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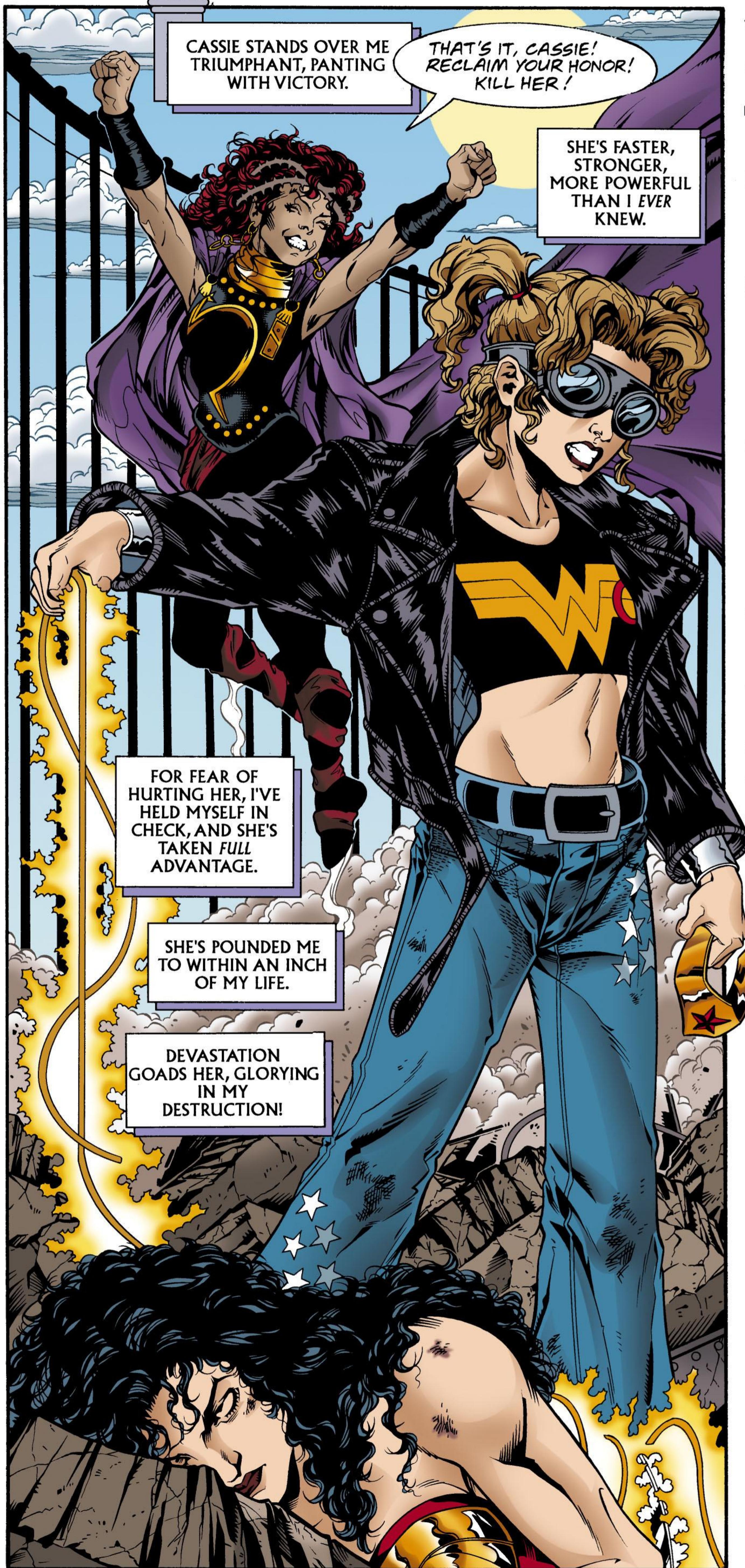
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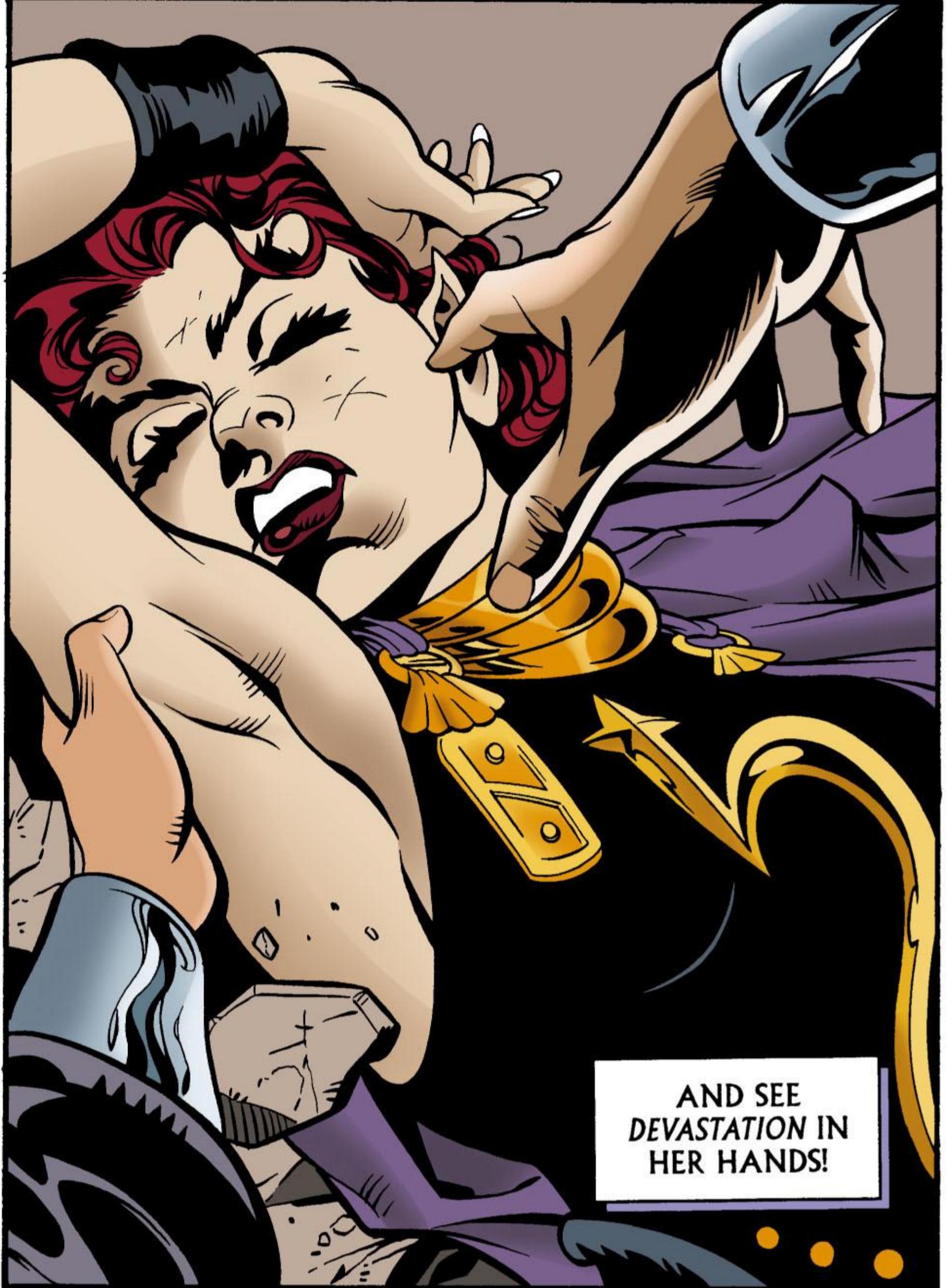
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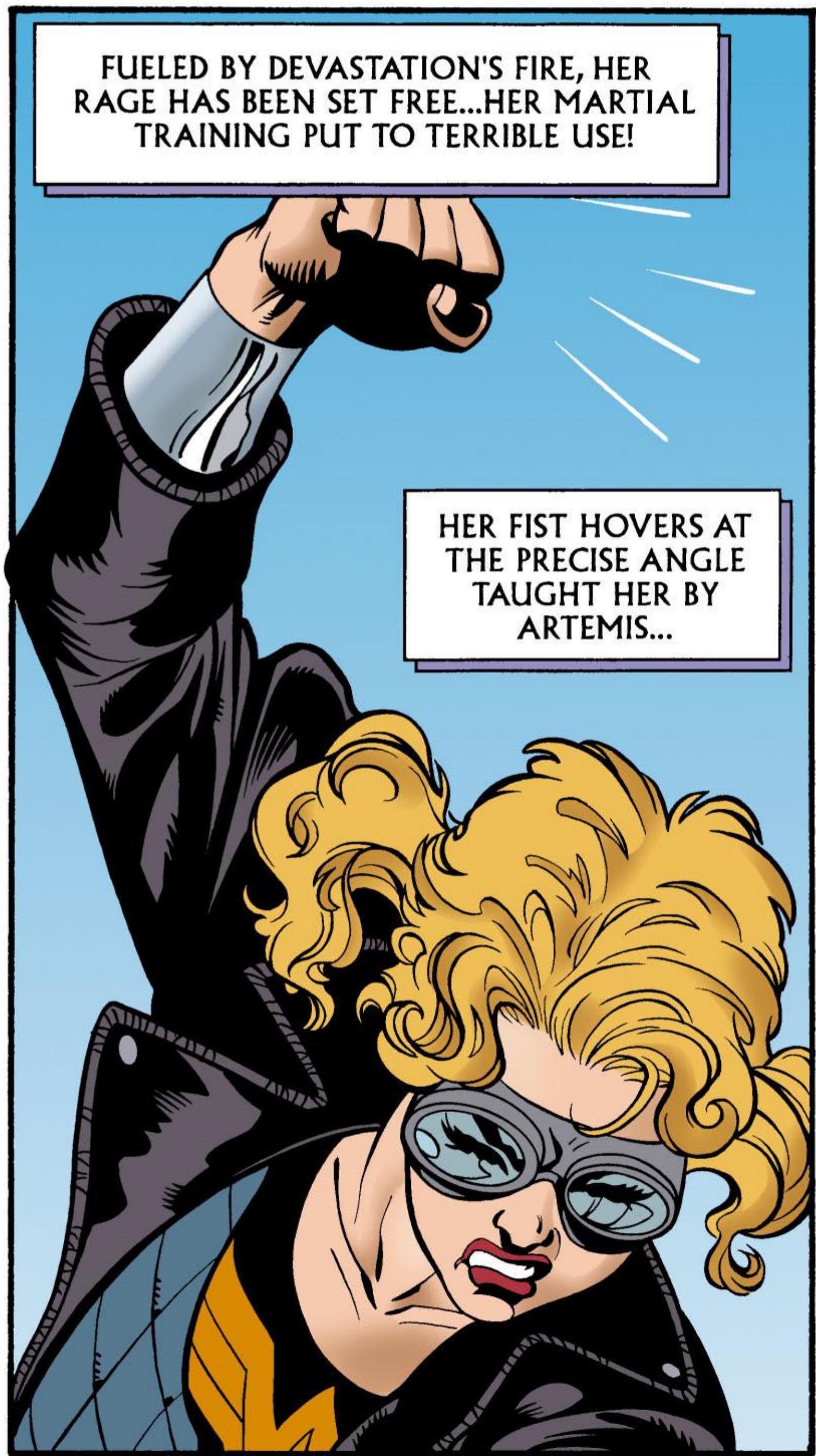
BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT CASSIE SEES.

