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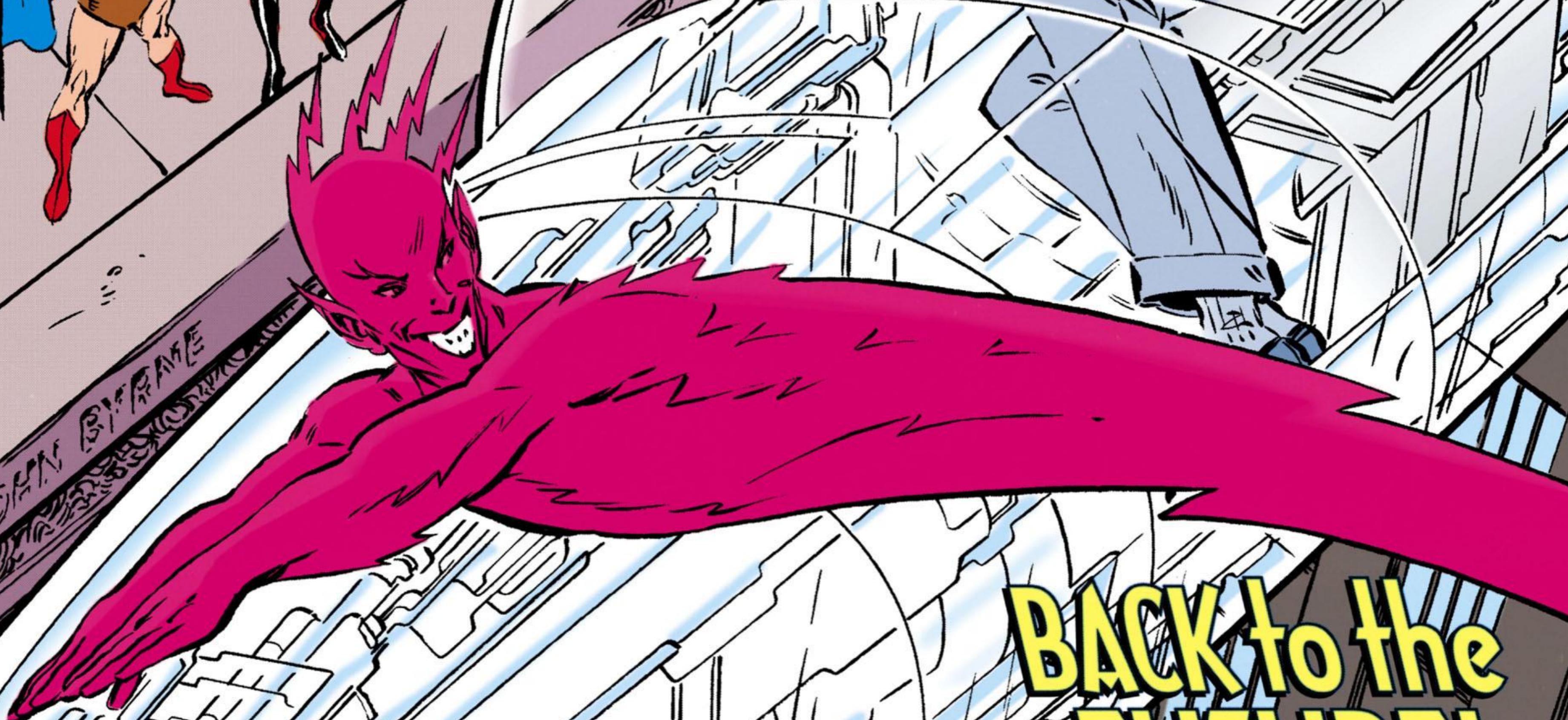
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Wonder Woman



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BACK to the
FUTURE!

MASQUERADE

UN-NH!!

WHAT MANNER OF STUFF IS THIS? IT LOOKS LIKE COMMON WOOD, BUT IT RE-FORMS AT EVERY STROKE OF MY BLADE!

GIVE IT A REST, YOUR HIGHNESS.



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I'M AFRAID WE'RE STUCK IN THIS BOX UNTIL THE NAZIS DECIDE TO LET US OUT!

YES... ALTHOUGH THIS IS CLEARLY SOME MYSTICAL SUBSTANCE, IT HAS ALL THE PROPERTIES OF REAL WOOD...

...AND WOOD IS THE ONE SUBSTANCE OVER WHICH MY POWER RING HAS NO EFFECT!

...I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE UNDERSTANDING ALL THIS FOLDED TIME

NONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND WONDER WOMAN IN THE PAST WERE THINGS THAT YOU REMEMBER HAPPENING TO YOUR YOUNGER SELF WHEN YOU WERE IN THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

HOW CAN THAT BE?..



AND SINCE THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY WAY FOR THE REST OF US TO CUT OR TUNNEL OUR WAY OUT OF HERE...

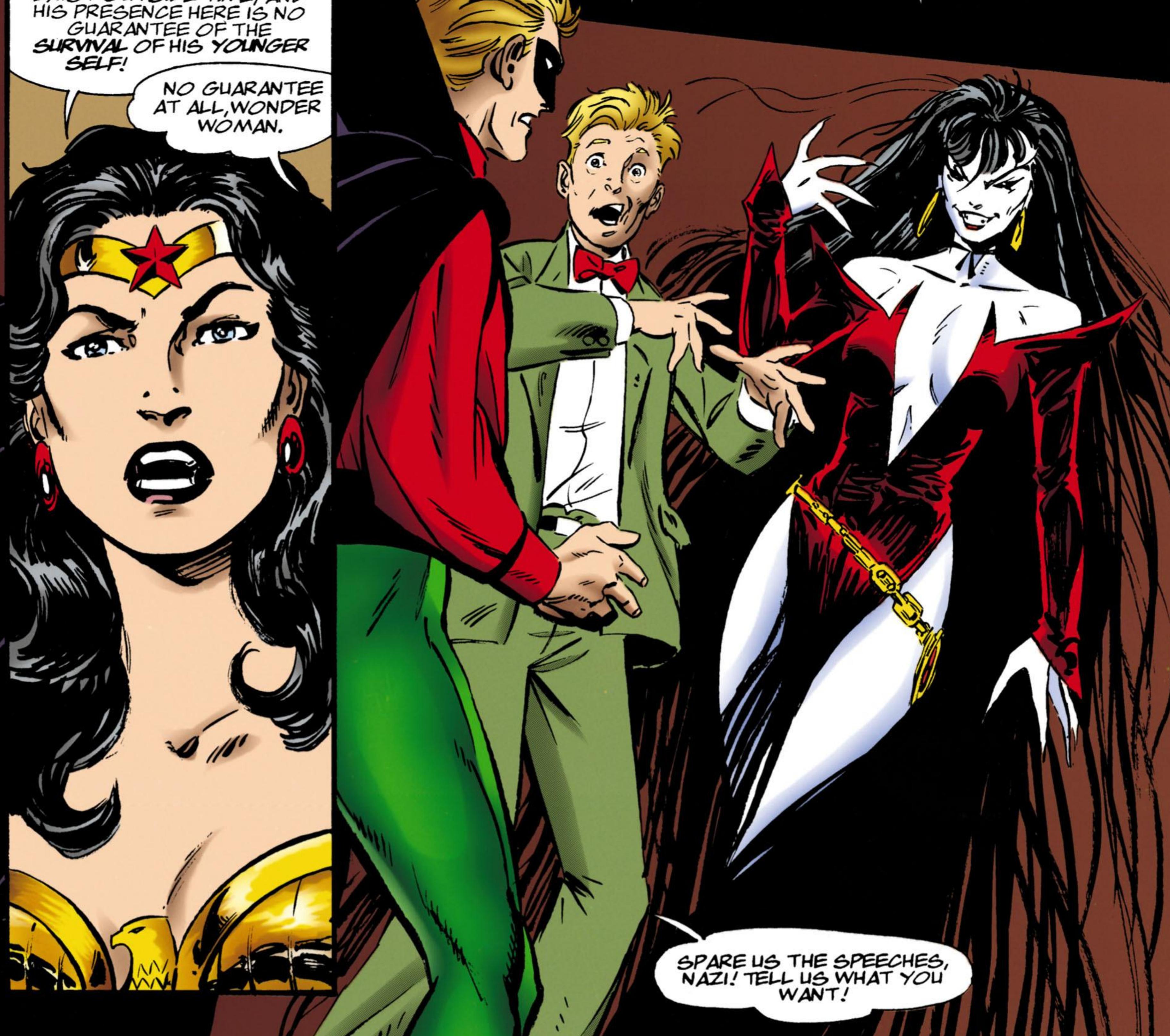
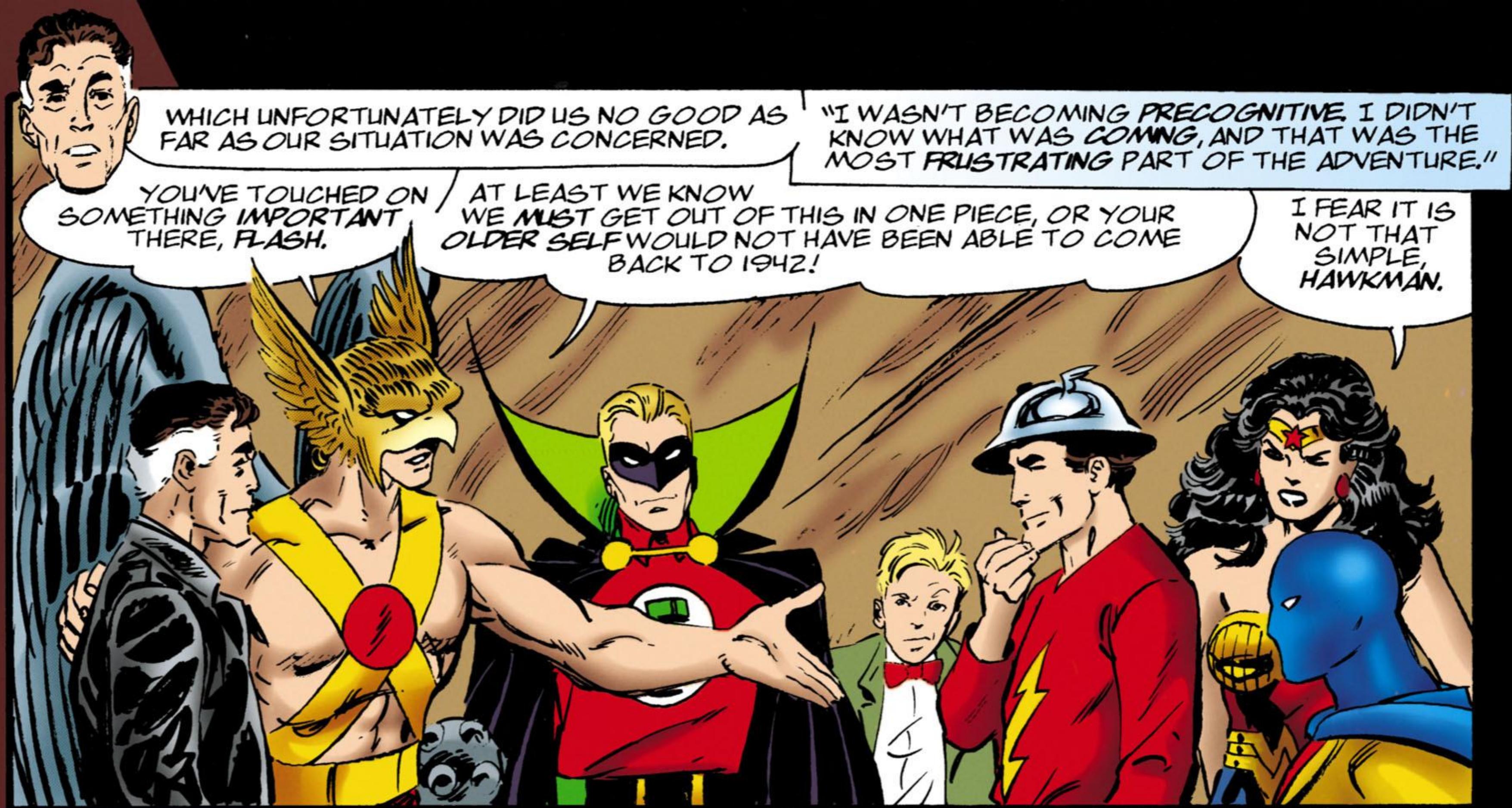
...IT'S JUST AS MY FUTURE SELF SAYS... WE'RE STUCK!

