

LEX LUTHOR USED TO BE ENVOIOUS OF CLARK'S POWER, BUT THE POWER OF GODS HAS EXCHANGED HANDS.

I AM THE HEIR TO DARKSEID.

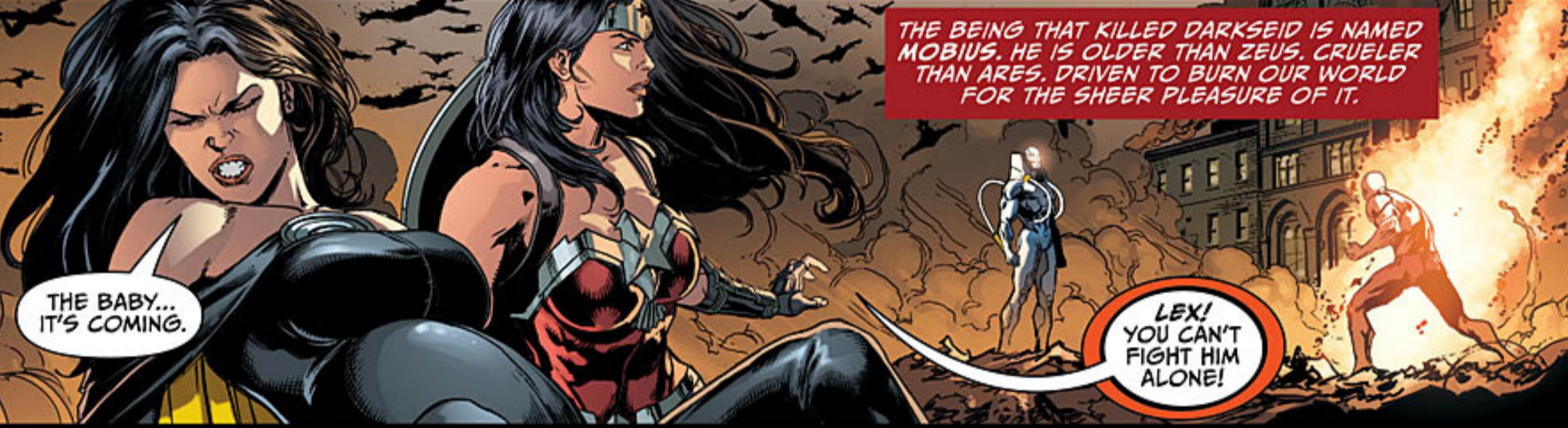
DARKSEID IS DEAD.



THE BEING THAT KILLED DARKSEID IS NAMED MOBIUS. HE IS OLDER THAN ZEUS, CRUELER THAN ARES. DRIVEN TO BURN OUR WORLD FOR THE SHEER PLEASURE OF IT.

THE BABY... IT'S COMING.

LEX! YOU CAN'T FIGHT HIM ALONE!

