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# WONDER WOMAN



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# GAME OVER

GATEWAY CITY.

THE GRANITE-HUED MONSTER IS CALLED DOOMSDAY.

AN ALL-TOO-APPROPRIATE NOMENCLATURE...

To the Worl

...FOR A CREATURE WHOSE POWER AND MINDLESS SAVAGERY ONCE BROUGHT AN END—ALBEIT BRIEF—to THE LIFE AND CAREER OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST AND MOST FAMOUS CHAMPION...

...AND WHO SEEMS ON THE VERGE OF REPEATING THIS DARK DEED, HERE AND NOW...

...HIS HELPLESS TARGET THIS TIME THE AMAZON PRINCESS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE LAND AS...

**WONDER WOMAN**


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IN THE LAST FEW MINUTES  
WONDER WOMAN HAS TAKEN  
A BEATING WHICH WOULD  
SURELY HAVE KILLED EVEN  
THE MIGHTIEST MORTAL.

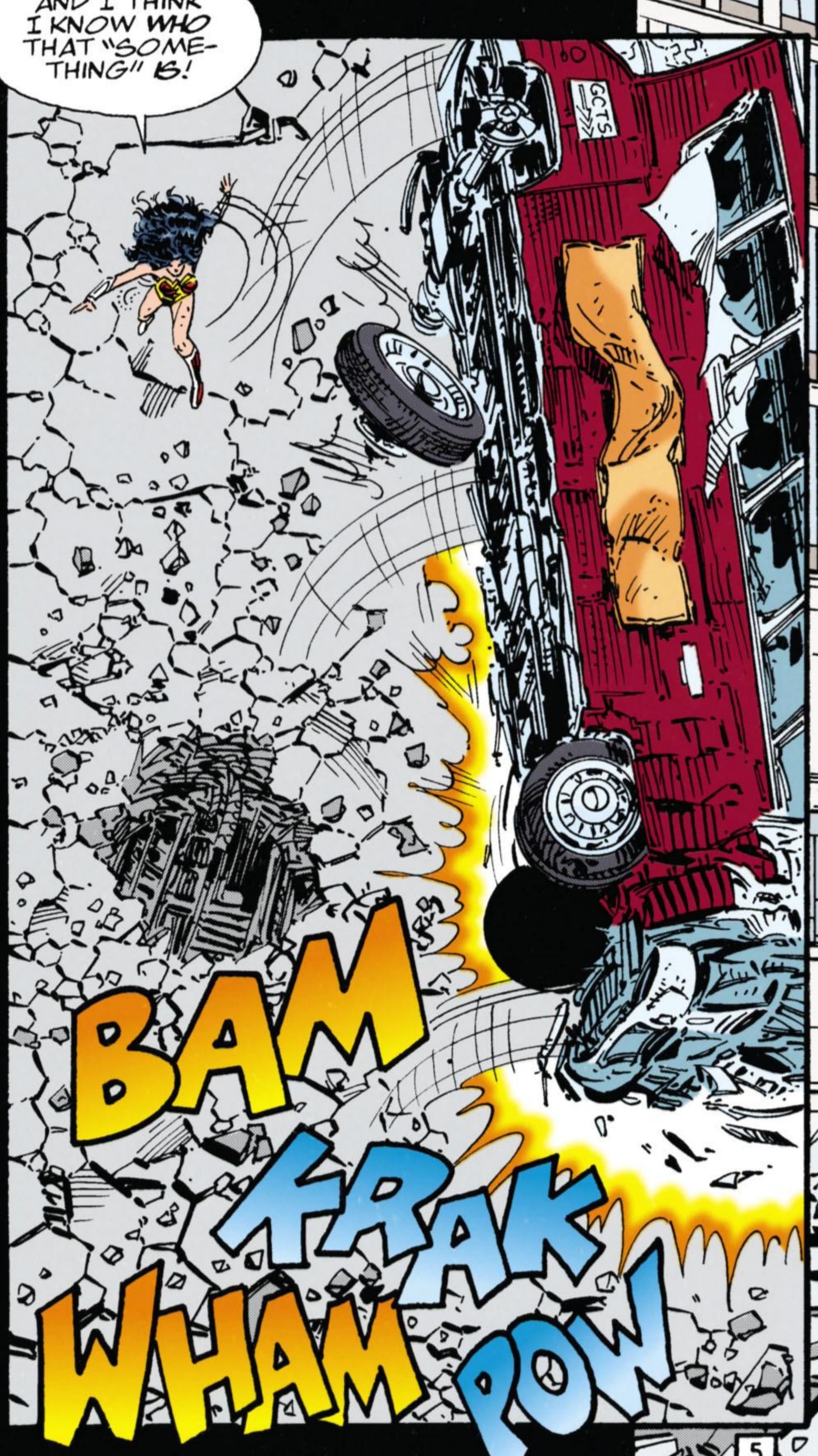
YET, AS THE ALIEN  
ASSASSIN RAISES HIS  
MOST UNCONVENTIONAL  
WEAPON FOR THE KILL...

...SHE STRUGGLES TO LIFT  
HERSELF FROM THE  
GROUND, TO STAND IN  
AMAZON DEFiance OF  
DOOMSDAY, EVEN TO THE  
LAST.

IT SEEMS,  
HOWEVER...

...THAT HER EFFORT MAY  
NOT BE NECESSARY.

WHAT  
IN...??



