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WONDER WOMAN

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THE CAT
COMES
BACK!

RUCKA
RICHARDS
SNYDER



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TASKFORCE HERODOTUS,
JEFFERSON STRIKE GROUP.

ATLANTIC OCEAN, 17 KM
ESE THEMYSIRA.

VN-80, USS
THOMAS
JEFFERSON.

ETTA,
YOU SAW THE
FOOTAGE?

JAY 303.

ABOUT
WONDER WOMAN?
YES, SIR.

NOT
GOOD.

IT GETS
WORSE. THESE
JUST CAME IN FROM
COMMAND...

...APPARENTLY THERE
WAS A GAP IN THEIR MASK
DURING THE NIGHT. THE KEY-
HOLES CAME BACK WITH
SOME CHOICE
IMAGES.

DAMMIT.

ARE
THOSE
ANTI-AIR
EMPLACEMENTS?

INTEL THINKS IT'S SOME
KIND OF THEMYSIRAN
MISSILE BATTERY,
YES, SIR.

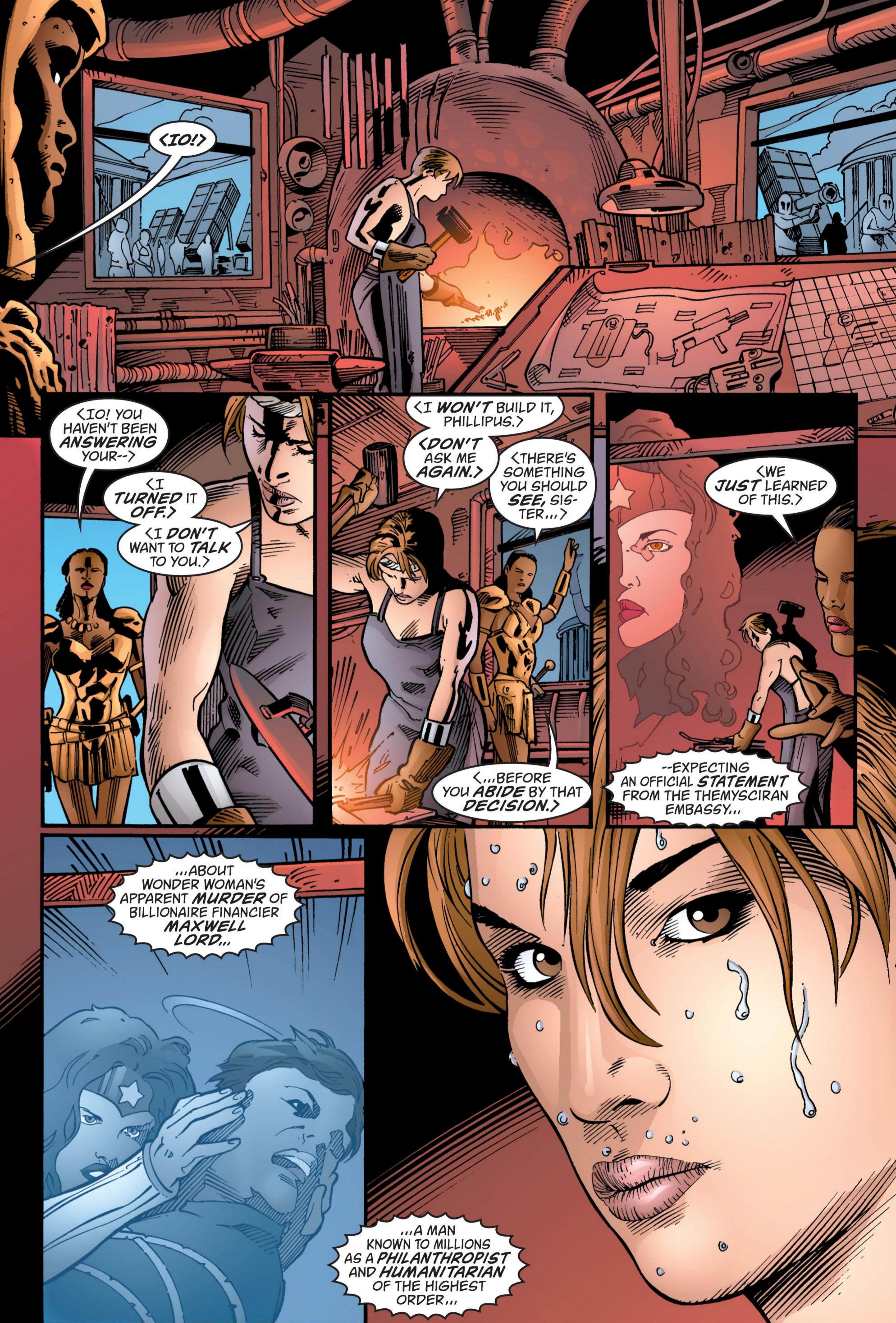
I THOUGHT
YOU KNEW THESE
WOMEN, ETTA. I THOUGHT
YOU SAID THEY WERE
DEDICATED TO
PEACE.

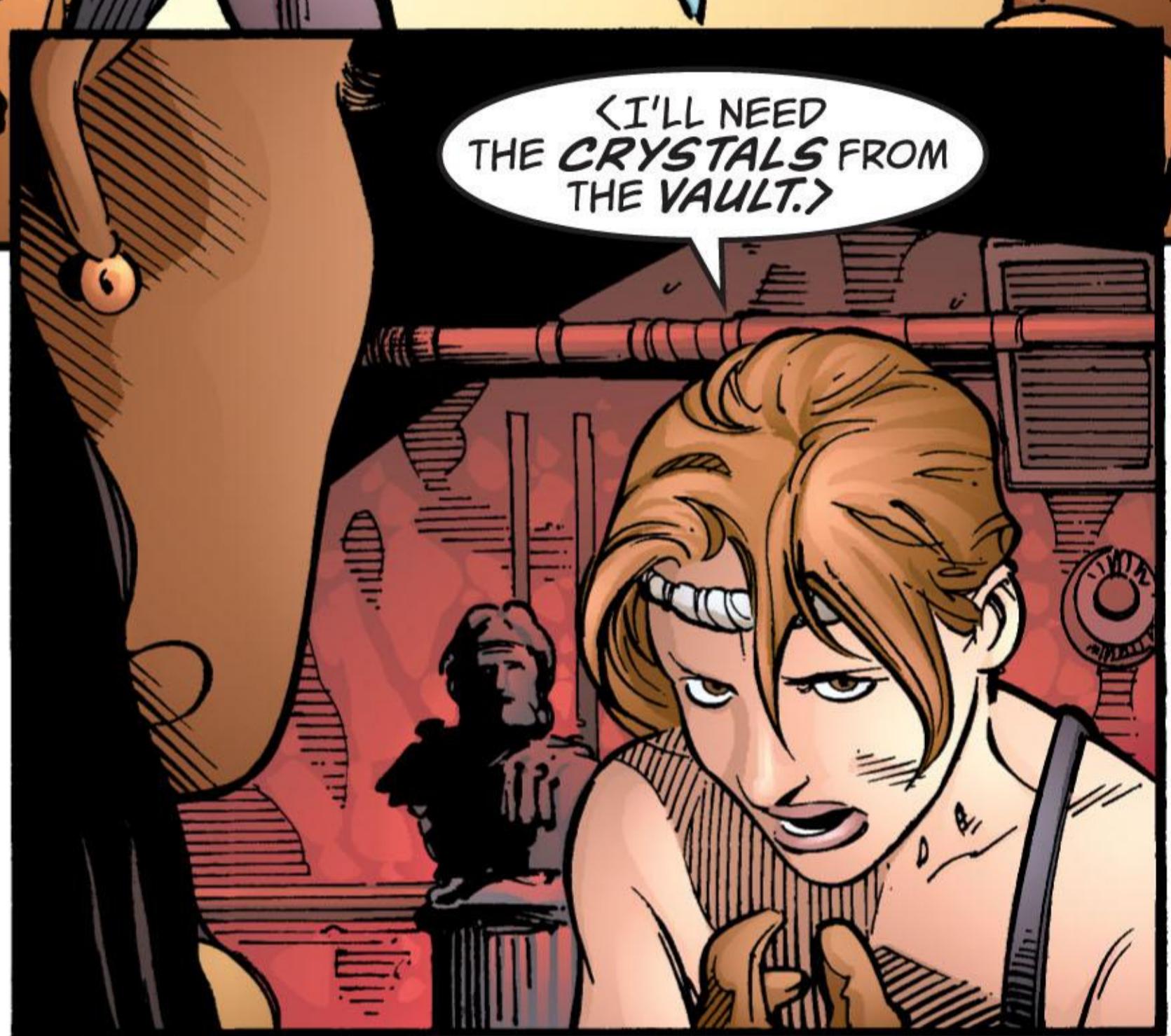
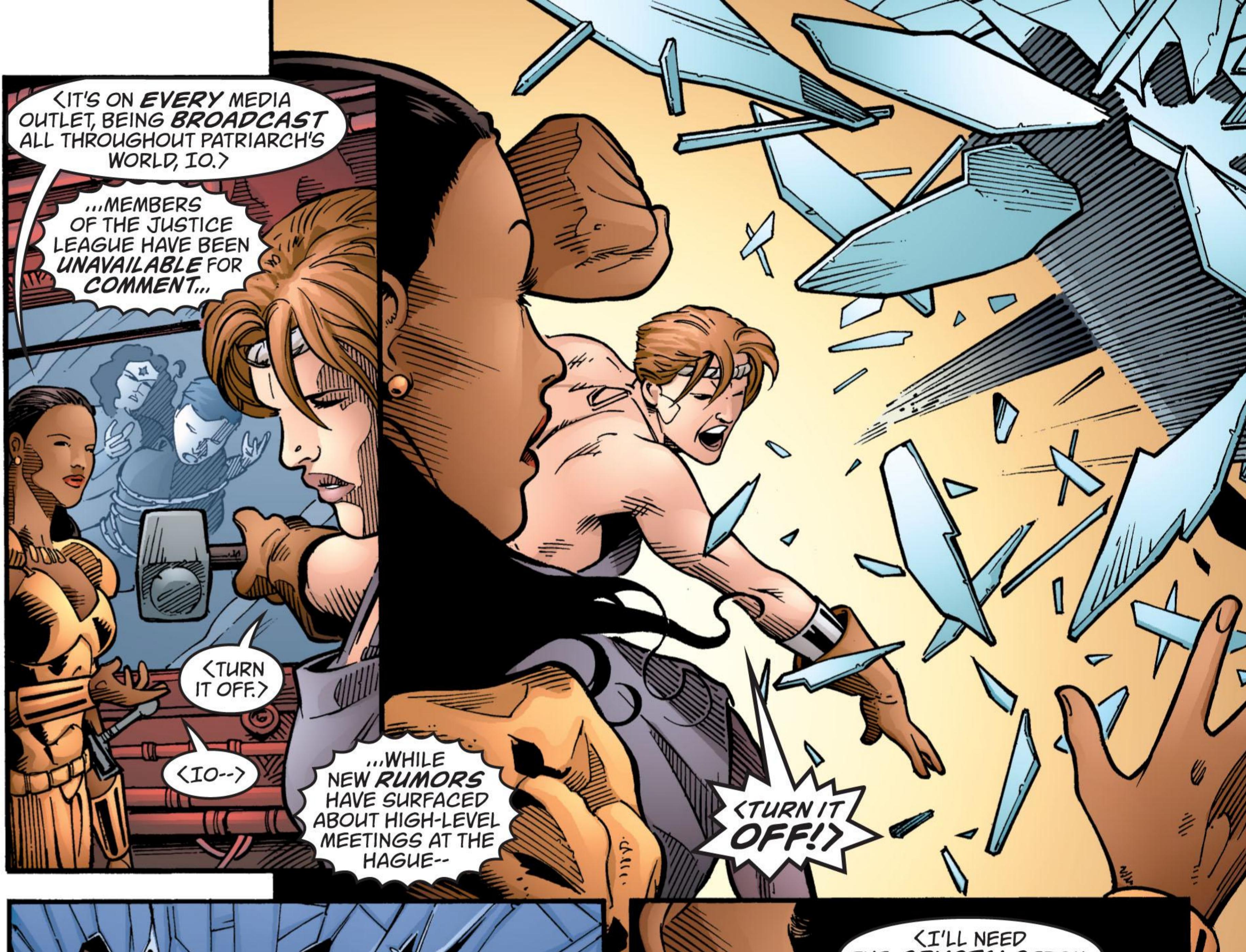
THEY
ARE.

