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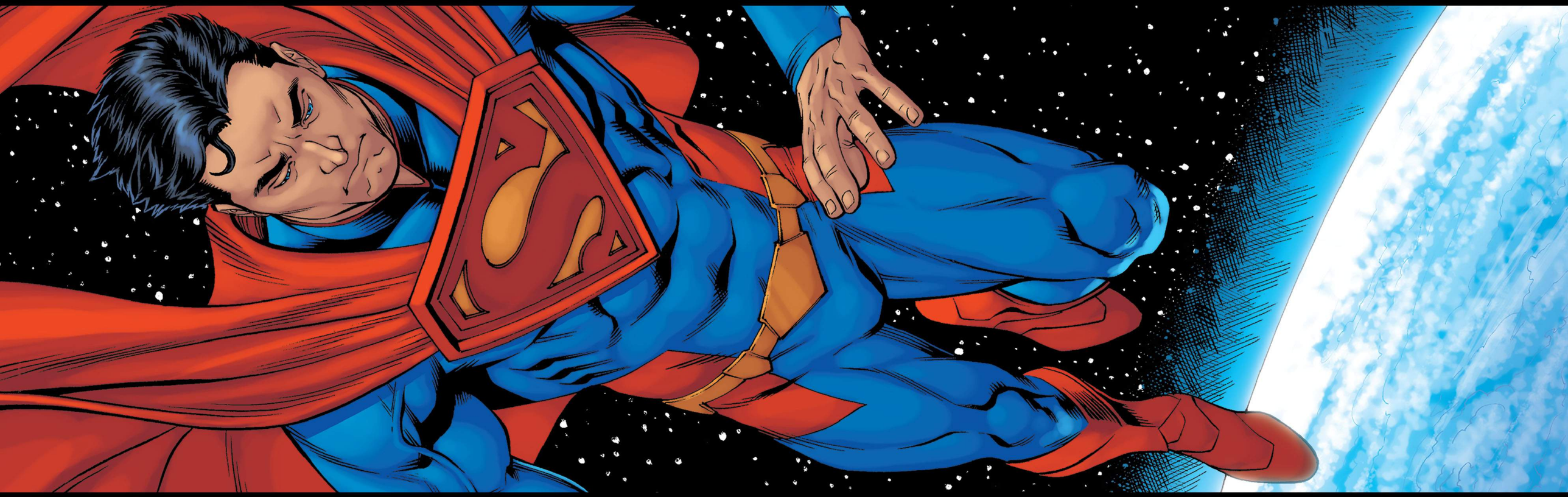

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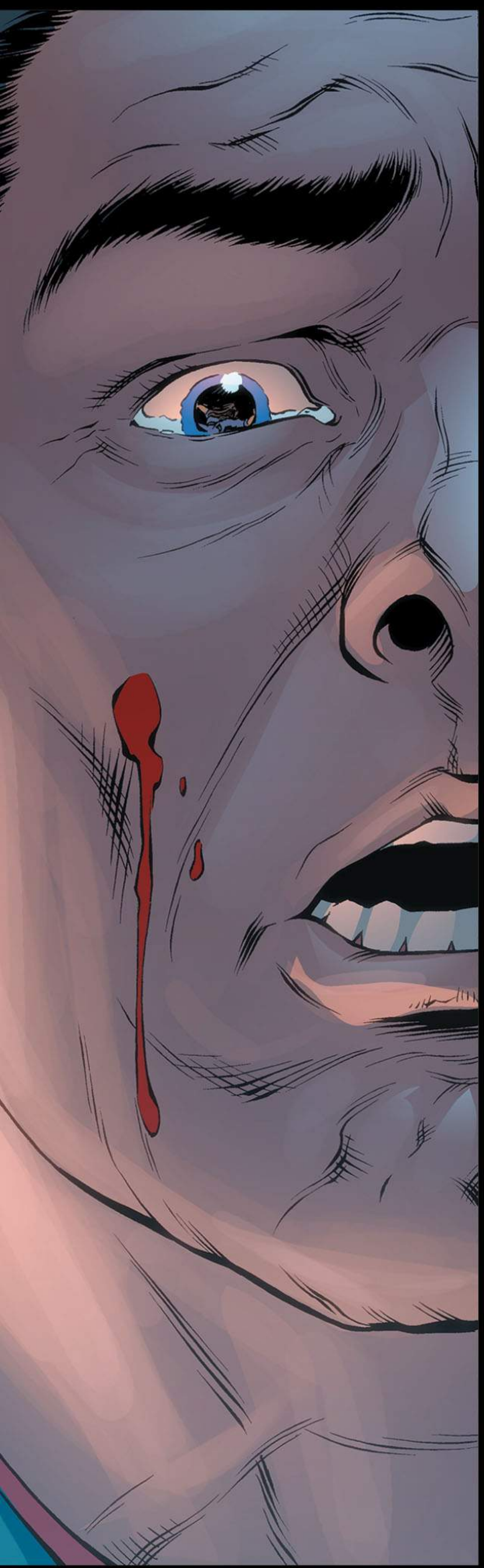

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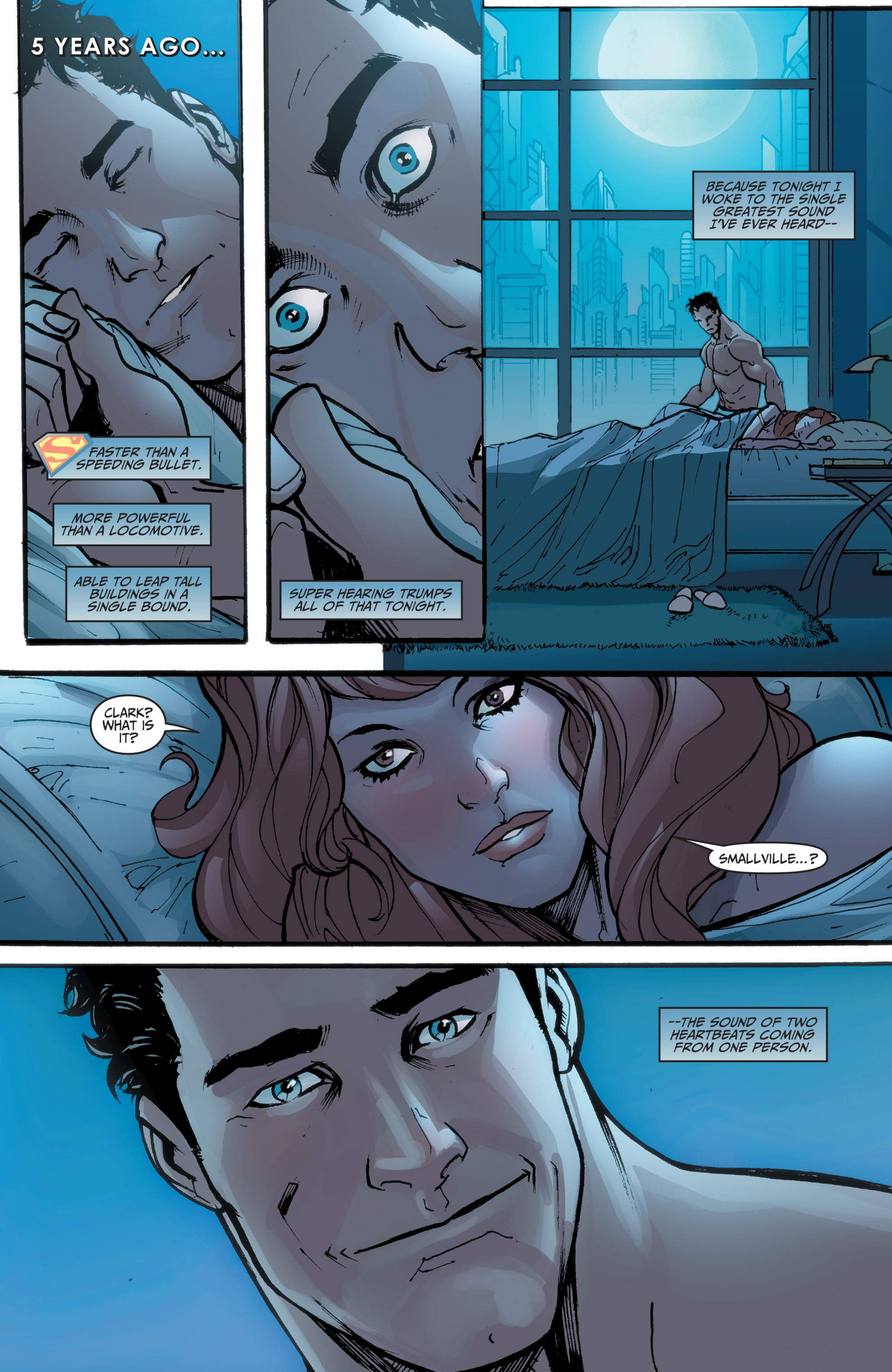
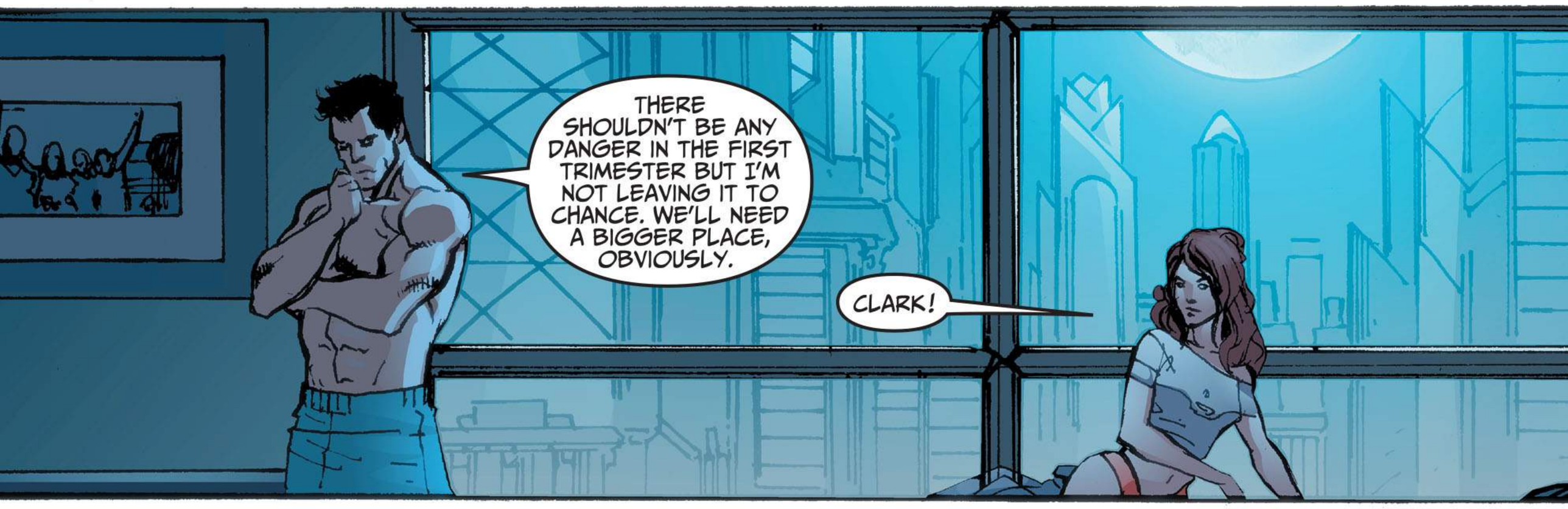
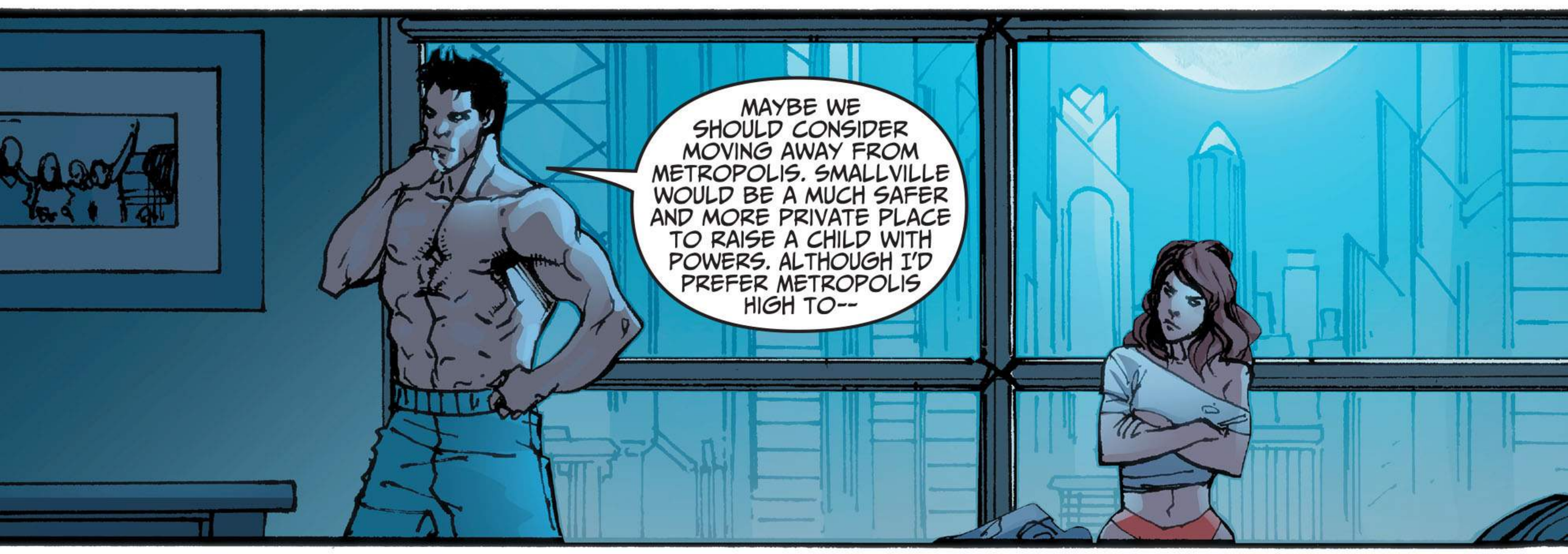
RAAPACK

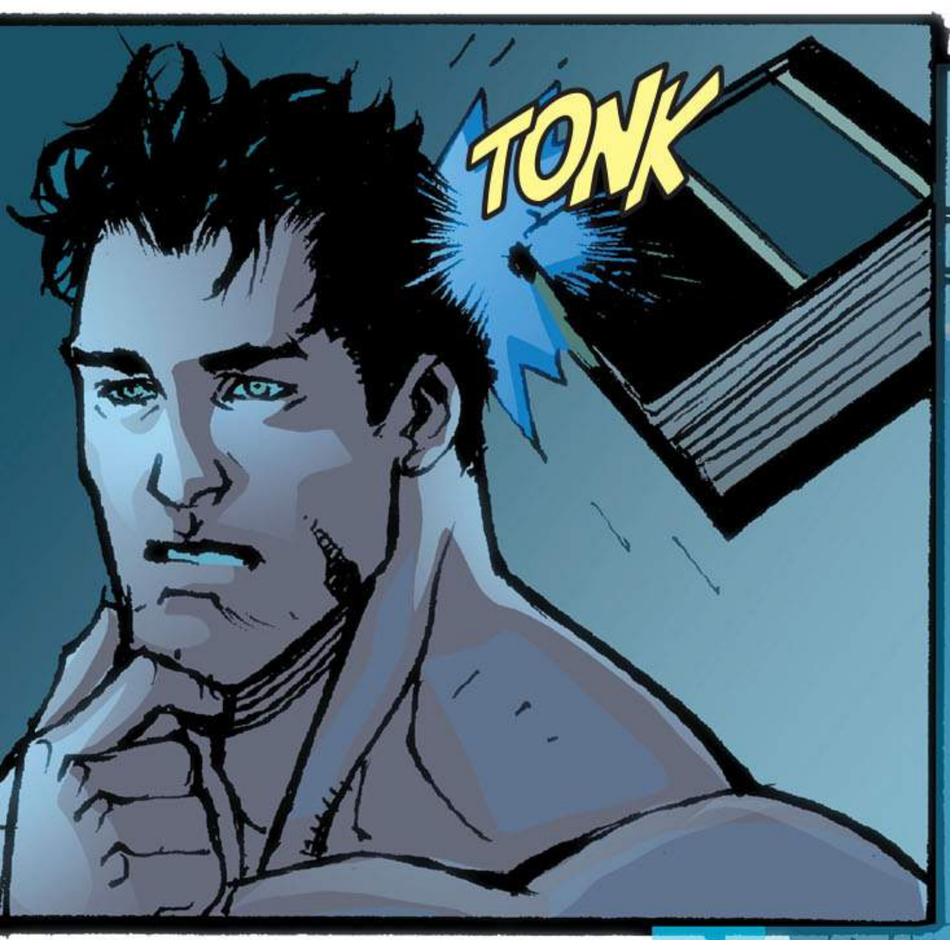
PRESENT
GOTHAM HAS FALLEN SILENT.
THE NIGHT IS NO LONGER BROKEN BY THE SOUNDS OF CRIME. CHILDREN ARE NO LONGER WOKEN BY THE SUDDEN CRACK OF A GUNSHOT. THERE ARE NO MORE CRIES IN THE DARKNESS. NO TIRES SCREECH AS WAILING SIRENS CHASE DESPERATE MEN AND WOMEN THROUGH NARROW STREETS.
IN A WAY, IT IS THE GOTHAM I ALWAYS DREAMED OF.
BUT THIS IS NO DREAM.
THIS IS A PERVERSION. THIS IS A NIGHTMARE.
IT IS THE SILENCE OF FEAR.
IT IS A SILENCE ONLY BROKEN BY THE SOUND OF MARCHING FEET. A SOUND THAT ECHOES AROUND THE WORLD.
MARCHING FEET. THE RHYTHM OF DICTATORS.
OUR WORLD IS NOW RULED BY THE IRON FIST--
--OF A MAN OF STEEL.


5 YEARS AGO...
FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BULLET.
MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE.
ABLE TO LEAP TALL BUILDINGS IN A SINGLE BOUND.
SUPER HEARING TRUMPS ALL OF THAT TONIGHT.
BECAUSE TONIGHT I WOKE TO THE SINGLE GREATEST SOUND I'VE EVER HEARD--
CLARK? WHAT IS IT?
SMALLVILLE...?
--THE SOUND OF TWO HEARTBEATS COMING FROM ONE PERSON.

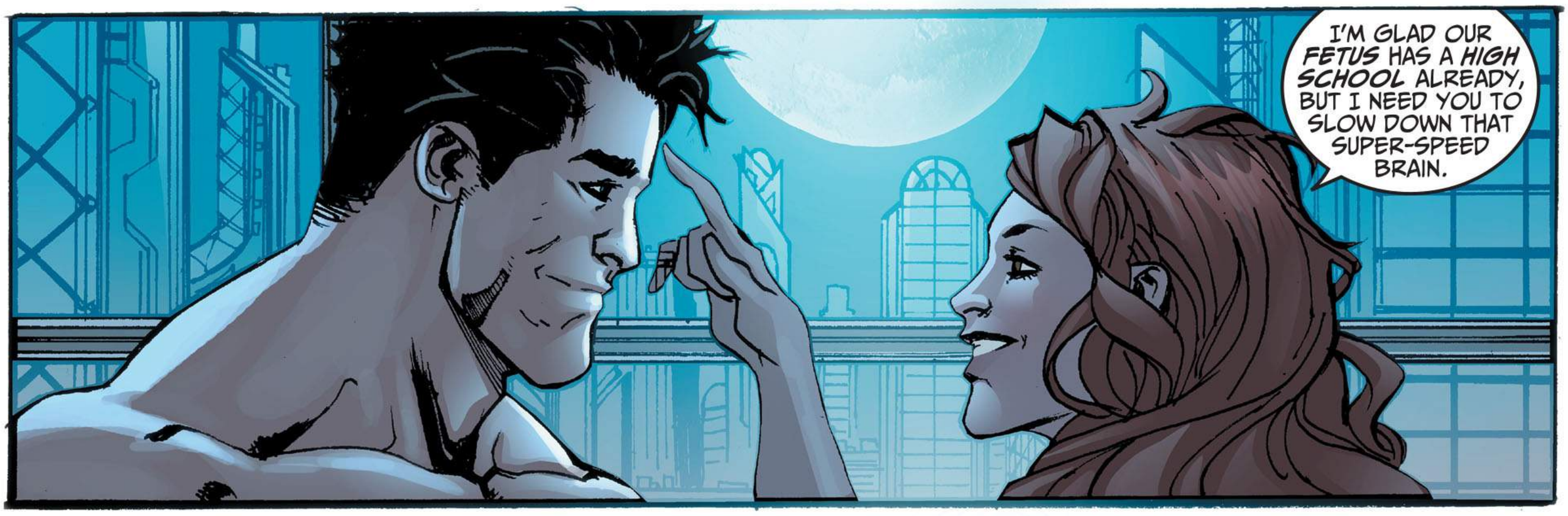
WE NEED TO GET EVERYTHING CHECKED THOROUGHLY. I'LL CONTACT STAR LABS. THERE ARE PEOPLE THERE I TRUST TO BE DISCREET.
CLARK.

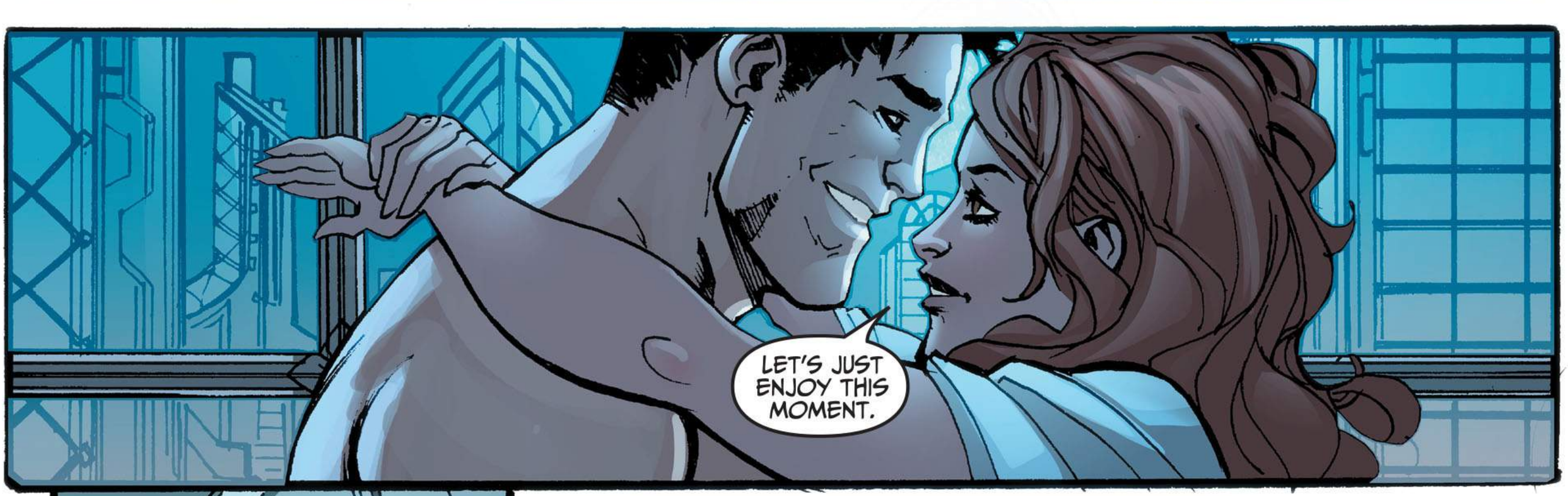

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY DANGER IN THE FIRST TRIMESTER BUT I'M NOT LEAVING IT TO CHANCE. WE'LL NEED A BIGGER PLACE, OBVIOUSLY.
CLARK!

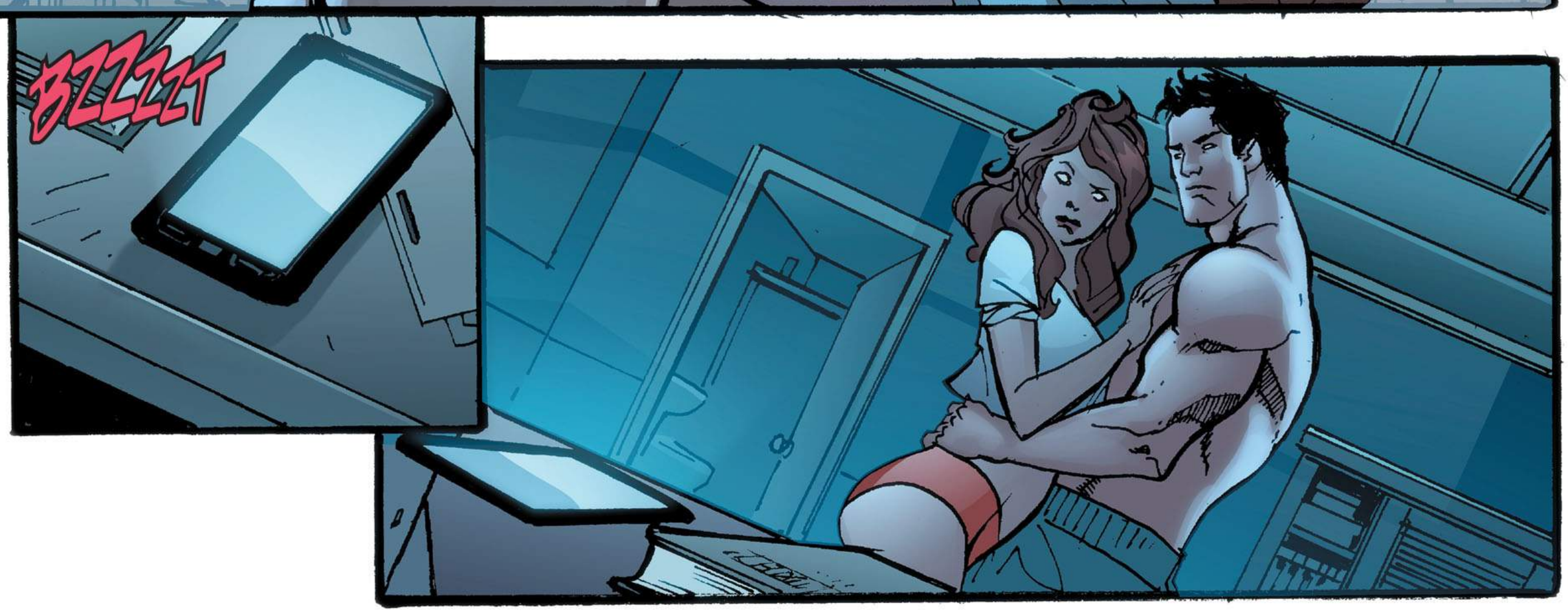

MAYBE WE SHOULD CONSIDER MOVING AWAY FROM METROPOLIS. SMALLVILLE WOULD BE A MUCH SAFER AND MORE PRIVATE PLACE TO RAISE A CHILD WITH POWERS. ALTHOUGH I'D PREFER METROPOLIS HIGH TO--


TONK

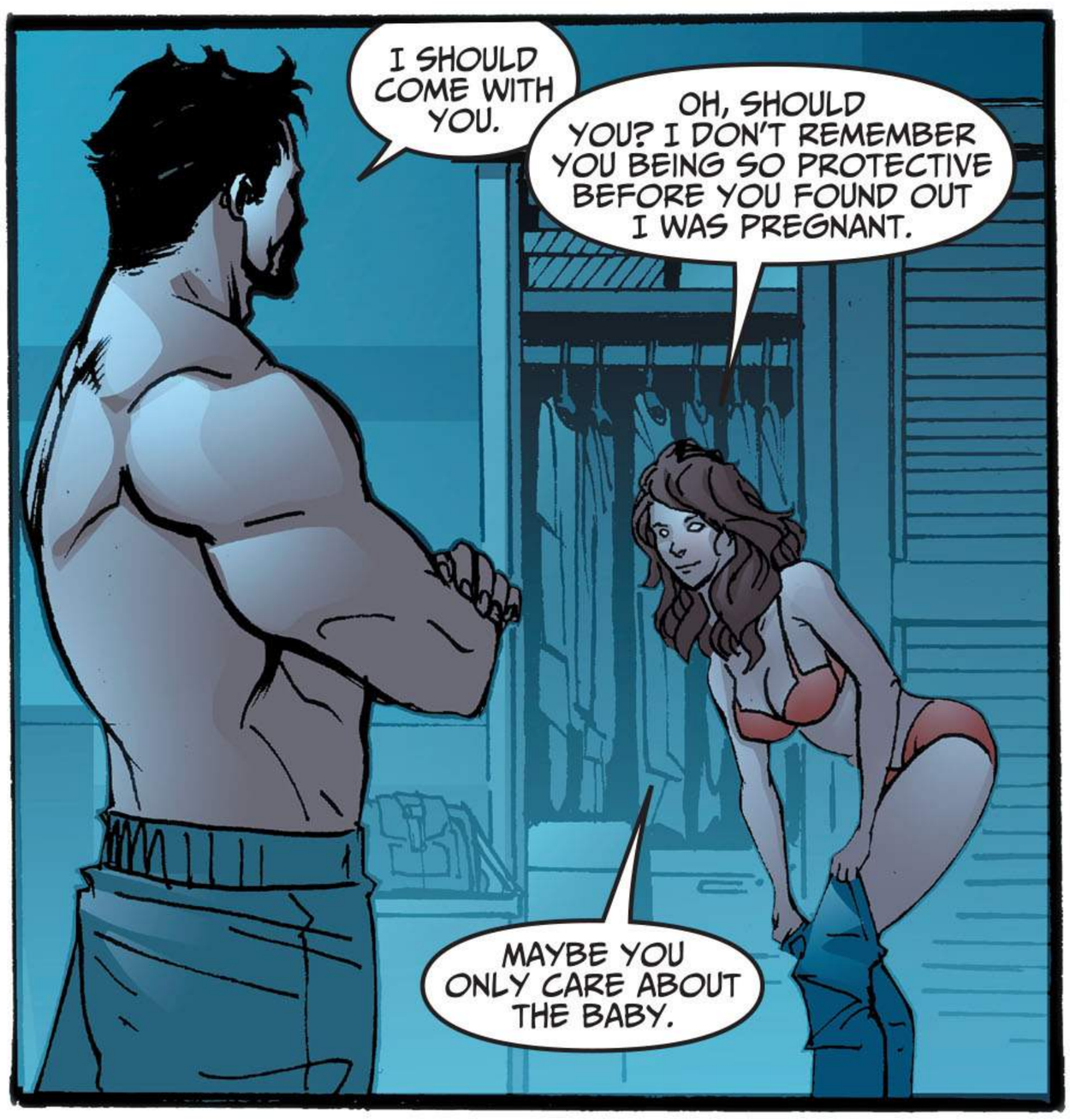
DID YOU JUST THROW A BOOK AT ME?
YOU'RE INVULNERABLE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO THROW SATISFYINGLY HARD OBJECTS AT YOU SOMETIMES.


I'M GLAD OUR FETUS HAS A HIGH SCHOOL ALREADY, BUT I NEED YOU TO SLOW DOWN THAT SUPER-SPEED BRAIN.

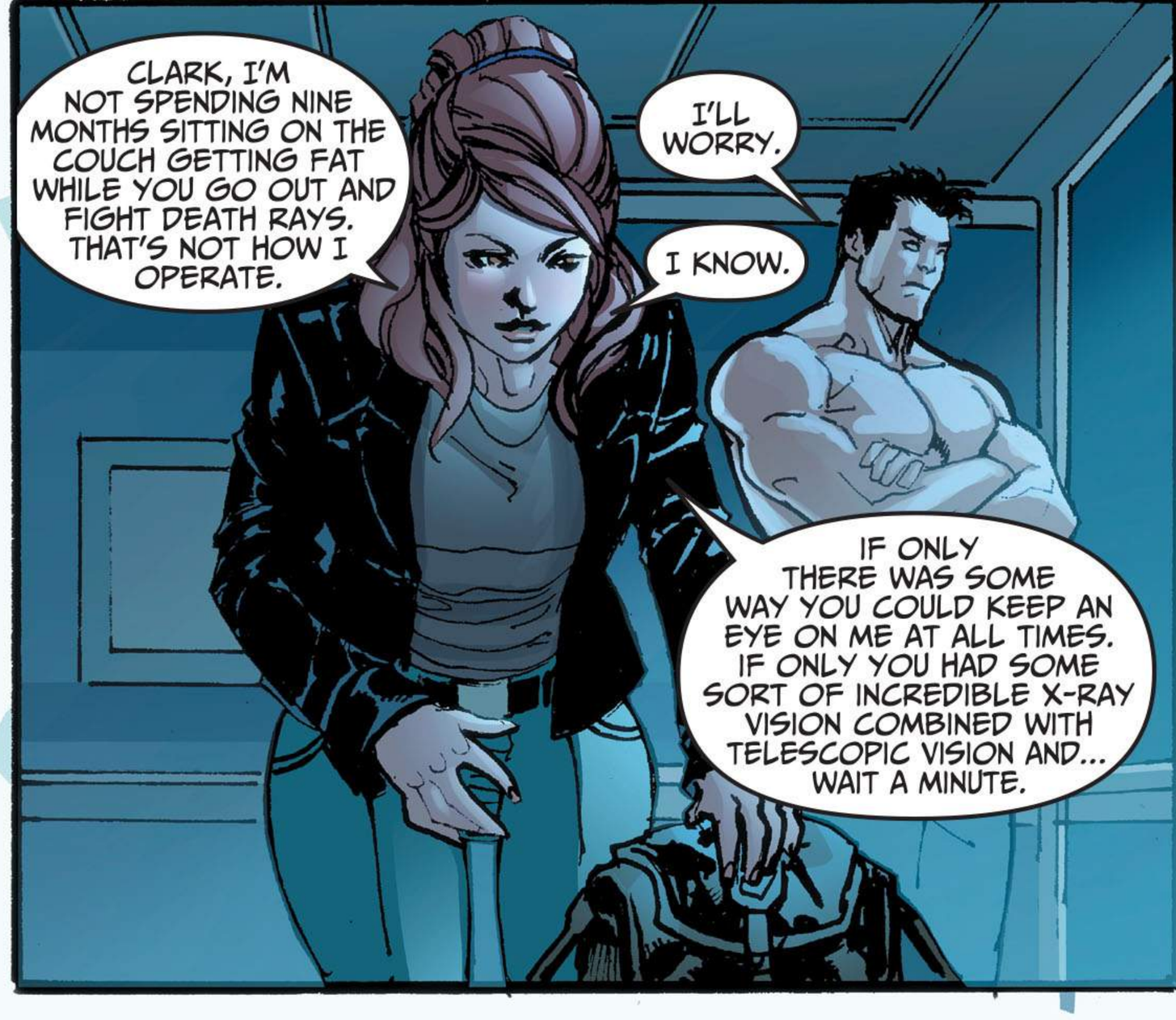

LET'S JUST ENJOY THIS MOMENT.

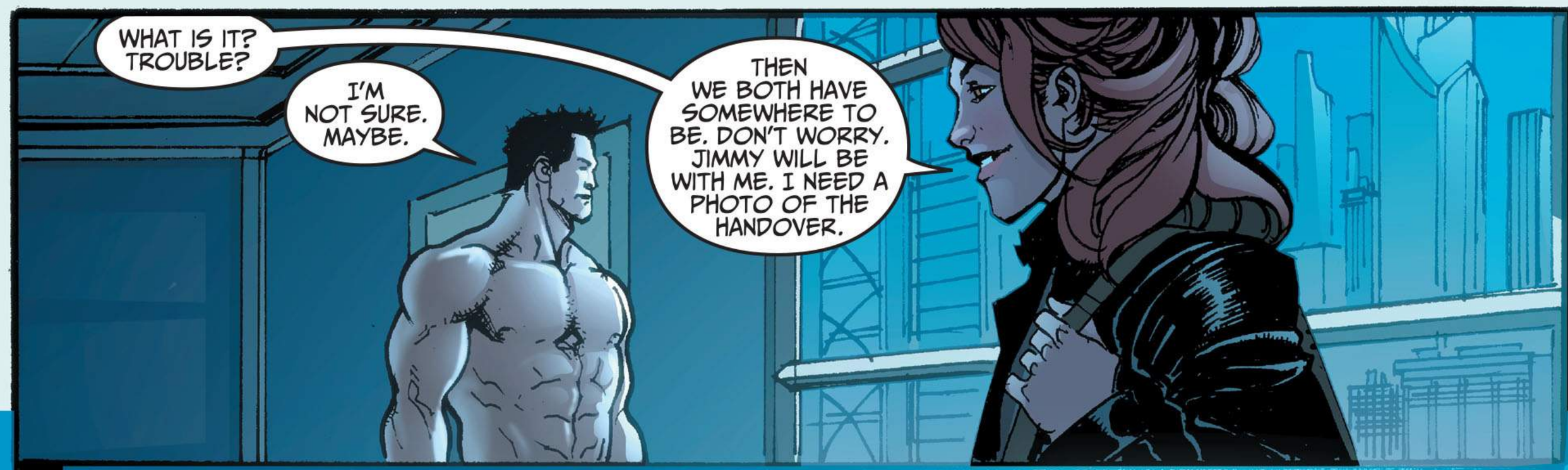

BZZZZT

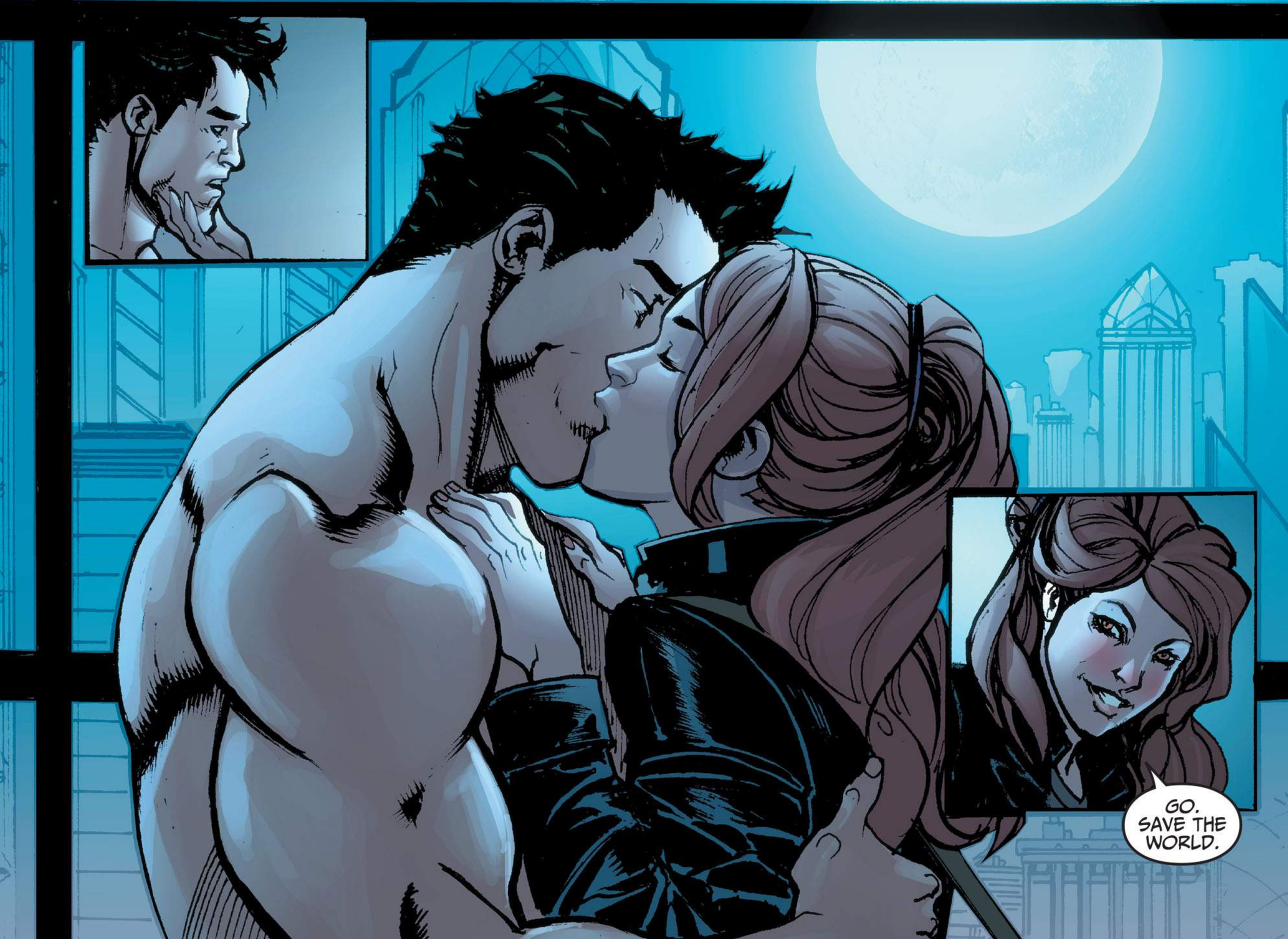
IT'S THE PLANET.
AN ANONYMOUS TIP. COUNCILMAN IVES IS TAKING A PAY OFF AT THE DOCKS TONIGHT.


I SHOULD COME WITH YOU.
OH, SHOULD YOU? I DON'T REMEMBER YOU BEING SO PROTECTIVE BEFORE YOU FOUND OUT I WAS PREGNANT.
MAYBE YOU ONLY CARE ABOUT THE BABY.

AH-HA! YOUR PLAN IS FINALLY APPARENT, ALIEN. YOU HAVE COME TO THIS PLANET ONLY TO BREED!
AND YOU HAVE CHOSEN EARTH'S MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN FOR YOUR NEFARIOUS ALIEN SCHEMES.


CLARK, I'M NOT SPENDING NINE MONTHS SITTING ON THE COUCH GETTING FAT WHILE YOU GO OUT AND FIGHT DEATH RAYS. THAT'S NOT HOW I OPERATE.
I'LL WORRY.
I KNOW.
IF ONLY THERE WAS SOME WAY YOU COULD KEEP AN EYE ON ME AT ALL TIMES. IF ONLY YOU HAD SOME SORT OF INCREDIBLE X-RAY VISION COMBINED WITH TELESCOPIC VISION AND... WAIT A MINUTE.


WHAT IS IT? TROUBLE?
I'M NOT SURE. MAYBE.
THEN WE BOTH HAVE SOMEWHERE TO BE. DON'T WORRY. JIMMY WILL BE WITH ME. I NEED A PHOTO OF THE HANDOVER.


GO. SAVE THE WORLD.

NNF!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN METROPOLIS?
CRCH
I'M ON MY WAY TO STAR LABS. SOMETHING SENSITIVE WAS TAKEN.
YOU COULD HAVE CALLED.
MEET ME UP TOP WHEN YOU'RE DONE.

I HAVE NEWS.
LOIS IS PREGNANT.
HOW DID YOU--?
YOU'RE SWEATING, YOUR PUPILS ARE DILATED AND YOUR LEFT HAND IS SHAKING. YOU DON'T USUALLY SHOW ANY OUTWARD SIGNS OF STRESS OR FEAR. THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU THIS AFRAID, YOU WERE FACING DOOMSDAY.
AND I DOUBT IT'S DOOMSDAY--
--YOU'RE GRINNING LIKE AN IDIOT.

HE'S NOT COMING, LOIS.

LET'S GIVE OUR CORRUPT COUNCILMAN TEN MORE MINUTES TO SHOW, JIMMY.

WHO SHOWS UP LATE TO THEIR OWN PAY OFF?

YOU KNOW, IF I HAD AN HOUR'S SLEEP FOR EVERY ANONYMOUS TIP WE'VE FOLLOWED TO NOTHING, I'D BE A FAR MORE WELL RESTED PERSON.

SHHH.

GET YOUR CAMERA READY. SOMEONE'S HERE.

THAT'S NOT THE COUNCILMAN. HE--

WE WANT YOU TO BE THE GODFATHER.
HEY, LOOK AT THAT, 'THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE' IS SURPRISED.
I HEARD ITS HEARTBEAT, BRUCE.

BANG
THUD
JIMMY!
EW.
I GOT SOME JIMMY ON MY SHOE.
HI, LOIS!

METROPOLIS DOCKS.
MORNING.

STAR LABS.

WAS ANYTHING ELSE STOLEN?

A SMALL AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT BUT NOTHING AS SIGNIFICANT. I GUESS YOU CAN SEE WHY WE DIDN'T CONTACT SUPERMAN.

YOU WERE EXPERIMENTING WITH KRYPTONITE.

NOT TO HURT SUPERMAN. WE WANTED TO KNOW IF IT HAD ANY BENEFITS. WHETHER IT COULD BE USED AS A POWER SOURCE. WHETHER IT COULD CURE DISEASES.

WE'RE SCIENTISTS, NOT MONSTERS.

WELL, IT'S IN THE HANDS OF MONSTERS NOW.

