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"MAYDAY. MAYDAY. THIS IS **AIR FORCE ONE.** WE'RE GOING DOWN AND **THE PRESIDENT** IS ON BOARD. I REPEAT: THE PRESIDENT **IS** ON BOARD.

***She** has been working alone for months now. Trying to find her way...*

*I don't think it should come as a surprise to anyone that **Clark** is having a hard time letting go.*

SHE'S ***ACTIVE.*** SATELLITE HOOK-IN LOCKED ON.

*Kara. My cousin. **Supergirl.** She's been living on Paradise Island.*

***Diana** called last week to say that he was **hovering** again.*

MAYBE SHE NEEDS BACKUP.

***IF** SHE DOES, YOU'LL KNOW IT.*

AND ***NOT*** BEFORE.

I'm trying to give her some space. I really am. It's just... difficult.

*An island of beautiful women and a **man** spying on them from above and **Clark** doesn't see any problem with that.*

MISTER X?

*WHAT IS IT, **NOAH?***

I'M NOT INTERRUPTING ANYTHING, AM I?

YOU DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION.

I JUST WANTED TO UPDATE YOU, SIR, THE FISH TOOK THE BAIT.

*WELL...WHEN ONE BRINGS DOWN **AIR FORCE ONE** AND THEN BROADCASTS IT OVER ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY--*

*--SO THAT ONLY **DOGS** AND **ONE** INDIVIDUAL CAN HEAR IT--*

--YOU'LL GET A RESPONSE.

*THE TRICK IS TO SEE IF WE CAN GET **TWO** RESPONSES...*

*...AND THAT **NEITHER** OF THEM IS THE **DOG.***

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"MAYDAY. MAY--WHAT THE HELL? THE SHIP IS...RIGHTING HERSELF..."

I'm not an idiot-- no matter what Bruce thinks. I **know** she wouldn't appreciate finding out we're... monitoring her activities.

Clark believes if Kara discovered we're "looking over her shoulder" she'd understand. After all, he's **family.** A farm boy's rationalization if ever I've heard one.

I'm reminded of when I would first patrol with **Robin.**
My gut instinct was to leap into every fray.
Dick Grayson, being the first Robin, despite having all the skills the others would never have, actually had it the hardest.
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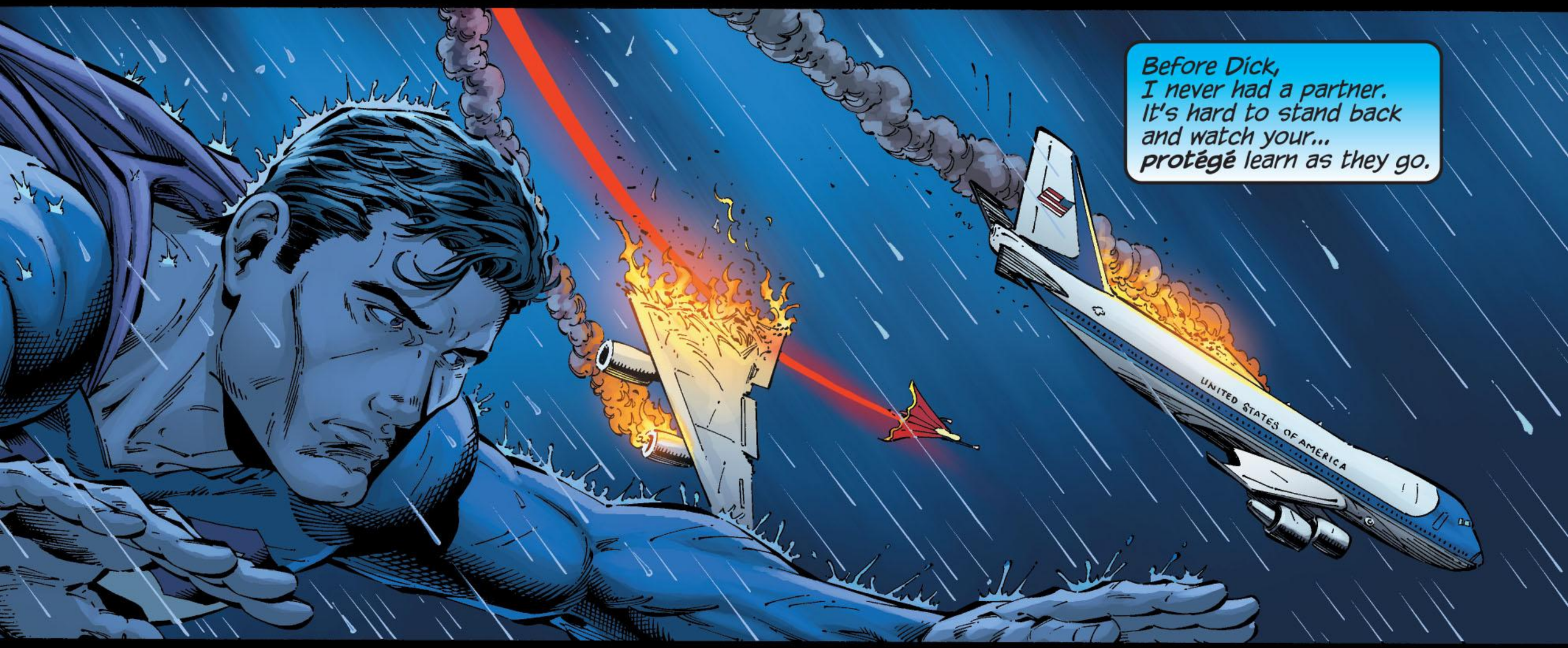
Before Dick, I never had a partner. It's hard to stand back and watch your... **protégé** learn as they go.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

After Dick, there was **Jason Todd.** Maybe I should've stayed closer.
Maybe I should've stayed a little further back from **Tim Drake.**
And **Stephanie...**
Bottom line... there isn't any **handbook** on how to do this job.

