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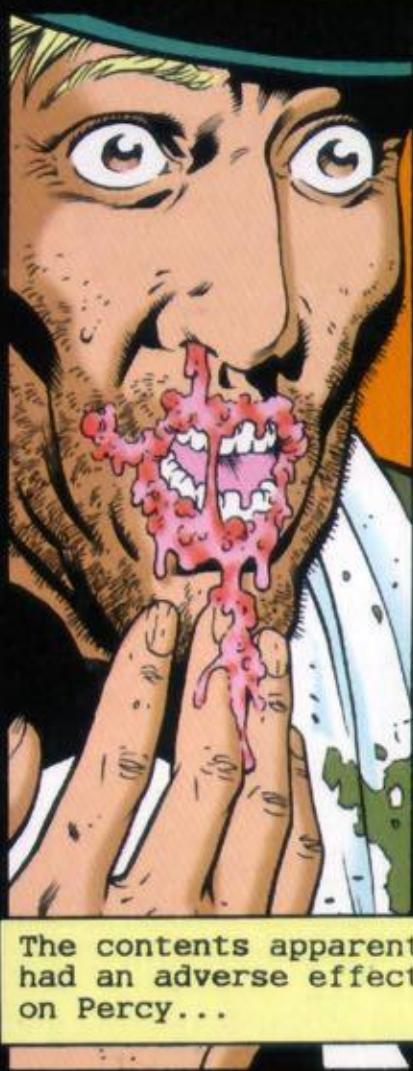
Leesburg Police
Blotter, 9th
Precinct. Entry
9:24 A.M.

Residents of Division Street complained of passersby being harassed for handouts by Reginald Percy, white male, 62...

...Percy being a known alcoholic and indigent who sports formal wear and is popularly known as "The Gentleman."



Mrs. Evey Bauman, while hanging clothes, claims to have seen Percy consume the contents of a bottle he found lying on a sewer grating.



The contents apparently had an adverse effect on Percy...

...and he staggered into a nearby alley, knocking aside two pedestrians while doing so.

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Mrs. Evey Bauman, while hanging clothes, claims to have seen Percy consume a bottle he found lying on a sewer grating.

Several passersby apparently quickened their stride, not wishing to become involved.



Percy has not been seen since. All units in the area are instructed to be on the lookout and approach with caution.



Percy is not known to be armed, but may be dangerous.

THE FLYING GAME

STICKING THEIR NECKS OUT ARE...
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FOLKS DIDN'T
ALWAYS DEFINE THEM-
SELVES BY THEIR SEXUALITY,
Y'KNOW. IN ANCIENT GREECE,
PEOPLE WERE ATTRACTED TO EACH
OTHER BASED ON BEAUTY OF
SPIRIT AND BODY, WITH GENDER
SECONDARY. EVEN HERACLES
HAD A MALE LOVER, FOR
PITY'S SAKE.

AND YEAH, SURE,
THE BIBLE HAS SAME-
SEX PROHIBITIONS. THEN
AGAIN, THE BIBLE ALSO
SAYS THAT A CHILD WHO
CURSES A PARENT SHOULD
BE KILLED, AND THAT A
SUSPECTED ADULTERESS
SHOULD DRINK POISON
TO TEST HER GUILT.
FUNNY HOW PEOPLE
TOSSED THOSE ASIDE,
HUH.

ALL
I'M SAYING IS,
BEING THE SAME
GENDER DOESN'T
NECESSARILY
MEAN...

...YOU
CAN'T HORSE
AROUND.

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BY THE WAY, I DON'T
THINK WE'VE BEEN
OFFICIALLY INTRODUCED.
ANDY JONES...COMET'S
ALTER EGO.

I...I
DON'T
BELIEVE
IT.

'CAUSE YOU
SURE DIDN'T
MIND BEING
AFFECTIONATE
WHEN YOU
THOUGHT I
WAS A
MAN.

IT'S...IT'S
NOT LIKE
THAT...

OH, YOU'RE IN DENIAL, TOO?
I SHOULD INTRODUCE YOU TO
THIS OTHER GIRL, LINDA
DANVERS. SHE'S ALSO
BEEN PLAYING HARD
TO GET...

I
THOUGHT
LESBIANS
DIDN'T
RECRUIT.

YOU MISSED
IT. THERE WAS THIS
BIG MEETING WHERE
WE VOTED ON RULES AND
STUFF...AND IT WAS DECIDED
THERE WAS THIS THING
CALLED "FREE WILL", SO
WE DIDN'T ALL HAVE
TO ACT ALIKE.

ELLEN WAS THE KEY-
NOTE SPEAKER. IT WAS
REALLY COOL.

SO...WHO
ARE YOU WHEN
YOU'RE NOT BEING
SUPergirl? WE
PROMISED FULL
DISCLOSURE.

