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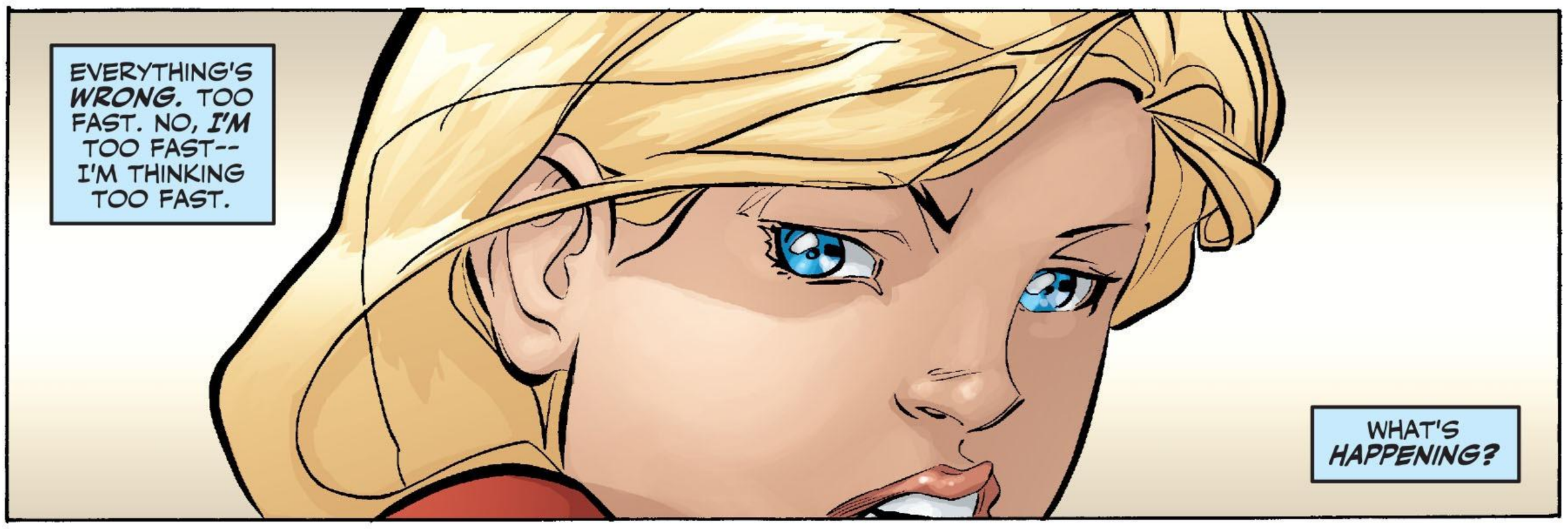

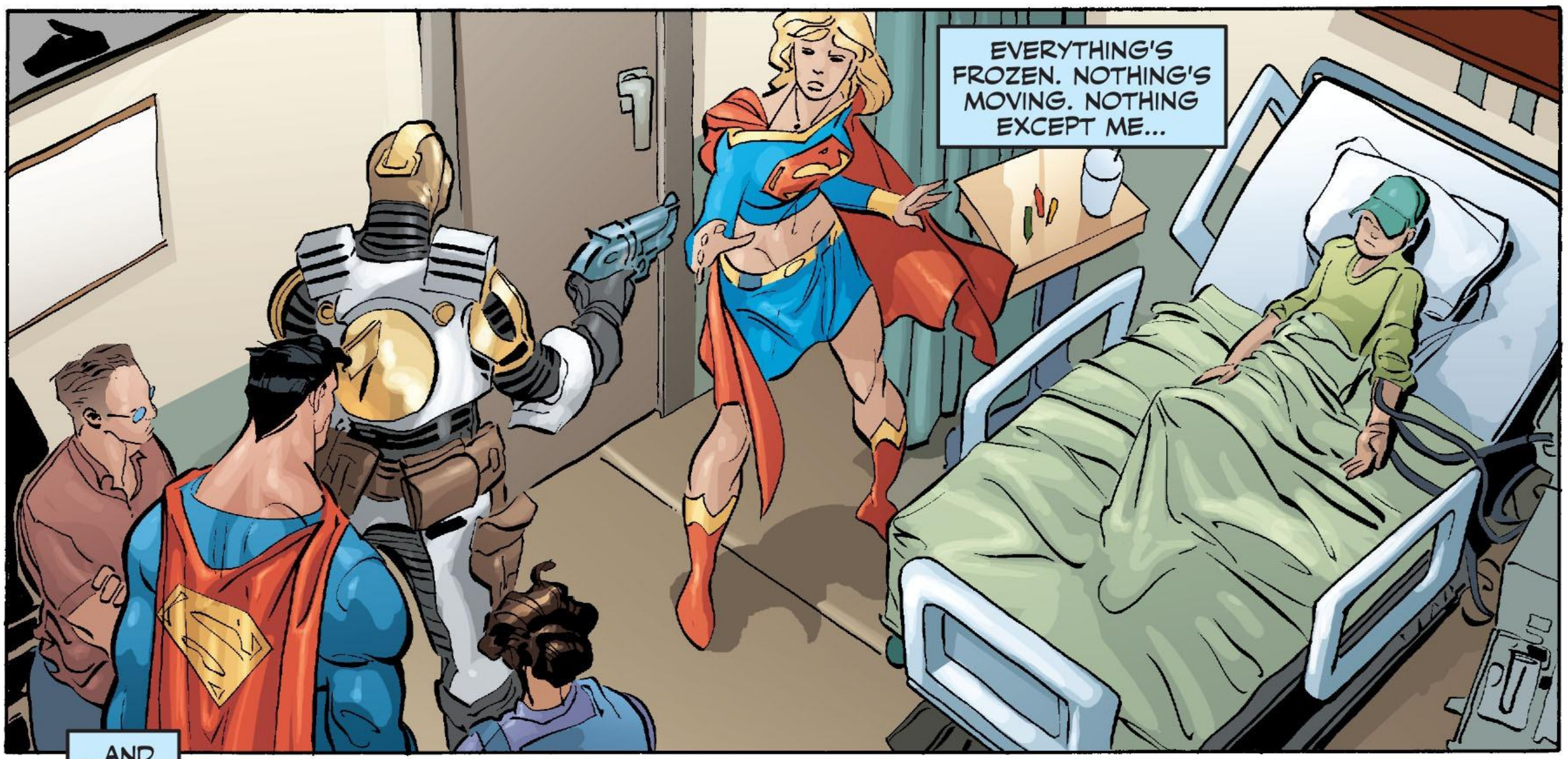

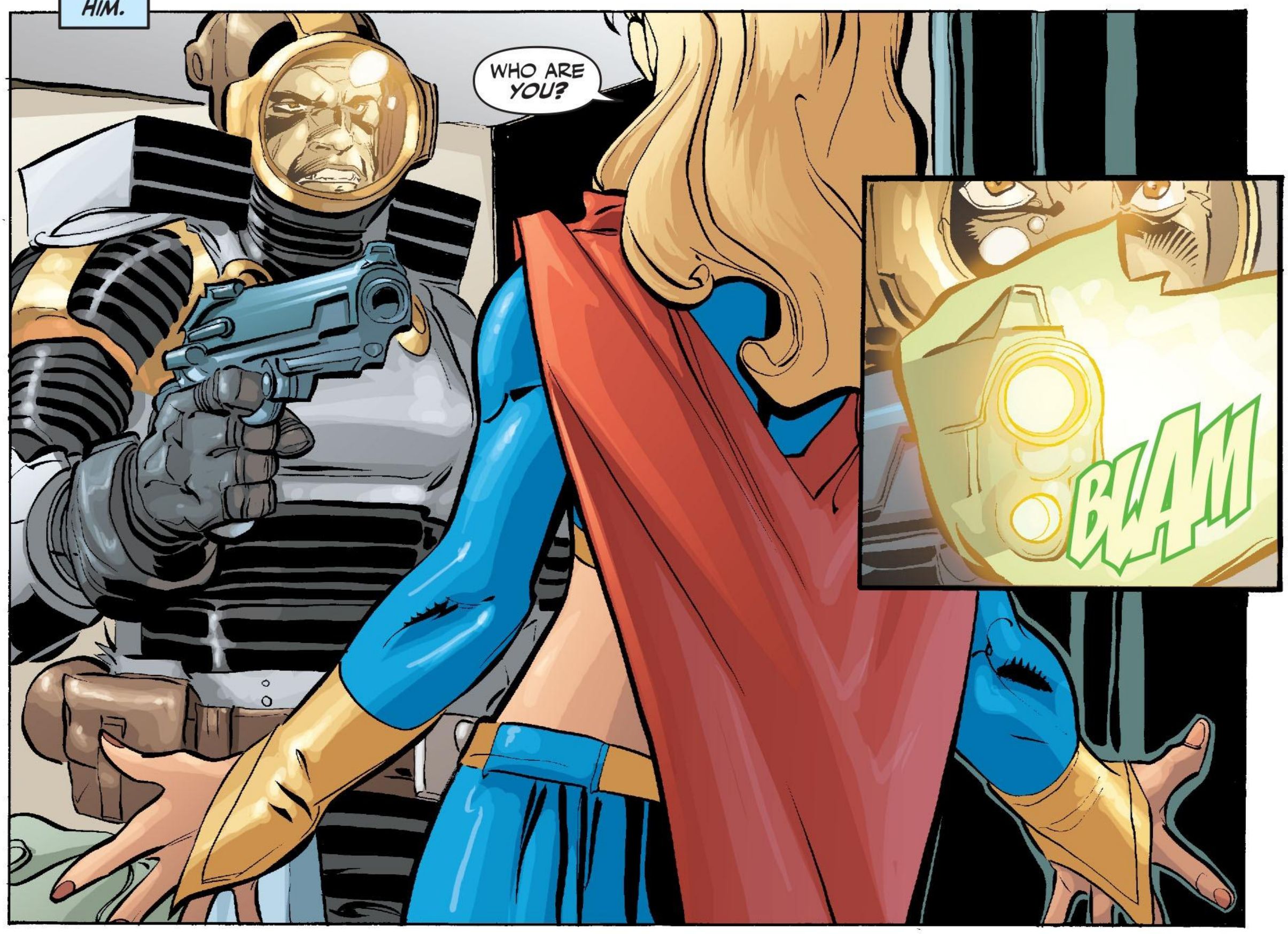

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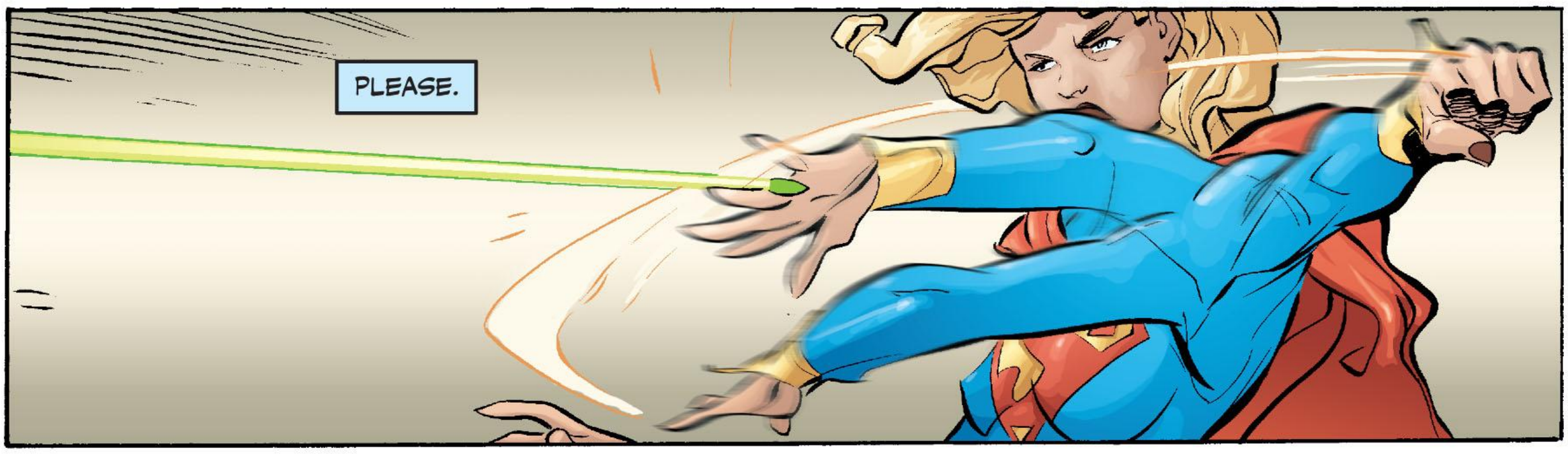
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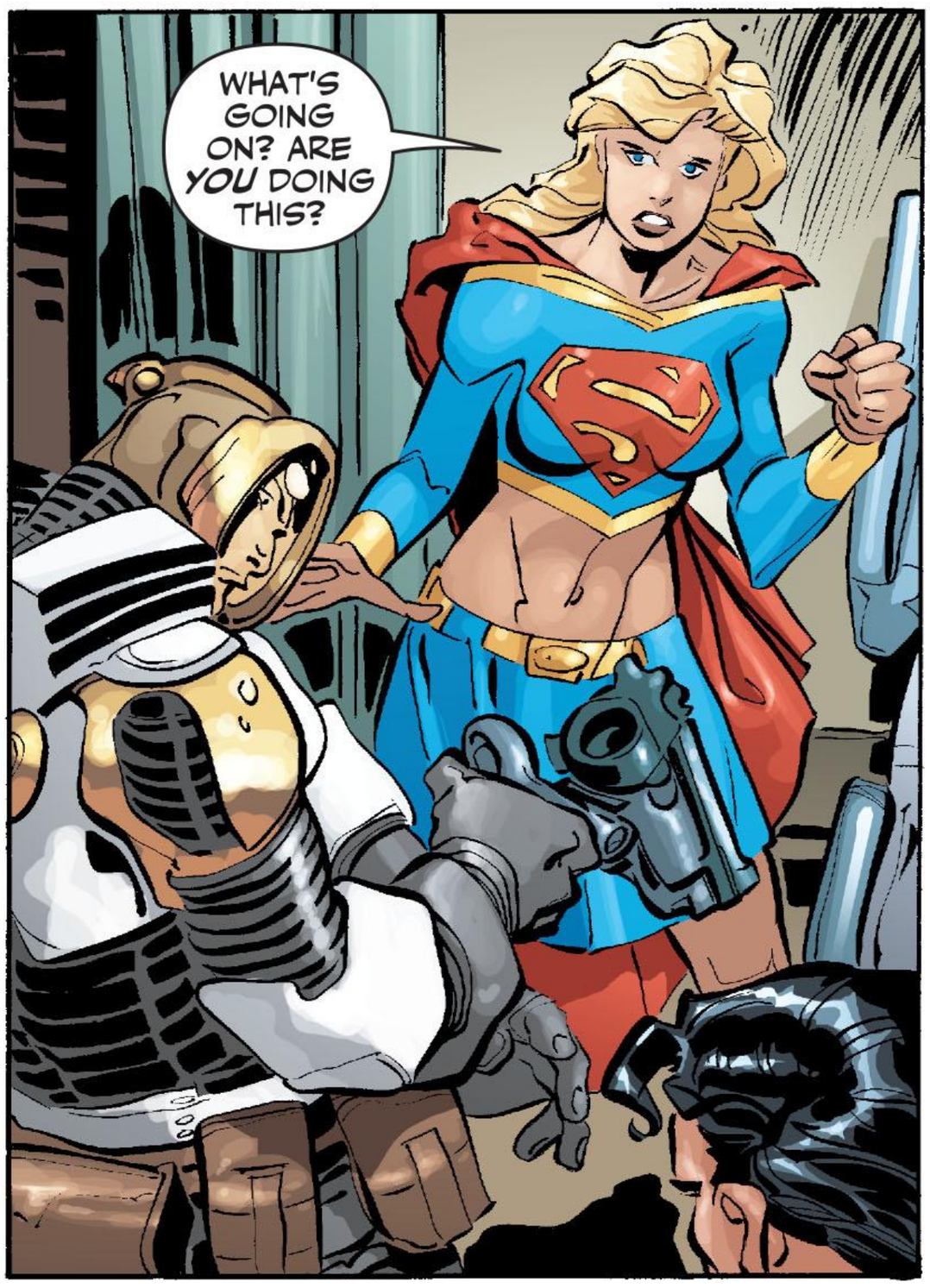
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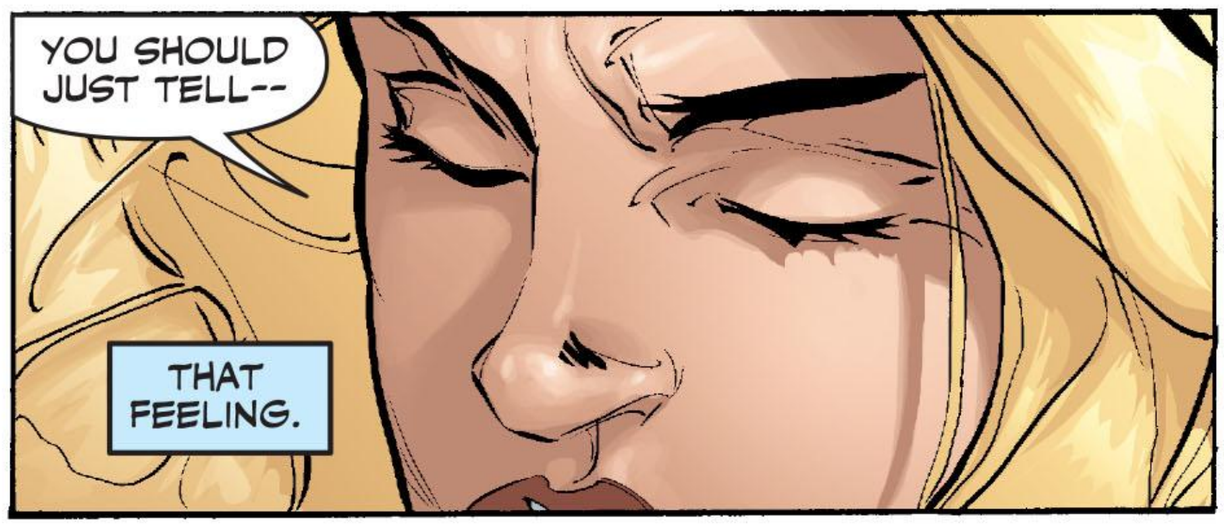
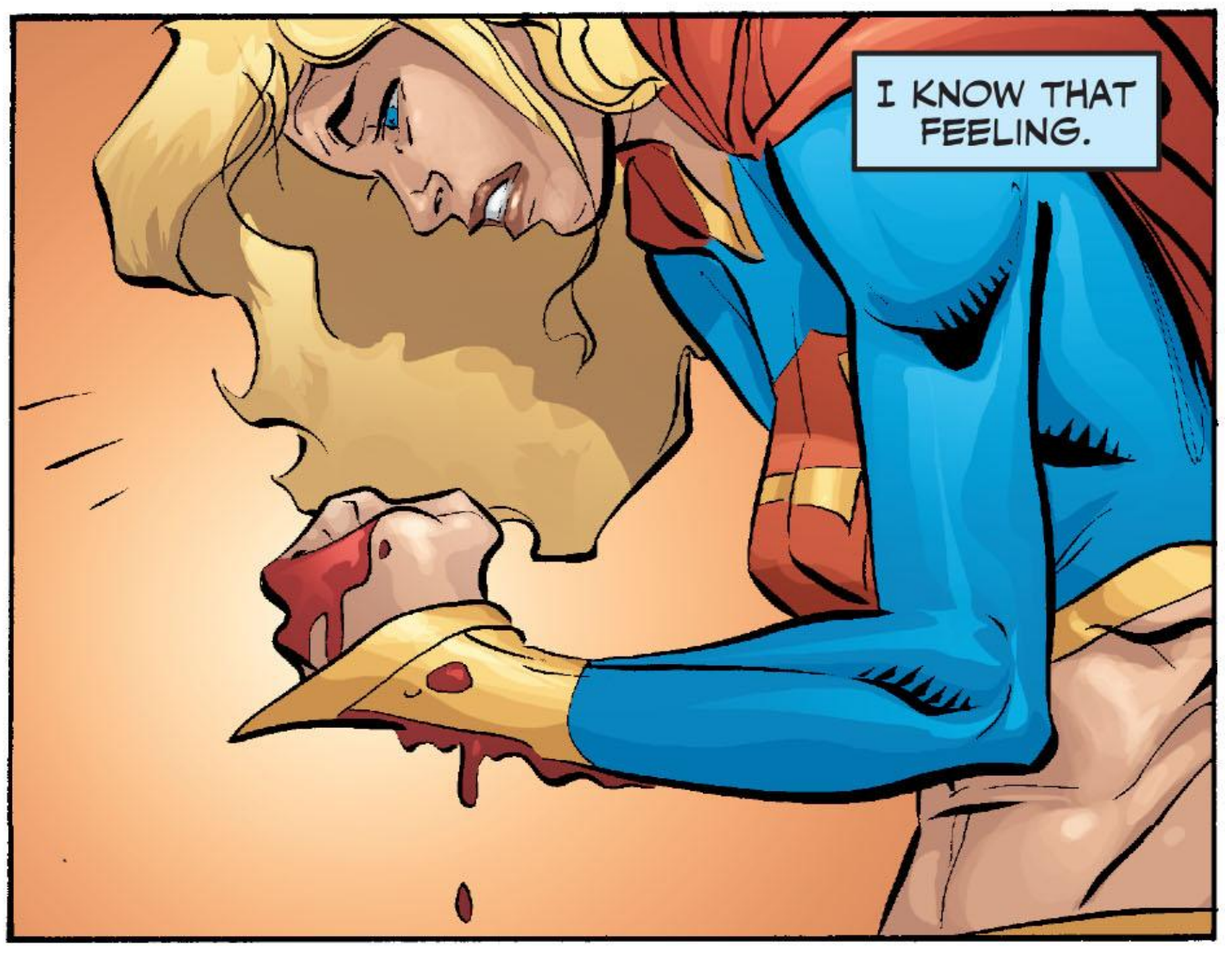