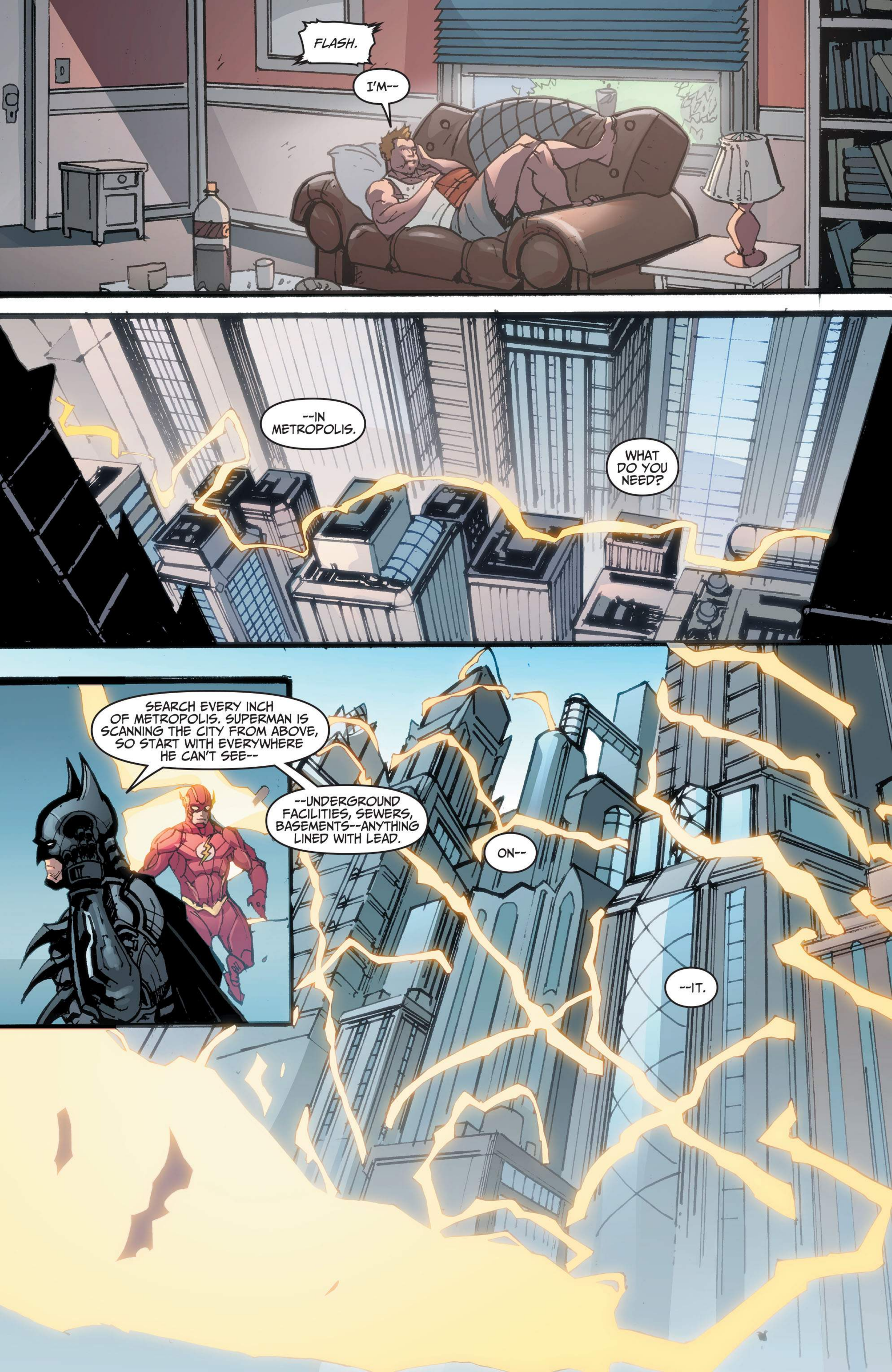
I WANT A LIST OF EVERY PERSON WHO HAD KNOWLEDGE OF THE KRYPTONITE'S EXISTENCE.

NO ONE LEAVES THIS FACILITY UNTIL--

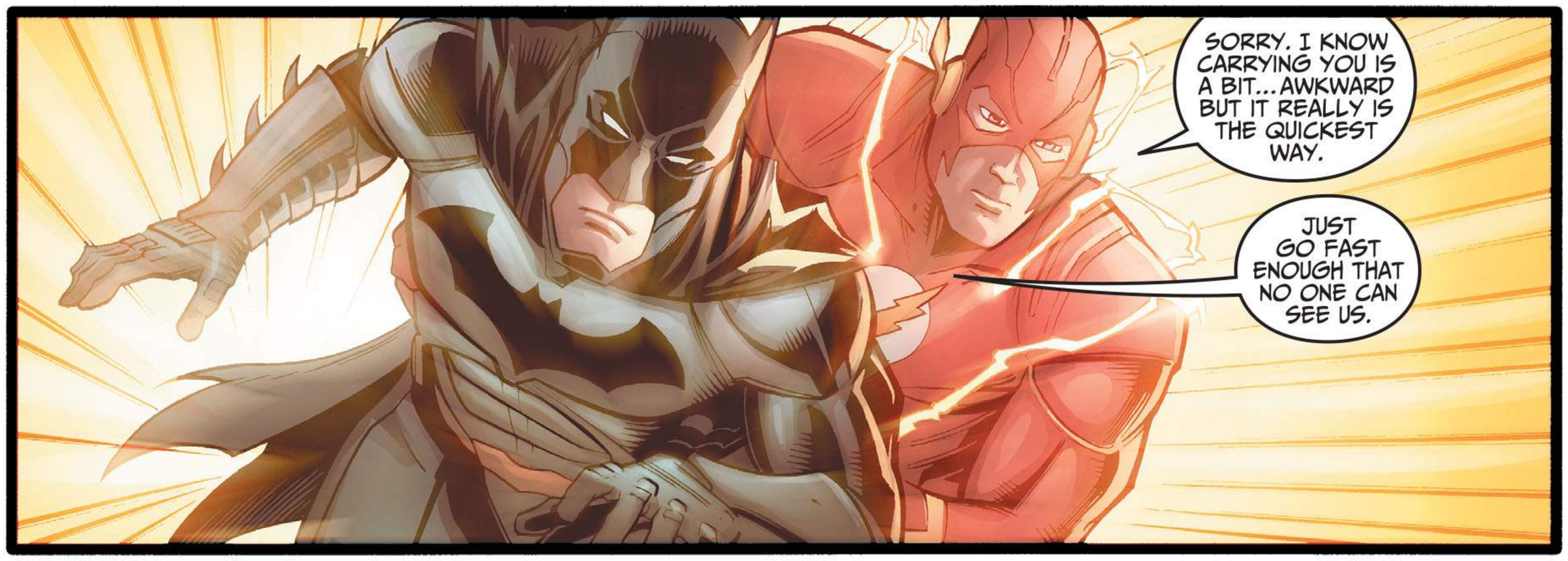
WHOOOOOOO

I CAN'T SEE HER.
I CAN'T SEE LOIS!
WE'RE NOT ALONE, SUPERMAN. MAYBE YOU SHOULD--?
HE HAS HER.
PLEASE. HELP ME.
FIND HER.

THIS IS A PRIORITY CALL TO ALL JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS AND RESERVE MEMBERS.
I NEED AS MANY EYES, EARS AND MINDS AS WE CAN SPARE IN METROPOLIS.
A WOMAN IS MISSING.
YOU WANT THE WHOLE JUSTICE LEAGUE ON A MISSING PERSON CASE?
ABSOLUTELY.
CHOOM
WE BELIEVE SHE WAS TAKEN BY THE JOKER.
WHO IS THIS WOMAN, BATMAN?
SHE'S ONE OF US. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED KNOW FOR NOW.
HER NAME IS LOIS LANE.
LOIS...
WONDER WOMAN, MISS LANE WAS LAST SEEN AT THE METROPOLIS DOCKS. HEAD THERE AND FIND OUT IF ANYONE SAW HER OR THE JOKER.
I'M ON MY WAY.


FLASH.
I'M--
--IN METROPOLIS.
WHAT DO YOU NEED?
SEARCH EVERY INCH OF METROPOLIS. SUPERMAN IS SCANNING THE CITY FROM ABOVE, SO START WITH EVERYWHERE HE CAN'T SEE--
--UNDERGROUND FACILITIES, SEWERS, BASEMENTS--ANYTHING LINED WITH LEAD.
ON--
--IT.

EVERYONE ELSE, REPORT IN AS SOON AS YOU REACH METROPOLIS. SHARE ANYTHING YOU--
YOU HAVE TO SEE SOMETHING.

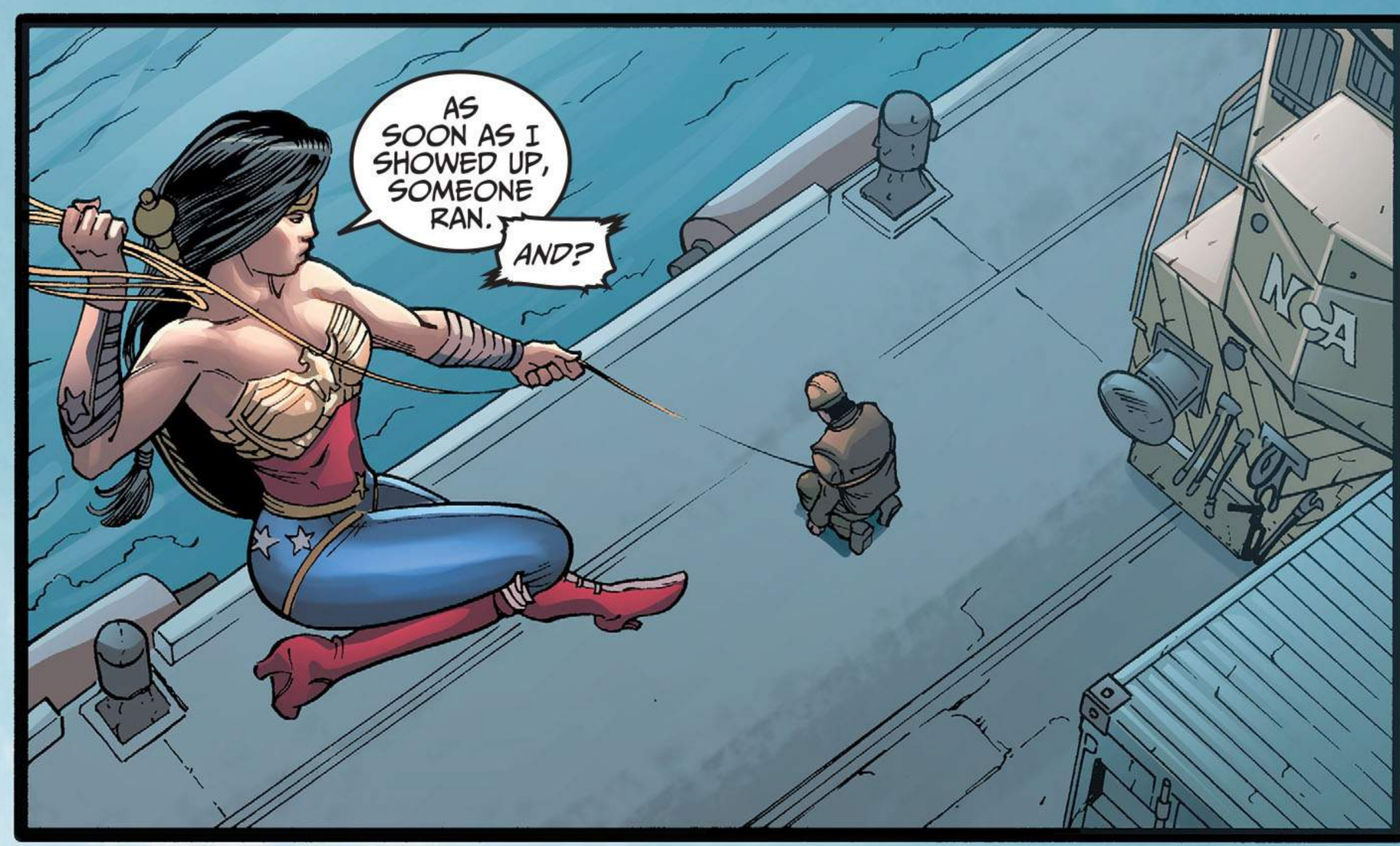

SORRY. I KNOW CARRYING YOU IS A BIT... AWKWARD BUT IT REALLY IS THE QUICKEST WAY.
JUST GO FAST ENOUGH THAT NO ONE CAN SEE US.

I FIGURE THIS COULD BE RELATED.
STAR LABS?
AND WHAT LOOKS TO BE ANOTHER ONE OF YOURS IN METROPOLIS.
STAR LABS

YES. IT'S CRANE.
STAR

IT'S THE SCARECROW.

I'M AT THE DOCKS. WE GOT LUCKY.


AS SOON AS I SHOWED UP, SOMEONE RAN.
AND?
NCA

TELL HIM.
JOKER'S NOT IN METROPOLIS. HIM AND THAT CLOWN LADY HIJACKED A SUBMARINE.
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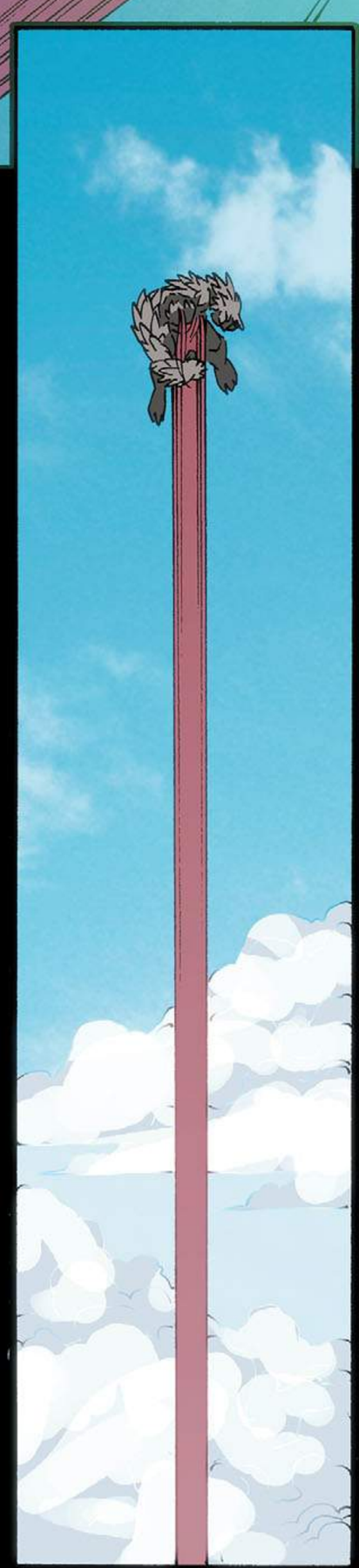
I SEE IT.

SPSHH
FWSSSHH
TOOOOM
RNNN

LOIS!
WHAT DID THEY DO TO...?
WHAT'S...?
PSSSSSH
I...
SOMETHING WRONG, SUPES?
YEAH, FOR A MAN OF STEEL, YOU LOOK KINDA WOBBLY.
SUUUUU-PAH--MAAAN.
NO.

SUUU-PER-MAN!
DOOMSDAY!

ROOOAARGHH!
NO...LOIS. THE BABY.
BABY?
HERE WE GO...
STAY AWAY FROM THEM!!



TIME TO GO.

WE'RE JUST GOING TO LEAVE? BUT THIS IS THE FIRST SUBMARINE I'VE EVER OWNED.

WE'LL GET YOU ANOTHER ONE!

I CAN'T JUST GET ANOTHER ONE! I'VE NAMED THIS ONE. YOU CAN'T ABANDON SOMETHING ONCE IT HAS A NAME. EVERYONE KNOWS THAT.

HARLEY, ANY MINUTE NOW, ANGRY DO-GOODERS ARE GOING TO REALIZE WHAT WE'RE UP TO. IF WE'RE STILL HERE WHEN THEY ARRIVE, THEY WILL HIT US OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR SUBMARINE!

GOODBYE, GUNTER!

UNFF!

BAM!

GUNTER IS A TERRIBLE NAME FOR A SUBMARINE.
BATSY!
WAIT A MINUTE. DID FLASH CARRY YOU HERE?
HA!
PUTTING FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF CRIMINALS... WHILE HIS BRIGHT RED FRIEND CARRIES HIM THROUGH THE NIGHT!

WAIT!

SCARECROW'S FEAR TOXIN.

WHERE IS SHE, JOKER?

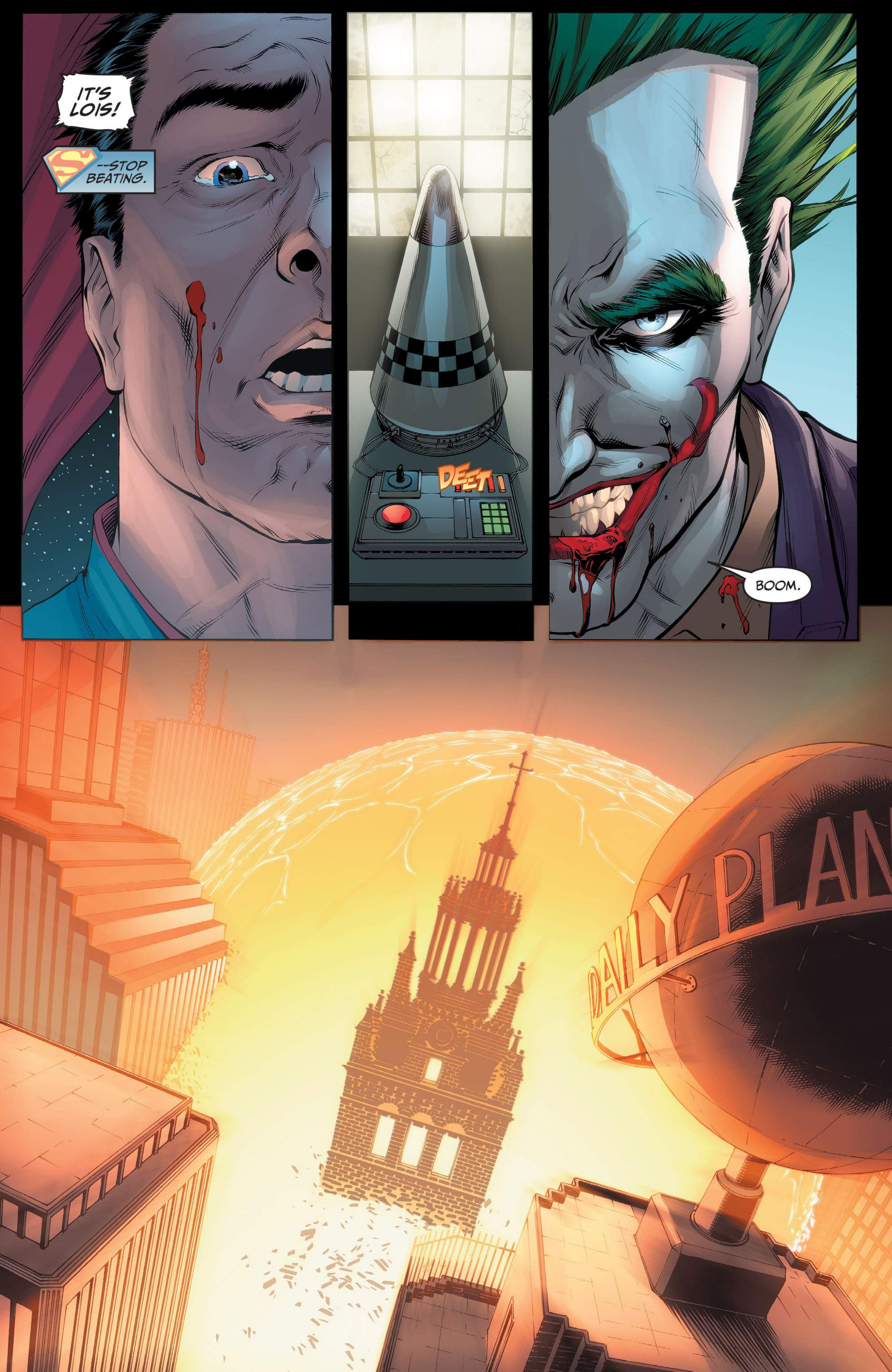
MY LASSO OF TRUTH WILL--
NO.

NOT ON HIM. I'M NOT SURE WHAT WOULD SPEW OUT OF THAT MIND BUT IT WOULDN'T BE THE TRUTH.
COME ON, BATSY. USE THAT POINTY-EARED HEAD OF YOURS. YOU CAN SEE THE TRUTH.
YOU JUST DON'T WANT TO LOOK AT IT TOO HARD.
WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER?
YOU KNOW WHAT I DID. I OPERATED ON HER. SHE'S THE TRIGGER.
FLASH. THE MISSILE ON THE SUBMARINE--
HIS NAME IS GUNTER!
--CHECK TO SEE IF THE WARHEAD IS STILL THERE.
DON'T BOTHER CHECKING. IT ISN'T.
WHEN HER HEART STOPS, EVERY HEART IN METROPOLIS STOPS, TOO.
WHY WOULD HER...?

THE KRYPTONITE. SCARECROW ADDED IT TO HIS FEAR TOXIN, SO IT COULD ENTER SUPERMAN'S BLOODSTREAM THROUGH HIS LUNGS.
AND THEN...
SUPERMAN!
SUPERMAN! CAN YOU HEAR ME?
YOU WON'T TAKE THEM AWAY FROM ME!
SUPERMAN. STOP!
WHATEVER YOU'RE SEEING--

AND THEN, TWO HEARTBEATS COMING FROM ONE PERSON--

IT'S LOIS!


IT'S LOIS!
--STOP BEATING.
DEET
BOOM.
DAILY PLAN

WHOOOOOM

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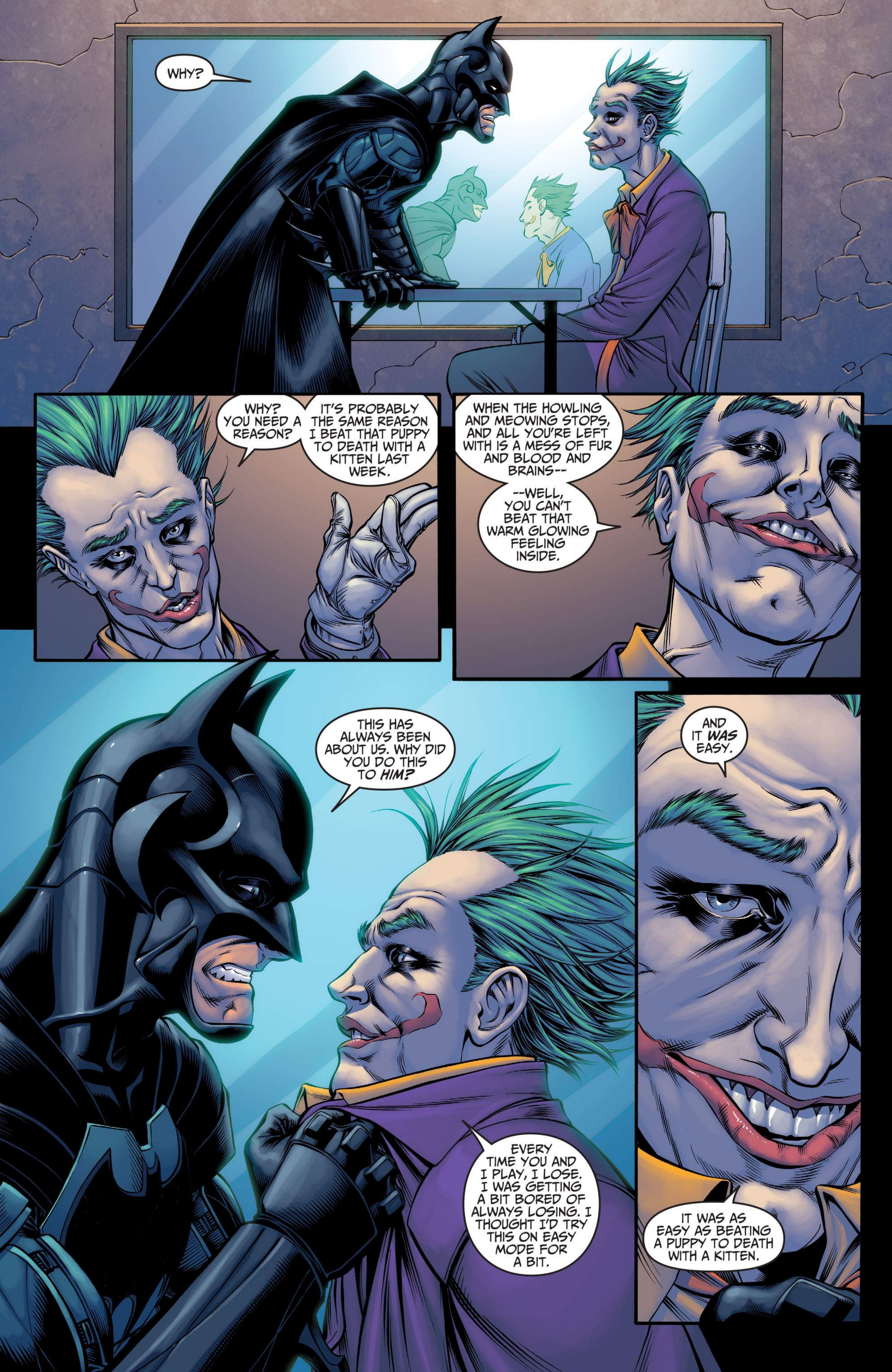
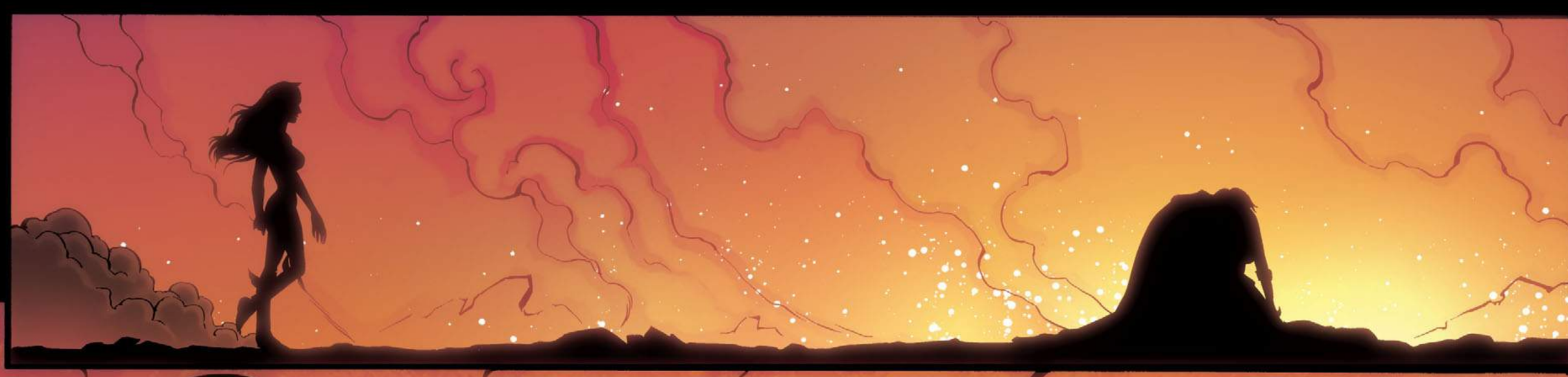
"YOU TOOK HIS WIFE.
"HIS UNBORN CHILD.
"AND HIS CITY FROM HIM."


WHY?
WHY? YOU NEED A REASON?
IT'S PROBABLY THE SAME REASON I BEAT THAT PUPPY TO DEATH WITH A KITTEN LAST WEEK.
WHEN THE HOWLING AND MEOWING STOPS, AND ALL YOU'RE LEFT WITH IS A MESS OF FUR AND BLOOD AND BRAINS--
--WELL, YOU CAN'T BEAT THAT WARM GLOWING FEELING INSIDE.
THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN ABOUT US. WHY DID YOU DO THIS TO HIM?
AND IT WAS EASY.
EVERY TIME YOU AND I PLAY, I LOSE. I WAS GETTING A BIT BORED OF ALWAYS LOSING. I THOUGHT I'D TRY THIS ON EASY MODE FOR A BIT.
IT WAS AS EASY AS BEATING A PUPPY TO DEATH WITH A KITTEN.

IS THAT THE LAST OF THEM?

YEP, ALL THE OUTLYING AREAS HAVE NOW BEEN EVACUATED TO OUTSIDE THE FALLOUT ZONE.
SUPERMAN?
I THINK HE'S STILL IN METROPOLIS.

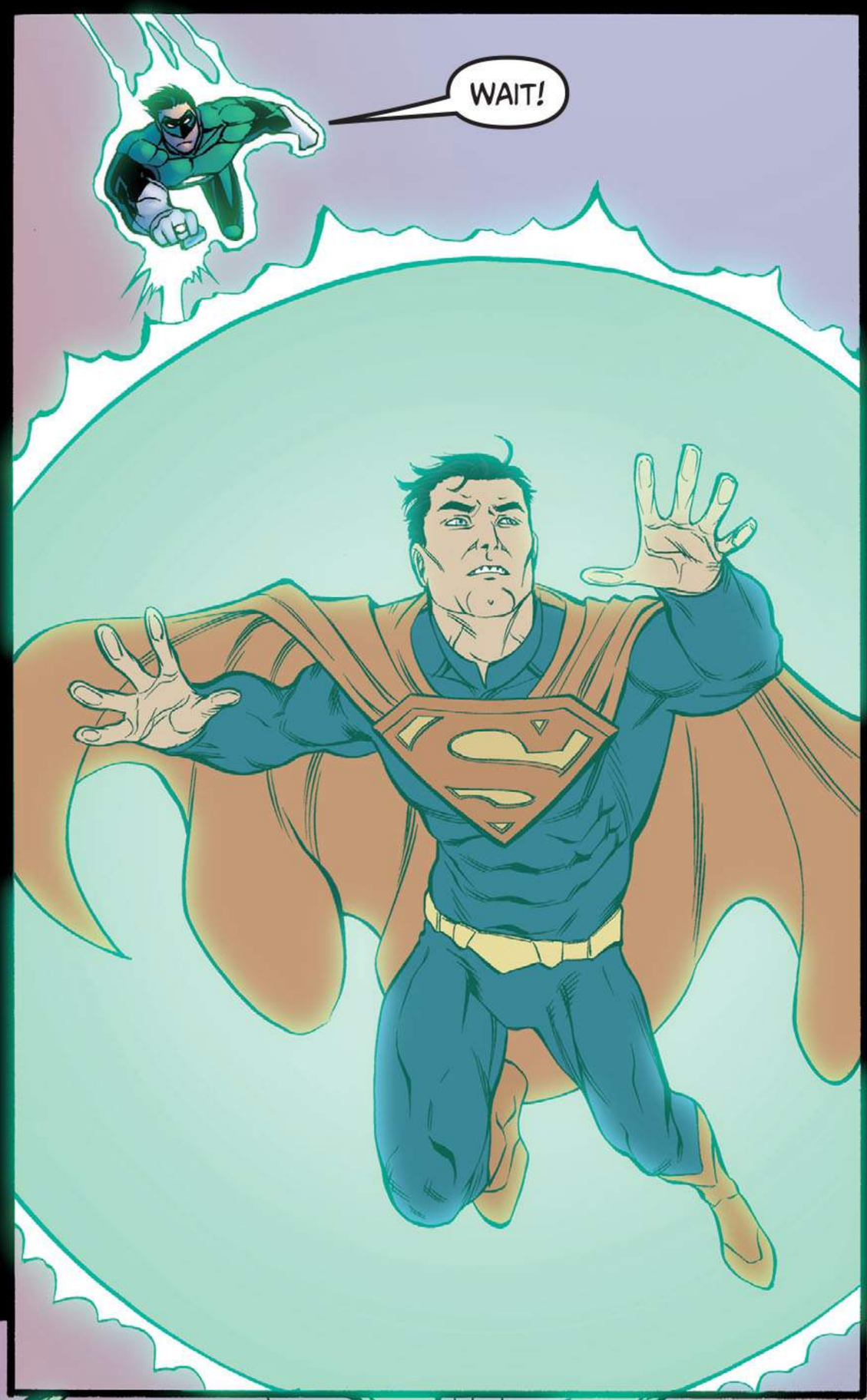
HAVE YOU TRIED TO TALK TO HIM?
HIS COMMUNICATOR STOPPED WORKING AS SOON AS HE ENTERED THE BLAST ZONE AND, WITH THAT MUCH RADIATION, SUPERMAN'S THE ONE GUY WHO CAN STAND AT GROUND ZERO.
NO ONE ELSE CAN REALLY ENTER WITHOUT...



CLARK.

DIANA.
I KILLED THEM. I--
NO.
NO. YOU ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS.
THAT MADMAN ORCHESTRATED THE WHOLE THING.
WILL YOU... WILL YOU HOLD HER? WILL YOU KEEP THEM SAFE?
OF COURSE.
I'LL BE BACK SOON.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

"SUPERMAN?"
SUPERMAN!
WHERE IS HE?
THE JOKER. WHERE DID THEY TAKE HIM?
BATMAN TOOK HIM TO GOTHAM PRISON BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD SEE HIM--
HEY!


WAIT!

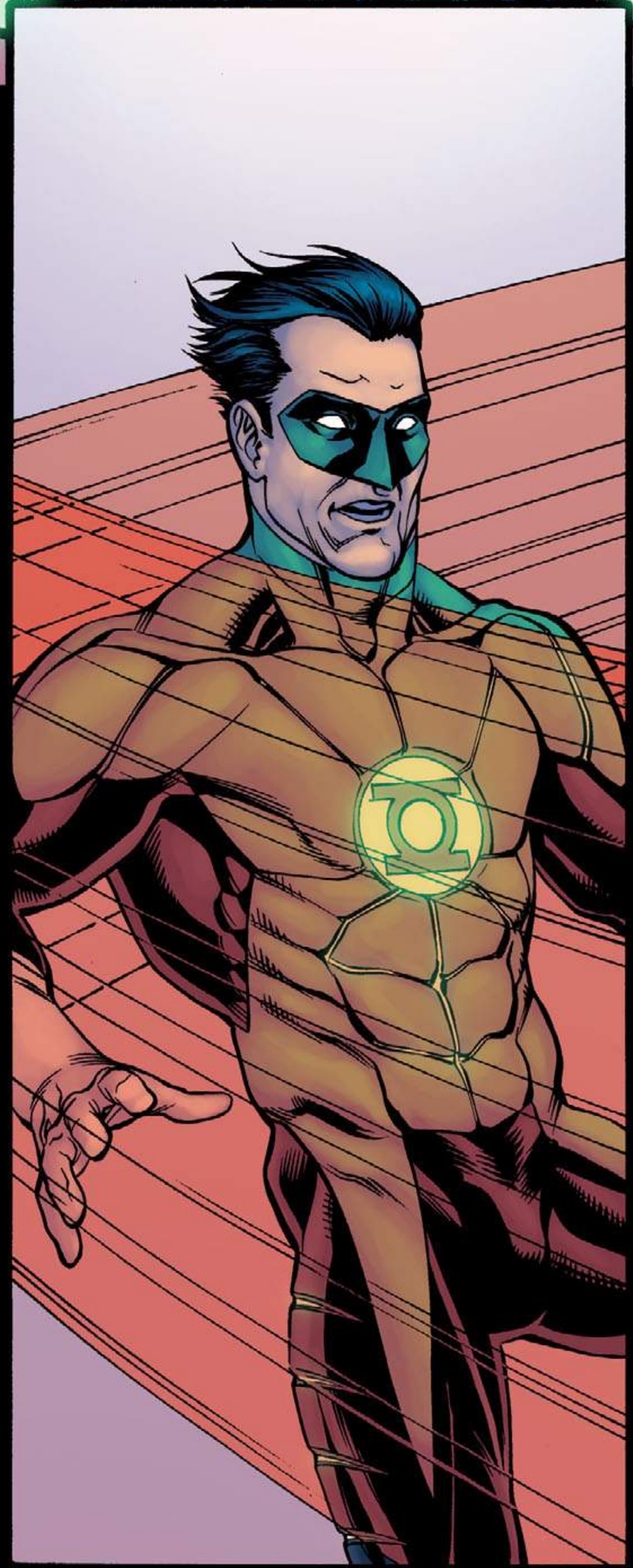
YOU'RE HURT. YOU'RE ANGRY. TAKE SOME TIME.

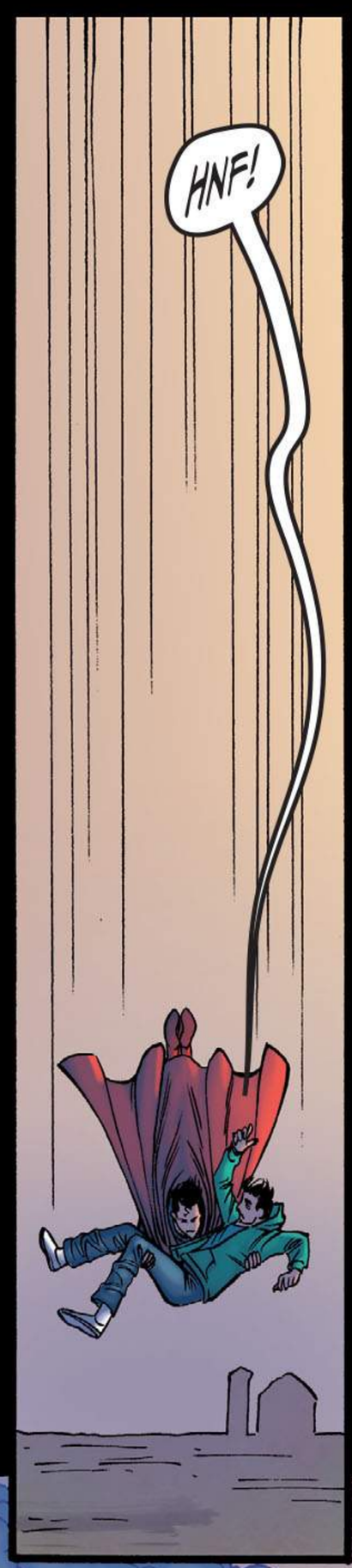
LET ME OUT. NOW.
LET'S JUST TALK FIRST. I DON'T WANT YOU TO--

KRASH!

YOU THINK YOU CAN STOP ME? WITH WHAT? THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE ON YOUR FINGER?

DON'T MAKE ME--





I ALREADY HAVE.

SOMEONE TOOK IT ALL AWAY FROM YOU ONCE TOO, DIDN'T THEY, BATS?

AND LOOK WHAT YOU BECAME-- AN ALL-PUNCHING, ALL-KICKING LITTLE BALL OF ANGST.

"WHAT DO YOU THINK SUPERMAN WILL BECOME?

"HE'S A GOD WHO HAS DELUDED HIMSELF INTO BELIEVING HE'S A MAN. WHAT WILL HE TURN INTO?"

THERE ARE SOME THINGS EVEN *YOU* CAN'T CORRUPT, JOKER.

"YOU HONESTLY THINK YOUR FRIEND WILL STILL BE FUN TO PLAY WITH?"

"HE WILL GRIEVE. BUT HE WILL STAY ONE OF THE BEST MEN I KNOW."

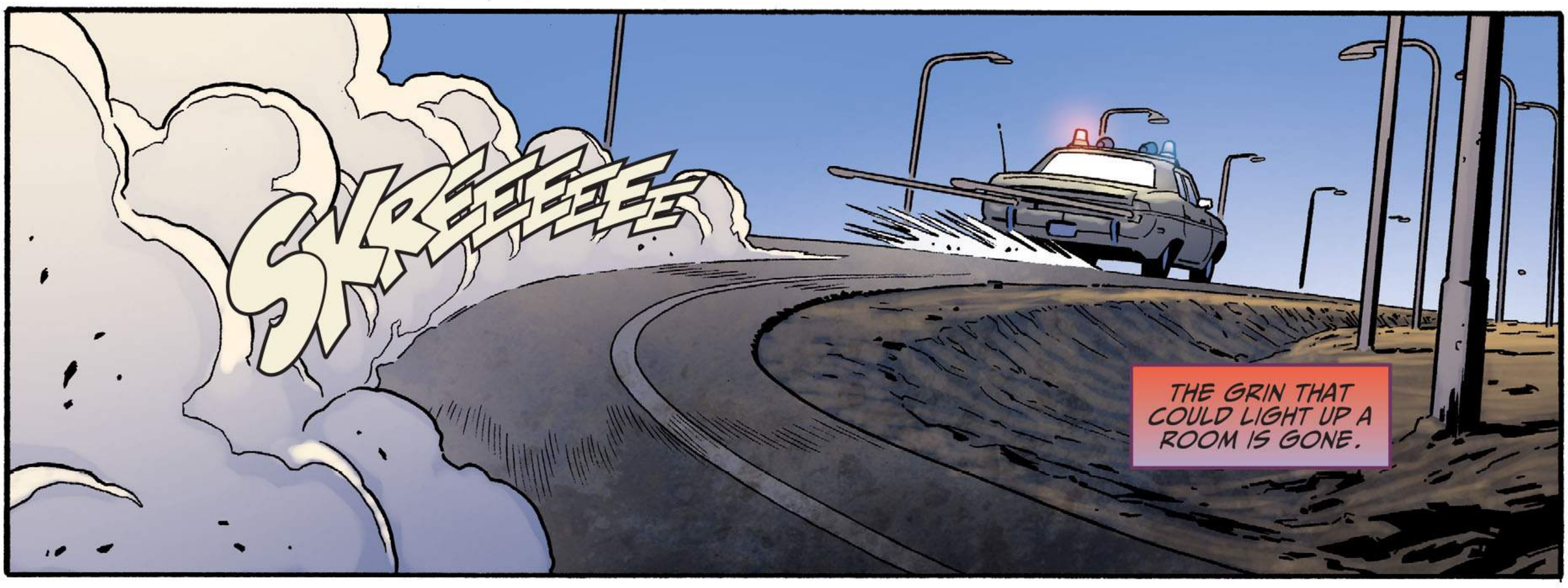
"NO.
"I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A WHOLE LOT FUNNIER THAN THAT."

HAAAAAAA...

NO MORE LAUGHTER.
AK!
PHIL!
LET HIM GO, YOU FREAK!
BLAMM
BLAMM
TINK
NOT EVEN A GIGGLE.

THE COPS ON THE RADIO SAID MY PUDDIN' IS DEAD.
UNIT SEVENTY-ONE, I REPEAT, DO NOT PROCEED TO ARKHAM ASYLUM WITH PRISONER HARLEY QUINN.
QUINZEL H

WE BELIEVE SUPERMAN MAY TRY TO KIL--ZZZZ!
BLAM BLAM
STUPID RADIO.


SKREEEEE
THE GRIN THAT COULD LIGHT UP A ROOM IS GONE.

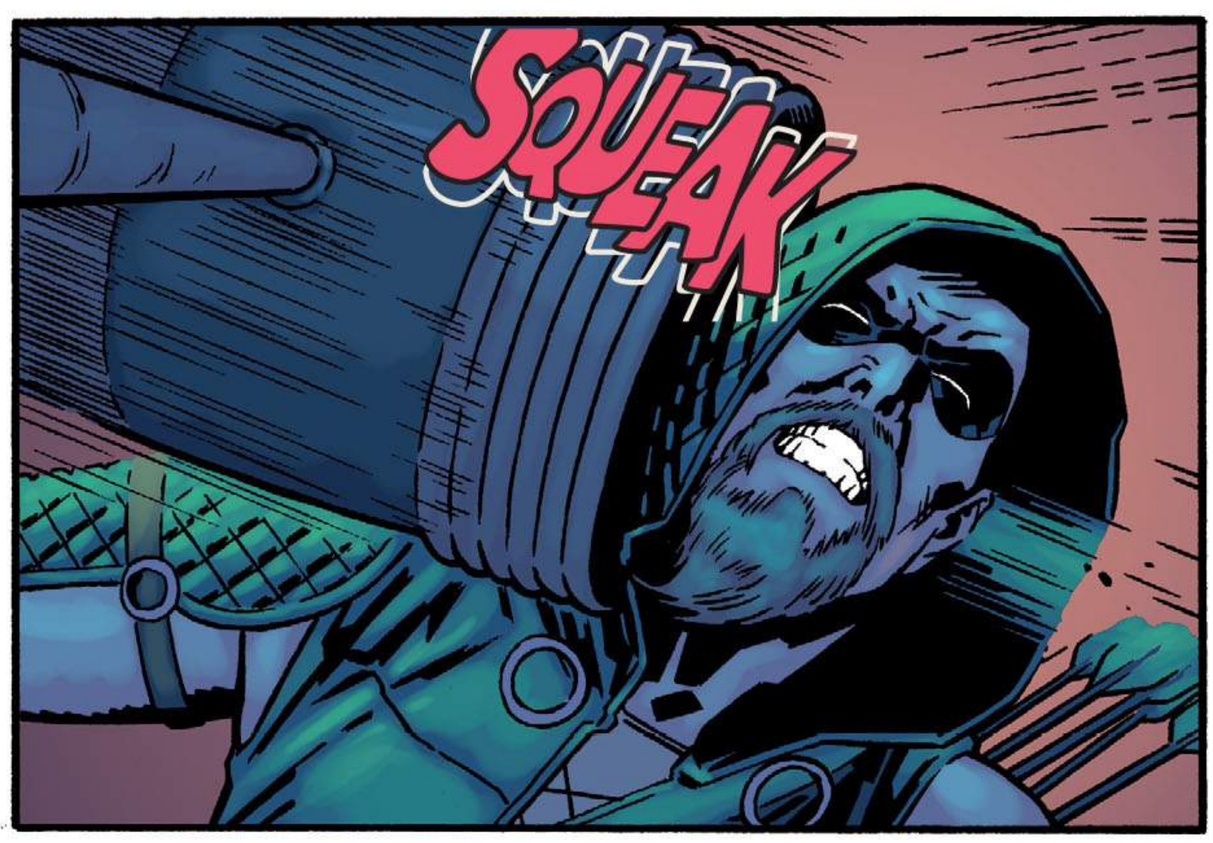
HSSSSS
DUMB JOE'S NOVELTY JOKES
I'LL NEVER AGAIN SEE THAT CHILDLIKE GLEE HE COULDN'T CONTAIN WHEN HE GOT ALL STABBY.

