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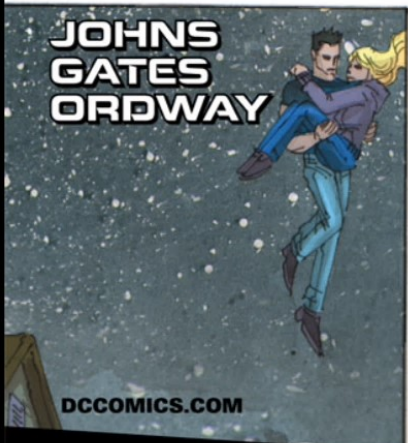
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# INTRODUCTION



**GREEN LANTERN**

**GREEN ARROW**

Hal Jordan was chosen to represent an intergalactic police force created by the oldest beings in existence—the Guardians of the Universe. Protecting Earth and all of space sector 2814 from every extraterrestrial threat imaginable, Hal shines his light proudly as Green Lantern! Follow his adventures from his “Rebirth” and triumphant return to the DC Universe, through his darkest hour in the Blackest Night!

Hal Jordan’s best friend, Oliver Queen, was once a self-centered billionaire and head of Queen Industries. His fall from grace (and life) was epic...but the Emerald Archer found a way to survive. Now considered a super hero, he strikes out against crime and corruption in his home of Star City as the world’s greatest archer and ultimate hero for the people—Green Arrow!

And as a special treat, available for the first time ever digitally:

The complete Dennis O’Neil/Neal Adams GREEN LANTERN/GREEN ARROW saga! Considered some of the greatest work ever produced, these legendary masters tell complex inner-city tales with the Emerald Archer, while Hal Jordan battles all forms of universe-threatening menace...and when they team up, it’s the stuff of legends! Read history as it was being created and enjoy some of the most exciting, innovative stories of the genre!

**GREEN ARROW: THE LONGBOW HUNTERS** is the groundbreaking story of an older, more introspective Green Arrow who’s begun to question the decisions he’s made throughout his career. But danger follows the Emerald Archer and he soon finds himself bow-deep in intrigue and violence, as he’s joined by the mysterious Yakuza archer Shado, in a desperate bid to save Black Canary’s life!

