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PEOPLE OF EARTH...
I'D LIKE YOU
TO MEET MY
FAMILY!

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He was born light-years away, on the planet KRYPTON, which orbited a giant red sun... and he was rocketed to Earth in time to escape his world's doom.

Much has been written of KAL-EL, NOW KNOWN AS SUPERMAN-- but even the MAN OF STEEL himself never learned of his own family history... until NOW!

And you are privileged to join him in this epic voyage of discovery, as...

SUPERMAN PRESENTS THE KRYPTON CHRONICLES

ALL I KNOW OF MY ANCESTORS IS WHAT THESE STATUES TELL-- THEIR NAMES AND LITTLE MORE! HOW CAN I LEARN WHO THEY WERE... HOW THEY LIVED... AND WHAT THEY ACCOMPLISHED IN LIFE... GOOD OR EVIL?



"THE SEARCH FOR SUPERMAN'S ROOTS!"

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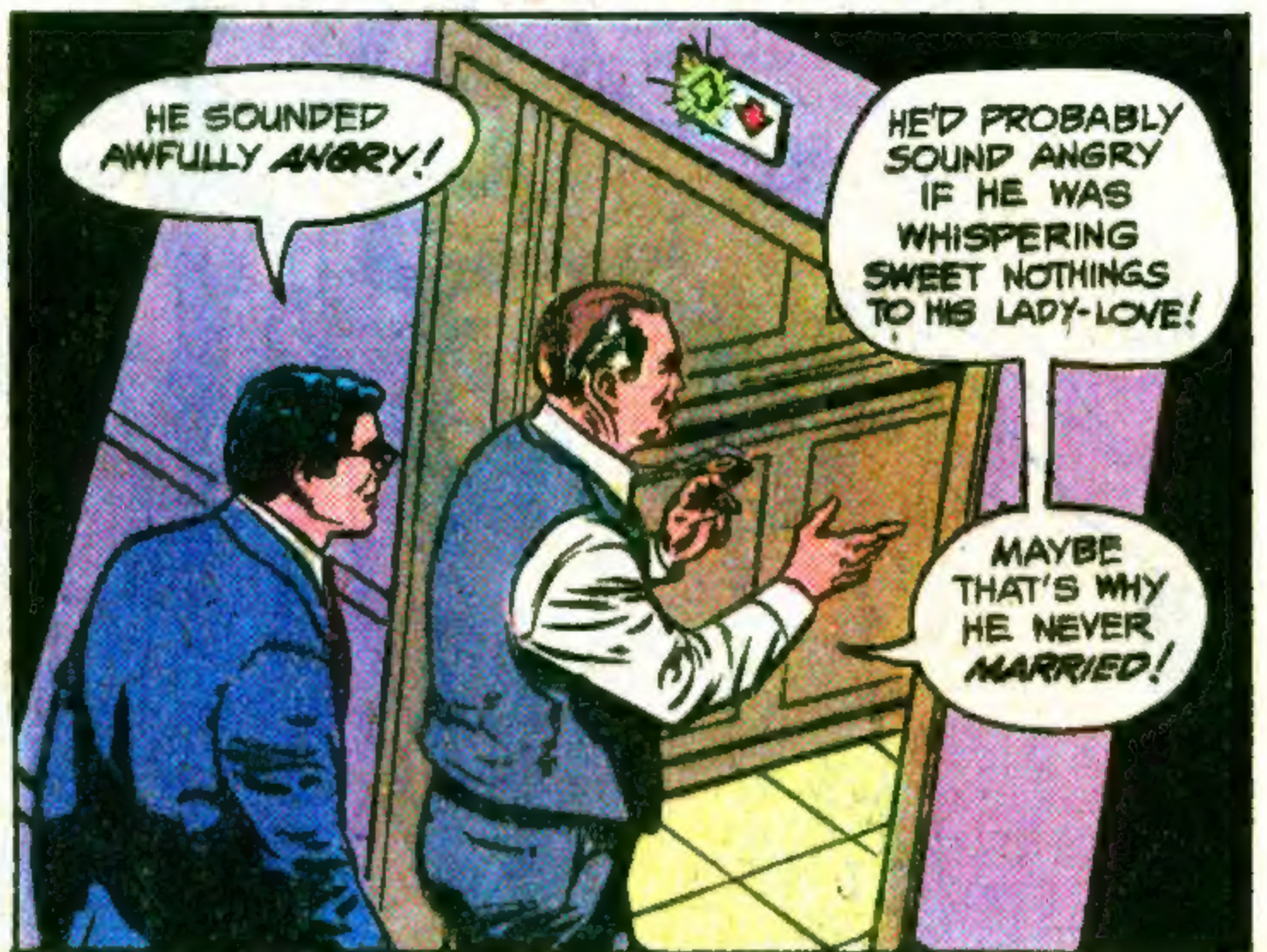
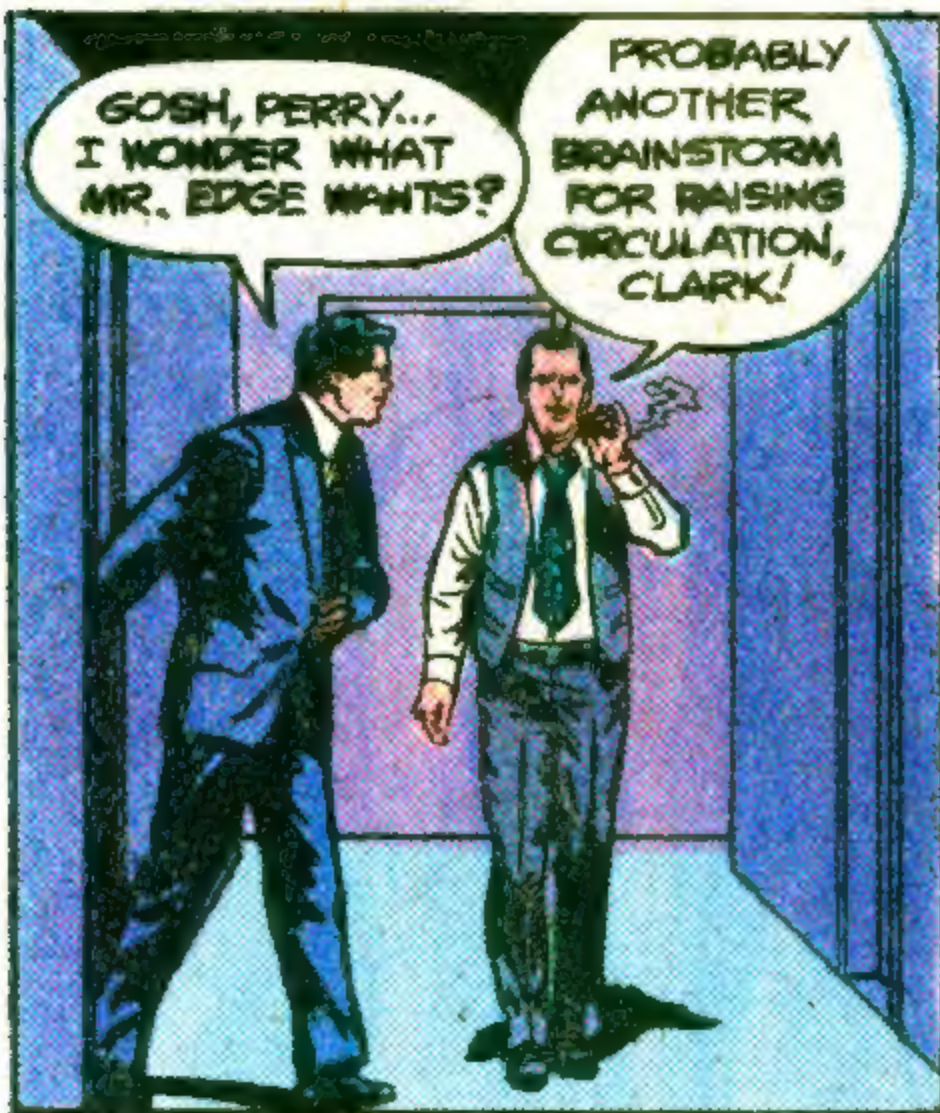
CHAPTER 1

"The ANCESTRAL ASSIGNMENT!"

IT ALL BEGINS ONE MORNING ON THE EIGHTH FLOOR OF THE GALAXY BUILDING, IN THE PLANET OFFICE OF CLARK KENT...



...AND PERRY WHITE, EDITOR OF THE DAILY PLANET...

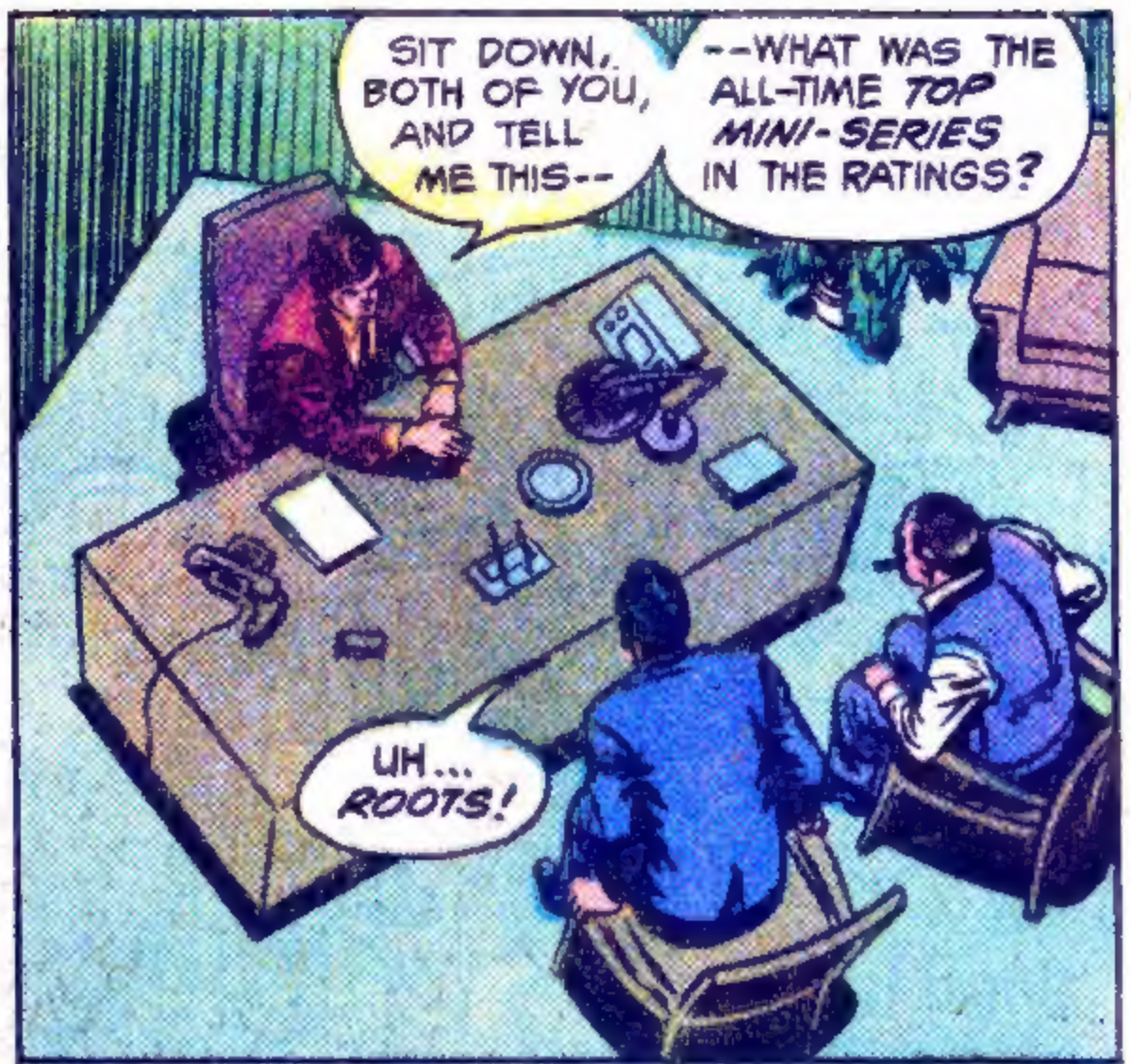




WELL, WHAT KEPT YOU TWO?

I MISLAID MY MAGIC WAND SO WE COULDN'T WISH OURSELVES HERE!

WHAT'S UP, EDGE?



SIT DOWN, BOTH OF YOU, AND TELL ME THIS--

--WHAT WAS THE ALL-TIME TOP MINI-SERIES IN THE RATINGS?

UH... **ROOTS!**



RIGHT--**ROOTS**--THE STORY OF A BLACK FAMILY, FROM AFRICA TO EMANCIPATION!

AND THE **SECOND** HIGHEST RATING--?

ER... THAT WAS **SHOGUN!**



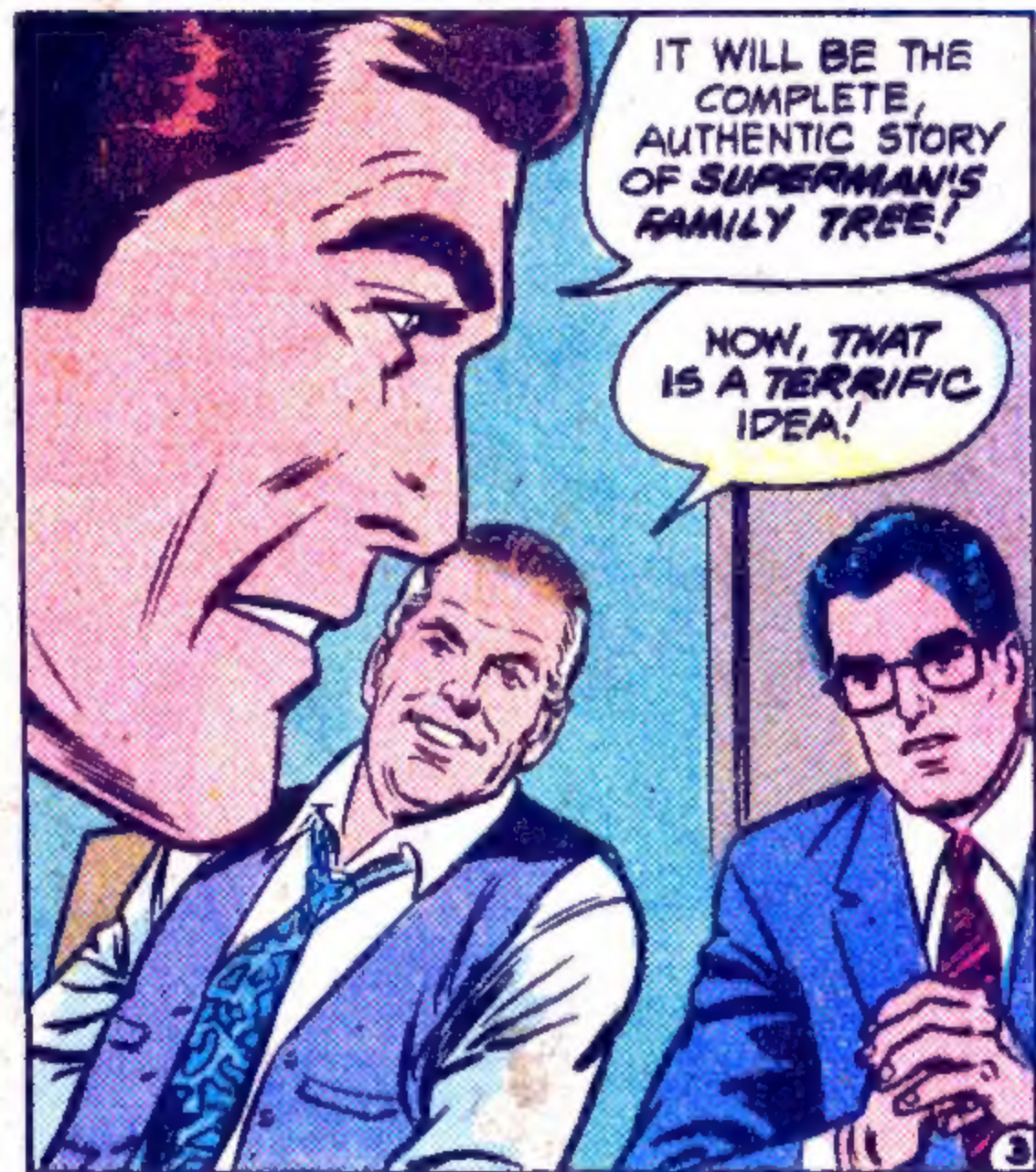
RIGHT AGAIN! A SERIES ABOUT THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF **JAPAN**--A COUNTRY MOST AMERICANS KNEW VERY LITTLE OF!

BUT THANKS TO YOU, KENT, WE ARE GOING TO TOP THEM **BOTH!**

M-ME, MR. **EDGE**? BUT WHAT CAN I DO?

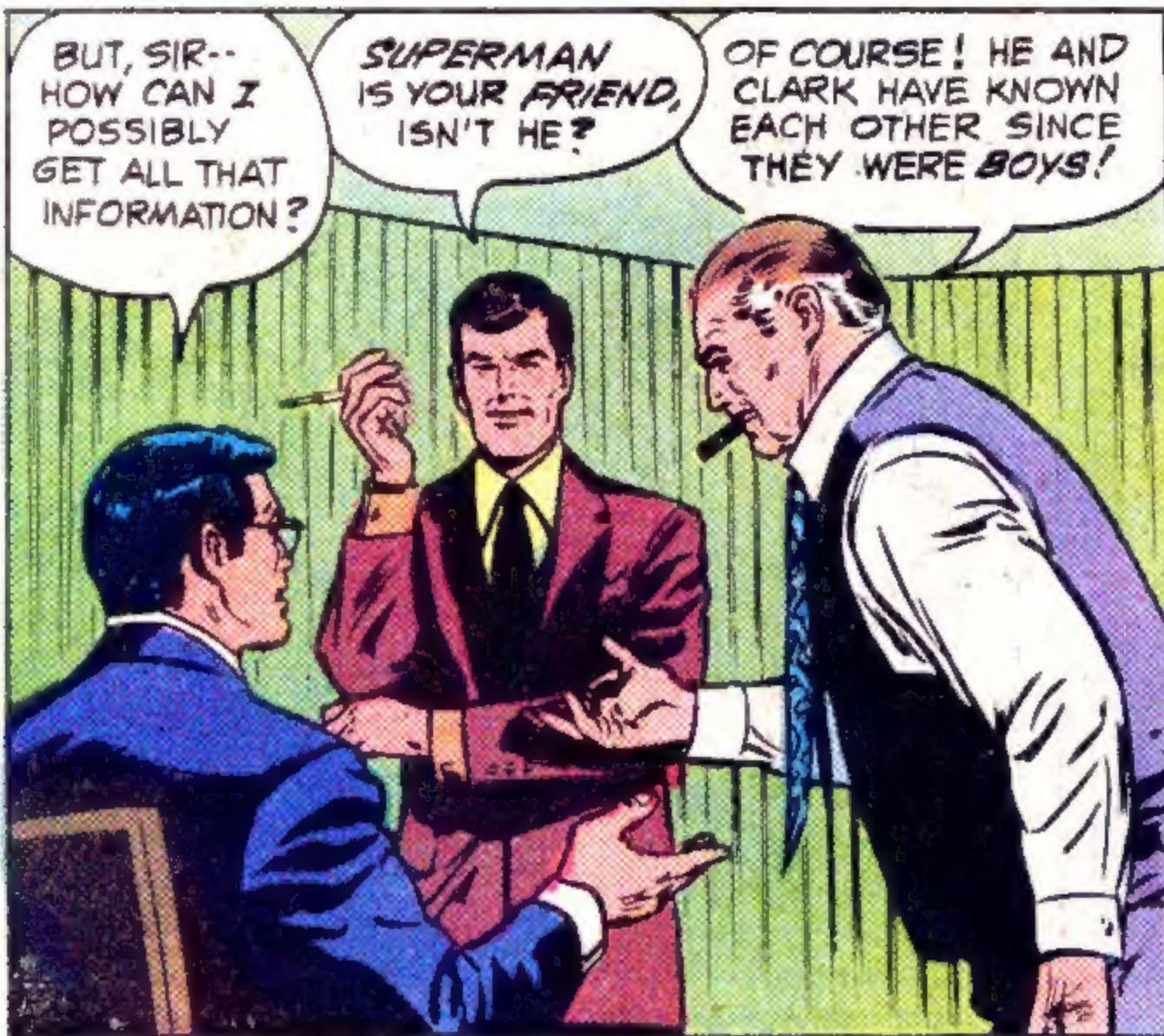


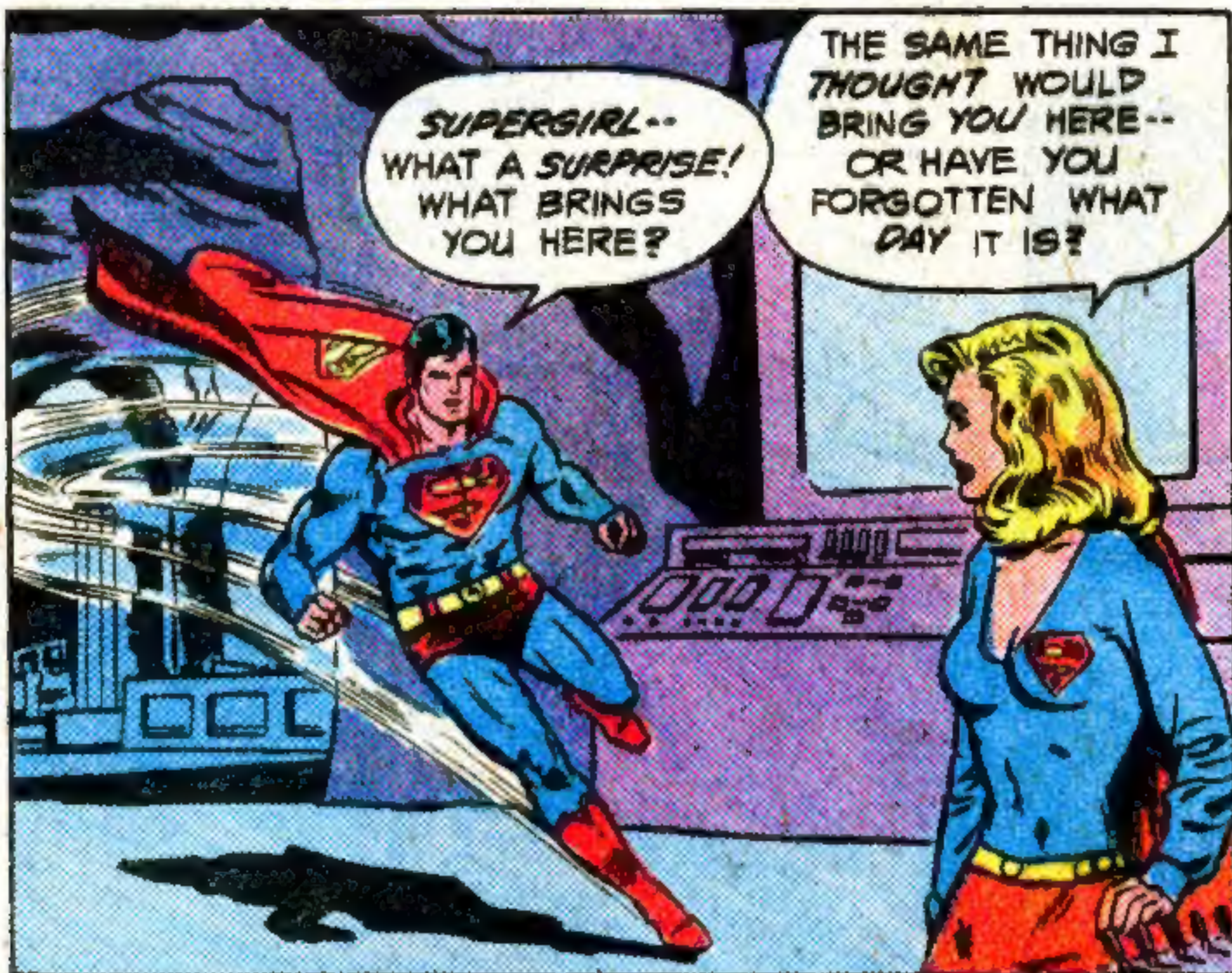
YOU ARE GOING TO WRITE A SERIES OF ARTICLES FOR THE **PLANET**-- WHICH WILL BE TURNED INTO A **BEST-SELLING PAPERBACK**--AS WELL AS A **TOP TV MINI-SERIES!**



IT WILL BE THE COMPLETE, AUTHENTIC STORY OF **SUPERMAN'S** FAMILY TREE!

