

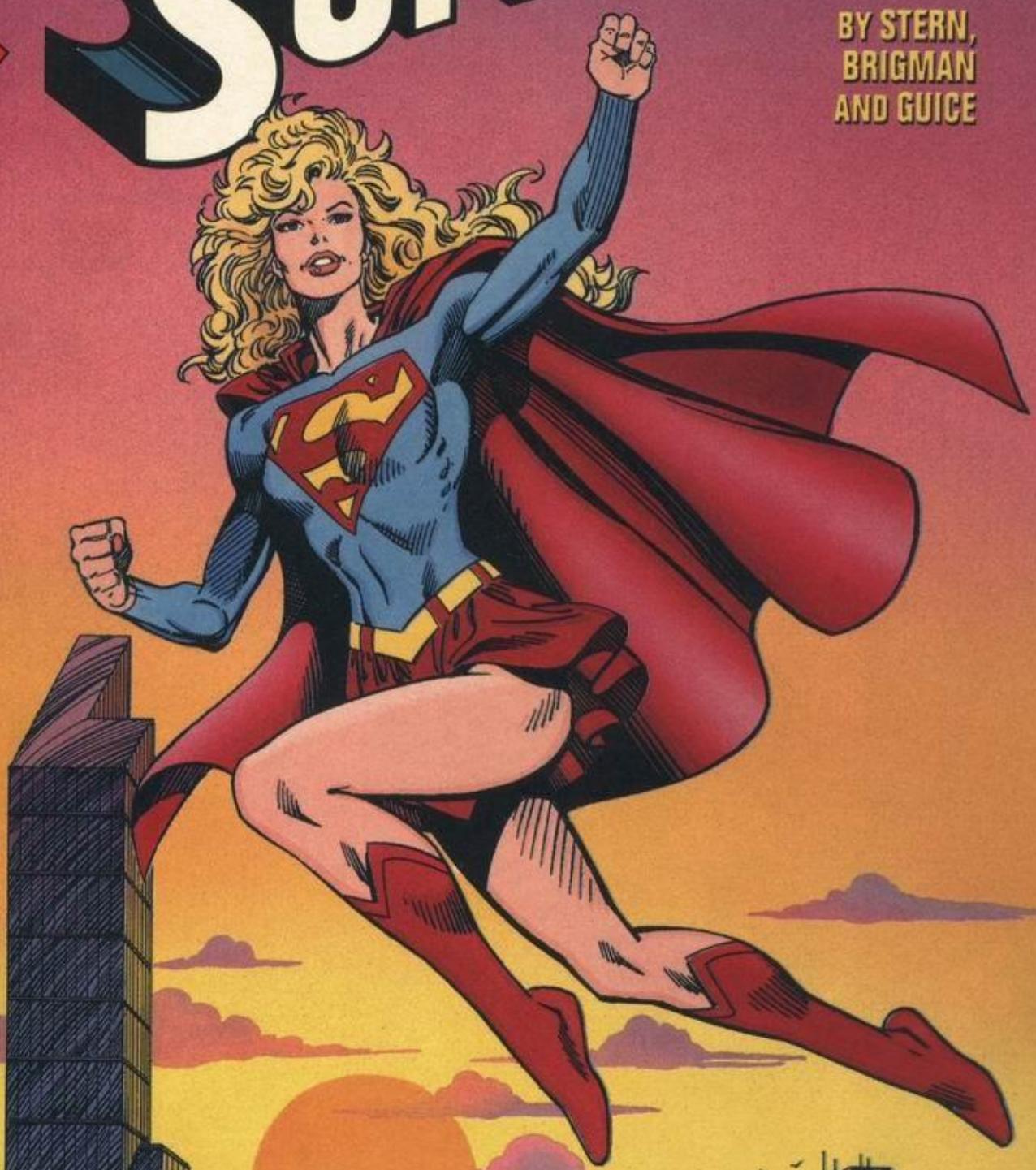


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# SUPERGIRL

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SECTION-6  
HAS BEEN  
COMPROMISED!  
SEALING BLAST  
DOORS...

SHAKE A LEG!  
YOU DON'T WANT  
TO BE TRAPPED  
IN THERE--

--WHEN  
THE BIG  
GUNS CUT  
LOOSE!

OH, COME ON!  
IS THIS THE BEST  
YOU CAN DO? HOW  
ABOUT GIVING  
ME--

--A REAL  
CHALLENGE?

REMARKABLE.

ARE YOU SURE  
THAT SHE'S NOT  
RELATED TO  
SUPERMAN?

QUIITE SURE, SHE IS NOT  
KRYPTONIAN. SHE IS SOMETHING...  
QUIOTE DIFFERENT.

BUT HER  
POWERS--!

TRUE, THEY MIMIC  
THOSE OF SUPERMAN,  
BUT THEY ARE NOT  
THE SAME

WATCH HOW SHE  
DEALS WITH THE  
FLAMETHROWERS!

I SHOULD  
SAY SO! SHE'S--  
LITERALLY--  
LAUGHING OFF  
ENOUGH  
FIREPOWER  
TO LEVEL A  
BATTALION.

WHAT--? THE  
FIRE DOESN'T  
EVEN SEEM TO  
BE REACHING  
HER! IT'S AS  
IF SHE'S...

...WAIT A MINUTE! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT MONITOR? SHE'S FADING OUT!

SHE'S NOT JUST FADING OUT, DOCTOR... SHE'S GONE!

THERE'S NO SIGN OF HER... NOT EVEN ON THE INFRARED!

SHE DOESN'T SHOW ON THE MOTION DETECTORS EITHER!

