



GODS OF GOTHAM: 1 OF 4

# WONDER WOMAN

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**IT** BEGAN WITH THE CRIMINALS.

THE LEI WOO SING GANG WAS ATTACKED IN CHINATOWN BY THE DARKNESS OF AN URBAN LEGEND, SWEEPED INTO THE BACK ALLEYS BY THE SHADOW OF A HUMANOID BAT...

...AND MAFIA DON ANTHONY MIGLIONI FOUND HIMSELF FALLING THROUGH HIS COLLAPSED LIVING ROOM FLOOR, CONSUMED BY VERTIGO AND THE EARTH BENEATH.

BUT THEN THE FEAR FOUND ITS WAY INTO THE HOMES OF THOSE WITHOUT CRIMINAL PASTS...

...WHEN DELORES RUSSELL FOUND THE MAN WHO ATTACKED HER TWELVE YEARS AGO IN HER OWN LOCKED BEDROOM--A MAN WHO DIED IN PRISON FIVE YEARS EARLIER.

AND SOON, THE FEAR WAS EVERYWHERE.

IT WASN'T HALLUCINATIONS, OR THE DREAMS OF ANTHONY MIGLIONI, OR DELORES RUSSELL, OR LITTLE TIMMY MATLAN, WHO COULD FEEL THE BREATH OF HIS TOYS COME TO MONSTROUS LIFE.

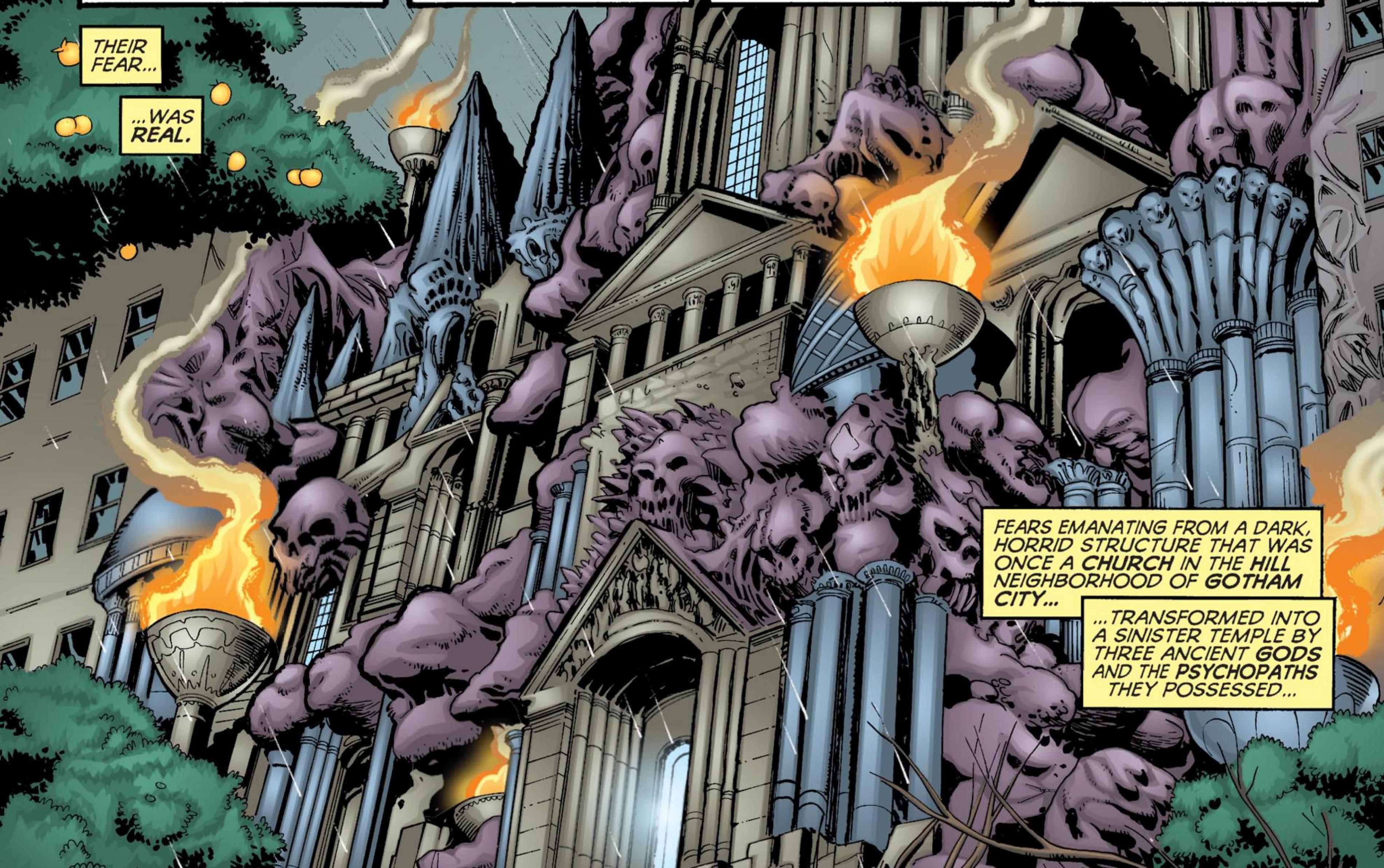


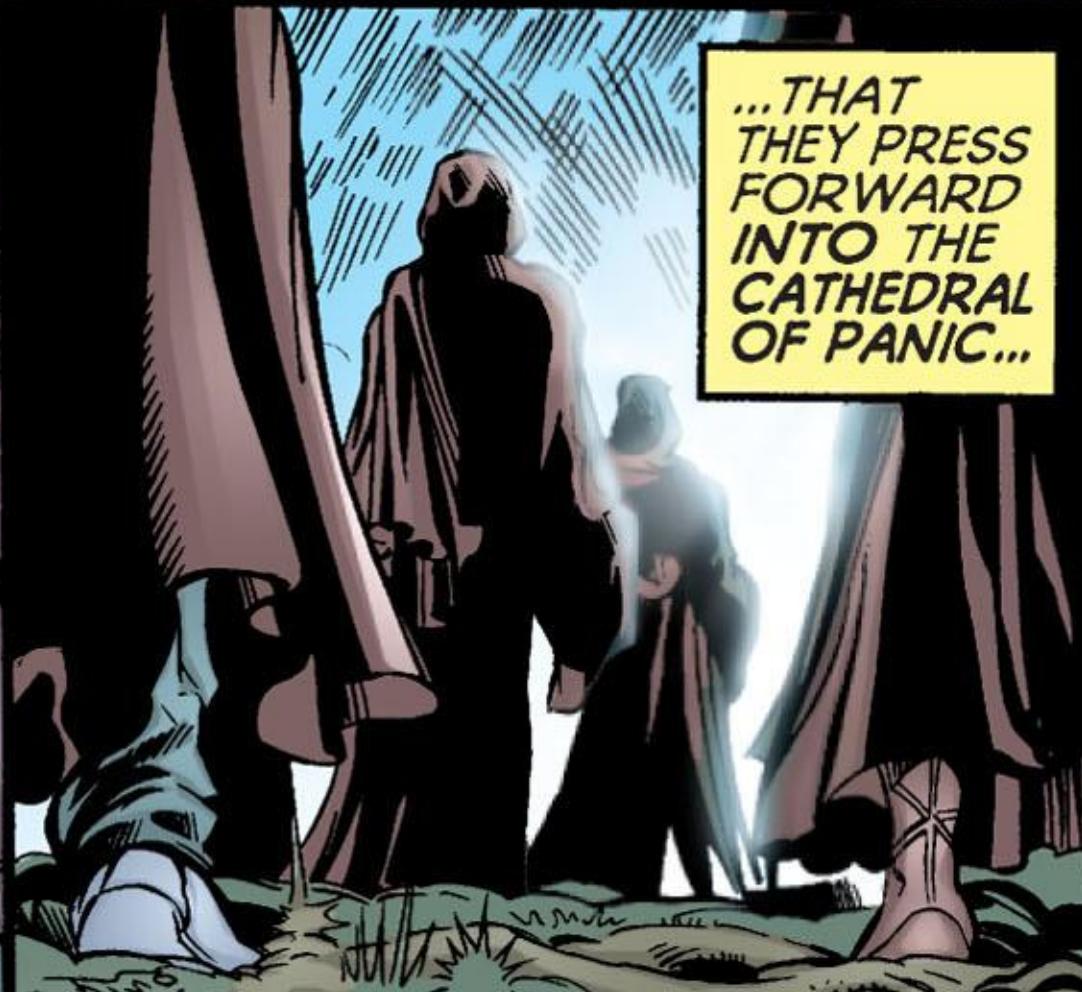
THEIR FEAR...

...WAS REAL.

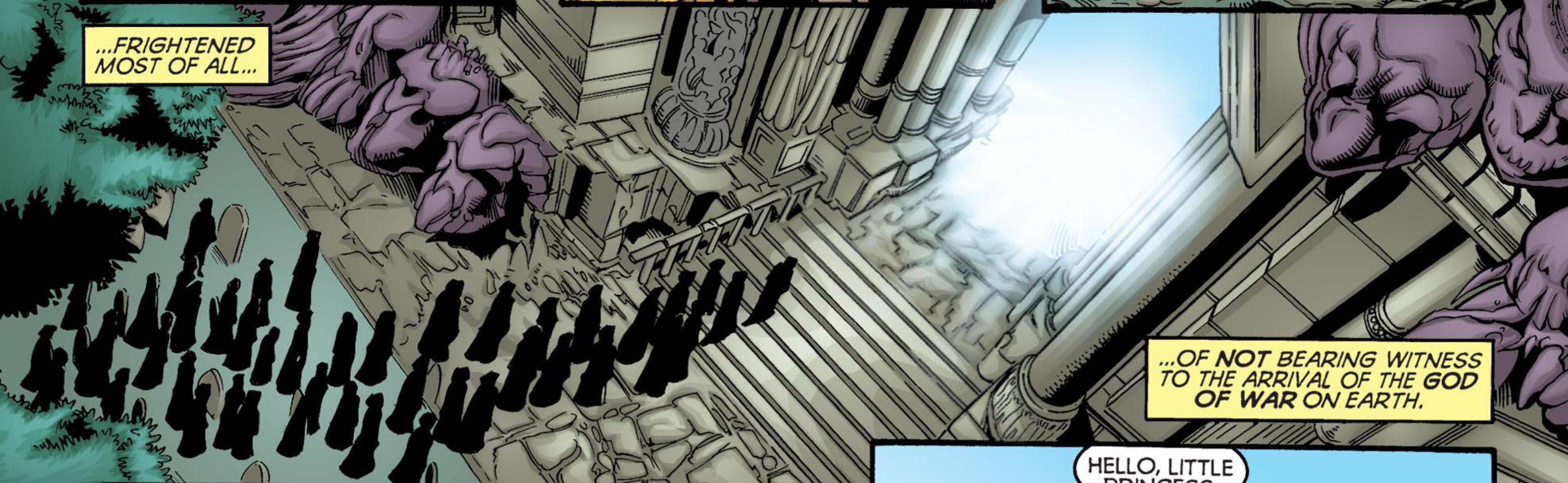
FEARS EMANATING FROM A DARK, HORRID STRUCTURE THAT WAS ONCE A CHURCH IN THE HILL NEIGHBORHOOD OF GOTHAM CITY...

...TRANSFORMED INTO A SINISTER TEMPLE BY THREE ANCIENT GODS AND THE PSYCHOPATHS THEY POSSESSED...





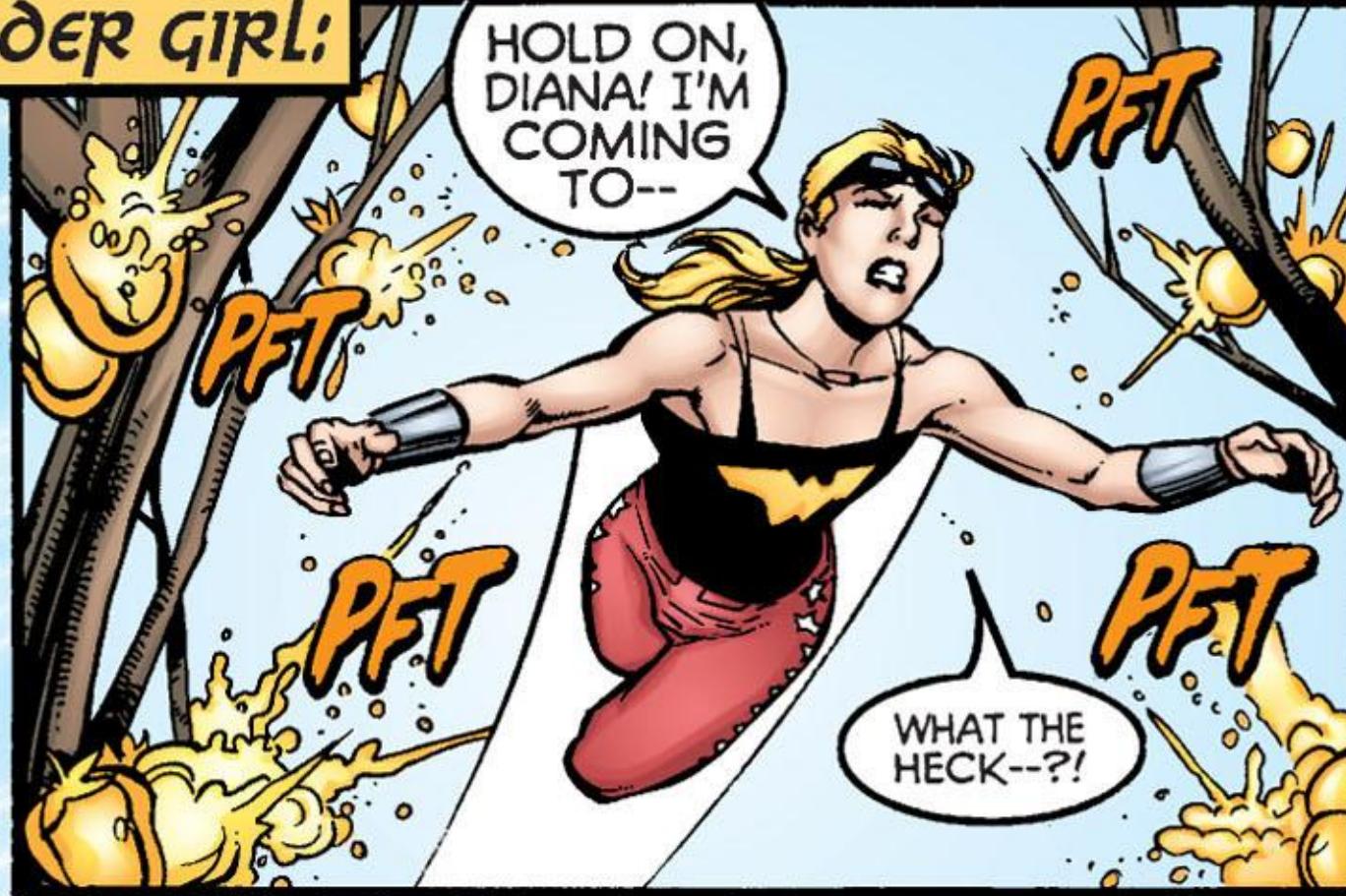
...FRIGHTENED MOST OF ALL...



...OF NOT BEARING WITNESS TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE GOD OF WAR ON EARTH.



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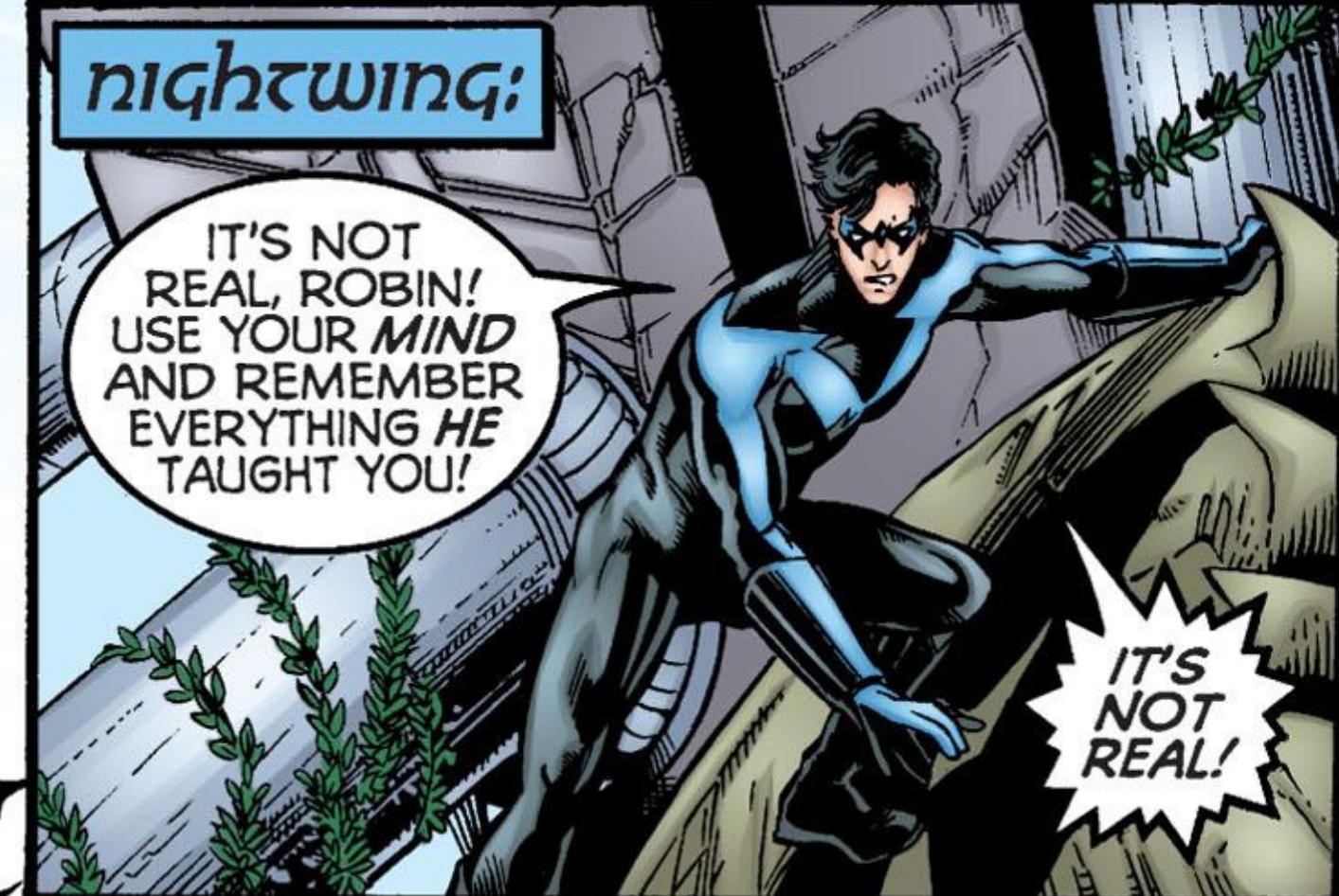
poison ivy and eris:



ROBIN:



nightwing:



Hmph!

