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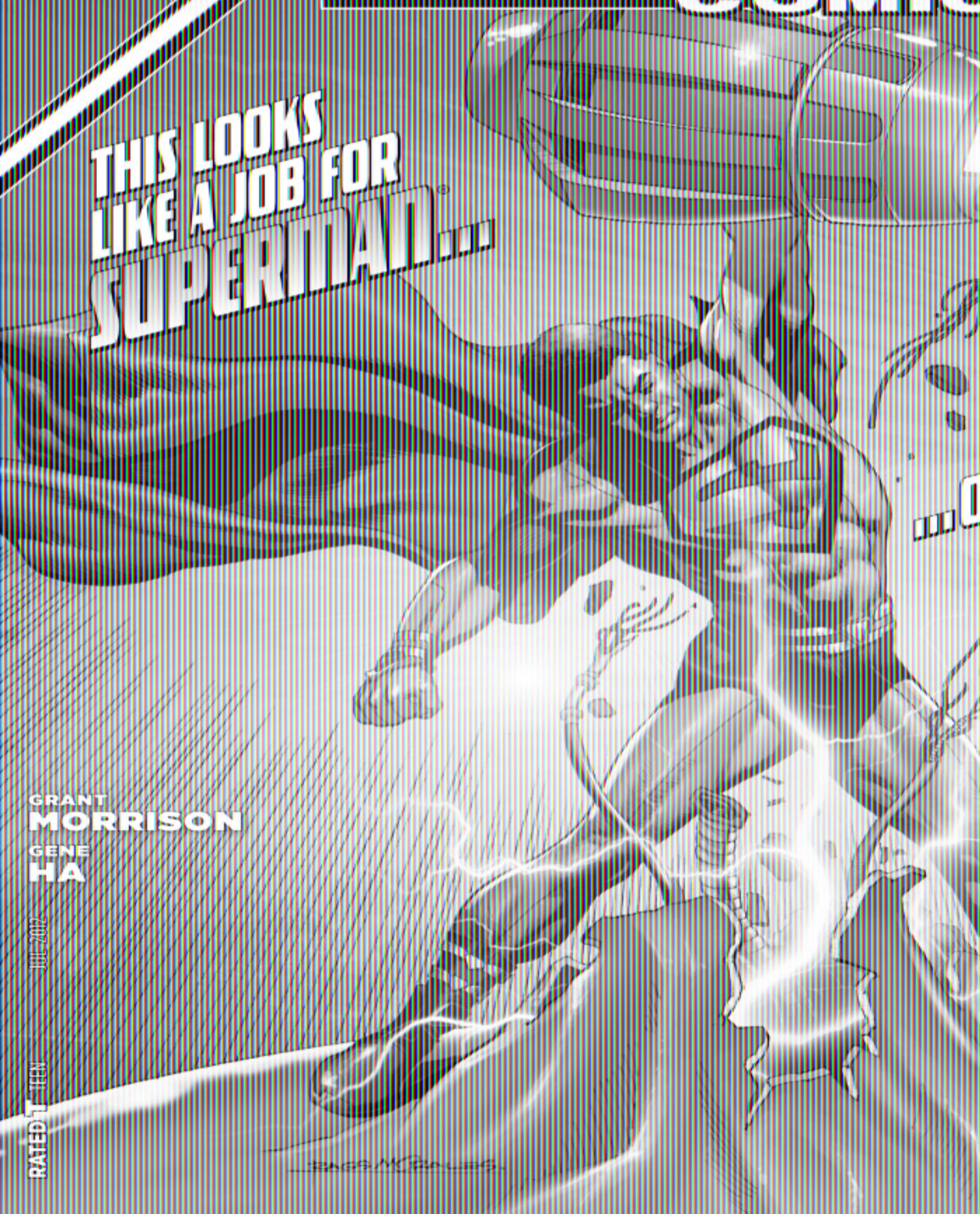
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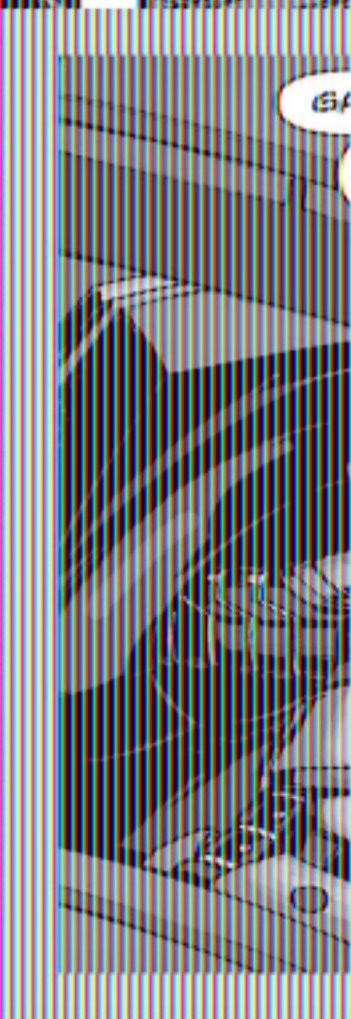
WHY EVEN BOTHER AFTER ALL THIS TIME, LUTHOR?



HNI!

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO PROVE?

NO PREJUDICE CAN RUN THAT DEEP.



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# THE CURSE OF SUPERMAN

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DON'T  
EVER  
FORGET  
THAT!



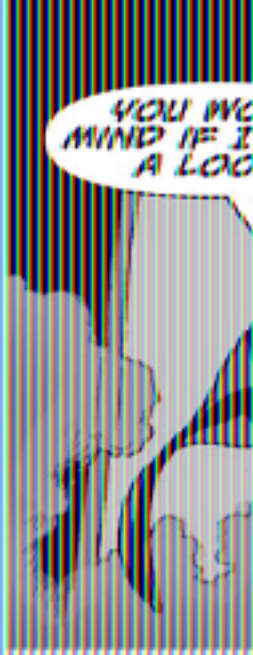
I'M STILL TALKING TO YOU!

GET BACK HERE!

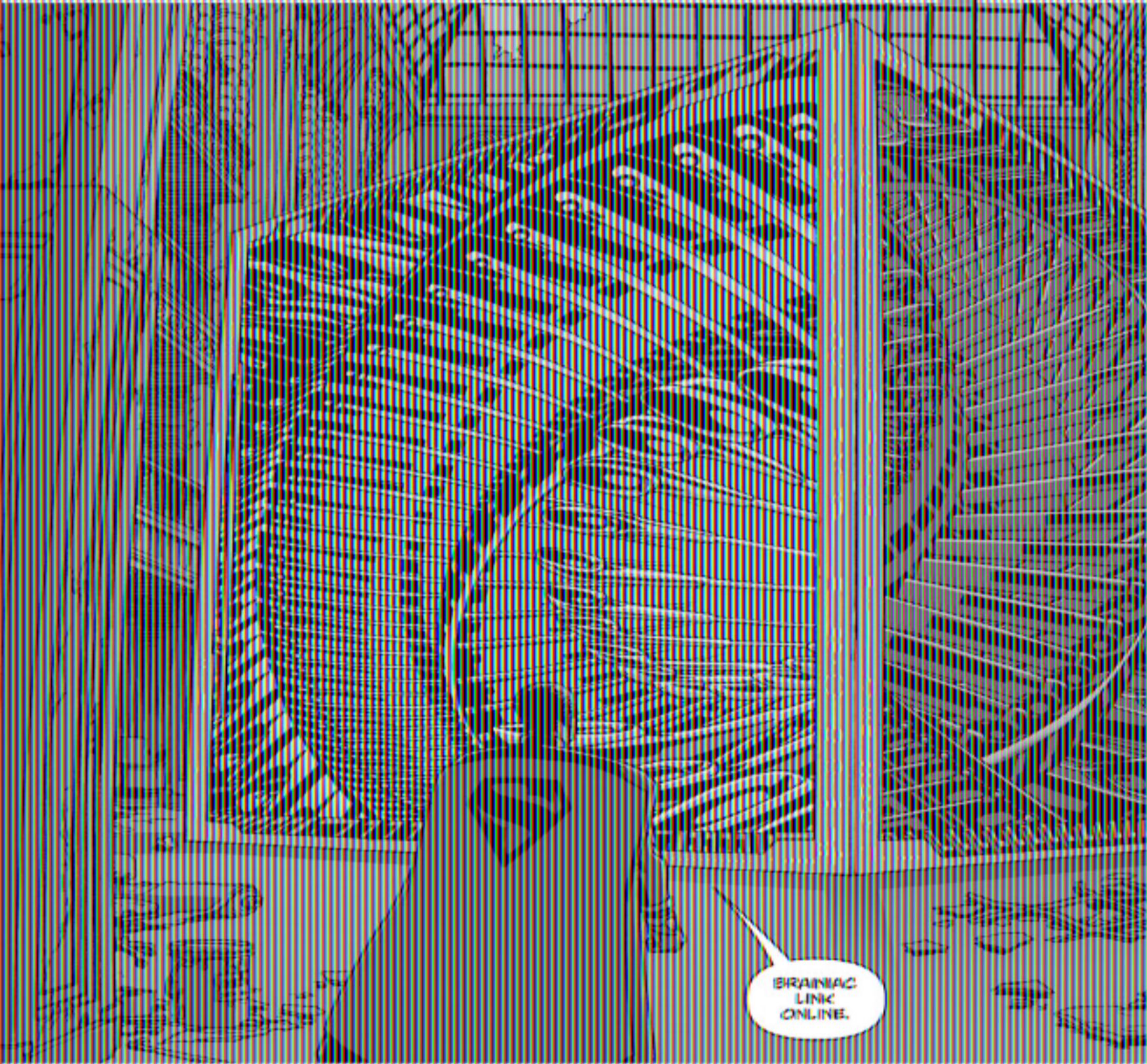
I WAS SURE THAT WAS A NEW MODEL WARSUIT, BUT YOU BARELY PUT UP A FIGHT.

SO WHAT COULD YOU BE WORKING ON TO NEED PROTECTION ON THAT SCALE?

WHAT WERE YOU TRYING TO HIDE BACK HERE?



YOU WO MIND IF I A LOO



BRANIAC LINK ONLINE.



IF I HAD TO HAZARD A GUESS, IT'S SOME KIND OF MUSICAL META-MACHINE RINGING AT IMPOSSIBLY OBLIQUE FREQUENCIES.

HEAR THAT SOUND? LIKE A DISTANT ORCHESTRA TUNING UP—GROWING LOUDER BY THE SECOND.

LUTHOR...



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE THIS TIME?

...WHAT HAPPENED?

...WHAT WAS THAT FLASH?

I CAN SMELL IT EVERYWHERE!



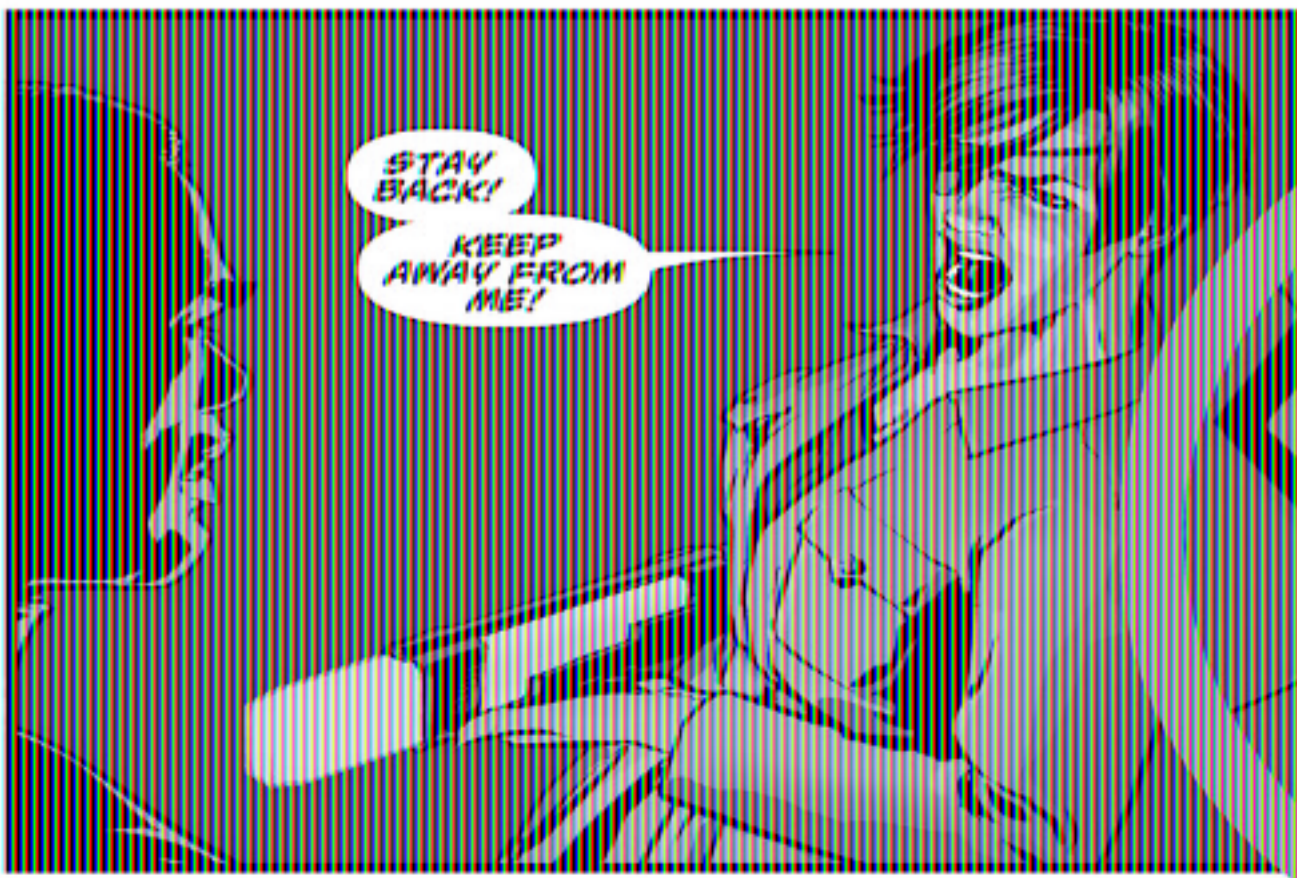
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

MISS?

