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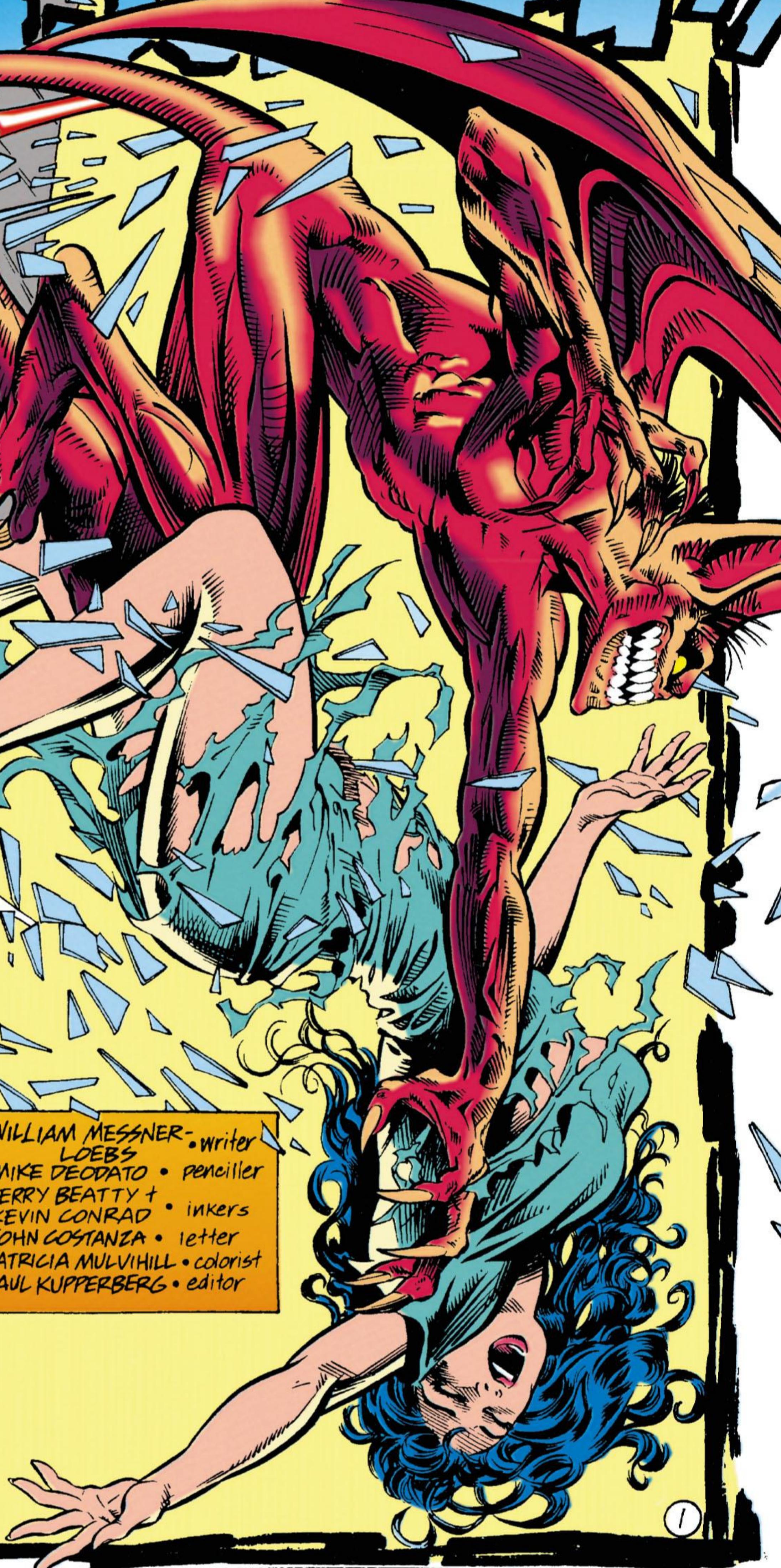
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EVERYTHING WAS CONFUSED. A MOMENT BEFORE SHE HAD BEEN IN DONNA MILTON'S ROOM, WAITING FOR HER FRIEND TO GET BACK FROM SURGERY. A SUDDEN RIPPING PAIN HAD THROWN HER AGAINST THE WINDOW.

THEN, THE GLASS HAD BROKEN AROUND HER AND THE COLD, DEADLY AIR WAS WHISTLING ABOUT HER. WHAT WAS HAPPENING?

BLACK, BLIND DESTINY

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THIS WAS SOME KIND OF FLYING CREATURE. THE SCALES ON ITS WINGS CUT INTO HER FLESH LIKE RAZORS. ITS BREATH WAS REDOLENT OF ROAD KILL.

THE CREATURE APPARENTLY HAD NO LIFTING ABILITY. IT COULD ONLY FLY ITSELF. THEY WERE IN FREE FALL.

HER OWN FLYING ABILITY HAD BEEN SLOWLY RETURNING, BY FITS AND STARTS. IF SHE COULD JUST SUMMON IT, EVEN A LITTLE... FORCE THEM AGAINST THE BUILDING... THEY MIGHT END UP...

...INSIDE!

LEVERAGE... WITH A PLACE TO STAND, SHE COULD PUT ALL THIS MOMENTUM...

WHOMP

TO HER ADVANTAGE.

WHAW WHAW

THIS WAS NO ANIMAL OR DEMON. SHE WAS CERTAIN OF THAT MUCH. IT WAS HUMAN.

HUMAN, AND FILLED WITH A DEEP, KILLING RAGE.

SHE HAD TO STOP IT... BY ANY MEANS... BEFORE IT DESTROYED HER AND THEN EVERYTHING IN THE HOSPITAL.

BUT IF IT WAS HUMAN, IT COULD
FEEL FEAR... IT COULD FEEL
PAIN... IT COULD DIE...

SHE WOULD CRUSH THIS
HIDEOUS THING... SHE WOULD
CLING TO IT UNTIL IT STRANGLED
IN ITS OWN BILE... UNTIL ITS
BONES WERE TURNED TO
PASTE AND ITS BLOOD RAN
RED WITH...

...FIRE?



AND QUESTIONS.

