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SPECTRE
OF THINGS
TO COME!



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THE HAND OF GOD, DROPPED BY FOR A CHAT. I'M HONORED.

UNFORTUNATELY, I'M SUPPOSED TO BE TERRIFIED. THEN AGAIN, YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT TERRIFYING THESE DAYS, ARE YOU...

...SPECTRE? BETTER LIVING THROUGH COMPASSION. ISN'T THAT WHAT YOU'RE ALL ABOUT THESE DAYS?

XENON... YOU'D BE WISE TO CEASE YOUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES. YOU GOT OFF LUCKY IN YOUR LAST ENCOUNTER...

LUCKY?

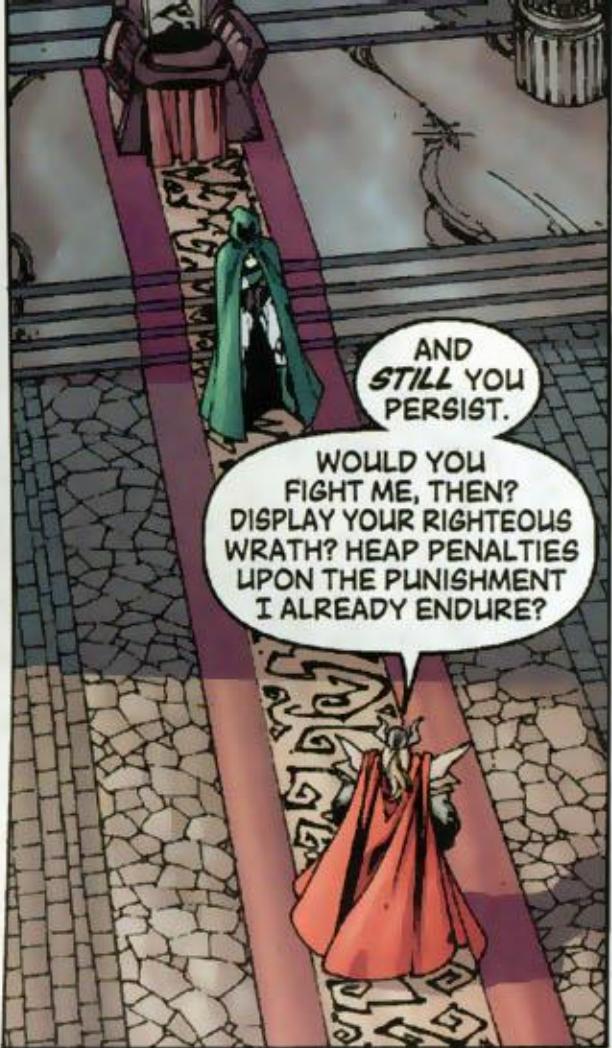
LUCKY? SEALED INTO THIS... THIS NOTHINGNESS... BY THE POWER OF THE CREATURE SUPERGIRL? WITH ITS EMBLEM DISPLAYING ITS DOMINION OVER ME?

BUT IT MADE A MISTAKE, DIDN'T IT, SPECTRE? IT WILL HAVE NO POWER IF IT'S DEAD.

YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH SUPERGIRL WAS INVOLVED. AND IT'S "SHE," NOT "IT."

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL, GOD HAND. IT'S ABOUT WHO IT IS, WHAT IT REPRESENTS. WHAT ALL OF THEM REPRESENT.
SO THEY ALL DIE, AND I GO FREE.

I'M NOT SEEING A DOWNSIDE.





Well, that's torn it.

Literally. When that lunatic, "Rebel," caved in the ceiling, he practically buried Cutter. Then he headed off to beat up on poor Kara, who's too busy feeling guilty about things to put up a fight.

And there was no smooth way to head out and change. "Wait here, guys! I'll go find help!" Then I run out and come back as Supergirl? Yeah, that would fool everybody.

LINDA...?
ARE... ARE YOU...

SUPERGIRL?
YEAH, MATTIE.
YEAH... I AM.

I... WAS GOING TO
SAY "TAKING STEROIDS."
I MEAN... I KNOW YOU'RE
NOT SUPERGIRL...

HONEY...
SHE IS.

