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I AM THE **FUTURE**,  
SUPERGIRL--  
AND YOU ARE  
THE **PAST**--

--THE  
**DEAD**  
**PAST!**

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# Supergirl®

IF YOU'RE PUZZLED ABOUT  
WHAT YOU'RE SEEING HERE,  
DON'T FEEL LEFT OUT!

EVEN SUPERGIRL'S NOT  
SURE WHAT'S GOING ON...

YOUR PRESENCE IN  
THIS CITY HAD QUITE  
SLIPPED MY MIND, SUPERGIRL!  
BUT YOU ARE NO ONE I  
NEED READY MYSELF  
TO DEFEAT...

...FOR I  
AM THE  
FUTURE!

NOW LET'S  
EXTINGUISH THIS  
LITTLE CAMPFIRE AND  
GET YOU TO WHERE  
YOU BELONG...  
LOCKED UP!

IF ALL THIS TALK AND  
OVERSIZED HOTFOOT IS  
SUPPOSED TO IMPRESS  
ME... FORGET IT!



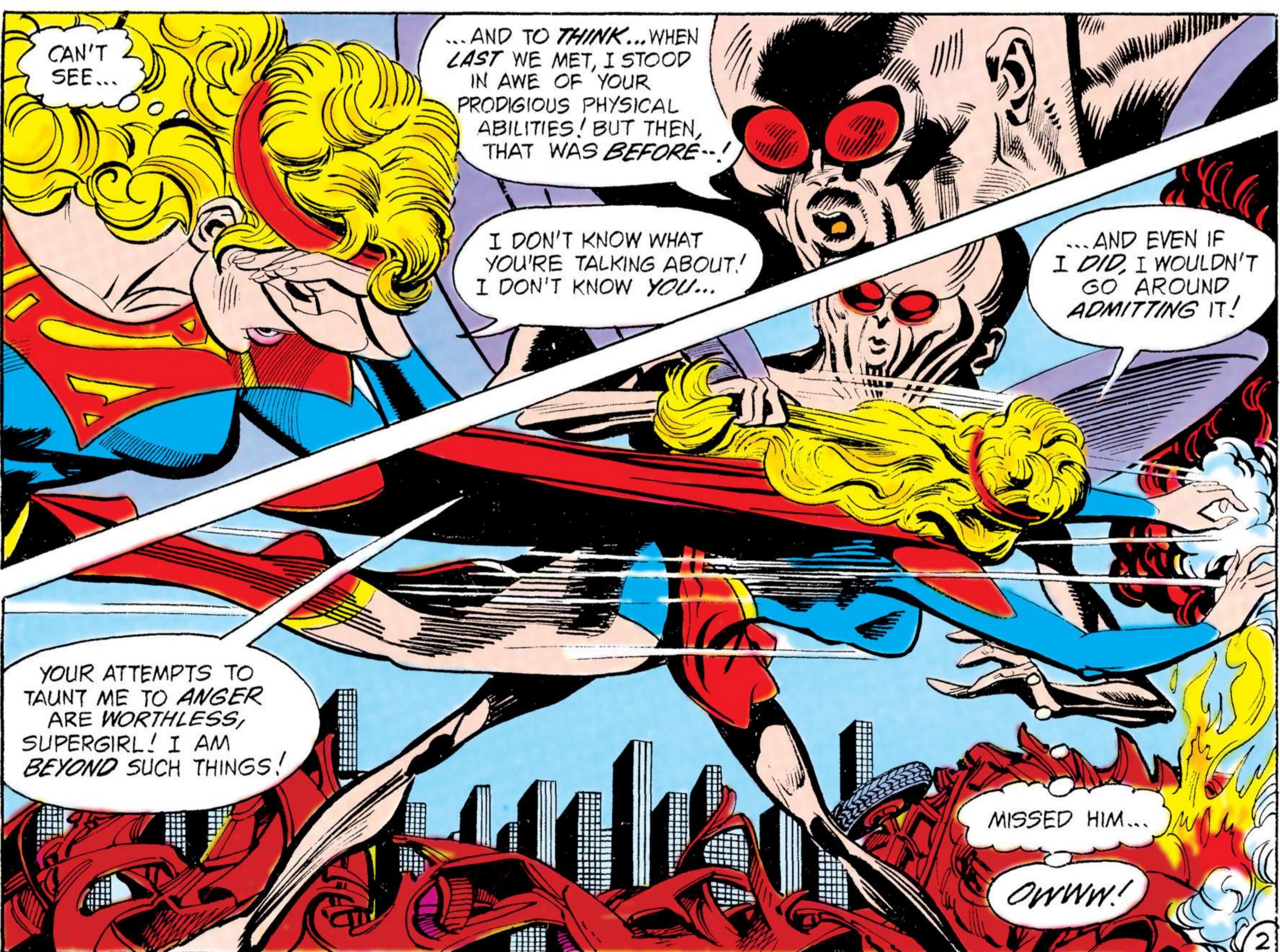
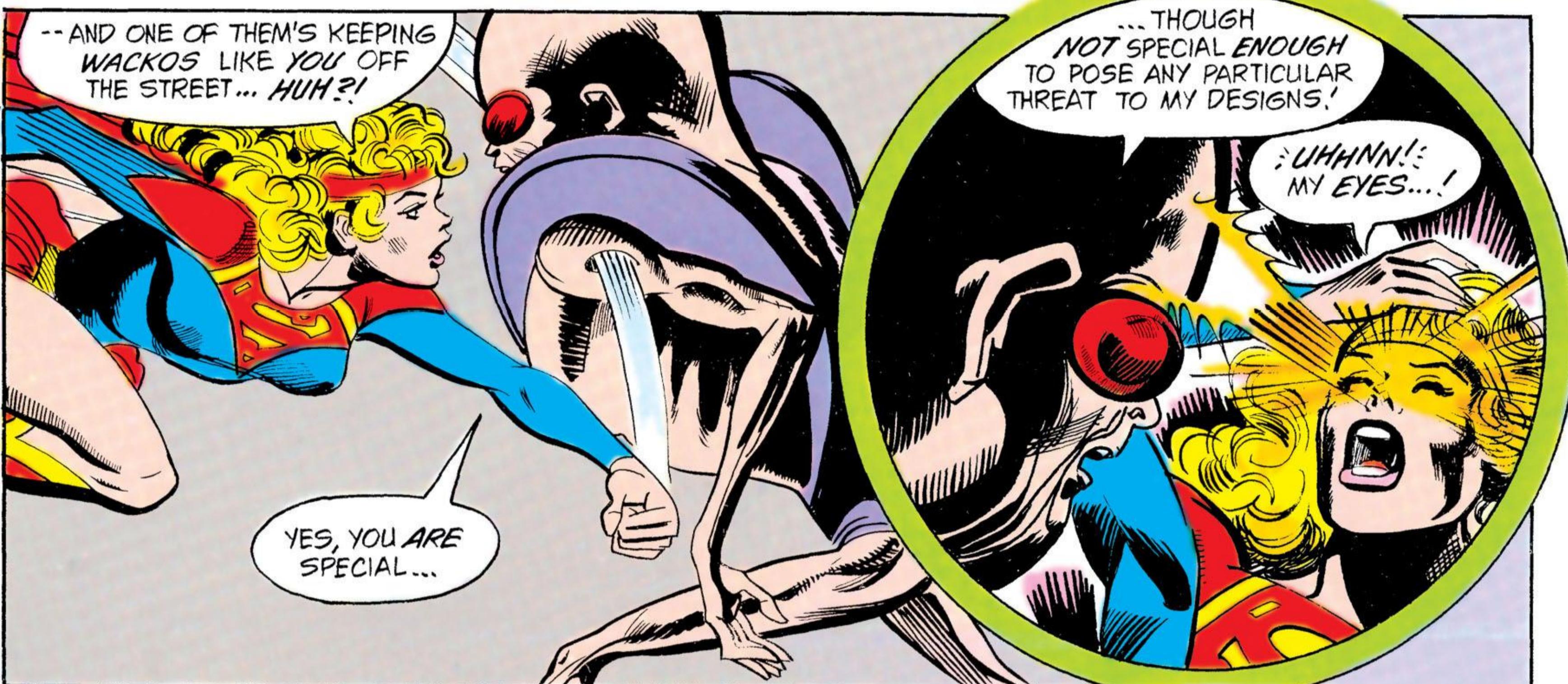
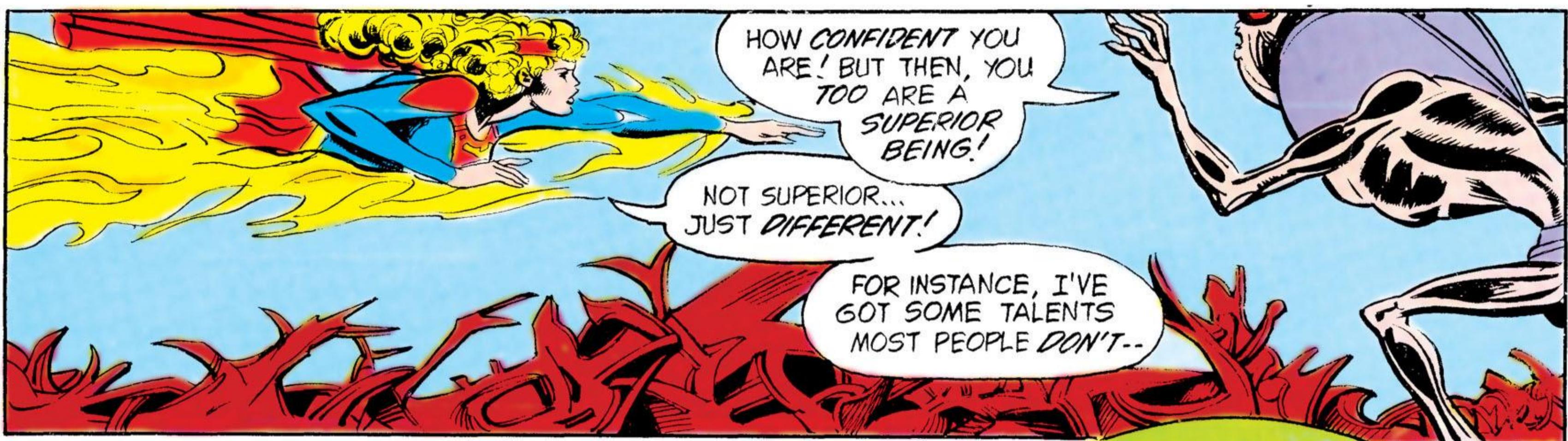
