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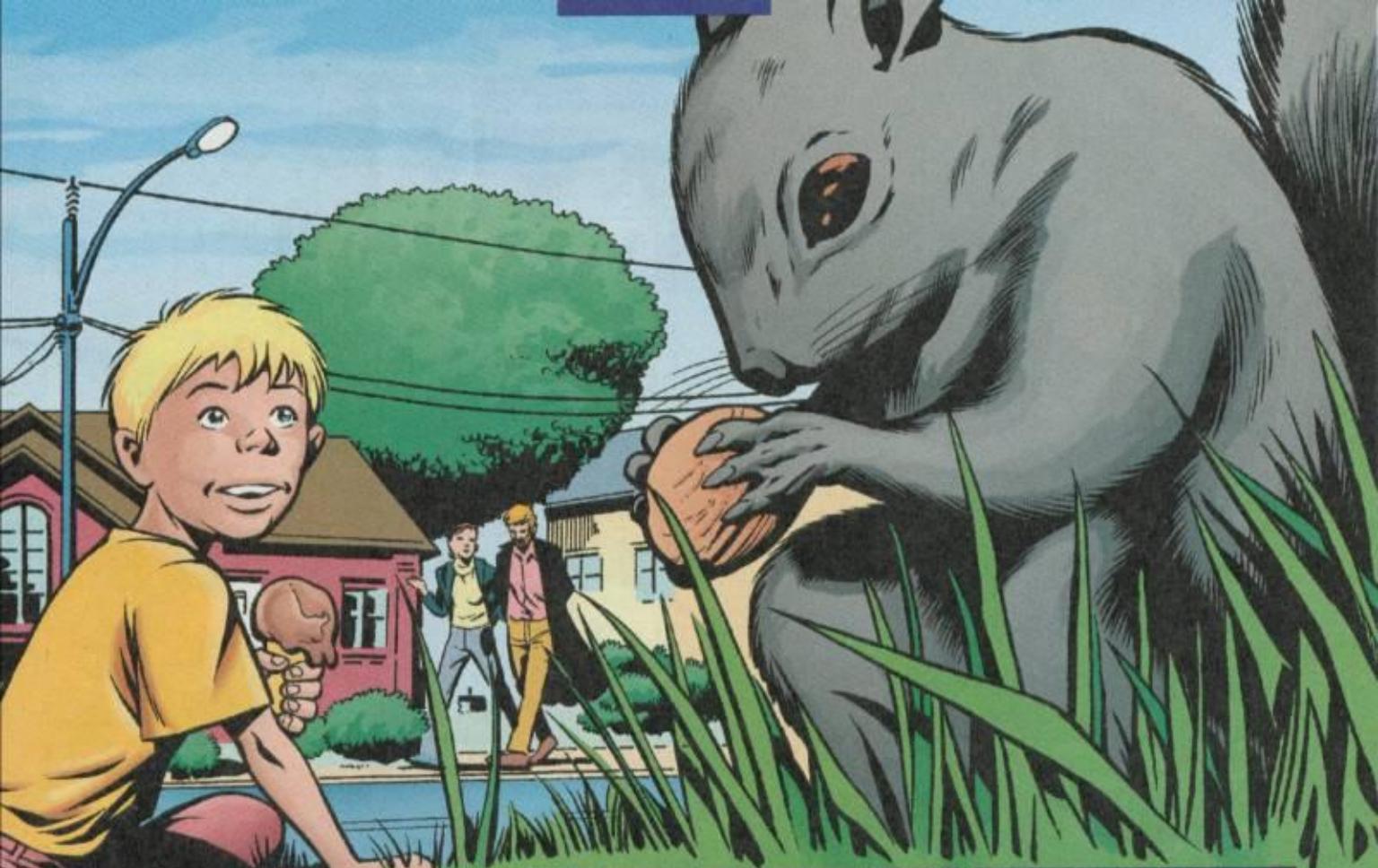


