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OPEN IT,
PLEASE.

GREG RUCKA//WRITERS



I'LL SPEAK WITH MY
CLIENT ALONE, IF YOU
DON'T MIND.

PETE WOODS//ARTIST



COMMANDER
EL? I'M DYN-XE,
OF THE ARTISTS
GUILD.

I'VE BEEN
APPOINTED AS
YOUR DEFENSE
COUNSEL FOR
YOUR TRIAL.

PLEASED
TO MEET YOU,
DYN-XE.

BRAD ANDERSON//COLORIST



CALL
ME KAL.

STEVE WANDS//LETTERER

I MUST APOLOGIZE TO YOU IN ADVANCE FOR ANY PERCEIVED BRUSQUENESS YOU DETECT IN MY MANNER, KAL.

THE UNDULE HASTE WITH WHICH GENERAL ZOD HAS MOVED YOURS AND LIEUTENANT NAR'S TRIAL UP HAS SET ME BACK ON MY HEELS.

YOU ARE AWARE YOU'RE TO BE TRIED TOGETHER?

SO I'VE BEEN INFORMED, YES.

AND THAT YOU'RE BOTH BEING TRIED FOR TREASON?

AGAIN, YES, I AM AWARE.

AND THAT, IF FOUND GUILTY, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PHANTOM ZONE FOR INCARCERATION, THE PENALTY IS DEATH BY EXECUTION?

YES ONCE MORE.

AND THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU?

OF COURSE IT DOES.

GOOD, YOU'RE CERTAINLY MENTALLY COMPETENT ENOUGH TO ASSIST IN YOUR OWN DEFENSE.

YOU SAID UNDULE HASTE?

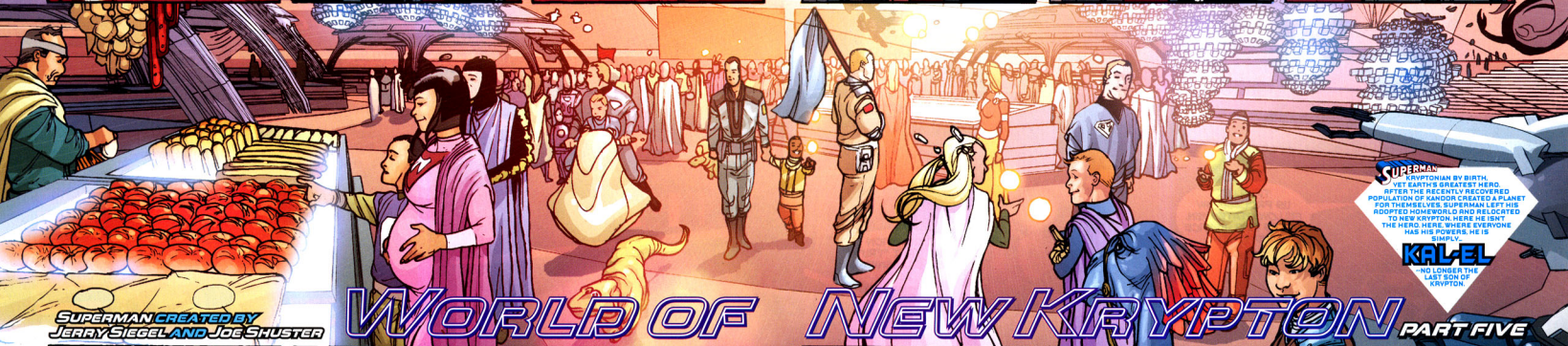
THE NOVA CYCLE CELEBRATION IS THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW, TRADITIONALLY—AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW—A CELEBRATION OF BIRTH AND REBIRTH.

BY THE SAME TRADITION, ALL PENDING LEGAL MATTERS OF THE PRIOR YEAR MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE END OF THE HOLIDAY.

WITH THE ADDITION OF THE DOME REMOVAL—NOW THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAS REGULATED—THINGS ARE, YOU UNDERSTAND, QUITE BUSY AT THE MOMENT.

