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METROPOLIS.

YESTERDAY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

WE HAVE  
REASON TO BELIEVE  
THAT ONE OF YOU IS  
A KRYPTONIAN--

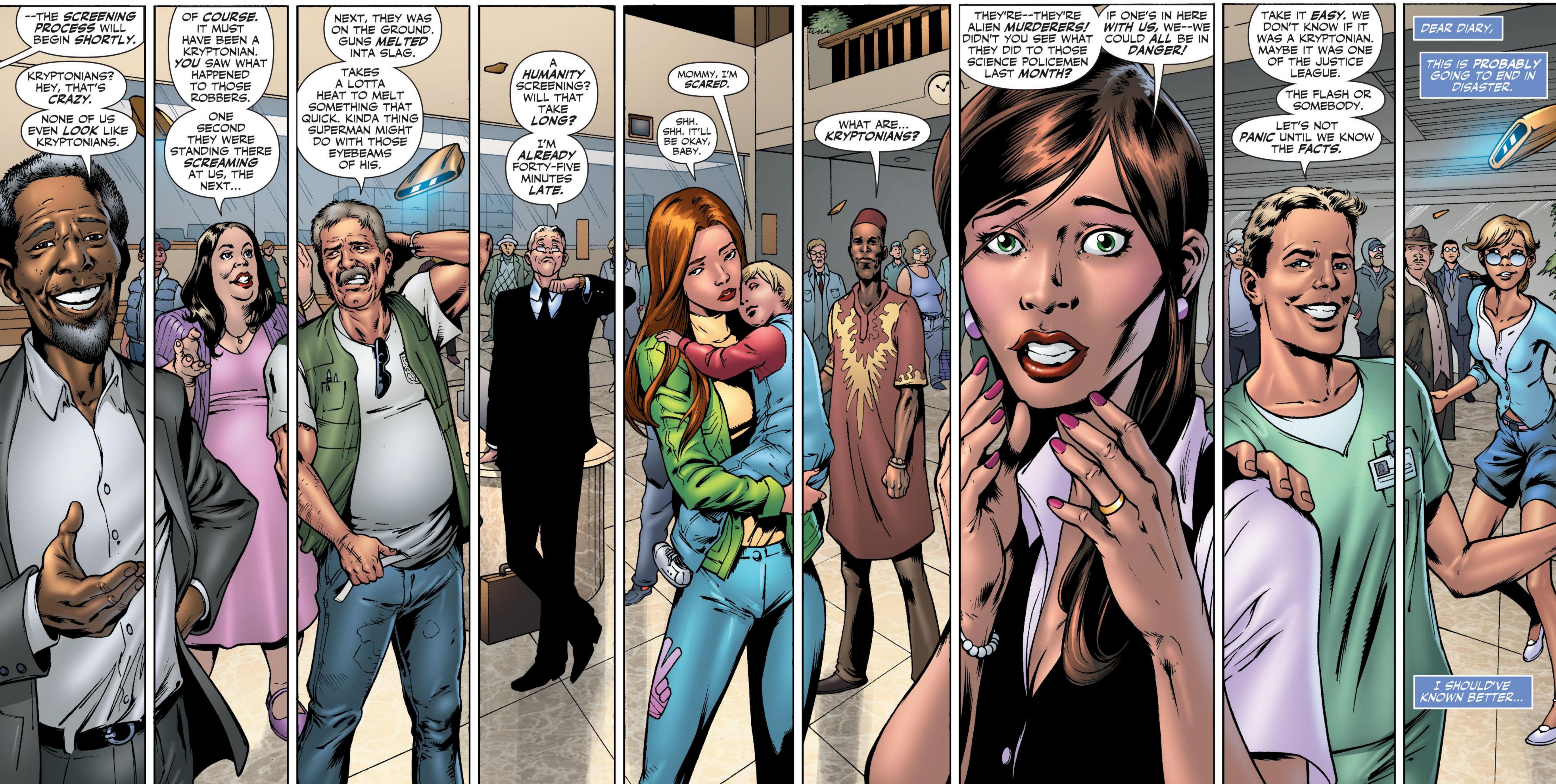


SENT IN A ROCKET FROM THE  
REMAINS OF KRYPTON AS A  
TEENAGER, KARA ZOR-EL WAS TRAPPED  
IN SUSPENDED ANIMATION BEFORE SHE  
ARRIVED ON EARTH YEARS AFTER HER  
COUSIN, SUPERMAN. NOW LIVING WITH  
HER MOTHER ON THE PLANET  
NEW KRYPTON, KARA FIGHTS  
FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE,  
AND THE KRYPTONIAN  
WAY AS...

SUPergirl

# SECRET IDENTITIES

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--ON THE HEELS OF THE U.N. BAN ON KRYPTONIANS, IT APPEARS SUPERMAN HAS ABANDONED EARTH FOR HIS OWN PEOPLE.

WITHOUT HIS PROTECTION, IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE SOME KRYPTONIAN INVADES AS GENERAL ZOD DID AND TAKES CONTROL--

THAT'S RIDICULOUS!

"NEW" NIGHTWING AND FLAMEBIRD SPOTTED IN GOTHAM CITY

DO PEOPLE REALLY THINK THE KRYPTONIANS ARE GOING TO RISE UP AND TAKE OVER THE EARTH?

CALM DOWN, KARA. EDGE IS LIKE CAT GRANT--A PAID RUMORMONGER LOOKING FOR TARGETS.

THOUGH, IF PEOPLE ARE GETTING SWEEPED UP IN THIS ANTI-KRYPTONIAN SENTIMENT, YOU MIGHT THINK ABOUT DITCHING THE RED AND BLUES--

THIS IS BREAKING NEWS.

SEVERAL HEAVILY ARMED ASSAILANTS IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES AS "COMMERCE TERRORISTS" HAVE ENTERED THE METROPOLIS NATIONAL BANK AND TAKEN UP TO 25 PEOPLE HOSTAGE.

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THE SCIENCE POLICE HAVE BEEN DISPATCHED TO TRY TO MEDIATE A PEACEFUL SOLUTION--

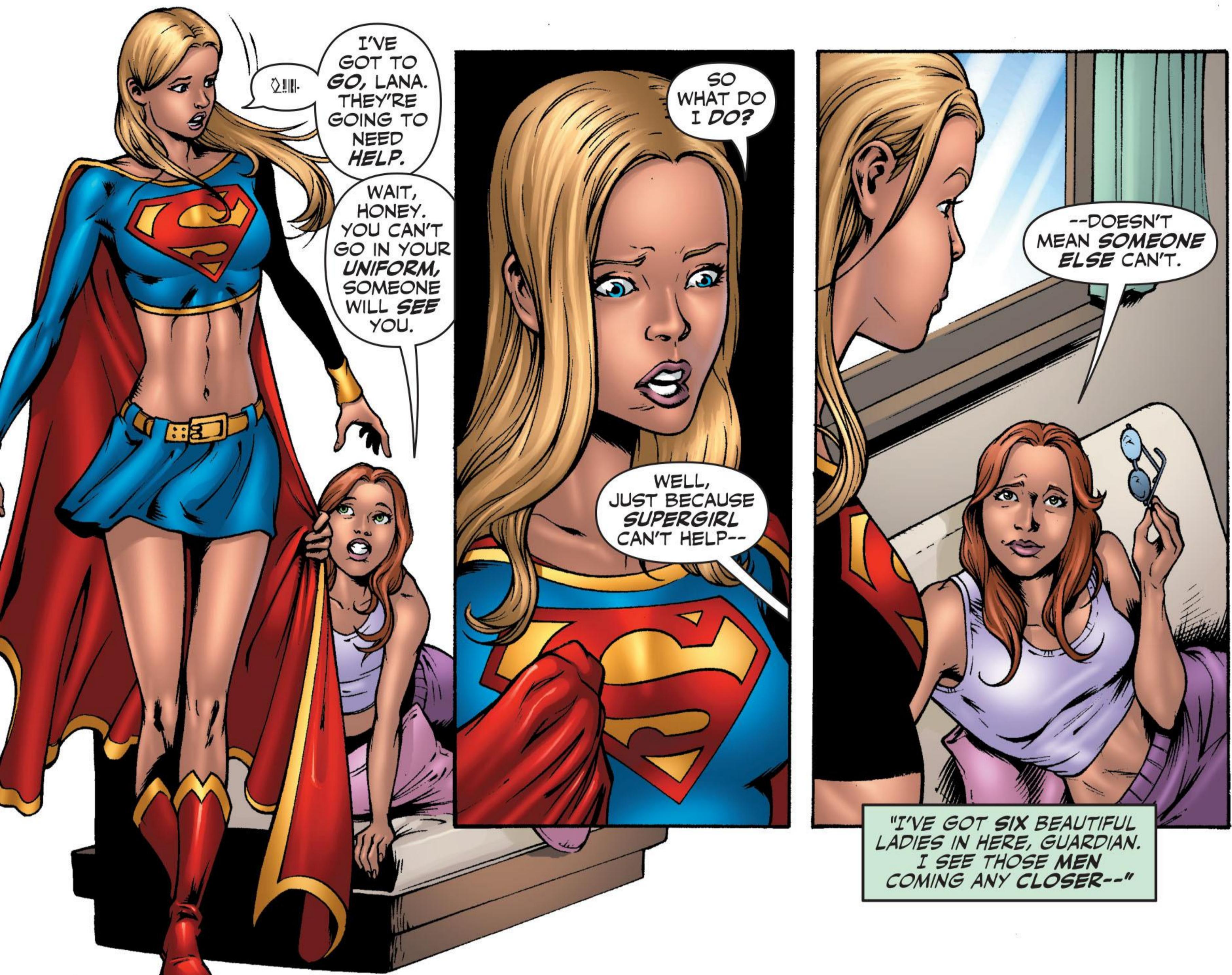
LANA, TURN THAT DOWN.

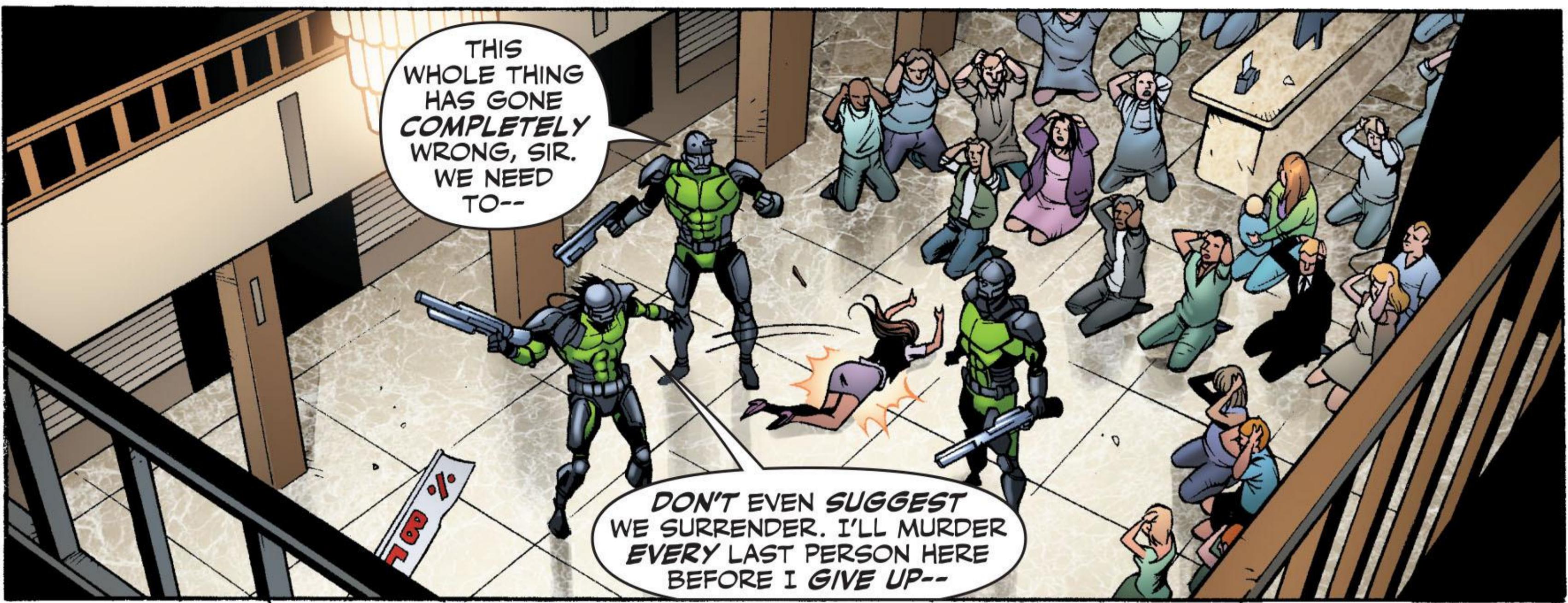
WHY--

SHHHHHH. I'M LISTENING.

