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I'M LEARNING SOMETHING.
BY YOUR RECKONING, I
AM ONLY A FEW DAYS
OLD.

A CHILD.

AH-WUHHHHH
UHHWUHH!

EACH HUMAN
SOUL I TOUCH...
...I LEARN A
LITTLE MORE ABOUT
CRUELTY.

I THOUGHT
DEATH WAS THE
WORST THING.

BUT
LIFE.
HAVING
TO REMEMBER.
TO RELIVE
FOREVER.

KNOWING YOU
SURRENDERED.

KNOWING YOU
BETRAYED YOUR
LOVED ONES.
SO MUCH
WORSE FOR
YOU.

I HAVE THE LASO. I COULD
FIND WHAT I WANT.

BUT I WANT
YOU TO TELL ME.

TO BETRAY HER. TO
TELL ME ALL ABOUT HER. WHAT
WILL MAKE HER BURN.

Uhh.
Uhhnhg.

I CAN
DO THIS
FOREVER,
ETTA
CANDY.

CKLUKK...

KKLLKKKKKK...

THIS
"HUMANITY."

SO PROUD
OF IT, YET YOU
DISCARD IT AT
THE FIRST SIGN
OF PAIN.

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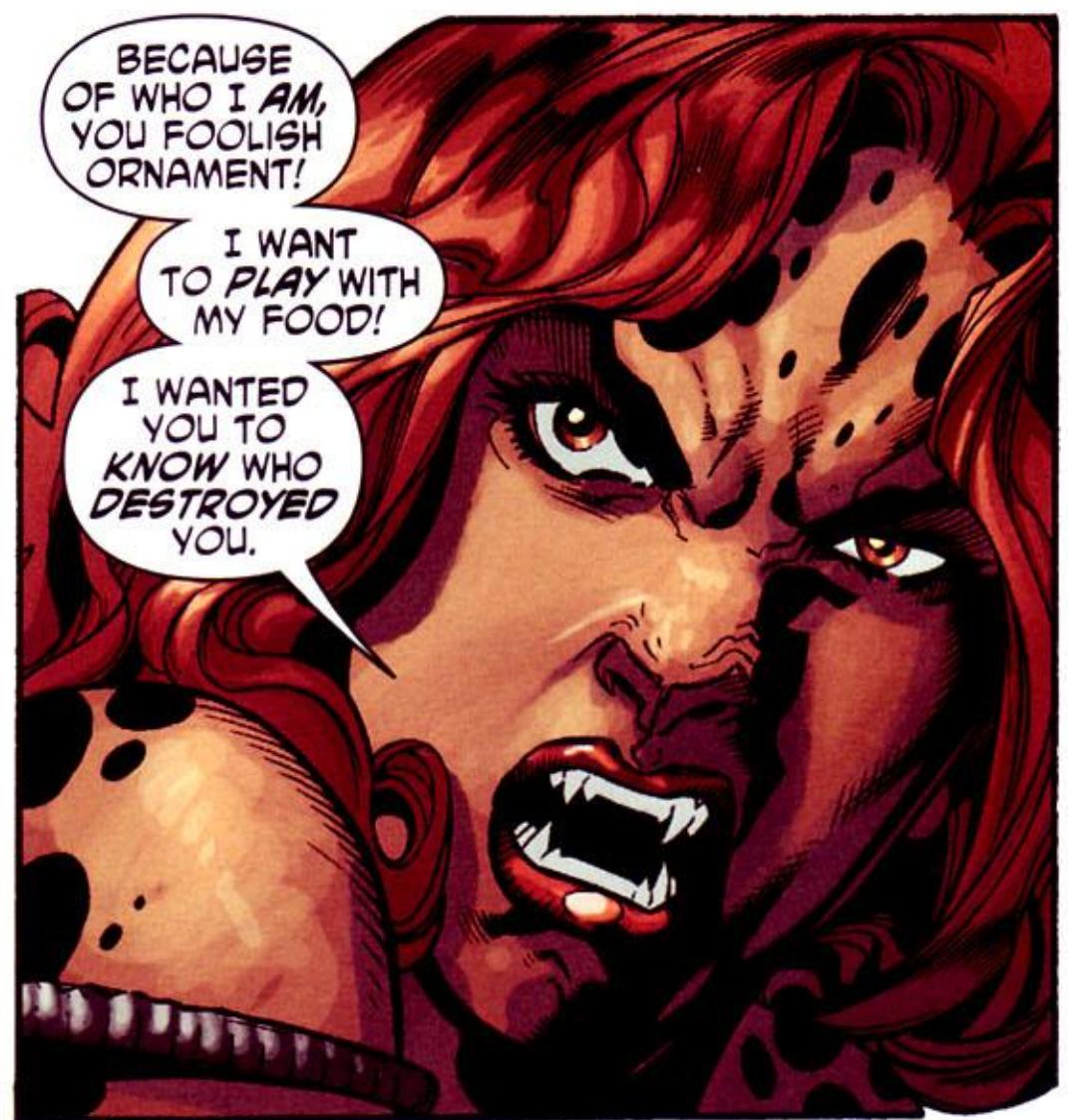
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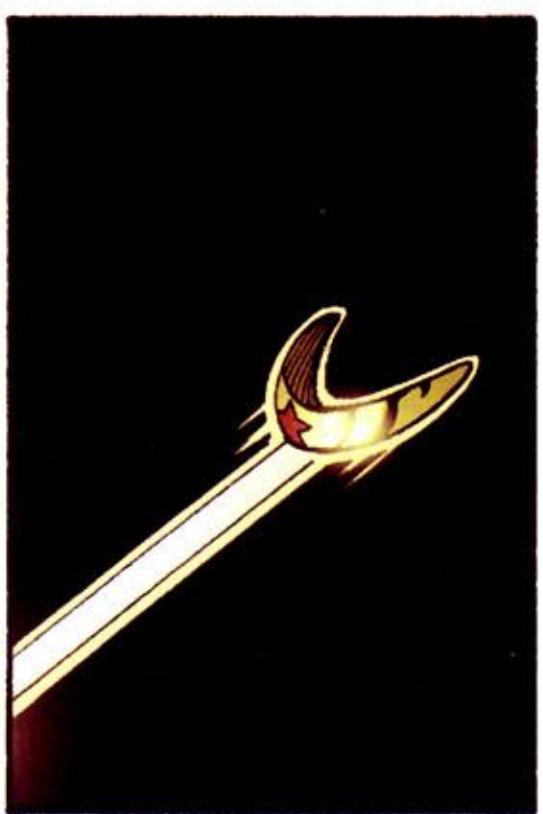
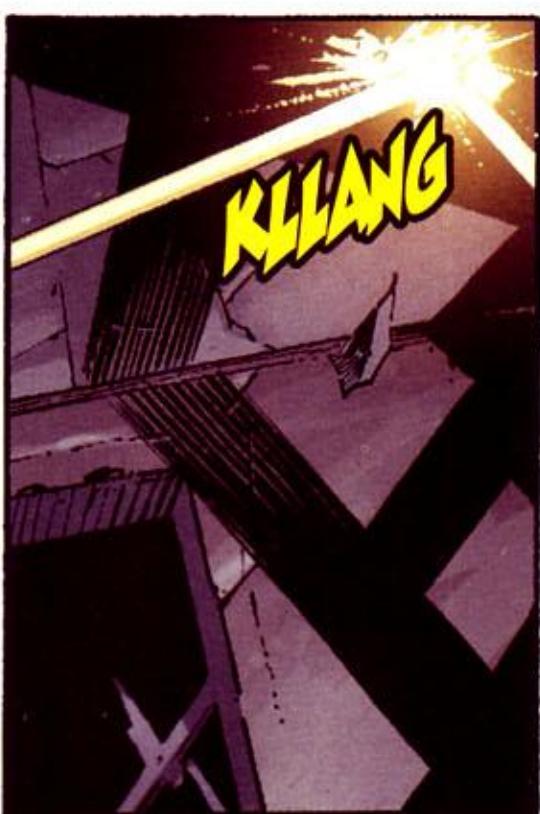
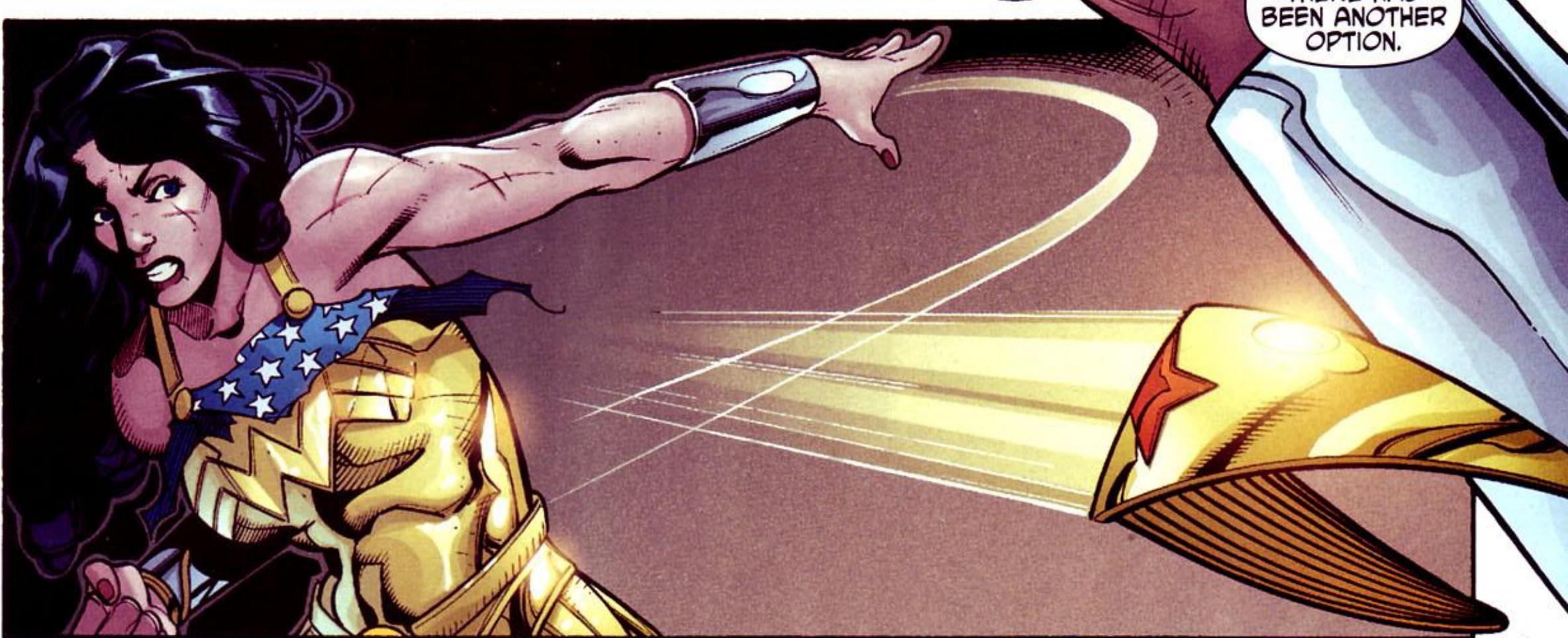
I'LL
TALK.