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SUPERMAN CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER

WORLD OF NEW KRYPTON PART FIVE

SUPERMAN
 REBIRTH BY BIRTH
 THE EARTH'S GREATEST HERO,
 CALLED KAL EL, RECOVERED
 POPULATION OF SANDOR CREATED A PLANET
 FOR THE HERO KRYPTON. HE LEFT THE
 ADOPTED HOME WORLD AND RELOCATED
 TO HERE KRYPTON. HE LEFT THE
 HERO HERE. WHERE EVERYONE
 HAS HIS POWERS. HE IS
KALEL
 NO LONGER THE
 FAST SON OF
 KRYPTON

NOW, LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR DEFENSE.

THAT'S MY FATHER.

INDEED, AND YOU MAY RECOGNIZE HIS MENTOR NON, AS WELL.

MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE HOUSE OF EL HAS HISTORY WITH GENERAL ZOD EXTENDING BEYOND RECENT EVENTS.

YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON I'VE MET HERE WHO EVEN ENTERTAINS THE NOTION THAT ZOD ISN'T THE HERO EVERYONE SAYS HE IS.

GENERAL ZOD IS A GREAT DEFENDER OF KRYPTON, KAL-EL. I WILL NEVER DENY THAT.

BUT HE'S ALSO A MAN LIKE ANY OTHER, AND EVERY MAN HAS ENEMIES.

I INTEND TO ARGUE THAT THIS PROSECUTION IS JUST ANOTHER PART OF ZOD'S VENDETTA AGAINST THE HOUSE OF EL.

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, OF COURSE.

YOU HAVE IT.

THEN LET'S GET TO WORK. THE TRIAL BEGINS TOMORROW.

ALURA-EL,
PRIMARY
ARBITRATOR
FOR THE
SCIENCE GUILD,
PRESENT.

GAL-NU,
PRIMARY ARBITRATOR
FOR THE ARTISTS GUILD,
PRESENT.

GOL-SA,
SECONDARY
ARBITRATOR FOR
THE SCIENCE GUILD,
PRESENT.

FIL-OS,
SECONDARY ARBITRATOR
FOR THE ARTISTS
GUILD,
PRESENT.

KAV-ZO, PRIMARY
ARBITRATOR FOR THE
MILITARY GUILD,
PRESENT.

MIR-ET,
SECONDARY
ARBITRATOR FOR THE
MILITARY GUILD,
PRESENT.

THEN LET
US PROCEED, MY
FELLOW STATESMEN.
LET US FIND JUSTICE
AND TRUTH.

I QUESTION
WHAT THAT "TRUTH"
WILL BE, GENERAL
ZOD.

AND I QUESTION
YOUR
QUESTION,
DYN-XE.

YOU CEDED
YOUR GIVEN SEAT
AS PRIMARY MILITARY
ARBITRATOR SO THAT YOU
MIGHT WALK THE FLOOR OF
THE TRIAL CHAMBER AS
COMMANDER EL'S CHIEF
PROSECUTOR.

YOUR HISTORY
OF DISCORD
WITH THE HOUSE
OF EL IS WELL
KNOWN.

HOW CAN
YOU SAY THAT THIS
TRIAL ISN'T BASED ON
A DESIRE BY YOU FOR
VENGEANCE RATHER
THAN TRUTH?

YOU'RE
RIGHT.



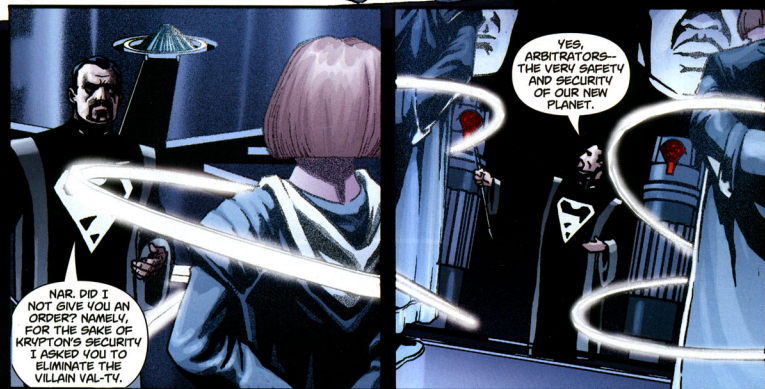
AND THANK YOU, DYN-XE, FOR HAVING THE PRESENCE OF MIND TO POINT THAT OUT. IN ANSWER TO YOU I HEREBY **WITHDRAW** AS PROSECUTOR OF COMMANDER KAL-EL.



