

**THE OFFICE OF ZHU TIANREN.**

**THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT'S LIAISON TO THE GREAT TEN.**

**BEIJING, CHINA.**

MR. ZHU, MY TEAM AND I JUST DEFEATED A GROUP OF SUPER-POWERED POLITICAL DISSIDENTS KNOWN AS THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**.

WE WERE INSTRUCTED BY YOUR **SECRETARY** TO ESCORT THEM TO THE **CRAB SHELL**, AN UNDERWATER PRISON FOR METAHUMANS.

WHY IS THIS THE FIRST THAT THE **GREAT TEN** HAS HEARD OF SUCH A FACILITY?!

I-I ASSURE YOU, GENERAL, WE INTENDED NO **DISRESPECT!**

WE ARE SIMPLY... **BROADENING OUR APPROACH** TO METAHUMAN CRIME!

BY WHOSE **AUTHORITY?!**

YOUR **TEMPER** IS QUITE **UNBECOMING**, AUGUST GENERAL IN IRON, AS IS YOUR **WITCH HUNT** AGAINST THE **MINISTRY OF SELF-RELIANCE**.

IN BOTH CASES, I WOULD ADVISE YOU TO EXERCISE SOME **SELF-CONTROL**.

AND WHO ARE YOU?!

WHO AM I? WITHOUT **ME**, GENERAL, THERE WOULD BE NO YOU.



HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR, PEOPLE OF SHANGHAI!

MY NAME IS LEX LUTHOR! I AM THE BOSS OF LENCOR!

LENCOR SPONSORS THIS, THE FIRST ANNUAL OF THE CITY AWARD EVENT! I AM HAPPY! VERY, VERY HAPPY!

MY MANDARIN IS SO TIGHT! VERY, VERY TIGHT! PLEASE FORGIVE!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!

CLAP!



I GIVE SPEAKING OVER TO MY PRETTY CO-HOST LINDY LAW!

THANK YOU, MR. LUTHOR!

WHAT DO YOU THINK, EVERYBODY? HIS MANDARIN WASN'T SO BAD FOR AN AMERICAN, WAS IT?

CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!



NOW, PLEASE JOIN ME IN WELCOMING TO THE STAGE--

--BAT-MAN--

--WONDER-WOMAN--

--AND OUR VERY OWN NEW SUPER-MAN KONG KENAN!



SU-PER-MAN! SU-PER-MAN! SU-PER-MAN! SU-PER-CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP! CLAP!



FOR YOUR DARING ZEPHUR OF THE PASSENGERS AND CREW OF FLIGHT #28, SHANGHAI DECLARES YOU THE HEROES OF THE CITY!

KENAN, YOU OKAY? I THOUGHT BARING IN JALOPY WAS YOUR JOB.

YEAH, WELL.

SHE'S RIGHT, NORMALLY I'D LOVE THIS SORT OF THING. EXCEPT.

**S** ...I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT HOW BOTH MY PARENTS ARE DEAD NOW.

AND HOW SOMEBODY AT THE MINISTRY OF SELF-RELIANCE, THE ORGANIZATION I WORK FOR, IS RESPONSIBLE.

AND HOW I NEED TO GET THE REST OF MY POWERS BACK SO I CAN FIGURE OUT WHO THAT SOMEBODY IS, AND MAKE HIM--OR HER--PAY.



AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, NEW SUPER-MAN! I'M ASSUMING YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