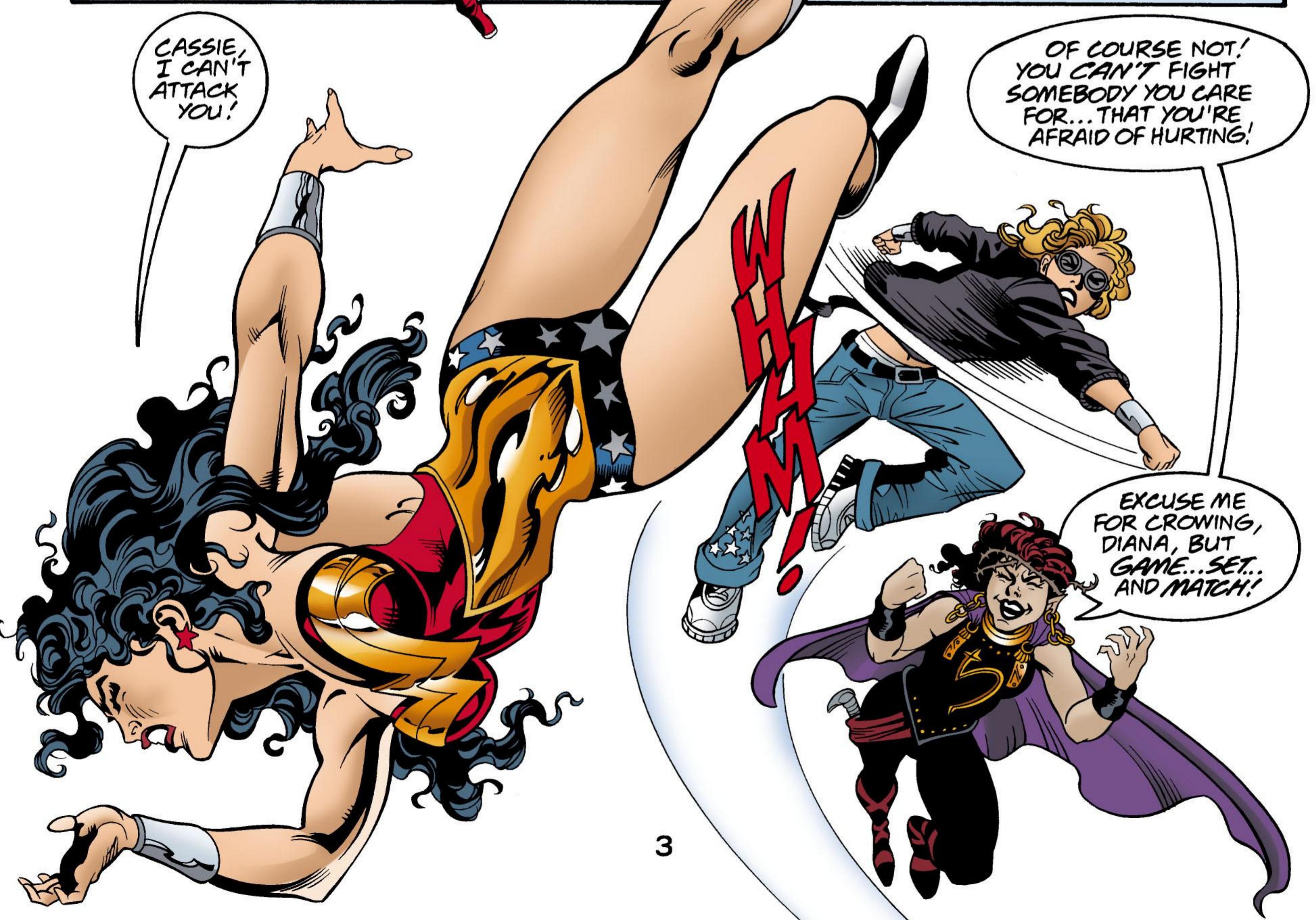
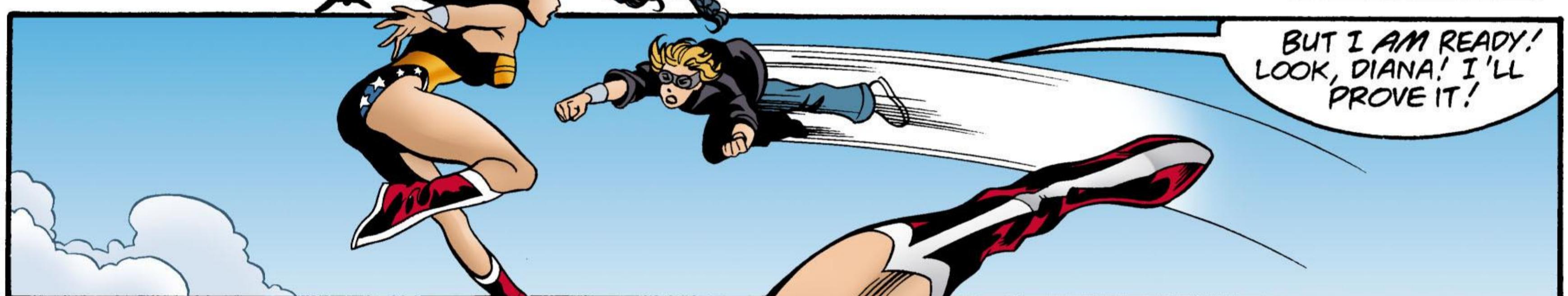
SHE HEARS ME PUSHING HER TO GO FOR THE KILL!



