

PARIS, FRANCE. YEARS AGO.



DEET
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HELLO,
YOU.

KSSSHH ME--
NATASHA--
KSSSSSHH
HEAR ME?

UNCLE
JOHN?

SORRY. I
CAN BARELY HEAR
YOU. THE LINE'S
TERRIBLE.

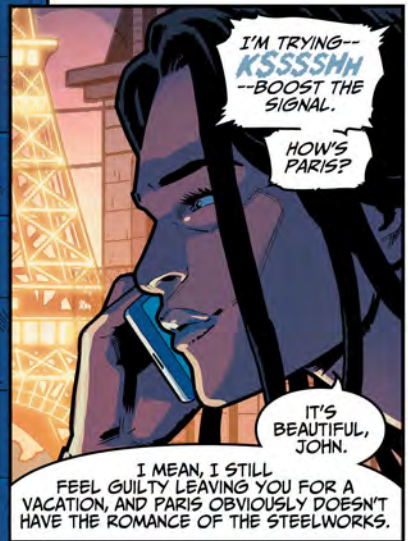


I'M TRYING--
KSSSSSHH
--BOOST THE
SIGNAL.

HOW'S
PARIS?

IT'S
BEAUTIFUL,
JOHN.

I MEAN, I STILL
FEEL GUILTY LEAVING YOU FOR A
VACATION, AND PARIS OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T
HAVE THE ROMANCE OF THE STEELWORKS.



OF COURSE IT
DOESN'T.

HOW COULD THE CITY OF LOVE
POSSIBLY COMPARE WITH BEING STUCK
DEEP UNDERGROUND SURROUNDED BY
THE SMELL OF BURNING METAL?



NATASHA.
LISTEN.

THERE'S...
SOMETHING'S
HAPPENED...





...IN
METROPOLIS.



THE
RADIATION
LEVELS
ARE...

I'M PUTTING
A HARD DRIVE IN A
LOCKBOX. IT SHOULD
BE SAFE, BUT YOU'RE NOT
GOING TO BE ABLE TO
GET DOWN HERE FOR
A WHILE.

WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



EVERYTHING
YOU'LL NEED TO
CONTINUE OUR WORK
IS HERE.

MY DREAMS ARE
IN THESE FILES, NAT.
ADD THEM...ADD THEM
TO YOUR OWN.



JOHN?

JOHN!



NAT?

LETI...

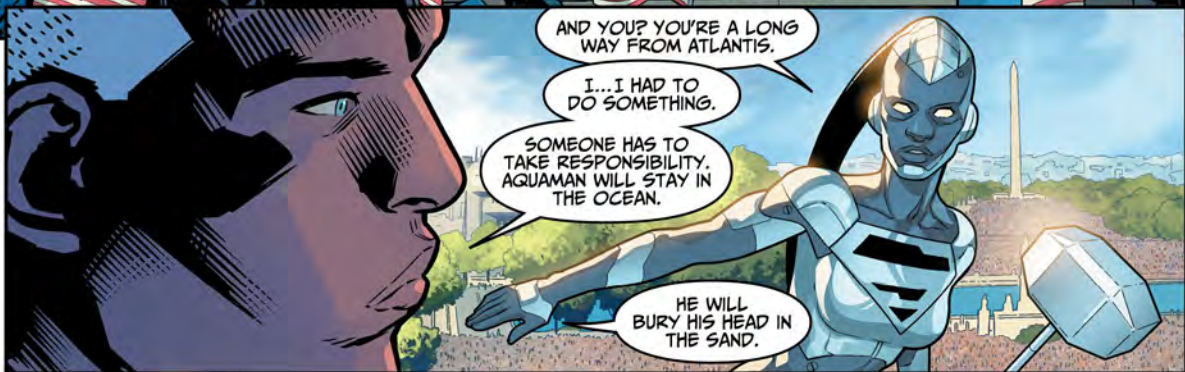
WHAT'S
WRONG?

NOW.
INAUGURATION DAY.
11:14 A.M. EST.



AND YET, HERE
YOU ARE. YOU DON'T
BLAME BATMAN FOR
METROPOLIS?

NO. I BLAME
THE ACTIONS OF
A MADMAN.



AND YOU? YOU'RE A LONG
WAY FROM ATLANTIS.

I...I HAD TO
DO SOMETHING.

SOMEONE HAS TO
TAKE RESPONSIBILITY.
AQUAMAN WILL STAY IN
THE OCEAN.

HE WILL
BURY HIS HEAD IN
THE SAND.



AND OUR SAND
IS ON THE
BOTTOM OF
THE OCEAN, SO
HE'S BURYING
IT PRETTY
DEEP.



HE MAY PRETEND THE
SURFACE WORLD'S
PROBLEMS AREN'T
HIS OWN, BUT WHAT
HAPPENS ON LAND WILL
AFFECT US. IT'S AS
PREDICTABLE AS
THE TIDES.



THE PRESIDENT
ELECT HAS STARTED
WALKING.

NO SIGN OF
TROUBLE?

THERE ARE
A LOT OF PRETTY
WEIRD-LOOKING
PEOPLE IN THE
CROWD...

"...BUT
NO ONE'S
SCREAMING
YET."

SCREEEEEE

RA'S AL GHUL'S
UNDERGROUND SANCTUARY.



THE AMAZON RAINFOREST.

AND NOW
THE GROUND
IS SCREAMING.
THAT CAN'T BE
GOOD.

OKAY.

I'M COMING...
SOMEHOW.





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