BUT HOW? HOW COULD SHE JUST VANISH? WHERE DID SHE GO?

NOT FAR, I SUSPECT. SUPERGIRL MAY HAVE DISAPPEARED, BUT I DOUBT THAT SHE'S LEFT US. ON THE CONTRARY...

**GRUNCH GRUNCH**

"...I EXPECT THAT SHE'LL TRY TO GET CLOSER."

THAT'S RIGHT. I'M IN HERE NOW!

ONE SIDE, BOYS! I HAVE BUSINESS WITH--

HOLY--! THAT BLAST DOOR WAS DESIGNED TO RESIST SMALL MISSILE FIRE! HOW COULD SHE--?

HEY! THERE'S NOBODY OUT THERE!

--THE MAN  
INSIDE!"

**BOOM BOOM**

I HOPE  
YOU GOT A  
MONEY-BACK  
GUARANTEE ON  
THESE DOORS...

WARNING!  
MASTER CONTROL  
SECURITY IS  
THREATENED.  
ATTACK  
IMMINENT!

**SHOOOME**

--BECAUSE  
THERE'S JUST  
NO WAY THEY  
WOULD EVER  
KEEP ME  
OUT!

SO... HAVE  
YOU HAD  
ENOUGH--

--OR DO WE  
HAVE TO PLAY THIS  
GAME ALL OVER  
AGAIN?

NO NEED,  
MY DEAR. YOU  
PERFORMED  
SPLENDIDLY--  
A SOLID  
A-PLUS!

DID I  
REALLY...

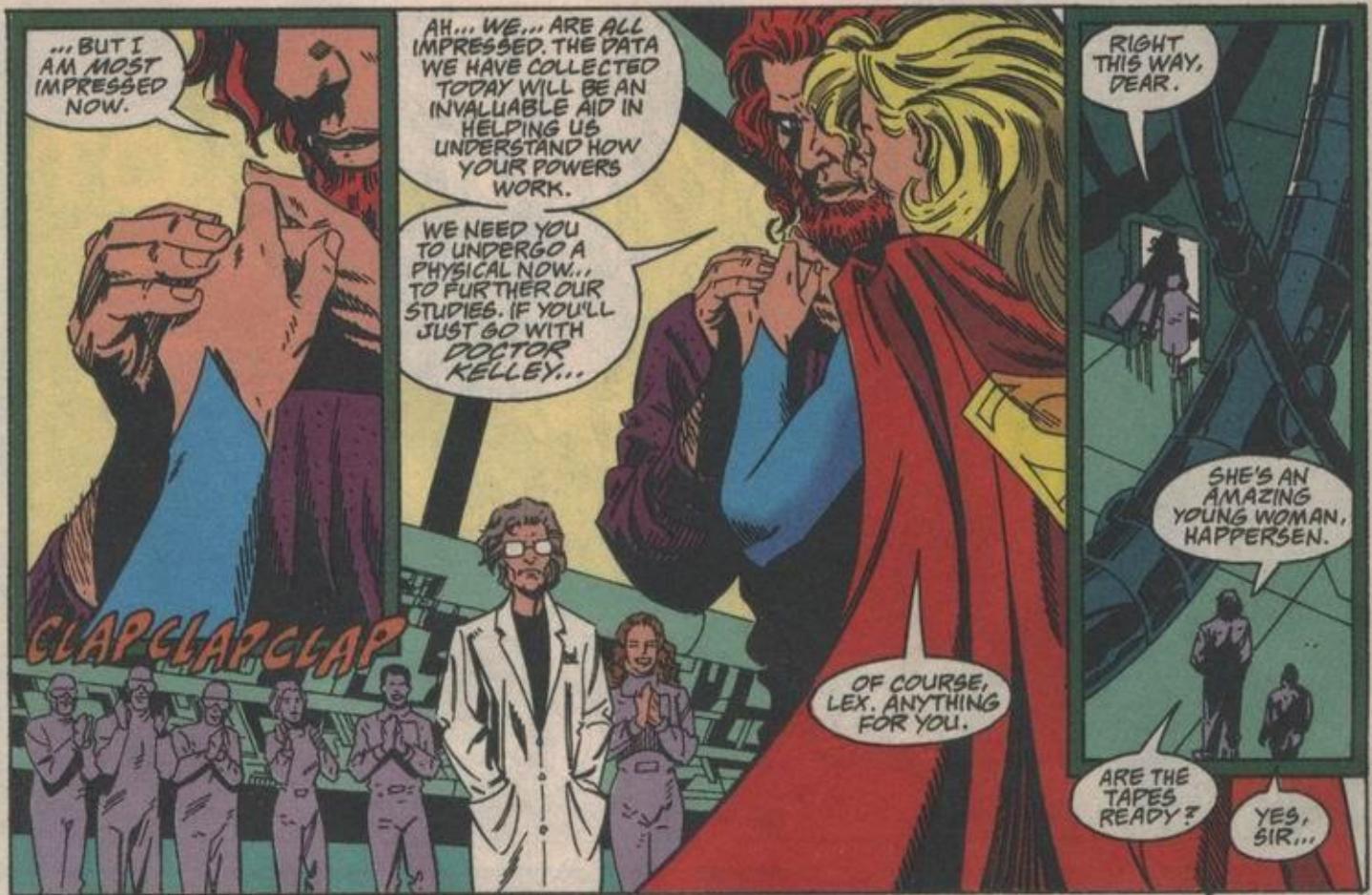
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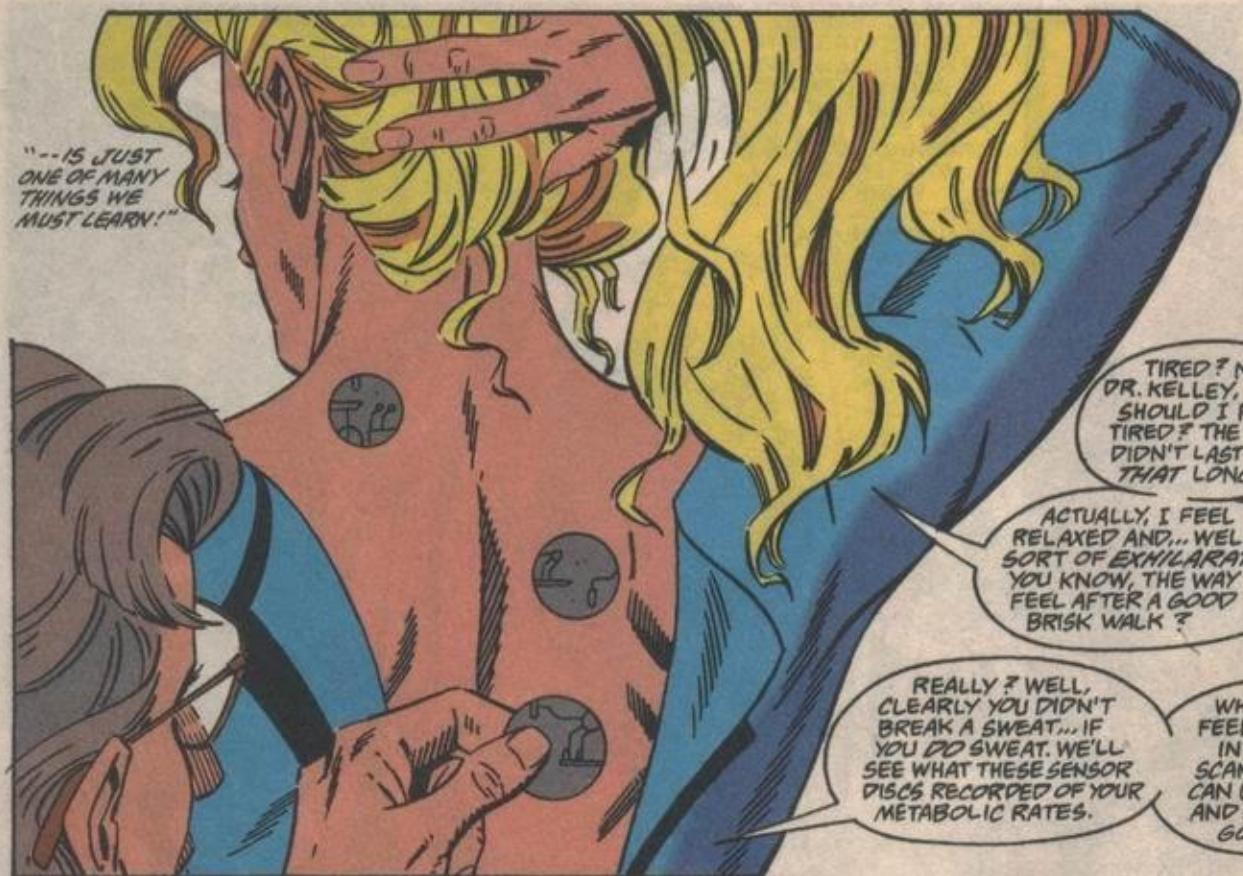