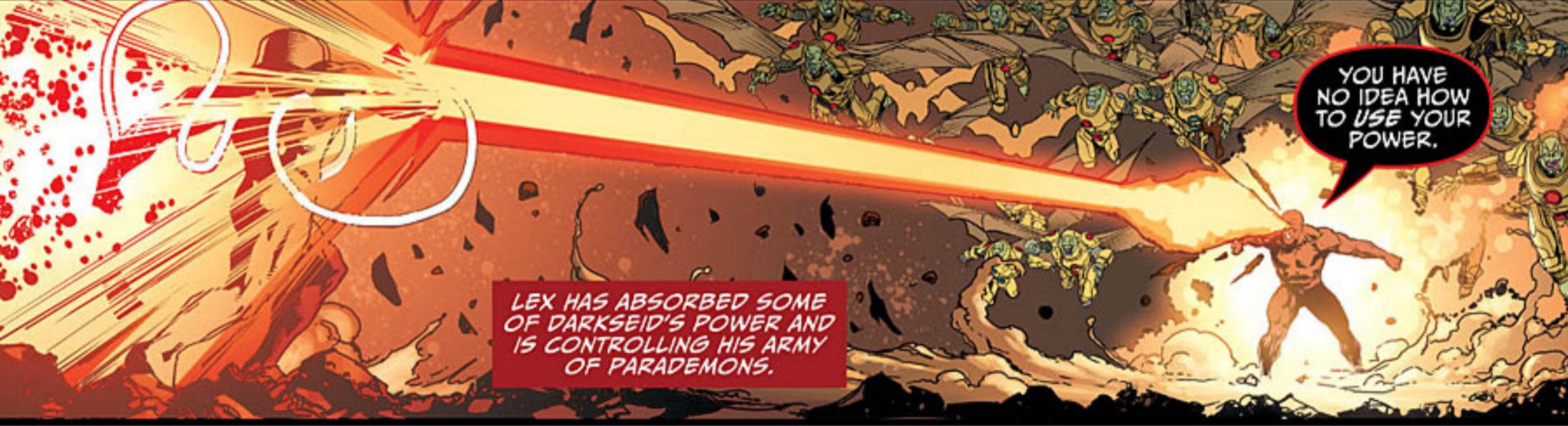


THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, DIANA. ALL OF YOU. YOU THINK YOU NEED A LEAGUE TO GET THINGS DONE.



YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO USE YOUR POWER.

LEX HAS ABSORBED SOME OF DARKSEID'S POWER AND IS CONTROLLING HIS ARMY OF PARADEMONS.



I'D SAY HIS MIND IS CLOUDED LIKE THE MINDS OF BARRY, BRUCE AND THE OTHERS INFECTED BY THE GODS, BUT IN MOMENTS OF PERCEIVED STRENGTH, MEN LIKE LEX BECOME ARROGANT.

AND THE TRUTH IS, WE WILL NEVER SURVIVE THIS BY WORKING APART.

IT'S ONLY IN MOMENTS OF WEAKNESS AND VULNERABILITY THAT MEN LIKE HIM SEE THE TRUTH.

AMAZON.



DARKSEID

CHAPTER 9: POWER MAD

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MOVE AWAY FROM SUPERWOMAN...BEFORE WE DECIDE TO FOCUS OUR DESIRE FOR REVENGE ON YOU INSTEAD OF MOBIUS.

YOU AND THE SYNDICATE AGREED TO HELP US, OWLMAN.

WE AGREED TO HELP DESTROY THAT MONSTER, PRINCESS. NOTHING MORE.

DELIVERY IS IMMINENT, OWLMAN.

THE MESSIAH COMES.

THE CRIME SYNDICATE CAME FROM A WORLD WHERE STRENGTH WAS CELEBRATED AND COMPASSION GIVEN TO NO ONE. WHERE THE WEAK WERE PREYED UPON.

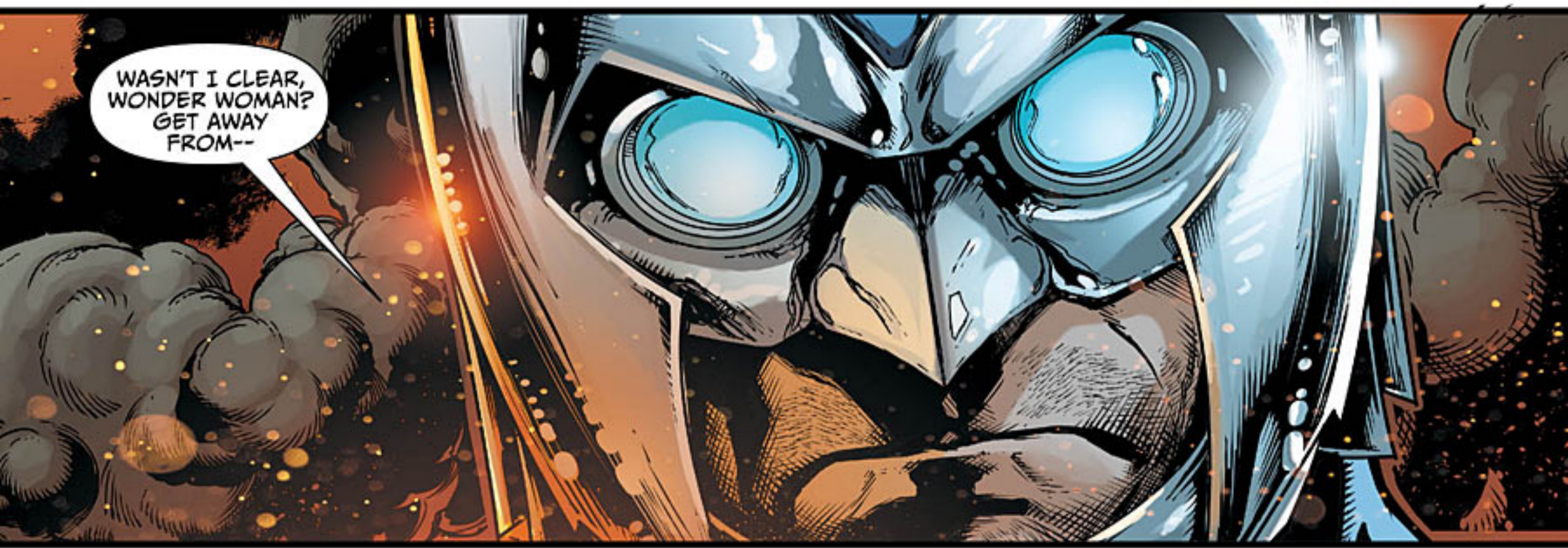
I WISH WE COULD'VE SAVED IT.

