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# SUPERGIRL®

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WHO IS  
**SUPERWOMAN?**  
PART 4

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METROPOLIS POLICE  
PRECINCT #55.

HOME OF THE METROPOLIS  
METACRIMES DIVISION.

SO  
WHO DO  
YOU THINK  
SHE IS?

I DON'T KNOW.  
SHE WAS LIVING IN  
KANDOR WITH THE  
REST OF US.

KANDOR?

Vee  
Vee  
Vee

I'VE  
GOT TO  
TAKE  
THIS.



KANDOR'S  
OUR CITY,  
INSPECTOR.

THE CITY  
THAT BECAME A  
PLANET. NEW  
KRYPTON.

YOU LEAD A BIGGER  
LIFE THAN THE REST  
OF US, DON'T YOU?

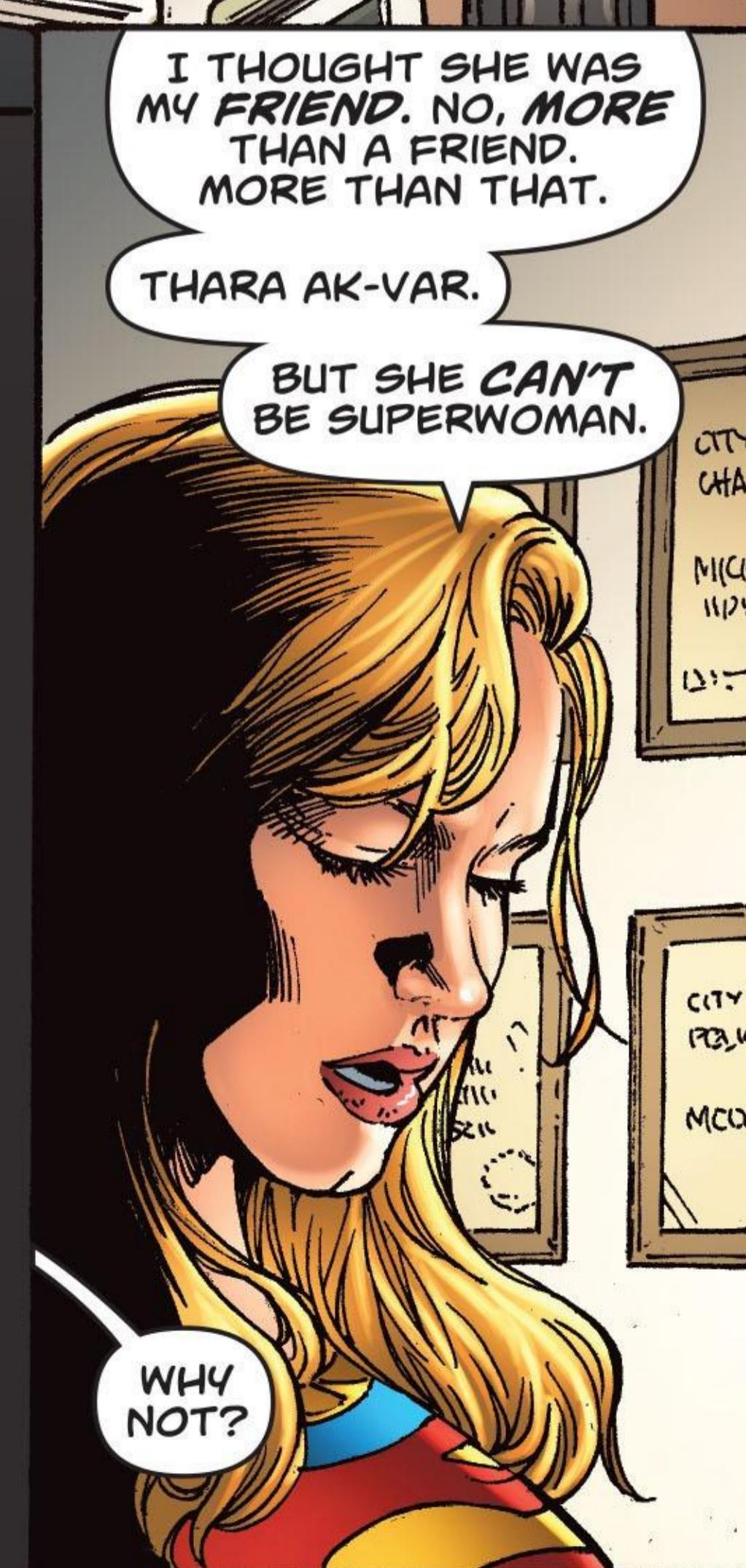
DID YOU KNOW  
THIS WOMAN IN  
KANDOR?