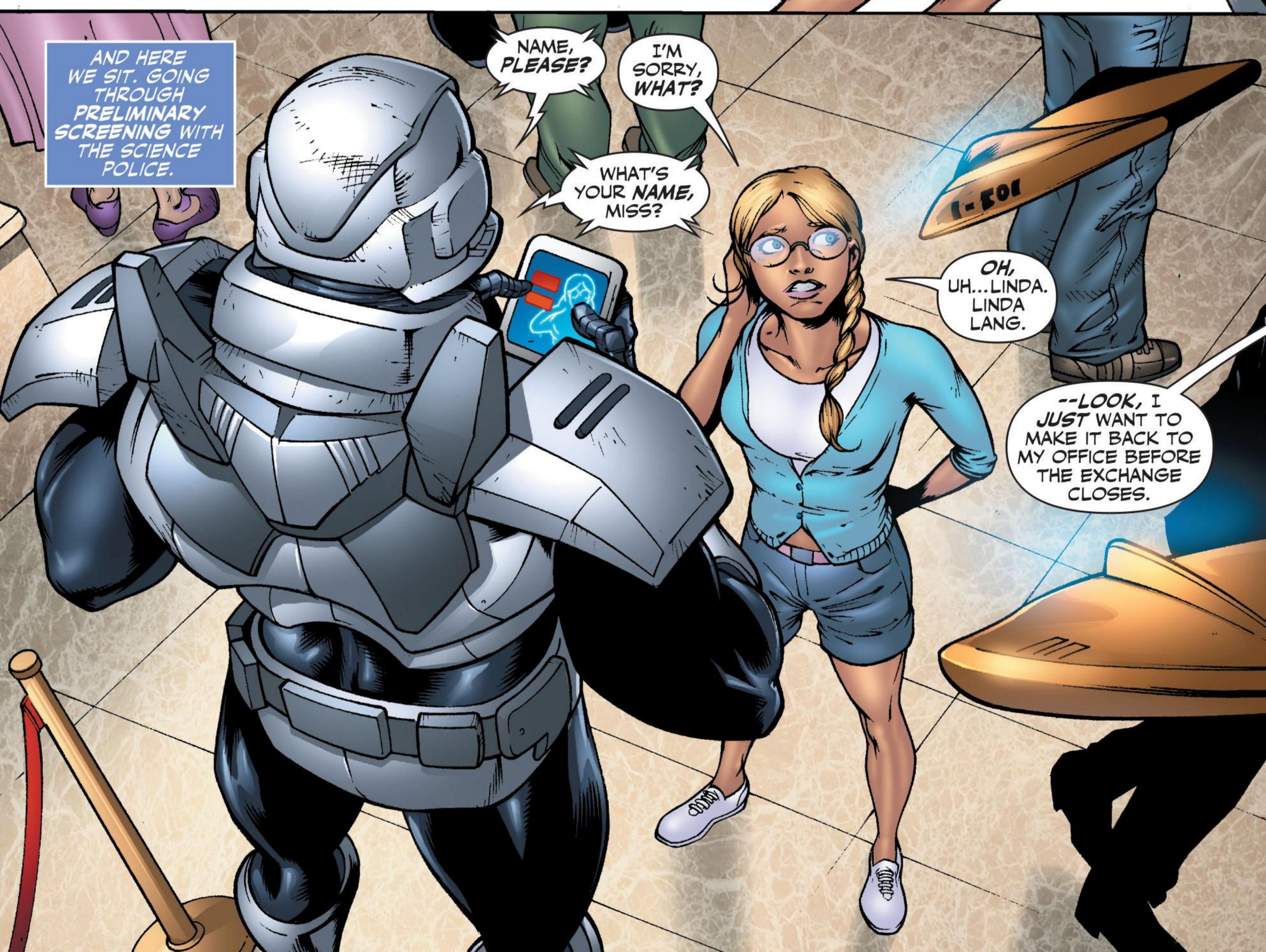
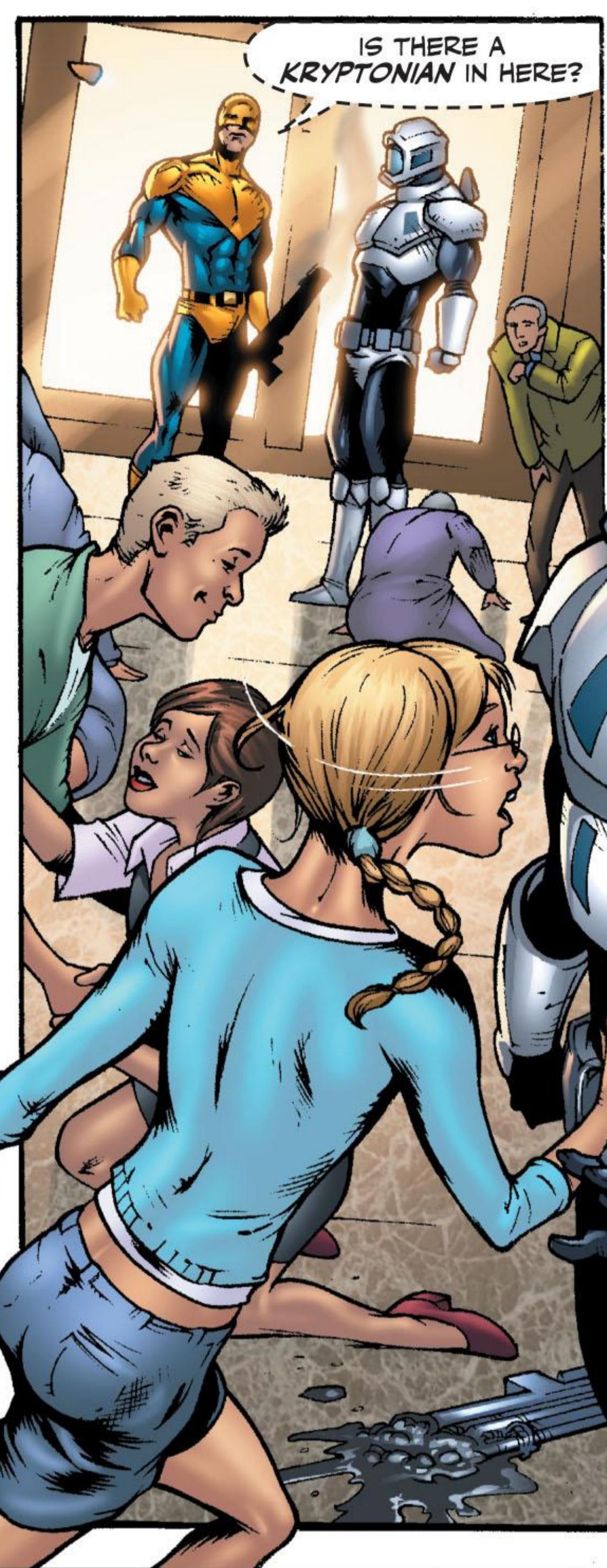
THE SCIENCE POLICE ARE HAVING TROUBLE.

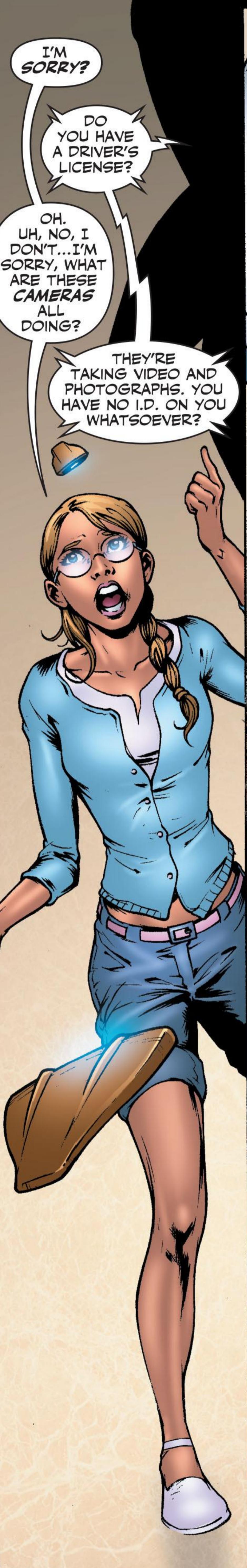
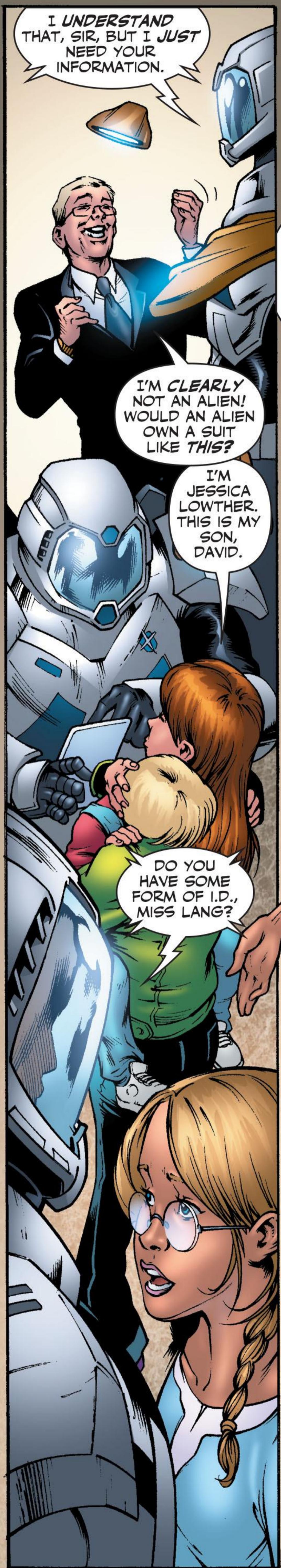
THEY'VE ALREADY LOST ONE OF THEIR--













IN LIGHT OF  
THE KRYPTONIAN  
THREATS THAT HAVE  
RECENTLY BEFALLEN  
OUR COUNTRY, THE U.S.  
GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN  
US TOOLS FOR ROOTING  
OUT SUSPECTED  
KRYPTONIANS.

K'S LOOK  
JUST LIKE YOU OR  
ME. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE  
TO TELL WHO THEY  
ARE WITH JUST THE  
NAKED EYE.

MAKES  
FINDING THEM  
TOUGH.

UNLESS YOU  
HAVE SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS.

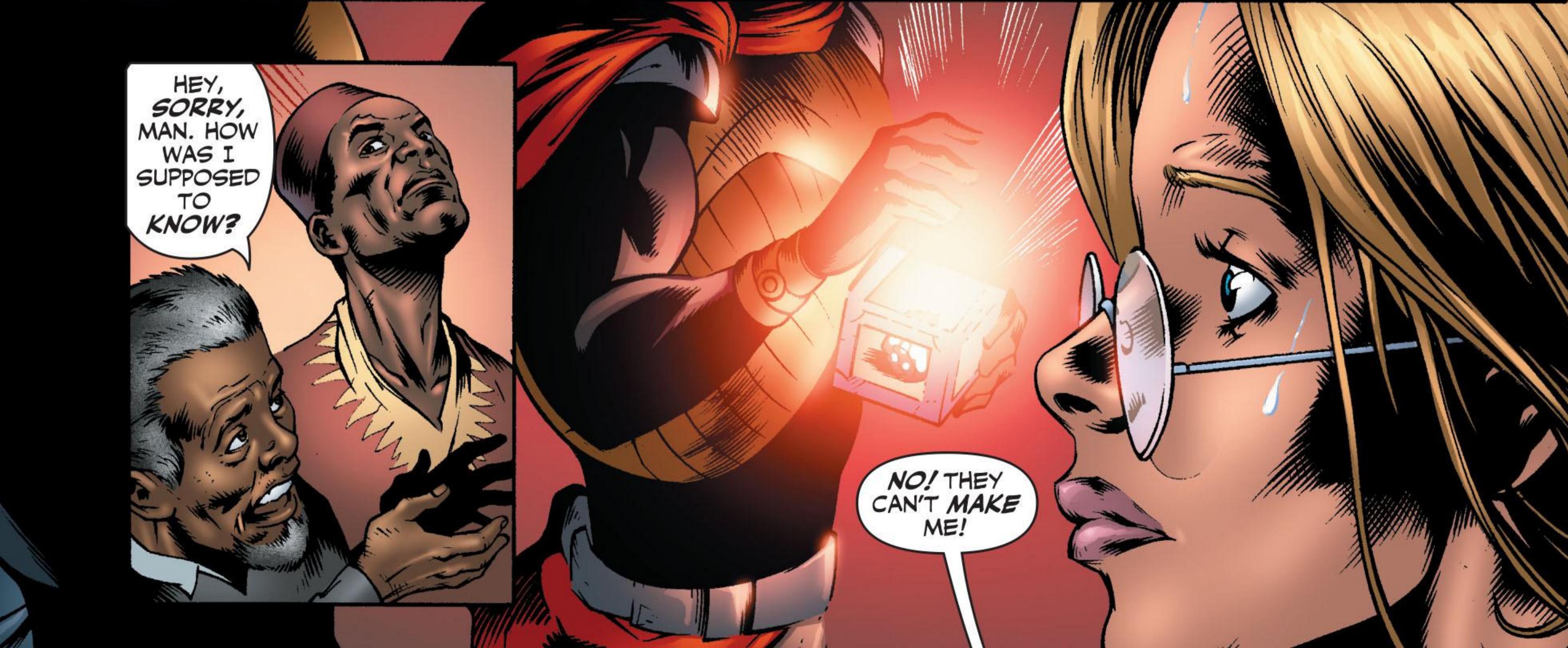
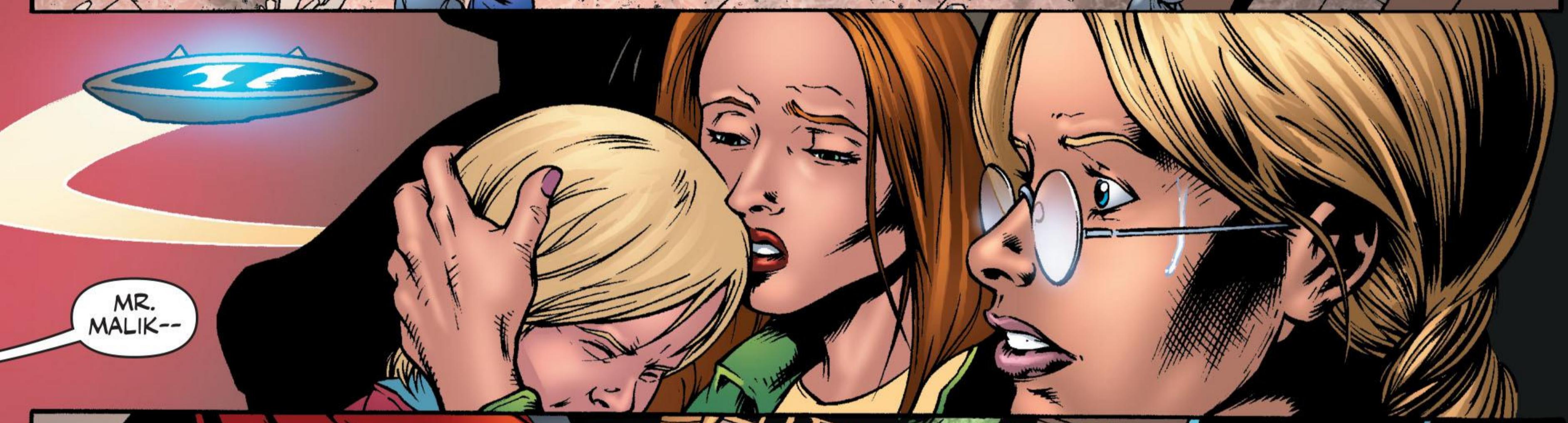
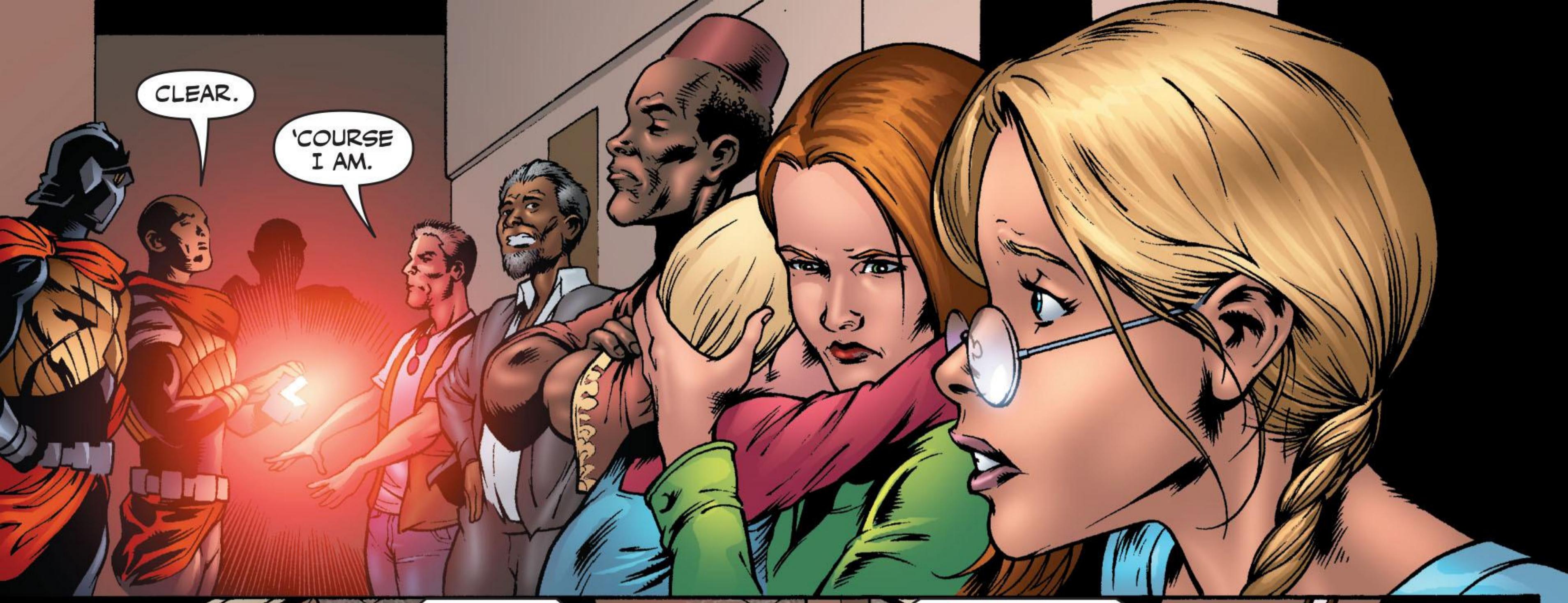
RED KRYPTONITE.  
THIS IS BAD. RED  
KRYPTONITE  
CAN CAUSE  
UNCONTROLLABLE  
MUTATION. IF THEY  
USE IT ON ME...

