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# WONDER WOMAN

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LET  
ME GO!--I  
**MUST** TELL  
THE **TRUTH!**

**NOW! AT LAST!**  
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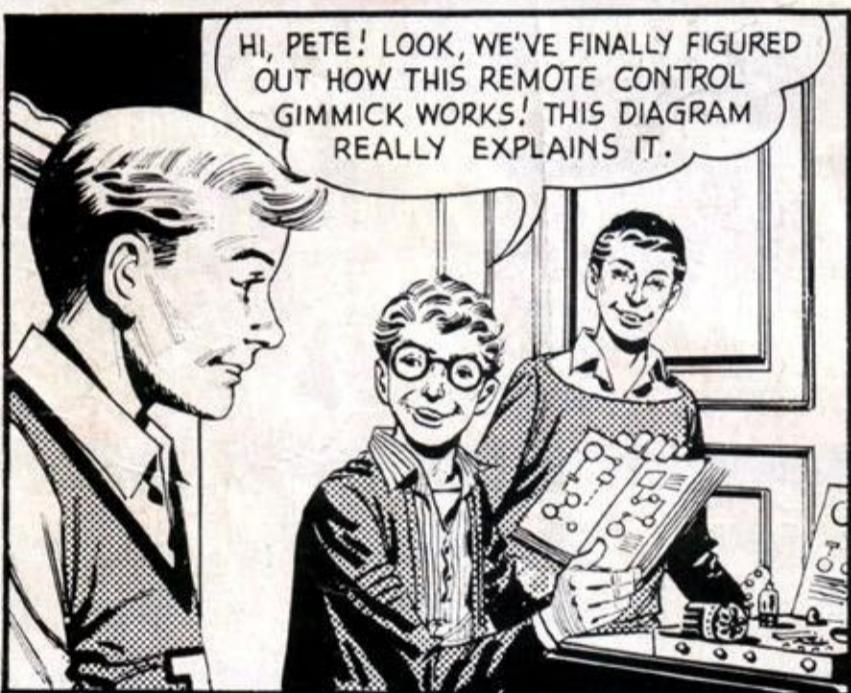
★ THE ONLY TRUE SECRET ORIGIN OF  
THE MIGHTY AMAZON--WONDER WOMAN!

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★ WONDER WOMAN WILL REVEAL  
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# The Golden Age SECRET ORIGIN of WONDER WOMAN

**SPECIAL!**

WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD AWAITED A CHAMPION TO BATTLE THE FORCES OF EVIL AND INJUSTICE THAT REARED THEIR SERPENTINE HEADS ON EVERY SIDE-- THERE MYSTERIOUSLY APPEARED THE MIGHTY AMAZON KNOWN AS WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY!



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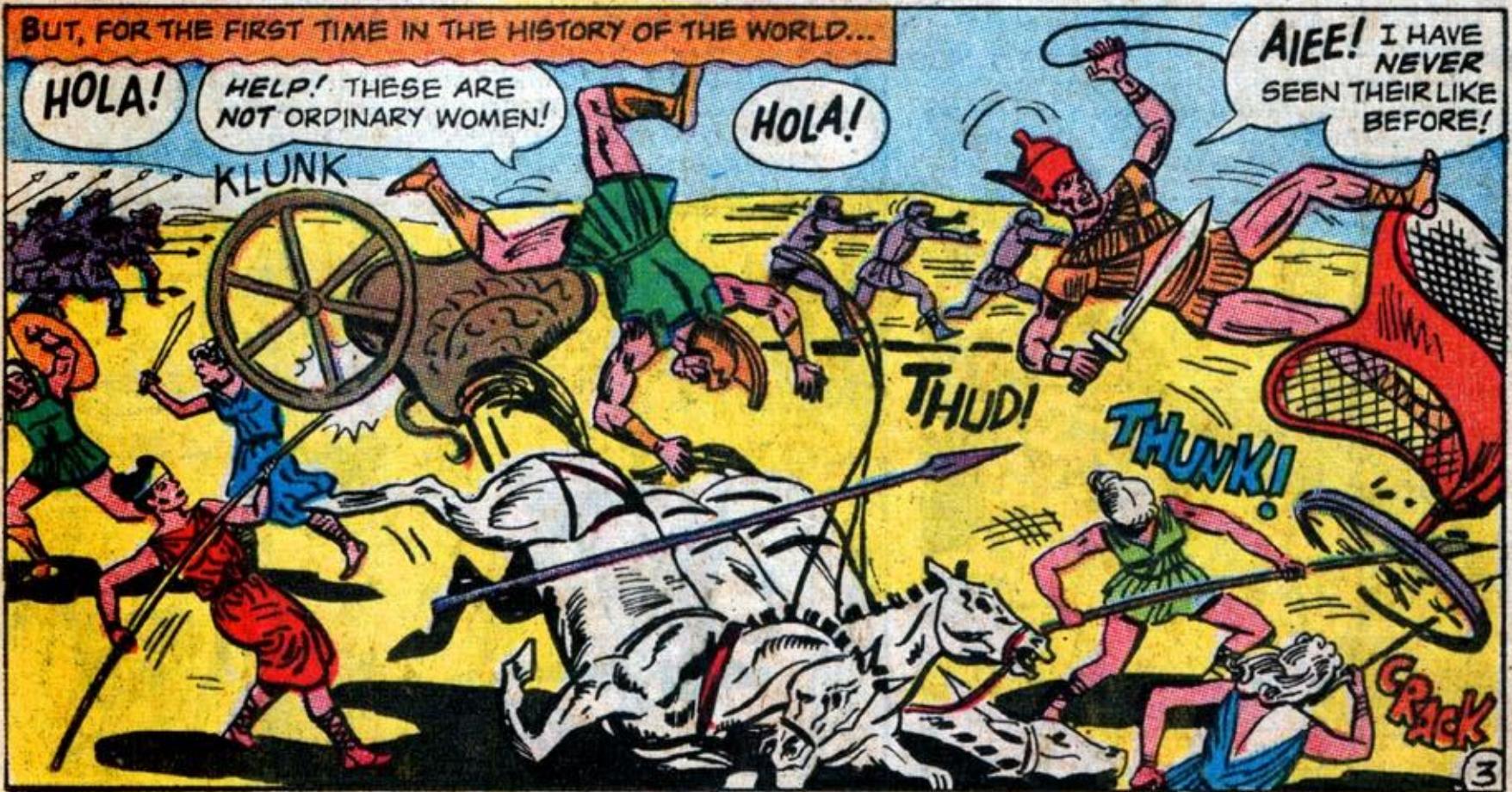
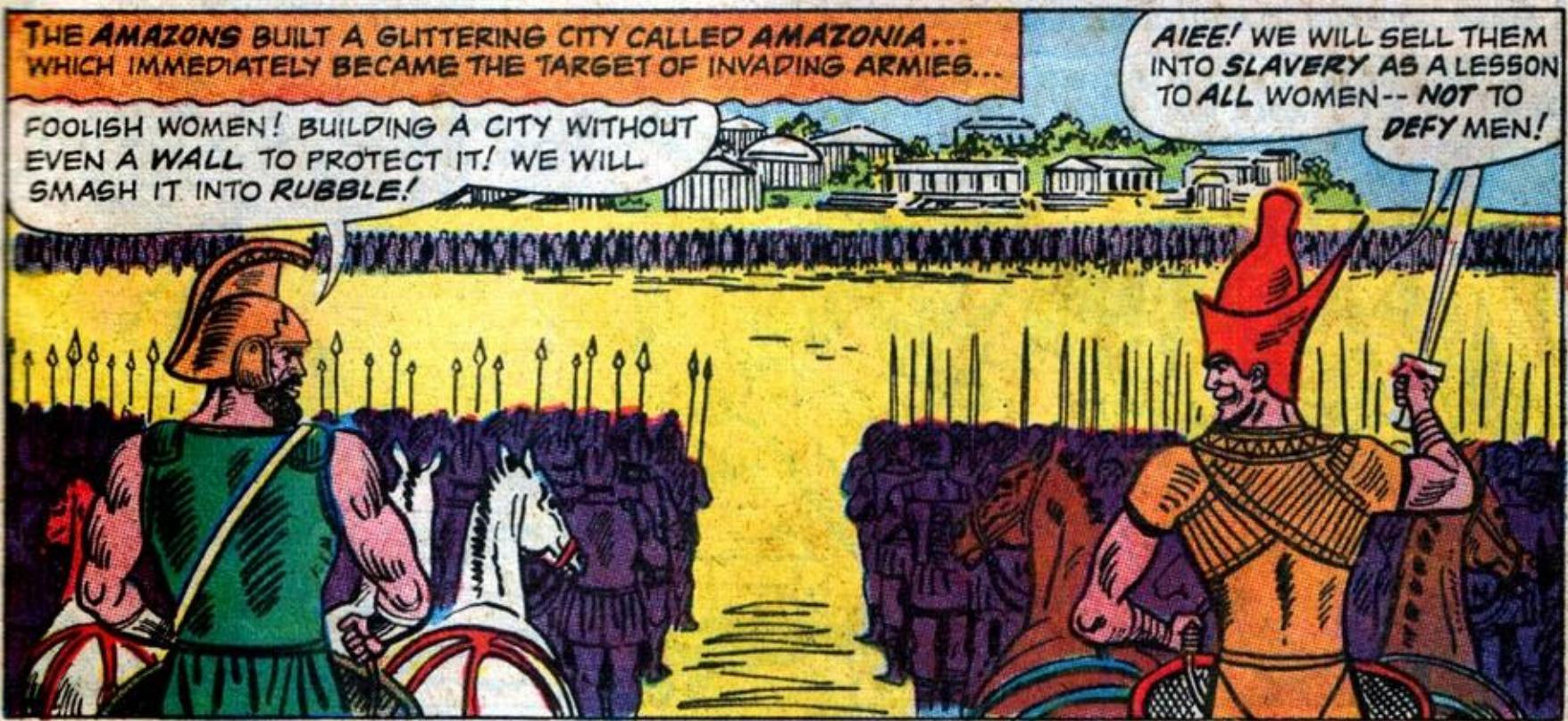
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OUR STRANGE TALE STARTS IN THE MOST ANCIENT OF TIMES, WHEN EARTH WAS JOINTLY RULED BY RIVAL GODS "MARS, GOD OF WAR...AND APHRODITE, GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY..."

MY WOMEN SHALL CONQUER MEN WITH LOVE, MARS!

FOOLISH APHRODITE! BEHOLD HOW MY MEN RULE WITH THE SWORD! HO! HO!





IN THE MISTY REGIONS, MARS IS ENRAGED...

YOU TRICKED ME, APHRODITE! YOU MADE AMAZON WOMEN STRONGER THAN MEN! BUT YOU HAVE WON ONLY A SINGLE BATTLE IN THE WAR BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN! I WILL CONQUER YOUR AMAZONS AND PUNISH THEM!

NOT AS LONG AS QUEEN HIPPOLYTE WEARS MY MAGIC GIRDLE AND SHE NEVER TAKES IT OFF!... ASLEEP OR AWAKE! HA-HA!

APHRODITE DOES NOT REALIZE THAT SHE HAS JUST REVEALED TO ME HOW TO DESTROY THE AMAZONS!



MARS APPEARS TO HERCULES, THE STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD...

I CAN BITE THROUGH STEEL! SHATTER ROCK INTO DUST! TURN THE WILDEST ANIMAL INTO A RUG! NO ONE IS STRONGER THAN I--HERCULES!

THUD!

NO MAN, HERCULES!... BUT A MERE WOMAN IS! HIPPOLYTE, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS!

