

MAYDAY!

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--THIS IS
JOKER JR. CALLING
THE SPACE CAB
ALLIANCE!

NEED IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE!

OVER!

WHAT'S
YOUR MEDALLION
REGISTRATION
NUM--

THE ONLY
GUY WHO COULD
TELL ME THAT IS
UNCONSCIOUS IN
THE TRUNK.

LONG
STORY.

I JUST NEED
SOME HELP! FROM
SOMEBODY!

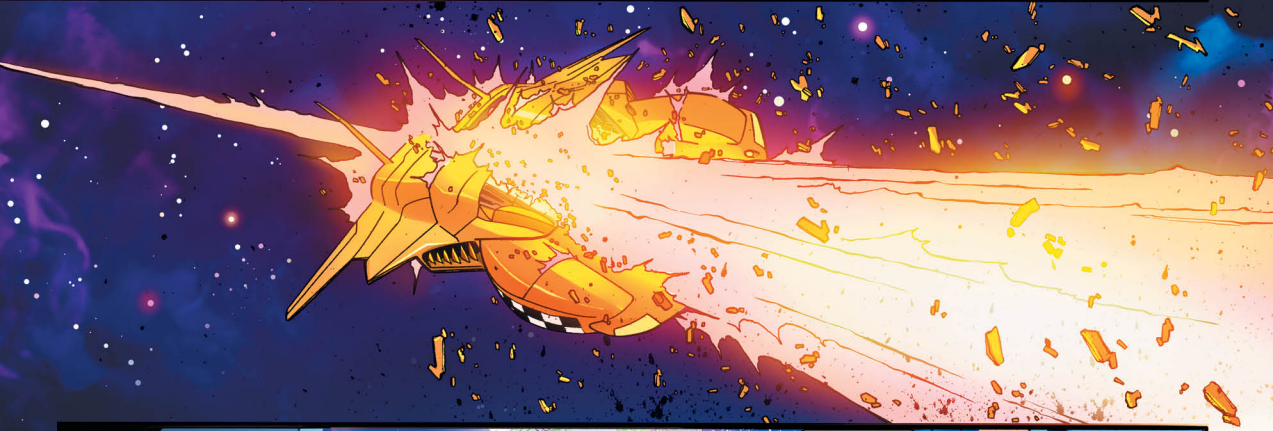
THESE GUYS
TRACKED ME
HALFWAY ACROSS
THE SYSTEM!

GUYS?
WHAT
GUYS?

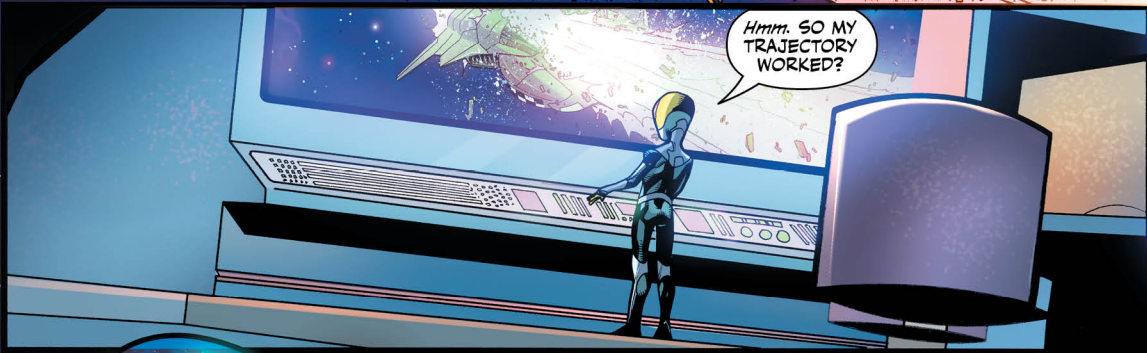
THAT'S
ANOTHER
LONG
STORY.

GIVE ME
YOUR GENERAL
COORDINATES.
SPACE CAB REPAIRS
ARE ALWAYS
JUST A FEW--

FORGET IT.
IT'S TOO--



Hmm. SO MY
TRAJECTORY
WORKED?