MY NAME IS...
...LIEUTENANT COLONEL
ETTA MARIE CANDY, UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE.

AND
YOU CAN GO
STRAIGHT TO
HELL, YOU UGLY
FREAK.

YES.
HELL.
I THINK
I HEAR IT
CALLING US
BOTH.





THUPP

BUT YOU DECLARED THIS WAR, PROFESSOR.

AND FOR ONE OF THE FEW TIMES IN HISTORY, IT WON'T BE MERELY THE FOOT SOLDIERS WHO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES.

THIS TIME, THE GENERALS PAY, AS WELL.

WHERE IS GENOCIDE, CHEETAH?

YOU... YOU WITCH. WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STAND FOR SOMETHING!

I DO.

THE PRESERVATION OF INNOCENT LIFE.

ALL OTHER PRIORITIES ARE SECONDARY.

YOU LUNATIC CREATURE, YOU'VE CUT MY FACE!



YOU LIKE HUNTING, DOCTOR MINERVA.

LET'S CALL THIS A TROPHY.

WHERE IS GENOCIDE?

WAIT. NO.

STOP THIS. STOP THIS. LET GO OF ME!



WAIT. DON'T.



AS I SAID, I REGRET MY ACTIONS BACK THEN.

"WHERE IS GENOCIDE?"

...AND IF I
WANT TO HURT
HER. TO RUIN
HER.

WHAT THEN
WOULD I DO?

You...
can't.

She
will beat
you.

You...



THALARION.

WHAT
TRIBUTE DO
YOU BRING ME,
MY AMAZONS, MY
OLYMPIANS?

WE BROUGHT
THIS, LORD ZEUS.
ITS FUNCTION IS NOT
ENTIRELY CLEAR
TO US.

BUT IT
SEEMED TERRIBLY
IMPORTANT TO THE
AMERICANS.

AH.
THEY SEEK
TO BE ME.
IT'S ALMOST
COMICAL.

YOU HONOR
ME.

YOU HONOR
ATHENA'S WILL
AND SPIRIT.

