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## TRAPPED IN GORILLA CITY!

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GORILLA CITY.

FIVE YEARS AGO.

THIS IS MY DOMAIN, WONDER WOMAN! AND IT IS MY RIGHT TO RIP YOUR TRESPASSING HEAD FROM YOUR SHOULDERS!

STEVE!  
HELEN! LEAVE GRODD TO ME...

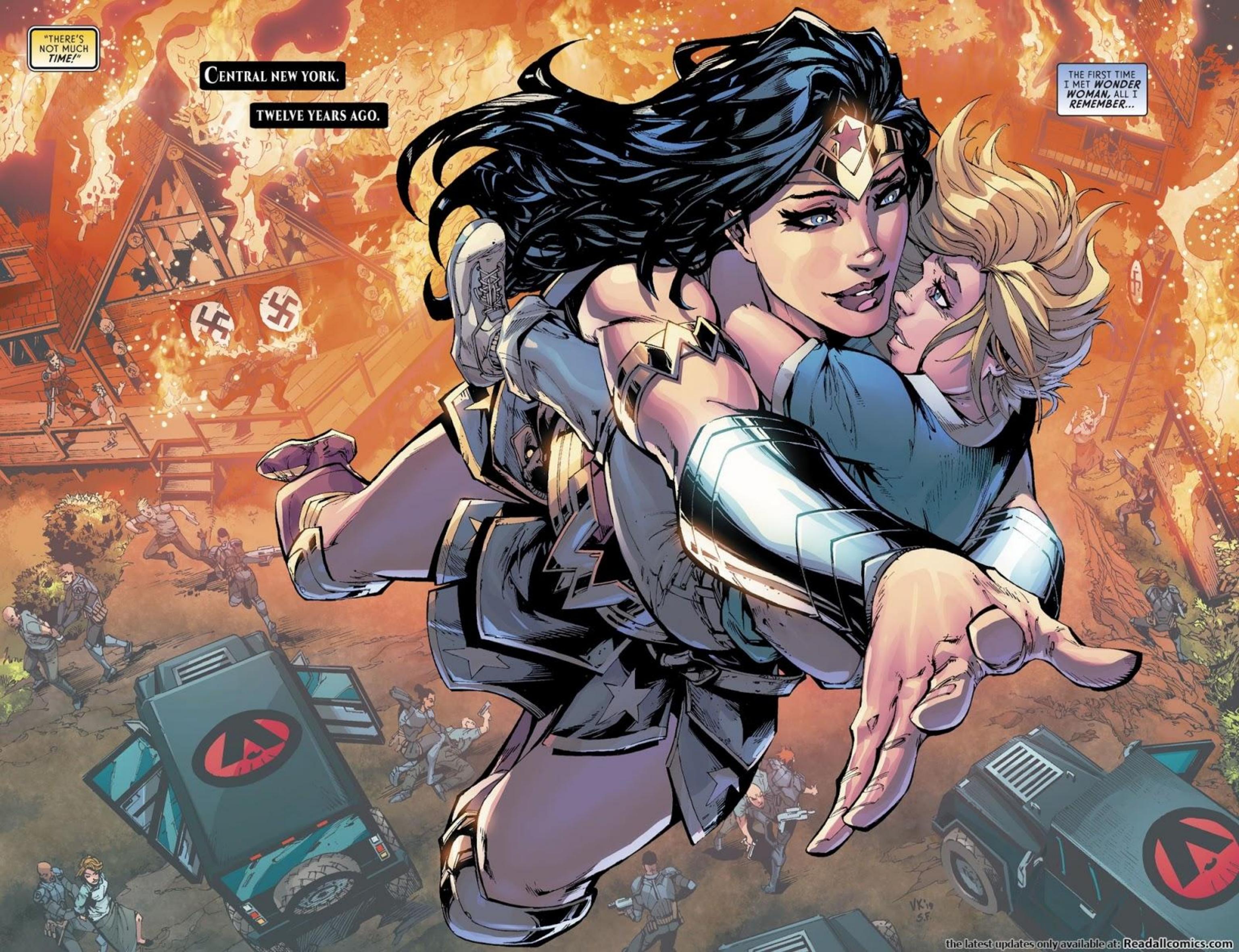
GO!

"THERE'S  
NOT MUCH  
TIME!"

CENTRAL NEW YORK.

TWELVE YEARS AGO.