DIDN'T KNOW BATS HAD IT IN HIM.

deimos and the joker:



phobos...

wonder woman:

HERA HELP US...



...and Batman.

HERA CAN'T HELP YOU, AMAZON!

YOU HAVE ONE LAST CHANCE TO PROSTRATE YOURSELF BEFORE HIM WHO IS THE ULTIMATE GOD OF THIS WORLD...



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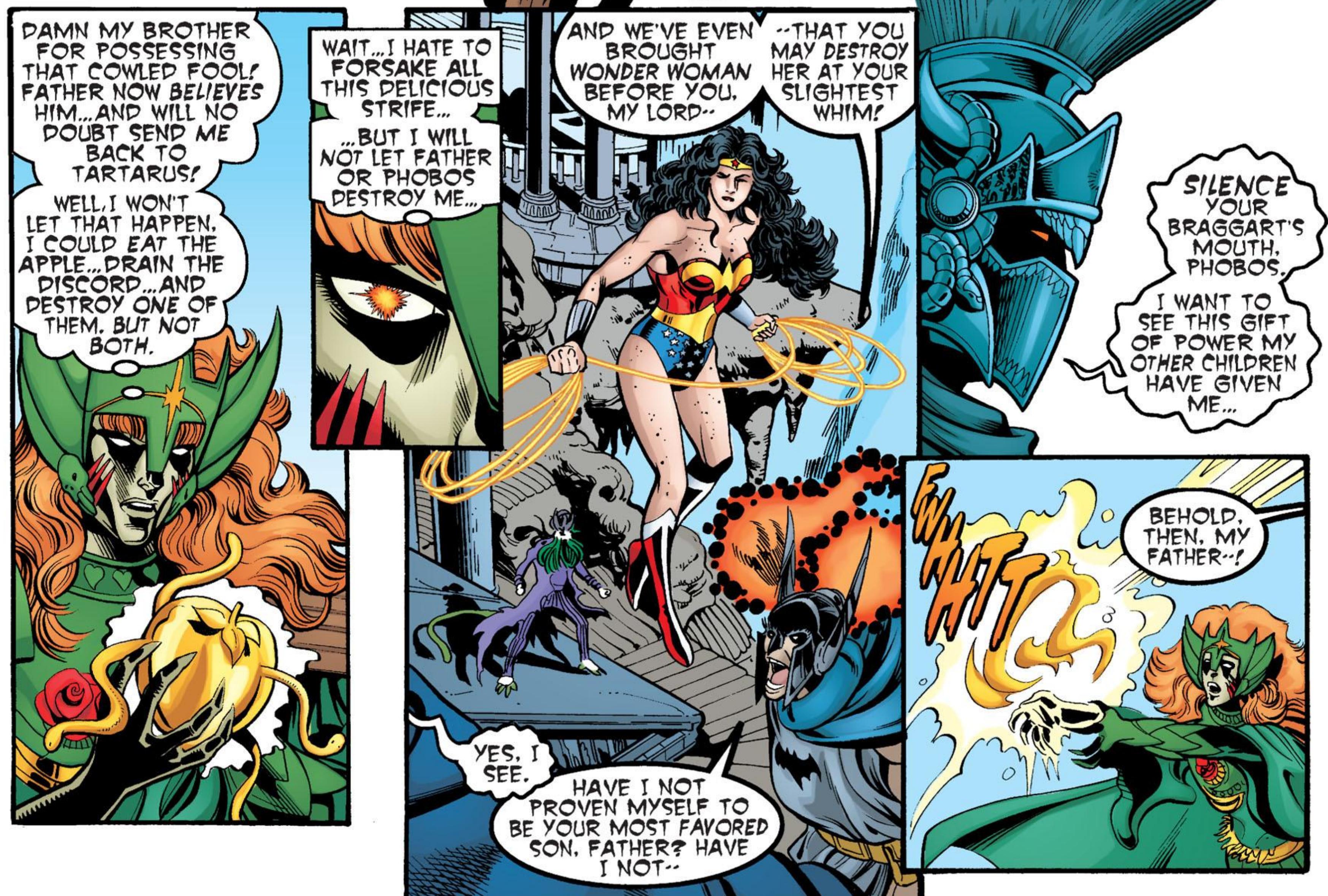
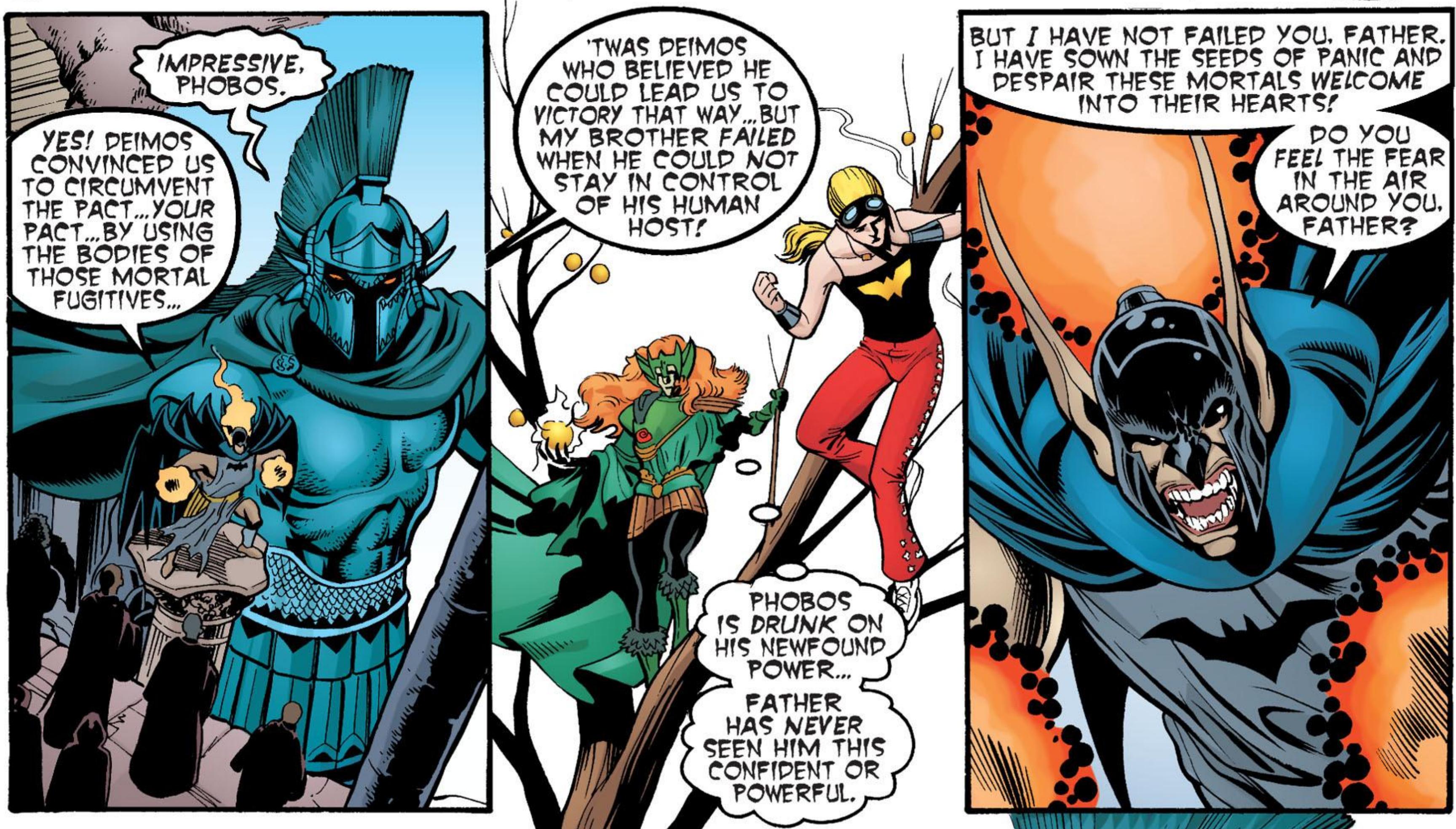
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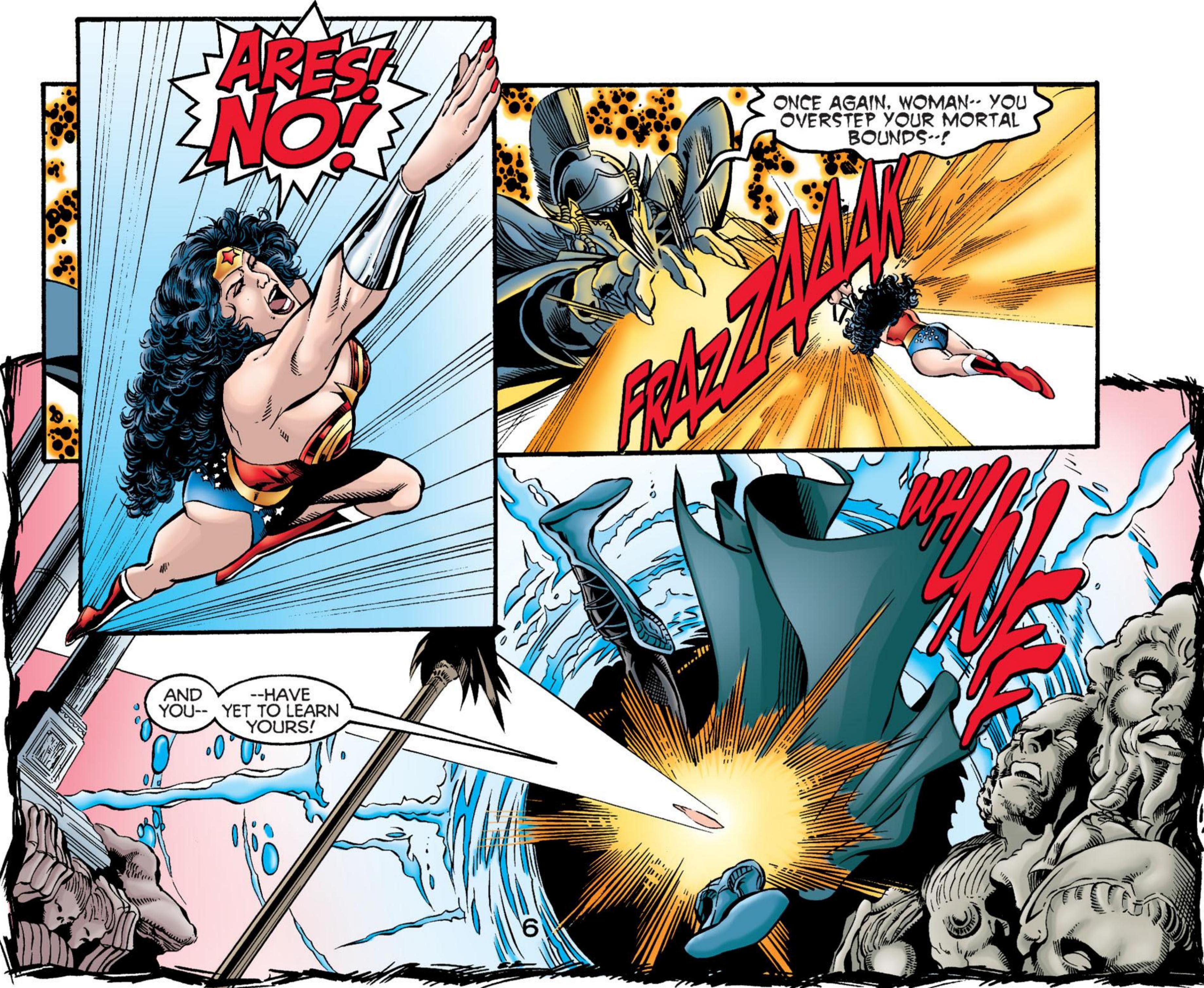
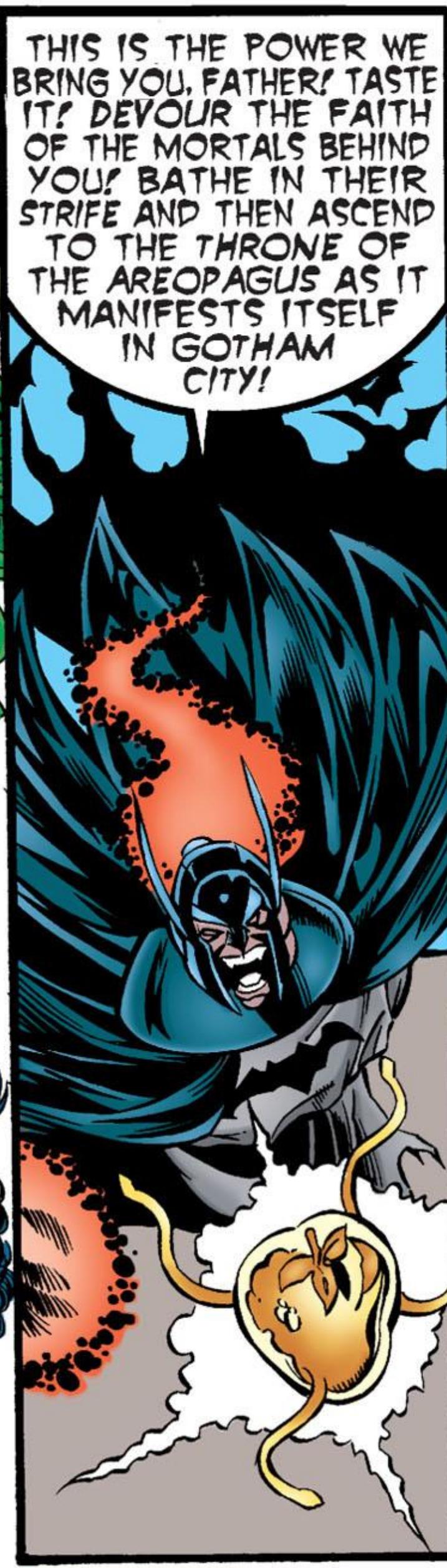
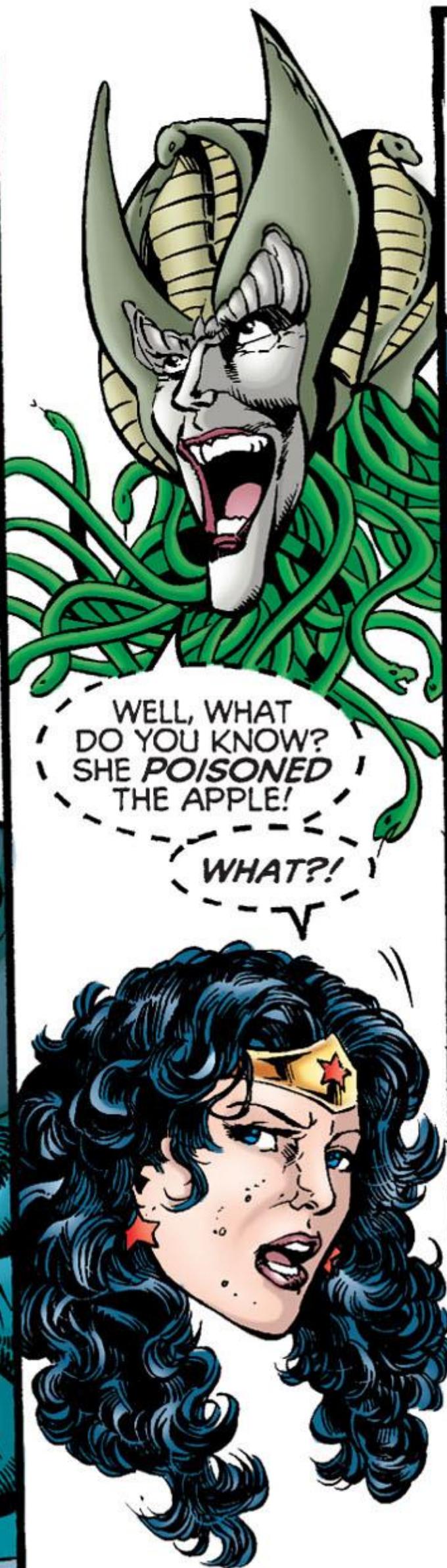
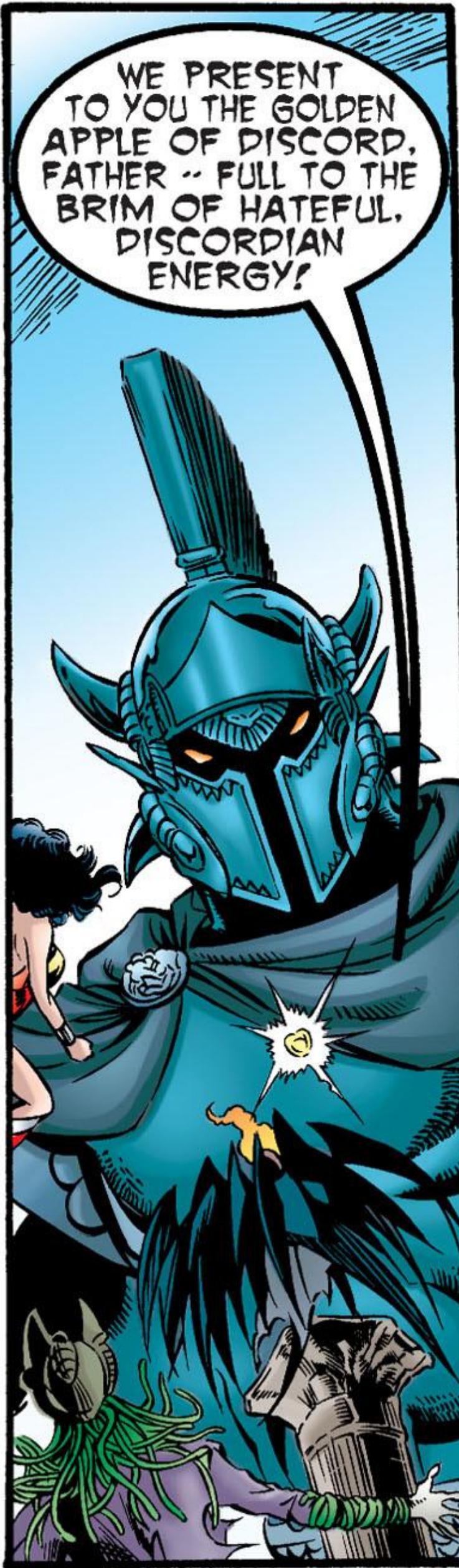
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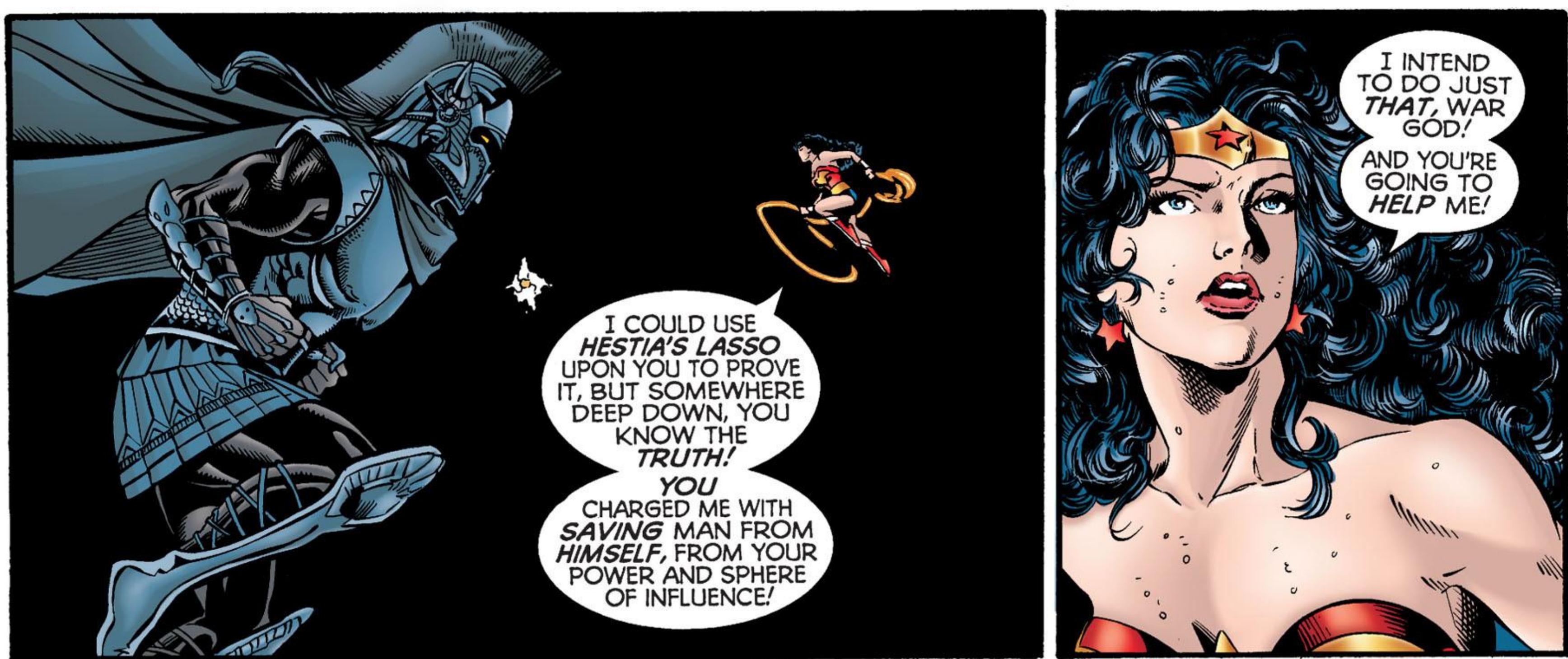
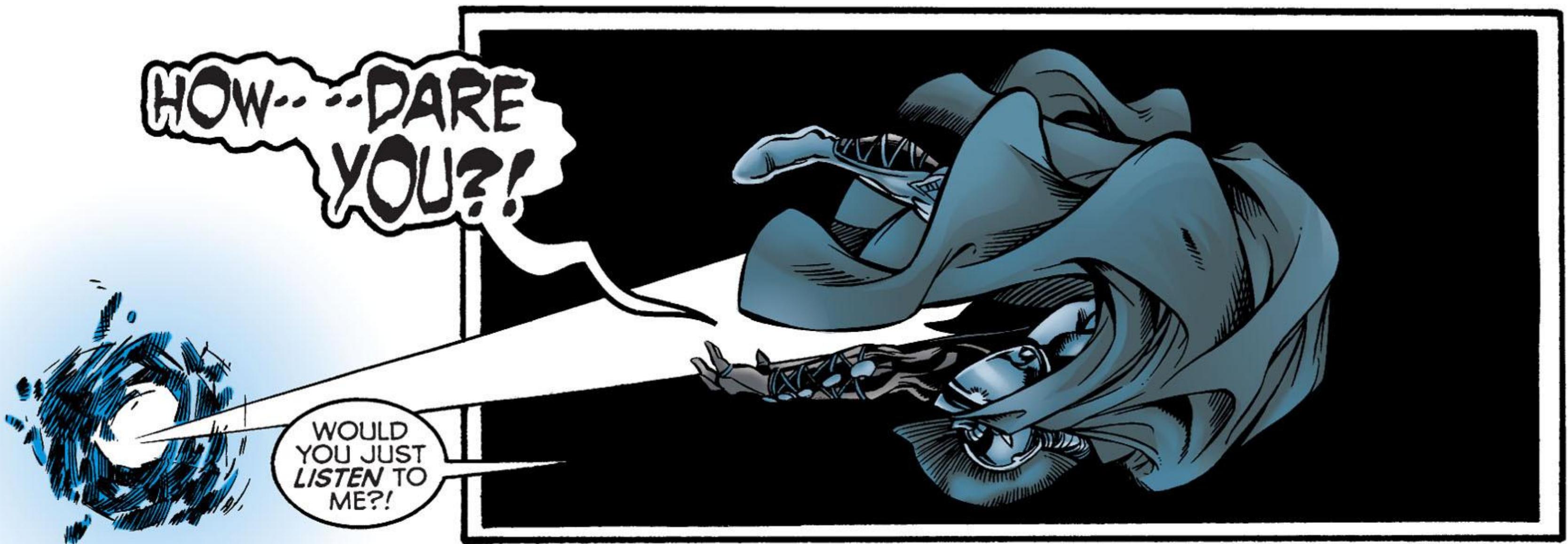
# FAULKE