THEN WHY
IN HELL DOES IT
LOOK LIKE THEY'RE
ABOUT TO GO TO
WAR?









THEY BEGGED
ME FOR MERCY.

AND WHEN THAT
DIDN'T COME, THEY
PRAYED TO THEIR
GOD.

THEY SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BETTER.

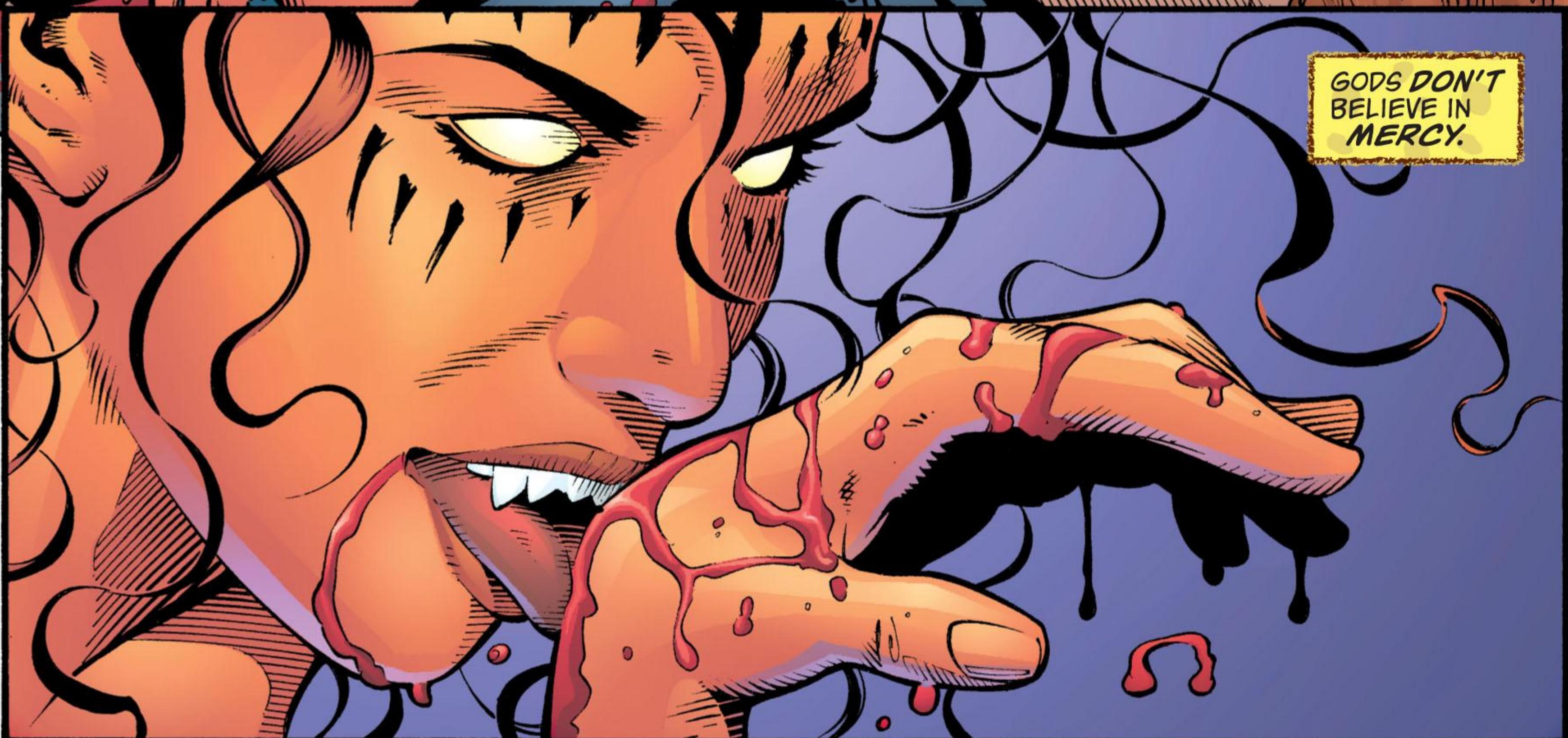
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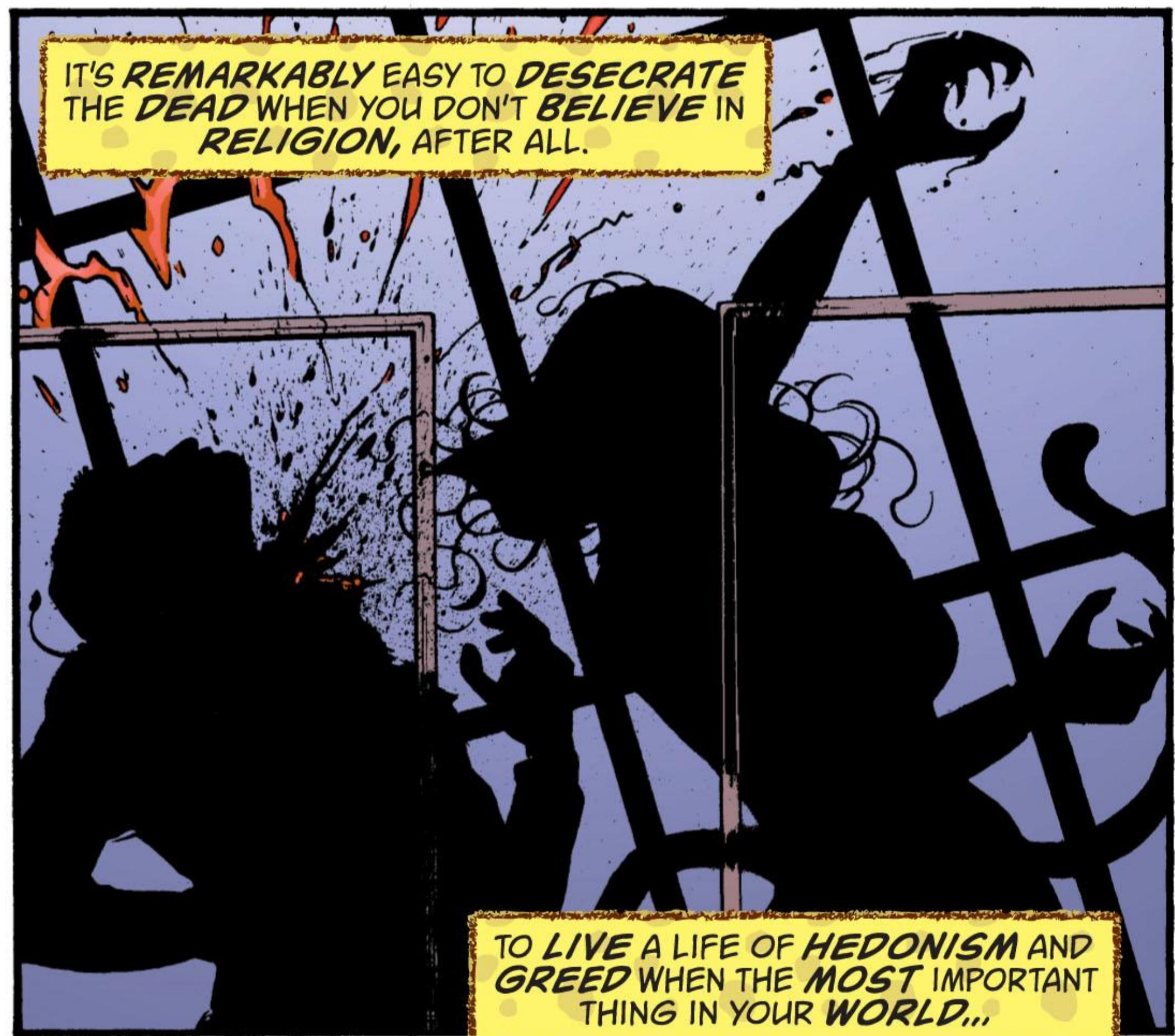
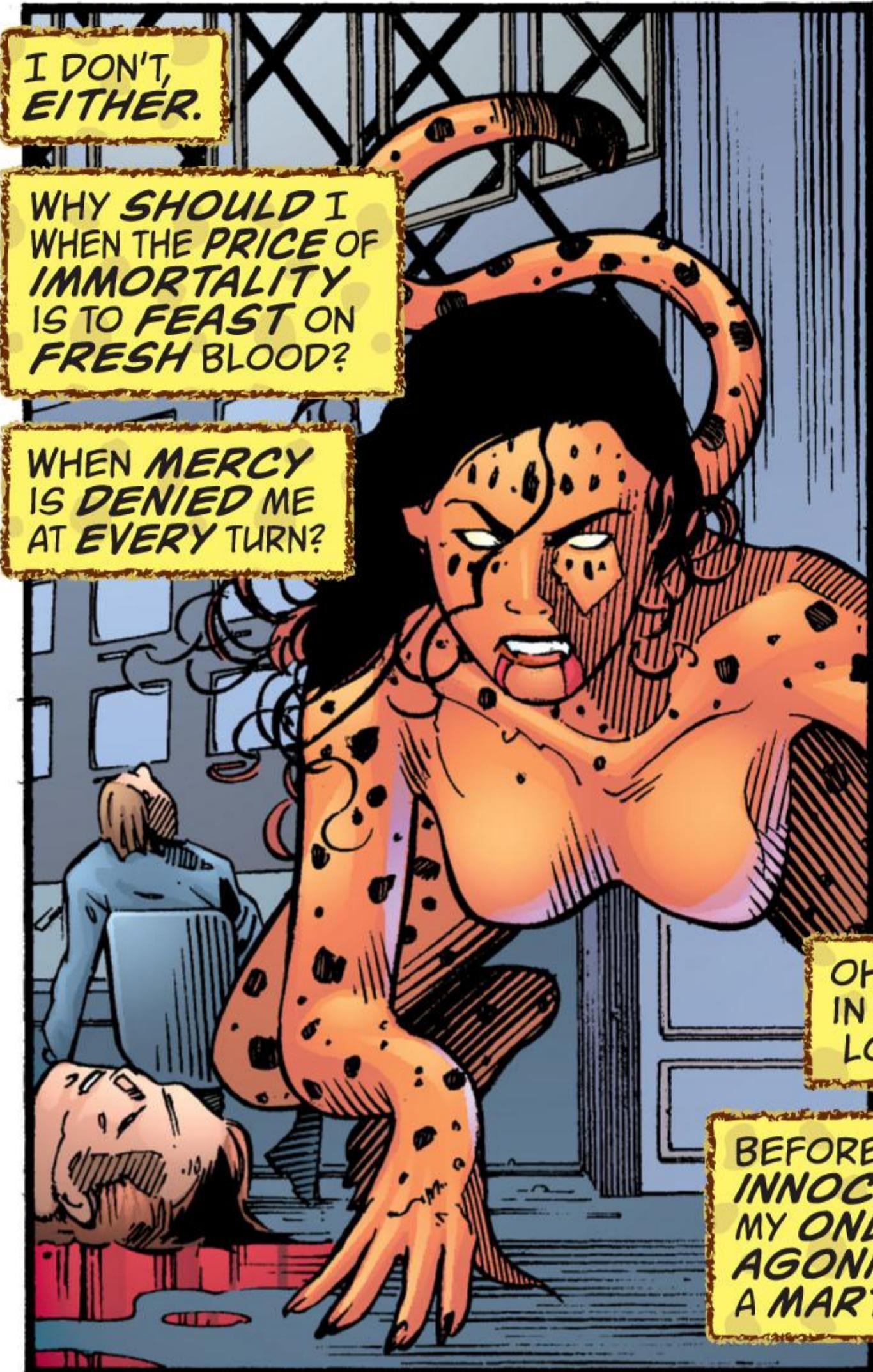
Greg Rucka: writer
Cliff Richards: pencils
Ray Snyder: inks
Richard and Tanya
Horie: colors
Todd Klein: letters
Ivan Cohen: editor

Wonder Woman
created by William
Moulton Marston



GODS DON'T
BELIEVE IN
MERCY.





YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN ME THEN,
AMAZON. TRULY SEEN ME AS I WAS...

MADAME
AMBASSADOR!
MADAME AMBAS-
SADOR!

--YOUR DECISION
TO SURRENDER YOURSELF
TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL
COURT HERE IN THE HAGUE, OR
WERE YOU COMPELLED
BY--

<--AS AN
AMBASSADOR
PROVIDING DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY-->

--LEAGUE'S
RESPONSE TO YOUR
ACTIONS? WILL YOUR
MEMBERSHIP BE
REVOKED?

<--MURDERED
MAXWELL LORD, CAN
YOU POSSIBLY
JUSTIFY-->

...BECAUSE I TRULY WAS
SOMETHING TO SEE.

I WAS BRILLIANT AND I
WAS BEAUTIFUL. WHEN
I ENTERED A ROOM, MEN
GREW BREATHLESS.

I WAS JUST
LIKE YOU.

--TRUE THAT
SUPERMAN
HAS PUBLICLY
DENOUNCED
YOU--

THE
AMBASSADOR
HAS NO COMMENT
AT THIS TIME.

<--ENTERING
A PLEA, OR OFFERING
A DEFENSE OF SOME
SORT?>

<--CLAIM
THAT THE AMAZONS
ARE DEVOTED TO
PEACE?>

MY LOVERS WERE LEGION, THE
BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST, ALL
TOO EAGER TO PLEASE ME.

--AND
ANTI-AMAZONIAN
SENTIMENT--

AND THAT'S ONLY ONE OF
THE REASONS THAT I
HATE YOU THE WAY I DO.

WE ARE DARK MIRRORS, YOU AND I. EACH OF US GRANTED OUR GIFTS FROM ON HIGH.

...OF THEMYSCIRA HEREBY CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE IN THE FIRST DEGREE IN THE DEATH OF MAXWELL LORD, A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

MADAME AMBASSADOR, HOW DO YOU PLEAD?

BUT YOUR GODS LOVE YOU, AMAZON. THEY FAVOR AND BLESS YOU.

NOT GUILTY, YOUR HONORS.

EACH OF US APPOINTED THE CHAMPION AND PROTECTOR OF THOSE WHO INVESTED US WITH THEIR STRENGTH AND POWER.

YOU ARE THEIR CHILD, AND THEY TREAT YOU AS SUCH, REWARDING YOUR EVERY ACTION WITH GIFTS AND GLORY AND ADORATION.

WHILE MY GOD, HUSBAND, AND MASTER, URZKARTAGA, LOATHES AND DETESTS ME...

THEY WHISPER OF YOUR PURITY, AMAZON, DO YOU KNOW THAT?

I PRESUME, MISTER GARIBALDI, THAT YOUR CLIENT WILL BE OFFERING AN AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE?

YES, YOUR HONOR, AND ON THAT BASIS WE ASK THAT SHE BE RELEASED ON HER OWN RECOGNIZANCE.

OF YOUR INNOCENCE IN BOTH BODY AND SOUL.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT FOR AN INSTANT.

MISTER GARIBALDI, YOUR CLIENT IS ACCUSED OF A CAPITAL CRIME THAT WAS WITNESSED ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY EXPECT US TO ENTERTAIN YOUR REQUEST?

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS ENTERED A PLEA OF NOT GUILTY.

...PUNISHING ME AT EVERY TURN FOR BETRAYING MY MARRIAGE VOWS.

IGNORING FOR THE MOMENT THE QUESTION OF HOW THE TRIBUNAL WOULD SEEK TO INCARCERATE MY CLIENT...

I THINK YOU HUNGER FOR FLESH AS I DO...

...YOUR APPETITES AS INSATIABLE AS MY OWN...

THAT WAS MY SIN, AFTER ALL,
THE ONE THAT DAMNED ME.

THE ONE THAT BROUGHT ME
TO MY HATED HUSBAND'S
TEMPLE IN AFRICA.

FACE TO FACE WITH
HIS PRIEST, CHUMA,
AND THE TRUTH OF
THE JUNGLE OF THE
CAT-GOD.

URZKARTAGA'S BRIDE
WAS DEAD, THE CHEETAH
WHO HAD SERVED AND
HONORED HIM FOR
CENTURIES. HE SOUGHT
A NEW BRIDE.

AND WHEN CHUMA TOLD ME
THAT A BLOOD SACRIFICE
WAS NEEDED TO APPEASE
URZKARTAGA, I WAS EAGER
ENOUGH TO OBEY.

AND I SOUGHT
IMMORTALITY.

THAT WAS
MY SIN,
AMAZON.

GREED.

EAGER TO
DEMON-
STRATE
TO HIM MY
NEW DEVO-
TION WITH
MURDER.

GREED IS POWERFUL FUEL,
AMAZON, I'M SURE YOU KNOW.

IF ONE IS GREEDY
ENOUGH, ONE IS WILL-
ING TO DO ANYTHING.

ONE IS WILLING TO
DO EVERYTHING.

WITHOUT THOUGHT FOR
THE CONSEQUENCES.

WITHOUT HESITATION
OR QUESTION.

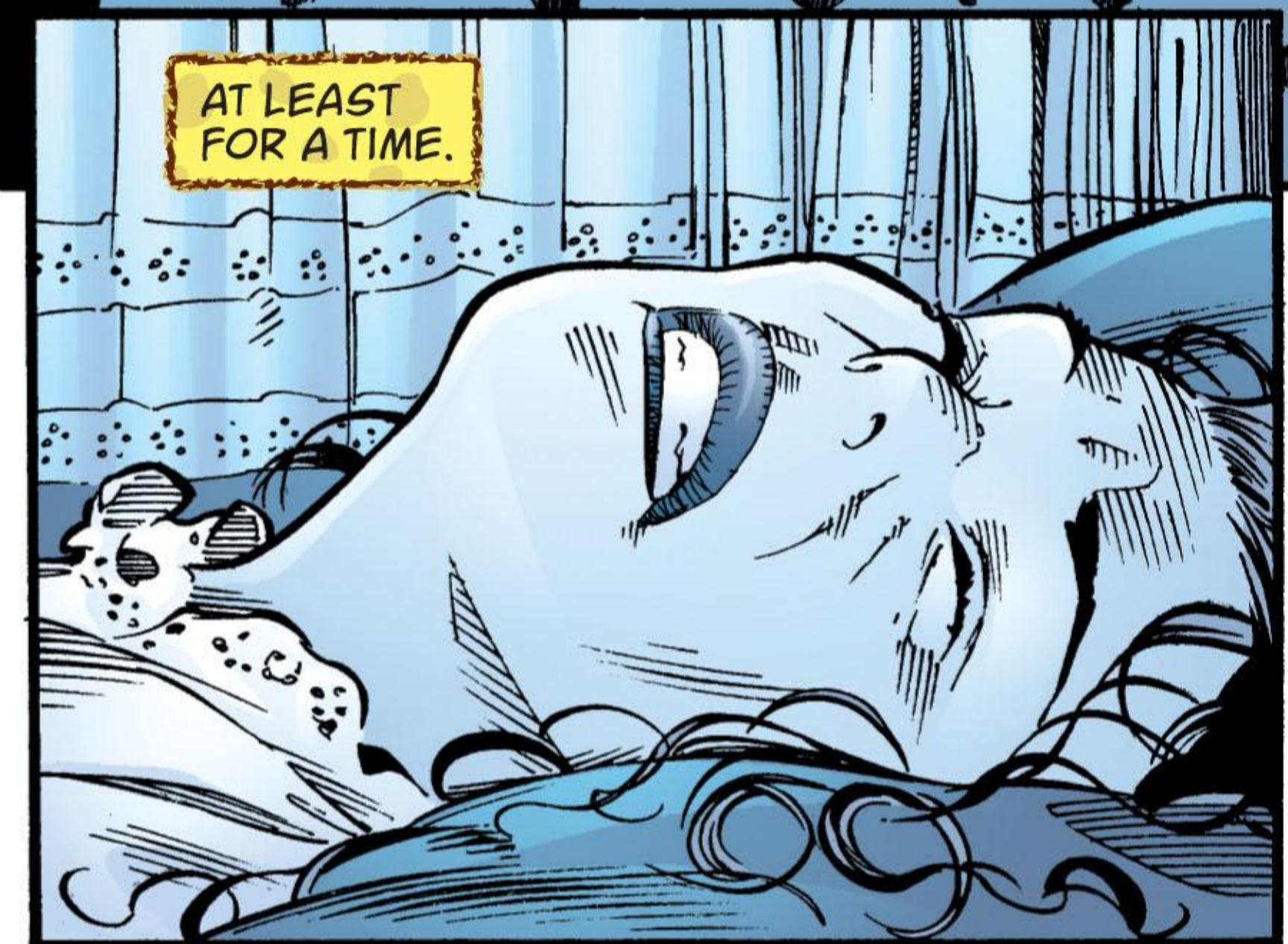
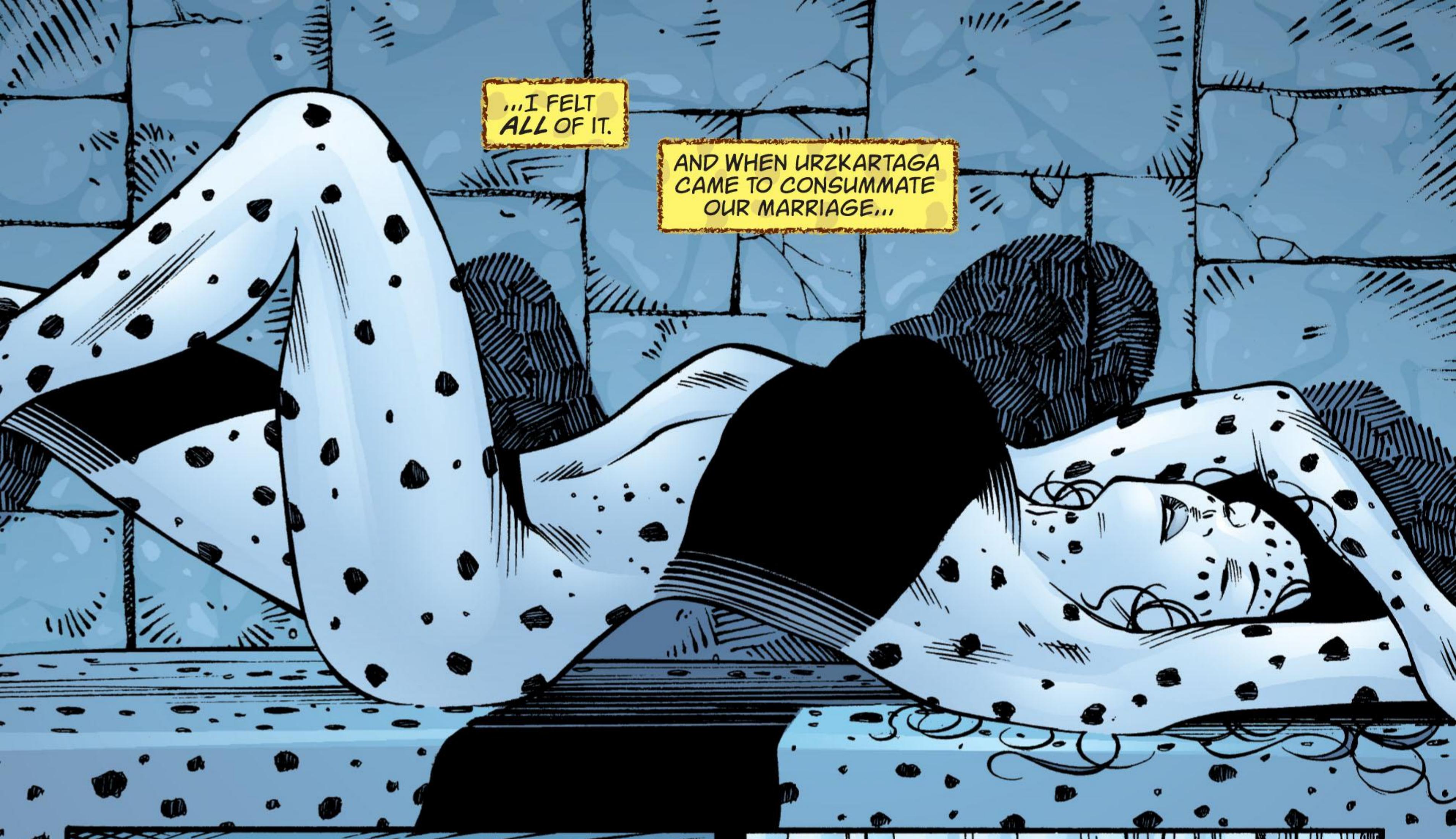
THE PRIEST LIED TO
ME, AMAZON. HE'D
SAID I WOULD FEEL
NOTHING.

