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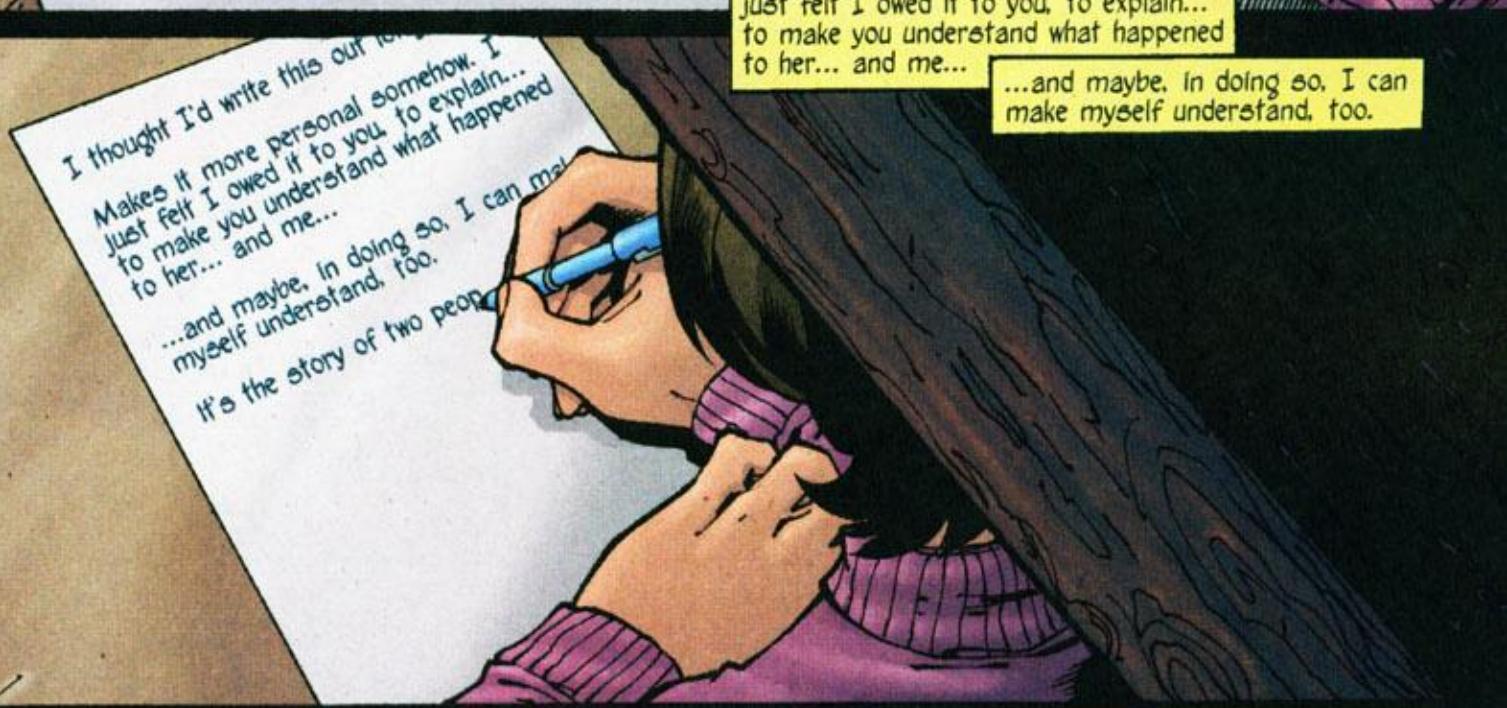
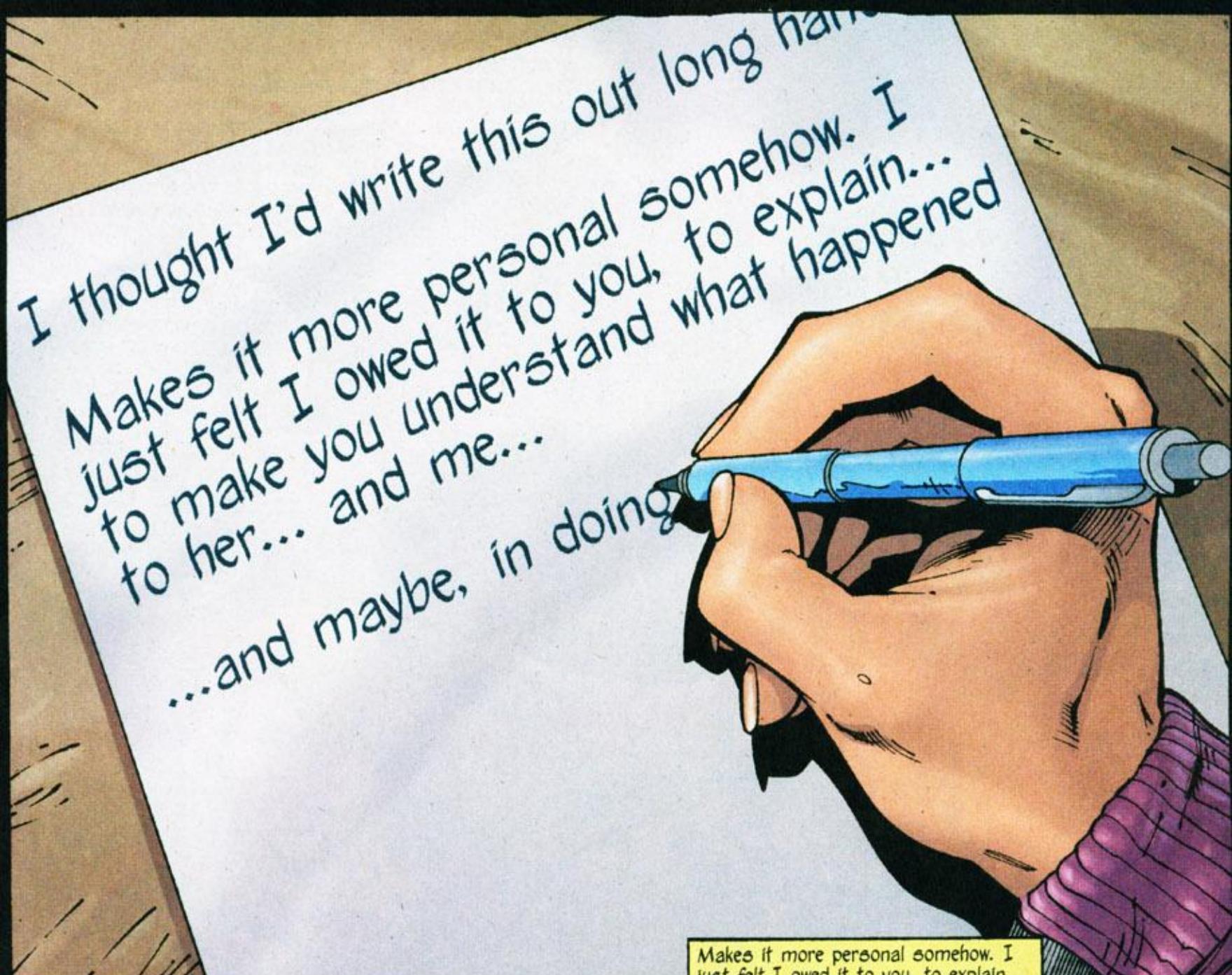
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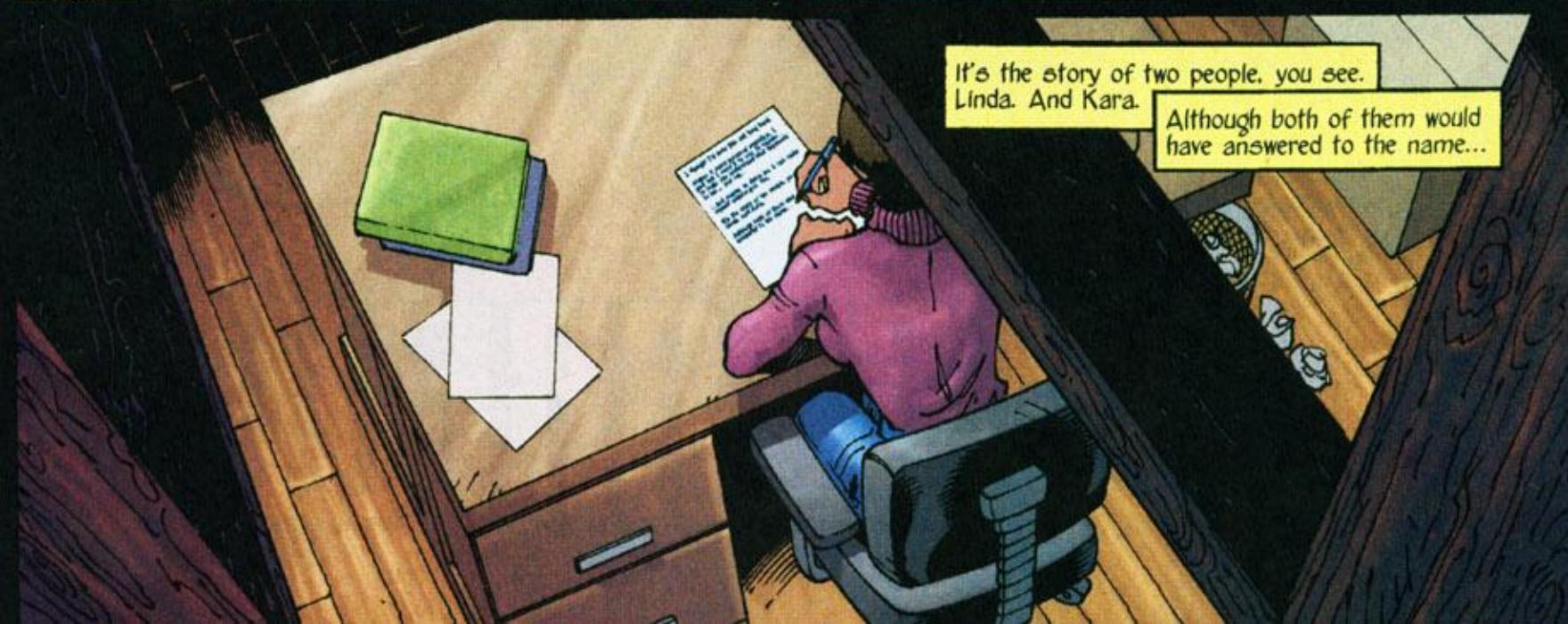
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Makes it more personal somehow. I
just felt I owed it to you, to explain...
to make you understand what happened
to her... and me...