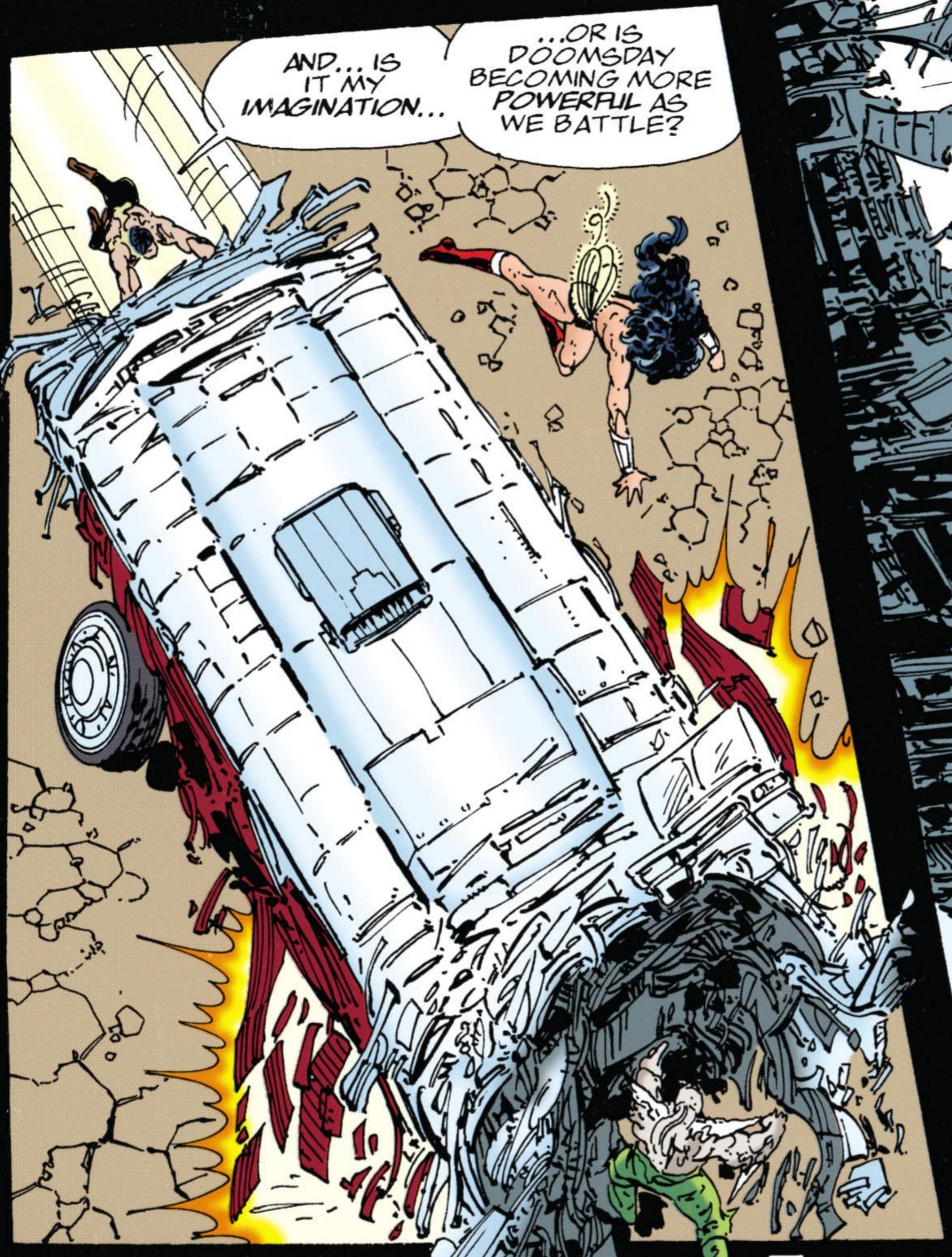
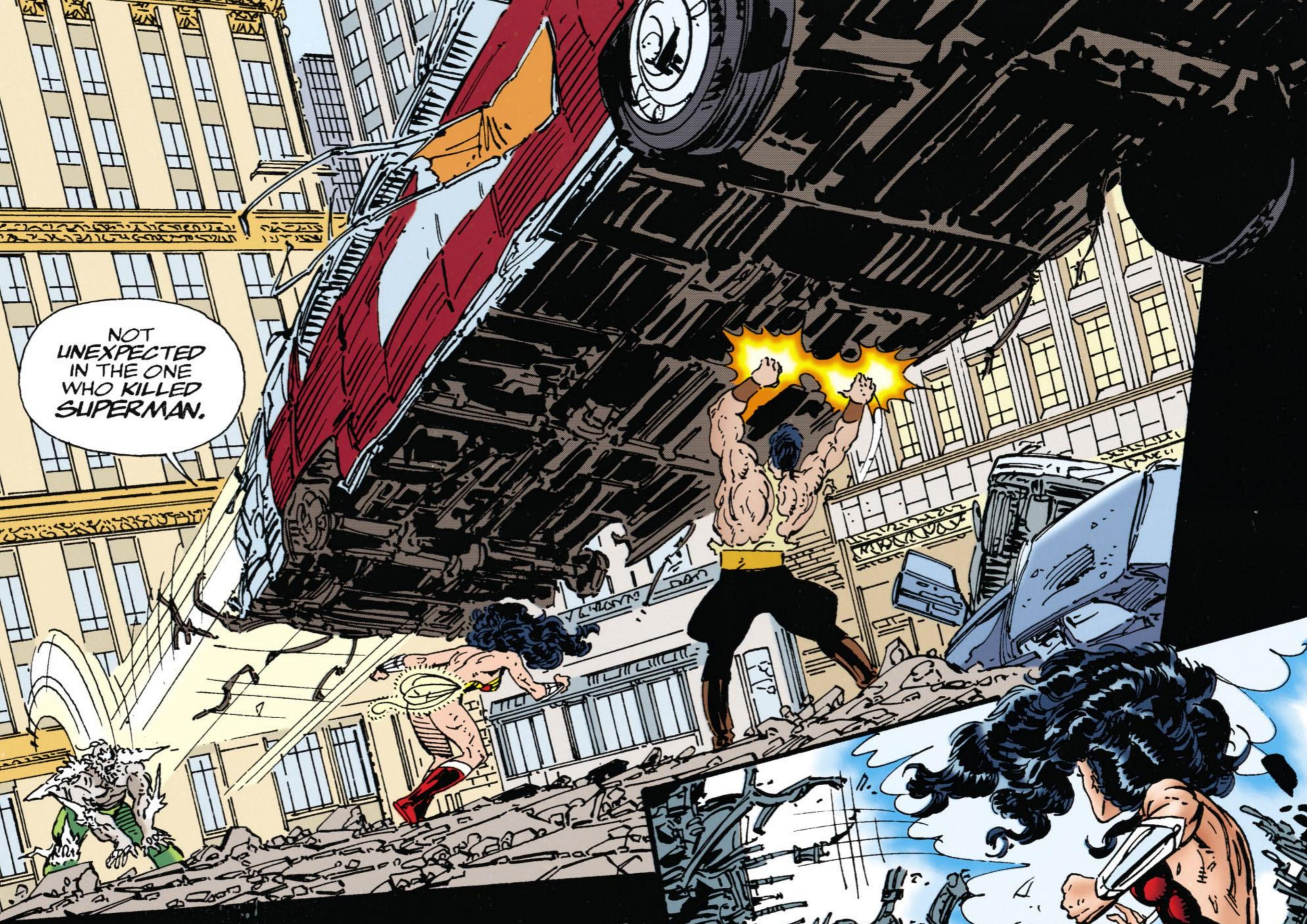
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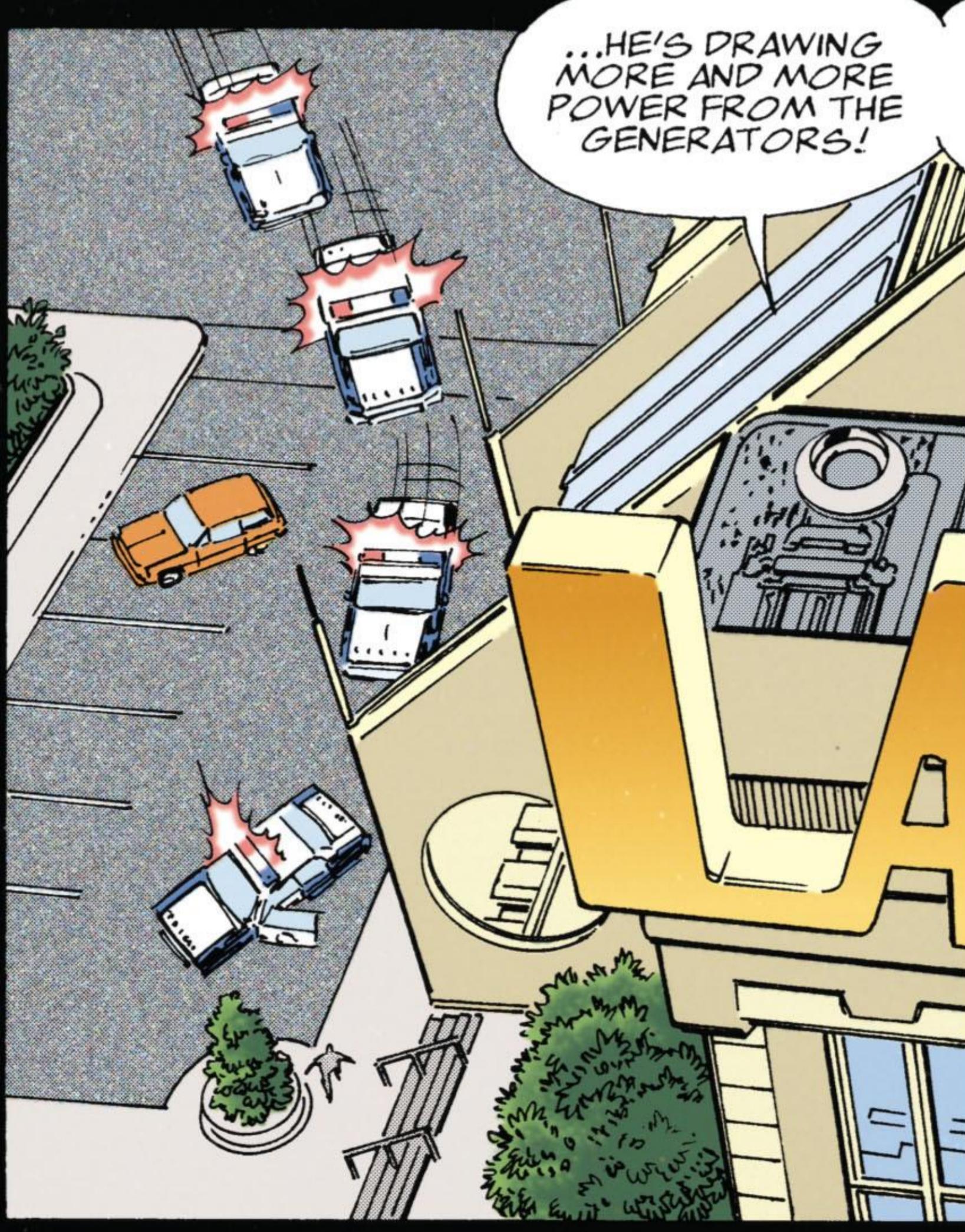
YOU HAVE  
RECOVERED  
ALREADY?

FAR FROM  
IT, BUT YOU  
SEEM TO HAVE  
RECOVERED FROM  
BEING PUNCHED  
ACROSS TOWN!