I FELT
EVERY-
THING.

...THE DRYING
OF THE INK ON
MY FLESH...

EVERY CUT OF
THE KNIFE...

...EACH STING
OF THE BRUSH...



YOURS IS
PRIDE.

...THE TERMS
AS DISCUSSED ARE
SATISFACTORY, AND I AGREE
TO THEM WITHOUT
HESITATION.

EVEN NOW, EVEN
HERE, THE STINK
OF IT RISES FROM
YOU LIKE ROT.

YOU UNDERSTAND
THAT BY THE TERMS OF THIS
PAROLE YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO
REMAIN IN RESIDENCE HERE AT THE
HAGUE UNTIL YOUR TRIAL
IS RESOLVED?

THE RANK STENCH
OF YOUR ARRO-
GANCE WATING
THROUGH THE AIR
AROUND YOU.

YOU MAKE ME
WANT TO VOMIT.

I UNDERSTAND,
YOUR HONORS.

AND I GIVE
TO YOU MY WORD
THAT I SHALL ABIDE
BY THE TERMS OF MY
PAROLE TO THE
VERY BEST OF MY
ABILITIES.

YET ANOTHER
REASON WHY I
HATE YOU.

THEN
THIS TRIBUNAL IS
ADJOURNED.

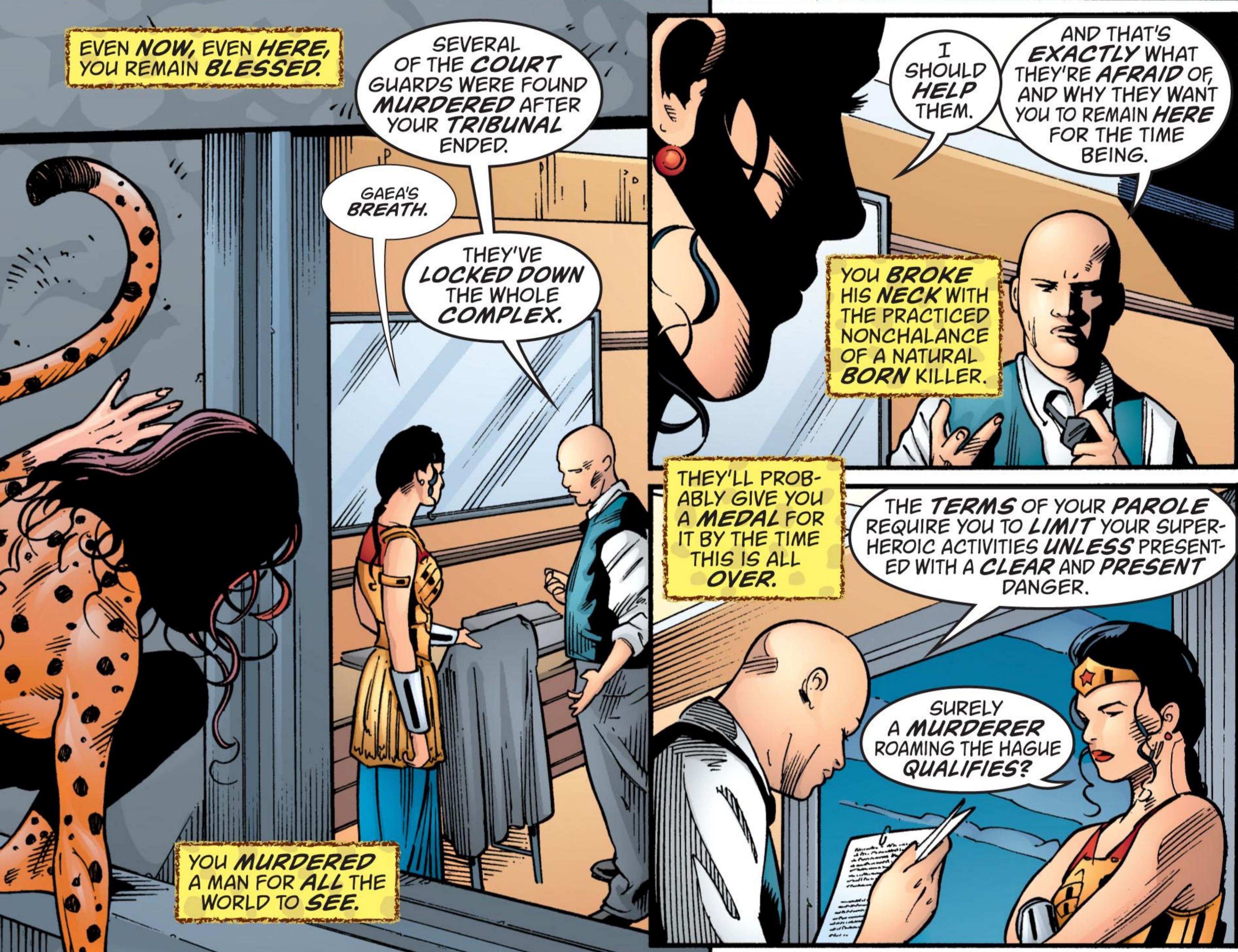
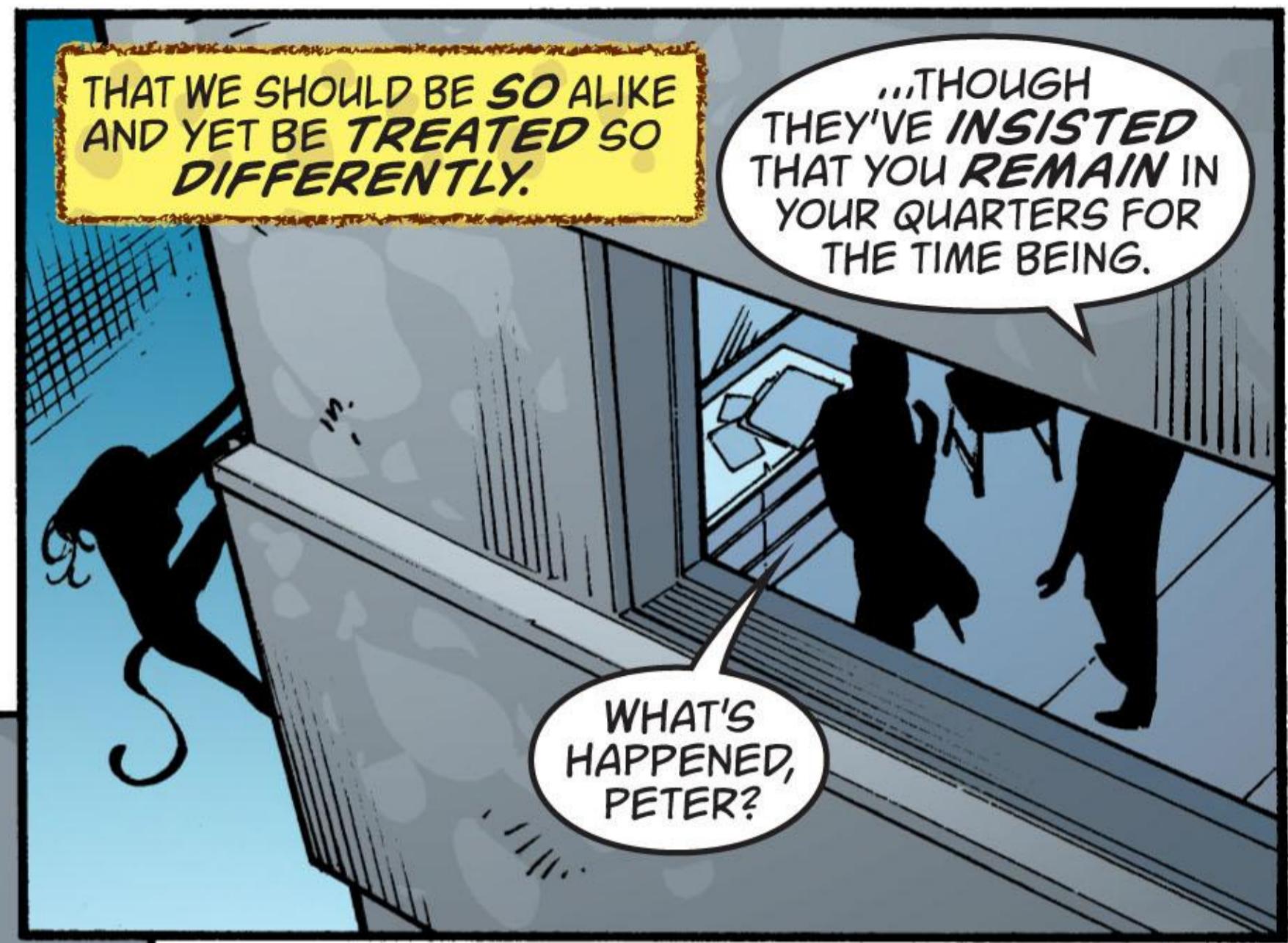
THE AMBASSADOR IS TO
BE ESCORTED IMMEDIATELY
TO HER NEW QUARTERS IN THE
DETENTION FACILITY.