FUELED BY DEVASTATION'S FIRE, HER RAGE HAS BEEN SET FREE...HER MARTIAL TRAINING PUT TO TERRIBLE USE!

HER FIST HOVERS AT THE PRECISE ANGLE TAUGHT HER BY ARTEMIS...





"WONDERDOME! OF I AM TO FIGHT FOR CASSIE'S SOUL...HELP ME SEE INTO HER MIND!"

MY DOME...MY CRYSTAL FRIEND...

...REACHES OUT WITH ITS UNFATHOMABLE PSYCHE...

...AND FINDS CASSIE'S ESSENCE!

I FIND MYSELF IN CASSIE'S INNER LANDSCAPE... OBSCURED BY FOG...THE MIST OF DEVASTATION'S WILL.

IN AN INSTANT, IT BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN SELVES...IN AN EXPLOSION OF UNDERSTANDING!

CASSIE'S MIND IS
MY PLAYGROUND,
WONDER WOMAN,
AND YOU'RE
LOST IN IT!

I CAN'T DEFEND MYSELF AND
CONCENTRATE ON THE LINK
AT THE SAME TIME!

CASSIE,
WHERE ARE
YOU?!! CASSIE??

YOU HAVE
TO BE SOMEWHERE
INSIDE YOUR
OWN... HEAD...

CASSIE!
IS THAT
YOU?



ARTEMIS'S TRAINING HAS DONE ITS WORK! SHE'S FAST!

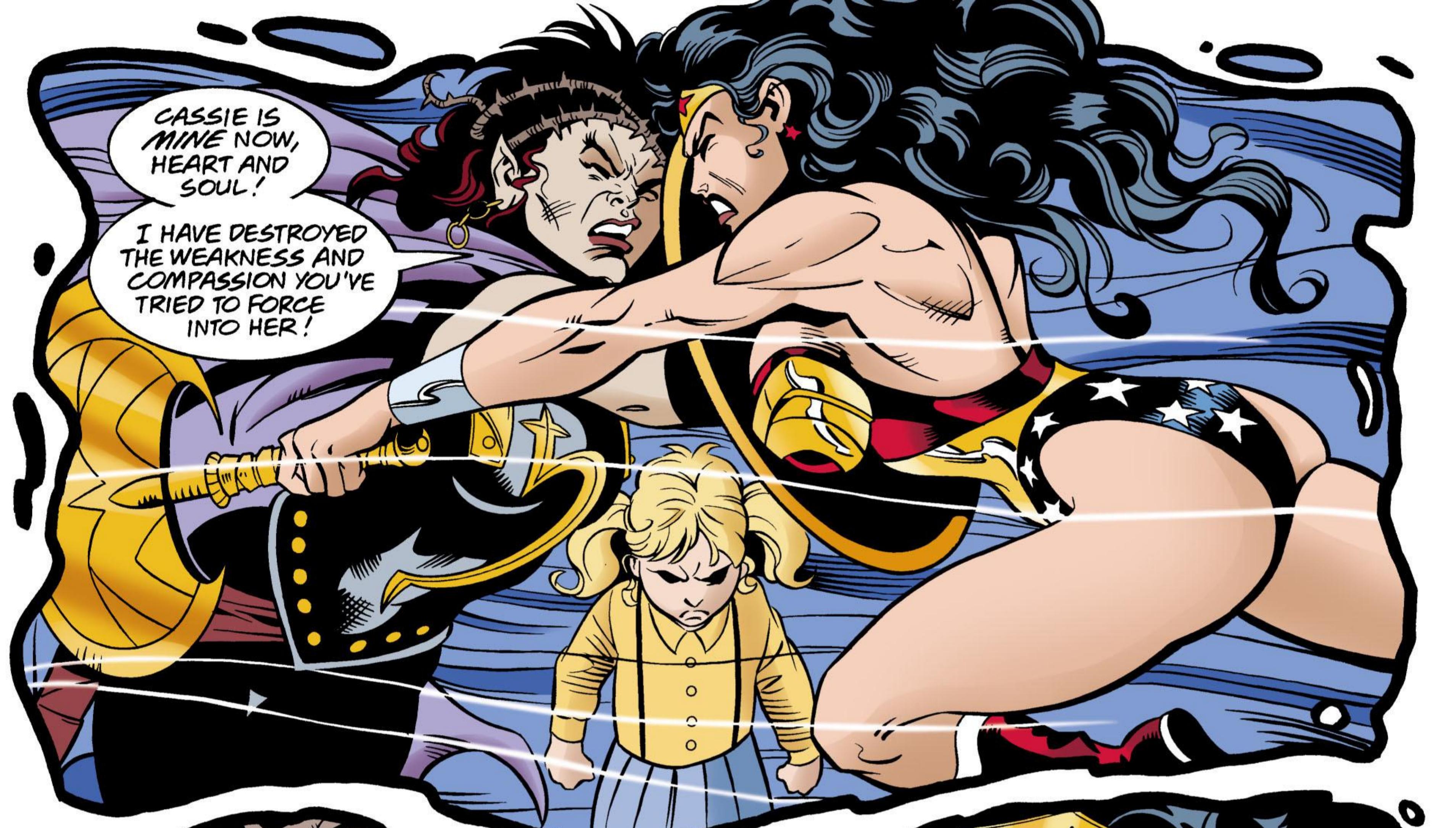


I LOOK IN HER EYES AND SEE THE FURY OF A TRUE AMAZON! I SEE WHAT I COULD BECOME IF I GAVE FREE REIN TO MY ANGER!

BUT I KNOW THE REAL BATTLE IS NOT HERE!

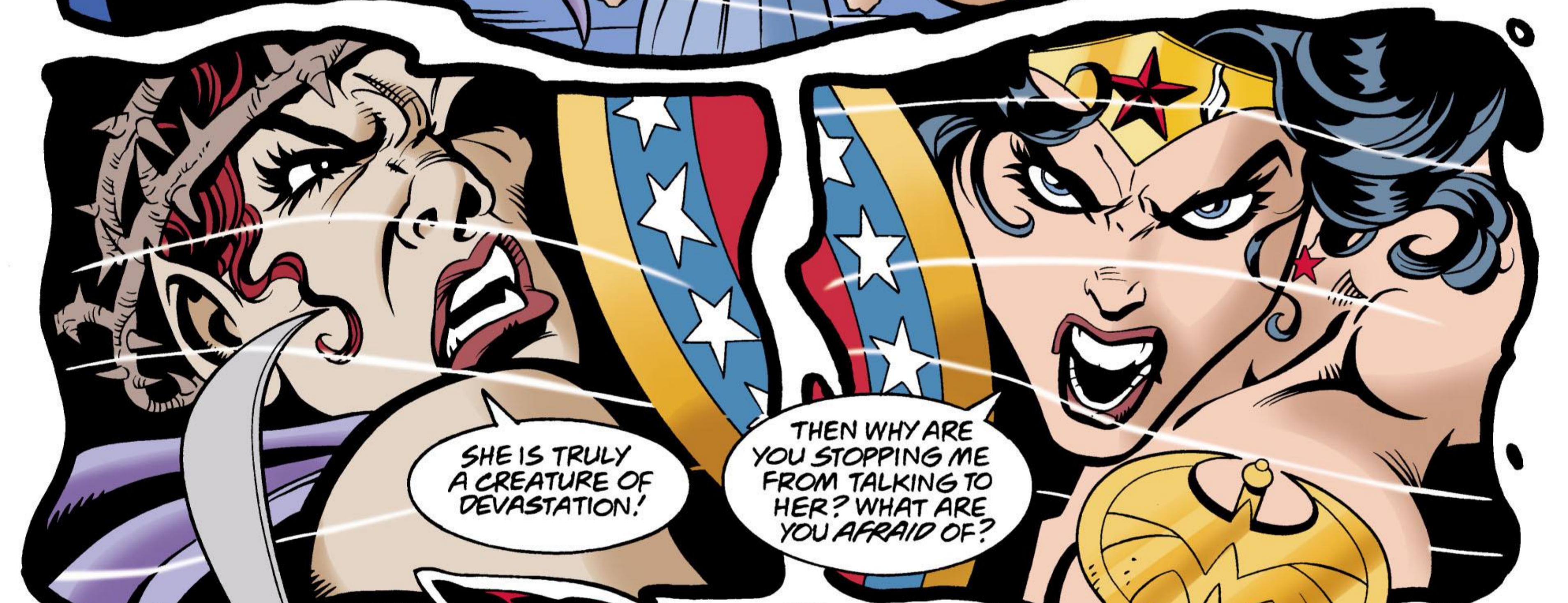


I MUST TOUCH THE GIRL INSIDE, EVEN IF IT MEANS BREAKING MY BODY ON THE OUTSIDE!

