



DC  
COMICS™

24

MICHAEL ALAN  
**NELSON**  
DIOGENES  
**NEVES**  
MARC  
**DEERING**

# SUPRGIRL

THE NEW 52!



DEC 2013

RATED T TEEN

DCCOMICS.COM

BENEATH I'NOXIA.

DON'T BE  
FRIGHTENED,  
KARA.

YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IS A PART OF THE I'NOXIAN COLLECTIVE. THIS IS YOUR WORLD NOW. RAW. UNINFORMED. WAITING FOR YOUR IMAGINATION TO SET IT FREE.

YOU CAN CREATE KRYPTON AGAIN.

YOU CAN GO HOME.

HOME...

YOU'VE MANIFESTED AS A CHILD. YOUR SUBCONSCIOUS MUST LONG FOR THE DAYS OF YOUR YOUTH. REMEMBER, YOU CAN TAKE ANY FORM YOU CHOOSE.

OH, BUT YOU WERE A LOVELY LITTLE GIRL, KARA.

THE WORLD IS YOURS TO COMMAND, MY DEAR.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO BEGIN?

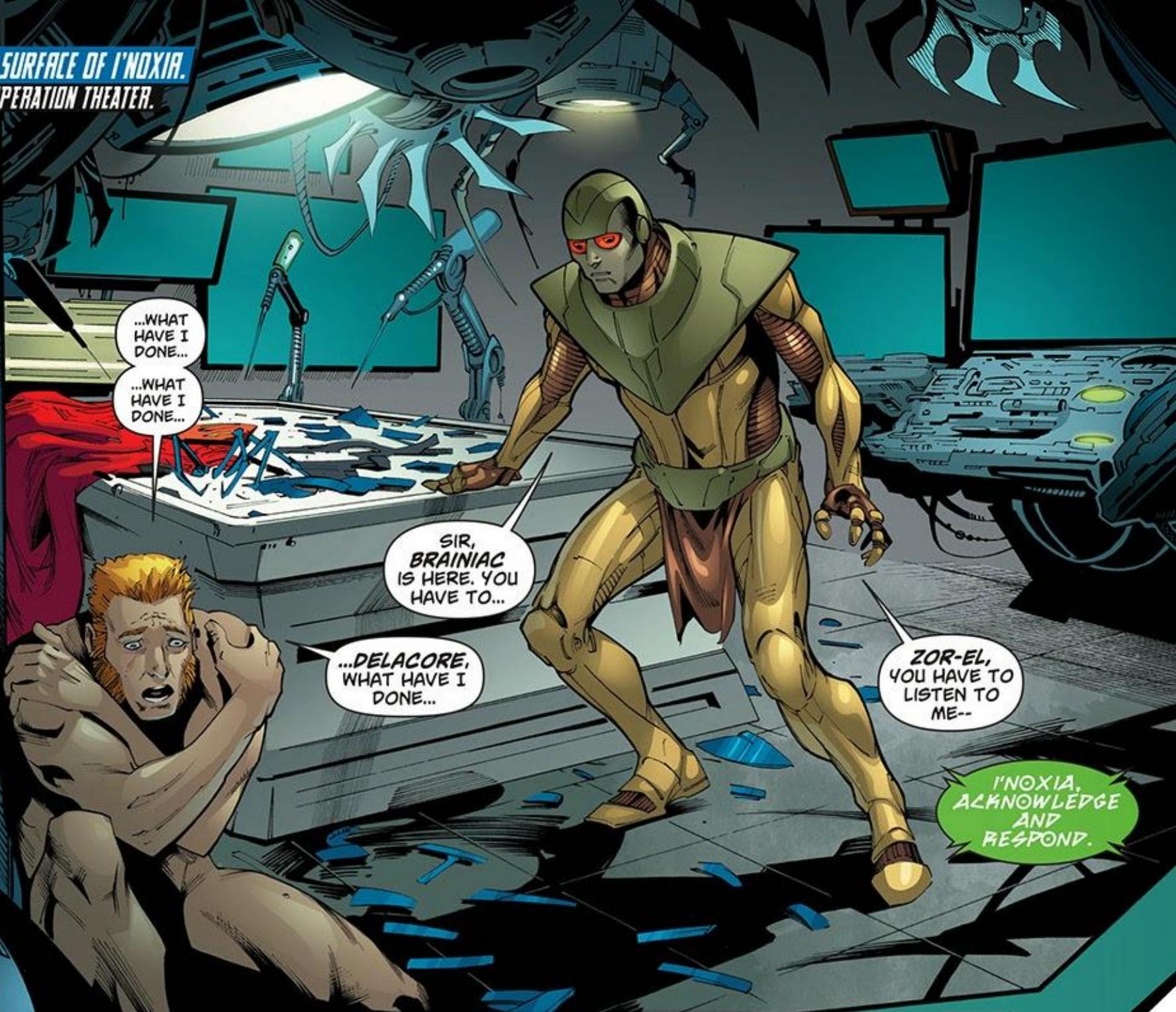
THANK YOU, MOTHER.