--LEX?

YOU  
DID ME  
PROUD,  
LOVE.

AS ANY OF  
MY BUSINESS  
COMPETITORS  
COULD TELL  
YOU, LEX  
LUTHOR IS A  
HARD MAN TO  
IMPRESS...





"...AND WE'LL SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN FIND OUT ABOUT YOU."

"ASSUMING THE FORM OF THE HELGRAMMITE!"

LOOK AT THAT, HAPPERSON! NOT ONLY THE STRENGTH TO BEND STEEL-- BUT TOTAL ELECTROMAGNETIC INVISIBILITY!

THAT'S A POWER BEYOND EVEN SUPERMAN!

AND DON'T FORGET HER SHAPE-SHIFTING ABILITIES, SIR. WE ALSO HAVE TAPES OF HER--

AH, YES! ALL PART OF HER LITTLE MASQUERADE TO FLUSH OUT THE MAN BEHIND MY WOULD-BE ASSASSIN. \*THAT TRANSFORMATION WAS PAINFUL FOR HER, BUT SHE DID IT FOR ME GLADLY.

CALL UP TAPE 592-17

\*SUPergirl & Team Luthor #1

REMEMBER OUR GIRL OF STEEL'S LITTLE ALTERCATION WITH SUPERMAN?\* SHE APPARENTLY TOOK UMBRAGE WHEN HE TRIED TO ADVISE HER ON HER RELATIONSHIP WITH ME. I NEVER TIRED OF WATCHING THIS.

SHE WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR ME!

\*IN ACTION COMICS #677 (THEY LATER APOLOGIZED.)

WELL, I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO CHECK UP ON. COLLADE THE NEW DATA, SYDNEY. I'LL BE EXPECTING A COMPLETE REPORT.

A.S.A.P., SIR.

WELL, THAT WASN'T SO BAD.

NOW WHAT?

I WANT TO EXAMINE YOUR EYES AND LISTEN TO YOUR HEART AND LUNGS.

HEART AND LUNGS FIRST. I SUPPOSE.



I'LL NEED YOU TO LOWER THE TOP OF YOUR GOWN, PLEASE. I'D LIKE TO CHECK YOUR HEARTBEAT AND RESPIRATION DURING ONE OR TWO OF YOUR SHAPE-CHANGES AND...