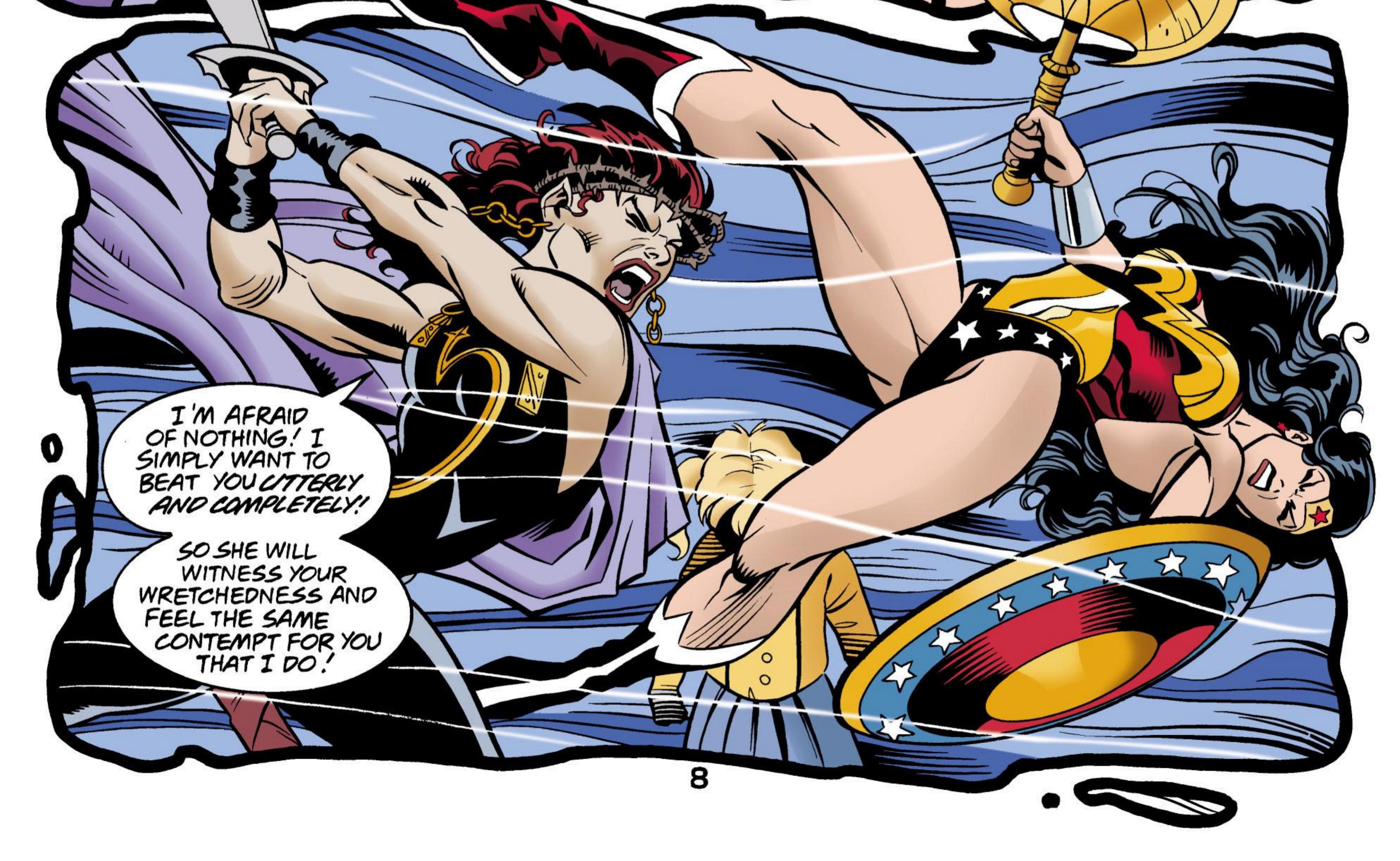


CASSIE IS
MINE NOW,
HEART AND
SOUL!

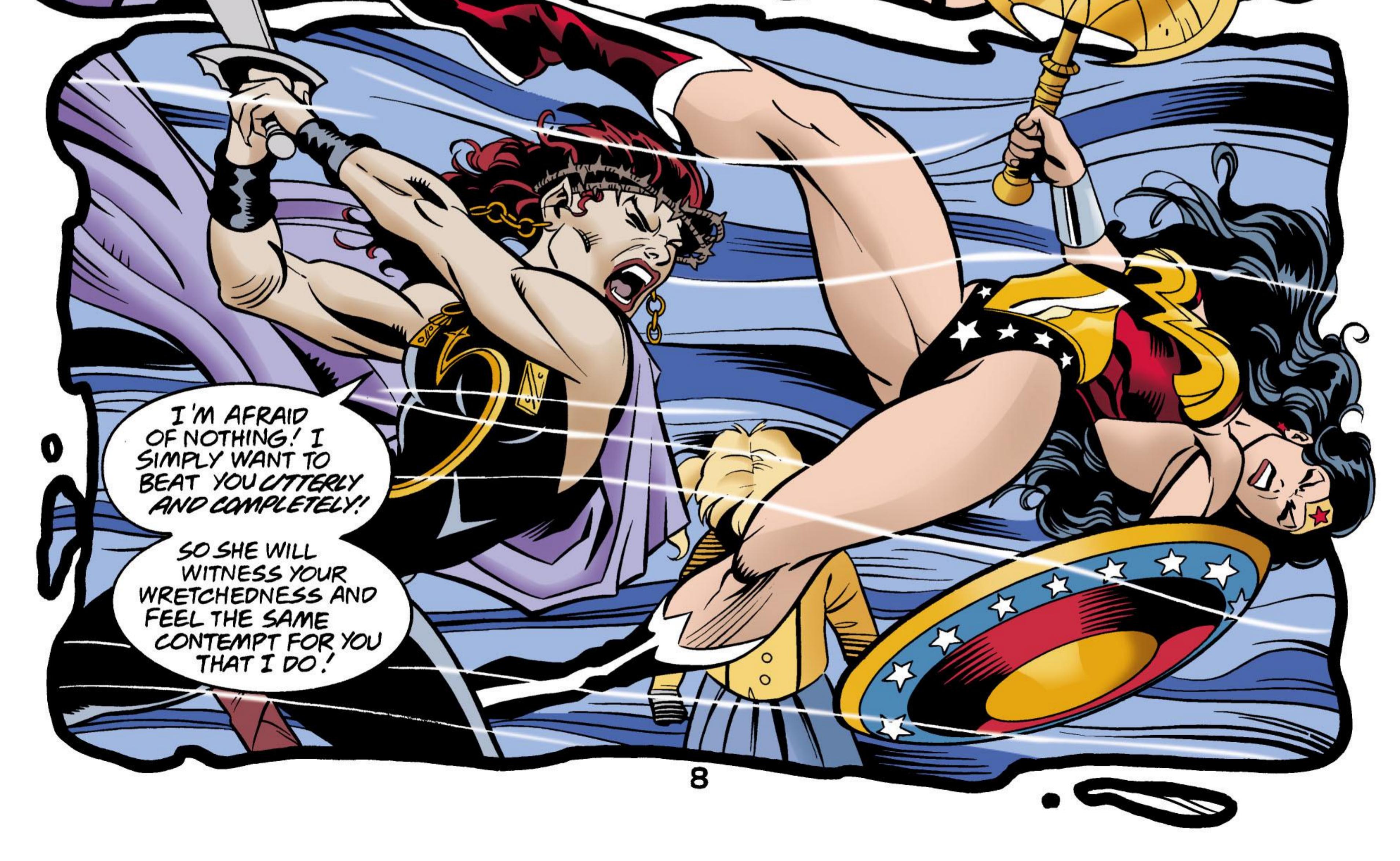
I HAVE DESTROYED
THE WEAKNESS AND
COMPASSION YOU'VE
TRIED TO FORCE
INTO HER!