Kara is improving.

The incident at Hoover Dam.

The terrorists at the Eiffel Tower.

Pretty soon, Clark's going to have to start keeping a scrapbook like his mother did for him.

SHE'S GETTING... MORE SKILLED, MISTER X.

YOUR VARIOUS TESTS. THE HOOVER DAM THING. THE EIFFEL TOWER.

SHE'S REALLY RUNNING THE GAUNTLET.

PRETTY SOON, YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SECOND "S" TO WORRY ABOUT.

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And... off she goes... just like all the other times...

"WORRY," NOAH?

THE ONLY THING BEGINNING WITH "S" THAT IS EVEN **REMOTELY** OF CONCERN TO ME IS **STUPIDITY.**

I THINK YOU COULD **CALCULATE** HOW LESS THAN BENEFICIAL YOUR OPINION ON THIS SUBJECT IS, GIVEN WHAT I'M PAYING YOU, **CALCULATOR.**

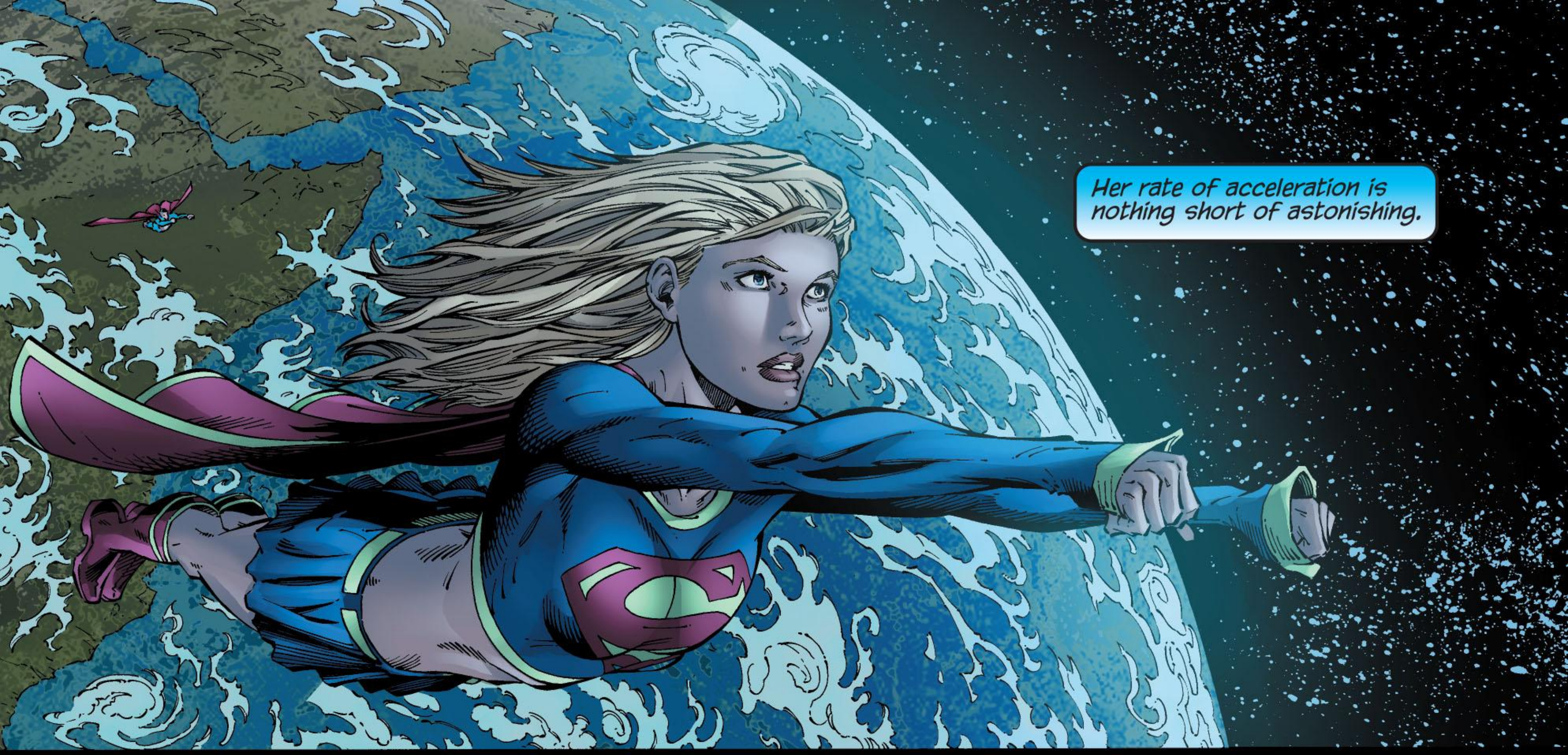
U-UNDERSTOOD, SIR.

I'm not entirely sure what her motivation is for keeping herself **a secret.**

After all, we introduced her to half the **super-hero** community.

I'm sure that **one** of those teams-- **The Teen Titans, The Outsiders, The J.S.A.**--

--maybe even **The League**-- will be looking to **recruit** her.


Her rate of acceleration is nothing short of astonishing.

I have several theories as to why her **abilities** seem to rival and possibly **surpass** Clark's.

I won't share them until I have more data.

ANY IDEA WHAT THEY'RE UP TO?
POSSIBLY SOME SORT OF TRAINING EXERCISE, *FLASH*... OR...

DON'T LEAVE ME DANGLING IN SUSPENSE, J'ONN--OR *WHAT?!*
SHE *IS*, AFTER ALL, A TEENAGER AND HE IS AN ADULT.
SHE COULD SIMPLY WANT TO *DITCH* HIM.
HEH. I WISH HER LUCK.