YOU SHOULD JUST TELL--
THAT FEELING.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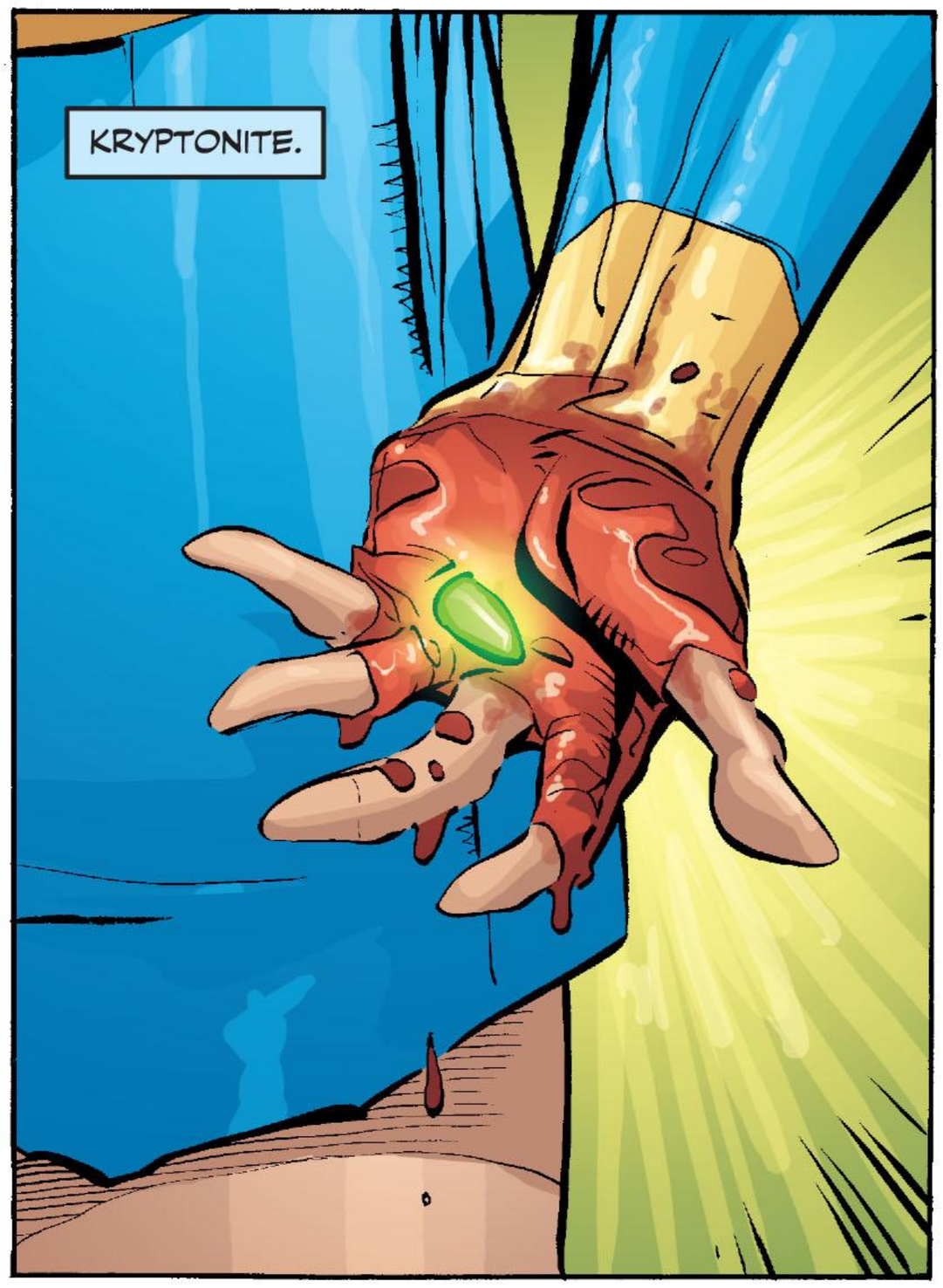
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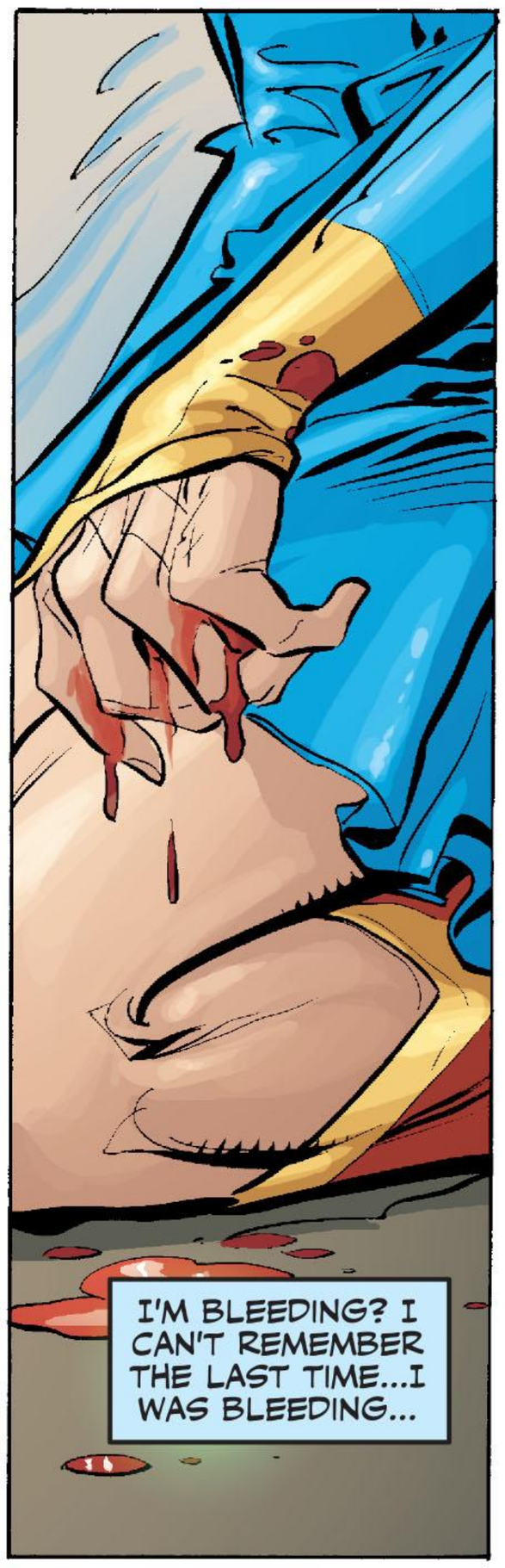
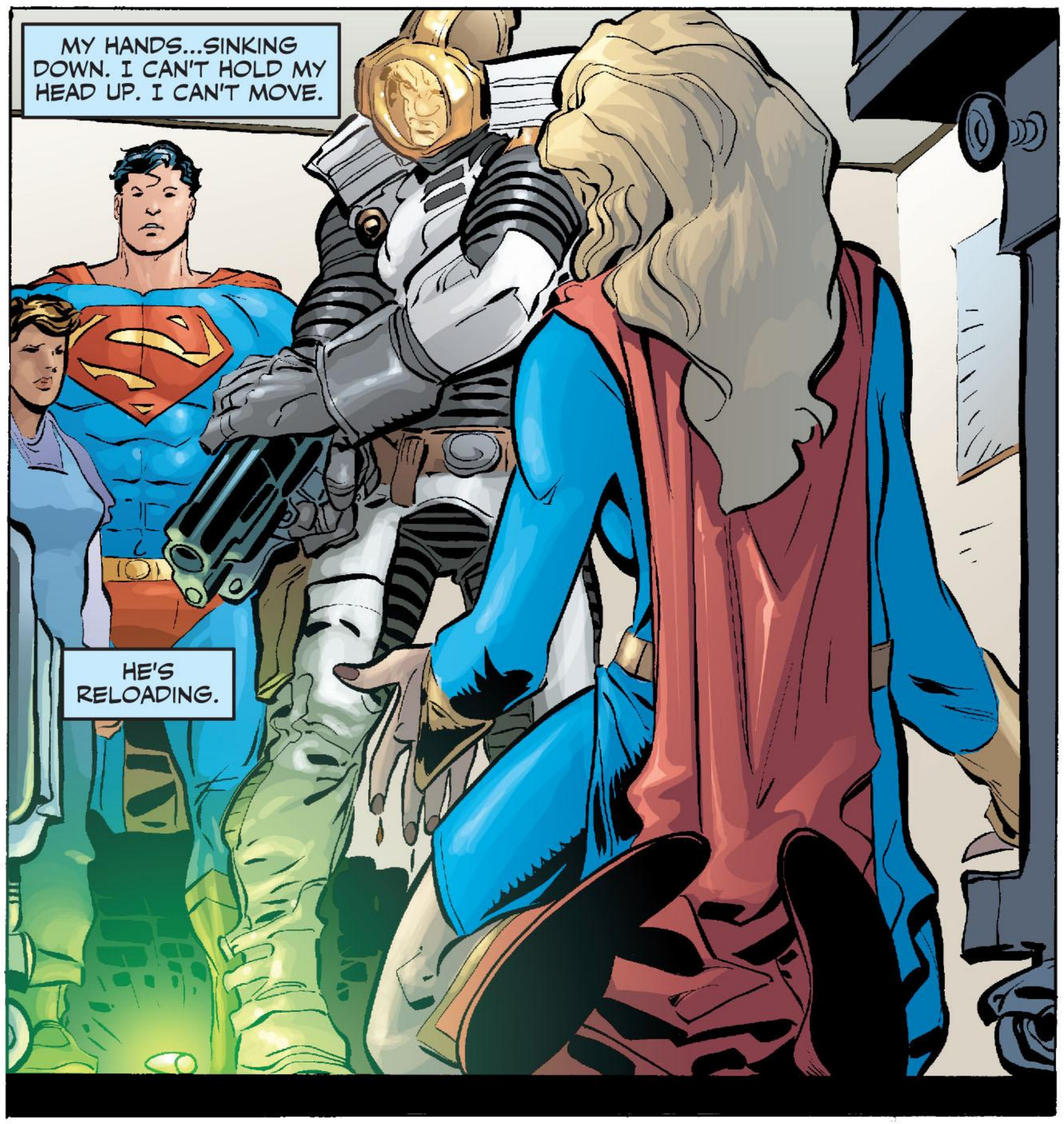
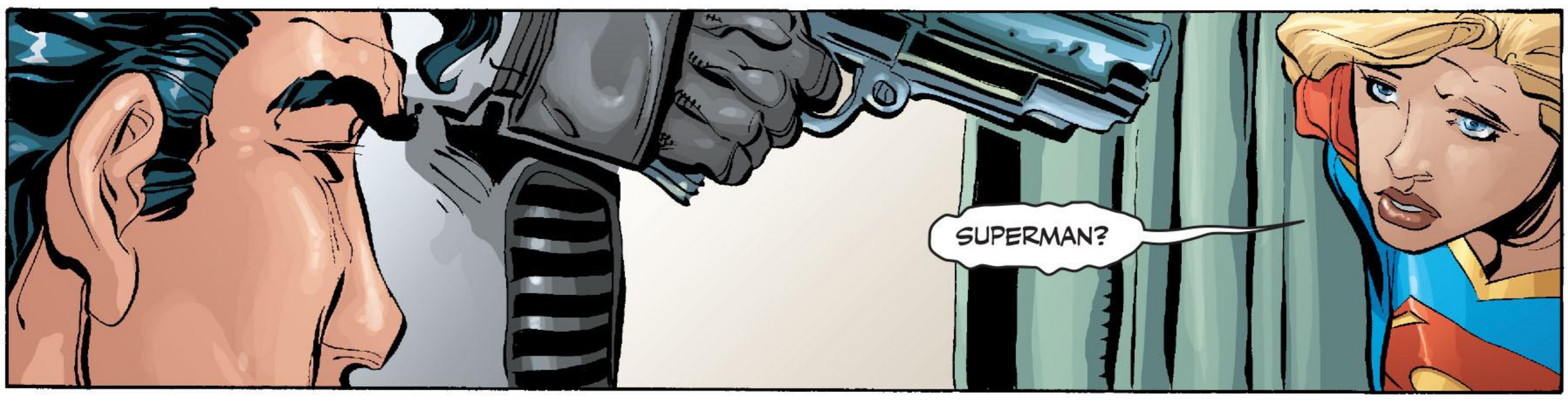
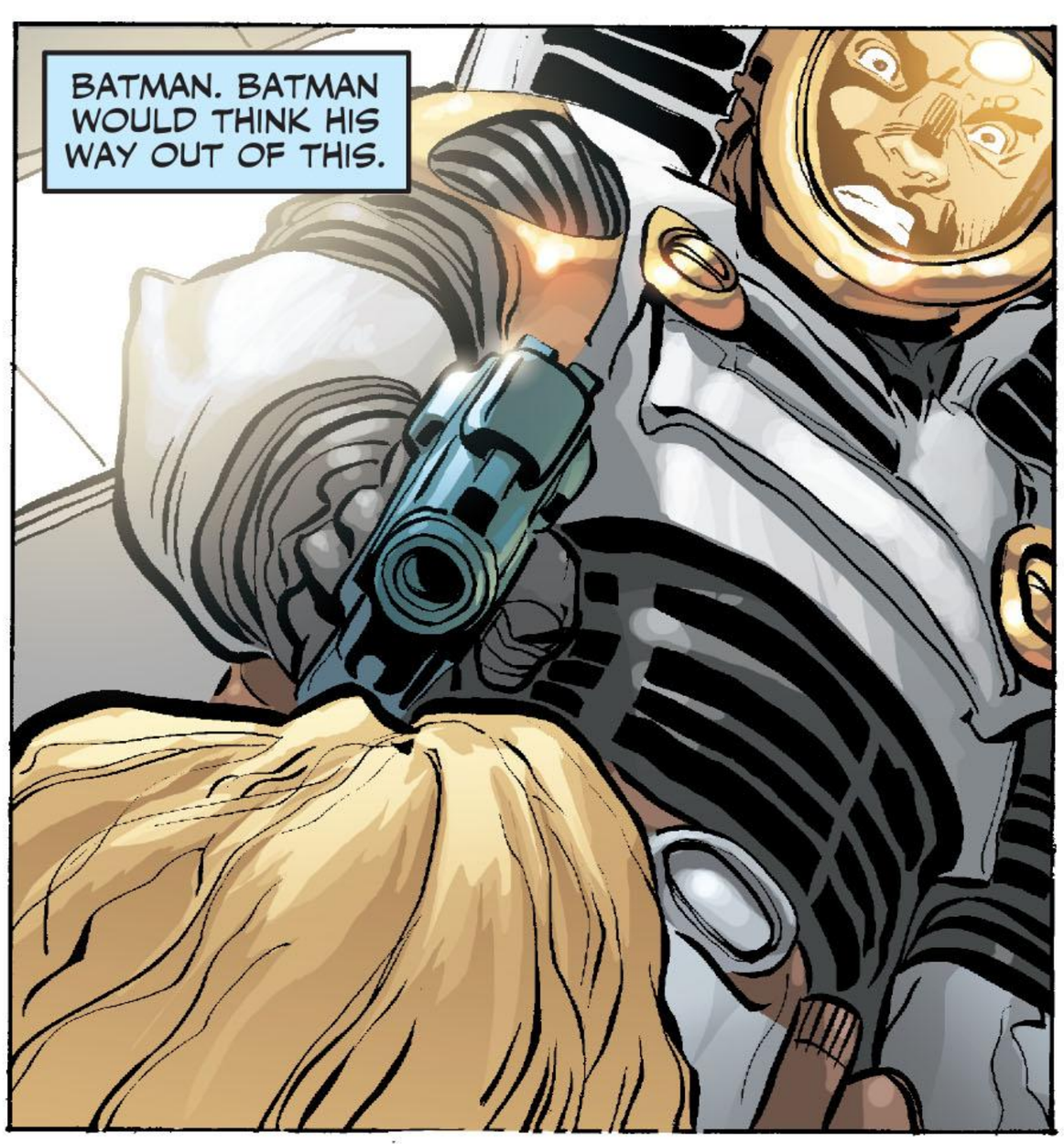
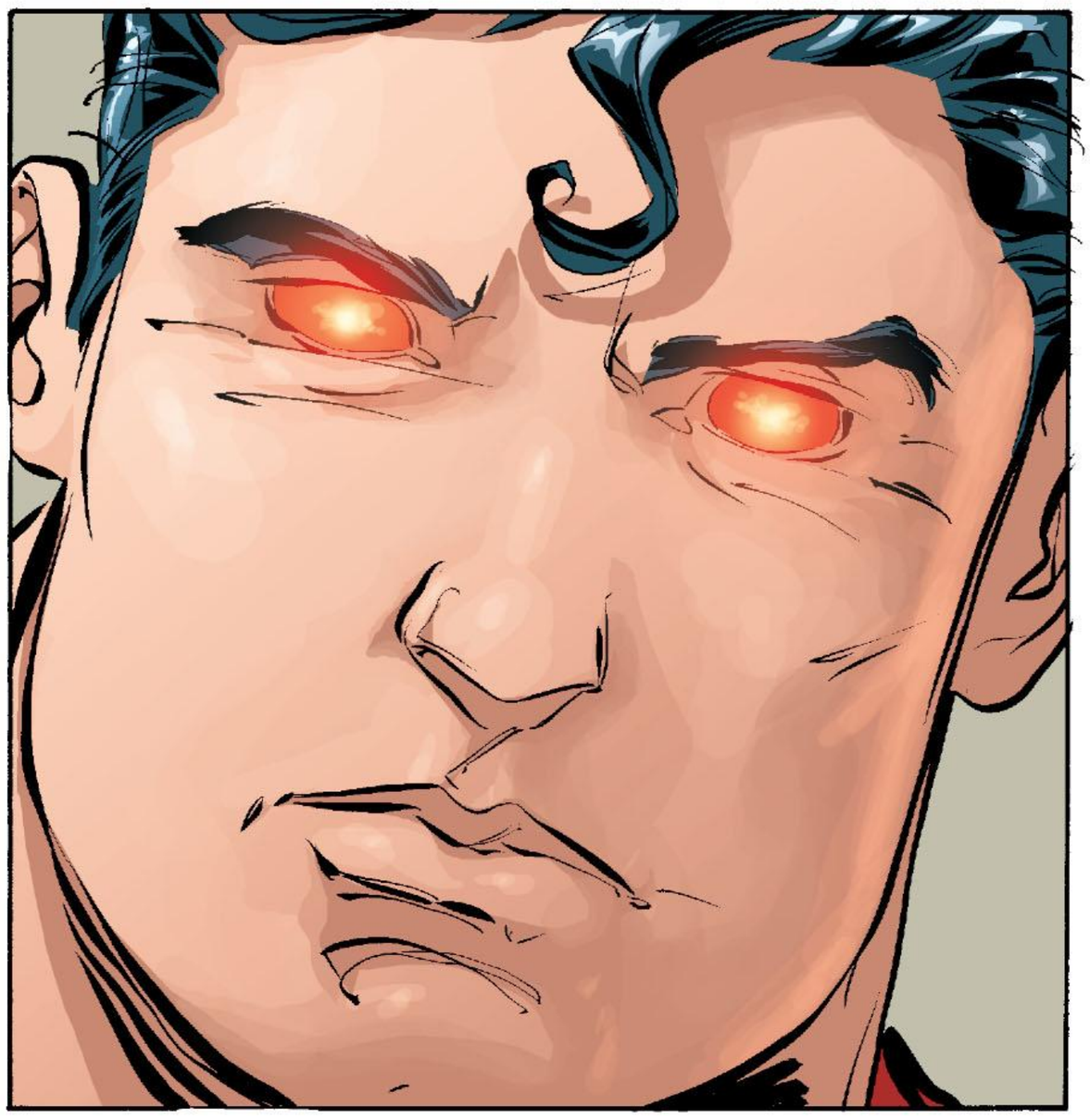

I'M BLEEDING? I CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME...I WAS BLEEDING...


MY HANDS...SINKING DOWN. I CAN'T HOLD MY HEAD UP. I CAN'T MOVE.
HE'S RELOADING.

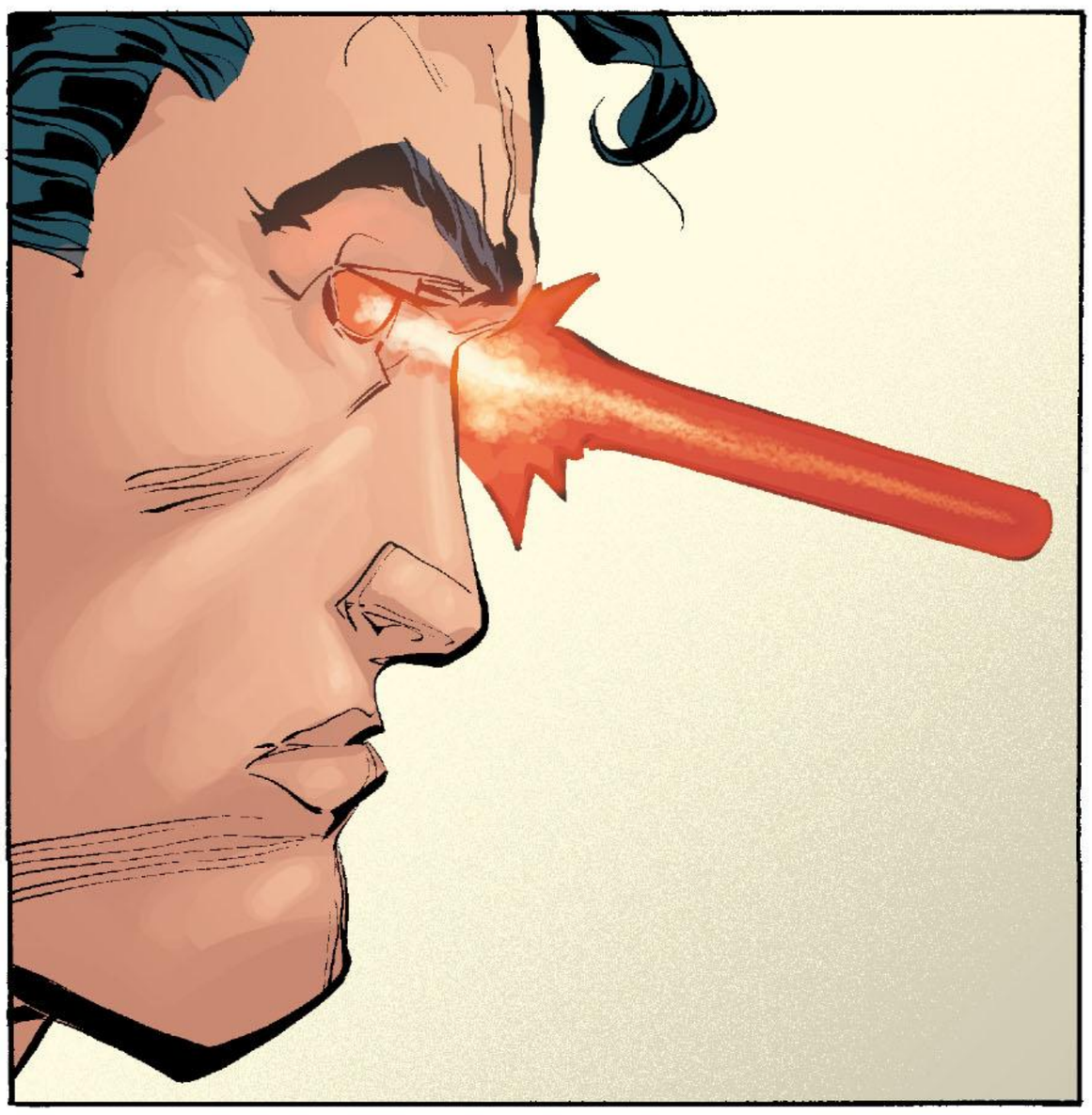

SUPERMAN?

FROZEN. WHY IS HE *FROZEN?*

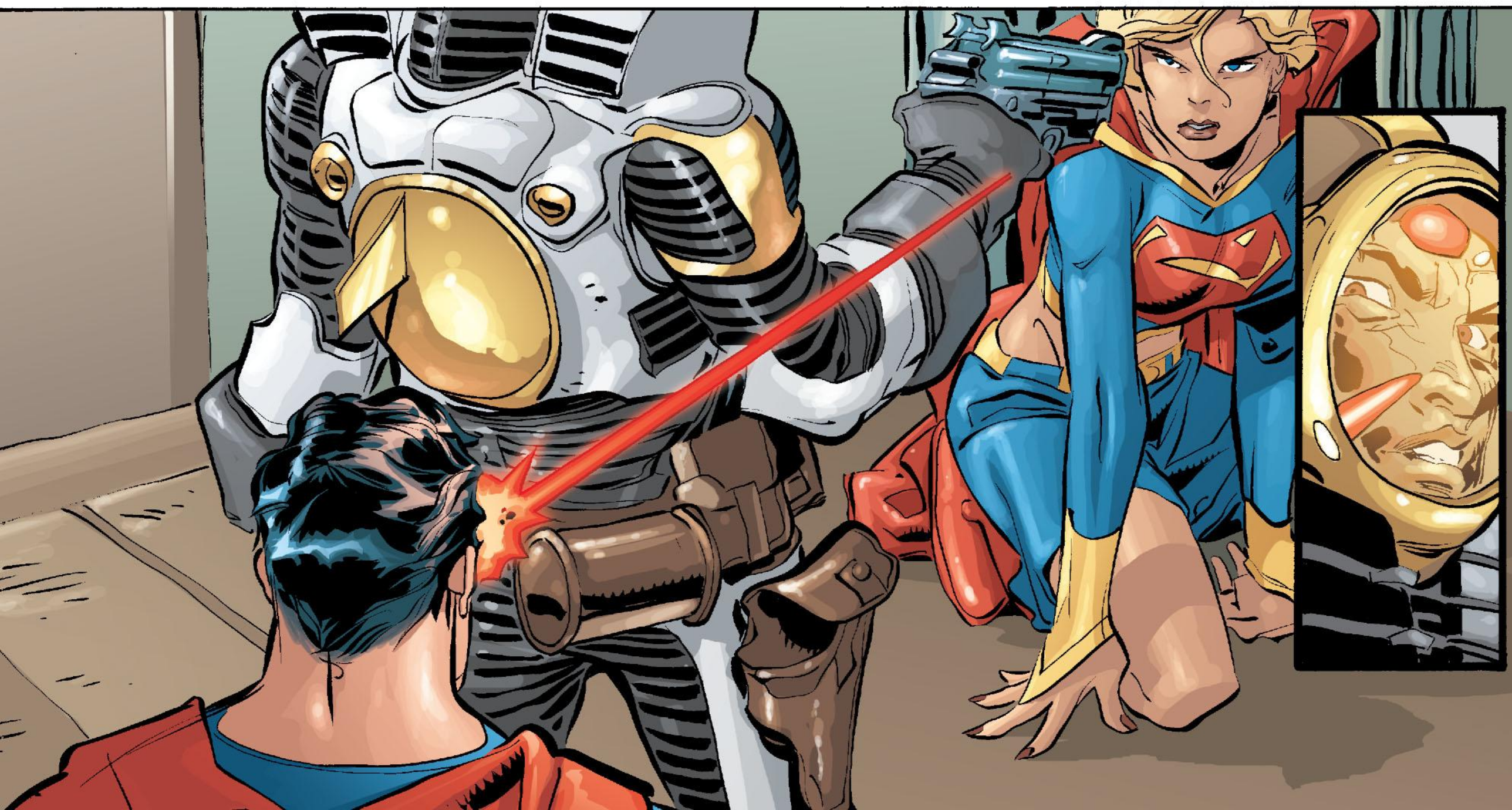

BATMAN. BATMAN WOULD THINK HIS WAY OUT OF THIS.

