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FACES OF EVIL

NEW KRYPTON.

THIS IS OUR HOME NOW.

BECAUSE OF ARROGANCE,
THE KRYPTONIAN PEOPLE
HAVE LEFT THE EARTH.

THE CAPITAL CITY OF
KANDOR SITS ATOP
A PLANET OF ICE.

EARLY EFFORTS TO BEGIN
TERRAFORMING HAVE
PROVEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE PROUD KRYPTONIAN
RACE IS BACK TO WHERE IT
WAS BEFORE SUPERMAN'S
INVOLVEMENT.

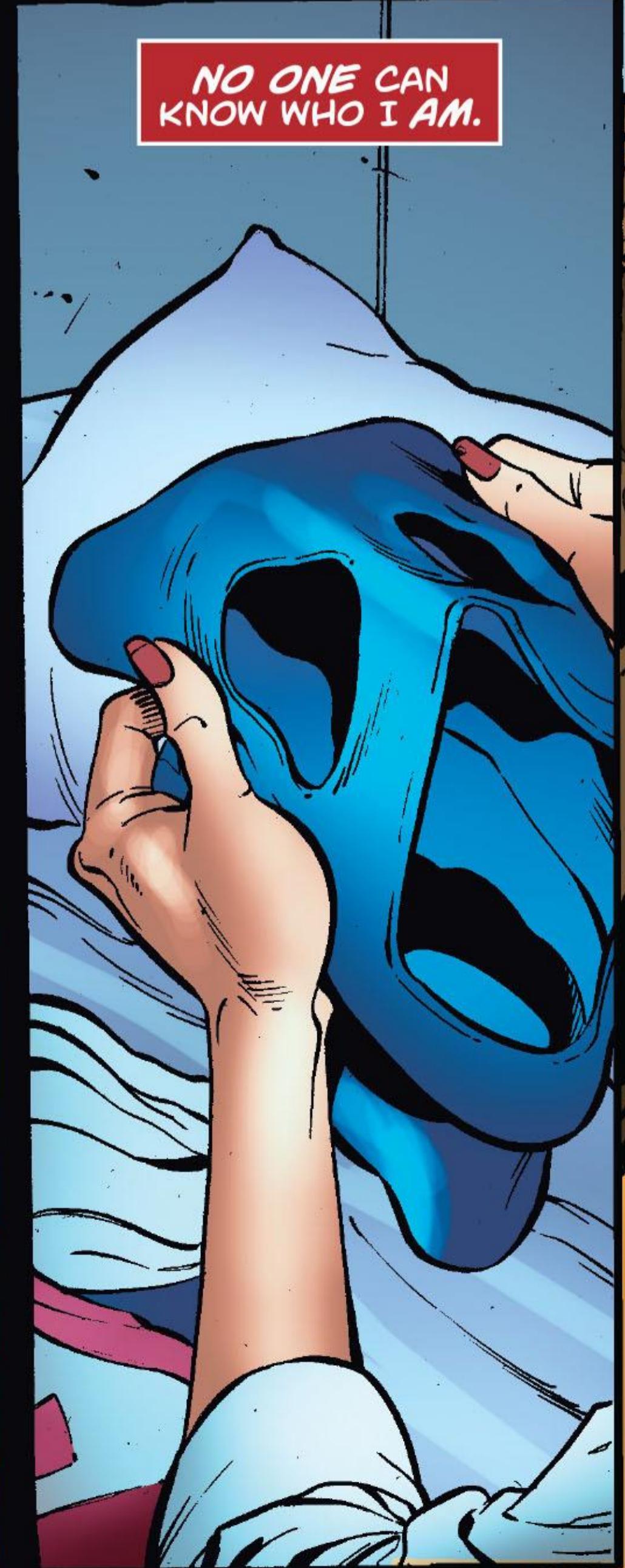
IN A BOTTLE
ALL OVER AGAIN.



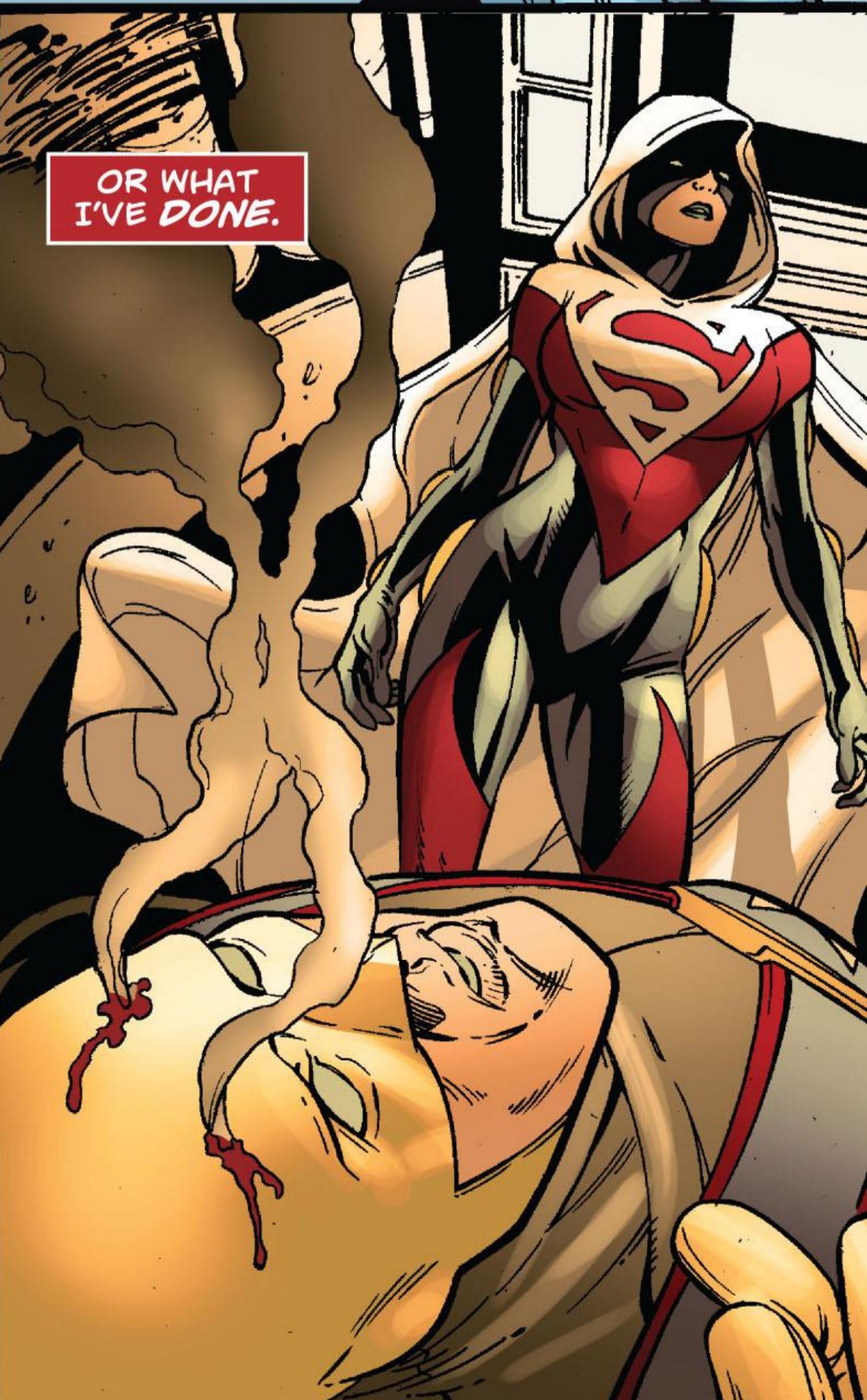
I WANT TO HELP
MY PEOPLE.



MY FAMILY.



NO ONE CAN
KNOW WHO I AM.



OR WHAT
I'VE DONE.

A MAN ON
EARTH INTIMATELY
KNOWS THE
KRYPTONIAN RACE.



AND HE
HATES
THEM.

HE UNDERSTANDS
HOW TO EXPLOIT
A KRYPTONIAN'S
STRENGTHS--

--AS WELL AS THEIR
WEAKNESSES.



MY NAME IS
SUPERWOMAN--

--AND I'VE
BEEN GIVEN
ORDERS.

SENT IN A ROCKET FROM THE REMAINS OF KRYPTON AS A TEENAGER, KARA ZOR-EL WAS TRAPPED IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION BEFORE SHE ARRIVED ON EARTH YEARS AFTER HER COUSIN, SUPERMAN. NOW LIVING WITH HER MOTHER ON THE PLANET NEW KRYPTON, KARA FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE, AND THE KRYPTONIAN WAY AS...

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who is
SUPERWOMAN?
part one: puzzle pieces

