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DAUGHTER OF KRYPTON



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Foreword

by Supergirl

On this planet, they call me Supergirl. Sometimes I still can't believe it—and not just because there are lots of days when I don't exactly feel “super.”

You see, I didn't grow up on Earth. I was born on a faraway planet called Krypton. I lived there happily with my family and friends, until everything changed when I was seventeen.

Maybe you've heard of my cousin, Kal-El? He was born on Krypton, too, but he came to Earth as a baby. Kal had an entire lifetime to observe this world's various customs and languages, and to learn how

to make friends—or at least, how to keep everyone from freaking out when they discovered that he was different.

I call my cousin by his Kryptonian name, Kal-El, but this world knows him as Superman. When I arrived on Earth, Kal had already become a hero. He wasn't just any hero—he was a *legend*. Right from the start, I had a lot to live up to. It took me a long time before I decided whether or not I wanted to become a hero, too.

You know that symbol Kal and I both wear on our chests? That's the Kryptonian insignia for the House of El. Just try explaining that to everyone on Earth who's already convinced it's a big letter S, for *Super*. Unfortunately, being compared to my cousin didn't get any easier once the whole world knew me as Supergirl.

My life wasn't supposed to be like this. Back on Krypton, I was seventeen years old and preparing for the trials of adulthood. Kal-El was just a baby who

I cared for when I visited my aunt and uncle. Then I was forced to leave Krypton, and I spent years in suspended animation before landing on Earth. Now Kal looks older than me, and sometimes acts like it, too. He's had a lot more experience using his powers, and he perfectly fulfills the role of beloved Super Hero. I had to figure out where I would fit in to this new planet.

But I'm not sorry. I am the last daughter of another world. Every time I feel like I don't belong on Earth, I remember that I carry within me the history of my people and the traditions of my home world. From my parents, Zor-El and Alura, I learned the value of scientific thinking and the importance of never giving up. I am proud to carry on the legacy of Krypton, and to incorporate my heritage with all the new experiences I've had on Earth.

I am Kara Zor-El: daughter of Zor-El and Alura, cousin of Kal-El, and the last to carry memories of the real Krypton. I am Supergirl.

Friends, Foes, and Family



Zor-El

Supergirl's father on the planet Krypton. He tried to save his home, Argo City, from Krypton's destruction, but in the end he could save only his daughter.



Alura

Supergirl's mother on the planet Krypton. She taught her daughter to think before acting and helped her prepare for the trials of adulthood.



Superman

Also known by his Kryptonian name, Kal-El, Superman is Supergirl's cousin. He arrived on Earth before Supergirl did and got a head start in adapting to the customs of this strange new place.



Simon Tycho

A billionaire inventor who believes that the secrets of alien technology will make him even more rich and powerful. After Supergirl arrived on Earth, she became his target.



Siobhan Smythe

A young woman from Ireland, and Supergirl's roommate. She is also known as the Silver Banshee and has sonic-scream powers.



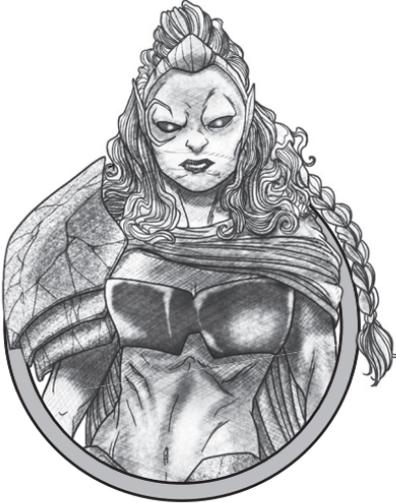
Power Girl

In the parallel dimension of Earth 2, a different Kara Zor-El grew up to become Power Girl. After leaving Earth 2, Power Girl became Supergirl's friend.



Dr. Shay Veritas

A brilliant Earth scientist, Dr. Veritas originally helped Superman understand his powers. She later became an ally of Supergirl's as well.



Reign

A powerful warrior created by the Kryptonian military to serve as a living weapon. As the leader of the Worldkillers, she tried to take over Earth.

Chronology



Kara Zor-El grows up in Argo City on Krypton. When she reaches the age of seventeen, she begins her training for the trials of adulthood.



Kara's father, the scientist Zor-El, discovers that the planet Krypton is going to explode and that nothing he can do will stop it. In secret, he makes preparations.



Superman finds Kara. He explains that he is her cousin, Kal-El, and that he grew up on Earth while she remained in suspended animation.



The rocket that brought Kara to Earth is stolen by billionaire Simon Tycho. He sets up experiments to test Kara's superpowers, but she escapes.



Not believing Superman's story that Krypton is gone forever, Kara travels back home to see for herself.



At the bottom of the Atlantic Ocean, Supergirl builds a secret base that she calls the Sanctuary of Solitude.



Supergirl meets her counterpart from another universe, a woman who calls herself Power Girl. The two become close friends.



Supergirl joins other Super Heroes of Earth as a member of the Justice League.



Zor-El realizes that he can save only one person from Krypton's destruction. He places his daughter Kara in suspended animation and sends her in a rocket toward Earth.



Kara's rocket spends many years orbiting Earth's yellow sun. While Kara remains safely asleep, the sun's rays energize her superpowers.



The rocket finally lands on Earth. When Kara wakes up, she doesn't remember what happened to her and is confused and frightened by her unexpected superpowers.



In the ruins of Argo City, Kara meets a super-powered woman named Reign and follows her back to Earth to prevent her from conquering the planet.



Kara defeats the Worldkillers in downtown New York City. With this victory, she becomes the world's newest Super Hero: Supergirl!



Supergirl makes a new life for herself on Earth. She finds a roommate, Siobhan Smythe, and gets a job to help her understand her new home's strange customs.



The Cyborg Superman and other enemies threaten Supergirl, but she defeats them and stands ready to defend the world from future menaces.

