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GREAT HERA! -- THE FLYING CARPET IS TAKING STEVE STRAIGHT TO THE FIRE GENIE!

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FACES A FIERY
VILLAIN IN...
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VOLCANO MT.'***



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THE SEA AND HIS YOUNG
ALLY LEAD THEIR UNDER-
WATER ARMY AGAINST



"The CREATURES
from ATLANTIS!"
ON SALE AT ALL NEWSSTANDS!



Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

AS THE AMAZON TEENAGER WONDER GIRL, WONDER WOMAN IS CONFRONTED WITH A BLOOD-CHILLING MENACE WHICH THREATENS THE WORLD! BUT HER VICTORY IS A FLEETING ONE! BECAUSE THE OUTER SPACE MENACE RETURNS IN A NEW SHAPE WHICH THREATENS TO TURN THE EARTH ITSELF INTO FLAME! THIS TIME, THE AMAZON FACES IT AS WONDER WOMAN! FOR THE MOST BLAZING ADVENTURE YOU EVER READ, TURN TO THE WHITE-HOT PAGES OF...

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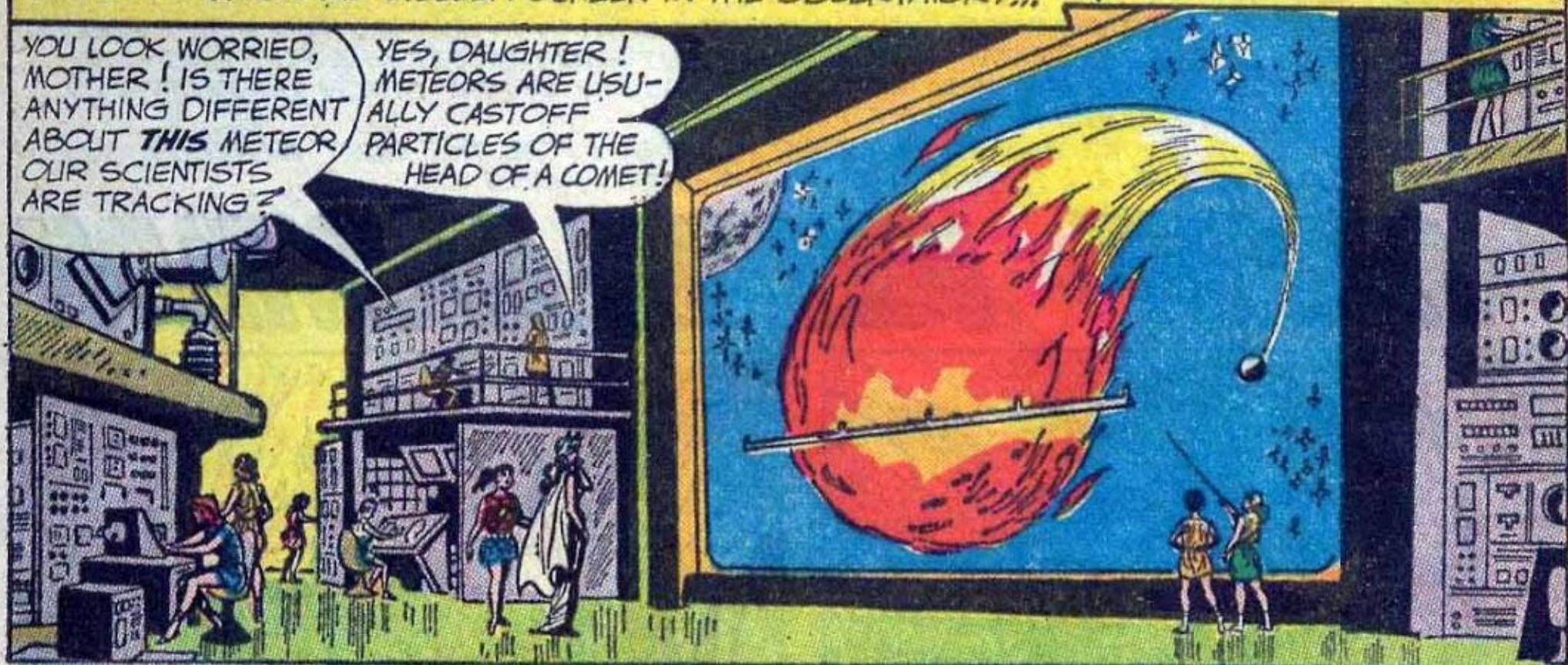
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ON PARADISE ISLAND, SECRET HOME OF THE AMAZONS, WONDER GIRL AND HER MOTHER QUEEN HIPPOLYTA WATCH THE STELLER-SCREEN IN THE OBSERVATORY...

YOU LOOK WORRIED, MOTHER! IS THERE ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS METEOR OUR SCIENTISTS ARE TRACKING?

YES, DAUGHTER! METEORS ARE USUALLY CASTOFF PARTICLES OF THE HEAD OF A COMET!



BUT THIS ONE, WONDER GIRL WAS TRACKED ORIGINATING DIRECTLY FROM MERCURY!

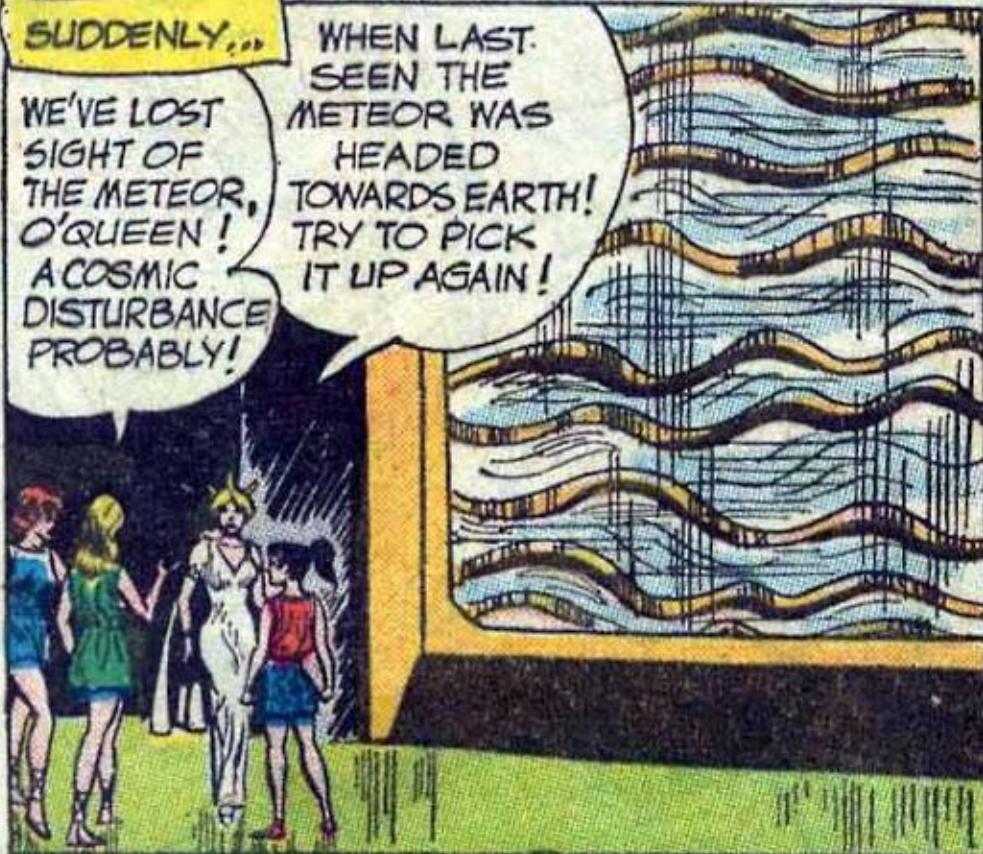
THAT'S THE PLANET OF EXTREMES, ISN'T IT, MOTHER? PART OF IT SO FIERY-HOT--METAL WOULD MELT! AND THE OTHER PART COLD ENOUGH TO SNAP A STEEL BAR AS IF IT WERE A TWIG!



SUDDENLY...

WE'VE LOST SIGHT OF THE METEOR, O'QUEEN! A COSMIC DISTURBANCE PROBABLY!

WHEN LAST SEEN THE METEOR WAS HEADED TOWARDS EARTH! TRY TO PICK IT UP AGAIN!



AS INTERFERENCE KEEPS THE SCREEN JUMBLED...

NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT WAIT UNTIL STELLAR CONDITIONS CLEAR UP! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, WONDER GIRL?

GO BACK TO MY TRAINING SCHEDULE, MOTHER, FOR THE DAY WHEN I'LL GROW UP TO BE WONDER WOMAN!



INTO THE AIR WONDER GIRL LAUNCHES HERSELF LIKE A HUMAN ARROW...

HOW WELL SHE COMPENSATES FOR HER INABILITY TO FLY!



ON AIR CURRENTS, THE AMAZON TEENAGER GLIDES AS EFFORTLESSLY AS A SEAGULL ... SOARING HIGH ABOVE PARADISE ISLAND...



WHOOOSH!

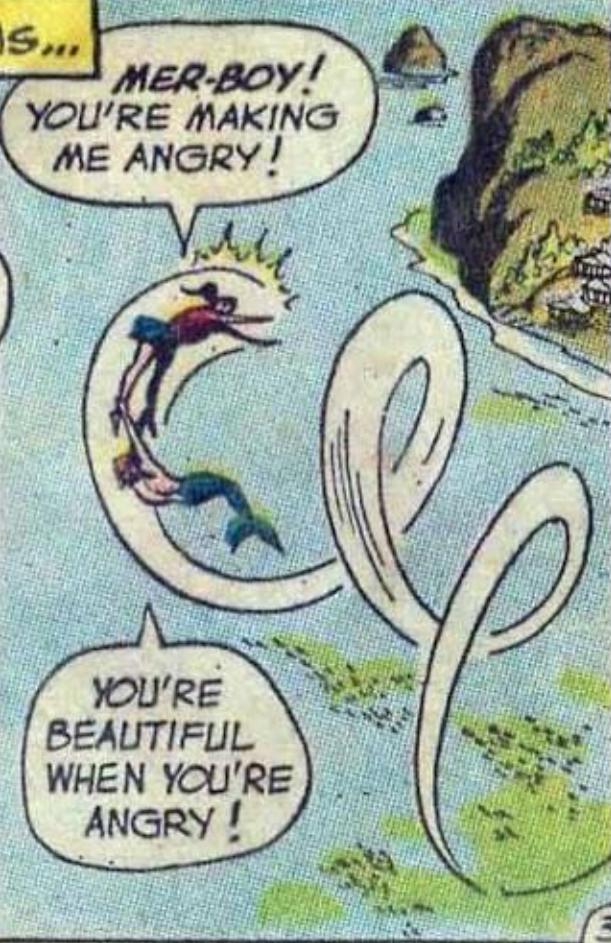
AND PLUMMETING GRACEFULLY TO WAVE-TOP LEVEL...



SUDDENLY, AS SHE STARTS SOARING UPWARDS FROM THE TOSSING GREEN BILLOWS...



WONDER GIRL'S AERIAL ACROBATICS STARTLE THE VERY SEAGULLS AS...





Wonder Woman



FINALLY, WONDER GIRL'S DAZZLING STUNTS RESULT IN...

THERE! THAT WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO BOTHER ME!



BUT AS MER-BOY HURLES DOWN TOWARDS THE TOSSING SEA FAR BELOW...

GREAT HERA! MER-BOY IS FALLING HEAD OVER HEELS! HE HASN'T RIGHTED HIMSELF! IF HE DOESN'T DIVE INTO THE WATER CORRECTLY--HE'LL HURT HIMSELF!



INSTANTLY, THE AMAZON TEENAGER FLASHES UNDER THE FALLING MER-BOY LIKE A LIGHTNING BOLT AND...

I KNEW YOU'D COME TO MY RESCUE IF I DIDN'T LIFT A FINGER TO HELP MYSELF! YOU LOVE ME, WONDER GIRL! YOU MIGHT AS WELL ADMIT IT!

OH-- OH-- YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!



I WOULDN'T BE IN LOVE WITH YOU IF YOU WERE--IF YOU WERE--THE LAST FISH ON EARTH!



AND THEN, BEFORE THE STARTLED WONDER GIRL'S EYES--HURTLING INTO THE SEA LIKE A BLINDING WHITE-HOT FLASH...

WHOOSH!

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! COULD THAT BE THE METEOR WHICH OUR SCIENTISTS WERE TRACKING?



WHAT DOES FATE HAVE IN STORE FOR THE AMAZON TEENAGER? WE SHALL SEE ...

AND THEN, BEFORE WONDER GIRL'S ASTONISHED GAZE, AS A DEADLY CHILL FILLS THE AIR...



MER-BOY!
WHY HASN'T HE SURFACED? HAS ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM?



Thud!

LIKE A HUMAN HAMMER WONDER GIRL STRIKES THE ICE BENEATH HER FEET UNTIL ...

ONE WOULD THINK THAT THE FALLING METEOR WOULD HEAT UP THE WATER-- INSTEAD OF THE REVERSE !

CRACK!

BELOW HER, WONDER GIRL SEES THE PLASTIC DOME COVERING THE SUB-OCEANIC ENTRANCE TO THE MER-WORLD...AND THEN...

THE INTENSE COLD-- IS CRACKING THE DOME !



THE SPECIAL DIVING SUIT, WHICH FITS HER LIKE A SECOND SKIN, ENABLES THE TEEN-AGE AMAZON TO STAY UNDERWATER PRACTICALLY INDEFINITELY, BUT ONLY HER RIGOROUS AMAZON TRAINING HELPS HER TO WITHSTAND THE INCREDIBLY ICY WATERS!

WHAT HAPPENED TO MER-BOY?



AND THEN...

SUFFERING SAPPHO! WITH THE DOME NO LONGER PROTECTING THEM FROM THE ELEMENTS--THE MER-PEOPLE ARE FLOATING UP--NUMB!