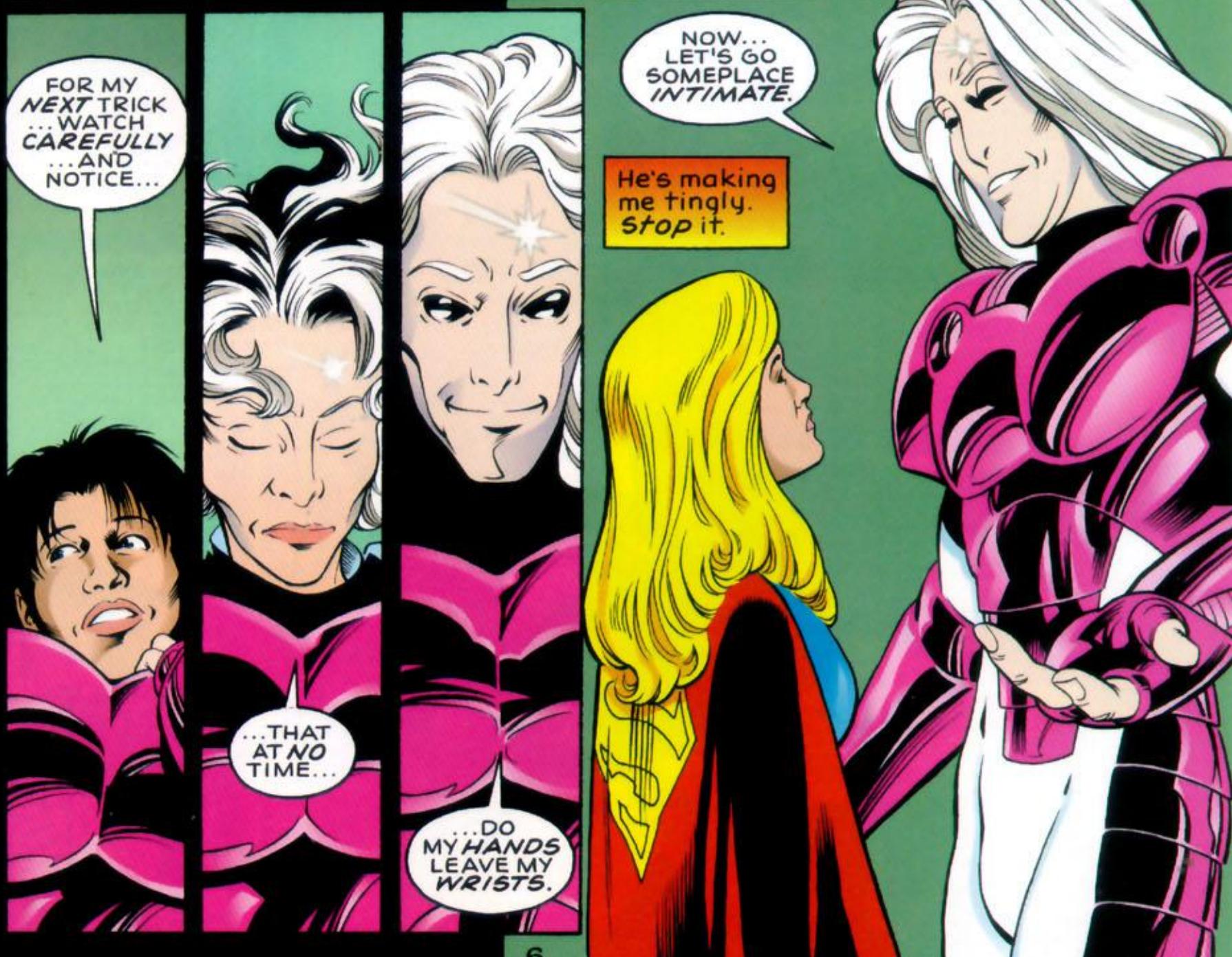
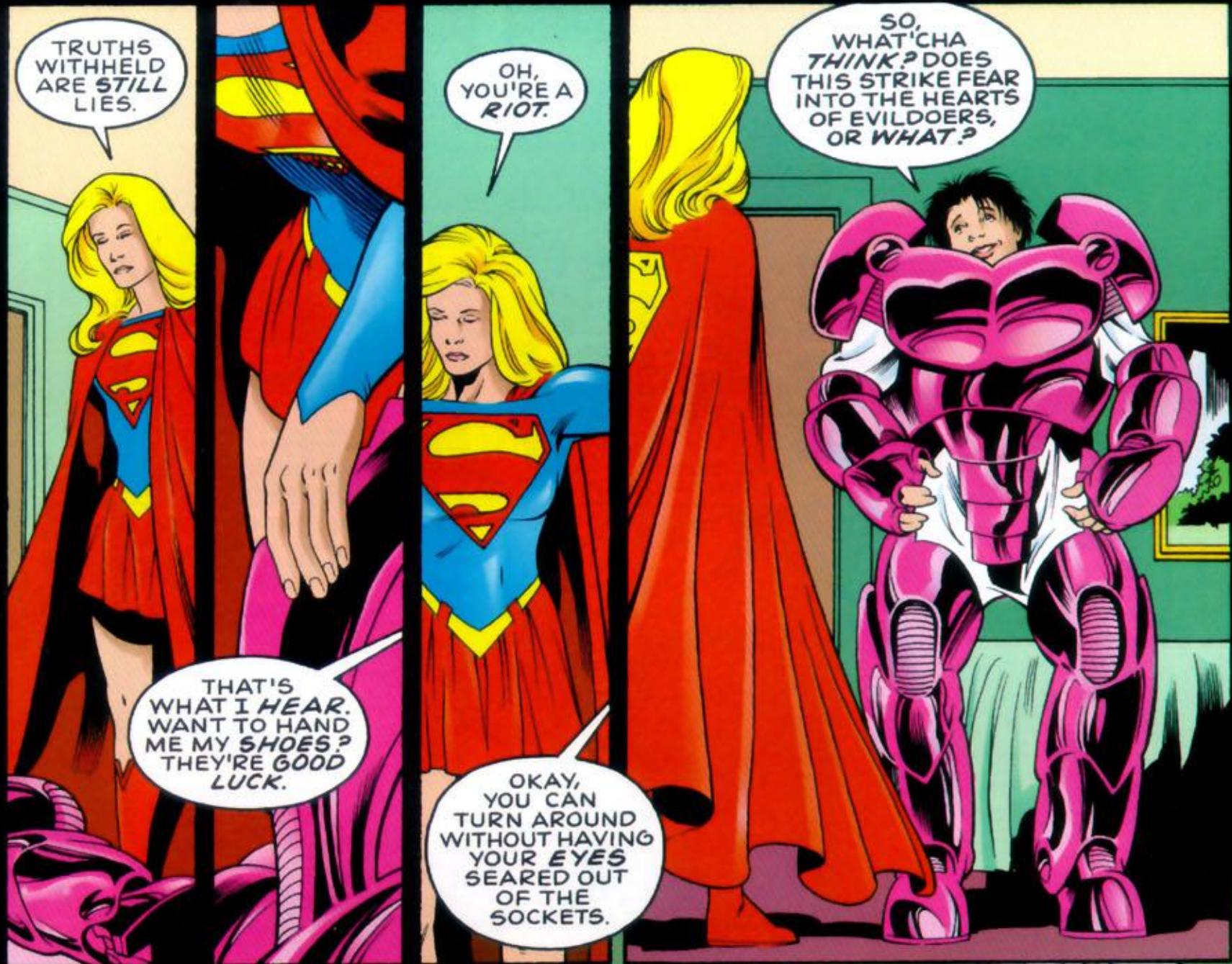
"WE" PROMISED
NO SUCH THING.
YOU DECEIVED
ME! AND NOW
I'M SUPPOSED
TO TRUST
YOU?

WHAD'JA
EXPECT? YOU
LIKED ME WELL
ENOUGH WHEN YOU
THOUGHT I WAS A
NICE, SAFE MAN.
WELL, THIS IS
ME, TOO.

WHAT DO YOU
MEAN, "TOO"?

NOTHING.
FORGET IT.