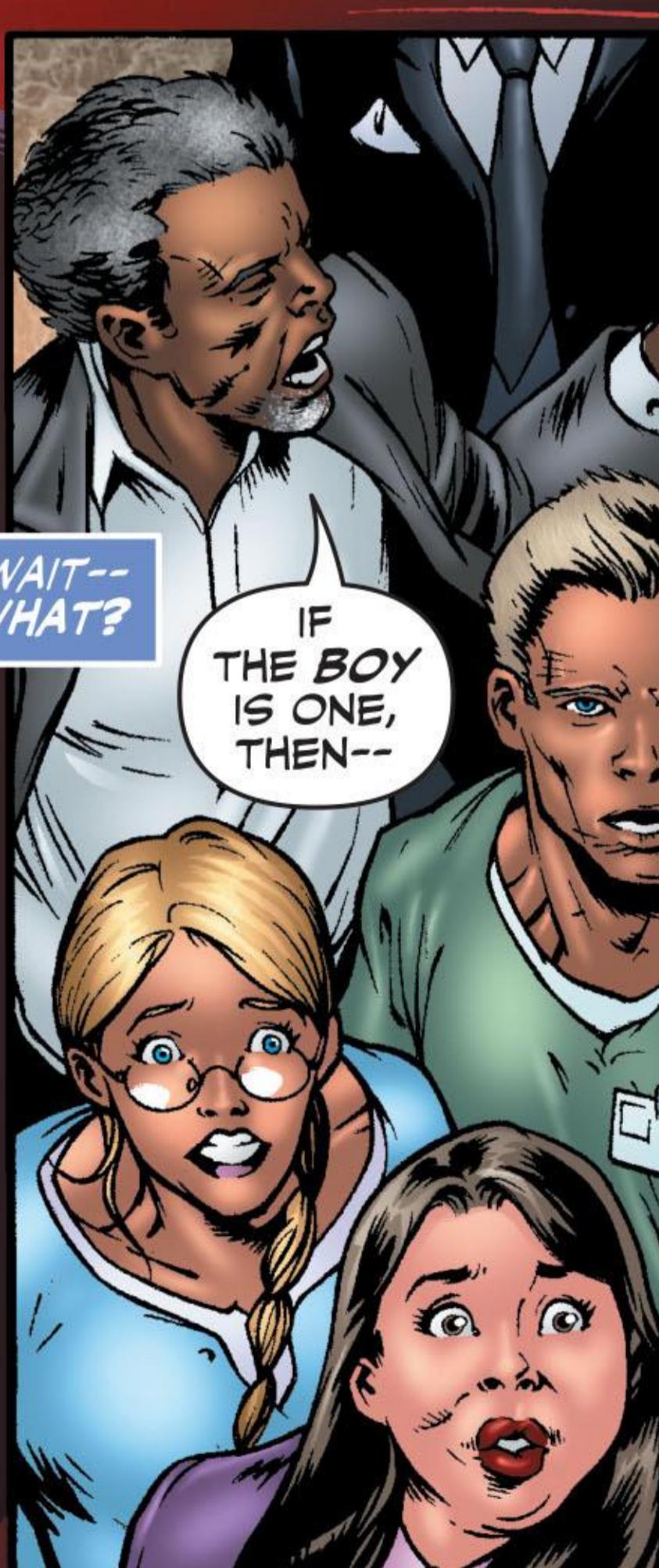
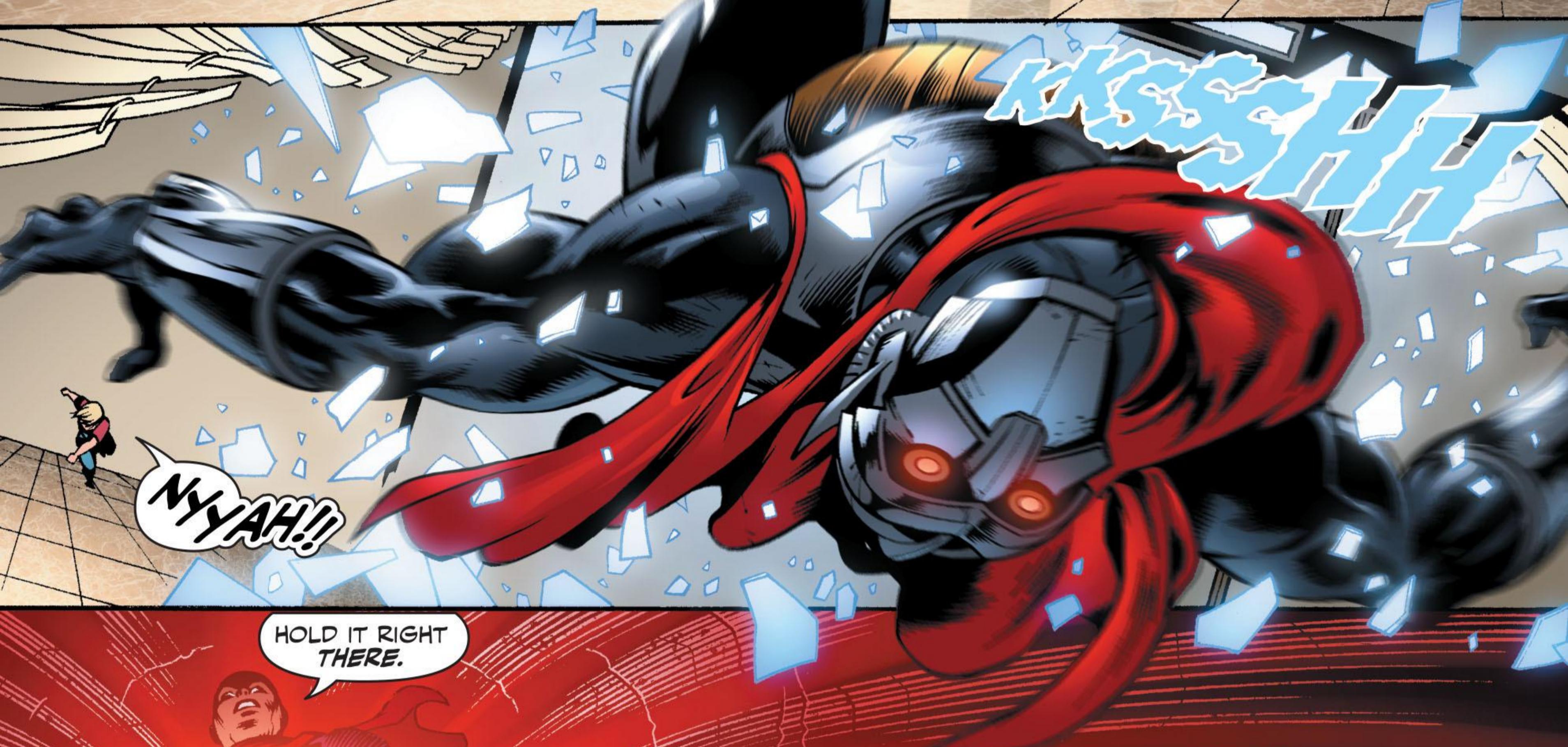
RAO. I GAVE  
THEM MY REAL  
SECRET IDENTITY  
AND THEY HAVE  
MY PICTURE.

STUPID,  
STUPID  
KARA.

PLEASE  
FORM A  
SINGLE FILE  
LINE!

I'VE GOT TO  
GET OUT OF HERE.







GOTTA  
CLEAR  
THE ROOM...  
THINK FAST,  
KARA.

EVERYBODY  
OUT! THE  
CEILING'S  
CAVING IN!

DAVID!

I'VE GOT TO  
GO WITH THEM--

GO! GO!  
EVERYONE  
MOVE AWAY  
FROM THE  
BUILDING!

--BUT JUST SO  
THEY CAN SEE ME.

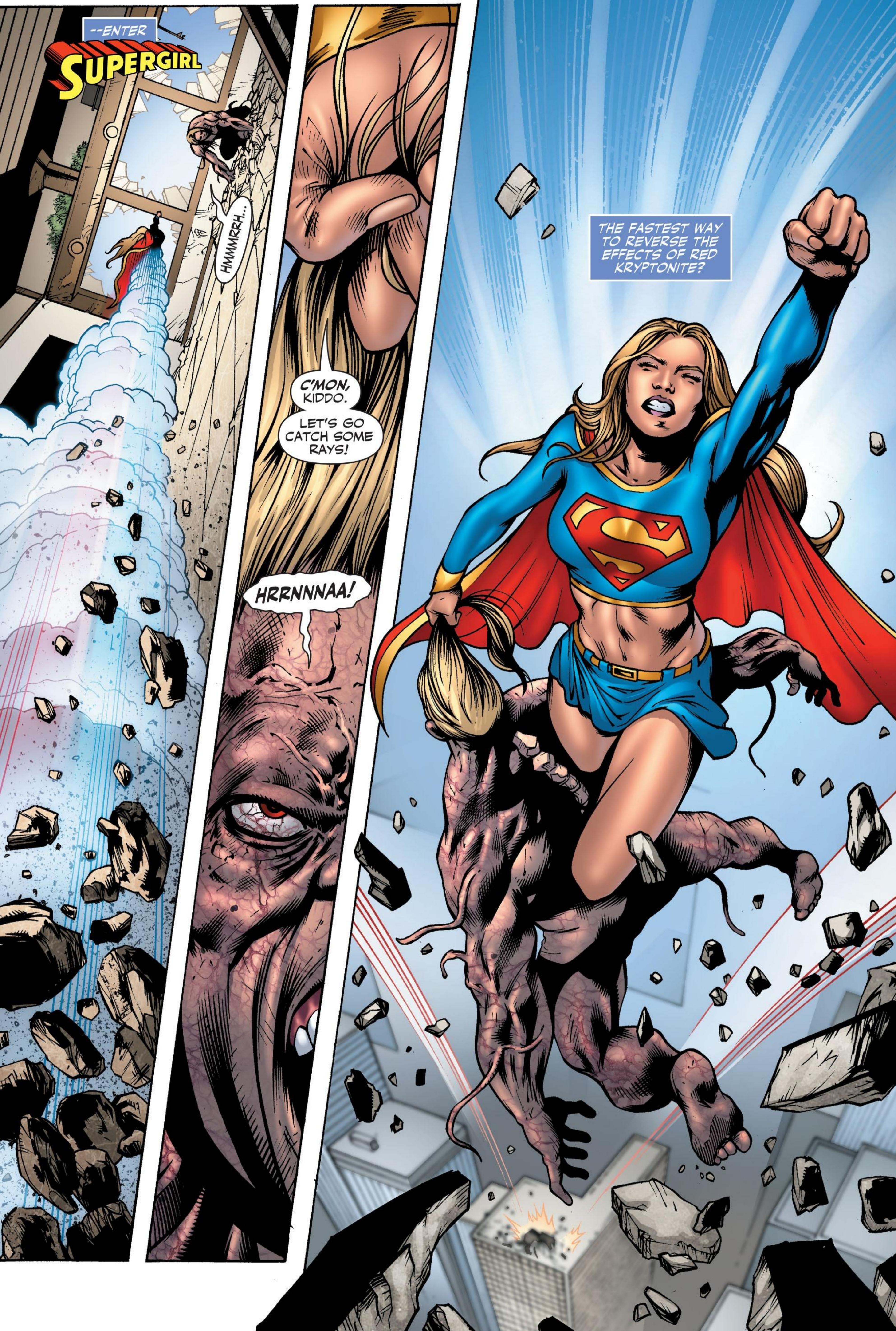
HURRY!  
THERE'S NO  
TELLING IF IT'LL  
COLLAPSE  
OR NOT!

