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THE NEW 52!

WHAT IS THE
MENACE OF THE
CRUCIBLE?

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 THE PAST IS THE HARDEST THING TO ESCAPE FROM.

CRUCIBLE

PART 1



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ALL THE CHOICES WE MAKE, GOOD AND BAD...

KARA...



ALL THE THINGS THAT HAPPEN BECAUSE OF THOSE CHOICES...

LET GO.

SOMETIMES, TO MOVE ON--TO SURVIVE-- YOU HAVE TO JUST...

LET GO!

YOU'RE GOING TO BREAK IT!

NEW YORK CITY. ELIXIR CAFÉ.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE--THE KNOB FOR THE STEAM CAN'T HANDLE THAT MUCH PRESSURE!

I'M SORRY, I--

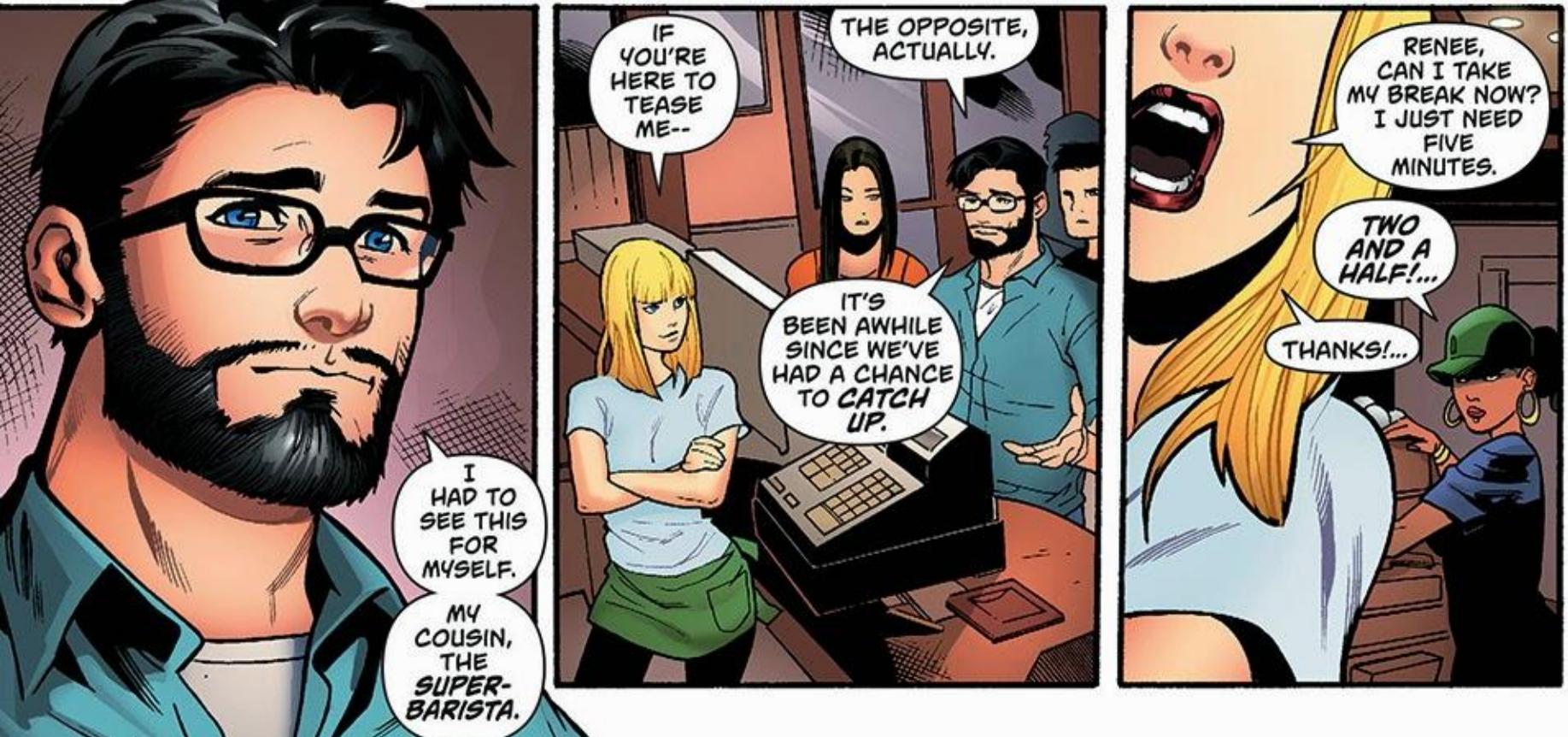
CAREFUL WITH THE SUPER STRENGTH, KARA.