...HMM.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, THAT WILL REQUIRE SOME SETUP... SO LET'S DO THE EYE EXAM NEXT, INSTEAD.

OKAY, YOU'RE THE DOCTOR!

WE'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT TOGETHER, LEX LUTHOR. THERE'S NOT MUCH YOU COULD DO THAT WOULD SURPRISE ME ANYMORE.

I'VE ALMOST COME TO TERMS WITH THE SLEAZIER SIDE OF YOUR NATURE...

...ALMOST...

BUT I WON'T STAND BY AND BE A PARTY TO YOUR LITTLE PEEP SHOW!!

CONFOUND THAT WOMAN!

YOU'RE A GOOD DOCTOR, GRETCHEN KELLEY, BUT SOMETIMES YOU ACT AS THOUGH YOU REALLY ARE MY MOTHER.

YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME... YOU AND SYDNEY HAPPERSON ARE THE ONLY ONES IN MY EMPLOY WHO KNOW MY REAL ORIGINS.

BUT IF YOU THINK THAT I'LL JUST SIT BACK AND LET YOU INTERFERE WITH MY LIFE--

"...I SHALL HAVE  
TO SHOW YOU  
THE ERROR OF  
YOUR WAYS."

"...E...H...J...  
B...Q...T...  
AND P."



WELL, THERE'S  
CERTAINLY NOTHING  
WRONG WITH YOUR  
VISION - YOU HAVE  
EYES LIKE A HAWK.

NOW LET'S  
GIVE A LISTEN  
TO THE HEART  
AND LUNGS.

ALL RIGHT...



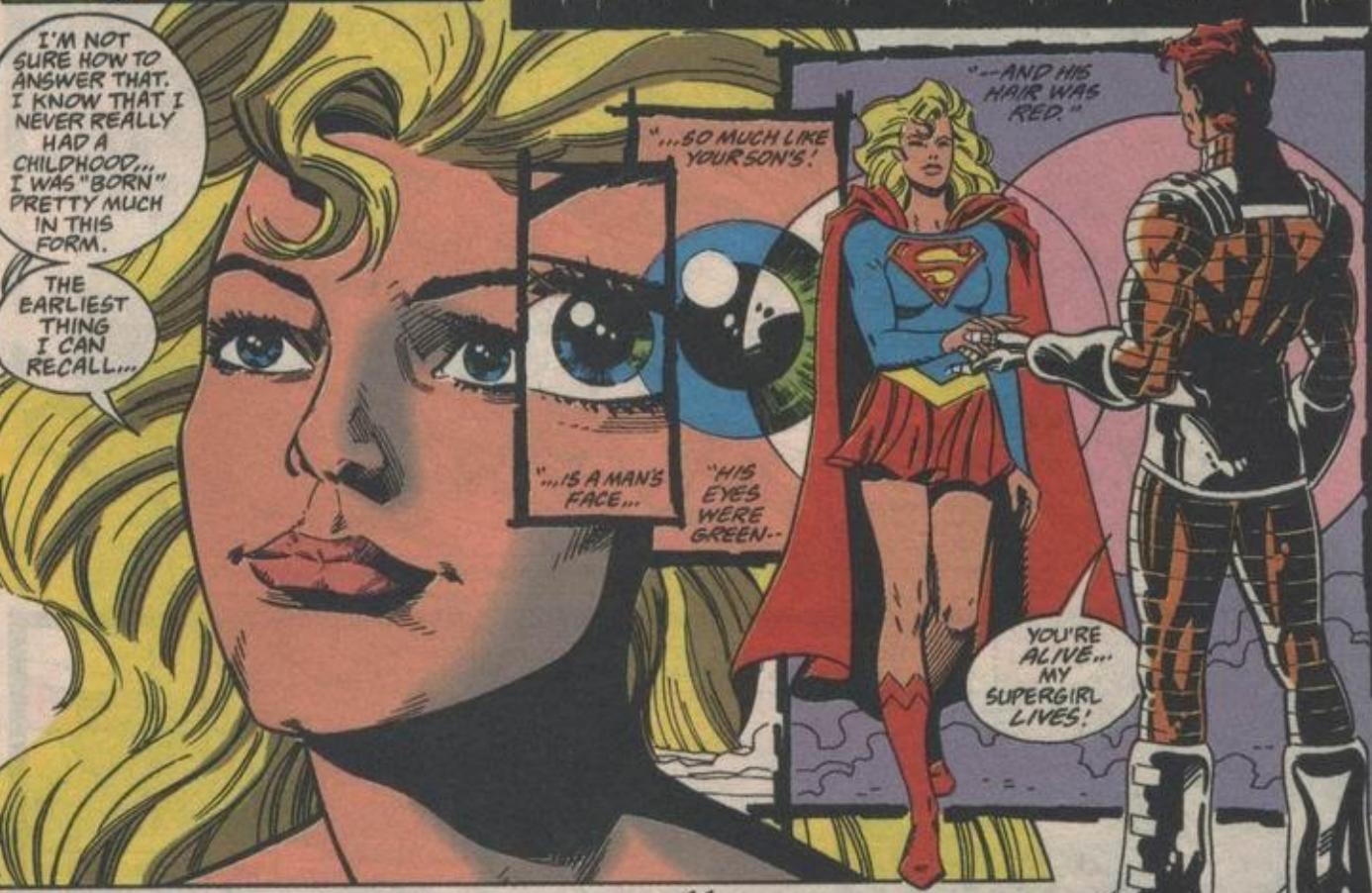
SO,  
WHAT'S  
THE  
VERDICT?

