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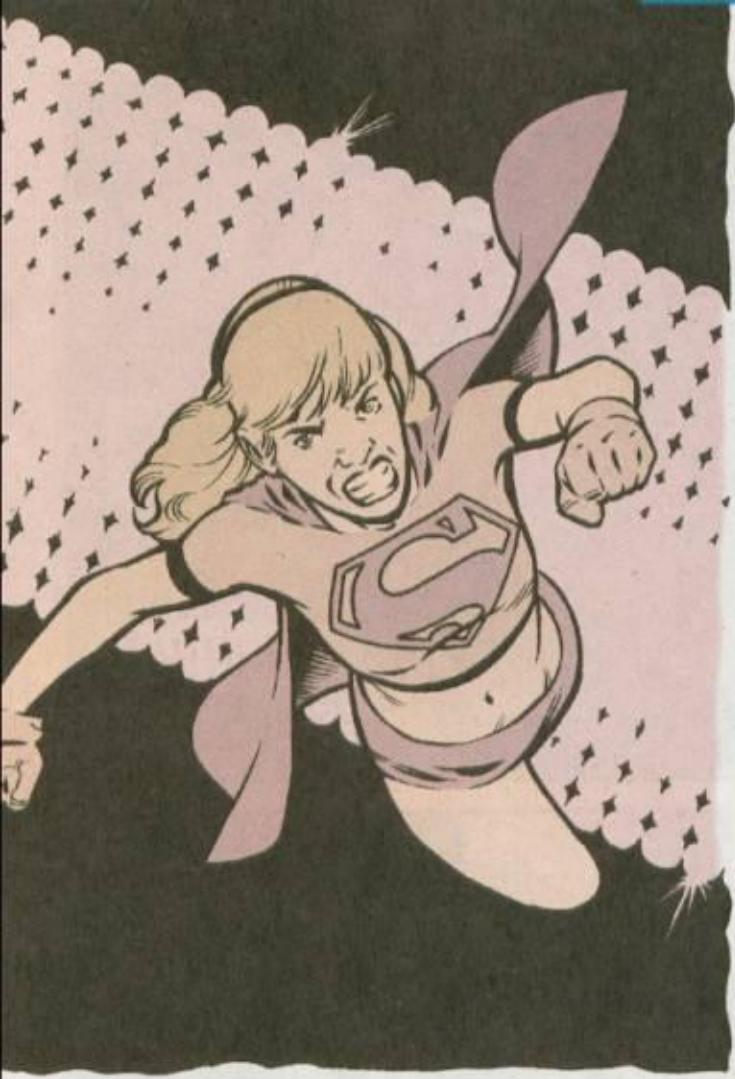
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"Demon mother." It's been several times now I've heard demonic creatures say that some "demon mother" had it in for me.

It's crazy for me to pump them for information. Nulajuk, Etrigan, even Buzz... they're all demonic themselves.

Over nine thousand hits. Well, let's start at the top...

"Demon Queen or Mother of Man? Lilitu by Russell W. Patt. The legend of Lilitu or..."

"...Lilith."

The First woman... Adam's First wife... who left Eden because she wasn't submissive enough... then went to the Red Sea and started spawning demons...

SEARCH

demon mother

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But this is the information age. So let's see what a search engine can do for me that hellspawn creatures can't.

WEATHER
ENTERTA

There. Search "Demon Mother."