CUTTER,
DON'T BE RIDICU --



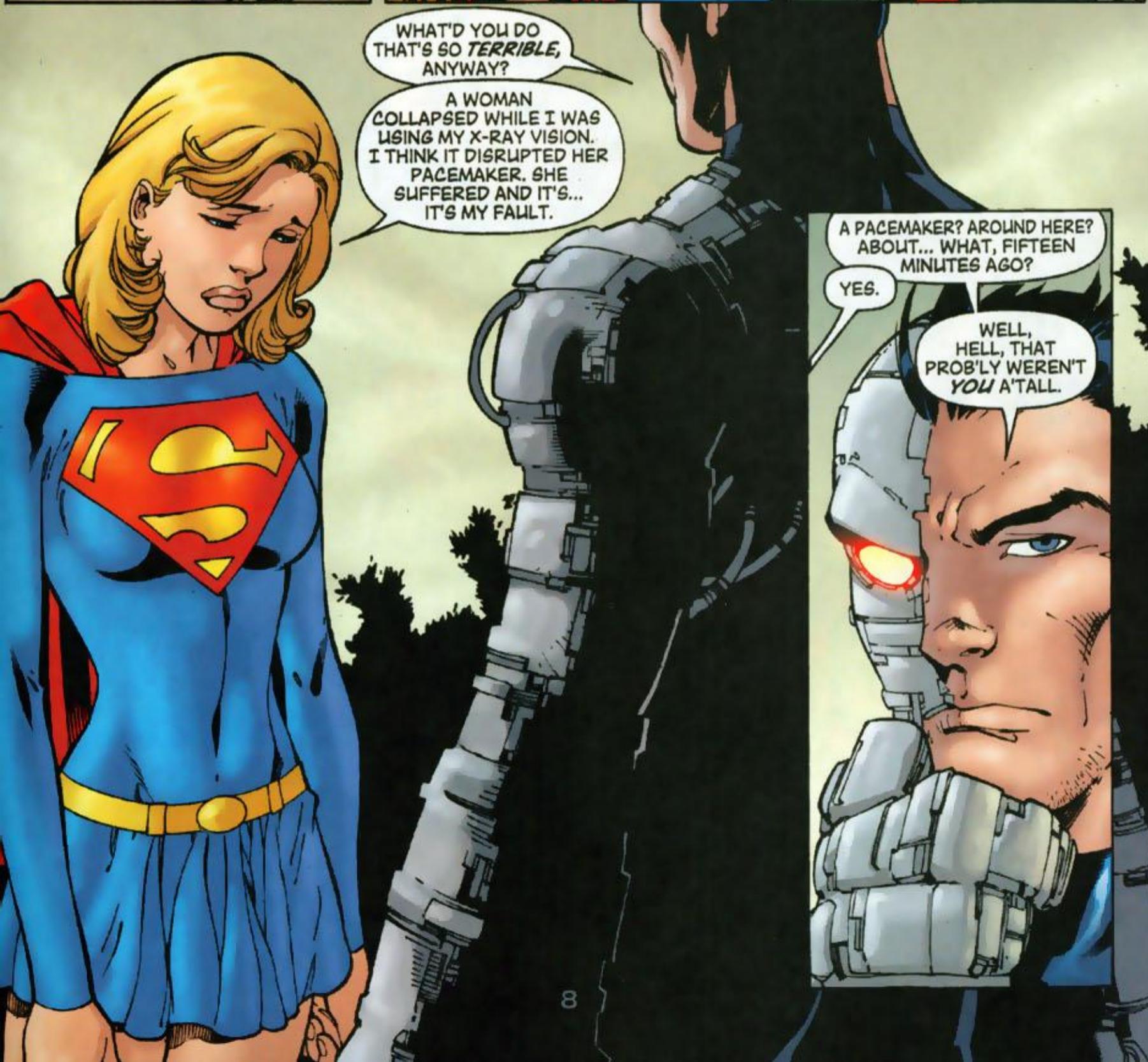
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HAPPY
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PART FOUR

