

Avion.

City of the Bird People. Perched high in the Mystic Mountains.

TELL ME, BROTHER, IS IT TRUE?

HE-MAN LEFT ETERNIA?



I SEE THE SCUTTLEBUTT MOVES FASTER THAN THE AIR CURRENTS. YES, OUR PRINCE HAS JOURNEYED TO THE WORLD CALLED EARTH.



I'LL NEED YOU TO BE EXTRA VIGILANT WHILE I LIAISE IN ETERNOS.

STRATOS, YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.

SKKZT
STRANGE EARTHER
SUPERHEROEZZZT
CHSH

YOU'RE CUTTING OUT. IT'S JUST AS WELL. MY PATROL WILL BE TAKING ME OUT OF RANGE.

HAWKE
OUT.



HM. AREN'T YOU A STRANGE FORMATION...?



DOOM
DOOM
DOOM

BY THE GREAT GOLDEN EGG.

SKY DEFENSE!
THIS IS CAPTAIN HAWKE! UNKNOWN ATTACKERS HAVE BREACHED OUR AIRSPACE!

DOOM
DOOM
DOOM



"AVION IS UNDER SIEGE!"

FOR DARKSEID!

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CUT DOWN THE ENEMY!
GIVE NO QUARTER!

FOR DARKSEID!

The Double-Edged SWORD

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SUPERMAN, CREATED BY JERRY SIEGEL AND JOE SHUSTER,
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THIS IS
THE **BLACK**
ORACLE.

LOCATED IN
THE **METROPOLIS CRATER**,
IT'S **THE REGIME'S** CURRENT
BASE OF OPERATIONS.

FROM HERE, **SUPERMAN** AND
HIS LIEUTENANTS MONITOR THE WORLD
FOR "THOUGHTCRIME," WHICH INCLUDES
ANY NOTIONS OF DISSIDENCE.

ZATANNA'S
SPELLS ARE THE ONLY
THING PROTECTING US FROM
ITS EYES, AND WE DON'T
KNOW HOW LONG
THAT'LL LAST.

THE ORACLE IS ALSO
THE STAGING GROUND FOR
WONDER WOMAN'S "SUICIDE SQUAD":
SUPERHUMAN CRIMINALS CONTROLLED
BY **BRAINIAC'S KRYPTOTECH** WHO ARE
EMPLOYED TO DEAL WITH
INSURRECTION.

IF WE'RE GOING TO
HAVE ANY CHANCE OF SHUTTING
THEM DOWN, WE NEED TO GET
INTO THE ORACLE.

ANY
QUESTIONS?

YES,
I HAVE
ONE.



WHAT'S A REPORTER?

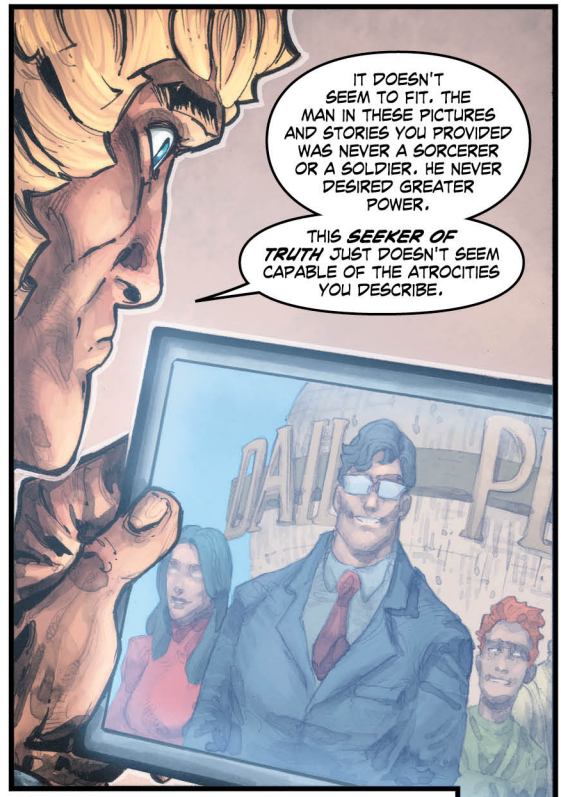
LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS PICKED A WINNER.

