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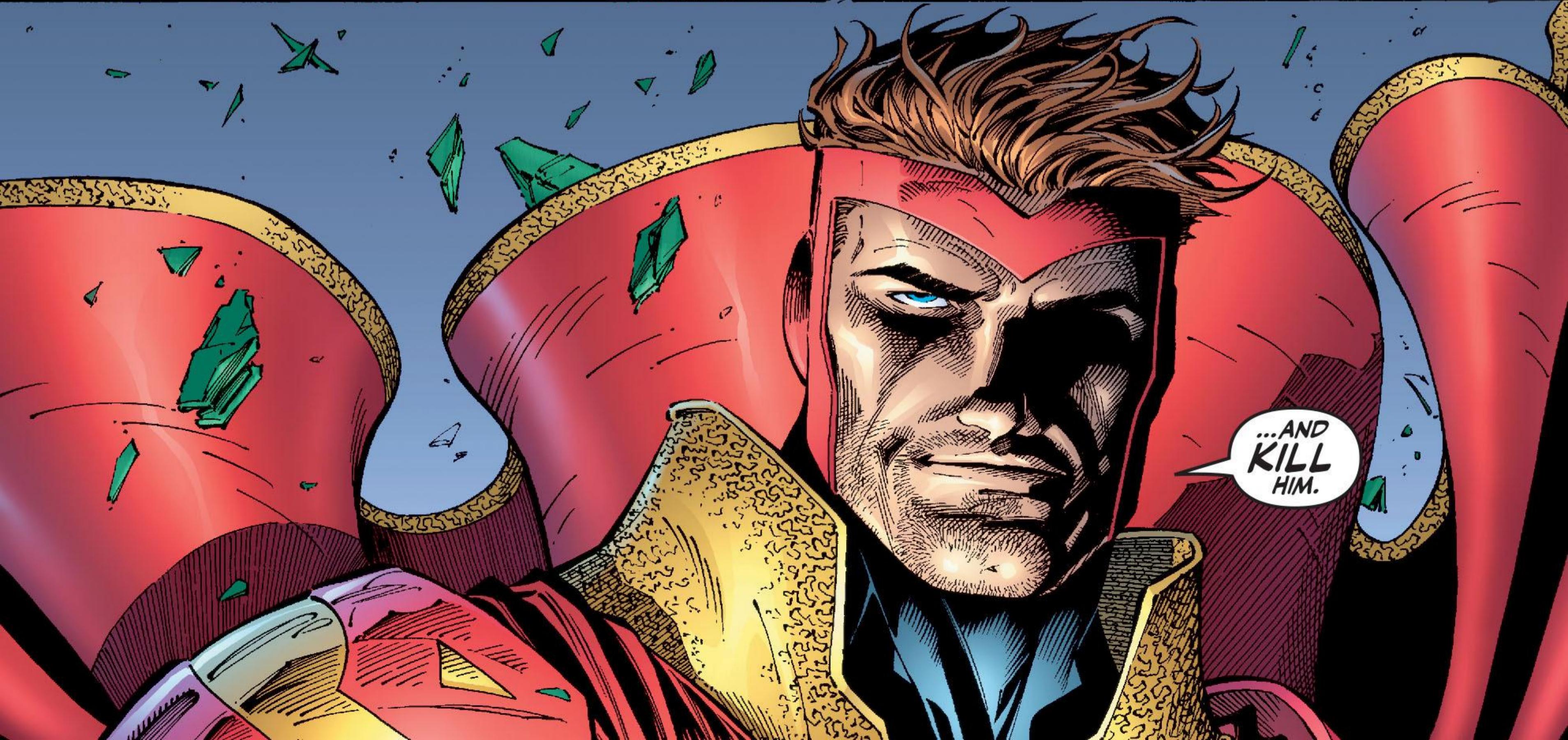
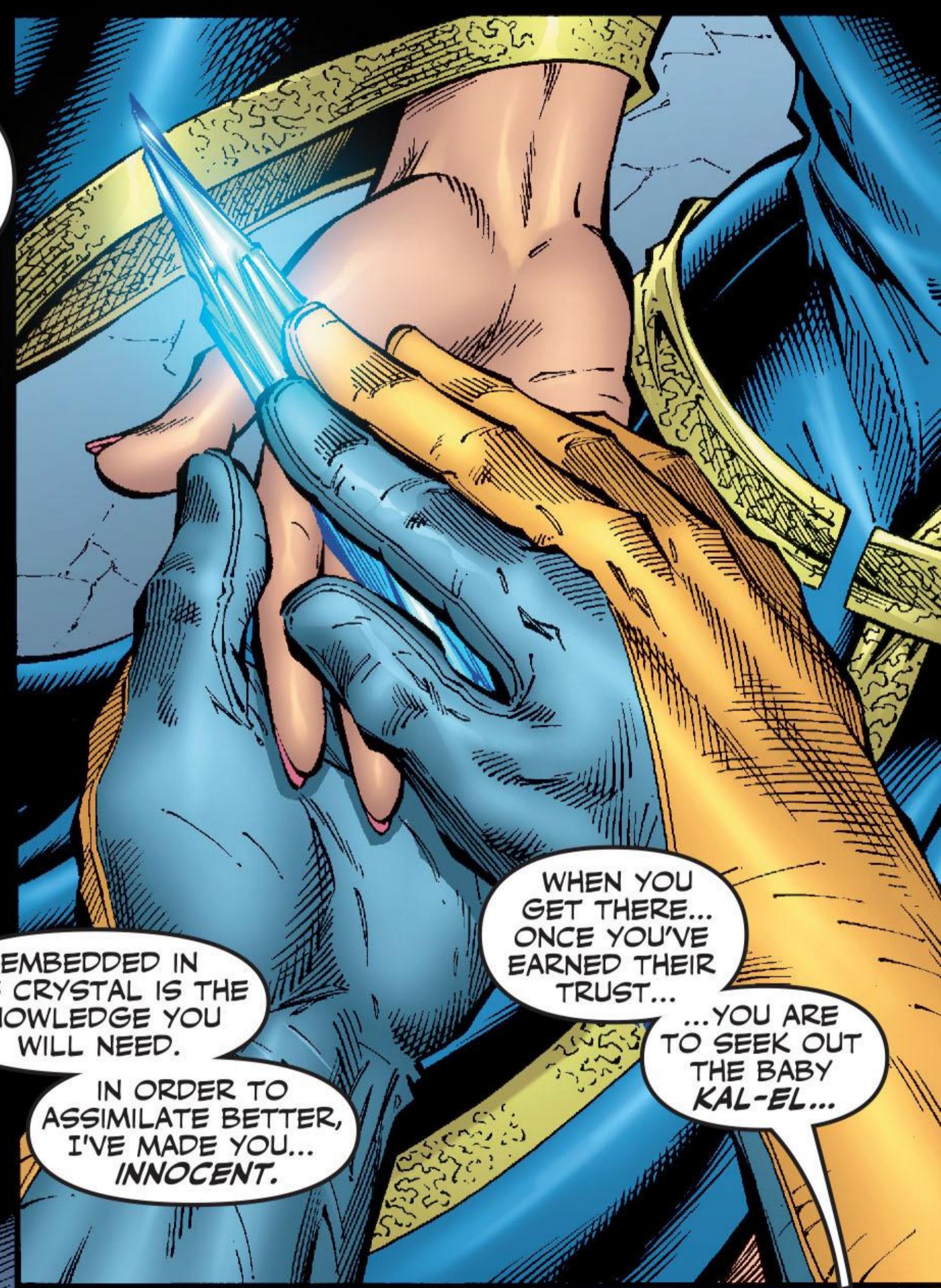
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The **SUPERGIRL POWER** *of* **STEEL**

CHAPTER FIVE: SUPERGIRLS

My Uncle Jor-El thought
that Kal-El should be
the last son of Krypton.

My Father Zor-El
didn't share that
same philosophy.

Ever since they were children,
Jor-El went out of his way to
diminish Zor-El's accomplishments,
even though Jor-El was the
younger of the two.

They were, in Earth terms,
Krypton's Cain and Abel.
And while our "Cain" never
slew "Abel..."

...he'd be damned before
he let Jor-El's son be
Krypton's heritage--

LOVE TO,
DADDY.

--When Zor-El's daughter
was much more suited
for the task.

That would be me.

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As they say, even on Krypton,
the best laid plans...

...although I prefer the Earth colloquism,
"No good deed goes unpunished."

Typically, Jor-El's projections
for Krypton's destruction left time
for only Kal-El's rocket
to leave the galaxy.

I should have died that very day...

...but my will was too strong.
It always has been.

The crystal had done its job.
I arrived as the naïve teenager.

My true personality
submerged as planned.

Everyone came to trust me.
Now I was Supergirl.

Only...the baby Kal-El
had grown up.

And I would need to
bide my time, gain
my strength to fulfill
my father's destiny.

There was a brief moment
when I reemerged thanks to
Darkseid's wizardry.

I know it's been haunting you.

Did Darkseid make
a good girl turn bad?

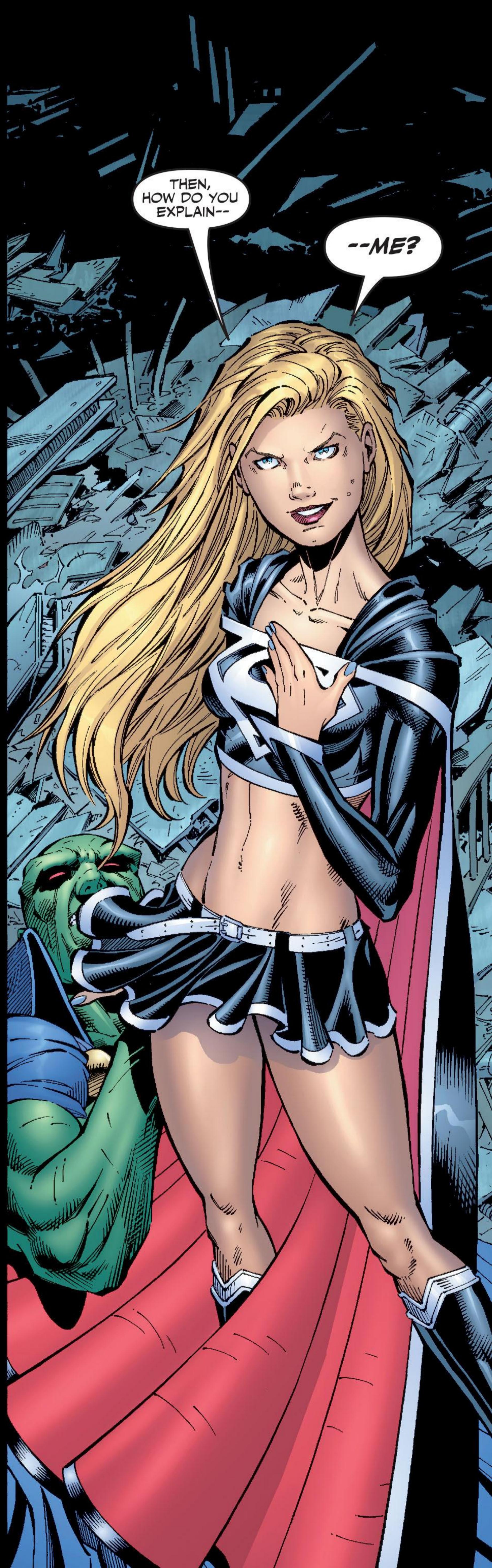
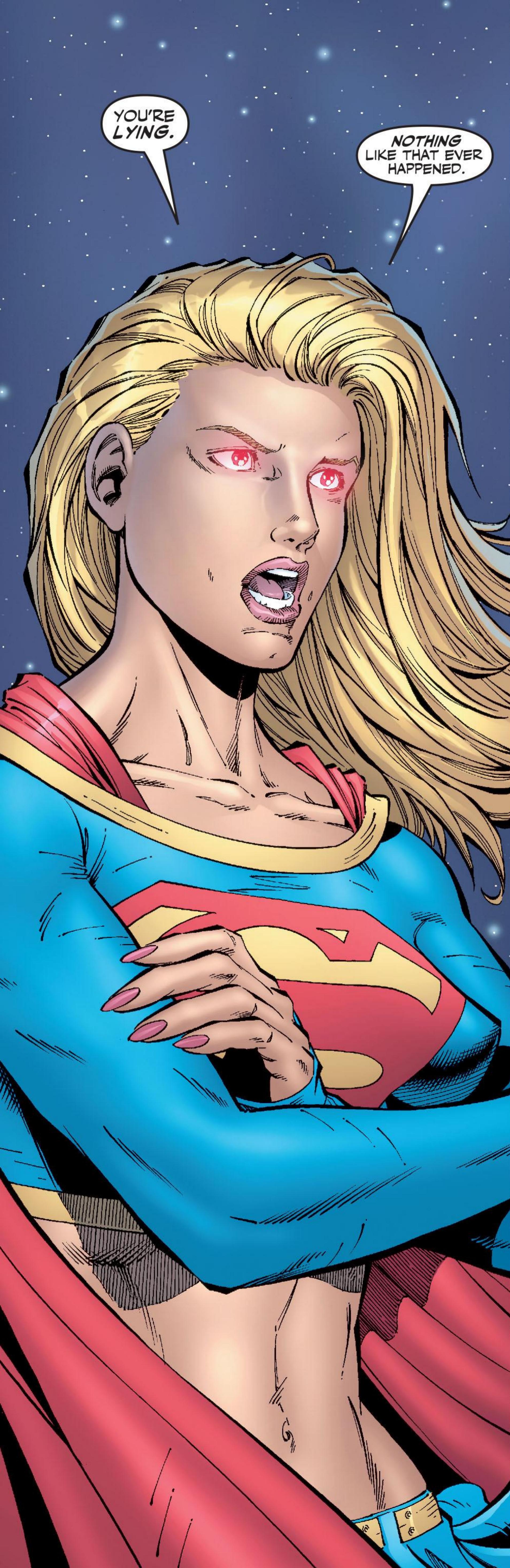
But the crystal
had done its job
too well. And the
innocent
became
dominant again.