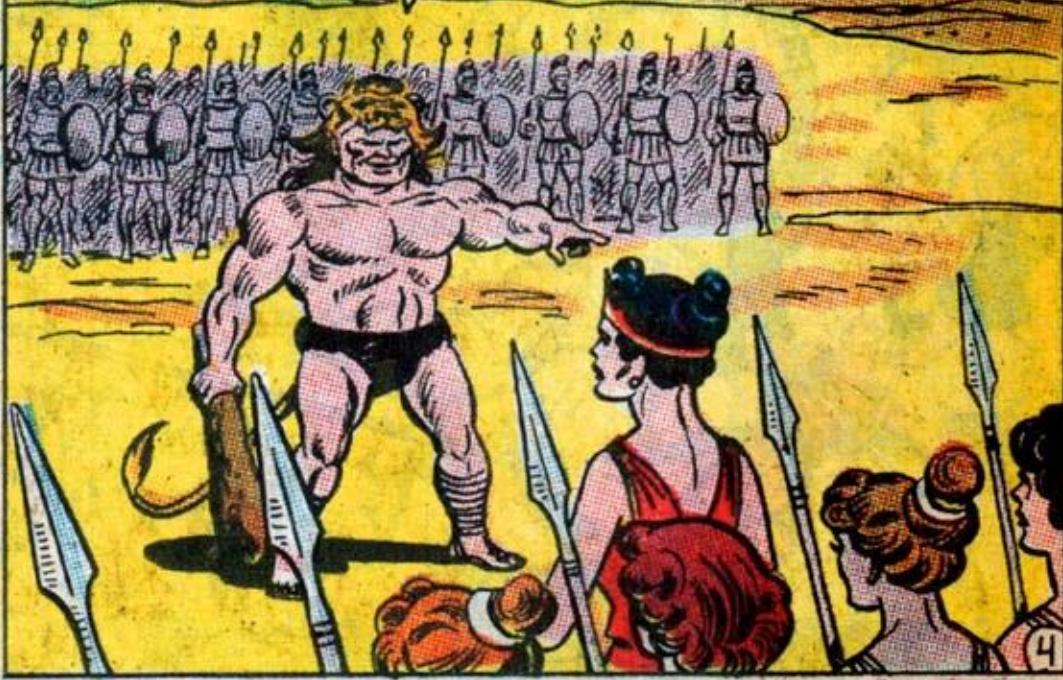


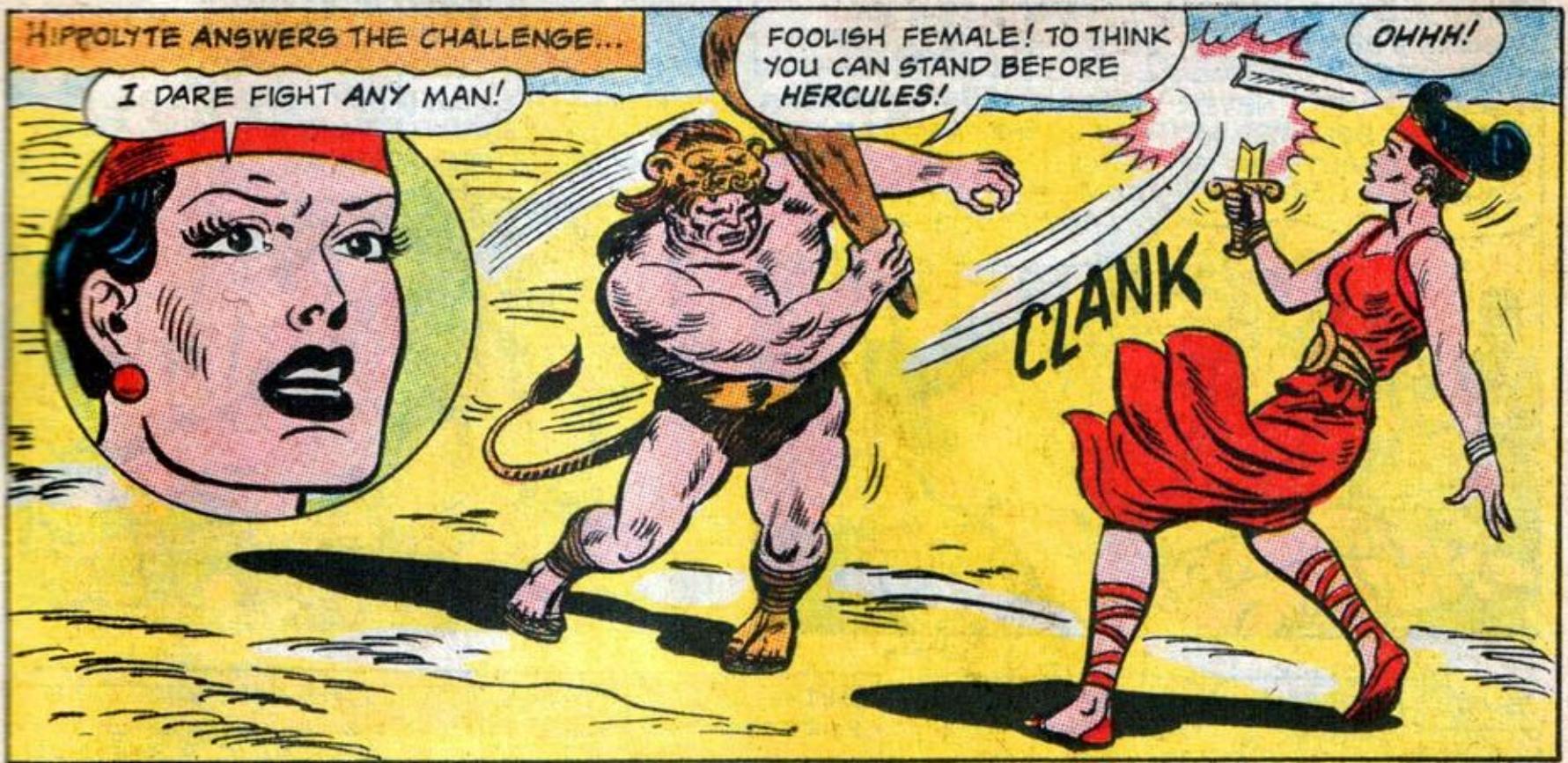
HIPPOLYTE AND HER AMAZONS ARE INVINCIBLE ONLY AS LONG AS SHE WEARS THE MAGIC GIRDLE OF APHRODITE! UNTIL THEN, YOU ARE THE SECOND STRONGEST IN THE WORLD!

I'LL STRIP HER OF HER MAGIC GIRDLE AND BRING HER WOMEN BACK IN CHAINS! HERCULES--SECOND TO A WOMAN! BAH!

SHORTLY, LEADING A MIGHTY ARMY TO AMAZONIA...

I, HERCULES, STRONGEST MAN IN THE WORLD, CHALLENGE HIPPOLYTE TO PERSONAL COMBAT-- IF SHE DARES! OR CONFESS THAT SHE IS A COWARD IN SKIRTS!





THAT EVENING, THE CRAFTY HERCULES USES WOMAN'S OWN WEAPON--LOVE--AGAINST QUEEN HIPPOLYTE...

I NEVER REALIZED BEFORE--YOU ARE AS BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE HERSELF!

AND YOU ARE AS STRONG AS MARS, HIMSELF, HERCULES! WITHOUT MY MAGIC GIRDLE--I NEVER COULD HAVE CONQUERED YOU!

YOUR GIRDLE IS MAGIC, BEAUTIFUL HIPPOLYTE, ONLY BECAUSE IT HAS ENCIRCLED YOUR DIVINE FIGURE! IF I COULD BUT HOLD IT FOR A MOMENT--IT WOULD SEND MY SPIRITS SOARING!

I OUGHT NOT--BUT HOW CAN I RESIST SUCH A PLEA? AFTER ALL--IT'LL BE ONLY FOR A MOMENT!



BUT... FOOLISH FEMALE! I HAVE WHAT I WANT NOW!

HOLA--SISTER AMAZONS! HERCULES HAS BETRAYED M---UHH---



IN THE BATTLE THAT FOLLOWS... THE AMAZONS FIGHT FURIOUSLY, BUT...



END OF PART I

PART TWO: "THE GOLDEN AGE SECRET ORIGIN OF WONDER WOMAN" FLASHES WITH EVEN GREATER BRILLIANCE ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> PAGE FOLLOWING!

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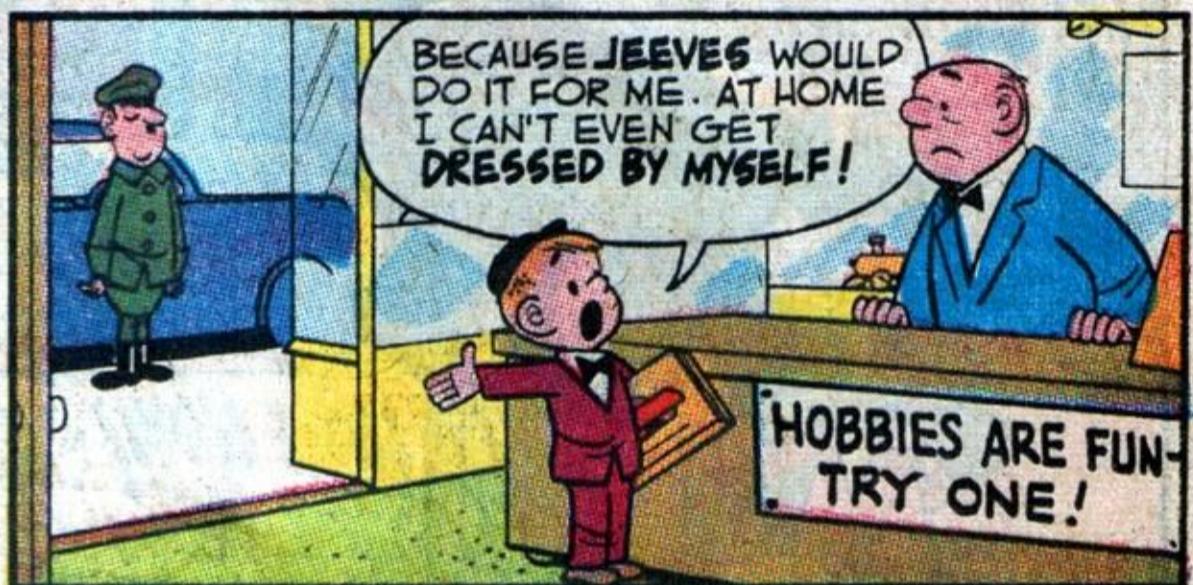
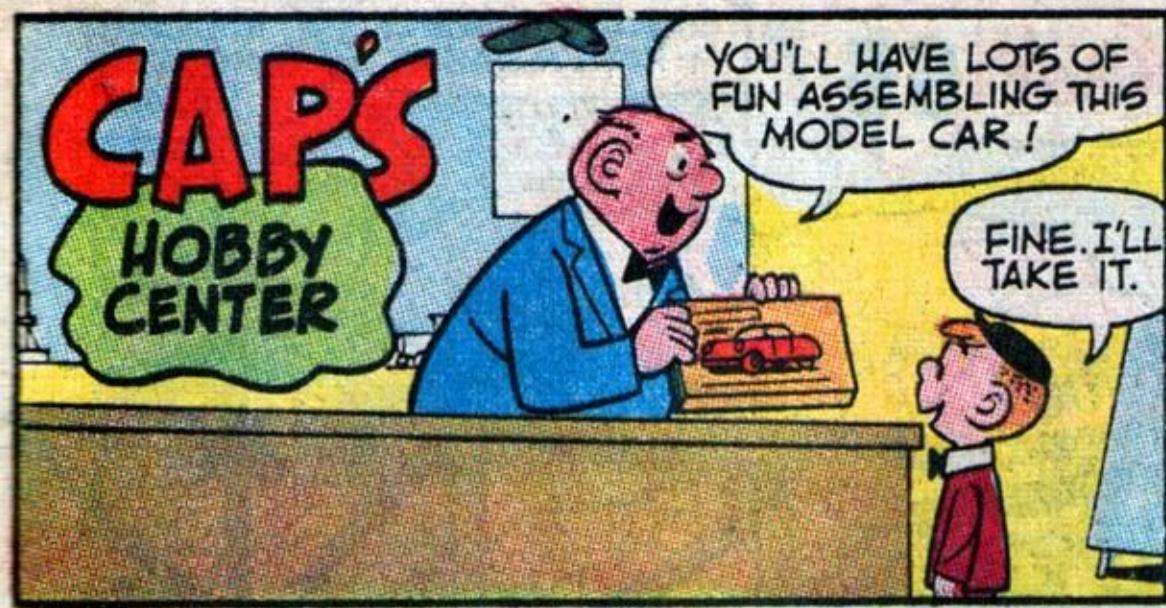
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CHANGE INTO  
**1,000 SUPER-HEROES!**

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TO DO IS...



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DETAIL!

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1/25<sup>TH</sup> SCALE!

MY AMT '66's  
ARE FIRST ANYWHERE,  
GUYS. GET 'EM AND  
BE FIRST WITH  
AMT'S FINEST, TOO!

DIG ALL THE  
"CHROME" GOODIES!

'66 AMT KITS ARE  
HOT AND HERE. SEE  
'EM AT YOUR FAVORITE  
DEPARTMENT OR Hobby  
STORE.  
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and  
\$2.00  
a kit  
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HERE NOW!  
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'66 MODEL KITS  
FROM AMT!

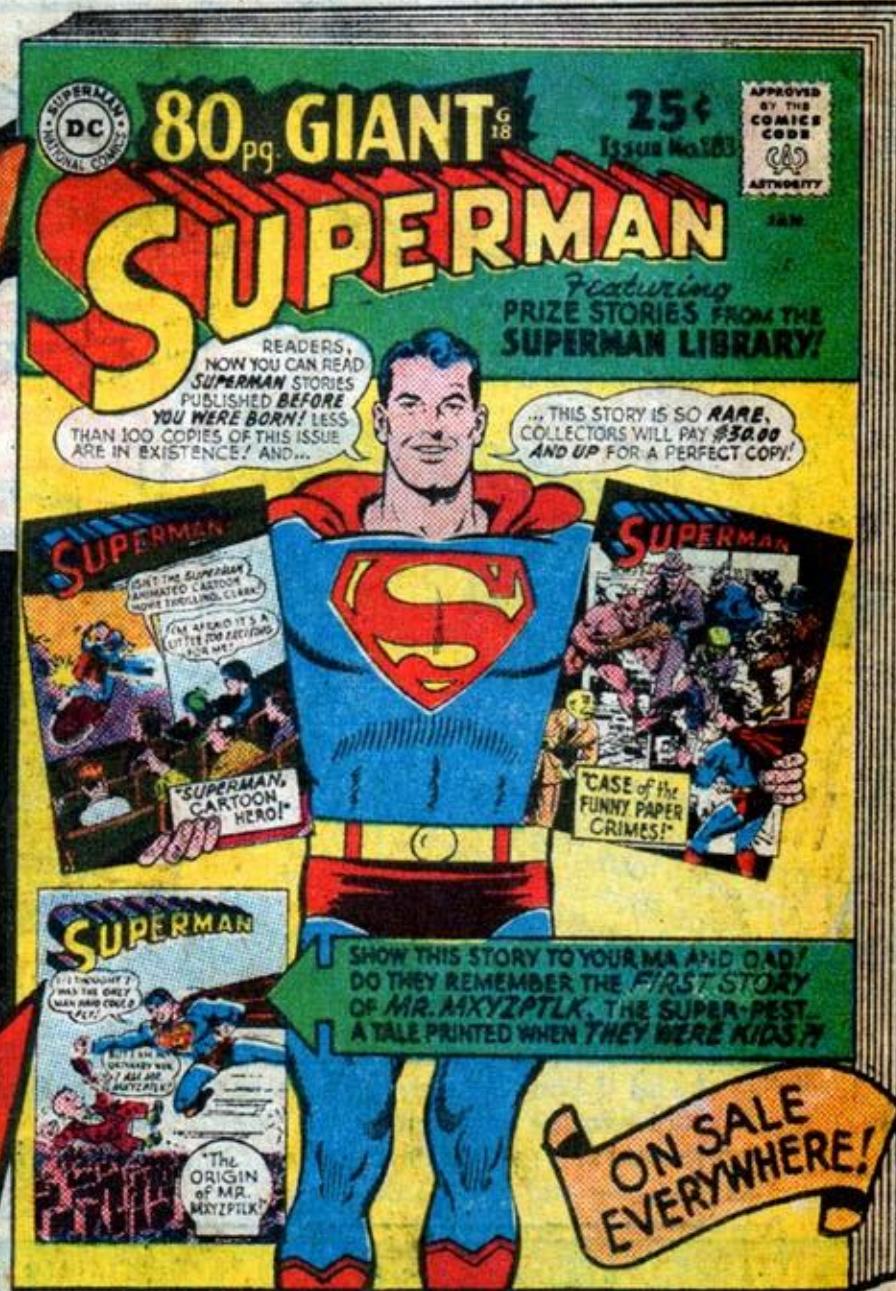
- T-BIRD CONVERTIBLE
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- CORVETTE FASTBACK
- IMPALA CONVERTIBLE
- CORVAIR "SPRINT" HARDTOP

They're  
**OLD!**  
They're worth  
**GOLD!**  
Now at last they're  
**RE-TOLD!**

Yes, DC finally unlocks its vaults and releases RARE, OUT-OF-PRINT stories from its

