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NATIONAL CITY.
HOME TO OUR GIRL OF STEEL.



LOOK!
UP THERE! IT'S
HER!

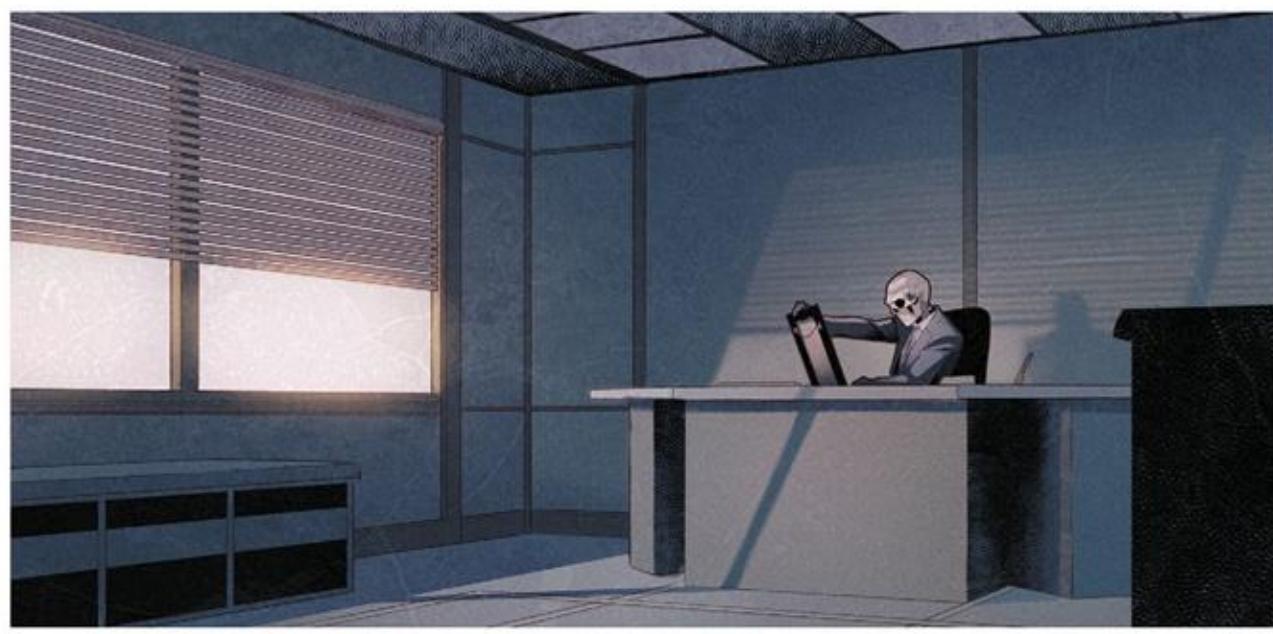
SUPERGIRL!



THE BLADE.
LOCAL D.E.O.* HEADQUARTERS.



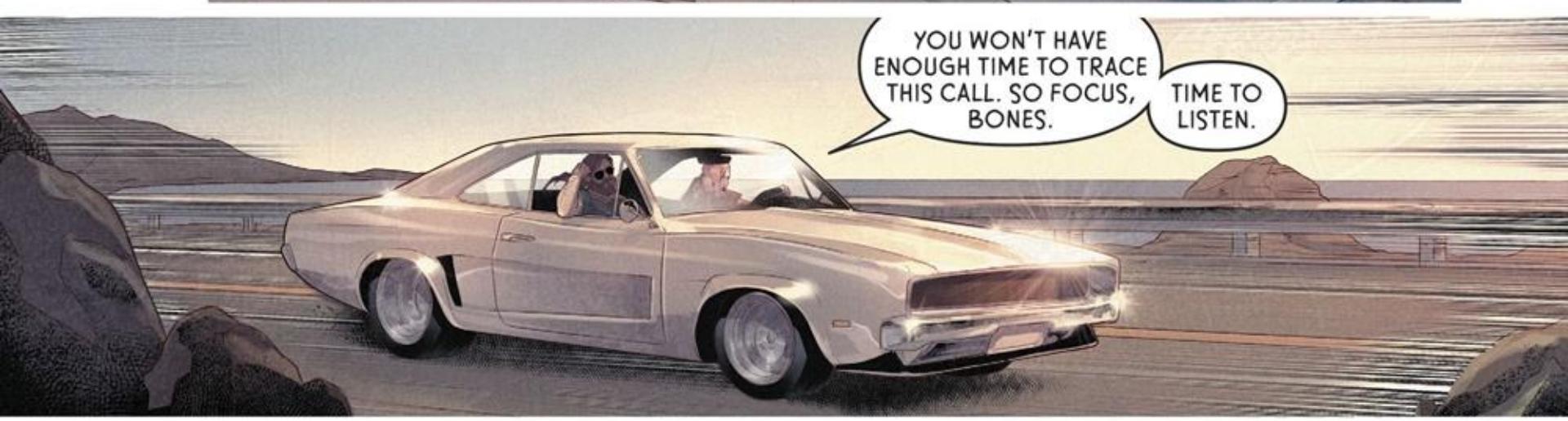
*DEPARTMENT OF EXTRANORMAL OPERATIONS -- JESS



BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

YOU WON'T HAVE
ENOUGH TIME TO TRACE
THIS CALL. SO FOCUS,
BONES.

TIME TO
LISTEN.



YOU'RE SO DESPERATE TO GET AT SUPERGIRL, YOU'D BURN YOUR OWN HOUSE DOWN. FOR **WHAT?** TO PROTECT PEOPLE FROM **HER?**

YOU'RE WORKING WITH **BAD PEOPLE**, BONES. WHO'S GOING TO PROTECT THE NATIONAL FROM **THEM?**

YOU'RE **NOT** THE LOCAL DIRECTOR ANYMORE, CHASE. EVEN WHEN YOU WERE, YOU WORKED FOR ME.

YOU HAVE **NO IDEA** WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

YOU THREW ME TO THE WOLVES AFTER THE EMERALD EMPRESS' ATTACK.* BUT YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME, BONES.

I KNOW YOU'RE WORKING WITH MOKKARI.

*PUN INTENDED IN *SUPERGIRL #12-14!* --JESS

DID YOU **REALLY** THINK YOU COULD CONTROL ONE OF **DARKSEID'S SCIENCE SADISTS?**

VERITAS **CRACKED** MOKKARI'S FILES.

MOKKARI SOLD THE PHANTOM-DRIVE PLANS TO **TYCHO**. AND HE'S NOW IMPRISONED DR. VERITAS.

HE'S **USING** YOU, BONES. AND YOU'RE SO OBSESSED WITH YOUR OWN ENDS, YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THAT YOURSELF.

VROOOOM

...**LIS**...**TEN** TO ME, BONES. GET OUT OF YOUR OWN WAY AND HELP ME SHUT MOKKARI DOWN.

...WHAT MAKES YOU THINK **ANYTHING** MOKKARI'S DONE WASN'T AT MY OWN **PERSONAL ORDER?**

GOOD-BYE, CHASE. SEE YOU IN **HELL**.

I'M **STOPPING** THIS. WE WORKED TOGETHER FOR YEARS, SO I'M GIVING YOU A CHANCE...

I WANT TO TRUST SUPERGIRL, BUT EVERYTHING SHE'S DONE, GOOD AND BAD... COMPLICATES IT.

BUT I DO WANT TO. I'VE BEEN TRAWLING THE CATCO APP, LOOKING FOR ANYTHING, FOR A REASON...

...LOOKING FOR HOPE.

I FOUND LEE SERRANO.

HEY, LEE,
RIGHT? BEN RUBEL.
THANKS FOR WAITING.
APPRECIATE IT.

NO
WORRIES, BEN.
I'M IN NO RUSH.
THEY GOT PRETTY
SOLID COFFEE
HERE.

SURPRISED YOUR
PARENTS ARE OKAY
WITH YOU MEETING UP
WITH A STRANGER
TO TALK.

HA!
THEY'RE JUST
HAPPY TO HAVE ME
OUTTA THE HOUSE,
Y'KNOW?

