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I NEVER FINISHED SCHOOL.

NOT BECAUSE
I DROPPED OUT
OR DIDN'T WORK
HARD ENOUGH.

BUT BECAUSE
MY HOME PLANET
EXPLODED.

AS FATE WOULD
HAVE IT, I SURVIVED.

NOW I'VE BEEN OFFERED
A CHANCE TO CONTINUE
MY EDUCATION.

THEY CALL
THIS PLACE
CRUCIBLE.

IT EXISTS TO TRAIN THE
STRONGEST MEMBERS
OF EVERY SPECIES IN
THE UNIVERSE.

THE QUESTION
IS...



...DO I REALLY BELONG
HERE AT CRUCIBLE?

I ONLY HAVE POWERS
BECAUSE I'VE
ABSORBED THE ENERGY
OF A YELLOW SUN.

BUT THESE OTHER
STUDENTS HAVE POWERS
BASED ON THE UNIQUE
GENETICS OF THEIR
HOMEWORLDS.

I CAN'T TURN MY HEAD
WITHOUT SEEING ANOTHER
PERFECT SPECIMEN.

THEY SAY THEY
WANT TO TEACH
US TO BE
BETTER
PROTECTORS
OF OUR HOME
PLANETS.

I GUESS IN THEIR
EYES, I REALLY AM
FROM EARTH NOW.

WISH I FELT
AS SURE AS
THEY DO.

I'VE BEEN
TEAMED WITH
AN INTERESTING
STUDY GROUP.

ONLY SLIGHTLY LESS
BIZARRE THAN THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE AND
THE RED LANTERNS.

MAXIMA.
KNOWLEDGEABLE
AND COLD. SEEMS
LIKE SHE DOESN'T
PLAY WELL WITH
OTHERS.

TSAVO. QUICK
TO POUNCE, AND
PERHAPS MISGUIDED
BY THE EMOTIONS
THAT PROPEL HIM.

COMET. CLEVER
AND THOUGHTFUL,
BUT PREENS FAR
TOO MUCH.

