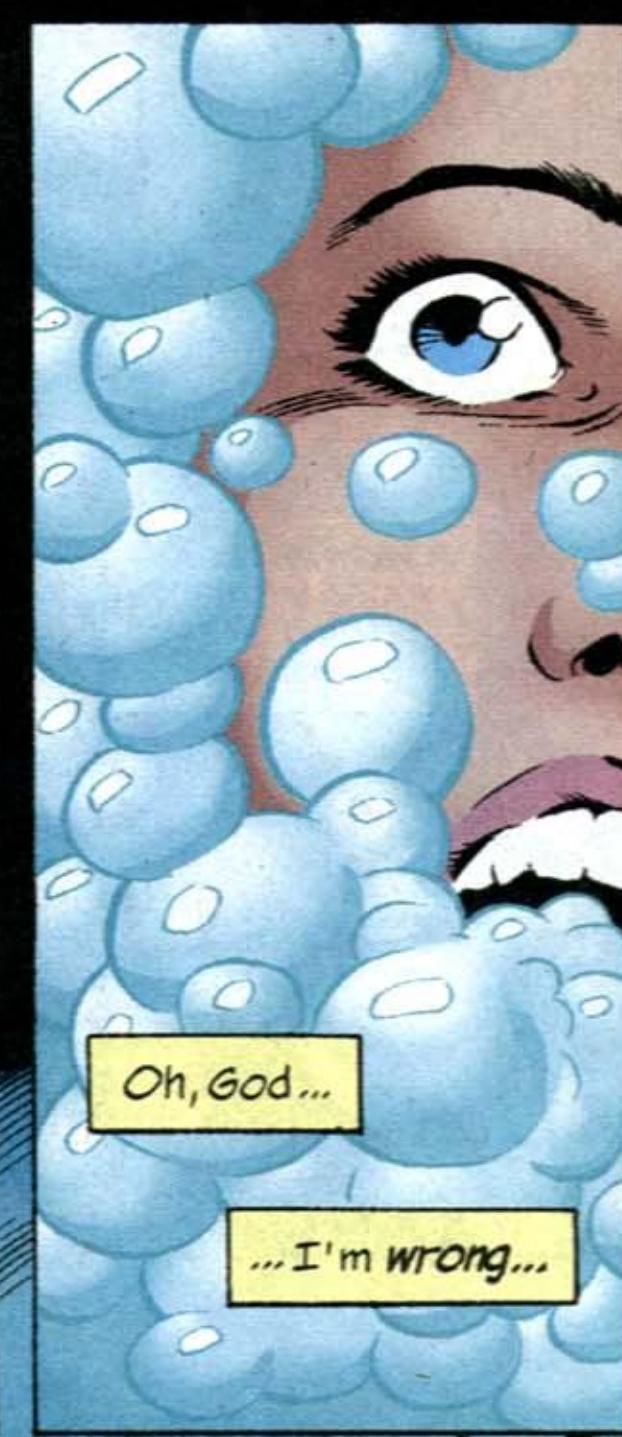
So I don't have to worry about this at all. Nope. Not one bit.

Am I dreaming this?

Yeah... yeah, that's probably it.

Why...any moment now, I'll be waking up.

Annnny minute now...



Oh, God...

...I'm wrong...



Got to... get out of here...

What...are those things...? Monsters... creatures...can't exist...can't...



# DEEP SOUL RISING

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I DON'T  
WANNA  
DIE!

HUH?!

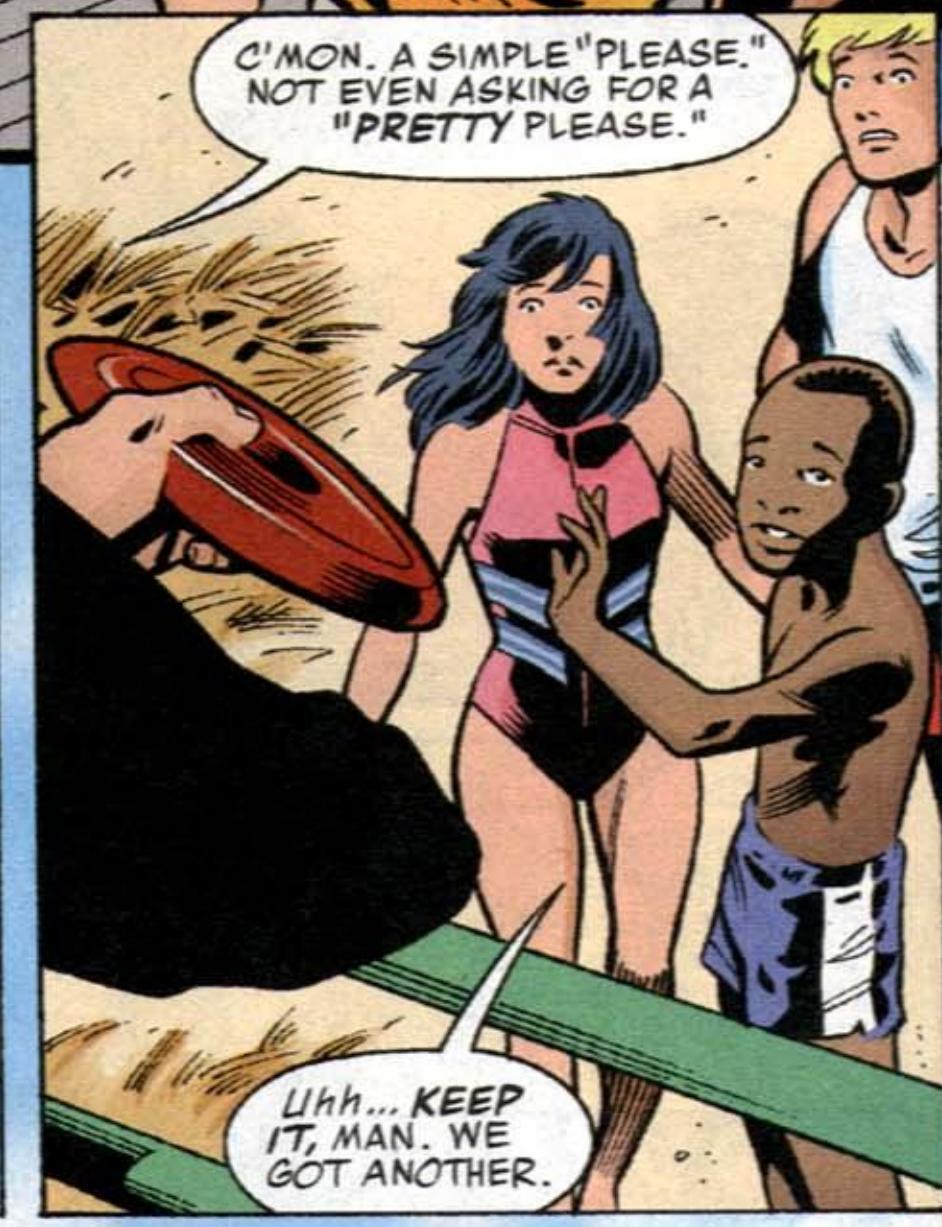
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BLOODY MARVELOUS.  
WHEN I WAS A FULL-FLEDGED DEMON,  
PEOPLE DIDN'T RUN AWAY. NOW I'M MORTAL, LOOK  
WHAT HAPPENS.