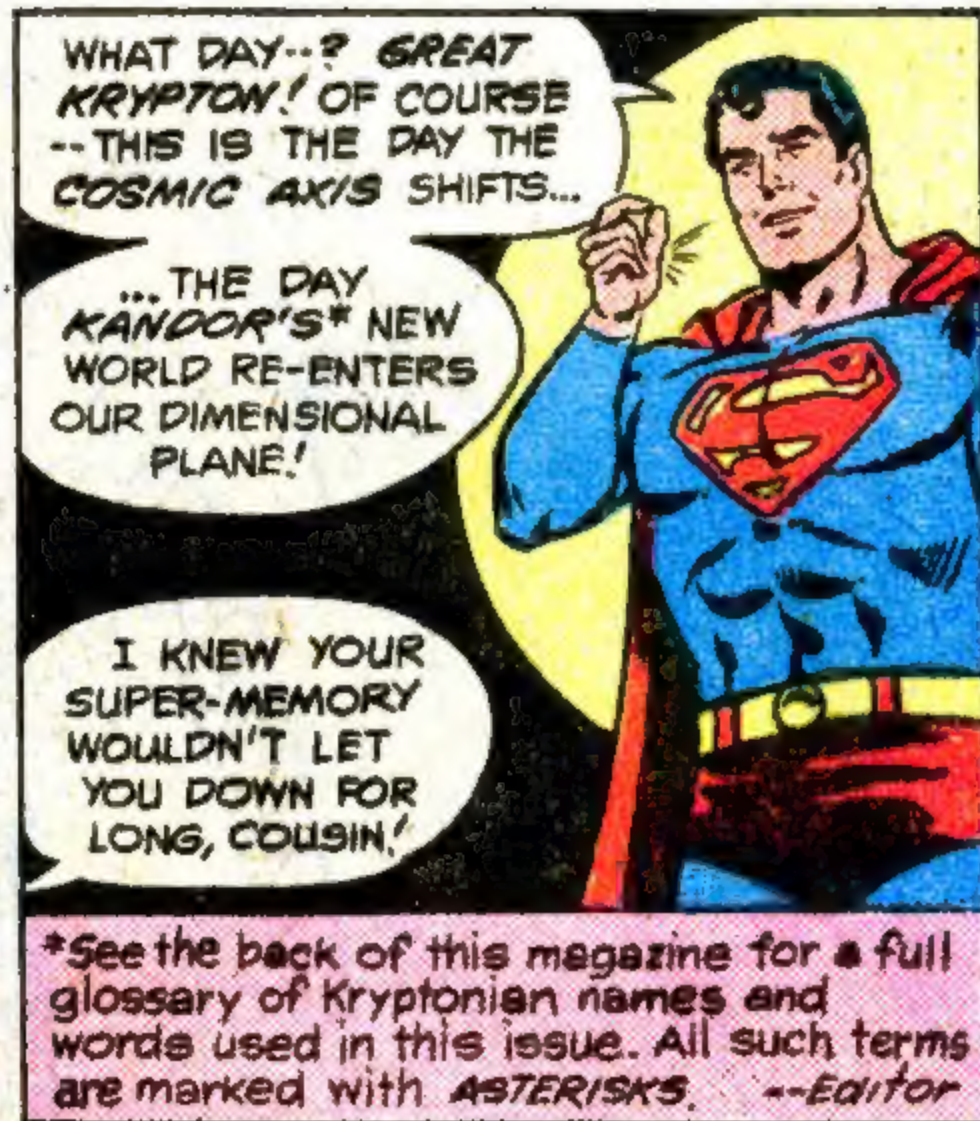
NOW, THAT IS A **TERRIFIC** IDEA!





SUPERGIRL--
WHAT A SURPRISE!
WHAT BRINGS
YOU HERE?

THE SAME THING I
THOUGHT WOULD
BRING YOU HERE--
OR HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN WHAT
DAY IT IS?



WHAT DAY--? GREAT
KRYPTON! OF COURSE
--THIS IS THE DAY THE
COSMIC AXIS SHIFTS...

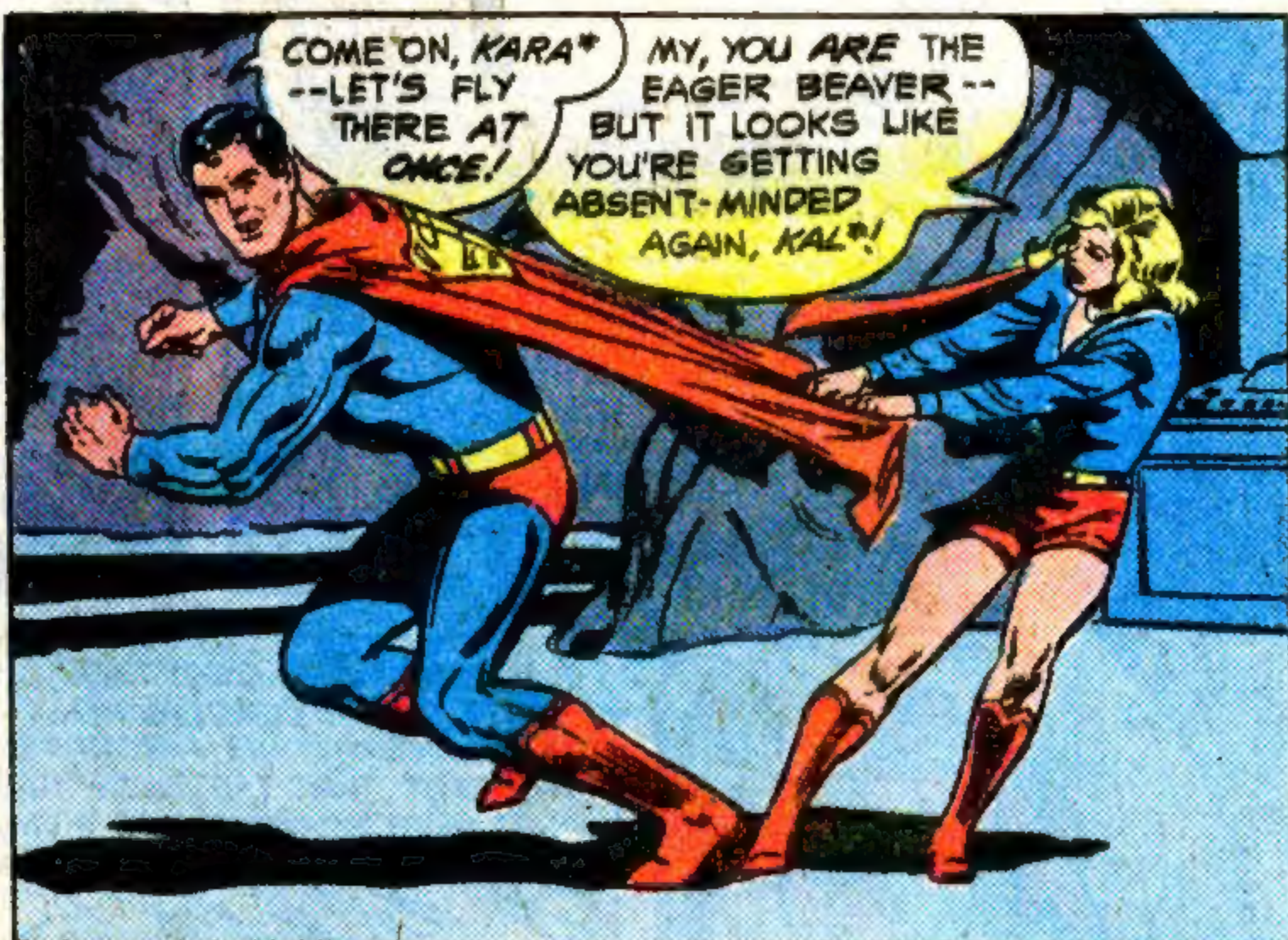
...THE DAY
KANDOR'S* NEW
WORLD RE-ENTERS
OUR DIMENSIONAL
PLANE!

I KNEW YOUR
SUPER-MEMORY
WOULDN'T LET
YOU DOWN FOR
LONG, COUSIN!

*See the back of this magazine for a full
glossary of Kryptonian names and
words used in this issue. All such terms
are marked with **ASTERISKS**. --Editor

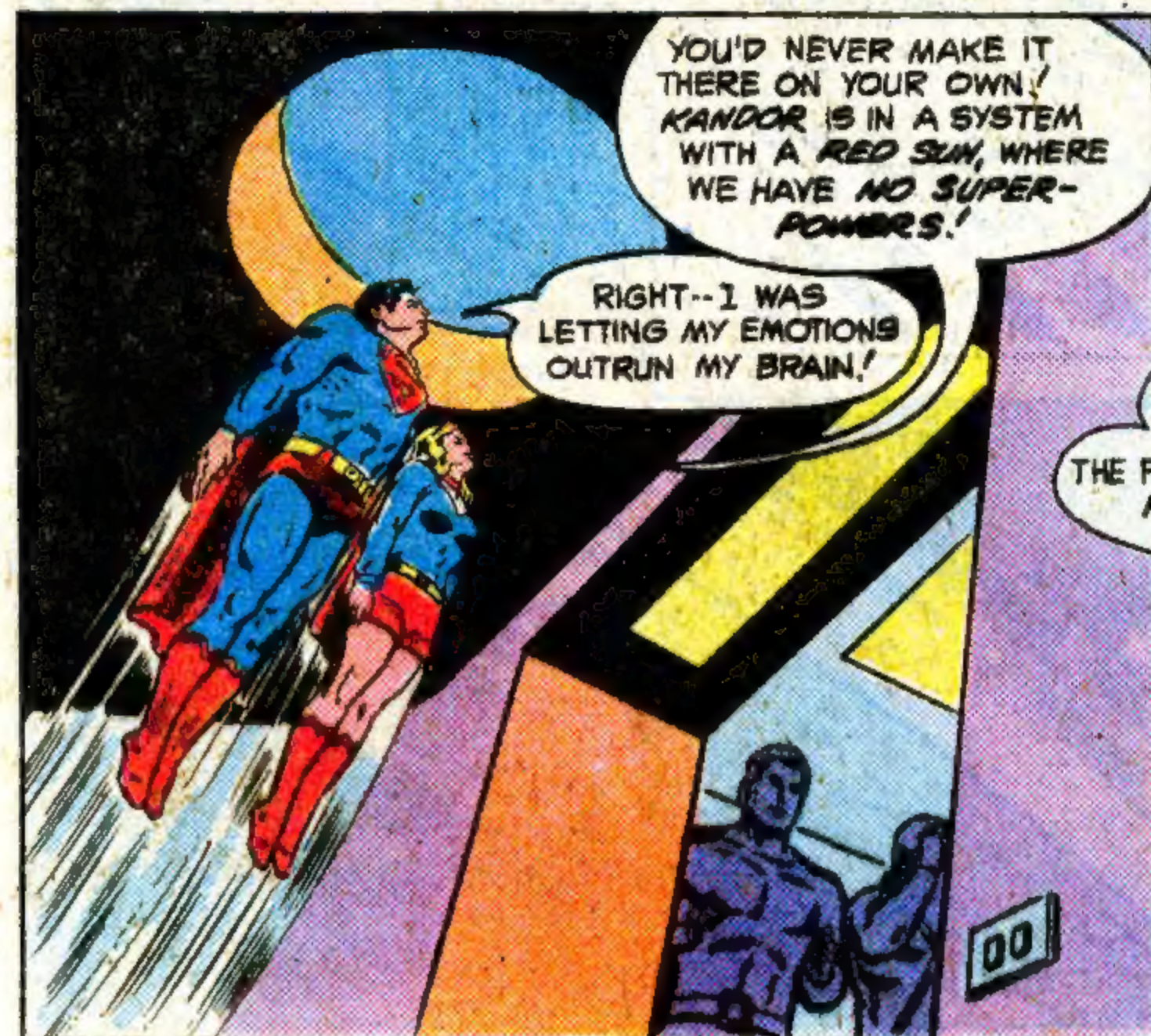


IT COULDN'T
HAPPEN AT
A MORE
OPPORTUNE
TIME!
KANDOR IS
THE VERY
PLACE TO
RESEARCH
OUR FAMILY
TREE!



COME ON, KARA*
--LET'S FLY
THERE AT
ONCE!

MY, YOU ARE THE
EAGER BEAVER --
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE GETTING
ABSENT-MINDED
AGAIN, KAL*!



YOU'D NEVER MAKE IT
THERE ON YOUR OWN!
KANDOR IS IN A SYSTEM
WITH A RED SUN, WHERE
WE HAVE NO SUPER-
POWERS!

RIGHT--I WAS
LETTING MY EMOTIONS
OUTRUN MY BRAIN!

AS THE CAPED KRYPTONIANS REACH
THE TOP LEVEL OF THE FORTRESS...

FOR A WHILE, I
THOUGHT MY
INVESTIGATION
OF OUR ROOTS
MIGHT BEGIN AND
END IN THAT ROOM
JUST BELOW--
WITH THOSE FEW
STATUES FROM
THE FAMILY VAULT IN
KRYPTONOPOLIS*.

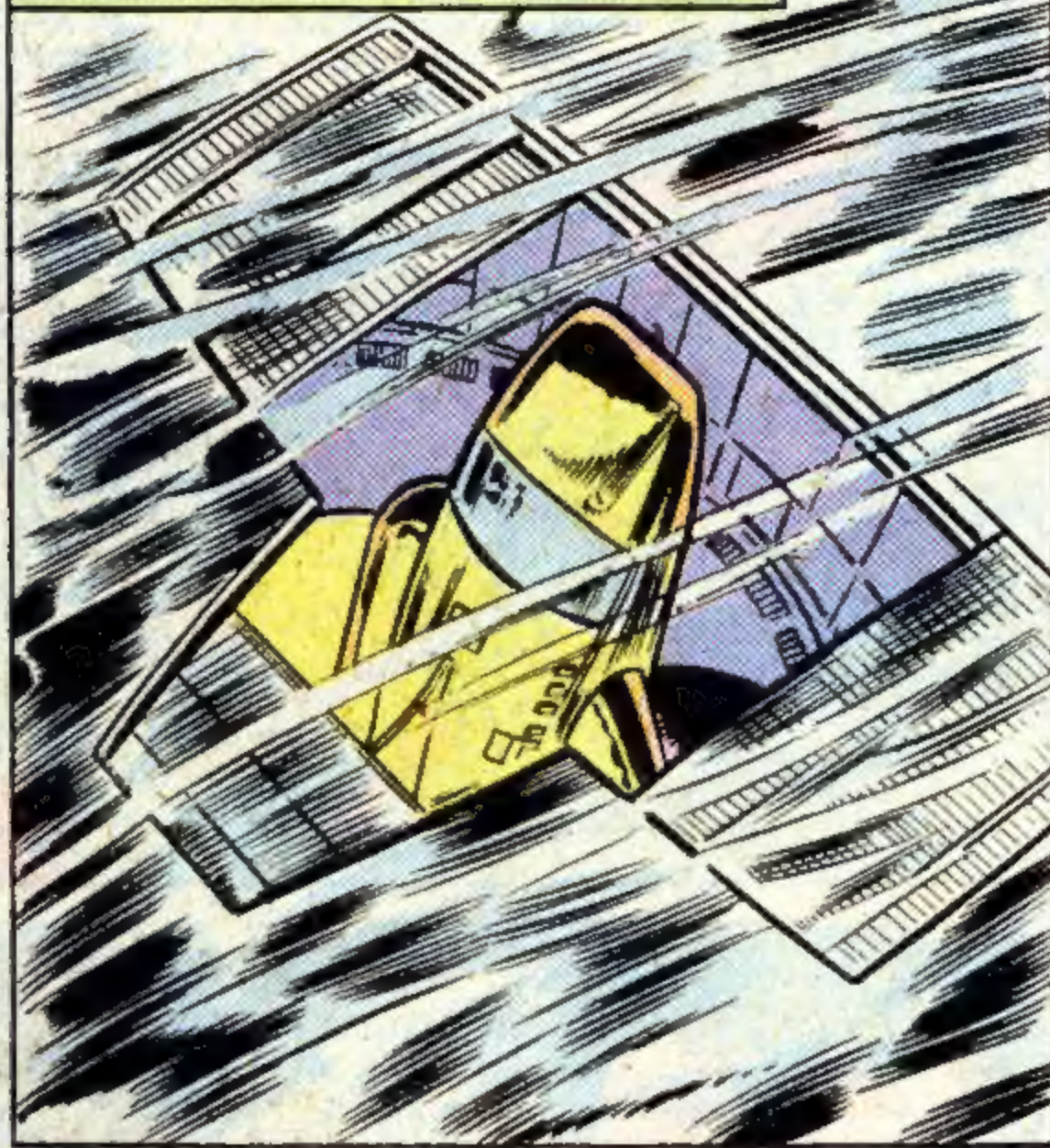
--WHICH I FOUND IN
SPACE AS A BOY
AND COATED WITH
LEAD TO
PROTECT
ME FROM
THE
KRYPTONITE
THEY'D
TURNED
INTO!

THEN, IN A SPECIAL HANGAR AT THE VERY TOP OF SUPERMAN'S SANCTUM...

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE HAD TO TRAVEL THROUGH SPACE BY SHIP-- INSTEAD OF UNDER OUR OWN POWER!

IT WILL BE SO GOOD TO SEE MOTHER AND DAD AGAIN!

AS SOON AS THE COUSINS STRAP THEMSELVES IN, THE ROOF OF THE FORTRESS SLIDES OPEN...



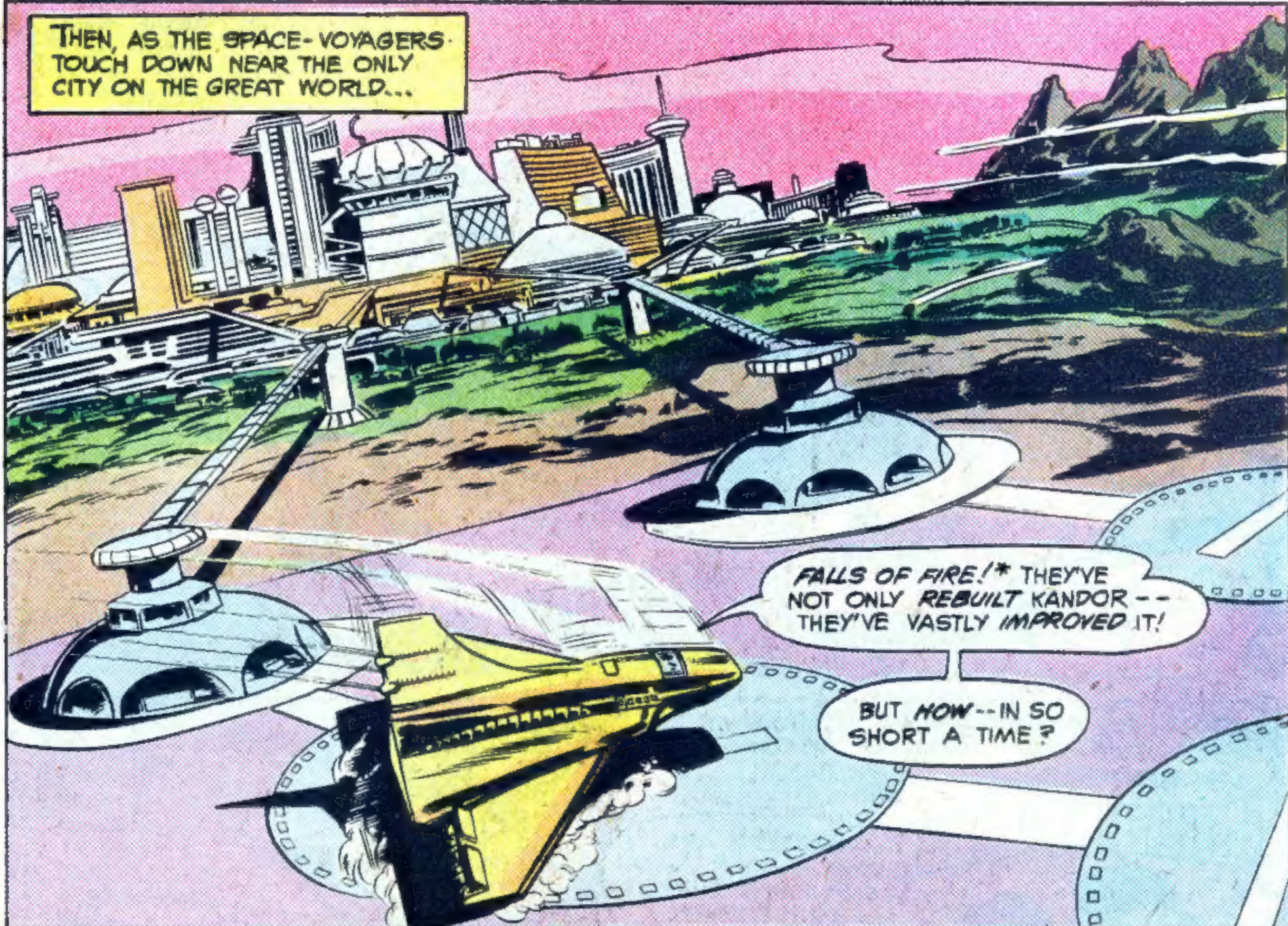
ROCKETS ARE ACTIVATED, AND THE SLEEK SPACE-CRAFT RISES ON A PILLAR OF FLAME...

THE PANELS CLOSE, THEIR WHITE COLOR CONCEALING FROM OVERFLYING AIRCRAFT THE FACT THAT THE SNOW HAS JUST BEEN SCRAPED OFF THEM...

PUTTING THE SHIP INTO HYPER-DRIVE, SUPERMAN TAKES A SHORTCUT THROUGH SUB-SPACE, TO EMERGE NEAR A GIANT WORLD BENEATH A MAMMOTH RED SUN...