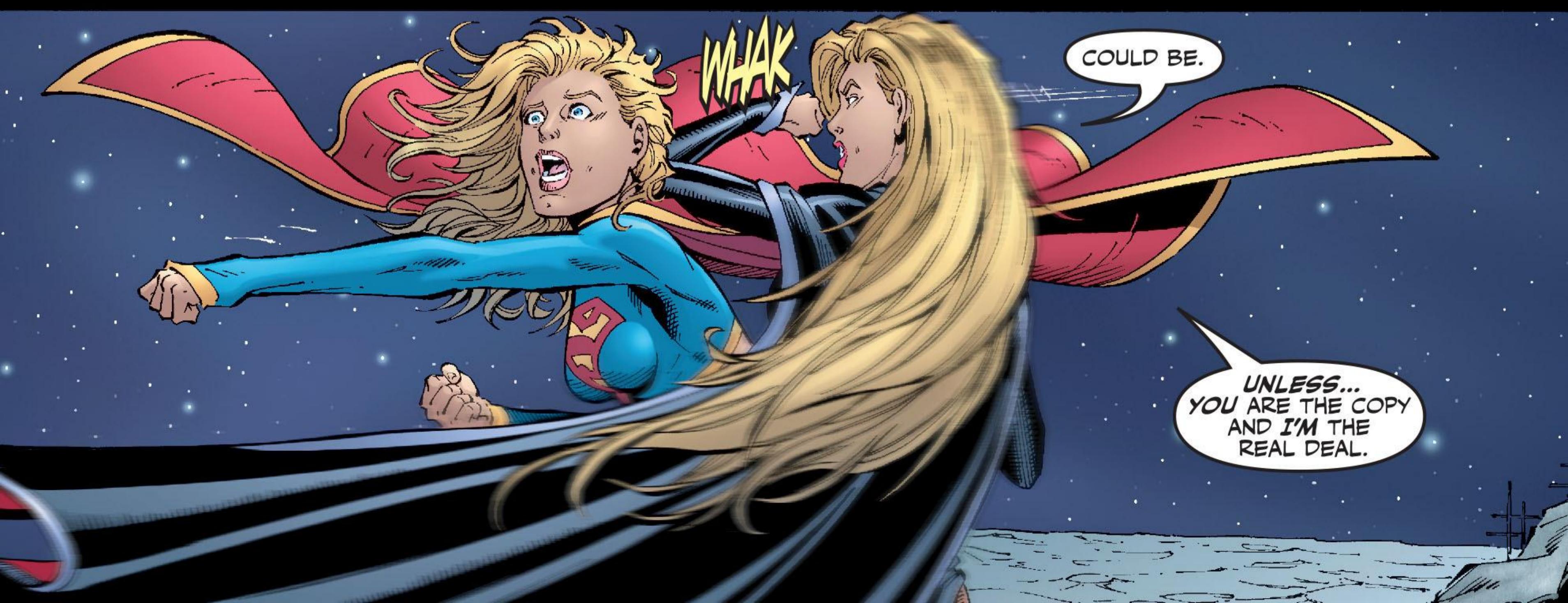
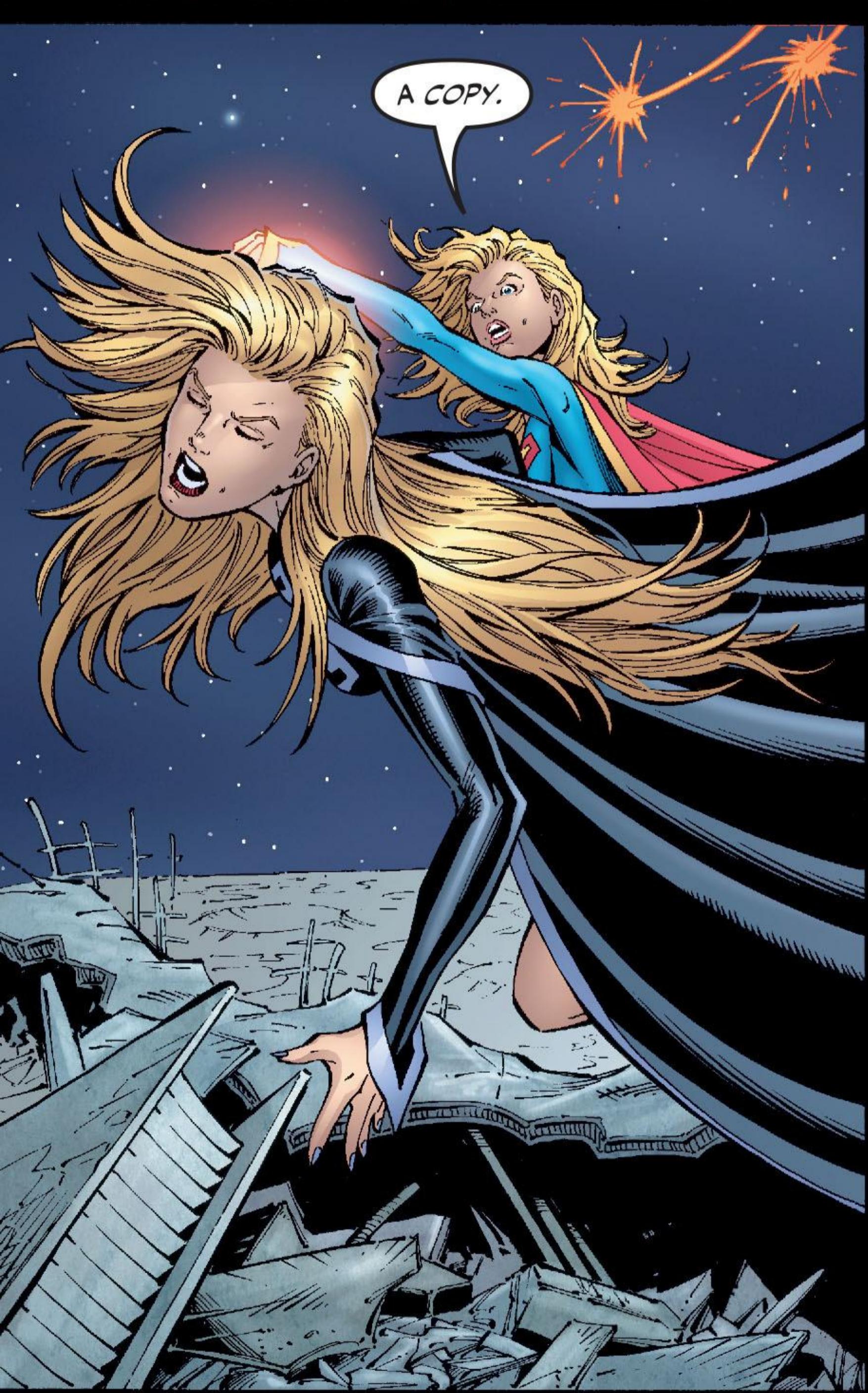
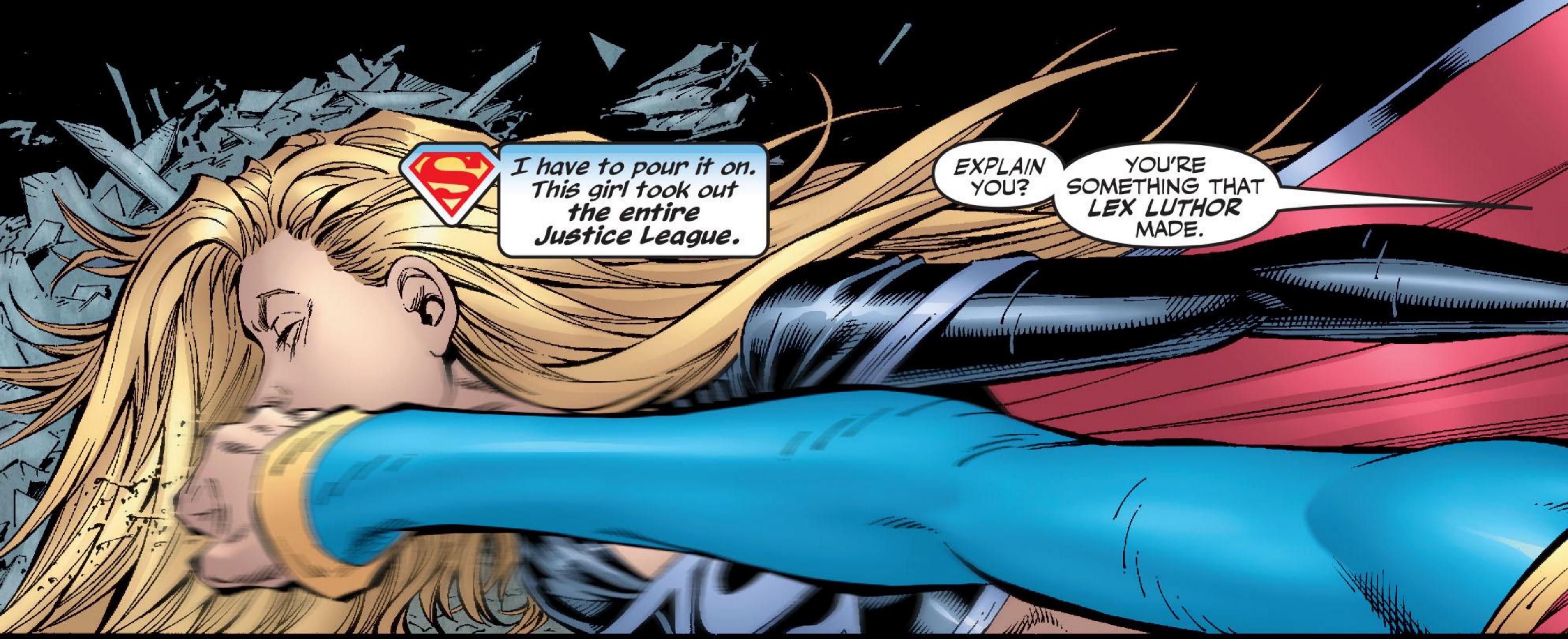
Yet Darkseid
knew what he'd
unleashed.

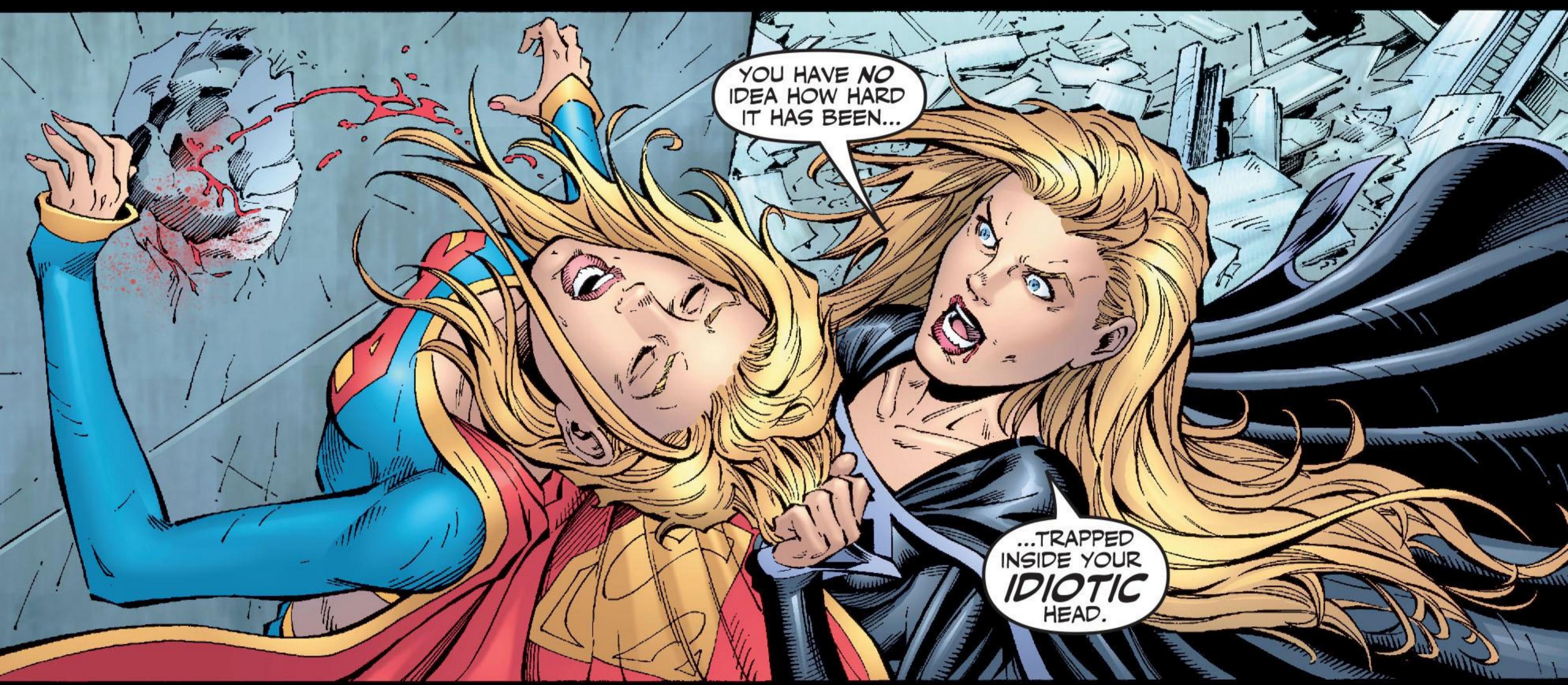
It was his brilliance
that suggested to Lex Luthor
the power of Black Kryptonite.


Or did he reveal the real you?

Well... now you know the truth!