AND I'VE GOT LITTLE LINDA TO THANK FOR IT. IF SHE'D TAKEN MY SIDE, I WOULDN'T HAVE WOUND UP IN THE JAIL CELL WITH THE CRETINS WHO DID THIS TO ME.

OH, YES... DEFINITELY HAVE TO THANK LINDA. THANK HER EVER SO MUCH.

>KOFF-KOFF!<

WUNK

OW!  
STUPID PIECE OF PLASTIC...

HEY! IS SOMEONE UNDER THERE? CAN I HAVE MY FRISBEE BA--?

AW, MAN! FORGET IT! ATLANTIC CITY'S GONE STRAIGHT TO THE FREAKS, DUDE!

YOU GOT THAT RIGHT!

BUT... BUT DON'T YOU WANT YOUR...?

HUH. WONDER WHAT THEIR PROBLEM IS?

# ATLANTIC CITY

BAR & GRILL

WELL, WELL...

...IT'S  
BEEN A WHILE.  
LONDON, I SEEM  
TO RECALL, WASN'T  
IT?

I DOUBT IT,  
SWEETHEART. HAVEN'T BEEN  
TO LONDON SINCE BEFORE YOU  
WERE BORN, I'D IMAGINE. SO  
WHY NOT PEDDLER YOUR PAPERS  
TO SOMEBODY WHO MIGHT BE  
MORE INTERESTED IN WHAT-  
EVER YOU HAVE TO SELL.

HELLO, MARCUS.  
OR DO YOU PREFER  
"BUZZ" THESE  
DAYS?

TWILIGHT!

GIVE US A  
KISS, MOLLY LOVE,  
IF YOU CAN STAND  
THIS UGLY MUG.

OFFER A  
LADY A  
CHAIR?

Huh...?

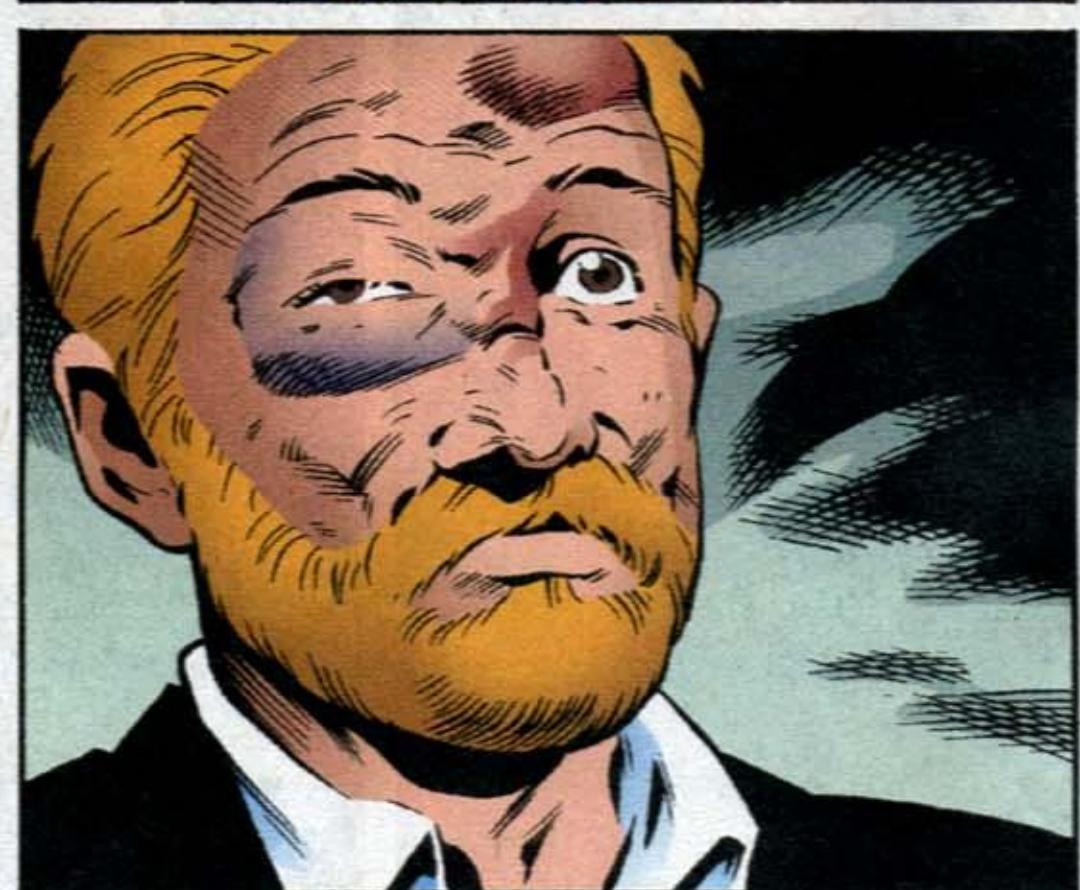
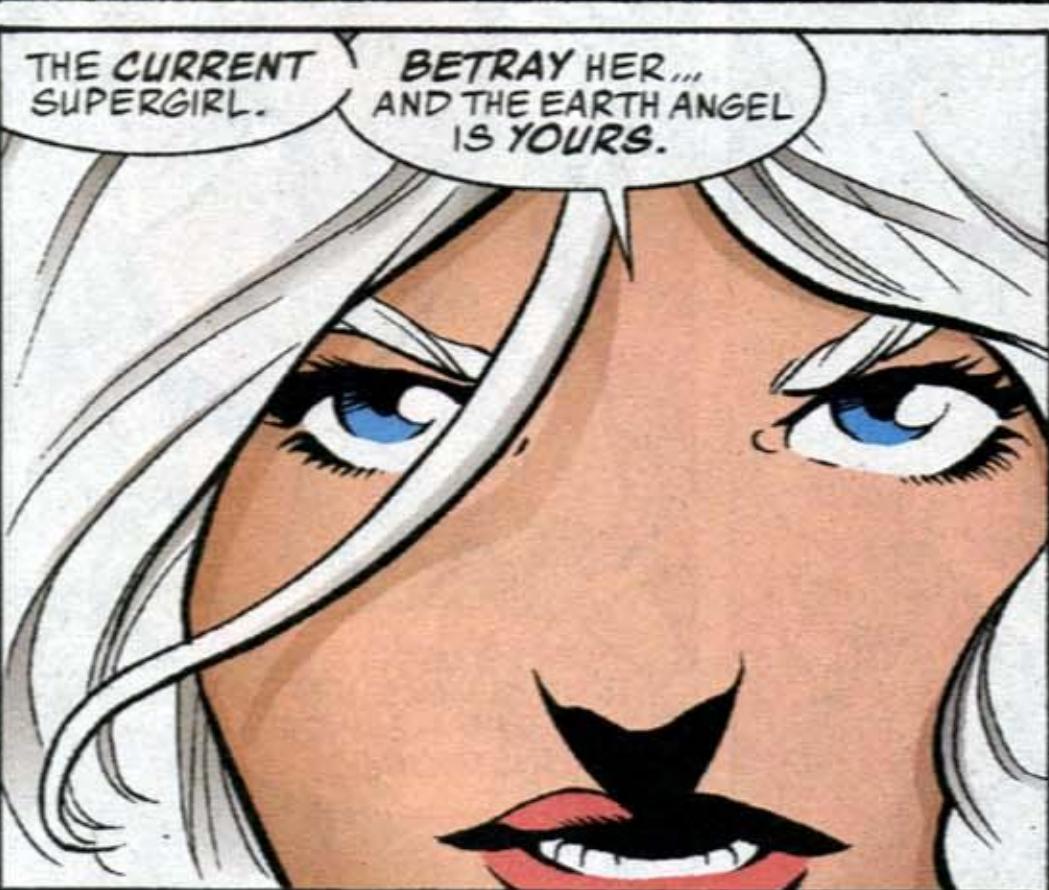
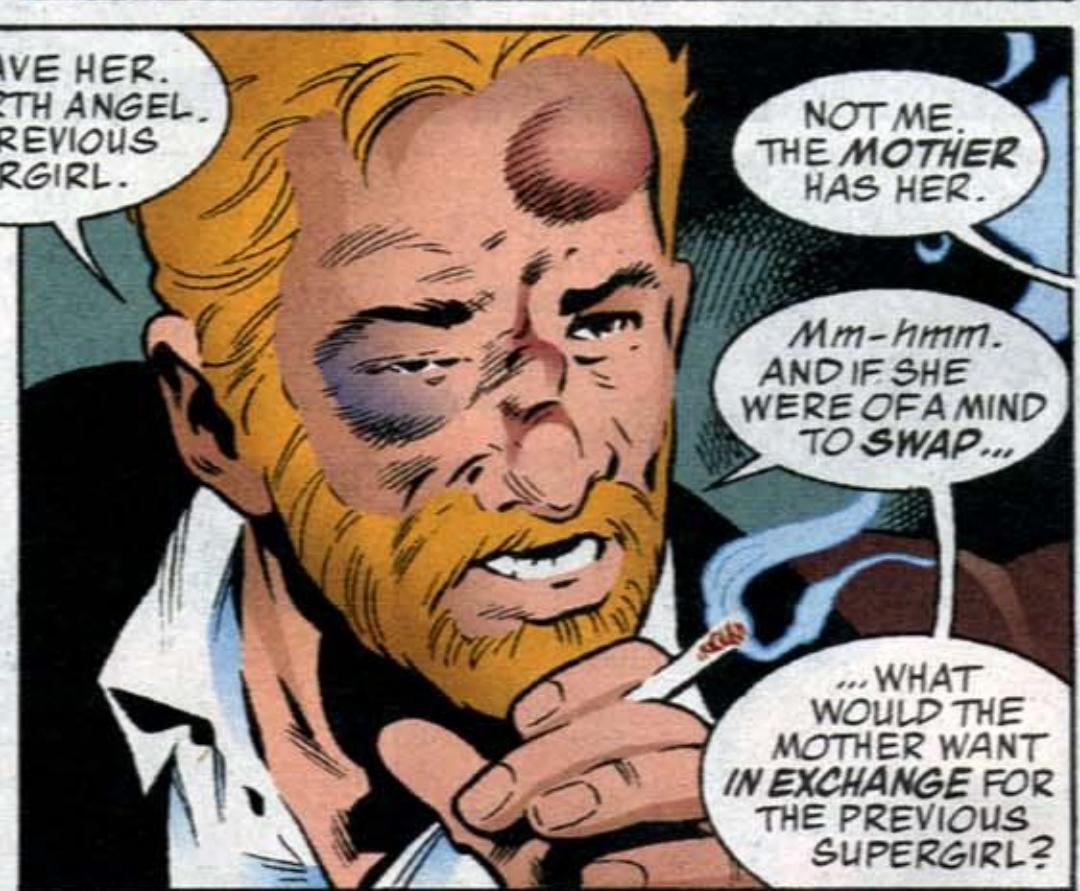
BLOODY  
HELL!

