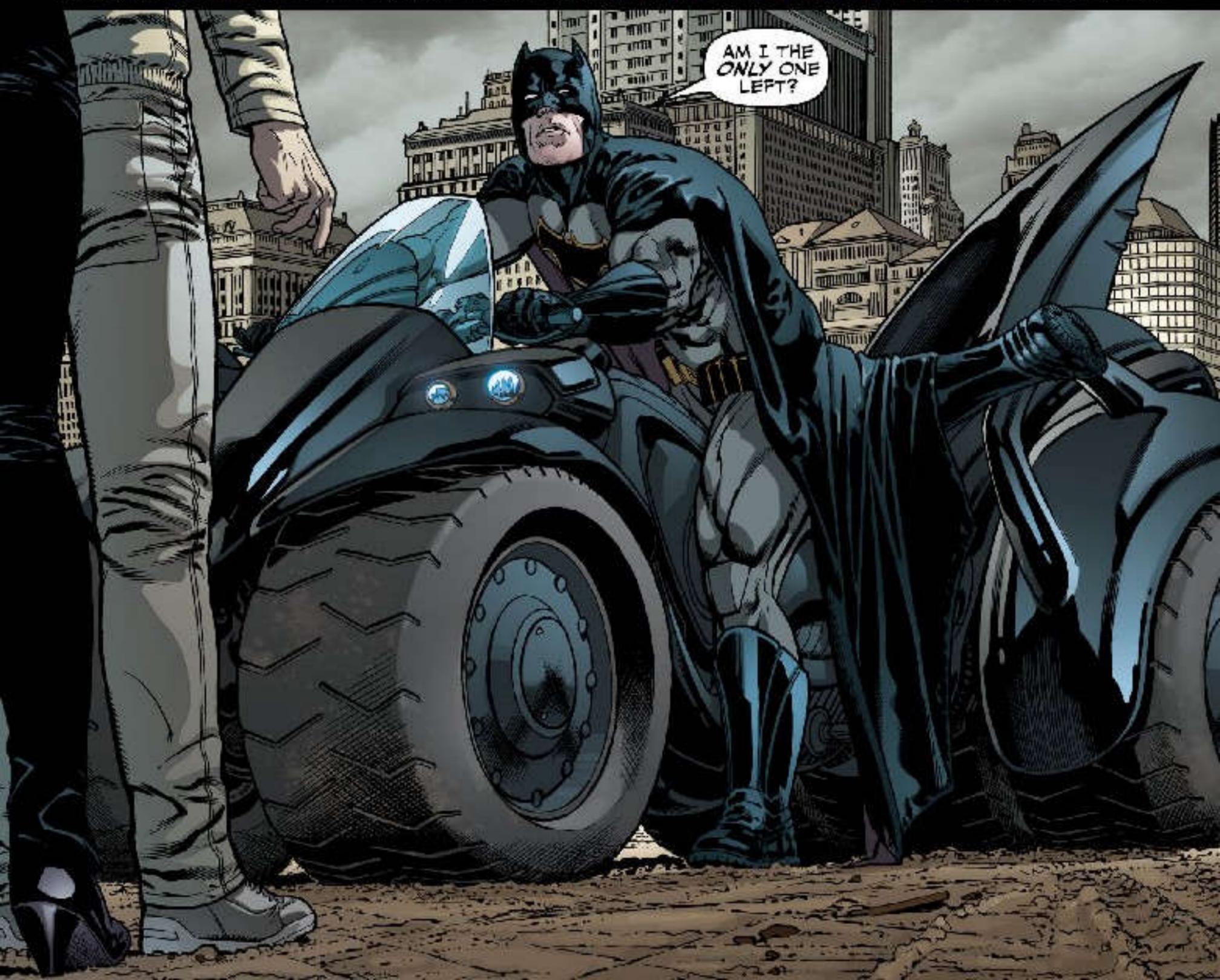


ABOUT FIFTEEN MINUTES AGO, RELATIVE TIME...



