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EXTRA! ALL-NEW
ACTION WITH THE
HUNTRESS!



WHILE THE AMAZING
AMAZON BATTLES
FOR HER LIFE
AGAINST ...

BUCKLER &
GIORDANO

THE
CLAWS
OF THE
CHEETAH!



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GRANTED THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, THE SPEED OF MERCURY AND THE BEAUTY OF APHRODITE BY THE GODS, PRINCESS DIANA OF PARADISE ISLAND RENOUNCED HER IMMORTALITY AND ENTERED MAN'S WORLD AS THE MOST LEGENDARY AMAZON...

Wonder Woman

CLAWS OF THE CHEETAH

ONE MOMENT, THE MARYLAND DUSK IS ALIVE WITH THE CHIRPUP OF CRICKETS.

THE NEXT, THERE IS UTTER SILENCE.

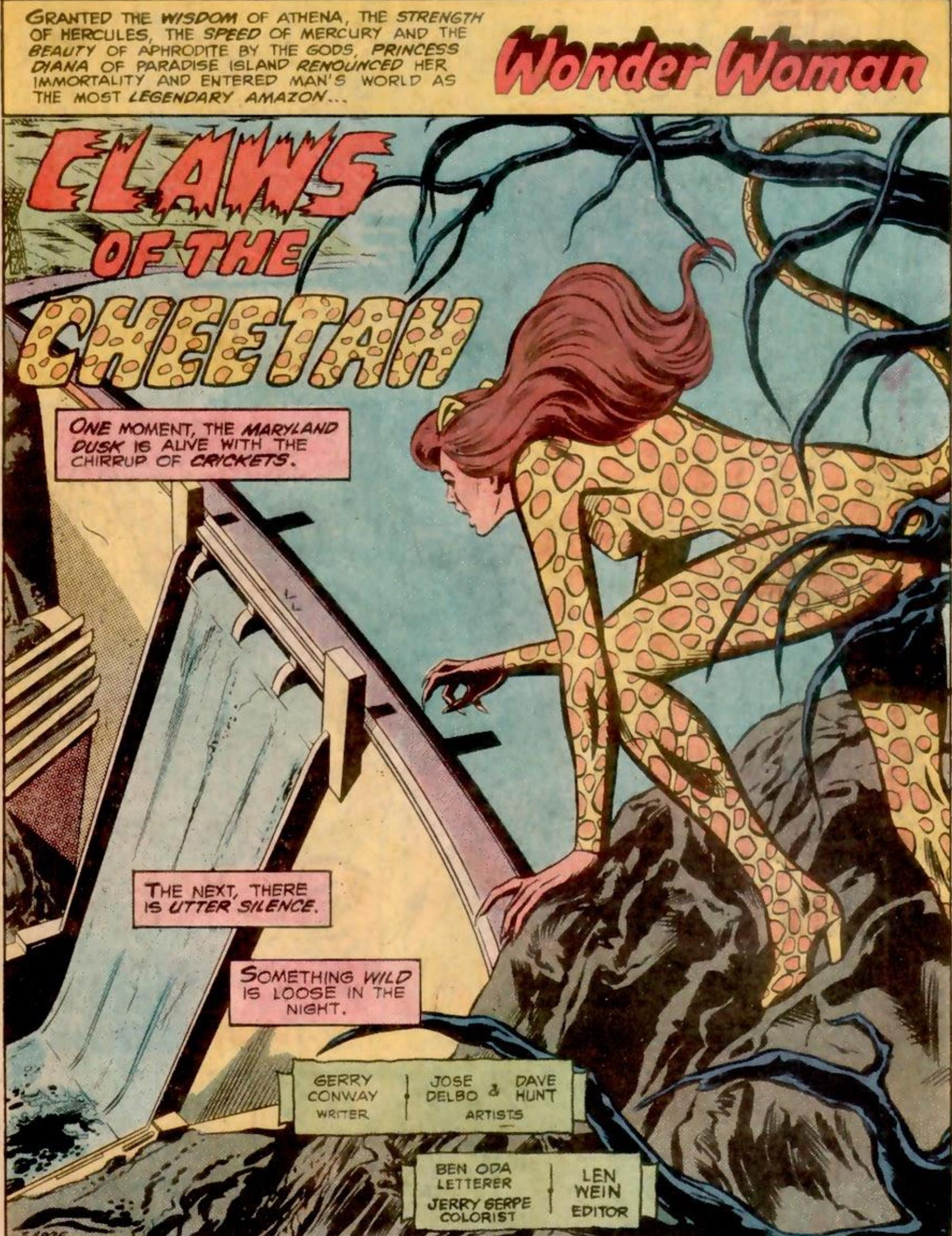
SOMETHING WILD IS LOOSE IN THE NIGHT.

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SOMETHING'S FOULLED UP THE SPILL GATES!

THE MAIN SPILLWAY'S OVERLOADING! IT CAN'T HOLD BACK THE KIND OF PRESSURE IT'S GETTING!