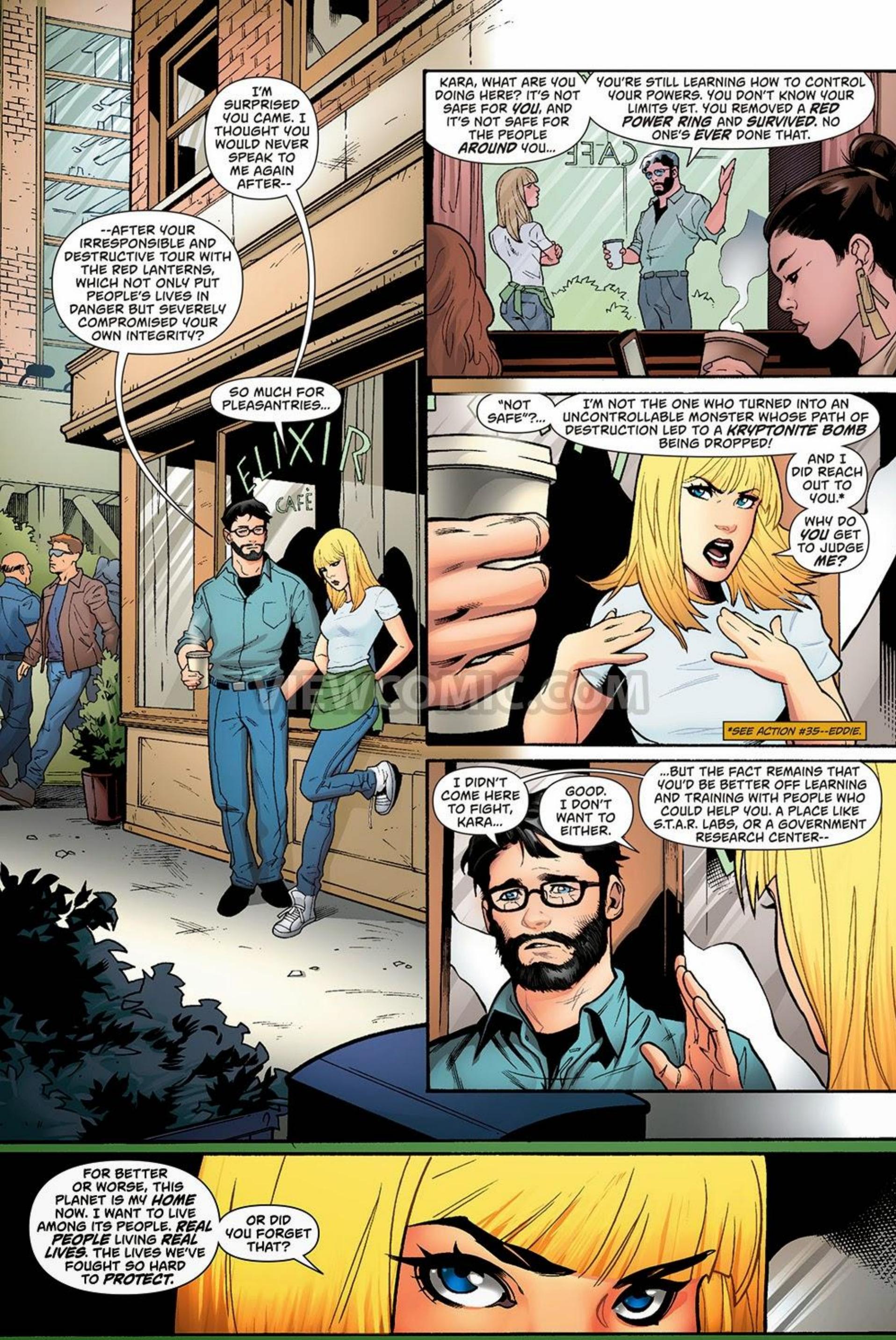
YOU GOTTA LEARN HOW TO TREAT HER RIGHT!

