

THANKS, SUPERGIRL--DON'T KNOW HOW THE **WILD HUNTSMAN** BROKE MY ASTRAL SNARE.

YOUR **RESTRAINT** WOULD NEVER HAVE HELD HIM, DR. VERITAS.

**REASON** DID.



**THE SCABBARD. D.E.O.\* GHOST SITE.**

I SHOULD HAVE CONTAINED HIM. I SCREWED UP.

THE DEO RESCUED ME TO WORK WITH **MONSTERS**. TO HELP THEM NOT **BE** MONSTERS ANYMORE. NOT TO LET THEM RUN WILD.

YOU WILL DO **BETTER**.

I DON'T THINK CAMERON ACCEPTS "BETTER."

DR. VERITAS... **DIRECTOR CHASE** DID NOT FREE YOU AS A MEANS TO AN END.

MAYBE. IT'S JUST...

\*DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-NORMAL OPERATIONS. -PAUL



BEING WITH CAMERON, BEING BACK IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD...

...IT'S OVERWHELMING.

SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE THE **WORK** IS ALL I HAVE.

I **NEED** TO SUCCEED. IT'S THE ONLY THING I CAN **CONTROL**.

PEOPLE **BELIEVE** IN YOU.

I KNOW WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT. I HAVE SUPER-HEARING.

I **KNOW** CAMERON SUPPORTS ME, BUT SHE ISN'T FAMOUS FOR HER SOFT SIDE.

BUT THE LAB'S READY. THERE'S **ANOTHER** MONSTER WAITING TO BE HELPED.





RIGHT. YOU THINK WE CAN CURE LAR-ON? THAT THE MOON IS **NOT** CAUSING HIS TRANSFORMATIONS?

NOT DIRECTLY, AT LEAST.

MOONLIGHT ISN'T *SPECIAL*. IT'S JUST LIGHT REFLECTED OFF A CELESTIAL BODY.



"IF **MOONLIGHT** AFFECTED LAR-ON\*, WHY NOT THE LIGHT REFLECTED OFF **OUR OWN PLANET?**"

\*SEE **SUPERGIRL: REBIRTH #1** FOR LAR-ON'S RAMPAGE!  
-PAUL

I TESTED HIS CELLS. NO LIGHT OF **ANY** KIND CHANGES THEM.

WHATEVER TRANSFORMS LAR-ON WHEN HE SEES THE MOON...IT'S NOT PHYSICAL.

BUT IT **MIGHT** BE MENTAL.

EMOTIONAL.



YOU THINK THE ANSWER IS **HIDDEN** SOMEWHERE IN HIS MIND.

AND SHAY WANTS TO SEND **YOU** IN TO FIND IT.

YOU **BARELY** KNOW LAR-ON.

WHY WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER? HE WAS BANISHED TO THE **PHANTOM ZONE**, KARA!

BECAUSE MY FATHER COULD NOT CURE HIS CONDITION, JEREMIAH. HE IS IN STASIS BECAUSE **WE** HAVEN'T CURED HIM.

I **REFUSE** TO FAIL HIM A SECOND LONGER.



**MOMENTS LATER.**

OKAY. LAR-ON'S **LAST RAMPAGE** ALMOST DESTROYED THIS BASE. THIS IS A **SAFE** WAY TO DO RECON WHILE HE'S IN STASIS.

THE TECH CREATES AN ENERGY DUPLICATE. YOUR BODY STAYS HERE, WHILE THE "**ENERGY TWIN**" PROJECTS INTO LAR-ON'S MIND, RELAYING BACK SENSORY INFORMATION.

IT'S BASED OFF A PATENT FROM DR. SIMON ECKS.

THERE'S ENOUGH CHARGE FOR THIRTEEN MINUTES. DURING THAT TIME, YOUR MIND AND LAR-ON'S WILL BE LINKED.

LAR-ON'S AT WAR WITH HIMSELF.

IF THERE'S A **CAUSE**, IT'LL BE SOMEWHERE IN THAT CONFLICT.

AND DON'T **FORGET**, KARA. WE'RE RIGHT HERE.

LIKE YOUR FATHER SAID, WE'RE **RIGHT HERE**.