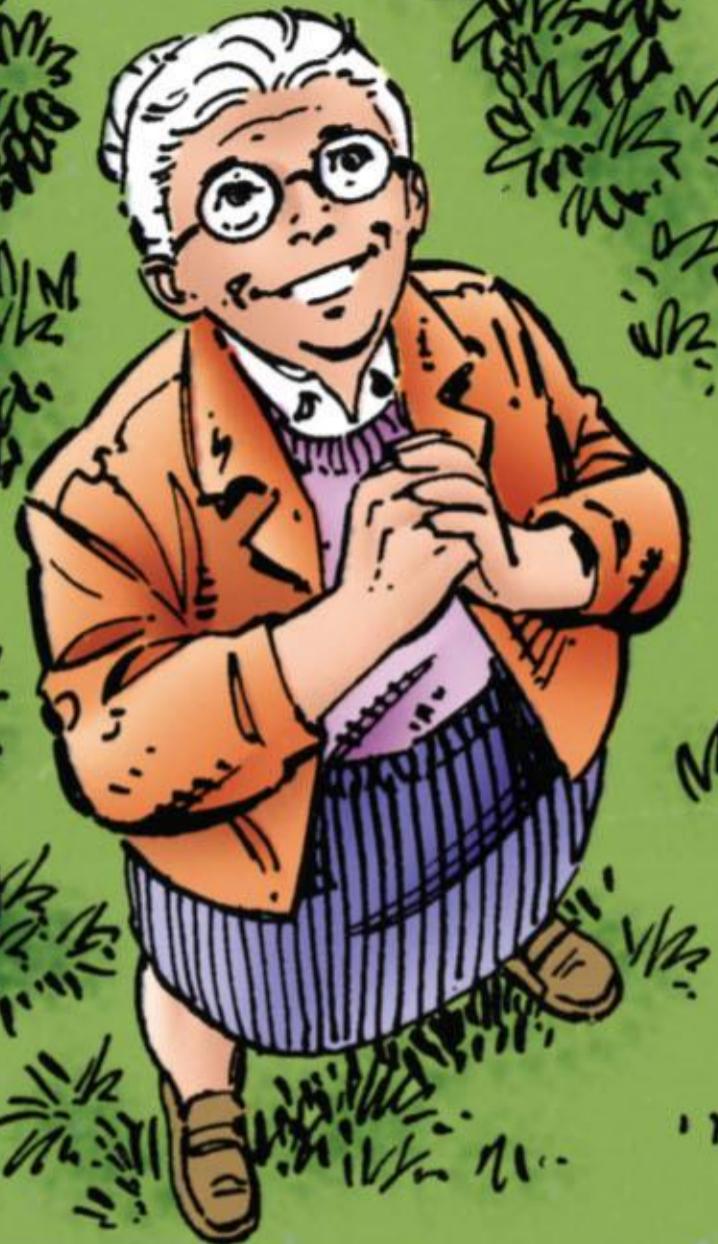
I AM  
KNOWN FOR  
MY  
RESILIENCY.

BUT SO,  
UNFORTUNATELY,  
IS OUR  
FOE!





I'VE BEEN WATCHING  
YOU DO THIS SORT  
OF THING ALMOST ALL  
YOUR LIFE, SON...



IT'S JUST EXACTLY LIKE  
THE ONE PA AND ME USED  