DID SOMEONE GET HIT?

...ARE WE BACK?

ARE... ARE...



STAY BACK!

KEEP AWAY FROM ME!

HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS?



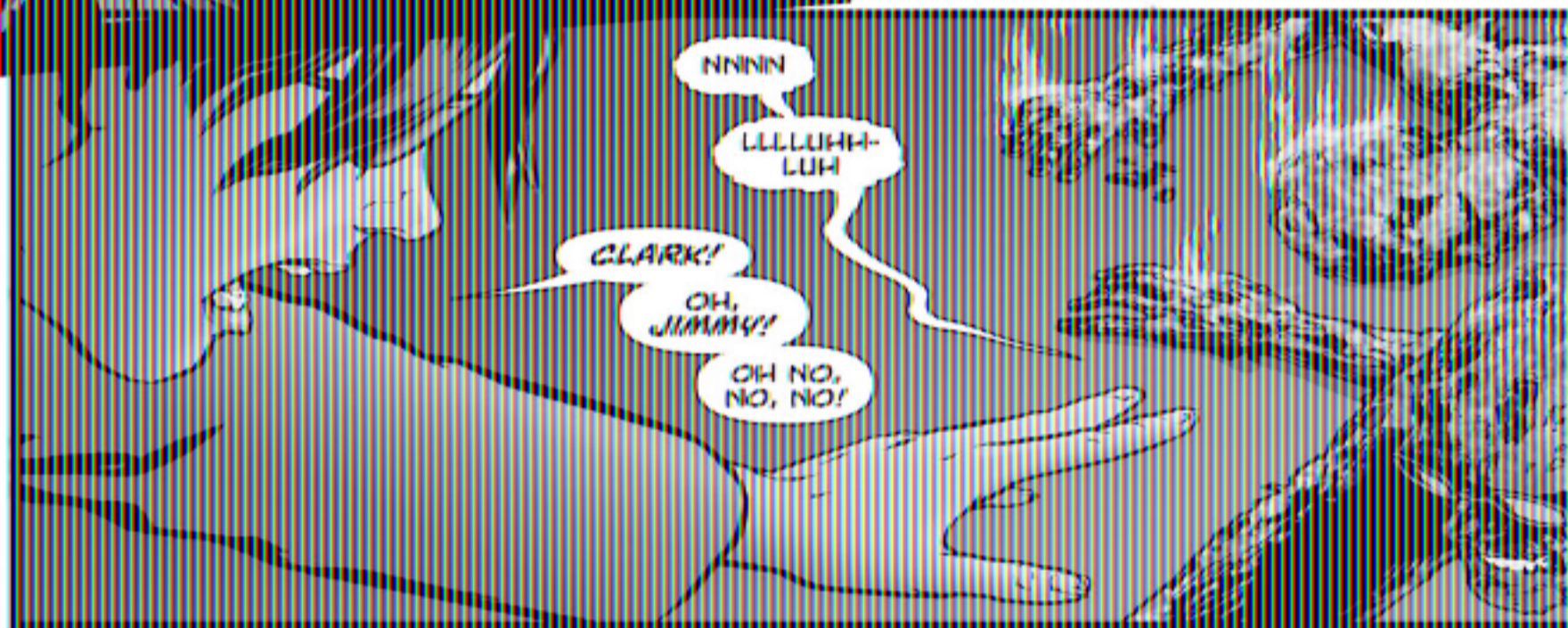
BACK!

...I...



YOU  
IMMULI  
K-LA

K-LASH



NNNN

LLLLUHH-  
LUH

CLARK!

OH,  
JIMMY!

OH NO,  
NO, NO!



JIMMY'S  
DEAD.

THEY  
DIDN'T DESERVE  
THIS.

THIS WASN'T  
SUPPOSED TO  
HAPPEN.

I HAVE  
NO IDEA  
WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
HERE.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHY  
YOU TRIED  
TO SHOOT  
ME.

I DON'T  
KNOW WHO  
YOU ARE--



BUT I'M  
HERE TO HELP  
IF I CAN.


YOU WERE...  
BROADCASTING  
THROUGH THIS  
DEVICE?

WE JUST  
PROVED THERE'S  
MORE THAN ONE  
PLANET EARTH.


AND MORE THAN  
ONE WEAK, WATERED-  
DOWN IMITATION OF  
SUPERMAN.

THE OTHERS  
COULDN'T STOP HIM...







ONCE, NOT SO LONG AGO, IN A FARAWAY STAR SYSTEM, A WISE AND ANCIENT CIVILIZATION DIED, LEAVING BARELY A TRACE OF ITS PASSING.




THEIR WORLD WAS CALLED KRYPTON, AND GREATEST OF ALL ITS MIGHTY CITIES WAS THE SCIENCE-CAPITAL JANDRA-LA ON VATHLO ISLAND IN THE GREEN DANDAHU OCEAN.




IT WAS THERE, AS THE PLANET WAS RIPPED APART IN A VIOLENT CATACLYSM, THAT TWO DESPERATE YOUNG SCIENTISTS NAMED JOREL AND LARA PERFORMED THEIR LAST, MOST DARING EXPERIMENT TOGETHER.



UNABLE TO SAVE THEMSELVES FROM KRYPTON'S APOCALYPSE, THEY PLACED THEIR ONLY SON, KALEL, IN A PROTOTYPE ROCKET AND SHOT HIM ACROSS THE EMPTY GULFS OF SPACE WITH LITTLE MORE THAN A PRAYER TO GUIDE HIS INCREDIBLE VOYAGE.



ADOPTED BY A POOR BUT KINDLY COUPLE, THE SEED OF KRYPTON TOOK ROOT IN FERTILE ALIEN SOIL, AND GREW TALL AND STRONG AND PROUD.



AND SO AFTER A TIME CAME THE LAST SON OF LOST KRYPTON--TO THE PLANET EARTH!



HE'S STILL ALIVE.

FORT SUPERMAN HAS ADVANCED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT...

NO, THERE'S NO TIME, THERE NEVER IS.

WE COULD STILL MAKE IT.

IT'S FOLLOWING US.

IT'LL BE HERE ANY MINUTE NOW.

IT?

MM



"IT WAS CLARK'S IDEA.

"HIS SUPER-GENIUS BIG IDEA.

"HE WAS SO HAPPY THE DAY HE CAME BACK FROM HIS TRAVELS..."

HAHA!

I'M TELLING YOU!

I WATCHED 'EM USE RINGING BOWLS TO MAKE A BIRD APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE.

THE UNIVERSE IS A CHIME?

LOOK IT UP.

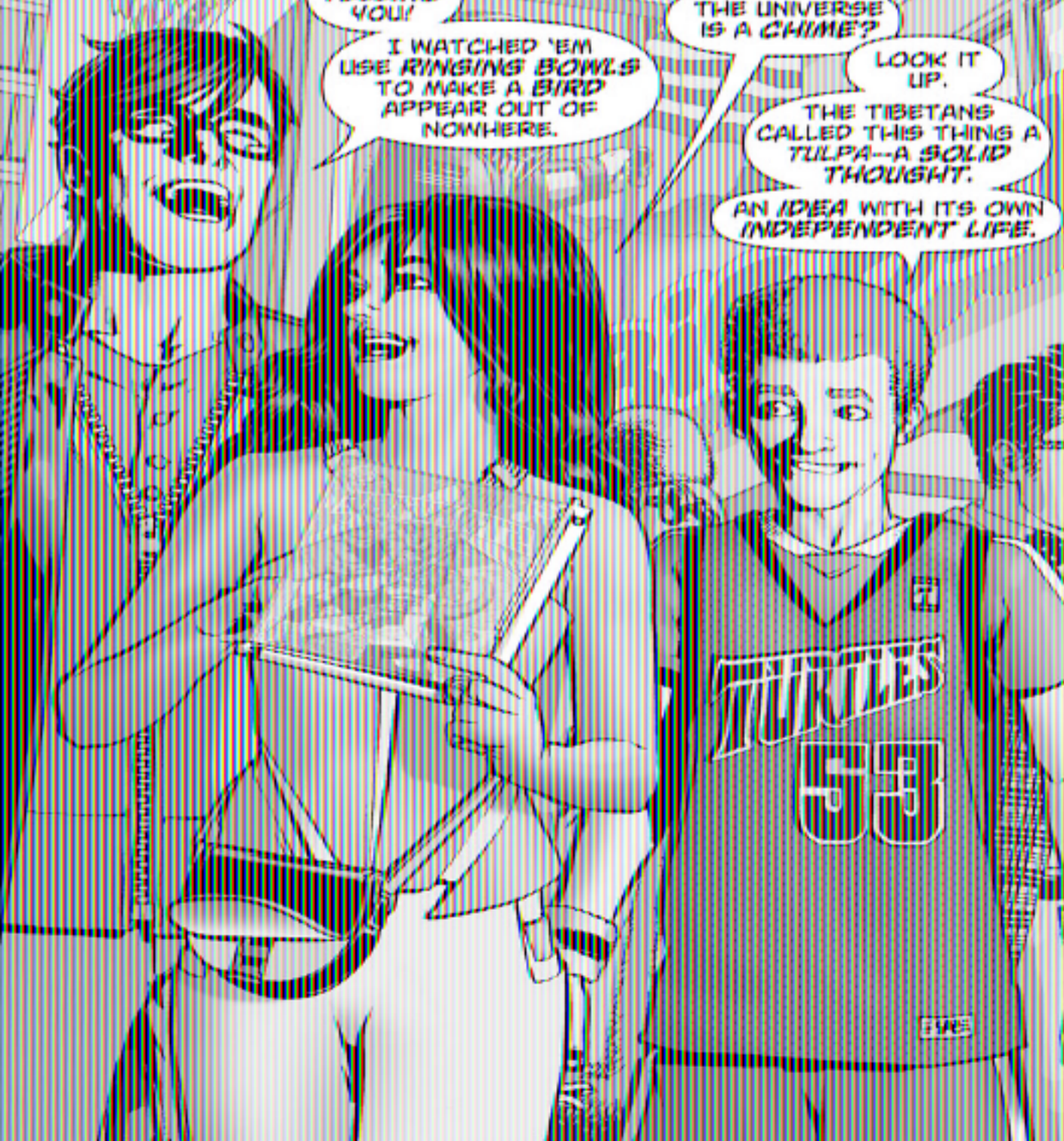
THE TIBETANS CALLED THIS THING A TULPA--A SOLID THOUGHT.

AN IDEA WITH ITS OWN INDEPENDENT LIFE.



...WE MADE THIS MACHINE TOGETHER, THE THREE OF US.

AND IT WORKS ONLY 6 MINUTES.



WOW.

"WE USED SOUND VIBRATIONS TO MAKE THOUGHTS YOU COULD TOUCH."



THESE DRESSINGS SHOULD HELP FOR NOW.

I'M SORRY.  
GO ON.

FIRST WE TRIED TO IMAGINE A CHAMPION, A THOUGHT-POWERED REDEEMER CAPABLE OF SAVING THE WORLD.

A MADE-UP MESSIAH.

I CALLED OUR CREATION SUPERMAN, AFTER NIETZSCHE AND GEORGE BERNARD SHAW.