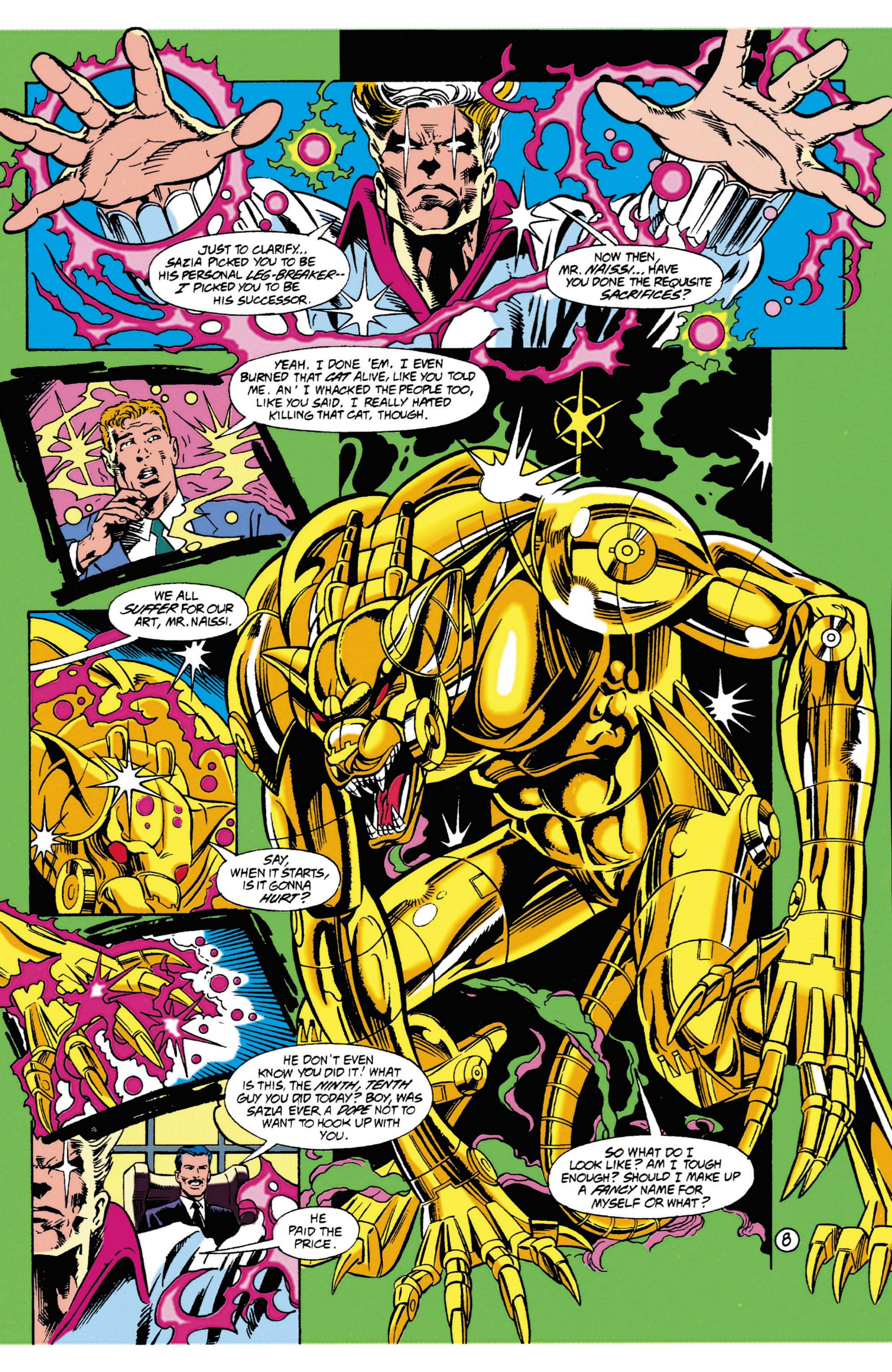
YOUR NAME IS JOHN NAISSI, YES? TELL ME, MR. NAISSI, WHY DO YOU WANT TO BE A SUPER-VILLAIN?

WELL, 'CAUSE I NEVER BEEN ONE. SEEKS T'ME LIKE GUYS LIKE THE JOKER AN' MR. FROST AN' THE GREEN CIGARETTE GET ALL TH' GOOD JOBS. THEY GET WROTE ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPER TOO.

'SIDES, WORD'S OUT THAT MR. LONGO IS ONLY GONNA BE PROMOTIN' META-GUYS FROM NOW ON AN' I WANNA BE ONE OF THEM.

A GOOD ANSWER. I TRUST OBEDIENCE WEDDED TO AMBITION.

SEE, WADDYA TELL YOU, RANDOLPH? MY GUYS ARE SMART. THAT'S WHY TONY SAZIA PICKED PAULIE LONGO FOR HIS SUCCESSOR. HE SEEN SOMETHING IN ME. I'M AN ORGANIZER... AN' I'M A PEOPLE PERSON. THAT'S WHY YOU AND ME ARE GONNA WORK GREAT TOGETHER!



JUST TO CLARIFY...
SAZIA PICKED YOU TO BE
HIS PERSONAL LEG-BREAKER--
I PICKED YOU TO BE
HIS SUCCESSOR.

NOW THEN,
MR. NAISSI... HAVE
YOU DONE THE REQUISITE
SACRIFICES?



YEAH. I DONE 'EM. I EVEN
BURNED THAT CAT ALIVE, LIKE YOU TOLD
ME. AN' I WHACKED THE PEOPLE TOO,
LIKE YOU SAID. I REALLY HATED
KILLING THAT CAT, THOUGH.

WE ALL
SUFFER FOR OUR
ART, MR. NAISSI.

SAY,
WHEN IT STARTS,
IS IT GONNA
HURT?

HE DON'T EVEN
KNOW YOU DID IT! WHAT
IS THIS, THE NINTH, TENTH
GUY YOU DID TODAY? BOY, WAS
SAZIA EVER A DOPE NOT TO
WANT TO HOOK UP WITH
YOU.

HE
PAID THE
PRICE.

SO WHAT DO I
LOOK LIKE? AM I TOUGH
ENOUGH? SHOULD I MAKE UP
A FANCY NAME FOR
MYSELF OR WHAT?

THIS IS THE ADDRESS WHERE YOU WILL FIND YOUR TARGET. THERE SHOULD BE ONLY TWO OR THREE WOMEN FOR YOU TO DEAL WITH, BUT TAKE NO CHANCES.

YOU CAN CALL YOURSELF... DREADNOUGHT, IF YOU WISH.

THIS IS GREAT. WHEN THE OTHER BOSSSES SEE THE KIND OF FIREPOWER I CAN MUSTER, THEY'LL ROLL OVER LIKE WHIPPED DOGS!

SAY, THAT'S AN IDEA... NEXT GUY, LET'S CALL HIM FIREPOWER!

IF YOU WISH.

BY THE WAY... SAZIA HAD A NEW BRIDE. SHE WITNESSED HIS... DEMISE. ARE YOU SURE SHE WON'T CAUSE TROUBLE?

I'M SURE.

"WITH SAZIA GONE, SHE'S GOT NO JUICE. THIS MORNING I HADDA COUPLE OF THE BOYS 'SPLAIN THE FACTS OF LIFE TO HER. HOW THE TRAIN JUST PULLED INTO PITTSBURGH AN' HER STOP IS PITTSBURGH.

"HEY, BROADS LIKE THAT... THEY ALWAYS LAND ON THEIR FEET, RIGHT?"



HER NAME IS CAMILLE SLY. AND THE ONLY SOUNDS IN THE ROOM ARE THE ONES IN HER HEAD. LIKE A DREAM, THE IMAGES FROM THE ANCIENT MOVIE UNWIND BEFORE HER. IT IS A DREAM SHE NEVER TIRES OF...