I CAN  
DEAL WITH  
IT.

A LADY?  
NO. FOR YOU?  
ANYTHING.



I'M WORKING FOR THE MOTHER NOW.



I can't get over it.  
She shunted. She...

...maybe she even  
has wings!

But the Bizarro  
Supergirl was cloned  
from me, according  
to Buzz. She didn't  
have anything in me  
that wasn't there.  
SO...

Like I  
used to  
have.

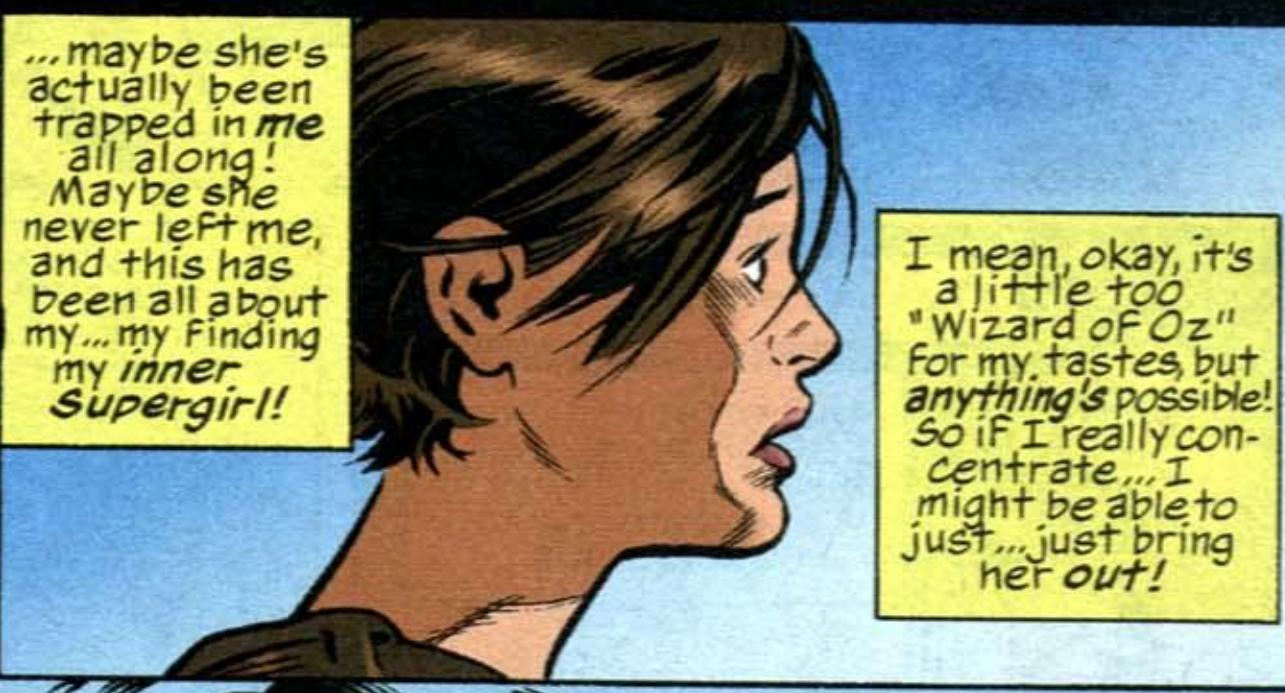
...maybe she's  
actually been  
trapped in me  
all along!  
Maybe she  
never left me,  
and this has  
been all about  
my... my finding  
my inner  
Supergirl!