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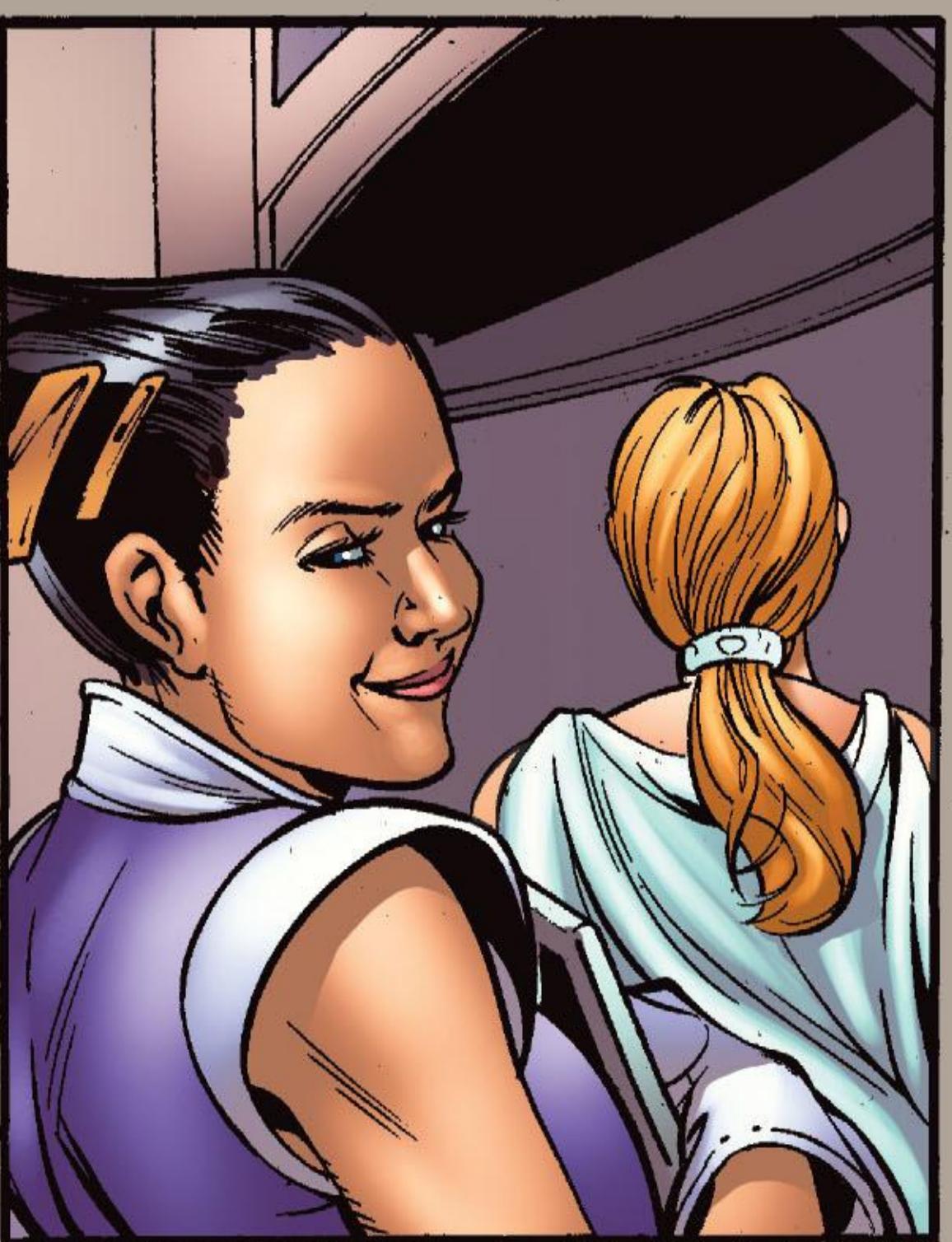
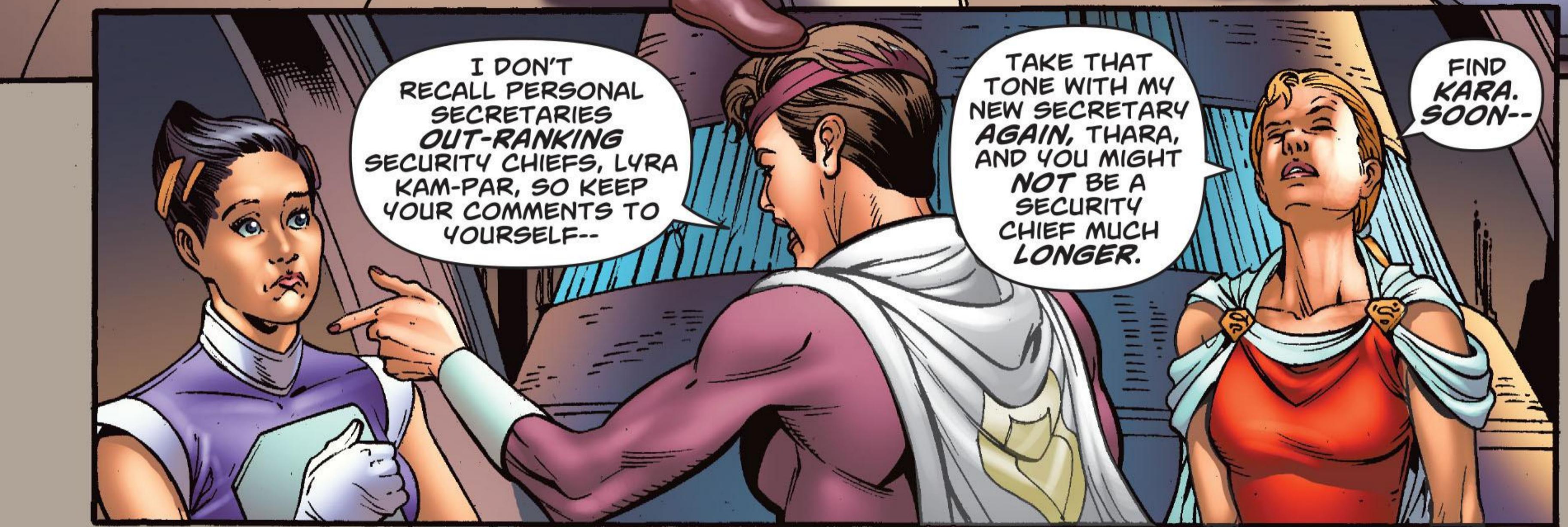
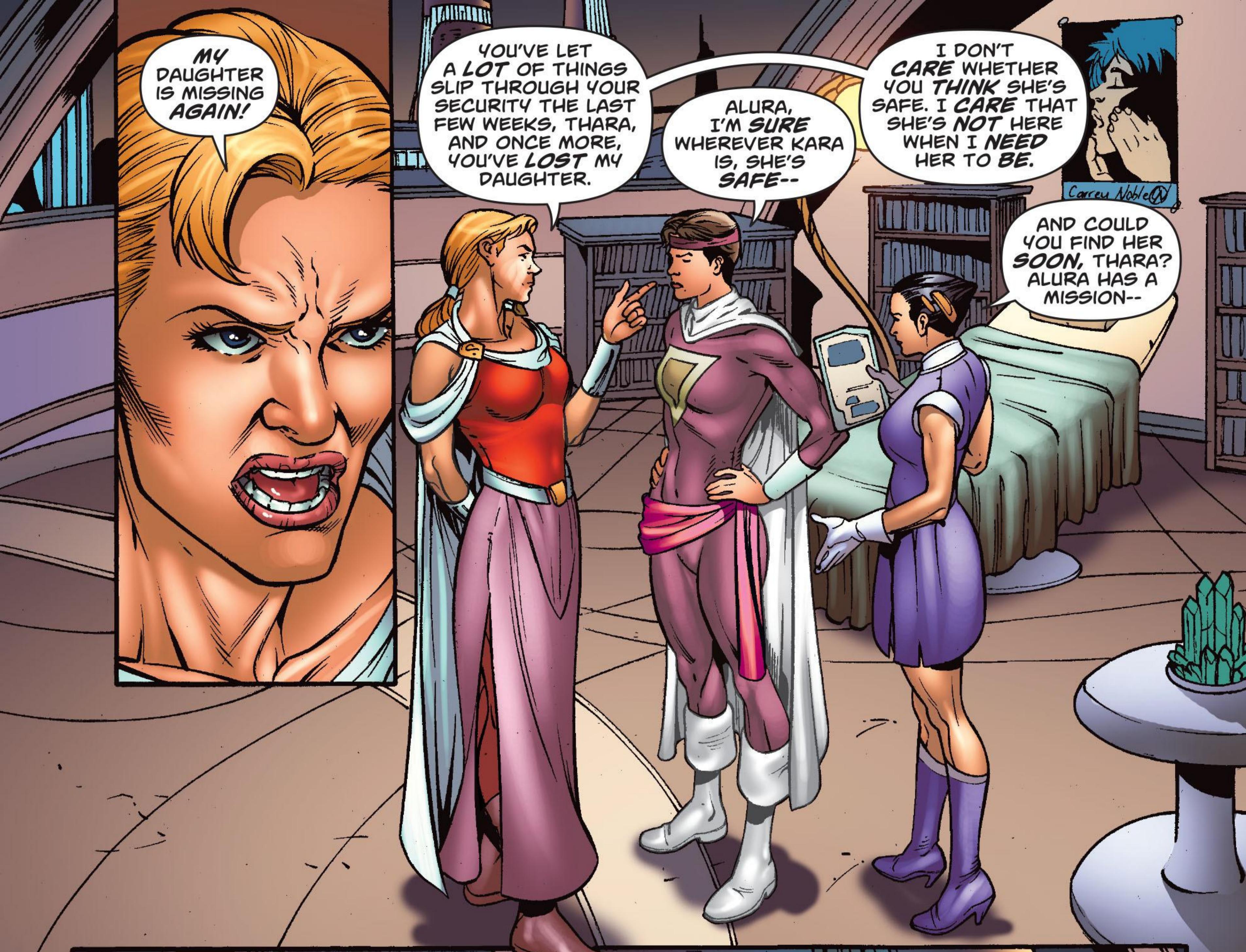
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I CAME OUT
HERE THE FIRST
TIME TO CRY.

IT'S NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE
TO FEEL LIKE YOU HAVE
ANY PRIVACY IN A CITY
WHERE EVERYONE HAS
SUPERHEARING.

IN SPACE, THOUGH, NO ONE
CAN HEAR ME GRIEVE. MY
TEARS WOULD BOIL, THEN
INSTANTLY FREEZE IN THE
VACUUM. NO EVIDENCE OF
WEEPING FOR ANYONE TO SEE.

...I MISS
MY DAD.

LAST WEEK, I CAUGHT
A GLIMPSE IN THE
MIRROR AS I MADE MY
WAY BACK TO THE CITY.

THE BOILING TEARS
WERE WRECKING MY
MAKEUP, SO I STOPPED
MAKING THE TRIP UP.

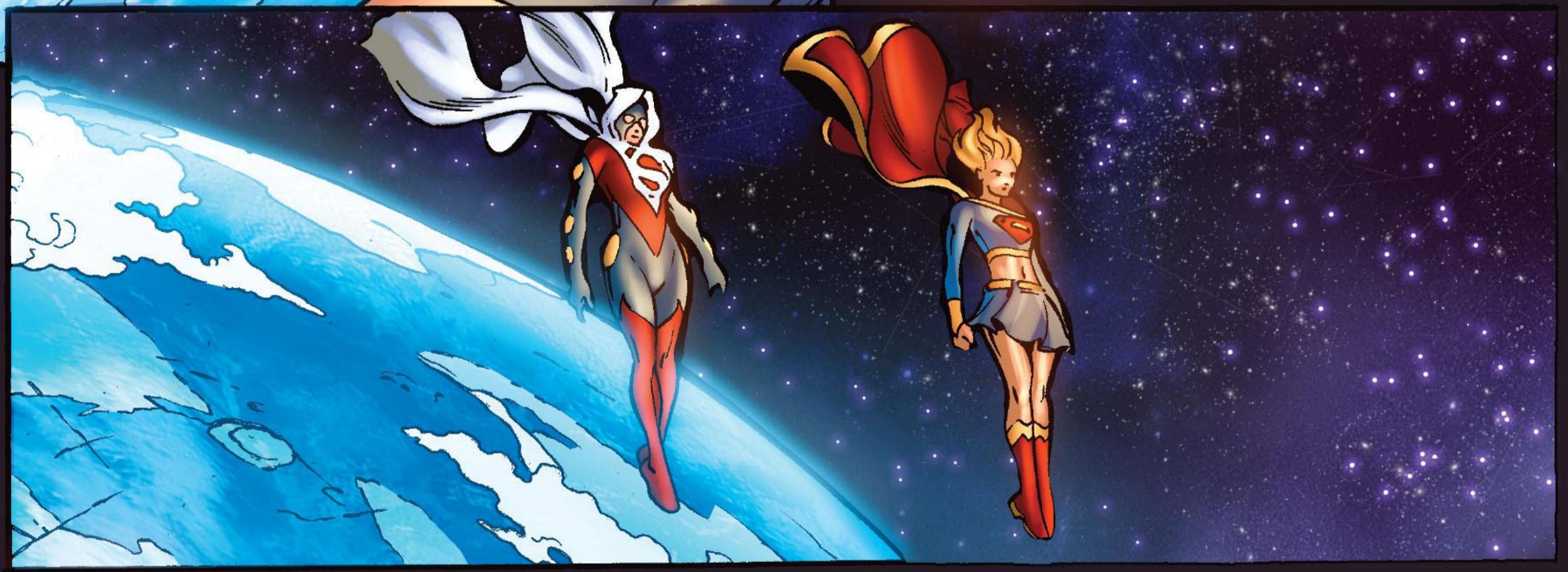
BUT A COUPLE DAYS AGO,
AFTER YET ANOTHER
ARGUMENT WITH MOTHER,
I DECIDED TO COME BACK...

