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JONATHAN KENT

BELOVED HUSBAND
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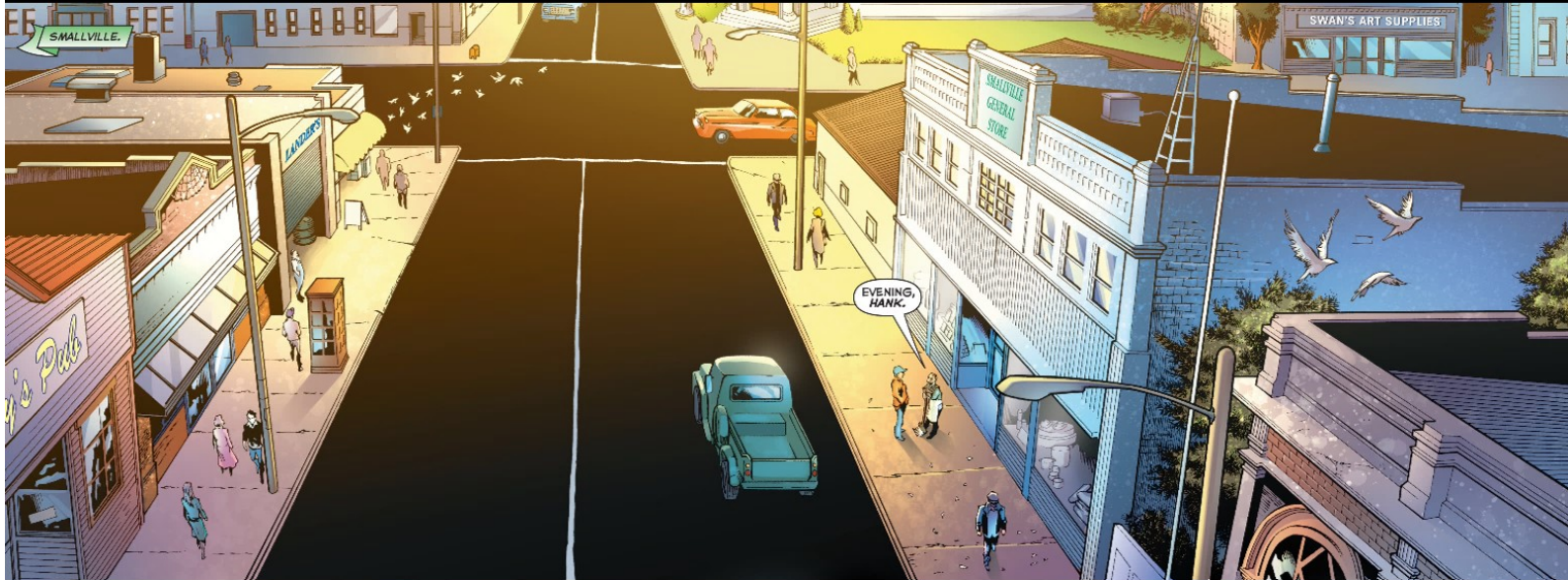
*"We were put on this
Earth for a reason, but it's
up to us to find it."*

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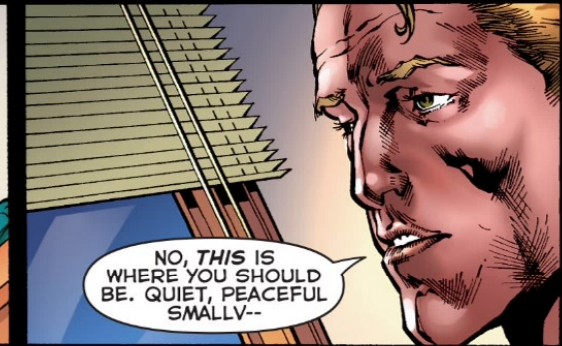
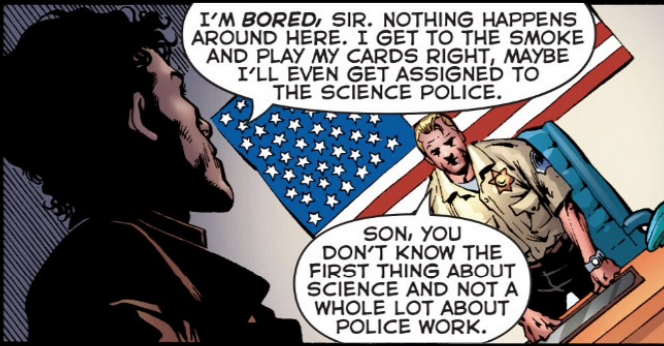
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EARTH-2.