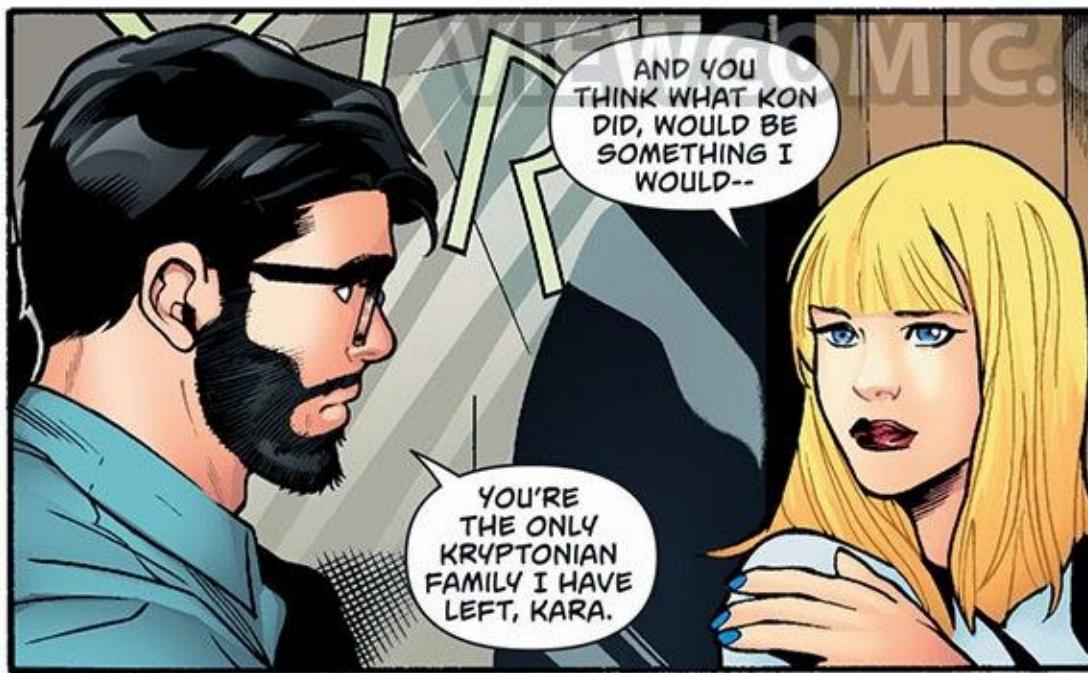
"HER"? IT'S A MACHINE, RENEE.

