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CENTURIES AGO, THE GODS OF MOUNT OLYMPUS CREATED THE AMAZONS TO LEAD HUMANITY IN THE WAYS OF VIRTUE.



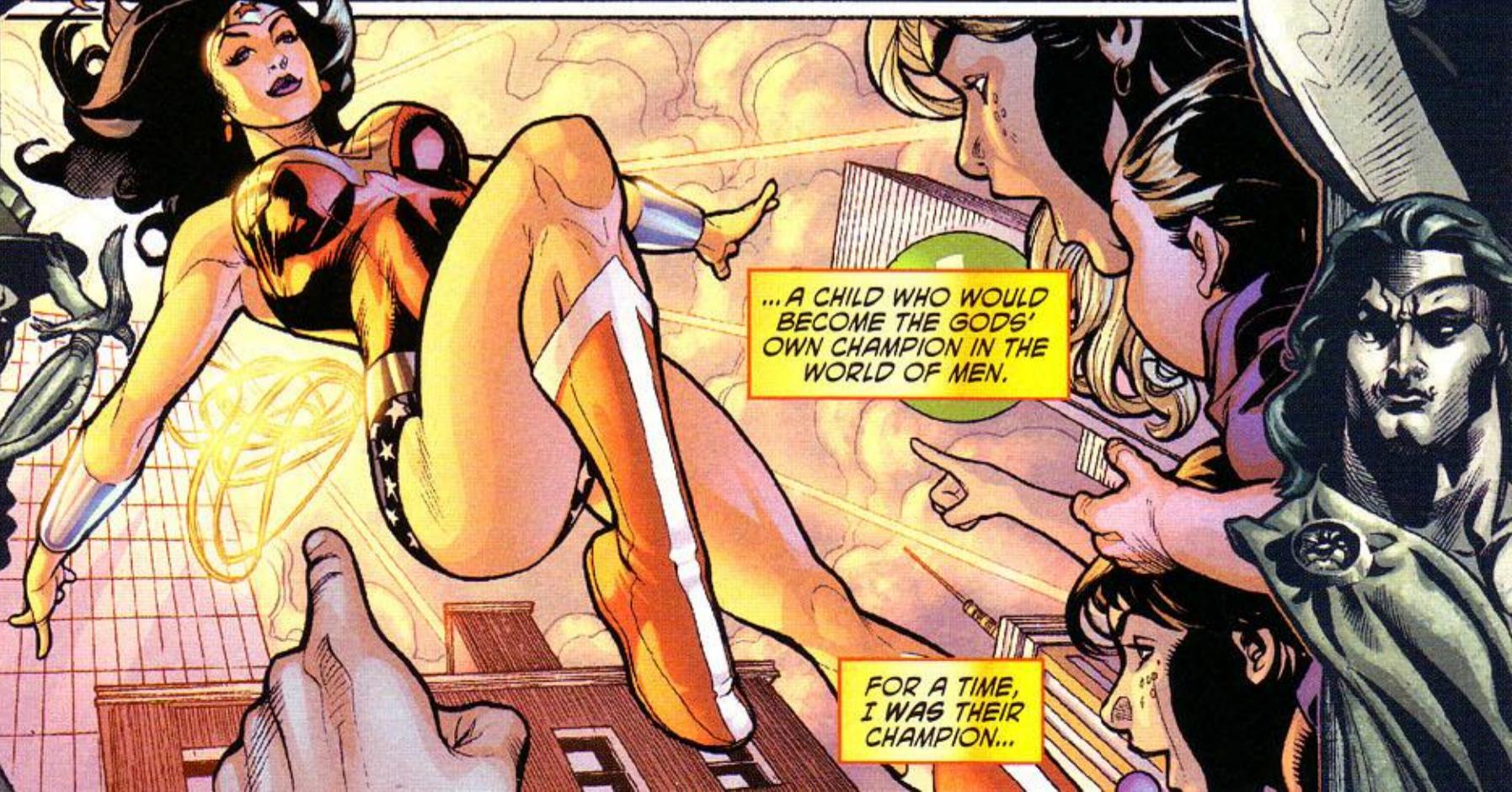
AND WHEN THE AMAZON QUEEN, HIPPOLYTA, PRAYED FOR A DAUGHTER...



