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THE LEGEND OF THE BATMAN



WHEN THE WORLD'S GREATEST CRIMEFIGHTER AND THE DAUGHTER OF THE ULTIMATE CRIMINAL MASTERMIND GOT TOGETHER, THERE COULD BE ONLY ONE RESULT.



INSTEAD HE REBELLED.



WHO HE IS AND HOW HE CAME TO BE...

THE ULTIMATE CHILD.

GENETICALLY PERFECTED,
AND GROWN IN AN
ARTIFICIAL WOMB, DAMIAN
WAS ENGINEERED TO
KILL AND REPLACE HIS
FAMOUS FATHER.

TRAINED FROM BIRTH
BY THE MASTERS OF THE
LEAGUE OF ASSASSINS
TO BE THE WARRIOR-KING
OF A NEW DARK AGE.

NOW, DRIVEN BY GUILT
AND HAUNTED BY HIS
LEGACY, DAMIAN WAYNE
WALKS A LONELY PATH...

...BETWEEN GOOD
AND EVIL...

...AS BATMAN!





batman in

bethlehem

HANDS ABOVE
YOUR HEAD,
FREAK!

LET
THE GIRL
GO!







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TEMPERATURES
ROSE TO A
RECORD-BREAKING
 123° FOR THE
EIGHTH DAY...

QUARANTINE
RESTRICTIONS
REMAIN, BUT BRITISH
AIR AUTHORITIES BELIEVE
FLIGHTS TO AND FROM
HEATHROW WILL
RESUME WITHIN THE
NEXT MONTH...

CLEAN-
UP CONTINUES
AFTER THE DIRTY
BOMB DETONATED
BY ANTI-ISLAMIC
TERRORISTS IN
MECCA...

EPIDEMIC
WHICH CLAIMED
MORE THAN EIGHTEEN
MILLION LIVES WILL SOON
BE UNDER CONTROL,
SAY CHINESE HEALTH
AUTHORITIES...

HOTTER
THAN HELL IN
MIDTOWN GOTHAM
AS DIPLOMAT'S
GATHER FOR
TONIGHT'S CLIMATE
CHANGE SUMMIT
RECEPTION...

STRIKING A
DEATH-BLOW
AT THE VERY
SOUL OF A
CULTURE...

"MAYBE IT'S TIME TO WAKE
UP AND SMELL THE SULFUR."

"I KNOW THE DEVIL
EXISTS, OR AT LEAST
SOMETHING EXISTS
WHICH MIGHT AS WELL
BE THE DEVIL."

"I'VE MET
HIM."

"BUT I WONDER IF HIS ROYAL
HIGHNESS, THE ANTI-CHRIST,
KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THE
BARGAIN I MADE AT THE
CROSSROADS ON THE NIGHT
THE BATMAN DIED."

"THE VICTORY IS IN
THE PREPARATION,
DAD USED TO SAY..."

FIVE BIG-
TIME GOTHAM
BOSSSES MURDERED
IN FIVE DIFFERENT
LOCATIONS ALL
OVER TOWN.



ALL THAT JUST
TO SIGN HIS
AUTOGRAPH.

THE TWO UPRIGHT
HORNS REPRESENT
THE TRIUMPH OF MATTER
AND DURABILITY OVER
SPIRIT AND UNITY.

RRAAUUMM

CALL IT
THE SATAN
SIGNAL.

THE MARK OF
THE APOSTATE
ANGEL CARVED
INTO THE MAP
OF GOTHAM.

YOU ASK ME, HE'S
WARNING US THAT
SOMETHING'S GONNA
HAPPEN TONIGHT
AT THE HOTEL
BETHLEHEM.

THAT MONSTER
WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR
THE DEATH OF...OF A
GOOD FRIEND.

