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SUPERMAN™

KRYPTON RETURNS PART 4

MY ENEMY, MY
FATHER?

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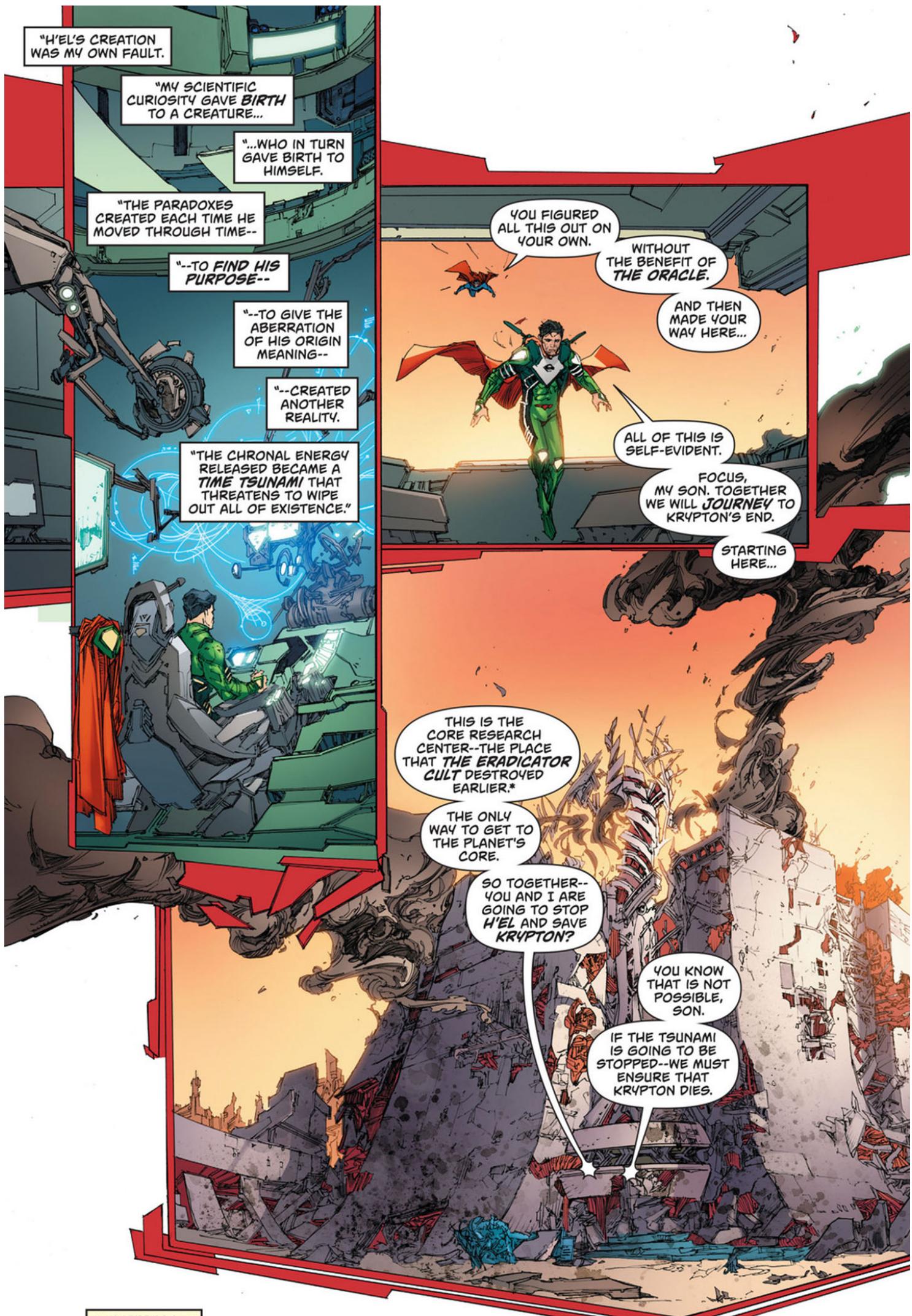
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ARGO CITY.

DOYS FROM
KRYPTON'S END.

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THE QUAKES?

IT FEELS
LIKE THE PLANET
IS TEARING
ITSELF APART.

IT'S KRYPTON.
THE ERADICATOR
WAS RIGHT. THE
END IS NEAR.

IT'S JUST AS
YOUR FATHER
AND UNCLE
PREDICTED.

I WILL,
KARA.