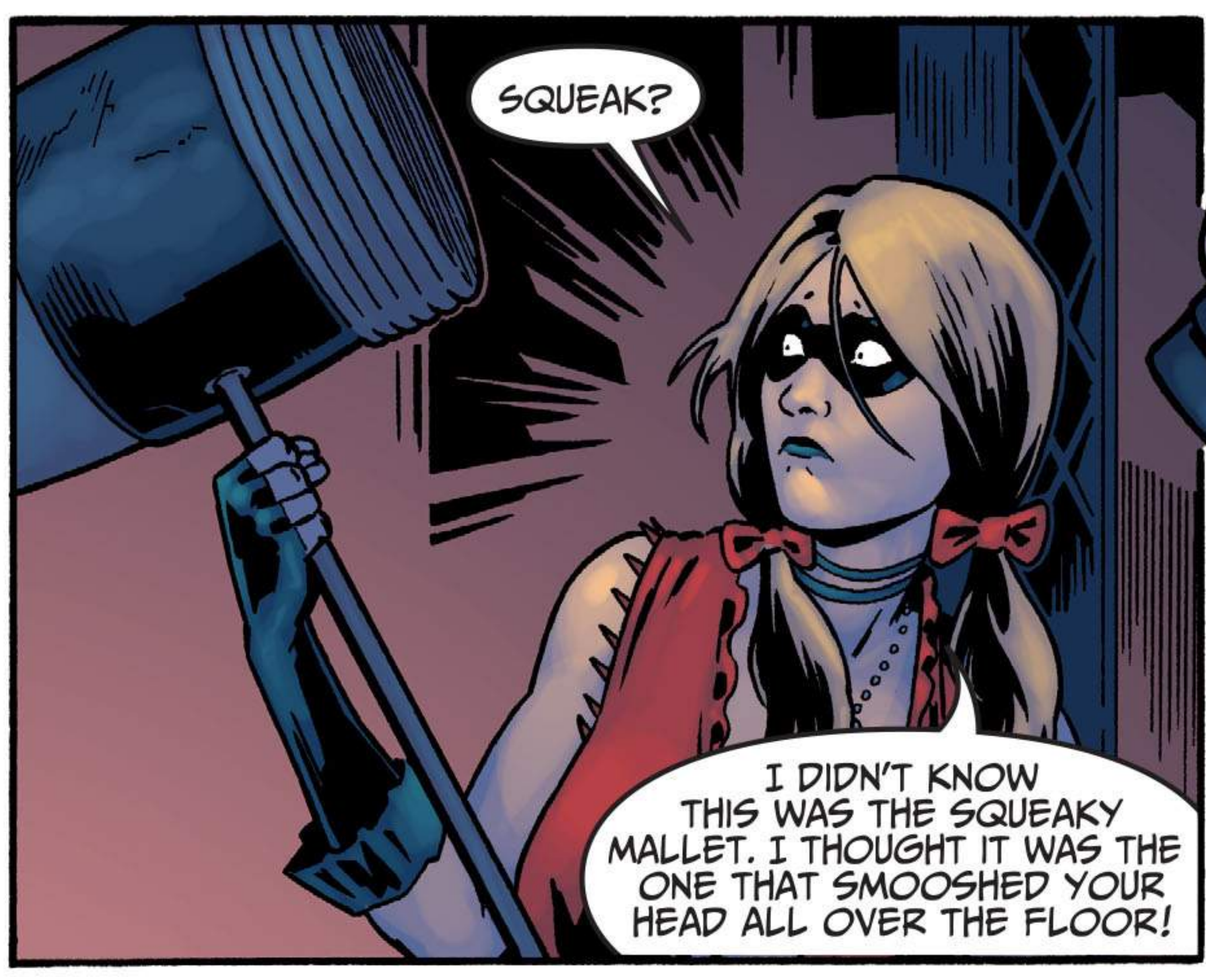
IT'S LIKE THE WHOLE WORLD HAS FORGOTTEN HOW TO SMILE.
HARLEY QUINN.
WHA--?
HOW DID YOU FIND ME?
YOU CRASHED A POLICE CAR OUTSIDE. YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY KEEPING A LOW PROFILE.
CLICK
KLINK
KOOOOM

ARE YOU READY TO HAVE A PERMANENT LOW PROFILE?

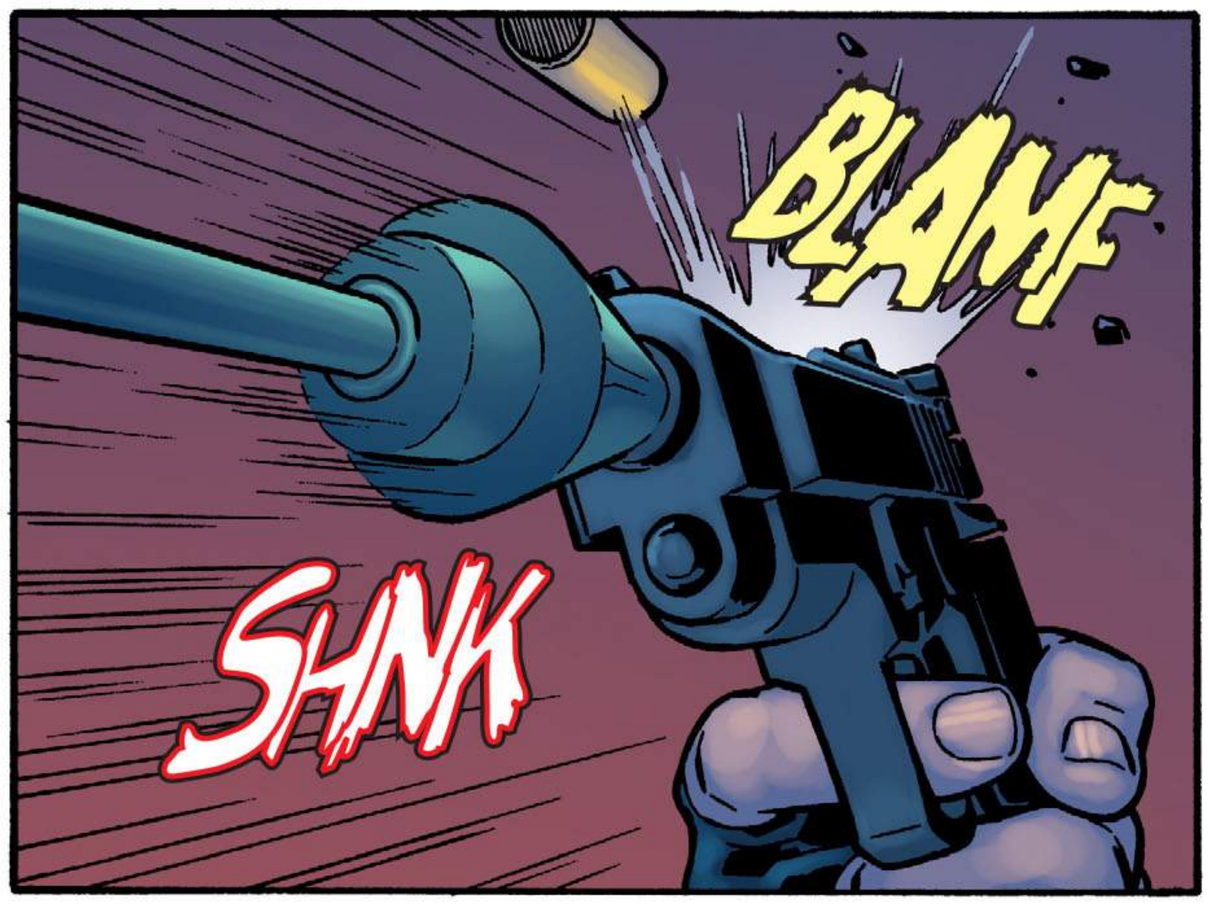
HNG...

I'M KINDA SORRY IT HAS TO END THIS WAY. I LIKE YOUR RIDICULOUS LITTLE BEARD.



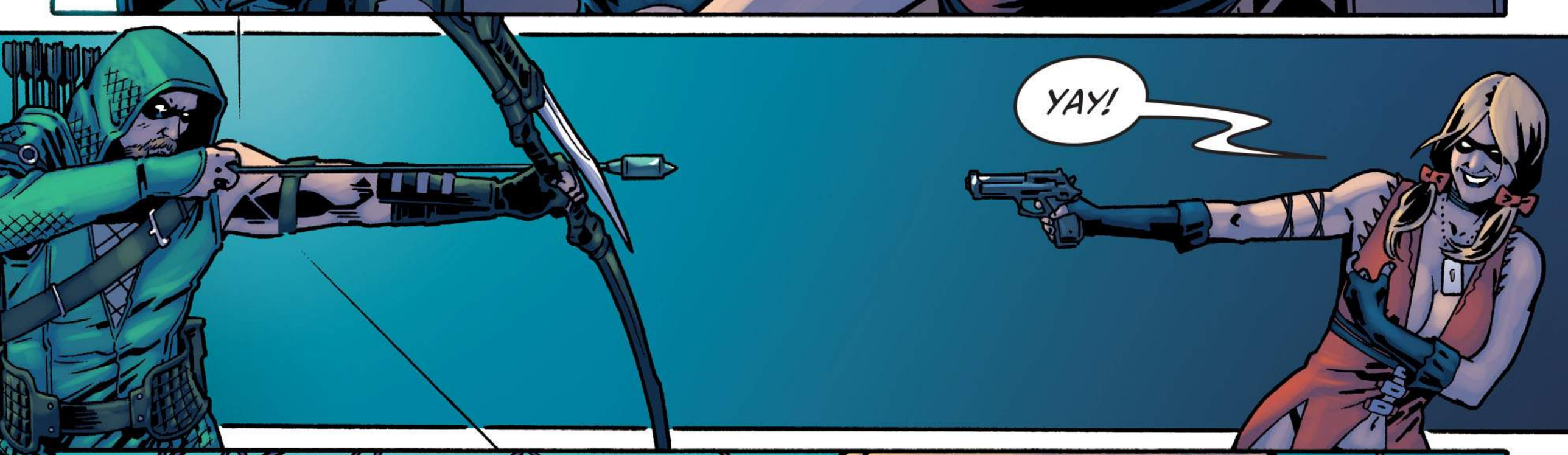


AH WELL. THIS THING AIN'T LOADED WITH SQUEAKY BULLETS.


BLAM!
SHNK

NO.
WAY.

DO IT AGAIN!
WHAT...?
POK!
SHOOT ANOTHER ARROW INTO MY GUN BARREL. THAT WAS NUTS!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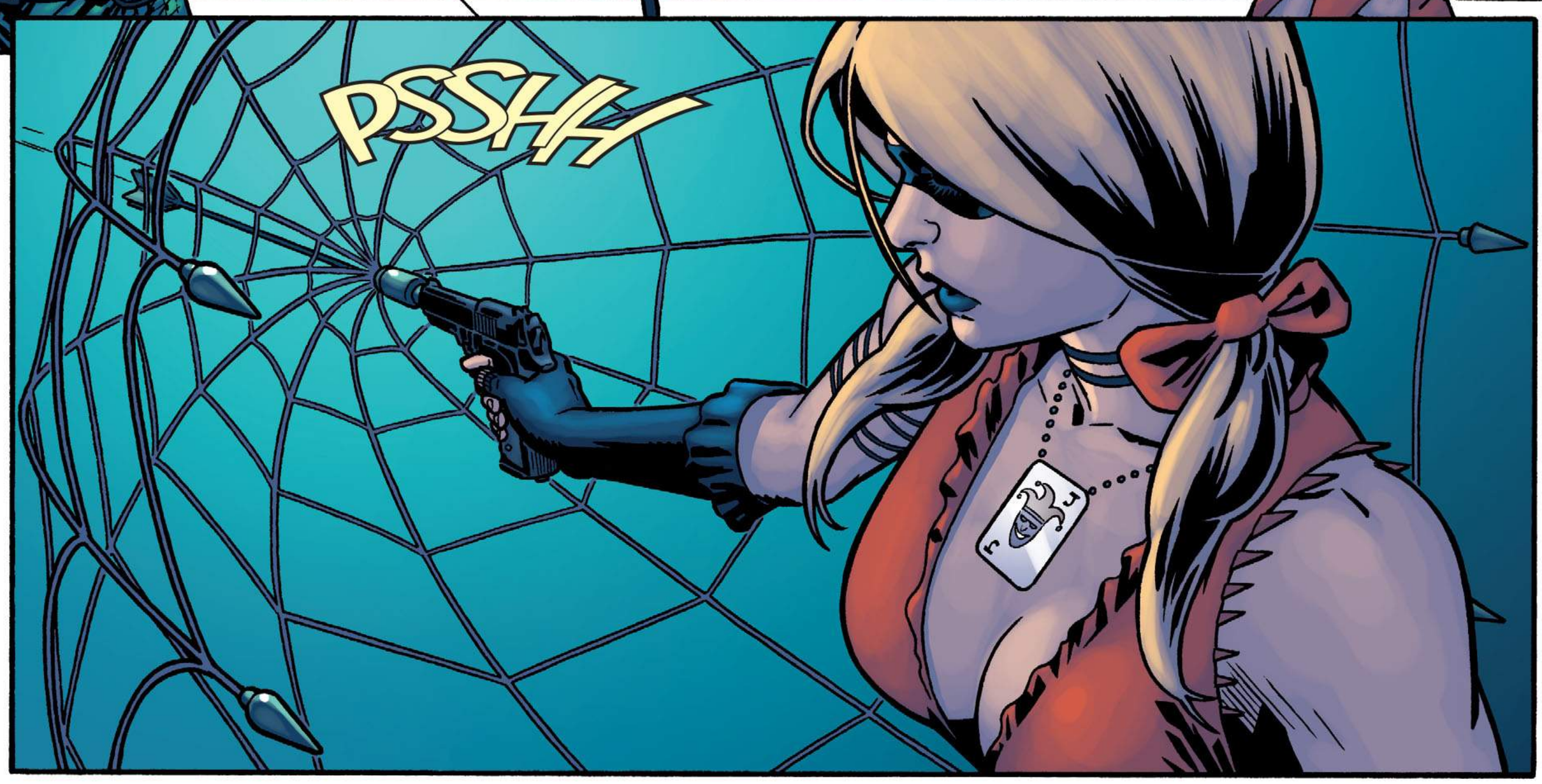
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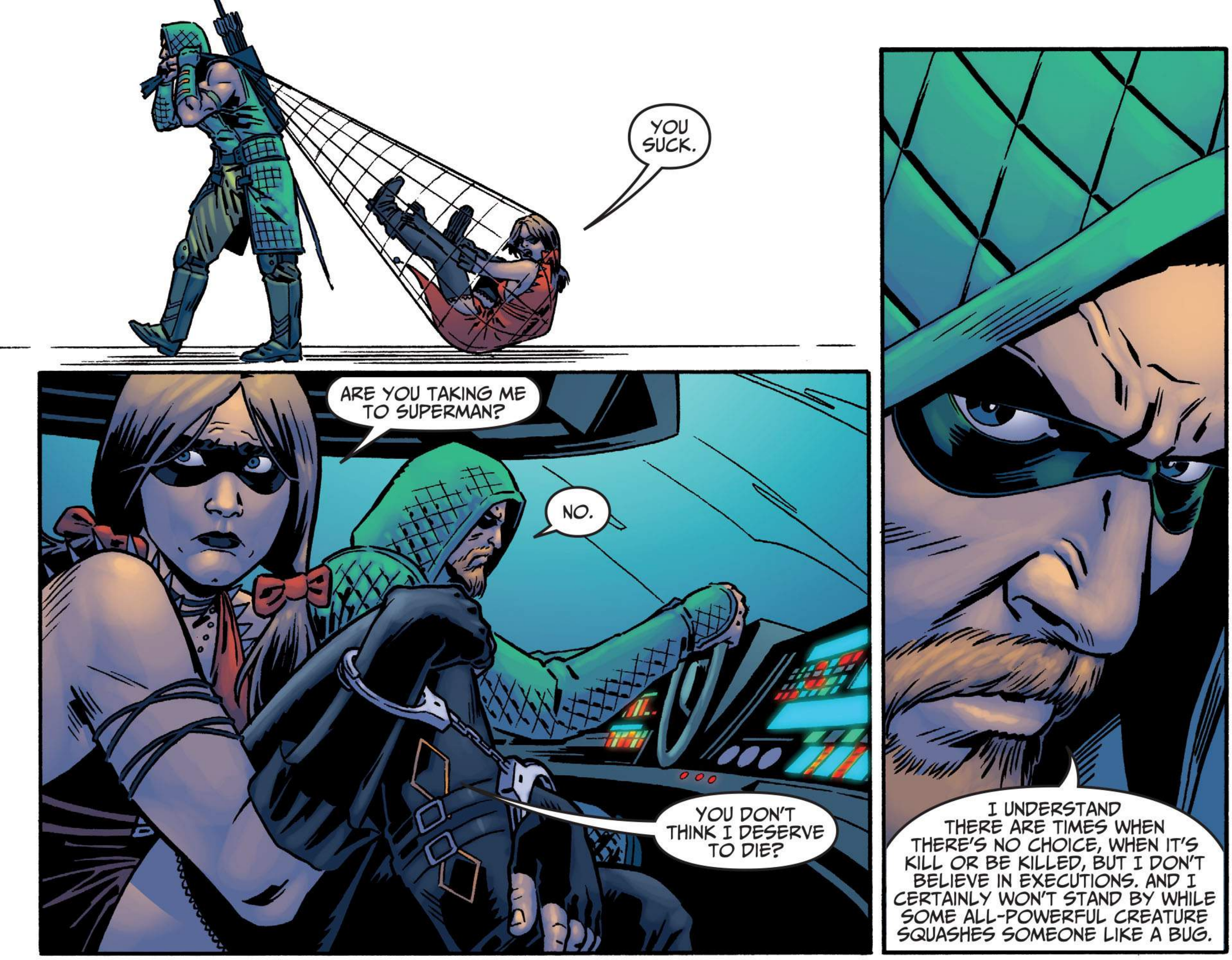
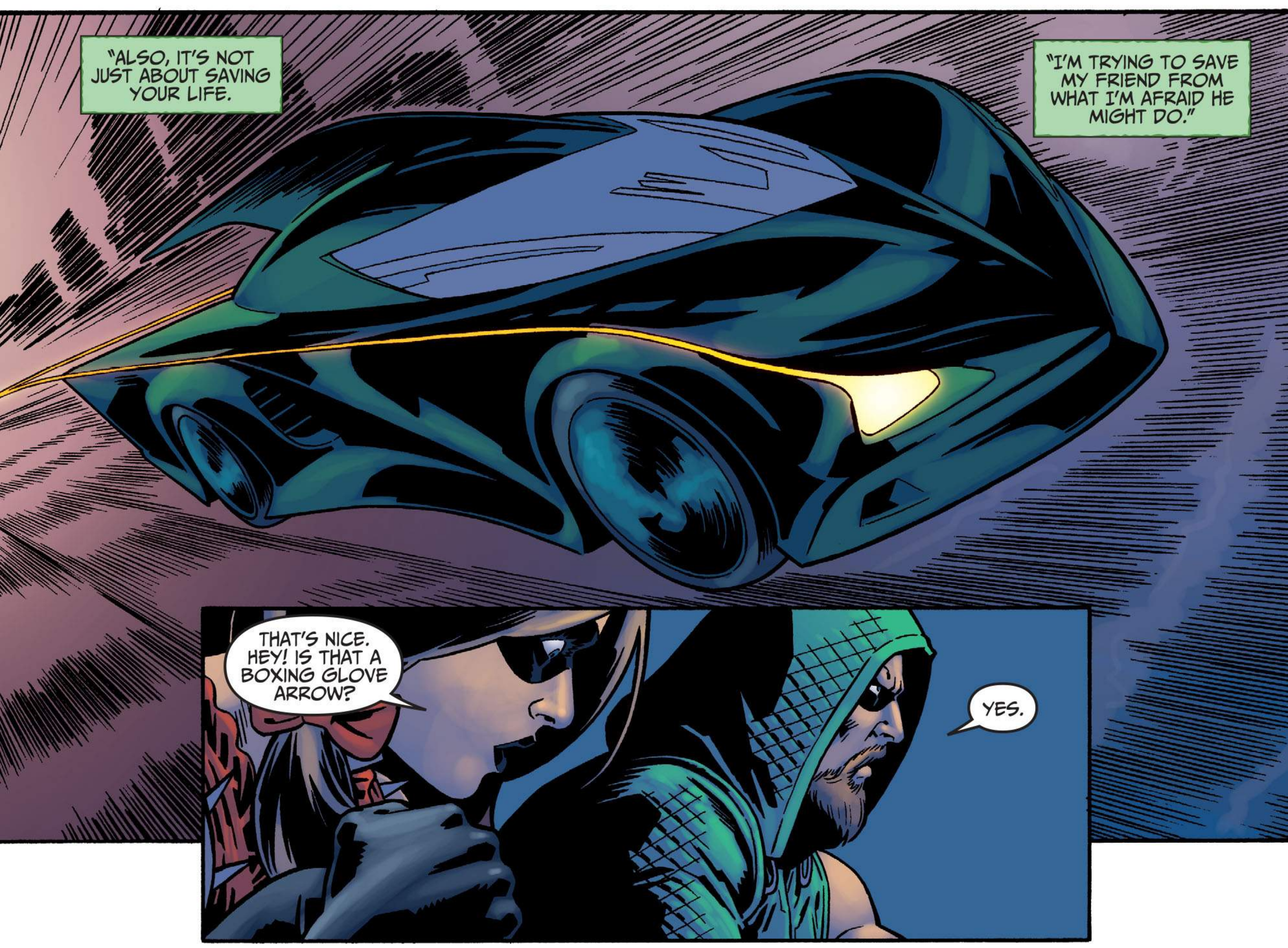

YOU SUCK.
ARE YOU TAKING ME TO SUPERMAN?
NO.
YOU DON'T THINK I DESERVE TO DIE?
I UNDERSTAND THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THERE'S NO CHOICE, WHEN IT'S KILL OR BE KILLED, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IN EXECUTIONS. AND I CERTAINLY WON'T STAND BY WHILE SOME ALL-POWERFUL CREATURE SQUASHES SOMEONE LIKE A BUG.


"ALSO, IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT SAVING YOUR LIFE.
"I'M TRYING TO SAVE MY FRIEND FROM WHAT I'M AFRAID HE MIGHT DO."
THAT'S NICE. HEY! IS THAT A BOXING GLOVE ARROW?
YES.

WHY DO YOU NEED A BOXING GLOVE ARROW?

BECAUSE SOMETIMES I WANT TO PUNCH SOMEONE WHO'S A REALLY LONG WAY AWAY.

AGH. TELL ME ABOUT IT!

"WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?"

"A SECRET LOCATION."

"IT WON'T BE A SECRET LOCATION ONCE WE DRIVE THERE. I--"

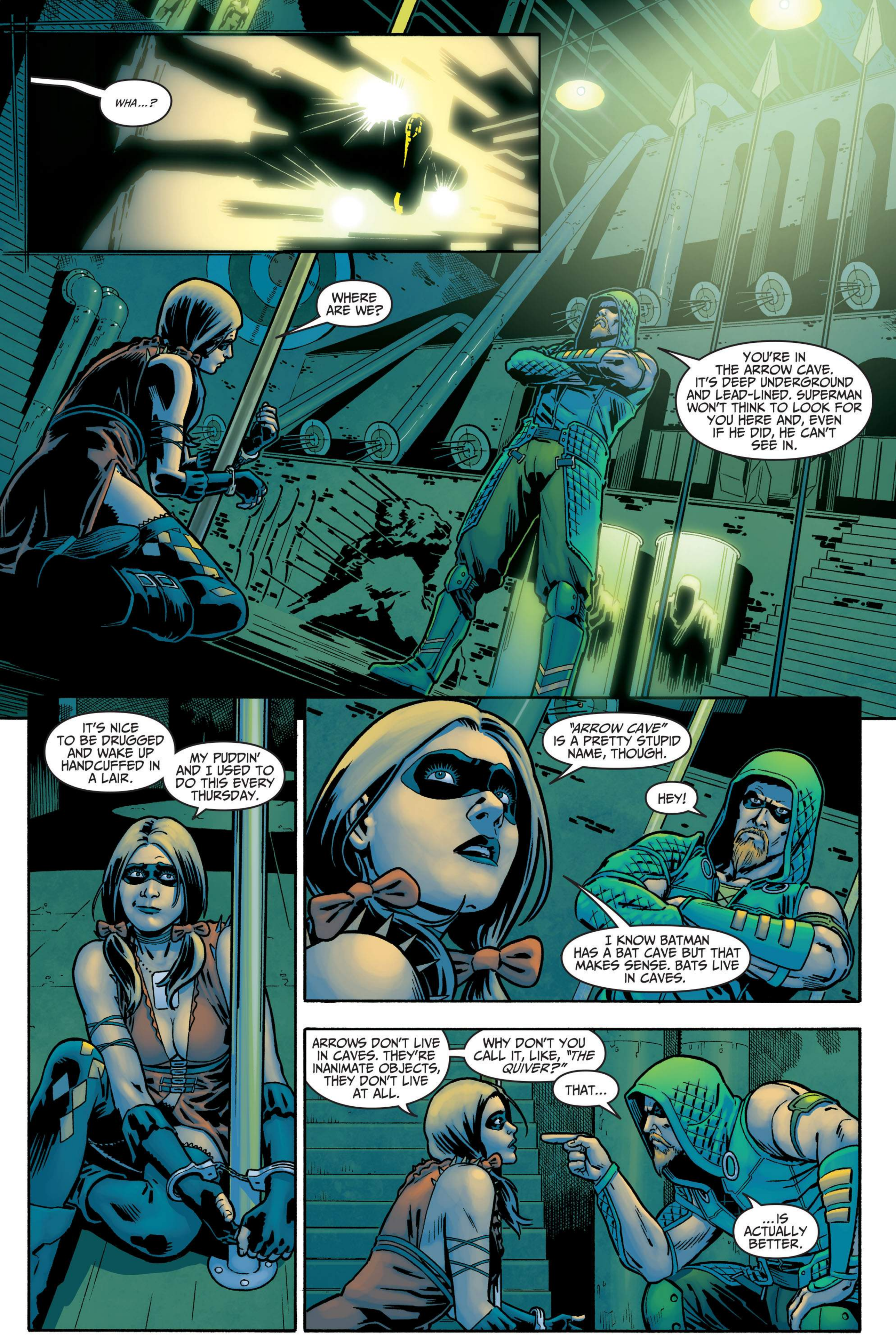
HOLD THIS.

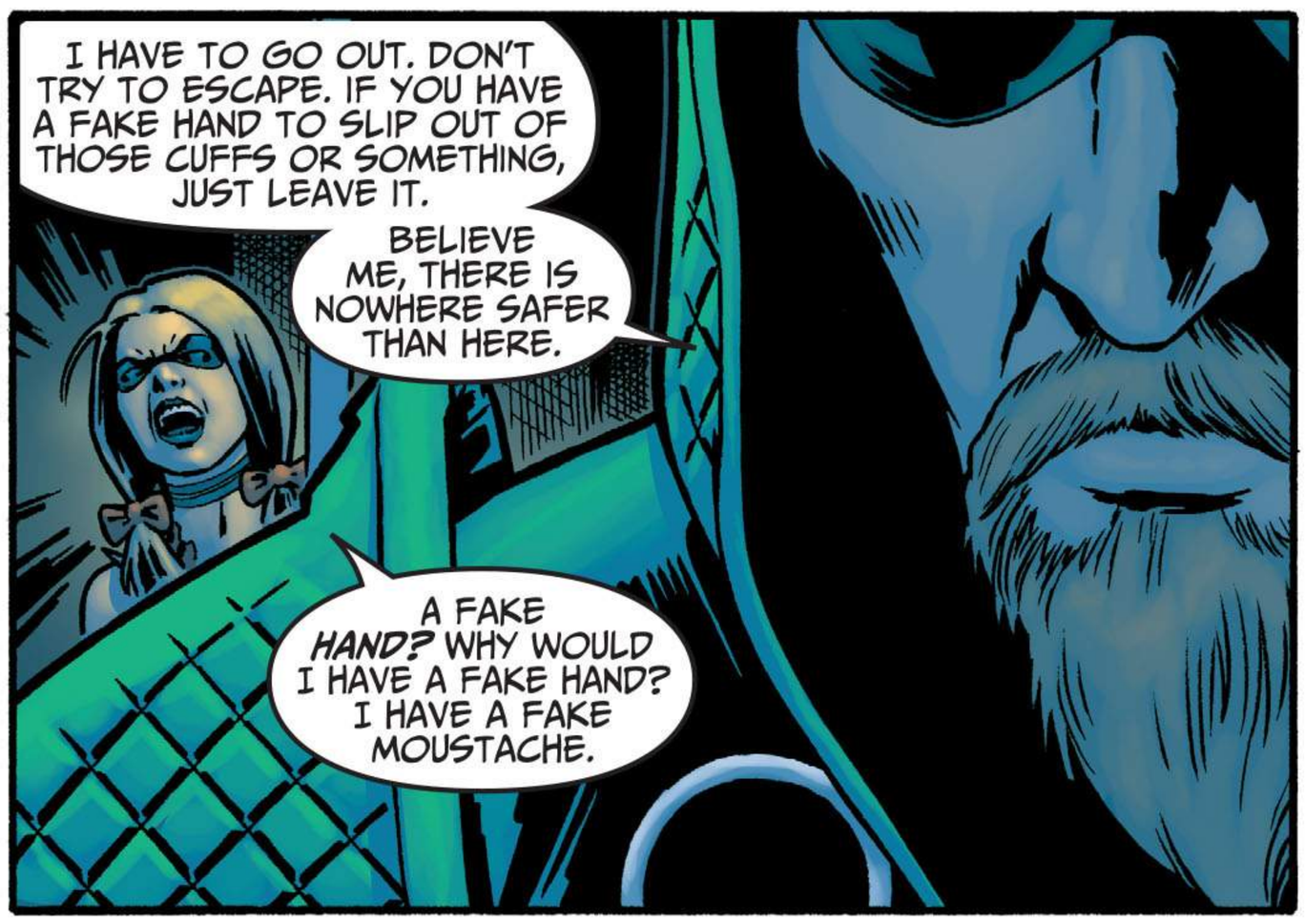
OOH. WHAT DOES THIS ONE DO?

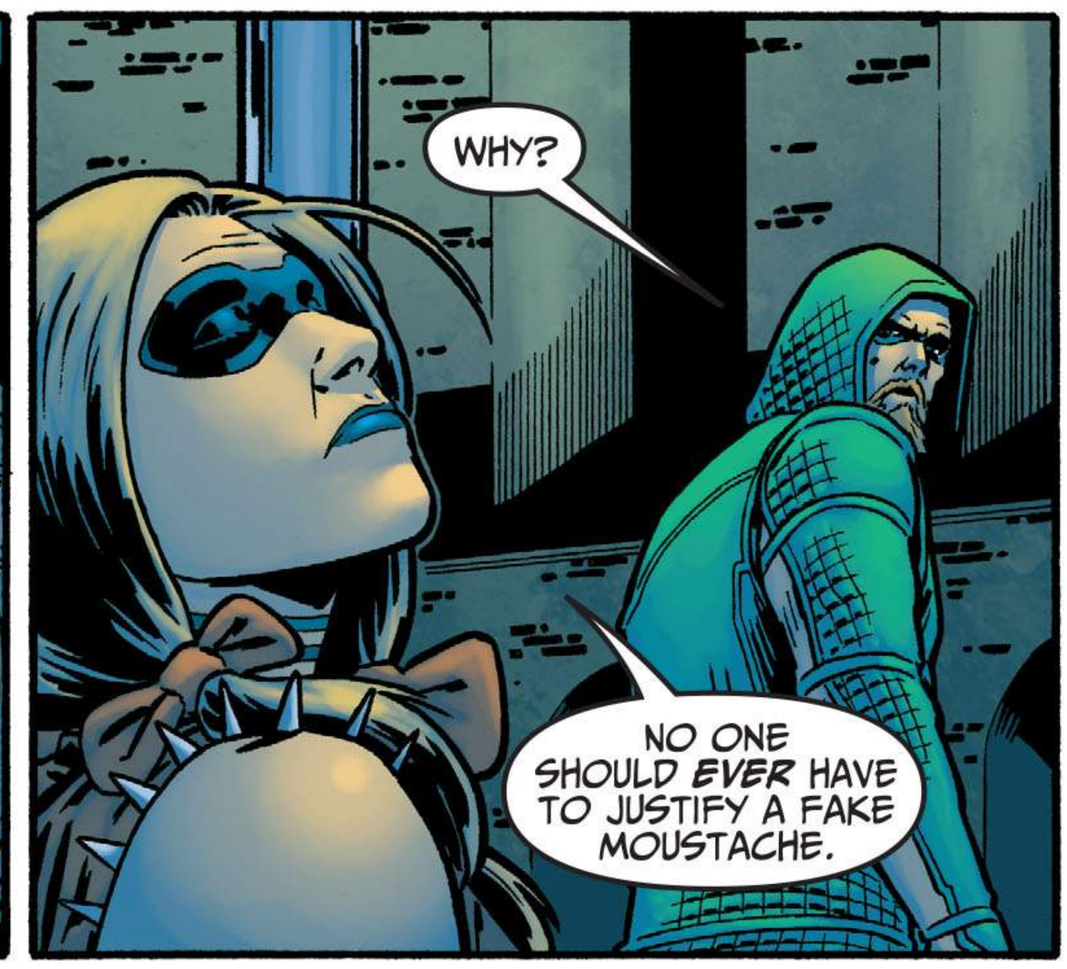
PSSSSSH

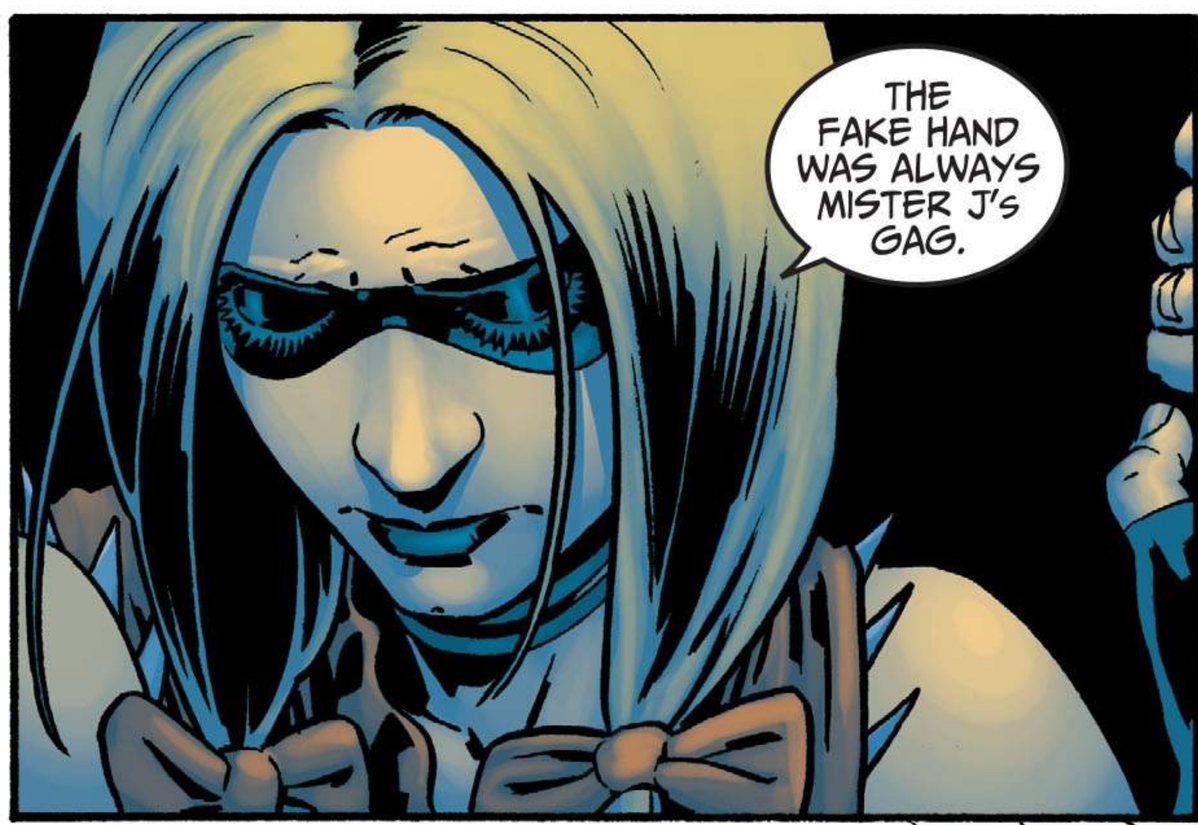
TECK

YOU SUCK...

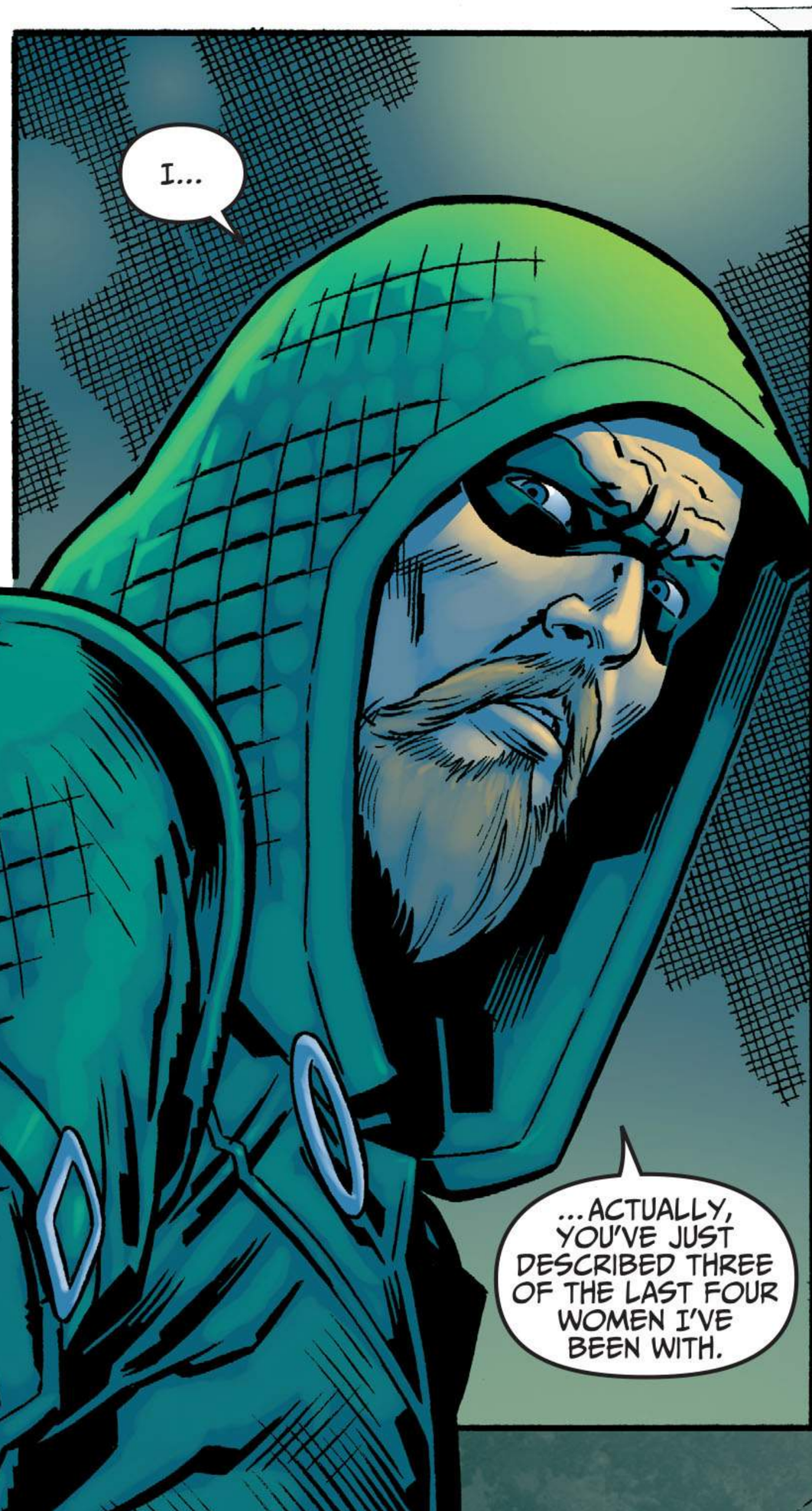

WHA...?
WHERE ARE WE?
YOU'RE IN THE ARROW CAVE. IT'S DEEP UNDERGROUND AND LEAD-LINED. SUPERMAN WON'T THINK TO LOOK FOR YOU HERE AND, EVEN IF HE DID, HE CAN'T SEE IN.
IT'S NICE TO BE DRUGGED AND WAKE UP HANDCUFFED IN A LAIR.
MY PUDDIN' AND I USED TO DO THIS EVERY THURSDAY.
"ARROW CAVE" IS A PRETTY STUPID NAME, THOUGH.
HEY!
I KNOW BATMAN HAS A BAT CAVE BUT THAT MAKES SENSE. BATS LIVE IN CAVES.
ARROWS DON'T LIVE IN CAVES. THEY'RE INANIMATE OBJECTS, THEY DON'T LIVE AT ALL.
WHY DON'T YOU CALL IT, LIKE, "THE QUIVER?"
THAT...
...IS ACTUALLY BETTER.


I HAVE TO GO OUT. DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE. IF YOU HAVE A FAKE HAND TO SLIP OUT OF THOSE CUFFS OR SOMETHING, JUST LEAVE IT.
BELIEVE ME, THERE IS NOWHERE SAFER THAN HERE.
A FAKE *HAND?* WHY WOULD I HAVE A FAKE HAND? I HAVE A FAKE MOUSTACHE.

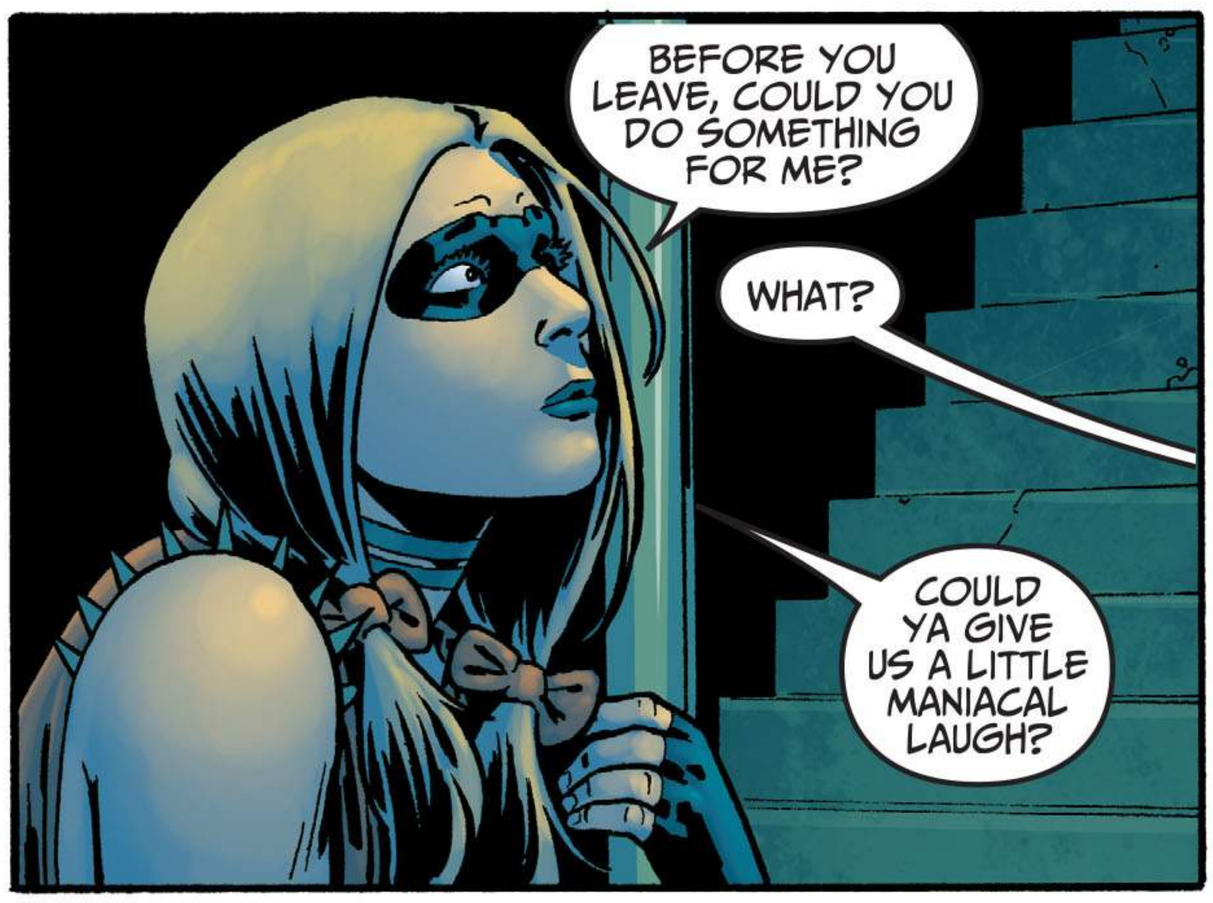

WHY?
NO ONE SHOULD *EVER* HAVE TO JUSTIFY A FAKE MOUSTACHE.


THE FAKE HAND WAS ALWAYS MISTER J'S GAG.