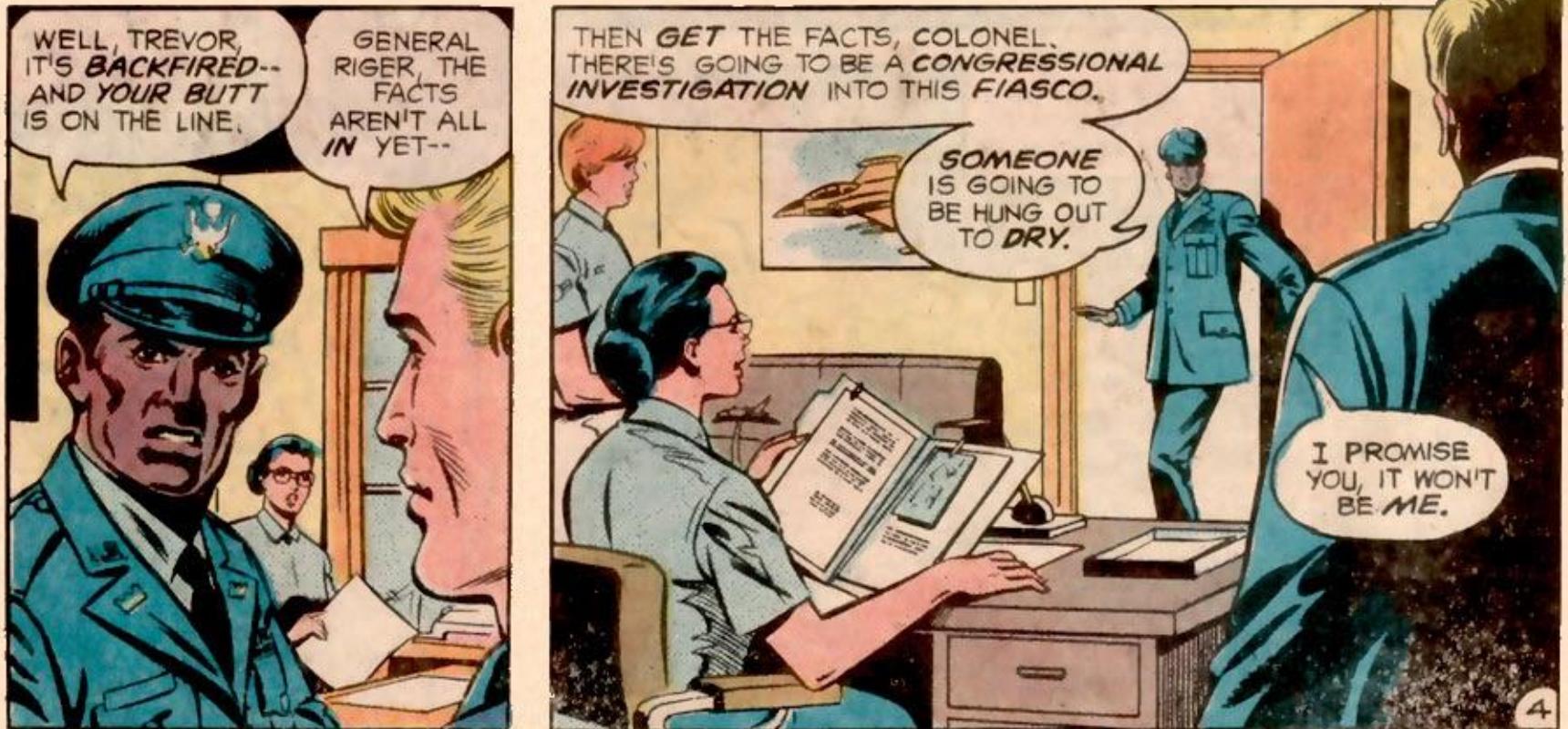
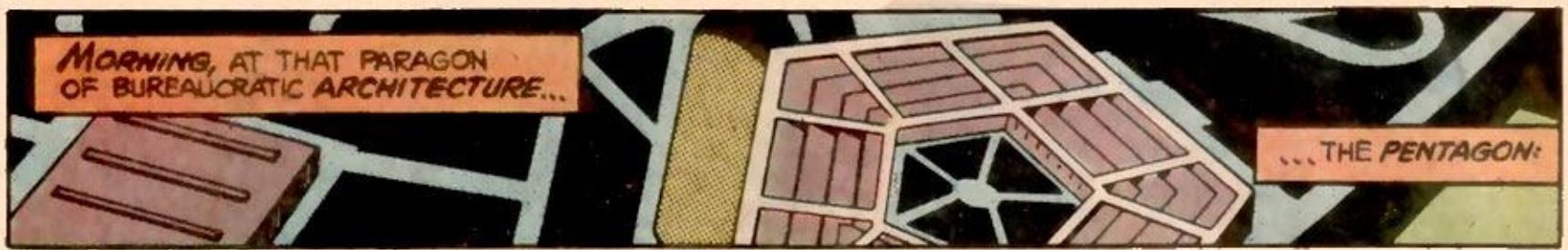
OH, LORD ALMIGHTY... IT CAN'T HOLD... IT CAN'T HO

NATURE'S FURY IS A TERRIBLE THING TO BEHOLD.

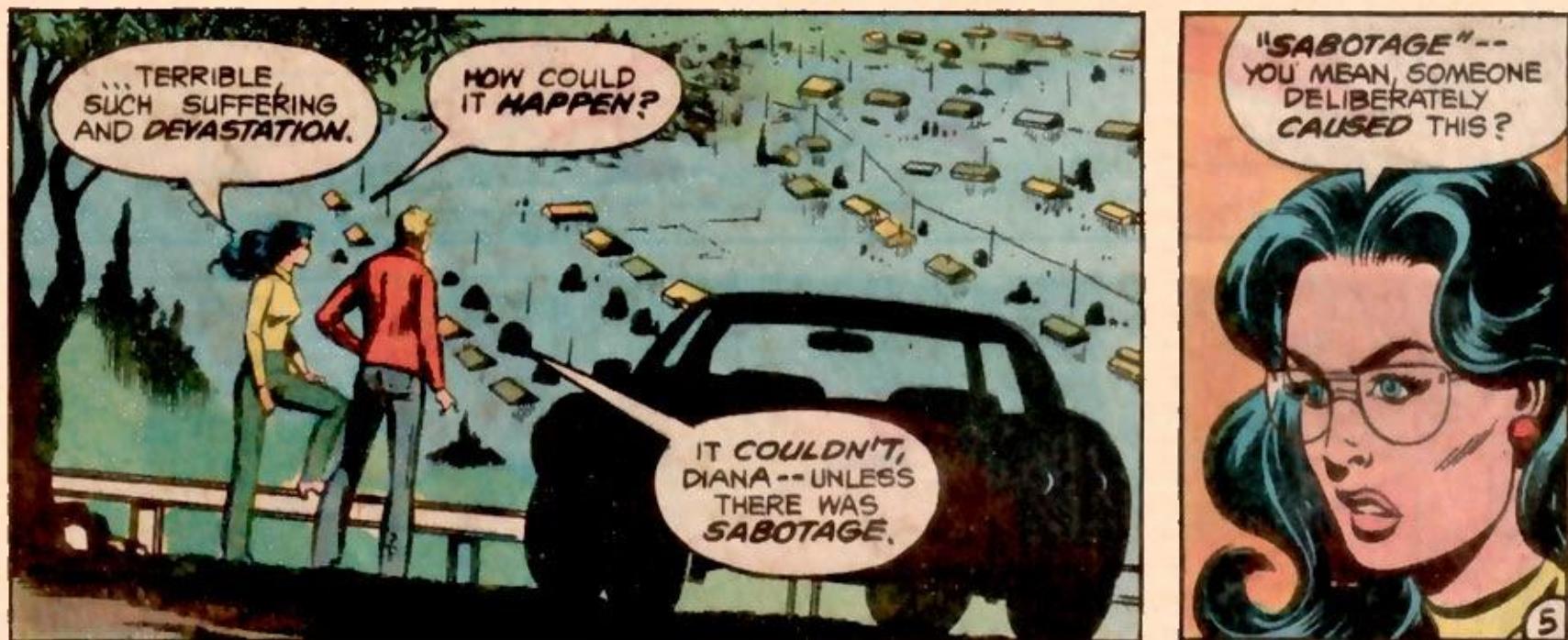
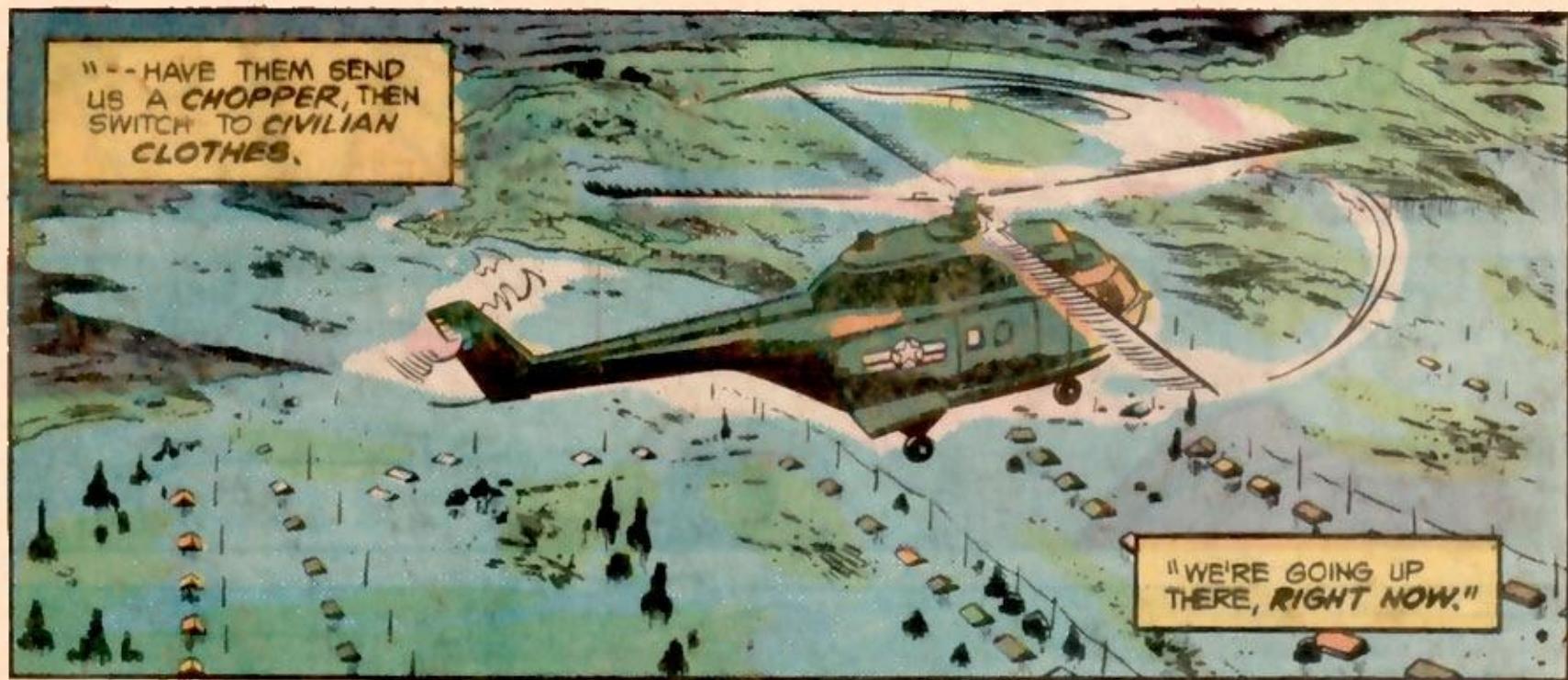
RELEASED, IT SWEEPS AWAY THE WORKS OF A MAN IN AN INSTANT.