...and maybe, in doing so, I can
make myself understand, too.



SUPERRGIRL!
ANOTHER SUPERGIRL
HAS COME TO
VISIT US IN OUR
SOLITUDE.

BUT IT
KNOWS US
NOT.

MY PET... WE
ARE XENON. WE ARE A
BEING POWERFUL BEYOND
IMAGINING, TRAPPED IN THIS
SPHERE BEFORE TIME BEGAN
THROUGH THE MACHINATIONS
OF ONE BEARING YOUR
NAME.

IT MIGHT BE
YOU IN THE FUTURE
WHO PERFORMS THIS
FOUL DEED. PERHAPS
ANOTHER. THE ONLY
WAY TO BE CERTAIN IS
TO ANNIHILATE ALL
OF YOU.

YOU'RE...
YOU'RE GOING TO
KILL ME, YOU
MEAN?

WELL... YES.
I JUST PREFER
"ANNIHILATE." MORE
SYLLABLES.

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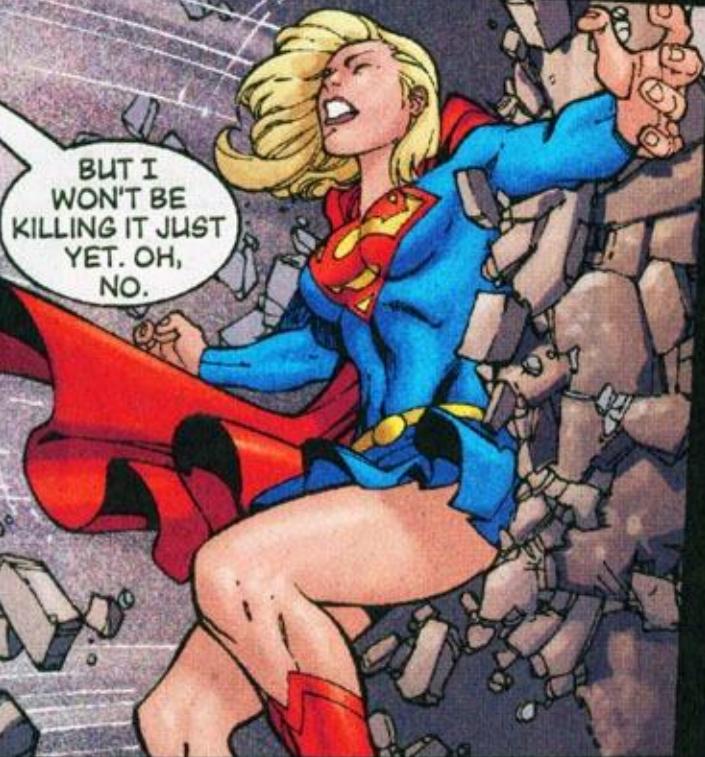
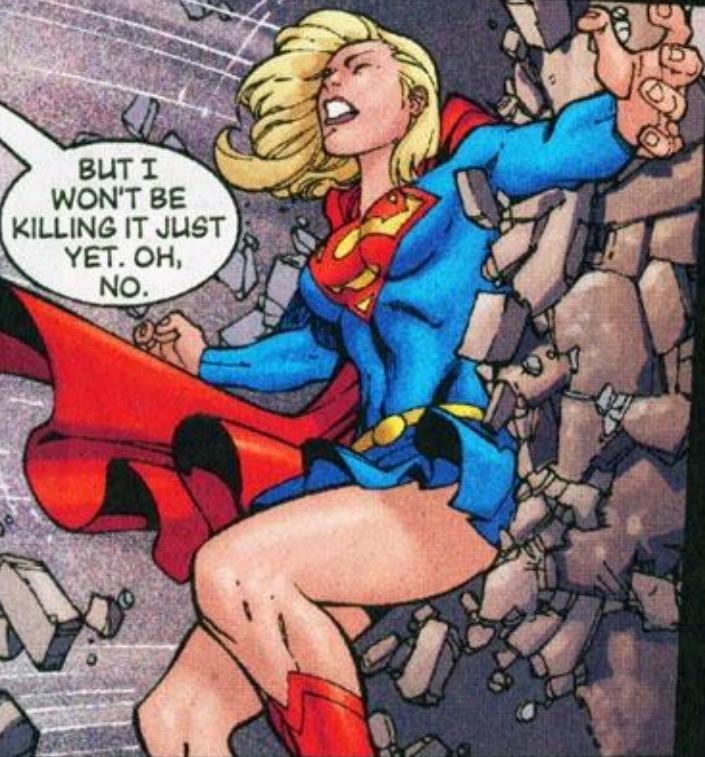
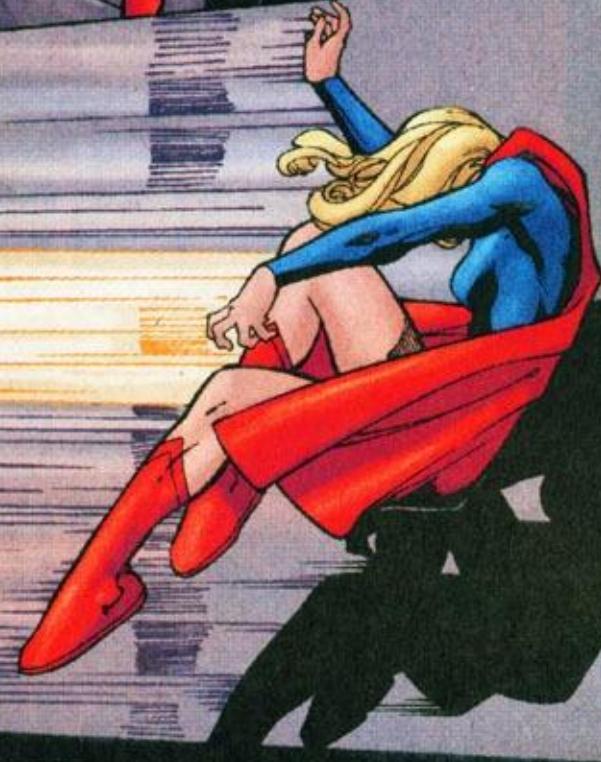
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OKAY! WELL,
MAYBE I HAVE A FEW
CHOICE SYLLABLES
FOR YOU
MYSELF!



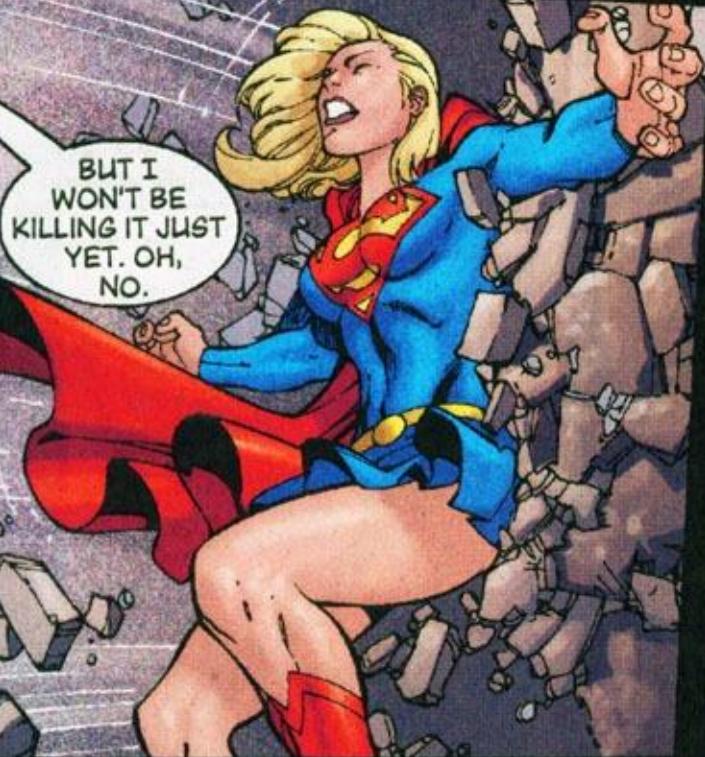
THERE'S
SOME FIGHT
IN IT. THERE'S
ALWAYS SOME
FIGHT
IN IT.



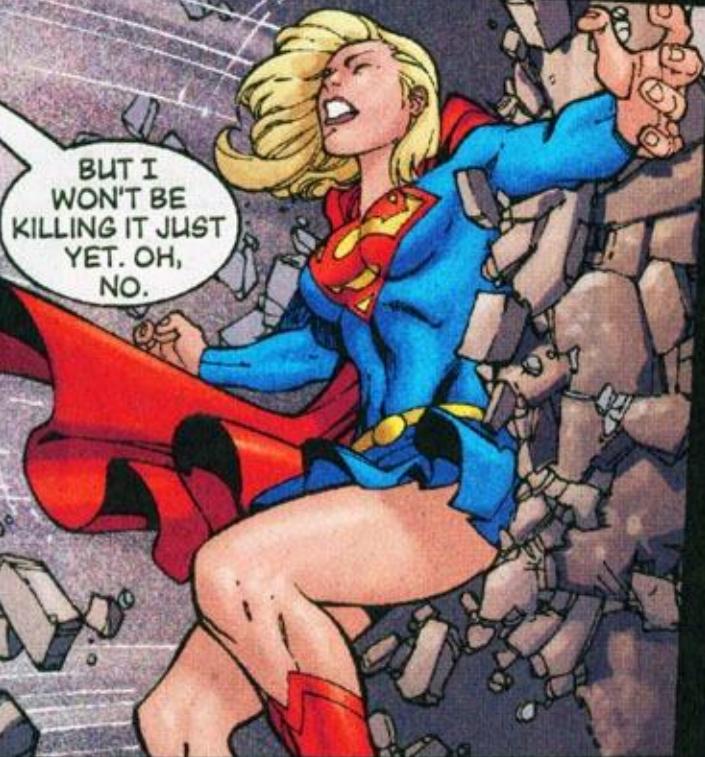
YOU SEE, I'VE LEARNED THAT THERE
ARE TWO SUPERGIRLS IN YOUR SPHERE.
YOU, DIVERTED BY MY QUESTIONABLE ALLY,
THE FATALIST. AND THE
PREVIOUS RESIDENT.