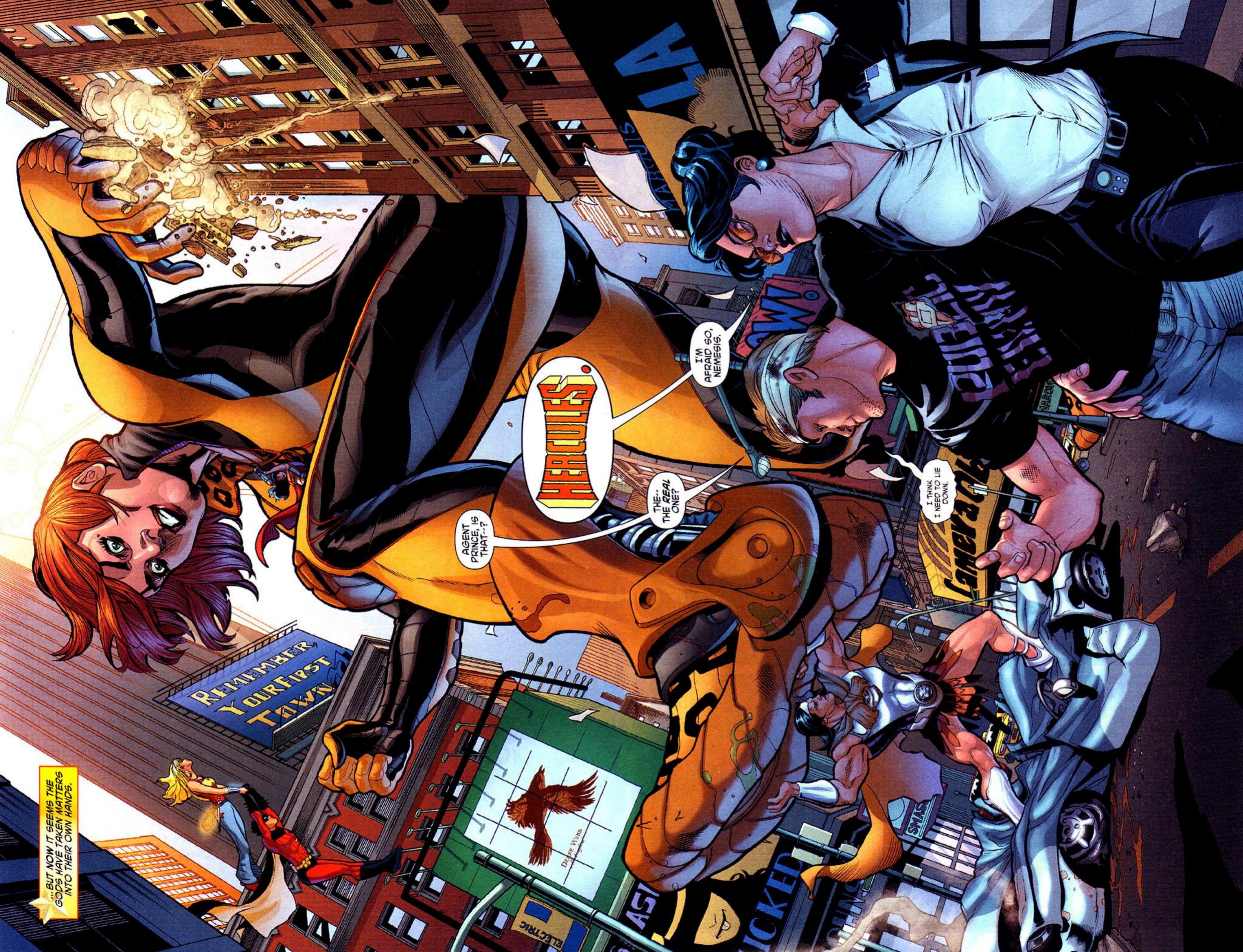
...THE GODS BLESSED HER WITH A CHILD POSSESSING THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, THE GRACE OF APHRODITE AND THE SWIFTNESS OF HERMES...