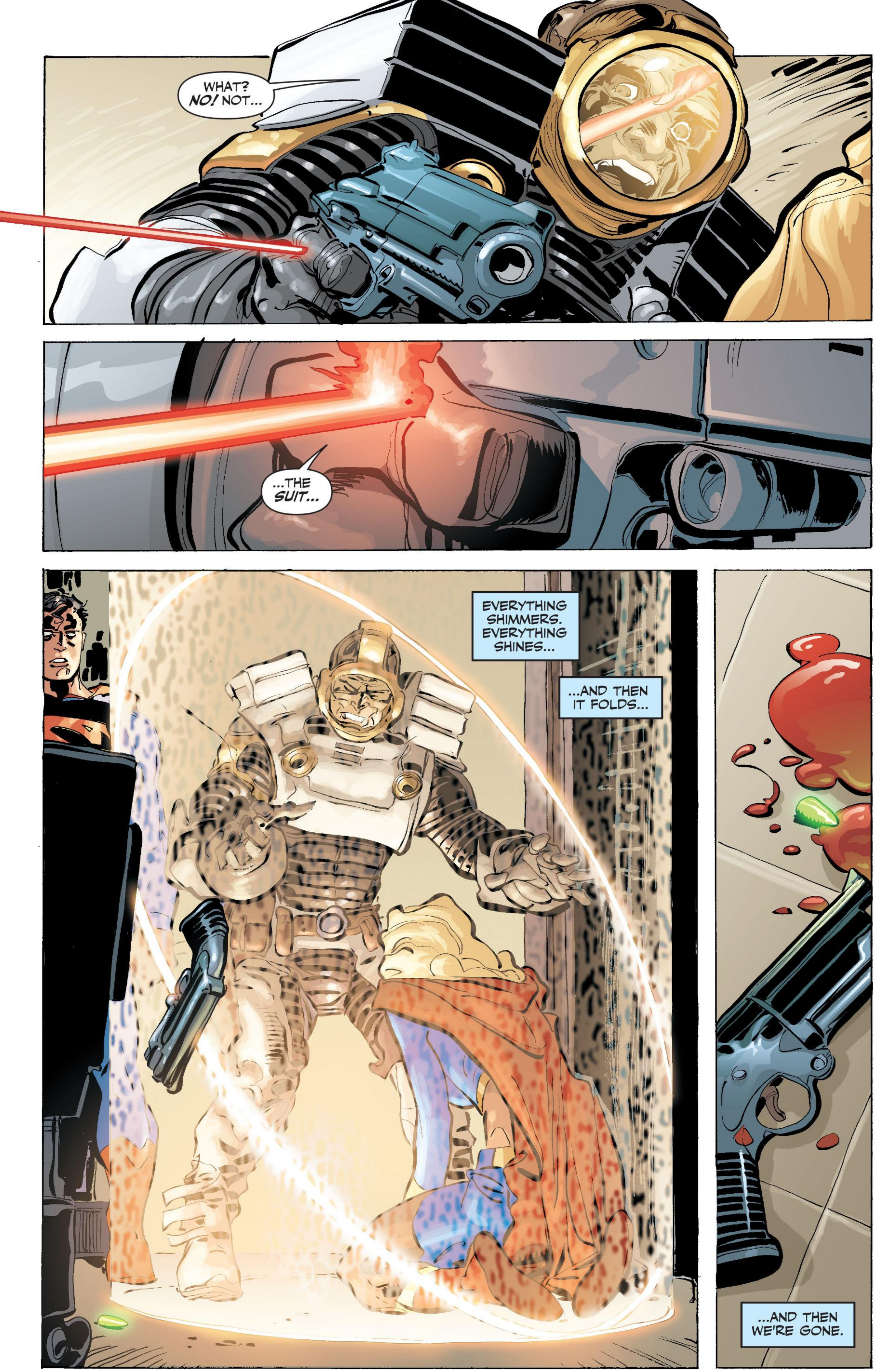


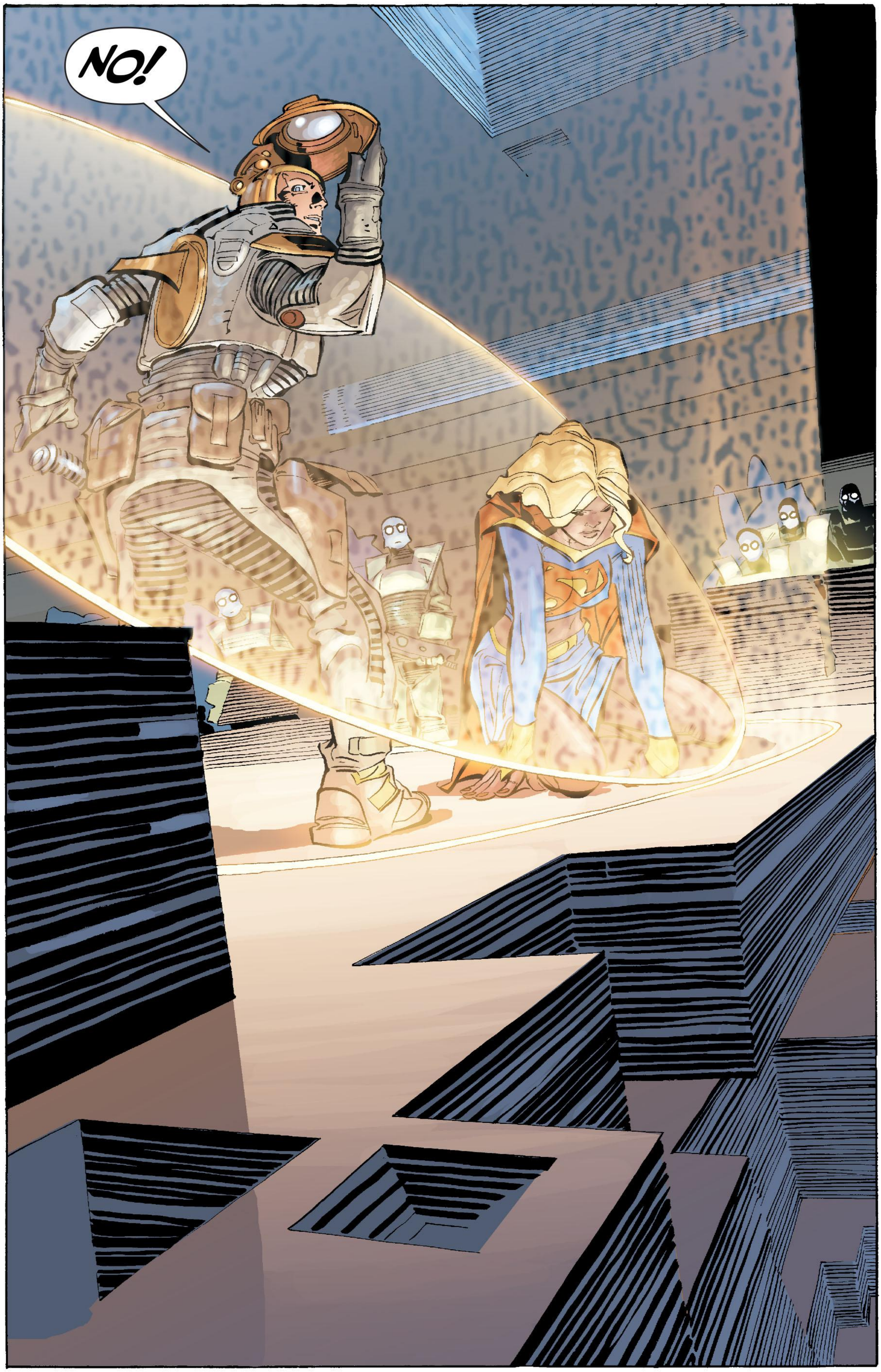
BATMAN WOULD SAY SOMETHING. TRICK HIM. STALL FOR TIME.



HE WOULDN'T JUST THINK ABOUT DYING.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?




WHAT? NO! NOT...
...THE SUIT...
EVERYTHING SHIMMERS. EVERYTHING SHINES...
...AND THEN IT FOLDS...
...AND THEN WE'RE GONE.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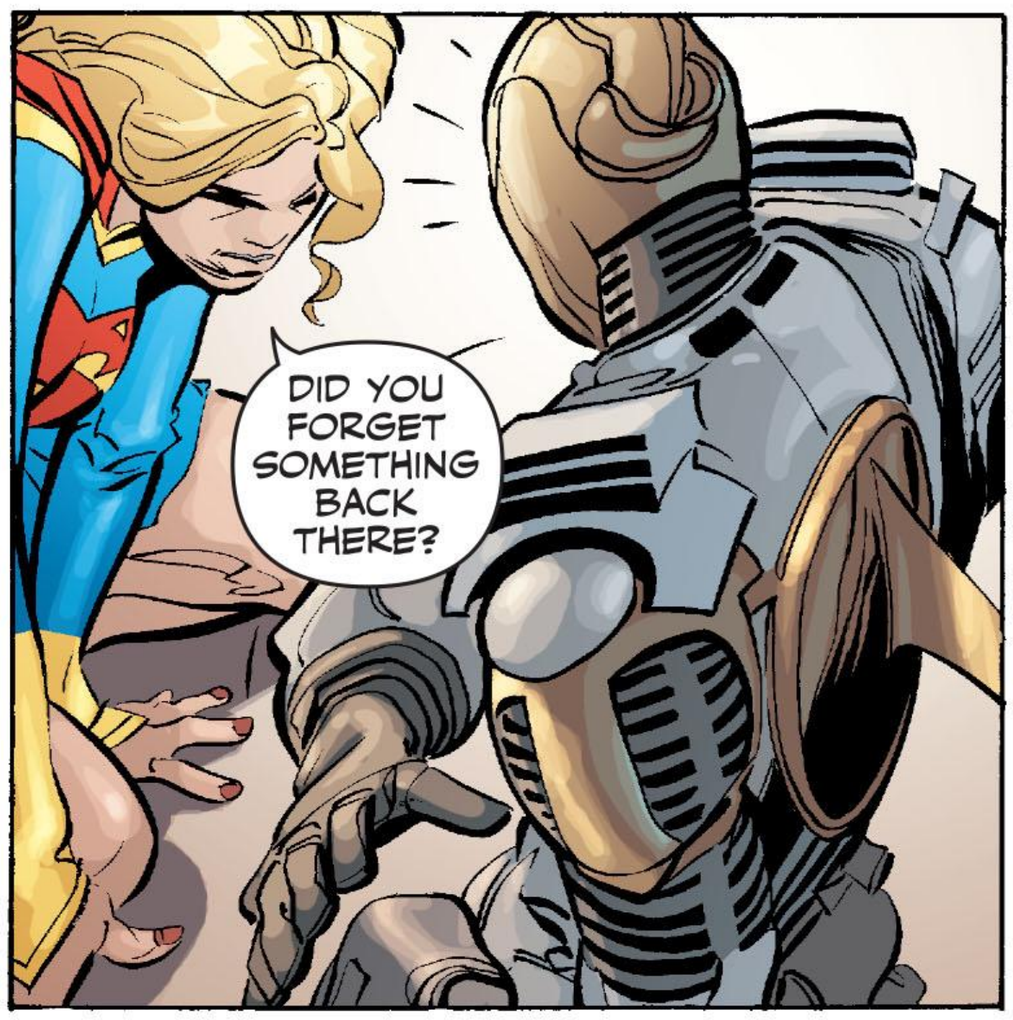
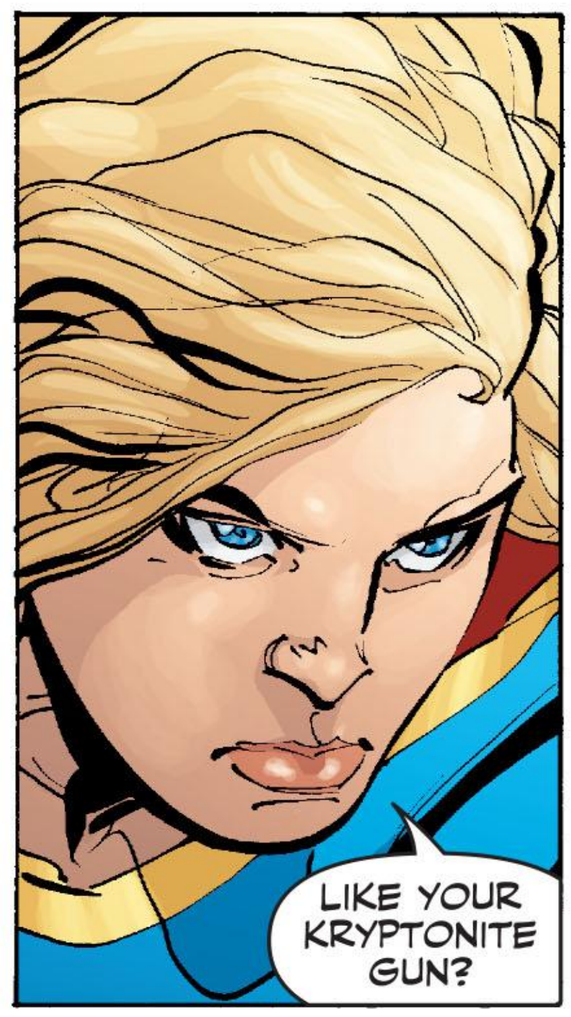
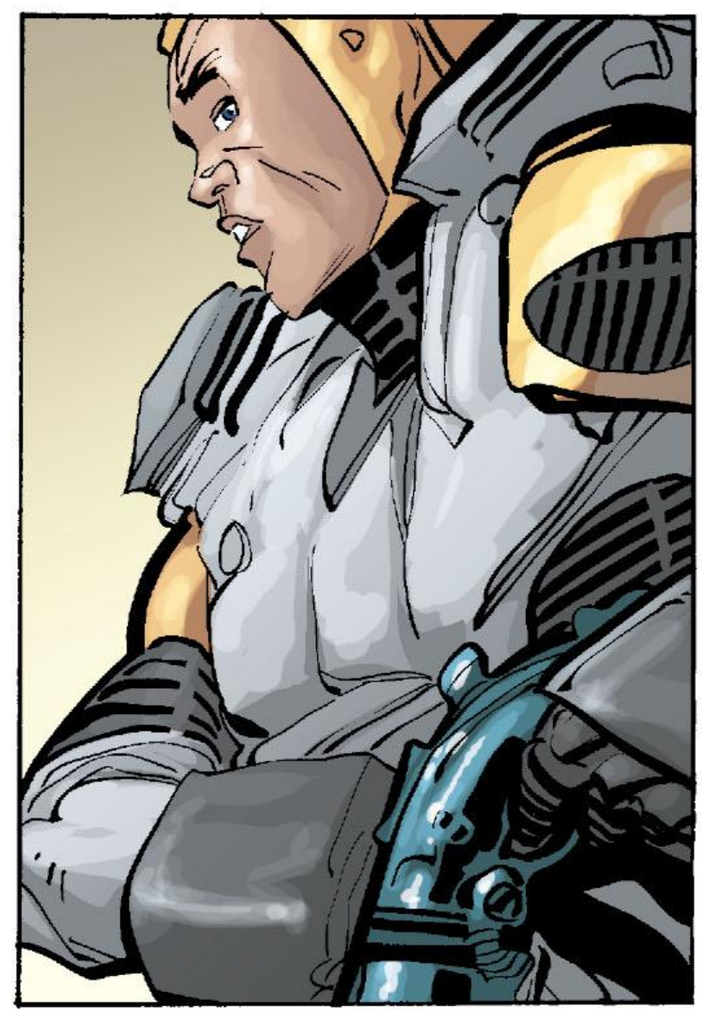
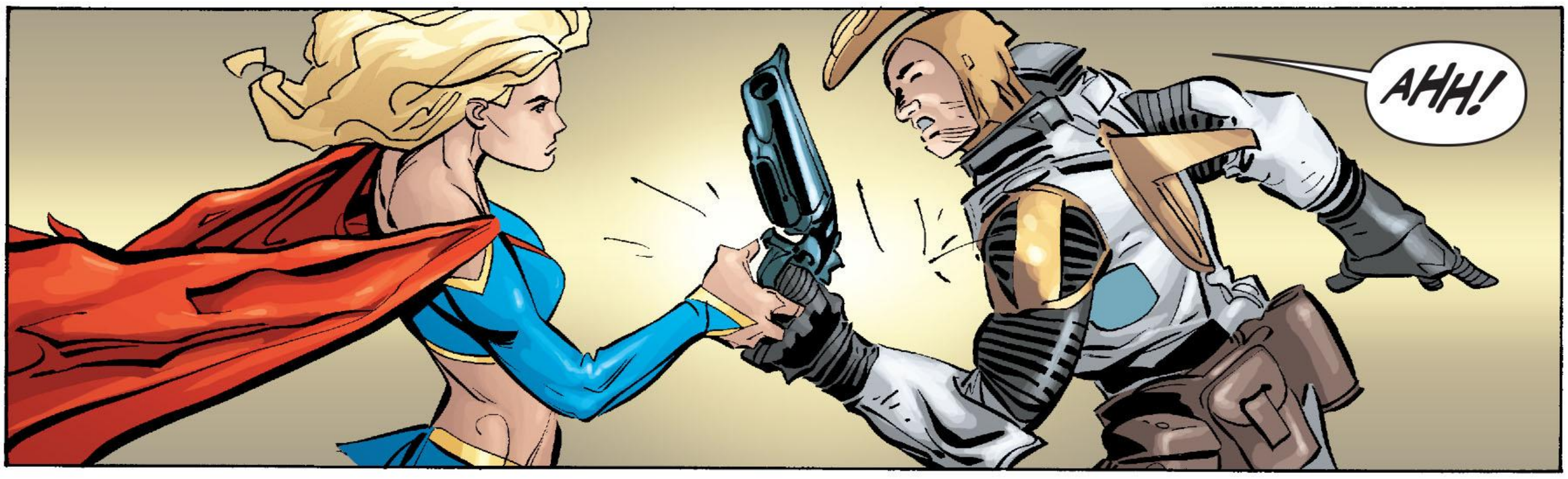

DID YOU FORGET SOMETHING BACK THERE?


LIKE YOUR KRYPTONITE GUN?