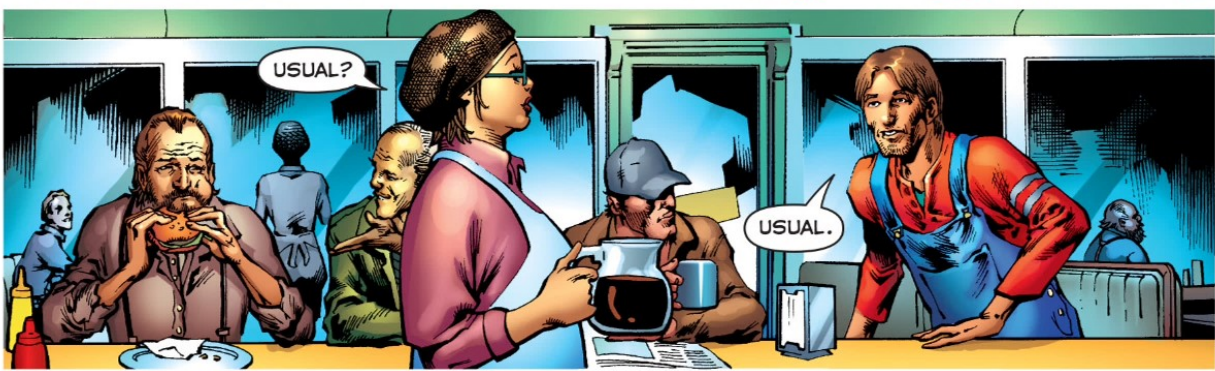
RISE.







"POWER LEVELS 3.45%"



USUAL?

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COFFEE?

YEAH. USUAL.



HEY, ANDY, HEAR ABOUT TOM?

TOM HARDY?

TOM VICTOR. LOST A FINGER ON HIS BAND-SAW.



THAT'S TOO BAD. TOM'S A GOOD GUY. HATE TO THINK OF HIM BEING HURT.

BUT HECK, I DON'T LIKE TO THINK OF ANYONE GETTING HURT.



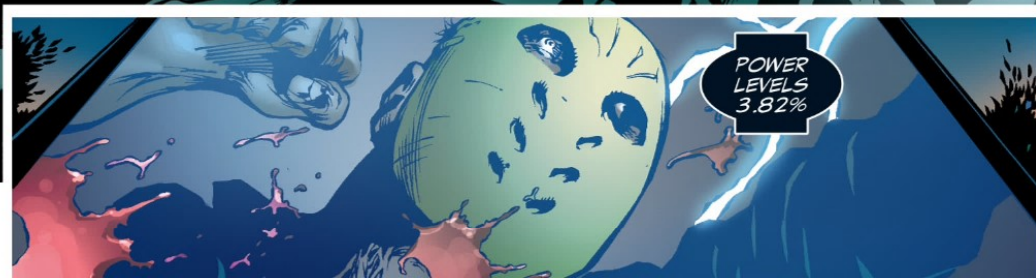
FEAR.

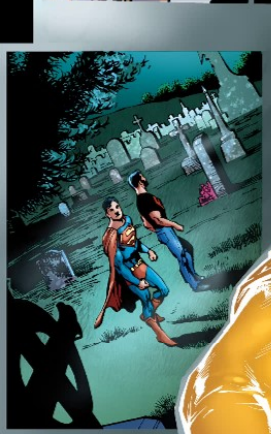
FEAR.