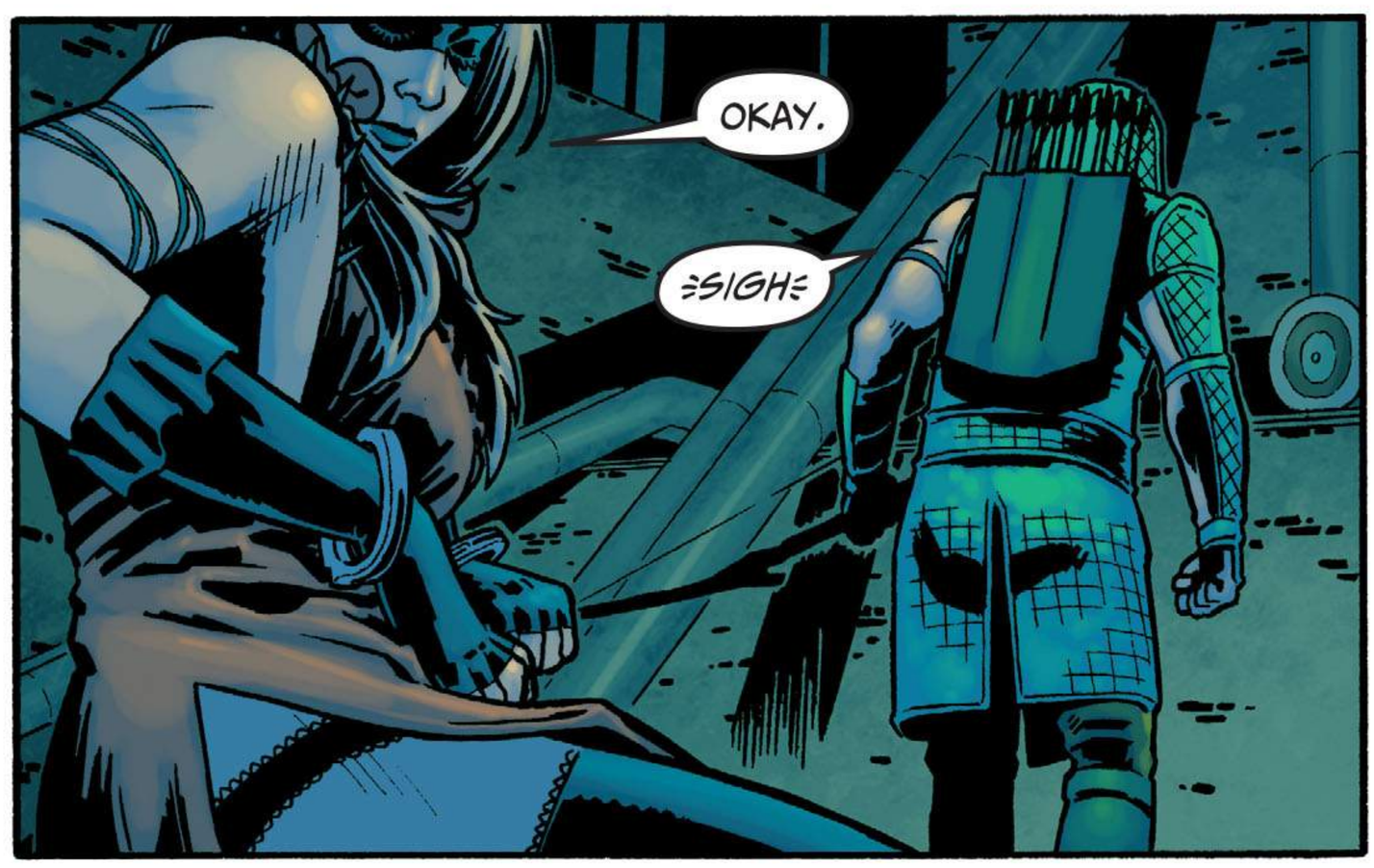
HAVE YOU EVER LOVED SOMEONE YOU KNEW WAS WRONG FOR YOU?
SOMEONE WHO *HURT YOU* OVER AND OVER AGAIN AND HURT THOSE AROUND YOU BUT YOU COULD FORGIVE THEM BECAUSE LOSING THEM WOULD HURT EVEN MORE?

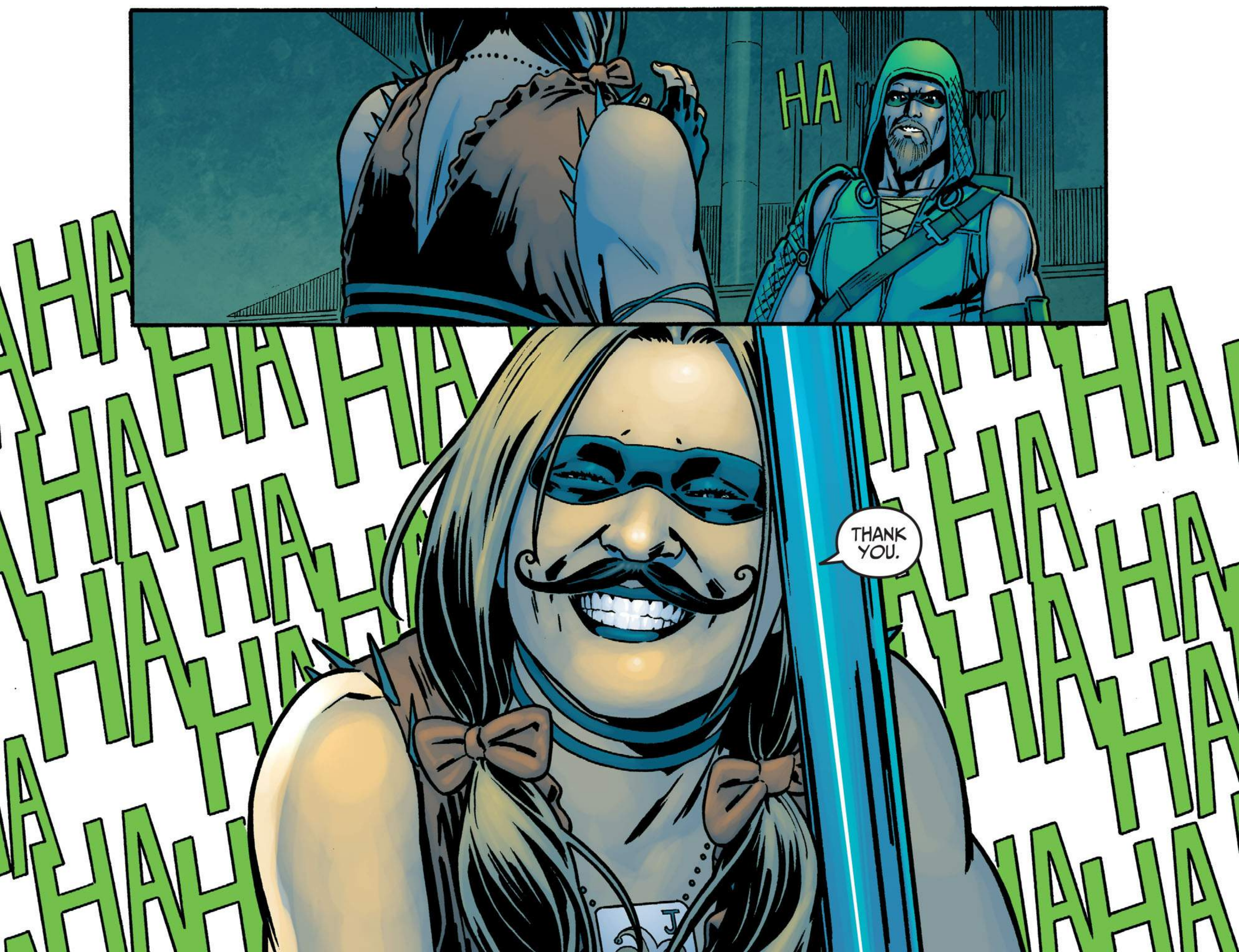

I...
...ACTUALLY, YOU'VE JUST DESCRIBED THREE OF THE LAST FOUR WOMEN I'VE BEEN WITH.

I KNOW HE WAS A BAD GUY...
GENOCIDAL PSYCHOPATH.
...BUT HE WAS MINE.


BEFORE YOU LEAVE, COULD YOU DO SOMETHING FOR ME?
WHAT?
COULD YA GIVE US A LITTLE MANIACAL LAUGH?

NO.
PLEASE. JUST A GIGGLE?
NO!


OKAY.
=SIGH=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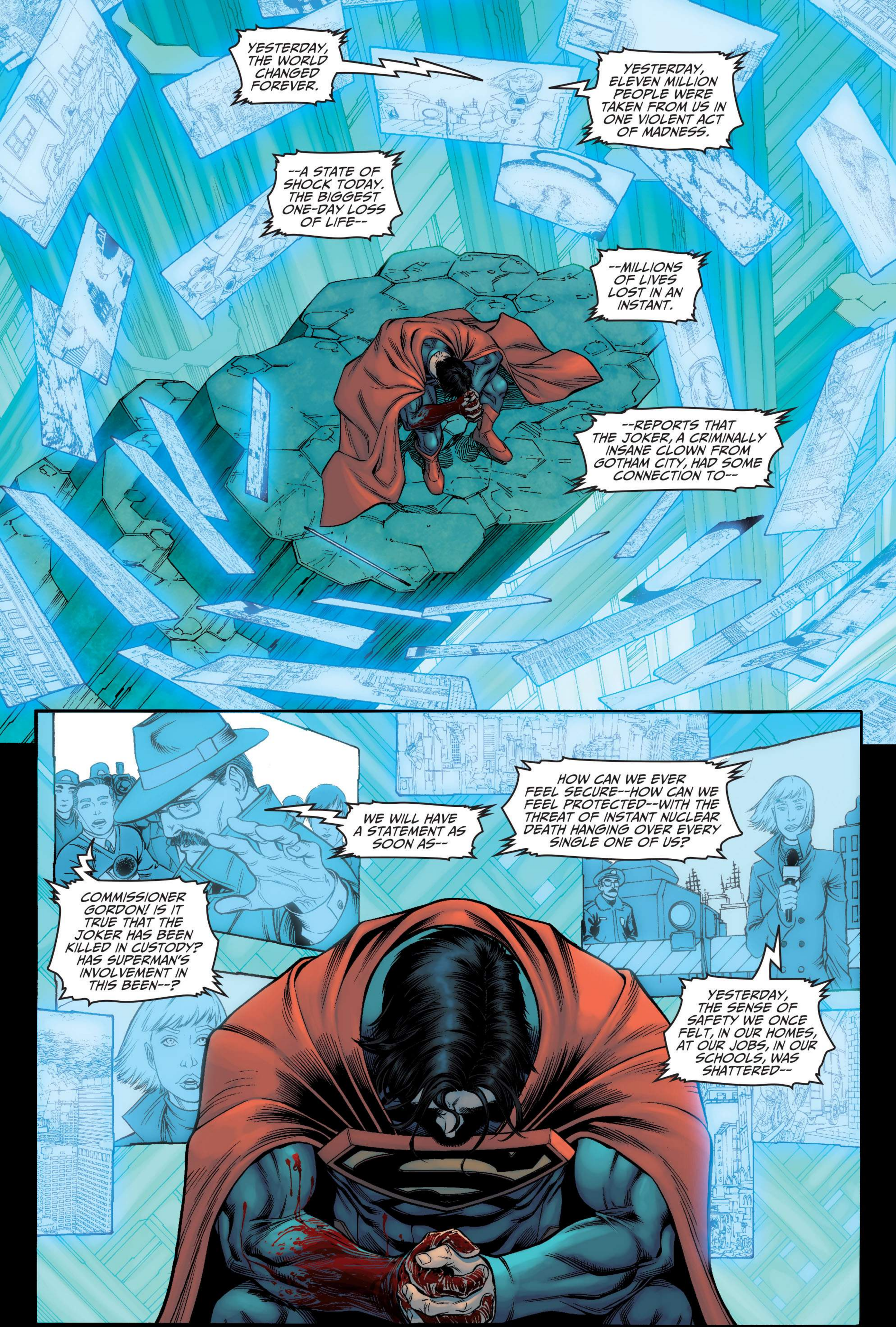
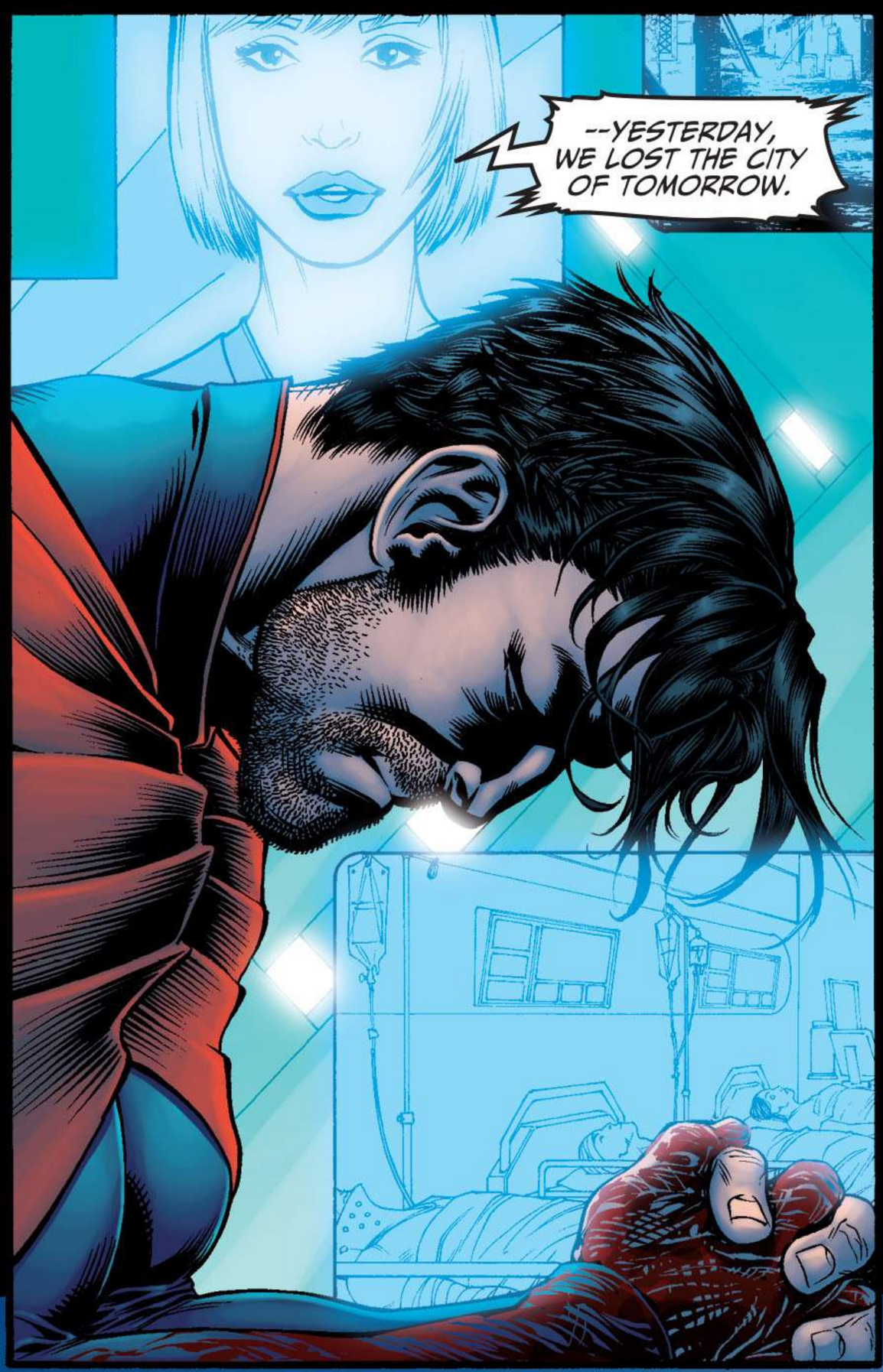
HAHAHAH

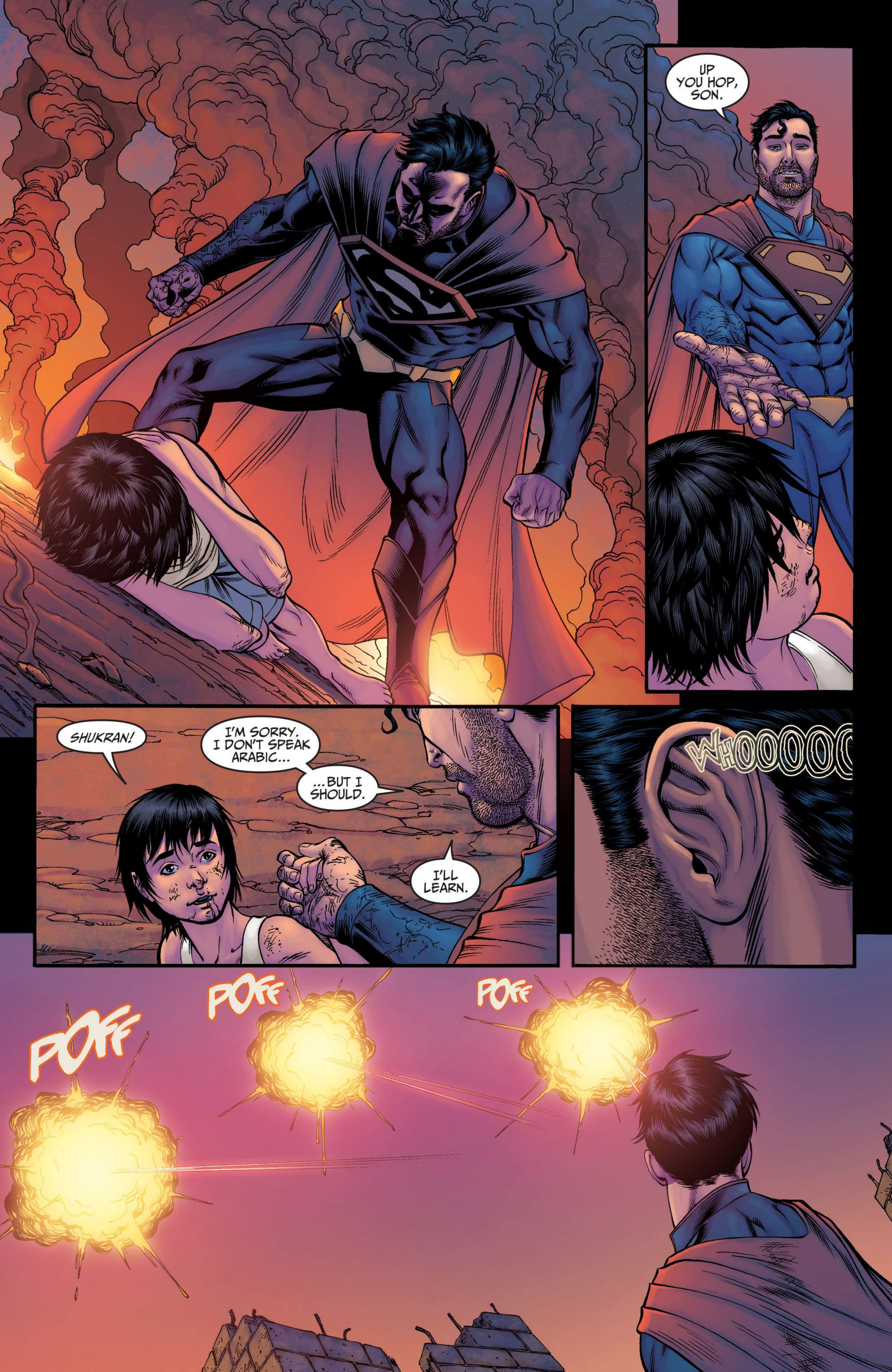

YESTERDAY, THE WORLD CHANGED FOREVER.
YESTERDAY, ELEVEN MILLION PEOPLE WERE TAKEN FROM US IN ONE VIOLENT ACT OF MADNESS.
--A STATE OF SHOCK TODAY. THE BIGGEST ONE-DAY LOSS OF LIFE--
--MILLIONS OF LIVES LOST IN AN INSTANT.
--REPORTS THAT THE JOKER, A CRIMINALLY INSANE CLOWN FROM GOTHAM CITY, HAD SOME CONNECTION TO--
COMMISSIONER GORDON! IS IT TRUE THAT THE JOKER HAS BEEN KILLED IN CUSTODY? HAS SUPERMAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN THIS BEEN--?
WE WILL HAVE A STATEMENT AS SOON AS--
HOW CAN WE EVER FEEL SECURE--HOW CAN WE FEEL PROTECTED--WITH THE THREAT OF INSTANT NUCLEAR DEATH HANGING OVER EVERY SINGLE ONE OF US?
YESTERDAY, THE SENSE OF SAFETY WE ONCE FELT, IN OUR HOMES, AT OUR JOBS, IN OUR SCHOOLS, WAS SHATTERED--


--YESTERDAY, WE LOST THE CITY OF TOMORROW.

MEANWHILE, BIALYA'S TELECOMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN SEVERED, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO PREVENT INFORMATION FROM REACHING BEYOND THE COUNTRY'S BORDERS.

IT IS BELIEVED THE SHELLING OF BIALYA, WHICH HAS ALREADY CLAIMED THOUSANDS OF LIVES, CONTINUES UNABATED INSIDE THIS INTERNET BLACKOUT.
NO MORE.

THE CITY OF GARED, BIALYA
UNF!
WHOOOOO
KRRRRK


UP YOU HOP, SON.
SHUKRAN!
I'M SORRY. I DON'T SPEAK ARABIC...
...BUT I SHOULD.
I'LL LEARN.
WHOOOOO
POFF
POFF
POFF

I'LL STOP THIS.

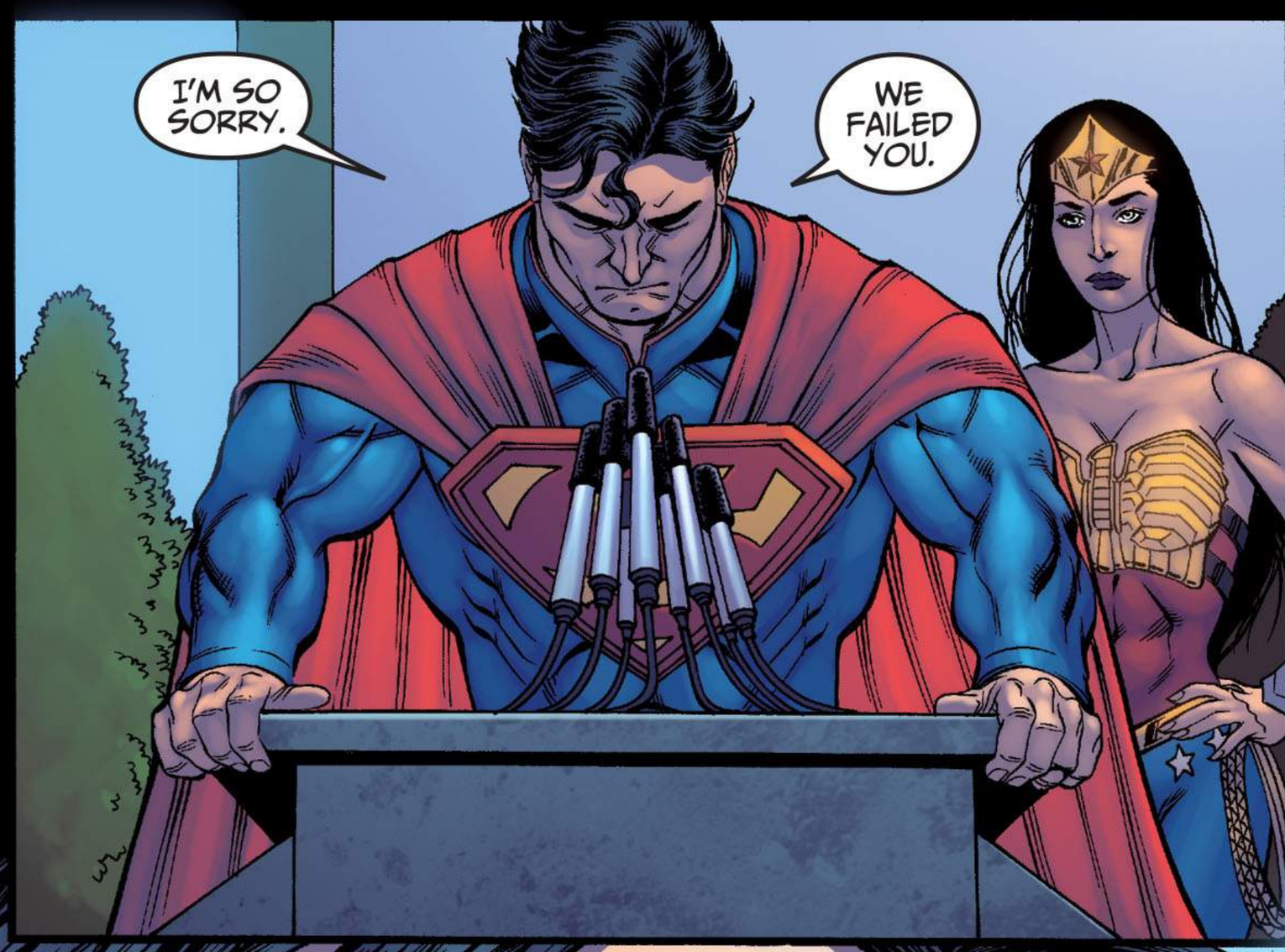
BIALYA'S CAPITAL BUILDING
THOOM
MISTER PRESIDENT.
I'D LIKE A WORD.

I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING.
THESE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT.
NO. YOU...YOU CAN'T DO THIS.
YES. I CAN. I REALIZE THIS NOW.
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT! I AM PRESIDENT!
NOT ANYMORE.

SUPERMAN.
THERE ARE CAMERAS.
GOOD. I HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY.
ARE YOU PLANNING ON ADDRESSING THE WORLD?
YES.
NO.
I WILL SPEAK--
THE WORLD WILL HEAR YOU, BUT NOT HERE, NOT IN THE MIDDLE OF THIS, AND NOT LOOKING LIKE THAT.
WASH OFF THE SCORCH MARKS, THE SHRAPNEL AND THE BLOOD. SHAVE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I WILL CALL A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS.
AND YOU WILL SAY WHAT I'VE BEEN WAITING TO HEAR SINCE I FIRST MET YOU.

THE UNITED NATIONS

UNF!


I'M SO SORRY.
WE FAILED YOU.

MY NAME--
--MY EARTH NAME--

--IS CLARK KENT.

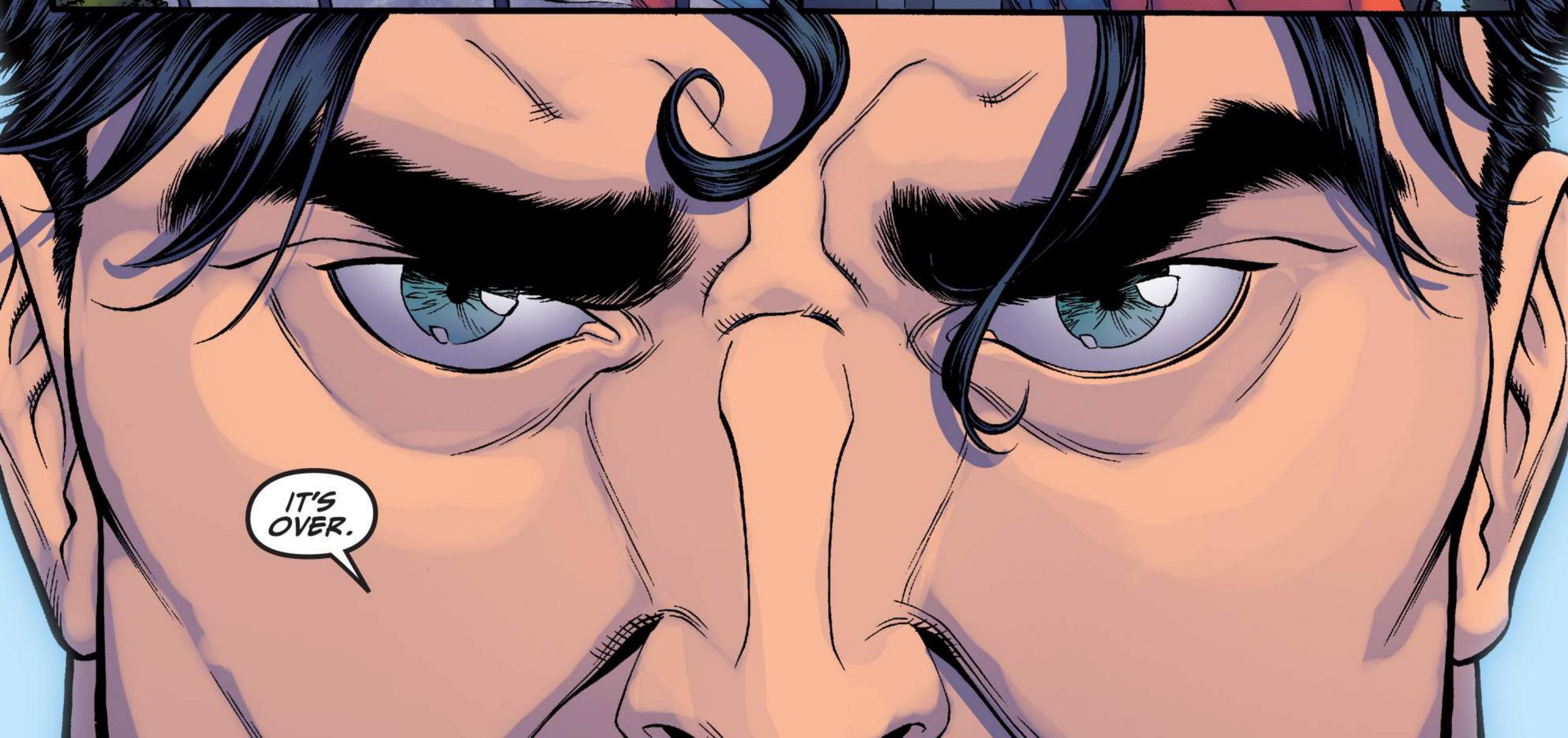
I AM...I WAS A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY PLANET.
AS A JOURNALIST, I SPENT TOO MUCH TIME WRITING ABOUT THE EVIL IN THE WORLD. AS A HERO, I HAVE SPENT TOO MUCH TIME REACTING TO EVILS ALREADY PERPETRATED.

NO MORE.
WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY CAN NEVER BE ALLOWED TO HAPPEN AGAIN. MONSTERS CAN NO LONGER ROAM FREE AMONG US.
CRNCH

THIS MAN TURNED HIS WEAPONS AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE. HE IS A CRIMINAL AND HE WILL BE TRIED AS ONE.
TO THOSE WHO WOULD DO THE SAME, THOSE WHO WOULD HURT OTHERS, KNOW THAT I WILL COME FOR YOU.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR LANDS OR YOUR BELIEFS. I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR PETTY SQUABBLES.
I DON'T CARE IF YOU'RE A MADMAN OR A TERRORIST, A KING OR A PRESIDENT.
YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE INNOCENT LIVES.

I AM CALLING FOR AN IMMEDIATE WORLD-WIDE CEASEFIRE.
ALL HOSTILITIES WILL STOP IMMEDIATELY--OR I WILL STOP THEM.


IT'S OVER.

PART THREE
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DRONE COMMAND, NEVADA

THERMAL CONFIRMED. TARGET IS STATIC.

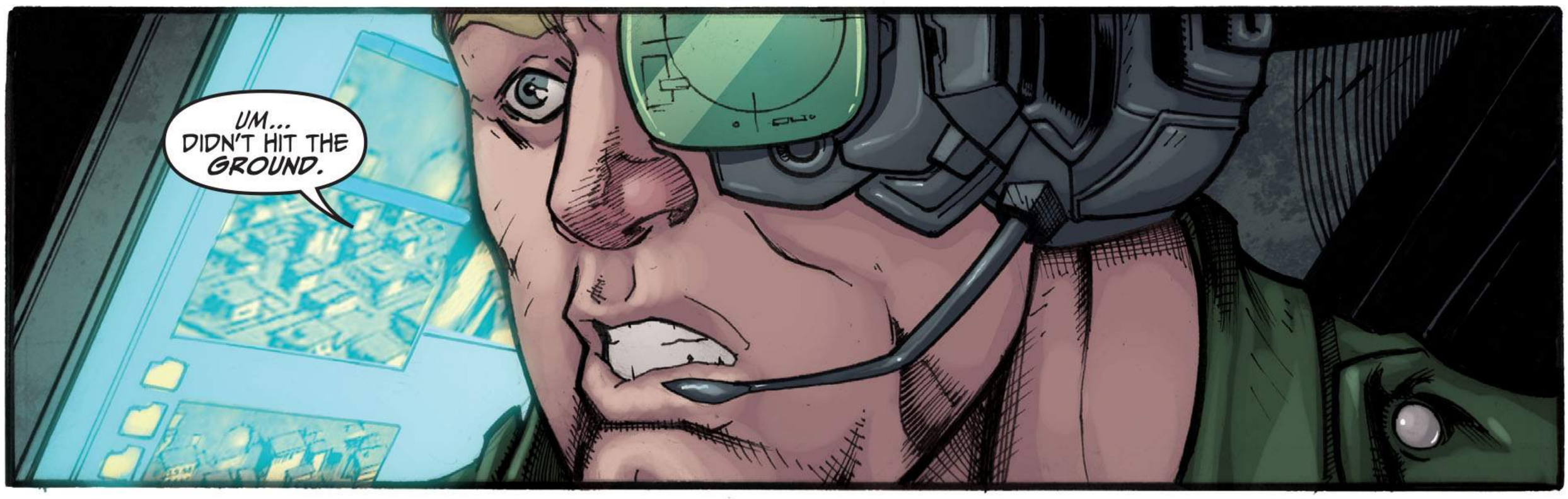
"ARMING MISSILE."

CLICK

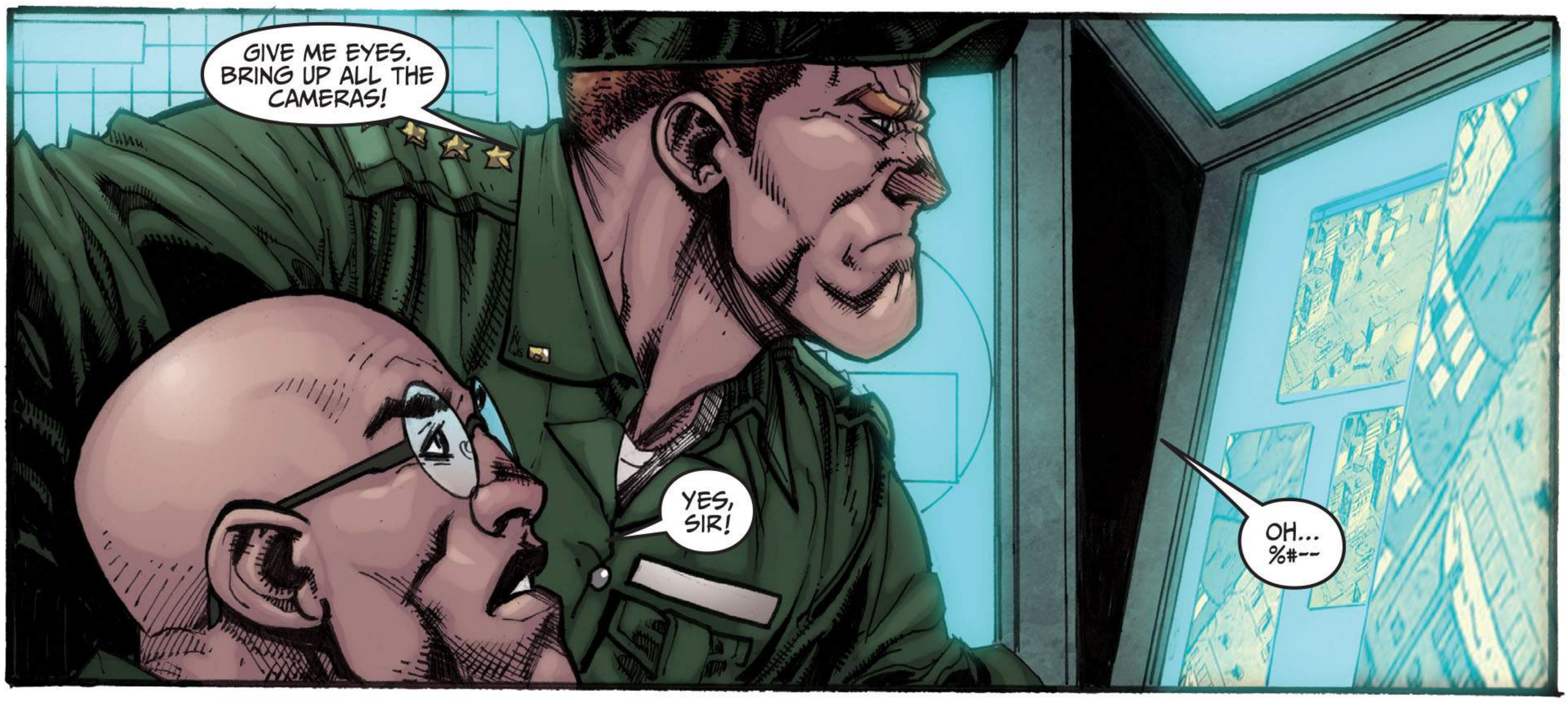
MISSILE AWAY.

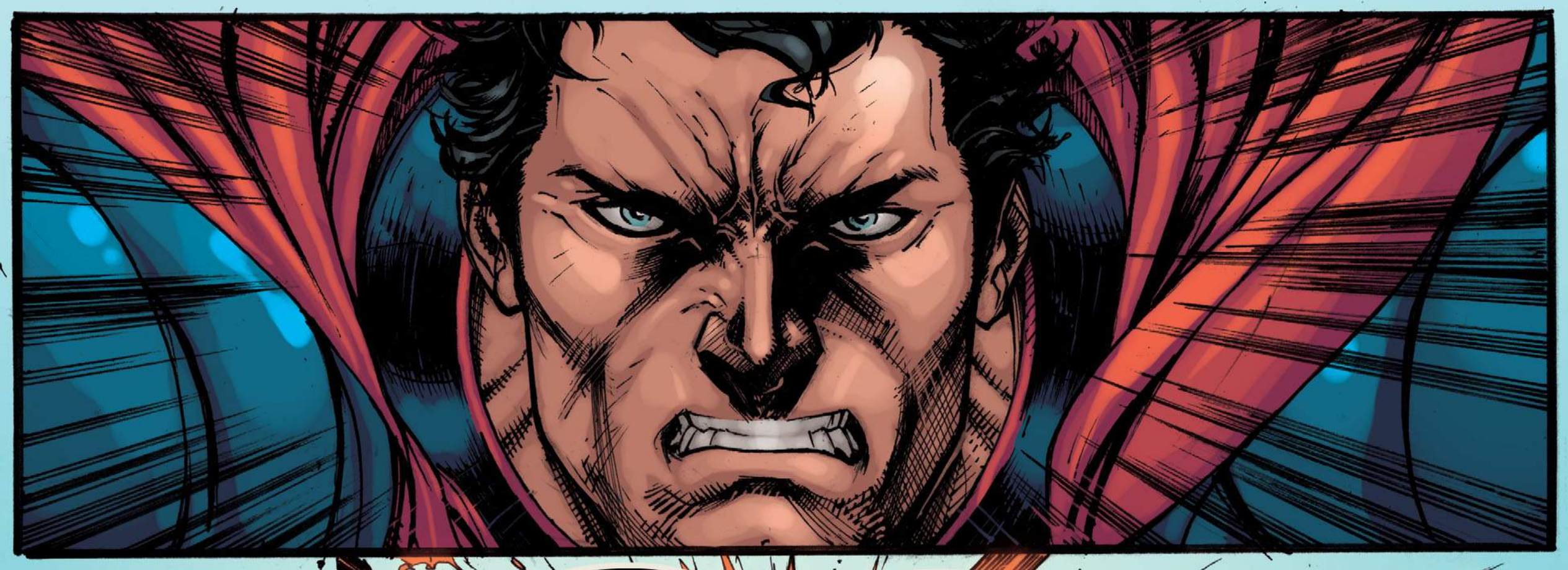
CAN YOU CONFIRM TARGET DESTROYED?
I...

WHAT?
THE MISSILE DIDN'T HIT.
DIDN'T HIT THE TARGET?


UM... DIDN'T HIT THE GROUND.

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?
I DON'T KNOW, SIR. MAYBE THE TARGETING SYSTEM MALFUNCTIONED AND--
UNLESS GRAVITY MALFUNCTIONED, THE MISSILE HAS TO BE ON THE GROUND.


GIVE ME EYES. BRING UP ALL THE CAMERAS!
YES, SIR!
OH... %#--



KOOOOM

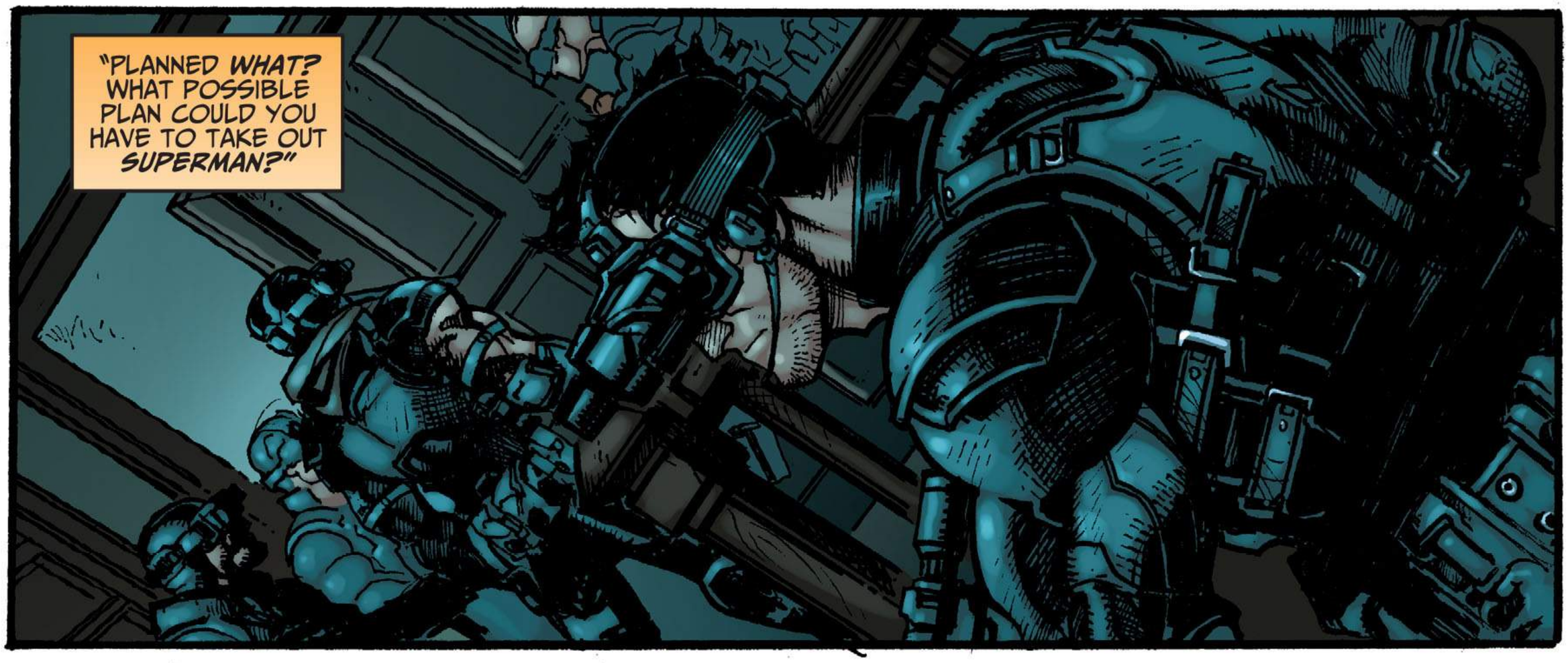
AND THE TARGET OF THE DRONE STRIKE?
A MINOR REBEL LEADER.
ESTIMATED CASUALTIES?
ACCEPTABLE. BETWEEN FIVE TO TEN CIVILIANS.

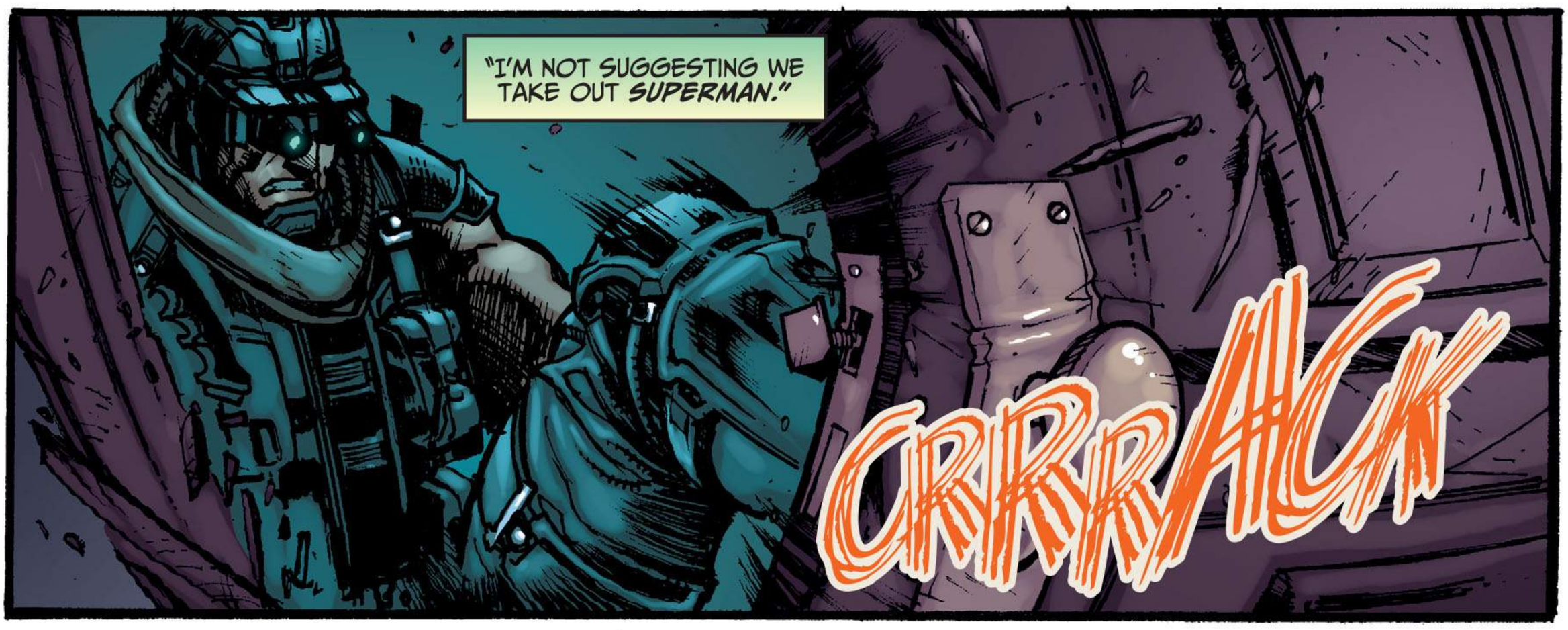
IT LOOKS TO ME LIKE HE WAS TRYING TO PREVENT THE DEATH OF INNOCENTS.
WHAT HE WAS DOING WAS ACTING AGAINST THE UNITED STATES MILITARY. WHAT HE WAS DOING WAS COMMITTING *TREASON!*
HE HAS ALREADY *MURDERED* ON OUR SOIL WITHOUT PUNISHMENT. AND WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW HIS BLUNDERING ACTIONS IN BIALYA MAY DESTABILIZE OUR EFFORTS IN THE REGION.
SIR, SUPERMAN HAS DECIDED TO POLICE THE ENTIRE WORLD. HE HAS ALREADY TOPPLED ONE GOVERNMENT. IF HE IS ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, UNCHECKED, *UNCONTROLLED* LIKE THIS...
WHAT DO YOU PROPOSE?