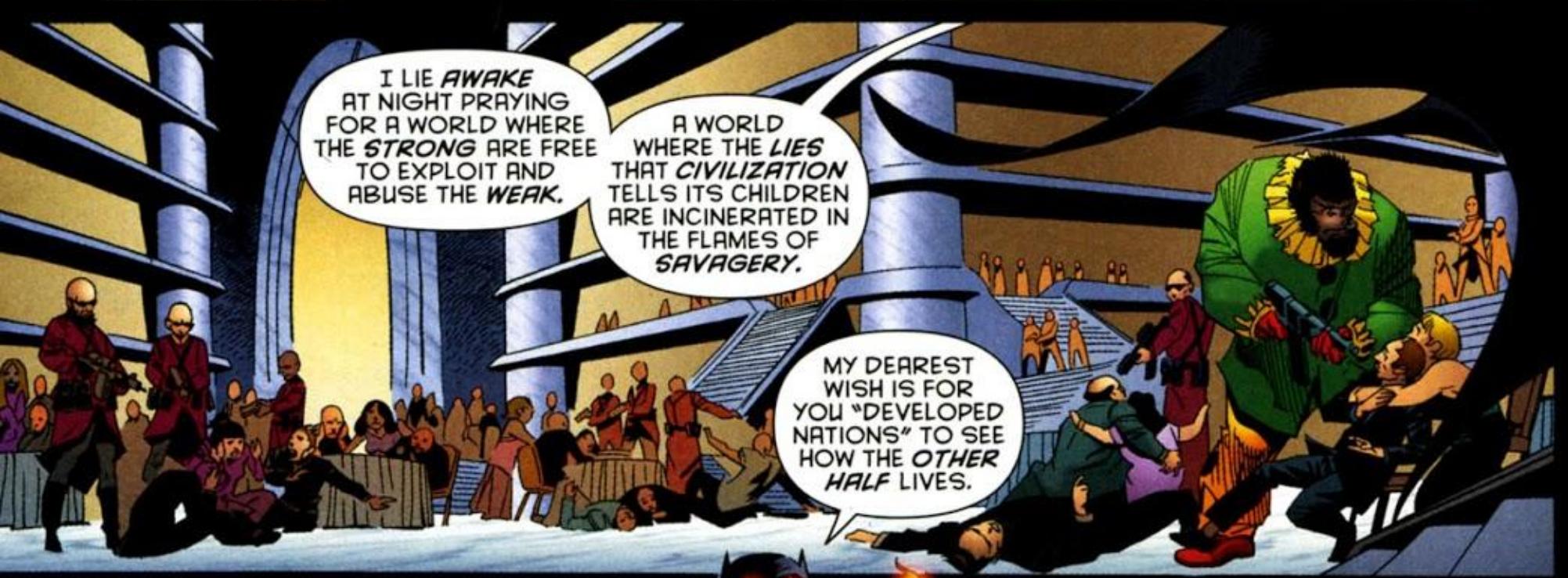
HE CAN'T BE
TRUSTED.

THE WHOLE DEPARTMENT
THINKS HE'S ON OUR
SIDE. WHY DO YOU
HATE HIM SO MUCH,
COMMISSIONER?

THE DRAGON
OF REVELATIONS
SHOWS HIS STUPID
FACE AFTER ALL
THESE YEARS.

RIGHT
HERE.

EXACTLY
WHERE I
WANT HIM.







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THE
WESEL.

MAX
ROBOTO.

JACKANAPES.

THE SCUM
AND DREGS
OF ARKHAM
ASYLUM.

I'M HERE
FOR YOUR
BOSS.

DON'T MAKE
ME WASTE ANY
MORE TIME.

THAT
MEANS YOU,
FLAMINGO.

BATMAN.

DROP
HIM OR I
PUT YOU IN
A WHEEL-
CHAIR!

YOU'RE
NOT FIT TO
WEAR THOSE
COLORS.

OH, I DON'T
THINK SO! I'VE
AS MUCH RIGHT
TO BEAR THE
MANTLE OF THE
BAT AS ANY-
ONE HERE!

I SUFFERED
FOR THAT
RIGHT!

WE'RE BOTH
SONS OF THE
BATMAN IN OUR
WAY, LET'S
FACE IT.

SONS OF
THE SAME
FATHER.

BUT ME...
I HAVE
ANOTHER
FATHER.