CRUCIBLE

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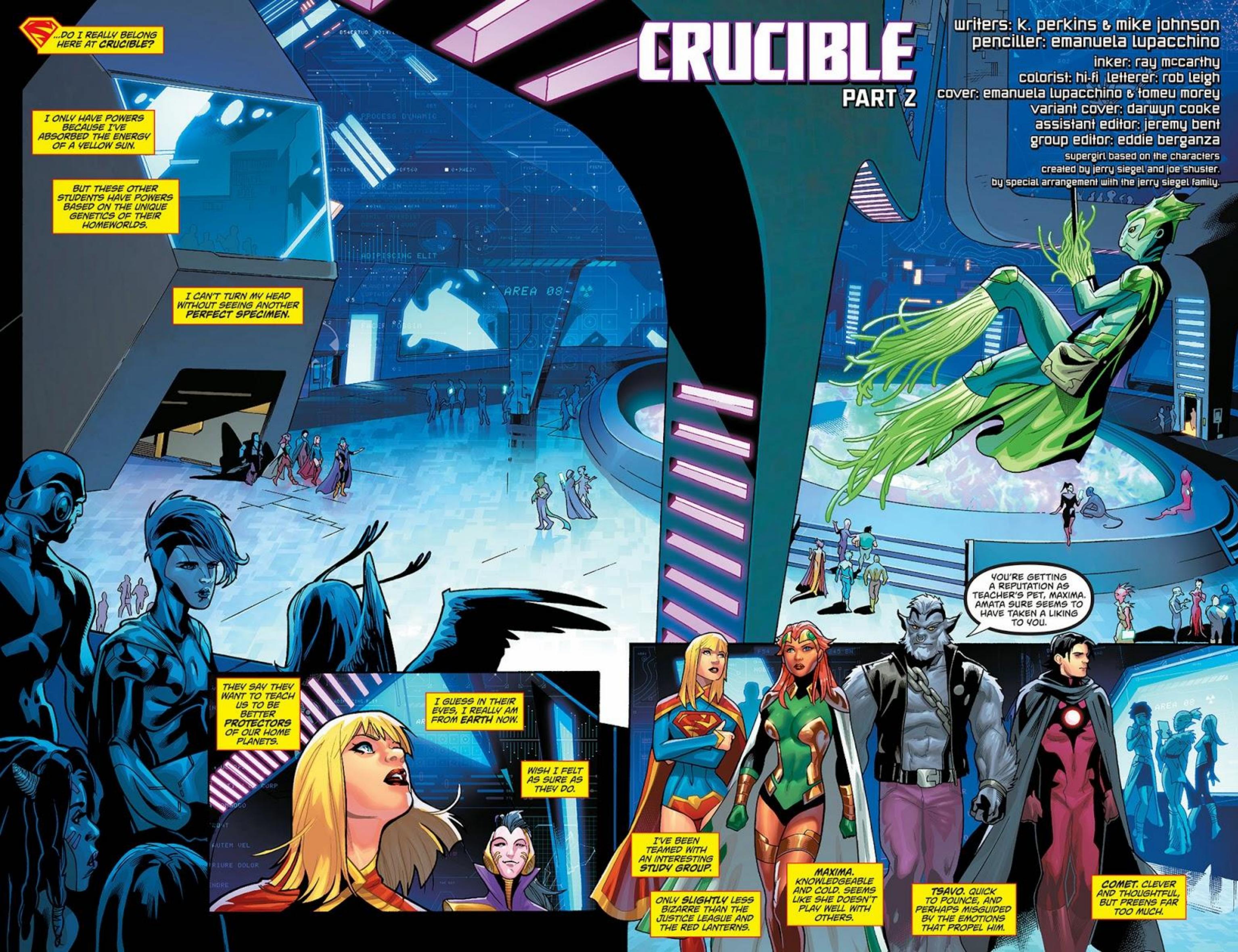
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 RAO, THIS GUY IS LONG-WINED.

WHEN MAXIMA SAID "TACTICAL" I THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO BE DOING SOMETHING ACTIVE, NOT STANDING AROUND LISTENING TO A LECTURE.

AND LASTLY, THE TRAGEDY OF ANONYMOUS PLANET 457.

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STATUS: DESTROYED

DECades ago, this planet was invaded for its resources.

I KNOW I NEED TO LEARN TO BETTER CONTROL MY ABILITIES, BUT HOW DOES THIS HELP?

ANY GUESS AS TO WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?
THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DID AS THEY WERE ASKED. THEIR RESOURCES WERE NO LONGER OF USE TO THEM.

SO THEY GAVE UP THEIR PLANET FOR A BETTER LIFE ON ANOTHER, BUT THEY WERE BETRAYED.

CURIOUS.

WHERE DO YOU GET YOUR INFORMATION?

WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, PROFESSOR KORSTUS, THE HISTORICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLANET IS INCORRECT.

I HAVE READ THROUGH THE ARCHIVES AND NOTICED--

I ASKED YOU WHERE YOU GOT YOUR INFORMATION.
MY MOTHER WAS THERE ON AN AID MISSION. SHE WITNESSED THE TAKEOVER AND SUBSEQUENT IMPRISONMENT.

I DO NOT KNOW OF THIS. OUR RECORDS INDICATE THAT THESE PEOPLE WERE GIVEN PEACEFUL REFUGE--

--AND WERE IMPRISONED WHEN THEY FOUGHT FOR THE SAME RIGHTS AS THEIR CO-INHABITANTS.

HE'S NOT LISTENING TO HER.