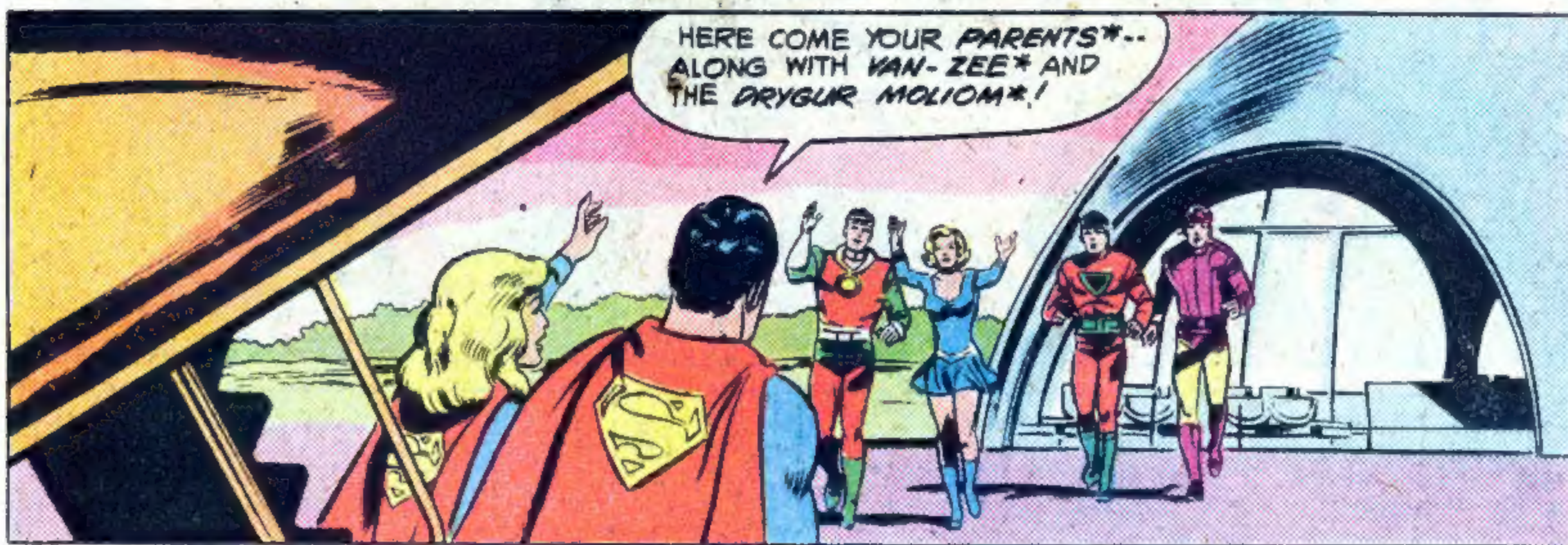
THERE IT IS, KARA! IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW MUCH OF KANDOR HAS BEEN REBUILT!

THEN, AS THE SPACE-VOYAGERS
TOUCH DOWN NEAR THE ONLY
CITY ON THE GREAT WORLD...

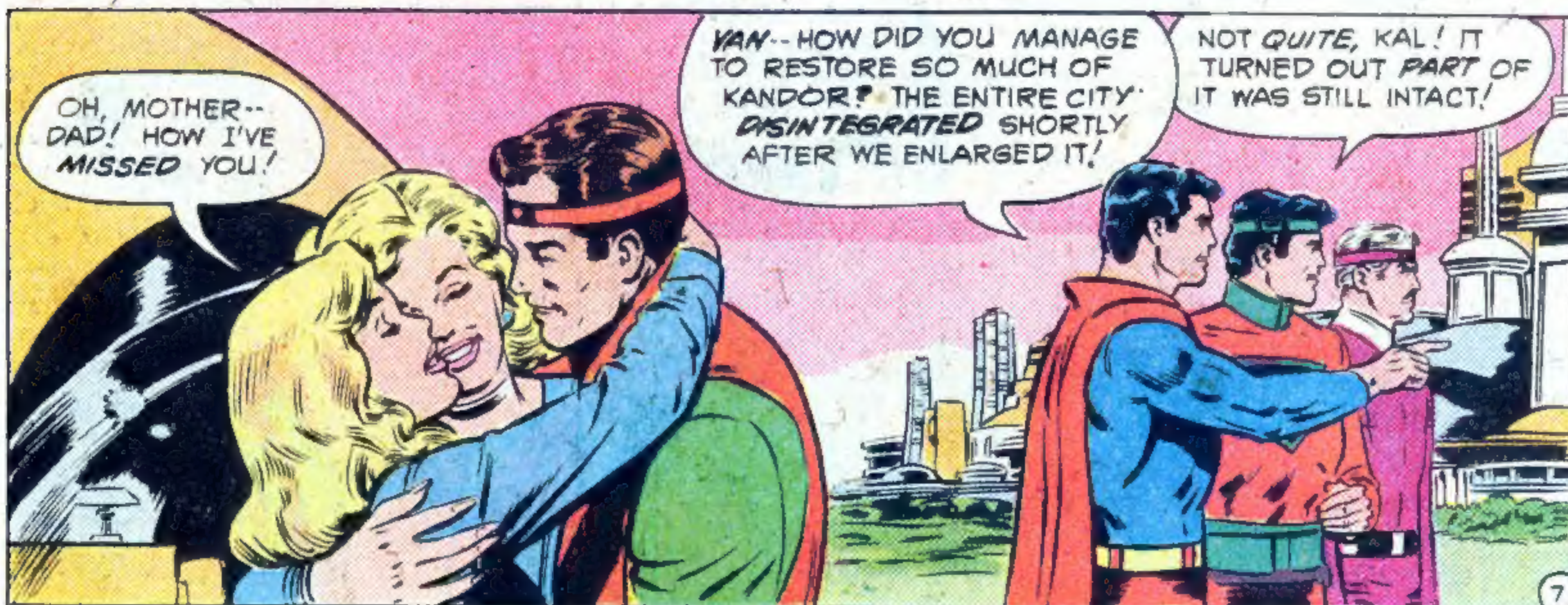


FALLS OF FIRE!* THEY'VE
NOT ONLY **REBUILT** KANDOR --
THEY'VE VASTLY **IMPROVED** IT!

BUT **NOW**--IN SO
SHORT A TIME?



HERE COME YOUR **PARENTS***--
ALONG WITH **VAN-ZEE*** AND
THE **DRYGUR MOLIOM***!



OH, MOTHER--
DAD! HOW I'VE
MISSED YOU!

VAN--HOW DID YOU MANAGE
TO RESTORE SO MUCH OF
KANDOR? THE ENTIRE CITY
DISINTEGRATED SHORTLY
AFTER WE ENLARGED IT!

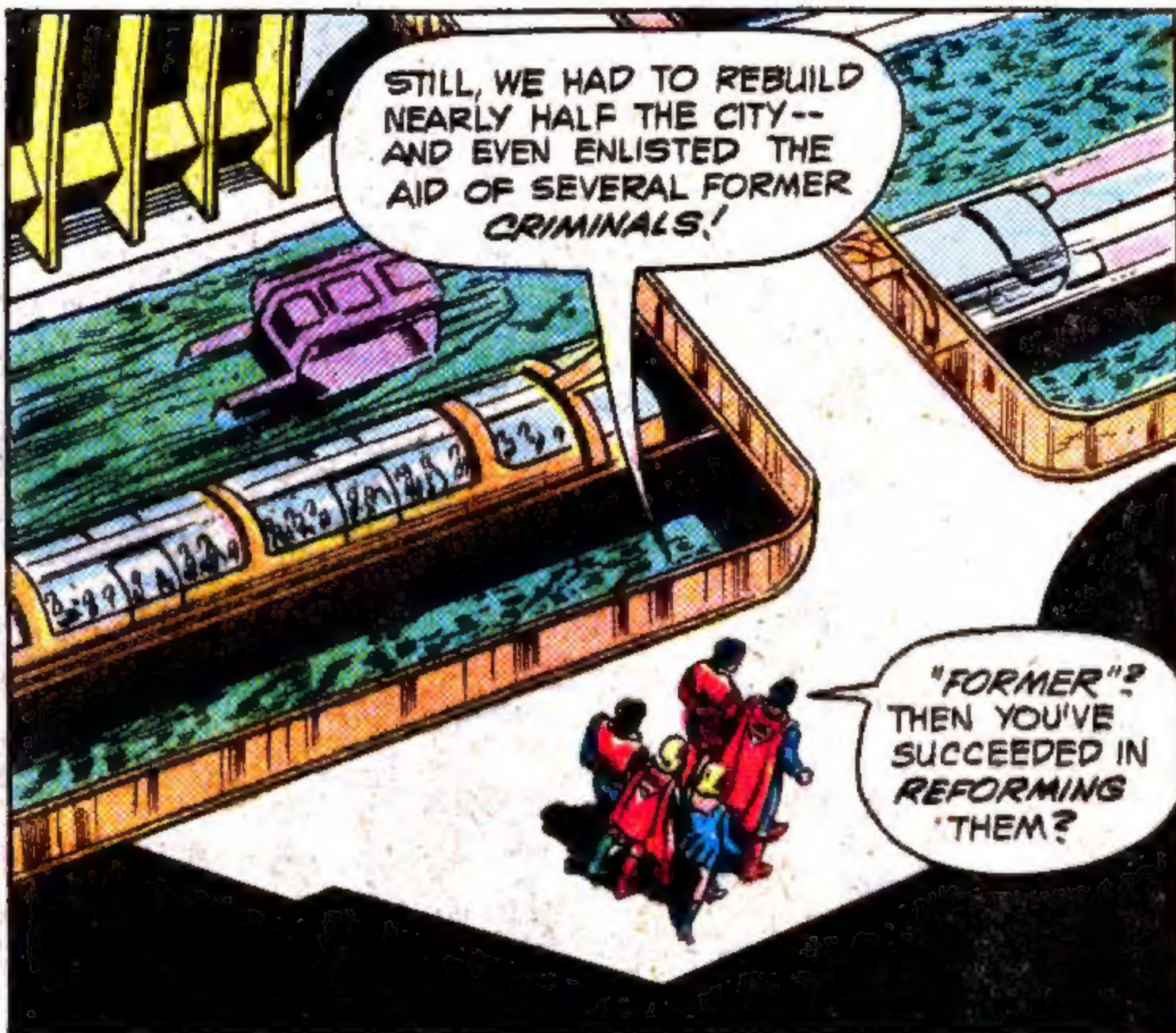
NOT QUITE, KAL! IT
TURNED OUT **PART** OF
IT WAS STILL INTACT!

ALL THE NEWER BUILDINGS--THOSE MADE OF GRAHU*--WERE DESTROYED... BUT THE OLDER ONES REMAINED.

AND FORTUNATELY, OUR RECORDS WERE STILL INTACT, BECAUSE THEY-- AND THE COMPUTERS IN WHICH THEY WERE STORED-- WERE MADE OF METALS!



STILL, WE HAD TO REBUILD NEARLY HALF THE CITY-- AND EVEN ENLISTED THE AID OF SEVERAL FORMER CRIMINALS!

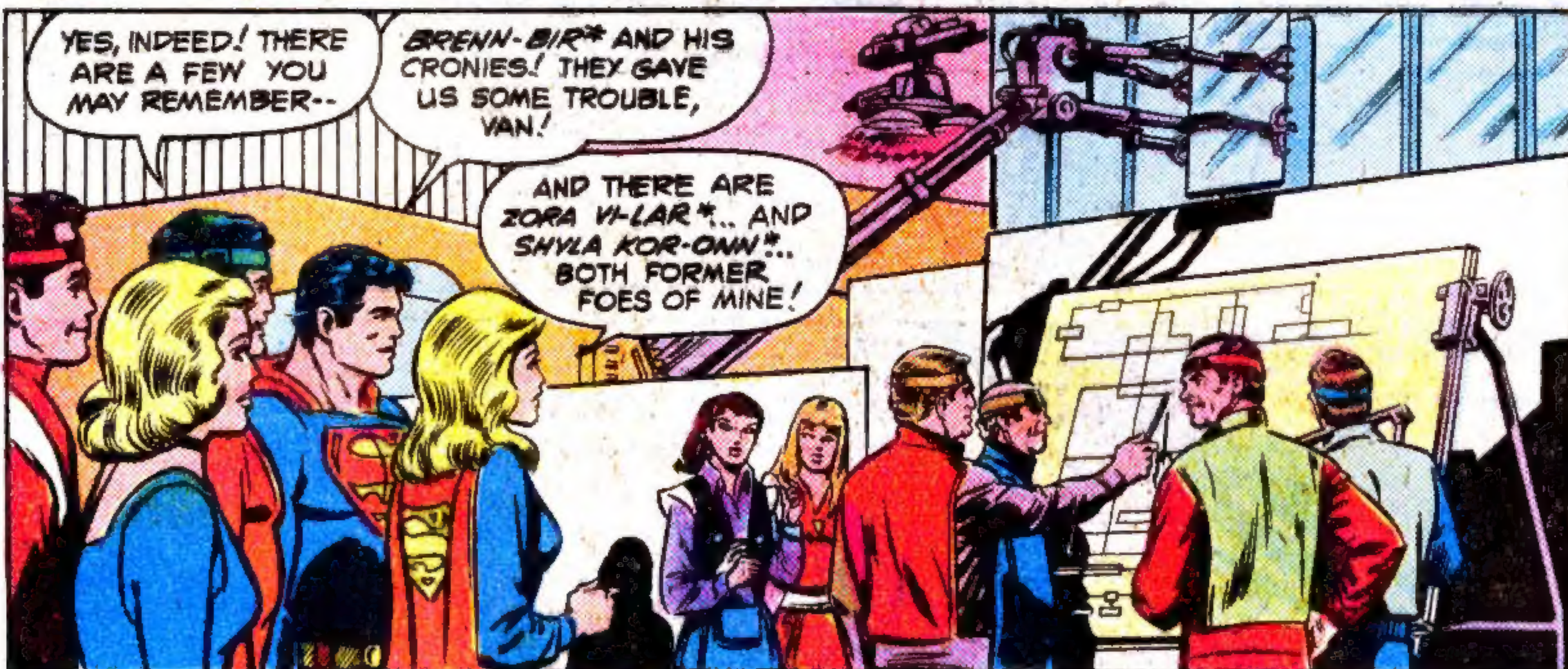


"FORMER"? THEN YOU'VE SUCCEEDED IN REFORMING THEM?

YES, INDEED! THERE ARE A FEW YOU MAY REMEMBER--

BRENN-BIR* AND HIS CRONIES! THEY GAVE US SOME TROUBLE, VAN!

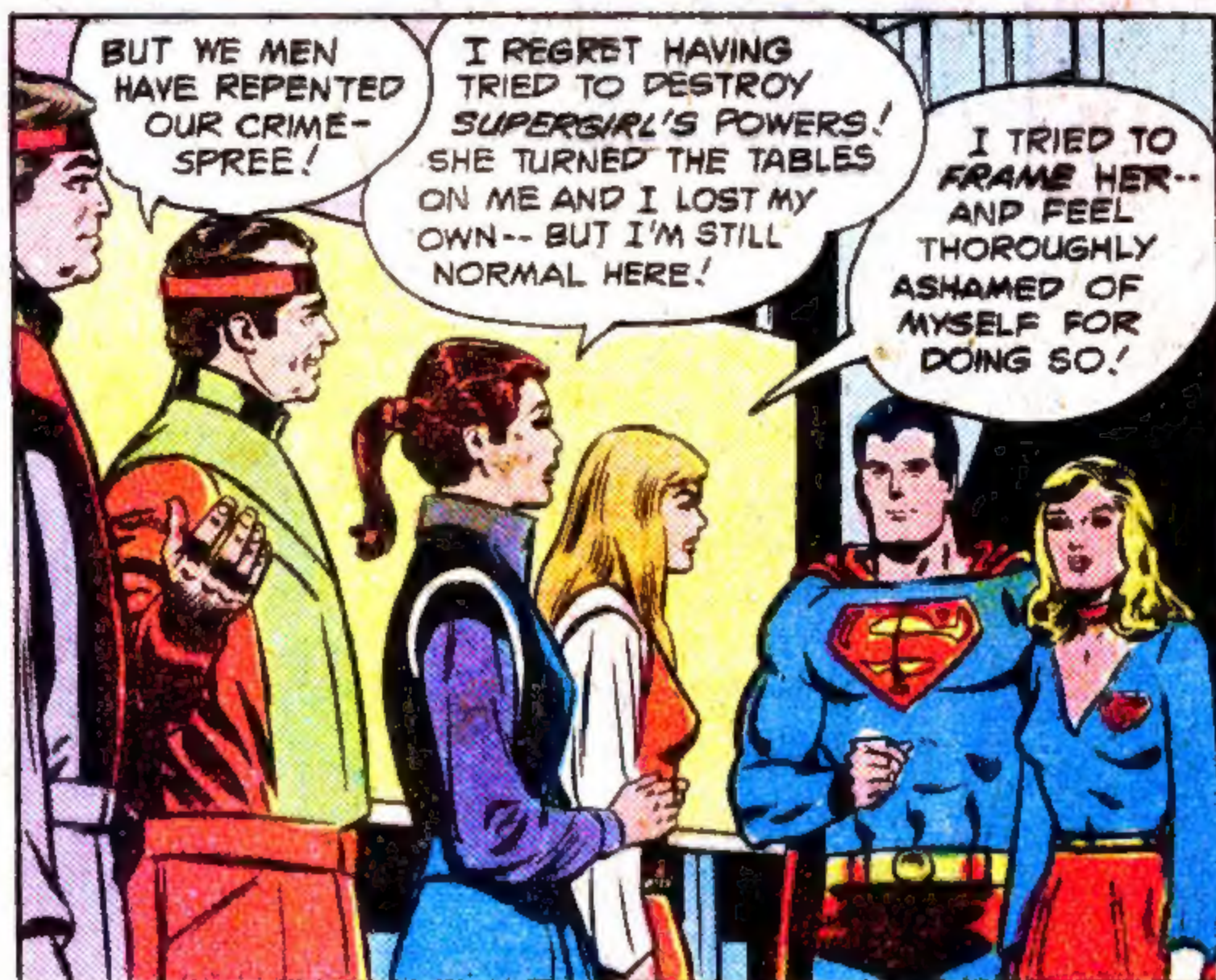
AND THERE ARE ZORA VI-LAR*... AND SHYLA KOR-OWN*... BOTH FORMER FOES OF MINE!



BUT WE MEN HAVE REPENTED OUR CRIME-SPREE!

I REGRET HAVING TRIED TO DESTROY SUPERGIRL'S POWERS! SHE TURNED THE TABLES ON ME AND I LOST MY OWN-- BUT I'M STILL NORMAL HERE!

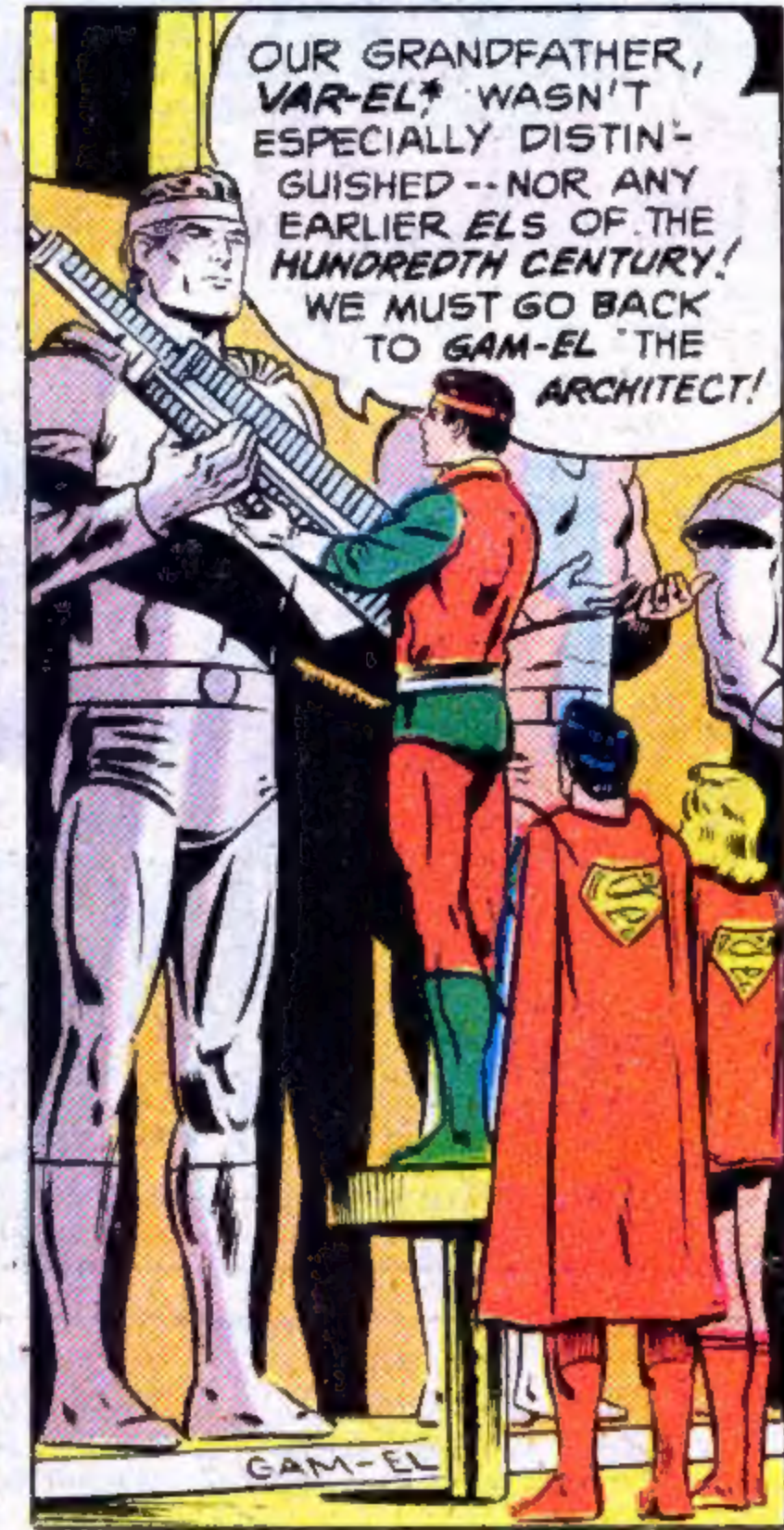
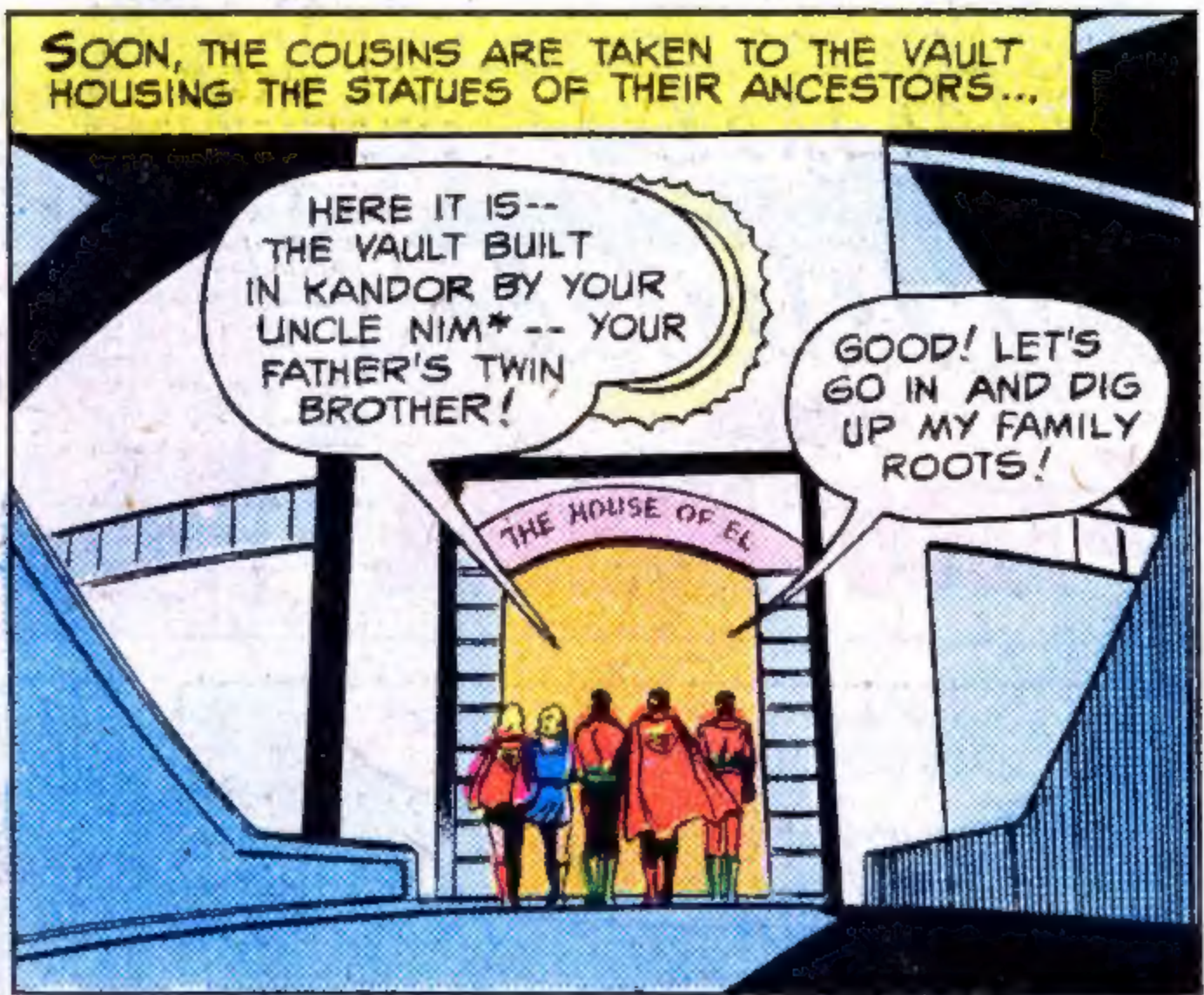
I TRIED TO FRAME HER-- AND FEEL THOROUGHLY ASHAMED OF MYSELF FOR DOING SO!