I RESPECT YOU, SO I'LL TELL YOU UP FRONT...

...IF THINGS GO BAD, A **FAILSAFE** WILL PUT YOU IN STASIS LIKE LAR-ON.

I DON'T **LIKE** IT. BUT I WON'T LET HIM ESCAPE INTO YOUR BODY THROUGH YOUR DUPLICATE.

THAT WILL **NOT** HAPPEN.

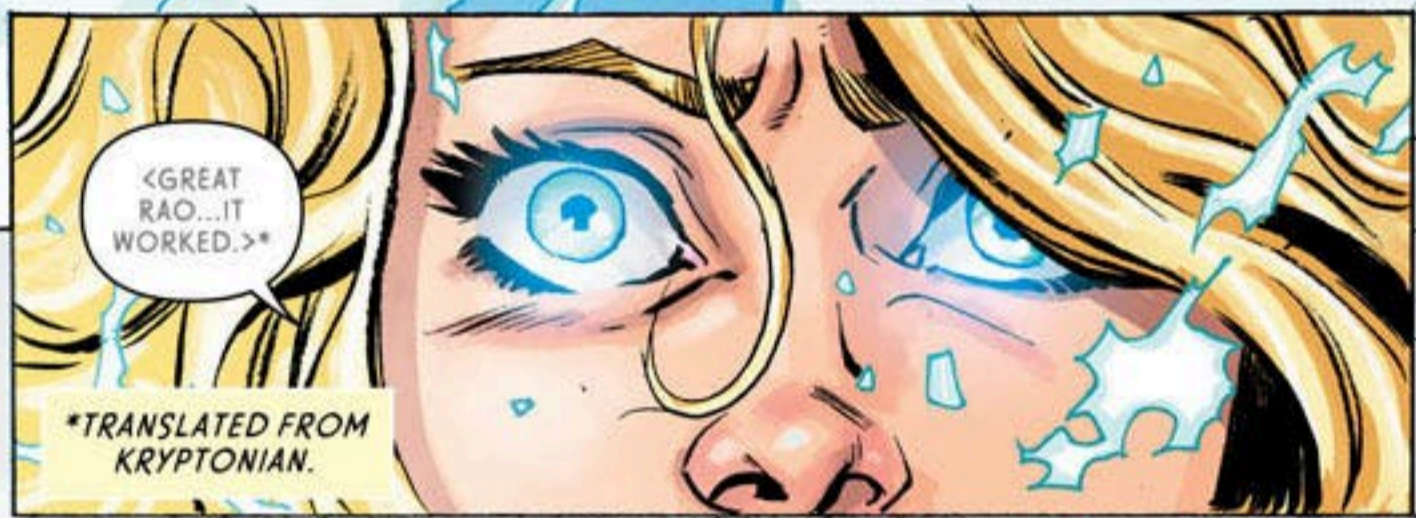
I TOLD LAR-ON I WOULD NOT GIVE UP ON HIM.

TIME TO KEEP THAT--

**VMMMMZZZASSH**



--PROMISE?



<GREAT  
RAO...IT  
WORKED.>\*

\*TRANSLATED FROM  
KRYPTONIAN.



