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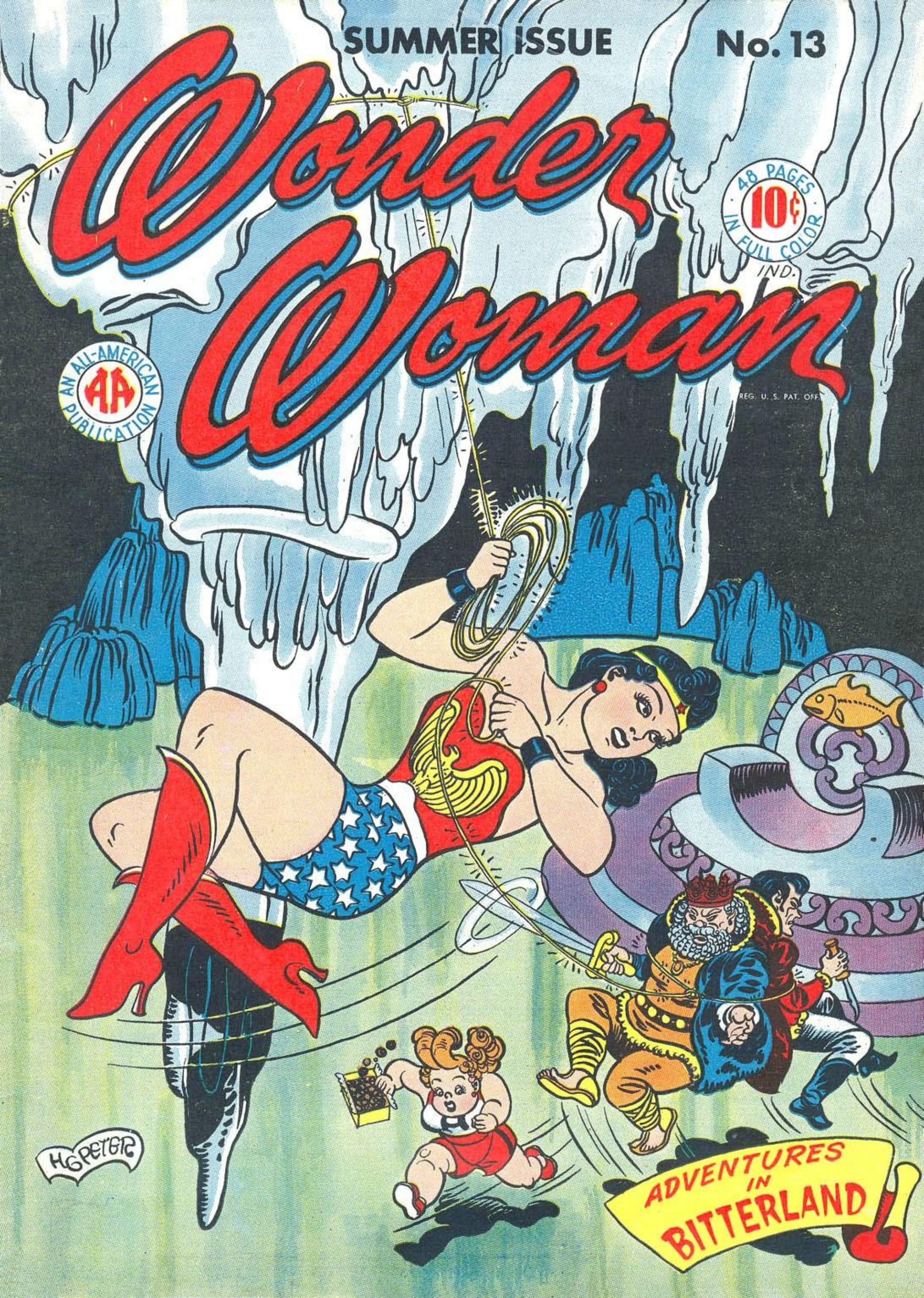

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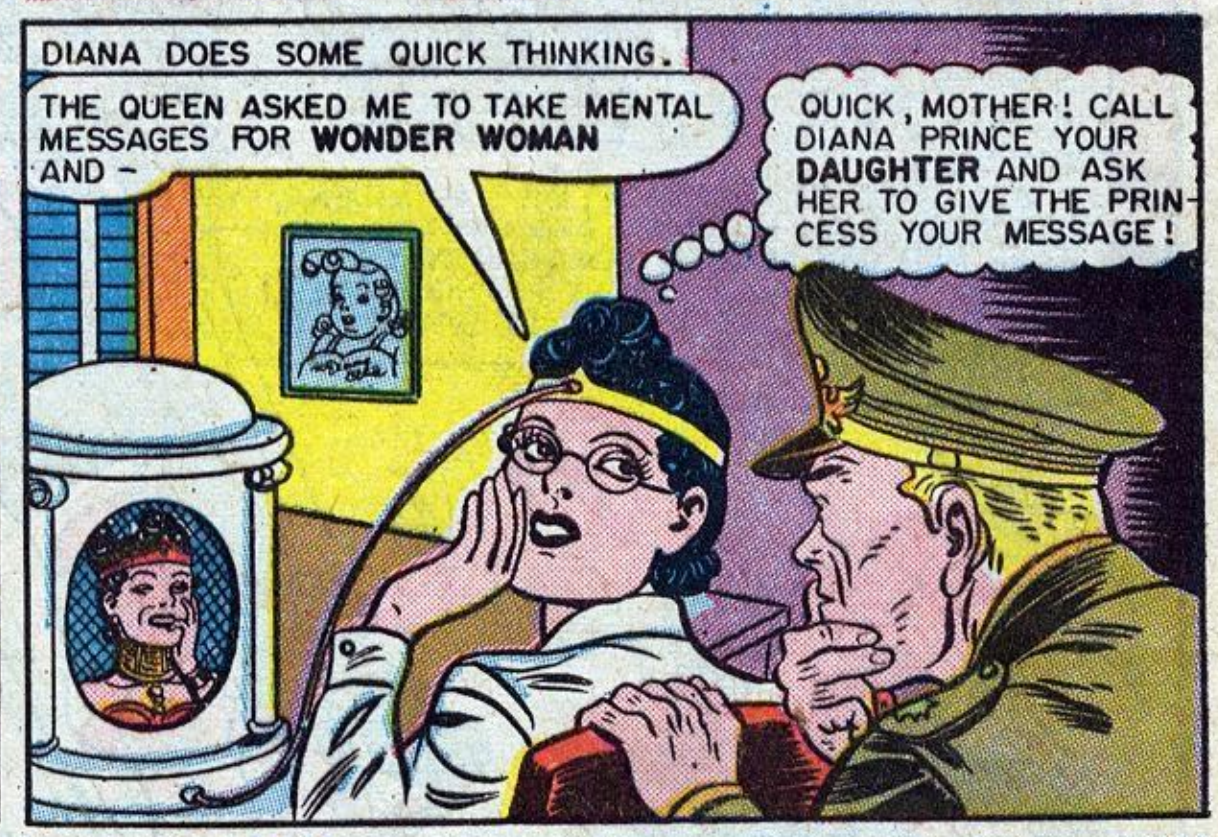
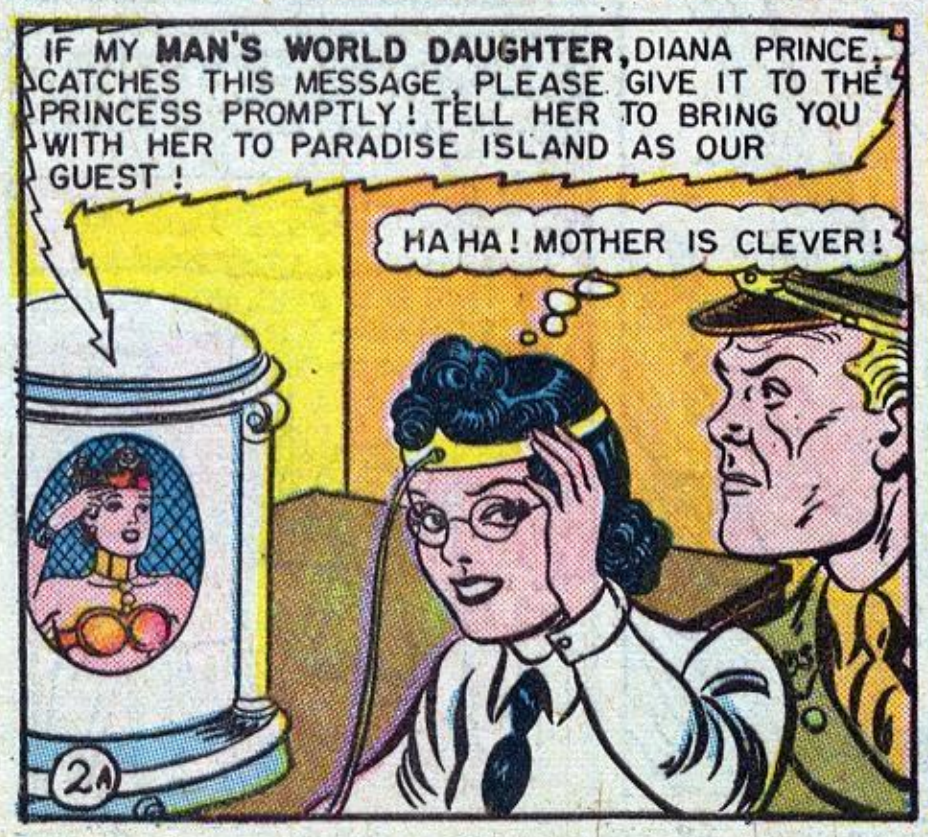
CALLING PRINCESS DIANA!
OH - IT'S MY MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE CALLING FROM PARADISE ISLAND!

