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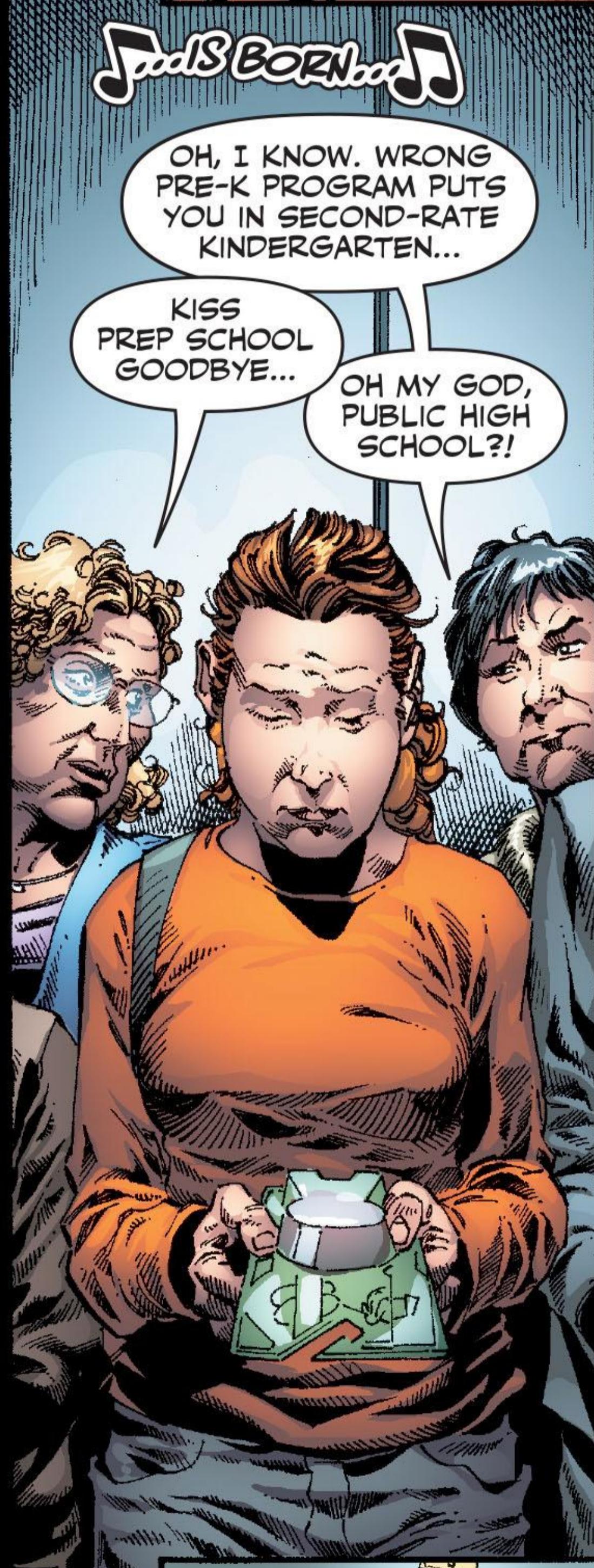
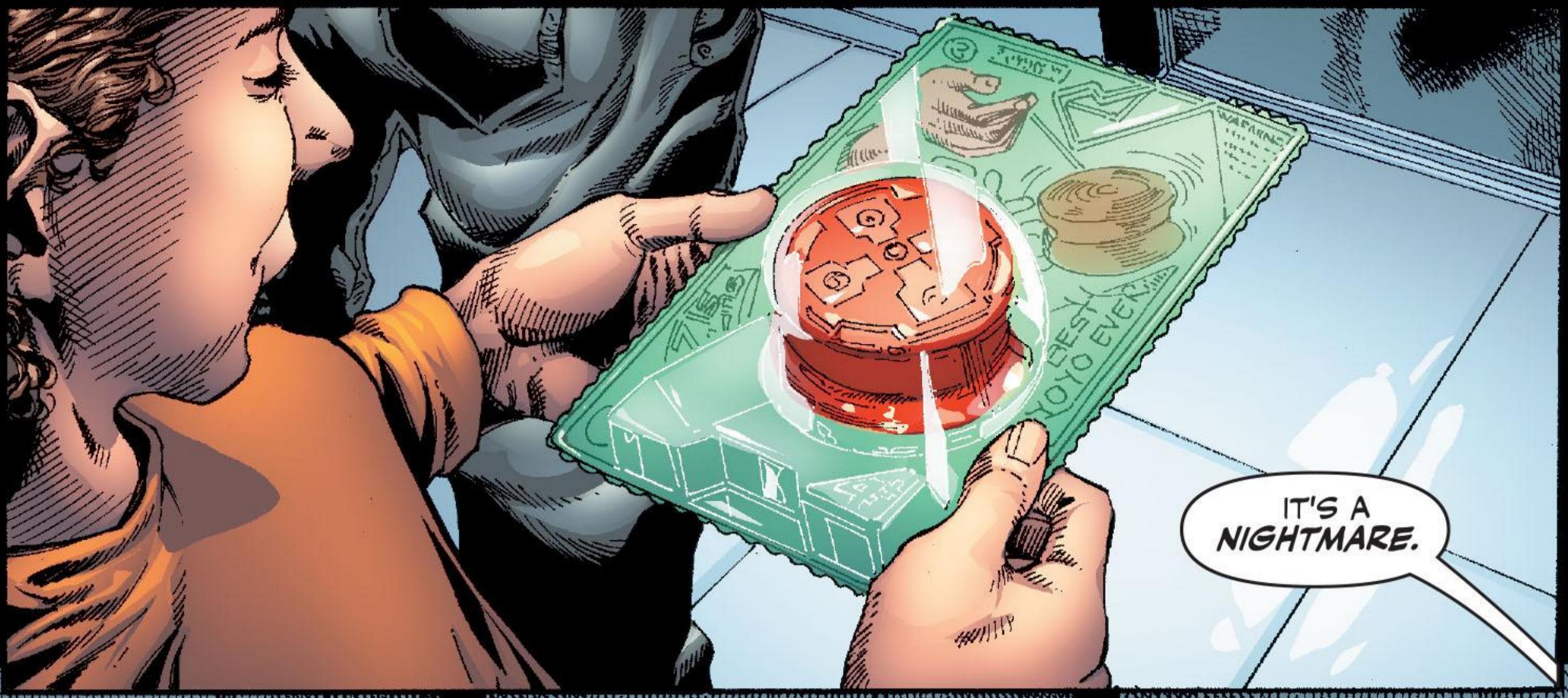
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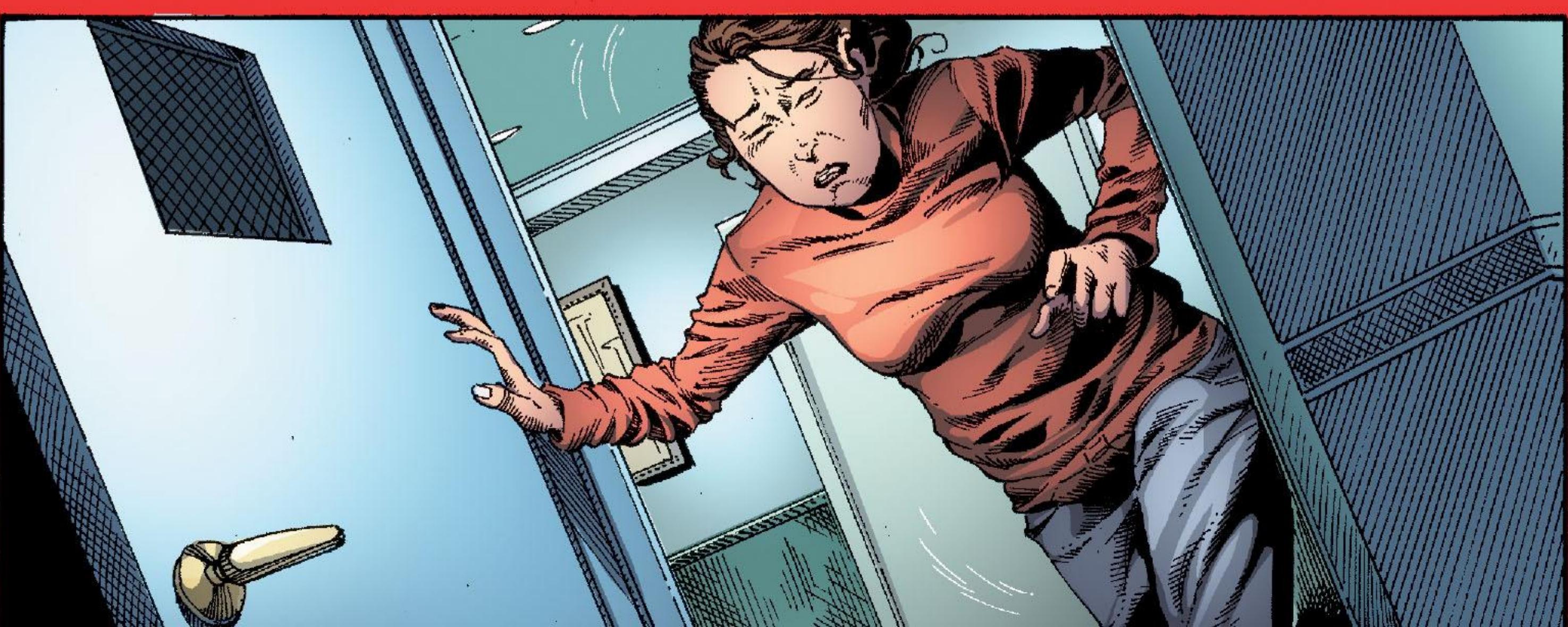
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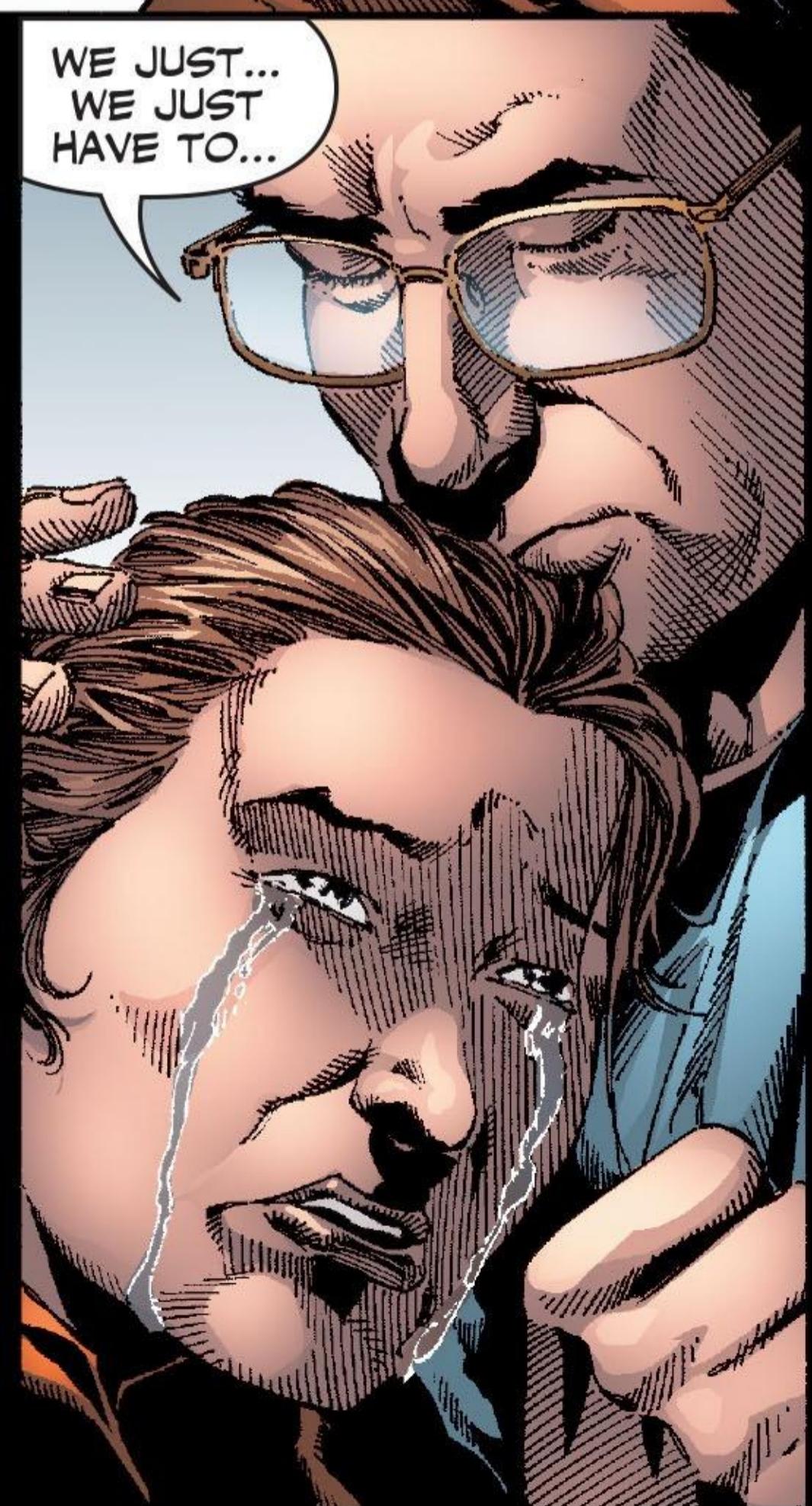
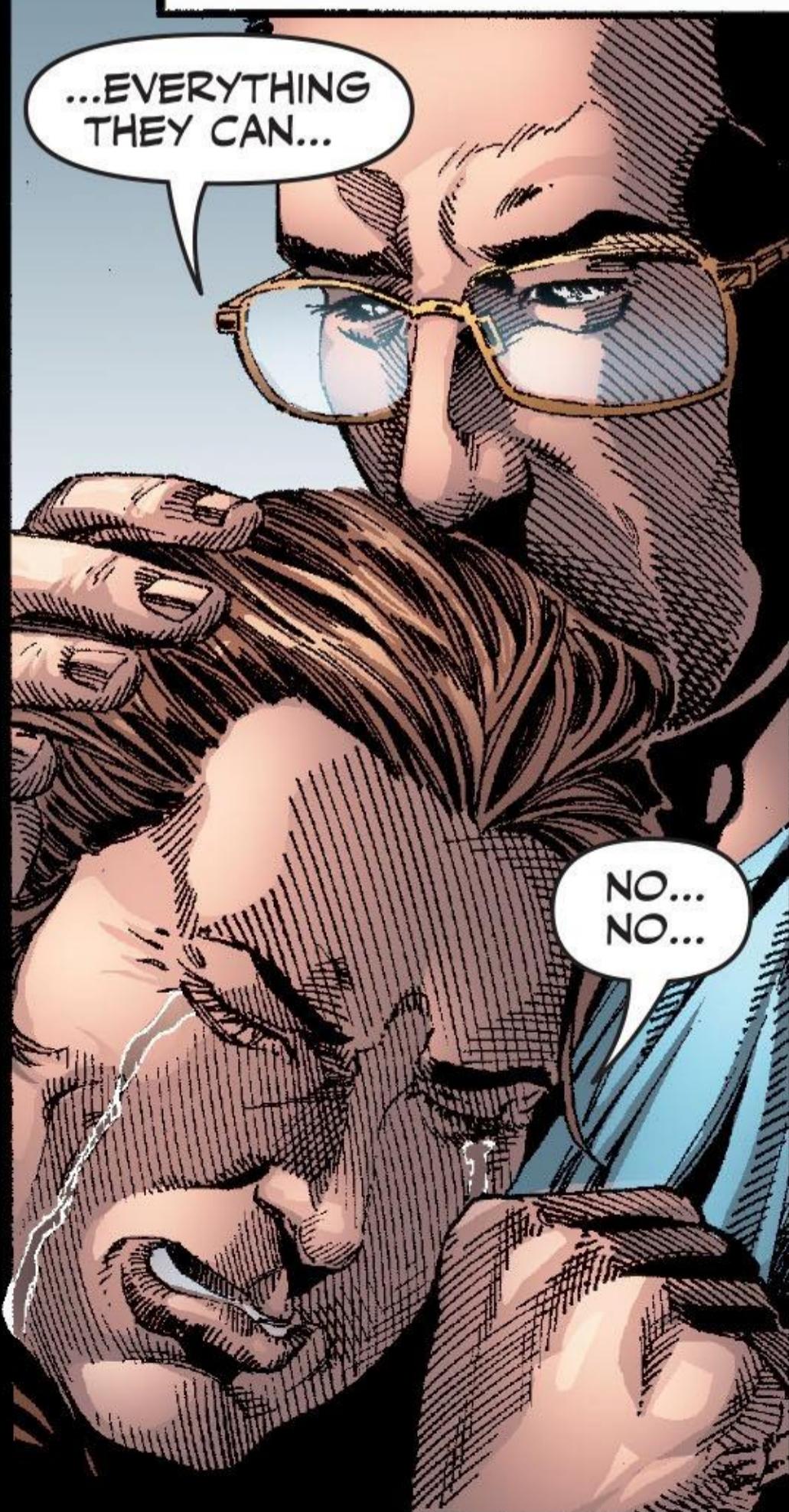
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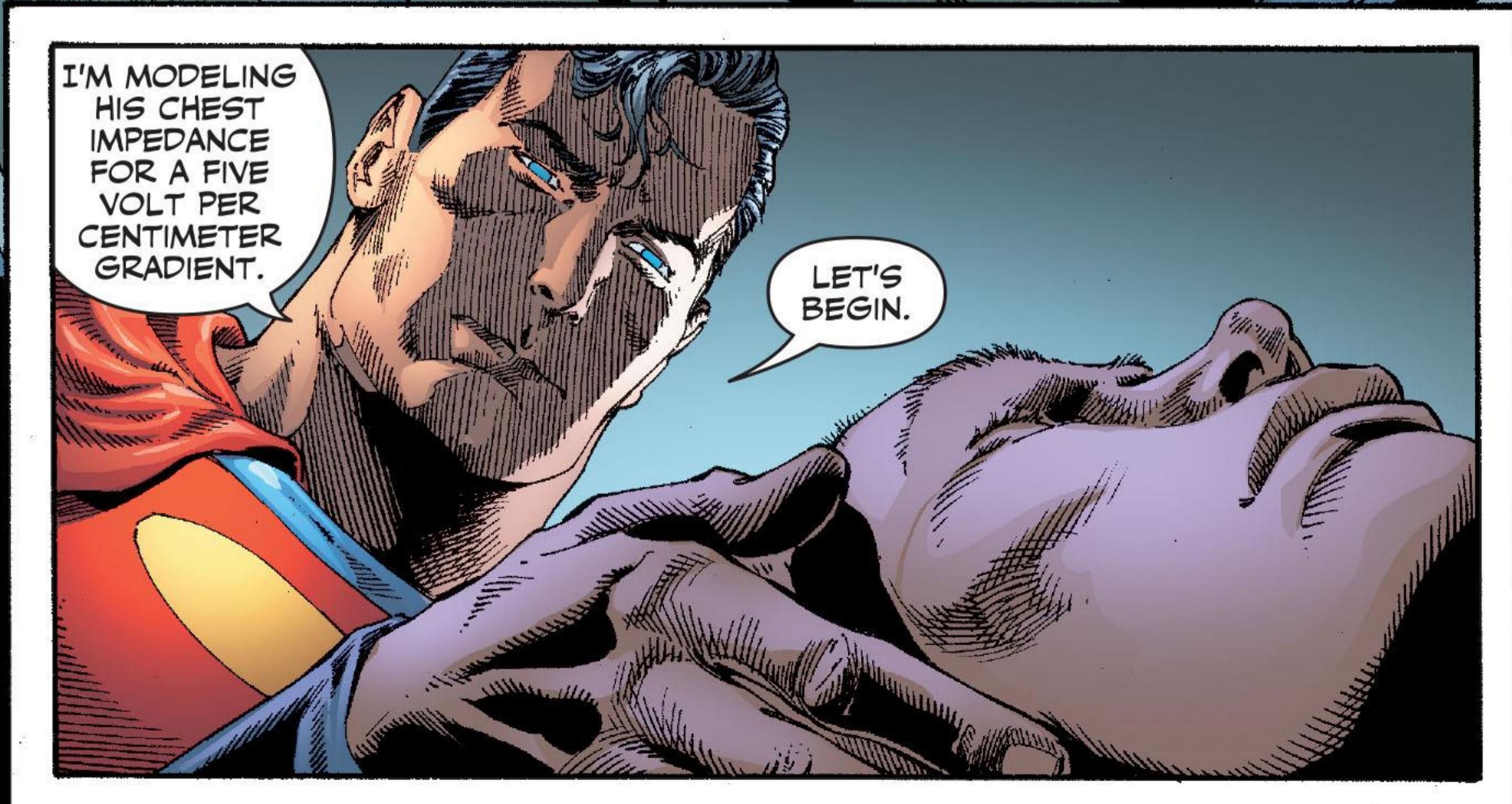
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WHAT?