TRAVEL
BUSINE\$S

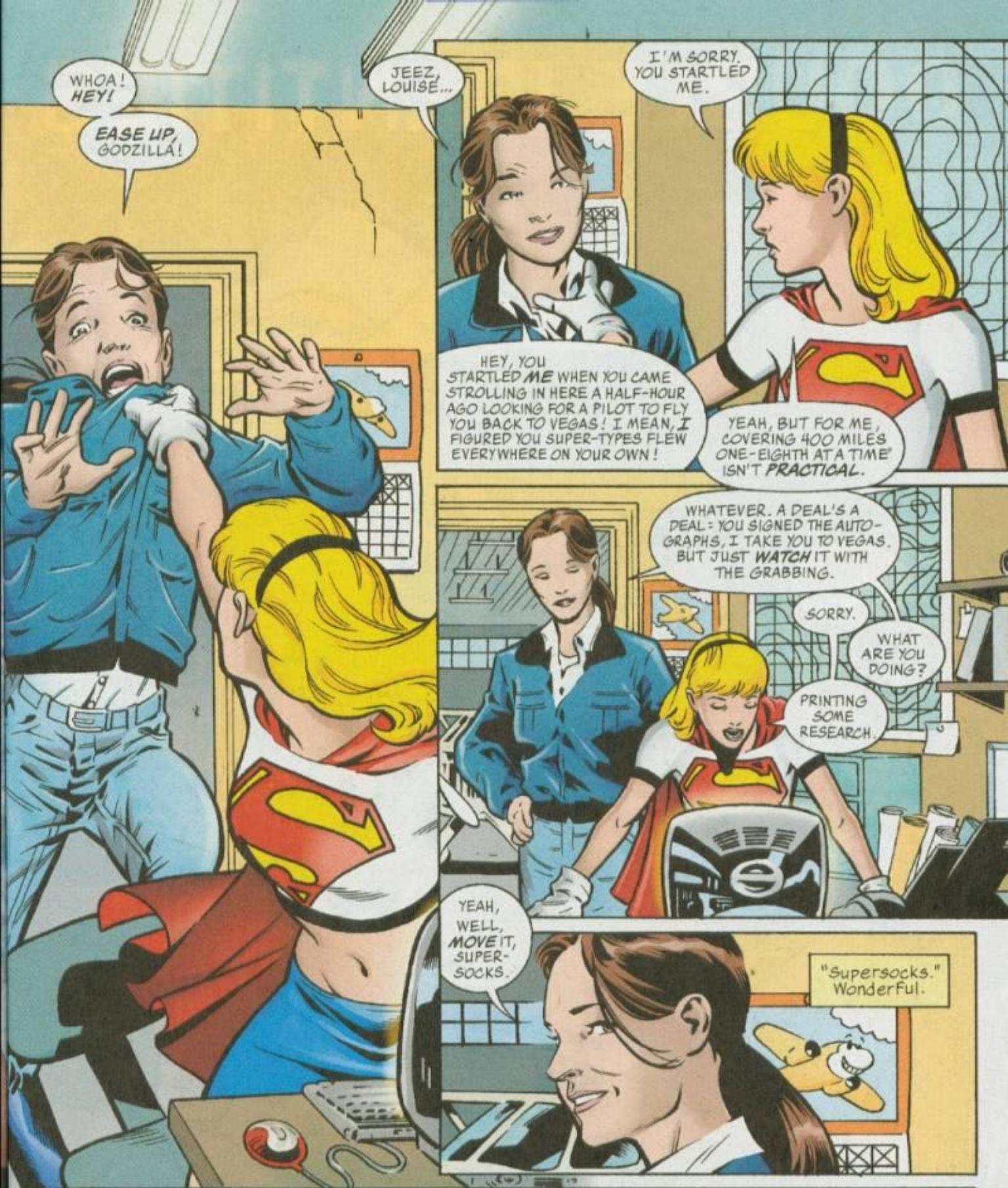
HEALTH

"Did Mother Teresa have a demon in her?" Well, she was dressed like a nun when she showed up in Vegas and knocked me all the way to Reno, but I doubt a dead Future saint is gunning for me.