"BUT, JAY..."

IT'S LIKE I SAID, JOANIE--I HAD NO RECOLLECTION OF THOSE EVENTS UNTIL THEY HAPPENED. THEN IT WAS LIKE PIECES OF A JIGSAW PUZZLE DROPPING INTO PLACE.

AS EACH THING HAPPENED, SUDDENLY I COULD REMEMBER IT HAPPENING.





FIRST, I WOULD APPRECIATE NOT BEING CALLED A "NAZI." THAT I NOW OCCUPY THE PHYSICAL FORM OF PAULA VON GUNTHER DOES NOT MEAN I SHARE HER IDEOLOGIES.

FOR ME, ADOLF HITLER AND HIS LITTLE PARTY ARE MERELY MEANS TOWARD THE SERVING OF MY OWN AGENDA.

BUT TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION--WHAT I WANT IS FOR YOU TO CHOOSE AMONG YOURSELVES THE ONE OF YOU WHO WILL DIE FIRST...!

AS DARK ANGEL SPEAKS THESE WORDS, WE MOVE TO 1998, TO A FEW DAYS AGO AND SAY ONCE AGAIN...

MEANWHILE, IN THE LATTER PART OF THE 20TH CENTURY...

DONNA, DO YOU HAVE A...

...DONNA??

DONNA! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU..?

NOTHING. HONEST, MS. FRANCEY-- IT'S NOTHING.

THIS IS NOT MY DEFINITION OF "NOTHING," DONNA!

THAT DAMN HUSBAND OF YOURS DID THIS, DIDN'T HE?

NO..! I MEAN... YES. BUT IT WAS MY OWN FAULT, MS. FRANCEY

YOUR OWN FAULT..?? YE GODS, DONNA! WHAT IS THIS, THE MIDDLE AGES? I'VE TOLD YOU BEFORE... YOU CAN COME TO ME ANY TIME. I WANT TO HELP YOU.

I... KNOW THAT. BUT THIS IS MY BUSINESS, MS. FRANCEY. ME AND THE KIDS... WE'LL SORT THIS ALL OUT FOR OURSELVES.

PLEASE... IF YOU MIX YOURSELF UP IN THIS IT WILL ONLY MAKE THINGS WORSE!



AND NOW WE RETURN OUR ATTENTION TO THE PAST...

...A MOMENT AFTER WE LEFT...

YOU WANT US TO PICK THE ONE YOU KILL FIRST? WHAT ARE YOU, LADY, NUTS??

NOT AT ALL, FLASH... BUT I AM ONE WHO APPRECIATES IRONY IN ALL ITS FORMS.

OUTSIDE THIS ROOM THE HIGHEST-RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE NAZI PARTY ARE WAITING TO SEE THE FAMOUS JUSTICE SOCIETY DIE SLOW AND PAINFUL DEATHS.

IT WILL SERVE ONLY TO ADD TO THEIR PLEASURE IF YOU ARE FORCED TO CHOOSE THE ORDER IN WHICH YOU DIE. A FINAL IGNOMINY, IF YOU WILL!

I THINK NOT, WITCH!



IF WE ARE TO PICK THE SEQUENCE OF DEATHS HERE, LET IT BE YOU WHO GOES FIRST TO PLUTO'S REALM!

HA HA HA HA!!

YOU DIDN'T REALLY THINK I WOULD MAKE MYSELF VULNERABLE TO YOU, DID YOU, WONDER WOMAN?



SHE VANISHED!

SHE WAS NEVER HERE, JOHNNY. ACCORDING TO MY RING, THAT WAS NOTHING MORE THAN A MYSTICAL PROJECTION.

THAT RING OF YOURS IS A WONDER, LANTERN. TOO BAD IT'S NOT ON THE OUTSIDE OF THIS BOX!

OF COURSE!



ATOM, THAT'S THE ANSWER! FOR US TO ESCAPE, GREEN LANTERN NEEDS TO GET HIS RING OUTSIDE THIS BOX!

WELL, THAT'S PRETTY OBVIOUS, HAWK. BUT SINCE NONE OF US HAVE THE POWER TO BREAK OUT OF THIS OVERSIZED COFFIN...

"...IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THERE'S MUCH CHANCE OF THE LANTERN BEING ABLE TO USE HIS RING!"

ARE YOU PLEASED, LITTLE FUHRER?*

BY EVERYTHING BUT YOUR INSISTENCE ON REFERRING TO ME IN THAT CONDESCENDING MANNER, DARK ANGEL.

YOU WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER WHO I AM, AND WHAT POWER I COMMAND!