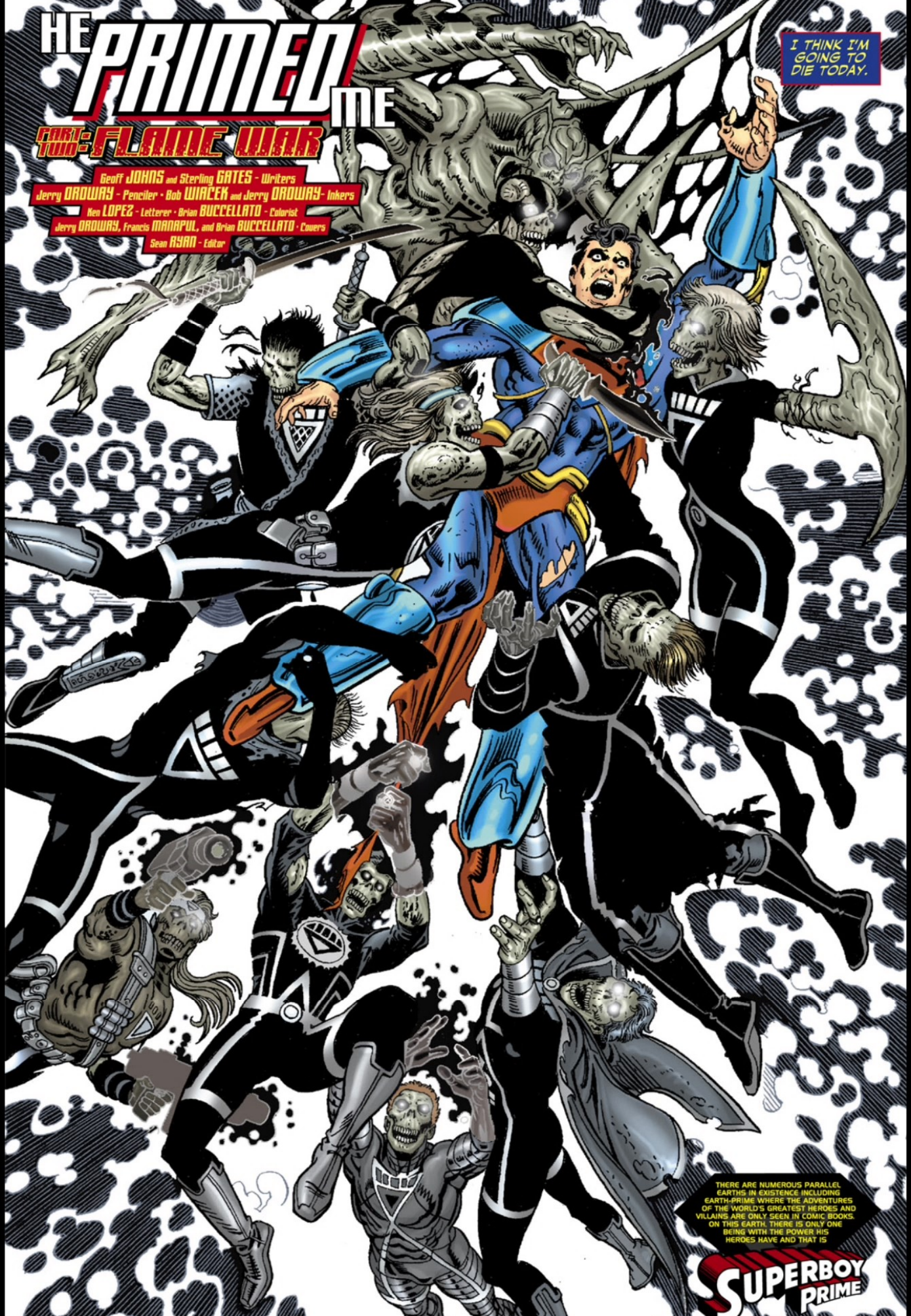


# HE PRIMED ME

## PART: FLAME WAR

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I THINK I'M GOING TO DIE TODAY.



THERE ARE NUMEROUS PARALLEL EARTHS IN EXISTENCE INCLUDING EARTH-PRIME WHERE THE ADVENTURES OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES AND VILLAINS ARE ONLY SEEN IN COMIC BOOKS. ON THIS EARTH, THERE IS ONLY ONE BEING WITH THE POWER HIS HEROES HAVE AND THAT IS

# SUPERBOY PRIME

CONVERSION BY  
**WILDSTORM**



EARTH-PRIME.

MANHATTAN.

BUT IF I'M GOING TO DIE,  
I'M TAKING THE PEOPLE  
THAT RUINED MY LIFE  
WITH ME.



WE'RE HUNGRY, PRIME. FOR YOU.

FOR YOUR RAGE-FILLED HEART.

AND FOR WHAT'S AT THE JUICY CENTER OF IT. BURIED DEEP UNDERNEATH EVERYTHING ELSE.

SUPERBOY-PRIME'S HOPE.



MY HOPE? THAT'S ALL I EVER USED TO BE!

BUT THEY RIPPED MY HOPE OUT OF ME A LONG TIME AGO!



YOU SHOULD BURN FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ALL OF US.

YAAAAHHH!

YOU HAD A TEMPER TANTRUM AND PEOPLE DIED.



TEMPER TANTRUM? I'M NOT A BABY! NOW LEAVE ME ALONE!

GO BACK TO YOUR OWN EARTH!



YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME.



NOT UNTIL I KILL THEM.









A-HA!

AAHHHH!

--WHAT WAS THAT?

I...I...

EDDIE? ADAM?



WH-WHAT ARE YOU...

SHUT UP!



SUPERBOY.

YOU THINK THIS IS ALL JUST FUN, DON'T YOU? SITTING IN YOUR OFFICES AND THINKING OF WAYS TO EXPLOIT PEOPLE LIKE ME.

YOU DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO MY LIFE.

I'M GOING TO FEED YOU YOUR OWN TONGUES.



IS THIS ALL YOU'RE ABOUT? RAGE?

EDDIE?! WHAT THE HELL'S--?



ALL YOU'VE SHOWN THESE PEOPLE IS THAT THEY'RE RIGHT ABOUT YOU.

I BROUGHT THESE BLACK LANTERNS TO YOUR WORLD. TIME TO BRING THEM TO YOUR HOME.

**FWASSSH**





OTHERS FIND HOPE AND INSPIRATION BETWEEN THESE PAGES. THEY FIND A COMMUNITY TO BELONG TO.

