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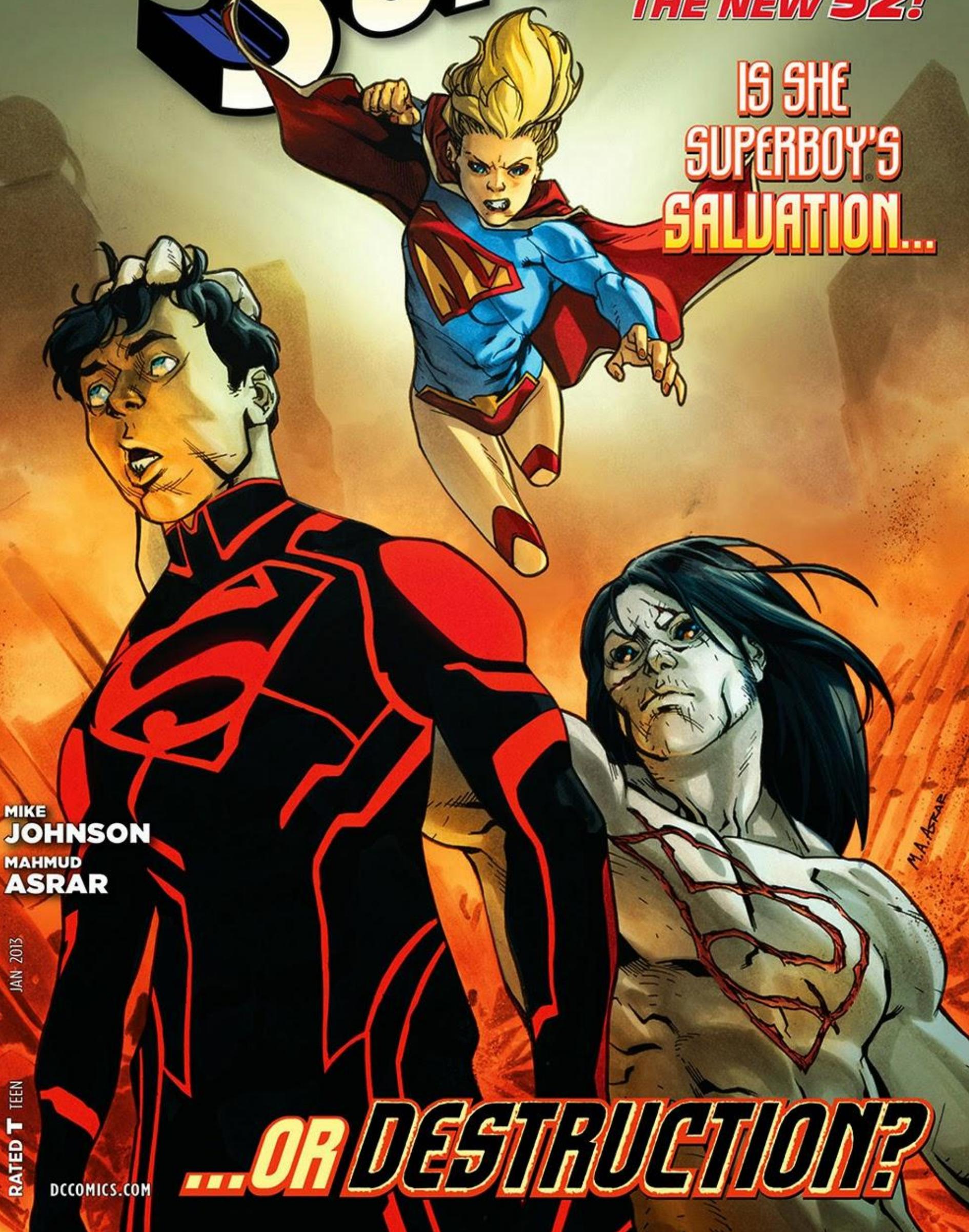
HELL ON EARTH



SUPERGIRL®

THE NEW 52!

IS SHE
SUPERBOY'S
SALVATION...



MIKE
JOHNSON
MAHMUD
ASRAR

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...OR DESTRUCTION?

THE BLOCK. AN ADVANCED
RESEARCH FACILITY LOCATED
NEAR THE CENTER OF THE EARTH.