HAUL IT YERSELF!

NOW FRED... YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? MAYBE YOU WANT US TO COME IN WITH YOU.

S'OKAY, CARRIE. YOU GUYS STAY HERE. I'VE GOT MOST OF MY STUFF PACKED UP IN BOXES AND SUCH. I JUST NEED TO GO IN AND BRING IT DOWNSTAIRS TO THE FRONT. YOU AND MIKE TAKE IT FROM THERE.

...AND I WANT TO THANK YOU GUYS AGAIN FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP ME WITH THE MOVE.

VOLUNTEER? SERGEANT DANVERS, YOU TOLD US WE HAD TO--

OWWW!

ANYWAY, IF SYLVIA'S HOME, IT'S LIKELY TO GET UGLY, SO YOU GUYS DON'T NEED THAT GRIEF.



OH, DON'T PANIC, FRED.
IT'S JUST GRAPE JUICE.
TASTE IT IF YOU DON'T
BELIEVE ME.

NO,
I MEAN...
YOUR HAIR...
THE GRAY
STREAKS...
WHY....?

I HAD AN
EPIPHANY,
FRED.

WHAT,
IS THAT LIKE
A PERM OR
SOMETHING?

IT WAS SO
STRANGE: I TOOK
ANAP, AND WHEN I
WOKE UP, I SUDDENLY
FELT **REVITALIZED**
...LIKE EVERYTHING
MADE **SENSE**. I'LL BE
GOING BACK TO A.A.
TONIGHT, IN
FACT.

AND I
WANT TO HAVE
LINDA OVER FOR
LUNCH TOMORROW.
I NEVER QUESTIONED
THAT SHE WAS OUR
DAUGHTER BEFORE
I KNEW THE
TRUTH.

REALLY,
THERE'S NO REASON
FOR ME TO QUESTION
IT NOW, EITHER. IF
SHE'S HERE, IT'S FOR
A REASON.

EVERYTHING
HAPPENS FOR A
REASON, AND TENDS
TO WORK OUT IF YOU
LET IT. I JUST WASN'T
WILLING TO LET IT.
BUT NOW I AM.

NO... NO, THIS IS
TOO PAT. YOU'RE
JUST TRYING TO
CHANGE MY MIND
ABOUT THE
DIVORCE.