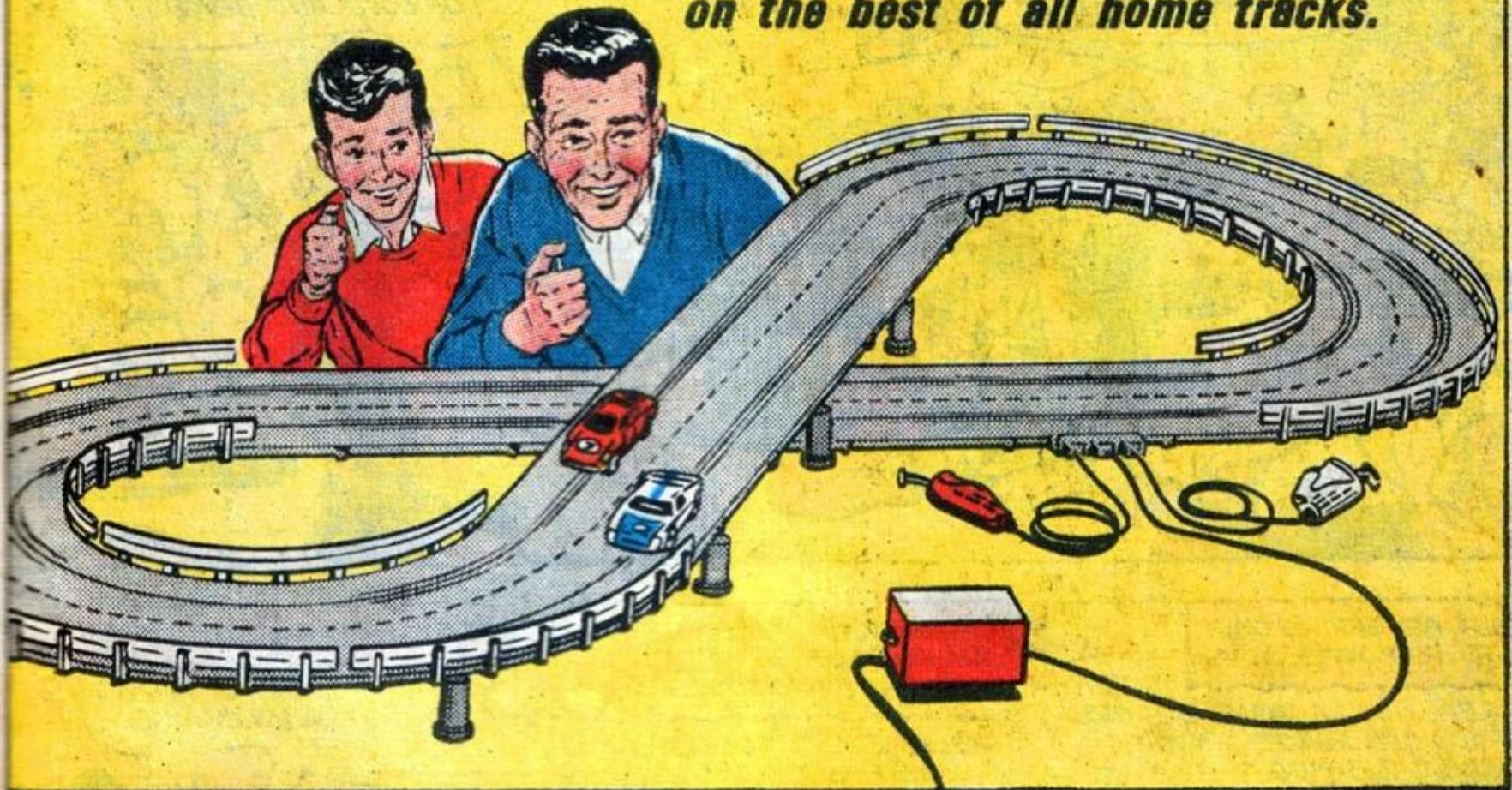
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LOADED WITH FETTERS... BEATEN AND TORMENTED BY THEIR CRUEL CAPTORS, THE AMAZONS ARE IN DISPAIR...



IN THE RAGING BATTLE THAT FOLLOWS...

APHRODITE IS AT OUR  
SIDE ONCE AGAIN, AMAZONS!

HOLA!

HOLA! HOLA! HOLA!

CLUNK!

AFTER RECOVERING HER MAGIC GIRDLE...

APHRODITE-- I SHALL NEVER  
AGAIN REMOVE YOUR MAGIC  
GIRDLE! AMAZONS--  
REMOVE YOUR HANDCUFFS! NOT TO BE FETTERED  
AGAIN!

AYE, NOBLE  
QUEEN! IT WILL  
BE WONDERFUL  
TO BE FETTERED  
AGAIN!

BUT...

NO, AMAZONS! YOU MUST ALWAYS WEAR  
THESE BRACELETS FROM NOW ON! TO  
TEACH YOU THE FOLLY OF  
SUBMITTING TO MAN'S  
DOMINATION!

WE WILL OBEY,  
GREAT APHRODITE!



GUIDED BY APHRODITE, THE AMAZONS BOARD  
SHIPS AND...

I SHALL LEAD YOU TO A SECRET  
ISLAND OF PEACE!

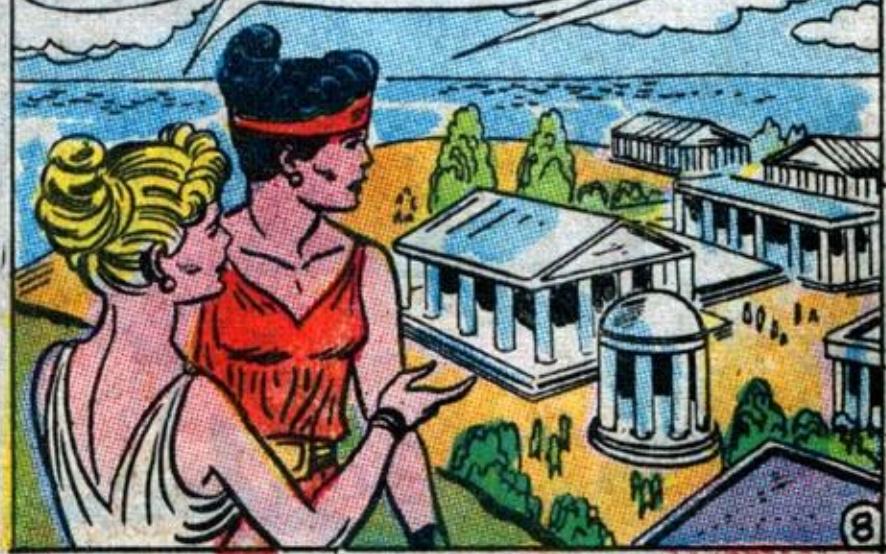
FOLLOW ME! AND  
WE WILL  
OBEY, GREAT  
APHRODITE!



FINALLY, REACHING THEIR DESTINATION, THE  
AMAZONS BUILD A GLITTERING CITY...

THIS ISLE IS YOUR PARADISE, QUEEN  
HIPPOLYTE! BUT-- A WOMAN'S PARADISE  
ONLY! IF YOU ALLOW A SINGLE MAN  
JUST TO SET FOOT ON IT, YOU WILL BE  
DOOMED! YOU WILL LOSE YOUR  
IMMORTALITY AND YOUR POWERS!

IT SHALL  
NEVER  
HAPPEN,  
GENEROUS  
APHRODITE!



BUT IN THE YEARS THAT FOLLOWED, ALL THE JOYOUS AMAZONS FLOURISHED IN SUNNY PEACE AND CONTENTMENT...

GREAT ATHENA--GODDESS OF WISDOM! HOW CAN WE LIGHTEN HIPPOLYTE'S HEART?

WHO, BETTER THAN YOU, APHRODITE, SHOULD KNOW SHE NEEDS SOMEONE TO LOVE!...NOT A MAN WHO COULD BREAK HER HEART--BUT THE INNOCENT LOVE OF A CHILD! SINCE AN AMAZON CAN NEVER MARRY, I SHALL TEACH HER HOW TO MOULD A HUMAN FORM!

I FEEL SO LONELY!  
:SIGH: MY HEART IS  
SO HEAVY! :SIGH:  
MY ARMS FEEL SO  
EMPTY! :SIGH:

AND SO, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF ATHENA...

YOU HAVE DONE WELL, HIPPOLYTE!... HOW LIFELIKE SHE LOOKS!

BUT SHE IS JUST A STATUE! SHE CAN NEVER KNOW HOW I ADORE HER! OH, APHRODITE--IF SHE ONLY WERE ALIVE--MINE TO LOVE AND CHERISH!



AND SO SHALL IT BE, OH QUEEN! CHILD... I NAME THEE DIANA-- AFTER THE MOON GODDESS, MISTRESS OF THE CHASE... WHOSE FACE SHINES ON YOU NOW!

LITTLE DIANA!  
YOU ARE MY  
WONDER  
CHILD!



AT THE AGE OF THREE, WHEN AN AMAZON IS PINNED BENEATH A HUGE TREE FELLED BY LIGHTNING...

GREAT THUNDERBOLTS OF ZEUS! OUR LITTLE PRINCESS PULLS THAT GIANT TREE UP AS IF IT WERE JUST A WEED!

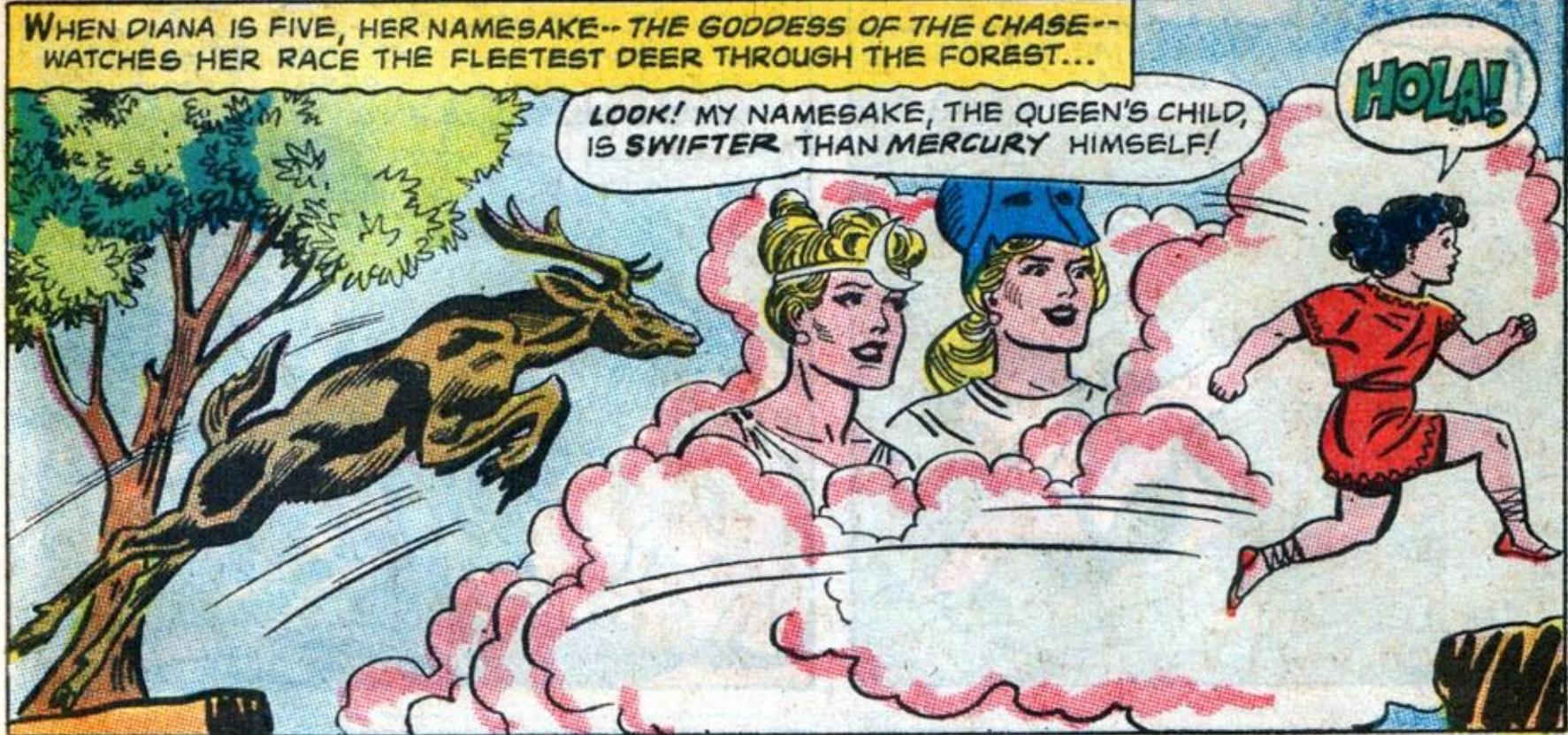
HOLA!



AYE! ALREADY MY DIANA HAS THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES!



WHEN DIANA IS FIVE, HER NAMESAKE--THE GODDESS OF THE CHASE--WATCHES HER RACE THE FLEETEST DEER THROUGH THE FOREST...



AT FIFTEEN, THE YOUNG AMAZON SPENDS THE NIGHT IN VIGIL AT APHRODITE'S ALTAR...

HERE ARE YOUR **BRACELETS** OF SUBMISSION TO APHRODITE, DIANA!

I PLEDGE MYSELF FOREVER TO THE SERVICES OF APHRODITE, GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY!



LET NO MAN EVER CHAIN THESE BRACELETS TOGETHER, DIANA! OR YOU WILL BE FORCED TO OBEY HIM--UNTIL YOU CAN GET HIM OR ANOTHER MAN TO BREAK YOUR CHAINS! WITH YOUR **BRACELETS OF SUBMISSION CHAINED**--TERRIBLE FORCES CAN TRANSFORM YOU INTO A CREATURE OF UNGOVERNABLE FURY! SO BEWARE!

I WILL BEWARE, MOTHER!



LASTLY, IN A SECRET GROVE, WHEN THE PRINCESS IS NINETEEN...

DRINK, DIANA, FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF ETERNAL YOUTH! BEAUTY AND HAPPINESS ARE YOUR AMAZON BIRTHRIGHT--SO LONG AS YOU REMAIN ON PARADISE ISLAND!

IT IS A WONDERFUL BIRTHRIGHT! I WILL NEVER GIVE IT UP!



BUT LATER, THE SEETHING SEA BRINGS FLOATING WRECKAGE TOWARD PARADISE ISLAND AND...

LOOK, MALA! A BODY--FLOATING ON PLANE WRECKAGE! I HOPE WE'RE IN TIME TO BE OF HELP!

I'LL RACE YOU TO THE WRECKAGE, PRINCESS!



ALTHOUGH MALA IS THE FASTEST AMAZON SWIMMER...

DIANA PASSES ME AS HOLA!  
IF SHE WERE FASTER THAN A PORPOISE!



ON THE WRECKAGE, DIANA'S HEART IS STIRRED, JUST LIKE HER MOTHER'S...

THIS IS THE FIRST MAN I HAVE EVER SEEN!... HOW HANDSOME HE IS--LIKE A GOD!



AN EXAMINATION REVEALS...