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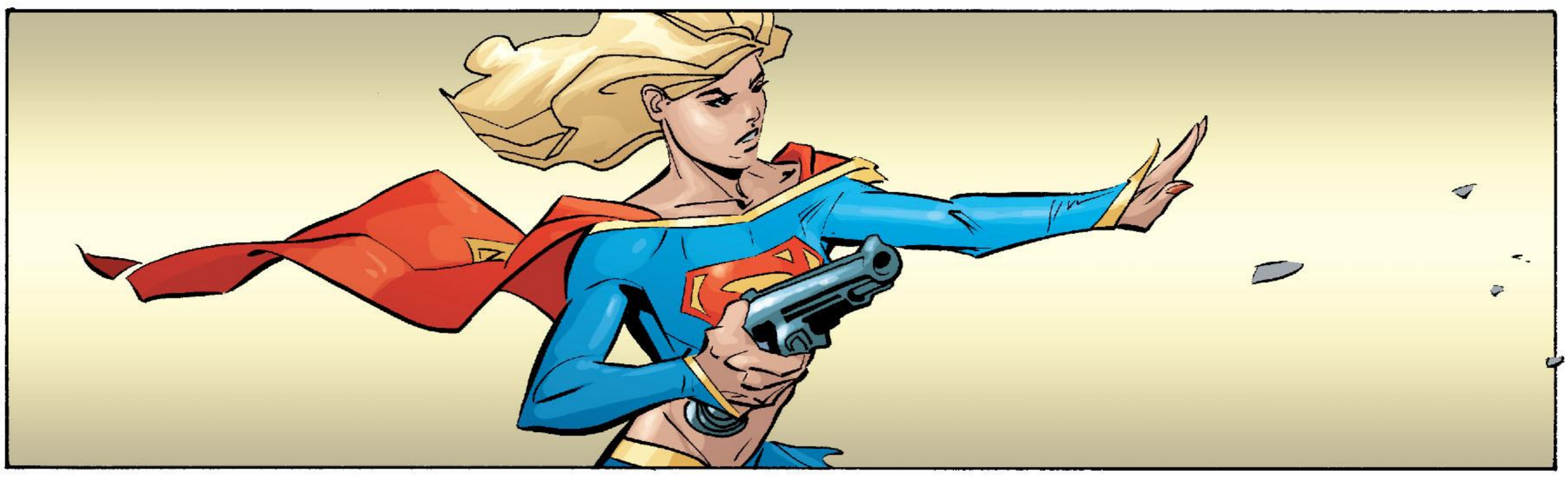
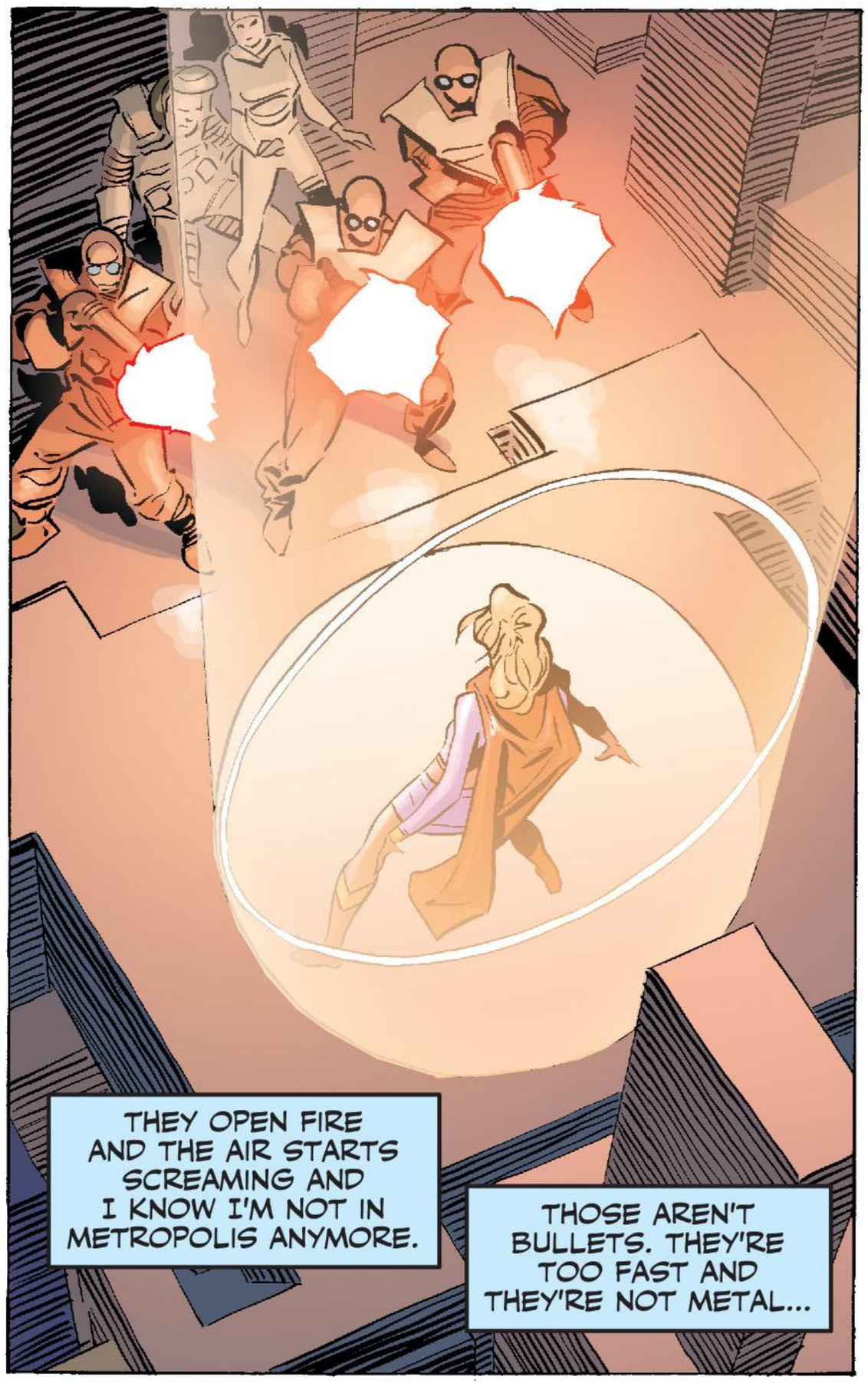
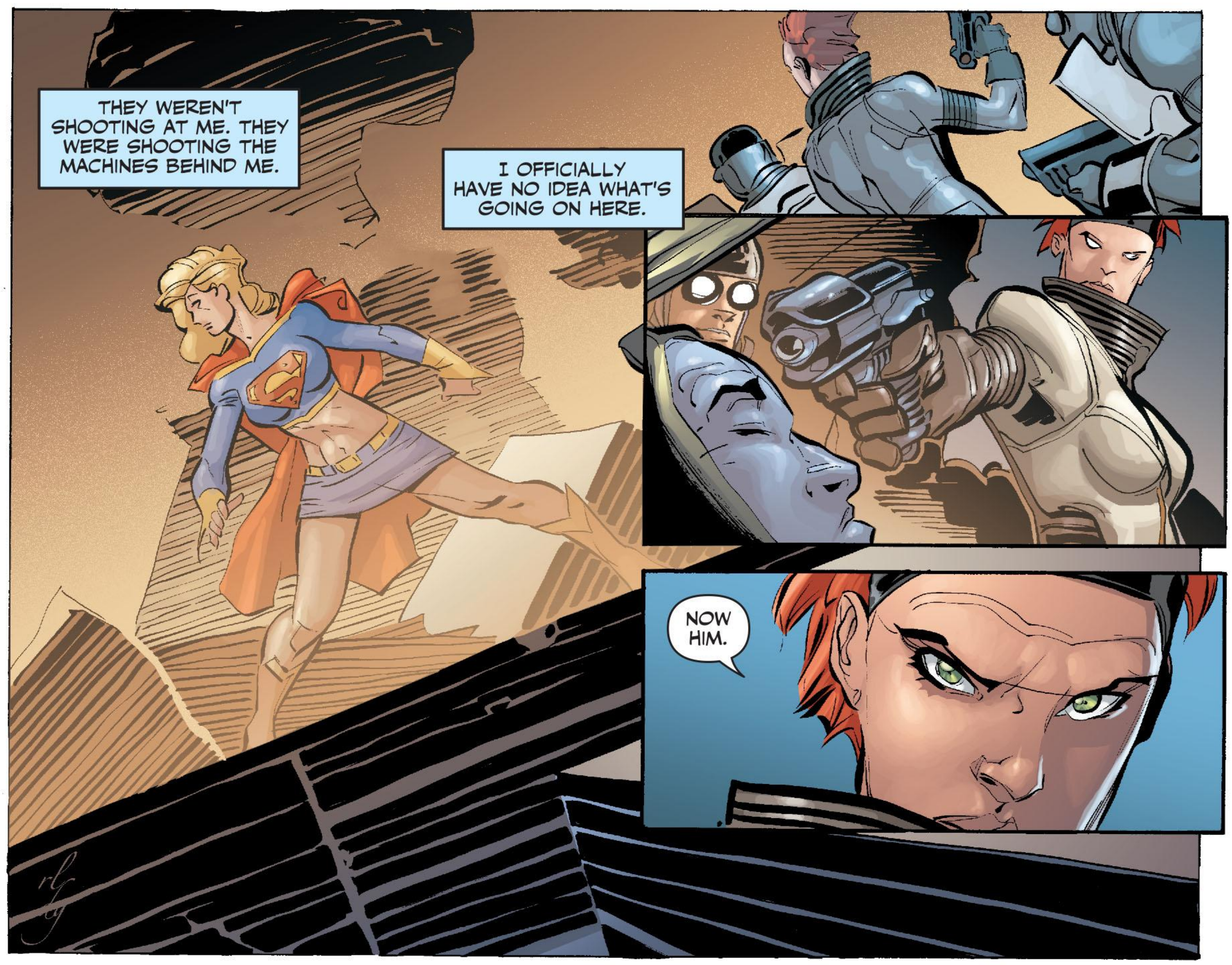
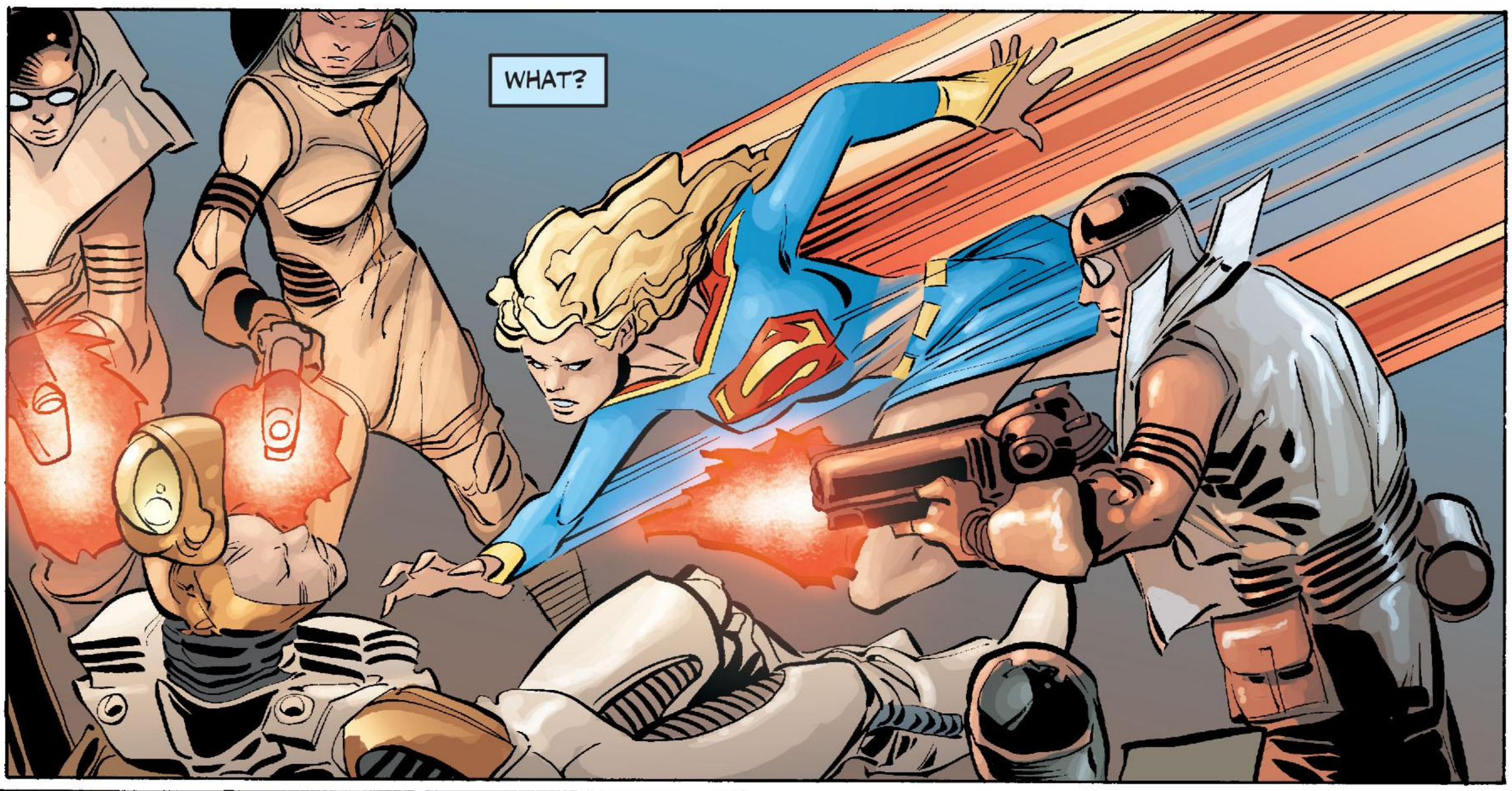


FIRE.
BAM


THEY OPEN FIRE AND THE AIR STARTS SCREAMING AND I KNOW I'M NOT IN METROPOLIS ANYMORE.
THOSE AREN'T BULLETS. THEY'RE TOO FAST AND THEY'RE NOT METAL...

...AND THEY'RE MISSING?


THEY WEREN'T SHOOTING AT ME. THEY WERE SHOOTING THE MACHINES BEHIND ME.
I OFFICIALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
NOW HIM.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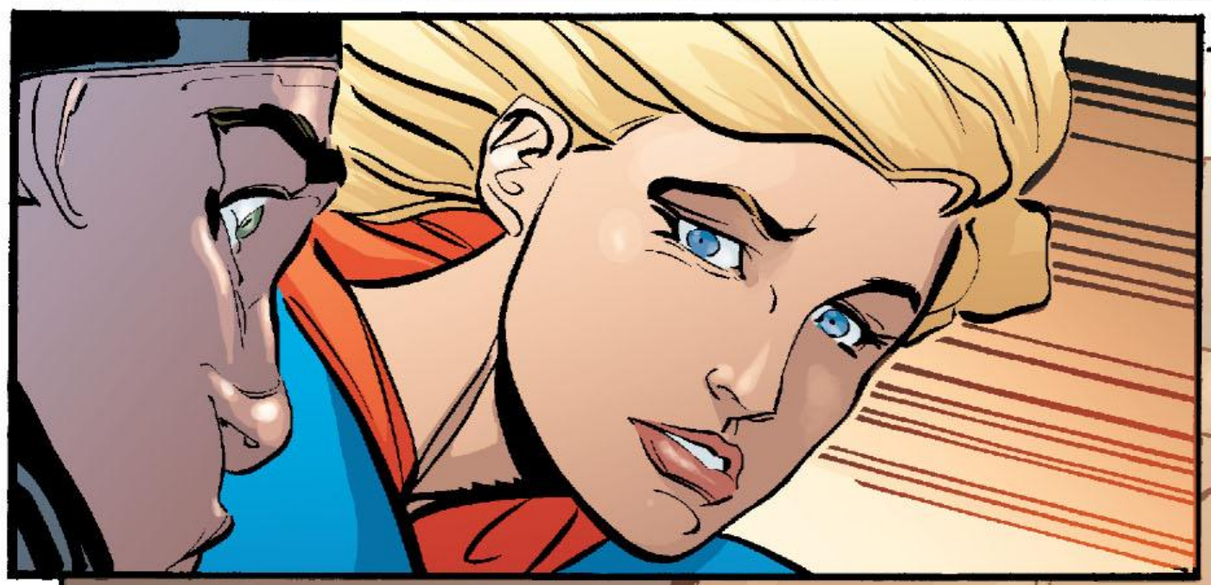

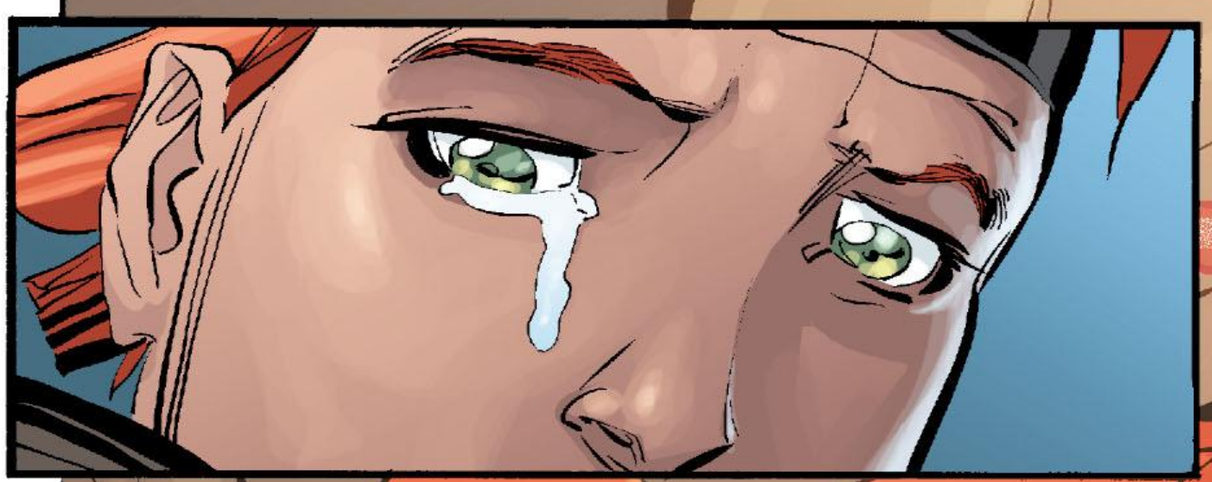

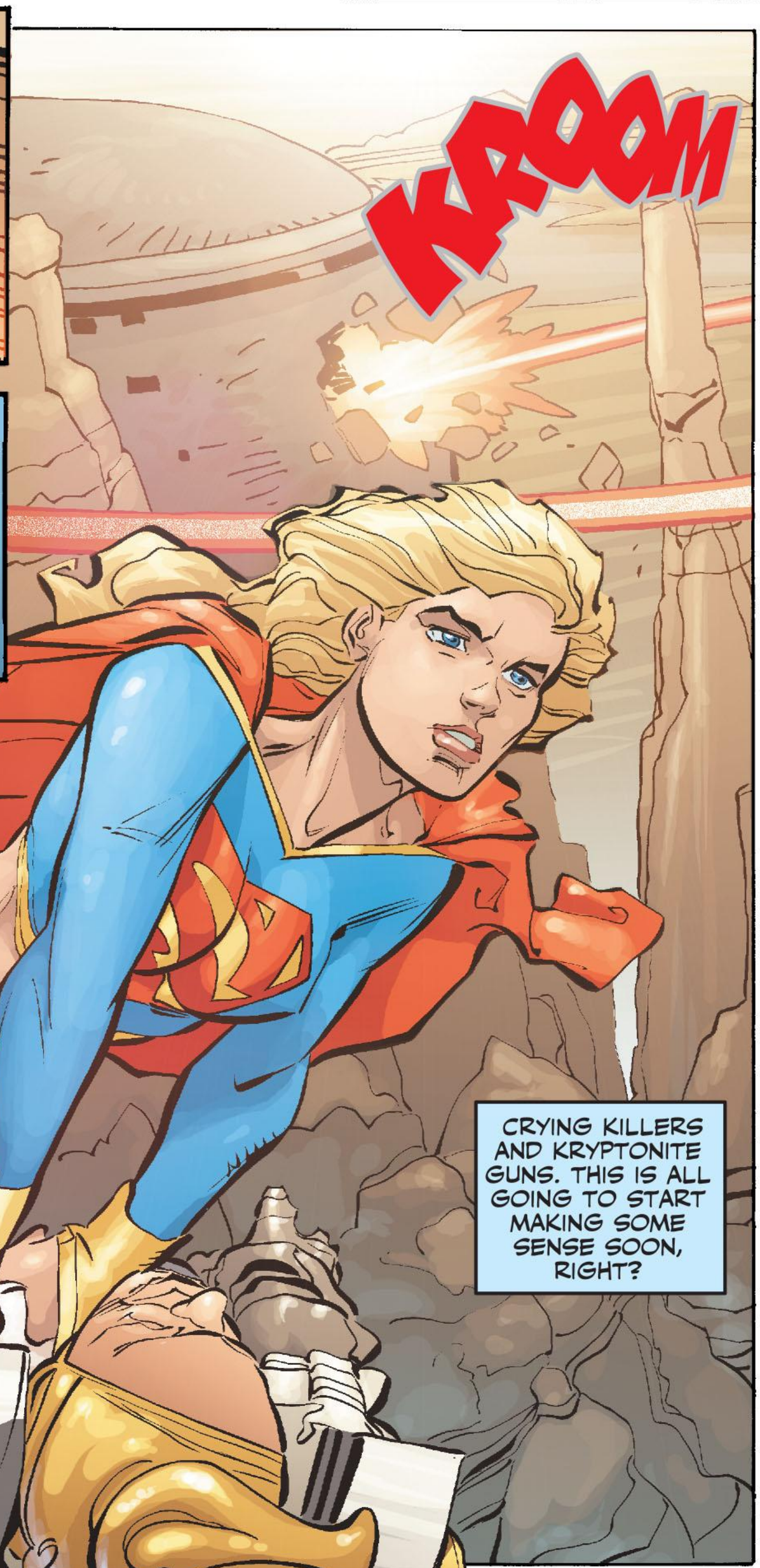
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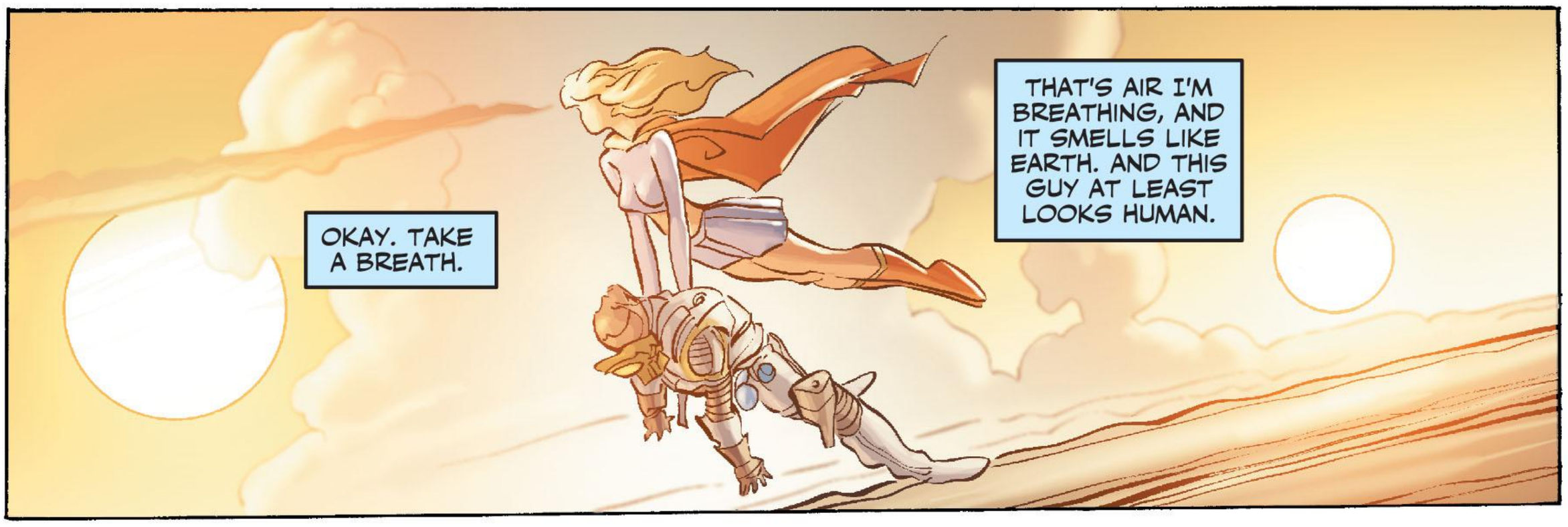
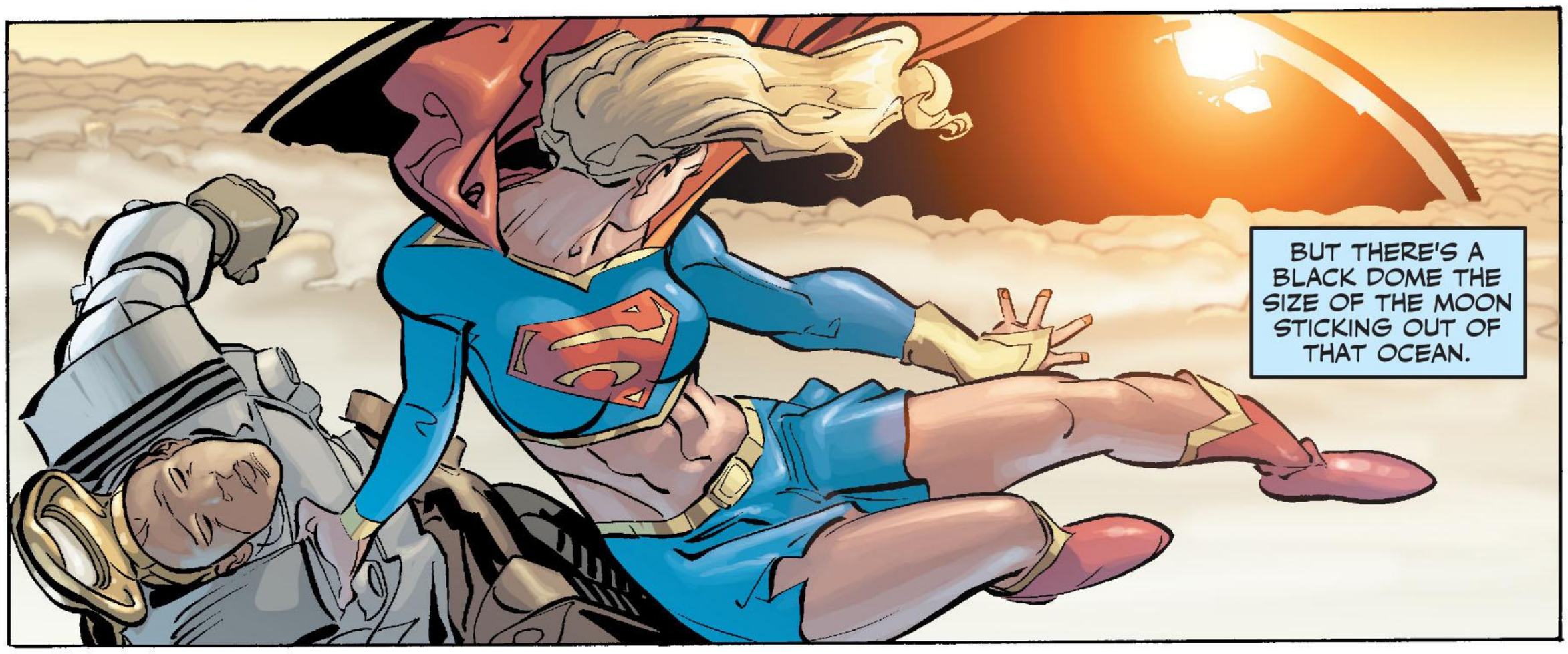
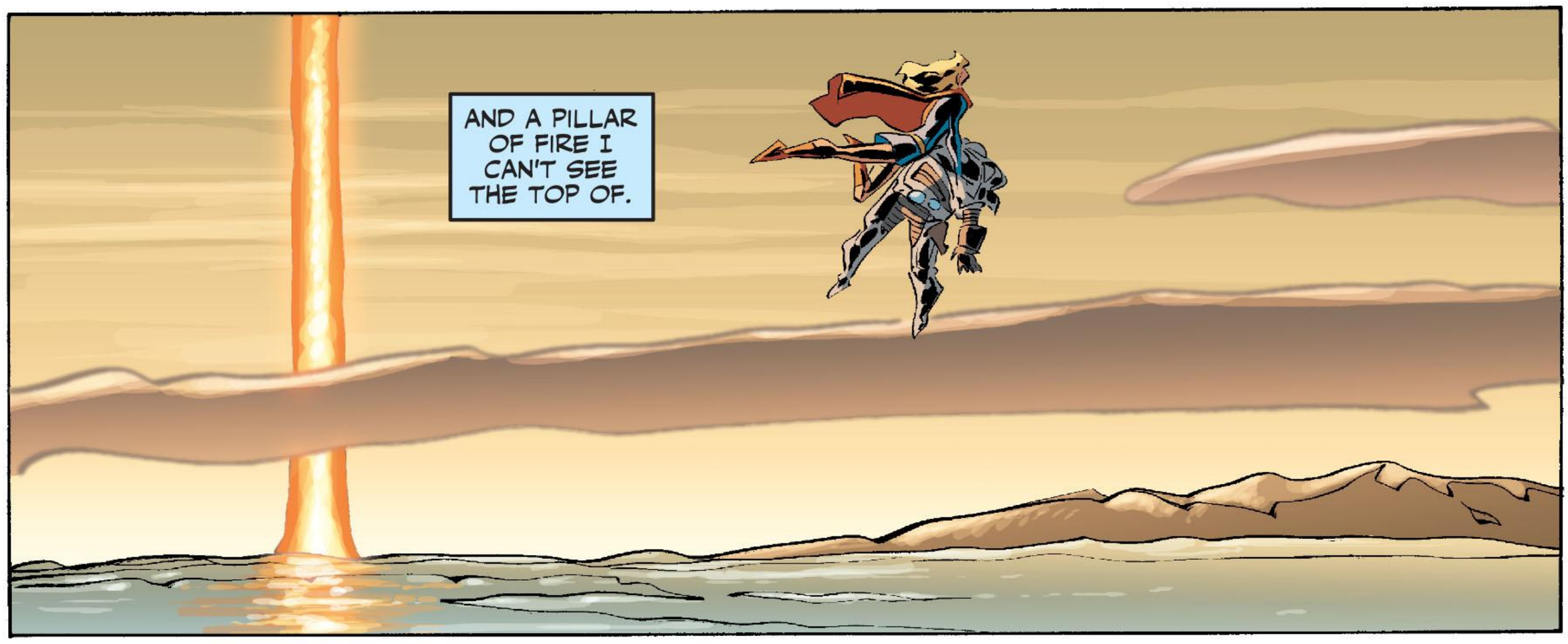
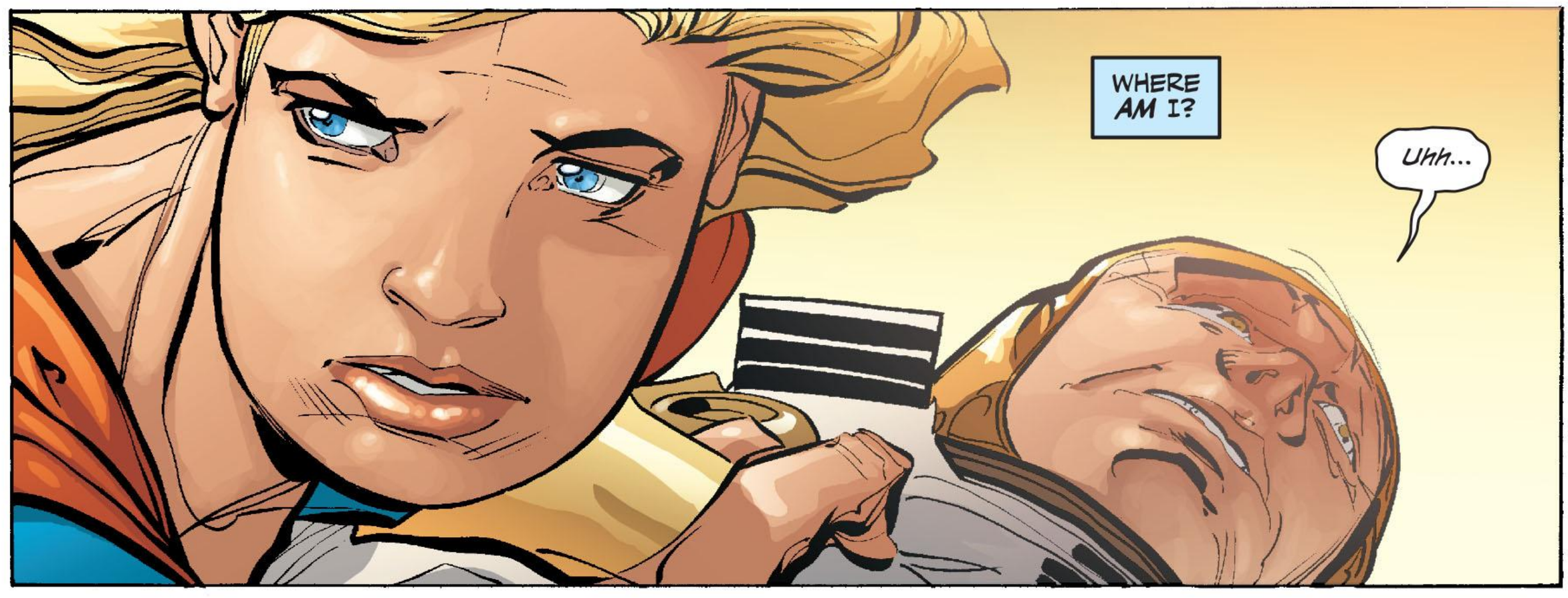
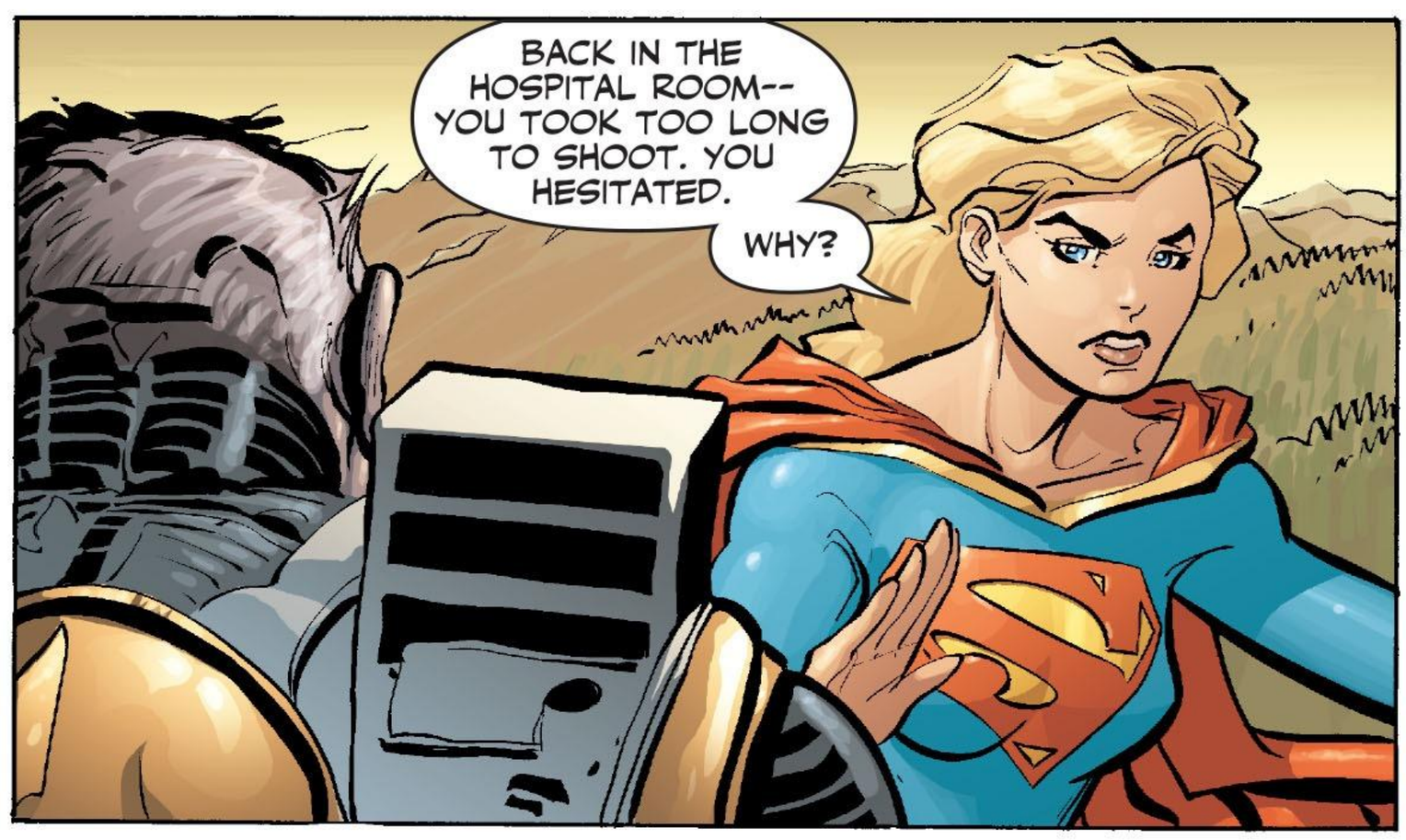
CRYING KILLERS AND KRYPTONITE GUNS. THIS IS ALL GOING TO START MAKING SOME SENSE SOON, RIGHT?


