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I'VE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF BALANCE IN MY LIFE RECENTLY. BEING A GOD--A QUEEN--A HERO, EACH OF THOSE ROLES REQUIRES SOMETHING DIFFERENT OF ME.

THEY ARE EACH A PART OF WHO I AM NOW. MAKING ME BETTER--STRONGER.

BUT IN THIS MOMENT... UP HERE...WITH THE SUN ON MY FACE, AND THE WIND IN MY HAIR...

...THERE ARE NO ROLES...AND NO COMMITMENTS...

...THERE IS ONLY ME...

...DIANA.



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MOUNT OLYMPUS.

I JUST WISH I COULD
SHARE THAT SENSE OF
PEACE WITH EVERYONE.

POOR DONNA.

AS HORRIFIC AS HER
ACTIONS WERE ON
THEMYSCIRA, SHE
WAS AS MUCH A VICTIM
AS OUR BROTHERS.
DERINOE FED HER SUCH
A TOXIC STEW
OF HATRED AND LIES...



I JUST HOPE SHE CAN BEGIN
TO MOVE FORWARD NOW THAT
SHE KNOWS THE TRUTH.

IT'S NOT EASY WHEN YOU LEARN
THAT EVERYTHING THAT HAS
DEFINED WHO AND WHAT YOU
ARE...EVERYTHING YOU'VE
BELIEVED IN...IS A LIE. I KNOW
THAT BETTER THAN MOST.*

BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT
IT'S NOT OUR LOSSES
THAT DEFINE US, BUT
HOW WE LEARN FROM
THOSE EXPERIENCES.

EVERYONE
DESERVES
A SECOND
CHANCE.

*SEE WONDER WOMAN #3
FOR THE FULL STORY--ED.

HAVE YOU
COME WITH YOUR
LASSO TO INFILCT
MORE OF YOUR
TRUTH ON ME?



FAIR ENOUGH. WHY DON'T
YOU TELL ME WHAT YOU
ARE IN THE MOOD FOR
THEN...



...BESIDES WHAT
APPEARS TO BE
PITY AND
SELF-LOATHING,
DONNA?

YOU'LL HAVE
TO FORGIVE ME,
I'M REALLY NOT
IN THE MOOD.

YOU KNOW I DIDN'T
BRING YOU HERE JUST
TO PUNISH YOU.

I WANTED TO GIVE
YOU THE OPPORTUNITY
TO REHABILITATE
YOURSELF.

TO FIND OUT
WHO YOU ARE
AND...

I KNOW
EXACTLY WHO
I AM!

I'M A
MONSTER.

MISGUIDED
AND
CONFUSED...
MAYBE.

SELF-
INDULGENT...
DEFINITELY,
BUT A
MONSTER?
NO.



I BATHED IN
THE BLOOD OF
INNOCENTS.

I CAN'T
CHANGE WHAT
I'VE DONE
ANY MORE THAN
YOU CHANGE
THE TRUTH.

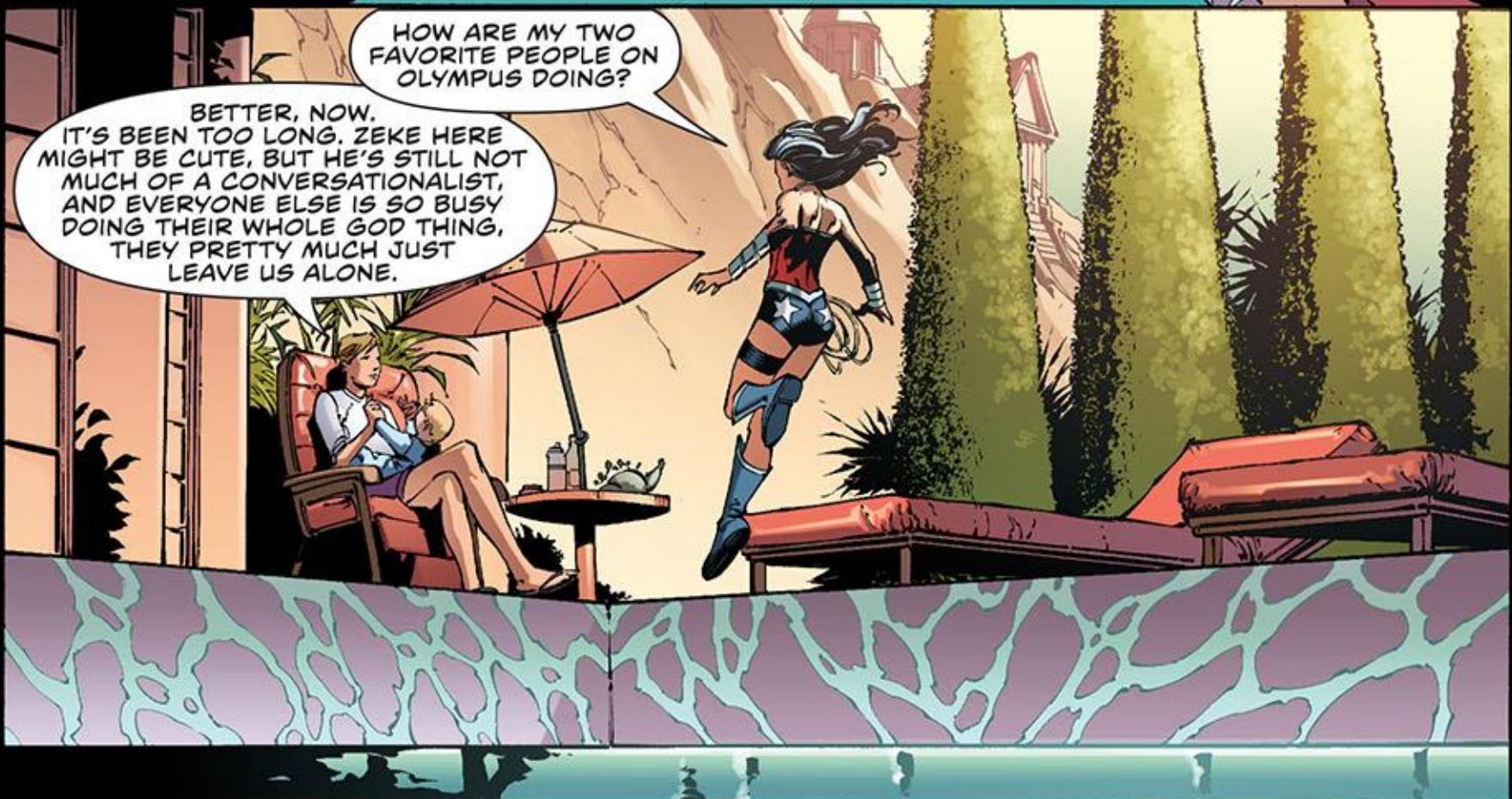
YOU'RE
RIGHT. YOU
HAVE DONE
A TERRIBLE
THING.