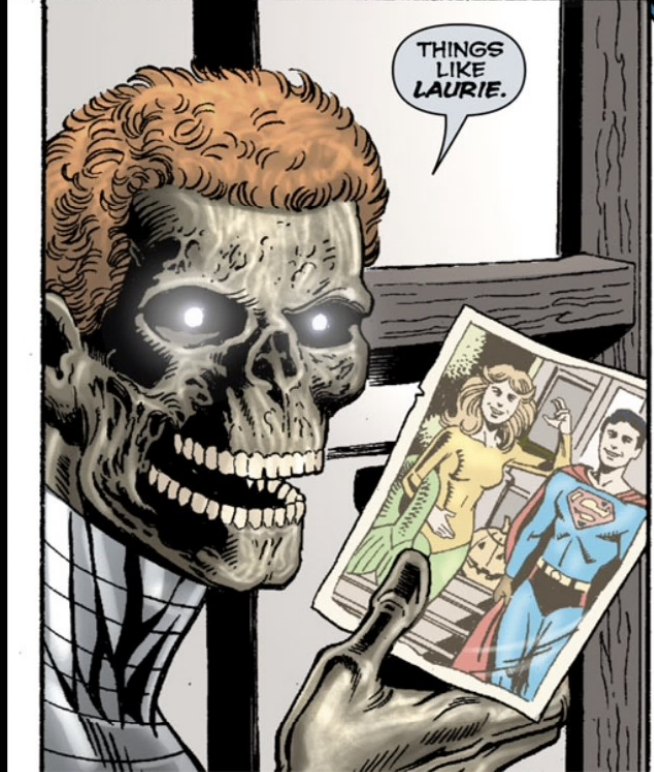


BUT YOU'RE NOT LIKE THE OTHERS. YOU CLAIM OWNERSHIP, BUT YOU HAVE NO CONTROL.

AND YOU HATE WHAT YOU CAN'T CONTROL.

INCLUDING THE THINGS YOU LOVE.

FLESH



THINGS LIKE LAURIE.

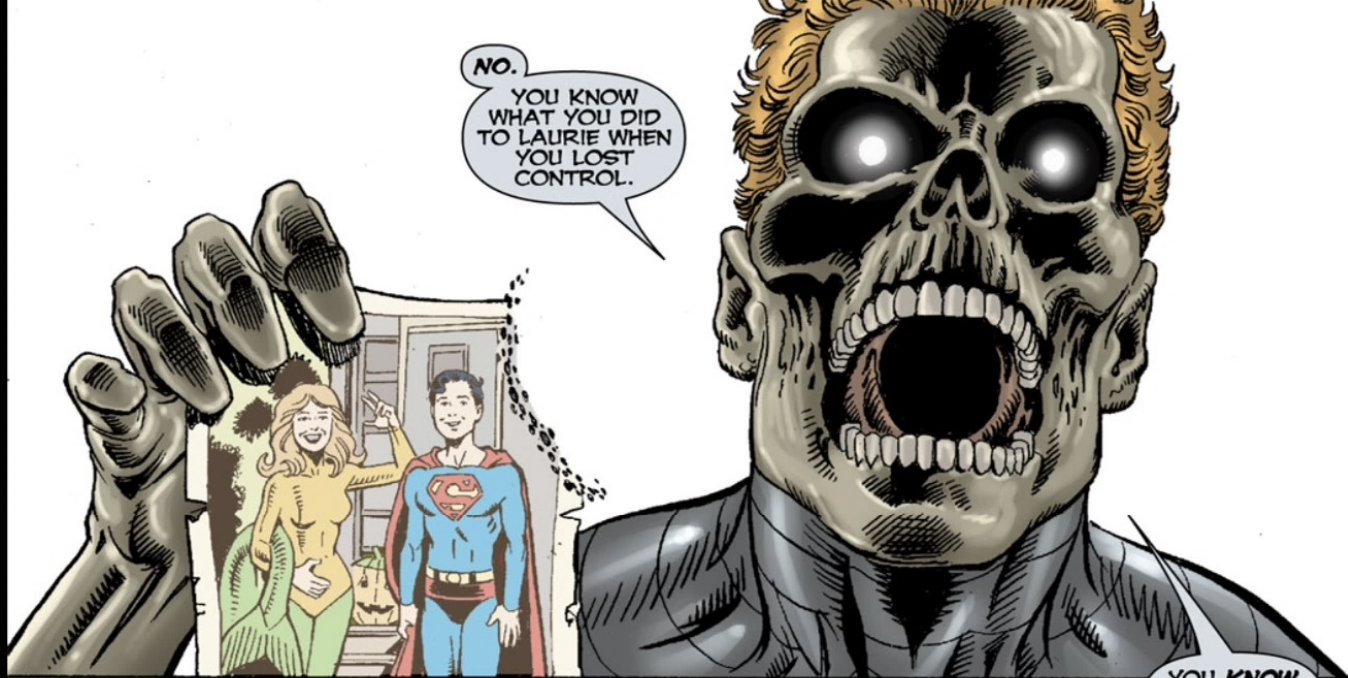


THAT'S MINE.