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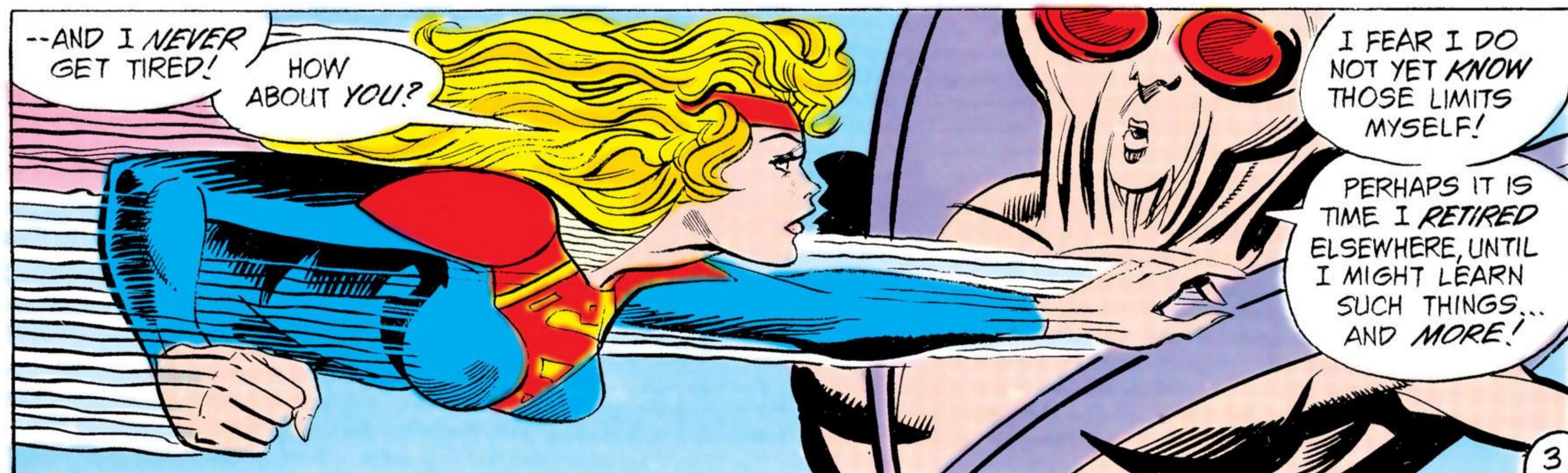
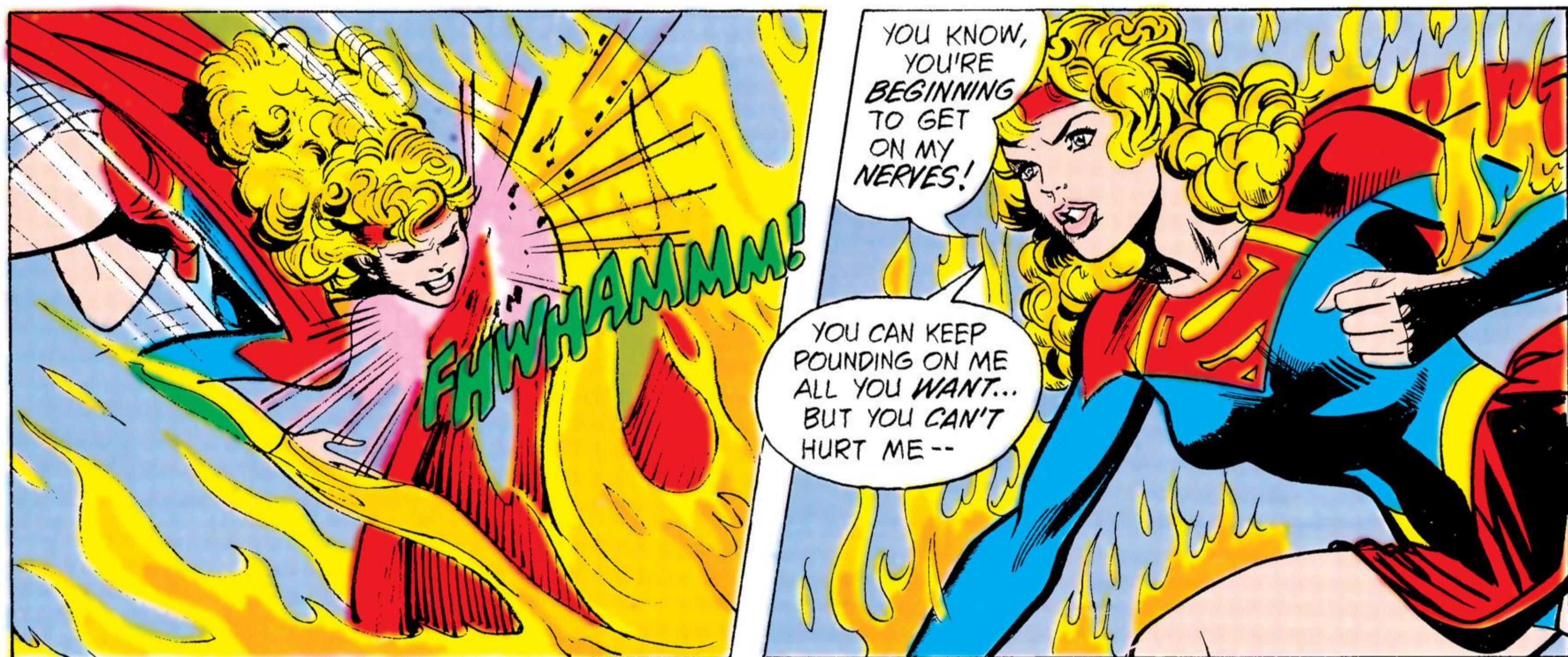
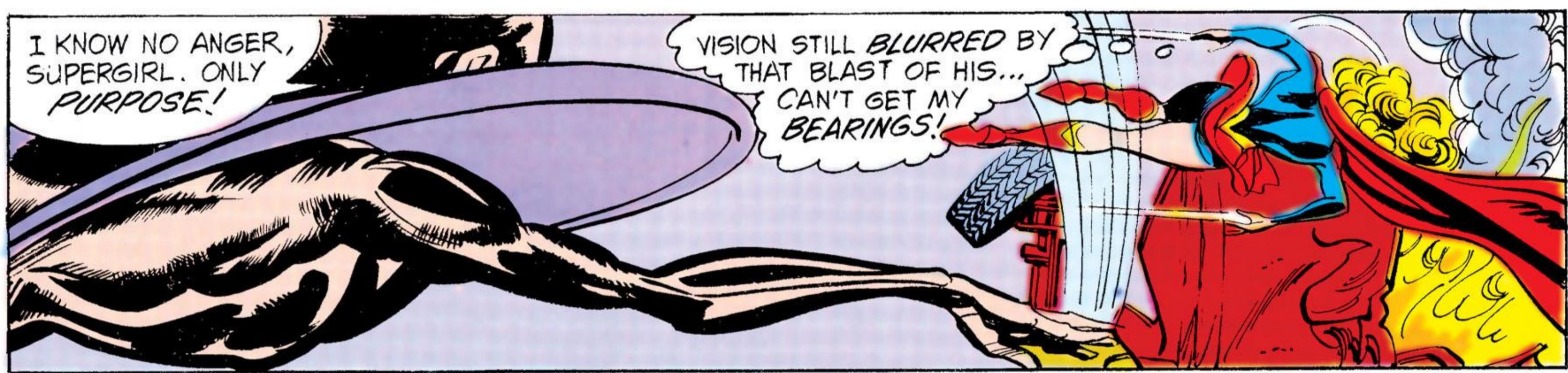
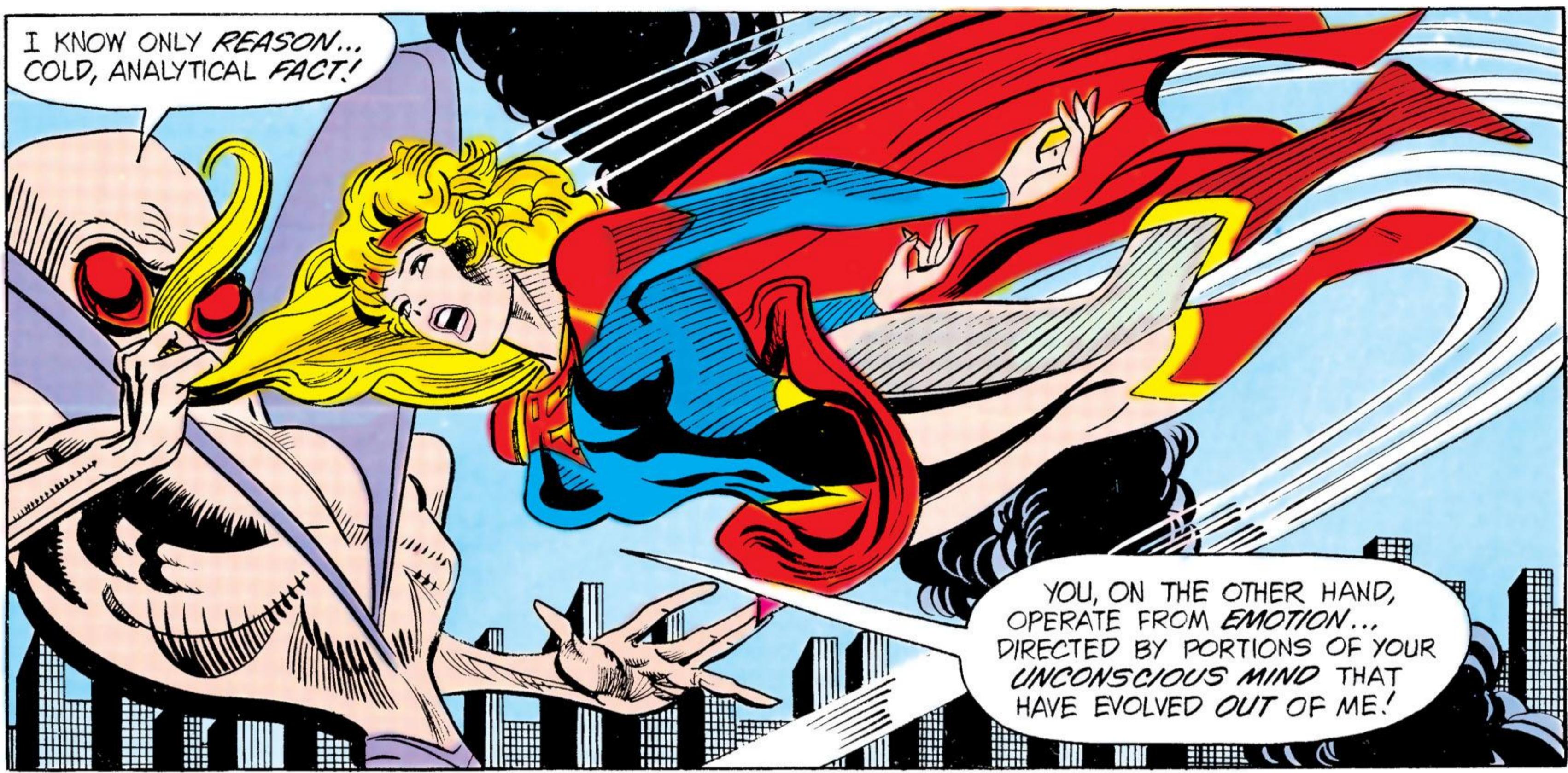
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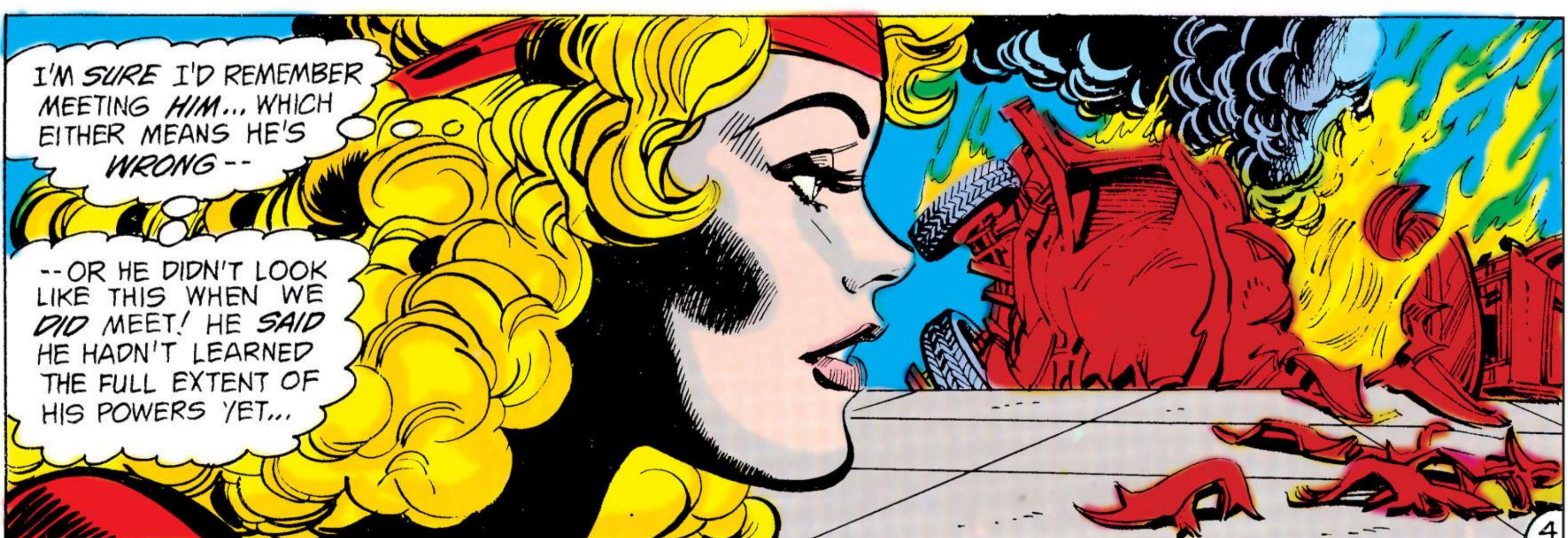
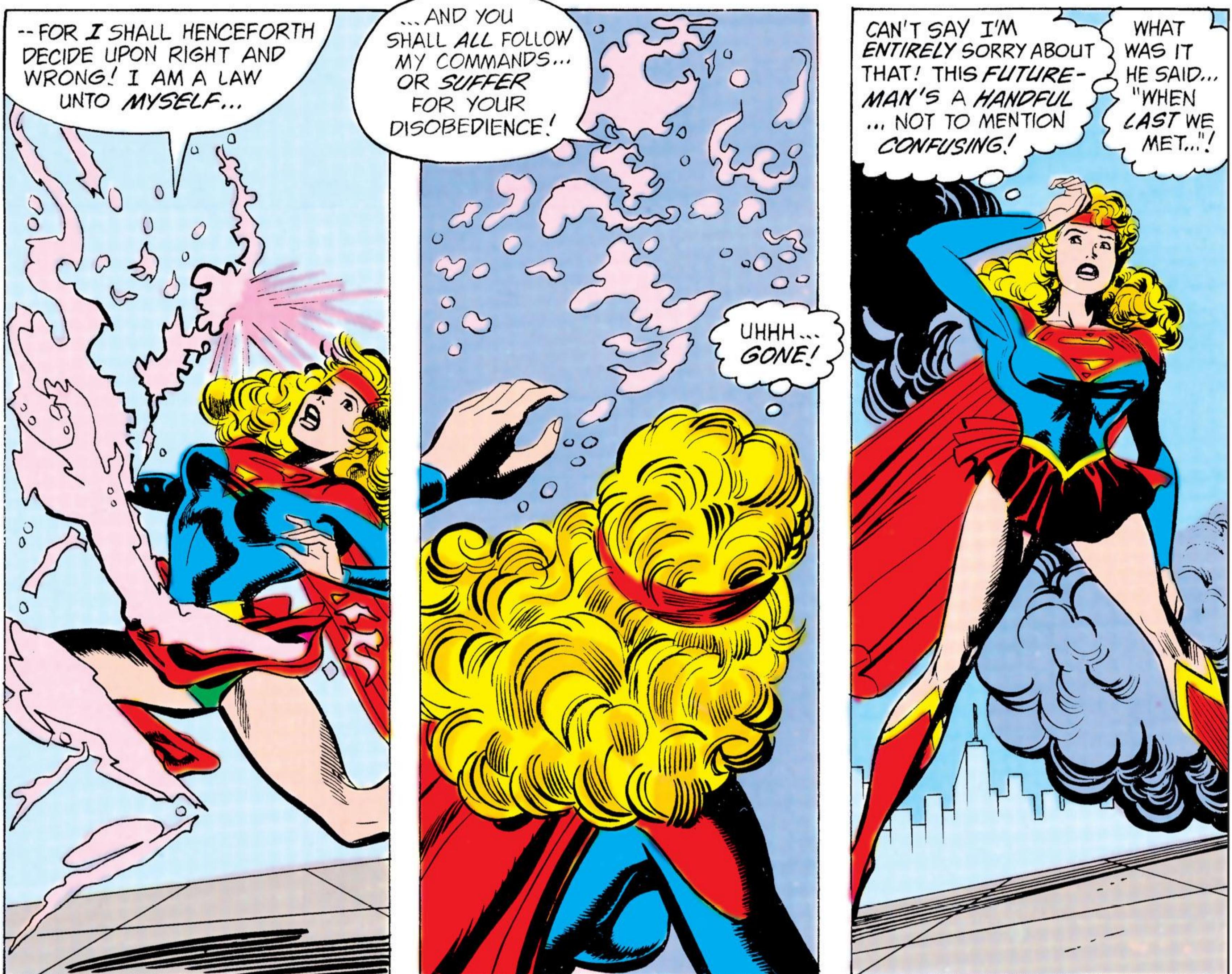
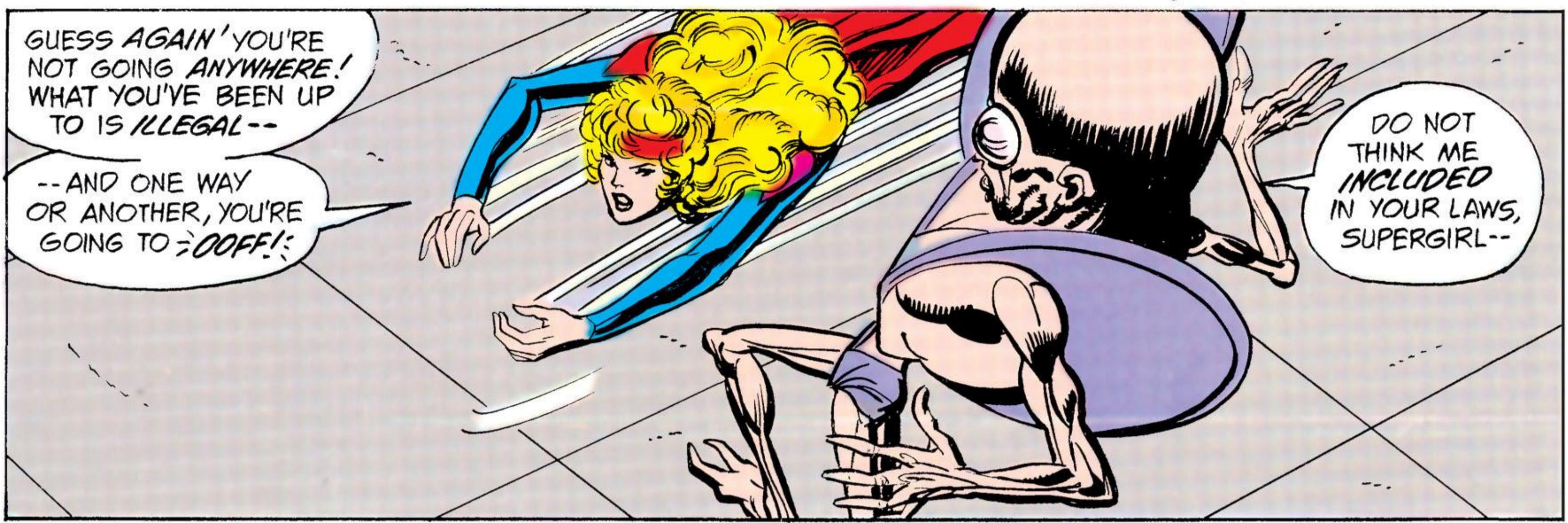
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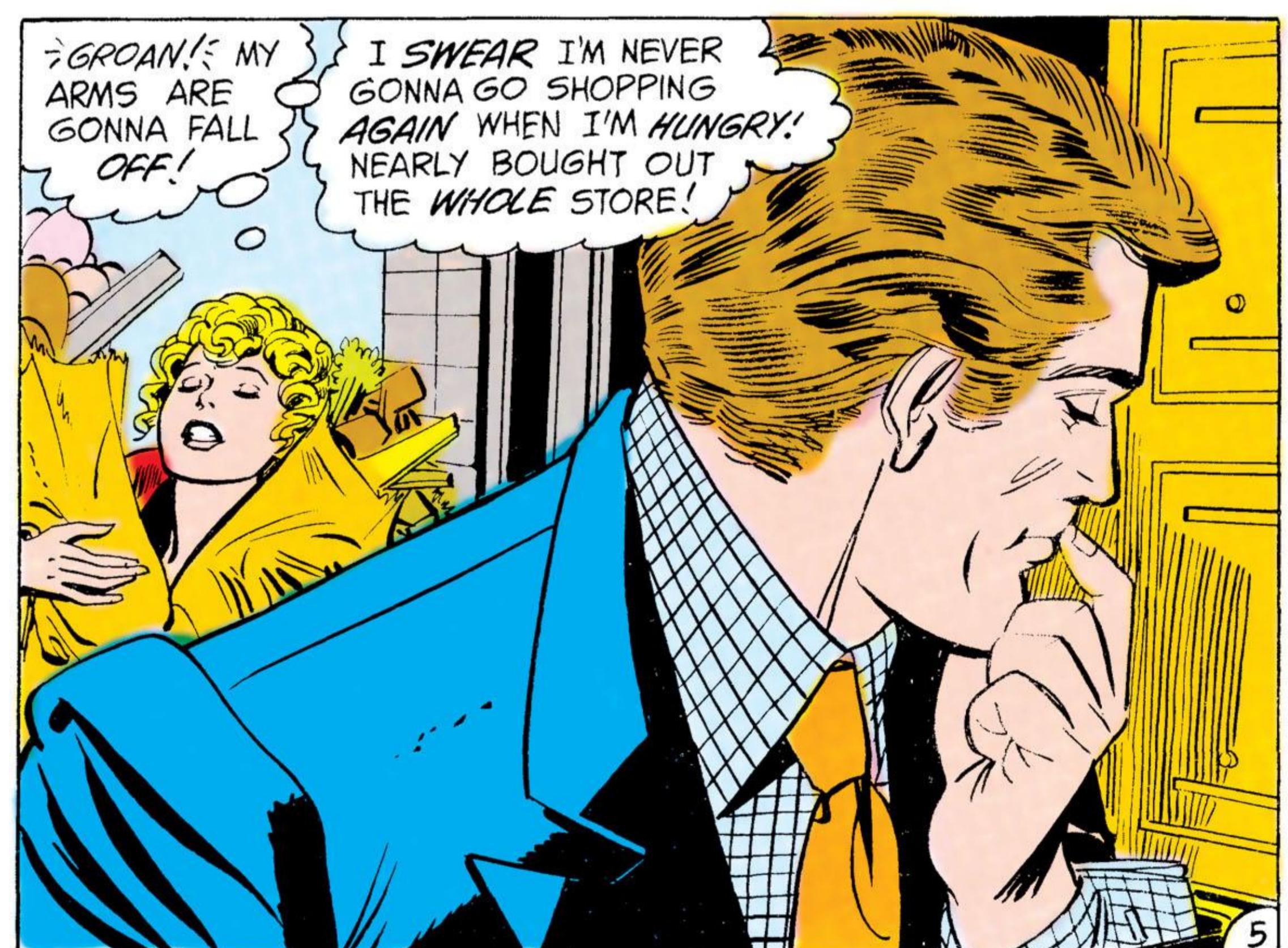
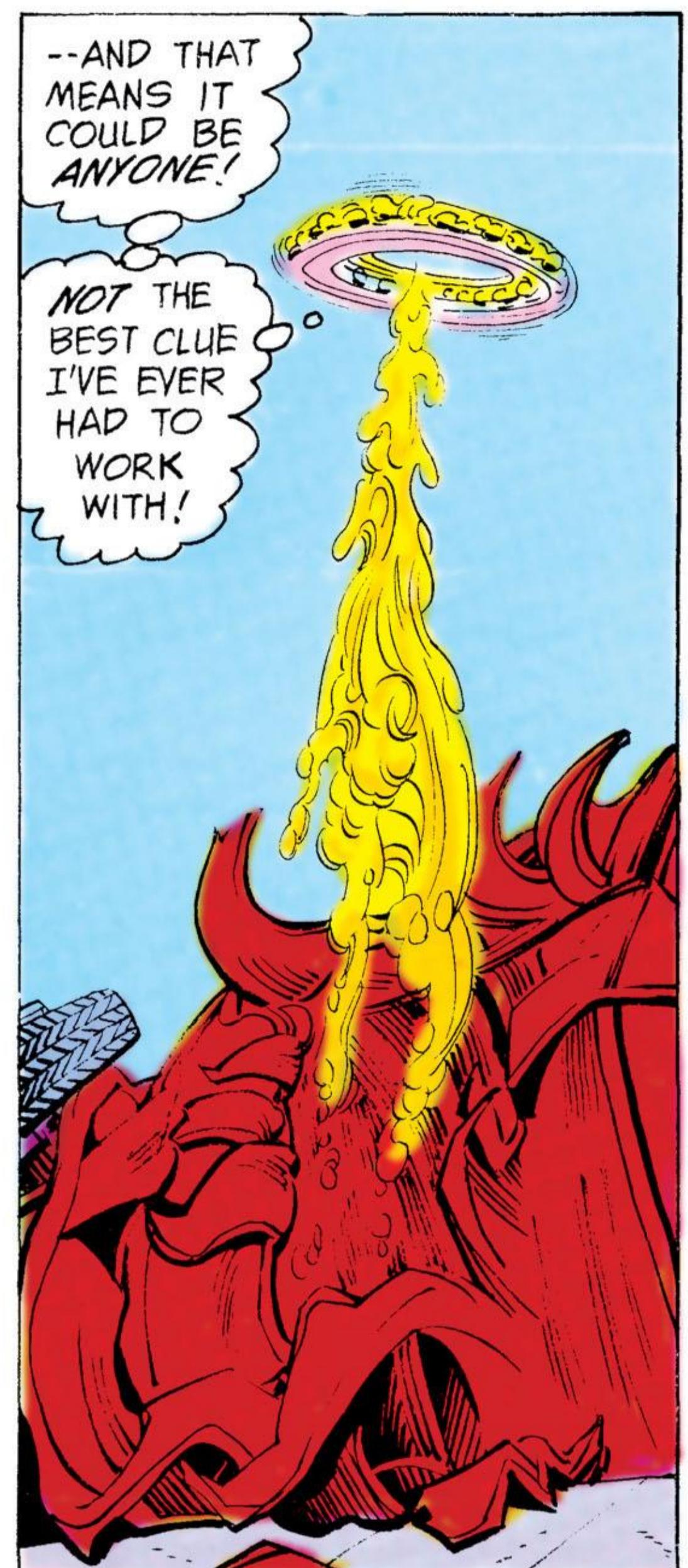
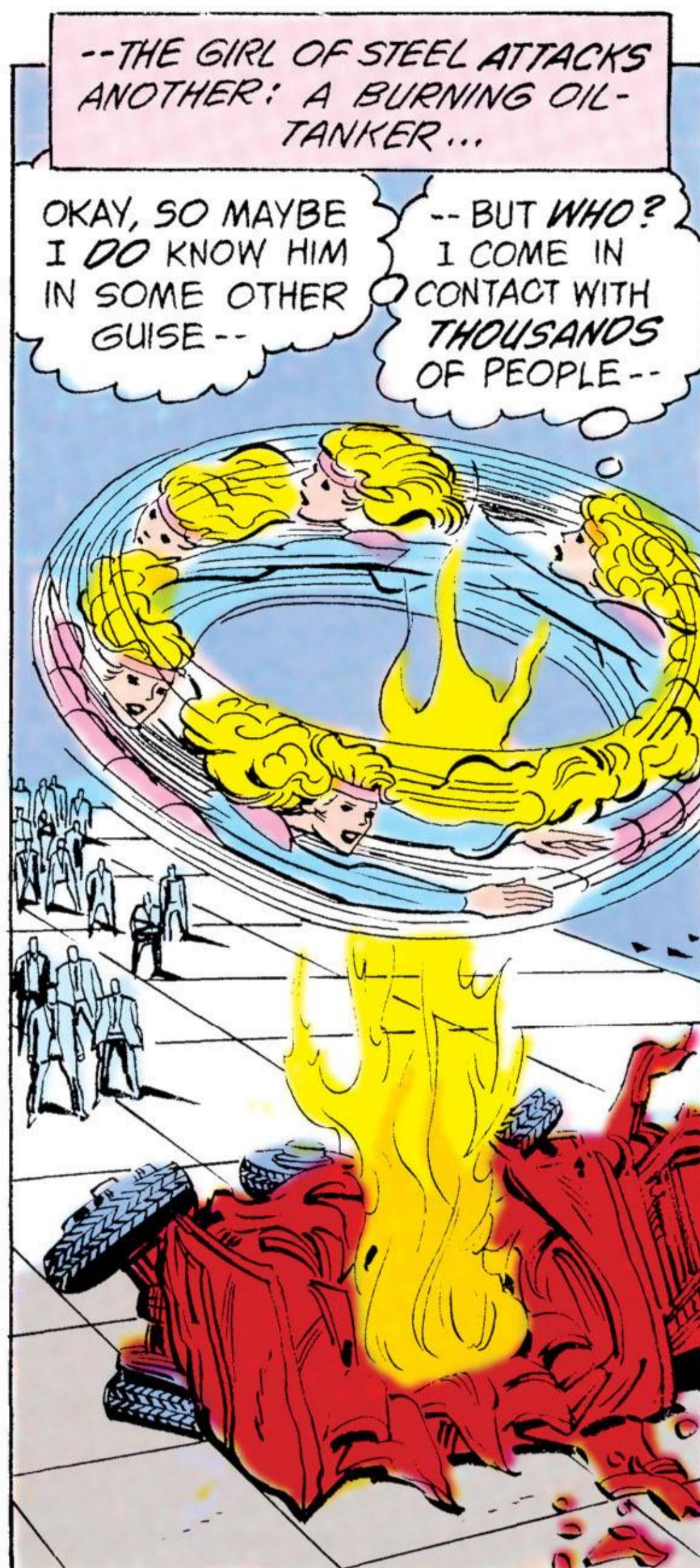
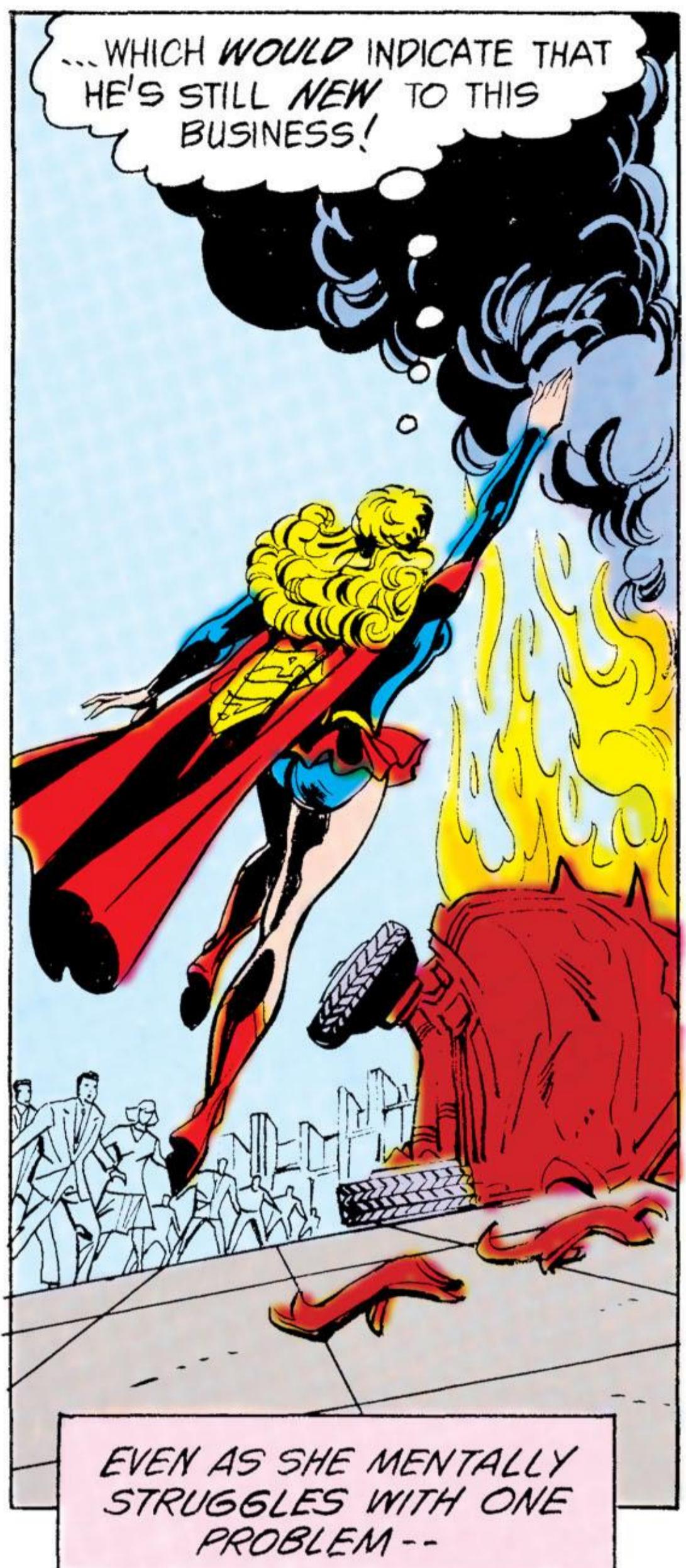
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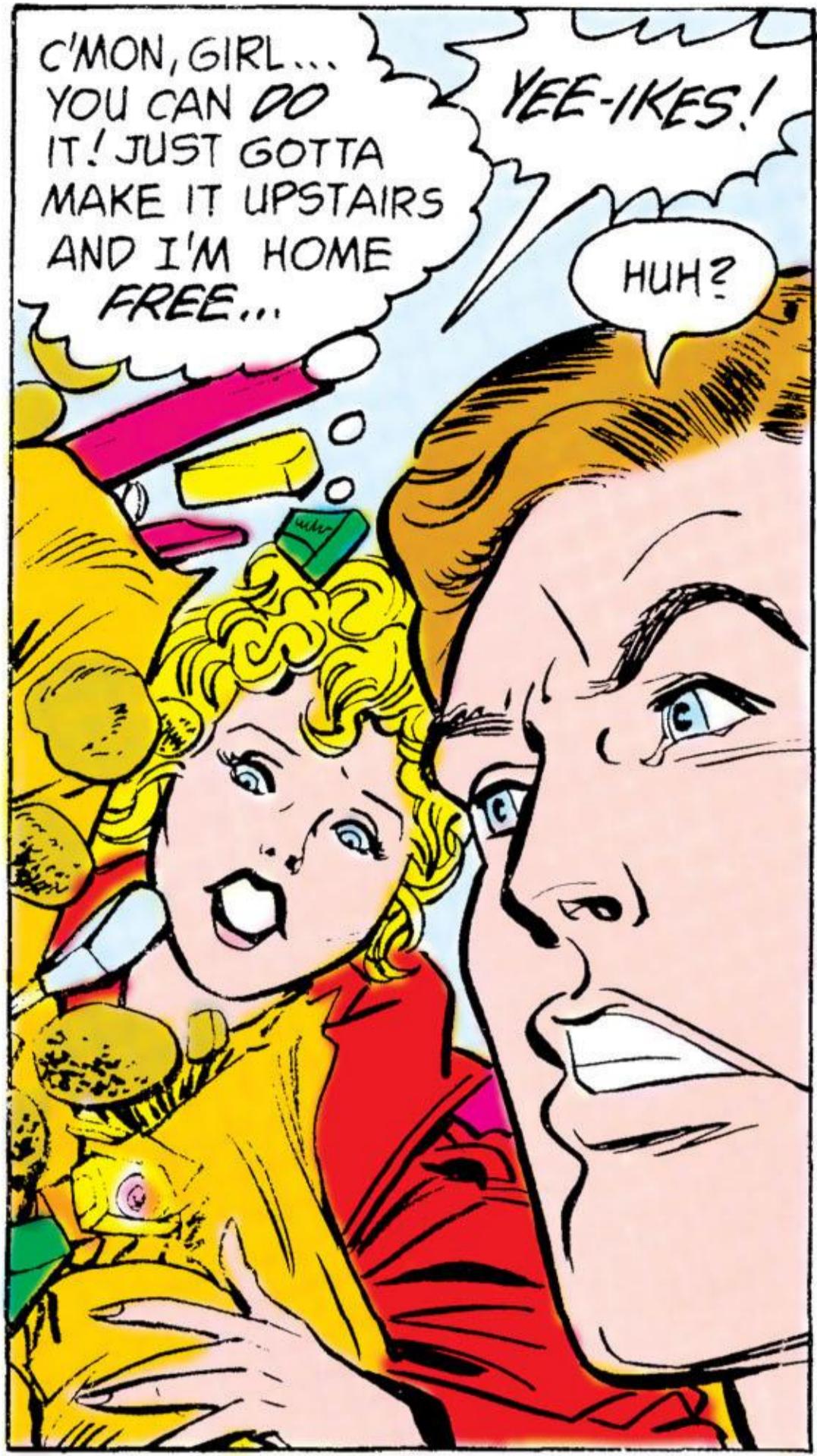
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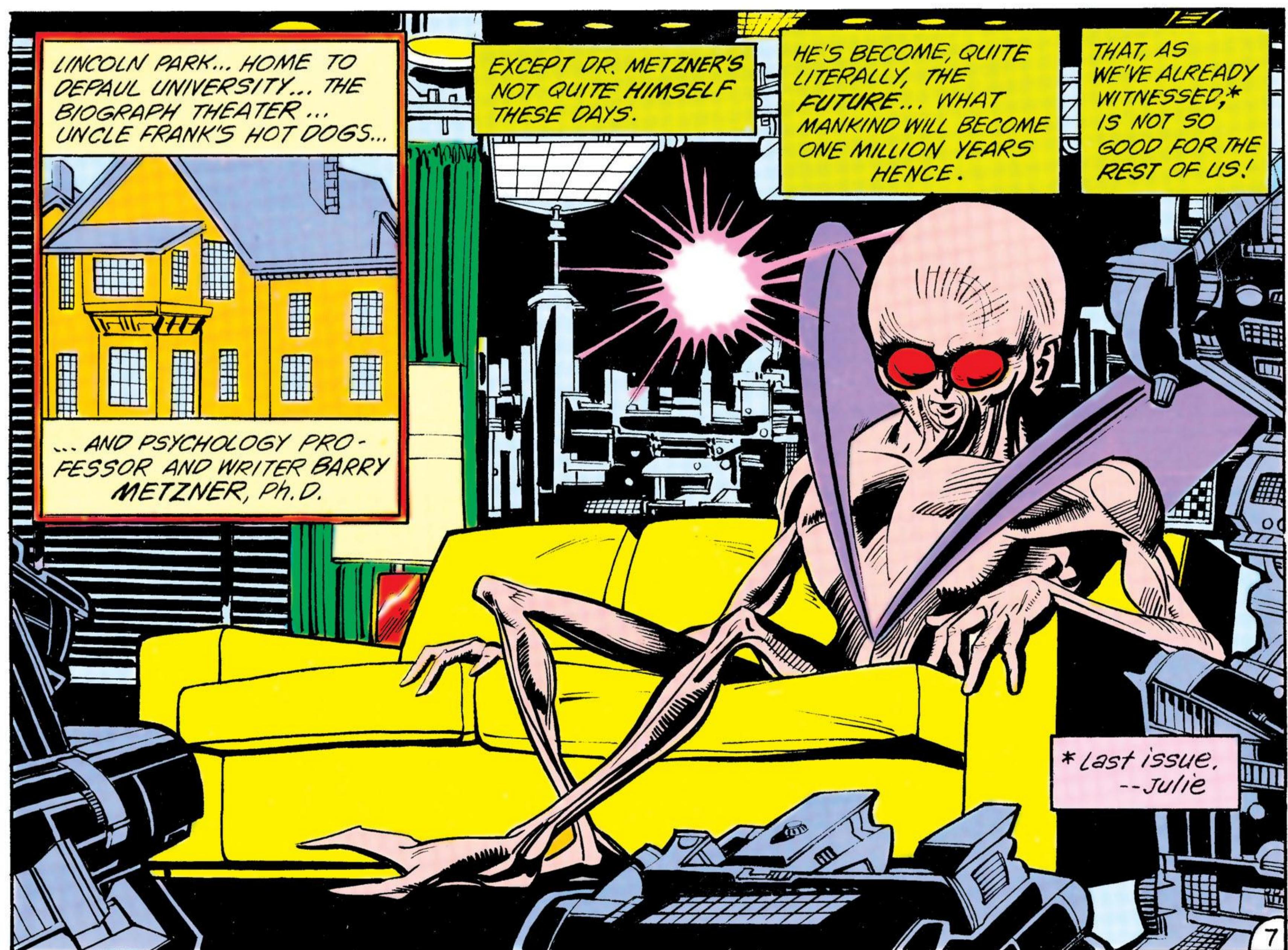