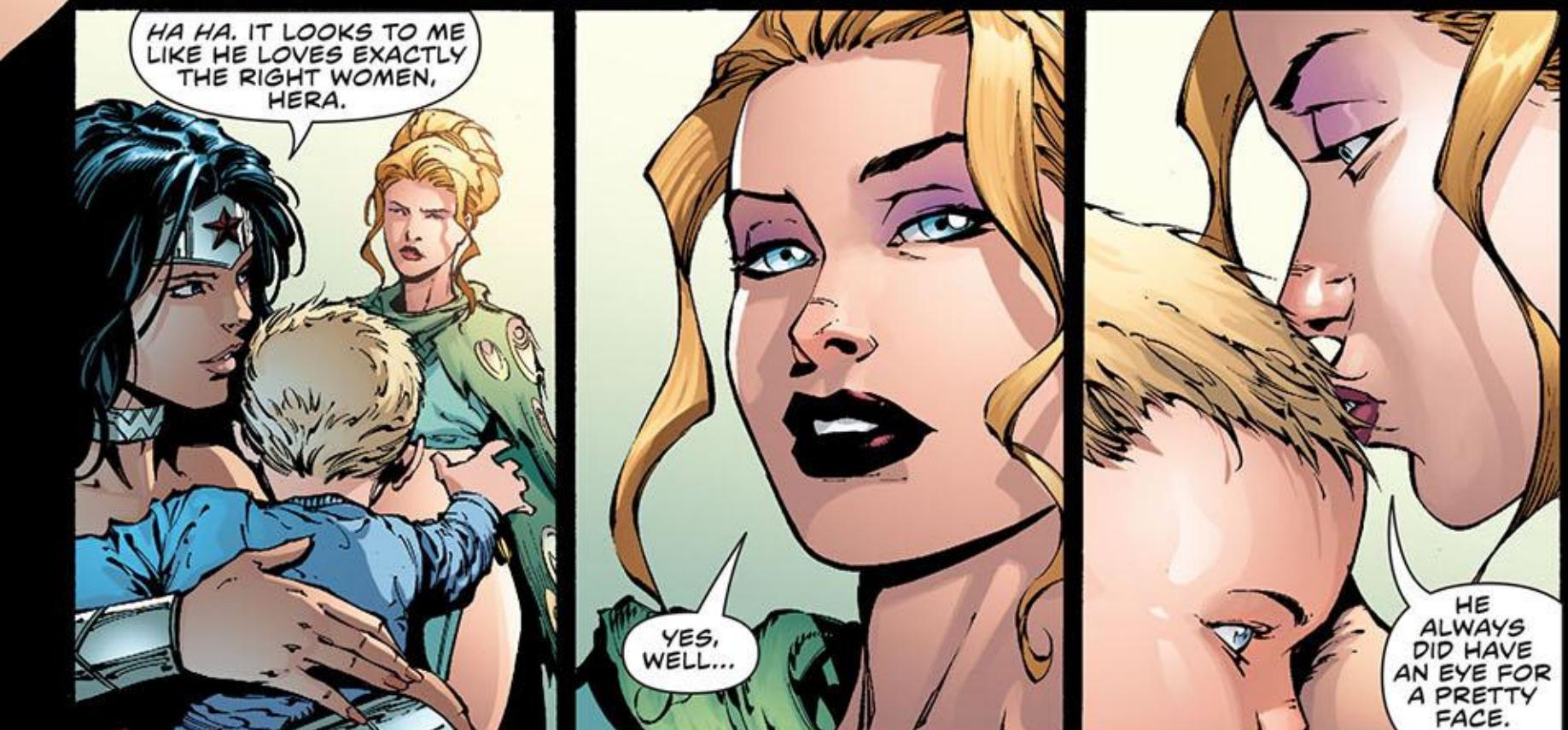
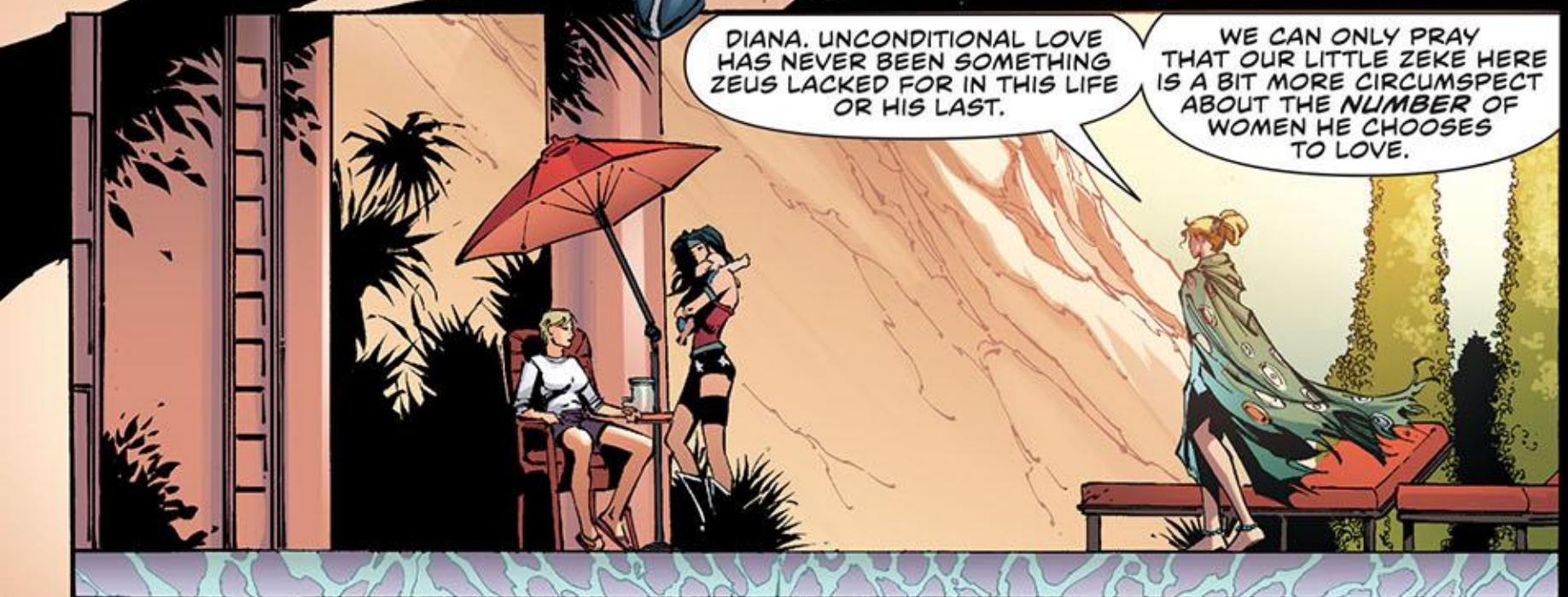