SO MY LITTLE
AGENTS, WHICH SPIRITED
YOU HERE, SEEK HER OUT
TO BRING HERE AS WELL.



I'VE
NEVER SLAIN
TWO SUPERGIRLS
AT ONCE. IT MIGHT
EVEN BE...



UNHHHH!



Xenon wanted both his prizes. But one of them was in another time... another reality.

Where, exactly? Linda never really knew. She was a superhero, not a transdimensional physics major. All she knew was...

EVEN KNOWING THAT I WAS ON BORROWED TIME... THAT I WAS LIVING KARA'S LIFE... I WOULDN'T HAVE TRADED MY TIME HERE FOR ALL THE WORLD!

AND I'M READY TO LAY DOWN MY LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR IT!

YOU'RE THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, SPECTRE. MAKE THIS WORK!

YEAH, SPECTRE. MAKE IT WORK.

YOU! THE FATALIST!

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAUSED KARA'S ROCKET TO LAND ON MY WORLD! WHO SET ALL THIS INTO MOTION.

DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

HE CANNOT, LINDA. THE FATALIST IS... MY OPPOSITE NUMBER, AS IT WERE.

AS I WORK ON BEHALF OF ORDER... HIS IS THE EMBRACING OF ACTS TO CAUSE HAVOC.

NOT SO! I SIMPLY TAKE "GOD'S WILL" TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

I DO AS I WISH SINCE, ALLEGEDLY, IT'S ALL "HIS" WILL ANYWAY.



ONLY KARA CAN DO THAT... BY GOING BACK AND LIVING HER LIFE AS INTENDED.

YOU ENDEAVORED TO REPLACE HER BUT SIMPLY CREATED A DIVERGENT WORLD. AND, LIKE ALL THE OTHERS, BOTH OF THESE SHALL FALL BEFORE...
...THE ANTI-MONITOR.

I THOUGHT I WAS FIGHTING XENON! WHAT THE HELL--?

AUNTIE MONITOR?! WHO'S HER PARTNER, UNCLE SCREEN SAVER?

DO NOT TRIVIALIZED THIS MOMENT, LINDA DANVERS!

YOU KNOW WHAT AWAITES IF YOU DO NOT ACT! IN YOUR HEART, YOU KNOW!

YOU WOULD NOT HAVE TRADED YOUR TIME HERE FOR THE WORLD?

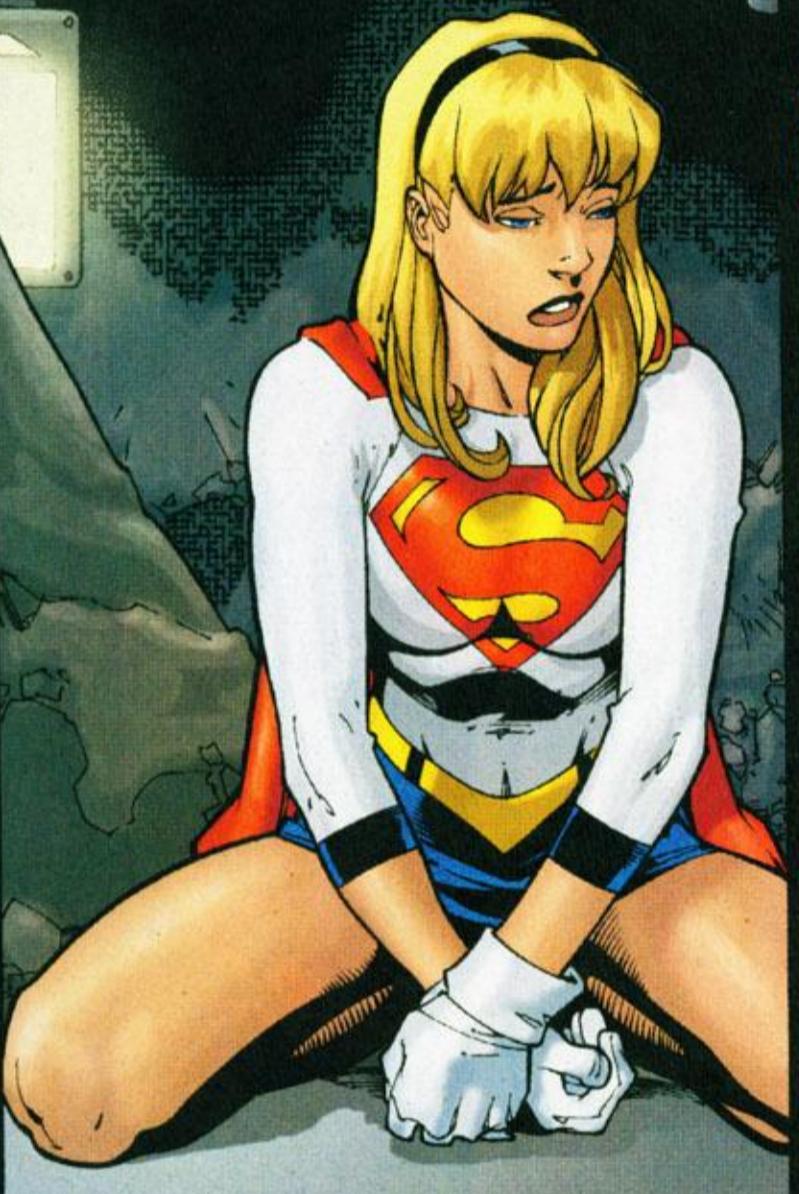
THE WORLD IS WHAT YOUR TIME HERE WILL COST! ALL THE WORLDS, UNTO INFINITY!