FATE SPINS ITS THREAD FASTER NOW--AND WHERE IT SHALL LEAD WONDER GIRL WE SHALL SEE AS PART ONE ENDS--AND PART TWO CONTINUES ON 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING!

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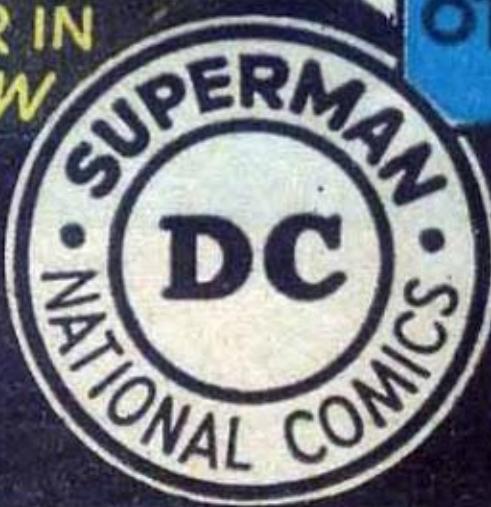
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JUST IMAGINE!

THE MIGHTIEST HEROES
OF OUR TIME...



THE
THRILLING
EXPLOITS
OF THESE
FAMOUS
CHAMPIONS
APPEAR IN
THE NEW



SUPERMAN!
BATMAN!
FLASH!
GREEN LANTERN!
WONDER WOMAN!
AQUAMAN!
J'ONN J'ONZZ-
MANHUNTER FROM MARS!

...HAVE BANDED
TOGETHER AS THE

JUSTICE LEAGUE of AMERICA

TO STAMP OUT
THE FORCES OF EVIL
WHEREVER AND WHENEVER
THEY APPEAR!

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Our AMERICAN Heritage

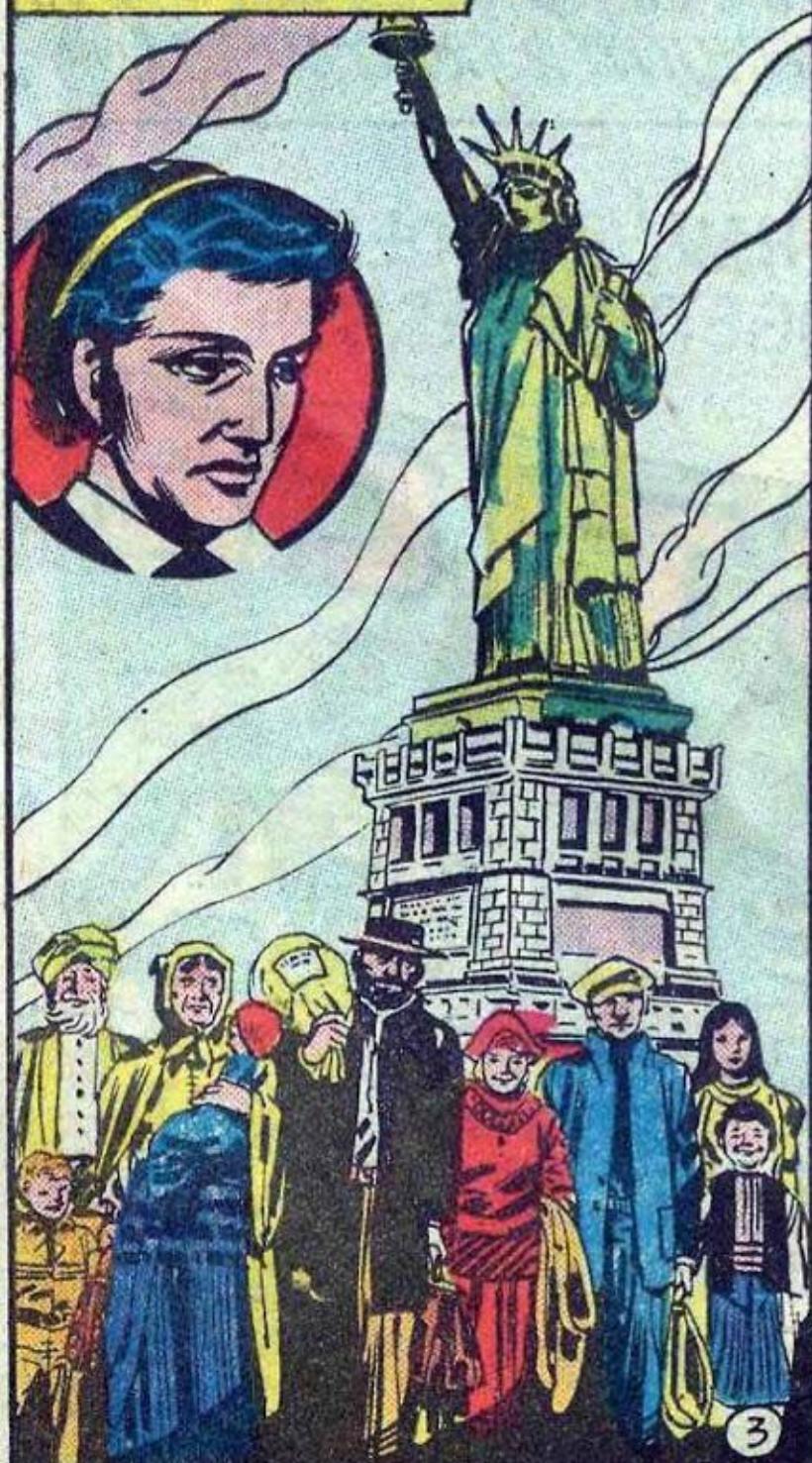
DO YOU KNOW THESE AMERICAN HEROES AND HEROINES? (ANSWERS IN LAST PANEL)

THE QUAKER IMMIGRANT WHO FOUNDED PHILADELPHIA AS THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE AND KEPT ALIVE OUR HERITAGE OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM FOR ALL?



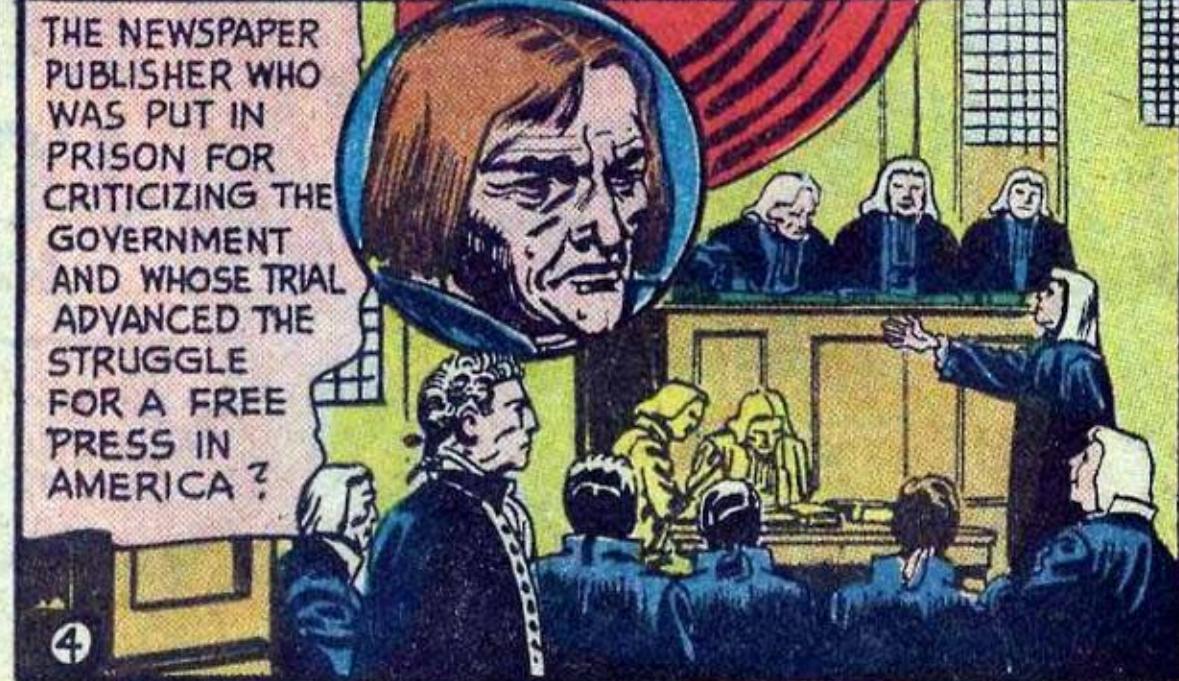
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THE WOMAN WHOSE POEM IN HONOR OF ALL WHO CAME TO AMERICA TO ESCAPE WARS AND POVERTY AND RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IS ENGRAVED ON A MEMORIAL TABLET ON THE STATUE OF LIBERTY?



3

THE NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER WHO WAS PUT IN PRISON FOR CRITICIZING THE GOVERNMENT AND WHOSE TRIAL ADVANCED THE STRUGGLE FOR A FREE PRESS IN AMERICA?



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THE NEGRO WOMAN WHO LED THOUSANDS OF HER PEOPLE OUT OF SLAVERY TO FREEDOM?



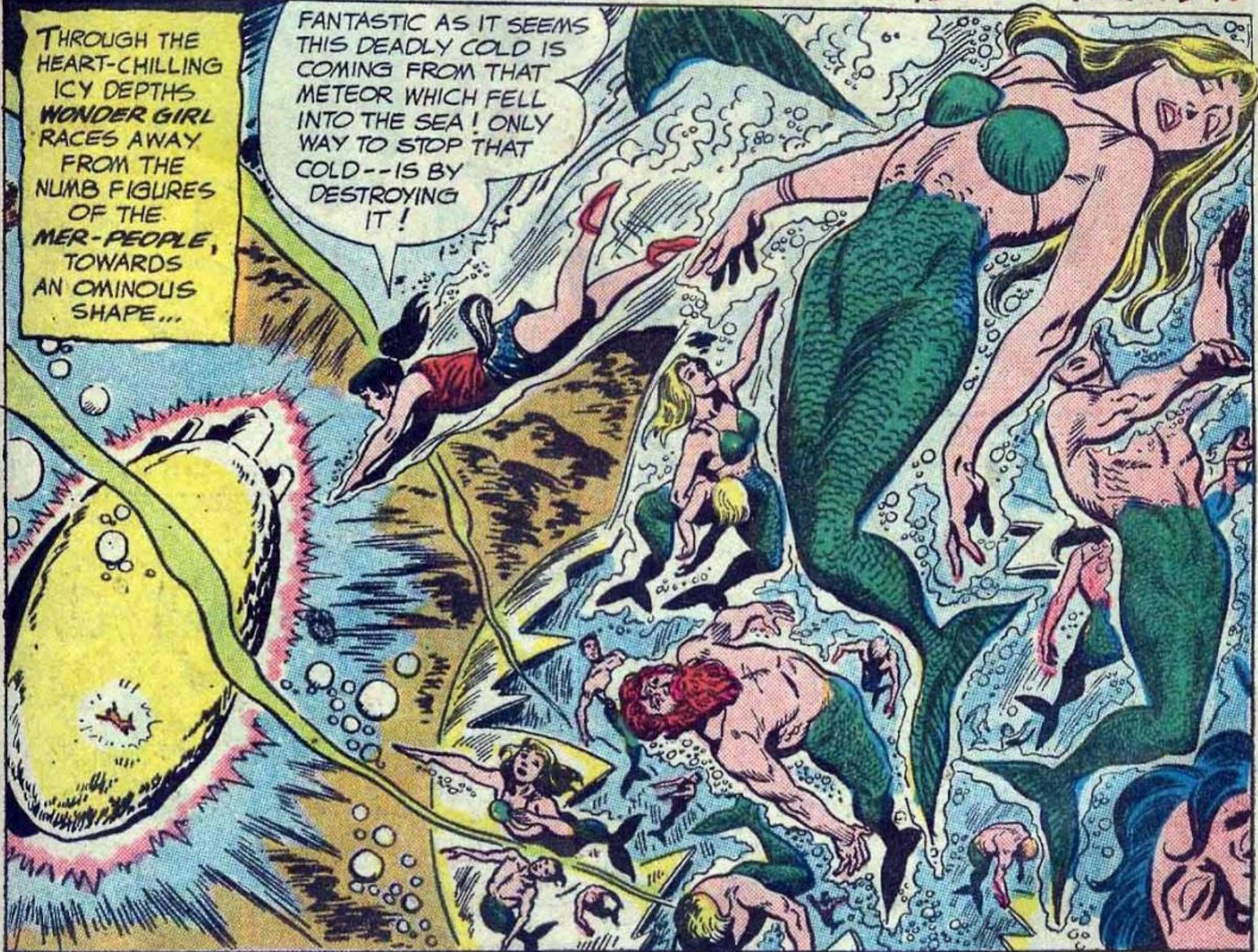
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1. WILLIAM PENN
2. TOM Paine
3. EMMMA LAZARUS
4. JOHN PETER ZENGER
5. HARRIET TUBMAN

PART
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AND
WONDER WOMANTHE SECRET OF
VOLCANO MOUNTAIN!

THROUGH THE
HEART-CHILLING
ICY DEPTHS
WONDER GIRL
RACES AWAY
FROM THE
NUMB FIGURES
OF THE
MER-PEOPLE,
TOWARDS
AN OMINOUS
SHAPE...

FANTASTIC AS IT SEEMS
THIS DEADLY COLD IS
COMING FROM THAT
METEOR WHICH FELL
INTO THE SEA! ONLY
WAY TO STOP THAT
COLD--IS BY
DESTROYING
IT!