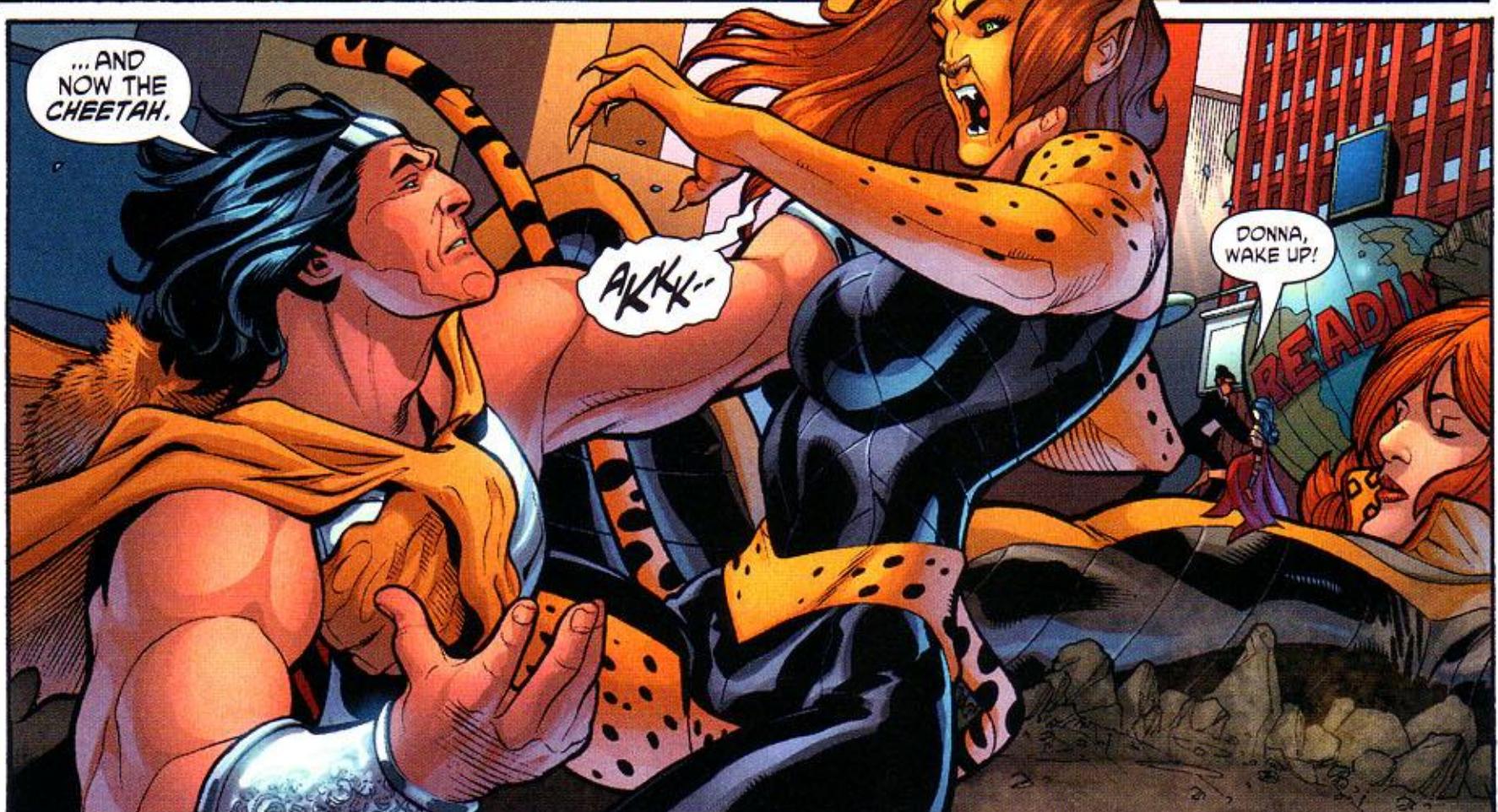
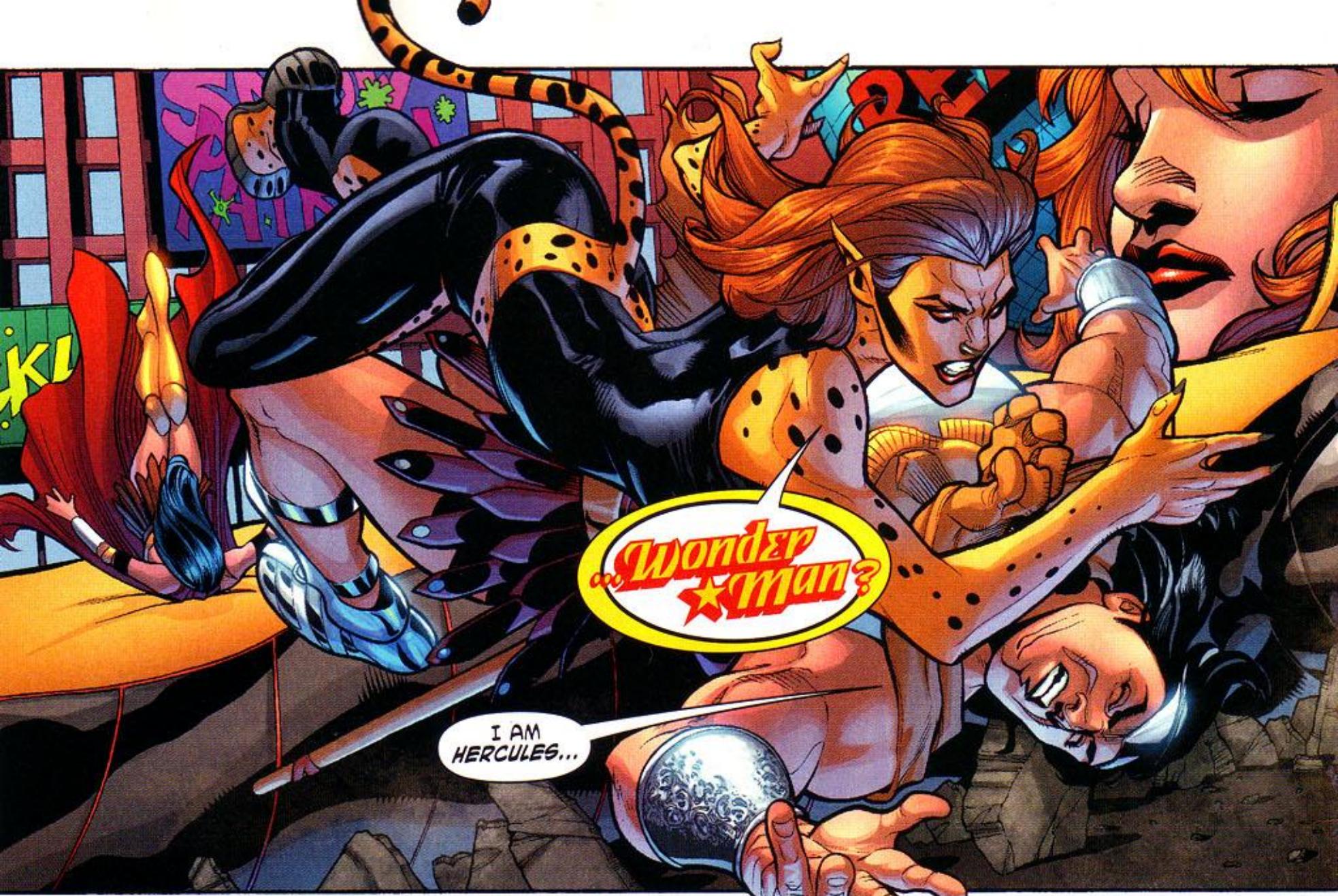
...A CHILD WHO WOULD BECOME THE GODS' OWN CHAMPION IN THE WORLD OF MEN.