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Comicraft letters Tom Palmer jr ass't editor Eddie Berganza editor Wonder Woman created by William Moulton Marston



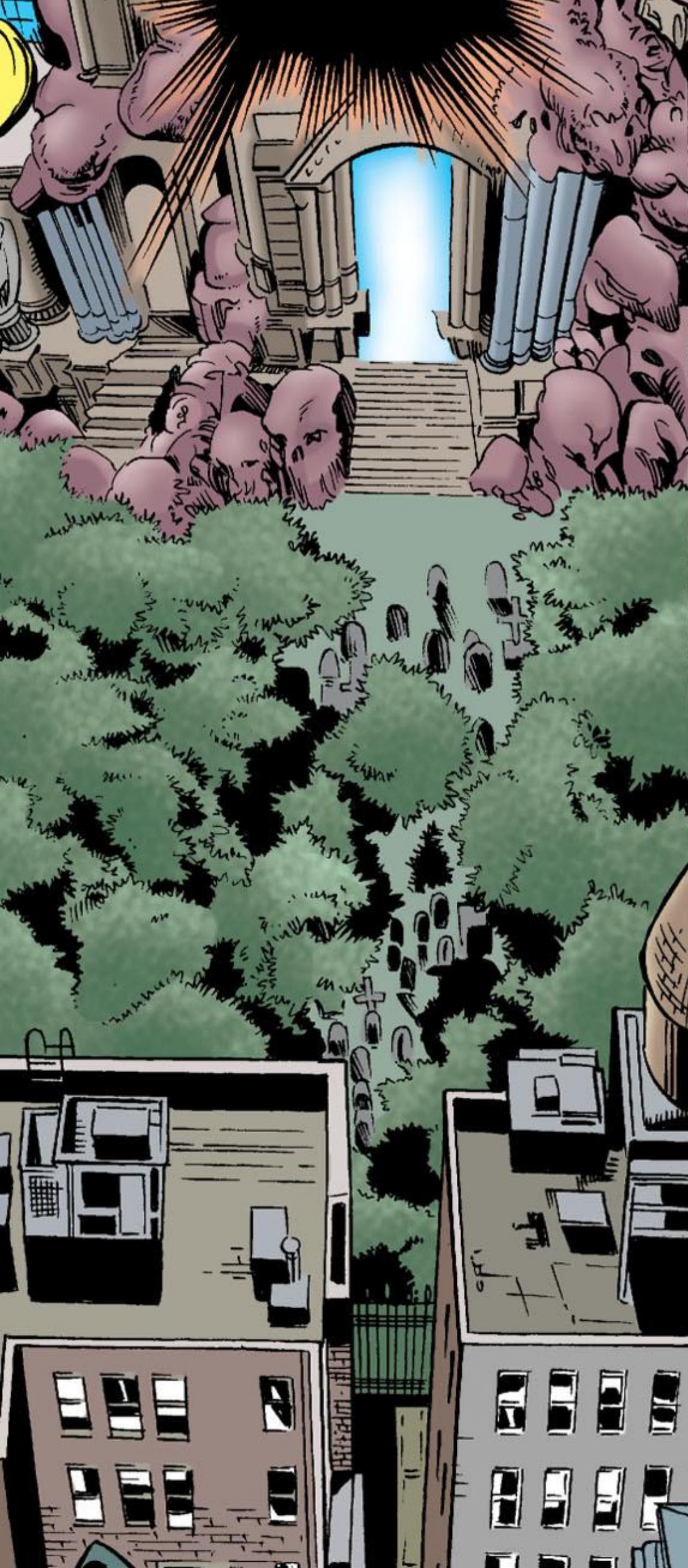


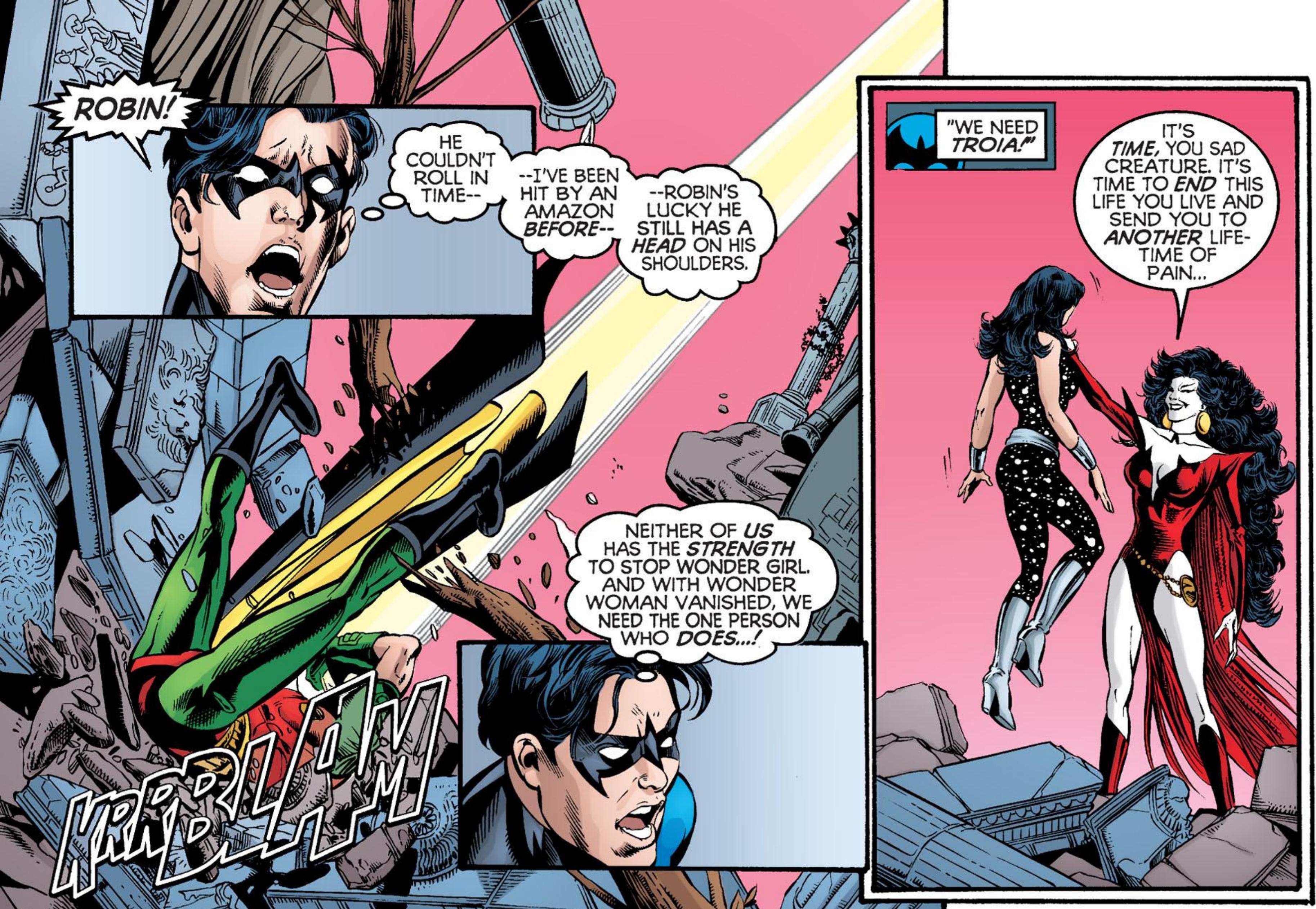


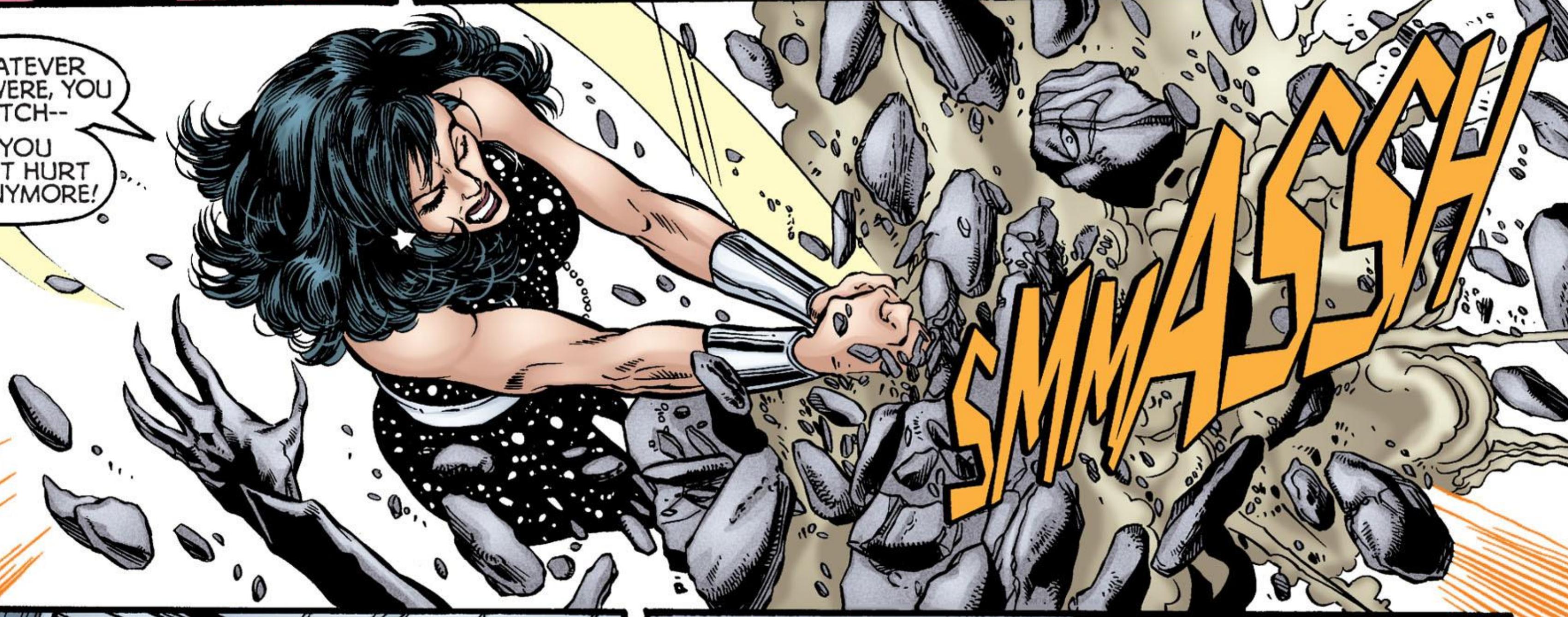
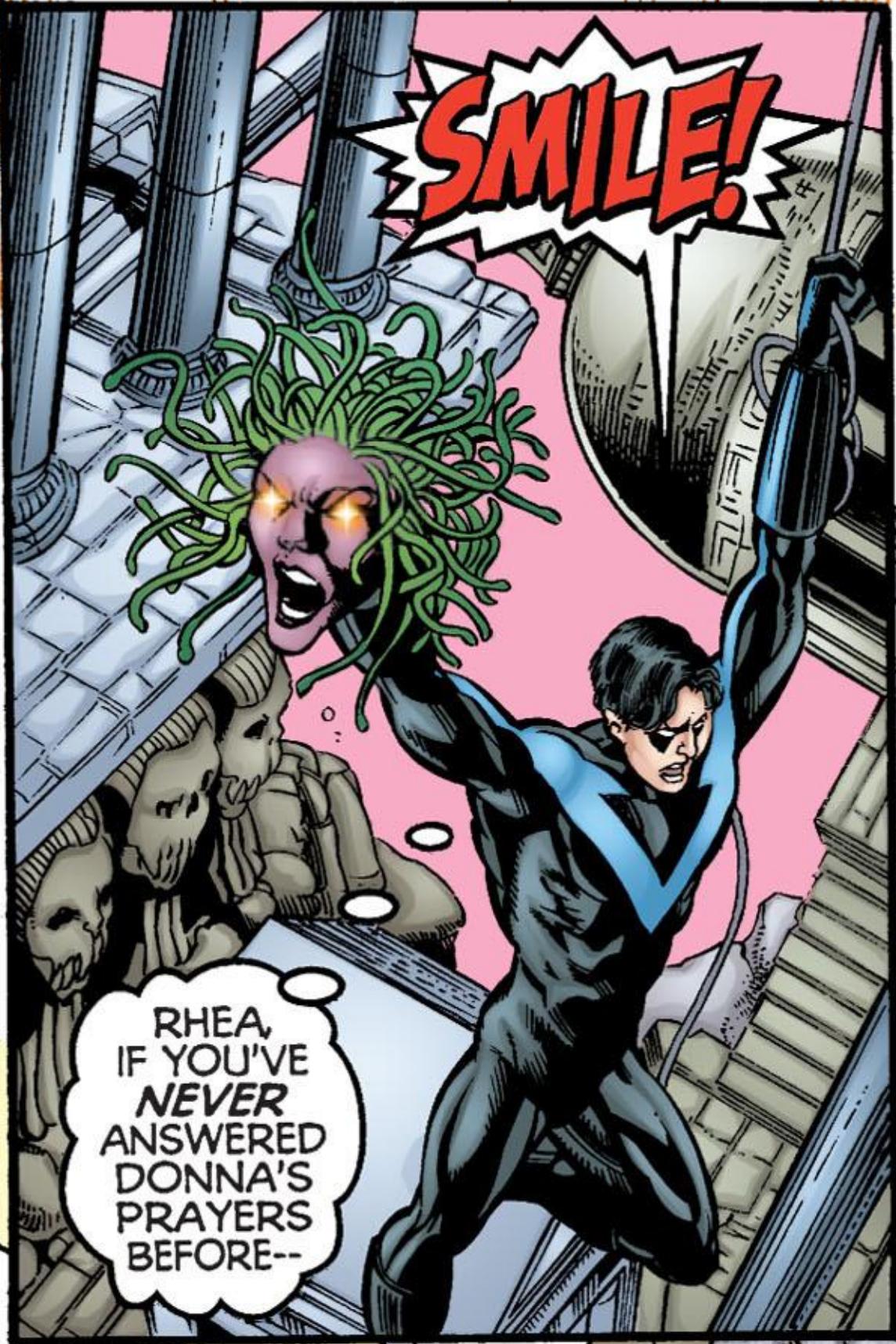
FUELED BY RAGE AND POWER, RAW PANIC BURSTS SKYWARD TO FILL THE NIGHTS OF GOTHAM CITY WITH FEAR...