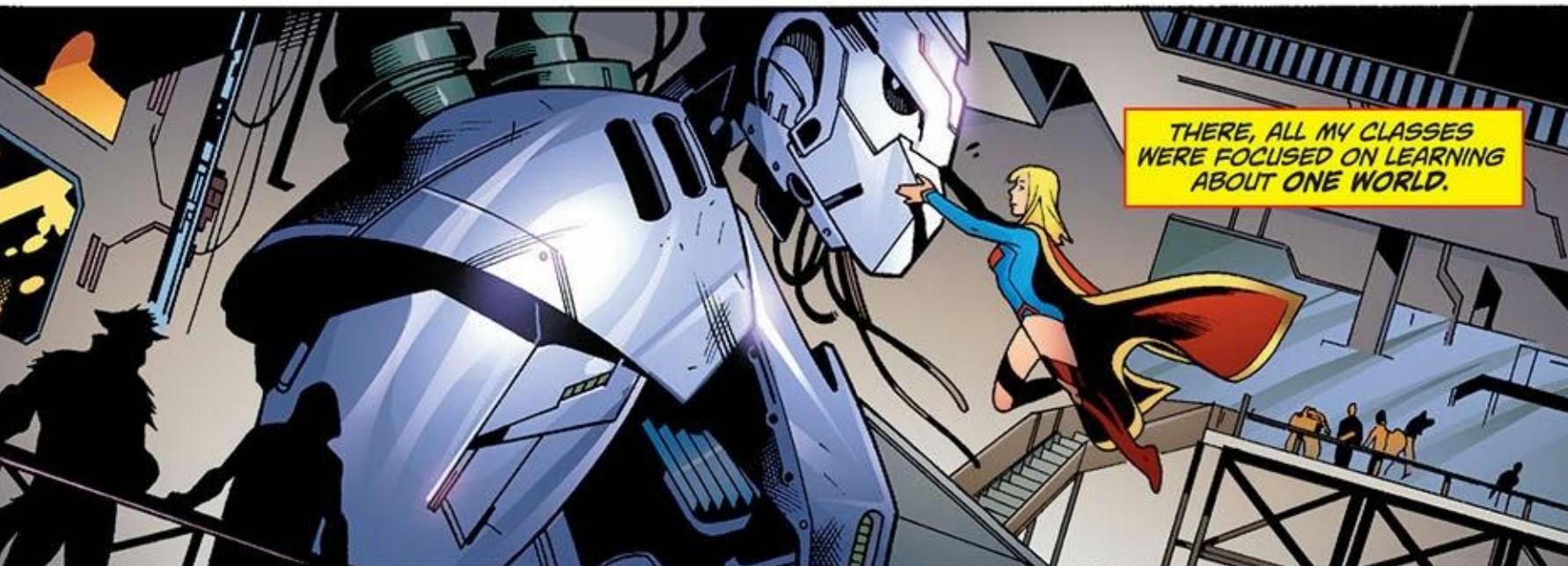
IF I'M HONEST, IT FEELS GOOD TO BE BACK IN SCHOOL.

A SLICE OF NORMAL LIFE, EVEN IN A PLACE AS WEIRD AS THIS.

HERE, I AM NO "SUPERHERO," LIKE THEY REFER TO ME ON EARTH. HERE, I AM JUST LIKE EVERYONE ELSE.

I FEEL LIKE I GET TO BE ME AGAIN. IF ONLY FOR A CLASS OR TWO.

HERE, I'M STUDYING THINGS I NEVER DID ON KRYPTON.



AT CRUCIBLE, I'M STUDYING MILLIONS.

SAND THE STUDY IS JUST AS MUCH PRACTICAL AS IT IS THEORETICAL. FOR EXAMPLE, A SPAR.

SO WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS "SPAR," COMET?

SEE THAT UP THERE? THAT'S THE MODAL.

FIRST ONE TO GET TO IT WINS THE SPARRING MATCH.

THAT'S ALL?
THIS IS ALREADY OVER--



THAT'S ME AS A RED LANTERN--
WHAT'S HAPPENING?!

WHERE ARE THESE--
OTHER ME'S--
COMING FROM?
ARE THESE
CLONES?!

HEY!