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POWER LEVELS 3.55%

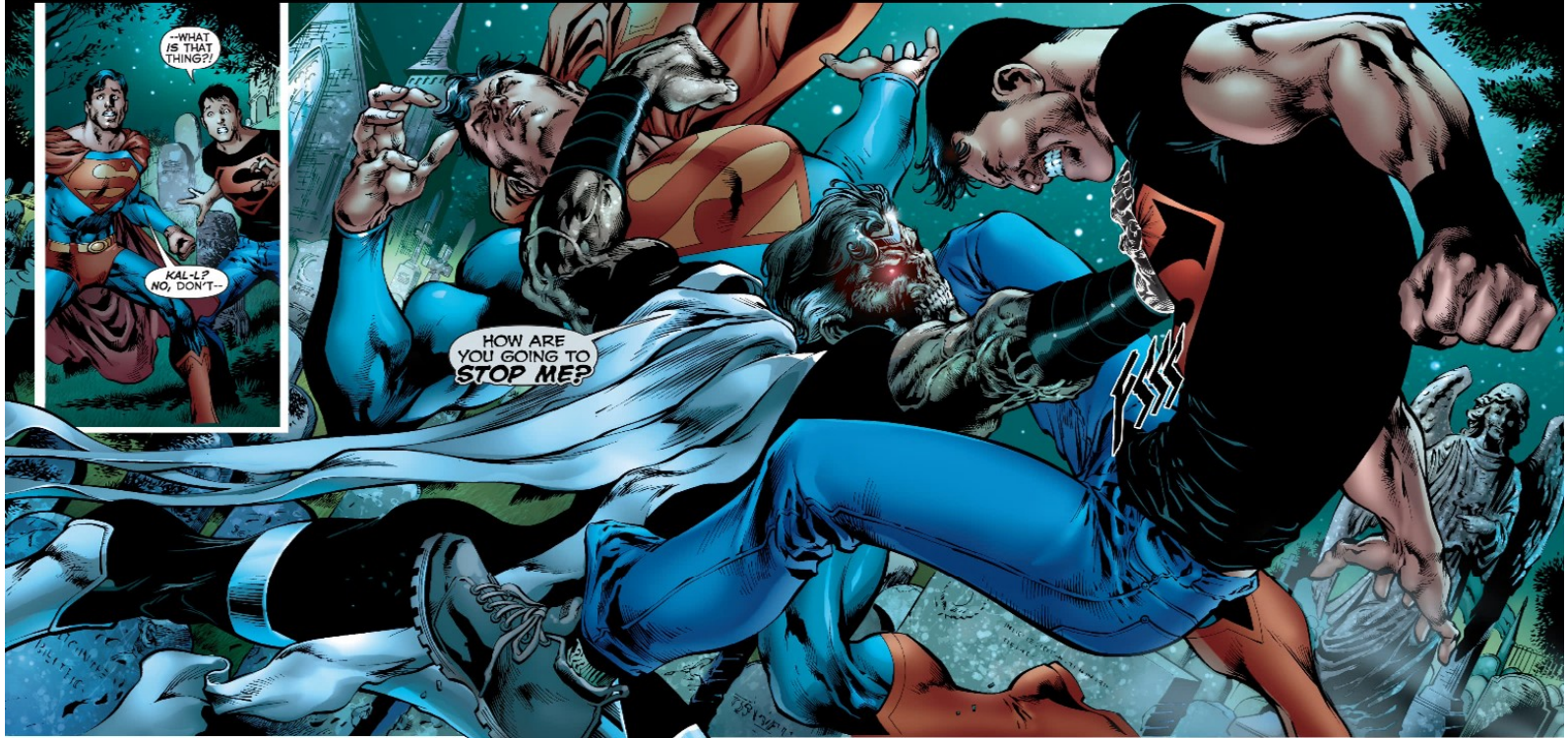




YOU BOYS
MISS YOUR PA,
I BET.

DON'T
WORRY, YOU'LL BE
SEEING HIM SOON
ENOUGH.





HOW ARE YOU GOING TO STOP ME?

...WHAT IS THAT THING?!

KAL-L? NO, DON'T-



CONNER!...
...HOLD ON!

YOU WERE DEAD, CONNER!

YOU WERE ONE OF US!
BE ONE OF US AGAIN!

FEAR
WILL



COME ON, KAL. YOU CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT, CAN'T YOU? NO?

OR AM I BETTER THAN YOU AFTER ALL?

FEAR
WILL

RAGE
HOPE
LOVE





KRYPTO!



MA?

LOIS?



WHY YES, MA. HERE I AM...



... HOW NICE OF YOU TO RECOGNIZE ME.



FEAR.



CONNER!

GIVE ME YOUR HEART, CONNER! REMEMBER THE PEACE? THE CALM.

YOU CAN HAVE IT BACK!



GET AWAY FROM HIM!



WHY DO YOU BOTHER, KAL?

THIS CREATURE ISN'T KRYPTONIAN OR HUMAN. HE'S NOTHING! WORTHLESS!



IF YOU CARE ABOUT HIM, YOU'RE AN IDIOT!



BUT THEN YOU ALWAYS WERE, KAL.

YOU WERE NEVER THE SUPERMAN I WAS. I SAVED THE WORLD, YOU COULDN'T EVEN SAVE YOUR PA.