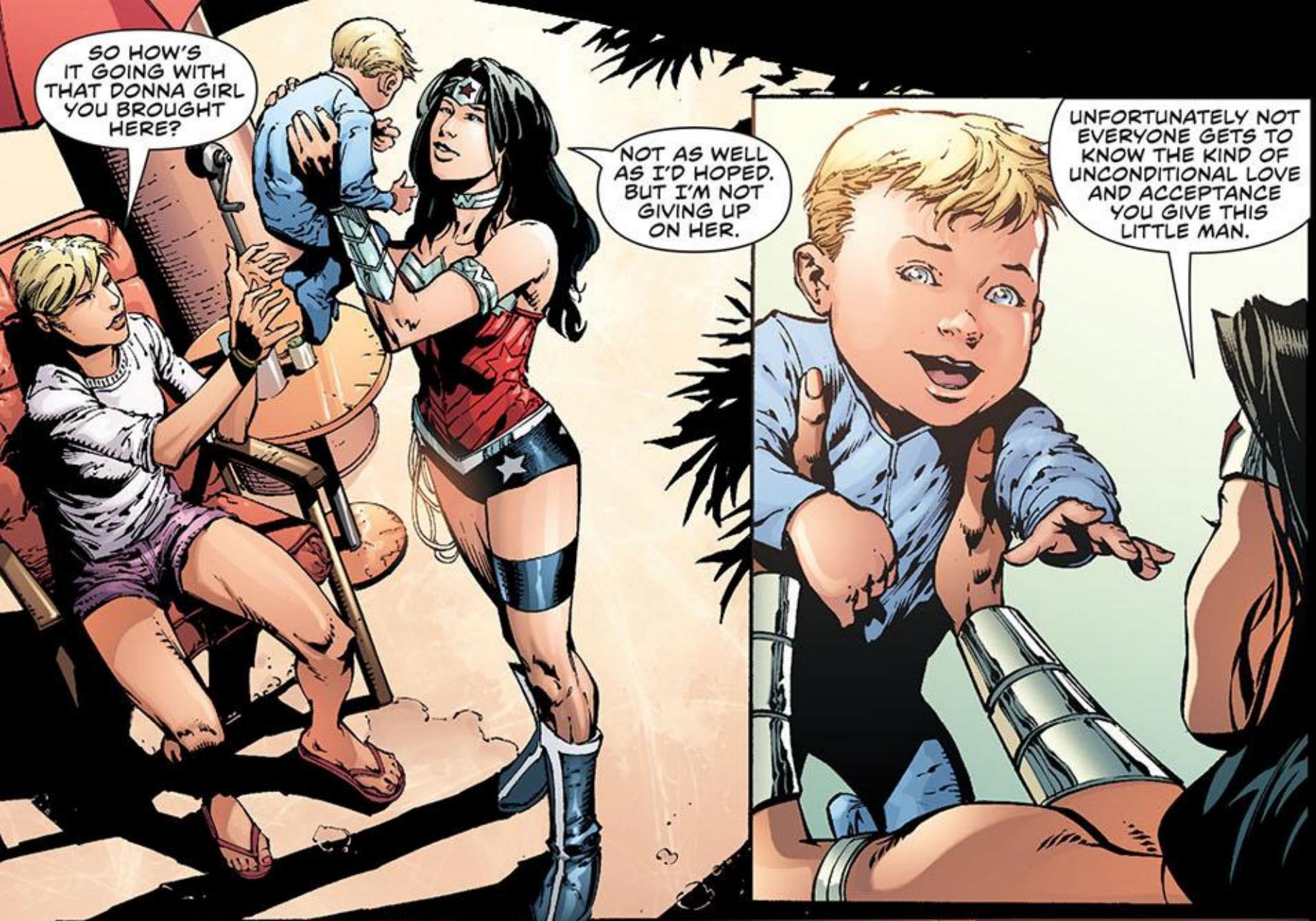
BUT THAT
DOESN'T NEED
TO DEFINE WHO
OR WHAT YOU ARE
FOR THE REST
OF YOUR LIFE.