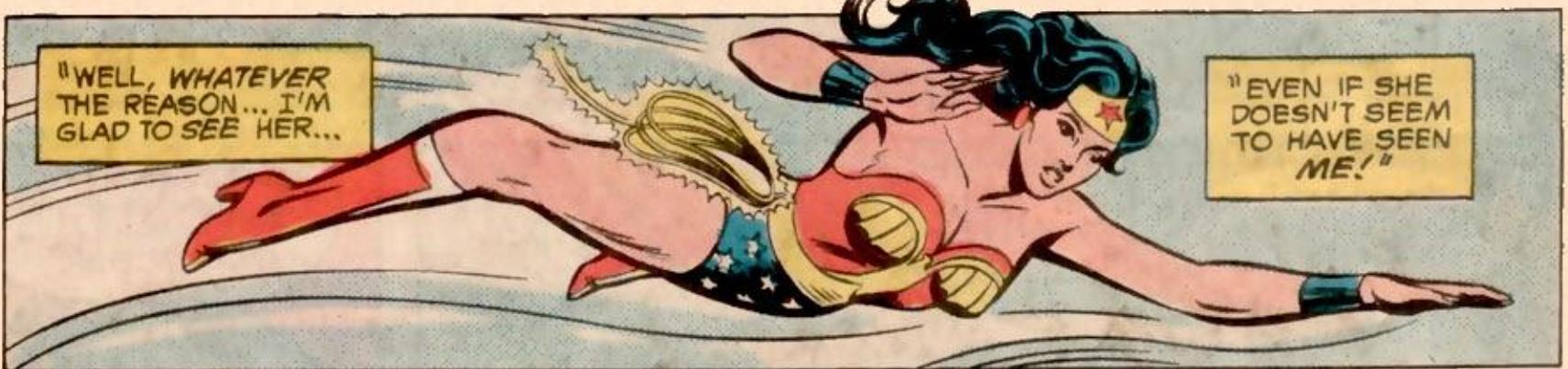
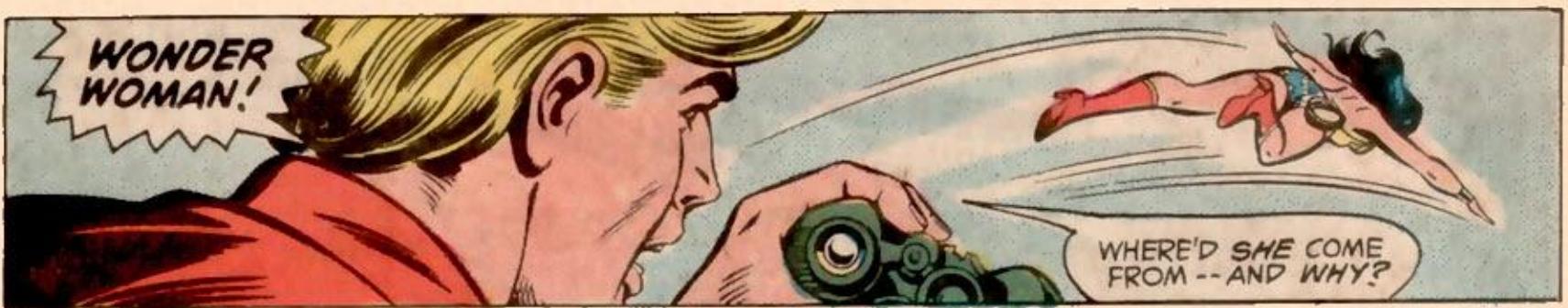
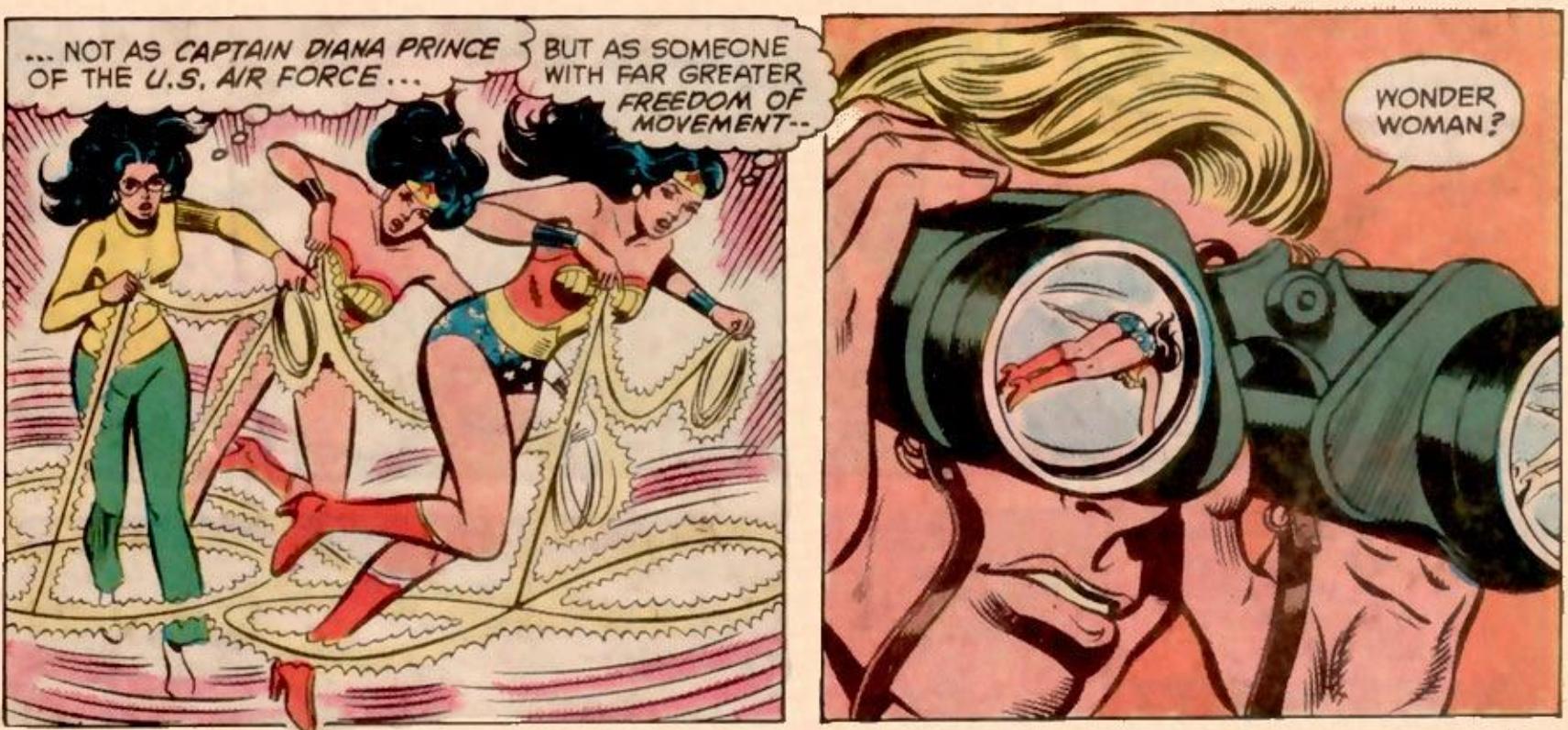
AND OF ALL THOSE WHO WATCH TONIGHT'S DISASTER, THERE IS ONE WHO LOOKS ON WITH INHUMAN JOY...