**YOU'RE
NOT
KAL-L!**



WHAT ARE YOU?!

I AM KAL-L. NEW AND IMPROVED.



THOUGH THE OLD ME WASN'T SO BAD. YOU WERE ALWAYS TOO CAUTIOUS-- SCARED OF YOUR OWN POWERS.

ME--EVEN WHEN I WAS A KID--

--WHY, I'D LEAP TALL BUILDINGS AT A SINGLE BOUND.

YOU CARE ABOUT CONNER, THAT LITTLE PIECE OF TRASH?



--TRASH I'VE THROWN AWAY.



WELL...
... WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?



FEAR.

LOVE.



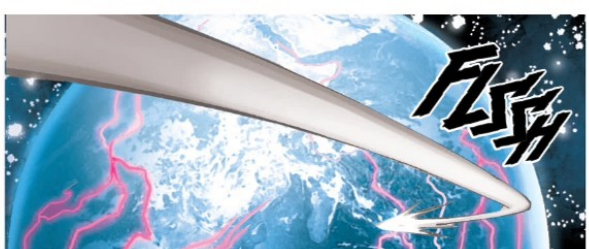
I DON'T KNOW WHAT, CONNER.

ALL I DO KNOW IS THAT HE'S GONE AND WE'D BETTER FIND HIM.





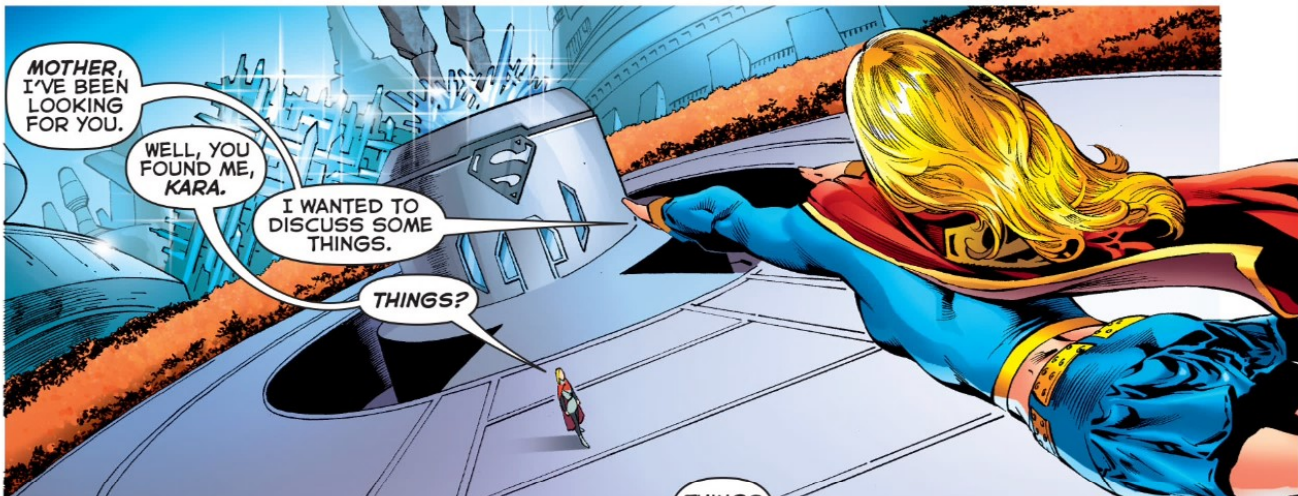
NEW KRYPTON.



FLASH



KANDOR.



MOTHER, I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.

WELL, YOU FOUND ME, KARA.

I WANTED TO DISCUSS SOME THINGS.

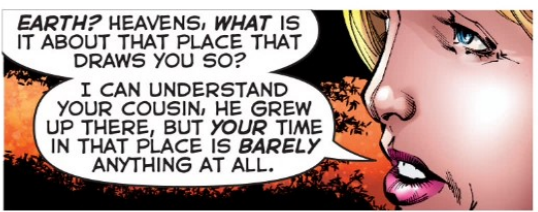
THINGS?

THINGS GOING ON.



HERE?

NO. ON EARTH.



EARTH? HEAVENS, WHAT IS IT ABOUT THAT PLACE THAT DRAWS YOU SO?

I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR COUSIN, HE GREW UP THERE, BUT YOUR TIME IN THAT PLACE IS BARELY ANYTHING AT ALL.



I'M AFRAID THAT STUFF GOING ON THERE NOW WILL AFFECT KRYPTON IN THE FUTURE.