TO SIT UNDER WHEN WE  
WERE COURTING.

THE ONE THAT  
AWFUL BLIGHT  
KILLED FIVE  
YEARS AGO.

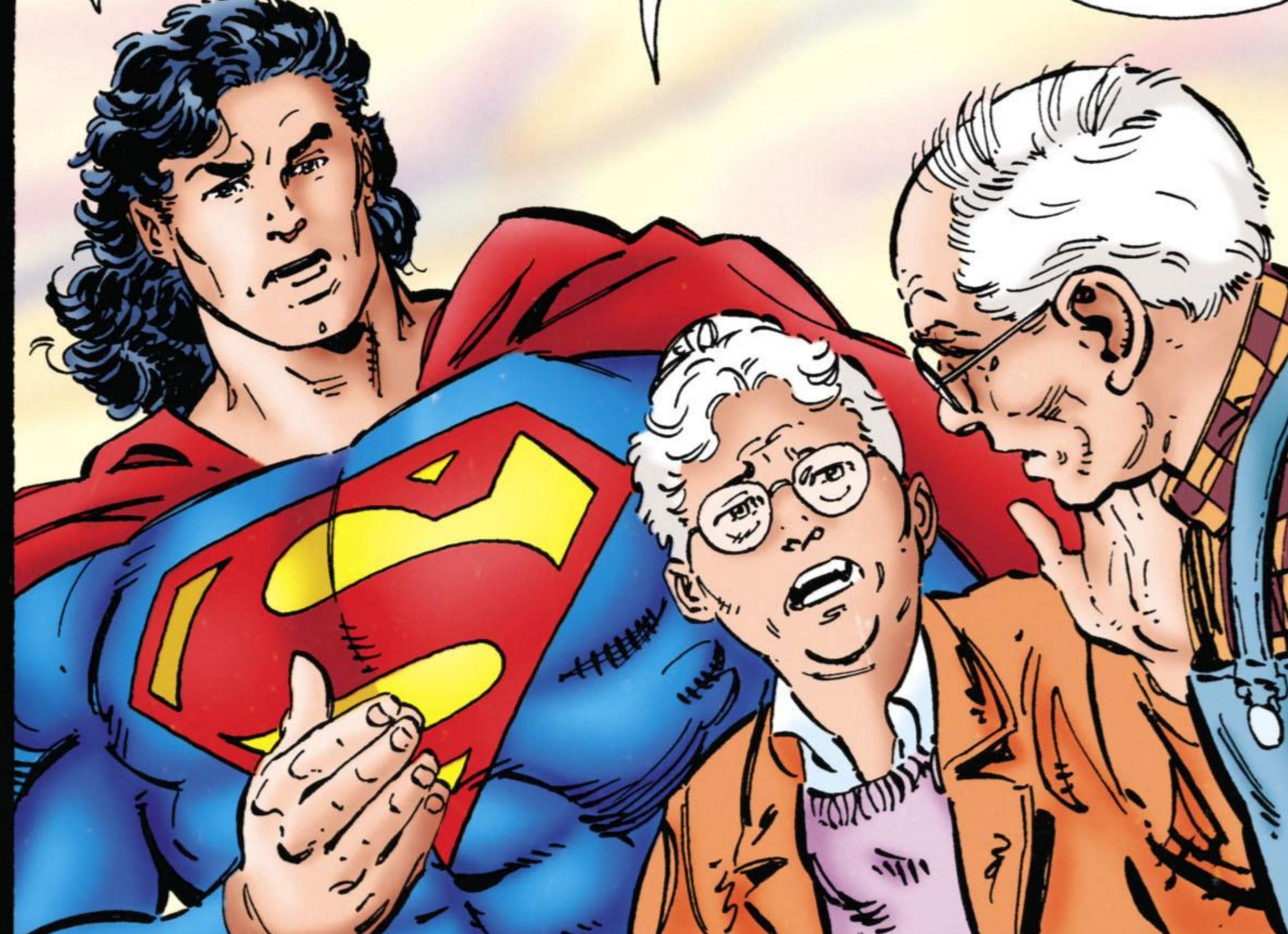
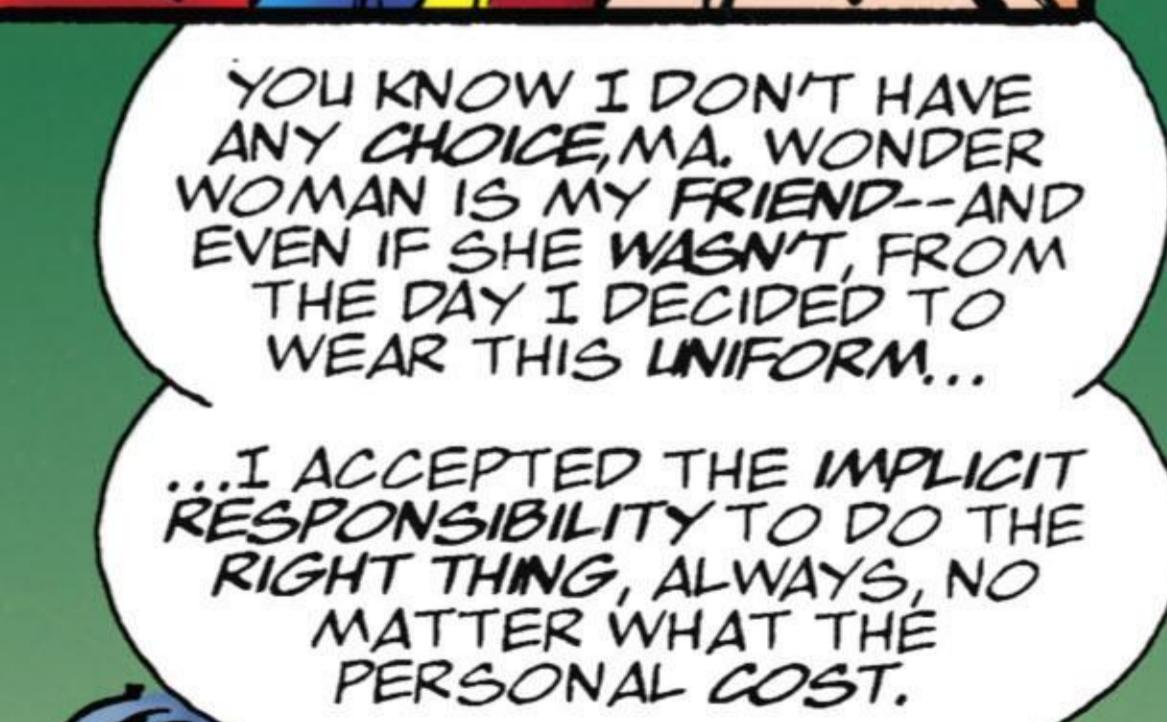
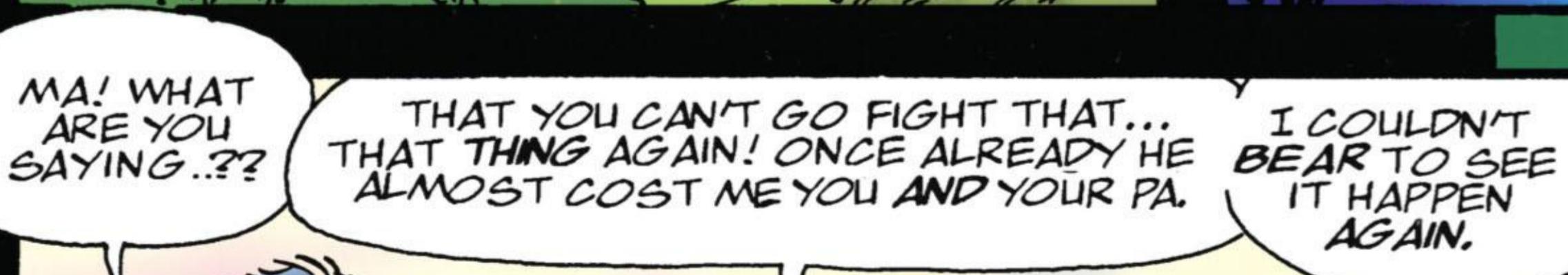
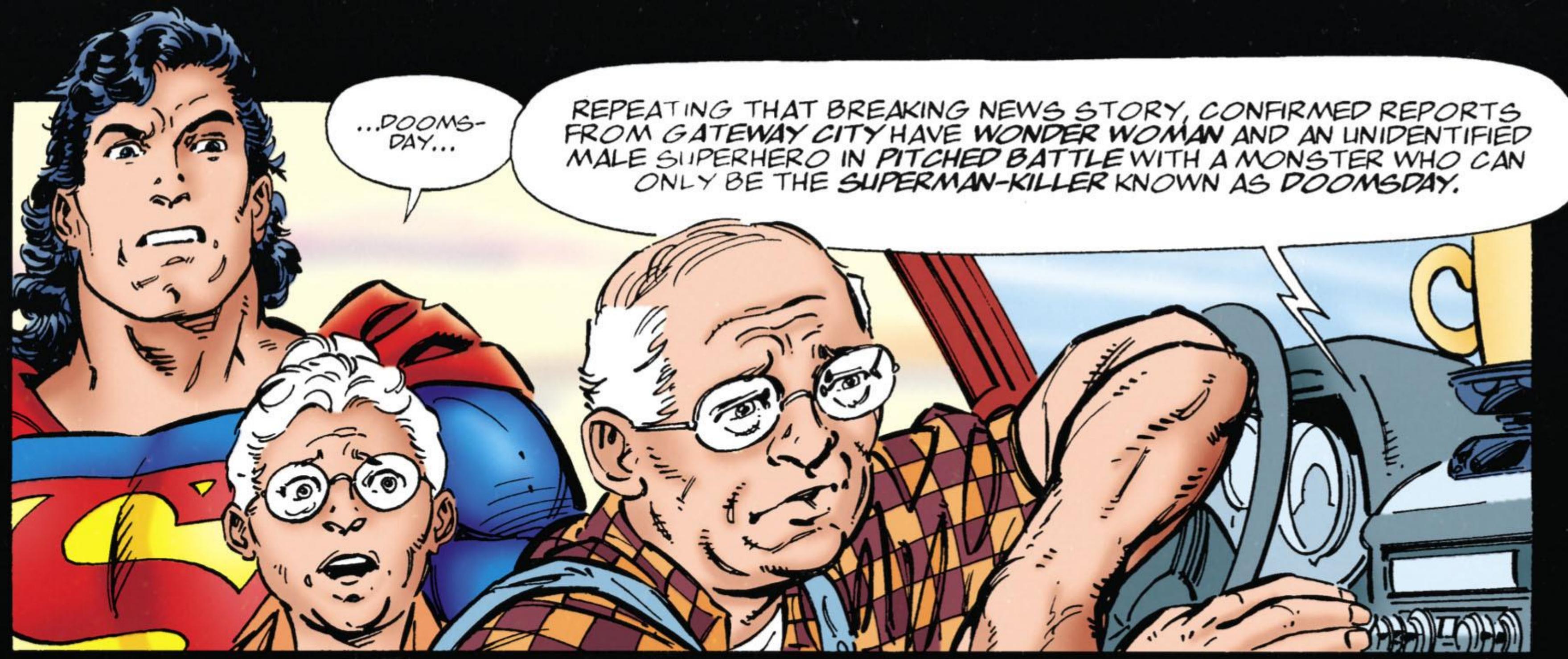
I  
KNOW.