I THINK I'LL BEGIN...

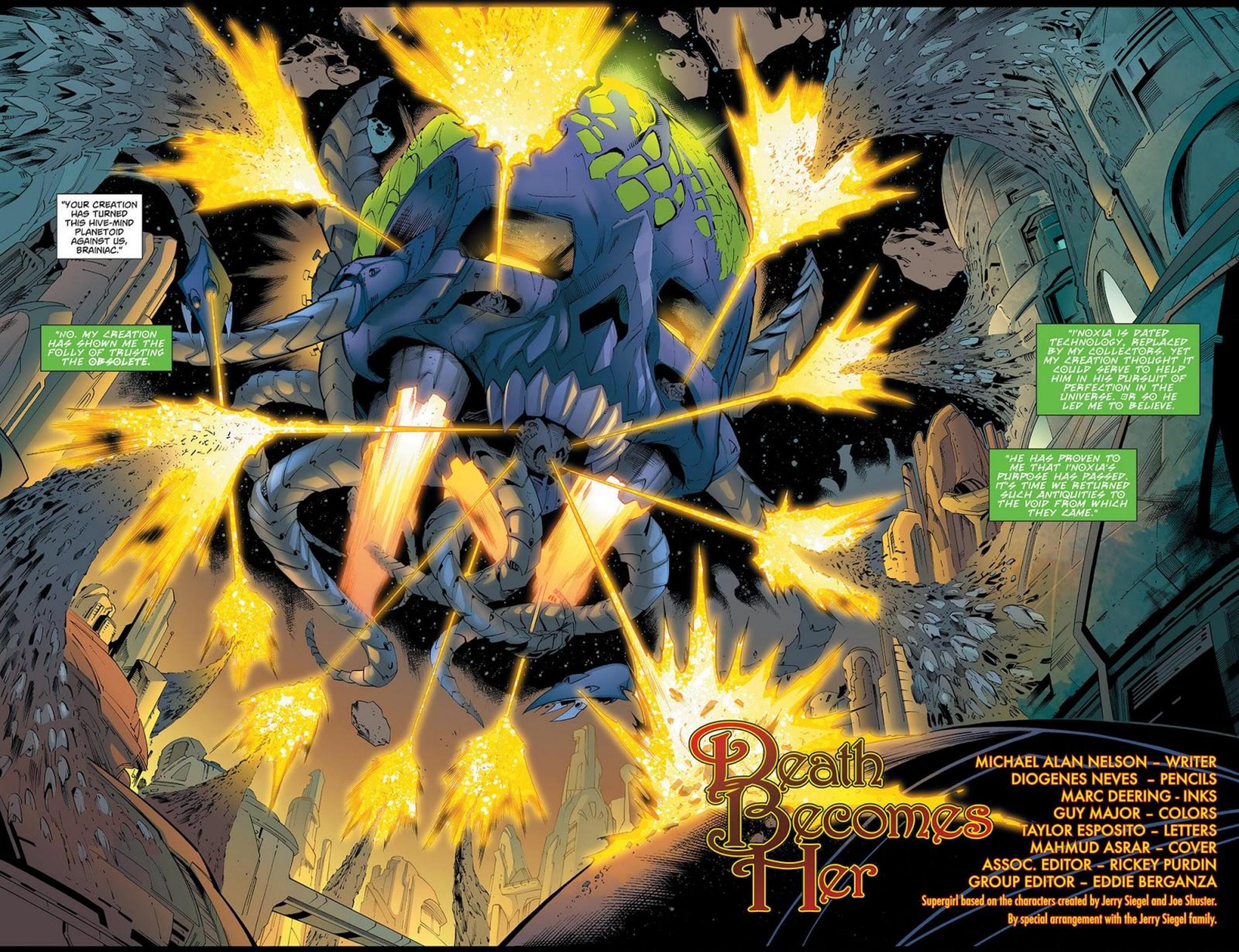
...WITH THE END.



THE SURFACE OF I'NOXIA.  
THE OPERATION THEATER.