SHALL WE BEGIN--

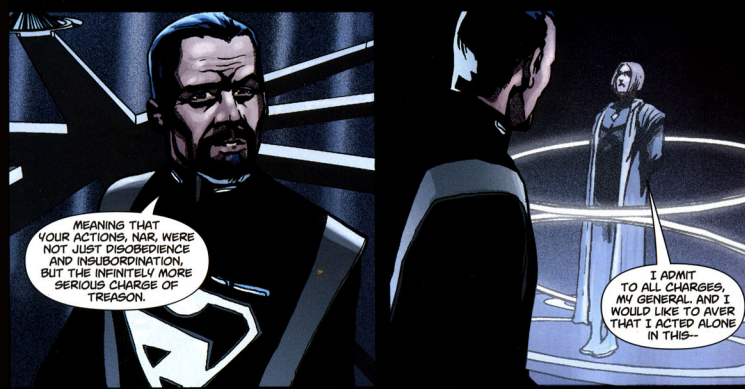
I WILL OF COURSE BE STAYING FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE TRIAL--NAMELY THE CHARGE OF TREASON AGAINST FIRST LIEUTENANT ASHA DEL-NAR.

--SO I CAN ALL THE SOONER TAKE MY LEAVE?



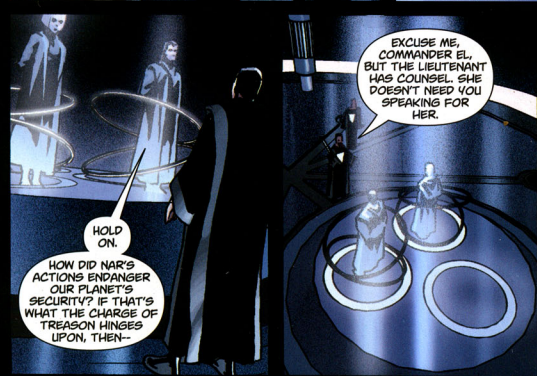
NAR, DID I NOT GIVE YOU AN ORDER? NAMELY, FOR THE SAKE OF KRYPTON'S SECURITY I ASKED YOU TO ELIMINATE THE VILLAIN VAL-TY.

YES, ARBITRATORS-- THE VERY SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR NEW PLANET.



MEANING THAT YOUR ACTIONS, NAR, WERE NOT JUST DISOBEDIENCE AND INSUBORDINATION, BUT THE INFINITELY MORE SERIOUS CHARGE OF TREASON.

I ADMIT TO ALL CHARGES, MY GENERAL. AND I WOULD LIKE TO AVER THAT I ACTED ALONE IN THIS--



HOLD ON.

HOW DID NAR'S ACTIONS ENDANGER OUR PLANET'S SECURITY? IF THAT'S WHAT THE CHARGE OF TREASON HINGES UPON, THEN--

EXCUSE ME, COMMANDER EL, BUT THE LIEUTENANT WAS COUNSEL. SHE DOESN'T NEED YOU SPEAKING FOR HER.



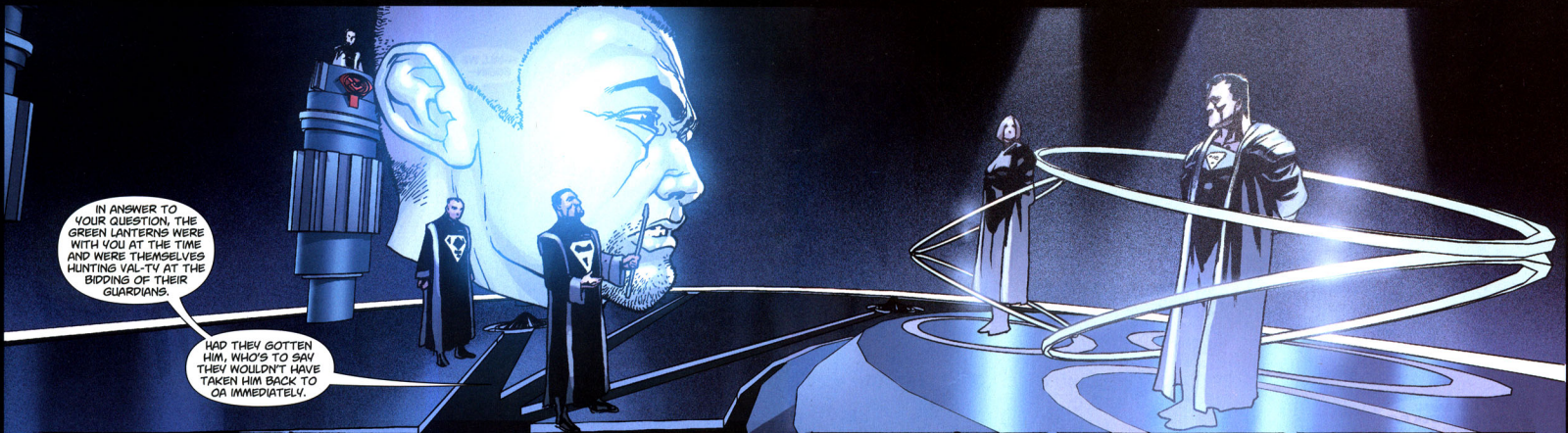
NEVERTHELESS, I HAVE TO SAY, GENERAL, THAT COMMANDER EL DOES HAVE A POINT. I'M INTERESTED IN HEARING HIM.