(I REALLY
SHOULD THANK YOU,
SUPERMAN.)*

(IT'S NOT EVERY DAY
I GET TO PERFORM AN AUTOPSY
ON A MILE-LONG ALIEN MEGA-DRAGON.
WE'VE HAD TO INVENT FOURTEEN
NEW TOOLS IN THE LAST FIVE HOURS
JUST TO FIGURE OUT
HOW TO DISSECT IT.)

(AT THE END OF
THE DAY, THOUGH,
IT'S STILL JUST A
BIG FROG.)

(AND I SHOULD
THANK YOU TOO,
SUPergirl.)

(KARA,
DR. VERITAS.)

(MY NAME
IS KARA.)

*TRANSLATED FROM
KRYPTONIAN.

H'EL ON EARTH LOST SON of KRYPTON

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(I SHOULD GET BACK TO METROPOLIS, DR. VERITAS. LET ME KNOW WHAT MORE YOU DISCOVER ABOUT THIS MONSTER.)



(I WILL.)

(HOLDING ON TO HOPE IS NEVER WRONG, KARA. BUT I DON'T WANT IT TO BE FALSE HOPE.)

(YOU'RE WELCOME TO STAY HERE. LEARN WHAT YOU CAN.)

(REMEMBER, KARA, IF YOU NEED ANYTHING...)

(JUST CALL MY NAME AND I'LL HEAR YOU.)



(KARA? IF YOU DON'T MIND, I'D LOVE TO RUN SOME SCANS ON YOU TOO. I'VE ONLY HAD THE CHANCE TO STUDY A KRYPTONIAN MALE....)

SCANS? LIKE THE SCANS MY FATHER PERFORMED ON ME BEFORE HE SENT ME AWAY?

SCANS LIKE I'M SOMETHING TO BE POKED AND STUDIED? LIKE TYCHO DID WHEN HE CAPTURED ME?

(NO, DR. VERITAS, I'D RATHER NOT. I THINK YOU HAVE ENOUGH TO STUDY HERE.)

AND I DON'T REALLY TRUST HUMANS.



NEW YORK CITY.

WELL, NOT
MOST OF THEM,
ANYWAY.

(I SAW THE WHOLE THING ON
THE T.V.! SUPERMAN! THE CRAZY
DRAGON MONSTER THING! AND THEN
YOU FLEW IN! HE CALLED YOU
FOR HELP, DIDN'T HE? TELL
ME THE TRUTH!)

(NOT EXACTLY,
SIOBHAN...)

(SO WHEN THE TWO
OF YOU CARRIED THAT
MASSIVE BEASTIE OFF INTO
THE SKY, WHERE'D YOU
GO?! DID YOU THROW IT
INTO OUTER SPACE?! YOU
CAN TELL ME! I SWEAR I
WON'T TELL!)

(NO,
WE TOOK IT
SOMEWHERE TO
BE STUDIED. WE
NEED TO FIND
OUT HOW IT
GOT HERE.)

IT'S FUNNY--
EVEN THOUGH
SIOBHAN'S
HUMAN, HER
SPECIAL
TALENT WITH
SOUNDS
MEANS SHE
CAN SPEAK
KRYPTONIAN
WITH A BETTER
ACCENT
THAN KAL.

WHAT WAS THE
EARTH WORD
SHE USED TO
EXPLAIN IT?
"MAGIC"?

(I JUST
WANTED TO
MAKE SURE
YOU AND TOM
WERE OKAY.
WHERE IS
HE?)

(OH...AYE.
TOM.)

(I WANTED TO
TELL YOU, KARA,
I REALLY DID, BUT
I DIDN'T KNOW
HOW TO REACH
YOU.)

(HE'S GONE BACK
TO IRELAND. NOT FOREVER.
AT LEAST I HOPE NOT. BUT
HE'S GONE BACK TO SEE
WHAT LITTLE FAMILY
WE'VE GOT LEFT.)

(AFTER ALL,
HE WAS AWAY FROM THEM
FOR YEARS WHEN HE WAS
TRAPPED INSIDE OUR
FATHER...)

(WHAT'S
"FALLING
FOR...")?

(AAH, NEVER
MIND MY SILLY
BROTHER! HE'LL
BE BACK SOON
ENOUGH!)

(IN THE MEANTIME,
TELL ME MORE ABOUT
YOUR NEW UNDERSEA
DREAM HOUSE!
WHEN DO I GET
TO SEE IT?)

