The PANDORA VIRUS part 2
WONDER WOMAN
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AH!
LUKE CLARK
SIMMONS
VON GRAWBADGER

ARACHNE HAS CRAWLED OUT OF ANCIENT MYTH ONTO THE STREETS OF REALITY, DESTROYING EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH.
MY ALLY RAMA, AVATAR OF THE HINDU REALMS, DYING FROM THE SPIDER'S VENOM, HAS REVEALED A POWER HE HELD SECRET.
AS A LAST RESORT, HE ERUPTS WITH THE ASPECT OF KALI, DESTROYER OF LIFE, CHAOS INCARNATE. HE WILL KILL UNTIL I STOP HIM.
IN HIS EYES, THERE'S NO TRACE OF THE MAN I KNEW.
DEEP INSIDE, IN MY MOST SECRET HEART, I FEAR THE LOSS OF SOMETHING WARM AND SAFE THAT WAS GROWING. EVEN IF I SAVE HIM...
...I FEAR I CAN NEVER TRUST HIM AGAIN.

THE POWER OF MYTH FLOWS THIN IN YOUR BLOOD, INSECT! FEEL THE PURE VIOLENCE OF THE COSMOS THAT IS KALI!

WHAAAM

...WONDER WOMAN IS THE ONLY HERO AT THE SITE OF WHAT LOOKS TO BE A MOST DEVASTATING HYPER CONFLICT.
TOP STORY
WITH ASTRONOMICAL CASUALTY REPORTS, AUTHORITIES CAN ONLY ATTEMPT TO EVACUATE--
CLICK
YOU SEE THE DESTRUCTION THAT ENSUES WHEN MY POISON RELEASES MYTH INTO THE MODERN WORLD...SETS FREE THE NIGHTMARES OF THE SOUL OF MAN...!
CROW ALL YOU LIKE, DR. POISON. YOU'LL ONLY HAVE MY BLOOD TO CREATE YOUR VENOM AS LONG AS YOU KEEP WONDER WOMAN BUSY...WHILE I REGAIN MY FULL STRENGTH.
THEN THE DOCTOR PRESCRIBES PLENTY OF REST. I'M GOING TO OBSERVE THE DESTRUCTION FIRSTHAND, GATHER DATA FOR THE EXPERIMENT...AND IF WE'RE LUCKY...
...WITNESS THE DEATH OF WONDER WOMAN!

A CITY UNDER ATTACK ENTERS A DREAM STATE. EVERYDAY REALITY BROKEN... THE STREETS TAUT WITH SILENCE... PUNCTUATED BY THE THUNDER OF DISTANT DESTRUCTION...

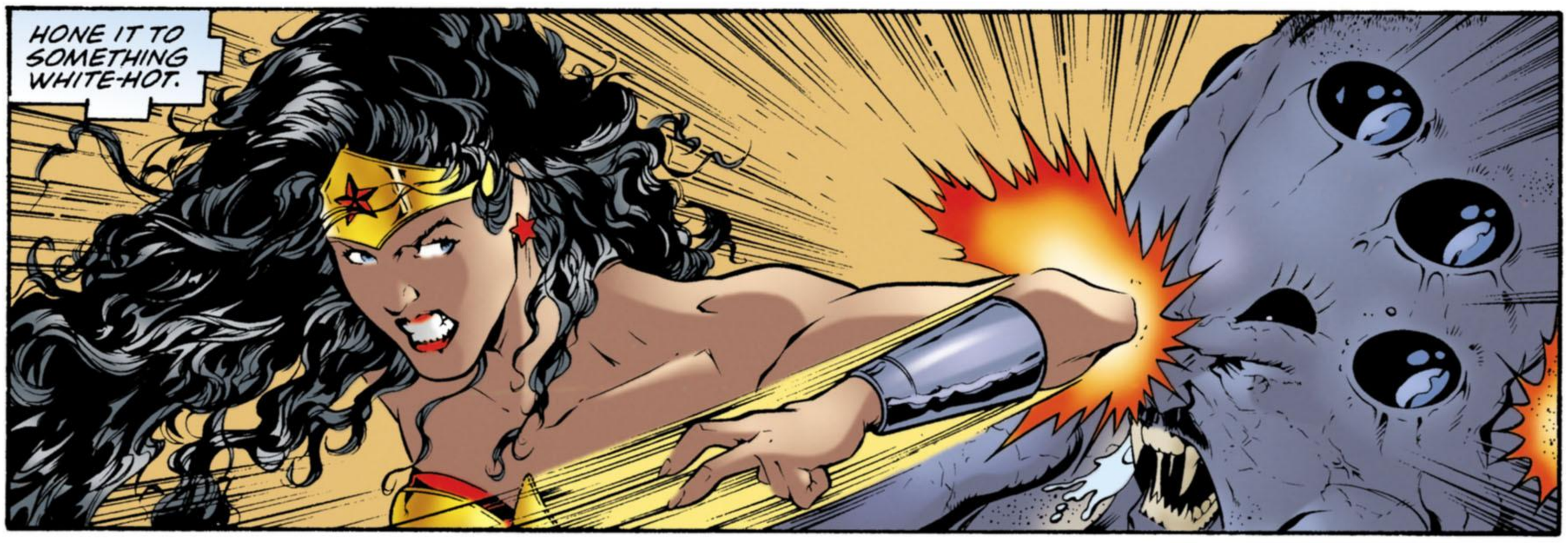
... AND THE PLAIN VOICES OF TRUE HEROES.
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT EVERYBODY OUT IN TIME, THANKS TO YOU.
WE JUST GOT A REPORT OF A METAHUMAN FIGHT FLATTENING A BLOCK A HALF MILE--

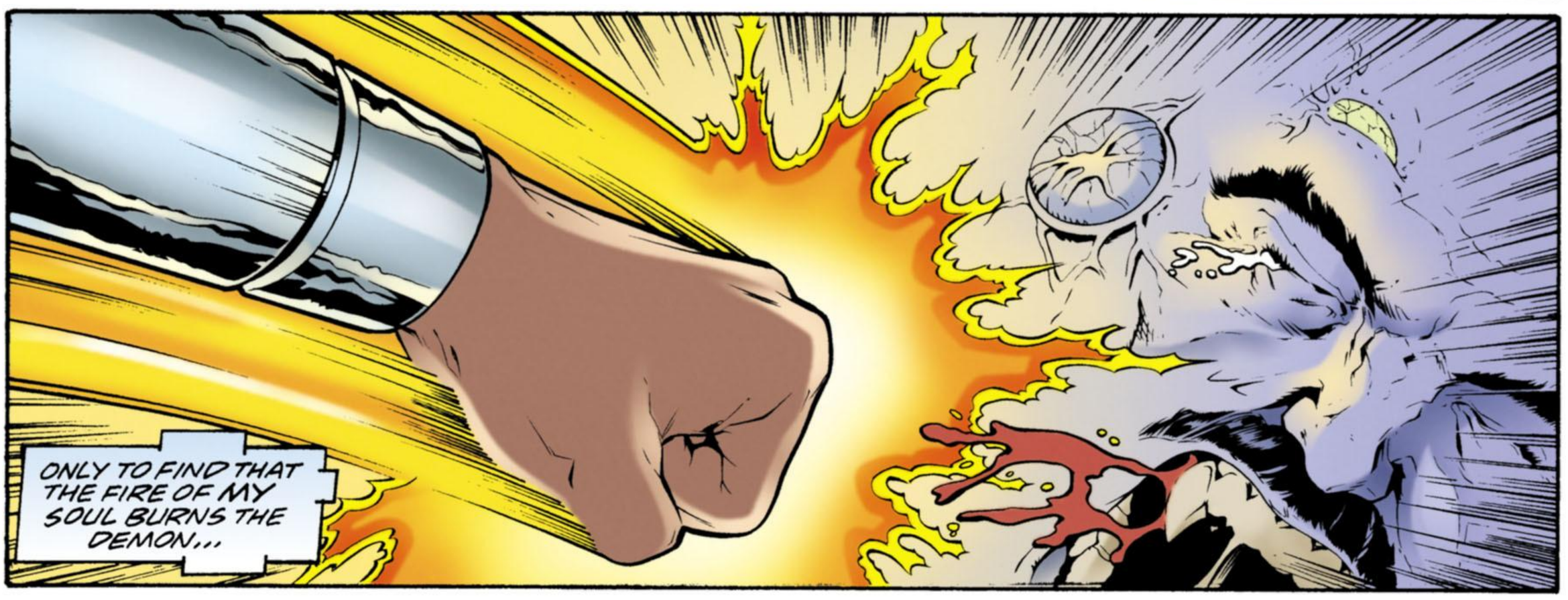
--SOUTH!

