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The plug's been pulled on Perihelion's funding.

This means that, soon, there will be no more Perihelion. Clark knows this. But she doesn't really want to think about it. She especially doesn't want to listen to everybody wringing their hands endlessly about it. She's never been good at long goodbyes: once you know that it's time to leave, she figures, it's best to just walk away.

So she's not going to the Monday meeting. Instead she's going to stay here, locked in her office, playing *Kill*.

Her figure kills an opponent. And then another.

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