BAD CHOICES

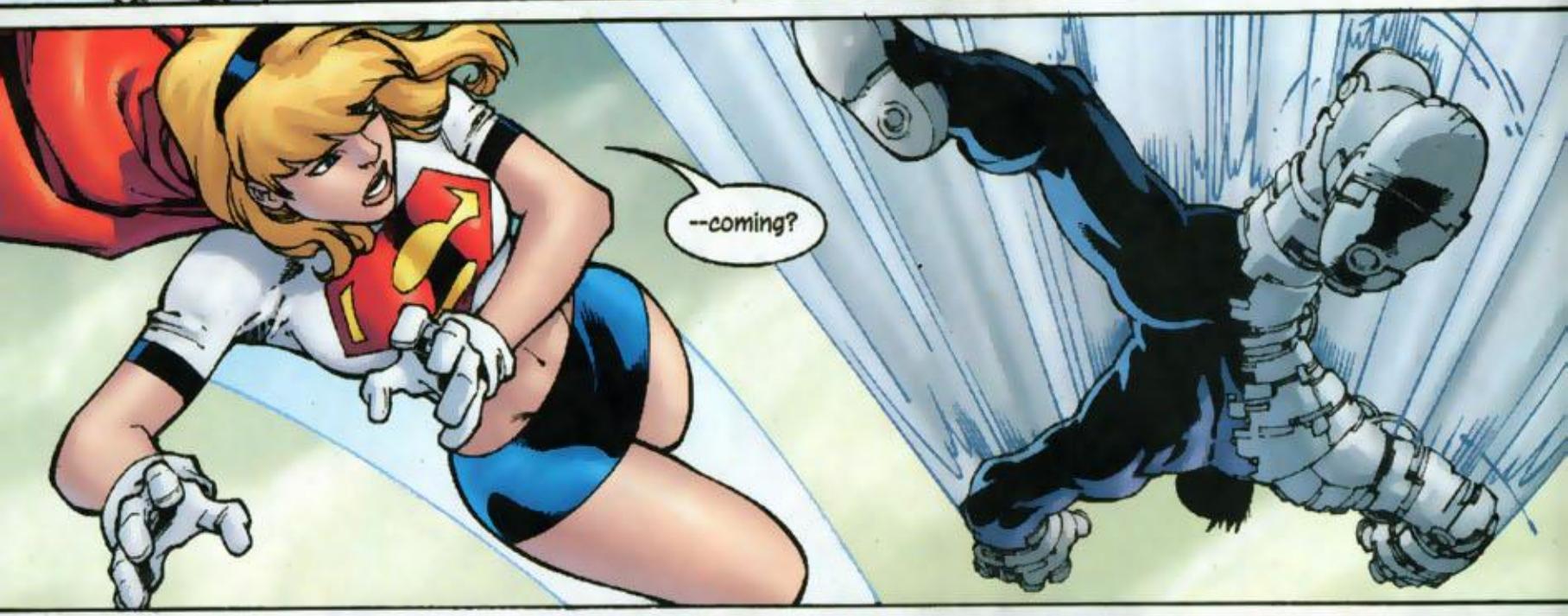
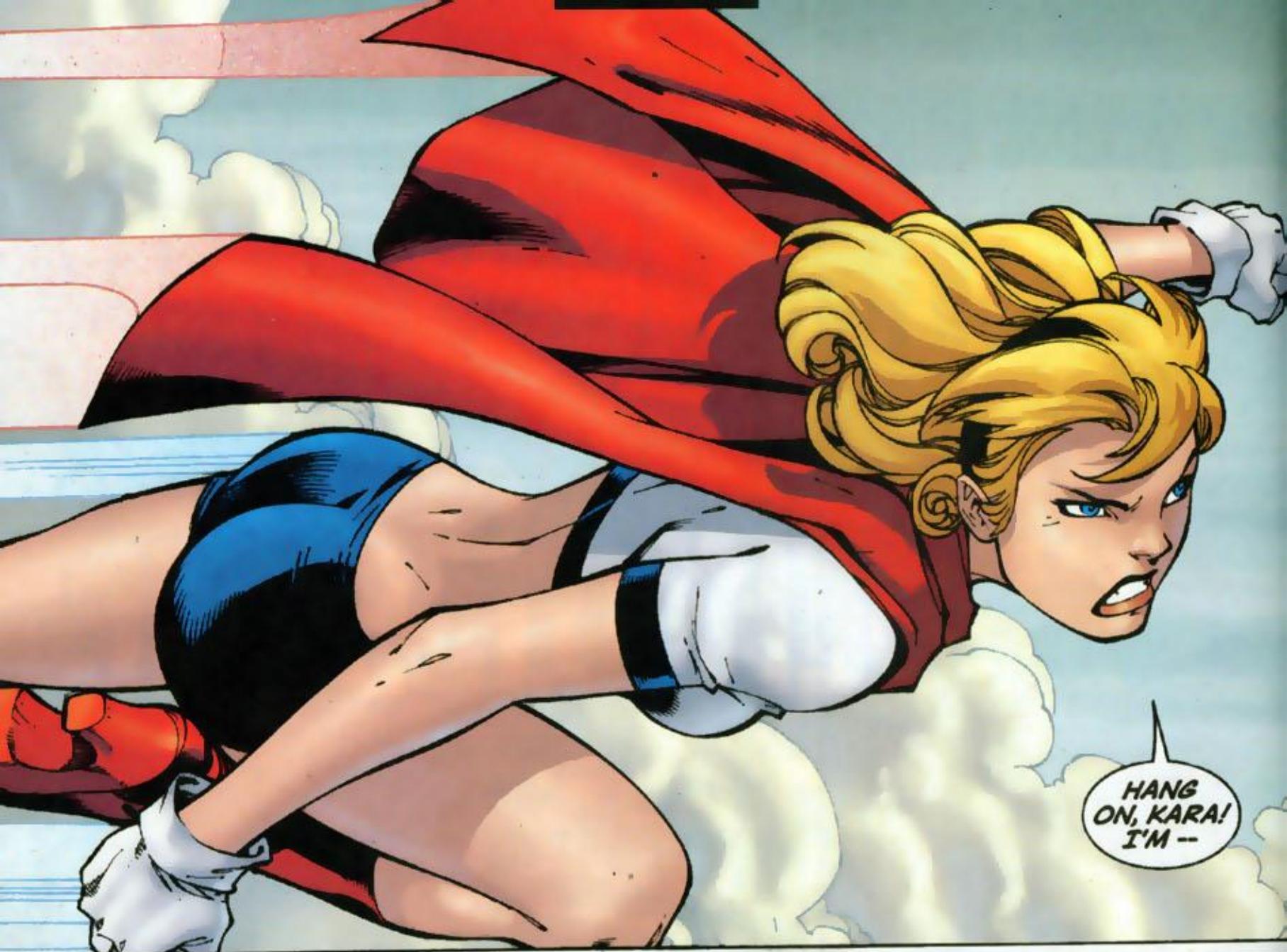
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"...WE'VE REALLY GOT TO DISCUSS THIS LATER, BECAUSE IF I DON'T GET TO THE OTHER SUPERGIRL, WHERE SHE CAME FROM WON'T BE NEARLY AS RELEVANT AS WHERE SHE'S GOING... NAMELY SIX FEET UNDER."