WAY OF THE WORLD

PART THREE

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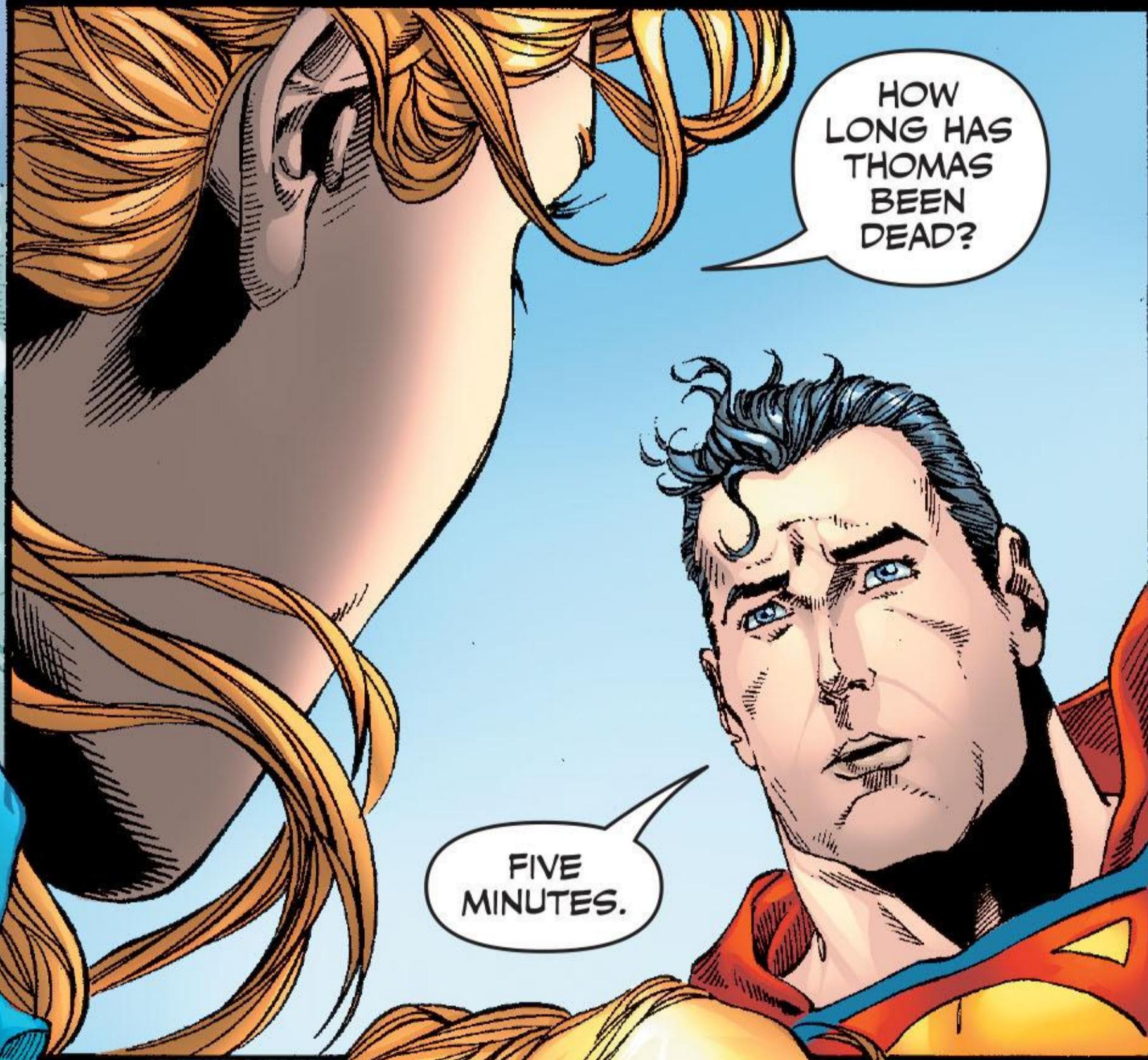
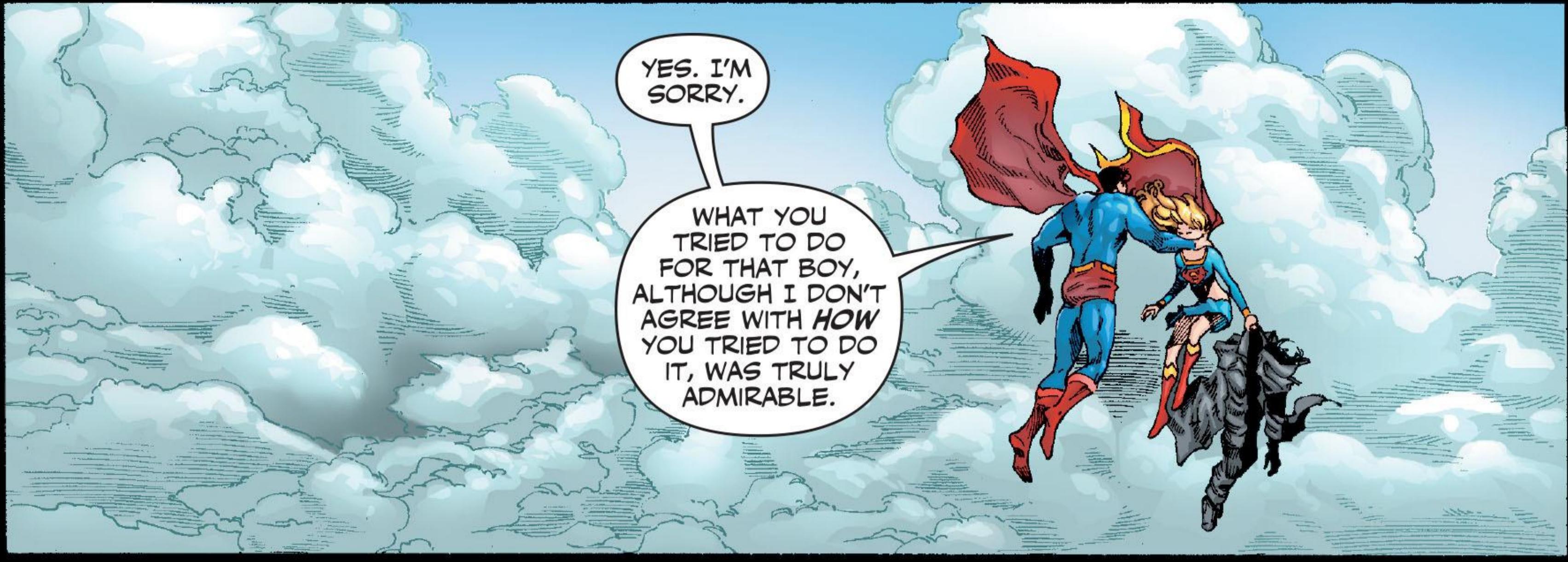
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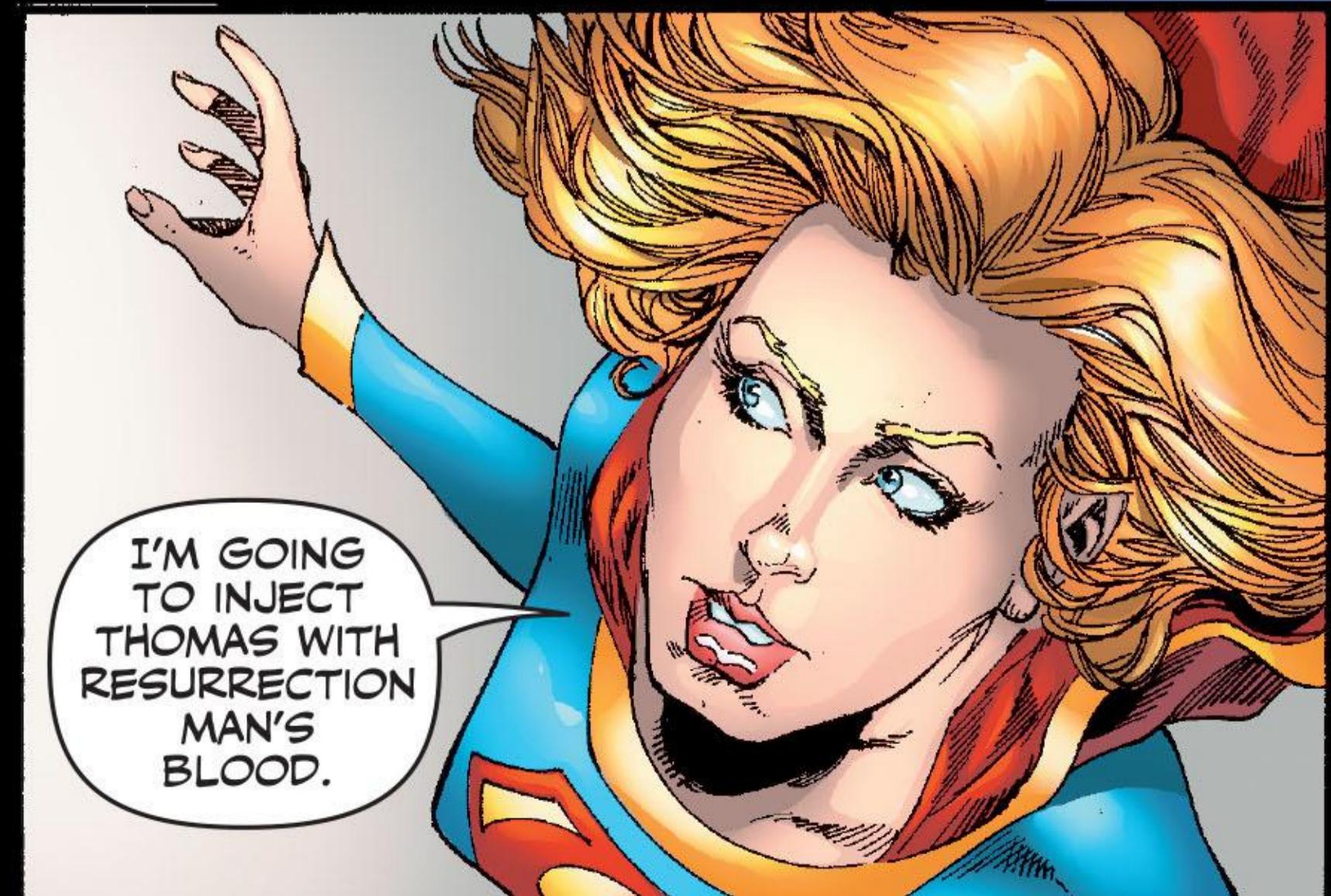
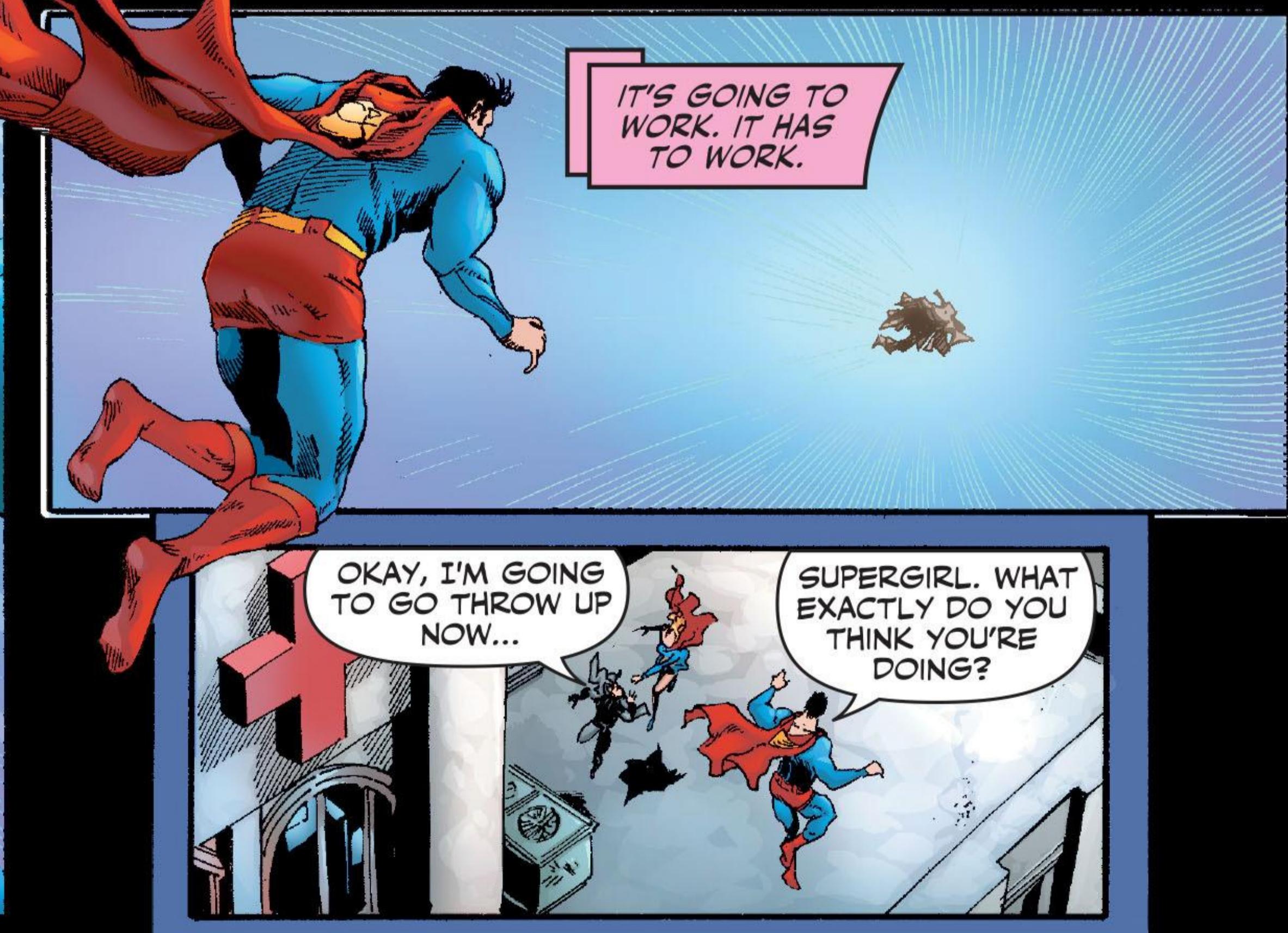
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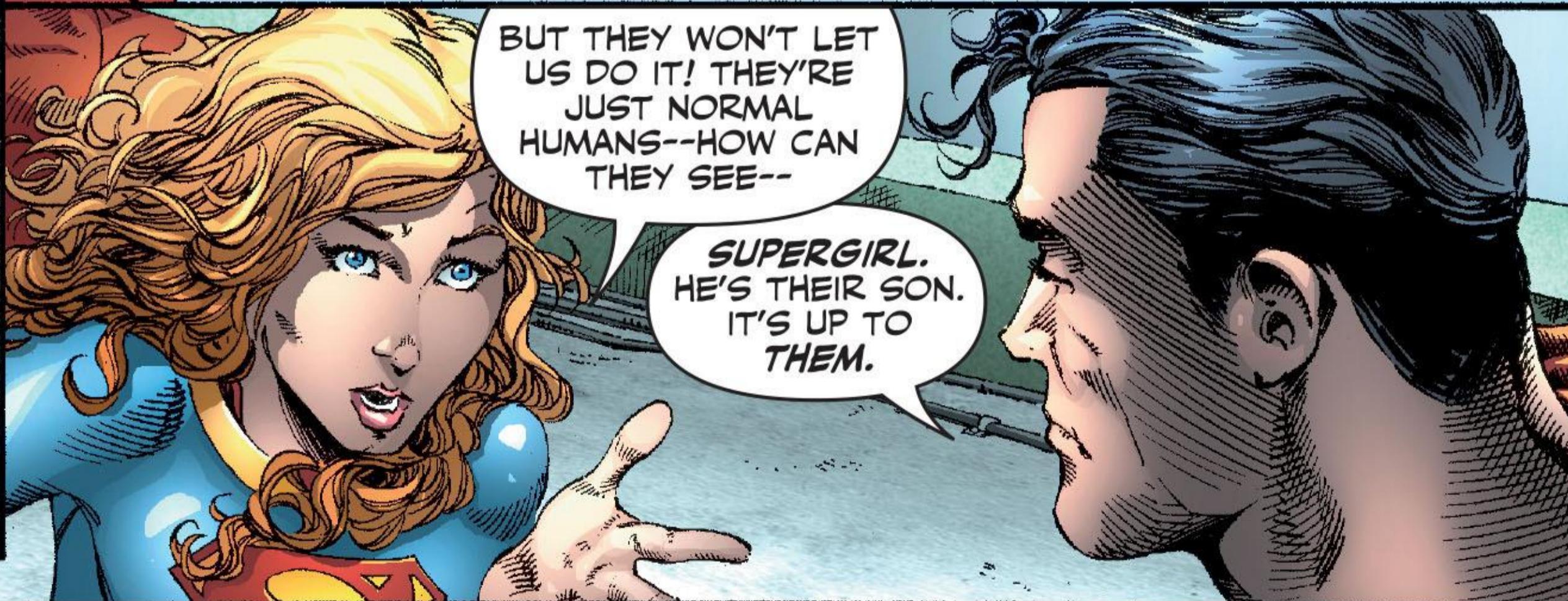
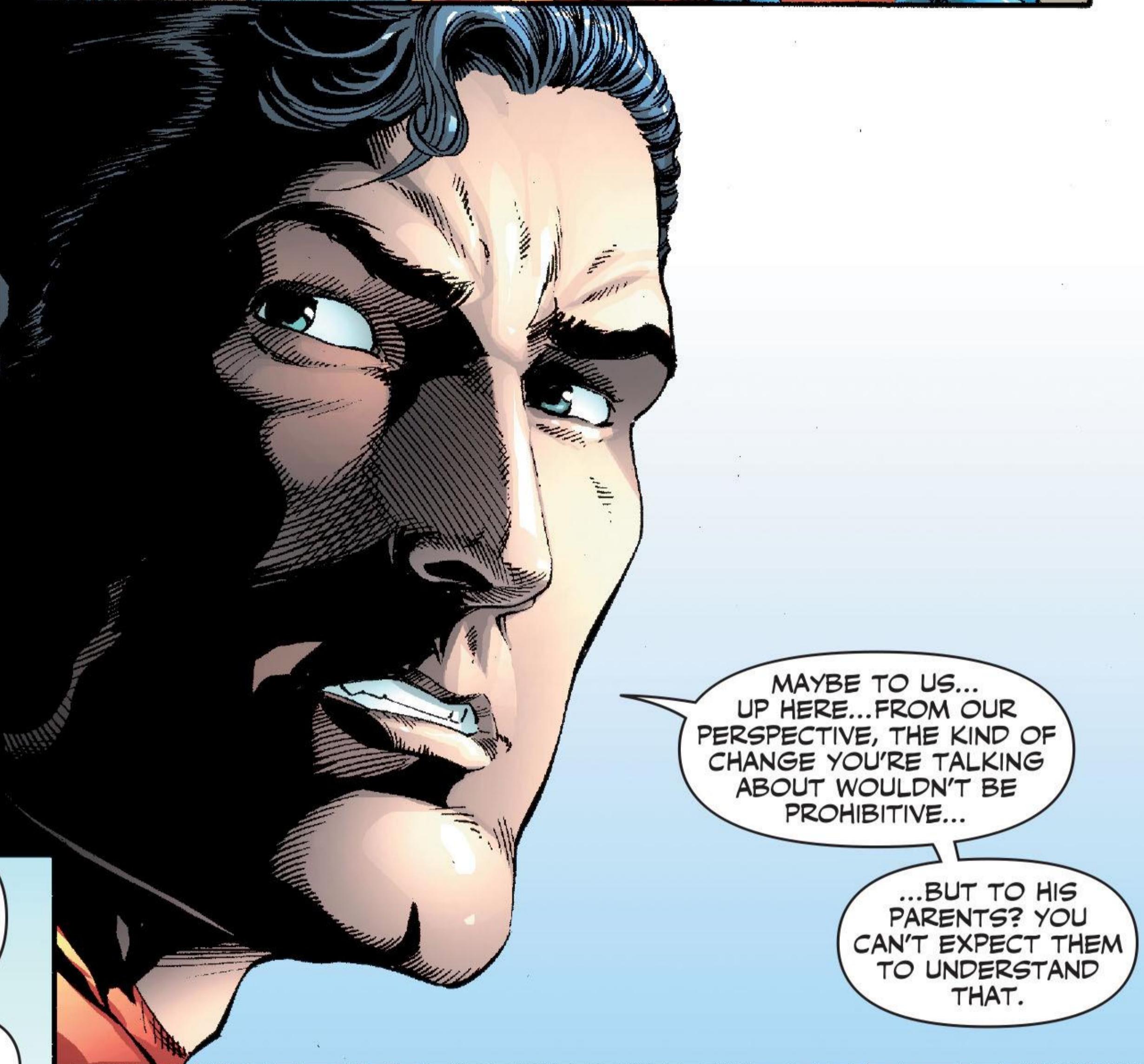
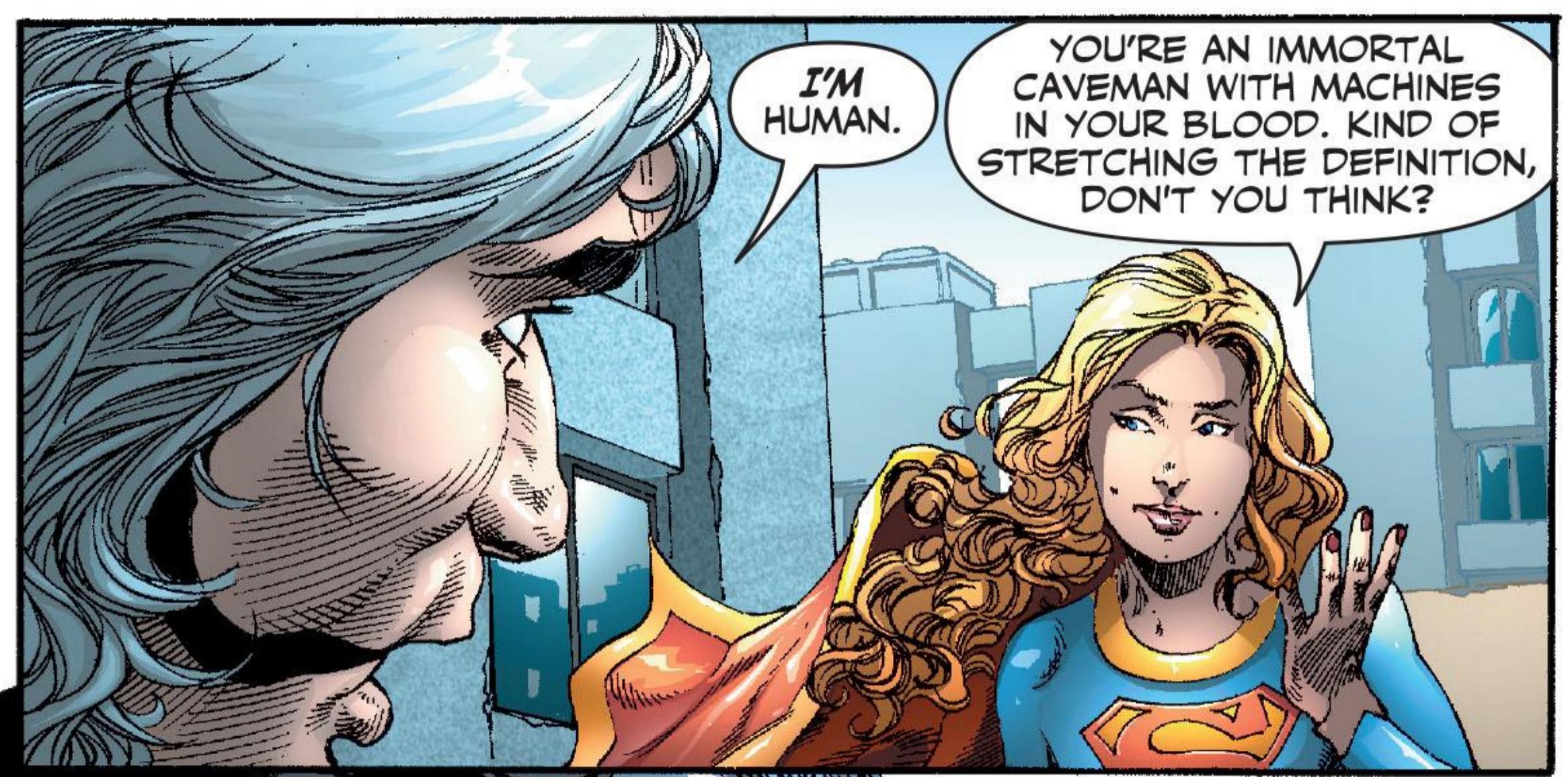
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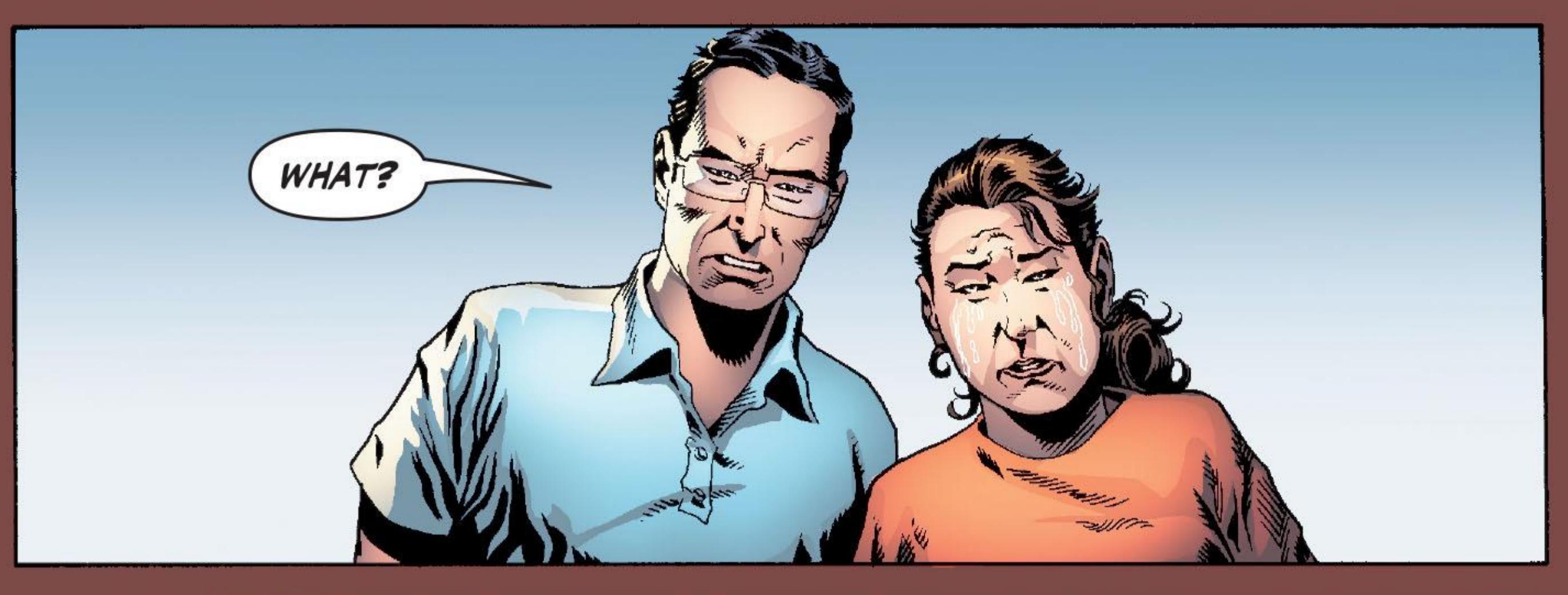


