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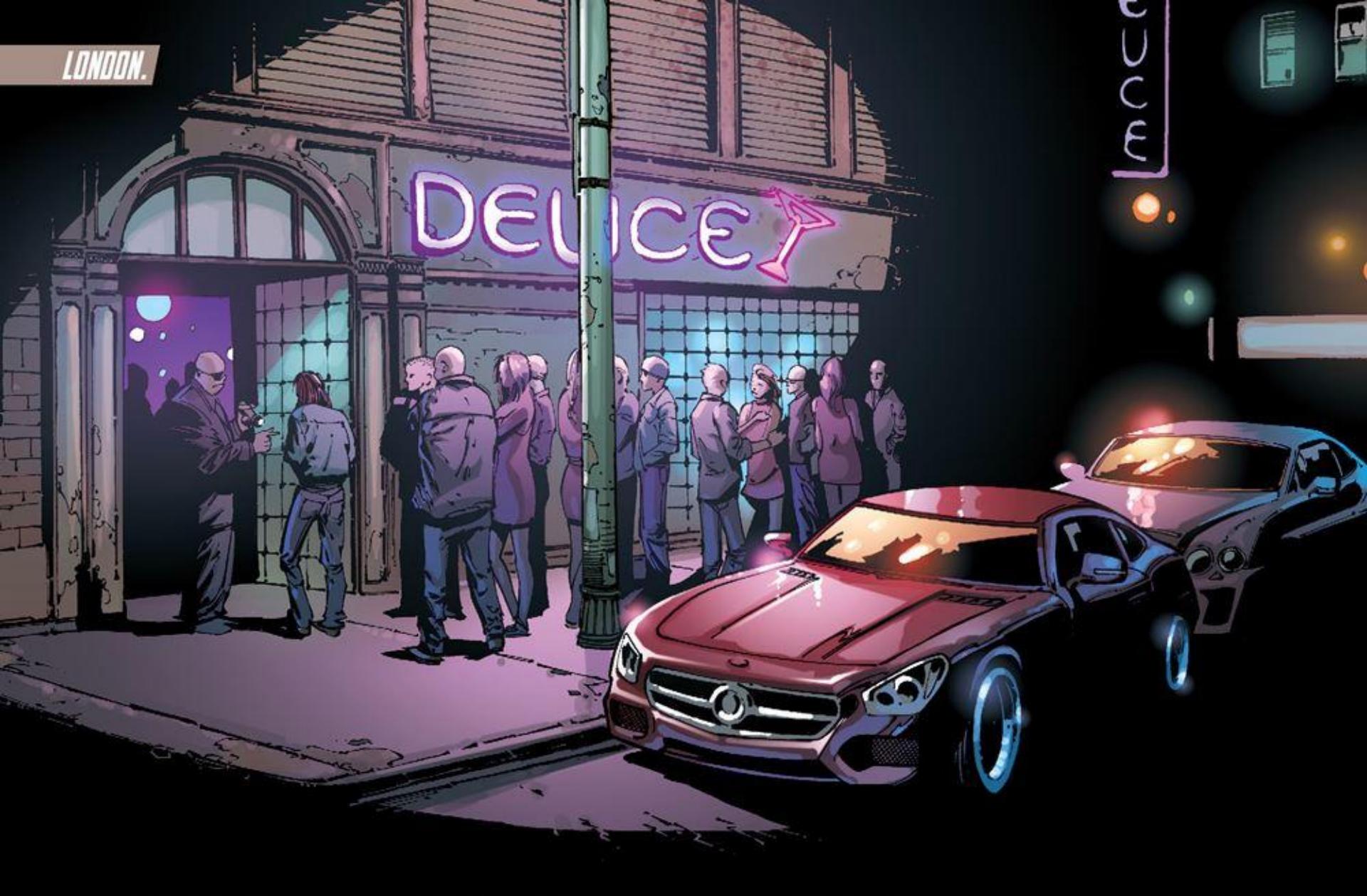