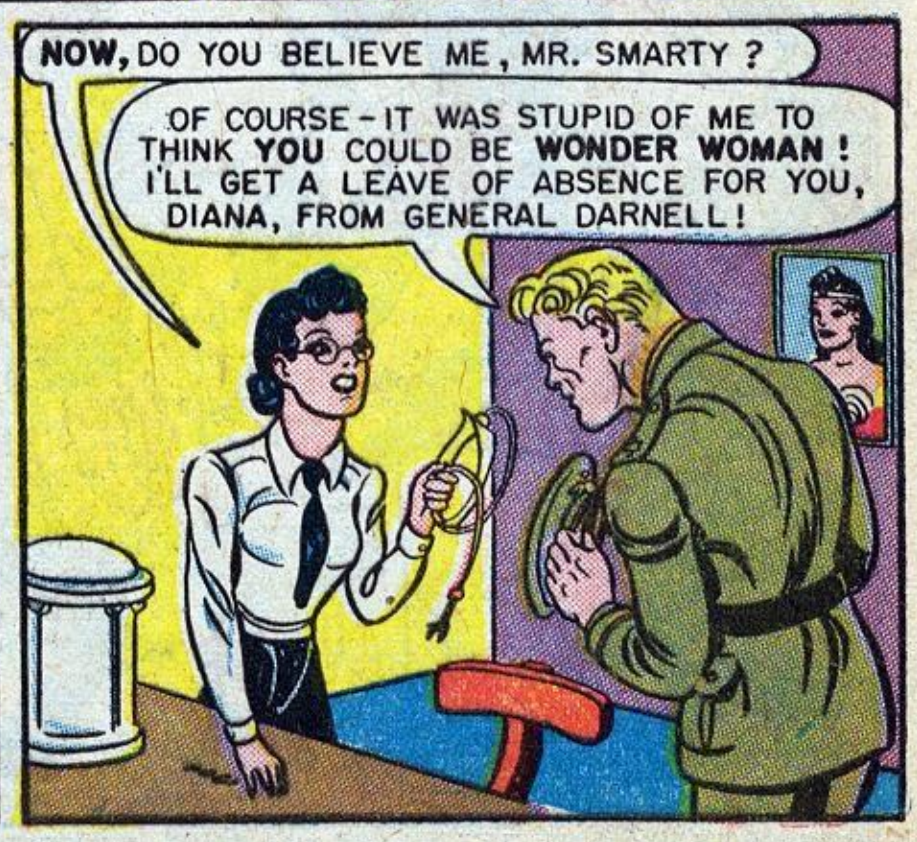
DAUGHTER, COME TO PARADISE ISLAND! WE NEED YOU TO HELP INITIATE THE YOUNG AMAZONS WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR THEIR BRACELETS OF SUBMISSION TO APHRODITE!
WONDERFUL!

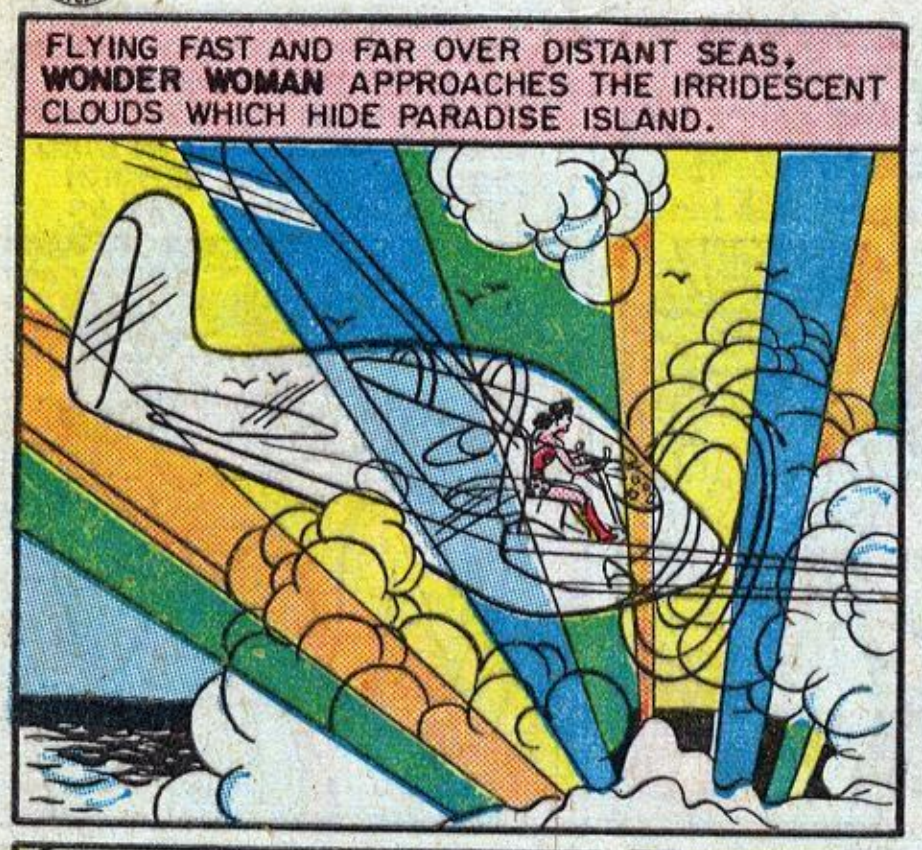
OH - STEVE! I DIDN'T KNOW-
YOU DIDN'T KNOW I WAS HERE - SO YOU GAVE YOURSELF AWAY! YOU CALLED QUEEN HIPPOLYTE YOUR "MOTHER". THAT MEANS YOU ARE WONDER WOMAN!

NO, NO STEVE! I ALWAYS CALL THE QUEEN "MOTHER" - SHE TOLD ME TO CALL HER THAT BECAUSE I'M SUCH A CLOSE FRIEND OF THE PRINCESS.
HMM - I NEVER HEARD YOU DO IT BEFORE!


DIANA DOES SOME QUICK THINKING.
THE QUEEN ASKED ME TO TAKE MENTAL MESSAGES FOR WONDER WOMAN AND -
QUICK, MOTHER! CALL DIANA PRINCE YOUR DAUGHTER AND ASK HER TO GIVE THE PRINCESS YOUR MESSAGE!

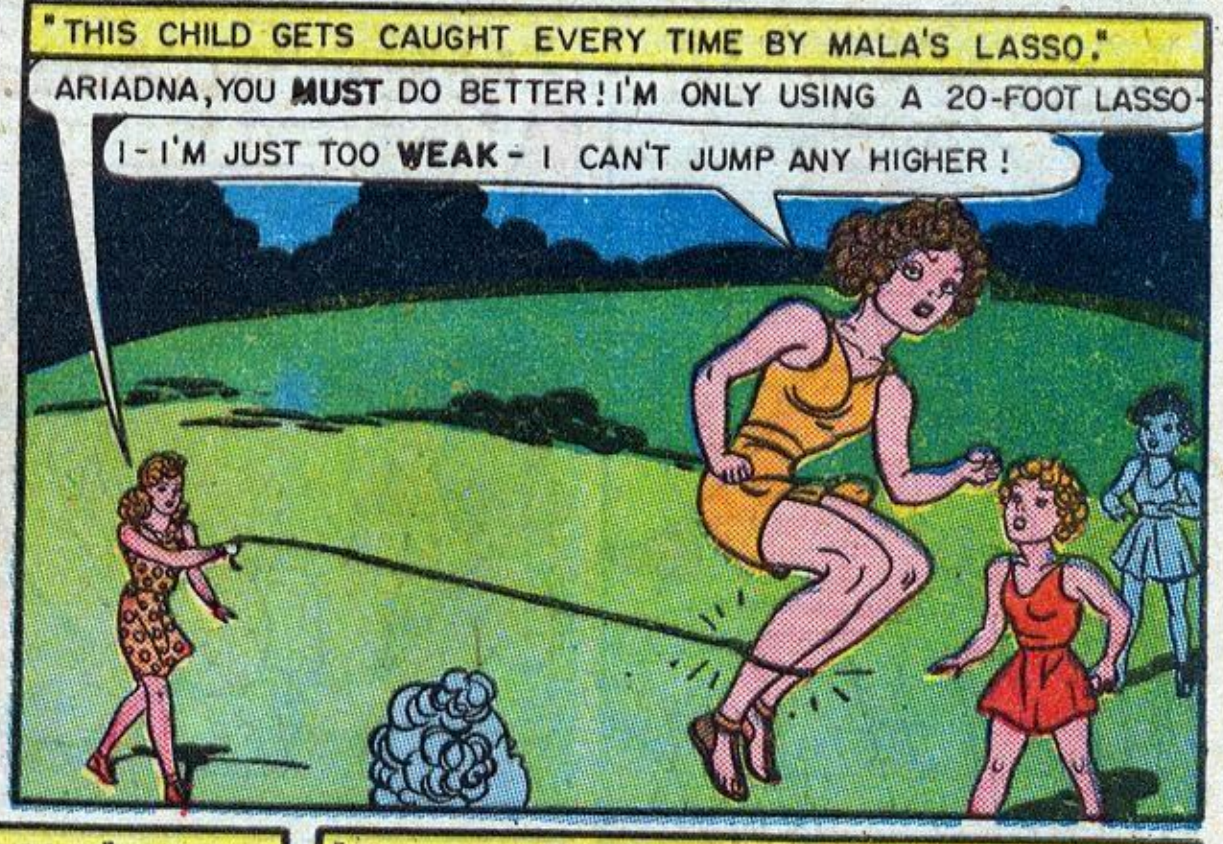

IF MY MAN'S WORLD DAUGHTER, DIANA PRINCE, CATCHES THIS MESSAGE, PLEASE GIVE IT TO THE PRINCESS PROMPTLY! TELL HER TO BRING YOU WITH HER TO PARADISE ISLAND AS OUR GUEST!
HA HA! MOTHER IS CLEVER!