SORRY--
GUESS I
DIED OFF
THERE.
EVERYTHING
WORK OUT
OKAY?









I KNOW, IT
SOUNDS STRANGE...IT IS
STRANGE...BUT WE HAVE
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO
REVIVE YOUR SON.

PERHAPS.



BUT...BUT
HE'S...ISN'T
HE...?

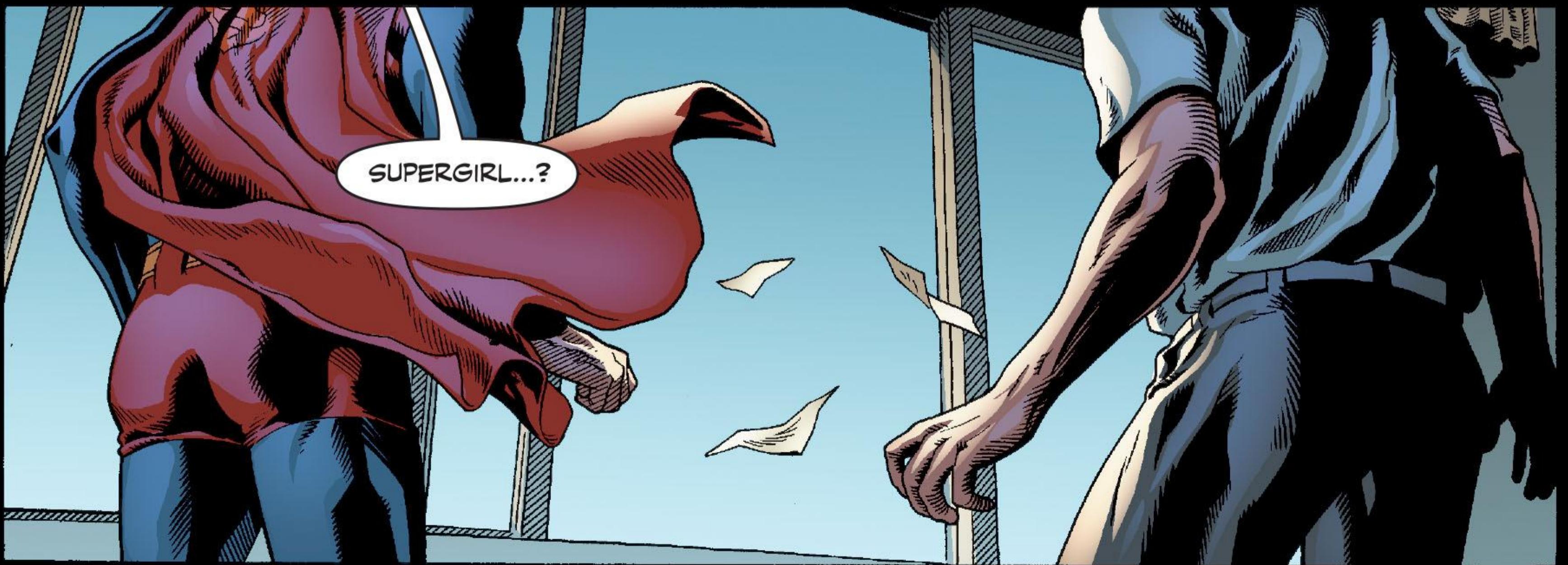
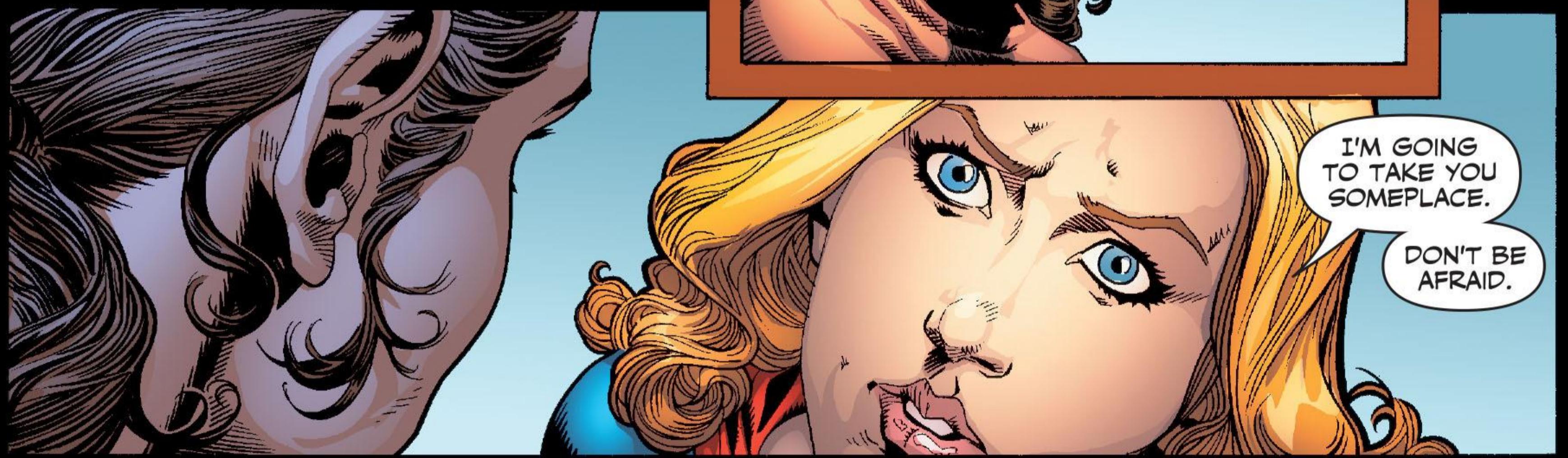
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SOME KIND
OF JOKE?