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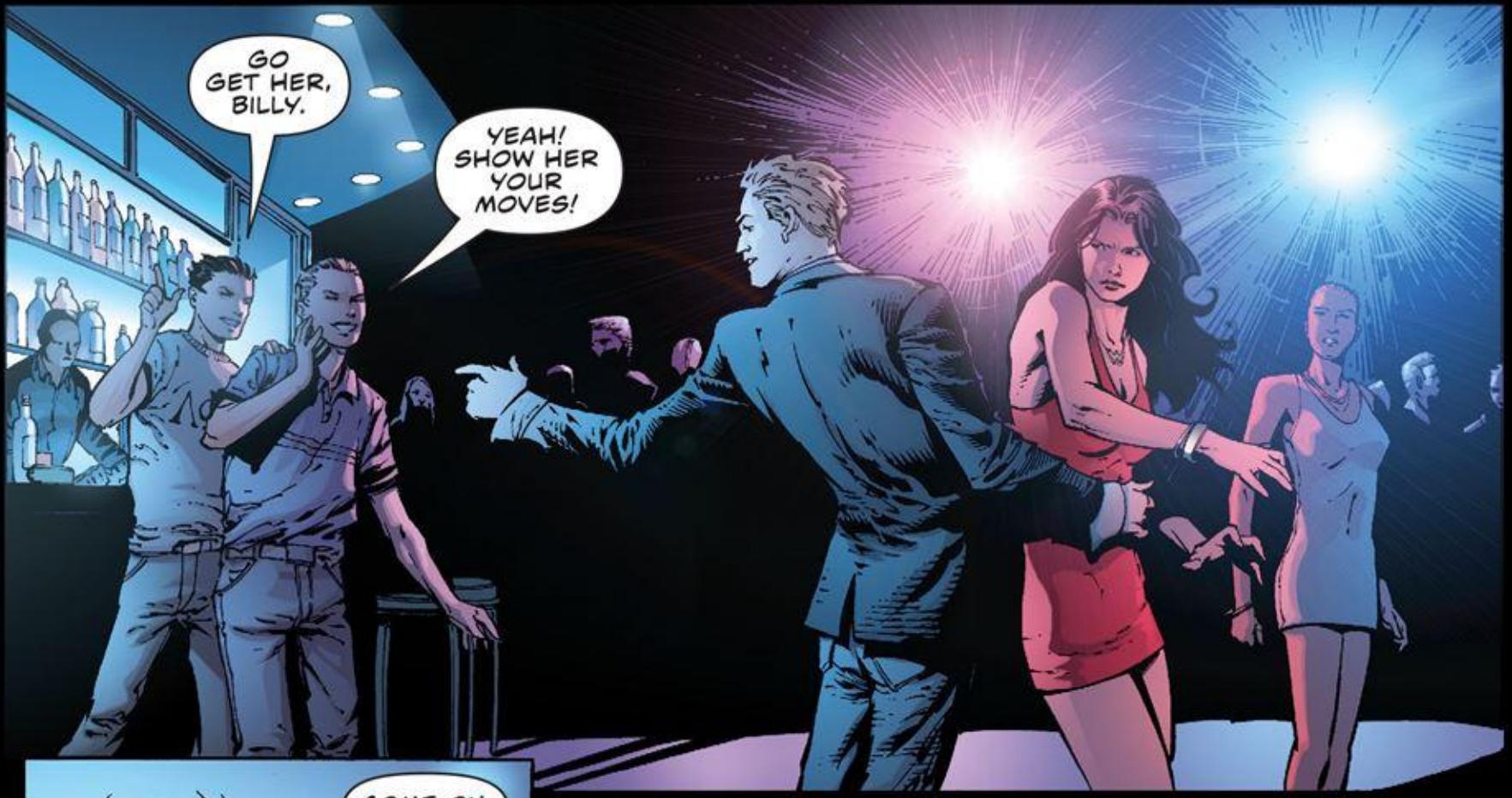