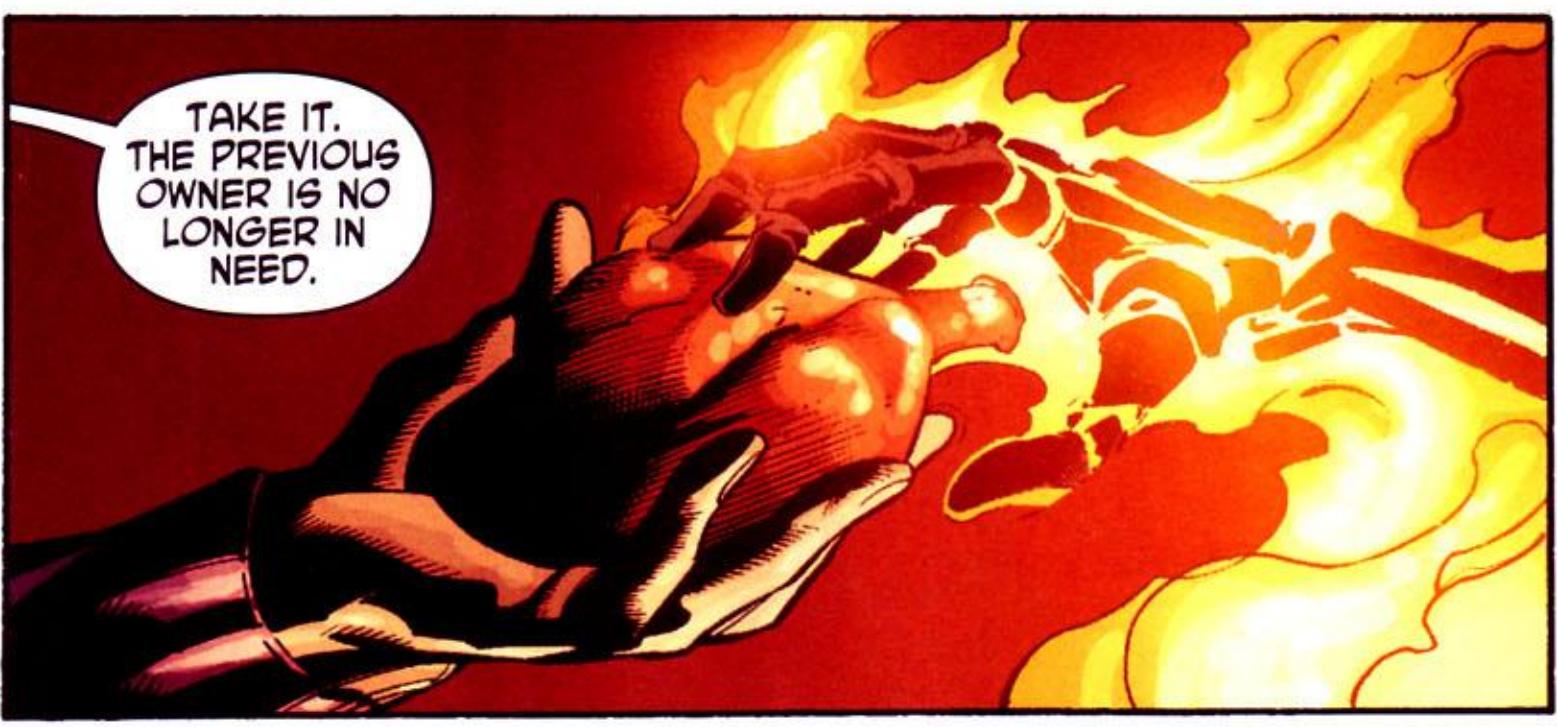
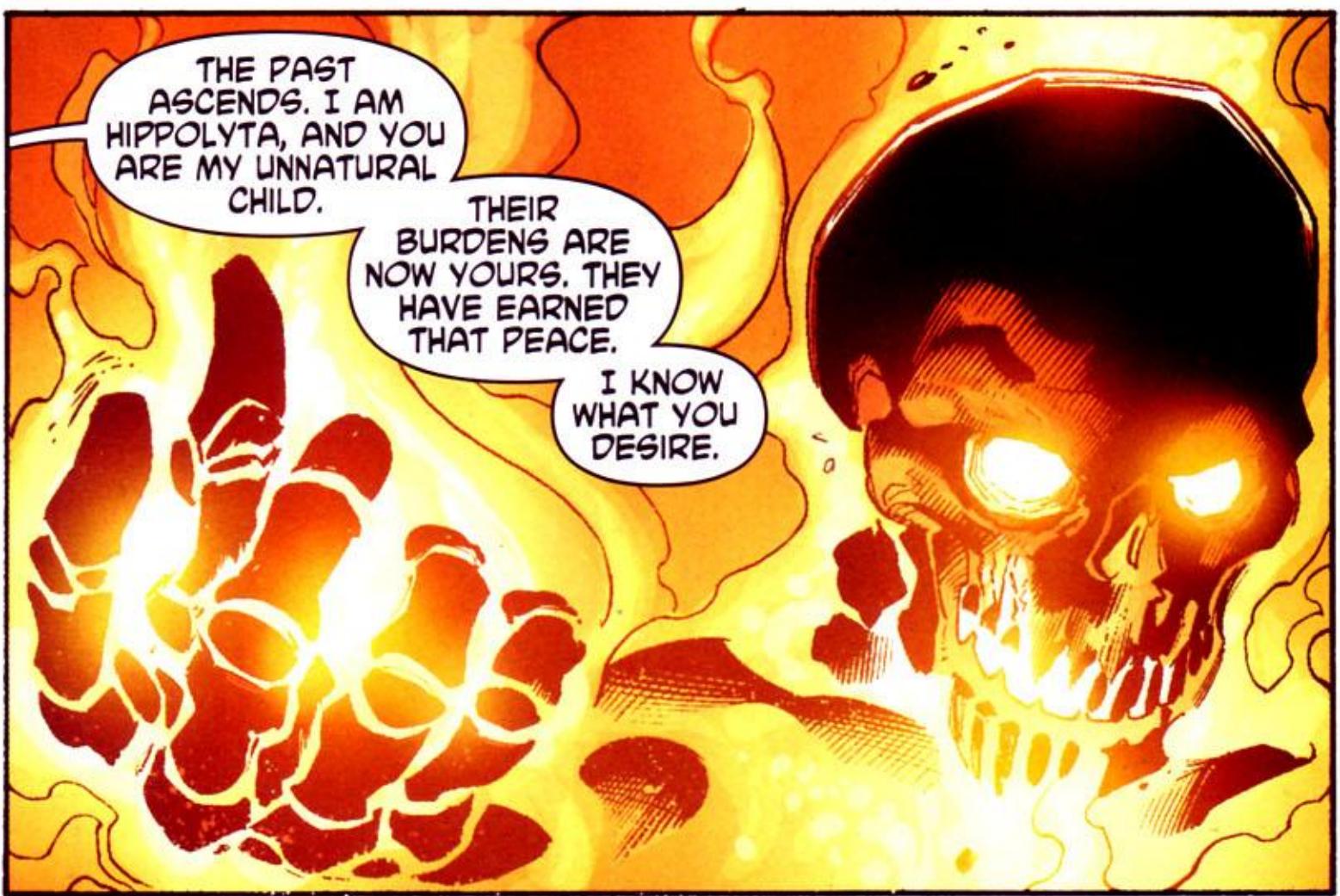
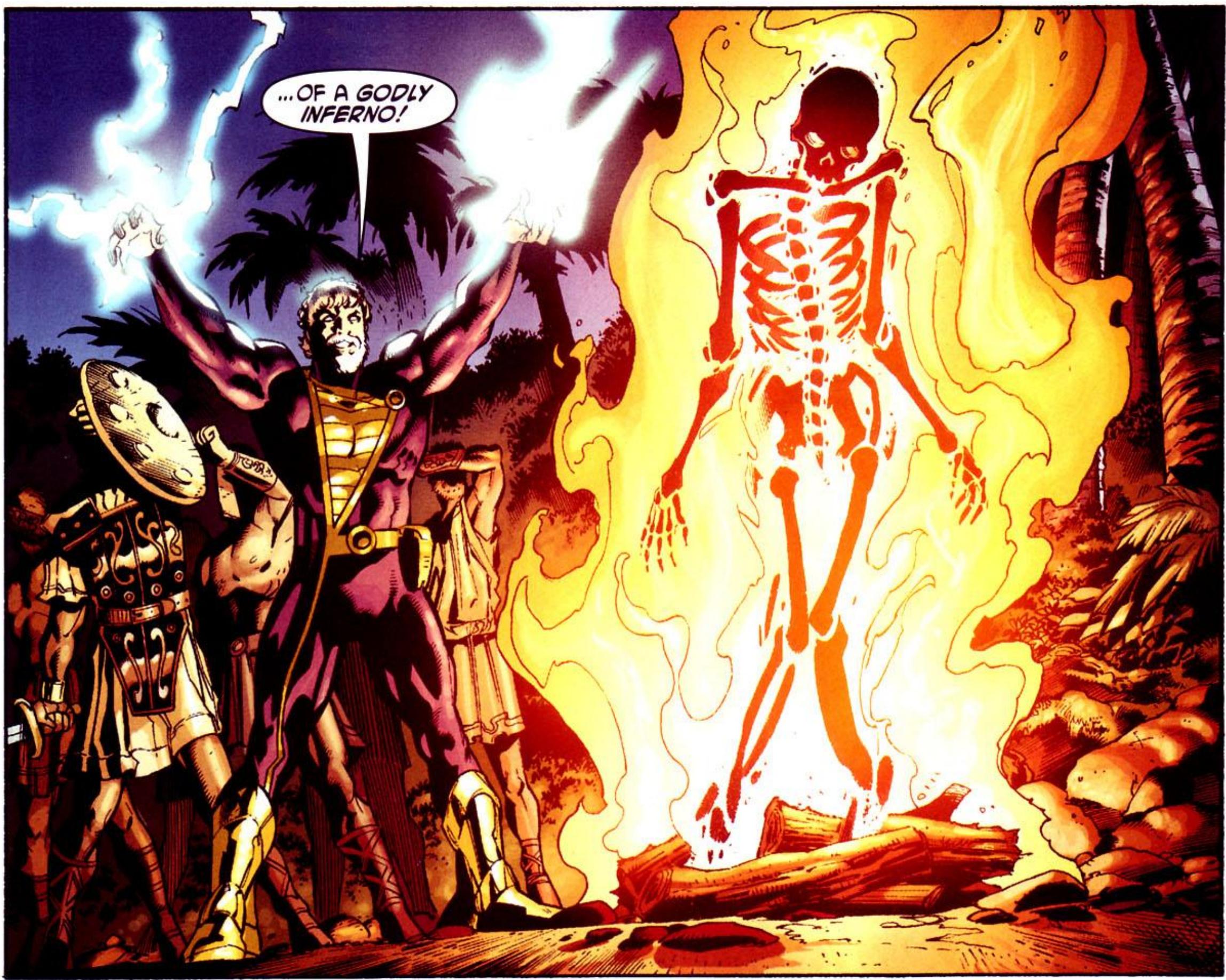
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A HERO OF
YOUR OWN.