I'M SORRY.
I DIDN'T REALIZE
YOU NEVER KNEW
THE TRUTH ABOUT
TONIGHT.

WH-WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

THEN DO
SOMETHING!

I NEED TO COME
BACK HERE AND FIGURE
OUT WHAT IS HAPPENING
WITH THIS STRUCTURE
BENEATH ARGO CITY.

WHEN I SCANNED
IT DURING THE
BATTLE WITH THE
ERADICATOR--

--IT IS CLEARLY
SOME KIND OF
CITYWIDE
ANTIGRAVITY
EXPERIMENT.



BUT IT'S NOT
POWERFUL ENOUGH TO
ESCAPE KRYPTON'S
EXTREME GRAVITY.

IF THESE PEOPLE
DON'T GET OFF
THE PLANET...

...IT IS MY
FAULT.

MY BATTLE WITH JON--
THE "ORIGINAL" VERSION
OF ME--WAS LIKE A MASSIVE
INSTRUCTIONAL ON HOW
TO USE MY POWERS.

I AM ABLE TO REACH
INTO HER MIND AND
MAKE HER FORGET
EVER HAVING MET ME.

SO THAT... HA.

SO SHE CAN EVENTUALLY
MEET ME BACK ON EARTH
AND HATE ME JUST FOR
BEING A CLONE.

I MISSED MY "RIDE BACK HOME"
ALREADY. ALL THAT'S LEFT IS
TO MAKE SURE YOU'RE SAFE
AND TO BE THE HERO I ALWAYS
SHOULD HAVE BEEN.



FAR INTO
KRYPTON'S PAST...

HISTORICALLY, IT WAS CALLED
THE KON UPRISING--AFTER
ITS RUTHLESS LEADER.

THE LAST STAND OF THE
CLONES WHO SOUGHT TO
DESTROY THEIR CREATORS.

BUT IT TURNS OUT THE
HISTORY BOOKS GOT
IT WRONG.

ON THIS DAY THE CLONES
RALLIED BEHIND A MYSTERIOUS
YOUNG WOMAN--ME--WHO
CONVINCED THEM TO BATTLE
A THREAT GREATER THAN ANY
KRYPTON HAD EVER KNOWN.

WITH JUST A TWIST
OF MY LANCE--
I'LL HAVE WON.

BUT...CAN
I DO IT?

WHAT ARE
YOU WAITING
FOR, KARA?

MY
"BELOVED."

IT WAS A
SIMPLE MATTER
TO BETRAY ME
ONCE BEFORE.

DON'T
PRETEND YOU
CARE AT ALL
WHAT HAPPENS
TO ME.

BY RAO!
YOU'RE AN
IDIOT.

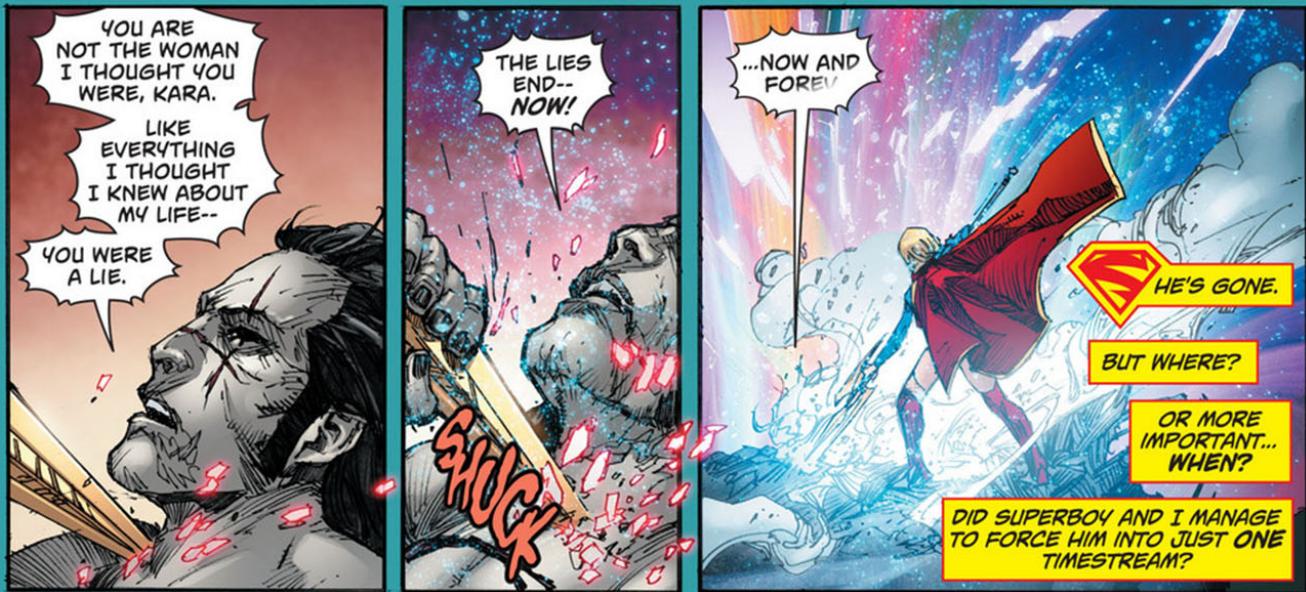
I LOVED
YOU.
EVEN AFTER ALL
YOUR LIES...YOUR
MANIPULATION.