"WE HAVE ONE CHANCE AT THIS. WE HAVE ONE CARD WE CAN PLAY."

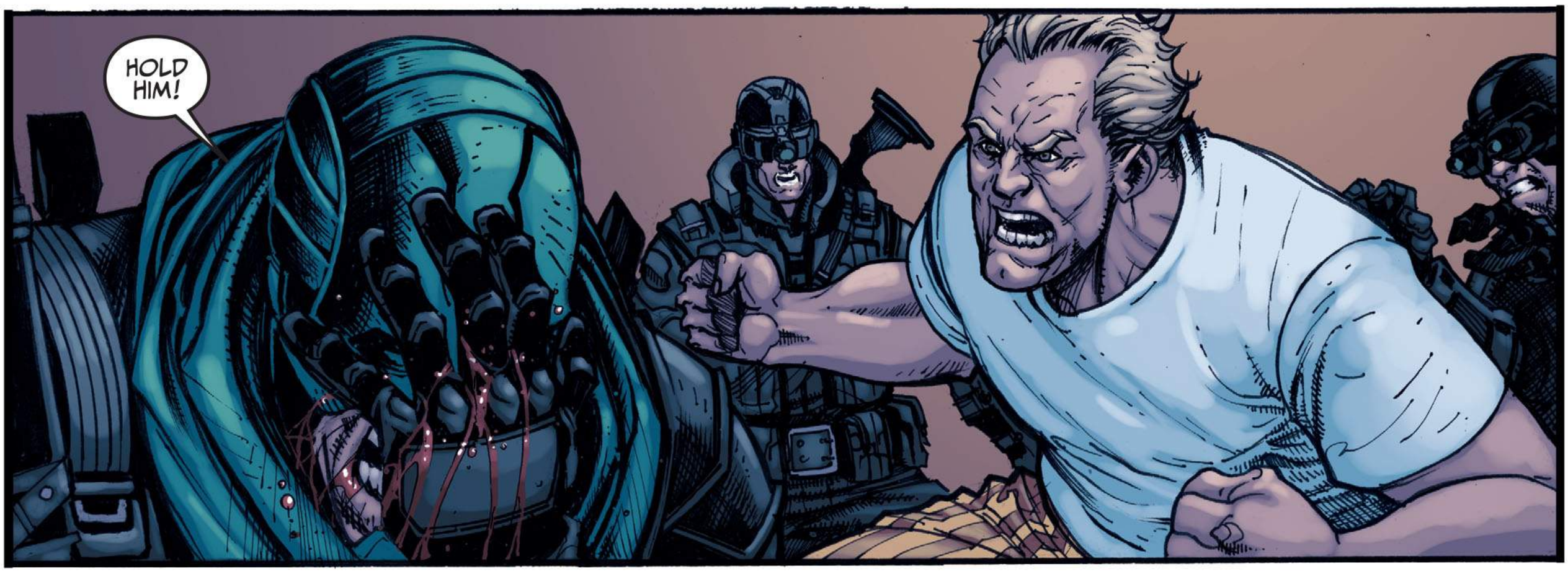
"HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES, GENERAL? IF WE MOVE AGAINST HIM AND *FAIL*...?"

"THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO SIGN OF YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS, SIR. THESE WILL BE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS HIRED THROUGH A SERIES OF SHELL COMPANIES.
"AND WE WON'T FAIL. WE'VE PLANNED THIS."

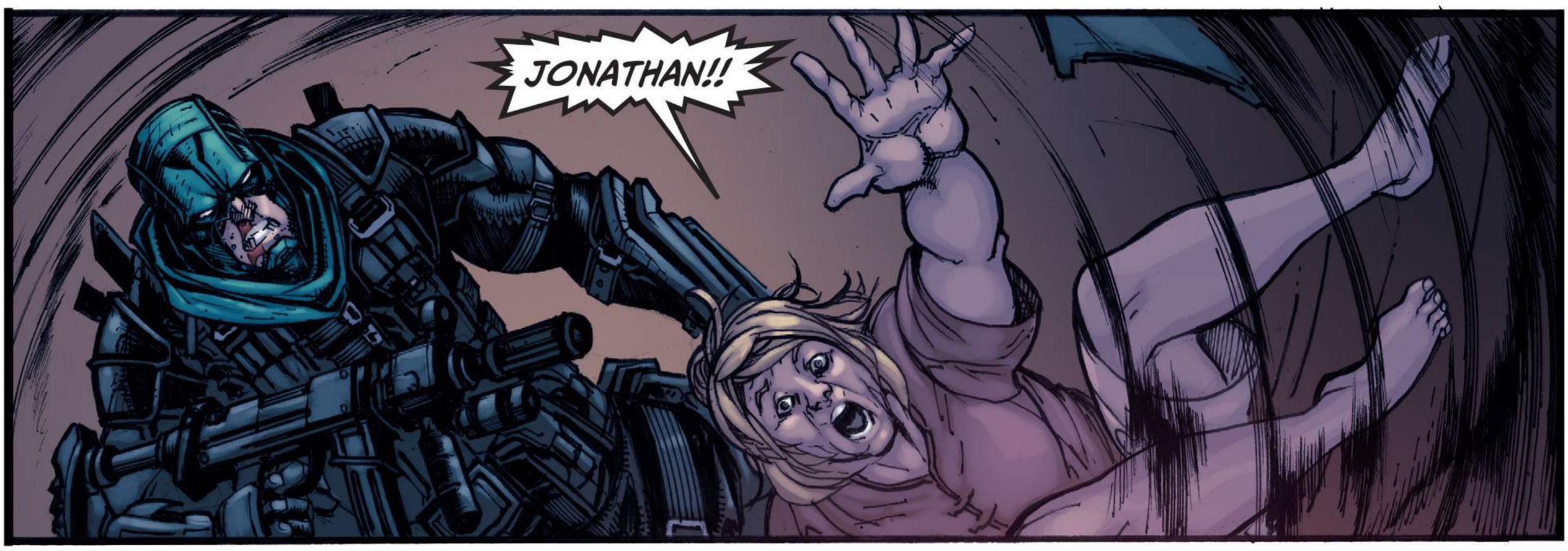

"PLANNED *WHAT?* WHAT POSSIBLE PLAN COULD YOU HAVE TO TAKE OUT *SUPERMAN?*"


"I'M NOT SUGGESTING WE TAKE OUT *SUPERMAN.*"
CRRRACK

JONATHAN!!
ON THE FLOOR!
MARTHA!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF HER!
I SAID ON THE FLOOR! DON'T MAKE ME HURT YOU, OLD MAN--
UNF!
CRCK


HOLD HIM!

GRCH

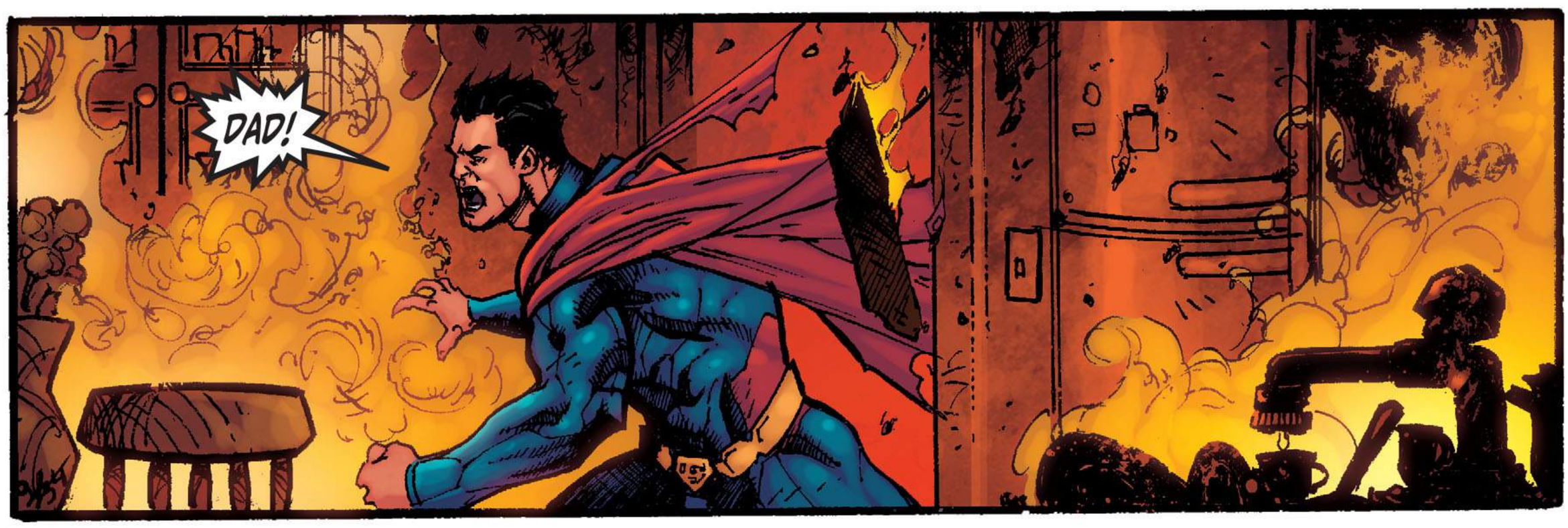

JONATHAN!!

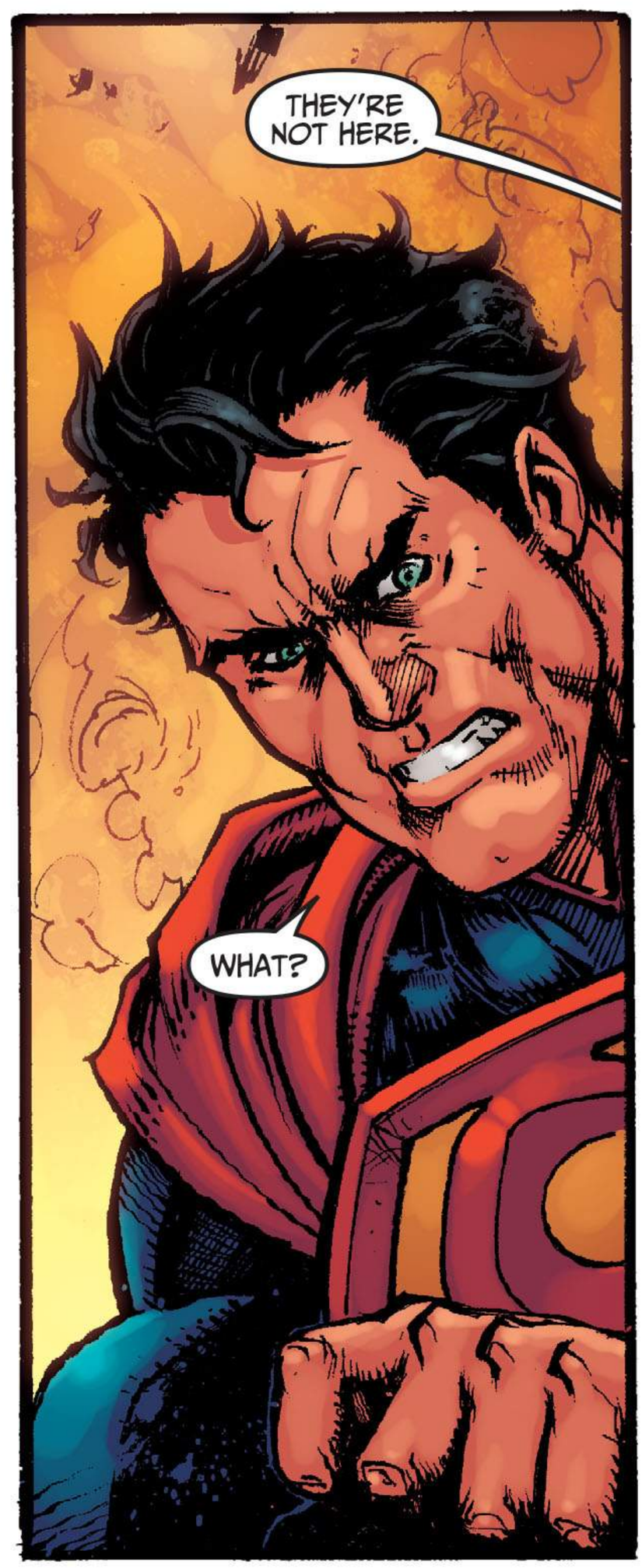
THD

LIGHT IT UP!

KENT
GO. GO. GO!
INTO THE MIRROR.

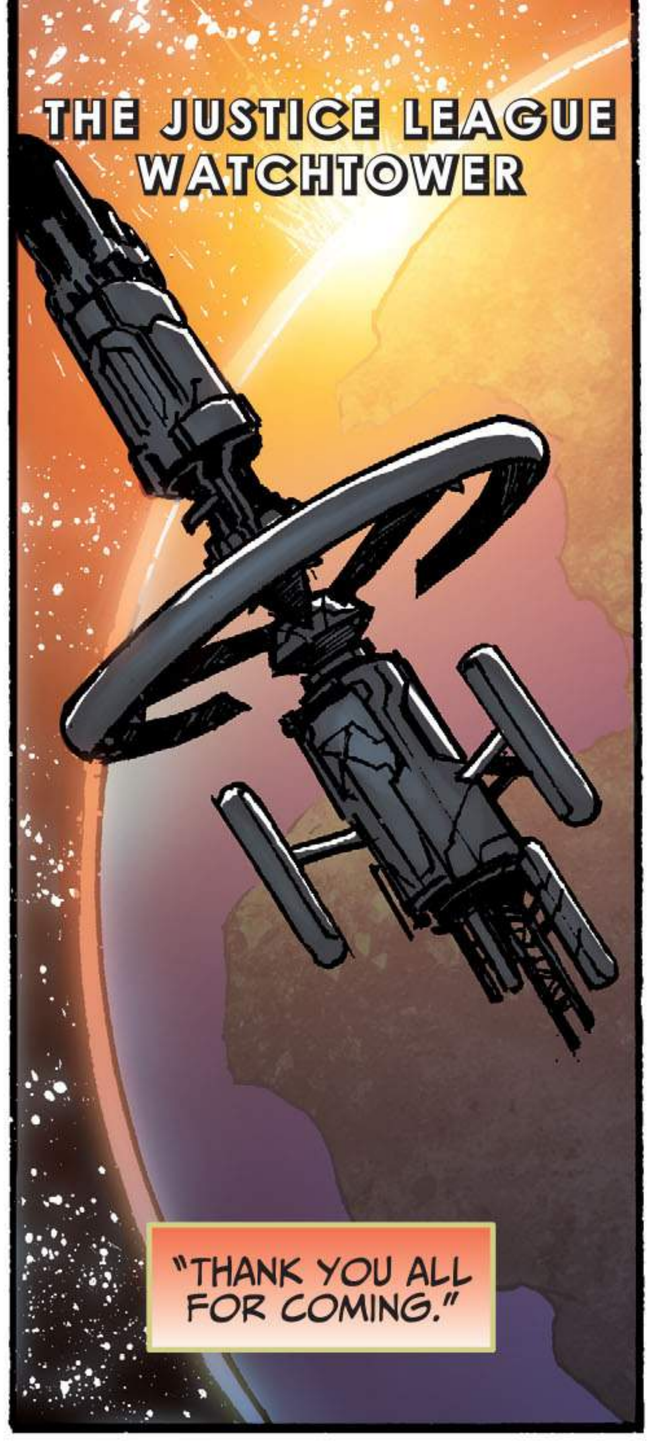
MOM!
WHOOM


DAD!


THEY'RE NOT HERE.
WHAT?

IF YOU'VE HURT THEM, I'LL--
YOU'LL WHAT? PUT YOUR *FIST* THROUGH MY *CHEST?*
SERIOUSLY, THAT WAS SOME PRETTY DARK STUFF.

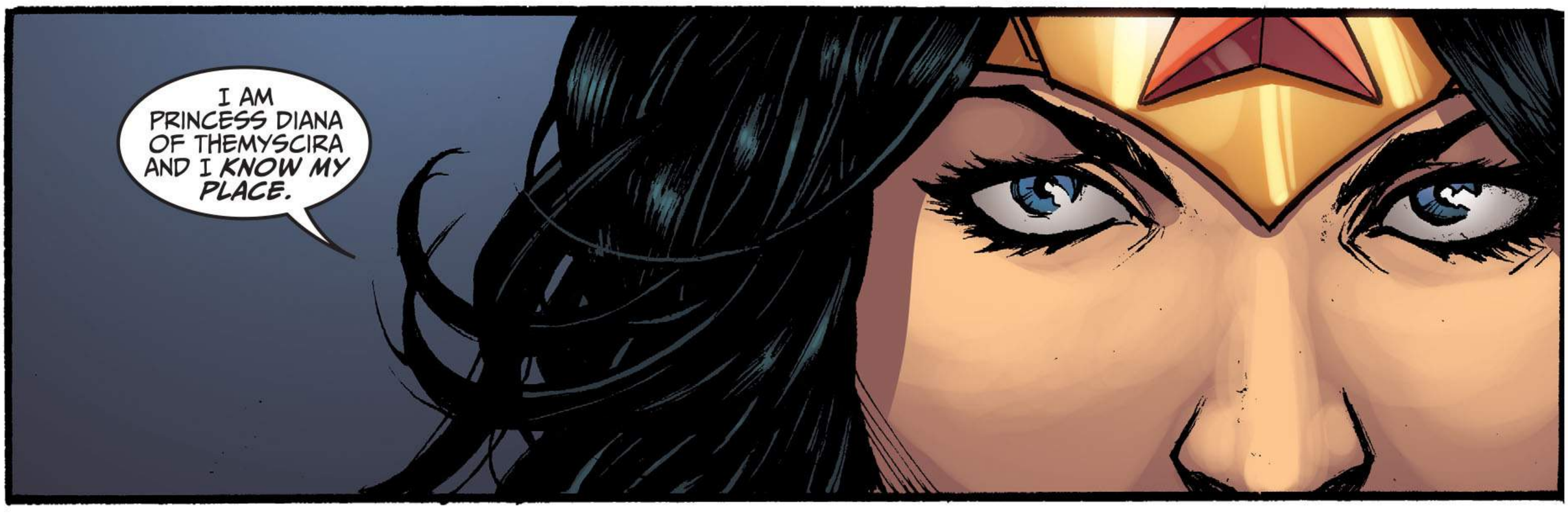
KNOW THIS. YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO SEE YOUR PARENTS AGAIN. THEY'RE SOMEWHERE EVEN YOU CAN'T FIND OR TOUCH.
BUT THEY ARE ALIVE. THE OLD MAN PUT UP A BIT OF A FIGHT, AND I HAD TO TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF HIM WITH SOME GOOD OLD-FASHIONED VIOLENCE, BUT HE'LL LIVE.
YOU!
CRSSHH
AND THEY WILL STAY ALIVE IF YOU HEED THIS MESSAGE.
IT'S A SIMPLE MESSAGE.
STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
STOP INTERFERING WITH GOVERNMENTS AND WARS AND GO BACK TO PUNCHING GIANT SPACE ROBOTS AND STUFF.
DO THIS AND YOUR PARENTS KEEP BREATHING. FORGET YOUR PLACE AGAIN AND WE'LL START SENDING YOU LITTLE PIECES OF ONE OF THEM.
MAYBE WE'LL EVEN LET YOU CHOOSE WHICH ONE.

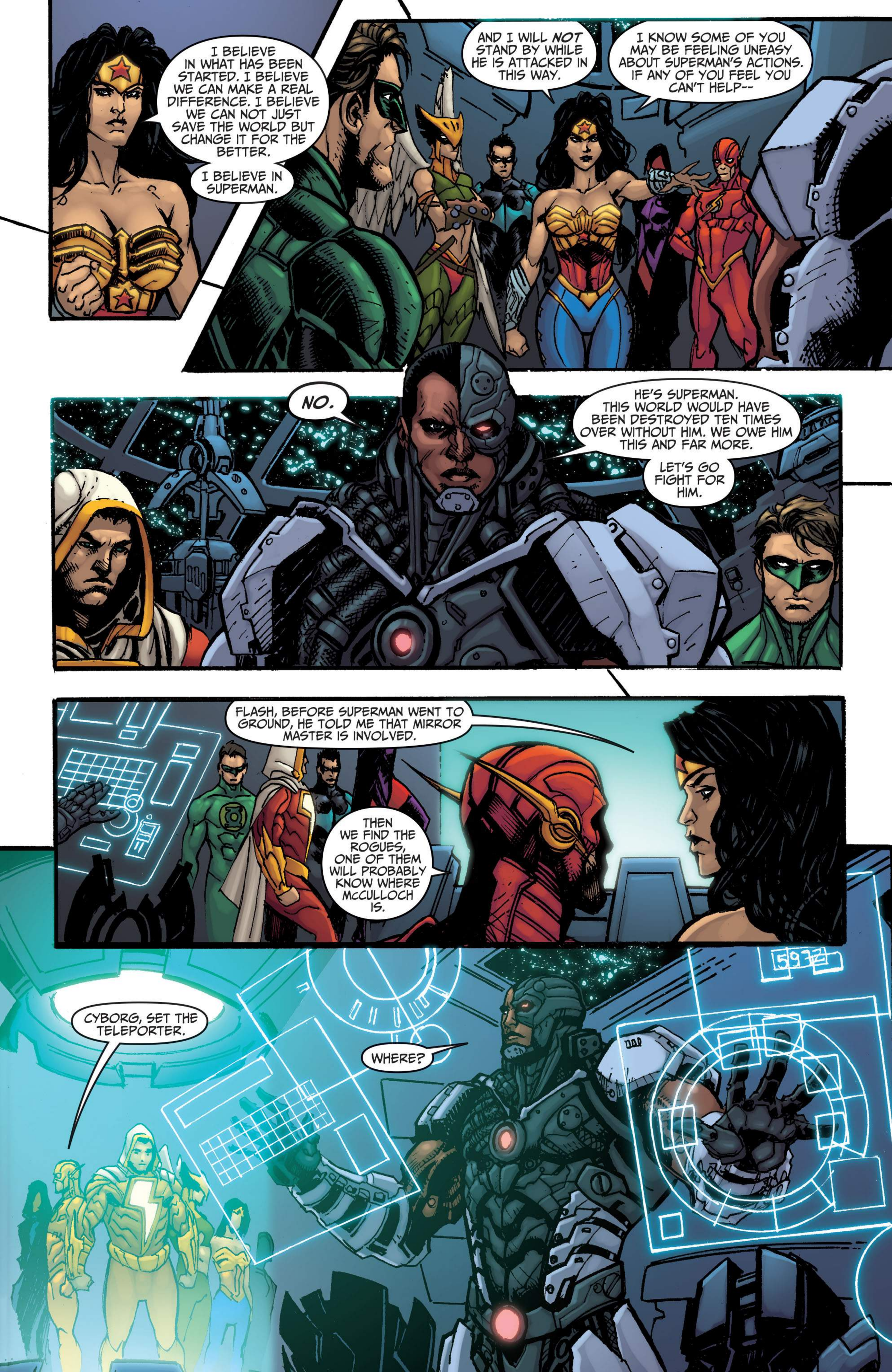

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WATCHTOWER
"THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING."

NO ONE STANDING HERE TODAY WAS UNTOUCHED BY THE TRAGEDY THAT TOOK PLACE LAST WEEK. EVERY ONE OF US LOST FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES IN METROPOLIS.
THERE ARE HEROES WHO SHOULD BE STANDING WITH US HERE TODAY WHO WE WILL NEVER SEE AGAIN.

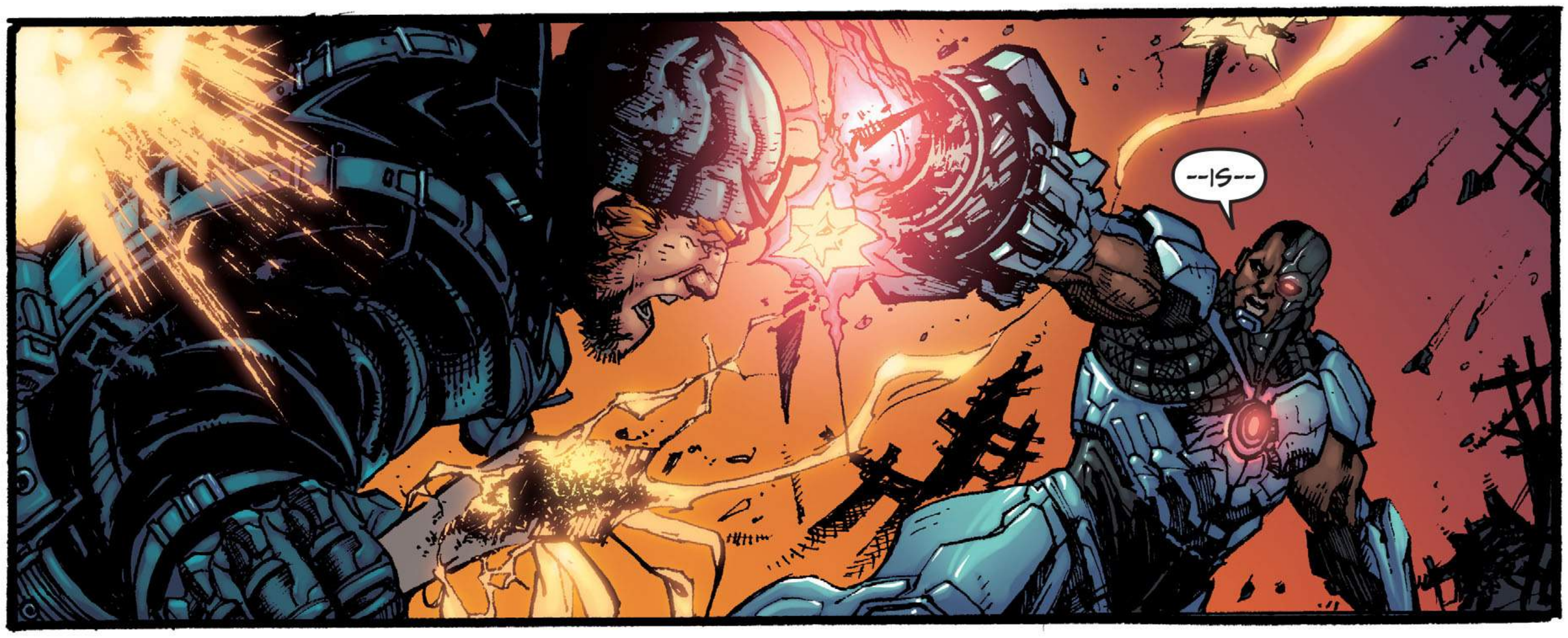
SUPERMAN HAS NOT BEEN MOURNING. HE HAS BEEN FIGHTING. HE TOOK A TRAGEDY AND BEGAN TO ACT TO MAKE SURE IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN AGAIN.
LAST NIGHT, IN RESPONSE TO SUPERMAN'S RECENT ACTIONS--

--HIS PARENTS WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOME.
THEY WILL APPARENTLY BE KILLED IF SUPERMAN CONTINUES TO GET IN THE WAY OF GOVERNMENTS.
WHOEVER DID THIS WANTS US TO KNOW OUR PLACE.


I AM PRINCESS DIANA OF THEMYSCIRA AND I *KNOW MY PLACE.*


I BELIEVE IN WHAT HAS BEEN STARTED. I BELIEVE WE CAN MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE. I BELIEVE WE CAN NOT JUST SAVE THE WORLD BUT CHANGE IT FOR THE BETTER.
I BELIEVE IN SUPERMAN.
AND I WILL NOT STAND BY WHILE HE IS ATTACKED IN THIS WAY.
I KNOW SOME OF YOU MAY BE FEELING UNEASY ABOUT SUPERMAN'S ACTIONS. IF ANY OF YOU FEEL YOU CAN'T HELP--
NO.
HE'S SUPERMAN. THIS WORLD WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED TEN TIMES OVER WITHOUT HIM. WE OWE HIM THIS AND FAR MORE.
LET'S GO FIGHT FOR HIM.
FLASH, BEFORE SUPERMAN WENT TO GROUND, HE TOLD ME THAT MIRROR MASTER IS INVOLVED.
THEN WE FIND THE ROGUES, ONE OF THEM WILL PROBABLY KNOW WHERE McCULLOCH IS.
CYBORG, SET THE TELEPORTER.
WHERE?

"CENTRAL CITY."
WHERE--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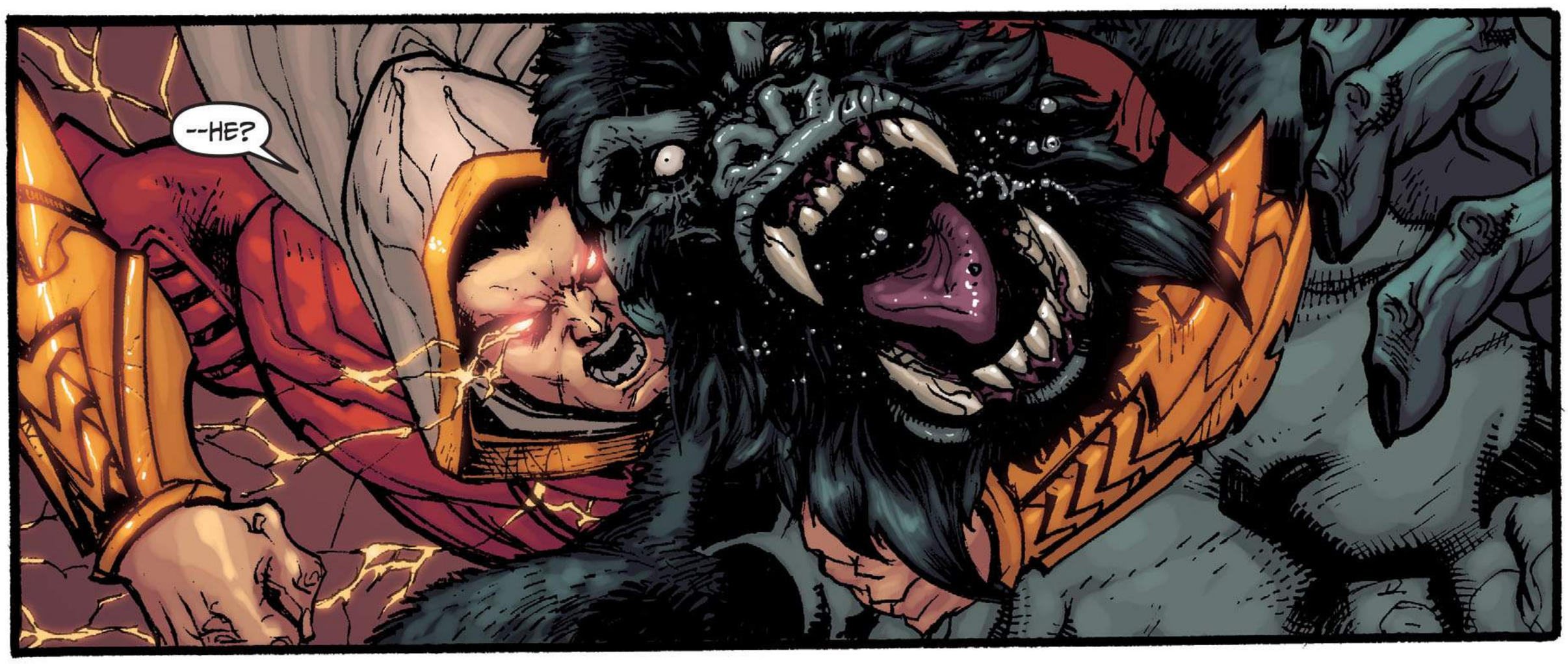
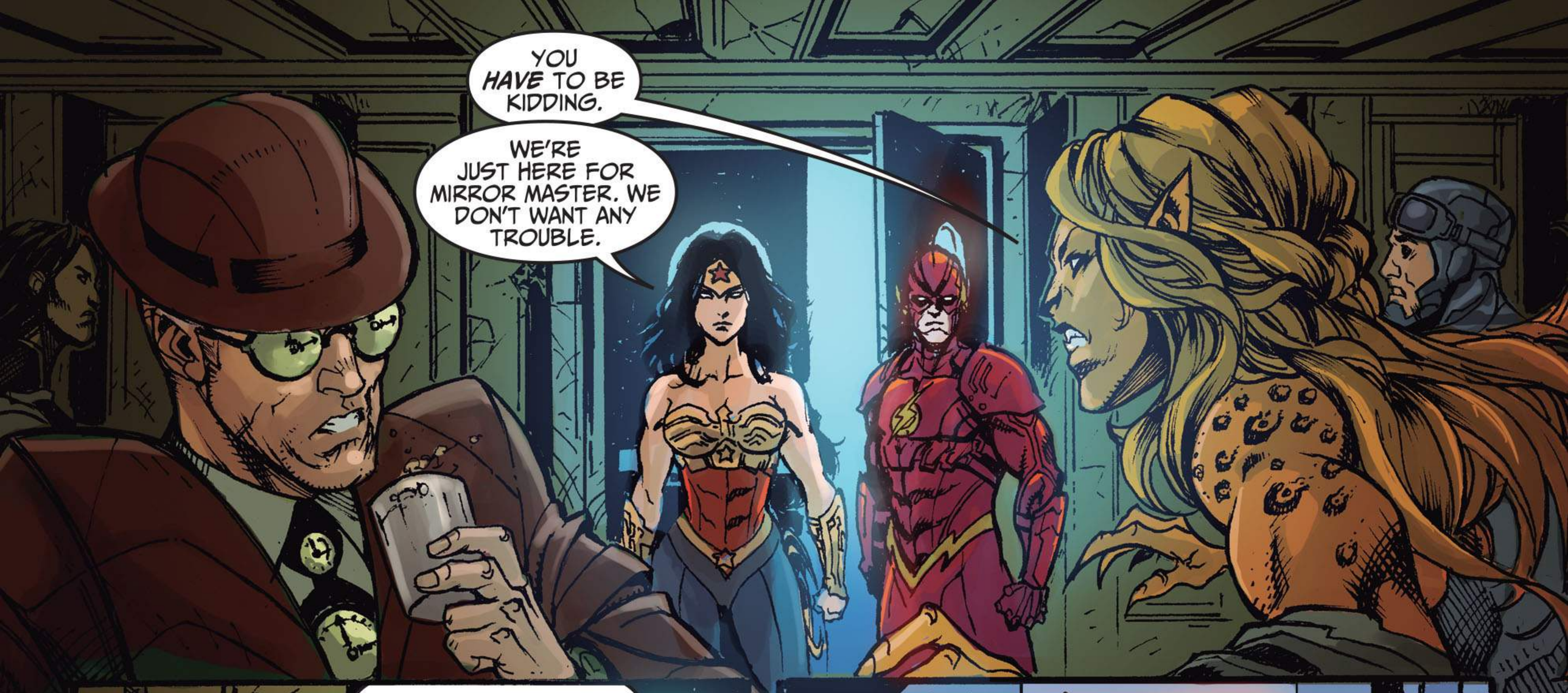
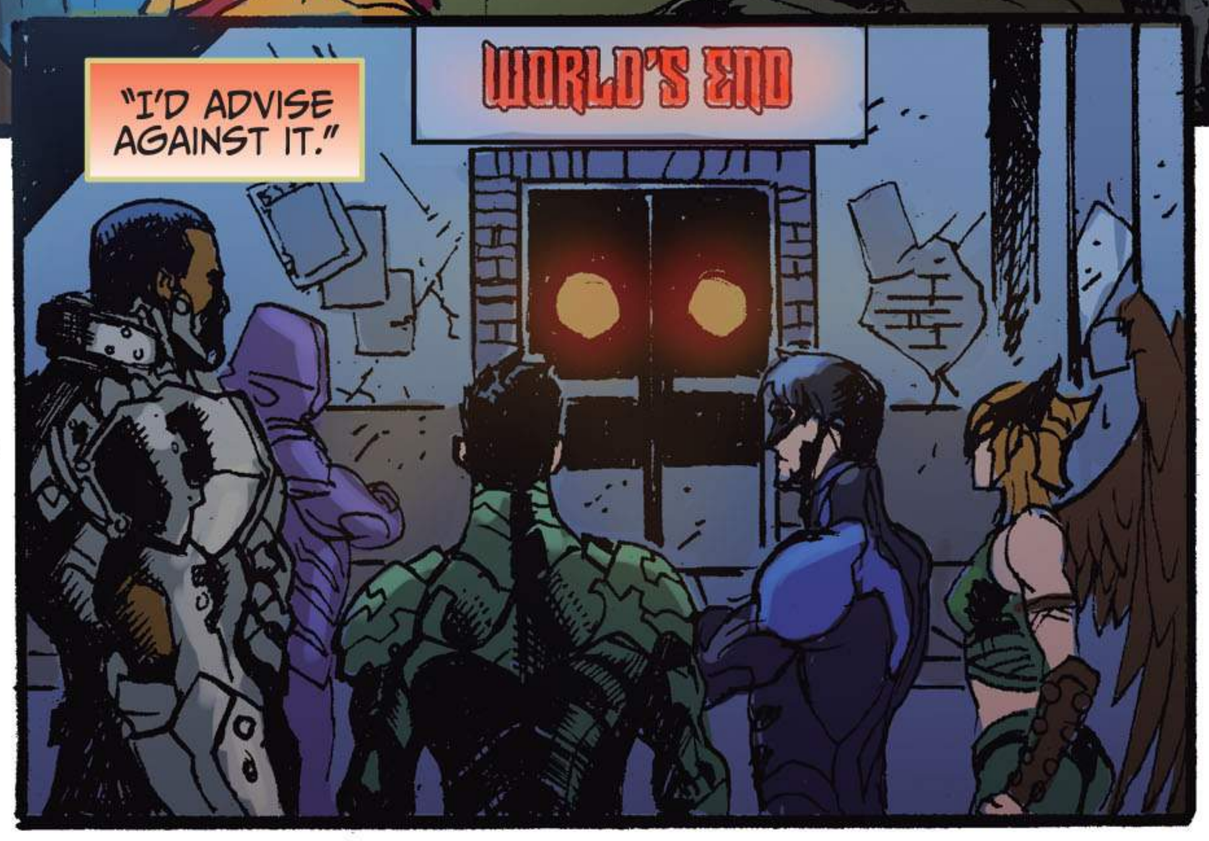

--HE?

WHERE'S MIRROR MASTER?

TELL ME!!
OKAY. OKAY! CALM DOWN!
SERIOUSLY, YOU LOSE *ONE CITY* AND SUDDENLY YOU'RE ALL HARD-ASSES.
HE'S PROBABLY IN THE BAR.
WHAT BAR?
"*WORLD'S END*" IN KEYSTONE CITY.
HEY, DO WHAT YOU HAVE TO WITH MIRROR MASTER BUT GO EASY ON THE REST OF 'EM, YEAH?
"HEROES WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES LOST IN METROPOLIS, YOU KNOW?"


YOU *HAVE* TO BE KIDDING.
WE'RE JUST HERE FOR MIRROR MASTER. WE DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE.

AND WHAT IF *WE* WANT SOME TROUBLE?


"I'D ADVISE AGAINST IT."
WORLD'S END

TIME TO TALK.

HA!

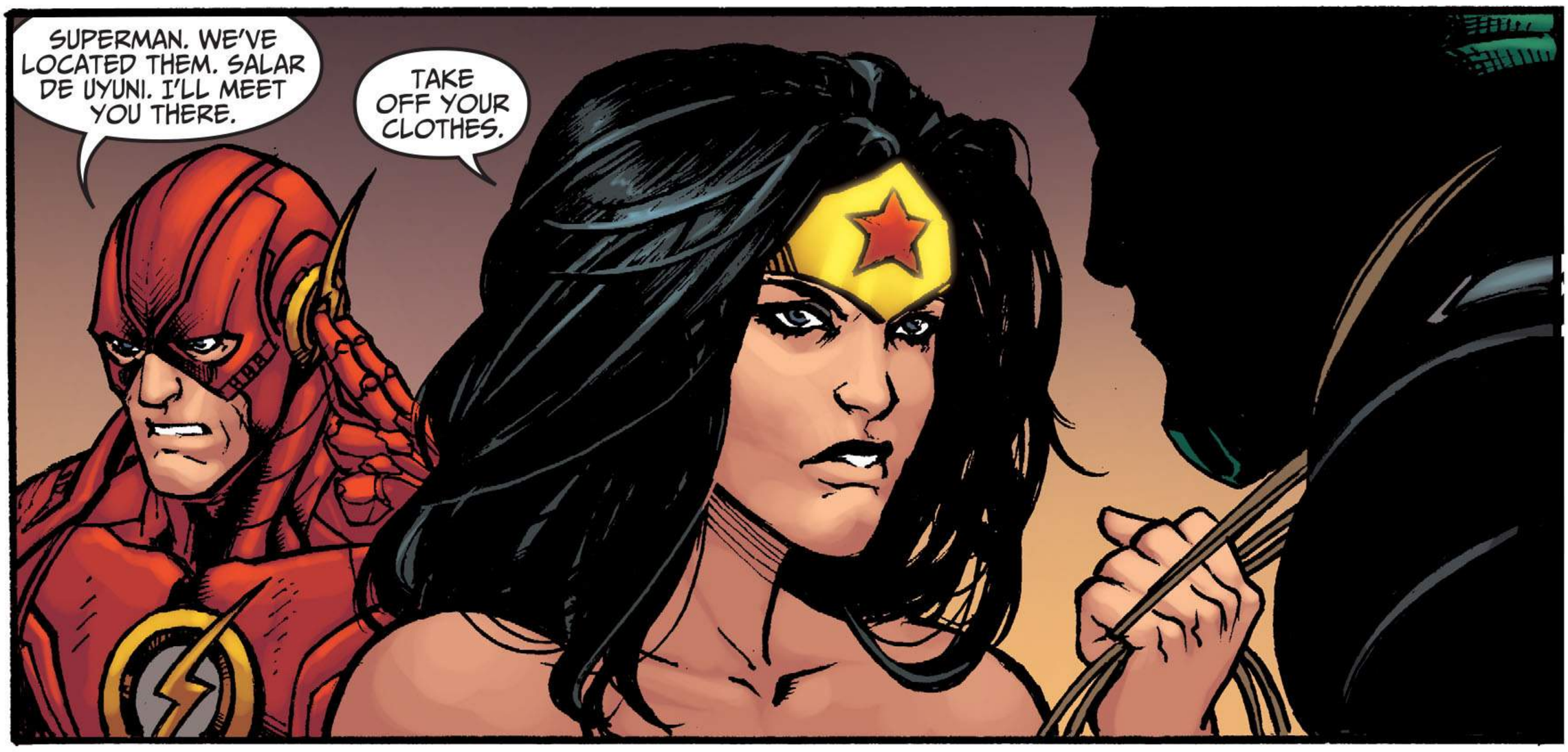
FLASH, FER SUCH A FAST ONE, YE SURE DO LOOK SLOW SOMETIMES.
WELL, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING.

YOU OF ALL PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW THIS.
AGHH!

NAAARGH!
THERE'S NO DIMENSION WHERE YOU CAN HIDE FROM ME.