FOR A TIME, I WAS THEIR CHAMPION...













BUT I HAVE  
NOT RENOUNCED  
MY MISSION--JUST  
THE MEANS--

AND  
THIS IS HOW  
YOU PLAN TO  
ACHIEVE IT?

BY  
PRETENDING  
TO BE SOMEONE  
ELSE?

DRESSING  
YOURSELF IN LIES?  
YOU, WHO WERE  
ONCE GODDESS  
OF TRUTH?

SURELY THE  
GODS UNDERSTAND.  
THEY THEMSELVES  
WITHDREW FROM  
THE EARTHLY  
PLANE--

BECAUSE  
THEY BELIEVED  
THIS WORLD TO BE  
IN GOOD HANDS.  
YOUR HANDS,  
DIANA.

BUT YOU  
WALKED AWAY  
WHEN YOU  
WERE MOST  
NEEDED.

YOU ENTRUSTED  
YOUR DUTY TO  
APPRENTICES WHOSE  
LIVES ARE NOW IN  
DANGER.

AND I WILL  
RETURN THEM  
TO SAFETY,  
I SWEAR--

NO...

I WILL FIND  
THEM...

...AND YOU  
WILL STAY  
OUT OF MY  
WAY.

WE'RE  
IGNORING  
HIM, YES?

NO. HE'S  
RIGHT.

IF I HADN'T  
WALKED AWAY...



"...TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT HERCULES."

THE SON OF ZEUS AND A MORTAL WOMAN, HERCULES WAS CURSED BY ZEUS' JEALOUS WIFE, HERA, TO COMPLETE TWELVE LABORS...

ONE OF WHICH WAS TO ACQUIRE THE *GIRDLE OF GAEA* FROM WONDER WOMAN'S MOTHER, HIPPOLYTA.