...AND THIS TIME I NOTICED
SOMETHING DIFFERENT.
I LIKED BEING UP HERE.
IT'S QUIET. RELAXING.
ALMOST LIKE SUNBATHING.

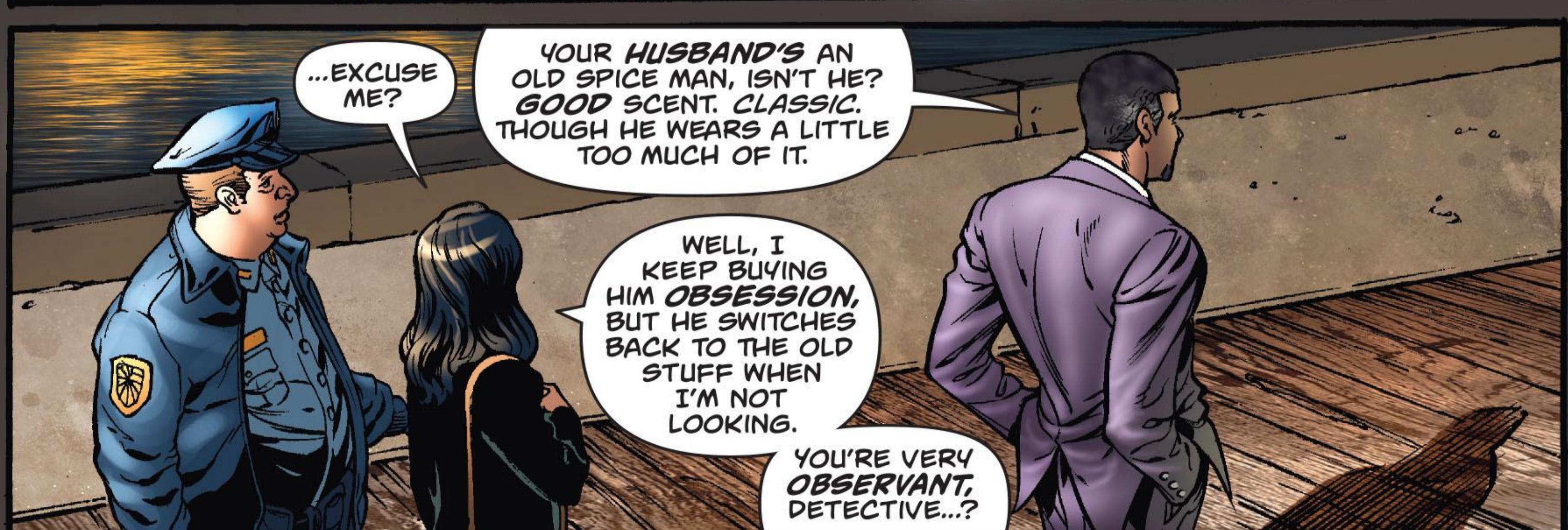
SUNLIGHT GIVES
KRYPTONIANS ENERGY,
SURE, BUT IT'S ALSO
COMFORTING.

LIKE RUNNING INTO
AN OLD FRIEND ON
THE STREET...

...OR IN THE MIDDLE
OF OPEN SPACE.



EARTH.







WE SPEND
ANOTHER HOUR
OUT IN SPACE.

HONESTLY, IT'S
ONE OF THE MOST
RELAXING TIMES I'VE
HAD WITH ANYONE
SINCE I MOVED TO
NEW KRYPTON.

WE'RE JUST BEGINNING TO
ENTER THE **IONOSPHERE**
WHEN THE THOUGHT
SUDDENLY HITS ME.

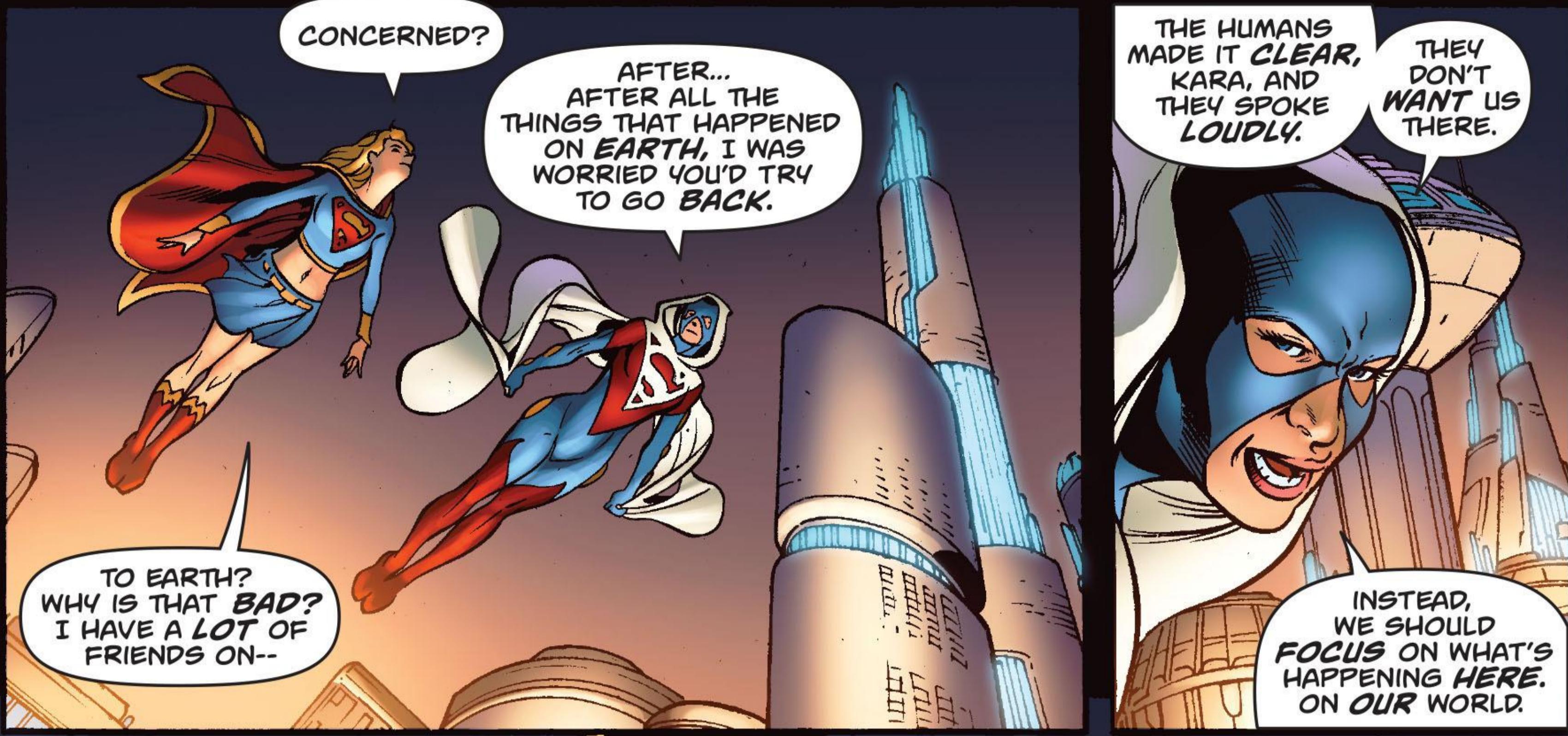
I HAVE NO IDEA
WHO THIS WOMAN IS.