THAT'S WHY  
I WAS SO THRILLED  
WHEN I SPOTTED  
IT.

AND THE MAN WHOSE  
PROPERTY IT WAS GROW-  
ING ON WAS HAPPY  
TO SELL IT TO ME.

THERE!  
NOW IT LOOKS  
LIKE IT'S  
ALWAYS BEEN  
HERE!

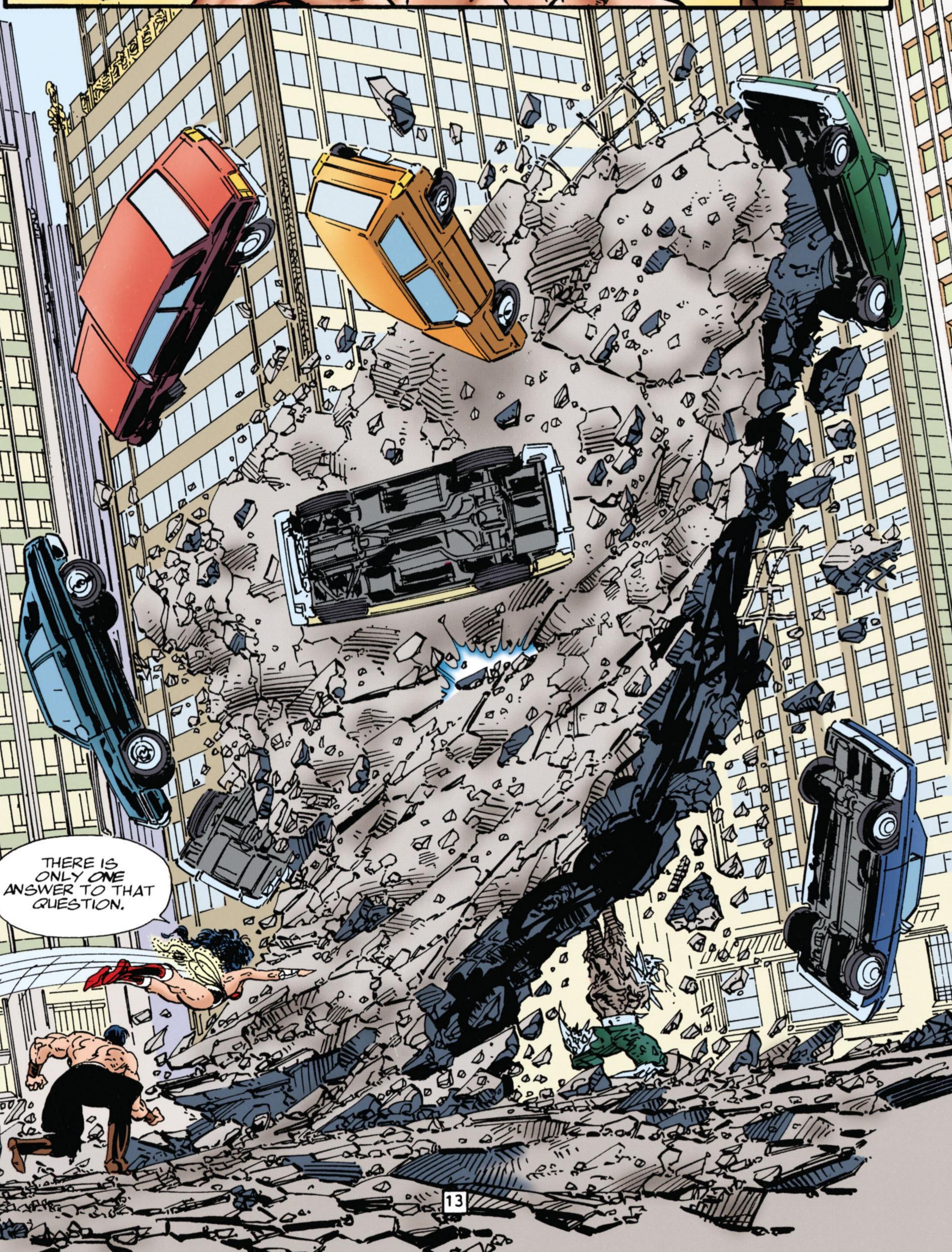


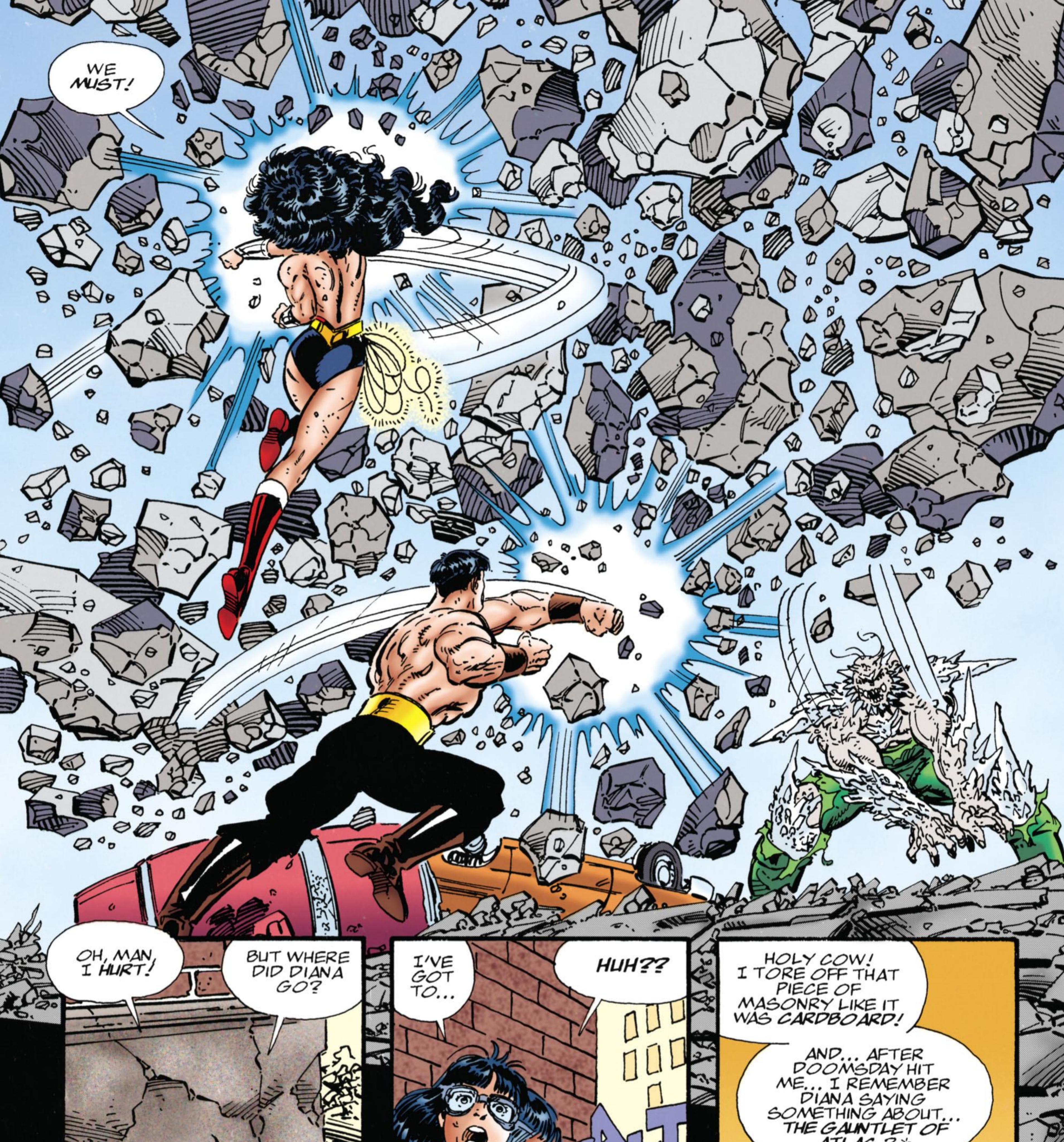




YOU WERE RIGHT,  
CHAMPION. OUR  
COMBINED STRENGTH  
IS ENOUGH TO AT LEAST  
KEEP DOOMSDAY OFF  
HIS FEET.

BUT CAN WE  
DEFEAT HIM, EVEN  
WITH THAT, BEFORE  
HIS POWER BUILDS  
TO A POINT BEYOND  
ANYTHING WE CAN  
DEAL WITH?





OH, MAN,  
I HURT!

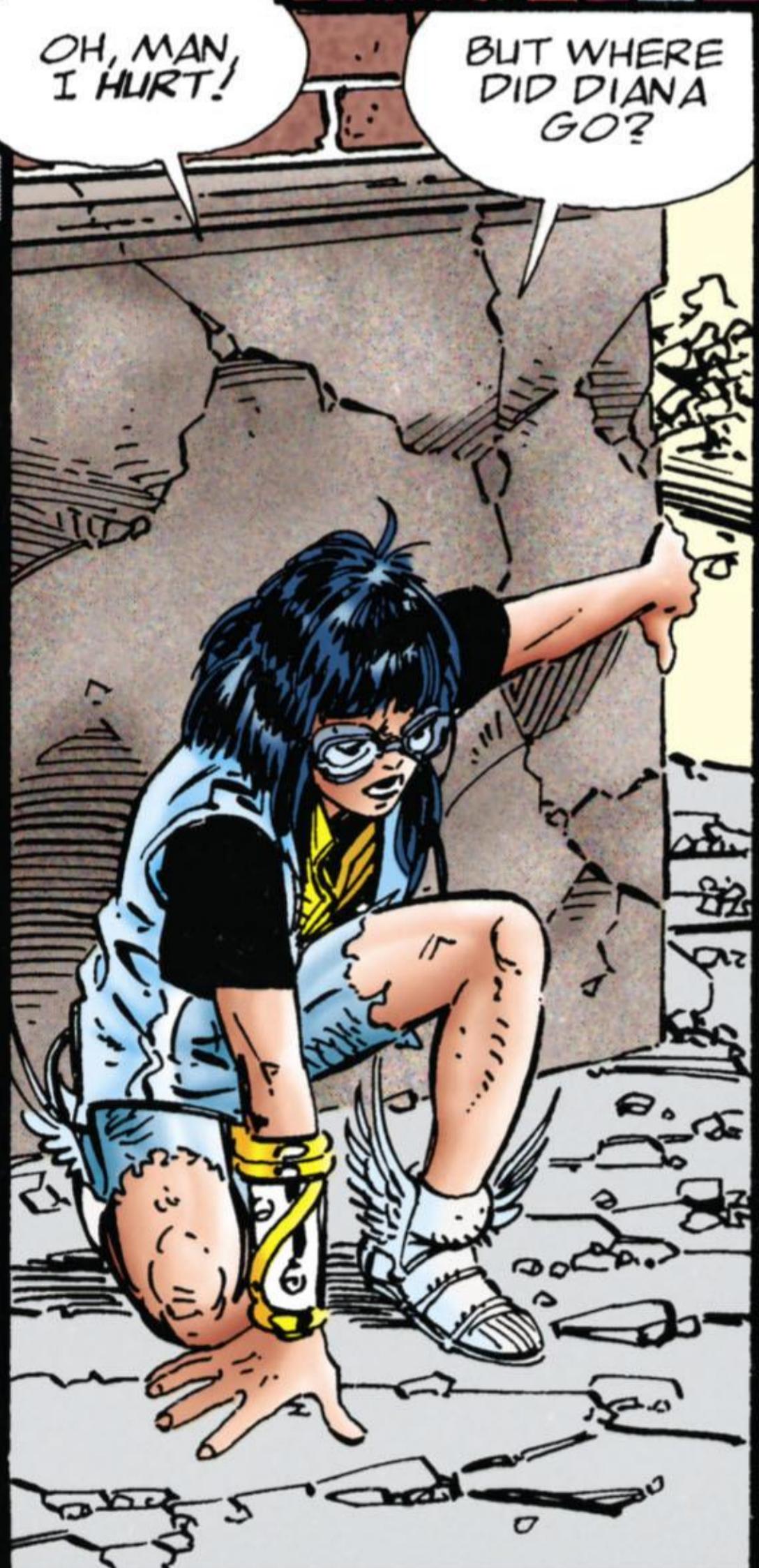
BUT WHERE  
DID DIANA  
GO?

I'VE  
GOT  
TO...

HUH??

HOLY COW!  
I TORE OFF THAT  
PIECE OF  
MASONRY LIKE IT  
WAS CARDBOARD!

AND... AFTER  
DOOMSDAY HIT  
ME... I REMEMBER  
DIANA SAYING  
SOMETHING ABOUT...  
THE GAUNTLET OF  
ATLAS...?\*



\*LAST ISSUE - P.K.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS WHEN I TOOK IT FROM DIANA'S APARTMENT ALONG WITH THE SANDALS OF HERMES...

...BUT IF IT'S MAKING ME STRONG ENOUGH TO TEAR STONE...

"...I REALLY CAN DO SOMETHING!!!"