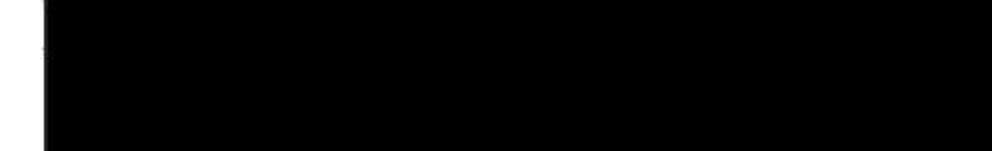
NO, NO,
PLEASE...
LET ME
EXPLAIN...



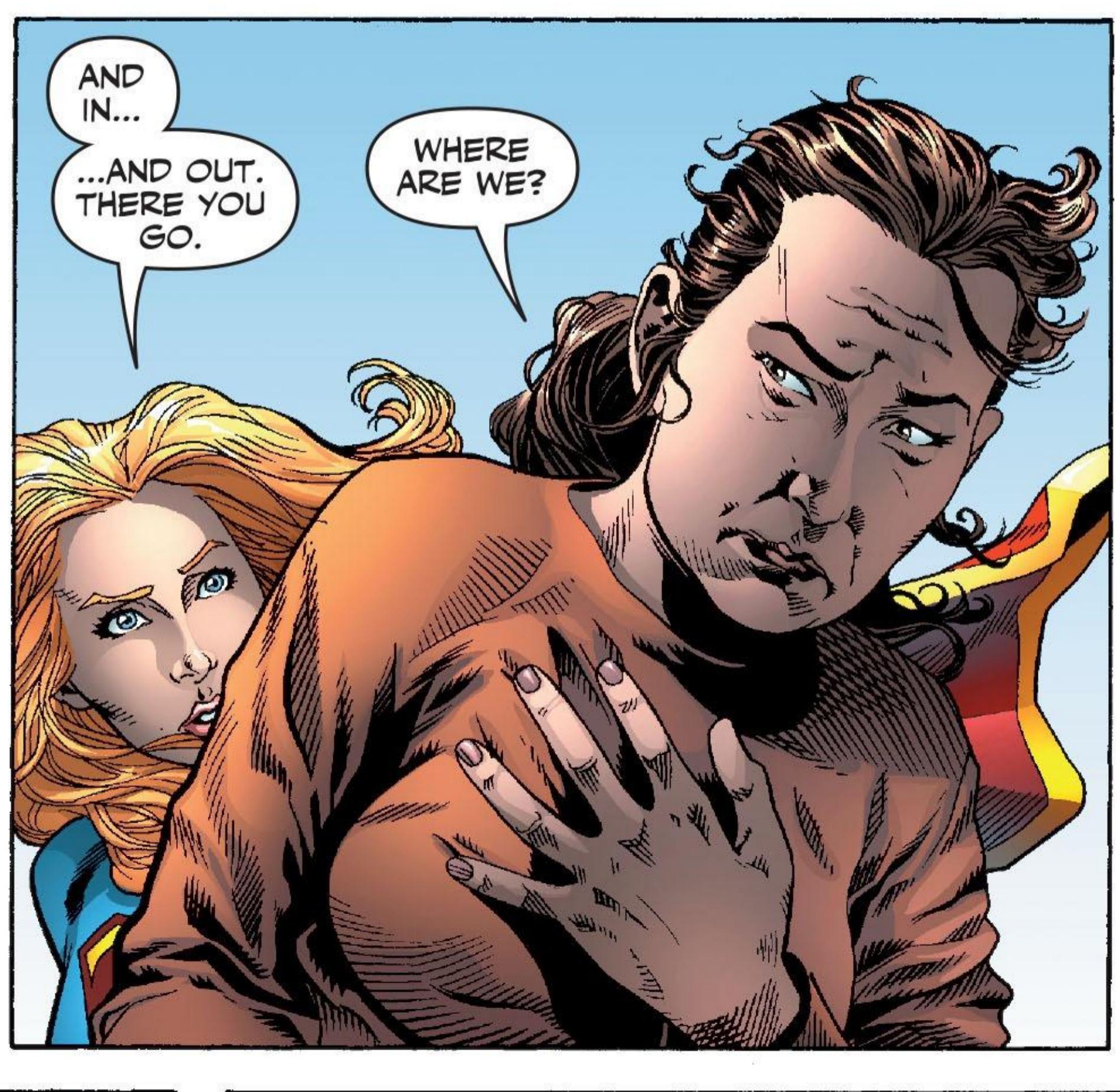
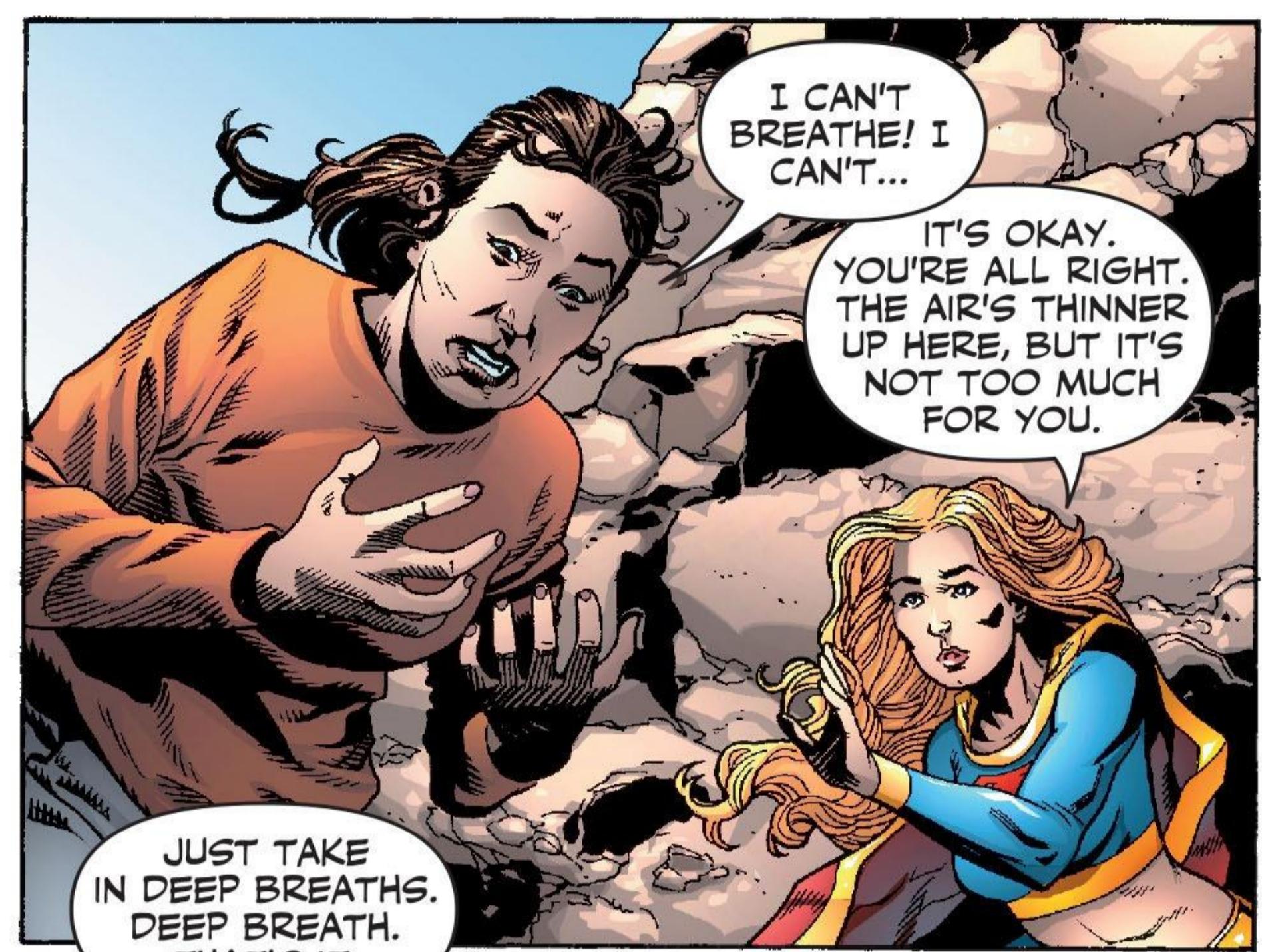
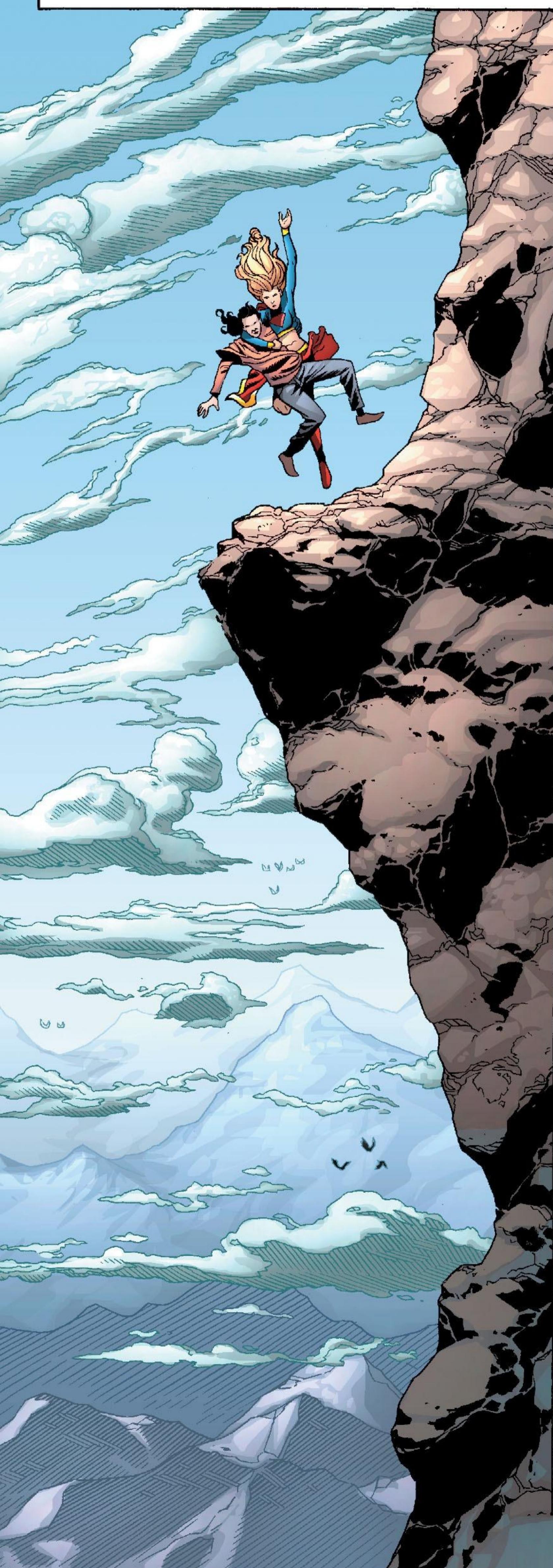
THAT MAN
OVER THERE--
INSIDE HIS
BLOOD THERE
ARE MICROSCOPIC
MACHINES. THESE
MACHINES







THIS IS TOO MUCH FOR HER. TOO MUCH HAPPENING. TOO FAST.



THIS IS A PLACE I COME TO SOMETIMES WHEN I NEED TO CLEAR MY HEAD.

IT'S A PRETTY SAFE BET YOU'RE THE FIRST HUMAN BEING TO EVER STAND HERE.

YOU'VE GOT A DECISION TO MAKE. I'M NOT GOING TO SAY I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MUST BE GOING THROUGH, BECAUSE I DON'T, BUT I DO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

I WASN'T BORN THIS WAY. I WAS A NORMAL KID, WITH A NORMAL LIFE. NO FLYING, NO HEROICS.

WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?

I WANT TO TALK TO YOU. ACTUALLY, I WANT TO TALK AT YOU.

I'M GOING TO JUST TELL YOU SOMETHING AND THEN I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU BACK.

I WANTED TO BE AN ASTRONAUT.

THEN MY PLANET...MY WORLD...STARTED TO TEAR ITSELF APART. IT WAS DYING.

EVERYTHING... OUR WHOLE CIVILIZATION...WAS ABOUT TO END.

SO MY PARENTS
BUILT A SPACESHIP.
AND WHEN THE TIME
CAME, THEY PUT ME
IN IT...CLOSED THE
HATCH...AND SHOT ME
OUT INTO SPACE.

ALONE.

"THEY DIDN'T KNOW...I
MEAN, I BET THEY HAD SOME
THEORIES, BUT...THERE'S NO
WAY THEY COULD HAVE
KNOWN FOR SURE WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN TO ME WHEN
I GOT HERE."

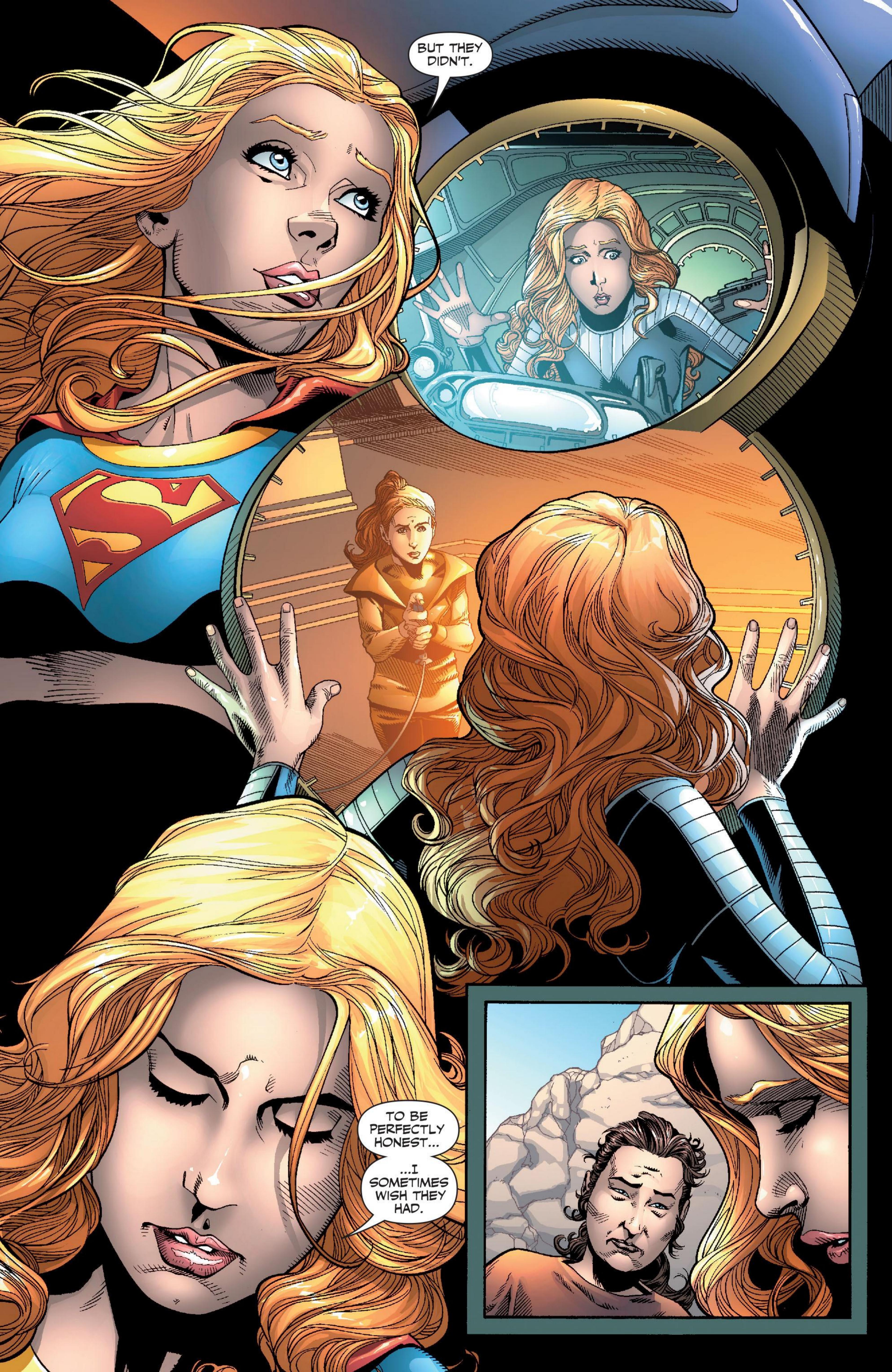
MAYBE THE
YELLOW SUN WOULD TURN
ME INTO SOME KIND OF
MONSTER. MAYBE HUMANS
WOULD LOCK ME UP IN A
MUSEUM SOMEWHERE OR
SACRIFICE ME TO SOME
GOD OR SOMETHING.

"IT WOULD'VE BEEN SO
EASY TO JUST...JUST
NOT TAKE THE CHANCE.
JUST HOLD ONTO ME.