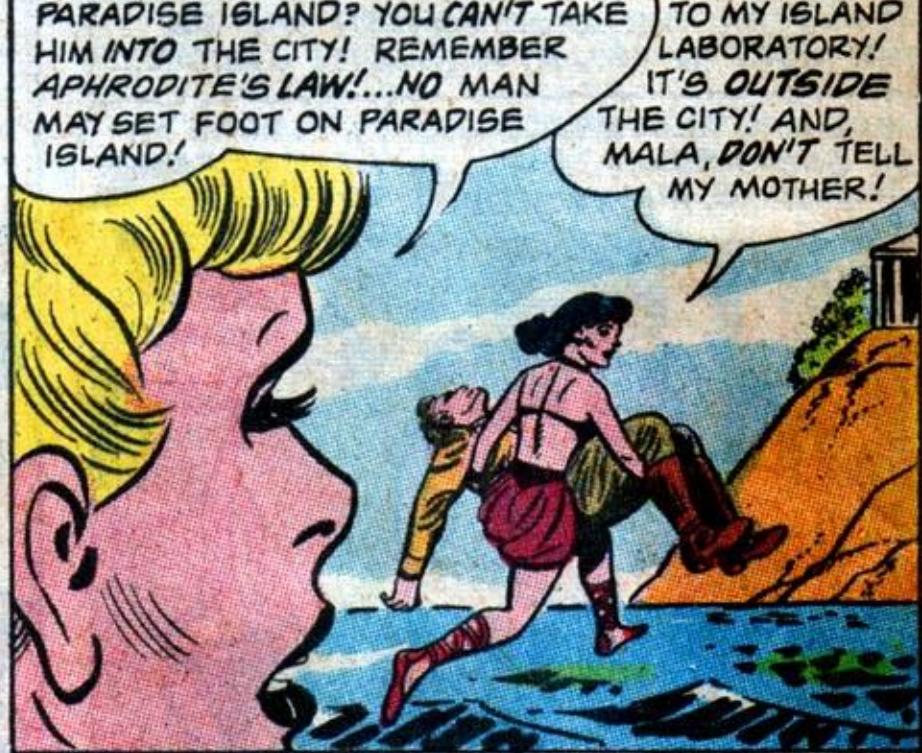
THESE IDENTIFICATION PAPERS STATE THAT HE IS CAPT. STEVE TREVOR OF THE AMERICAN ARMY INTELLIGENCE! PRINCESS, ARE YOU LISTENING?

HOW STRANGE... THAT HE DRIFTED TO OUR SHORES... IT SEEMS LIKE FATE!... HE CAN'T DIE...NOT WHEN HE'S IN MY ARMS! I'VE GOT TO SAVE HIM!



DIANA!... PRINCESS!... A MAN ON PARADISE ISLAND? YOU CAN'T TAKE HIM INTO THE CITY! REMEMBER APHRODITE'S LAW!... NO MAN MAY SET FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND!

I'LL TAKE HIM TO MY ISLAND LABORATORY! IT'S OUTSIDE THE CITY! AND, MALA, DON'T TELL MY MOTHER!



IN THE LABORATORY, DIANA WORKS DAY AND NIGHT TO PERFECT A HEALING RAY FOR THE UNCONSCIOUS PILOT'S LIFE, WHILE THE ROYAL COURT PHYSICIAN MALA HAS BROUGHT, SAYS...

HE IS SINKING! NO--NO!... I CAN'T LET IT HAPPEN! I'VE ALMOST PERFECTED THE HEALING RAY!



ON THE FIFTH DAY...

DOCTOR! I'VE FOUND IT!-- THE PURPLE HEALING RAY!

DOCTOR-- WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?... WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?

POOR DIANA! IT'S TOO LATE! THE PATIENT IS BEYOND RECOVERY! HE'S GONE! I'M SORRY!

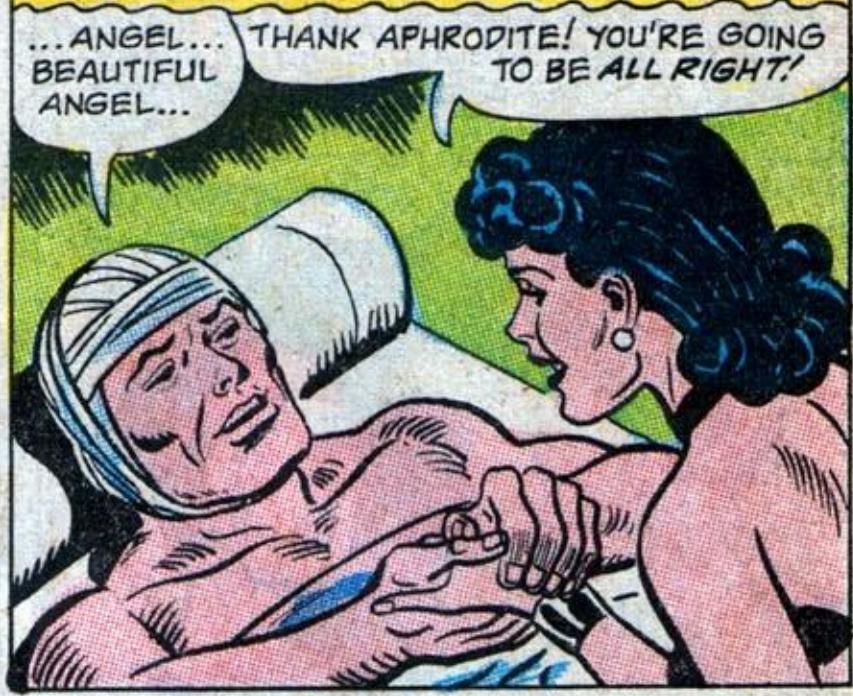


BUT DIANA FIERCELY FIGHTS FOR THE STRICKEN PILOT'S LIFE...

WAKE UP! WAKE UP! PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES! I WON'T LET YOU DIE! I'VE TAKEN YOU OUT OF THE SEA! I WON'T LOSE YOU NOW! OPEN YOUR EYES! OPEN THEM! OPEN THEM!

THE WEIRD PURPLE LIGHT PULSATES AT THE PATIENT'S BATTERED BODY, UNTIL...

...ANGEL... THANK APHRODITE! YOU'RE GOING TO BE ALL RIGHT!



SUDDENLY, A WORRIED QUEEN APPEARS...

SO THIS IS WHY YOU DIDN'T APPEAR AT COURT FOR A WHOLE WEEK!...FOR A MAN!...THE CAUSE OF ALL OUR WOES! HE MUST RETURN TO THE WARRING WORLD OF MEN IMMEDIATELY!

BUT, MOTHER! CAPT. TREVOR CAN'T TRAVEL ALONE! HE'S NOT WELL! I CAN FLY HIM TO AMERICA!



NO, DIANA! THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE! IF YOU LEAVE PARADISE ISLAND-- YOU WILL LOSE YOUR BIRTHRIGHT!

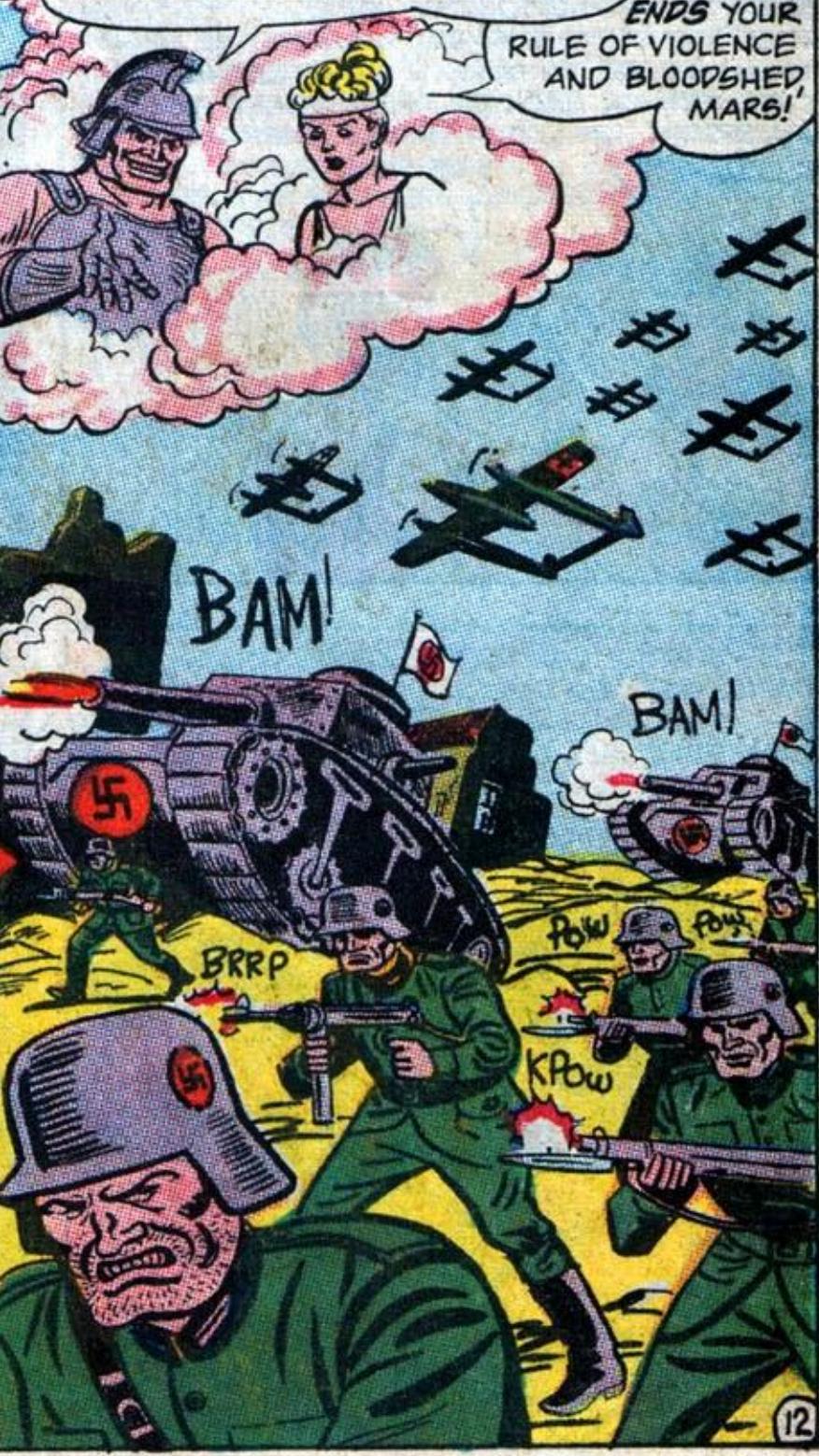
APHRODITE, HELP ME! DIANA HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THIS STRANGER!



MEANWHILE, IN THE MISTY REGIONS...

MAYBE YOUR AMAZONS DEFEATED HERCULES, APHRODITE! BUT THE WHOLE WORLD'S AT WAR! I, MARS, GOD OF WAR RULE THE EARTH! HO! HO!

YOU WILL STOP LAUGHING WHEN AMERICA WINS AND ENDS YOUR RULE OF VIOLENCE AND BLOODSHED, MARS!



**SHORTLY, APHRODITE APPEARS TO THE QUEEN...**

HIPPOLYTE--A YOUNG AMAZON MUST TAKE THE CAPTAIN BACK TO AMERICA! SHE MUST REMAIN THERE TO FIGHT EVIL AND INJUSTICE EVERYWHERE! YOU MUST CHOOSE YOUR GREATEST AMAZON--FOR SHE WILL NEED ALL HER STRENGTH AGAINST THE FORCES OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE!

I OBEY, OH GODDESS!

**THE NEXT MORNING...**

...AND SO, TO SELECT OUR GREATEST AMAZON FAIRLY-- A UNIQUE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD AT AMAZON STADIUM TOMORROW, TO CHOOSE THE WINNER!

**THE QUEEN REACTS JUST LIKE ANY MOTHER, WHEN...**

MOTHER! I'M GOING TO COMPETE, TOO! I FEEL SURE I'M GOING TO WIN! THEN YOU CAN'T REFUSE TO ALLOW ME TO TAKE CAPT. TREVOR BACK TO AMERICA!

NO--NO, DIANA! I FORBID IT! THE COMPETITION IS NOT OPEN TO YOU! YOU FORGET--THE WINNER MUST LEAVE PARADISE ISLAND AND LIVE IN THE WARRING WORLD OF MEN! I CAN'T LET YOU GIVE UP YOUR AMAZON BIRTHRIGHT!

BUT, MOTHER! SOME GIRL MUST DO IT! WHY NOT I? BESIDES, IT'S NOT A SACRIFICE TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE! IT'S AN HONOR!

I CAN'T LOSE MY CHILD!... I MUST TALK HER OUT OF IT SOMEHOW! YOU ARE RIGHT, DIANA! IT IS A GREAT HONOR! AND SO--TO ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBILITY OF FAVORITISM IF I WERE TO CHOOSE YOU--I MUST FORBID YOU TO COMPETE!

**BUT--SHORTLY BEFORE THE COMPETITION--THE IMPULSIVE MAID DONS...**

I'LL WEAR THIS MASK AND SINCE ALL CONTESTANTS WEAR THE SAME UNIFORM--I HOPE MOTHER WON'T RECOGNIZE ME!

**AS AN ARMY OF AMAZON ATHLETES PARADE BEFORE THE QUEEN...**

DIANA ISN'T HERE! SHE'S PROBABLY SAYING FAREWELL TO CAPT. TREVOR--BEFORE HE'S FLOWN BACK TO AMERICA BY THE WINNER OF THIS CONTEST!

THE FIRST CONTEST IS FENCING FROM THE BACKS OF AMAZON HORSES--KANGAS!... AS KANGAS REAR--AND FLASHING BLADES WHIRL... CONTESTANTS TUMBLE LIKE LEAVES UNTIL...



IN THE WRESTLING CONTEST--  
AFTER FIERCE STRUGGLING...

HOLA! THE MYSTERY MAID  
AND MALA WIN AGAIN!



AMAZONS ARE SNARED LIKE  
PLUNGING COLTS BY THE  
LASOES OF THEIR OPPONENTS  
IN THE HIGH-JUMPING CONTEST...

HOLA! NO. 7 AND NO. 12. HOLA!  
ARE THE WINNERS! HOLA! MASKED AMA-  
ZON BROKE ALL RECORDS!



FROM SUNRISE TO SUNSET, THE  
GRUELING TESTS OF STRENGTH  
AND ENDURANCE CONTINUE UNTIL  
EVERY AMAZON IS ELIMINATED  
BUT TWO...

NUMBERS 7 AND 12!  
EACH OF YOU HAS WON 11 CONTESTS!  
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO  
DECIDE THE WINNER! THE FINAL  
TEST FOR ENTRANCE INTO THE  
WORLD OF MEN WILL BE--  
BULLETS AND BRACELETS!



A HUSH FALLS ON THE TENSE AUDIENCE AS...

EACH OF YOU WILL SHOOT  
FIVE TIMES AT YOUR

OPPONENT! THE "TARGET" MUST CATCH THE  
BULLETS ON HER BRACELETS! OR SUFFER THE  
CONSEQUENCES! NO. 12 WILL SHOOT FIRST! FIRE!



THE MASKED MAIDEN'S BRACELETS BECOME SILVER FLASHES OF STREAKING LIGHT AS SHE PARRIES THE DEATH-THRUSTS OF THE HURTLING BULLETS...



NOW IT'S NO. 7'S TURN TO FIRE--AND...

THANK  
HERA--I

SUCCEEDED IN JUST  
SCRATCHING MALA!



A MIDST THUNDEROUS CHEERS, THE WINNER REMOVES HER MASK--AND THE STARTLED HIPPOLYTE IS BOTH PROUD QUEEN AND SADDENED MOTHER...

I--I WISH YOU HAD NOT WON, DIANA! I--I WILL BE LONELY WITHOUT YOU! BUT I AM VERY, VERY PROUD OF YOU! AS WINNER, YOU WILL WEAR THE UNIQUE COSTUME AND LASO, PREPARED UNDER APHRODITE'S PERSONAL DIRECTION, TO WEAR IN AMERICA!