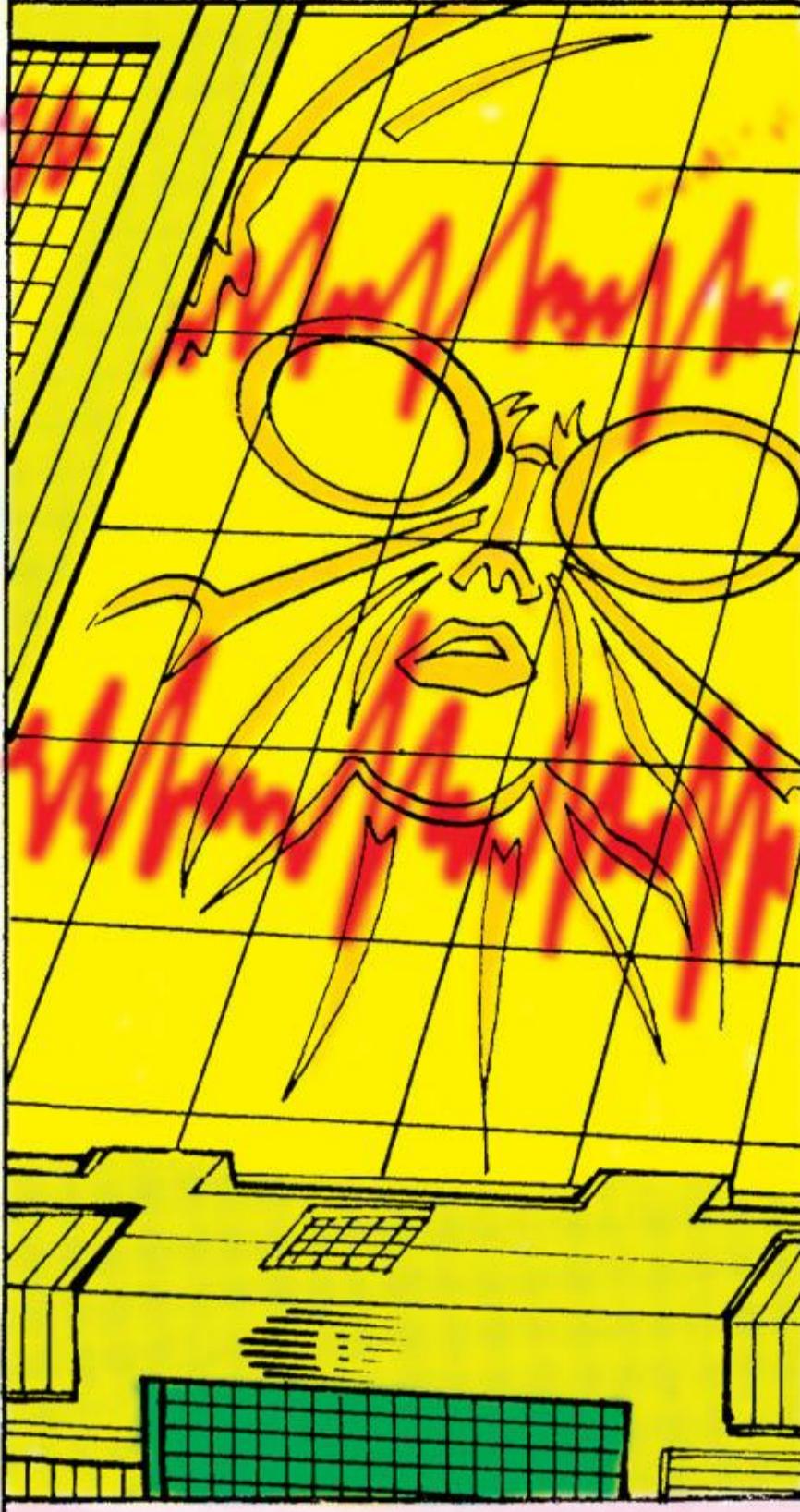


IT'S A MATTER OF SIMPLE MATHEMATICS ... A GEOMETRIC PROGRESSION ON THE EVOLUTIONARY SCALE OF HUMAN FORM AND MENTAL ABILITY...



...SHAPING MIND AND BODY TO NEEDS, UNLEASHING ABILITIES NOW REINED BY GENETIC LIMITATIONS.

SO BARRY METZNER MOVES SLOWLY, PROBING WITH A SURGEON'S DELICATE TOUCH THOSE NEW PORTIONS OF HIS MIND --



--INSPECTING, ANALYZING EACH BIT OF INFORMATION, GRASPING FULLY THE FUNCTION OF EVERY CELL BEFORE MOVING TO THE NEXT --

--MATCHING UP THAT WHICH IS ALREADY KNOWN WITH NEW DATA, DEVELOPING TOTAL COMPREHENSION OF HIS NEWFOUND POWERS!



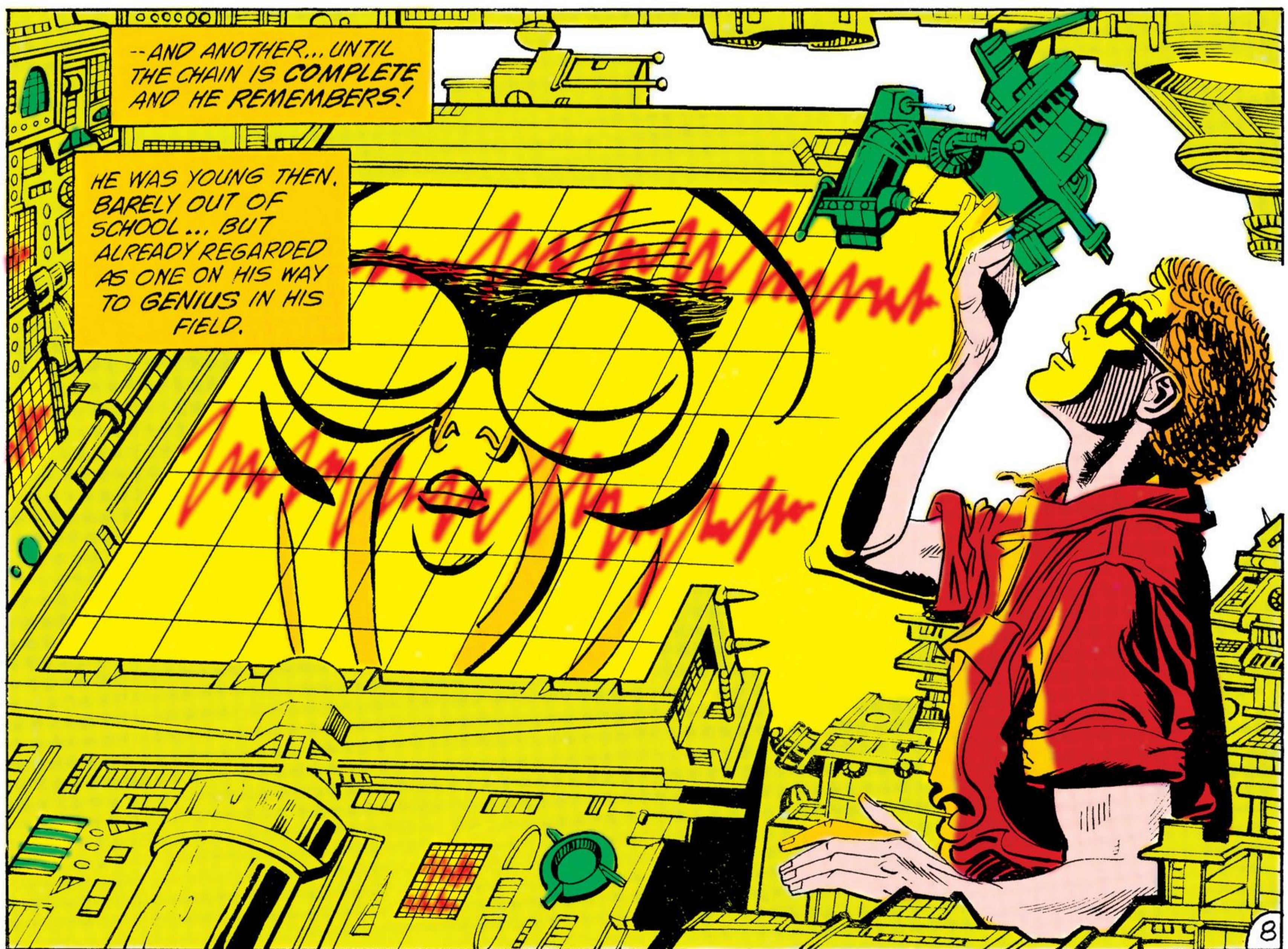
THEN COMES MEMORY!



HE HITS UPON THE FIRST GLIMMERS OF REMEMBRANCE BY CHANCE, TOUCHING THAT RANDOM SYNAPSE THAT SPARKS YET ANOTHER--

--AND ANOTHER... UNTIL THE CHAIN IS COMPLETE AND HE REMEMBERS!

HE WAS YOUNG THEN, BARELY OUT OF SCHOOL... BUT ALREADY REGARDED AS ONE ON HIS WAY TO GENIUS IN HIS FIELD.



THERE WERE ALSO THOSE WHO SAW HIS BRILLIANCE BUT DISAPPROVED OF HIS IDEAS.



"A MAVERICK" THEY CALLED HIM.

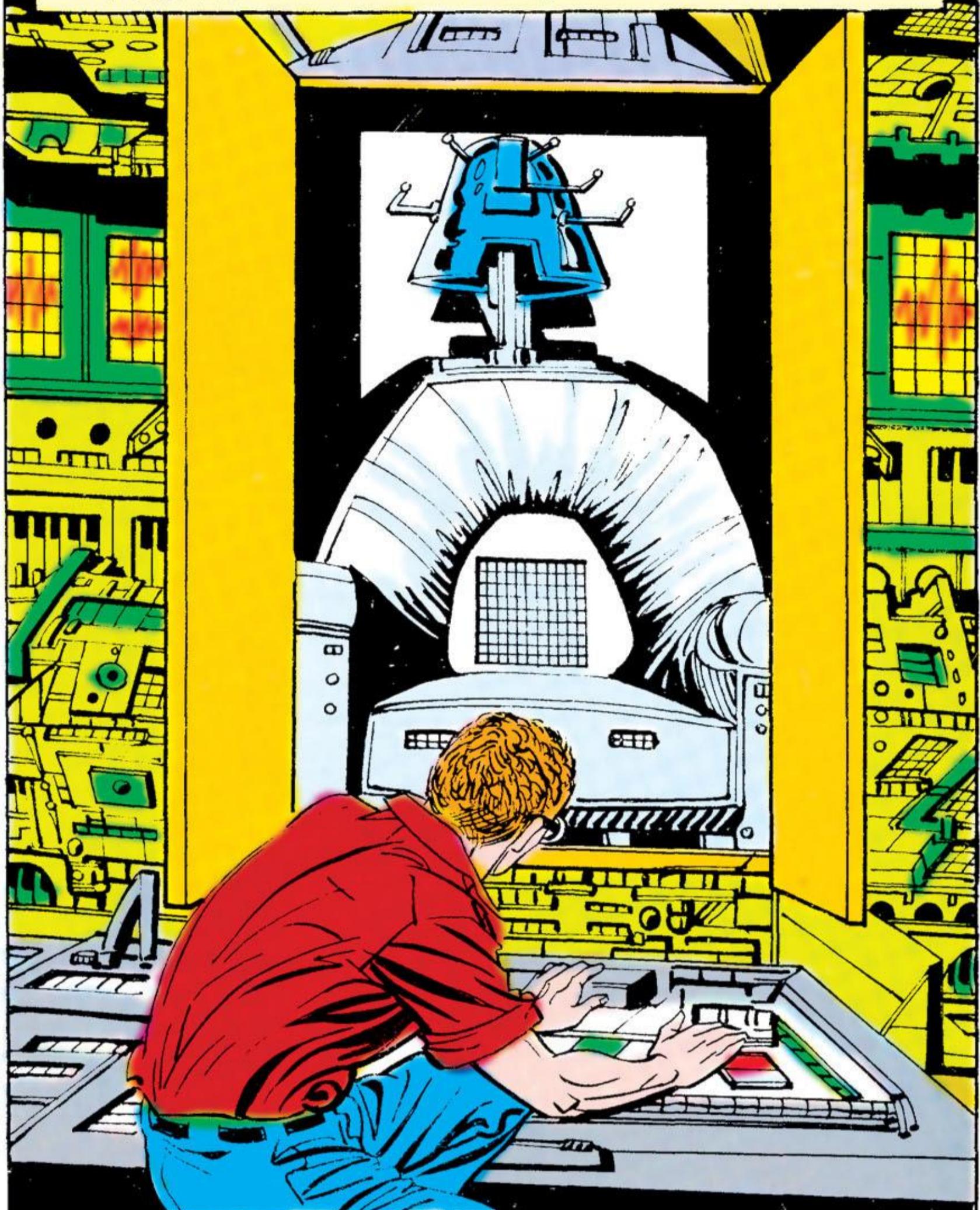
WELL, OF COURSE, HE WAS, IN A WAY. NO ONE DOUBTED THE VALIDITY OF HIS THEORIES --

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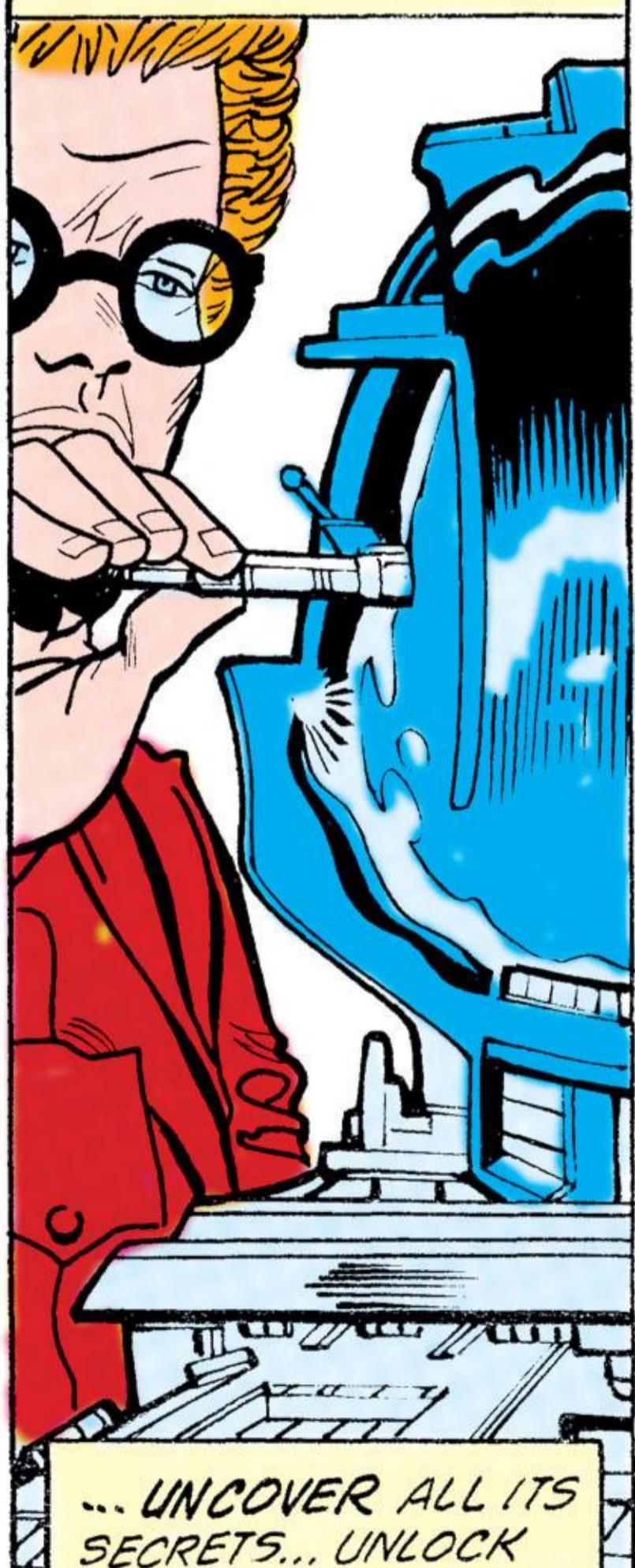


-- THEY JUST FEARED WHAT RESEARCH INTO PROVING THEM MIGHT ENTAIL... AND WHAT HIS CONCLUSIONS COULD LEAD TO!

HE REMEMBERS READING, AS A CHILD, ABOUT THE CAPABILITIES OF THE HUMAN MIND... THE WONDERS MAN WOULD BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH BUT A THOUGHT SHOULD HE EVER REALIZE HIS POTENTIAL!