THE FIRST TIME  
I MET WONDER  
WOMAN, ALL I  
REMEMBER...





...BUT WONDER WOMAN WAS NEVER FAR.

DIANA!

"SHE'S **FOURTEEN**, DIANA. OLD ENOUGH TO ASK QUESTIONS."

"THEN ANSWER HER WITH THE **TRUTH**, AGENT PAUL..."

"I RESCUED HER FROM A TERRORIST ATTACK, AND A.R.G.U.S. PLACED HER WITH YOU."

"YOU KNOW THAT'S NOT WHAT--"

"HELEN WAS BORN TO SUCH PAIN. I WON'T LET IT POISON HER LIFE."

"THE **TRUTH** IS A POWERFUL TOOL. ALL WE'VE DONE IS **REFINE** IT..."

"...TO GIVE HELEN THE **BEST CHANCE** AT A FUTURE FILLED WITH **LOVE**..."

"...AND  
SUCCESS."

A.R.G.U.S.  
IS BEYOND  
SELECTIVE. WHEN  
I VISIT DAY ONE  
RECRUITS, I KNOW  
THAT 99 PERCENT OF  
THEM WON'T MAKE  
THIS STAGE.

ONLY A  
SELECT FEW  
BECOME THE TYPE OF  
**SURVIVORS** WE NEED.  
SO, IT'S MY PLEASURE  
TO INTRODUCE  
OUR NEWEST  
AGENTS...

...TOMMY  
MORITA...



YOU'RE **SURE**  
ABOUT TAKING  
HER ON  
PERSONALLY,  
STEVE?



DIANA HAD ALWAYS  
BEEN A TEACHER, A  
GUARDIAN.



FIGHTING WITH  
A.R.G.U.S.'S OTHER  
ELITE AGENTS,  
CAPTAIN STEVE  
TREVOR AND THE  
ODDFELLOWS.

WE SHARED  
ADVENTURE  
AFTER  
ADVENTURE.

I'D NEVER  
BEEN HAPPIER  
THAN AT WONDER  
WOMAN'S SIDE...



THE KARMAK MISSION ONLY CEMENTED THAT.

GORILLA CITY. IT'S NEVER SIMPLE...THEY SHOULD PUT THAT ON THE BILLBOARD.

DON'T JOKE, STEVE. HERE, WE MUST MOVE AND SPEAK WITH RESPECT.

VOLATILE. GORILLA GRODD?

HE'S MAD, HELEN. A.R.G.U.S. DISPUTES HIS RULE.

THAT'S WHY WE SENT HIM UNDERCOVER. HE LOOKS LIKE THEM. I THOUGHT THAT'D BE ENOUGH...

THE CITY'S CURRENT LEADER IS... HISTORICALLY VOLATILE.

KARMAK WASN'T SUPPOSED TO GET CAUGHT. IF HE CRACKS, IT COULD START A WAR.

HE WON'T.

"WE'LL EXTRACT KARMAK BEFORE GRODD CAN BREAK HIM."



"...WHEN THE RULER IS TELEPATHIC."



THESE GUARDS HAVE TELEPATHIC I.D.S. THEY SHOULD MASK US FROM GRODD UNTIL WE'RE CLOSE.

WE WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM IF A.R.G.U.S. HADN'T SENT AN AGENT INTO A FOREIGN NATION.

GRODD MAY HAVE RIGGED HIS TRIAL BY COMBAT. HE'S A THREAT. A.R.G.U.S. MONITORS THREATS.

TO THESE PEOPLE, WE ARE THE THREAT. I'M HERE TO STOP A.R.G.U.S. FROM STARTING A WAR.

AND AS FOR GRODD...



"HE'LL  
BE DEALT  
WITH."

SOMEONE  
SENT YOU, KARMAK.  
SOMEONE RIGGED  
YOUR MIND WITH  
TELEPATHIC  
BARRIERS...

...BUT I  
WILL SHATTER  
THEM!

NU--  
NEVER!

YOU'RE  
AVERAGE  
ENOUGH.  
YOU WILL  
BREAK.