IN THE QUEEN'S CHAMBER...

OH, DIANA--YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL!



THIS MAGIC LASO IS MADE OF TINY GOLD LINKS WHICH ARE UNBREAKABLE! AT APHRODITE'S COMMAND, THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THE MAGIC GIRDLE--WHICH MAKES ME INVINCIBLE! THE MAGIC LASO CARRIES APHRODITE'S POWER TO MAKE MEN AND WOMEN SUBMIT TO YOUR WILL! WHOEVER YOU BIND WITH THE LASO--MUST OBEY YOU! IF ANYONE TAKES IT AWAY FROM YOU--AND BINDS YOU WITH IT--THEN YOU MUST OBEY HIM! NEVER LET IT BE TAKEN FROM YOU!



A TIDAL WAVE OF CHEERS GREETED THE AMAZON CHAMPION'S ENTRANCE IN HER BRIGHT COSTUME AND GLITTERING LASSO...

HOLA-- PRINCESS DIANA!

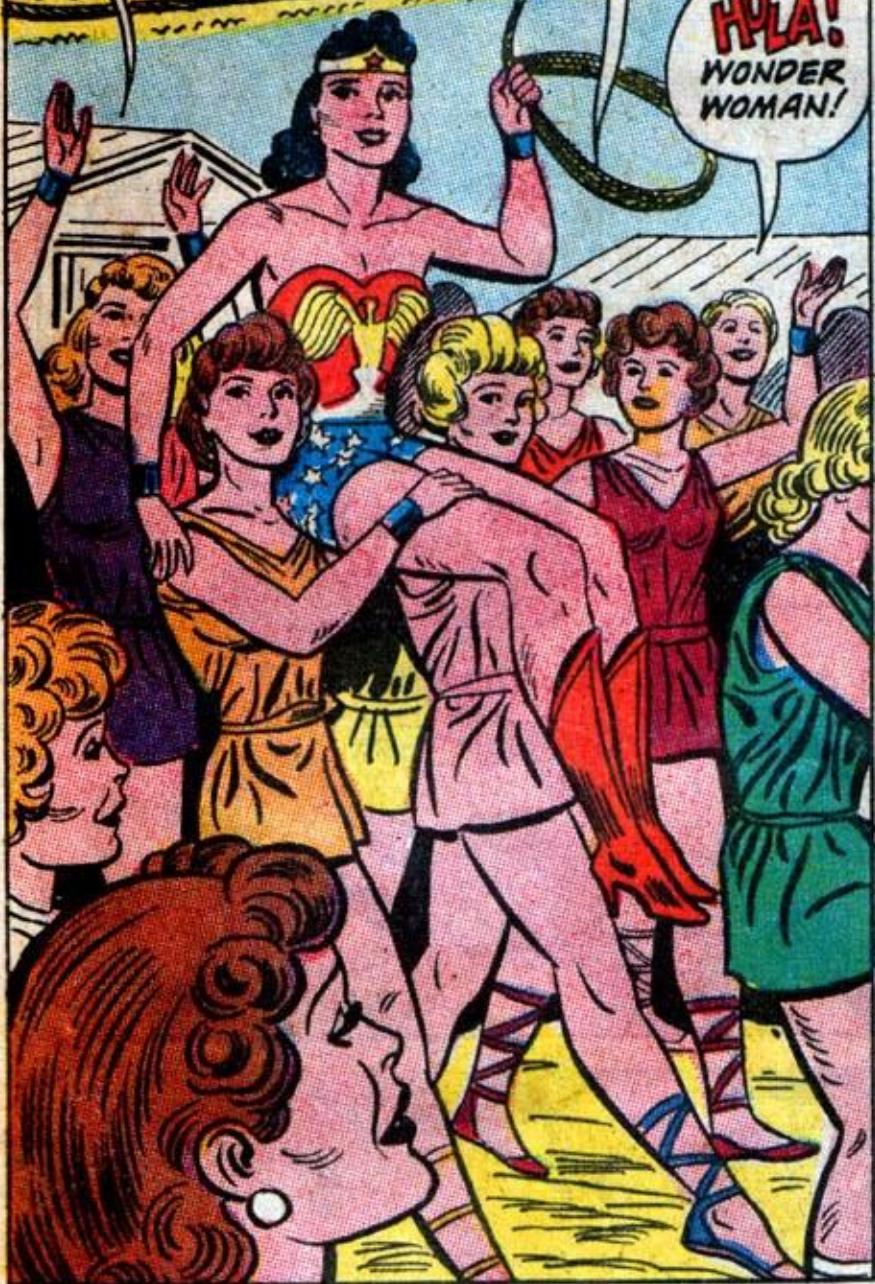
HOLA!...THE WOMAN OF WONDER!

HOLA!  
WONDER WOMAN!

WITH STEVE WAITING IN A UNIQUE TRANSPARENT PLANE...

TH-THIS ROBOT PLANE WHICH RESPONDS TO THE VIBRATIONS OF YOUR VOICE IS MY PARTING G-GIFT TO YOU, DAUGHTER!... ALWAYS BE GUIDED BY OUR TWIN GODDESSES OF LOVE AND WISDOM--APHRODITE AND ATHENA! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF! F-FAREWELL!

I W-WILL, M-MOTHER!



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FAREWELL...PARADISE

WITH YOU AT MY SIDE, ANGEL, I'M IN PARADISE!



THE END  
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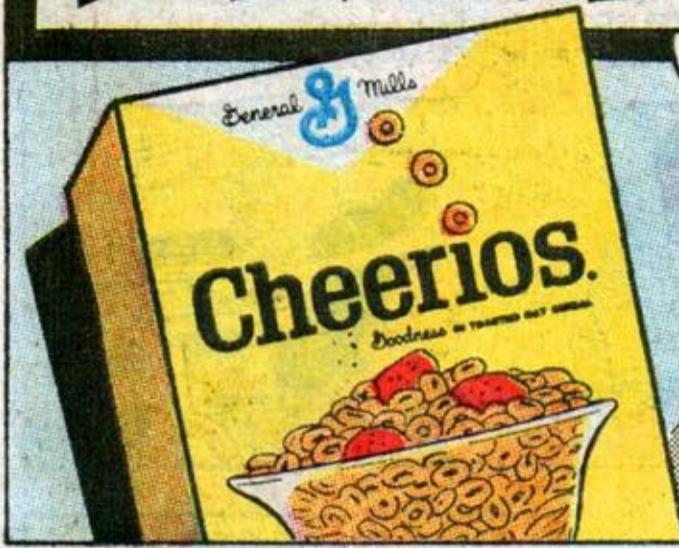
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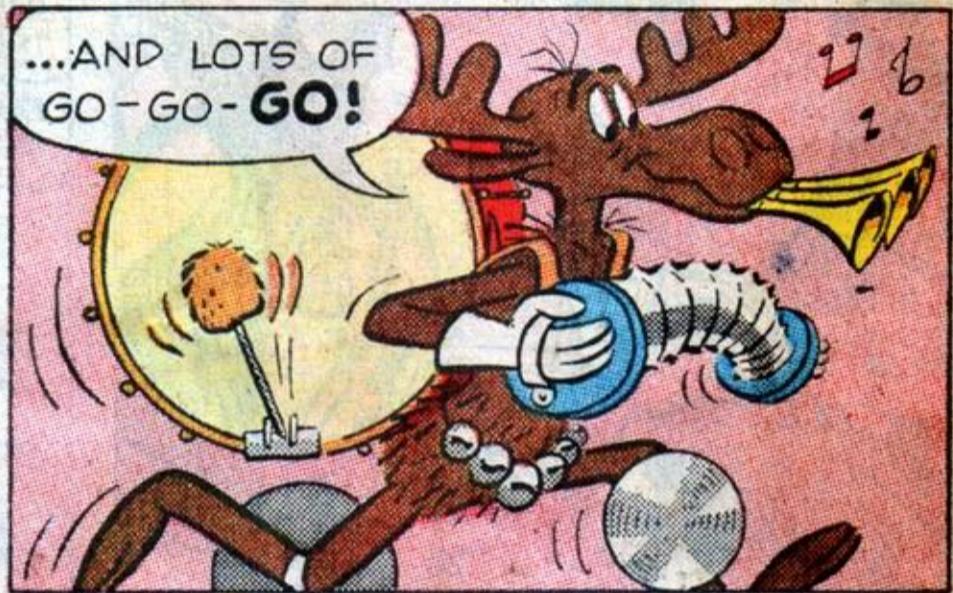
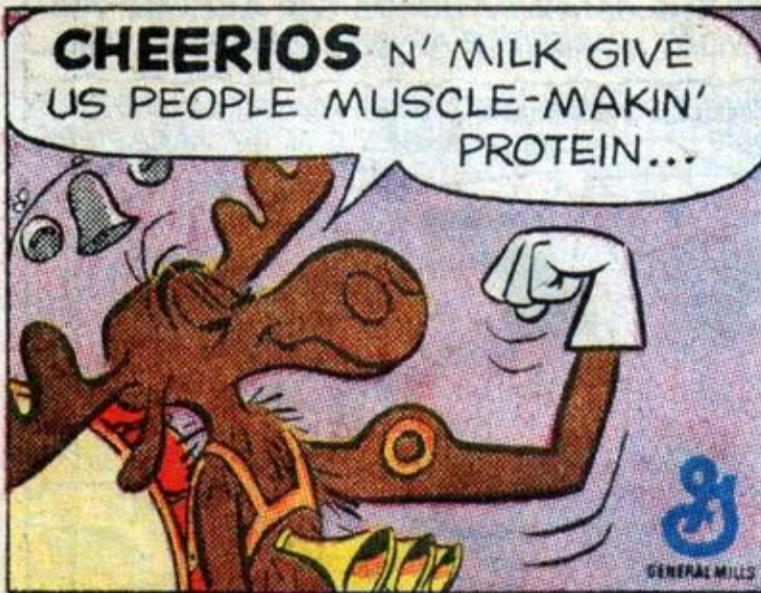
YOU AND  
**CHEERIOS**  
REALLY MAKE  
SWEET MUSIC  
TOGETHER,  
BULLWINKLE!

UH-HUH.



**CHEERIOS** N' MILK GIVE  
US PEOPLE MUSCLE-MAKIN'  
PROTEIN...

...AND LOTS OF  
GO-GO-GO!



DO YOU MEAN THAT  
EVERYONE SHOULD  
GO WITH THE GOODNESS  
OF **CHEERIOS**?

YOU'RE  
DARN  
TOOTIN'!



BUT THEY SHOULD  
WATCH WHERE  
THEY'RE GOING!



# Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY--WONDER WOMAN STILL HAS NO INKLING OF THE FANTASTIC VILLAINS AND TITANIC THREATS WHICH LIE BEFORE HER AS SHE FLIES PILOT STEVE TREVOR--THE ONLY MAN SHE HAS EVER SEEN--ON TO MAN'S WORLD AND THE MOST STARTLING ADVENTURES OF THE GOLDEN AGE OF COMICS! BUT THE MIGHTY AMAZON IS AWARE ONLY OF HER PATIENT--NOT THE IMPENDING PERIL ON...

## DOOM ISLAND!

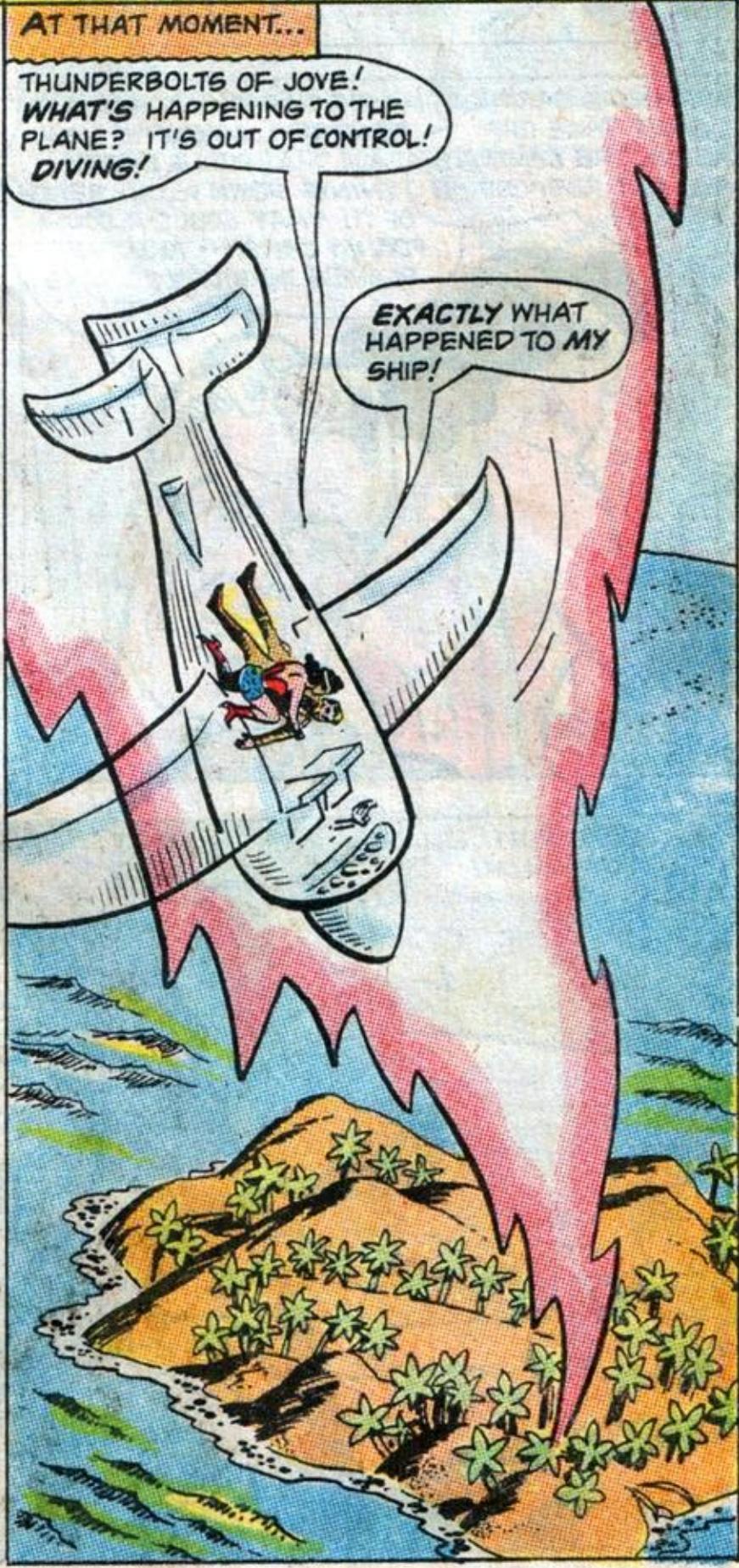
NEVER MIND ME, WONDER WOMAN! BETTER BE AT YOUR CONTROLS! THIS IS THE AREA WHERE I MYSTERIOUSLY LOST CONTROL OF MY PLANE AND CRASHED INTO THE SEA!