AND I TRUST MY COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATION IN THIS MATTER, SIR, IF MY WISHES MAY BE HEARD.



SECONDED.

VERY WELL, COMMANDER EL. AS NAR AND THE ARBITRATORS WISH.



IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, THE GREEN LANTERNS WERE WITH YOU AT THE TIME AND WERE THEMSELVES HUNTING VAL-TV AT THE BIDDING OF THEIR GUARDIANS.

HAD THEY GOTTEN HIM, WHO'S TO SAY THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TAKEN HIM BACK TO QA IMMEDIATELY.

VAL-TV IS BY NOW FAMILIAR WITH NEW KRYPTON, ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING WHAT HE SAW DURING HIS TIME IN OUR SHIPYARDS.

INVADING? THE GREEN LANTERNS ARE A FORCE FOR GOOD.

THE GREEN LANTERNS ARE A FORCE, YES, BUT YOU CAN HARDLY CLAIM YOUR FRIEND JORDAN HAS ALWAYS ACTED FOR GOOD.

NEED I SAY THE NAME PARALLAX.

NO. NAR'S DECISION NOT TO FOLLOW MY ORDER COULD HAVE GREATLY UNDERMINED THE SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

SIR! I JUST ADMITTED--

I STOPPED HER FROM CARRYING OUT YOUR WISHES. I KNOW THERE WAS NOTHING TREASONOUS IN LIEUTENANT NAR'S INTENTIONS THAT DAY.

NOT TO MENTION HIS KNOWLEDGE OF HOW TO DESTROY OUR CITIES BASED ON HIS CRIME ON OLD KRYPTON WHEN HE LEVELLED XAN, INVALUABLE TO AN INVADING FORCE.

BUT THAT DECISION WASN'T HERS.



I SEE, BECAUSE YOU PREVENTED HER FROM OBEYING MY ORDER?

YES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CANDOR, COMMANDER EL.





I THEREFORE
DISMISS ANY AND ALL
OF MY CHARGES
AGAINST LIEUTENANT
NAR.



AND BASED
ON COMMANDER EL'S
CONFESSION A MOMENT
AGO AS TO HIS OWN
TREACHERY...



...ASK THAT
THE COUNCIL FIND
THE COMMANDER
GUILTY ON THE
CHARGE OF
TREASON.

I REST
MY
CASE.





...THEY'LL HAVE YOU KILLED.

IT'S NOT OVER YET, TYR-VAN.



BUT IT IS, SIR!

I HEARD THE RECORDINGS YOU CONFESSED TO TREASON! THERE'S NO OTHER POSSIBLE INTERPRETATION THE ARBITRATORS CAN REACH--



--INCLUDING YOUR AUNT!

WE DO WHAT WE BELIEVE WE MUST, TYR-VAN.

STANDING BY OUR PRINCIPLES IN THEORY IS EASY. IT'S WHEN WE STAND BY THEM WHEN WE'RE TESTED THAT DEFINES US.



I WILL STAND BY MINE.



ANY MESSAGE FOR RED SHARD, SIR?