SHE IS TRULY
A CREATURE OF
DEVASTATION!



THEN WHY ARE
YOU STOPPING ME
FROM TALKING TO
HER? WHAT ARE
YOU AFRAID OF?



I'M AFRAID
OF NOTHING! I
SIMPLY WANT TO
BEAT YOU UTTERLY
AND COMPLETELY!

SO SHE WILL
WITNESS YOUR
WRETCHEDNESS AND
FEEL THE SAME
CONTEMPT FOR YOU
THAT I DO!

THE WORLD SLOWS...

THE WHISTLING OF
THE WIND AROUND
HER DESCENDING
FIST...

THE POWER OF THE
GODWAVE ROARS
THROUGH HER. HER
BLOW WILL KILL ME!

I HAVE LESS
THAN A SECOND
TO ACT!

YOU
ARE
AFRAID.

YOU'RE AFRAID TO
EVEN LET ME GET NEAR
HER BECAUSE SHE MIGHT
HEAR THE TRUTH... AND
LOOK INTO THE DARK-
NESS OF YOUR SOUL!

SHE MIGHT
FIND HER TRUE
HEART!

HER FIST INCHES
CLOSER...THE WORLD
MOVING UNDERWATER...

YOU THINK
YOU CAN TURN
HER?

BE MY GUEST!
YOU'LL NEVER
SUCCEED!

SHE'S GROWING
UP! AND LITTLE GIRLS
CAN GROW UP FOR
GOOD...OR FOR
BAD!

CASSIE!

HER EYES... NO
RECOGNITION...

WHAT?/
WHO ARE
YOU?

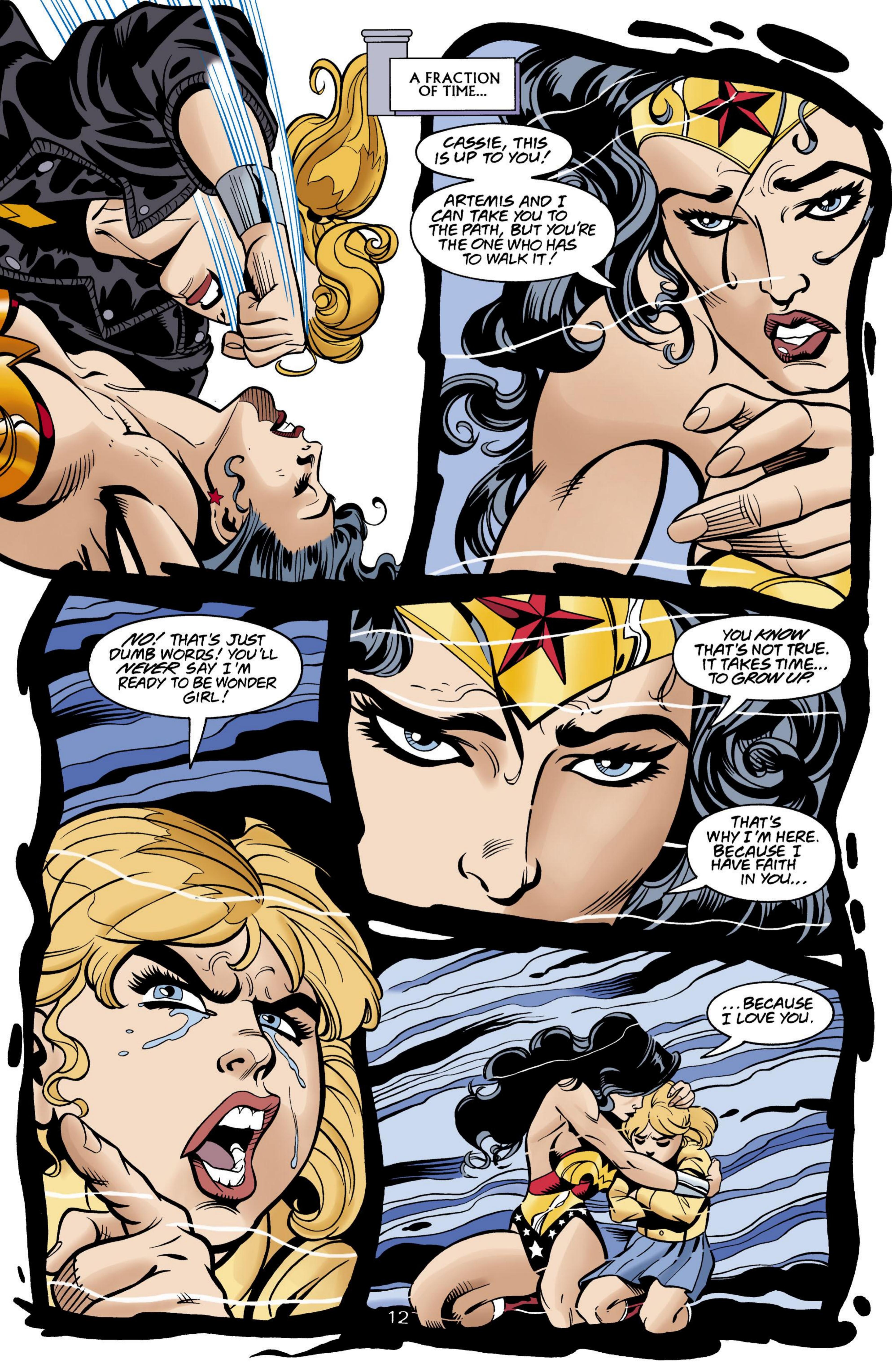
DEATH... A MOMENT AWAY...

CASSIE, IT'S DIANA! DON'T YOU KNOW ME?

YEAH, I REMEMBER YOU! YOU'RE THE LADY WHO DOESN'T LIKE ME ANYMORE BECAUSE I SCREWED UP!

WELL, I'M GOING TO PROVE TO YOU HOW GROWN-UP I AM!

I'M GOING TO KILL YOUR WORSTEST ENEMY DEVASTATION TO PROVE TO YOU THAT I'M NOT A SCREW-UP!



A FRACTION
OF TIME...

CASSIE, THIS
IS UP TO YOU!

ARTEMIS AND I
CAN TAKE YOU TO
THE PATH, BUT YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO HAS
TO WALK IT!

NO! THAT'S JUST
DUMB WORDS! YOU'LL
NEVER SAY I'M
READY TO BE WONDER
GIRL!

YOU KNOW
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
IT TAKES TIME...
TO GROW UP.

THAT'S
WHY I'M HERE.
BECAUSE I
HAVE FAITH
IN YOU...

...BECAUSE
I LOVE YOU.

SOMETHING IN
HER EYES...