DON'T WORRY, STEVE! MY ROBOT PLANE IS FLYING ON AUTOMATIC PILOT! I'LL RETURN TO THE CONTROLS AS SOON AS I MAKE YOU COMFY!

AT THAT MOMENT...

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE!  
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE PLANE? IT'S OUT OF CONTROL!  
DIVING!

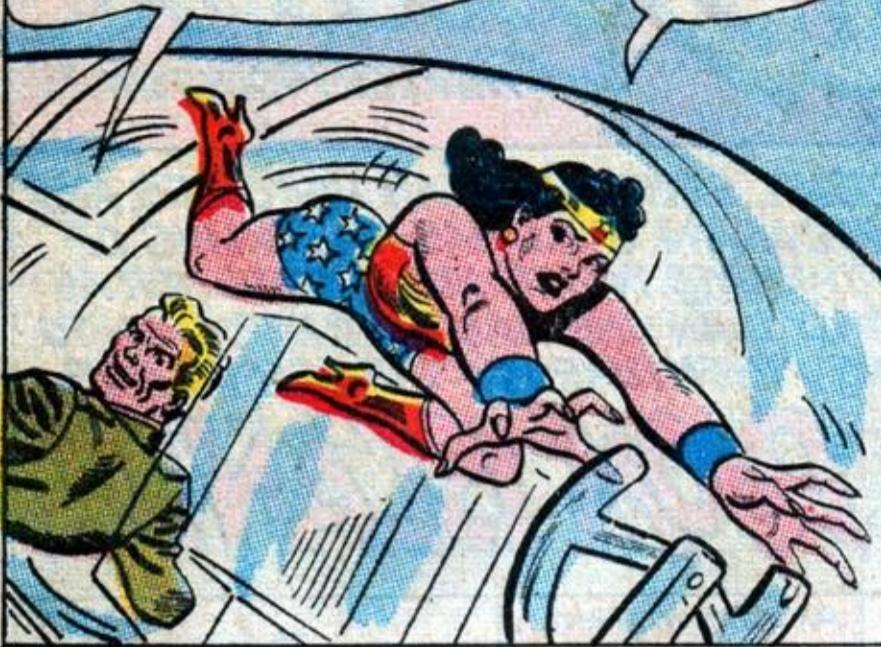
EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO MY SHIP!



**GRIMLY, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS FOR THE CONTROLS OF THE WILDLY SPINNING PLANE...**

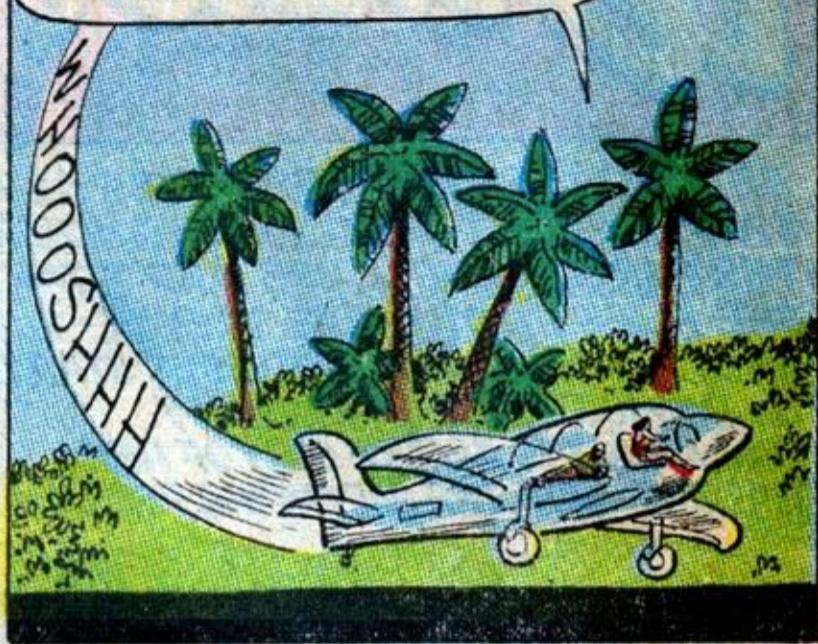
WHATEVER HAPPENS, I'LL BE IN THE COMPANY OF AN ANGEL WHEN THE END COMES!

IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO SAY SO, STEVE, BUT AN AMAZON NEVER GIVES UP!



**WITH DAZZLING SKILL...**

YOU PULLED THAT DEAD-STICK LANDING RIGHT OUT OF A VACUUM, WONDER WOMAN! ONE MOMENT WE WERE HEADING FOR A CRASH IN DEAD AIR WITH NO LIFT--THE NEXT, YOU SET THE PLANE DOWN EASY AS A BABY CARRIAGE!



**SUFFERING SAPPHO! I CAN'T TAKE OFF AGAIN! THE CONTROLS ARE NOT RESPONDING AT ALL!**

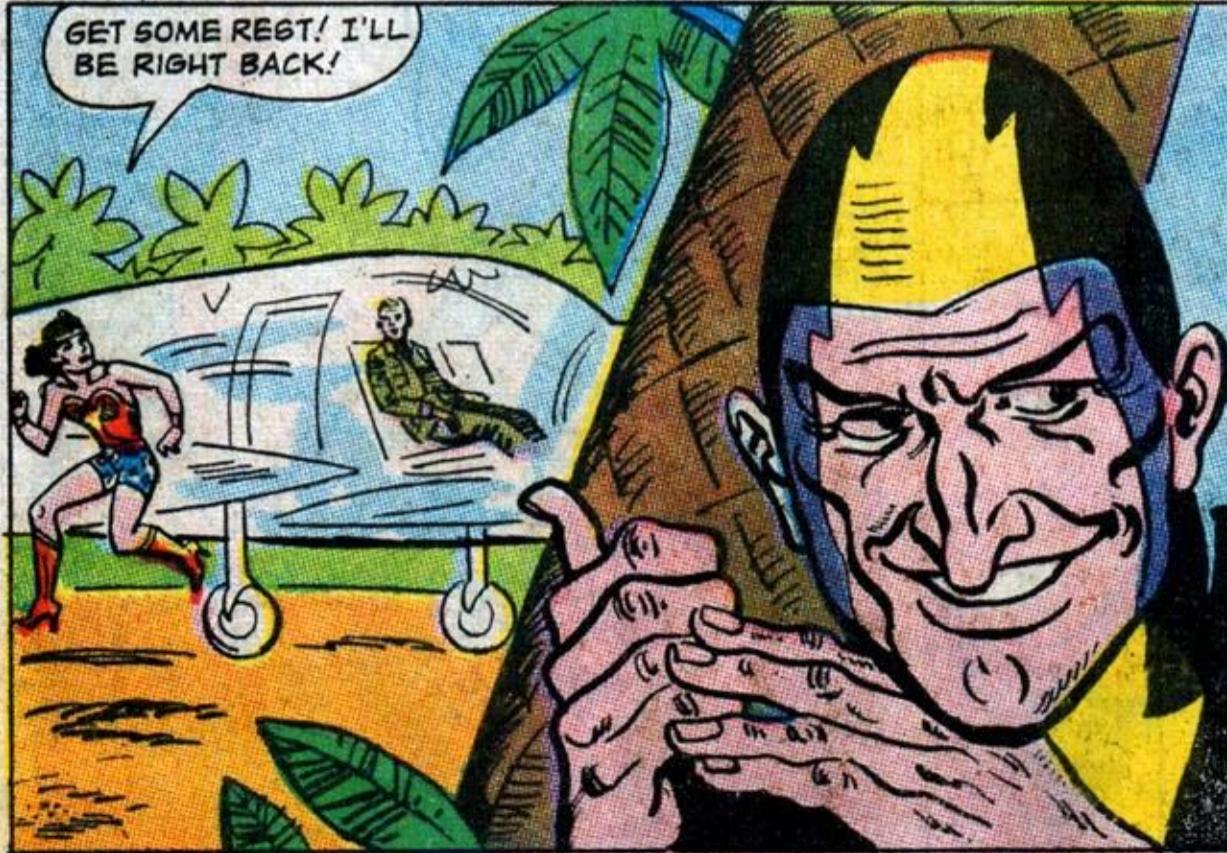
MAYBE THIS ISLAND HAS A POWERFUL MAGNETIC MOUNTAIN THAT PULLS EVERYTHING DOWN WITHIN REACH OF IT! THAT COULD ACCOUNT FOR MY CRASH-- AND THE PLANE'S INABILITY TO TAKE OFF!



**YOUR HUNCH CERTAINLY BEARS INVESTIGATION, STEVE!**



**GET SOME REST! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!**



AS THE FEARLESS AMAZON MAKES HER WAY  
THROUGH THE JUNGLE ISLAND...

MERCIFUL  
MINERVA--I'VE STEPPED INTO A TRAP!

TWAANG!

SUDDENLY  
WHIPPED IN-  
TO THE AIR...

I'VE BEEN  
CAUGHT IN  
A MALAYSIAN  
TIGER TRAP!

A SNARLING BEAST LEAPS FOR  
ITS DANGLING PREY...

VERY CLEVER!  
A TIGER TRAP--  
FOR HUMANS!

ROAR!

BUT WITH A SINGLE CUFF  
FROM THE MIGHTY AMAZON...

YOU'D BE BETTER  
OFF PLAYING WITH  
A BALL OF YARN,  
TABBY!

I CAN'T TAKE ANY  
CHANCES WITH STEVE  
LYING HELPLESS! I'VE  
GOT TO GET BACK TO  
HIM AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE!

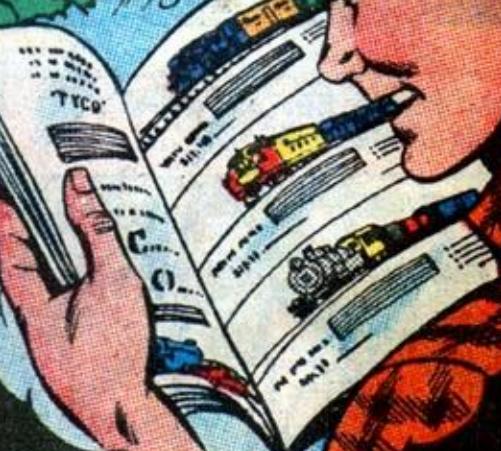
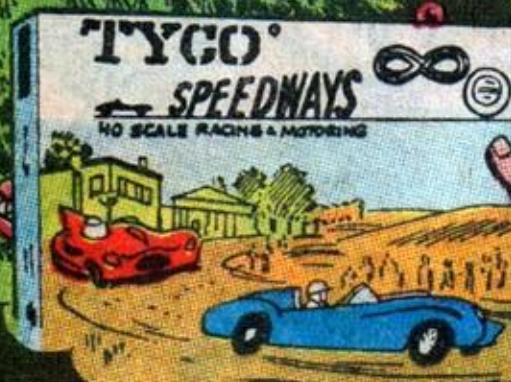
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NOT COUNTING  
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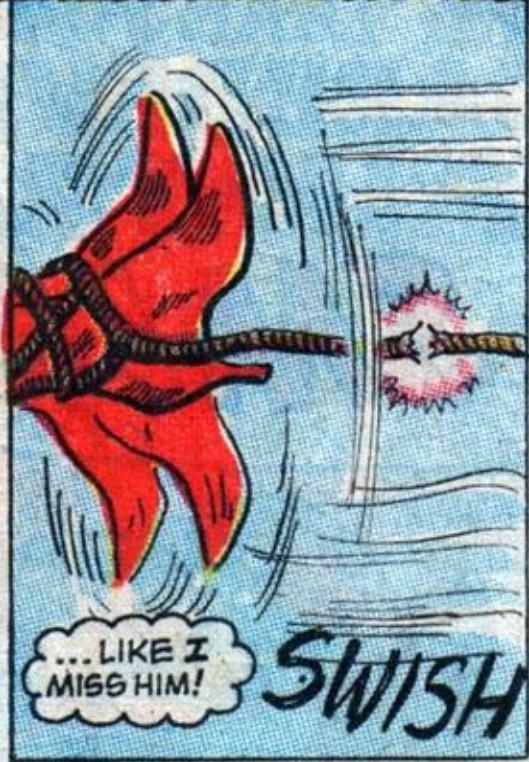
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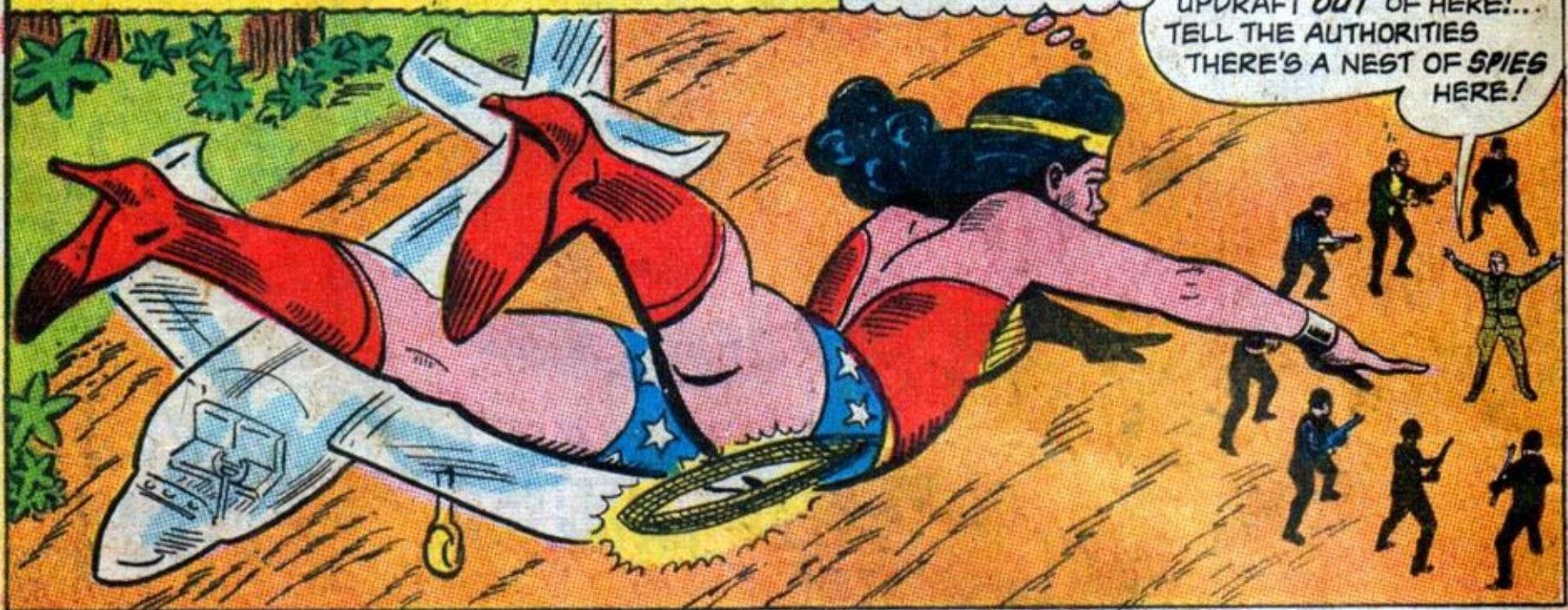
LIKE A HUMAN TOP, THE INGENIOUS AMAZON WHIPS HERSELF AROUND AND AROUND THE TREE UNTIL...