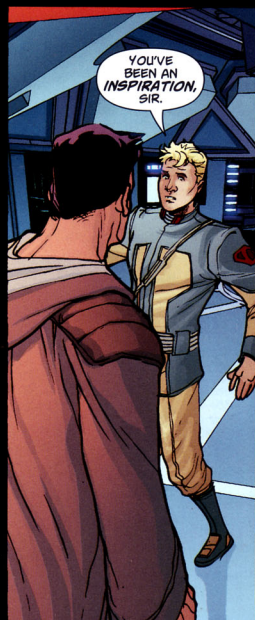
TELL THEM IT WAS MY HONOR TO LEAD THEM.

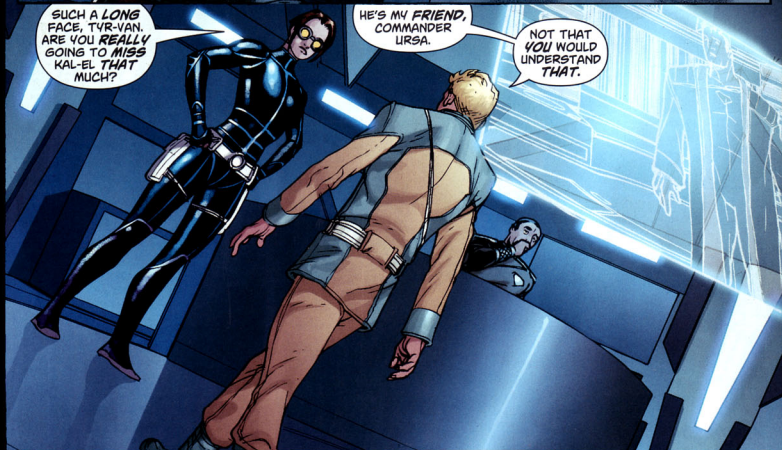
AND THEY NEED TO KEEP DRILLING THEIR FREEZE BREATH.

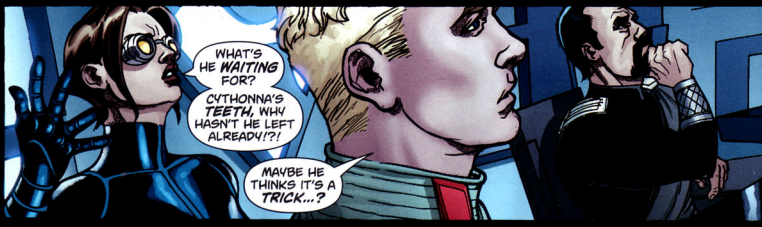


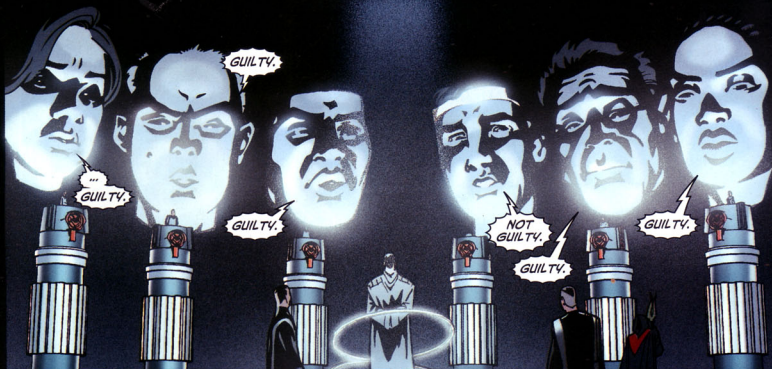
YES, SIR.

RAO WATCH OVER YOU, SIR.









GUILTY.

...
GUILTY.

GUILTY.

NOT GUILTY.

GUILTY.

GUILTY.



BEFORE WE PROCEED TO SENTENCING, MY CLIENT WISHES TO SPEAK.

NO OBJECTION.



COMMANDER EL MAY SPEAK.



AS DYN-XE KNOWS, THERE ARE *MANY* THINGS THAT COULD'VE BEEN SAID IN MY OWN DEFENSE.

THEY DON'T MATTER. WHAT MATTERS IS THIS: BY *DISOBEYING* ZOD'S ORDER, I HAVE BEEN MADE A *TRAITOR*.

I DENY THAT. I REFUSE IT.



LETTING VAL-TY LIVE BROUGHT *NO* HARM TO MY PEOPLE, NOR MY *WORLD*. LETTING VAL-TY LIVE WAS THE *RIGHT* THING TO DO.