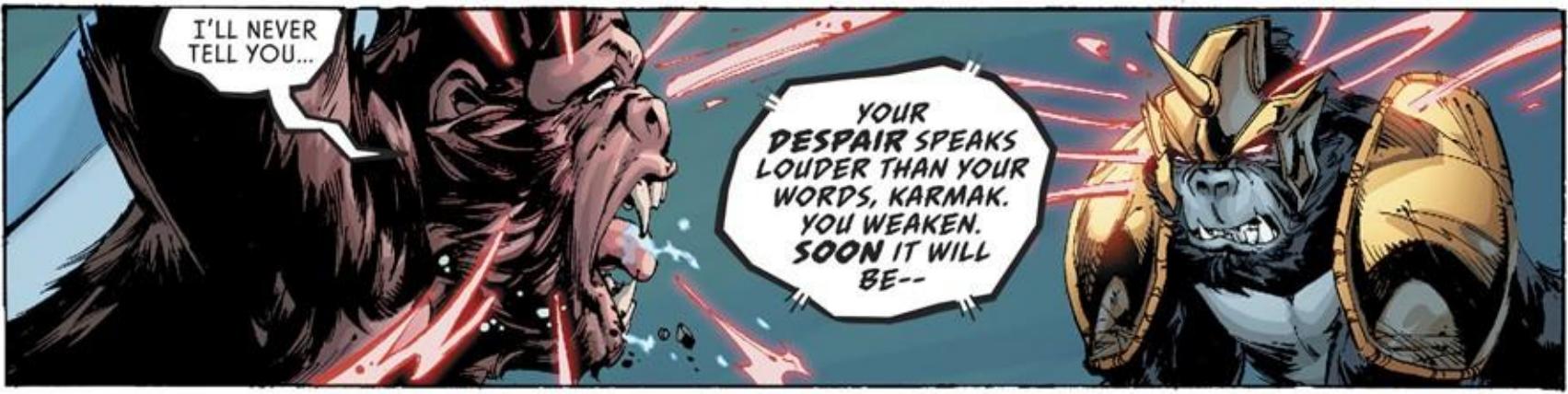
IT'S JUST  
A MATTER...

"...OF TIME."

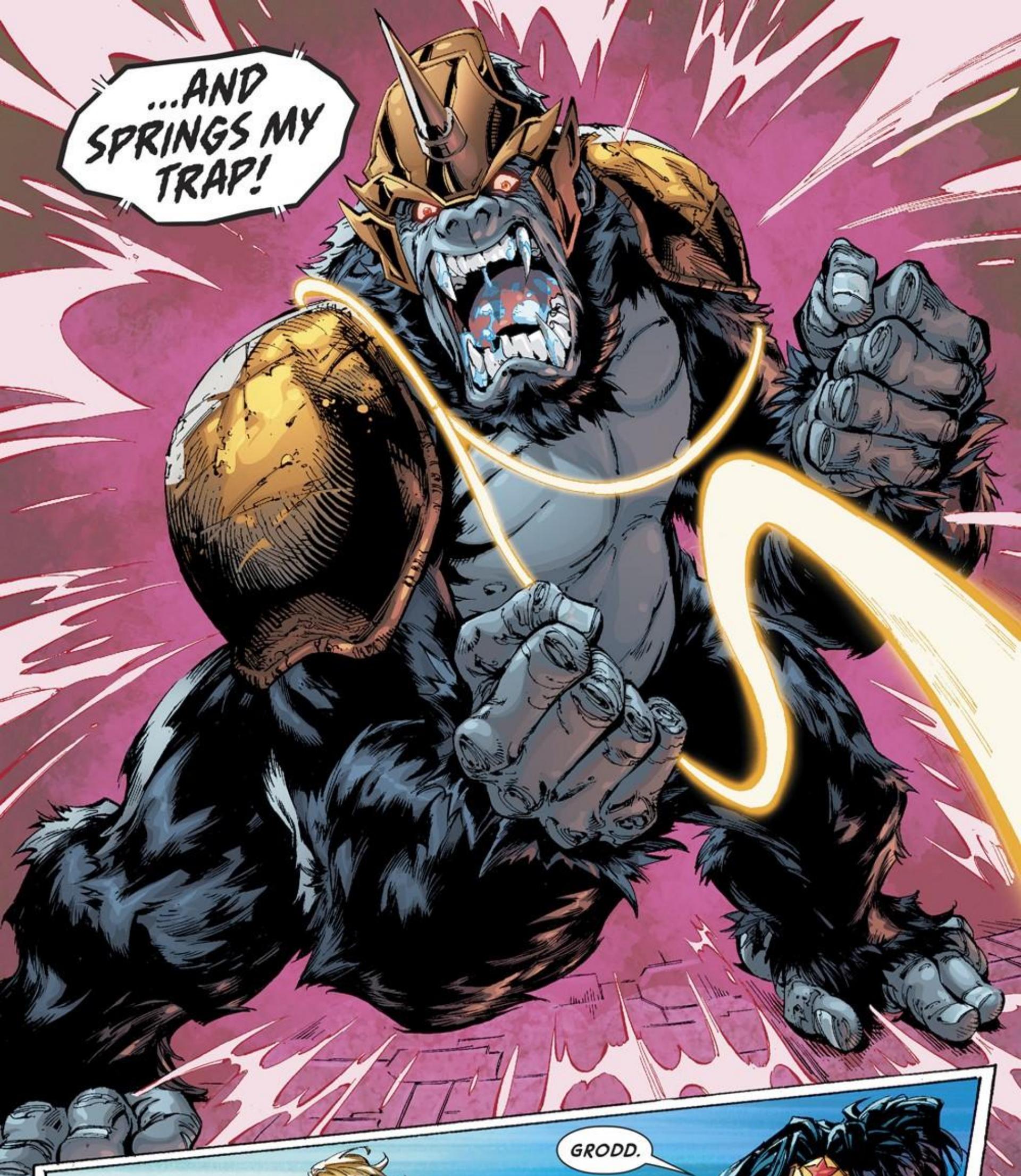
GRODD'S  
CITADEL IS  
THE LAST PLACE  
WE PINGED  
KARMAK'S  
S.O.S.,  
DIANA...