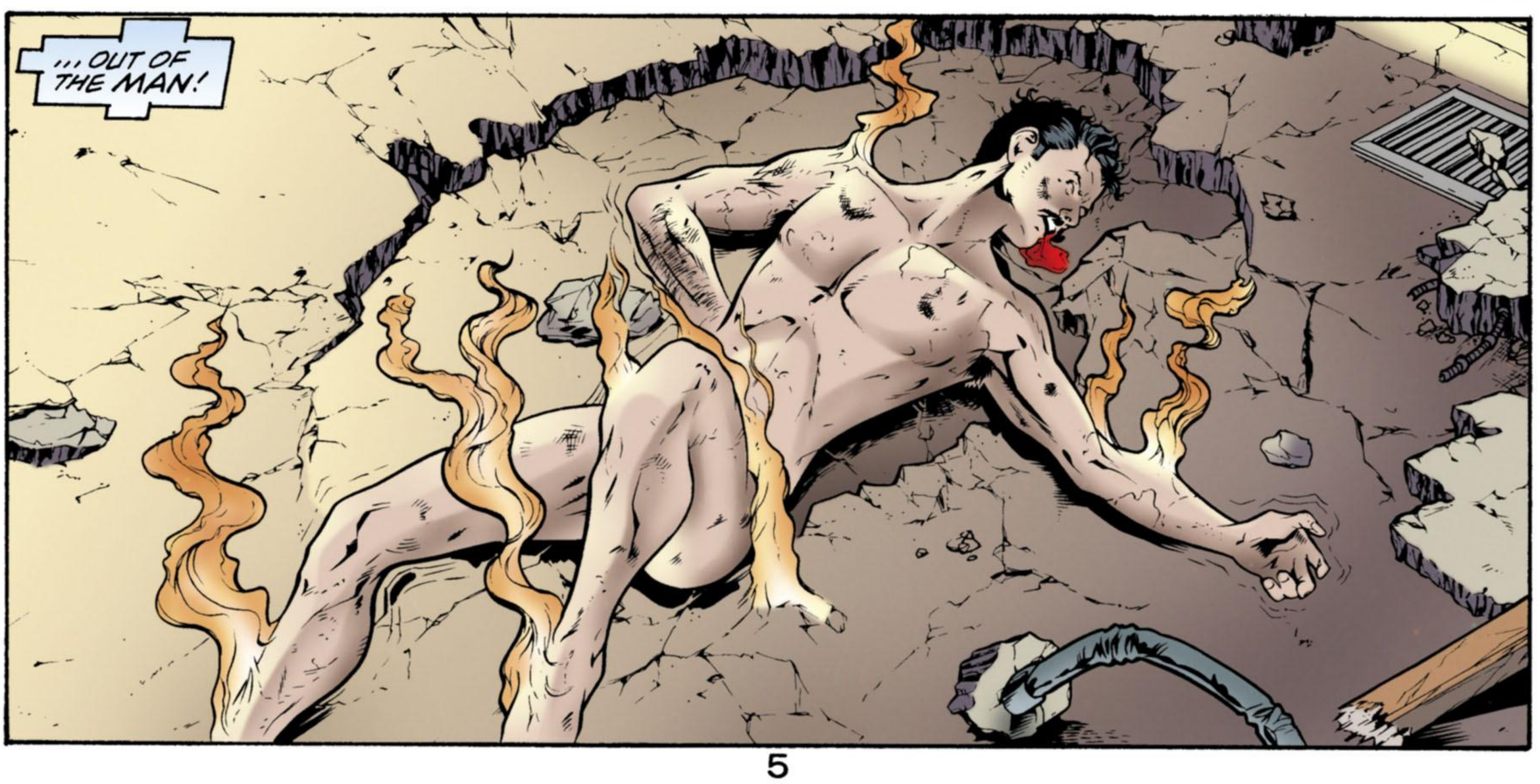
THE TRAIL OF DESTRUCTION... THE COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE... FLOODS MY STOMACH WITH ICE.
I KNOW NOW BEYOND HOPE...

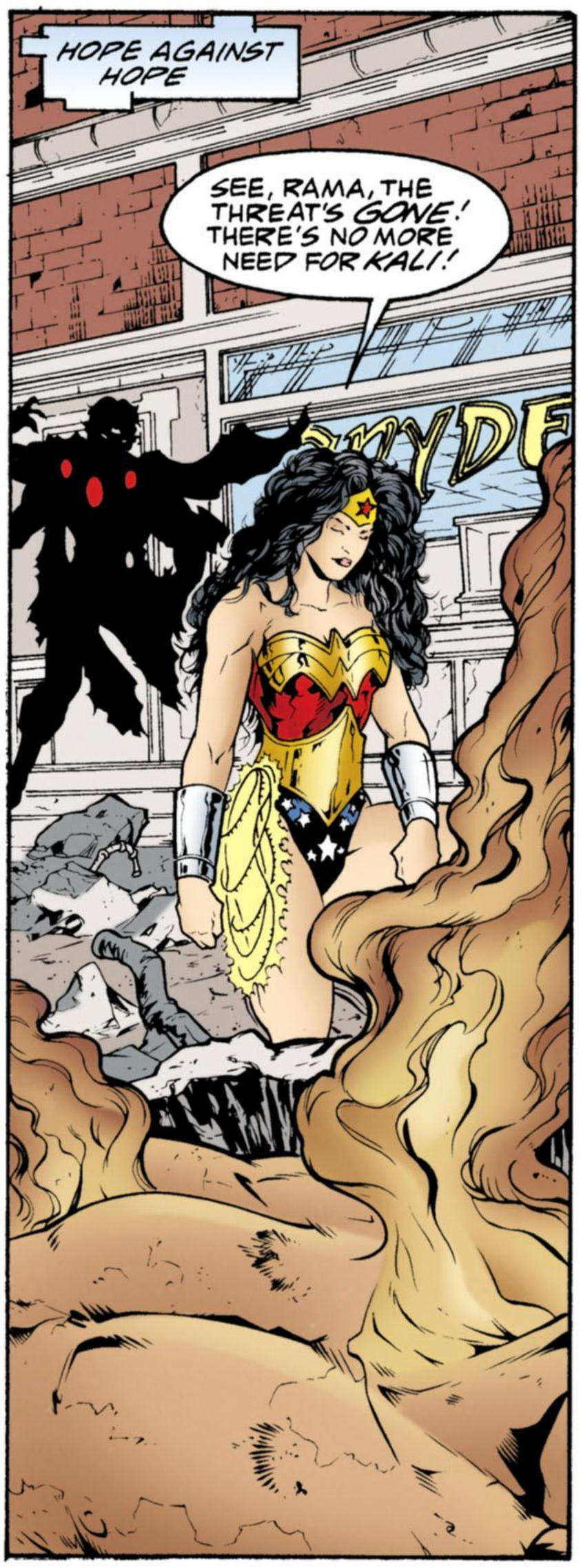
THE RAMA I KNEW IS GONE.

I FOCUS THE RAGE OF LOSS.


HONE IT TO SOMETHING WHITE-HOT.