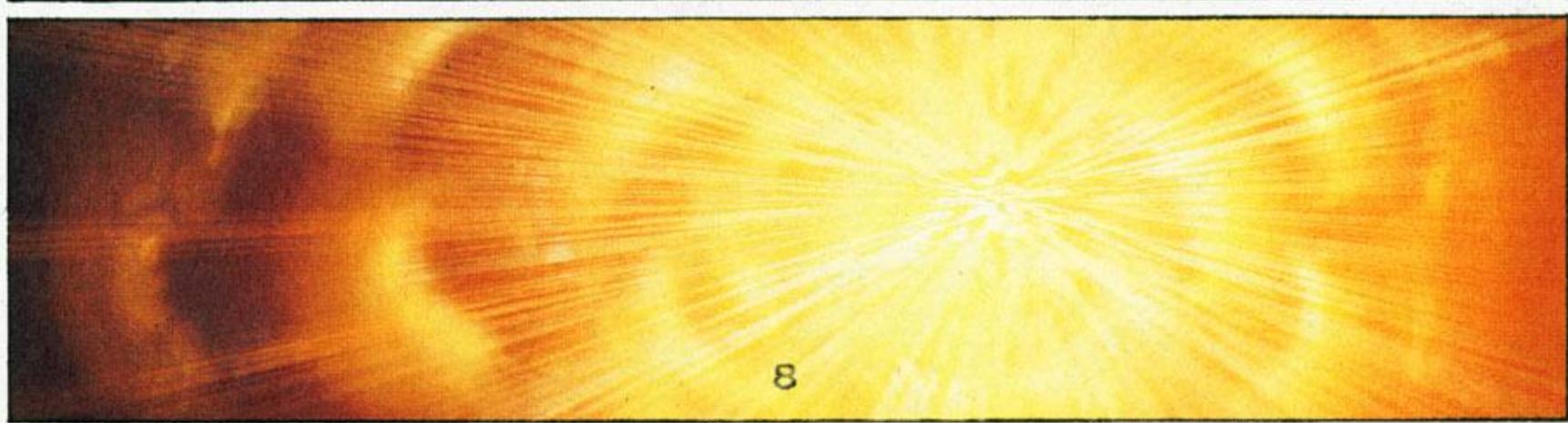
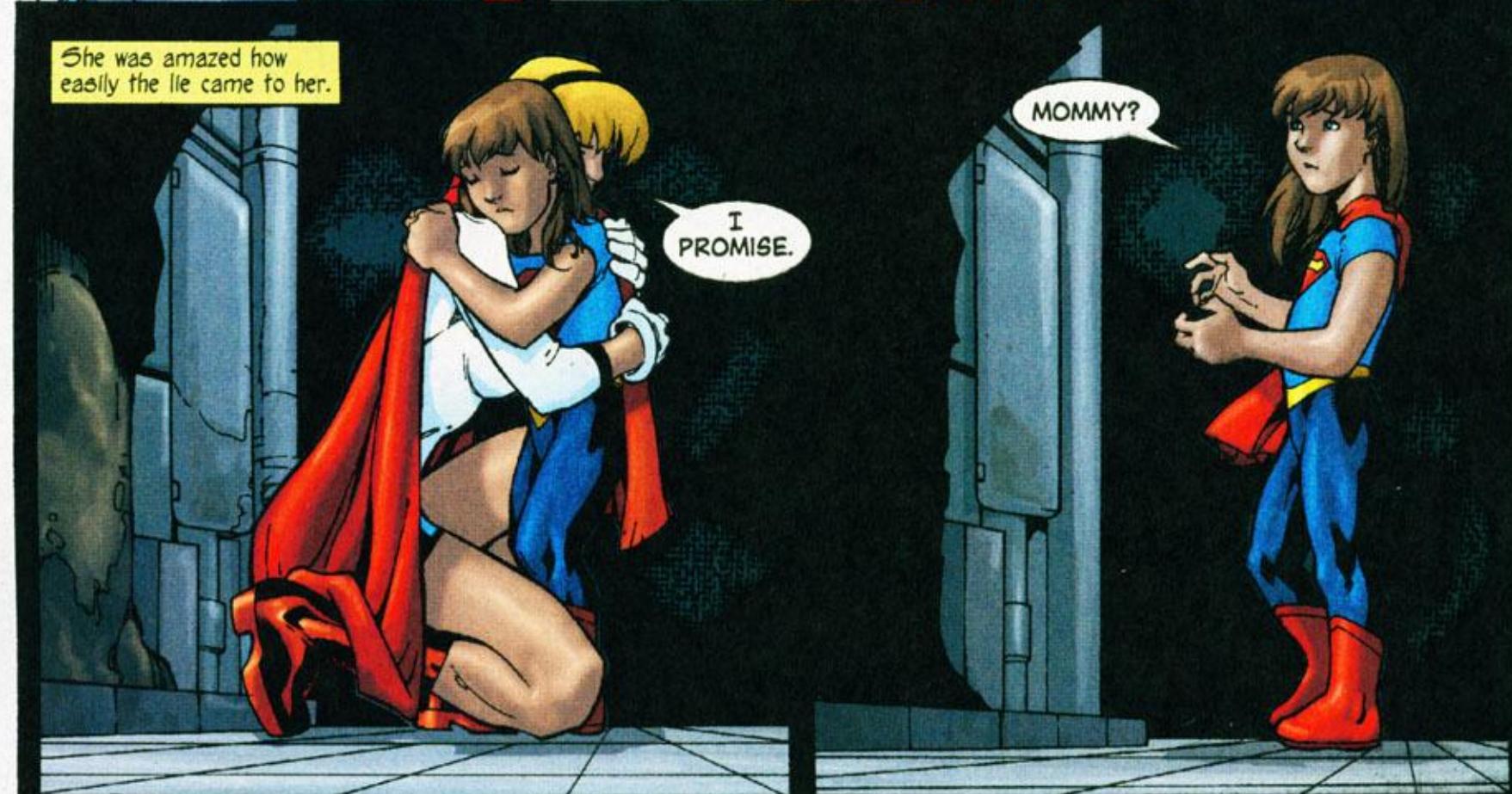
And at that moment, she did know... as she had from the first, really. It was only then that she accepted it. And it crushed her heart and mangled her spirit.

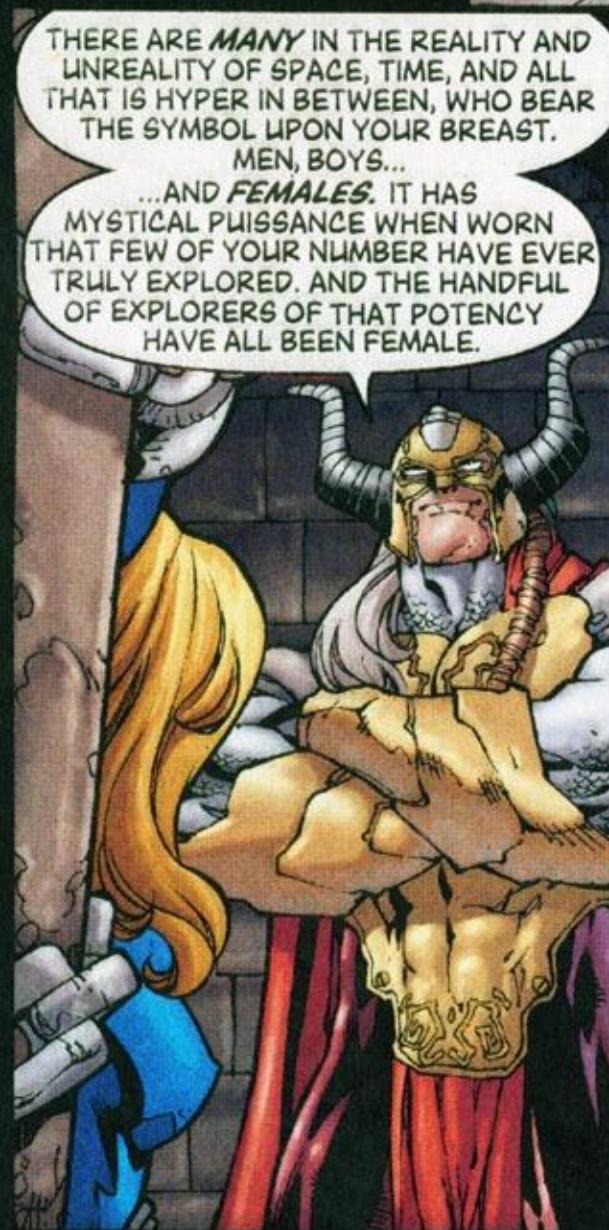
And she thought, "So, that's my choice? The death of everything or the death of my... my conscience?"