RAGE.

GIVE IT BACK!

LOVE.



YOU KNOW WHAT COMES NEXT.



I'LL KILL YOU FOR THAT! I SWEAR ON ALL THESE MORONS' GRAVES!



SUPERBOY. CLARK. EVEN YOU CAN'T STOP A BLACK LANTERN.

FLESH



DIE.

AAAAAH!!





AAARRRRHHH!

WHAT DO YOU FIGHT FOR?

A DELUSIONAL DEMAND FOR RESPECT.

WILLPOWER.



WHO DO YOU FEEL SYMPATHY FOR?

YOU REGRET WHAT YOU DID TO LAURIE.

COMPASSION.



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

EVERYONE TO LOVE YOU.

AVARICE.



WHO ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

THE ONES YOU ONCE ADMIRE.

FEAR.

N-NO. NO, STOP! GET OUT OF MY HEAD!



WHO DO YOU HATE?

SHUT UP!!

**BABUM  
BABUM  
BABUM**

WHAT

DO

YOU

HATE?

RRRRR!



YOURSELF.  
FOR WHAT YOU  
HAVE  
BECOME.

RAGE.

**RRRRRRRRRR!**

**BABUM BABUM BABUM**



NO. I DON'T HATE...  
...ME.  
YOU.  
RRRRR! YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE BETTER THAN EVERYBODY.



RAGE.  
HATE.



I NEVER WANTED TO BE BETTER THAN EVERYBODY. I JUST--

--RRRR--

--I JUST WANTED TO FIT IN.

BLOOD.

I WANTED TO BE WORTH SOMETHING. I WANTED TO MATTER.



I WANTED TO BE HEARD/ BUT YOU NEVER LISTENED TO ME!





WHO DO YOU LOVE?

LAURIE!  
I LOVED LAURIE!

LOVE.



I LOVED H-HER... I LOVED HER SO MUH-MUCH.

AVARICE.

RAGE.

WILLPOWER.

COMPASSION.

LOVE.

CRASH

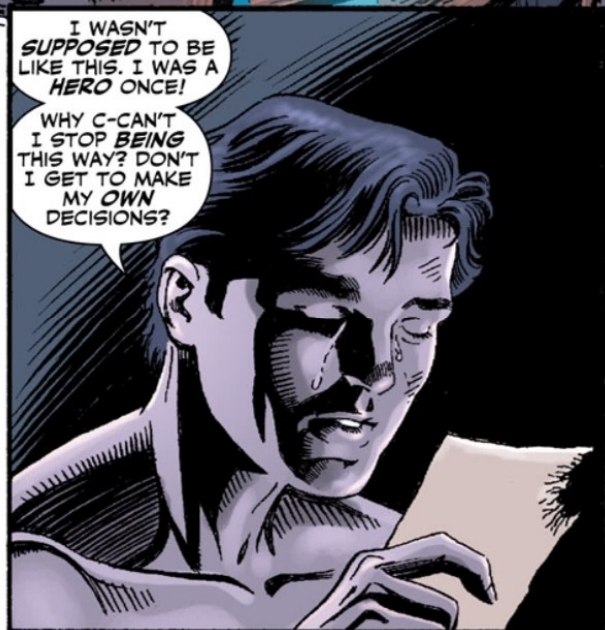


I N-NEVER...  
...I NEVER  
GET WHAT I  
WANT. THEY DON'T  
WANT ME TO  
H-HAVE IT.

THEY  
MADE ME  
INTO THEIR  
PUPPET.



FORCED  
TO HURT  
PEOPLE.



I WASN'T  
SUPPOSED TO BE  
LIKE THIS. I WAS A  
HERO ONCE!

WHY C-CAN'T  
I STOP BEING  
THIS WAY? DON'T  
I GET TO MAKE  
MY OWN  
DECISIONS?



I DO HATE  
MYSELF.