THE SYNDICATE HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF POWER RING AND CYBORG. JESSICA CRUZ WAS TAKEN OVER BY AN ALIEN POWER RING, NOW POSSESSED BY THE DEMON WITHIN IT. VICTOR'S CYBERNETIC BODY HAS BEEN INFECTED BY A LIVING COMPUTER VIRUS CALLED GRID.

IT'S COMPLICATED THINGS.

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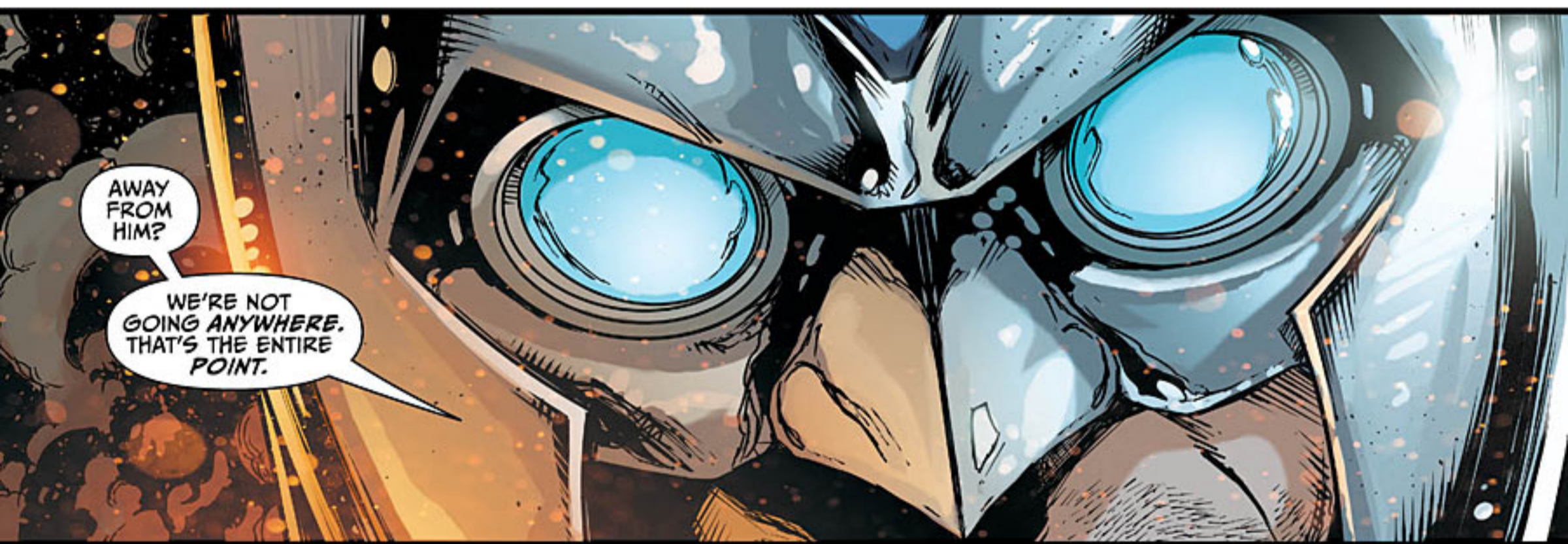
SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.
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WASN'T I CLEAR, WONDER WOMAN? GET AWAY FROM--



SHE'S ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH. WE NEED TO GET SUPERWOMAN SOMEWHERE SAFE. AWAY FROM MOBIUS.



AWAY FROM HIM?

WE'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE. THAT'S THE ENTIRE POINT.