TIMELLESS PART 2

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SUPERMAN IS STILL HERE. FOR ANOTHER FEW MINUTES, ANYWAY.

WHAT HAPPENS THEN?

DISTORTION WAVE HITS. IT'S CHANGING HISTORY, AND IT'S ORIGINATING AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT POINTS IN TIME. ONE IS NOW-- YOUR FRIENDS ARE AT THE OTHERS.

PAST AND FUTURE.



CAN WE GET TO THEM?

WE DON'T THINK SO.

ALL WE CAN DO IS RIDE OUT THE WAVE FRONT AND SEE WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE.



AND WHAT'S THAT LIKELY TO BE?

SOMETHING OR SOMEONE POWERFUL ENOUGH TO REWRITE YOUR ENTIRE HISTORY. PROBABLY NOT GOING TO BE A PUSHOVER.

THAT'S WHY WE NEED HELP.



MINE?

SUPERMAN'S.



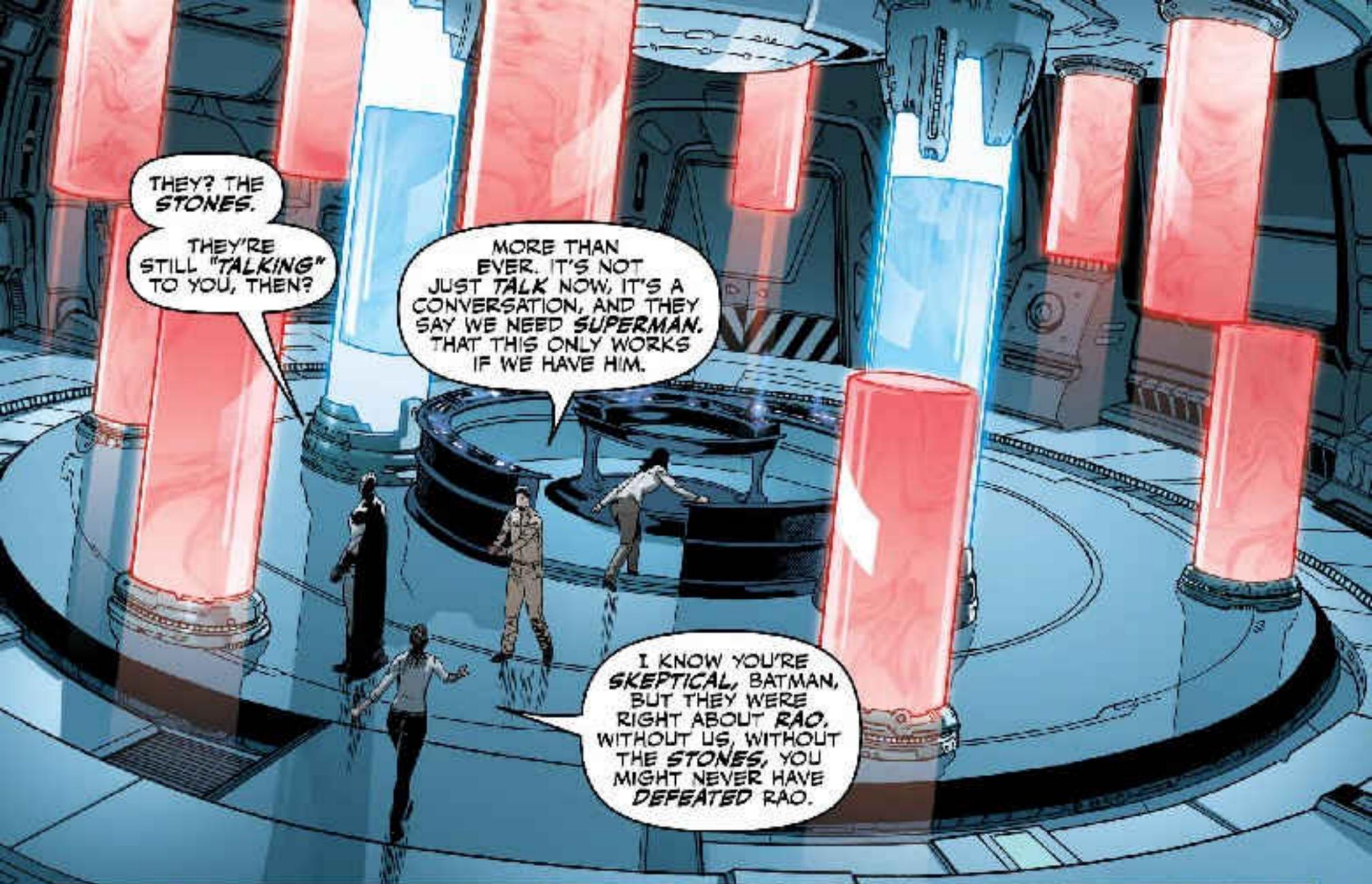
HE'S NOT THE SAME ONE, YOU KNOW THAT?