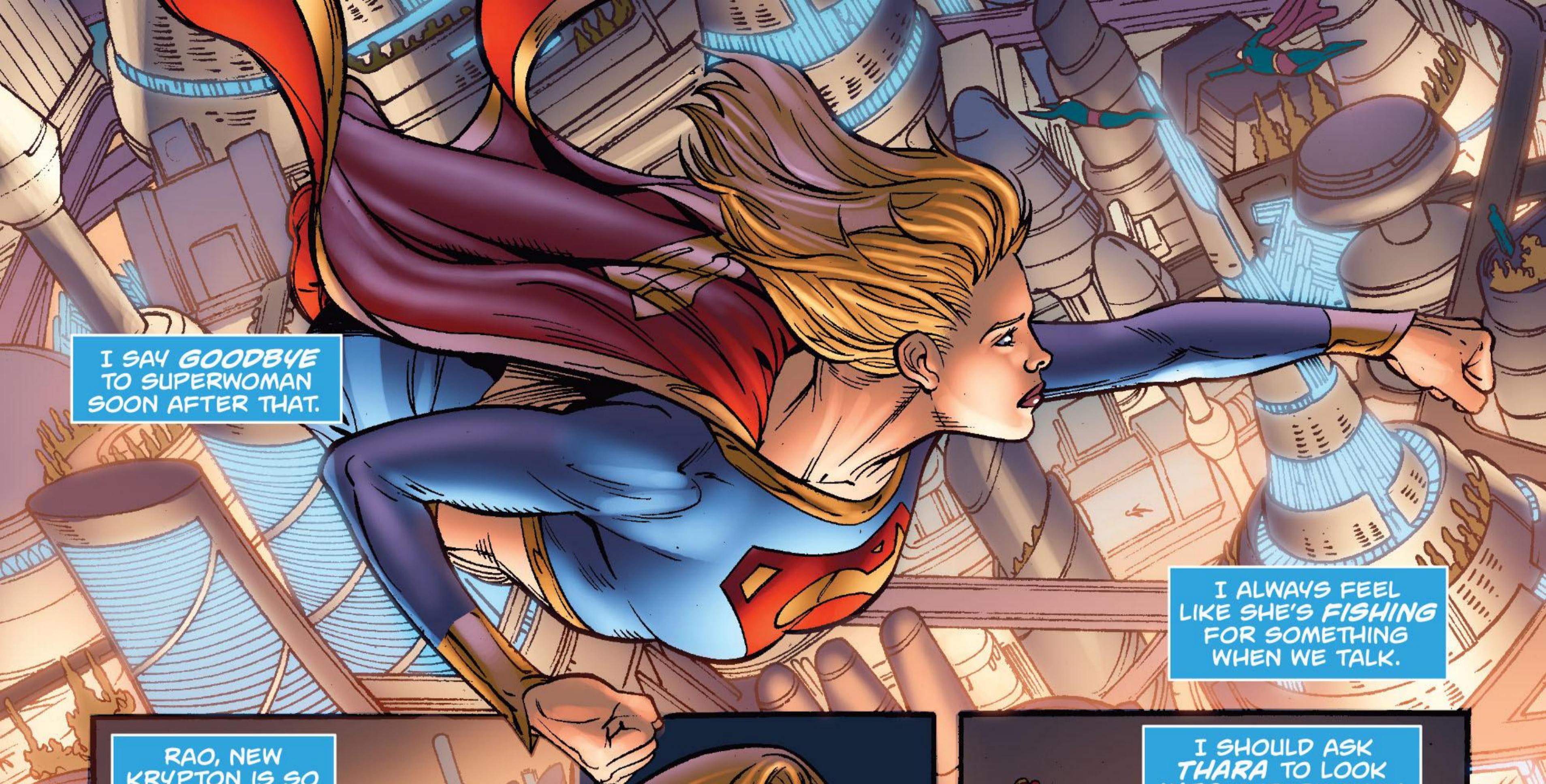
OR WHAT SHE
WANTS WITH ME.

--SO WHEN
I COULDN'T FIND
YOU PLANETSIDE,
I THOUGHT--

WHOA. YOU
SEARCHED THE
WHOLE PLANET
FOR ME?

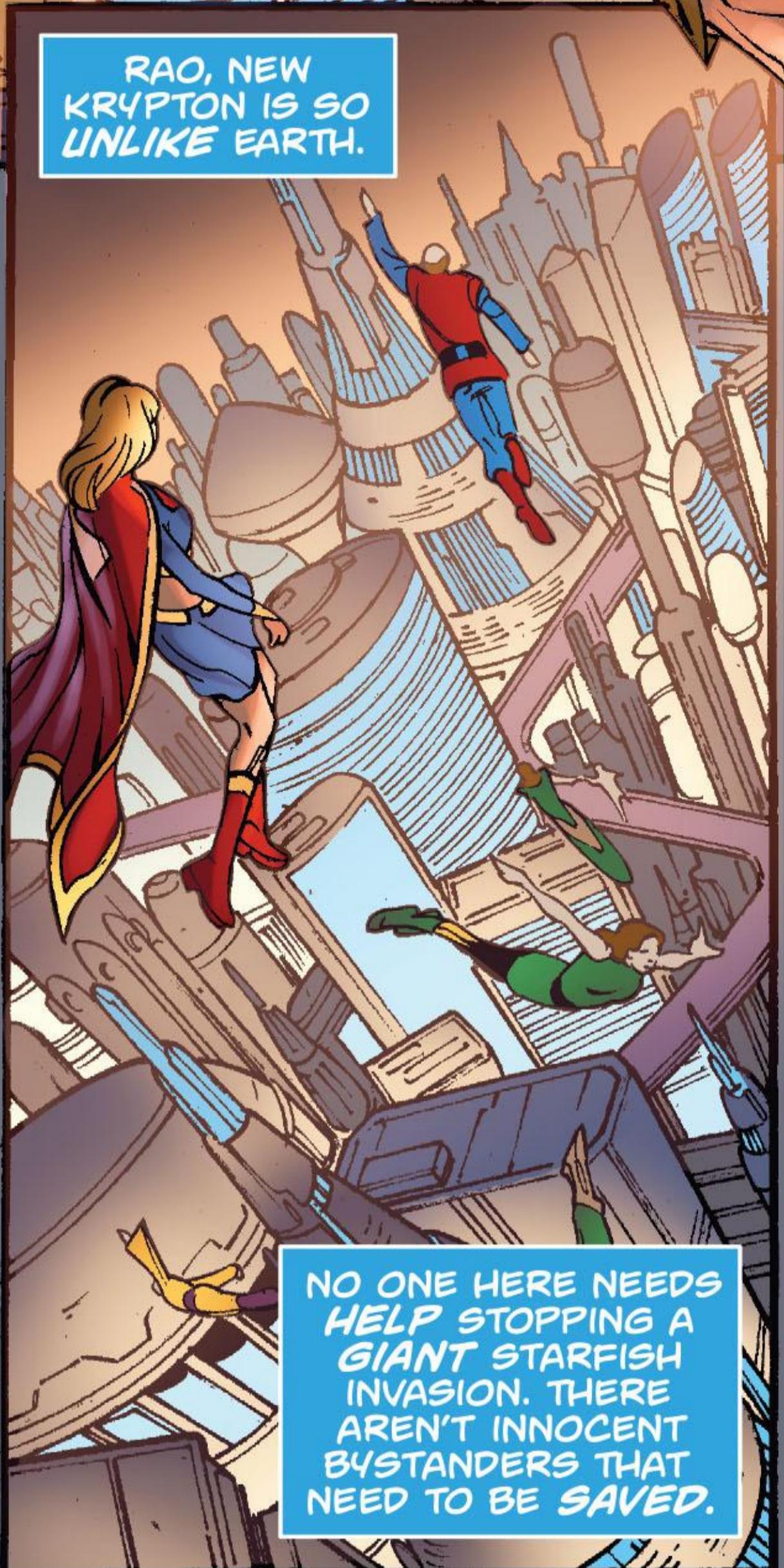
I'M FASTER THAN
I LOOK. AND I HADN'T
SEEN YOU AROUND, AND
WAS STARTING TO
GET CONCERNED.





I SAY GOODBYE TO SUPERWOMAN SOON AFTER THAT.

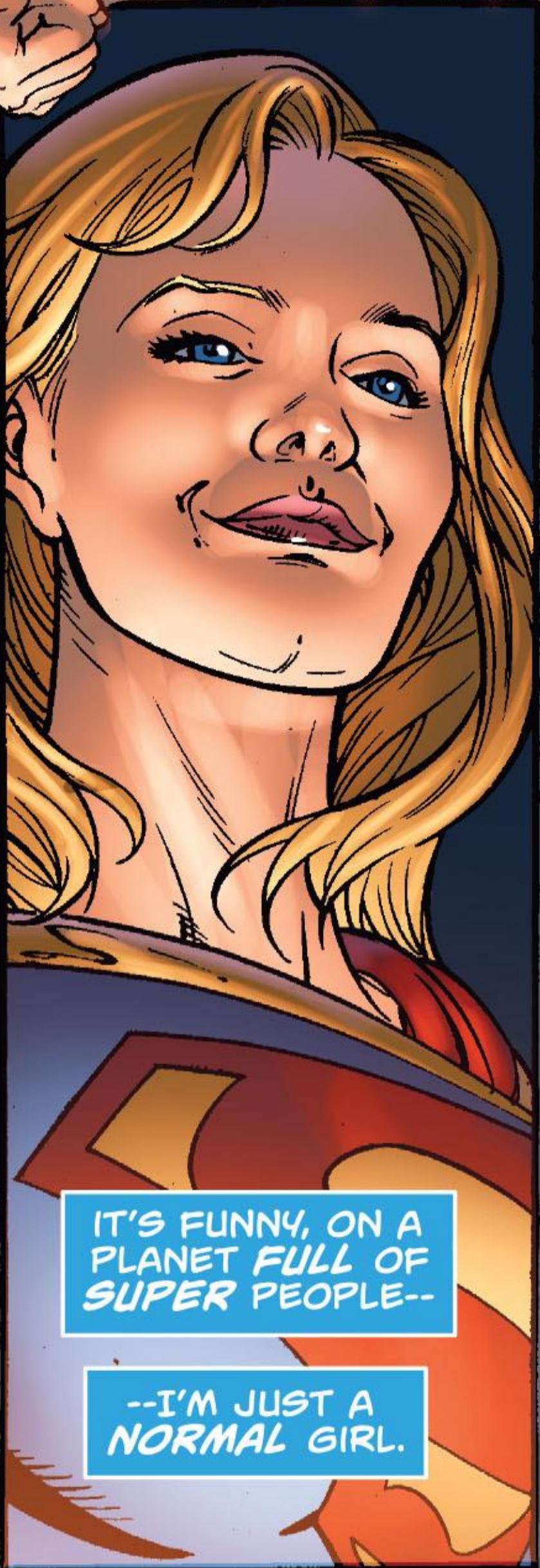
I ALWAYS FEEL LIKE SHE'S FISHING FOR SOMETHING WHEN WE TALK.



RAO, NEW KRYPTON IS SO UNLIKE EARTH.