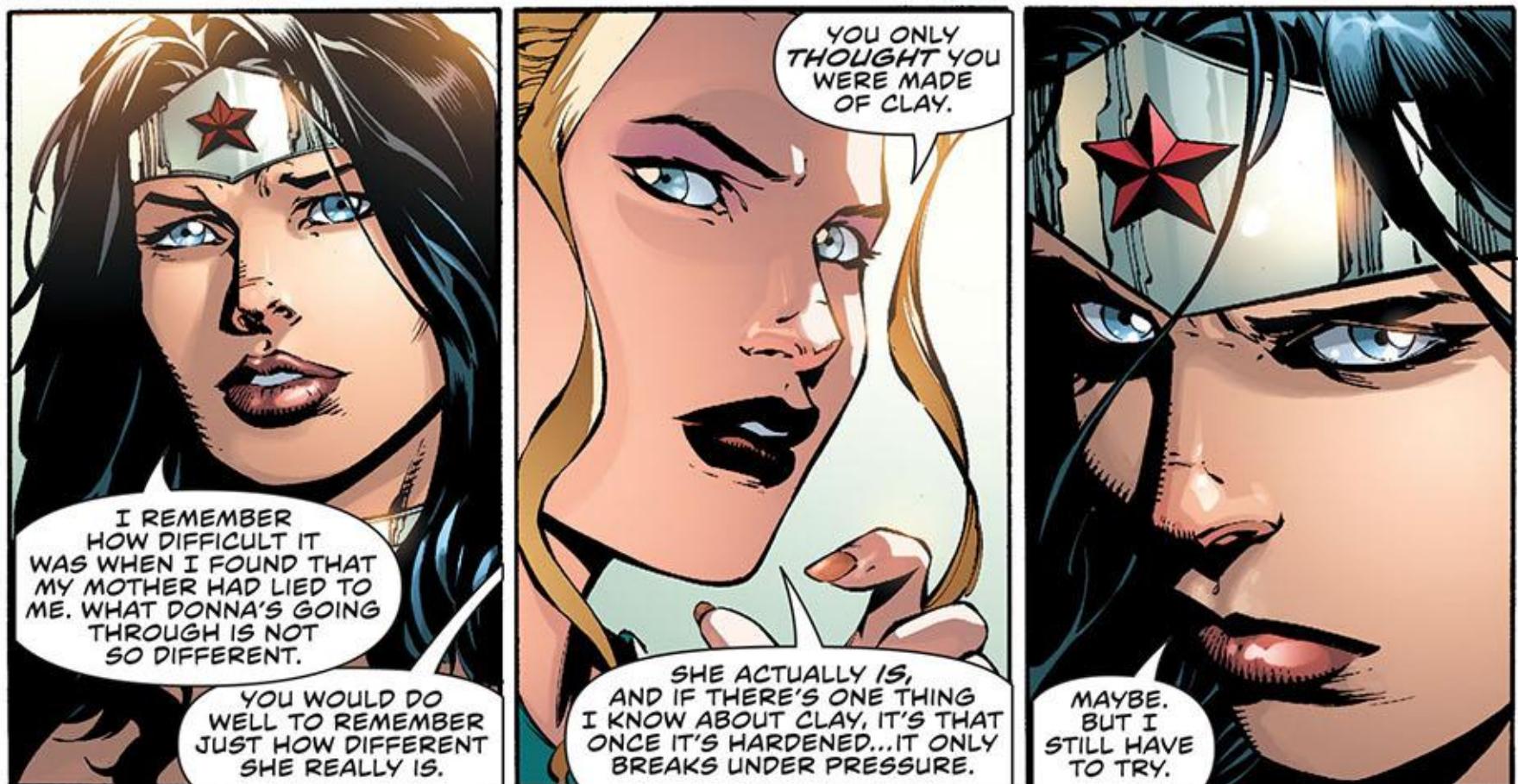
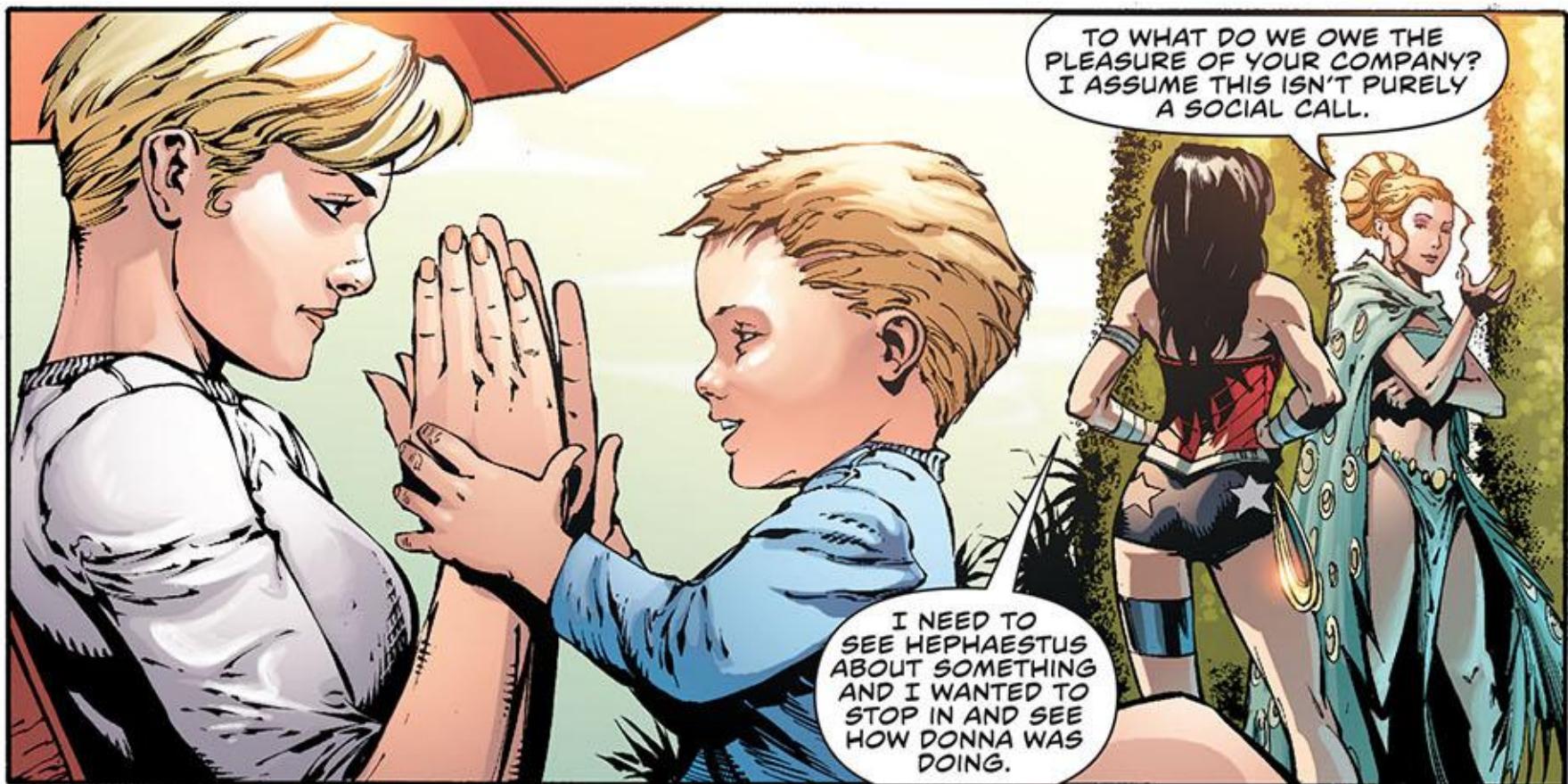
IT'S UP TO YOU
TO CHOOSE WHERE YOU
GO FROM HERE. BUT FIRST,
YOU NEED TO DECIDE IF
YOU ARE GOING TO USE
YOUR LIFE, OR BE
USED BY IT.