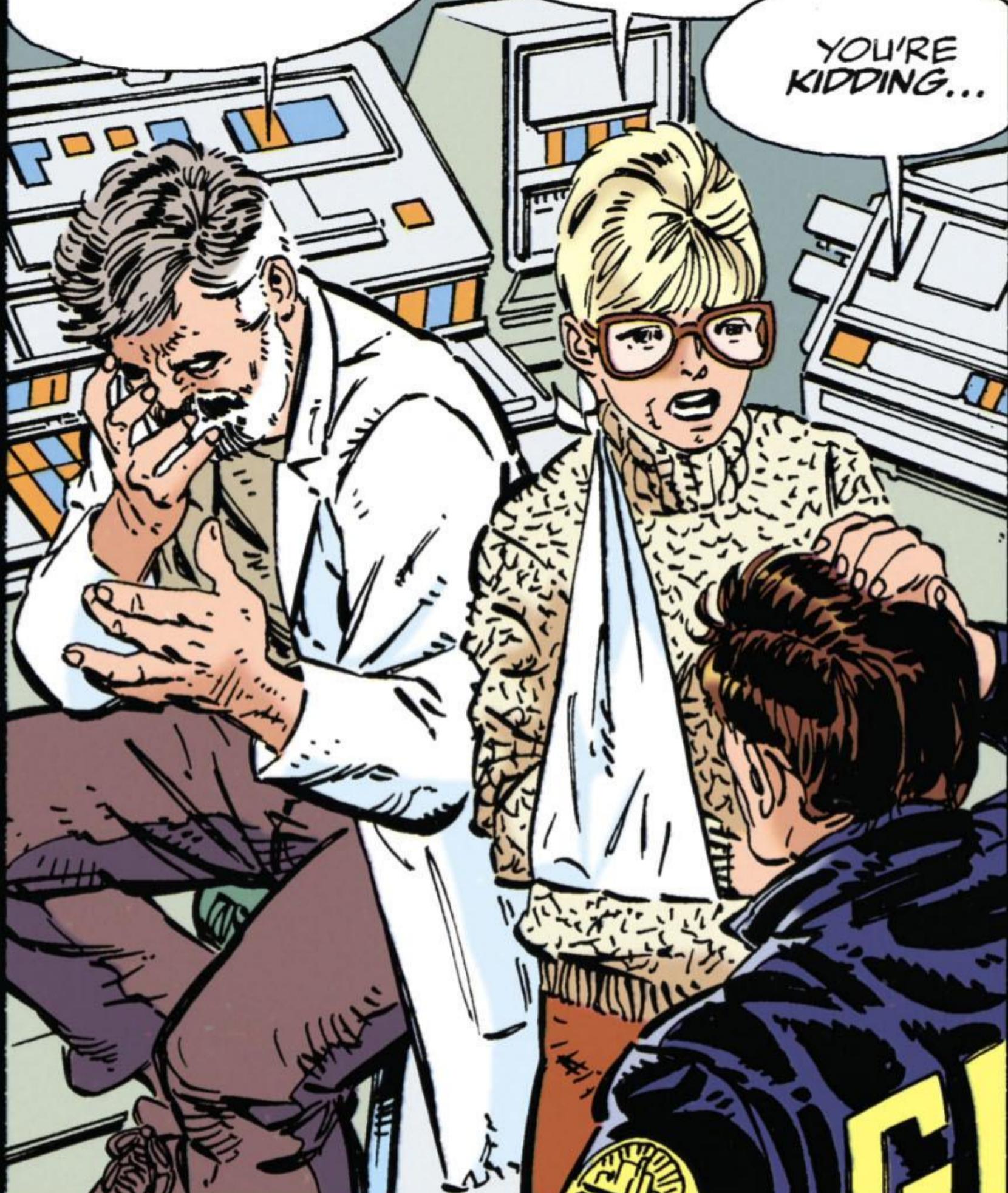
WHAT DO YOU EXPECT ME TO DO? KRIS IS IN ALL THE SYSTEMS. HE REROUTES POWER FASTER THAN I CAN CUT IT OFF.

IT'S NOT REALLY KRIS, OFFICER SCHORR. LAZARUS CREATED A MACHINE HERE THAT CAN GENERATE WHAT HE CALLS VIRTUAL CLONES OF LIVING ORGANISMS BASED ON THE ELECTRONIC MATRIX RECORDED IN A NORMAL VIDEO TAPE!

YOU'RE KIDDING...

YOU'VE SEEN IT, OFFICER. THE FAUX FLASH AND SINESTRO WERE CREATED IN THIS LAB. AND SO WAS DOOMSDAY.

CREATED BY A REPLICA OF KRIS LAZARUS THAT HIS FATHER CREATED IN THE COMPUTER BANKS OF THE LABS. AND WHICH NOW CONTROLS THOSE COMPUTER BANKS.



WHY? I MEAN-- I GUESS I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU'D WANT TO RECREATE YOUR KID, ESPECIALLY IF YOU FELT RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS DEATH...

...BUT WHY PUT HIM IN CONTROL OF THE COMPUTERS? WHY ROB YOURSELF OF THE ABILITY TO TURN THE DAMN THING OFF???

THAT WAS NEVER MY INTENT, OFFICER SCHORR. I ALLOWED KRIS TO ACCESS THE V-R SCANNER AND THE TAPE LIBRARY SO HE COULD AMUSE HIMSELF UNTIL I COULD PREPARE A STABLE BODY.

BUT HE DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THAT WHAT HE THOUGHT WERE MERELY VIDEO GAMES WERE REAL EVENTS, WITH REAL CONSEQUENCES.



AND THEN LAZARUS COMPLICATED MATTERS BY TELLING THE KRIS REPLICA THAT HE ISN'T THE REAL THING. THAT THE REAL KRIS IS DEAD.

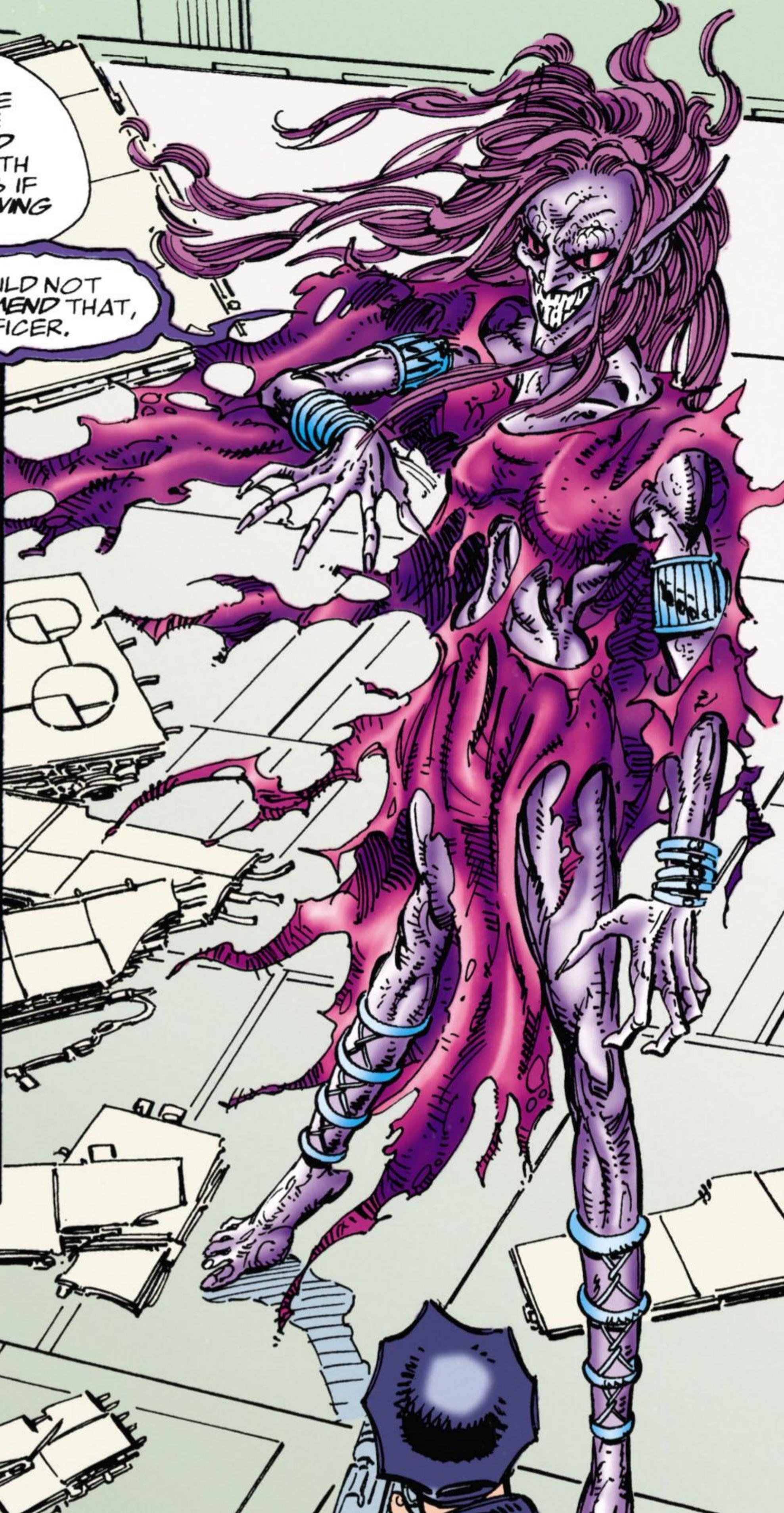
WHEN HE HEARD THAT, "KRIS" SHUT DOWN HIS COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITRY, AND WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO HIM SINCE!

