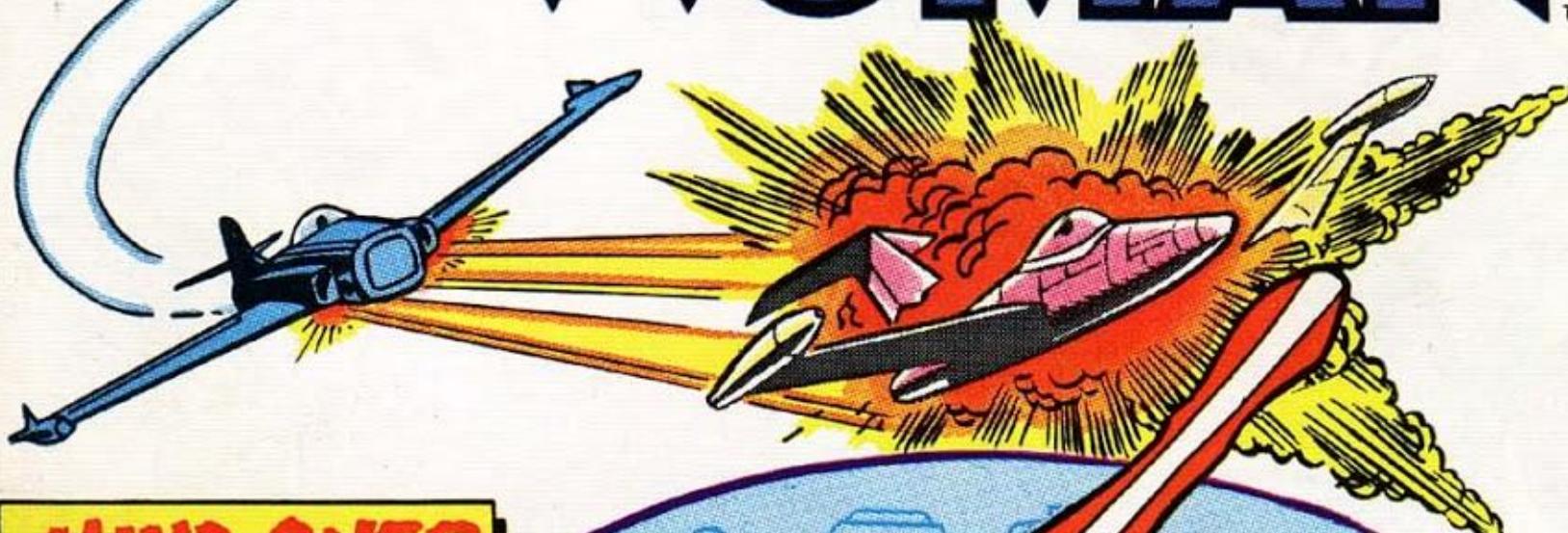




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OUTSIDE THIS SHOPPING MALL IN WASHINGTON, D.C., THE WARM WINDS CARRY THE SCENT OF CHERRY BLOSSOMS--AND SPRING FEVER IS IN THE AIR!

BUT UNKNOWN TO OUR AMAZING AMAZON, THE CLIMATE-CONTROLLED ATMOSPHERE WITHIN IS FILLED WITH ANOTHER, MORE DEADLY VIRUS--

VIDEO MANIA!



I SHOULD BE DOING SOMETHING ABOUT THAT ELECTRONIC "COMMANDER VIDEO" GAME--BUT I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START!

IN THE MEANTIME, I'VE STILL GOT A LIFE TO LIVE AND ERRANDS TO RUN AS DIANA PRINCE!

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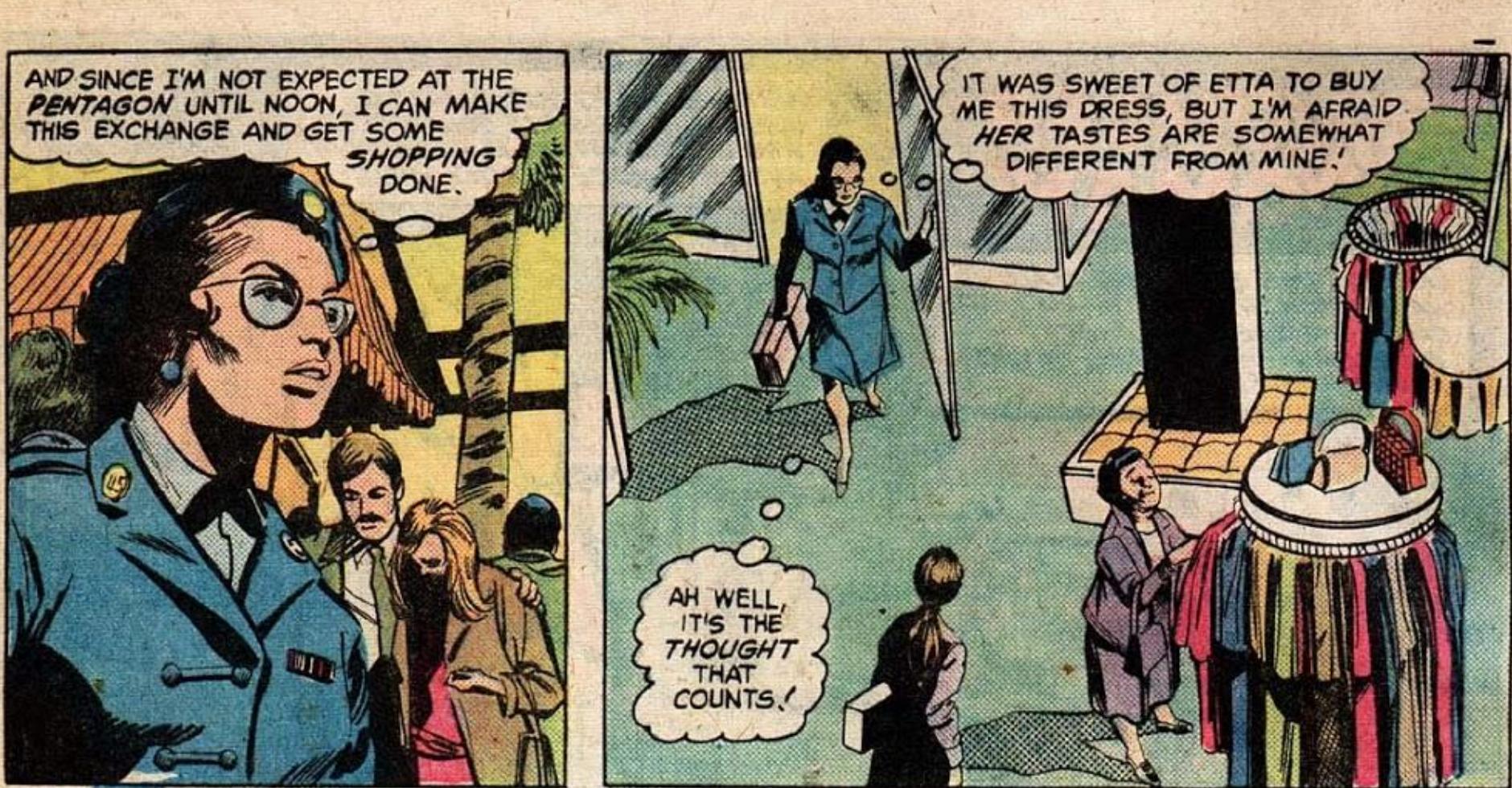
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AND SINCE I'M NOT EXPECTED AT THE PENTAGON UNTIL NOON, I CAN MAKE THIS EXCHANGE AND GET SOME SHOPPING DONE.