THE POOL OF THE GODS.

ZOLA!
I THOUGHT
I WOULD DROP
IN FOR A QUICK
VISIT WHILE
I'M HERE.







WHILE DONNA SERVES HER SENTENCE FOR THE MURDER OF OUR BROTHERS ON OLYMPUS, THOSE AMAZONS WITH BLOOD ON THEIR HANDS TOIL HERE, IN THE FORGE OF HEPHAESTUS, JUST AS THEIR BROTHERS ONCE DID BEFORE THEM.



WHEN THEY ARE READY TO RETURN TO PARADISE ISLAND, THEY WILL HAVE LEARNED THAT THE WEAKEST STEEL COMES FROM THE PUREST IRON.

THE TRUE BEAUTY OF METAL CAN ONLY BE REALIZED IF THE SMITH IS WILLING TO POUND IT INTO SUBMISSION ONCE IT HAS BEEN SOFTENED BY THE HEAT OF THE FURNACE.

BUT, YOU KNOW THAT BETTER THAN MOST.

I'M ASSUMING THAT'S THE REASON BEHIND THIS CHANGE.

I WAS STILL JUST A GIRL WHEN I FIRST PUT ON THIS COSTUME AND LEFT THEMYSCIRA FOR THE WORLD OF MEN.

A GIRL WITH A LOT TO PROVE...

...TO HER MOTHER...

...TO THE AMAZONS...

...TO HERSELF.

I LOST A LOT AND LEARNED A LOT SINCE THEN, ABOUT MYSELF, AND THE PEOPLE AROUND ME. I'VE TAKEN ON ROLES THAT I NEVER WANTED, BUT COULDN'T REFUSE.

EVERY DAY IS A STRUGGLE TO DO JUSTICE TO THOSE ROLES, WHILE REMAINING TRUE TO MYSELF.

THIS NEW COSTUME IS A SYMBOL OF THAT. IT'S A REFLECTION OF EVERYTHING I AM NOW: GOD, QUEEN, WARRIOR FOR JUSTICE.

IT'S FINALLY TIME FOR ME TO LEAVE THE GIRL BEHIND...

...AND
EMBRACE THE
WOMAN I'VE
BECOME.

ON MY WAY HOME FROM OLYMPUS, I GOT A CALL FROM CYBORG. HE HEARD ON THE POLICE SCANNERS THAT SOME KID HAS THREATENED TO BLOW HIMSELF UP UNLESS HE GETS TO MEET WONDER WOMAN.



I DON'T USUALLY INTERFERE IN POLICE BUSINESS, BUT IN THIS CASE...I COULDN'T LIVE WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF FAILURE.



WE REALLY DON'T WANT TO BOther YOU, WONDER WOMAN. I'M SURE MY GUYS CAN HANDLE THIS.



YOU KNOW HOW KIDS ARE THESE DAYS. EVERYONE'S ALL ABOUT GETTING FAMOUS ON THE INTERNET.

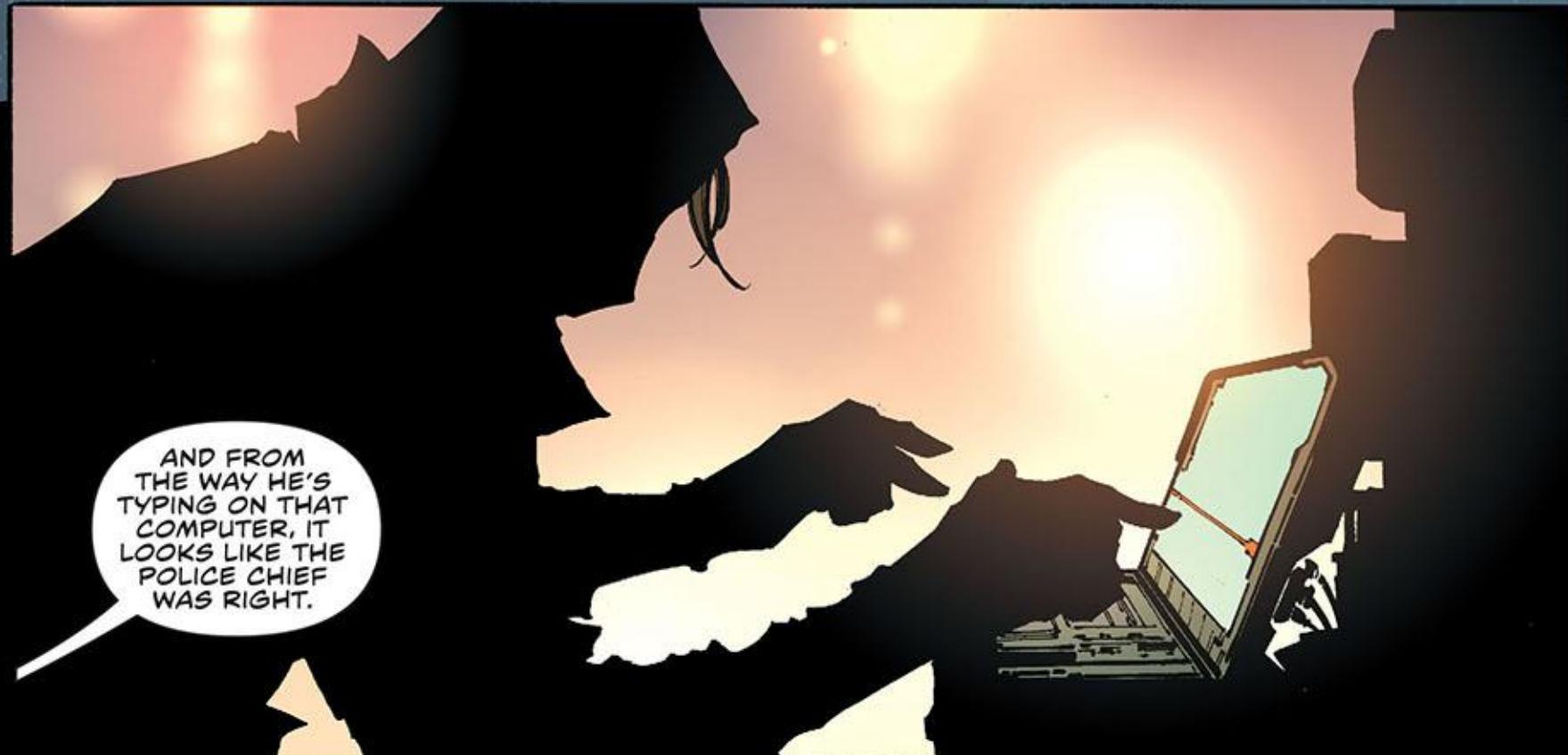
YOU GIVE IN TO THIS, AND YOU'LL HAVE TWENTY MORE KIDS PULLING THE SAME STUNT BY MORNING.