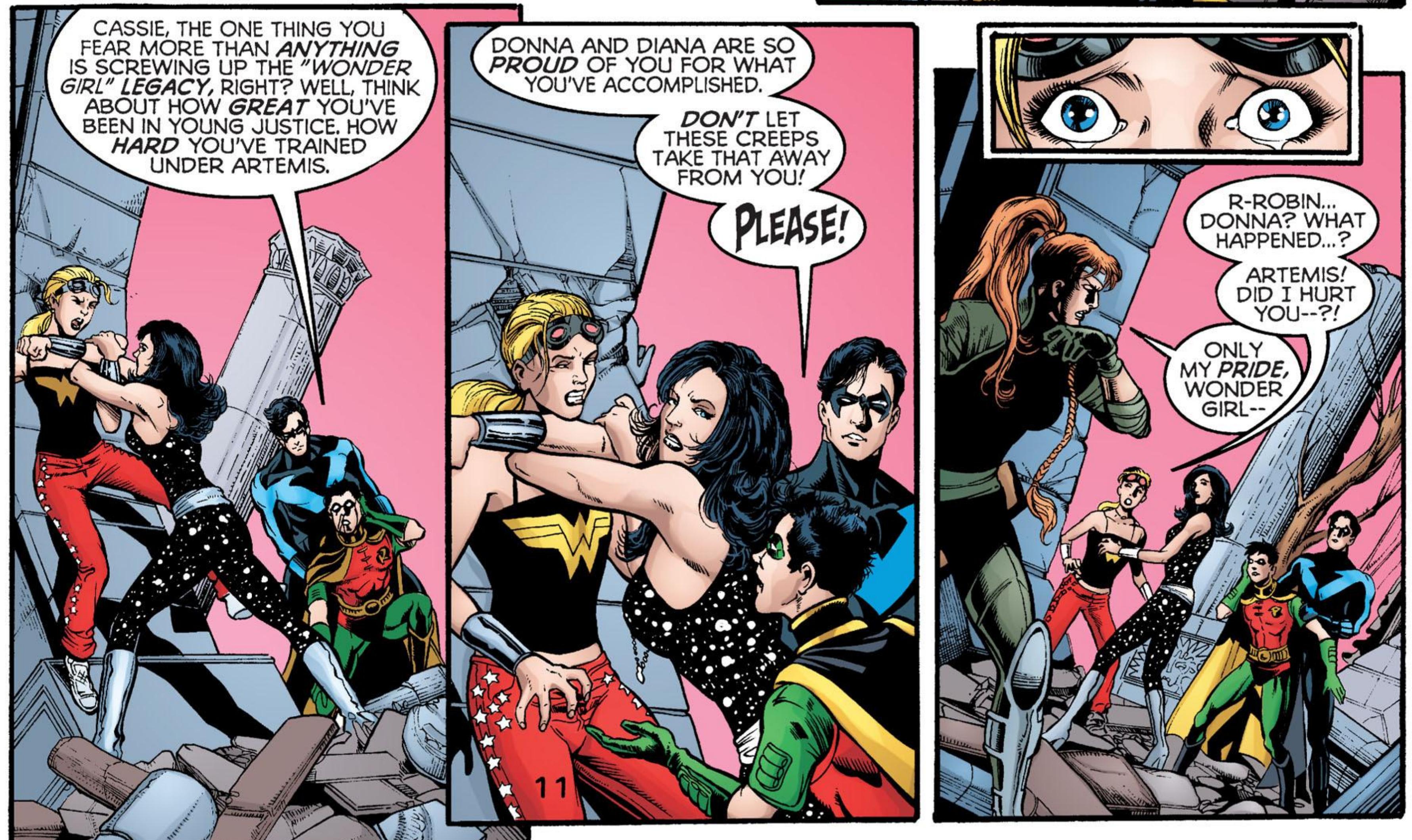
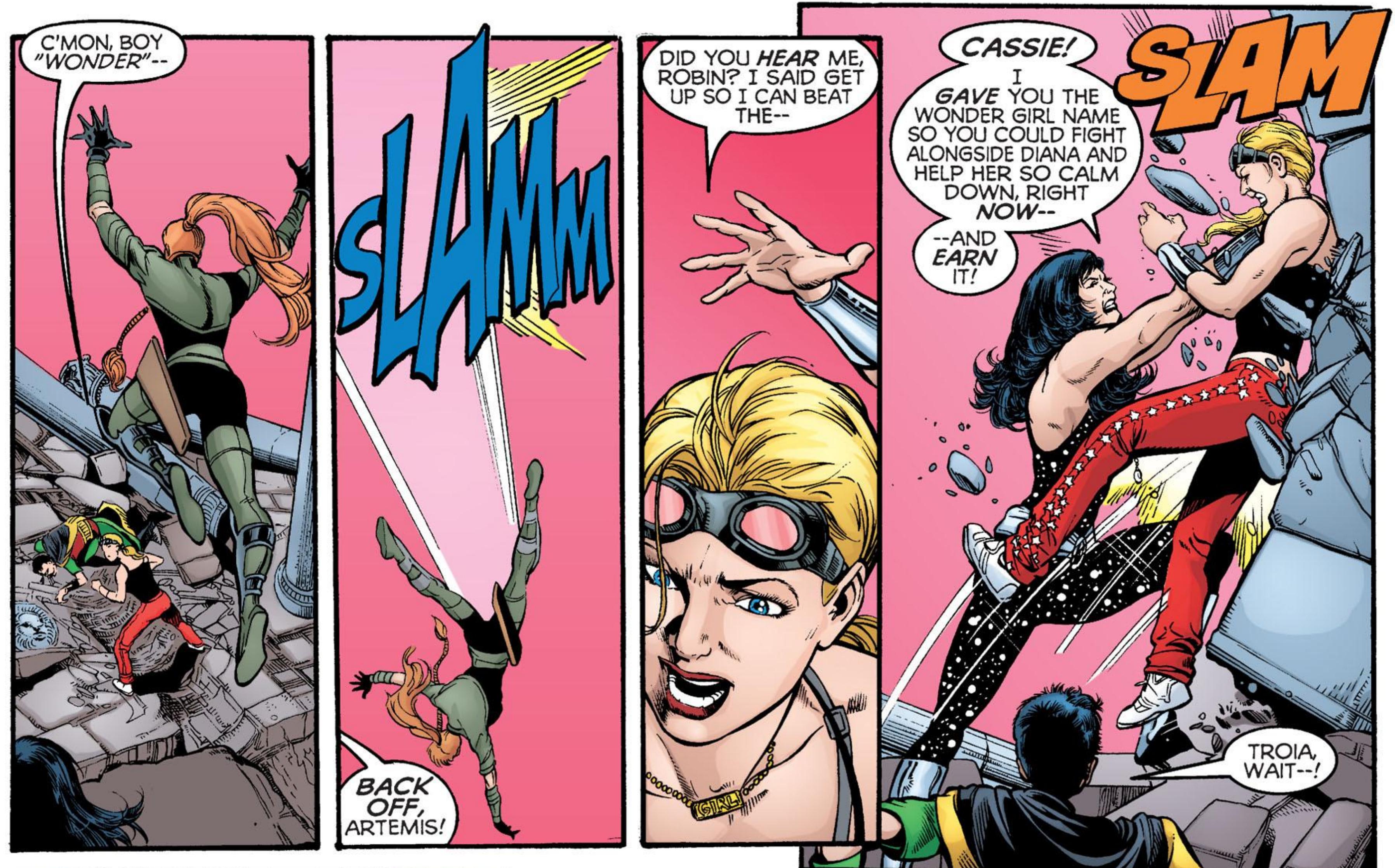
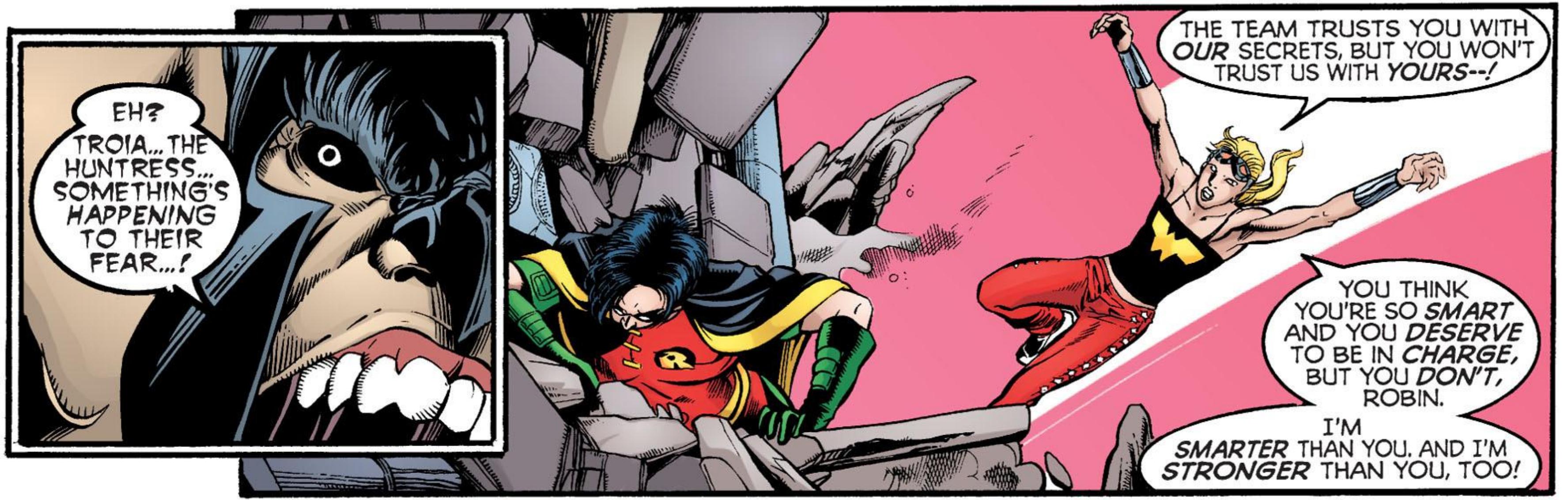
...ATTACKS THE MINDS OF DOZENS ACROSS THE CITY BY MANIFESTING PHYSICALLY THE TERRORS OF THOSE IT TOUCHES--