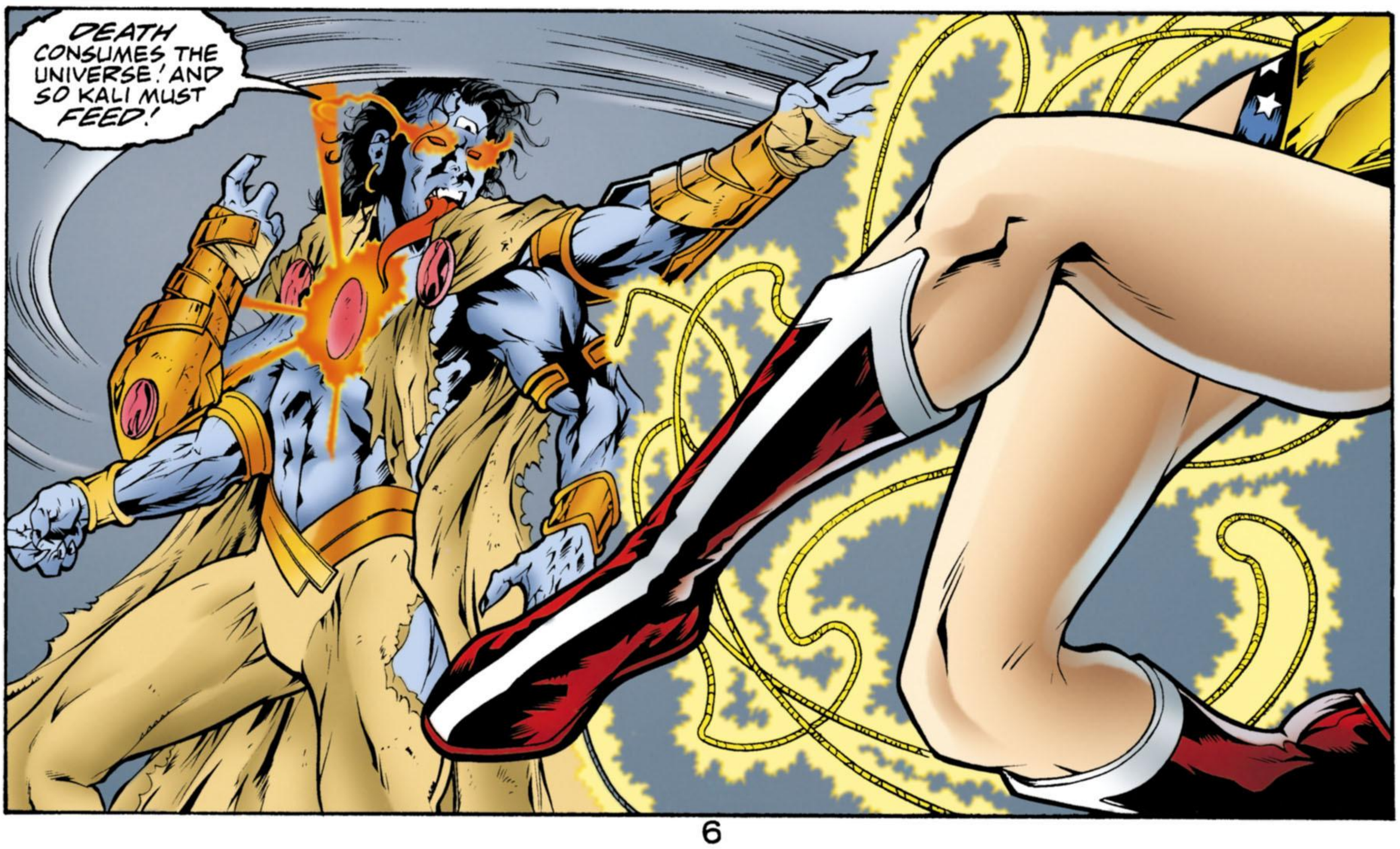

ONLY TO FIND THAT THE FIRE OF MY SOUL BURNS THE DEMON...

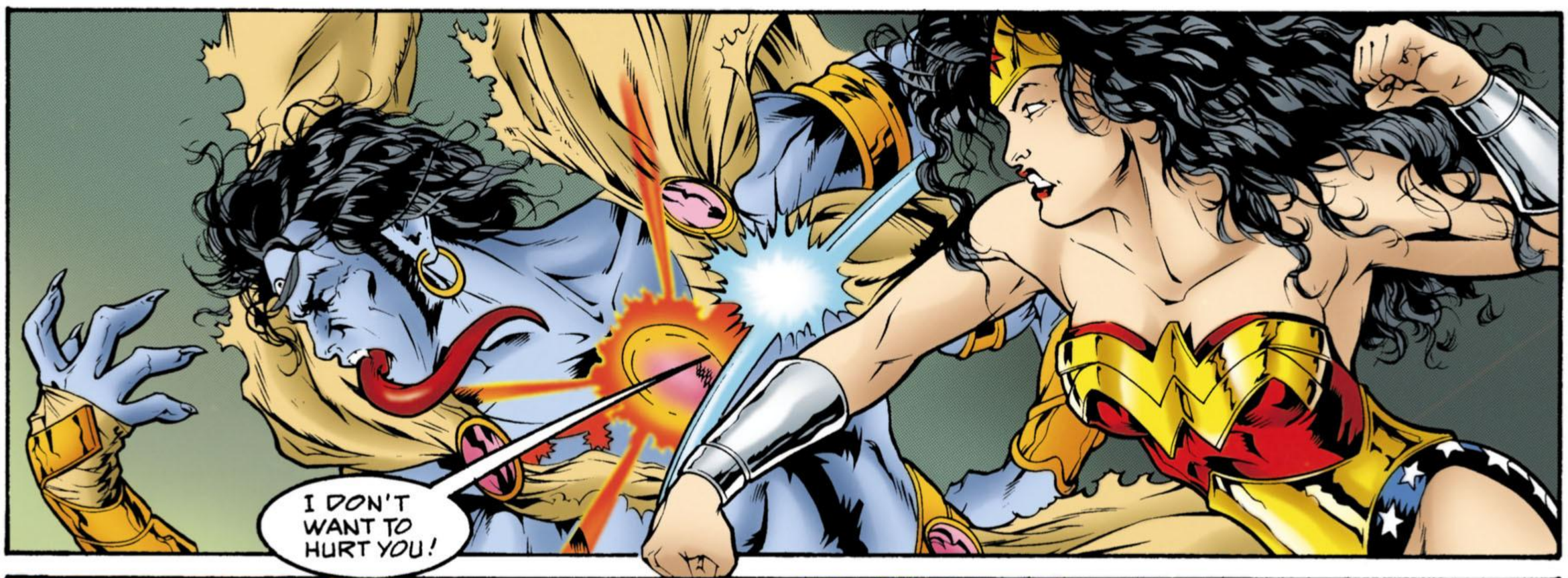

...OUT OF THE MAN!


HOPE AGAINST HOPE
SEE, RAMA, THE THREAT'S GONE! THERE'S NO MORE NEED FOR KALI!

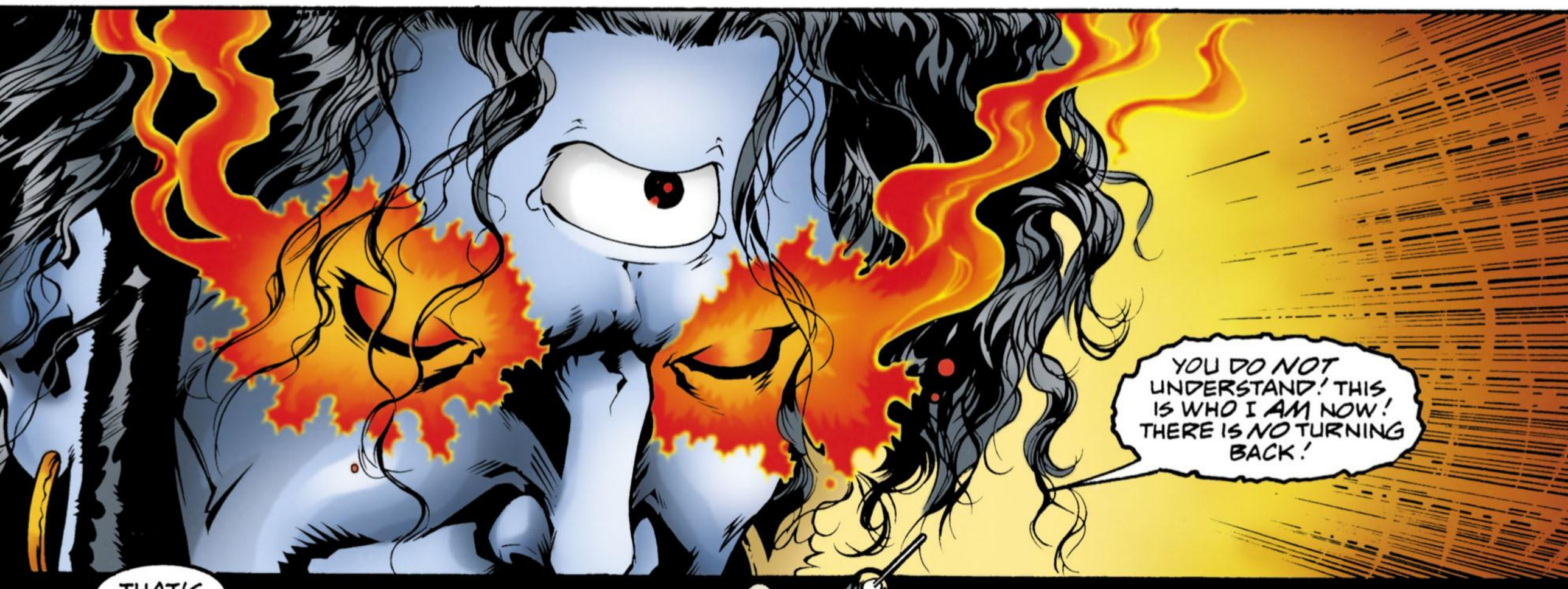
RAMA?

ALL MUST DIE!


DEATH CONSUMES THE UNIVERSE! AND SO KALI MUST FEED!


I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!

