

**METROPOLIS.**  
CLARK KENT'S APARTMENT...

WHAT WAS I THINKING?

WHY DID IT TAKE ME SO LONG TO REALIZE HOW SPECIAL LOIS IS?

**HAMILTON COUNTY.**  
The "Smith" Family Farm...

THAT TAKES CARE OF THE RADIATOR.

WE SHOULD BE GOOD TO GO.

SHE'S WALKING INTO A DEN OF VIPERS.

SHE NEEDS ME.

WAIT. IS THAT--?

PEEP  
PEEP  
PEEP

INTRUDER ALARM AT THE FORTRESS. THIS IS--

--A JOB FOR--

--CLARK KENT!

--SUPERMAN!

THE HIMALAYAS.

SIX TONS OF  
BOULDER MOVED  
ASIDE.

FOOTPRINTS  
IN THE SNOW.

NO DOUBT  
ABOUT IT.

SOMEONE'S  
IN THERE.

# mild mannered

part one

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**BWEEEP BWEEEP BWEEEP BWEEEP BWEEEP BWEEEP BWEEEP**

HOW DOES MY MYSTERY GUEST EVEN KNOW ABOUT THIS PLACE?

I BUILT IT YEARS AGO IN ORDER TO STORE SECRETS, WEAPONS AND A CRIMINAL OR TWO.

THOSE TOO LETHAL TO ENTRUST TO THE SYSTEM.



LIKE ME, CLARKIE?

**BLANQUE!**

HOW--?

INTRUDERS IN MED ROOM.



TELEPATHY AND TELEKINESIS ARE MY THING, REMEMBER?

YOU REALLY THINK I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOUR OTHER LIFE?

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS.



YOU SHOULD, WHAT WITH THAT OTHER FOUR-EYED CLOWN WHO'S LIVING YOUR LIFE FOR YOU.

ENOUGH!



WHOA. DOPPELCLARK PUSHES YOUR METER INTO THE RED, DOESN'T HE?\*

YOU'LL HAVE EVEN BIGGER WORRIES--

\*A MYSTERIOUS, HUMAN CLARK KENT HAS BEEN PUZZLING SUPERMAN SINCE ACTION #957. --Cotton



--WHEN YOU SEE WHO'S WAITING.

**YOU?!**

**STEEL!**

SUPERWOMAN--

--LANA  
LANG--

--IS  
DYING.

PLEASE,  
SUPERMAN. YOU  
HAVE TO DO  
SOMETHING.





HAVE YOU PEOPLE LOST YOUR MINDS?



DON'T BE HARSH, CAPTAIN SAWYER.

WE'RE LETTING YOU IN ON A CASE YOU'RE SURE TO GET POSITIVE RECOGNITION FOR!

FIRST OF ALL-- LETTING ME?!

I'M IN CHARGE OF THE MSCU,\* A SUPER-CRIMINAL DOESN'T SNEEZE IN THIS TOWN UNLESS THEY CHECK WITH ME FIRST.

SECONDLY-- IN WHAT UNIVERSE IS LETTING YOU RUN YOUR OWN UNDERCOVER OPERATION A GOOD IDEA?

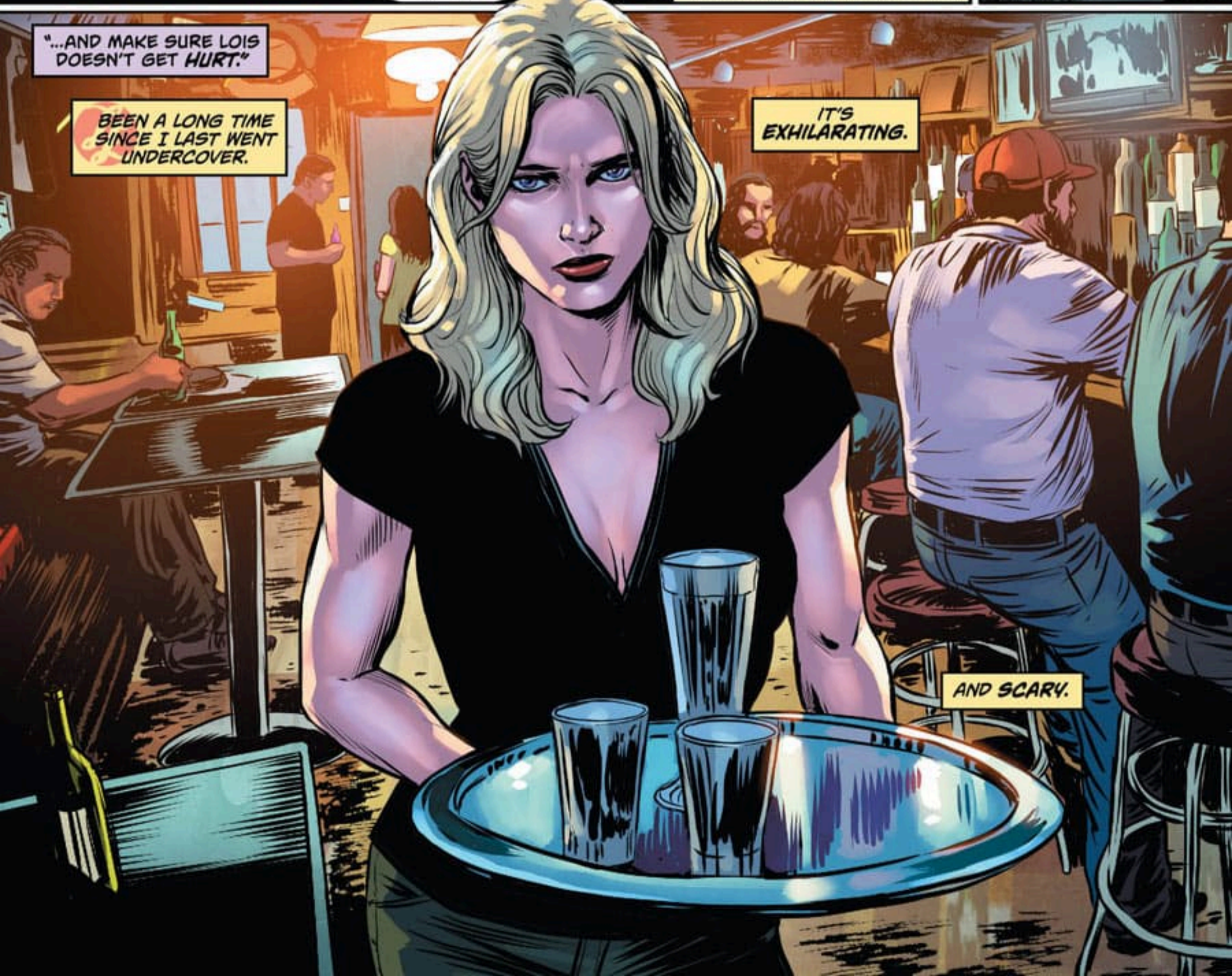
AND WITH LOIS LANE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT?

\*METROPOLIS SPECIAL CRIMES UNIT. --It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Cotton



STUNTS LIKE THIS GET REPORTERS KILLED, KENT!

THAT'S THE OTHER REASON WE CALLED YOU IN, MAGGIE. WE GET THE STORY. YOU GET THE BUST...



"...AND MAKE SURE LOIS DOESN'T GET HURT."

BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST WENT UNDERCOVER.

IT'S EXHILARATING.

AND SCARY.