AND AFTER DIANA HAS EXPLAINED HER POLKA-DOTTED PREDICAMENT--

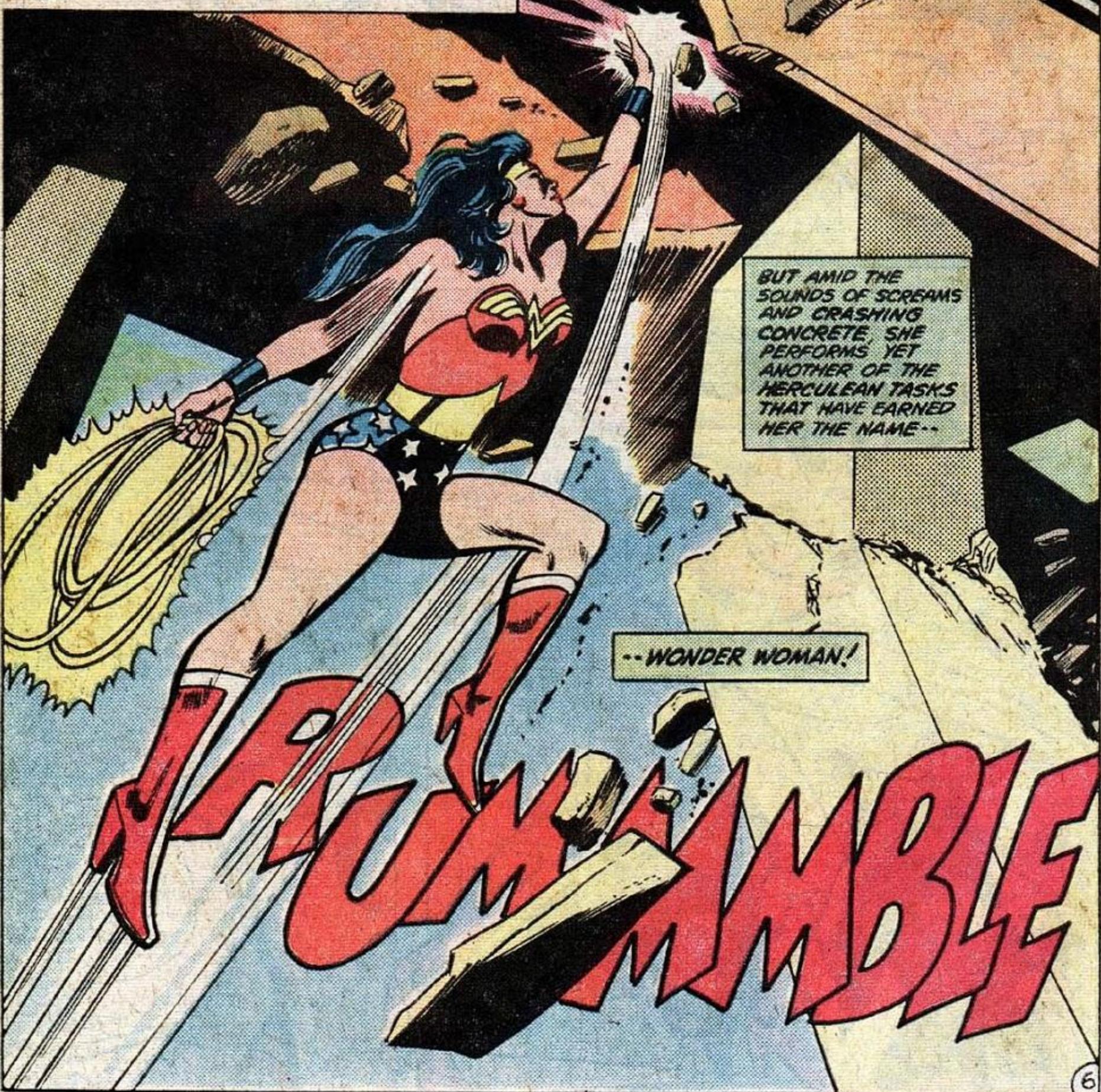
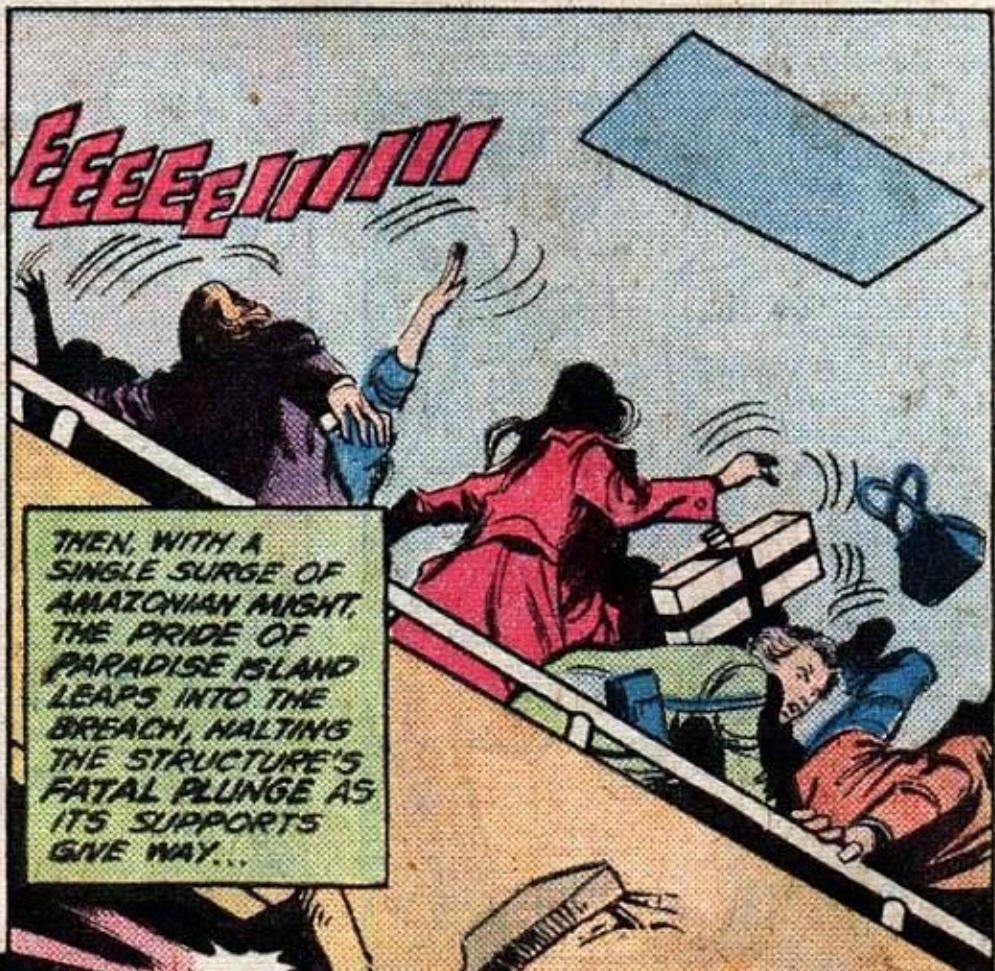


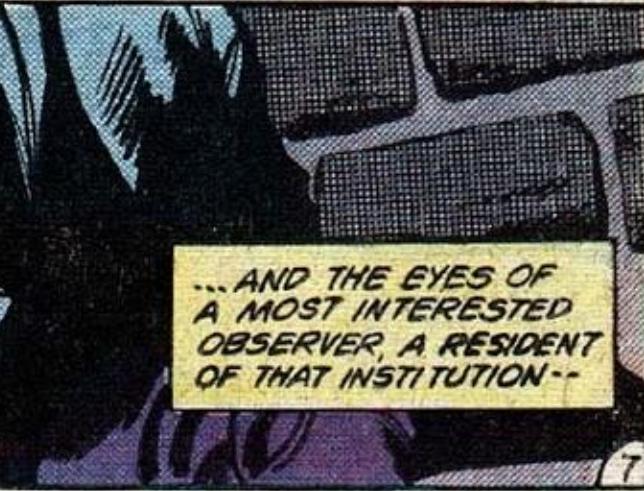
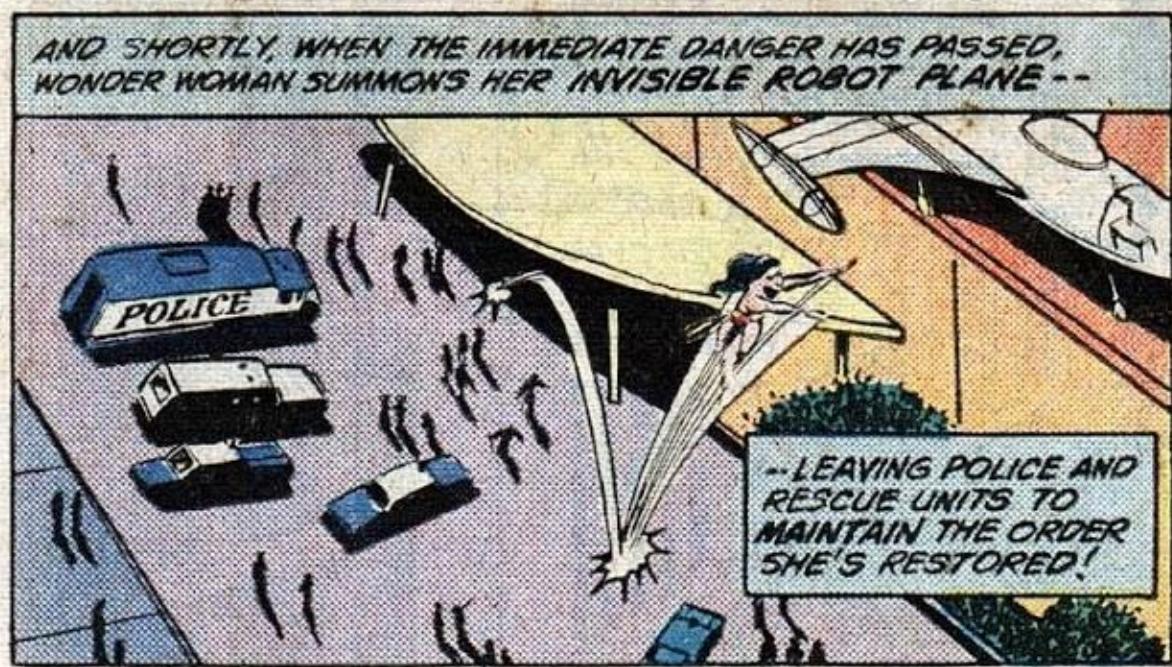