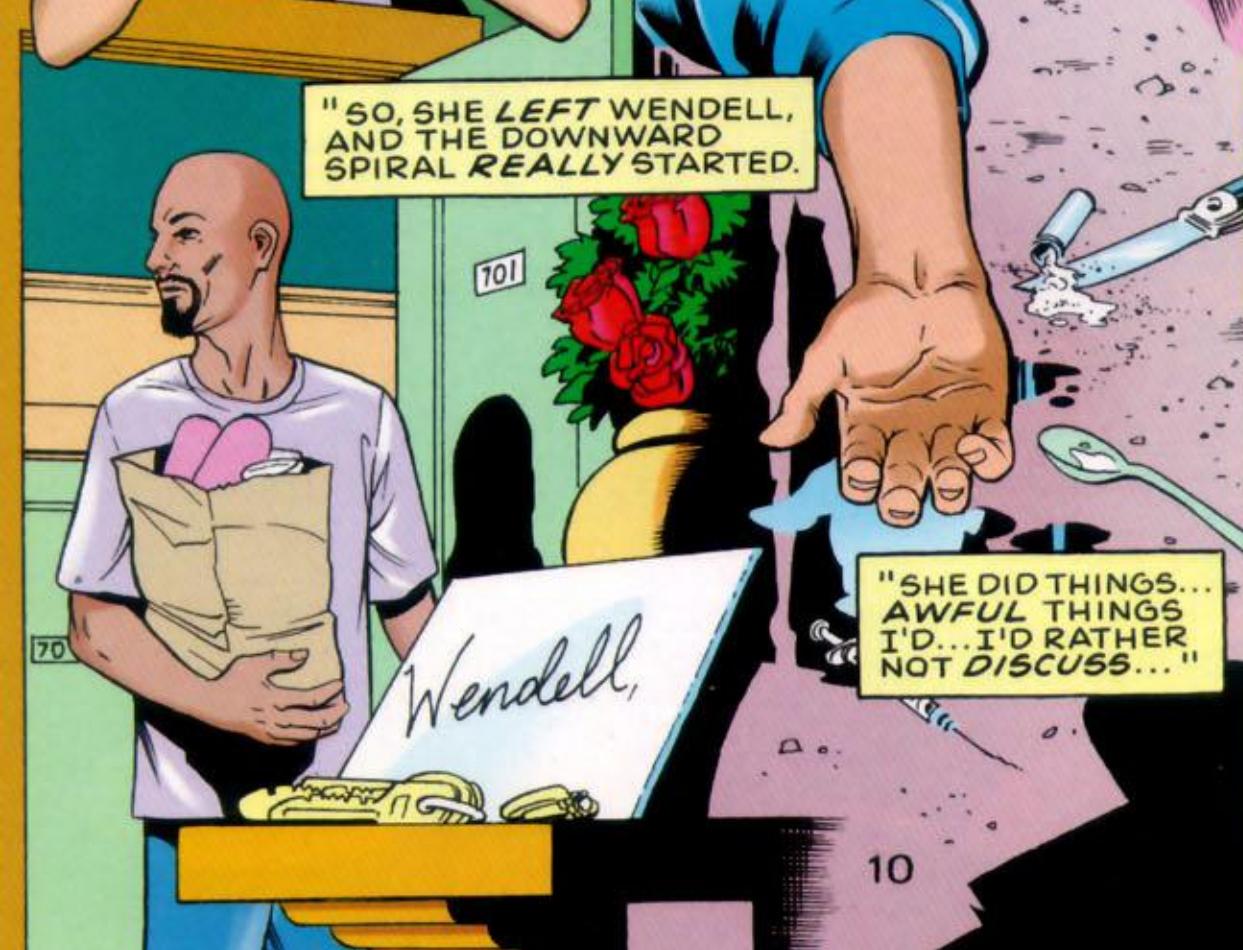
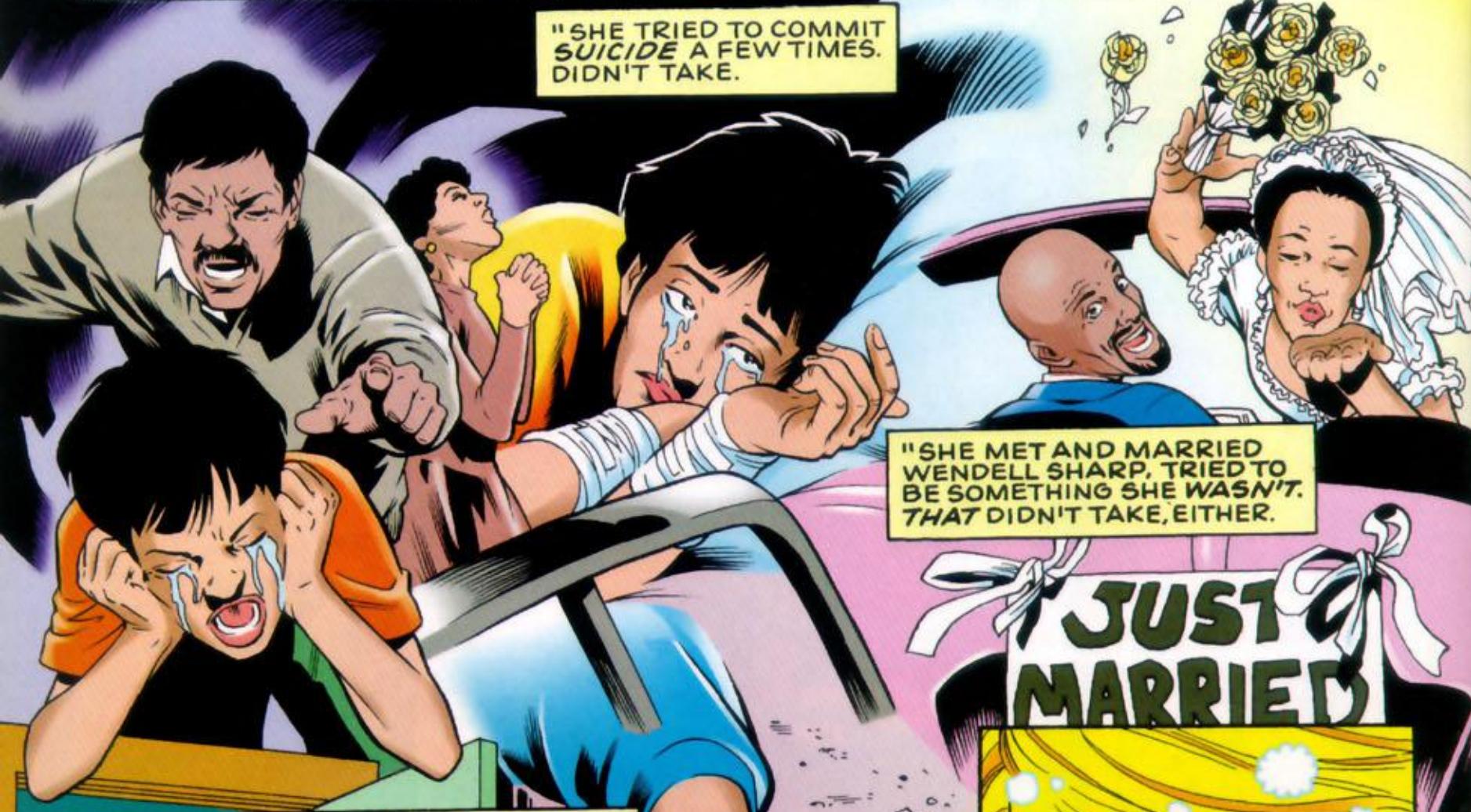
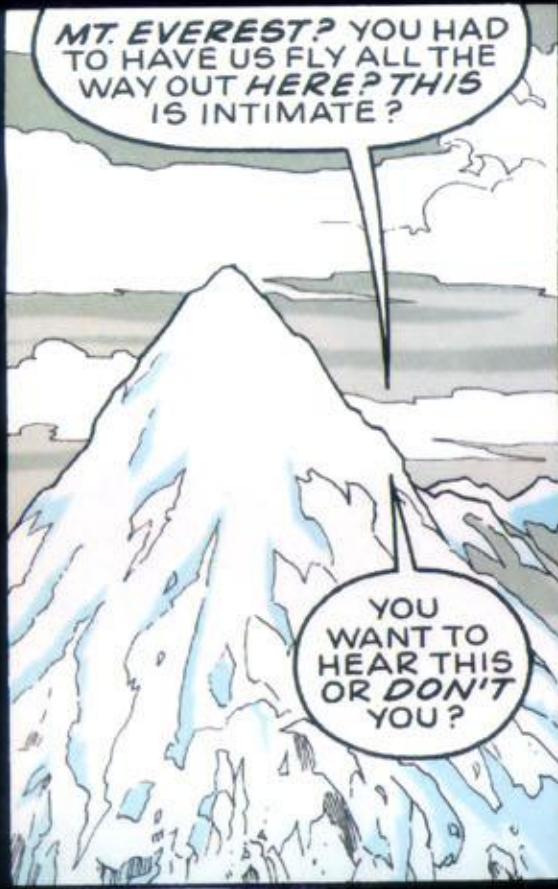
OH, FRED. I
CAN'T HOLD ON
TO YOU IF YOU
DON'T WANT
TO STAY.

IF
THAT'S YOUR
DECISION, I
RESPECT--

WHOOOFF!

OH!