AND FACED WITH THE *SAME* ORDER, IN THE *SAME* SITUATION...



...I WOULD NOT HESITATE TO DO IT AGAIN.



AN INTERESTING CHOICE OF LAST WORDS.

COMMANDER EL, YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY...



...AND THIS ARE HEREBY SENTENCED TO DEATH BY--


WAIT.

TODAY IS NOVA. TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE NOT ONLY BIRTH, BUT REBIRTH.

NOT JUST OF RAO AND THOSE WHO ATTEND HIM, BUT OF KRYPTON--NEW KRYPTON--AS WELL.



ON THIS DAY, THE RELIGIOUS GUILD HAS THE POWER TO GRANT ABSOLUTION...



...BY TRADITION, THEY MAY WIPE THE SIN--THE CRIME--OF ANY CITIZEN THEY SO CHOOSE.

LET THEM ABSOLVE KAL-EL OF HIS CRIMES.



THAT'S TRUE, THEY--

GENERAL ZOD!

YOU YOURSELF SOUGHT THE DEATH OF THIS MAN...

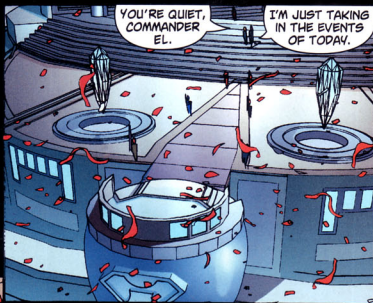
...YET NOW YOU WOULD SEE HIM CLEARED?

YOU WOULD HAVE THE RELIGIOUS GUILD PARDON HIM?



NO, MY HONORED FRIENDS.

THAT I WOULD LEAVE TO THE VOICE OF THE RELIGIOUS GUILD TO DECIDE.



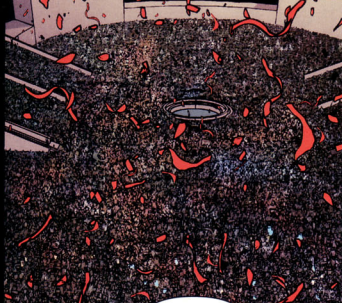
YOU'RE QUIET, COMMANDER EL.

I'M JUST TAKING IN THE EVENTS OF TODAY.



ONE MINUTE I'M A DEAD MAN WALKING AND THE NEXT I'M WALKING BY YOUR SIDE.

AS IF NOTHING HAD HAPPENED.

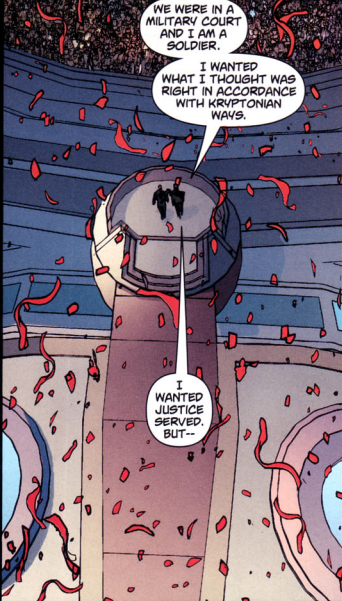


-I ALSO WANT MY ARMY TO BE STRONG.

AND WHETHER I LIKE IT OR NOT, I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THAT ARMY IS BETTER FOR YOUR BEING IN IT.



THE FACT IS, I KNEW WITHOUT DOUBT THAT YOU WERE WILLING TO DIE FOR EARTH. NOW I SEE THAT YOU'RE EQUALLY PREPARED TO DIE FOR NEW KRYPTON.



WE WERE IN A MILITARY COURT AND I AM A SOLDIER.