ANYTHING YOU'D LIKE TO SEE HERE?

YES-- THE EL FAMILY VAULT!



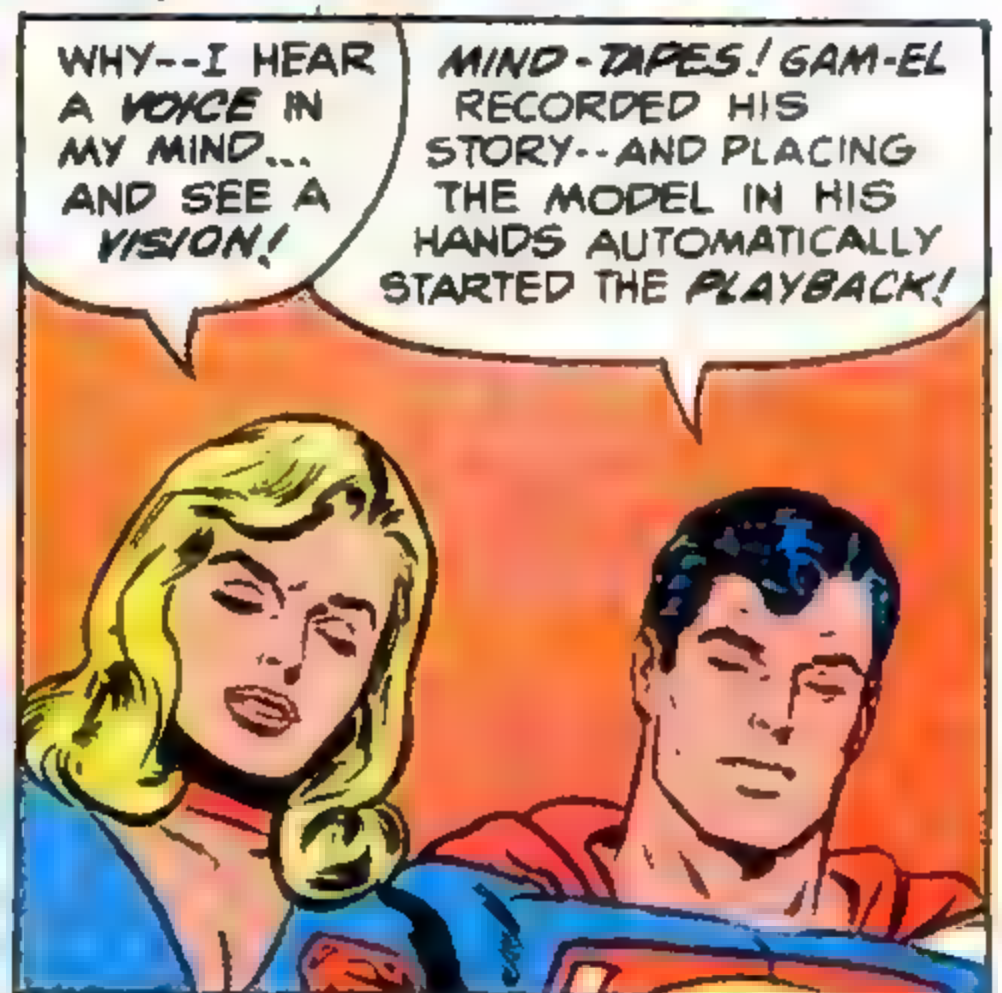


CHAPTER 2

"The MASTER BUILDER of KRYPTON!"



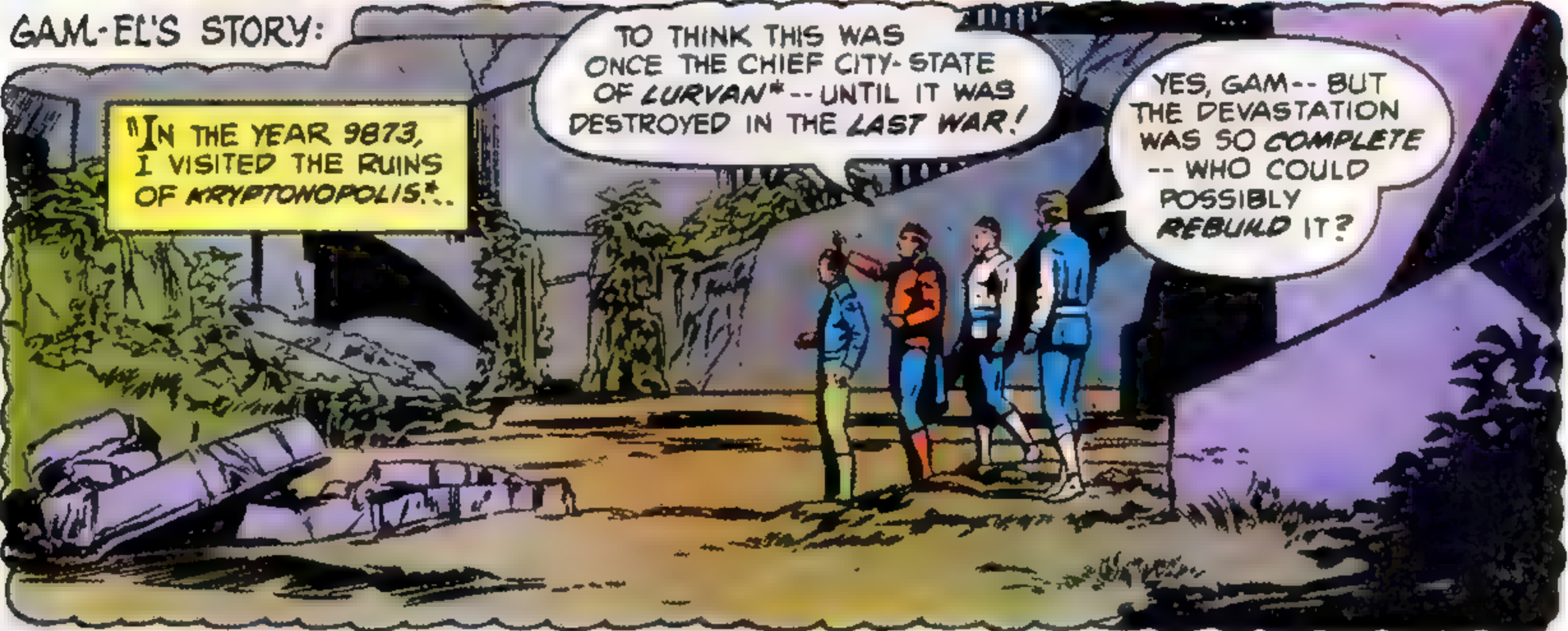
YOU NEVER KNEW THE STATUES YOU FOUND IN SPACE WERE **DAMAGED!** WHEN I PLACE THIS **BUILDING MODEL** IN **GAM-EL'S** HAND, CONCENTRATE AND CLOSE YOUR EYES!



WHY--I HEAR A **VOICE** IN MY MIND... AND SEE A **VISION!**

MIND-TAPES! GAM-EL RECORDED HIS STORY--AND PLACING THE MODEL IN HIS HANDS AUTOMATICALLY STARTED THE **PLAYBACK!**

GAM-EL'S STORY:



"IN THE YEAR 9873, I VISITED THE RUINS OF **KRYPTONOPOLIS***...

TO THINK THIS WAS ONCE THE CHIEF CITY-STATE OF **LURVAN***--UNTIL IT WAS DESTROYED IN THE **LAST WAR!**

YES, GAM-- BUT THE DEVASTATION WAS SO **COMPLETE** -- WHO COULD POSSIBLY **REBUILD** IT?



I INTEND TO DO IT, **MARG-ROM***! AND I THINK I CAN GET THE **FINANCIAL BACKING** FOR IT!

"GET IT I DID FOR SOME OF THE WEALTHIEST MEN OF **KRYPTON** HAD AN INTEREST IN IT..."



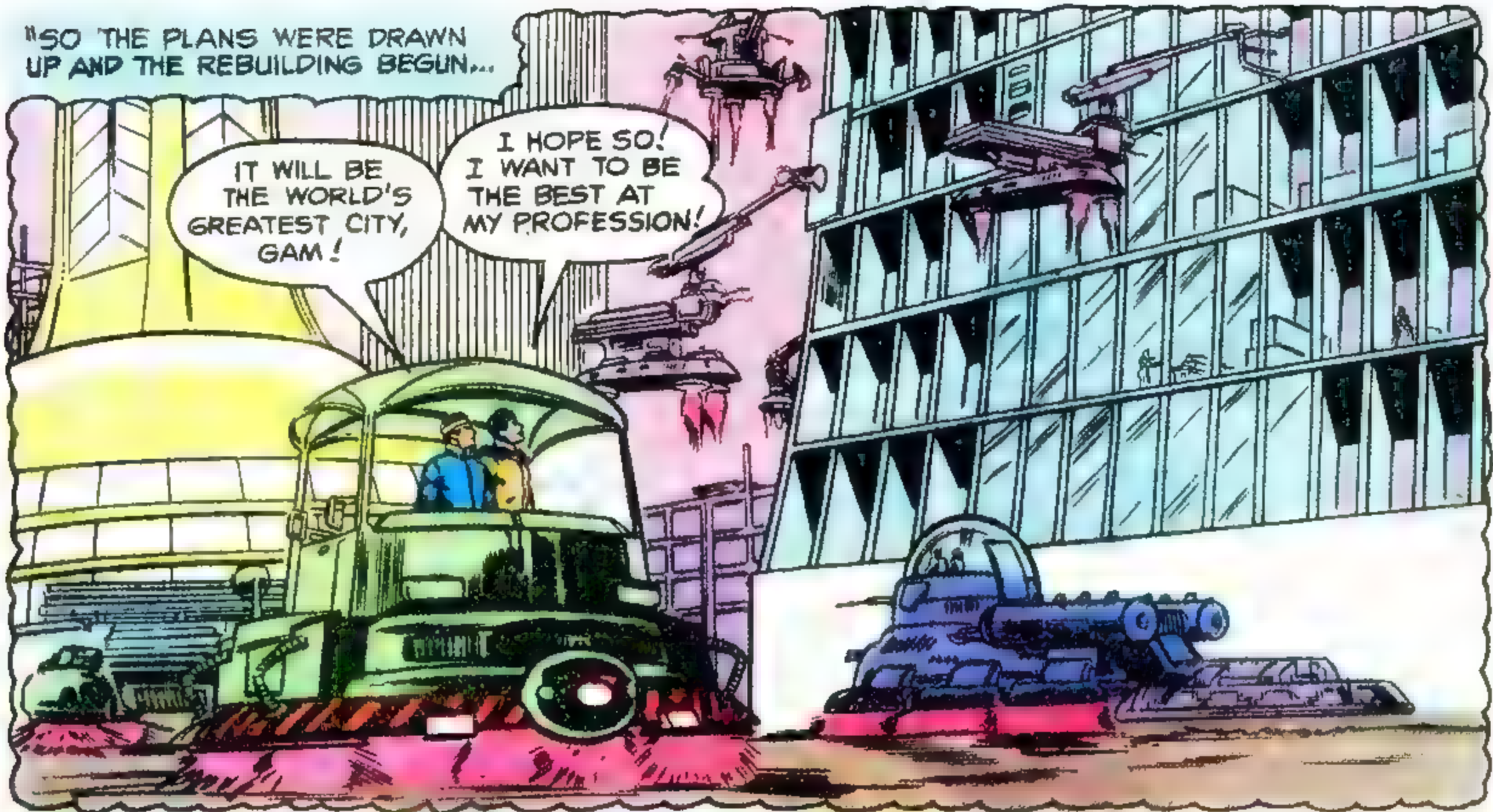
KRYPTONOPOLIS WAS MY HOME! I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE MY BUSINESS HEADQUARTERS THERE!

SUCH A **NEW CITY** WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL CAPITAL FOR **KRYPTON!** I HOPE THE **SCIENCE COUNCIL*** WILL MOVE IT FROM **KANDOR!**

"SO THE PLANS WERE DRAWN UP AND THE REBUILDING BEGUN...

IT WILL BE
THE WORLD'S
GREATEST CITY,
GAM!

I HOPE SO!
I WANT TO BE
THE BEST AT
MY PROFESSION!



"ALL WENT
WELL UNTIL,
ONE NIGHT,
AS WE RESTED
IN OUR GRAHU-
HUT*...

BAMMM
KLOOM-
M

EXPLOSIONS!
SOMEONE HAS
SABOTAGED THE
NEW STRUCTURES!



"THE CULPRITS HAD ALREADY FLED,
BUT FORTUNATELY, MY BROTHER
PYM-EL WAS PRESENT AS ONE
OF OUR SECURITY FORCE...

I AM CONFIDENT
THEY CANNOT HAVE
GONE FAR! ANYONE
SO DETERMINED
WOULD STAY
NEARBY TO
MAKE SURE
WE HAD
ABANDONED
THE PROJECT!



THERE ARE NOT
LIKELY MANY CRIMINALS
IN THIS FOREST--
BUT THE THOUGHT-
TRACKER EYE*
WILL FIND ANY
WHO MAY BE
HERE!



THE EYE GLOWS!
THERE IS
OUR QUARRY!

LET'S TAKE THEM
BEFORE THEY CAN
PUT UP A FIGHT!



"WHICH IS EXACTLY WHAT WE DID! BUT THE SABOTEURS PROVED UNCOOPERATIVE..."

WE DO NOT ADMIT A THING! WHY WOULD WE WANT TO DESTROY YOUR CITY?

WE CAN ALWAYS GO TO KANDOR AND ASK YOUR WELL-TO-DO BRAGGART!

EH? HOW COULD YOU KNOW ABOUT KLY-ANTH?

I DID NOT--UNTIL NOW! BUT IT STOOD TO REASON THAT YOU HAD BEEN HIRED BY SOMEONE RICH--WITH MUCH TO LOSE FROM THIS PROJECT!

AS KANDOR IS THE LARGEST CITY IN THIS AREA--AND STANDS TO SUFFER LOSSES--THE DEDUCTION WAS SIMPLE!

"KLY-ANTH WAS ARRESTED AND GAVE A FULL CONFESSION ...

I AM THE CHIEF PROPERTY OWNER IN KANDOR. MANY OF MY TENANTS PLANNED TO MOVE THEIR BUSINESSES TO KRYPTONOPOLIS.

IF IT BECAME THE CAPITAL, PROPERTY VALUES HERE WOULD DECREASE.

"THERE WERE NO FURTHER INCIDENTS... AND WITHIN A YEAR, THE NEW KRYPTONOPOLIS STOOD WHERE ONCE THERE WAS ONLY BURNED-OUT WRECKAGE ...

AS LONG AS KRYPTON EXISTS, MEN AND WOMEN WILL REMEMBER YOUR NAME AND ACCOMPLISHMENT, GAM!

I HOPE SO! I PLAN TO BUILD MUCH MORE... BUT THIS WILL BE MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT!

"I WAS, HOWEVER,
DUE FOR A CRUSHING
DISAPPOINTMENT..."

BY A VOTE OF THE
SCIENCE COUNCIL, THE
MOTION TO MOVE THE
CAPITAL FROM KANDOR
TO KRYPTONOPOLIS
IS REJECTED!

"SO, THOUGH I
DID REBUILD THE
CITY, IT DID NOT,
AS I HAD HOPED,
BECOME KRYPTON'S
SEAT OF
GOVERNMENT."

GAM-EL NEVER GUESSED WHAT
WOULD BRING ABOUT HIS DREAM
MORE THAN 100 YEARS LATER!

AFTER BRAINIAC
STOLE KANDOR,
THE CAPITAL
WAS MOVED TO
KRYPTONOPOLIS
-- WHERE IT
REMAINED FOR
THE NEXT TWO
YEARS--UNTIL
KRYPTON EXPLODED!

I'LL REMOVE
THE BUILDING
MODEL NOW
AND... WHAT'S
THIS--?!

WATCH OUT!
THE STATUE IS
FALLING!

GOT YOU!
THAT WAS
A CLOSE
ONE, UNCLE!