(...NO, NOT
INSIDE OUR
FATHER. INSIDE
THE BLACK
BANSHEE.)*

(IT'S ALL
RIGHT, SIOBHAN.
I UNDERSTAND.)

(HE WANTED TO SEE YOU
BEFORE HE LEFT, KARA.
HE TRULY DID. I THINK
THE POOR BOY'S
FALLING FOR
YOU.)

(AS SOON AS I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET YOU DOWN THERE SAFELY.)

(I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK THERE NOW ACTUALLY. I MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT HOW THAT DRAGON CAME TO EARTH...AND IF MORE ARE COMING AFTER IT!)

(RIGHT THEN. TIME FOR ANOTHER QUICK EXIT. LAST TIME YOU TRIED TO WORK THE DOORKNOB YOU NEARLY PULLED THE WHOLE DOOR OFF, SO ALLOW ME.)

(LOOKS LIKE THE COAST IS CLEAR, SO...)

(...GET...)

(...READY...)

WHEEEEEE

I WISH I COULD DO THAT...

AND HERE I AM, ALL ALONE ONCE AGAIN.

WHICH IS FOR THE BEST, I SUPPOSE.

BECAUSE IT'S GETTING HARDER AND HARDER TO HOLD IT IN.

SOONER OR LATER...

...KARA'S GOING TO FIND OUT THE TRUTH!

SANCTUARY. THE BOTTOM OF THE ATLANTIC.

(IT'S REALLY HIM,
SANCTUARY?)

(IT'S REALLY
KAL-EL?)

(YES,
KARA.)

(MY SCANS
MATCH THE GENETIC
DATA OF THE HOUSE OF
EL ENCODED IN MY
RECORDS BY YOUR
FATHER.)

I KNEW IT.

I KNEW THE FIRST
MOMENT I SAW HIM,
I JUST DIDN'T WANT
TO ADMIT IT.

I STILL DON'T
TO ADMIT THAT
THIS COULD BE
MY BABY COUSIN,
FULLY GROWN,
WOULD MEAN THAT
IT WAS ALL TRUE.
KRYPTON, ARGO...
MY PARENTS...

I SHOULD STAY
CLOSE TO KAL. HE'S
THE ONLY FAMILY
I HAVE LEFT.

I JUST DON'T KNOW IF
I'LL EVER BE ABLE TO--

YAAWWN

AND YET EVERY
TIME I SEE
HIM...I'M JUST
REMINDED OF
HOW MUCH
I'VE LOST.

I'M...I'M
YAWNING?

FOR THE FIRST TIME
IN AGES, I ACTUALLY
FEEL TIRED!

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE
I'M HIDDEN FROM
THE YELLOW SUN
HERE INSIDE
SANCTUARY. MAYBE
IT'S JUST THE FACT
THAT I HAVEN'T
STOPPED SINCE
I ARRIVED ON THIS
PLANET.

WHATEVER
THE REASON...

I'M NOT
GOING TO...

...FIGHT IT...



(KARA
ZOR-EL.)

(WAKE
NOW.)

WHO--?

WHERE
AM I?!

HOW DID
I--?!



DREAMING.

I'M DREAMING
AGAIN. I'M BACK
AT THE FIREFALLS
ON KRYPTON...



(YOU'RE
NOT DREAMING.
THESE AREN'T THE
FIREFALLS OF
KRYPTON.)

(I DON'T
HAVE TO
READ YOUR
MIND...)

(...TO KNOW
YOUR THOUGHTS,
KARA ZOR-EL.)

(I AM
H'EL.)

(AND LIKE
YOU, I AM A
LOST CHILD OF
KRYPTON.)









(WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE YOU? YOU ADMIT THAT YOU JUST ABDUCTED ME FROM SANCTUARY AND BROUGHT ME HERE!)

(ONLY SO THAT I COULD HELP YOU. YOUR BODY IS A SOLAR BATTERY, KARA, AND IT WAS NEARLY EMPTY. I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO RESTORE YOUR HEALTH. TO RESTORE YOUR POWER.)

HE'S RIGHT.

I WAS SO EXHAUSTED. AND NOW I FEEL SO STRONG. STRONGER THAN I'VE EVER FELT.

(I UNDERSTAND YOUR DOUBTS, KARA. ALL I CAN DO IS TRY MY BEST TO DISPEL THEM.)

(WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? YOU EXPECT ME TO WELCOME YOU LIKE A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY? I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU!)

(BUT YOU WILL, KARA. YOU MUST. BECAUSE I NEED YOUR HELP.)

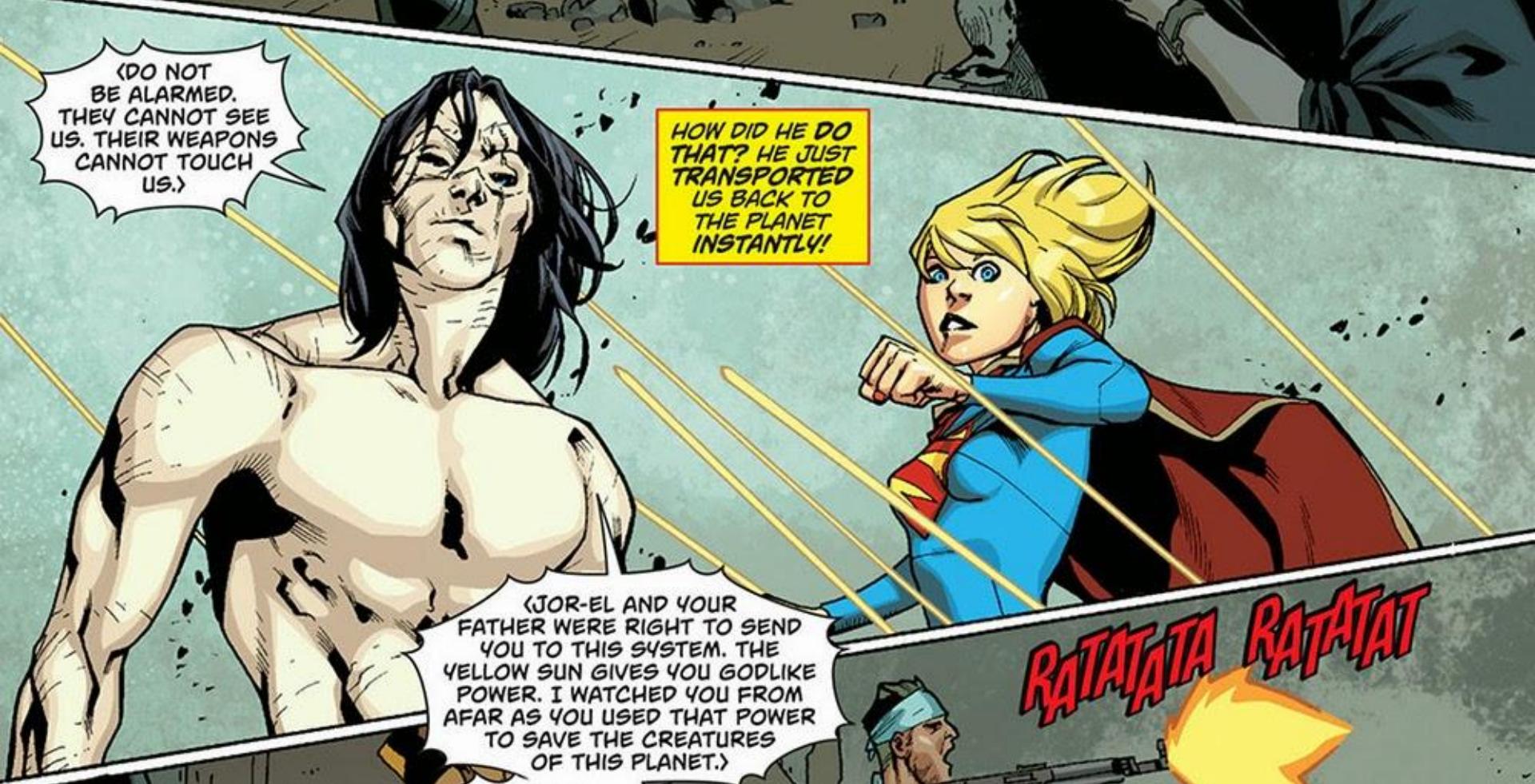
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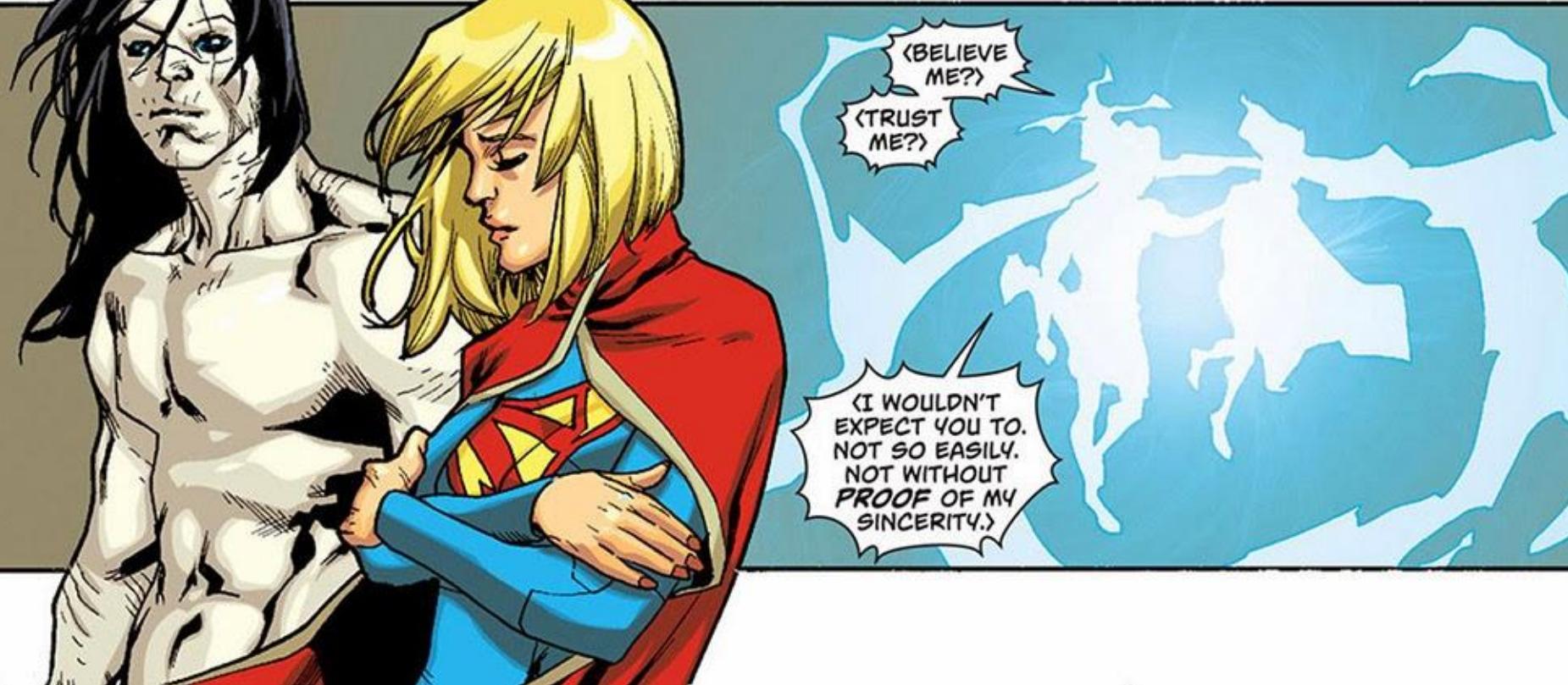
*(TO GO HOME.)
(TO GO BACK TO KRYPTON BEFORE ITS DESTRUCTION AND SAVE IT.)*