NOW, DO YOU BELIEVE ME, MR. SMARTY?
OF COURSE - IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO THINK YOU COULD BE WONDER WOMAN! I'LL GET A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR YOU, DIANA, FROM GENERAL DARNELL!


FLYING FAST AND FAR OVER DISTANT SEAS, WONDER WOMAN APPROACHES THE IRRIDESCENT CLOUDS WHICH HIDE PARADISE ISLAND.

QUEEN HIPPOLYTE IS WAITING.
WELCOME, DARLING! BUT WHERE IS DIANA PRINCE?
HA HA! WE CERTAINLY FOOLED STEVE - HE STILL THINKS THERE ARE TWO OF ME!

WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE YOUNG AMAZON GIRLS WHO ARE TAKING TESTS TO WIN THEIR BRACELETS. THEY THINK THEY CANNOT PERFORM THE TASKS REQUIRED AND SO, OF COURSE, THEY FAIL! I'LL SHOW YOU -


"THIS CHILD GETS CAUGHT EVERY TIME BY MALA'S LASSO."
ARIADNA, YOU MUST DO BETTER! I'M ONLY USING A 20-FOOT LASSO -
I - I'M JUST TOO WEAK - I CAN'T JUMP ANY HIGHER!

"THIS GIRL CAN'T BREAK HER BONDS -"
GREAT HERA! THE PRINCESS DIANA COULD BREAK ROPES LIKE THAT AT THE AGE OF THREE!
I - I DON'T SEE HOW SHE DID IT!
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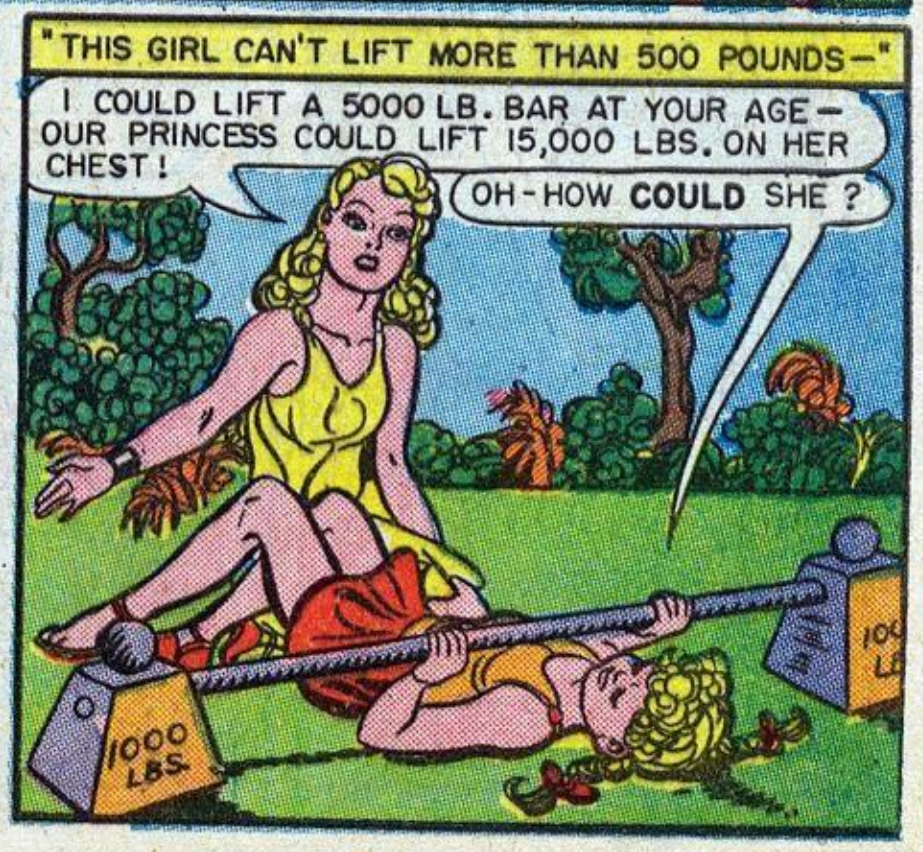
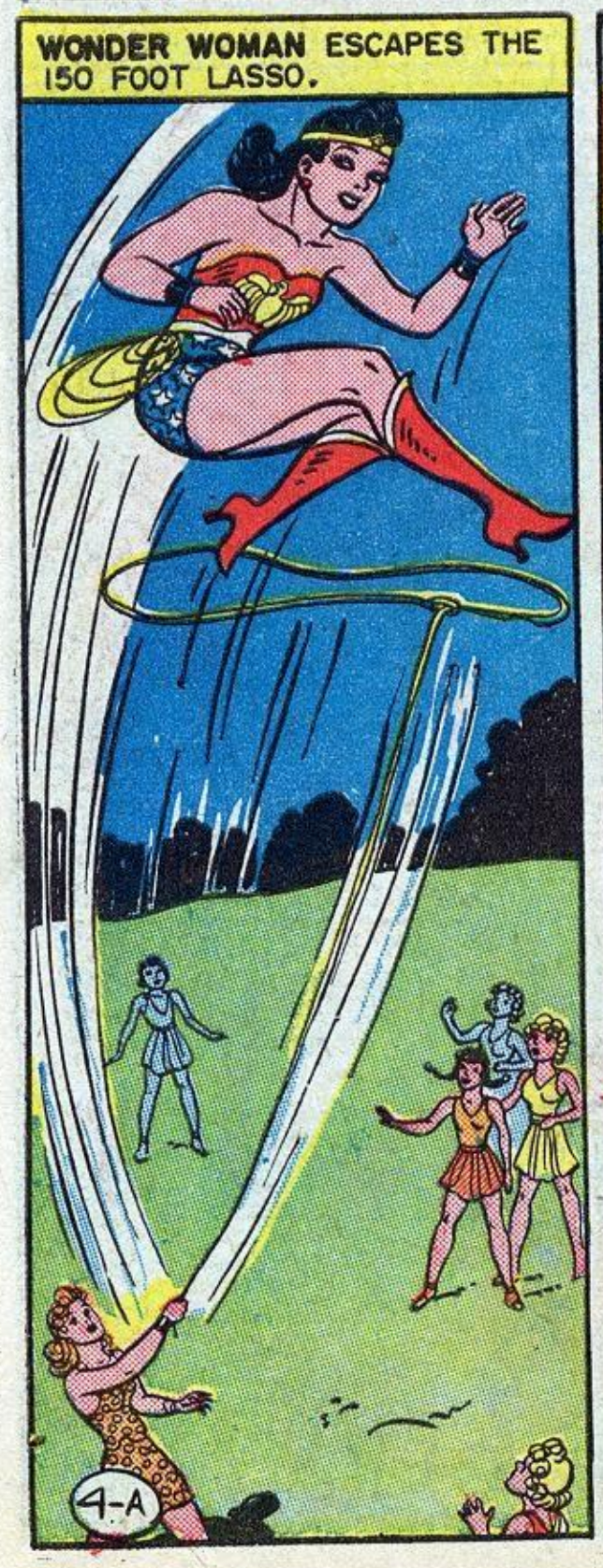

"THIS GIRL CAN'T LIFT MORE THAN 500 POUNDS -"
I COULD LIFT A 5000 LB. BAR AT YOUR AGE - OUR PRINCESS COULD LIFT 15,000 LBS. ON HER CHEST!
OH - HOW COULD SHE?
1000 LBS.

THE PRINCESS TALKS TO THE YOUNG AMAZON GIRLS.
LOOK, GIRLS! I'M JUST AN ORDINARY AMAZON. BUT I FEEL THAT I CAN DO THINGS, SO - I CAN DO THEM!
HOLA! HOLA! OUR PRINCESS - SHE'S WONDERFUL - HOLA! PRINCESS DIANA!

I'LL TAKE A TEST MYSELF! MALA HOLDS A 150 FOOT LASSO - 150 FEET IS HIGHER THAN ANY AMAZON HAS EVER JUMPED IN OUR LASSO GAMES - LET'S SEE IF I CAN DO IT. I THINK I CAN!


