

**KELEX, CONTINUE
PLAYBACK OF
MEMORY ARCHIVES.**

**CONTINUING FROM
YOUR DEBUT AT THE
DAILY PLANET, KAL-EL.**

**YOUR FIRST DAY
ON THE JOB.**

**I REMEMBER
THIS.**

**THE DAY
I MET LOIS.**



THE NEW WORLD

PART 2

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I'D ONLY KNOWN HER FOR A FEW HOURS.

BUT, SOMEHOW, EVEN THEN... I THINK I KNEW.

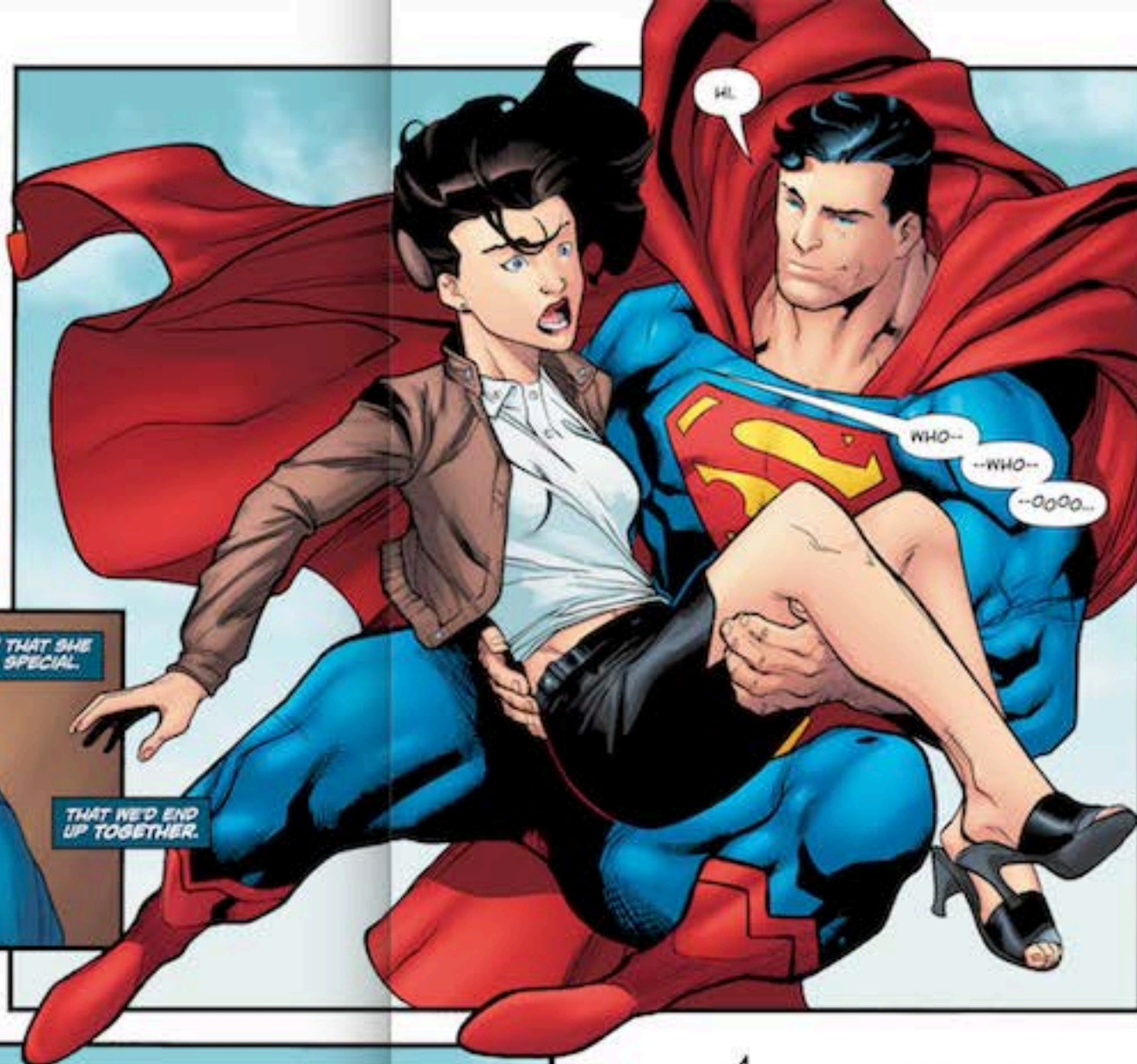
NICE TO MEET YOU, MISS LANE.



YOU, TOO, "SMALLVILLE."

KNEW THAT SHE WAS SPECIAL.

THAT WE'D END UP TOGETHER.



HI.

WHO--

--WHO--

--OOOO--



EXCUSE ME WHILE I TAKE CARE OF THIS.

I'LL HAVE YOU ON THE GROUND SOON ENOUGH.