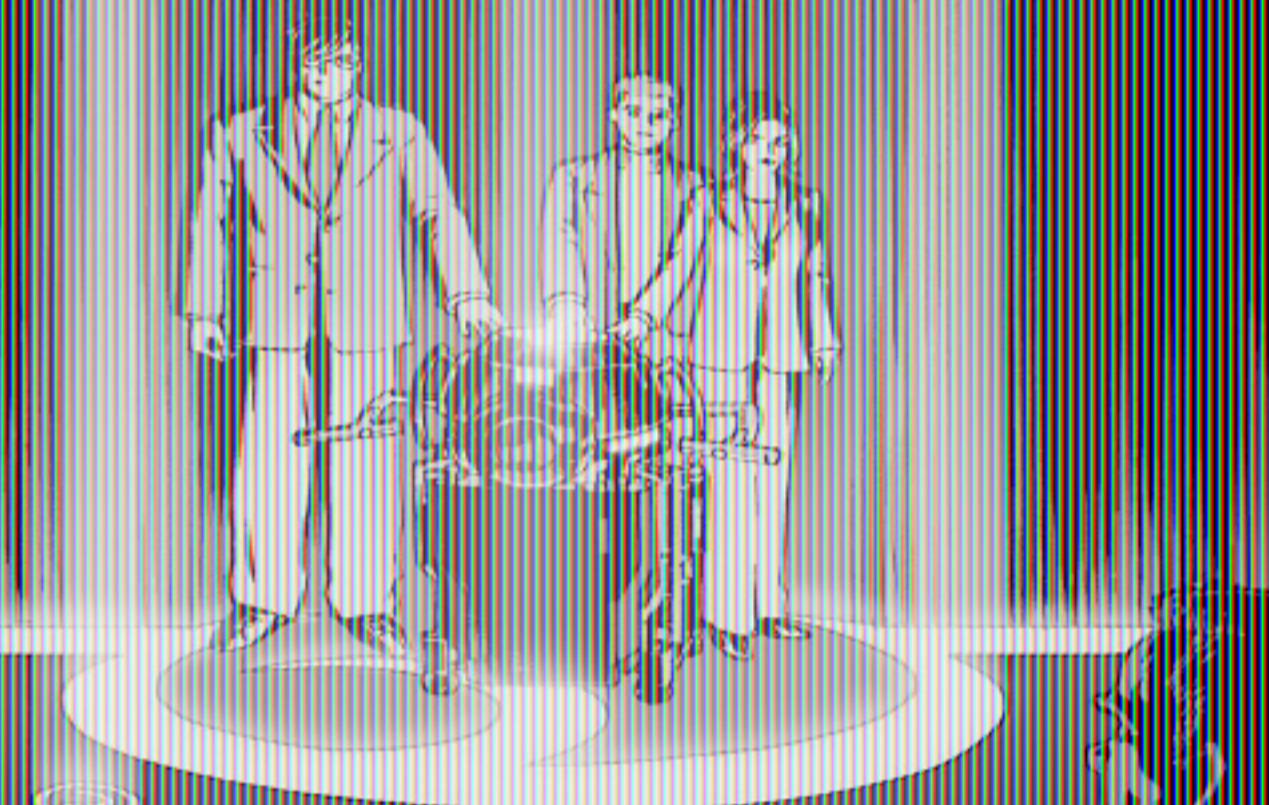
"OUR FIRST ATTEMPT LIVED FOR TWENTY-FIVE GLORIOUS MINUTES.

"NOT A SIGN OF HIS BE WASTED, A TO ARTICUL ETHICS: SIMPLE A ALL



"WE'D REACHED OUR LIMITS.

"TO GO FURTHER, WE NEEDED MONEY, FUNDING, MORE BRAINPOWER."



INTERESTING.

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THIS CURIOUS INVENTION OF YOURS MIGHT BE WORTH?

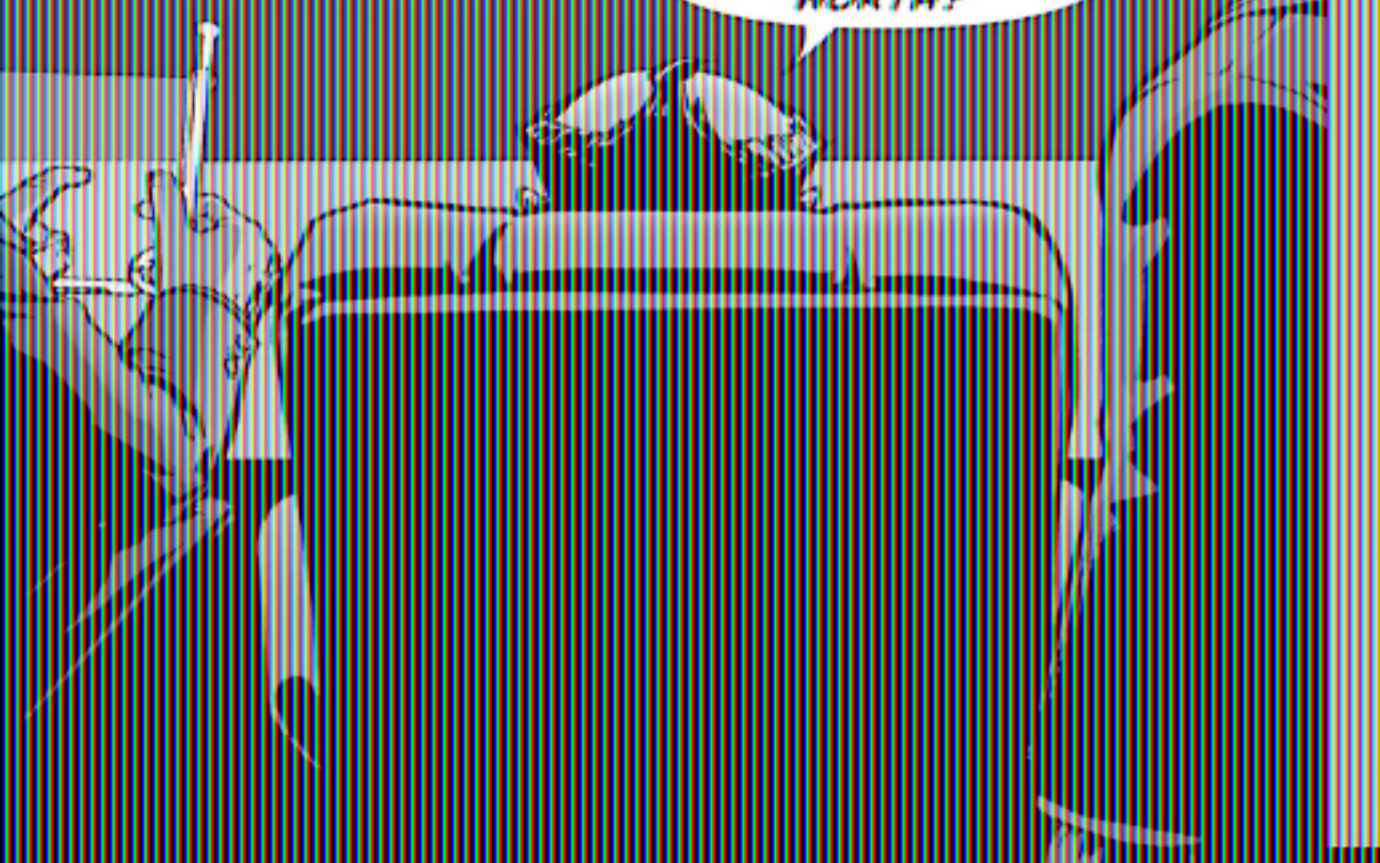


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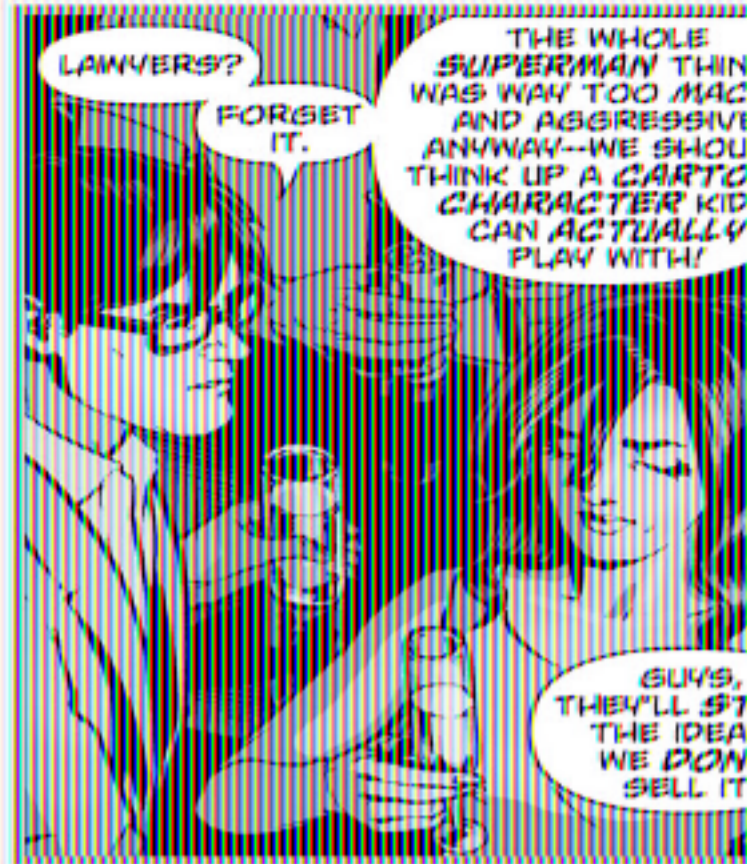




YOU DO HAVE LAWYERS?

YES?

# OVERCOP



LAWYERS?

FORGET IT.

THE WHOLE SUPERMAN THING WAS WAY TOO MAC AND AGGRESSIVE ANYWAY--WE SHOULD THINK UP A **CARTO CHARACTER KID** WHO CAN ACTUALLY PLAY WITH!

GUYS, THEY'LL **\$7** THE IDEA WE DON'T SELL IT



THAT'S IT.

THE DOTTED LINE.

YOU WON'T REGRET THIS.



...WON'T REGRET...

STOP HIM-- HERE--

THAT WASN'T THE END.

THE TECHNOLOGY HAD... WIDER APPLICATIONS THAN ANY OF US COULD HAVE IMAGINED.

CLARK DISCOVERED WE COULD TUNE INTO THE SOUND VIBRATIONS OF WHAT HAD TO BE OTHER UNIVERSES.



...I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU DID WRONG.

WE SOLD OUT!

...I THIN STRA... B... CR...

THEY BUILT A VIOLENT, TROUPE FACELESS ANTI-H CONCEALING A TR SECRET LIFE, GLOBAL MARKET ICON.



"EVERYBODY WEARS ITS BRAND."

"IT MAKES PEOPLE FEEL PART OF SOMETHING BIG AND NEW AND COOL."



"SUPERMAN HELPS THEM FORGET THE REALITY OF THEIR DRAB, OBEYENT, LONELY LIVES."

BIOWAL  
ID  
CARD



COMISE  
SUPER  
MUSICAL

THE THREE OF US TRIED TO RUN, BUT IT FOLLOWED US ACROSS WORLDS.

I WATCHED IT KILL AND EAT A SUPERMAN LOOK-ALIKE CALLED OPTIMAN.



"--AND THEN THE LITTLE PEOPLE..."



YOUR FE  
IS TRYIN  
SPEA





...HE BECOMES ANYTHING YOU WANT... HIM... TO BE...

...OUR WORLD... WANTED THAT...

I WON'T RUN ANYMORE.

I CAN'T RUN.

LEAVE THIS TO ME.

...I'M SORRY CLAR

A PRESIDENT IS COURT LONG-S... PERS... ASSIST

...S IN

T A

BR



ANOTHER FAKE! A TWISTED REPLICA!

MY ENEMIES THINK I'M TRAPPED IN A MAZE OF REALITIES!

THEY'LL WISH THEY'D NEVER LED ME HERE!

SOUNDS GOOD WITH THAT BASSO PROFUNDO, DOESN'T IT?

...A

...A



BRAINIAC!

WHILE I'M BUSY, YOU'RE IN CHARGE.