HOW 'BOUT YOU? YOUR FOLKS NOT
FREAKING ABOUT YOU MEETING UP
WITH SOME RANDO PERSON
FROM ONLINE?

THEY DON'T CARE
WHAT I DO, LONG AS I'M
NOT CRAMPING THEIR
STYLE IN METROPOLIS...

...THEY WANTED TO SEND ME
TO SOME PRETENTIOUS PRIVATE
SCHOOL, WHERE **ALL** OF THEIR
FRIENDS' KIDS GO. I WOULDN'T
BE A TROPHY, SO...YEAH, THEY
SHIPPED ME OUT.

BUT ENOUGH
ABOUT ME, WE'RE HERE
TO TALK ABOUT **YOU**,
AND THE **STORY** YOU
UPLOADED TO THE
CATCO APP.

...“SHE **MUST** THINK
SHE'S **BETTER** THAN
US--**ABOVE** US,” AND
“THERE'S **NO** WAY SHE
COULD UNDERSTAND,”
RIGHT?

BUT
THAT'S NOT THE
TRUTH.

FUNNY
ENOUGH, THE
FIRST TIME WE
MET...

SURPRISED
TO SEE IT WAS
PRO-SUPERGIRL...
CONSIDERING
WHAT SHE **HID**
FROM US.

PEOPLE ARE OUT HERE
TALKING, SAYING SUPER-
GIRL'S **DANGEROUS**,
THAT SHE **CAN'T** BE
TRUSTED.

SAYING THAT
HER HIDING HER DAD--
TRYING TO **HELP HIM**--
IS WRONG...

I MEAN, SHE'S THE
“ALL-AMERICAN IDEAL”--
BLONDE, WHITE, PRETTY--
AND SHE CAN **FLY**...

...I HEARD
THE TALK.
BELIEVED IT FOR
A WHILE, EVEN...



"...SHE SAVED
MY LIFE.

FWOOSH!

"I'D JUST DECIDED TO,
UH, LEAVE HOME. LIKE,
LEAVE LEAVE.

WOW!

*SUPergirl Vol. 1: Reign of
the Cyborg Supermen -- Jess



"IT WAS A TIME IN MY LIFE I
FELT TRAPPED...LIKE IN ONE OF
THOSE TERRIBLE SPY MOVIES.
Y'KNOW, THE SCENES WITH
THE LASER ROOMS?

"IT FELT LIKE I WAS
ALWAYS DODGING, TRYING
TO AVOID TRIGGERING
AN ALARM...

"...I HAD TO
GET OUT. IT WAS
TOO MUCH
PRESSURE.

"JUST MY LUCK, I
RUN AWAY DURING
THE END OF THE
WORLD.

NO!
PLEASE!!





HUH?

"SHE WAS JUST
A **BLUR**."



GAH WHA--
SUPERGIRL?!

"CHAOS ALL AROUND...THE
WORLD **EXPLODING**...
AND HERE SHE WAS,
SAVING ME. **ME!**"

"NO MATTER **WHAT** I'D
EXPECTED BEFORE, SHE
WAS **AMAZING**, BEN...
INCREDIBLE."



SMASH



YOU--
YOU SAVED
MY LIFE!

ARE...
YOU **OKAY**
DOWN THERE?
THAT LOOKED
BRUTAL!

I AM FINE,
IT IS ALL PART OF
THE JOB. THANK
YOU...

LEE.

THANKS,
LEE. I AM
SUPERGIRL.

IT IS
DANGEROUS OUT
HERE. YOU SHOULD
GET SOMEWHERE
SAFE.

YEAH, I...SHOULD
PROBABLY HEAD
HOME.

MIKE BE
BETTER OFF WITH
THE **CYBORGS**,
THOUGH.

HAVE TO RUN,
SAVING THE WORLD
AND STUFF, BUT I **WILL**
BE AROUND IF YOU
NEED ME.

"SOUNDED LIKE A
STANDARD LINE TO
ME--JUST TV HERO
STUFF, FOR VIEWTUBE."