"WHEN THE WARRIOR QUEEN BESTED HIM, HERCULES USED THEIR MUTUAL ATTRACTION TO HIS ADVANTAGE..."

"...AND TOOK THE GIRDLE BY FORCE."

"AS PUNISHMENT, ZEUS CONDEMNED HIS SON TO CARRY THE FULL WEIGHT OF THE AMAZONS' ISLAND ON HIS BACK FOR ALL ETERNITY..."

"...UNTIL WONDER WOMAN OFFERED TO SHARE THE BURDEN, INSPIRING ZEUS AND THE AMAZONS TO FORGIVE THE DEMIGOD."

"HOPING TO ATONE FOR HIS CRIMES, HERCULES BRIEFLY BECAME KNOWN AS THE SUPERHERO CHAMPION AND FOUGHT ALONGSIDE WONDER WOMAN..."

"...UNTIL THE GODS WELCOMED HIM BACK TO OLYMPUS AS ONE OF THEIR OWN."

FOR HERCULES IS NO MERE SUPERHERO.

HERCULES IS A GOD  
SENT TO EARTH TO METE OUT  
JUSTICE--TO RESTORE YOUR  
FAITH--AND TO RETURN THIS  
WORLD TO ITS FORMER  
GLORY.

I THOUGHT  
THE GODS  
ABANDONED THIS  
PLANE.

IT APPEARS  
THAT IN THE ABSENCE  
OF WONDER WOMAN,  
WONDER GIRL AND  
DIANA OF THEMYSCIRA--

WHAT? THE  
GODS SENT  
WONDER  
MAN?

I DON'T  
BUY IT.  
WONDER WOMAN  
NEVER STOOD ON  
THE STEPS OF THE  
GREEK EMBASSY  
AND DECLARED  
HERSELF A  
GODDESS.

SHE SERVED IN  
THE INTEREST OF JUSTICE.  
SHE DIDN'T METE IT OUT.

THIS GUY'S OUT  
FOR HIMSELF.

PLUS HE REFERS  
TO HIMSELF IN THE  
THIRD PERSON.

I HATE  
THAT.

BUT  
THE GOOD  
NEWS IS...

...IF HE'S TAKING WONDER  
WOMAN'S PLACE, HE'S UNDER  
OUR JURISDICTION.

AND IS  
PROBABLY NEXT  
ON THE ROGUES'  
HIT LIST.

EITHER  
WAY...

KLIK

...I THINK IT'S  
TIME HERCULES  
GOT A VISIT FROM  
THE DEPARTMENT  
OF METAHUMAN  
AFFAIRS...

"...DON'T YOU,  
AGENT PRINCE?"



TELL  
ME AGAIN  
WHY WE'RE  
NOT USING  
THE FRONT  
DOOR?



IS THAT WHY  
YOU DO THIS?  
FOR FUN?

WHY DO  
YOU DO IT,  
AGENT  
PRINCE?

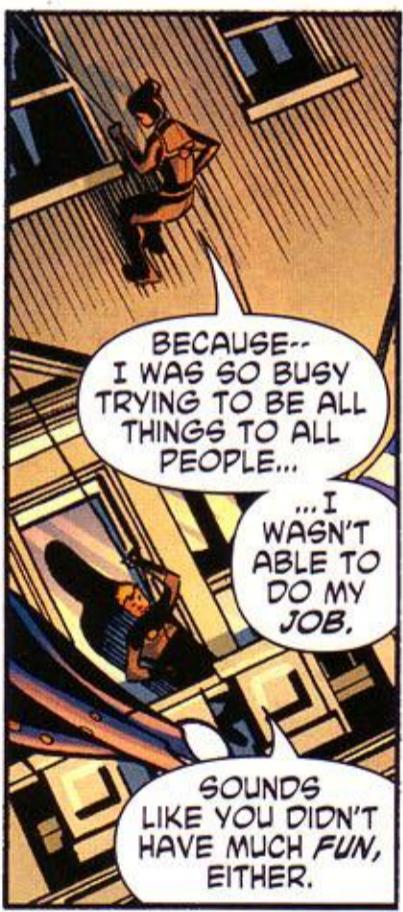
WHY'D YOU  
LEAVE YOUR CUSHY  
WAYNECORP GIG FOR  
THE DEPARTMENT OF  
METAHUMAN AFFAIRS?



BECAUSE  
THEN WE  
CAN'T SNEAK  
AROUND.