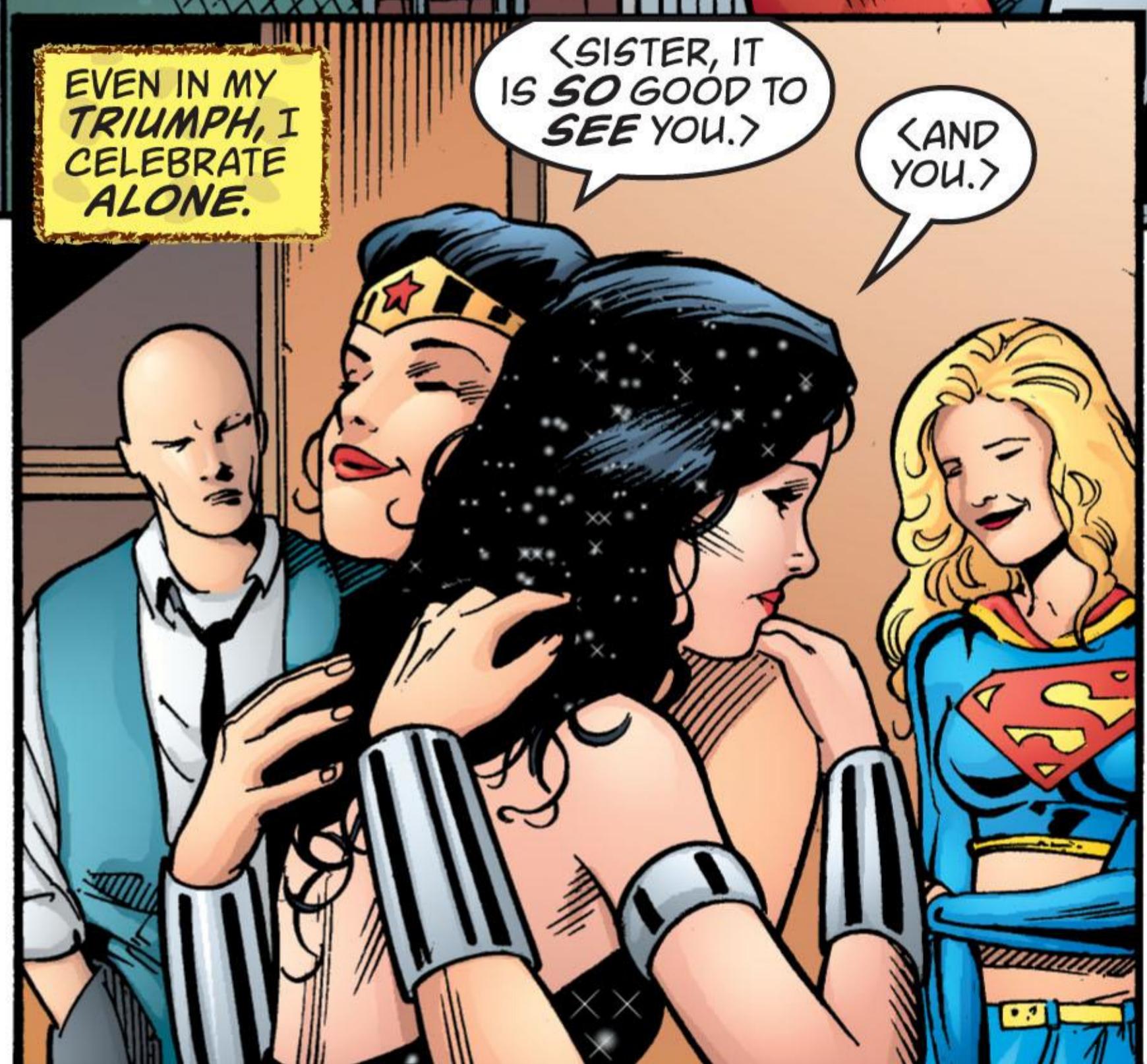
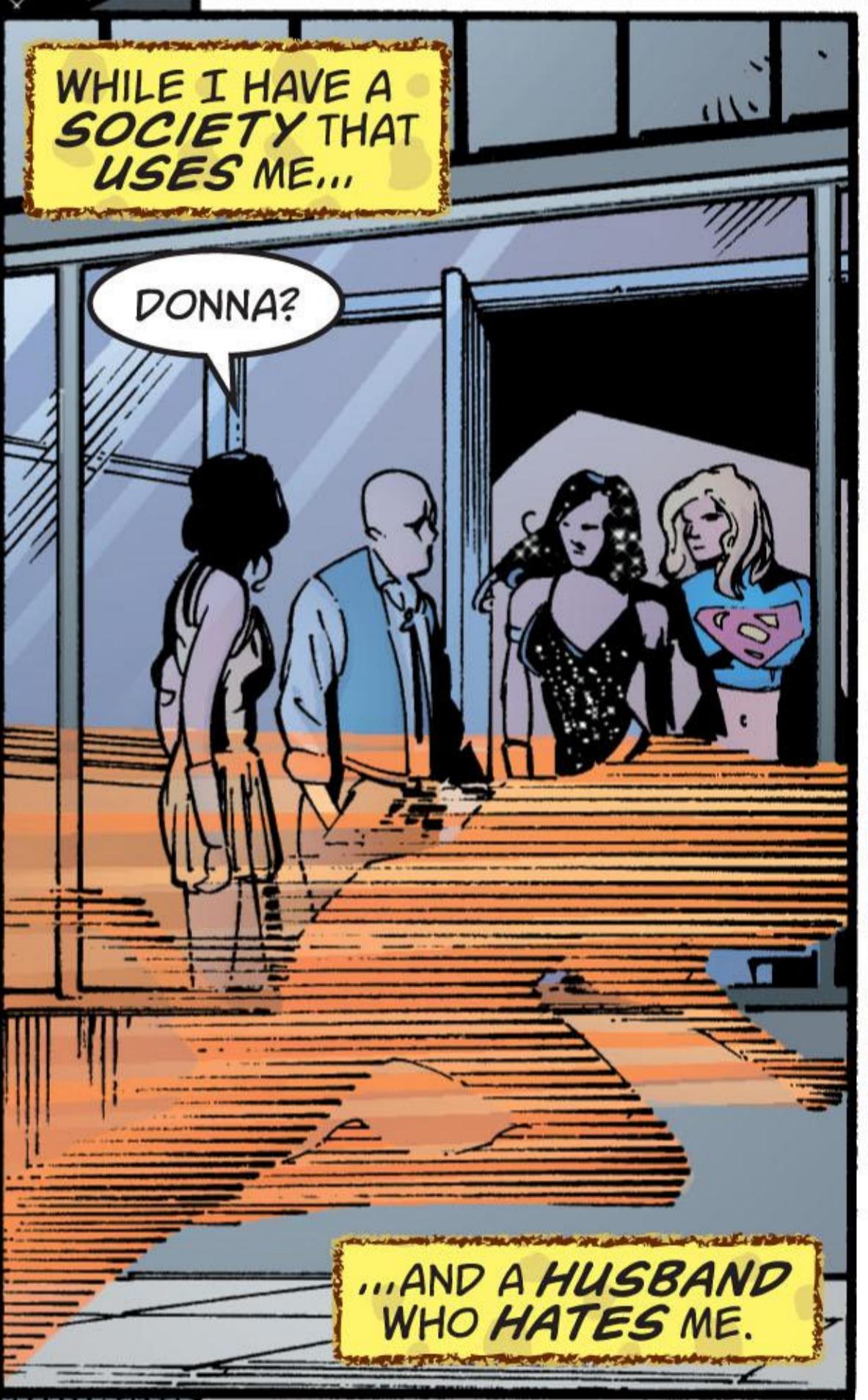
SO BEAUTIFUL AND SO WISE
AND SO GRACEFUL, AND YOU
KNOW IT, DON'T YOU?

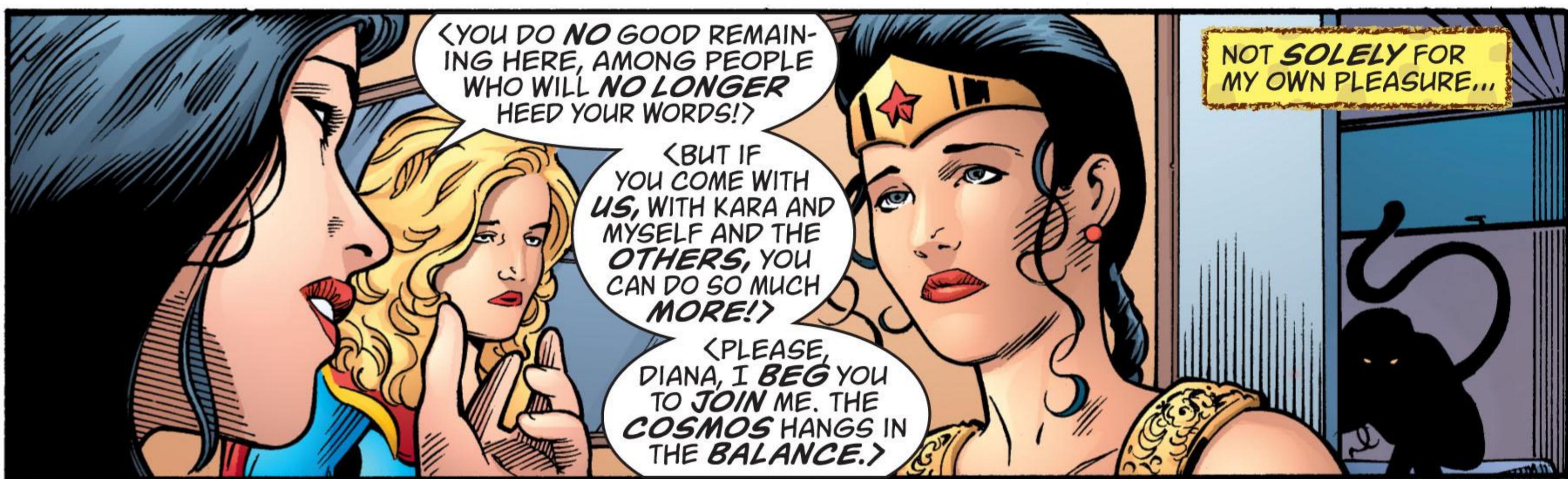
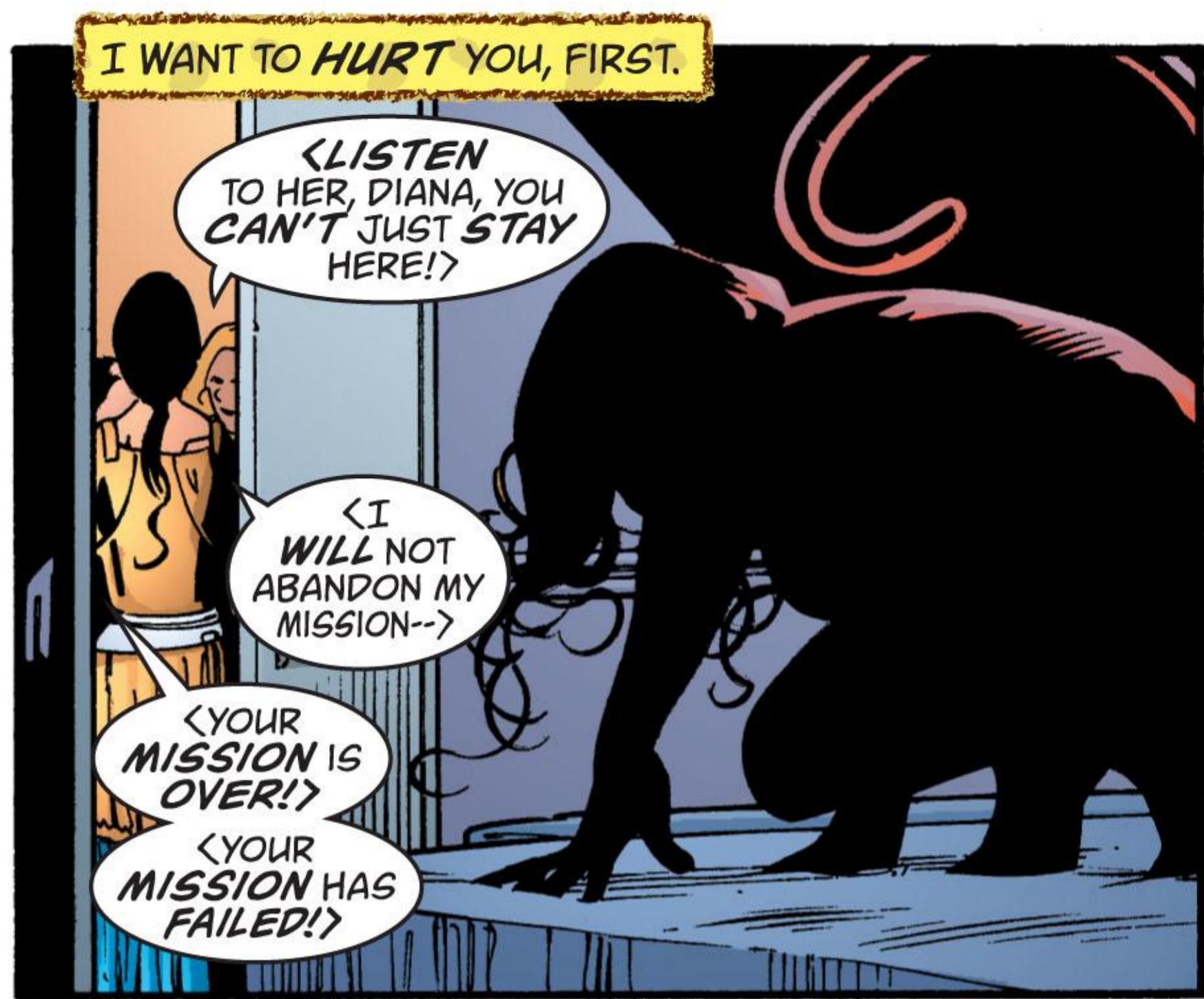
YOU ARE FLAWLESS...