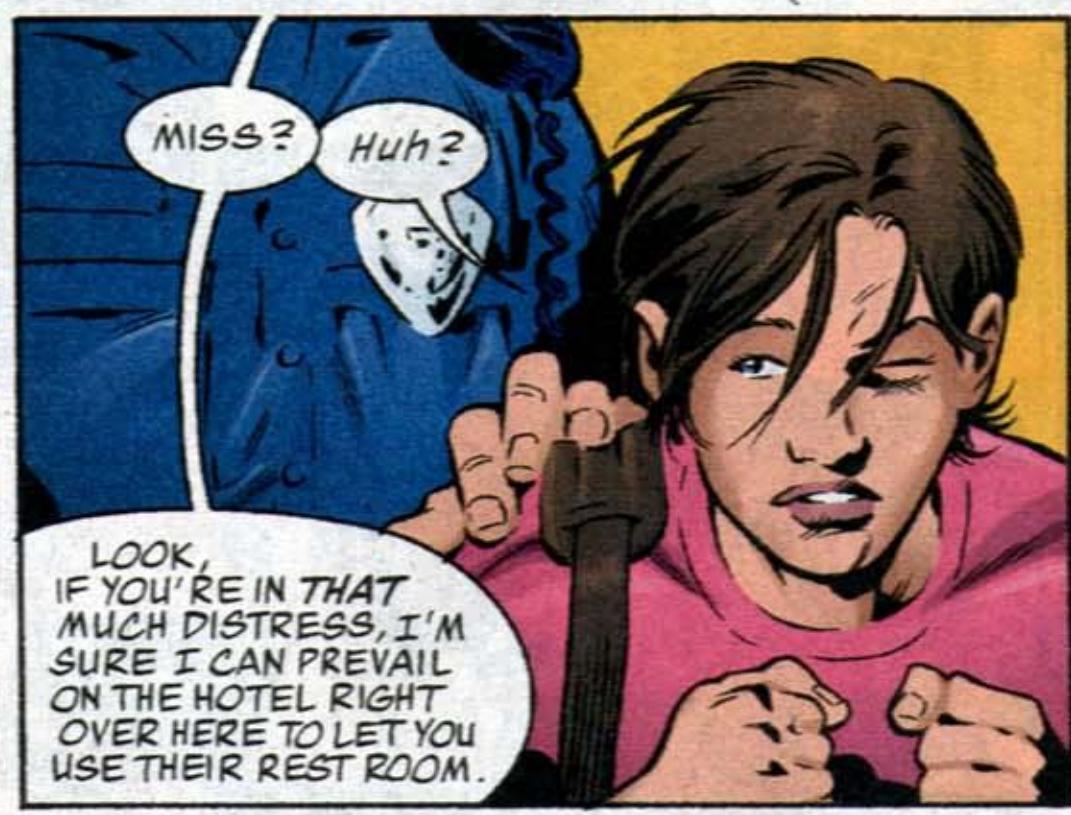
I mean, okay, it's  
a little too  
"Wizard of Oz"  
for my tastes, but  
anything's possible!  
So if I really con-  
centrate... I  
might be able to  
just... just bring  
her out!

UNHH!  
UNHHHH!

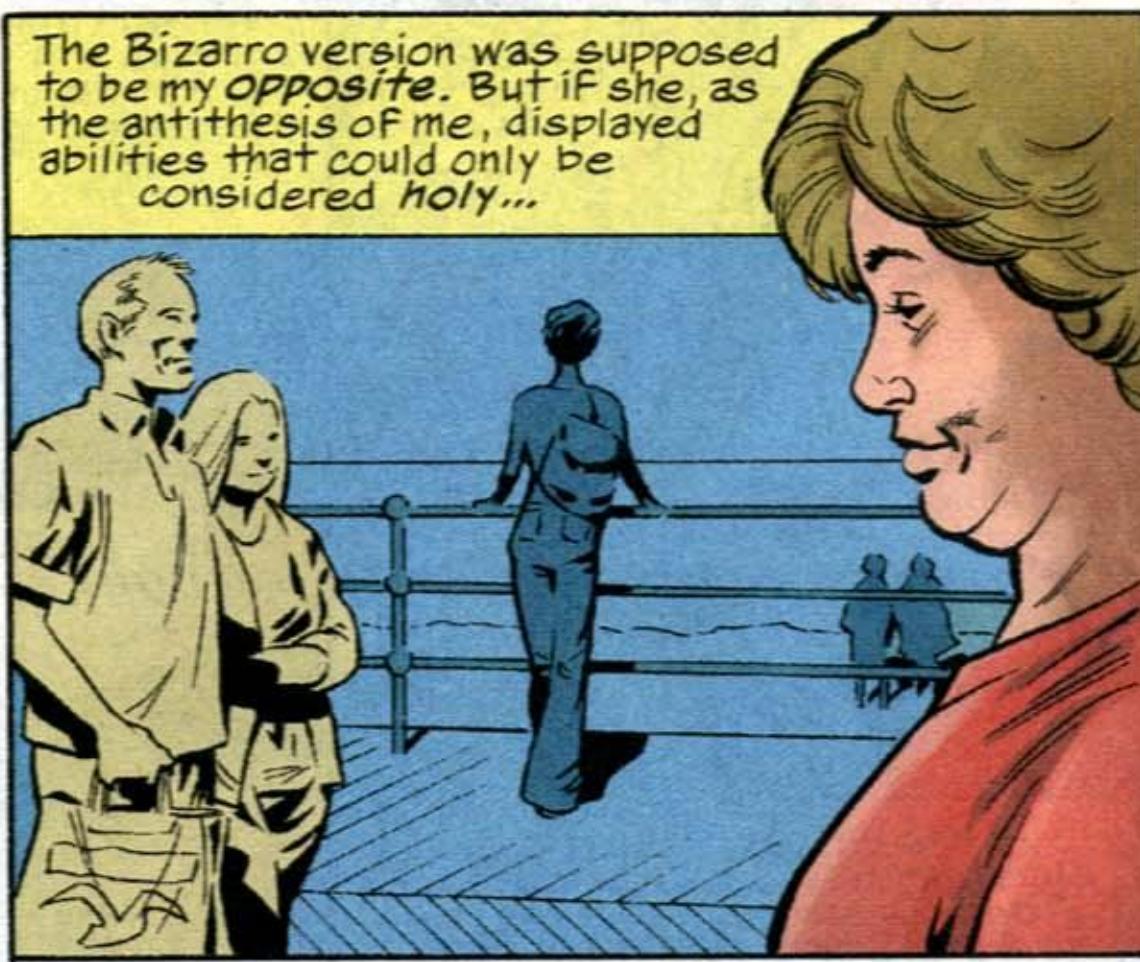
C'mon, Supergirl! I... I  
know you're in there! Just...  
C'mon out, Big Blue! With  
the wings and the Flame  
vision and everything!

Come out,  
come out,  
wherever  
you are!