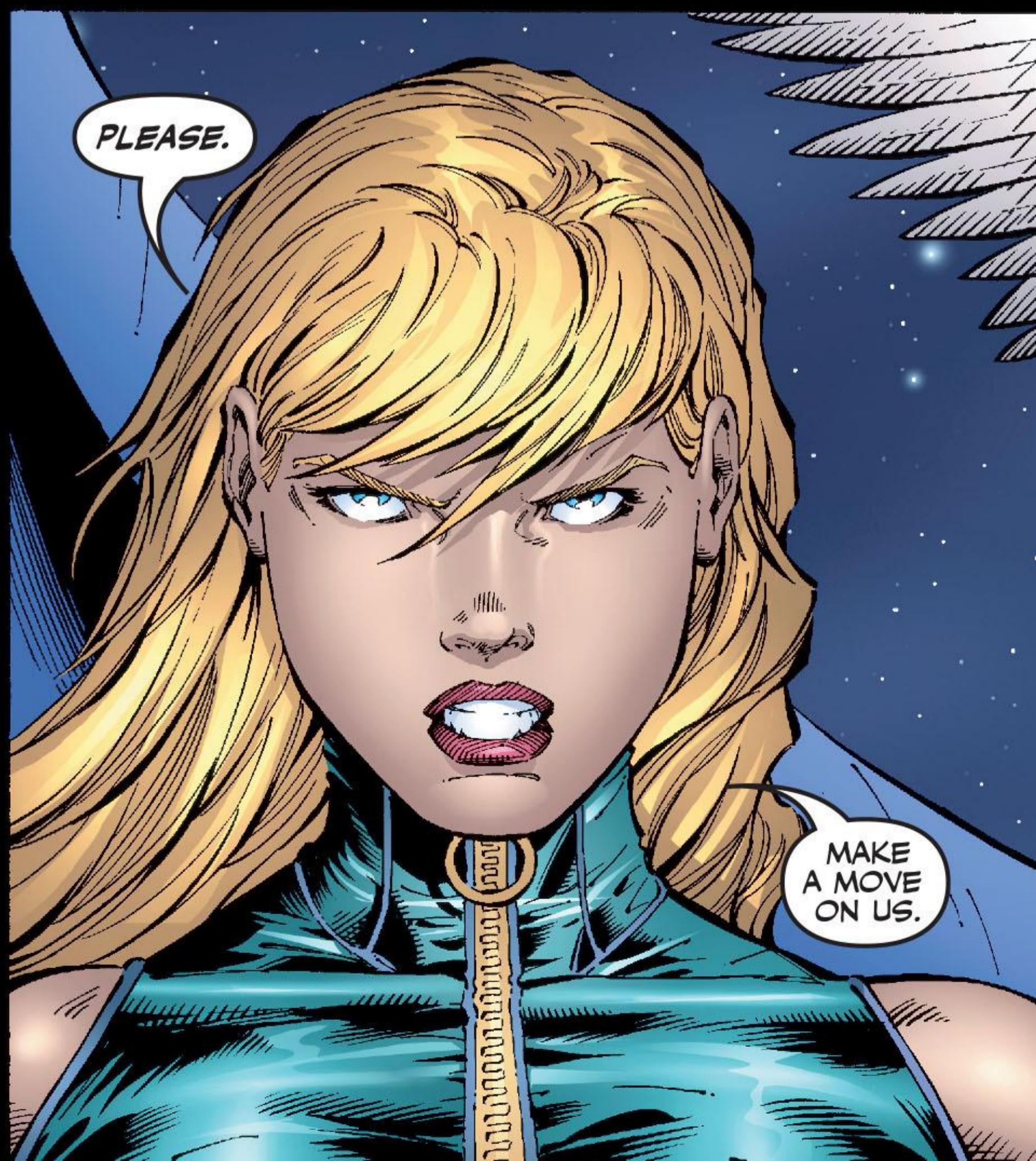


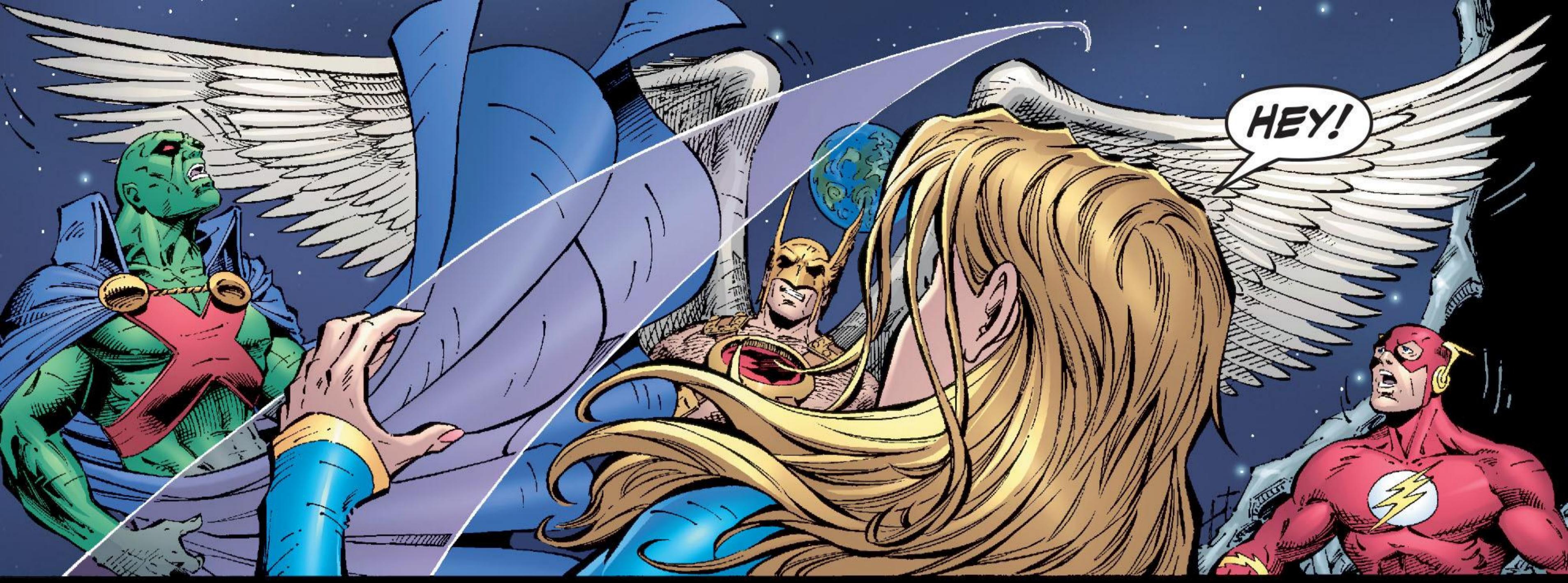




YOU'RE
NOTHING
LIKE ME!

YOU
GOT THAT
RIGHT--!





The J.S.A.
The Titans.
The Outsiders.

Every confrontation I had with them--
often irrational--starts to make sense.

Having a twisted
Kryptonian doppelganger
inside me...

...THAT was the darkness
they all talked about with me.

And even though the J.L.A. looked
like they wanted to kill us both--

--for the first time
it didn't feel directed at me.

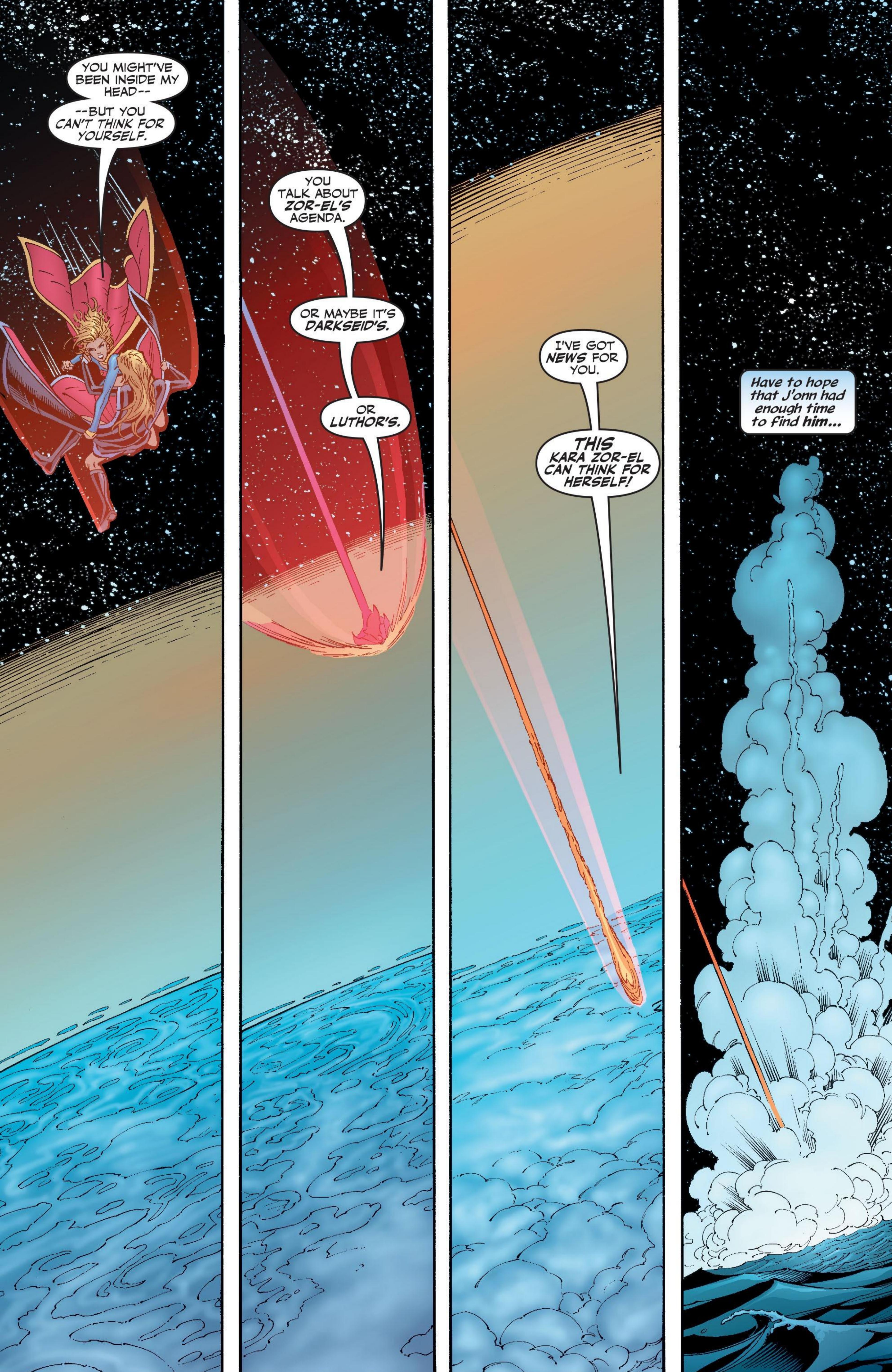
HEY...
LOSER
GIRL.

YOU
DIDN'T
ACTUALLY
THINK I RAN
AWAY?

GNNNNNHH

I MEAN,
SNORTE,
JUST.. HOW
NAIVE
ARE YOU?

NOT
VERY.



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You can't just arrive in
Gotham City...