BUT THE VOICE OF REASON WILL NOT BE ANSWERED IN KIND TODAY--



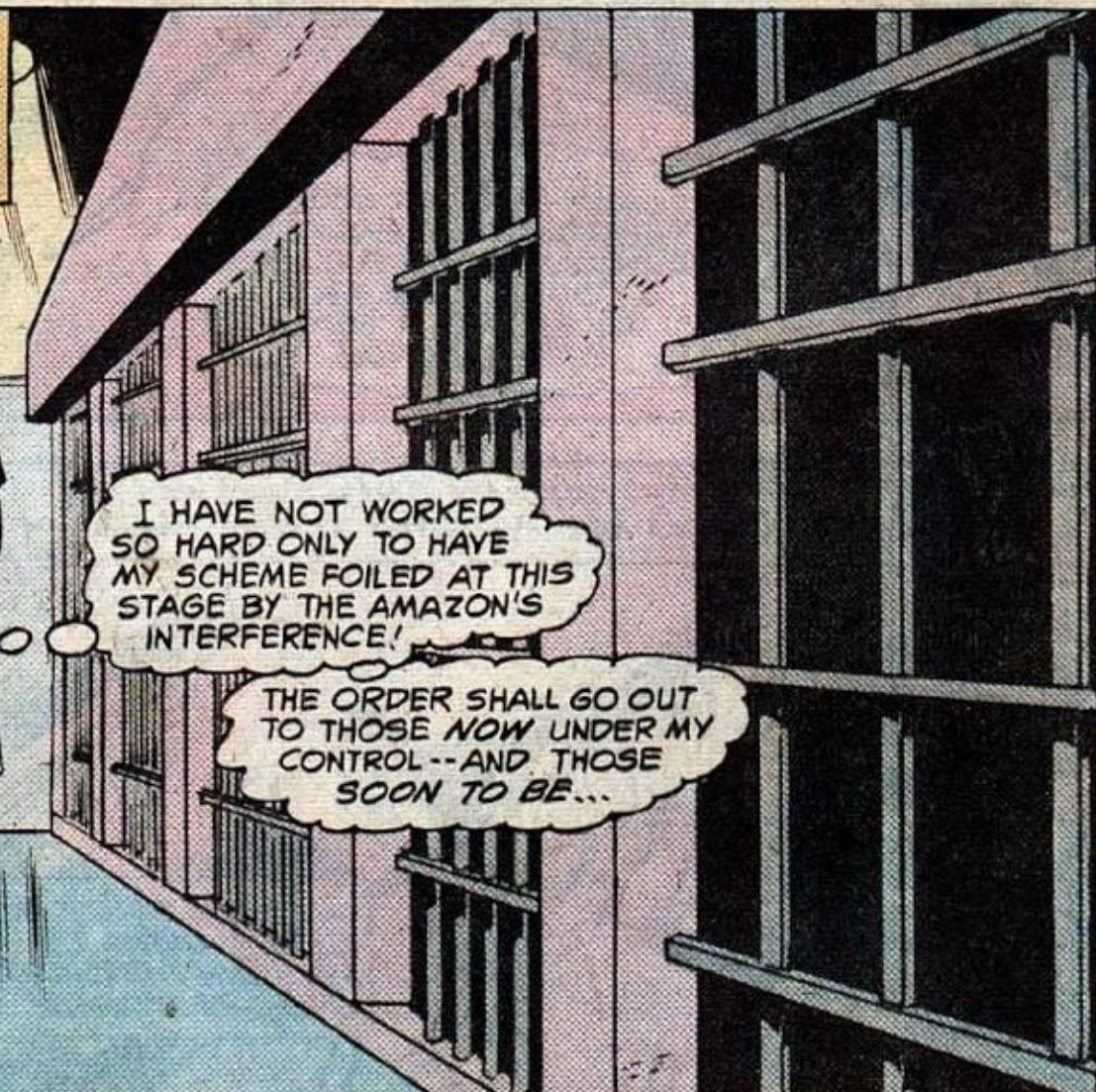




--THOUGH ONE WOULD HARDLY CALL HIM
A PRISONER--



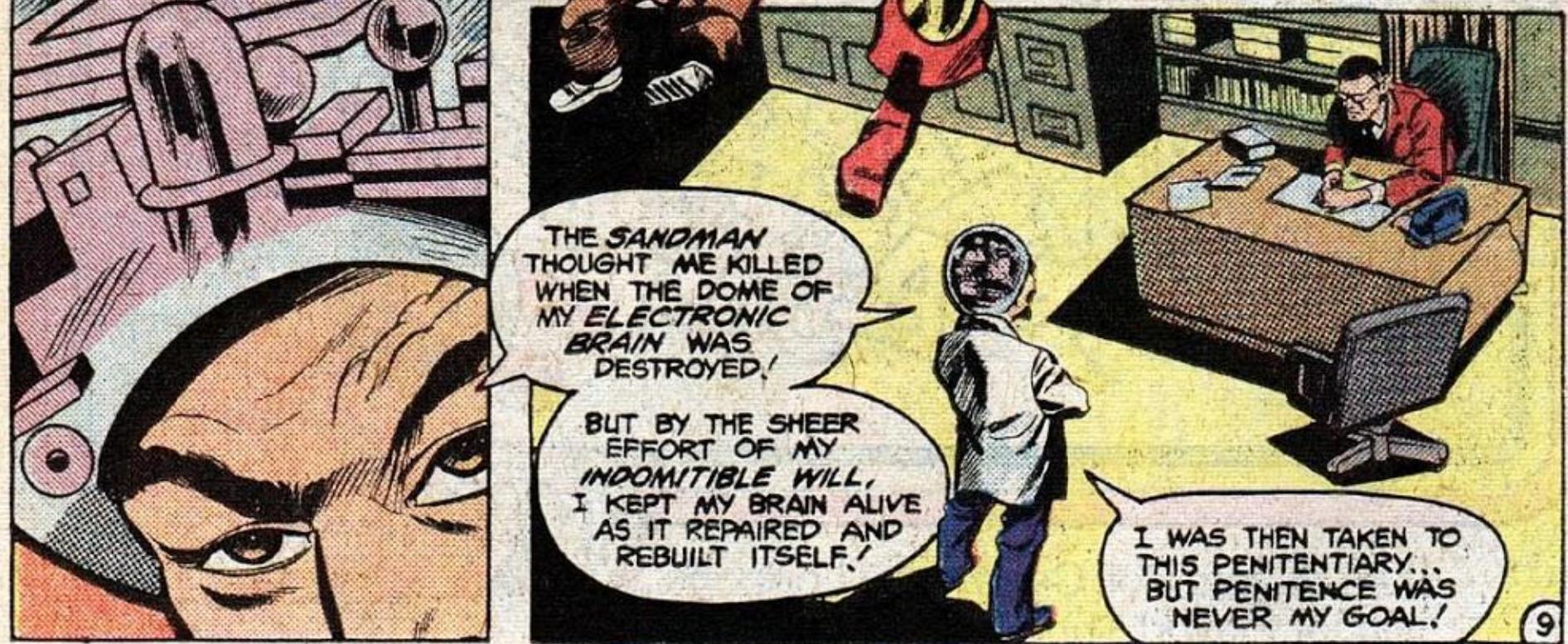
SILENTLY, THE GUARD OBEYS, FALLING IN STEP BEHIND THE SMALLER MAN--
WHOSE STRIDE AND CARRIAGE CREATE
ABOUT HIM AN UNMISTAKABLE AIR
OF COMMAND--



CONTINUED ON 2nd PAGE FOLLOWING



HIS EYES, ONCE STEEL-HARD AND PIERCING, STARE OUT UNFIXED AND GLAZED...



"YOU MADE YOUR FATAL ERROR, WARDEN, WHEN YOU THOUGHT TO REHABILITATE MYSELF AND OTHER PRISONERS--BY HAVING ME TEACH THEM ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING!"

"I CREATED THE "COMMANDER VIDEO" GAME IN THE PRISON SHOP, AND YOU QUITE IMPRESSED ME BY BEING THE FIRST TO REACH ITS BREAKTHROUGH SCORE!"

"ONLY THE MOST AGGRESSIVE AND SKILLED MINDS CAN ATTAIN THAT LEVEL--BUT WHEN THEY DO, THEY FALL UNDER MY COMPLETE DOMINATION... AS YOU HAVE!"

"FAR BETTER THAN THE ARMY OF AUTOMATONS I ONCE EMPLOYED, YOU AND THE OTHERS WILL FORM A LEGION OF STRATEGICALLY PLACED INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY OUT MY PLANS BY MENTAL REMOTE CONTROL--"

"--WHILE I, GENERAL ELECTRIC, SAFELY DIRECT THE ENTIRE OPERATION FROM WITHIN THIS PRISON!"

"BUT WONDER WOMAN HAS INTERFERED TWICE NOW--THOUGH IN TRUTH, SHE DID ME A FAVOR BY STOPPING THE BLOCK-BUSTER, WHOSE SAVAGERY CAUSED HIM TO DESTROY THE MISSILES HE WAS TO GATHER FOR MY ARSENAL!"

"STILL, SHE IS A THREAT AS LONG AS SHE LIVES--SO WE MUST SEE TO IT THAT HER LIFE SOON ENDS!"

JUST THEN--

AH, MY ELECTRONIC
BRAIN INFORMS ME THAT
A NEW RECRUIT IS ABOUT
TO JOIN OUR FORCES--
--A RECRUIT WHO
WILL OUTRANK
YOU, WARDEN!

COMMANDER
VIDEO
COMMANDER
VIDEO

GENERAL
DARNELL, THIS IS
COMMANDER
VIDEO SPEAKING!

CONGRATULATIONS
AND WELCOME
TO YOUR NEW
ASSIGNMENT!
HERE ARE YOUR
ORDERS!

AND NOT LONG AFTER,
AT THE PENTAGON--

SILENTLY, HIS EYES GLAZED
OVER, DARNELL AWAITS
INSTRUCTIONS...