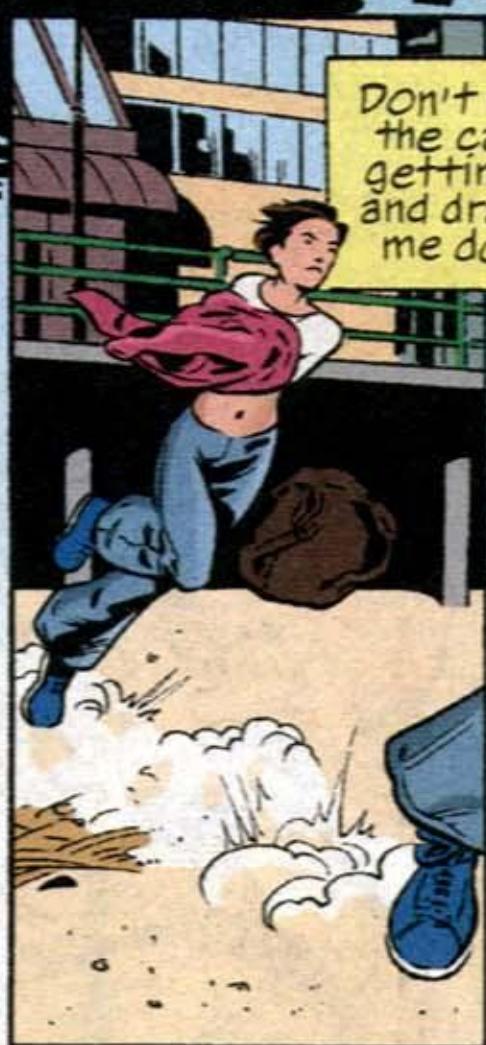
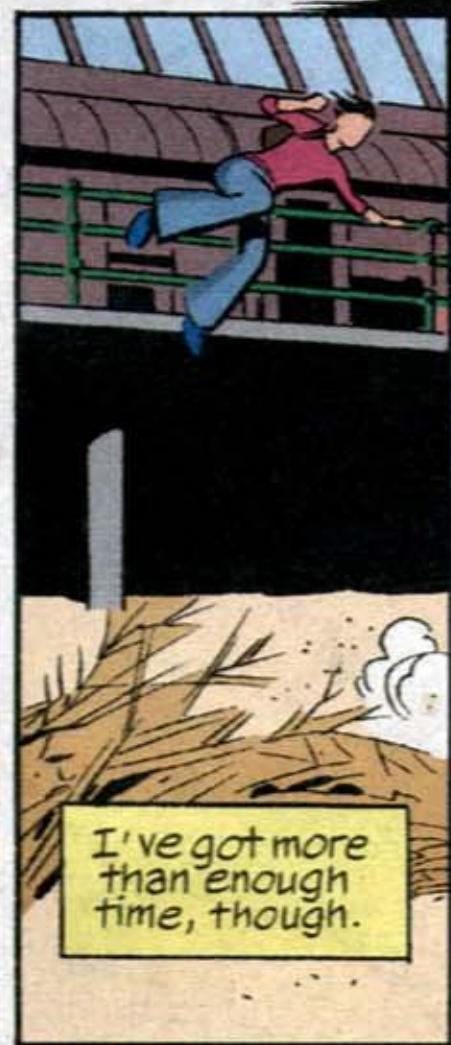
LOOK,  
IF YOU'RE IN THAT  
MUCH DISTRESS, I'M  
SURE I CAN PREVAIL  
ON THE HOTEL RIGHT  
OVER HERE TO LET YOU  
USE THEIR REST ROOM.



Oh, no.



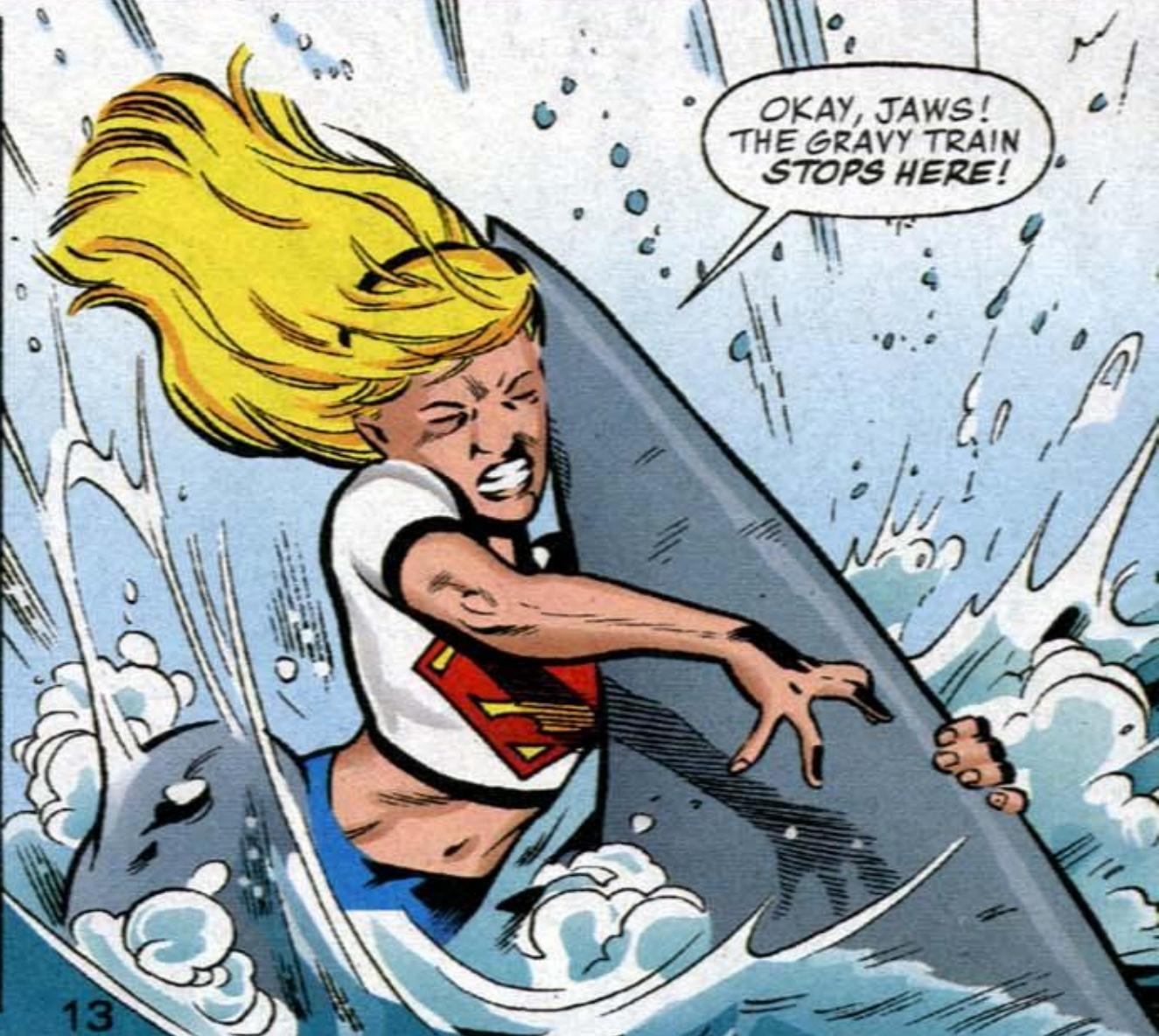
Oh, my God, no.



I've got more than enough time, though.

Don't need the cape getting wet and dragging me down...

...and the boots would just get trashed.



Huh?

WHERE'S ITS  
HEAD? HOW LONG  
IS THIS THING,  
ANYWA--?