CLONES?
NO.

PSYCHIC
PROJECTIONS.
I PULLED THEM
OUT OF YOUR
MIND TO SLOW
YOU DOWN.

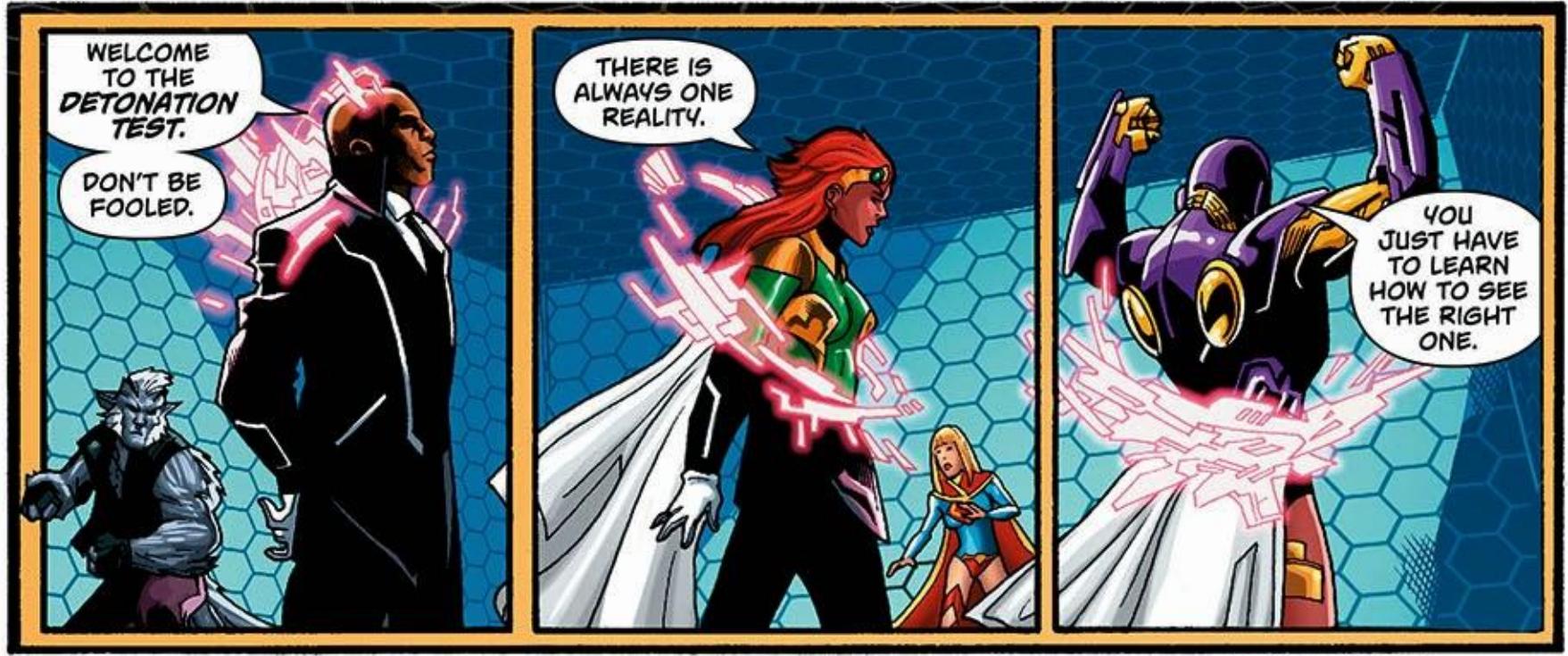
GOOD
MATCH,
KARA!

MAYBE NEXT
TIME IT'LL TAKE
ME MORE THAN
A MINUTE TO
WIN!

IT APPEARS I HAVE TO
RECONSIDER COMET.

HE'S SMARTER
THAN HE LOOKS.







TRANSPORT
COMMENCING.

DESTINATION:
CRUCIBLE COUNCIL
CHAMBER.

