

THE FORTRESS OF SOLITUDE.

JON?

JON,
WHERE ARE
YOU?

HE
SHOULD BE
HERE.

WHERE
COULD HE
HAVE GONE,
KRYPTO?

LAST
I SAW OF
HIM...

Erf?

LF "...WE WERE ABOUT
TO TAKE OFF!"

WAIT,
KELEX.

FLYING
AWAY IN THIS
COULD MAKE
US SITTING
DUCKS.

FEAR OF BEING
AN EASY TARGET
FOR GENERAL
ZOD'S HEAT
VISION IS VALID,
LOIS LANE.

SO WE
LAUNCHED
AN EMPTY
SHIP...

...WHICH ZOD
BLEW OUT OF
THE SKY...

...AND
SCATTERED
TO HIDE.

BUT JON WAS
SUPPOSED TO
STICK CLOSE.

RIGHT NOW,
NOTHING SCARES
ME MORE...

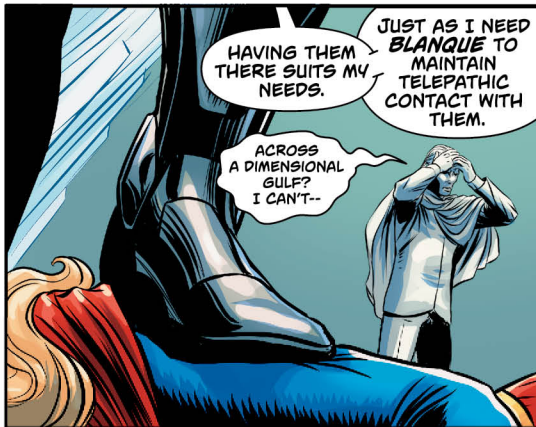
LF ...THAN THE PROSPECT OF THAT MANIAC GETTING HIS HANDS ON MY SON.

I DON'T GET IT. YOU SENT SUPERMAN AND HIS LOSER FRIENDS TO THAT, *uh...*

PHANTOM ZONE.

WHATEVER.

BUT WHY SEND CYBORG SUPERMAN AND THE ERADICATOR?



HAVING THEM THERE SUITS MY NEEDS.

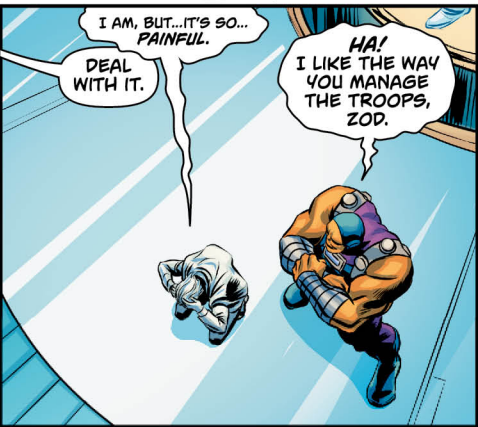
JUST AS I NEED **BLANQUE** TO MAINTAIN TELEPATHIC CONTACT WITH THEM.

ACROSS A DIMENSIONAL GULF? I CAN'T--



THE ERADICATOR WILL ACCOUNT FOR THAT.

DO IT.



I AM, BUT...IT'S SO... PAINFUL.

DEAL WITH IT.

HA! I LIKE THE WAY YOU MANAGE THE TROOPS, ZOD.

LEX LUTHOR.

KONG KENAN.

SUPERWOMAN.

STEEL.

NEAR AS I CAN TELL,
WE'RE OFF TO A PLACE
WE DON'T WANT TO BE...

...THE PHANTOM
ZONE...

...AND AFTER THE WAR
WE JUST WAGED IN
THE FORTRESS, WE'RE
LUCKY ANYONE'S
STANDING AT ALL.

WE KNOW WHY
ZOD BLASTED
US HERE,
BUT WHY SEND
ERADICATOR
AND CYBORG
SUPERMAN,
TOO?

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SUPERMAN created by Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster.
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HEADING INTO THE ZONE IS HAVING AN EFFECT ON ME, I CAN FEEL IT.

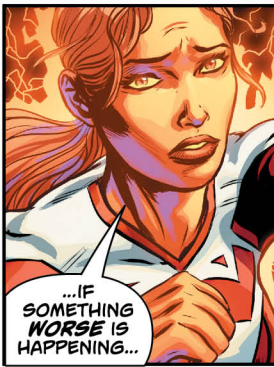
MY HEAD...



NGH!

SUPERMAN?

YOU'RE ALREADY BLIND...



...IF SOMETHING WORSE IS HAPPENING...



JUST DISORIENTED.

LIKE... BEING IN THE BLACK VAULT AGAIN.

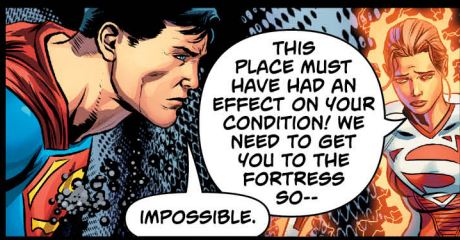
I CAN ALMOST FEEL...



YES. IT'S TRUE.

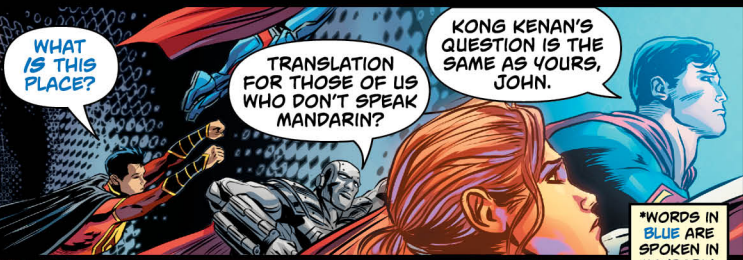


I CAN SEE AGAIN!