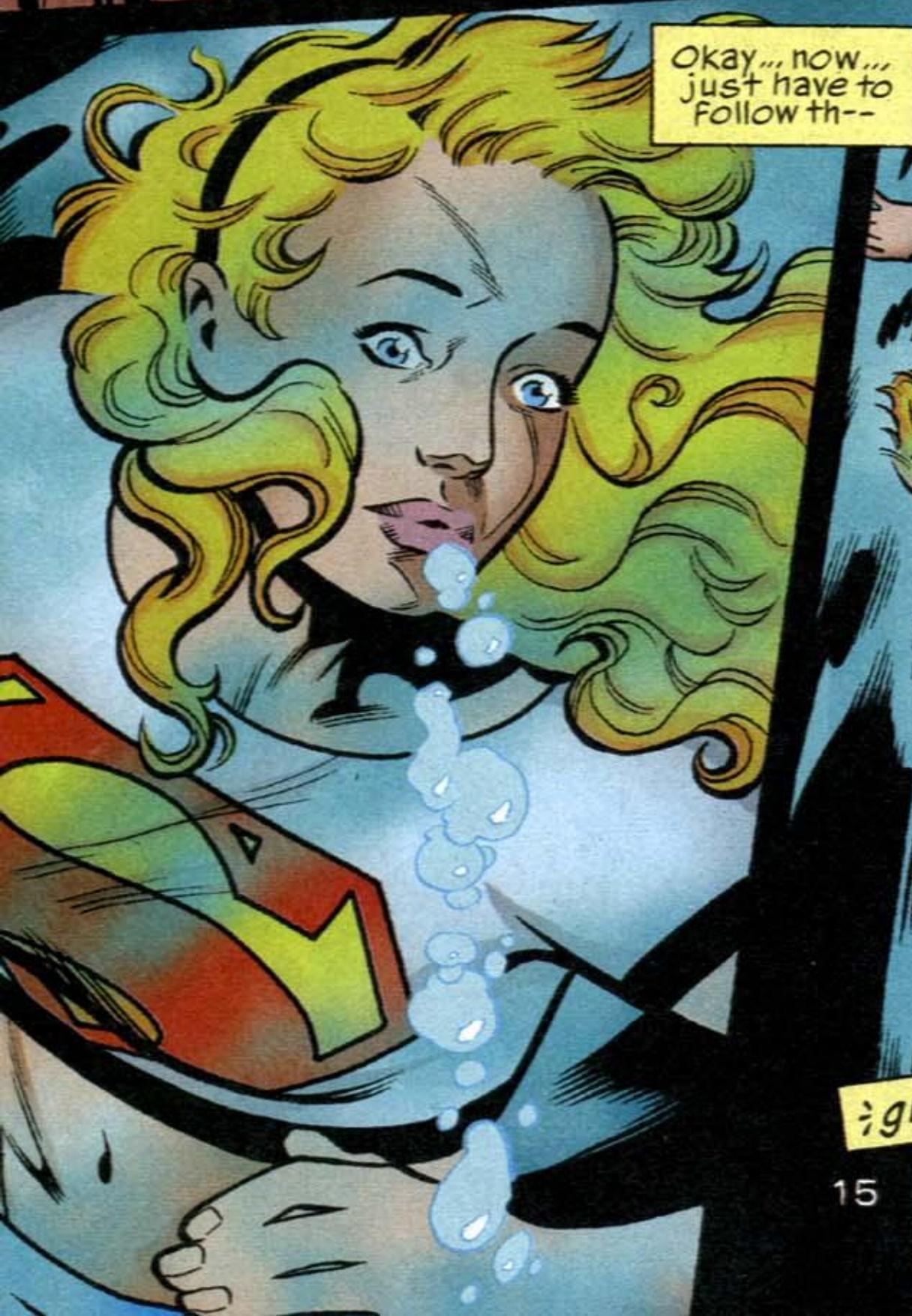
MOTHER  
OF GOD...

OH, THERE'RE  
MOTHERS  
INVOLVED, ALL  
RIGHT...

...BUT  
NOT THAT  
ONE!

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA





Made me...take  
in water...

...no time...  
drowning...

Oh, God...  
here she  
comes again...

Stupid...stupid  
way to die...no  
reason...don't...

...don't  
understand...