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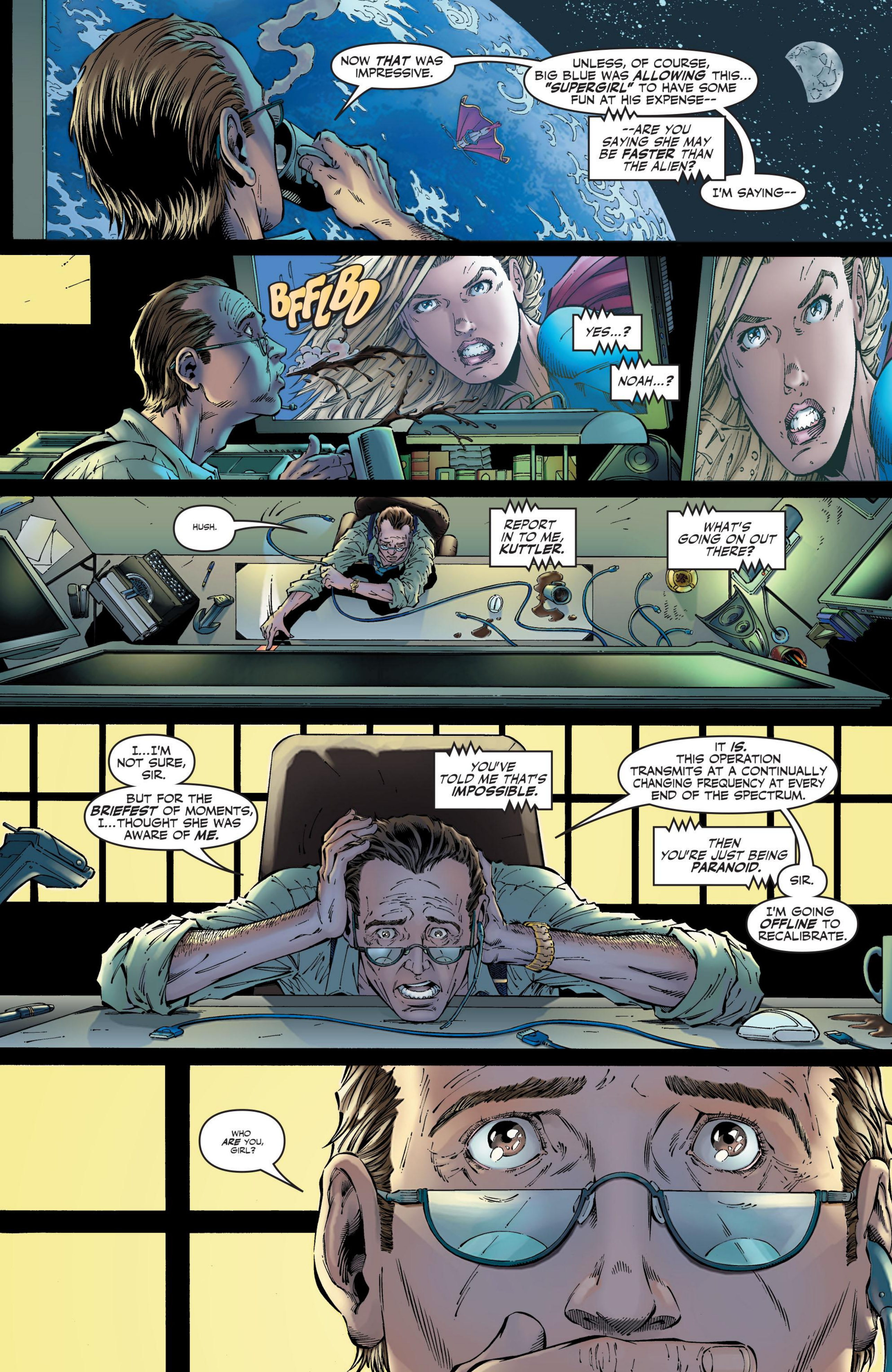
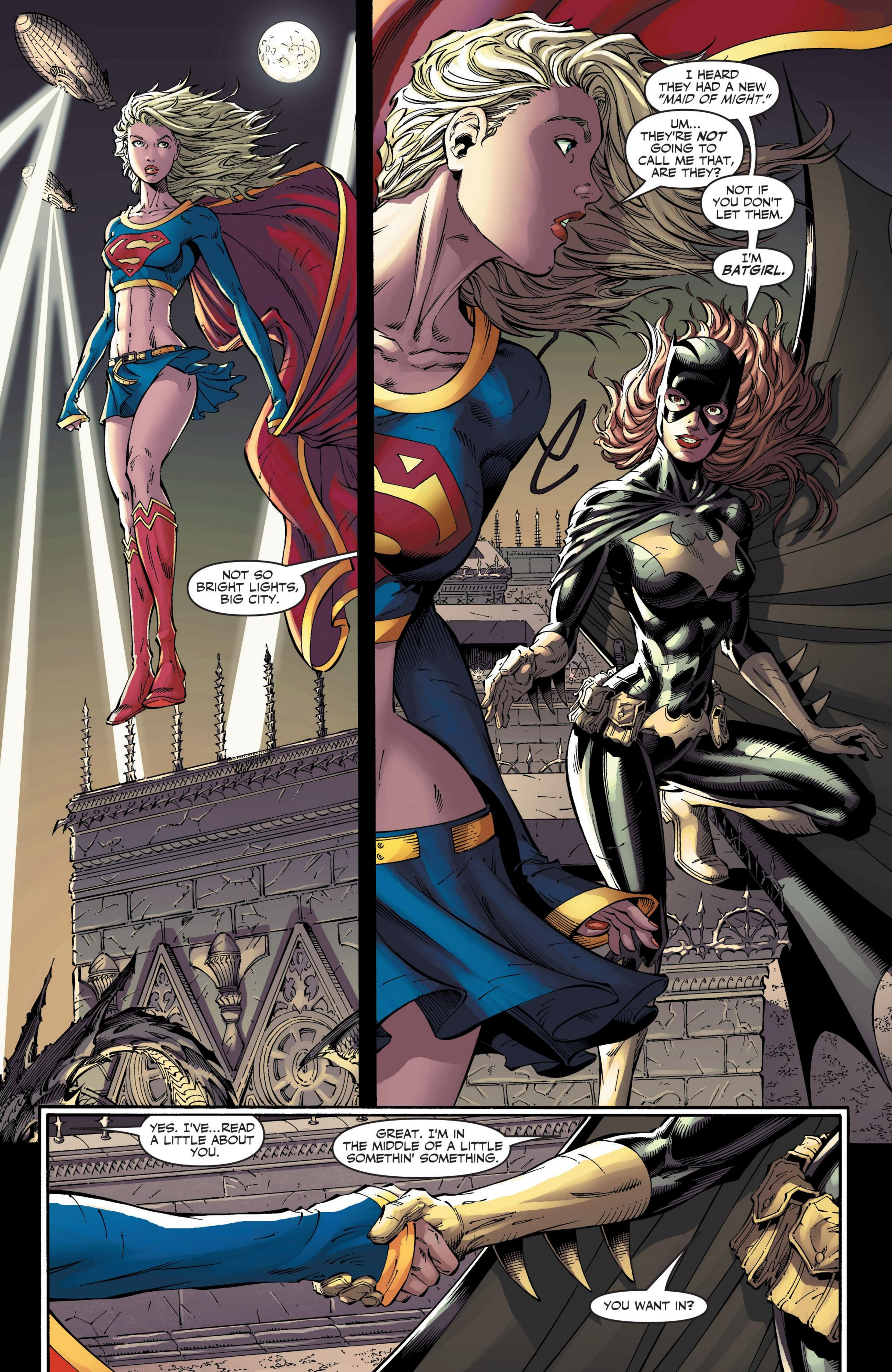