BATMAN

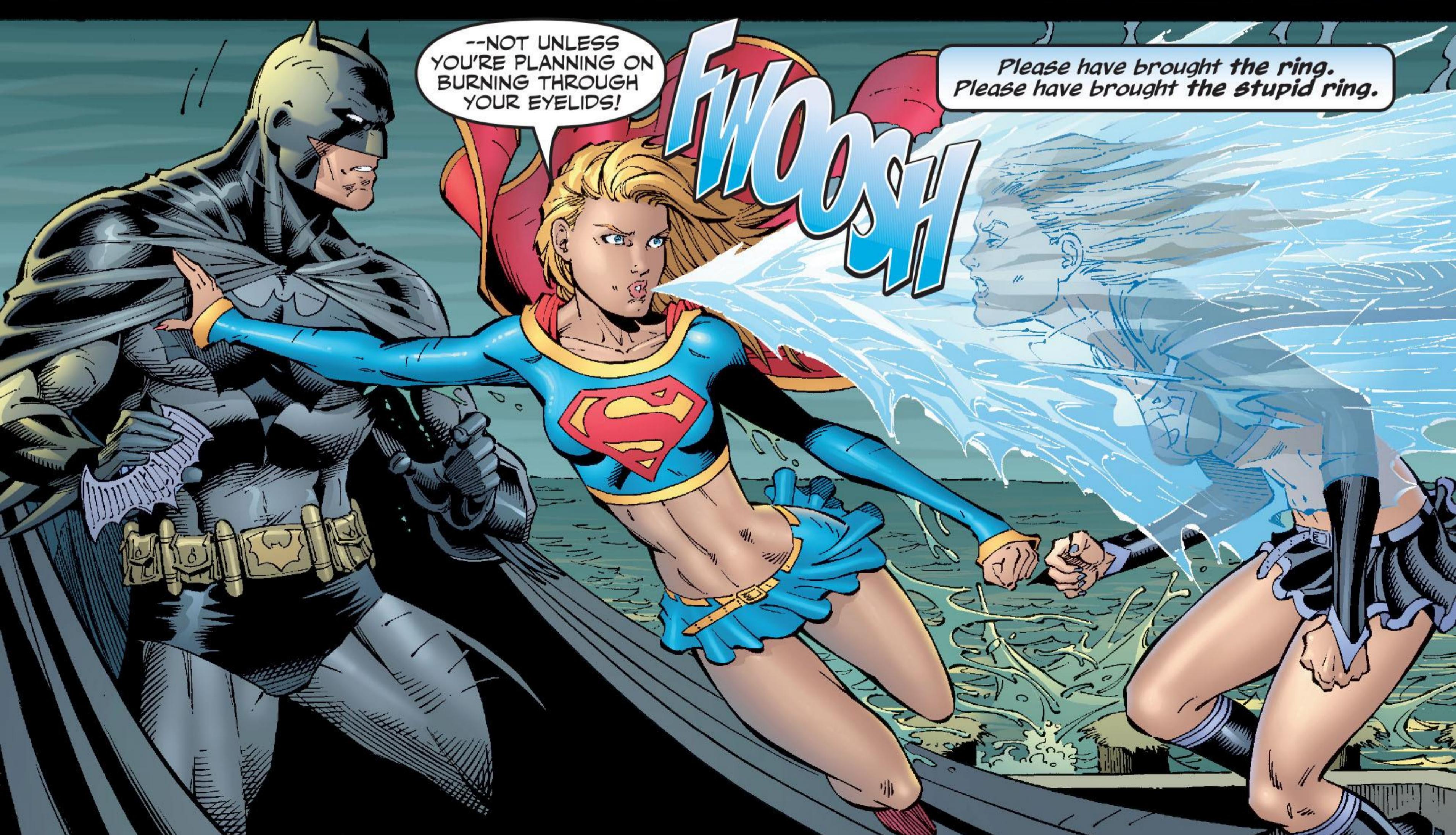
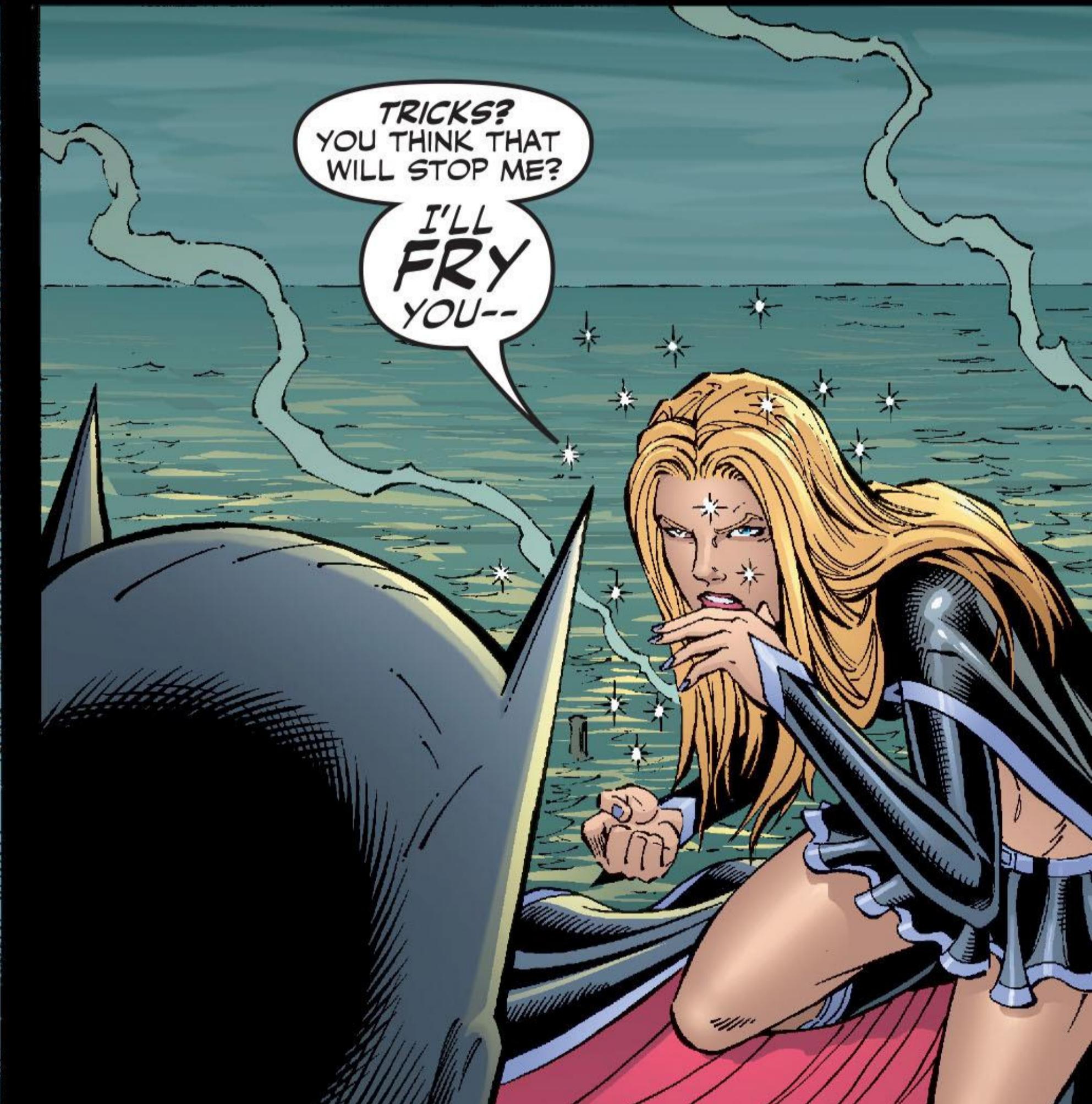
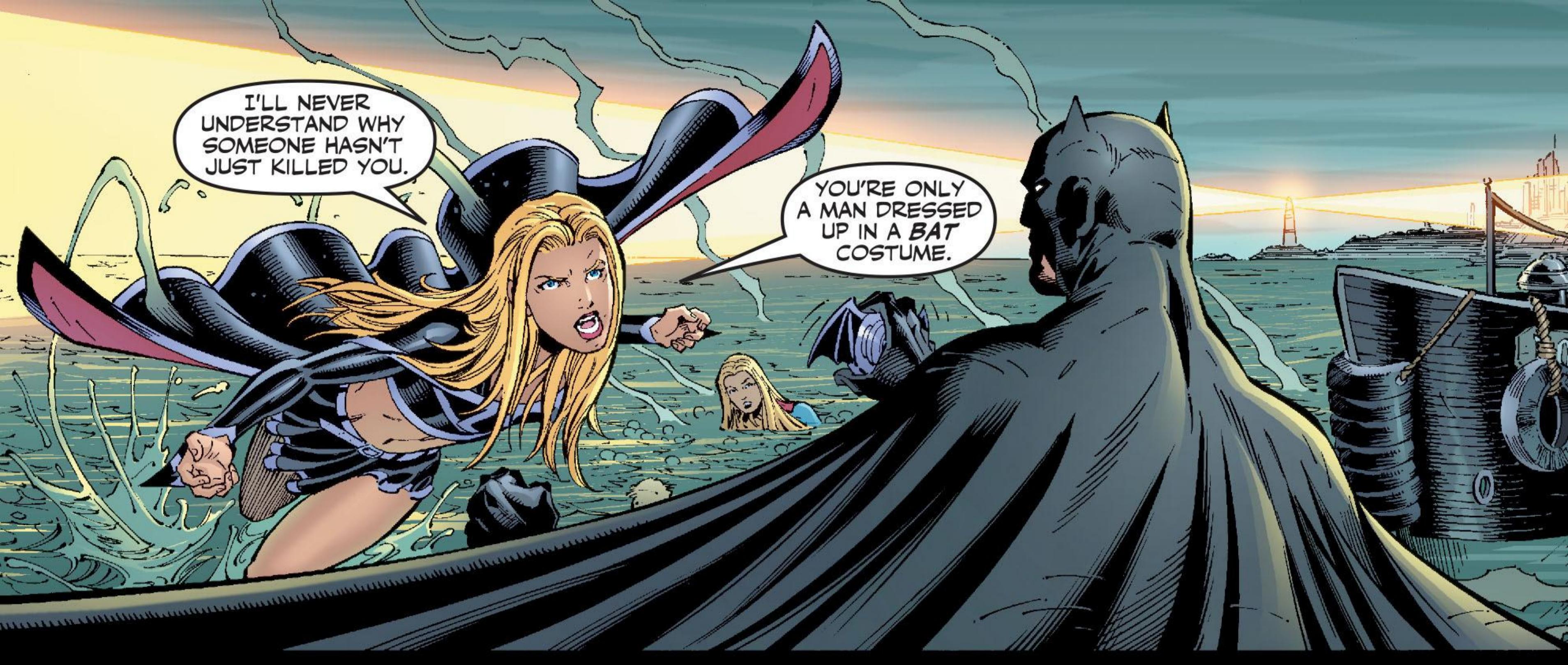
...and not tell...

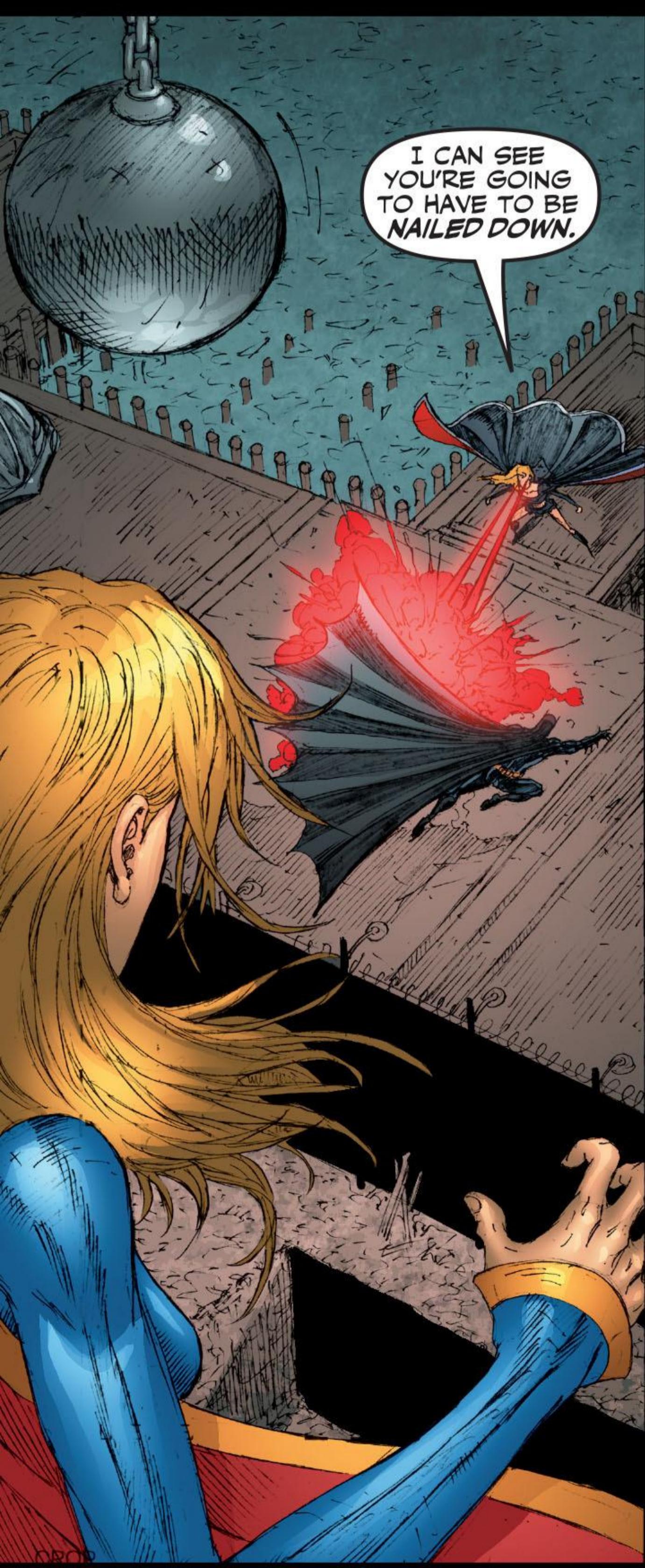
THEY WARNED
ME YOU WERE
COMING.

Couldn't say where
I was headed.

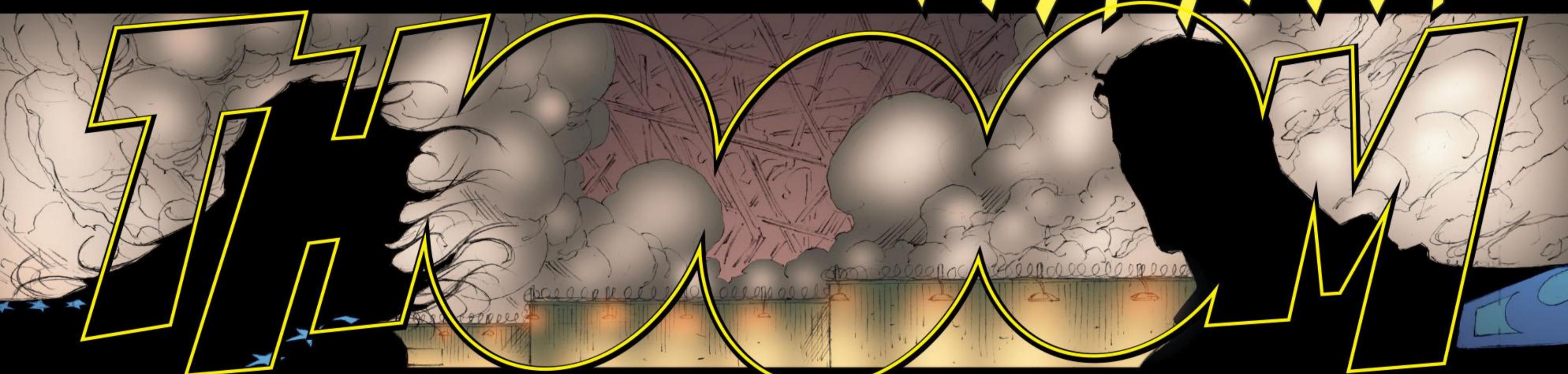
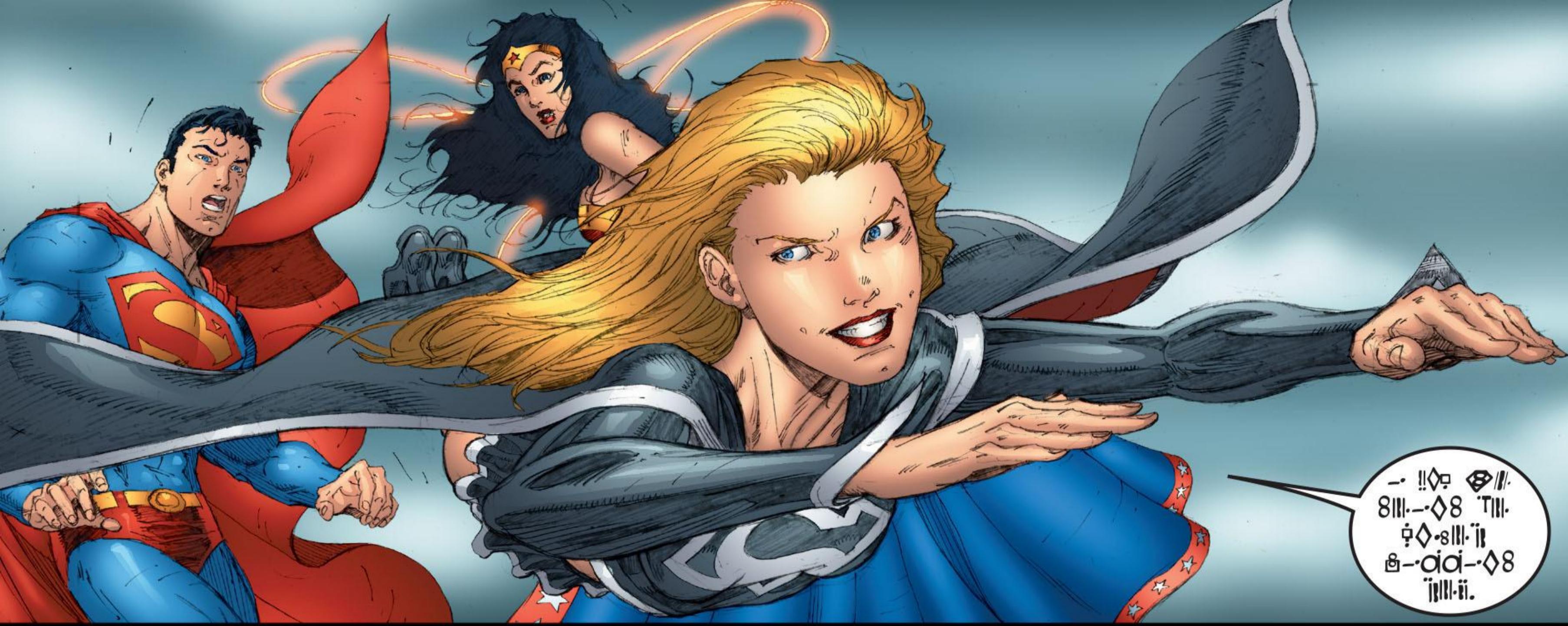
She was probably listening with her superhearing.
At least, that's what I would do.