*(...GO BACK...?)
(YOU'RE INSANE.)*

(INSANE?)

(NO, KARA...)





(AND SO PROOF I WILL GIVE YOU.)

(THE CLONE!)*

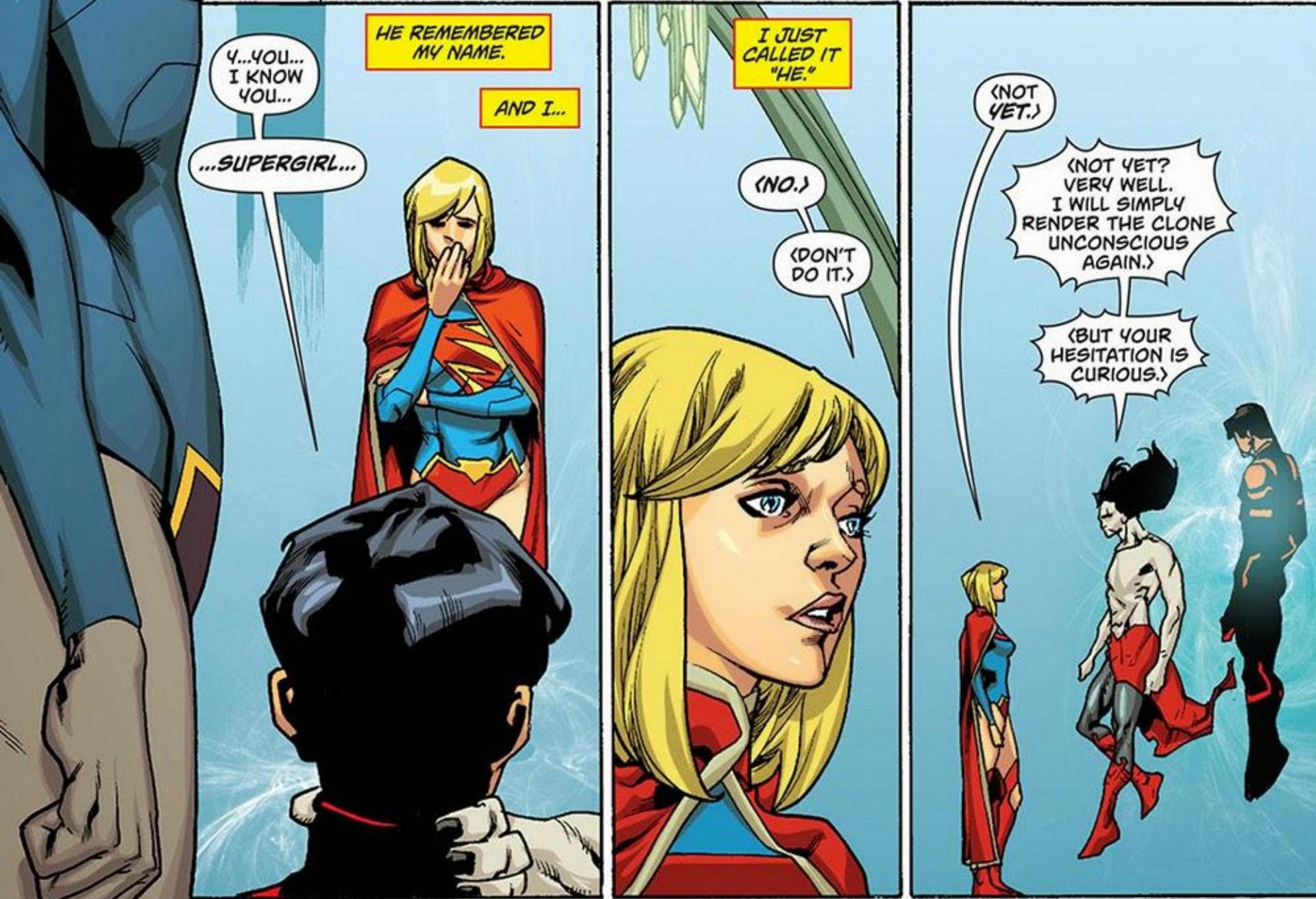