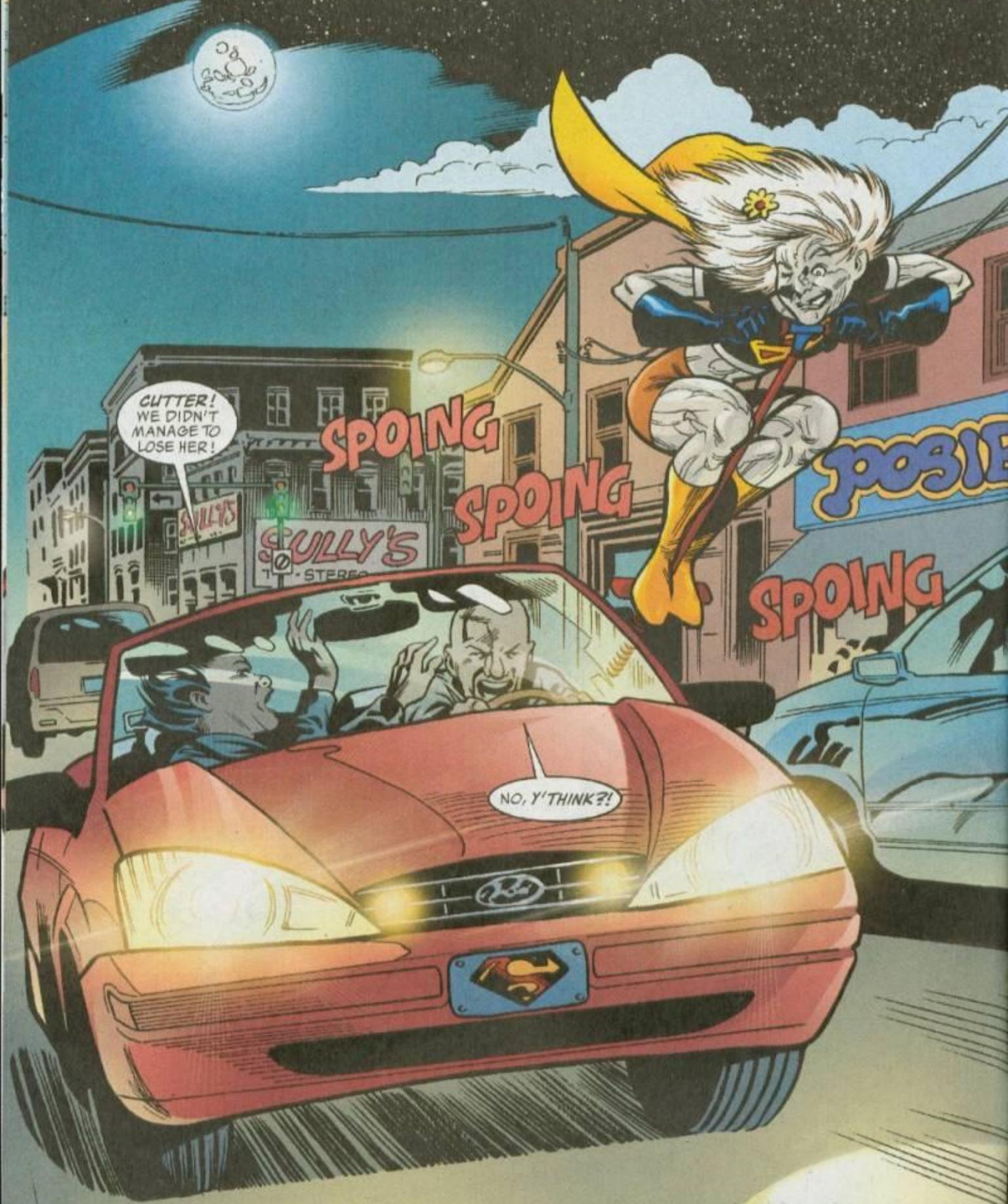
Newspaper headline... "Houston Mother Fears Demon Possession"...

Nah. There're sick people in the world, but we're talking about someone who commands the attention of genuine demons and creatures of power.

YIIKKE!



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CUTTER!
MATTIE! IT HAS BEEN A SHORT
TIME!

SPOING

FRIEND
OF YOURS?

SHE CALLED
YOU BY NAME,
TOO!