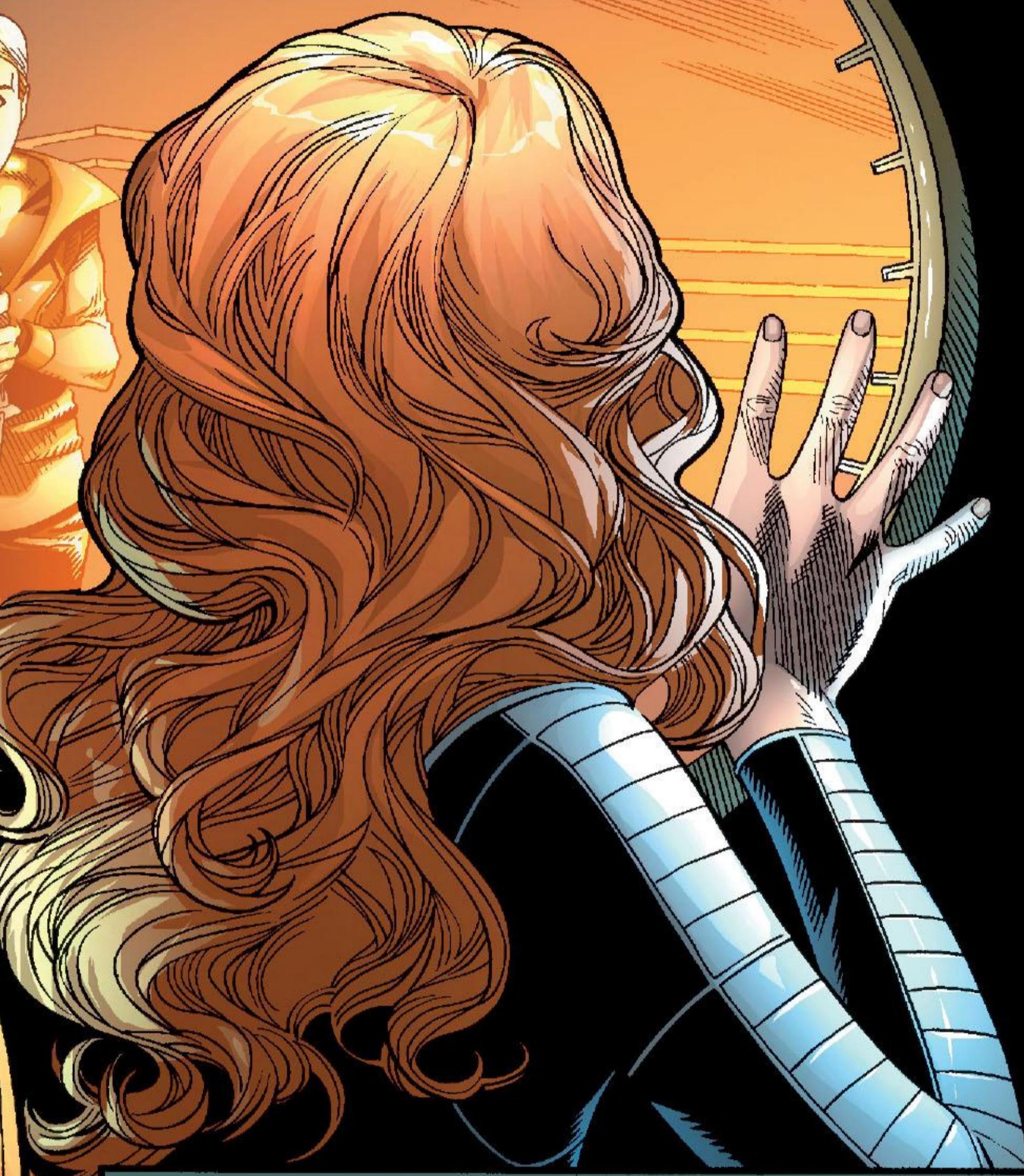
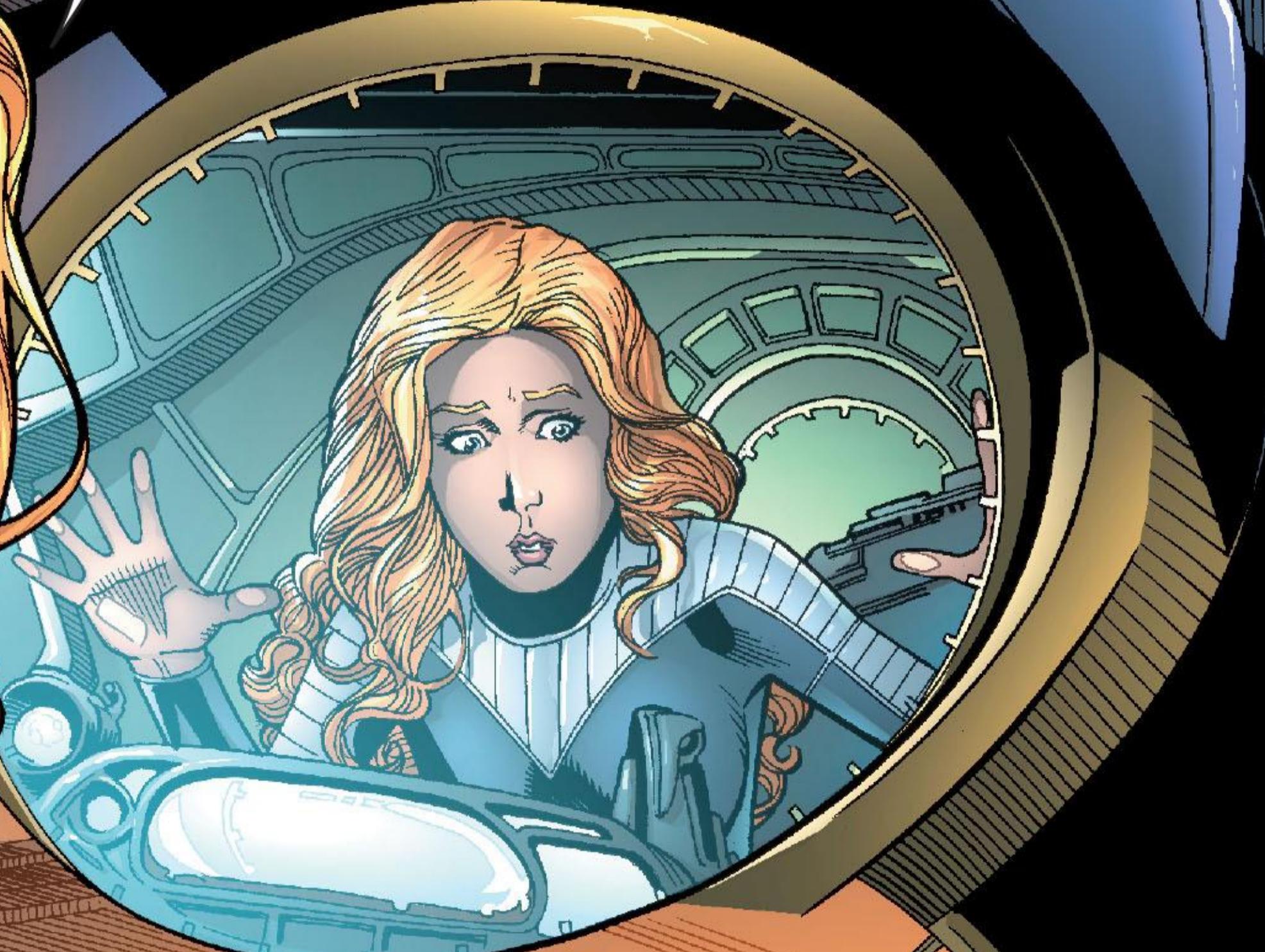
"JUST HOLD ME
TIGHT AND CRY AND
CLOSE OUR EYES
AS EVERYTHING
CAME DOWN.

"IT'S WHAT
EVERYONE
ELSE DID."

"NO ONE COULD
BLAME THEM. HOW
COULD THEY? IT'S
WHAT ANYONE ELSE
WOULD'VE DONE.

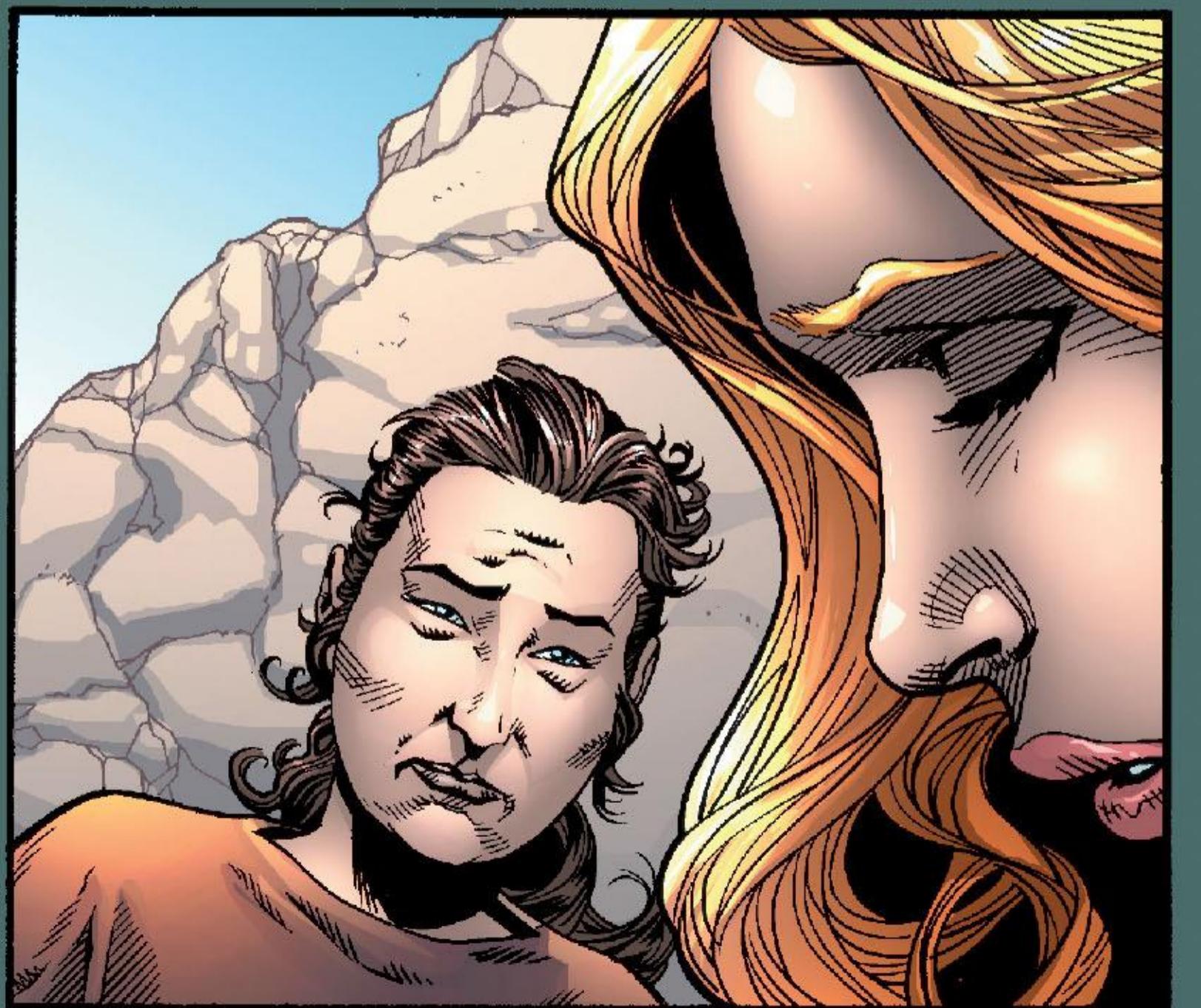


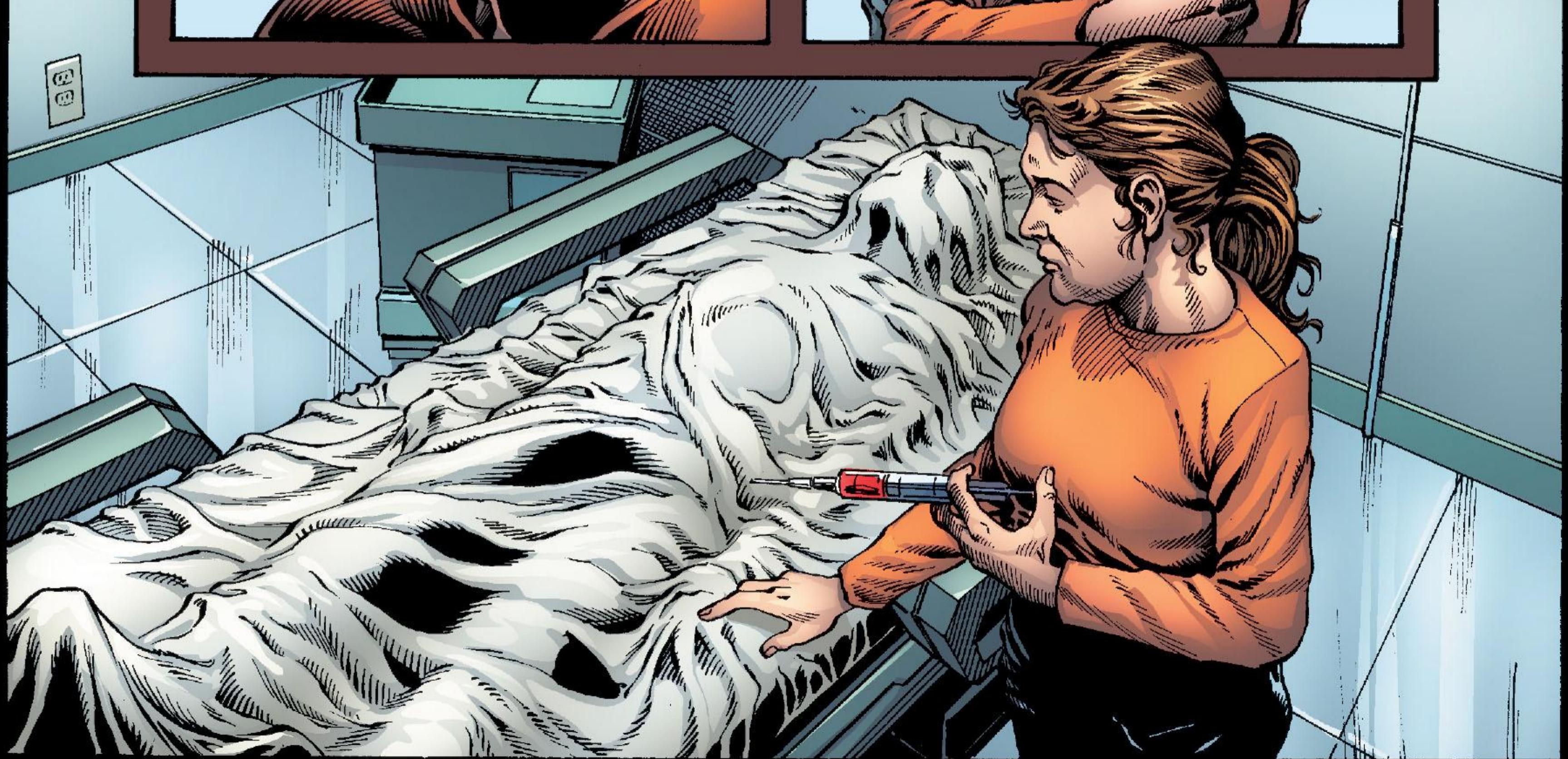
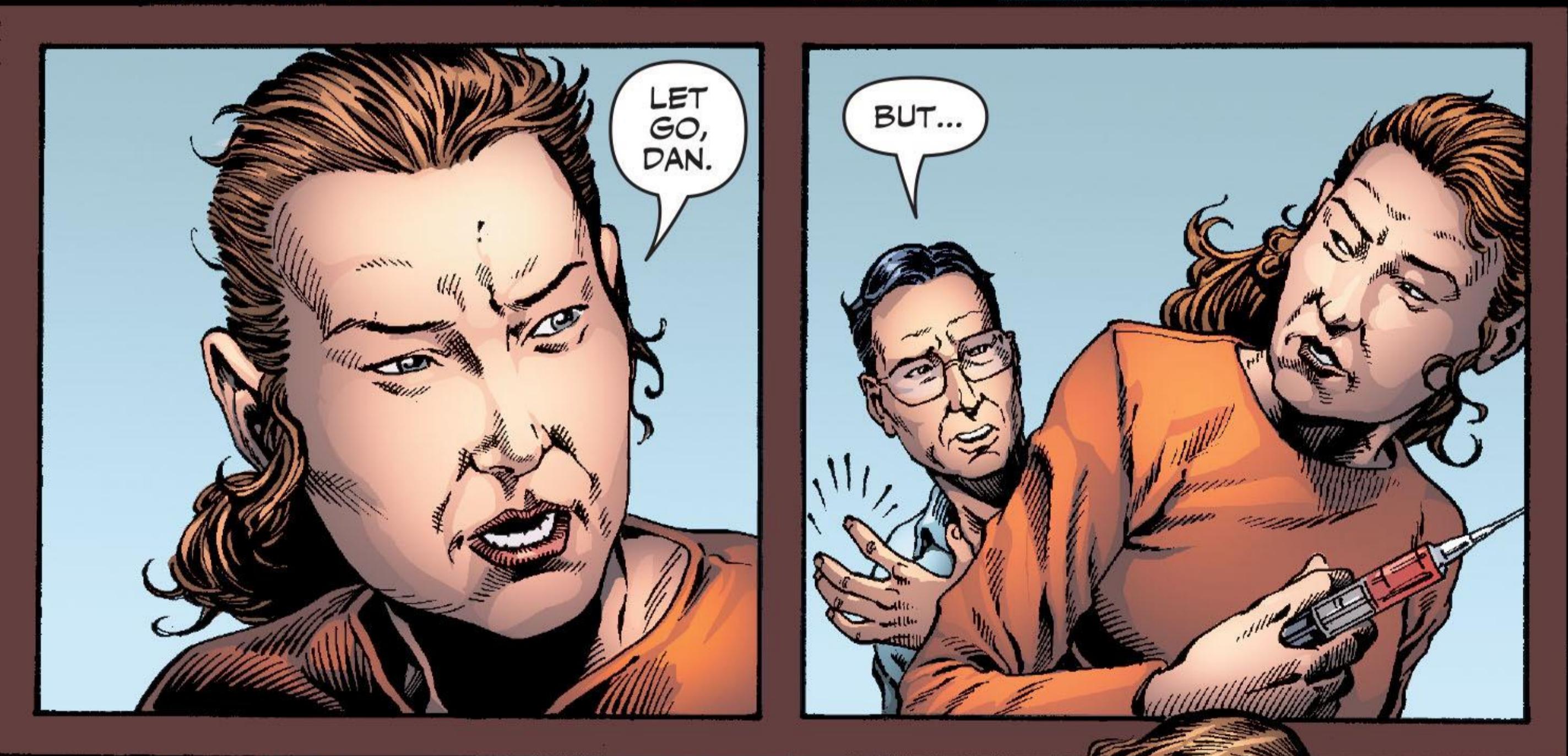
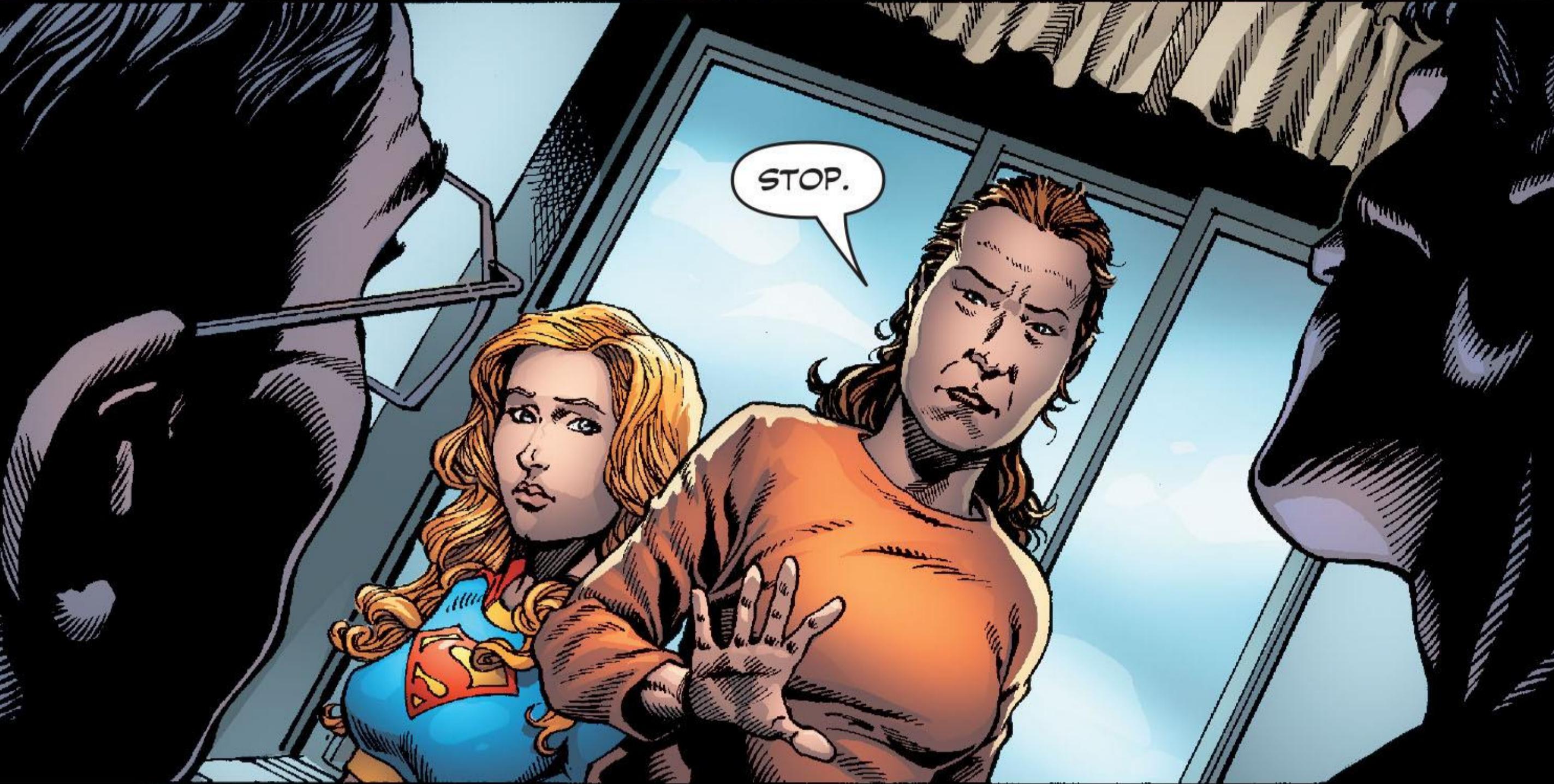
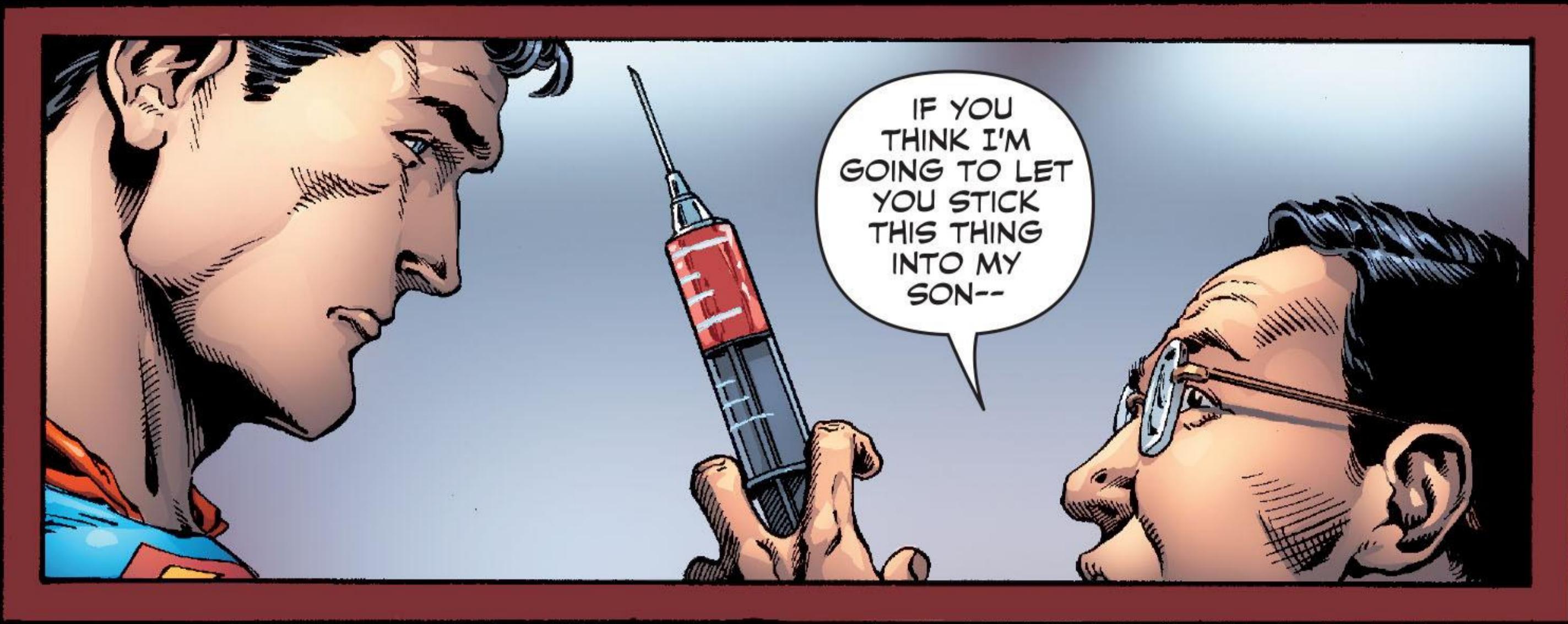
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DIDN'T.