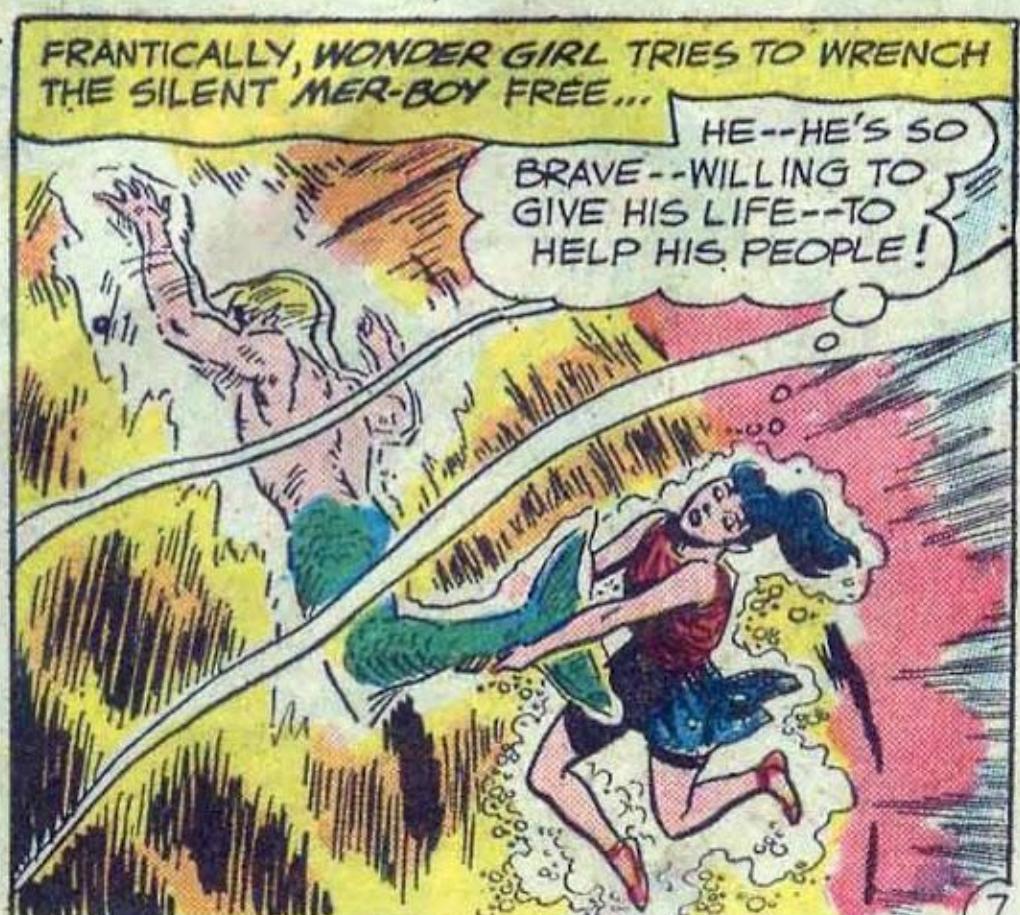


BUT AS THE AMAZON TEENAGER NEARS THE
IMBEDDED OBJECT...

IT--IT'S MER-BOY--
FROZEN TO IT! HE
MUST HAVE TRIED
TO DESTROY IT!

FRANTICALLY, WONDER GIRL TRIES TO WRENCH
THE SILENT MER-BOY FREE...

HE--HE'S SO
BRAVE--WILLING TO
GIVE HIS LIFE--TO
HELP HIS PEOPLE!



Wonder Woman



UNABLE TO WRENCH THE UNCONSCIOUS MER-BOY FREE FROM THE OBJECT FROM OUTER SPACE TO WHICH HE IS FROZEN FAST...

AMAZON TRAINING HAS MADE MY FINGERNAILS STRONGER THAN STEEL!

I'LL CUT THE ICE AROUND MER-BOY--THE WAY ONE CAN CUT GLASS WITH A DIAMOND--!

HERA HELP MY PLAN SUCCEED!

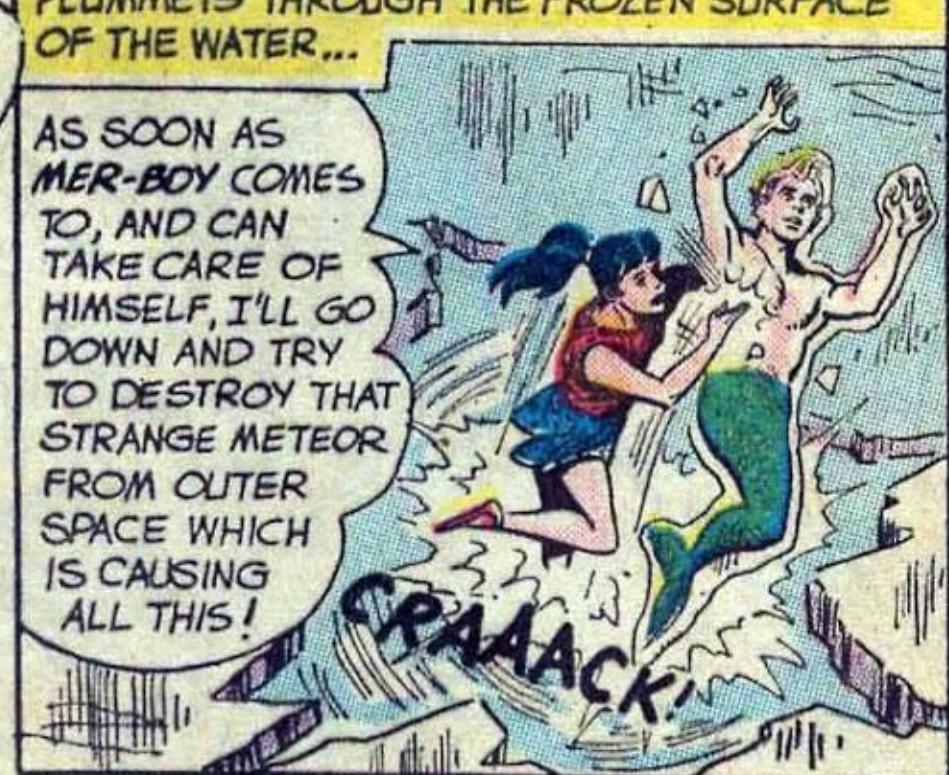


WONDER GIRL'S INGENIOUS PLAN CUTS MER-BOY FREE...

FIRST--I'VE GOT TO BRING HIM TO THE SURFACE-- WHERE IT'S WARMER!

WITH A STIFF-ARM, THE TEENAGE AMAZON PLUMMETS THROUGH THE FROZEN SURFACE OF THE WATER...

AS SOON AS MER-BOY COMES TO, AND CAN TAKE CARE OF HIMSELF, I'LL GO DOWN AND TRY TO DESTROY THAT STRANGE METEOR FROM OUTER SPACE WHICH IS CAUSING ALL THIS!



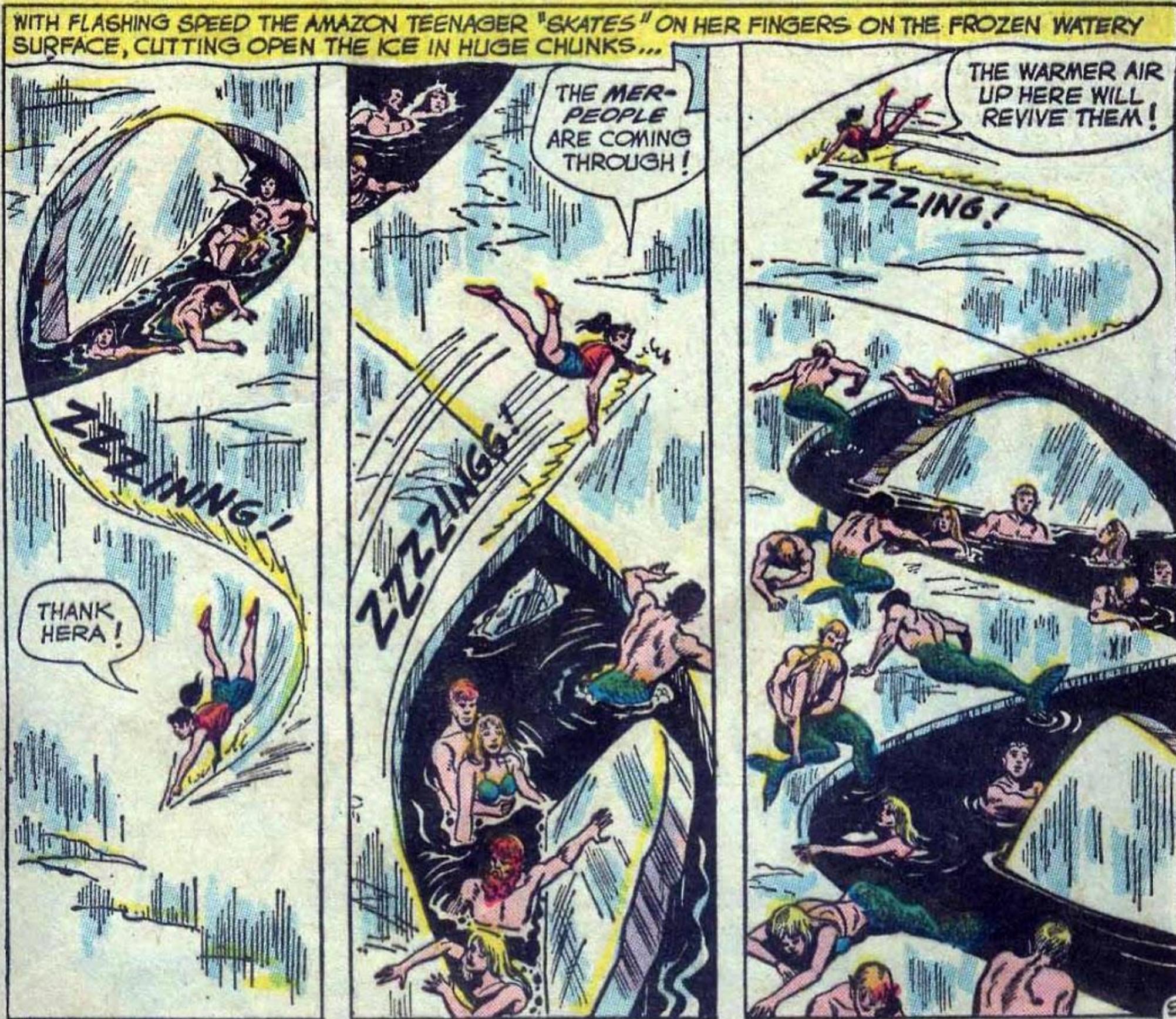
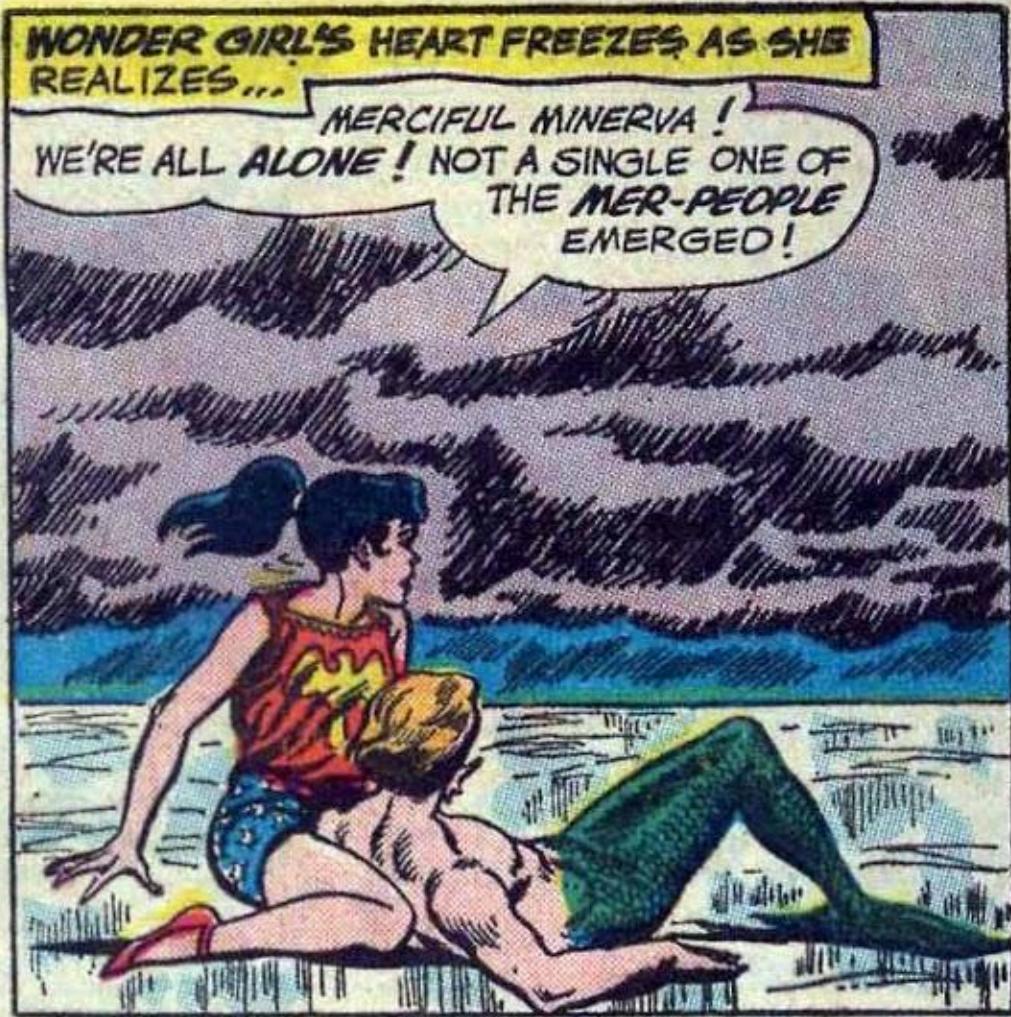
BUT, EVEN AFTER THE ICE FRAMING HIM HAS BEEN SHATTERED...

M-M-MER-BOY--?
M-M-MER-BOY ?
WH-WHY DON'T YOU-- ANSWER ME ?





Wonder Woman



Wonder Woman



AS A TROPICAL STORM ARISES...

WONDER GIRL--
WAIT--! NO! TAKE YOUR PEOPLE
AS FAR AWAY FROM THIS
AREA AS POSSIBLE--
WHILE I TRY TO DESTROY
THE MENACE!