IF DIANA PRINCE
TOOK A STORY
LIKE THIS TO
HER SUPERIORS,
THEY'D NEVER
BELIEVE HER!
BUT WONDER
WOMAN SHOULD
BE ABLE TO--

OH...
HELLO,
I--

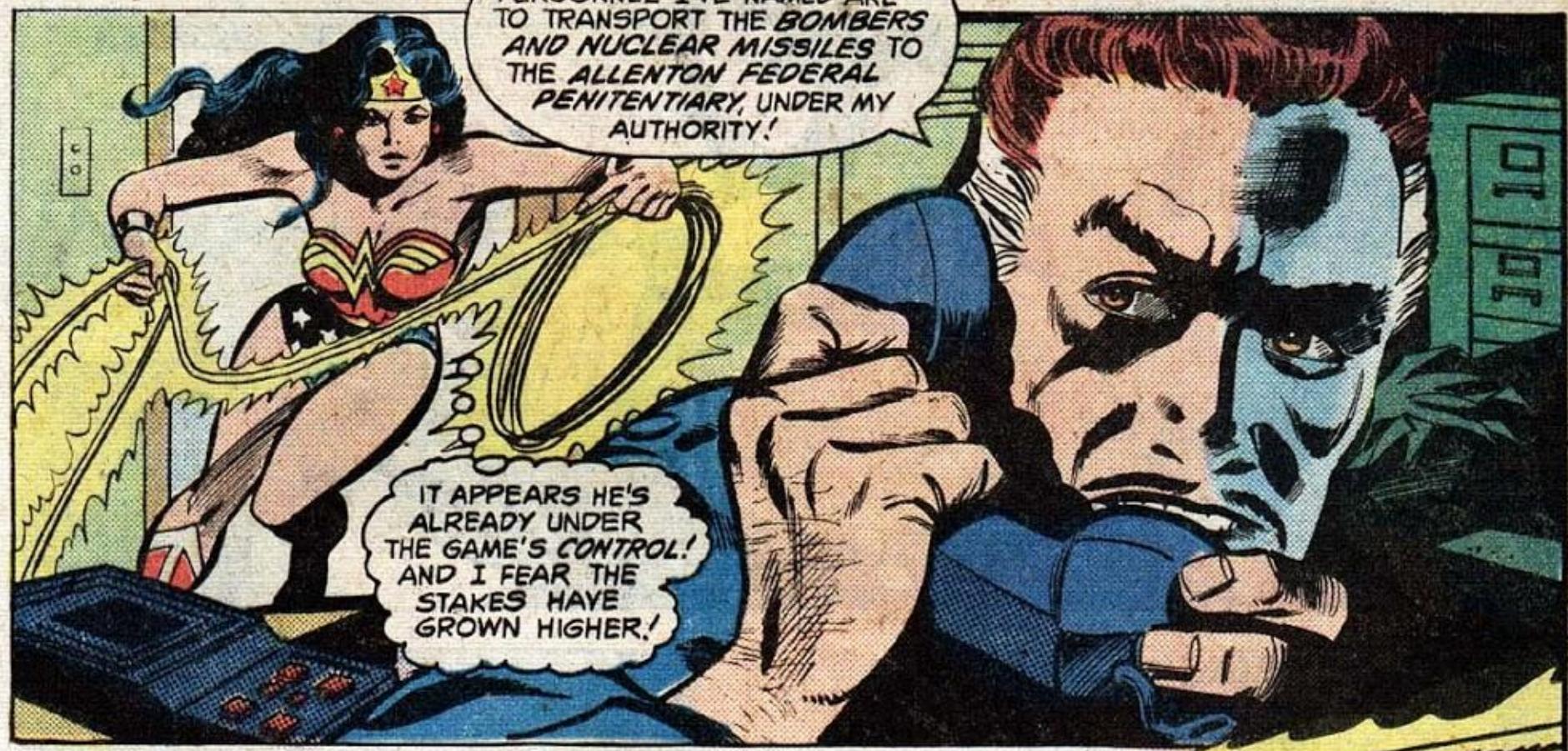
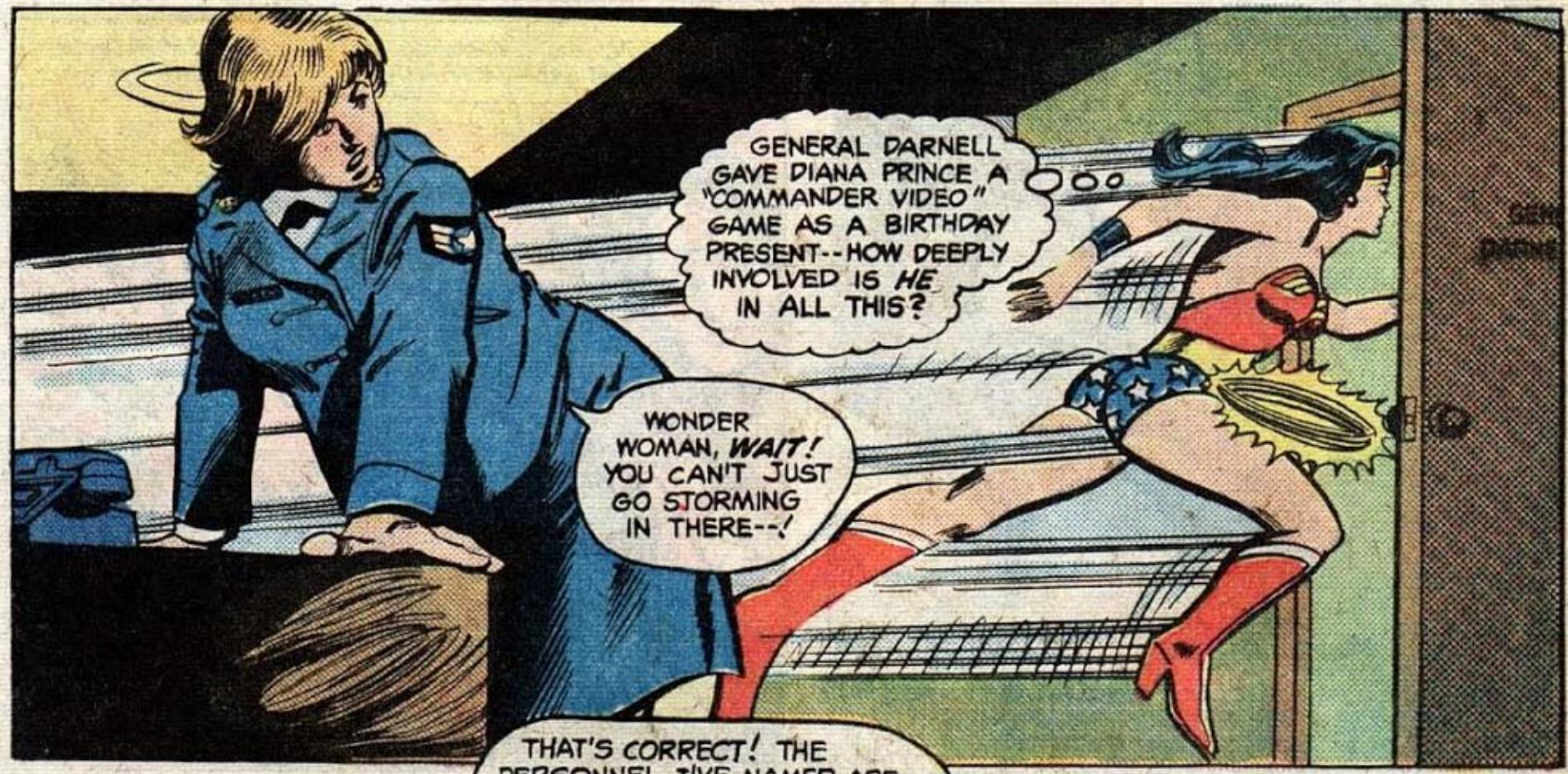
NO, STEVE!
NOT YOU,
TOO!

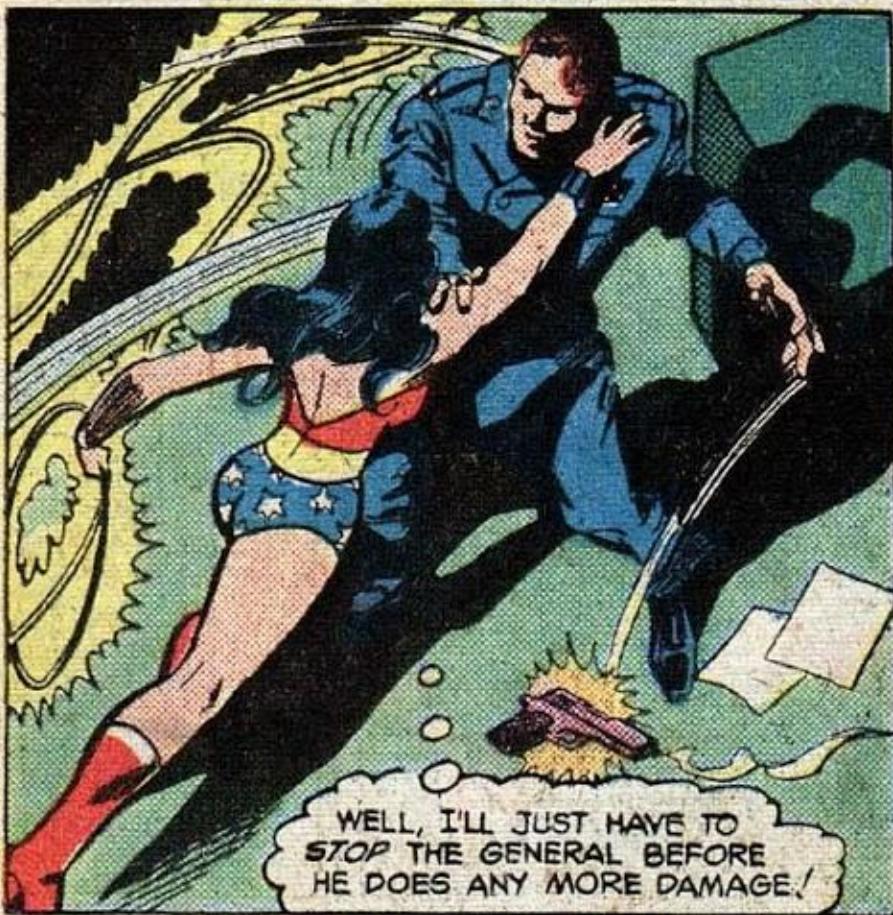
YOU'VE GOT TO
STOP PLAYING
THIS GAME AT
ONCE!

SLAM

HUH--?
ANGEL!

SMASH





SHE--SHE
ATTACKED ME,
TREVOR! WONDER
WOMAN'S GONE
MAD!



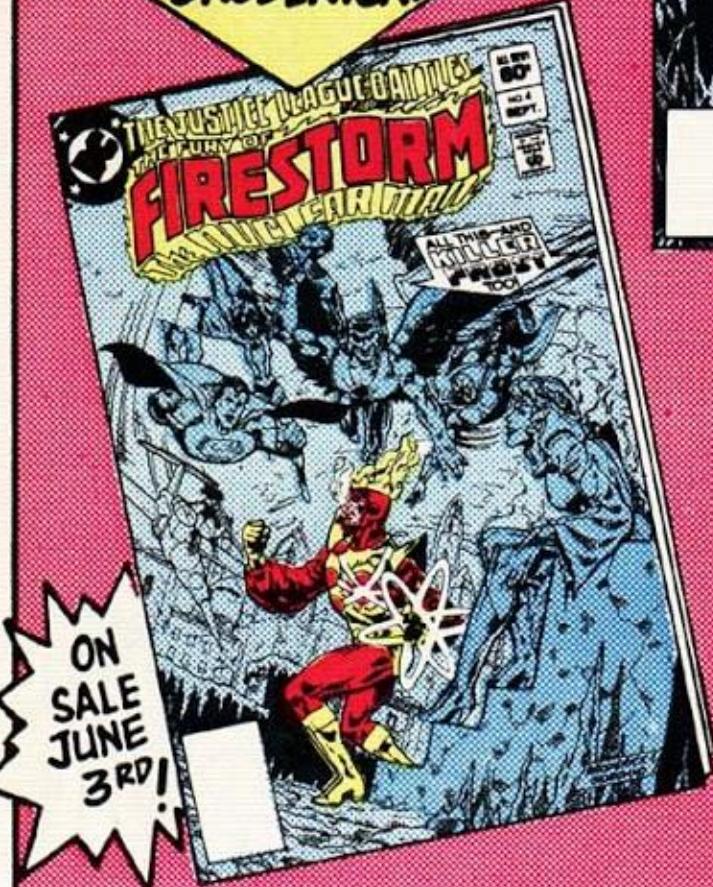


WHERE THE *ACTION* KEEPS ON COMING!

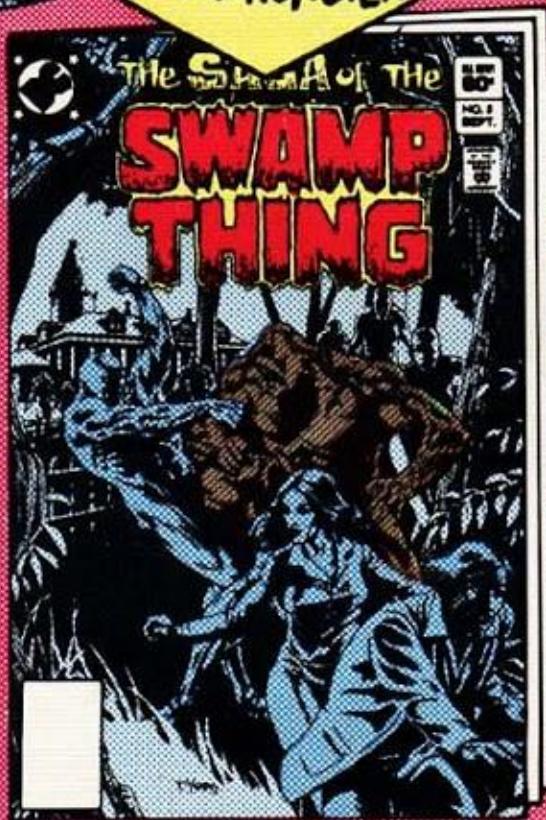


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SALE
JUNE
10TH!