PRECEPTOR.

KORSTUS.

WHY DO
YOU SUPPOSE THE
COUNCIL SUMMONS
US?

YOU ARE
GETTING BETTER AT
HIDING YOUR DISDAIN
FOR ME, AMATA.

AND YOU SEEM VERY
CONFIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL'S INTENTIONS,
KORSTUS.

WE'LL FIND OUT
SOON ENOUGH,
KORSTUS.

I DO NOT
BELIEVE THE HIGH
COUNCIL WOULD HAVE
APPOINTED ME YOUR
SECOND-IN-COMMAND IF
THEY DID NOT BELIEVE
WE COULD WORK
TOGETHER.

ARRIVING
AT COUNCIL
CHAMBER.

THEY WANT
WHAT WE ALL
WANT, DON'T
THEY?

A SAFER
GALAXY.

ALTHOUGH I WOULD
IMAGINE YOU WOULD
PREFER I WAS BACK ON
CORRAH PICKING SAOH
WITH THE INDENTURED
PEOPLES AND HOCKING
ESOLUM BASKETS AT
DISTRICT FAIRS.

YOU'RE WRONG,
KORSTUS. IF IT
WERE UP TO ME, YOU
WOULDN'T BE BACK
ON CORRAH. YOU'D
BE IN PRISON.

TRY NOT
TO BE TOO
INSUBORDINATE
IN FRONT OF THE
COUNCIL.

THIS MEETING OF THE CRUCIBLE HIGH COUNCIL IS NOW IN SESSION.

WE ARE PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE KRYPTONIAN KARA ZOR-EL IS ACCLIMATING WELL TO THE ACADEMY. SHE MAY PROVE TO BE ONE OF OUR GREATEST STUDENTS.

HER ARRIVAL COMES AT AN OPPORTUNE TIME. THE CIVIL WAR ON NGO HAS ENTERED A CRITICAL PHASE.

I HAVE SAID IT BEFORE AND I WILL SAY IT AGAIN. RATHER THAN SENDING OUR STUDENTS INTO BATTLE BEFORE THEY ARE READY, WE HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE.

THE TECHNOLOGY EXISTS. WE JUST HAVE TO ACQUIRE IT.

CALL IT WHAT IT IS, KORSTUS. CLONING. AND IT IS TOO DANGEROUS A TECHNOLOGY TO--

TOO DANGEROUS? THESE WILL BE SOLDIERS WITH UNIQUE ABILITIES WHO ARE ENGINEERED TO RESOLVE CONFLICT PEACEFULLY, NOT ENGAGE IN VIOLENCE. MORE LIVES WILL BE SAVED.

YOU FORGET THAT WE ARE A SCHOOL FIRST, KORSTUS. OUR GOAL IS TO TEACH, NOT SIMPLY TO MOBILIZE TROOPS.

OR HAVE YOU CONVENIENTLY FORGOTTEN WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOUR OWN PLANET EMBRACED THE PHILOSOPHY OF BRUTE FORCE OVER A MORE CIVILIZED ONE?

THAT'S ENOUGH, PRECEPTOR.

WITH THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS EMBROILED IN CONFLICT WITH THE SO-CALLED NEW GODS, IT IS VITAL THAT CRUCIBLE DOES NOT ABANDON ITS ROLE AS A FORCE FOR PEACE.

WE HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE A PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE CLONING INITIATIVE.

PRECEPTOR AMATA, GIVEN YOUR RESERVATIONS, WE PLACE THE INITIATIVE UNDER YOUR DIRECT CONTROL. WE HAVE SELECTED AN INITIAL TARGET FOR RECRUITMENT AND STUDY.

IN THE MEANTIME, A CRUCIBLE SQUAD MUST BE SENT TO NGO IMMEDIATELY TO RESTORE PEACE ON THE PLANET.



THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

YOU GOT THE RESULT YOU WANTED, KORSTUS. I JUST HOPE YOU HAVEN'T DOOMED US ALL.