NOW SHE IS AN ECCENTRIC OLD WOMAN PEOPLE SMILE AT IN THE STREET. THEN SHE WAS A STAR. THEY CALLED HER "DOUG FAIRBANKS IN PETTICOATS".

THE SAME YEAR JOHN BARRYMORE MADE "DON JUAN," SHE MADE "THE DUELING COUNTESS".





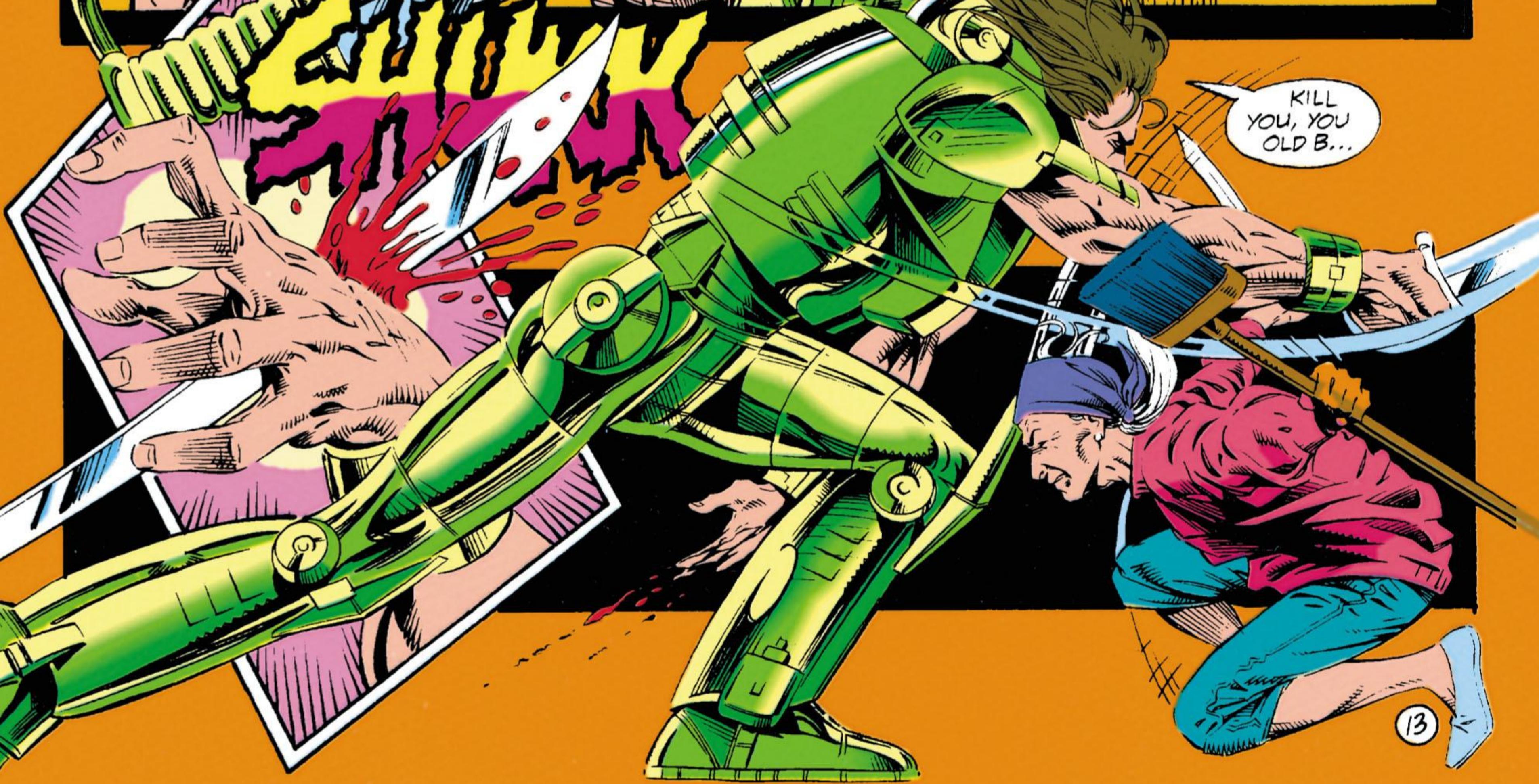
WRONG,
VARLETS! NOBODY
VIOLATES MY HOUSE
AND ATTACKS
MY TENANTS.

EVERYONE
HERE IS UNDER
MY PROTECTION!

IT'S SOME
OLD LADY WITH
A SWORD!

I'M
GONNA MAKE YOU
EAT THAT PIG-
STICKER, OLD
LADY.

I'M
NO LADY...





HEY...!

XHAKK

WHOKK!

I'LL BREAK
YOUR NECK...!
I'LL...

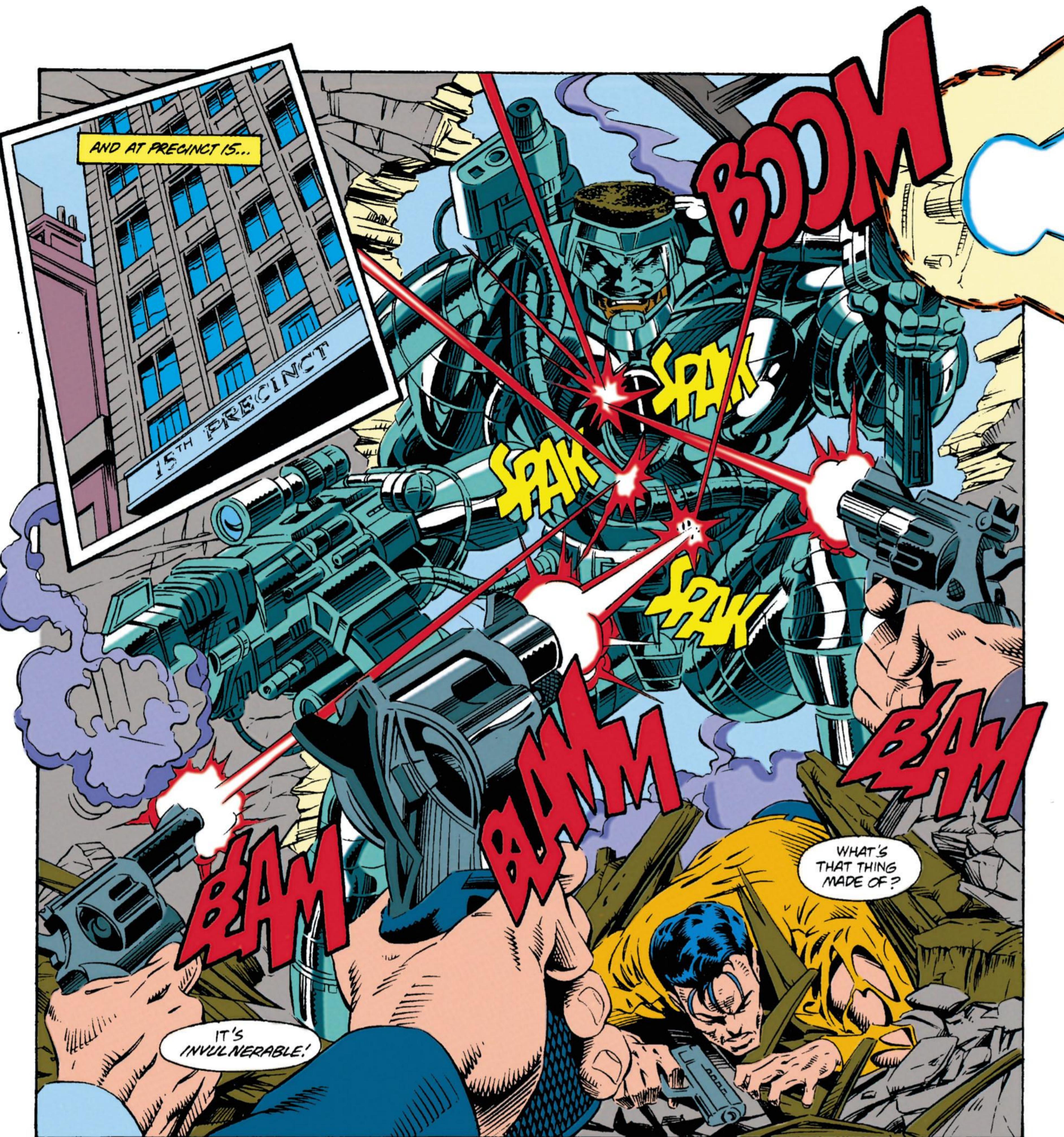
ACKK...!