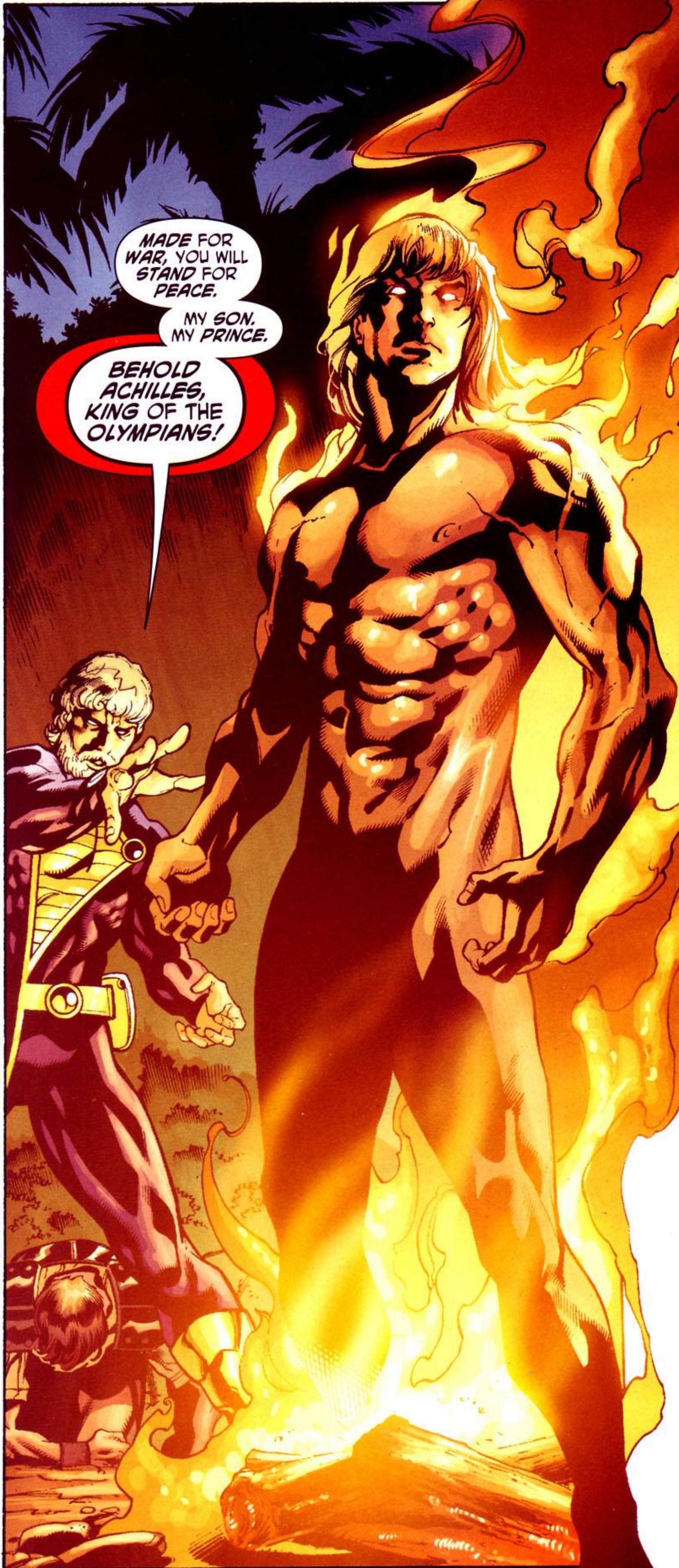
CIRCLE
AROUND US,
MEN.
THIS IS
YOUR DAY.

DIANA WAS
MADE FROM
CLAY, COLD AND
UNMOVING.

OUR AVATAR
SHALL BE...







THEMYSIRA.

...MY PLEA, MY PLEDGE
TO YOU, MY LIFE FOR THEIRS
IF NECESSARY.

PLEASE, PLEASE,
LORD. THE WAY IS LONG AND
THEY DO NOT REMEMBER.
PLEASE.

REWARD
THEIR LOVE AND
FEALTY.

GUIDE MY
CHARGES SAFELY
IN THEIR JOURNEY
HOME.

THANK
YOU.

PHILLIPUS!

I KNEW YOU WOULD
RETURN TO ME, FIRST OF
ALL OUR PEOPLE!

I COULD HARDLY
REFUSE THE CALL,
HIPPOLYTA.