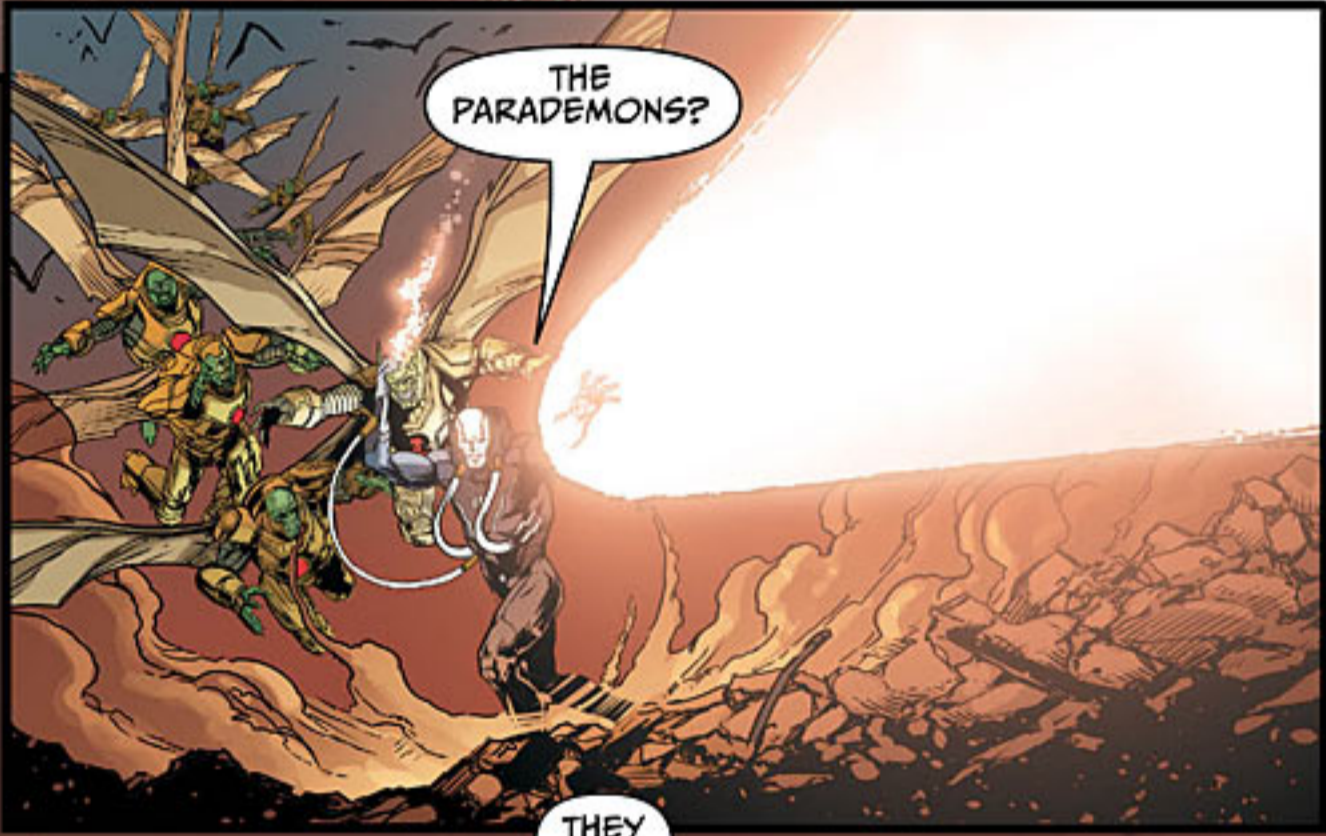
SUPERWOMAN SCREAMS AND EVERY PIECE OF GLASS IN GOTHAM SHATTERS. THE EARTH CRACKS BENEATH US. AND OWLMAN WAITS...

AAAAHHH!

...WHILE MOBIUS FIGHTS HIS WAY TOWARDS BATMAN. HE WANTS THE CHAIR BACK. WE DON'T KNOW WHY.