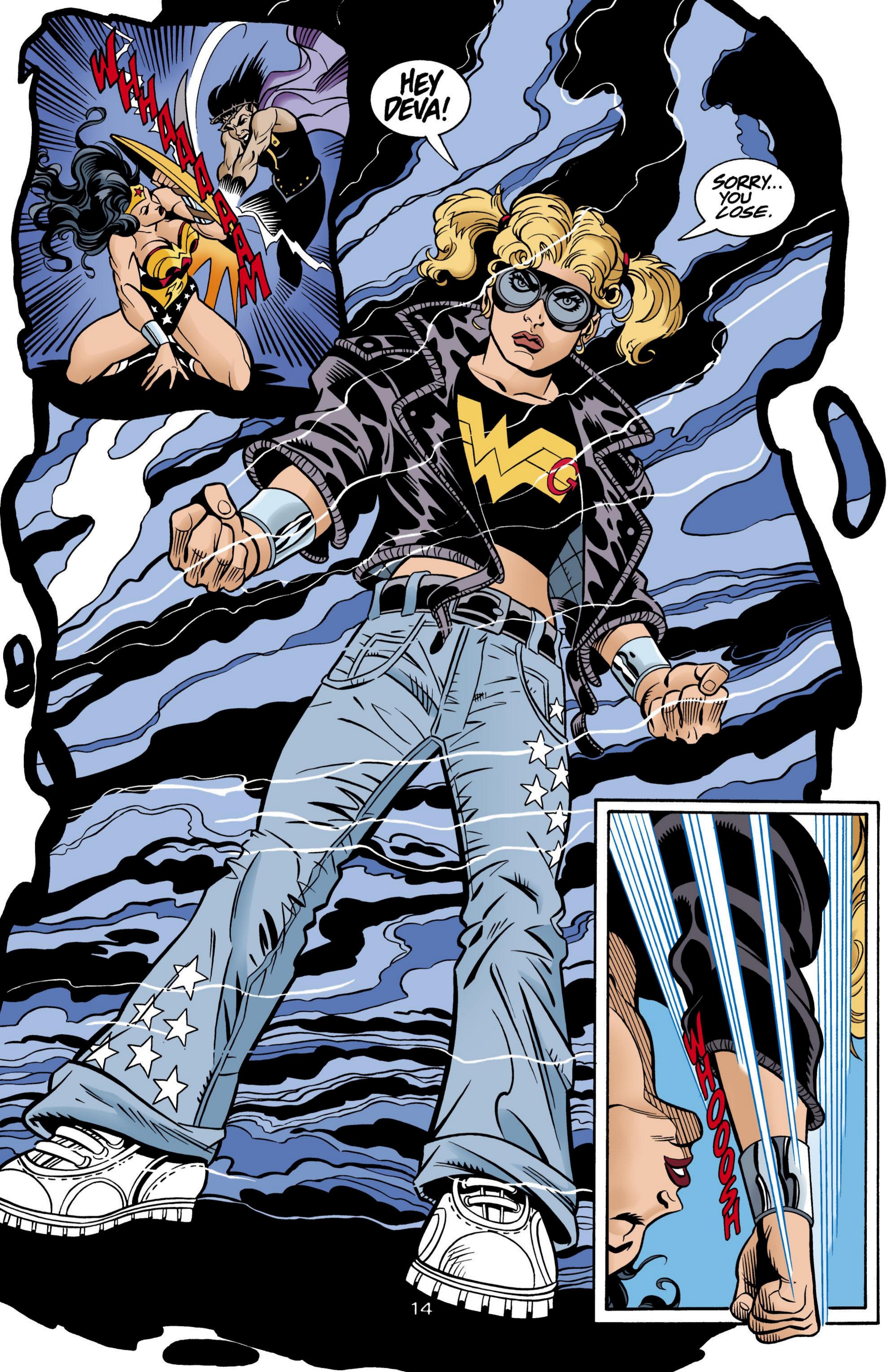
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SOFTENING...

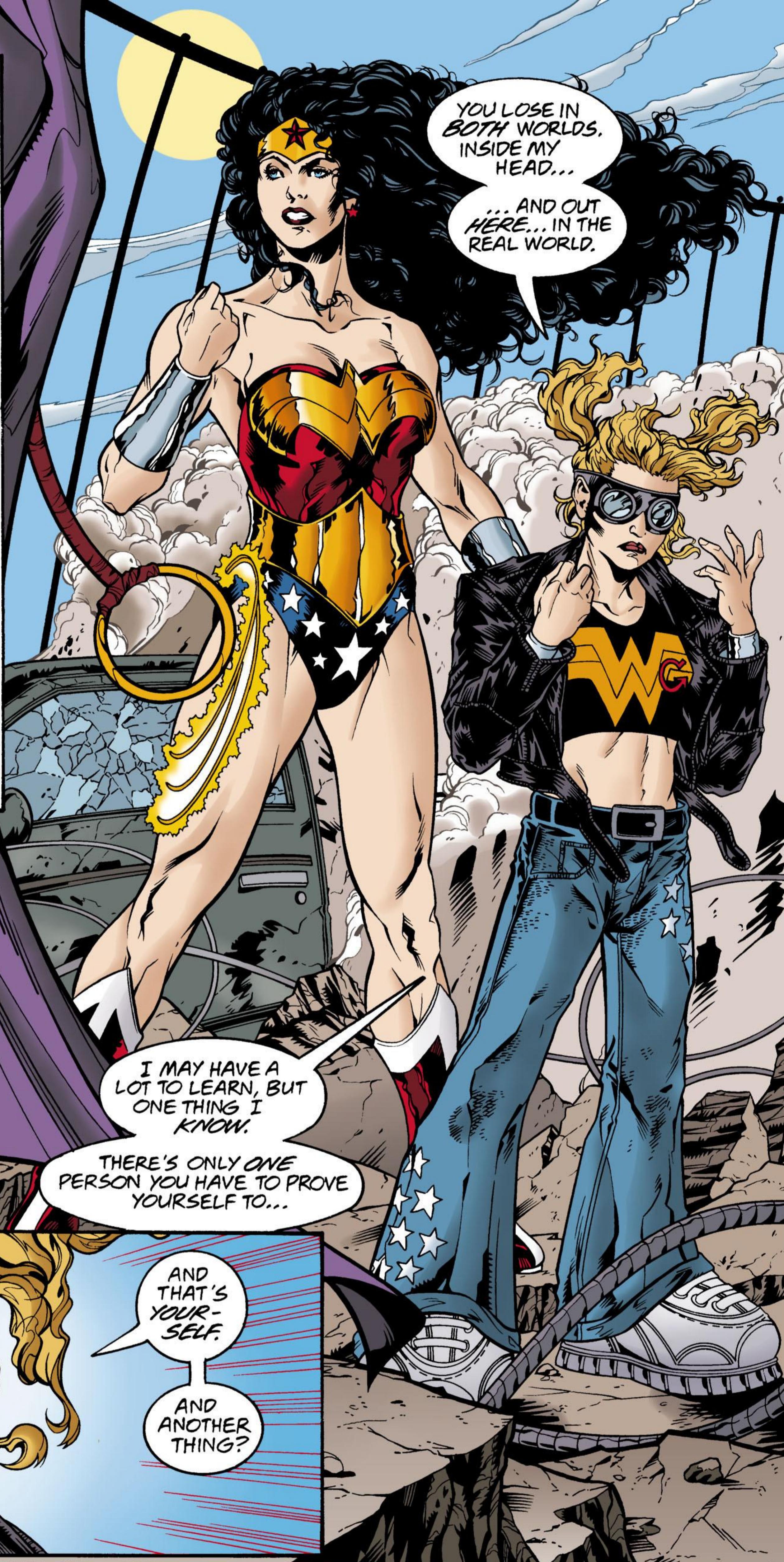
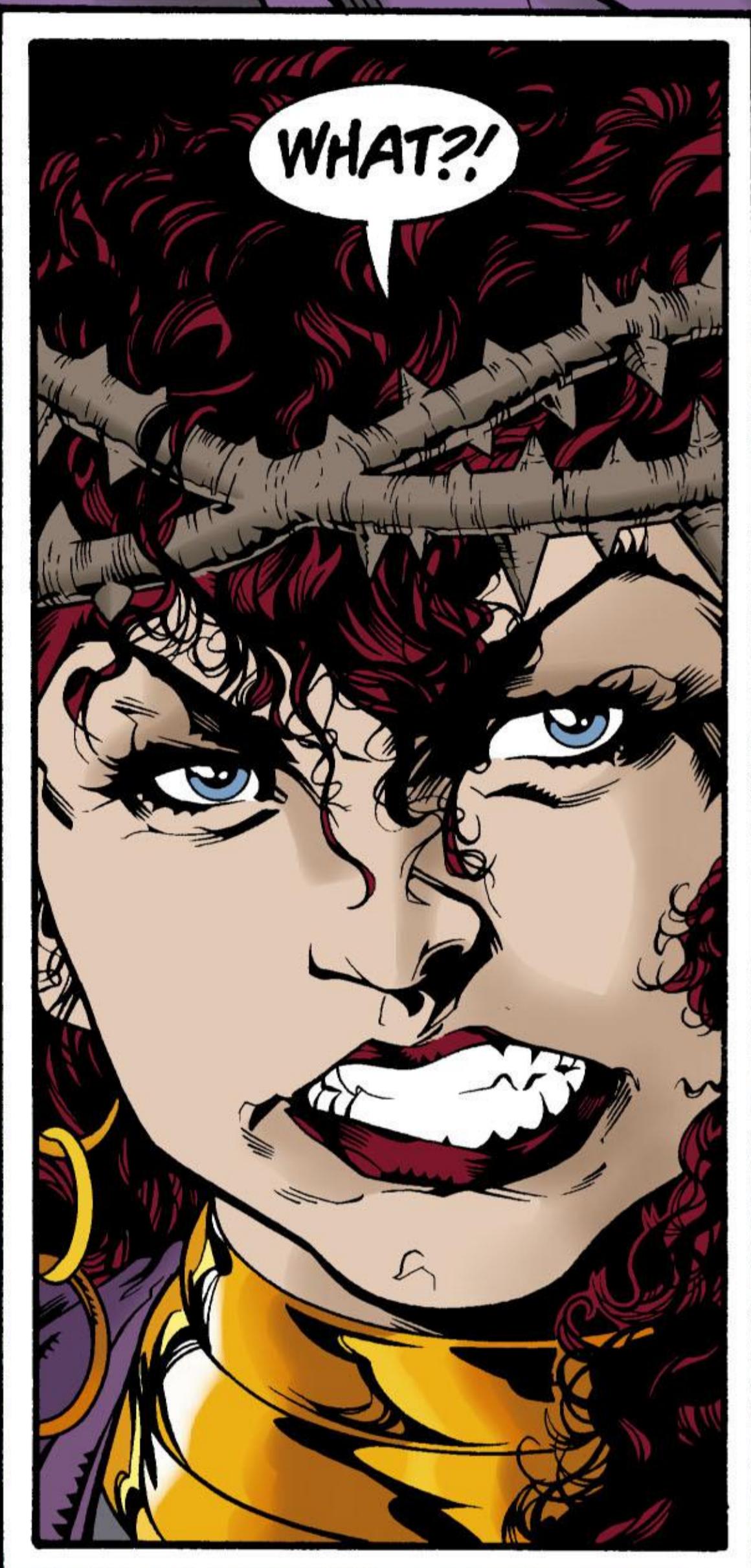
...AND I KNOW
THAT CASSIE IS
BACK.