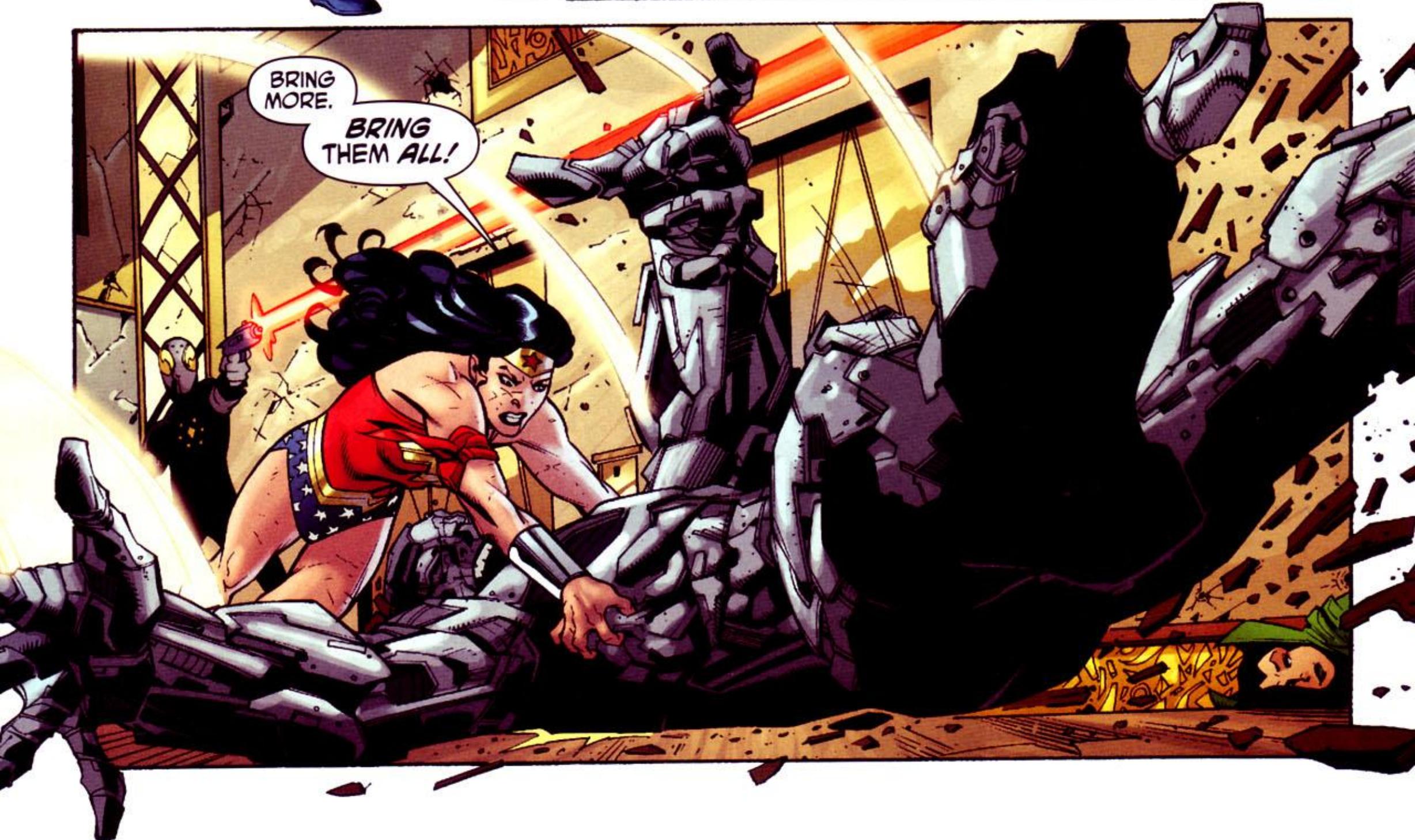
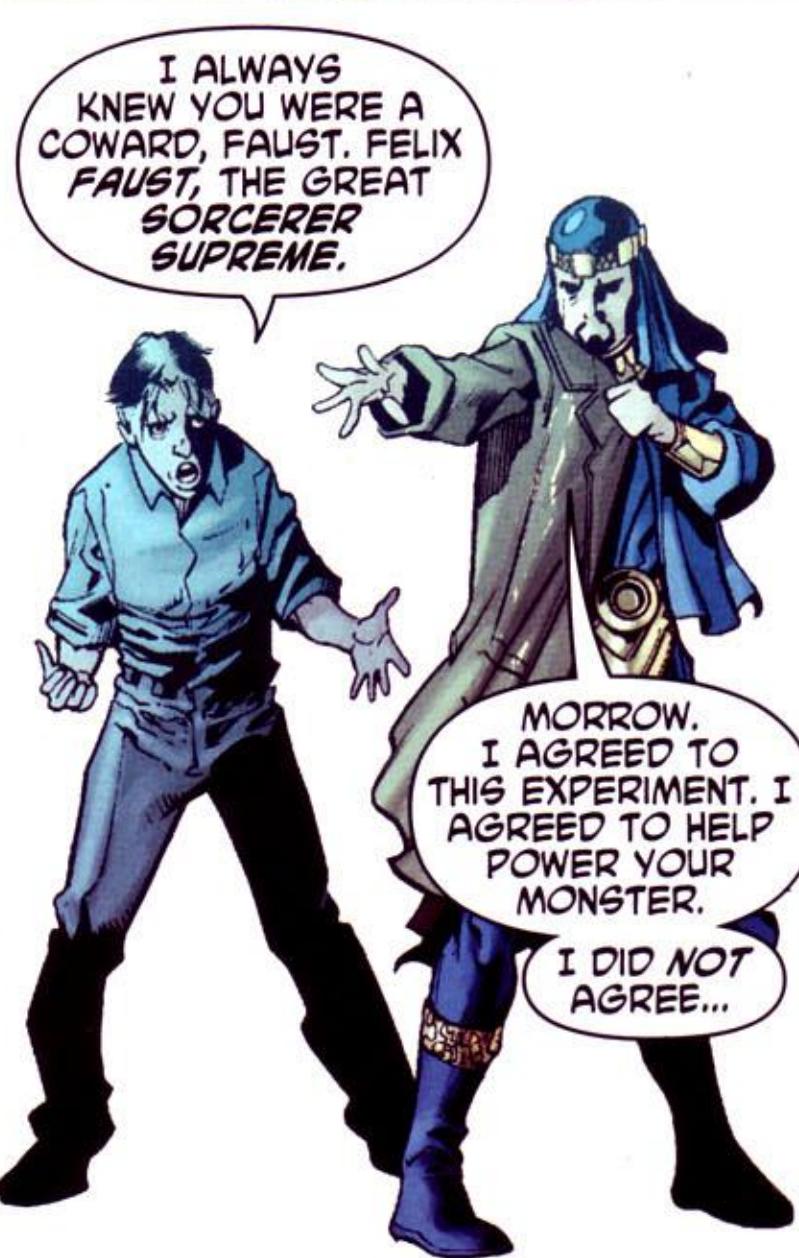
I HAVE NO
PLACE IN THIS
WORLD BUT BY
YOUR SIDE.

YOU
ARE HOME,
AMAZON.
HOME.

WHAT OF US,
HIPPOLYTA?









I'VE
BEEN POLITE,
PROFESSOR.
UNTIL NOW.

WHERE IS
GENOCIDE?

SHE...
PROFESSOR
MINERVA.
CHEETAH.

SHE
HAD THIS,
THIS GOD-
FORSAKEN
PLAN.

"SHE SAID, SHE SAID WE WOULD NEVER
HAVE PEACE IN OUR LIVES. NEVER ATTAIN
OUR GOALS, THE DUE REWARDS OF
OUR TALENT AND AMBITION.

"BECAUSE OF THE
COOPERATION, YOU SEE? WE
ARE, SHE SAID, INCAPABLE
OF WORKING TOGETHER, AND
THUS WOULD ALWAYS BE AT
A DISADVANTAGE AGAINST
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

"WE NEEDED
SOMETHING
TO DO
OUR KILLING
FOR US.

"SHE BROUGHT US
THIS BODY. EVEN IN
DEATH, IT PULSATED
WITH ENERGY. IT
ACTUALLY GLOWED.

"SHE KNEW THINGS...
SHE'S BEEN IN THE
MOST SPIRITUALLY
CORRUPT PITS
AND TOMBS ON
EARTH. SHE SAID
IT WOULD TAKE
SCIENCE AND
MAGIC TO MAKE
OUR WEAPON.

"SHE PLAYED
ON OUR VANITY.

"SHE SAID WE WEREN'T ENOUGH TO
POWER THE THING. WE NEEDED THE HATE
AND PAIN AND FEAR... WHAT SHE CALLED
'HUMANITY'S ONLY REAL LEGACY.'

"GENOCIDES, PRINCESS. WE USED
THE DIRT WHERE DICTATORS HAD
KILLED MILLIONS, ALL OVER THE
WORLD. MANY MILLIONS. RWANDA,
DARFUR, CAMBODIA... ON AND ON.