NOW THAT WAS IMPRESSIVE.
UNLESS, OF COURSE, BIG BLUE WAS ALLOWING THIS... "SUPERGIRL" TO HAVE SOME FUN AT HIS EXPENSE--
--ARE YOU SAYING SHE MAY BE FASTER THAN THE ALIEN?
I'M SAYING--
BFFLBD
YES...?
NOAH...?
HUSH.
REPORT IN TO ME, KUTTLER.
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
I...I'M NOT SURE, SIR.
BUT FOR THE BRIEFEST OF MOMENTS, I...THOUGHT SHE WAS AWARE OF ME.
YOU'VE TOLD ME THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
IT IS. THIS OPERATION TRANSMITS AT A CONTINUALLY CHANGING FREQUENCY AT EVERY END OF THE SPECTRUM.
THEN YOU'RE JUST BEING PARANOID.
SIR.
I'M GOING OFFLINE TO RECALIBRATE.
WHO ARE YOU, GIRL?

THAT'S... ODD.
YOU'RE BEING CRYPTIC, "B". THAT DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH THE REPORTER IN ME.
I...LOST HER, "S". SHE WAS THERE ONE SECOND AND THEN--
--I KNOW THE FEELING. DO YOU THINK SHE WENT BACK TO THE ISLAND?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
THE SAME WAY KAL DOES.
I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T ANSWERED MY QUESTION.
I THOUGHT WE HAD AN AGREEMENT.
WE DO.
NO INTERFERENCE.
UNLESS... THERE IS A SITUATION OF EXTREME JEOPARDY.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
HOW LONG HAVE YOU AND MY COUSIN BEEN SPYING ON ME?
I'M GLAD I INSPIRE SO MUCH CONFIDENCE.
IT'S NOT ABOUT YOU. HE--CLARK--DOESN'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT.
IN THAT CASE, TELL HIM HE'S FAILED.
NOW, I'M GOING TO MAKE IT EASY ON THE BOTH OF YOU THIS TIME.
I'LL BE PATROLLING IN GOTHAM CITY FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT.
IT'S RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER... SO TO SPEAK... SO IF I NEED HELP, I'LL LET YOU KNOW.
OH, AND BATMAN. F.Y.I.--
--I DON'T THINK YOU TWO ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ARE WATCHING ME.


NOT SO BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG CITY.
I HEARD THEY HAD A NEW "MAID OF MIGHT."
UM... THEY'RE NOT GOING TO CALL ME THAT, ARE THEY?
NOT IF YOU DON'T LET THEM.
I'M BATGIRL.
YES. I'VE...READ A LITTLE ABOUT YOU.
GREAT. I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF A LITTLE SOMETHIN' SOMETHING.
YOU WANT IN?

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THOOM

WELL, COLOR ME RED AND TICKLE ME PINK!

I GOTTA GET ME ABOUT ELEVENTEEN OF THESE WHAMMERS.

HEY!