INTO THE ICY DEPTHS WONDER GIRL PLUMMETS,
TO BE FURTHER ASTONISHED BY...

SHADES
OF PLUTO! THERE'S AN
OPENING IN THIS METEOR!
SOMETHING IS COMING
OUT! THIS CAN ONLY
MEAN--IT'S NOT A
METEOR--BUT A
SPACESHIP WHICH
RESEMBLES
ONE!

NEVER BEFORE HAS
SUCH A FANTASTIC
SHAPE APPEARED--
EVEN ITS PROJECTED
THOUGHT-LANGUAGE
CASTS A DEADLY CHILL...

FOOLISH EARTHLING!
I WILL TURN YOU TO
SOLID ICE!

DESPERATELY, WONDER GIRL
STRUGGLES TO ESCAPE THE ICY
MOLD FORMING AROUND HER...

I WILL RETURN WITH YOU AS PROOF
THAT EARTH CAN DEVISE NO DEFENSE
AGAINST AN ATTACK FROM MY
PLANET!

HHEEEEEE!



Wonder Woman



BUT WITH A FURIOUS BURST OF SHEER DESPERATION,
THE TEENAGE AMAZON LITERALLY CARTWHEELS
TOWARDS THE SURFACE...

HERA HELP
ME ESCAPE...
SO I CAN
RETURN TO
FIGHT
AGAIN!



AS WONDER GIRL BREAKS THROUGH THE ICY
COVERING OF THE SEA...

BUT--HOW CAN ONE
DESTROY A MENACE--
ONE CANNOT
APPROACH! HOW
CAN SUCH A
CREATURE OF
SUCH UNEARTHLY
COLD--BE
COMBATED?

CRACK!

INSTANTLY, WONDER GIRL LIFTS THE
MASSIVE BUOY ALOFT...



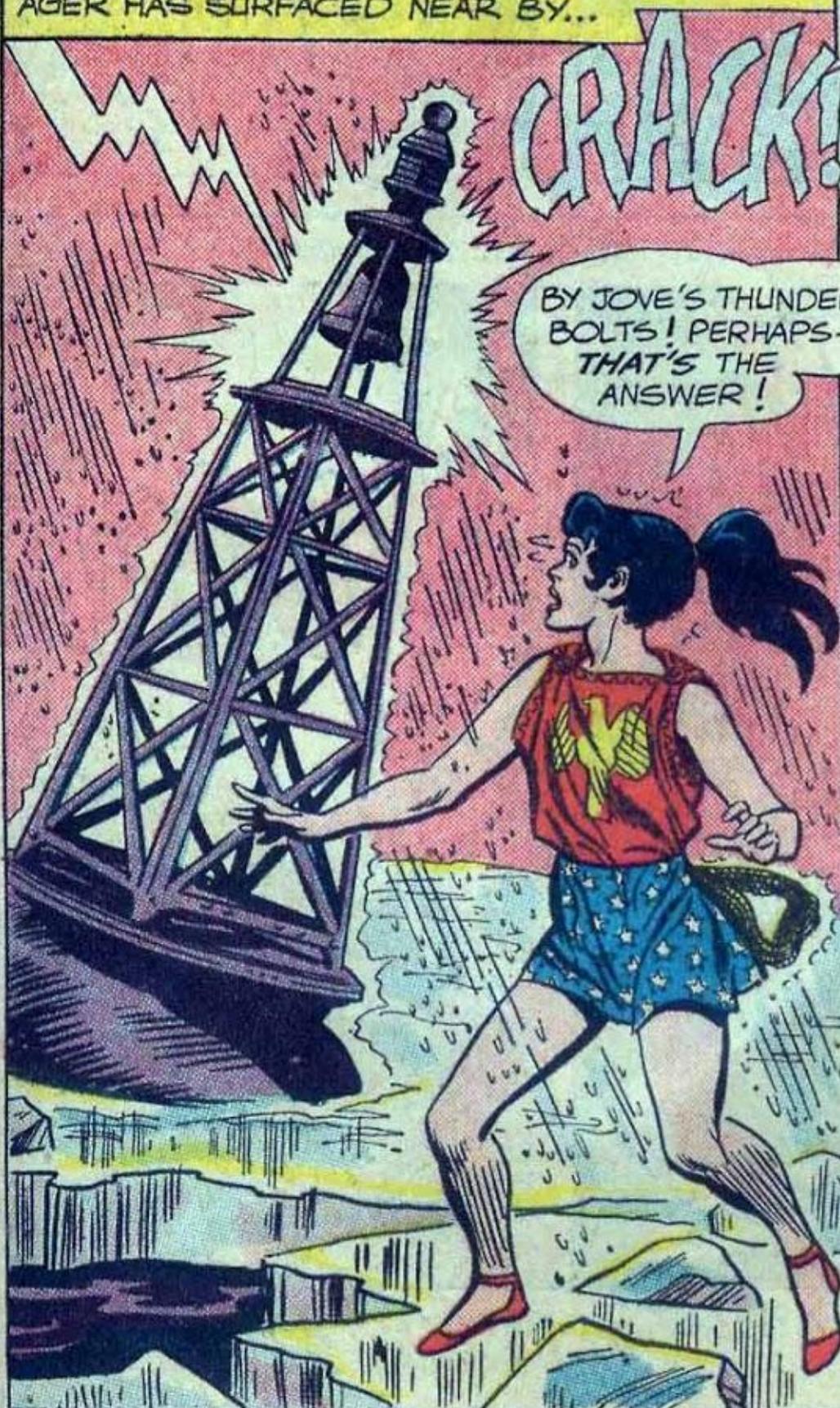
I'VE GOT TO
MAKE A
HUMAN
LIGHTNING
ROD OF
MYSELF!



JUST THEN, A DAZZLING BOLT OF LIGHTNING
STRIKES THE BELL BUOY THE AMAZON TEEN--
AGER HAS SURFACED NEAR BY...

CRACK!

BY JOVE'S THUNDER-
BOLTS! PERHAPS--
THAT'S THE
ANSWER!



NOW BEGINS THE MOST FANTASTIC DUEL ON RECORD, AS WONDER GIRL BOTH TRIES TO ATTRACT THE LIGHTNING TOWARD HER--AND AVOID IT STRIKING HER AT THE LAST SPLIT-SECOND--AS SHE RACES IN A CIRCLE OF DEATH!



BUT EACH WHITE-HOT BOLT WHICH MISSES HER, AND HURTLES WITH DAZZLING HEAT INTO THE WATERY DEPTHS, SINKS INTO THE ICY MENACE BELOW!



PART TWO ENDS WITH WONDER GIRL IN DANGER OF BEING STRUCK BY LIGHTNING BEFORE HER DARING PLAN SUCCEEDS? PART THREE CONTINUES ON THE THIRD PAGE FOLLOWING!



MARRIAGE A LA MODE!

PRIOR TO A GIRL IN NORTHERN BANTU, AFRICA, BEING GRANTED PERMISSION TO WED, A ROPE IS TIED AROUND HER LEG AND A MOCK TUG-OF-WAR IS HELD BETWEEN HER RELATIVES AND THOSE OF THE MAN SHE'D LIKE TO MARRY. WHEN HER RELATIVES DELIBERATELY LOSE THE MATCH, THE MAN REMOVES THE ROPE FROM THE GIRL'S ANKLE--AND PROCLAIMS HER HIS WIFE...



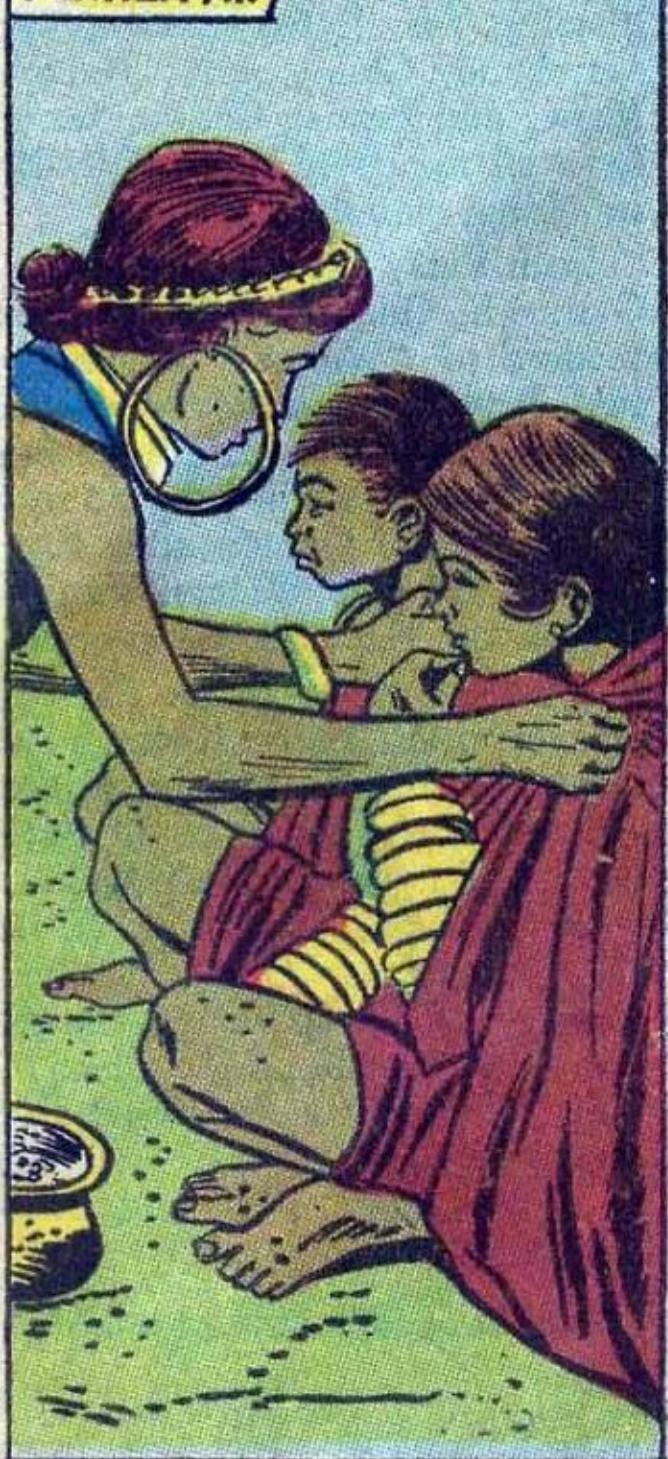
DURING THE BETROTHAL RITUAL IN PAKISTAN (WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A MARRIAGE) A CLOTH IS HELD BETWEEN THE COUPLE, AS THEY EXCHANGE PRESENTS AROUND ITS EDGES. IF EITHER ONE IS UNDER 21, THEY ARE FORBIDDEN TO LIVE TOGETHER TILL THAT PERSON REACHES THE REQUIRED AGE...



A GERMAN BRIDE FANCIES THAT IF SHE INADVERTENTLY STEPS ON THE GROOM'S FOOT AT THE ALTAR, SHE'LL DOMINATE HIM THEIR ENTIRE MARRIED LIFE...



NEWLYWEDS IN THE ORISSA STATE OF INDIA ARE BLESSED BY HAVING RICE PLACED ON THEIR SHOULDERS, HEADS, KNEES AND FEET--AS A SYMBOL OF FERTILITY...



WONDER WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE

GREETINGS
FROM
WONDER
GIRL--



Hola! This is Wonder Woman writing to you from Paradise Island, secret home of the Amazons! Great Hera! How the letters are pouring in! But I'm not complaining! Hearing from my faithful fans, is my favorite form of relaxation!

To Antonia Michaels, Washington, D. C., Lynn Moua, Long Branch, N. J., Minuard Osborn, Tonkawa, Okla., Bertha Rice, Greenfield, Calif., Peter Mitchell, Jr., Plainview, N. Y., Mike Armitage, Orange, Calif., and Leslie Ryan, Big Spring, Tex., I say, be patient! I am sending pictures of myself to every one who writes to me. Yours will be along soon.

Tony Perry, Nashville, Tenn., Gayle Brooks, Blessing, Tex., Butch Hinrich, Niles, Mich., Jacquie Marchand, Globe, Ariz., Nancy Eldred, Boston, Mass., and Louise Cotton, Corpus Christie, Tex. have all requested more "Mer-Boy" stories. Keep watching, you'll find them.

Both Patsy Glover, West Palm Beach, Fla., and Gyrene K. Once, Fort Worth, Tex., are brand-new readers of "Wonder Woman"—and both write that they are terrifically excited with the first adventures they read. This makes me very happy, and I hope you will join me in all my future adventures, too. Gyrene adds that she is going to start a Wonder Woman Fan Club in her city. I wish the Club all the success in the world!

I also want to thank the following for their wonderful fan letters: Kenneth Gatling, Waterbury, Conn., Monica K. Martin, Milwaukee, Wis., Paul Gellers, Forest Hills, L. I., Buchanan Meek, Europa, Miss., David Jack, Jacksonville, Fla., Sherwood Thompson, Eldridge, N. Dak., Charles Phillips, Muskogee, Okla., Thomas Marcinkiewicz, Chicago, Ill., Jody Visage, Buchana, N.Y., Alan S. Polak, Hicksville, N.Y., Glenn Osborne, Orange, Calif., Terry Crocker, Sweet Home, Oreg., Gerry E. Anderson, St. Simons Island, Ga., Melvin King, Jr., Vincentown, N.J., and Eileen Rubin, Miami Beach, Fla.

And now let's look at today's questions:



AND
WONDER
WOMAN!

tween Hippolyta, Queen of the Amazons, and Hippolytus, another character in Greek mythology?

Muriel Ankers, Detroit, Mich.

Dear Muriel: There is only a similarity in their names. Hippolytus was an Athenian hero, son of Thesus and Antiope.

Wonder Woman

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Dear Wonder Woman: Every year you are challenged by another Amazon who wants to take your place. I am so worried that this might happen some year, because you are my favorite comic book character and I would surely miss you.

Donna Ellis, Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Donna: How can I fail to meet the challenge of other Amazons, when I have such loyal followers as you rooting for me?