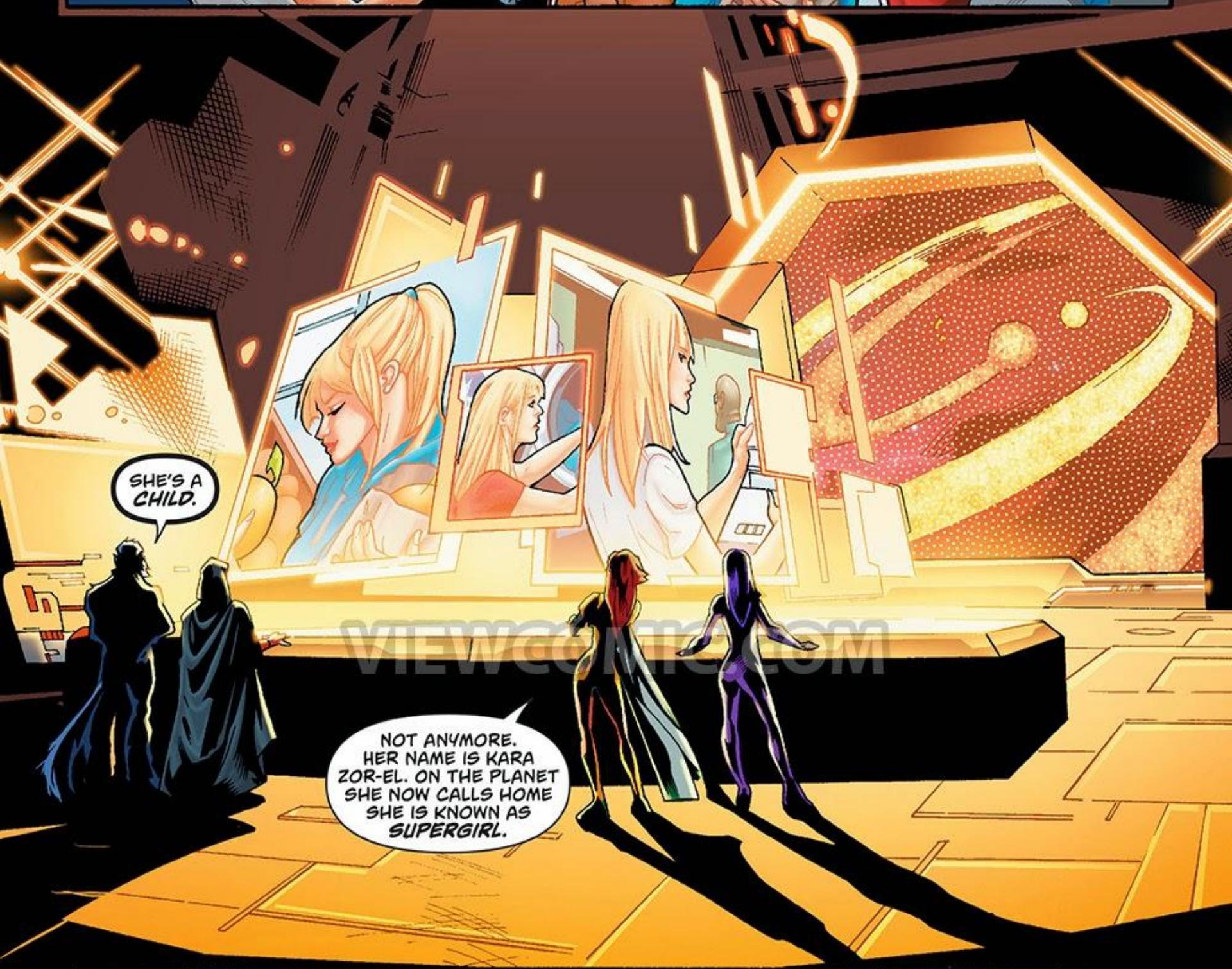
A MACHINE THAT COSTS THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS, KARA!

WORK THE REGISTER FOR NOW. THAT'S ONLY WORTH A COUPLE HUNDRED!











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YOUR
POWER IS
GREAT.

BUT YOU
HAVE MUCH
TO LEARN.

WHAT--?!

YOUR TEST
BEGINS...

MY
CLOTHES--!

WHO
ARE
YOU!?

TO SURVIVE
WHAT COMES,
YOU WILL NEED
TO ACCESS THE
FULL ARMOR OF
KRYPTON.

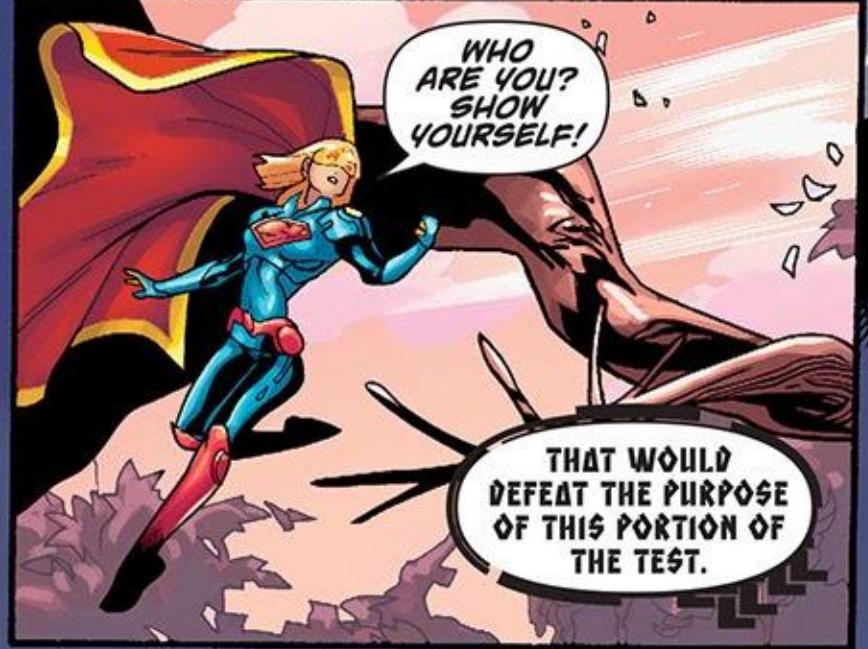
PREPARE
YOURSELF.