OKAY. TAKE A BREATH.
THAT'S AIR I'M BREATHING, AND IT SMELLS LIKE EARTH. AND THIS GUY AT LEAST LOOKS HUMAN.


BUT THERE'S A BLACK DOME THE SIZE OF THE MOON STICKING OUT OF THAT OCEAN.


AND A PILLAR OF FIRE I CAN'T SEE THE TOP OF.


WHERE AM I?
Uhh...



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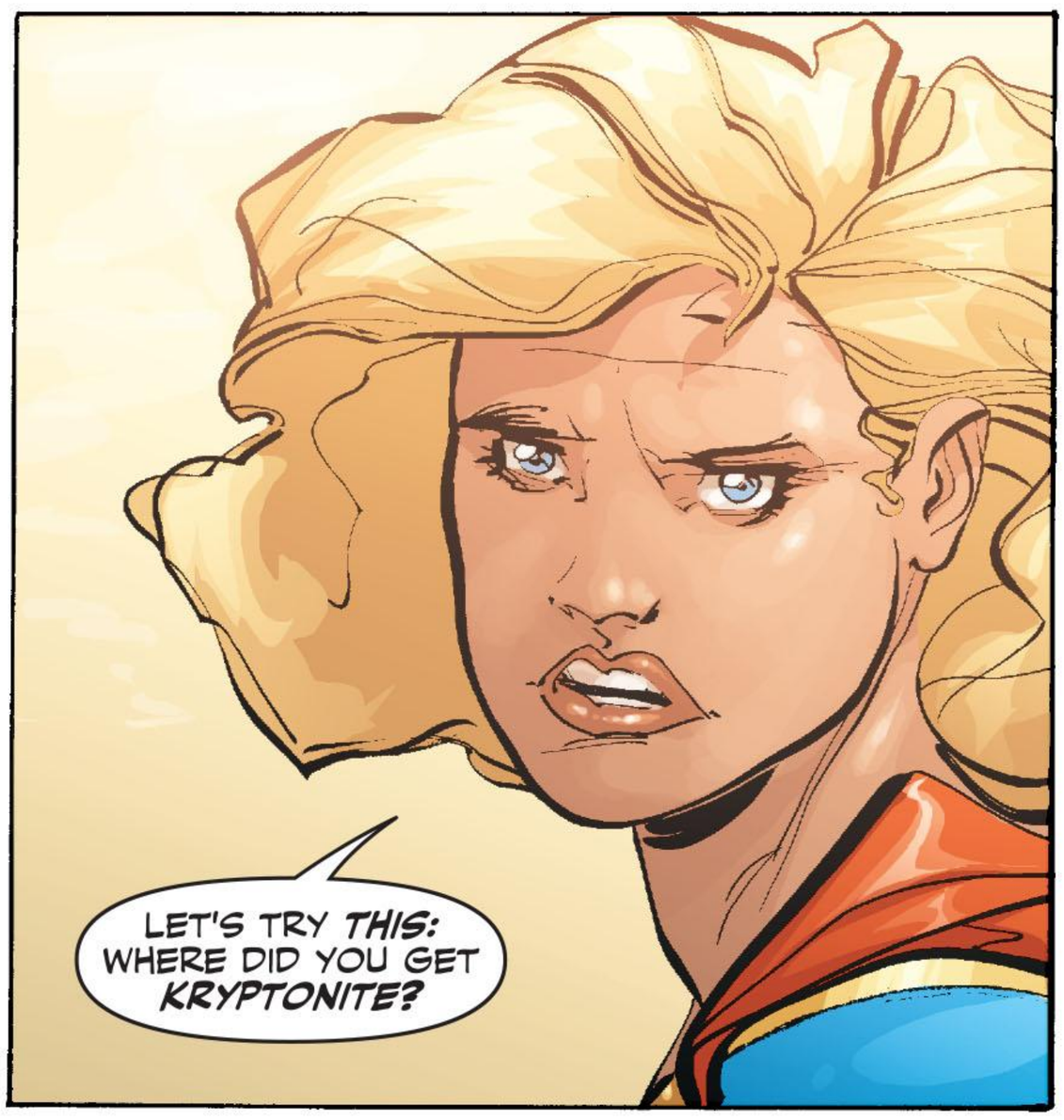
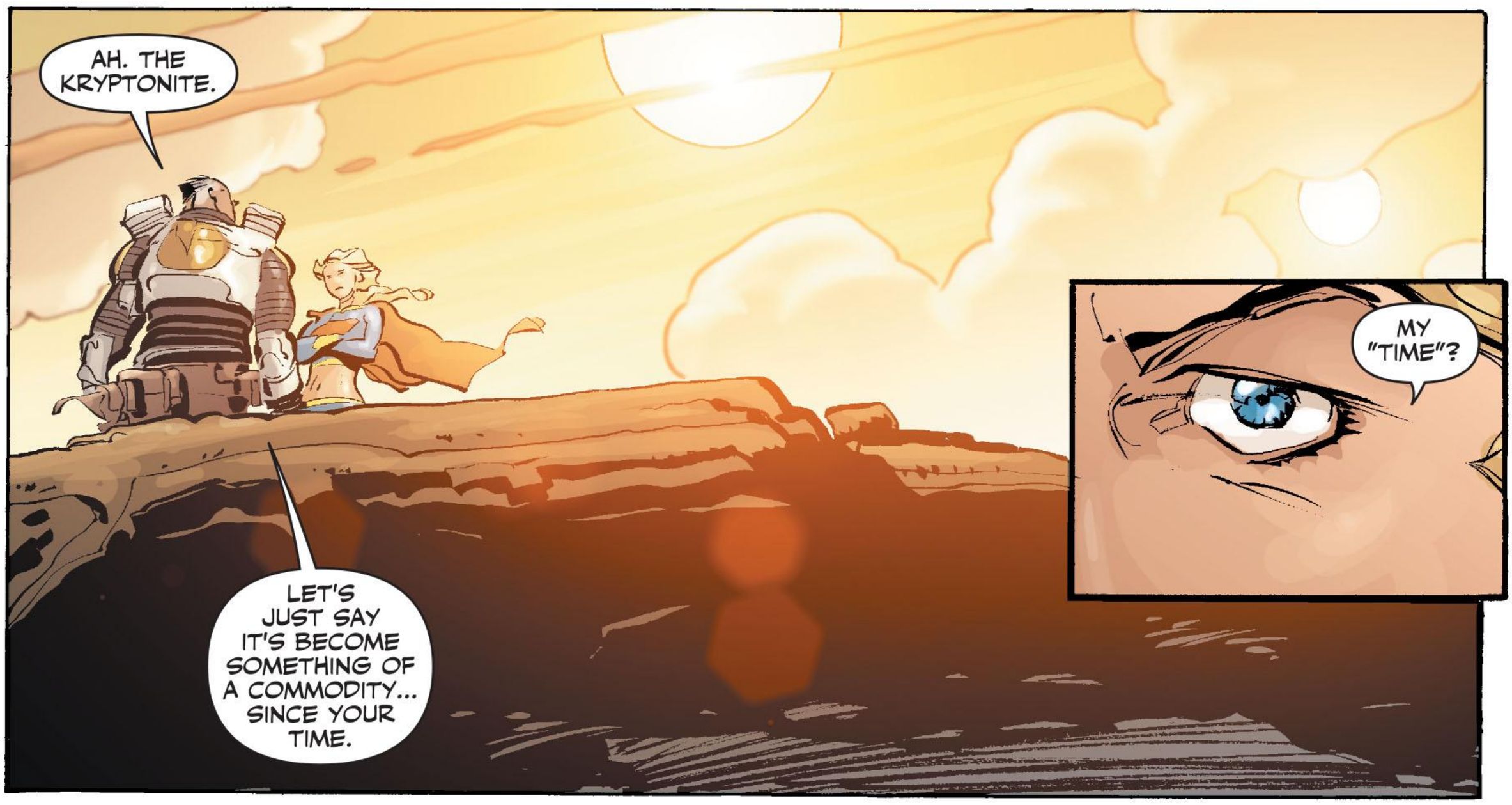
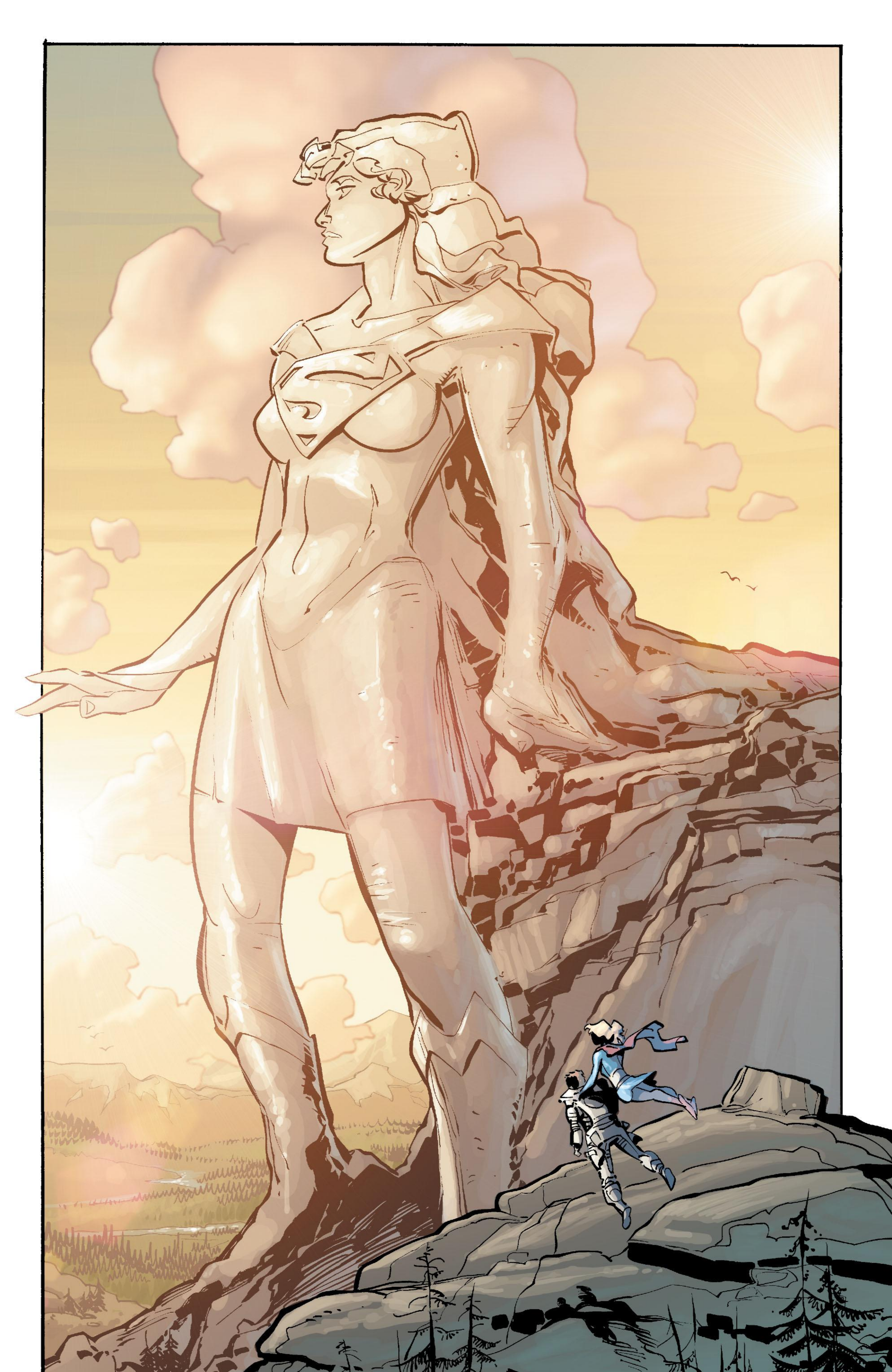
MINT?
WHAT?
I'LL TAKE THAT AS A "NO."

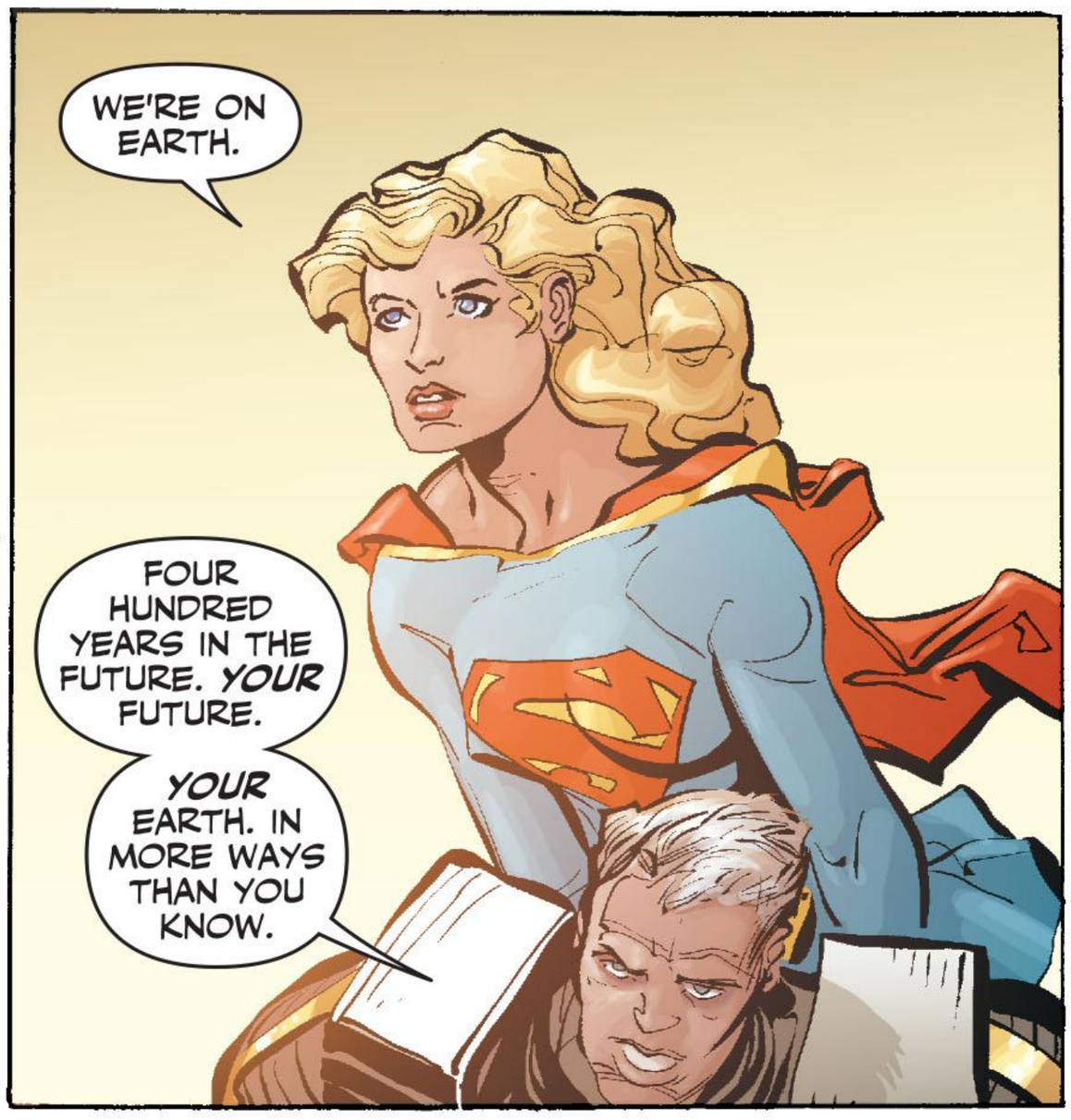
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE GIRLFRIENDS AND ALL, HOW ABOUT SOME ANSWERS? LIKE...WHAT PLANET IS THIS?
THAT'S A LONG STORY.
WHY DID YOU TRY TO KILL ME?
THAT'S A LONG STORY, TOO.