SHORTLY...



YOU ARE WITHOUT A DOUBT  
THE HEALTHIEST  
INDIVIDUAL I'VE EVER  
EXAMINED.

HOW  
OLD ARE  
YOU, IF  
YOU  
DON'T  
MIND MY  
ASKING?



I'M NOT  
SURE HOW TO  
ANSWER THAT.  
I KNOW THAT I  
NEVER REALLY  
HAD A  
CHILDHOOD...  
I WAS "BORN"  
PRETTY MUCH  
IN THIS  
FORM.

THE  
EARLIEST  
THING  
I CAN  
RECALL...

"...IS A MAN'S  
FACE..."

"HIS  
EYES  
WERE  
GREEN..."

"...SO MUCH LIKE  
YOUR SON'S!"

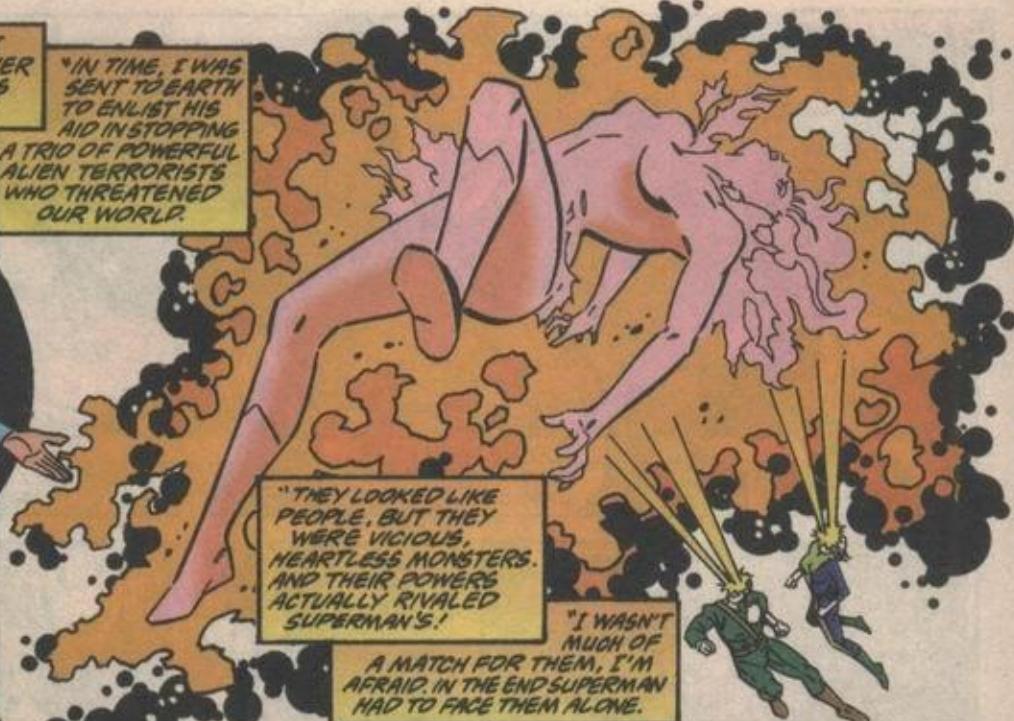
"...AND HIS  
HAIR WAS  
RED."

YOU'RE  
ALIVE...  
MY  
SUPERGIRL  
LIVES!

"YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, DOCTOR, I CAME FROM ANOTHER WORLD... ANOTHER REALITY. YOU MIGHT SAY THAT I WAS CREATED IN HOMAGE TO SUPERMAN."



"IN TIME, I WAS SENT TO EARTH TO ENLIST HIS AID IN STOPPING A TRIO OF POWERFUL ALIEN TERRORISTS WHO THREATENED OUR WORLD."



"THEY LOOKED LIKE PEOPLE, BUT THEY WERE VICIOUS, HEARTLESS MONSTERS. AND THEIR POWERS ACTUALLY RIValed SUPERMAN'S!"

"I WASN'T MUCH OF A MATCH FOR THEM, I'M AFRAID. IN THE END SUPERMAN HAD TO FACE THEM ALONE."



"HE AND I WERE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THAT WAR. I OWE SUPERMAN MY LIFE... HE BROUGHT ME BACK TO EARTH AND SAW TO IT THAT I WAS NURSED BACK TO HEALTH."

"IT WASN'T UNTIL BRAINIAC CAME ALONG THAT I REALLY GOT A CHANCE TO START REPAYING HIM. I WAS PROUD TO JOIN THE SUPER-BEINGS THAT HE'D ASSEMBLED TO FIGHT BRAINIAC'S INVASION FORCE."



"IT WAS A VERY DIFFERENT WAR. I'D NEVER SEEN SUCH HEROISM BEFORE. I LOST A FRIEND IN THAT WAR... I HARDLY KNEW HIM, BUT HE WAS A NOBLE, HONORABLE SOUL."

"AFTER WE'D DEFEATED BRAINIAC, I REALIZED THAT THE EARTH WAS A PLACE I COULD CALL MY HOME.\*

\*AS SHOWN IN SUPERMAN: PANIC IN THE SKY

"AND THEN, OF COURSE, I MET LEX.\* HE WAS THE VERY IMAGE OF THE MAN WHO HAD FIRST GIVEN ME LIFE."