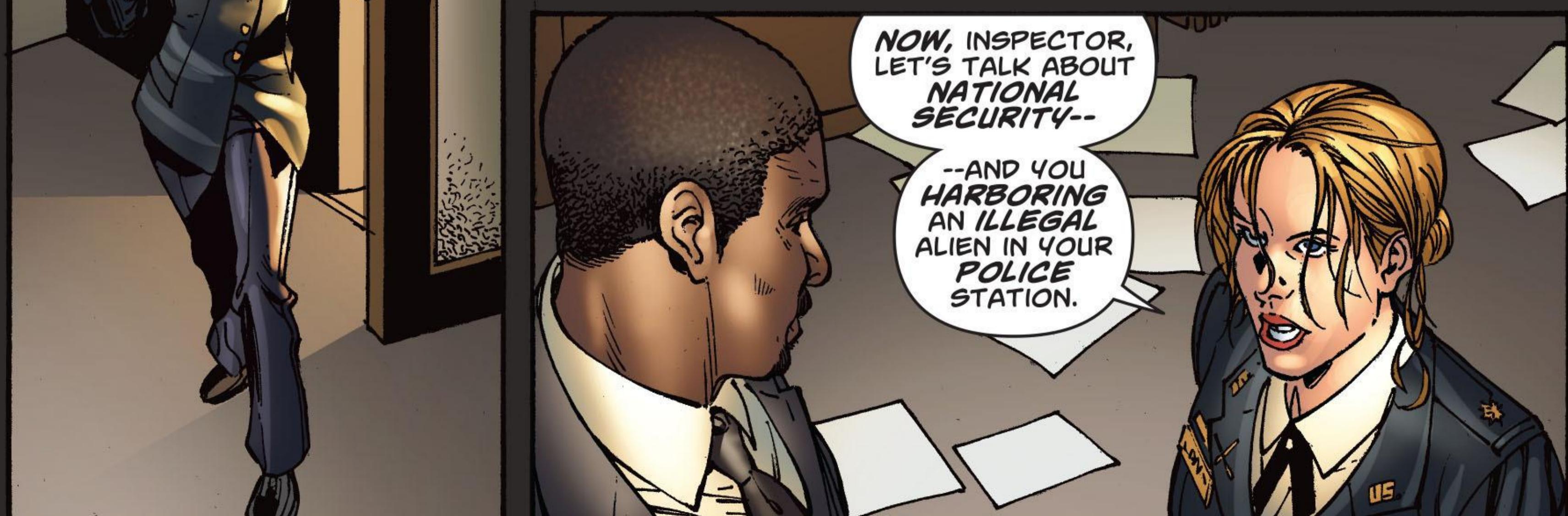
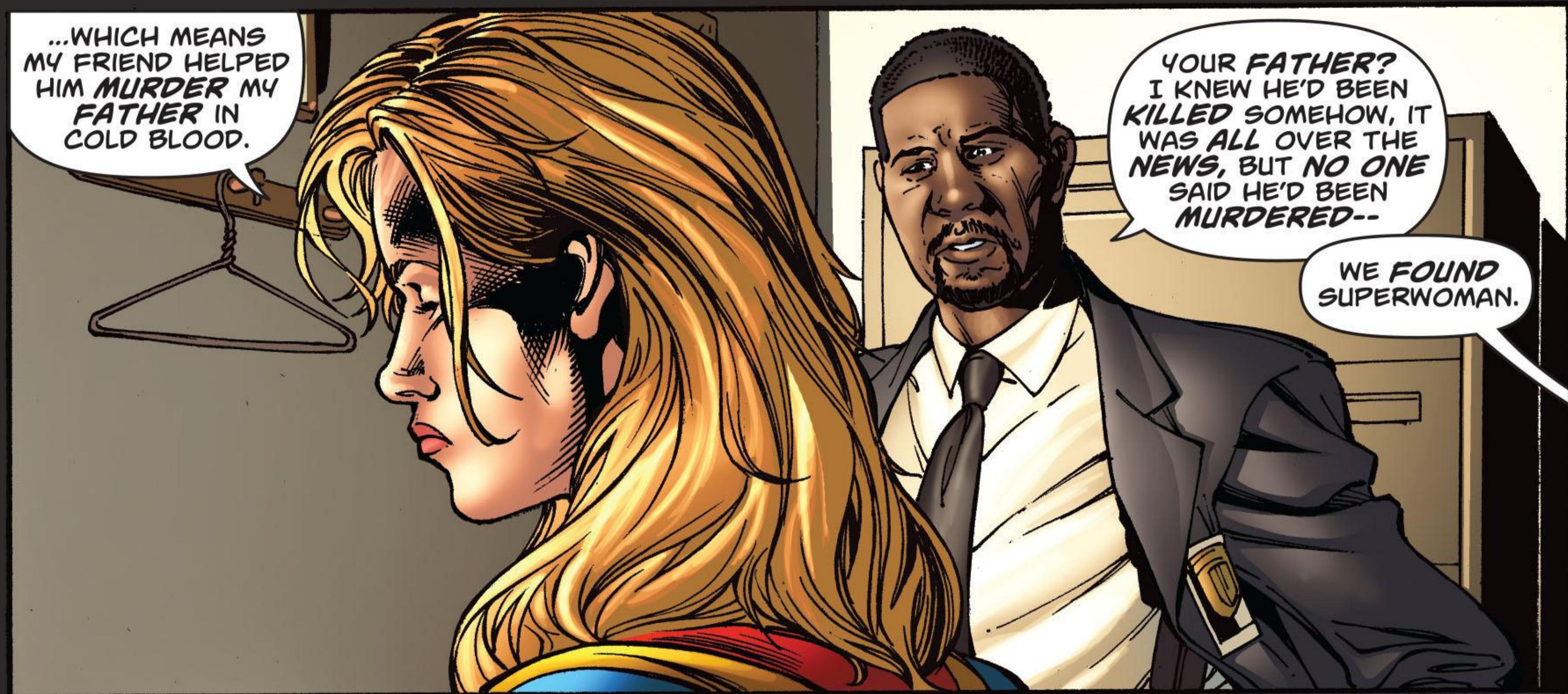
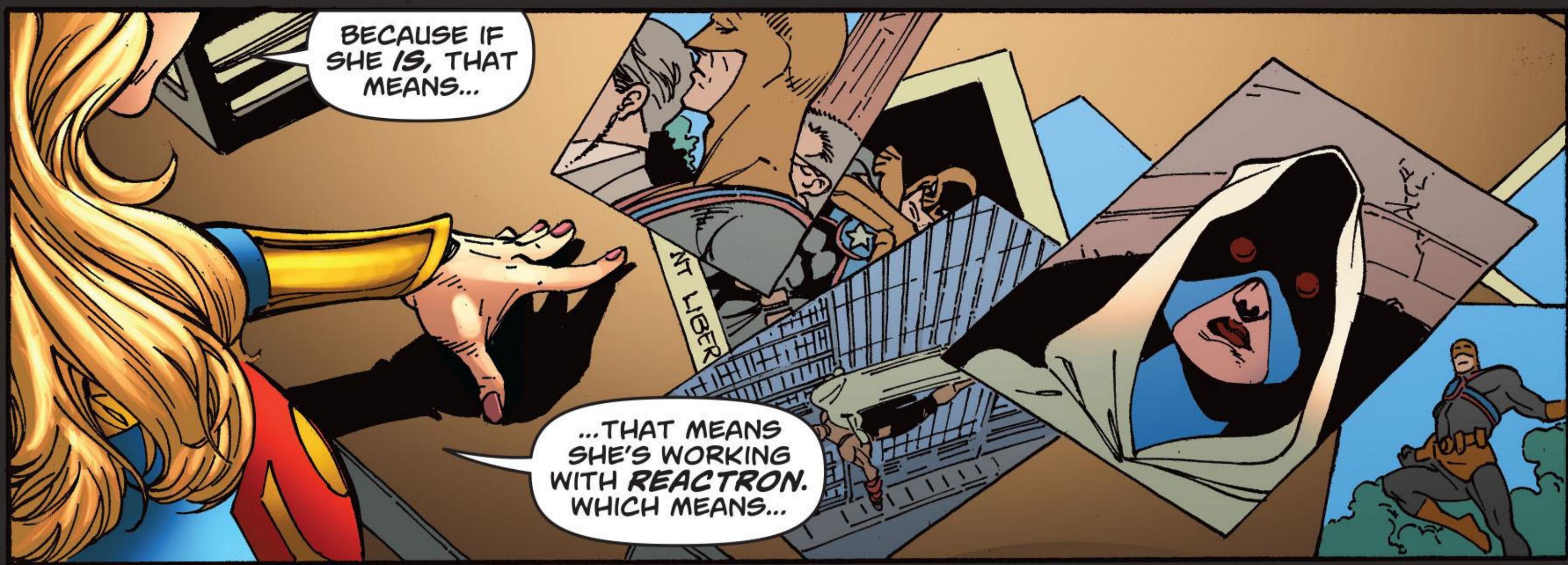
I THOUGHT SHE WAS  
MY FRIEND. NO, MORE  
THAN A FRIEND.  
MORE THAN THAT.

THARA AK-VAR.

BUT SHE CAN'T  
BE SUPERWOMAN.

WHY  
NOT?





I FLY FAST.

THARA LIVED WITH MY PARENTS IN THE BOTTLE CITY OF KANDOR. SHE WAS MY FATHER'S CHOICE FOR KANDOR'S SECURITY CHIEF.

IF SHE'S BEEN WORKING WITH REACTRON SINCE KANDOR ARRIVED ON EARTH--

--THEN WHEN WE CAPTURED HIM, SHE LET HIM PASS THROUGH PHANTOM ZONE PROCESSING UNSearched.

I SEARCHED THEM MYSELF. THEY'RE READY.

TAKE THEM DIRECTLY TO THE COURT CHAMBER, COMMANDER GOR.

AND THEN SHE WAS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND WHEN BRAINIAC'S ROBOTS ATTACKED.

SKRAAACK

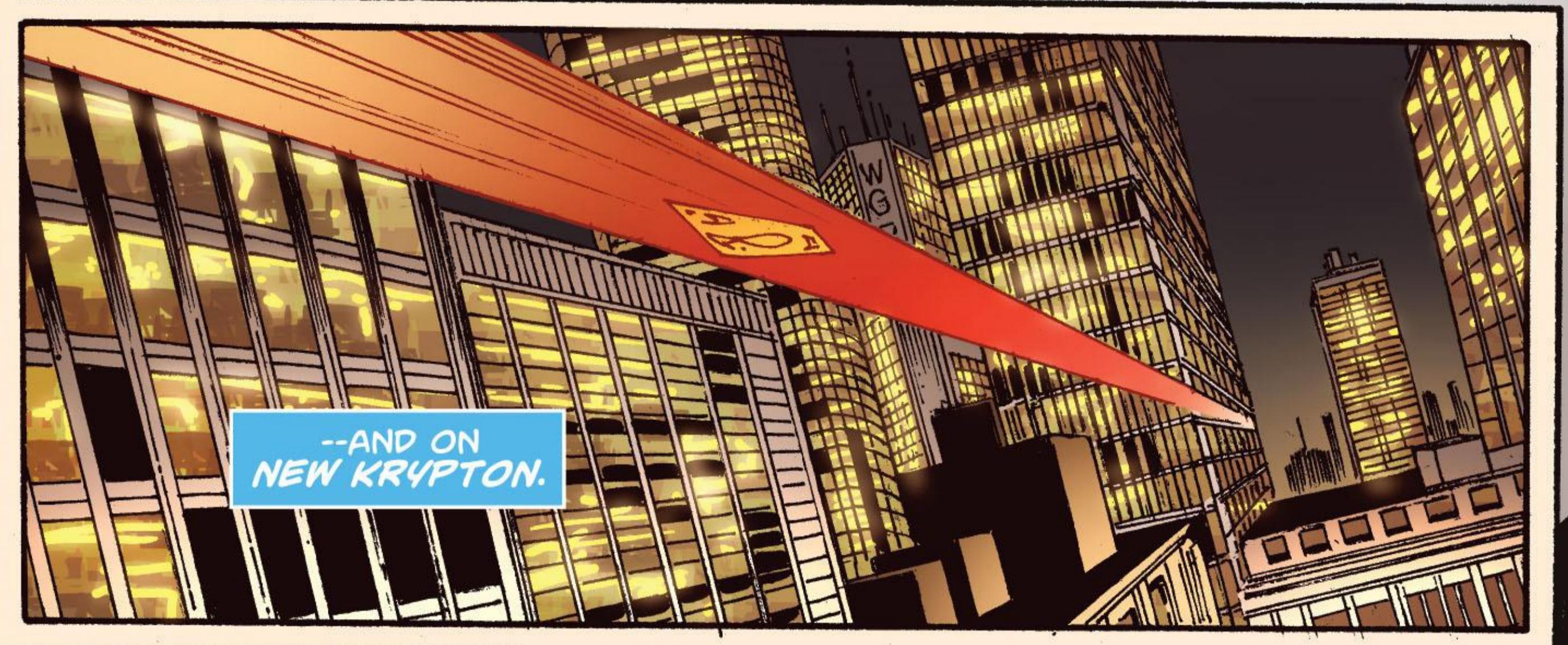
AND SO WITH HER ABSENCE AND SEEMING NEGLIGENCE--

--SHE HELPED REACTRON KILL MY FATHER.