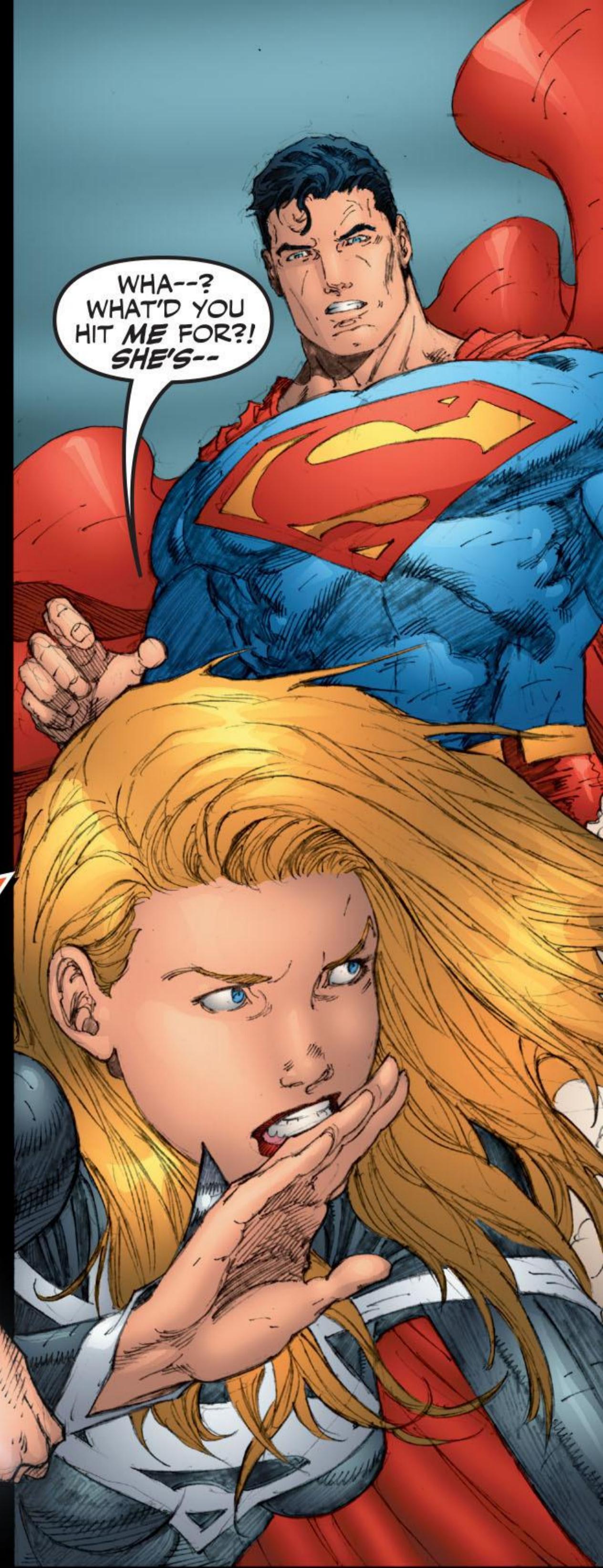
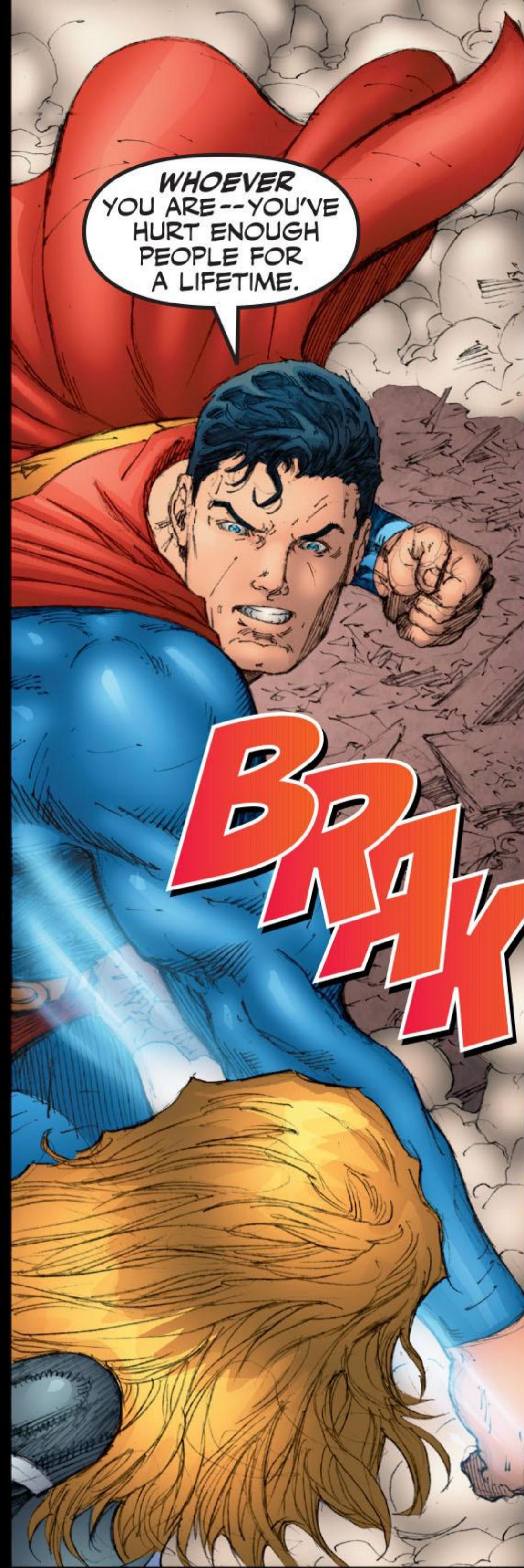
Had to take the chance that
J'onn would read my mind.
Telepaths are like that.