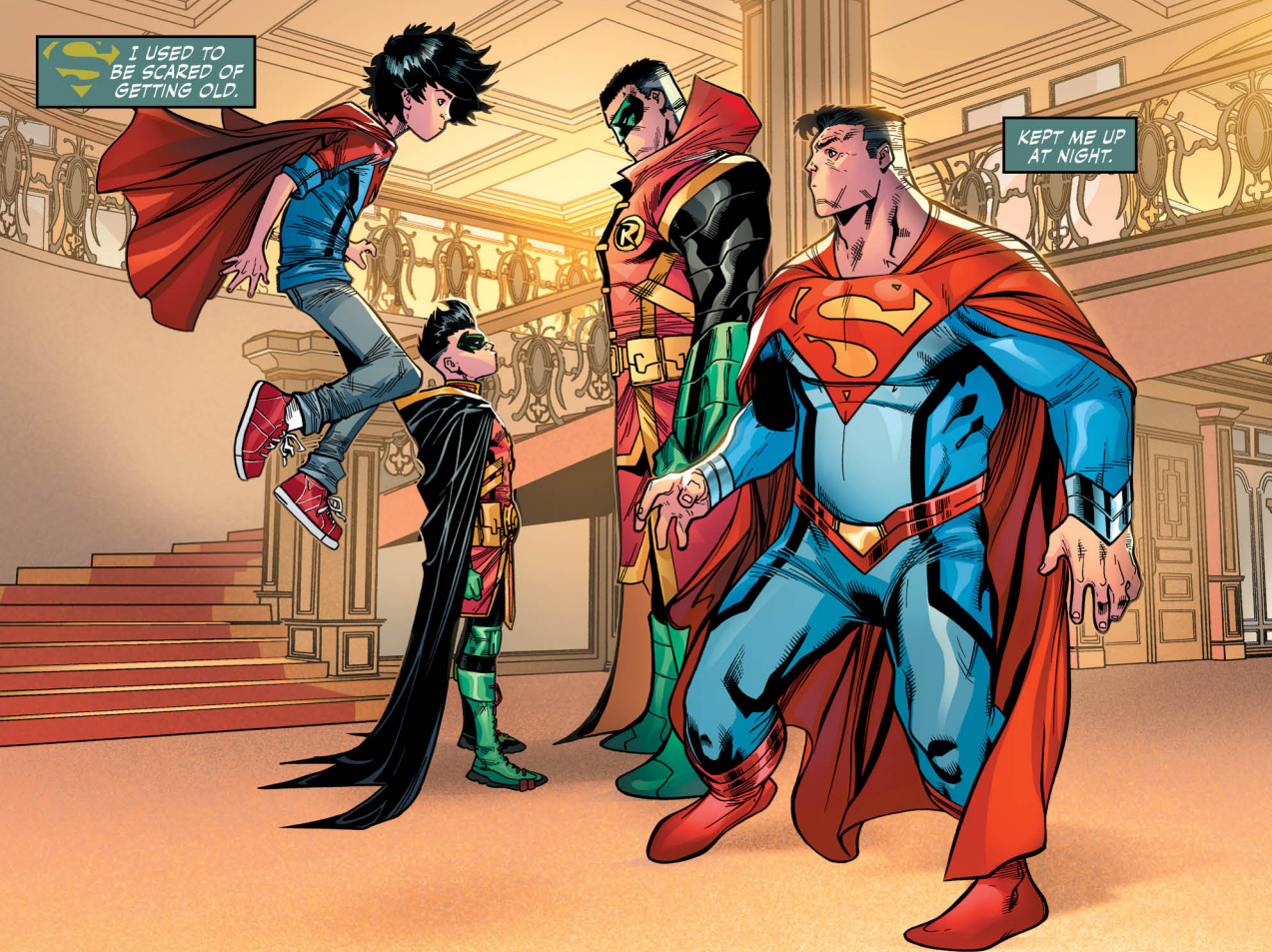


PERFECTLY.