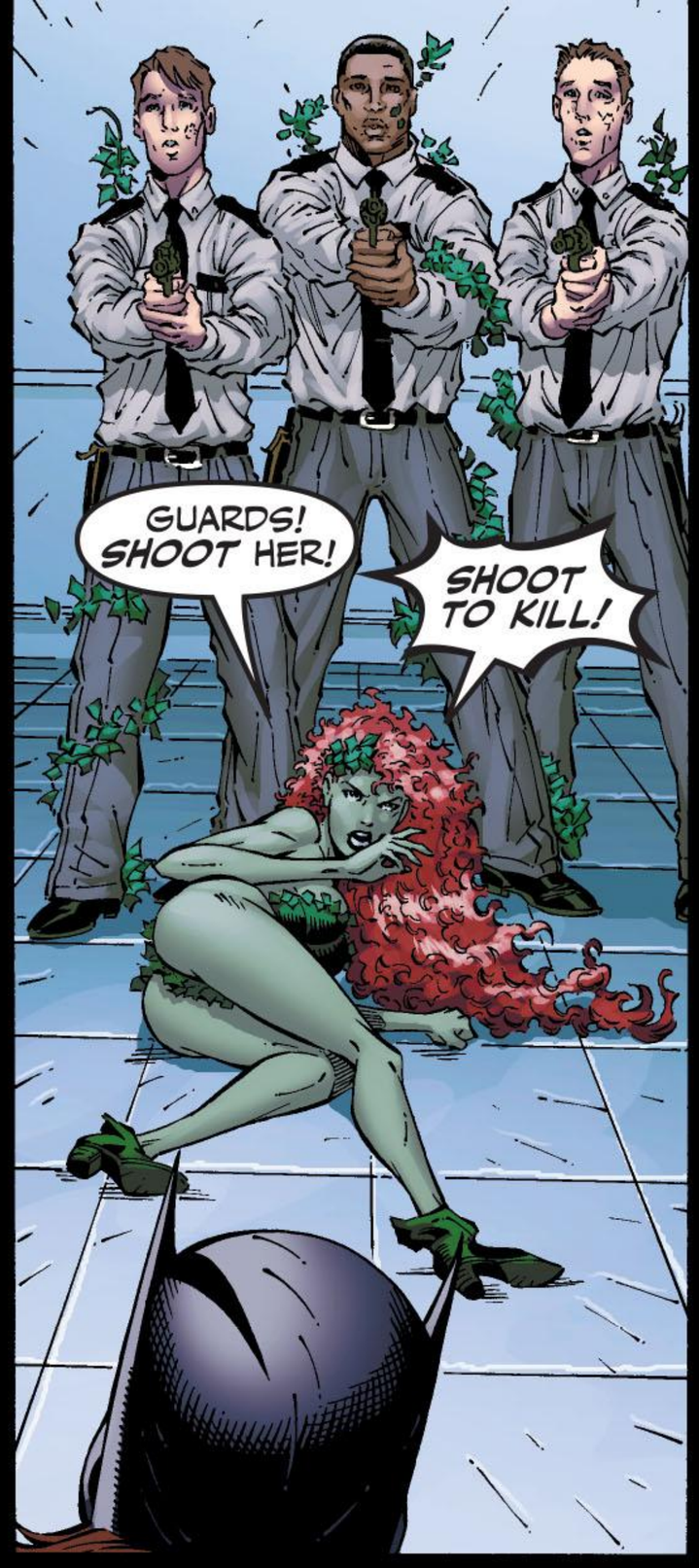
WHAT THE--!

NO FAIR.
NO FAIR!
NO FAIR!
I ALMOST FELT THAT.

OOOO... POOR BABY.
WANT MOMMY TO KISS YOUR BOO-BOO AND MAKE--

TWINK
OH. SHUT. UP.

PERSONALLY, I WOULD'VE GONE WITH "SURRENDERING."


GUARDS! SHOOT HER!
SHOOT TO KILL!