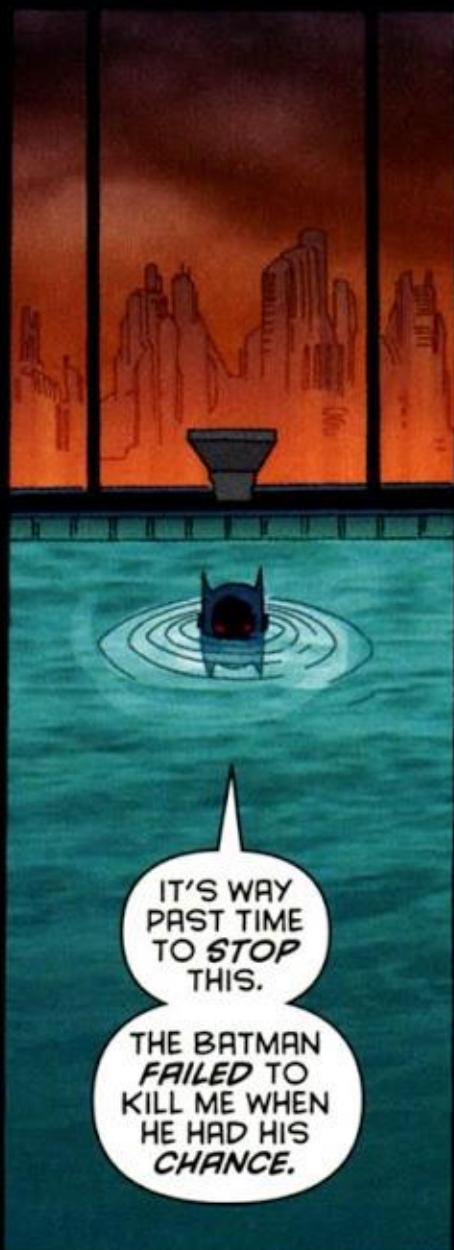
OUR
FATHER IN
HELL!



I KNEW I'D NEVER BE AS GOOD AS MY DAD OR DICK GRAYSON.

BUT I PROMISED I WOULDN'T LEAVE GOTHAM WITHOUT A BATMAN.

SO I SPECIALIZED IN CHEATING.



IT'S WAY PAST TIME TO STOP THIS.

THE BATMAN FAILED TO KILL ME WHEN HE HAD HIS CHANCE.

IF HE HAD, PERHAPS THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN... DIFFERENT FOR ALL OF US.

BUT DESTINY HAD PLANS FOR ME.

AND I PRAYED AND I PRAYED UNTIL HE CAME... THE OLD MAN, THE DRAGON...

HE CAME WITH WINGS OF BLACK SKIN LIKE A BAT AND ANOINTED ME HIS MESSIAH.

SO I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE.

KNEEL.

JOIN ME AS MY SOLDIER.





HAH GHH!

**...IN
RETURN
FOR MY
SOUL!**

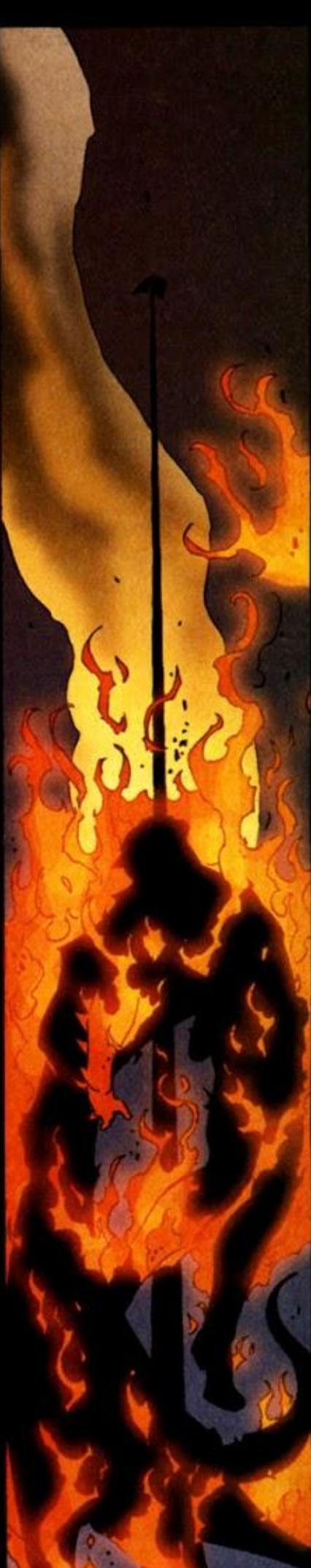
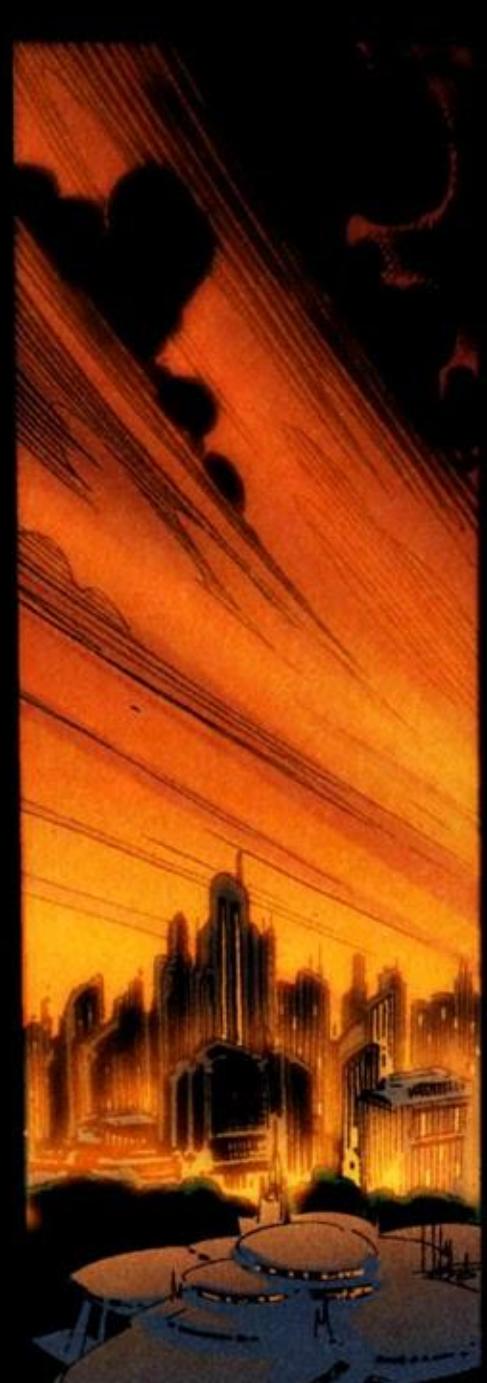
**TELL YOUR
BIG, BAD DADDY
TO BRING IT ON,
ANYTIME.**