WONDER WOMAN ESCAPES THE 150 FOOT LASSO.
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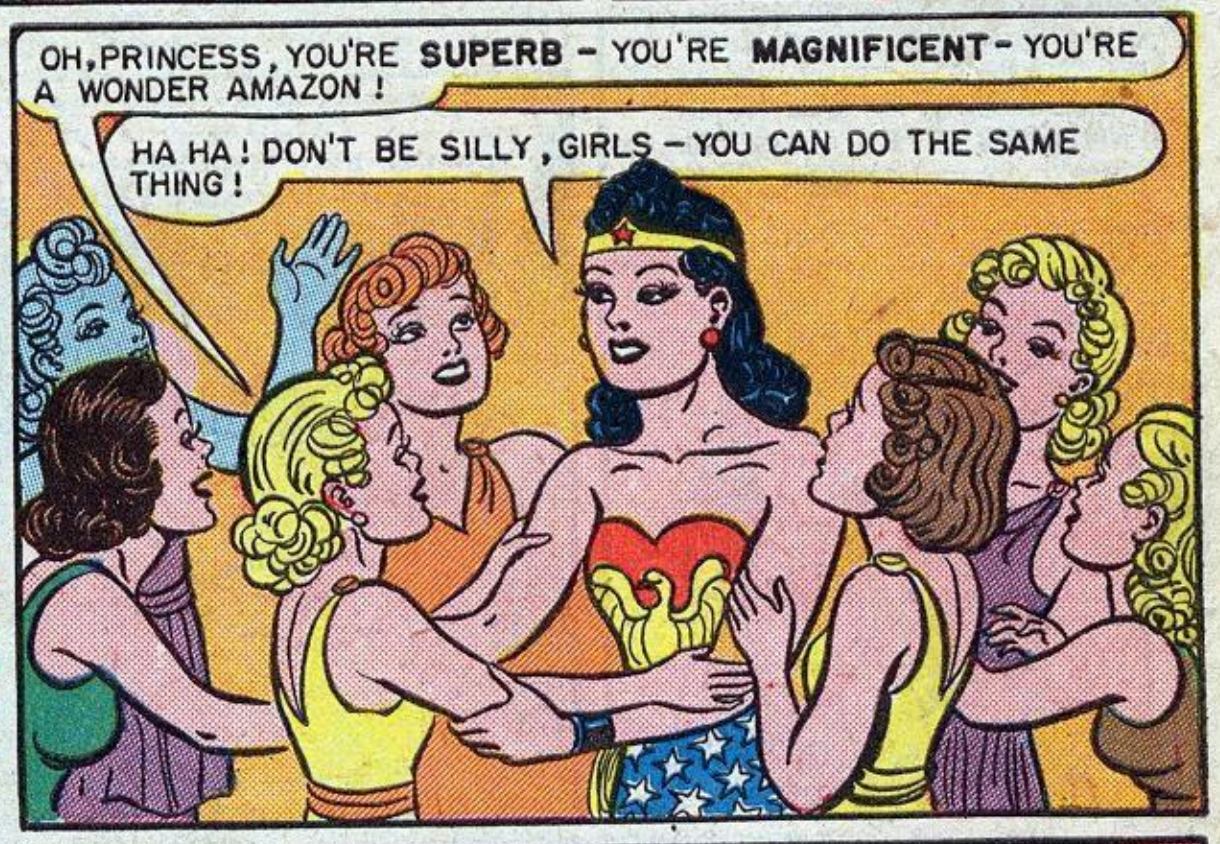
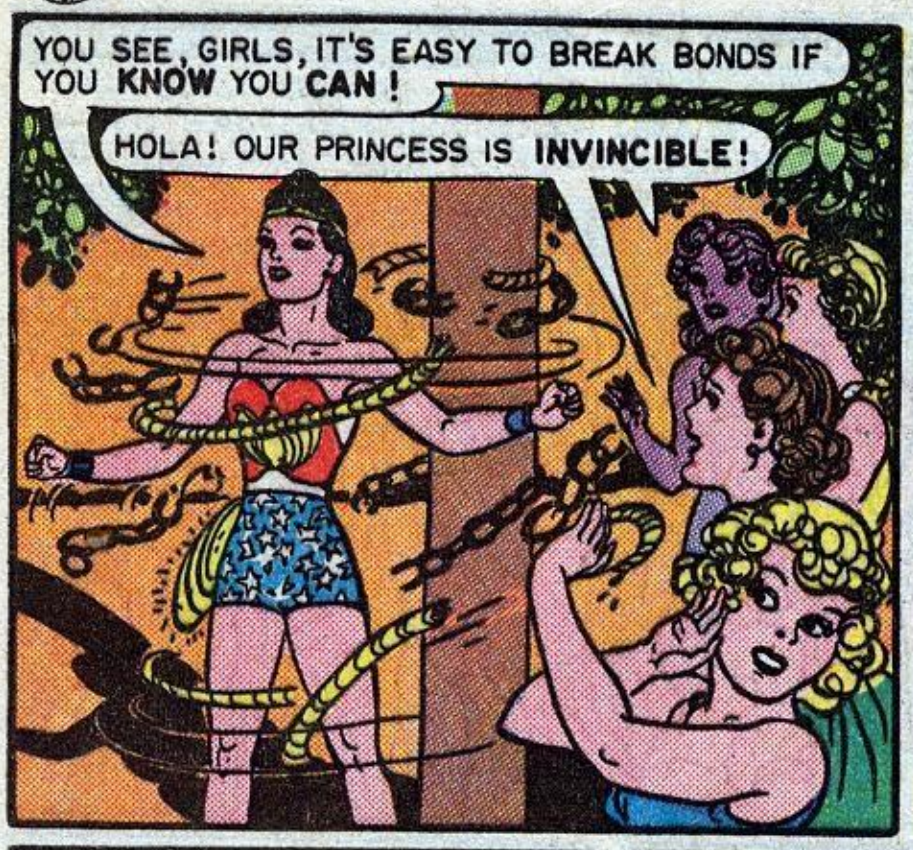
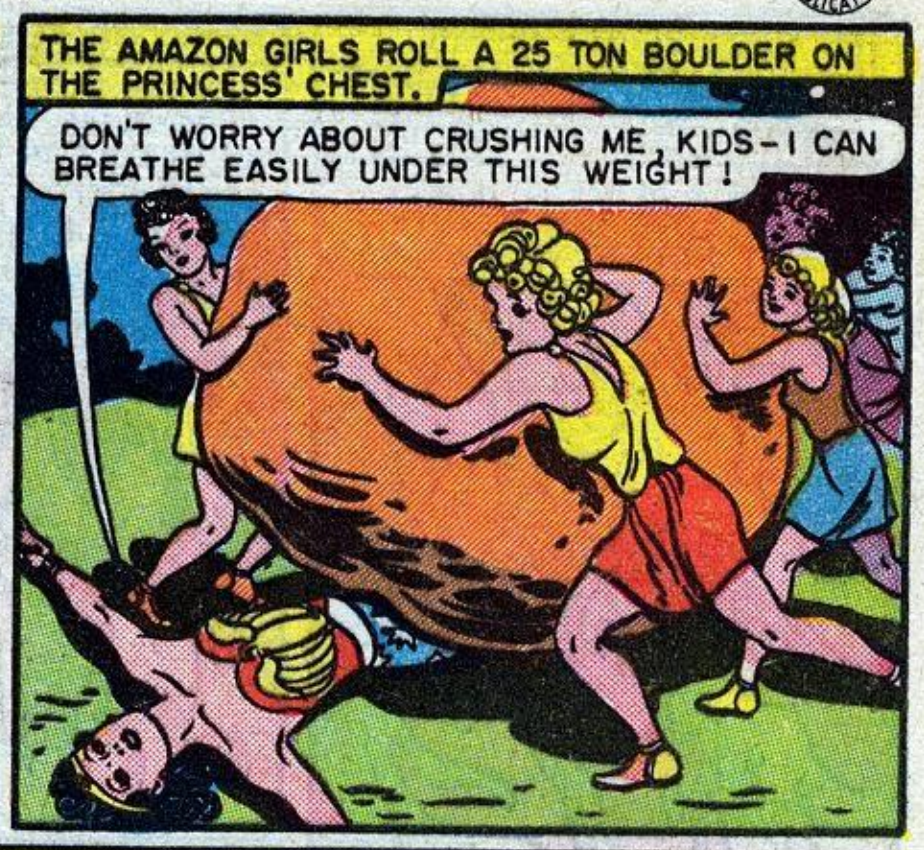
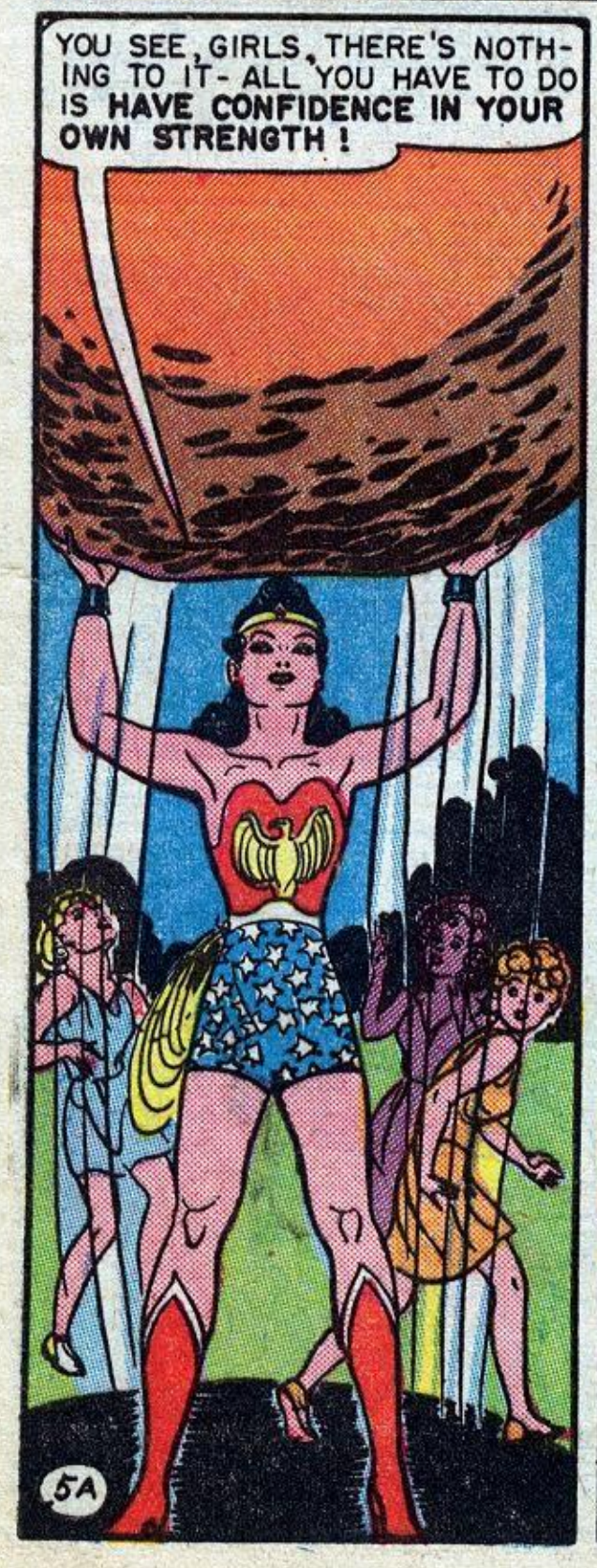

OH, PRINCESS, YOU'RE SUPERB - YOU'RE MAGNIFICENT - YOU'RE A WONDER AMAZON!
HA HA! DON'T BE SILLY, GIRLS - YOU CAN DO THE SAME THING!