MAYBE. BUT I'M NOT WILLING TO TAKE THAT CHANCE. NOT WHEN I CAN HELP.

JUST KEEP YOUR MEN CLEAR.

POOR KID. LIFE HAS TO BE PRETTY ROUGH WHEN YOU'RE WILLING TO DIE, JUST TO GET SOME ATTENTION.







I HEARD YOU
WEREN'T ALL THAT
BRIGHT.



BUT I DIDN'T
THINK IT WOULD
BE THIS EASY.



I'M A LITTLE
DISAPPOINTED
REALLY. TURNS
OUT...



...YOU'RE
NOT MUCH OF A
WONDER WOMAN
AT ALL.



THAT WAS
UNEXPECTED.



I WOULDN'T
MISTAKE MY
RELUCTANCE TO
FIGHT FOR LACK
OF ABILITY.

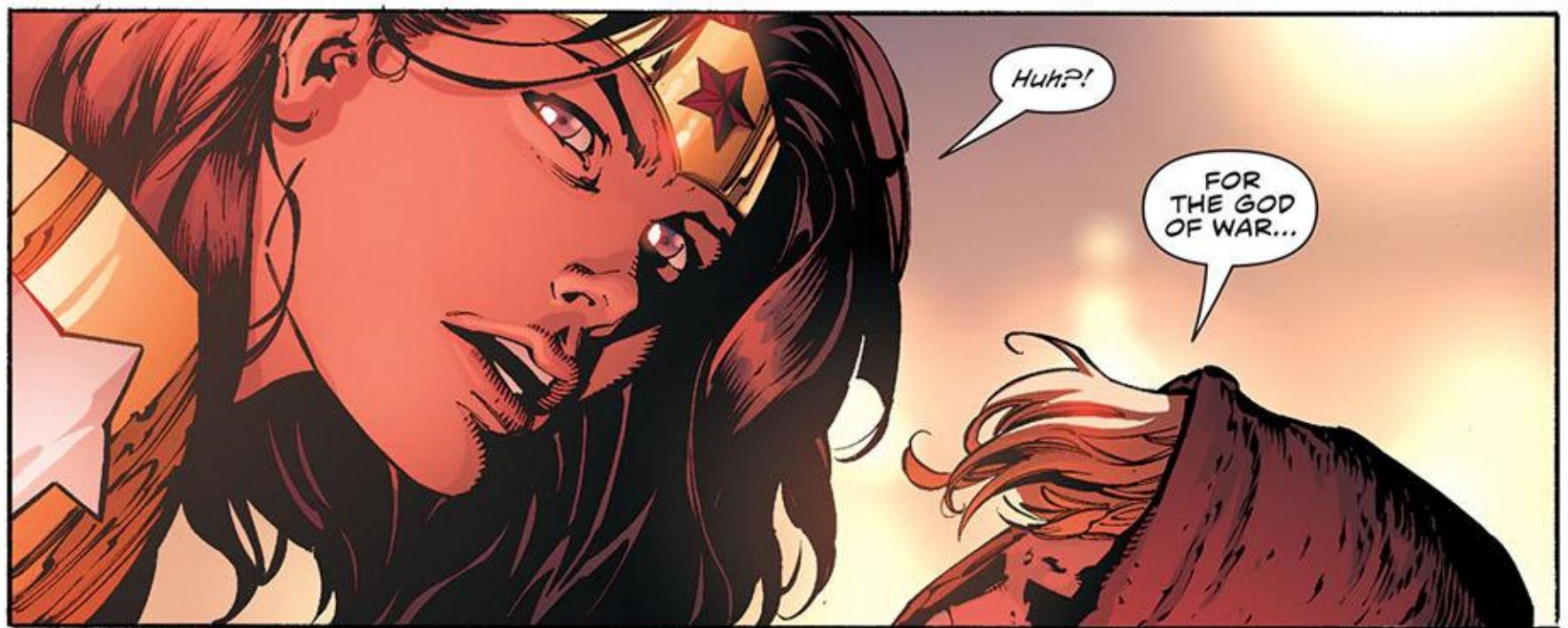
IT'S JUST
THAT BEATING UP
KIDS ISN'T REALLY
MY THING.