AGENT LIBERTY MUST'VE  
DISCOVERED WHAT SHE'D  
DONE AND DIED FOR  
THAT KNOWLEDGE.

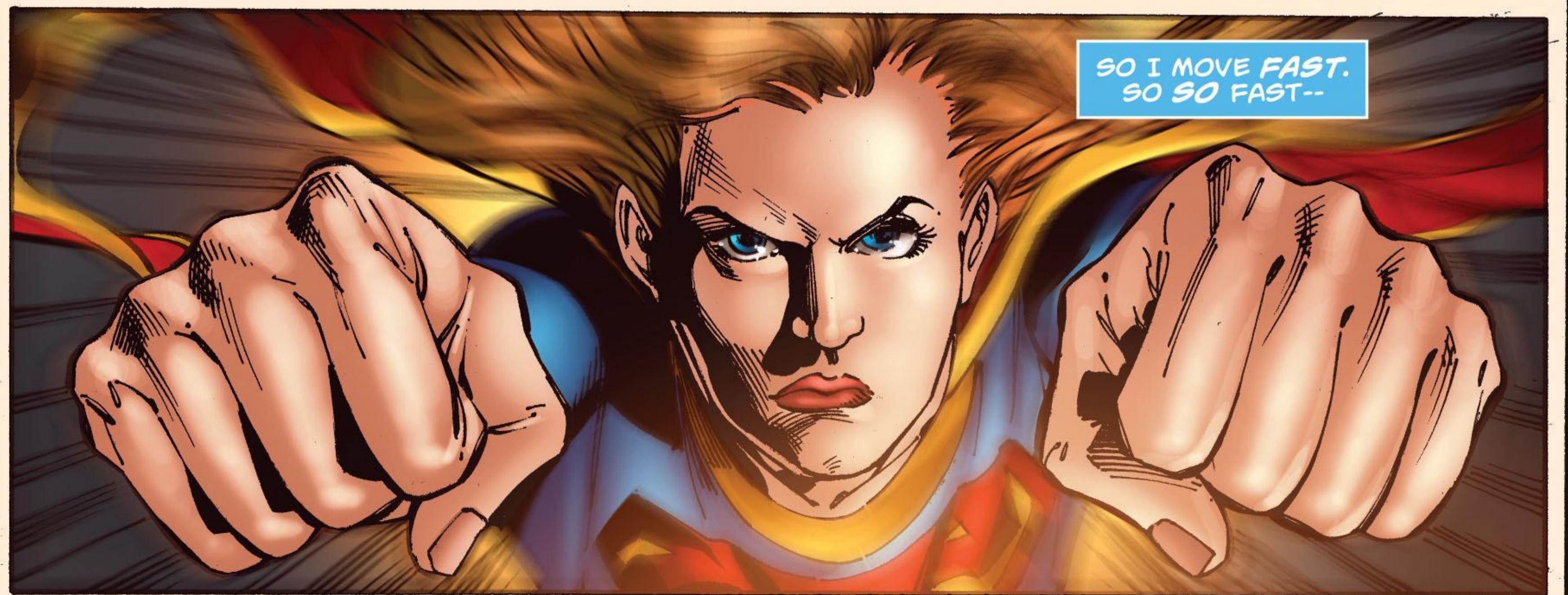
SHE'S GOT TO  
ANSWER FOR HER  
CRIMES, BOTH HERE--



THERE.

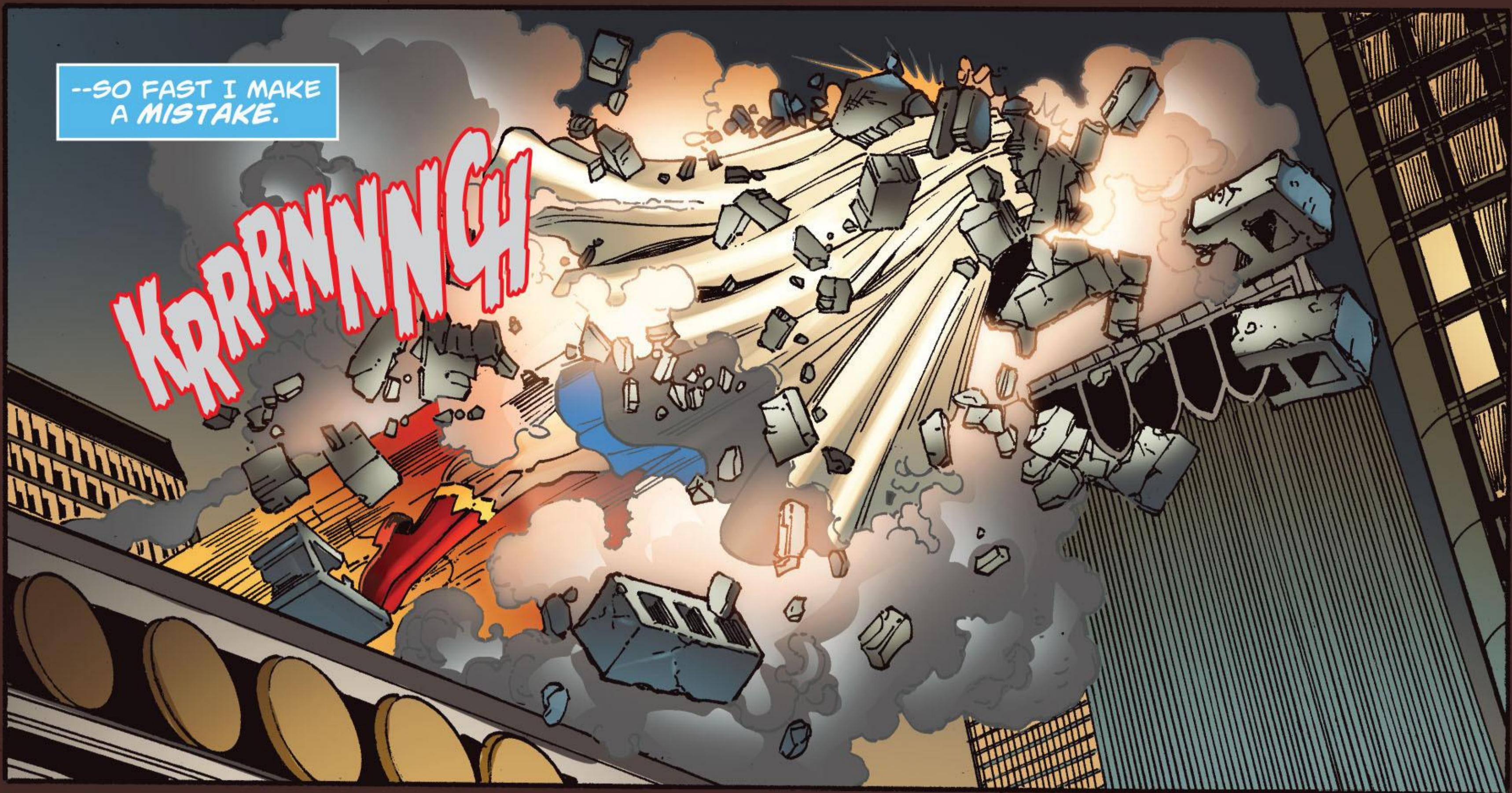
I HAVE TO MOVE FAST  
ENOUGH THAT SHE CAN'T  
POSSIBLY STOP ME.

SO I MOVE FAST.  
SO SO FAST--



--SO FAST I MAKE A MISTAKE.

KRRNNNCH



WHAT--?

I DON'T GET IT.

WHY WOULD SHE SET UP A DECOY--





SENT IN A ROCKET FROM THE  
REMAINS OF KRYPTON AS A  
TEENAGER, KARA ZOR-EL WAS TRAPPED  
IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION BEFORE SHE  
ARRIVED ON EARTH YEARS AFTER HER  
COUSIN, SUPERMAN, NOW LIVING WITH  
HER MOTHER ON THE PLANET  
NEW KRYPTON, KARA FIGHTS  
FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE,  
AND THE KRYPTONIAN  
WAY AS...

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FREEFALL--

--I THINK OF  
MY FATHER'S  
HAND SLIPPING  
OUT OF MINE--

--REMEMBER  
THIS. TRAINING.  
REMEMBER.  
NO POWERS--

--MY MOTHER  
CRADLING HIS  
BODY IN HER  
ARMS. I WAS  
POWERLESS TO  
SAVE HIM--

"NO POWERS."

--I CAN'T END  
LIKE THIS--

"NO POWERS."