OF... COURSE.



WHO... ARE YOU?

JUST SOMEONE WHO WANTS TO HELP, MS. LANE.

DUDE, YOU CAN FLY?!

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?!



WAIT! WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

WHAT SHOULD WE CALL YOU?

I HADN'T EVEN CONSIDERED A NAME.

SO LOIS TOOK IT UPON HERSELF TO COME UP WITH ONE.

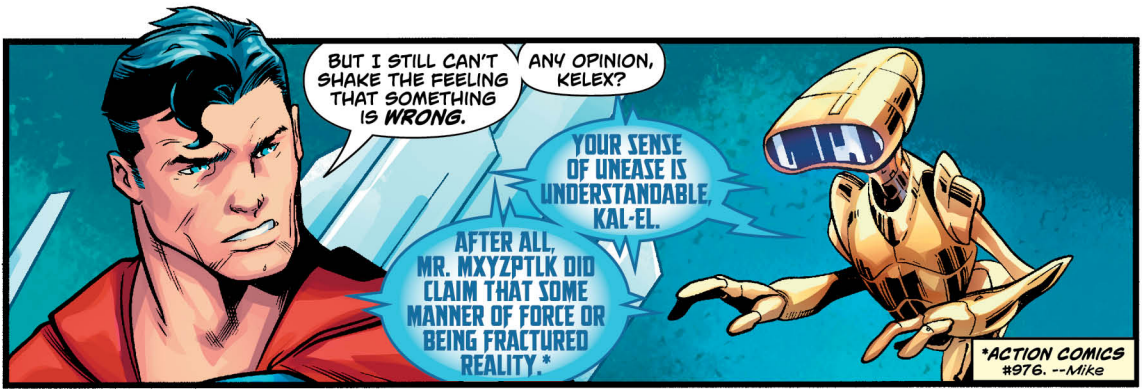
DAILY PLANET
MEET THE CITY'S NEW SAVIOR.
SUPERMAN



PAUSE ARCHIVAL RUN.

AS YOU WISH, KAL-EL.

YOUR RECORDS SQUARE WITH MY MEMORY OF EVENTS.



BUT I STILL CAN'T SHAKE THE FEELING THAT SOMETHING IS WRONG.

ANY OPINION, KELEX?

YOUR SENSE OF UNEASE IS UNDERSTANDABLE, KAL-EL.

AFTER ALL, MR. MXYZPTLK DID CLAIM THAT SOME MANNER OF FORCE OR BEING FRACTURED REALITY.*

*ACTION COMICS #976. --Mike



MESSING WITH OUR LIVES IN THE PROCESS. BUT EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THAT...

...I HAVE NO MEMORY OF WHAT--IF ANYTHING--CHANGED.



EVERYTHING I KNOW AND REMEMBER SEEMS RIGHT, YET...

YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

SO YOU WANT TO VERIFY YOUR MEMORY RECONCILES WITH YOUR ARCHIVES.

I NEED TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS...

...IS...

...IS...



DID YOU HEAR THAT?

A VOICE. BARELY AUDIBLE.

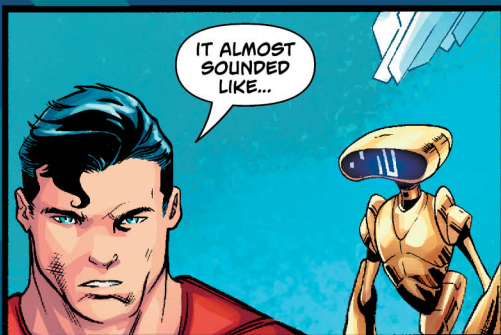
MY AUDIO SENSORS DETECT NOTHING, KAL-EL.

TAMING GARY

THERE IT IS AGAIN!

I HEAR NOTHING.

NOR DID FORTRESS SENSORS. WHAT DID THE VOICE SAY?



IT ALMOST SOUNDED LIKE...



...CONSIDER THE LONG GAME."



I HAVE TO MAKE SURE.

RESUME ARCHIVAL RUN.