RED  
KRYPTONITE'S  
TRICKY STUFF.

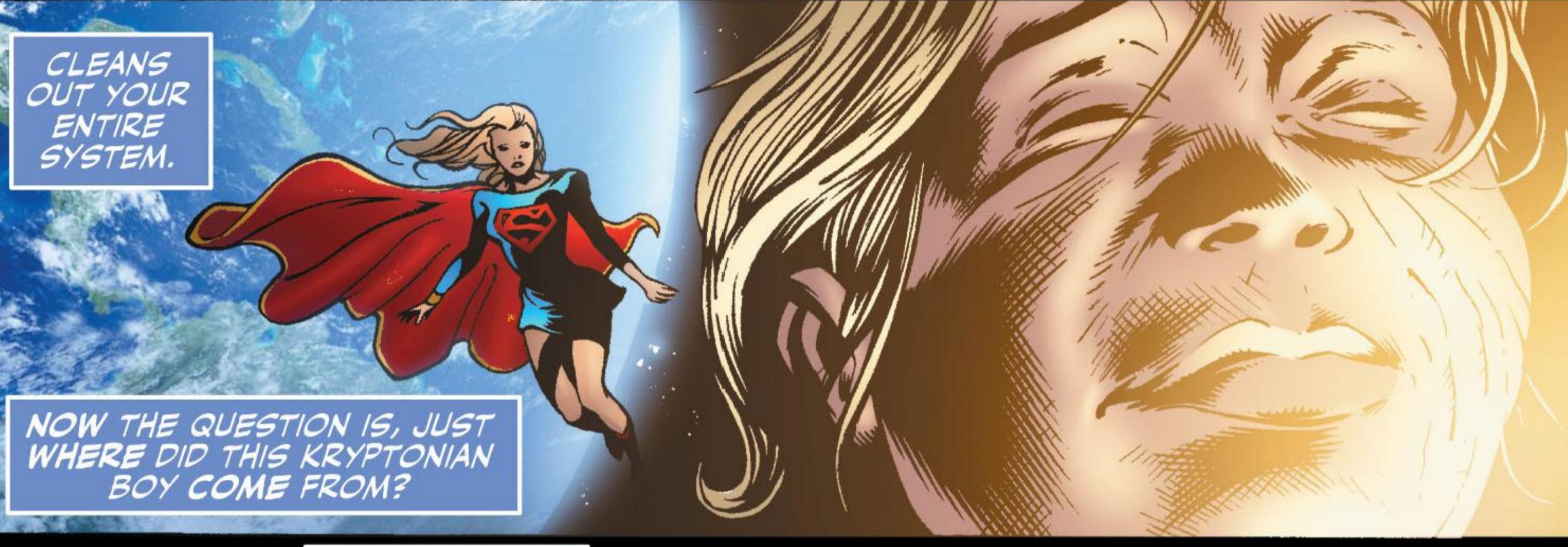
HIS CELLS WILL EVENTUALLY  
PURGE THE RADIATION AND  
HE'LL GO BACK TO NORMAL.

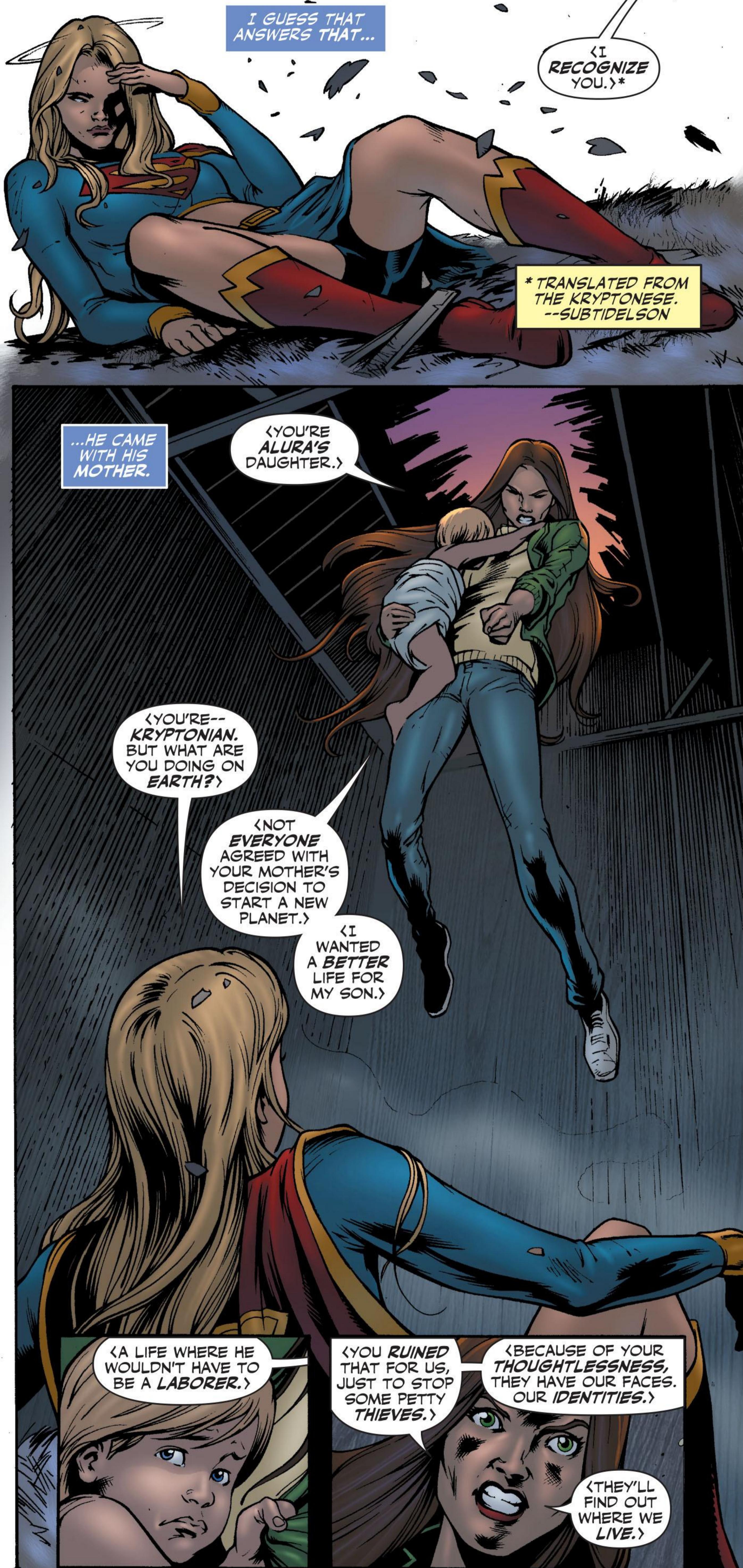
BUT THERE'S  
A FASTER WAY  
TO CURE IT.

EXIT  
LINDA LANG--



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*(I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE IN THERE. I WAS TRYING TO SAVE LIVES--)*

*(AND IN THE PROCESS, YOU'VE ENDED OURS.)*

*(NOW WE HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN SOMEWHERE ELSE.)*

*(I KNEW YOUR FATHER, KARA. I SPENT DECADES WITH HIM IN THAT BRAINIAC-CREATED HELL.)*

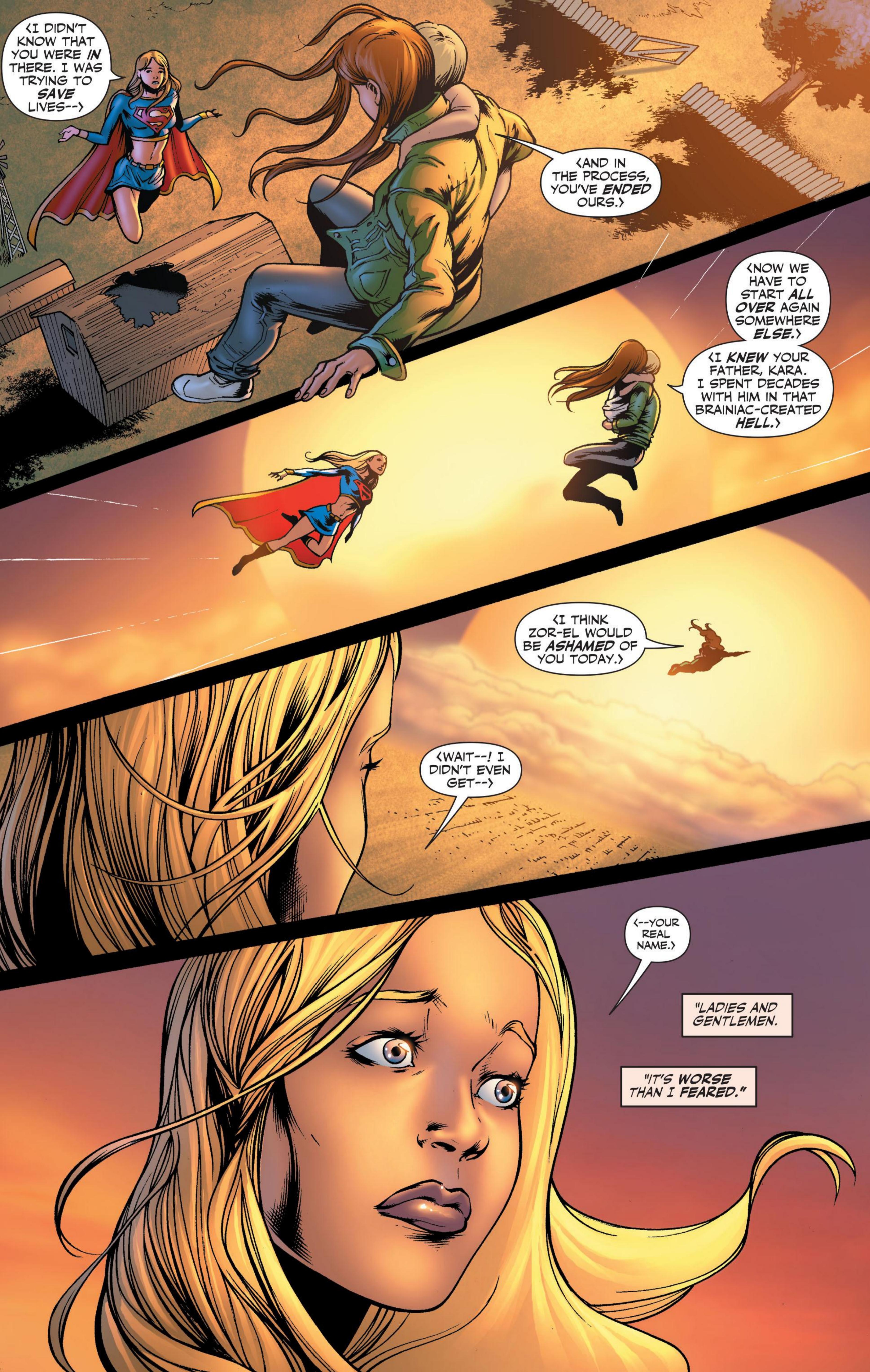
*(I THINK ZOR-EL WOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOU TODAY.)*