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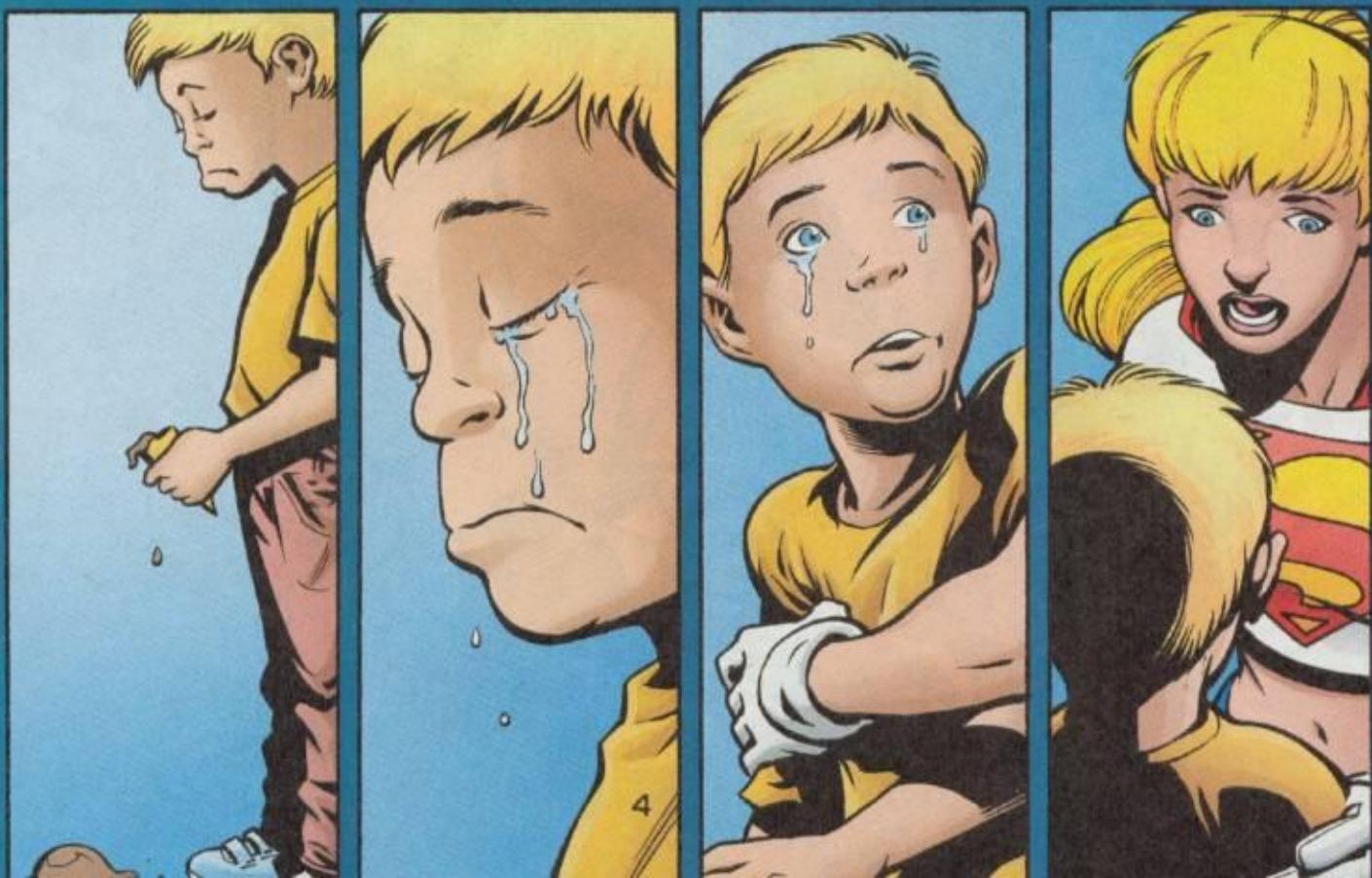
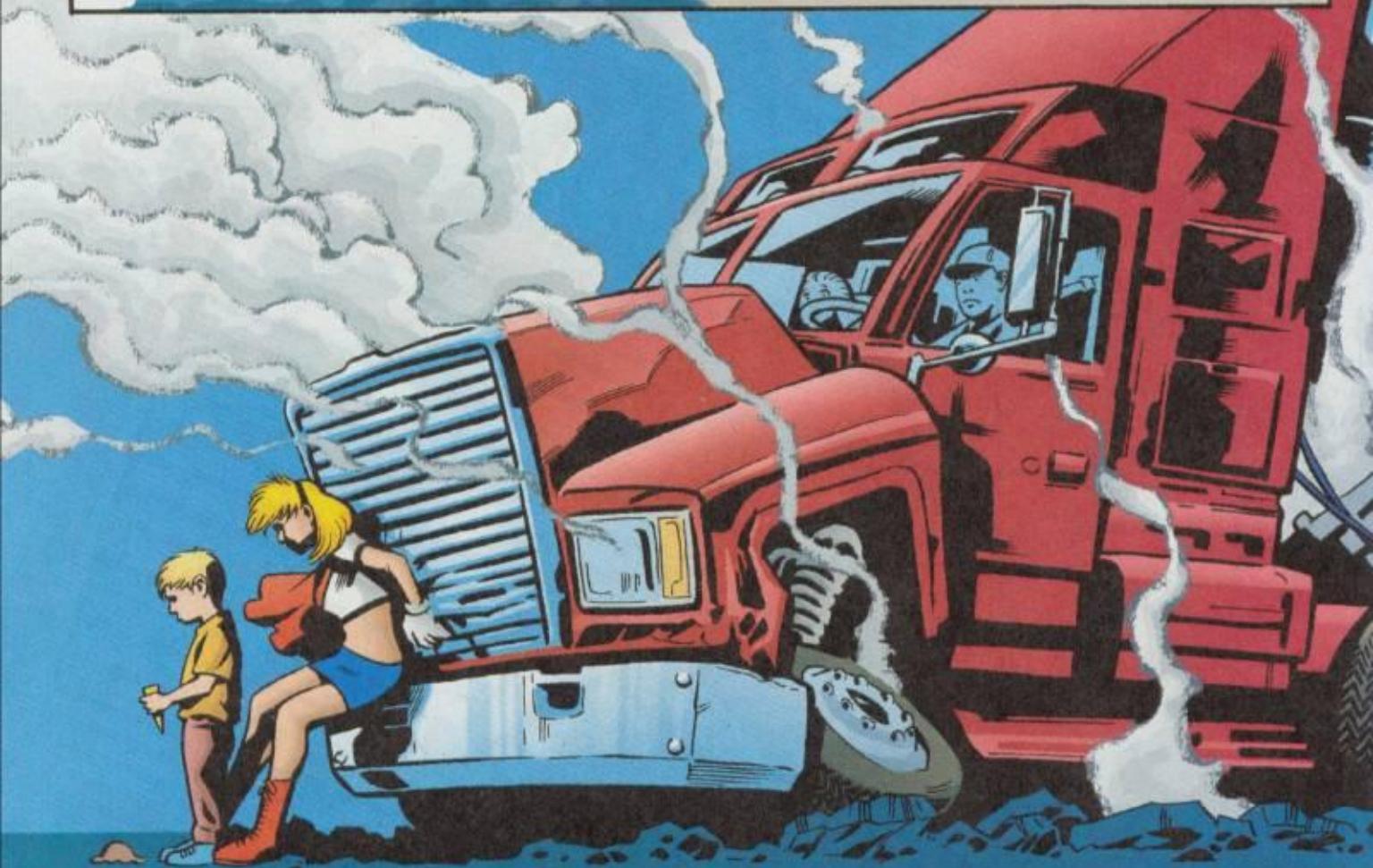
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