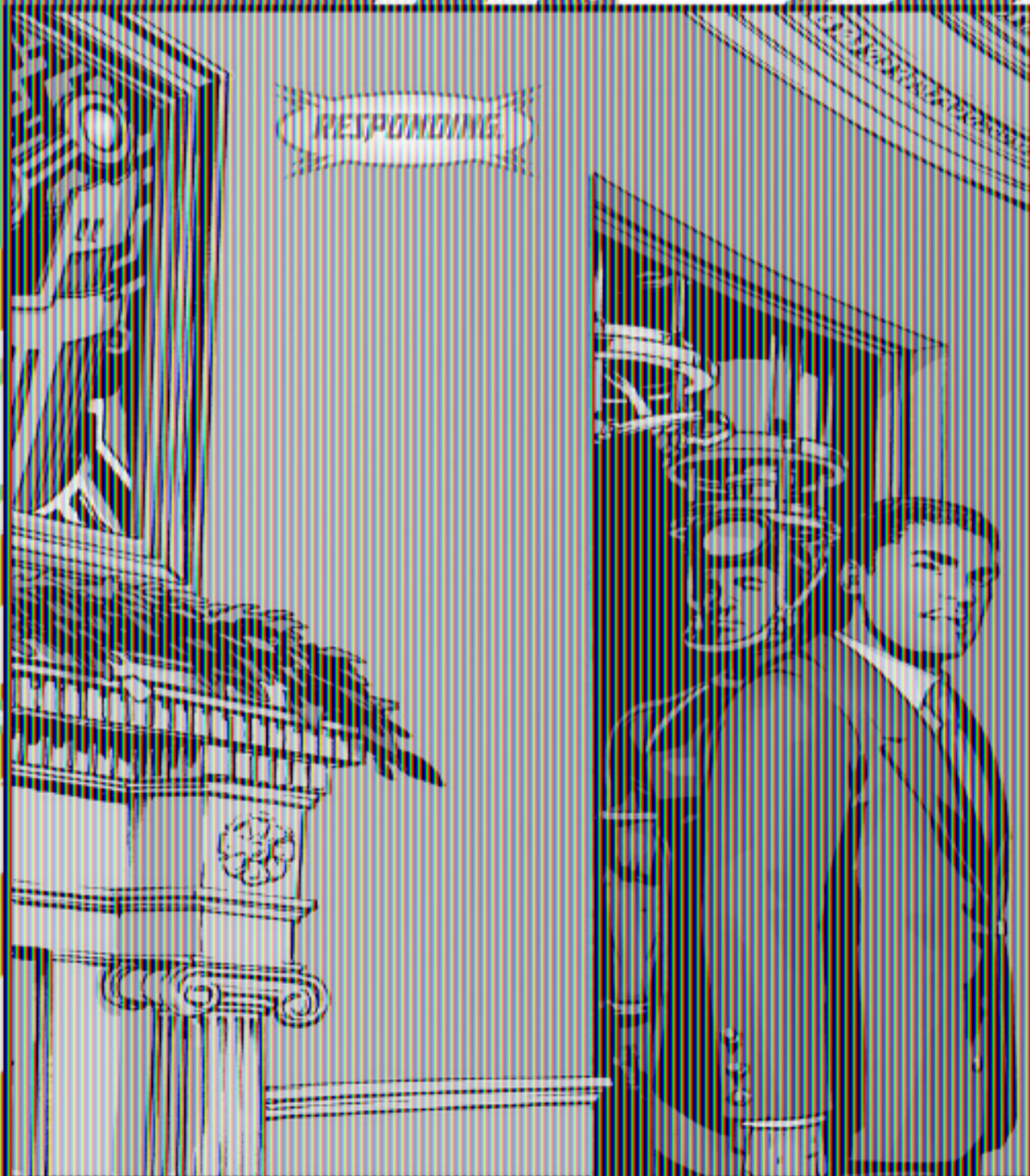
LIBYA.



BRAINIAC:  
RESPONDING.

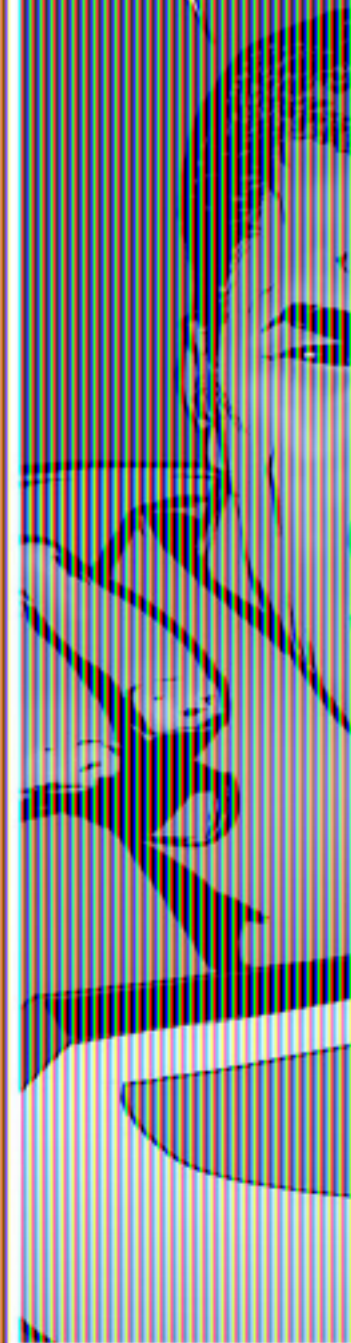
ANALYZING  
DISTURBANCE IN  
GLOBAL HUMAN  
RELATIONS.

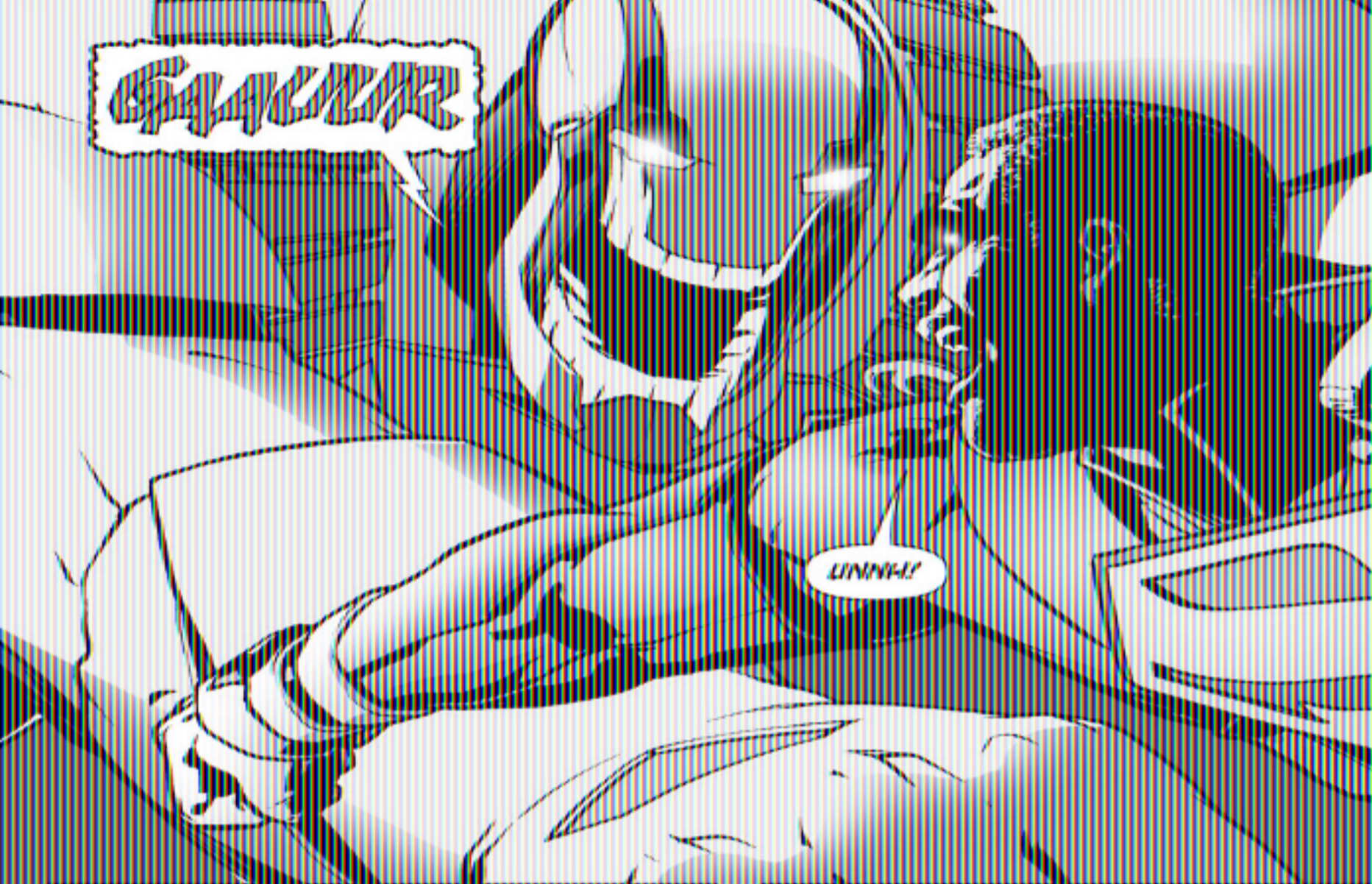
APPLYING  
BEHAVIORAL  
ALGORITHM TWO  
SEVEN.



RESPONDING.

GIVE ME ONE  
SECOND,  
COURTNEY.





**GAUR**

LINNY!



LADIES, GENTLEMEN.

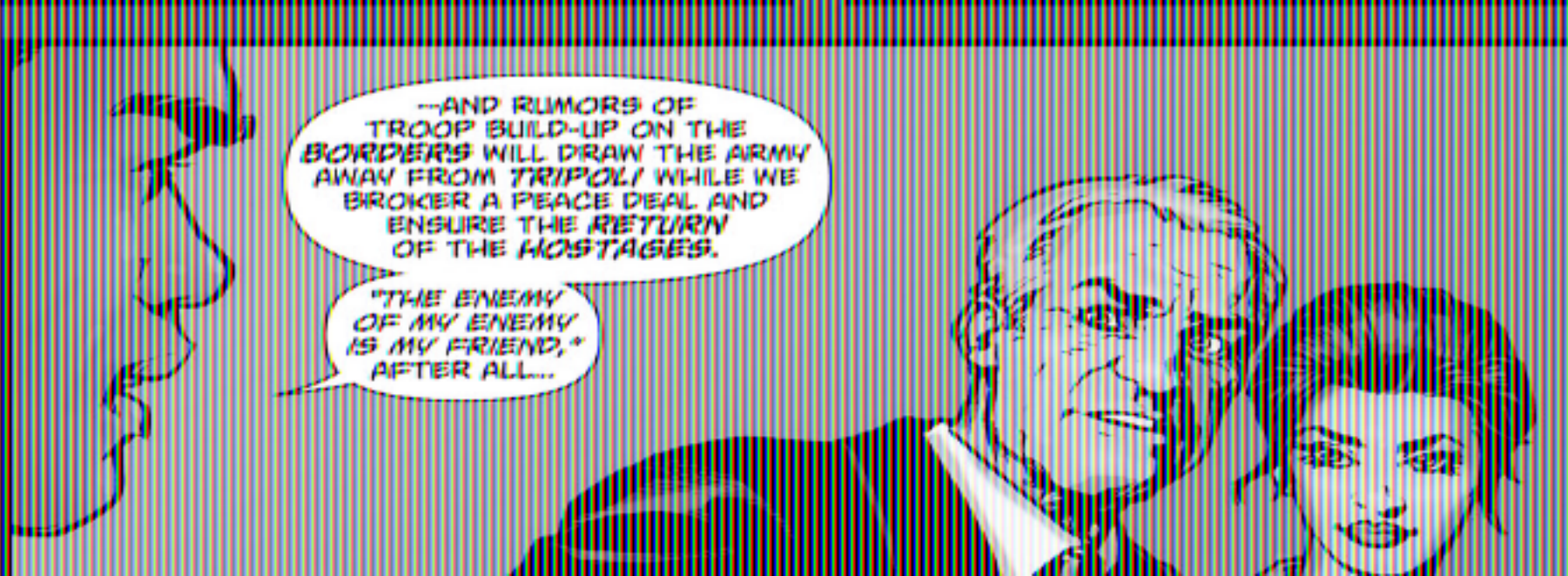
COURTNEY.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU ALL WAITING.



I HAVE A SOLUTION.

SAN FALE INTERVENT RESORT. RELUCTANT AND E FE



—AND RUMORS OF TROOP BUILD-UP ON THE BORDERS WILL DRAW THE ARMY AWAY FROM TRIPOLI WHILE WE BROKER A PEACE DEAL AND ENSURE THE RETURN OF THE HOSTAGES.