WE CAN,  
HOWEVER,  
AVOID AN  
INTERNATIONAL  
INCIDENT.

WHERE'S  
THE FUN IN  
THAT?



BECAUSE--  
I WAS SO BUSY  
TRYING TO BE ALL  
THINGS TO ALL  
PEOPLE...

...I  
WASN'T  
ABLE TO  
DO MY  
JOB.

SOUNDS  
LIKE YOU DIDN'T  
HAVE MUCH FUN,  
EITHER.

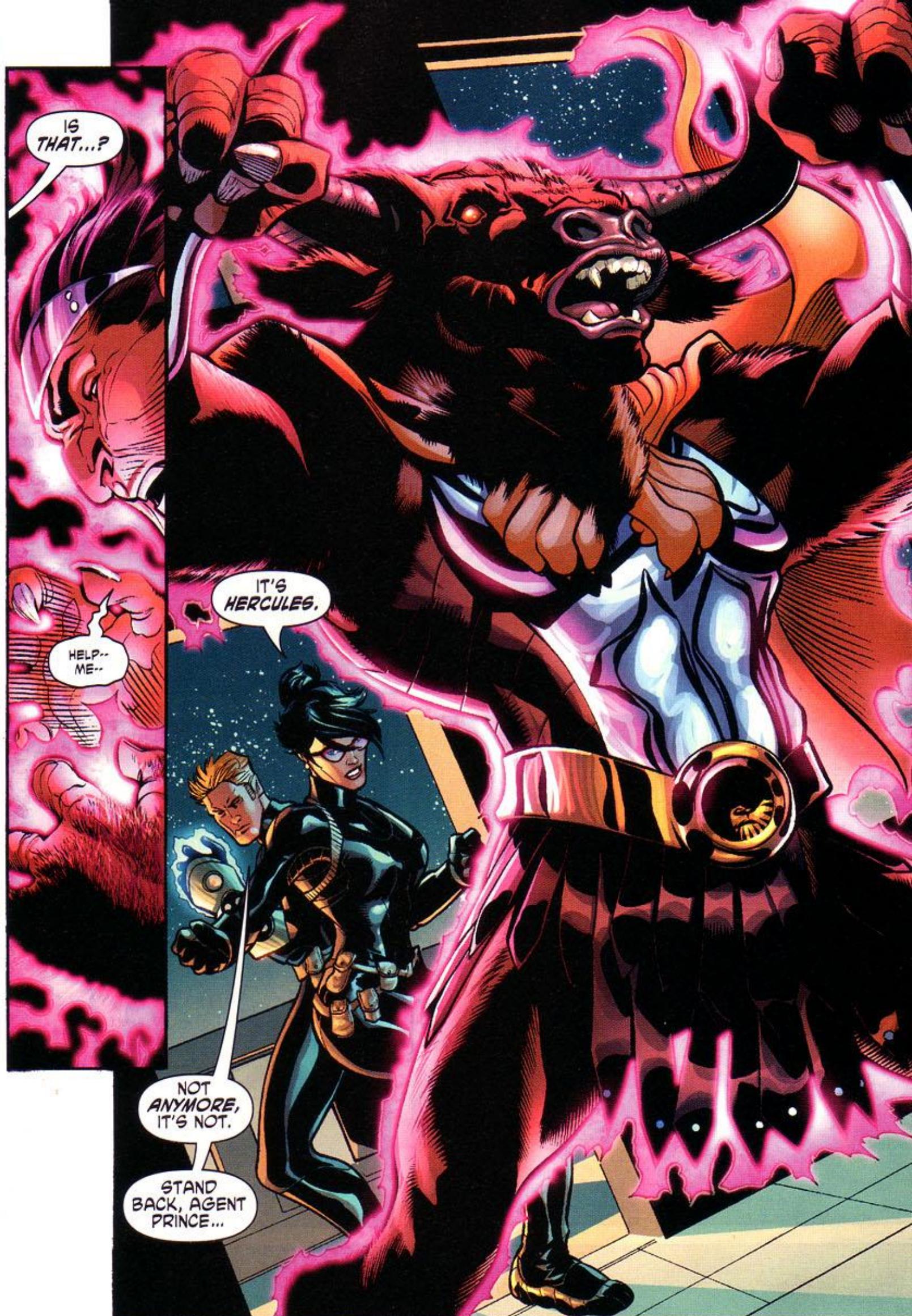


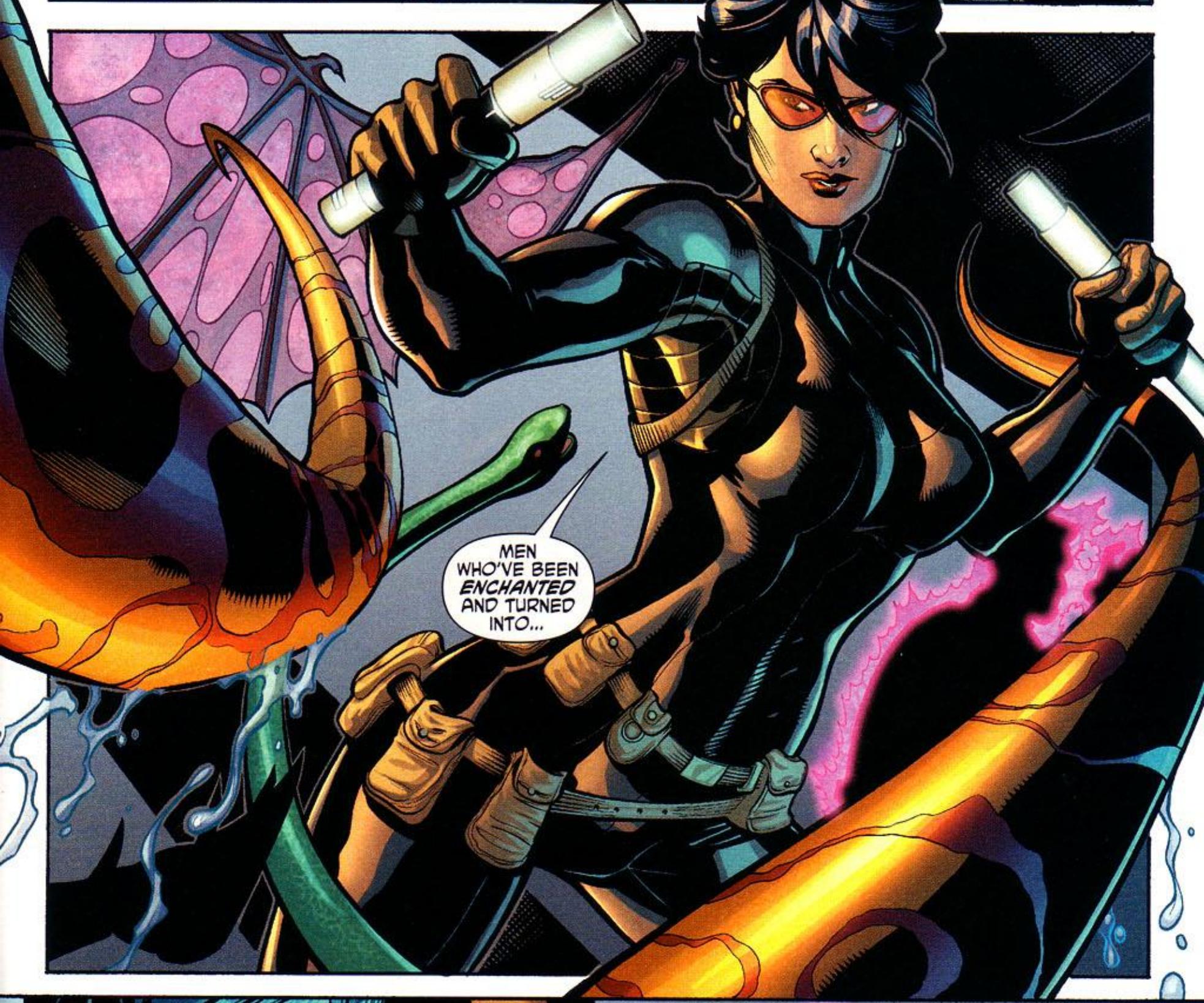
WELL, GET  
READY...

NEMESIS,  
BEHIND  
YOU!



--BECAUSE  
ALL THAT'S  
ABOUT TO  
CHANGE.













WHEN THE GODS OF OLYMPUS LEFT THIS EARTHLY PLANE, THEY ENTRUSTED YOU, DONNA TROY AND WONDER GIRL WITH THE LAST OF THEIR POWER.

...BATTING CYBORG CENTURIONS AND PSYCHIC DESPOTS...

POWER YOU SQUANDERED...

...WHEN EVERY DAY, THOUSANDS OF WOMEN ARE BEATEN, RAPED, AND MURDERED, BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO ONE TO FIGHT FOR THEM.