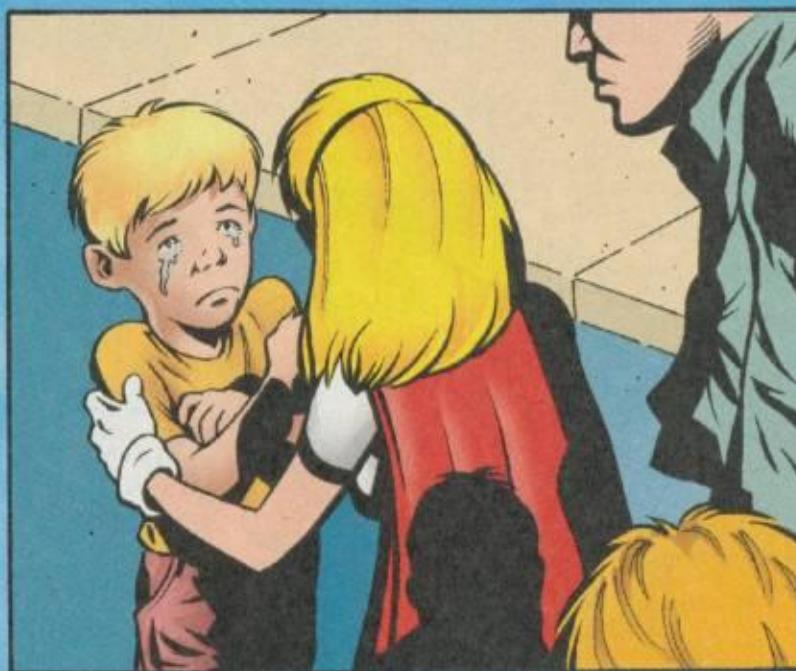
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"I KNOW, I KNOW... MY
FACE IS SCARY. GET OVER IT.
DID YOU NOT HEAR THE TRUCK
BECAUSE YOU'RE DEAF?"