BRAINIAC,
TELL THE OTHERS THAT
JOKER JR. IS A LESSON
FOR ALL OF THEM TO
NEVER DOUBLE-CROSS
REX LUTHOR AND
THE GANG.

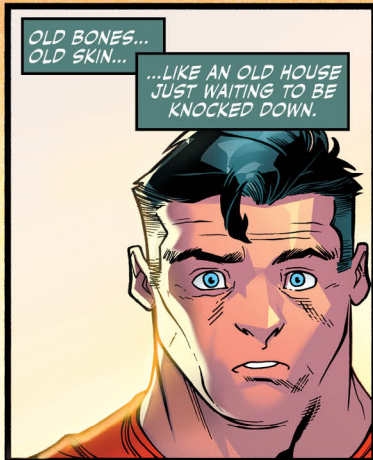
AND ONCE HE LEADS
US TO THOSE EARTH KIDS,
WE'LL MAKE SURE THEY
NEVER COME CLOSE TO
BECOMING ADULTS.





I USED TO
BE SCARED OF
GETTING OLD.

KEPT ME UP
AT NIGHT.



OLD BONES...
OLD SKIN...

...LIKE AN OLD HOUSE
JUST WAITING TO BE
KNOCKED DOWN.



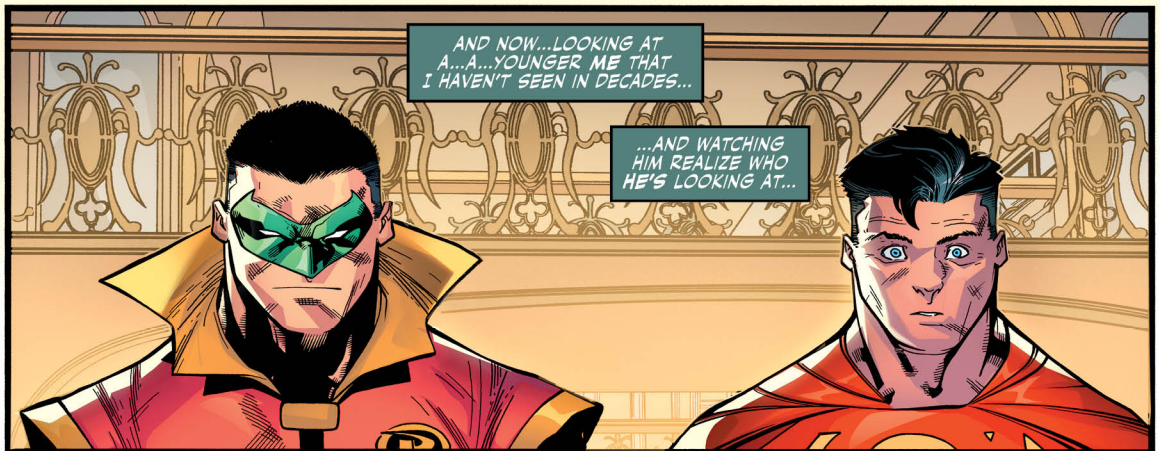
I MEAN, I WANTED TO BE
AN ADULT, BUT GETTING OLD...
THAT'S A DEATH SENTENCE.



IT HAPPENS SO SLOWLY YOU
BARELY EVEN NOTICE IT.

UNTIL ONE DAY...

...OLD IS JUST
WHAT YOU ARE.



AND NOW...LOOKING AT
A...A...YOUNGER ME THAT
I HAVEN'T SEEN IN DECADES...

...AND WATCHING
HIM REALIZE WHO
HE'S LOOKING AT...

...IT'S EASY TO
SEE WHAT I WAS
SO SCARED OF.

JEEZ,
GETTING OLD
SUCKS,
huh?!

Supersons
in

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THE SON OF SUPERMAN
AND THE SON OF BATMAN
HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED BY
A CREW OF ALIEN KIDS
OBSESSED WITH EARTH'S
VILLAINS. SUPERBOY AND
ROBIN MUST FIGHT THEIR
WAY BACK HOME OR BE
LOST IN SPACE FOREVER!

SUPERMAN
created by Jerry Siegel
and Joe Shuster.
SUPERBOY
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