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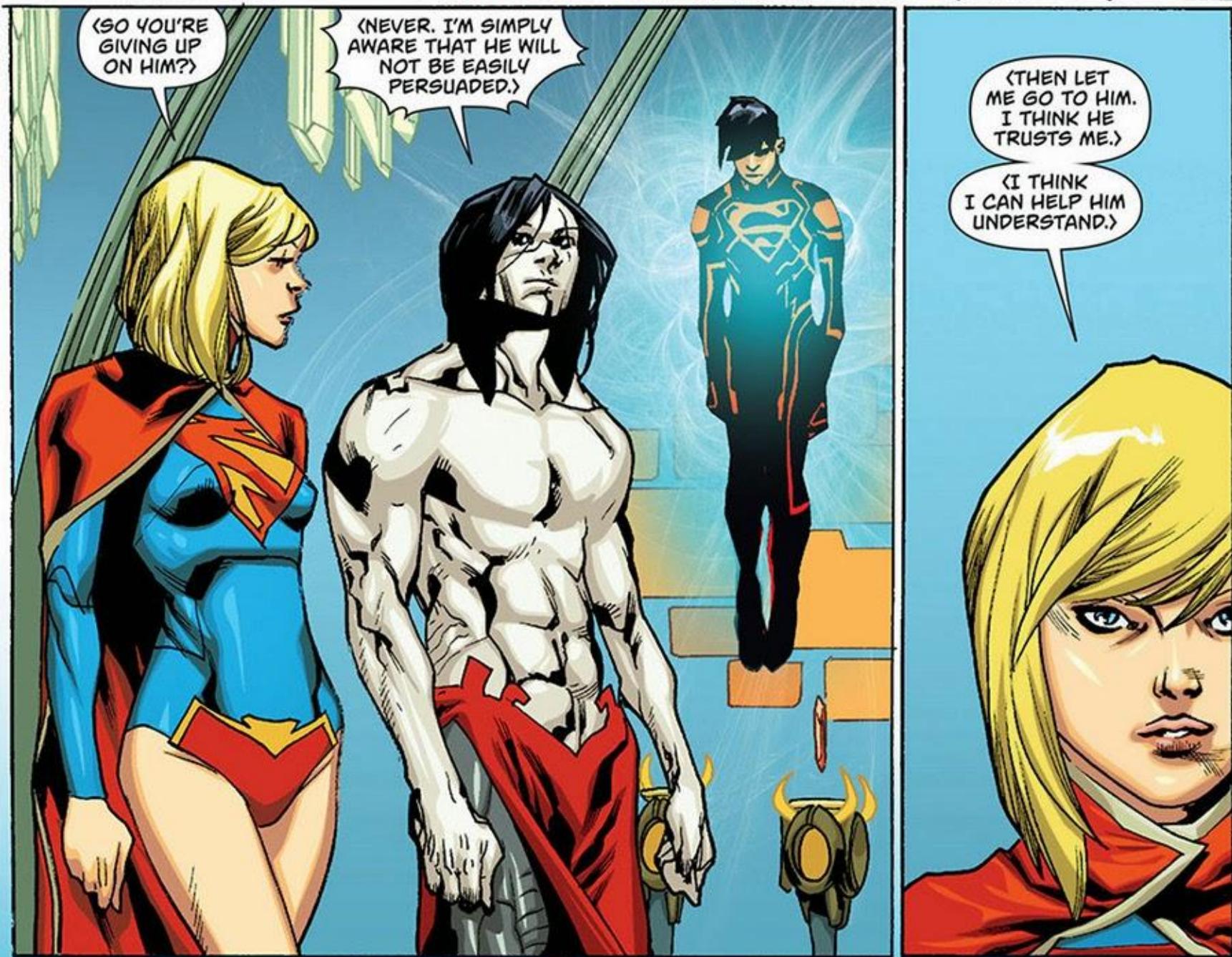
(YOU BROUGHT IT HERE? INTO MY SANCTUARY?)