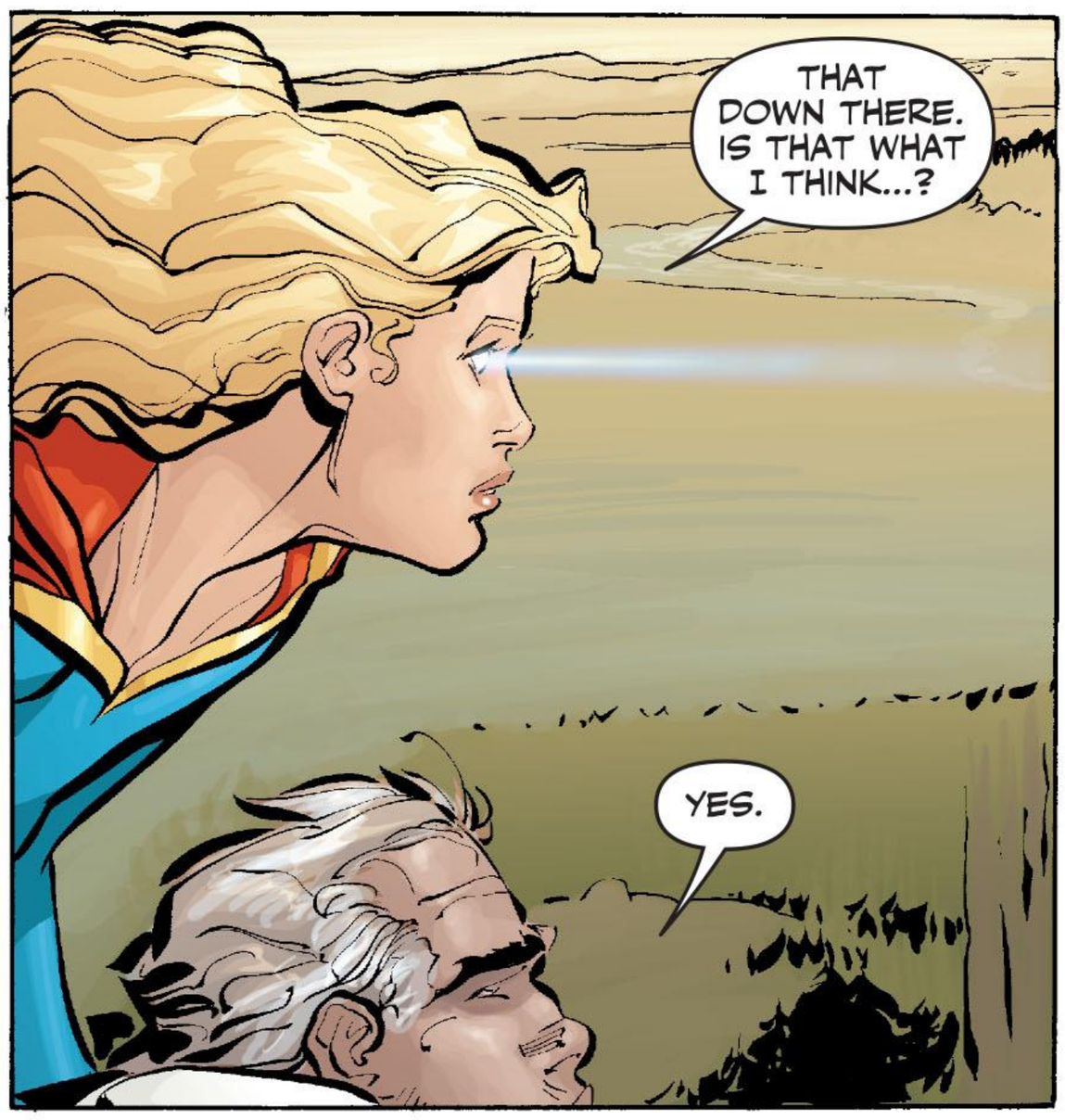
OKAY... SO WHY DID THAT WOMAN BACK THERE TRY TO KILL YOU?
SHE'S DEDICATED.

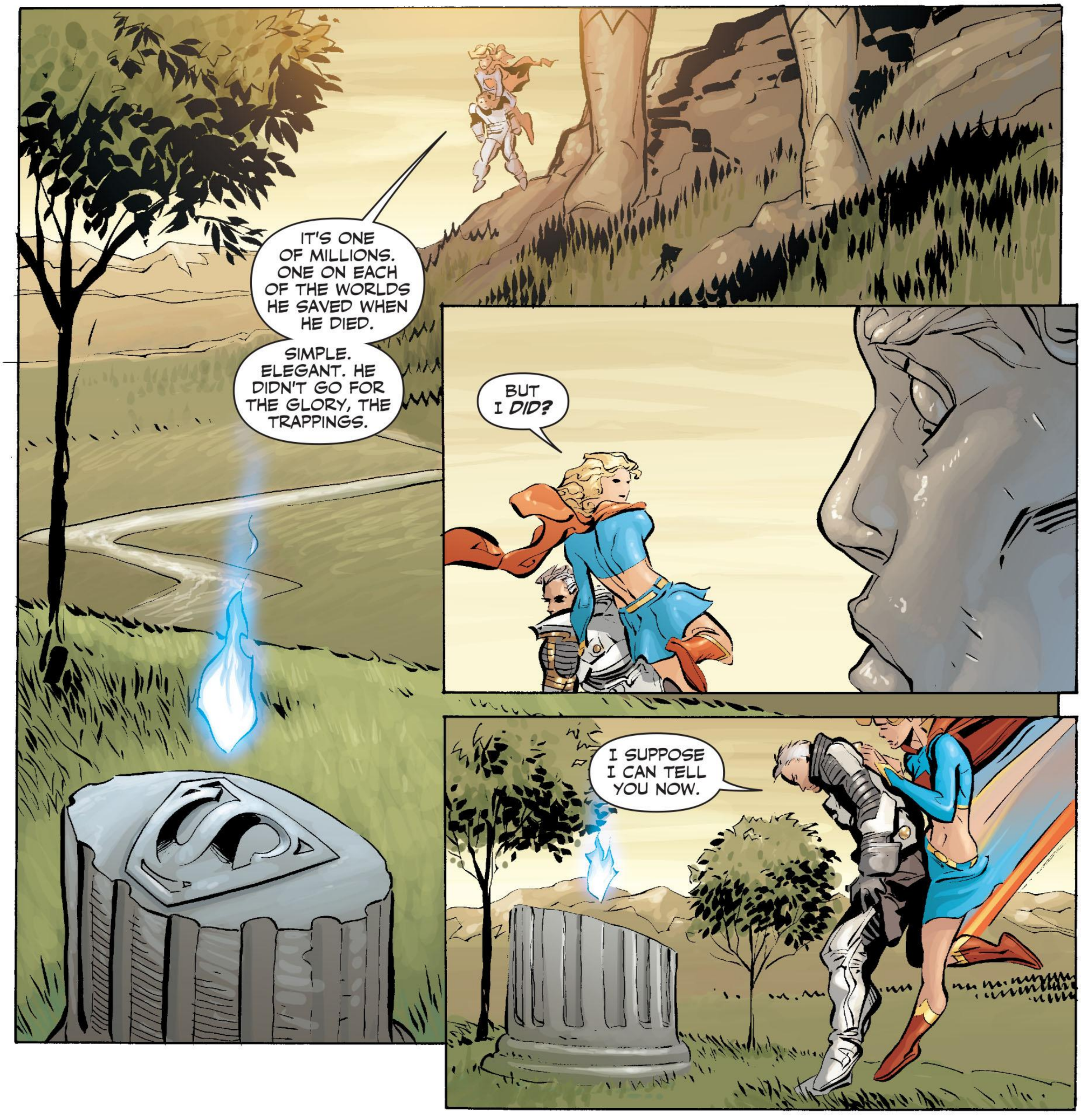

LET'S TRY THIS: WHERE DID YOU GET KRYPTONITE?

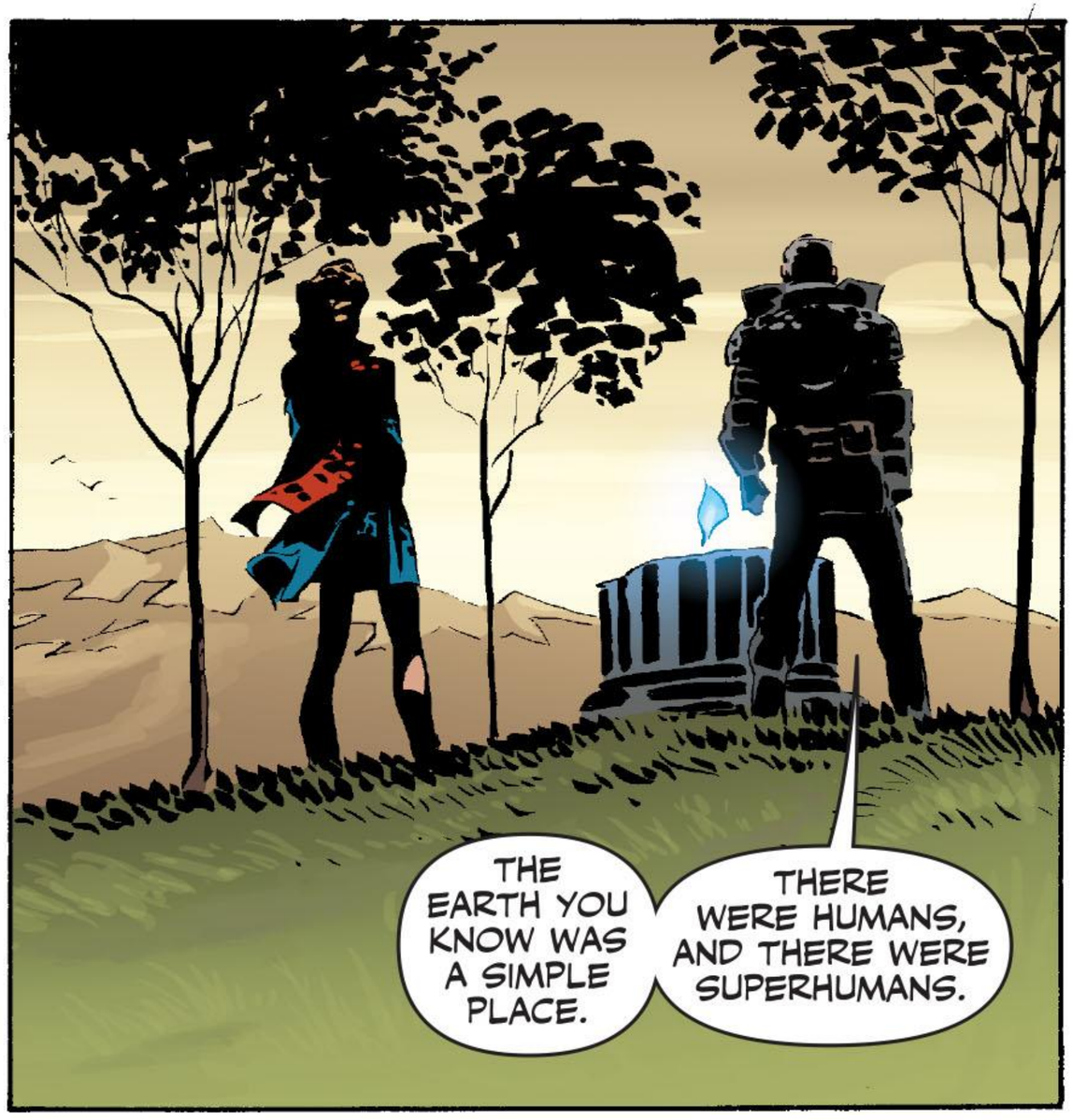

AH. THE KRYPTONITE.
LET'S JUST SAY IT'S BECOME SOMETHING OF A COMMODITY... SINCE YOUR TIME.
MY "TIME"?

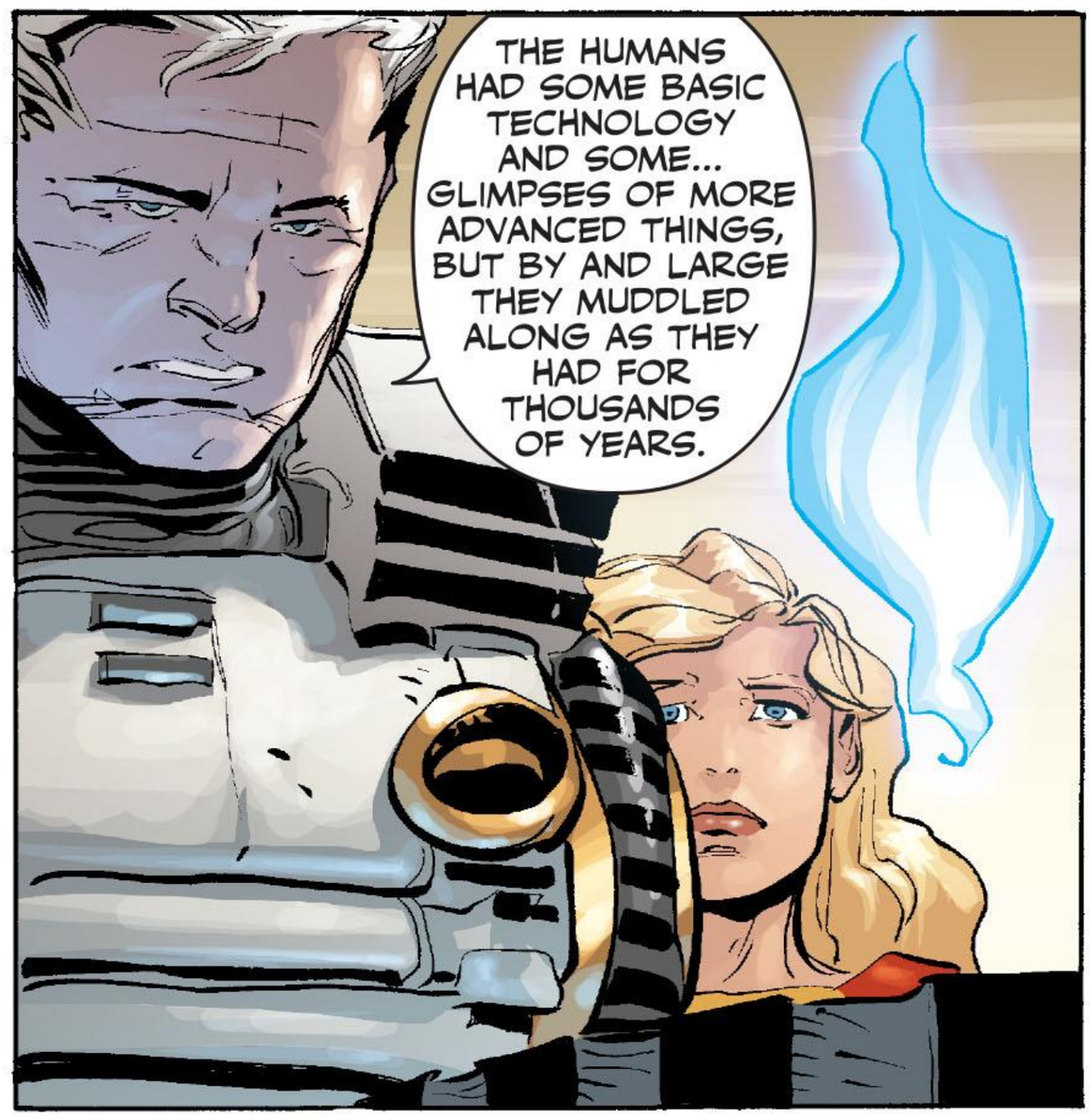



WE'RE ON EARTH.
FOUR HUNDRED YEARS IN THE FUTURE. *YOUR* FUTURE.
YOUR EARTH. IN MORE WAYS THAN YOU KNOW.


THAT DOWN THERE. IS THAT WHAT I THINK...?
YES.


IT'S ONE OF MILLIONS. ONE ON EACH OF THE WORLDS HE SAVED WHEN HE DIED.
SIMPLE. ELEGANT. HE DIDN'T GO FOR THE GLORY, THE TRAPPINGS.
BUT I *DID?*
I SUPPOSE I CAN TELL YOU NOW.


THE EARTH YOU KNOW WAS A SIMPLE PLACE.
THERE WERE HUMANS, AND THERE WERE SUPERHUMANS.


THE HUMANS HAD SOME BASIC TECHNOLOGY AND SOME... GLIMPSES OF MORE ADVANCED THINGS, BUT BY AND LARGE THEY MUDDLED ALONG AS THEY HAD FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS.

AND THE SUPERHEROES...WELL, THEY FOUGHT THE SUPERVILLAINS.
UNTIL YOU CHANGED ALL THAT.

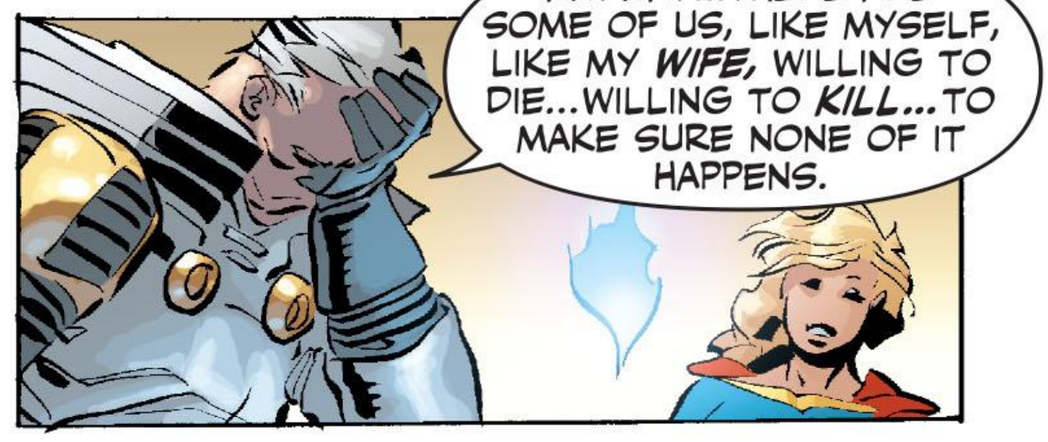
YOU FLOATED DOWN FROM KRYPTON AND YOU TOOK A LOOK AT THIS EARTH AND YOU DECIDED YOU COULD DO BETTER.
WE COULD BE BETTER.

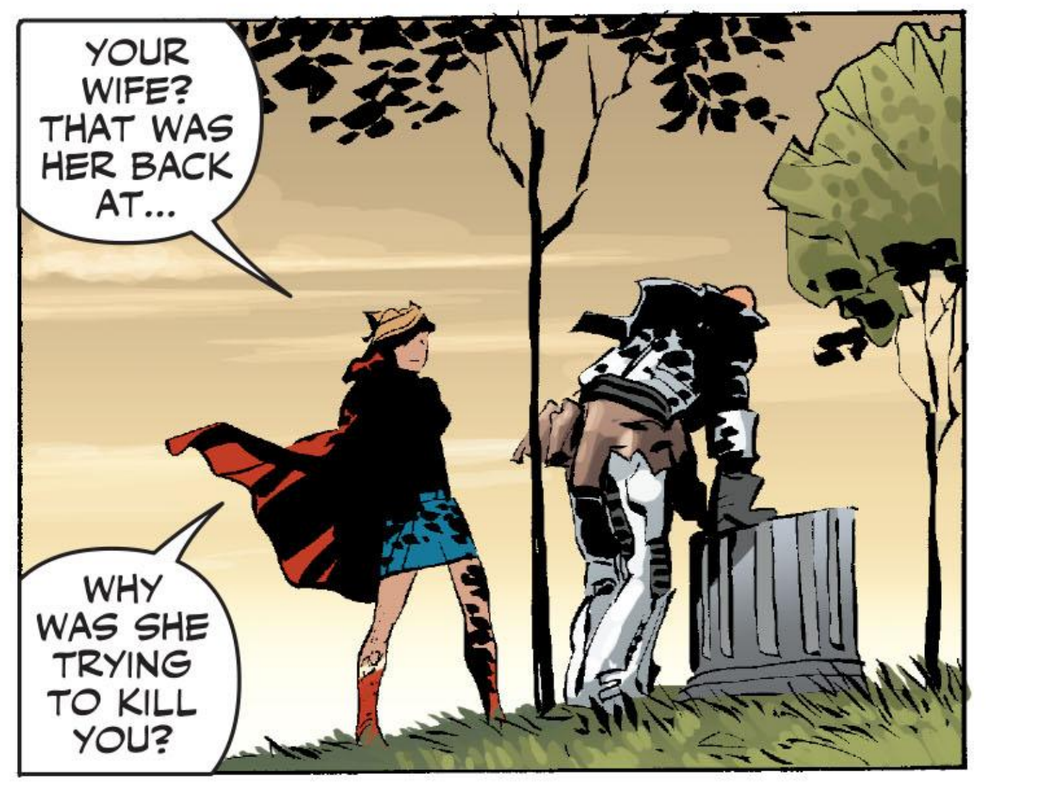
SO YOU MADE US BETTER. YOU STOLE THE FIRE OF THE GODS AND YOU MADE US LIKE YOU.
AND THE WORLD WAS NEVER THE SAME.

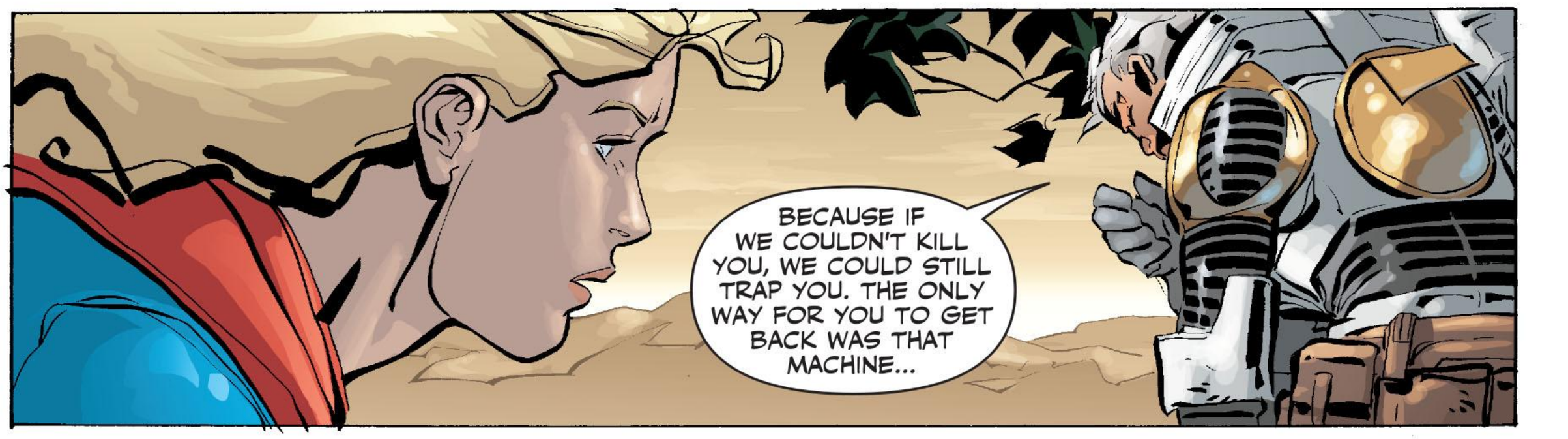
WAIT A SECOND...AM I MISSING SOMETHING HERE?
I MADE HUMANITY "BETTER"? AND YOU WANT TO KILL ME FOR IT? WHY?

BECAUSE WE'RE NOT HUMAN ANYMORE! THAT'S WHAT YOU NEVER UNDERSTOOD!