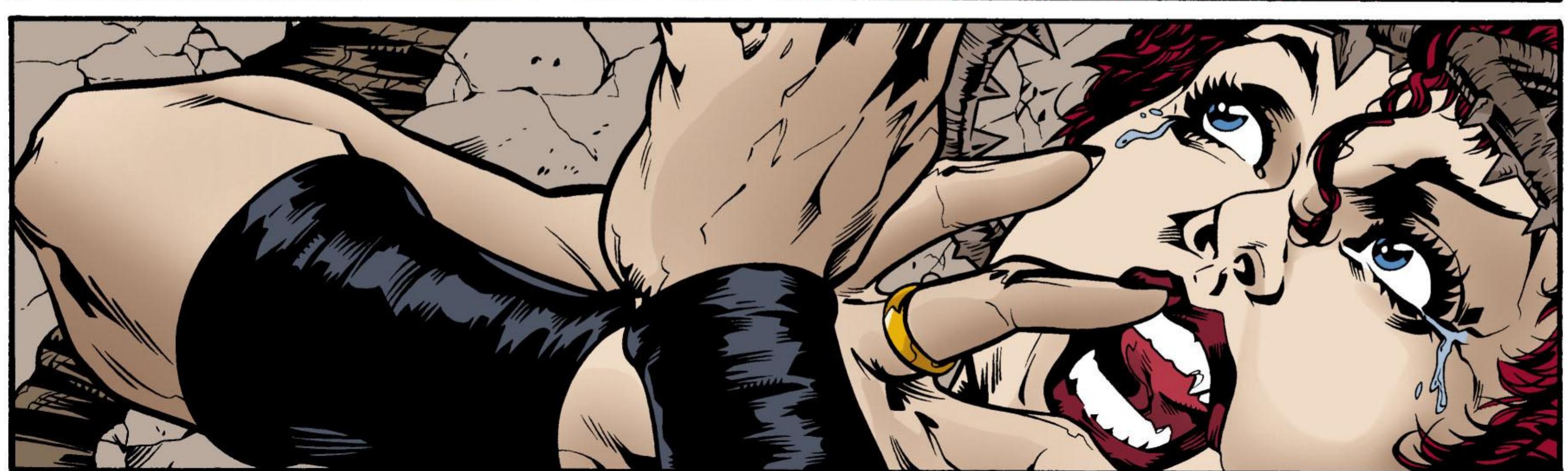
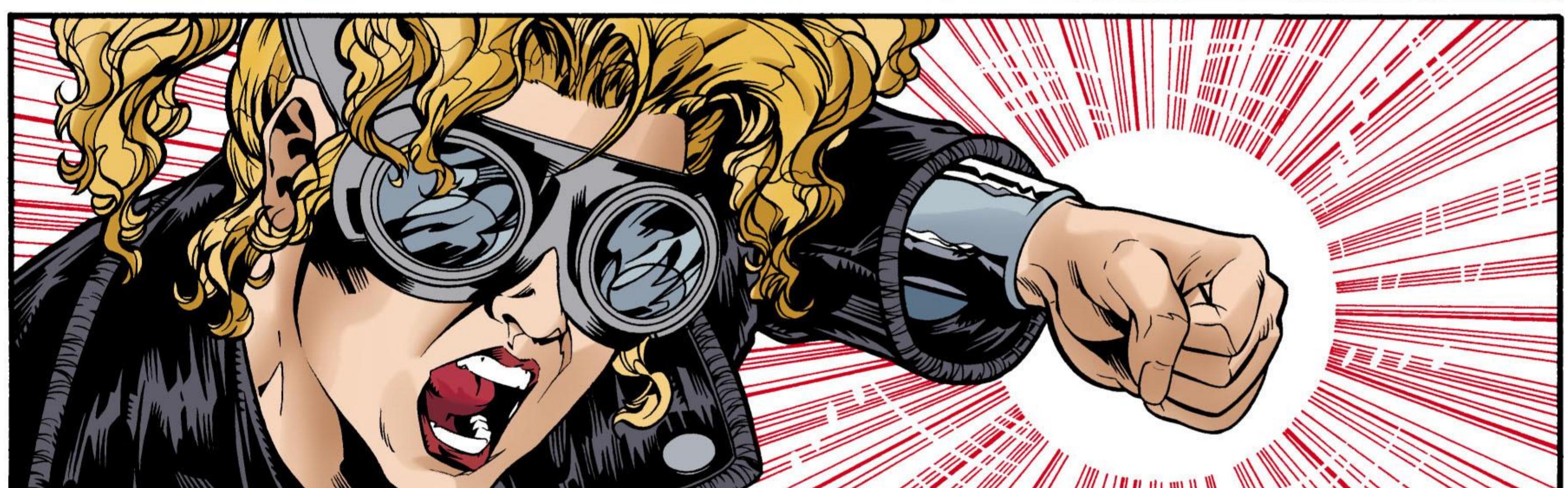
UNFORTUNATELY,
SO IS DEVA.