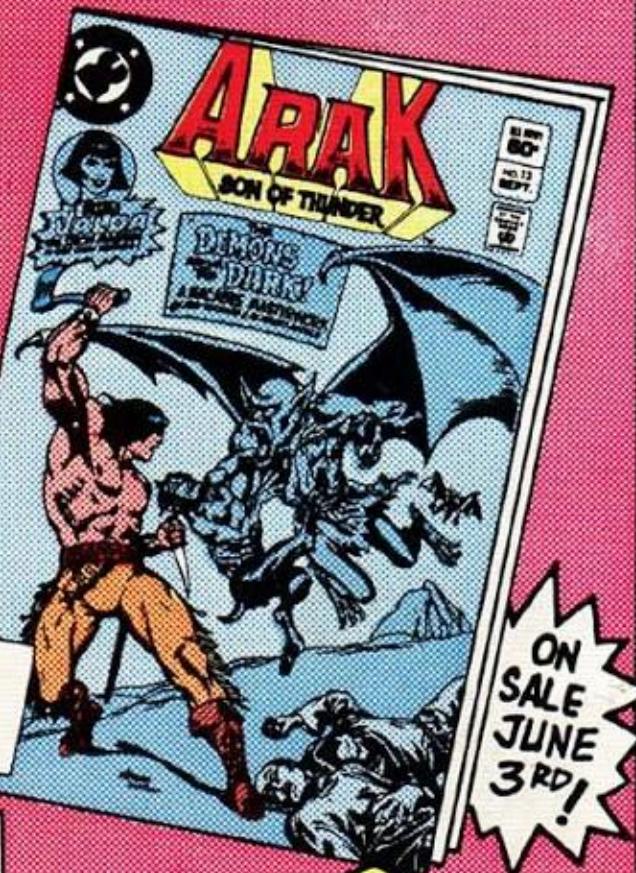
**ALL-NEW ACTION
WITH EVERYONE'S
FAVORITE YOUNG
HOT-HEAD--
COURTESY OF
CONWAY
AND
*BRODERICK!***



ON
SALE
JUNE
3RD!



ON
SALE
JUNE
10TH!



ON
SALE
JUNE
3RD!



ON
SALE
JUNE
17TH

NOW MONTHLY!
THE ADVENTURES OF
ANDREW BENNETT--
"I...VAMPIRE"
A DIFFERENT
KIND OF HERO!



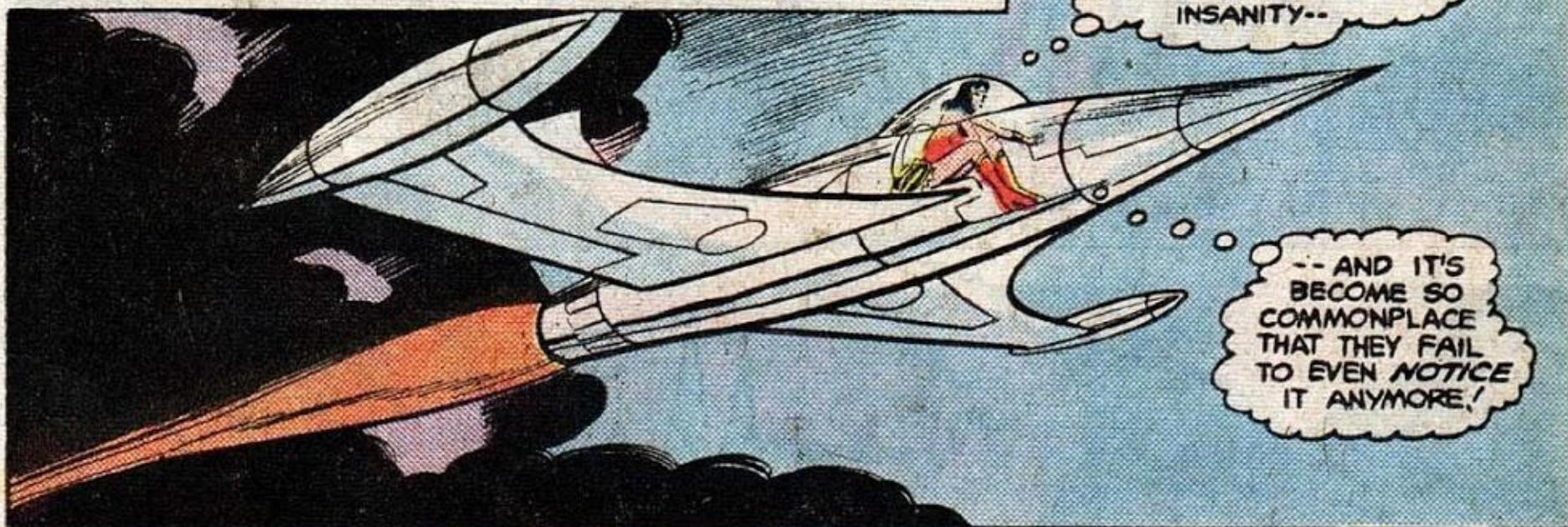
I WANT THAT TRAITOR STOPPED.
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I DON'T
CARE IF SHE'S TAKEN DEAD
OR ALIVE!

AND WHILE GENERAL DARNELL
RAVES - AND COL. STEVE
TREVOR FEELS HIS HEART SINK--

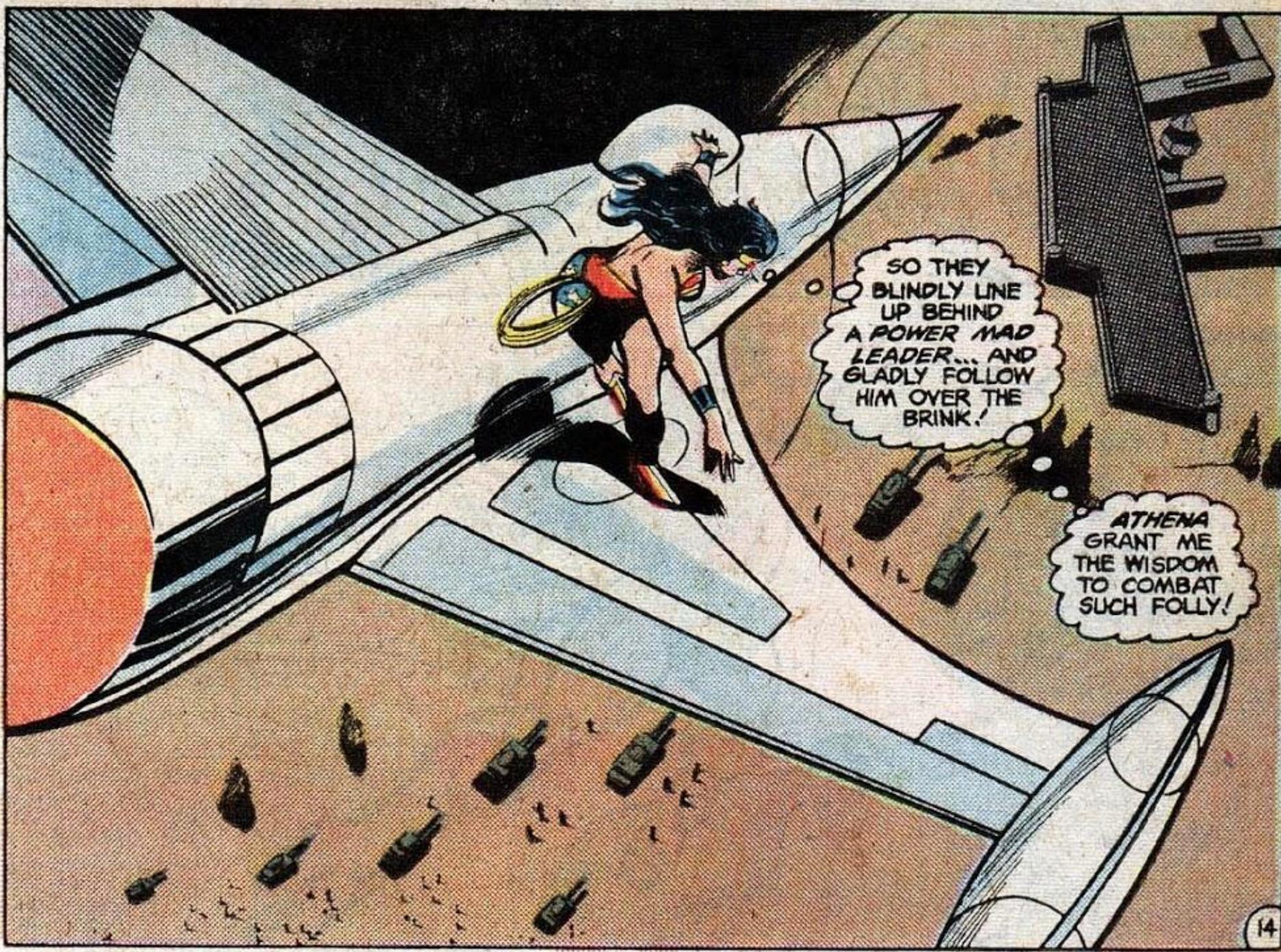
--THE AMAZON PRINCESS
STREAKS TOWARD A DEADLY
RENDEZVOUS, HER THOUGHTS
NOT OF BATTLE, BUT OF...

... MADNESS!

IT SEEMS TO ME
SOMETIMES THAT MAN'S
WORLD IS PLAGUED BY
INSANITY--



-- AND IT'S
BECOME SO
COMMONPLACE
THAT THEY FAIL
TO EVEN NOTICE
IT ANYMORE!



SO THEY
BLINDLY LINE
UP BEHIND
A POWER MAD
LEADER... AND
GLADLY FOLLOW
HIM OVER THE
BRINK!

ATHENA
GRANT ME
THE WISDOM
TO COMBAT
SUCH FOLLY!