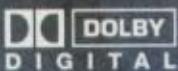




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YOU'RE JUST CONFUSING HIM! I KNOW YOU MEAN WELL, BUT HUSH! >



BRADLEY IS ONE OF OUR "SPECIAL CHILDREN" HERE AT THE SCHOOL. THEY'RE ALL DEAF, BUT HE NEEDS... EXTRA ATTENTION, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

NEW HOPE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

WHEN WE DISCOVERED HE'D WANDERED OFF, WELL... I DON'T LIKE TO THINK WHAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED.

IN ANY EVENT, WE OWE YOU SO MUCH.

THINK NOTHING OF IT. IS RIGHT HERE OKAY?

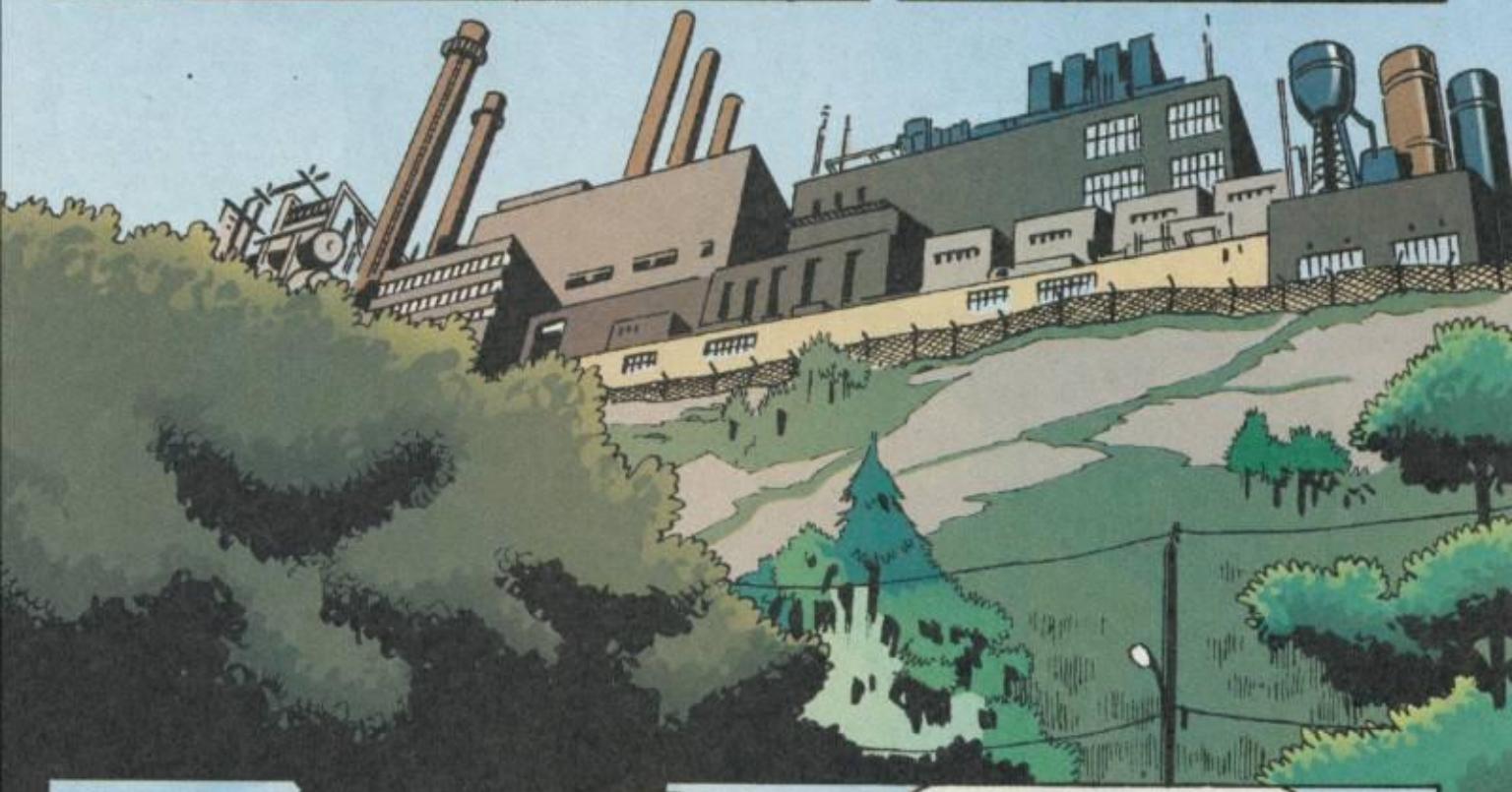
THIS WOULD BE FINE, THANKS. ARE YOU SURE--?