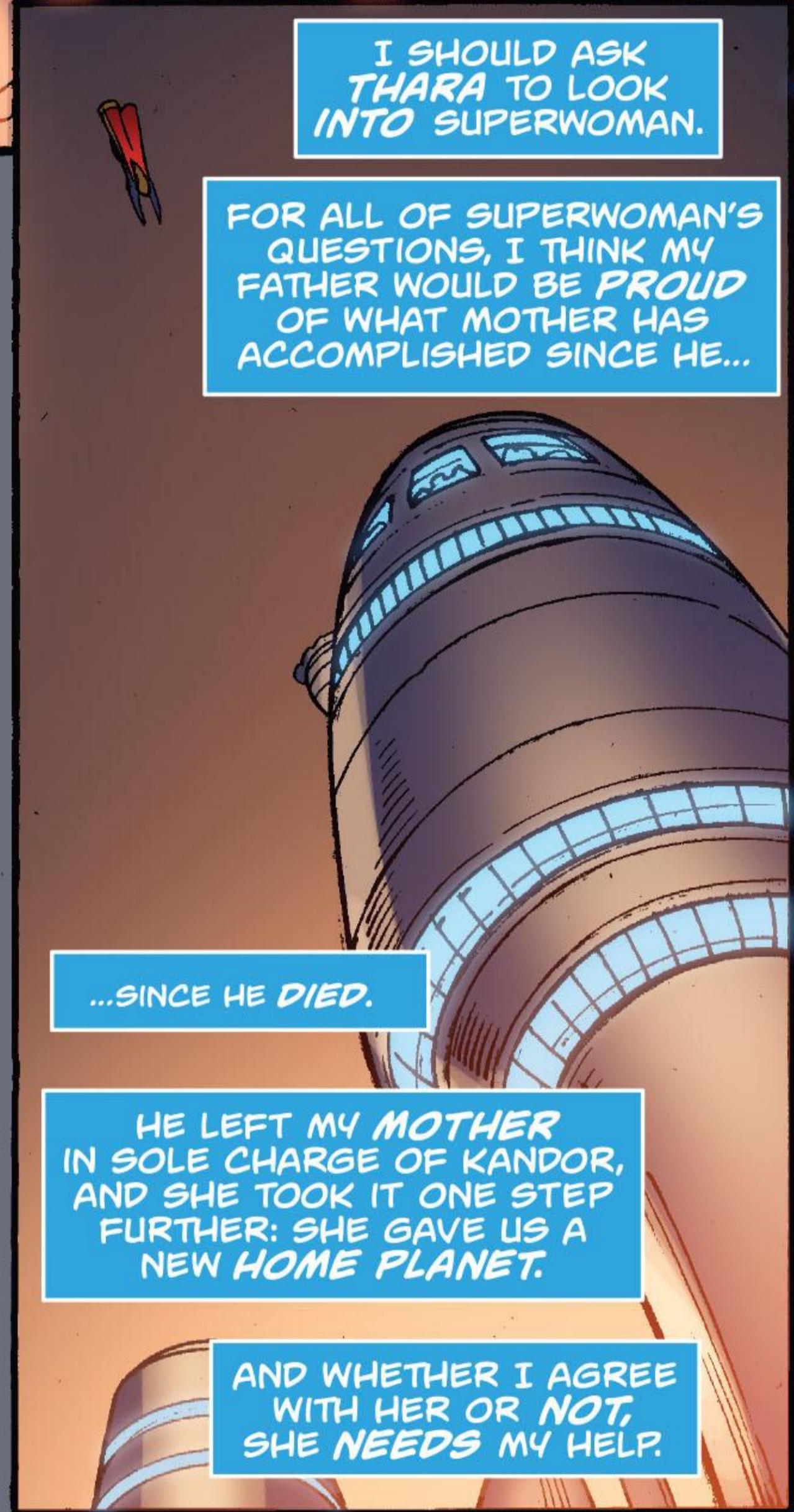
I SHOULD ASK THARA TO LOOK INTO SUPERWOMAN.

NO ONE HERE NEEDS HELP STOPPING A GIANT STARFISH INVASION. THERE AREN'T INNOCENT BYSTANDERS THAT NEED TO BE SAVED.



IT'S FUNNY, ON A PLANET FULL OF SUPER PEOPLE--

--I'M JUST A NORMAL GIRL.

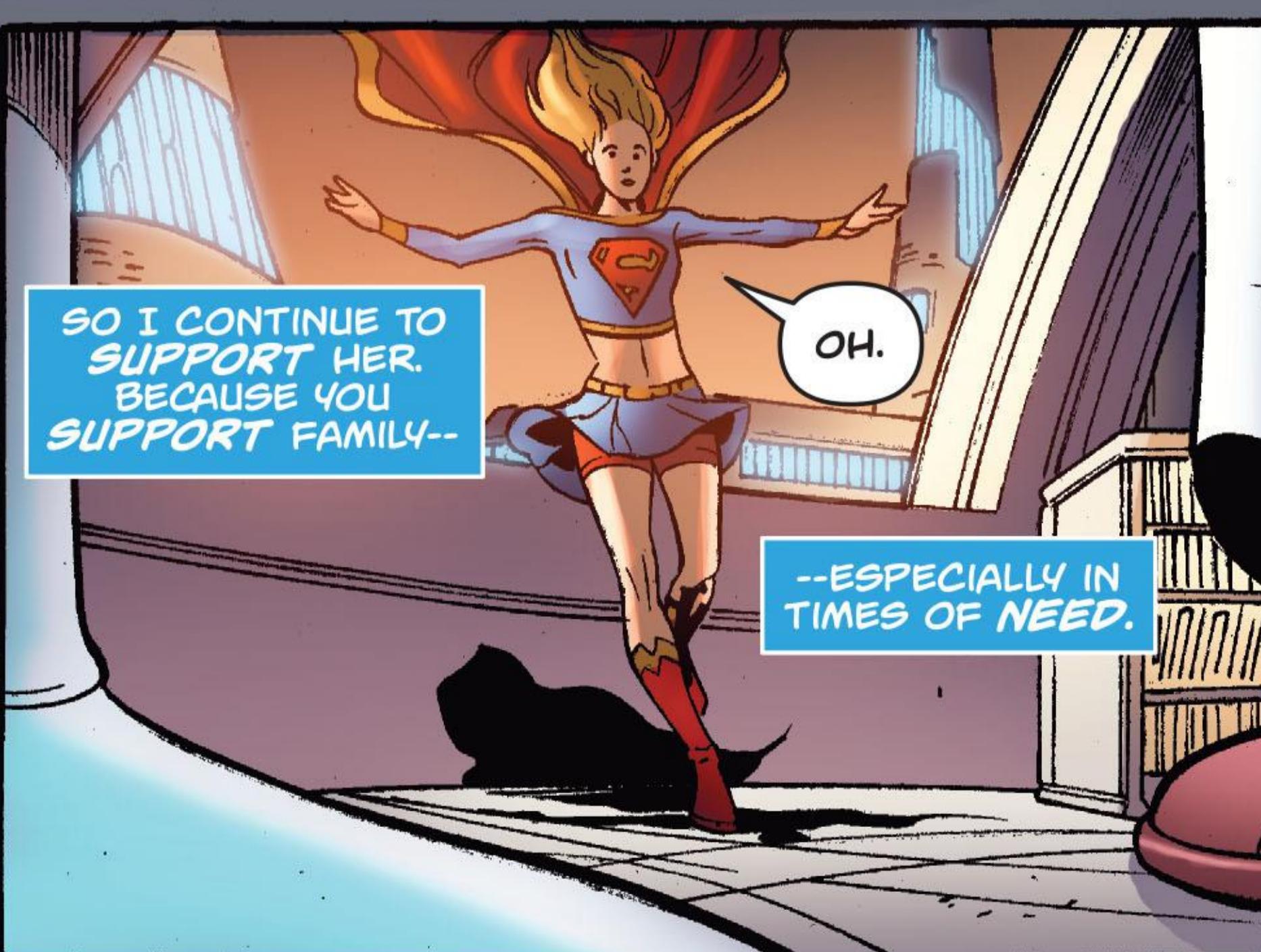


FOR ALL OF SUPERWOMAN'S QUESTIONS, I THINK MY FATHER WOULD BE PROUD OF WHAT MOTHER HAS ACCOMPLISHED SINCE HE...

...SINCE HE DIED.

HE LEFT MY MOTHER IN SOLE CHARGE OF KANDOR, AND SHE TOOK IT ONE STEP FURTHER: SHE GAVE US A NEW HOME PLANET.