...NOW.



UNGH.



WHO
ARE YOU?
SHOW
YOURSELF!

THAT WOULD
DEFEAT THE PURPOSE
OF THIS PORTION OF
THE TEST.

YOU HAVE
SUPERIOR
SENSES, DO
YOU NOT?

WHOEVER YOU
ARE, LET'S SEE
WHERE YOU'RE
HIDING...

PERFECT. WHATEVER
THESE TREES ARE MADE
OF, I CAN'T SEE
THROUGH THEM.

THIS
IS TOO
EASY.

WRAAK

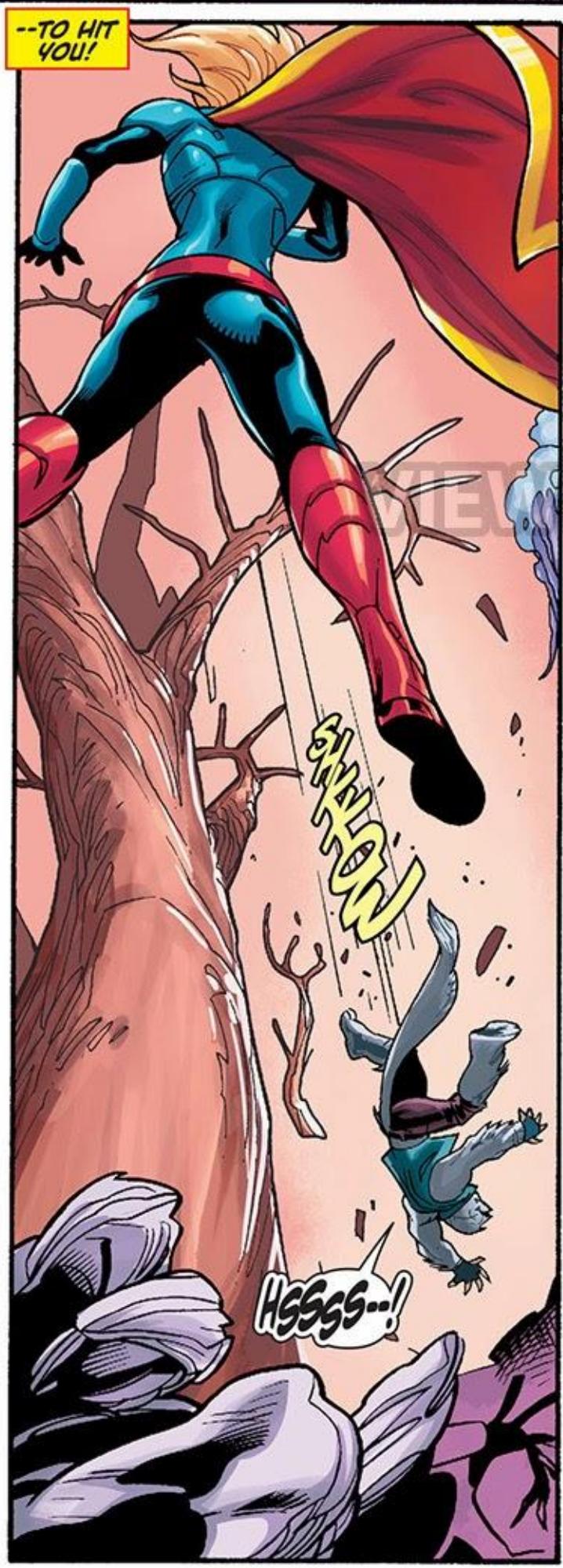
COME OUT
AND FIGHT
ME IN THE
OPEN!

WHY DO YOU
EXPECT YOUR
OPPONENT TO
MAKE IT EASY
FOR YOU?