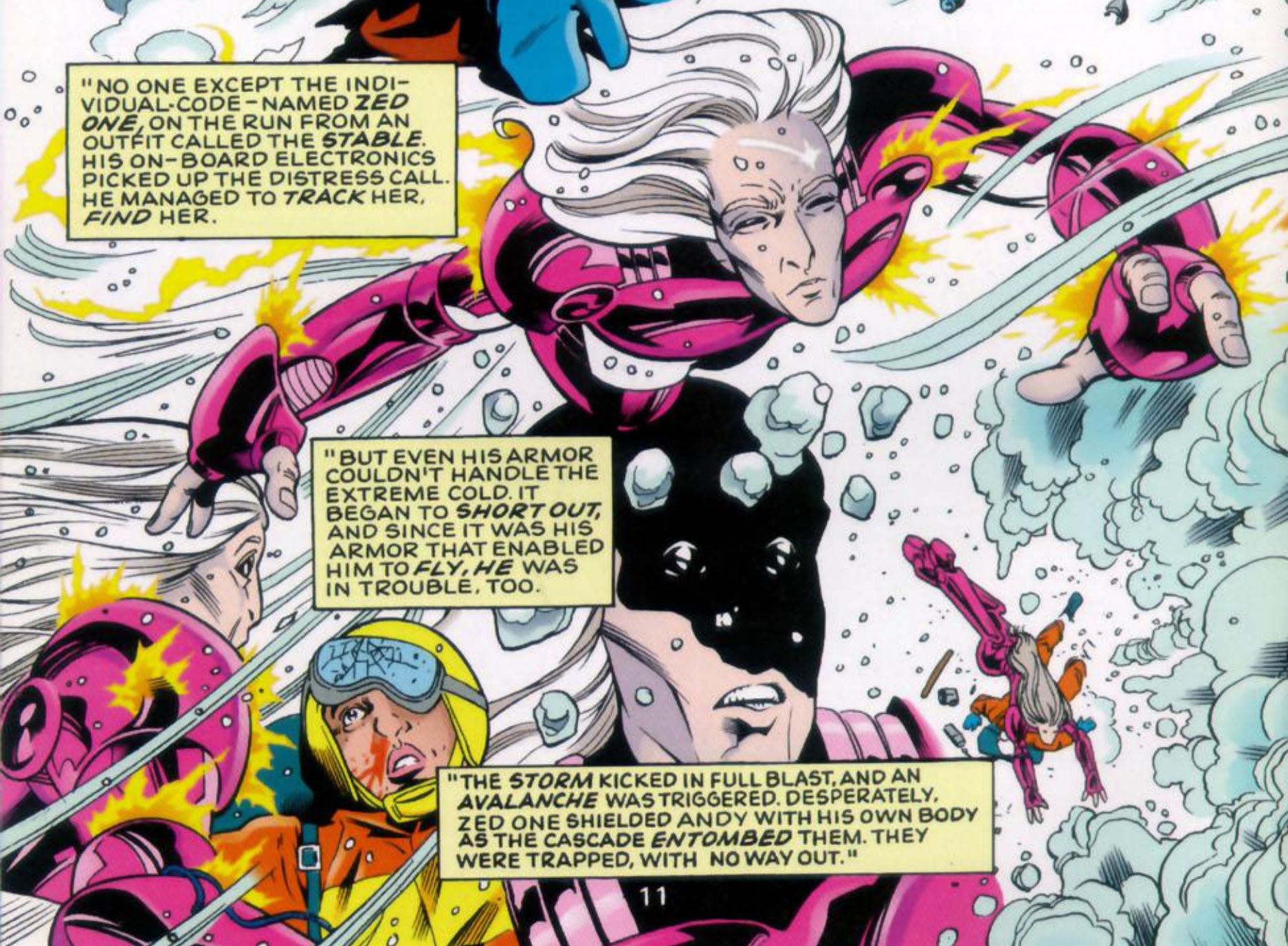
"FINALLY, HER LACK OF INTEREST IN LIFE TRANSLATED INTO RECKLESSNESS. SHE STARTED TAKING ALL SORTS OF CRAZY CHANCES. BECAME A REAL DAREDEVIL."

"SHE DECIDED TO DO SOMETHING COMPLETELY INSANE, REALLY PUSH IT: SHE DECIDED TO BE THE FIRST PERSON TO SUCCESSFULLY CLIMB MT. EVEREST SOLO. BE THE LINDBERGH OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS."



"BIG SHOCK: SHE DIDN'T MAKE IT. FELL AND BUSTED HER LEG. WITH A STORM BUILDING UP, AND EXTREME HYPOTHERMIA SETTING IN, SHE TRIED RADIATING FOR HELP... BUT NO ONE COULD GET TO HER IN TIME."

"NO ONE EXCEPT THE INDIVIDUAL-CODE-NAMED ZED ONE, ON THE RUN FROM AN OUTFIT CALLED THE STABLE. HIS ON-BOARD ELECTRONICS PICKED UP THE DISTRESS CALL. HE MANAGED TO TRACK HER. FIND HER."



"BUT EVEN HIS ARMOR COULDN'T HANDLE THE EXTREME COLD. IT BEGAN TO SHORT OUT, AND SINCE IT WAS HIS ARMOR THAT ENABLED HIM TO FLY, HE WAS IN TROUBLE, TOO."

"THE STORM KICKED IN FULL BLAST, AND AN AVALANCHE WAS TRIGGERED. DESPERATELY, ZED ONE SHIELDED ANDY WITH HIS OWN BODY AS THE CASCADE ENTOMBED THEM. THEY WERE TRAPPED, WITH NO WAY OUT."

What's...
your
name?

Andrew...
Andrew Jones
...friends...call
me Andy...

I'm...
Andrea Martinez
...but my friends...
call me Andy, too
...small world.
huh?...

"... AND AS THEY
DIED, HE APOLO-
GIZED FOR HIS
FAILURE TO SAVE
HER. HE CARED
NOTHING FOR
HIMSELF...ONLY
FOR HER.

"ZED ONE'S GENETICALLY-
ENGINEERED BODY BROKE
DOWN, DISSOLVING INTO
ITS COMPONENTS...

"... AND MERGED WITH
ANDY'S FROSTBITTEN,
TISSUE-DEAD FORM.

"TIME PASSED... AND THEN,
SUDDENLY, THE RUBBLE
SMASHED ASIDE... AND
OUT HURTELD A BEING WHO
WAS NEW... FLYING ON HIS
OWN, LEAVING A TRAIL OF
ICE COLD BEHIND HIM.

"AND HE DISCOVERED
... AS DID SHE... THAT
HE AND SHE WERE
ONE. AS ZED ONE,
ANDREW JONES WAS
STILL A MAN...

"... BUT HE COULD ALSO
BECOME ANDY MARTINEZ...
AND, CONSEQUENTLY, HAD
THE PERFECT HIDING
PLACE FROM THE STABLE.

"ANDY MARTINEZ TOOK NEW
JOY IN LIFE... BECAME A
COMEDIAN, AND AS A TRIBUTE,
USED HER RESCUER'S NAME
OF JONES. MOSTLY, SHE
ASSUMED HER OTHER FORM TO
GET FROM ONE GIG TO ANOTHER.

ANDY JONES
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ONLY
AT GUT BUSTERS

"IN FACT, WHEN SHE
RAN INTO HER EX-
HUSBAND AND HIS
PALS, SHE COULDN'T
HELP BUT MAKE REF-
ERENCE TO IT..."

I JUST
FLEW IN FROM
THE COAST, AND
BOY, ARE... NAH.
TOO EASY.*

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OH...
MY GOD...
YOU'RE...