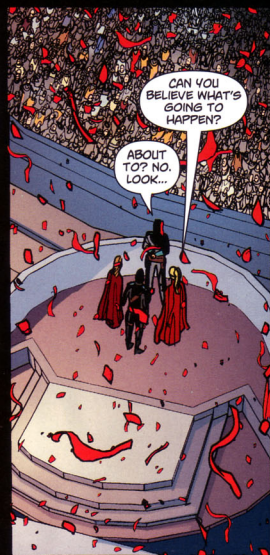
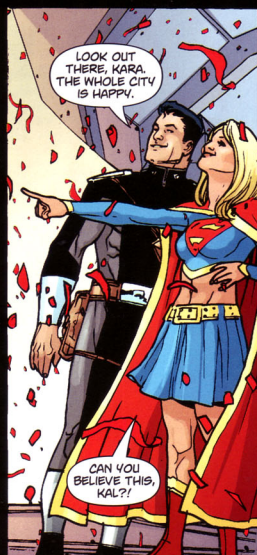
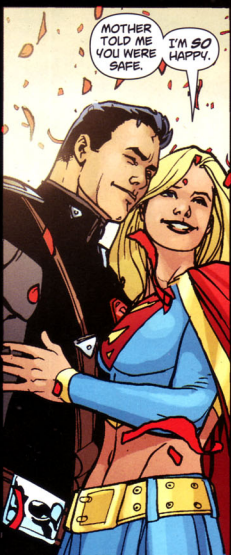
I WANTED WHAT I THOUGHT WAS RIGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH KRYPTONIAN WAYS.

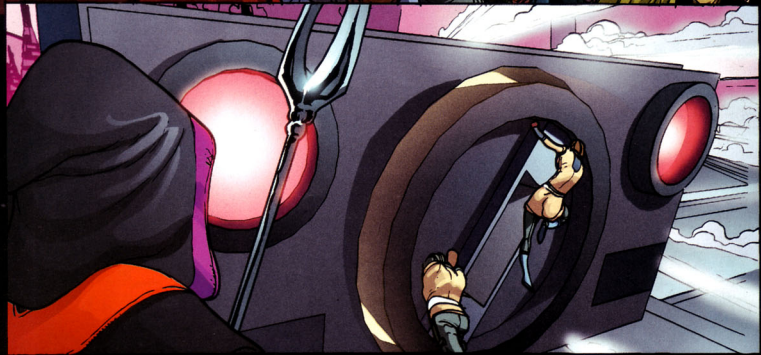
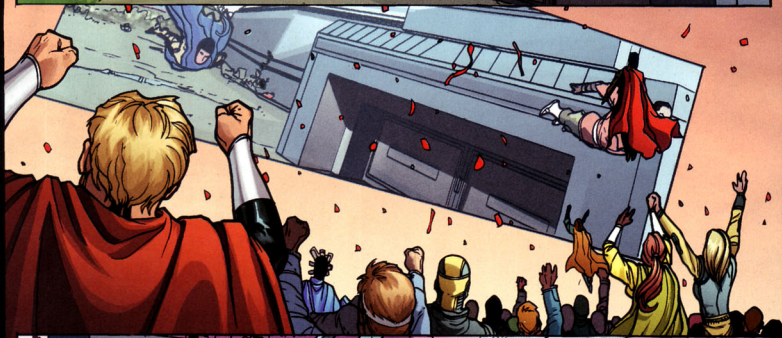
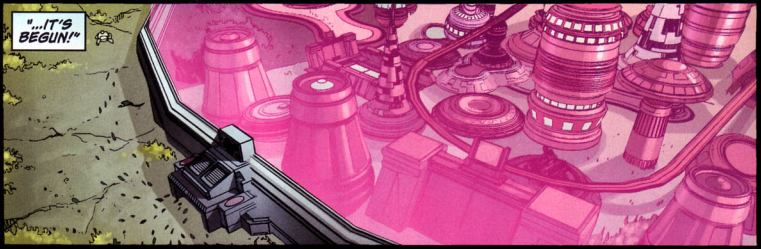
I WANTED JUSTICE SERVED. BUT--

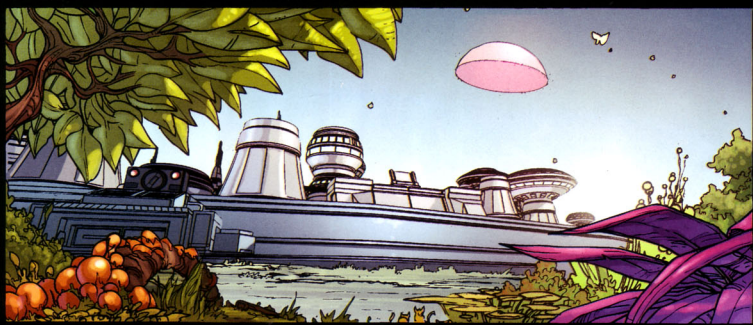
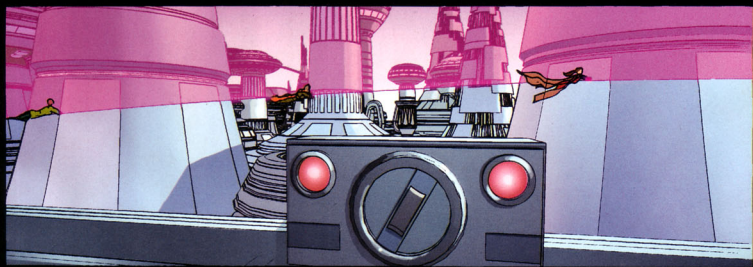