"The God he serves... that I once served... would do that to me? Leave me empty? Drained? Why? What purpose, except to inflict misery?"

"Like I'm a fly and He's plucking my wings."













WAIT!
OF COURSE! IT
MAKES PERFECT
SENSE! MY TWO
GREATEST
ENEMIES ARE
ONE!

AND... I CAN SENSE IT,
GIRL! YOU'VE NO CLUE HOW TO
ACCESS THE POWERS YOU WIELD IN
THE FUTURE! WHICH MEANS YOU
CANNOT HOPE TO
DEFEAT M --

Not to Linda.
She didn't know
what he was
going on about.

--EEEEEE...

SUPergirl,
WAIT! GET ME
LOOSE FROM
HERE! I CAN
HELP--!

NO!
WHATEVER
XENON IS...
HE'S
MINE!

And for some reason, at that moment,
Linda thought about how -- an eternity
ago, it seemed -- she'd been discussing
with Kara what makes one a "hero."

She had a feeling it might be important, but wasn't sure why.



UNFFF!

YOU
REALLY HAVE
NO CLUE,
DO YOU?



LOOK AROUND,
YOU IDIOT! EVERYTHING'S
TEETERING ON THE BRINK,
AND YOU DON'T EVEN
REALIZE IT! WE'RE
RUNNING OUT OF
TIME...

WHAT MATTER IS
TIME HERE? ALL THAT
MATTERS IS, YOU WON'T
DEFEAT ME! YOU CAN'T!
GODS ABOVE AND BELOW,
YOU CAN'T EVEN HURT
ME! YOU'RE NOTHING!
YOU'RE NO ONE!



And at that moment...she understood. She could sense it. Xenon was afraid. And what differentiated heroes from villains...

...is that heroes are afraid, too... but they're not afraid to be afraid.



And with that knowledge...



...came power.

Power over the chaotic environment around them, thriving on the weakness of spirit she sensed within him.

Linda tapped into darkness and fury that no human should be able to harness and control...

And she realized it was because... she was like no human.

And in the howling death of Xenon... something finally, unutterably died within Linda as well.

And then... they were back. Linda and Kara, just like that. Back to where it had all started... and where it had to end.

YOU
DID IT! YOU DID...
SOMETHING...
BUT THE
SKIES ARE STILL RED!
THERE'S --



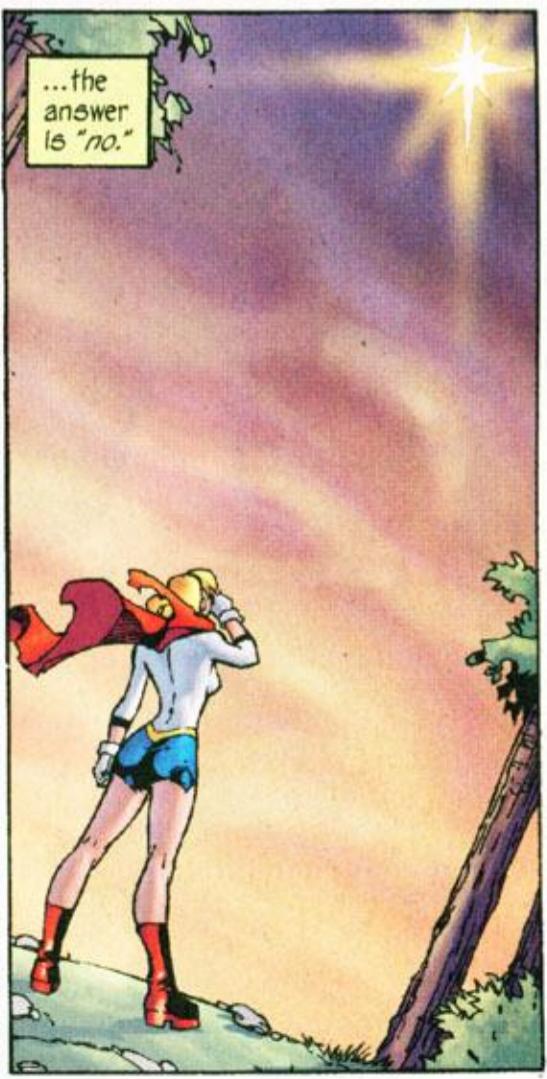
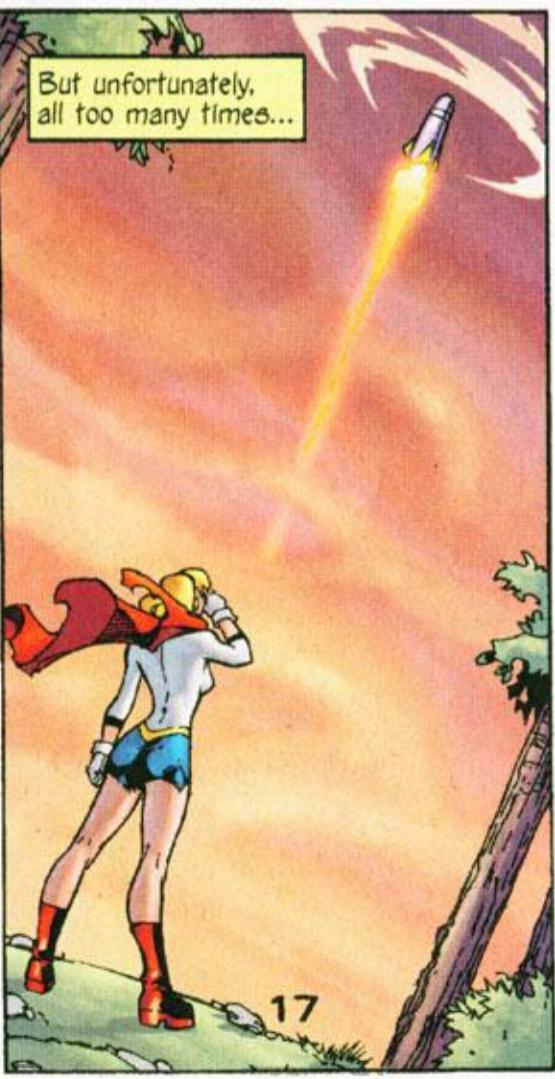
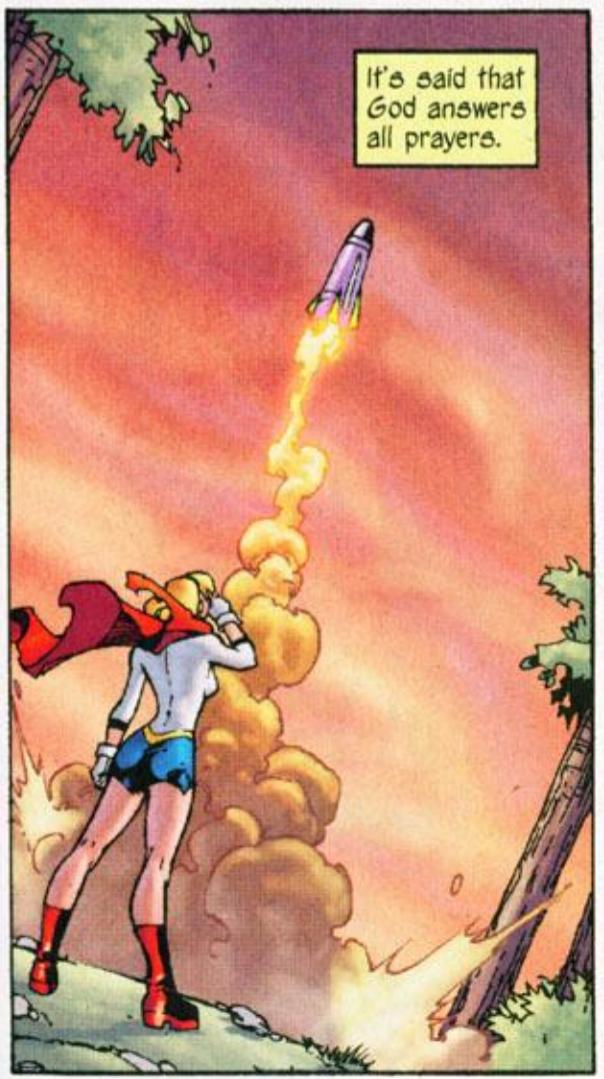