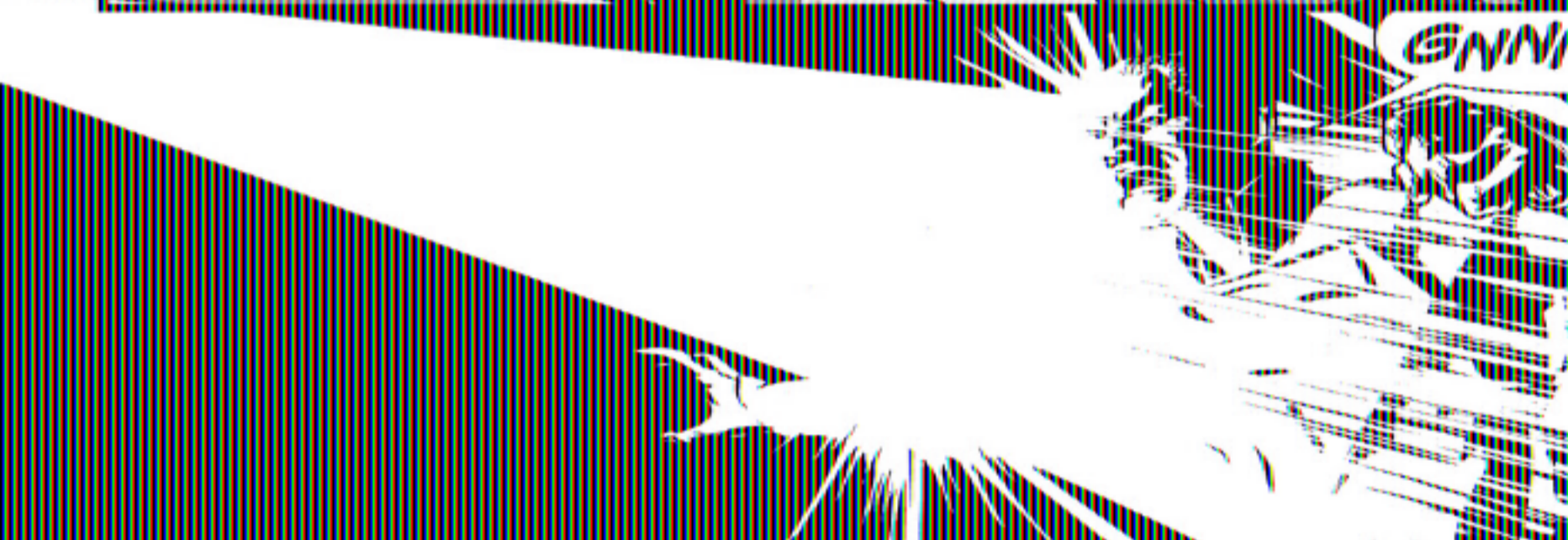
"THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND," AFTER ALL...



...THIS IS NOT THE PLANET OF THE CUTESIE-PIE SUPERMEN!

OR THE ALMOST SUPERMEN!

THIS IS THE



YOU HURT HIM!

STOP IT!

IT'S US YOU WANT! IT'S ME!

YOU WERE JUDGED BY THE LAST KNIGHT OF TOMORROW.

WHAT OPPOSES ME--

--I DESTROY!



YOU'VE BROUGHT ME BUT HORROR PAIN INTO MY LIFE!

...TWO IS AN INSULT!



THAT'S RIGHT!  
YOU!

ALL MY ADULT LIFE I'VE DREAMED OF A MOMENT LIKE THIS.



UNNF!



URR

OUTER HIDE ADAPTED FOR K-BLAST.

IS THAT SO?

OUTER HIDE?



GRRRAHH!

IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK!

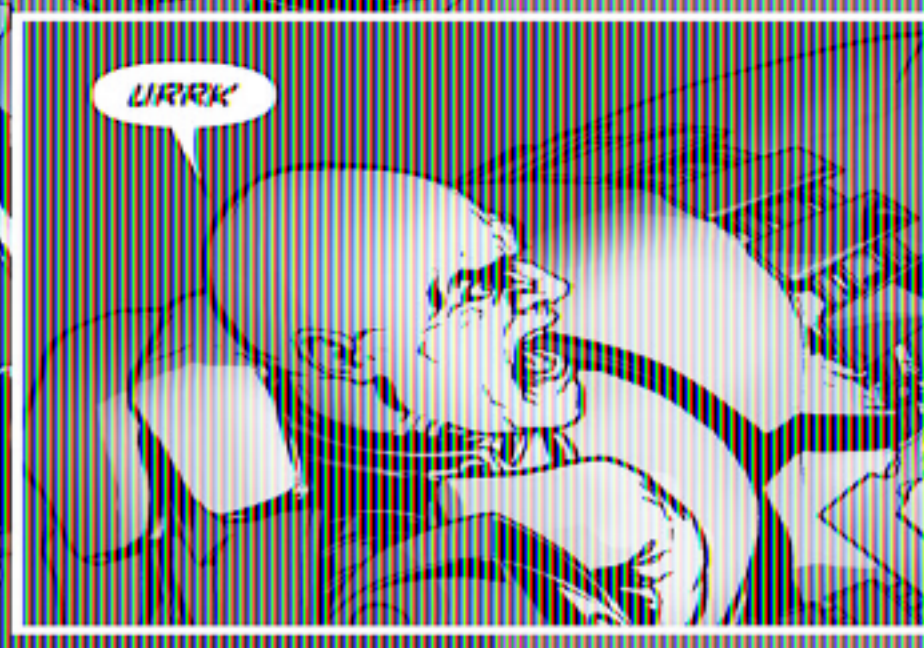




I OWE YOU ONE, LUTHOR.

DONT PATRONIZE ME. I'LL KILL YOU ONE DAY.

I PROMISE.



URRK

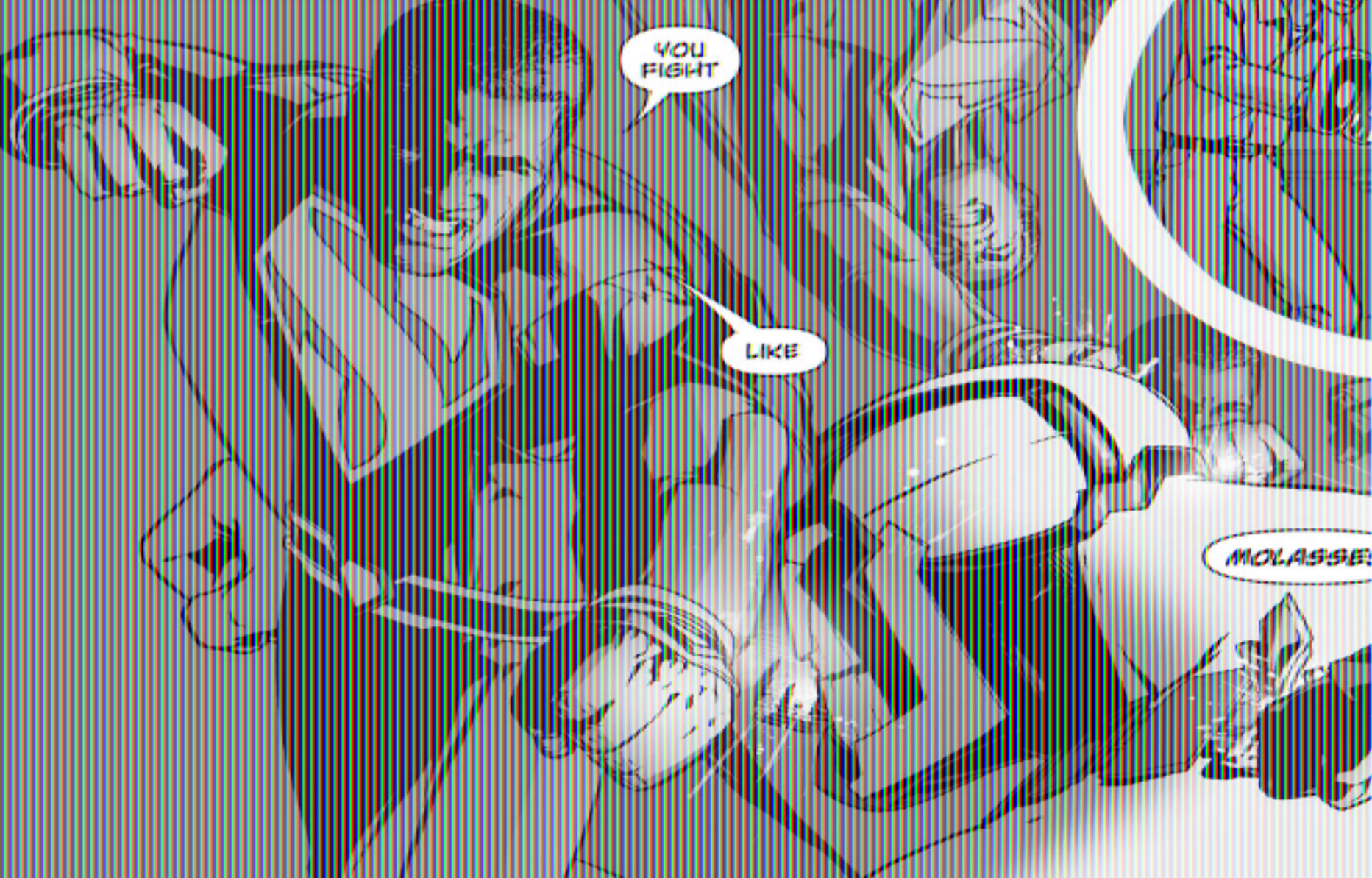


GO!

SHASSPE



I DON'T CARE HOW BIG YOU ARE!



YOU FIGHT

LIKE



MOLASSE

**WATT?**



THE TRANSMATTER ARRAY, SUPERMAN.

YOU CAN USE IT TO KILL HIM!

AND KILL YOURSELF, TOO, WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!

YOU KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT KILLING, LUTHOR.

BUT MAYBE...

A close-up of Lex Luthor's face as he speaks to Superman. He has a menacing, intense expression. Superman is partially visible in the background, looking towards Luthor.



**URRR!**

I TAKE YOU WITH ME!

...TO THE HELL WHERE I WAS BORN!

I'VE HAD BETTER OFFERS.

SUPERMAN BECOMES WHATEVER YOU WANT HIM TO BE, HUH?

RIGHT NOW I WANT YOU LOCKED UP TIGHT!

Superman is shown being captured by Lex Luthor. Luthor is holding Superman's arm, and Superman is being pulled away. The background is dark and stormy with lightning bolts.

CAPTURED LIKE A GHOST, SUSPENDED BETWEEN WAVELENGTHS.

TUNED OUT.

WHAT WERE YOU THINKING WHEN YOU MADE THIS THING, LUTHOR?



Superman and Lex Luthor are in a room. Superman is looking at Luthor, who is holding a small device. The room is filled with various pieces of equipment and machinery.

HI.

YOU GOT MY MESSAGE.

I SUMMONED THE JUSTICE LEAGUE IN ITS GLORY.

THE PREEMINENT SUPER-WARRIORS OF OUR AGE AWAIT YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTION, SUPERMAN.

SOME HAVE BEEN ON DUTY ALL NIGHT...

AH.