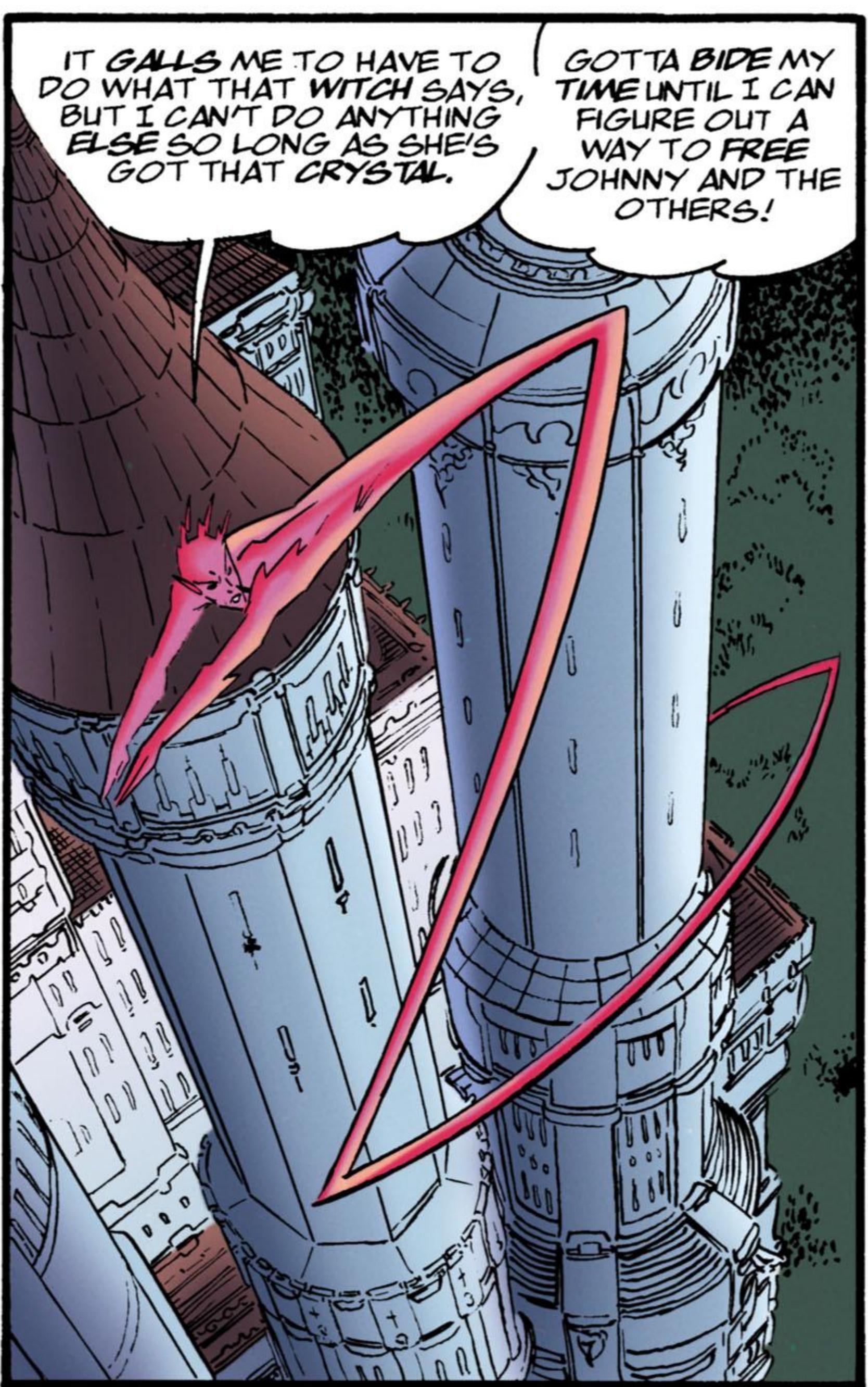
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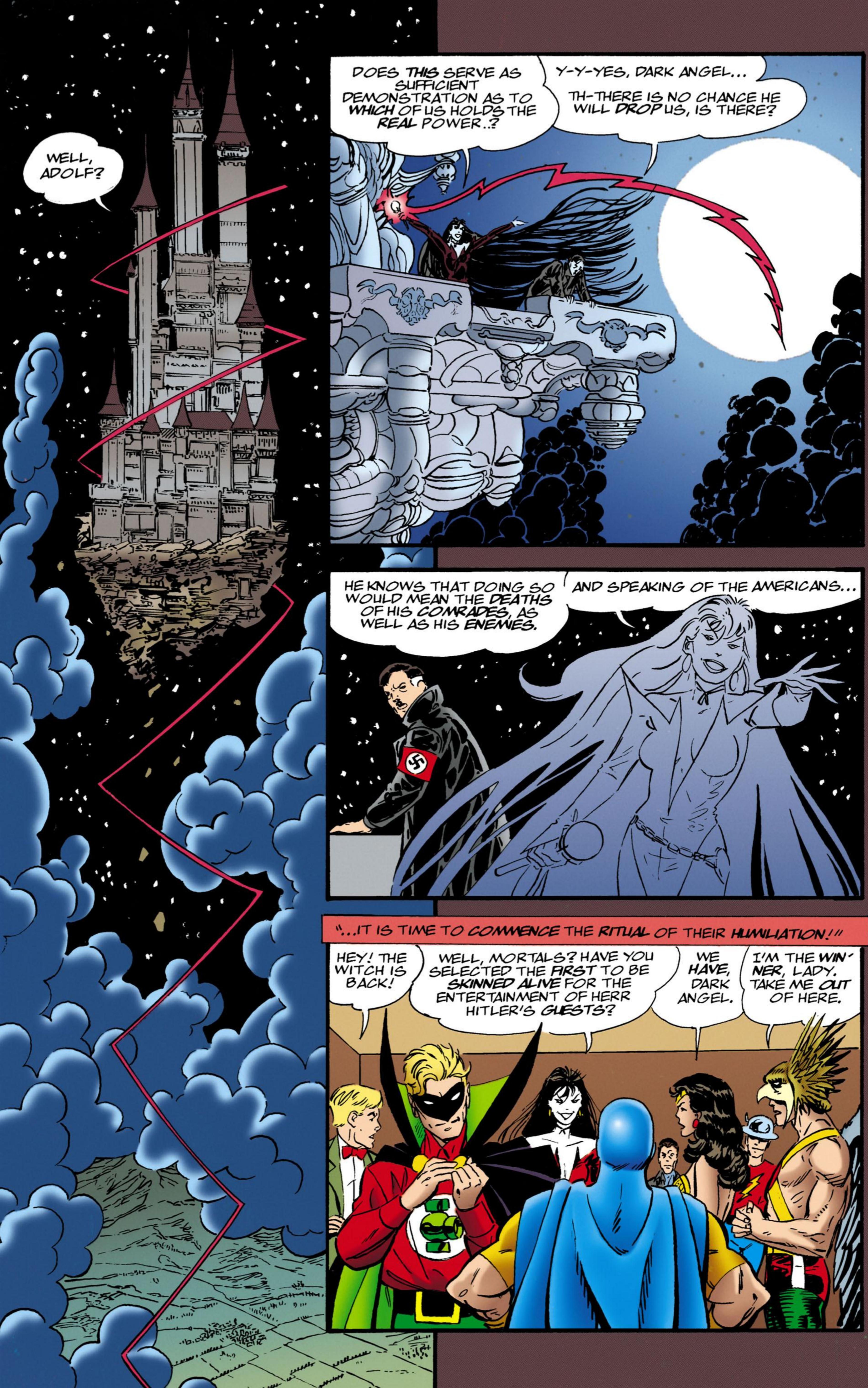
HA HA HA HA HA!!
POWER? POWER??
ADOLF, YOU DO NOT BEGIN
TO UNDERSTAND THE
MEANING OF THE WORD!