**IF HE
WANTS WHAT I
OWE HIM...**

**THIS CAN'T
HAPPEN.**

**...BATMAN'S
WAITING.**

**I PROMISED
MY FATHER
I WOULDN'T
KILL.**



LOOKS LIKE I
LET HIM DOWN
AGAIN.

YOU'RE
ALL FREE.

GO AND
MAKE THE WORLD A
BETTER PLACE OR
I'LL HUNT YOU DOWN
ONE BY ONE.



STAND
AWAY FROM
THOSE PEOPLE,
YOU GODDAMN
MANIAC!



OW.



YOU SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN THAT, COMMISSIONER.

WHAT ARE YOU?

THE BEST FRIEND YOU'VE GOT.

THE APOCALYPSE IS CANCELLED.

UNTIL I SAY SO.

NEXT: CLUB OF HEROES!



This doesn't feel quite right. It ain't natural to me. I usually operate behind the scenes and away from the glare of the spotlight. Y'see, my name is Fletcher Chu-Fong, and I'm DC's official Con Man.

It's not what you think. I wasn't hired to swindle anybody out of any money or property, and I have never spent any time in prison...that you know of. No, I'm DC's CONvention MANager. Get it?

Yup, it ain't easy being me. I'm usually everywhere that DC has a convention presence. With the assistance of my right-

hand man, Rex Ogle, I handle all aspects of the DC convention & trade show experience. From initial planning to staging and execution, we do it all. Programming, talent relations, freebies determination, booth design, graphics, signings, shipping, setting up and dismantling—all that and more starts with us.

Many of you will have seen me at various cons such as New York Comic Con, WonderCon, Wizard World shows, usually darting from one section of the booth to another, barking orders, directing traffic, maybe diverting a crisis or two and taking time to address your questions or concerns. Yeah, that's me with the Bluetooth in one ear and sometimes a

walkie-talkie headset in the other. It's become normal for me to hear voices in my head over the years!