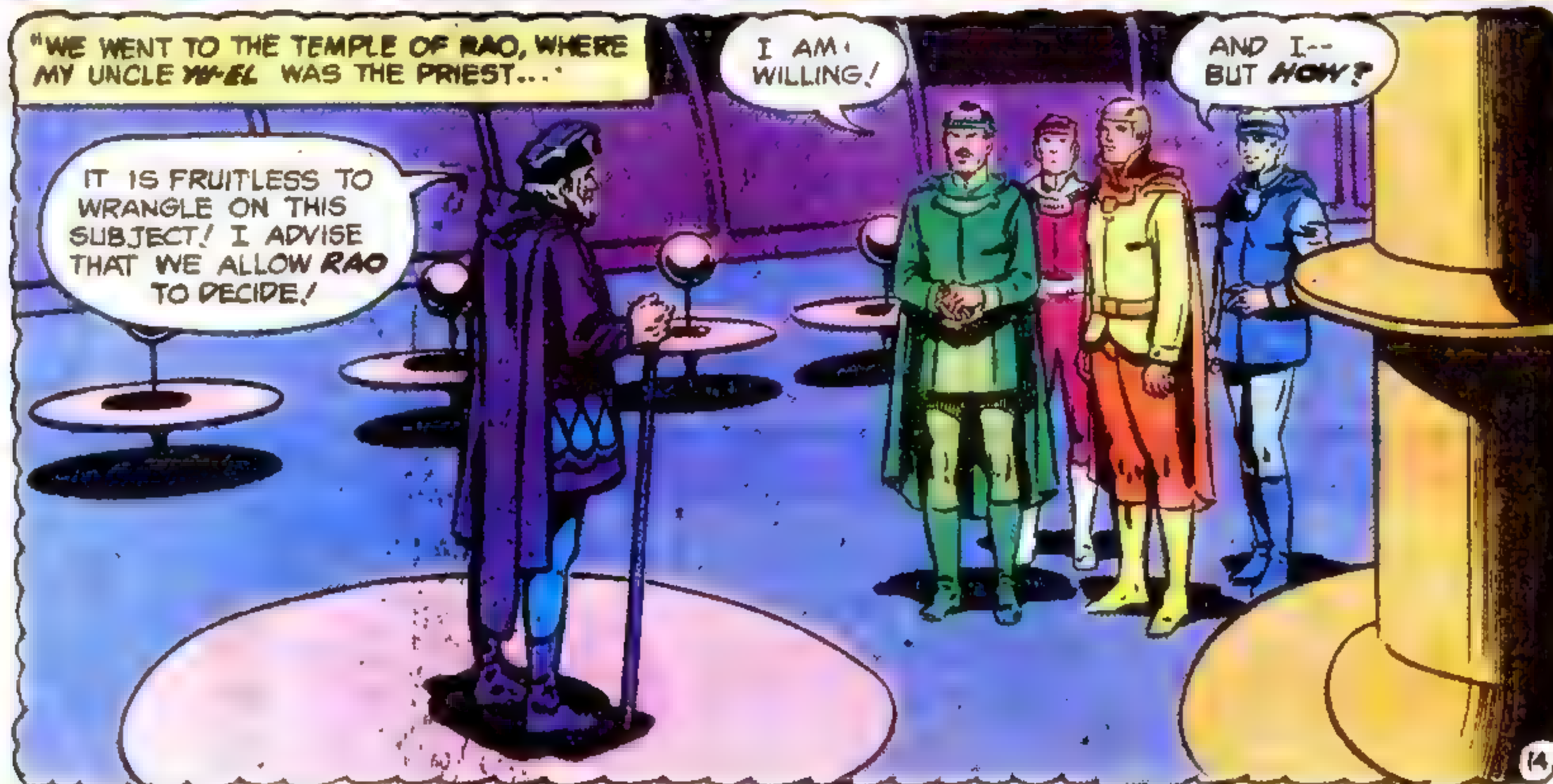
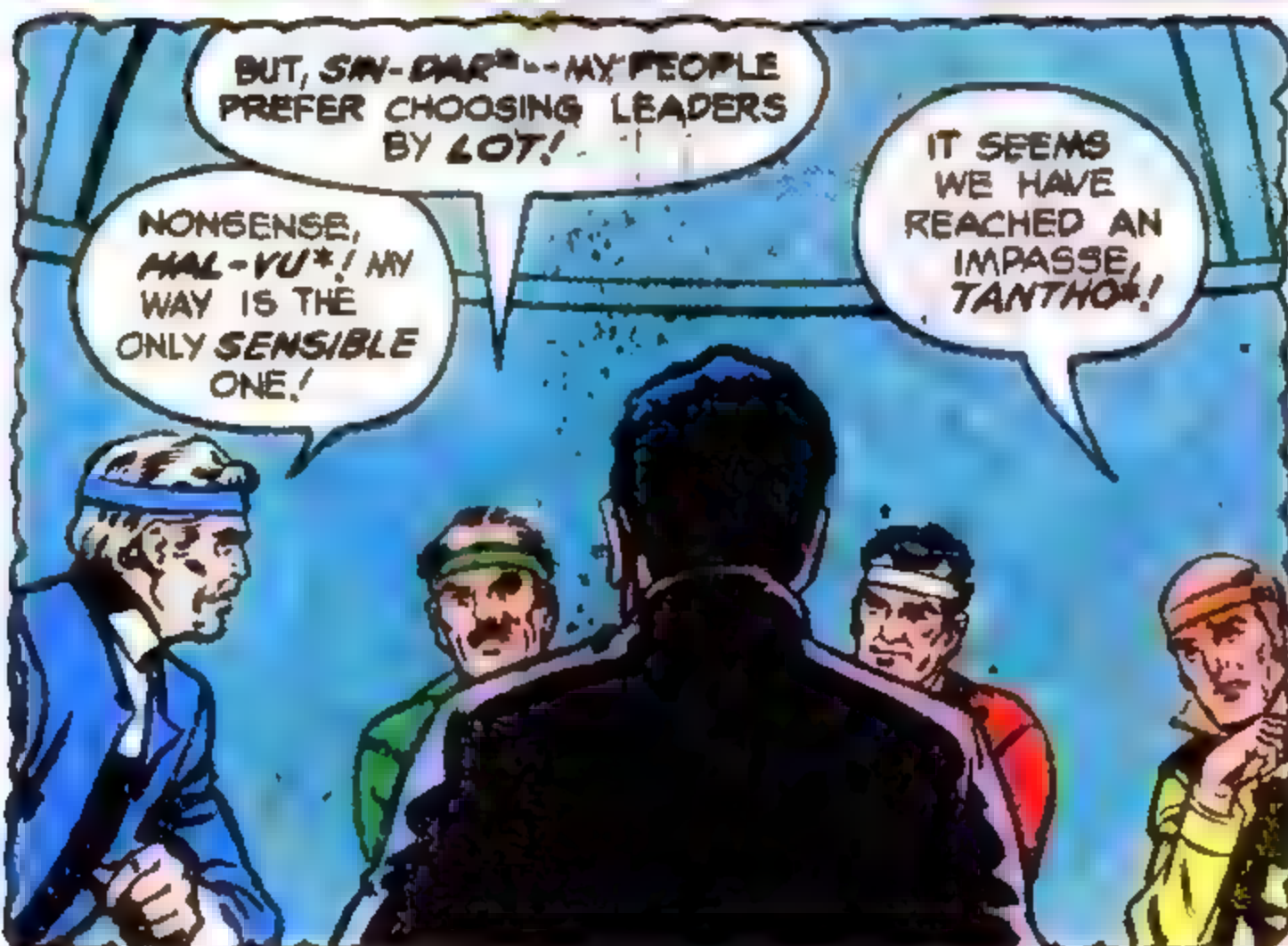
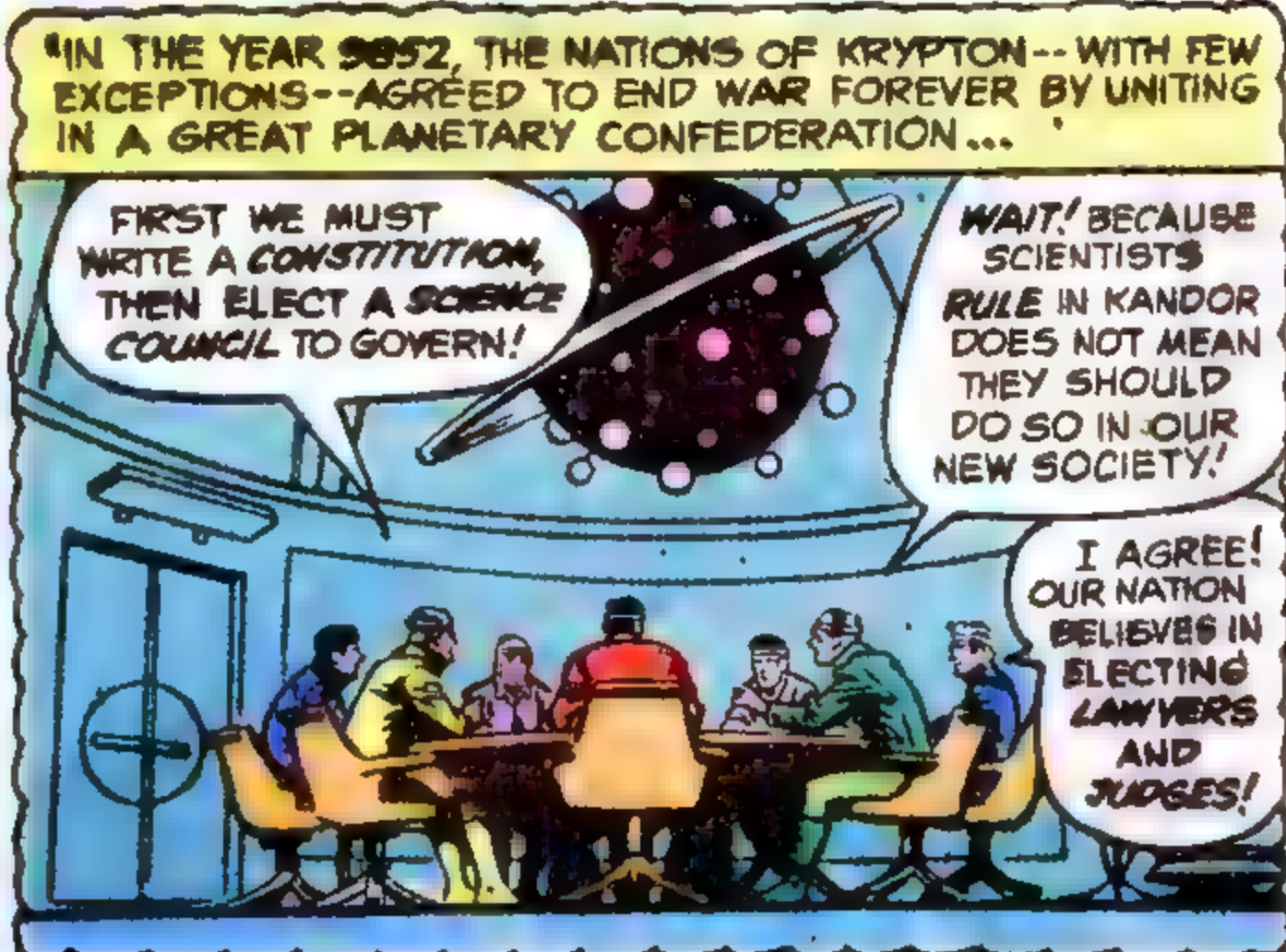
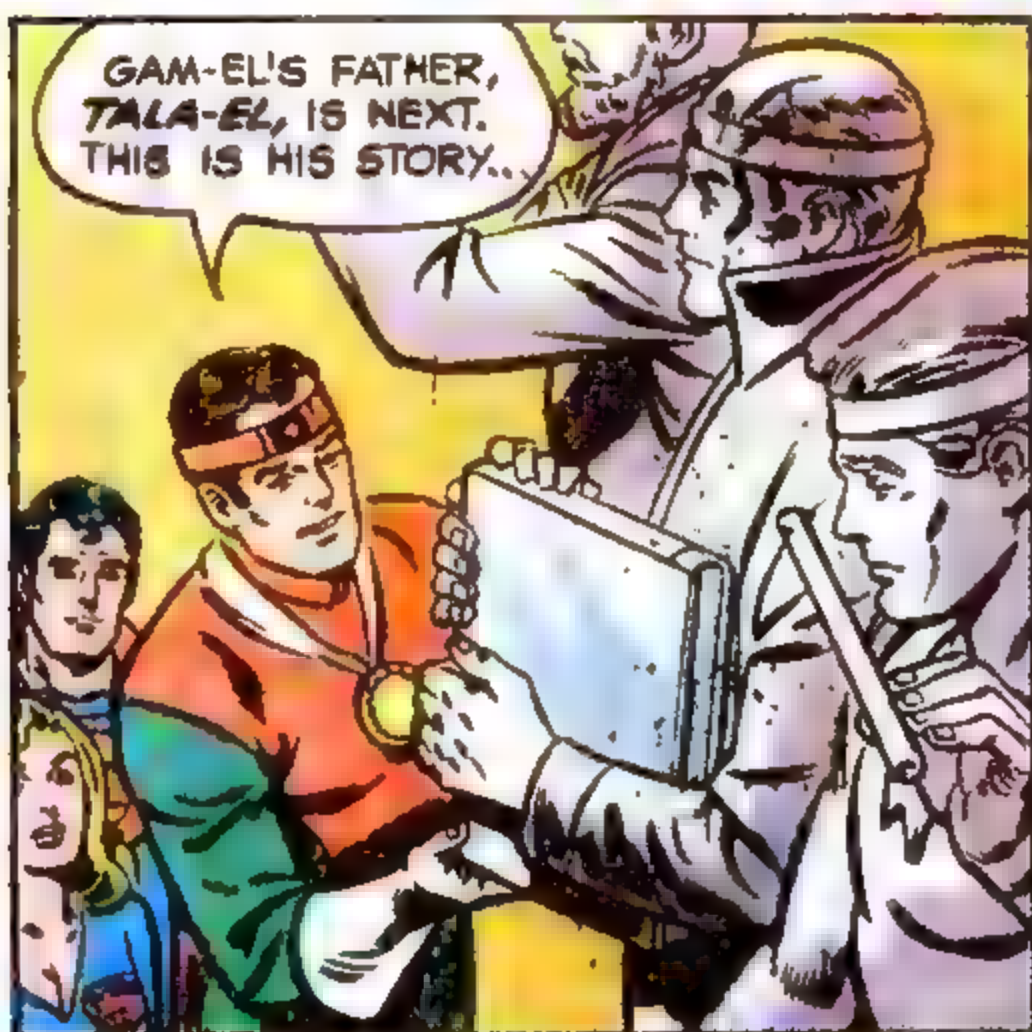
THANKS
TO YOU,
NEPHEW!

EVEN WHEN THE CITY
WAS MOVED FROM **EARTH**
AND ENLARGED, NO STATUES
EVER TOPPLED!

WHY NOW--
WITH A
SIMPLE
MOTION BY
ONE MAN?

IT WAS MY
VIBRATION-
BEAM THAT
DID IT! BUT IT
HAS NOT
DELAYED
THEM
ENOUGH!

CHAPTER 3 "THE SIGN OF RAO!"





WHEN NEXT A THUNDERSTORM COMES, ALL OF YOU GATHER AT THE PLAIN OF **WAMAN** OUTSIDE THE CITY OF KANDOR.

EACH MUST BRING WITH HIM A **LIGHTNING ROD** WHICH HE WILL SET UP!



WHICHEVER ROD THE LIGHTNING **RAILS** TO STRIKE WILL WIN FOR ITS OWNER! IT WILL BE THE **SIGN OF RAO**!

EXCELLENT! IT WILL BE LIKE OUR CHOICE BY LOT!

IT IS AS GOOD A WAY AS ANY TO CHOOSE!



"SO WE WAITED--AND FIVE DAYS LATER, A THUNDERSTORM ROLLED ACROSS THE PLAIN...

WITH **RAO'S** GUIDANCE, WE WILL KNOW WHAT FORM OF GOVERNMENT TO SET UP!

I AM GLAD TO SEE YOU BOTH THINK ENOUGH OF SCIENCE TO USE **INSULATED GLOVES** TO CARRY YOUR RODS!

NOT ALL POLITICIANS ARE IGNORAMUSES, TALA-EL!



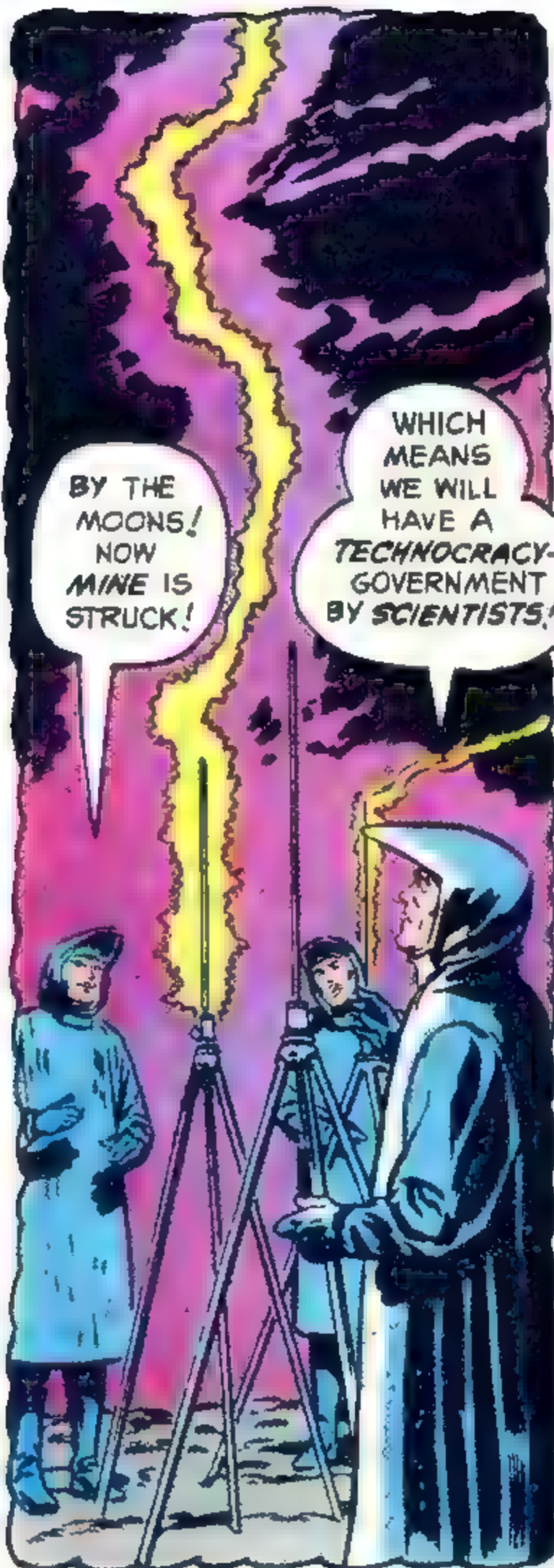
THERE -- NOW LET **RAO** AND HIS LIGHTNING DECIDE!

HE WILL CHOOSE WISELY!



MY ROD--**HIT!**

RAO HAS REJECTED GOVERNMENT-BY-LOT!



BY THE MOONS!
NOW
MINE IS
STRUCK!

WHICH
MEANS
WE WILL
HAVE A
TECHNOCRACY--
GOVERNMENT
BY **SCIENTISTS!**



"I WAS
CHOSEN
TO WRITE
THE
CONSTITUTION
OF THE NEW
PLANETARY
CONFEDERATION..."

...AND THE METHOD
OF VOTING MUST BE
FRAUD-PROOF!



"A FEW AMENDMENTS
WERE ADOPTED--AND
THEN THE DOCUMENT
WAS PASSED..."

OUR WORK IS DONE! NOW
THE **PEOPLE** TAKE OVER TO
ELECT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES!



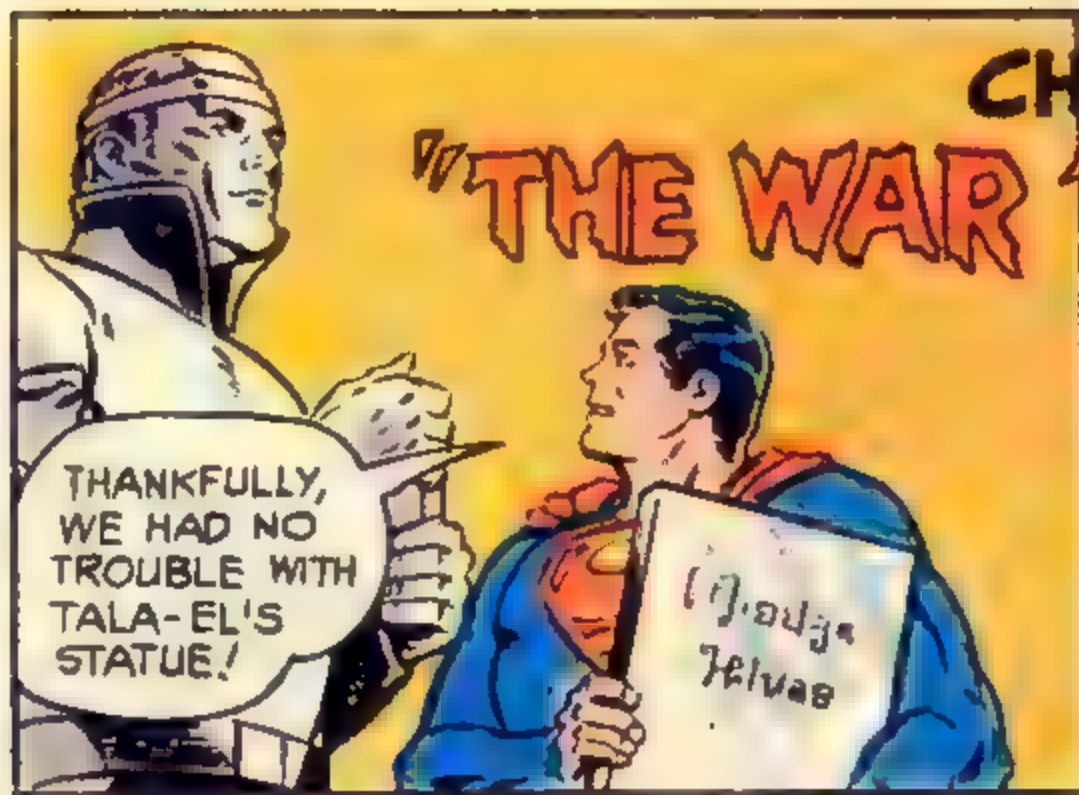
"AFTERWARD, I VISITED WITH MY UNCLE..."

IT WAS WISE
OF YOU TO
LEAVE THE
DECISION TO
RAO!

YES, I HAVE
NO DOUBT IT
WAS INDEED
HIS DOING!



SURELY IT WAS **HE** WHO INSPIRED
ME TO USE **NON-CONDUCTIVE**
MATERIALS TO MAKE MY LIGHTNING
ROD, THEREBY ASSURING IT WOULD
NOT ATTRACT ANY BOLTS!



CHAPTER 4

"THE WAR TO END WARS!"

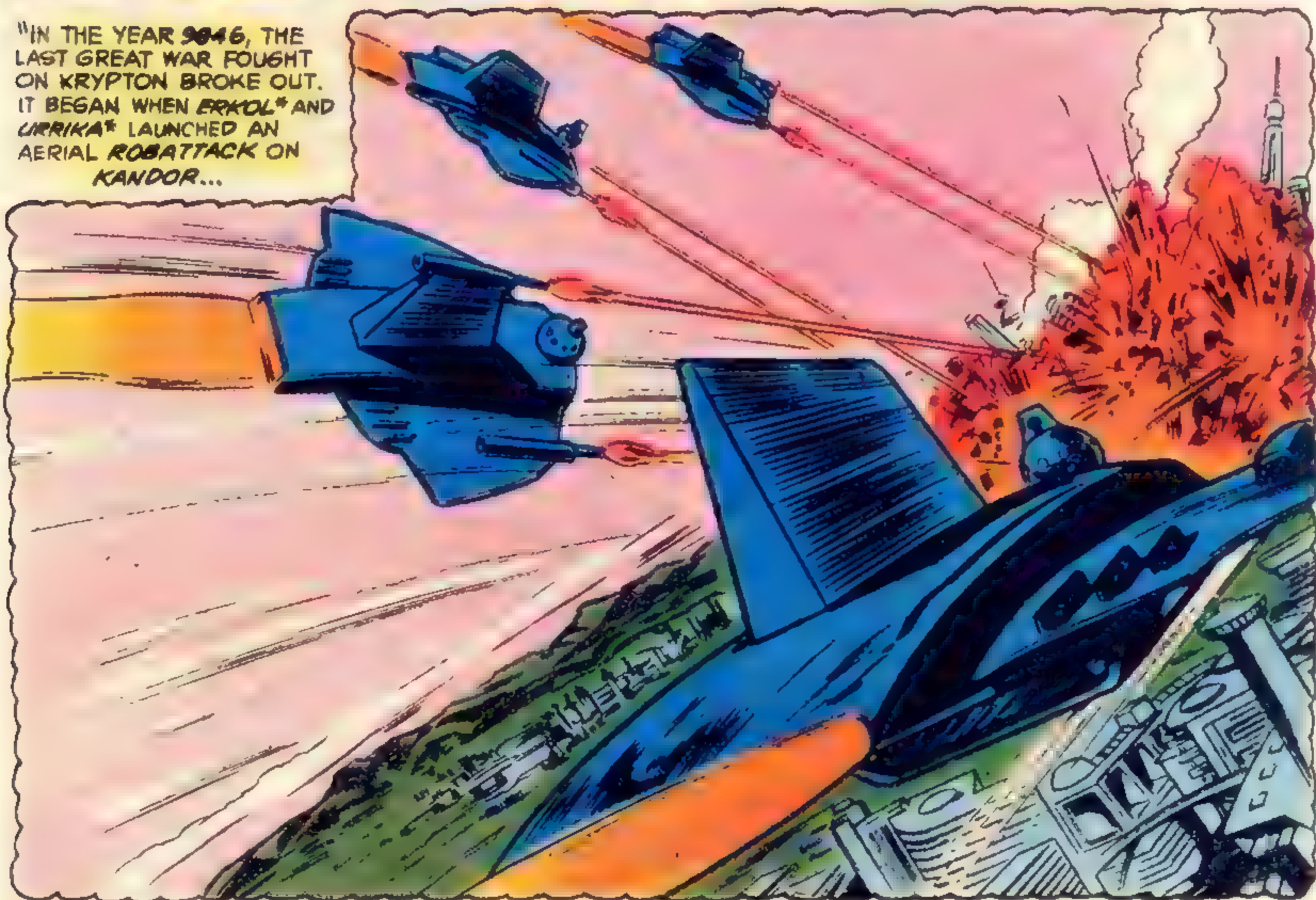
THANKFULLY,
WE HAD NO
TROUBLE WITH
TALA-EL'S
STATUE!

Judge
Telvab

NEXT IS HIS FATHER,
PIR-EL! HE WAS THE
GENERAL-IN-CHIEF
FOR THE KANDOR-
KRYPTONOPOLIS
FEDERATION DURING
THE **LAST**
WAR.



"IN THE YEAR 9046, THE
LAST GREAT WAR FOUGHT
ON KRYPTON BROKE OUT.
IT BEGAN WHEN **ERKOL*** AND
LIRRIKA* LAUNCHED AN
AERIAL **ROB** ATTACK ON
KANDOR...



"WORD WAS RELAYED TO ME AT **FORT ROZZ...**

SO, **DRYGUR***...
OUR ENEMIES
HAVE FINALLY
STRUCK!

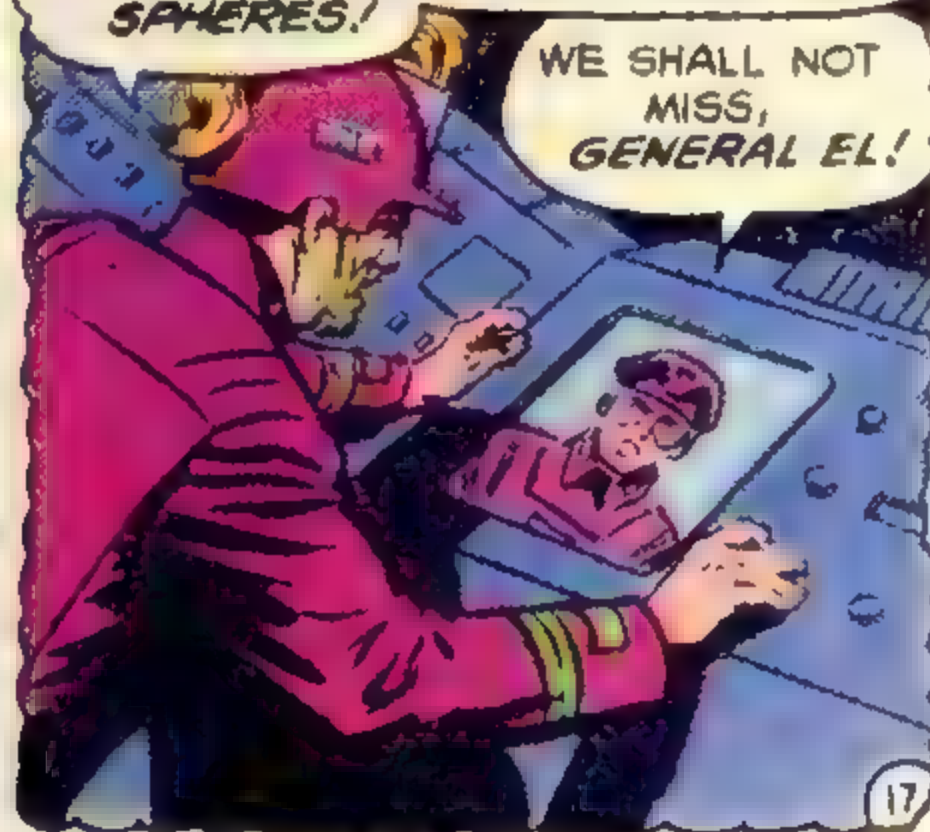


WE
MUST
RETALIATE
AT ONCE,
GENERAL
EL!