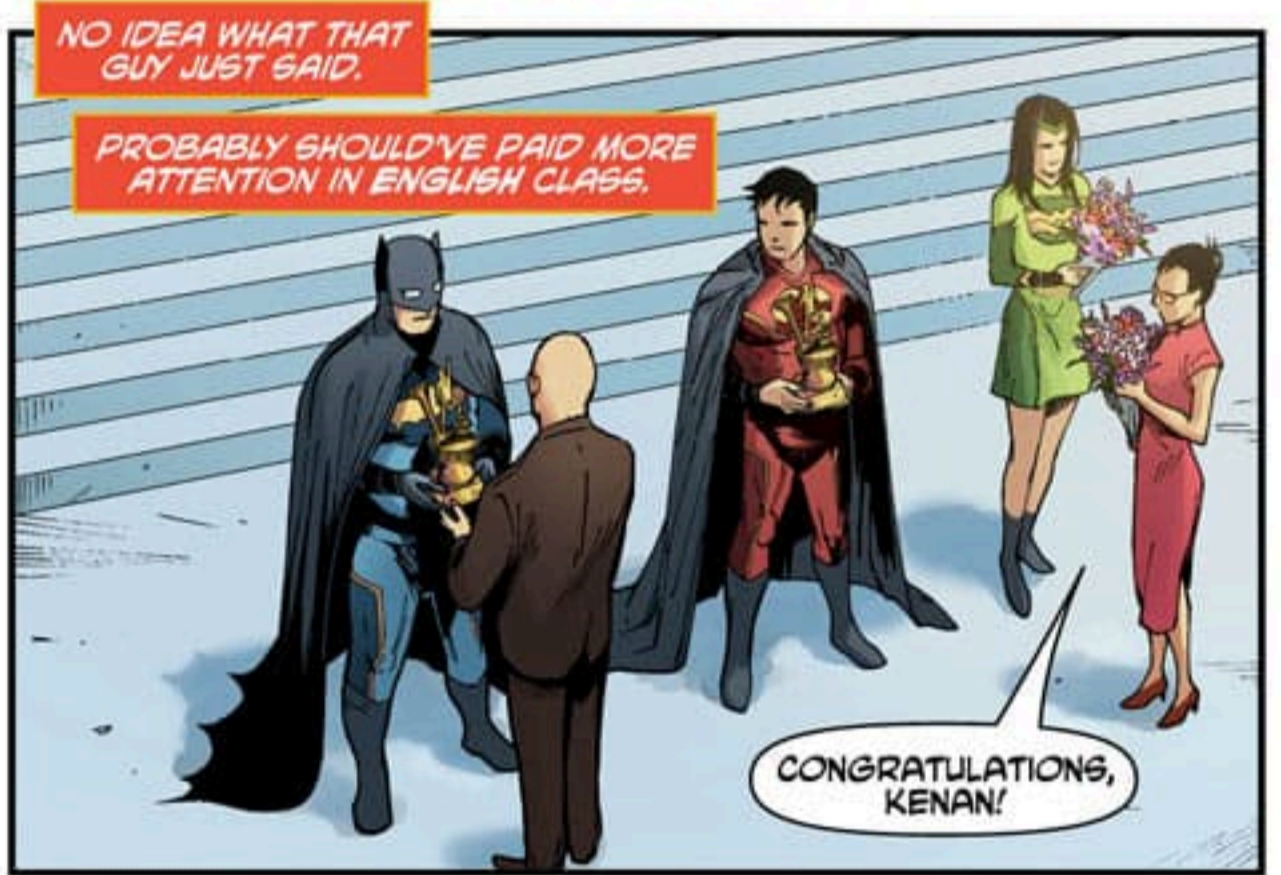
YES!

I'M A HUGE FAN OF YOURS. HUGE FAN. I BELIEVE YOU AND I CAN BE VERY HELPFUL TO EACH OTHER.

IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING, DON'T HESITATE TO GET IN TOUCH.

YES!

\*WORDS IN BLUE ARE IN ENGLISH, THE REST ARE IN MANDARIN! --PAUL



NO IDEA WHAT THAT GUY JUST SAID.

PROBABLY SHOULD'VE PAID MORE ATTENTION IN ENGLISH CLASS.

CONGRATULATIONS, KENAN!