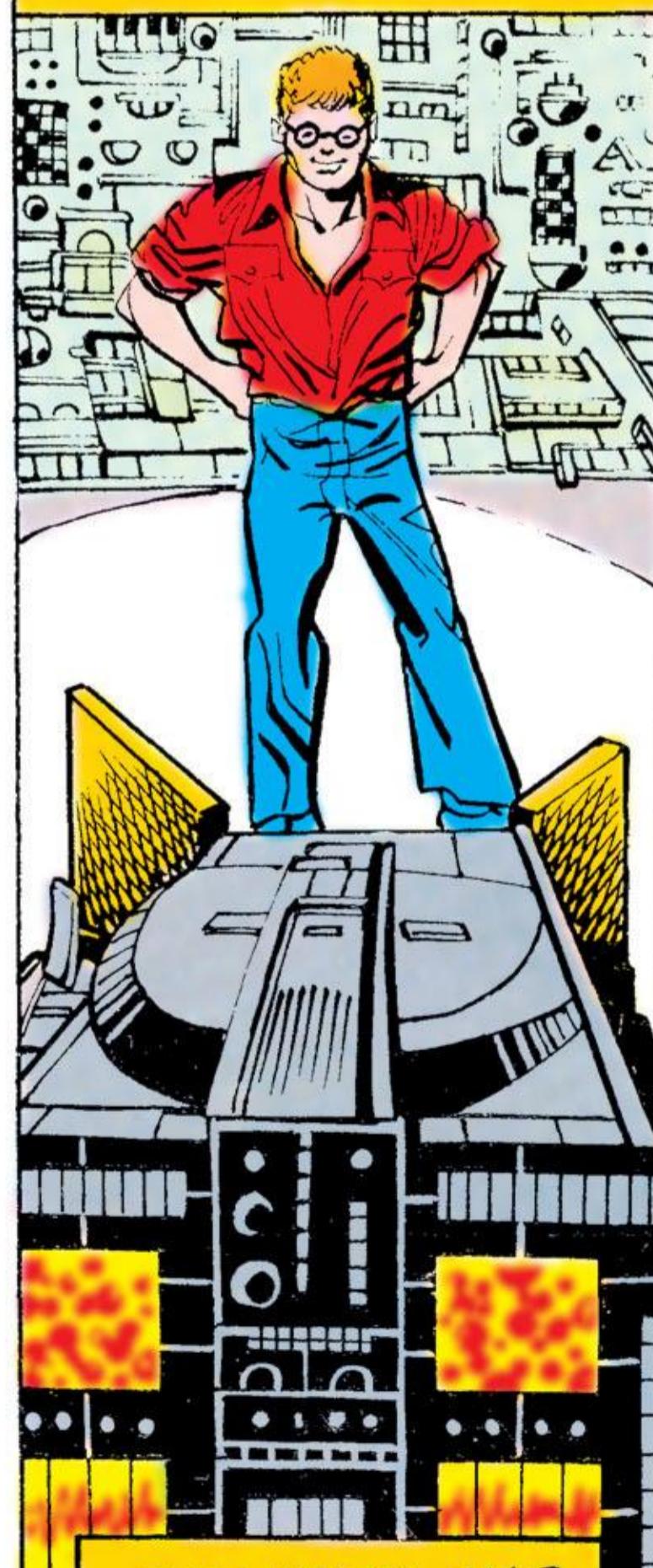


A CHORD WAS STRUCK IN THE CHILD. FROM THEN ON HE WAS DETERMINED TO DEVOTE HIMSELF TO THE HUMAN MIND...



... UNCOVER ALL ITS SECRETS... UNLOCK ITS MYSTERIOUS POWERS!

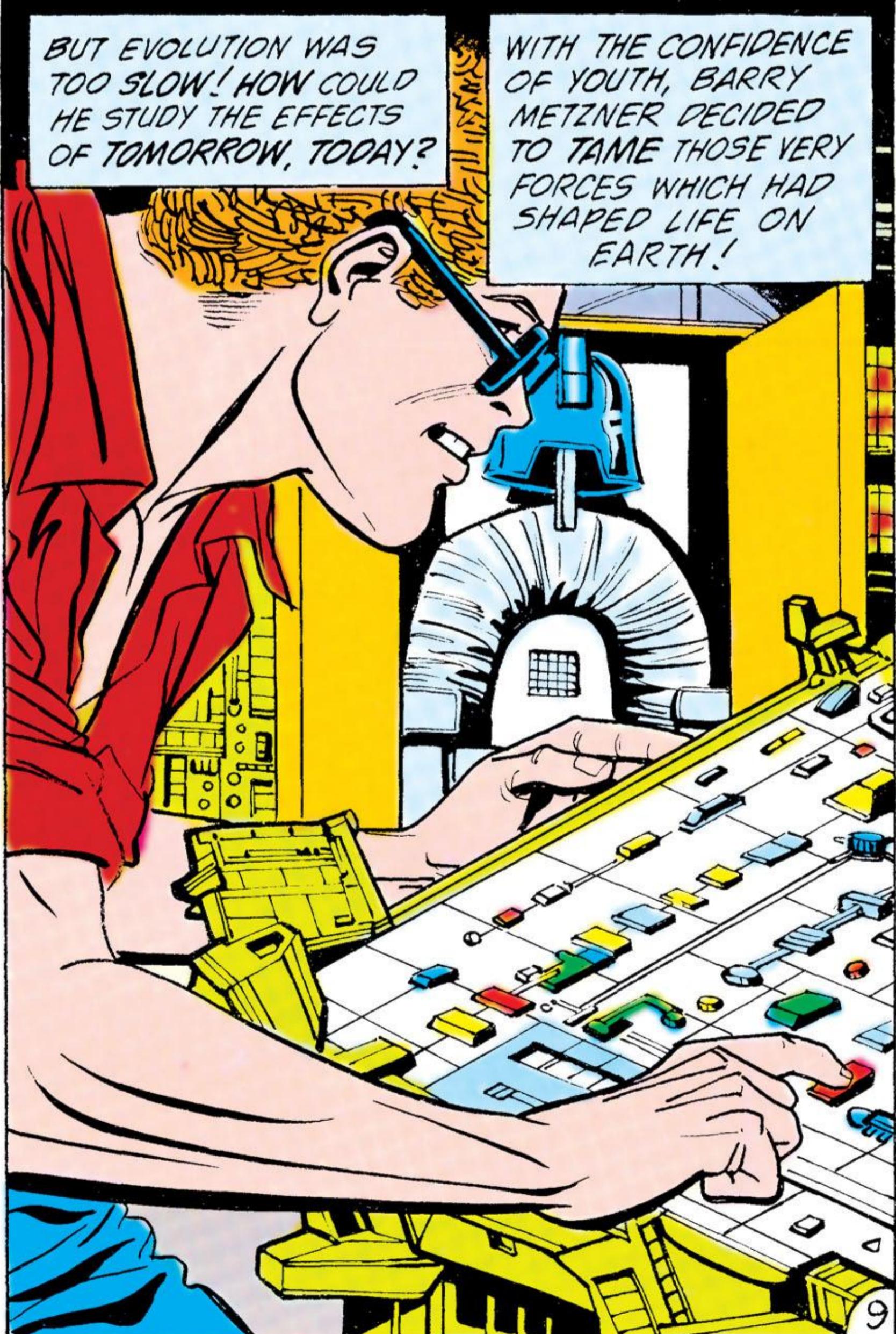
OF COURSE, HE THEORIZED, EVOLUTION WOULD EVENTUALLY DECIDE THE ULTIMATE FATE OF ABILITIES NOW DORMANT IN MAN'S MAKEUP.



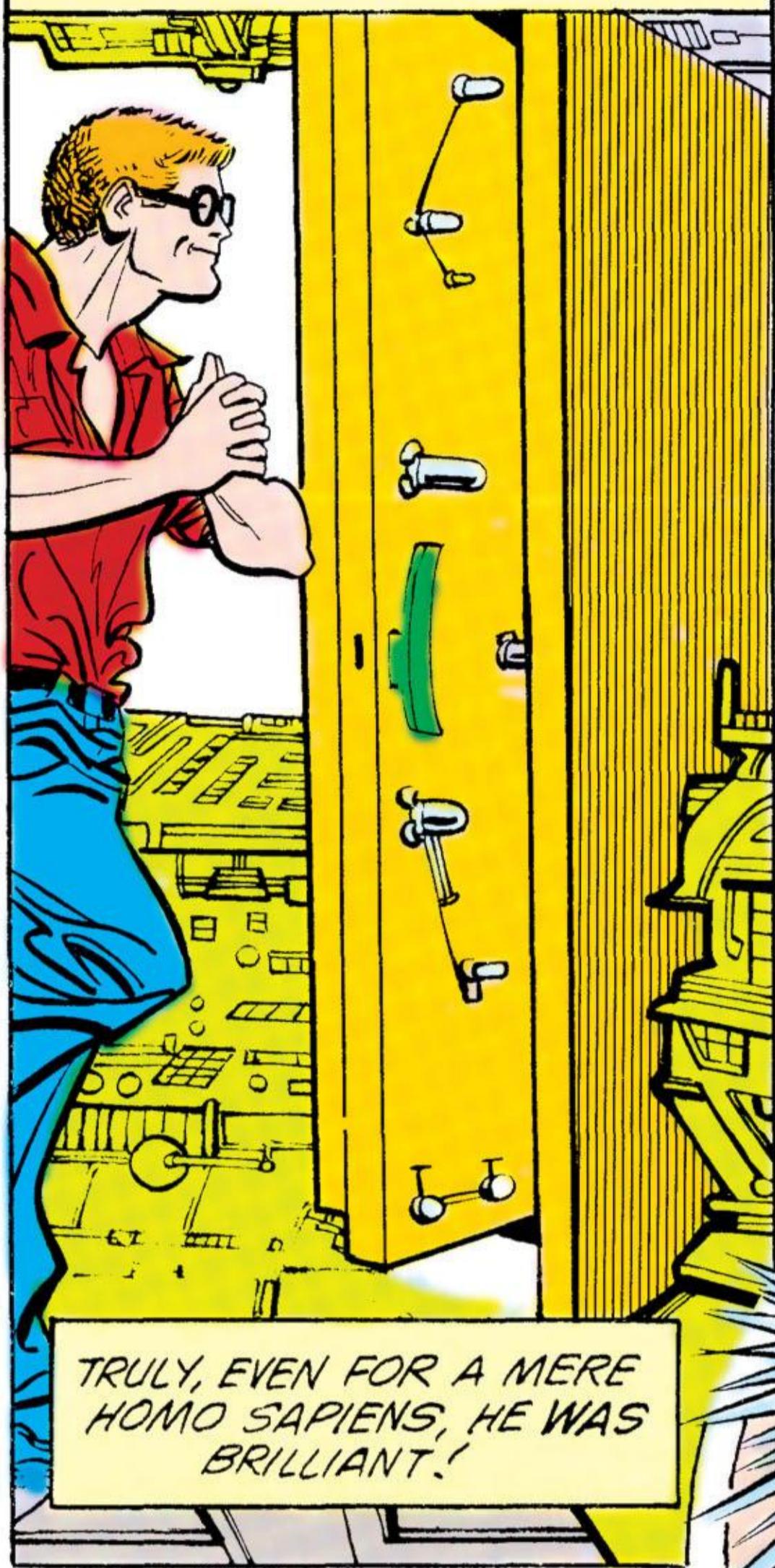
EVOLUTION WAS THE KEY!

BUT EVOLUTION WAS TOO SLOW! HOW COULD HE STUDY THE EFFECTS OF TOMORROW, TODAY?

WITH THE CONFIDENCE OF YOUTH, BARRY METZNER DECIDED TO TAME THOSE VERY FORCES WHICH HAD SHAPED LIFE ON EARTH!



HE REMEMBERS EACH AND EVERY EQUATION, MECHANICAL AND ELECTRONIC CONNECTION, THAT WENT INTO HIS WORK...



TRULY, EVEN FOR A MERE HOMO SAPIENS, HE WAS BRILLIANT!

BUT EVEN THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE ABOUT TO BE OVERSHADOWED BY HIS NEXT DEED.

EXPERIMENTAL SUBJECTS SHOWED HIS CREATION TO BE A SUCCESS.

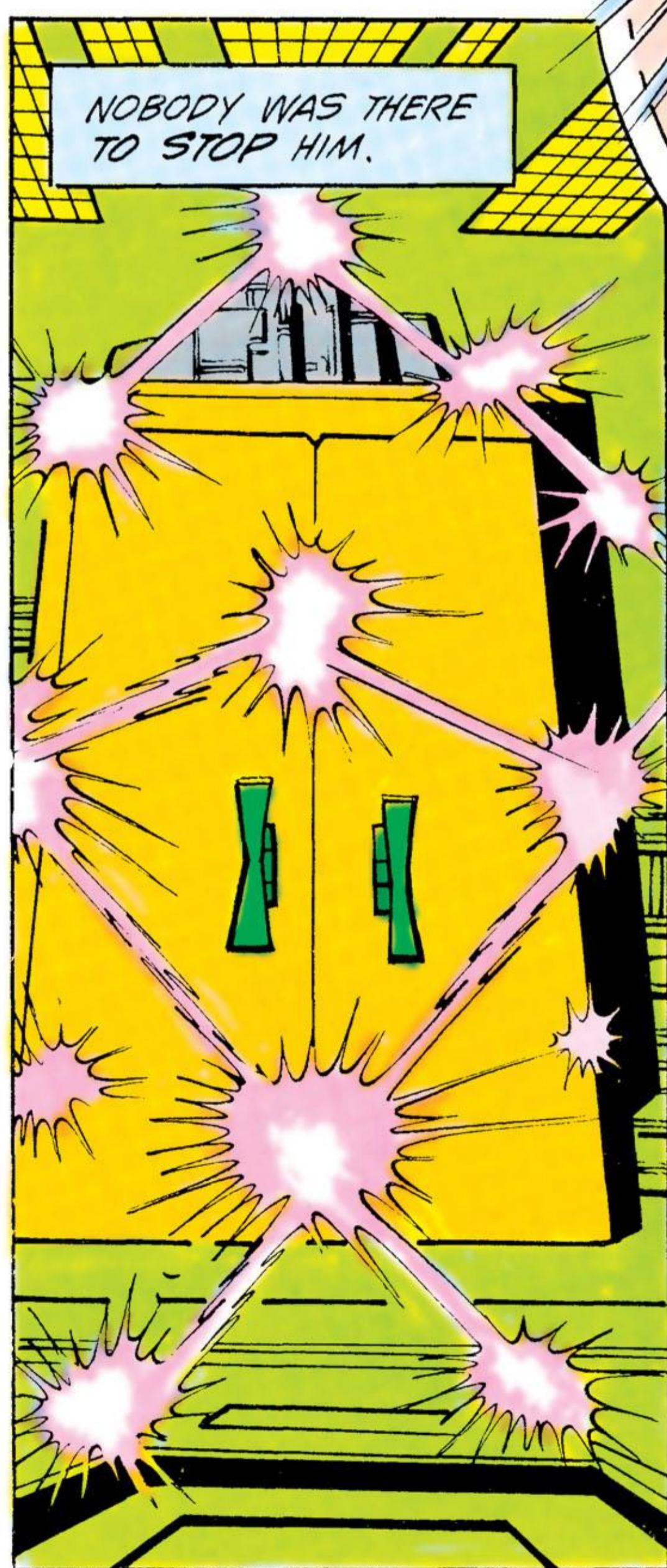


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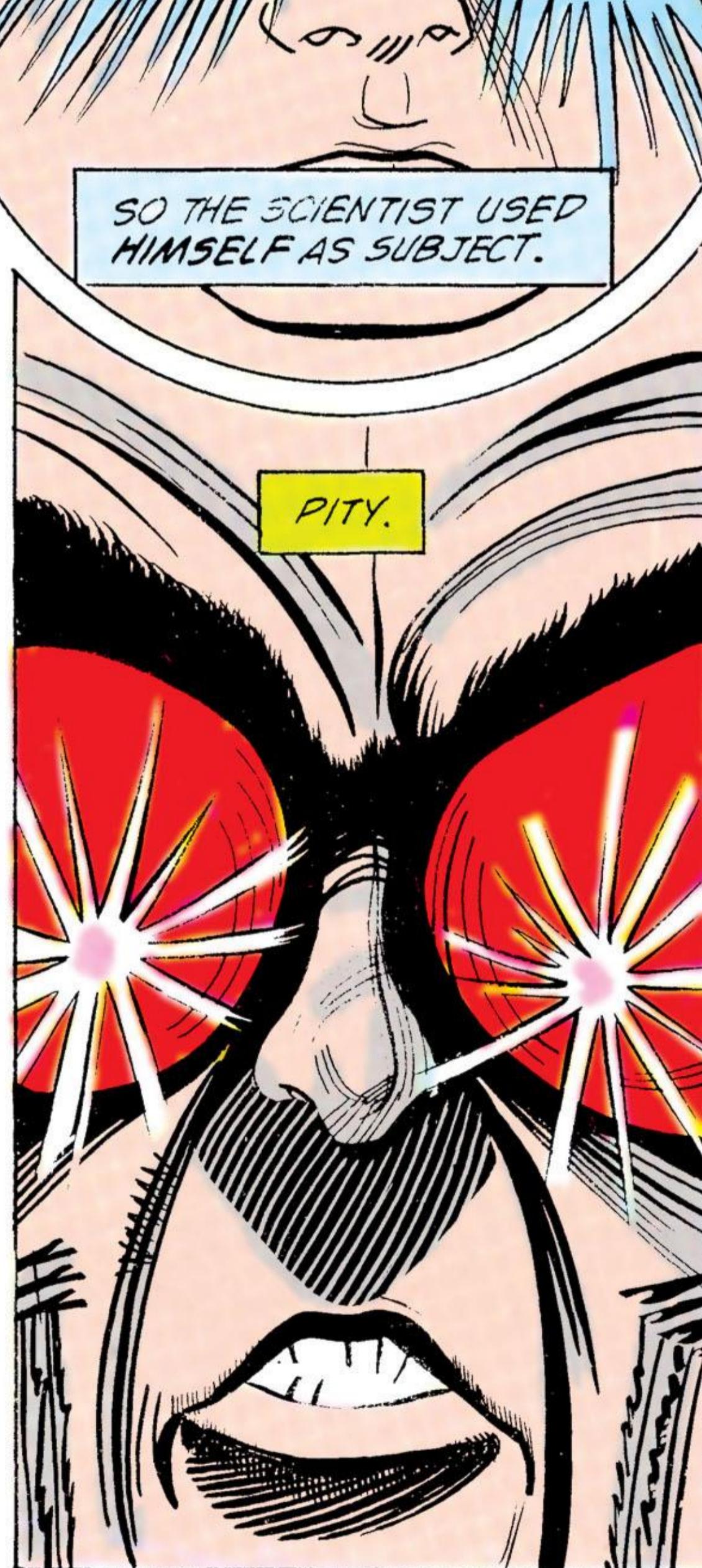
--FOR HUMAN GUINEA PIGS!



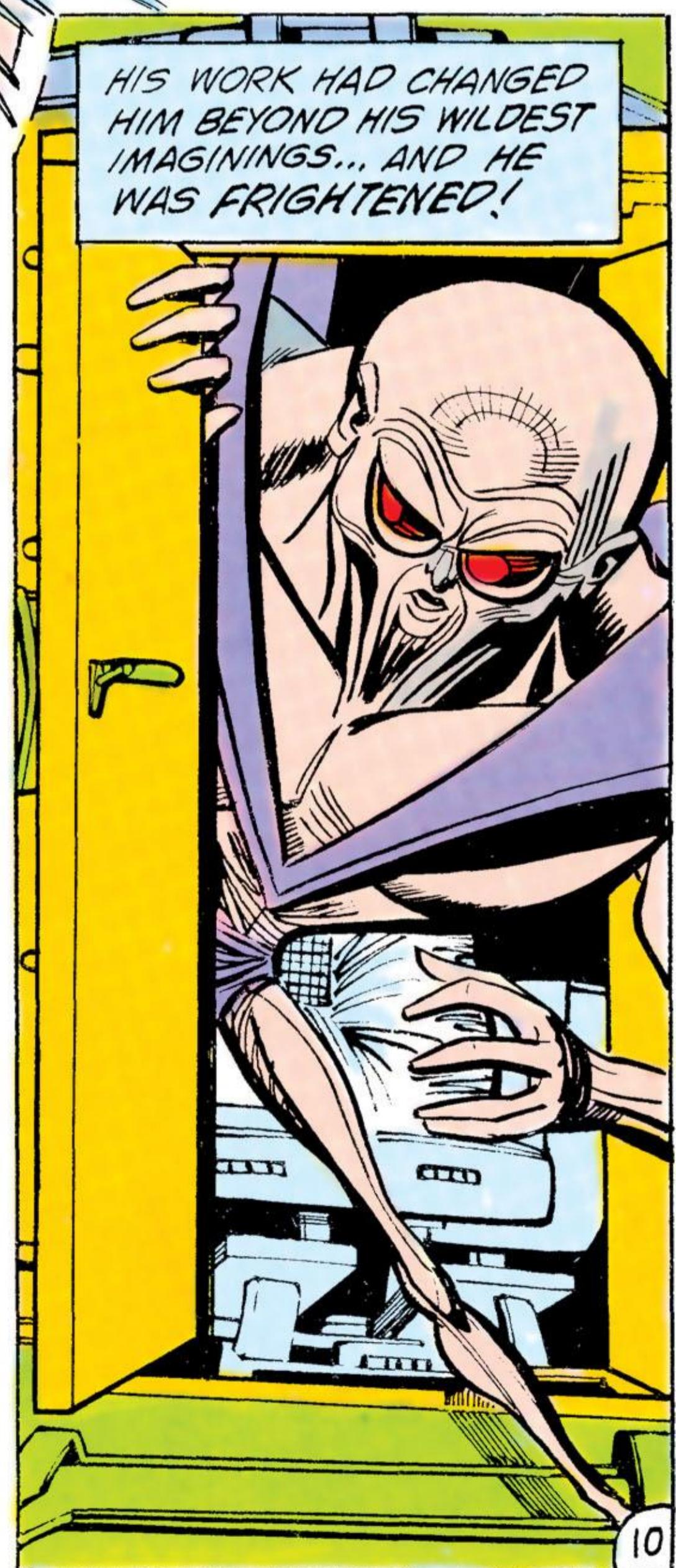
NATURALLY, THIS YOUNG MAN WOULD NOT THINK OF ASKING ANOTHER TO UNDERTAKE THIS FOR HIM.



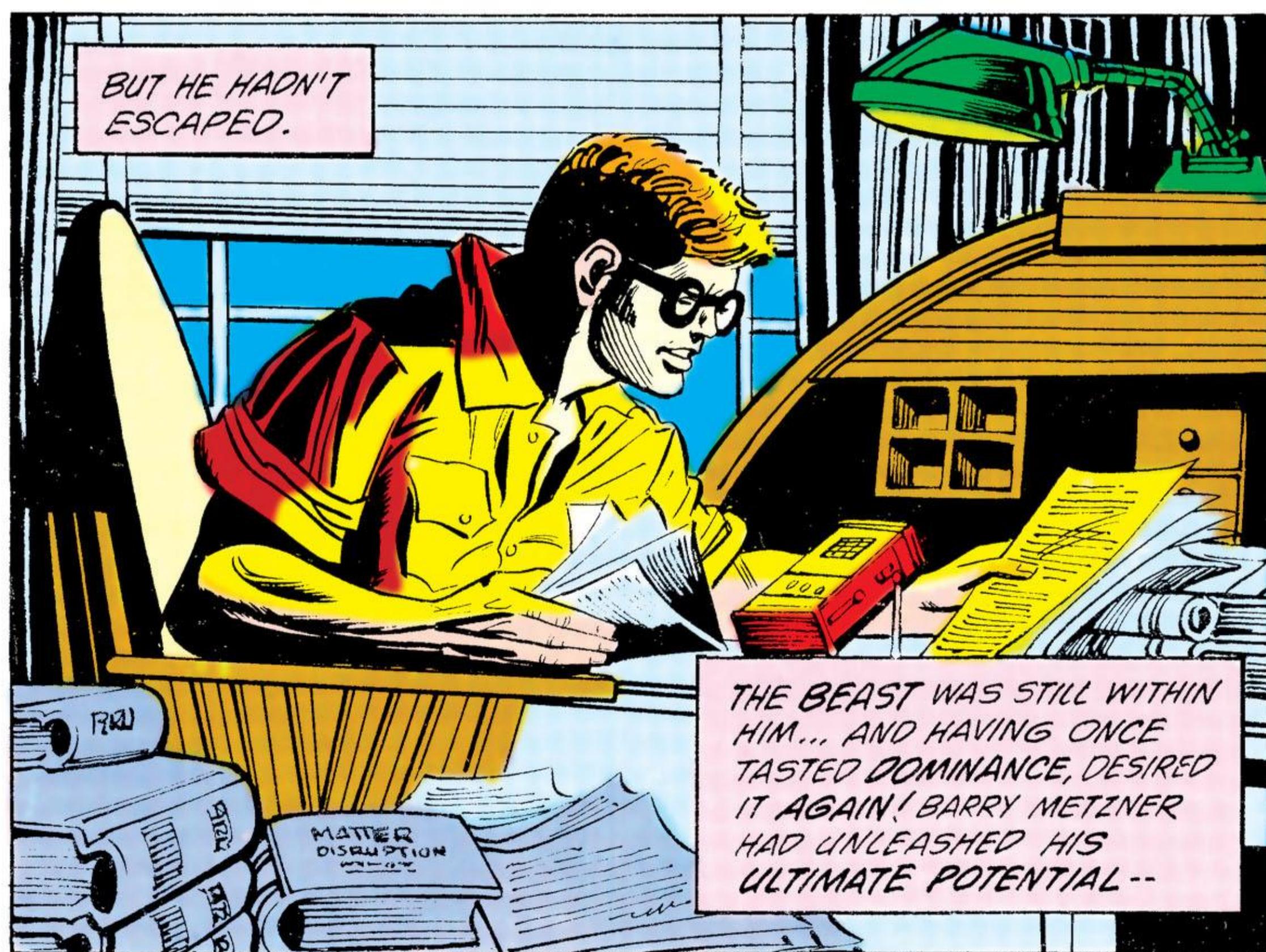
NOBODY WAS THERE TO STOP HIM.