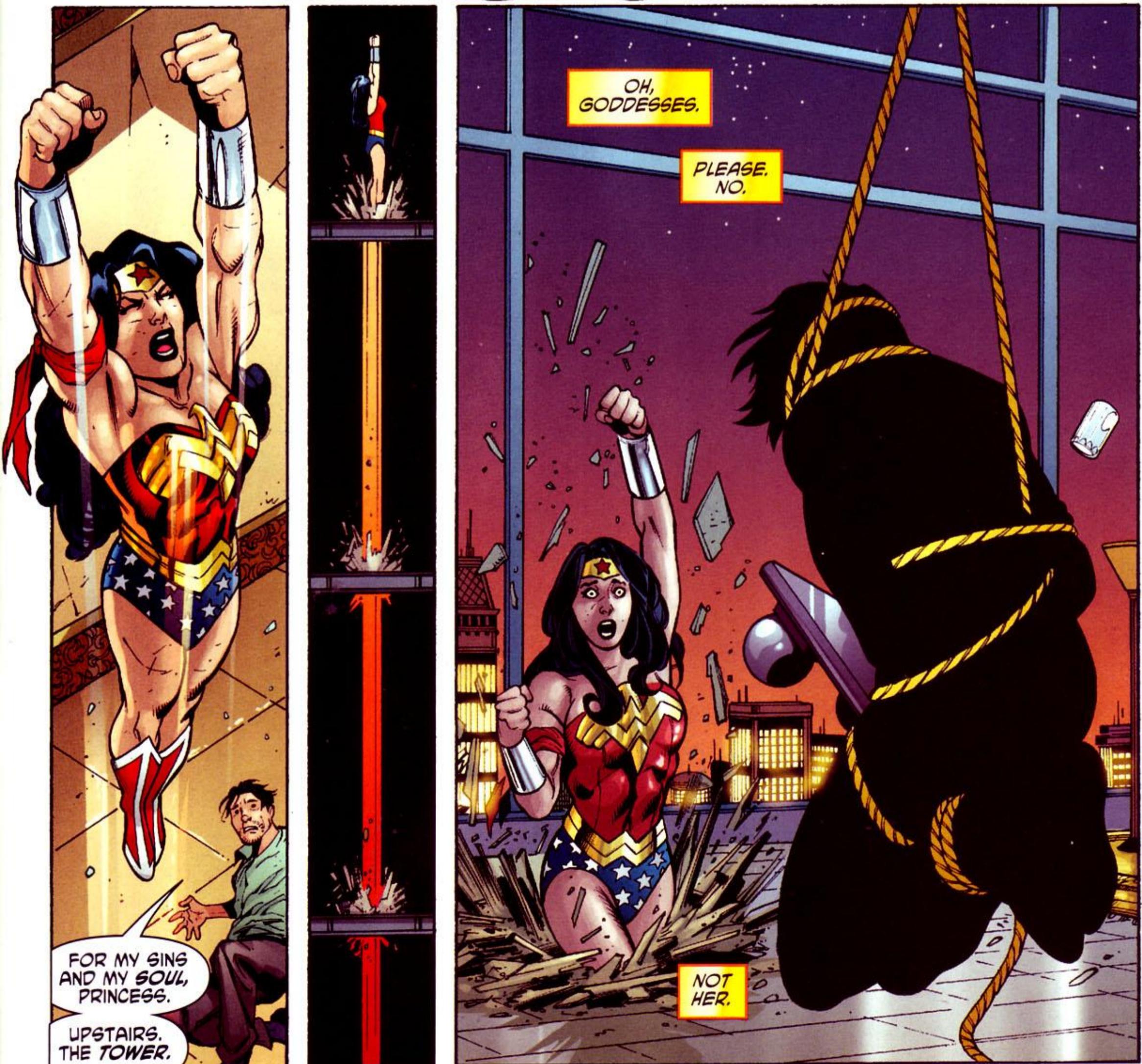
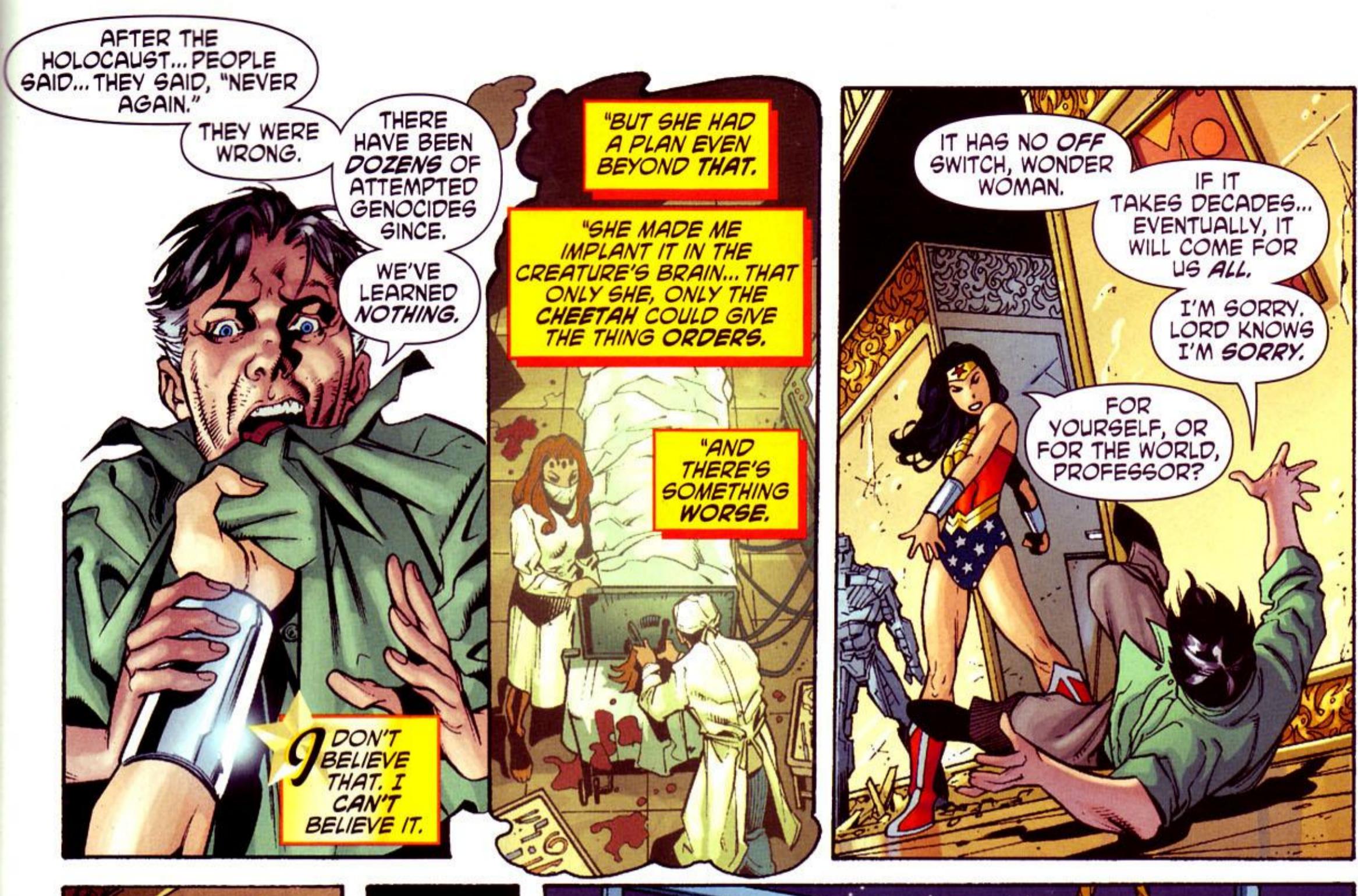
"WE MADE
THEM PART OF
THE BEAST."

FOR
GOD'S SAKE,
SHE'S NOT EVEN
LOOKING. YOU
COULD DESTROY
HER WHILE HER
BACK IS
TURNED!