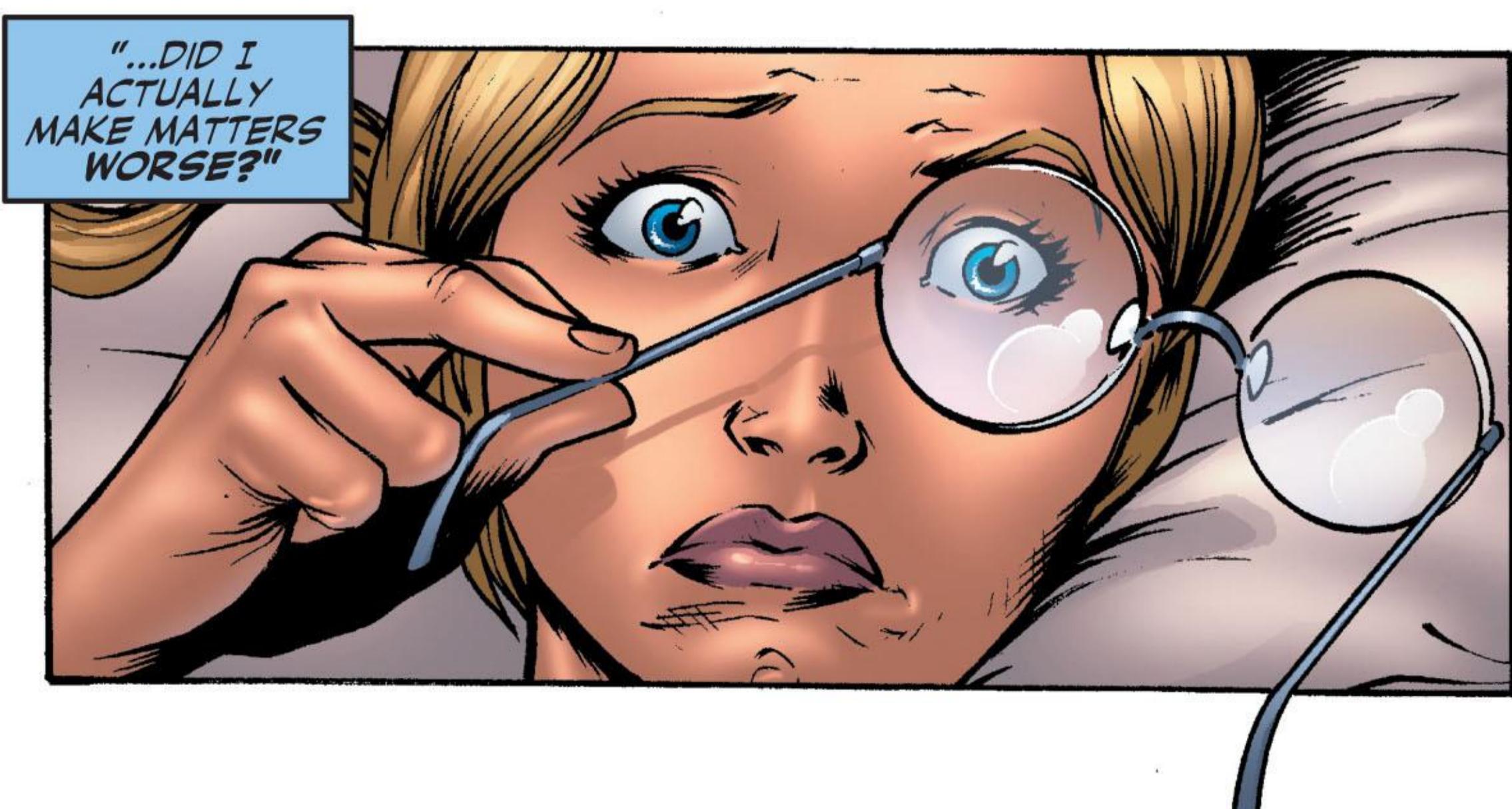
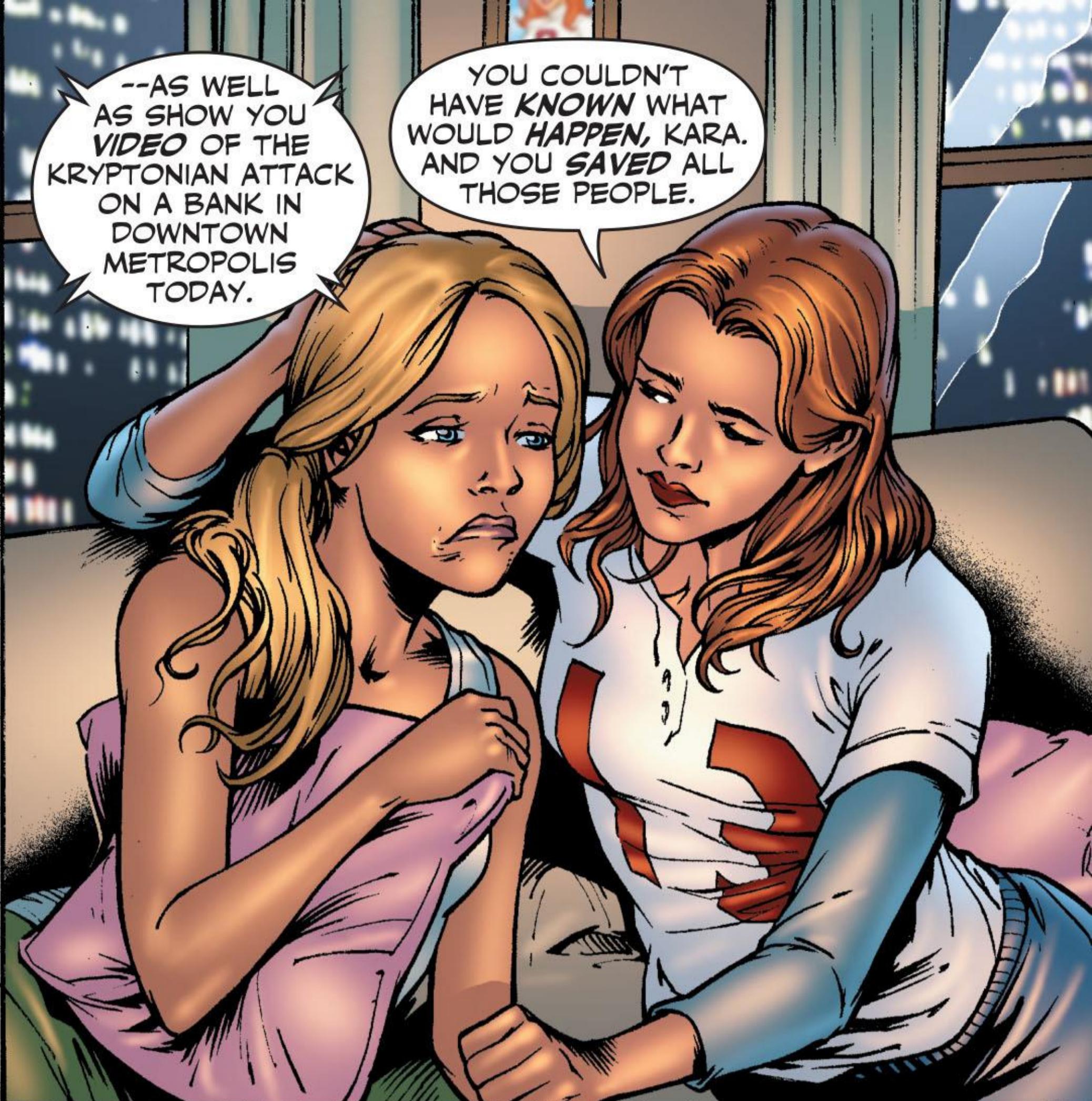
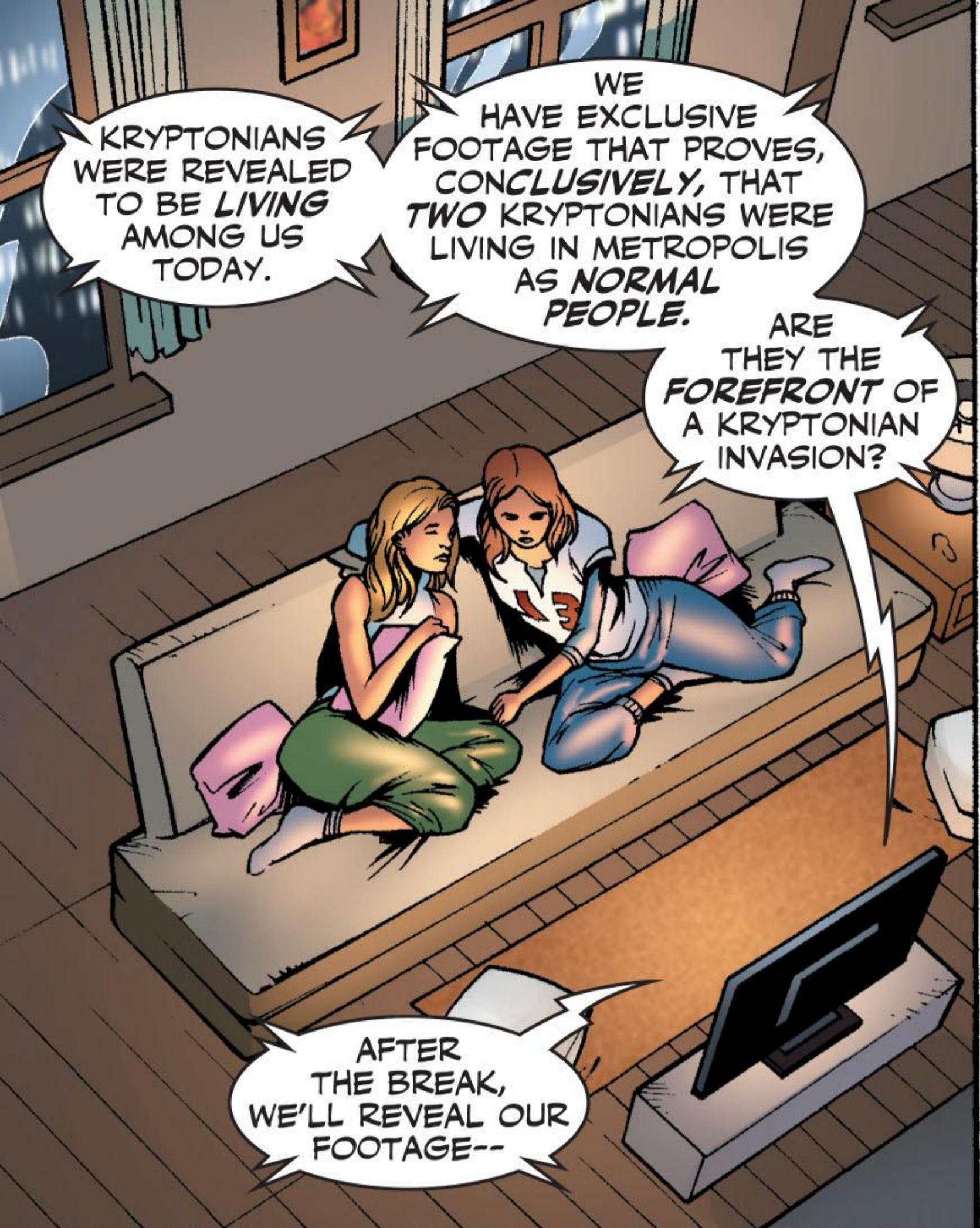
*(WAIT--! I DIDN'T EVEN GET--)*

*(--YOUR REAL NAME.)*

*"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.*

*"IT'S WORSE THAN I FEARED."*





END

PISCATAQUIS  
COUNTY, MAINE.

TOMORROW.



LYING SIXTEEN MILES  
NORTH OF THE TOWN OF  
FAIRFAX, MT. KATAHDIN IS  
THE TALLEST MOUNTAIN  
IN THE STATE.

IT'S BEEN A PLACE  
OF MYSTERY AND  
DARKNESS FOR  
CENTURIES.

LOCAL TRIBES BELIEVE IT  
TO BE THE HOME OF AN  
ANCIENT AND VENGEFUL GOD  
WHO ONCE USED TERRIBLE  
FIRE AND LIGHTNING TO  
WIPE OUT A GROUP THAT TRIED  
TO SETTLE ON HIS MOUNTAIN.

MONTHS AGO,  
A SUPERWOMAN  
DIED HERE.

HNH.

HNH.

HNH.

AAAAAAHHH!

THIS IS  
STEVEN MORROW.



STEVEN WANTED  
TO GET AWAY FOR  
THE WEEKEND.

HNNNHHH.

HE FIGURED HE'D GO  
SOMEWHERE QUIET.  
REMOTE. WHERE NO ONE  
WOULD BOTHER HIM.

WHERE HE COULD JUST  
LISTEN TO THE SOUNDS OF  
NATURE AND NOT THINK  
ABOUT WORK FOR A WHILE.

UNFORTUNATELY,  
THE ONLY NOISES  
THAT STEVEN WILL BE  
HEARING TONIGHT--

--ARE  
HIS FINAL  
SCREAMS.

W-WHAT  
ARE YOU?  
WHAT  
ARE YOU!?

Stahkk!!!

M-MORE

NEED YOU

**VZ**  
**ZZ**  
**ZF**  
**ZT**

MONTHS AGO,  
MT. KATAHDIN  
WAS WHERE A  
SUPERWOMAN  
DIED.

TONIGHT, IT'S WHERE  
STEVEN MORROW  
MEETS HIS END.

I--  
I'M--

**VZ**  
**ZZ**  
**ZF**  
**ZT**

KRACK!  
aaaaawwww  
AND IT'S ALSO  
THE PLACE--

--WHERE A  
SUPERWOMAN  
IS REBORN.

I--I--

--I'M  
LUCY--

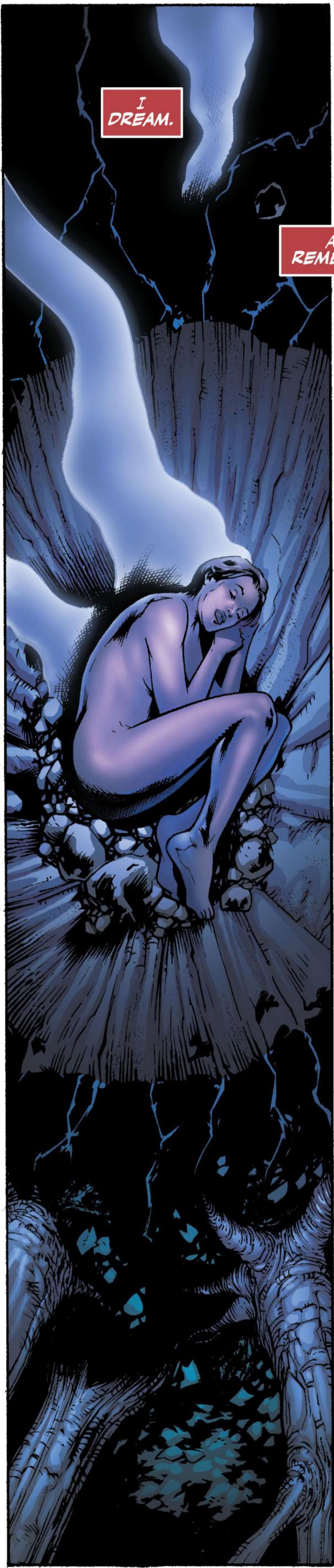
LUCY LANE.

WORKING FOR HER FATHER,  
GENERAL SAM LANE, LUCY LANE PURSUED HIS  
VISION OF TRUTH AND JUSTICE AS A PART OF PROJECT:  
7734. WEARING A CAPE AND COWL TO PROTECT  
HER IDENTITY FROM HER ALIEN ENEMIES, SHE  
FOUGHT TO PROTECT THE EARTH FROM  
KRYPTONIAN INCURSION AS  
CODENAME:

**SUPERWOMAN**

# SECOND BORN: THE SECRET ORIGIN of **SUPERWOMAN**

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I DREAM.