NOT THE ONE WE FOUGHT RAO WITH. HE'S DEAD. THIS IS A DIFFERENT ONE FROM ANOTHER UNIVERSE.*

HE'S DEFINITELY SUPERMAN BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW YOU.

WE'RE AWARE. YOU'LL HAVE TO CONVINCE HIM TO JOIN US. WE NEED HIM. THEY TOLD ME.

* FOR MORE ON THAT, CHECK OUT "REBORN" IN SUPERMAN AND ACTION COMICS THIS MONTH!



THEY? THE STONES.

THEY'RE STILL "TALKING" TO YOU, THEN?

MORE THAN EVER. IT'S NOT JUST TALK NOW, IT'S A CONVERSATION, AND THEY SAY WE NEED *SUPERMAN*. THAT THIS ONLY WORKS IF WE HAVE HIM.

I KNOW YOU'RE *SKEPTICAL*, BATMAN, BUT THEY WERE RIGHT ABOUT *RAO*. WITHOUT US, WITHOUT THE *STONES*, YOU MIGHT NEVER HAVE *DEFEATED* *RAO*.



WITHOUT YOU AND THE STONES, *RAO* MIGHT NEVER HAVE COME HERE.

WE'RE IN METROPOLIS.

THE STONES TOLD ME THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS RIGHT, FIX WHATEVER'S BEING DONE.



THE WORLD WE KNOW IS BEING ERASED, REPLACED, REWRITTEN. TOGETHER WE CAN STOP IT BUT WE NEED *SUPERMAN*.

PLEASE, ASK HIM. PERSUADE HIM.



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WE'LL BOTH WANT ANSWERS.