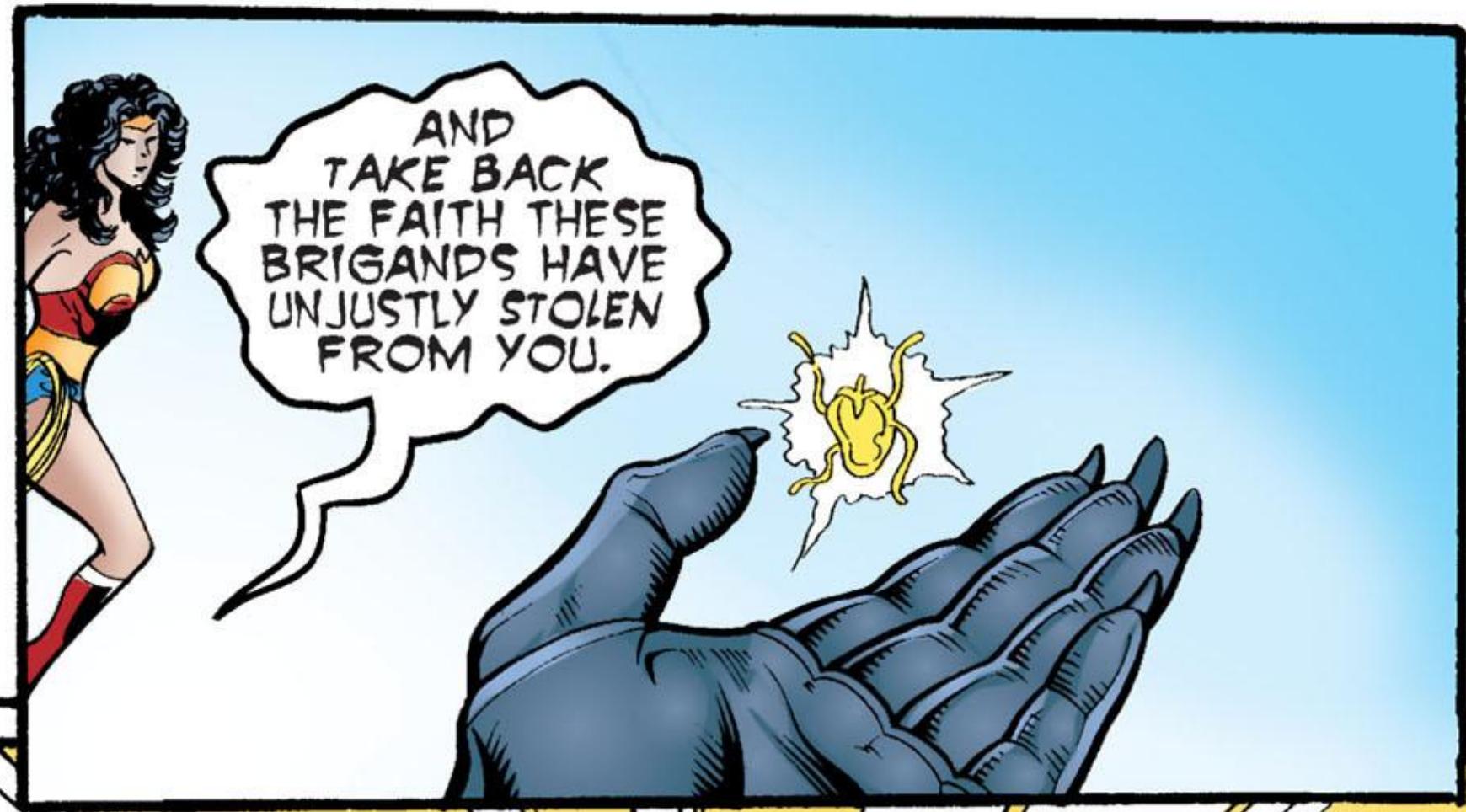
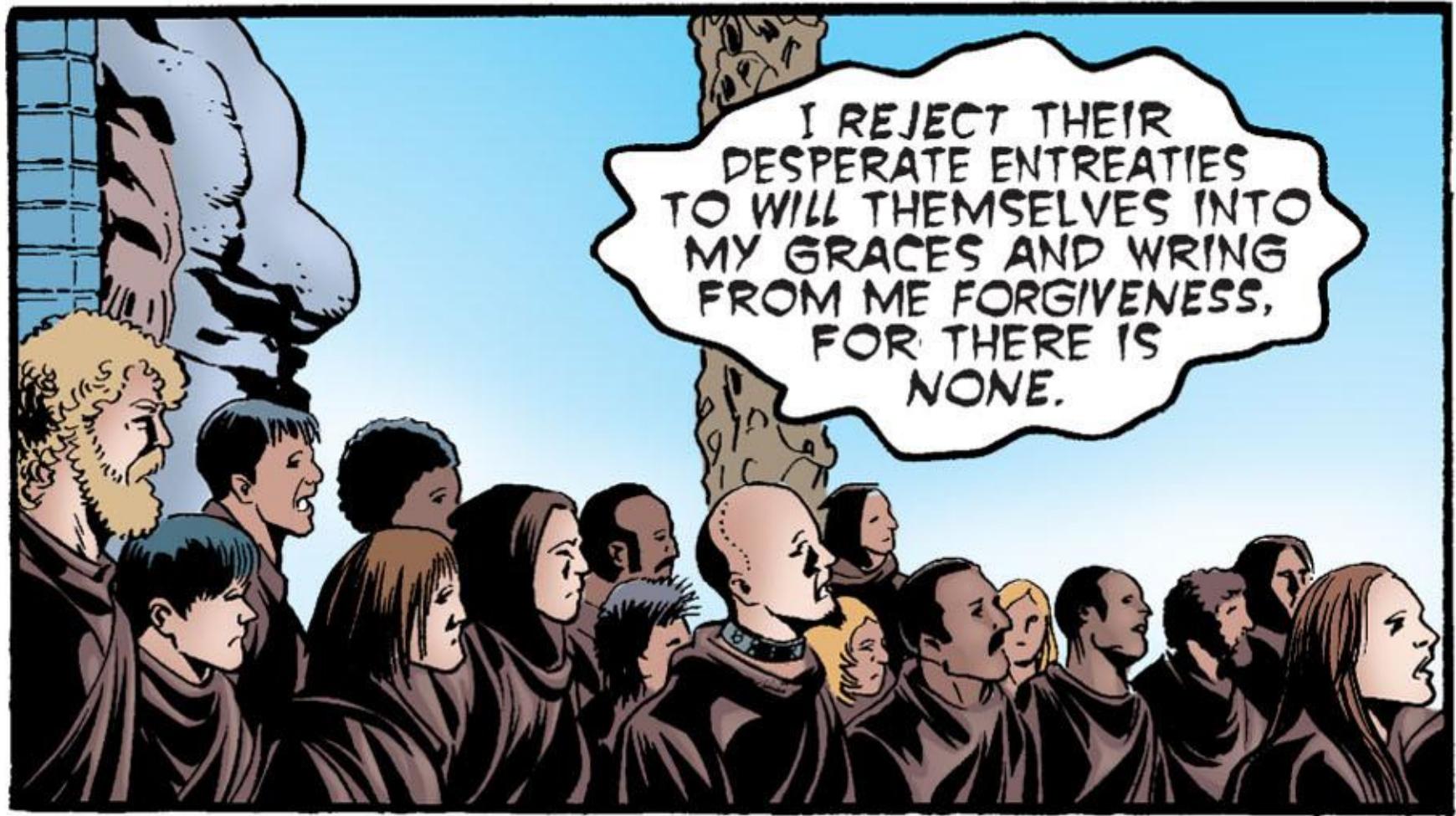
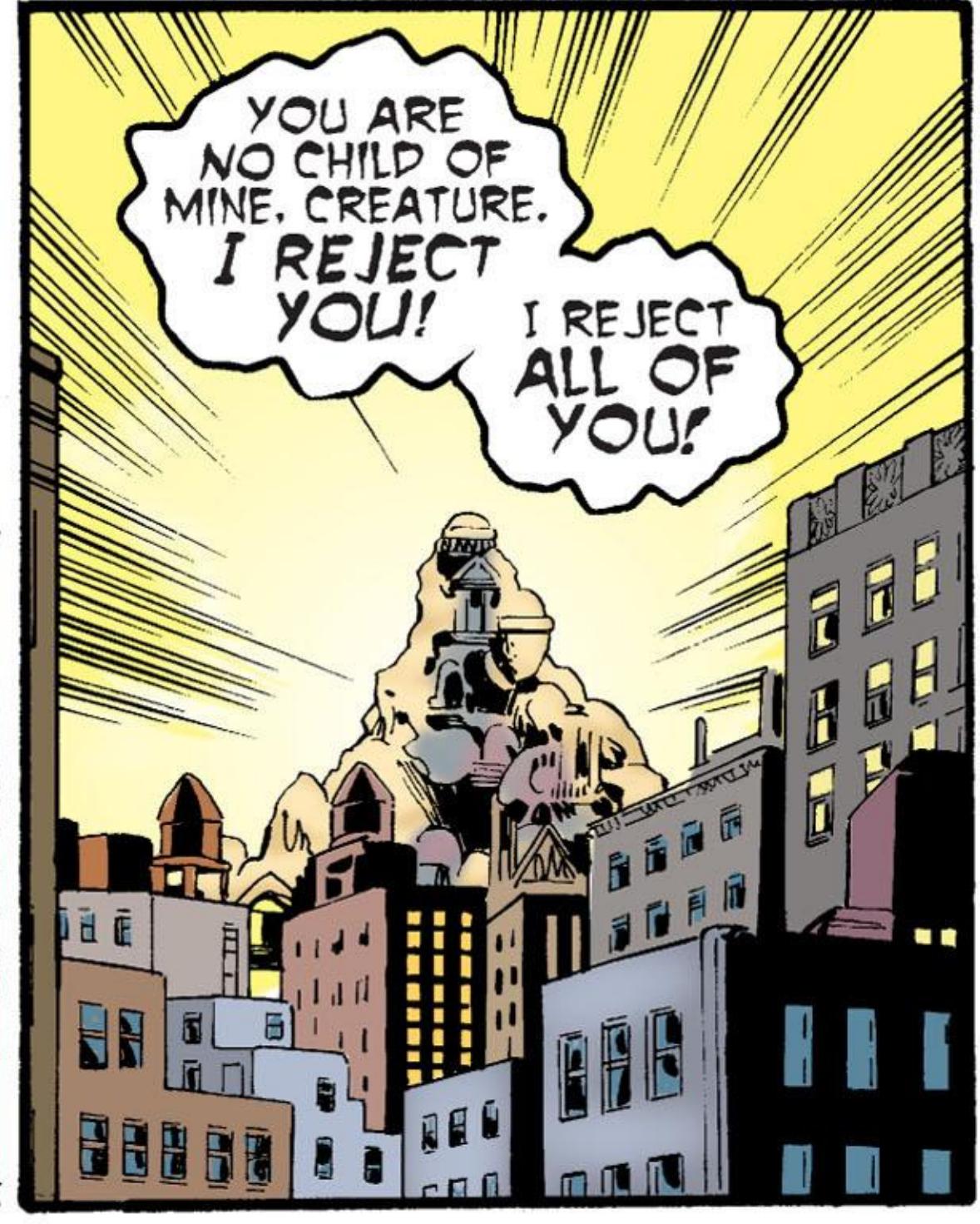
--THROUGH THE DARKENED SHEATH OF A MAN-BAT'S SHADOW.

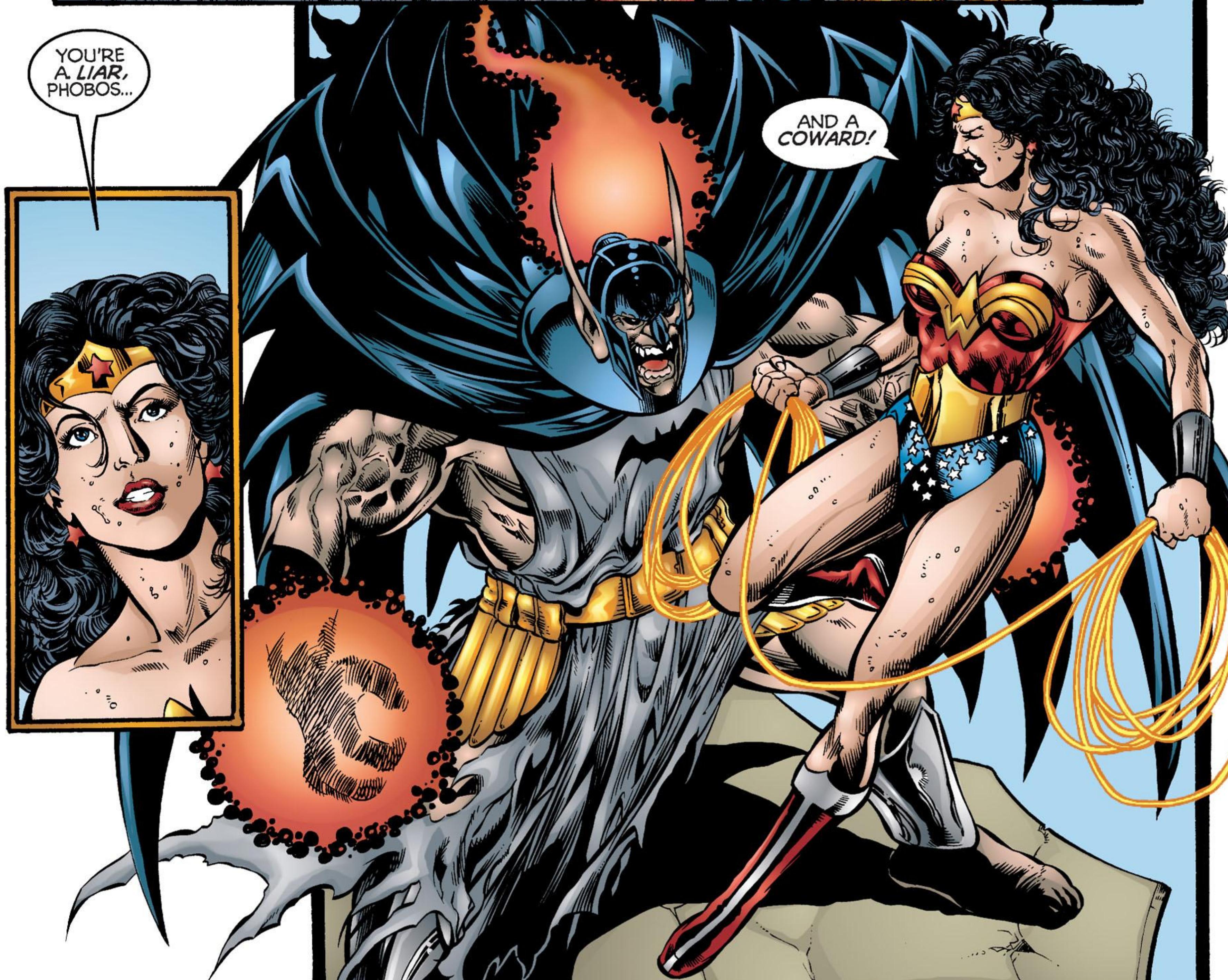


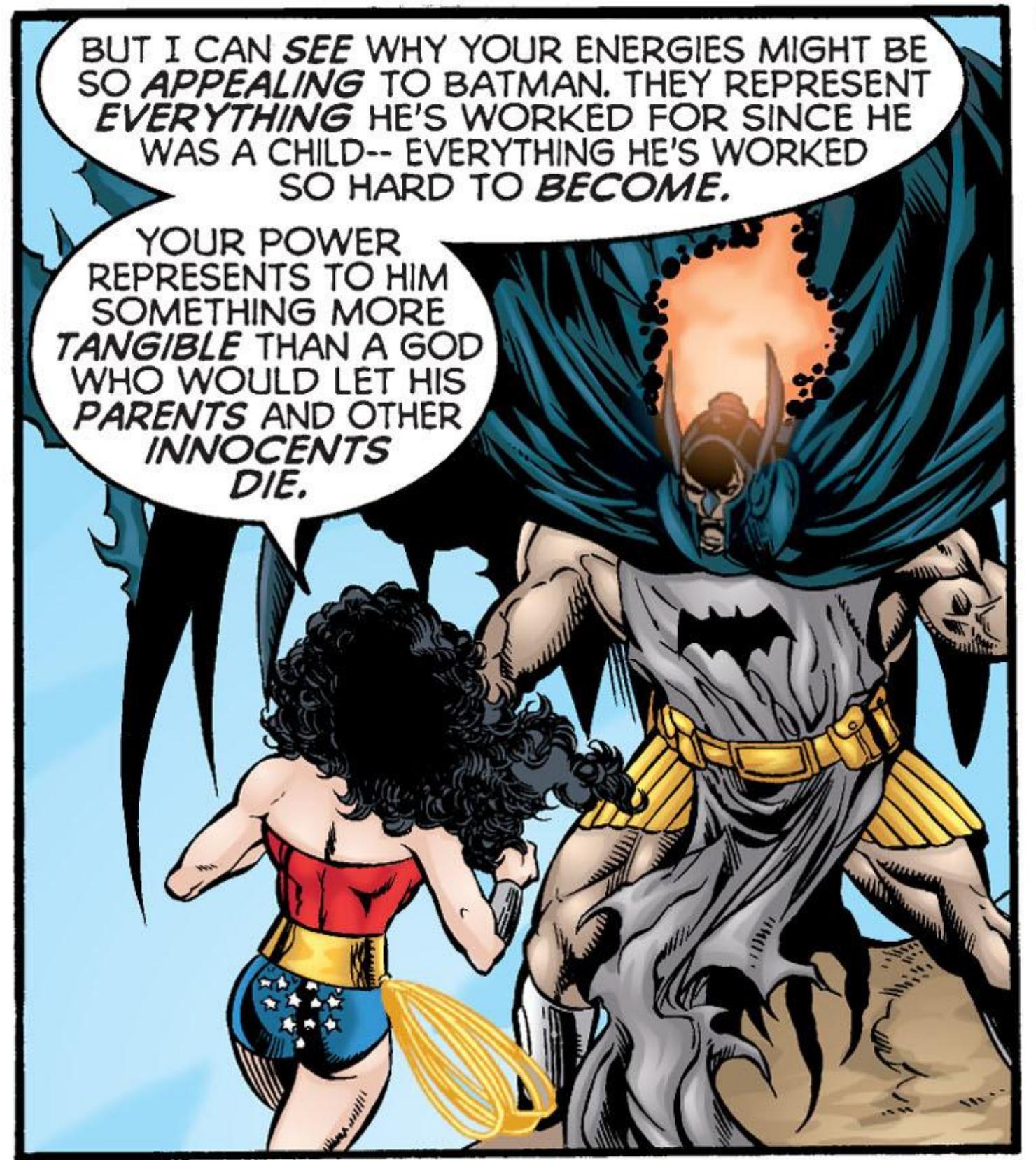






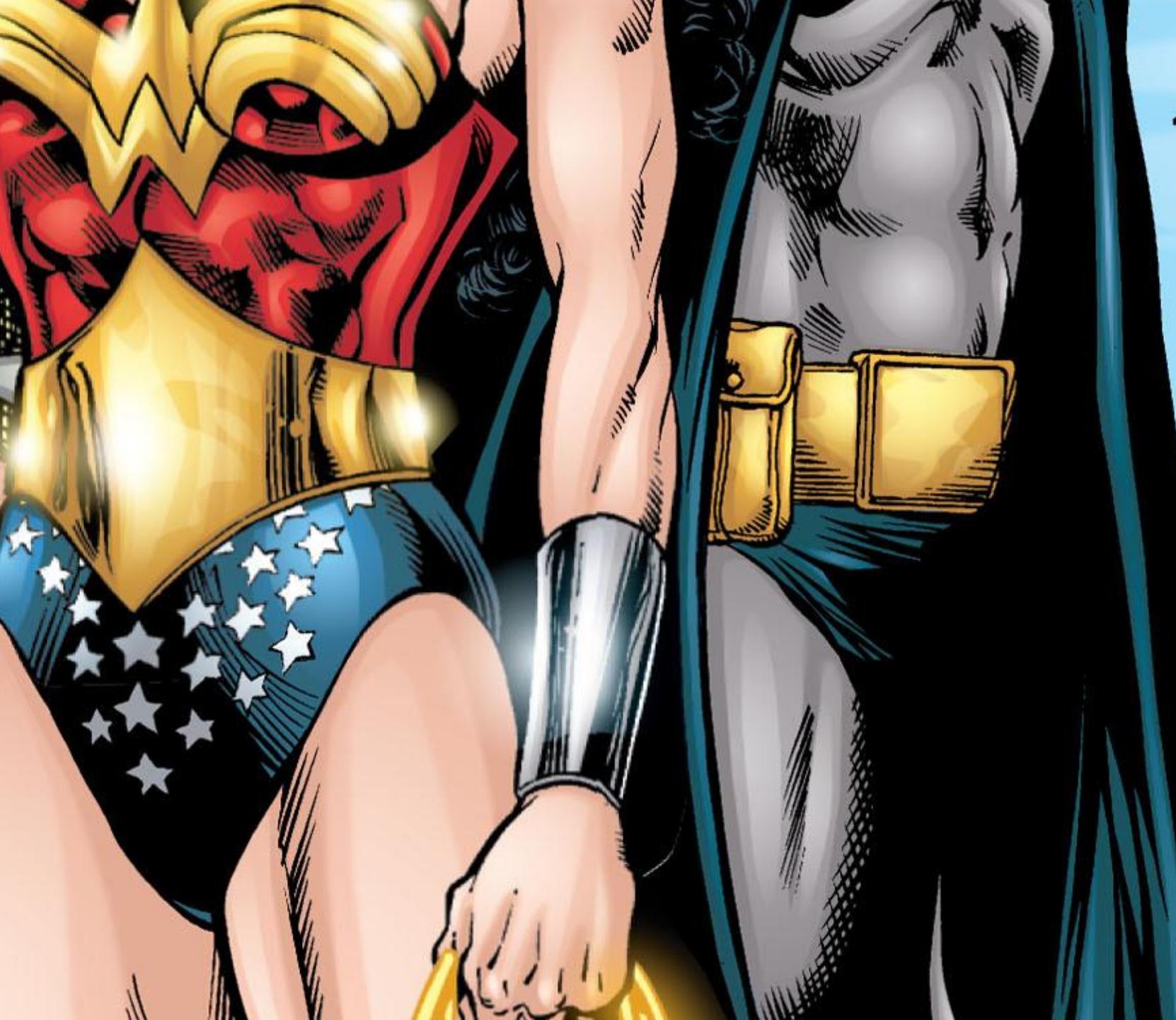
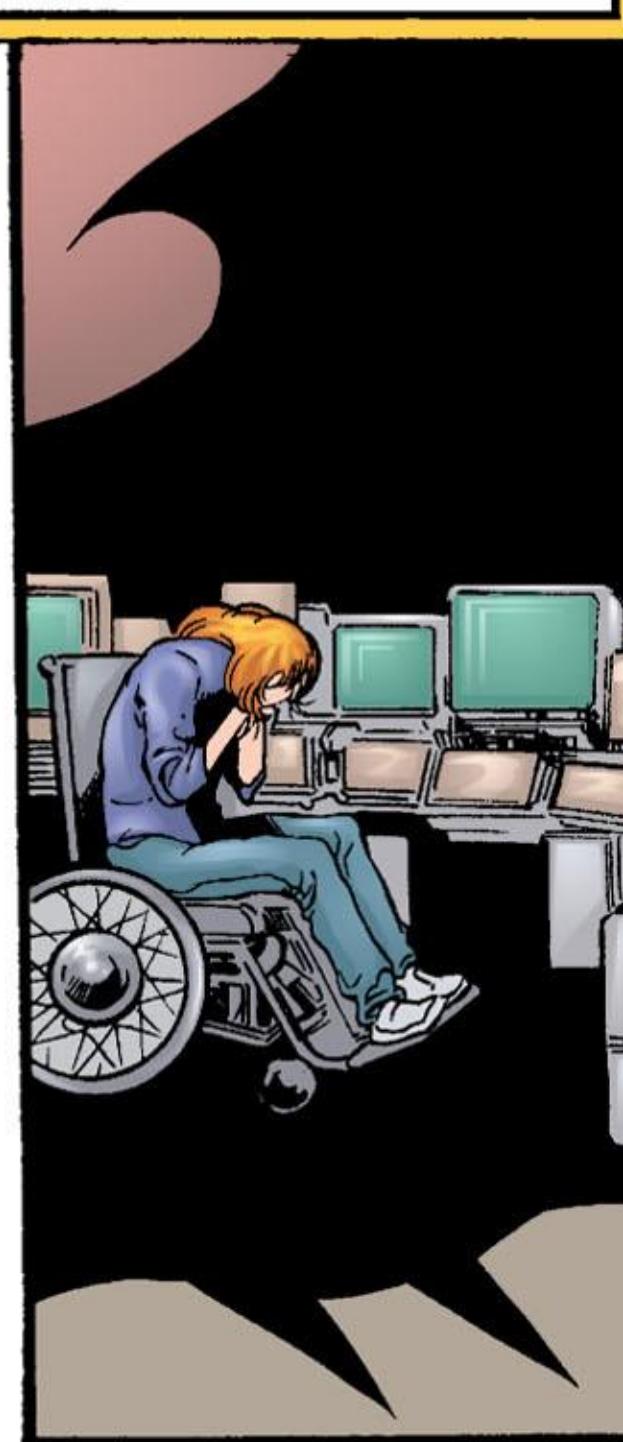