"SHE DIDN'T
ACTUALLY CARE
WHERE I WENT."

"BUT NEXT TIME I SAW HER, SHE SMILED...SAID 'HI.' BUT THERE'S **NO WAY** SHE **REMEMBERED** ME, RIGHT?"

"EXCEPT SHE **DID**. SHE'D STOP TO **CHECK IN**. IT WAS WEIRD...I MEAN, WHO WAS I TO **HER**?"

"SHE WASN'T JUST **ACTING** LIKE SHE **CARED**. SHE PUT THE **TIME** IN."

"AND I NEEDED SOMEONE LIKE THAT MORE THAN I THOUGHT..."

I'VE GOT **SUPER-SENSES**, REMEMBER, LEE? I CAN HEAR YOUR HEART RACING...I AM **HERE** IF YOU NEED TO TALK..."

YEAH, I...I **WANT** TO. FEELS LIKE I'LL **EXPLODE** IF I DON'T TELL **SOMEONE**.

✓ THIS IS **TERRIFYING**... AND--WE'RE FRIENDS THOUGH...RIGHT?--SO I CAN TELL YOU...?

...I'M... **DIFFERENT**.

I...DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M A **GIRL**. NOT BECAUSE I DON'T LIKE STUFF THAT'S "FOR GIRLS" OR WHATEVER--I **DO**.

AND **NOT** BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE I'M A **GUY**...

...AND I HAVEN'T **TOLD** ANYONE ELSE YET, AND SOMEHOW THEY **KNOW** AT SCHOOL. IT'S GONNA COME OUT, AND WHEN IT DOES...MY PARENTS WILL KILL ME.

WHEN WE MET...IT WASN'T **CYBORGS** I WAS RUNNING FROM.



YES, PARENTS CAN PROTECT YOU. THEY CAN **ALSO** HURT YOU DEEPER THAN ANYONE ELSE. **BOTH** ARE ROOTED IN **LOVE**.

I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOUR PARENTS WILL THINK, LEE...

...LEE...MY PARENTS SENT ME AWAY IN A ROCKET. THEY DID NOT ASK WHAT I WANTED. THEY MADE THAT CHOICE **FOR** ME.

EVEN NOW... I **WISH** I HAD MORE TIME WITH THEM, BACK LIKE IT WAS ON MY HOME PLANET...



...BUT **WHATEVER** HAPPENS, I **KNOW** I AM GLAD YOU TOLD ME... AND I KNOW YOU ARE NOT ALONE.

"SUPergirl didn't always know **WHAT** to say, but she didn't lie, never said things would be magically okay.

"I COULD TRUST THAT."

LOCKER ROOM

LOOK AT THIS, CHUCK.

CREEPING AROUND THE GIRL'S LOCKER ROOM? YOU **LOST**, BRO?

AW COME ON, MAN...

NO, THAT'S NOT IT, RIGHT? BECAUSE WE **TALKED** ABOUT THIS ALREADY.

YOU KNOW YOU DON'T BELONG IN THERE.

I--I JUST WANT TO GET TO CLASS, CHUCK. PLEASE, COME ON--

YOU TRYING TO SNAP PICTURES IN THERE, HUH?

YOU GOT SOME **WEIRD** STUFF GOING ON, SERRANO. **WHATEVER** YOU **THINK** IT IS, YOU DON'T GET TO JUST SHOVE IT IN OUR FACES.

SLAM

I **CATCH** YOU HERE AGAIN? I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'LL **NEVER** BE ABLE TO BOTHER THE GIRLS EVER!

GOT THAT, FREAK?!

LOOK AT THE LITTLE FAIRY! **TOTALLY** GONNA CRY.