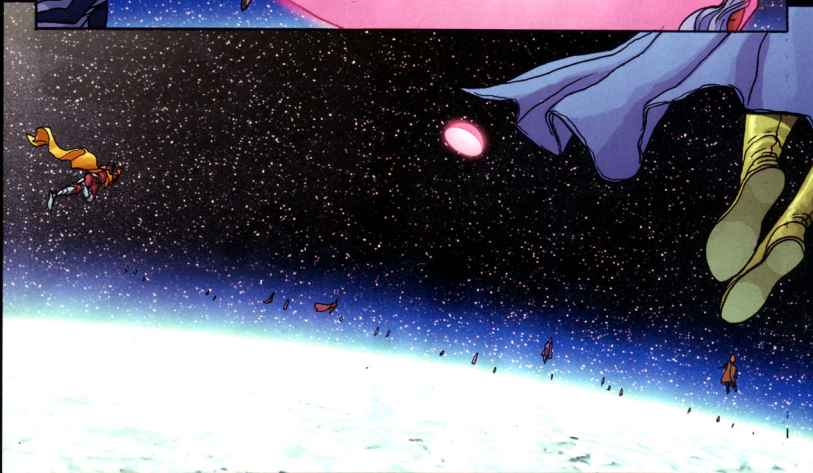
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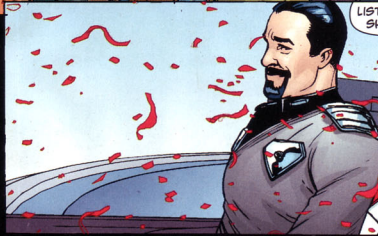
KARA!
AUNT!











LISTEN, GENERAL YOU SHOULD BE PROUD.



YES, EVEN I ADMIT THERE'S SO MUCH LOVE FOR YOU HERE. SO MUCH--



DEATH TO ZOD!





**BE HERE NEXT MONTH FOR
CODENAME: PATRIOT PART 1!**

WANT TO KNOW MY FAVORITE JUSTICE LEAGUE TEAM?

Now, I could just reply, "Whatever team we are currently publishing." It's a safe answer for sure; after all, we just launched JUSTICE LEAGUE: CRY FOR JUSTICE, written by the immensely talented James Robinson and featuring some of DC's finest painted art from Mauro Cascioli, and that very same James Robinson will soon be joined by artist extraordinaire Mark Bagley, as the new regular team on JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA. So, what's not to love?

And while the soon-to-be current team will feature a golden gorilla, a couple of Teen Titans graduates and a forgotten hero or two, there is no denying that they are the Justice League, because with every challenge they face, they will show the strength, determination, and heart it takes to be a member of this team. The Justice League is an elite team but not a team of elitists. They are the Justice League of America, the world's greatest super-heroes, a team that defines heroes and not one that is defined by them.

Simple as that.

So, what's my favorite lineup? I do have a favorite, you know. And while I won't name names, I will present what I remember most about them and what made my favorite team great.

There were the classic heroes that led by example, inspiring most but still a point of concern for others. And there was the member who saw the world as alien, desperately trying to fit in but never forgetting what it took to be a hero. There was the lovable hero, whose lighter approach helped brighten the darkest of situations. There were the two heroes who were constantly at odds, but their fighting never hid their true friendship. There was a member of royalty and a beauty who brought compassion and power. And last, there were the members who mastered time and space.

There you go, my favorite team. Add to that incredible crossovers, special guest stars and world-threatening villains and you'll agree that the Justice League has been and will continue to be the premier super team.

To be continued . . .

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