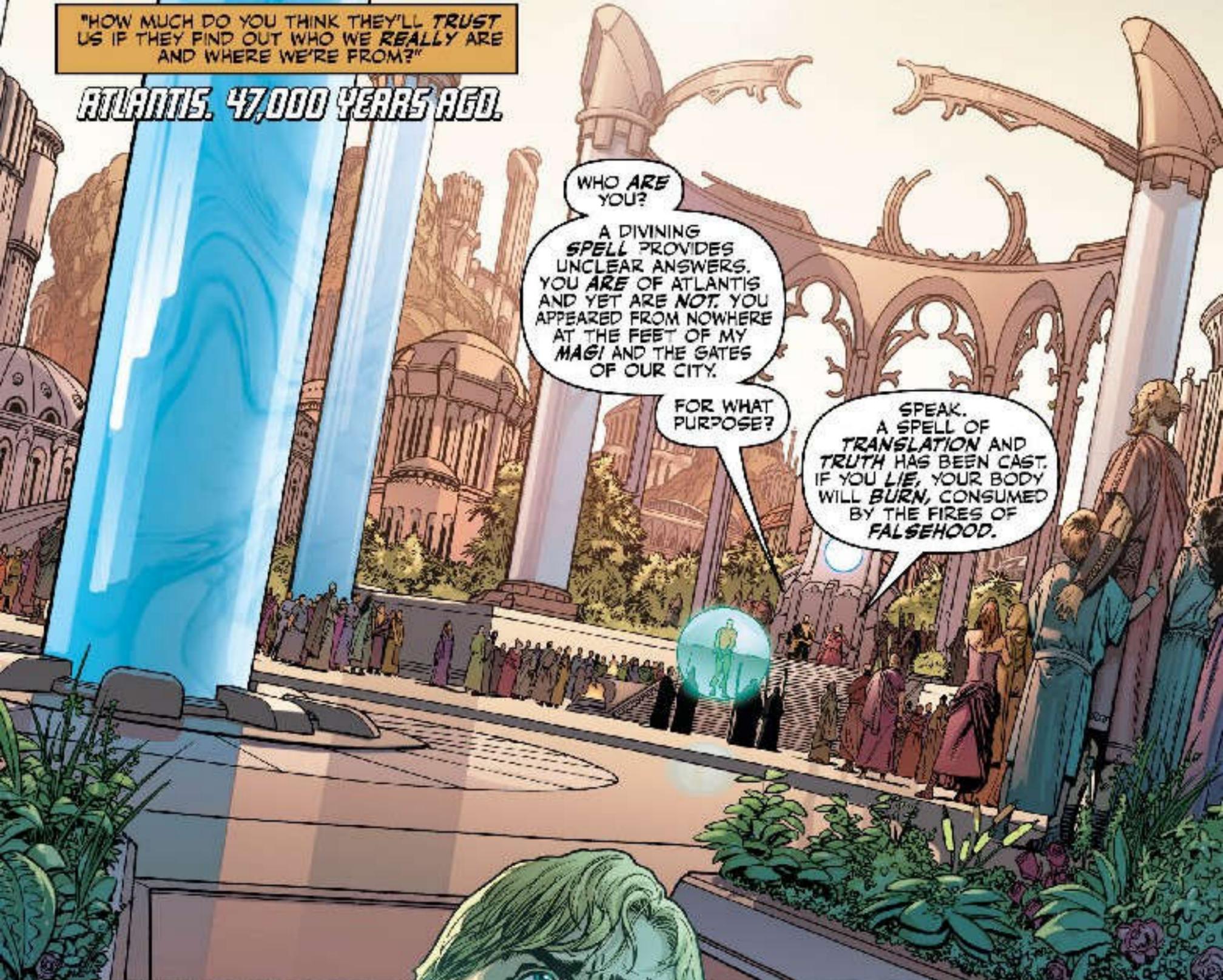
WE SHOULD TELL THEM ALL OF IT. TELL THEM EVERYTHING.

I AGREE WITH JANE, THEY'RE STARTING TO TRUST US.

NO. WE CAN'T.

"HOW MUCH DO YOU THINK THEY'LL TRUST US IF THEY FIND OUT WHO WE REALLY ARE AND WHERE WE'RE FROM?"

ATLANTIS. 47,000 YEARS AGO.



WHO ARE YOU?

A DIVINING SPELL PROVIDES UNCLEAR ANSWERS. YOU ARE OF ATLANTIS AND YET ARE NOT. YOU APPEARED FROM NOWHERE AT THE FEET OF MY MAGI AND THE GATES OF OUR CITY.

FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

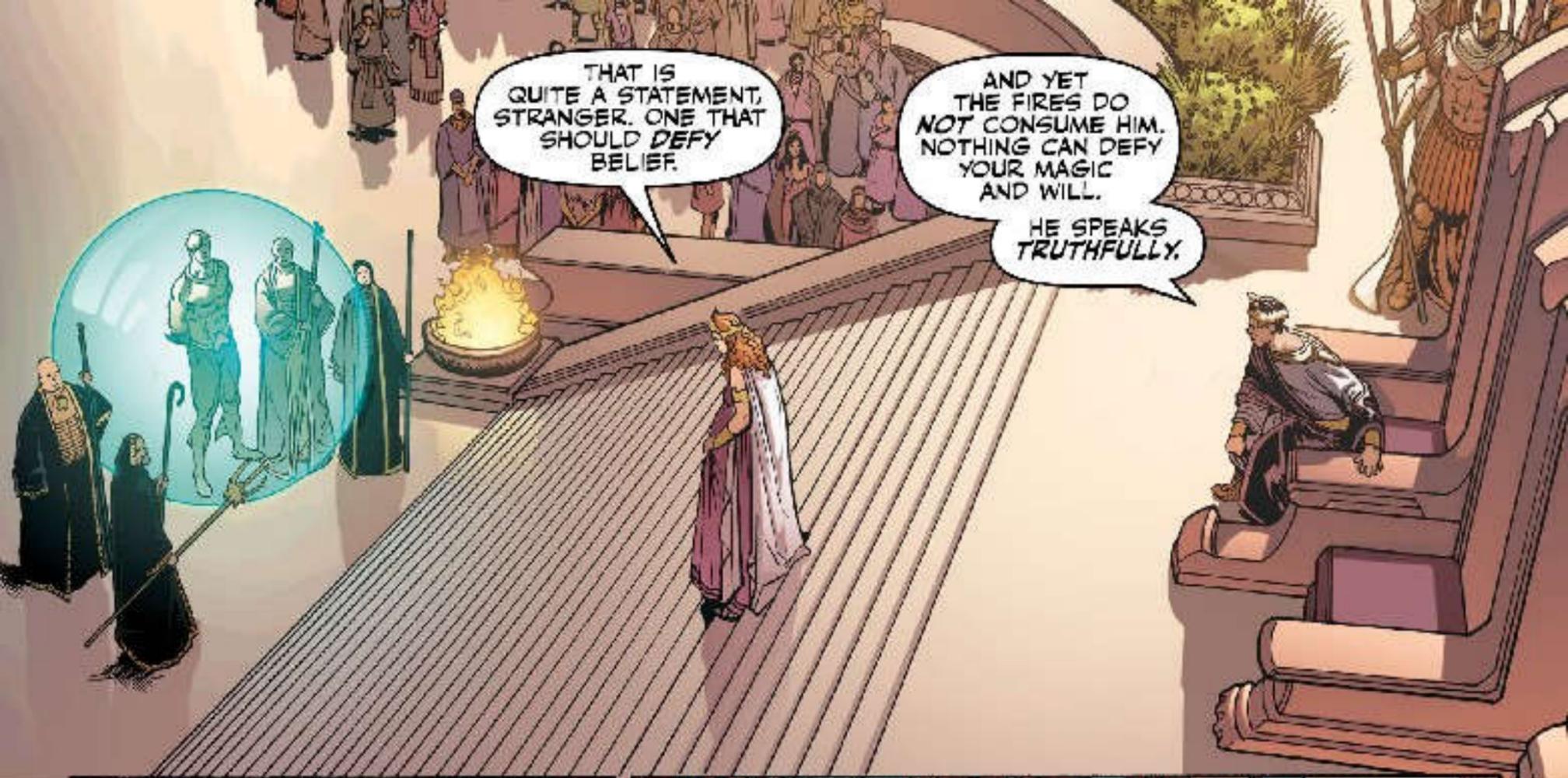
SPEAK. A SPELL OF TRANSLATION AND TRUTH HAS BEEN CAST. IF YOU LIE, YOUR BODY WILL BURN, CONSUMED BY THE FIRES OF FALSEHOOD.



I'VE BEEN SENT HERE FROM THE FAR FUTURE TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD FROM A FORCE THAT WILL CHANGE ALL OF HISTORY.