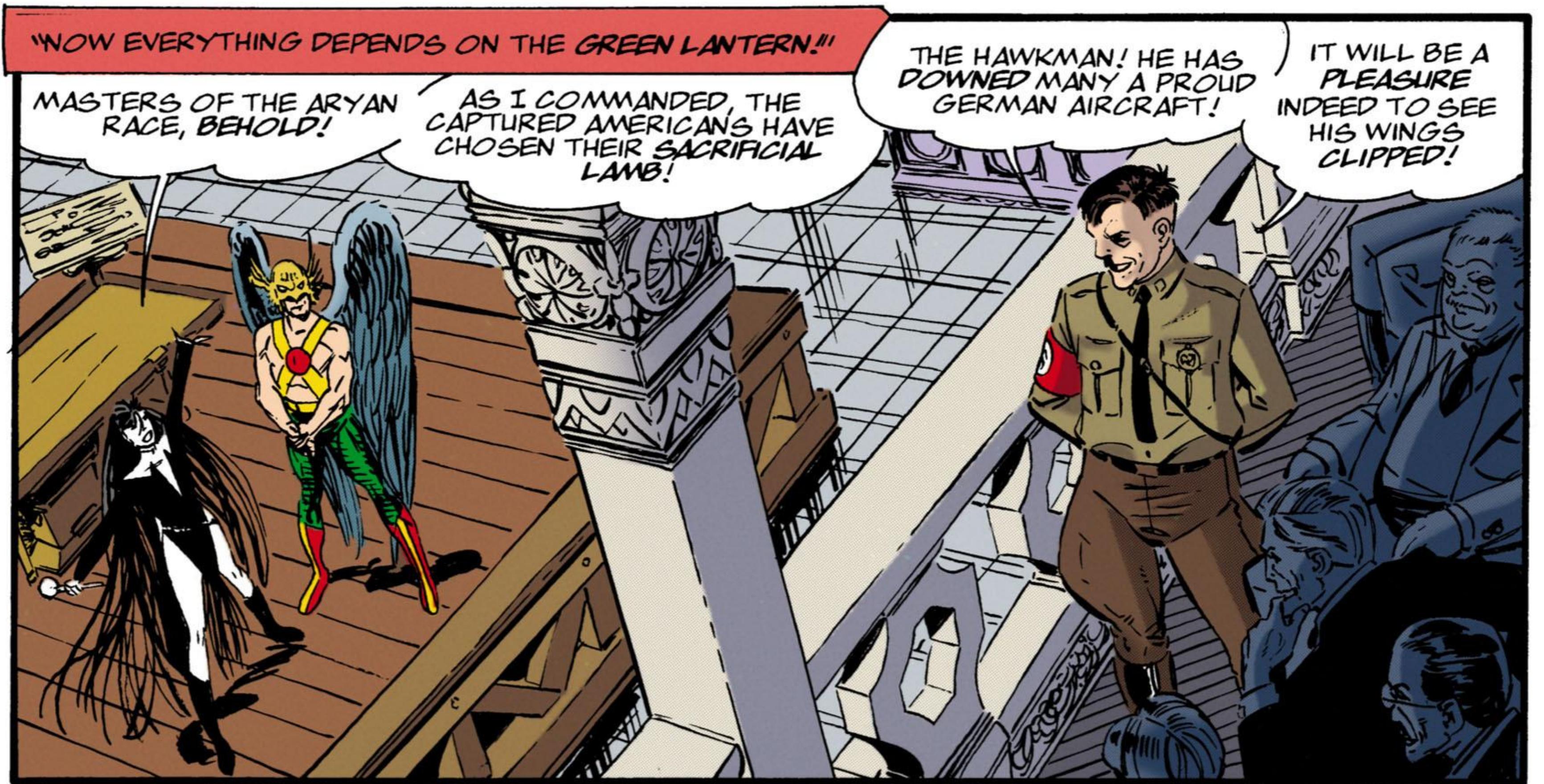
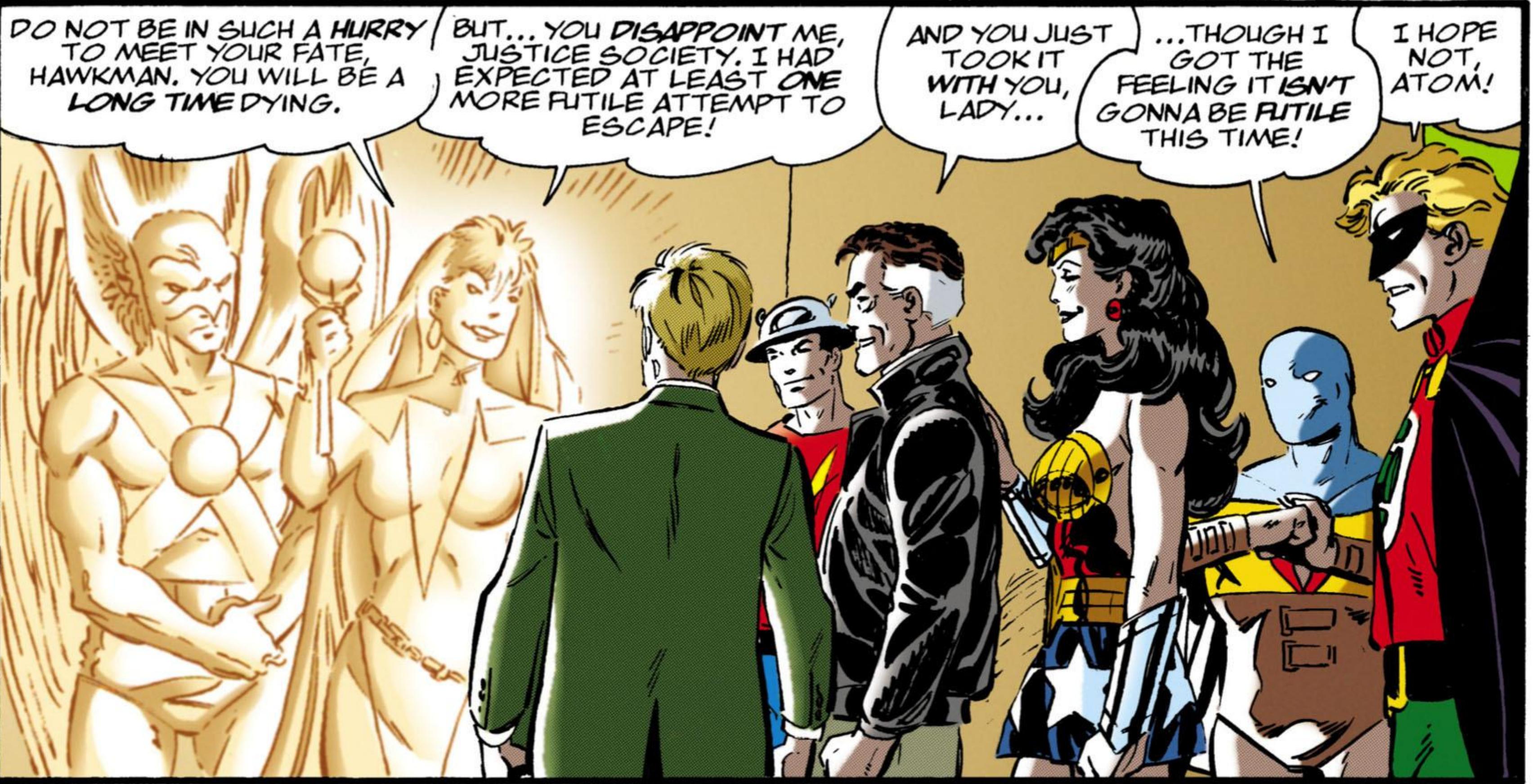
LET ME GIVE YOU A
DEMONSTRATION OF TRUE
POWER!

THUNDERBOLT, I COMMAND
YOU! DO MY BIDDING!

SEZ YOU, LADY! THE ONLY
HUMAN I HAVE TO OBEY IS
JOHNNY THUNDER--AND HIM
ONLY WHEN HE SAYS "CEI
U!"







I'M NOT REALLY HAWKMAN!

NO! GREEN LANTERN!!!

BRIGHT GIRL!
LET'S SEE
IF YOU CAN
FIGURE OUT
WHAT
HAPPENS
NEXT!

YA-HOO!!

NOW, MISS FANCY-PANTS,
LET'S SEE HOW YOU LIKE
BEING TURNED INSIDE OUT...

NO, THUNDERBOLT! LEAVE
HER TO ME! YOU GO FREE
THE OTHERS!

DON'T REMEMBER
ANYBODY DYING AND
MAKING YOU GOD, GREEN
LANTERN...

...BUT I'LL DO WHAT YOU
SAY!

MEANWHILE...

...A PLACE WHICH IS BEYOND BOTH TIME AND SPACE, THE LEGENDARY HOME OF THE GODS, OLYMPUS!

WHERE MATTERS HAVE REACHED A TROUBLED GROUND...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THE GODS INTEND TO ONCE MORE RULE THE WORLD?

THERE IS NO MYSTERY IN THE WORDS, DIANA.

WE OF OLYMPUS HAVE DECIDED THE TIME HAS COME TO REJOIN WITH OUR ROMAN AVATARS, AND CREATE ONCE MORE A SINGLE PANTHEON.

THAT PANTHEON WILL BE SUFFICIENT IN POWER TO RECLAIM THE WORSHIP AND DEVOTION WE HAVE LOST TO USURPING DEITIES.

IT WILL BE WE WHO ONCE MORE GOVERN THE LIVES AND THOUGHTS OF MORTALS!

NO! SUCH A THING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE, LORD ZEUS!



"NOT ACCEPTABLE!"? YOU WOULD DO WELL TO CONSIDER TO WHOM IT IS YOU SPEAK, DIANA! REMEMBER TO WHOM YOU OWE YOUR EXISTENCE!

TWICE OVER, SINCE WE GODS NOT ONLY PRESIDED AT YOUR UNCOMMON BIRTH, DIANA, BUT ALSO ENGINEERED YOUR TRANSFIGURATION AFTER YOUR DEATH AT THE HANDS OF THE DEMON-KING NERON!

I SEEK IN NO WAY TO REDUCE THE TRIBUTE WHICH I GLADLY PAY YOU GODS.

BUT OF ALL THE THINGS I HAVE LEARNED SINCE I WAS SENT OUT INTO THE WORLD OF MEN THERE IS ONE I HAVE COME TO SEE AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ALL THE REST COMBINED--THE RIGHT OF EVERY MORTAL TO CHOOSE HIS OWN GODS.

AND IF YOU WOULD NOW SEEK TO STEAL FROM THEM THAT RIGHT...



"...YOU WILL FIND ME STANDING SQUARELY IN YOUR PATH!"

TIME TO BE WORRYING YET, D'YOU THINK?

THIS IS THE HARDEST PART! WE WON'T KNOW IF THE PLAN WORKED UNTIL DARK ANGEL COMES FOR ANOTHER OF US OR...

...WE'RE RESCUED!



THUNDERBOLT! SAY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW GOOD IT IS TO SEE YOU!