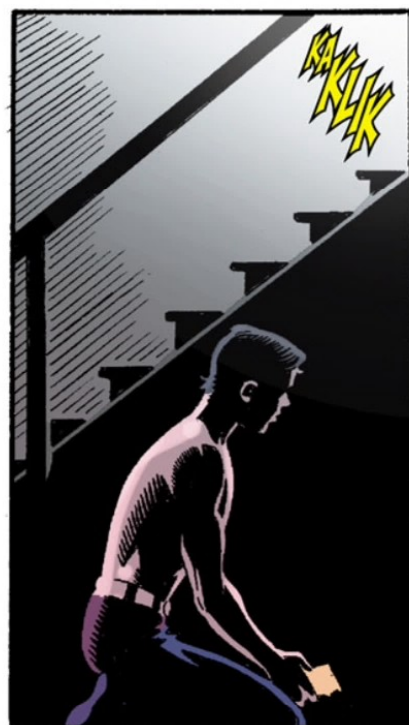
I HATE  
WHAT I'VE  
BECOME.

THEY TURNED  
ME INTO THIS  
MONSTER. THEY  
TURNED  
ME INTO A  
VILLAIN.

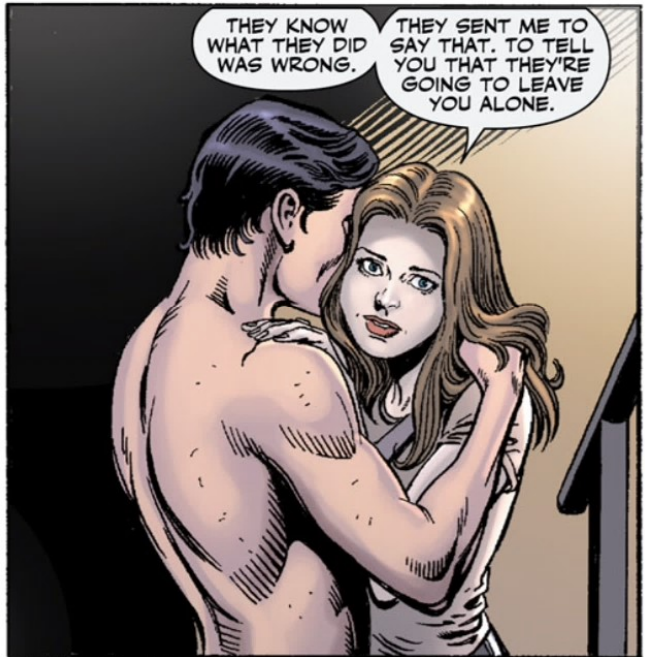
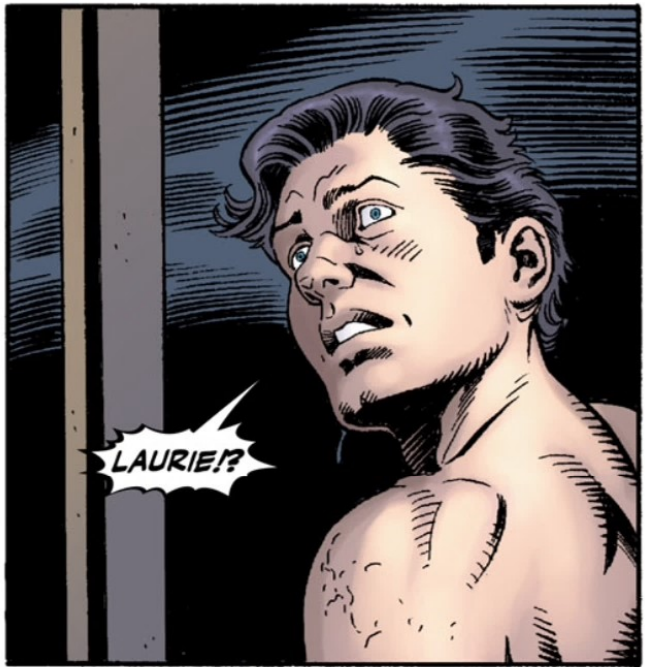
BUT I WAS  
SUPERBOY.



WHY DON'T  
THEY GIVE ME  
A HAPPY  
ENDING?



KRAKLIK



**THE END**

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# SUPERBOY THE BOY OF STEEL

CLONED USING THE  
KRYPTONIAN D.N.A. OF SUPERMAN  
AND THE HUMAN D.N.A. OF  
LEX LUTHOR, CONNER KENT  
FIGHTS FOR TRUTH, JUSTICE AND  
THE AMERICAN WAY AS...

## SUPERBOY



MAN, I'M  
BEAT.