"I IMMEDIATELY ISSUED ORDERS TO
THE **LAUNCH BATTERIES...**

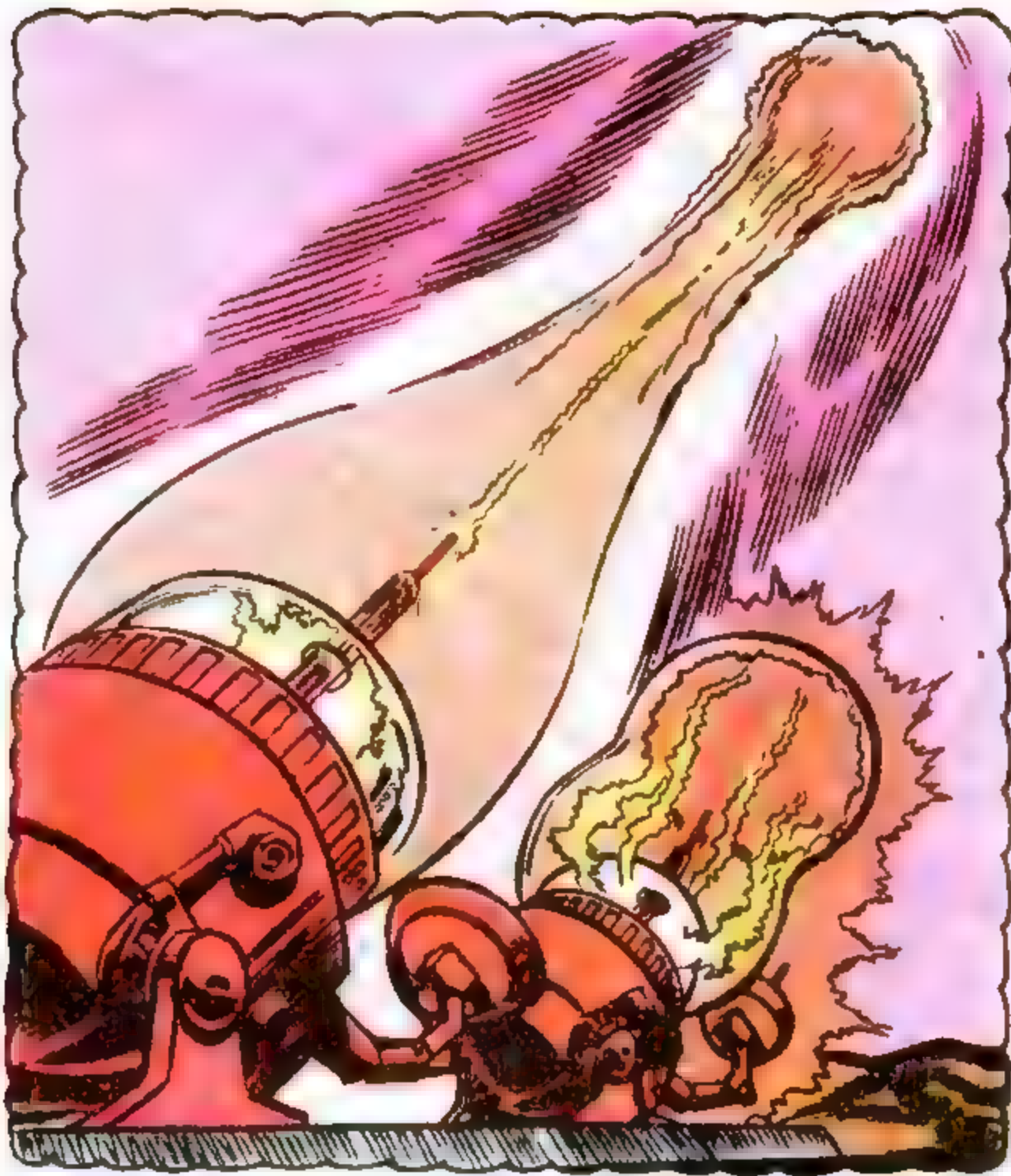
WE MUST HIT **ERKOL** AND THE ALLIED
CITY-STATES WITH **DISINTEGRATOR-
SPHERES!**

WE SHALL NOT
MISS,
GENERAL EL!

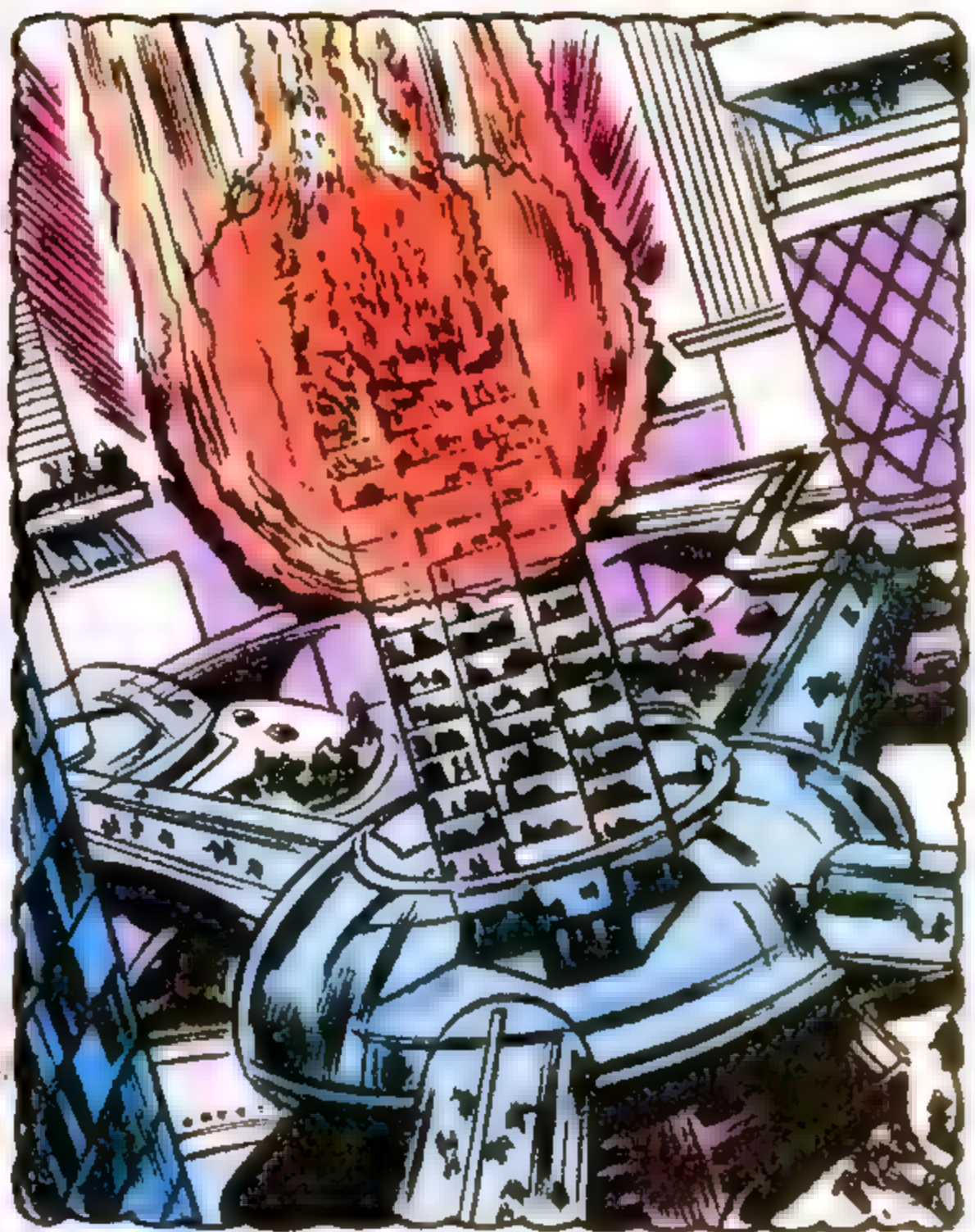


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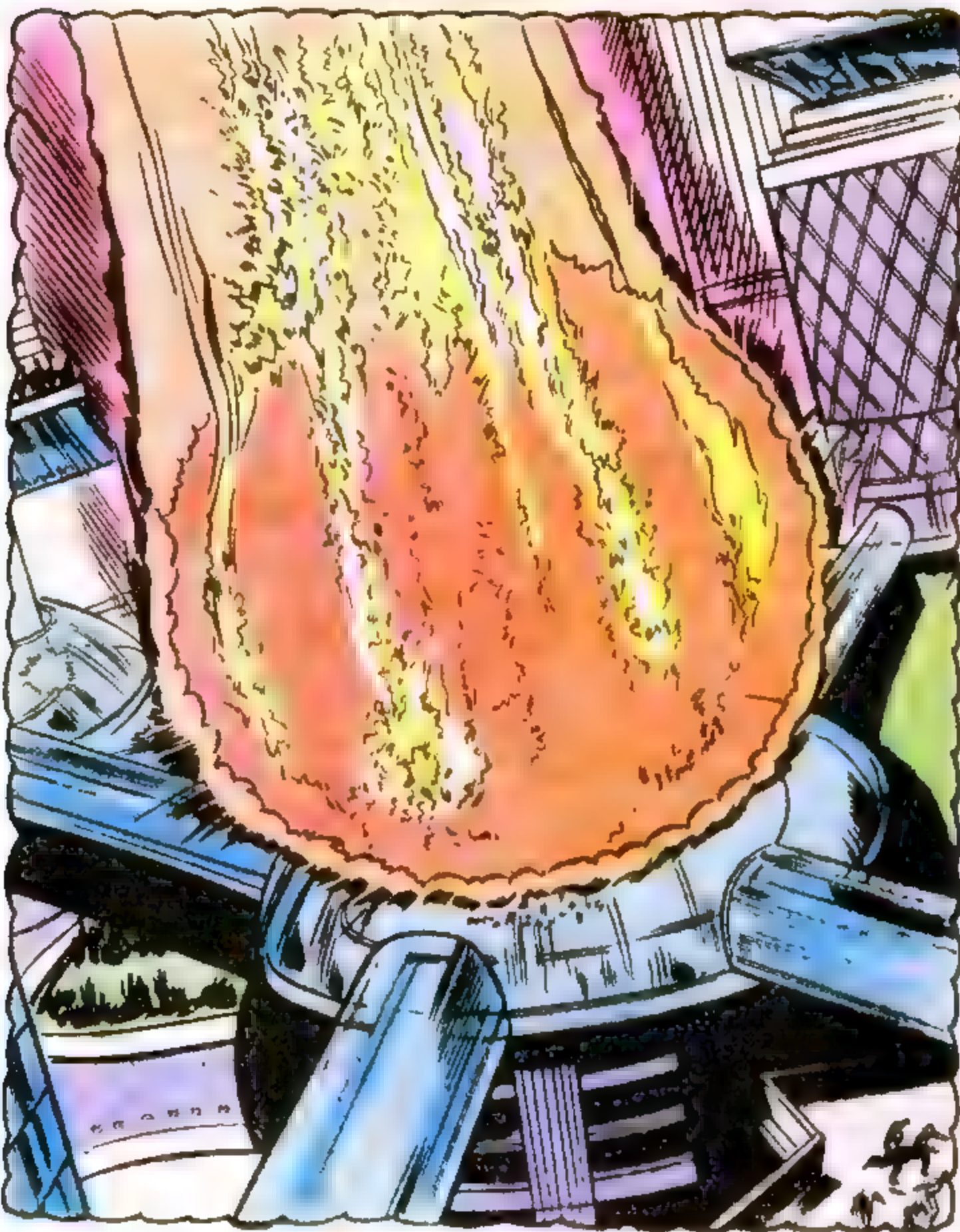
"IT WAS A TERRIBLE WEAPON, BUT WE WERE SURE ITS USE WOULD BRING THE WAR TO A SWIFT END..."



"WE AIMED ONE AT EACH OF FOUR CITIES-- DIRECTING IT AT A PARTICULAR BUILDING IN EACH..."



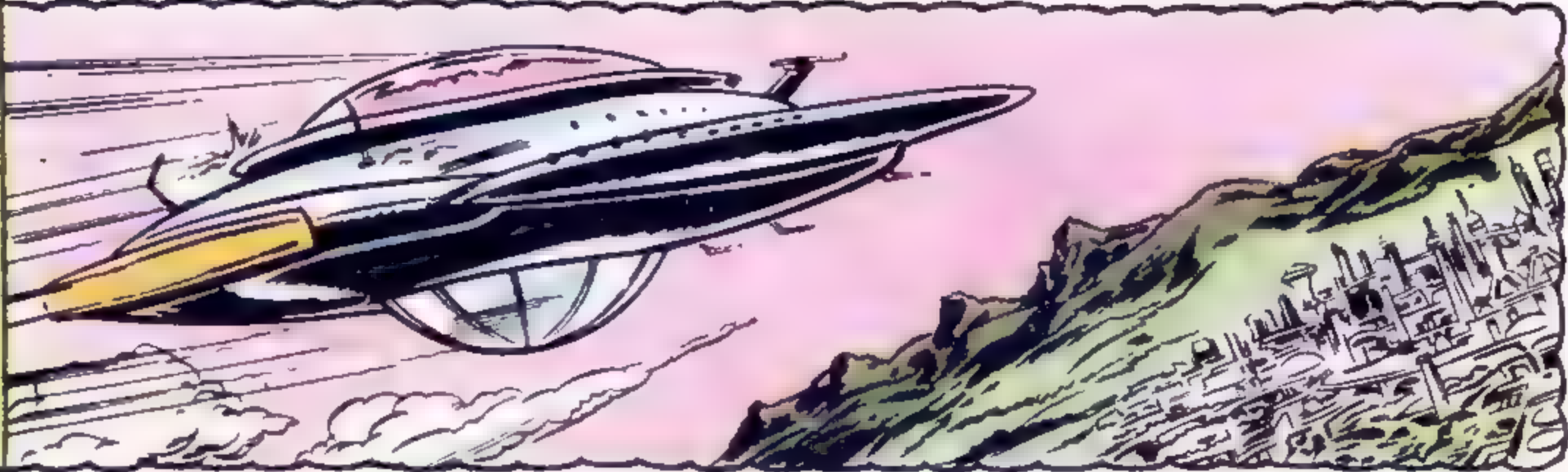
"WE ARE ACCUSTOMED TO THE LOUD NOISES OF WAR- WEAPONS... YET THIS WAS MORE FRIGHTENING BECAUSE IT WAS SILENT..."



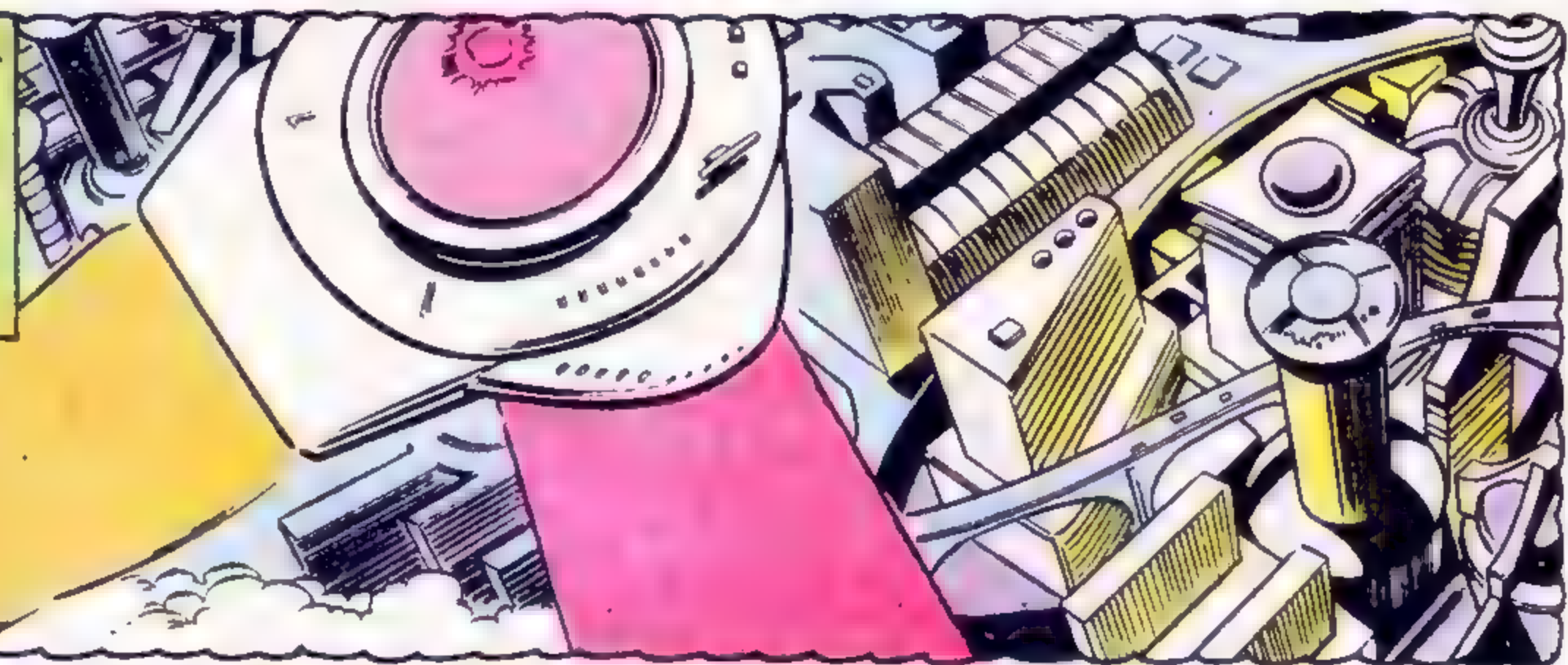
"AND WHEN IT WAS FINISHED, THE TARGET WAS NO MORE..."



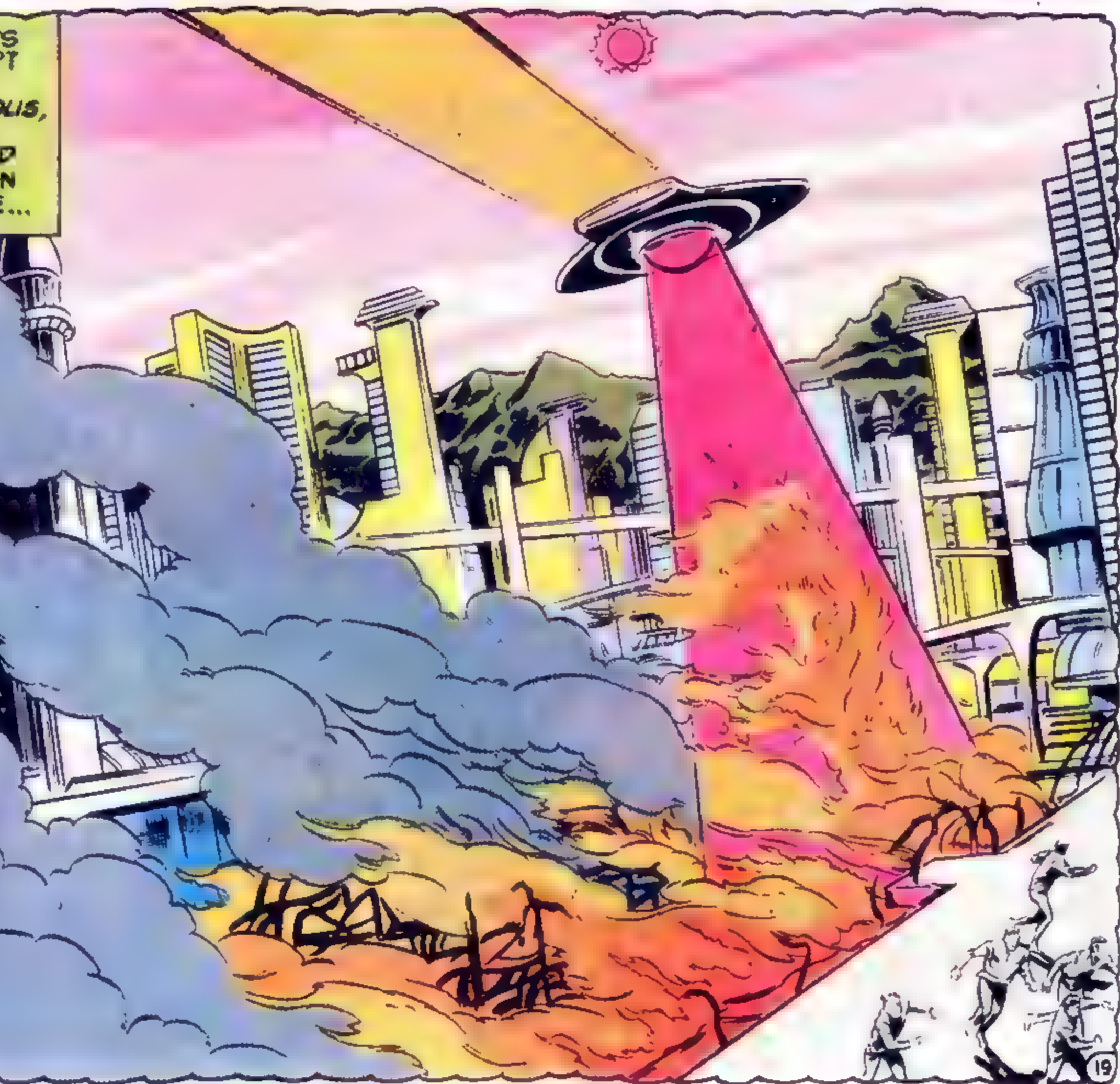
"WE FELT
SO SMUGLY
CONFIDENT
THAT OURS
WAS THE
ULTIMATE
WEAPON!
THAT IS,
UNTIL THE
FOE
LAUNCHED
THEIRS!...



