

WHERE AM I?



HOW DID I GET HERE?



THE LAST THING I REMEMBER IS...



BRAINIAC INFECTING ME WITH THE DOOMSDAY VIRUS...

THE BLACK HOLE...

I PULLED HIM IN TO SAVE METROPOLIS... DID THAT BRING US HERE...?



NO, KRYPTONIAN.

NO MATTER THE UNIVERSE OR TIMELINE--

VRIL DOX LED YOU HERE.

TO ME.

WHO---?





YOU  
DEMAND  
ATTENTION.

# THE GOD MACHINE

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...BRAINIAC?!

NO, NOT BRAINIAC--  
WHO ARE YOU?!  
WHERE ARE WE?  
SEND ME BACK TO  
METROPOLIS!

YOUR  
FRIENDS IN  
METROPOLIS ARE  
BEYOND HELP,  
HERO.

YOU  
SHOULD CONCERN  
YOURSELF WITH YOUR  
PRESENT, BECAUSE HERE,  
OUTSIDE OF TIME AND  
SPACE, IF YOU DO  
NOT PASS MY TEST,  
YOU WILL DIE.

YOU THINK  
I CARE ABOUT  
THREATS? *WHERE IS  
DOX?!* WE CAME HERE  
TOGETHER. I WANT TO  
SEE HIM, I HAVE  
QUESTIONS!

WE ARE ALL  
BRAINIAC.

THEY  
ARE ME.

DOX  
IS NO MORE.  
THERE IS ONLY  
BRAINIAC.

EACH ONE  
AN UNKNOWING  
EXTENSION OF MY  
CONSCIOUSNESS...  
VRIL DOX SERVED  
HIS PURPOSE.

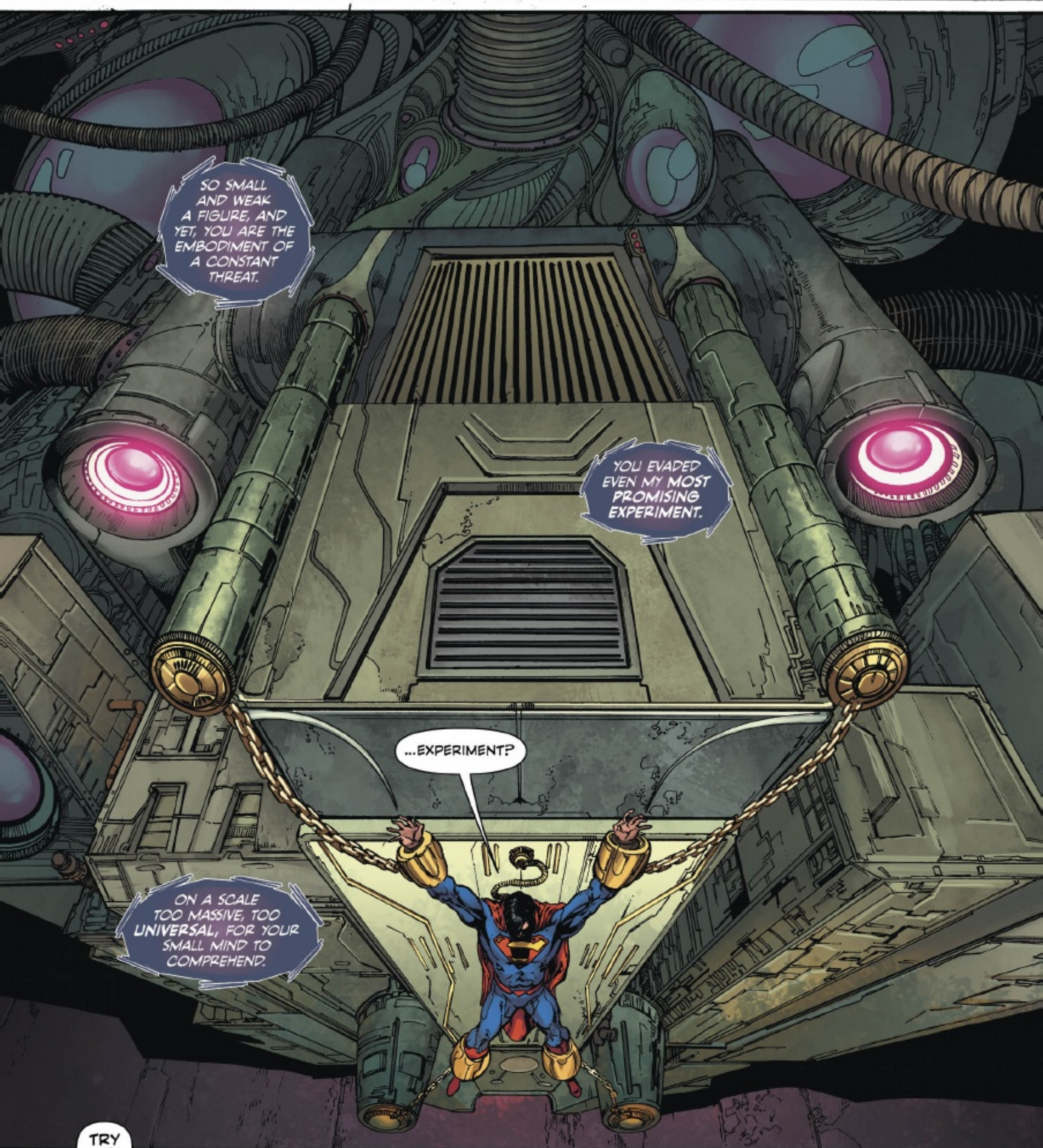
WHAT  
"PURPOSE"?

TO  
BREAK YOUR  
FAMOUS  
RESOLVE.

TO KILL YOU,  
OR BE KILLED  
BY YOU.

...YOU  
KILLED VRIL  
DOX?

NO,  
SUPERMAN.  
YOU DID.



SO SMALL AND WEAK A FIGURE, AND YET, YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF A CONSTANT THREAT.

YOU EVADED EVEN MY MOST PROMISING EXPERIMENT.

...EXPERIMENT?

ON A SCALE TOO MASSIVE, TOO UNIVERSAL, FOR YOUR SMALL MIND TO COMPREHEND.

TRY ME.



I AM-- I TEST YOU EVEN NOW.

YOU CALL THIS A TEST?! WHY?! WHY AM I HERE?!



AAAAHHH!!

TO SERVE A LARGER PURPOSE.



YOU ASKED WHERE WE WERE. THERE IS NO WHERE.

THOUGH IF I WERE TO NAME IT...

THIS IS WHERE I WATCH YOU DIE.

EACH OF US?

A CRUCIBLE-- WHERE EACH OF YOU DOOMED HERO AND DOOMED TIMELINE ALIKE, IS CALLED TO ACCOUNT.

FROM EVERY DOOMED TIMELINE HERE COLLECTED, EXCEPT IN YOUR CASE, WHERE I WATCH ENDLESSLY AS EACH EXTENSION OF ME IS SUBJUDGED BY ONE OF YOUR ALTERNATES, AND YET YOU DIE BY OTHER HANDS.

ALL TO SAVE THE LIFE OF ANOTHER, WITH NO REWARD FOR YOURSELF.

EACH TIME A NOBLE SACRIFICE.

DO YOU SEE NOW? YOU WEREN'T THE ONLY ONE TO FIGHT THE DOOMSDAY MONSTER.

ANOTHER SUPERMAN FOUGHT HIM, AS WELL.

YOU KILLED HIM.