ALL RIGHT... THERE HAS TO BE SOME STRAIGHTFORWARD WAY OF DEALING WITH THIS. WHAT HAPPENS IF WE JUST START BLOWING STUFF UP?

I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT, OFFICER.



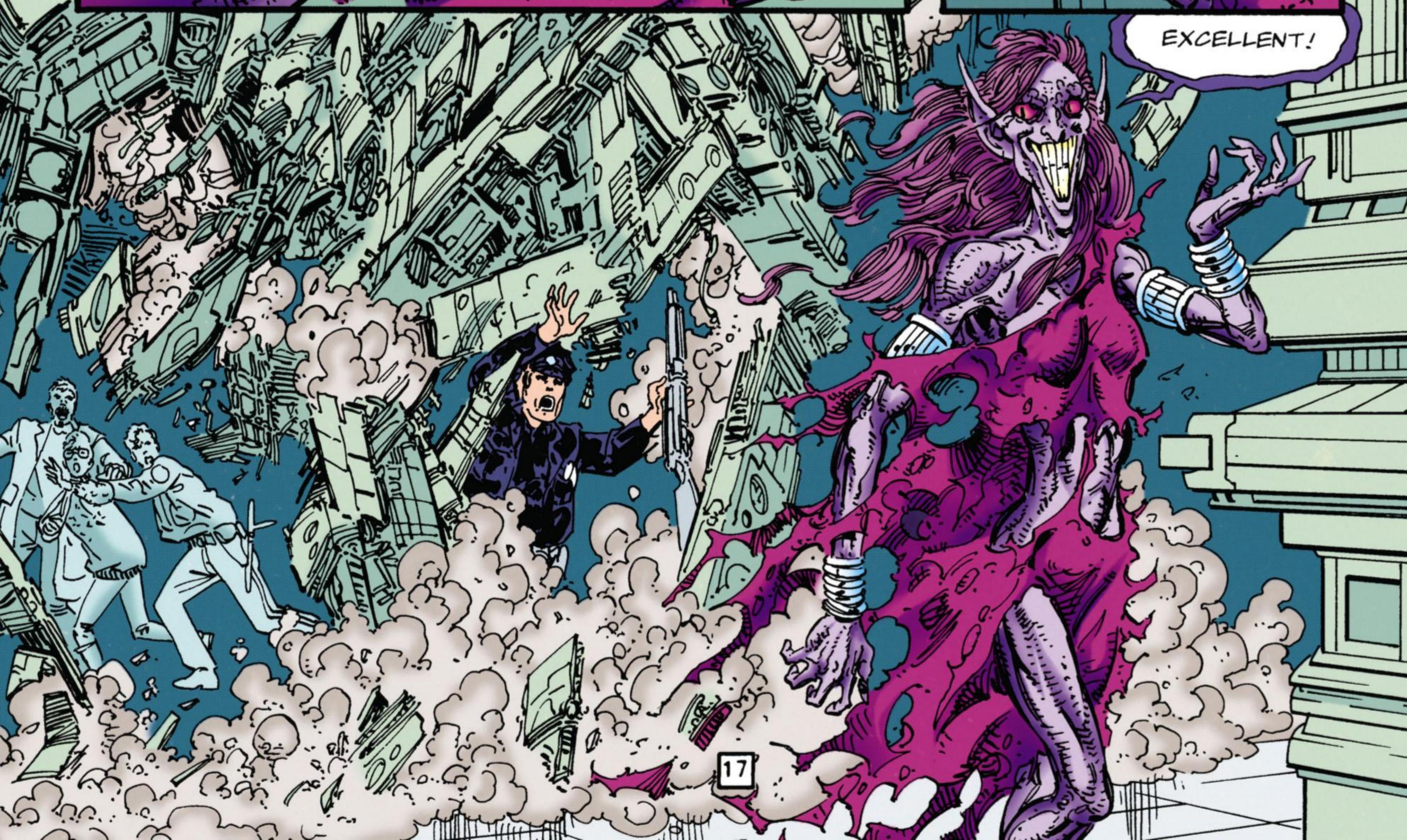
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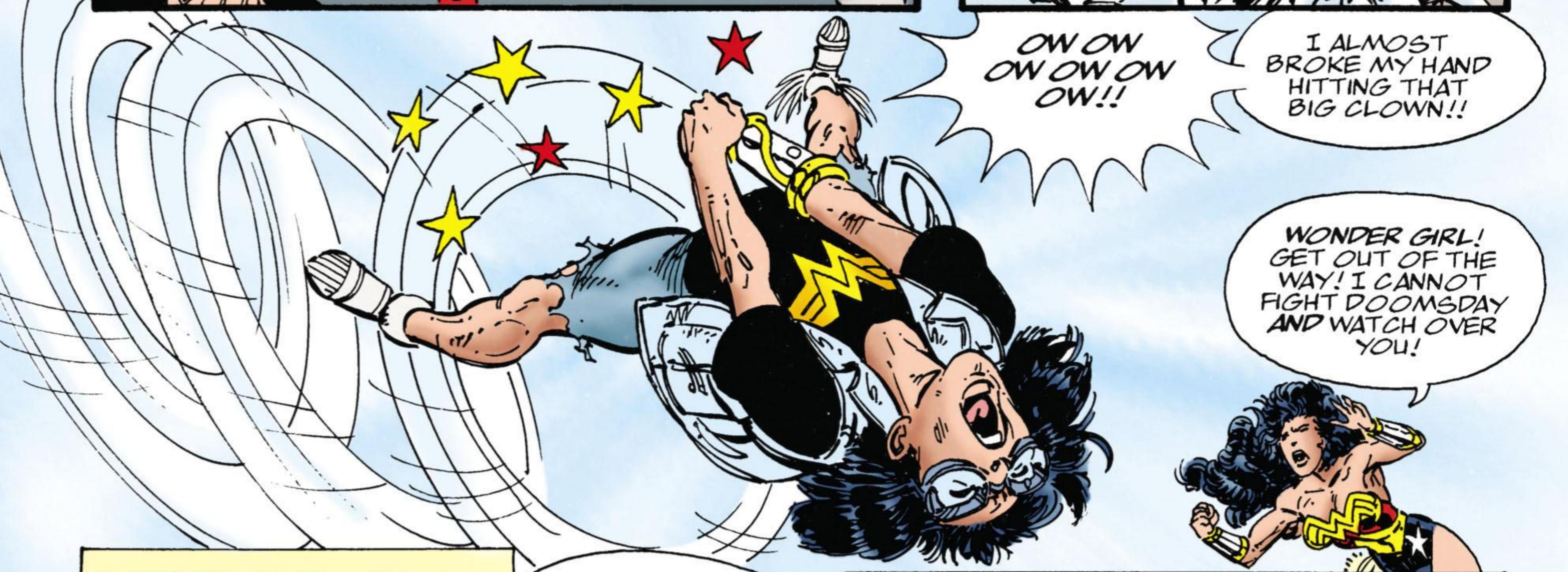
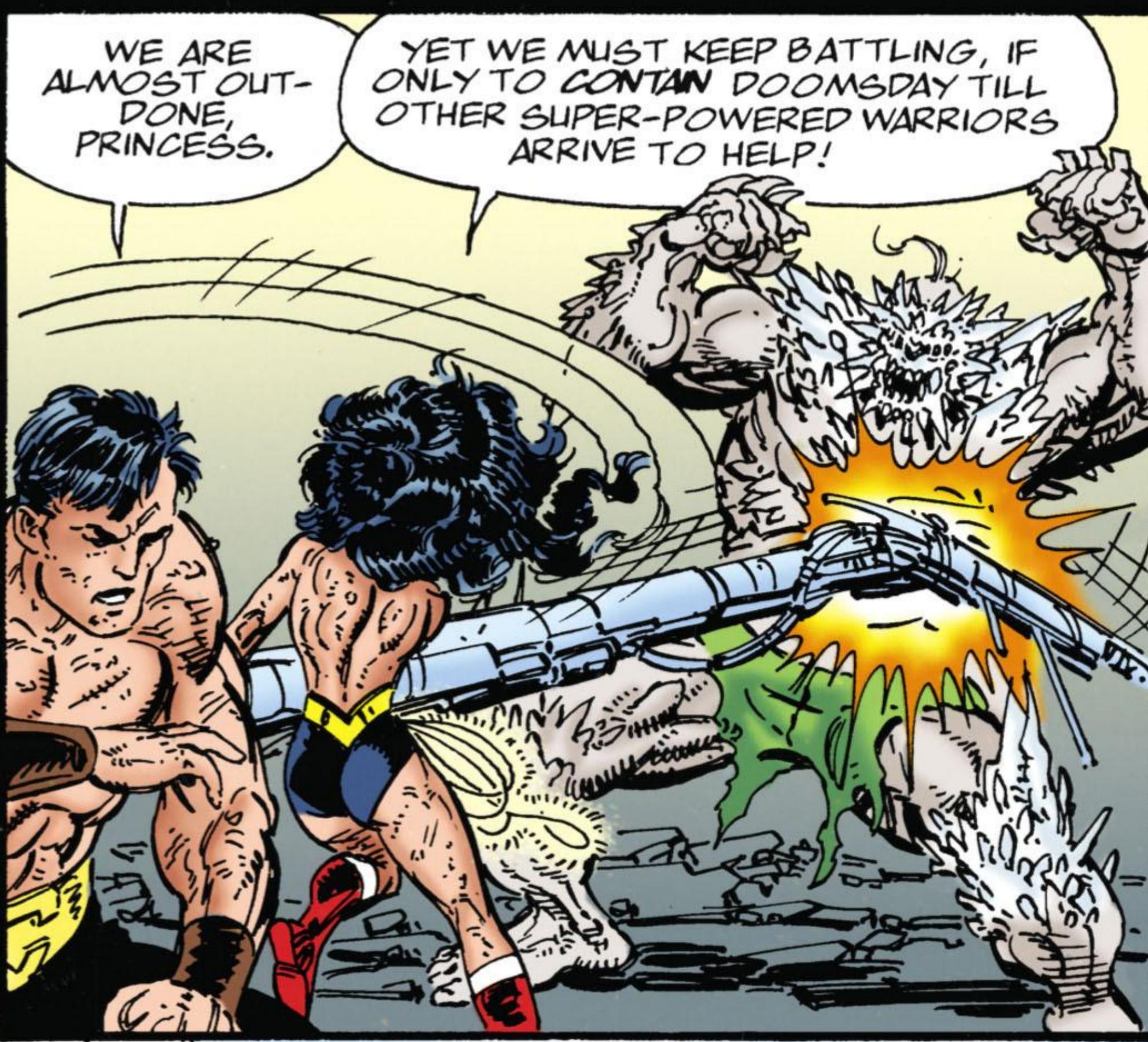