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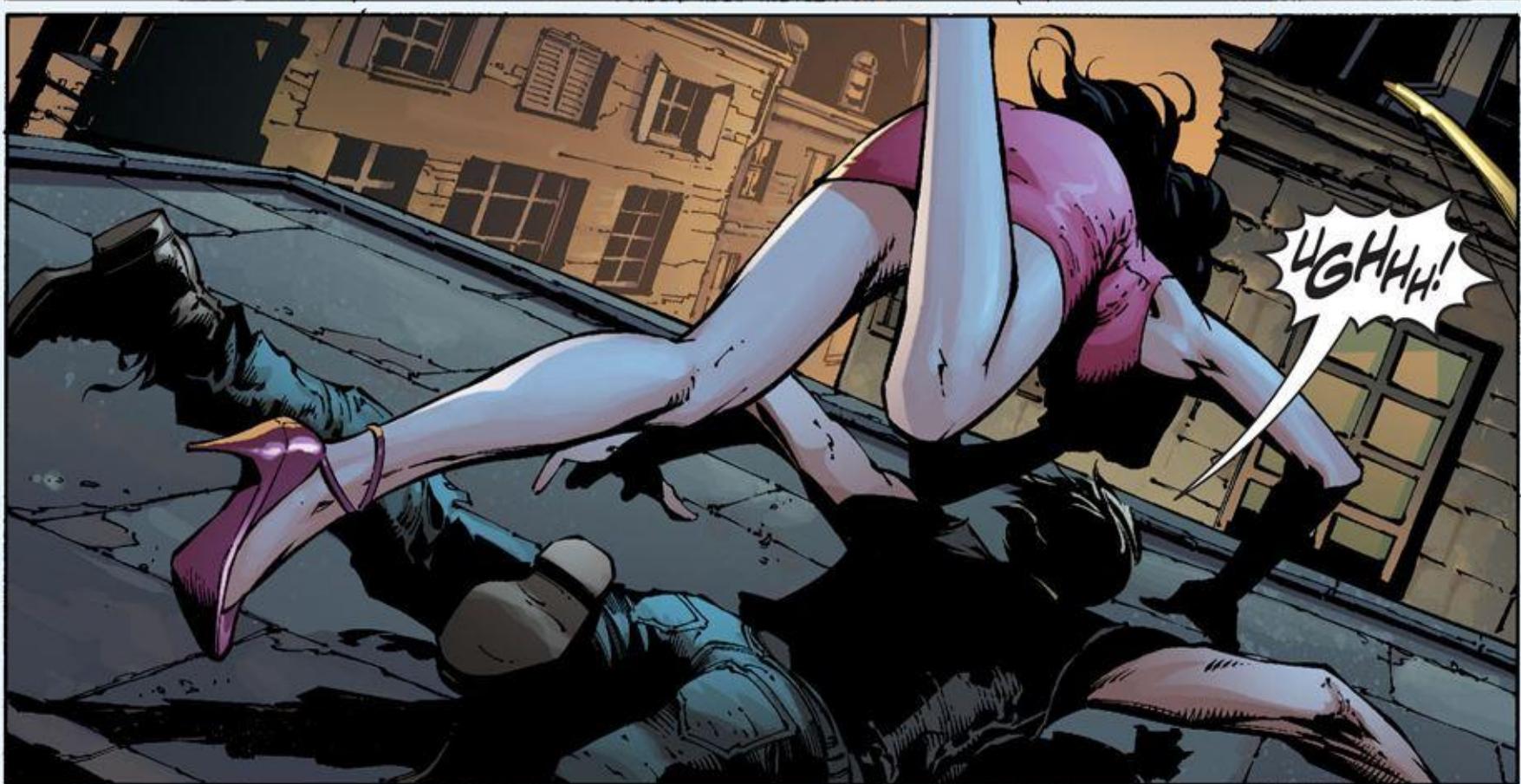