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FLYING  
FROM PARIS TO  
KANSAS ISN'T AS  
EASY AS SUPERMAN  
MAKES IT SOUND.  
ESPECIALLY ON A  
--YAWN--SCHOOL  
NIGHT.



YAWN



NO  
OFFENSE,  
PAL, BUT YOU  
NEED A MILK  
BONE.







HI,  
CUTIE.

RRF

IT'S  
GREAT TO  
SEE YOU  
TOO.



LORI?  
WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?

UM.  
LEAVING  
A NOTE.



WITH SPRAY  
PAINT?

I DIDN'T  
WANT THEM TO  
MISS IT.

AND THE  
BROKEN  
WINDOW?

IT  
WAS LIKE  
THAT WHEN  
I GOT  
HERE.

RIGHT. SO SINCE  
YOU HAPPEN  
TO BE FLYING  
BY, HOW ABOUT  
A RIDE HOME?





HEY, SEE THE "S" ON MY SHIRT? I CAN'T JUST TURN MY BACK ON THIS MESS.

YOU DON'T WANT TO LOOK IN THERE.



THIS IS...

WHAT DID SUPERMAN DO?

1) STOPPED VANDALS.

THIS IS VANDALISM.

I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE SUCH A BOY SCOUT.

IT DOESN'T TAKE A BOY SCOUT TO KNOW BREAKING INTO A DOCTOR'S OFFICE AND TRASHING IT IS WRONG.

THOUGH YOU'D LOOK CUTE WITH THAT LITTLE SCARF THING, AND THOSE BLUE SHORTS.



I HEARD YOU GOT CAUGHT DOING THIS BEFORE.

YOU'RE A REPEAT OFFENDER.

YOU DID?

BUSTED.

WHY?



I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR EXPLANATIONS.



HEY!

PUT ME DOWN.

I MEAN, NOT NOW, BUT WHEN WE'RE CLOSER TO THE GROUND.

WHY WOULD YOU VANDALIZE A DOCTOR'S OFFICE TWICE?

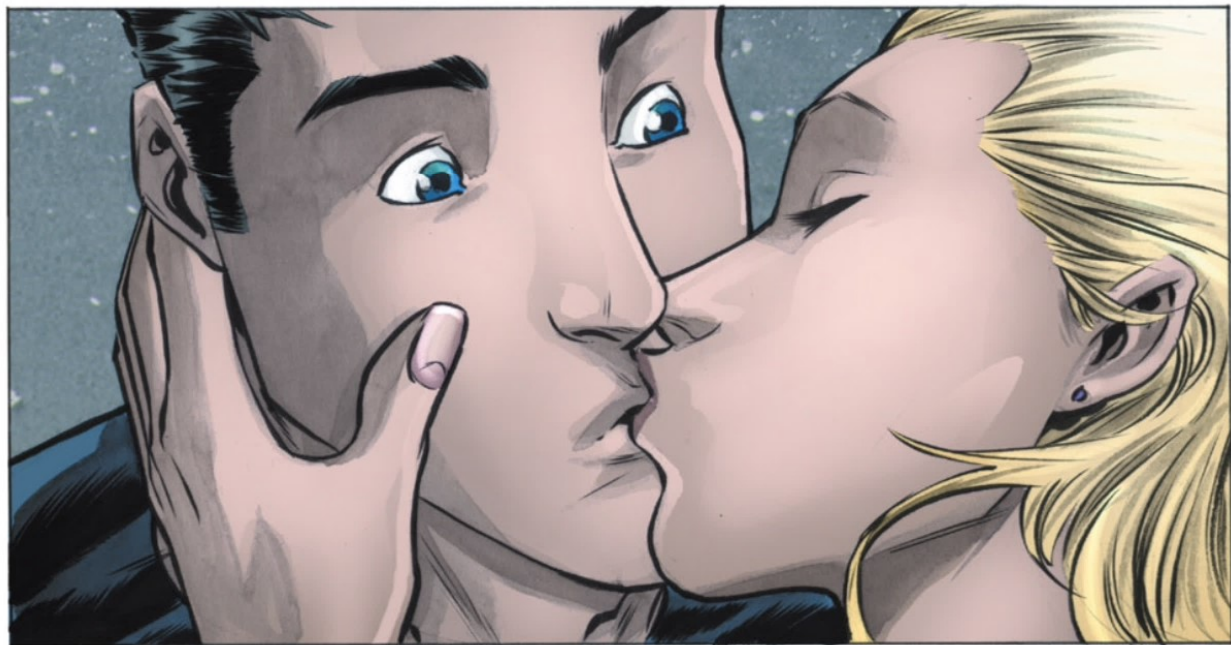
I DID WAY MORE THAN THAT.