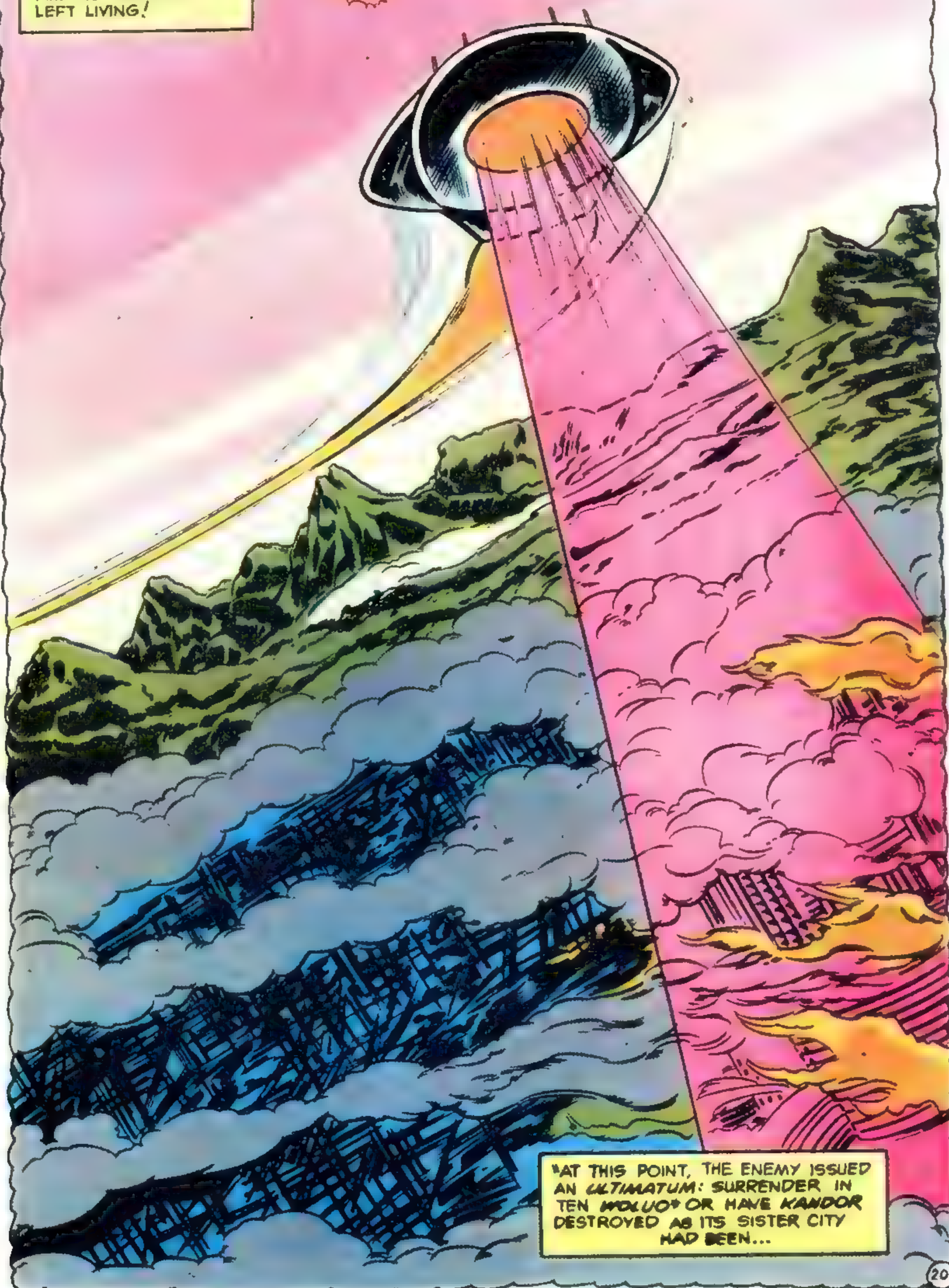
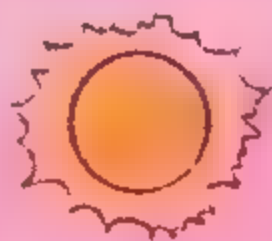
"THE ROBOT-
CRAFT WAS
POWERED
BY THE SUN
--AND USED
SUNLIGHT
AS ITS
WEAPON...



"SWIFTLY, ITS
BEAM SWEEP
ACROSS
KRYPTONOPOLIS,
LEAVING
BLACKENED
DEVASTATION
IN ITS WAKE...



WHEN ITS MISSION
WAS FINISHED, NOTHING
WAS LEFT STANDING
IN KRYPTONOPOLIS...
AND NO ONE WAS
LEFT LIVING!

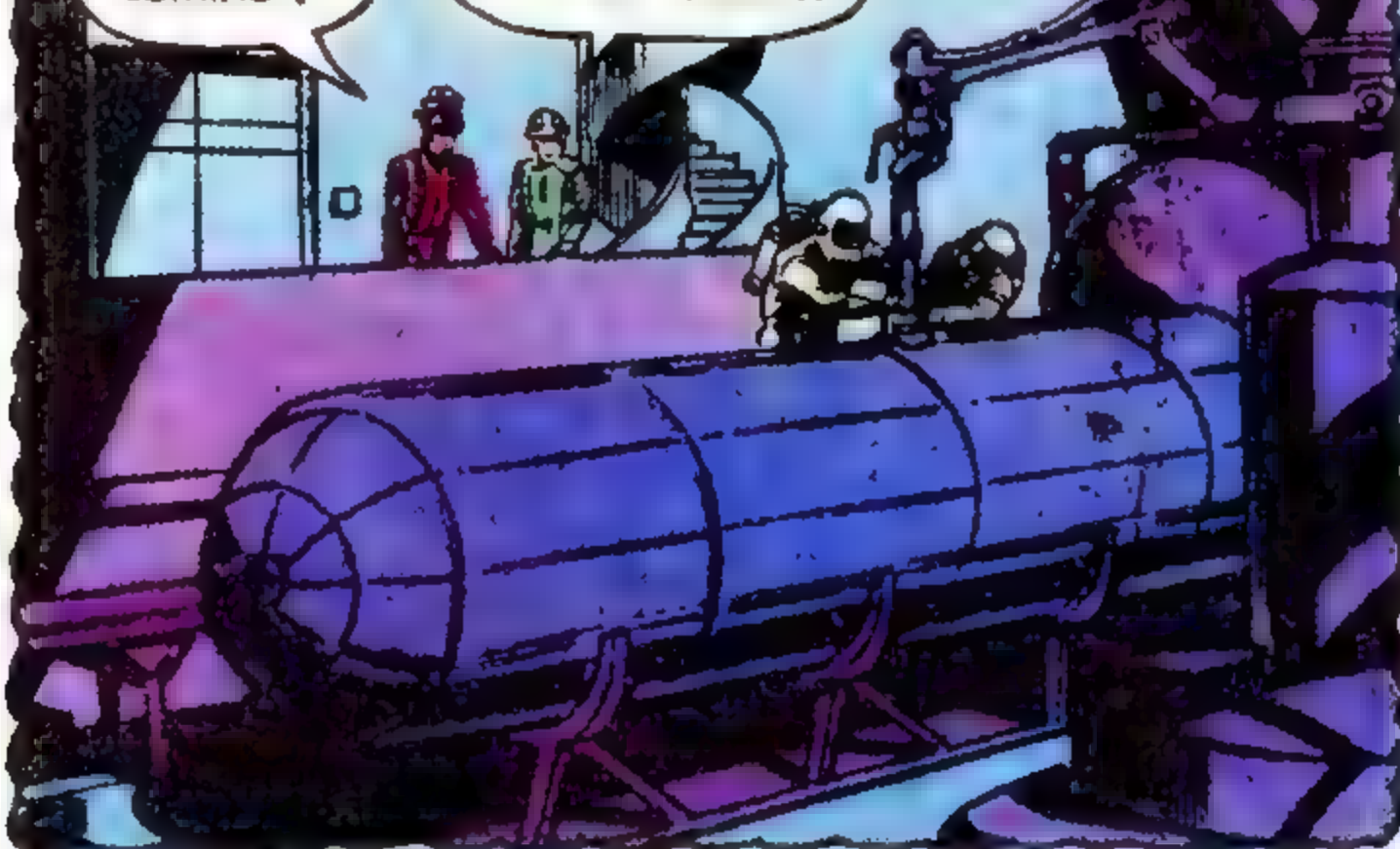


AT THIS POINT, THE ENEMY ISSUED
AN ULTIMATUM: SURRENDER IN
TEN HOURS OR HAVE KANDOR
DESTROYED AS ITS SISTER CITY
HAD BEEN...

"SURRENDER WAS NOT IN MY NATURE! I ASKED... AND RECEIVED PERMISSION TO TRY ONE FINAL DESPERATE MEASURE..."

JES-NO*!
HOW IS THE
PROJECT
COMING?

WELL! BUT SO FAR, IT
IS UNTESTED ON HUMANS.
GIVE ME ANOTHER **LORAX***
OR TWO...



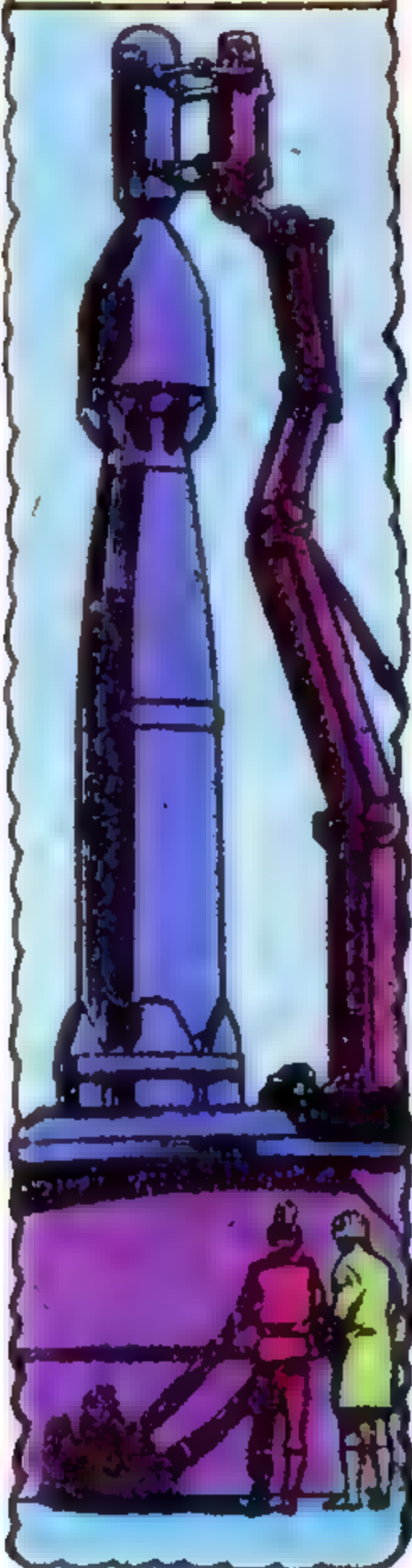
NO--I CANNOT EVEN GIVE YOU A
FRACTION OF THAT TIME! EVERY **THREB***
BRINGS US NEARER TO DESTRUCTION!

BE READY TO LAUNCH
IT IN **NINE WOLLO***!

IF YOU
SAY SO
--BUT
I CANNOT
GUARANTEE
IT WILL
WORK!



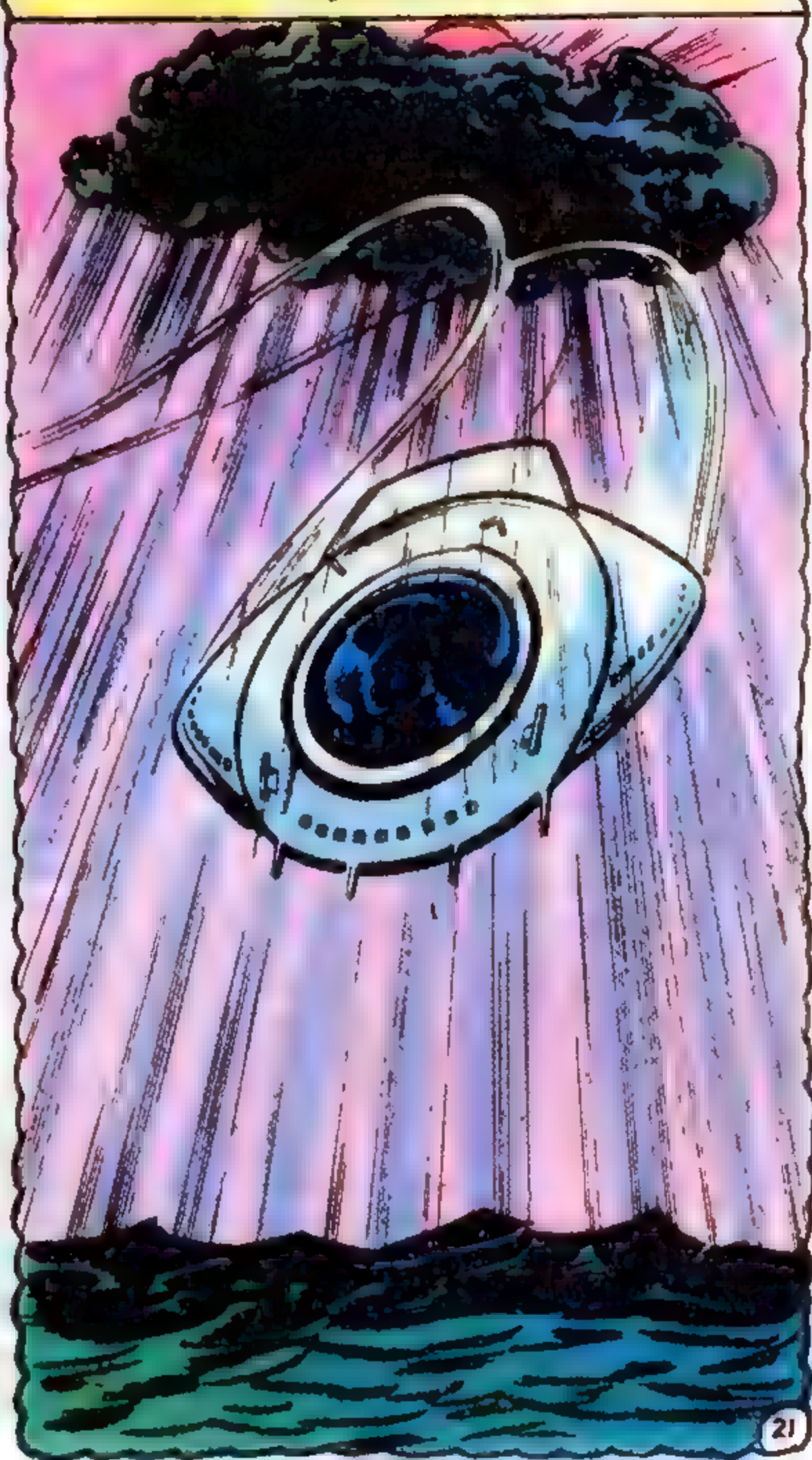
"WITH EACH
PASSING **WOLLO***,
I GREW MORE
CONCERNED! MY
FAMILY WAS IN
KANDOR! BUT
EVACUATION IN
THAT LENGTH
OF TIME WAS
IMPOSSIBLE..."



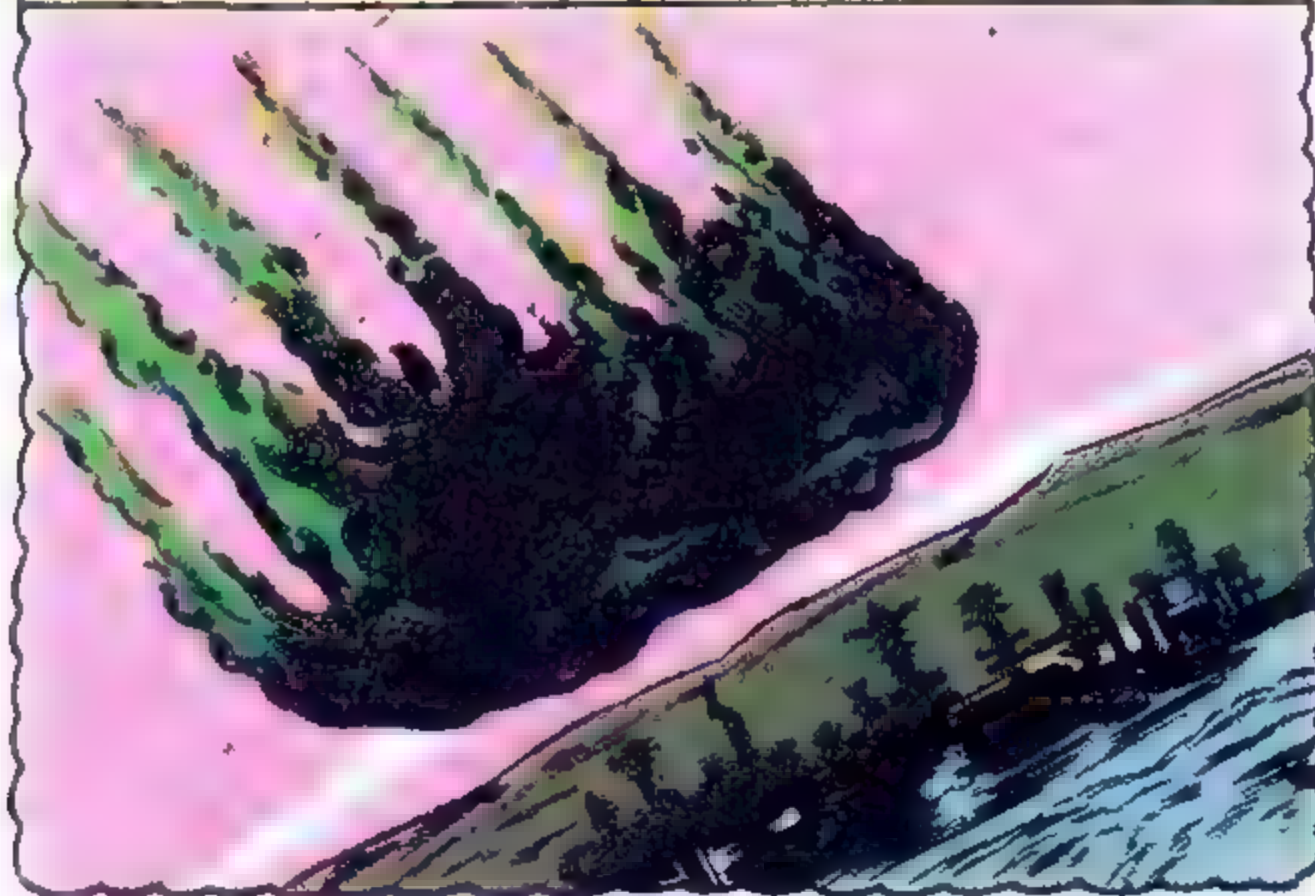
"THE MISSILE WAS LAUNCHED
BARELY ON TIME! IT BURST
OPEN JUST AS THE DEADLY
SUN-CRAFT WAS ON ITS
MURDER-MISSION TO KANDOR..."



"THE SMOKE IT DISGORGED CAUSED AN
ARTIFICIAL **ECLIPSE**-- BLOTTING OUT THE SUN!
DEPRIVED OF ITS ENERGY SOURCE, THE
SUN-CRAFT PLUNGED INTO THE SEA--AND
DESTRUCTION..."



"THE SMOKE THEN DESCENDED TO THE EXACT SPOT WE HAD AIMED FOR-- **ERKOL**, THE ENEMY CAPITAL...



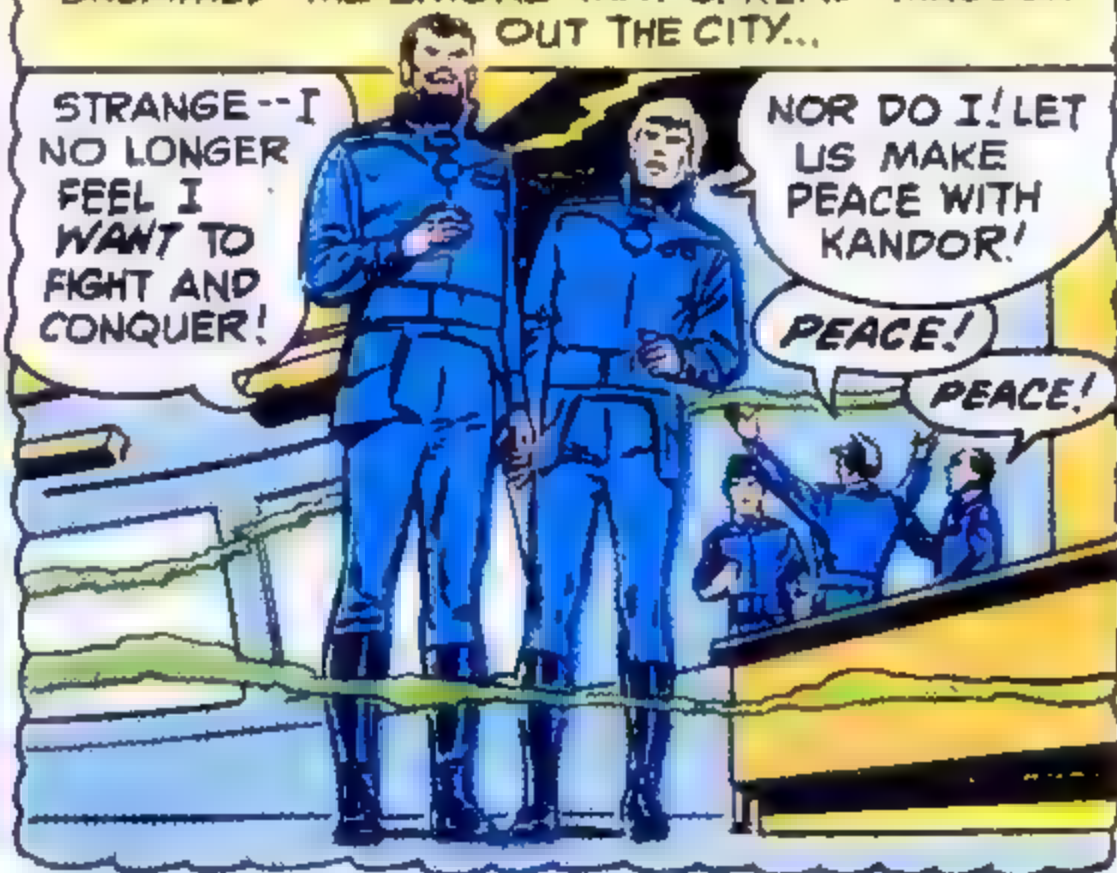
"AND THERE THE **TRUE PURPOSE** OF THE GAS WAS DISCLOSED... FOR AS THE WARLORDS BREATHED THE SMOKE THAT SPREAD THROUGH-
OUT THE CITY...

STRANGE--I
NO LONGER
FEEL I
WANT TO
FIGHT AND
CONQUER!

NOR DO I! LET
US MAKE
PEACE WITH
KANDOR!

PEACE!

PEACE!



"AND AS THE NEWS OF THE WAR'S
END CAME TO US..."

THE
PROJEST-GAS
WORKED
WELL-- BUT
WE WERE
TRYING TO
GET RID OF
THE THICK
SMOKE
BEFORE
USING IT!

YET IT
WAS THAT
BY-PRODUCT--
THE VERY
SMOKE THAT
DARKENED
THE SUN--
WHICH WE
NEEDED TO
SAVE
KANDOR!



SO ENDED THE LAST WAR--
FOR THE NATIONS BEGAN
PLANNING THE GREAT
CONFEDERATION ...

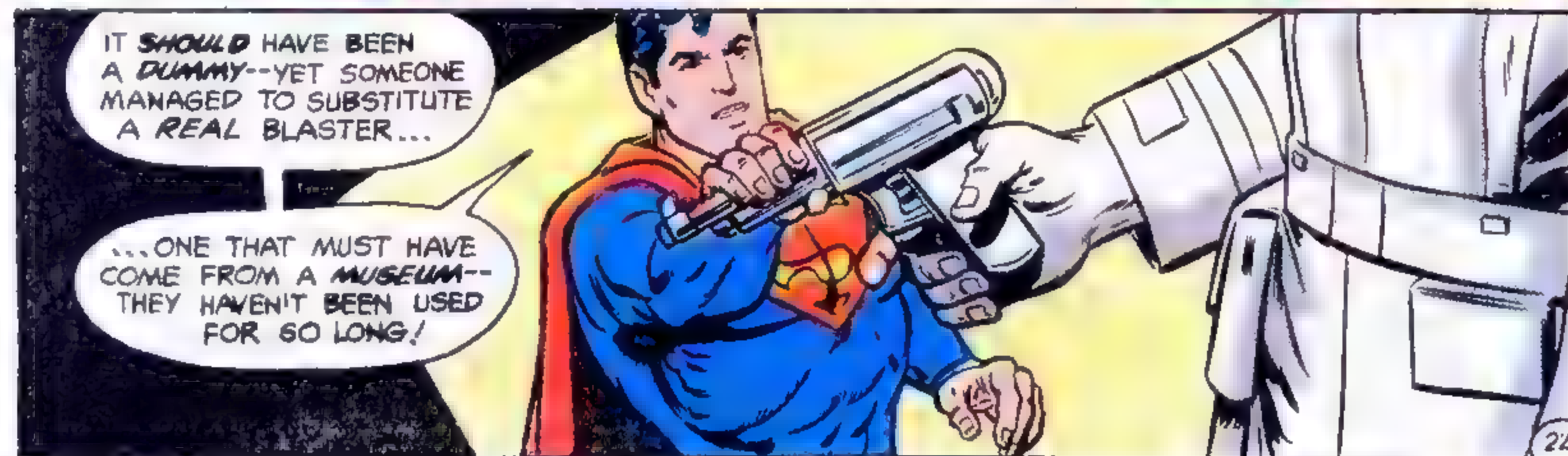
MOONS OF KRYPTON!
LOOK OUT!