OF COURSE I'M SURE. THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE TOO LONG.

I... HAVE A FRIEND, WHOSE NAME IS LINDA. SHE TAUGHT ME A THING OR TWO ABOUT SCULPTING. JUST KEEP THE KIDS BACK. WOULDN'T WANT THEM TO GET HIT BY FLYING ROCK CHIPS.

(THIS PLACE IS REALLY RUN DOWN. DO YOU HAVE MONEY TROUBLES?)

<YOU COULD SAY THAT. WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT. EVEN THOUGH OUR LAWYER IS WORKING ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS, IT'S STILL BEEN COSTLY. AND THE KICKER IS, WE ALREADY WON. >



THEY'RE CALLED SGN CHEMICALS. THEY WERE OWNED BY AN OUTFIT CALLED ATLAS CORP. UNTIL FAIRLY RECENTLY.

OHHH, I'VE HEARD OF ATLAS. GO ON.

FOR YEARS, SGN PUMPED GOD-KNOWS-WHAT INTO THE GROUND. THEY KEPT TELLING US THAT THERE WAS NO HARM TO THE COMMUNITY. AND SINCE THEY EMPLOY 95 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE HERE, NOONE PUSHED TOO HARD.

EXCEPT, IN ONE PARTICULAR SECTION OF TOWN, A HUGE PERCENTAGE OF THE CHILDREN BORN OVER A THREE-YEAR PERIOD HAD... PROBLEMS. DEAFNESS, MOSTLY. SOME BORN BLIND. A FEW, LIKE BRADLEY, DEAF AND... SPECIAL.

WE OPENED THIS SCHOOL AND ANOTHER TO TRY TO COPE, BUT IT'S BEEN TOUGH. WE THINK SGN ACCIDENTALLY POISONED THE WELL WATER AROUND HERE. THAT'S WHAT CAUSED THE DEFECTS. WE, AND MANY OF THE PARENTS, MOUNTED A DAVID-AND-GOLIATH LAWSUIT AGAINST THEM.

DESPITE ALL ODDS, WE WON. PROVED OUR CASE, THE WHOLE NINE YARDS. GOT A JUDGMENT OF \$300 MILLION AGAINST THEM.

<LET ME GUESS. THEY'RE TYING IT UP IN APPEALS.>

I SMOOTHED ALL THE EDGES, SO IT'S SAFE.

SO HOW COME YOUR LAWYER IS LETTING THEM GET AWAY WITH THIS?

<EXACTLY. IT COULD TAKE TEN, FIFTEEN YEARS... MAYBE MORE. OUR EVIDENCE WAS ROCK SOLID, WE WON ON THE MERITS... BUT IT HASN'T HELPED.>



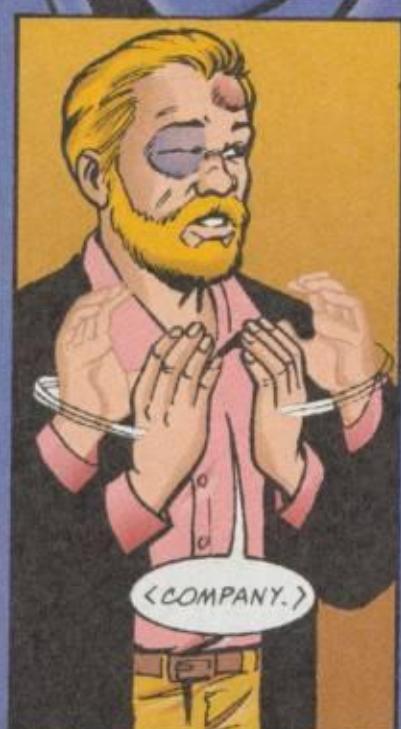
MY ATTORNEY'S
ON HIS WAY OVER. HE
SEEMED WORRIED.

GOODBYE ...