...WHILE MY GOD DELIGHTS
IN DISCOVERING NEW WAYS TO
DEGRADE ME...

...ALWAYS REMINDING
ME OF MY WORTHLESS-
NESS IN HIS EYES.







AND YOU CAN BE ASSURED,
AMAZON, THAT I SHALL SHOW
YOU NONE IN RETURN.

YOUR
RESTRAINT
SURPRISES
ME.

URZKARTAGA PUNISHES
ME, CONDEMNING ME TO
EAT LIVING FLESH TO
LIVE.

EVEN MORE
SO CONSIDERING
THE MURDER OF
THE GUARDS.

AND I WONDER,
AMAZON, I HAVE
LAIN AWAKE COUNT-
LESS NIGHTS
WONDERING...

...WHAT DOES YOUR
FLESH TASTE LIKE?

DID YOU
HAVE TO KILL THEM,
BARBARA?

NO...

...I
WANTED
TO--

--THE WAY
I WANT TO KILL
YOU!

=GRRRRRRRLLLL=

IN THE PAST SHE
HAS FOUGHT WITH
HER WORDS AS
MUCH AS HER
BODY.

THIS TIME SHE
HAS NOTHING
TO SAY.

GRRRAA--

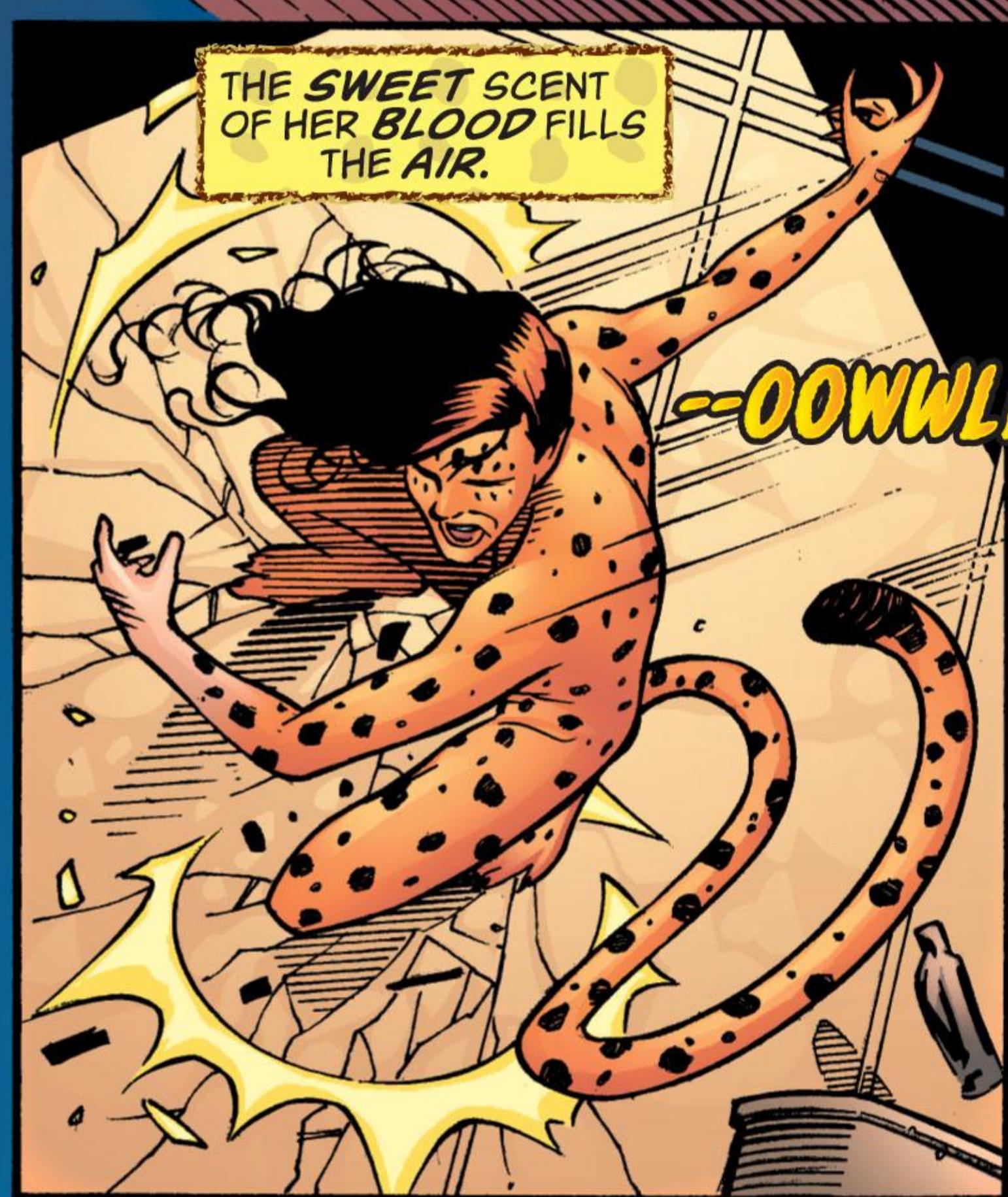
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THE SWEET SCENT
OF HER BLOOD FILLS
THE AIR.

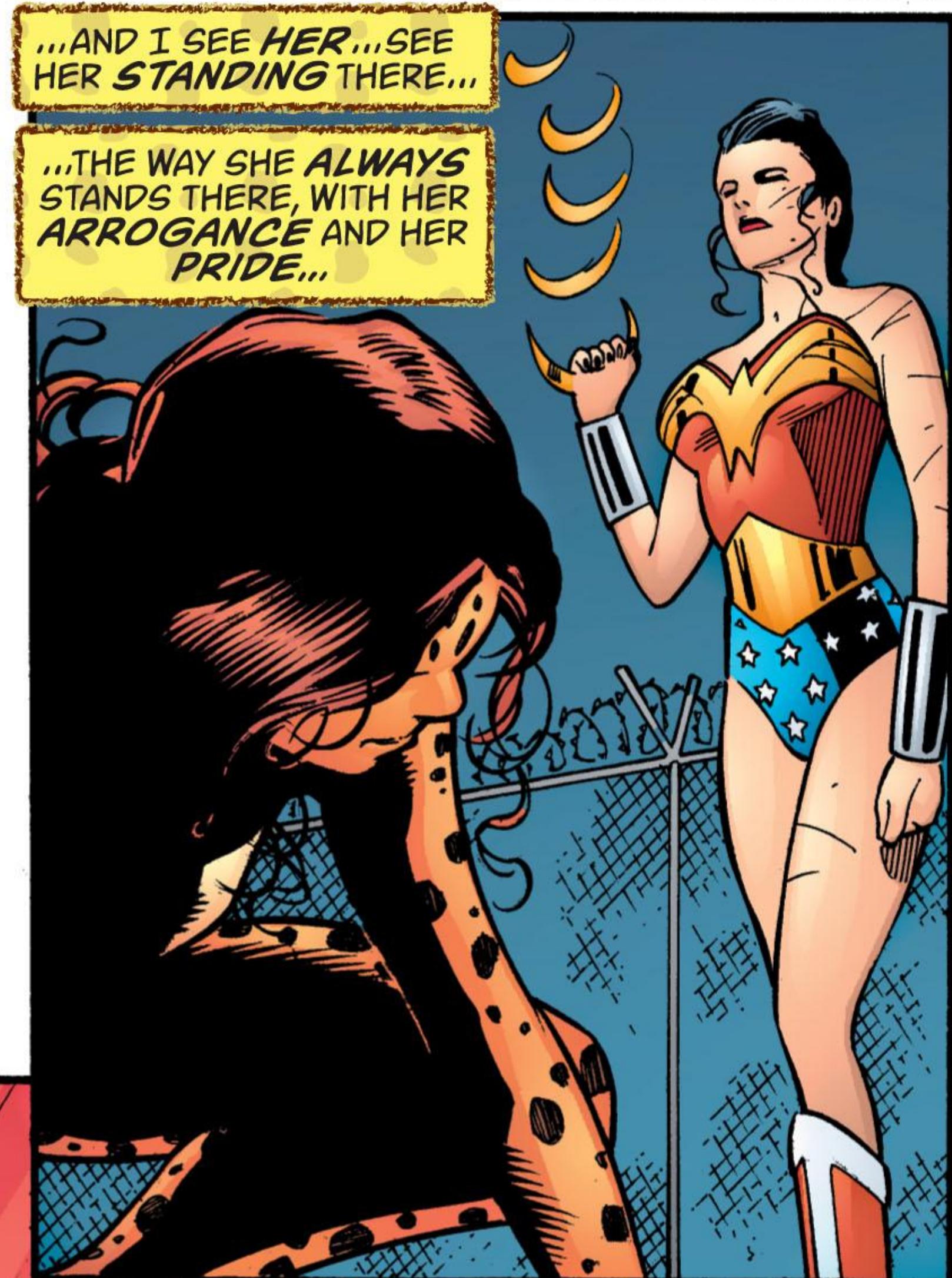
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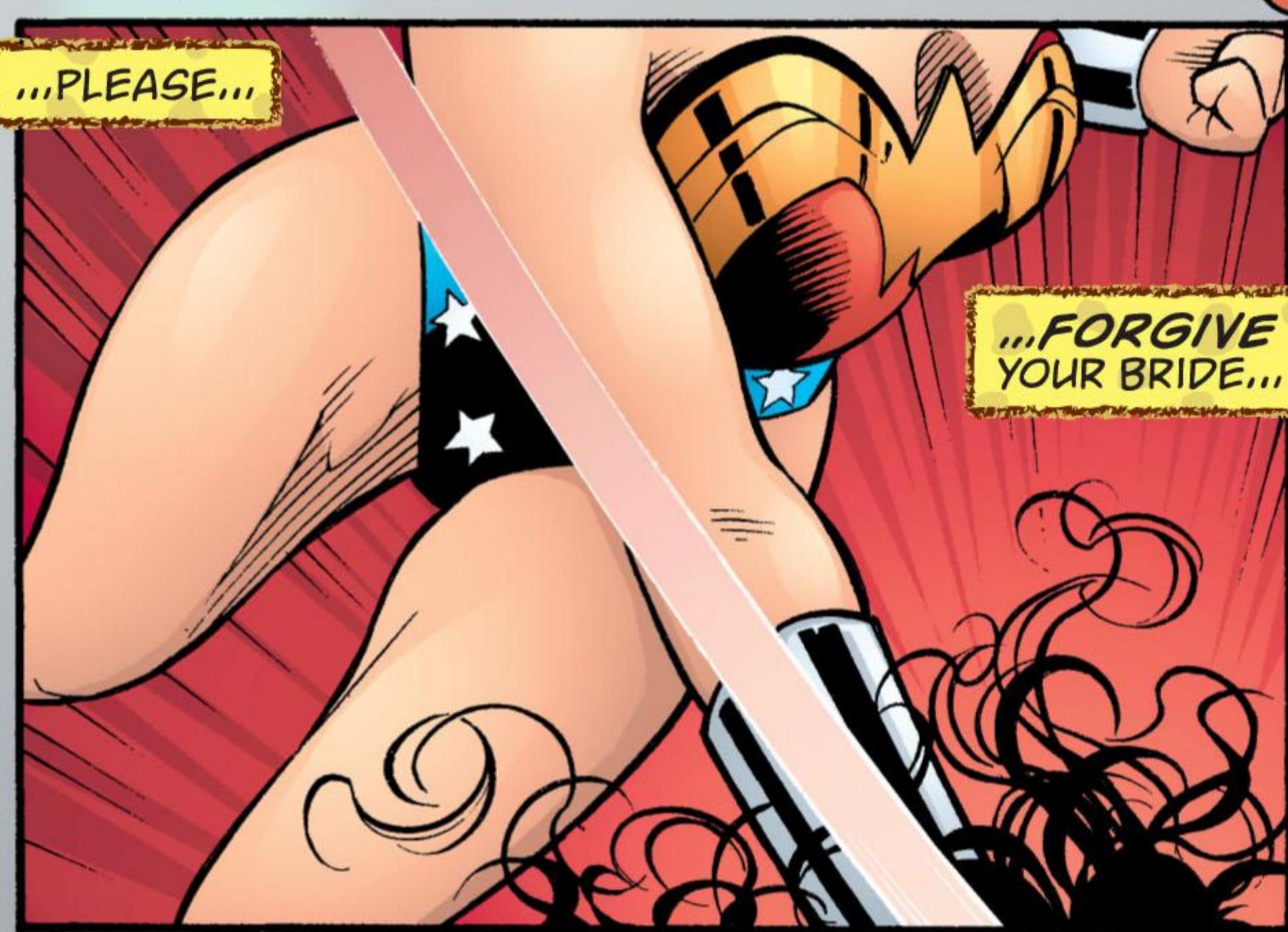
IT INTOXI-
CATES.