YEAH, WELL THERE'S NO NEED FOR MAGIC WORDS THIS TIME, JOHNNY! I'M HELPING VOLUNTARILY!



HUH?

YOU SAID "SAY, YOU" JOHNNY EVOKING ONCE MORE THE SOUND OF THE BAHDNISIAN SPELL WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO CONTROL YOUR MAGIC SPRITE!

SAVE THE HISTORY LESSON FOR LATER, WONDER WOMAN...



"LET'S FIND GREEN LANTERN AND GET MY WINGS BACK!!!

"WHICH IS WHAT WE DID! AND I GOTTA TELL YOU, FELT GREAT TO BE REALLY BACK IN HARNESS AGAIN, FIGHTING BADGUYS I DIDN'T HAVE TO WORRY SO MUCH ABOUT HURTING.

"WE PLOWED THROUGH THOSE NAZI RATS LIKE JUDGMENT DAY ON LEGS...

"...AND PRETTY SOON THE T-BOLT HAD LED US RIGHT TO GREEN LANTERN."

GREAT TO SEE YOU, GUYS! PICK A TARGET! PLENTY TO GO 'ROUND!

HOW ABOUT A QUICK CHANGE FIRST, GL? I'M NOT EXACTLY AT FIGHTING SPEED IN YOUR TOGS!

CONSIDER IT DONE, HAWKMAN! HERE I CAN USE MY RING TO MAKE THE CHANGE, SINCE I DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYONE DETECTING ITS MYSTICAL ENERGIES AT WORK!



I SENSE A GREATER EVIL IN YOU THAN ANYTHING YOU HAVE YET DISPLAYED, DARK ANGEL.

SOME DREAD PREMONITION THAT TELLS ME OUR PATHS ARE NOT YET DONE CROSSING!

YOU MAY BE RIGHT, WONDER WOMAN. I, FOR ONE, DO NOT INTEND TO SEE THIS MATTER END TODAY!



BLAST HER! SHE HAS MAGICKED HERSELF AWAY!



THE NAZIS ARE TRYING TO FIND HIDING PLACES ALL OVER THE CASTLE.

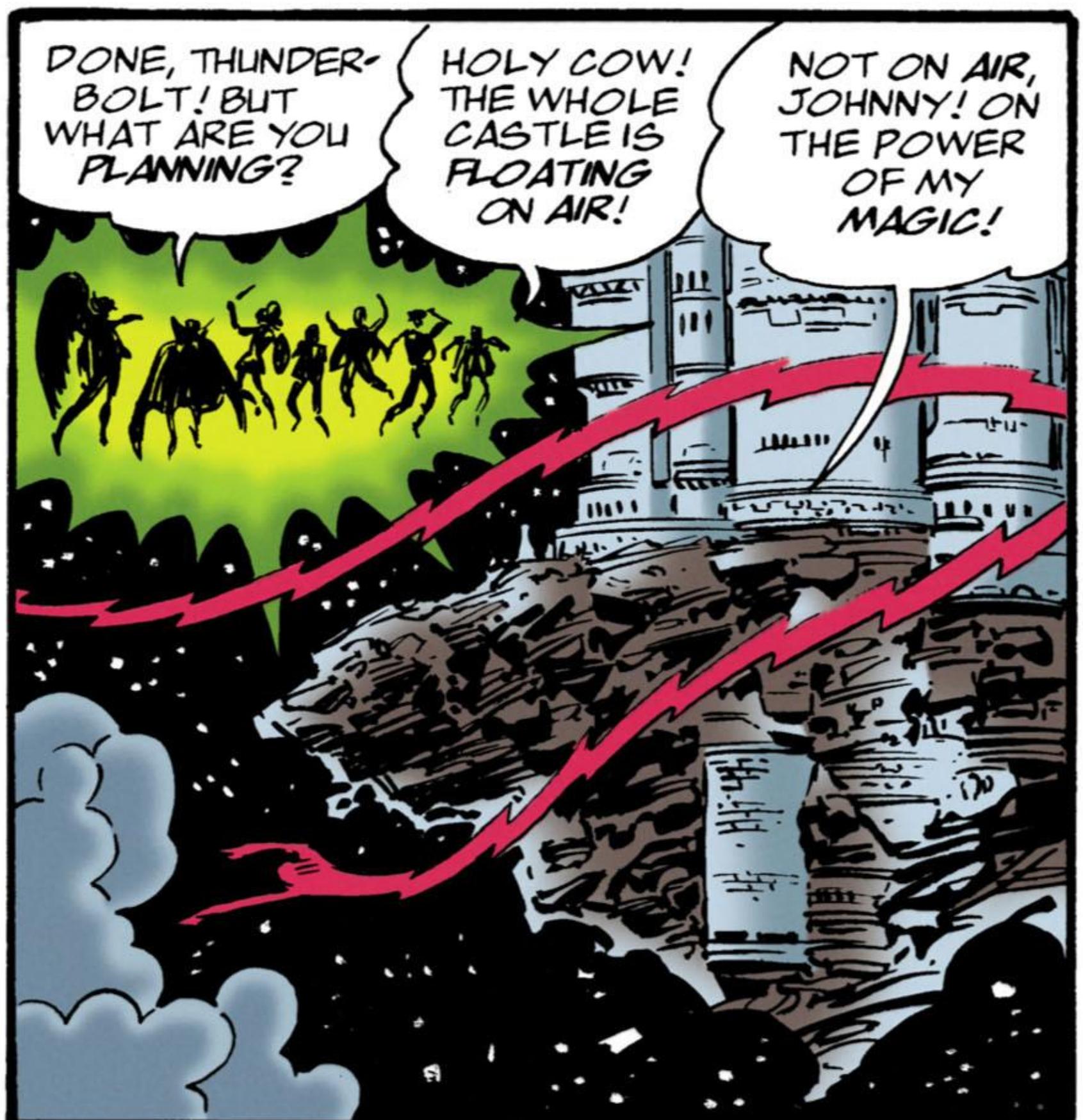
LANTERN, USE YOUR RING TO TRANSPORT THE JSA OUTSIDE!



DONE, THUNDERBOLT! BUT WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING?

HOLY COW! THE WHOLE CASTLE IS FLOATING ON AIR!

NOT ON AIR, JOHNNY! ON THE POWER OF MY MAGIC!



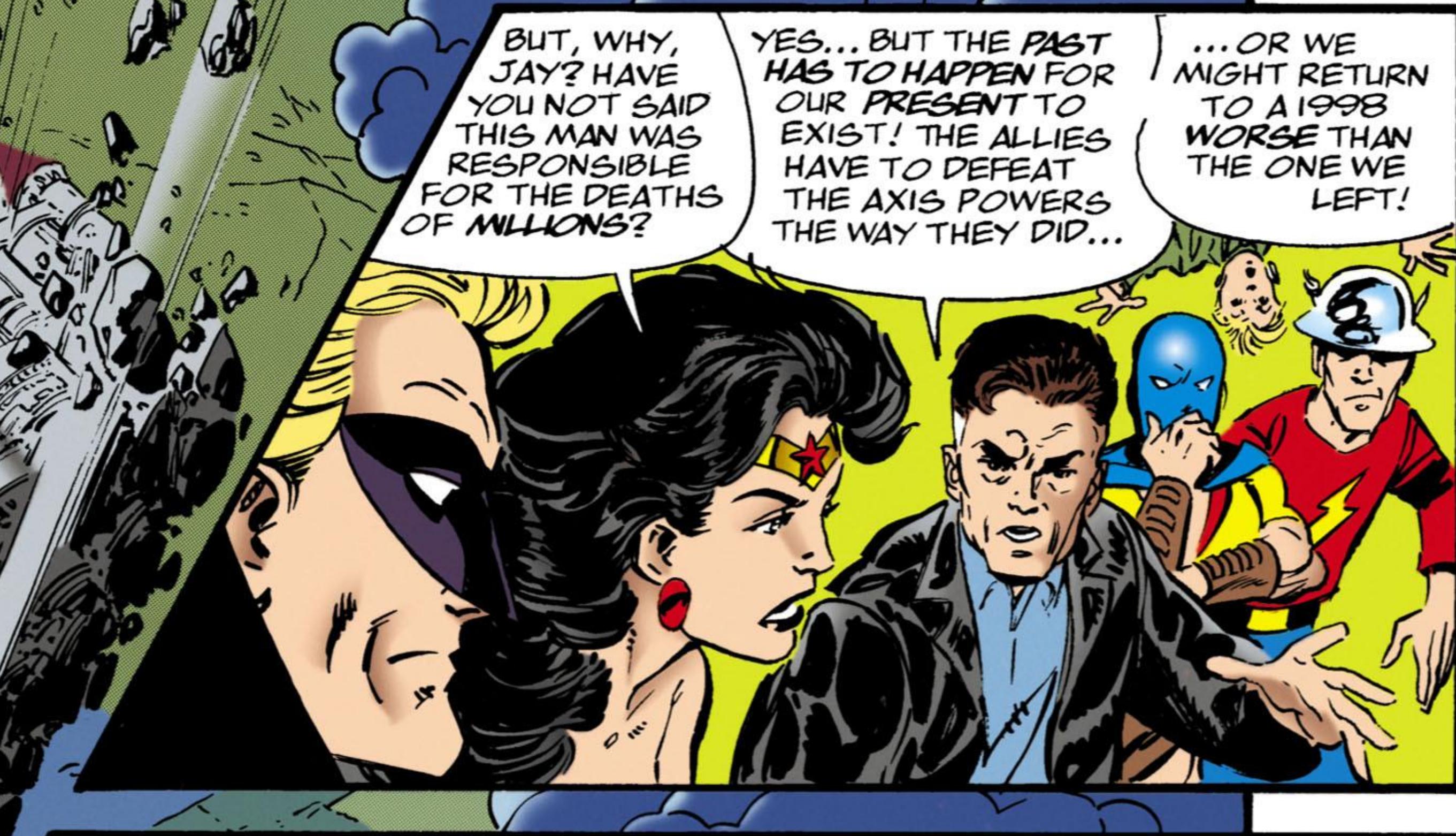
UNTIL
NOW, THAT
IS!