WELL, YOU
CAUGHT ME,
MATTIE! SHE'S
AN ANGRY EX-
GIRLFRIEND!

IF THIS AM A BAD
TIME, WE CAN COME
BACK SOONER!

THINK ABOUT
IT! HAVE MY GIRL
CALL YOUR GIRL!
WE NOT DO
BRUNCH!

SPOING

YOU'RE GONNA
SAY I'M CRAZY, BUT...
SHE REMINDS ME A
LITTLE OF LINDA!

AWW, C'MON, CUTTER!
EVER SINCE SHE TOOK OFF
FROM LEESBURG, EVERY
GIRL REMINDS YOU OF LINDA!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD'VE JUST
PROPOSED TO HER!

YEAH, BUT I
PROPOSED TO
YOU, AND YOU
HAVEN'T
ANSWERED
YET!

YOU UGLY
COUPLE! SHOULD
BE VERY MISERABLE
TOGETHER!

THANKS!

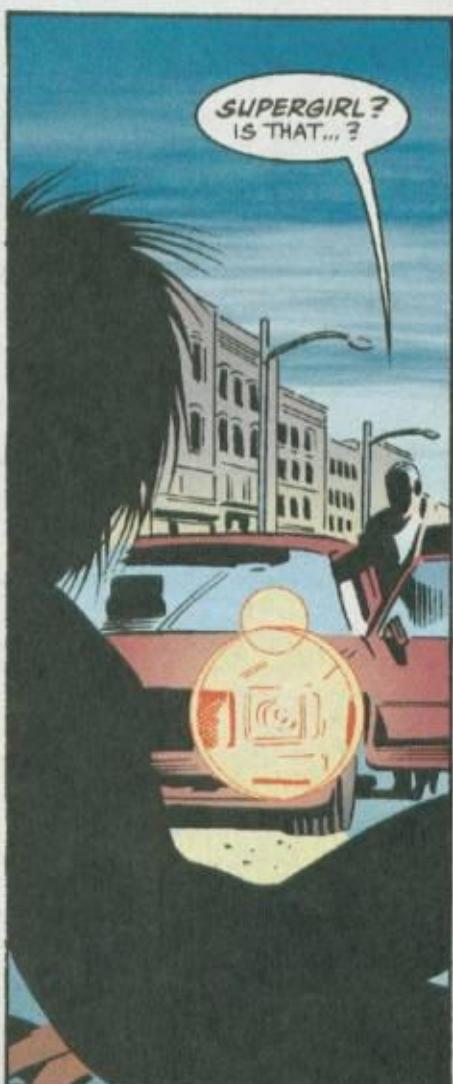
SPOING
KRAASH!

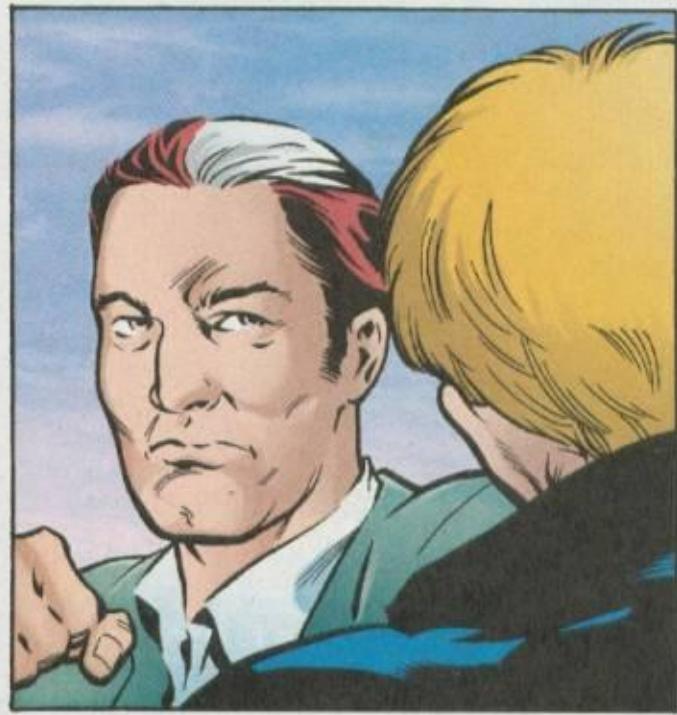
Huh?