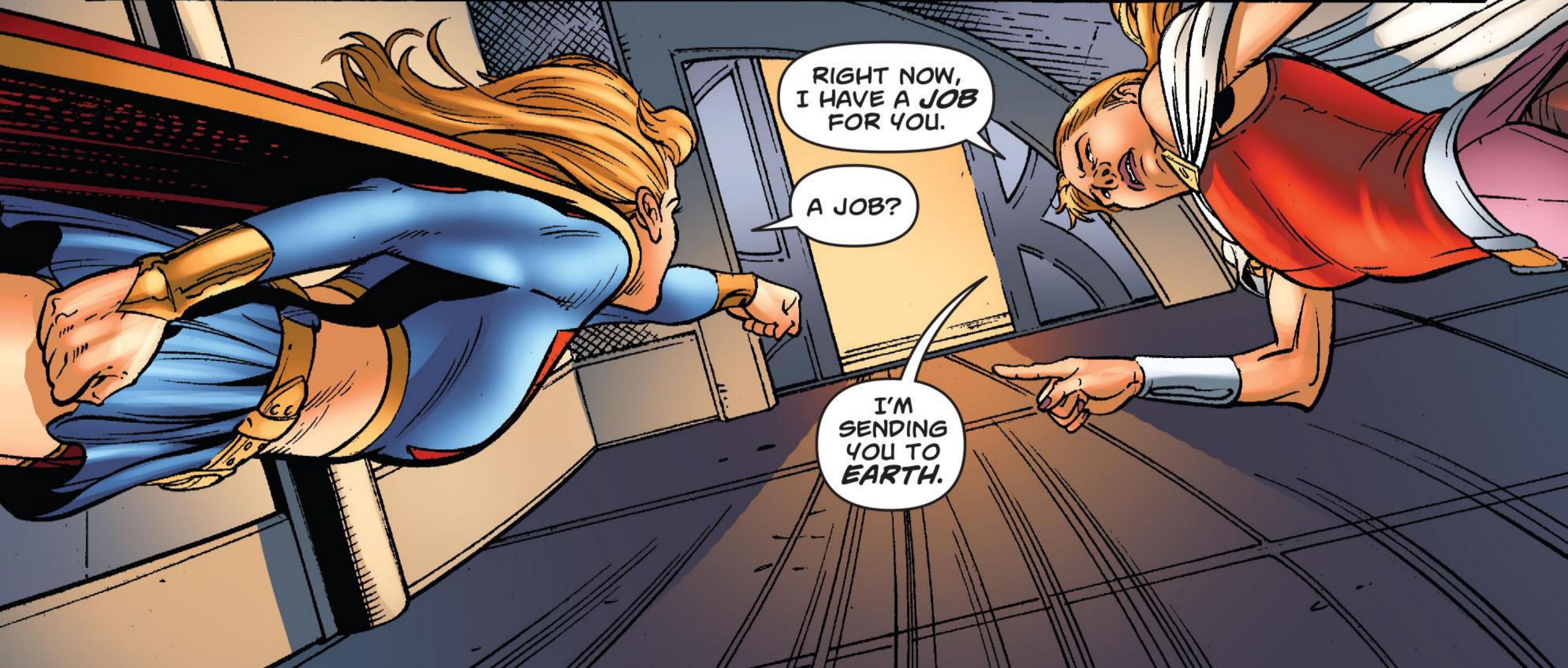
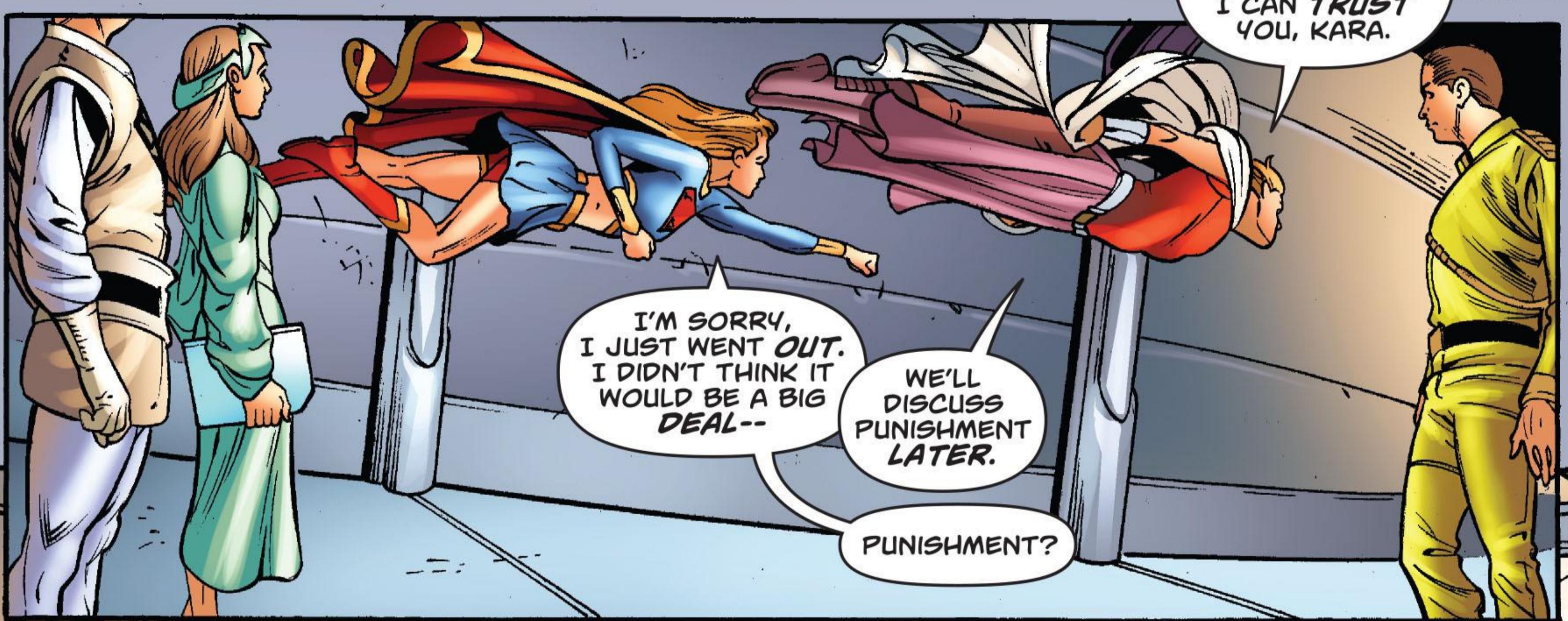
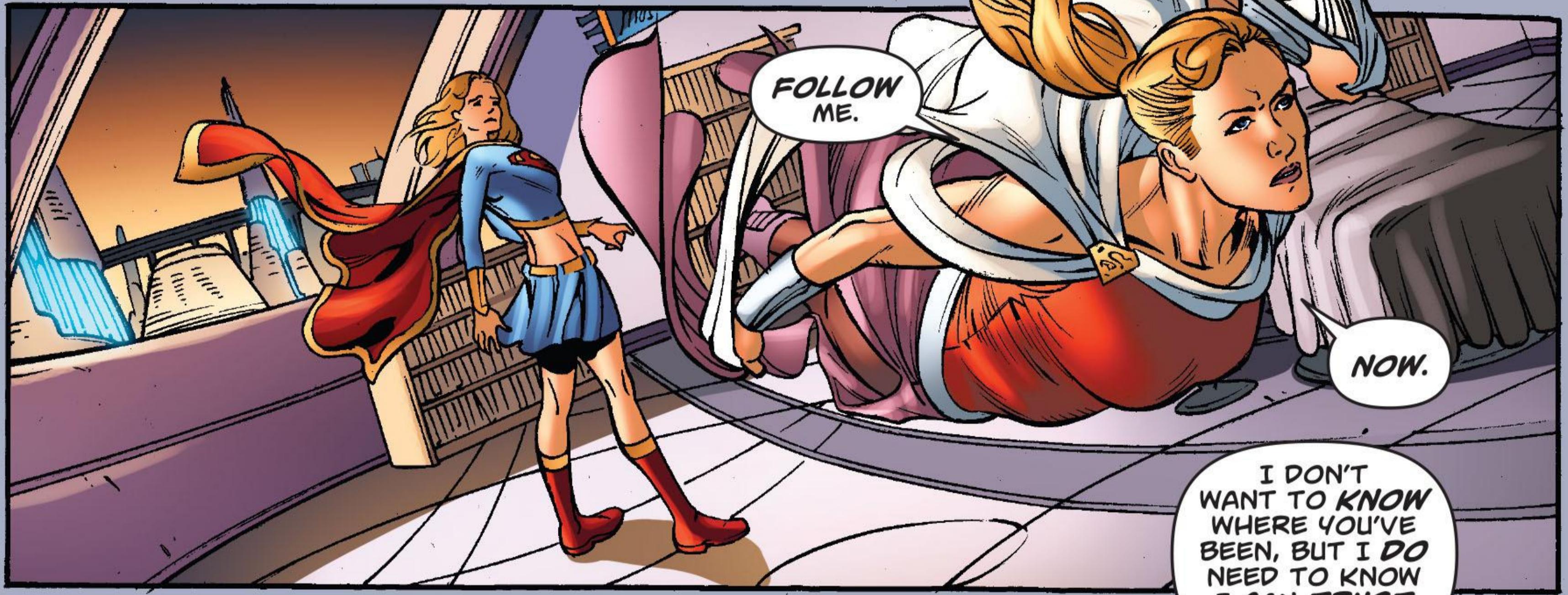
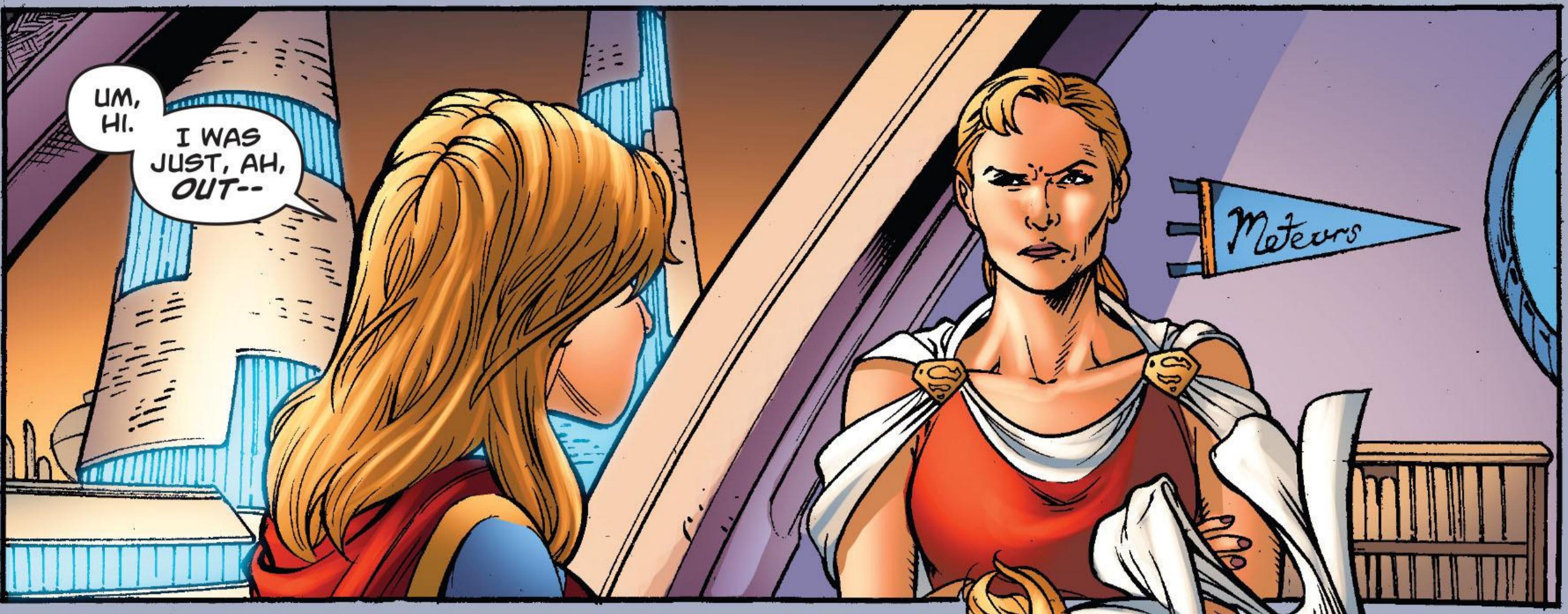
AND WHETHER I AGREE WITH HER OR NOT, SHE NEEDS MY HELP.