ELSEWHERE...

KARA! WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

I GOT TURNED AROUND. I COULDN'T FIND THE LIVING QUARTERS AND I SAW YOU HERE--

YOU'RE TRAINING LATE. SEEMS LIKE EVERYONE ELSE IS TOUCHING BASE WITH THEIR FAMILIES IN THEIR DOWN TIME.

GOOD FOR THEM.

YOU DON'T HAVE A FAMILY?

LIKE ME?

NO, I JUST HAVEN'T SPOKEN TO MY FAMILY IN A LONG TIME. THEY'RE NOT SUPPORTIVE OF MY TIME AT CRUCIBLE.

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE CRUCIBLE SEES MY POTENTIAL AS A LEADER, AS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN CHANGE THINGS FOR THE BETTER.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHAT'S WRONG WITH--

THE ONLY POTENTIAL MY FAMILY SEES IN ME IS MY ABILITY TO BEAR CHILDREN.

THEY'RE THRILLED I'M HERE, DON'T GET ME WRONG.

MAX, I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY--

DON'T SAY ANYTHING.

IT'S AN IDEAL PLACE FOR ME TO FIND A MATE.

I HAVE TO DO MY PART TO REPOPULATE A DWINDLING PLANET. MY PEOPLE ARE DEPENDING ON ME.

MAYBE THAT'S WHAT I HAVE TO DO TO BE THE LEADER THEY WANT...

SOMETIMES IT'S BETTER THAT WAY.

LATER...

REEP REEP



COME IN.

WOW.

THIS IS WHAT
THEY SIMULATED
FOR YOU, HUH? IS THIS
WHAT YOUR PLACE ON
KRYPTON LOOKED
LIKE?

YES.
KIND OF...

IS EVERYTHING
OKAY?

WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THE "HOME"
CRUCIBLE CREATED FOR ME DOWN
THE HALL BARELY EXISTS IN REAL
LIFE ANYMORE.

THE CIVIL WAR
TORE EVERYTHING
APART. NEARLY ALL
OF IT'S GONE.

I WANTED TO...
I'M SORRY, KARA.
I SHOULDN'T HAVE
SNAPPED AT YOU. YOU
WERE RIGHT TO TAKE
OVER THE DETONATOR
CHALLENGE.

I'VE BEEN ON
EDGE RECENTLY.
I DON'T MEAN TO
TAKE IT OUT ON
OTHER PEOPLE.

I KNOW
WHAT IT FEELS
LIKE, BELIEVE
ME.