(IT IS NOT A THREAT. NOT FOR THE MOMENT. BUT YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THE THREAT THAT CLONES POSE TO ALL LIVING THINGS. A THREAT THAT MUST BE ELIMINATED.)

(HERE IS THE PROOF OF MY SINCERITY, KARA. PROOF OF MY DEVOTION TO KRYPTON.)

(SAY THE WORD, AND I WILL ELIMINATE THIS ABOMINATION.)





"(TELL HIM IT
IS TIME TO
GO HOME.)"

WHERE--?

HOW--?

HOW DID
HE DO
THAT?

--YOU'VE BEEN
TELLING ME WE'RE
BEST FRIENDS,
LOIS.

THAT VOICE! THAT'S KAL!
HE'S SOMEWHERE NEARBY!
HE'S SPEAKING THAT EARTH
LANGUAGE, AND I...

I CAN
UNDERSTAND
IT!

IS THIS
H'EL'S
GIFT?

DID HE GIVE ME THE
ABILITY TO SPEAK
THE LANGUAGE
SOMEHOW?

THERE. IT SOUNDS
LIKE HE'S JUST
THROUGH THAT DOOR.

AT LEAST
I KNOW HE WILL
BE HAPPY TO...

WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO TELL ME,
CLARK?

WAIT.
WHO IS...



THIS AWKWARD
MOMENT TO BE
CONTINUED...IN

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