...AND  
SPRINGS MY  
TRAP!



GRODD.







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"GO! THERE'S NOT MUCH TIME!"

KARMAK'S S.O.S. IS STILL ACTIVE! HE'S NOT FAR!

TOO LATE TO WORRY ABOUT BEING SEEN! KARMAK'S ONE OF US-- I WON'T LEAVE HIM BEHIND!

THE HALL'S OPENING UP TO THE PUBLIC, CAPTAIN...

THERE'S NOT ALWAYS TIME TO TEST EVERY PLAN! A.R.G.U.S. ACTED, MADE THE HARD CHOICE...

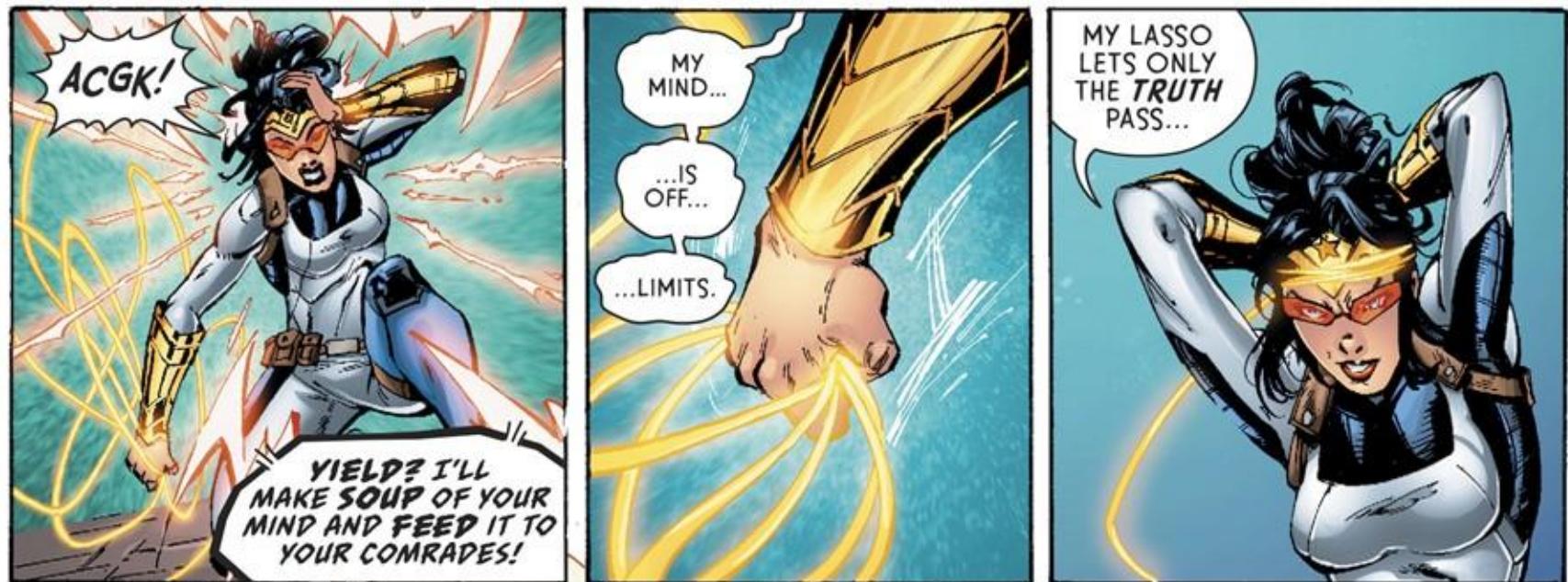
WE HAD TO KNOW IF GRODD RIGGED HIS TRIAL.