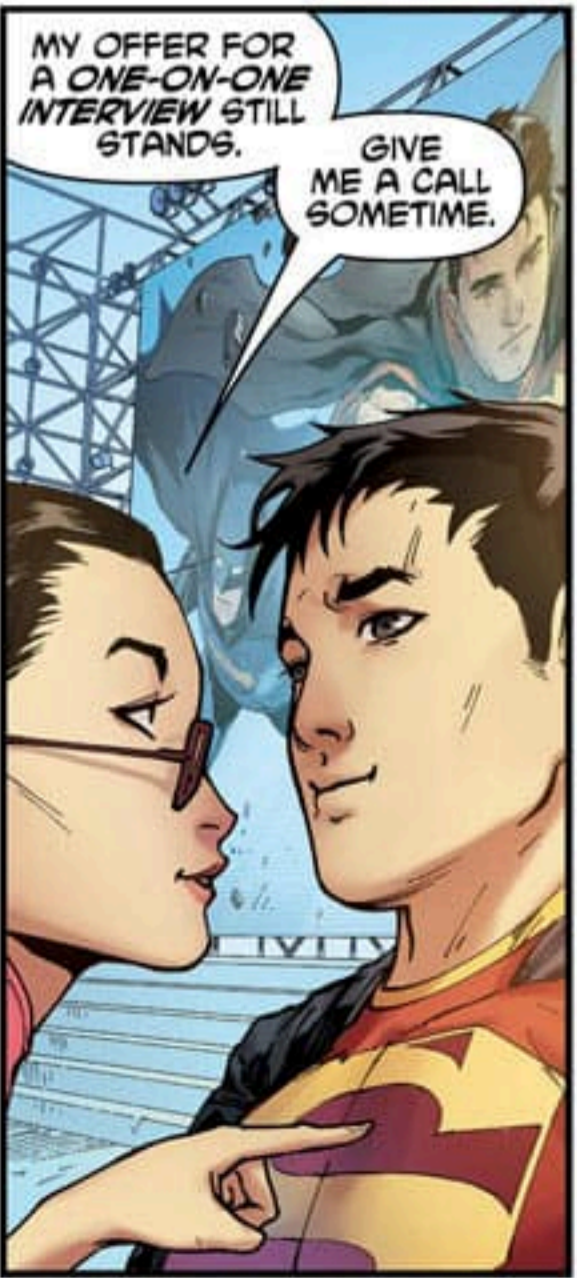


OH, UH...

DIDN'T THINK LANEY LAN COULD GET ANY HOTTER, BUT THAT DRESS--

THANKS!

WHOA.



MY OFFER FOR A ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW STILL STANDS.

GIVE ME A CALL SOMETIME.



I...I WILL!