I
UNDERSTOOD
WHAT YOU
WANTED.

IT WAS WHAT
I WANTED WITH
ALL MY HEART
AND SOUL.

BUT YOU
FORCED
MY HAND,
HEL.

AND DAMMIT
IF YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO DO
IT AGAIN!





--BUT I FEAR
IT IS NOT OVER.

GOOD LUCK,
KAL-EL.

NOW.

IS
THIS...?

THE DISEASED
HEART OF
KRYPTON?

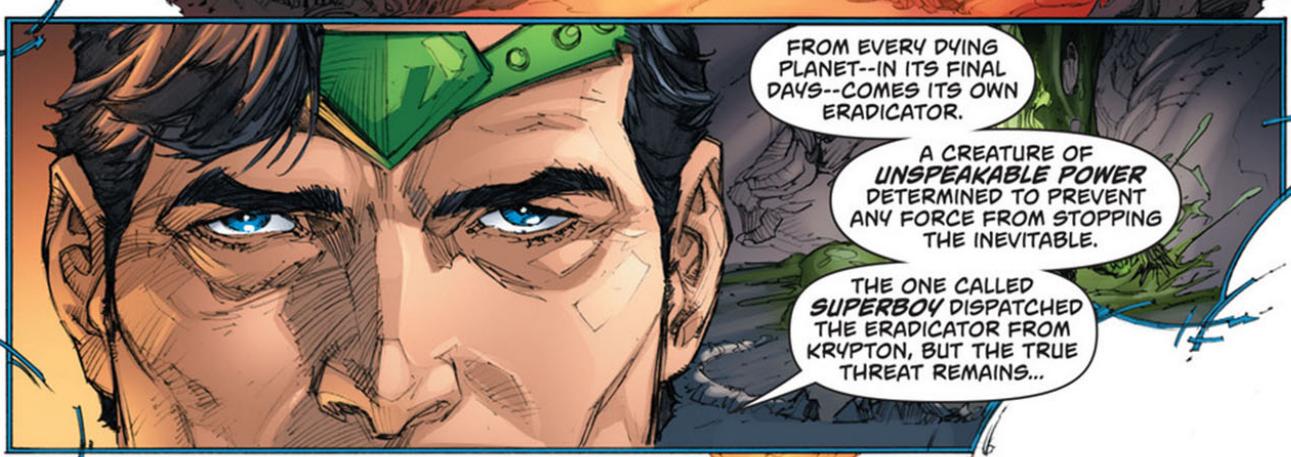
YES,
KAL. IT IS.

BUT IF WE'RE HERE
BEFORE THE PLANET
DIES, WE CAN DO
SOMETHING!

THERE WAS
A TIME I BELIEVED
I COULD. IN MY
YOUTH...

BUT KRYPTON
WAS NEVER
MURDERED.

IT DIED
OF NATURAL
CAUSES.















MY NAME IS
SUPERBOY.

I'M NOT A LIVING
WEAPON.

I AM JUST A KID
WHO TRIED.







BUT AS THEY
LEAVE...

...SOMETHING
UNEXPECTED
HAPPENS.

FOR JUST
AN INSTANT--

AND FOR AN INSTANT,
KAL-EL AND KARA ARE
NO LONGER ORPHANS
OF THE OMNIVERSE.

AN INSTANT...

--KRYPTON
RETURNS.

...OR SOMETHING
MORE?

NEVER QUITE...**THE END.**





HAPPY THANKSGIVING



We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal

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