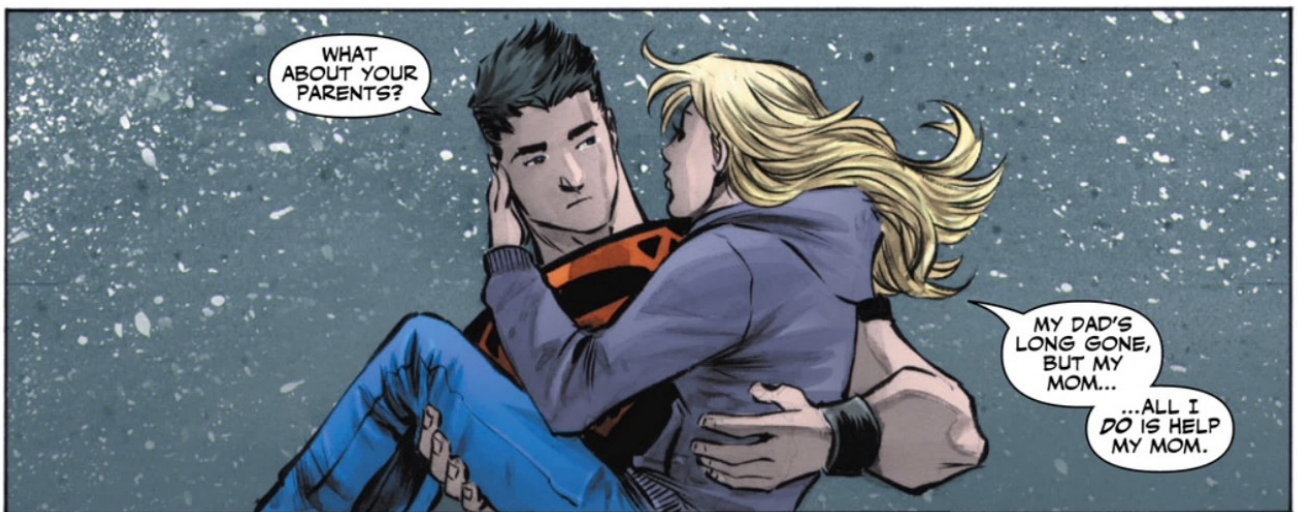
YOU WHAT?