Three knuckles in Linda's hand broke upon impact.

Other than that, Linda felt nothing at all.

Where there should have been inner turmoil... there was emptiness.







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Emotionally numb, she went home and learned her mother was in the hospital, having given birth.

Her heart dead within her, she went to visit, more from obligation than interest.

LINDA!
LINDA, COME IN!

MEET YOUR BABY BROTHER.

HE'S GOT A TON OF HAIR.
I'M SO JEALOUS.



And she saw the baby... and suddenly an entire portion of her life made moderately more sense.

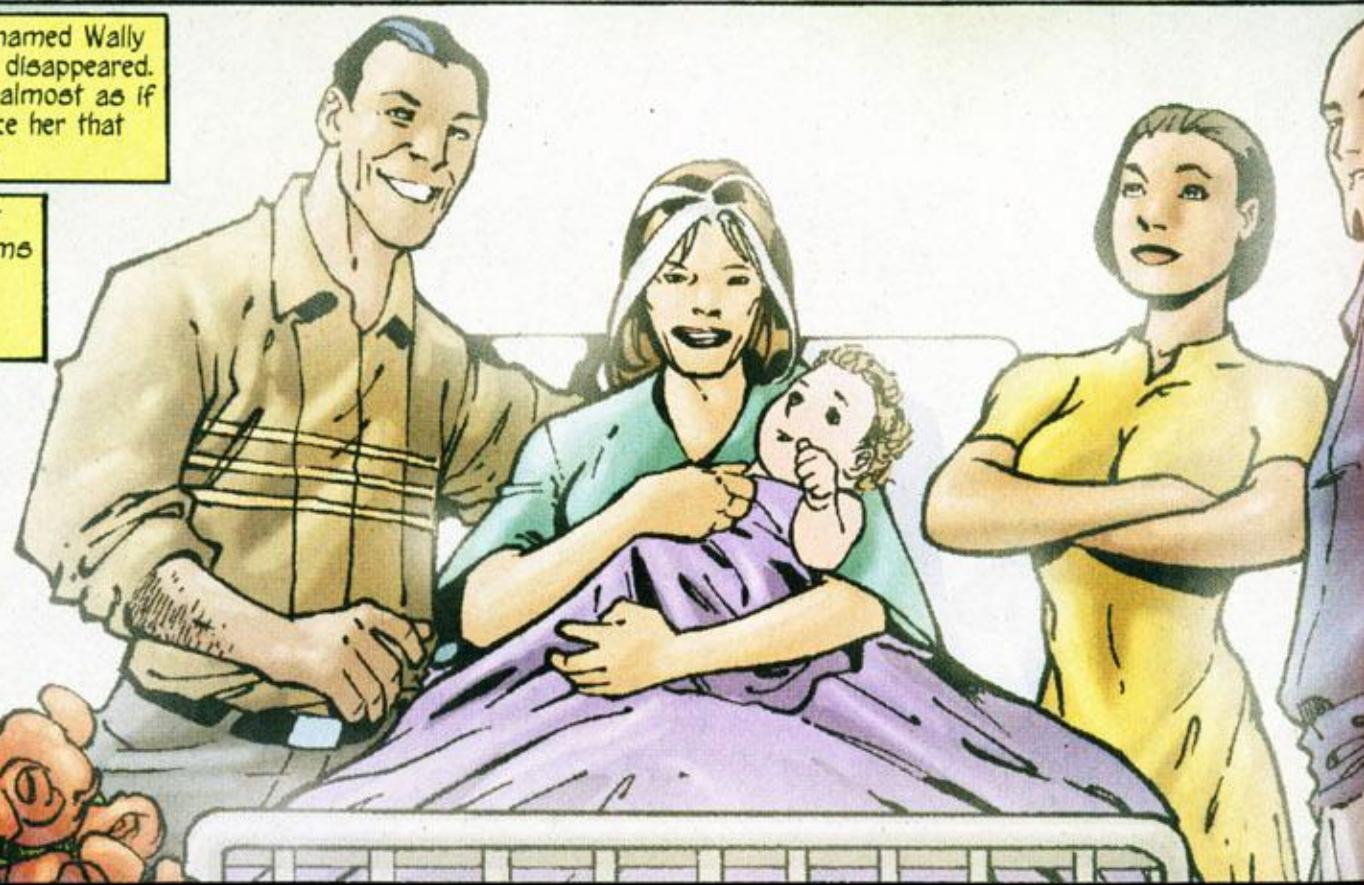
HIYA,
WALLY.