AND IF HE DIDN'T?

THAT'S A QUESTION FOR WHEN KARMAK'S SAFE ABOVE INTERNATIONAL WATERS!

MOVE! WHAT KIND OF COWARD WORKS AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE?

FRZACH



...WAS  
THE SECOND  
YOU **MADE** ME  
STAND AGAINST  
YOU!







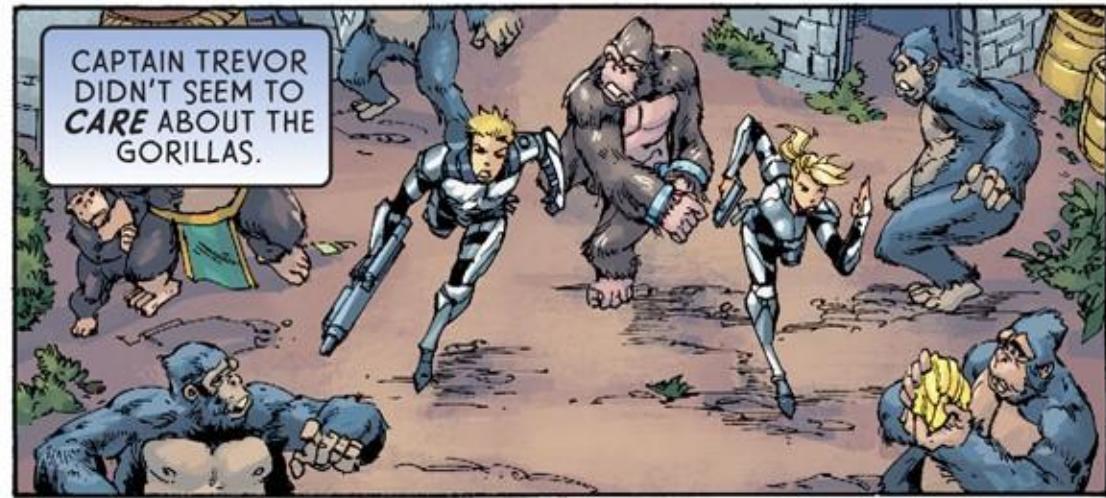
...CANNOT  
REFUSE ME!

YOU  
LEFT  
ME NO  
OTHER  
PATH.

THEN  
AGAIN...