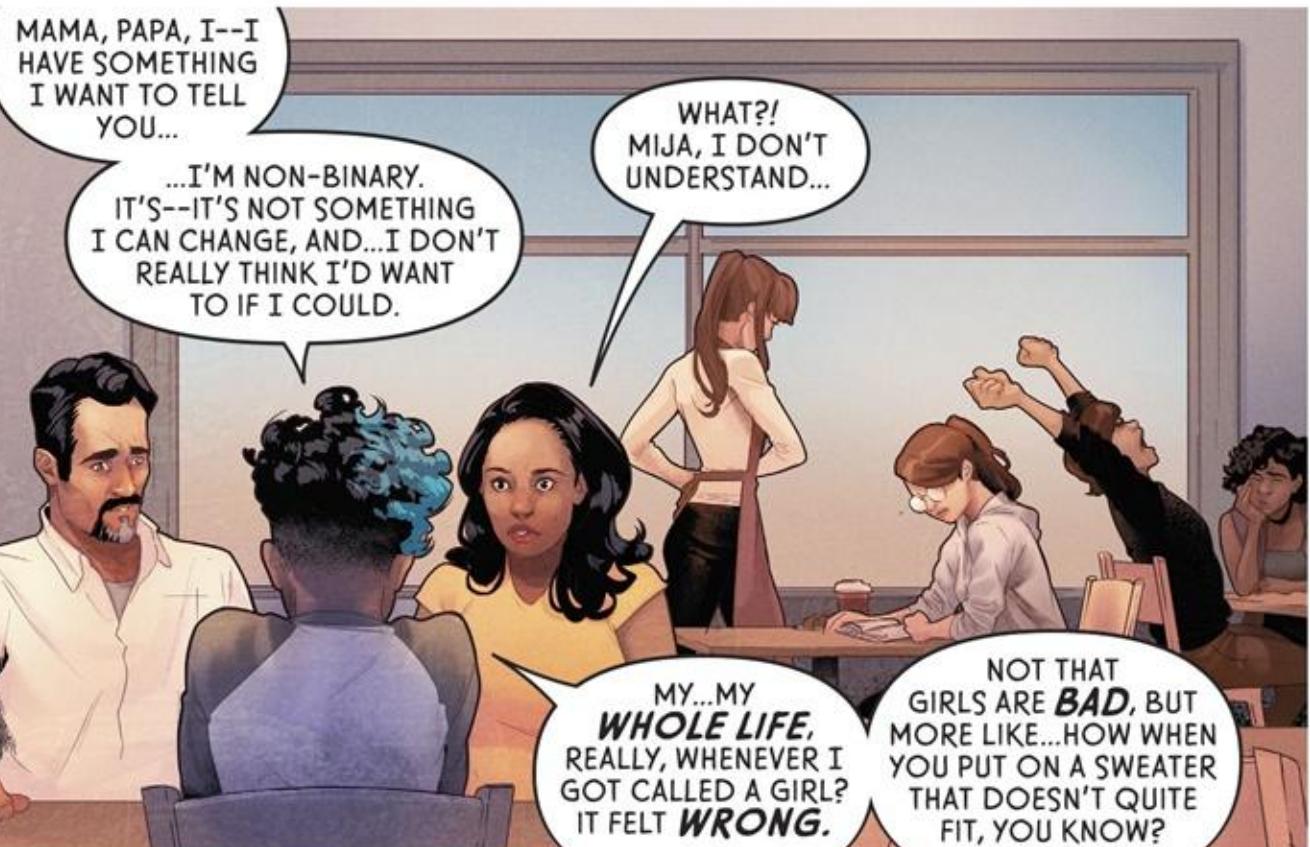
BET YOUR **DAD** CRIES LIKE THAT, TOO, CHUCK, CAUSE HE--**UGH!**

SHUT THE HELL UP, BILLY.





WEEKS LATER.



"WHO KNOWS WHAT BOthers SUPERGIRL, WHAT HER PROBLEMS LOOK LIKE? HELL, EVEN I JUDGED HER AT FIRST..."

YOU SUCKER-PUNCH ME AND THINK YOU CAN LIVE TO TELL ABOUT IT, SERRANO?

"BUT AFTER I CAME OUT, MAYBE SHE DIDN'T FEEL SO ALONE ANYMORE."

"I HOPE SO."

LOOK CHUCK, THE FREAK THOUGHT GETTING SUSPENDED FROM SCHOOL WOULD SAVE 'IM!

SNAG

AFTERNOON, GENTLEMEN...YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN, RIGHT?