THIS PLACE MUST HAVE HAD AN EFFECT ON YOUR CONDITION! WE NEED TO GET YOU TO THE FORTRESS SO--

IMPOSSIBLE.

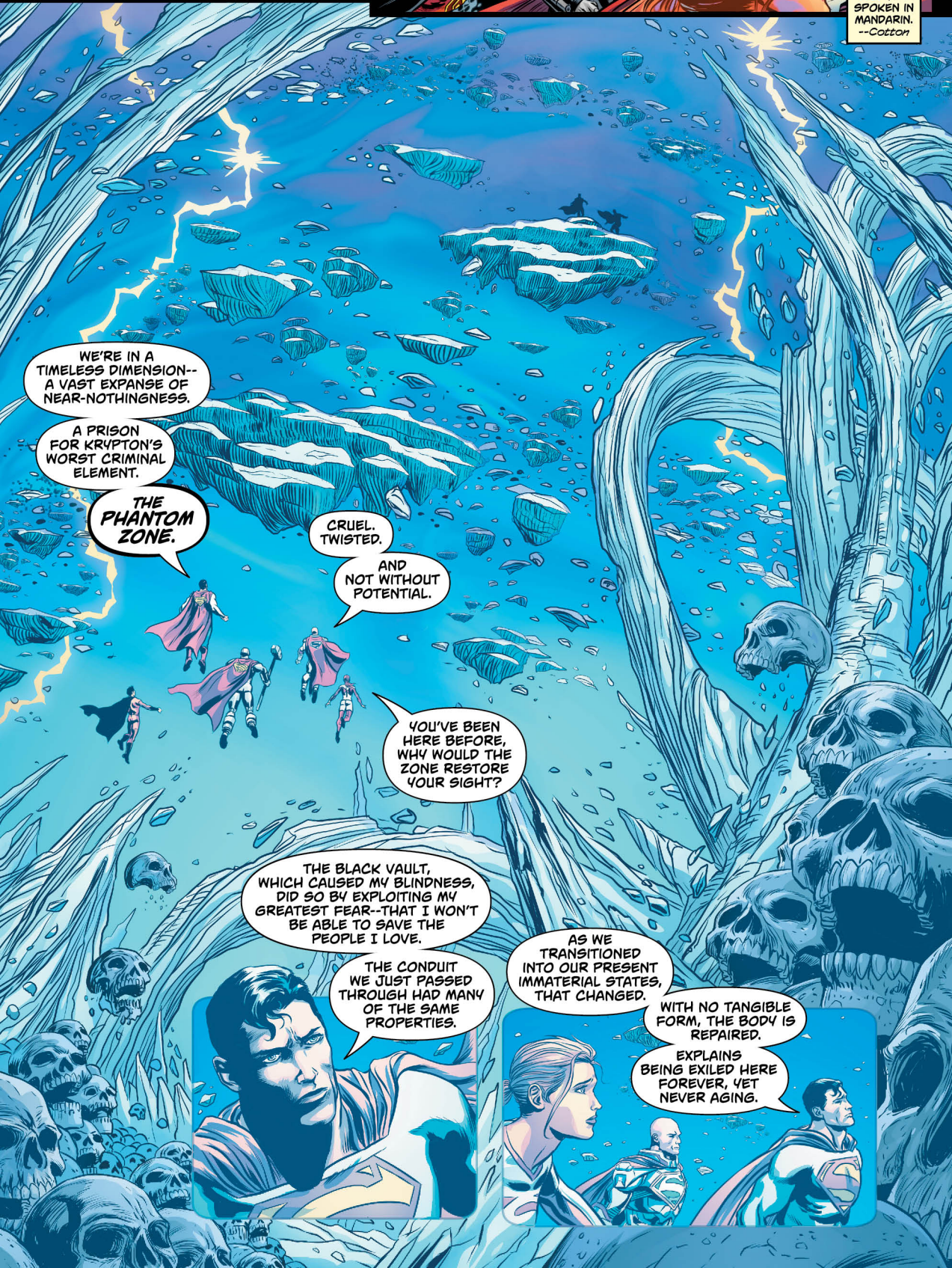


WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

TRANSLATION FOR THOSE OF US WHO DON'T SPEAK MANDARIN?

KONG KENAN'S QUESTION IS THE SAME AS YOURS, JOHN.

*WORDS IN BLUE ARE SPOKEN IN MANDARIN.
--Cotton



WE'RE IN A TIMELESS DIMENSION-- A VAST EXPANSE OF NEAR-NOTHINGNESS.

A PRISON FOR KRYPTON'S WORST CRIMINAL ELEMENT.

THE PHANTOM ZONE.

CRUEL. TWISTED.

AND NOT WITHOUT POTENTIAL.

YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE, WHY WOULD THE ZONE RESTORE YOUR SIGHT?

THE BLACK VAULT, WHICH CAUSED MY BLINDNESS, DID SO BY EXPLOITING MY GREATEST FEAR-- THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO SAVE THE PEOPLE I LOVE.

THE CONDUIT WE JUST PASSED THROUGH HAD MANY OF THE SAME PROPERTIES.

AS WE TRANSITIONED INTO OUR PRESENT IMMATERIAL STATES, THAT CHANGED.

WITH NO TANGIBLE FORM, THE BODY IS REPAIRED.

EXPLAINS BEING EXILED HERE FOREVER, YET NEVER AGING.