PITY.



HIS WORK HAD CHANGED HIM BEYOND HIS WILDEST IMAGININGS... AND HE WAS FRIGHTENED!

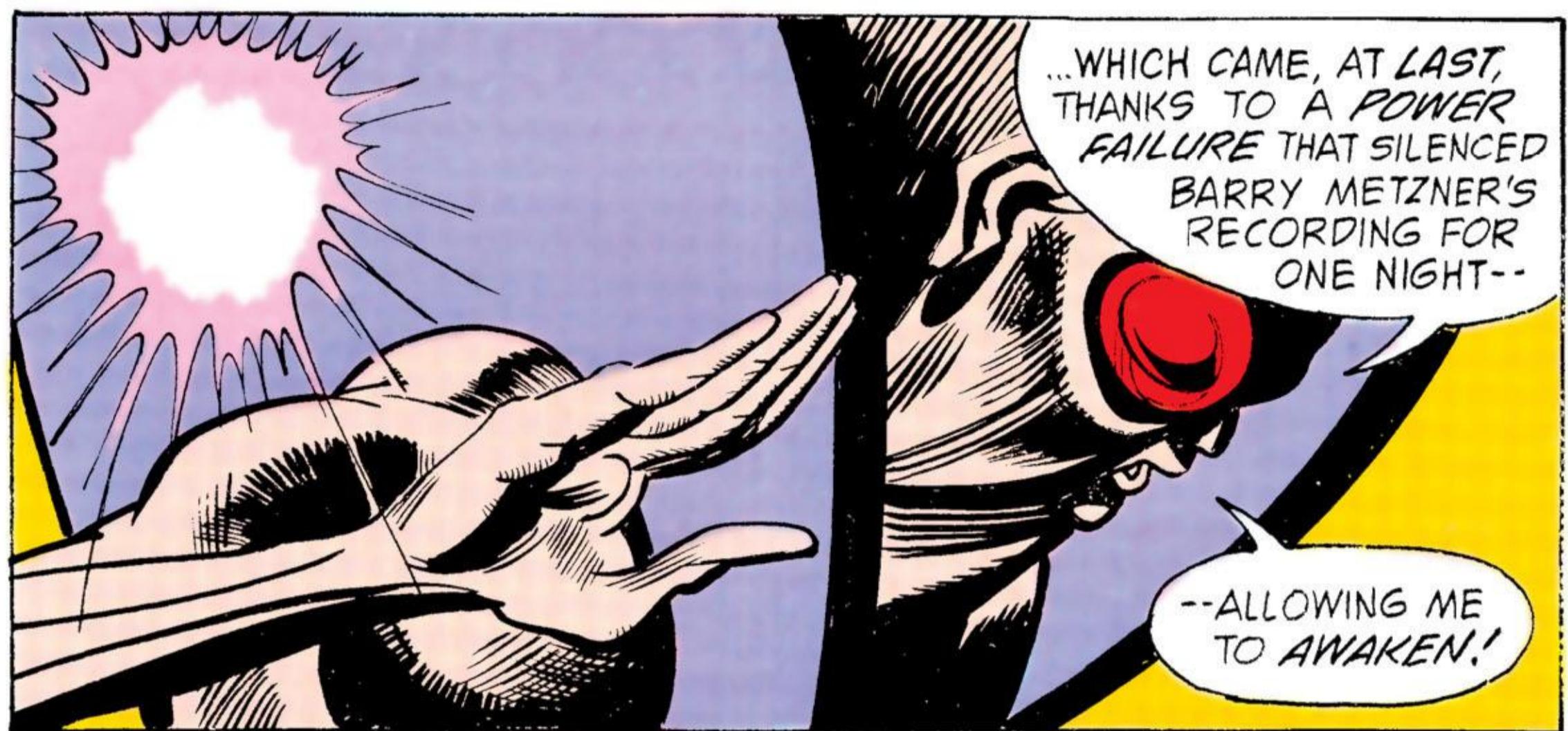
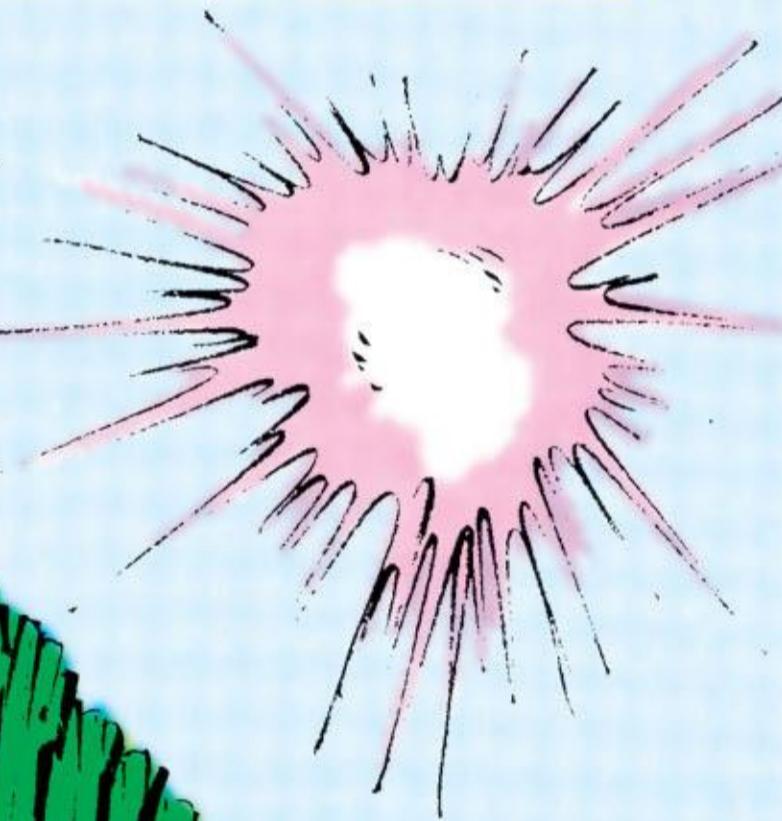


SELF-HYPNOSIS... AUTOSUGGESTION... HE SUBJECTED HIMSELF TO THEM ALL, SO THAT HE MIGHT FORGET.

SO THOROUGH WAS HIS WORK UPON HIMSELF THAT HE CAME NOT EVEN TO REMEMBER THE TAPE RECORDING HE SLEPT WITH NIGHTLY TO REINFORCE HIS SUBLIMINAL CONDITIONING...



...HIS PRISON!



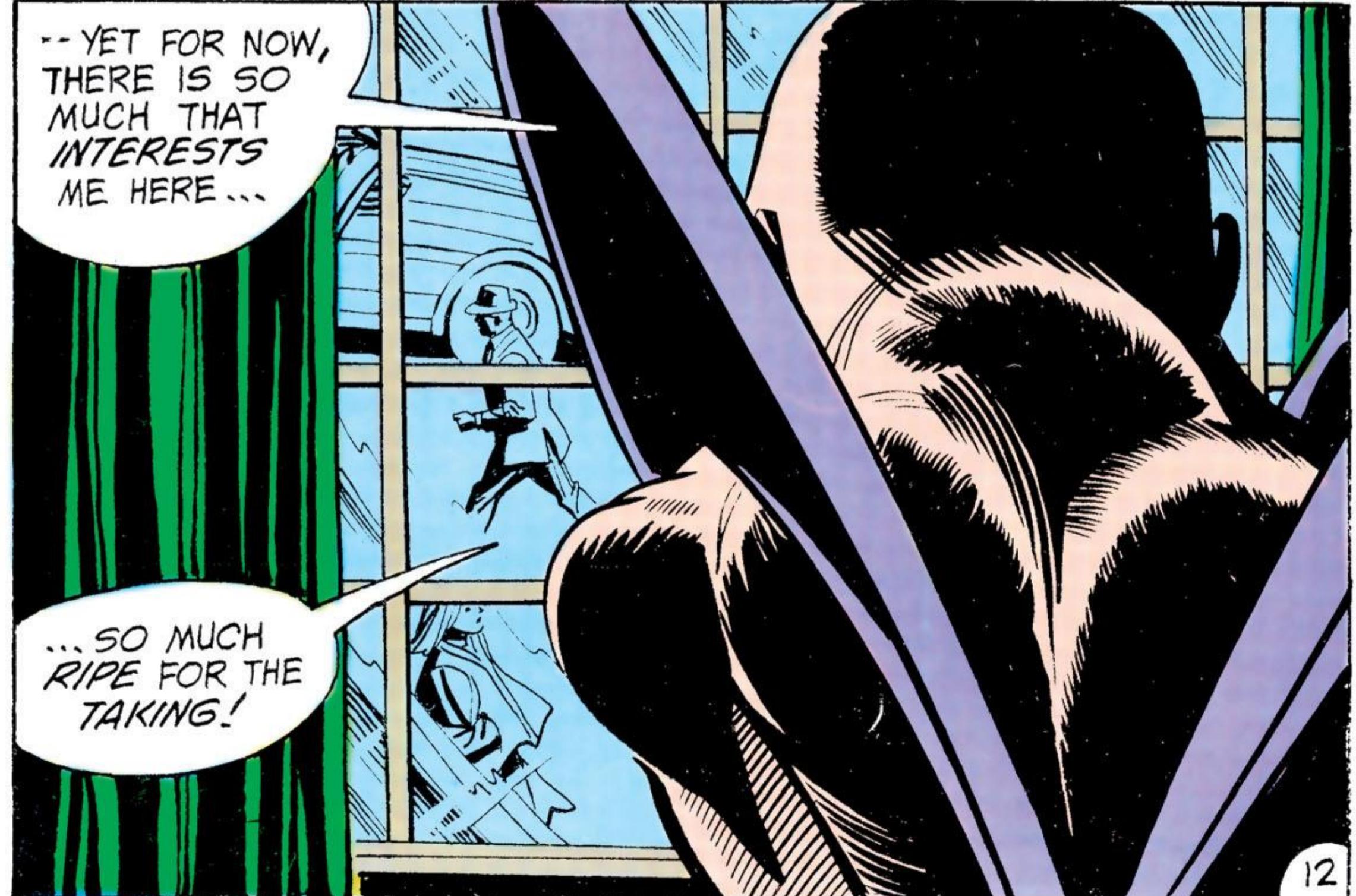
THE MAN IS SUBMERGED WITHIN ME NOW. HE POSES NO THREAT TO ME ANYMORE... AND HE WAS THE ONLY ONE.

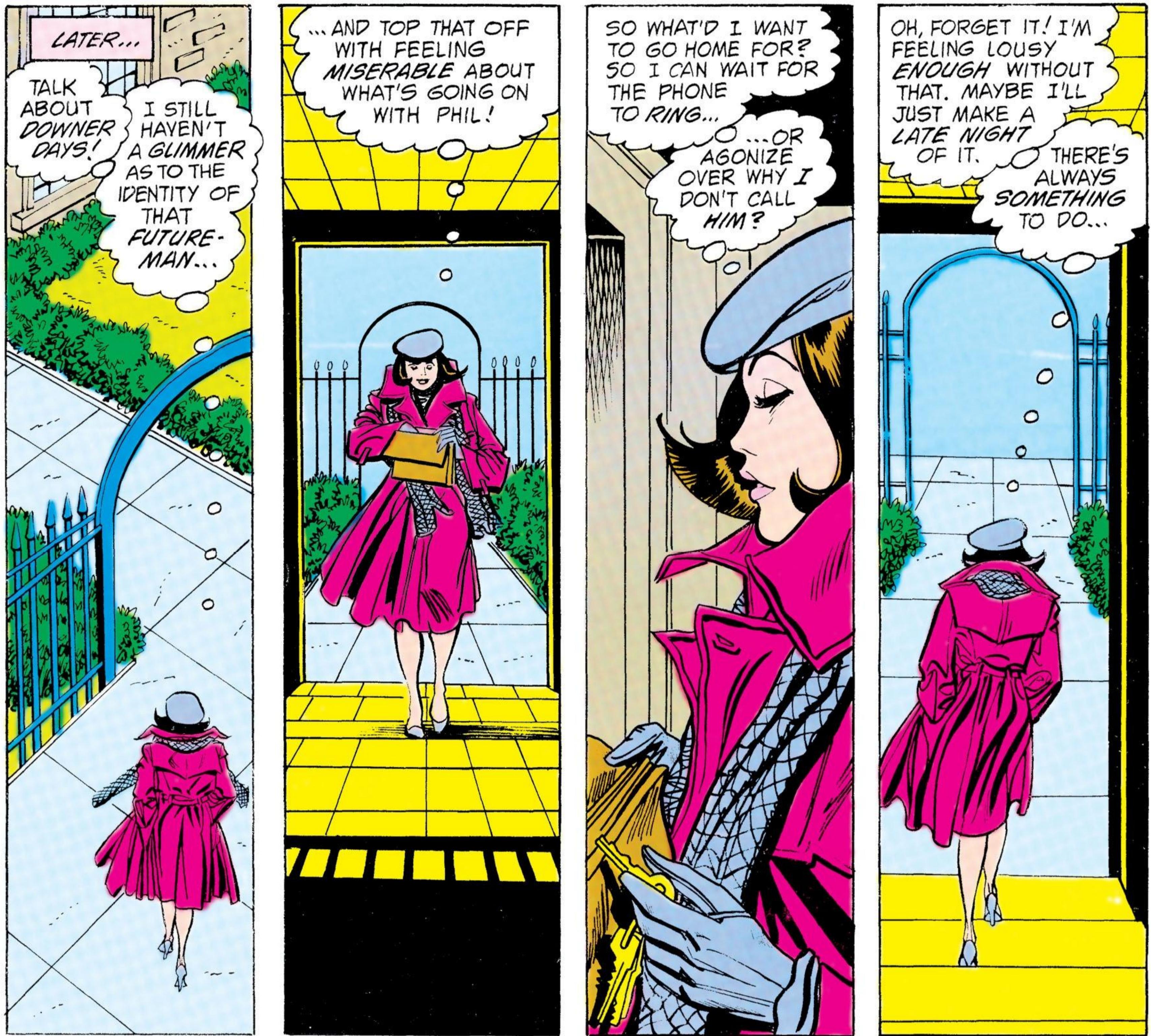
AND NOW... I AM A STRANGER IN THIS LAND AND TIME! PERHAPS I SHALL ONE DAY SEEK TO VOYAGE INTO THE FUTURE AND JOIN MY KIND--

-- YET FOR NOW, THERE IS SO MUCH THAT INTERESTS ME HERE ...

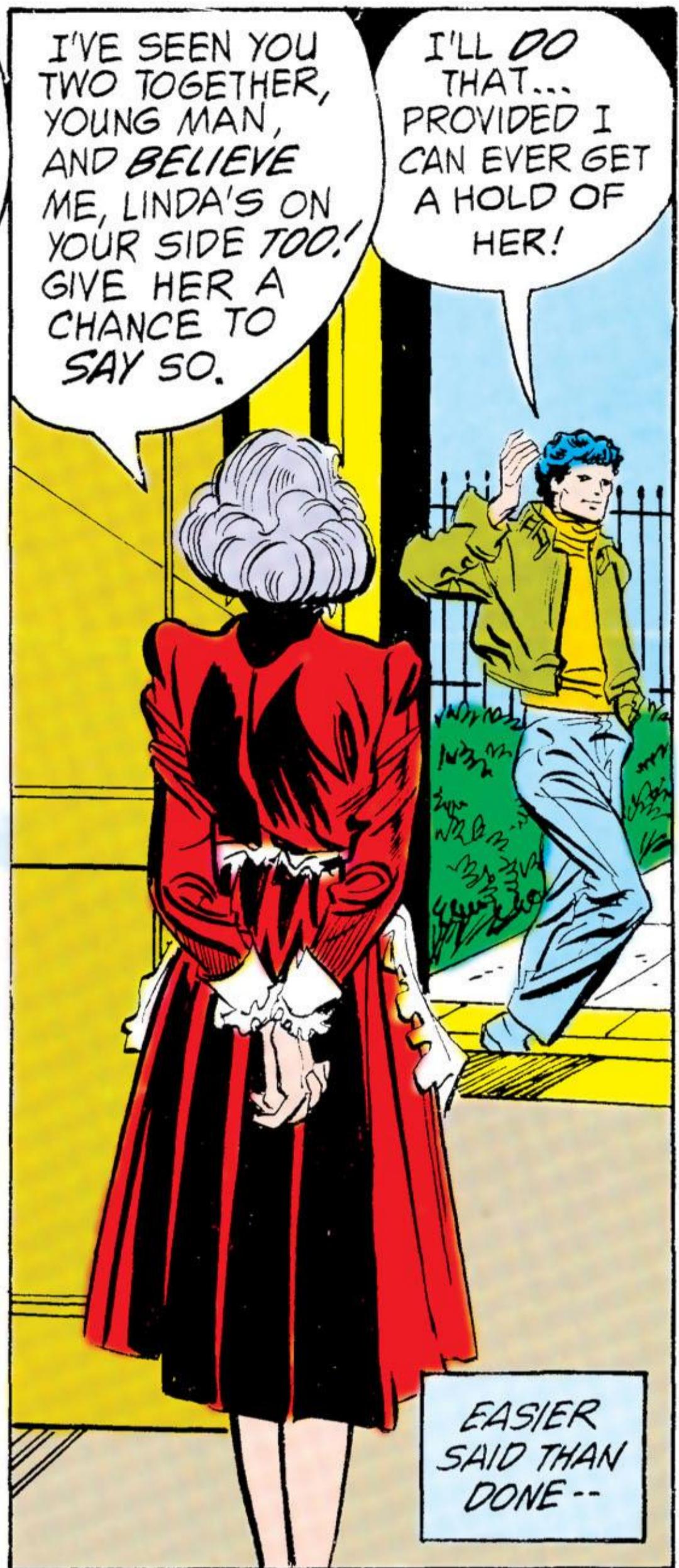
... SO MUCH RIPE FOR THE TAKING!

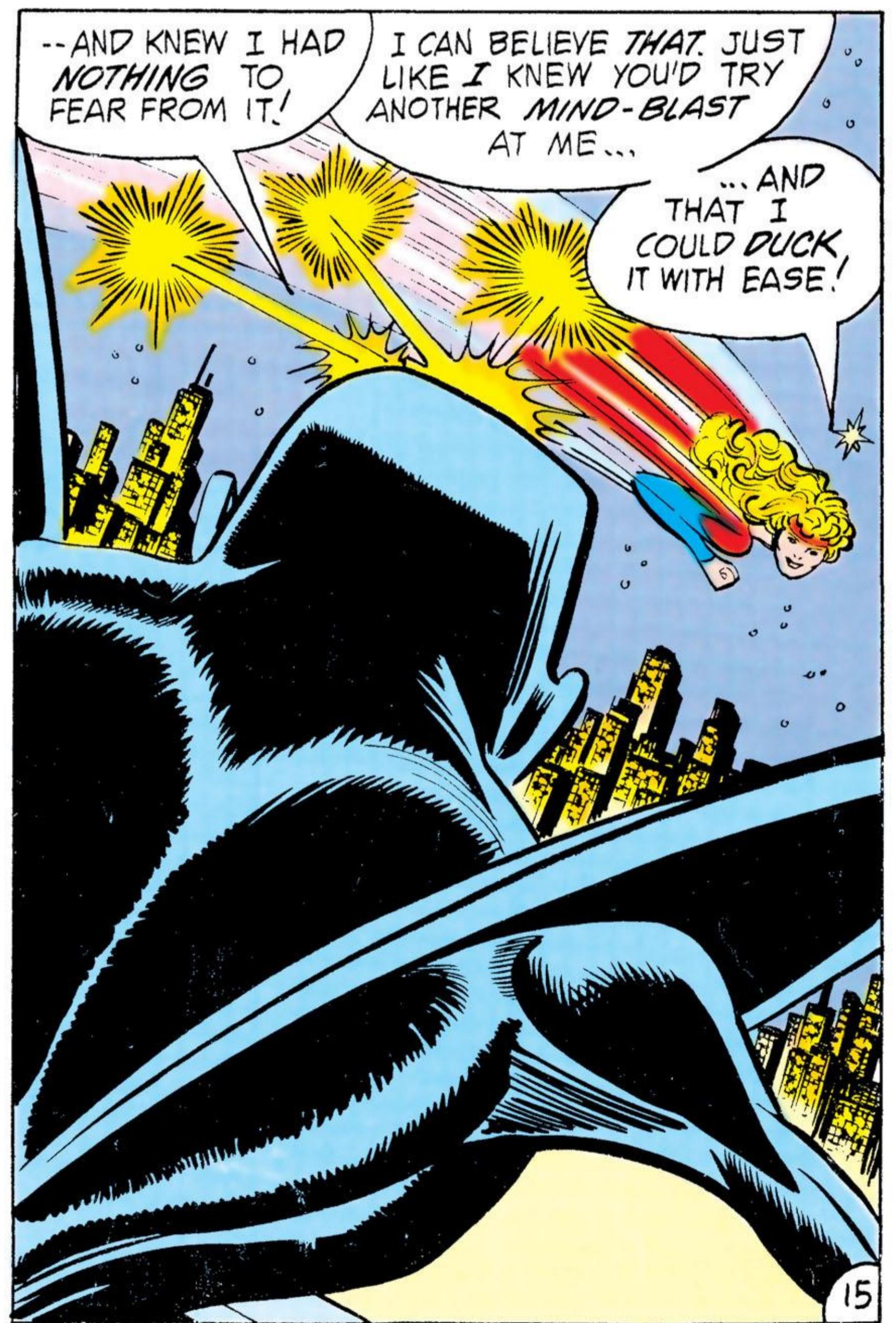
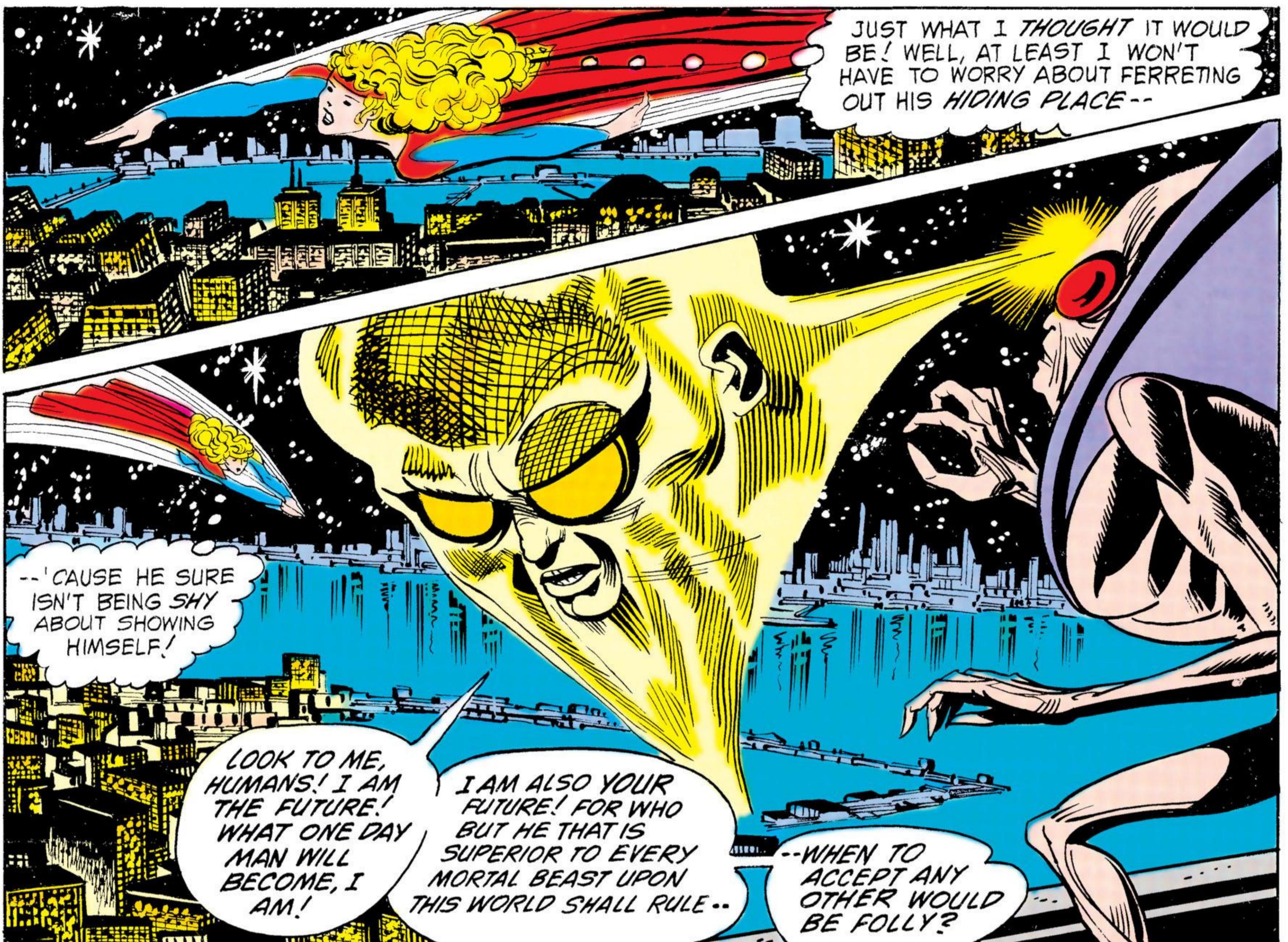
ENOUGH! I KNOW FULL WELL MY HISTORY, MY YEARS OF STRUGGLE TO FIND THE ONE WEAK LINK TO FREEDOM...