THAT
WEAPON
IN THE
STATUE'S
HAND--
IT'S
REAL!



IT **SHOULD** HAVE BEEN
A **DUMMY**--YET SOMEONE
MANAGED TO SUBSTITUTE
A **REAL** BLASTER...

...ONE THAT MUST HAVE
COME FROM A **MUSEUM**--
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN USED
FOR SO LONG!

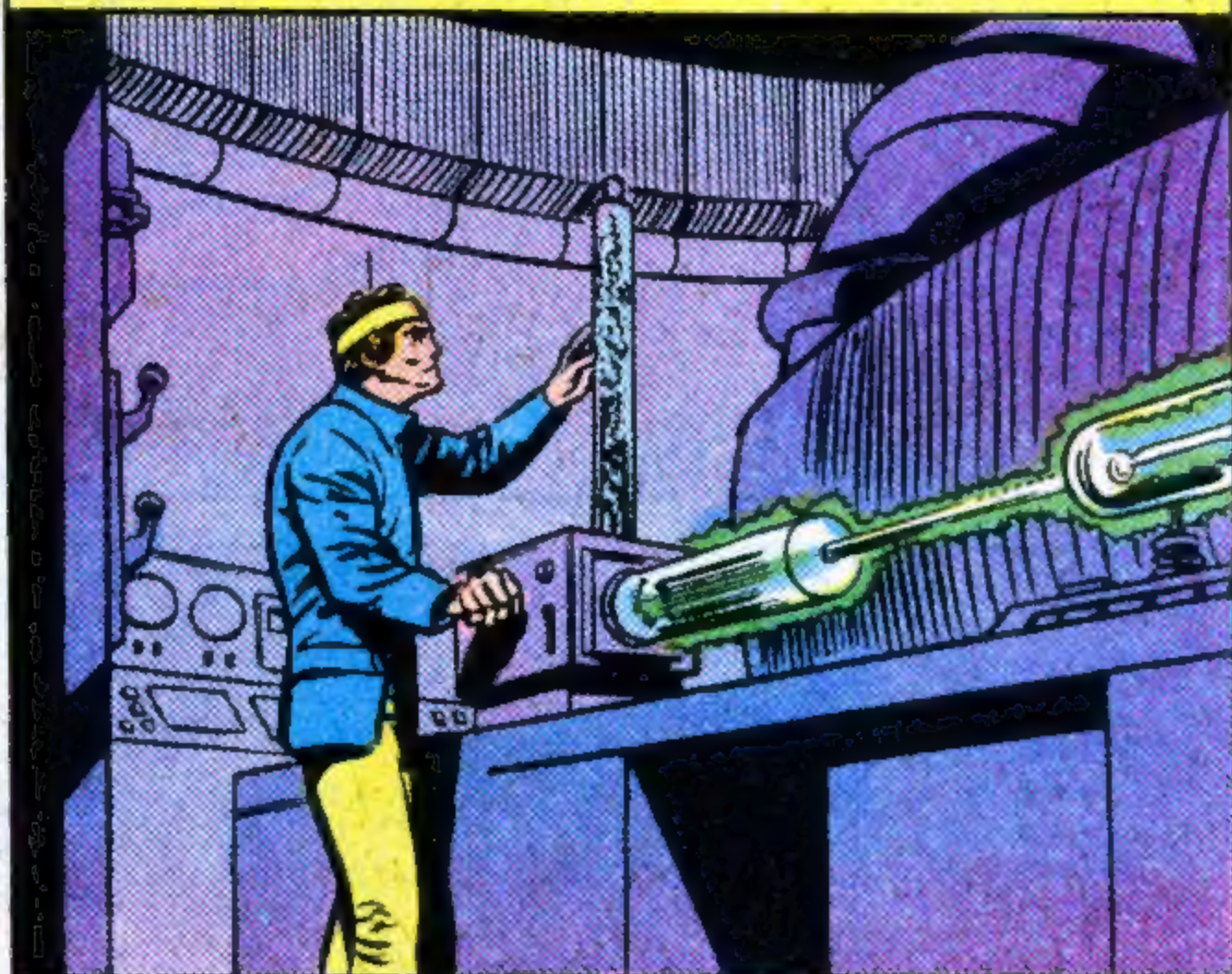


IT WAS JUST BEFORE THE WAR THAT THOUGHT-RECORDINGS WERE INVENTED--SO ALL THE REMAINING RECORDINGS WILL BE *SPOKEN!*

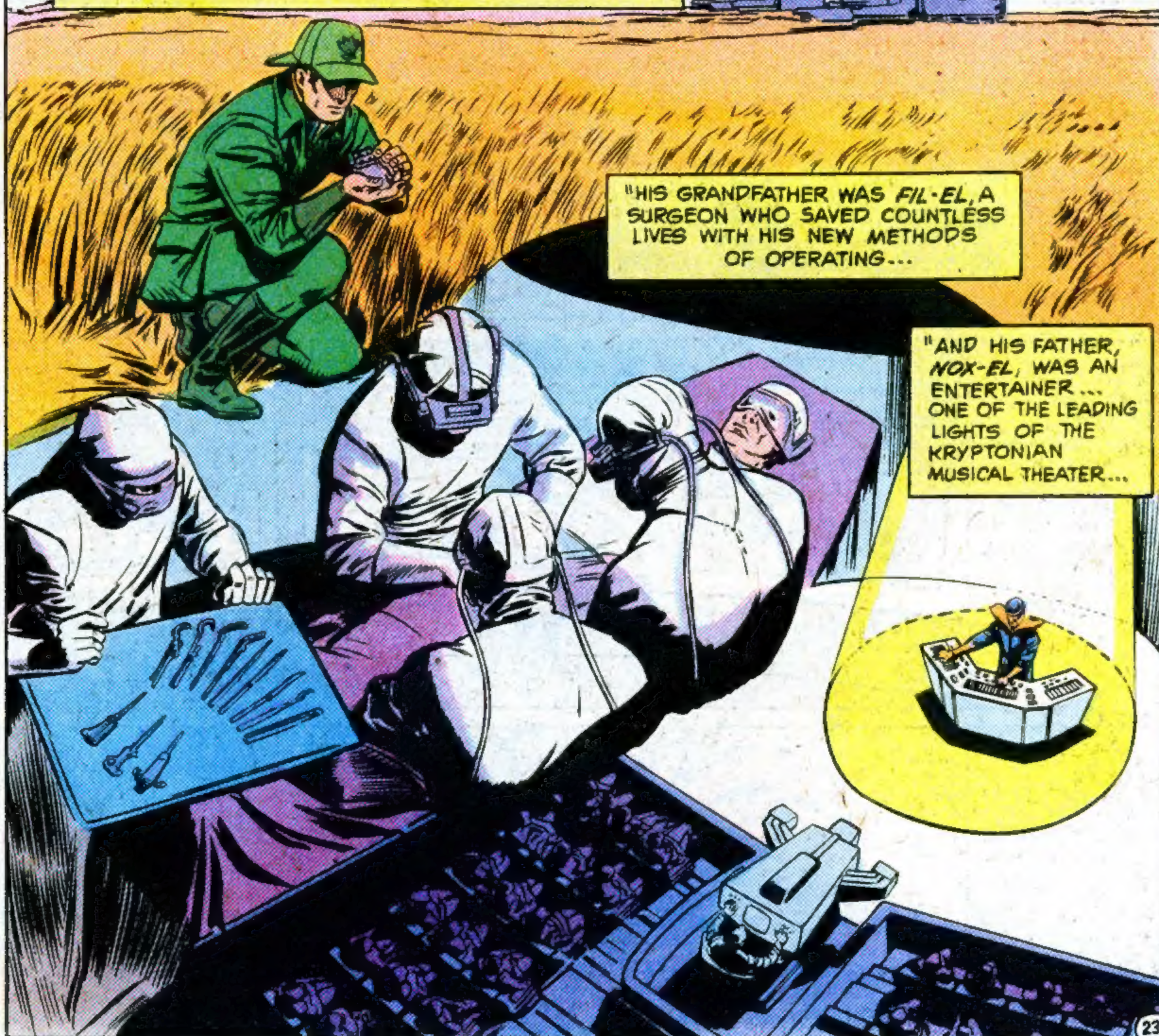
THE NEXT ONE IS THE FAMED PHYSICIST--



"--JM-EL... WHOSE DISCOVERIES IN THE FIELD OF ATOMIC ENERGY REVOLUTIONIZED MOST INDUSTRIES ON KRYPTON--



"BEFORE HIM CAME SORN-EL, AGRICULTURIST, WHO DEVELOPED NEW STRAINS OF GRAIN WHICH MADE FOOD SHORTAGES A THING OF THE PAST ON KRYPTON--



"HIS GRANDFATHER WAS FIL-EL, A SURGEON WHO SAVED COUNTLESS LIVES WITH HIS NEW METHODS OF OPERATING--

"AND HIS FATHER, NOX-EL, WAS AN ENTERTAINER... ONE OF THE LEADING LIGHTS OF THE KRYPTONIAN MUSICAL THEATER--

"A GENERATION
EARLIER CAME
FLEN-EL,
KRYPTON'S
GREATEST
NOVELIST,
WHOSE WORKS
ARE STILL
READ IN
KANDOR..."



"AND HIS
AUNT,
FEDRA SNU-EL,
WHO, AS A
LEGISLATOR,
HELPED
SET UP
KANDOR'S FIRST
SCIENCE
COUNCIL..."



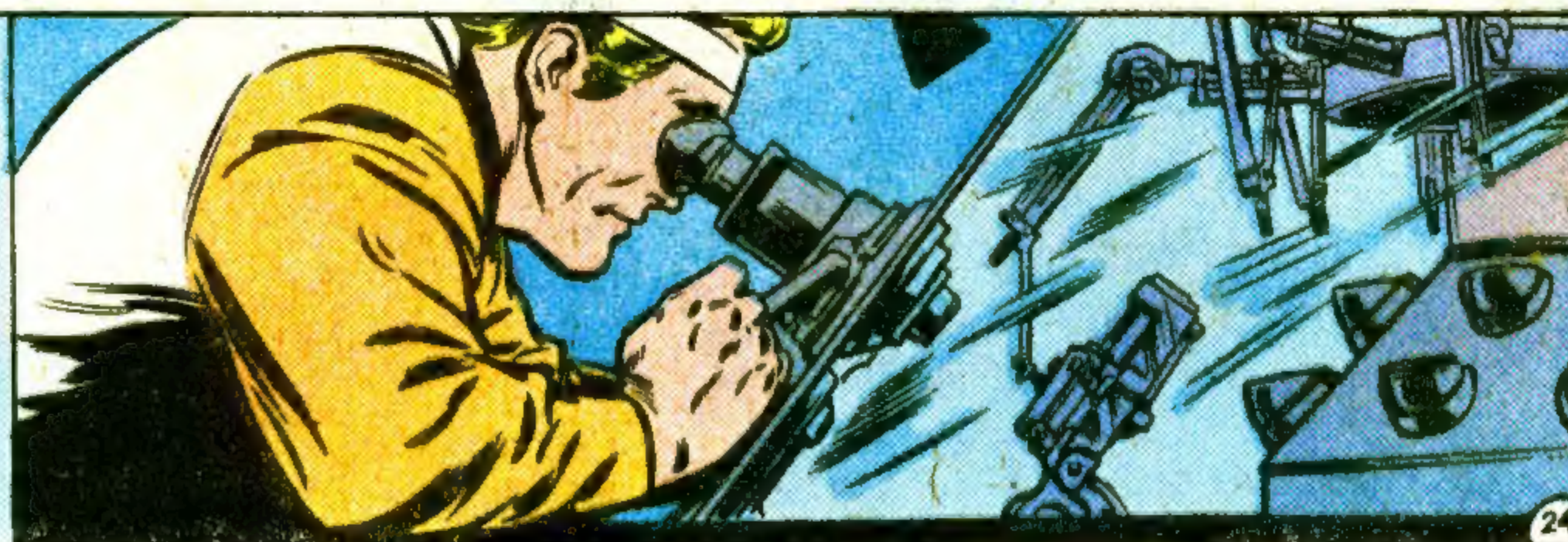
"HER
BROTHER,
TUAR-EL,
WAS A
NOTED
JURIST WHO
REFORMED
THE TRIAL
SYSTEM..."



"WHILE
THEIR FATHER,
SNU-EL,
WAS AN
OUTSTANDING
SCIENTIST AND
MATHEMATICIAN...
AN EXPERT
ON COMPUTER
THEORY..."



"AND TWO
GENERATIONS
EARLIER CAME
WIR-EL,
THE INVENTOR...
THE FIRST
TO PERFECT
SOPHISTICATED
RECORDING
EQUIPMENT..."



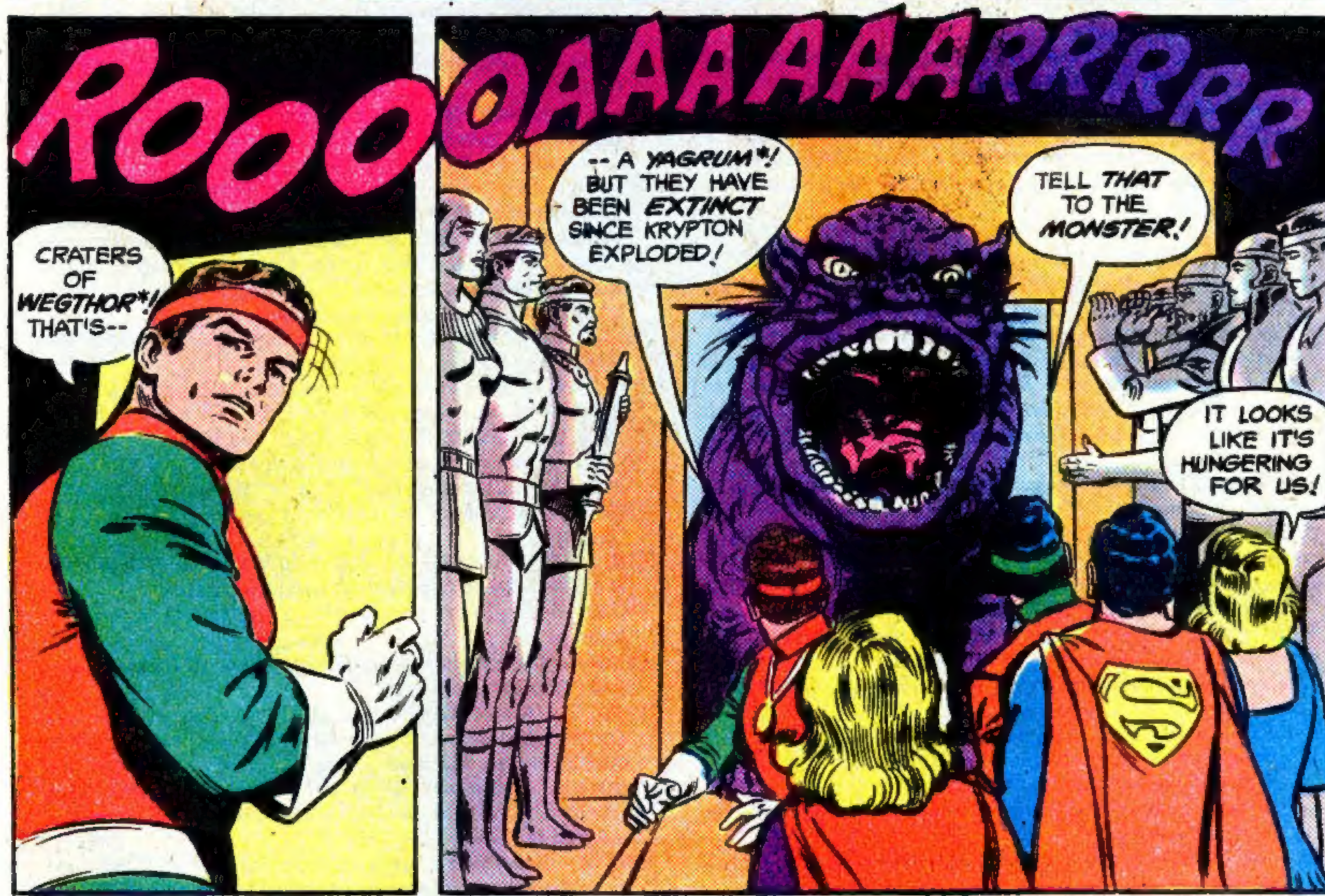


AND THAT IS THE
LAST OF THE STATUES
WITH BUILT-IN
RECORDINGS, KAL!

BUT WE'RE
STILL FAR
FROM THE
FAMILY'S
BEGINNING!
HOW DO WE
LEARN THE
STORIES OF
OUR
EARLIER
ANCESTORS?



THAT IS NO
PROBLEM
WITH THE NEXT
GROUP. WE'LL
JUST...



ROOOOAAAAARRRRR

CRATERS
OF
WEGTHOR*!
THAT'S--

-- A YAGRUM*!
BUT THEY HAVE
BEEN **EXTINCT**
SINCE KRYPTON
EXPLODED!

TELL THAT
TO THE
MONSTER!

IT LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
HUNGERING
FOR US!



THEY WILL NEVER KNOW
WHO IS BEHIND THIS--
OR WHY... BUT MY REVENGE
WILL BE COMPLETE!

WHO IS THE
MYSTERY FOE AND
WHAT IS THE
PURPOSE BEHIND
THE ATTACKS ON
KAL-EL AND HIS
FAMILY?
THIS -- PLUS MORE
THRILLING TALES
OF THE EL FAMILY--
WILL BE REVEALED
IN THE NEXT
ISSUE OF
**THE KRYPTON
CHRONICLES!**
ON SALE JULY 9!
IT'S A DATE!

A KRYPTON GLOSSARY

Before presenting the words and definitions, we'll give a few facts about Kryptonian language and names.

We have done our best to translate the Kryptonese words and names into the English alphabet, but this is not always easy, as the Kryptonese alphabet consists of 118 characters, each with a precise sound. A double letter indicates a strong emphasis on the sound.

Kryptonese plurals are created by adding an O to the word, as we add an S in English. Some are given below.

Kryptonian men used hyphenated names, like Jor-El and Jax-Ur, the last part of the name being the family name, or surname. Women used the father's full name as a surname, except for orphans such as Lesla-Lar (see her name in the listing below).

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ALURA—Wife of Zor-El and mother of Supergirl.

BRENN-BIR—A criminal who joined with two friends, Vas-Quor and Kyl-Ibo, to terrorize Kandor when they acquired super-powers from contact with an old crony, Ak-Var. Ak had just been released from the Phantom Zone, and had been affected by Red Kryptonite, which always has unpredictable effects on Kryptonians. Ak-Var helped Superman defeat his former pals. For more on him, see under Van-Zee.

DRYGUR—A word meaning "leader"; roughly equivalent to our "president."

DRYGUR MOLIAM—The leader of the Science Council. (See Moliom.)

ERKOL—Oldest city on Krypton. After a war with another city-state, Xan, lasting 200 years, Erkol was destroyed. However, many of its people survived to wipe out Xan and rebuild. The city still existed when Krypton exploded.

FIRE-FALLS—One of the natural wonders of Krypton, looking like a waterfall made of fire.

GRAHU—An artificial material, somewhat like plastic, but much stronger, used for building on Krypton.

GRAHU-HUT—A portable shelter made of grahu.

HAL-VU—A leading statesman of Erkol at the time of the Kryptonian Federation.

JES-MO—Kandor's chief weapons scientist during the Last War.

JOR-EL I—Superman's grandfather; a famous scientist.

JOR-EL II—Superman's father, son of Jor-El I.

KAL-EL—Superman's Kryptonian name.

KANDOR—The former capital of Krypton until it was stolen, shrunk, and placed in a bottle by the space-villain Brainiac. After defeating Brainiac, Superman kept the bottle-city in his Fortress until he found a way to enlarge it on another world.

KARA ZOR-EL—Supergirl's Kryptonian name. See Zor-El.

KRYPTONOPOLIS—The city of Superman's birth. Actually, this is a rendering of the name in Earth language, using the Greek "polis" (city). The original Kryptonian name is very difficult to pronounce. The city was founded by outcasts from Erkol, mutated by radiation during the Erkol-Xan war. Although they were strange in appearance—and had telekinetic powers—their offspring were normal.

LESLA-LAR—A native Kandorian who was Supergirl's double and became her enemy. An orphan, Lesla took a surname from the family of her best friend, Zora Vi-Lar.

LORAX—A Kryptonian "month" of 73 days. There were six of these in the year of 438 days.

LURVAN—The continent on which Kandor and Kryptonopolis were located.

MARG-ROM—Gam-El's assistant in architecture.

MOLIAM—Any member of the Science Council.

NIM-EL—Jor-El II's twin brother, a weapons scientist of Kandor. His son, Don-El, became Chief of Police in Kandor.

PHANTOM ZONE—A twilight dimension into which convicted criminals were projected during the last year of Krypton's existence.

RAO—Originally, an ancient Kryptonian sun-god. When the people of Krypton came to worship one God, the name Rao was applied to Him.

ROKYN—Name of Kandor's new world. It comes from RO, the possessive form of Rao, plus KYN, meaning "gift." Thus Rokyn is "Rao's gift," or "The Gift of God."

SCIENCE COUNCIL—The ruling body on Krypton and in Kandor. Members are elected for life by a vote of the people, based on their contributions to science.

SHYLA KOR-ONN—A former Phantom Zone prisoner who fought Supergirl.

SIN-DAR—A statesman of the city-state of Strau, in Urrika, at the time of the Kryptonian Federation.

SUPERGIRL'S PARENTS—See Zor-El and Alura.

TANTH—A title of respect for a man; equivalent to Sir or Mister in English. The feminine form is TYNTH.

TANTHO—The plural of TANTH. Used as we might use "gentlemen."

THOUGHT-TRACKER EYE—A Kryptonian device able to home in on criminal minds by their peculiar brain-waves.

THRIB—A very short period of time, equivalent to an Earth second.

URRIKA—The Kryptonian continent where civilization began; Erkol was located there.

VAN-ZEE—A relative and look-alike of Superman, living in Kandor. A prominent scientist and a Moliom, he has a double life as Nightwing, the "Batman" of Kandor. His partner, Flamebird, is Ak-Var, former Phantom Zone criminal, now reformed, working as Van's assistant, and married to Van's niece.

VAR-EL—Superman's great-grandfather, a scientist who mysteriously vanished, so Krypton has no record of his life.

WANAN—A former plain outside Kandor. In the years following the Federation, it was built up and became part of the city.

WEGTHOR—One of Krypton's two moons. It was colonized, but was then destroyed by an experiment of the criminal scientist Jax-Ur.

WOLU—A Kryptonian hour of 10,000 thribo. Ten Wolu made one day (ZETYAR in Kryptonese).

WOLUO—The plural of WOLU.

YAGRUM—A particularly dangerous, but rare, monster once found on Krypton.

ZOR-EL—Jor-El II's younger brother. He lived in Argo City, which survived Krypton's doom, but was later wiped out by Kryptonite. Sending Kara, his daughter, to Earth, he managed to project his wife, Alura, and himself into another dimension, from which Supergirl later freed them. They then went to live in Kandor.

ZORA VI-LAR—A Kandorian villainess and close friend of Lesla-Lar. Calling herself Black Flame, she tried to expose Supergirl to Gold Kryptonite, which could steal her powers permanently.