MAX. CLEARANCE
12 FEET







YOU'VE BEEN
DOING NOTHING BUT
READ THE WHOLE
TIME. WHAT'S SO
INTERESTING?

TELL ME,
MEL... YOU
EVER HEAR OF
"LILITH"?

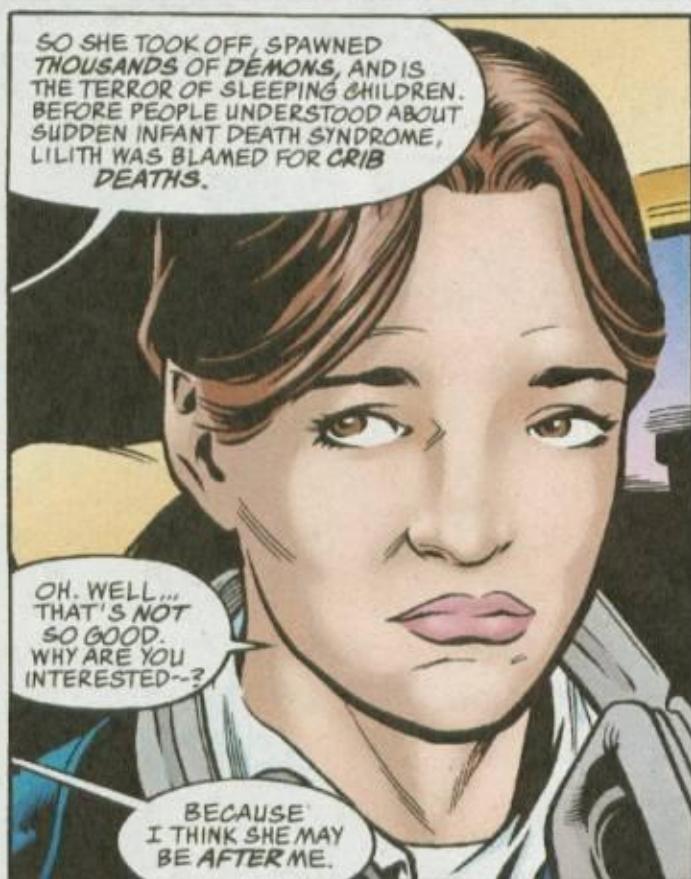
YEAH, BUT SARA MCLACHLAN
DOESN'T DO MUCH FOR ME, I
CAN'T STAND THE INDIGO GIRLS,
AND I NEARLY GOT ELBOWED TO
DEATH AT A CONCERT IN SALT
LAKE CITY, SO...

NOT THE
LILITH FAIR!
THE ORIGINAL
LILITH!



ACCORDING TO LORE,
SHE WAS THE FIRST MATE
OF ADAM, CREATED FROM
DUST, SAME AS HE WAS.
BUT SHE WASN'T "SUB-
SERVIENT" ENOUGH,
APPARENTLY.

SO SHE TOOK OFF, SPAWNED
THOUSANDS OF DEMONS, AND IS
THE TERROR OF SLEEPING CHILDREN.
BEFORE PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD ABOUT
SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME,
LILITH WAS BLAMED FOR CRIB
DEATHS.





SHE'S COMING
RIGHT AT US!

AWW, NO, NOT
THIS TIME! I'M NOT
GONNA LET A SECOND
PLANE I'M RIDIN' ON
GET TRASHED!

"SECOND
PLANE"?!

BLACKHAWK
JET. GIANT
BUZZSAW.
TOTALLY
DIFFERENT.

THANKS
FOR THE
LIFT.

Better get the timing
and angle of this exactly
right. I don't have a lot
of maneuverability.