"ACTION COMICS" #676

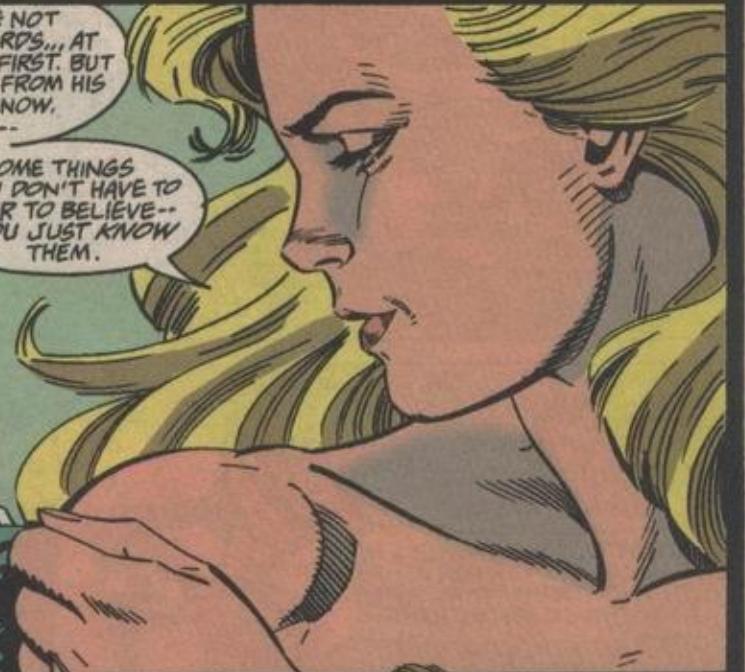


REALLY?  
IS THAT  
WHAT HE  
TOLD  
YOU?

WELL, MAYBE NOT  
SO MUCH IN WORDS... AT  
LEAST, NOT AT FIRST. BUT  
I COULD TELL FROM HIS  
EYES. YOU KNOW.  
DR. KELLEY --



--SOME THINGS  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
HEAR TO BELIEVE--  
YOU JUST KNOW  
THEM.



ALWAYS THE DIPLOMAT-EH,  
MUM?

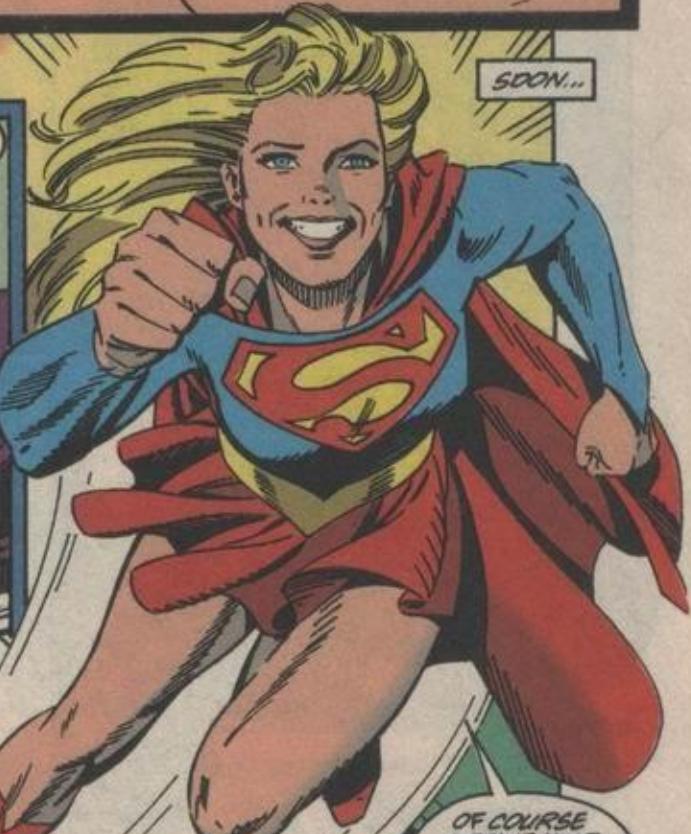
DAMN.



HELLO,  
LEX.



SOON...



'BYE,  
LEX. 'BYE,  
DR. KELLEY.



YES,  
TAKE  
GOOD  
CARE...

AND NOW, "MOTHER  
DEAR," I BELIEVE WE  
HAVE A FEW THINGS  
TO DISCUSS.

I'LL  
SAY WE  
DO!



LEX LUTHOR, YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELF...EXCEPT I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT SHAME IS AN ALIEN CONCEPT TO YOU!

I AM SICK AND TIRED OF THE WAY YOU LEAD ON THAT INNOCENT CHILD! SHE GENUINELY LOVES YOU-- SHE'S DEVOTED TO YOU-- AND YOU'RE JUST USING HER!

YOU'RE OUT OF LINE, KELLEY!

IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE MATTER IS NONE OF YOUR CONCERN. IN THE SECOND PLACE, THAT "INNOCENT CHILD" ISN'T HUMAN.

OR WEREN'T YOU PAYING ATTENTION WHEN SHE RELATED HER ORIGINS?

SHE'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD, KELLEY--SHE WAS CREATED IN A LABORATORY OTHER THAN "SUPergirl." SHE'S NEVER EVEN HAD A REAL NAME...SHE TOLD ME ONCE THAT SHE USED TO CALL HERSELF "MATRIX."

LORD, I'LL NEVER FORGET HOW SHE LOOKED AFTER HER GO-ROUND WITH THAT DOOMSDAY MONSTER! HE'D STRUCK HER SO HARD...

...THAT SHE REVERTED TO SOME SORT OF PROTOmATTER STATE.

\* ADVENTURES OF SUPERMAN #498

LEX, I KNOW SHE'S AN ARTIFICIAL LIFE-FORM, BUT SHE IS NOT A WIND-UP DOLL-- SHE HAS FEELINGS!