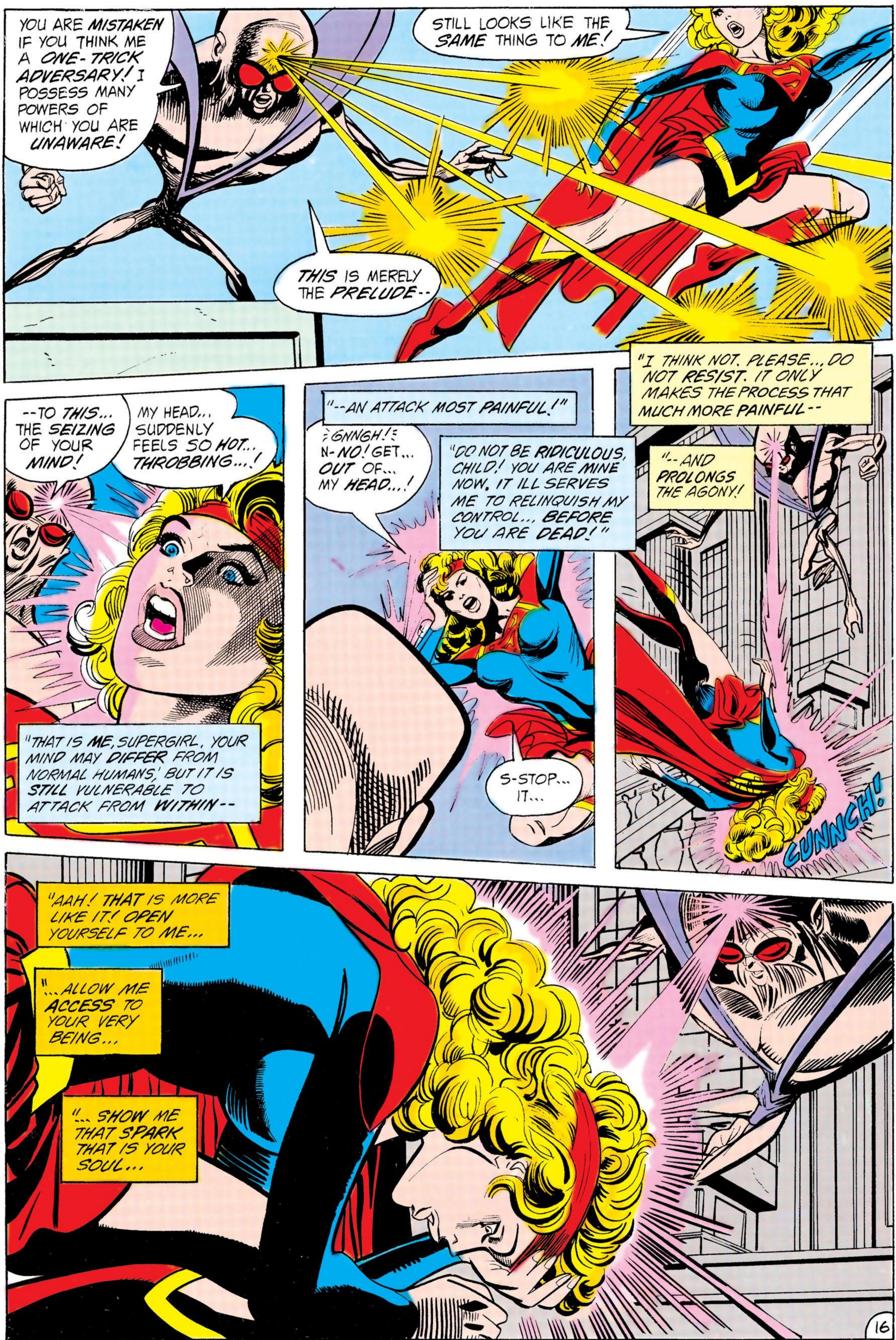


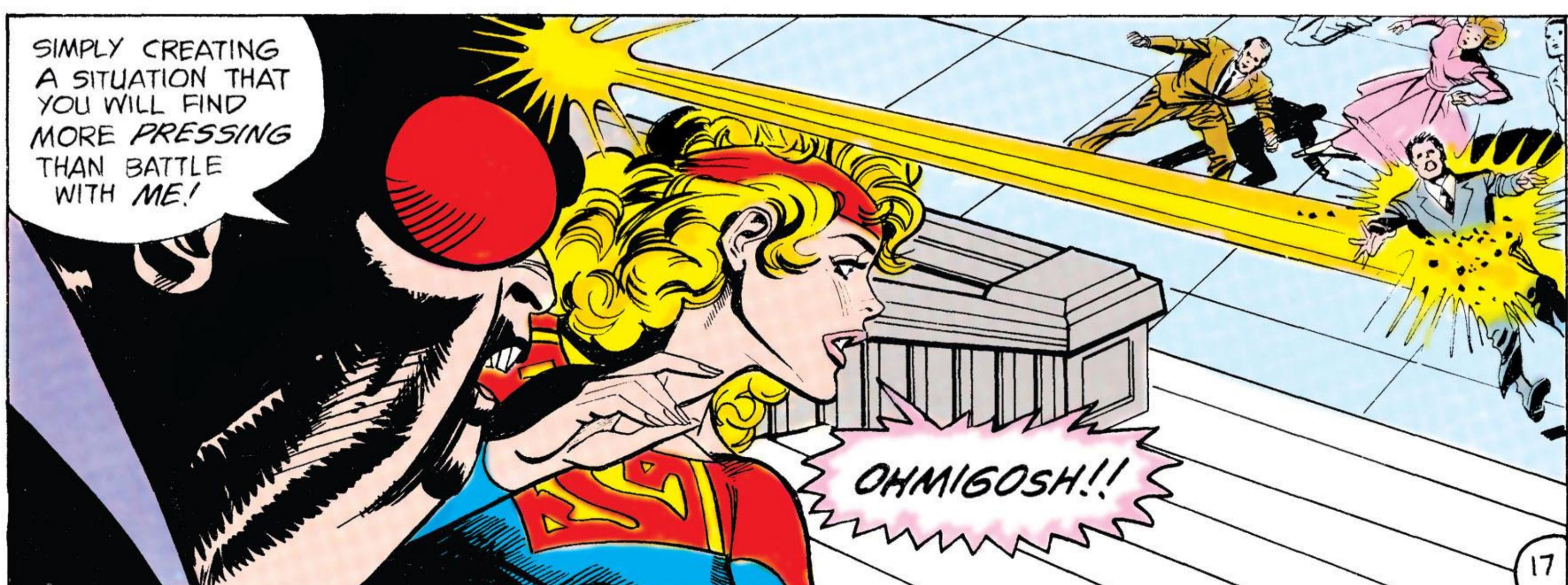
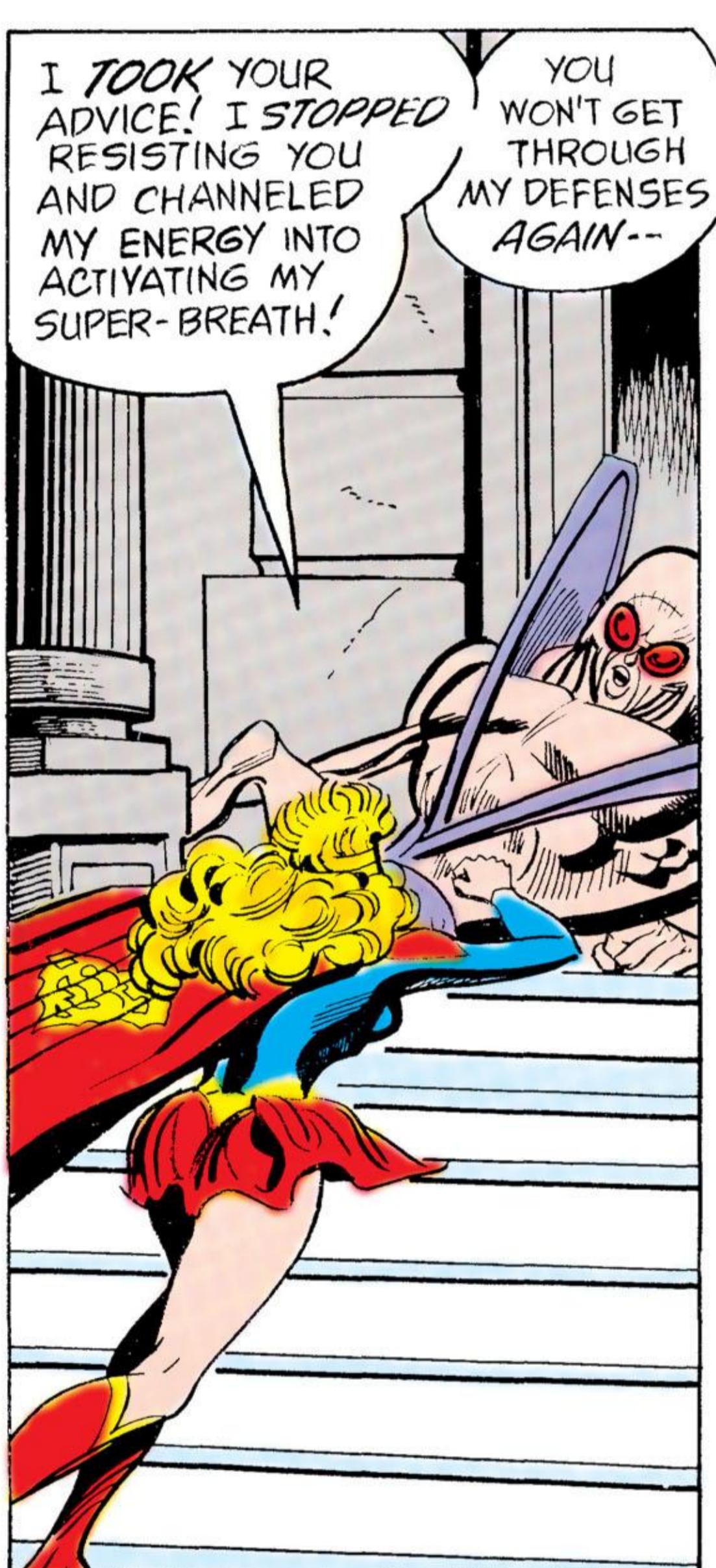
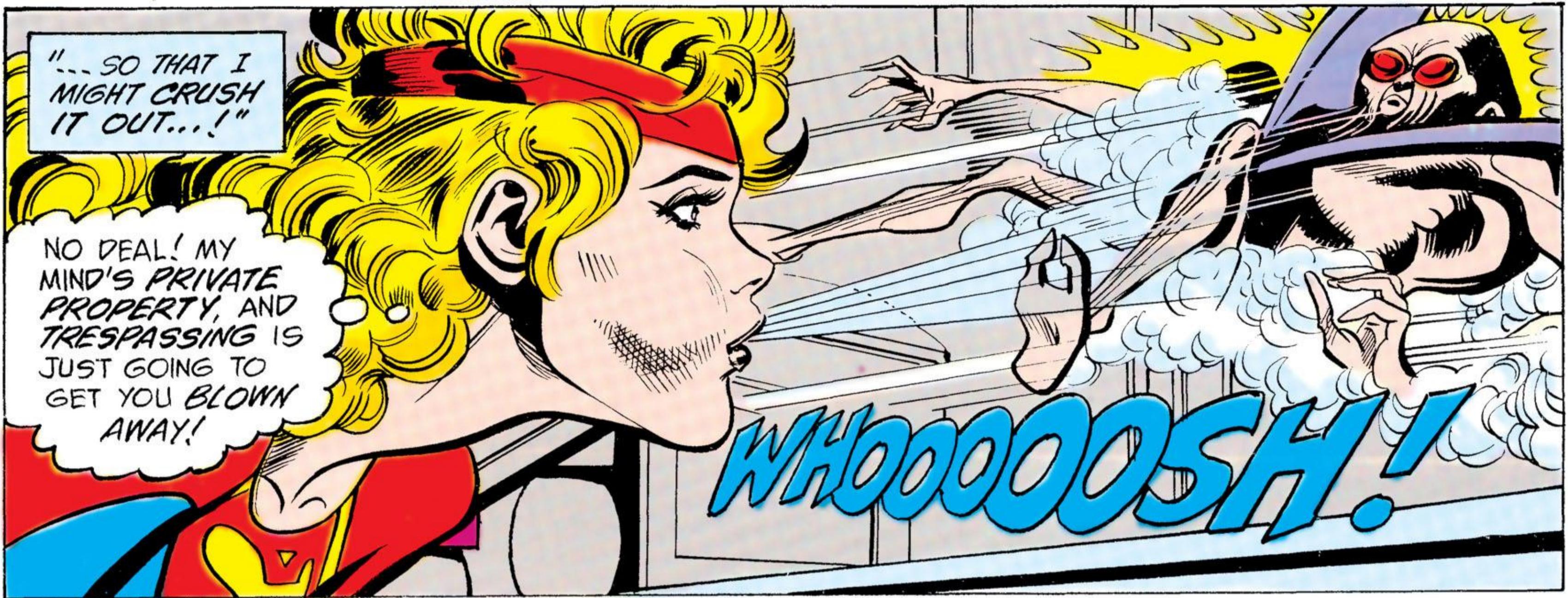