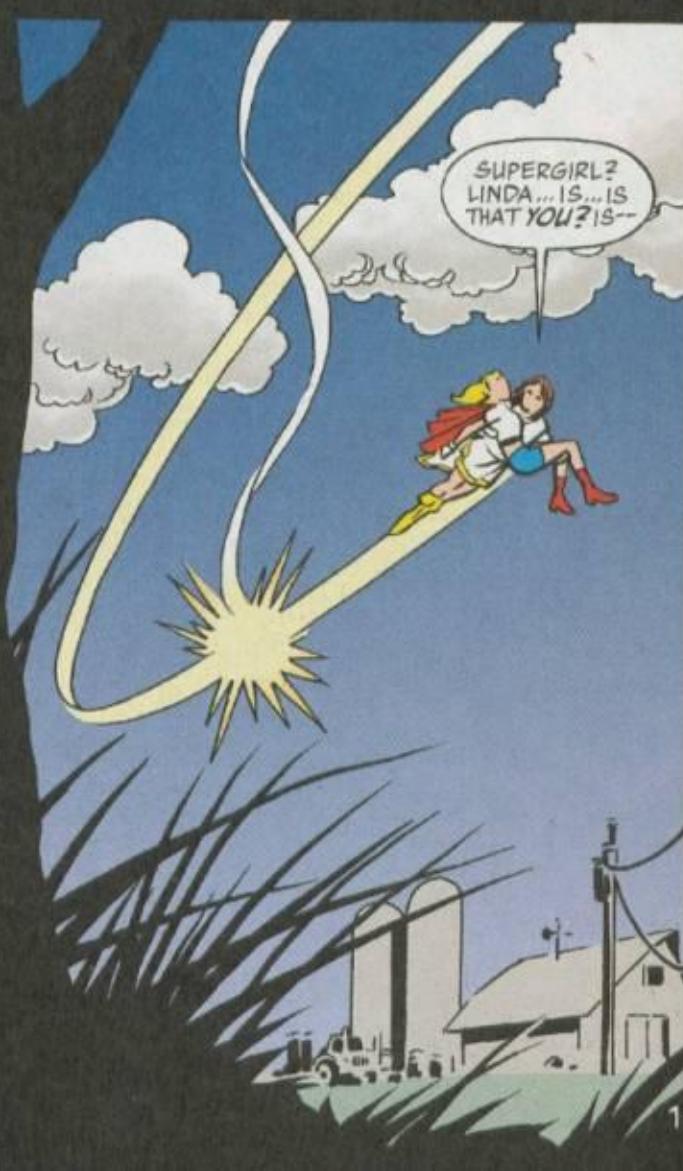
IF I miss her, it's
a long way down, and
Mel's plane is toast
to boot.

MARY!

HUH?
YOU?!



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SO... THAT IS THE CHILD WHO SPORTS SUCH GIFTS AS THE WISDOM OF MINERVA AND THE STRENGTH OF HIPPOLYTA.

That's Queen Mab, Demon Mother. Pressed as I am into your service, I believe I am still entitled to be addressed by my proper title.

STILL, NEITHER OF THOSE PROVIDED HER MUCH PROTECTION AGAINST YOUR ATTENTIONS, DID THEY, MAB?

"PRESSED" INTO SERVICE? I'M DISAPPOINTED YOU WOULD FEEL THAT WAY, MAB. AFTER ALL, WITHOUT MY DEMONS TO DEFINE THE FAE, YOU WOULD SIMPLY BE ANNOYING INSTEAD OF CREATURES OF JOY.

And without the powers of charm which you stole from my people, you would not be able to disguise yourself in a variety of forms, Demon Mother. Let us not forget that, either.

IT SHALL NOT DO HER A GREAT DEAL OF GOOD.

I FACE A WIN/ WIN PROPOSITION, FAE QUEEN. IF SHE SURVIVES, HER USE TO ME GROWS. IF SHE DIES, WELL... REVENGE HAS ITS SWEET SIDE.