... YOU'RE ONE
OF THE THREE
CHOSEN.

ABSOLUTELY.

ONE OF THE
WHAT?

COME
ON.

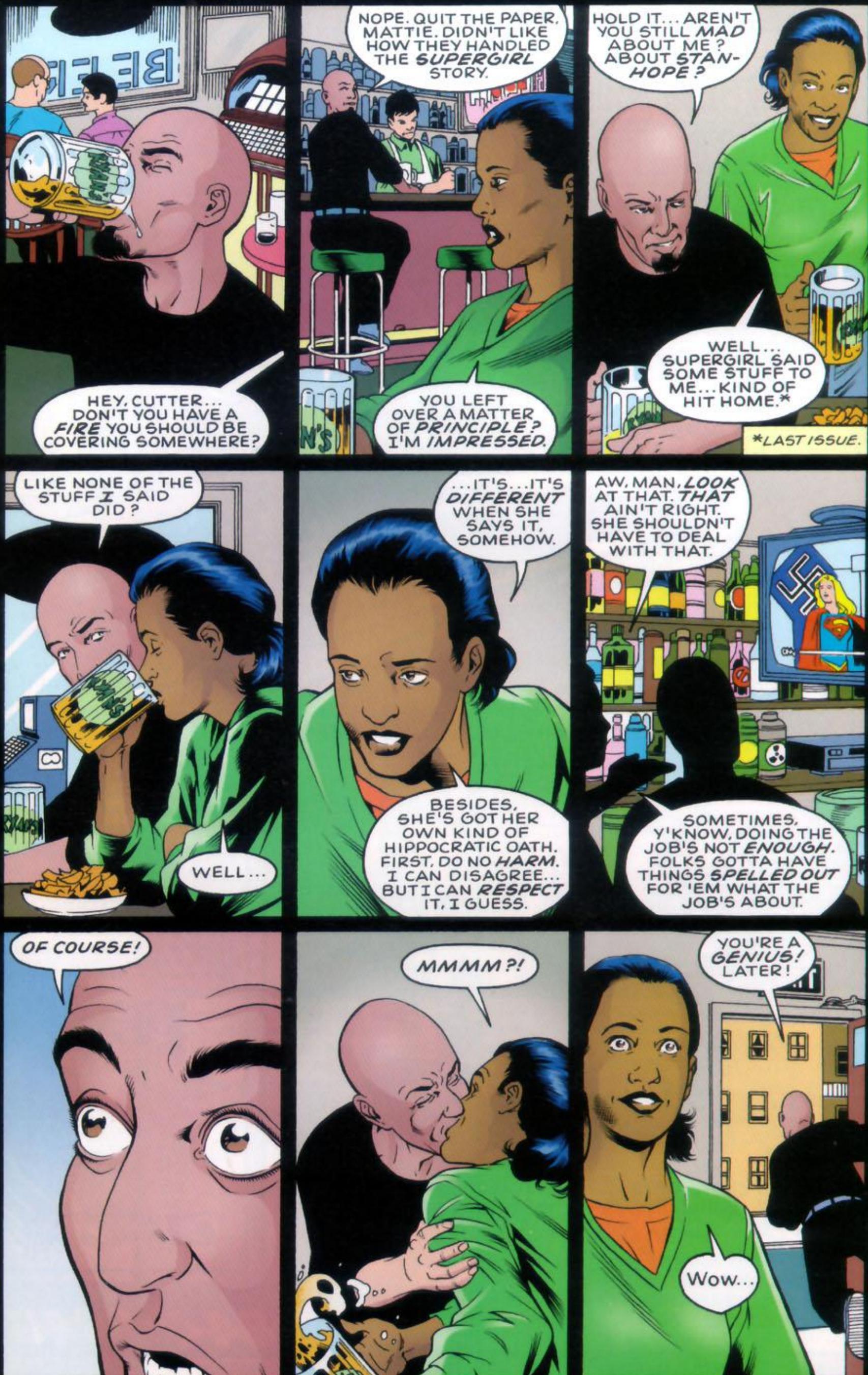
MY, THIS IS
... THIS IS SO
SUDDEN...

HEY!

OH...
RIGHT...
UH...
NO
OFFENSE.

NONE
TAKEN.

HAY
IS FOR
HORSES.



Leesburg Police Blotter,
Fifteenth Precinct,
Entry 6:37 P.M.

Individual identified as Guy Sperdouklis, 34, two priors, is believed to have accosted Jillian Church, 27, of 18 Crest Avenue, Apt. 3, while she was jogging through northwest corner of Leesburg Park.



Passerby Gail Crockley, 73, reports that she heard cries from behind bushes while she was walking her poodle. Before she could summon authorities, she witnessed a trench-coated individual step behind bushes as well.