Wonder Woman

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Dear Wonder Woman: I would like to answer the reader who complained because of your new appearance. I, for one, was certainly not disappointed with the change. I think you look beautiful now, and the earrings are a nice touch to your costume. Stay just the way you are, Wonder Woman.

Alice Rickles, Altoona, Pa.

Dear Alice: Thank you. I am very glad that most readers agree that my appearance has changed for the better.

Wonder Woman

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And now, dear fans, it is time to say farewell for a while! My Amazon omni-receiver is summoning me to new adventures! But I do hope there'll be a new batch of letters waiting for me at the

Wonder Woman's Clubhouse
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Dear Wonder Woman: Is there any connection be-

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VOLCANO MOUNTAIN!

SUDDENLY, RISING FROM THE DEPTHS, ITS ICY EXTERIOR SMOKING FROM THE LIGHTNING BOLTS, RISES THE MENACE FROM OUTER SPACE ...

YOU HAVE WON--
THIS TIME--
EARTHLING !



IT'S SINKING ! ITS TERRIBLE POWER DESTROYED ! THANK HERA !



BUT, FLASHING UP FROM THE WATERS, HURLETS THE METEOR WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE A SPACESHIP...

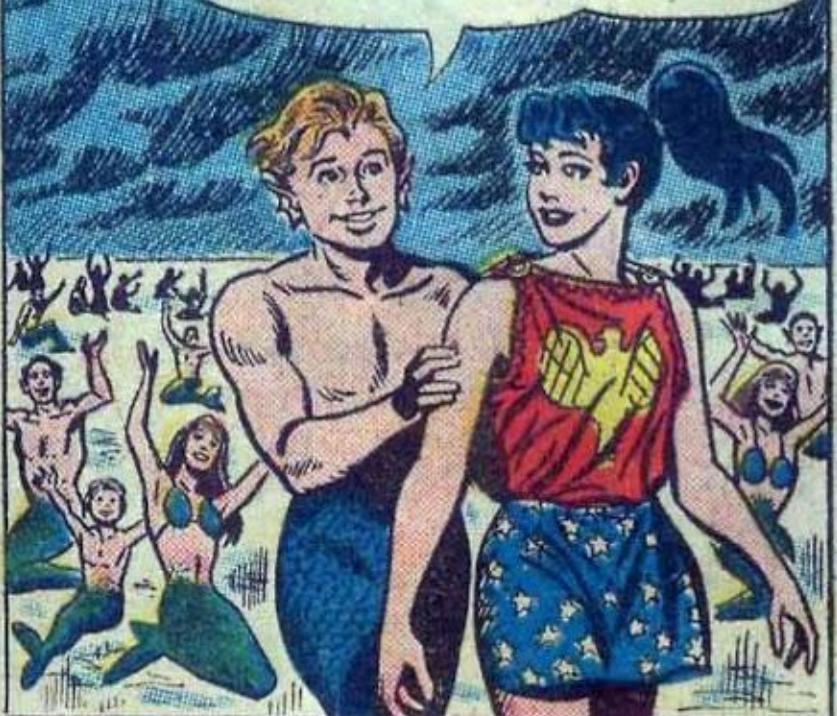
I WILL RETURN !
MIGHTIER THAN BEFORE ! ARMED AGAINST ANY DEFENSE YOU EARTHLINGS MIGHT DEVISE ! AND WHEN I RETURN--YOU WILL BE DESTROYED !

EEEEEEEEE !



AS MER-BOY RUSHES TOWARD WONDER GIRL'S SIDE...

WE ALL SAW WHAT YOU DID ! IT WAS WONDERFUL ! YOU DEFEATED A FORCE WHICH SEEMED INVINCIBLE !



Wonder Woman



BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND WONDER GIRL HASTENS WITH HER STORY, AND THERE ON THE STELLAR SCREEN IN THE AMAZON OBSERVATORY...



YOU'VE FACED THE THREAT OF DEATHLY COLD, DAUGHTER, AND DEFEATED IT WITH AMAZON INGENUITY AND COURAGE! I'M PROUD OF YOU!

BUT--WHAT IF IT CARRIES OUT ITS THREAT TO RETURN, MOTHER? WHAT SHAPE DO YOU THINK THE MERCURIAN MENACE WILL TAKE?

ONLY TIME WILL TELL, DAUGHTER!

AND THE ONLY CLUE WE'LL HAVE--IS A METEOR WHICH WILL ONE DAY FALL FROM MERCURY--TO THE EARTH--



AND SO, IN THE YEARS WHICH FOLLOW, WONDER GIRL GROWS UP INTO WONDER WOMAN, HER EYES FIXED ON THE STARS. WAITING... WAITING... WAITING...





Wonder Woman



YEARS LATER, GROWN TO WOMANHOOD, WONDER GIRL HAS ASSUMED THE DUAL IDENTITY OF LT. DIANA PRINCE OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, IN HER MISSION TO COMBAT EVIL...

I'M BEING CALLED ON THE AMAZON OMNI-RECEIVER!

BZZZZ!



ON THE OMNI-SCREEN... CONCEALED INGENIOUSLY INSIDE A SECTION OF HER PHOTOGRAPH AS WONDER WOMAN...

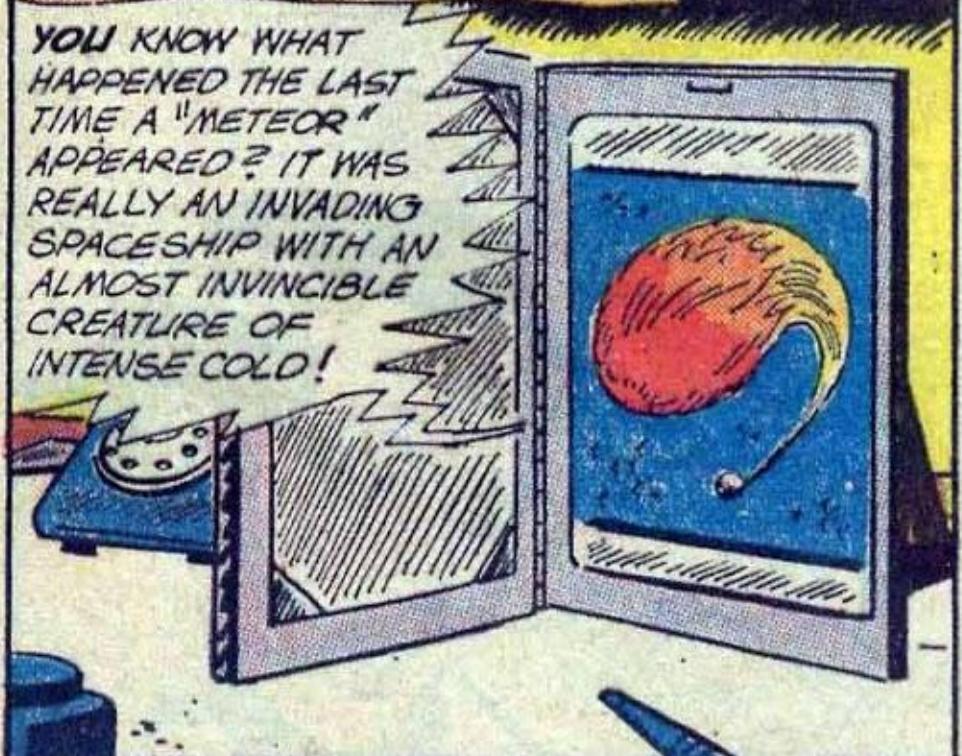
MOTHER--
WHAT IS
IT?

OUR OBSERVATORY HAS
PICKED UP ANOTHER "METEOR"
ORIGINATING FROM MERCURY--
AND HURTLING TOWARDS EARTH!



ON THE OMNI-SCREEN APPEARS THE AMAZON TRACKING STELLER-SCREEN...

YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED THE LAST TIME A "METEOR" APPEARED? IT WAS REALLY AN INVADING SPACESHIP WITH AN ALMOST INVINCIBLE CREATURE OF INTENSE COLD!



EVEN WHILE SHE CONTINUES TO LISTEN TO HER MOTHER QUEEN HIPPOLYTA, LT. DIANA PRINCE CHANGES INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF WONDER WOMAN...

YOU MUST
INTERCEPT THIS INVADING CRAFT
BEFORE ITS OCCUPANT CAN CAUSE
UNTOLD DAMAGE! TAKE-OFF IN
YOUR AMAZON PLANE! WE'LL
TRANSMIT ALL THE TRACKING
DATA YOU NEED!

YES,
MOTHER!
AT ONCE!



SUMMONING HER UNIQUE PLANE WHICH RESPONDS ONLY TO THE VIBRATIONS OF HER VOICE...

PLANE--CLIMB
AT MAXIMUM
SPEED!



AT THAT MOMENT, IN A NATIVE BAZAAR... COL. STEVE TREVOR OF MILITARY INTELLIGENCE MAKES A SIGNIFICANT PURCHASE...

YOU WILL NOT REGRET
BUYING THIS FLYING
CARPET FOR YOUR
SWEETHEART,
COLONEL!

YOU
REALLY DON'T EXPECT ME
TO BELIEVE THAT THIS
IS REALLY A FLYING
CARPET--EVEN IF THIS IS
THE MYSTERIOUS EAST!
BUT I CAN'T RETURN FROM
THIS TRIP WITHOUT A GIFT
FOR HER!





Wonder Woman



MEANWHILE, IN HER AMAZON PLANE, WONDER WOMAN RECEIVES TRACKING DATA FROM THE OBSERVATORY ON PARADISE ISLAND...



A LIGHTNING CALCULATION CAUSES WONDER WOMAN TO GASP IN HORROR...

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! STEVE IS IN THE PATH OF THE METEOR! THIS IS WONDER WOMAN CALLING STEVE TREVOR! STEVE--YOU ARE IN THE DIRECT PATH OF A--





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BARELY CONSCIOUS, AS HE IS HURLED FROM HIS DISINTEGRATING PLANE, STEVE CLINGS TO THE "FLYING CARPET"...AS THE METEOR PLUNGE'S TO THE GROUND FAR BELOW...



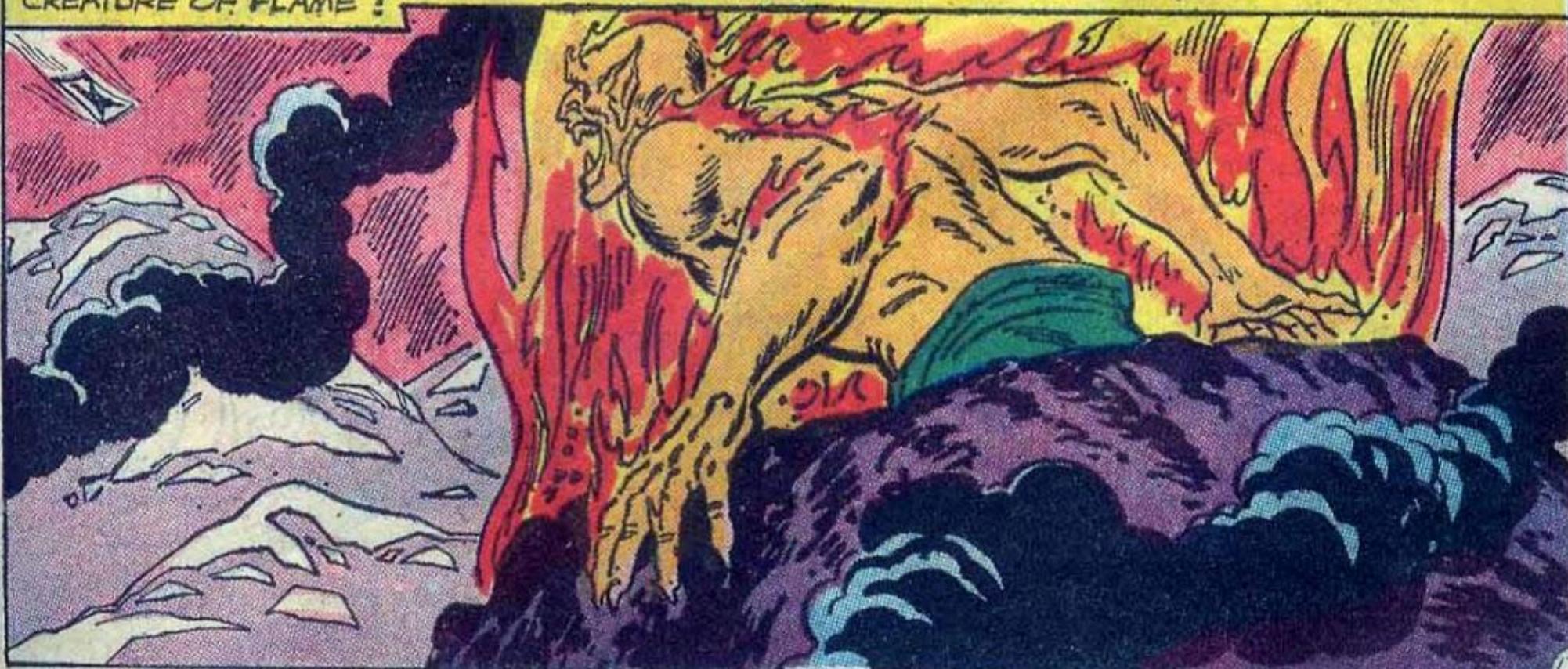
IS IT THE WIND WHICH UNFURLS THE CARPET UNDER STEVE?



AS THE "METEOR" HURTLES RIGHT THROUGH THE SOLID PEAK OF A MOUNTAIN...



WIND OR MAGIC, THE CARPET CARRIES STEVE LIKE A FLOATING LEAF TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN FROM WHOSE INSIDES TURNED FIERY FROM THE IMPACT OF THE "METEOR"--APPEARS A CREATURE OF FLAME!





Wonder Woman



IT IS AT THIS WHITE-HOT MOMENT THAT WONDER WOMAN FLASHES ONTO THE SCENE...