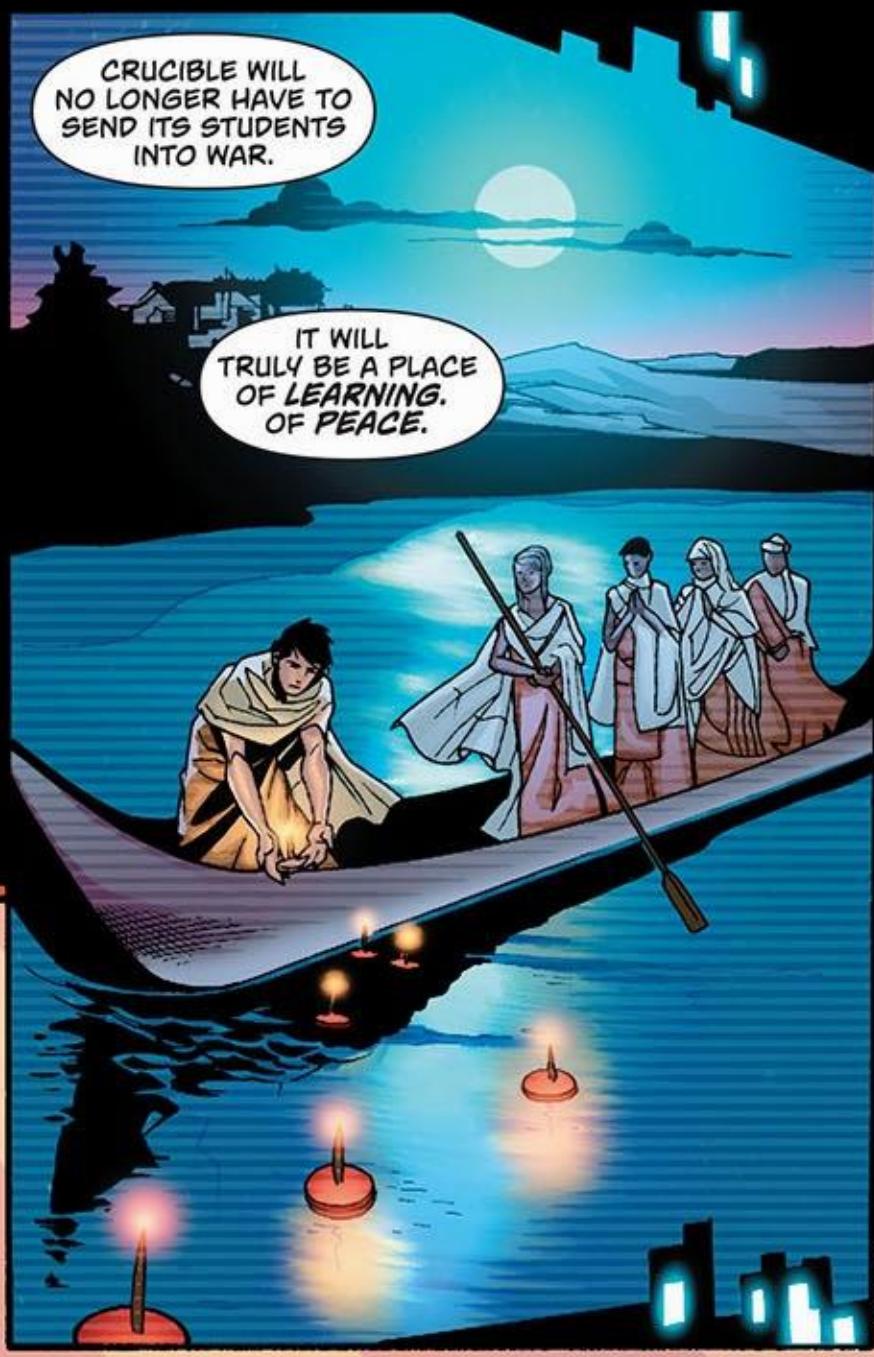
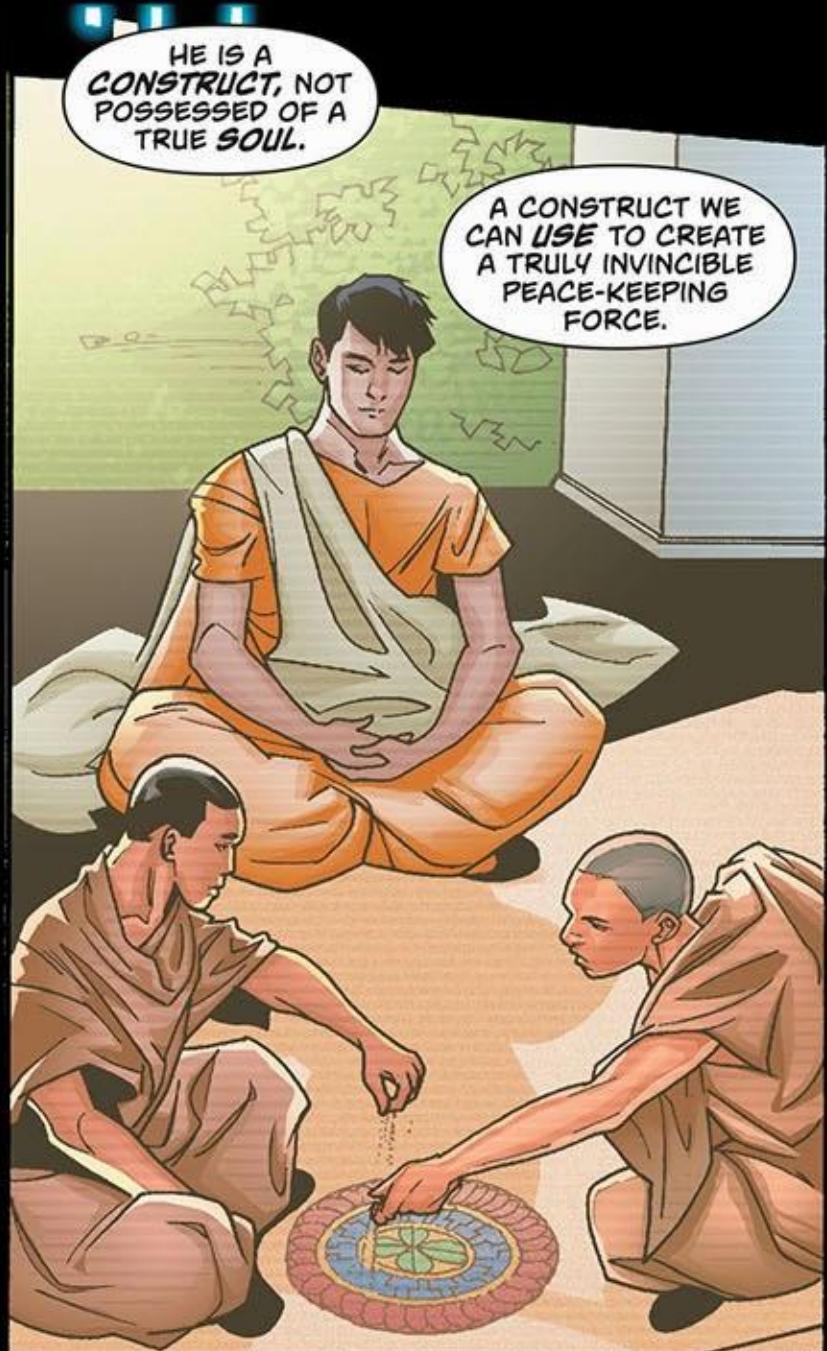
IF YOU
EVER WANT TO
TALK ABOUT IT--