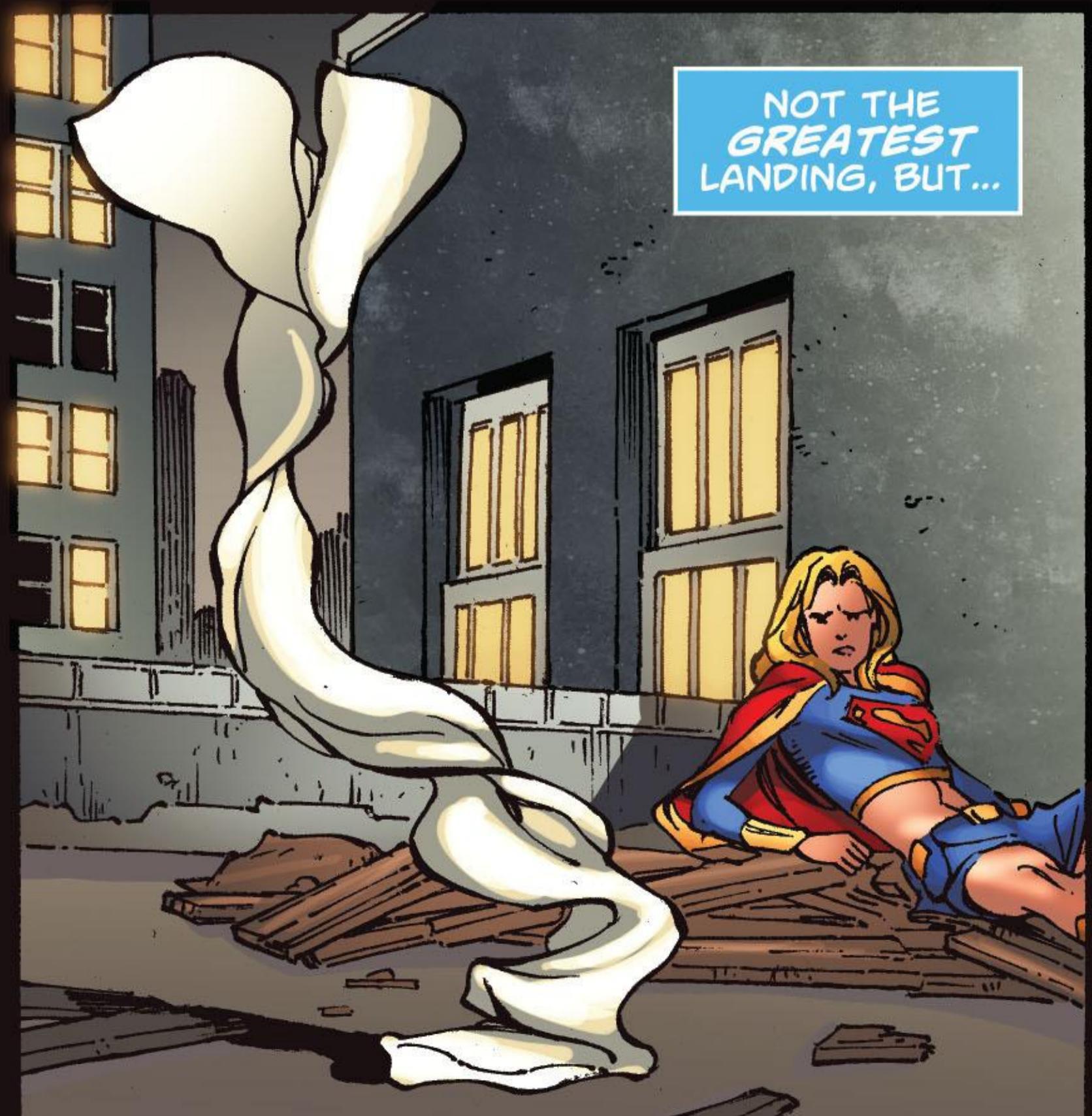
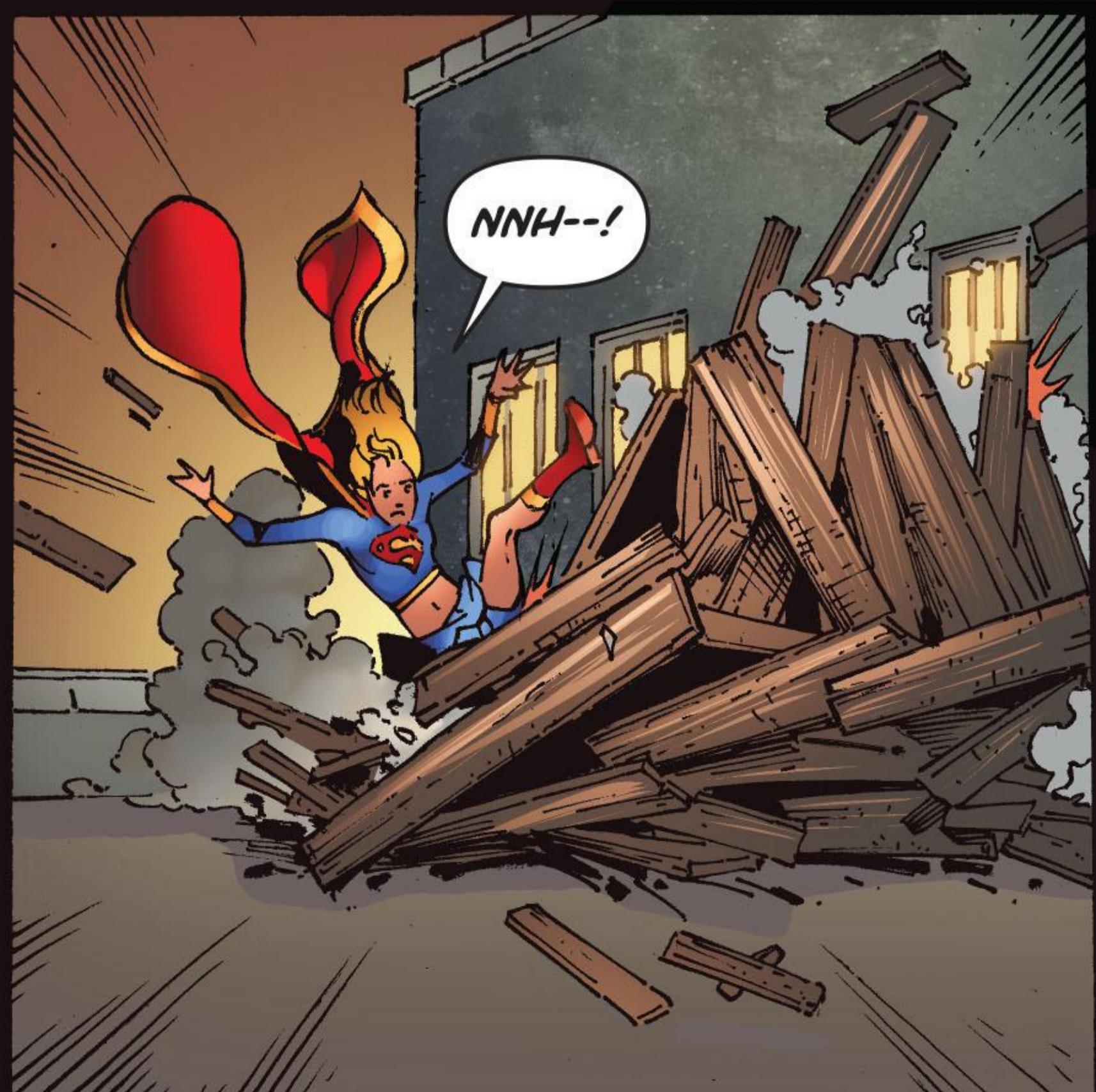
BATMAN  
TOLD ME...