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE MERCURIAN MENACE HAS RETURNED IN THE SHAPE OF THE OTHER EXTREME OF ITS PLANET MERCURY--THAT OF INTENSE HEAT! AND STEVE IS FALLING INTO ITS CLUTCHES!



GRIMLY, THE AMAZON SENDS HER UNIQUE PLANE DIVING TOWARDS THE FALLING STEVE...



UNHESITATINGLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON HURLS HERSELF OUT OF HER PLANE AFTER THE PLUMMETING STEVE...

SOOOOOO! IT IS THE EARTHLING WHO DEFEATED ME ONCE BEFORE! THIS TIME--WITH MY NEW POWERS --I WILL DESTROY YOU--AS PROOF TO MY FELLOW MERCURIANS THAT EARTH WILL BE AN EASY CONQUEST!



BUT, TO WONDER WOMAN'S SURPRISE...

GREAT HERA! THE CREATURE'S INTENSE HEAT HAS CREATED AN UPDRAFT WHICH HAS LIFTED MY PLANE AS IF IT WERE IN AN ELEVATOR!





Wonder Woman



INSTANTLY, WONDER WOMAN HURLS HER AMAZON LASSO AHEAD OF HER...

I'LL LASO STEVE OUT OF THE WAY OF THAT FLAME-CREATURE!



BUT A FIERY HAND DARTS OUT...



AND HEATS THE GOLDEN LASSO TO WHITE HEAT...



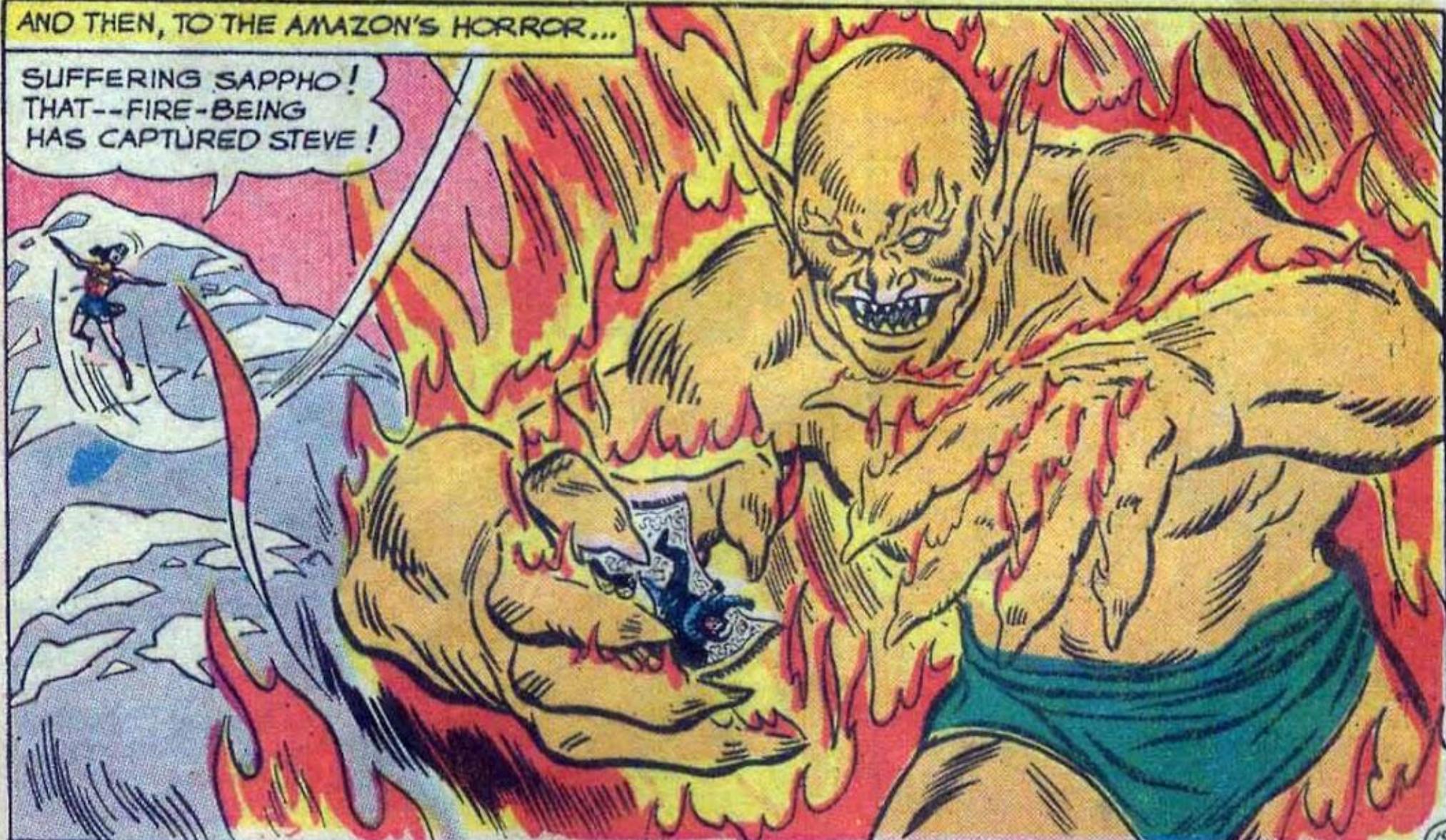
WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT WONDER WOMAN YANKS THE SIZZLING LASSO OUT OF THE FLAME-CREATURE'S HAND... BUT...

I CAN'T POSSIBLY TOUCH STEVE WITH THE LASO NOW-- IT WOULD BURN HIM!



AND THEN, TO THE AMAZON'S HORROR...

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THAT-- FIRE-BEING HAS CAPTURED STEVE!



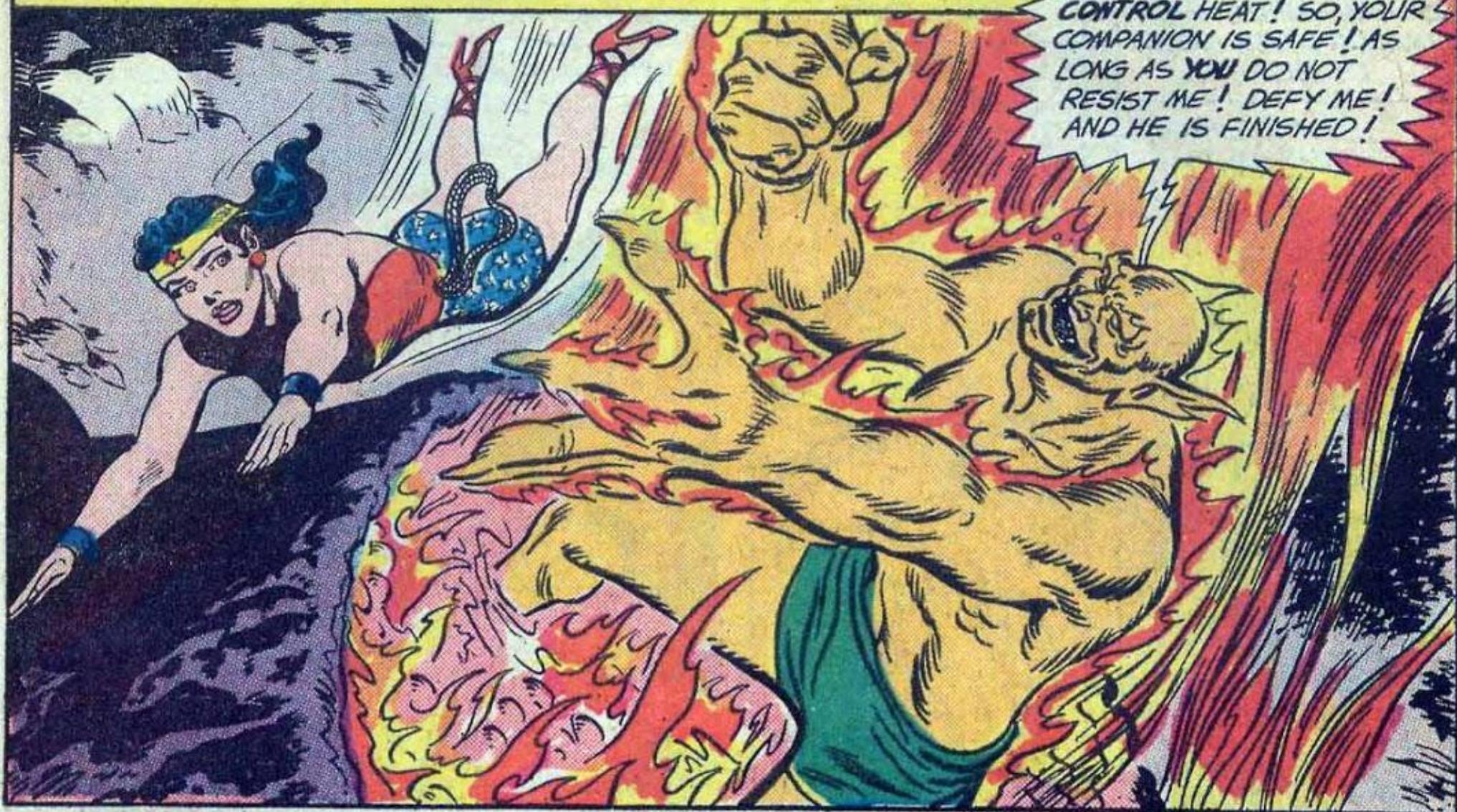


Wonder Woman



THE CREATURE OF FLAME LAUGHS AT WONDER WOMAN'S DILEMMA...

I HAVE THE POWER TO
CONTROL HEAT! SO, YOUR
COMPANION IS SAFE! AS
LONG AS YOU DO NOT
RESIST ME! DEFY ME!
AND HE IS FINISHED!



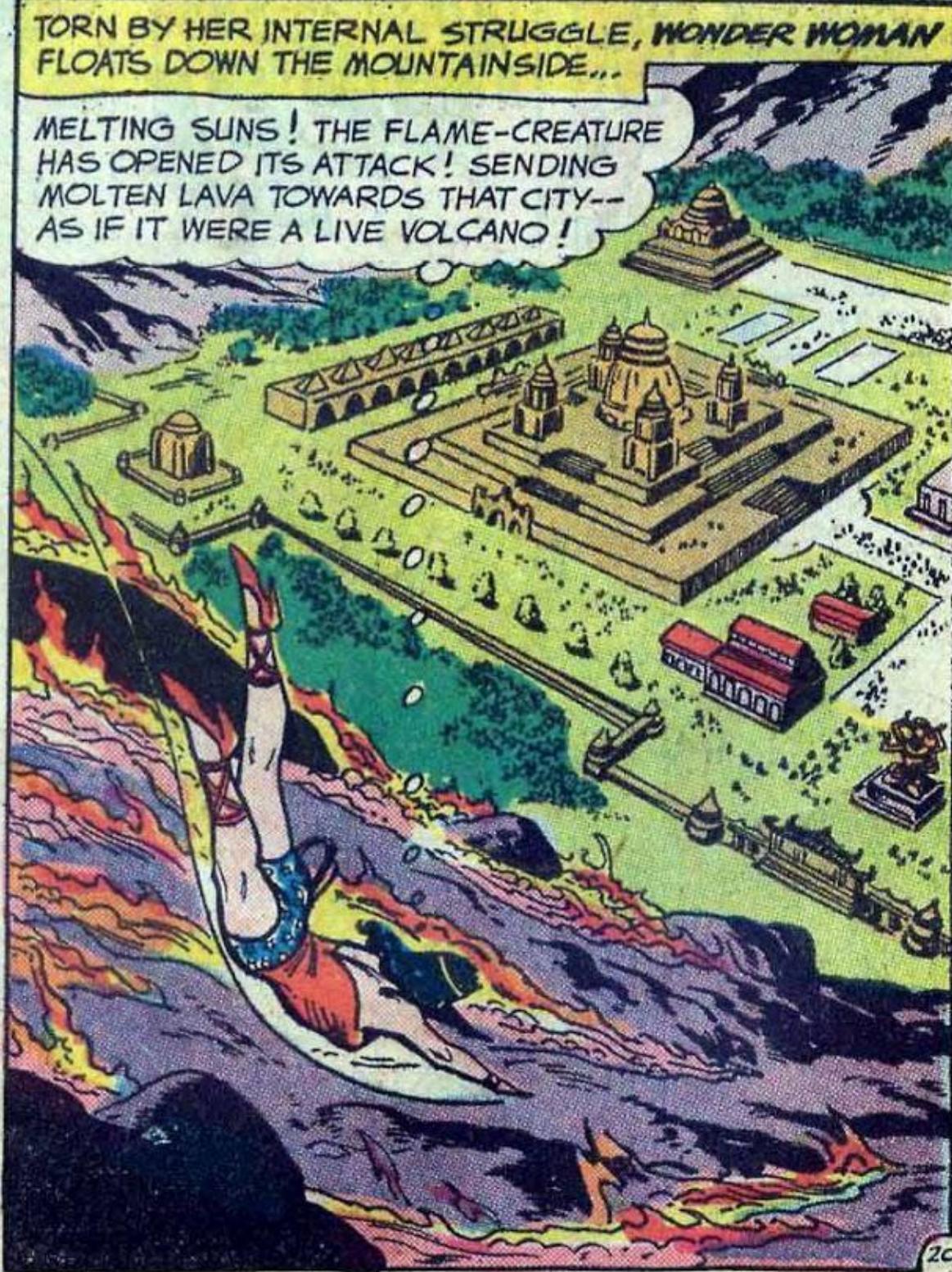
AS THE FIERY INVADER STANDS IN ITS
FLAMING LAIR WITH ITS CAPTIVE... THE
AMAZON MAID STRUGGLES WITH HER
CONSCIENCE...

I--I CAN'T FIGHT THAT--
THAT THING! IT COULD MEAN
STEVE'S DESTRUCTION! IT--
IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK OF
ANYONE... EVEN... AN
AMAZON!



TORN BY HER INTERNAL STRUGGLE, WONDER WOMAN
FLOATS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN INSIDE...