...AND EYES THAT REFLECT AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE TRIUMPH!

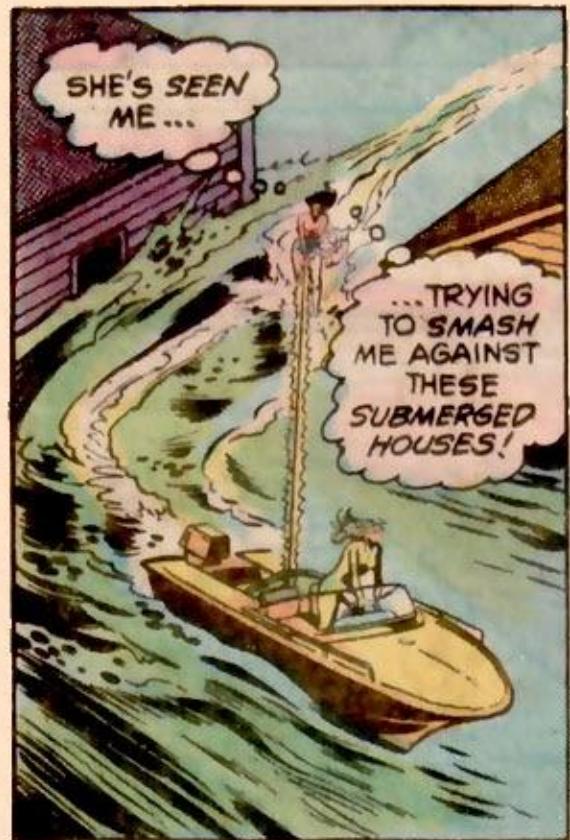


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AQUAMAN AND THE SPACE CAPSULE

SUFFERING
SHARKS, WHAT'S
THAT LIGHT?

PERHAPS A
METEOR FROM
ANOTHER
PLANET?

WHATEVER IT
IS, AQUAMAN,
IT'S GOING TO
CRASH NEAR
HERE!

A U.S.
SPACE
CAPSULE!

BUT IT'S
SINKING
INSTEAD OF
FLOATING!

TELETHOUGHT WAVES
WILL GET THE PORPOISES
TO BRING THE CAPSULE
TO OUR UNDERSEA CITY.

WHERE
ARE WE?

I DON'T
KNOW BUT
I DON'T
LIKE THE
LOOK OF
THESE
UNDERSEA
ALIENS.

ALIENS
???????

WE LIVE BENEATH
THE SEAS OF YOUR
OWN PLANET--EARTH.

WE CAN
PROVE IT
-- LOOK!

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CHERRY-- MY
FAVORITE.

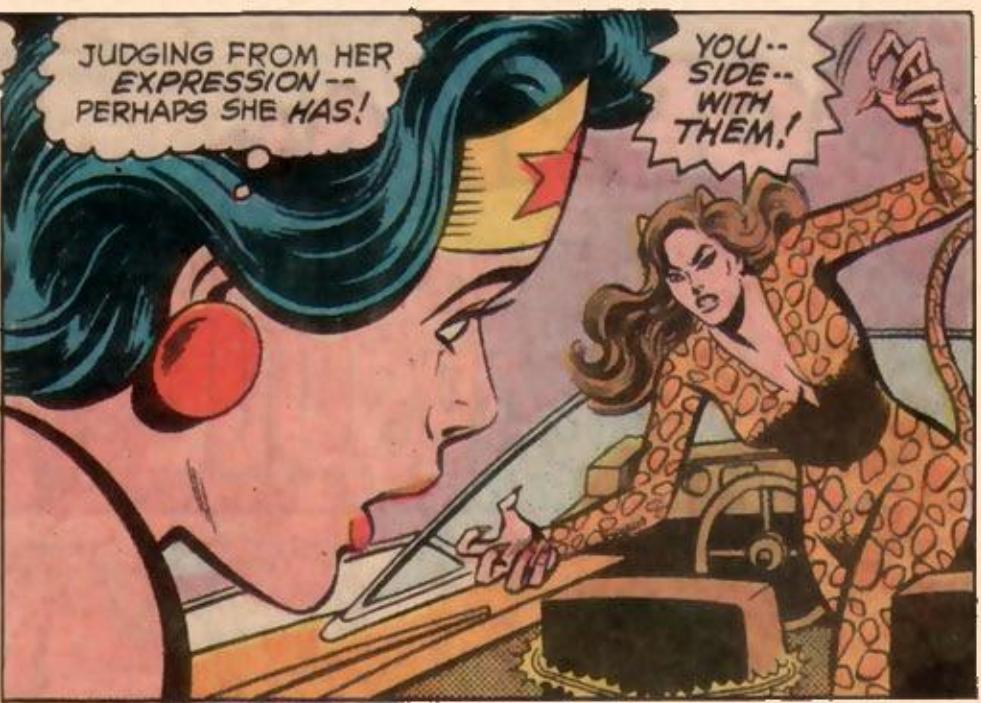
OUTER SPACE
HAD A LOT OF
INTERESTING
THINGS TO
SEE....

BUT ONLY
EARTH HAS
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FRUIT PIES
TO EAT.