...AND LIKE MY MOTHER BEFORE ME, I AM DEATH TO ALL THAT IS MORTAL!

I AM CALLED DECAY.  
I AM THE OFFSPRING OF MEDUSA...





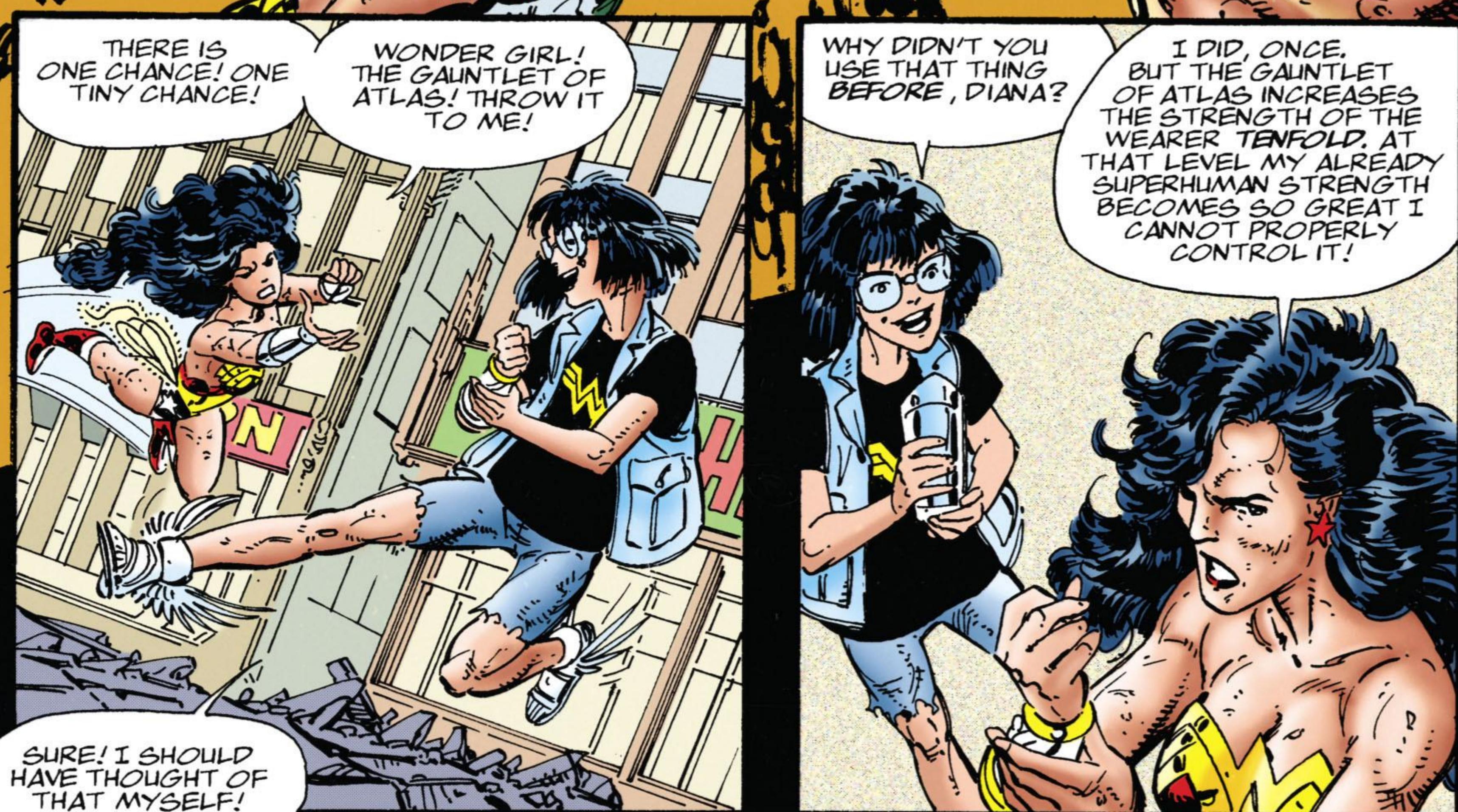


THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO. I'VE TRIED TO CUT THE POWER, I'VE EVEN TRIED TO REDUCE IT.

KRIS WON'T ALLOW EITHER. THE DOOMSDAY CLONE WILL JUST KEEP PULLING MORE AND MORE POWER. GROWING STRONGER AND STRONGER...

WAIT! LAZARUS! THAT'S THE ANSWER!

KRIS WON'T LET THE POWER BE CUT OR REDUCED.



BUT I MUST  
TAKE THAT CHANCE,  
THIS TIME! THE  
LAST CHANCE WE  
HAVE AGAINST...

WAIT!

HE HAS  
STOPPED  
MOVING!

IS IT  
SOME KIND  
OF TRICK,  
OR...?

NO! HE IS  
FROZEN!

HE HAS MUTATED  
TO SUCH AN  
EXTREME THAT THE  
BONY SPURS WHICH  
COVER HIS BODY HAVE  
LOCKED TOGETHER.

AND  
THAT  
MEANS...

THIS  
BATTLE IS  
DONE!

GREAT SCOTT!

DIANA SMASHED DOOMSDAY INTO DUST WITH A SINGLE PUNCH! I KNEW SHE WAS POWERFUL, BUT...

WAIT. MY TELESCOPIC VISION ALSO TELLS ME THAT DUST IS NOT AN ORGANIC SUBSTANCE!

THEN... IT WASN'T REALLY DOOMSDAY, AFTER ALL!

BUT... WHO COULD MAKE A COPY OF HIM? AND WHY?

SHE AND I WERE NEVER THE "ITEM" THE POPULAR PRESS WANTED TO MAKE US, BUT THAT WAS NOT ENTIRELY FOR LACK OF MY TRYING.

I'LL FIND OUT WHAT THIS FAKE DOOMSDAY WAS ALL ABOUT ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD. THERE ARE SOME THINGS IT'S BETTER FOR EVEN SUPERMAN TO LEARN FROM THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS.

I'D FLY ON TO GATEWAY CITY AND FIND OUT, BUT... BUT THIS SOON AFTER MY BREAKUP WITH LOIS... I JUST DON'T KNOW IF I COULD FACE DIANA.

"SONUVAGUN!!!

IT WORKED!

YES. IT WAS THE MUTATION THAT WAS THE KEY. I GUessed THAT SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD HAPPEN.

NO GREAT-ER THAN YOU. NOW, WHAT ABOUT KRIS?

KRIS IS GONE. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE CLONE CAUSED A POWER FEEDBACK. IT BLEW ALL THE CIRCUITS IN THE VIRTUAL REANIMATOR SYSTEM.

KRIS IS GONE.

EVERYTHING IS GONE! ALL THE SYSTEMS BURNED OUT AND FUSED.

IT WOULD TAKE TEN YEARS TO RECREATE ALL THIS EQUIPMENT.

TEN YEARS YOU DON'T HAVE, DOCTOR. YOU'RE UNDER ARREST.

"...BUT I'M GOING TO SEE TO IT THAT YOU'RE PUT AWAY BEFORE IT CAN CAUSE ANYTHING WORSE TO HAPPEN..."

I CAN'T BEGIN TO GUESS HOW MUCH DEATH AND DESTRUCTION THIS MACHINE CAUSED...

NEXT ISSUE: TWO OLD FRIENDS, AN OLD FOE, AND A SIDE OF WONDER WOMAN WE GUARANTEE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!