MELTING SUNS! THE FLAME-CREATURE
HAS OPENED ITS ATTACK! SENDING
MOLTEN LAVA TOWARDS THAT CITY--
AS IF IT WERE A LIVE VOLCANO!





Wonder Woman



WRENCHING LOOSE A MASSIVE STATUE FROM THE AS YET-UNTOUCHED PART OF THE CITY IN WHICH PANIC REIGNS...



INGENIOUSLY USING THE IMMENSE STATUE AS A GIGANTIC "SHOVEL," WONDER WOMAN SCOOPS A TREMENDOUS TRENCH IN THE GROUND...



RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATED AMAZON, THE TERRIFIED PEOPLE FLOCK TO HER...



SUDDENLY THE PEOPLE FALL SILENT AS TEARS APPEAR ON THE LOVELY AMAZON'S FACE ...

THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE ASKING OF ME!



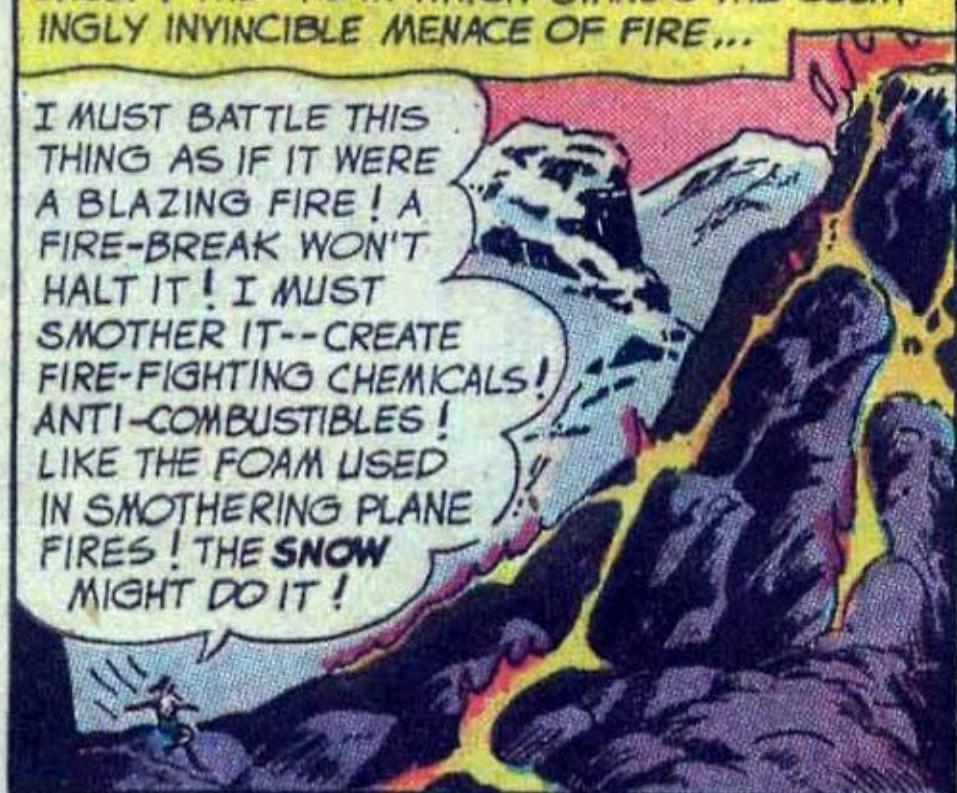
WONDER WOMAN'S SOUL-SEARCHING STRUGGLE CAN HAVE BUT ONE ENDING...

IT'S STEVE'S LIFE... AGAINST COUNTLESS OTHERS!

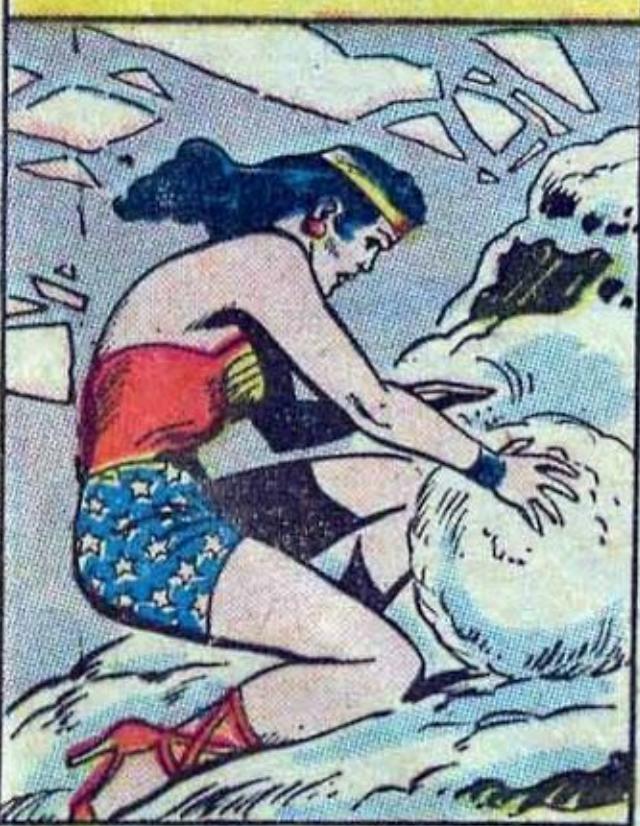


NOTING THE SNOW ON ALL THE OTHER PEAKS EXCEPT THE ONE IN WHICH STANDS THE SEEMINGLY INVINCIBLE MENACE OF FIRE...

I MUST BATTLE THIS THING AS IF IT WERE A BLAZING FIRE! A FIRE-BREAK WON'T HALT IT! I MUST SMOOTHER IT--CREATE FIRE-FIGHTING CHEMICALS! ANTI-COMBUSTIBLES! LIKE THE FOAM USED IN SMOOTHERING PLANE FIRES! THE SNOW MIGHT DO IT!



--SHAPING A BALL OF SNOW...



WONDER WOMAN ROLLS IT AT LIGHTNING SPEED AHEAD OF HER UP TO THE VERY TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN...



...UNTIL IT IS MONUMENTAL IN SIZE...



ON THE TOP OF THE UNCOVERED MOUNTAIN THE AMAZON HURLS THE GIGANTIC ICY BALL AT THE FLAMING CREATURE...

OH, STEVE--STEVE--! FORGIVE ME--! BUT--UNLESS I CAN SMOOTHER THAT FIRE-BEING--THE VERY WORLD IS IN DANGER!



BUT, EVEN AS THE HUGE SNOWY MASS HURLES TOWARDS THE FLAME-CREATURE--IT TURNS THE GIANT SNOWBALL INTO STEAM!

FOOLISH EARTHLING!
THINKING YOU COULD EVER REPEAT YOUR FORMER TRIUMPH OVER ME!

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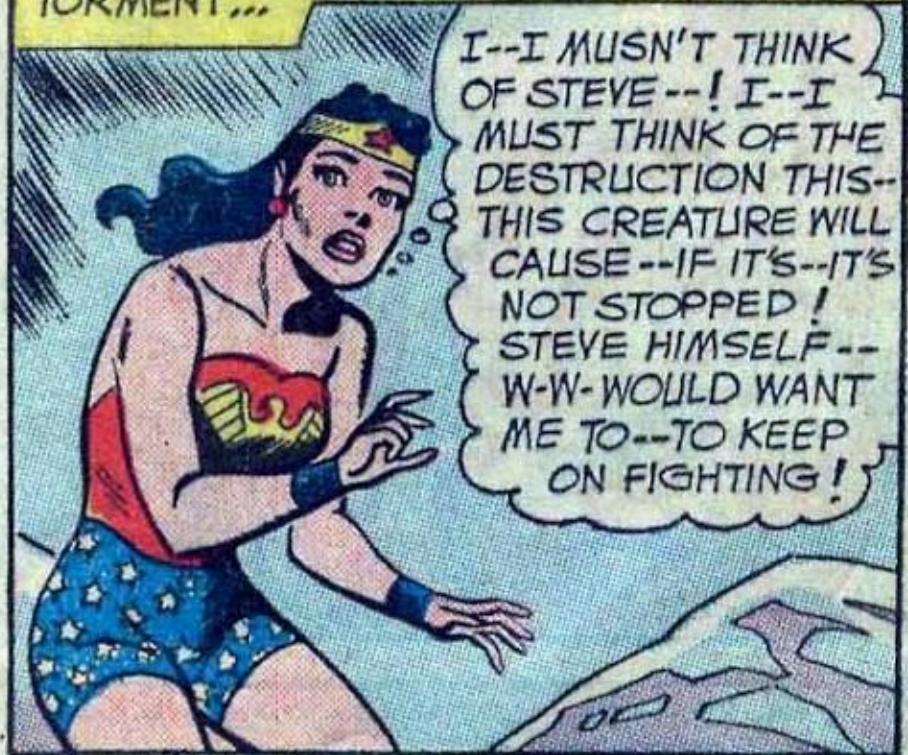


YOUR DESPERATE STRUGGLE IS BUT A GAME TO ME! AND YOU BUT A TOY TRYING TO DEFY ME! HHHRRREEEEEE!
I WILL PLAY CAT AND MOUSE WITH YOU! AND NOT TELL YOU WHEN I WILL DESTROY THE "MOUSE" IN MY "PAW"!

HHHREEEEEE!



AGAIN THE AMAZON MAID IS RACKED BY TORMENT...

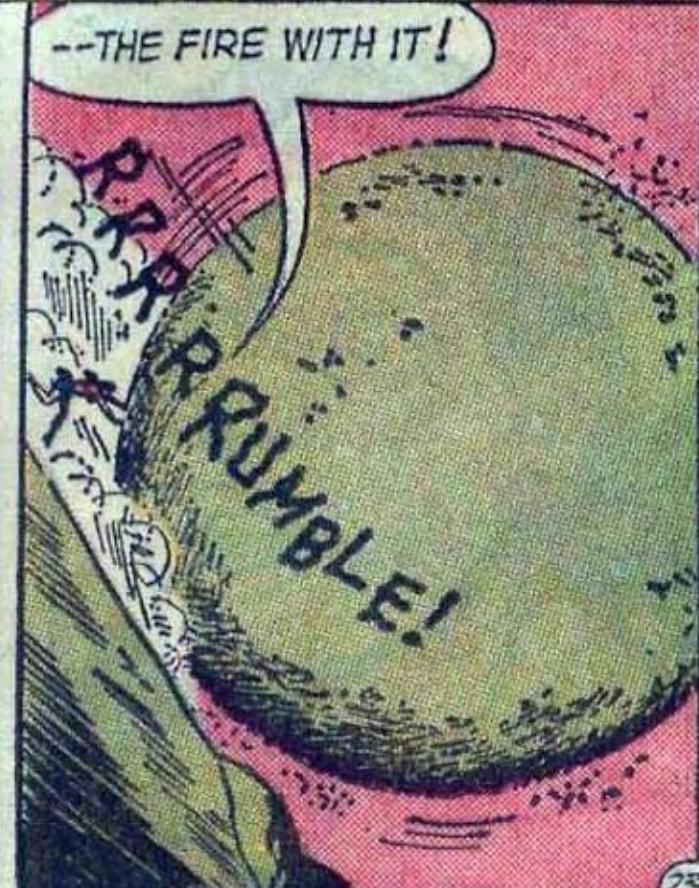
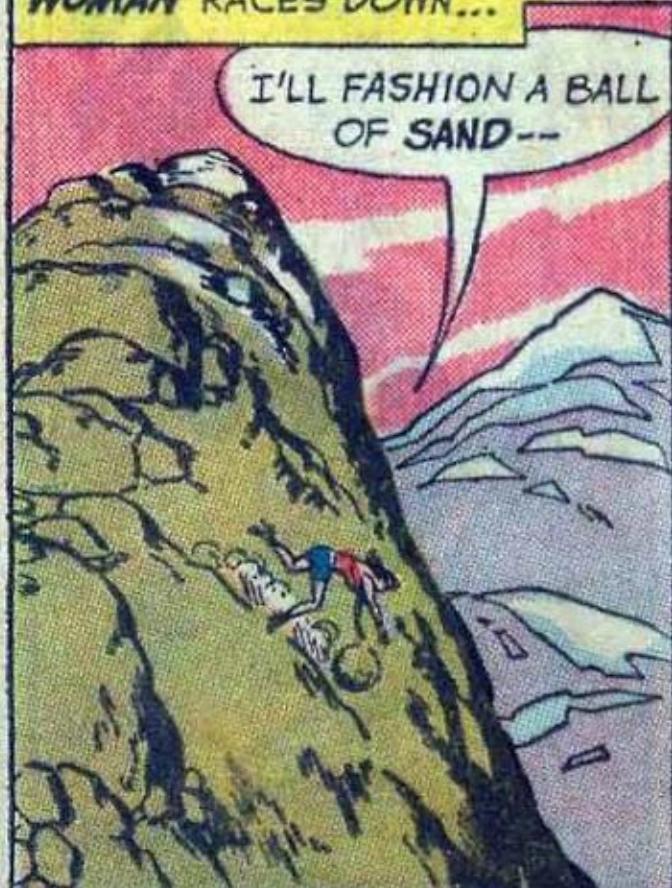


NOTING THE SANDY SURFACE OF THE MOUNTAIN FROM WHICH SHE HAD SCOOPED THE SNOW, WONDER WOMAN RACES DOWN...