BIND ME AS TIGHT AS YOU CAN, GIRLS, WITH THE BIGGEST ROPES AND CHAINS YOU CAN FIND!
WE ARE, PRINCESS - EVEN YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THESE BONDS!


YOU SEE, GIRLS, IT'S EASY TO BREAK BONDS IF YOU **KNOW** YOU **CAN**!
HOLA! OUR PRINCESS IS **INVINCIBLE**!


THE AMAZON GIRLS ROLL A 25 TON BOULDER ON THE PRINCESS' CHEST.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT CRUSHING ME, KIDS - I CAN BREATHE EASILY UNDER THIS WEIGHT!


YOU SEE, GIRLS, THERE'S NOTHING TO IT - ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS **HAVE CONFIDENCE IN YOUR OWN STRENGTH**!
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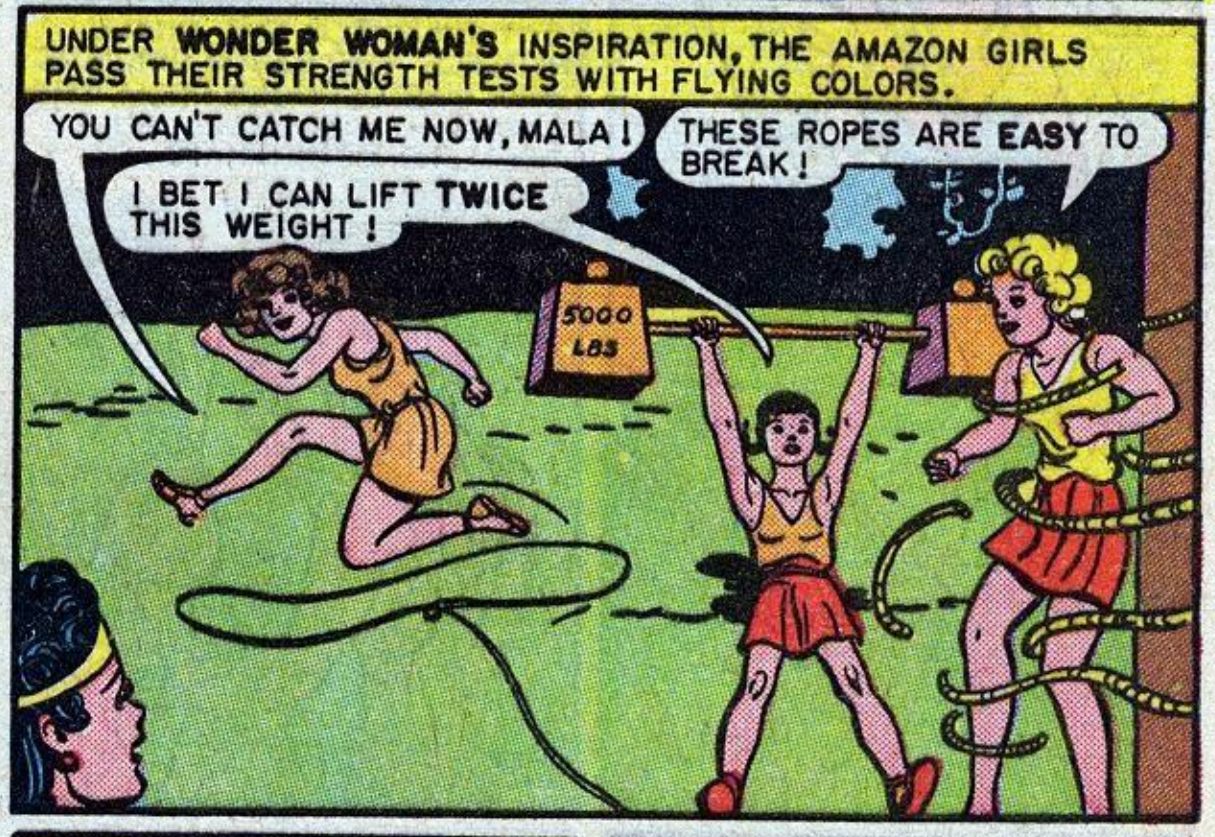
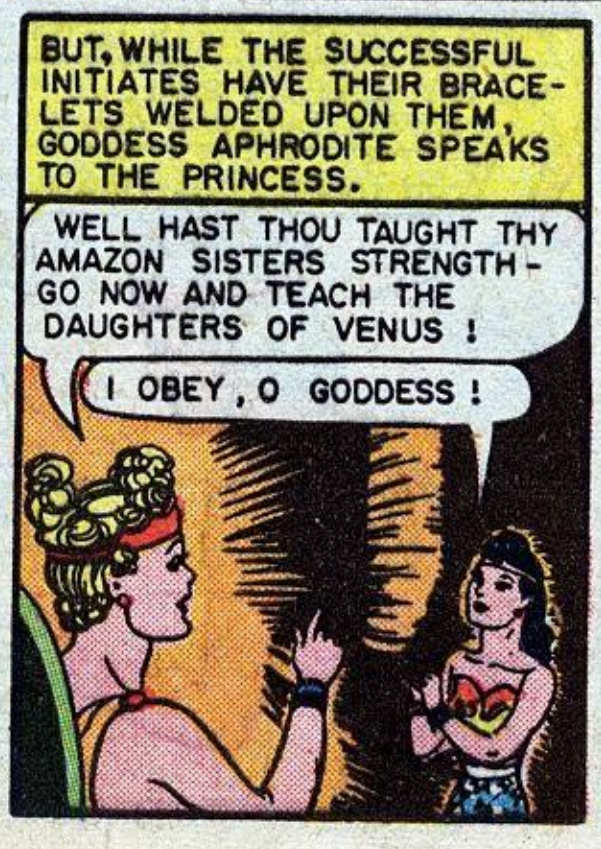
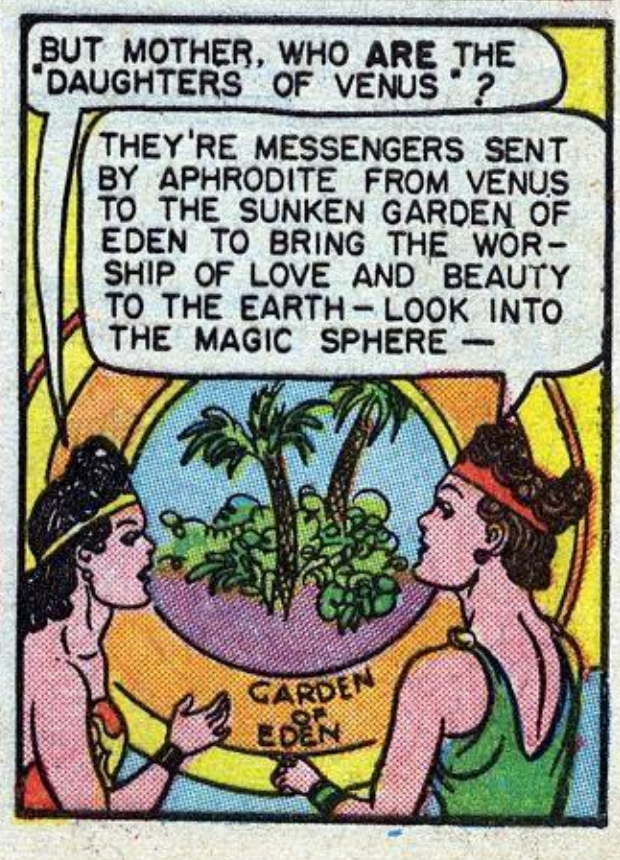
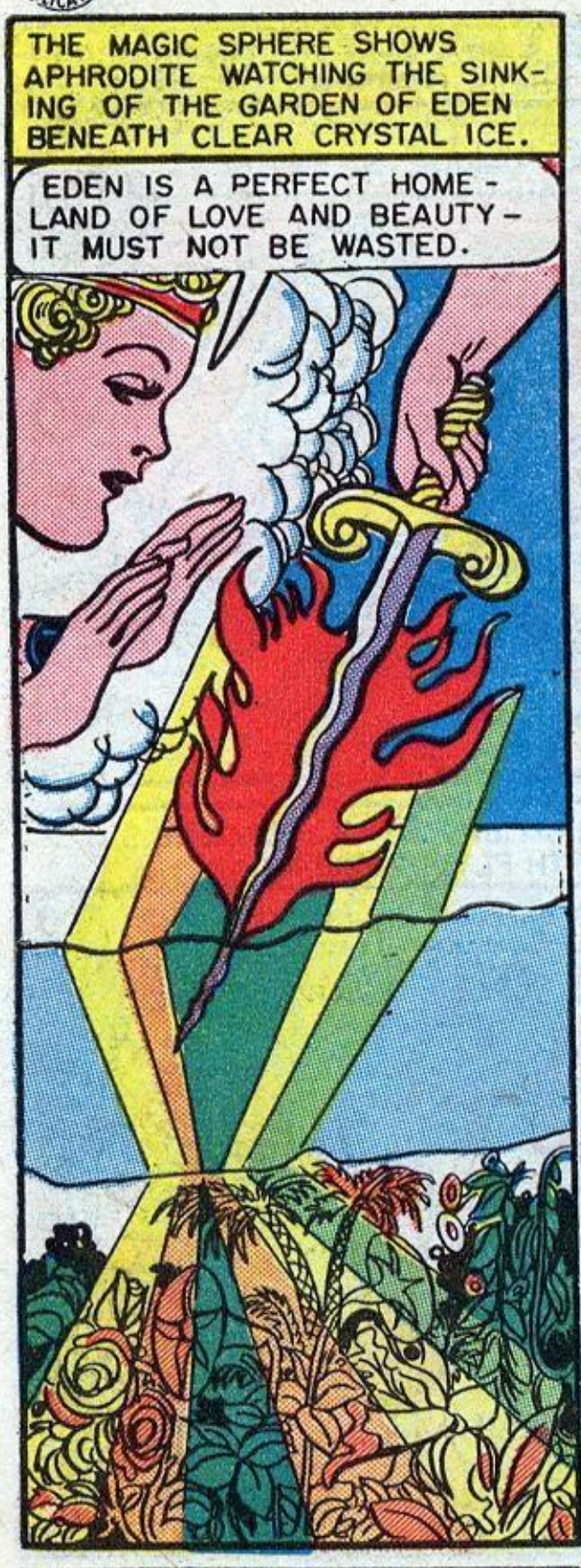