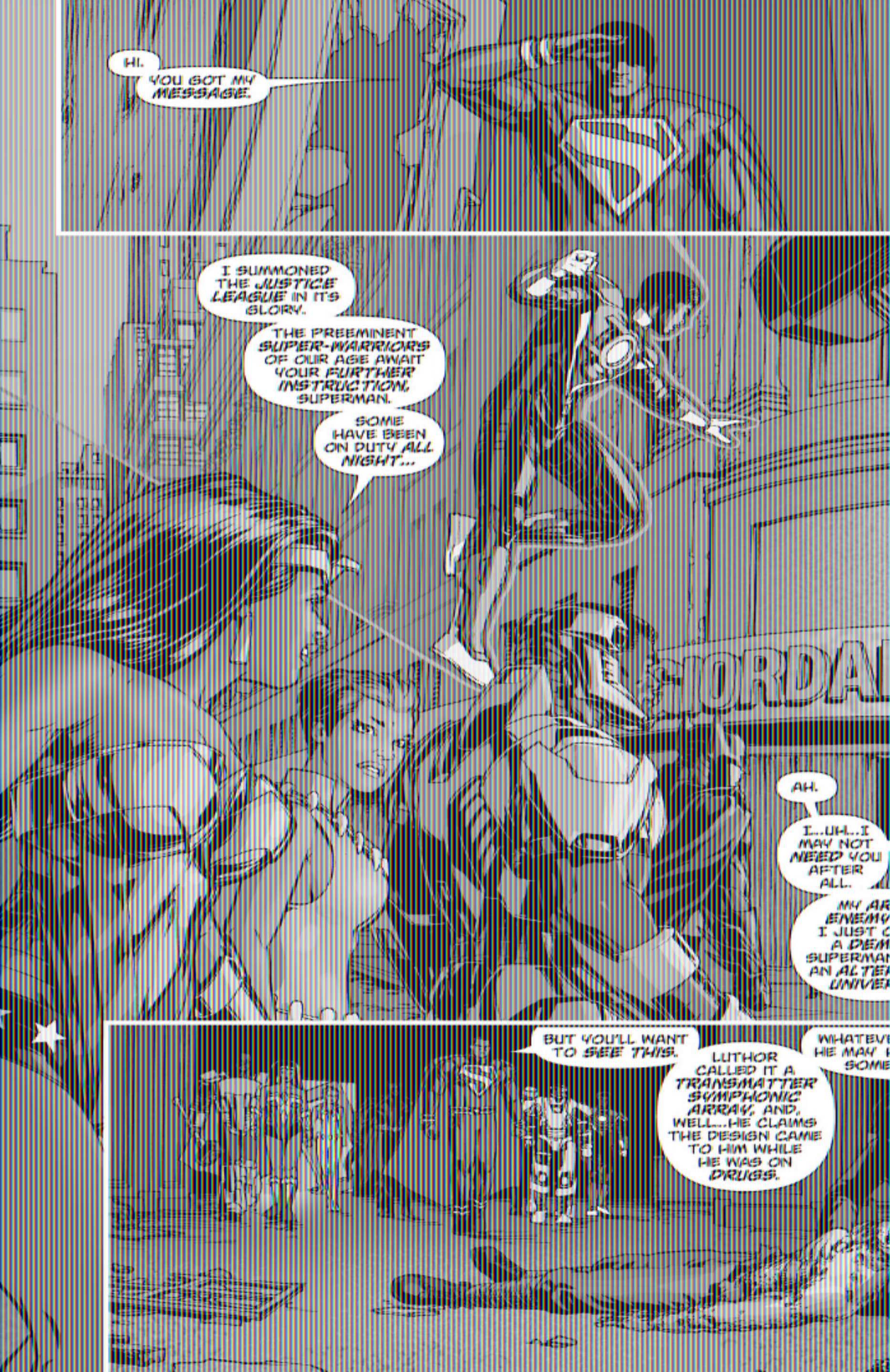
I...UH...I MAY NOT NEED YOU AFTER ALL.

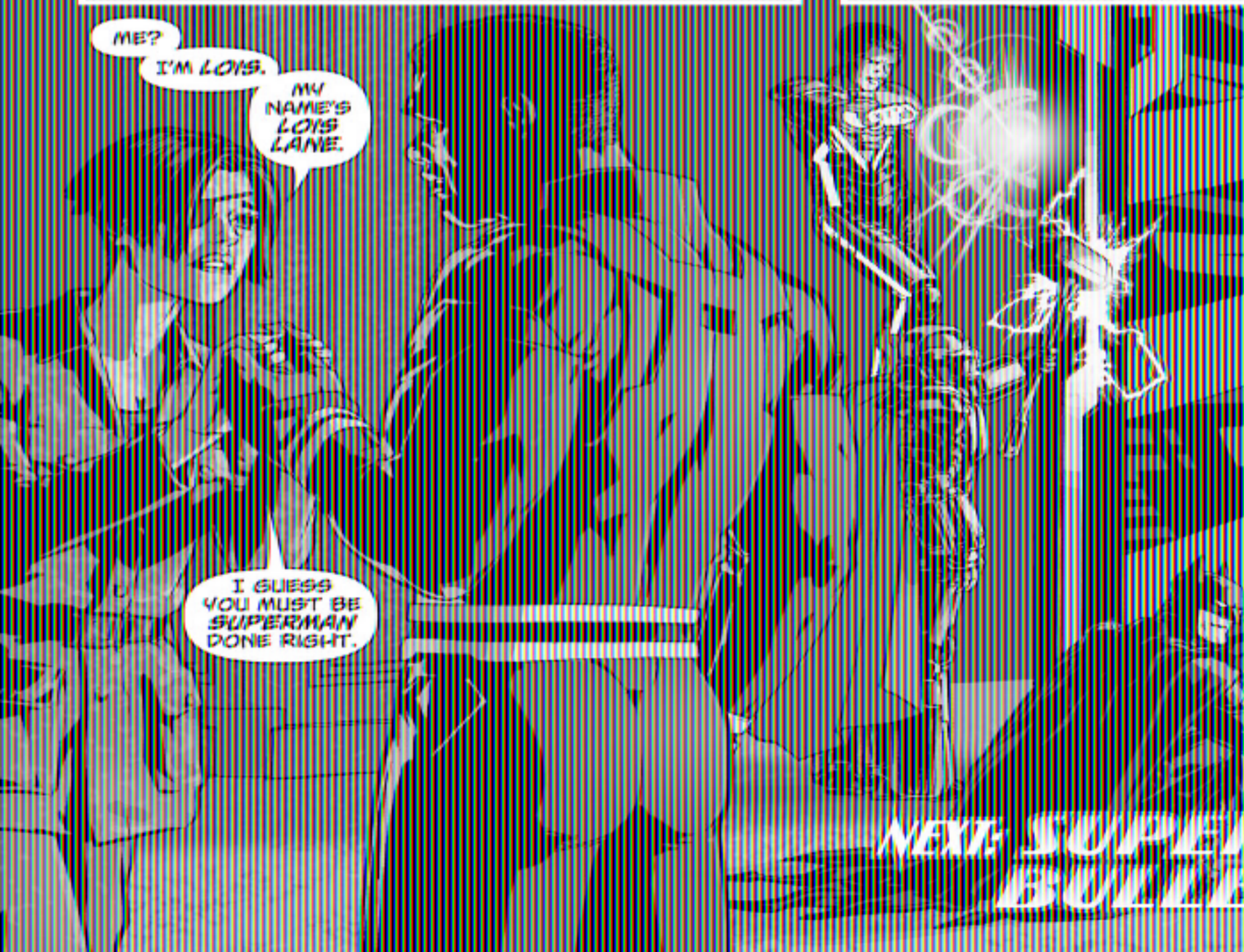
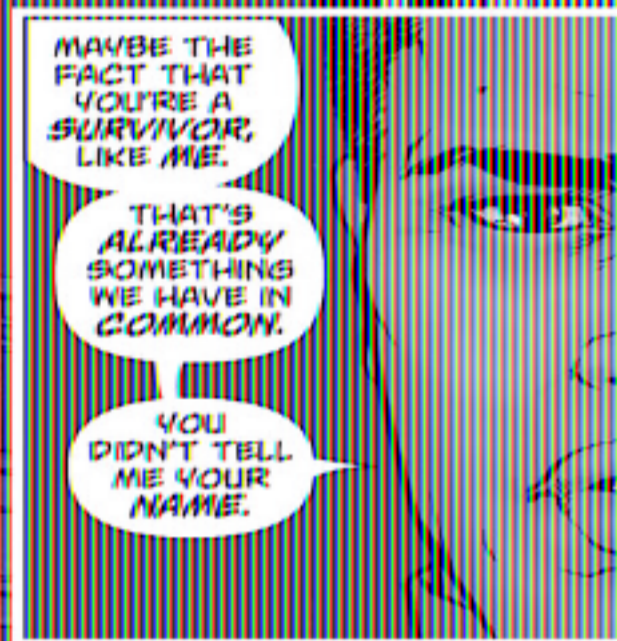
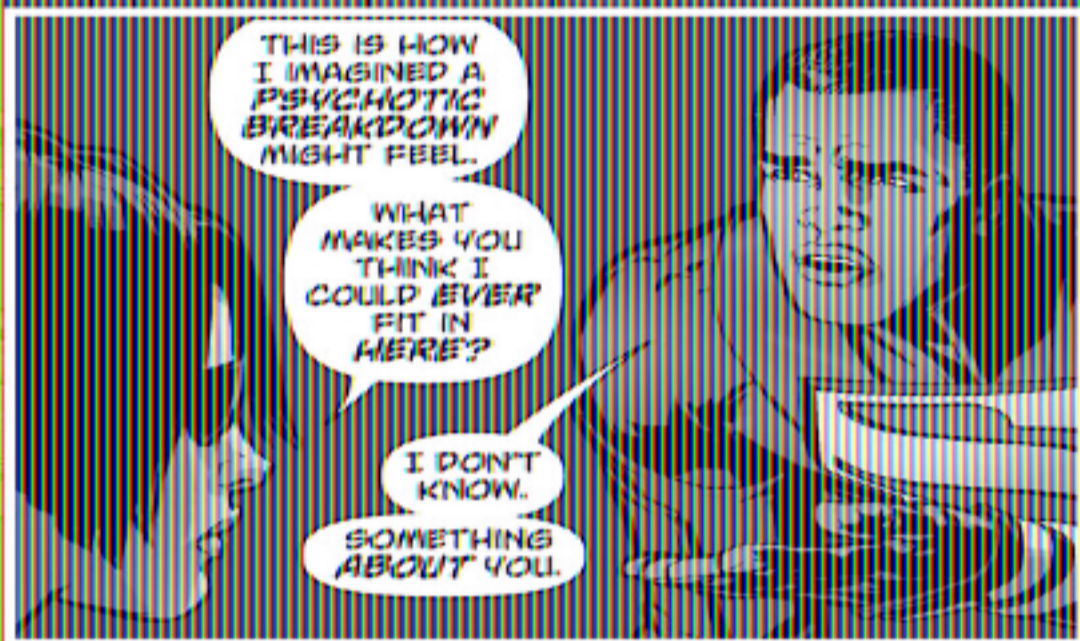
MY AR ENEMY I JUST C A DEM SUPERMAN AN ALTER UNIVER

BUT YOU'LL WANT TO SEE THIS.

LUTHOR CALLED IT A TRANSMATTER SYMPHONIC ARRAY, AND, WELL...HE CLAIMS THE DESIGN CAME TO HIM WHILE HE WAS ON DRUGS.

WHATEVER HE MAY H SOME







--"CONTAINED"?!  
QURAC IS THE LEADING  
STATE SPONSOR OF  
TERRORISM IN THE  
WORLD!

IF QURAC  
GAINS NUCLEAR  
CAPACITY, THEY  
CAN'T BE  
"CONTAINED"!



WELL,  
IF YOUR BOYS  
IN THE CIA  
ARE RIGHT,  
TOM--

YOU MAY BE RIGHT,  
GENERAL HEYWOOD.  
BUT, LIKE IT OR NOT,  
OUR BEST INTEL SAYS  
THEY'RE WELL ON  
THEIR WAY.



--WE HAVE TO  
STOP THEM  
NOW!

BEFORE  
IT'S TOO  
LATE!

THAT MIGHT  
NOT GIVE US MUCH OF  
A WINDOW. FROM WHAT  
WE KNOW OF QURAC'S  
CURRENT TECH, THEY  
COULD BE OPERATIONAL  
WITHIN A YEAR.



NOT NECESSARILY, DO  
IRONS. THE PRESIDENT'S  
TO THE QURAC! PRES  
RIGHT NOW.

OH, SPARE ME  
THE PRESS CORPS  
SPIN. WHAT GOOD CAN  
TALKING DO? HARRAT'S  
A FANATIC!



I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE  
VICKI'S RIGHT. AFTER ALL,  
PRESIDENT ELLIS IS THE  
ONE WHO BALANCED THE  
BUDGET, SOLVED THE  
LIBYA CRISIS...

WE'RE TALKING  
ABOUT A MAN WITH THE  
HIGHEST APPROVAL RATING  
SINCE PRESIDENT RICKARD  
BACK IN THE '70S--AND  
HE EARNED IT.