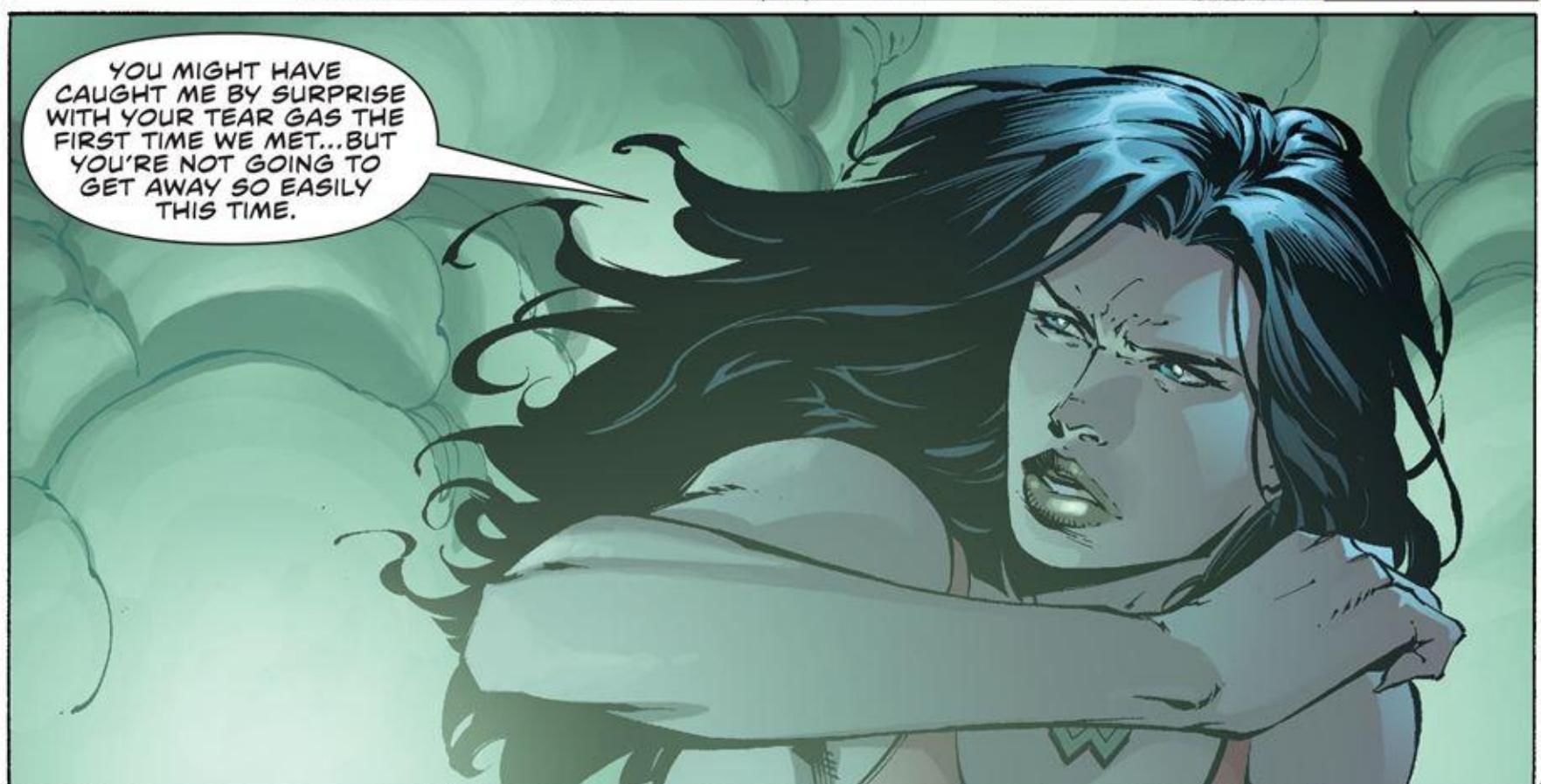














MANY MONTHS EARLIER.

AEGEUS,
MY DEAR, SWEET BOY...
YOU HAVE SUCH A
BRIGHT FUTURE
AHEAD OF YOU.