UNDER **WONDER WOMAN'S** INSPIRATION, THE AMAZON GIRLS PASS THEIR STRENGTH TESTS WITH FLYING COLORS.
YOU CAN'T CATCH ME NOW, MALA!
I BET I CAN LIFT **TWICE** THIS WEIGHT!
THESE ROPES ARE **EASY** TO BREAK!
5000 LBS


BUT, WHILE THE SUCCESSFUL INITIATES HAVE THEIR BRACELETS WELDED UPON THEM, GODDESS APHRODITE SPEAKS TO THE PRINCESS.
WELL HAST THOU TAUGHT THY AMAZON SISTERS STRENGTH - GO NOW AND TEACH THE DAUGHTERS OF VENUS!
I OBEY, O GODDESS!


BUT MOTHER, WHO **ARE** THE "DAUGHTERS OF VENUS"?
THEY'RE MESSENGERS SENT BY APHRODITE FROM VENUS TO THE SUNKEN GARDEN OF EDEN TO BRING THE WORSHIP OF LOVE AND BEAUTY TO THE EARTH - LOOK INTO THE MAGIC SPHERE —
GARDEN OF EDEN


THE MAGIC SPHERE SHOWS APHRODITE WATCHING THE SINKING OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN BENEATH CLEAR CRYSTAL ICE.
EDEN IS A PERFECT HOME-LAND OF LOVE AND BEAUTY - IT MUST NOT BE WASTED.

APHRODITE FLIES TO VENUS -
THY GIRLS, DESIRA, HAVE PROVED THEMSELVES WORTHY TO BE MY MESSENGERS TO THE PLANET EARTH. SUNKEN UNDER THE SOUTH POLE IS THE BEAUTIFUL GARDEN OF EDEN - FORBIDDEN TO EARTH PEOPLE -

THY DAUGHTER EVE SHALL REPLACE THE EARTH GIRL EVE WHO WAS DEPOSED FROM THE GARDEN - SHE SHALL RULE EDEN, HENCEFORTH TO BE CALLED EVELAND!

DESIRA'S DAUGHTER EVE, TRANSFORMED INTO AN EARTH GIRL WITHOUT WINGS, SUDDENLY FINDS HERSELF IN EVELAND, THE TROPICAL COUNTRY OF LOVE AND BEAUTY.
WHERE AM I AND HOW DID I GET HERE?

APHRODITE BRINGS A SPIRIT DAUGHTER TO YOUNG EVE FROM VENUS.
I BROUGHT THEE HERE TO RULE EVELAND. WITH ME NOW IS THY SPIRIT DAUGHTER, EVE LECTRESS, WHO SHALL BE THY SUCCESSOR.
WELCOME, BELOVED CHILD!
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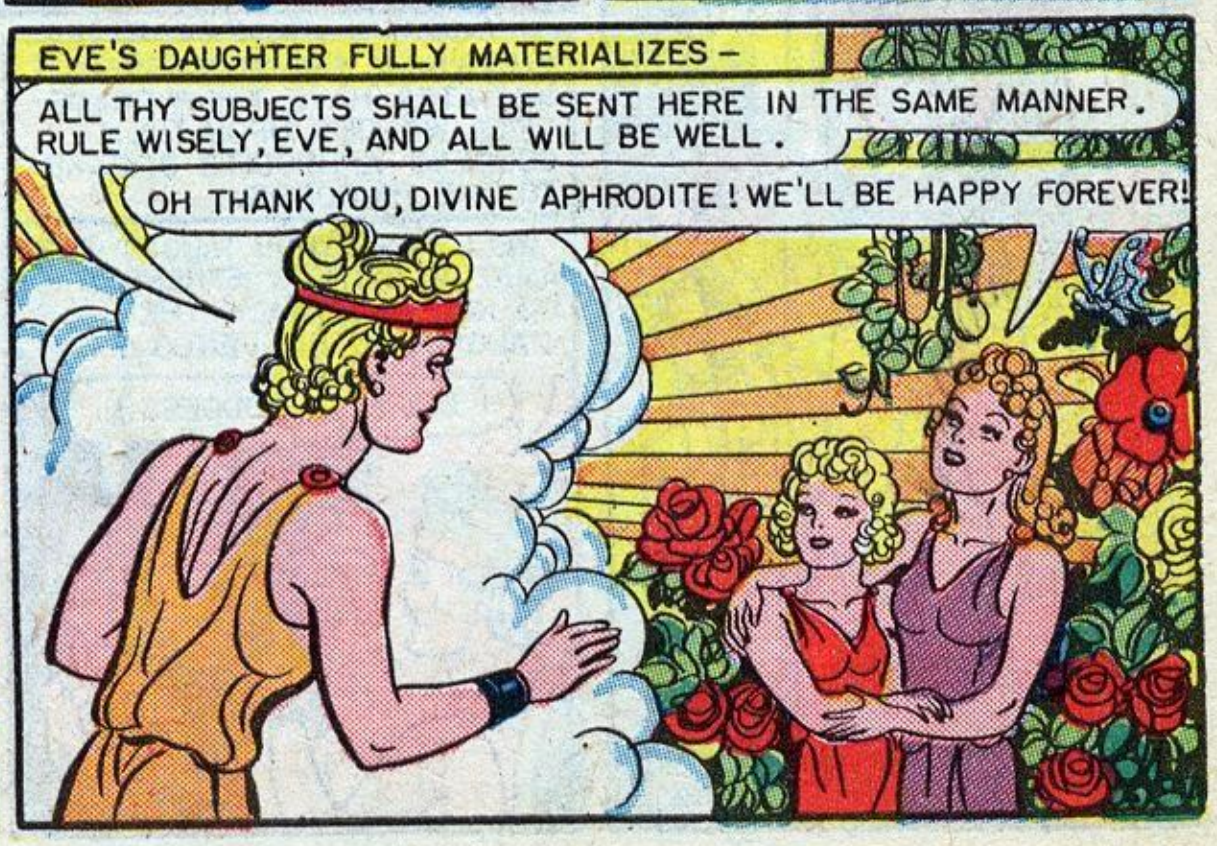
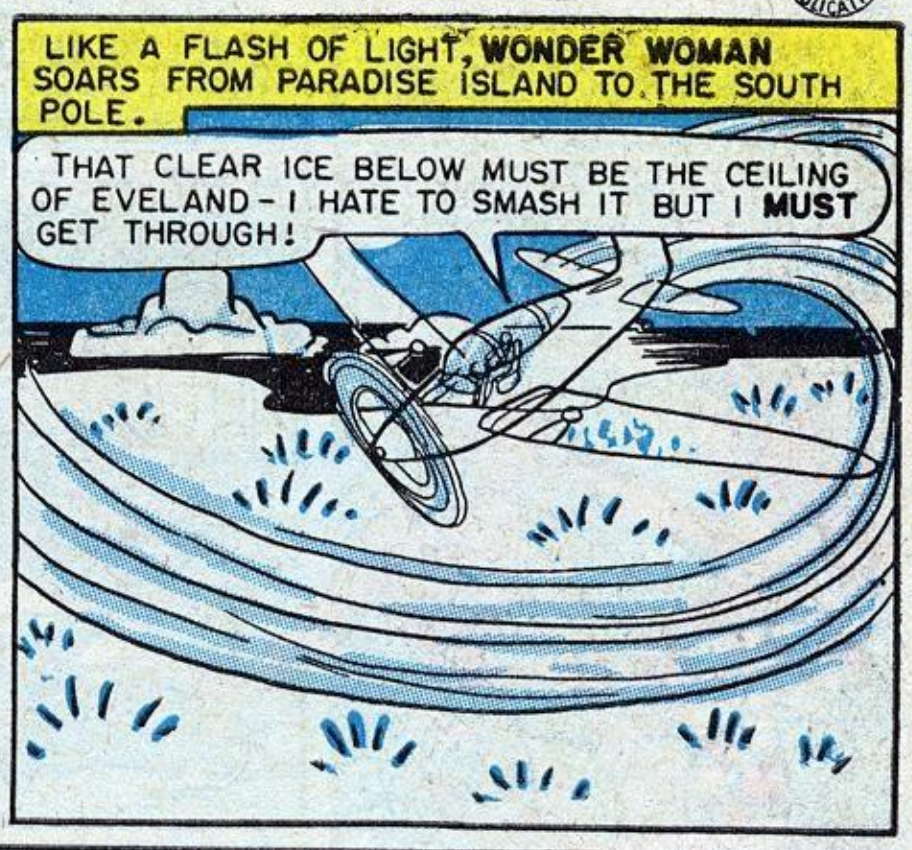
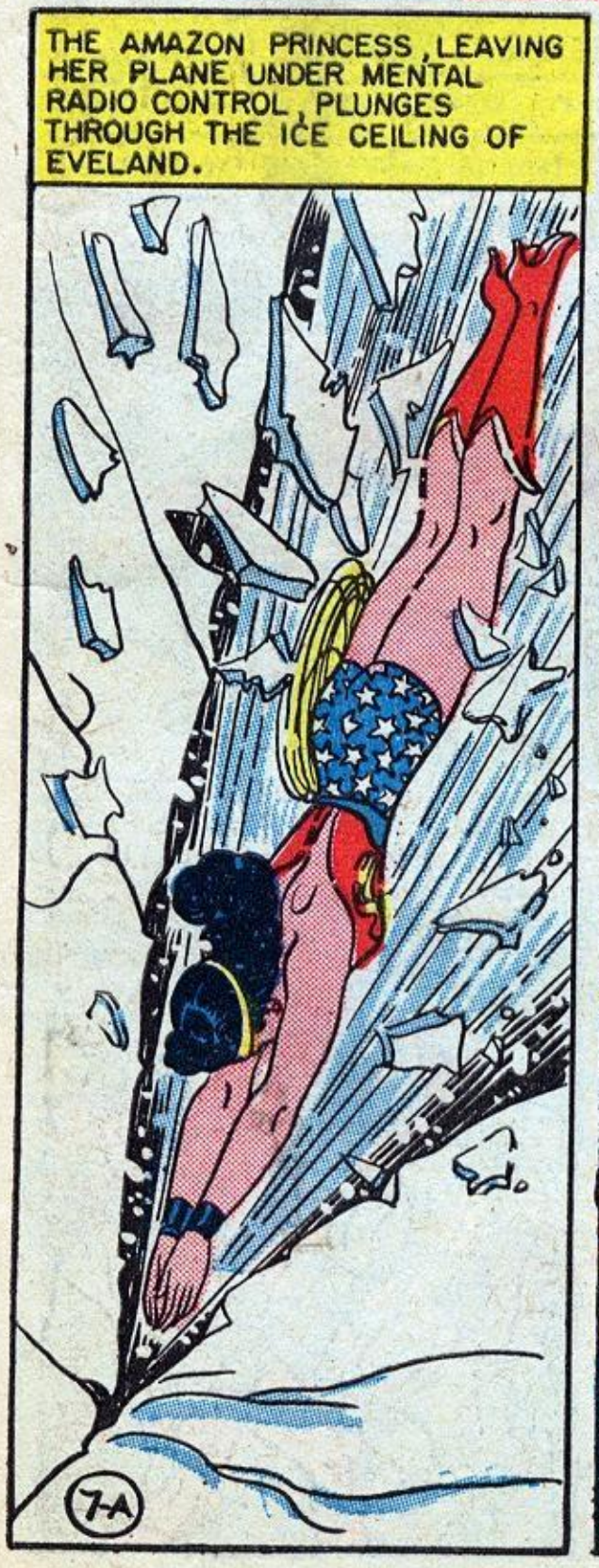