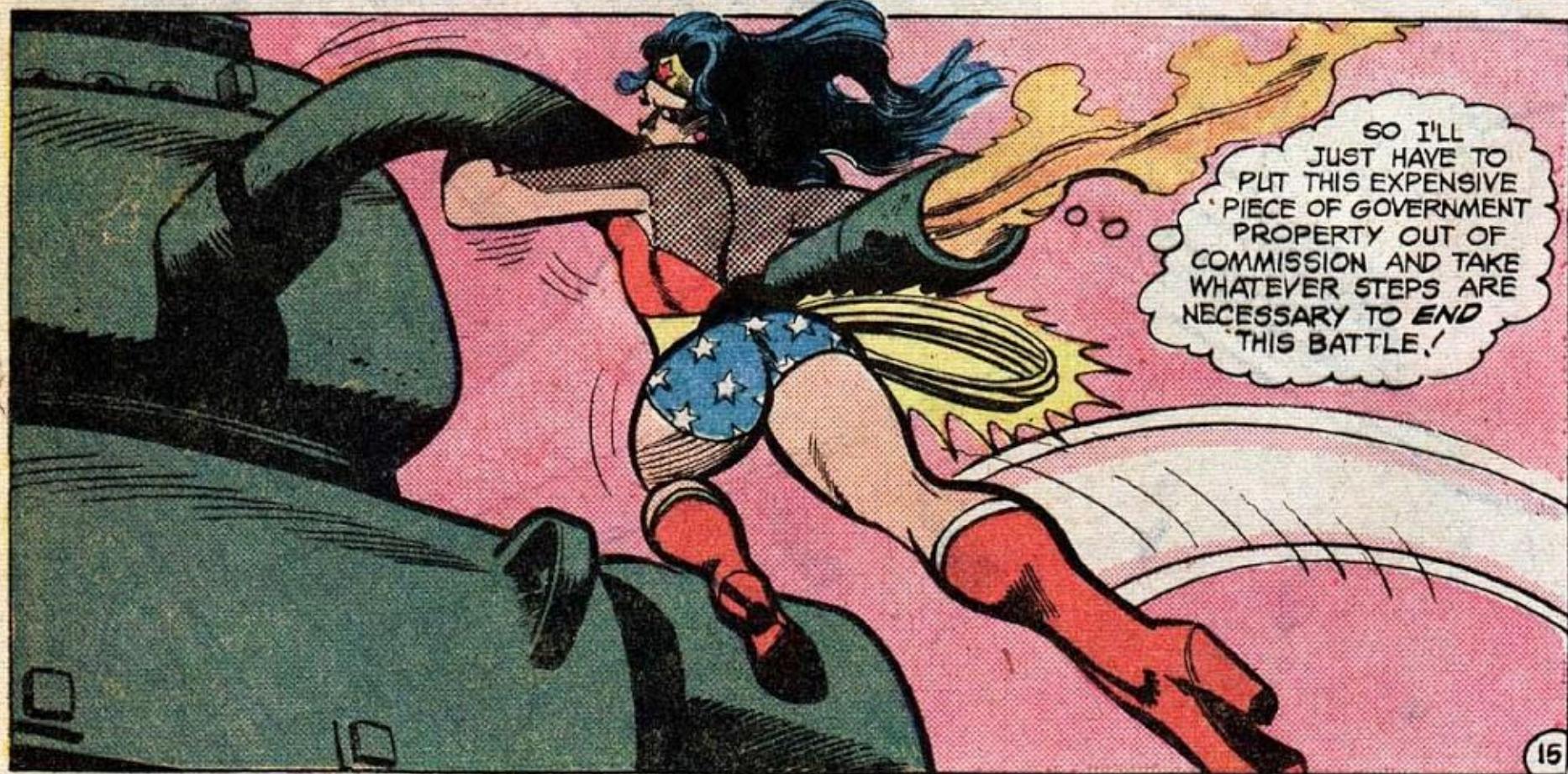
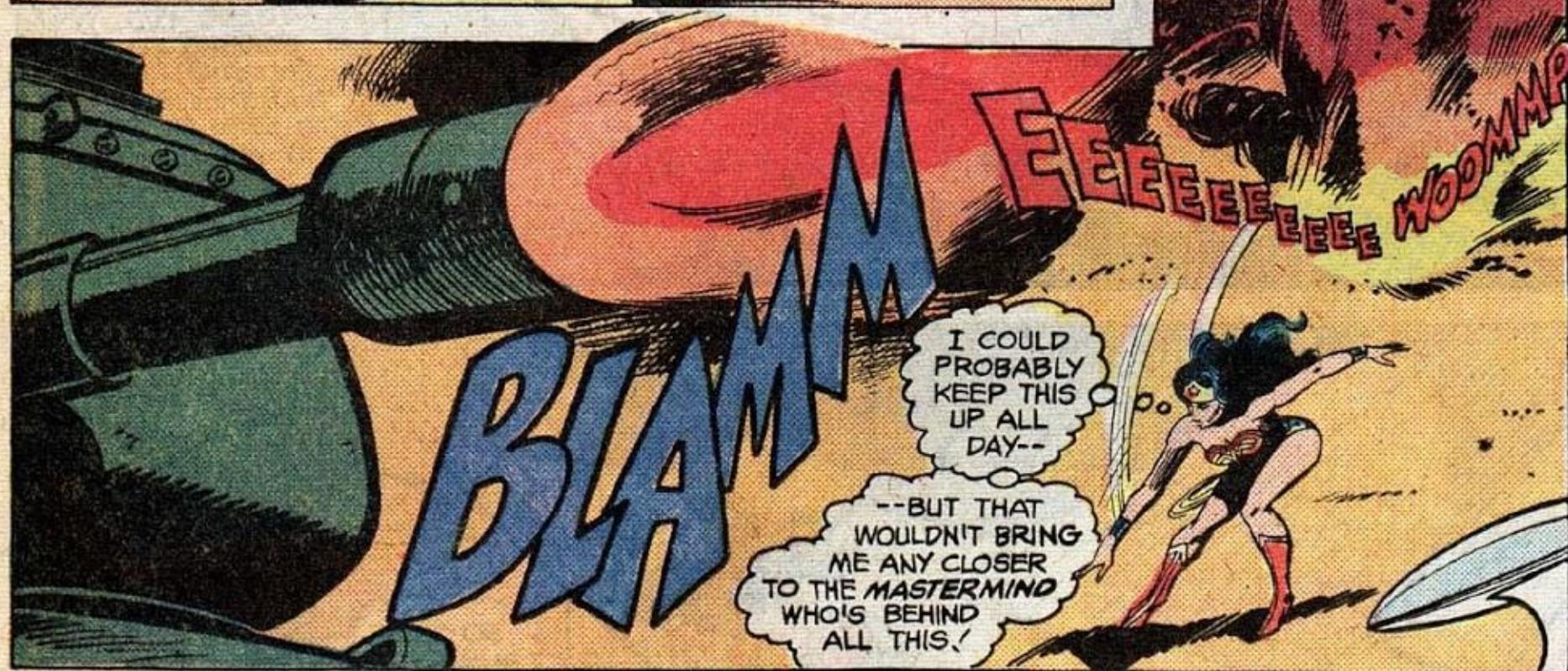
COLONEL, WE HAVE TO TALK! YOU MAY BE MAKING A DANGEROUS MISTAKE BY PROCEEDING FURTHER!

SOMEBODY MADE A MISTAKE ALL RIGHT, LADY-- BUT IT WASN'T ME!

THEN SHE SEES THE MAN'S FACE, HIS GLAZED EYES--

FIRE!

--AND WONDERS IF MADNESS MIGHT NOT REIGN HERE FOREVER!



BUT THAT'S SOMETHING
EASIER SAID THAN DONE,
AS --

BLUE EAGLE LEADER
COMMENCING RUN.

SPUDADADA

JET FIGHTER--
STRAFING ME!
IT'S NOT EXACTLY
AN EVEN
CONTEST!

ROBOT PLANE...
SWOOP TO MY
SIDE!

PING PANG

SPANNNGGG

AND--

THAT'S A
LITTLE BETTER!
WITH MENTAL
COMMAND OF MY
PLANE, I HAVE THE
ADVANTAGE IN
MANEUVERABILITY--

--BUT NOT IN
FIREPOWER
I'M AFRAID!

THAT JET CARRIES
THE MOST ADVANCED
HEAT-SEEKING MISSILES--
EQUIPPED WITH NUCLEAR
WARHEADS!

WOOSH

AND EVEN WITH MY SKILL, I CAN'T EVADE THAT THING FOR EVER!

KOSH

BUT THE GREATER DANGER IS THAT IT WILL EXPLODE SOMEPLACE WHERE IT COULD KILL MANY INNOCENTS!

I'VE GOT TO BE THE ONE TO TAKE THE HIT-- BUT NOT UNTIL I'VE LED IT AWAY FROM PEOPLE.

AND THOUGH ITS BEAUTIFUL PILOT DOES INDEED LIVE THROUGH IT ALL--

I ONLY HOPE I LIVE TO TELL THE TALE...

AS THE TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION REVERBERATES THROUGHOUT THE SKY, THE AMAZON AIRCRAFT DIVES OUT OF CONTROL...