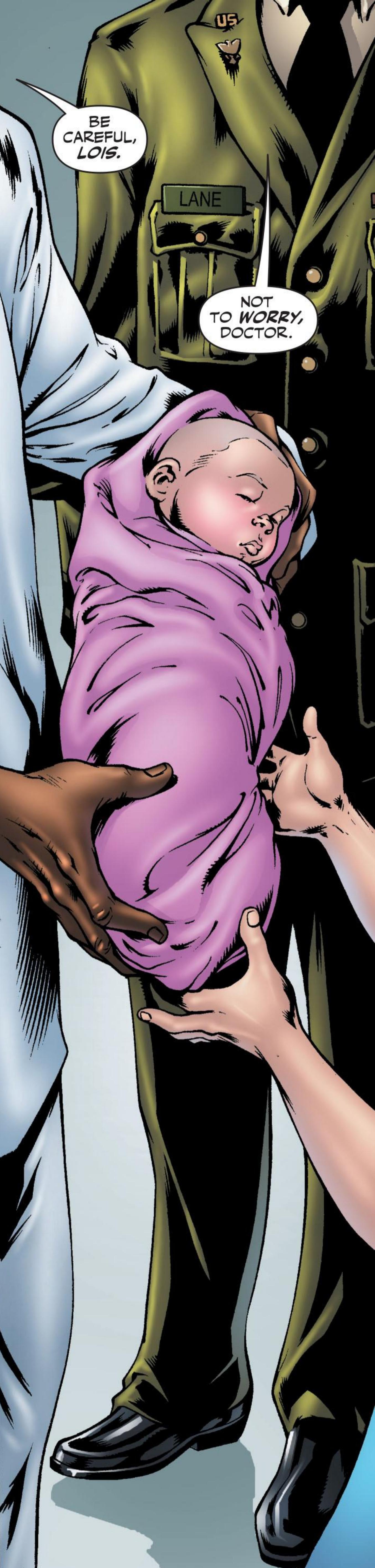
AND--  
REMEMBER--



I REMEMBER--  
I WAS BORN--



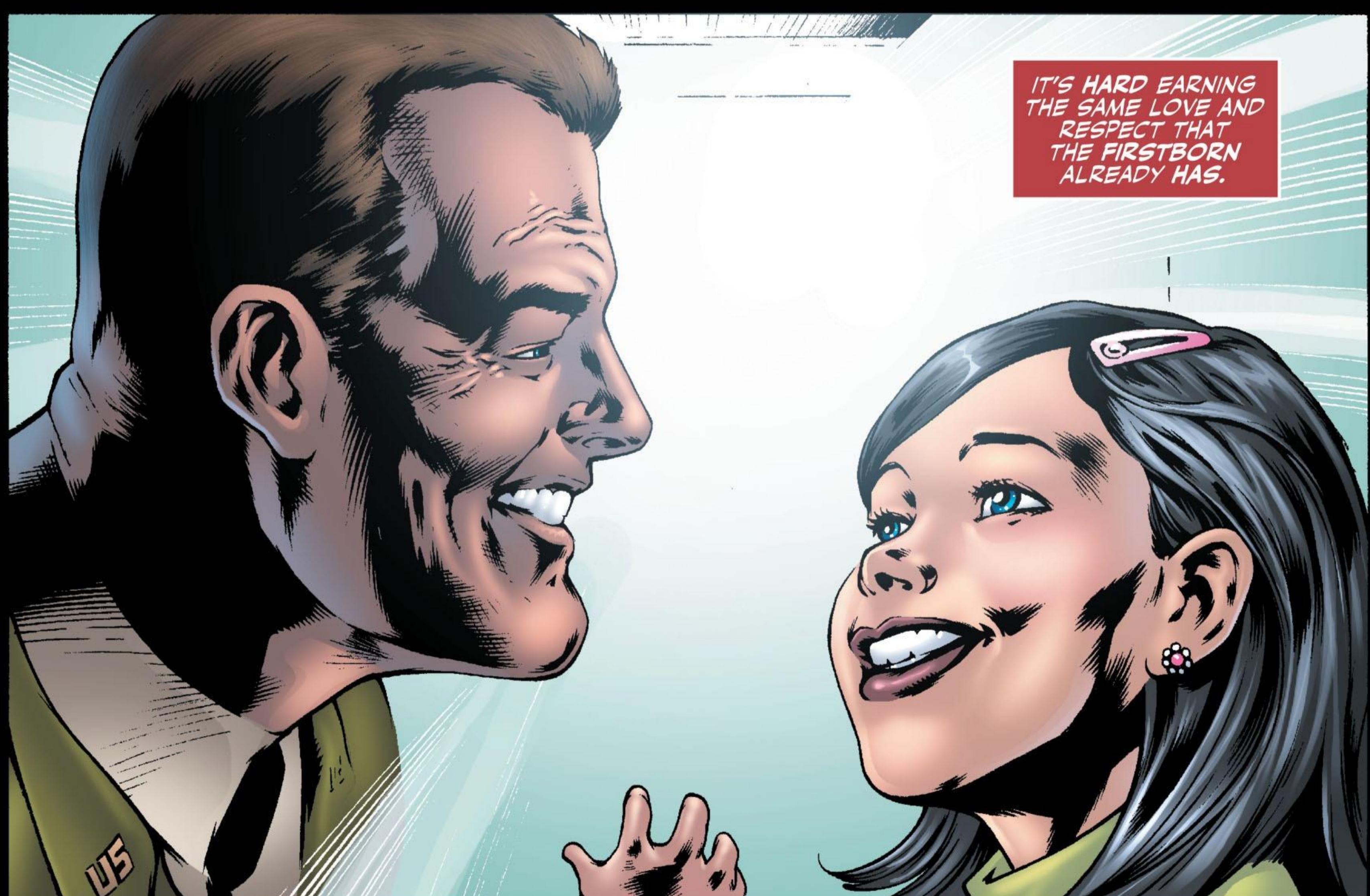
I WAS BORN  
SECOND IN THE  
LANE FAMILY.



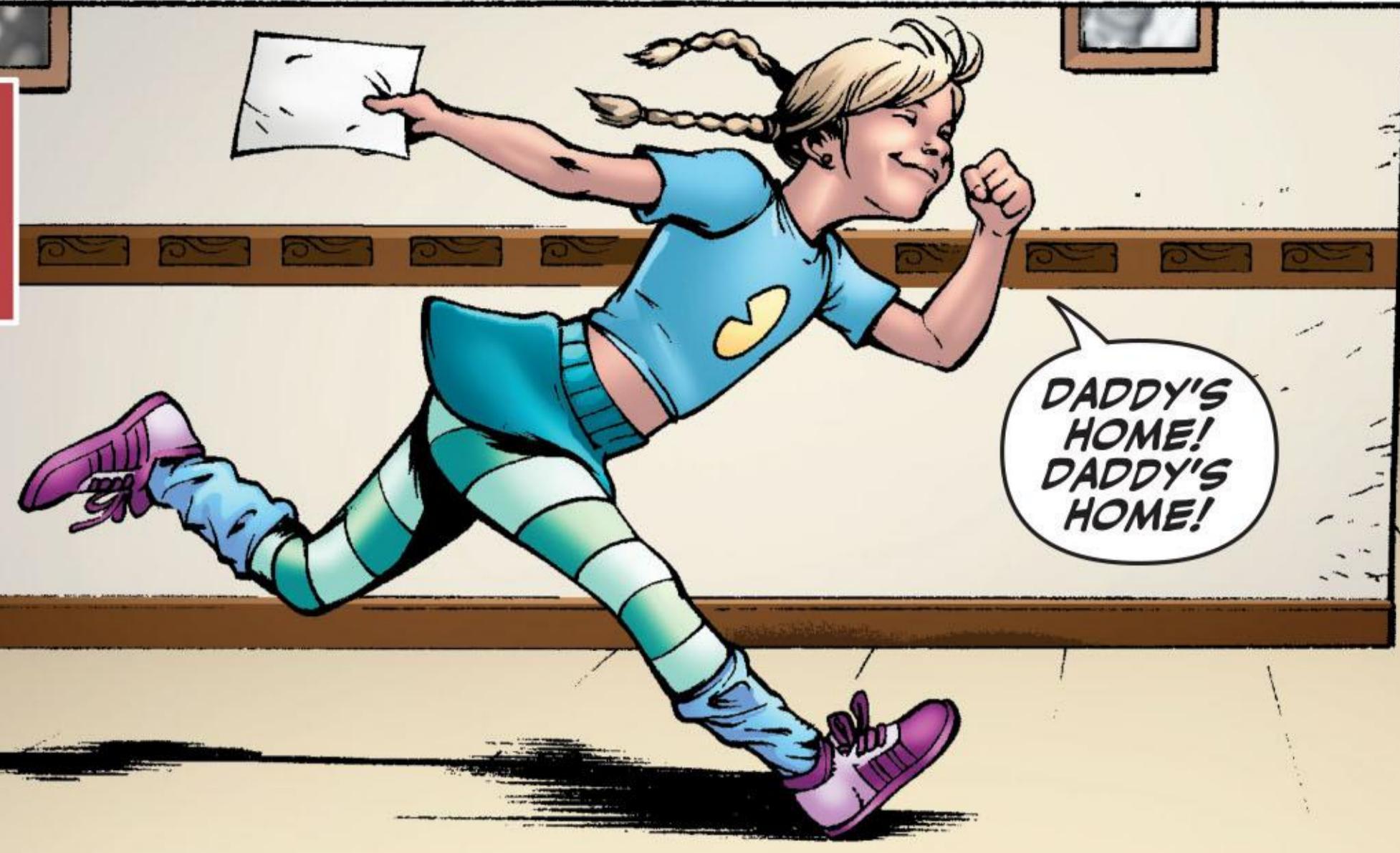
BE  
CAREFUL,  
LOIS.

LANE

NOT  
TO WORRY,  
DOCTOR.



WHEN I WAS A CHILD,  
ALL I WANTED WAS  
TO BE LOVED BY MY  
FATHER. U.S. ARMY  
CAPTAIN SAM LANE.



HE WAS  
TRANSFERRED  
TO ARMY BASES  
ALL OVER THE  
WORLD, SO LOIS  
AND MOM AND I  
WENT ALL OVER  
THE WORLD  
WITH HIM.

BUT WHENEVER DAD  
WOULD COME HOME  
FROM THE BASE,  
I WOULD LEARN--

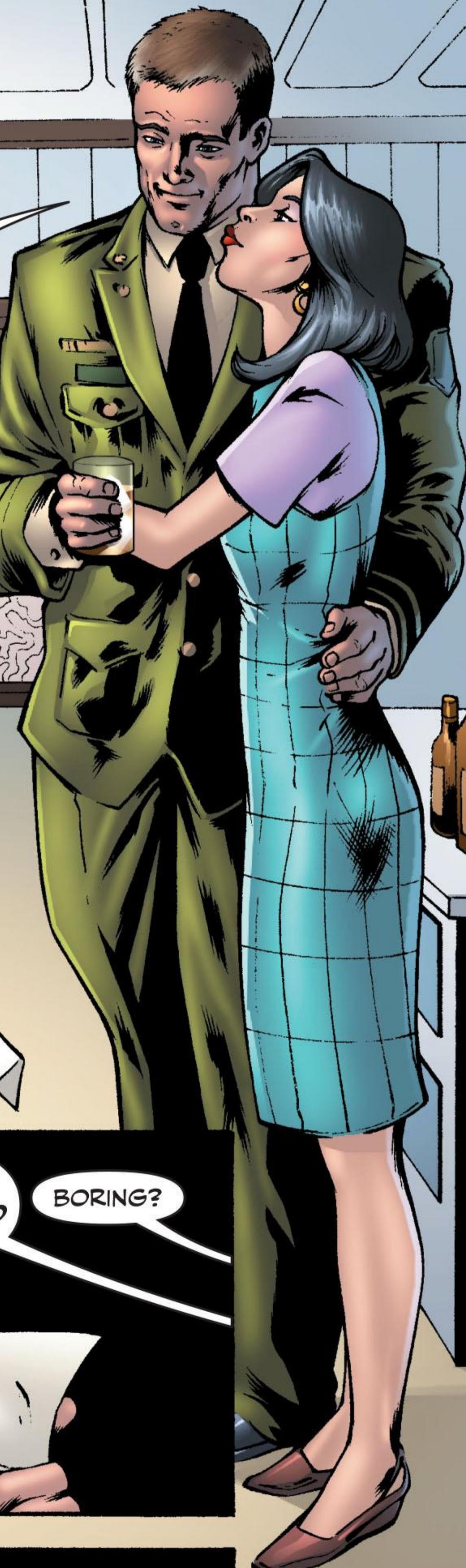


--I  
COULD  
NEVER  
COMPETE  
WITH MY  
SISTER.

OH, I WON  
A WRITING CONTEST  
AT SCHOOL, TOO! I GOT  
POINTS OFF FOR SPELLING,  
BUT MISS SCALLETT SAID  
MY ESSAY WAS BEST  
IN CLASS!

TURNING  
INTO MY LITTLE  
HEMINGWAY,  
AREN'T YOU?

THANK  
YOU, ELLA.