# Death Becomes Her

MICHAEL ALAN NELSON - WRITER  
DIOGENES NEVES - PENCILS  
MARC DEERING - INKS  
GUY MAJOR - COLORS  
TAYLOR ESPOSITO - LETTERS  
MAHMUD ASRAR - COVER  
ASSOC. EDITOR - RICKY PURDIN  
GROUP EDITOR - EDDIE BERGANZA

Supergirl based on the characters created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.  
By special arrangement with the Jerry Siegel family.





KRA-KOOOM

HOW COULD BRAINIAC GET THROUGH I'NOXIAN DEFENSES SO QUICKLY?

THAT WASN'T BRAINIAC...



# KA-WHOOSH

KARA, PLEASE!  
I'NOXIA IS UNDER  
ATTACK AND YOU'RE  
WEAKENING OUR  
DEFENSES!

THEN HELP  
ME ESCAPE THE  
COLLECTIVE AND GET  
TO CY! OR ELSE WATCH  
YOUR WORLD  
BURN!

OUR OFFER OF LOVE  
AND FRIENDSHIP IS  
GENUINE. YOU WOULD  
LET US SUFFER FOR  
CYBORG SUPERMAN'S  
CRIMES?

YOU WERE  
COMPLICIT  
IN HIS  
TREACHERY.

FOR FEAR  
OF OUR OWN DEMISE!  
KARA, PLEASE LISTEN.  
DELACORE KNOWS A WAY THE  
COLLECTIVE CAN ESCAPE I'NOXIA.  
FLEE WITH US BEFORE YOUR  
CHAOTIC MANIFESTATIONS  
DESTROY US ALL!

I'M NOT  
GOING ANYWHERE  
UNTIL CYBORG SUPER-  
MAN LIES BROKEN  
AT MY FEET!

"I CAN'T WREST CONTROL AWAY FROM SUPERGIRL'S CONSCIOUSNESS! YOUR DAUGHTER IS MAKING IT EASIER FOR BRAINIAC TO BREACH OUR DEFENSES!"

"YOU HAVE TO KEEP HER TRAPPED IN THE COLLECTIVE, DELACORE! IF SHE BREAKS OUT, SHE'LL LEARN THE TRUTH."

IF BRAINIAC CATCHES US, THAT WILL BE THE LEAST OF OUR CONCERNs.

OUTER PERIMETER IS DOWN, AND SECONDARY DEFENSES ARE FAILING.

THEN WE HAVE TO ACT NOW.

BRAINIAC'S FORCES HAVE BREACHED SECONDARY DEFENSES!

HOW MUCH TIME? DELACORE, HOW MUCH TIME?!

"MINUTES AT MOST. WE'RE BEING OVERRUN, ZOR-EL!"



DELACORE,  
WHEN HE... I COME  
BACK, I MUST BELIEVE  
THAT BRAINIAC INTERRUPTED  
THE SURGERY AND THAT  
KARA IS STILL  
DISEMBODIED.

I CAN'T  
KNOW SHE  
SURVIVED OR I'LL  
NEVER STOP  
HUNTING  
HER.

DON'T  
WORRY. BRAINIAC'S  
PRESENCE WILL MAKE  
THAT THE OBVIOUS  
ASSUMPTION.

"I KNOW YOU CAN'T  
TELL HER THAT I  
LOVE HER WITHOUT  
REVEALING THE  
TRUTH. BUT..."

"TELL HER TO FIND  
HAPPINESS. I WANT  
NOTHING MORE THAN  
FOR HER TO BE HAPPY."

I'LL TELL  
HER WHATEVER YOU  
WANT, BUT WE HAVE  
TO DO THIS NOW!  
ZOR-EL, THEY'RE AT  
THE DOOR!

...DO  
IT.  
DAMMIT,  
I WISH I HAD  
MORE TIME. THERE'S  
NEVER ENOUGH  
TIME.

IMPOSSIBLE.

SUPERGIRL  
HAS BROKEN  
FREE OF THE  
COLLECTIVE...

"...AND HAS  
FULL CONTROL  
OF INOXIA!"

CYBORG  
SUPERMAN,  
SHOW  
YOURSELF!

YOU STOLE  
MY FLESH, BUT IN  
SO DOING MADE ME  
ANEW! DO YOU  
SEE?!

FISTS WITH  
THE MASS OF MOONS,  
LEGS THAT BURN WITH THE  
HEAT OF SUNS! I HAVE THE  
POWER OF CREATION AT MY  
FINGERTIPS AND I WILL NOT  
STOP UNTIL I HAVE FORGED  
YOU A WORLD OF  
MISERY!