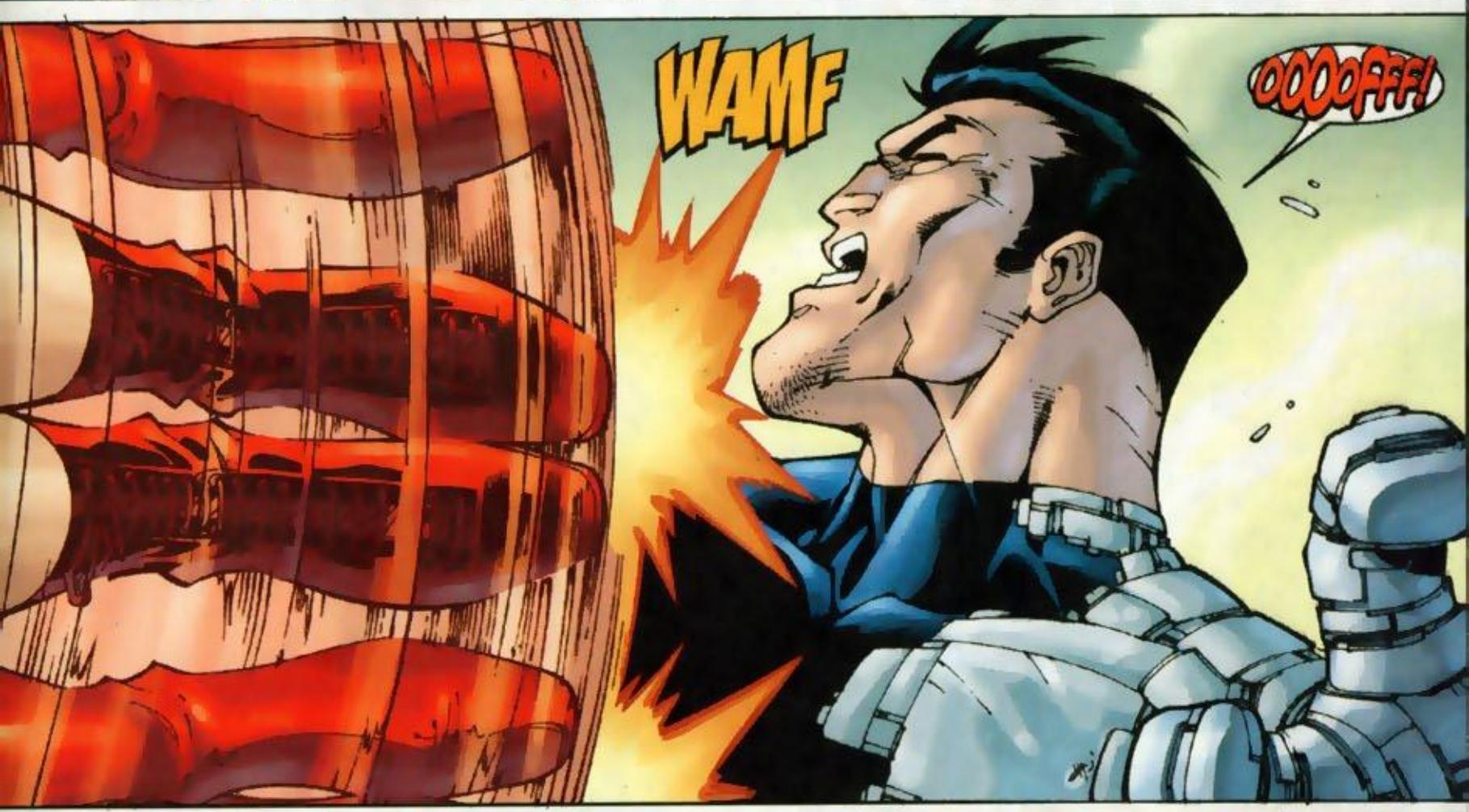












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...LEST THIS
BE THE FATE OF
THE WORLD.

It's the Spectre's voice... I... I know it... but... what are we seeing...?

...the Earth exploding... except... I'm not sure when or how or... or even why...

I feel like... like my mind's being torn in a thousand different directions at once... don't... don't know how to... to...

WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!
I...I
DON'T...
CAN WE
STOP THIS?!
WE HAVE
TO STOP
THIS--!

HE CAN!
THE SPECTRE
CAN! HE STARTED
IT, HE CAN
STOP IT!

I STARTED
NOTHING. THAT IS
THE GREAT SADNESS.
AND I CANNOT STOP IT...
BECAUSE THAT WHICH
BEGAN IT RESULTED
FROM AN EVENT OUTSIDE
THE PROPER, NATURAL
ORDER.

ONLY YOU
CAN STOP IT... BY
ACCEPTING...

ACCEPTING
WHAT?!

THIS.



THIS IS THE FATE THAT WOULD HAVE AWAITED YOU, CHILD... HAD THE FATALIST, FOR HIS OWN REASONS, NOT DIVERTED YOU FROM YOUR DESTINY.

HIS CONCERN'S INVOLVE A CREATURE NAMED XENON -- TRAPPED WITHIN AN INNER REALM OF THE UNIVERSE, HELD THERE THROUGH A CURSE HE SEEKS TO BREAK.

BUT IN FRUSTRATING XENON...HE SET OTHER, EVEN GREATER FORCES IN MOTION.