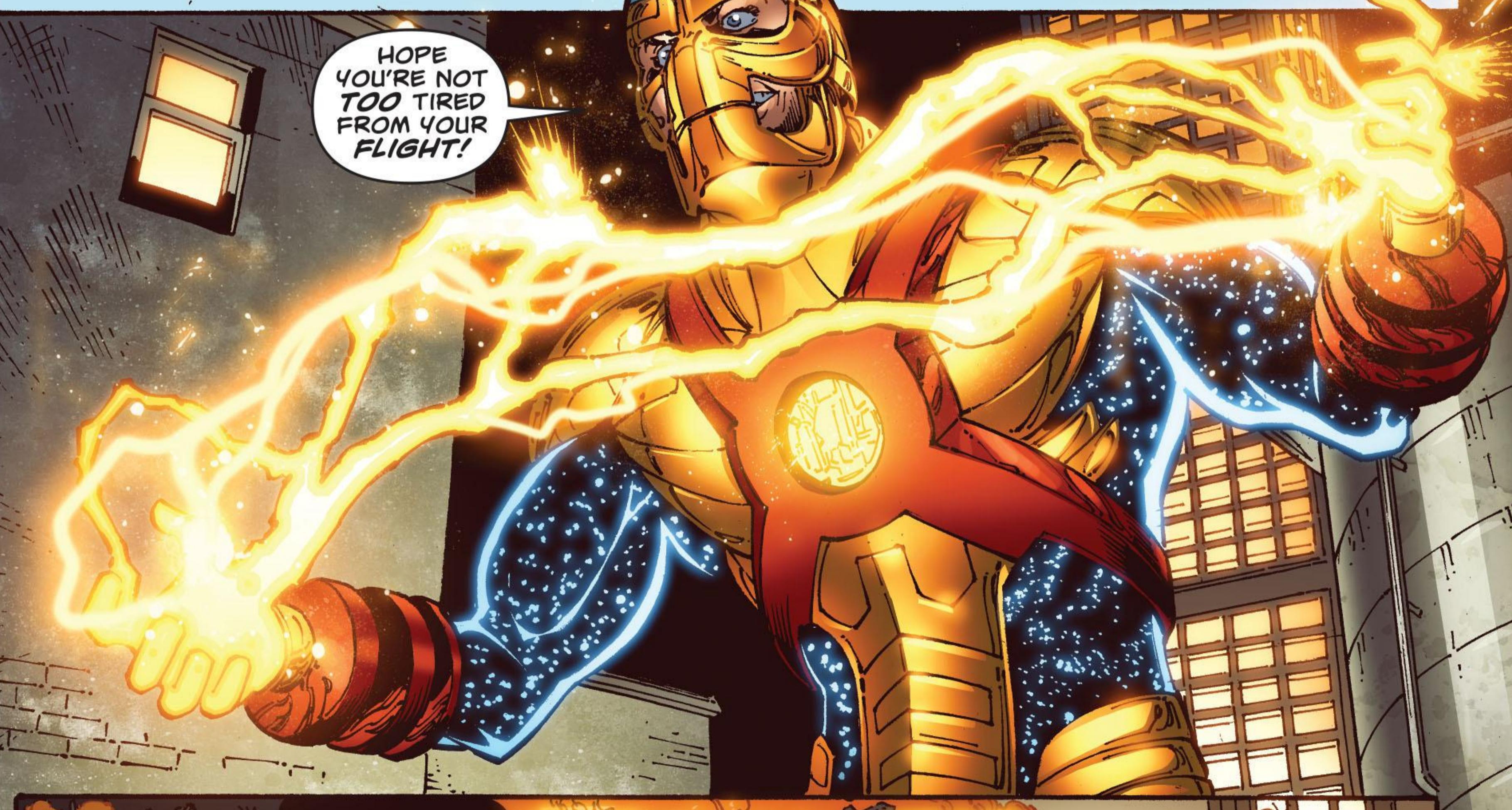
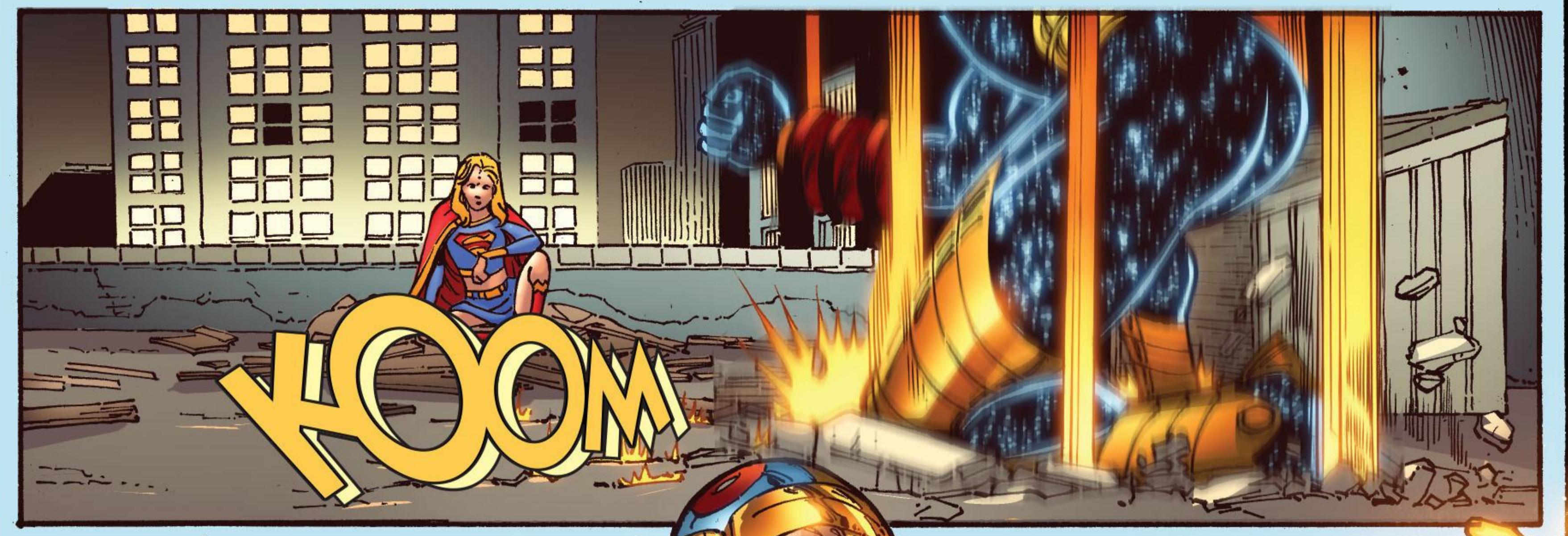
YOU HAVE FORMIDABLE  
NATURAL KRYPTONIAN  
ABILITIES, YES, BUT YOU  
WILL FIGHT OPPONENTS  
THAT CAN DRAIN THEM,  
DISTORT THEM, OR  
EVEN STEAL THEM  
OUTRIGHT.

IF YOU  
FIND YOURSELF  
WITHOUT YOUR  
POWERS--

--KNOW HOW TO  
COMPENSATE AND FIGHT  
BACK WITH WHAT YOU  
HAVE ON HAND."

PLEASELETTHISWORK  
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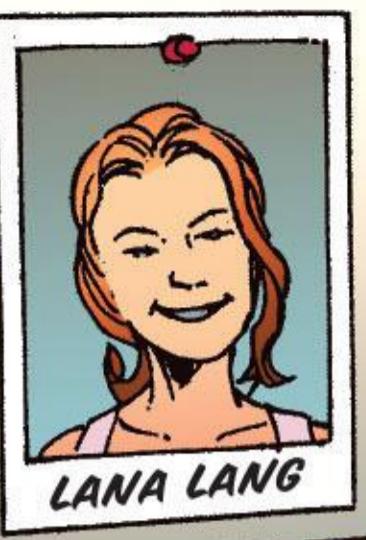
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AWARDS PRESENTED BY MEMBERS OF THE...

DAILY PLANET



CAT GRANT



LANA LANG



JAMES OLSEN

LANA.

HMPH. USELESS DRESS, YOU MEAN.  
CAT. NICE DRESS, BY THE WAY.

DON'T ANY OF THESE KIDS HAVE SINGLE RICH FATHERS?

HOW LONG DID PERRY SAY WE HAD TO BE HERE? AND WHAT BOY TOY DO YOU KEEP SNEAKING AWAY TO CALL?

WE STAY UNTIL IT'S OVER. IT'S GOOD P.R.

AND I'VE BEEN TRYING TO CALL MY NIECE. SHE HAD A...THING TONIGHT, AND I STILL HAVEN'T HEARD BACK FROM HER.

YES, I SAW YOU PARADING HER AROUND THE OFFICE. DIDN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH OF A WILD CHILD TO ME.

--USED TO DRIVE A MOTORCYCLE, BUT I CRASHED IT TO GET AWAY FROM THIS TELEPATHIC SUPER-VILLAIN--

A SUPER-VILLAIN? THAT'S SOOOOO COOL!

YOU'LL LEARN, YOU RUN FROM 'EM ALL THE TIME IN THIS BUSINESS. ANYWAY, HE WAS CHASING ME ACROSS THE DESERT, AND--

I WORRY ABOUT HER SOMETIMES. HER HOME LIFE'S BEEN A WRECK SINCE HER FATHER PASSED AWAY, SO SHE'S BEEN STAYING WITH ME--

BROTHER OR SISTER?