AND THE
LIGHT, TENDER
CRUST I LIKE
SO MUCH.

YOU GET A BIG
DELIGHT
IN EVERY BITE
OF
HOSTESS®
FRUIT PIES

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I'VE LEARNED A GREAT DEAL IN THE LAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AMAZON!

I KNOW NOW,
PERSUASION
IS POINTLESS!

THE PLANET-RAPISTS MUST BE SLAIN! THE CHEETAH WILL CHAMPION THE EARTH!

SHE'S FAR WORSE THAN PRISCILLA RICH!

ALL THE ORIGINAL CHEETAH CARED ABOUT WAS PERSONAL REVENGE ON HER IMAGINED ENEMIES!

THIS CHEETAH THINKS THE WHOLE WORLD IS HER ENEMY! SHE'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO--

THUD

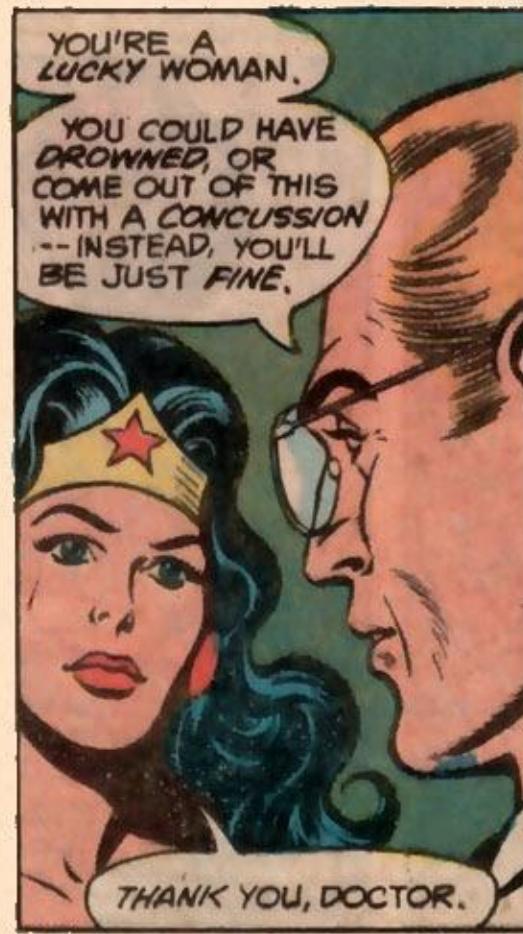
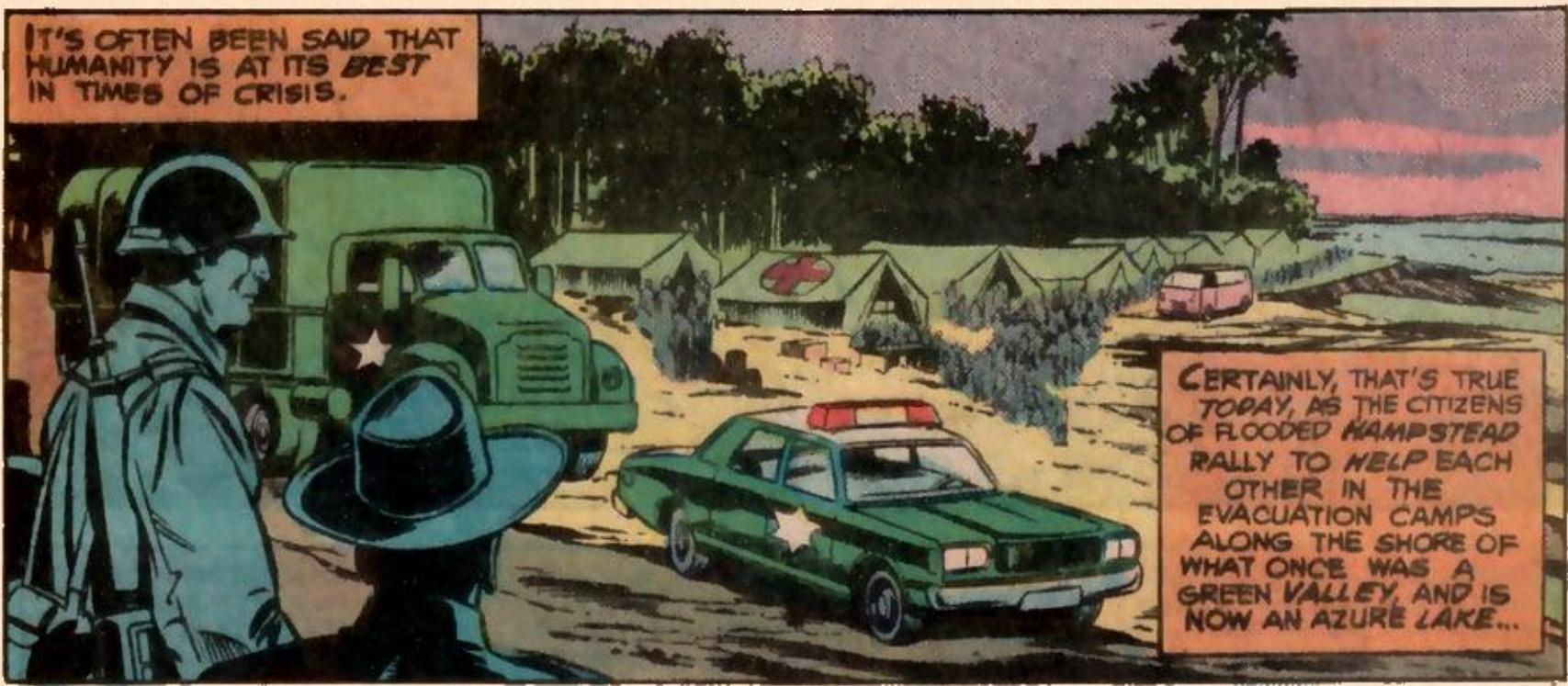
MOMENTARILY STUNNED UNCONSCIOUS, THE PRINCESS OF PARADISE ISLAND FLOATS UPWARD THROUGH A BIZARRE, UNDERWATER WORLD...

...A VISION, PERHAPS, OF THE FUTURE AS THE CHEETAH WOULD HAVE IT...

WHILE, ABOVE, THE WOULD-BE EARTH CHAMPION RELEASES A STYLIZED BALLOON... A GESTURE REMINISCENT OF A LESS BLOODTHIRSTY DEBBI DOMAIN...

...THOUGH IN THIS INSTANCE, THE MEMORY OF INNOCENCE IS MOCKED BY A DEADLY NEW INTENT...

DEATH
TO THE
PLANET
KILLERS



ANGEL, WE'LL NEVER BE EVEN FOR WHAT I OWE YOU.

HERE'S SOMETHING YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN... A POLICE REPORT.

YOU MENTIONED THE CHEETAH IN YOUR DELIRIUM. I CHECKED WITH THE LOCAL COPS, AND...

PRISCILLA RICH... DEAD?

THIS SAYS SHE WAS FOUND BY A POLICE PATROL LAST EVENING...



AN AUTUMN BREEZE
BRINGS A SCENT OF
BURNING LEAVES TO THE
QUIET STREETS OF
GEORGETOWN, NOT FAR
FROM THE CENTER OF
WASHINGTON, D.C. . . .



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THE SOUTH SHORE MARINA,
IN CHESAPEAKE BAY...