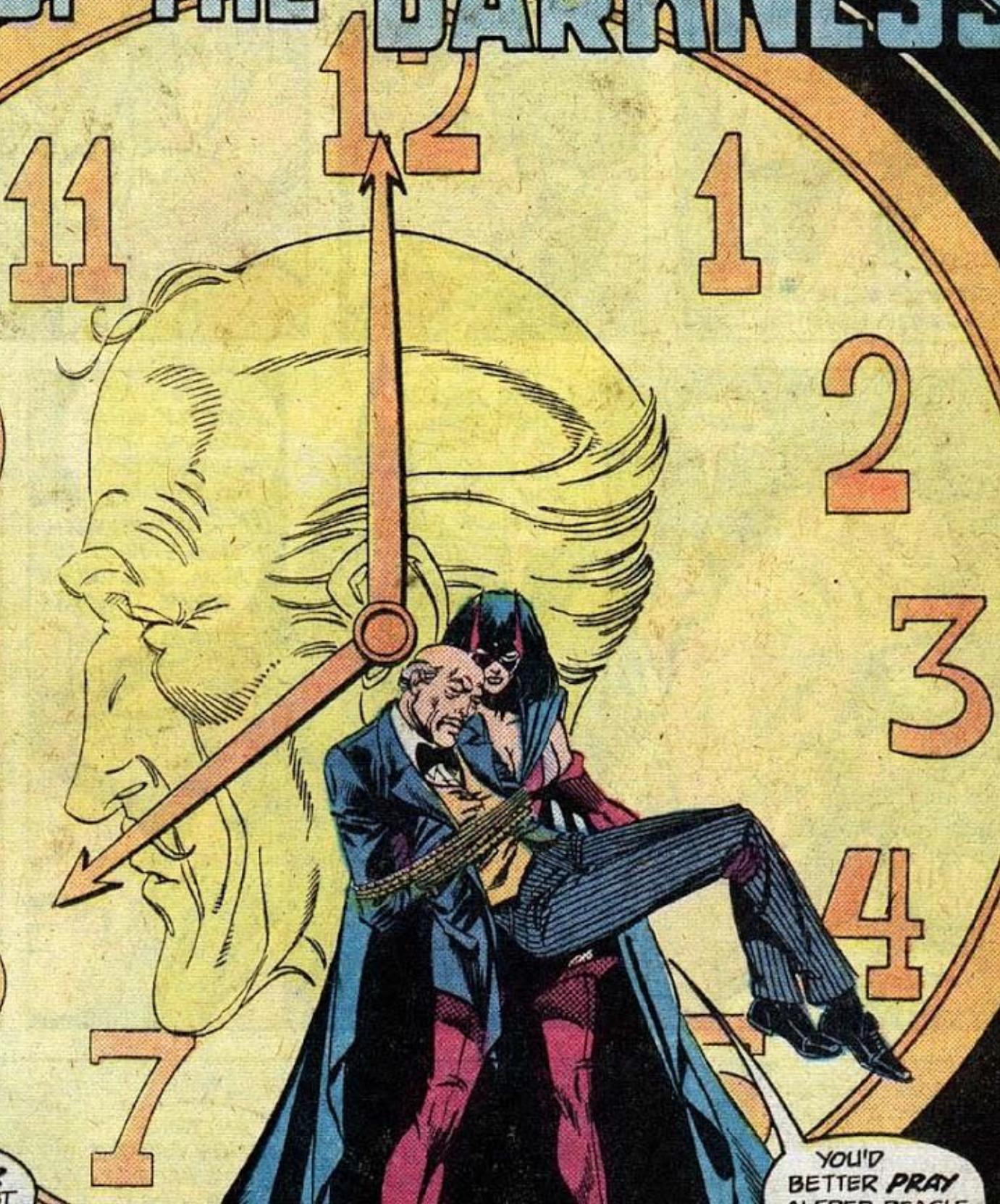
--HER SURVIVAL MAY BE ONLY A TEMPORARY CONDITION!

TO BE CONCLUDED-- NEXT MONTH!

JOURNEY NOW TO AN UNFAMILIAR WORLD...NOT THE ONE WHERE THE HEROES OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE STAND PROUD--BUT EARTH-TWO, WHERE HELENA WAYNE CARRIES ON HER FATHER'S MISSION BY FIGHTING CRIME AS...

The Huntress

OUT OF THE DARKNESS



PAUL LEVITZ & JOE STATON,
STORYTELLERS
JERRY ORDWAY, INKER
TODD KLEIN, LETTERER
ANTHONY TOLLIN, COLORIST
LEN WEIN, EDITOR

FOUR HOURS-- NOT MUCH TIME, CONSIDERING HOW RURAL THIS AREA IS.

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LADY, MAYBE WE COULD MAKE-- Y'KNOW-- A DEAL?

WHAT A GOOD IDEA.

PARDON ME FOR LEAVING YOU FOR A MOMENT, ALFRED--

MIGHT TAKE ME HOURS TO EVEN FIND A HOSPITAL.

--THIS GENTLEMAN AND I ARE GOING TO TALK DEAL.







SGT. ROCK

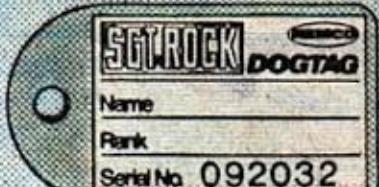
IS ON THE MOVE
IN 82!



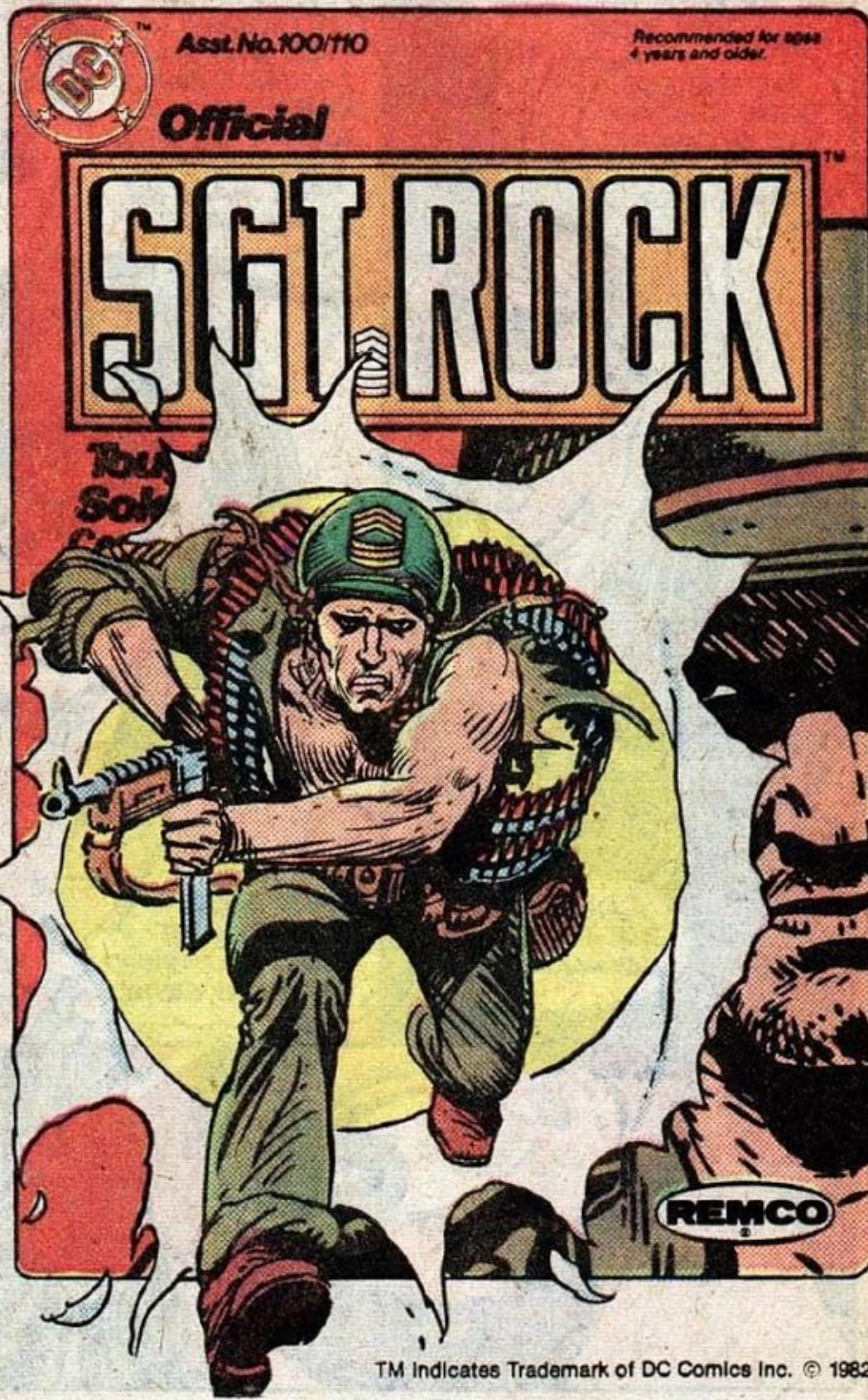
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WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I TOLD YOU MONTHS AGO--
MY DAD WAS A COP.

I WAS ALWAYS SCARED
HE'D COME HOME BLEEDING
ONE NIGHT--

--THAT'S WHY I WAS
AFRAID TO GET MORE
INVOLVED WITH YOU,
ONCE I LEARNED
YOUR SECRET.

THAT'S WHY
I WENT AWAY.

EMERGENCY

I TRIED TO
SORT IT OUT BY
MYSELF, BUT I
COULDN'T-- MOSTLY
CAUSE I COULDN'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
YOU KEPT PUTTING
YOUR LIFE ON
THE LINE.

SO I WENT TO
TALK TO THE ONLY GUY
LEFT WHO WATCHED
YOU GROW UP--FIGURING
HE KNEW WHAT MADE
YOU TICK.

AND YOU GOT
THERE JUST AS
THE THUGS DID,
RIGHT? GREAT
TIMING, HARRY.

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HARRY, ISN'T
IT ENOUGH TO
KNOW WHO I AM--
AND THAT I CAN'T
CHANGE? I-I'D
RATHER NOT TALK
ABOUT ALL OF
WHAT MADE ME
THIS WAY...

I WATCHED HIM DIE--SAW HIM
BURY MOM, AFTER THE CROOKS
GOT HER--HEARD ABOUT MY
GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER
BEING MURDERED. NOW
ALFRED.

LORD, WON'T
THE KILLING
EVER STOP?

HEL--?

YEAH. LEARNED
ZIP-- AND WAS
EQUALLY USEFUL.

DAD'S SECRET
WAS HIS, NOT
MINE. HE CARRIED
IT TO THE GRAVE.

SO
WILL I.

SORRY,
HARRY...
JUST GOT
LOST RE-
MEMBERING.