SKLATCH

WHMPP

HUHN... HUHN...
NOBODY HURTS MY GIRLS,
YOU WOLFHEADS.

JASTRO
BROS

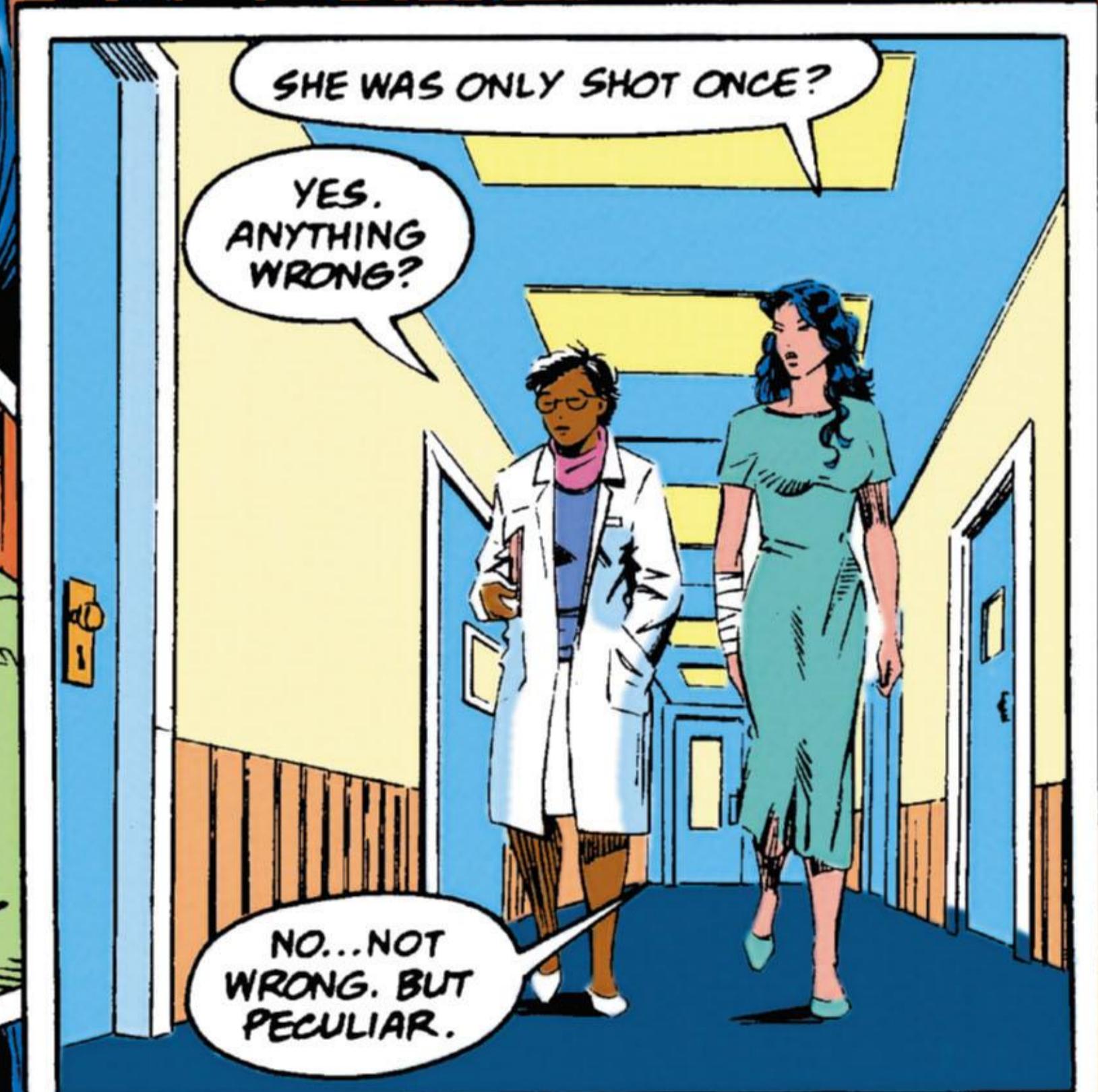




WHAT ABOUT THE... MY OPPONENT? WERE YOU ABLE TO ANALYZE WHAT HE WAS?

ANALYZE WHAT? THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT! EXCEPT THAT HALF THE ELECTRONICS IN THE HOSPITAL WERE FRIED!

EVERYTHING'S GOING TO HELL. WE TRIED TO CALL THE POLICE, BUT THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE PHONE LINES AT THEIR END. NO ANSWER. NOT EVEN FROM THE NUMBER YOU GAVE US FOR YOUR FRIEND THE INSPECTOR.



I WAS SURE SHE HAD BEEN SHOT SEVERAL TIMES. AND BY A GUN DESIGN ED TO KILL METAHUMANS.

WELL, YOU MIGHT'VE BEEN CONFUSED. IT'S HARD TO KEEP EVENTS STRAIGHT WHEN YOU'RE UNDER STRESS.

I SUPPOSE.

AND I KNOW FOR SURE YOUR FRIEND'S NOT METAHUMAN. WE ROUTINELY TEST FOR THE GENE NOW WHEN NEW PATIENTS COME IN.

THAT LITTLE BUNDLE OF ACTIVITY ISN'T METAHUMAN EITHER.