THE TRUTH, YOUNG ONE, IS THAT YOU DIED...HEROICALLY... BUT YOU DIED NEVERTHELESS. YOUR DEATH, IN TURN, RESULTED IN A GREAT SALVATION.

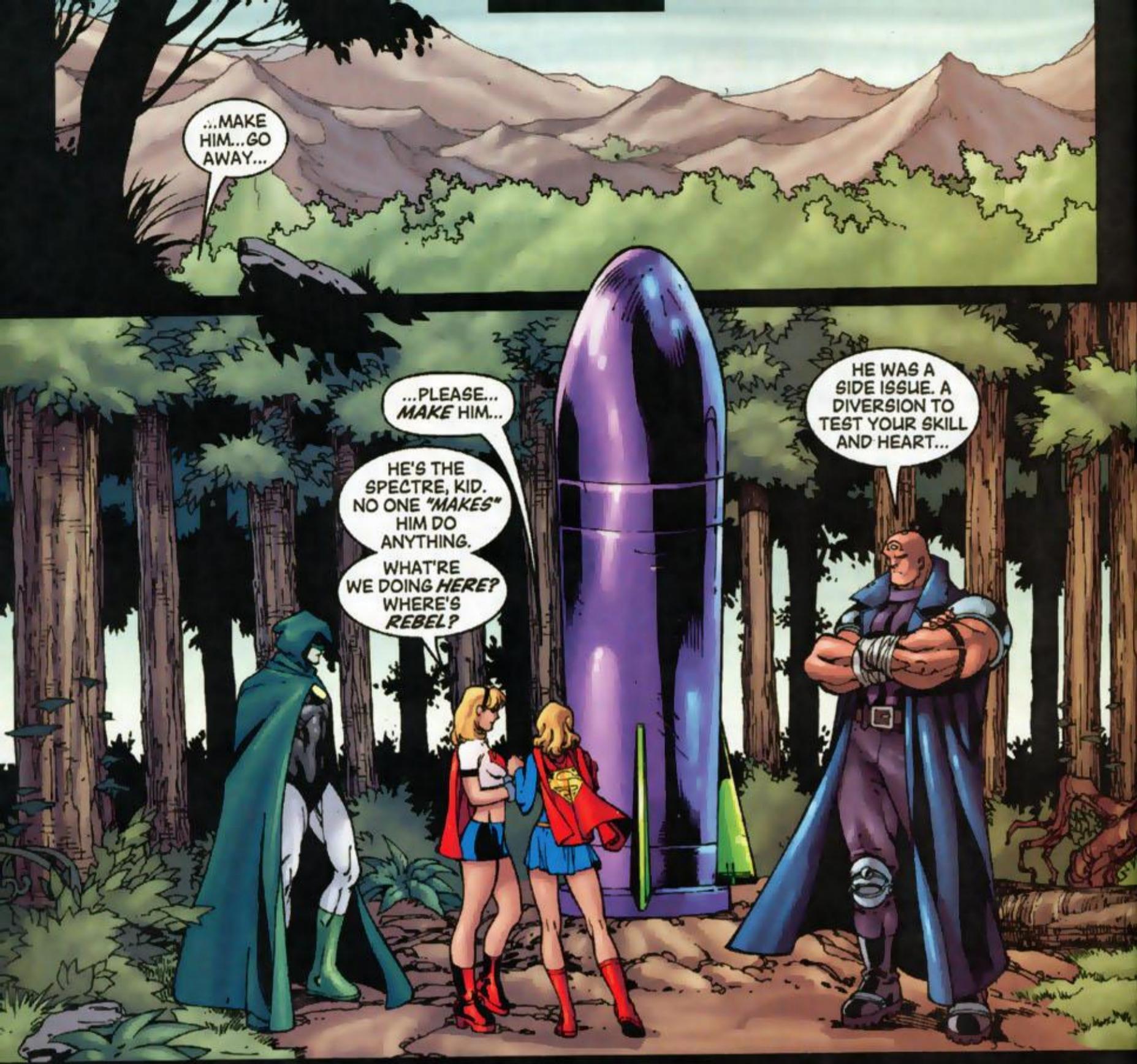
YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR CORRECT PATH AND DIE AS YOU WERE DESTINED TO, LEST THE TAPESTRY OF ALL THAT IS COME UNDONE.