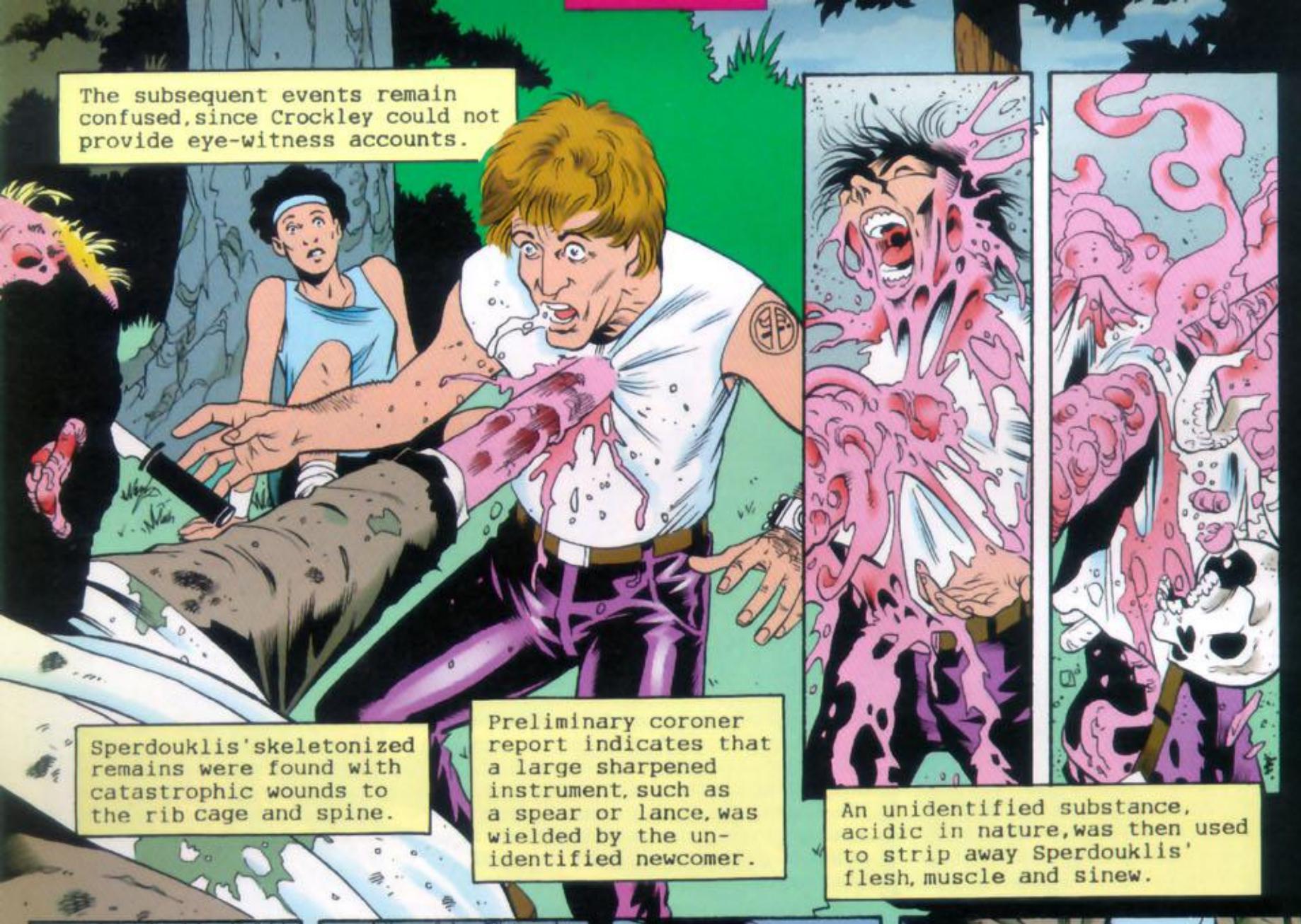
Crockley reports she heard a scuffle, and believes the unidentified person was not in league with Sperdouklis.

Crockley alleges that Sperdouklis shouted something about a stench, and a moment later cried out...

HOW THE HELL--?!



The subsequent events remain confused, since Crockley could not provide eye-witness accounts.





ALCOHOLISM'S A SOUL SICKNESS. IF YOU SEE HER THROUGH THIS TERRIBLE CRISIS, YOU CAN EMERGE TOGETHER ON THE OTHER SIDE, STRONGER AND MORE SOLID AS A COUPLE THAN EVER BEFORE.

ACTUALLY...

AND YOU...! I'VE EVEN LESS PATIENCE WITH YOU. YOU JUST BE GLAD YOUR DAUGHTER'S ALIVE AND STOP TREATIN' OUR MAE LIKE SHE'S... SHE'S... TRASH!

AND, MOST IMPORTANT, YOU HAVE TO LET FRED KNOW YOU STILL LOVE HIM AND NEED HIM. AND YOU'VE GOT TO TRULY LET THE LORD INTO YOUR HEART.

YOU HAVE TO GO BACK TO A.A. AND MAKE IT STICK. YOU SHOULD -- NO OFFENSE -- GET YOUR ROOTS TOUCHED UP, BECAUSE YOU'VE REALLY LET YOUR HAIR GO.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M SAYING?

YOU'VE STILL GOT IT, MARTHA. OUR WORK HERE IS DONE. LET'S GO.



OH, JON... WOULD YOU MIND TAKING THAT BOX OUT TO THE FOLKS IN THE U-HAUL? IT'S NOT HEAVY; JUST SOME OLD CLOTHES FOR P.A.L. AND TELL THEM...

TELL THEM YOU MADE US SEE THE LIGHT.

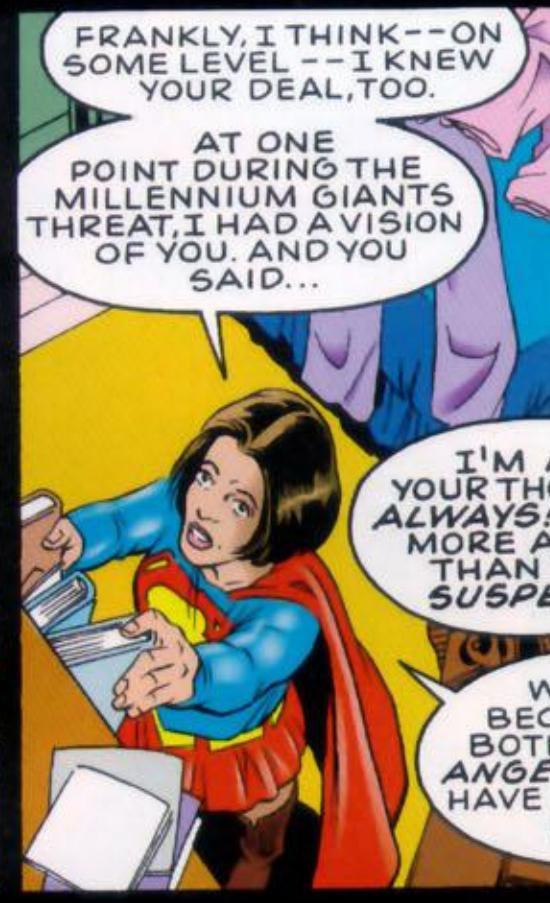
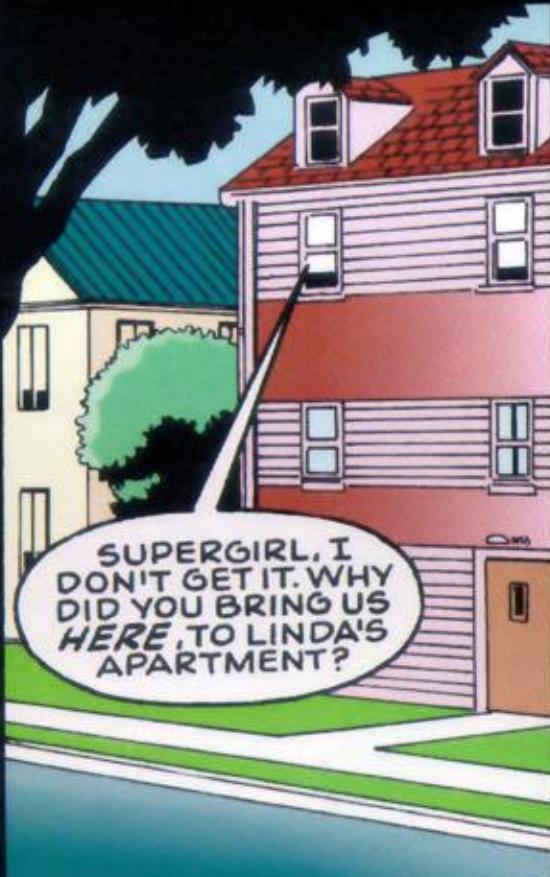
MADE 'EM SEE THE LIGHT, HUH? DARN NICE OF YOU. CAN WE DROP YOU FOLKS SOMEWHERE?