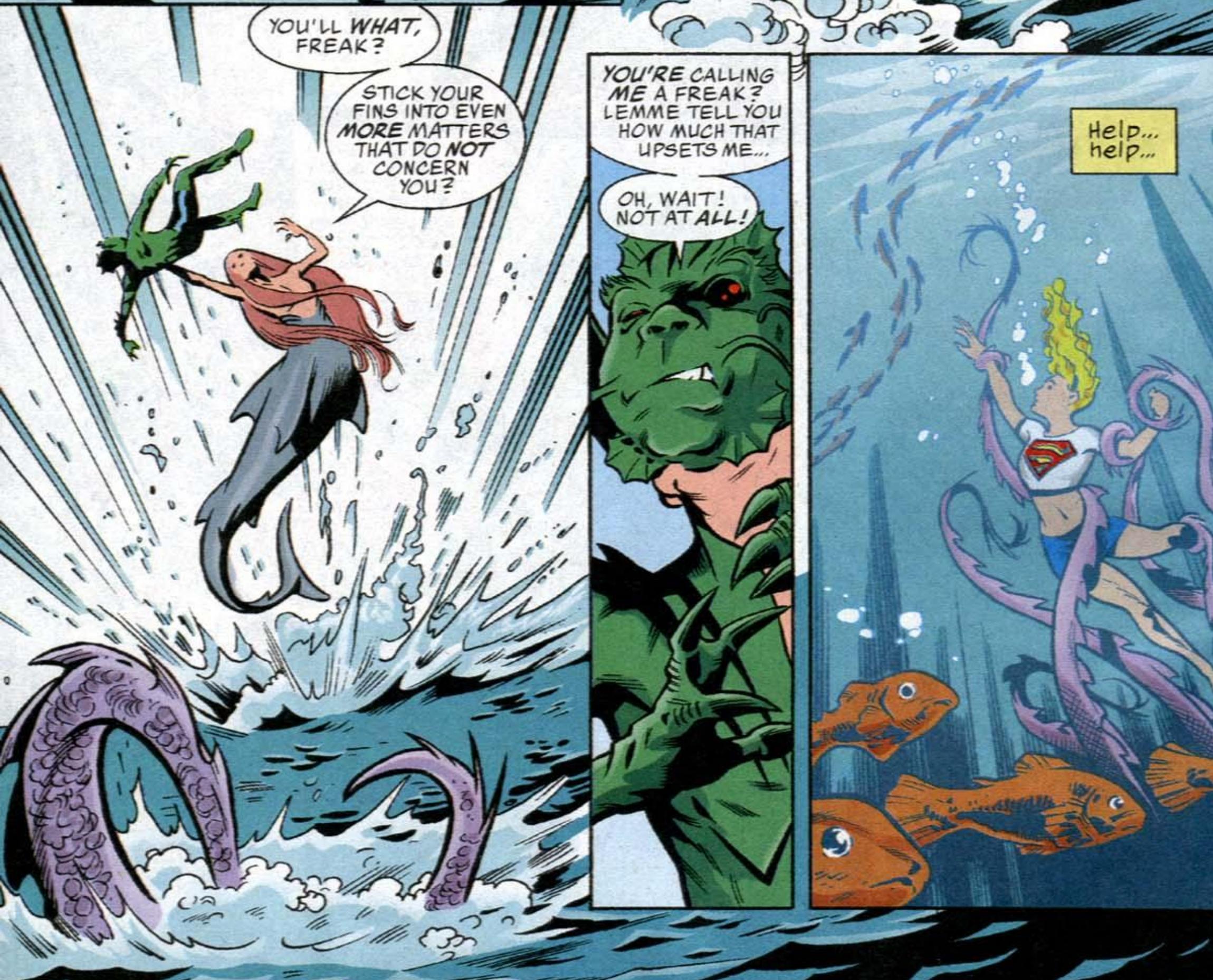
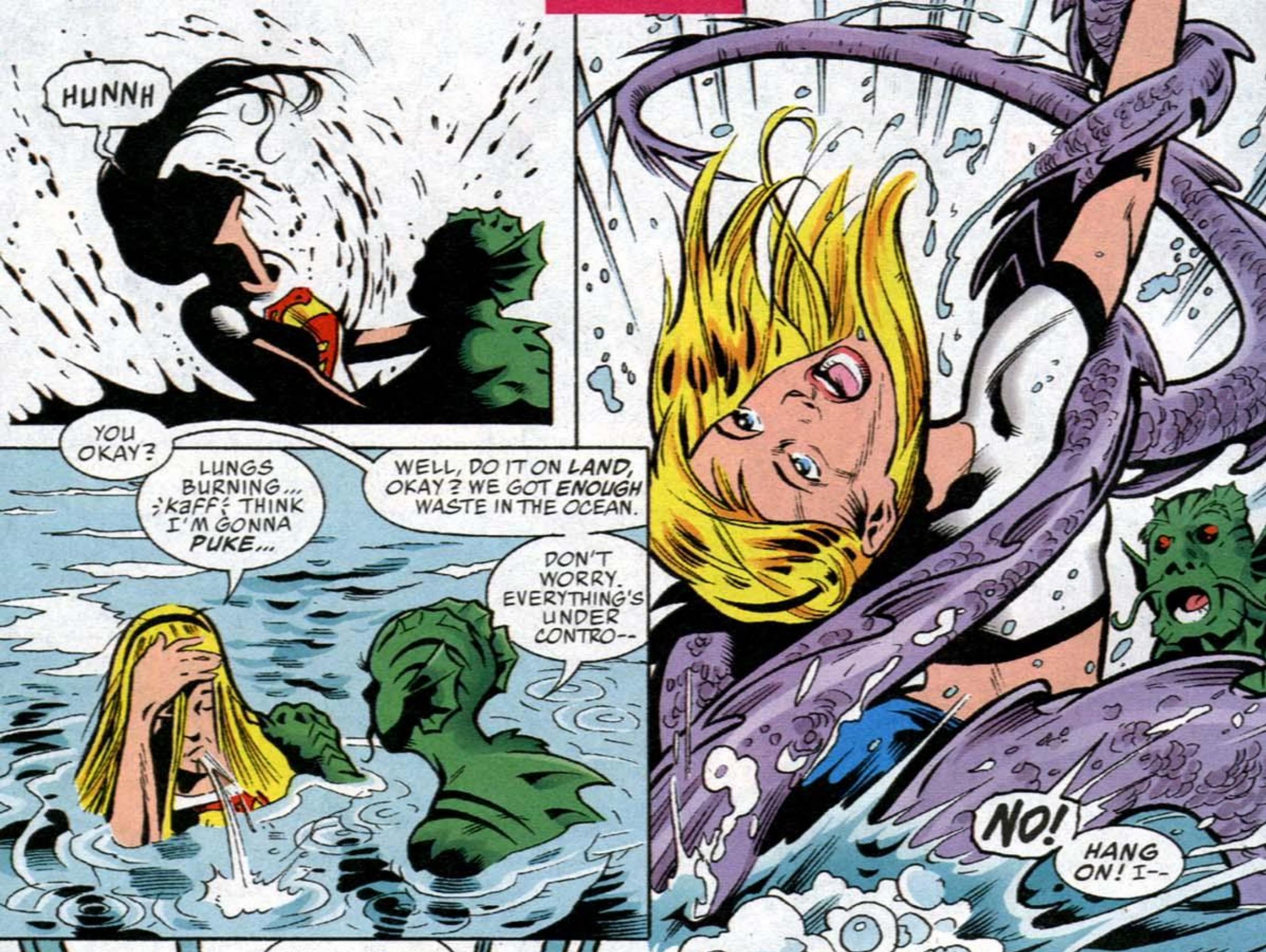
Wha--?

GOING  
UP?

I WOULDN'T  
SHOUT OUT "LAGOON  
BOY!" IN SURPRISE  
RIGHT ABOUT NOW,  
'CAUSE I DON'T THINK  
YOU'VE GOT THE EXTRA  
BREATH FOR IT!

OKAY,  
HOLD  
ON...

...WE'LL BE  
ON THE SURFACE  
IN NO TIME...  
WHICH IS JUST  
ABOUT HOW MUCH  
TIME I THINK  
YOU'VE GOT  
LEFT!





I KNOW  
THIS IS A DIFFICULT  
DECISION, BUZZ. SOUL-  
WRENCHING, TUGGING THE  
HEART STRINGS. TAKE  
AS MUCH TIME TO--

...deep trouble, in every sense of the word.

Yes! Hah! That did it!

But I think... I can--

I think I heard it scream. Good! Suffer, you overgrown sushi! You... you big--

MONSTER!

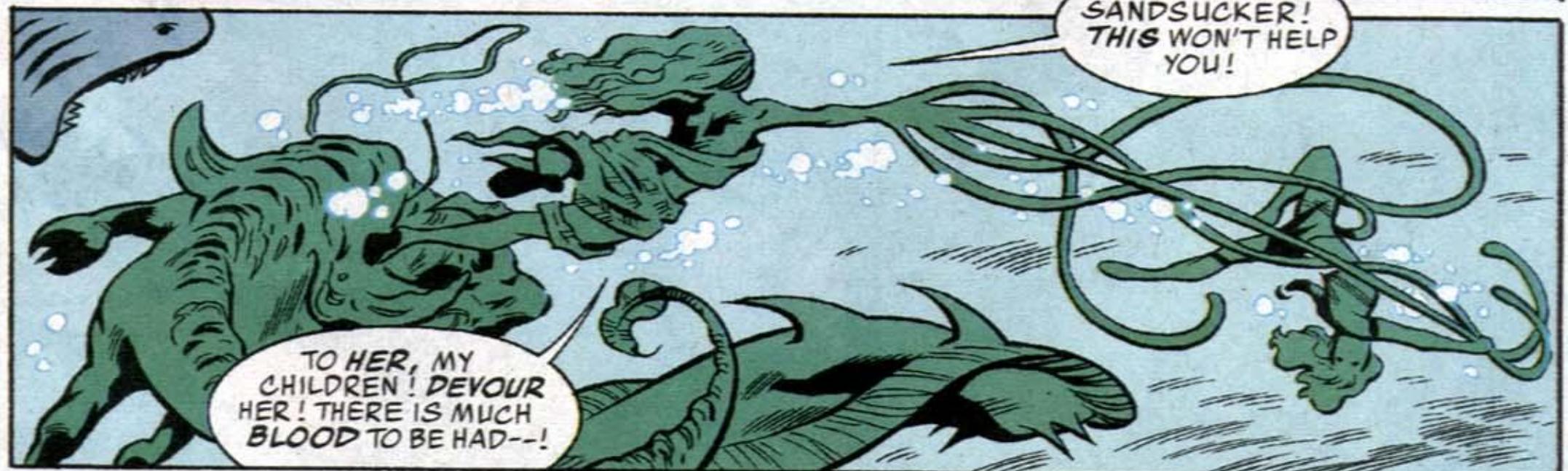
YOU DARE HURT ONE OF MY CHILDREN LIKE THAT?! YOU DARE ABUSE THE SPAWN OF NULIAJUK, MOTHER OF MONSTERS!