LISTEN!
I GET IT!

YOU'VE
HAD A TOUGH
LIFE.

AND EVERYONE
DESERVES TO GET A
LITTLE ATTENTION
NOW AND THEN.

BUT THIS ISN'T THE
WAY TO SOLVE YOUR
PROBLEMS!



SHE'S EVEN
MORE ARROGANT AND
SELF-RIGHTEOUS THAN
I IMAGINED.

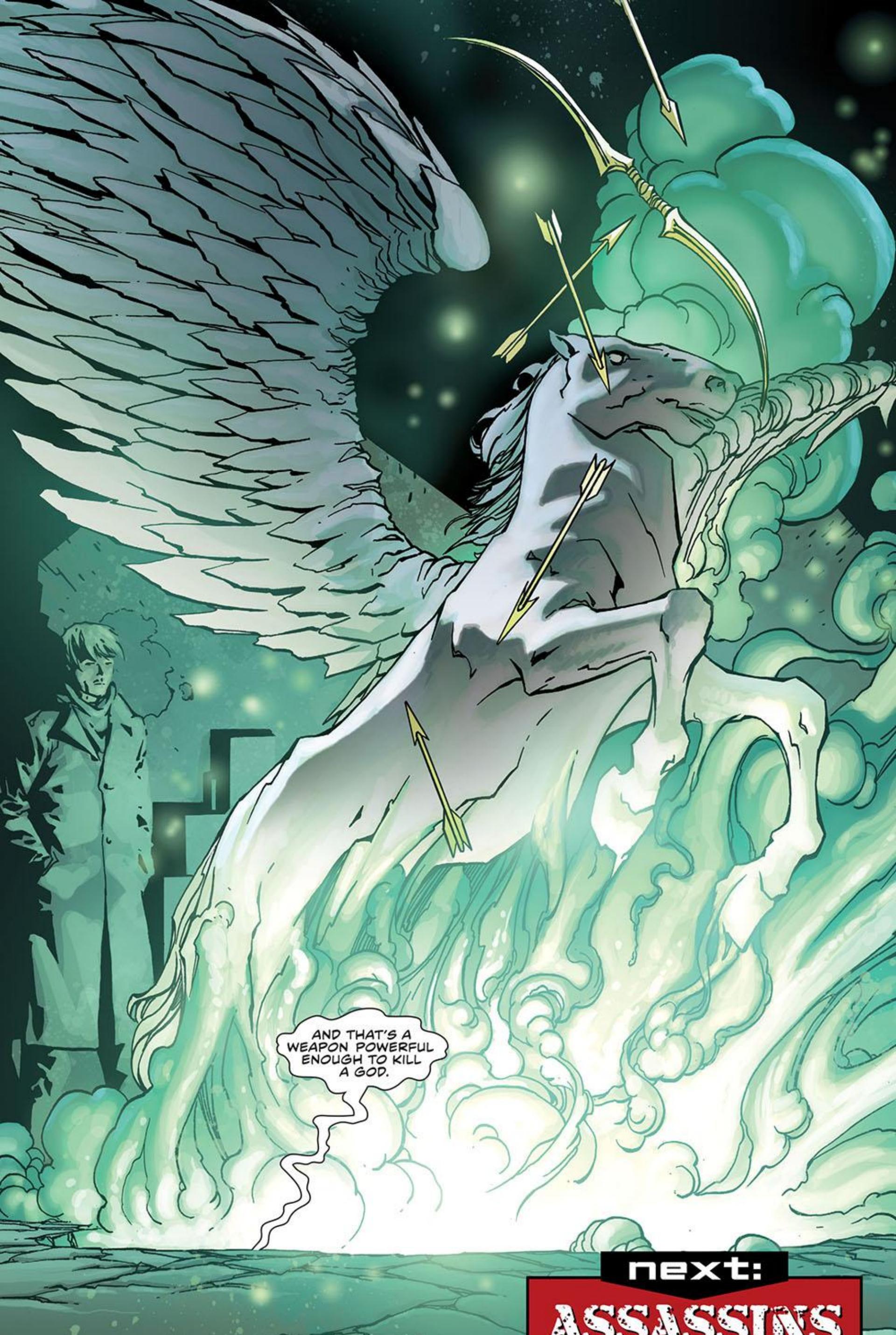
BETTER WAYS
TO GET AHEAD, MY ASS.
BLOODY PAMPERED
PRINCESS...PROBABLY HAD
EVERYTHING HANDED
TO HER ON A SILVER
FREAKIN' SPOON.

I'D LIKE
TO SEE HER
CRAWL HER WAY
UP OUT OF THE
GUTTERS.

POWER LIKE
THAT BELONGS
IN THE HANDS OF
SOMEONE WHO
IS NOT AFRAID
TO USE IT.

DID YOU
HAVE SOMEONE
SPECIFIC IN
MIND?





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ASSASSINS

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