I FORGET NOTHING, QUEEN MAB. NOTHING.

SO... LITTLE SUPERGIRL KNOWS MY NAME.

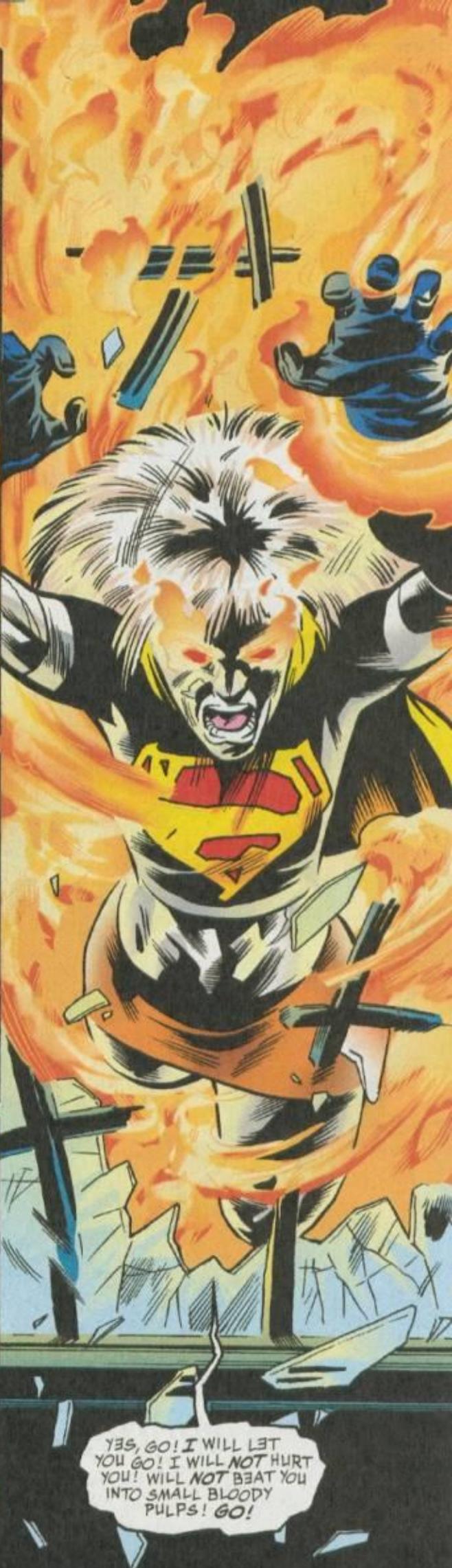
AND YOUR DREAM MANIPULATIONS REMAIN AS POTENT AS EVER. WELL DONE. I AM NOT SURPRISED THAT THE Bard IMMORTALIZED YOUR SKILLS THROUGH MERCUTIO'S LIPS.

I am released from your service then? Between this and my work in Atlantic City, can I not be quit of all this?

YOU MAY LEAVE, YES. BUT RELEASED? NOT FOR A TIME, YET.









COMET!

THAT'S THE NAME.
AND LINDA, HONEY, IF
THAT'S YOU, YOU HAVE
REALLY LET
YOURSELF GO!

I SAW A
BLAST OF FLAME
COMING OUT OF THAT
HOUSE. IT LOOKED
FAMILIAR... AND SO DO
YOU, A BIT. ON THE
VERY LIKELY CHANCE,
THOUGH, THAT
YOU'RE A NEW-
COMER...

...WELCOME TO
LEESBURG.



Not this time, Etrigan!
Not this time are you
gonna...

...gonna...

Huh?

Wait...is...
is that...?

Mary!

Oh...oh,
geez! Mary--!

MARY!!

Mary... Marvel?

YOU!
YOU DID
THIS TO
HER!

AND THAT'S
NOTHING NEXT
TO WHAT I'M
GONNA DO TO
YOU!!!

TO BE CONTINUED!

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