FIND YOUR TRUE SELF, RAMA!


YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND! THIS IS WHO I AM NOW! THERE IS NO TURNING BACK!

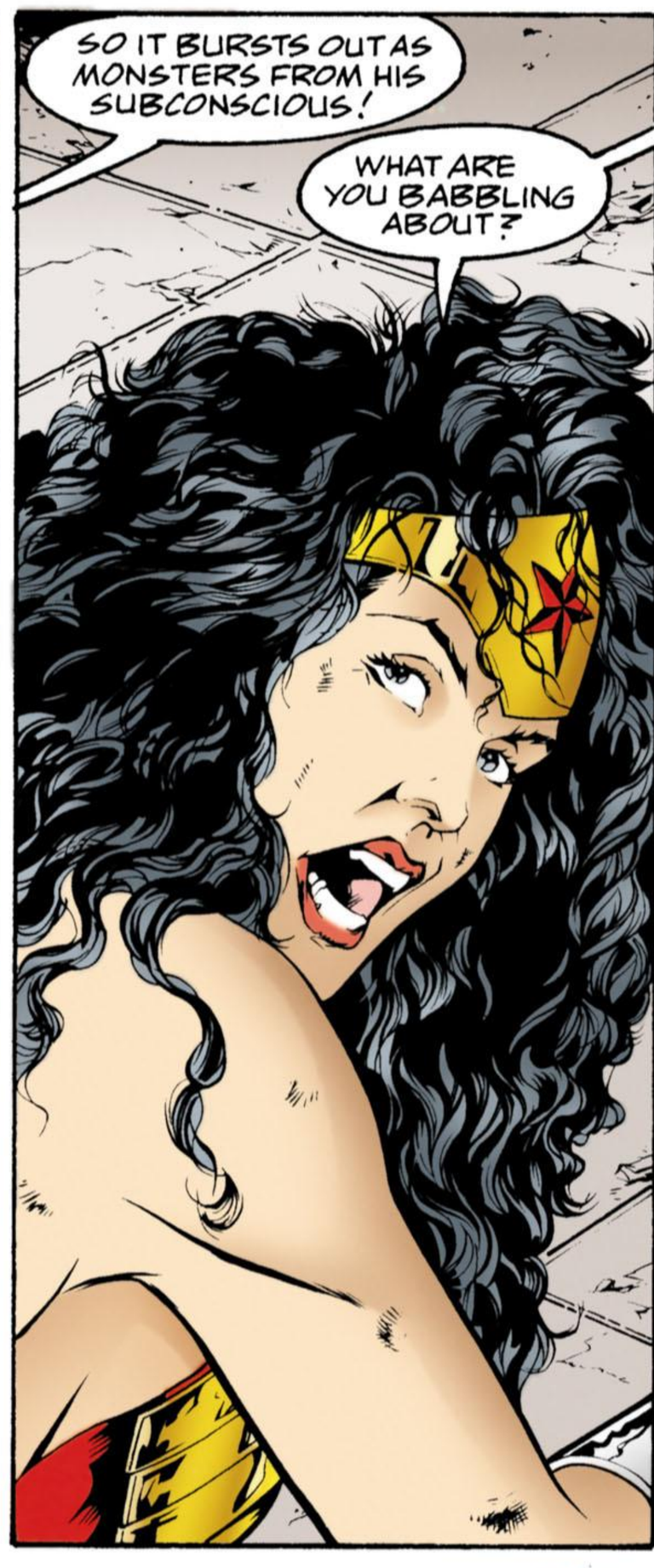
THAT'S IT.
KEEP BELLOWING WHILE I TAKE TISSUE SAMPLES... SLICED THIN AND TRANSLUCENT ...TO REVEAL MICROSCOPIC SECRETS!

MAKE NO MISTAKE!
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES, I'LL FIGHT YOU TO THE DEATH!
YOU CAN NOT DESTROY CHAOS!
IT IS A FORCE BORN WITH THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE!
IT IS PURE DESTRUCTION!

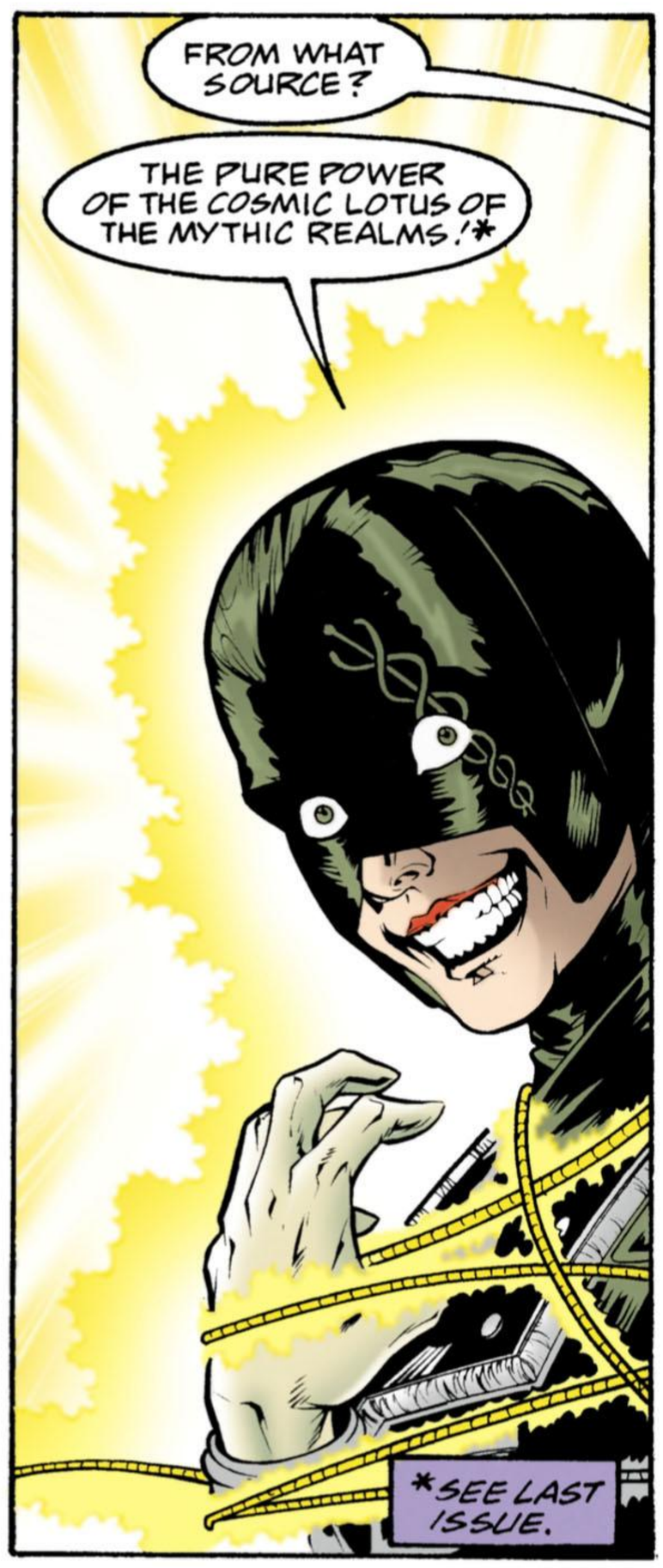
CHAOS REIGNS TRIUMPHANT!
WHAT...?
AMUSING...
TARGET APPEARS TO BE META-HUMAN OF UNKNOWN POWER LEVELS! ALL UNITS SET UP MAXIMUM BARRAGE!
TAKE FULL PRECAUTIONS! TARGET NOT REGISTERED IN D.E.O. DATABASE!
KA-
BLAM
TOTAL JUSTICE
US ARMY
ACR
2-HOW-23
IT SEEMS I'M PRESENTED WITH A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY...