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
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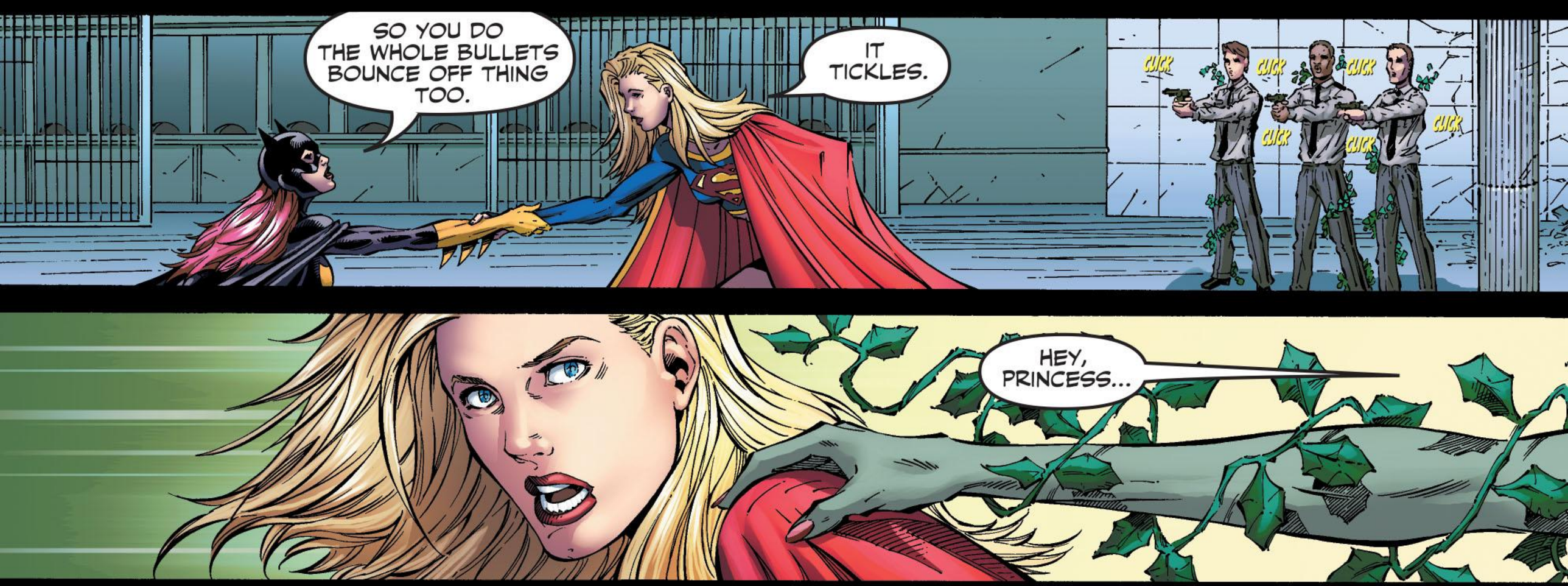
SO YOU DO THE WHOLE BULLETS BOUNCE OFF THING TOO.
IT TICKLES.
CLICK
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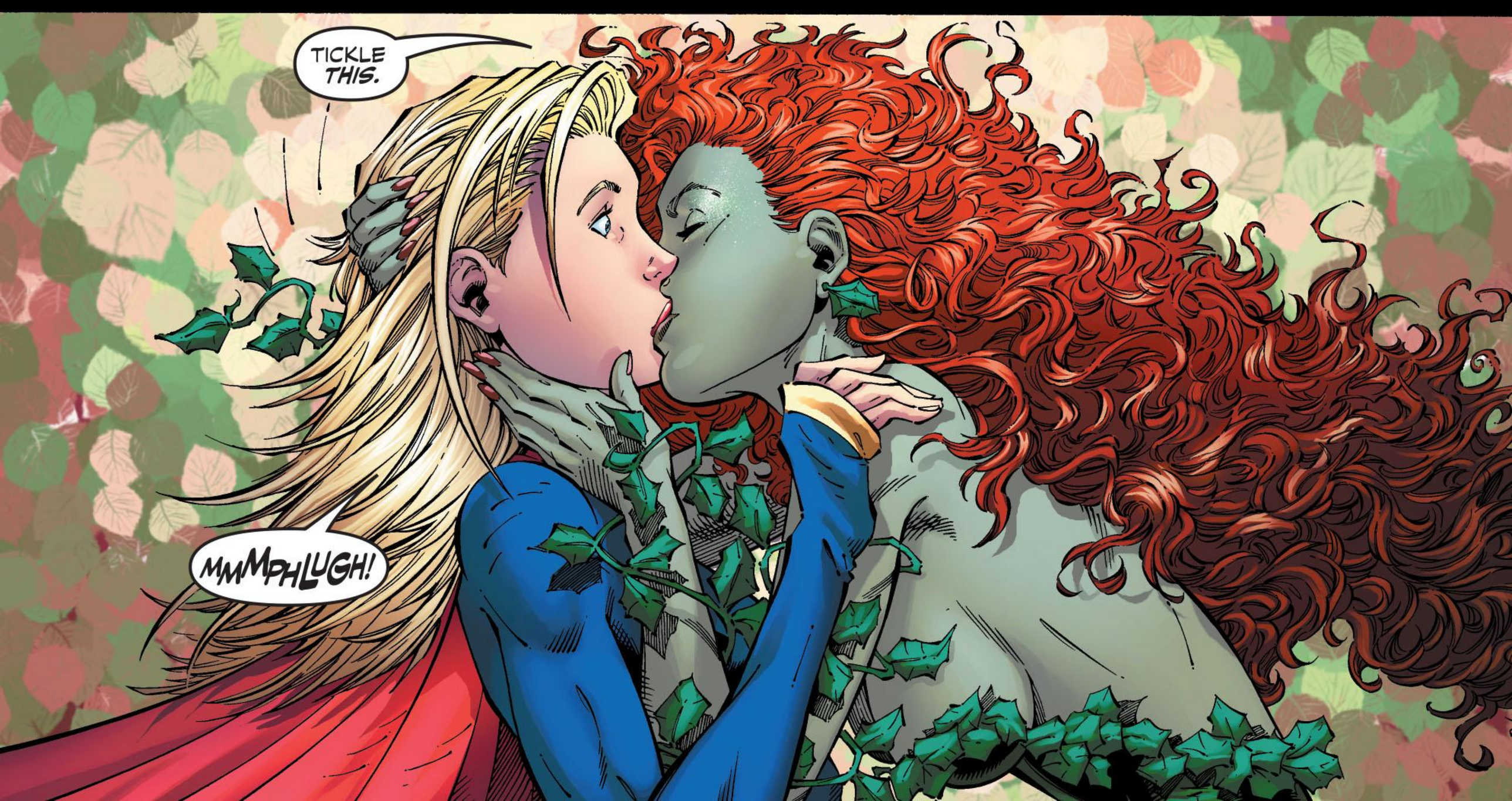
HEY, PRINCESS...


TICKLE THIS.
MMMPHLUGH!

BACK OFF!
THAT WAS WEIRD.
SURE WAS. ESPECIALLY FOR MY FIRST KISS.
NO. NOT THE KISS ITSELF.
SHE ONCE DID THE SAME THING TO SUPERMAN AND WHAM, SHE TOOK TOTAL CONTROL OF HIM.
SOME KIND OF SYNTHETIC KRYPTONITE LIPSTICK SHE GOT FROM LUTHOR.
I WONDER WHY SHE DIDN'T AFFECT YOU?
I...DON'T KNOW.
NOW.

JUST HOW STRONG ARE YOU?!

NOW THIS IS FUN.
MAYBE NOT SO TOUGH, HUH?
BOOM BOOM
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF GOTHAM
BOOM
BOOM
SUCH A PRETTY FACE.
SEEMS LIKE A SHAME TO MESS IT UP.
ALMOST.

SO WE FOUND OUT THE SYNTHETIC KRYPTONITE DOESN'T REALLY AFFECT YOU...

...CAN'T SAY THE SAME FOR THE REAL STUFF THOUGH-- *IF* A GUY LIKE ME CAN GET A HOLD OF IT.

I THOUGHT IT WAS KINDA WEIRD BEING THE *OLD* BATGIRL, BUT YOU DIDN'T NOTICE.

WHERE YOU FROM THAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW, ANYWAY?

WHOA! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!