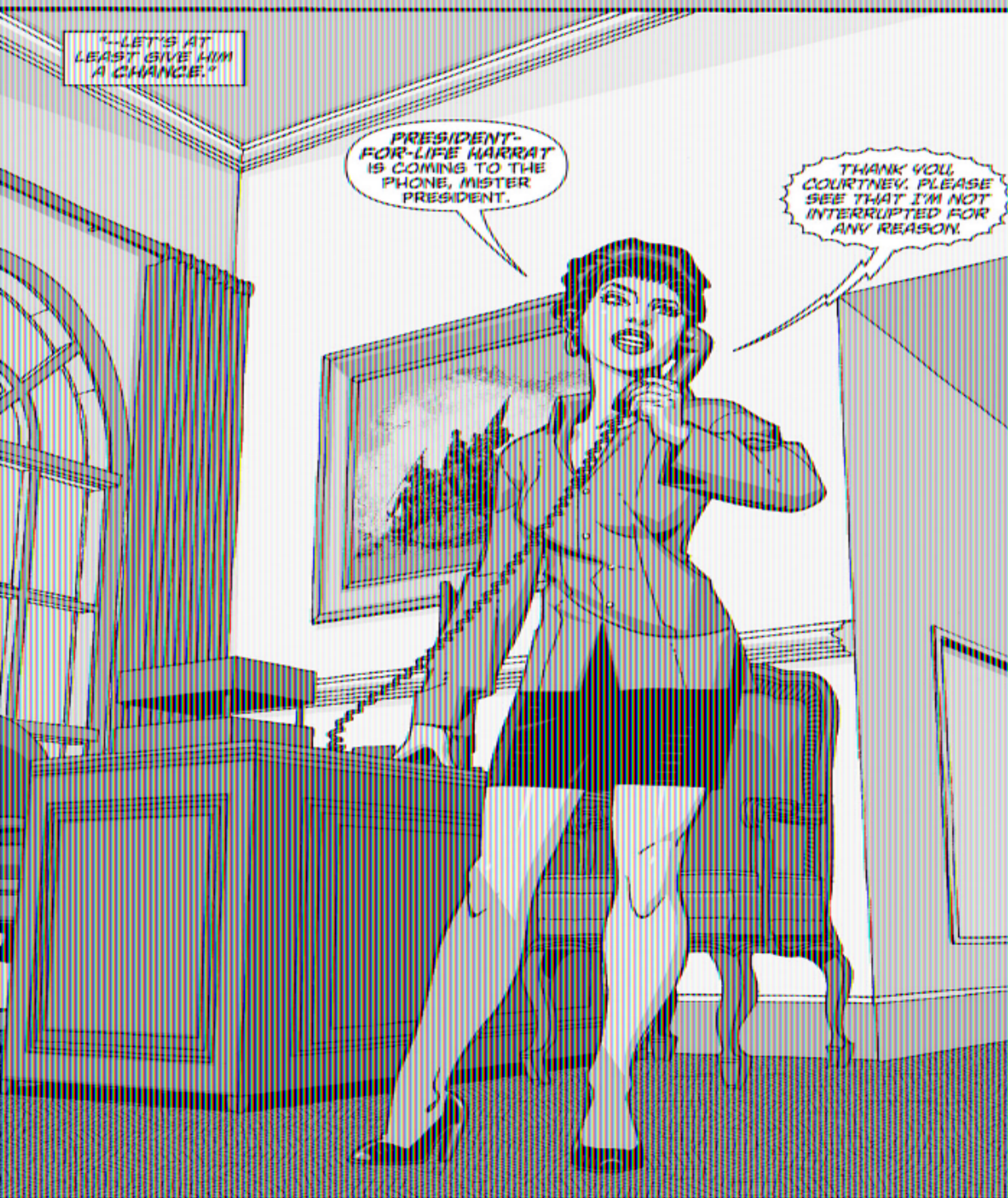
BEFORE  
WE RUSH INTO  
ANYTHING  
DRASTIC--

# EXECUTIVE POOL

"--LET'S AT LEAST GIVE HIM A CHANCE."

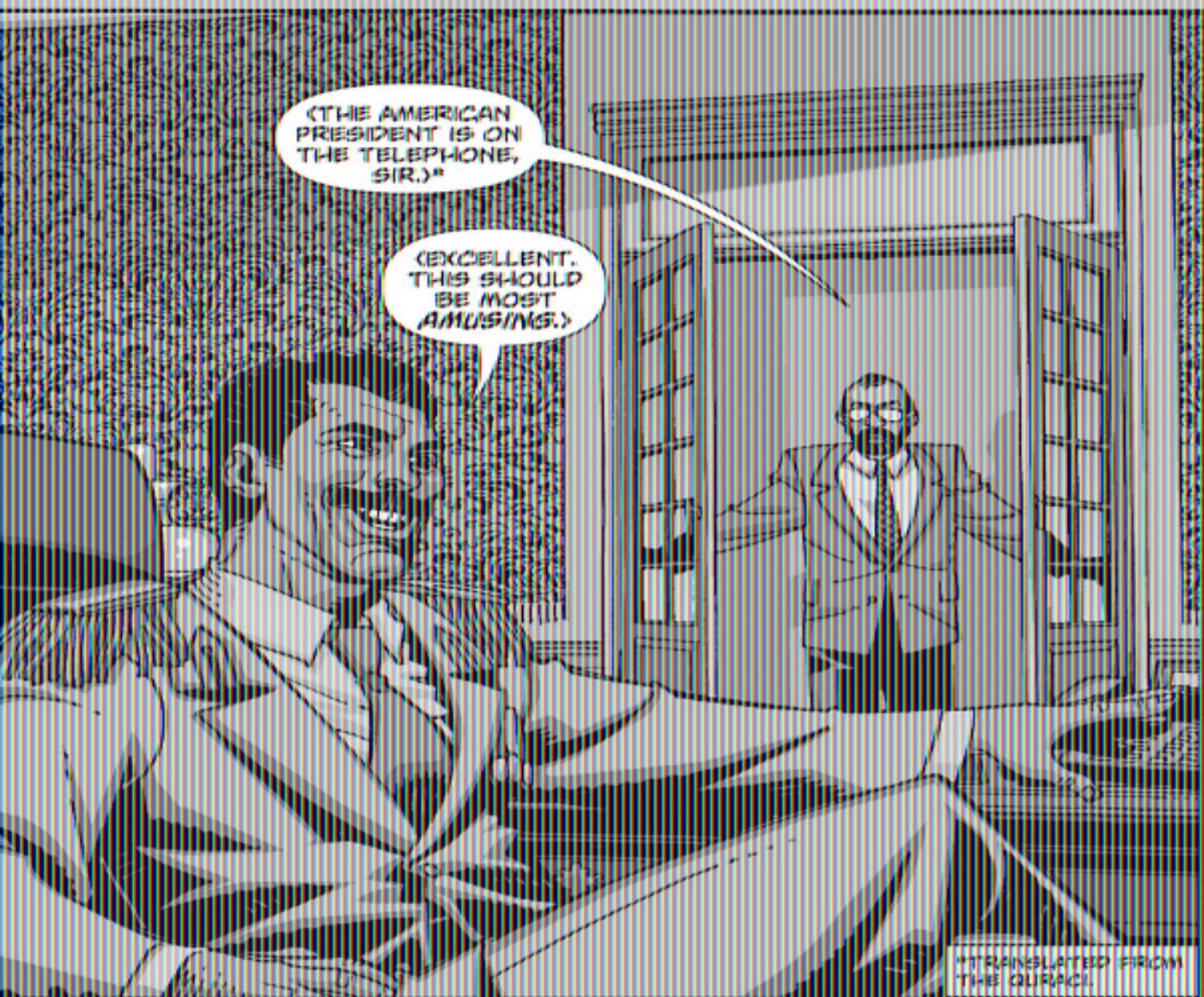
PRESIDENT-FOR-LIFE HARRAT IS COMING TO THE PHONE, MISTER PRESIDENT.

THANK YOU, COURTNEY. PLEASE SEE THAT I'M NOT INTERRUPTED FOR ANY REASON.



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(THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IS ON THE TELEPHONE, SIR.)\*

(EXCELLENT. THIS SHOULD BE MOST AMUSING.)

\*TRANSLATED FROM THE QUR'AN.



AH, PRESIDENT...  
BE UPON...  
OWE...

PRESIDENT...  
I KNOW YOUR TIME...  
I HOPE...  
ME IF I...  
TO...

PL...



I'M ACTUALLY CALLING FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, I WANTED TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT QURAC'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

"NUCLEAR PROGRAM"? WHY, SURELY YOU KNOW THAT WE WELCOMED IN A TEAM OF INTERNATIONAL INSPECTORS, AND THEY FOUND NOTHING.

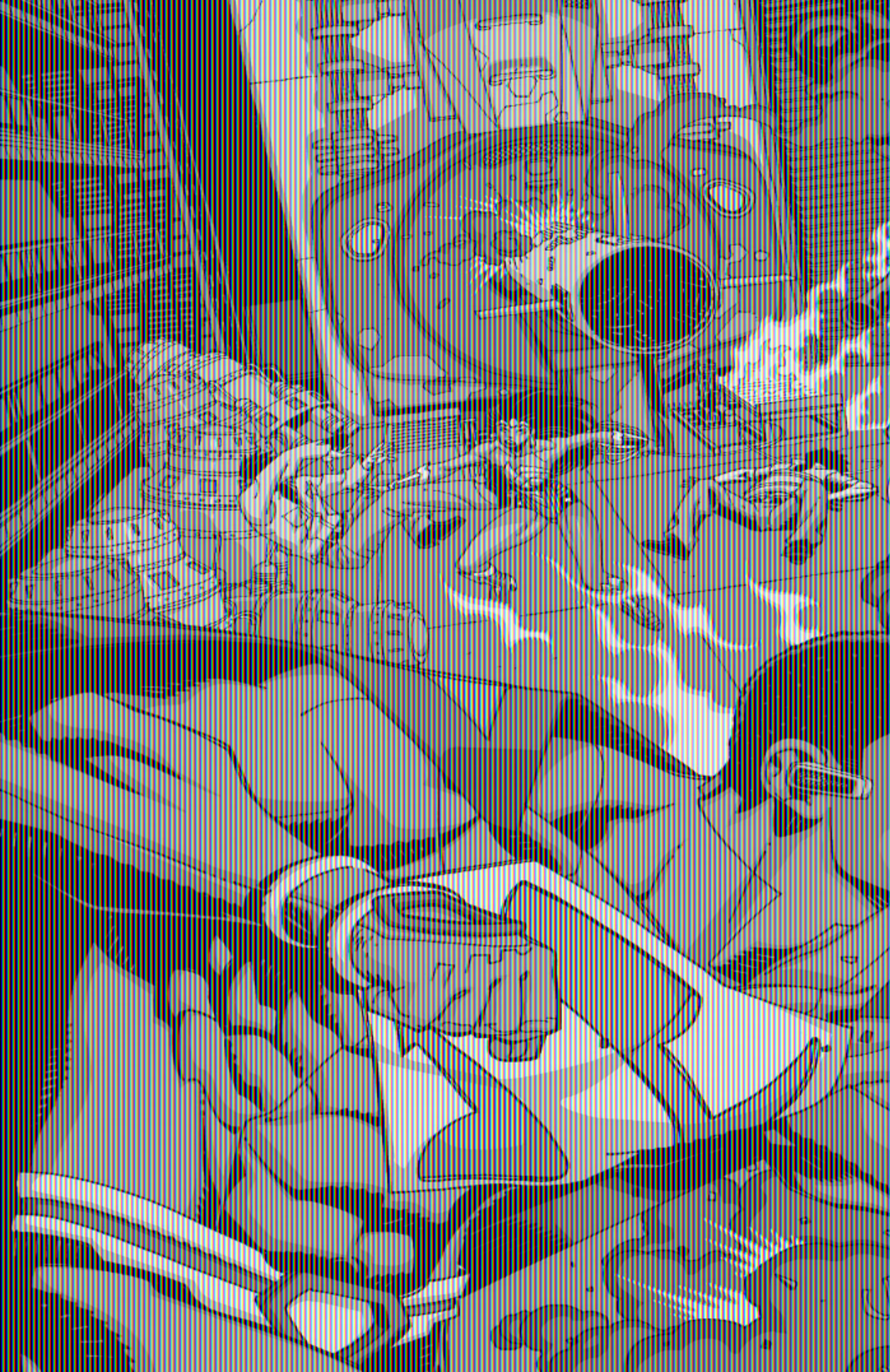


PLEASE, SIR, LET'S NOT PLAY GAMES. YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THAT YOUR PEOPLE LED THOSE INSPECTORS THROUGH OUTDATED, EMPTY INSTALLATIONS, WHILE THE REAL WORK WAS BEING DONE ELSEWHERE.

BUT I DIDN'T CALL TO DEBATE WHETHER YOUR PROGRAM EXISTS.

NO?