**BOOM-CHAK**

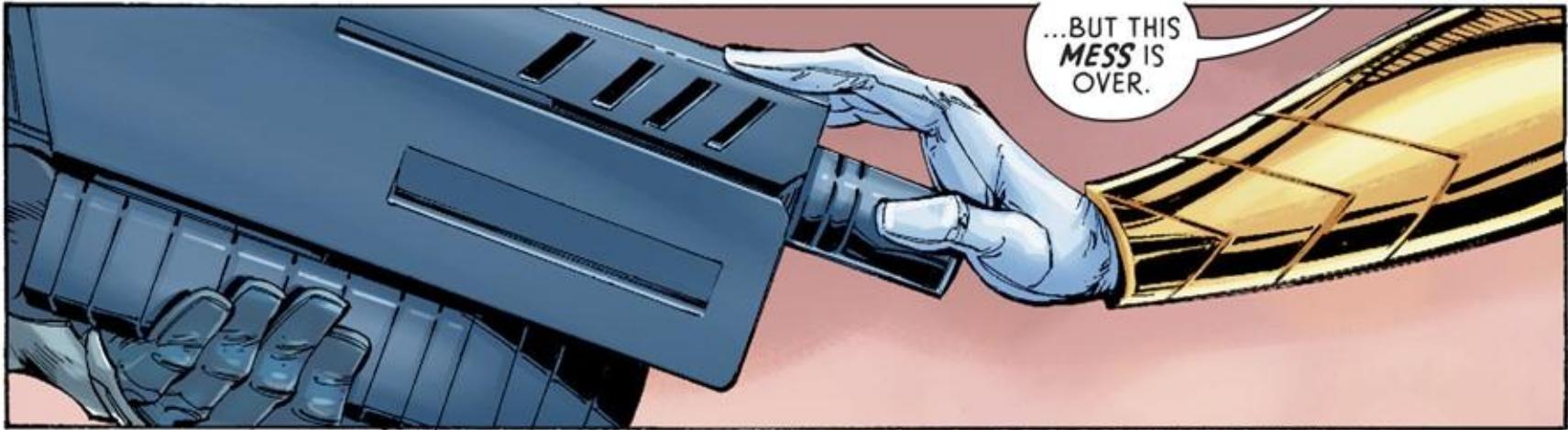


...WONDER WOMAN GAVE HER COUNTER-ARGUMENT.

SIZZLE

SIZZLE

THAT'S  
ENOUGH.  
EVERYONE.



...AND IT  
WASN'T  
THANKS TO  
A.R.G.U.S.

GRODD'S  
RULE IS  
LEGITIMATE?

HE  
DISCOVERED  
ME BEFORE I  
COULD GET OUT  
TO REPORT, CAPTAIN. HIS  
PEOPLE FEAR THE  
UNKNOWN.

HE SAID HE'D  
PROTECT THEM FROM  
THE HUMAN WORLD. THAT  
PROMISE IS MORE POWERFUL.

AND  
SENDING  
YOU IN  
THERE...

...WE ALMOST  
PROVED GRODD  
RIGHT.



STEVE CAN  
HANDLE THE  
DEBRIEF,  
HELEN...

"WHAT DO  
YOU SAY  
WE HIT THE  
SKY?"

HOLLIDAY COLLEGE.  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

YOU KNOW... I ALMOST WENT HERE. FOR THE LONGEST TIME, I THOUGHT I'D STUDY HISTORY.

BUT THAT WAS WHEN I WAS A KID. WHEN MOM AND DAD TOLD ME ABOUT HOW YOU FOUND ME, HOW A.R.G.U.S. TOOK ME IN... THERE WAS ONLY ONE JOB I WANTED.

YOU WOULD'VE BEEN A WONDERFUL HISTORIAN, HELEN.

SURE. BUT NO JETPACKS IN A LIBRARY. THIS IS WHERE I'M SUPPOSED TO BE.

YOU DID WELL TODAY, HELEN. A.R.G.U.S. COULDN'T SEE WHAT IT HAD DONE UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE... YOUR QUICK THINKING SAVED LIVES...

"HELEN WAS BORN TO SUCH PAIN. I WON'T LET IT POISON HER LIFE."