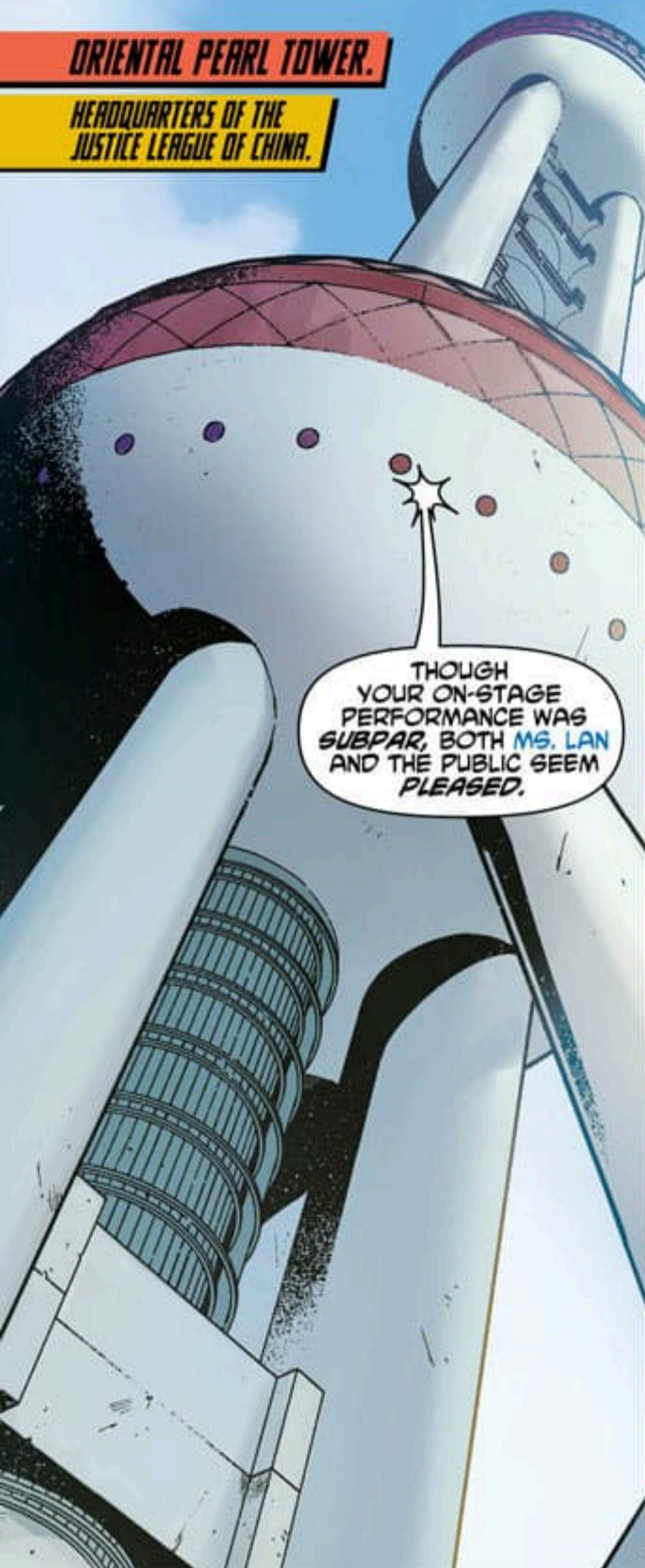
BUT NOT ANY-TIME SOON.

I CAN'T LET ANYTHING TAKE MY FOCUS AWAY FROM WHAT I NEED TO DO.

NOT EVEN LANEY LAN.

**ORIENTAL PEARL TOWER.**

**HEADQUARTERS OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF CHINA.**



THOUGH YOUR ON-STAGE PERFORMANCE WAS *SUBPAR*, BOTH MS. LAN AND THE PUBLIC SEEM PLEASED.



ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY, JUSTICE LEAGUE OF CHINA, BUT I EXPECT YOU TO KEEP YOUR *COM-LINKS* ON.  
NOT ALL OF CHINA'S ENEMIES CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR.



DR. OMEN, THIS IS FOR YOU. *HAPPY NEW YEAR.*  
WHAT'S THIS?  
*NIANGAO\** FROM THAT *NEW BAKERY* DOWN THE STREET. I WAITED OVER AN HOUR FOR IT, SO IT HAS TO BE *GOOD*, RIGHT?

YOU UNDERESTIMATE THE HERD MENTALITY OF THE GENERAL POPULACE, DEILAN.

*\*NEW YEAR CAKE. --PAUL*



"NIANGAO FOR *HEARTLESS TYRANT* LIKE ME? YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE, DEILAN!"  
I KNOW, DR. OMEN!  
"MAYBE I'LL GET *EXACTLY* WHAT I DESERVE AND *CHOKE* ON A PIECE, DEILAN!"  
MAYBE, DR. OMEN!



**S** COULD DR. OMEN HAVE BEEN THE ONE? DID SHE ORDER MY MOTHER'S DEATH?

WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED.

KENAN. THAT *DOLTISH* EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE--  
--EXPLAIN.



I'M WONDERING... UH...

BUT I STILL WANT PROOF.

...JUST, YOU KNOW... WHAT YOUR *NEW YEAR* PLANS MIGHT BE.

I'M STAYING HERE.  
THE TOWER IS MY HOME. THE *MINISTRY* IS MY FAMILY.



I'LL SEE YOU IN A FEW DAYS, JUSTICE LEAGUE.

DON'T DO ANYTHING *STUPID* IN THE MEANTIME.

THAT LAST BIT WAS FOR YOU.

SHE SAID IT TO ALL OF US!

ESPECIALLY YOU, KENAN.

HEH HEH.