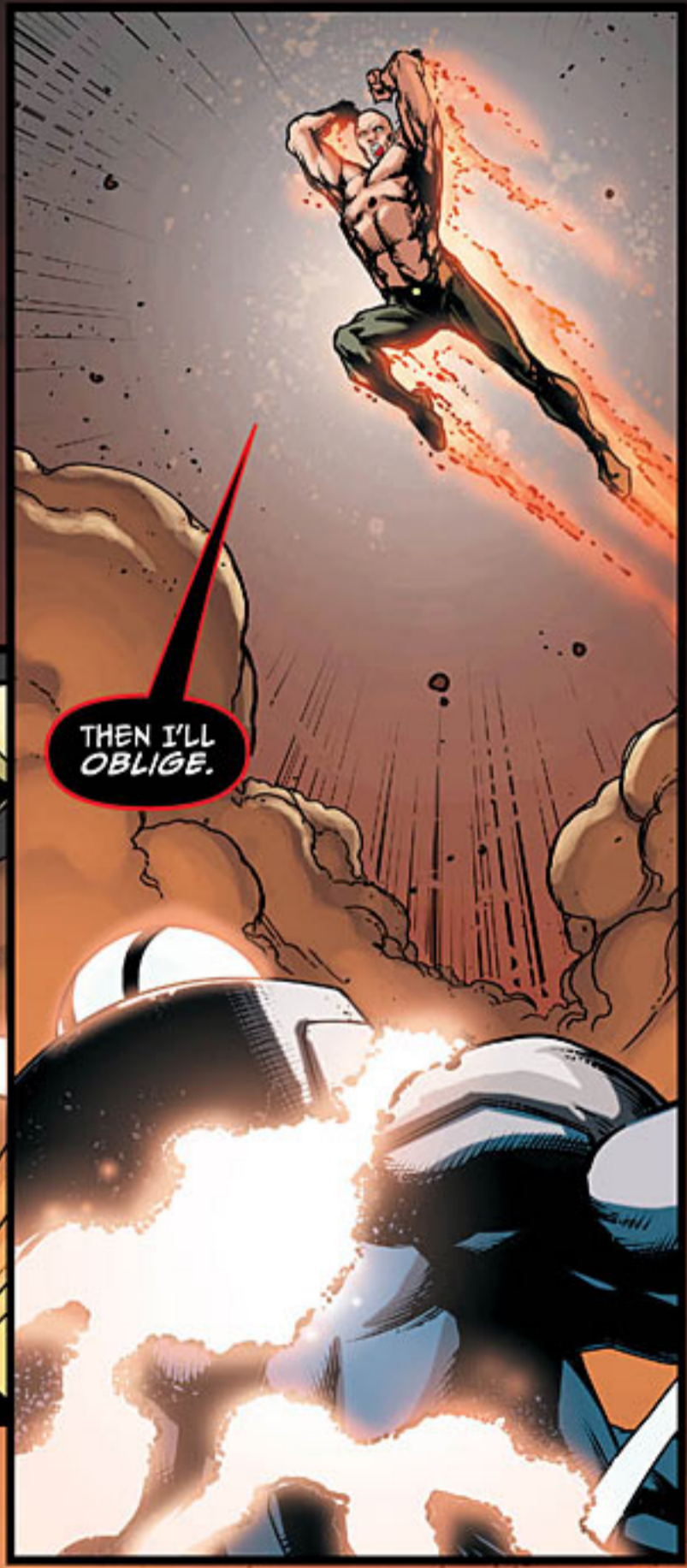
STAND ASIDE, LEX LUTHOR, AND I WILL BURN YOU FROM EXISTENCE QUICKLY. YOU CANNOT PROTECT THE LEAGUE FROM ME FOR LONG. MY SHADOW DEMONS--

ARE BURNING AWAY. CONSUMED BY THE OMEGA EFFECT. BUT MY ARMY...