ESPECIALLY
SOMEONE
I LIKE.

TSAVO!
THE SITUATION ON
YOUR HOMeworld
IS AT A CRITICAL
POINT.

IT IS TIME
TO TAKE THE
LESSONS YOU--
AND YOUR GROUP--
HAVE LEARNED, AND
APPLY THEM IN
THE FIELD.

CRUCIBLE PRECEPTOR'S SANCTUM.



NGO.
TSAVO'S HOMeworld.







...LITTLE
BROTHER.

FATHER
AND I ARE GETTING
REACQUAINTED.

AND I SEE YOU'VE
BROUGHT YOUR NEW
SCHOOL FRIENDS
WITH YOU.

I'VE BROUGHT
OLD FRIENDS OF MY OWN.
ALL OF US DEEMED TOO
"UNSTABLE" TO STAY
AT CRUCIBLE.

YET STABLE
ENOUGH TO CONQUER
THIS PLANET, IT
APPEARS.

AND ONCE
WE TEACH YOU
YOUR FINAL
LESSON...

CRUCIBLE
WILL BE
NEXT.

I WAS
FOOLISH.

FINDING MYSELF AT THAT
INCREDIBLE SCHOOL,
LEARNING NEW THINGS,
MEETING NEW PEOPLE...
IT WAS THE CLOSEST I'D
BEEN TO A NORMAL LIFE
IN A LONG TIME.

I'M BEGINNING TO THINK
I'LL NEVER LEARN.

NEXT:

**REALWORLD
EDUCATION!**

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