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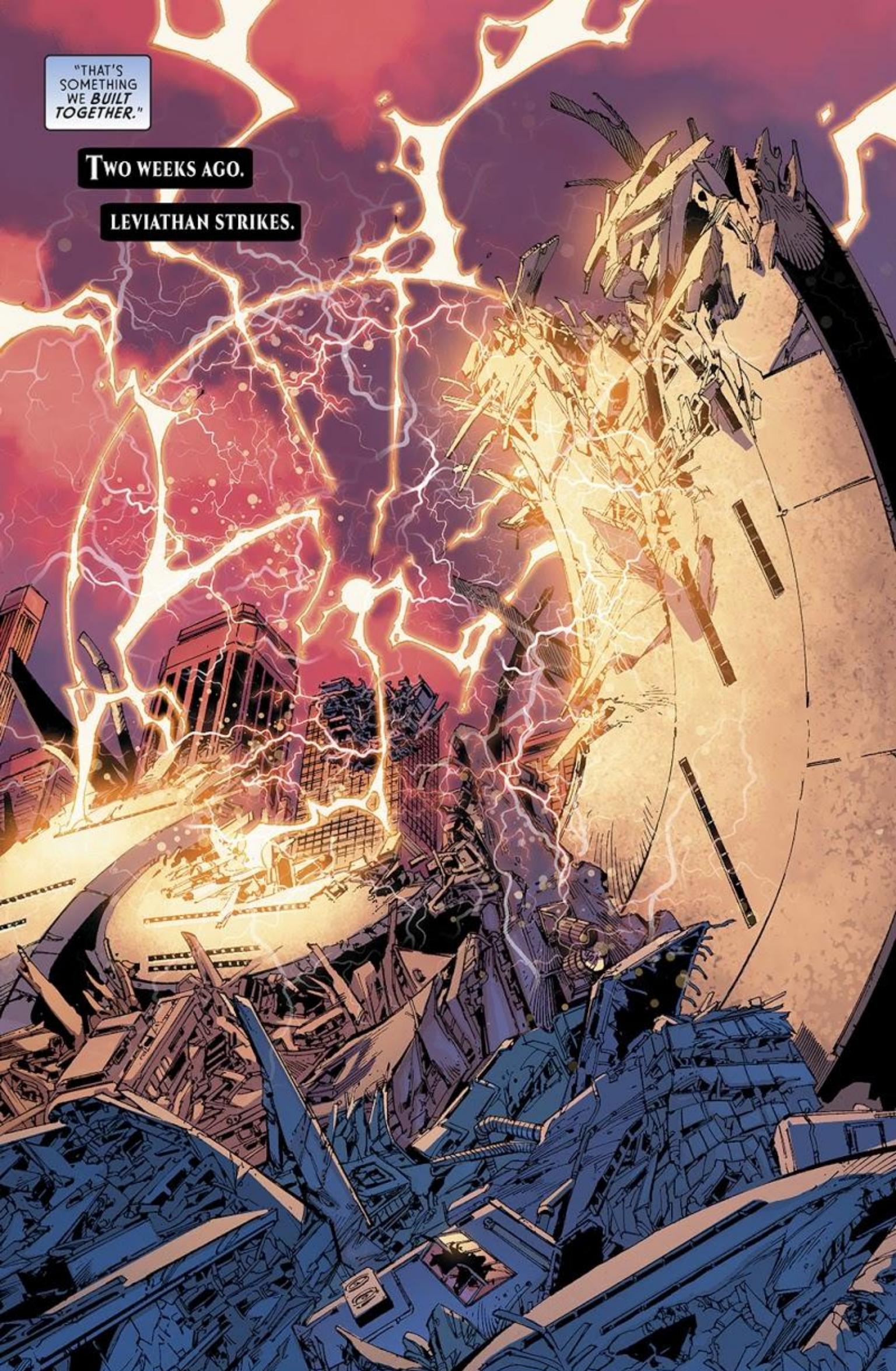
I'M PROUD OF THE PERSON YOU'VE BECOME.

I WOULDN'T BE THAT PERSON WITHOUT YOU, DIANA...

"THAT'S  
SOMETHING  
WE BUILT  
TOGETHER."

TWO WEEKS AGO.

LEVIATHAN STRIKES.



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HELEN?

WHAT...  
IS THAT  
A...



I'M NOT.  
I AM  
LEVIATHAN,  
AND THIS IS NOT  
AN ATTACK. YOU  
ARE A NOBLE  
WARRIOR...

YOU'RE  
ABOUT TO  
SEE HOW  
NOBLE--

BOOM

I ALREADY  
KNOW. ORPHANED  
IN A TERRORIST ATTACK,  
YOUNG HELEN WAS  
RESCUED BY WONDER  
WOMAN, ENTERING THE  
CARE OF RETIRING  
A.R.G.U.S. AGENTS  
HAROLD AND  
PETRA PAUL.

AGENT HELEN  
PAUL GRADUATED  
TOP OF HER CLASS,  
BECOMING ONE  
OF THEIR BRIGHTEST  
YOUNG AGENTS...TO PAY  
FORWARD THE GOOD  
THAT WAS DONE  
FOR HER.

A NICE  
STORY. AND A  
LIE...SO HERE'S  
THE OFFER.

YOU  
WANT THE  
TRUTH?



BELIEVE THE EVIDENCE.

WONDER WOMAN DID SAVE YOU FROM THE FIRE, HELEN. BUT YOUR PARENTS WERE NOT KILLED BY TERRORISTS. YOU WERE RESCUED FROM AN A.R.G.U.S. STANDOFF...





Now.

"YOU ARE PAULA VAN GUNTHER...  
**WARMMASTER!**"



**ONLY THE  
BEGINNING!**

**NEXT:**

**RIDE OF  
THE FOUR  
HORSE-  
WOMEN!**

# VIRTUE AND VENDETTA

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