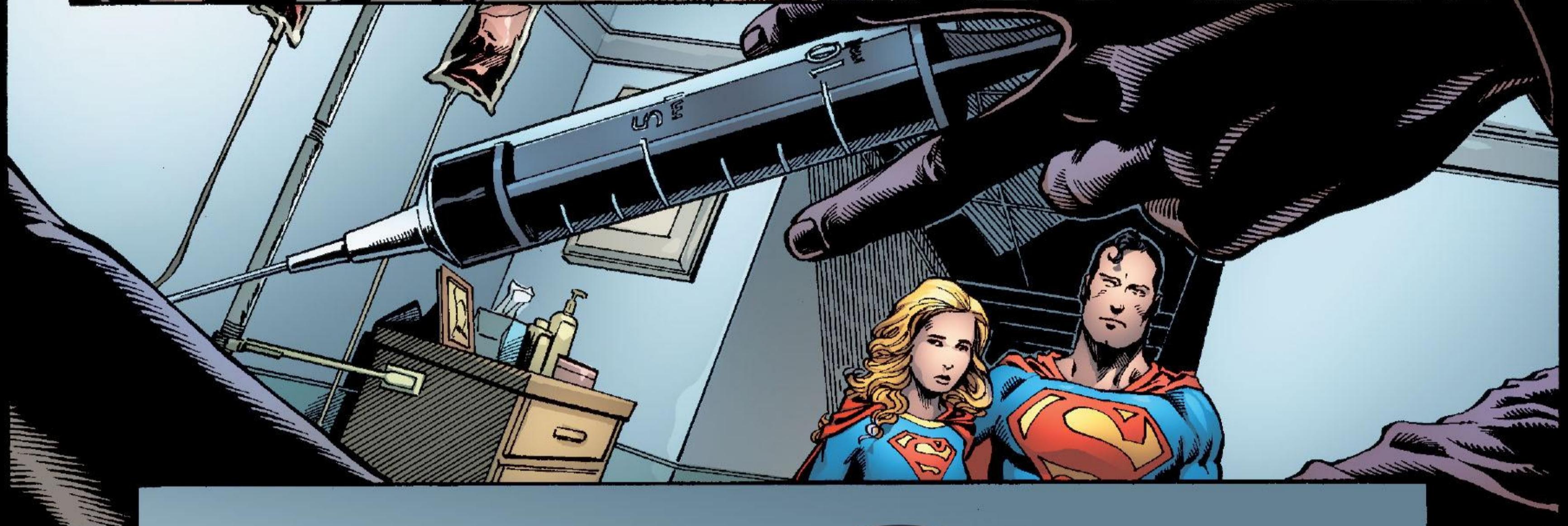
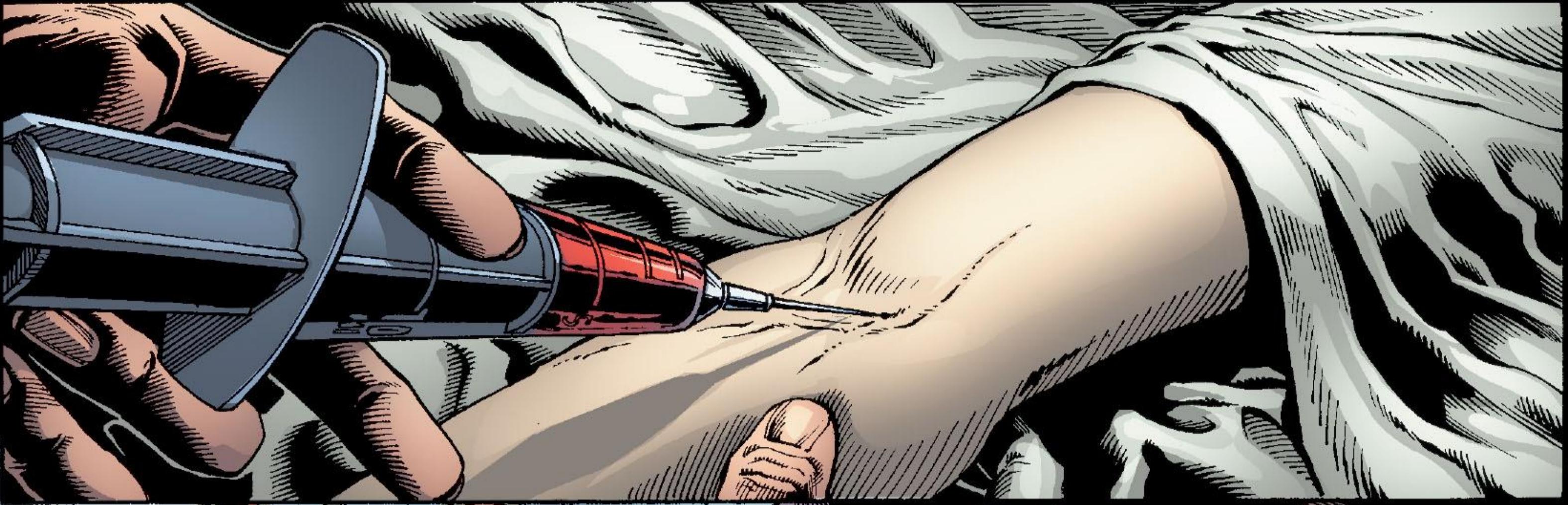
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PERFECTLY
HONEST...