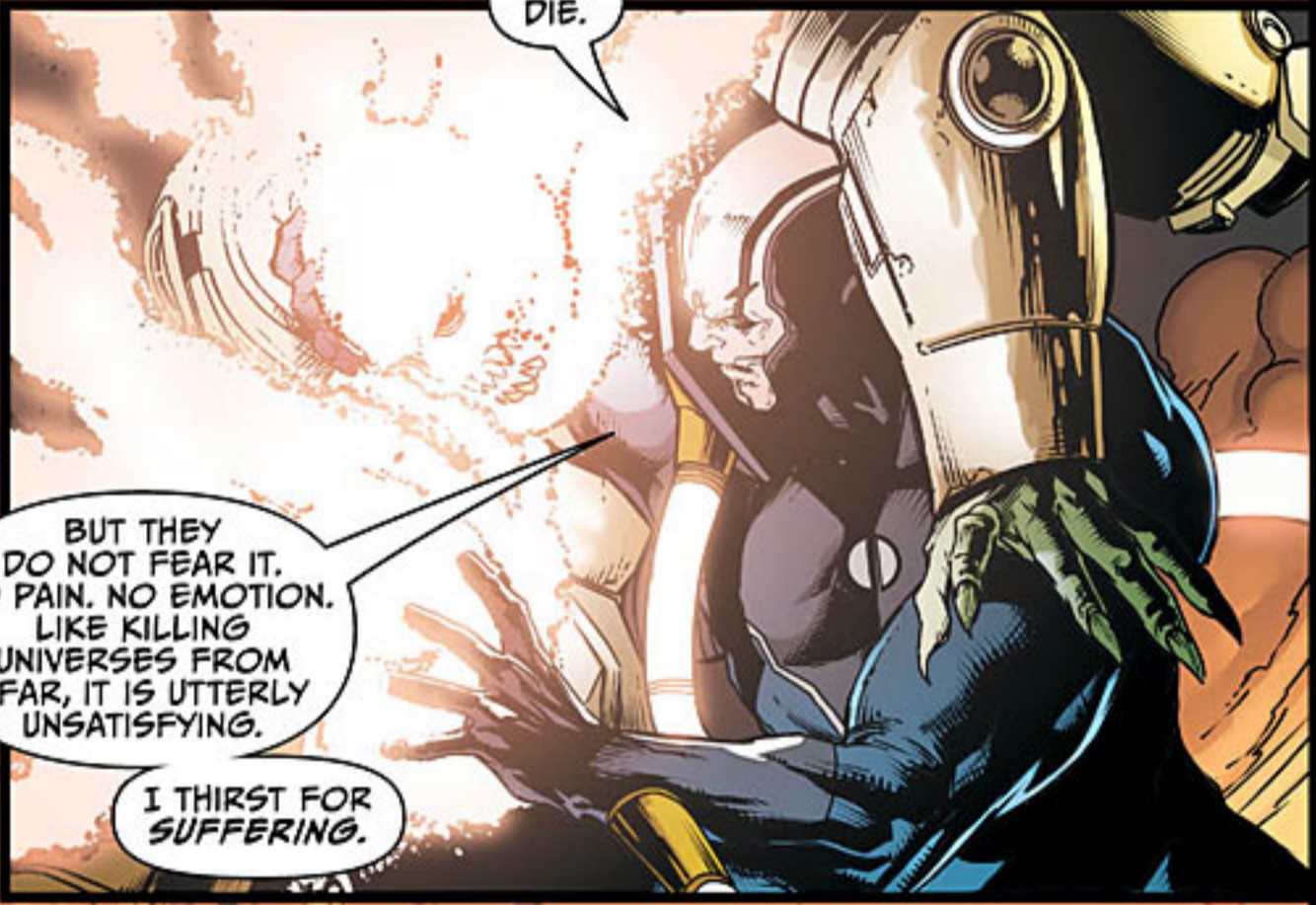


THE PARADEMONS?

THEY DIE.



THEN I'LL OBLIGE.



BUT THEY DO NOT FEAR IT. NO PAIN. NO EMOTION. LIKE KILLING UNIVERSES FROM AFAR, IT IS UTTERLY UNSATISFYING.

I THIRST FOR SUFFERING.

THOSE THAT STARTED THIS WAR...THEY CLAIMED TO BE DOING IT IN THE NAME OF THE MISSION OF THE AMAZONS.

BUT YOU DON'T START A WAR TO TRY AND END A WAR.



VIOLENCE BEGETS VIOLENCE.

UNLESS SOMEONE BREAKS THE CYCLE.

THAT'S USUALLY ME.

YOU TOLD US THAT THERE WAS A WAY TO STOP MOBIUS. THAT YOU WOULD TELL US WHEN IT WAS TIME. I'D SAY THIS QUALIFIES.

YES. WE HAVE A WEAPON THAT CAN KILL HIM.

WHAT WEAPON?

I KNOW.



THE CHAIR KNOWS, DIANA.

THAT'S WHY MOBIUS WANTS IT. HE WANTS TO LEARN THE SECRET TO THIS "WEAPON" OWLMAN'S REFERRING TO.