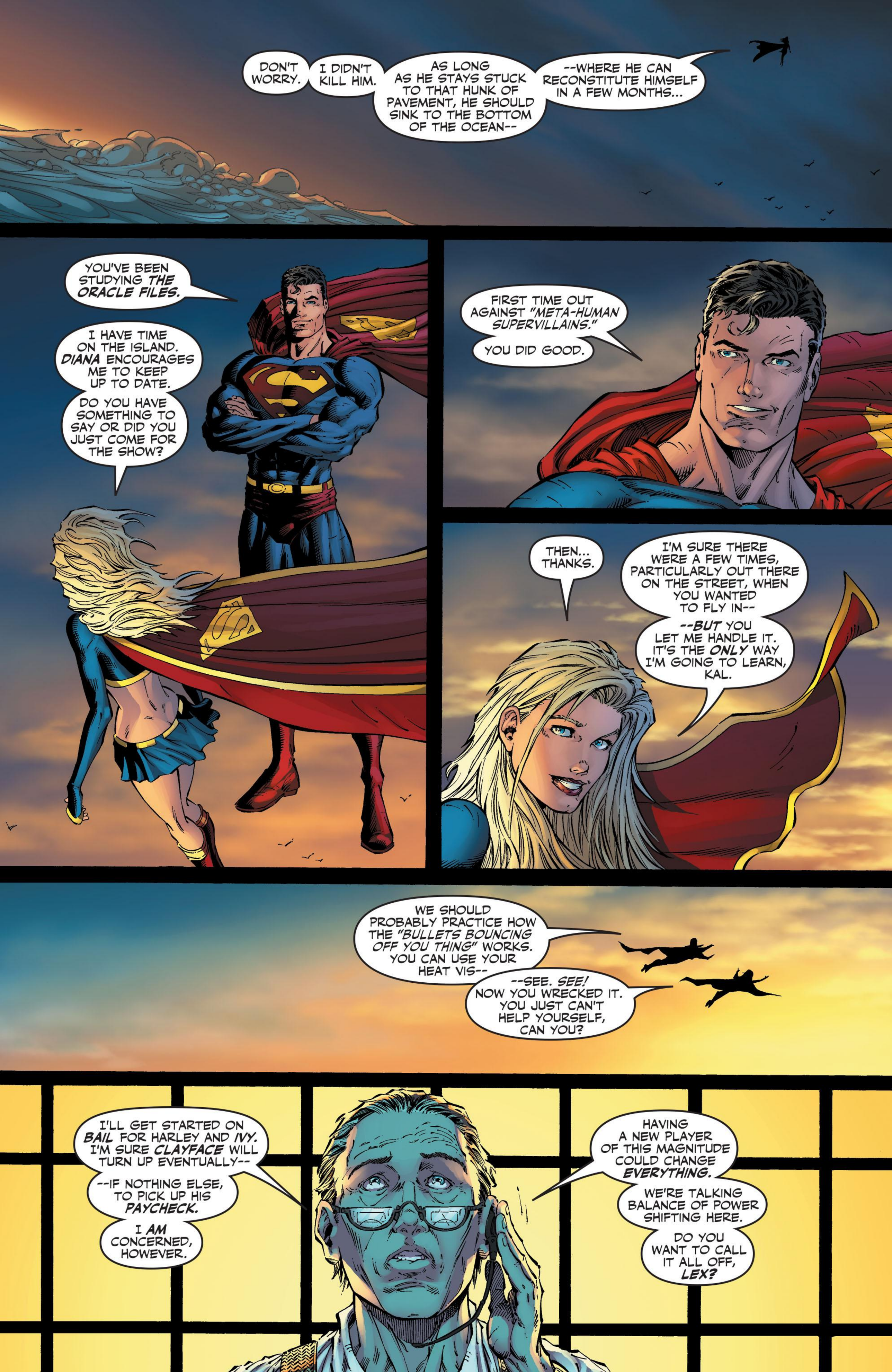
GUESS YOU WEREN'T PAYING ATTENTION WHEN I SAID, *"I'VE READ A LITTLE ABOUT YOU."*

IT'S *HORRIBLE* WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ORIGINAL BATGIRL...

I DIDN'T KNOW *WHO* WAS IMPERSONATING HER--

--BUT I KNEW SOONER OR LATER YOU'D REVEAL YOURSELF--

CLAYFACE.


DON'T WORRY.
I DIDN'T KILL HIM.
AS LONG AS HE STAYS STUCK TO THAT HUNK OF PAVEMENT, HE SHOULD SINK TO THE BOTTOM OF THE OCEAN--
--WHERE HE CAN RECONSTITUTE HIMSELF IN A FEW MONTHS...
YOU'VE BEEN STUDYING *THE ORACLE FILES.*
I HAVE TIME ON THE ISLAND. *DIANA* ENCOURAGES ME TO KEEP UP TO DATE.
DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY OR DID YOU JUST COME FOR THE SHOW?
FIRST TIME OUT AGAINST *"META-HUMAN SUPERVILLAINS."*
YOU DID GOOD.
THEN... THANKS.
I'M SURE THERE WERE A FEW TIMES, PARTICULARLY OUT THERE ON THE STREET, WHEN YOU WANTED TO FLY IN--
--*BUT* YOU LET ME HANDLE IT. IT'S THE *ONLY* WAY I'M GOING TO LEARN, KAL.
WE SHOULD PROBABLY PRACTICE HOW THE *"BULLETS BOUNCING OFF YOU THING"* WORKS. YOU CAN USE YOUR HEAT VIS--
--SEE. *SEE!* NOW YOU WRECKED IT. YOU JUST CAN'T HELP YOURSELF, CAN YOU?
I'LL GET STARTED ON *BAIL* FOR HARLEY AND *IVY.* I'M SURE *CLAYFACE* WILL TURN UP EVENTUALLY--
--IF NOTHING ELSE, TO PICK UP HIS *PAYCHECK.*
I *AM* CONCERNED, HOWEVER.
HAVING A NEW PLAYER OF THIS MAGNITUDE COULD CHANGE *EVERYTHING.*
WE'RE TALKING BALANCE OF POWER SHIFTING HERE.
DO YOU WANT TO CALL IT ALL OFF, *LEX?*