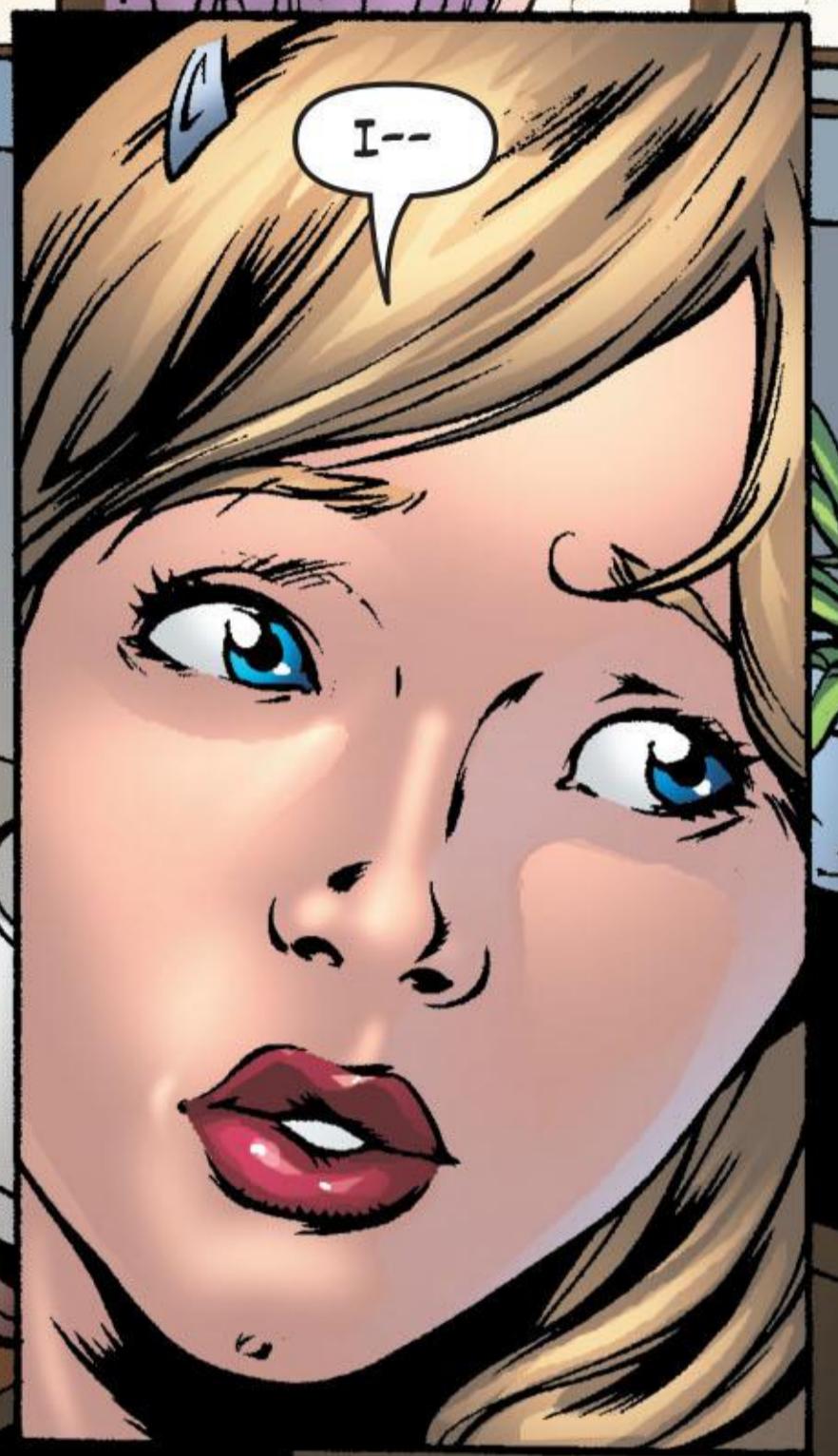
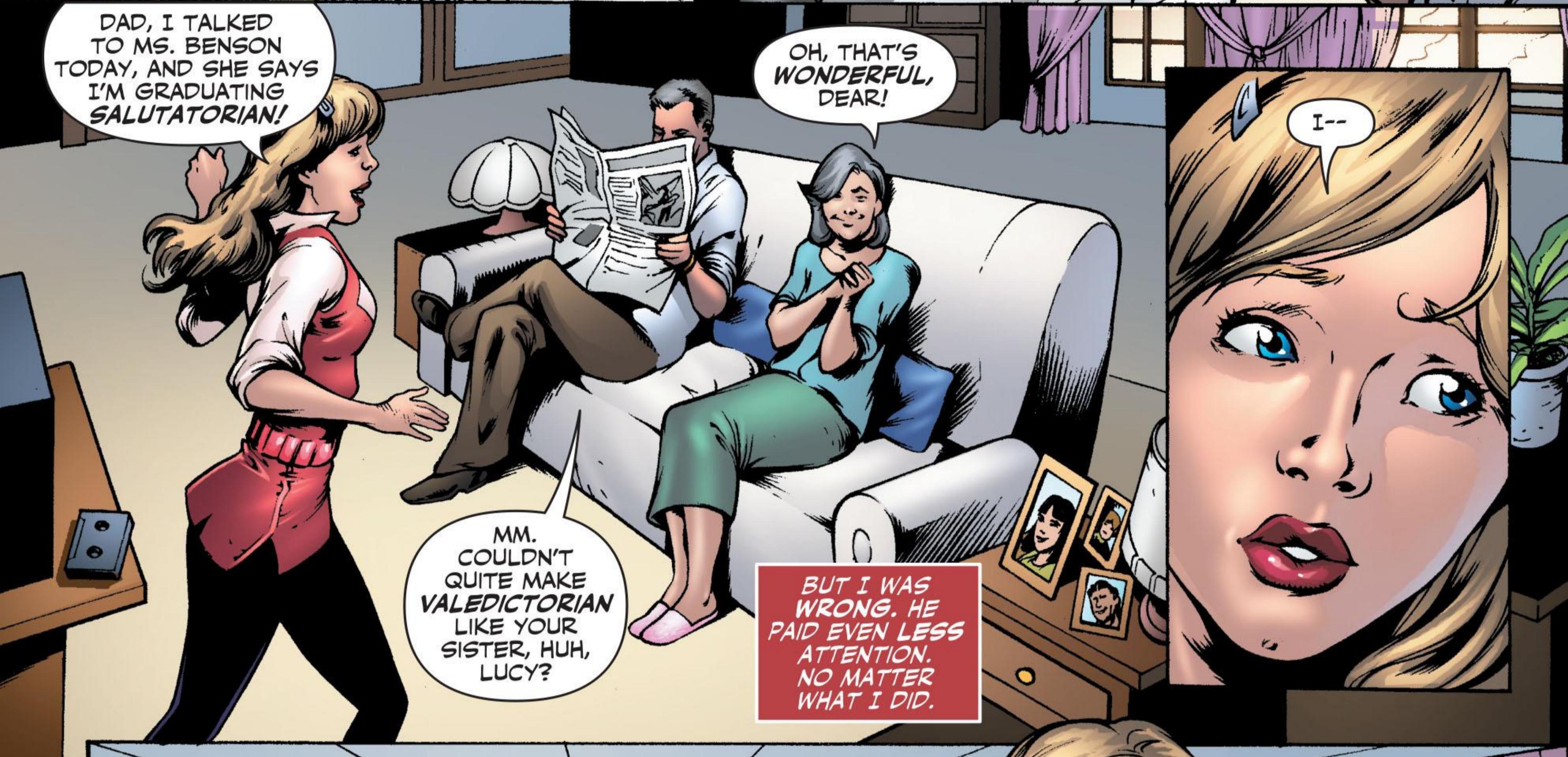
I HOPE  
NOT, DAD.  
HEMINGWAY'S SO  
BORING!

BORING?

HEMINGWAY  
WAS A GREAT  
SOLDIER AND A WRITER,  
LOIS. SOMEONE MY  
DAUGHTER SHOULD  
LOOK UP TO.

REPORT	
ENGLISH	A
GEOGRAPHY	A
P.E.	A
MATH	B

IT WASN'T  
HER FAULT  
I WASN'T  
BORN GOOD  
ENOUGH.



IT WORKED,  
THOUGH. I  
GOT CLOSER  
TO LOIS....

DAILY PAPER

"THIS IS  
THE AWARD  
OF MY  
CAREER--"

--AND STILL  
DAD DOESN'T  
SHOW UP.

...BUT AT THE WORST  
TIME. SHE WAS DRIFTING  
AWAY FROM OUR FATHER,  
AND SHE TOOK ME  
WITH HER.

HE'S  
RETIRER, FOR  
GOD'S SAKE. IT'S NOT  
LIKE HE HAD SOMETHING  
BETTER TO DO  
TONIGHT.

YOU KNOW  
HOW HE IS, LOIS.  
YOU KNOW HOW HE  
FEELS ABOUT  
SUPERMAN.

SO WHAT IF  
I'M GETTING AN  
AWARD FOR AN  
ARTICLE ABOUT  
SUPERMAN?

WELL,  
PERSONALLY--

--I THINK  
IT'S SWELL.

SWELL?

MY FATHER DIDN'T REALLY  
LIKE CLARK KENT. DAD  
LIKED HIM EVEN LESS  
AFTER HE MARRIED LOIS.

--SAM LANE  
GAVE HIS LIFE SO  
THAT WE WOULDN'T  
SUFFER UNDER THE  
OPPRESSION OF  
ALIEN HANDS.

HE DIED  
A HERO.

HE WAS KILLED DOING  
WHAT HE LOVED.

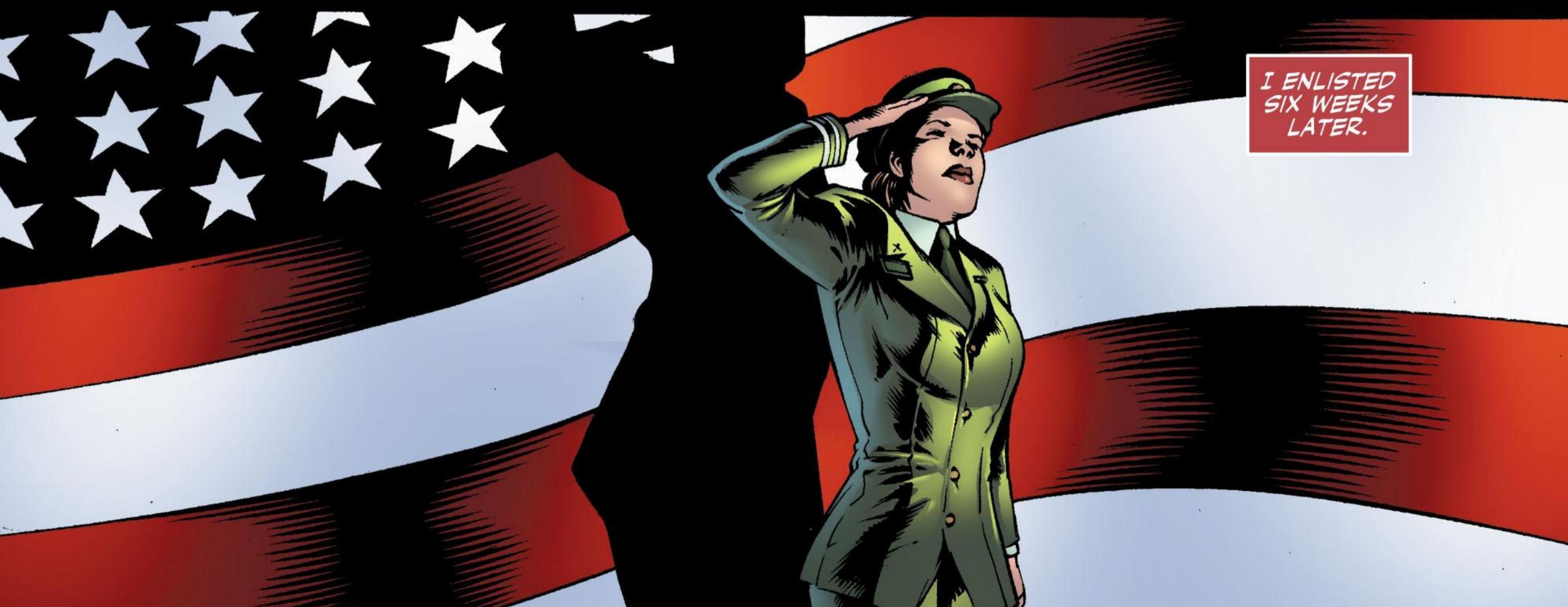
PROTECTING  
AMERICA FROM  
ITS ENEMIES.



--IN THE  
NAME OF THE  
FATHER, AND  
OF THE SON,  
AND--



I ENLISTED  
SIX WEEKS  
LATER.



I THOUGHT IT  
WAS A WAY TO  
KILL MYSELF  
WITH HONOR.

DYING LIKE  
MY FATHER DID.  
FIGHTING ENEMIES  
OF STATE.

I THREW  
MYSELF INTO  
BATTLE--

DOWN,  
LANE!

**GHOOM**

--BUT ALWAYS  
MANAGED TO  
SURVIVE. IT FELT  
LIKE SOMEONE  
WAS ALWAYS  
WATCHING OUT  
FOR ME.

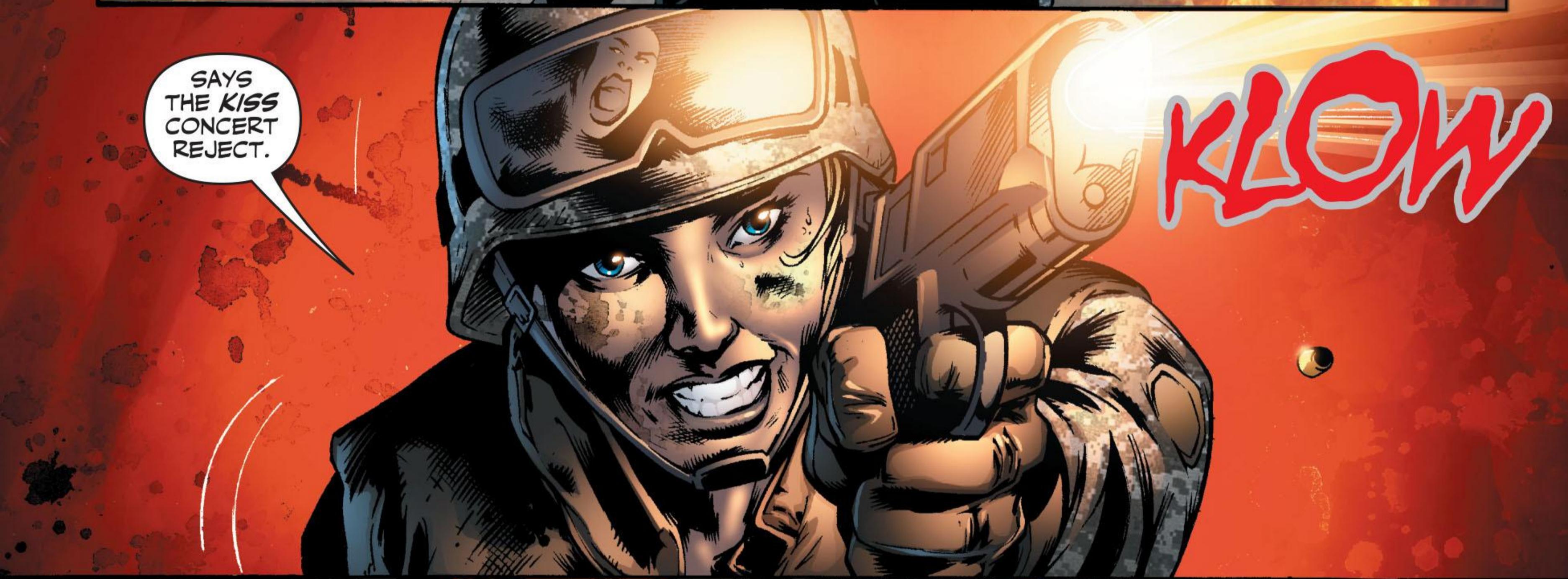
I ROSE  
THROUGH THE  
RANKS QUICKLY.  
FASTER THAN  
I SHOULD'VE.

