

DO *NOT* DO ANYTHING STUPID.

SUPERWOMAN.

I TOLD YOU ALREADY--I'VE BEEN NEUTRALIZED! I'M NOT THAT RED KRYPTONITE MONSTER ANYMORE!

AND HOW DO I KNOW THAT?

WELL, I'M NOT HITTING YOU, FOR ONE.

... GOOD POINT.



**SUPER
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THE SCABBARD SITE.

DEPARTMENT OF EXTRA-NORMAL OPERATIONS.
HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK ON SMALLVILLE.

NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, SUPERWOMAN. THE REAL YOU.

YOU SAID YOU WERE BRINGING US TO A SAFE PLACE FOR DE-ESCALATION, BUT I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE SO...

RIGID? GOVERNMENTAL? LAME?

I WAS GOING TO SAY SOMETHING ALONG THE LINES OF "BIG."

THIS IS *THE SCABBARD*--BUT DO NOT GET TOO ATTACHED. THE NEW D.E.O. REGIME HAS SCRAPPED IT.

I USED TO WORK HERE AND AM *TECHNICALLY* NOT ALLOWED TO BE HERE ANYMORE SO...

...IT IS BEST IF YOU DO NOT BREAK ANYTHING *EXPENSIVE*.*

WHY IS AMOS STILL THE RED SUN MONSTER?!

HE'S HAVING A SLOWER REACTION TO THE RED K NEUTRALIZER THAN YOU DID.

*SEE RECENT ISSUES OF SUPERGIRL TO SEE THE FALLING OUT! --PAUL





MY ENCOUNTER WITH LAR-ON TAUGHT ME THAT RED K JUST **ENABLES** A TRANSFORMATION, IT IS NOT THE **SOURCE**.

I WAS CERTAIN THE BUBBLE WOULD NEUTRALIZE **ANY** SOURCE, BUT I JUST DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE...

AMOS...

THE LOOKS ON THE TOWNSPEOPLE'S FACES WHEN I APOLOGIZED--OH GOD. IT WAS LIKE THEY DESPISED ME.

SUPERWOMAN, IT IS CLEAR YOU WERE NOT TOTALLY RIGHT IN THE HEAD. YOU WOULD **NEVER** HURT ANYONE INTENTIONALLY.

HAD I KNOWN AMOS AND I WOULD TRIGGER EACH OTHER, I WOULD HAVE NEVER GONE TO FIND HIM.

LISTEN, LEX IS RUNNING DAMAGE CONTROL AT THE SITE OF THE ATTACK. HE REALLY LIKES YOU FOR SOME REASON.

YOU NEED TO FOCUS ON GETTING **YOURSELF** TOGETHER FIRST BEFORE YOU GROVEL.

I CAN'T BELIEVE MYSELF! I MADE SO MUCH HEADWAY ON THE CONTROL OF MY POWERS! AND TO **BACKSLIDE** AS MUCH AS I JUST DID--DAMN.

I'M JUST SO **TIRED** OF BEING IN DISCOVERY MODE.

I **KNOW** CLARK'S POWERS RESIDE IN **ME**--THEY'RE PART OF MY DNA NOW AND **SOMEHOW** THE RED K EXPOSURE I HAD GROWING UP REINFORCES THOSE POWERS. I JUST NEED FIRM ANSWERS.

WELL, HOW WILL YOU FIND OUT?

IS THAT THE KRYPTONIAN SUIT OF ARMOR? THE ONE THAT SAVED MY LIFE?*

YES, BUT IF THE D.E.O. KNEW KAL LOANED THAT TO ME AND **SHAY VERITAS**--

*AS SEEN IN ACTION COMICS #973-974 AND SUPERWOMAN #8-9! --PAUL

I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE, SUPERGIRL.

I'VE **GOT** TO TALK TO AMOS. NOT THIS RED SUN MONSTER. AMOS KNOWS HOW TO CONTROL IT--HE'S DONE IT FOR YEARS.

AND HOW DO WE TRANSFORM HIM WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW THE SOURCE?

AND SO...

WE LET
THE MONSTER
GO.

NOW
WE HOPE THIS
ARMOR HAS ENOUGH
NEUTRALIZER TO RESTORE
AMOS FROM THIS
MONSTROUS
FORM.

ALL
RIGHT, AMOS.
LET'S GO. I'M NOT
LEAVING YOU LIKE
THIS. I NEED YOU
BACK.

I WILL
CLAW MY WAY
FROM THIS DESERT
IF I MUST--AND RIP
YOU LIMB FROM
LIMB!