EVE'S DAUGHTER FULLY MATERIALIZES -
ALL THY SUBJECTS SHALL BE SENT HERE IN THE SAME MANNER. RULE WISELY, EVE, AND ALL WILL BE WELL.
OH THANK YOU, DIVINE APHRODITE! WE'LL BE HAPPY FOREVER!

SUDDENLY, EVELAND VANISHES FROM THE MAGIC SPHERE AND APHRODITE SPEAKS.
HASTEN, AMAZON MAID - EVE AND HER MAIDENS NEED THY HELP QUICKLY !
I OBEY, GODDESS !
OLYMPUS


LIKE A FLASH OF LIGHT, WONDER WOMAN SOARS FROM PARADISE ISLAND TO THE SOUTH POLE.
THAT CLEAR ICE BELOW MUST BE THE CEILING OF EVELAND - I HATE TO SMASH IT BUT I MUST GET THROUGH!


THE AMAZON PRINCESS, LEAVING HER PLANE UNDER MENTAL RADIO CONTROL, PLUNGES THROUGH THE ICE CEILING OF EVELAND.
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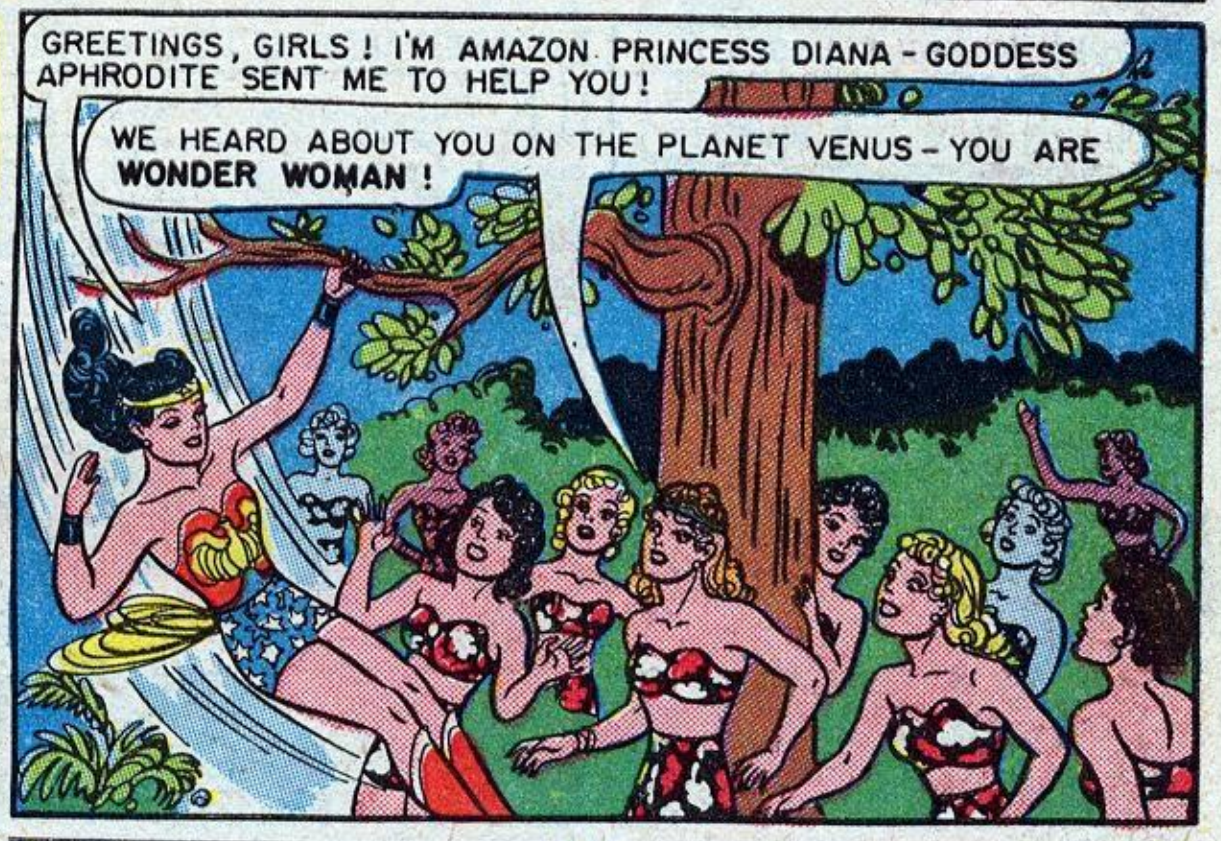
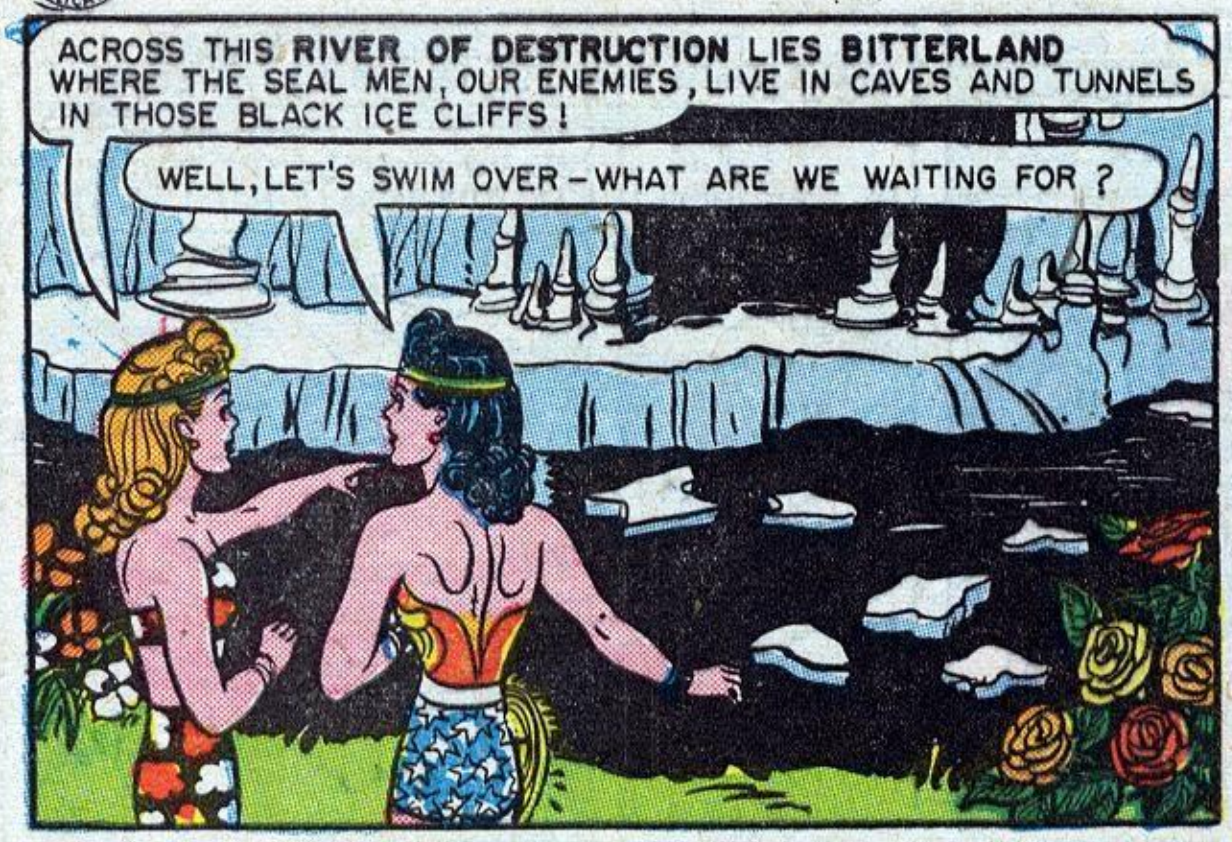