SO YOU ARE STRICTLY HUMAN, LITTLE ONE? GOOD FOR YOU. THE WORLD IS A COMPLICATED PLACE WHEN YOU HAVE POWERS AND ABILITIES FAR ABOVE EVERYONE ELSE.

BUT I SWEAR IF EVER YOU NEED HELP, I WILL BE THERE.

"FOR THE WORLD IS A DANGEROUS PLACE, AND FILLED WITH JOY AND MISERY..."

"AND WE MUST ALWAYS STAND BY OUR FRIENDS..."

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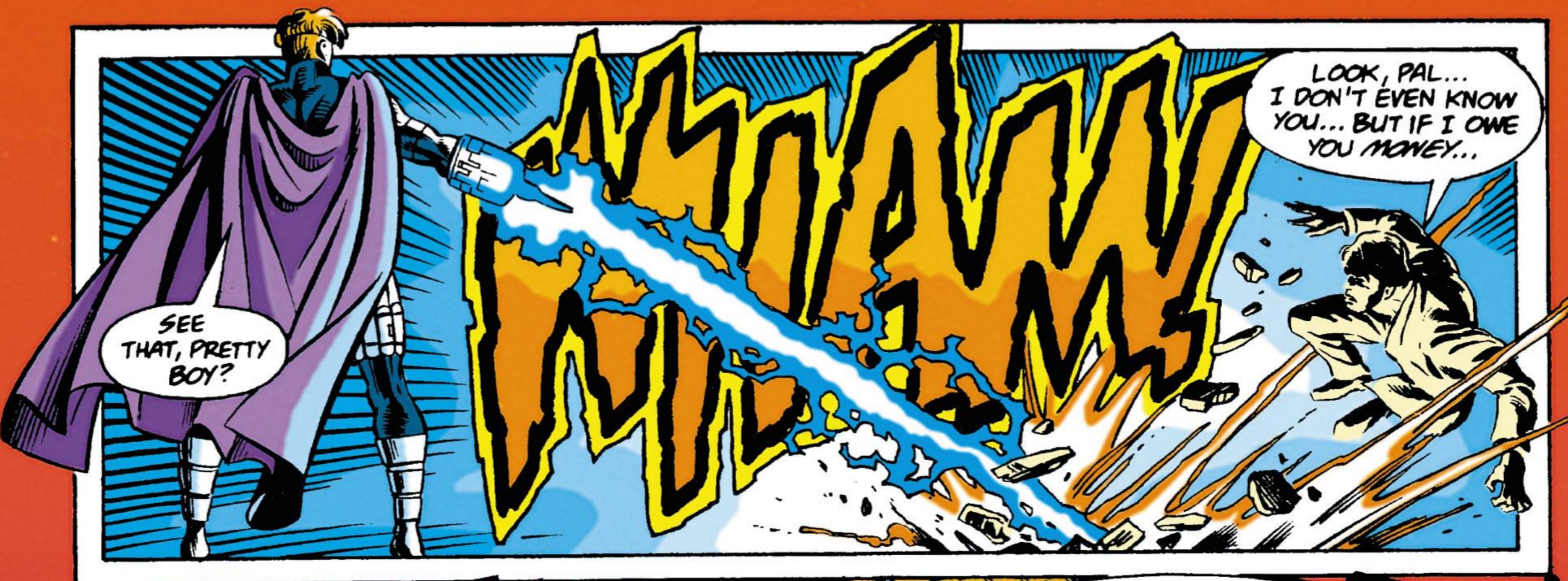
SUPPOSE YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU'RE GONNA DIE, HUH, RAINS?

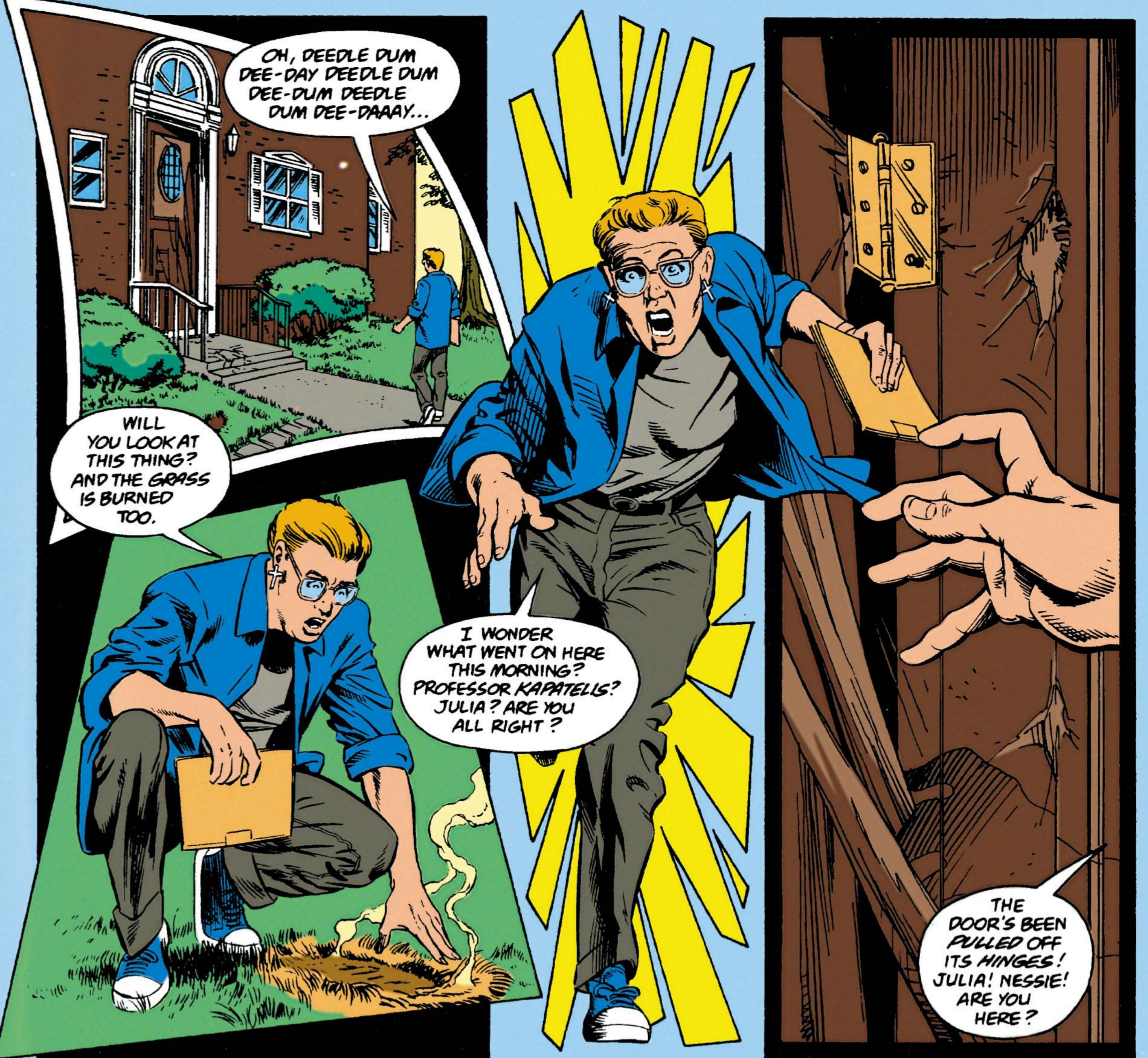
MAYBE IF YOU REALLY WANT TO TELL ME...