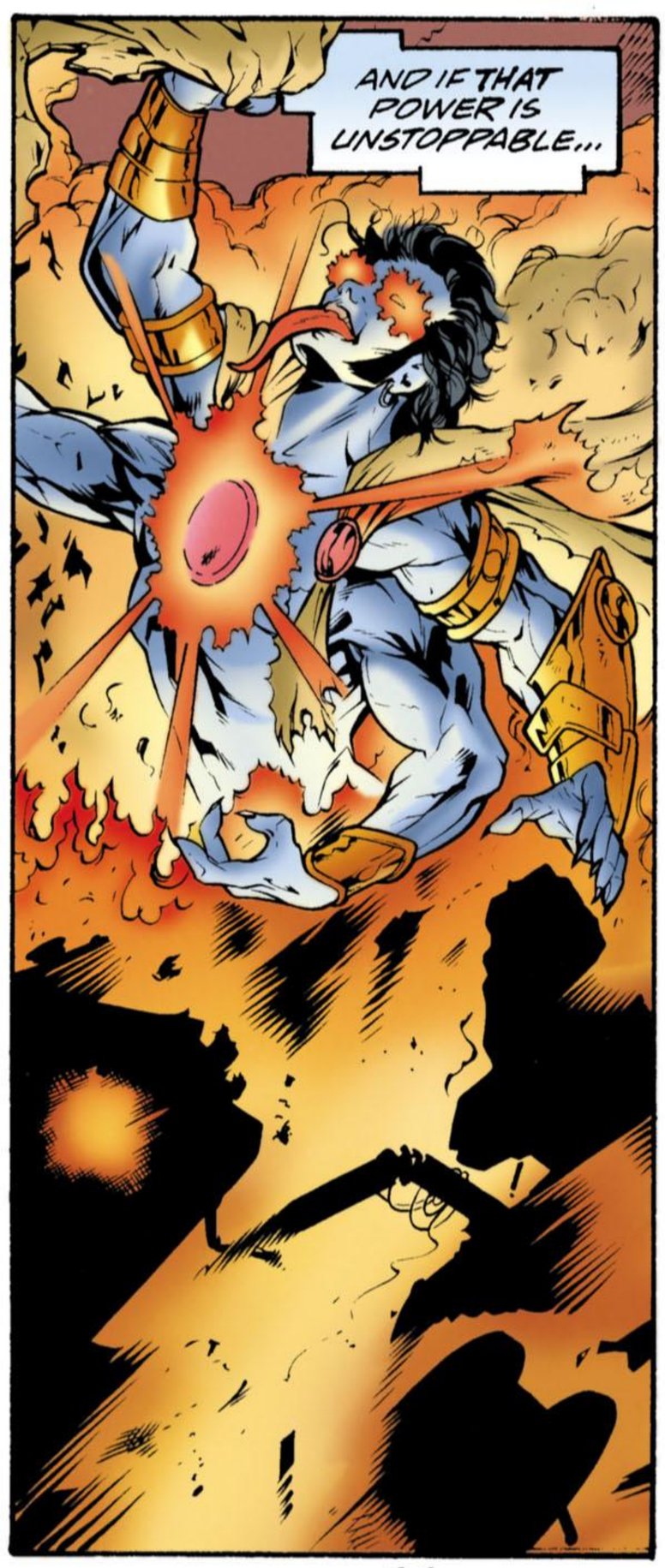
...TO DISSECT A LIVING CREATURE OF MYTH!
IF A BULLET CAN PIERCE WONDER WOMAN'S EPIDERMIS, A SCALPEL SHOULD LOGICALLY DO AS WELL.
A FEW TISSUE SAMPLES... SOME INTERNAL ORGANS.
WHAP
WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?
YOU'RE THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS DESTRUCTION?!

WHY, YES, THERE'S NO MYTH LEFT IN THE EVERYDAY WORLD, MY DEAR...
MODERN MAN CAN'T HANDLE IT.

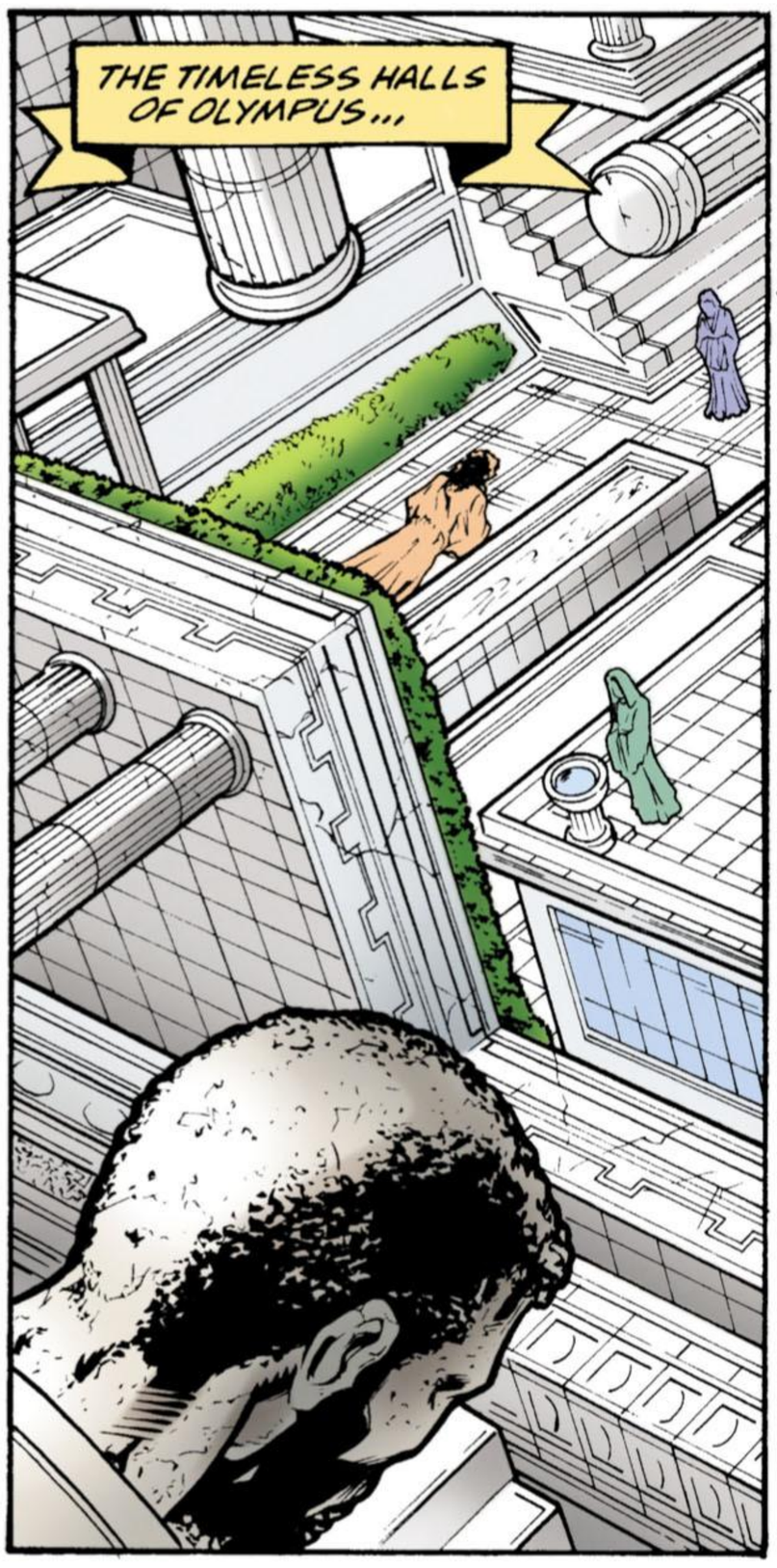

SO IT BURSTS OUT AS MONSTERS FROM HIS SUBCONSCIOUS!
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?

I WANT THE TRUTH!
AND YOU SHALL HAVE IT!
EACH OF THESE DOSES WILL GIVE BIRTH TO A MYTH!


FROM WHAT SOURCE?
THE PURE POWER OF THE COSMIC LOTUS OF THE MYTHIC REALMS!*
*SEE LAST ISSUE.


AND IF THAT POWER IS UNSTOPPABLE...

I MUST CALL UPON MY OWN!