<THIS IS HIS  
MIND.>

<STOP  
STARING  
AT  
YOUR MEAL,  
LAR.>

<WE CAN SIT  
HERE AS LONG AS YOU  
WANT, BUT WE WON'T BE  
DONE UNTIL YOU'VE  
FINISHED.>

<SO  
EAT.>

<WHY,  
FATHER?>



<BECAUSE KVORNISH TRI-SNOUT WAS YOUR MOTHER'S FAVORITE MEAL, LAR.>

<IT DOESN'T TASTE LIKE *HERS.*>

<WELL, YOUR MOTHER'S *GONE*. I DIDN'T PLAN ON HER DYING.>

<*NO ONE* DOES. BUT WE MAKE DO.>



<EVEN IF YOU WANT "GREAT," SOMETIMES ALL YOU GET IS "GOOD ENOUGH.">



<AND YOU LEARN TO *SURVIVE* ON THAT.>

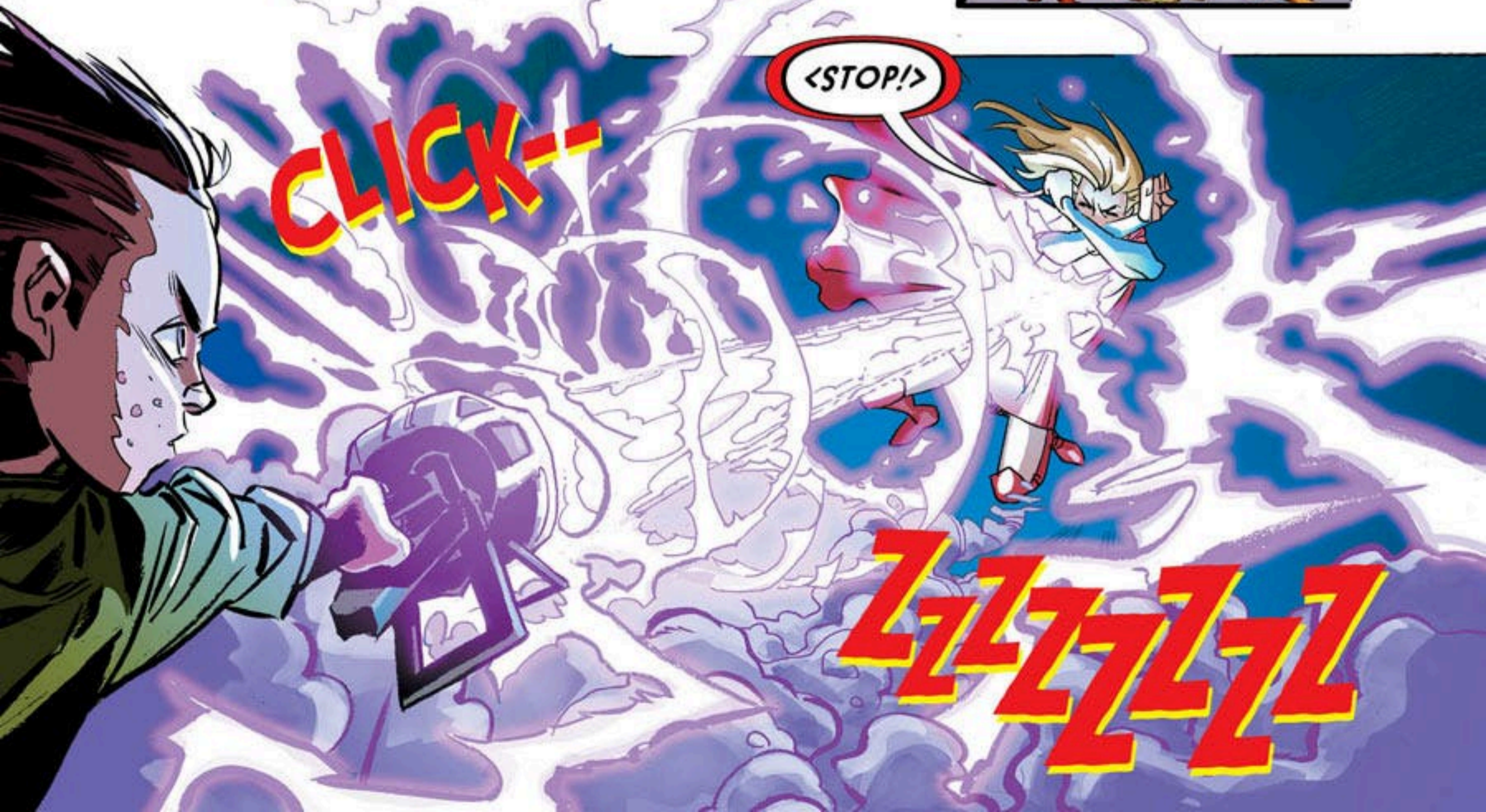
<WAIT-- WHAT ARE YOU DOING?>



<WHY ARE YOU *EATING* LIKE THAT?>



<WHAT ARE YOU-->



**CLICK--**

<STOP!>

**ZZZZZZZ**