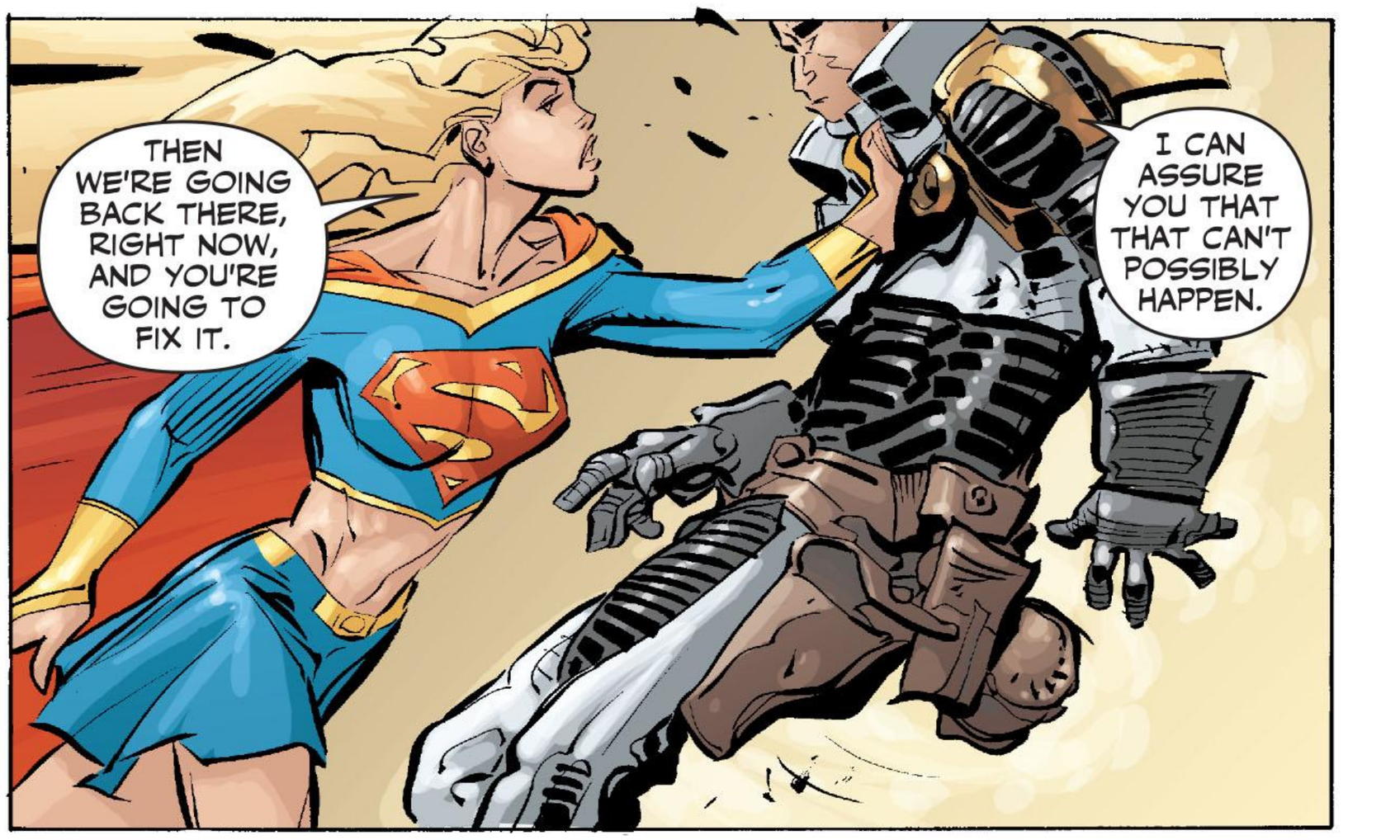
WHO ASKED YOU TO END OUR WORLD?!


ANYWAY...THERE ARE SOME OF US, LIKE MYSELF, LIKE MY WIFE, WILLING TO DIE...WILLING TO KILL...TO MAKE SURE NONE OF IT HAPPENS.

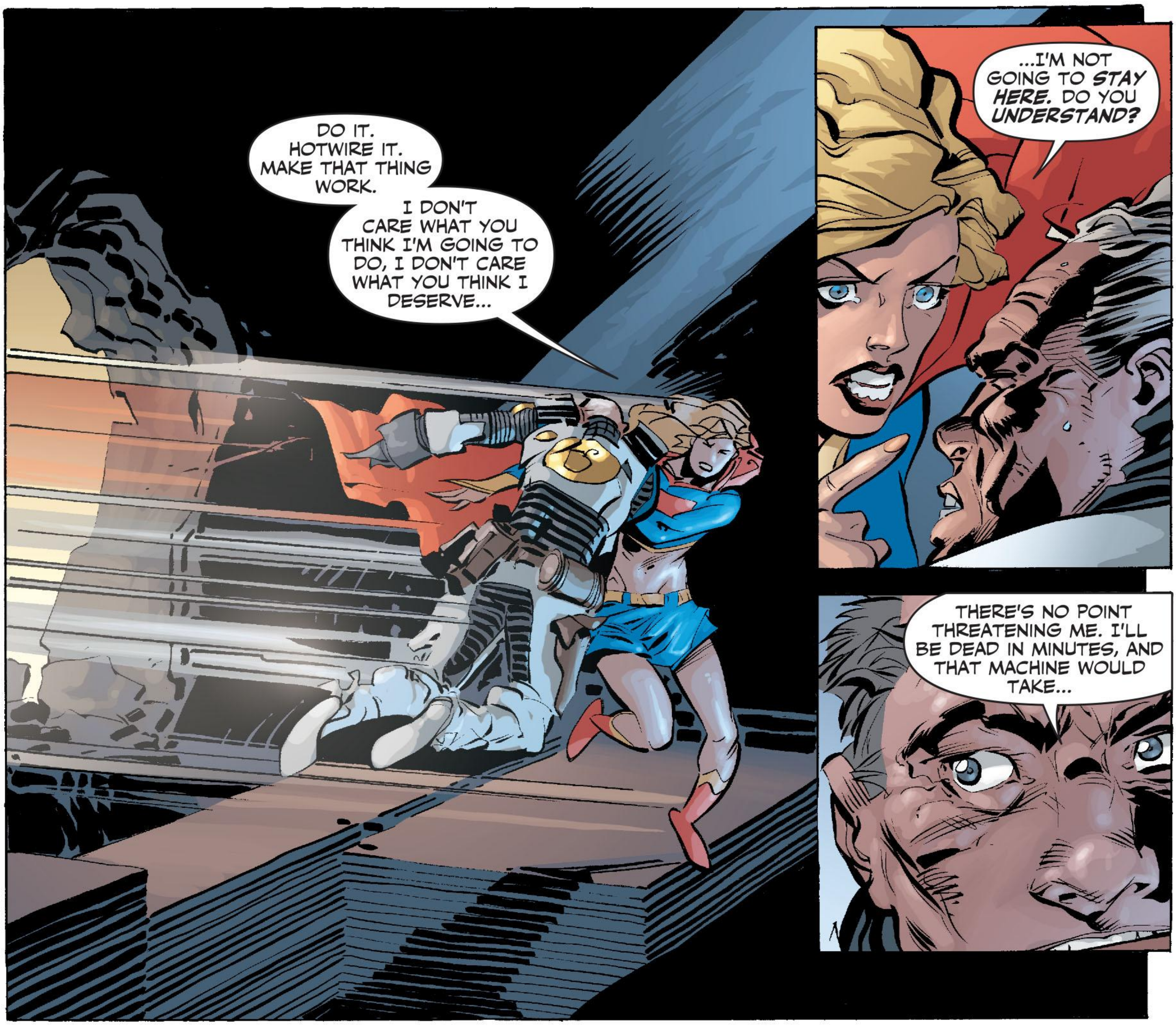

YOUR WIFE? THAT WAS HER BACK AT...
WHY WAS SHE TRYING TO KILL YOU?

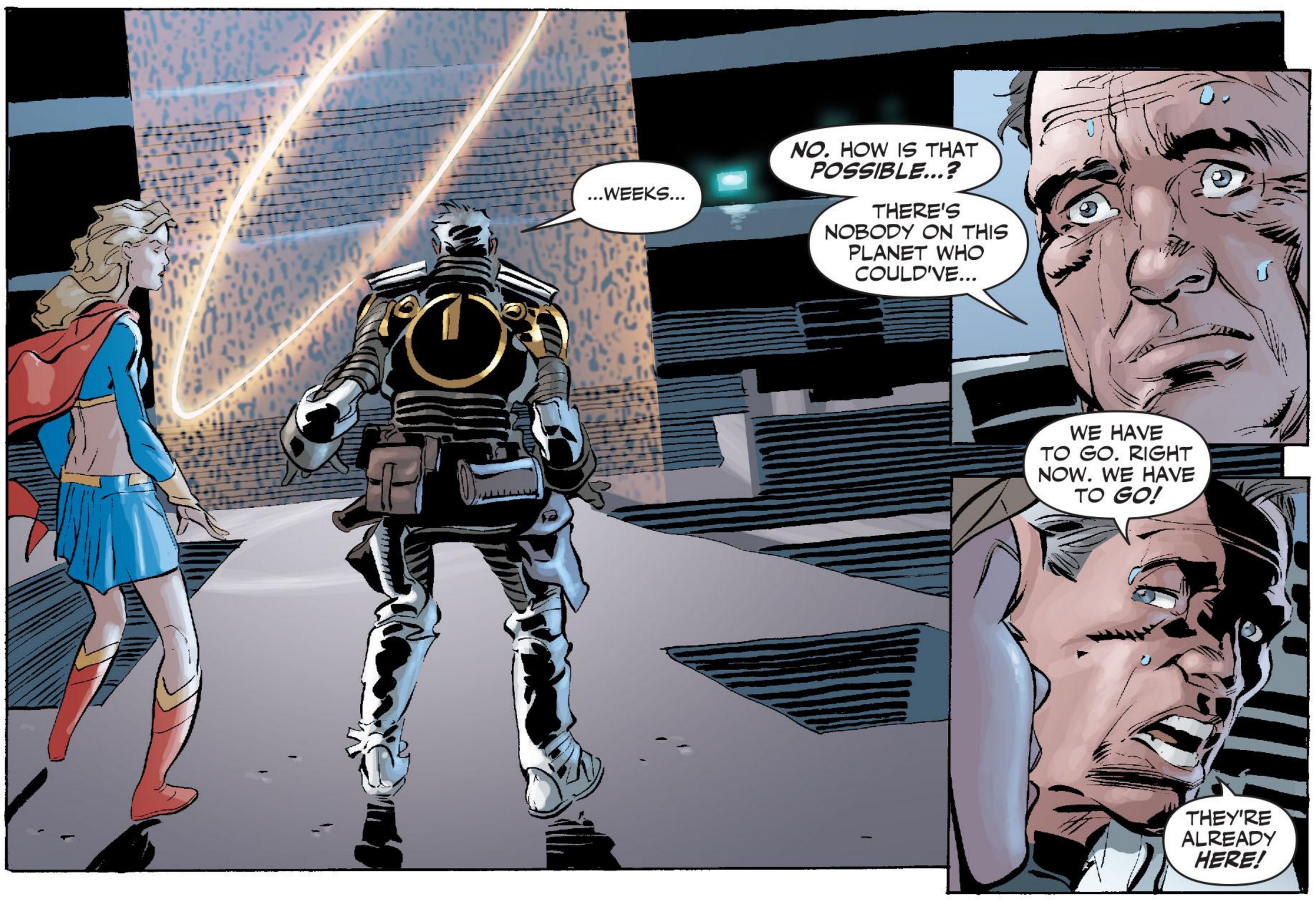

BECAUSE IF WE COULDN'T KILL YOU, WE COULD STILL TRAP YOU. THE ONLY WAY FOR YOU TO GET BACK WAS THAT MACHINE...

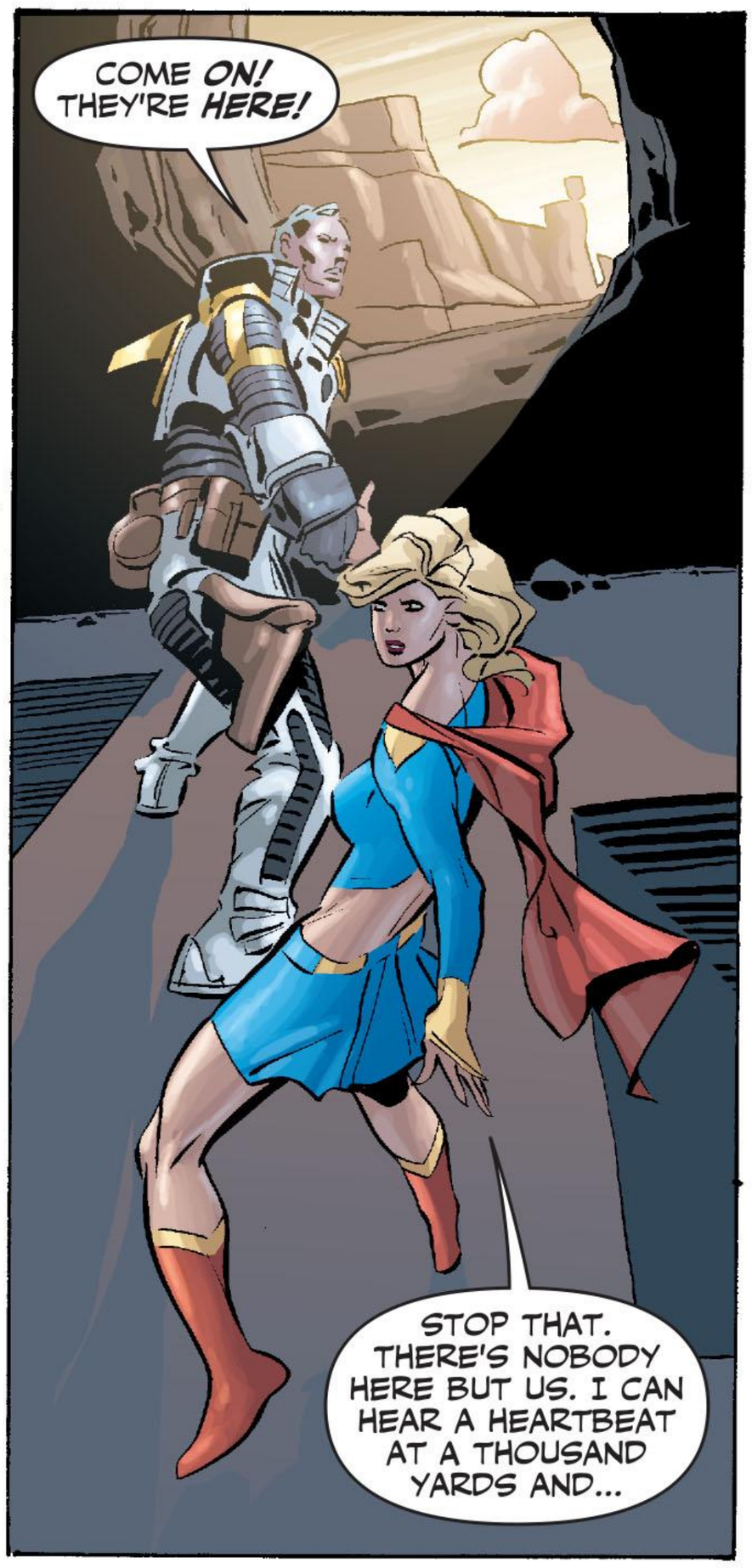
"...AND THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN FIX THAT MACHINE... IS ME."

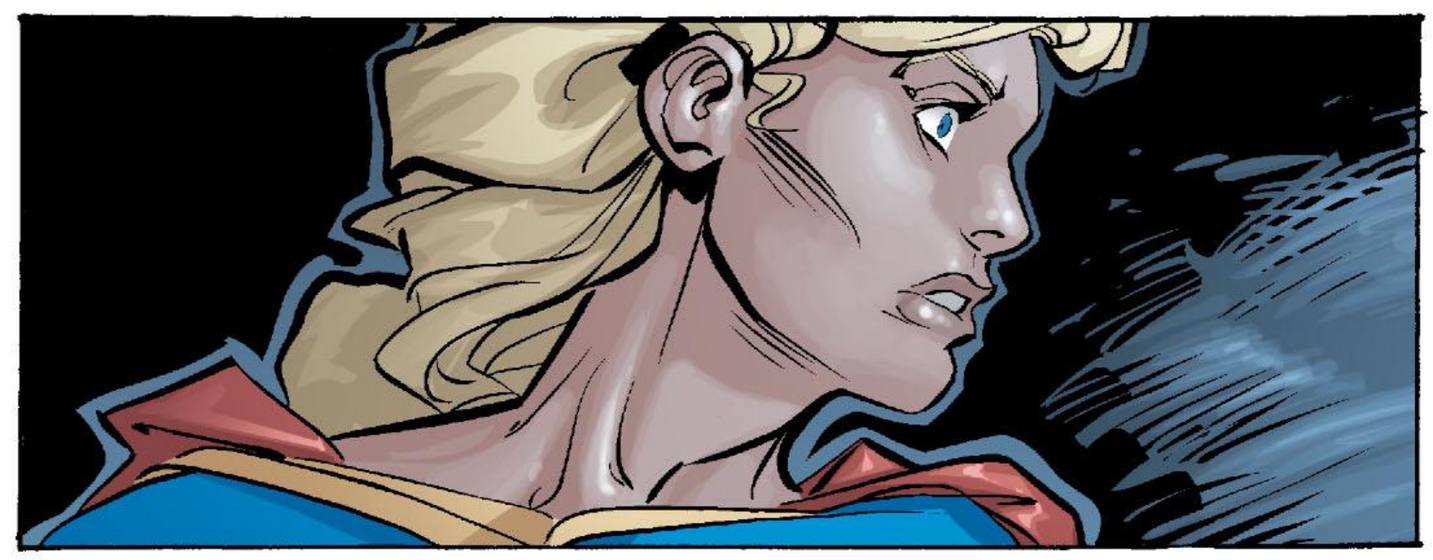

THEN WE'RE GOING BACK THERE, RIGHT NOW, AND YOU'RE GOING TO FIX IT.
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THAT CAN'T POSSIBLY HAPPEN.

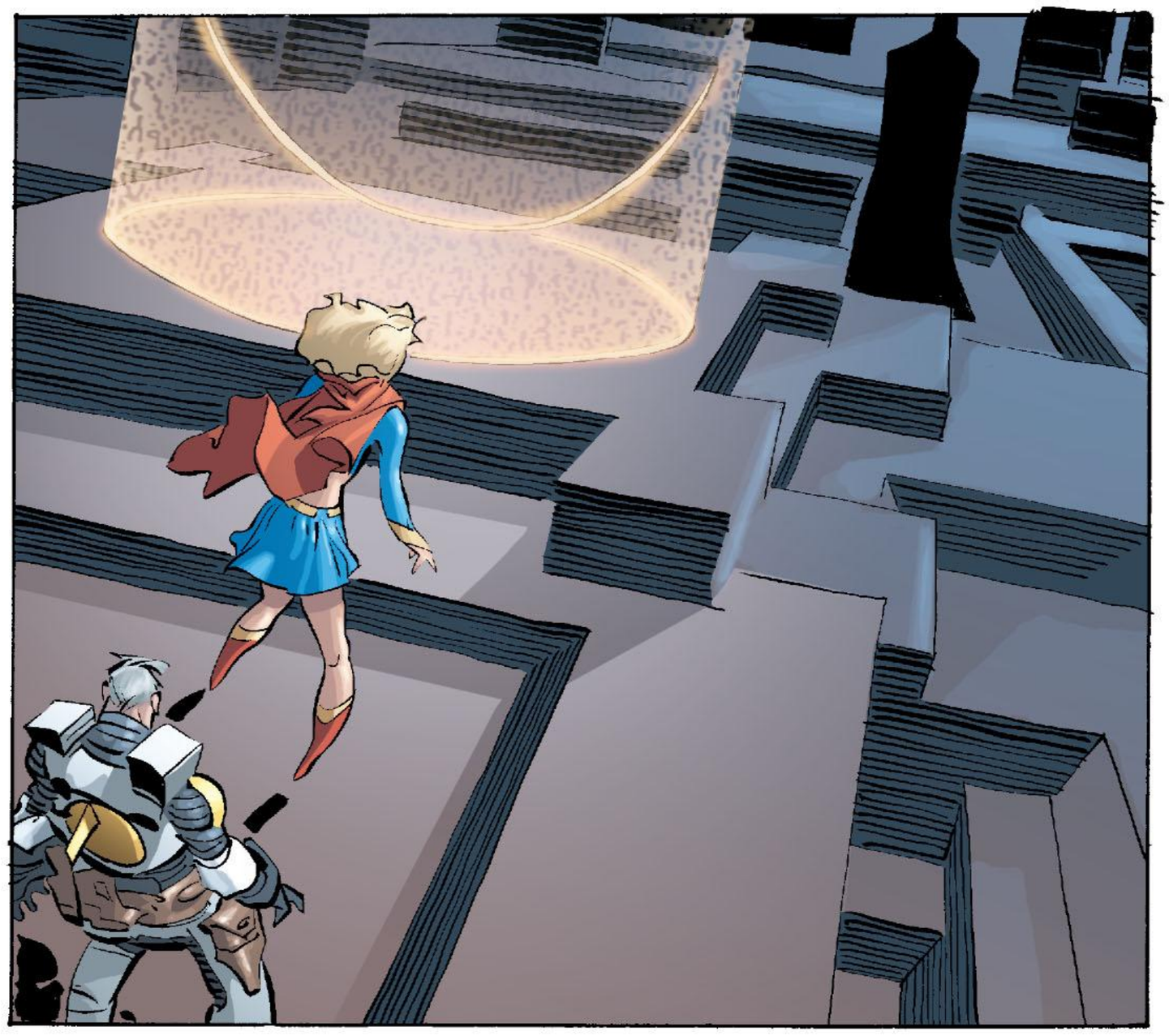
AND WHY IS THAT?
BECAUSE THAT WASN'T A MINT I ATE.

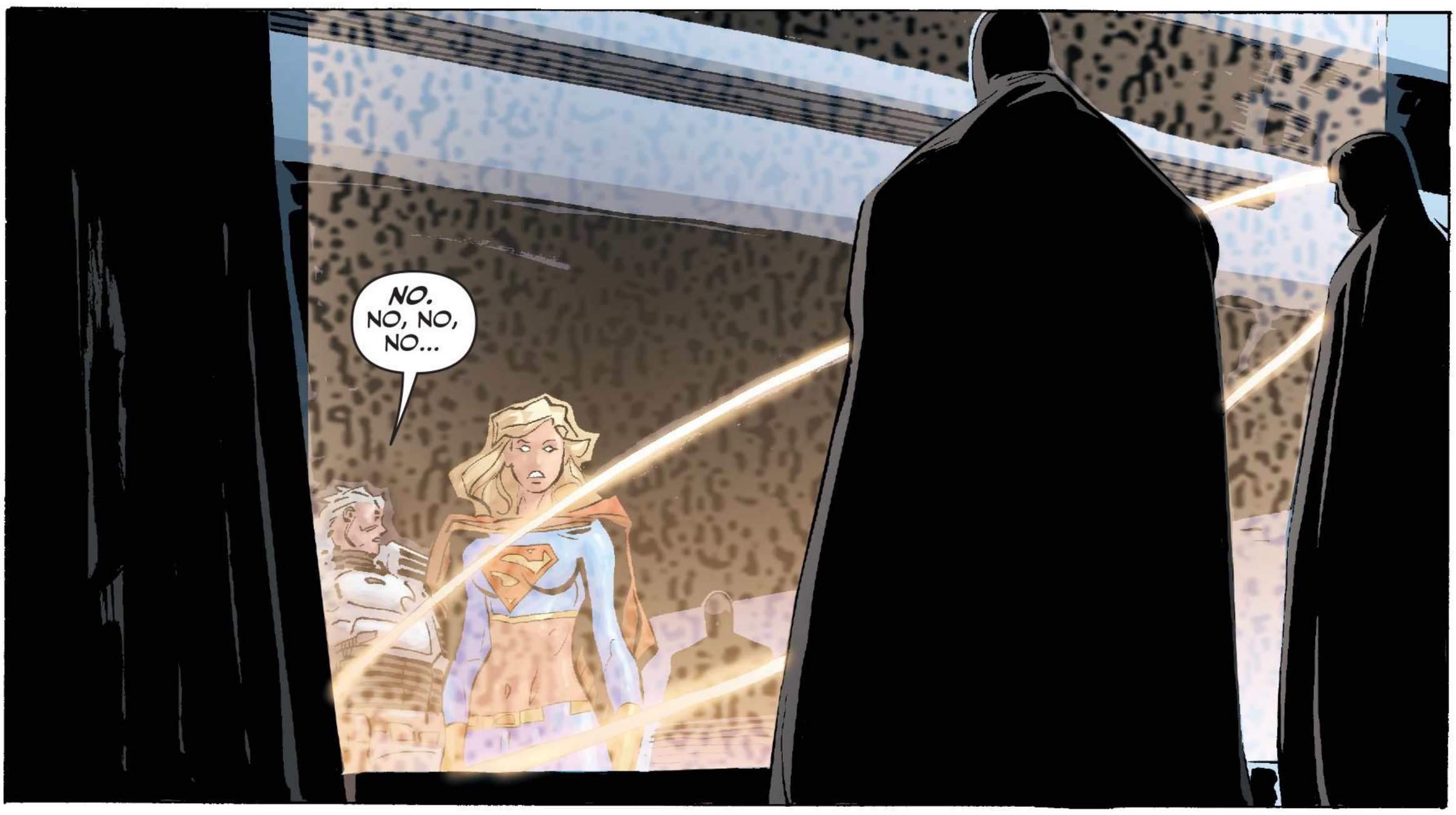

DO IT. HOTWIRE IT. MAKE THAT THING WORK.
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK I'M GOING TO DO, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU THINK I DESERVE...
...I'M NOT GOING TO STAY HERE. DO YOU UNDERSTAND?
THERE'S NO POINT THREATENING ME. I'LL BE DEAD IN MINUTES, AND THAT MACHINE WOULD TAKE...