BECAUSE YOU WERE TOO BUSY BEING A SUPERHERO TO BE THEIR CHAMPION.

AND NOW YOU'RE NOT EVEN A SUPERHERO.

YOU'RE PRETENDING TO BE HUMAN.



# Who is Wonder Woman?

PART THREE

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Hi there, Jann Jones here.

After reading Dan's column last week, I am jumping in to help insure a mistake-free DC Nation. For those of you who don't know me, I am the somewhat newly promoted Coordinating Editor for the DCU. 2006 has proved to be a very exciting year for the DCU. There are so many twists and turns, even I have trouble keeping up sometimes. I think my personal favorite events for this year are all of the promotions and new hires coming to join our editorial group.

First of all, we had two associate editors named Michael move up to new roles as editors. Michael Siglain is the new editor in the DCU. He is now caretaker of 52, and I am sure that someday his fiancée will forgive us for taking him away for so many long hours every day. Our other Michael (Wright) is now the editor for Creative Services, the department that produces our custom comics. We are really proud of him, and we'll miss his lively presence on our floor and in our meetings.

Next we have cause to celebrate a new female presence among our associate editors. Jeanine Schaefer and Rachel Gluckstern have both made

the jump from assistant editor to associate editor. Jeanine was an integral part of the success of Infinite Crisis and Justice League. Rachel works on our Cartoon Network titles and put a lot into the successful relaunch of the Flash. Their dedication, knowledge and love of comics bring so much to our group.

And last, we have the addition of Adam Schlagman to our department. Adam started out as an intern with our advertising department and had been working there since his graduation from college. We really look forward to the enthusiasm and tenacious spirit that he brings with him.

Okay, enough DC Nation fun for me. Dan will be here next week to take his column back before I start writing about why you should own an alpaca.

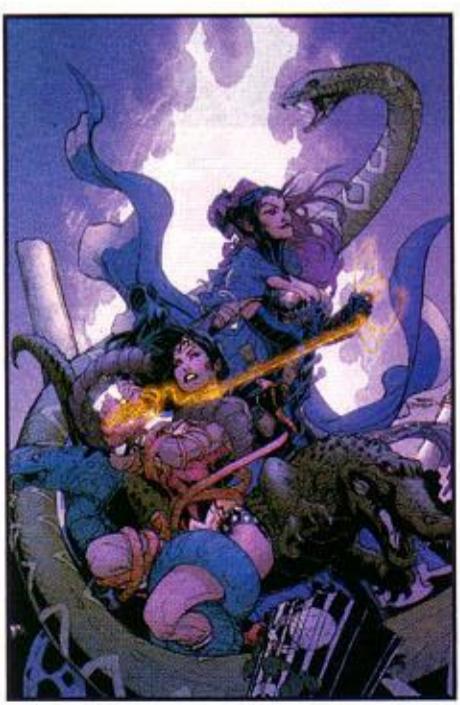
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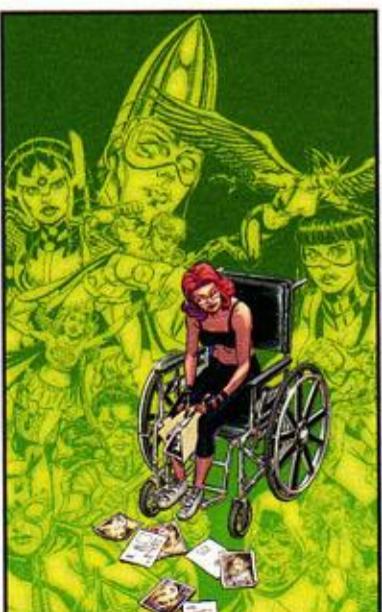
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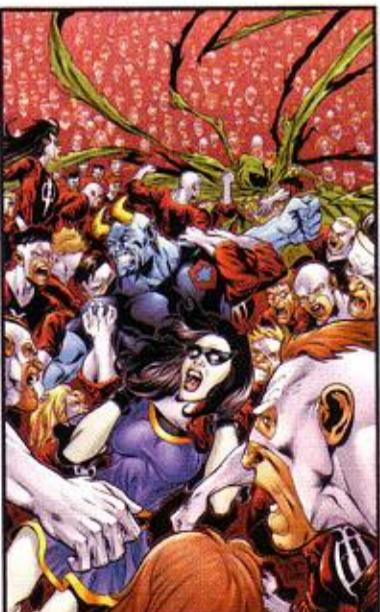
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