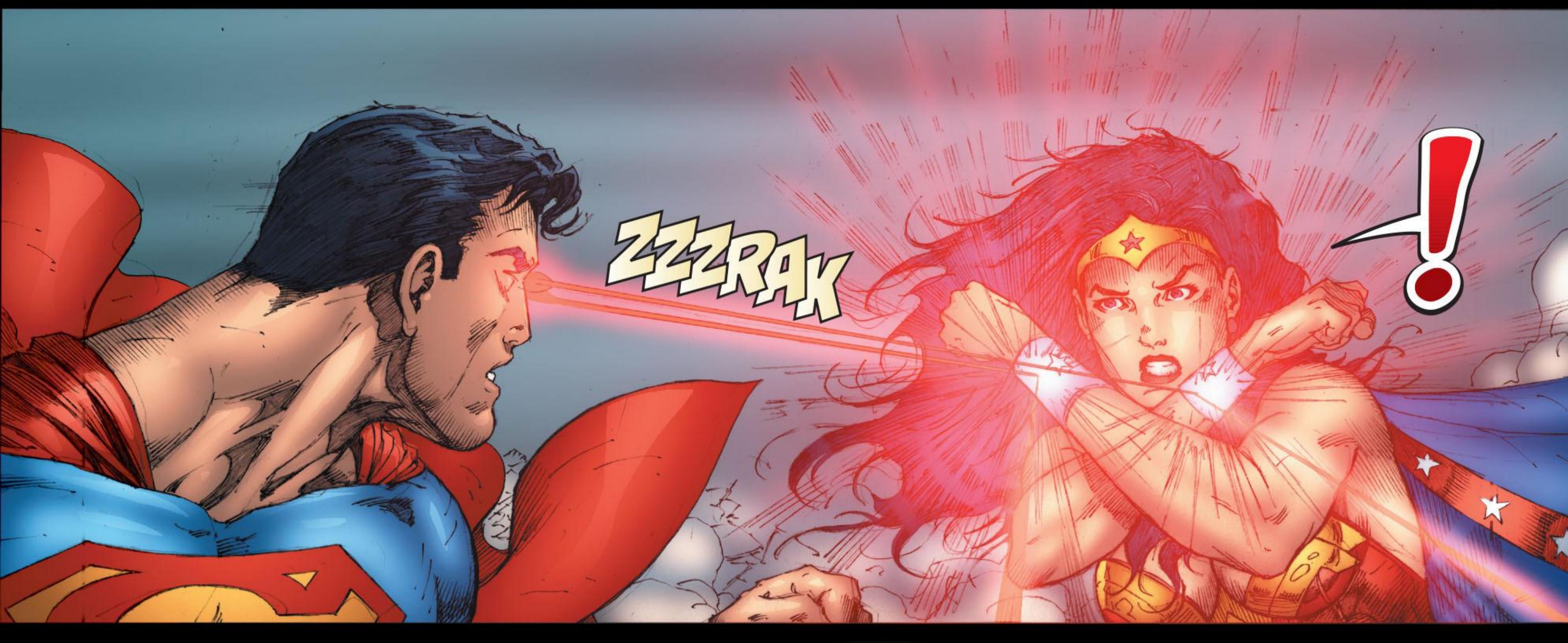


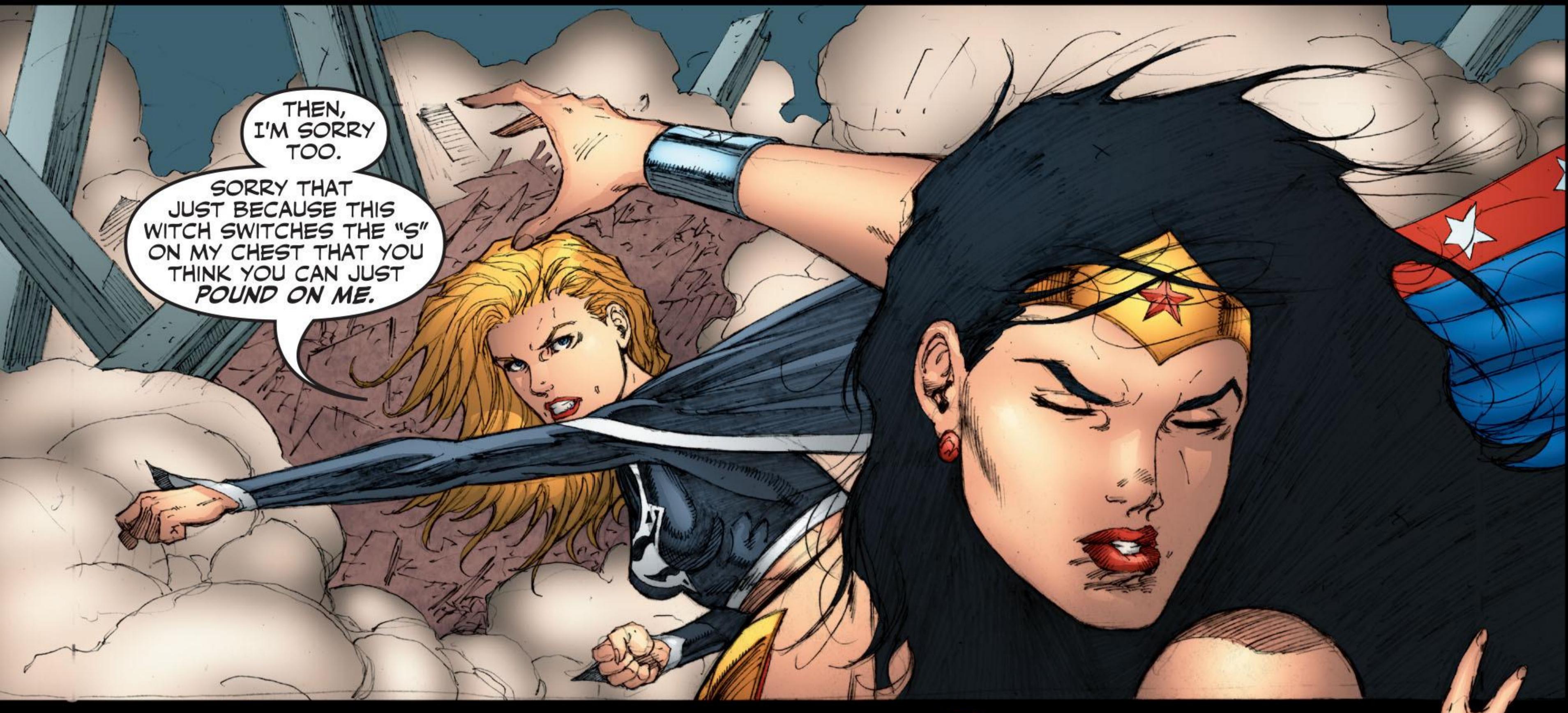


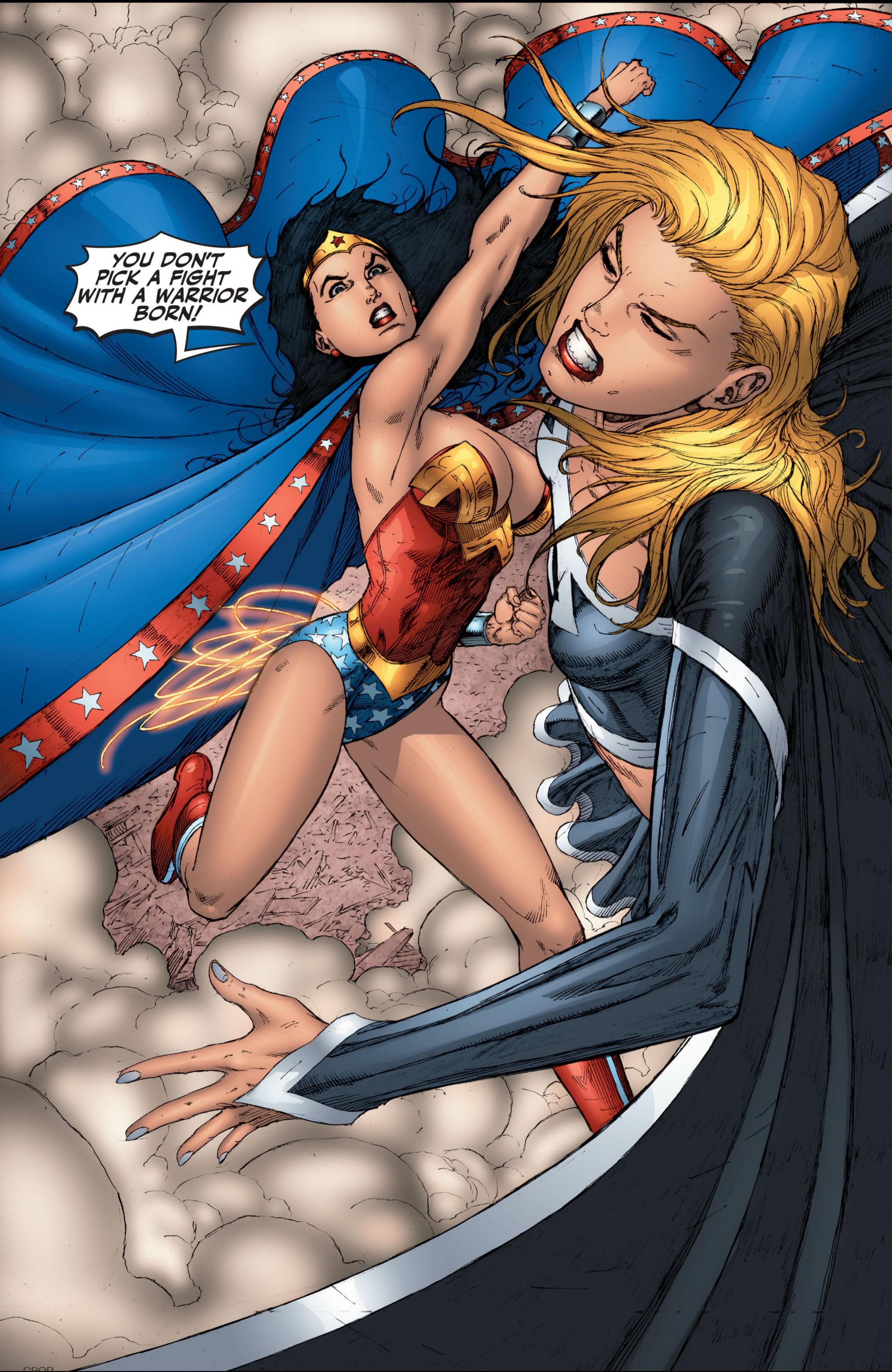




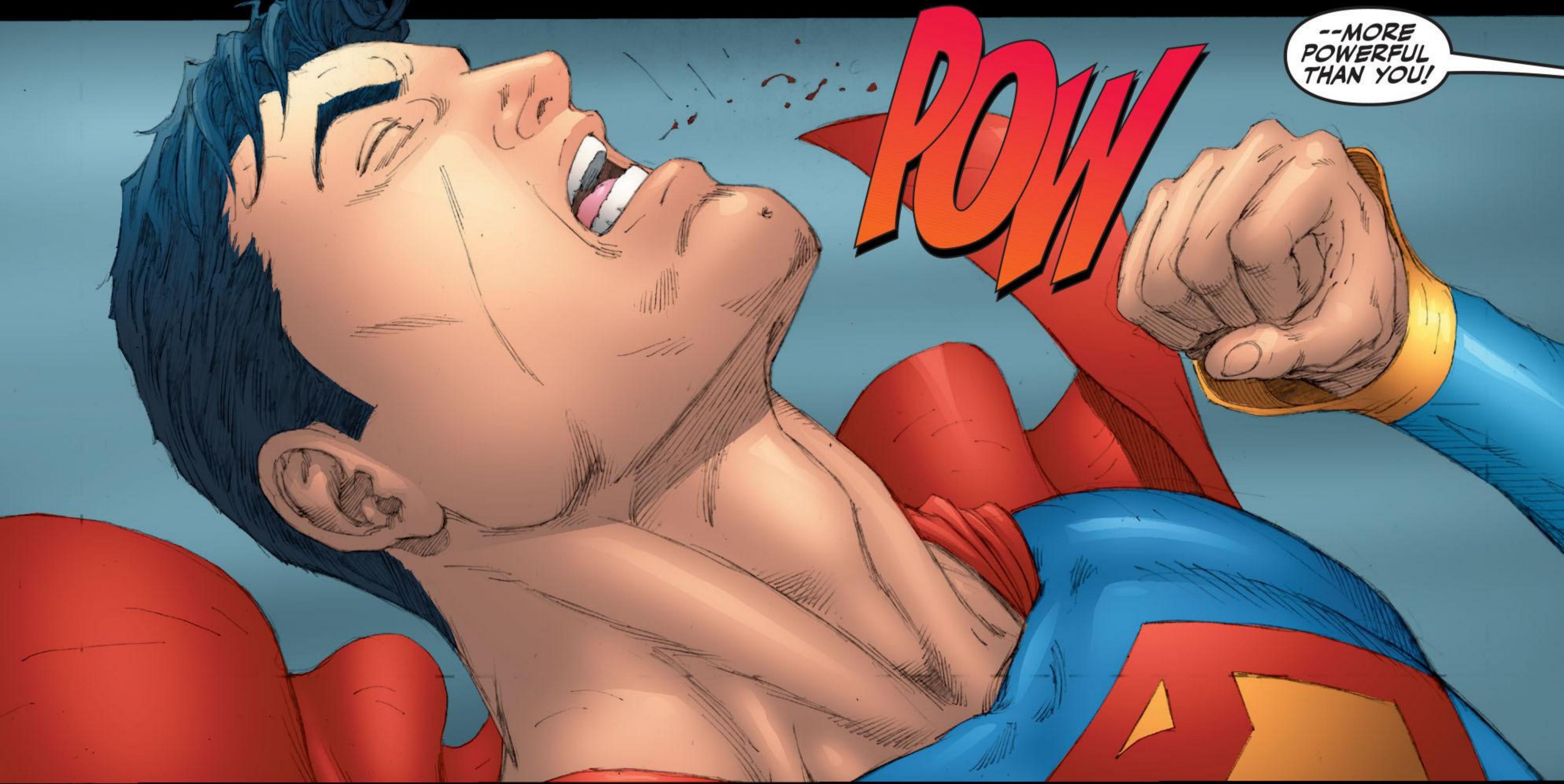
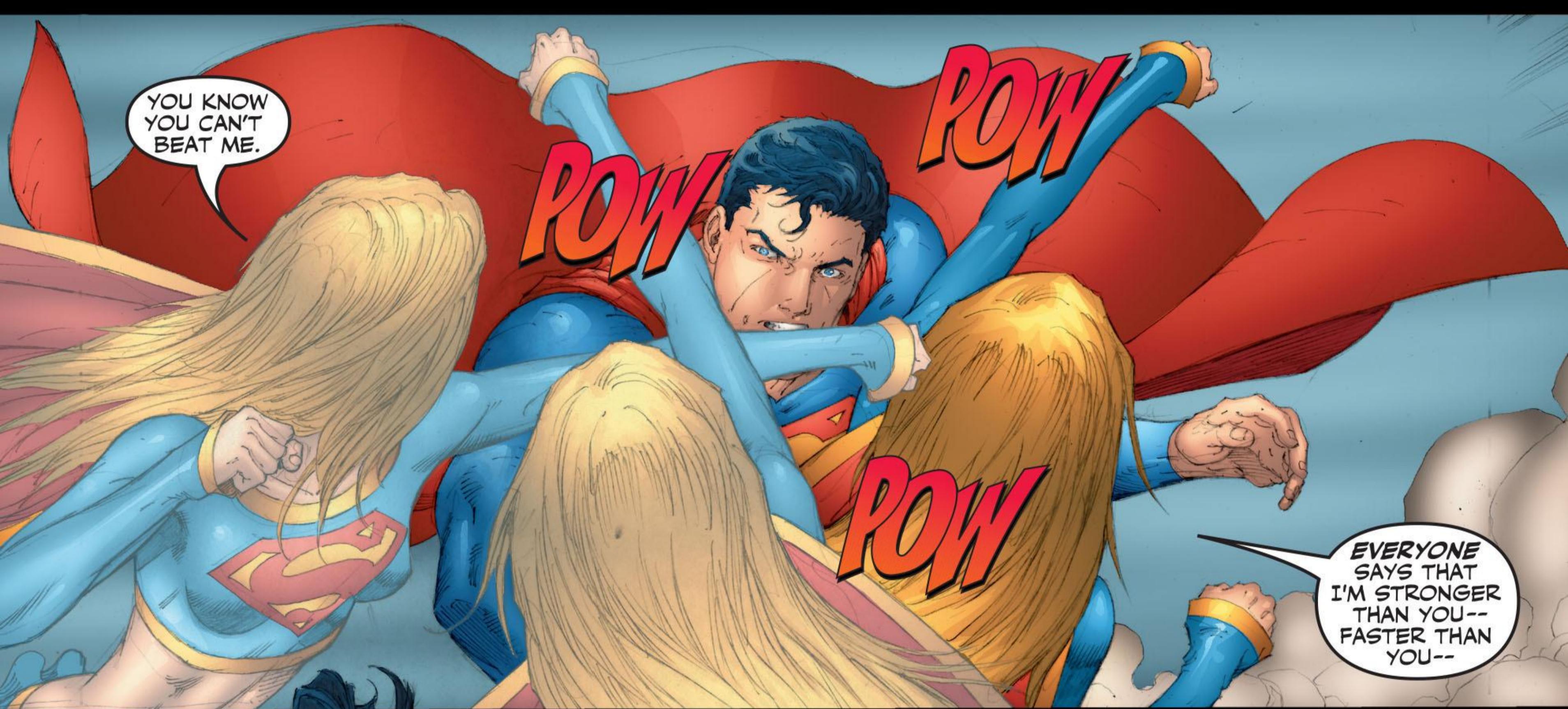








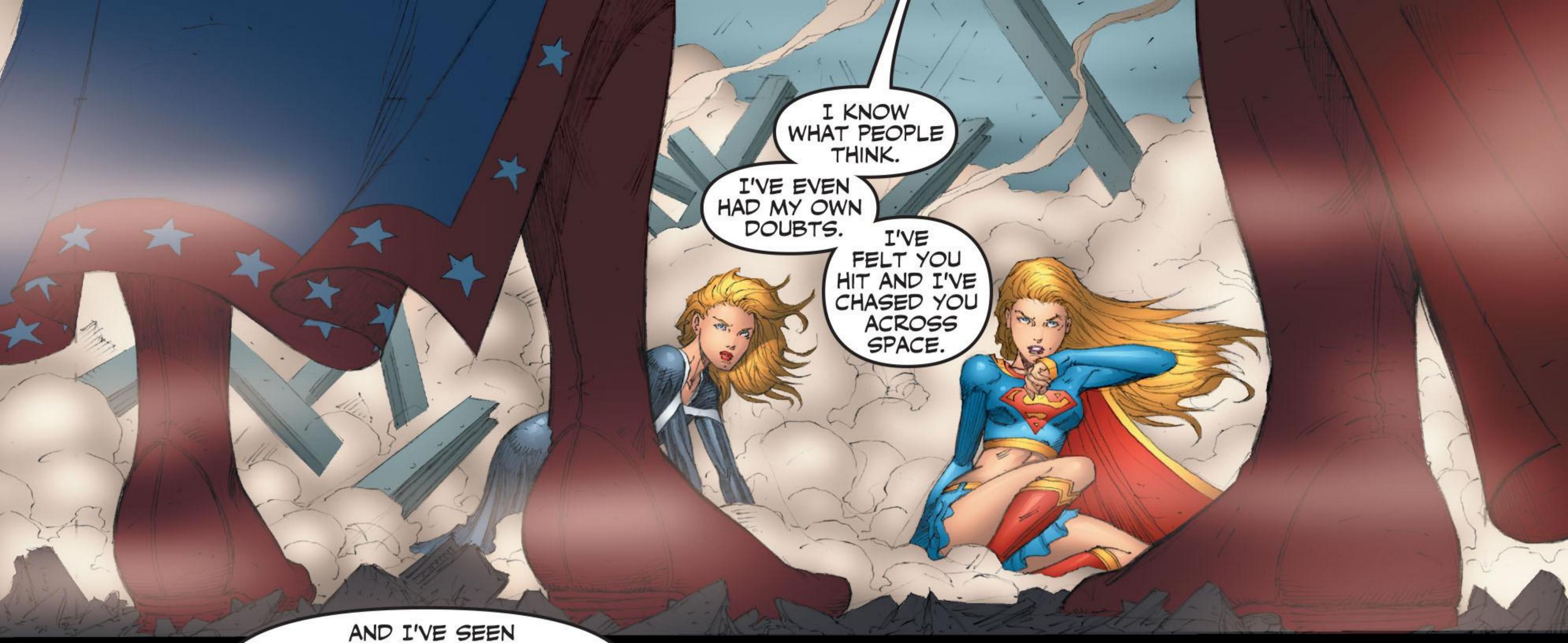
YOU DON'T
PICK A FIGHT
WITH A WARRIOR
BORN!