...WEEKS...
NO. HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE...?
THERE'S NOBODY ON THIS PLANET WHO COULD'VE...
WE HAVE TO GO. RIGHT NOW. WE HAVE TO GO!
THEY'RE ALREADY HERE!


COME ON! THEY'RE HERE!
STOP THAT. THERE'S NOBODY HERE BUT US. I CAN HEAR A HEARTBEAT AT A THOUSAND YARDS AND...



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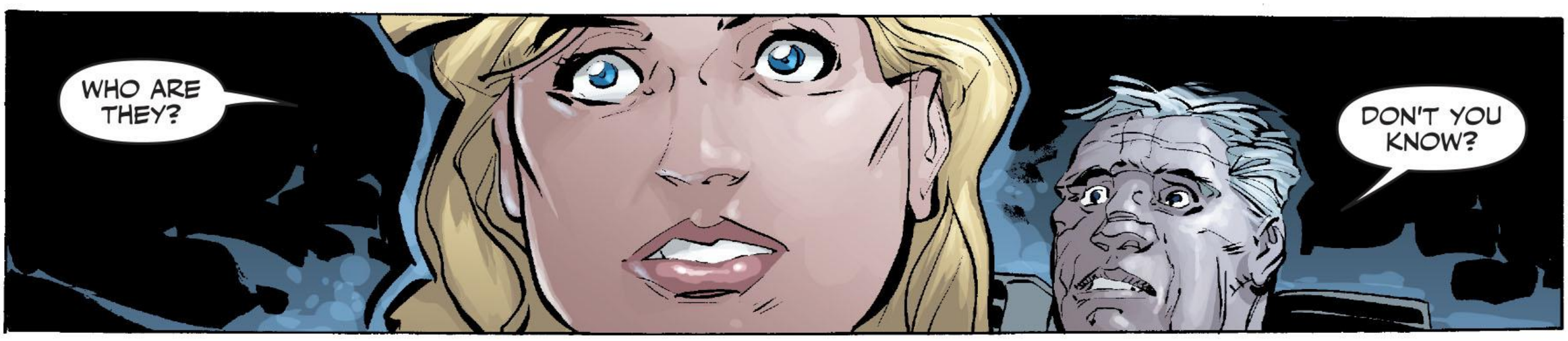
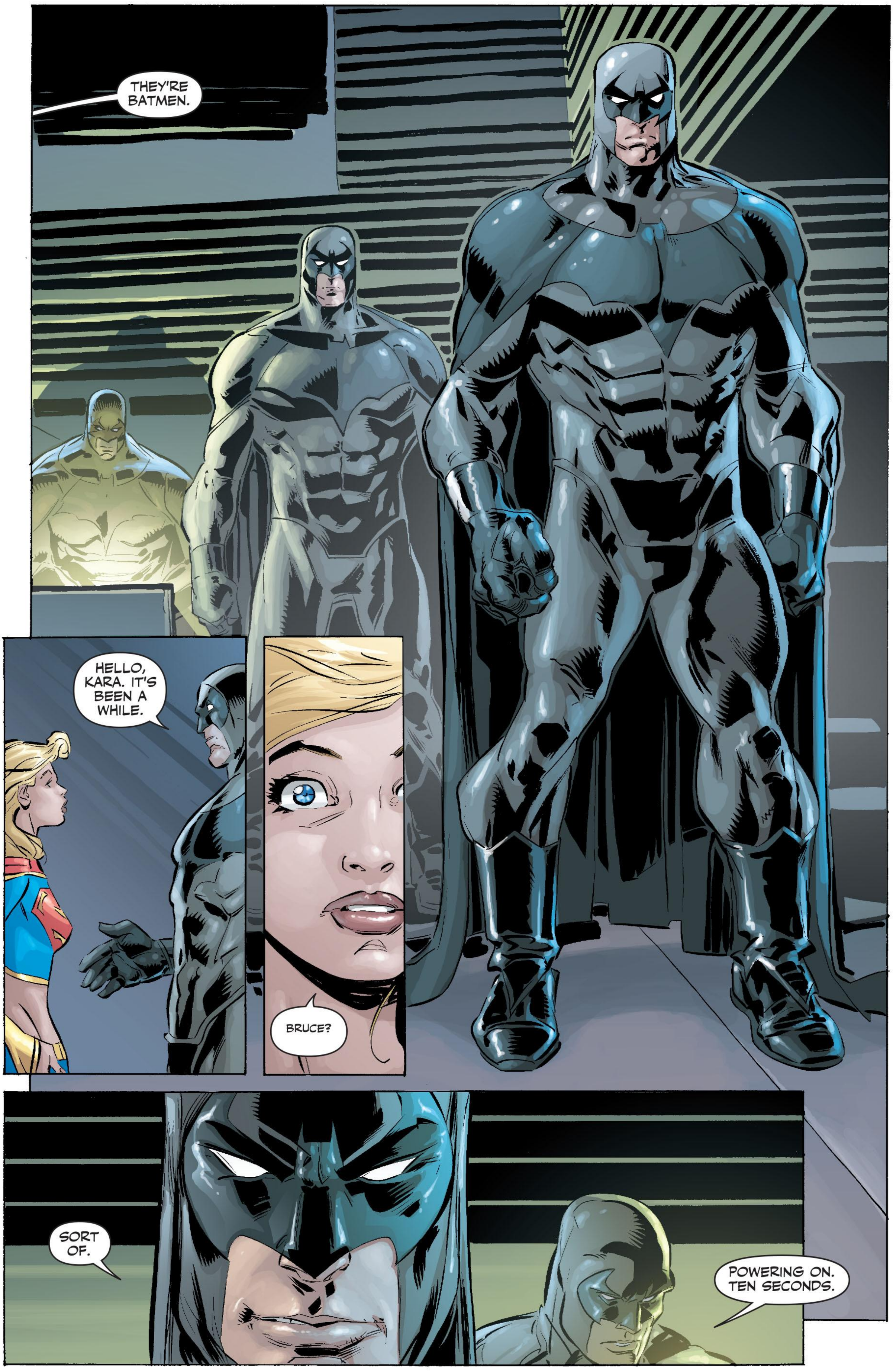
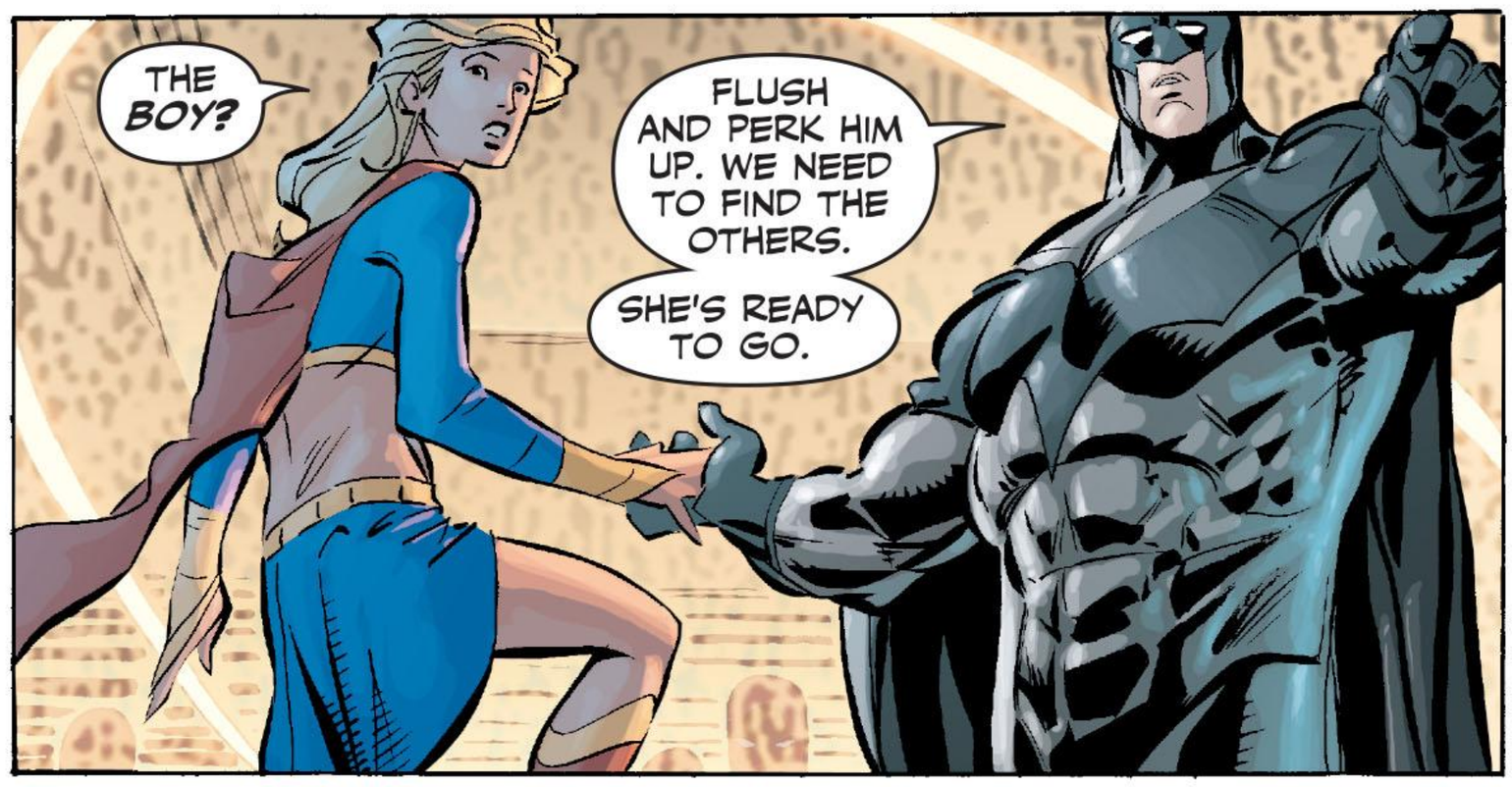
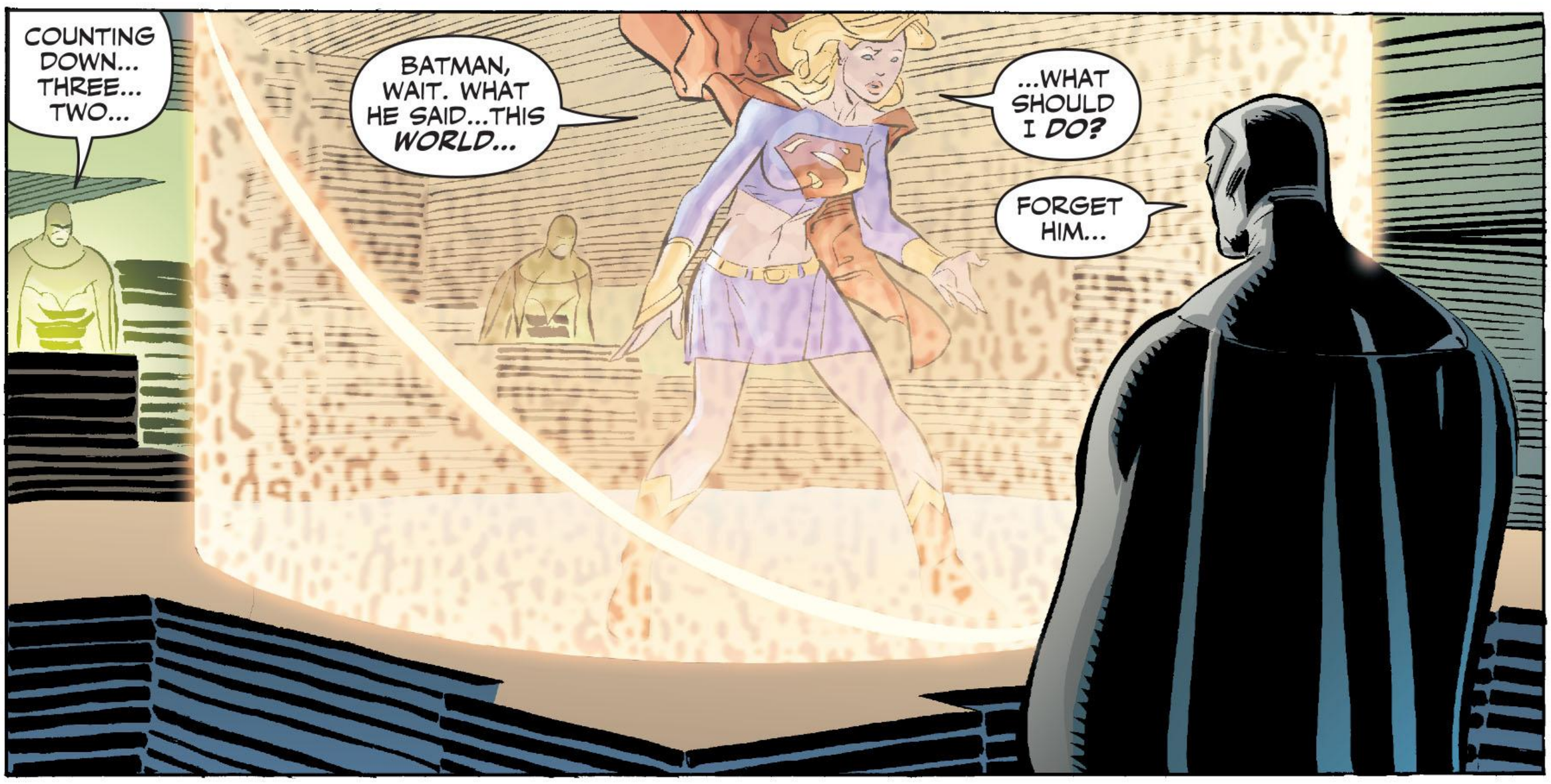
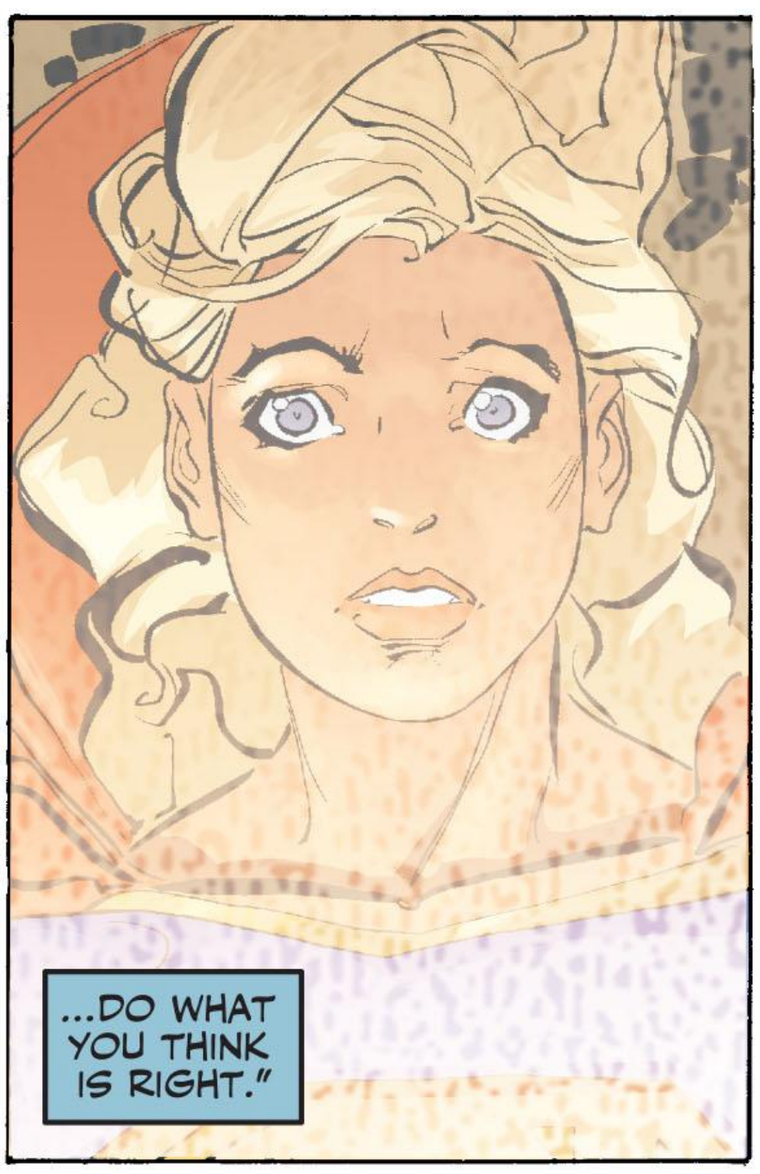

WHO ARE THEY?
DON'T YOU KNOW?


THEY'RE BATMEN.
HELLO, KARA. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
BRUCE?
SORT OF.
POWERING ON. TEN SECONDS.







"...SAY HI TO CLARK FOR ME, WILL YOU?"

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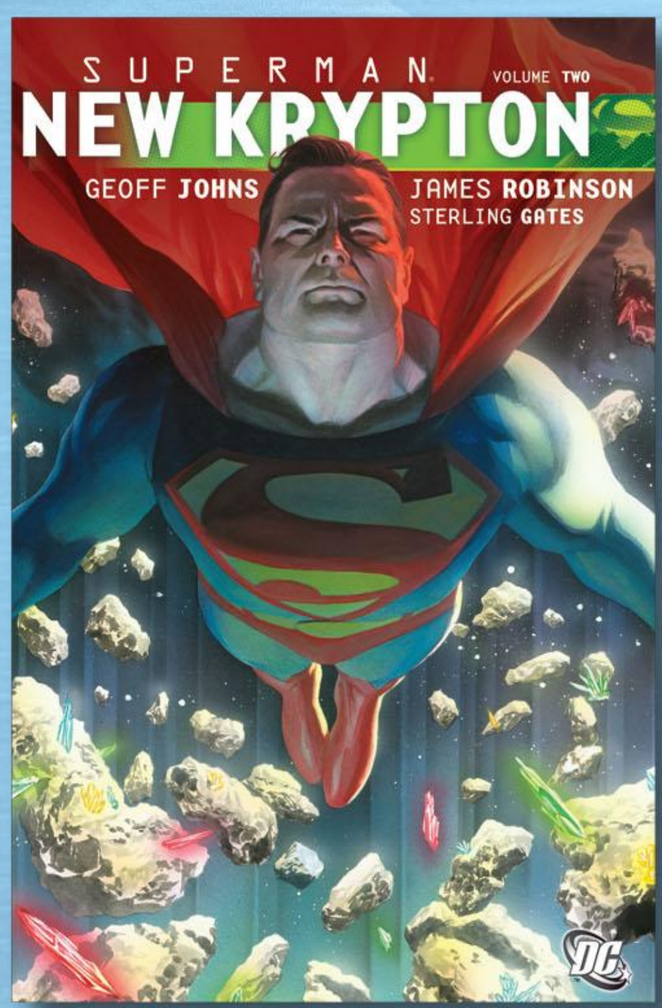

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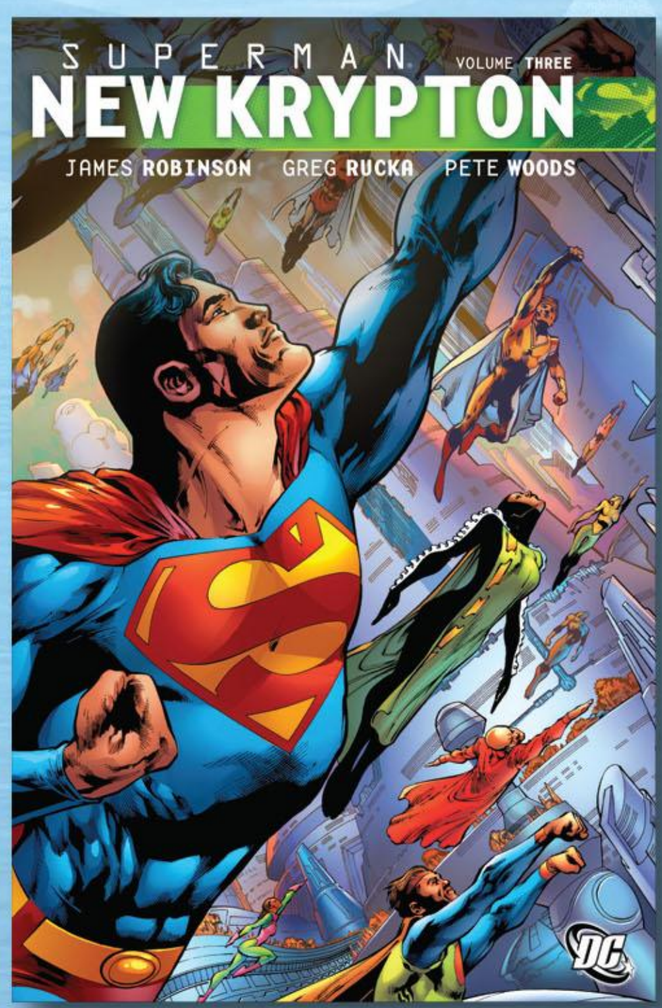

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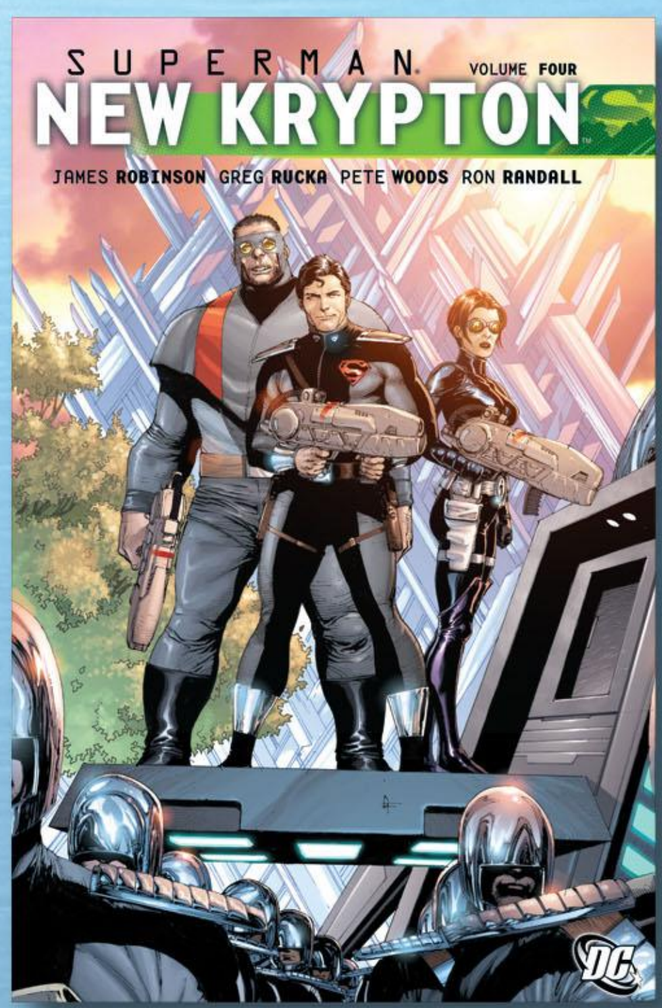

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