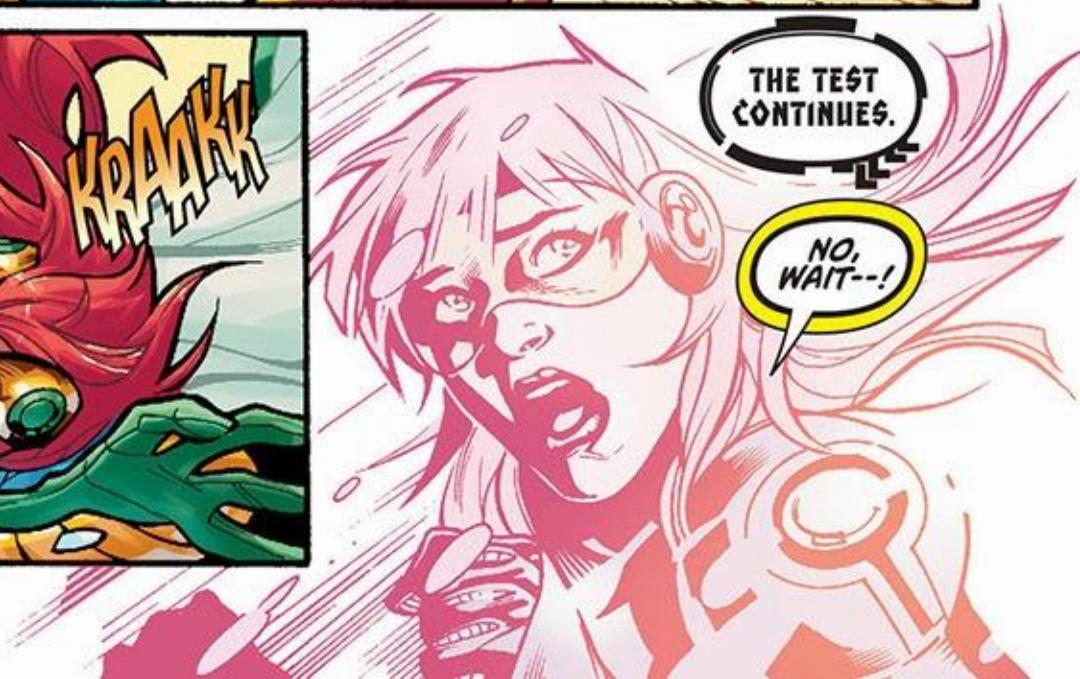
I MIGHT NOT BE
ABLE TO SEE YOU,
BUT I CAN STILL TRY
TO HEAR YOU.

HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH
HUH

SOUNDS LIKE
SOMEONE CATCHING
THEIR BREATH...













THE TEST IS COMPLETE.

THEN TELL
ME WHO
YOU ARE
AND WHERE
I AM!

I AM
LYS AMATA,
PRECEPTOR OF
CRUCIBLE
ACADEMY.

GREETINGS,
KARA ZOR-EL.

ACADEMY?
AS IN
SCHOOL?

SCHOOL IS
SUCH A MUNDANE
WORD FOR WHAT THE
CRUCIBLE OFFERS
ITS STUDENTS.

THIS IS A UNIQUE
PLACE FOR UNIQUE
PEOPLE. A SELECT FEW
ARE CHOSEN FROM
ACROSS THOUSANDS OF
WORLDS TO STUDY
HERE.

TO HONE THEIR
SKILLS TO PERFECTION
AND FULFILL THE
INCREDIBLE POTENTIAL
THEY HAVE WITHIN, THE
BETTER TO PROTECT THE
WORLDS AND THE REGIONS
OF SPACE THEY
CALL HOME.

MAXIMA, COMET AND
TSAVO ARE THREE OF OUR
MOST ACCOMPLISHED STUDENTS,
AND NOW SERVE AS PART OF
OUR RECRUITMENT
TEAM.

FOR THE
PURPOSES OF
THE TEST THEY
WERE ONLY USING A
FRACTION OF THEIR
TRUE POWER. YOU
STILL HAVE FAR TO
GO TO REACH THEIR
TRUE LEVEL.

BUT YOU HAVE
DEMONSTRATED
THAT YOU HAVE THE
CAPABILITIES NECESSARY
TO SURVIVE THE
TRAINING WE
OFFER.

WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I NEED
ANY OF THIS? I'VE ALREADY BEEN
THROUGH MORE THAN YOU
CAN IMAGINE.