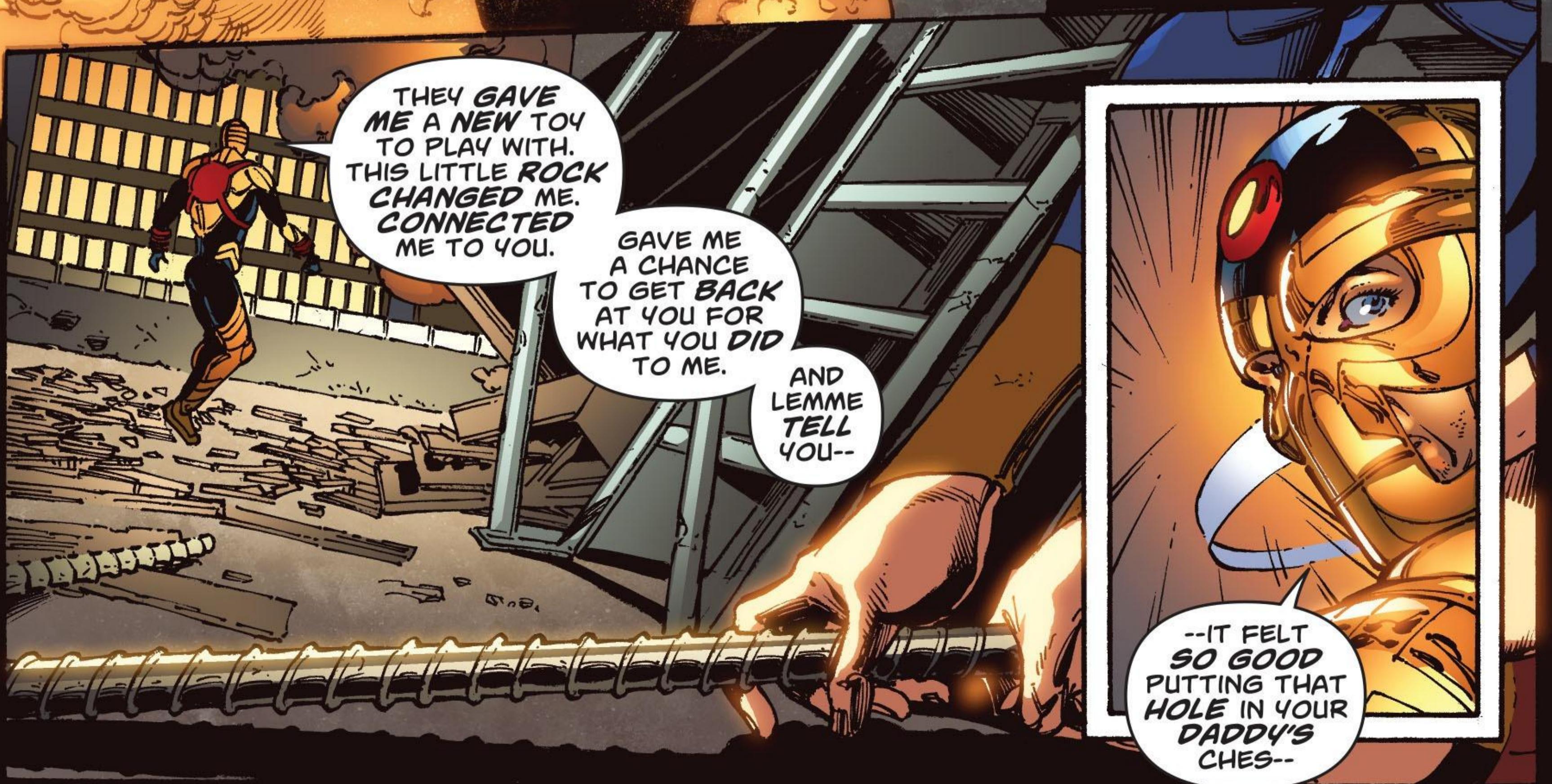
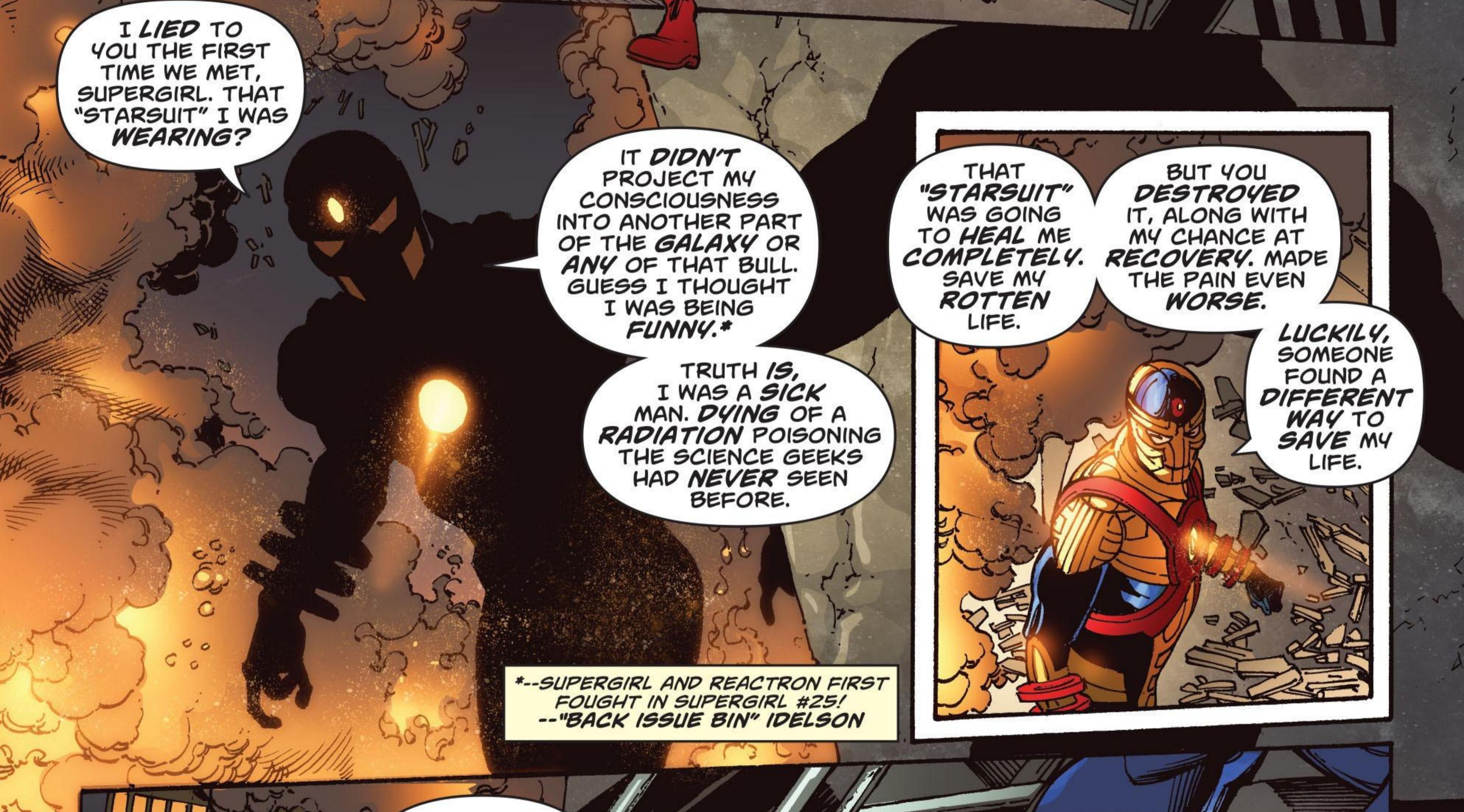
OH, WOW. WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT IS, GUYS?

EXCUSE ME?

SHE'S YOUR NIECE, RIGHT? SO IS SHE YOUR BROTHER'S CHILD, OR YOUR SIS--

HOLY--! LOOK AT THAT!

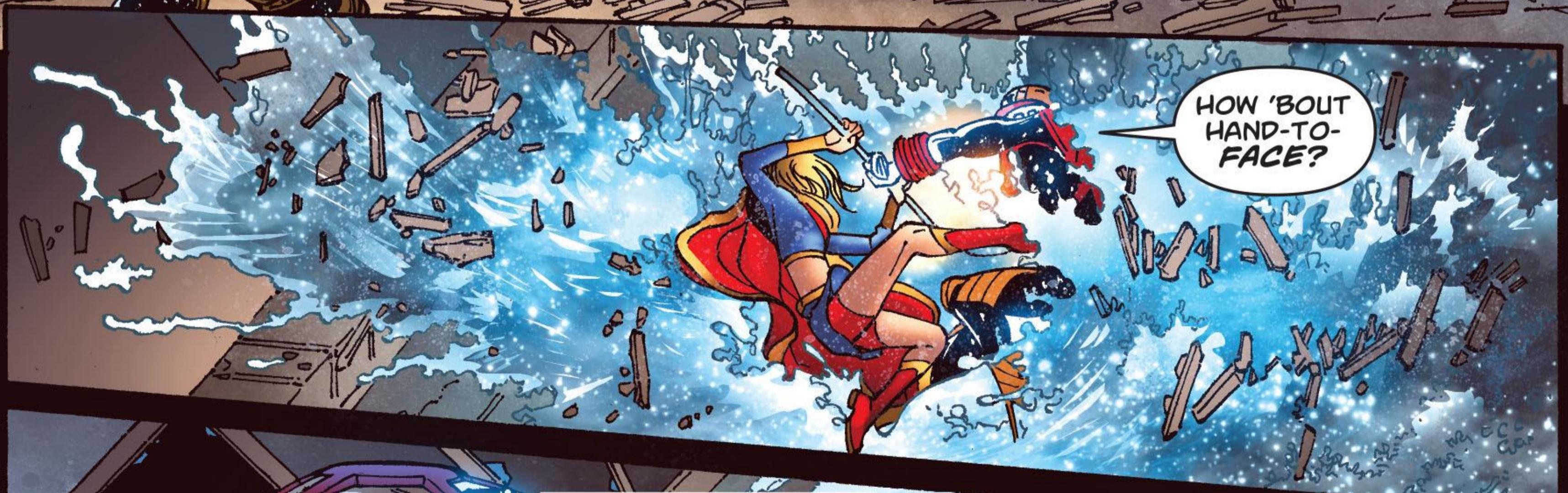
I-I DON'T KNOW, JIMMY, BUT WHATEVER IT IS--