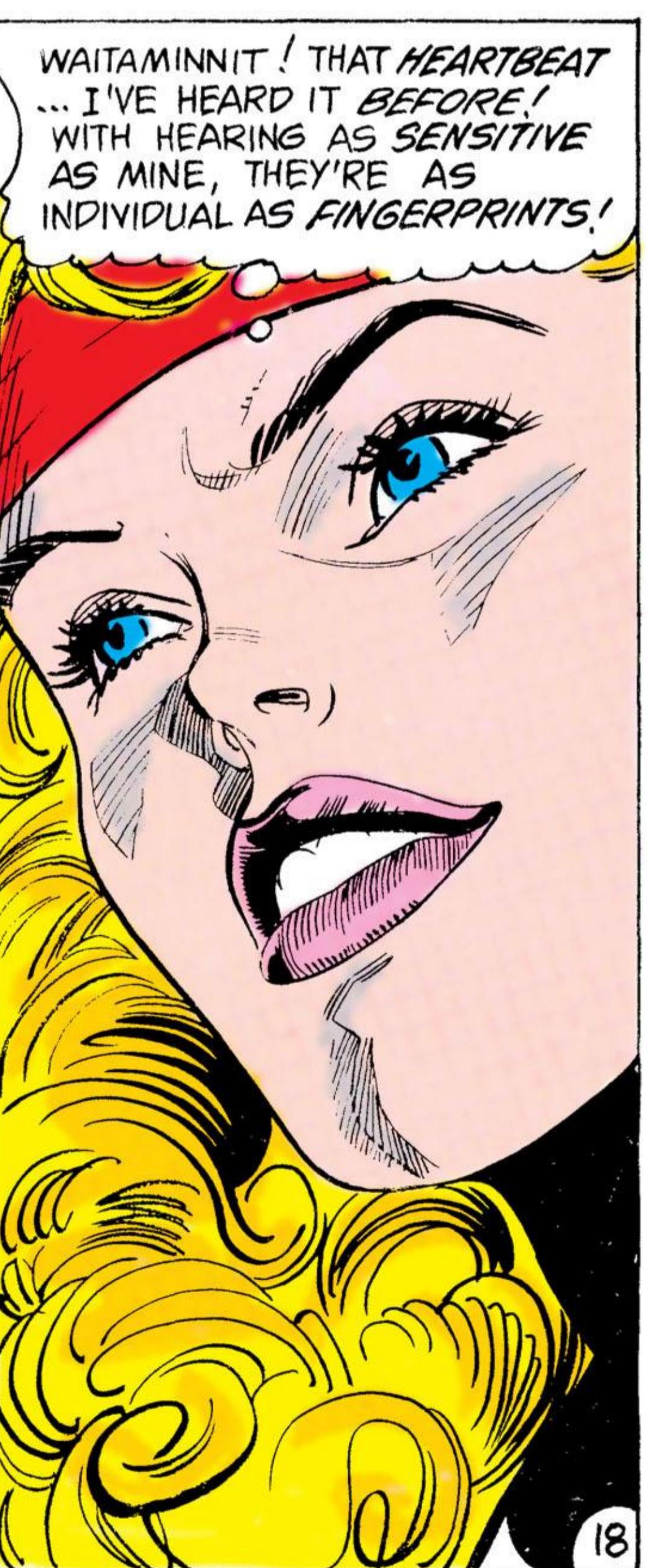
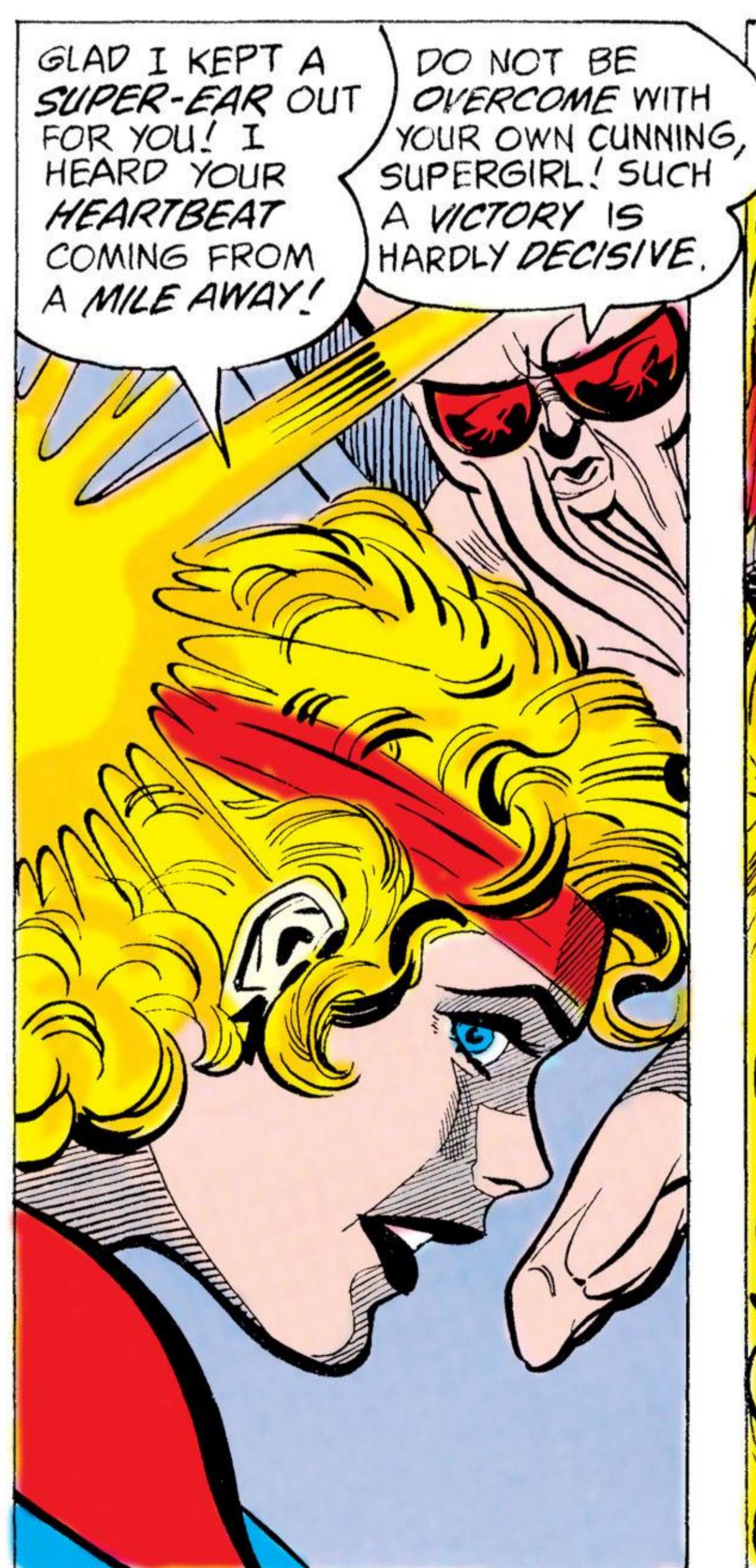
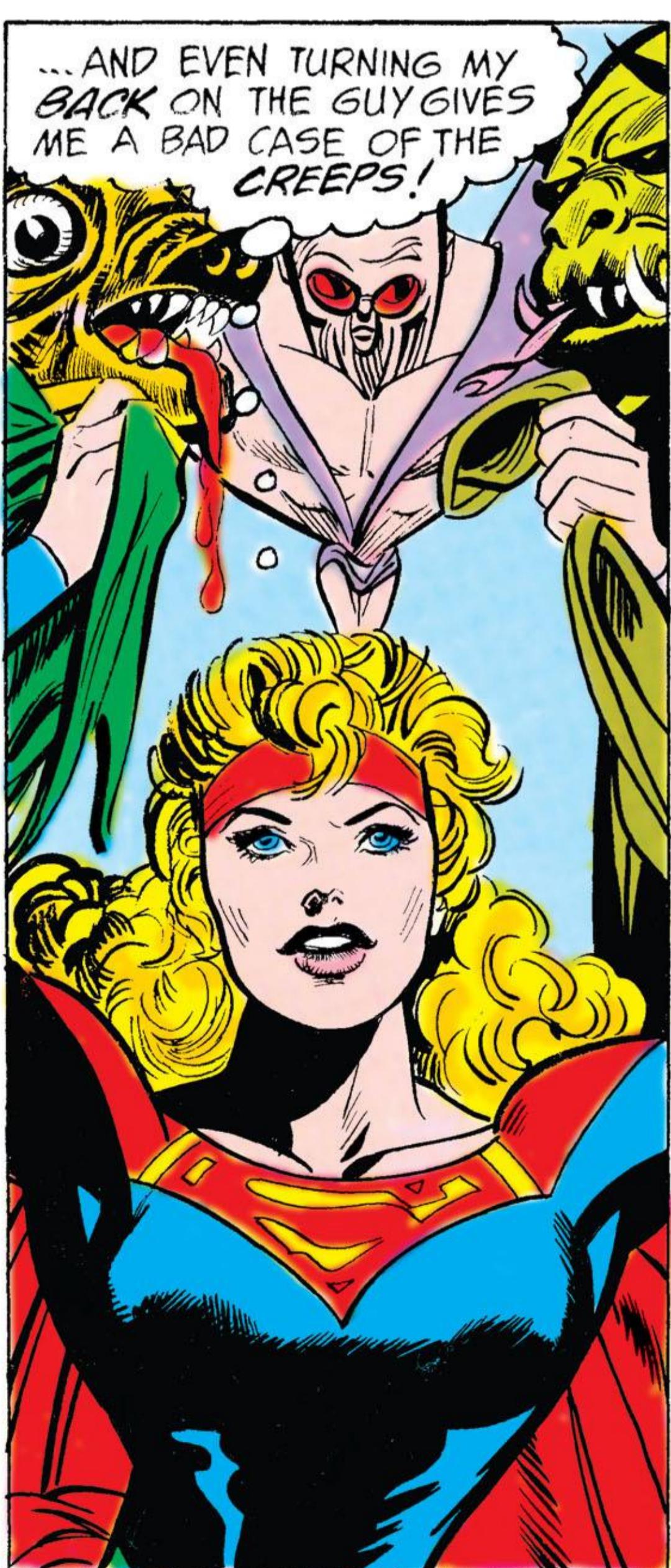
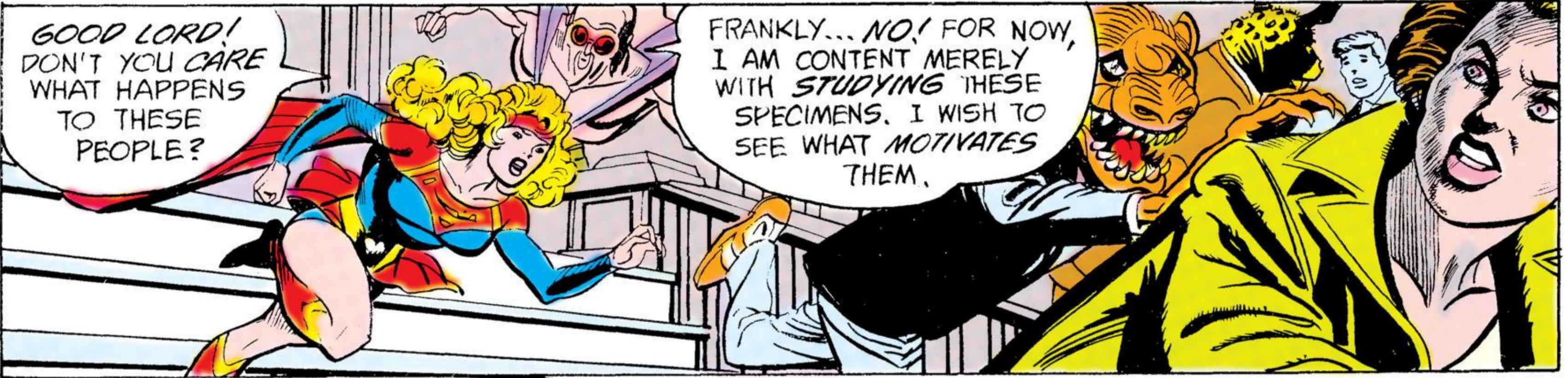
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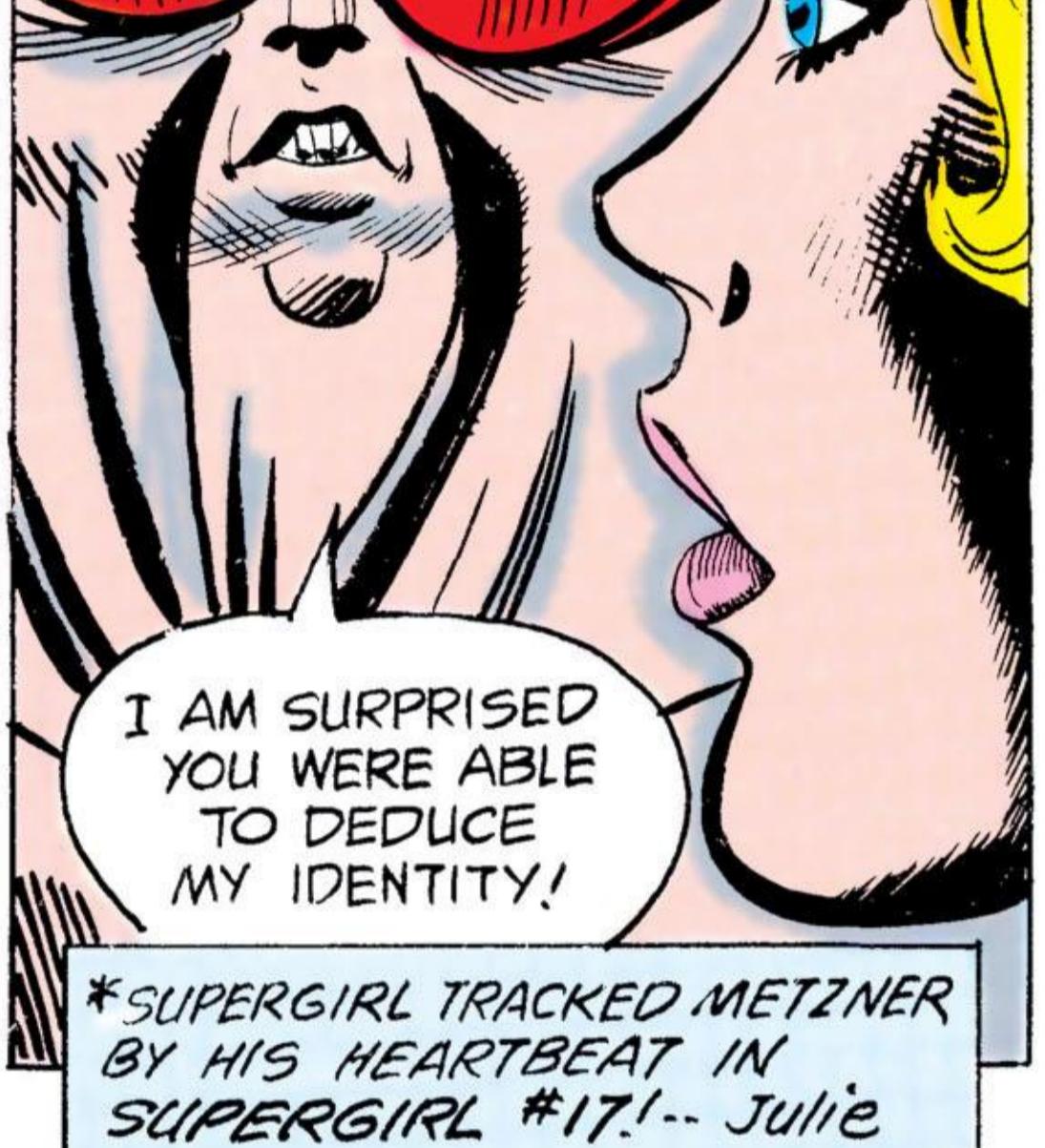
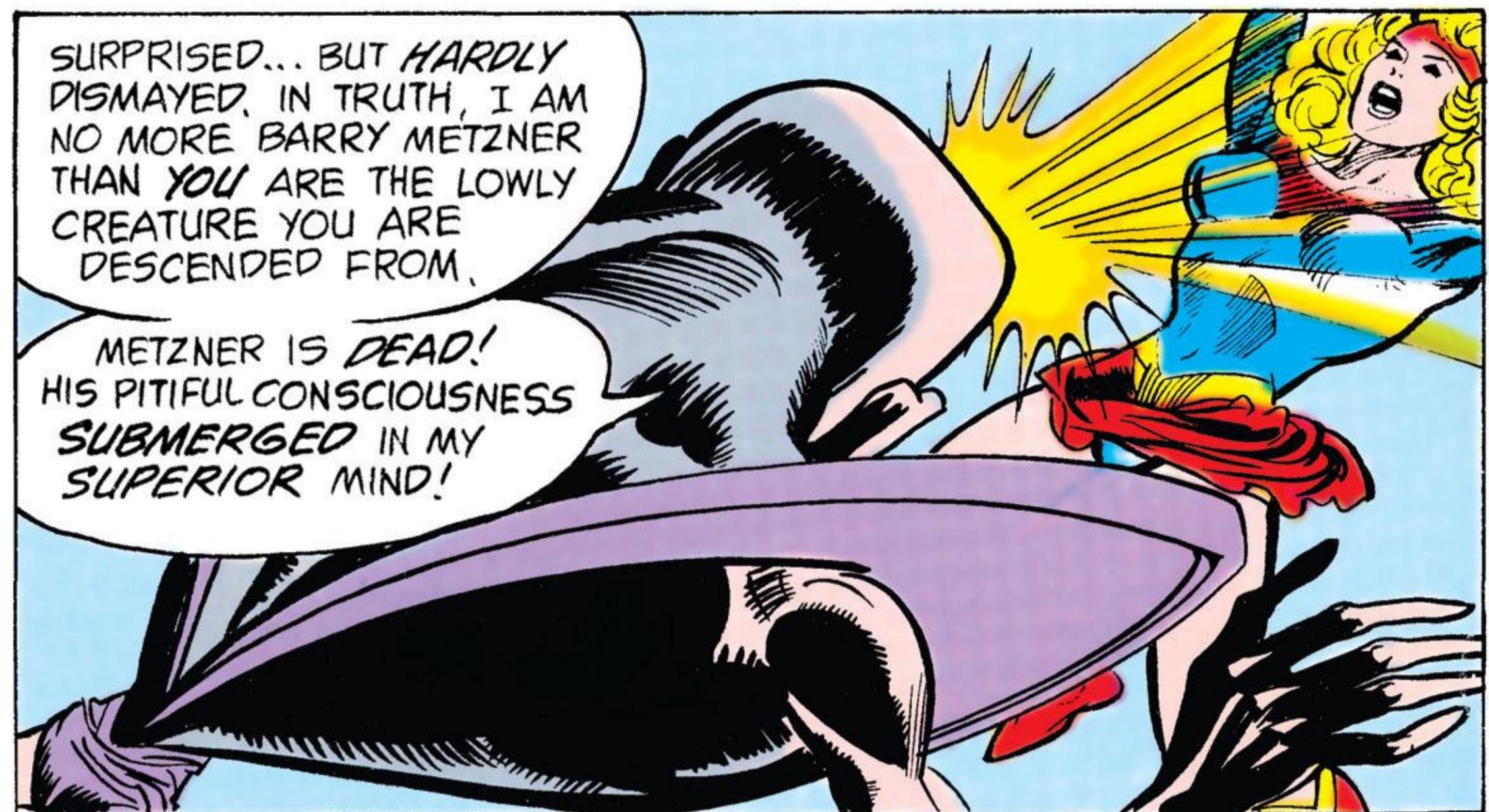