SUPERGIRL!

WHA-- LET ME GO!

SMASH

REALLY? A BOOKBAG?

BACK OFF! I'VE SEEN YOU ON CATCO!

SHOULDN'T YOU BE TOSSING THE MOON AROUND? OR HIDING ALIEN TRAITORS UNDERNEATH US?

SUPER-VILLAIN OR NOT, NO ONE ATTACKS MY FRIENDS.

FRIEND? THE FAIRY? ARE YOU SERIOUS, WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?

WAIT. PLEASE...LET ME DO THIS, OKAY? I NEED TO DO THIS MYSELF.

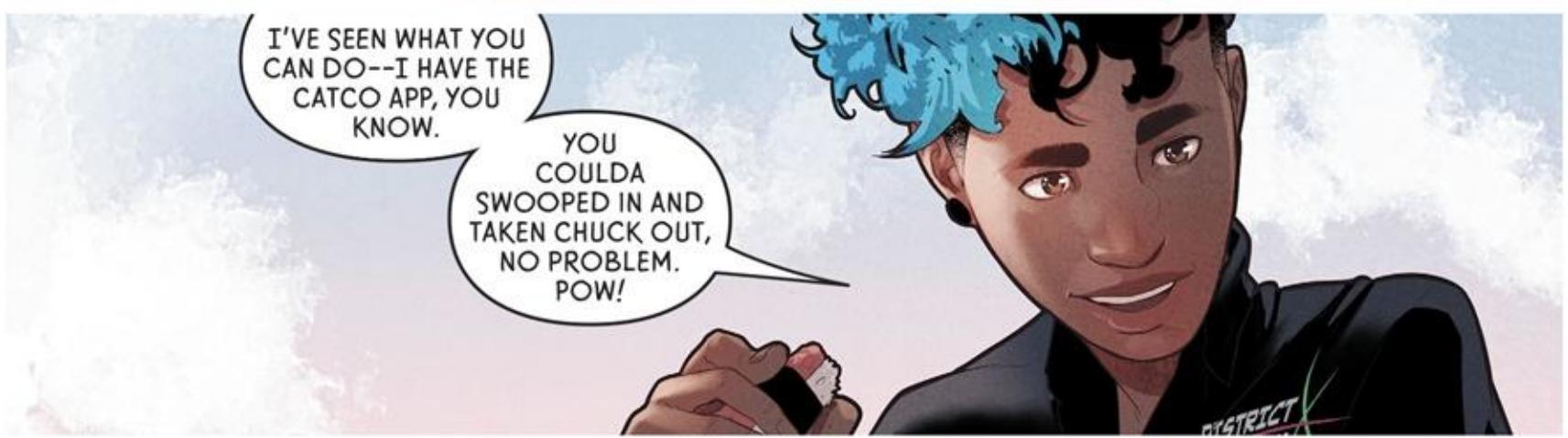
YOU WALK AROUND HERE HURTING ME LIKE I'M THE ONE WHO MESSED UP YOUR LIFE. DO YOU REALLY THINK WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOUR PROBLEM IS, CHUCK?

WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO? BUST YOUR KNUCKLES OPEN ON ME AGAIN?