I ONLY
REGRET...
I WON'T BE
THERE TO
SEE IT.

THE BLOOD
OF THE GODS...
IS STRONG IN
YOU, DEAR
HEART.

"GENERATIONS AGO, A CHILD WAS BORN TO THE MAIDEN AETHRA...FATHERED BY THE KING OF ATHENS--AEGEUS, AND THE SEA GOD POSEIDON."

"THE PRODUCT OF THAT UNION WAS THE HERO THESEUS."

"MUCH OF YOUR FAMILY'S LEGACY HAS BEEN OBSCURED IN MYTH AND LEGEND, BUT THOSE STORIES HAVE THEIR BASIS IN FACT."

"I KNEW YOU WERE SPECIAL FROM THE FIRST MOMENT THEY LAID YOU IN MY ARMS..."

"EYES...AS BLUE AS THE AEGEAN SEA."

"I KNEW THEN THAT YOU WERE DESTINED TO REPEAT THE GREATNESS OF YOUR FOREFATHERS."

IT'S WHY I GAVE YOU THE NAME AEGEUS.

REALLY,
MOTHER.

YOU'VE BEEN
TELLING ME THESE
RIDICULOUS STORIES MY
WHOLE LIFE. THE FACT
THAT YOU'RE DYING NOW
DOESN'T SUDDENLY MAKE
ME MORE INCLINED TO
BELIEVE THEM.



YOU SAID YOU
HAD SOMETHING
FOR ME.

BEFORE
HE DIED, YOUR
FATHER GAVE
ME SOMETHING
FOR YOU.

HE MADE
ME PROMISE
NOT TO GIVE IT TO
YOU UNTIL YOUR
TWENTY-FIRST
BIRTHDAY...

...I THINK BY NOW
WE BOTH KNOW...I'M
NOT GOING TO LAST
THAT LONG...

...SO
HERE...

...TAKE
IT...

...A TOKEN
OF THE
SEA...

WHAT IS
THIS?

...FOR
A SON OF
THE SEA...

YOUR DESTINY,
MY SON. CONSIDER
THIS MY LAST
REQUEST.

WELL...THERE'S
A FIRST TIME FOR
EVERYTHING...LET'S
SEE IF THE OL' BAT
WAS RIGHT...

MIGHTY
POSEIDON, GOD
OF THE SEVEN
SEAS...

...I AM
AEGEUS...

...GREAT
GRANDSON OF
YOUR SON
THESEUS...

I DEMAND THAT
YOU HEAR MY
CALL...



THE BLOOD
OF THE GODS...
YOUR BLOOD...
FLOWS THROUGH
MY VEINS...



DO YOU
HEAR ME?!
POSEIDON?!

WHAT AM
I DOING OUT
HERE? THIS
IS CRAP.

YOU REALLY ARE
THE DELUSIONAL ONE
IF YOU THINK HE GIVES
A SQUIRT ABOUT
ANYONE BESIDES
HIMSELF.

ON THE OTHER
HAND...YOU MIGHT
BE EXACTLY WHAT
I'VE BEEN LOOKING
FOR.



CURRENT DAY.

DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW CRAZY
WONDER WOMAN IS?
YOU ALMOST GOT
ME KILLED!!

DON'T BE SO
MELODRAMATIC,
AEGEUS. AT WORST,
YOU SKINNED
YOUR KNEE.

I MEAN, REALLY,
WHAT DID YOU THINK
WOULD HAPPEN? SHE'D
JUST STAND THERE AND
ALLOW YOU TO TAKE
SHOTS AT HER?

IT'S NOT FAIR!
I DESERVE BETTER
THAN THIS! I'M THE
DESCENDANT OF
A GOD!

I HAVE THE
FREAKING BLOOD
OF POSEIDON
FLOWING THROUGH
MY VEINS.

YOU
PROMISED
YOU WOULD
MAKE ME
A GOD!



SO MAKE
ME A GOD,
DAMN IT!!!



GURKGGHE



INSOLENT
BRAT!