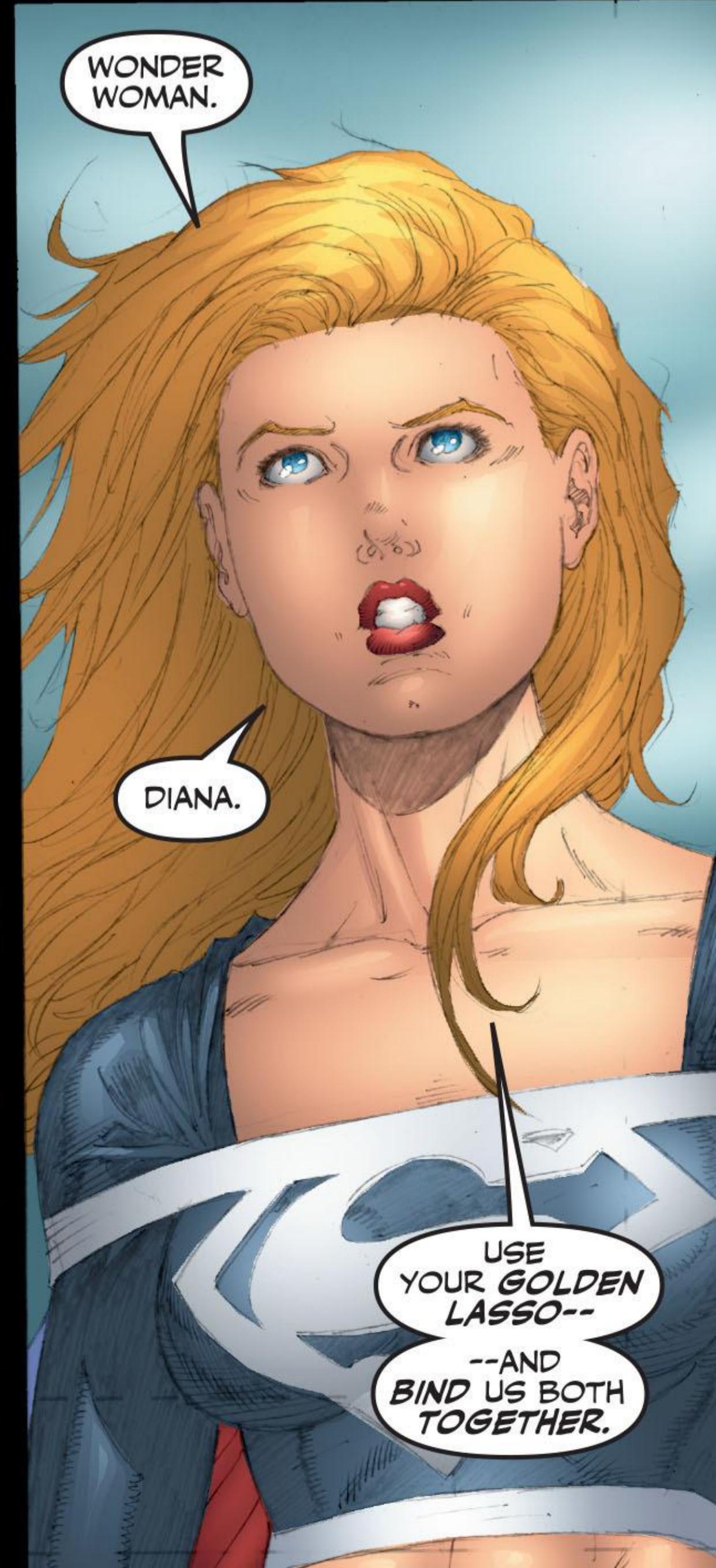
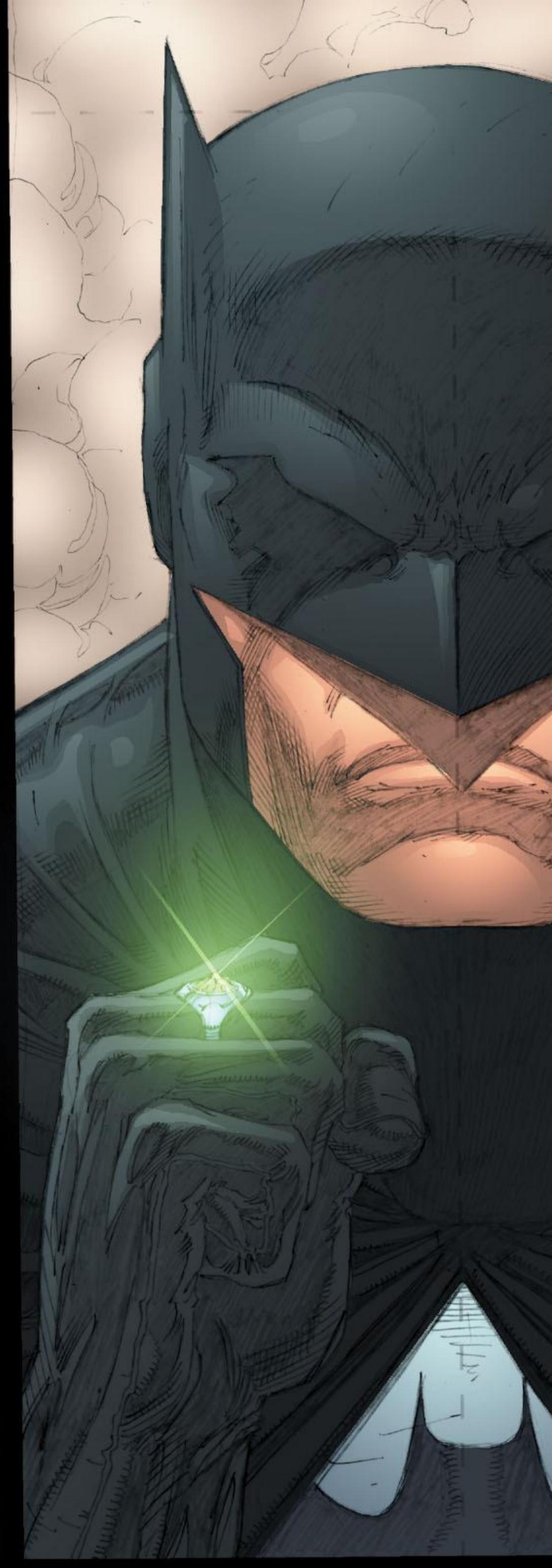
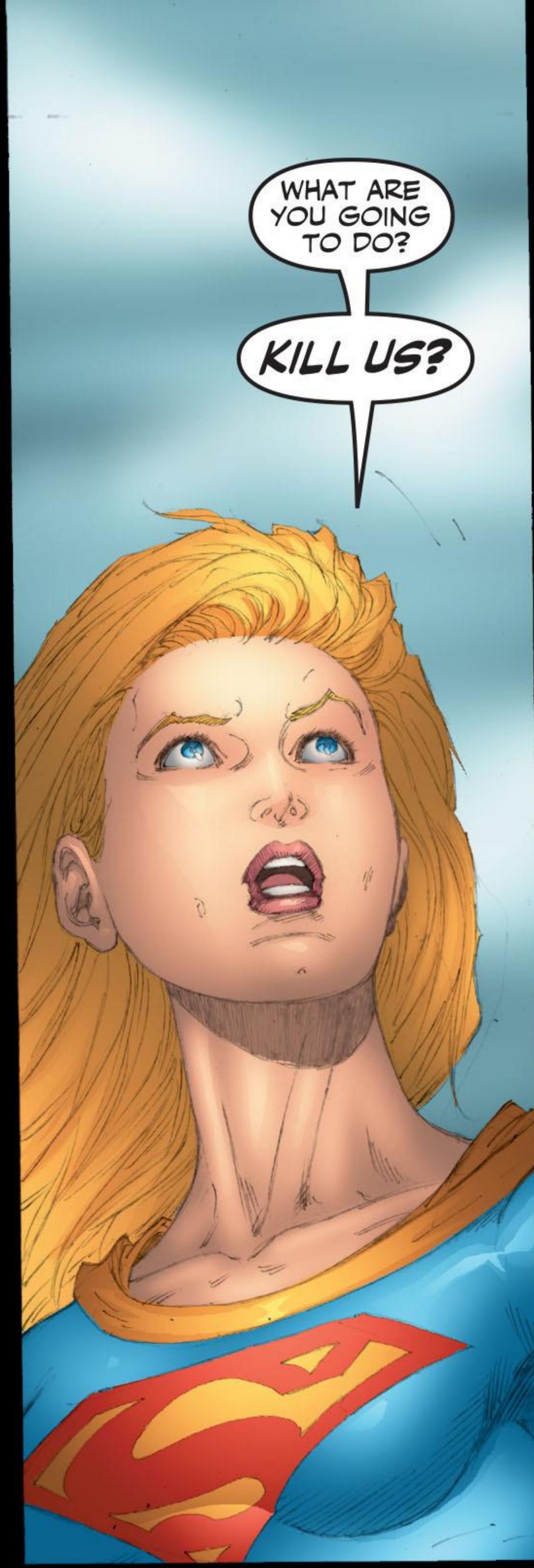


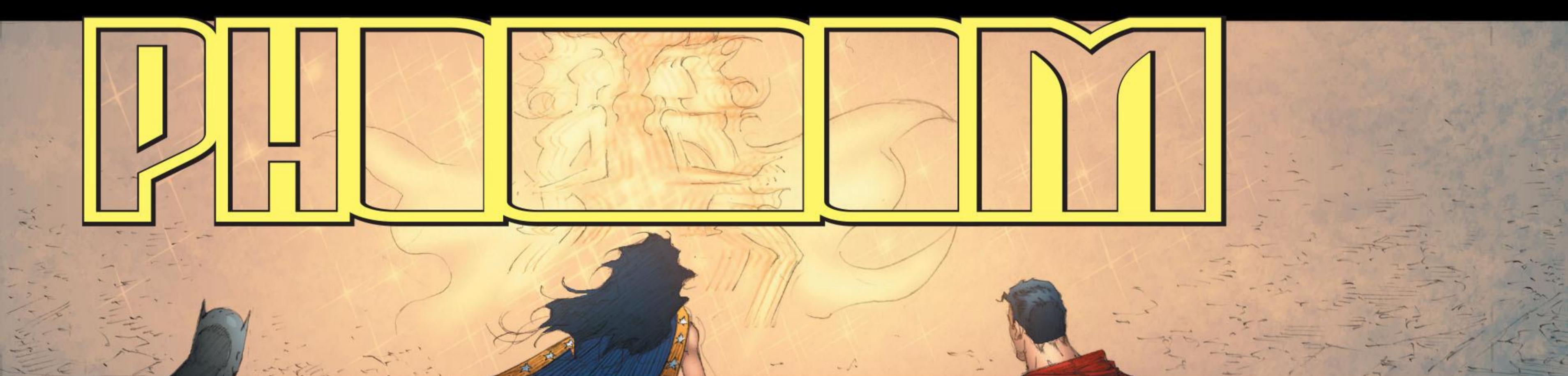
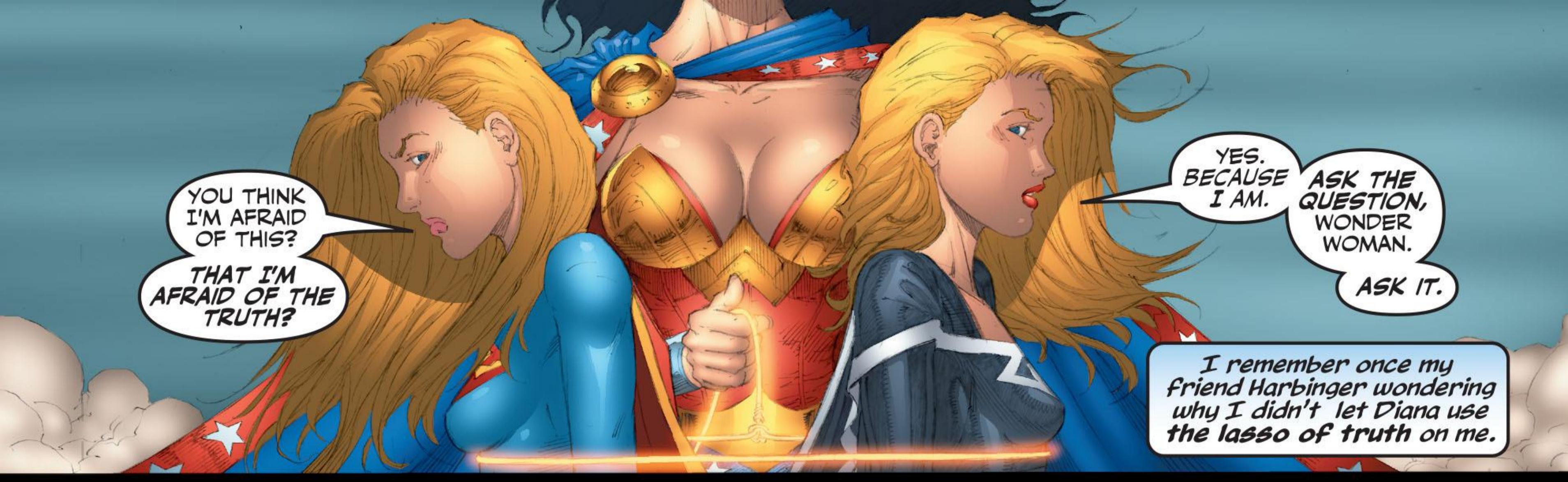


ONE THING YOU
SHOULD HAVE
LEARNED BY NOW,
KARA--

DON'T
BELIEVE
EVERYTHING
YOU HEAR!







KARA...?

YES...

The problem, of course, was that I didn't know the truth.