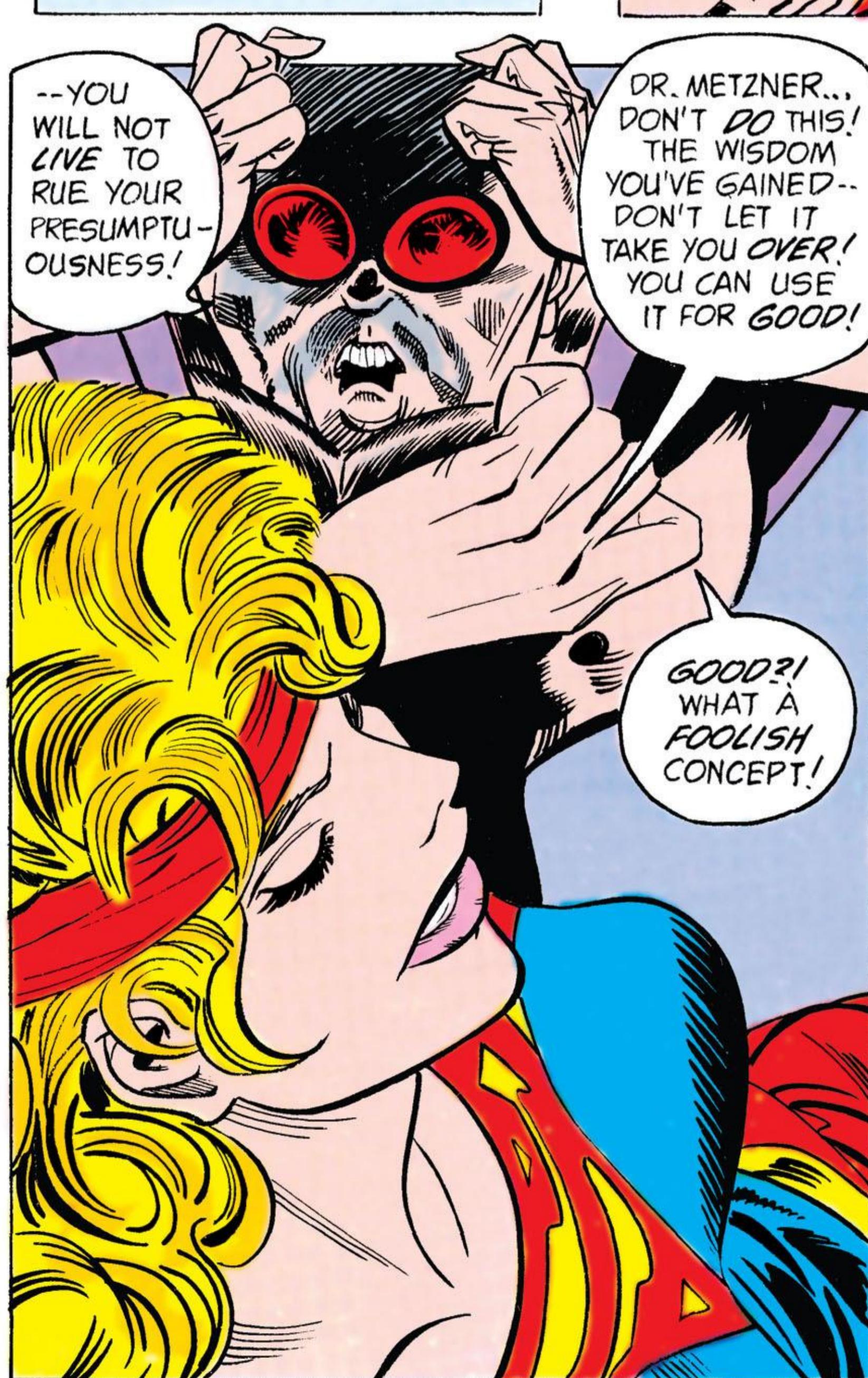


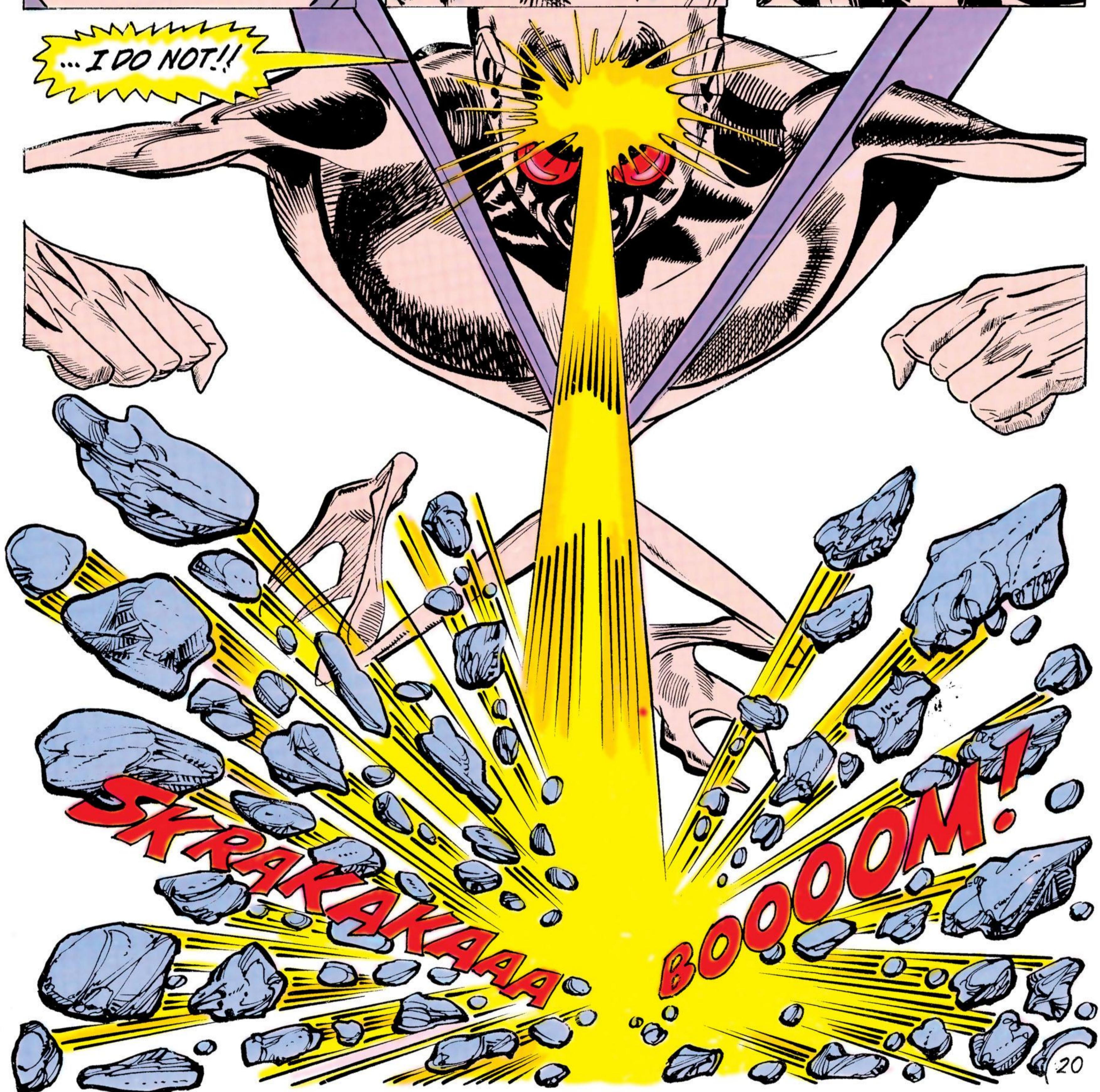


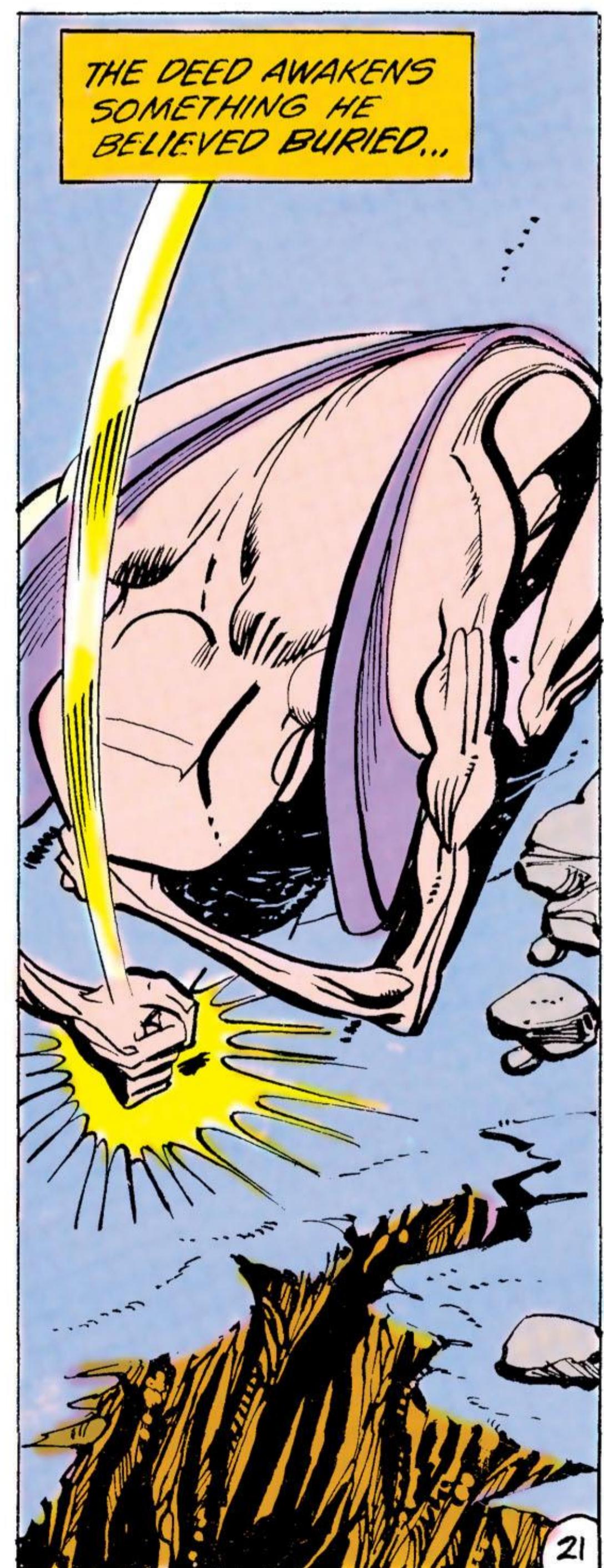
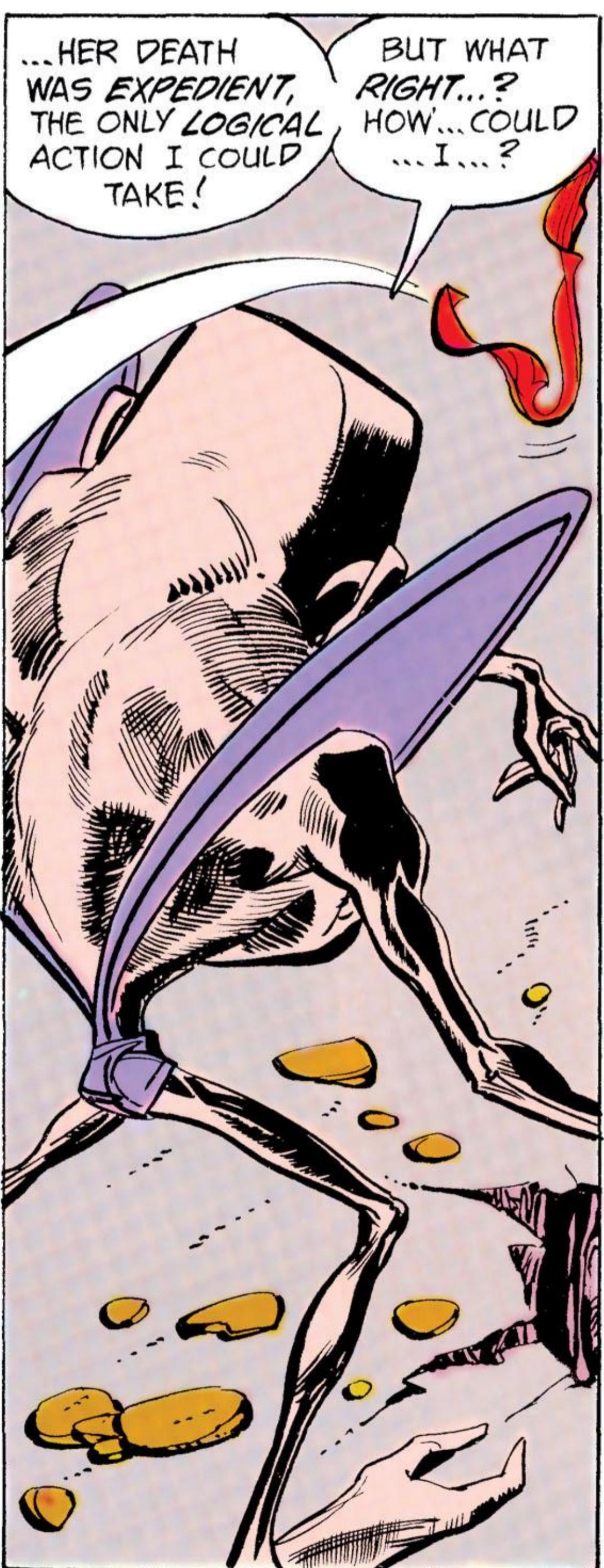
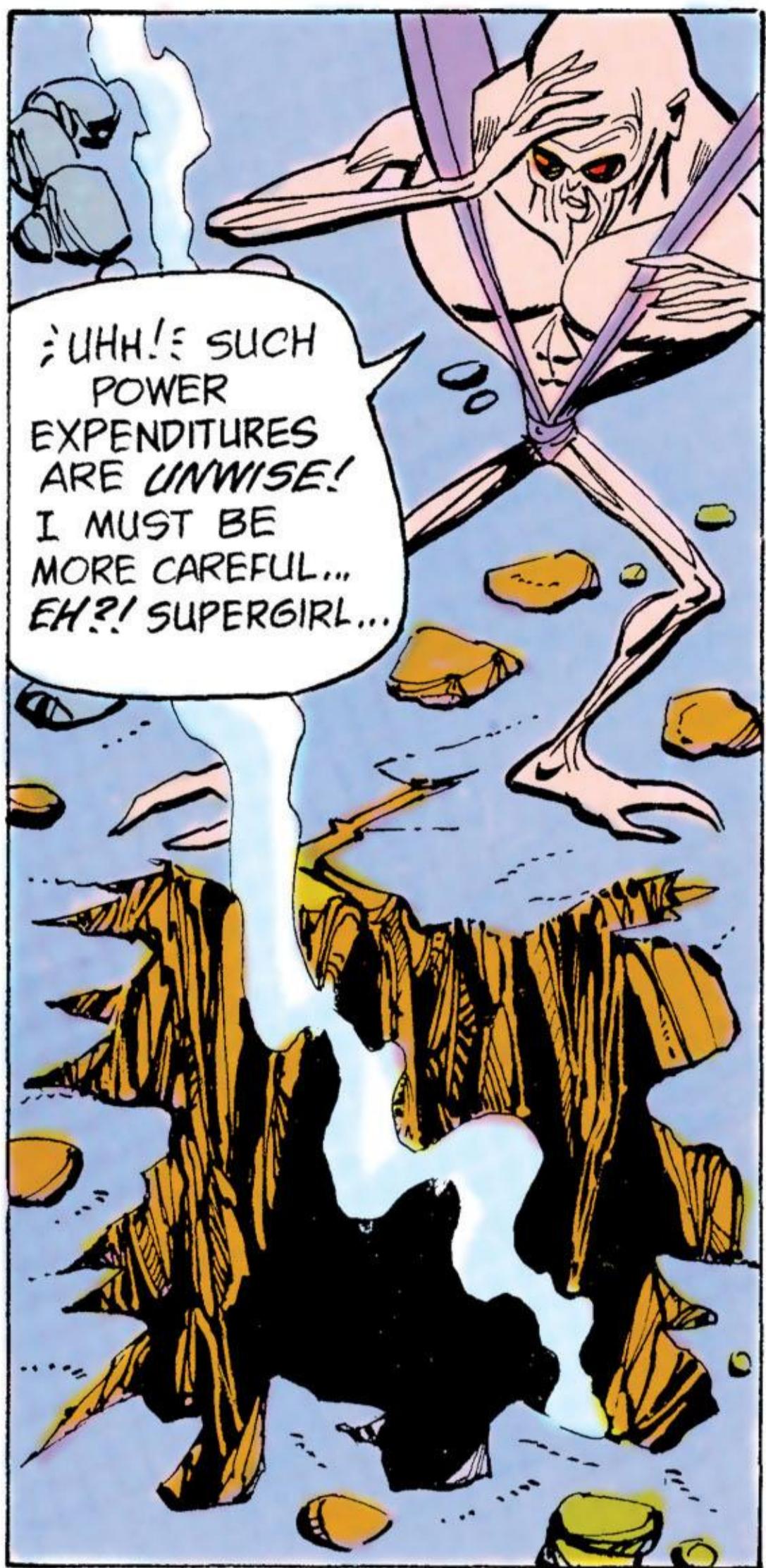


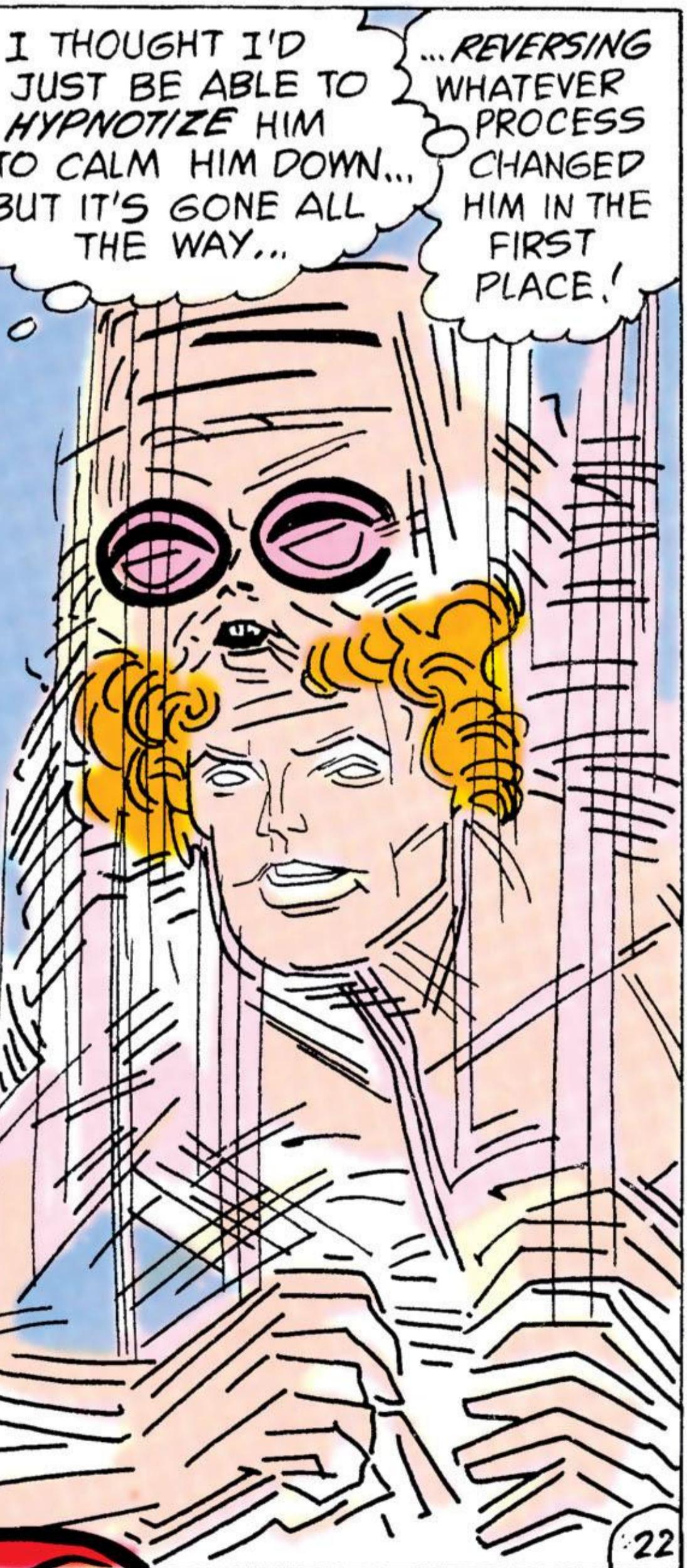
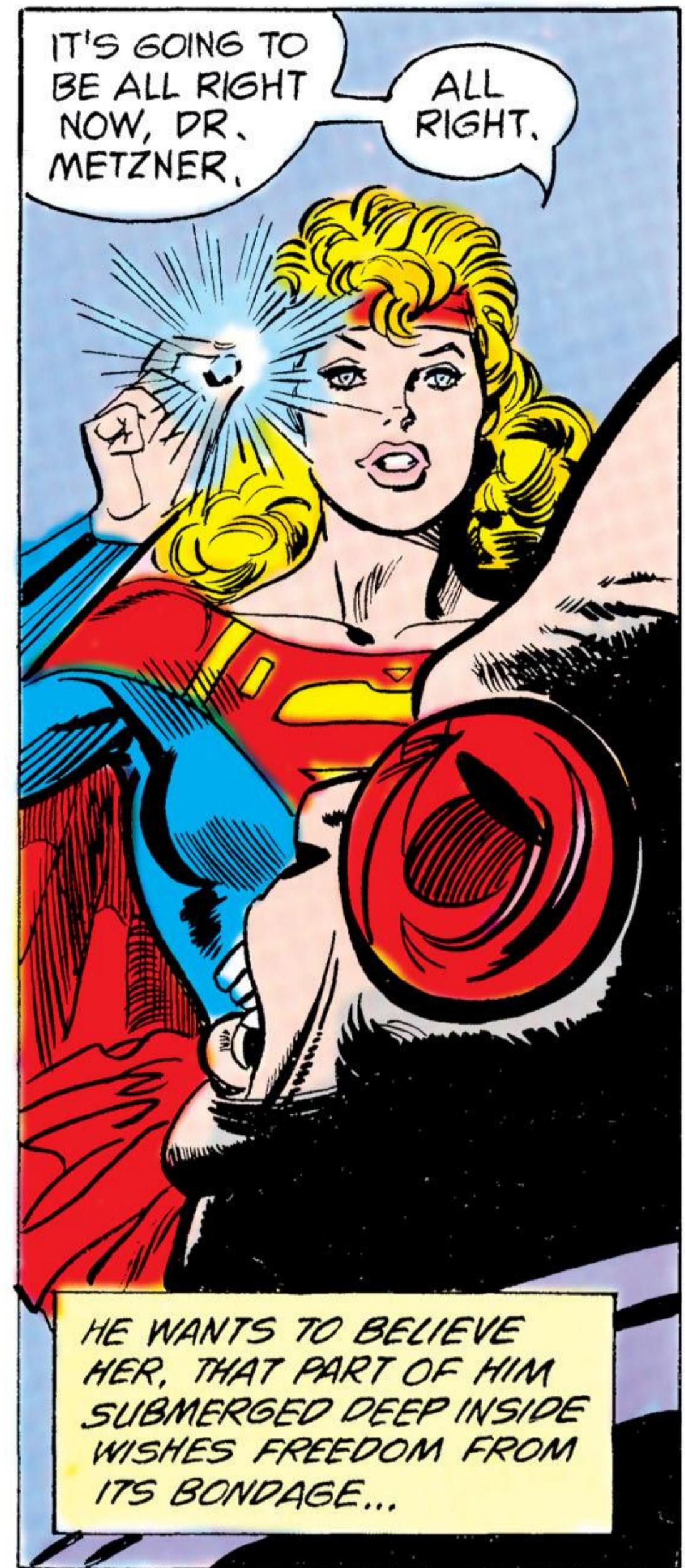
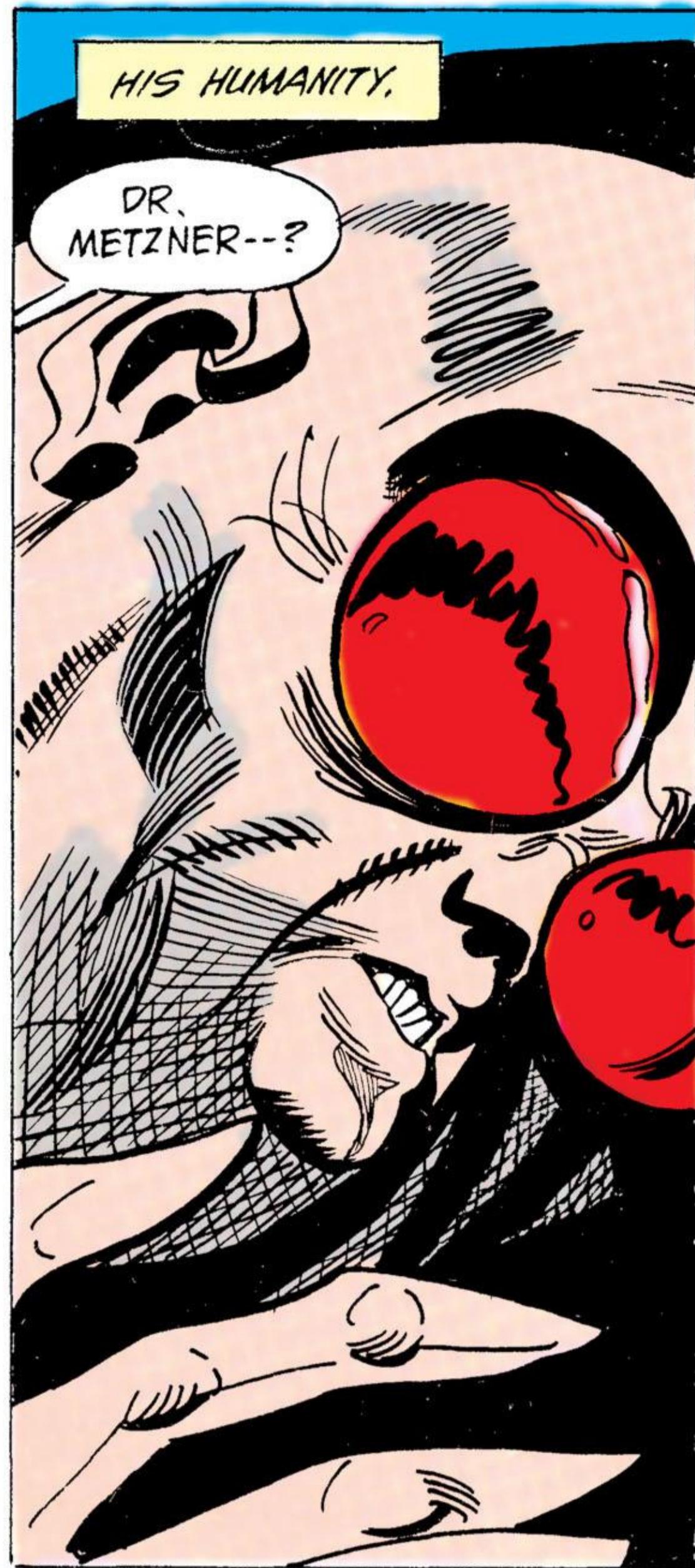


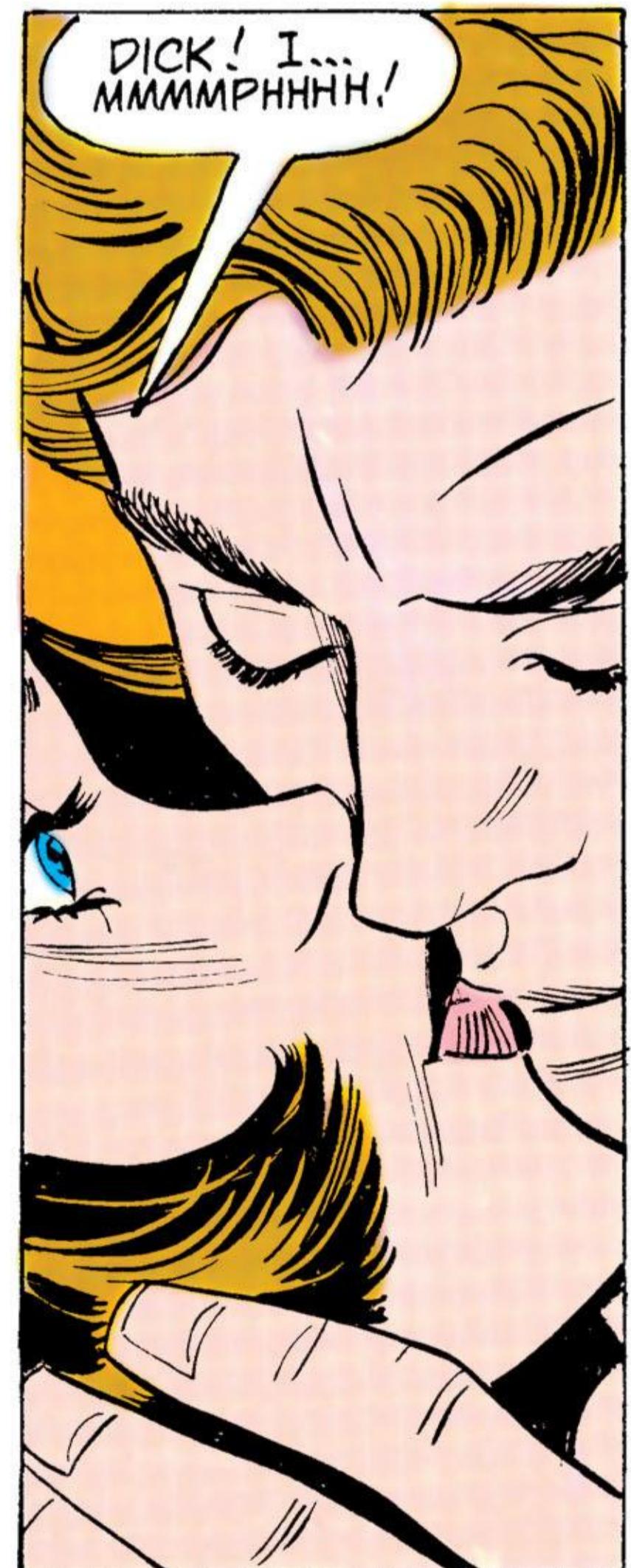
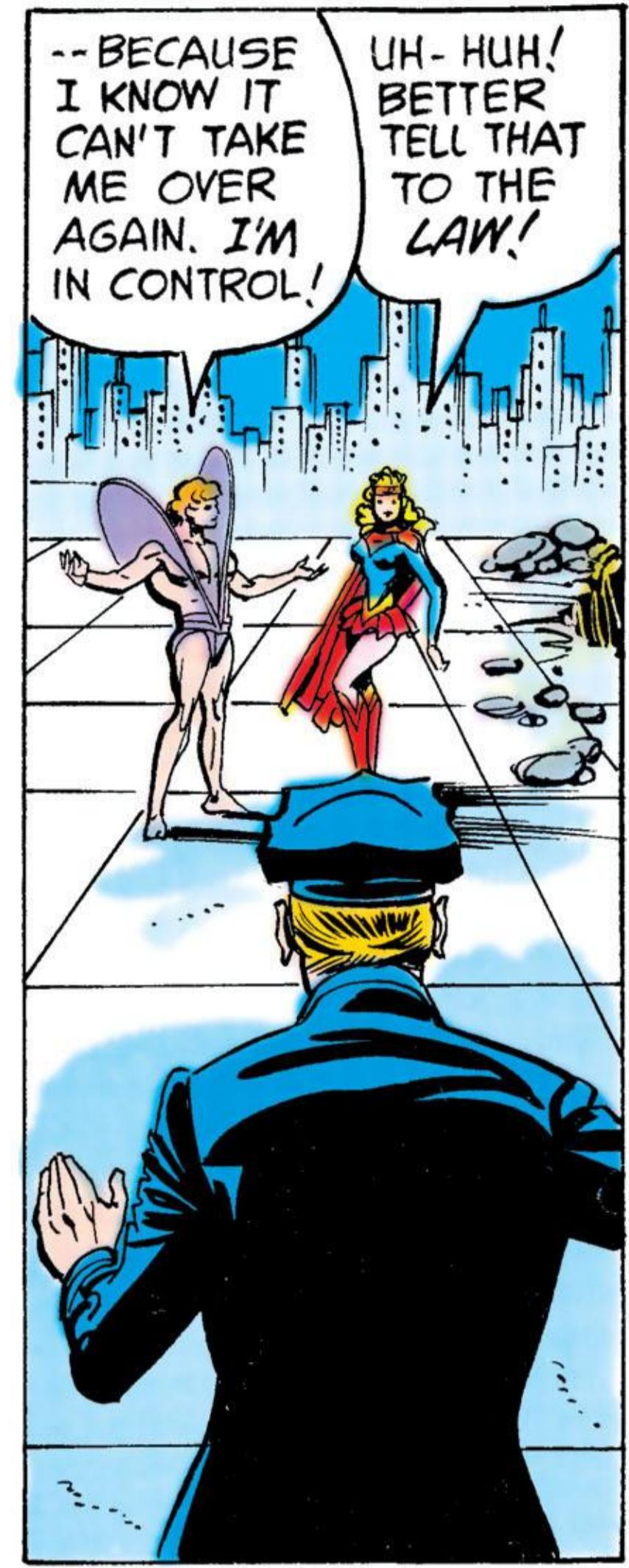
\*SUPERGIRL TRACKED METZNER  
BY HIS HEARTBEAT IN  
SUPERGIRL #17! -- Julie













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