*WING*

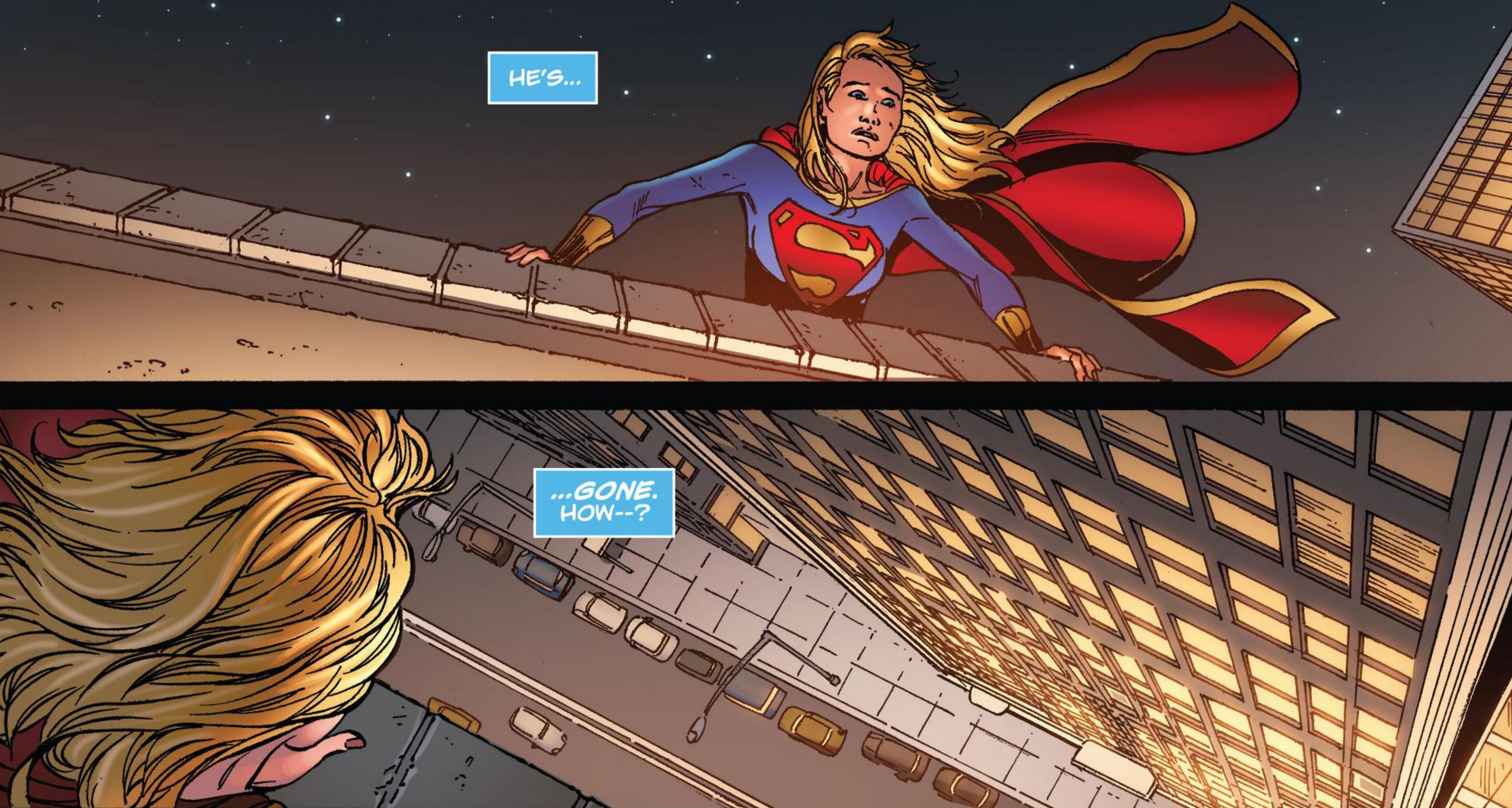
SHUT--







HE'S...



...GONE.  
HOW--?