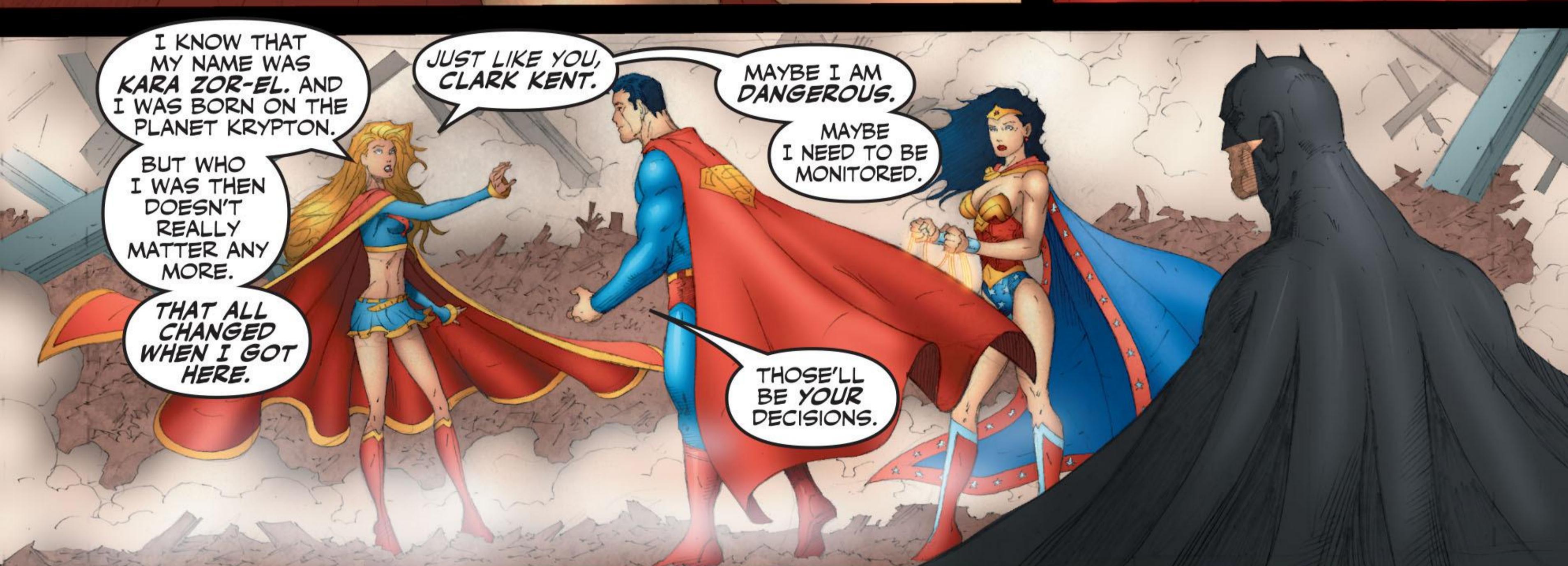
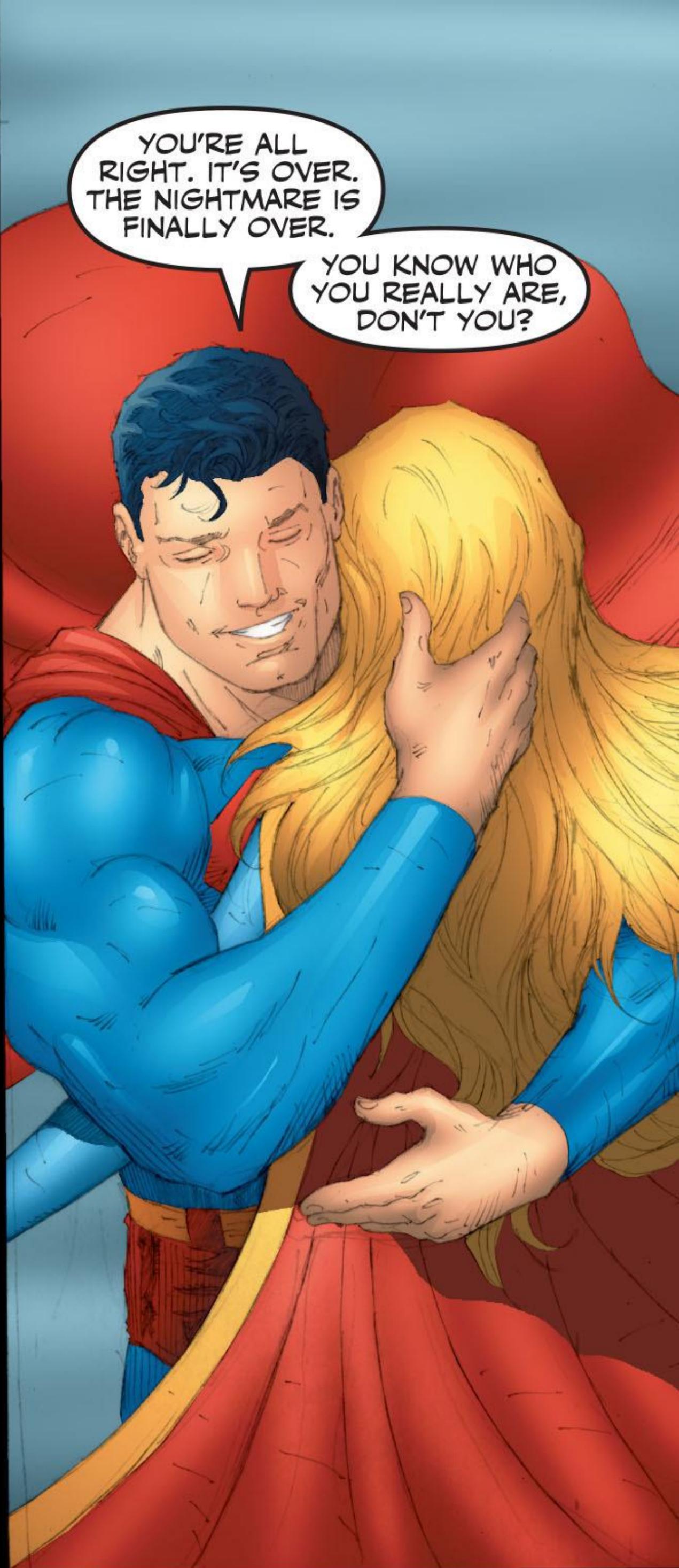
It would be like asking someone with amnesia to tell you their name. The lasso would compel you to say something you couldn't--

--and your brain would shut down.

I've learned since then that there really isn't what we think of as amnesia. Like in the movies when you bump your head and forget who you are.

What really happens is there are things--traumatic things--that make you not want to remember.

And what could be more traumatic than watching your parents die as your whole world is destroyed?



My story isn't over.
It is now about the journey.

The truth is what
we discover every day.
Not just about ourselves,
but within everyone.

There will be
different people who
tell it differently,
but it won't matter.

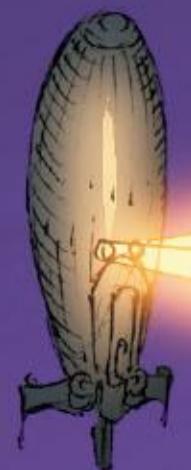
I know now.

There is only one Supergirl.

And that's me.

The End

Thanks to all.
I'll miss you, Kara.
Jeph

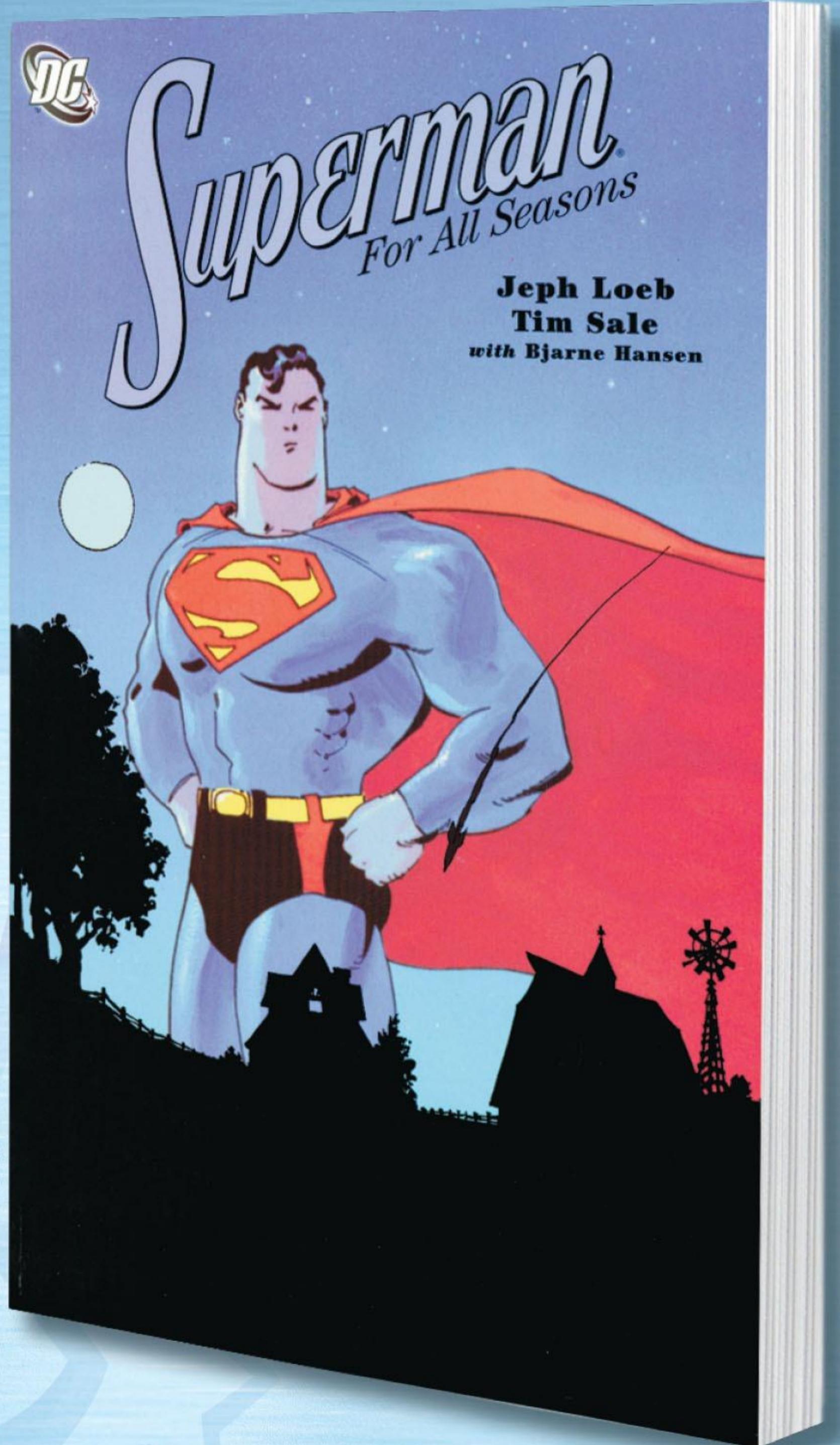


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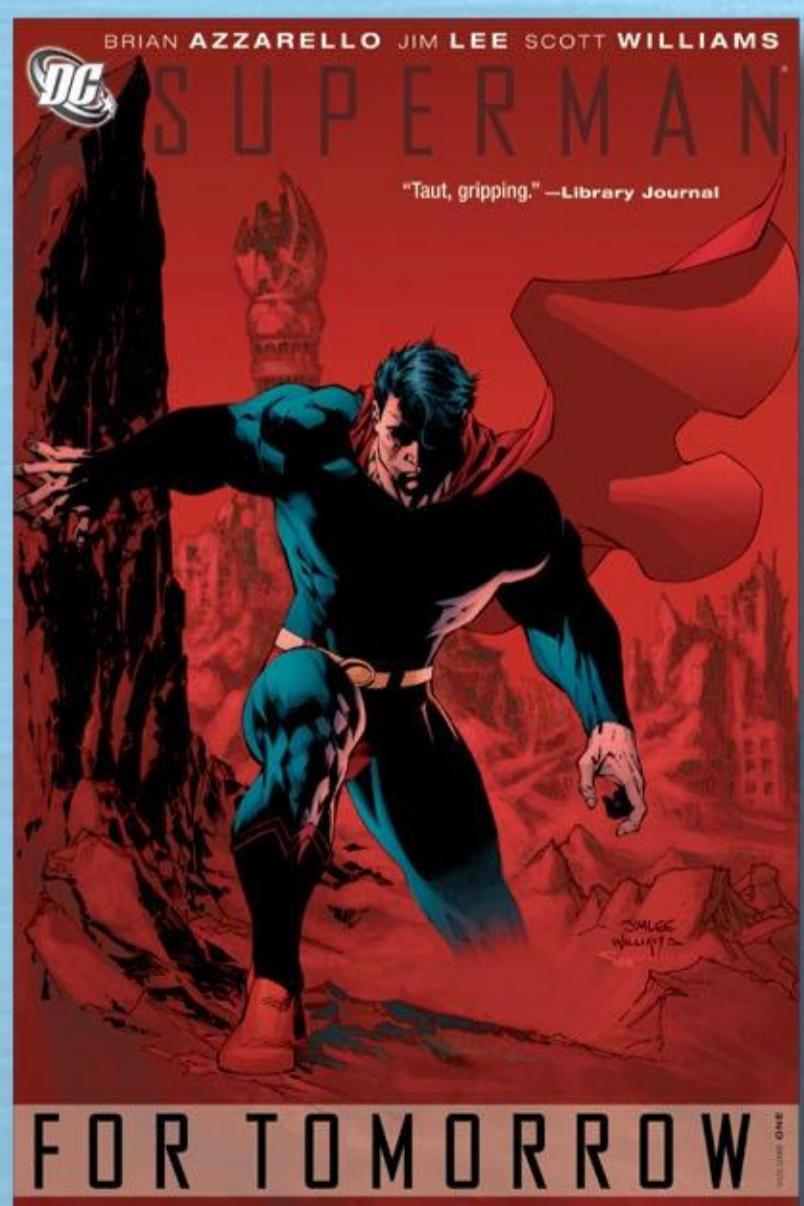
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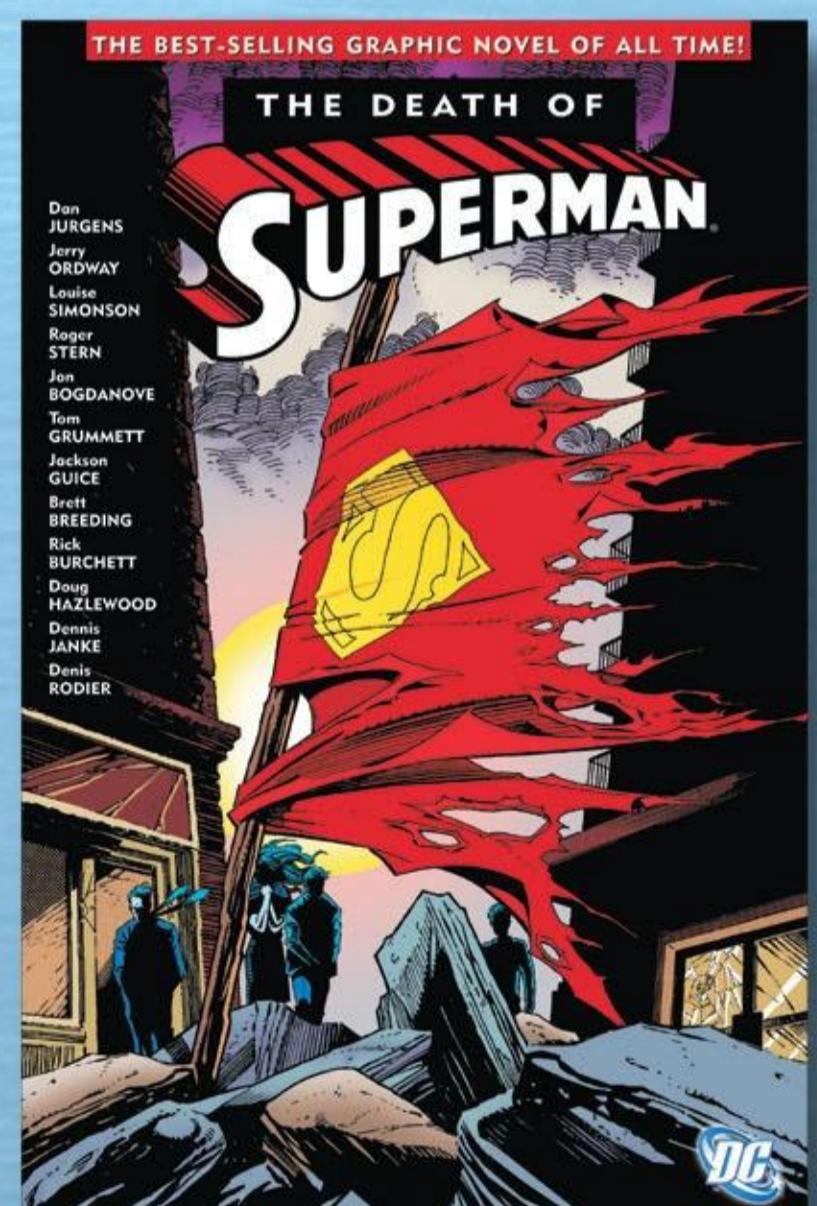
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