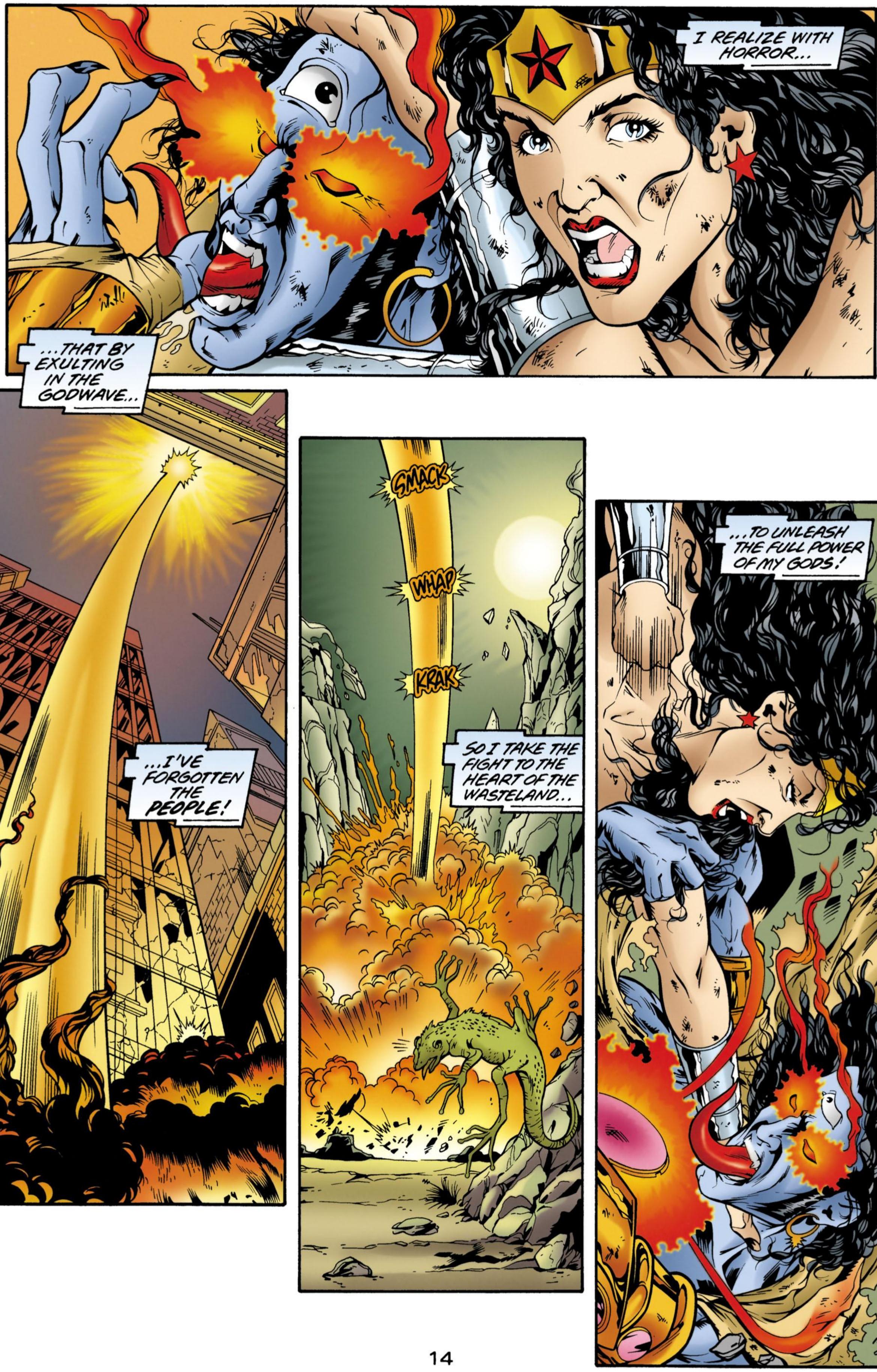

THE TIMELESS HALLS OF OLYMPUS...

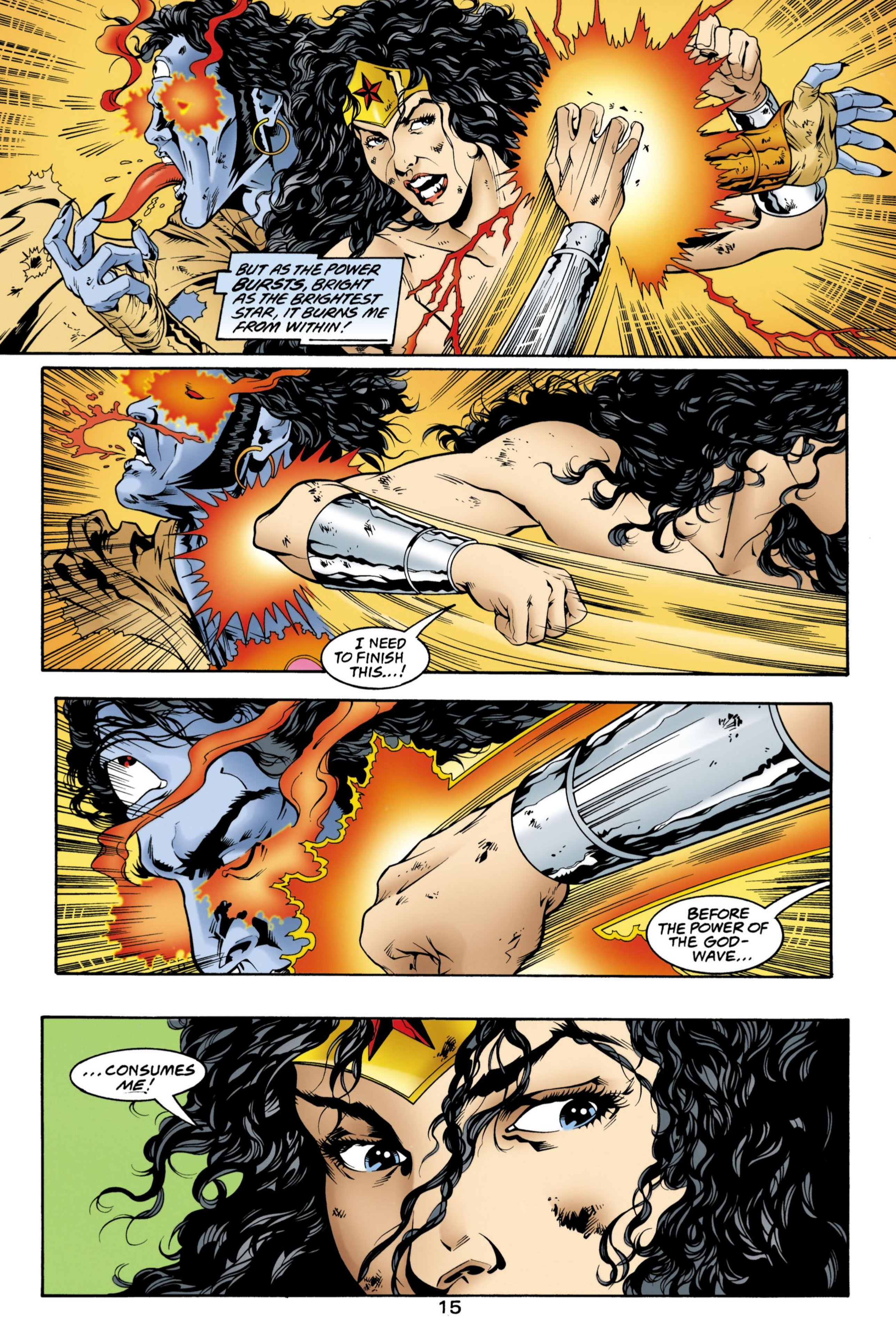
ARES, DIANA PRAYS FOR SOMETHING NEW.
SHE ASKS US TO CHANNEL THE PURE POWER OF THE GODWAVE INTO HER.