COME TO  
ME, CYBORG  
SUPERMAN, AND FEEL  
THE WRATH OF WHAT  
YOU HAVE  
BIRTHED!







NEARBY.

SUPERGIRL,  
CAN YOU  
HEAR ME?

...  
...SO  
COLD.

YOUR  
CLOTHES WILL  
HELP WITH THAT.  
HERE.

YES, NOW  
DRESS QUICKLY.  
WE HAVEN'T  
MUCH TIME.

MY BODY. I  
HAVE A BODY  
AGAIN!

A CREATURE NAMED  
BRAINIAC IS ABOUT  
TO DESTROY  
'NOXIA.

BRAINIAC?!  
HE...HE  
ATTACKED MY  
HOME PLANET YEARS  
AGO. BUT WHY IS  
HE HERE?

HE CAME  
FOR YOU--TO  
STUDY THE  
EFFECTS OF  
KRYPTONITE  
POISONING.

BUT...I FEEL  
AMAZING!

WHEN CYBORG  
SUPERMAN TOOK YOUR  
FLESH, HE ERADICATED THE  
POISON. AND AS FAR AS EITHER  
HE OR BRAINIAC KNOWS,  
YOU'RE STILL TRAPPED IN THE  
COLLECTIVE. IT'S BEST TO  
KEEP IT THAT WAY.

YOU  
RETURNED  
MY BODY TO ME,  
DELACORE.  
HOW?

CYBORG  
SUPERMAN  
MADE A  
MISTAKE.

BRAINIAC! YOU CREATED ME AS THE PERFECT KRYPTONIAN, YET I KNOW NOTHING OF THAT WORLD--OF WHO I WAS!

AND YOU'VE THWARTED MY ONE CHANCE TO SHED MY IGNORANCE JUST TO FEED YOUR OWN PUERILE CURIOSITY!

PERFECTION OBEDIES. BUT YOU, KRYPTONIAN, HAVE JUST PROVEN YOURSELF FALLIBLE AND MUST SUFFER FOR YOUR INSOLENCE.

NOT AS MUCH AS YOU WILL SUFFER FOR STANDING IN MY WAY!

LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT I'M WILLING TO DO TO SURVIVE!

KARA, WAIT!

DELACORE? IS THAT YOU?

YES--AND THE ENTIRE COLLECTIVE. DURING YOUR ABSENCE, YOUR FA-UH...I DISCOVERED HOW TO REDUCE THE COLLECTIVE INTO THIS SPHERE.

BRAINIAC AND CYBORG SUPERMAN WILL BE OCCUPIED FOR SOME TIME. IT WILL ALLOW US, AND YOU, TIME TO ESCAPE UNDETECTED.

DON'T WASTE THIS OPPORTUNITY BY SEEKING PETTY REVENGE.

I'NOXIA  
WILL BE  
DESTROYED.

THE  
COLLECTIVE IS  
SAFE. WE'LL FIND A  
HOME ELSEWHERE,  
FAR FROM SUCH  
EVILS.

THANK  
YOU, KARA. THANK  
YOU FOR SHARING YOUR  
MEMORIES WITH US AND  
LETTING US BE A PART OF  
YOUR FAMILY--IF ONLY  
FOR A LITTLE  
WHILE.

IT WAS NICE TO SEE  
THEM AGAIN, EVEN  
IF IT WASN'T  
REAL.

NO, BUT I  
CAN SAY WITHOUT  
ANY RESERVATION,  
THEIR LOVE FOR  
YOU WAS.

...I  
KNOW.

YOU'RE ALIVE  
BECAUSE OF THAT  
LOVE. MAKE THE MOST  
OF IT. LIVE THE LIFE YOUR  
MOTHER AND FATHER  
WOULD HAVE WANTED  
YOU TO LIVE.

FIND  
HAPPINESS,  
KARA. BECAUSE IT'S  
THAT SEARCH THAT  
WILL TRULY LEAD  
YOU HOME.  
FAREWELL.

HAPPINESS.  
THERE'S A  
THOUGHT.

I GUARANTEE  
I WON'T FIND IT  
HANGING AROUND  
HERE.

THE  
ONLY THING  
I'LL FIND  
HERE IS...

IS...



...DANGER.

COME BACK IN  
TWO WEEKS FOR  
**ACTION**  
COMICS  
ANNUAL #2--  
THE START OF

**HAL JORDAN  
RETURNS**