DROPPING FROM A
THOUSAND FEET OUGHT TO
TAKE CARE OF HERR HITLER
AND HIS PALS!

THUNDE-
BOLT!
NO!

HUH?
WHAT'S
THE
PROB-
LEM,
OLD
MAN?

THE PROBLEM IS
HISTORY, THUNDE-
BOLT! WONDER
WOMAN AND I HAVE
ALREADY CAUSED
MINOR DIVERSIONS IN
THE TIMELINE, BUT SOME-
THING LIKE KILLING HITLER
COULD BE CATASTROPHIC!



I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT JAY IS RIGHT, THUNDERBOLT.

WE WOULD NOT BE HERE AT ALL IF NOT FOR THEIR ACCIDENTAL INTERFERENCE IN THE NATURAL FLOW OF TIME.

YEAH... BETTER PUT THAT BIG WEDDING CAKE DOWN NICE AND EASY, THUNDERBOLT. WE'LL BEAT THE NAZIS THE WAY WE'RE SUPPOSED TO!

WISH YOU HADN'T
SAID THAT, JOHNNY! I'M STILL
UNDER THE CONTROL OF YOUR CEI U...

"...SO I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO OBEY!"

"WHICH IS WHAT HE DID. AND A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER, AFTER WE COLLECTED ALL THE FRAGMENTS OF WONDER WOMAN'S PLANE, WE WERE BACK IN WASHINGTON."

I THINK IT WOULD BE FOR THE BEST IF YOU AND WONDER WOMAN STAYED AROUND FOR A WEEK OR SO, JAY, JUST SO WE CAN BE CERTAIN WE HAVE TRACKED ALL THE RIPPLES YOU MIGHT HAVE CAUSED IN THE TIMESTREAM.

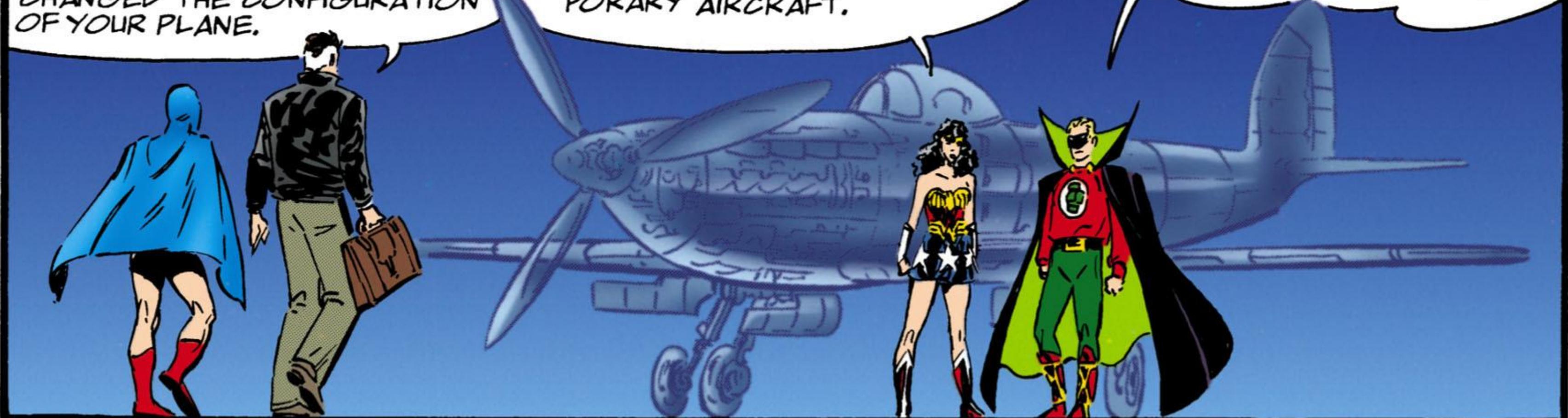
WELL--SINCE TIME TRAVEL MEANS I CAN RETURN TO THE PRESENT AT ANY TIME AFTER I LEFT, EVEN A SECOND OR TWO, I GUESS THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

"SO, A WEEK LATER..."

ALL PACKED! SAY... YOU'VE CHANGED THE CONFIGURATION OF YOUR PLANE.

I'M YES, GREEN LANTERN SUGGESTED THIS DESIGN SO THAT IT MIGHT BETTER FIT IN WITH CONTEMPORARY AIRCRAFT.

YOU SEE, JAY, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA HAS DECIDED TO STAY IN THE PAST!



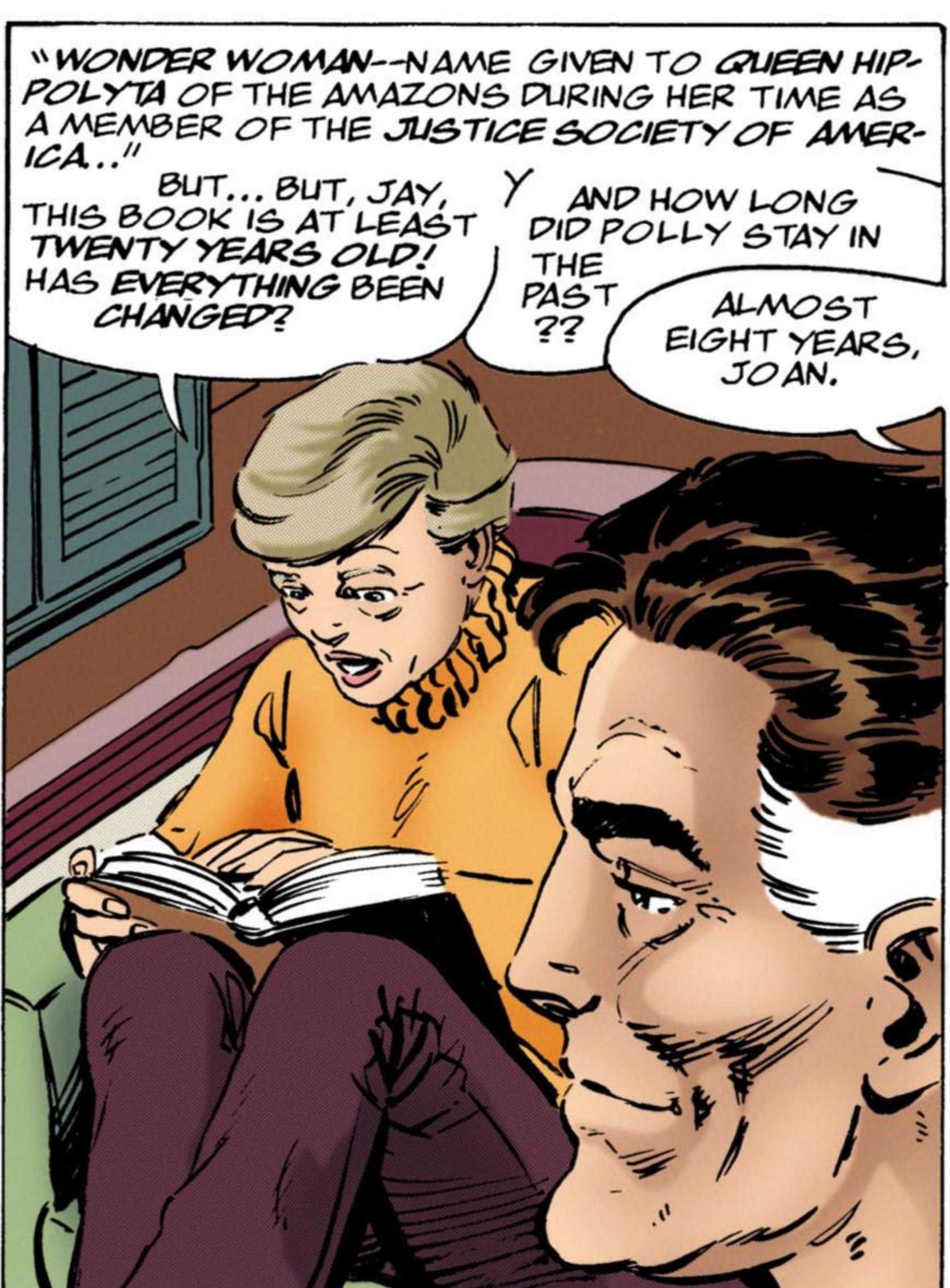
BUT... HOW COULD SHE DO THAT, JAY? THERE WAS NO WONDER WOMAN BEFORE PRINCESS DIANA TURNED UP A FEW YEARS AGO!