AND WHEN SHE ISN'T BEING DAZZLED BY YOUR CHARM, SHE HAS A GOOD MIND. THAT MAKES HER HUMAN ENOUGH FOR ME!

EMOTIONALLY, SHE IS AN INNOCENT. SHE'S LIKE A YOUNG SCHOOLGIRL HAVING HER FIRST SERIOUS CRUSH, AND YOU--!

LEX? LEX, ARE YOU LISTENING?

YES, GRETCHEN... I HEAR YOU.

EH? OF COURSE... I'M FINE. WELL, PERHAPS A BIT TIRED.

...I'D SAY THAT YOU ARE A LOT MORE IN NEED OF A CHECK-UP...

IT'S BEEN 20 YEARS SINCE YOU CALLED ME "GRETCHEN". IN THAT TONE OF VOICE ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

"--THAN SUPERGIRL!"

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY! AND WHAT A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

I'VE BEEN WANTING TO FLY WEST FOR WEEKS, BUT LEX HAS KEPT ME SO BUSY! NOW I DON'T HAVE TO THINK OF A REASON TO GET AWAY...

...THIS ASSIGNMENT IN SINGAPORE IS ALL THE EXCUSE I NEED.

OH, IT FEELS SO GOOD TO JUST GET OUT AND FLY!

ASIDE FROM STANDING IN FOR CLARK, I HAVEN'T HAD MUCH FUN WITH MY POWERS LATELY.

\* ACTION COMICS #692

FROM MY RESCUE WORK IN METROPOLIS AFTER DOOMSDAY'S RAMPAGE, THROUGH THE ASSAULT ON ENGINE CITY, TO MY LEXCORP WORK--

--IT'S JUST BEEN ONE DARN THING AFTER ANOTHER!

SHE MOVES RIGHT ALONG, DOESN'T SHE?

UH-HUH. DON'T LOSE HER. MR. L WANTS HER ON A CLOSE SURVEILLANCE, DON'T LET HER SEE THE TRACKER--





\*SHORT FOR MATRIX.

"...WE HAVE A LOT OF CATCHING-UP TO DO!"

SORRY THERE'S NO PIE. MARTHA HAS US ON A NO-FUN DIET.

JONATHAN, PLEASE!  
CLARK TOLD US ALL ABOUT HOW YOU "FILLED IN" FOR HIM, MAE--- AND I KNOW YOU'D MADE YOURSELF LOOK LIKE HIM BEFORE---

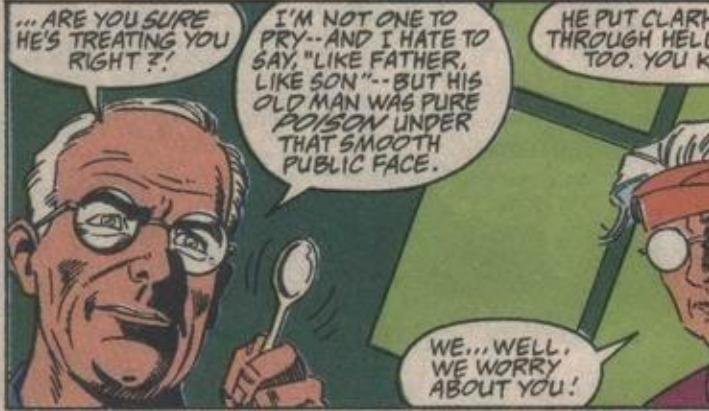
...AND IF I SAY SO MYSELF, I WAS GREAT! NOT A WRONG WORD, NOT A FALSE MOVE! NO ONE SUSPECTED THAT I WASN'T REALLY CLARK KENT.

OH, THERE'S NOTHING I'D LIKE MORE, MA, BUT I'M AFRAID THAT I'M GOING TO HAVE TO FLY.

DIDN'T I TELL YOU? I'M ON MY WAY OVERSEAS! LEX HAS SCHEDULED SOME PHYSICAL STRESS TESTS FOR ME AT THE LEXCORP COMPLEX IN SINGAPORE!



\*ACTION COMICS #692



I'M NOT ONE TO PRY-- AND I HATE TO SAY, "LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON"-- BUT HIS OLD MAN WAS PURE POISON UNDER THAT SMOOTH PUBLIC FACE.

WE... WELL, WE WORRY ABOUT YOU!

I KNOW YOU DO, AND IT'S... KIND OF YOU. BUT REALLY, I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF.