THIS IS DEBBI'S YACHT...
BUT SHE ISN'T ABOARD.



THIS MIGHT
BE A GOOD
OPPORTUNITY
TO LOOK
AROUND.
MAYBE
I CAN
FIND
SOMETHING
THAT MIGHT
EXPLAIN HOW A
SENSITIVE YOUNG
WOMAN CONCERNED
ABOUT THE ECOLOGY...









BEGINNING
NEXT
ISSUE:

THE KOBRA QUEST

JOURNEY NOW TO AN UNFAMILIAR WORLD... NOT THE ONE WHERE THE HEROES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE STAND PROUD - BUT EARTH-TWO, WHERE HELENA WAYNE CARRIES ON HER FATHER'S MISSION BY FIGHTING CRIME AS...

The Huntress

GUEST-STARRING
POWER-GIRL
(BECAUSE SHE
WOULDN'T HAVE
IT ANY OTHER
WAY!)

THERE'S A LOT OF TALK ABOUT CRIME RUNNING RAMPANT IN THE STREETS THESE DAYS - BUT DID YOU EVER STOP TO CONSIDER WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF EVERY CRIMINAL IN THE CITY STRUCK AT THE SAME TIME?

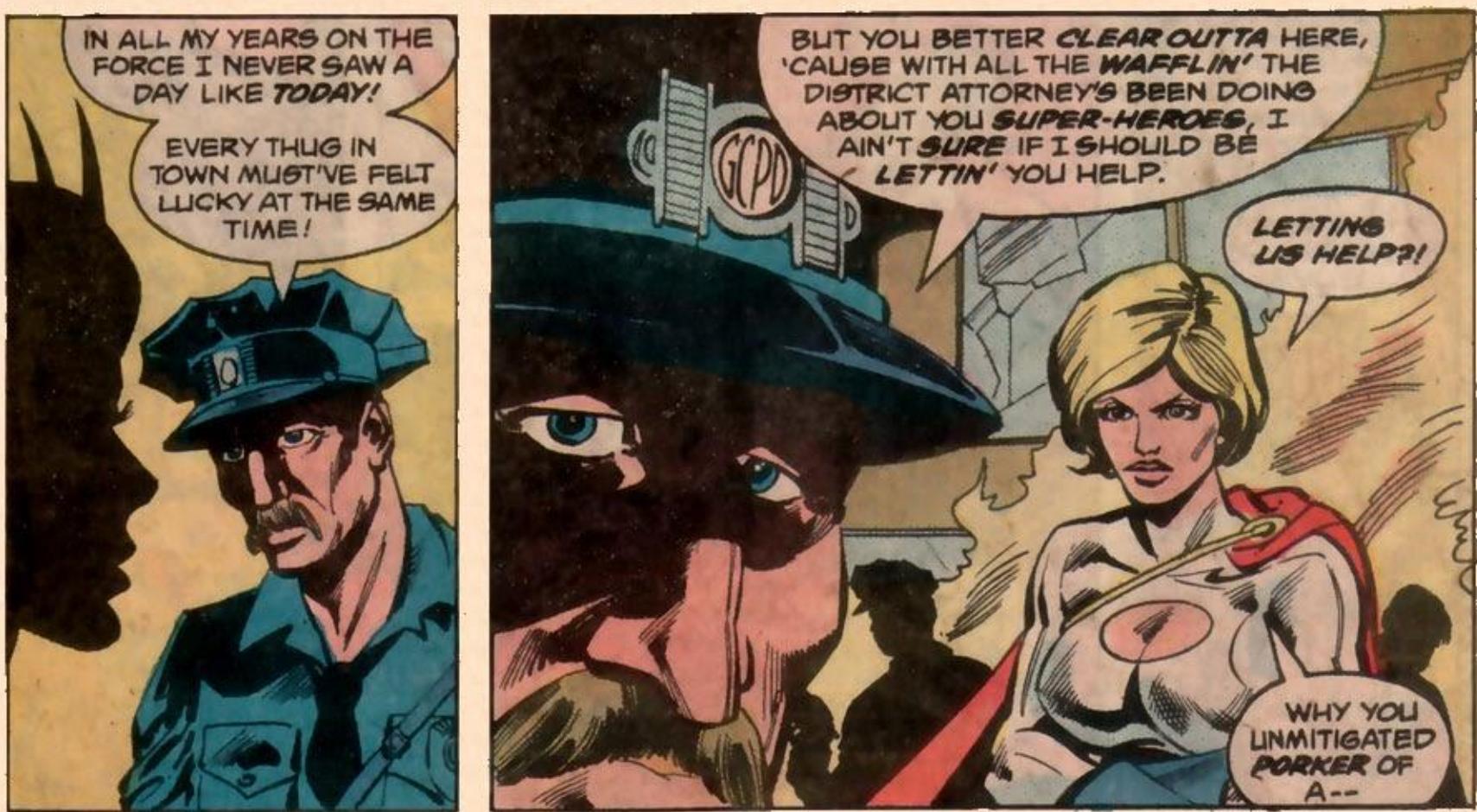
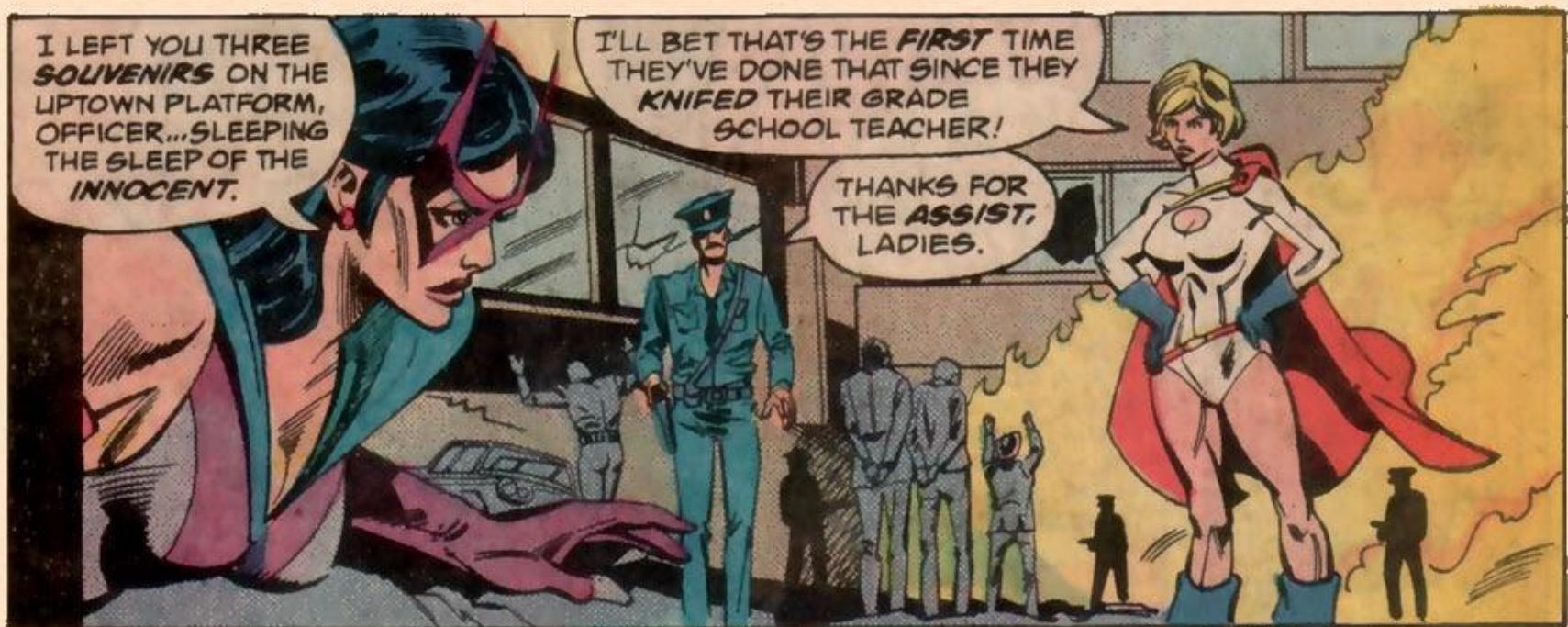
SHUDDER A SECOND, AND PUT THE THOUGHT RIGHT OUT OF YOUR MIND. AFTER ALL, IT COULD NEVER HAPPEN.