ON THE CONTRARY, NOAH...
...THE GAME JUST GOT THAT MUCH MORE INTERESTING...
Kara's probably right. I can't help myself from looking over her shoulder. And for now, that's going to have to be okay with her.
Clark was right. Kara did handle herself well. I just can't help feeling like it was all a setup. A test.
But who would do that?
And more important... why?
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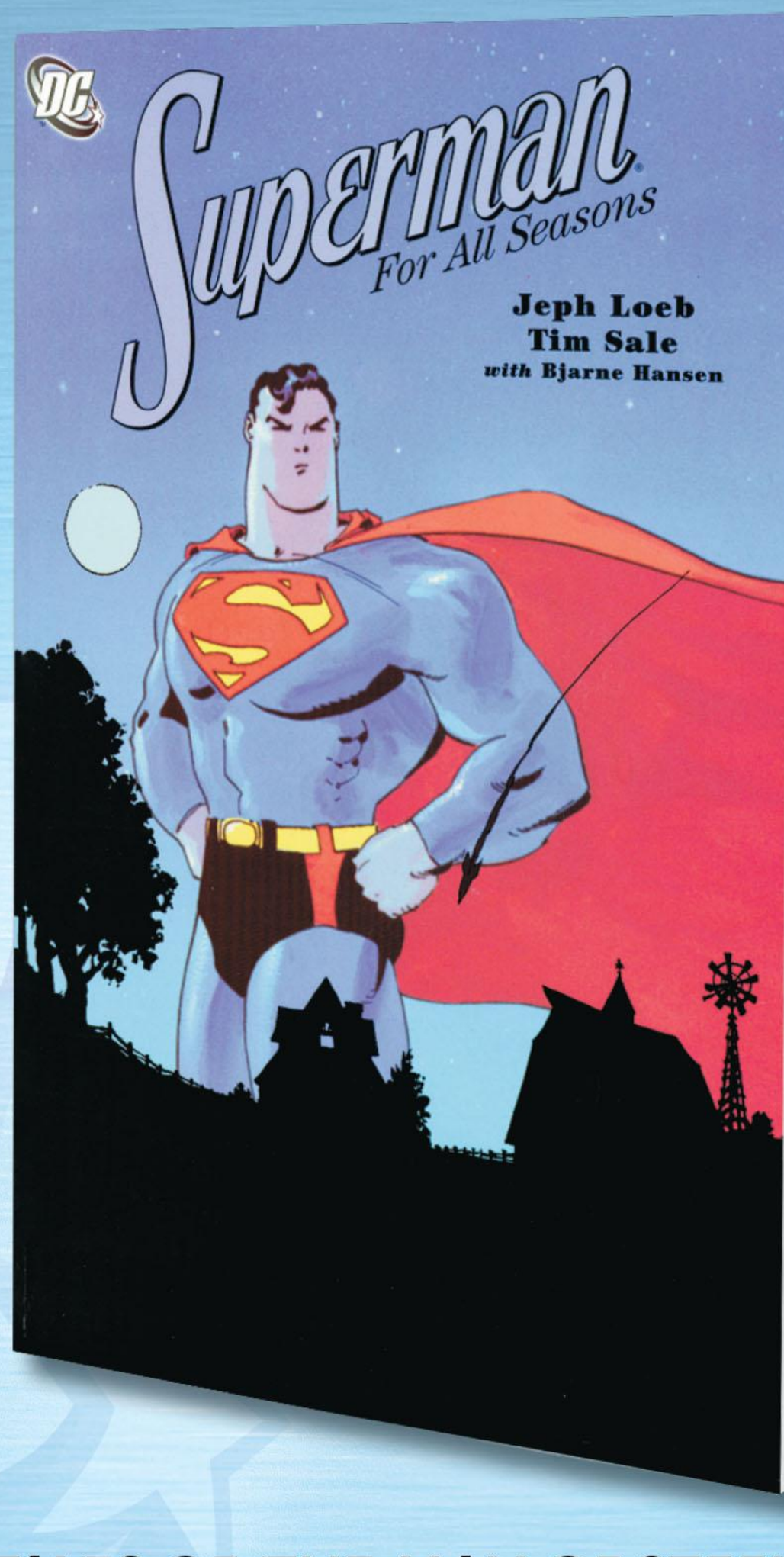

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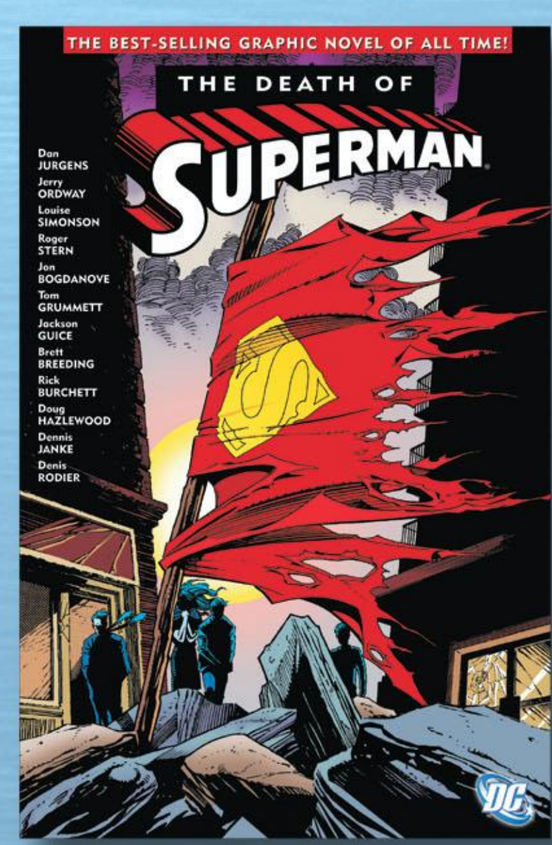

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