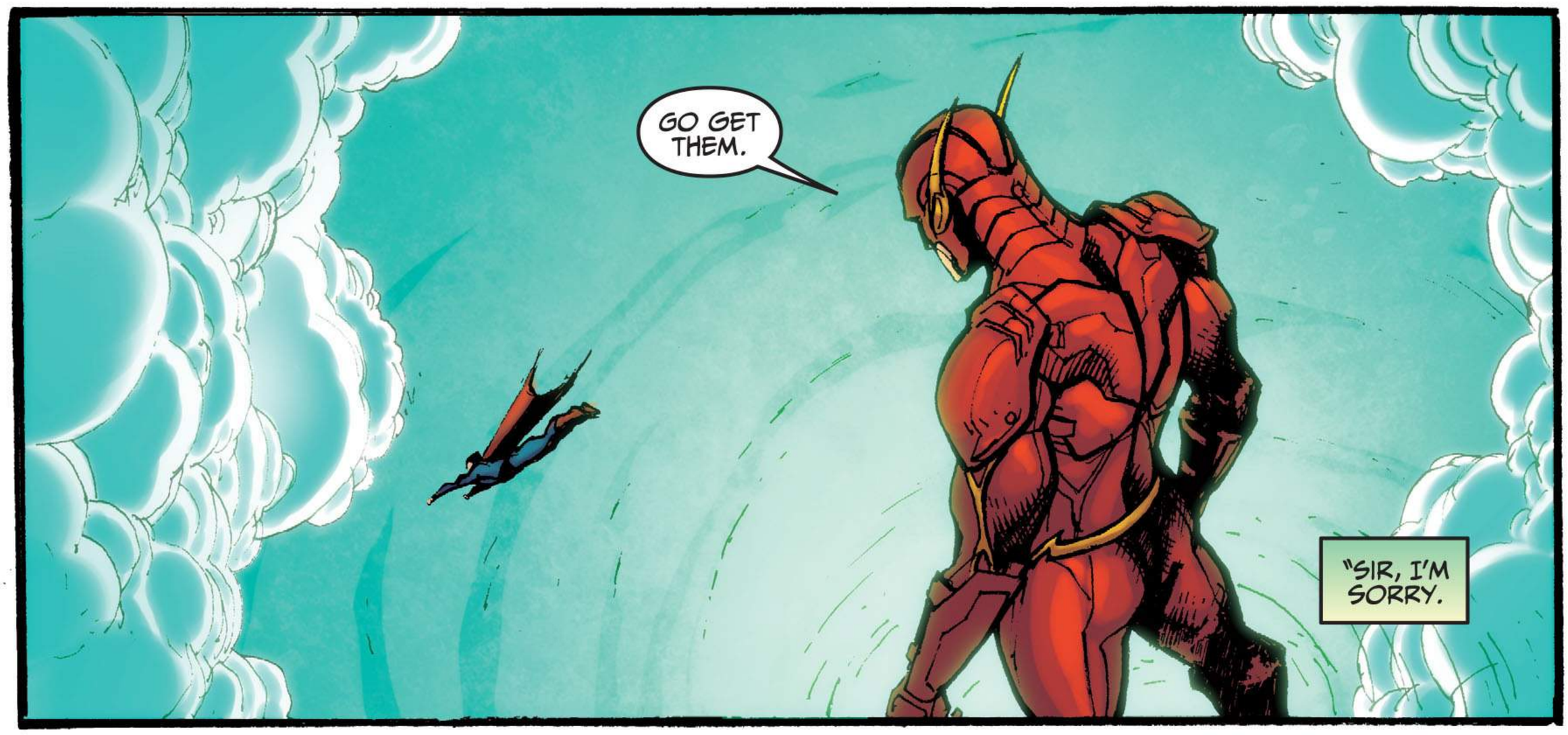
YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THIS LASSO, NOT EVEN INTO A REFLECTION. WHAT HAPPENS IF I SMASH THIS MIRROR WITH HALF OF YOU STILL IN IT?
AK!

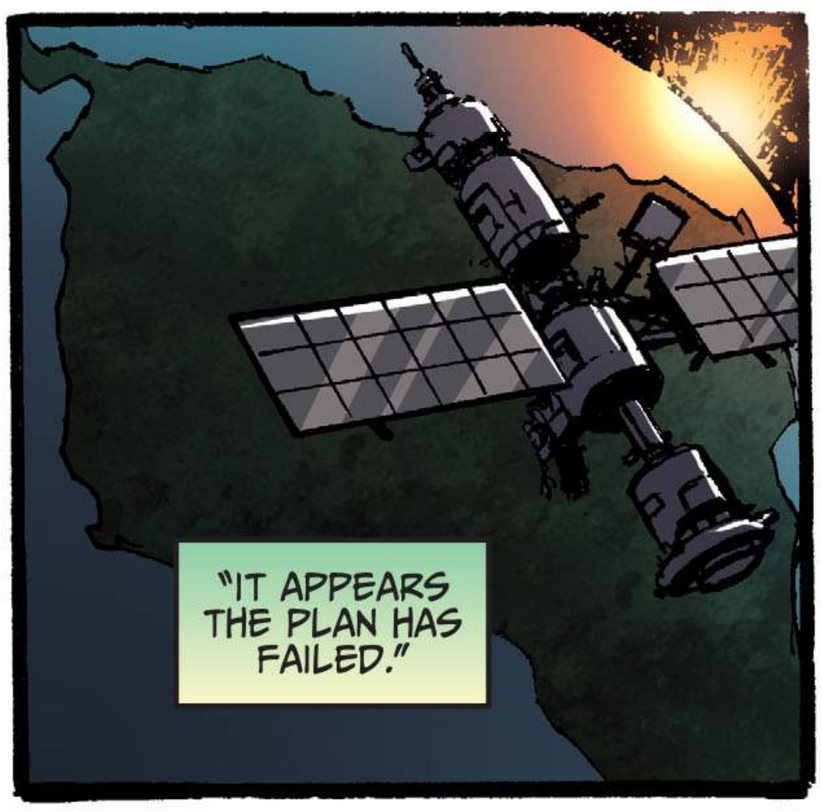
YE WOULDN'T.
DON'T TEST ME THIS WEEK.
BOLIVIA. THEY'RE IN BOLIVIA! SALAR DE UYUNI!


SUPERMAN. WE'VE LOCATED THEM. SALAR DE UYUNI. I'LL MEET YOU THERE.
TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES.

SALAR DE UYUNI, BOLIVIA. MORE THAN FOUR SQUARE MILES OF SALT FLATS.

THE LARGEST NATURAL MIRROR IN THE WORLD.


GO GET THEM.
"SIR, I'M SORRY.


"IT APPEARS THE PLAN HAS FAILED."

THE "ONE CARD WE CAN PLAY" FAILED?
YES.
FIND US ANOTHER CARD, GENERAL--ONE WE CAN PLAY AGAINST AN EVEN *ANGRIER* SUPERMAN.

THAT WAS INCREDIBLY STUPID.
WHAT??

MMMPH!
YOU DON'T TOUCH A MAN'S PARENTS.

DON'T CALL OUT.
THEY SAID IT COULDN'T BE TRACKED BACK TO ME.

IT COULDN'T. I WAS PLAYING A HUNCH.
IT'S NOT A HUNCH ANYMORE, THOUGH.

WILL YOU TELL THEM OF MY INVOLVEMENT?
NO. BUT IF THEY DO WORK IT OUT...
WHAT? THEY WOULDN'T DARE TOUCH ME. THE PUBLIC PERCEPTION--

ARE YOU REALLY THAT NAÏVE? THINK ABOUT WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH!
NO ONE WOULD KNOW THEY'VE TOUCHED YOU. THERE'D BE NO EVIDENCE. YOU'D JUST GO MISSING.

THE POLICE WOULDN'T THINK TO LOOK FOR YOUR BODY ON SATURN!

"YOUR PLAN FAILED, MISTER PRESIDENT. AND IT FAILED IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT ONLY STRENGTHEN SUPERMAN'S RESOLVE--

--IT WILL UNITE ALL OF THEM BEHIND HIM."

"THEM?"

WHAT?

UNITE *'THEM'* BEHIND HIM. NOT *'US'*?

YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU? YOU KNOW WHAT ONE MAN WITH THAT MUCH POWER COULD DO TO THE WORLD.

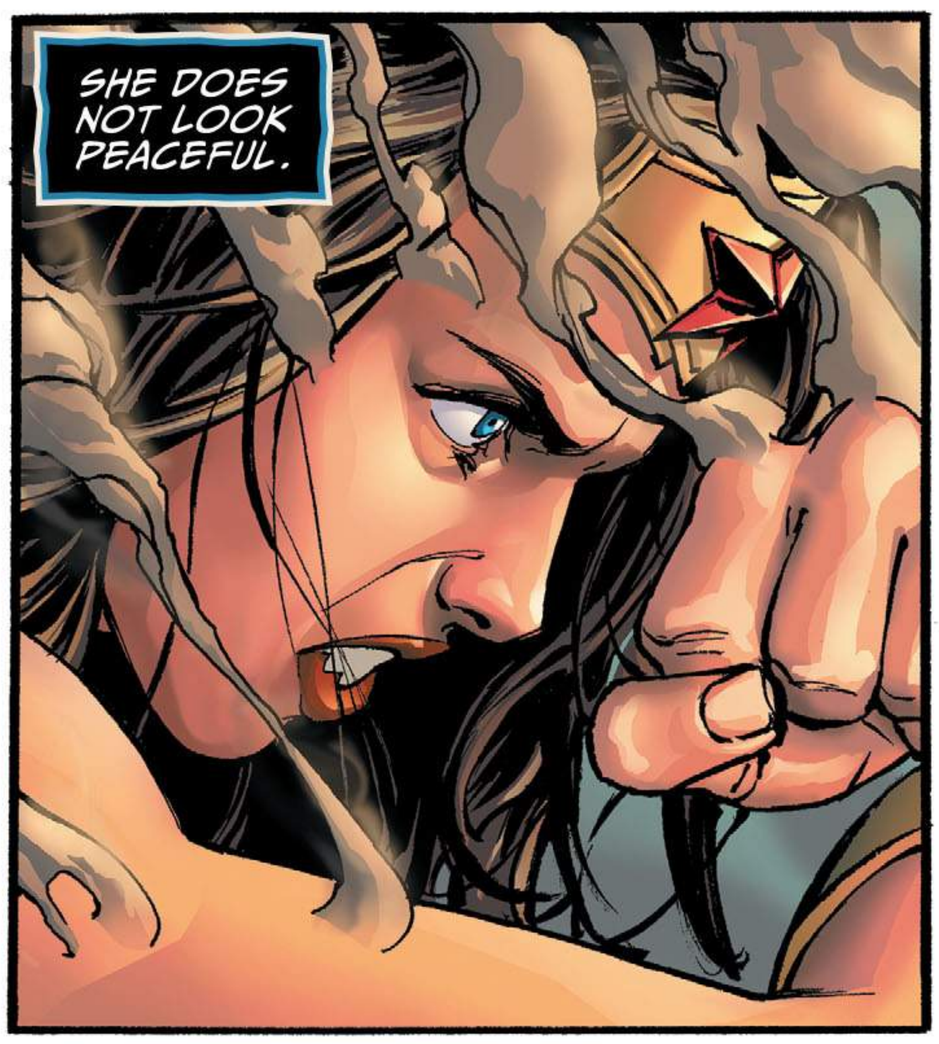
HE IS TRYING TO BRING ABOUT PEACE.

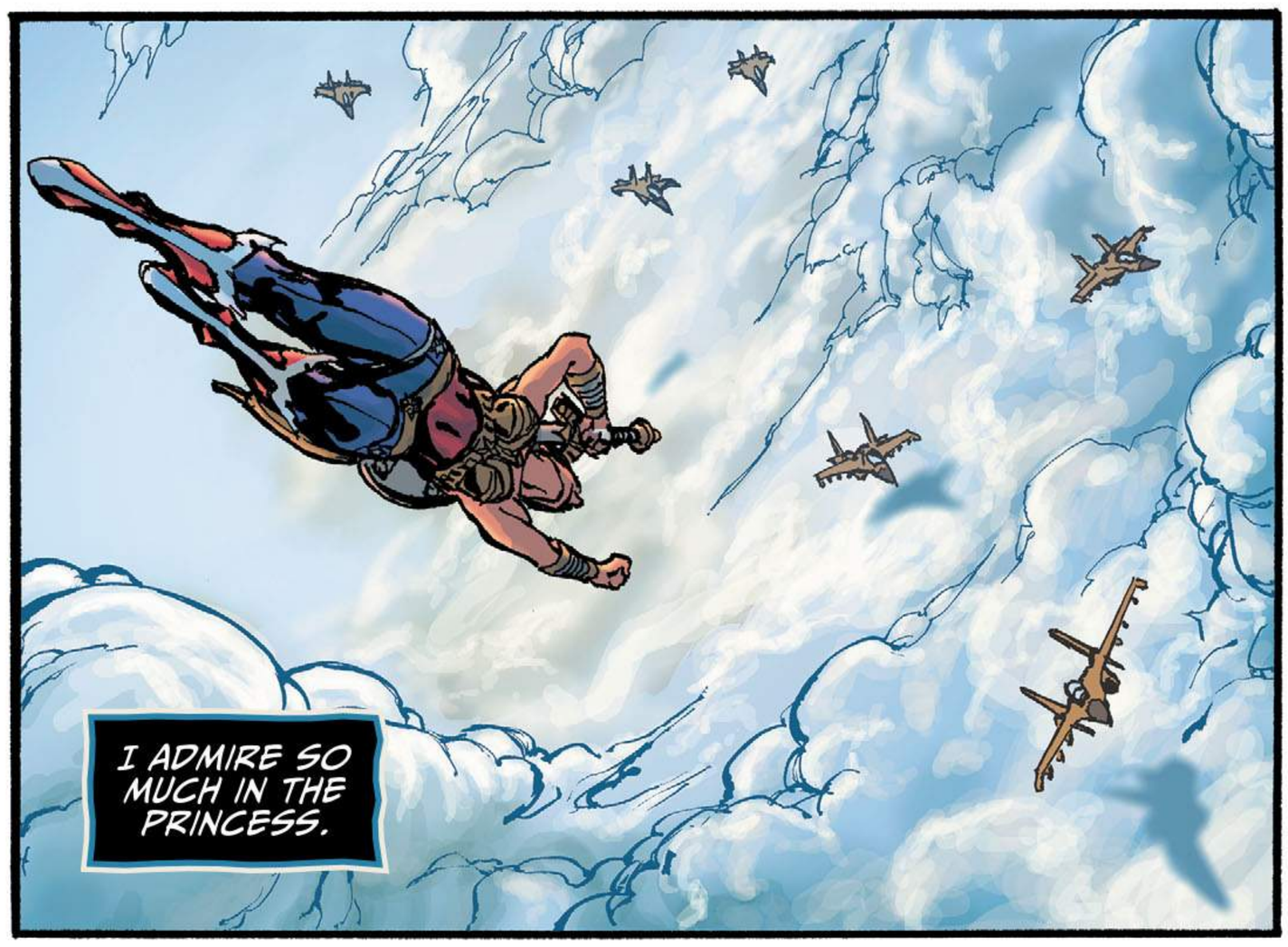
YES. BUT THEN HOW WILL HE *KEEP* THE PEACE?

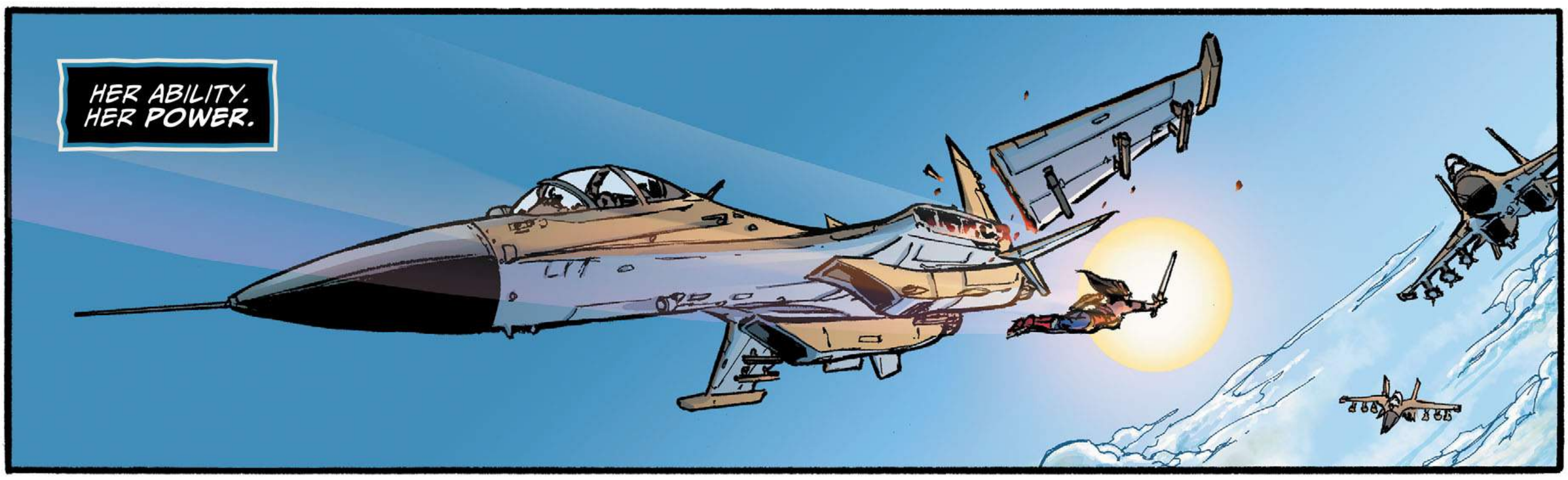
POWER CORRUPTS. TRUST ME.

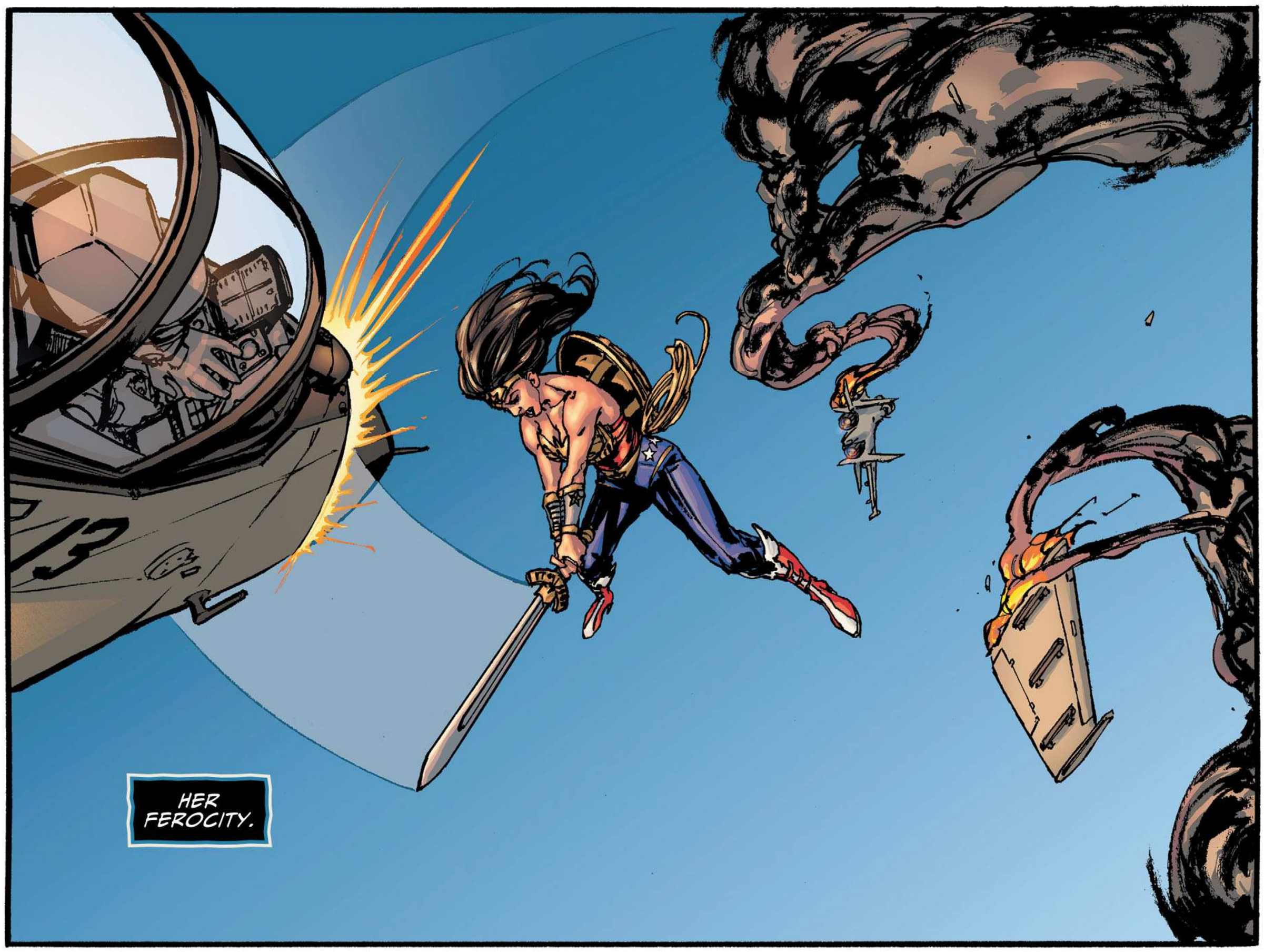
I KNOW...

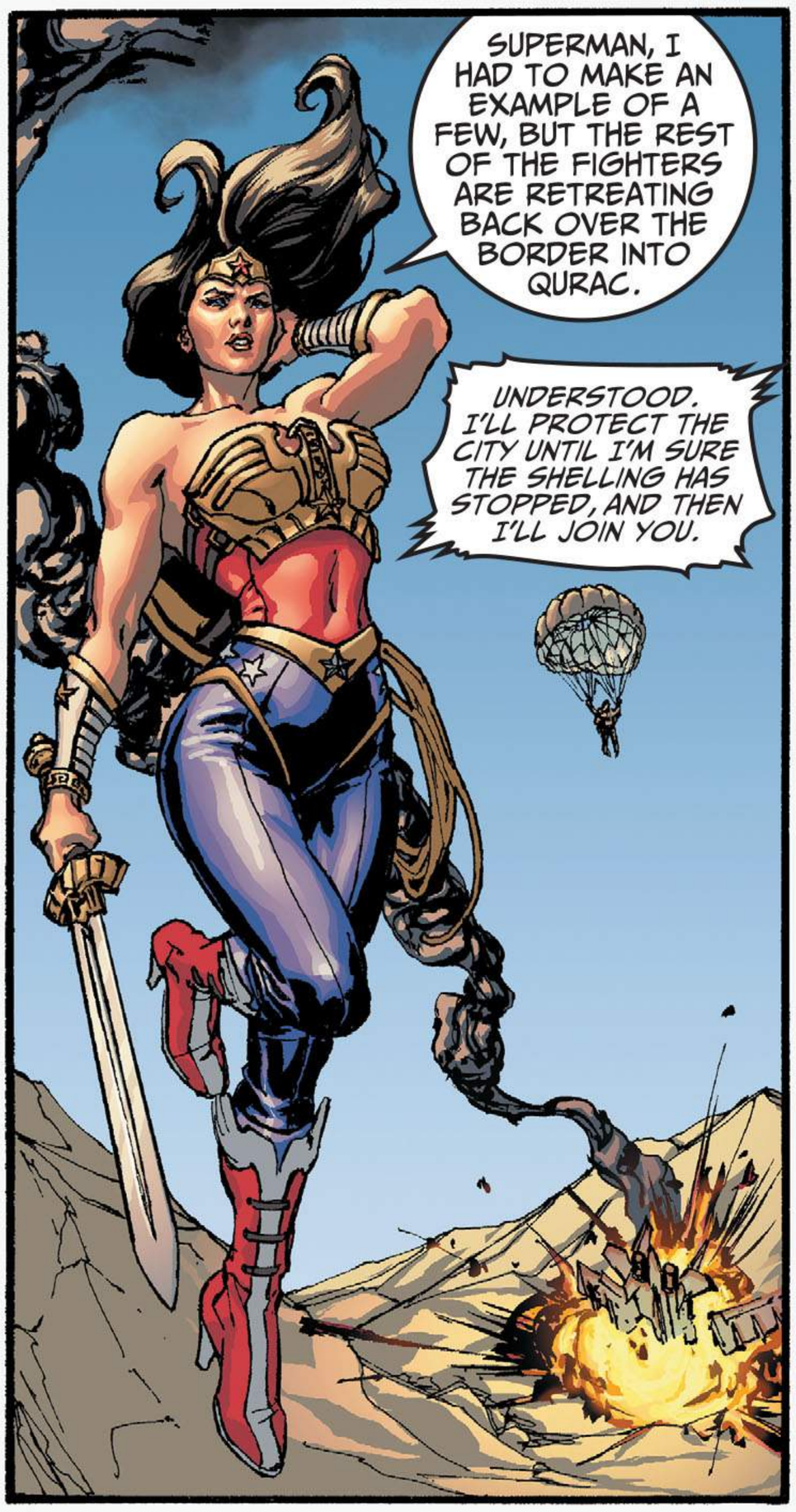
SHE IS A WARRIOR BORN.
SHE WAS RAISED AND TRAINED FOR THE FIELD OF BATTLE.
SHE LEFT HER ISLAND ON A MISSION OF PEACE.


SHE DOES NOT LOOK PEACEFUL.

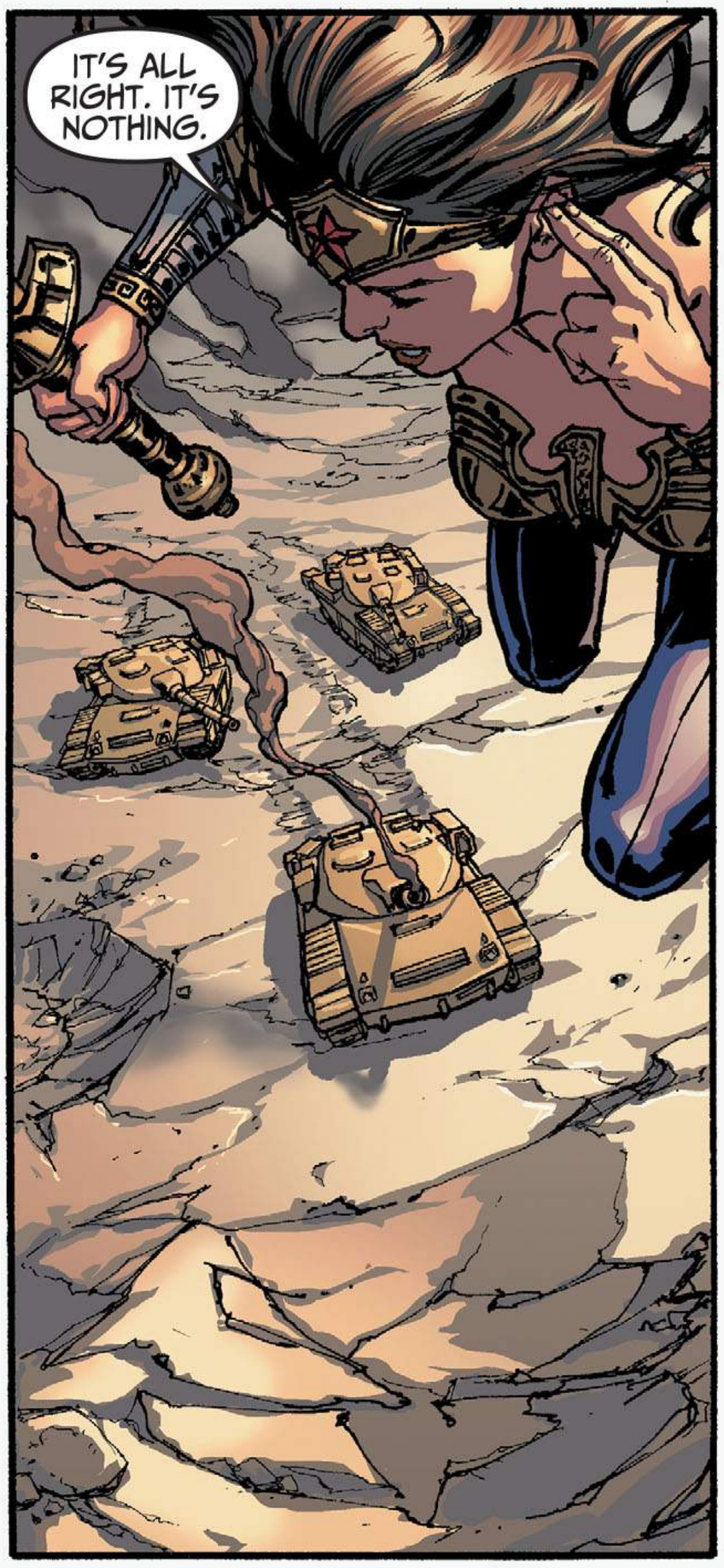

I ADMIRE SO MUCH IN THE PRINCESS.

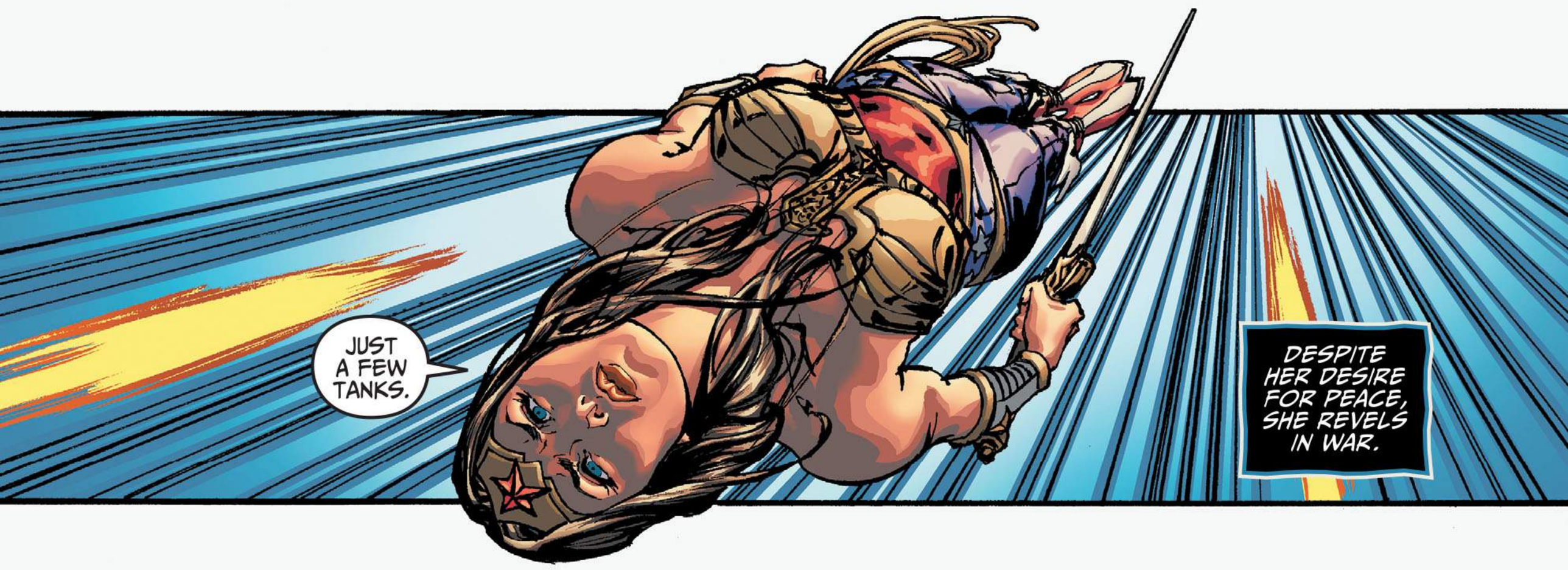

HER ABILITY. HER POWER.

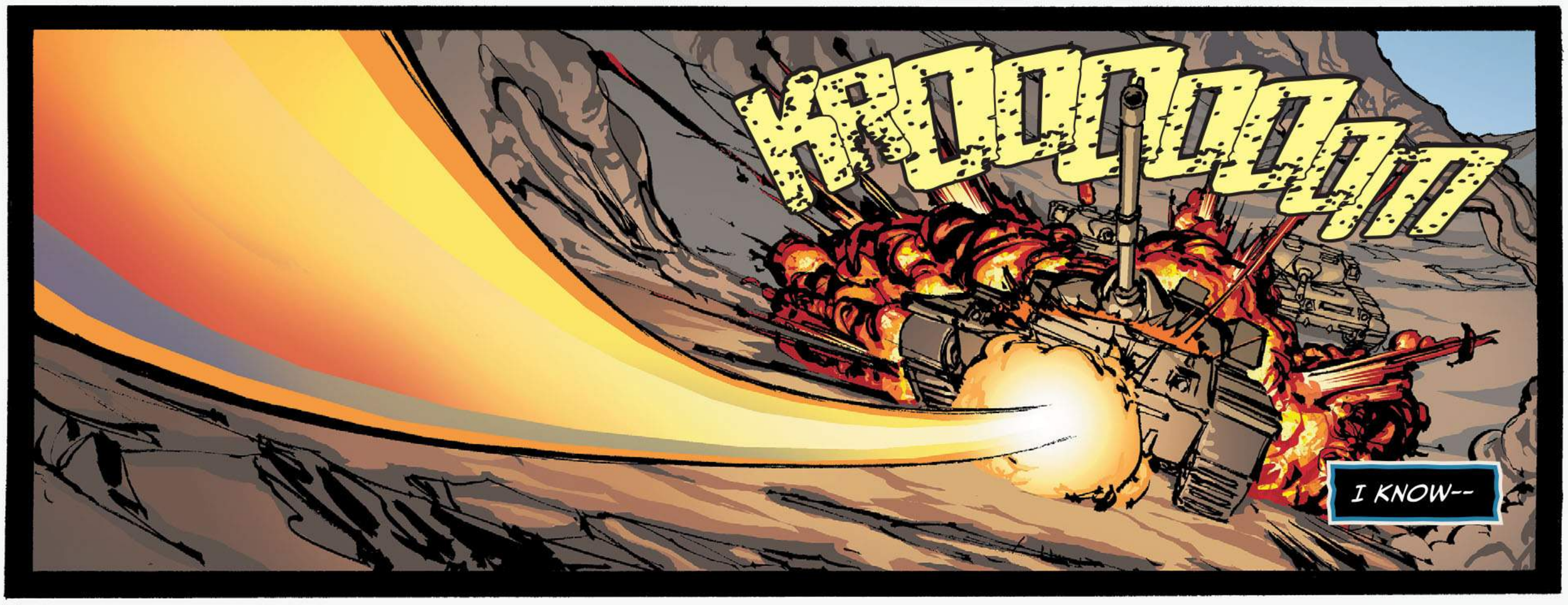

HER FEROCITY.

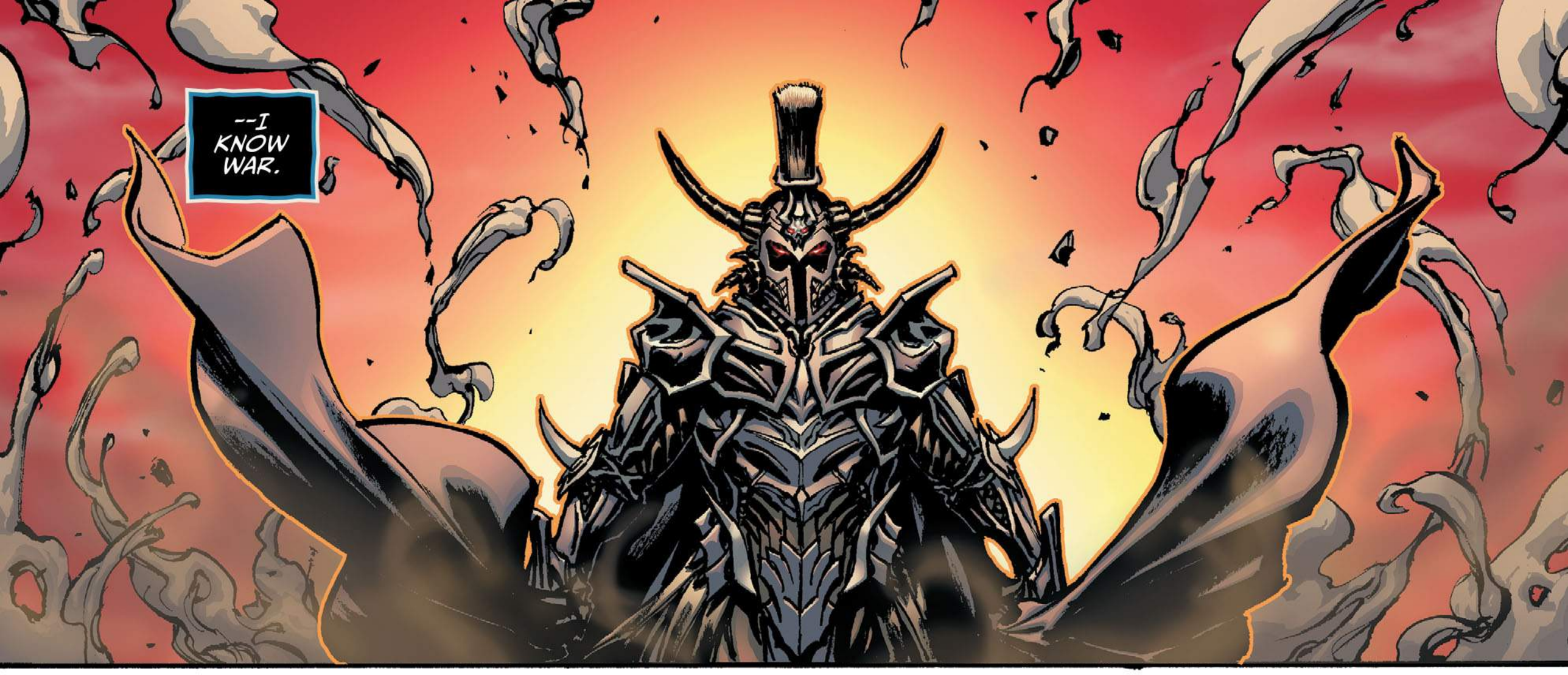

SUPERMAN, I HAD TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF A FEW, BUT THE REST OF THE FIGHTERS ARE RETREATING BACK OVER THE BORDER INTO QURAC.
UNDERSTOOD. I'LL PROTECT THE CITY UNTIL I'M SURE THE SHELLING HAS STOPPED, AND THEN I'LL JOIN YOU.

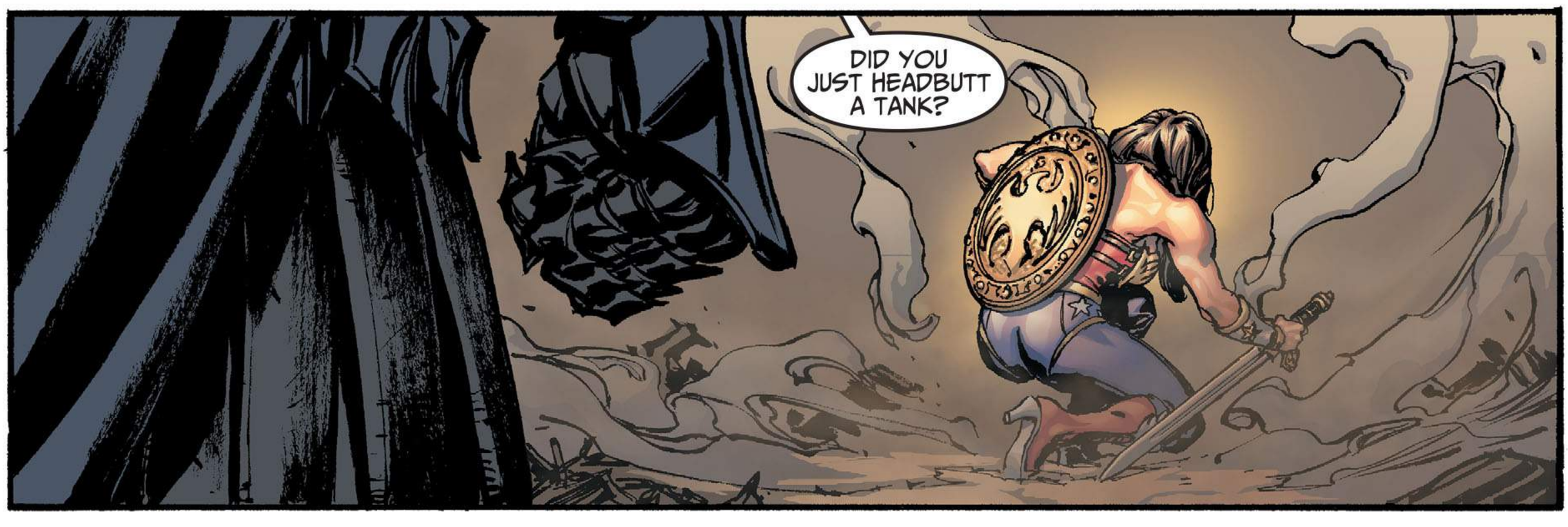
UNF!
DIANA!
KOOM

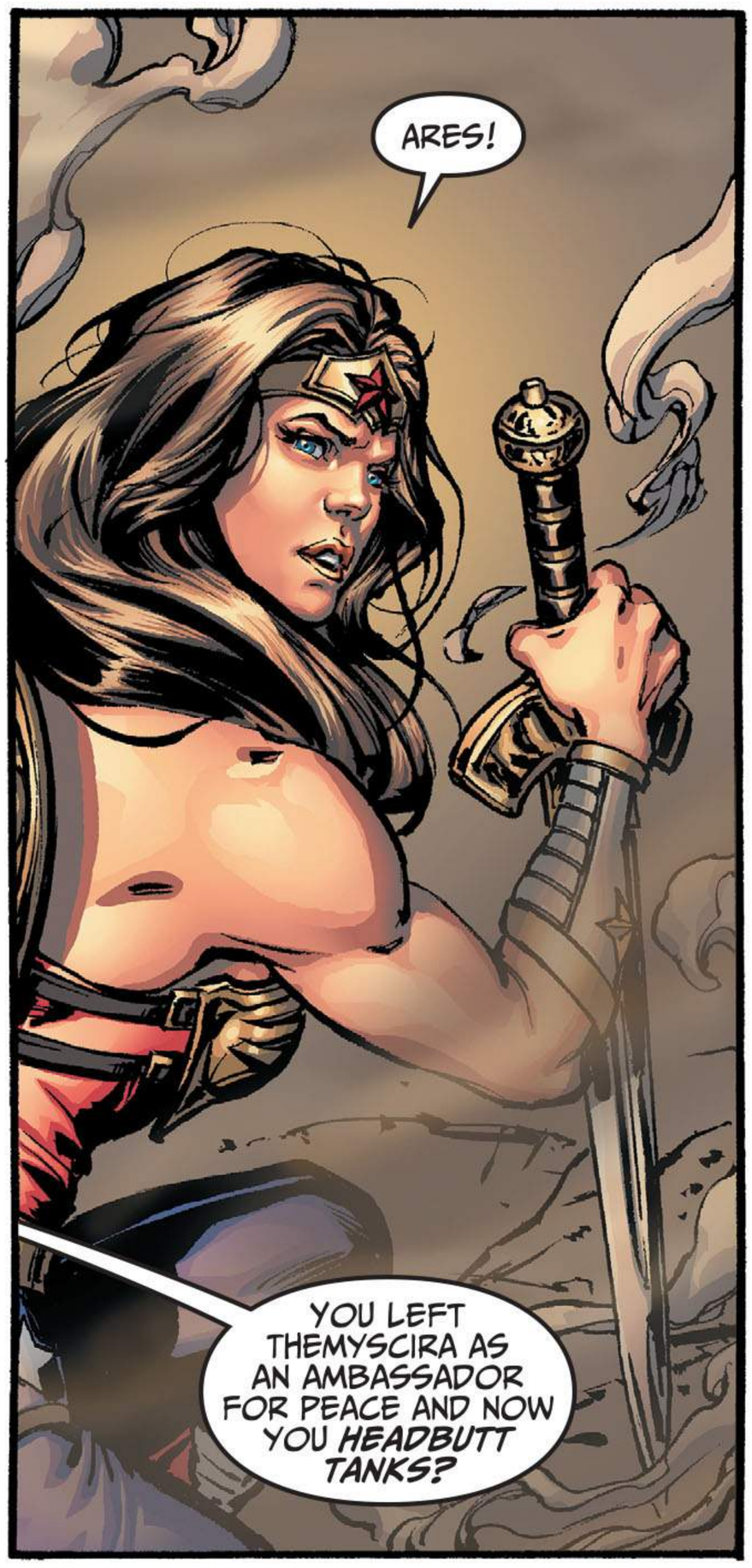

IT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S NOTHING.

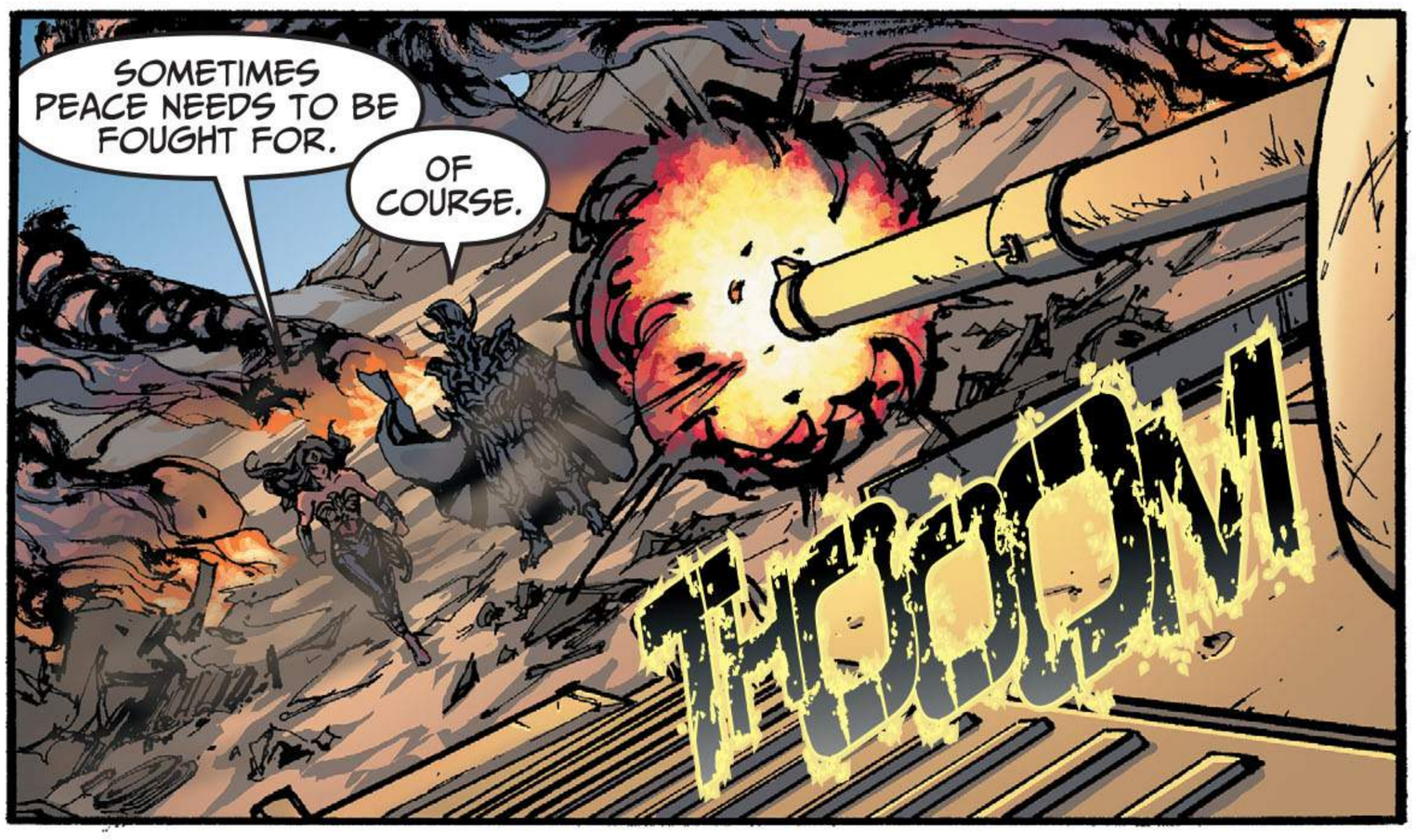

JUST A FEW TANKS.
DESPITE HER DESIRE FOR PEACE, SHE REVELS IN WAR.