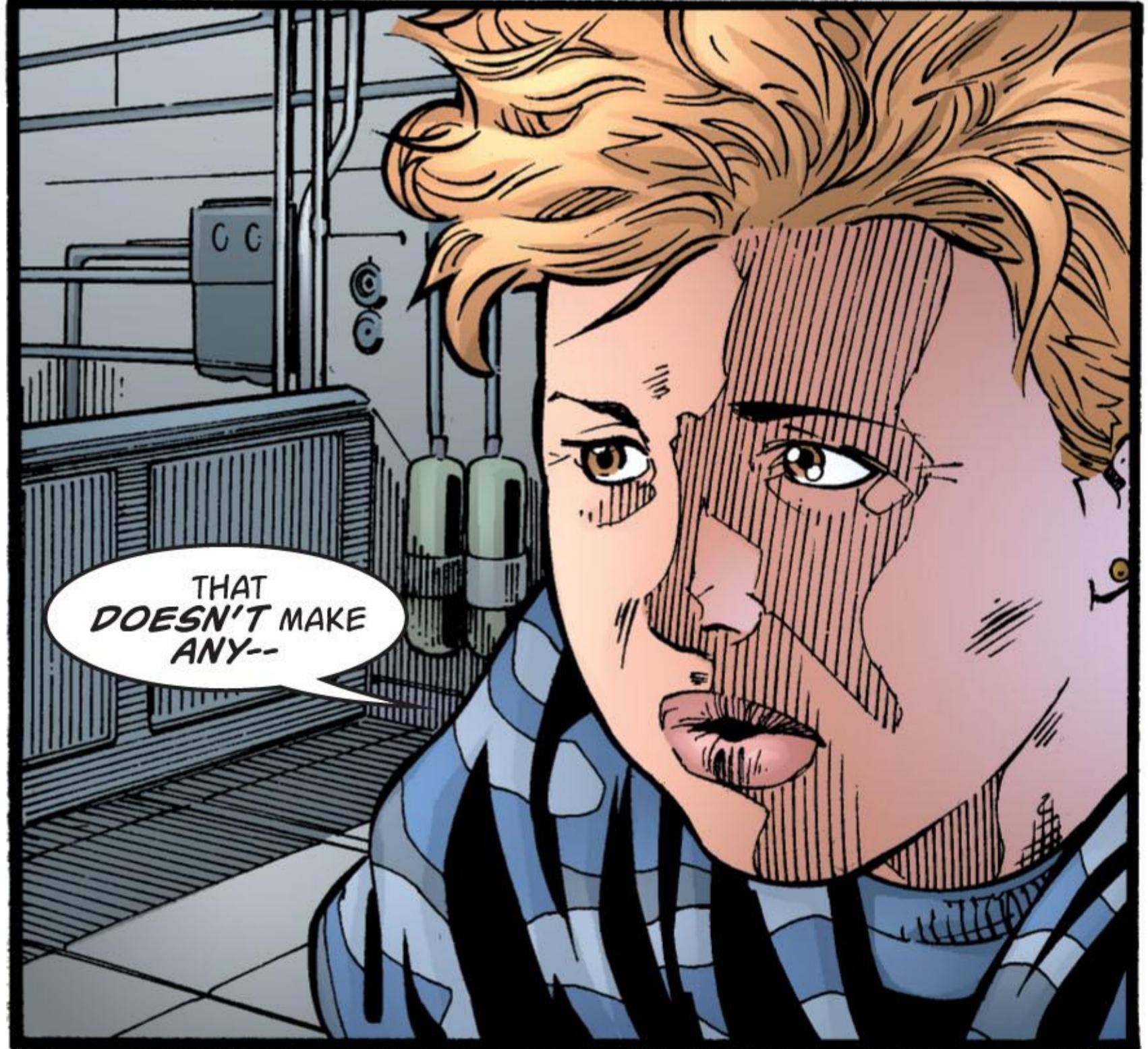
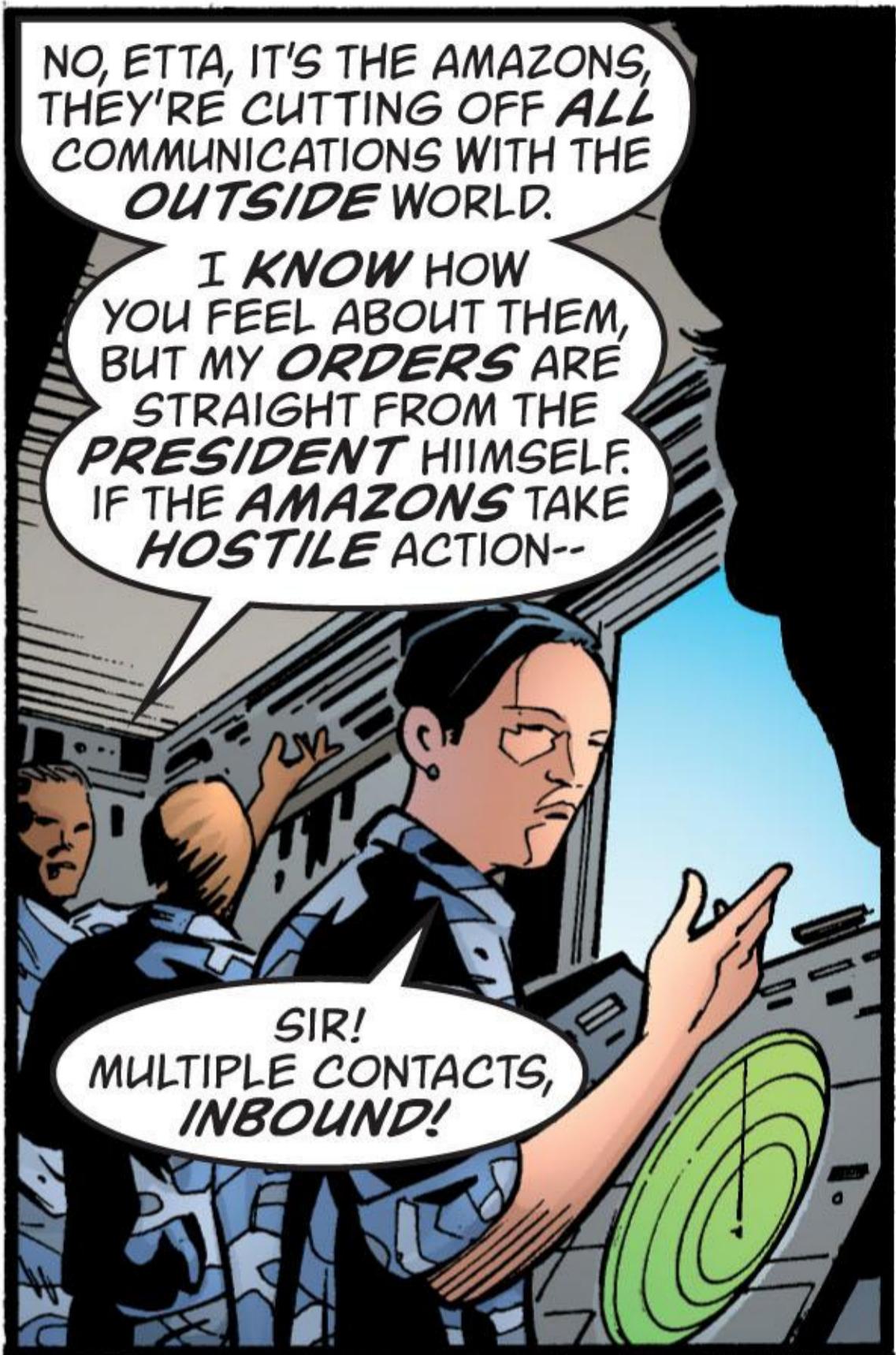
I WANT
MORE.