TO WHOM
DO YOU THINK
YOU ARE
SPEAKING?!

THE ENTIRE
REASON YOU ARE HERE,
IS THAT SHE IS INCAPABLE
OF FULFILLING HER DUTIES
AS GOD OF WAR. IF SHE
HAD KILLED YOU...
WELL....

...PROBLEM
SOLVED.



DO NOT AGAIN
FORGET THAT THIS
POWER YOU WIELD
IS BORROWED, NOT
EARNED...AND THAT
YOUR GIFTS...COME
WITH A PRICE...



PUT ON YOUR BIG
BOY PANTS AND QUIT
WHINING. NOTHING
WORTH HAVING EVER
COMES EASILY.



IN FACT...I MIGHT EVEN
GO SO FAR AS TO SAY
THAT IT'S THE STRIFE...
THAT GIVES PURPOSE
TO LIFE...

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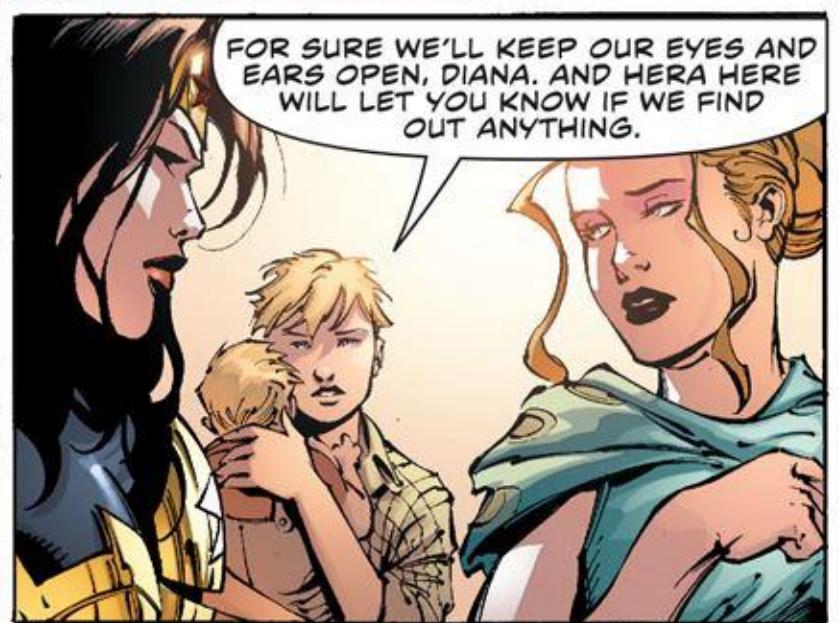
MOUNT OLYMPUS.

SO YOU DON'T KNOW OF ANYONE WHO RIDES A PEGASUS AND SHOOTS GOLDEN ARROWS.

I WISH I COULD HELP YOU, DIANA, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST I'VE HEARD OF SUCH A CREATURE.



IF YOU'VE LEARNED ANYTHING ABOUT US BY NOW... IT'S THAT THERE'S NOTHING ON OLYMPUS WE VALUE MORE THAN OUR SECRETS.



FOR SURE WE'LL KEEP OUR EYES AND EARS OPEN, DIANA. AND HERA HERE WILL LET YOU KNOW IF WE FIND OUT ANYTHING.



THANK YOU, ZOLA. I'LL FEEL A LOT BETTER WHEN I KNOW EXACTLY WHICH MEMBER OF MY FAMILY PUT THE TARGET ON MY BACK.

THE DUNGEON OF OLYMPUS.

GREETINGS,
SISTER. AND
HOW ARE YOU
TODAY?

I'M HERE,
AREN'T I?

HAVE
YOU GIVEN ANY
THOUGHT TO
WHAT WE TALKED
ABOUT THE LAST
TIME I WAS
HERE?

I HAVE.

YOU TOLD
ME I NEEDED
TO DECIDE IF
I WANTED TO
USE MY LIFE
OR BE USED
BY IT...

AND...?