(HE HAS REASON TO BE.
SUPergirl CAN BE...
IMPETUOUS. SHE MIGHT
MAKE THINGS WORSE
BEFORE THEY'RE
BETTER.)

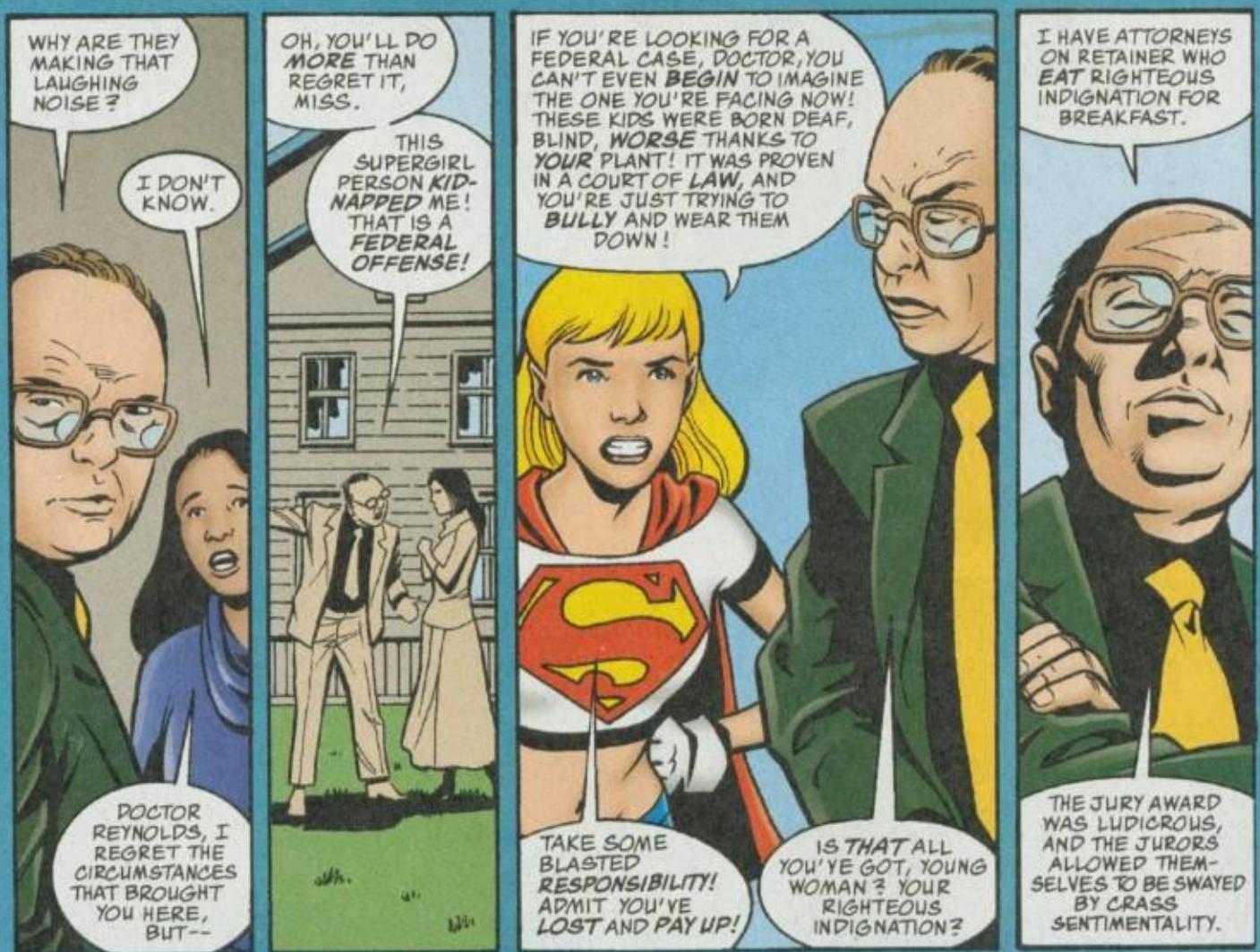
(ARE YOU
AND SHE... YOU
KNOW...?)







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(ME, I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOUR POSITION, MATE. BUT THE COURT OF PUBLIC OPINION, THEY WON'T COTTON TO YOU TRYING TO WEASEL OUT OF THE VERDICT.)



WHO ARE YOU?

(A DEMON IN HUMAN FORM. HOW ELSE WOULD I SYMPATHIZE WITH YOU?)