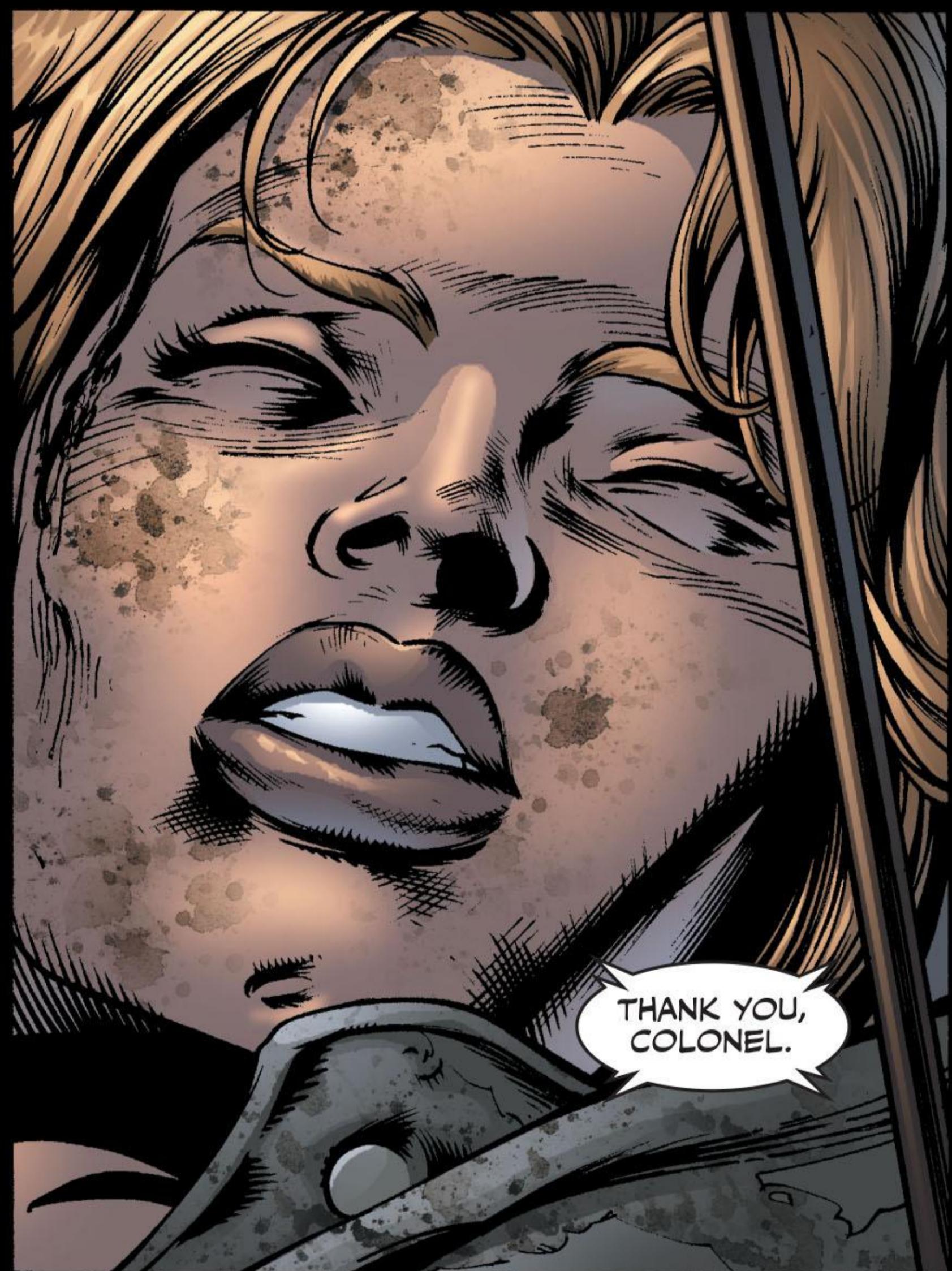
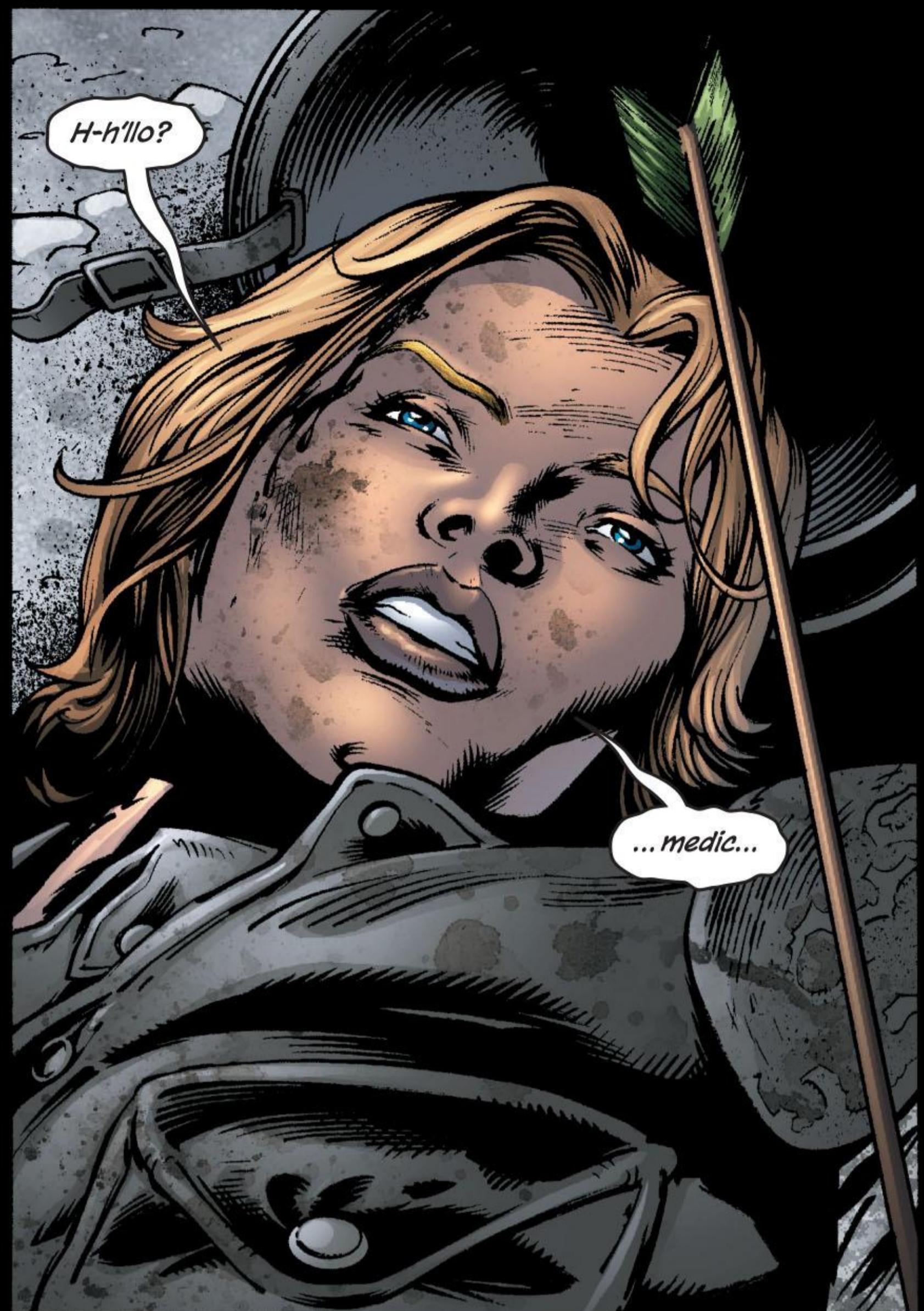
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STATIONED AT FORT  
MCNAIR IN WASHINGTON--

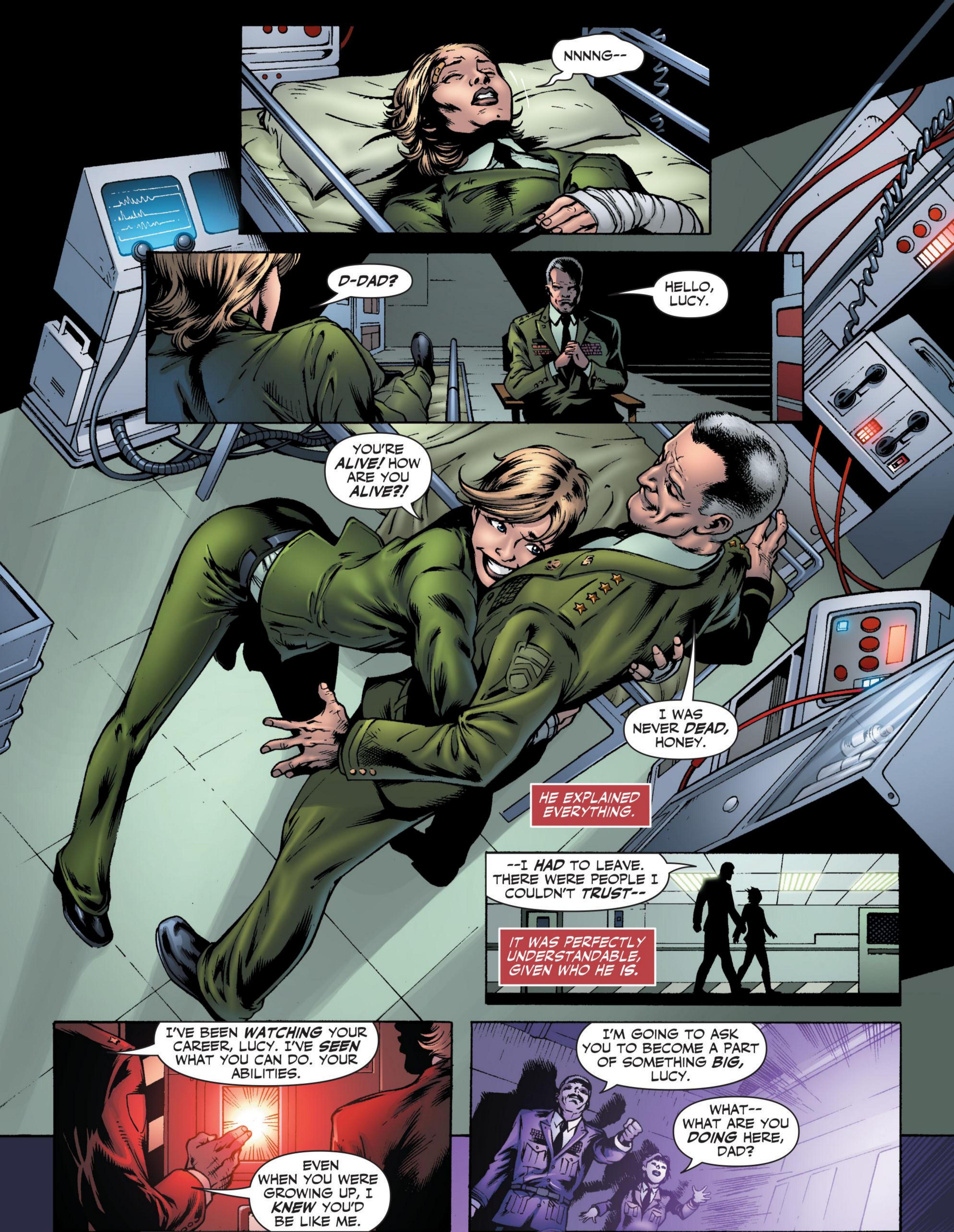
STAND  
YOUR  
GROUND,  
MEN! STAND  
YOUR  
GROUND!

--AND I WAS  
THERE WHEN  
THE AMAZONS  
ATTACKED.









I WAS  
HOPING YOU COULD  
MAKE ME EVEN  
PROUDER--

--BY  
WEARING  
THIS  
ONE.





I--I--

WILL YOU DO IT, LUCY? WILL YOU MAKE ME A PROUD FATHER?

OF COURSE I WILL, DAD.

I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU NEED ME TO.

AND SO I DID.



--EVERYTHING  
CHANGED.

SIR, YOU  
CHANGED MY  
SUIT?

I'M SENDING  
YOU INTO KANDOR,  
MAJOR LANE. YOU'RE  
GOING TO BE MY EYES  
AND EARS. DEEP  
UNDERCOVER  
WORK.

BUT  
THIS SYMBOL.  
YOU HATE  
SUPERMAN--

THE  
SYMBOL WILL  
HELP YOU ON YOUR  
ASSIGNMENT.

I INFILTRATED.  
AND I FOUGHT.

NNNNNG--!

I FOLLOWED  
ORDERS.





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