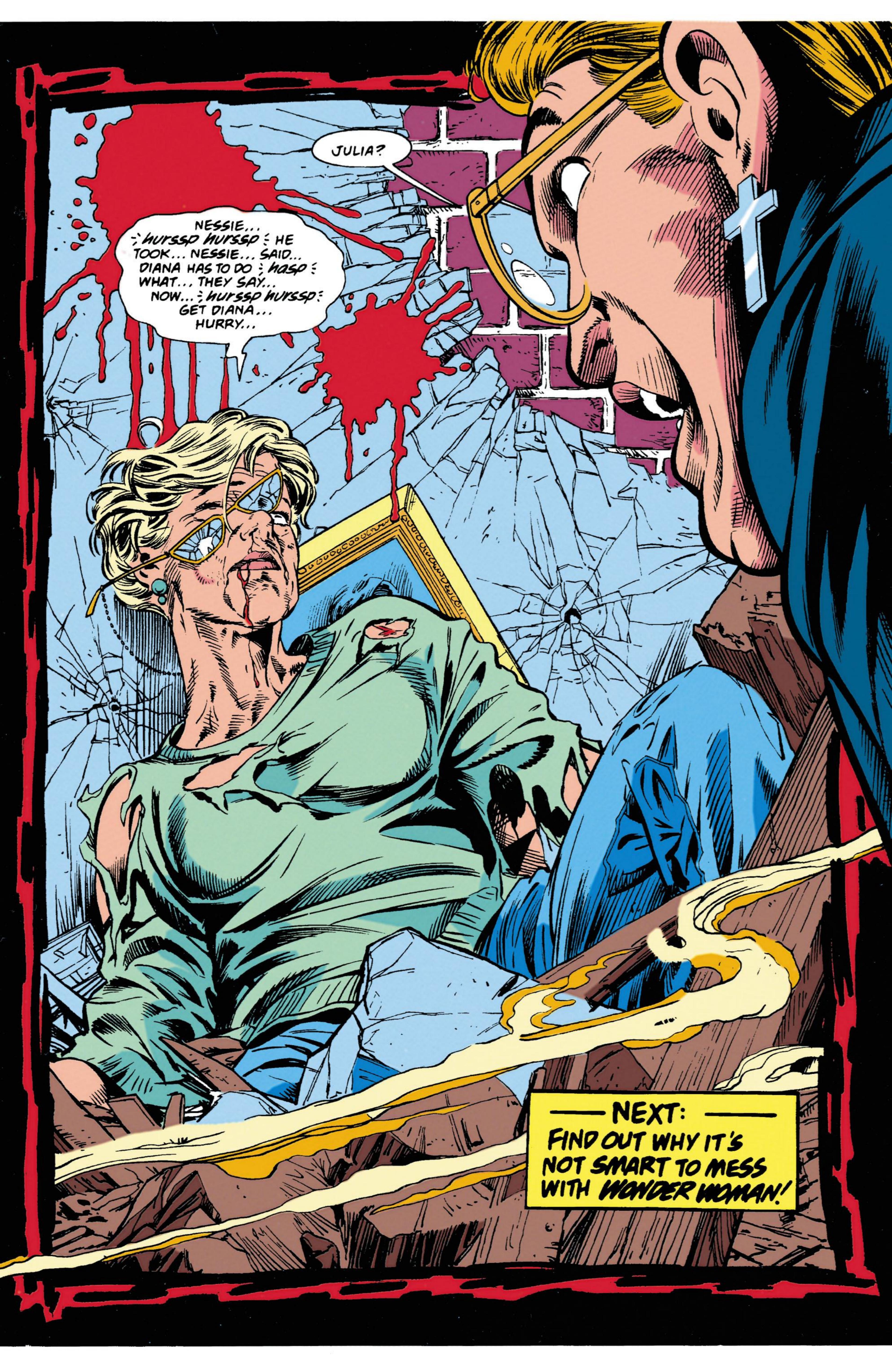
OR WE COULD JUST KEEP DANCING. THAT'S BEEN SO MUCH FUN UP TILL NOW.

MEN CALL ME SALVO, THE HUMAN CANNON. I CAN THROW A THOUSAND POWER BLASTS FROM MY HANDS!

I CAN DESTROY ANYTHING THAT LIVES!







JULIA?

NESSIE...
; HURSSP HURSSP : HE
TOOK... NESSIE... SAID...
DIANA HAS TO DO : HOSO :
WHAT... THEY SAY...
NOW... ; HURSSP HURSSP :
GET DIANA...
HURRY...

— NEXT:
FIND OUT WHY IT'S
NOT SMART TO MESS
WITH WONDER WOMAN!