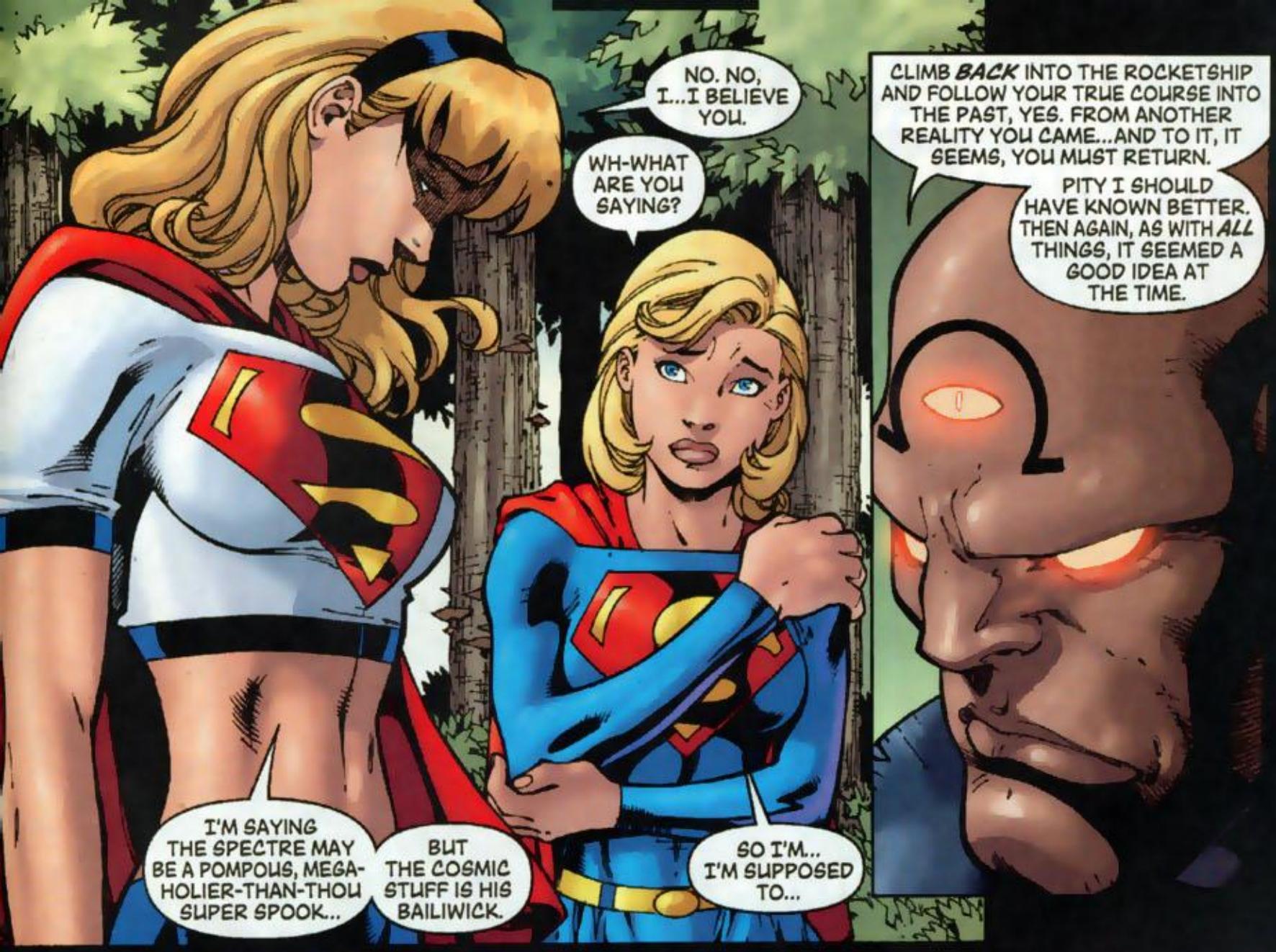
BUT FREE WILL MUST REMAIN YOURS IN THIS DECISION. WHAT SAY YOU, KARA ZOR-EL, TO MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE?



MAKE HIM GO AWAAAAY! LINDA, PLEASE!
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