HOW...
HOW DID
YOU KNOW?
WE...JUST
DECIDED.
AND...
WHERE'S
KARA...?



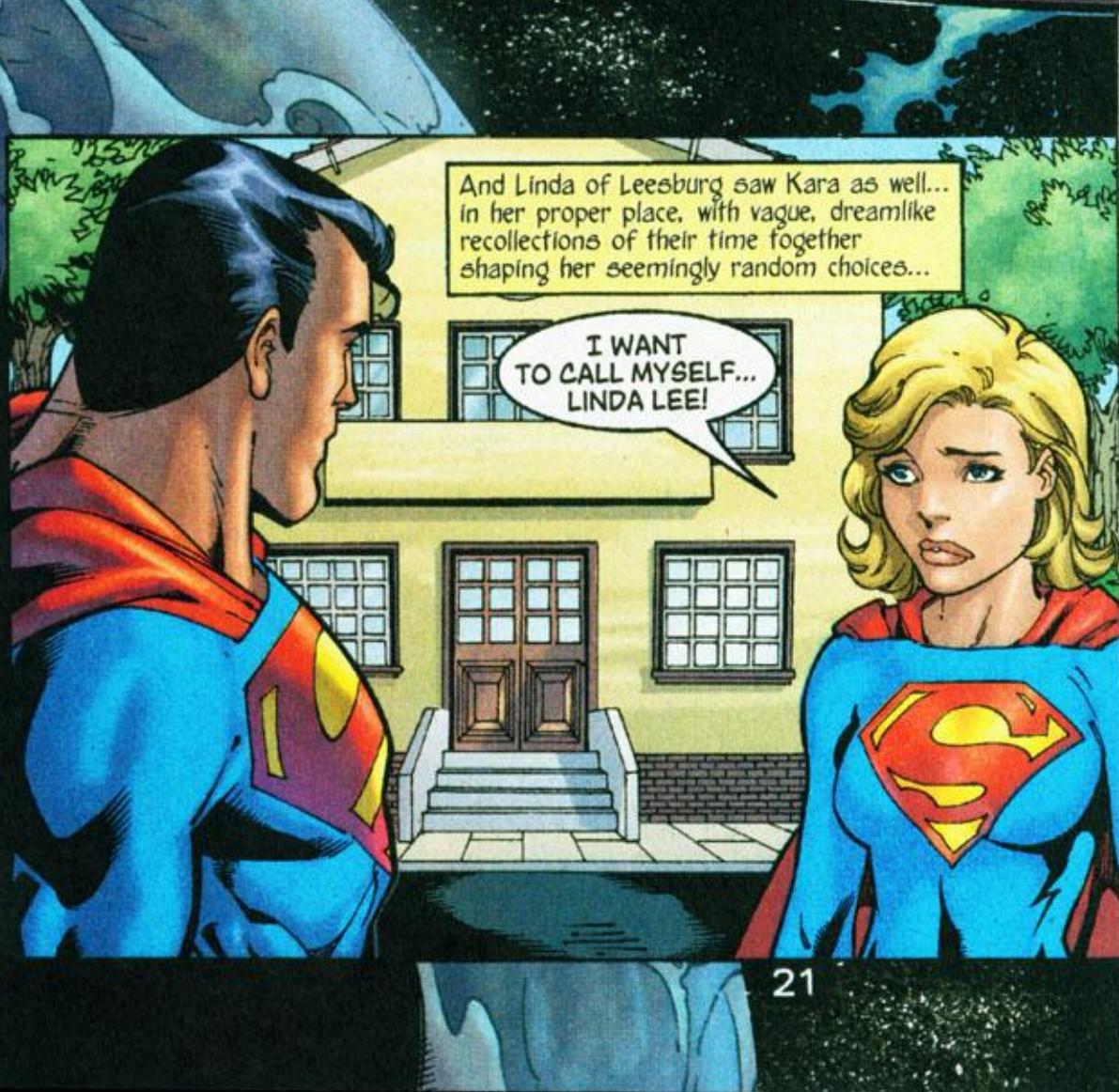
Linda had known a young boy named Wally who'd claimed to be God. He'd disappeared. Through this "rebirth," it was almost as if someone were trying to convince her that all was right with the universe.

And as if to reinforce it, that night, she had dreams. Dreams that seemed more than mere dreams, but instead divine revelations...





She saw her daughter, cruising the byways of space in some nameless time or reality, eternally filled with the joy of youth.





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To: Gary Frank, Cam Smith, Leonard Kirk, Robin Rigs, Ed Benes, Alex Lei, and of course, Peter David. And to all the other SUPER folks who worked on SUPERGIRL. For more Peter David, check out FALLEN ANGEL, coming to stores this July, and for Ed and Alex, see BIRDS OF PREY. They start their run in June!

The HOT List THIS MONTH

H-E-R-O #2

Dial up this exciting second issue of this new ongoing series! Jerry discovers the life of a super-hero isn't all it's cracked up to be... and it may have deadly consequences!



JLA: SCARY MONSTERS #1 (OF 6)

An all-new JLA miniseries! The JLA square off against the ancient spirits that haunt a resort community constructed on an Indian burial ground! Can the JLA avoid being transformed into monsters themselves?



JSA #46

Part 1 of the 5-part "Princes of Darkness" storyline - leading up to the extra-sized issue #50! The Mordru/Obsidian arc begins as the villains launch an assault against Doctor Fate and the JSA!



SMALLVILLE #1

The hit TV show gets its own bimonthly series! On a camping trip Pete pushes Clark to test the limits of his abilities. Also included is an in-depth interview with series star Tom Welling, a visit to the Smallville set, and the first part of an episode guide to the first season!



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KEYS TO "IGNITION"

If you haven't caught up with THE FLASH lately, we've got the fast track on FLASH #201. Writer Geoff Johns has the DCU offices keyed up over "Ignition," a jumping-on arc where the darker, criminal element in Keystone City forces The Fastest Man Alive to get a life - i.e., a new secret

identity! Details on who and why are still a blur, but expect Geoff and new artist Alberto Dose (*Spider-Man: Tangled Web*) to keep you up to speed starting in August!

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KNIGHT LIGHT

Long has he walked in shadows, but is there a place for the Dark Knight when darkness is banished from his streets? World renowned storytellers the Pander Bros. join forces with co-writer Mark Paniccia (*Bulletproof Monk*) to transform Gotham into a CITY OF LIGHT. The eight-issue miniseries illuminates shelves next Fall.

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