BACK TOWARD HER PLANE, THE AMAZING AMAZON SOARS LIKE A GLIDER--ONLY TO BE DISMAYED BY FINDING...

MERCIFUL MINERVA! STEVE--A PRISONER!

NEVER MIND ME, WONDER WOMAN! HITCH ON TO AN UPDRAFT OUT OF HERE!... TELL THE AUTHORITIES THERE'S A NEST OF SPIES HERE!



YOU DO THAT, MADAM BUTTERFLY--AND THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL EVER SEE YOUR BOY FRIEND! BETTER COME DOWN OUT OF CLOUD 9--IF YOU WANT TO KEEP HIM IN ONE PIECE!

TORN BY DUTY AND FEAR FOR STEVE...

HERA, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR WEAKENING... JUST AS MOTHER DID... BUT I CAN'T LEAVE STEVE TO THE MERCY OF THESE VILLAINS!

D-DON'T HARM HIM! I SURRENDER!



AS WONDER WOMAN ALIGHTS BESIDE THE HELPLESS STEVE...

YOU SHOULD'VE SAVED YOURSELF, ANGEL! AND ESCAPED TO TELL THE WORLD ABOUT THESE VIPERS! MY LIFE IS UNIMPORTANT!

IT IS TO ME, STEVE! I SHOULDN'T SAY THIS--BUT NEXT TO YOU, THE WORLD BECOMES AS FAR AWAY AS SATURN! I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE--SOMEHOW--AND RID THE WORLD OF THE MENACE OF THESE VILLAINS!



BUT WITH THE SPEED OF A FORKED VIPER...

THE FOOLISH AMAZON! LOVE MAKES HER BLIND TO MY SNATCHING HER UNIQUE LASSO!



THE NEXT MOMENT...

MERCIFUL MINERVA! I-I'M CAUGHT BY MY OWN LASSO! I-I'M COMPELLED TO OBEY THE VILLAIN'S EVERY COMMAND!



STAND ON YOUR HEAD!

I--I MUST OBEY!

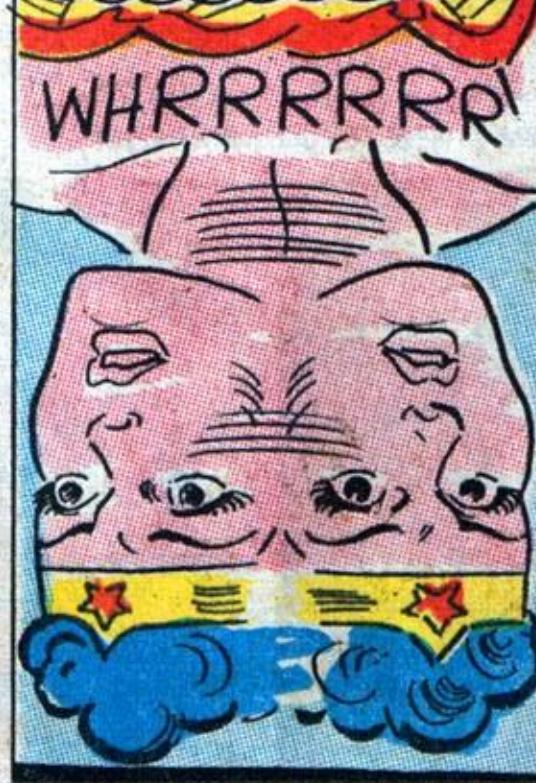


NOW--SPIN LIKE A TOP ON YOUR HEAD!

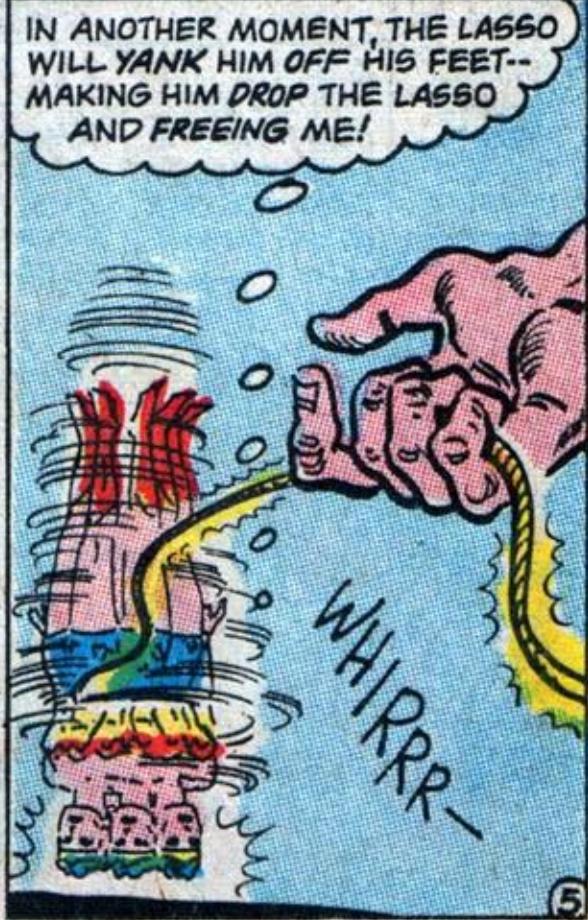
I MUST DO AS YOU ORDER--AS LONG AS YOU HOLD THE LASSO!



THE VILLAIN DOESN'T REALIZE THAT AS I'M SPINNING--THE LASSO IS TIGHTENING!



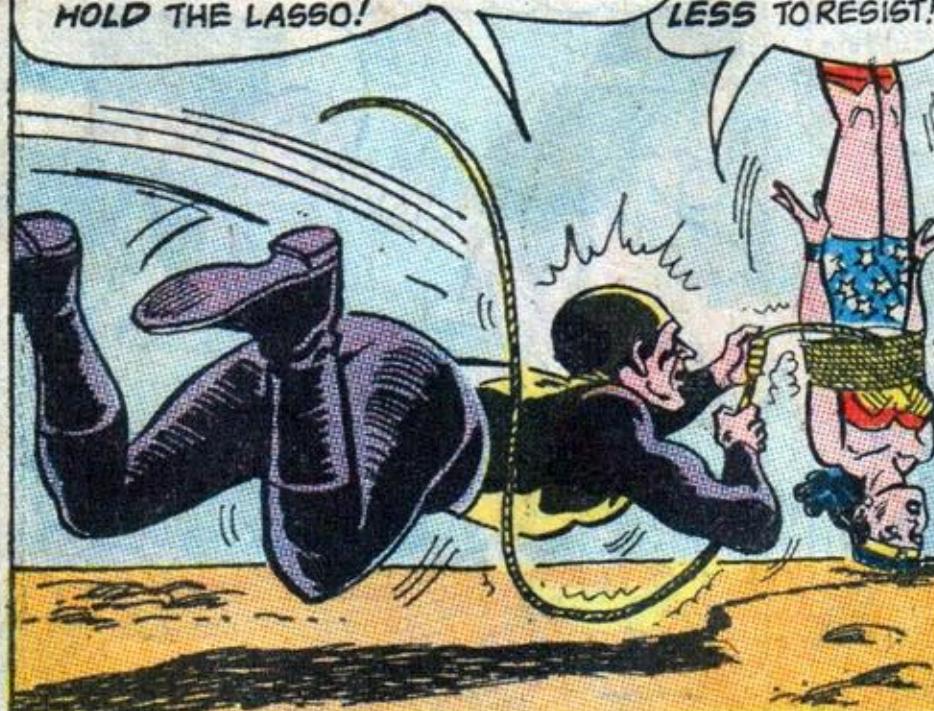
IN ANOTHER MOMENT, THE LASSO WILL YANK HIM OFF HIS FEET--MAKING HIM DROP THE LASSO AND FREEING ME!



BUT THE WILY VILLAIN SUDDENLY BECOMES AWARE OF  
WONDER WOMAN'S RUSE...

I COMMAND YOU TO S-STOP! I STILL  
HOLD THE LASSO!

STOP!  
I-I MUST OBEY!  
I AM POWER-  
LESS TO RESIST!



ENRAGED, THE VILLAIN STRIKES AT THE HEART OF  
THE AMAZON'S UNIQUE POWERS WHEN...

SO--YOU TRIED TO TRICK ME, EH? THAT WAS YOUR  
FIRST AND LAST MISTAKE! THOSE AMAZON  
BRACELETS ARE JUST COSTUME JEWELRY NOW--  
BUT I'LL TURN THEM INTO HANDCUFFS!  
WELD THEM TOGETHER!

OH, NO! NO!



BUT... UNABLE TO RESIST BECAUSE  
SHE IS BOUND BY HER OWN LASSO...

SUFFERING  
SAPPHO! NOW  
--THE ONLY

WAY I CAN GET FREE AGAIN--IS IF  
A MAN OPENS MY BRACELETS!

HA HA HA  
HA



EVEN ATHENA, APHRODITE, AND DIANA--GODDESS OF  
THE HUNT, AFTER WHOM THE AMAZON IS NAMED--  
ARE STARTLED BY HER FANTASTIC DILEMMA...

SHE'S IN A WORSE PREDICA-  
MENT THAN EVEN HER MOTHER  
WAS WHEN HERCULES TRICKED  
HER! HOW CAN SHE EVER  
ESCAPE?

SHE MUST  
LIVE OR  
DIE BY  
HER OWN  
EFFORTS! WE  
CANNOT HELP!

I PRAY  
FOR MY  
NAME-  
SAKE'S  
SAFETY!

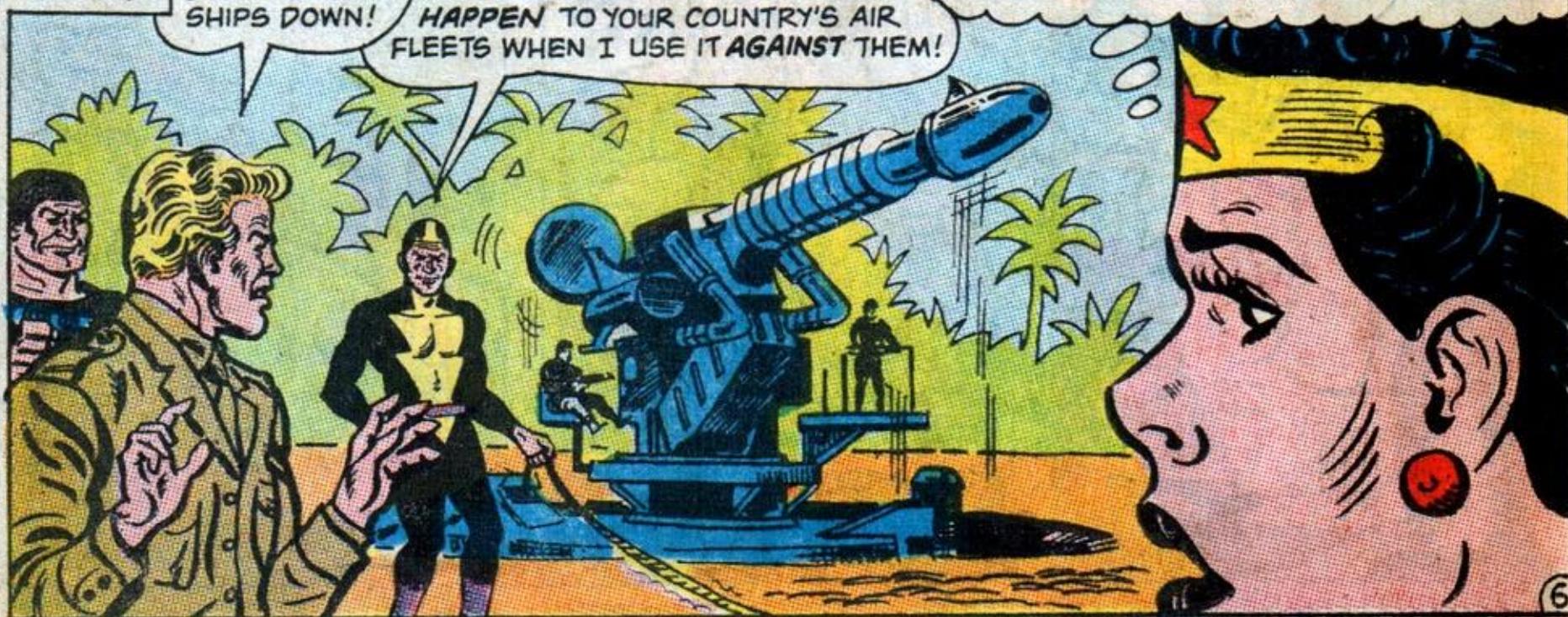


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THE SPY  
LEADER...

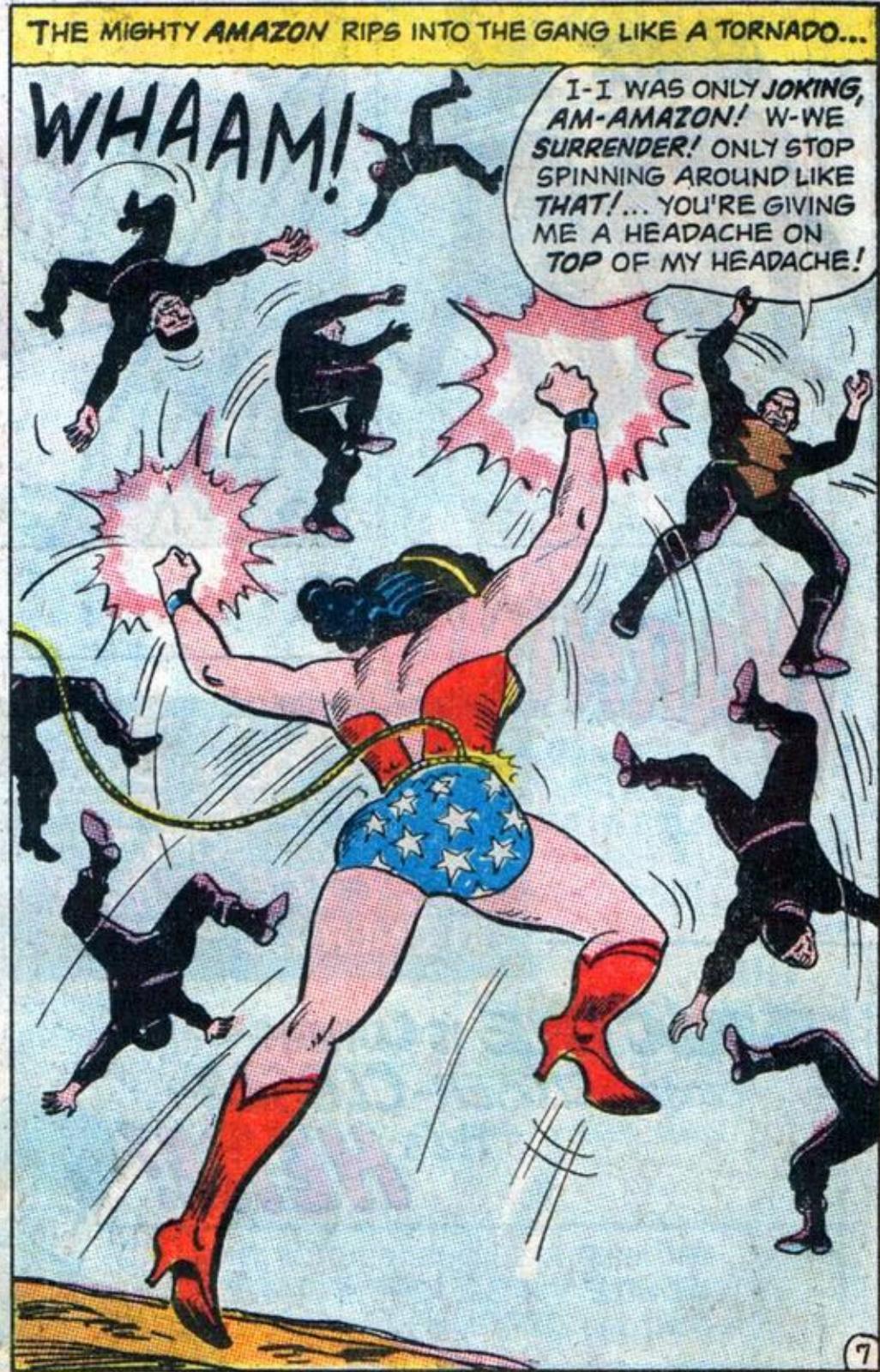
A GIANT,  
HIDDEN AA  
GUN! THAT'S  
WHAT BROUGHT  
BOTH OF OUR  
SHIPS DOWN!