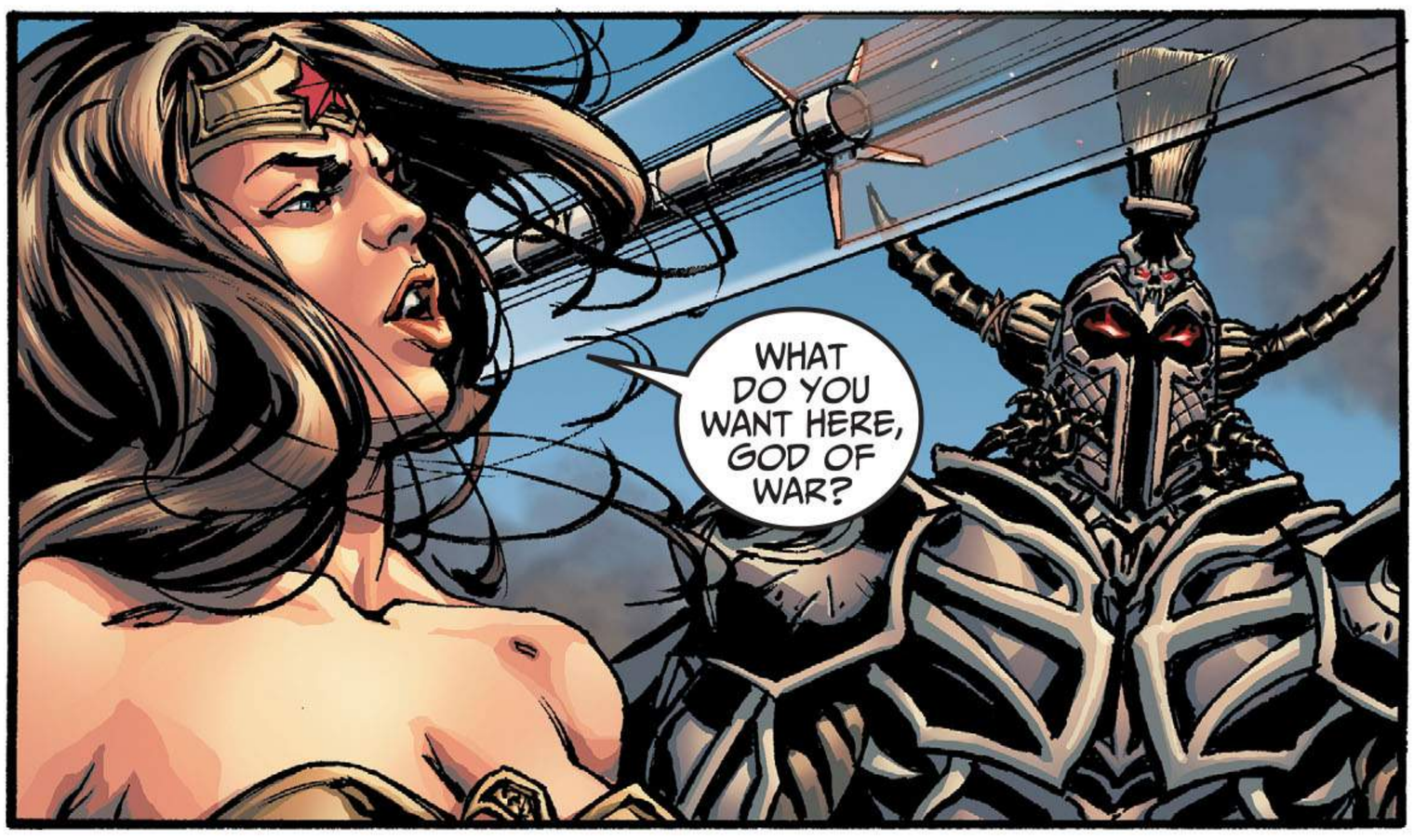

KRUUUUUT
I KNOW--


--I KNOW WAR.

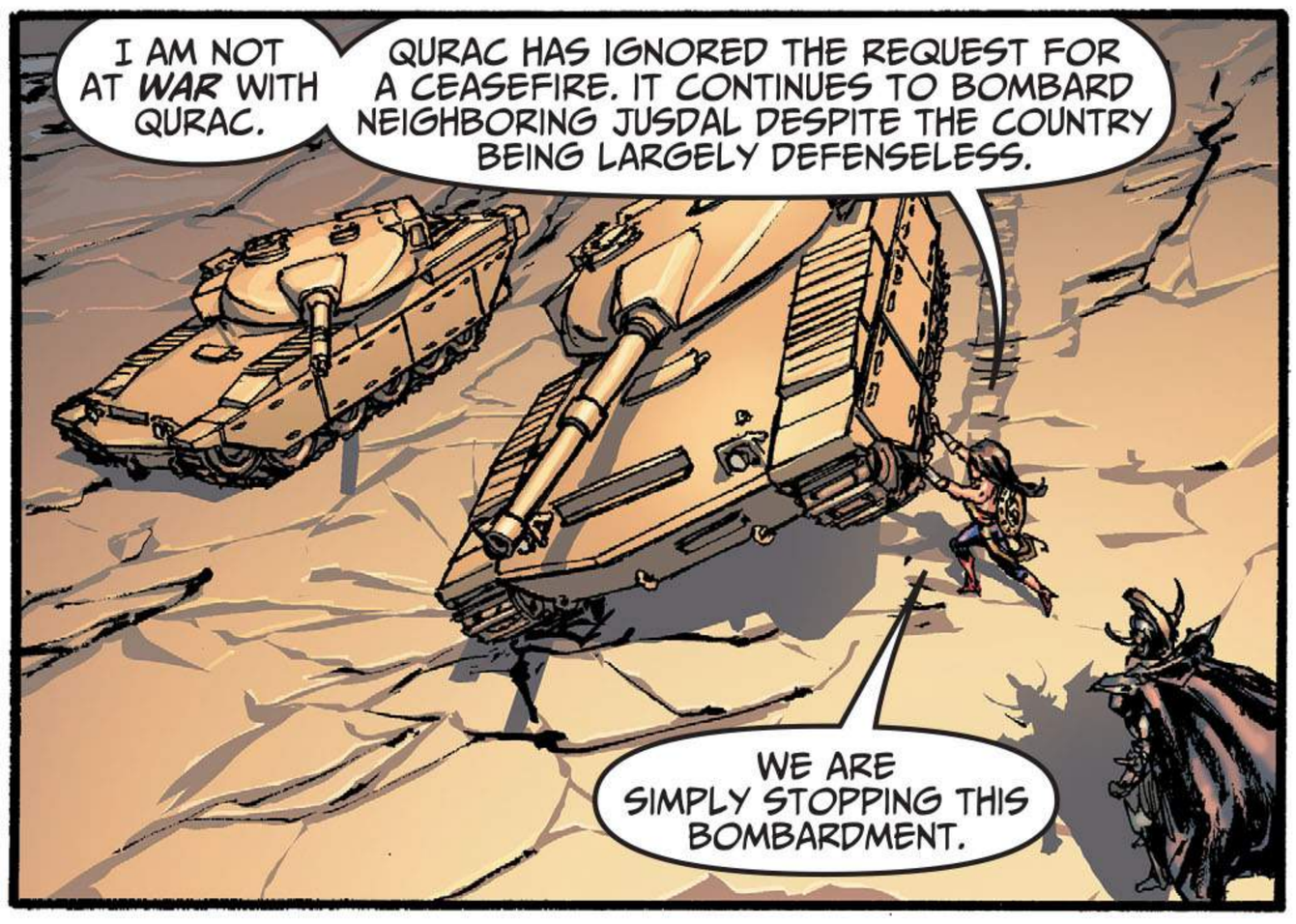

DID YOU JUST HEADBUTT A TANK?

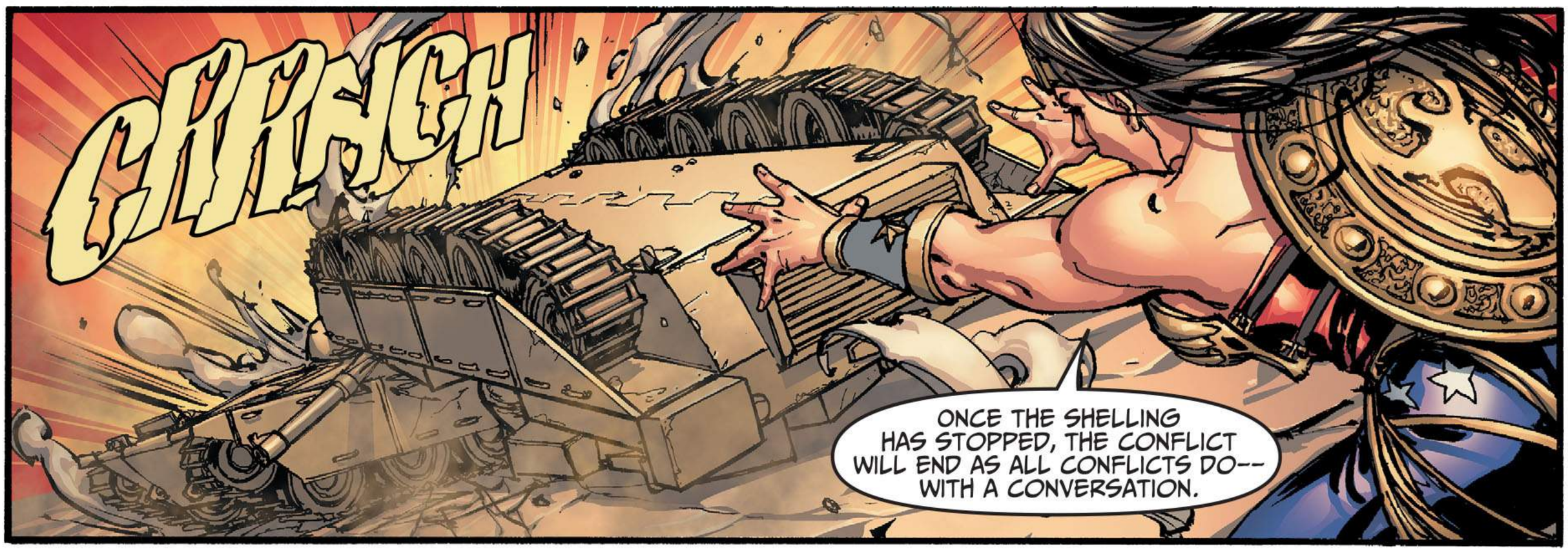

ARES!
YOU LEFT THEMYSCIRA AS AN AMBASSADOR FOR PEACE AND NOW YOU *HEADBUTT TANKS?*


SOMETIMES PEACE NEEDS TO BE FOUGHT FOR.
OF COURSE.
THROOM!

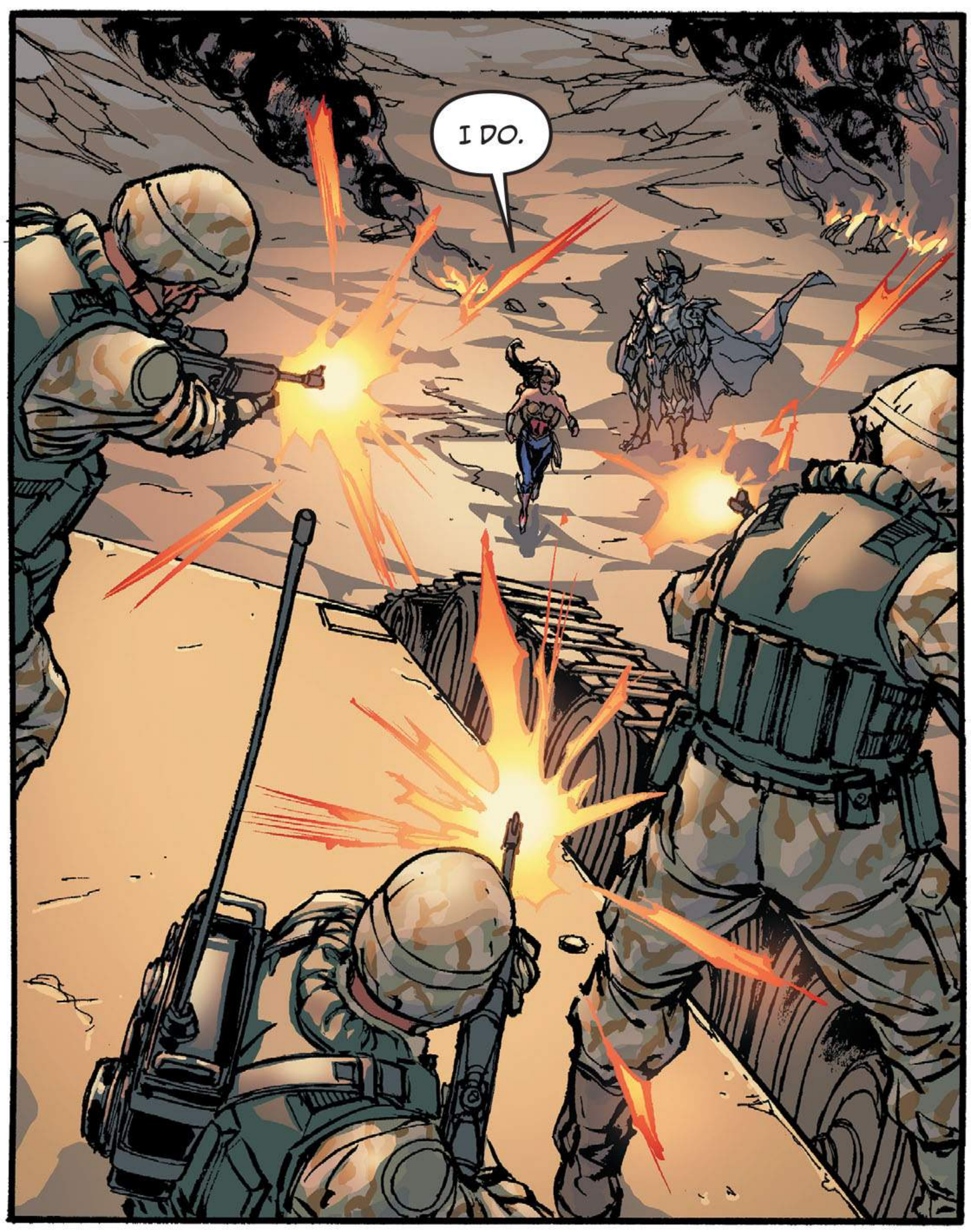

WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE, GOD OF WAR?

FOR NOW, I JUST WANT TO WATCH YOU WORK.
I HAVE SEEN EVERY WAR THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE ON THIS PLANET BUT WATCHING SUPERHUMANS WAR WITH HUMAN ARMIES... WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING TRULY SPECIAL.

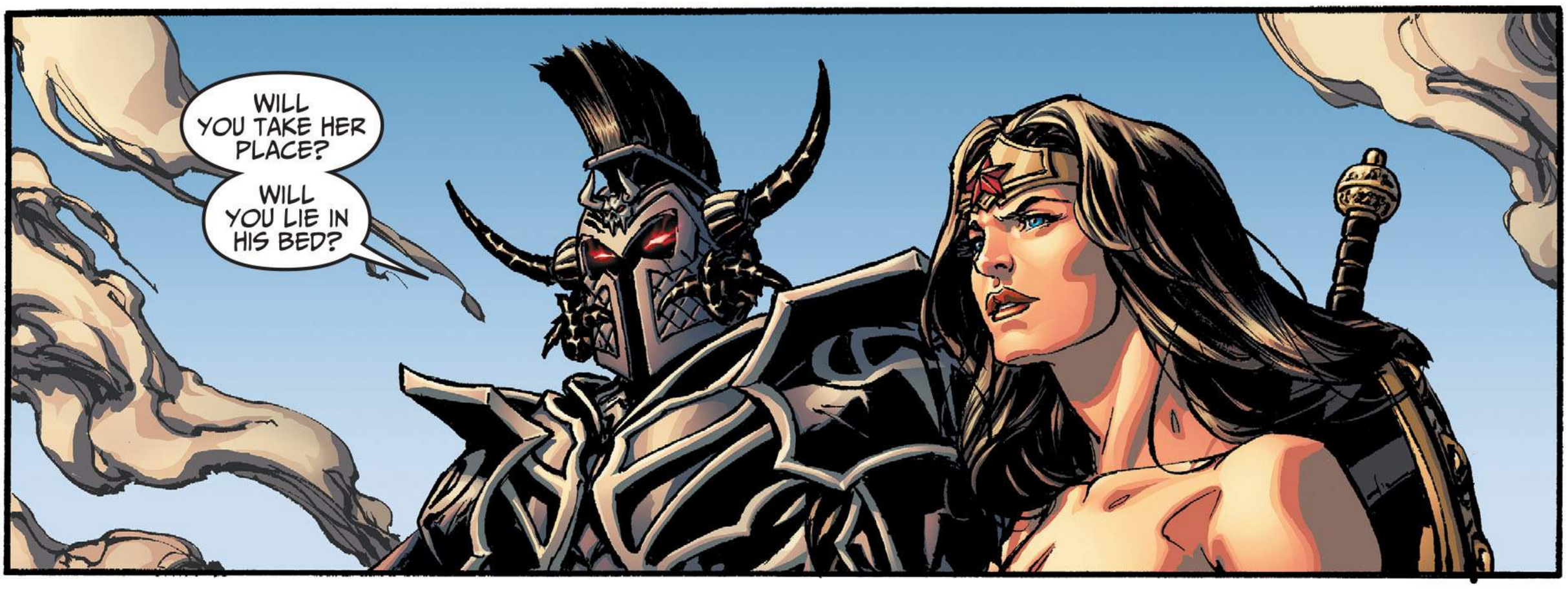

I AM NOT AT *WAR* WITH QURAC.
QURAC HAS IGNORED THE REQUEST FOR A CEASEFIRE. IT CONTINUES TO BOMBARD NEIGHBORING JUSDAL DESPITE THE COUNTRY BEING LARGELY DEFENSELESS.
WE ARE SIMPLY STOPPING THIS BOMBARDMENT.

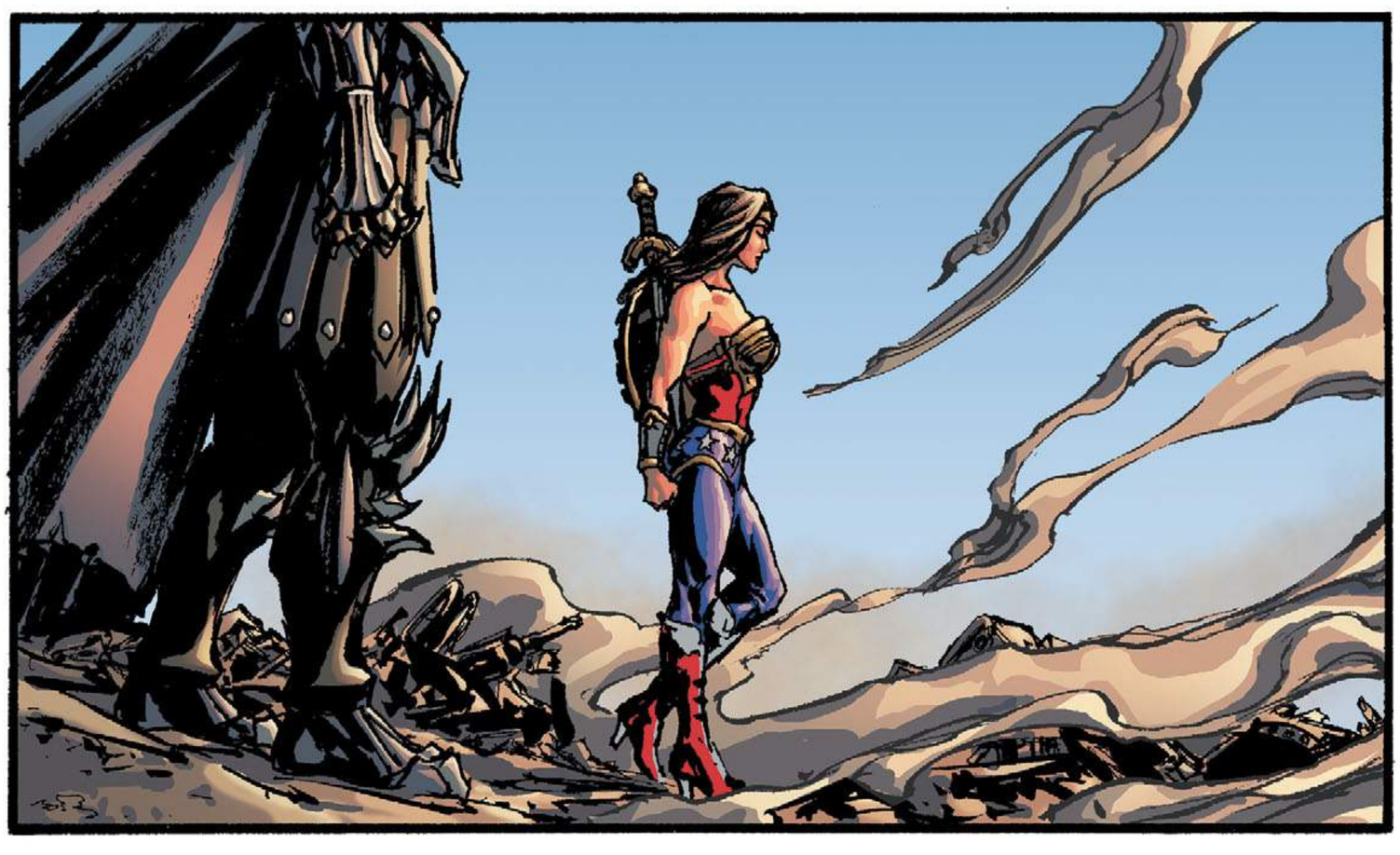

CHRRCH
ONCE THE SHELLING HAS STOPPED, THE CONFLICT WILL END AS ALL CONFLICTS DO-- WITH A CONVERSATION.

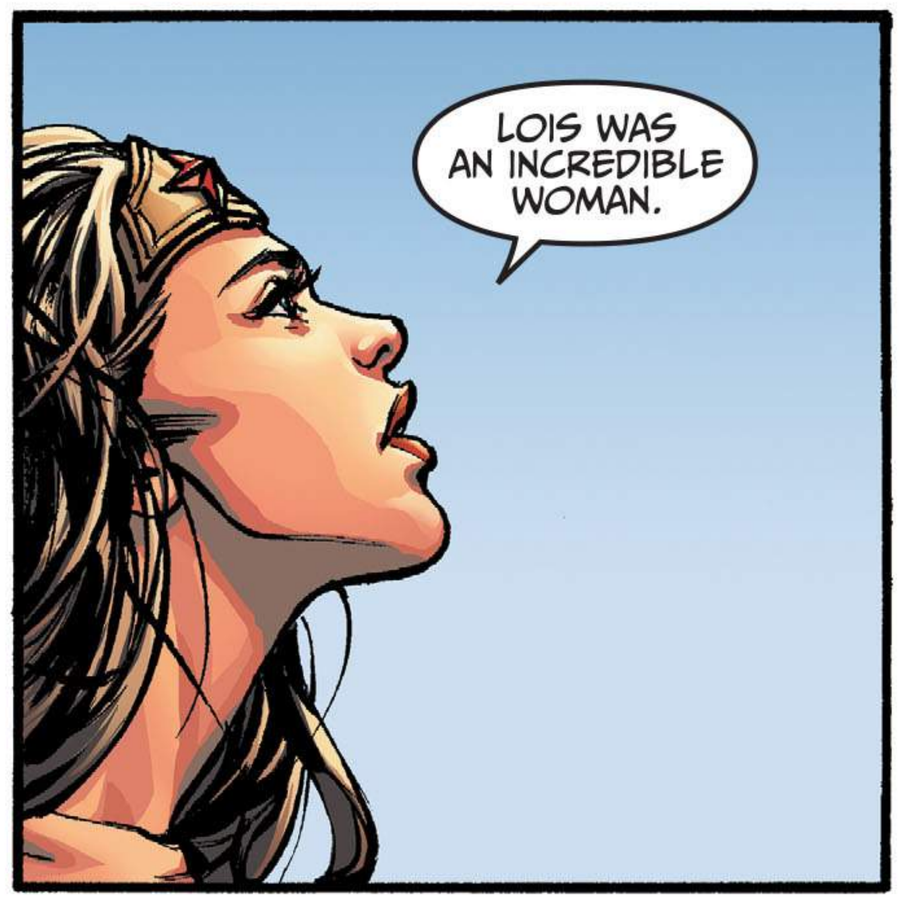
YOU FIGHT BESIDE THE SUPERMAN.
YOU BELIEVE IN HIS CAUSE?


I DO.

DROP YOUR WEAPONS.
TURN.
AND RUN AWAY.
YOU ARE TOO MERCIFUL.

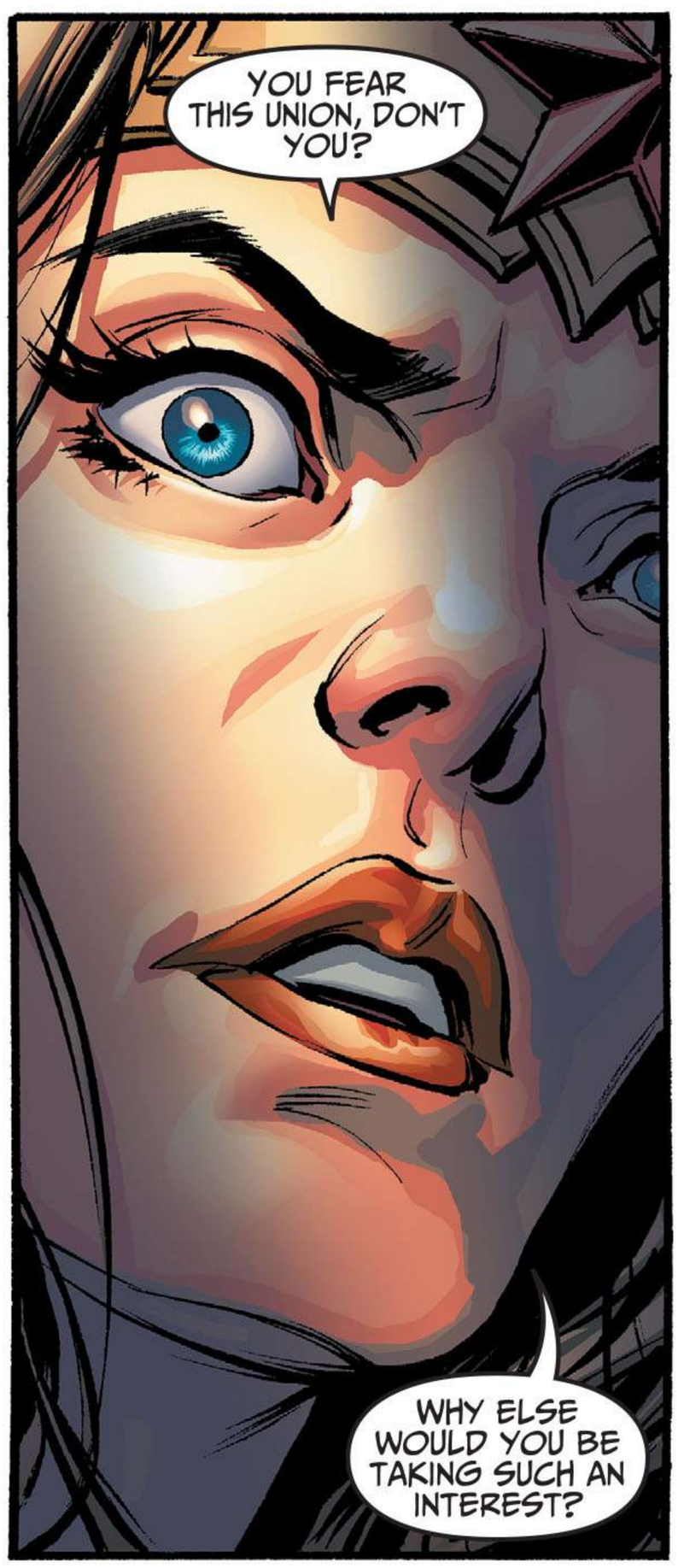

WILL YOU TAKE HER PLACE?
WILL YOU LIE IN HIS BED?




LOIS WAS AN INCREDIBLE WOMAN.

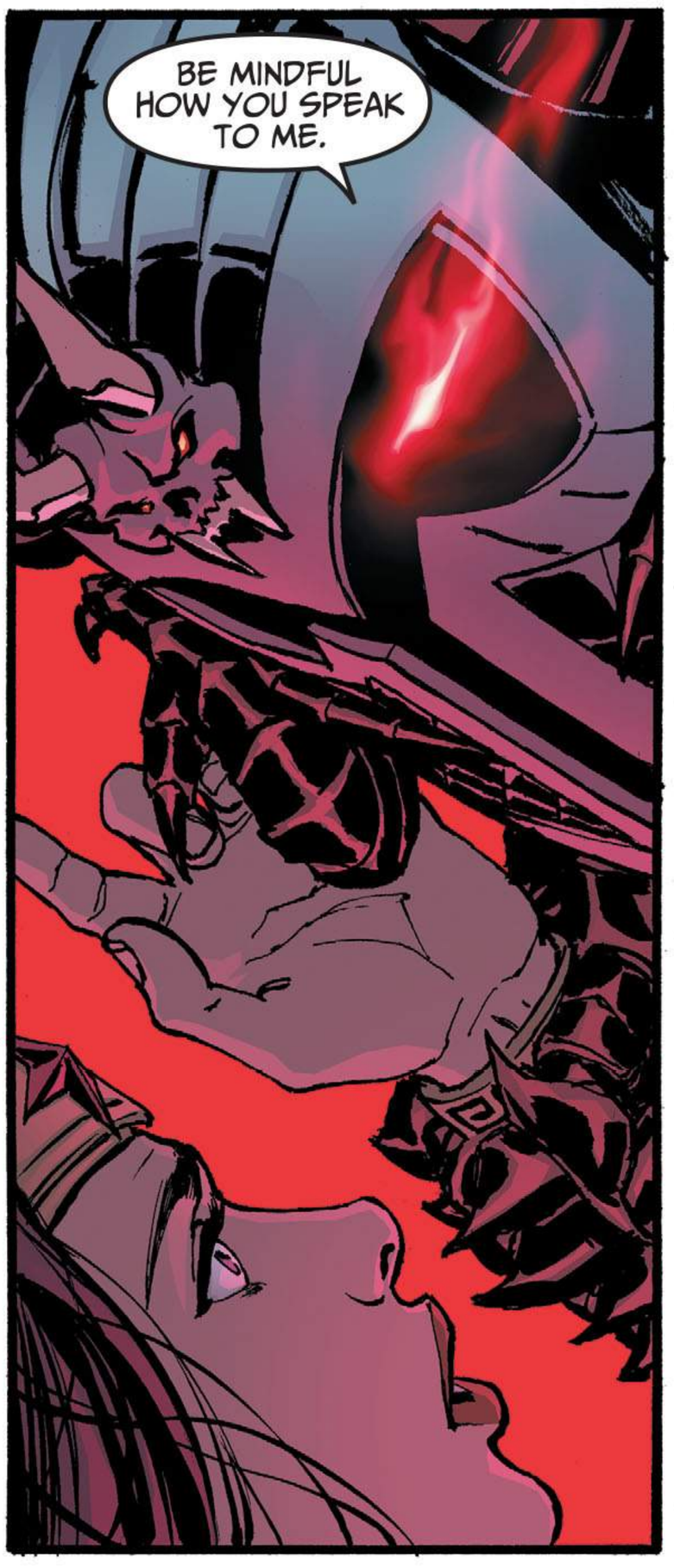
THAT DOES NOT ANSWER MY QUESTION.
I WILL LET HIM GRIEVE.
AND THEN?

HE IS THE GREATEST MAN I HAVE EVER KNOWN.
I WILL BE WHATEVER HE NEEDS ME TO BE.

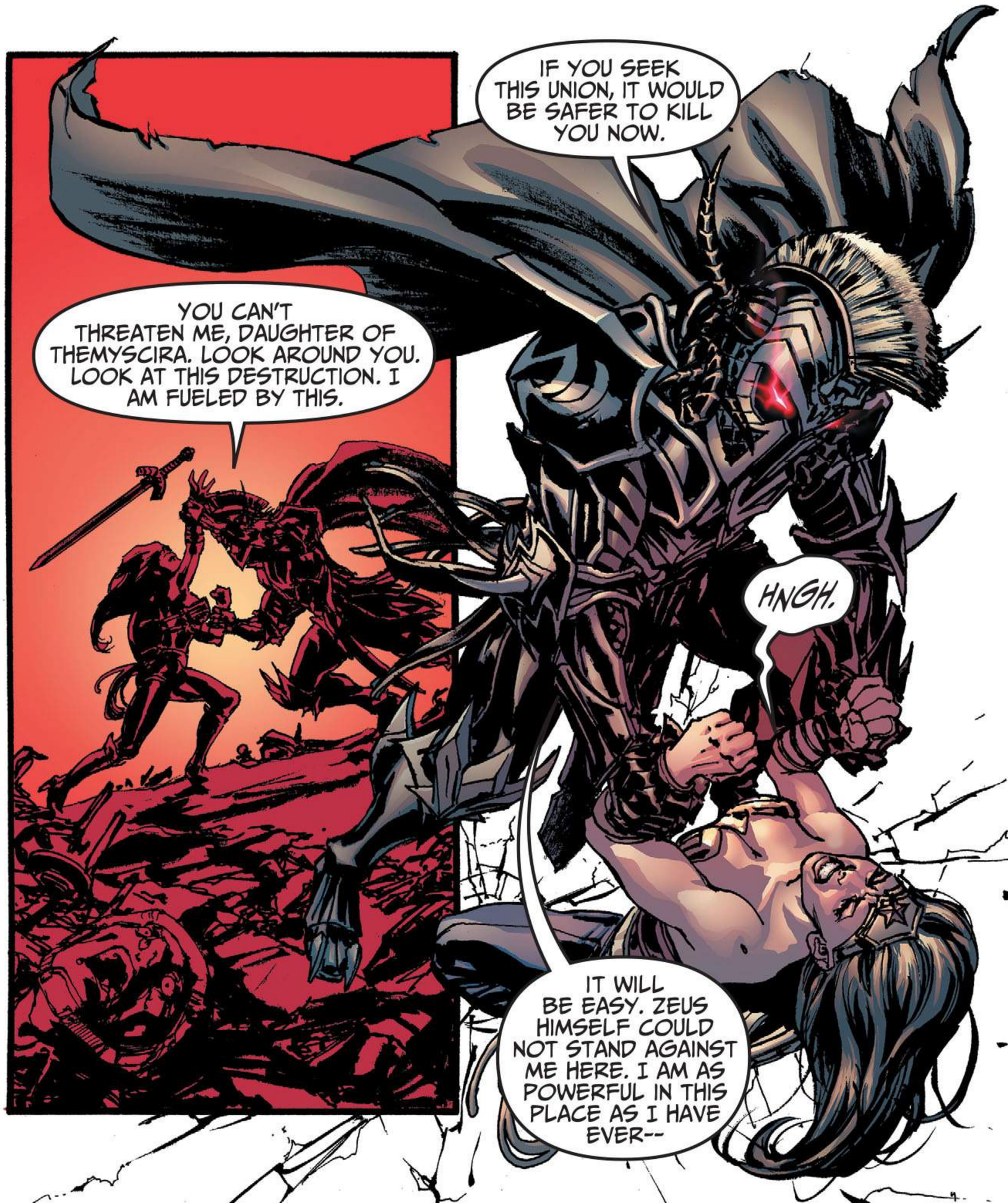

YOU FEAR THIS UNION, DON'T YOU?
WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE TAKING SUCH AN INTEREST?

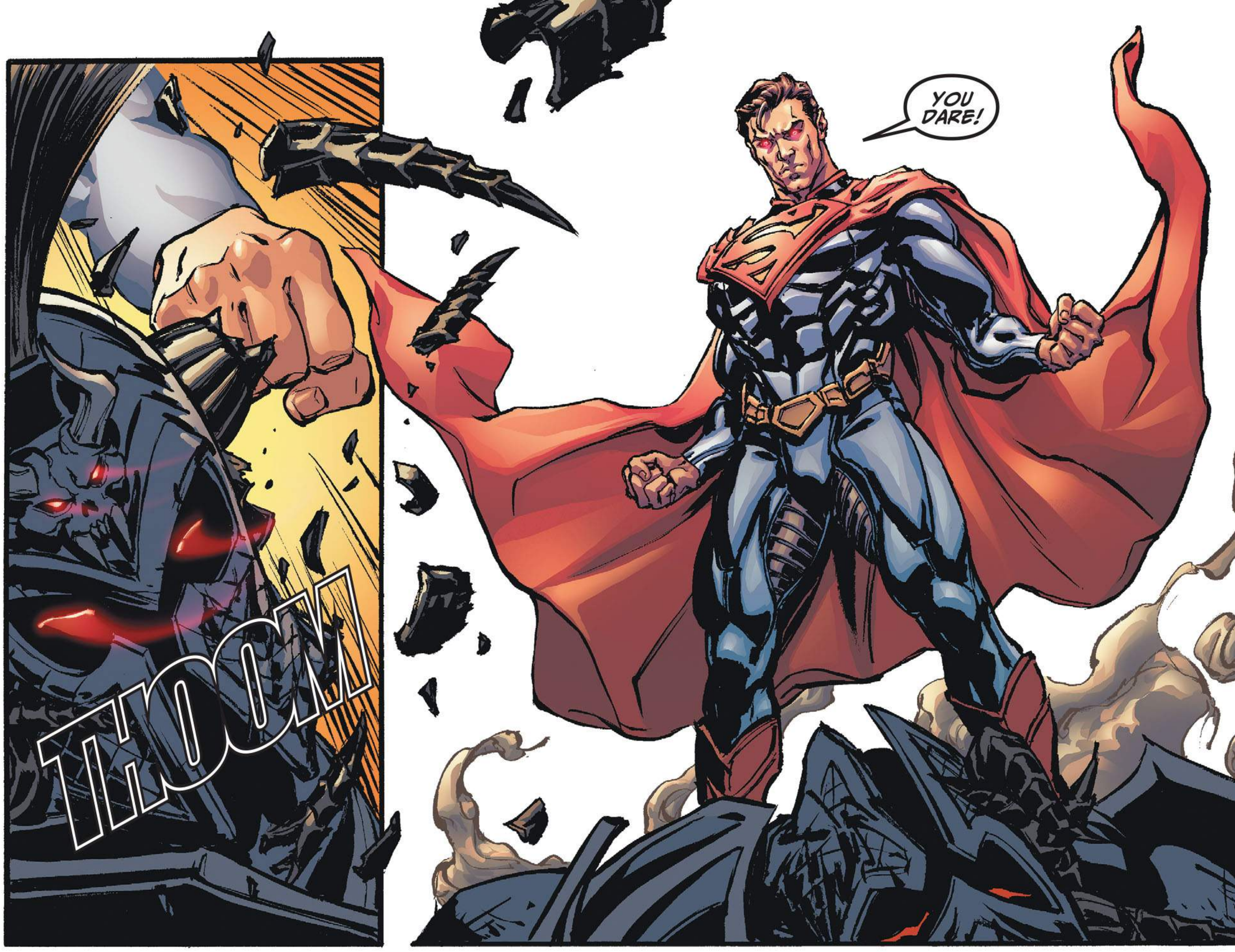
YOU'RE RIGHT TO FEAR. YOU FEAR SUPERMAN BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE HE COULD SUCCEED. WHAT BECOMES OF THE GOD OF WAR IN A WORLD WITHOUT CONFLICT?
MAYBE YOU COULD BECOME THE GOD OF SOMETHING ELSE? SOMETHING LESS VIOLENT.

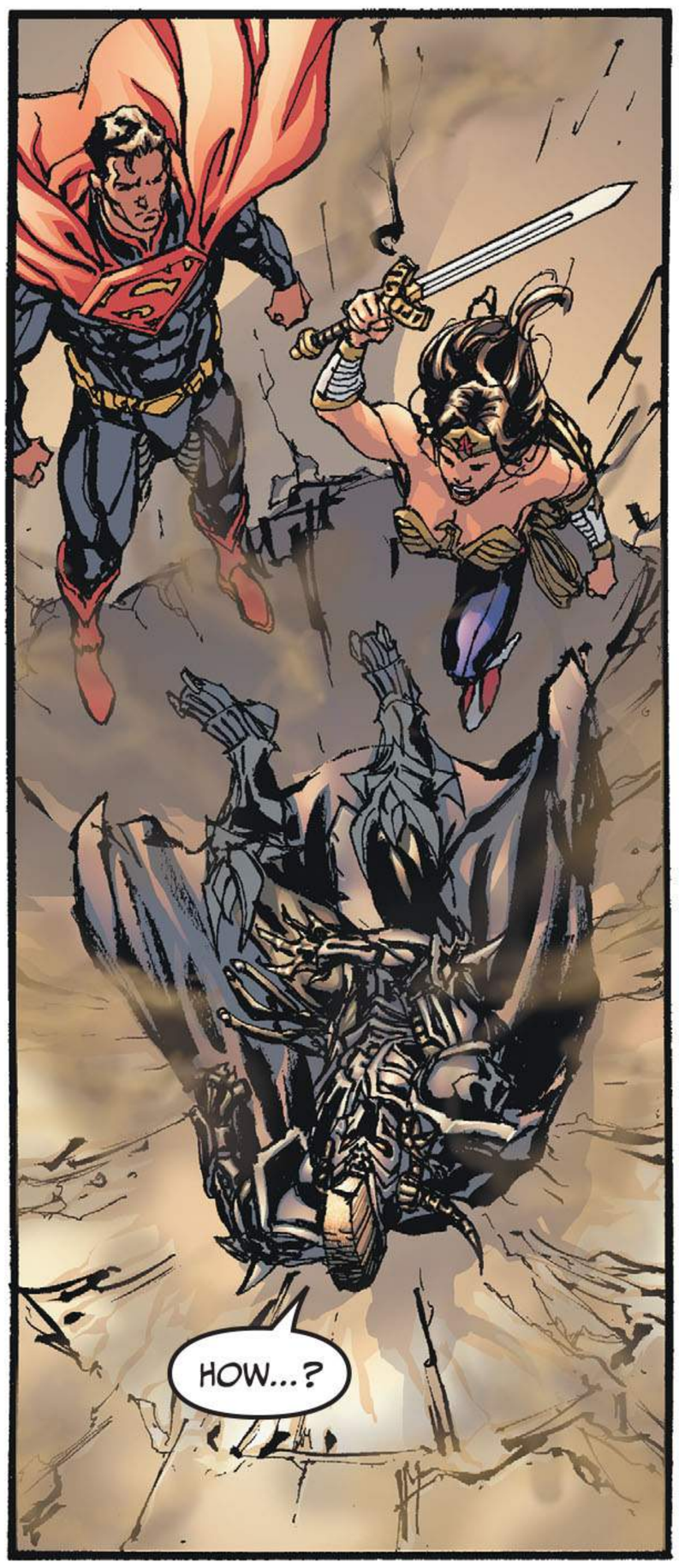
SAY IT WITH ME. 'I AM THE DREADED ARES, GOD OF PONIES!'


BE MINDFUL HOW YOU SPEAK TO ME.

YOU KNOW I PREFER WORDS OVER VIOLENCE, SO I WILL ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR HAND OFF ME IF YOU WANT TO KEEP IT.