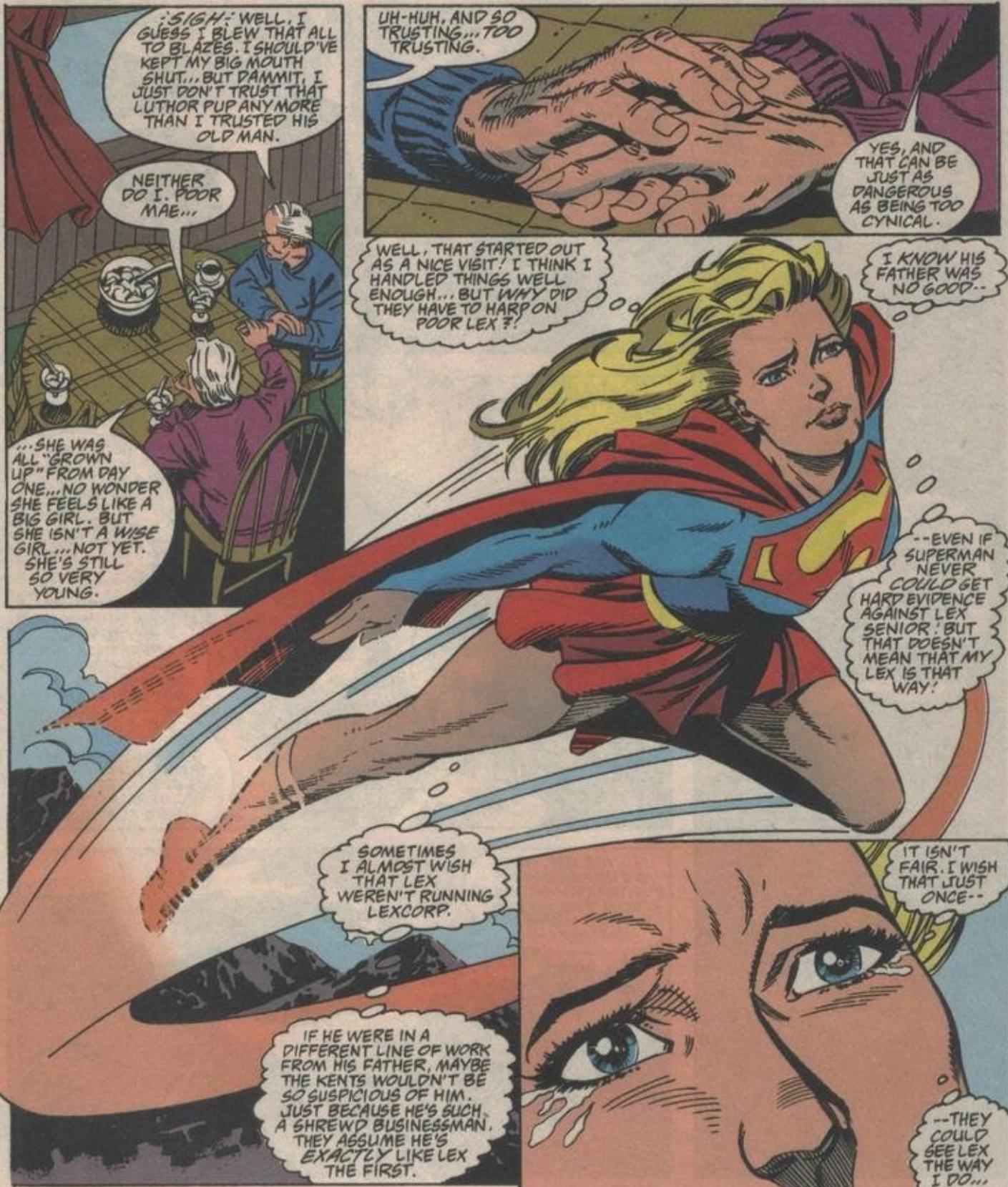
AND FOR YOUR INFORMATION, MY LEX HAS ALWAYS BEEN A KIND AND LOVING PERSON TO ME.

AND NOW, P-PLEASE EXCUSE ME, BUT I REALLY DO HAVE TO RUN.

"MY" LEX. OH, DEAR.



KEEP CALM... DON'T SNAP AT THEM. THEY'RE JUST DOING WHAT THEY THINK IS RIGHT.



"...I WISH THE WHOLE WORLD COULD SEE HIM THE WAY HE REALLY IS!"

MR. L--TRACKING STATION SEVEN IS REPORTING!



BLOODY WELL ABOUT TIME!

WELL, DON'T JUST SIT THERE, HAPPERSON, SWITCH THEM THROUGH THE DESCRAMBLER!

RIGHT AWAY, SIR.



THIS IS SENIOR TECH EVANS BY REPORTING, MR. LUTHOR... WE HAVE SUPERGIRL BACK ON SCREEN.



AH-HAH! A CAMOUFLAGED HELIPAD. VERY NICE, SYDNEY... THIS SPOT WAS VIRTUALLY UNDETECTABLE FROM THE AIR.

THANK YOU, SIR. THE LABORATORY COMPLEX HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED WITHIN A DECOMMISSIONED MISSILE SILO...

...THE PROCUREMENTS DIVISION PICKED IT UP FROM THE GOVERNMENT FOR A SONG.

THROUGH A DUMMY CORPORATION, OF COURSE?

OF COURSE, SIR! THERE'S NOTHING TO CONNECT THIS HOLDING TO LEXCORP.

AS YOU CAN SEE, OUR GUARDS HERE DON'T EVEN WEAR COMPANY INSIGNIA. NATURALLY, ALL OF THEM HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY CHECKED AND SCREENED...

...AS IS ANYONE WHO ENTERS THE FACILITY.

I SHOULD SAY. ONLY DR. KELLEY HAS GIVEN ME A MORE THOROUGH PRODDING THAN THOSE ELECTRONIC PROBES AT THE LAST CHECKPOINT!

ONE MUSTN'T BE TOO CAREFUL, SIR. ONLY A HANDFUL OF INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN BEYOND THIS POINT--

--AND NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO SEE THE PROJECT THROUGH TO THIS STAGE OF FRUITION. I THINK YOU'LL BE IMPRESSED BY WHAT YOU'LL SEE--

--IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER."

LORD, SYDNEY... IT'S... MAGNIFICENT!

THANK YOU, SIR.

TO THINK... THAT ALL THIS WAS GROWN FROM JUST A FEW TINY CELL SAMPLES!

THIS IS THE POWER THAT SCIENCE HAS BROUGHT US, SYDNEY. FIRST IT GAVE ME THIS FINE YOUNG BODY. AND NOW... SOON... VERY SOON...

... IT  
WILL GIVE  
ME ALL THE  
SUPERRGIRLS  
MY HEART  
DESRIES!

TO BE CONTINUED...