I'LL FASHION A BALL OF SAND--

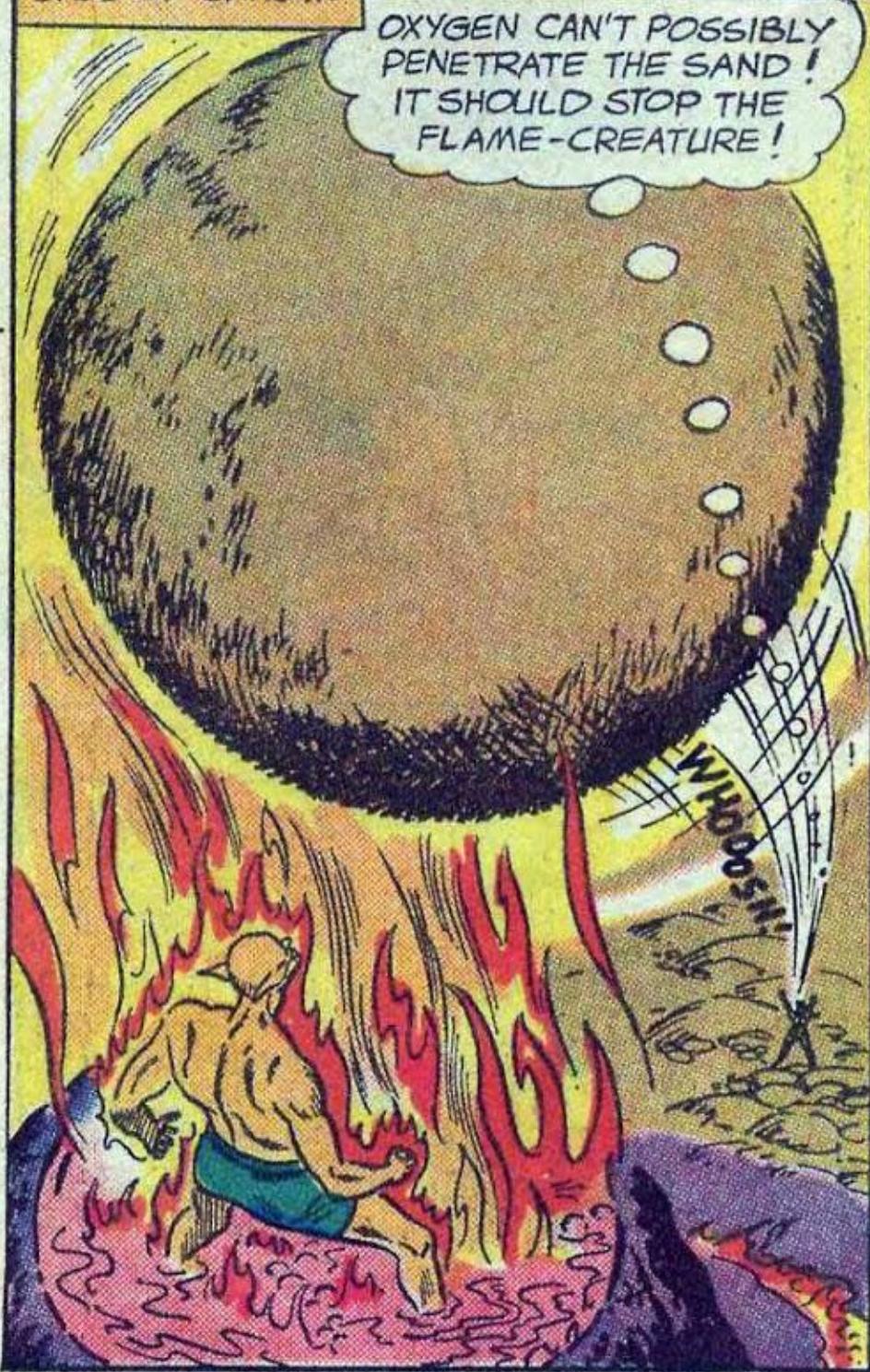
--AND SMOOTHER--

--THE FIRE WITH IT!



AT THE BASE OF THE MOUNTAIN WHICH THE FIRE-CREATURE HAS TURNED INTO A VOLCANO, WONDER WOMAN HURLS THE MOUNTAINOUS BALL OF SAND...

OXYGEN CAN'T POSSIBLY PENETRATE THE SAND ! IT SHOULD STOP THE FLAME-CREATURE !



BUT ONCE AGAIN, THE INTENSE HEAT OF THE BIZARRE INVADER FROM OUTER SPACE TRANSFORMS THE GIGANTIC SANDY BALL INTO ANOTHER SUBSTANCE...

NO MATTER WHAT THE EARTHLING WILL THINK OF IN ITS DESPERATION--IT WILL BE POWERLESS AGAINST ME !

HHHHHHRRREEE !



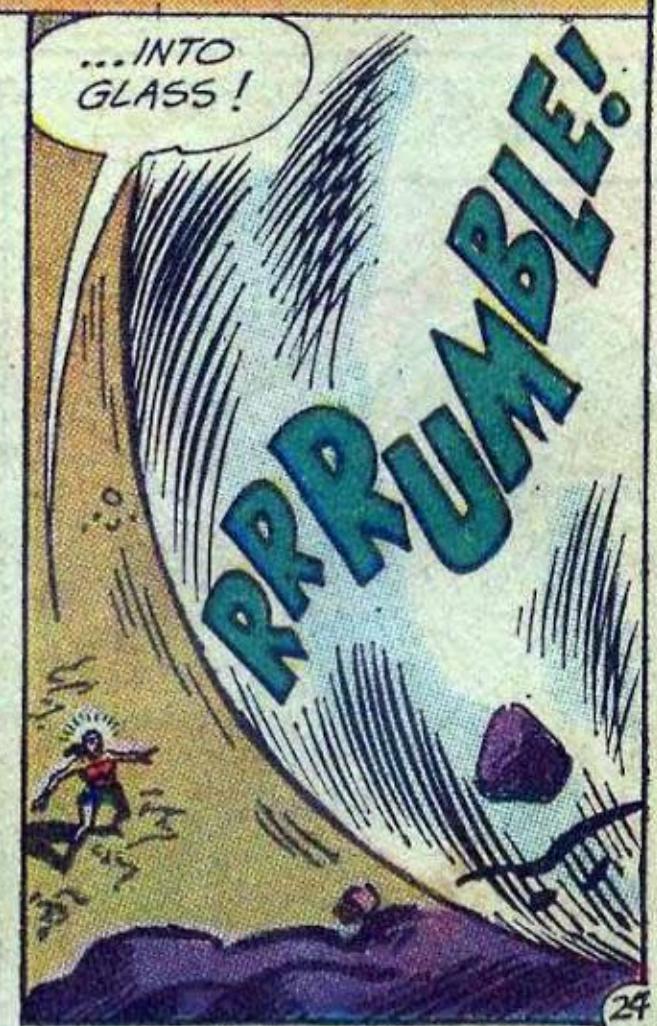
AND AS THE NEWLY-TRANSFORMED MASS ROLLS DOWN THE MOUNTAINSIDE TOWARDS THE STARTLED AMAZON...

SHADES OF PLUTO !

THAT THING'S TURNED THE SAND...

RRRUMBLE!

...INTO GLASS !



THIS TIME, THE TIRELESS AMAZON LEAPS BACK WITH THE MASSIVE BALL...

THAT THING DOESN'T REALIZE IT YET--BUT BY A STROKE OF FATE--IT HAS GIVEN ME ANOTHER WEAPON TO FIGHT IT WITH--!

WHOOSH!

AS IF SHE WERE "CAPPING" A BLAZING OIL Gusher, WONDER WOMAN PRESSES THE HUGE GLASS COVER ATOP THE FLAMING CRATER!

HERA HELP ME KEEP THIS FIRMLY IN PLACE--SO NO OXYGEN CAN "FEED" THE FIRE BELOW!

THUD!

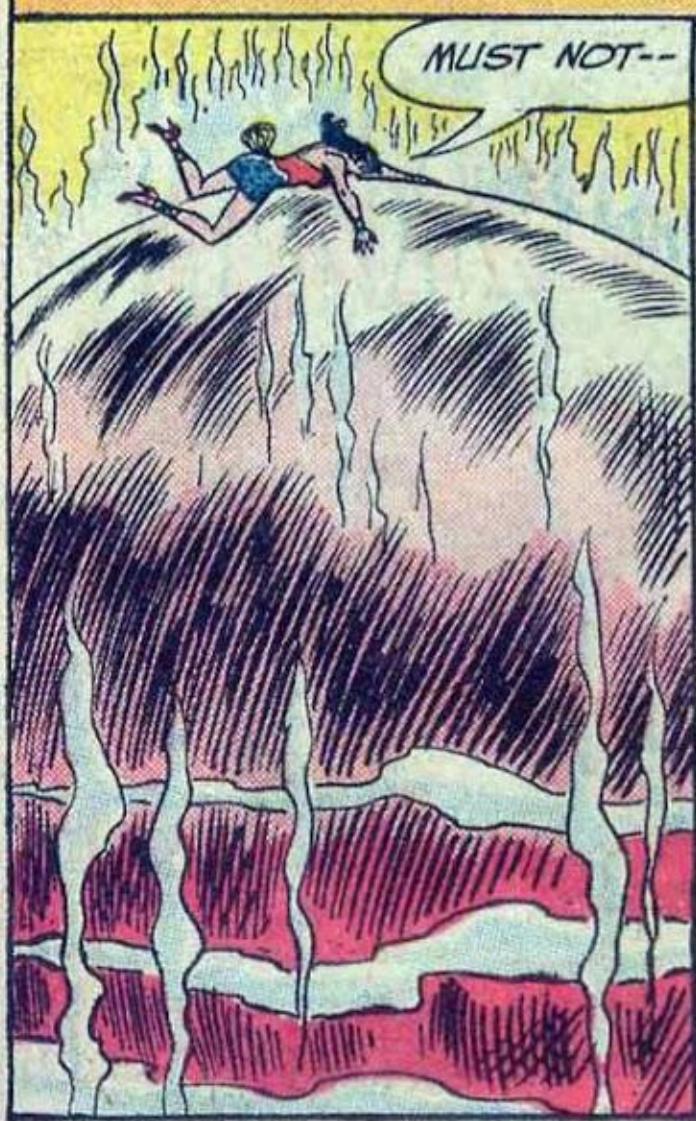


WITH ALL HER STRENGTH THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON BATTLES TO KEEP THE "GLASS CRATER CAP" IN PLACE--EVEN AS IT GROWS RED-HOT BEneath HER!

MUST NOT--

--LET GO--

--OR COUNTLESS LIVES WILL...BE...LOST--!



AND THEN, THE TITANIC STRUGGLE IS OVER...THE
GLASS BEGINS TO COOL...

THE FIRE IS OUT...
FOR LACK OF...OXYGEN...
THE MENACE...MUST
HAVE EXPENDED ITS
OWN OXYGEN...AGAINST
THE AIR-TIGHT...
COVERING!

THE TEARS FLOOD FROM THE AMAZON AS...

IT--IT WAS--A
BITTER VICTORY--
ST-STEVE...IS
GONE!

BUT FATE SMILES ON THE WEARY FIGHTER AS...

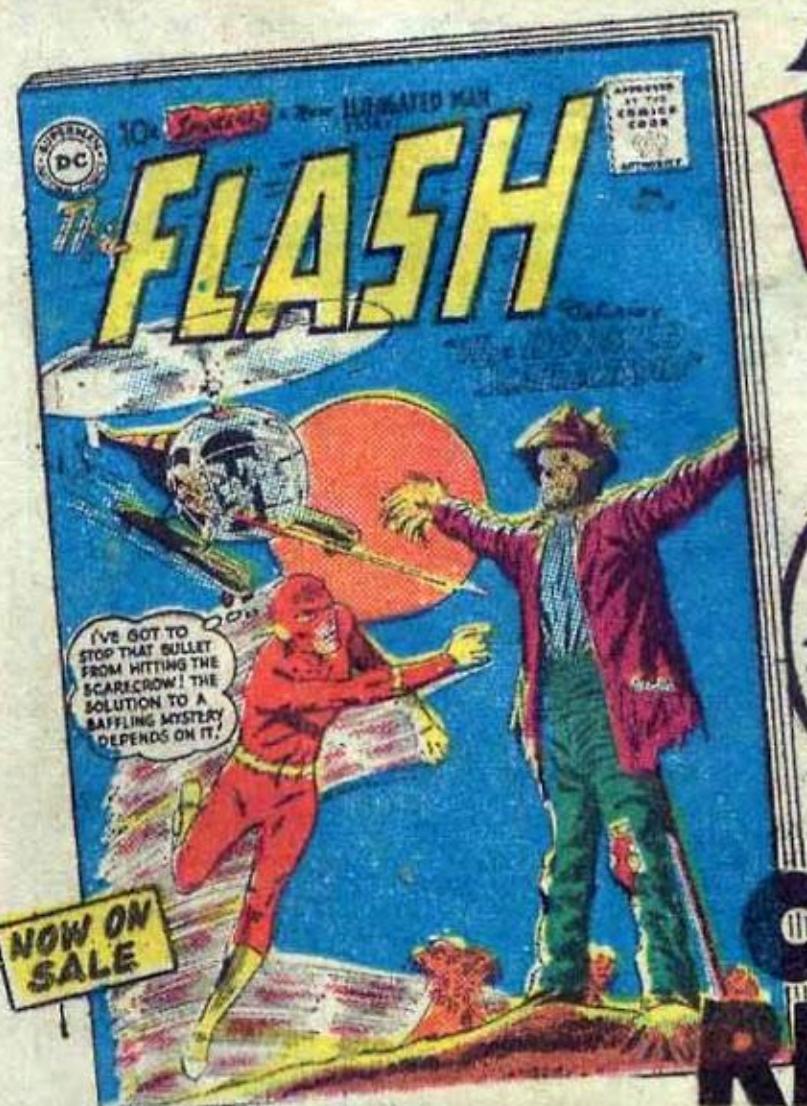
STEVE!--THE--THE OXYGEN MASK YOU
HAD ON--WHEN YOU WERE TOSSED OUT
OF YOUR PLANE--SAVED YOU! THANK
HERA! BUT--WHAT'S THAT UNDER
YOUR ARM?

AS I STARTED TO SAY
BEFORE I WAS RUDELY
"INTERRUPTED"--IT'S
A GIFT FOR YOU,
WONDER WOMAN!

I SUPPOSE YOU'RE
GOING TO TELL ME
IT'S A "FLYING
CARPET"?

WHAT DO YOU THINK, READERS? LET WONDER
WOMAN KNOW! YOU'LL FIND HER AND WONDER
GIRL IN WONDER WOMAN MAGAZINE!

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