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT, HONEY? TAKE A LOOK AT THIS ENCYCLOPEDIA HELENA SANDSMARK HAD ON HER SHELF...

"WONDER WOMAN--NAME GIVEN TO QUEEN HIPPOLYTA OF THE AMAZONS DURING HER TIME AS A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY OF AMERICA..."

BUT... BUT, JAY, THIS BOOK IS AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS OLD! HAS EVERYTHING BEEN CHANGED?

Y AND HOW LONG DID POLLY STAY IN THE PAST ?? ALMOST EIGHT YEARS, JOAN.



IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIENDS! I KNOW IT HAS BEEN ONLY AN HOUR OR SO, FOR YOU, BUT SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED FOR ME!



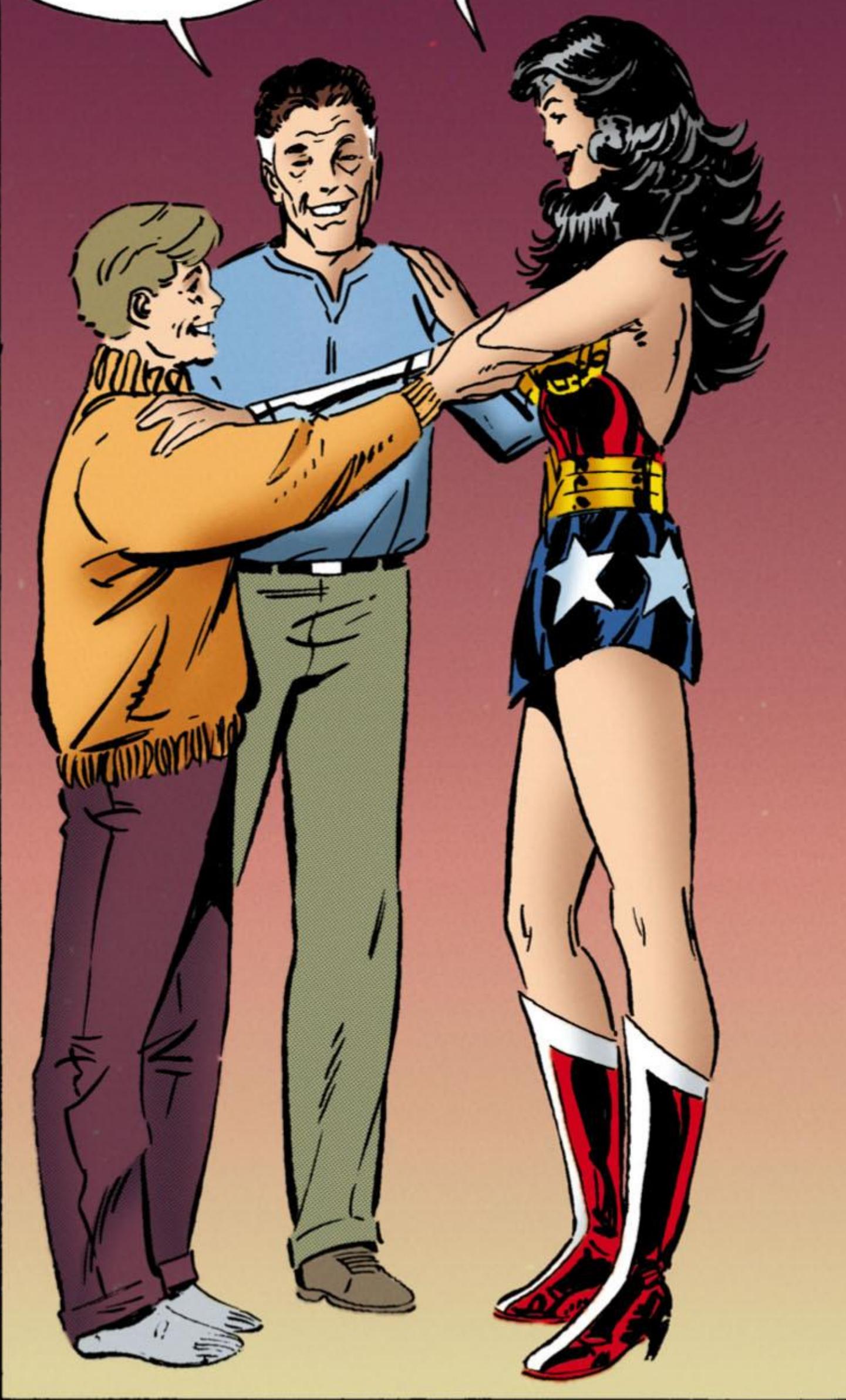
YOU STAYED BACK THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS!

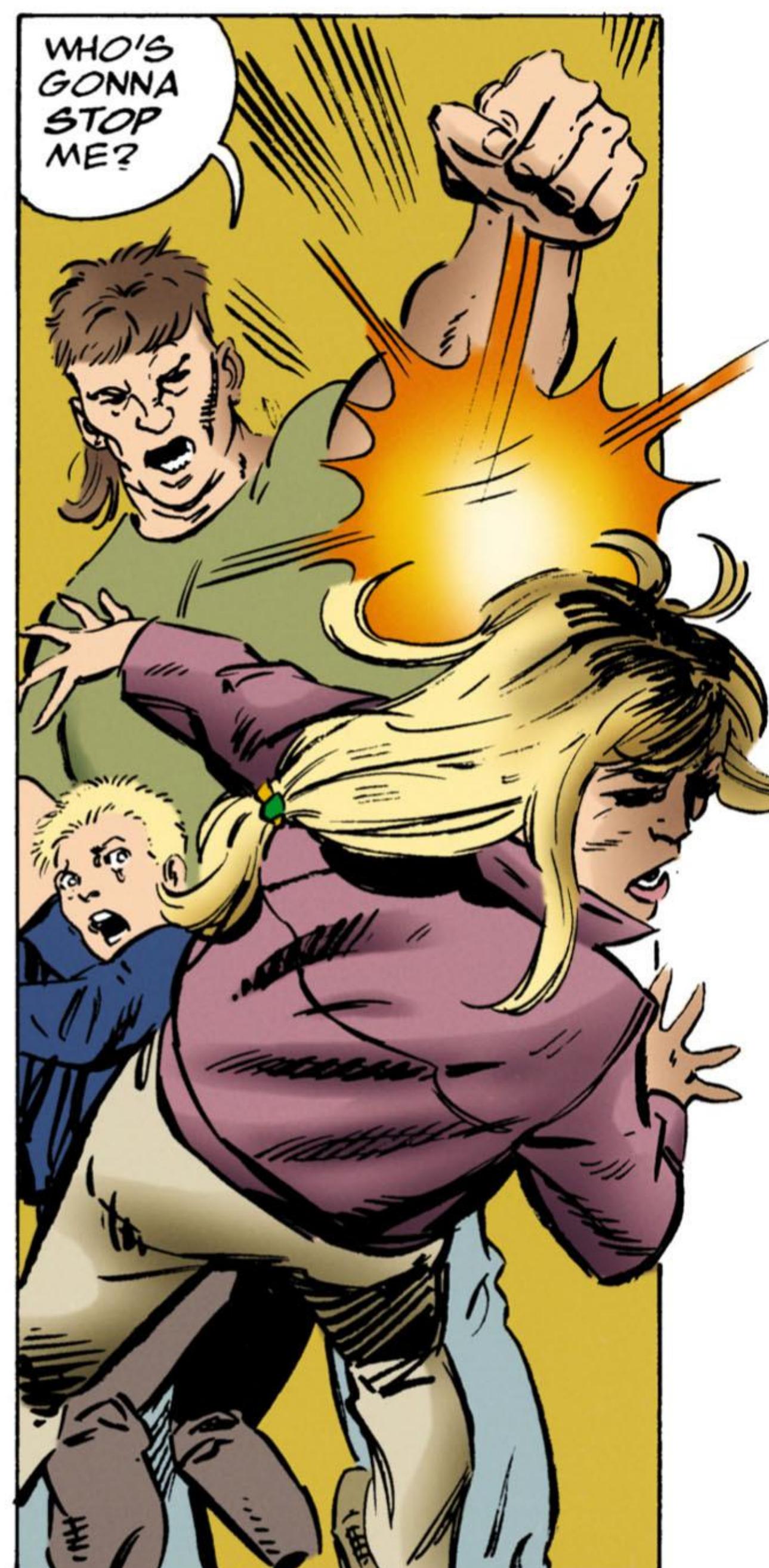
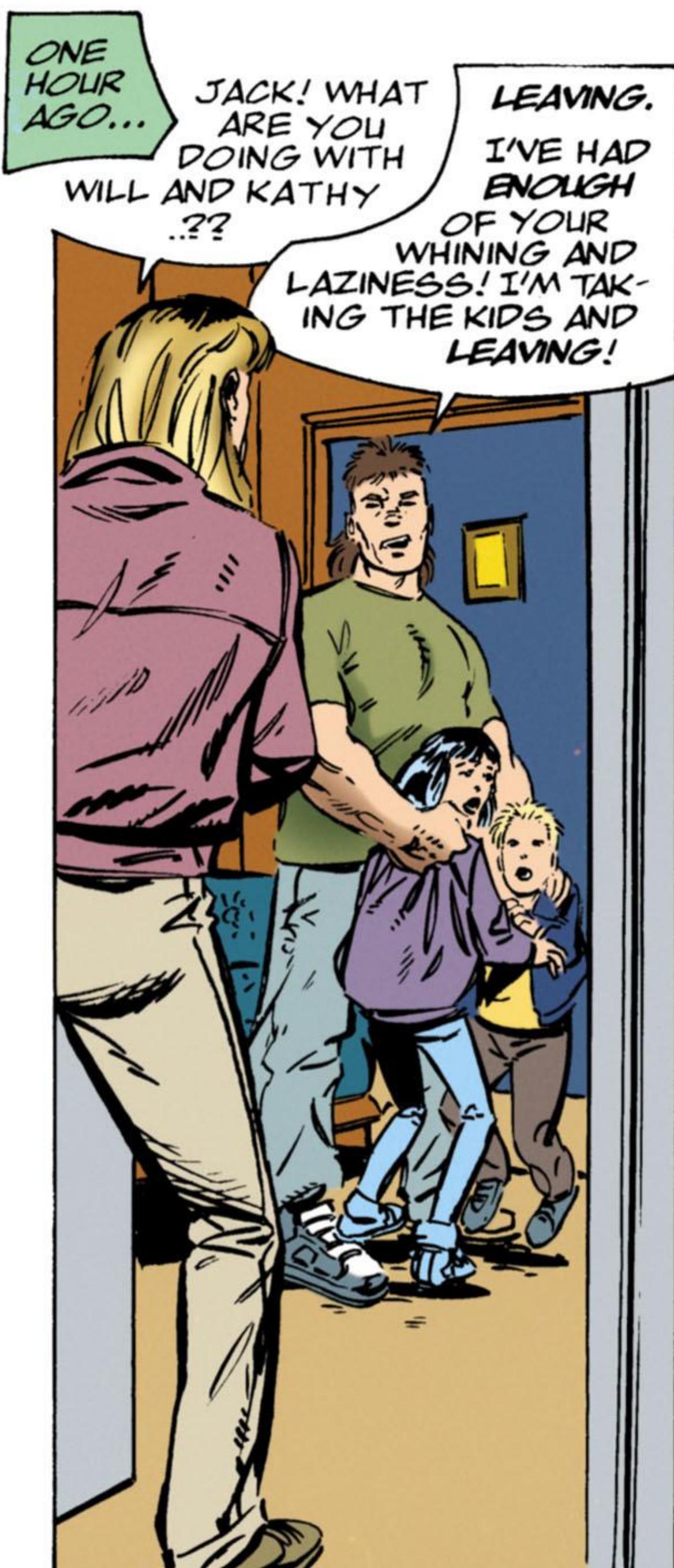
WELL... YES, OF COURSE YOU DID! I REMEMBER NOW! LIKE I REMEMBER ADVENTURES WE HAD!