FROM THE ARTIST OF
THE NEW TEEN TITANS
AND CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS

GEORGE PÈREZ

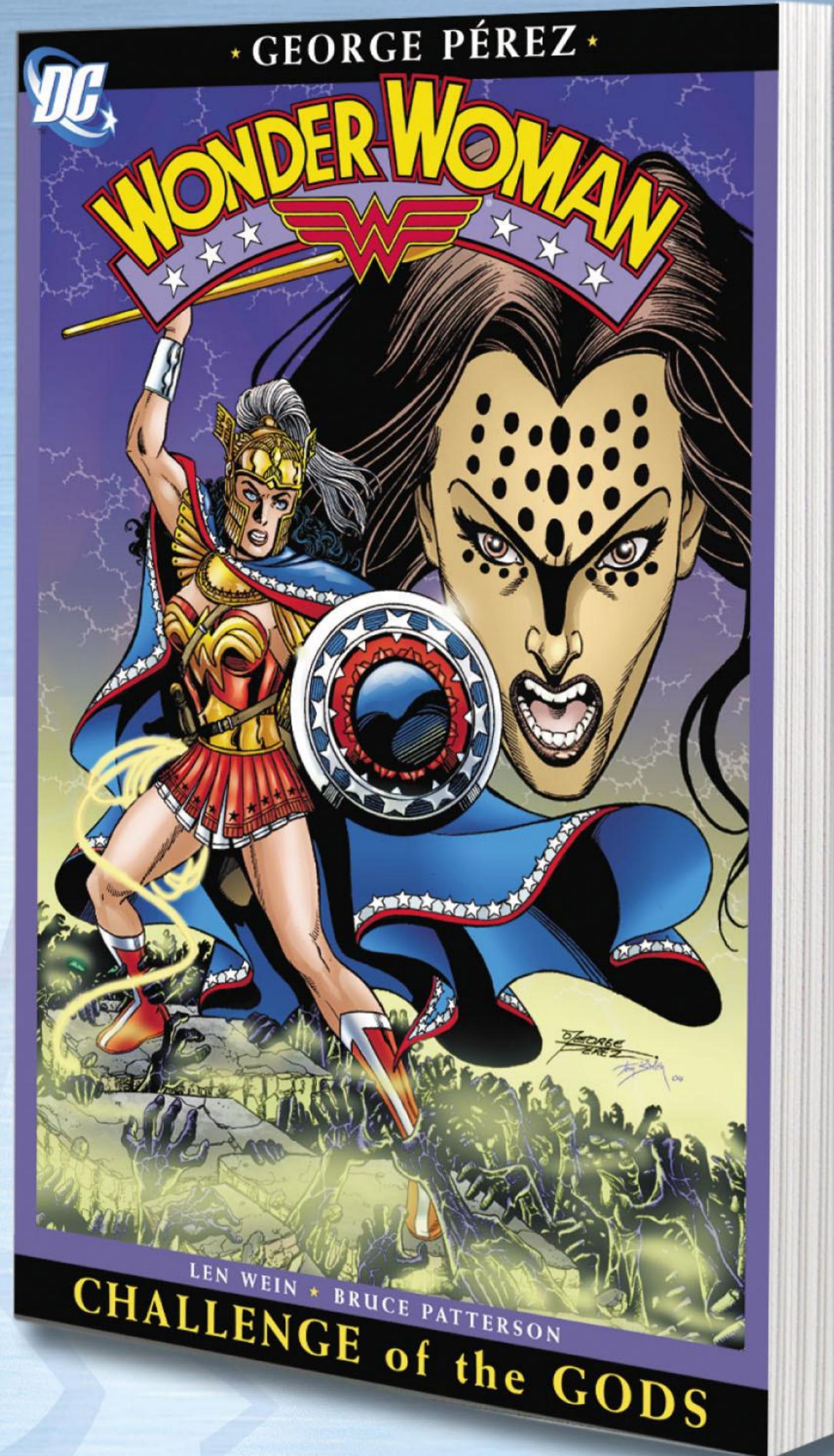
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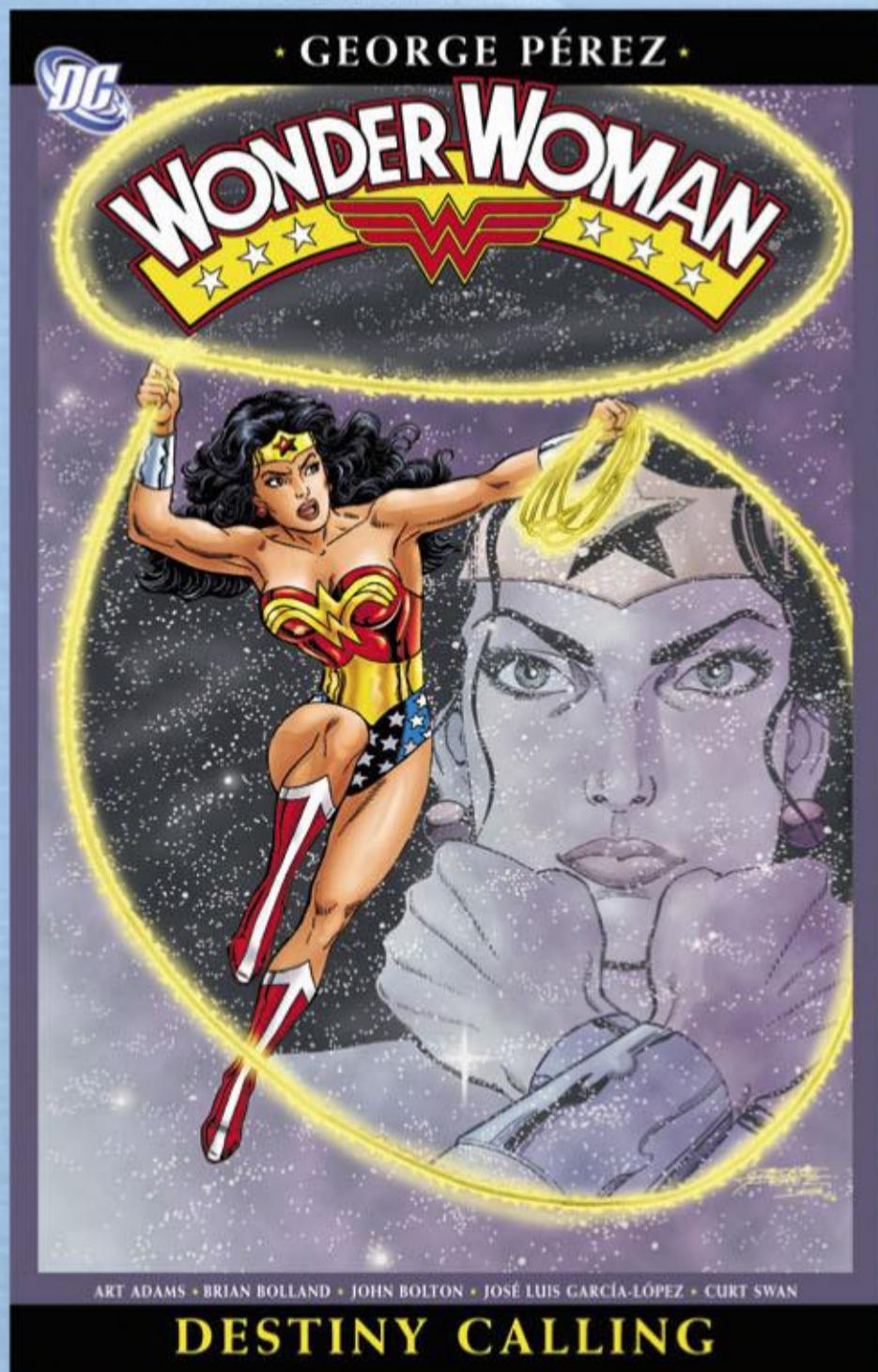
