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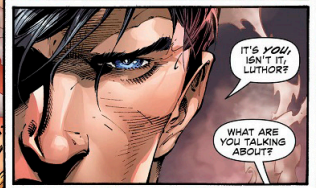
PEOPLE ARE GETTING MURDERED WITH INVISIBLE BULLETS THAT STRIKE WITH SUPERHUMAN FORCE AND LEAVE NO TRACE.

WHO ELSE HAS THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER FOR THAT?

OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD?



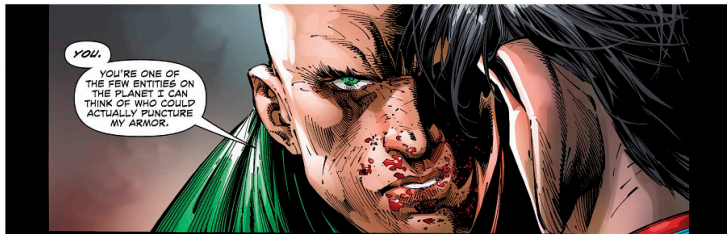
MY HERO.



IT'S YOU, ISN'T IT, LUTHOR?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?





YOU.  
 YOU'RE ONE OF THE FEW ENTITIES ON THE PLANET I CAN THINK OF WHO COULD ACTUALLY PUNCTURE MY ARMOR.



I JUST SAVED YOUR LIFE.

YES, WHICH IS WHAT FELLOW JUSTICE LEAGUE MEMBERS SHOULD DO FOR EACH OTHER.

SO IT'S A WONDERFUL THING WE'RE ACTING LIKE TEAMMATES AND NOT ACCUSING EACH OTHER OF TERRIBLE CRIMES, ISN'T IT?



MR. LUTHOR...

YES, HOPE?

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO SEE...



AH, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE SO FLUSTERED.

THREE TARGETS.

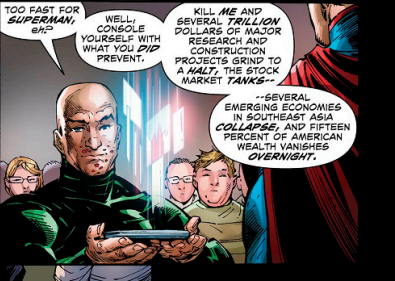
AND YOU ONLY HAD TIME TO SAVE ONE OF US.

I'M FLATTERED, SUPERMAN.



DON'T BE. I'VE ALREADY BEEN TO THE OTHER SITES.

IT WAS... TOO LATE.

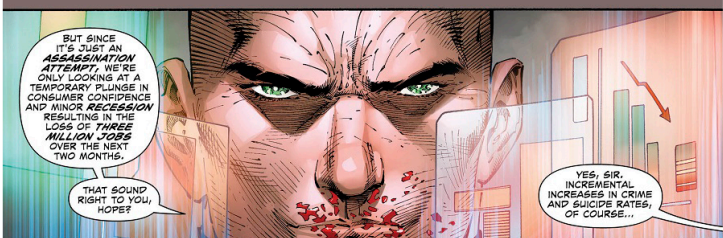


TOO FAST FOR SUPERMAN, eh?

WELL, CONSOLE YOURSELF WITH WHAT YOU DID PREVENT.

KILL ME AND SEVERAL TRILLION DOLLARS OF MAJOR RESEARCH AND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS GRIND TO A HALT, THE STOCK MARKET TANKS--

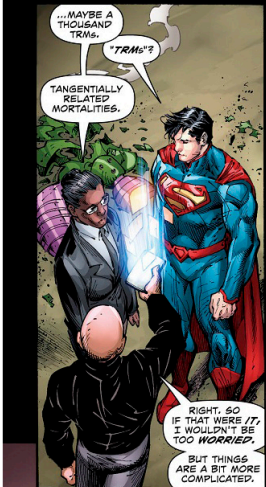
--SEVERAL EMERGING ECONOMIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA COLLAPSE, AND FIFTEEN PERCENT OF AMERICAN WEALTH VANISHES OVERNIGHT.



BUT SINCE IT'S JUST AN ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT, WE'RE ONLY LOOKING AT A TEMPORARY PLUNGE IN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AND MINOR RECESSION RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF THREE MILLION JOBS OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

THAT SOUND RIGHT TO YOU, HOPE?

YES, SIR. INCREMENTAL INCREASES IN CRIME AND SUICIDE RATES, OF COURSE...



...MAYBE A THOUSAND TRMS.

'TRMS'?

TANGENTIALLY RELATED MORTALITIES.

RIGHT, SO IF THAT WERE IT, I WOULDN'T BE TOO WORRIED.

BUT THINGS ARE A BIT MORE COMPLICATED.



YOUR FRIEND KILLED GENERAL AHMAD, THE CHIEF ARCHITECT AND PROTECTOR OF THE KHANDAQ PEACE PROCESS.

SO WE'RE LOOKING AT TWENTY MORE YEARS OF WAR IN KHANDAQ AND SKYROCKETING GLOBAL OIL AND GAS PRICES.

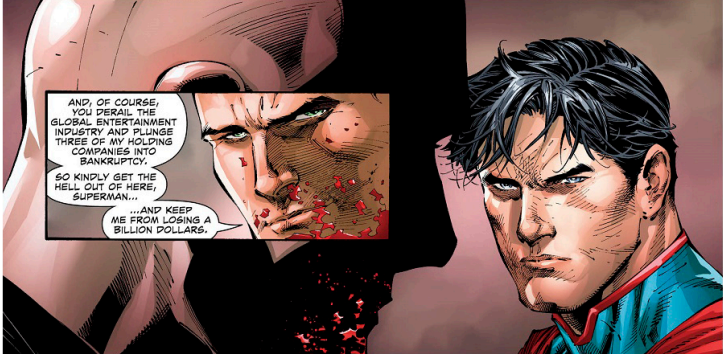


AND THEN THERE'S GLORY MIAU, STAR OF SIX OF THE SEVEN THE MOST-VIEWED MUSIC VIDEOS OF ALL TIME.

KILL HER AND YOU'VE CRUSHED THE SPIRIT OF AN ENTIRE GENERATION OF MISFITS AND OUTSIDERS WHO THOUGHT THE WORLD WAS ACTUALLY GETTING BETTER.

TWO THOUSAND TRMS.

THANK YOU, HOPE.



AND, OF COURSE, YOU DERAIL THE GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY AND PLUNGE THREE OF MY HOLDING COMPANIES INTO BANKRUPTCY.

SO KINDLY GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, SUPERMAN...

...AND KEEP ME FROM LOSING A BILLION DOLLARS.