IN THE FUTURE? THEN IT CAN WAIT WHILE WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO YOUR FATHER.



COME. REMEMBER HIM WITH ME.

I DO MISS HIM SO. I WISH I COULD SEE HIS FACE JUST ONE MORE T--



FLESH.



ZOR-EL OF
NEW KRYPTON.



RISE.



YOU WANT
TO SEE MY
FACE, ALURA MY
DARLING?

THEN THANK
ALMIGHTY RAO,
BECAUSE HERE
I AM.

KISS
ME.





SOMETHING'S WRONG WITH SMALLVILLE.



YOU SURE? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING, CONNER, AND I DON'T HEAR ANYTHING EITHER, EXCEPT MA'S--



IT'S WHAT I DON'T HEAR THAT BOTHERS ME.



YOU KNOW HOW ANIMALS AND INSECTS DESERT A PLACE BEFORE STORMS AND EARTHQUAKES AND STUFF?

HOW THEY SENSE DANGER COMING AND RUN FOR THE HILLS?

I DON'T HEAR ANY ANIMALS. NO DOGS BARKING. NO BUGS.



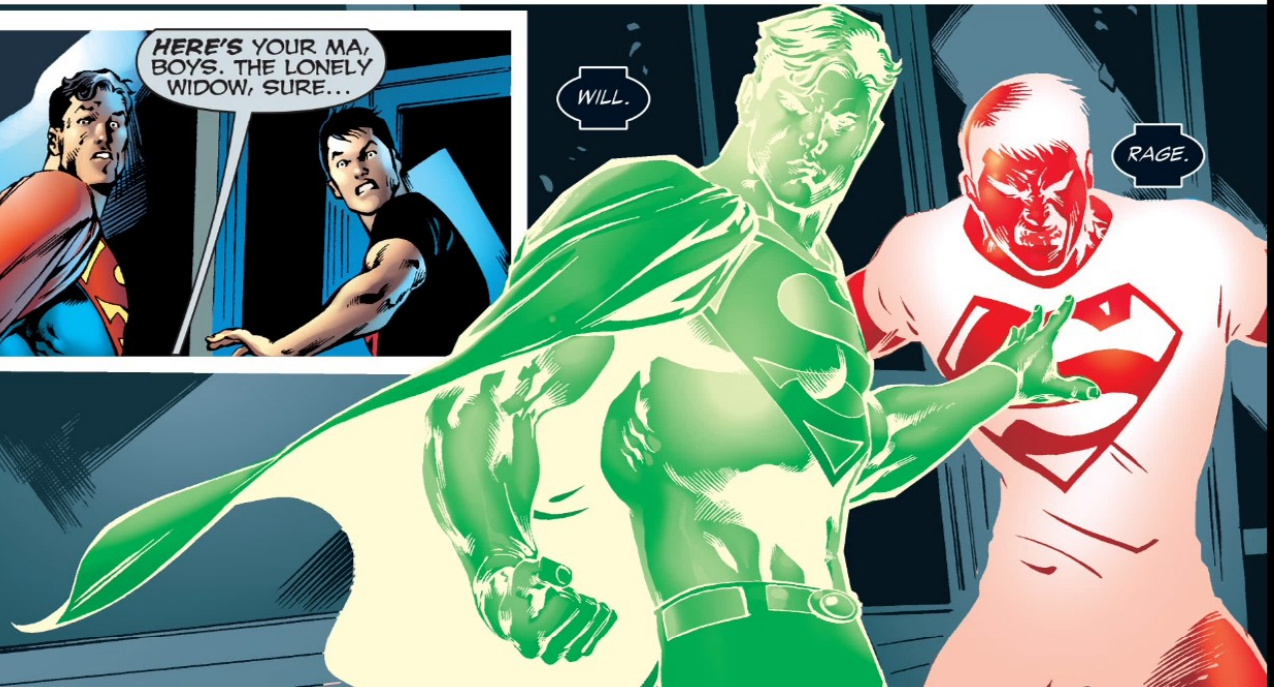
YOU'RE RIGHT, NOT EVEN A CRICKET.



HERE'S YOUR MA, BOYS. THE LONELY WIDOW, SURE...

WILL.

RAGE.



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A Sleepy Little Town

PART 1

... BUT MY
WIFE AND I WILL
MAKE IT SO MA AND
PA KENT ARE BACK
IN EACH OTHER'S
ARMS.

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