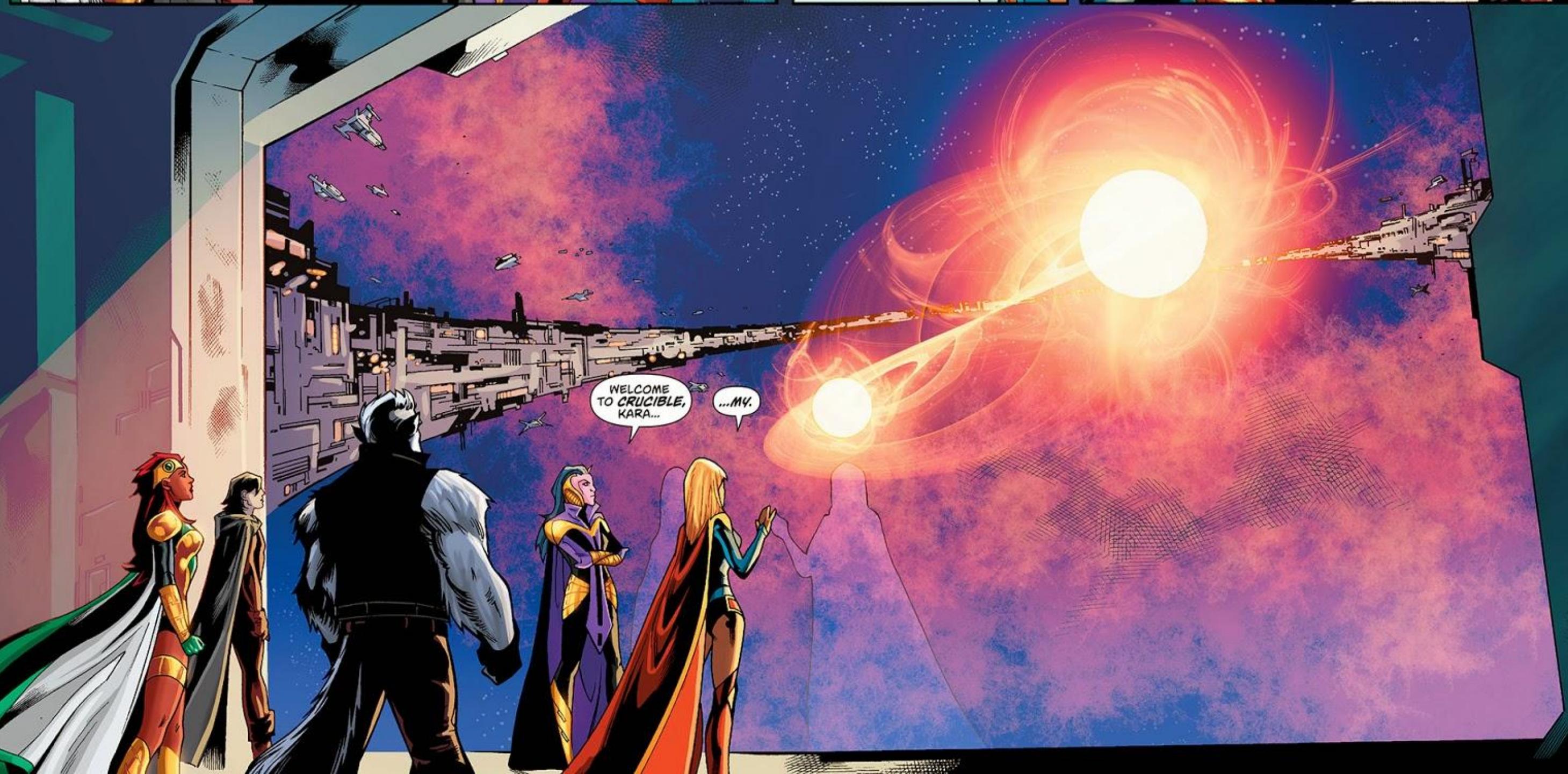
ARE YOU? YOU ARE POWERFUL, BUT
YOU HAVE YET TO LEARN HOW TO
FULLY HARNESSE THAT POWER. BOTH
FOR YOUR BENEFIT, AND THE
BENEFIT OF OTHERS.

WE CAN
HELP YOU DO THAT.
JUST AS WE HELPED YOUR
FRIEND SHAY VERITAS
YEARS AGO.