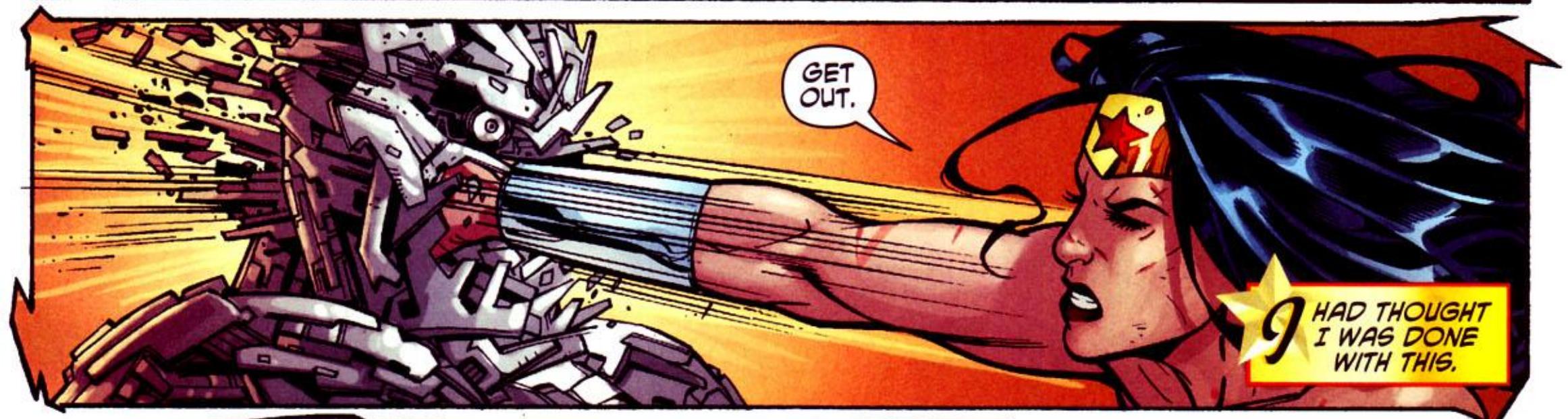
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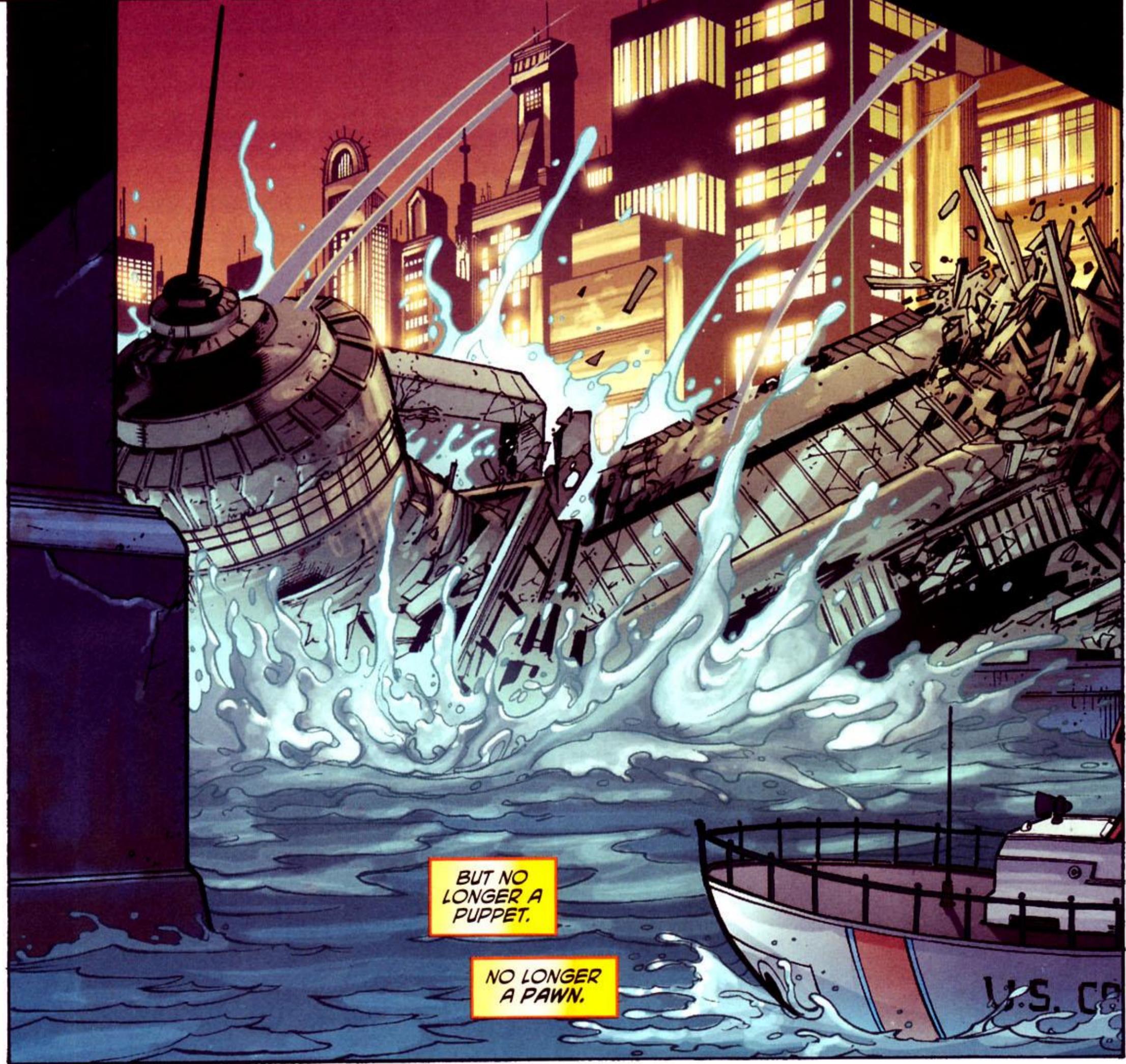
BY ALL
MEANS,
TAKE YOUR
SHOT,
GIRLY.