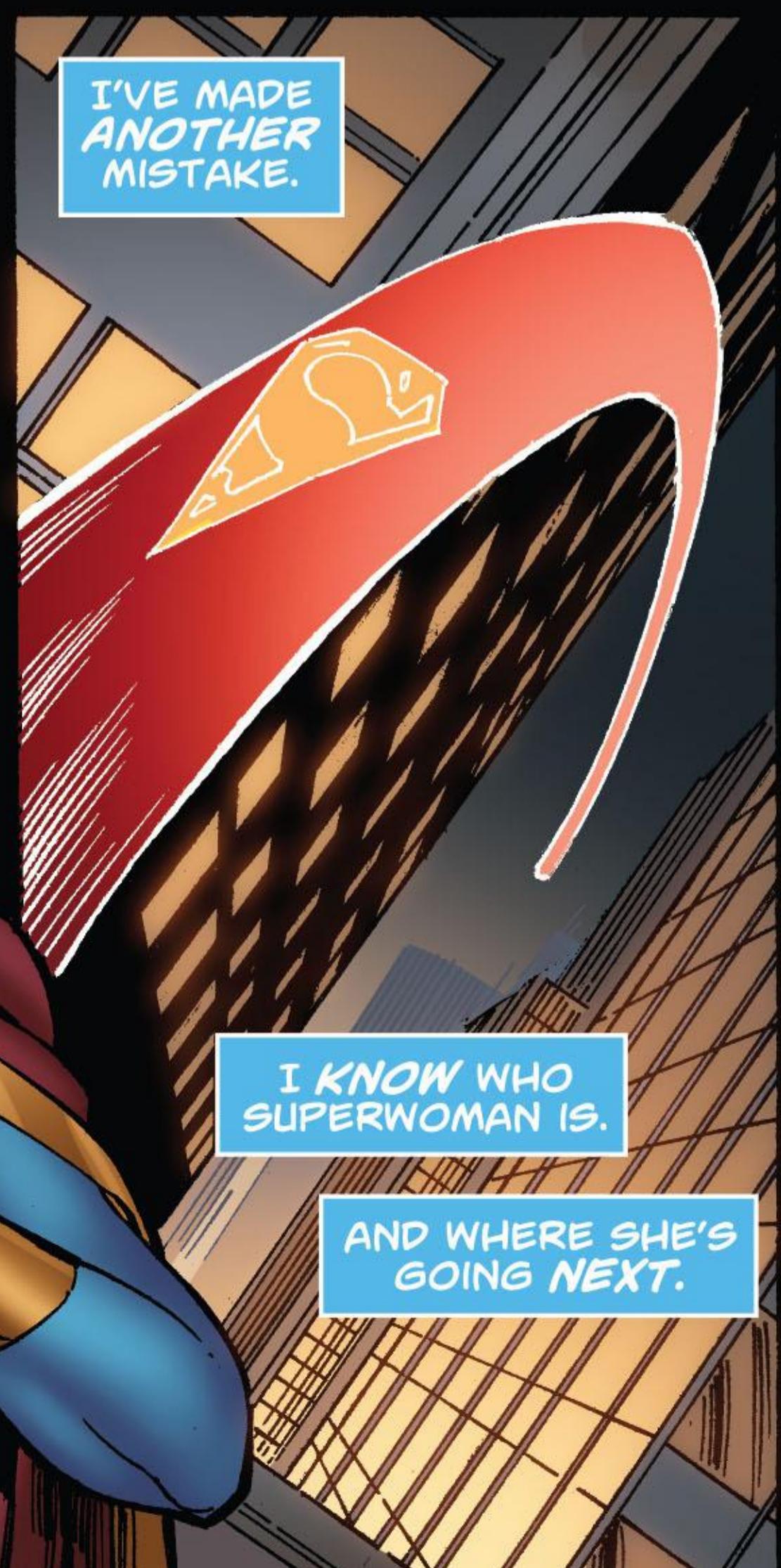
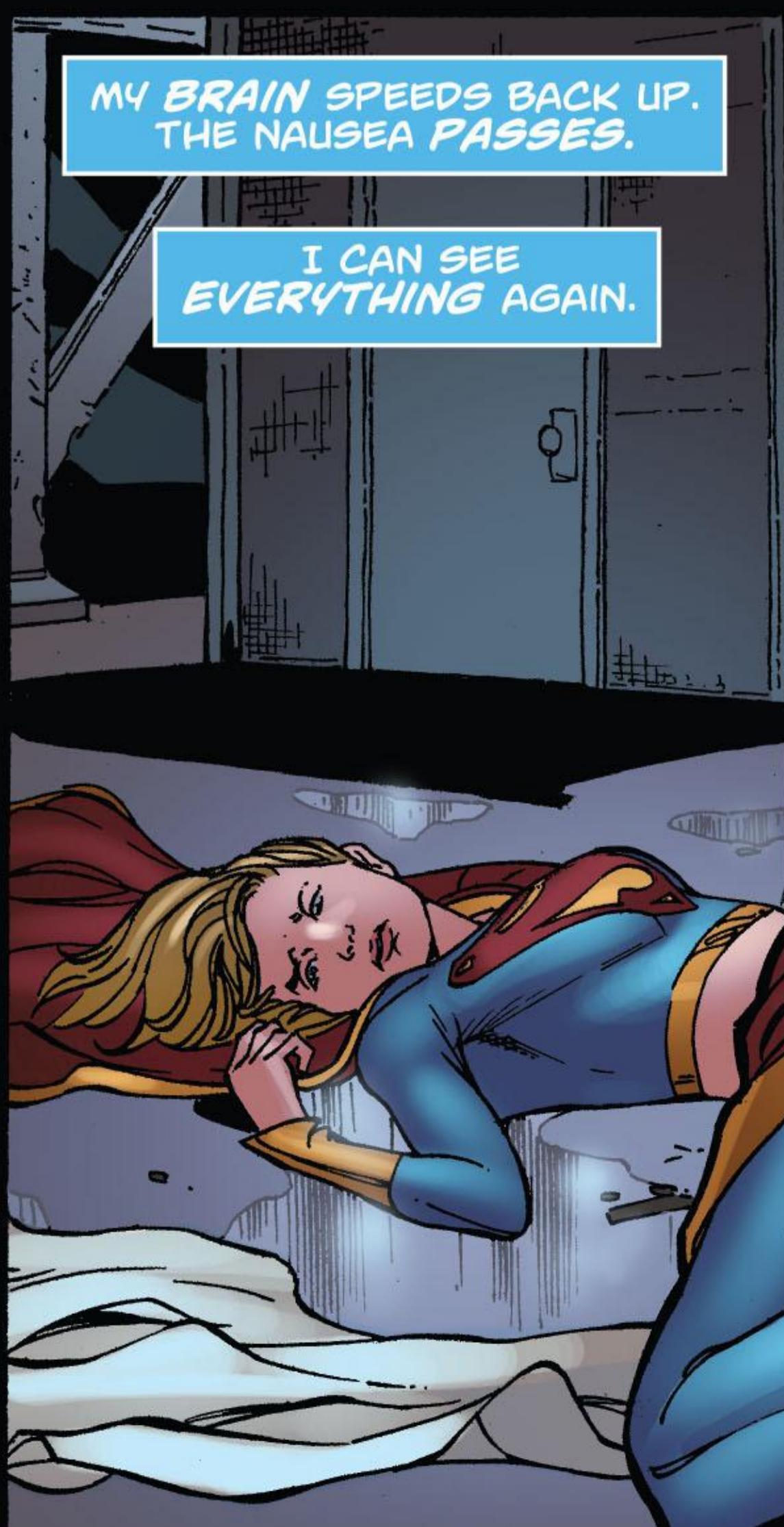


MY BRAIN SPEEDS BACK UP.  
THE NAUSEA PASSES.

I CAN SEE  
EVERYTHING AGAIN.

I CAN SEE...I SEE  
SOMETHING THAT I  
HADN'T SEEN BEFORE...

I'VE MADE  
ANOTHER  
MISTAKE.



WHAT DID I THINK?  
I THOUGHT SHE COULD  
HELP ME SOLVE A  
MURDER, BILL!

BILL, THAT'S  
RIDICULOUS!

I'VE WORKED HARD  
TO MAKE THIS UNIT A  
REALITY! YOU CAN'T  
JUST TAKE IT--

NO, I DID  
NOT THINK I WAS  
ENDANGERING  
NATIONAL  
SECURITY--

NO, OF  
COURSE SHE DIDN'T!  
SHE'S SUPERMAN'S  
COUSIN, BILL! LOOK, YOU'RE  
THE COMMISSIONER,  
CAN'T YOU--

--AWAY...

I THOUGHT YOU  
WERE INTERESTED  
IN GIRLS YOUR  
OWN AGE, RED.

SO LONG!  
AND KEEP  
REPORTING!



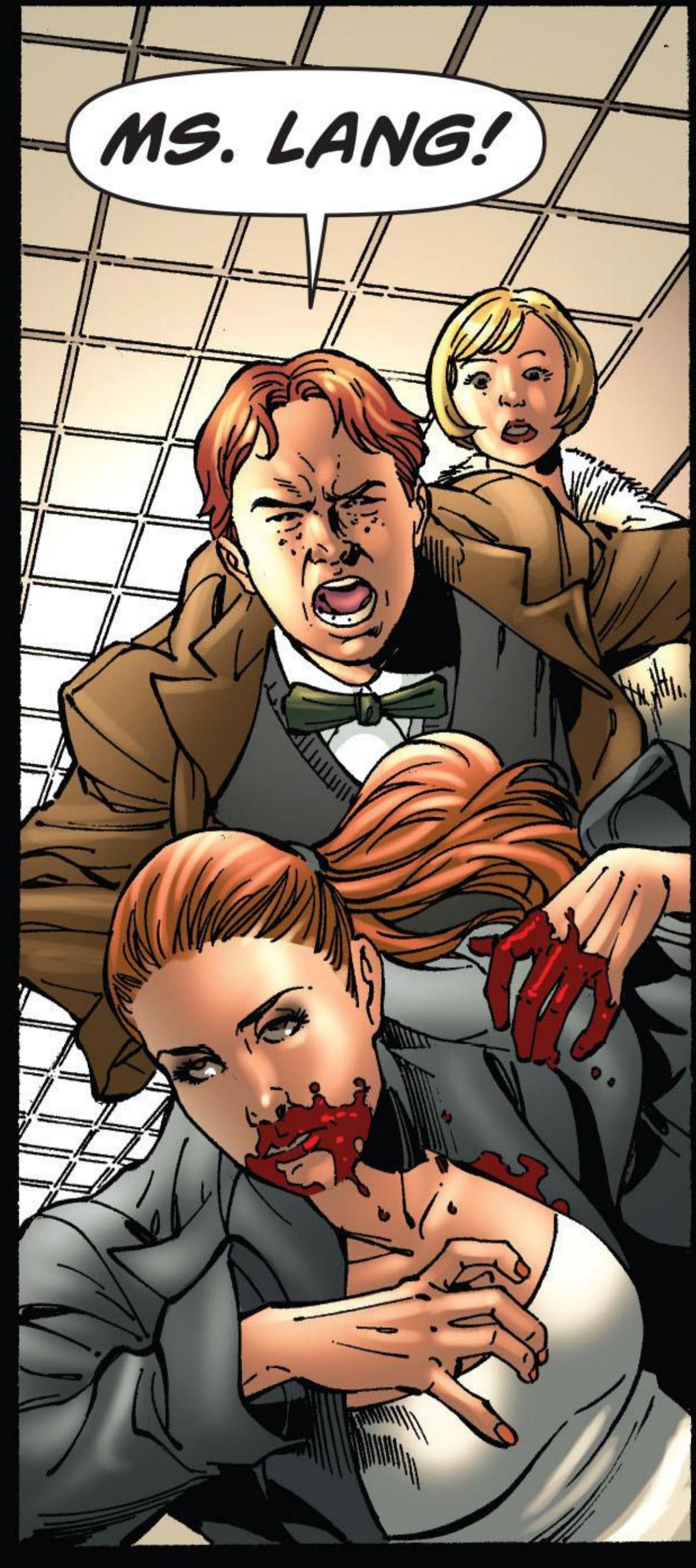
OH, THEY'RE JUST EXCITED  
TO BE ENTERING THE FIELD,  
MS. GRANT. I REMEMBER WHEN  
I FIRST DECLARED MYSELF  
A CUB REPORTER--

MS. LANG?  
YOU OKAY?

I'M  
FINE...

JUST A  
LITTLE...  
WOOZY...

"LET ME CALL  
YOU BACK."





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--MAJOR  
LANE!

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