

**ZHONGNANHAI.**

**THE CENTER OF THE CHINESE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.**

**LOCATED IN BEIJING.**

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY I'M HERE, **AUGUST GENERAL** IN IRON! I'M A **BUSINESSMAN**, NOT A **BUREAUCRAT**!

YOU ARE THE **CEO** OF CHINA SOUTHEAST, MR. LUO.

AND LESS THAN AN HOUR AGO, **CHINA SOUTHEAST FLIGHT NUMBER 28** WAS HIJACKED BY A BAND OF **SUPER-CRIMINALS** KNOWN AS THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF CHINA**.

THEY'RE USING **GENETICALLY MODIFIED STARROS**--MIND-CONTROL DEVICES CREATED BY **DR. OMEN**--TO HOLD YOUR PASSENGERS **HOSTAGE**.

THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** HAVE ALREADY DEFEATED THE **NEW SUPER-MAN** AND HIS **JUSTICE LEAGUE**.

NOW THEY'VE AIMED THE **AIRLINER** AT THIS **VERY BUILDING**.

SO YOU BROUGHT US HERE TO **DIE**, GENERAL?!

ONLY **SOME** OF YOU WOULD DIE, MR. LUO. THE REST WOULD BE MIND-CONTROLLED BY THE **STARROS**.

IT'S HOW THE **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** PLAN TO EFFECT **POLITICAL CHANGE**.

THE **GREAT TEN** PROPOSES NEUTRALIZING THE AIRLINER BEFORE THAT CAN HAPPEN.

UNFORTUNATELY, THAT WOULD RESULT IN THE **DEMISE** OF EVERYONE ON BOARD--

--INCLUDING YOUR SON, **LUO LIXIN**.

WAIT, YOU'RE ASKING FOR MY PERMISSION TO **DESTROY** MY PLANE AND **KILL** MY SON?!

NOT **PERMISSION**, **ACQUIESCENCE**.

B-BUT THAT IS AN **UNACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE** FOR MR. LUO, GENERAL! PERHAPS--

NO, COUNCILLOR... THIS IS A MATTER OF **NATIONAL SECURITY**.

GENERAL--

"--DO WHAT YOU MUST TO KEEP CHINA **SAFE**."



\*WORDS IN BLUE ARE SPOKEN IN ENGLISH. (ALL OTHER WORDS ARE IN MANDARIN!) --PAUL



**AN HOUR FROM BEIJING.**

**KENAN!**  
FLYING DRAGON  
GENERAL!

**COME IN!**  
THIS IS DR.  
OMEN!

NOT NOW,  
DR. OMEN!

I'M DOING MY  
HOMEWORK!



**S** I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO SAVE DEILAN AND BAIKI FROM THOSE CREEPY STARFISH STUCK TO THEIR FACES.

MY HOMEWORK SAYS JUST YANKING THEM OFF MIGHT KILL THEIR HOSTS, SO BRUTE FORCE WON'T WORK.

BUT EXTREME COLD, ON THE OTHER HAND...

MY LIAISON IN ZHONGNANHAI JUST CALLED.

YOU WILL HAVE ROUGHLY TWENTY MINUTES TO BRING DOWN THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAFT--

--BEFORE THE GREAT TEN ARRIVES TO BLOW EVERYONE OUT OF THE SKY.

WELL, IN THAT CAGE...

...LET'S GET TO WORK.

MY POWERS DISAPPEARED DURING MY FIGHT WITH THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.

I'M GOING TO NEED THEM BACK.

LIKE, RIGHT NOW.



WHAT WAS IT THAT MINGMING SAID?

START BY ALIGNING YOUR INTENTION WITH SUPERMAN'S, SO THAT THEY'RE ONE AND THE SAME.



I INTEND TO SAVE MY FRIENDS.



HOPE THAT'S ENOUGH.

EVERY TIME YOU GET OVERLY EMOTIONAL, IT'S LIKE OPENING A WINDOW.