HA

HA
HA

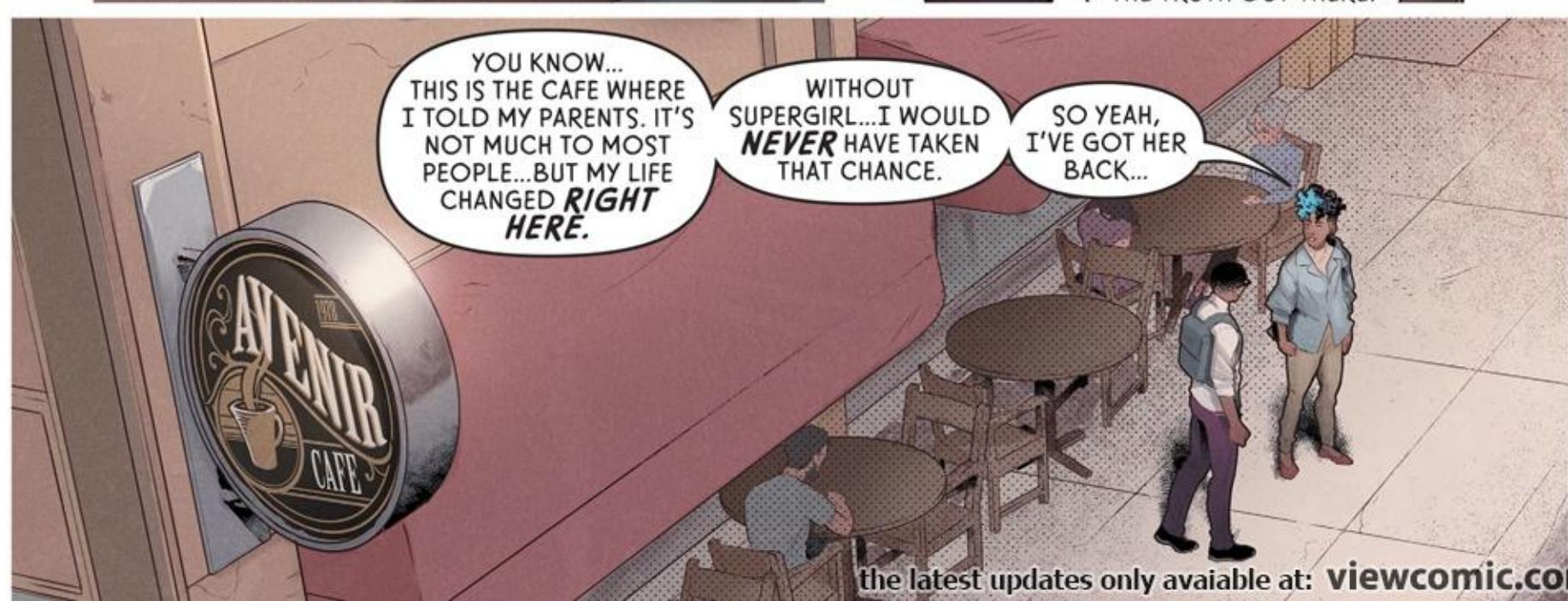
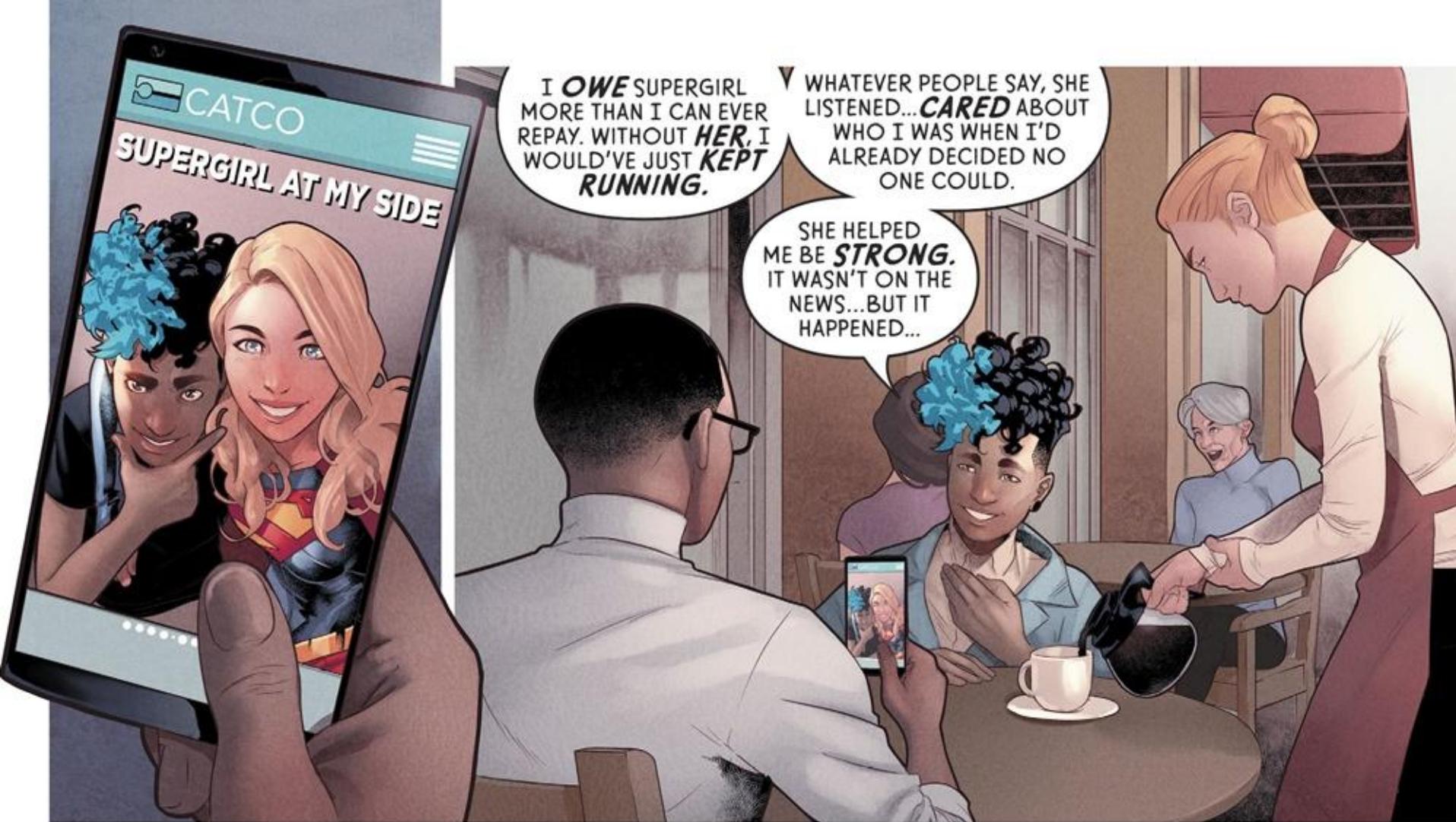