NO, THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT. WE'LL WALK. IT'S A NICE NIGHT FOR IT.

WANT MY ADVICE, MARTHA? DON'T THINK ABOUT IT TOO MUCH.





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YOU READ THIS PART YOURSELF. ABOUT EARTH-BORN ANGELS...

...AN EARTH-BORN ANGEL IS BELIEVED TO BE CREATED UNDER VERY SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES. WHEN ONE PERSON SELFLESSLY SACRIFICES HIMSELF OR HERSELF FOR THE PURPOSE OF SAVING ONE WHO IS, IN EVERY WAY, BEYOND HOPE."

YEAH, YEAH, I REMEMBER. SO?

"SO?!" ANDY ...THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED TO ME... AND TO YOU!

AND LOOK: THE THREE CHOSEN OVERSEE LOVE, LIGHT AND FIRE. I THINK I'M FIRE... AND YOUR ARENA IS LOVE. THAT'S WHY I COULDN'T HELP BUT FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU WHEN YOU'RE COMET.

SO I'VE GOT POWERS THAT STEM FROM EXTREME COLD... AND I'M AN ANGEL OF LOVE ...AND I'M FRIGID? RIIIGHT.

LOOK, I DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS. I DON'T KNOW YOUR FULL POWERS, OR WHY YOU'RE POWERLESS AS ANDY WHILE I HAVE POWERS AS LINDA.

YOU WILL? HOW CLOSELY?

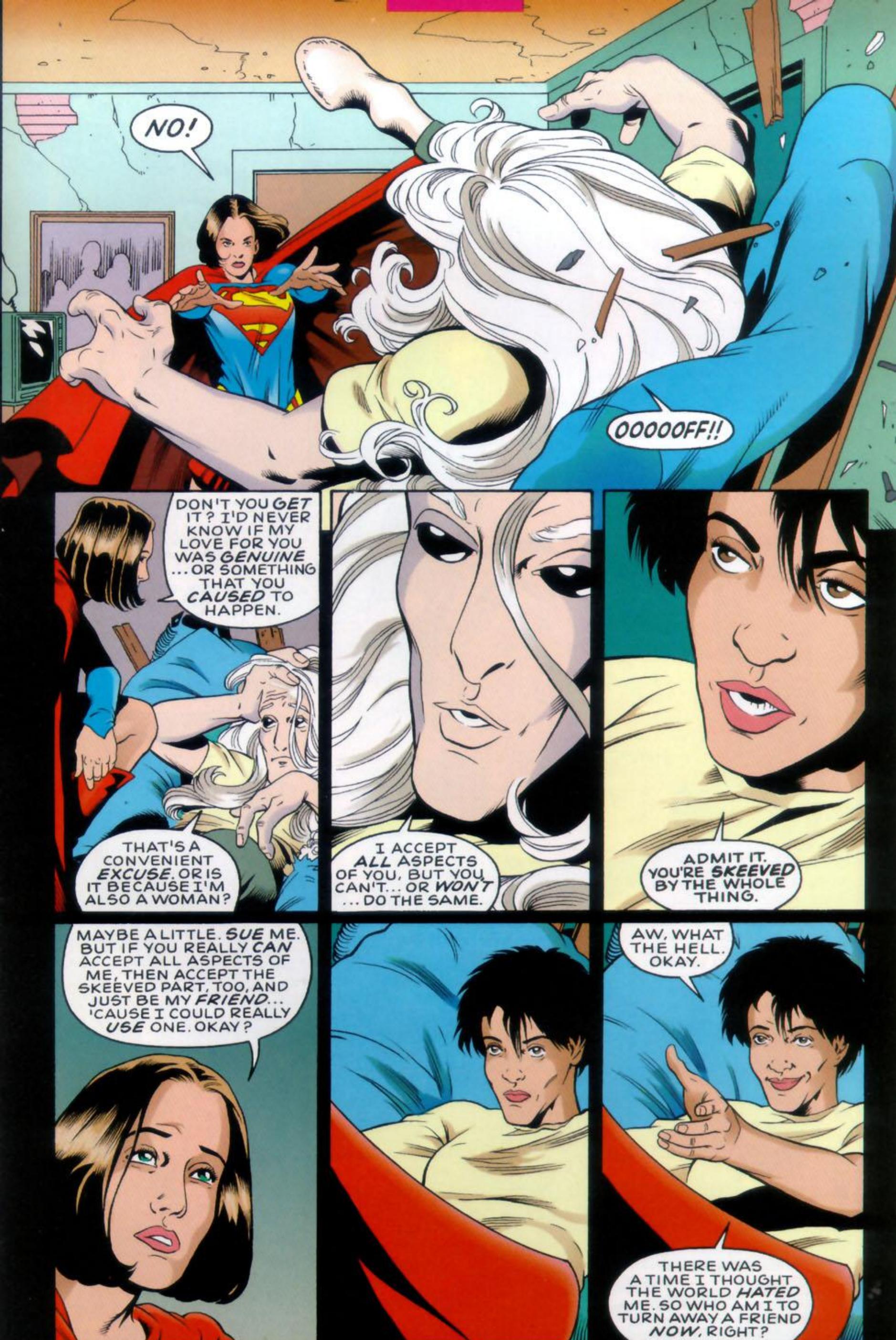
ANDY...

BUT I'LL BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU TO FIND OUT.

FREUD SAID THAT WHEN TWO PEOPLE MAKE LOVE, THERE'S ALWAYS FOUR PEOPLE INVOLVED...

...THE MAN AND WOMAN IN EACH OF US.

LINDA...





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