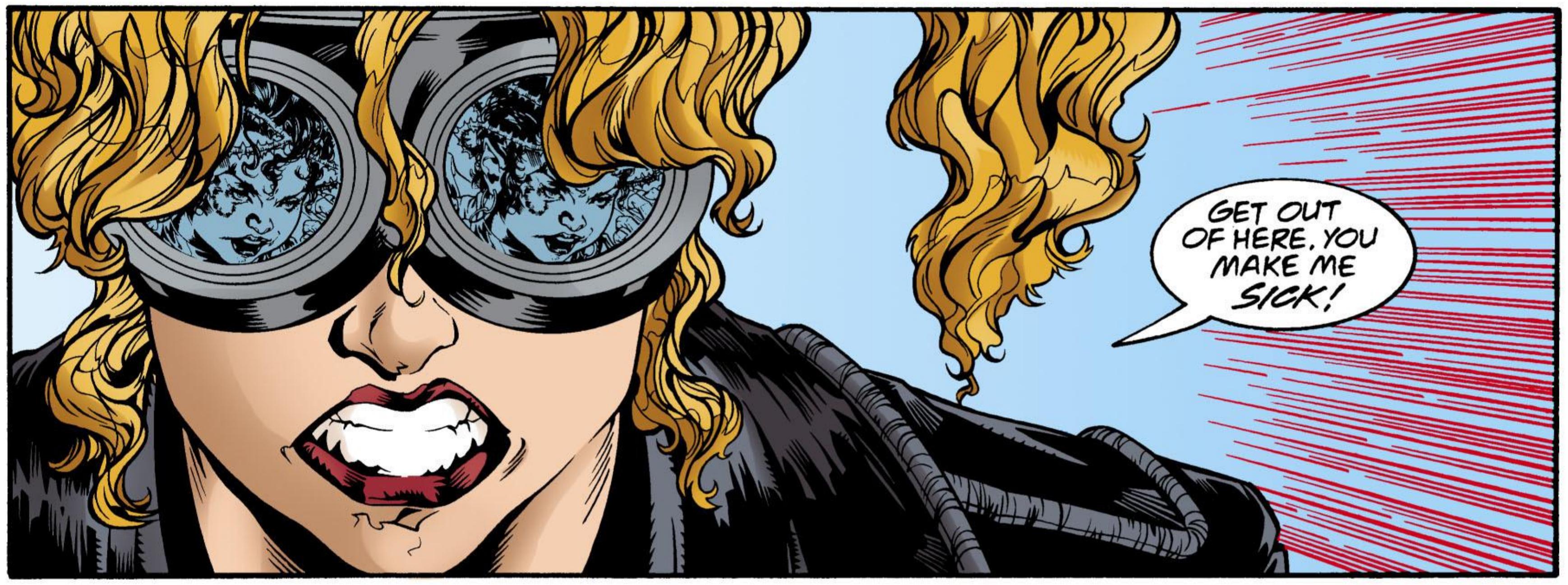
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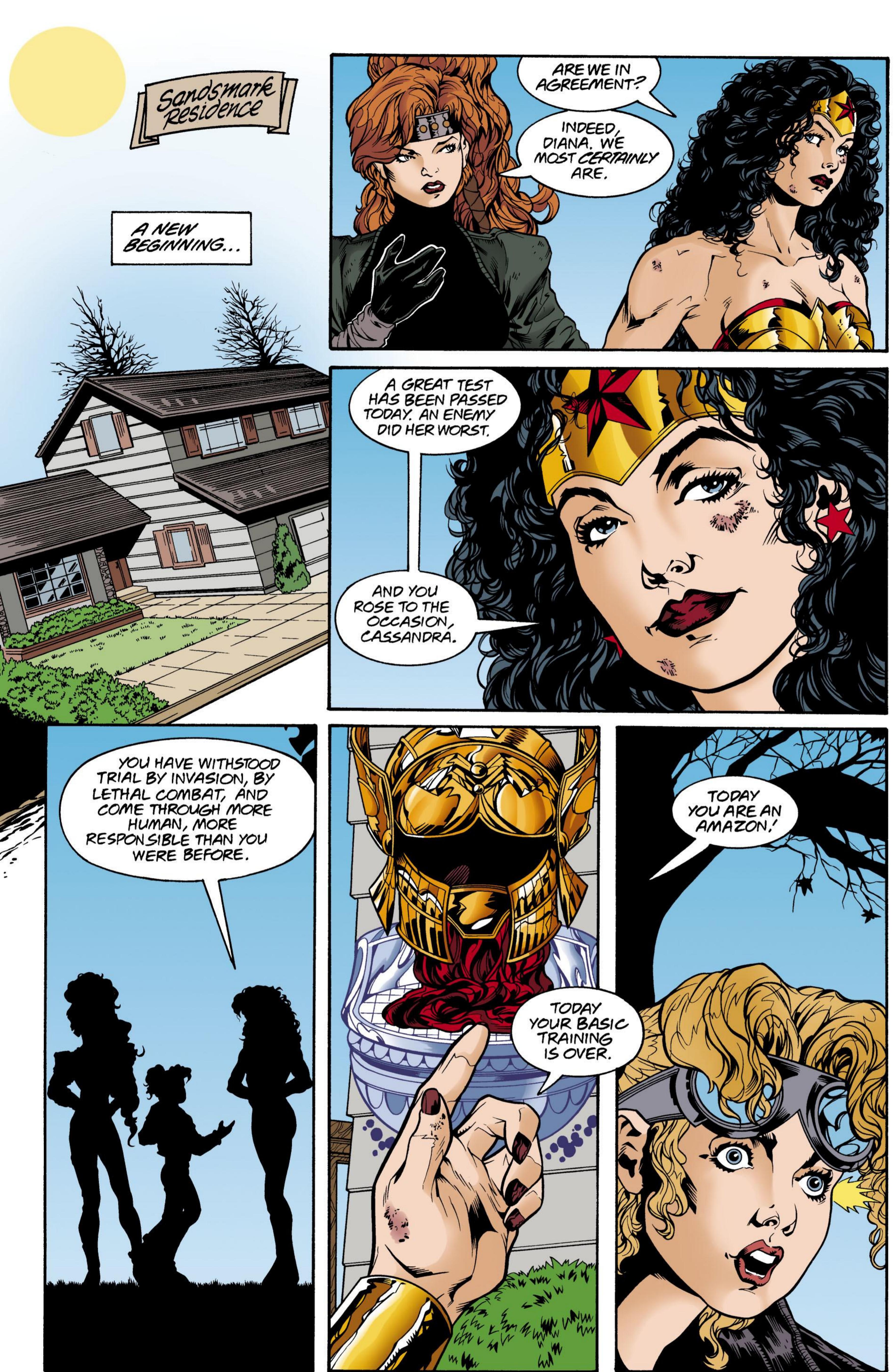
I KNEW YOU
COULDN'T
DO IT!

COWARD!
COWARD!

OH,
DIANA...

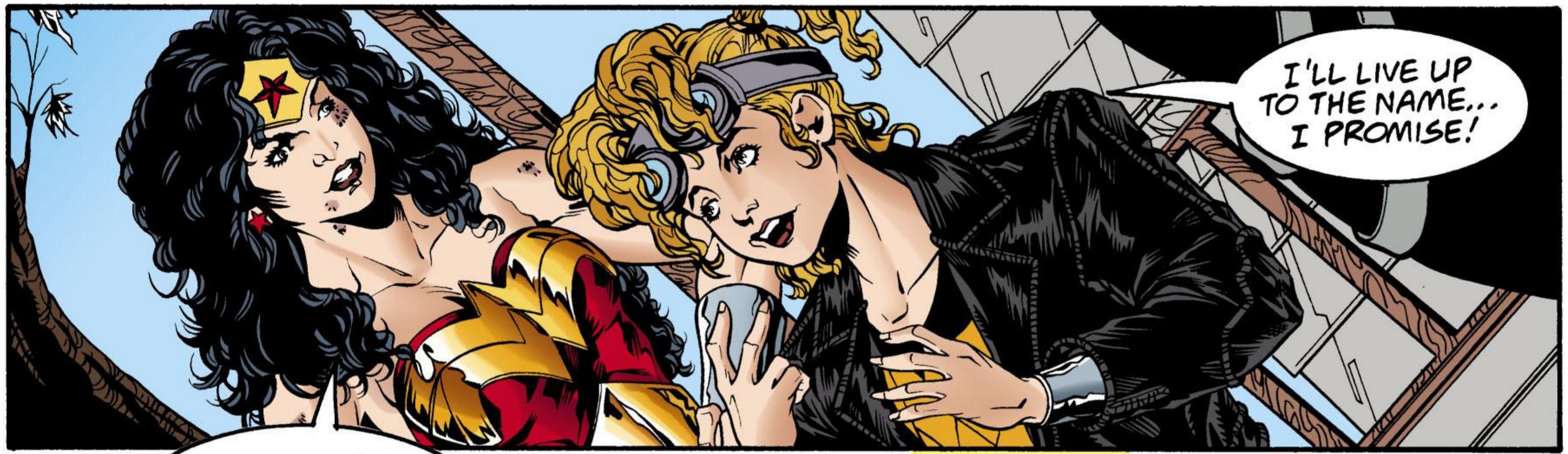
I... I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
TO--

IT'S
ALL
RIGHT,
CASSIE.





**WONDER
GIRL**



CASSIE RETURNS TO
HER MOTHER...ARTEMIS
TO OUR SISTERS.

THE BEASTS OF
MYTHOLOGY
GROWL SOFTLY IN
THEIR LAIRS, ASLEEP.

ARMOR

THE CRYSTAL HALLS ARE
ILLED WITH THE SOFT
SIGHING OF THE GARDEN
OF DREAMS, WHISPERING AS
IT CHANGES ENDLESSLY.

AND I AM FILLED WITH
AN UNDENIABLE
EMOTION.

THERE IS NO ESCAPING
THE FEELING I HAVE
REFUSED TO ADMIT TO
MYSELF...

...GROWING FOR
THE LAST YEAR,
SINCE THE BIRTH
OF THE
WONDERDOME...

I AM
LONELY.

THE DANGER TO CASSIE, HER NEAR ESTRANGEMENT, HAS ONLY PROVEN THE OBVIOUS...

...I HAVE BECOME TOO ISOLATED. IT IS TIME TO RETURN TO THE WORLD.

DOME,
ARE YOU
LISTENING?

PREPARE
YOURSELF!

IT'S TIME
FOR CHANGE!