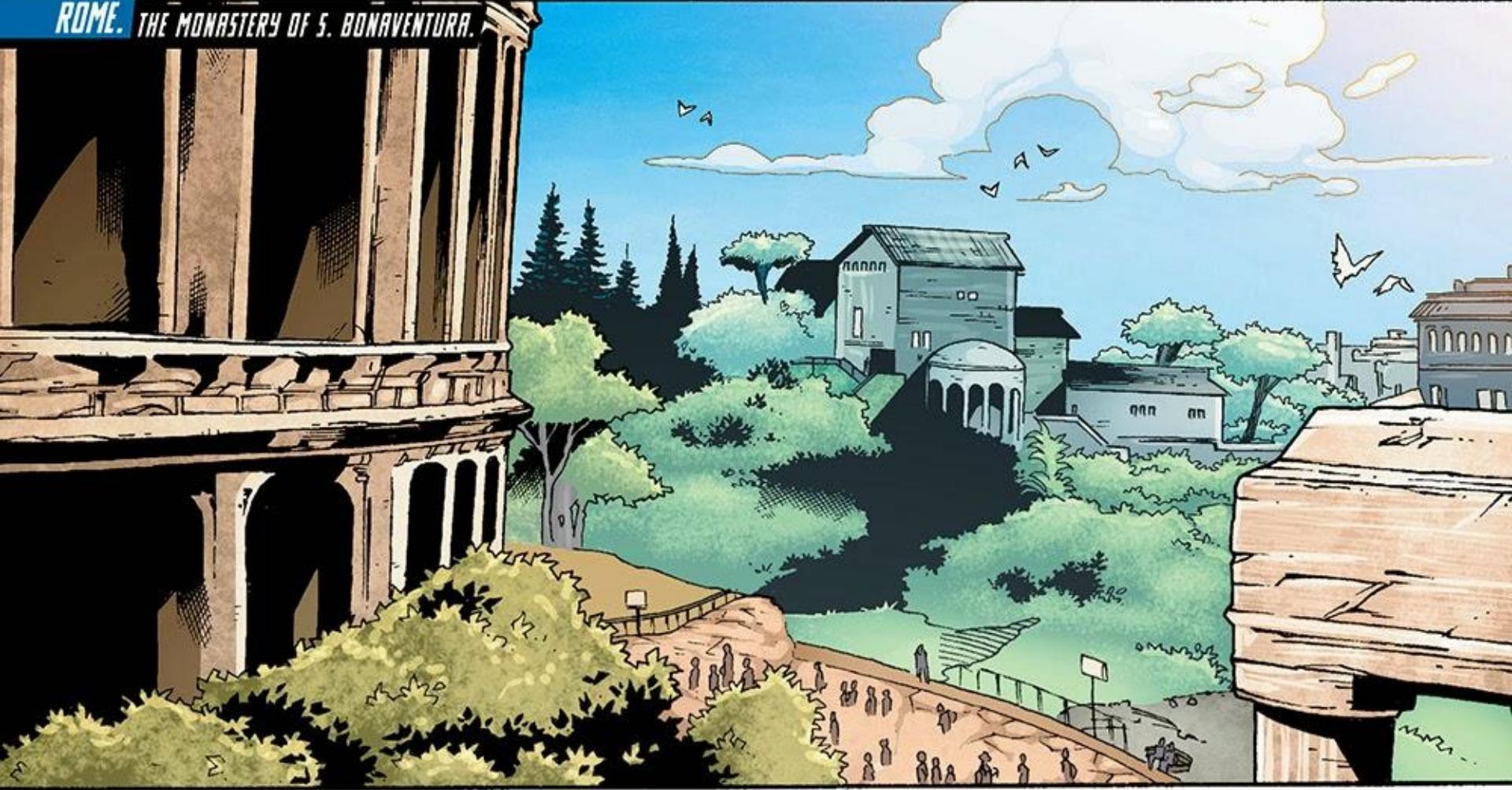
I'M DOING
FINE ON
MY OWN.

OH...

WELCOME
TO CRUCIBLE,
KARA...
...MY...



ROME. THE MONASTERY OF S. BONAVENTURA.



 I'VE TRAVELED THE WHOLE OF EARTH. I'VE SEARCHED FOR ALL OF THE ANSWERS.

FROM THE HIGHEST HALLOWED MOUNTAIN OF TIBET, TO THE BASIN OF THE HOLY RIVER GANGES, TO THE CONSECRATED GROUND OF THE WAILING WALL...

...I'VE ASKED THE SAME QUESTION.

"WHY ARE WE HERE?"

THE ANSWERS WERE ALL DIFFERENT. SO I CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR THE ANSWER.

TO FIND WHY I EXIST.

TO FIND MY PURPOSE.

AND SOON.

NEXT: CLASS IS IN SESSION... BUT SURVIVAL IS NOT GUARANTEED!