YOU LET SUPERMAN'S QI FLY IN OR OUT OF YOU, LIKE THE WIND.



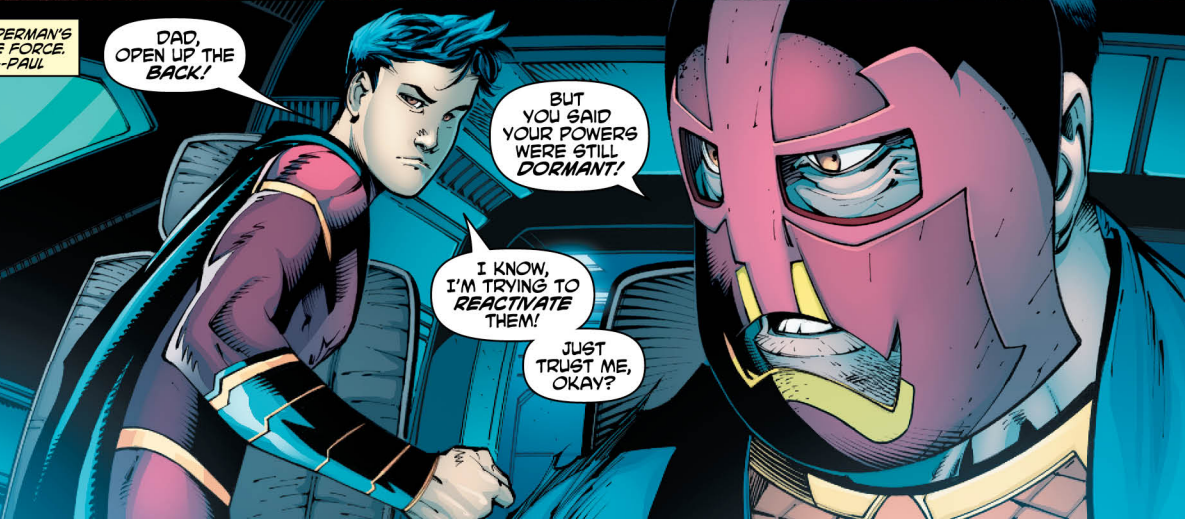
\*SUPERMAN'S LIFE FORCE.  
--PAUL

DAD, OPEN UP THE BACK!

BUT YOU SAID YOUR POWERS WERE STILL DORMANT!

I KNOW, I'M TRYING TO REACTIVATE THEM!

JUST TRUST ME, OKAY?





**S** I LET MYSELF FEEL THE WIND.

AND THE SKY.

AND HOW HIGH UP WE ARE.

AND HOW MUCH DANGER WE'RE IN.

I'M SUDDENLY SO OVERWHELMED THAT I FORGET MYSELF FOR JUST A MOMENT--

--AND THEN I FEEL SOMETHING ELSE. SOMETHING FAMILIAR, ONLY I NEVER PAID ATTENTION BEFORE.

THE ENERGY AROUND ME...

WHOA.

PUT THAT INTENTION WHERE HIS QI WANTS TO GO.

MY BELLY, THE CORE OF MY BEING.

THAT'S WHERE SUPERMAN'S QI WANTS TO GO.