THE MOTHER OF DEMONS CONSCRIPTED MY AID! I GAVE IT UNWILLINGLY!

Kee-ripes!

BUT NOW, SANDSUCKER... NOW YOU HAVE MADE IT VERY PERSONAL, INDEED!

Their bites aren't hurting me... but they're sure slowing me down...





YOU GOT SOME KNACK FOR MAKING ENEMIES, SUPERGIRL. DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THAT WAS?

SHE SAID... NEWLY UPCHICK OR SOMETHING?

NULIAJUK, THE MOTHER OF MONSTERS. SHE'S, LIKE, AN INUIT DEMON GODDESS. I'VE NEVER KNOWN HER TO WANDER THIS FAR SOUTH BEFORE.



SHE SAID SHE'D BEEN "CONSCRIPTED."

THAT'S ME. MAKING FRIENDS EVERYWHERE.

WILL YOU BE OKAY?

I'M SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT... YOU KNOW...

AQUAMAN? YEAH.

HIM BEING GONE... DOESN'T SEEM REAL TO ME YET. WEIRD.

ACTUALLY... BELIEVE IT OR NOT... I HAD A DREAM, CLEAR AS WATER... THAT I SHOULD COME HERE. THAT YOU'D NEED HELP.

GET OUT! REALLY?



YOU MEAN, LIKE, DRAFTED? ANYONE HIGH ENOUGH UP ON THE FOOD CHAIN TO DRAFT HER IS... WOW. YOU MUST BE MAKING A MAJOR PLAYER PRETTY NERVOUS.

YEAH, SURE. I'LL STAY OUT OF HER WAY.

SPEAKING OF WEIRD... WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? WAS IT COINCIDENCE--?

YOU MIGHT HAVE ENEMIES IN HIGH PLACES, SUPERGIRL...

"BUT IT SEEMS YOU HAVE SOME STRONG ALLIES AS WELL."

OUR LITTLE SWIMMER'S KICKING UP A STORM! I THINK HE'S HAPPY ABOUT SOMETHING!

THAT'S SO YOU, SYLVIA... ALWAYS HAYE TO HAVE A REASON FOR EVERYTHING.



Dear Mike (re SUPERGIRL #59):

This prelude to "Our Worlds At War" has definitely kept me at the edge of my seat, in anticipation of what's to come in the following issues. Peter David continues to astound me. I loved the scene outside the hospital, with Supergirl laughing at injury. The humor in the beginning of this issue was definitely refreshing. It was also nice to see some traces of piousness (not to mention his conscience) returning to Buzz; underneath it all, I know he's still a good guy. You just need to dig deep

for it—really deep. And yet, the poor guy never really does win, does he?

Great issue, great art. Not too much of a prelude, but it definitely works for me. And I hope the Kents are all right.

MAE-ANGEL

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Thanks, Mae. We now know Ma Kent's OK, but Pa...well, check out the Superman titles for further developments.



Dear SUPERGIRL:

Everything Peter David touches turns to gold. In SUPERGIRL #59, we have an alien bomb that fell on Dorothy's beautiful Kansas. From the dastardly to just pure human evil, as I watched the helpless, pinned-down Linda Petruska begging for assistance and instead getting robbed. Linda is truly having a bad day!

I love Supergirl's outfit and hope she keeps it. I'm talking about the white blouse and the cool blue jeans. She's never looked better. Supergirl not only looks good, but she knows

how to handle those rifle-totin' townsfolk with flair and grace! Yep, this was definitely a very exciting issue. I couldn't have been happier!

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Really, Paul? Not even after seeing Supergirl's cheerleader look in issue #62? It sure had us cheerin'! Rah! Rah! Shish-boom-bah!...



Dear Editor:

Though the remaining supporters of ol' Doc Wertham might raise a collective singed eyebrow over such behavior, I'd like to thank Buzz (and, by extension, Peter David) for demonstrating, perhaps, the only good use for a lit cigarette, on page 16 of SUPERGIRL #59!

If someone doesn't already hold a patent on "Thug's Eye Ashtrays," Buzz might actually do well for himself as a mortal.

JOE TORCIVIA  
WESTBURY, NY

If you've read the past several issues following issue #59, Joe, you'll know it may be a long while before Buzz "butts" into any more mortal affairs.



Dear Mike:

I loved SUPERGIRL #59. It truly felt like Supergirl woke up in the aftermath of a disaster area; I loved the fact that even though she survived the big blast, she didn't just walk away from it as fresh as a daisy.

The tragedy almost brought out the best in ol' Buzz; too bad he got fingered for a crime he didn't commit. The real kicker was that Supergirl just left him to the cops! Not very heroic of her, but understandable. I shouldn't feel too bad for him...though I get the feeling I won't be saying that next month.

PHILLIP POTTER  
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Even the best of us can fail people, Phillip, and like you said, it's understandable why Supergirl dissed Buzz. After all, he did kinda sacrifice Linda Danvers to his dark master, not

to mention torturing her boyfriend, Dick Malverne. That said, who thinks they're even-steven now?

Dear DC:

SUPERGIRL #59 was good, though not great. Buzz had a lot of good lines, and it was nice to see him—after much protest—do the right thing, even if it didn't turn out too good for him in the long run. I can't say I like the prospect of Buzz reverting to his old ways, as it seems he'll be doing, judging by a preview of issue #62. I guess we'll have to see.

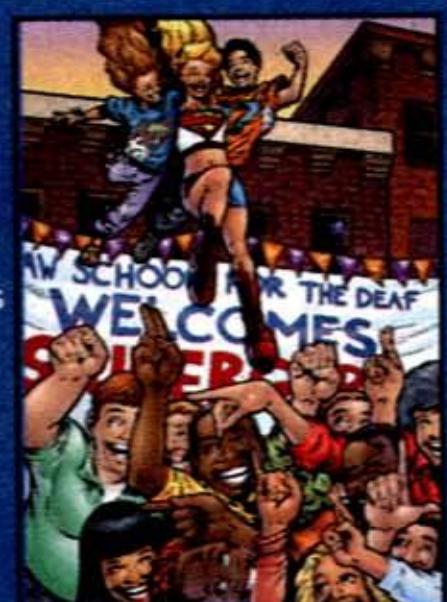
Are we gonna see the old supporting cast next month? It sounds more like the story will be about her chasing down a probe and not ever really setting foot in Leesburg...but I'm hoping she actually interacts with everyone again. What was the point of setting up such a great supporting cast to just throw them away without any closure?

ABDULLAH

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If you read issue #60, Abdullah, you'll know that Supergirl actually did set foot in Leesburg and caught up with several members of the supporting cast. And yes, you're right—there really wasn't too much closure, was there? Perhaps it's because we're not quite done with 'em...?

—Mike McAvennie  
Alludes to nothing.



## NEXT ISSUE:

Actions will speak louder than words when Supergirl aids a school for the hearing impaired. Join us for a very special SUPERGIRL #65!

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