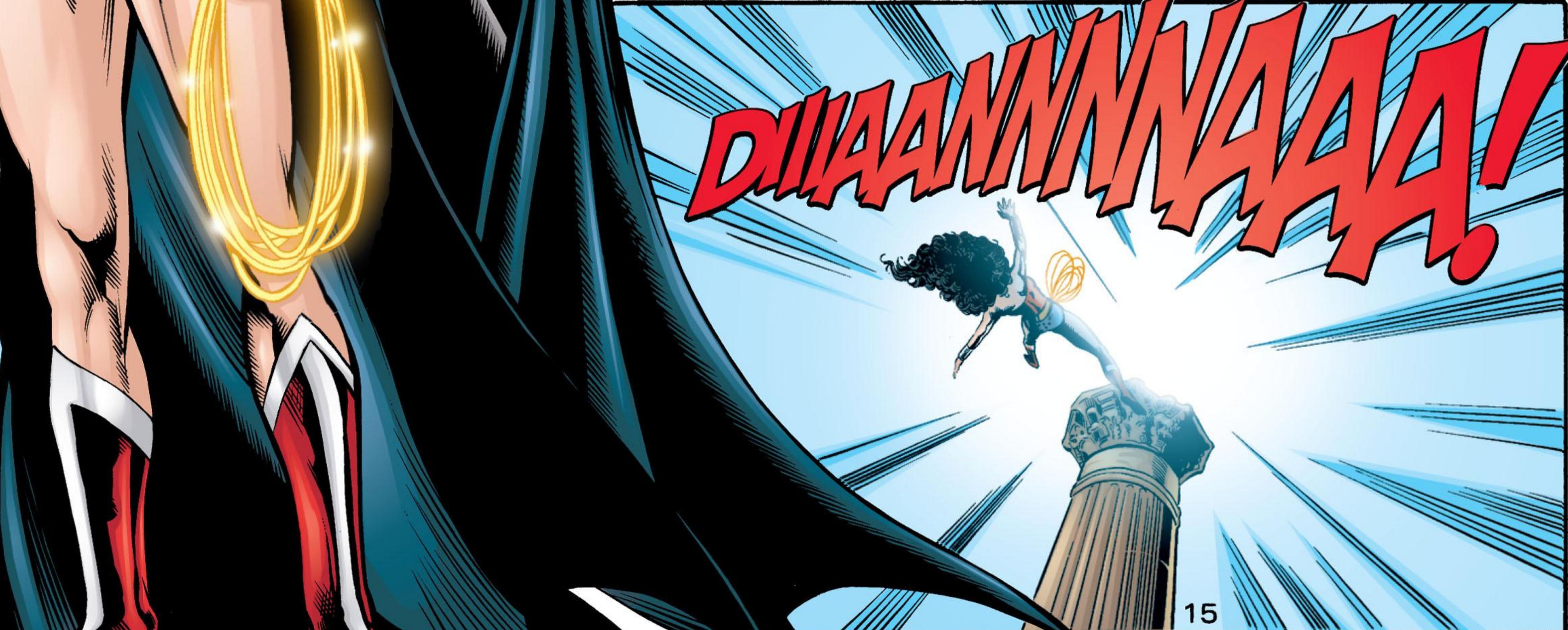


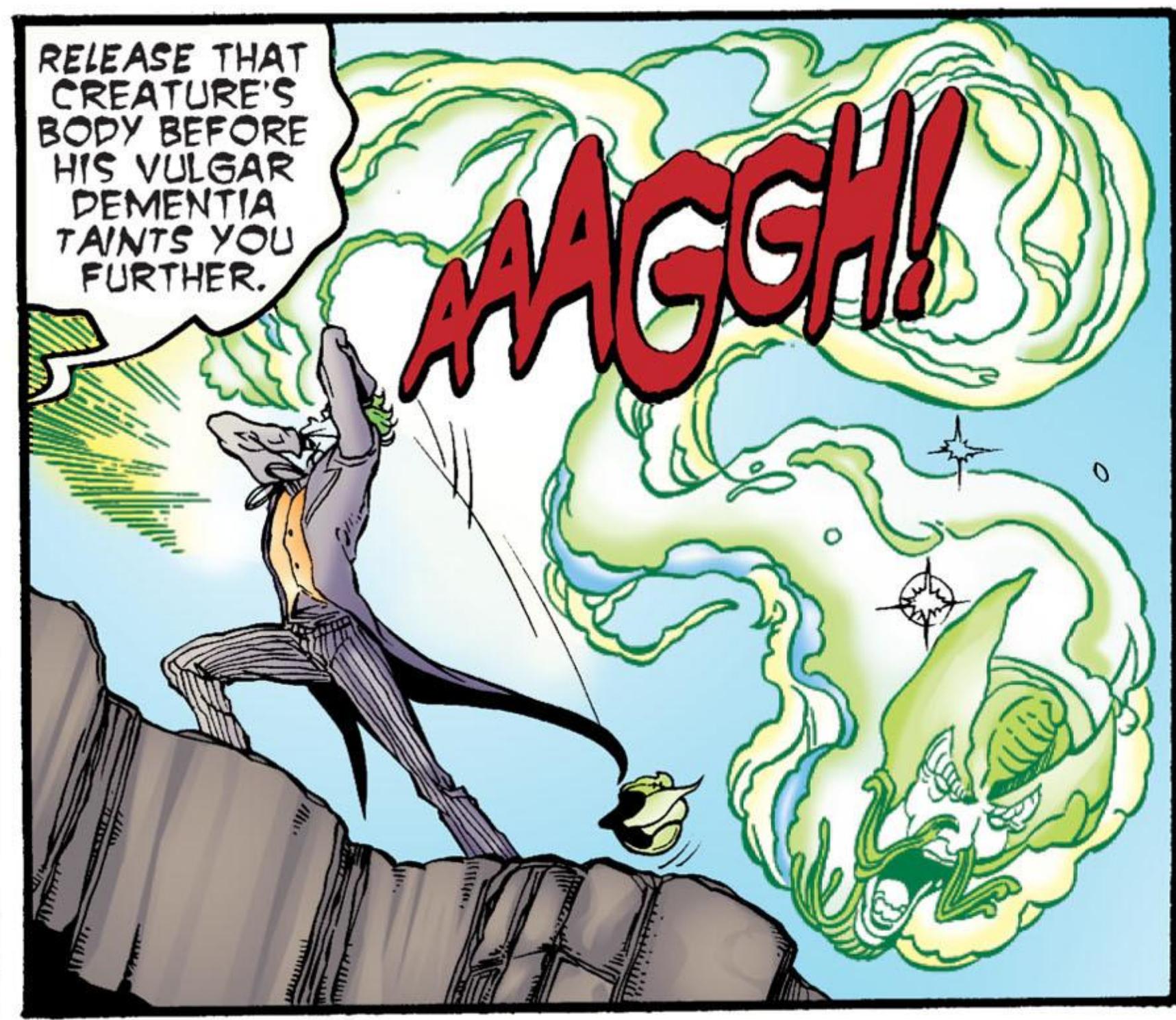
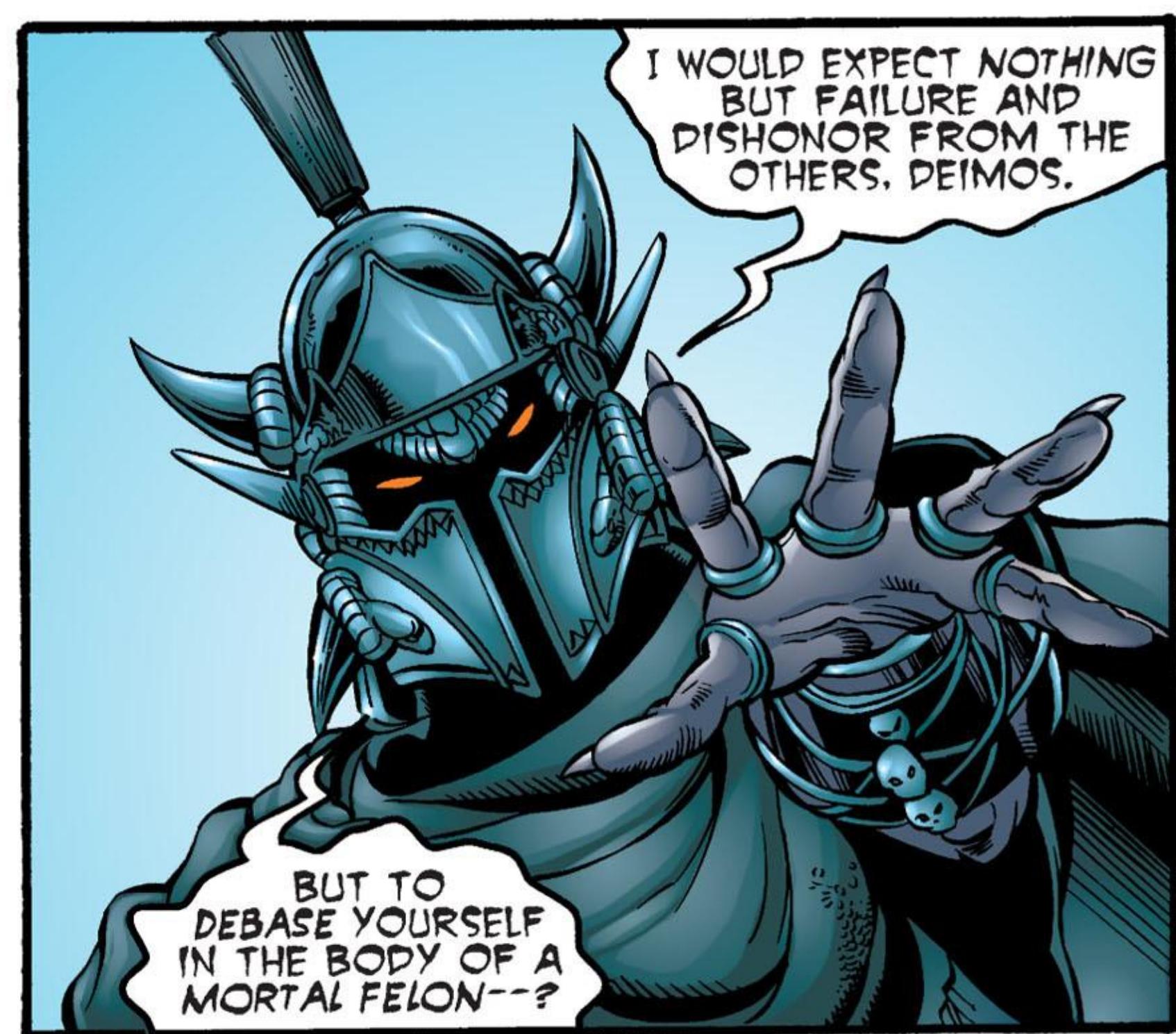
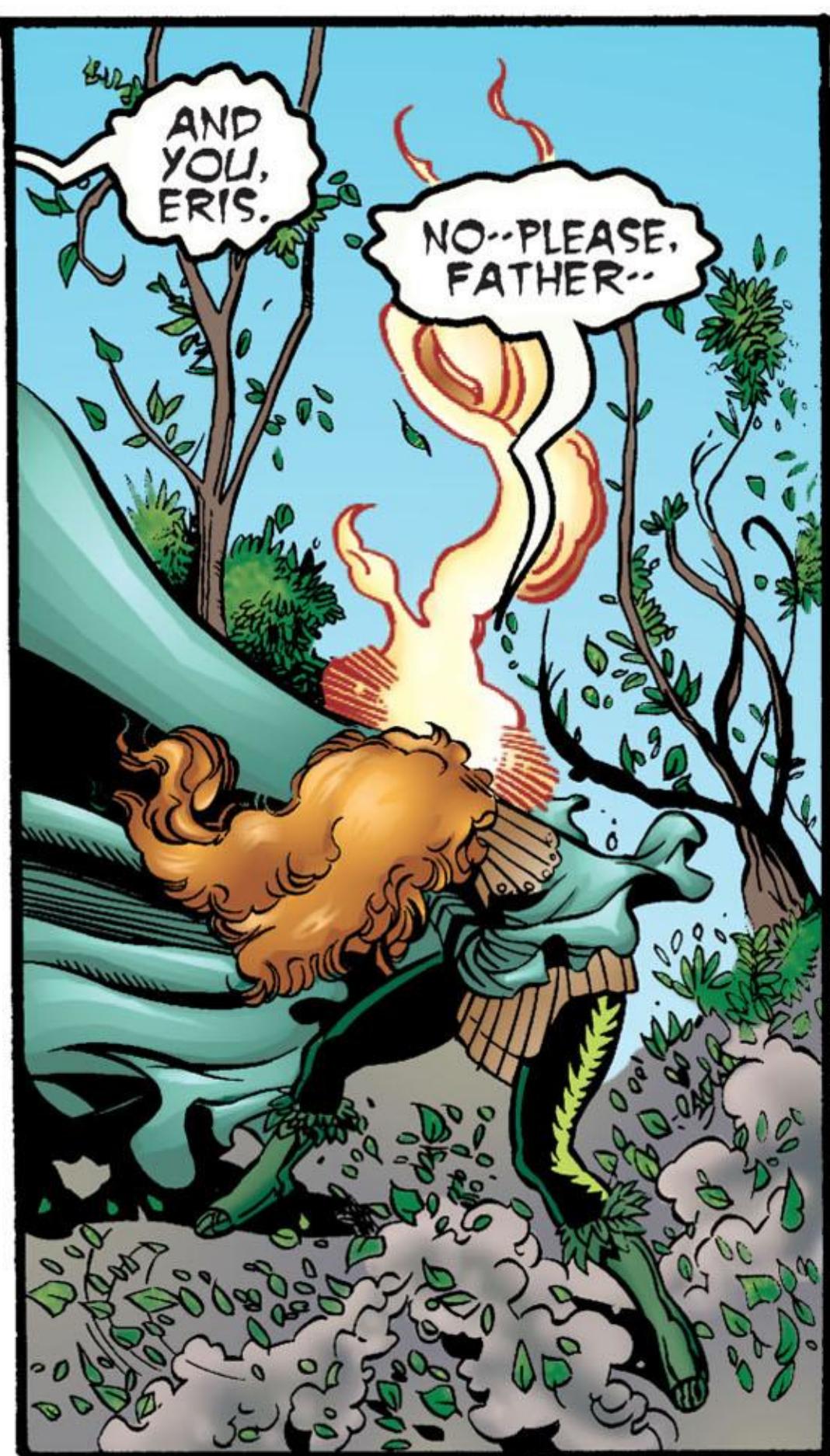
"BUT I THINK HE CAN-- CAN'T YOU, BATMAN? EVEN AS PHOBOS' POWER LETS YOU STRIKE FEAR IN THE HEARTS OF CRIMINALS-- OF EVERYONE IN GOTHAM CITY, INCLUDING YOUR FRIENDS AND THE PEOPLE WHO YOU HOLD DEAR--"