SO I CONTINUE TO SUPPORT HER. BECAUSE YOU SUPPORT FAMILY--

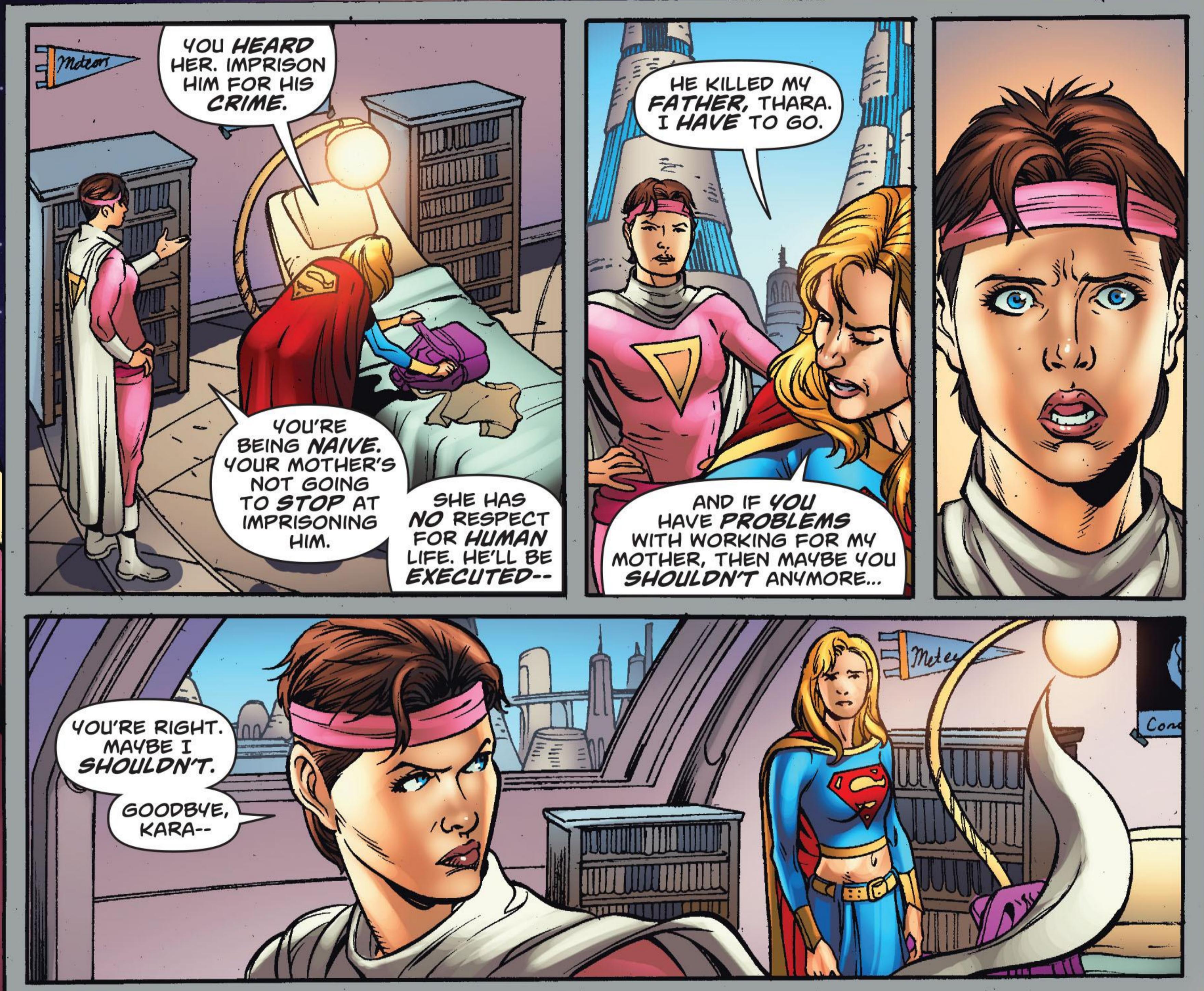
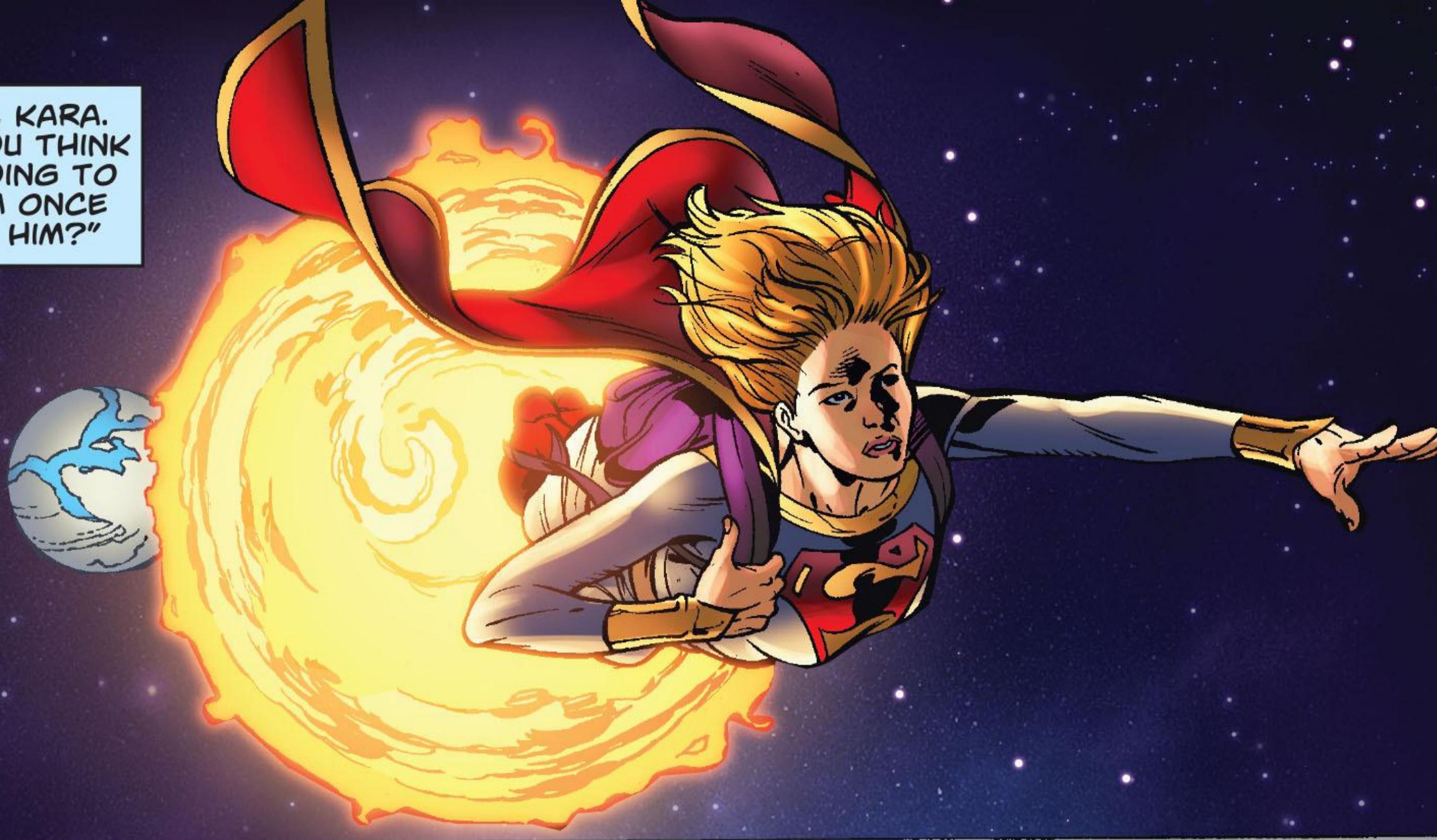
OH.

--ESPECIALLY IN TIMES OF NEED.





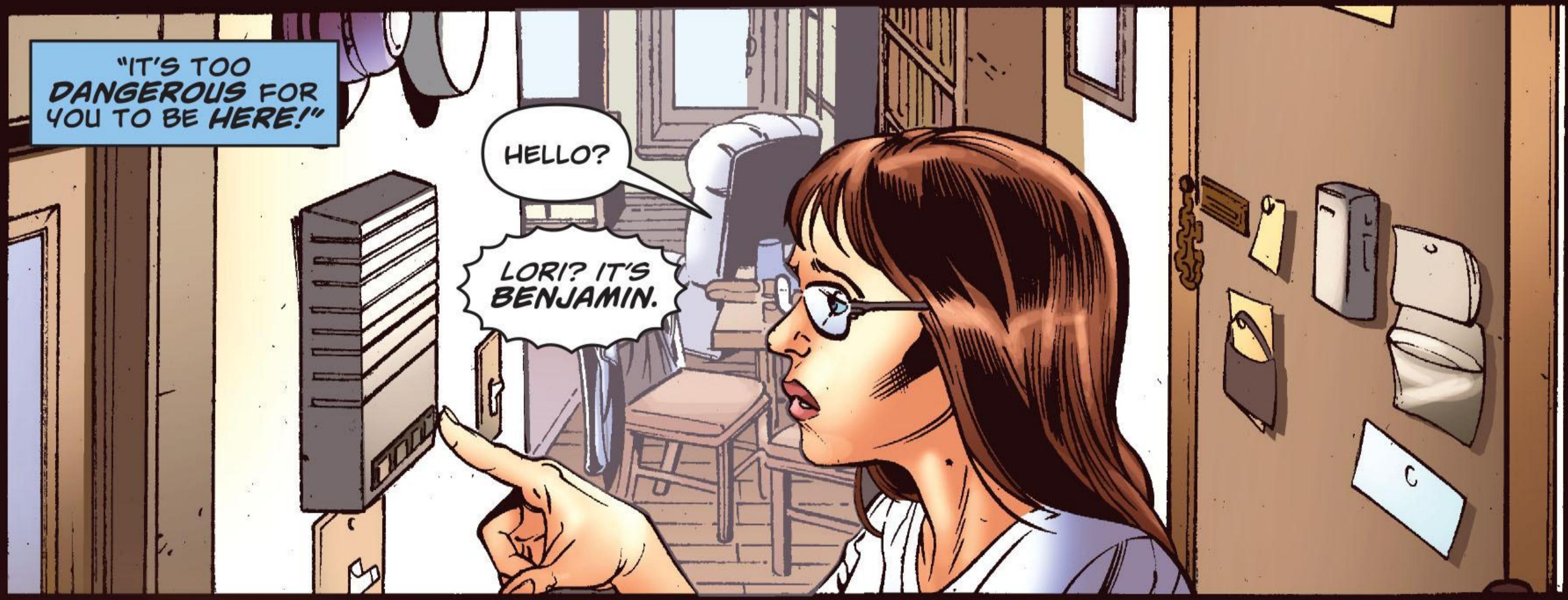
"DON'T GO, KARA.
WHAT DO YOU THINK
ALURA'S GOING TO
DO TO HIM ONCE
SHE GETS HIM?"