I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY HOW IT  
WORKS! THIS TIME WE'LL USE THE  
AMAZON AS A TARGET! STAND IN  
FRONT OF THE GUN, WONDER WOMAN--  
AND I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT WILL  
HAPPEN TO YOUR COUNTRY'S AIR  
FLEETS WHEN I USE IT AGAINST THEM!

HERA, HELP ME! I AM COMPELLED TO  
OBEY--FOR I HAVE VIOLATED ATHENA'S  
MOST SERIOUS LAWS! I HAVE ALLOWED  
MYSELF TO BE CAPTURED BY MY OWN  
LASSO--AND BOUND BY MY OWN BRACELETS!



WONDER WOMAN FACES THE FLASHES OF LIGHTNING BOLTS HURTLING AT HER FROM THE SPECIAL AIR GUN AND...



WONDER WOMAN'S UNIQUE LASSO  
IS USED FOR A DIFFERENT REASON...

I COMMAND YOU TO CONFESS! WE WERE HIRED BY A FOREIGN POWER-- TO TEST THIS NEW SECRET WEAPON...ON AMERICAN PLANES... AND TO REPORT BACK ON HOW EFFECTIVE IT WAS!

THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN,  
WONDER WOMAN-- THAT YOU ARE AMERICA'S MIGHTIEST SECRET WEAPON!

AND SO THE MIGHTY AMAZON CONTINUES WITH THE INJURED STEVE --AND THE CAPTURED SPIES TO MAN'S WORLD... AND A TORRENT OF GREAT THRILLS SUCH AS THE WORLD HAS NEVER SEEN-- DON'T MISS THEM --IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE... GOLDEN AGE WONDER WOMAN!



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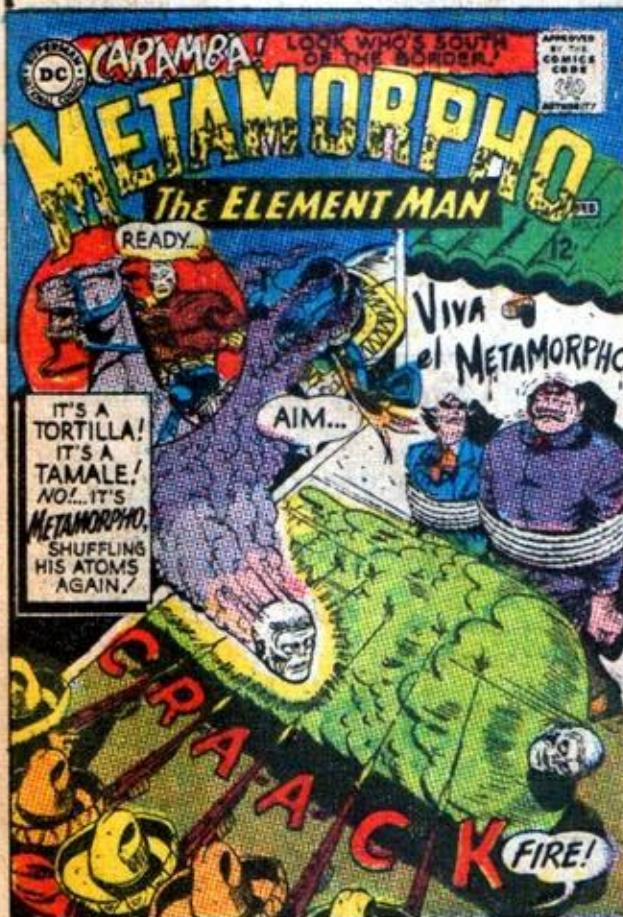
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# WONDER WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE

Dear Fans: ROBERT ALLEN'S letter was so provocative, and seemed to represent an unofficial position of fandom on WONDER WOMAN, that I let him have his say in her last issue, WONDER WOMAN 158, Dec. And since it was so long and contained so many bristling points, I decided to let a fan have his two-parter, just as well as a fiction writer. So here's the second part of his letter:

I liked the WONDER WOMAN story in the August issue. I want to see this in every issue of WW. I can guarantee that when this issue goes on sale it'll be an instant sell-out because I'm going to buy a bunch of duplicates. Lots of others who follow the DC mags hate WW because she's so childish. But I think this issue will hook on quite a few more readers.

## TO CLOSE HERE ARE MY SUGGESTIONS:

1—Before the end of the year, have a WW Annual, either by 80 Page Giant, or separate, and make all her stories pre-1950.

2—Keep the Golden Age art and stories, and make the covers Golden Age.

3—Get rid of Merman boy, Birdman boy, Wonder girl etc. Just bring back the original WW without all these stupid things.

4—Make the stories more mature, and make Steve Trevor WW's only man and make her love him but still not marry him; keep up suspense.

5—Re-arrange the Letter Column; make it new without acting like such a foolish baby. That way it'll attract all.

6—Give the much needed and long overdue Origin of WONDER WOMAN, as it was originally. Rewrite it in its original fashion with all things of the Golden Age included. IT'LL START A REVOLUTION!

7—Utilize all of WONDER WOMAN'S original powers, weapons, etc. Bring it back entirely, make her act and talk like she did. (Keep up HOLA).

8—Tell the JLA editor to handle her this way too in this fashion.

9—Have two 12 pp. stories per issue, and a Novel occasionally.

10—Bring back EVERYTHING of The Golden Age on WW and see why it was so popular. Bring back the old WW slogan at the start of every issue. Stronger than Hercules, wiser than Mr. Kanigher etc. (OUCH!—I mean HOLA).

11—Most of all follow the original pattern, have original villains and WW will really re-live again. Keep her Golden Age costume to(o). —Thank you, Robert J. Allen, Attica, N.Y.

Dear Robert: You certainly swing a saw-toothed ax. But as I said, I will print any letters no matter how critical that offer constructive criticism. I will try to answer your points one by one:

1—A WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL depends on reader action, as do all of DC's Annuals. I can only follow your lead. SGT. ROCK'S war annuals have been sensations, hence I'm on his third, which is

something different. Instead of stories that have whipped up great reader response, this third Annual will be about outstanding characters. SGT. ROCK'S SIX BATTLE STARS! Count them! SGT. ROCK OF EASY CO. himself, ACE JOHNNY CLOUD, TANK-MAN JEB STUART, GUNNER & SARGE, a BATTLE BONUS TALE, and bringing back that French TNT Tootsie, MLLE. MARIE. It should be a blockbuster of an issue. If there's a demand for WW—a WW Annual there will be.

2—As I wrote Jerry Pritchett of the COMIC READER, the Jan. issue of WONDER WOMAN No. 159 will really put my head on the chopping block by making cover, story, art, all all all Golden Age! The fates preserve me! I'm turning the clock back to get ahead!

3—if you read the WW story called "The End or the Beginning"—a tale written especially about fandom's WW gripes, with real fans and their script barbs quoted, in WONDER WOMAN No. 158—you will discover the "killing" of the characters you mention: Merman boy, Birdman boy, Wonder Girl etc. For how long, once again depends on reader reaction.

4—Hurling WONDER WOMAN back to Golden Age will make Steve Trevor her one and only love—with surprises.

5—I have to accept full blame for how you feel about the Letter Column. It was not written by me, and it has never been written by me—but it is now.

6—WONDER WOMAN No. 159, Jan., contains exactly what you request: the true secret origin of WONDER WOMAN exactly as it was written and drawn in the Golden Age. A bombshell which hasn't exploded since its first blast during the Golden Age, about twenty years ago! The cover will knock your eye out. If it doesn't—then I'll be in front of a firing squad.

7—The exact meaning and use of WONDER WOMAN'S Golden Age weapons are fully explained and used.

8—I'll tell Mr. Julius Schwartz of the JLA to follow suit, please. The two 12 pps. and the occasional novel will be attempted, but it really depends on the excitement of the stories; let's not be too rigid. But will try.

9—No 9—as I already answered Point 9 in Point 8. You'll have to be patient with me on this, I'm more interested in lightning bolts of ideas than turtle-like statistics. Sorree.

10—The original WONDER WOMAN slogan is being brought back (without "wiser than Mr. Kanigher!"—which I think is a funnier remark than many I've gritted my teeth over in pro scripts. Want to be a writer, Mr. Allen?

11—I don't know if it's really possible to go back in time in real life, and re-live the Golden Age. But I certainly am going to try. I'm putting all my chips down on the line with the first complete Golden Age WONDER WOMAN, starting with WW No. 159, Jan. Wish me luck. I'm going to try to find out if I can sail around the world without falling off. RK.

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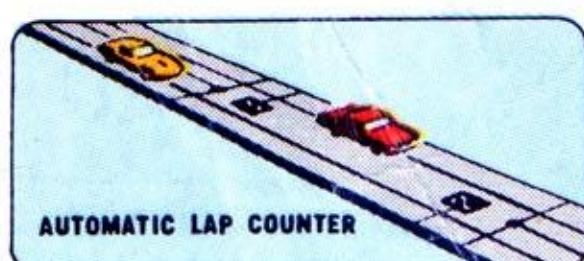
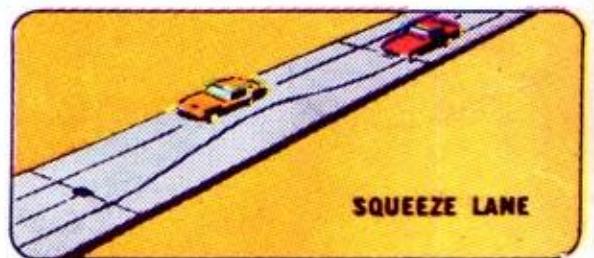
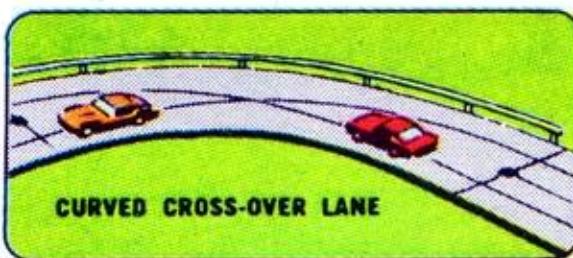
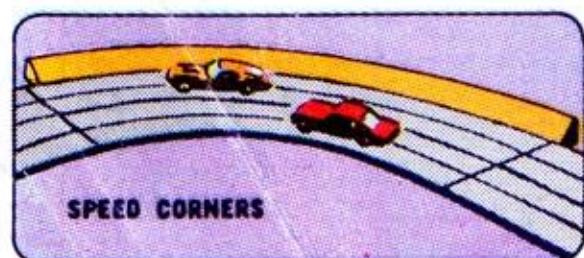
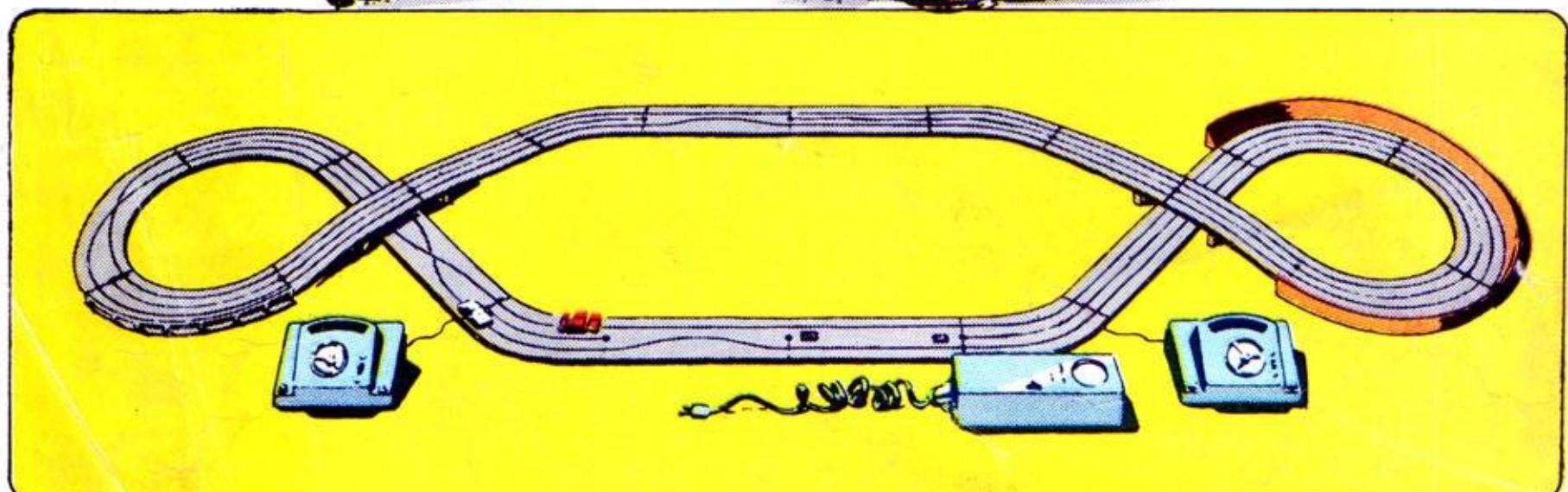
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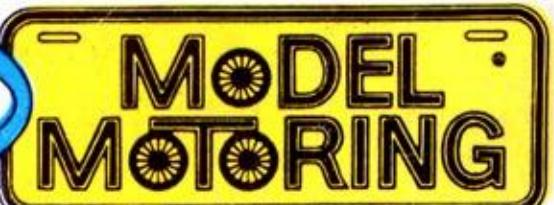
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