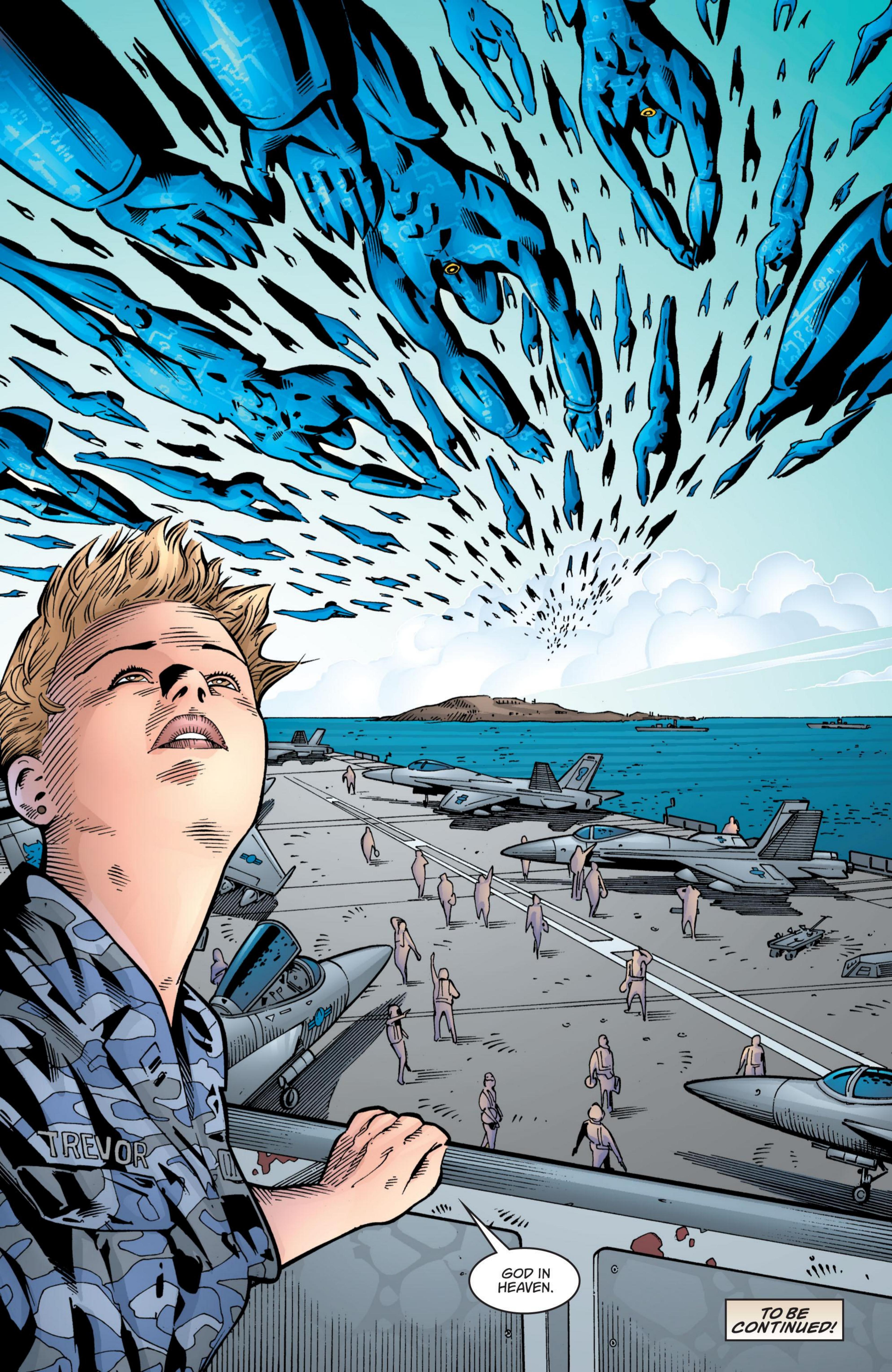












GOD IN
HEAVEN.

TO BE
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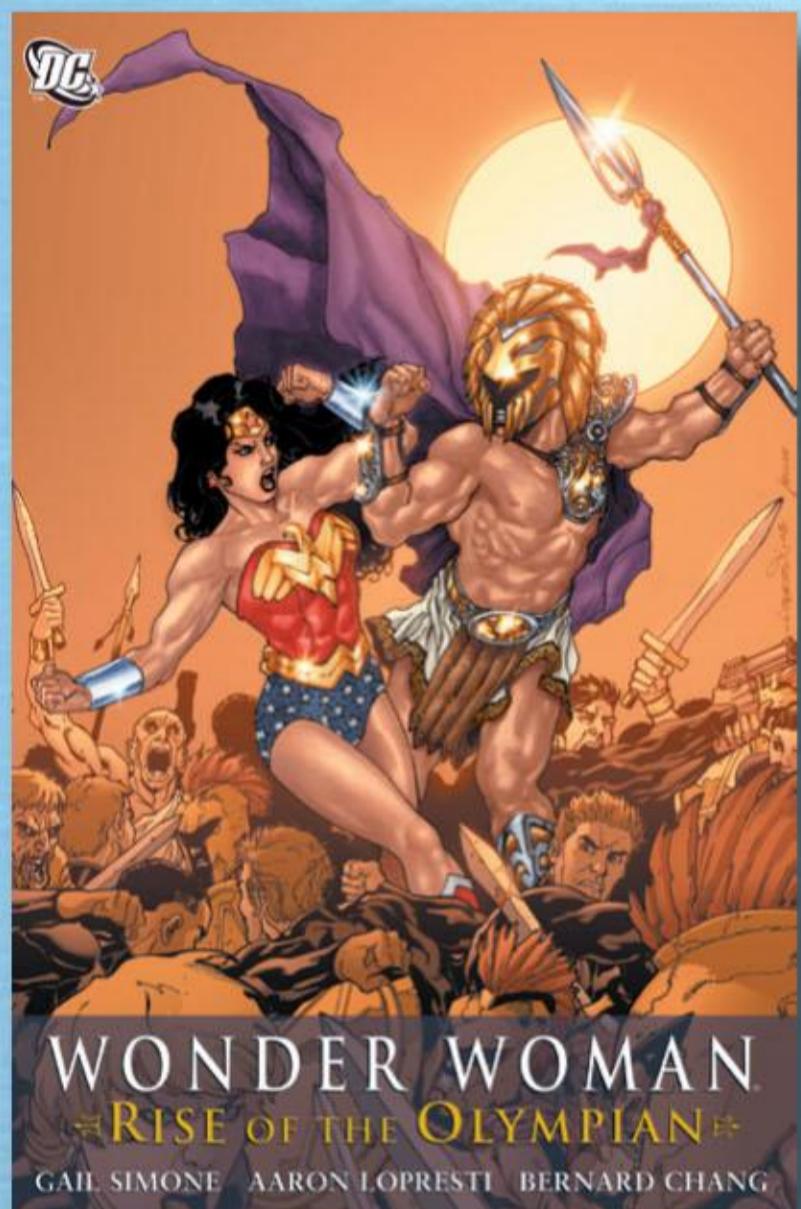
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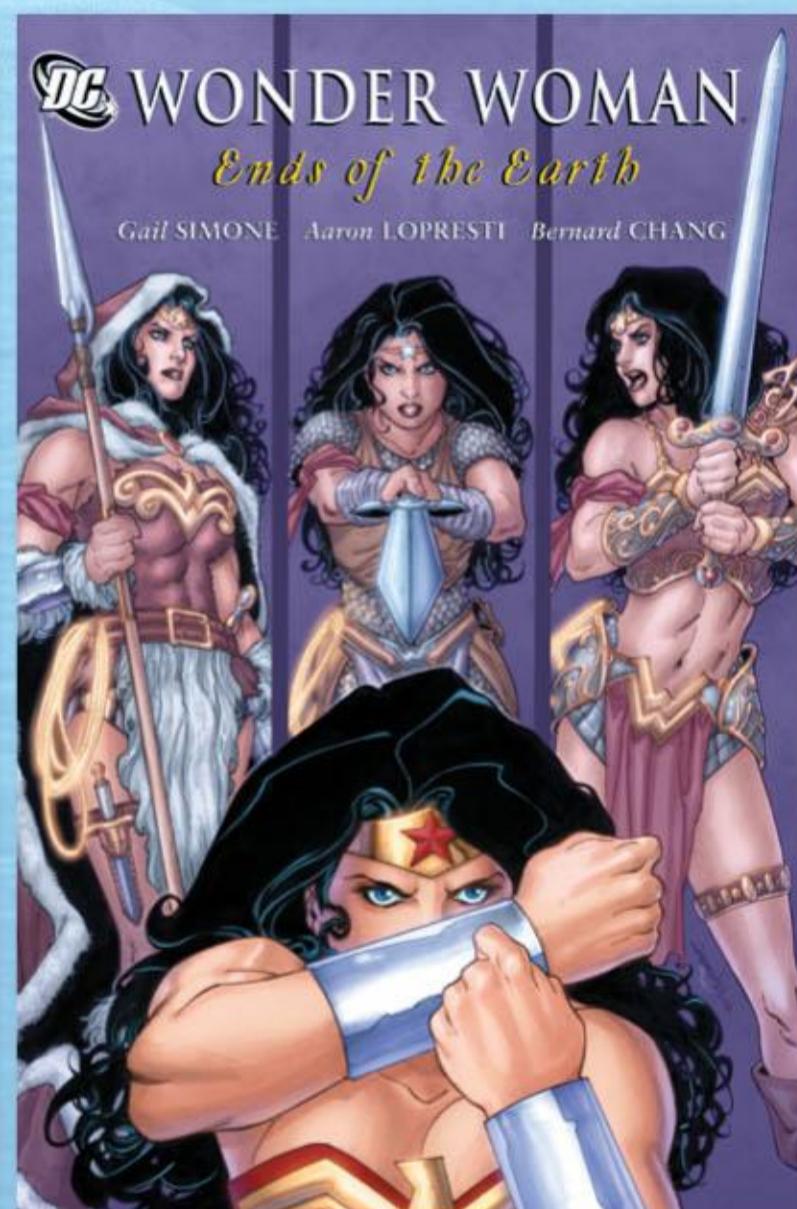


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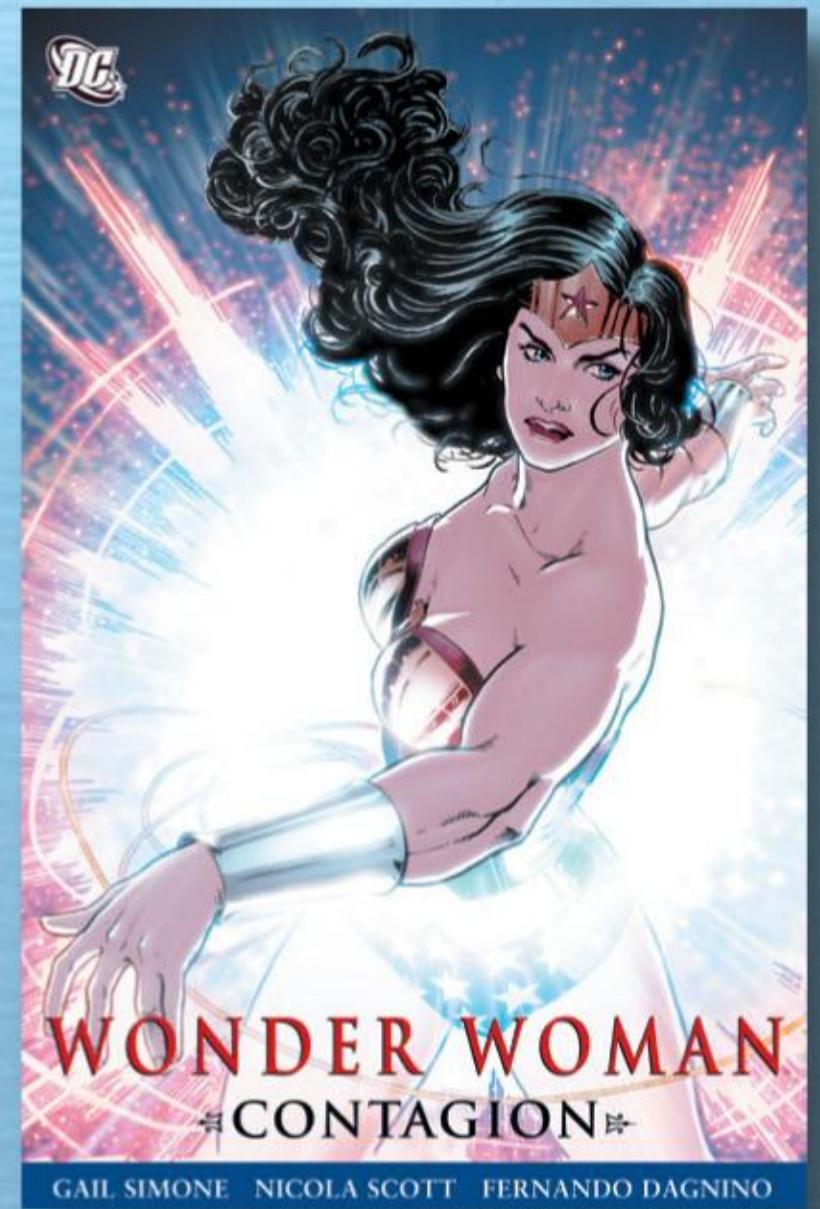
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