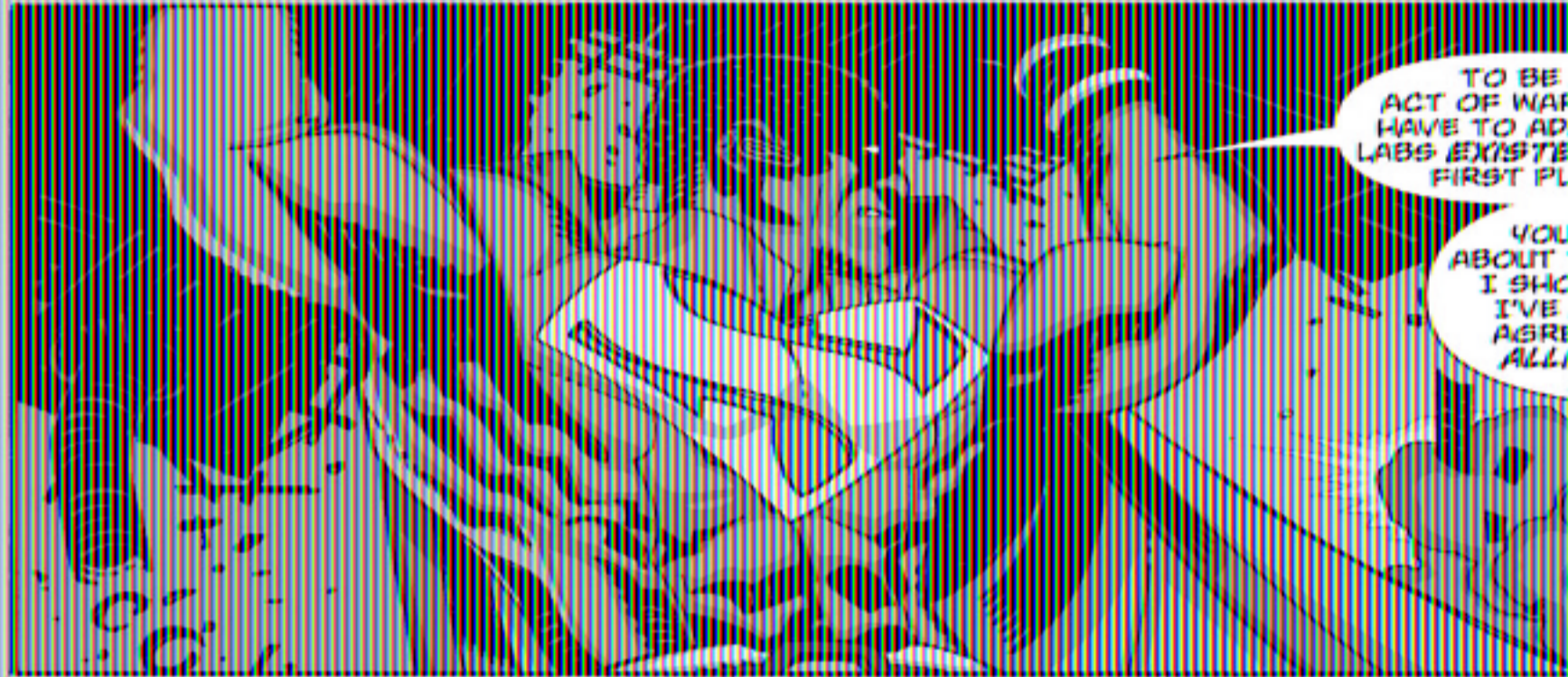


TH-THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!

YES, ALL OF YOUR PEOPLE MADE IT OUT SAFELY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

IT'S AN ACT OF WAR!

I DON'T THINK SO.



TO BE AN ACT OF WAR, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THE LABS EXISTED FIRST PLACE.

YOU TALK ABOUT IT, I SHOULD SHOW YOU I'VE AGREED TO ALL THIS.

THOSE WOULD INCLUDE SEIZURE OF GURAC'S WATER SOURCES BY ATLANTIS--



--AND AN INVADING AMAZON ARMY FROM THEMISCIRA.



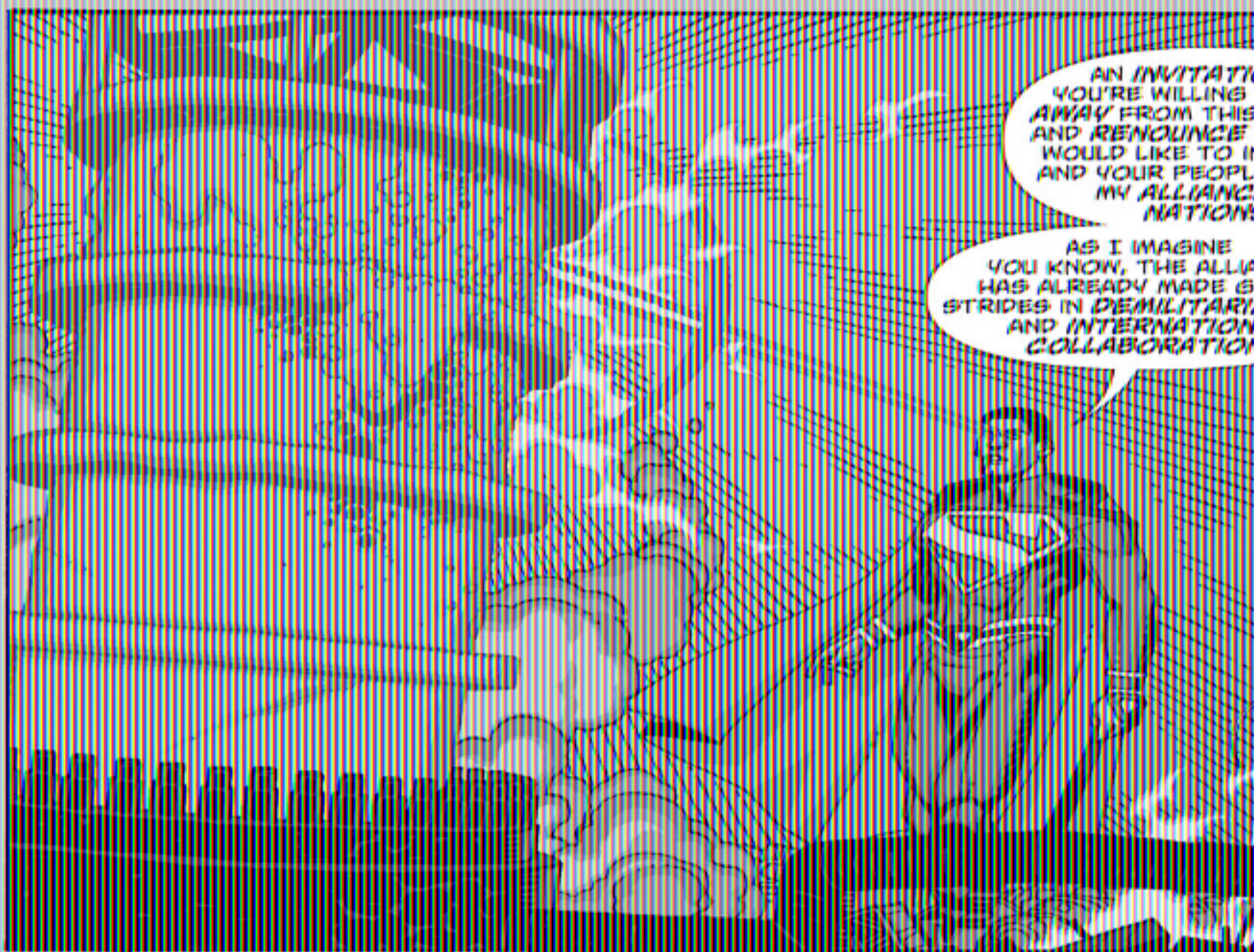


AS I SAID, THOUGH, THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR MY CALL.

THE SECOND IS TO EXTEND AN INVITATION.

A WHAT?

A...WHAT?



AN INVITATION YOU'RE WILLING TO LEAVE AWAY FROM THIS AND RENOUNCE YOUR NATION WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE TO JOIN MY ALLIANCE.

AS I IMAGINE YOU KNOW, THE ALLIANCE HAS ALREADY MADE GREAT STRIDES IN DEMILITARIZATION AND INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION.



WE HAVE MUCH TO SHARE THAT COULD BENEFIT QURAC, FROM FREE TRADE TO NEW ADVANCES IN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, JUST AS YOUR GREAT NATION HAS MUCH TO OFFER AS WELL.

I THINK YOU'LL FIND US TO BE A MUCH BETTER FRIEND THAN AN ENEMY.



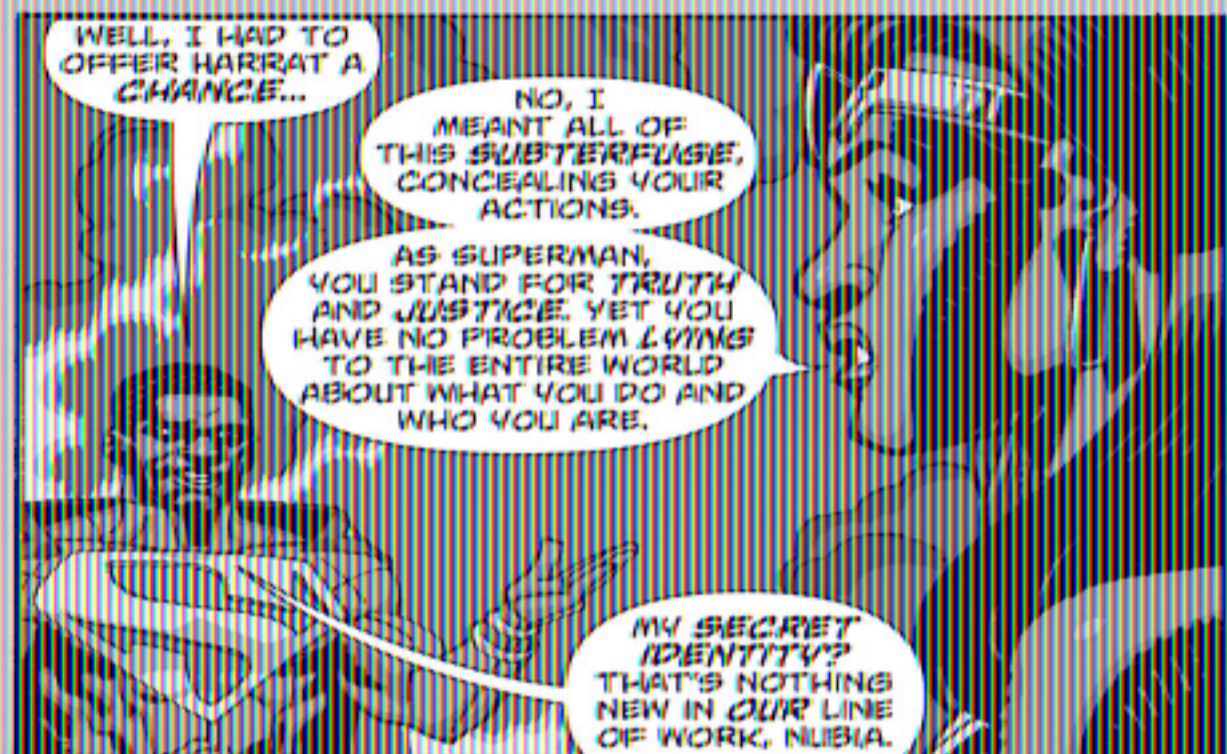
BUT, OF COURSE, THE DECISION IS YOURS.



AND THAT'S THAT. I'D BETTER GET BACK BEFORE SOMEONE REALIZES I'M NOT IN MY OFFICE.

BRAINIAC CAN ONLY COVER FOR ME FOR SO LONG.

YOU TRULY ARE A FASCINATING MASS OF CONTRADICTIONS, CAL.



WELL, I HAD TO OFFER HARRAT A CHANCE...

NO, I MEANT ALL OF THIS SUBTERFUGE, CONCEALING YOUR ACTIONS.

AS SUPERMAN, YOU STAND FOR TRUTH AND JUSTICE. YET YOU HAVE NO PROBLEM LYING TO THE ENTIRE WORLD ABOUT WHAT YOU DO AND WHO YOU ARE.

MY SECRET IDENTITY? THAT'S NOTHING NEW IN OUR LINE OF WORK, NUBIA.



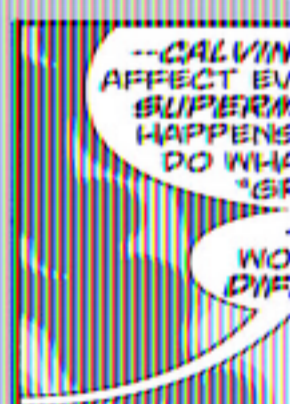
TRUTH



WHAT, YOU THINK I SHOULD HAVE LET HARRAT HAVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS?

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS. THE MAN'S A MADMAN.

HOWEVER, YOU HAVE SET YOURSELF OUTSIDE THE LAW AS WELL.



--CALVIN AFFECT EV SUPERM HAPPENS DO WHA "GR

WO DIE



YOU WERE NOT BORN ON EARTH, CAL, LET ALONE IN THE UNITED STATES. SIMPLY BY SERVING AS PRESIDENT, YOU VIOLATE YOUR NATION'S LAWS EVERY DAY.

I'VE CONSIDERED THAT. I'M NOT BATMAN, FOR RAO'S SAKE!

BUT I HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO DO WHAT I CAN FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

AS YOU ALWAYS HAVE. YET, AS LEADER OF THE FREE WORLD--



GET