EXCEPT THAT IT JUST DID.

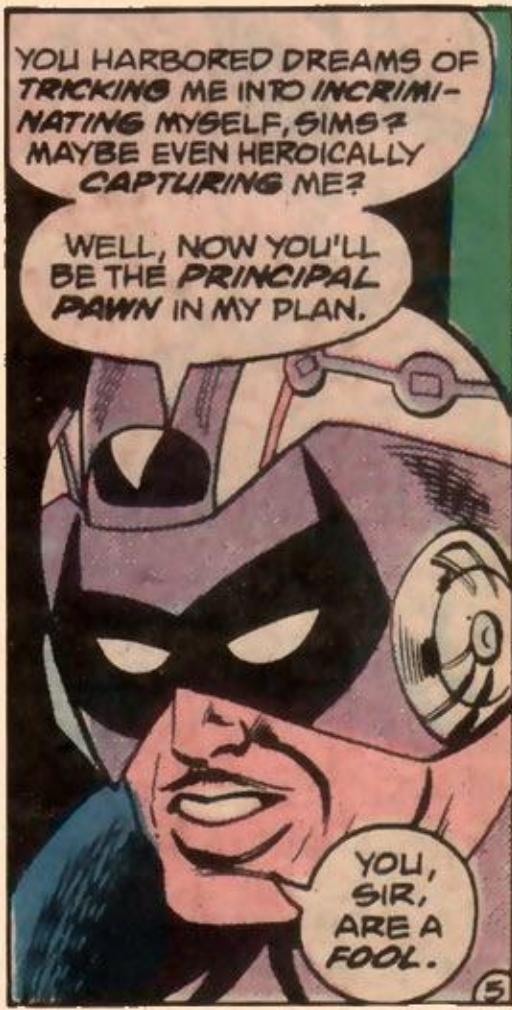
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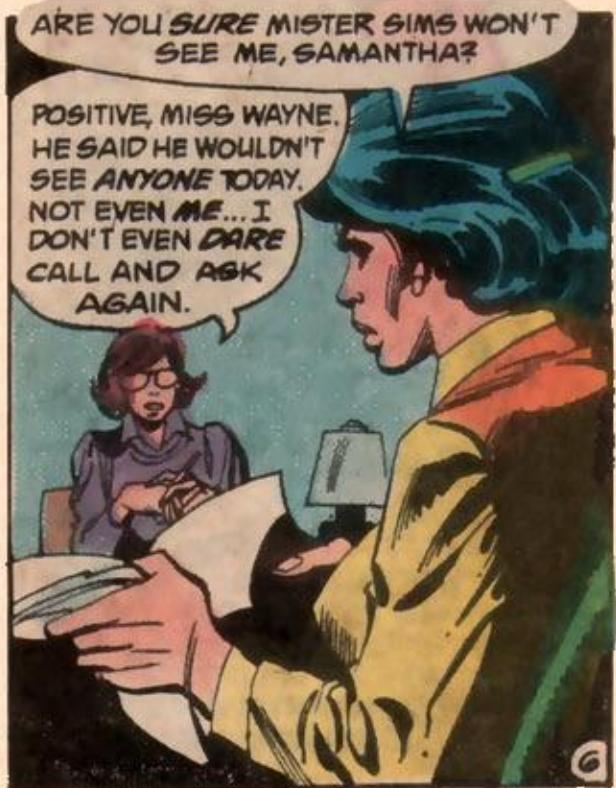
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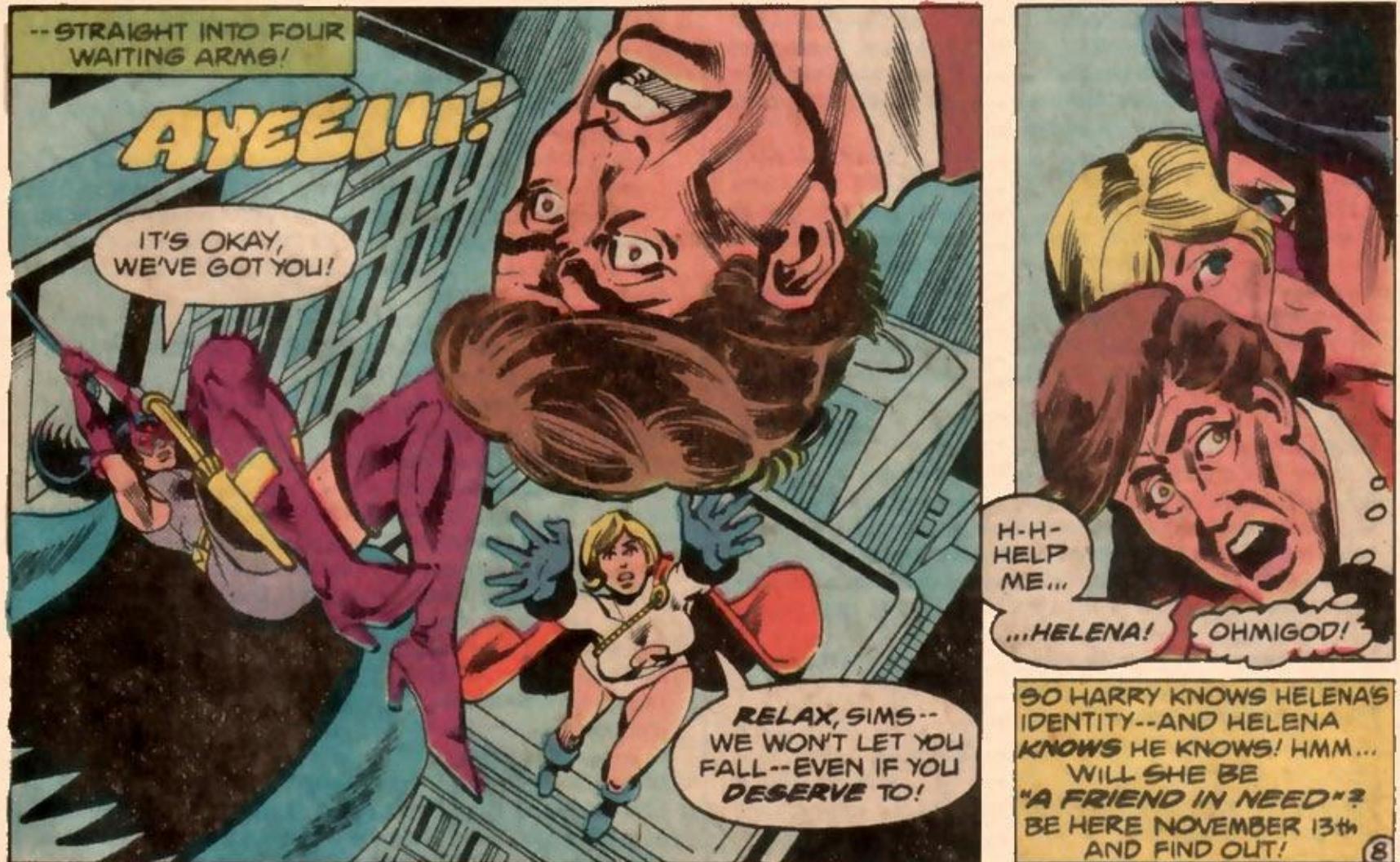