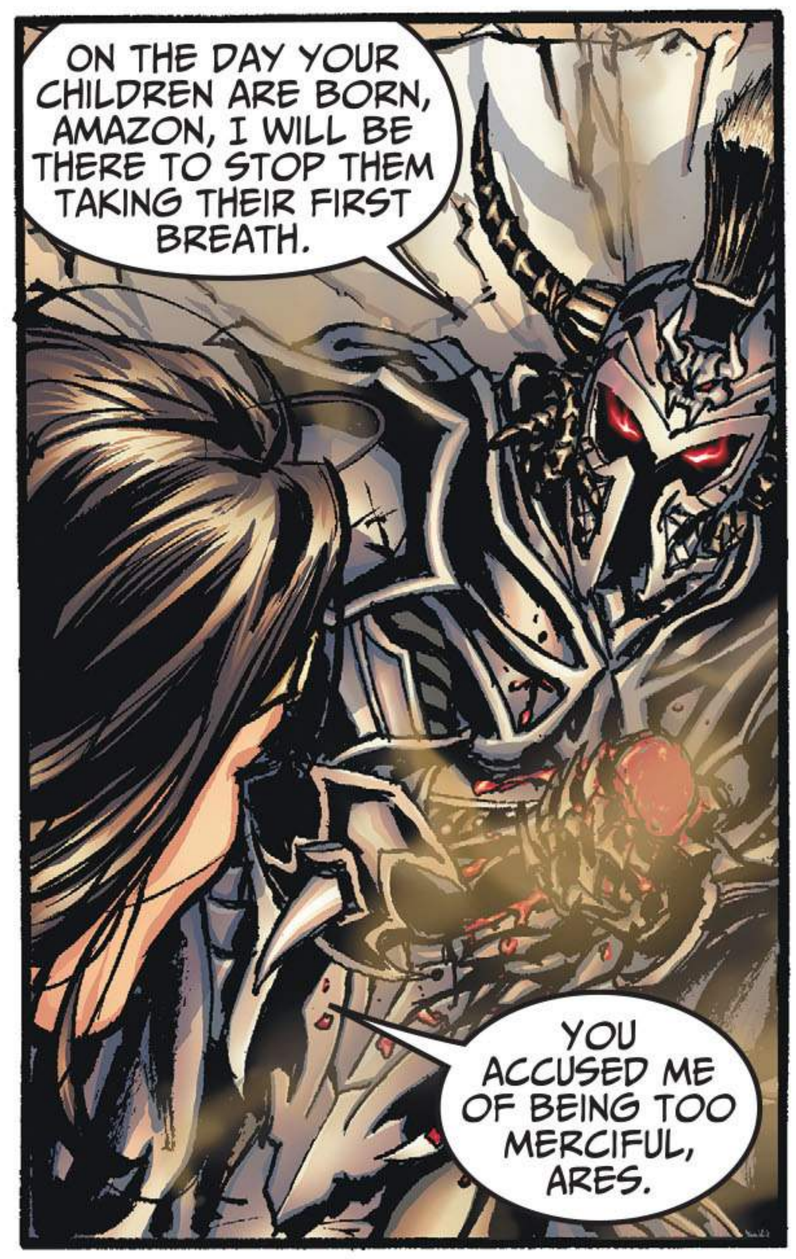

IF YOU SEEK THIS UNION, IT WOULD BE SAFER TO KILL YOU NOW.
YOU CAN'T THREATEN ME, DAUGHTER OF THEMYSCIRA. LOOK AROUND YOU. LOOK AT THIS DESTRUCTION. I AM FUELED BY THIS.
HNGH.
IT WILL BE EASY. ZEUS HIMSELF COULD NOT STAND AGAINST ME HERE. I AM AS POWERFUL IN THIS PLACE AS I HAVE EVER--


THOOM
YOU DARE!


HOW...?

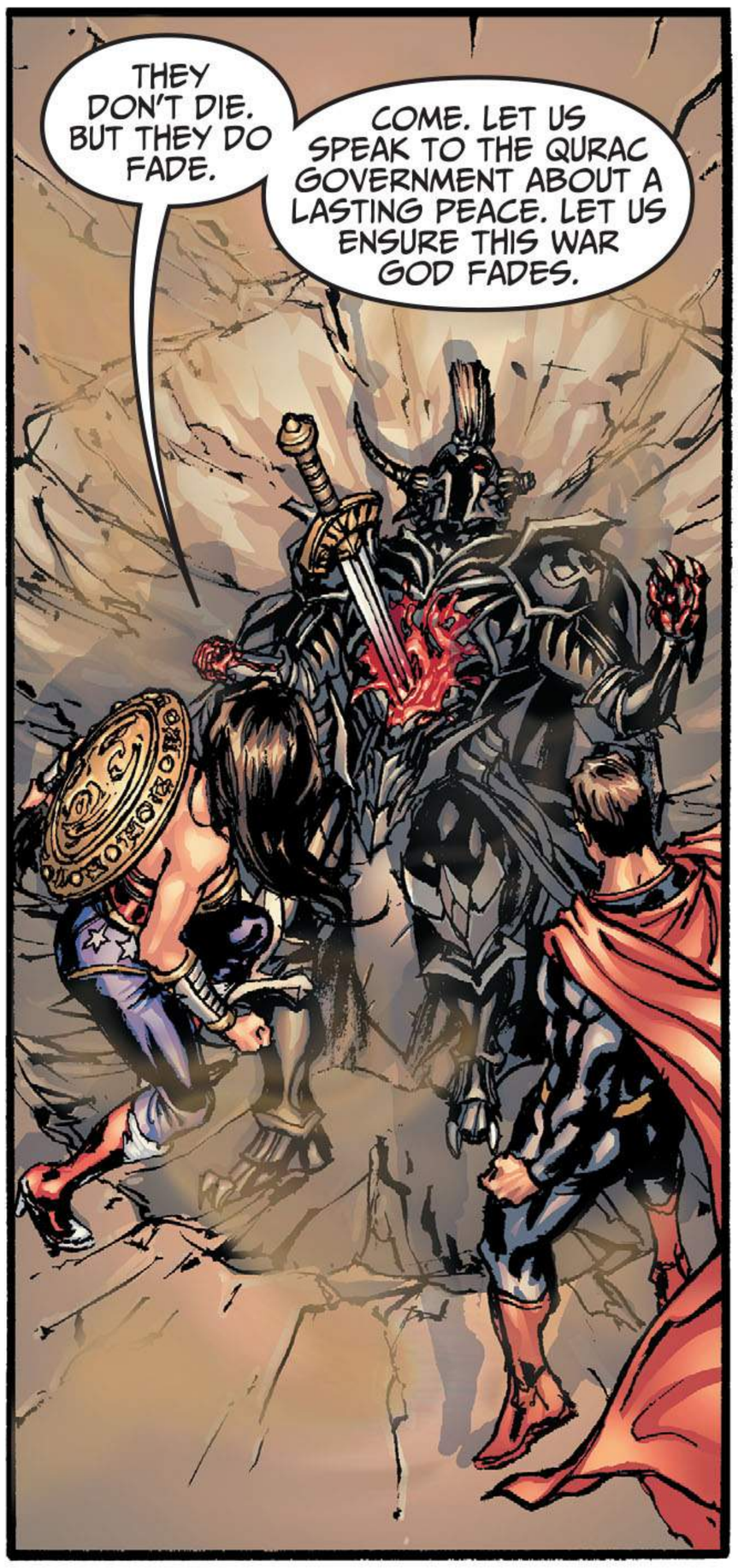
NARGH!

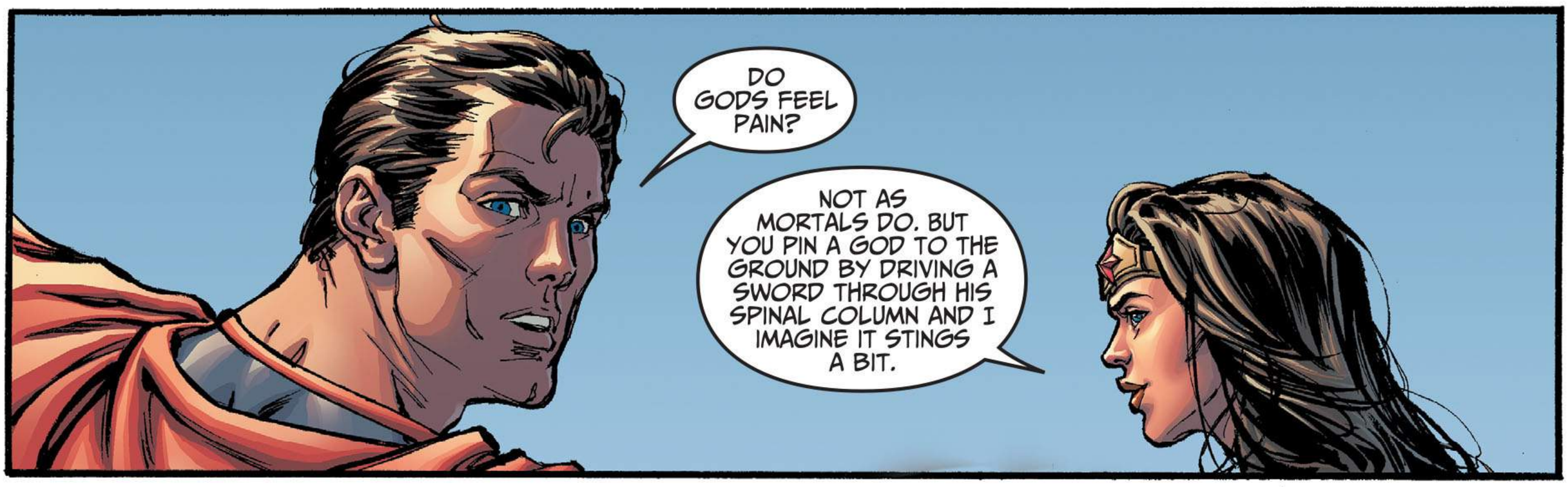
YOU CAN HAVE YOUR HAND BACK WHEN YOU CAN BE TRUSTED WITH IT.

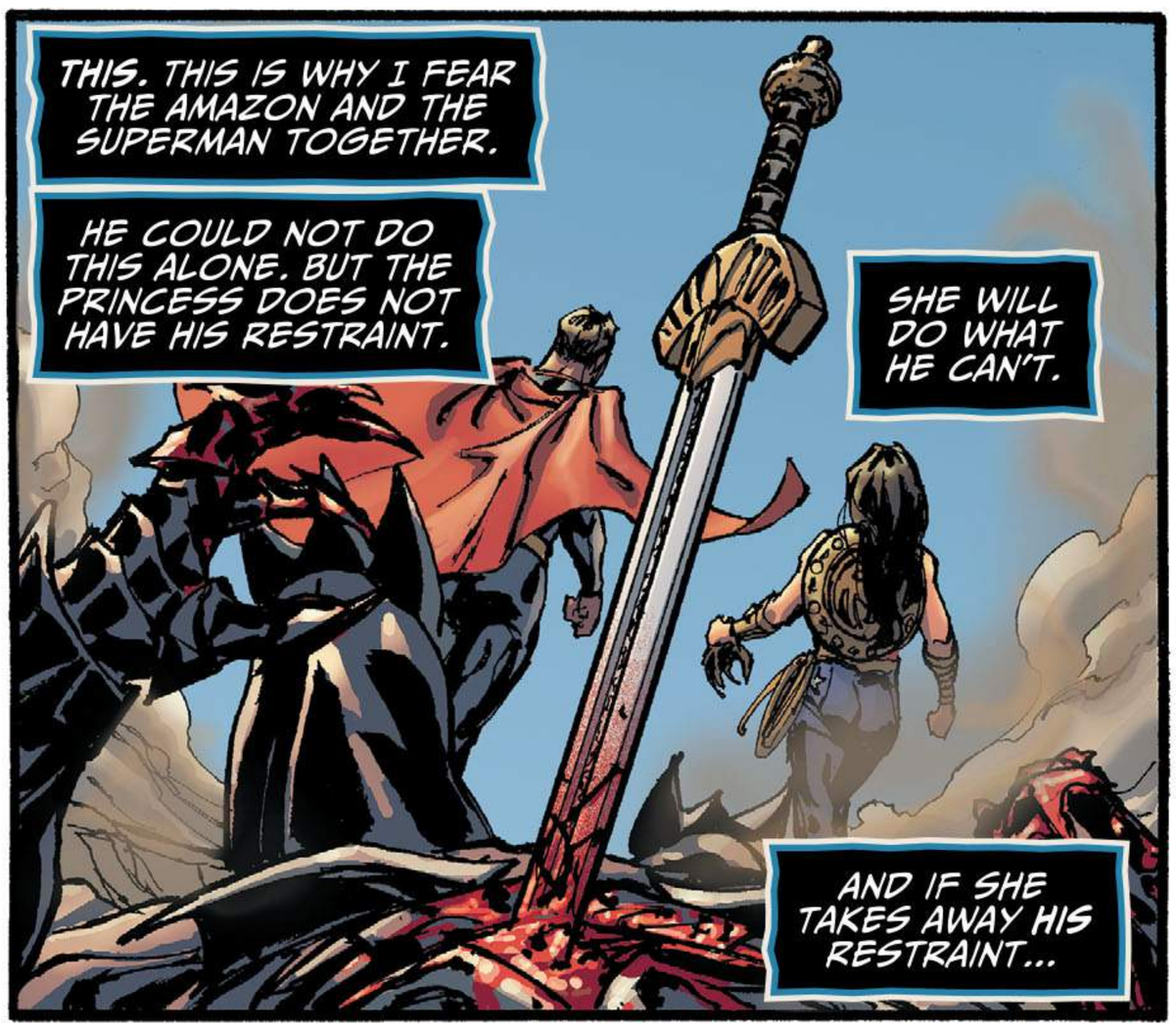

ON THE DAY YOUR CHILDREN ARE BORN, AMAZON, I WILL BE THERE TO STOP THEM TAKING THEIR FIRST BREATH.
YOU ACCUSED ME OF BEING TOO MERCIFUL, ARES.

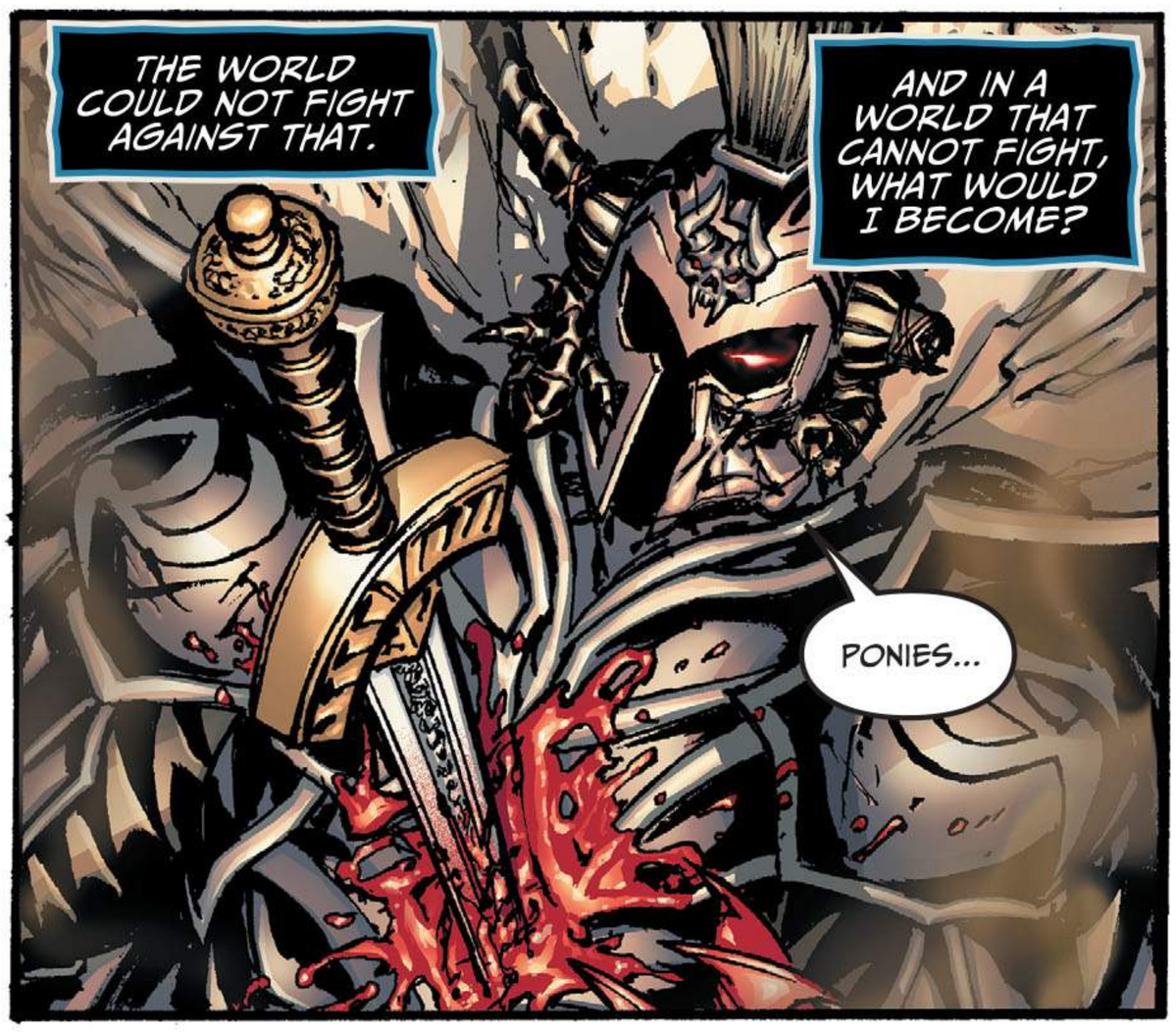
SHHNK
ARGHH!!

DIANA!
IT'S OKAY, SUPERMAN. GODS DON'T DIE SO EASILY.


THEY DON'T DIE. BUT THEY DO FADE.
COME. LET US SPEAK TO THE QURAC GOVERNMENT ABOUT A LASTING PEACE. LET US ENSURE THIS WAR GOD FADES.


DO GODS FEEL PAIN?
NOT AS MORTALS DO. BUT YOU PIN A GOD TO THE GROUND BY DRIVING A SWORD THROUGH HIS SPINAL COLUMN AND I IMAGINE IT STINGS A BIT.


THIS. THIS IS WHY I FEAR THE AMAZON AND THE SUPERMAN TOGETHER.
HE COULD NOT DO THIS ALONE. BUT THE PRINCESS DOES NOT HAVE HIS RESTRAINT.
SHE WILL DO WHAT HE CAN'T.
AND IF SHE TAKES AWAY HIS RESTRAINT...


THE WORLD COULD NOT FIGHT AGAINST THAT.
AND IN A WORLD THAT CANNOT FIGHT, WHAT WOULD I BECOME?
PONIES...

PART FOUR

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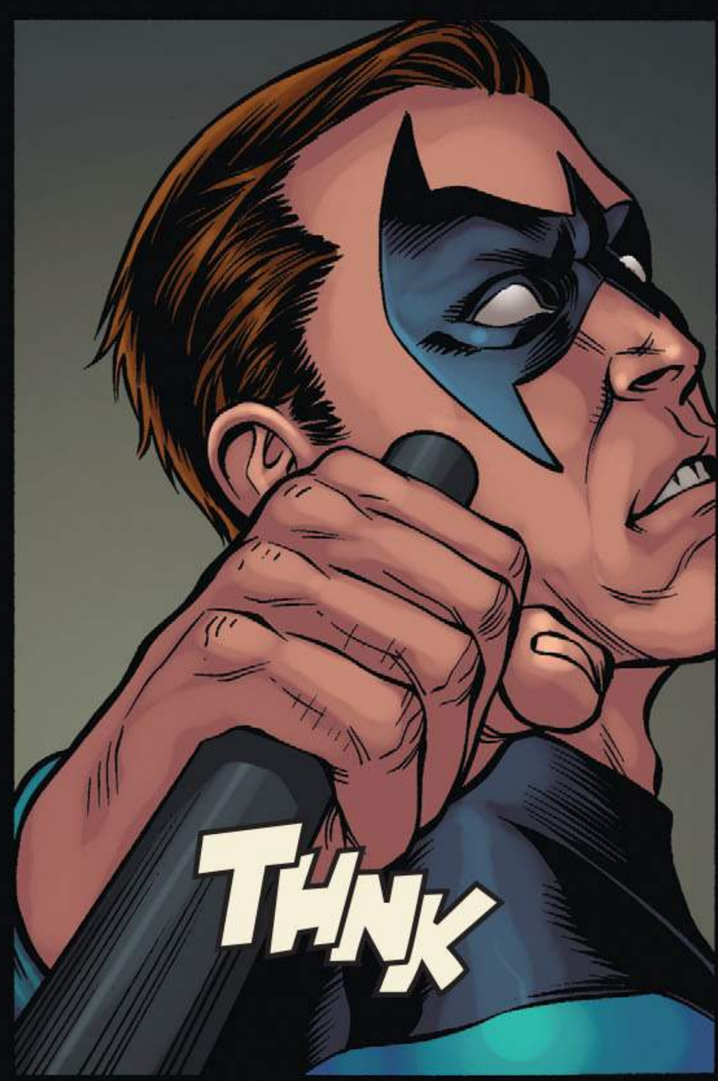
UNF!

WHAT DID YOU DO WRONG?

LEGS.
YES. LEGS.
YOU KEEP AIMING FOR THAT KILLER BLOW, YOU'RE TRYING TO *HURT* ME--WHICH I'M TRYING NOT TO TAKE PERSONALLY, BY THE WAY--BUT IT'S NOT ALL ABOUT THE BODY AND HEAD. YOUR OPPONENT HAS STICKY-OUTY BITS THAT ARE EASIER TO REACH.

NOT ONLY DOES YOUR OPPONENT HAVE STICKY-OUTY BITS, THEY ALSO MAY HAVE HAD SOME BAD CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED THEM TO A POINT WHERE YOU'RE FIGHTING THEM. SOME CRIMINALS DESERVE A SECOND CHANCE.
SECOND CHANCES ARE HARDER WITH A SEVERE BRAIN INJURY.

GET READY. WE'LL GO AGAIN.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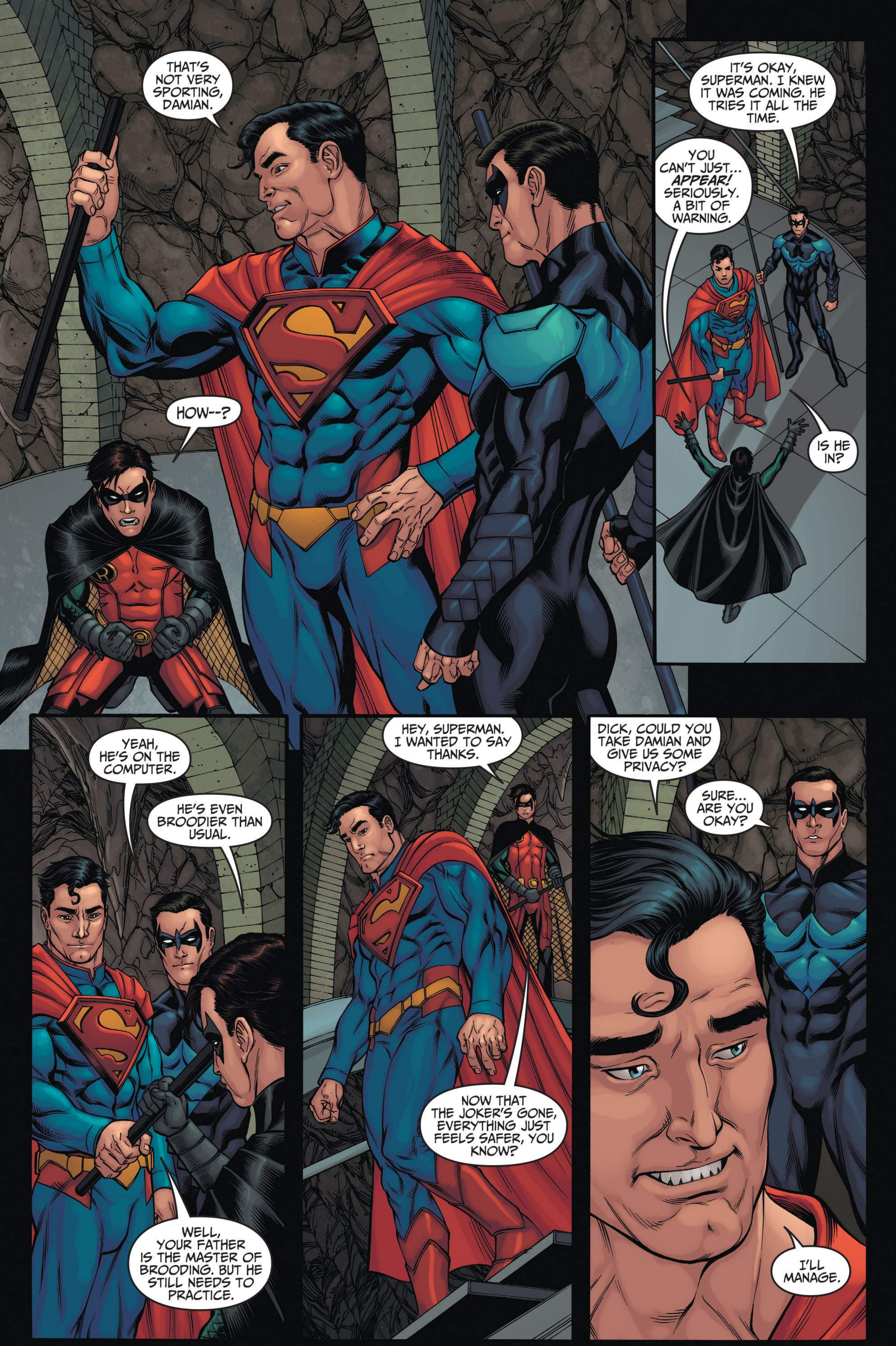
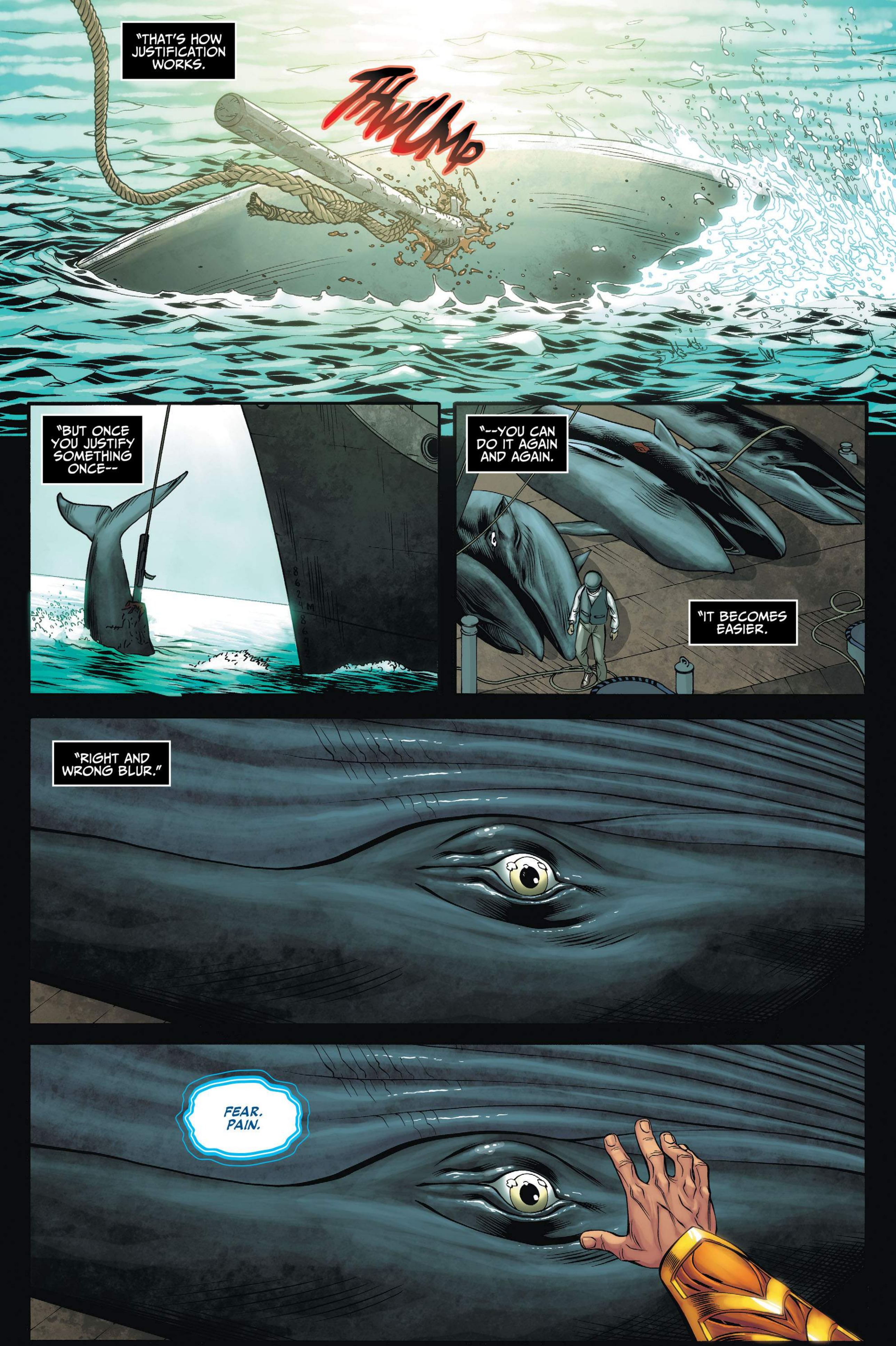

THAT'S NOT VERY SPORTING, DAMIAN.
HOW--?
IT'S OKAY, SUPERMAN. I KNEW IT WAS COMING. HE TRIES IT ALL THE TIME.
YOU CAN'T JUST... APPEAR! SERIOUSLY. A BIT OF WARNING.
IS HE IN?
YEAH, HE'S ON THE COMPUTER.
HE'S EVEN BROODIER THAN USUAL.
WELL, YOUR FATHER IS THE MASTER OF BROODING. BUT HE STILL NEEDS TO PRACTICE.
HEY, SUPERMAN. I WANTED TO SAY THANKS.
NOW THAT THE JOKER'S GONE, EVERYTHING JUST FEELS SAFER, YOU KNOW?
DICK, COULD YOU TAKE DAMIAN AND GIVE US SOME PRIVACY?
SURE... ARE YOU OKAY?
I'LL MANAGE.

DAMIAN ISN'T USED TO PEOPLE JUST APPEARING IN FRONT OF HIM.
WHERE WERE YOU?
MY PARENTS WERE TAKEN. WHERE *WERE YOU?*
I WAS DOING WHAT NEEDED TO BE DONE.
MY *PARENTS.* YOU OF ALL PEOPLE...
YOU HAVE TO STOP WHAT YOU'RE DOING.
I HAVE TO STOP *WHAT?* STOP SAVING LIVES? STOP BRINGING DICTATORS TO JUSTICE?
YOU'RE SCARING THEM.
GOOD!

THEY SHOULD BE SCARED. THEY SHOULD BE TOO SCARED TO PRESS THE BUTTON. THEY SHOULD BE TOO SCARED TO PULL THE TRIGGER.
THEY SHOULD BE TOO SCARED TO HURT EACH OTHER.
YOU TAUGHT ME THAT.
CLARK. I--
YOU'D DO EXACTLY WHAT I'M DOING IF YOU WERE ME--
--IF YOU COULD DO WHAT I CAN.
YOU KILLED A MAN, CLARK.
I DID!
AND EVERY TIME YOU LET THAT MADMAN LIVE, HOW MANY MORE DID YOU CONDEMN?
DID YOU EVEN FEEL RESPONSIBLE? DID YOU EVEN FEEL GUILTY?
EVERY TIME.
BUT WE DON'T GET TO CHOOSE WHO DIES.
ONE DEATH. TO SAVE MILLIONS.
ONE.
DEATH.
IT ALWAYS STARTS WITH ONE.

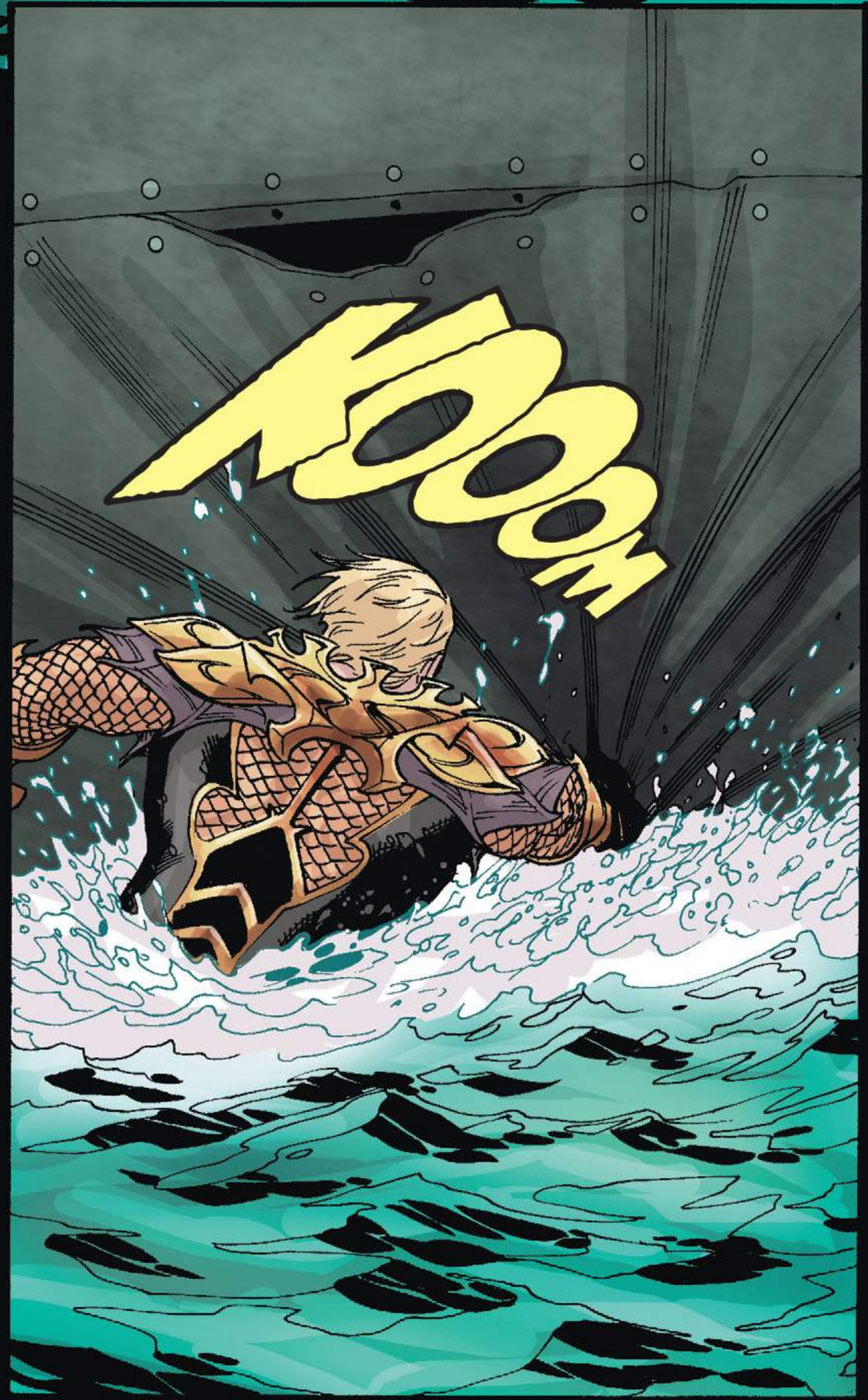

"THAT'S HOW JUSTIFICATION WORKS.
THUMP
"BUT ONCE YOU JUSTIFY SOMETHING ONCE--
"--YOU CAN DO IT AGAIN AND AGAIN.
"IT BECOMES EASIER.
"RIGHT AND WRONG BLUR."
FEAR. PAIN.

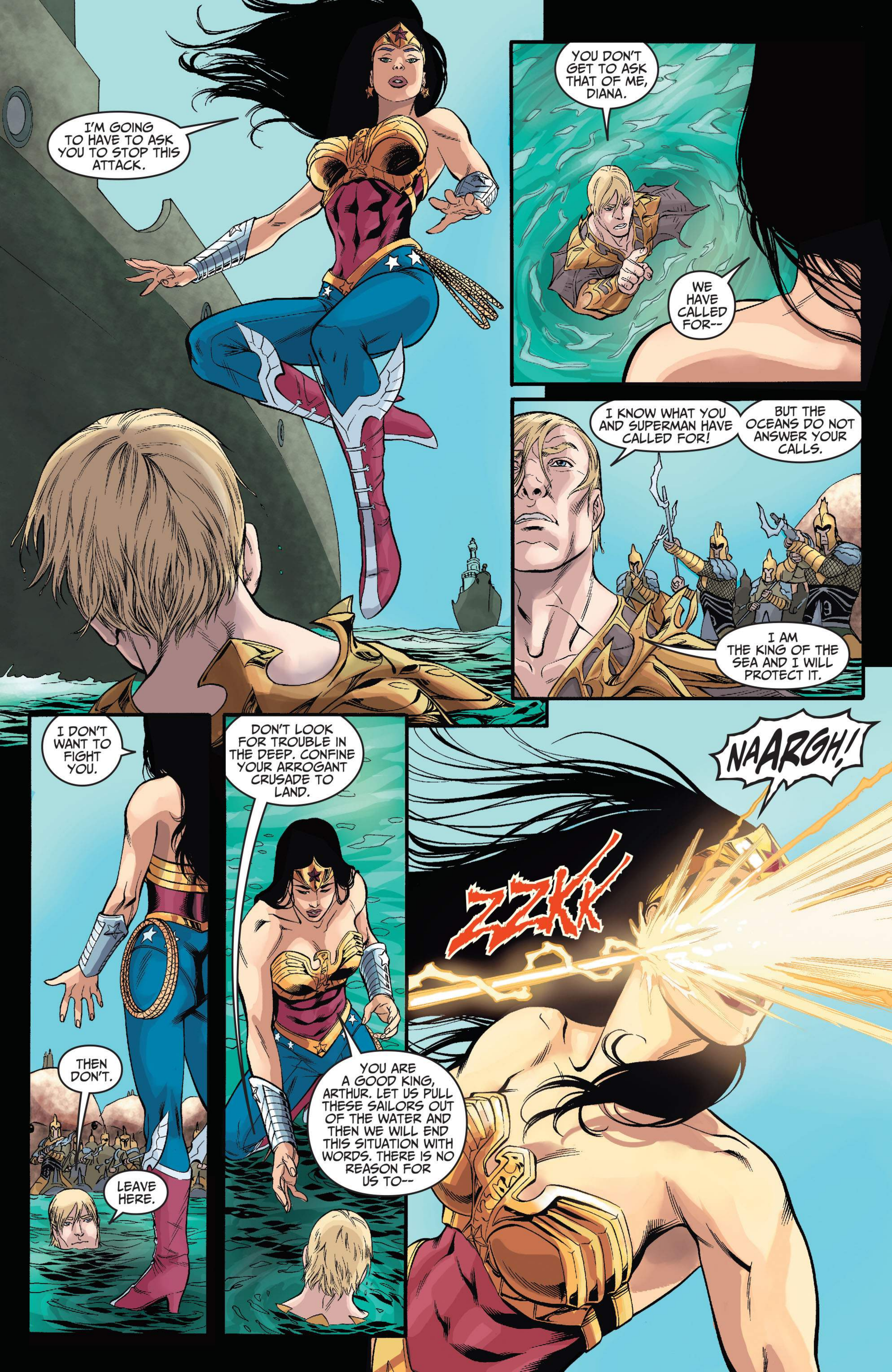
YOU...
CLNK
MAYDAY! MAYDAY!

CRNNN
WATCHTOWER TO ALL FLYERS.
WE'RE GETTING A WHOLE LOT OF CHATTER ONLINE. A JAPANESE FLEET HAS COME UNDER ATTACK IN THE SOUTHERN OCEAN.
...FLEET UNDER ATTACK...
...JAPANESE FISHERS...
...SHIP SINKING...
I'M TRANSMITTING THE COORDINATES.
I'M ON MY WAY.
THERE ARE PEOPLE IN THE WATER. SHIPS ARE GOING DOWN. WE NEED A RESCUE TEAM.
SHAZAM!
WHAT PART OF 'WORLD-WIDE CEASEFIRE' ARE THESE COUNTRIES HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING?
UM... FROM THE SOUND OF IT--

"--IT'S NOT A COUNTRY."

TAKE THEM DOWN!




I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO STOP THIS ATTACK.
YOU DON'T GET TO ASK THAT OF ME, DIANA.
WE HAVE CALLED FOR--
I KNOW WHAT YOU AND SUPERMAN HAVE CALLED FOR!
BUT THE OCEANS DO NOT ANSWER YOUR CALLS.
I AM THE KING OF THE SEA AND I WILL PROTECT IT.
I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU.
THEN DON'T.
LEAVE HERE.
DON'T LOOK FOR TROUBLE IN THE DEEP. CONFINE YOUR ARROGANT CRUSADE TO LAND.
YOU ARE A GOOD KING, ARTHUR. LET US PULL THESE SAILORS OUT OF THE WATER AND THEN WE WILL END THIS SITUATION WITH WORDS. THERE IS NO REASON FOR US TO--
NAARGH!
ZZKK

WHO DID THAT??
YOUR MAJESTY, SHE WAS REACHING FOR YOU. I THOUGHT--
NO. YOU DIDN'T. IF YOU HAD THOUGHT, YOU WOULD HAVE REALIZED IT'S A BAD IDEA TO PISS OFF AN AMAZON!
DIANA, ARE YOU--?
SHUT UP!
I AM SO SICK OF WORDS.

WAKE.
WAKE.
PROTECT.
PROTECT US.

GREEN LANTERN! MOVE THESE SHIPS OUT OF HARM'S WAY.
HAWKGIRL. GET THE PEOPLE OUT OF THE WATER.
SHAZAM--

WONDER WOMAN!

YOU LOVED HIM. DIDN'T YOU?

WHAT?
YOU'RE NOT SITTING IN THE DARK MOURNING METROPOLIS, ARE YOU? YOU'RE MOURNING HIM.

YOU'RE ANGRY AT ME FOR TAKING THE JOKER AWAY FROM YOU.

THAT'S IT. HIDE AWAY BEHIND YOUR MASK.
YOU LOVED HAVING HIM AROUND. YOUR CONSTANT NEMESIS. THE TWO OF YOU PLAYED YOUR STUPID GAME AND PEOPLE DIED.

YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT TRUE.
THEN WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP HIM?

WHY DID YOU LET HIM DO THIS TO ME, BRUCE??

TOOOM

SPLSH

WHAT...?

YOU THINK ONLY THE SURFACE WORLD HAS WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION?

RRMMMMBLE

YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND WHAT HE TOOK.
HE STOLE THE LIFE LOIS AND I WOULD HAVE HAD TOGETHER. OUR CHILD.
AND MORE. THERE WAS GOING TO BE SOMEONE ELSE LIKE ME IN THE WORLD. ANOTHER KRYPTONIAN. SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE MADE ME FEEL LESS ALONE.
AND I WOULD HAVE LOVED THAT CHILD MORE THAN ANYTHING. I ALREADY DID.
AND LOOK AT YOU.
YOU'RE SITTING IN THE DARK IGNORING DICK AND DAMIAN. HOW MANY FRIENDS DID THEY HAVE IN METROPOLIS?
HAVE YOU CONSOLED THEM?
HAVE YOU HELD THEM?
YOUR PARENTS DIED AND LEFT YOU, BRUCE.
WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING A FATHER?
CRACK
NAAARGH!

WHAT'S HAPPENING? WHERE IS YOUR ARMY GOING?

AS FAR AWAY AS THEY CAN.

RRRRMMMMBBBLLE

IT'S A TSUNAMI!

THERE'S SOMETHING PAST IT. I CAN SEE IT. THERE'S SOMETHING *BEYOND* THE WAVE.

WHAT... WHAT IS THAT?

COME ON, BILLY. YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO HAVE THE WISDOM OF SOLOMON IN THAT HEAD OF YOURS. USE IT.

NO... IT'S A MYTH! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

SAYS THE BOY IN A MAN'S BODY USING POWERS GIVEN TO HIM BY A WIZARD.

SHOW ME YOUR HAND.
NO.
DON'T BE *YOU*. SHOW ME.

A HAIRLINE FRACTURE TO YOUR THIRD FINGER. A SMALL AMOUNT OF LIGAMENT DAMAGE. YOU'LL BE OKAY IN THREE-TO-FOUR WEEKS IF YOU CAN STOP YOURSELF FROM PUNCHING THINGS.

DEET DEET
ALERT
WHAT'S THAT?

YOU'RE NOT WEARING YOUR COMMUNICATOR?
NO. I DIDN'T WANT US TO BE INTERRUPTED.
TROUBLE IN THE PACIFIC OCEAN. IT'S ATLANTIS. SEVERAL JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS ARE ON THE SCENE.

I SHOULD GO.
WAIT.

YOU CAN'T PUT YOURSELF ABOVE US, CLARK.
YOU'RE RIGHT. I'M NOT SAYING I'D ACT DIFFERENTLY IF I HAD YOUR ABILITIES. I'M NOT SAYING I WOULDN'T TRY TO IMPOSE PEACE. BUT *YOU*...
WHAT?

YOU'RE A BETTER MAN THAN I AM.
BRUCE. COME WITH ME.
I CAN'T, CLARK.
I'M SORRY.
NOT STAYING FOR TEA, MASTER KENT?
I'M AFRAID NOT, ALFRED. AND YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL ME 'MASTER.'
GOOD. LET'S REMEMBER THAT.

GET THOSE SHIPS UP OUT OF THE WAVE'S PATH!
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED BOTH HANDS IN A MINUTE.
IN THE WATER. THERE ARE MOUNTAINS RISING!
THEY'RE NOT MOUNTAINS.
THEN WHAT--?

THE KRAKEN.
WHOOOOOSH

"YOU'RE HURTING HIS FRIENDS."

ARTHUR!
YOU NEED TO STOP. OR THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT HE MAY DO.
CALL IT OFF.
THEY ATTACKED US.
CALL IT OFF NOW, ARTHUR.
I DON'T WANT TO HURT THE CREATURE FURTHER BUT I WILL.
DO AS HE SAYS.
VERY WELL.

I CALLED FOR A WORLDWIDE CEASEFIRE.
EVEN *YOUR VOICE* DOES NOT REACH DOWN INTO THE DEEP, SUPERMAN.
IF YOU WISH TO RULE THE SURFACE WORLD--

I DO NOT SEEK TO RULE, ONLY TO PROTECT.
I UNDERSTAND, WITH THE DESTRUCTION OF METROPOLIS, YOU LOST YOUR KINGDOM. BUT YOU CAN'T HAVE MINE.
DON'T PROVOKE HIM!

I DO NOT WANT--
SUPERMAN, WHETHER YOU CAN SEE IT OR NOT, YOUR REIGN IS BEGINNING.

BUT THE SEA IS MINE ALONE TO COMMAND.
ARTHUR! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
SUPERMAN! TURN YOUR COMMUNICATOR ON!