I AM ARTHUR, AND IN MY TIME I AM KING HERE.

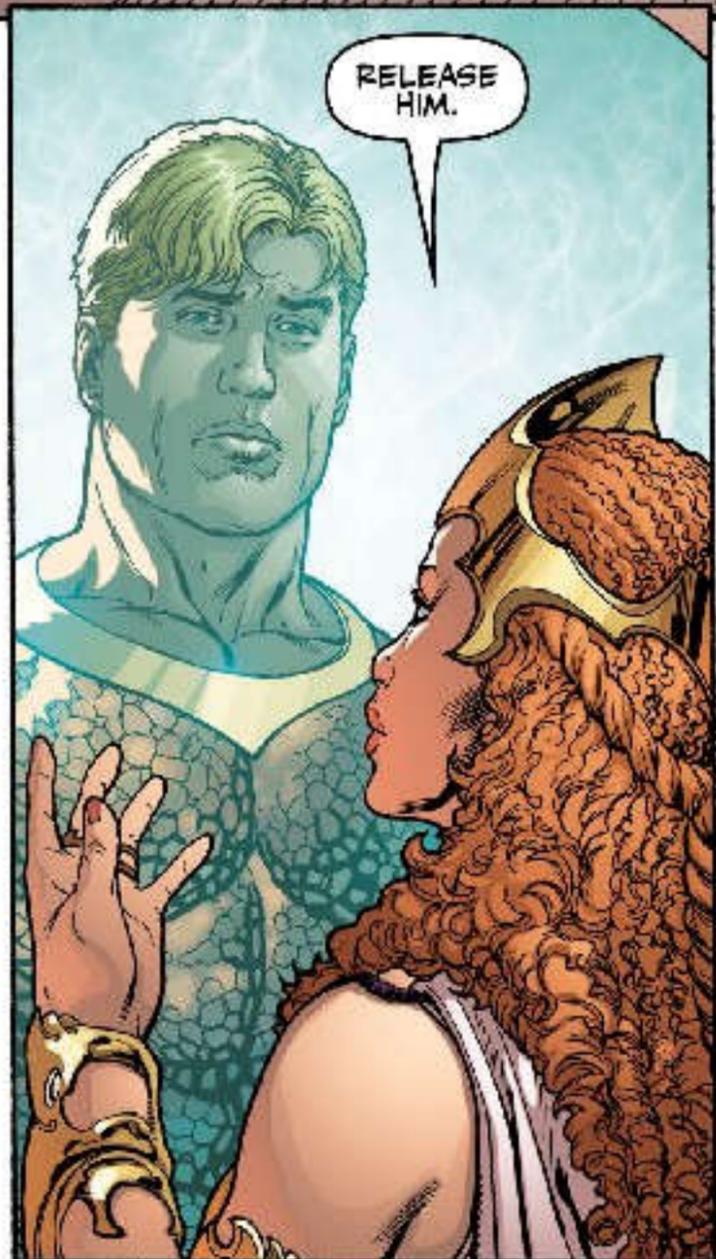
CAST YOUR SPELLS, I WILL NOT BURN.



THAT IS QUITE A STATEMENT, STRANGER. ONE THAT SHOULD DEFY BELIEF.

AND YET THE FIRES DO NOT CONSUME HIM. NOTHING CAN DEFY YOUR MAGIC AND WILL.

HE SPEAKS TRUTHFULLY.



RELEASE HIM.



STRANGER AND FUTURE KING, YOUR APPEARANCE ON THIS OF ALL DAYS CANNOT BE VIEWED AS COINCIDENCE.

UHN.



I'M SURE IT ISN'T.

TOMORROW THE QUEEN GIVES BIRTH TO TWIN BOYS, AND TO MARK THE OCCASION WE AND OUR MAGI TODAY CARVED THE SIGNS OF THE TWELVE FROM THE EARTH STONE.