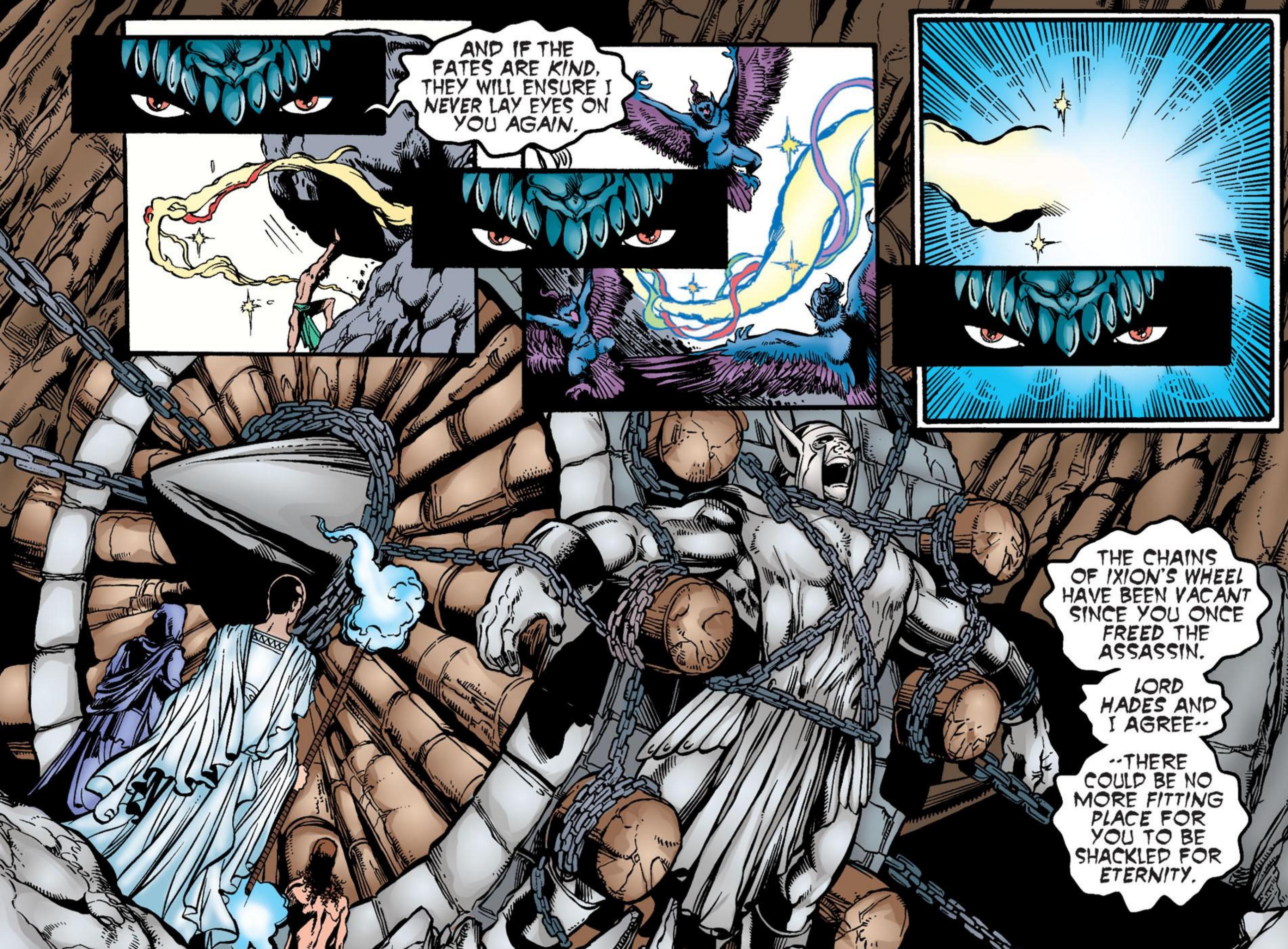
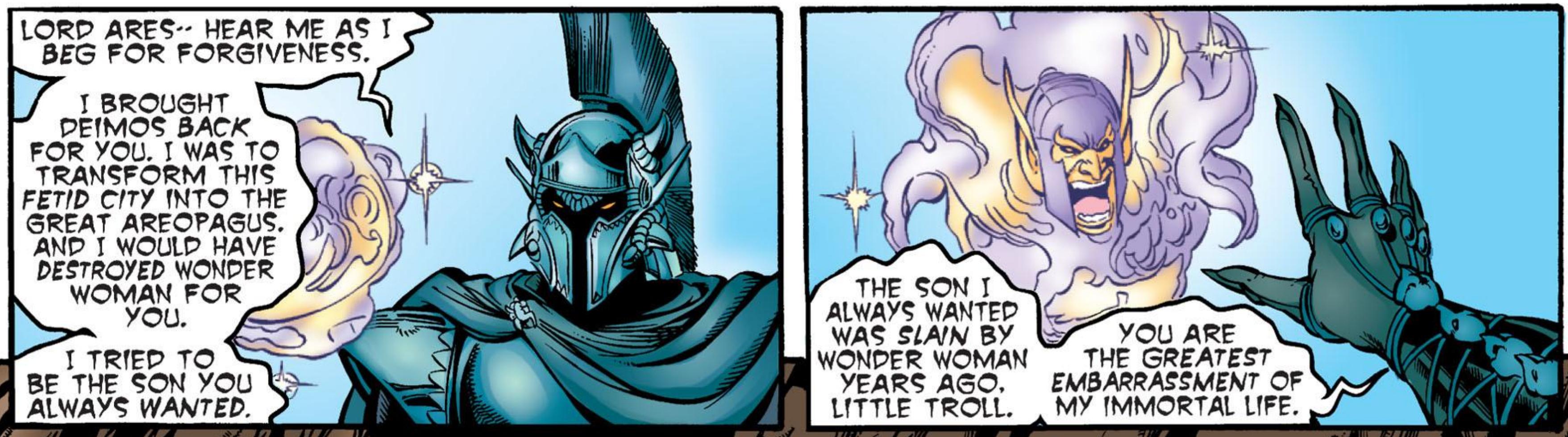
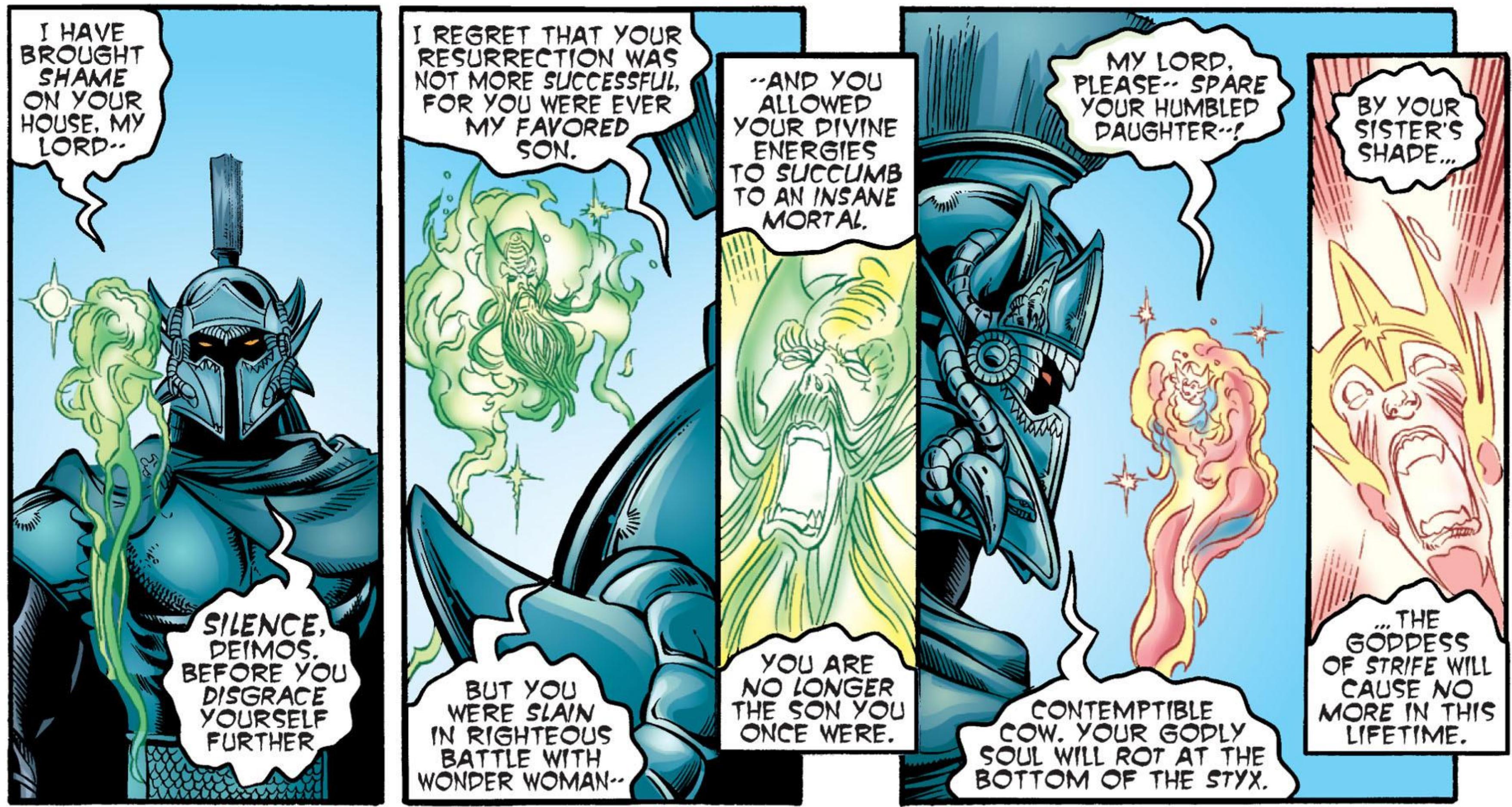
--I KNOW YOU CAN HEAR ME."



DIANA...







THE AMAZON WAS  
RIGHT. MY CHILDREN  
WOULD HAVE BETRAYED  
ME. AND FOR THAT,  
I HAVE SENT THEM  
TO HELL.

BUT WITH THEIR  
DISAPPEARANCE I  
CAN SEE THE VOID IN  
THEIR SOULS; YOUR  
DESPERATE NEED  
FOR A GOD TO  
BELIEVE IN.

WELL, MORTALS --  
ARES STANDS READY  
TO FILL THAT VOID  
AND GIVE YOU HIS  
POWER IN RETURN  
FOR YOUR FEALTY,  
AND FOR  
SPREADING--

--THE  
DOCTRINE OF  
**WAR!**



**NO!**

YOU WON'T TAINT THESE  
PEOPLE WITH YOUR VIOLENCE  
AND YOUR THIRST FOR  
BLOODSHED.

WE WILL  
**NOT**  
ALLOW  
IT!



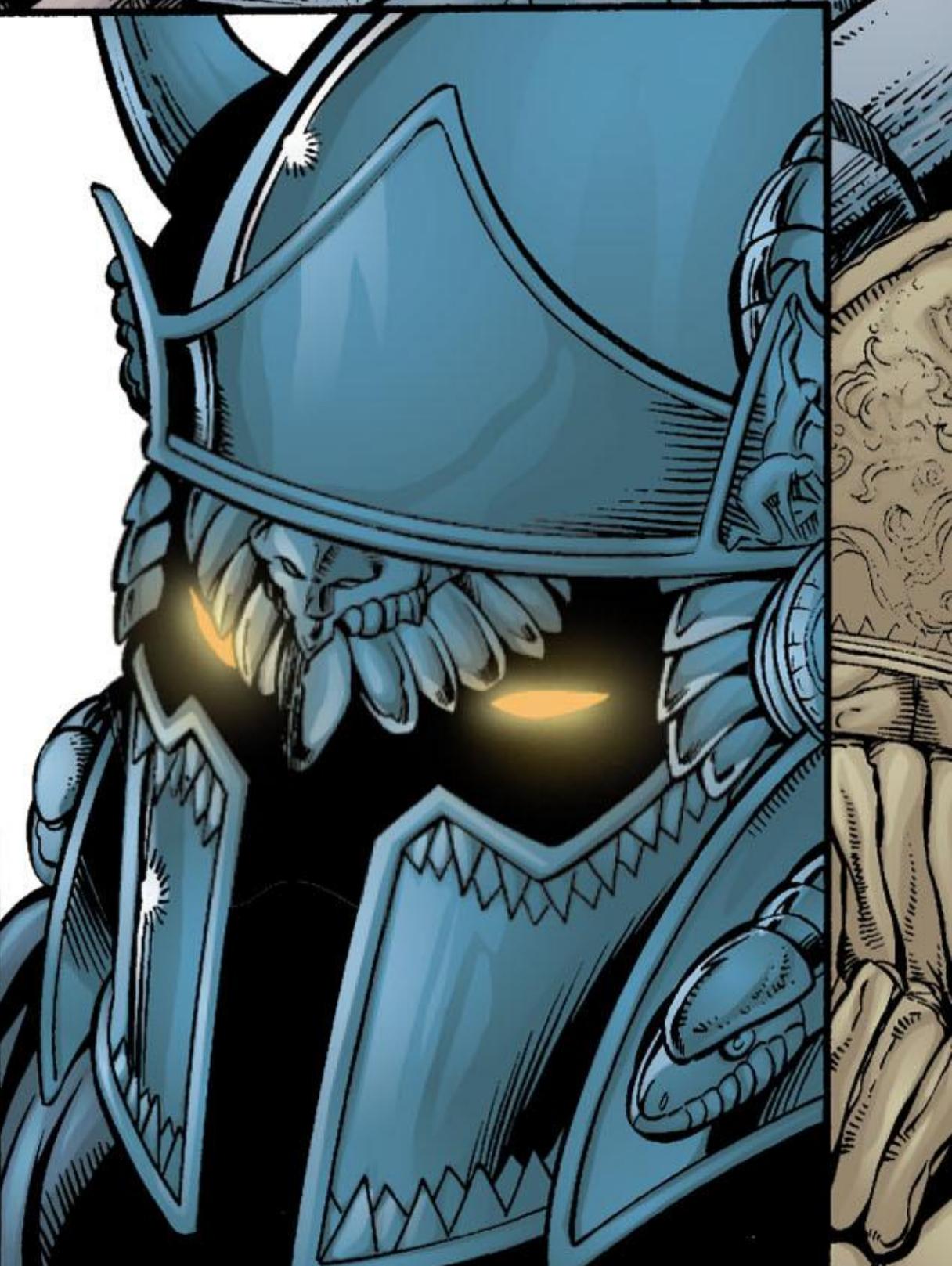
THESE PEOPLE NEED THE VOIDS IN THEIR  
LIVES FILLED WITH LOVE AND SELF-  
RESPECT AND HOPE.

VOIDS YOU **CANNOT** FILL, WAR  
GOD, WITH GIFTS YOU **DESPISE**.

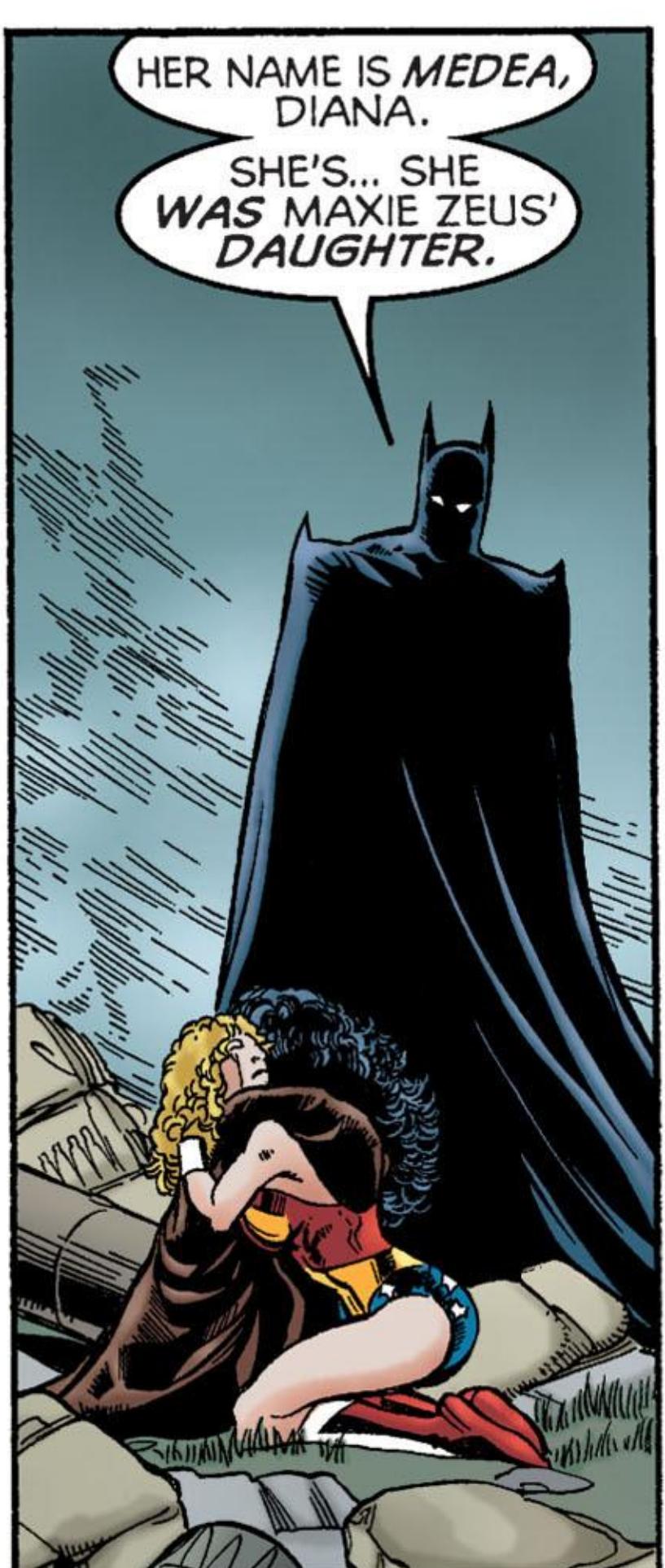
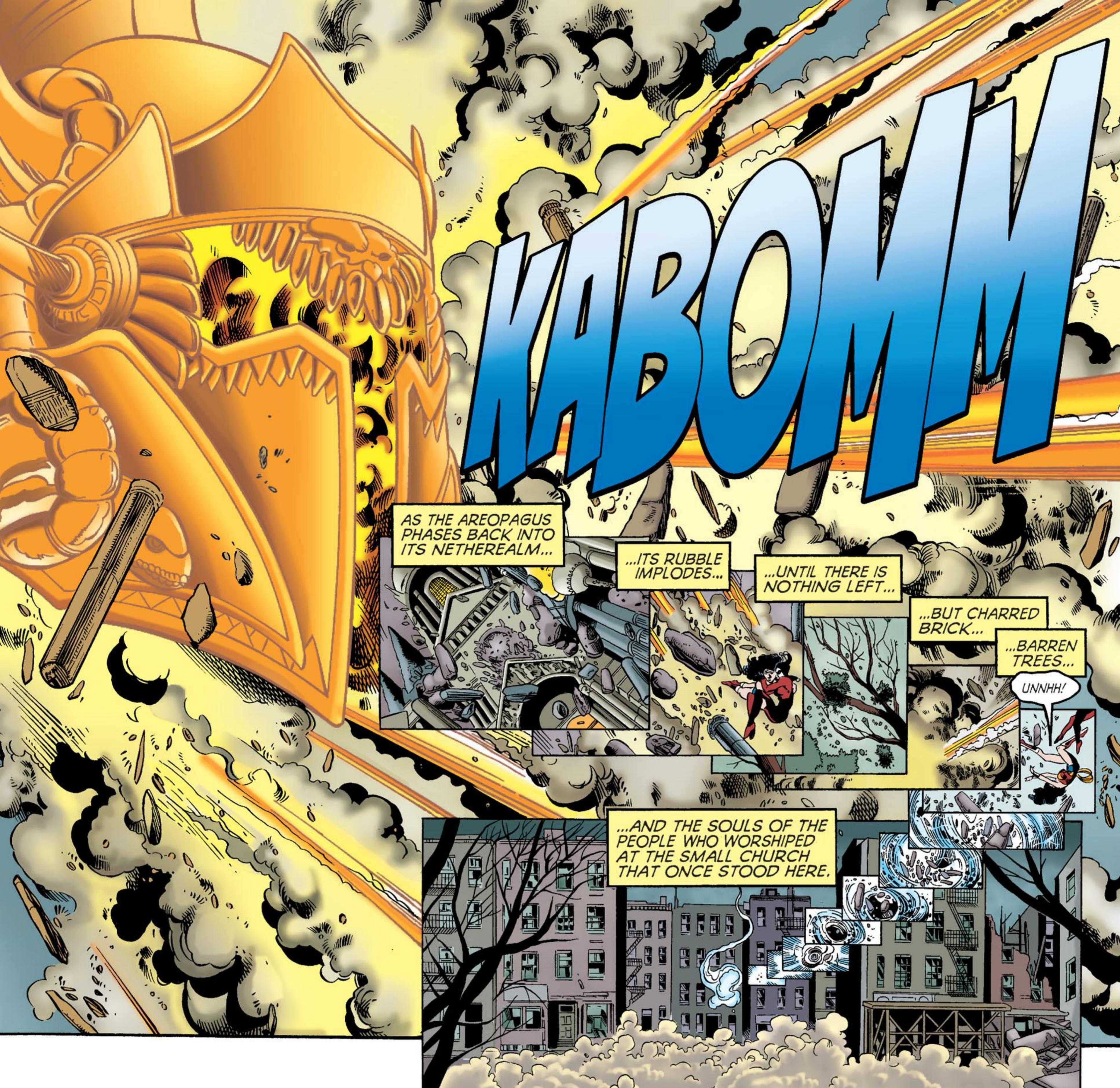
YOU ONCE DECLARED  
TO ME THAT YOU WOULD **NEVER**  
AGAIN TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN  
MAN'S **DEMISE**.