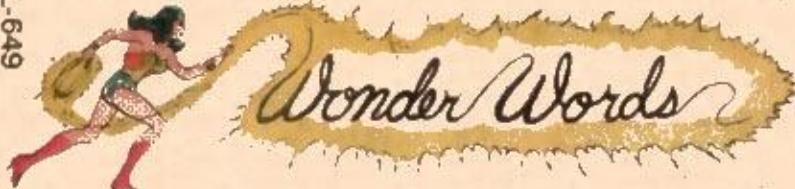












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Dear Len,

WONDER WOMAN seems to be improving with each issue. #270 was definitely an example of what she can be, given the proper treatment. This Paradise Island series will definitely be a dramatic turning point in the life of our heroine and the second chapter of the series "Rebirth on Paradise Island" shows all the reasons why.

Gerry Conway has certainly developed this story. Between the strange mists of forgetfulness that Aphrodite sent to Diana, the battle between the Amazons and the water creature, Diana's contact with the aliens, and the crashing of Steve Trevor again, we were given plenty of action. But this was not at the expense of the characterization. Throughout the story, Hippolyte and Aphrodite were more human and believable than ever before. And Diana was in rare form too; her fighting spirit and determination were intact and she seemed happy for the first time in many issues.

The art was also exceptional. It's strange how Delbo and Colletta turned out their best job, even though we only saw *Wonder Woman* in spirits and flashbacks. The backgrounds seemed more detailed, the characters drawn finer than previously. I love it.

Some other nice points on the issue: The cover was quite nice; keep Andru and Giordano as the regular cover team. The flashbacks of *Wonder Woman* with Steve Trevor and the review of their relationship up to now was welcome. It better set the tone than just the surprise crash would have. Diana's friendship with Cleo and Artesia was also nice, since we rarely see the same Amazons more than once. And the explanation of the aliens on Paradise Island was a nice twist which made for an interesting battle.

Finally, on the "rebirth" of Steve Trevor. I'd rather not see him back, but if his return is the only way we'll see some stability in the book, I'll accept it. Personally, I'd like to see Diana and Steve go their separate ways and just be friends, but I doubt this will happen. One request, though—if Steve does become Diana's regular boyfriend again, don't let this be the end of her other friendships, male and female. There's no reason why characters like Lance, Tod, Animal-Man, etc. have to cease to exist because Steve is back. And if he really is back for good, don't kill him off again!

CHUCK SMALL
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The return of Steve Trevor was the topic of most of the letters this time around—which is not really surprising! As for Diana's other friends, Chuck, now that we've moved her back to Washington again, those people she knew in New York won't be around very much. But that doesn't mean she'll never see them again...particularly if reader reaction prompts their return!—TPS

Dear Len and Ted,

In my "Man and Nature" course this semester, I had the pleasure of sitting next to a very pleasing-looking woman. Obviously, it made my class even more interesting, though for some reason I can't remember what was covered in the class. Imagine my surprise when I discovered she was a *Wonder Woman* fan. Every time I had a new issue of WW, I let her read it.

I was searching for something to say about #270 and the return of Steve Trevor came to mind. All she said was, "They brought him back...again?"

MIKE SOPP
438 West 32nd Street
Erie, PA 16508

What do you do for an encore, Mike? Invite her on a date to read your back issues?—TPS

Dear Len,

AHHHHHHHHHHHHH

What are you guys trying to do? Steve Trevor is coming back again? Why him? If *Wonder Woman* is going to fall in love with him again, I might as well stop reading the book. Why can't she fall in love with somebody more her equal, like *Superman*?

JIM KUNKLE

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Because Lois Lane would be jealous, that's why! And since one good scream deserves another, here's our next yell!—TPS

Dear Len,

AAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRGGGGGGHHHHHH! You did it! You really did it! You changed around 40 years of history just to bring that creep back! I wasn't here the first time Trevor got knocked off, but the second time was the happiest day of my life. Now you're bringing him back again! Make up your minds!

JON HECK

No Address Given

And then, on the other hand...—TPS

Dear Wonder Gang:

This issue was fabulous. Keep Steve Trevor! Have his rebirth taken care of by Aphrodite so he doesn't have to hide his identity! Steve Trevor Howard we can do without!

ANTHONY PETER MOLCHAN

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Dear Len,

Wonder Woman without Steve is an Amazon, pure and simple, without depth, without any real connection to this world. His return is the best thing you could have done. There may not be that many Steve Trevor fanatics around, but this will be best for the book in the long run. He may seem to be a male Lois Lane, but he is as necessary to *Wonder Woman*'s appeal as Lois is to *Superman*'s. You won't regret this!

AL SCHROEDER III

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We hope we won't, All—Ted P. Skinner

LEN'S LINE-UP

THE FLASH #293—*Flash* and *Firestorm* join forces in "The Deadliest Man Alive" by Gerry Conway, George Perez and Bob Smith. Plus: A *Flash* solo tale by Conway and Don Heck, "The Pied Piper's Paradox Peril!"

JUSTICE LEAGUE #186—"Who Can Stop the Shaggy Man?" Gerry Conway, George Perez and Frank McLaughlin provide the answers.

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TEEN TITANS #3—*Doctor Light* is back with a new team of villains in "Beware the Fearful Five" by Marv Wolfman, George Perez and Romeo Tanghal.

HOUSE OF MYSTERY #287—J.M. DeMatteis and Dan Spiegle open the door on "The Piper at the Gates of Hell"; Mike W. Barr and Jess Jodioman declare "Open Season"; Wyatt Gwyon and Frank Redondo find "Blood on the Sand"; and Robert Kanigher and E.R. Cruz are on hand "When the Sea Gives Up Its Dead".

UNKNOWN SOLDIER #247—It's off to Russia for "A Season in Hell" with the Faceless Warrior and Bob Haney, Dick Ayers and Gerry Talaoc. Plus: "Jinx of the Duck" by Cary Burkett, Ayers and John Celardo; and "Warrior Son" by Robert Kanigher and Tom Yeates.

MYSTERY IN SPACE #115—Journey to the "Planet of Loathing" with Steve Utley and Steve Ditko; gain "Diplomatic Immunity" with David Allikas, Denys Cowen and John Celardo; be declared "Certified Safe" by Arnold Drake and Brian Bolland; meet "That Which Conquers All" with John Ellis Sech and Greg LaRocque; and take a ride in the "Ark" with Mike W. Barr, George Tuska and Bob Wiacek.