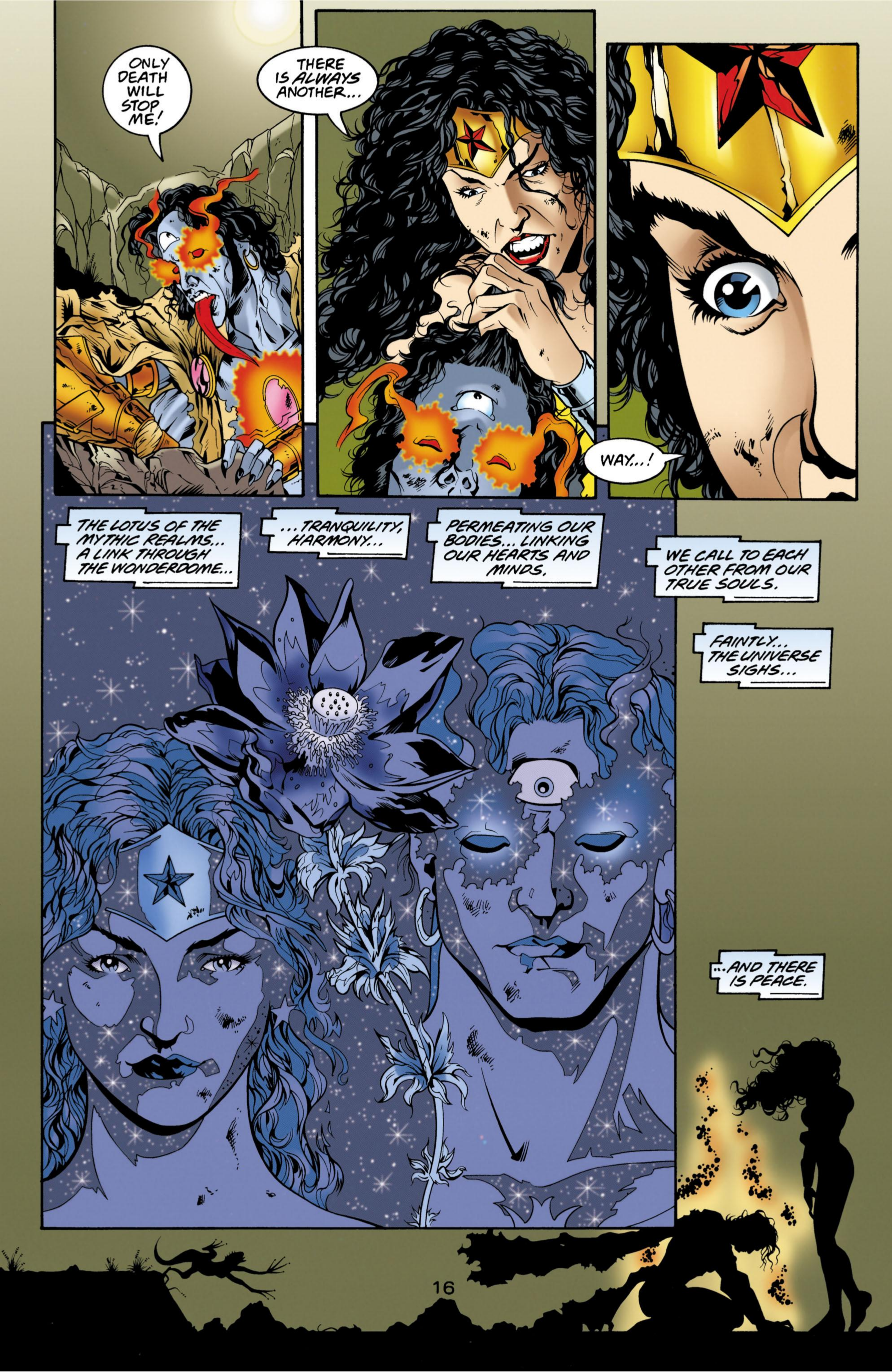
THEN FOR THE FIRST TIME... LET IT BE DONE! THOUGH SHE WILL LEARN THAT THIS GIFT IS NOT WITHOUT ITS PRICE!
FROM ABOVE, FROM EVERYWHERE, A NEW POWER... THUNDERS FROM OLYMPUS... CHANNELED INTO THE VESSEL OF MY BODY!

MY PERCEPTION EXPLODES! I CAN SEE IN ALL DIRECTIONS AT ONCE!
POWER BUILDS AT MY CORE IN A GREAT CRESCENDO ...THE SONG OF THE UNIVERSE!

MY SOUL SINGS-- CRIES OUT-- WITH POWER!
AT LAST A WORTHY OPPONENT!
THE IMPACT SHATTERS WINDOWS FOR MILES!
SHOCK WAVES TOSS THE BUILDINGS LIKE TOYS!
TAKE THE FIGHT OUT OF THE CITY, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'RE ENDANGERING EVERYONE!

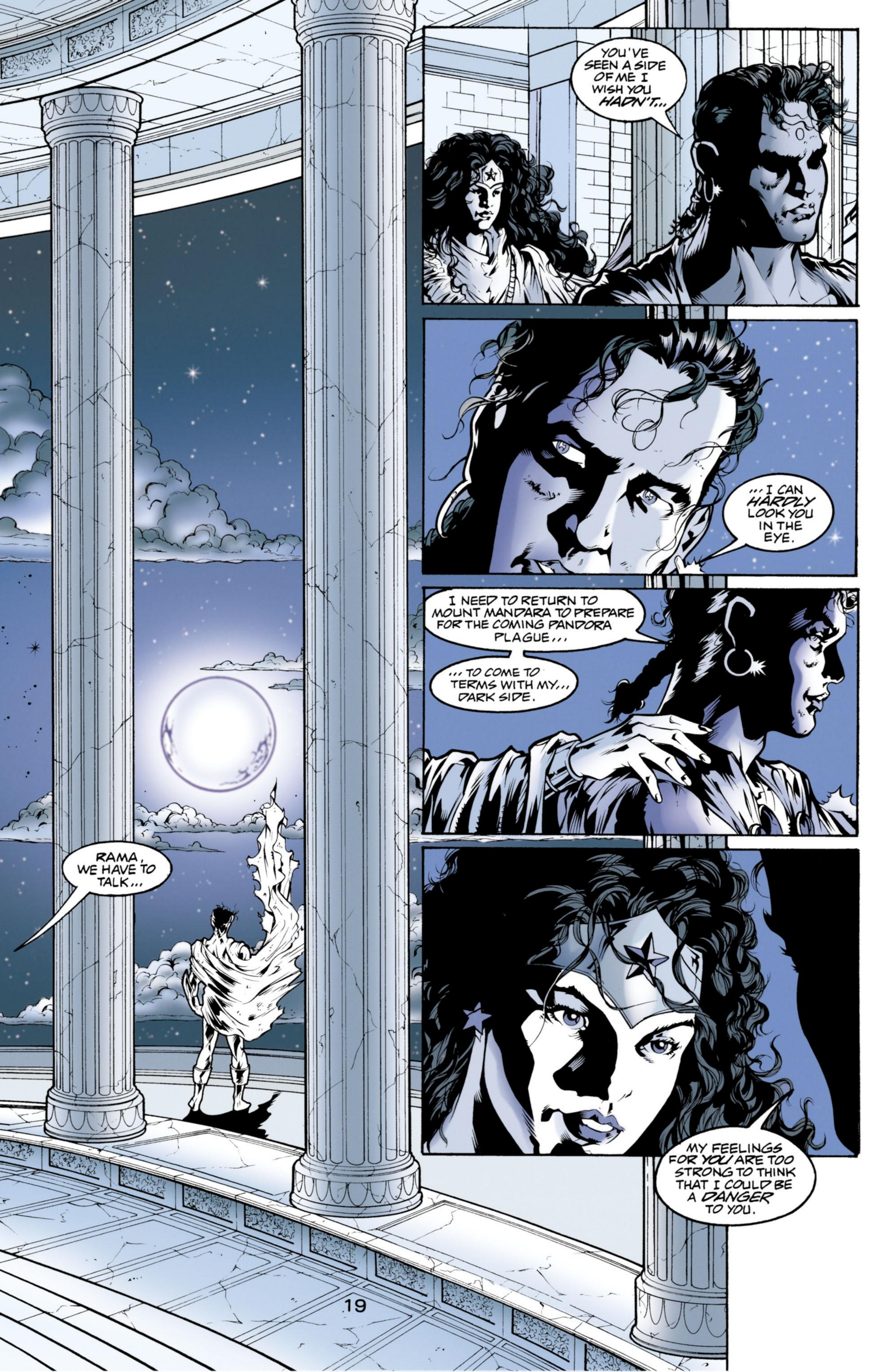

I REALIZE WITH HORROR...
...THAT BY EXULTING IN THE GODWAVE...
...I'VE FORGOTTEN THE PEOPLE!
SMACK
WHAP
KRAK
SO I TAKE THE FIGHT TO THE HEART OF THE WASTELAND...
...TO UNLEASH THE FULL POWER OF MY GODS!