ALL BUT THE LAST, MY FINAL ENCOUNTER WITH DARK ANGEL IN 1950.

BUT... LET US NOT TALK ABOUT SUCH THINGS WHEN ALL ARE NOT PRESENT.

WHERE IS DONNA TROY? SHE, TOO, WILL WISH TO HEAR THESE TALES, I AM SURE!





NEXT: THE MYSTERY OF DONNA TROY BEGINS TO UNFOLD AS HIPPOLYTA AND ONE OTHER FIND THEMSELVES THE ONLY ONES WHO EVEN REMEMBER HER EXISTENCE! BE HERE IN 30 DAYS FOR THE STORY WE COULD ONLY CALL...

WHO IS DONNA TROY...?

CONTINUING THE TALE OF TERROR, MYSTERY AND BETRAYAL WE CALL SIMPLY...

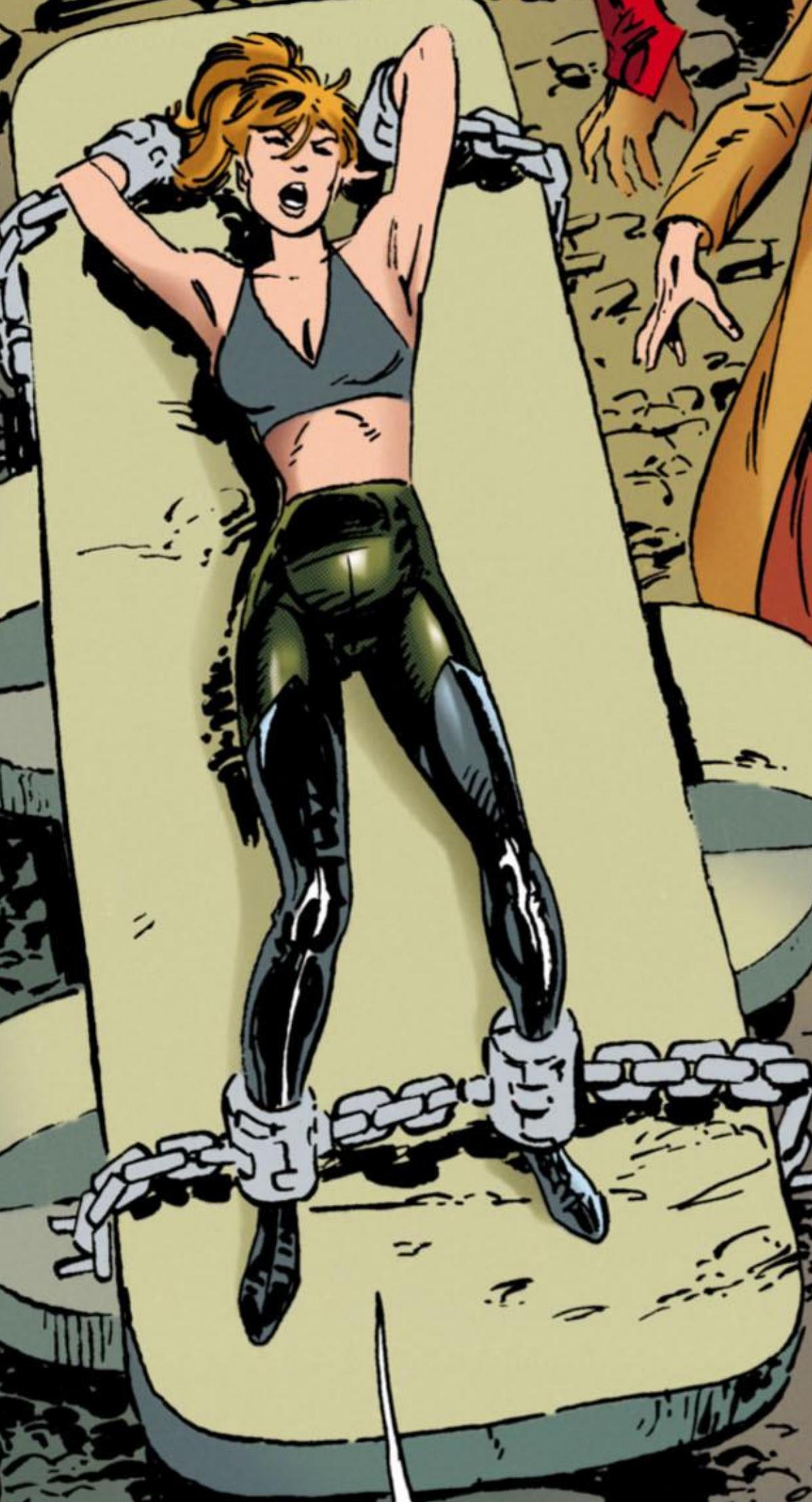
MEANWHILE

I'VE BEEN BIDING MY TIME
LIKE ARTEMIS TAUGHT ME,
WAITING TO SEE WHAT YOU
CREEPS WERE UP TO...

...BUT NOW I'M GONNA KICK
SOME BUTT!

CASSIE!
NO!!

GIMME A BREAK,
ARTEMIS! MY
POWERS COME
FROM ZEUS
HIMSELF!



TAKE CARE, CASSANDRA! IF
THESE CREATURES ARE
TRULY MERLIN AND
MORGANE LE FAY...

... THEY MAY HAVE
GREATER POWERS THAN
ANYTHING YOU CAN HANDLE!

WHICH MAKES
THEM GREAT INDEED,
YOUNG ONE.