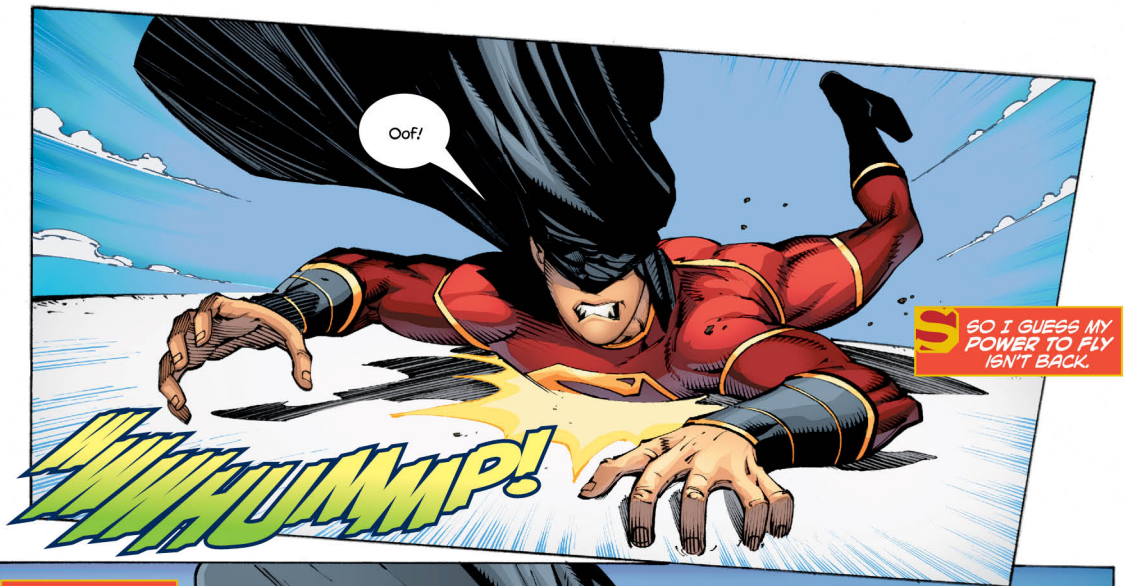
HIS LIFE FORCE-- MY LIFE FORCE-- HEATS MY WHOLE BODY UP LIKE A STOVE.

HAHA!

DAD, HOLD THE SHIP STEADY FOR A SEC! I'M GONNA GO STOP THAT AIRPLANE!  
THIS IS A JOB FOR THE

**NEW SUPER-MAN!**

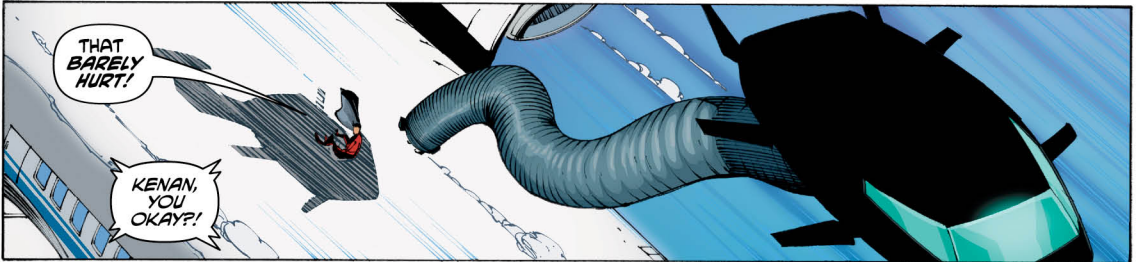
**KROOON!**



**S** SO I GUESS MY POWER TO FLY ISN'T BACK.



**BUT MY INVULNERABILITY IS!**



**KENAN, YOU OKAY?!**



**ER, ONE OF THEM, ANYWAY!**

**I'M LOWERING THE AIR LOCK! NO MORE LEAPING OFF ON YOUR OWN!**



**WE DO THIS TOGETHER, UNDERSTAND?**

**I'M IN A CAPE. MY DAD'S IN A MASK. BUT I'VE NEVER FELT CLOSER TO HIM IN ALL MY LIFE.**

**KIND OF WEIRD, RIGHT?**





YOU THINK YOU CAN PUNCH THROUGH THAT THING?

**S** "PUT THAT INTENTION WHERE HIS QI WANTS TO GO," SHE SAID.

I CAN FEEL THE QI NUDGING ME. SO I PUSH MY INTENTION UP FROM MY BELLY--



--INTO MY FISTS.

YEAH.

I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN.



**KRUNNK! KRUNNK!**

YOU HEAR THAT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS?!

SOMEONE'S ON THE ROOF!

**BOOM!**