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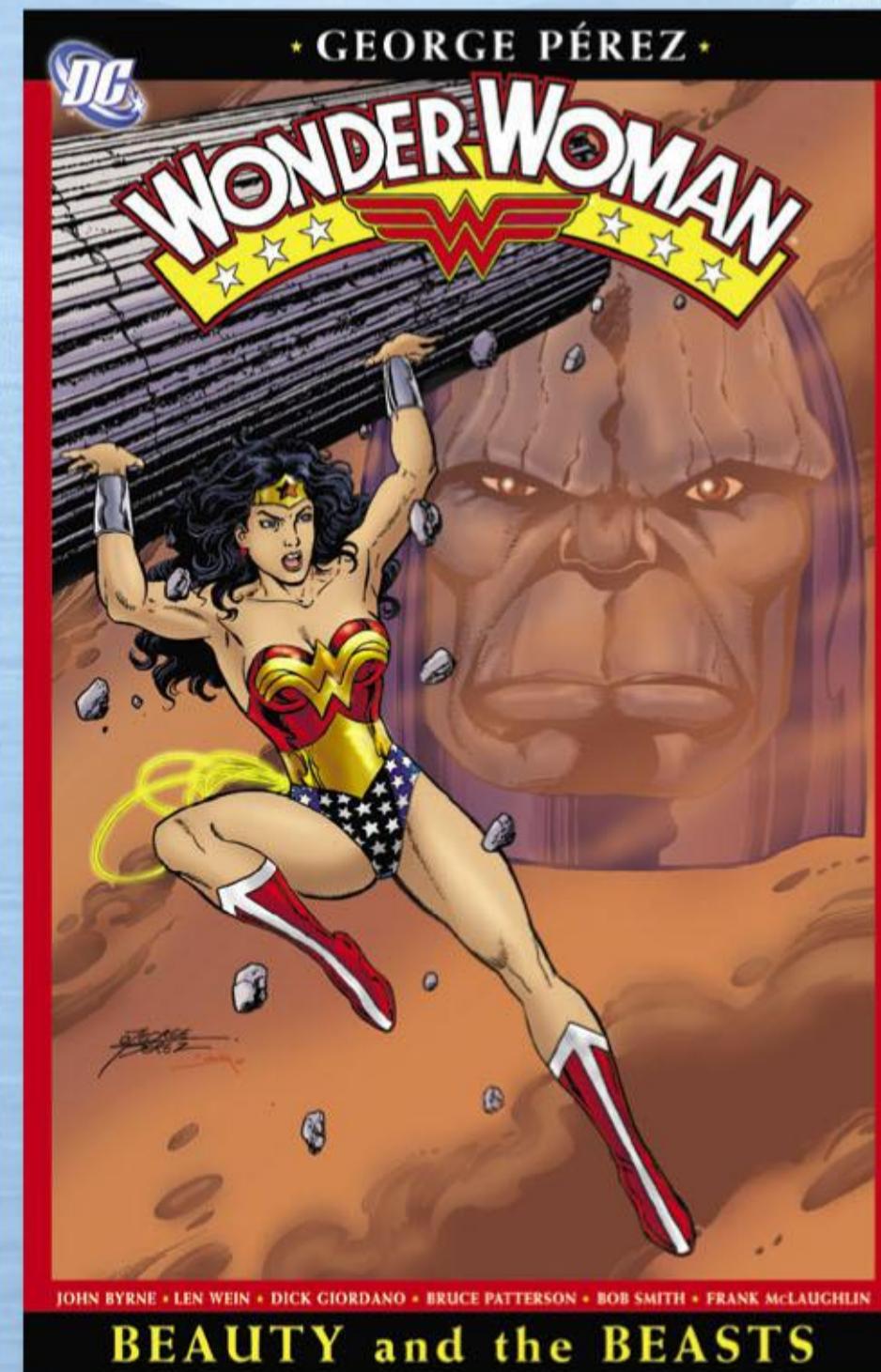
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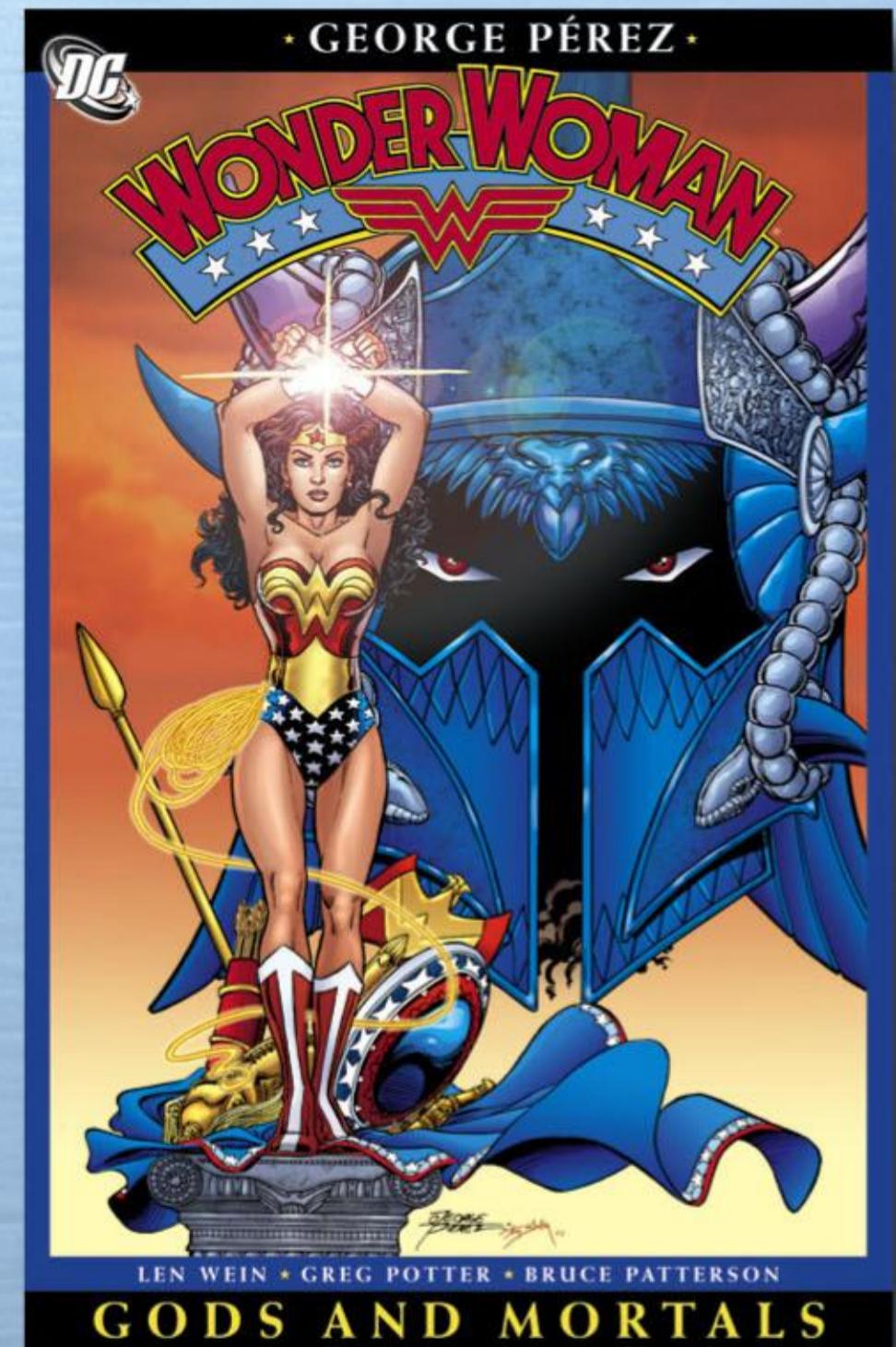
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