YOU
ASK FOR THE
IMPOSSIBLE...

WHEN I CAN STILL HEAR THEIR
SCREAMS... ALL THOSE MEN I KILLED...
AND EVERY TIME I CLOSE MY EYES...
I RELIVE THE HORROR OF
WHAT I'VE DONE.

I BELIEVE IT
WHEN YOU SAY THAT
YOU CAN STILL HEAR
THEIR SCREAMS.

BUT I ALSO
BELIEVE THAT IT
IS BECAUSE YOU
CHOOSE TO HEAR
THEM.

WE
ALL MAKE
MISTAKES.

BUT YOUR
OBSESSION WITH
PENANCE...YOUR
STUBBORN REFUSAL
TO ACCEPT YOUR
FAILINGS AND MOVE
PAST ALL THIS...IT
SCREAMS MORE OF
SELF-INDULGENCE
THAN CONTRITION.

SOMETIMES IT'S EASIER
TO PUNISH OURSELVES,
THAN TO LOOK IN THE EYE OF
THOSE WE HAVE WRONGED...AND
ACCEPT THEIR FORGIVENESS...

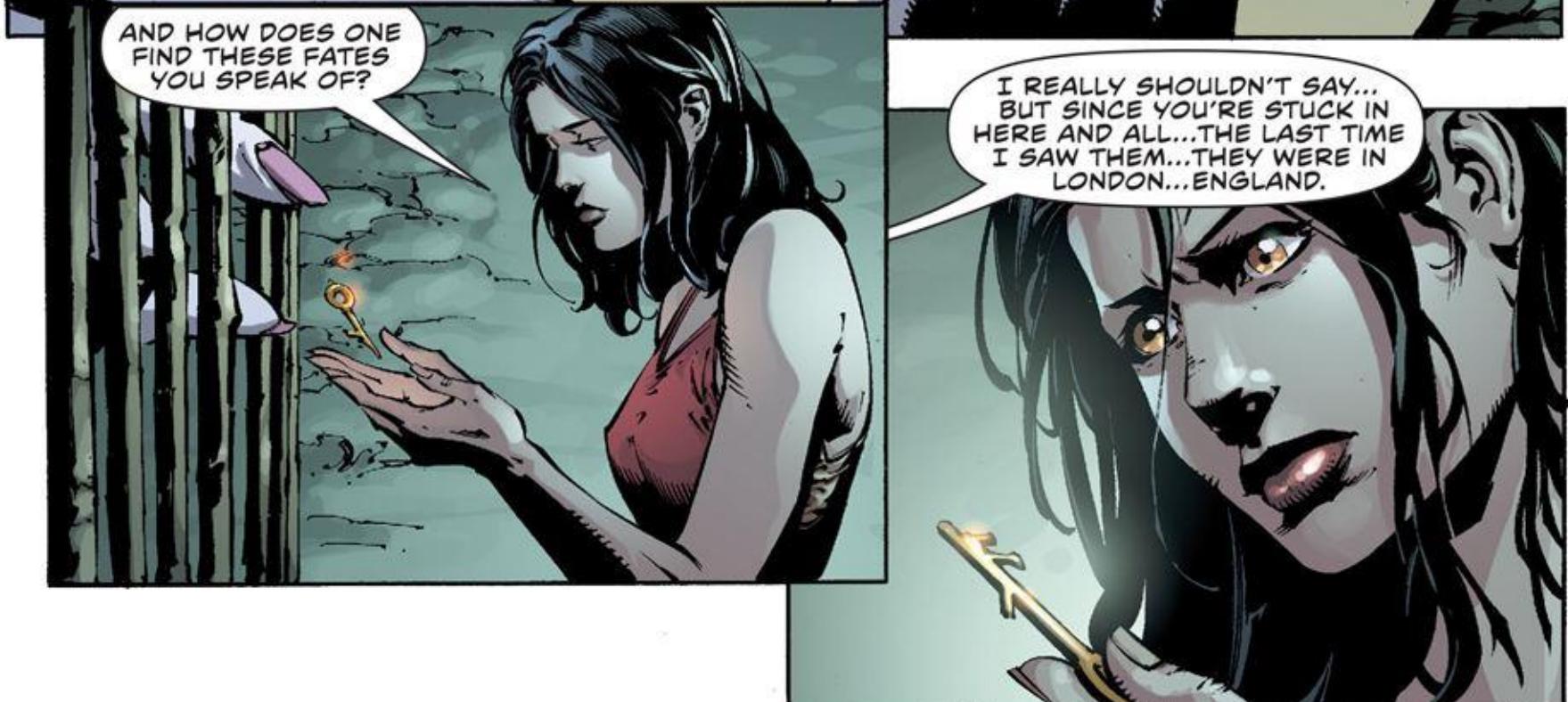
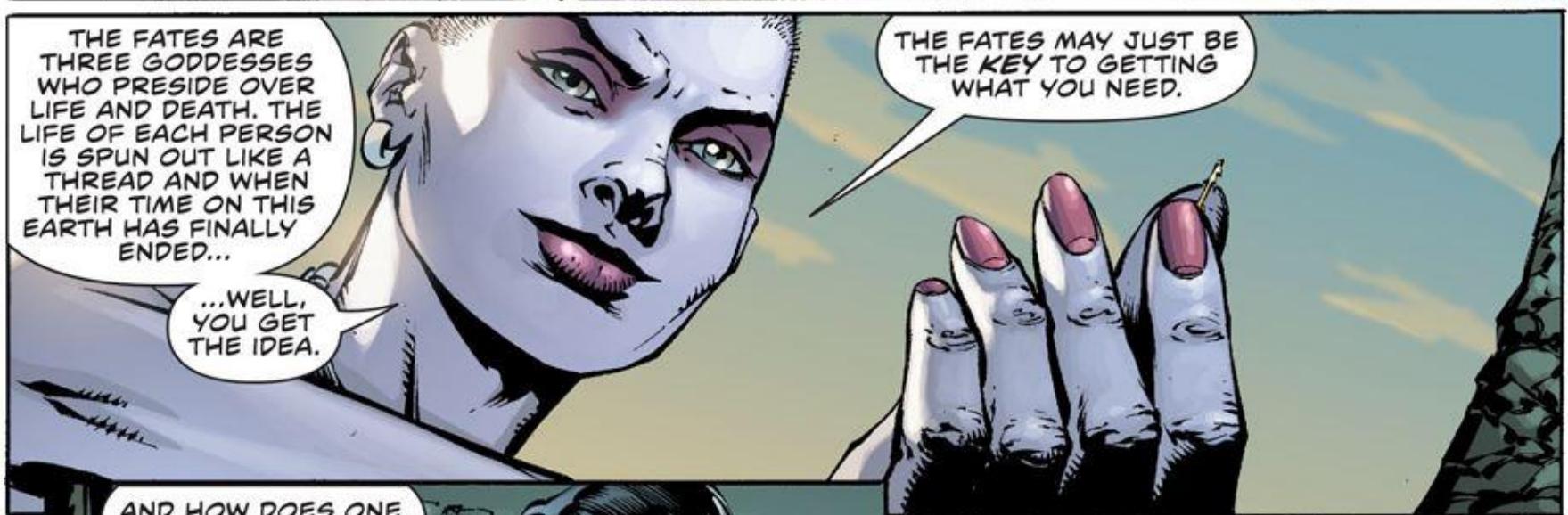
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND! I'M
A MONSTER!!!

I HAVE
FORGIVEN YOU,
DONNA. THE
AMAZONS HAVE
FORGIVEN YOU.

THE ONLY
QUESTION THAT
REMAINS...IS...DO
YOU HAVE THE
STRENGTH...

...TO BEGIN
TO FORGIVE
YOURSELF...







ENJOY
YOUR
FREEDOM,
DONNA.

EVERYONE
DESERVES
THE CHANCE
TO FIND
THEIR OWN
TRUTH...

Struggle

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