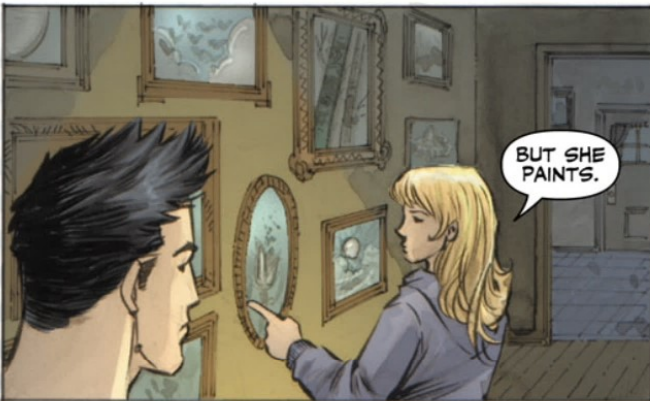


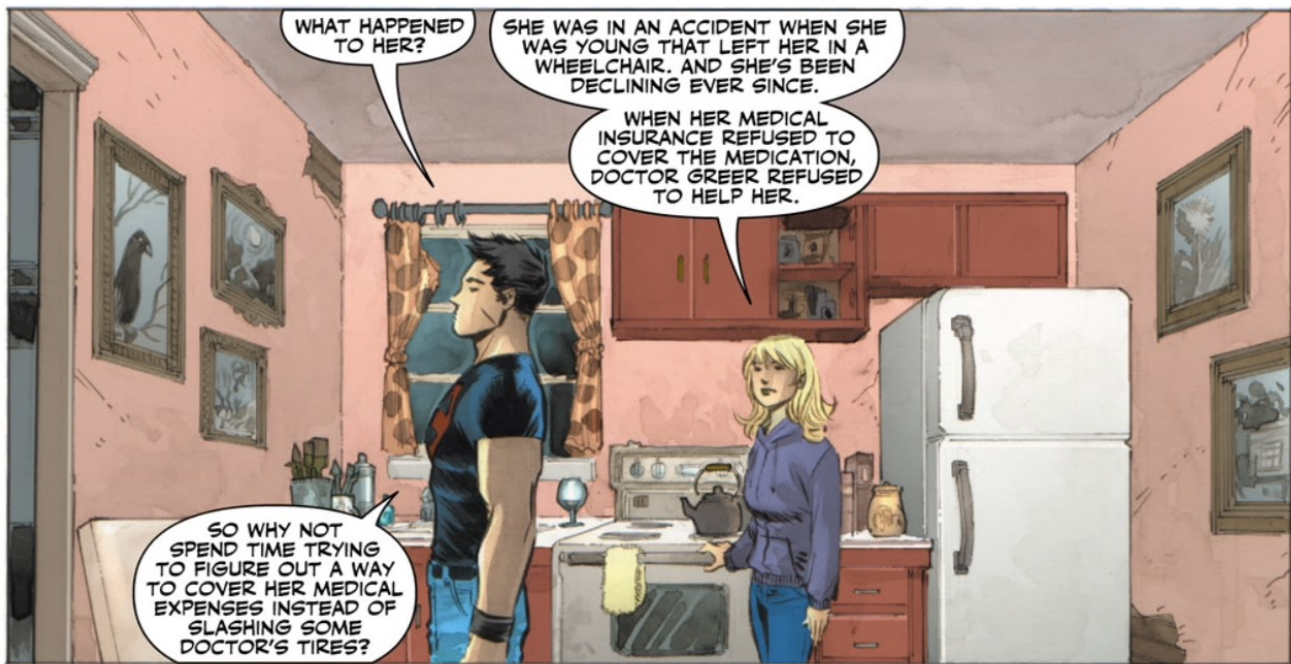
YOU WANT A FULL CONFESSION, SUPERBOY? LAST NIGHT I Poured SUGAR IN HIS GAS TANK. THE NIGHT BEFORE THAT, I TOILET-PAPERED HIS HOUSE.

WHY?







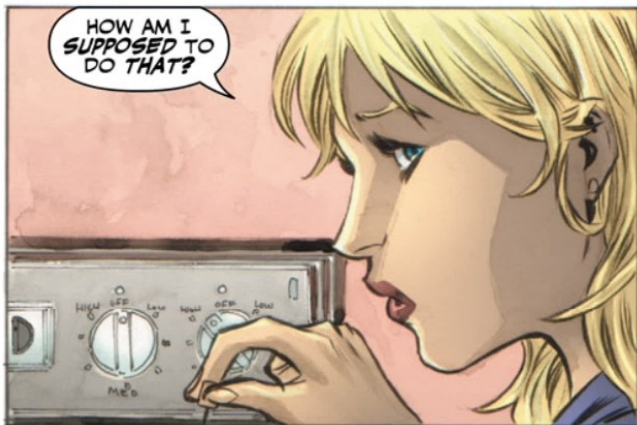


WHAT HAPPENED TO HER?

SHE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG THAT LEFT HER IN A WHEELCHAIR. AND SHE'S BEEN DECLINING EVER SINCE.

WHEN HER MEDICAL INSURANCE REFUSED TO COVER THE MEDICATION, DOCTOR GREER REFUSED TO HELP HER.

SO WHY NOT SPEND TIME TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO COVER HER MEDICAL EXPENSES INSTEAD OF SLASHING SOME DOCTOR'S TIRES?



HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO DO THAT?



THIS IS **SMALLVILLE**, LORI. THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD PEOPLE IN A TOWN LIKE THIS.

IF YOU ASK ANYONE FOR HELP, THEY'LL GIVE IT TO YOU.



YOUR GIRLFRIEND MUST BE AMAZING, HUH?

SHE IS.

THAT'S WHAT I FIGURED.

SUCKAGE.



*NOCK NOCK*

WHO COULD THAT BE?



HUH. DO YOU HAVE LEAD IN YOUR DOOR OR SOMETHING, LORI?

MAYBE IN THE PAINT.

FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T SEE WHO IT--



*NGGGG!*

SUPERBOY?



I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR SUPERBOY ACROSS SMALLVILLE WITH MY SATELLITES. IMAGINE MY SURPRISE TO FIND HIM *HERE* OF ALL PLACES.

OH, MY GOD.



UNCLE  
LEX?



"UNCLE"  
LEX?



WHO  
KNEW?

**NEXT: THE LAST  
TEMPTATION OF  
LEX LUTHOR!**