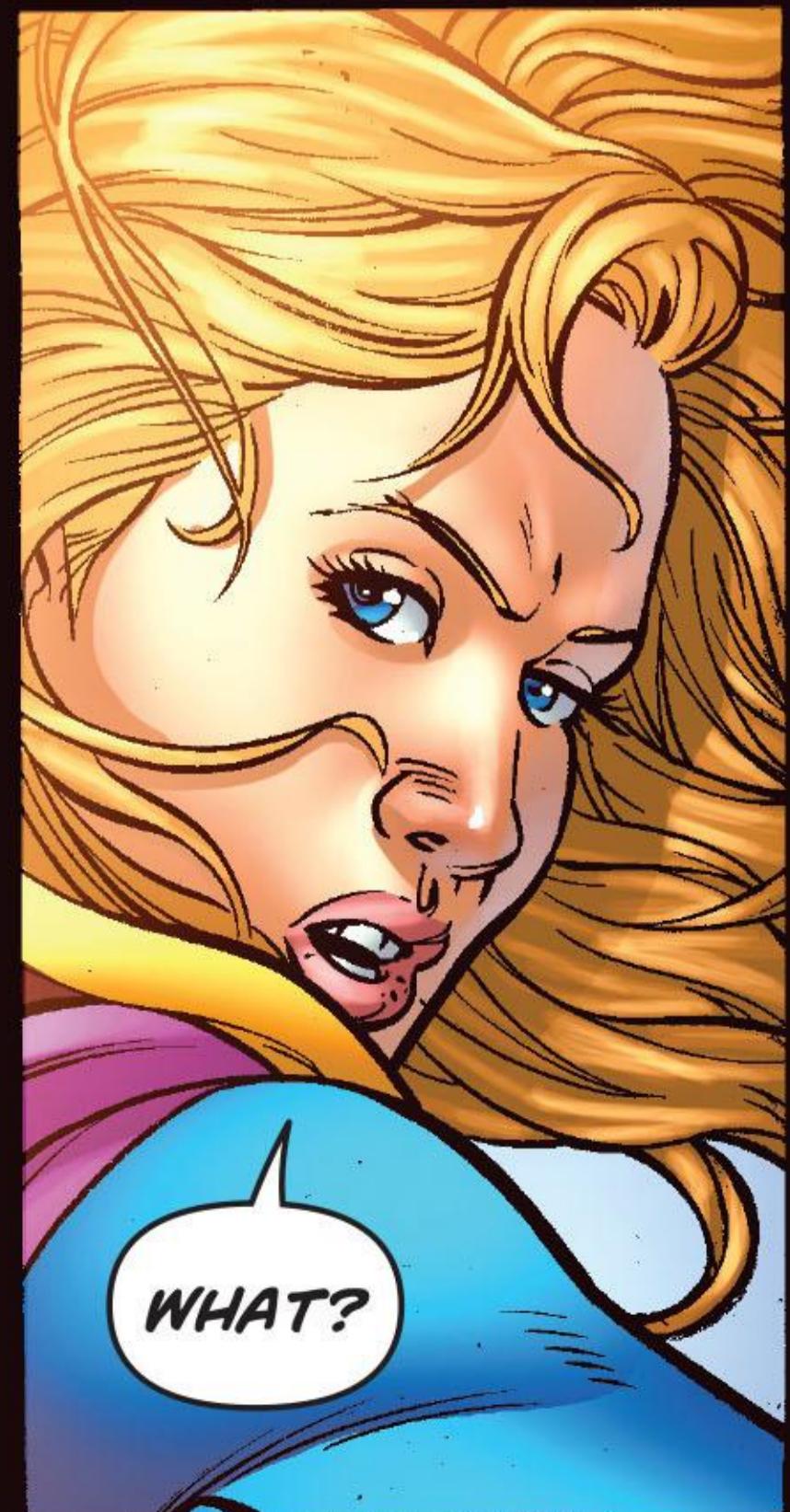
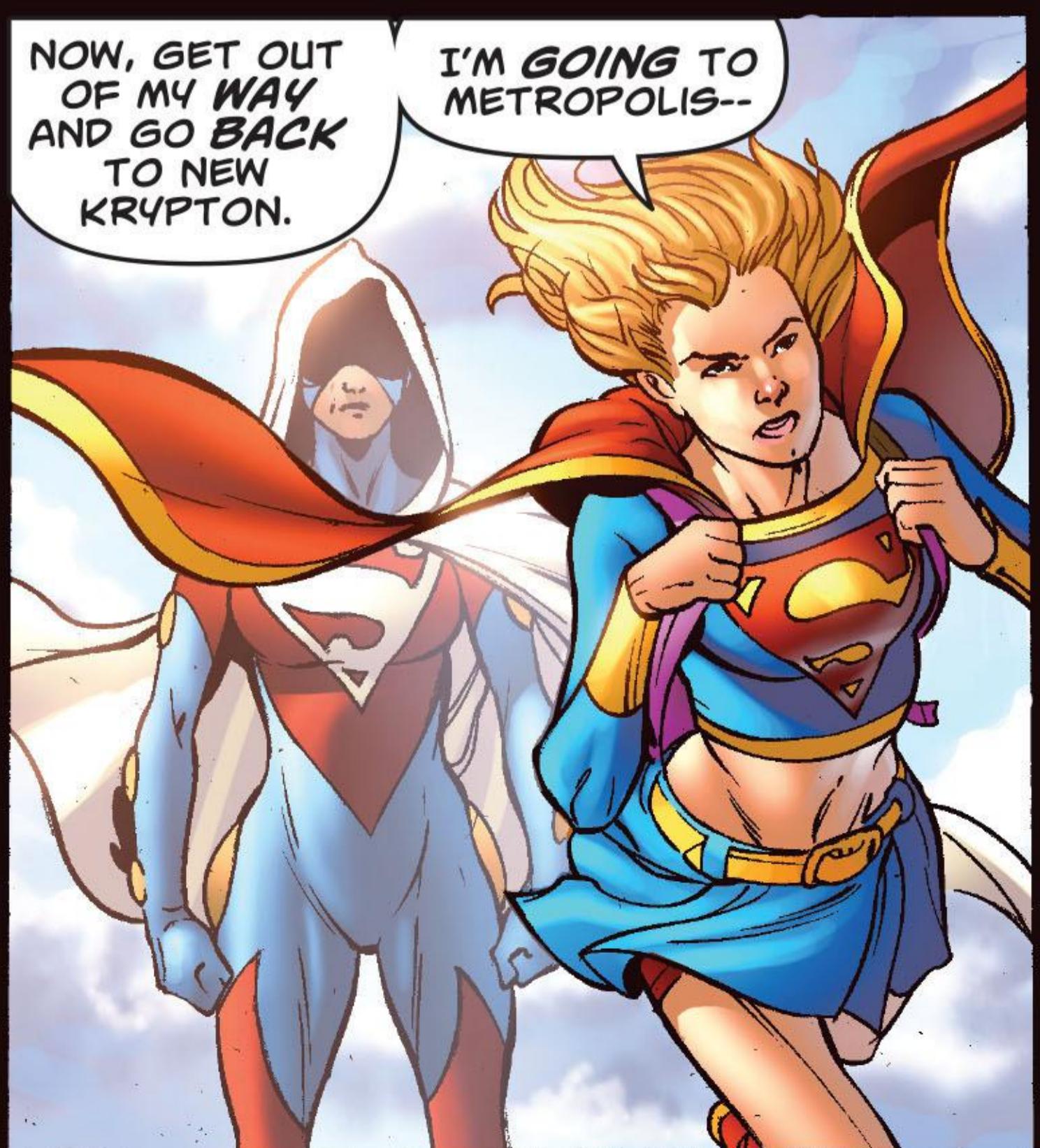
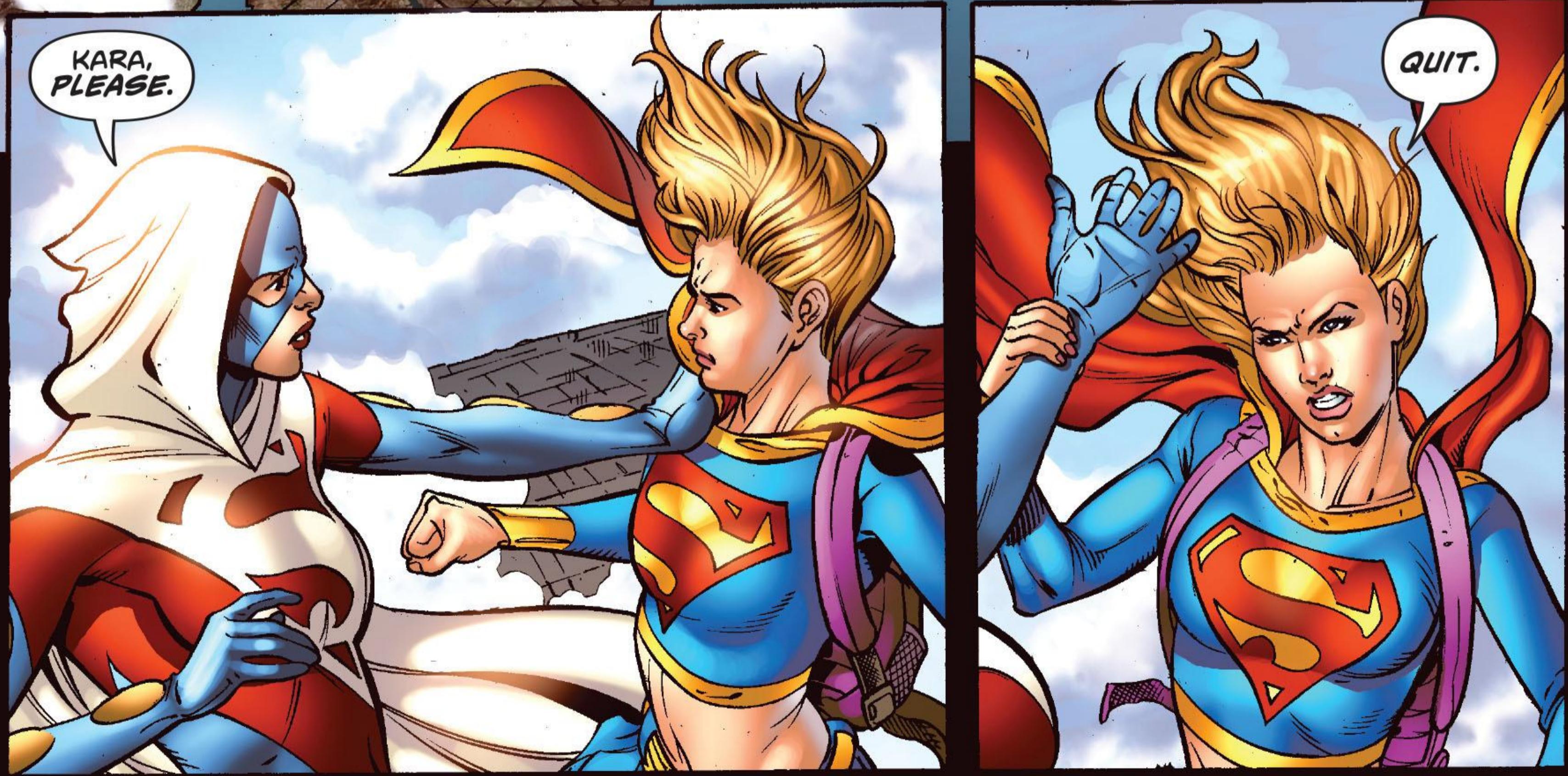


--I WON'T WISH
YOU LUCK."

"DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT,
SMALLVILLE."









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