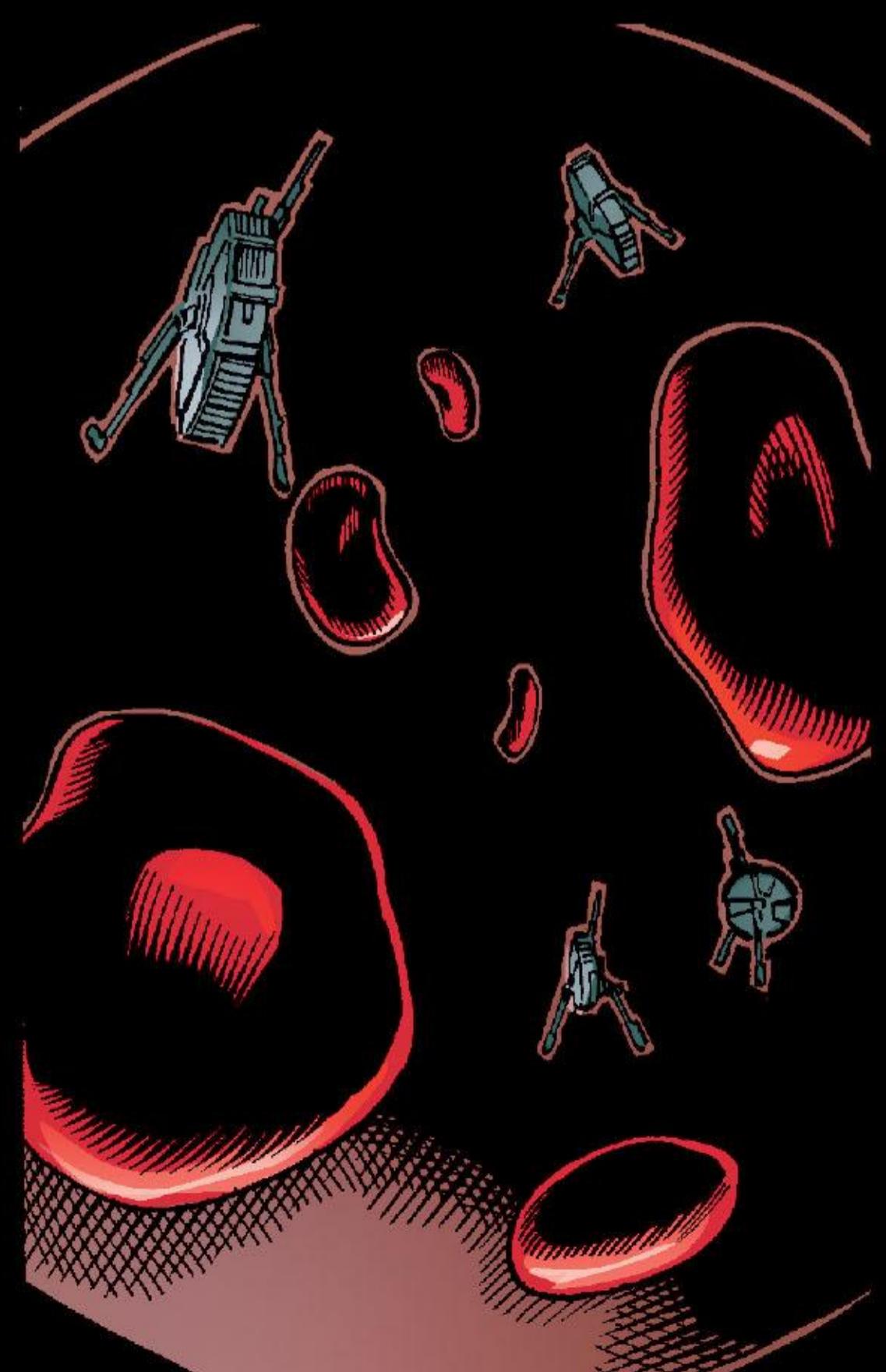
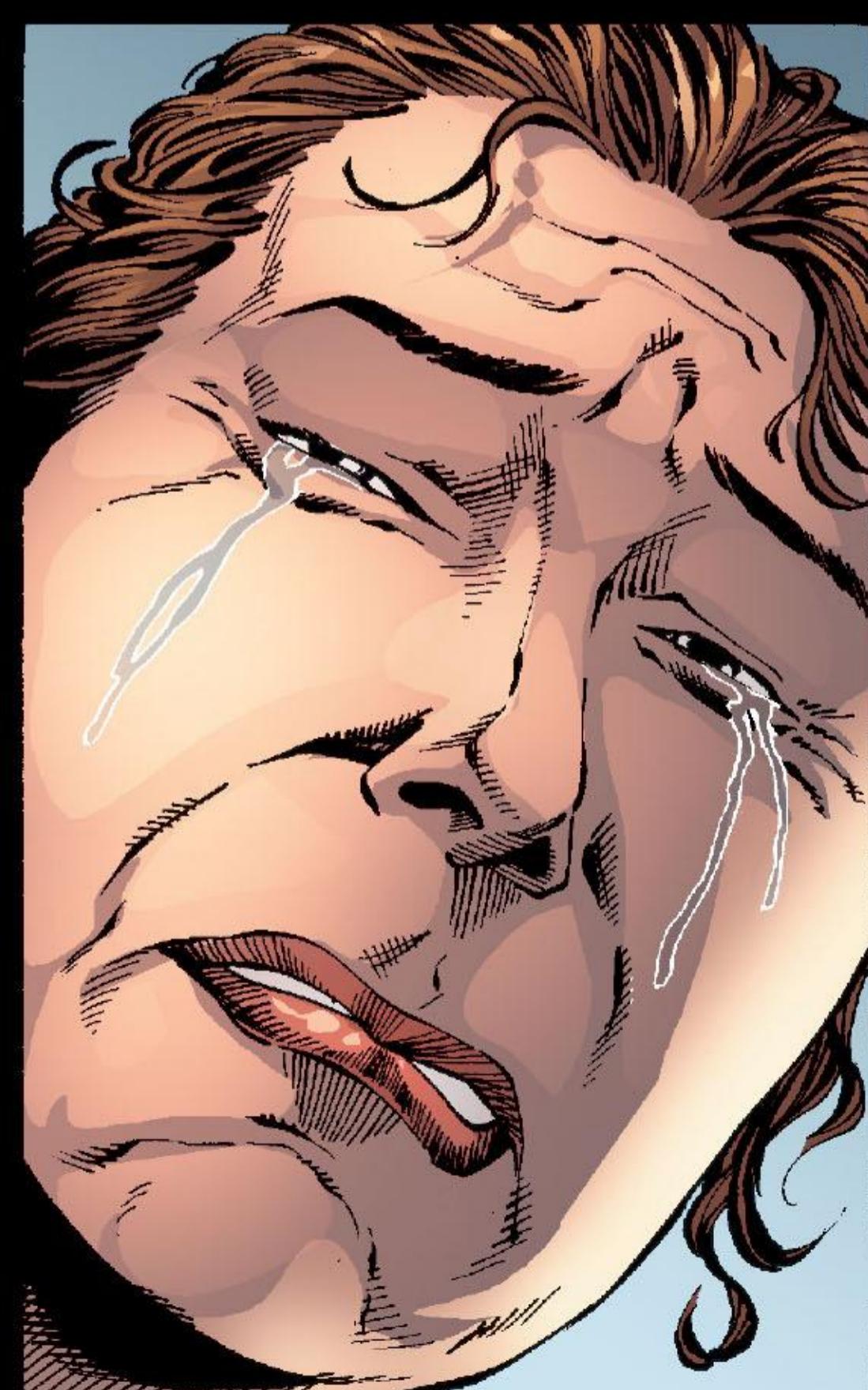
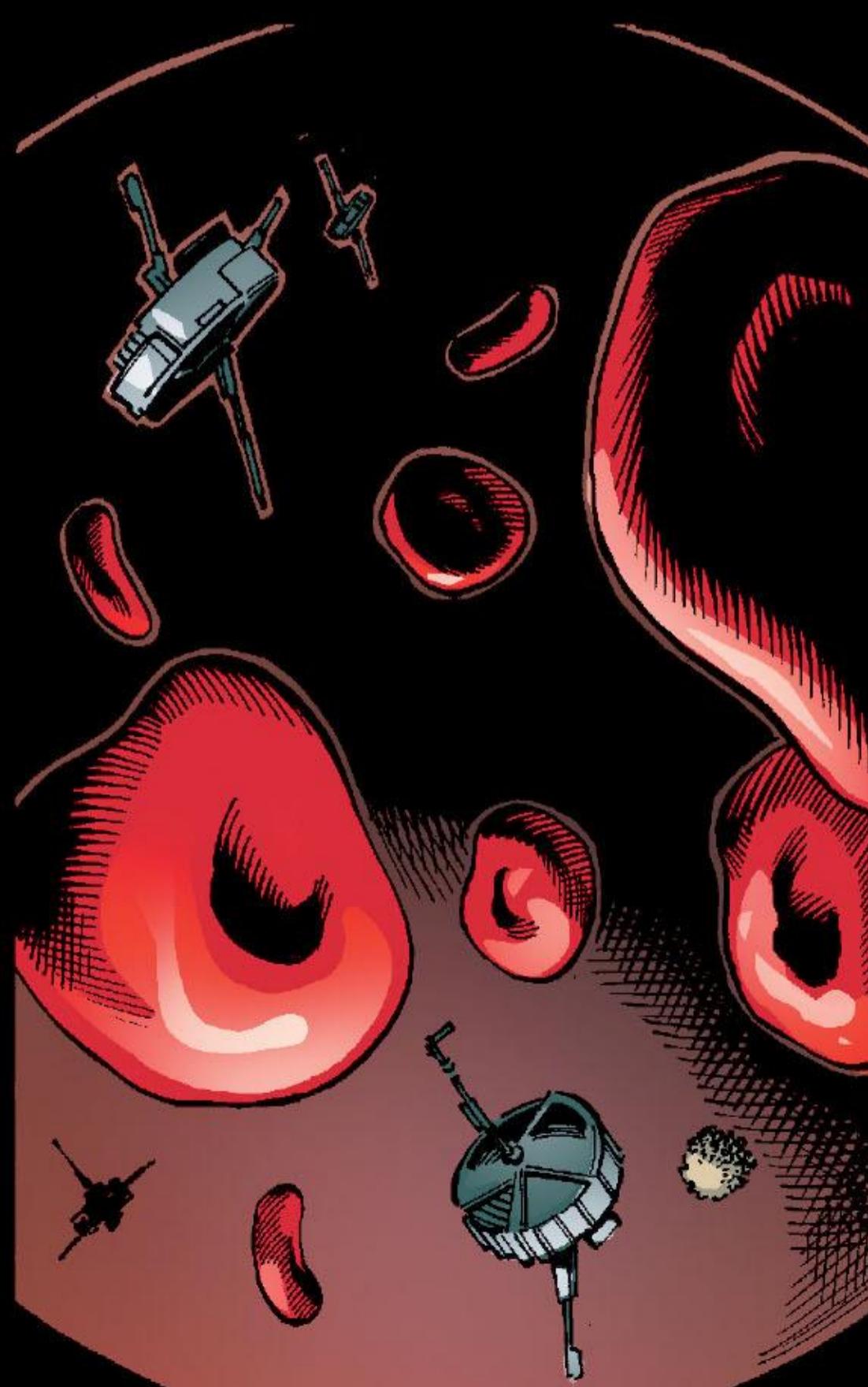
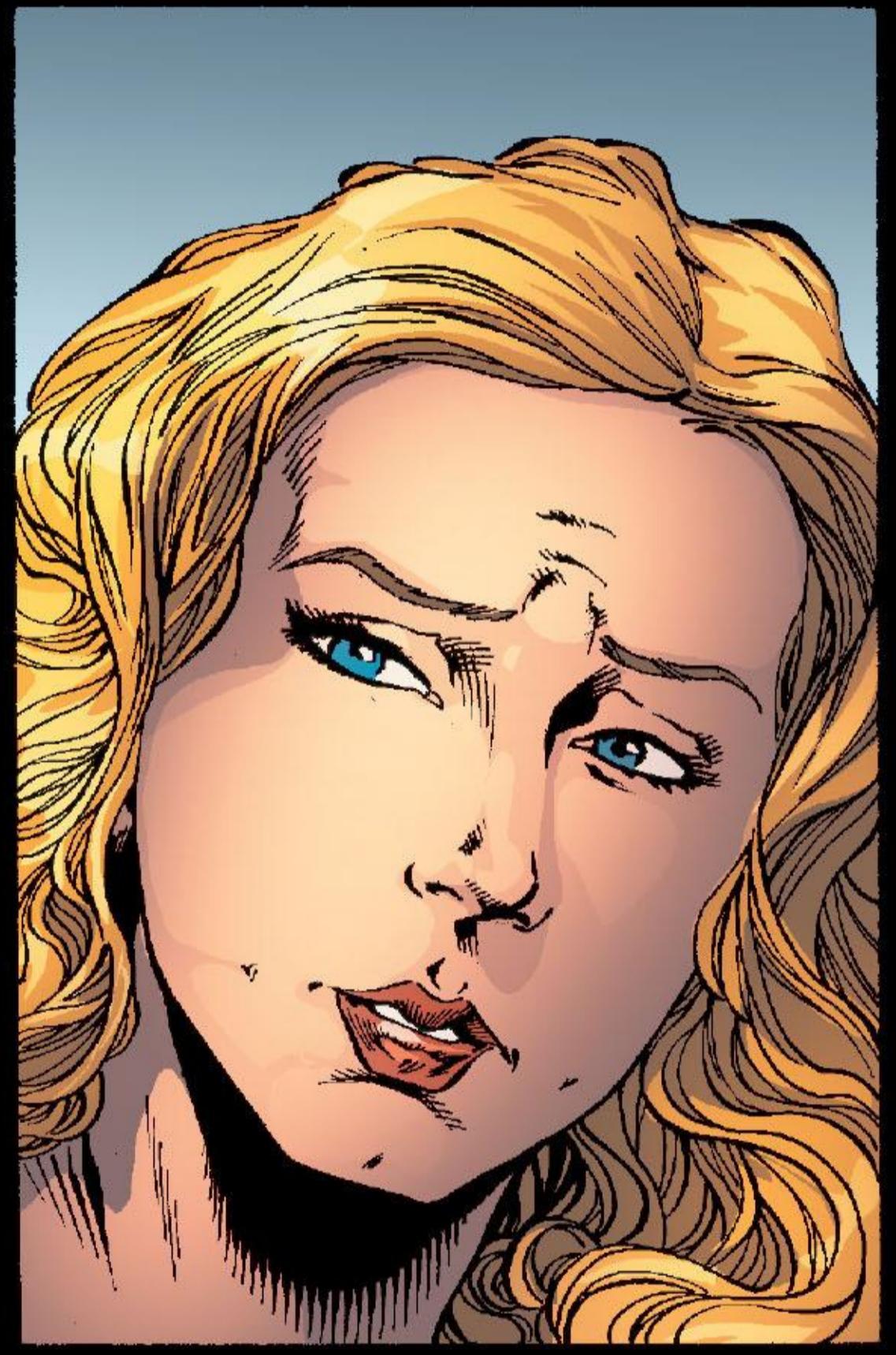
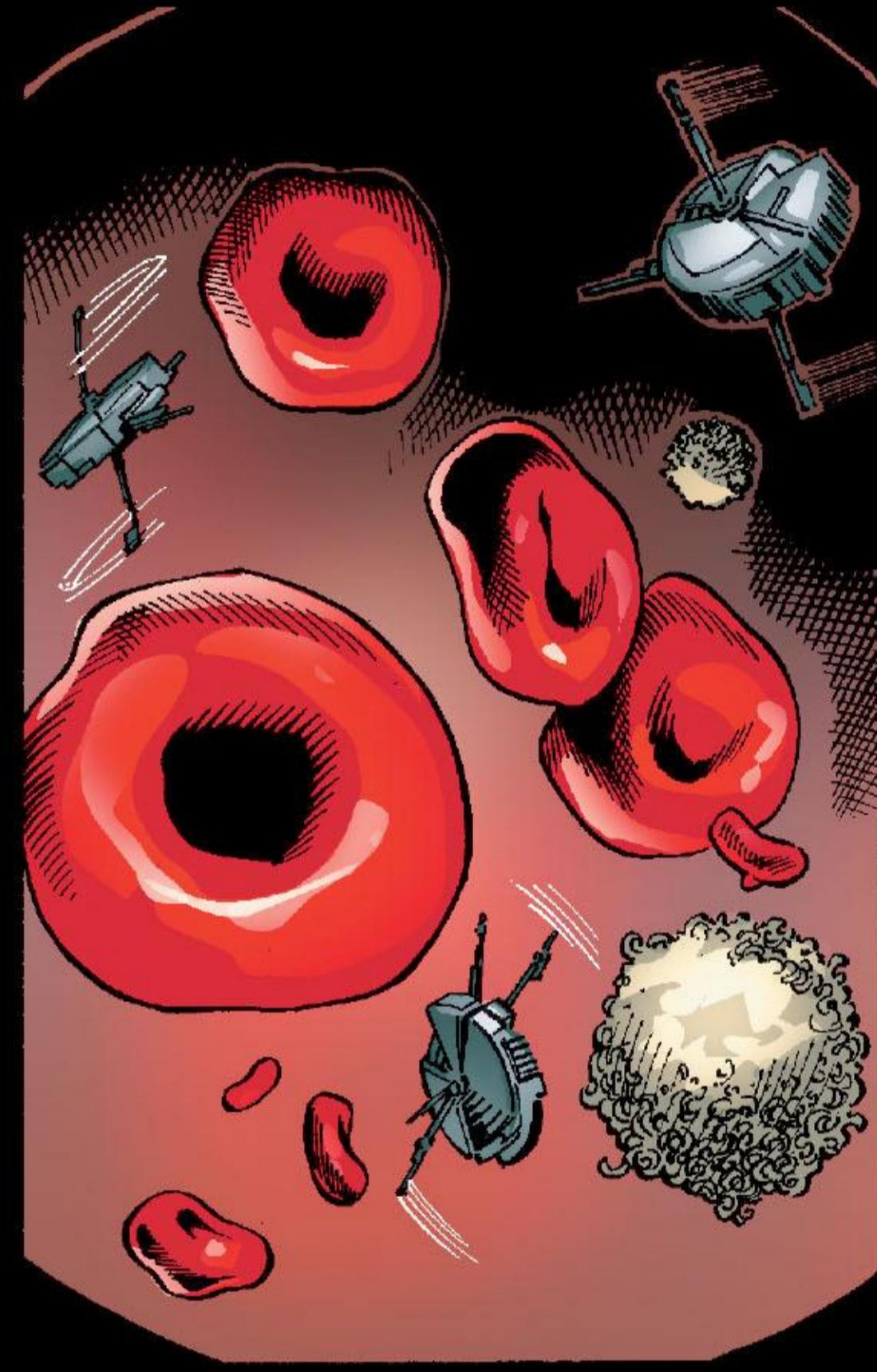
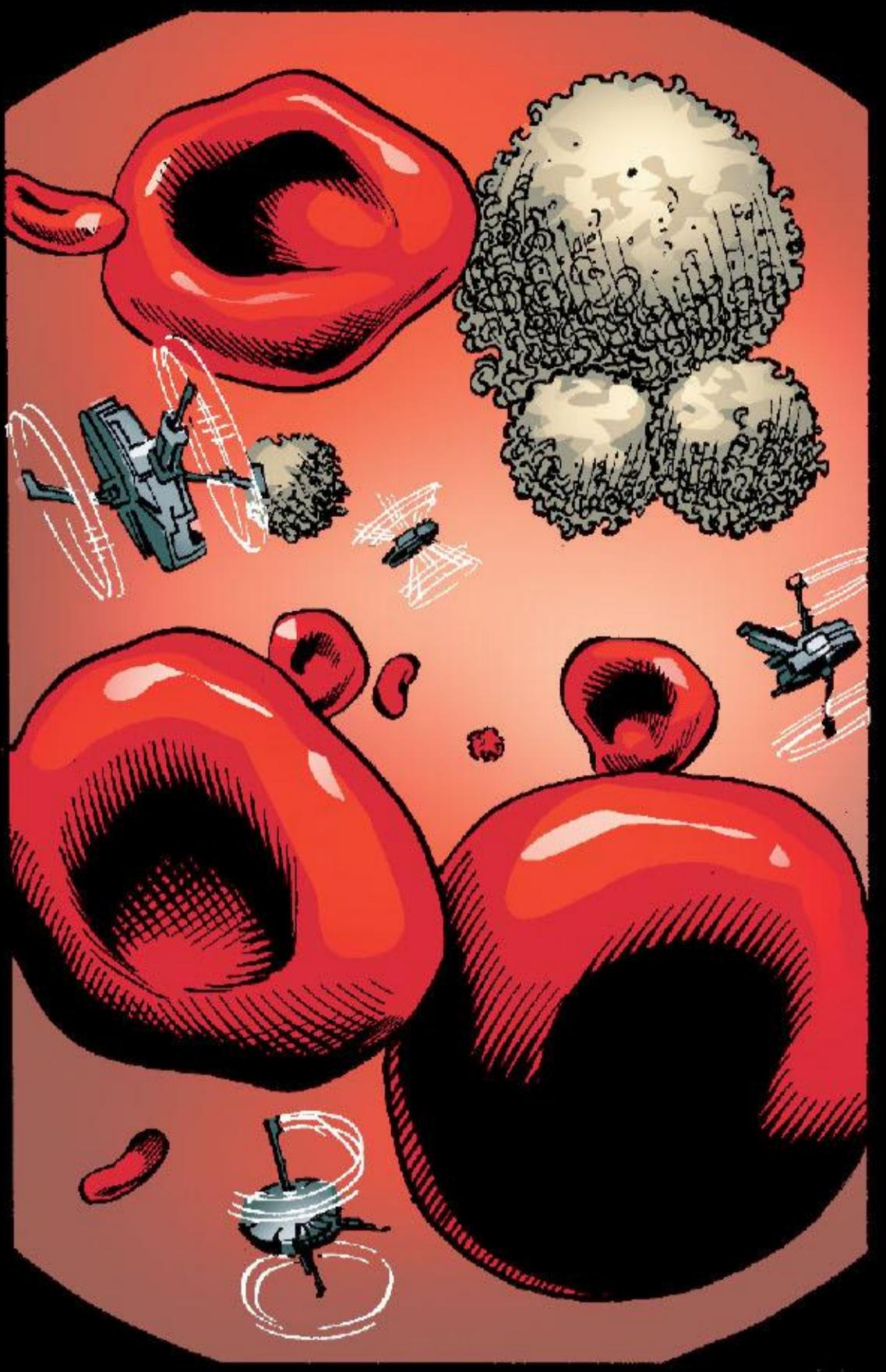
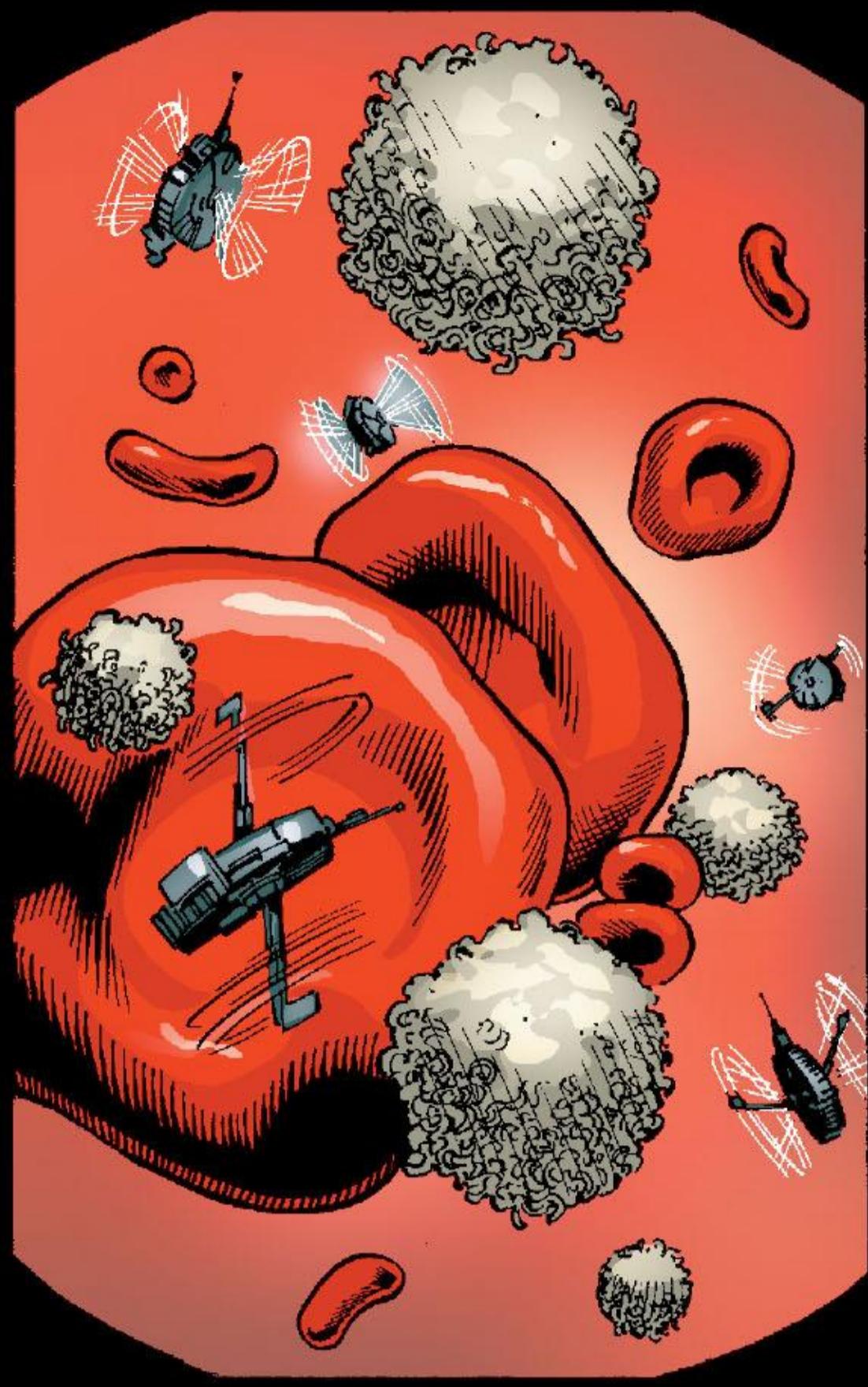
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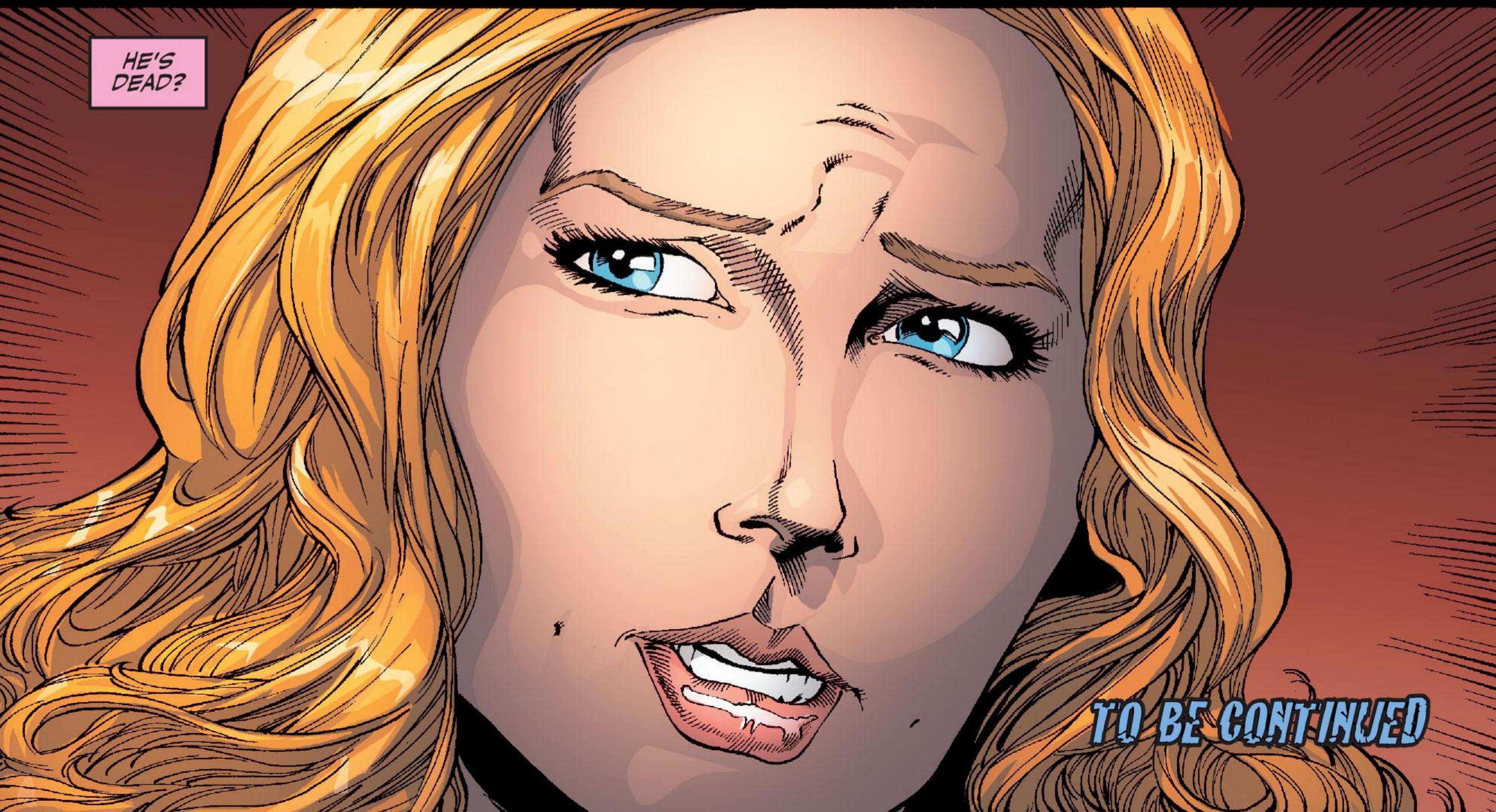