Here we are, at the height of the convention season with the monster of all conventions bearing down on us, the San Diego Comic-Con. It is my job as DC's Con Man to help you make the most of your DC Convention experience and that's no con, man! (I crack me up!) Now that I am exposed (thanks, Dan), I may as well tell you some of the great panels you can expect while attending the aforementioned San Diego Comic-Con. Please note that this is subject to change!:

THURSDAY, JULY 26					
10:30-11:30	DC Talent Search Orientation 1	Room 4	10:30-12:00	Warner Bros. Theatrical (WB Panel)	Hall H
12:15-1:15	Countdown...to the End?	Room 6B	11:30-12:30	Spotlight on Paul Dini	Room 5AB
3:00-4:00	DC: Crossing Over	Room 5AB	12:30-1:30	Vertigo: I Am Legend	Room 5AB
4:00-5:00	Spotlight on Christos N. Gage	Room 4	3:30-4:30	WOW! It's World of Warcraft!	Room 4
5:00-6:00	Spotlight on Brian Wood	Room 1AB	4:15-5:45	WB Animation: The Batman / Legion of Super-Heroes (WB panel)	Room 6B
6:00-7:00	Group Therapy: Leagues, Legions, Societies & Teens!	Room 6A	4:30-5:30	Vertigo: Looking Over the Edge	Room 5AB
8:30-10:30	Superman/Doomsday DVD (Premiere)	Ballroom 20	6:00-7:00	DC Nation	Room 6A
FRIDAY, JULY 27					
10:30-11:30	DC Talent Search Orientation 2	Room 4	10:30-11:30	DC Talent Search Orientation 3	Room 4
			12:00-1:00	Mind: Evocative & Fearless	Room 8
			1:30-2:45	DCU: New Worlds Order	Room 6B
SATURDAY, JULY 28					
SUNDAY, JULY 29					

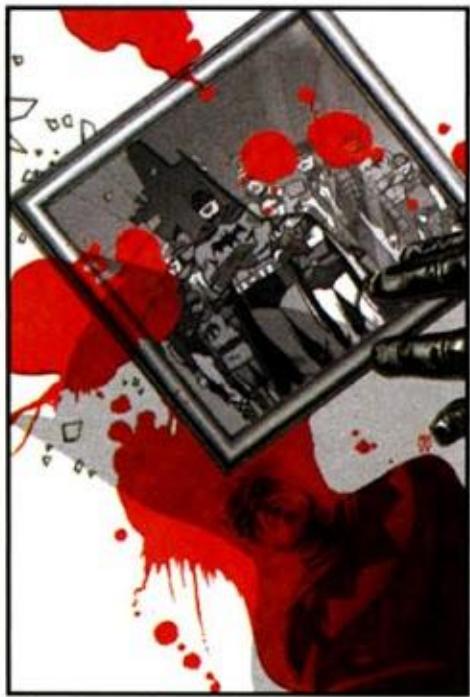
Hope to see you soon. Enjoy the show!
-Fletch.

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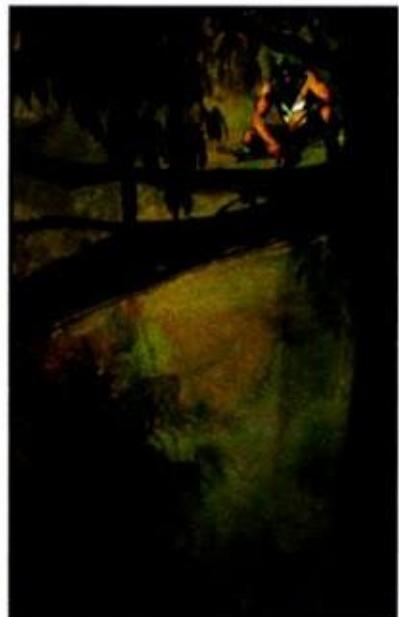


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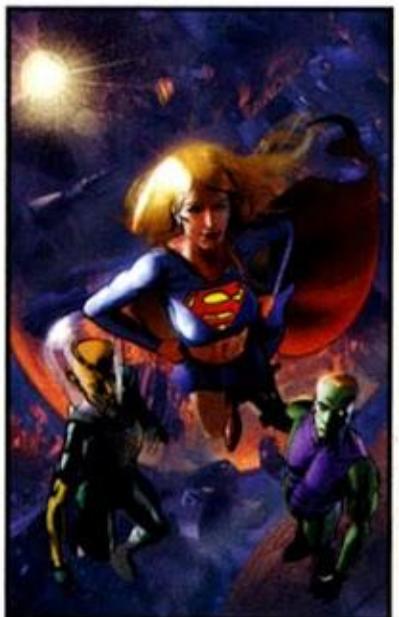
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