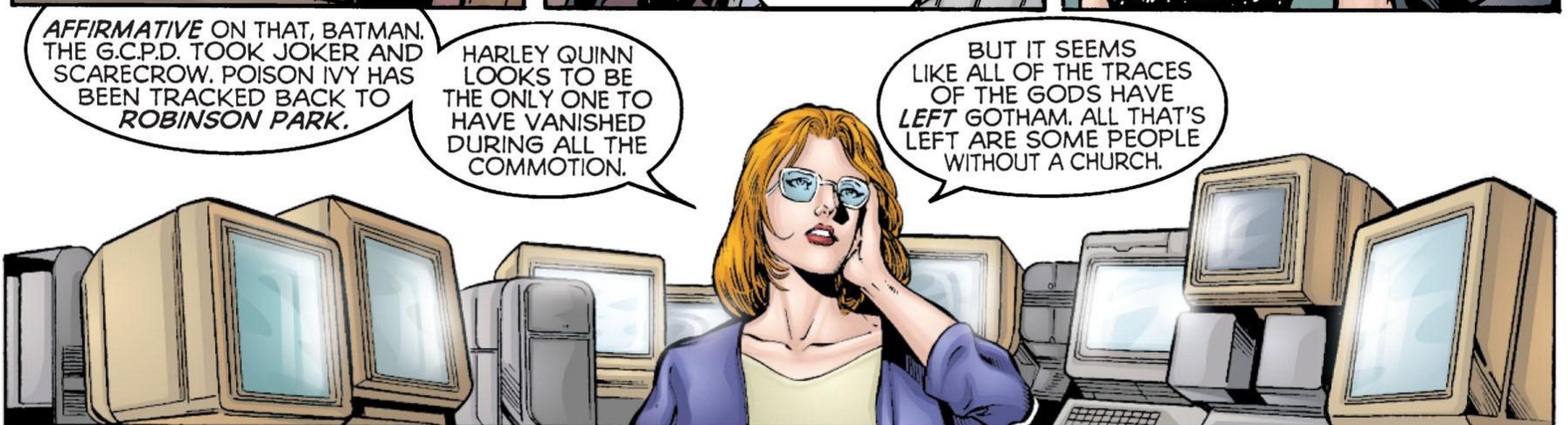
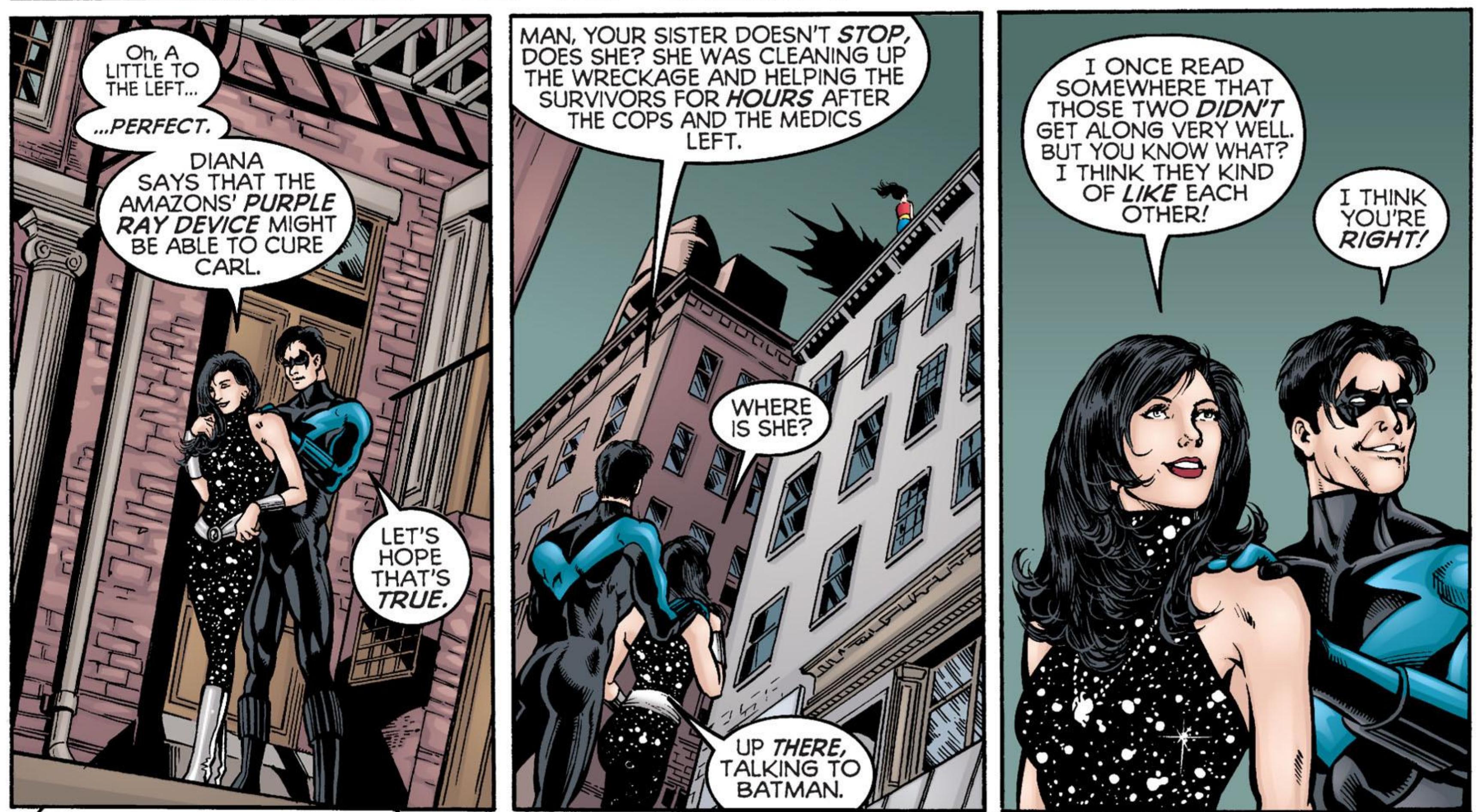
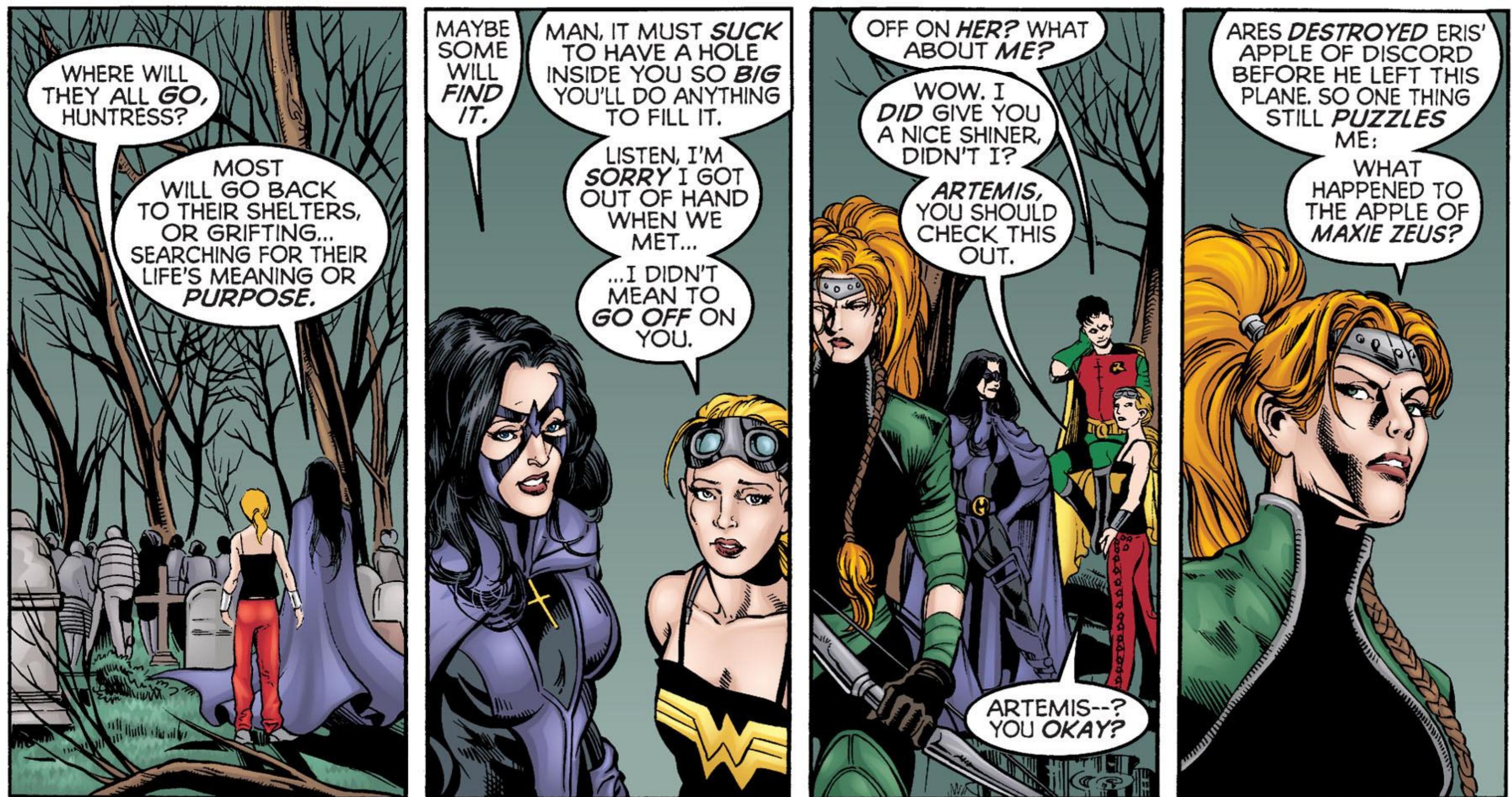
I BESEECH YOU, LORD ARES-- DO  
NOT BECOME THE **LIAR** YOUR CHILDREN  
HAVE BEEN. LIVE UP TO YOUR DIVINE  
PROMISE...

...LEAVE THIS PLANE  
AND THESE PEOPLE IN  
**PEACE**.









WE SHOULD GET FATHER MIKE ON THAT, ORACLE.

SEE IF HE CAN TAKE ANYONE INTO HIS FAITH CENTER.

YOU NEVER STOP, DO YOU? YOU'RE ALWAYS FIGHTING, ALWAYS PROTECTING.

THE SAME COULD BE SAID OF YOU, PRINCESS.

PERHAPS.

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED, AS I HAVE, IF OUR TIME IN THE JLA TAKES US AWAY FROM OUR TRUE MISSIONS? YOURS, TO PROTECT GOTHAM... AND MINE, TO PROMOTE THE AMAZON IDEALS OF PEACE?

YES, BUT I HAVE TO BELIEVE WE'VE CONTRIBUTED SOMEHOW TO THE GREATER GOOD. THAT OUR TIME THERE HAS HELPED US IN OUR RESPECTIVE MISSIONS...

...AND THAT WE INFLUENCE EACH OTHER IN POSITIVE WAYS.

"KEEP YOUR GODS OUT OF GOTHAM, PRINCESS. THIS CITY HAS ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH THE REGULAR CRIMINALS, INSANE AS THEY ARE."

GLADLY, BATMAN.

QUITE FRANKLY, I LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO THEMYSCIRA.

I NEVER HAVE GOTTEN USED TO THE GRIT OF THIS CITY.



PRINCESS... DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN YOUR WONDERDOME TAPPED INTO OUR MINDS, AND SHOWED US YOUR DREAM--

--WHERE KAL AND YOU AND I HAD ENDED CRIME AND INEQUALITY AND WANT? WE HAD CREATED THE PERFECT WORLD TOGETHER.

WE WERE NO LONGER NEEDED.

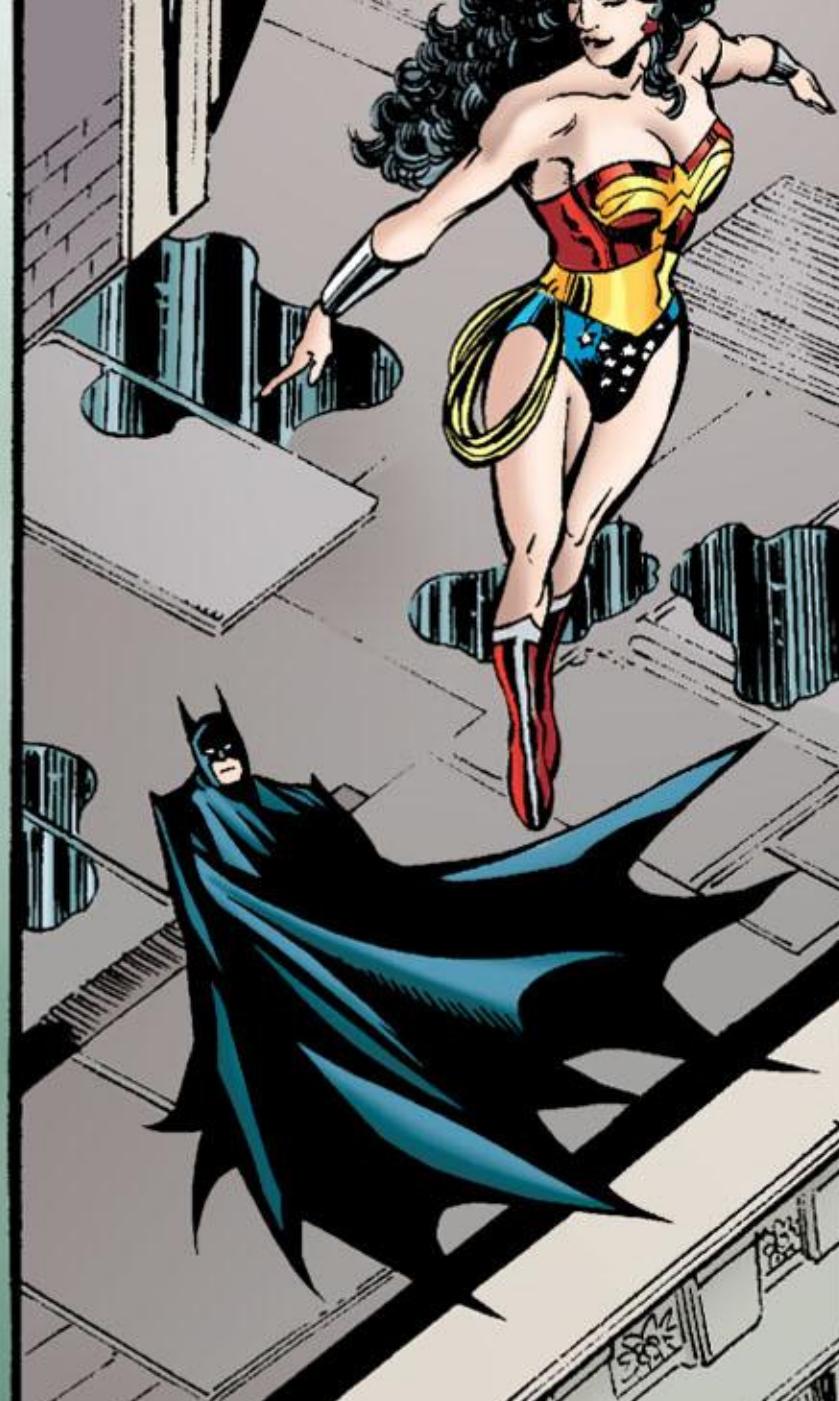
WHEN YOU "DIED" ALL THOSE MONTHS AGO, I FOUND MYSELF... WORRIED... THAT THE ONE PERSON WHO COULD LEAD THE HEROES OF TODAY TO SEE THAT DREAM FULFILLED WAS GONE.

AND EVEN THOUGH YOUR MOTHER FILLED YOUR SHOES ADMIRABLY...

IT'S YOUR FAITH IN YOUR DREAM THAT MAKES YOU WONDER WOMAN.

I HOPE YOUR DREAM COMES TRUE, PRINCESS.

IT WILL, BATMAN.  
IT WILL.



"YOU'VE JUST GOT TO HAVE FAITH."



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