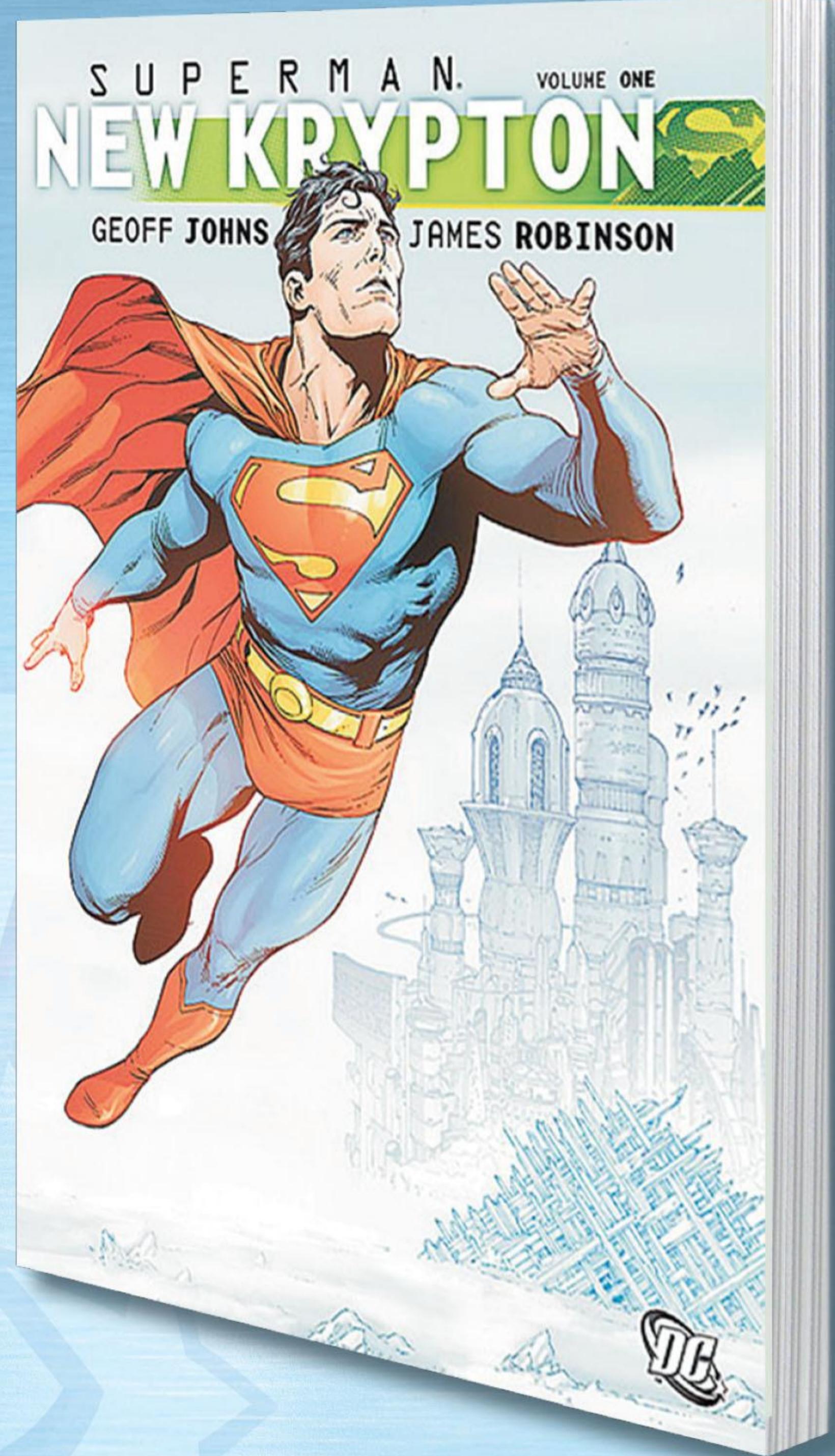
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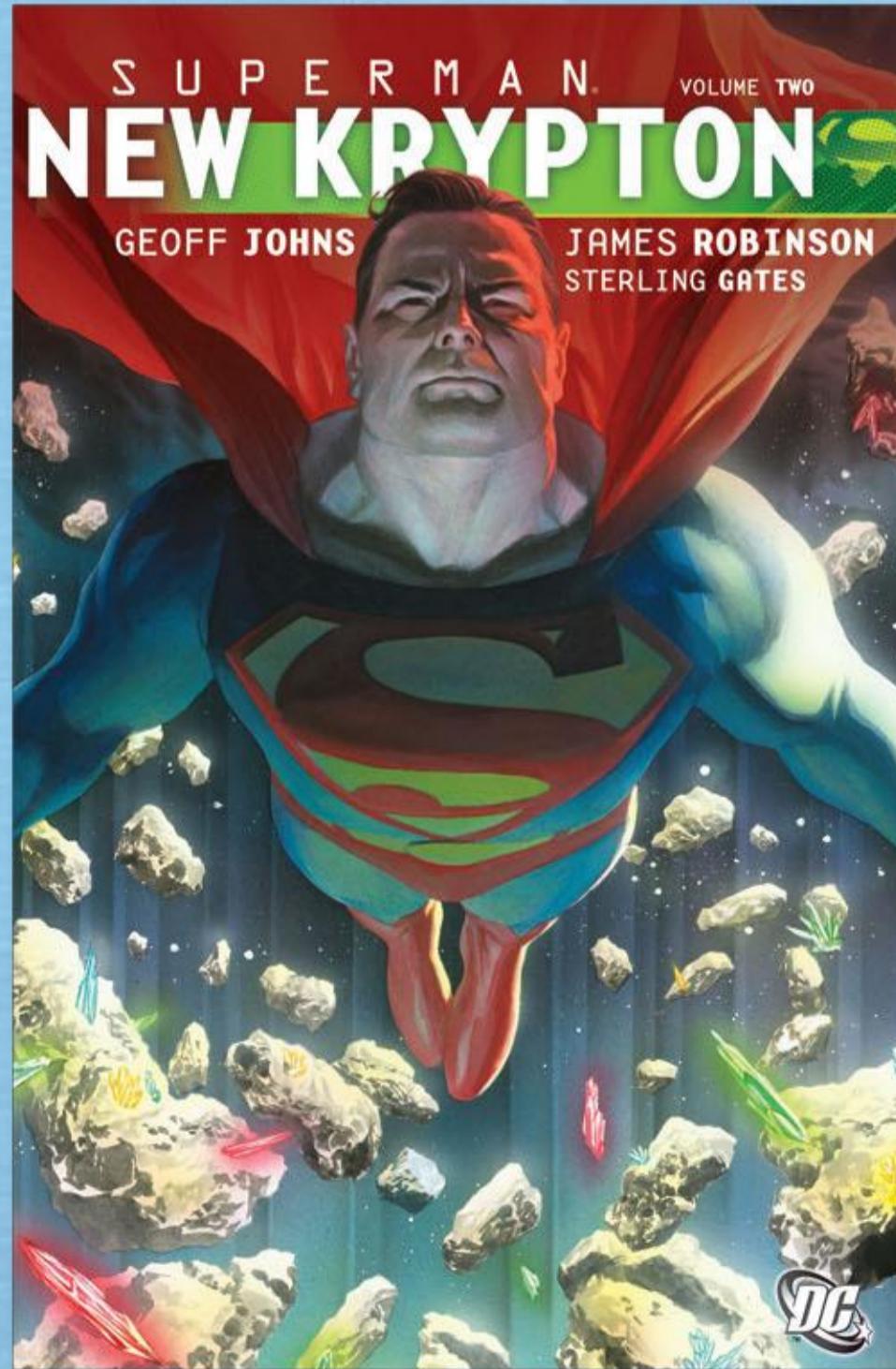
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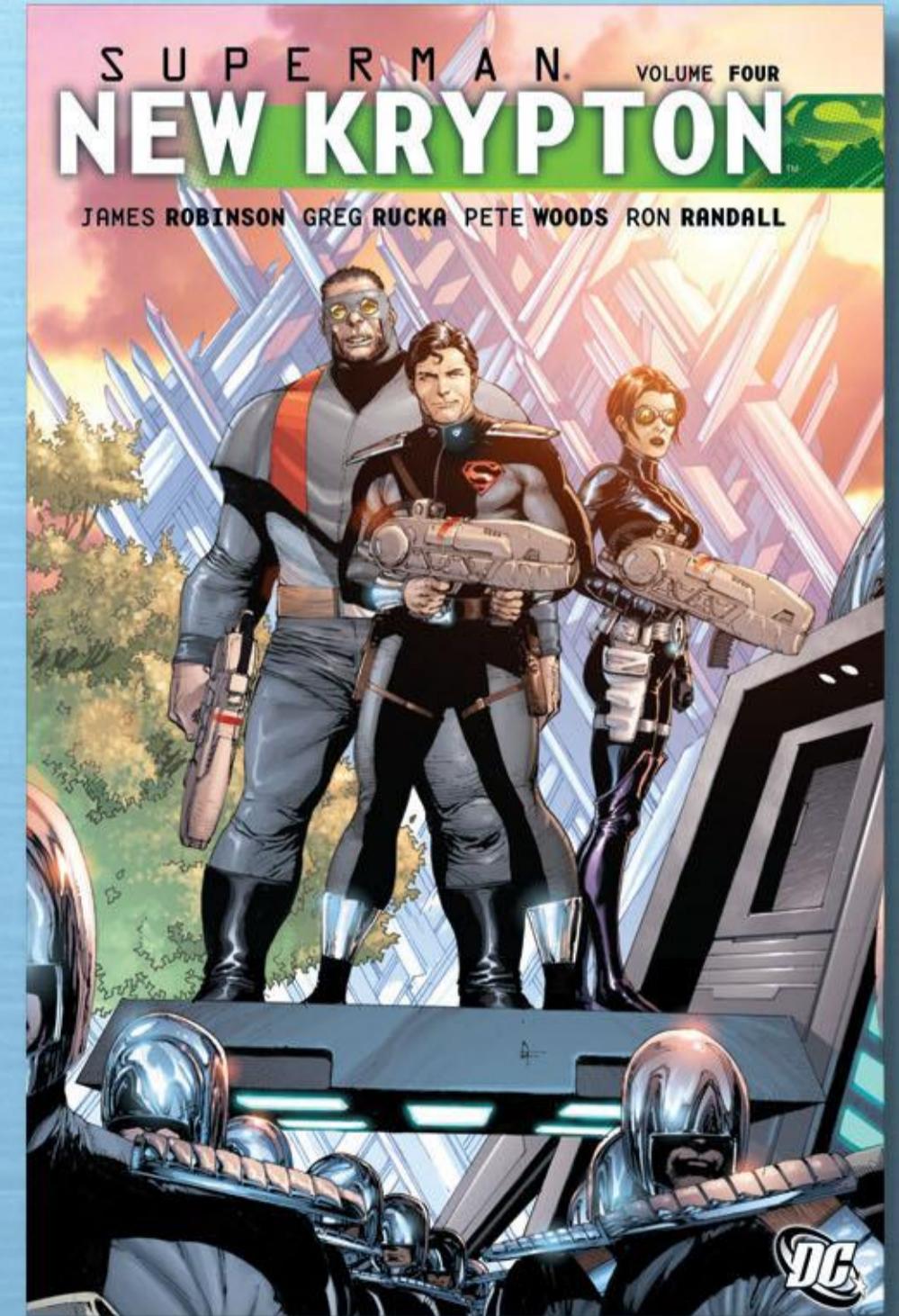
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