*ALL RIGHT.
I'VE HAD MORE
THAN ENOUGH...*

*DON'T
YOU DARE!*

*YOU THOUGHT
I WAS PULLING A
GUN? OH, DO GROW
UP!*

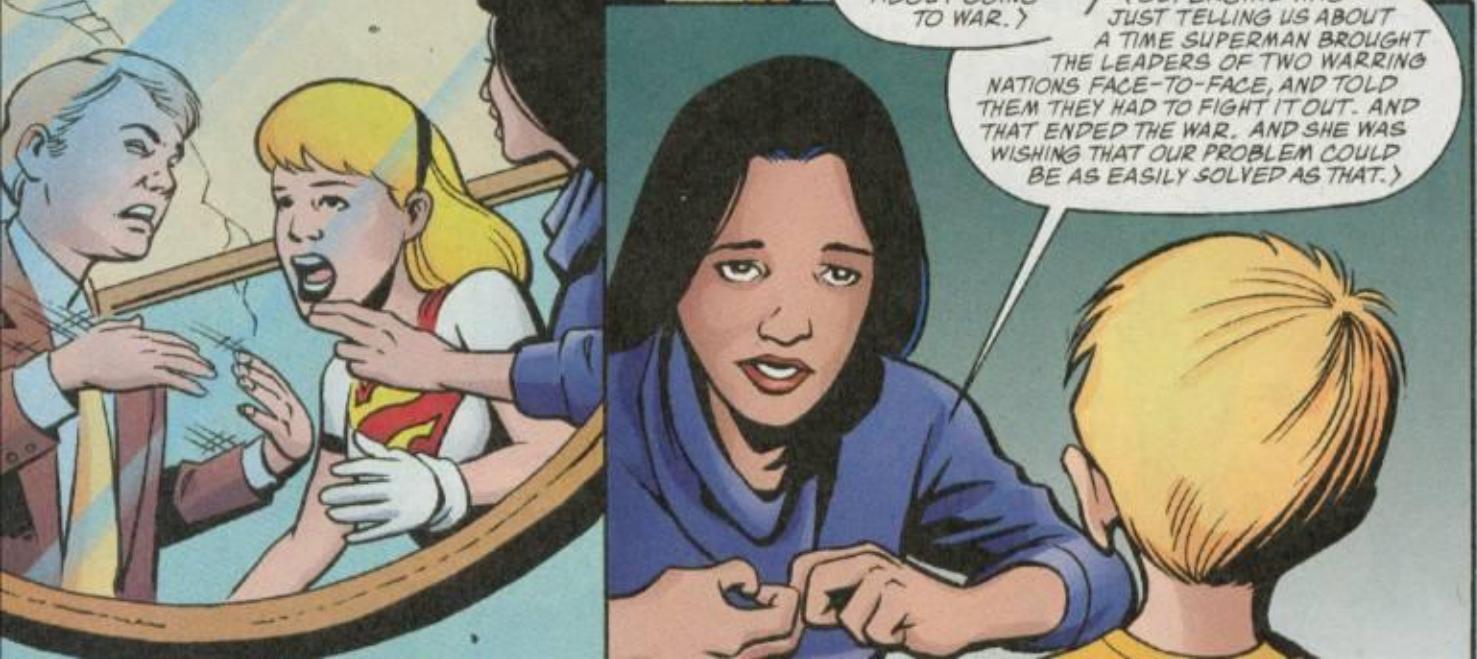
*I COULD HAVE YOU ARRESTED,
SENT AWAY... BUT THAT WOULD
REQUIRE COURT APPEARANCES
AND MORE OF MY TIME WASTED,
AND YOU ARE SIMPLY NOT
WORTH IT.*

*BE AWARE:
BY THIS TIME
TOMORROW, I WILL
HAVE A RESTRAINING
ORDER AGAINST YOU,
SUPERRGIRL. AGAINST
ALL OF YOU. AND IF
YOU COME WITHIN
FIVE HUNDRED FEET
OF ME, I WILL
MAKE CERTAIN YOU
ARE JAILED.*

*YES, IT'S
ME. THE LUNATIC
BLONDE DRAGGED
ME TO THE DEAF
SCHOOL. SEND A
CAR, PLEASE.*

*AND HAVE
PEOPLE FROM
LEGAL WAITING
FOR ME WHEN I
GET BACK.*





(A PLEASANT LITTLE FAIRY TALE FROM A BYGONE TIME. GROWNUPS KNOW BETTER.)

(NO. NO, SHE'S RIGHT.)