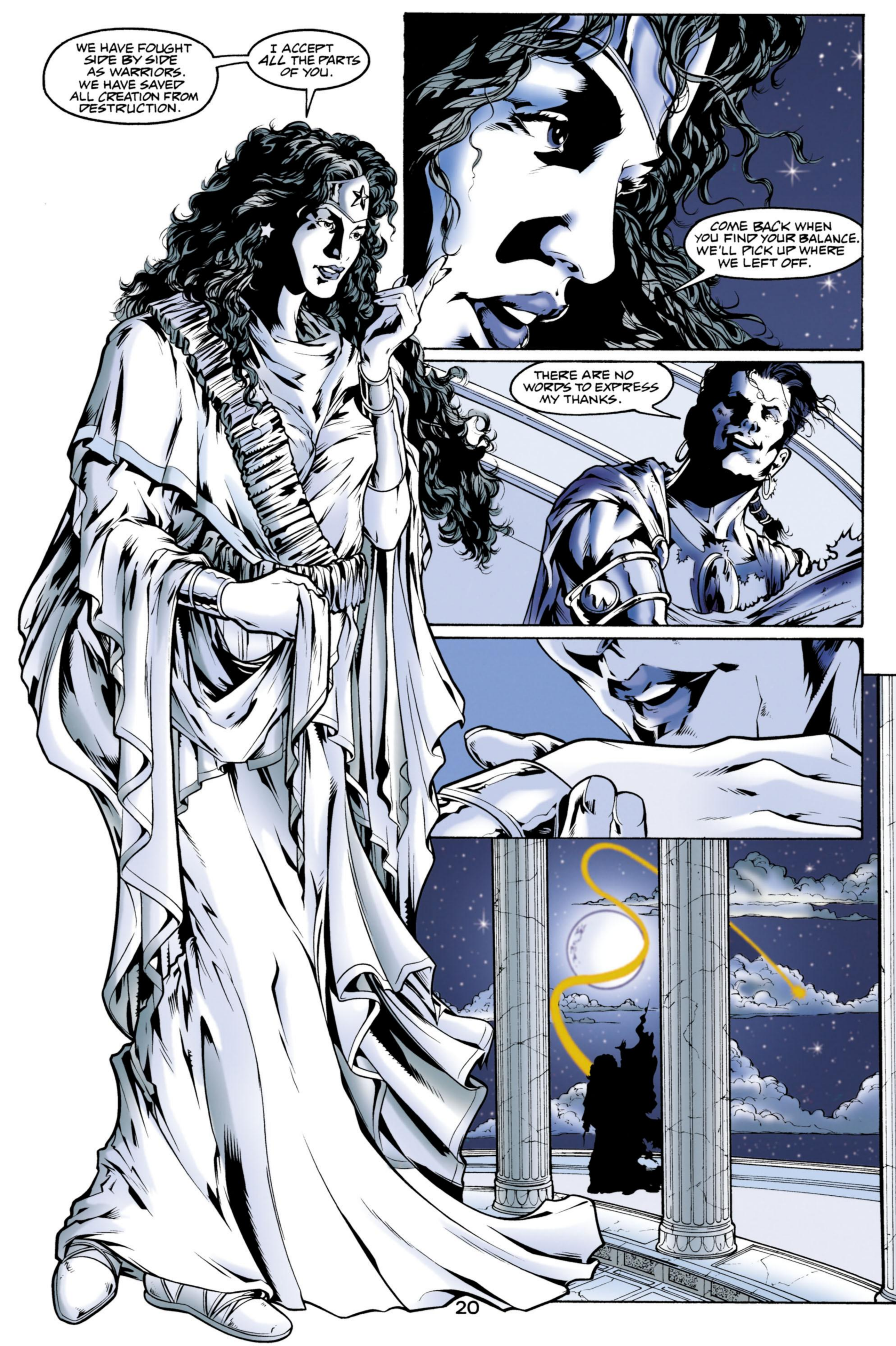

BUT AS THE POWER BURSTS, BRIGHT AS THE BRIGHTEST STAR, IT BURNS ME FROM WITHIN!
I NEED TO FINISH THIS...!
BEFORE THE POWER OF THE GOD-WAVE...
...CONSUMES ME!

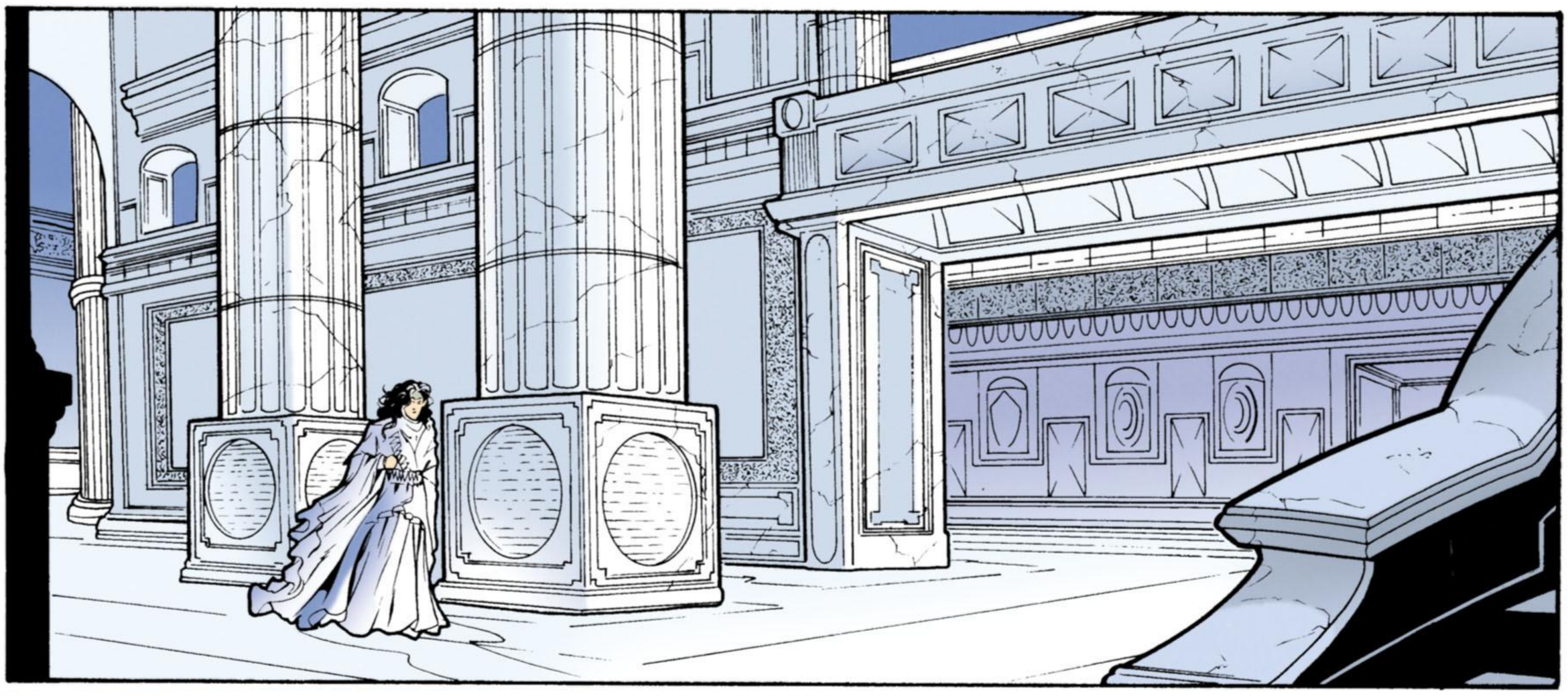

ONLY DEATH WILL STOP ME!
THERE IS ALWAYS ANOTHER...
WAY...!
THE LOTUS OF THE MYTHIC REALMS... A LINK THROUGH THE WONDERDOME...
...TRANQUILITY, HARMONY...
PERMEATING OUR BODIES... LINKING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS.
WE CALL TO EACH OTHER FROM OUR TRUE SOULS.
FAINTLY... THE UNIVERSE SIGHS...
...AND THERE IS PEACE.

THE EXPERIMENT IS A SUCCESS. TIME TO SIFT THROUGH THE DATA...
TO REFINE THE PANDORA...
VIRUS...
YOU HAVE PRESUMED TO EXPERIMENT WITH HUMAN LIFE.
YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES.

BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL, DOCTOR. THESE CHEMICALS ARE DANGEROUS.
THANKS. WE'LL TAKE ALL THE PROPER--
HEY, WONDER WOMAN, HER MASK IS STUCK TO HER FACE!
FOOLS! DID YOU THINK I DIDN'T HAVE A BACK-UP PLAN?
TSSSSSS
AN OLD CONCEPT: A HOLLOW TOOTH.
IT WILL TAKE TIME TO MANIFEST, TO MUTATE, BUT MAKE NO MISTAKE...
...THE PANDORA VIRUS IS NOW AIR-BORNE!


YOU'VE SEEN A SIDE OF ME I WISH YOU HADN'T...
...I CAN HARDLY LOOK YOU IN THE EYE.
I NEED TO RETURN TO MOUNT MANDARA TO PREPARE FOR THE COMING PANDORA PLAGUE...
...TO COME TO TERMS WITH MY... DARK SIDE.
RAMA, WE HAVE TO TALK...
MY FEELINGS FOR YOU ARE TOO STRONG TO THINK THAT I COULD BE A DANGER TO YOU.


WE HAVE FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE AS WARRIORS. WE HAVE SAVED ALL CREATION FROM DESTRUCTION.
I ACCEPT ALL THE PARTS OF YOU.
COME BACK WHEN YOU FIND YOUR BALANCE. WE'LL PICK UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
THERE ARE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS MY THANKS.



PRINCESS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I FEAR I AM TOO MUCH ALONE, CHIRON.
IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE.

SO THE DOCTOR IS OUT... BUT I HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR HEALING!
BIG CHANGES ARE COMING, WONDER WOMAN!
YOU KILLED MY CREATOR... MY FATHER...!
SO I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT WHICH YOU LOVE, AND TURN IT AGAINST YOU!
AND IT WILL KILL YOU, WONDER WOMAN...
SIMPLY KILL YOU!
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