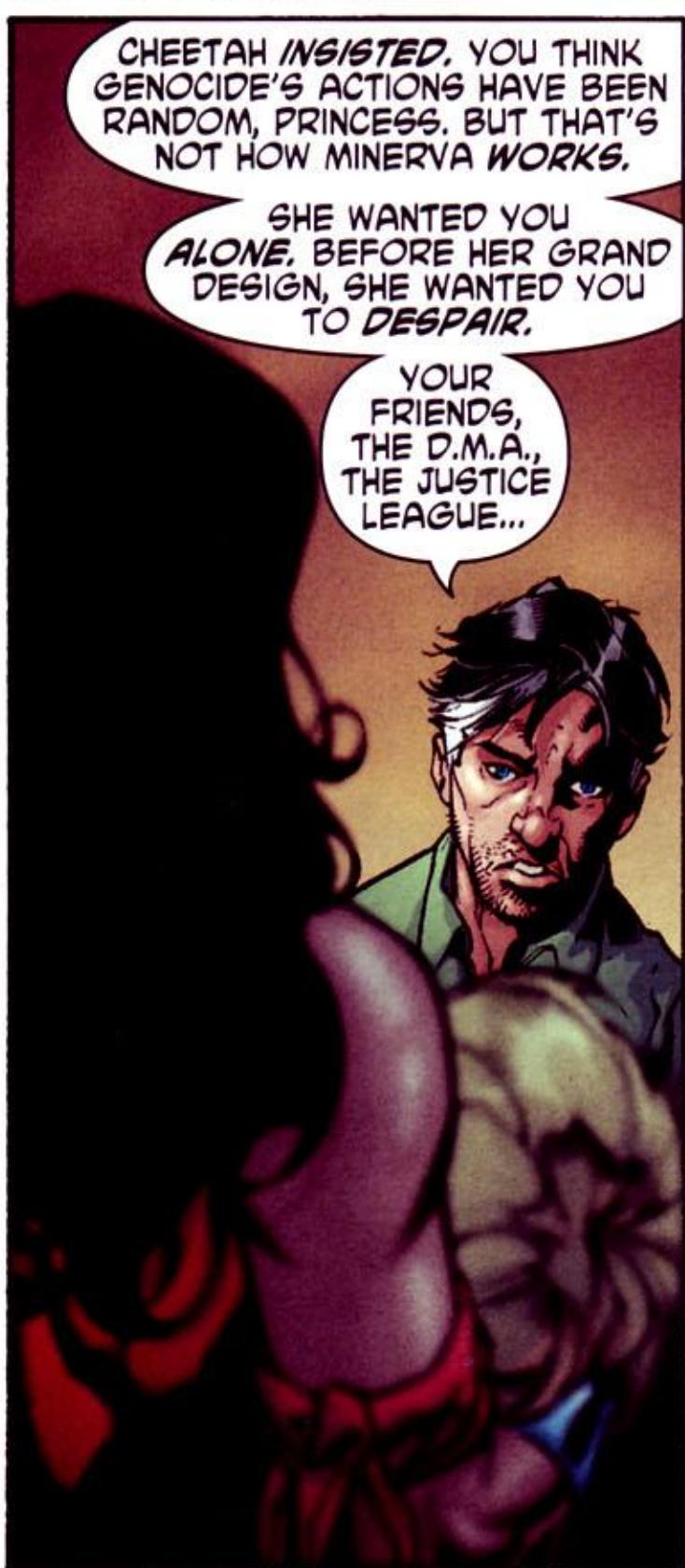




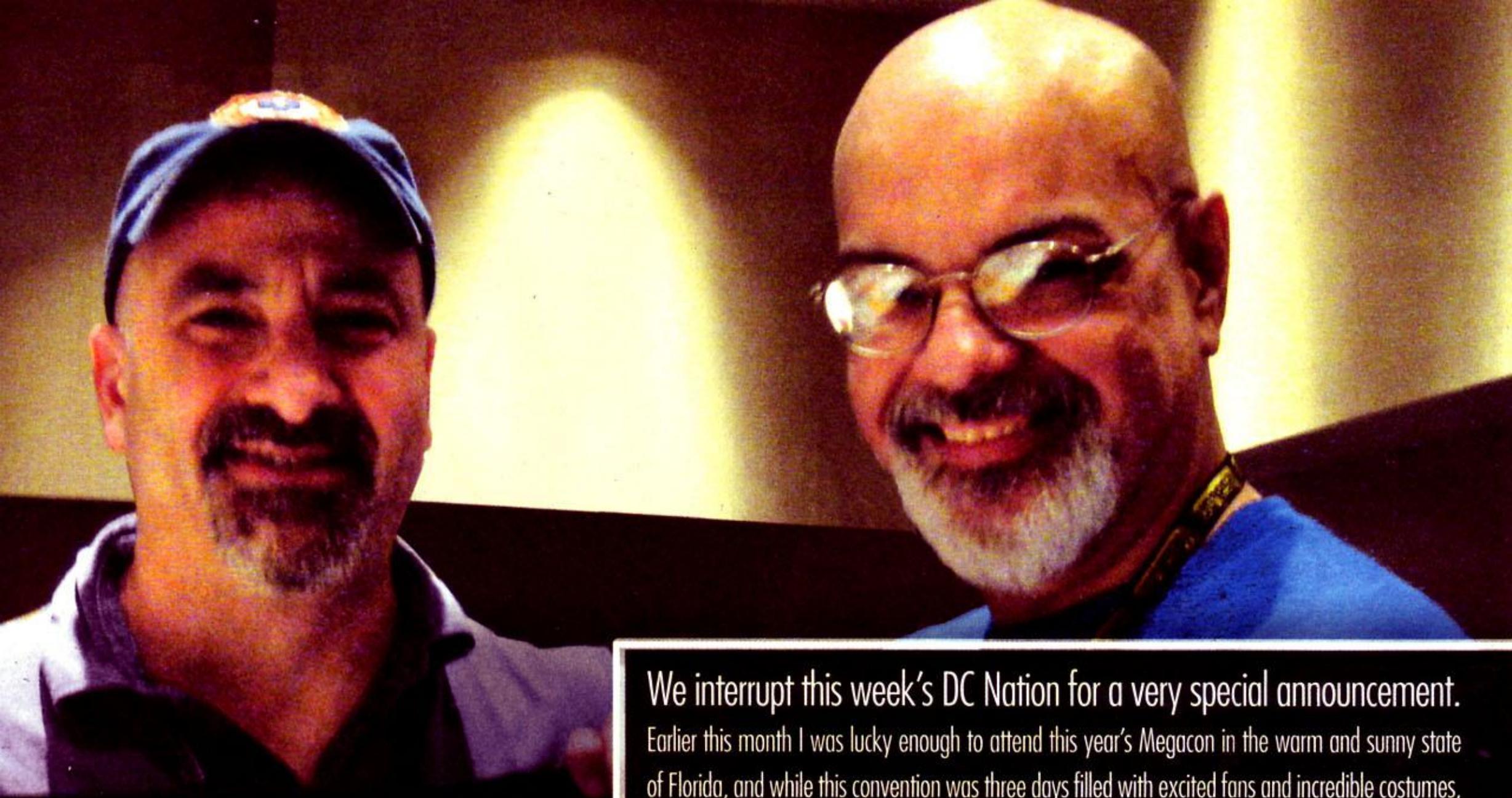






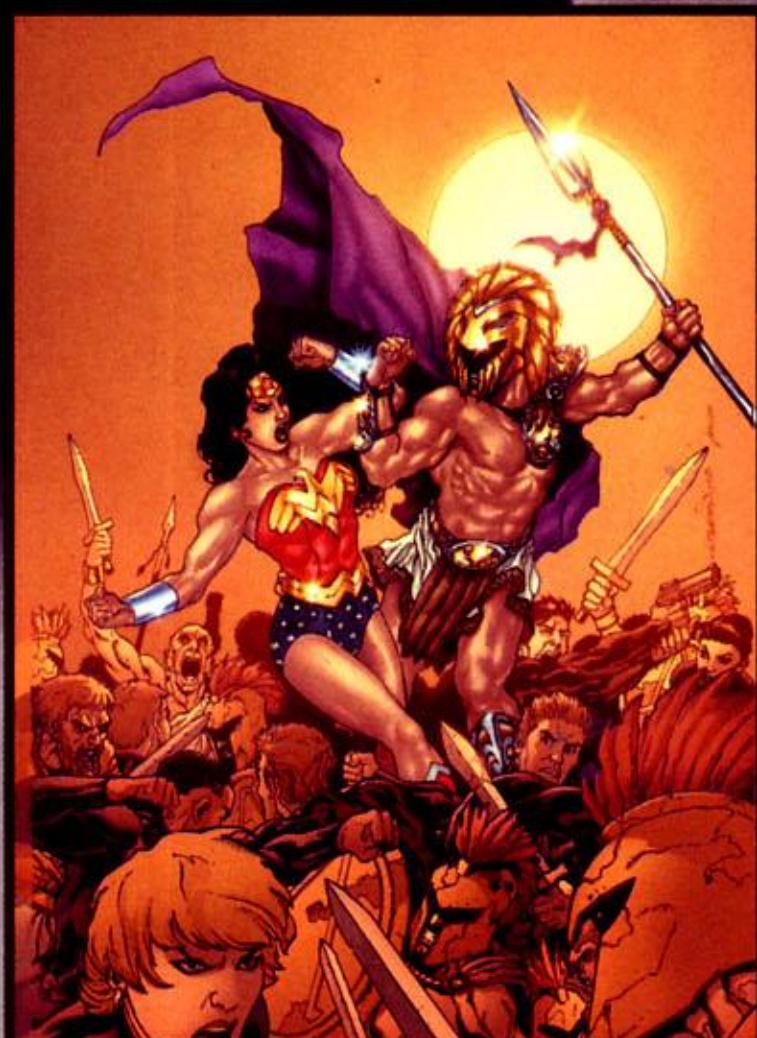


DEATH: UPRISING



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We interrupt this week's DC Nation for a very special announcement.

Earlier this month I was lucky enough to attend this year's MEGACon in the warm and sunny state of Florida, and while this convention was three days filled with excited fans and incredible costumes, the highlight of my weekend, and for many of those in attendance, was an event that took place on Saturday, February 28th.

So while many of you were quietly welcoming in the new month, the people of Orange County, Florida were dedicating that day to one of their own. In recognition for all his accomplishments, both charitable and in the field of comics, the mayor of Orange County, Richard T. Crotty, proclaimed February 28th George Perez Day. And it was our immense pleasure to present to George Orange County's official proclamation at the start our DC Universe panel on March 1st.

Organized by the folks of Heroes Initiative and his lovely wife Carol (they had been planning this for months), this event required that I be sworn to secrecy (and you all know how hard it is for me to keep a secret!) to insure that this would come as a complete surprise to George. Judging by his expression and reaction, I'd say we accomplished our task.

Now this is where it gets personal for me. First of all, George is truly one of the good people, and I can't think of many more worthy of this honor. Secondly, as a longtime fan of comics, George has always been one of my favorites. From White Tiger and "Logan's Run," through "Fantastic Four" and TEEN TITANS, and to JLA/ AVENGERS and FINAL CRISIS: LEGION OF THREE WORLDS, his dynamic art has always amazed and inspired me. As a matter of fact, a page of George's art was the first one I ever bought and the first autograph I ever asked for. And you know what? He was as gracious then as he is now.

In addition to his work on the printed page, George works tirelessly with the Hero Initiative raising money and awareness for former comic creators less fortunate than he.

So while we take a day to celebrate all that he has accomplished, let's remember there is more great work to come.

Congratulations to the man and his day.

To be continued.

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