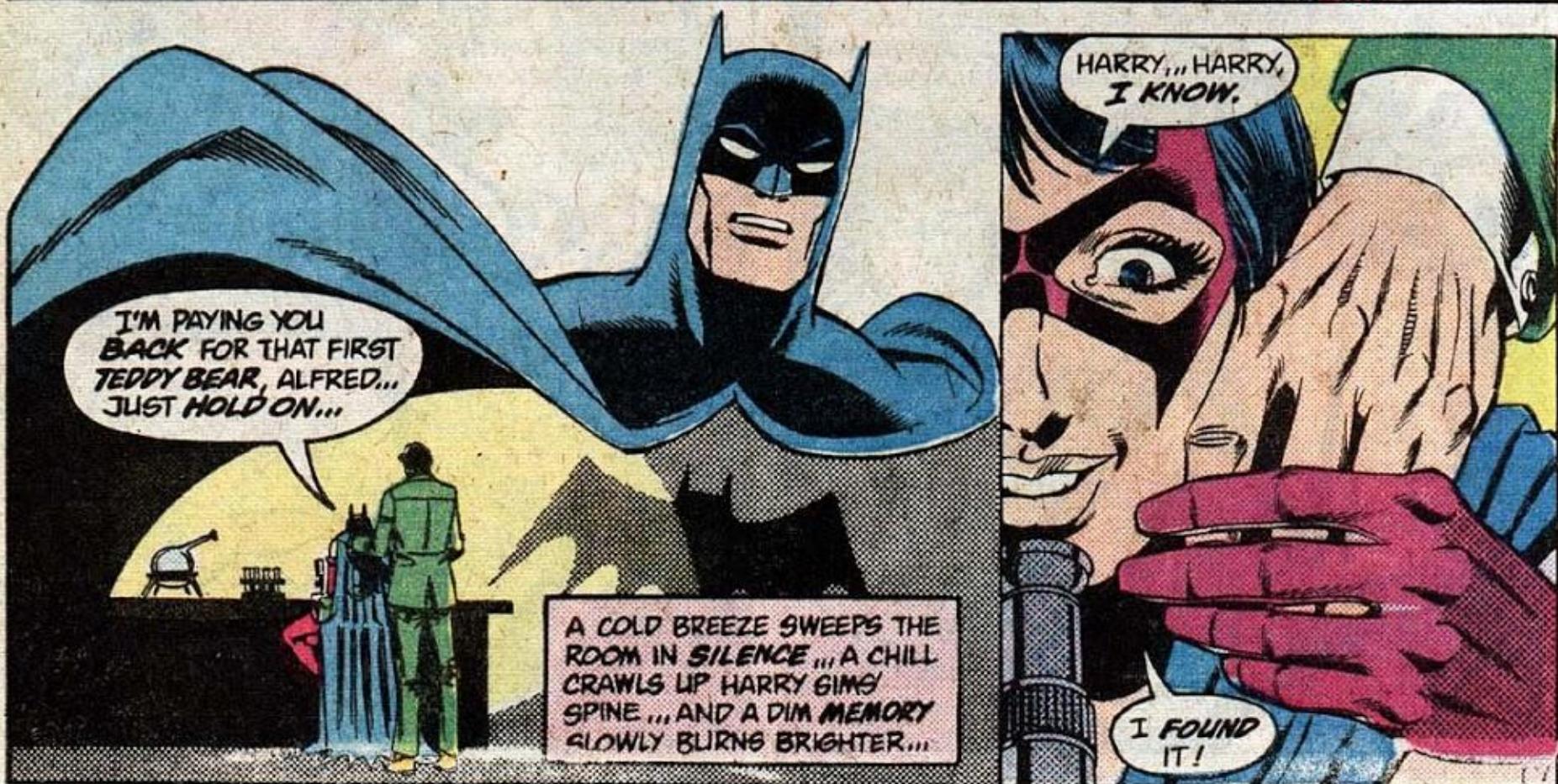
WHY IS
IT TAKING
THEM SO
LONG?

MY APOLOGIES,
MISS--er--
HUNTRESS--

--BUT IT TAKES
A LONG TIME BEFORE
ANY RESPECTABLE
PHYSICIAN IS WILLING
TO ADMIT DEFEAT.

OHMIGOD!





EPILOGUE...

I'M SO GLAD YOU
CAME BACK TO GOTHAM
WITH US TO REST,
ALFRED.

WELL, MISS HELENA,
I'D HARDLY BE OF ANY
USE TO THE STRATFORD
REP IN MY CONDITION, WOULD I?

YOU COULD RUN
THAT THEATRE BLIND-
FOLDED FROM YOUR
FOUR-POSTER, YOU
OLD HUMBUG...

CAN'T YOU
ADMIT YOU JUST
WANTED THE
EXCUSE TO GET
AWAY?

I HOPE YOU'RE COUNTING
ME AS A FRIEND, ALFRED.

QUITE SO, MISTER
SIMS. ANYONE WHO
MAKES MISS HELENA
HAPPY, YOU KNOW...
MUST BE A FRIEND
OF MINE.

AND I
THANK YOU FOR
TAKING ME ON THIS
LITTLE --ERRAND...

IF YOU'LL
EXCUSE ME?

MASTER
BRUCE... IT'S
ME... ALFRED.

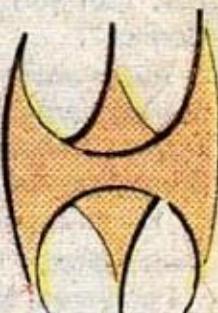
IT'S ALL RIGHT, SIR...
YOU CAN REST EASY.
SHE'S EVERYTHING
YOU HOPED
SHE'D BE.

AND I
BELIEVE
SHE'S FOUND
A GOOD MAN
TO SHARE
HER LIFE
WITH.

BRUCE
WAYNE

HELENA...
I LOVE
YOU.

THE
END





Wonder Words

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Would you believe people are still talking about the exciting new Wonder Woman? Well, the mailbags are filled to overflowing, and the news is all good, better, and of course, wonder-full!—TOF

To the New Team & All Concerned:

First of all, I must apologize for saying that Gene Colan was not suited to drawing Wonder Woman. His is easily the most lively, beautiful rendition of the character I have ever seen.

Roy Thomas's writing speaks for itself. The new direction the comic is taking is modern, yet reminiscent of the themes of the 1940s.

The theme of #288 especially hits home for me. I am an artist and there is great value in beauty for me, both from surface appearances and inner beauty.

Also, Helen Alexandros reminds me a good deal of myself. Almost uncomfortably so. "...so plain all my life..." "...skin problem..." "that is indeed something that I can relate to and so can quite a few others."

There is also truth in the belief that a person's character is reflected in their appearance. Wonder Woman has a gentle, kind look to her face; the Silver Swan's beauty is hard-edged and cold.

Lastly, keep the new costume design. It looks much better than the old eagle motif.

If all the future issues of Wonder Woman are up to the standards you have set for yourselves with #288, there is only greatness ahead.

Allen Magnus
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Dear WW People,

The "Sensational New Wonder Woman" is right! This is the best I've ever seen her! Roy Thomas certainly knows what he's doing! The artwork is great, too.

I applaud the return of Doctor Psycho. Even if he isn't the evil genius who had many run-ins with the Amazon, earlier, he is still a good choice as a villain.

Roy certainly does his homework! Jumper the kanga hasn't been seen in a long time. I was afraid at first that a new scripter from Marvel would wreck Diana, but was I wrong! He's even better than some of the "old" DC'ers. Steve Trevor seems to be improving. (I like him bed-ridden.) Just don't kill him off again....

The Silver Swan is great. She's sort of like a modern-day Helen Of Troy.

One last thing:

The business of Diana's forgetfulness... (as of #269-271). It might be interesting to have Di remember bits of things. (The mists of Nepenthe or whatever could be wearing off.) This could lead to some confusion and a good story.

William Rudolph
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P.S. Can you kick around the idea of reviving "Sensation Comics"?

We're always interested in new ideas, William, and we're betting someone might just get a "kick" out of your idea to revive "Sensation". After all, who knows what lurks in the immediate future?—TOF

Dear Editor,

I shivered, too, every time Wonder Woman worried about Steve Trevor in #289. Gerry Conway had worked so hard to give Steve a personality, and since his debut, Roy Thomas has

our hero flat on his back again—right where Steve has spent most of his comic book career! Needless to say, I'm anticipating next issue's conclusion.

From the examples he gave us this issue, I trust Roy will have *all* Wonder Woman fans satisfied. The opening wrestle with the sea-monster in Aquaman's territory, the visit to Paradise Island, and the Dr. Psycho-Captain Wonder sequence kept me transfixed. The explosive entrance of the Silver Swan and her intentions make her even deadlier than the Cheetah.

As for Gene, well, everybody likes Gene! Even Marvel has some books named after him: "KING COLAN" or something like that.....

I have no doubt the Huntress will get out of the position she's in, since she's escaped death-grips before. Crimelord, the latest of Levitz' nasties, is definitely the nastiest! See ya next cliffhanger.

Neil Ahlquist

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We try, Neil, we certainly try! And from the looks of the mail, we're succeeding! Wonder Woman is fast becoming a force to be reckoned with! Thanks to the capable hands of her talented writers, artists, and editorial staff!—TOF

Dear Editor,

I feel sorry for anyone who misses the SENSATION -al new Wonder Woman, for that's what she is! The caliber as well as quality of the book has improved 100%! The logo on the cover has a fresh exciting look, and the art is excellent! However, my largest praise must go to Roy Thomas!

In the latest issue, #289, I could sense, in the captions and dialogue, his knowledge of the legendary aspects of Wonder Woman. For example, on pg. 2, we learn her knowledge of all languages, pg. 7, the ability of her robot plane, pg. 14, of her keen hearing, and especially, pg. 15, where we learn her truest feelings about Steve. I also like the personality Roy has given Wonder Woman. Knowing her personal thoughts, whether about "this year's blonde," or "the keystone kop rejects," makes her motives all the more believable and exciting!

Now, at last, the book is getting depth where it had been shallow for years!!! I only hope the new team remains long enough to achieve a successful run of issues because Wonder Woman, and her readers, definitely deserve it!

Tony Quintana

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Garland, Texas 75040

You're absolutely right, Tony! The readers deserve the best we have to give! And that is why you and all our readers will always come first with us!—TOF

Dear Editor:

Roy Thomas, Gene Colan, Romeo Tanghal, Paul Levitz, Joe Staton, Bruce Paterson!! Six reasons to buy Wonder Woman #289!

Roy's story about Dr. Psycho was super; at points, I actually felt sorry for the guy. Gene Colan's art was unbelievably dramatic! Wonder Woman walked right off page 14 and the Silver Swan flew straight out of the last panel of the story!

Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and the Huntress—What a team! "Walls of Stone, Chains of Steel" managed to keep me interested in the book even after that great lead feature. In just the two episodes that I've read, the Huntress has already become my favorite back-up feature! Is there any more news of a possibility of a Huntress mini-series?

Domenic Romano
68 Langrove Terrace
Toronto, Ontario

Nothing definite yet, Domenic. But if and when it does happen, you'll hear it here first! Which makes it all the more important for you Huntress fans to watch these pages for fast-breaking news on the very latest DC developments!—Tamsyn O'Flynn