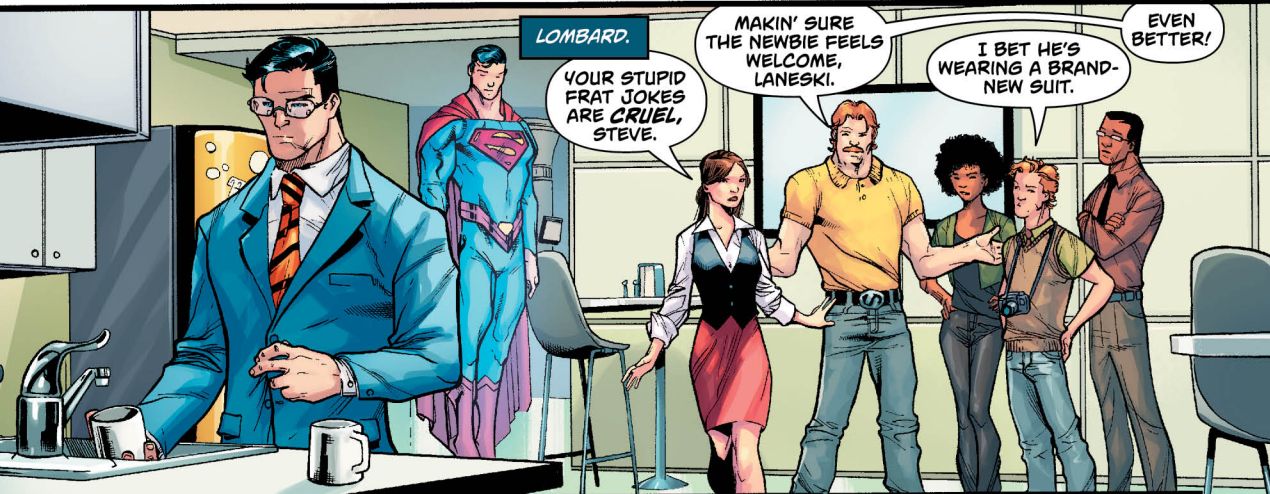
INSERTING YOU INTO YOUR SECOND DAY ON THE JOB.

THOSE PRESENT WILL HAVE NO AWARENESS OF YOUR PRESENCE.

I REMEMBER.

CHECK THE SPRAYER.

TAPED. SOON AS THE NEW GUY TURNS ON THE WATER--SPLOOSH!



LOMBARD.

YOUR STUPID FRAT JOKES ARE CRUEL, STEVE.

MAKIN' SURE THE NEWBIE FEELS WELCOME, LANESKI.

I BET HE'S WEARING A BRAND-NEW SUIT.

EVEN BETTER!



I WAS ABOUT TO USE MY HEAT VISION TO MELT THE TAPE.

DON'T, SMALLVILLE!



UNTIL MY OWN, PERSONAL HERO CAME TO THE RESCUE.

IT'S A SO-CALLED PRACTICAL JOKE.

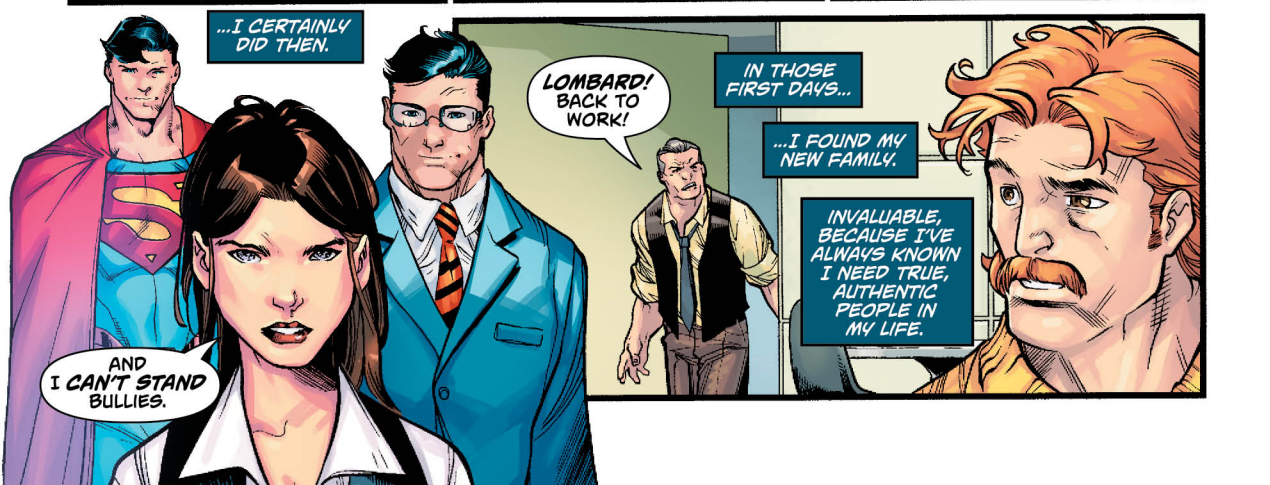
GEE, REALLY??



IF I DIDN'T HAVE AN INKING OF MY FEELINGS FOR LOIS THE DAY BEFORE...

AW, C'MON...

YOU'RE BEING A BULLY, STEVE.



...I CERTAINLY DID THEN.

LOMBARD! BACK TO WORK!

IN THOSE FIRST DAYS...

...I FOUND MY NEW FAMILY.

INVALUABLE, BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS KNOWN I NEED TRUE, AUTHENTIC PEOPLE IN MY LIFE.

AND I CAN'T STAND BULLIES.