...THEN
THAT'S WHERE
I'LL BE.

ALWAYS.



"...JUST LIKE SHE
HAS **MINE**."



SUPERRGIRL

AN INDESTRUCTIBLE
SHOULDER BY BEN RUBEL

HA.
NOT BAD,
LEE...

...NOT
BAD.



YES, YES...
WHAT ABOUT
SUPERWOMAN,
DEAR?

SUPERGIRL,
MOM.

SUPERWOMAN
DOESN'T EVEN LIVE IN
THE NATIONAL.

WELL, I CAN'T
BE EXPECTED TO
KEEP THEM ALL STRAIGHT,
BENJAMIN. HOW MANY
CAN THERE BE,
TWENTY?

I'M **TRYING**
TO ASK YOUR ADVICE,
MOM, ARE YOU EVEN
LISTENING?

WHAT ARE
YOU WORRIED ABOUT,
DEAR? IS SOMETHING
WRONG WITH YOUR
APARTMENT?

DING
DID YOU
NOT GET OUR
CHECK FOR THE
MONTH?

NOT EVERYTHING
CAN BE SOLVED
WITH A CHECK,
MOM!

I'VE...I'VE BEEN
STRUGGLING FOR WEEKS,
OKAY? PEOPLE ARE AFTER
SUPergirl, THEY'RE HURT,
THEY THINK SHE HURT
THEM...

I--I WASN'T SURE BEFORE,
BUT AFTER TALKING TO LEE,
I...SUPERGIRL NEEDS HELP,
AND...I THINK I NEED
TO HELP HER.

OH, THAT'S
WONDERFUL--WHO'S
LEE, DEAR? YOUR
GIRLFRIEND?

GIRLFRIEND?
YOU **KNOW** I
DON'T JUST--

HEY,
BEN...

KNOCK
KNOCK
CLAK
CLAK

ONE LIFE

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...YOU
SAID SOME-
THING ABOUT
HELP?



MOM?
I'LL
CALL YOU
BACK.

NEXT: **SIEGE ON THE D.E.O.**