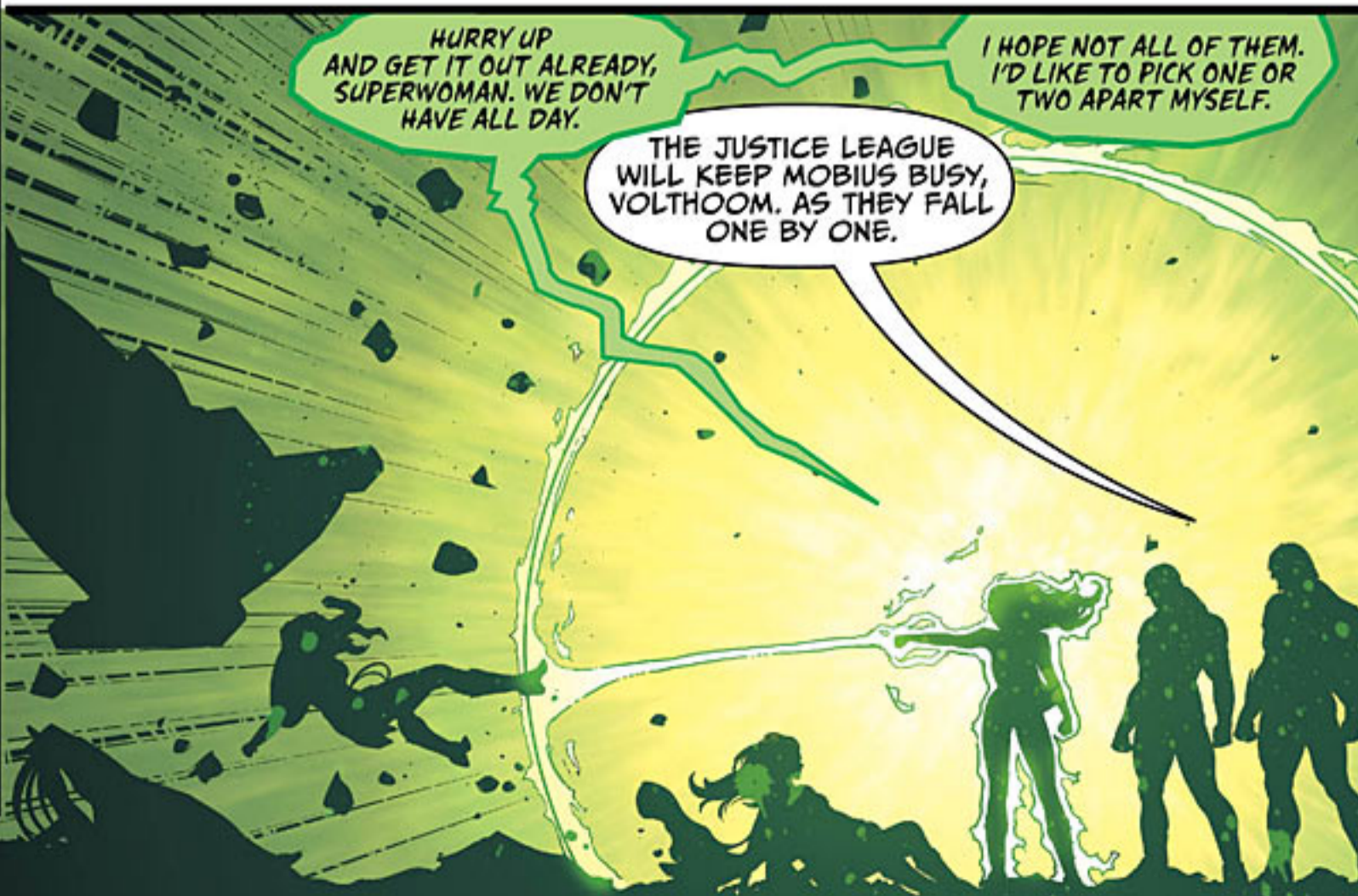
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THE BABY.



SO YOU KNOW. THAT'S FINE. ONCE THE CHILD IS BORN, WE'LL TAKE CARE OF MOBIUS AND THEN YOU.



HURRY UP AND GET IT OUT ALREADY, SUPERWOMAN. WE DON'T HAVE ALL DAY.

THE JUSTICE LEAGUE WILL KEEP MOBIUS BUSY, VOLTHOOM. AS THEY FALL ONE BY ONE.

I HOPE NOT ALL OF THEM. I'D LIKE TO PICK ONE OR TWO APART MYSELF.