

SO,  
HERE'S ONE  
OF MY DARK  
SECRETS.

SOMETHING I  
HATED AS COMMISSIONER  
WAS TELLING THE NEXT OF  
KIN WHENEVER ONE OF MY  
OFFICERS FELL IN THE  
LINE OF DUTY.

MY COPS DIED  
MISERABLY--LAUGHING BECAUSE  
OF THE JOKER, FROZEN TO DEATH  
BY MR. FREEZE, RIPPED APART BY  
BANE--MONTH AFTER MONTH,  
OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

AND EVERY  
TIME, I'D GET ALL  
DRESSED UP IN MY BLUES  
AND MARCH OVER TO THEIR  
FAMILIES' HOMES TO  
DELIVER THE BAD  
NEWS.

AND  
I'D LIE.

I'D  
TELL THEM THEIR  
LOVED ONES DIED  
HEROES.

THAT THEY  
SAVED SOME KID  
OR SOMETHING.

I'D NEVER  
TELL THEM THE  
TRUTH--THAT THEY  
PROBABLY DIED  
SCARED.

BUT I  
TOOK COMFORT  
IN THAT LIE.

AS DID  
THEY.

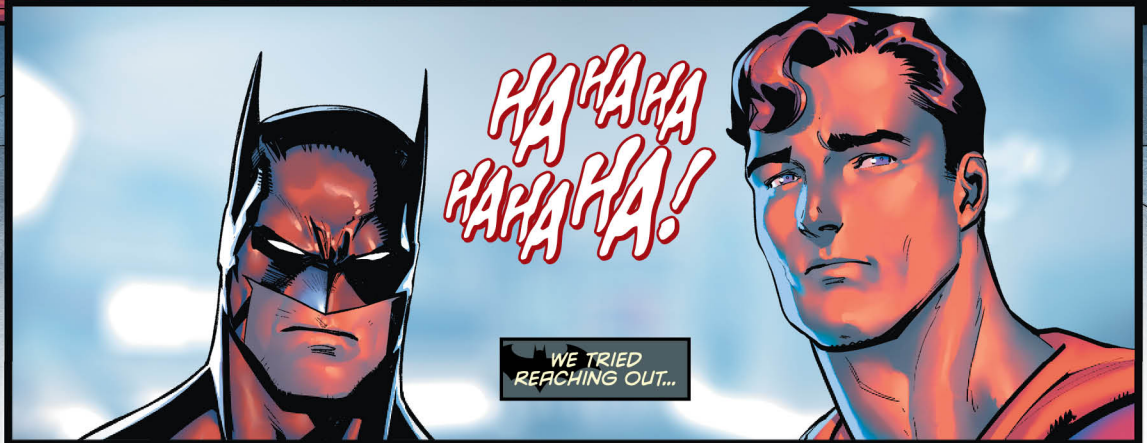
IT JUST  
MADE OUR LIVES  
EASIER TO BELIEVE  
THE LIE.

NOW I  
ASK YOU...



...WHO HAVE  
THE MAN OF STEEL  
AND THE DARK KNIGHT  
BEEN LYING TO  
LATELY?!

HAHAHAHAAAA!

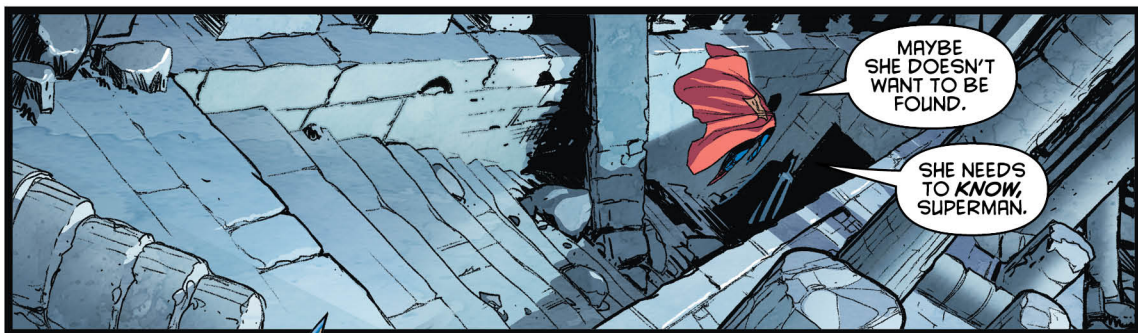
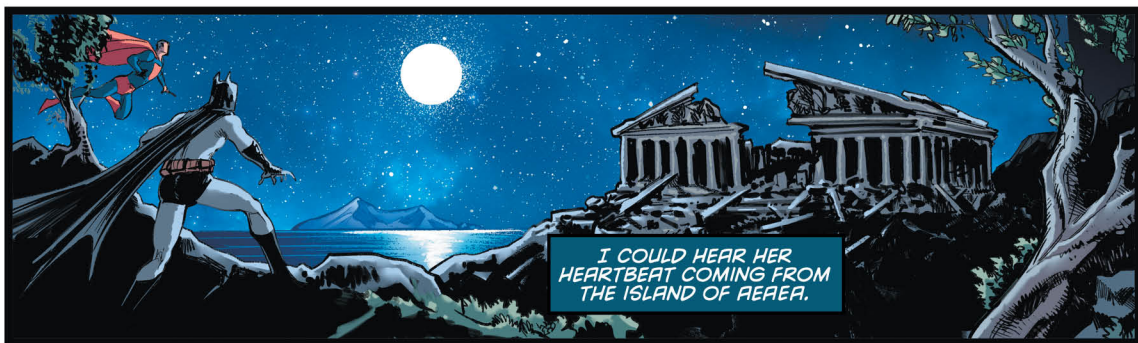
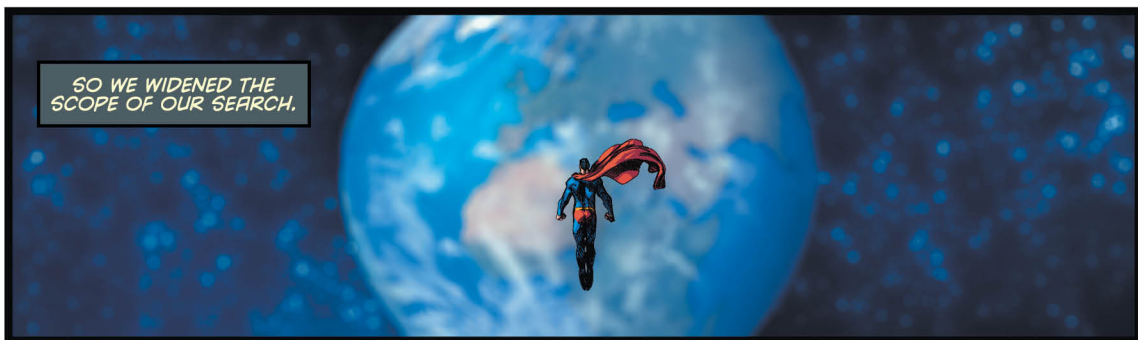


HAHAHAHAAAA!

WE TRIED  
REACHING OUT...



24 HOURS EARLIER.







OR  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
JOIN ME IN  
BATTLE?!

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