SHUT UP, HOOD. THIS ISN'T HIS WORLD.



IT'S LIKE A WRITER WHO RECORDS EVENTS, *HE-MAN*. SORT OF LIKE A CRIER MIXED WITH A SCRIBE, I GUESS.

AND *SUPERMAN* WAS ONE OF THESE BEFORE HE DOMINATED YOUR WORLD?



IT DOESN'T SEEM TO FIT. THE MAN IN THESE PICTURES AND STORIES YOU PROVIDED WAS NEVER A SORCERER OR A SOLDIER. HE NEVER DESIRED GREATER POWER.

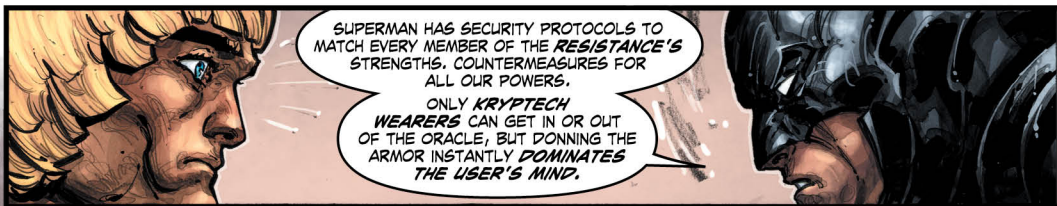
THIS *SEEKER OF TRUTH* JUST DOESN'T SEEM CAPABLE OF THE ATROCITIES YOU DESCRIBE.



CLARK KENT WAS A REPORTER.

BUT SUPERMAN HASN'T BEEN CLARK KENT IN A *LONG TIME*.

BRAINIAC'S TECH HAS MADE HIM COLDER. MORE CALCULATING. CRUELER.



SUPERMAN HAS SECURITY PROTOCOLS TO MATCH EVERY MEMBER OF THE **RESISTANCE'S** STRENGTHS. COUNTERMEASURES FOR ALL OUR POWERS.

ONLY **KRYPTTECH WEARERS** CAN GET IN OR OUT OF THE ORACLE, BUT DONNING THE ARMOR INSTANTLY **DOMINATES THE USER'S MIND.**

BUT YOU'RE A WILD CARD, HE-MAN. SUPERMAN HASN'T CALCULATED YOU.



YOU MAY BE OUR LAST CHANCE TO PUT AN END TO THIS. **PERMANENTLY.**



HEY, Y'OKAY, BABYBAT-- **BATMAN?**

I'M FINE. IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY. EVERYONE GET SOME REST. MAKE YOUR PEACE. HOLD YOUR LOVED ONES IF YOU MUST.

WE STRIKE TONIGHT.



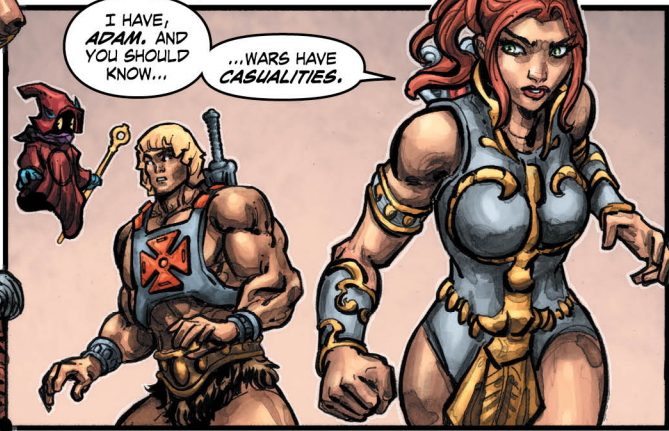
HE'S A RAY OF SUNSHINE, HUH?

'PERMANENTLY.'
I'M NOTHING BUT AN **ASSASSIN** TO HIM, **TEELA.**



YOU VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT A WAR.

YOU'VE PLAYED PRINCE. YOU'VE PLAYED HERO. BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN A SOLDIER.



I HAVE, **ADAM.** AND YOU SHOULD KNOW...

...WARS HAVE **CASUALTIES.**