(PEOPLE LIKE SUPERGIRL... SUPERMAN, THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, ALL OF THEM...)

(YOU KNOW HOW IT SAYS IN GENESIS, "THERE WERE GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS"? WELL, THERE ARE GIANTS IN THESE DAYS, TOO. THEY WEAR COSTUMES AND HAVE POWERS AND WIN BATTLES INVOLVING THE SAFETY OF THE WHOLE EARTH... OF THE UNIVERSE...)

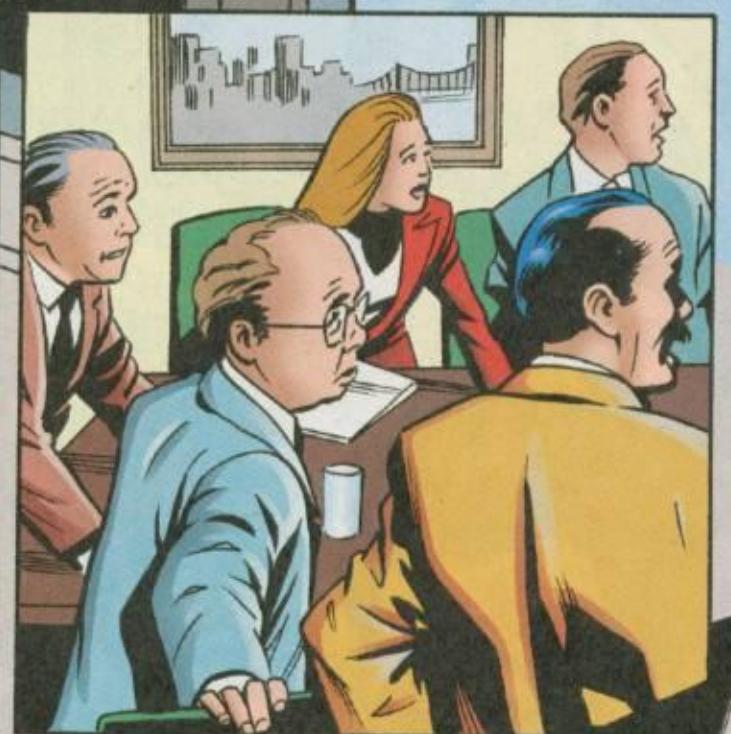
(I CAN'T BELIEVE ONE FACTORY IS TOO MUCH OF A CHALLENGE.)

(HELEN... YOU KNOW I LOVE YOU, LOVE THESE KIDS... AND I'M DOING ALL I CAN...)

(...BUT THERE'S NO ONE TO HIT HERE. NO ONE TO PUNCH OR ZAP WITH A RAY BEAM. FOR OUR PURPOSES, SGN CHEMICALS IS THE ONLY GIANT AROUND. THEY'RE GOLIATH. WE'RE DAVID... AND WE THREW OUR PEBBLE, AND IT HIT... AND IT BOUNCED OFF.)

(MAYBE YOU NEED MORE DAVIDS.)

GIVE ME TWO DAYS.



**CHEMICALS
AND KIDS
DON'T MIX!**

**"WELL, S&N WASN'T HAPPY.
NEARLY OVERNIGHT, IT WENT
FROM BEING A LOCAL PROBLEM
THAT THEY COULD COVER UP
AND HANDLE ..."**

**"...TO A WORLDWIDE ISSUE
THAT PUT ALL KINDS OF
PRESSURE ON THE FACTORY
TO DO RIGHT BY THE PEOPLE
OF THE TOWN."**

**"MEANTIME, POWERFUL
LAWYERS FROM ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY OFFERED
THEIR SERVICES FOR FREE."**

**SUPPORT
THE
NEW HOPE
HOOD**

**WE HEAR
YOU!**

**S & N
UNFAIR**

**RACIAL
S&N**

**S&N
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SUPPORT
THE
NEW HOPE
SCHOOL

"IT WAS LIKE THE MAN, BUZZ,
HAD SAID: THE COURT OF PUBLIC
OPINION CAN BE VERY POWERFUL,
ESPECIALLY WHEN PEOPLE
BELIEVE IN THE HEROES...>

S&N

CHE

PAY YOUR DEBT
S&N!

S&N

JUNIOR!

DAILY PLANET

"...AND THE HEROES
BELIEVE IN US.)

"IT DIDN'T TAKE S&N LONG AT
ALL TO CAVE IN AND DROP
THEIR APPEALS.">