GREETINGS, GIRLS ! I'M AMAZON PRINCESS DIANA - GODDESS APHRODITE SENT ME TO HELP YOU!
WE HEARD ABOUT YOU ON THE PLANET VENUS - YOU ARE WONDER WOMAN !

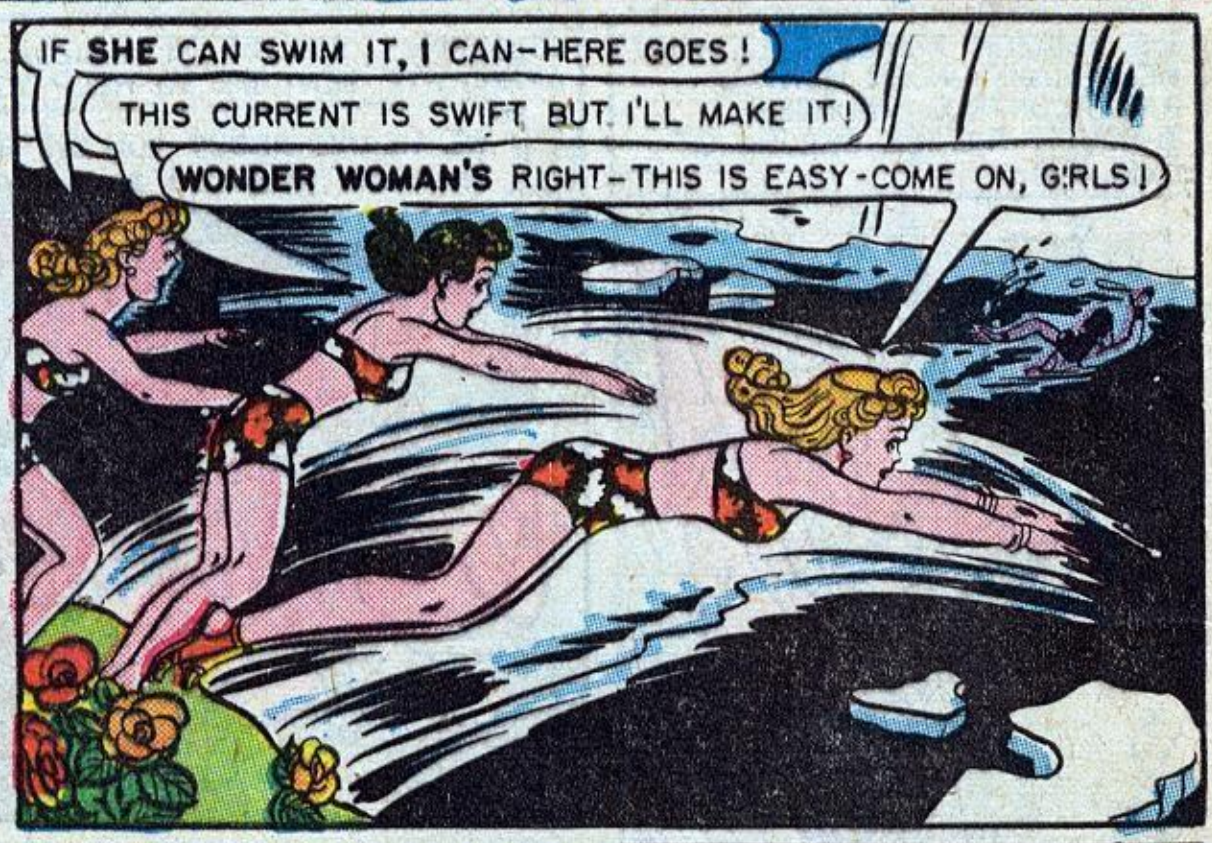
I'M SO GLAD YOU'VE COME - WE ARE IN TERRIBLE TROUBLE !

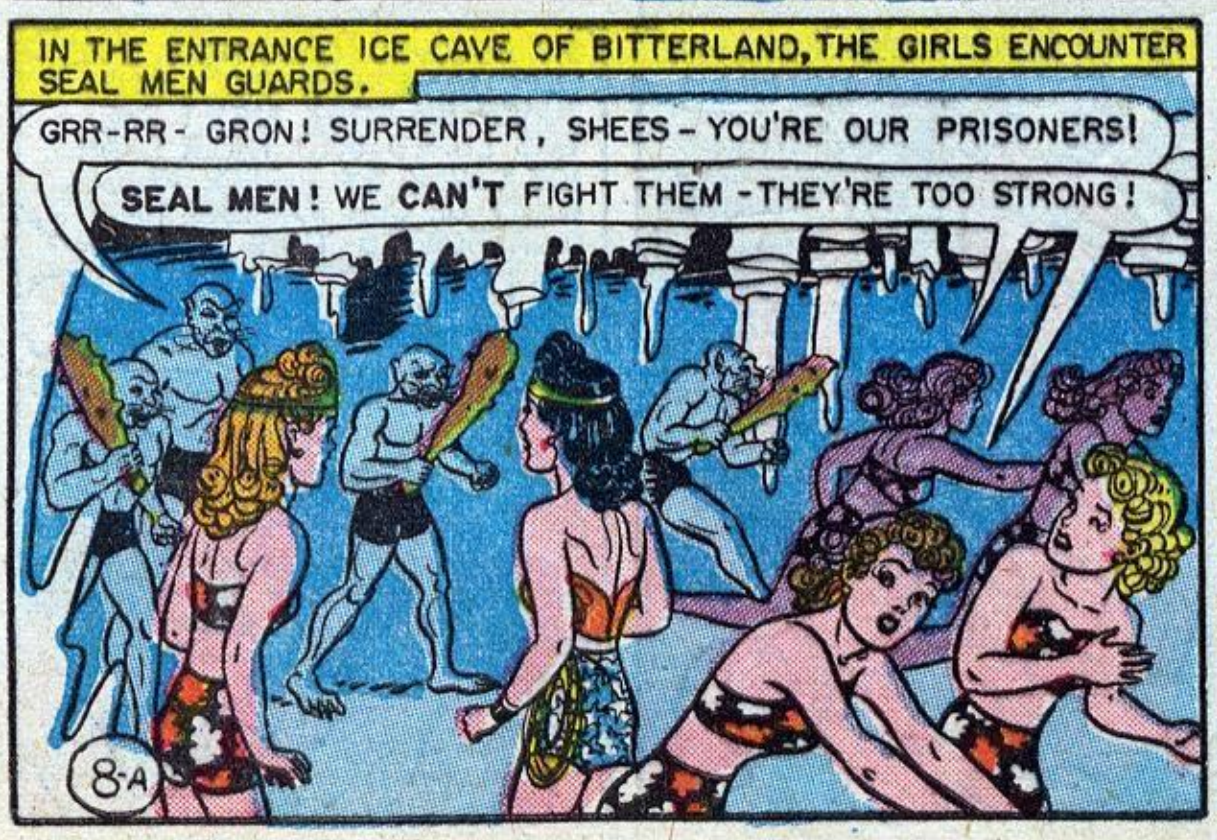
MY BELOVED DAUGHTER, EVE ELECTRESS, HAS BEEN CAPTURED BY SEAL MEN ! SHE WAS LURED INTO THEIR DARK ICE CAVES BY PRINCE PAGLIMANY OF OUR MAIDENS HAVE DISAPPEARED THUS !
WE'LL RESCUE THEM - SHOW ME THE WAY !


ACROSS THIS RIVER OF DESTRUCTION LIES BITTERLAND WHERE THE SEAL MEN, OUR ENEMIES, LIVE IN CAVES AND TUNNELS IN THOSE BLACK ICE CLIFFS!
WELL, LET'S SWIM OVER - WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR ?

WOMEN ARE TOO WEAK TO SWIM THIS RIVER! THE SEAL MEN SWIM POWERFULLY BUT THEY CANNOT INVADE EVELAND BECAUSE LIGHT BLINDS THEIR EYES. THEY PERSUADE OUR GIRLS TO CROSS TO BITTER-LAND ON CAKES OF ICE!

WONDER WOMAN PLUNGES IN.
COME ON GIRLS, THIS IS EASY! YOU CAN SWIM THIS RIVER!

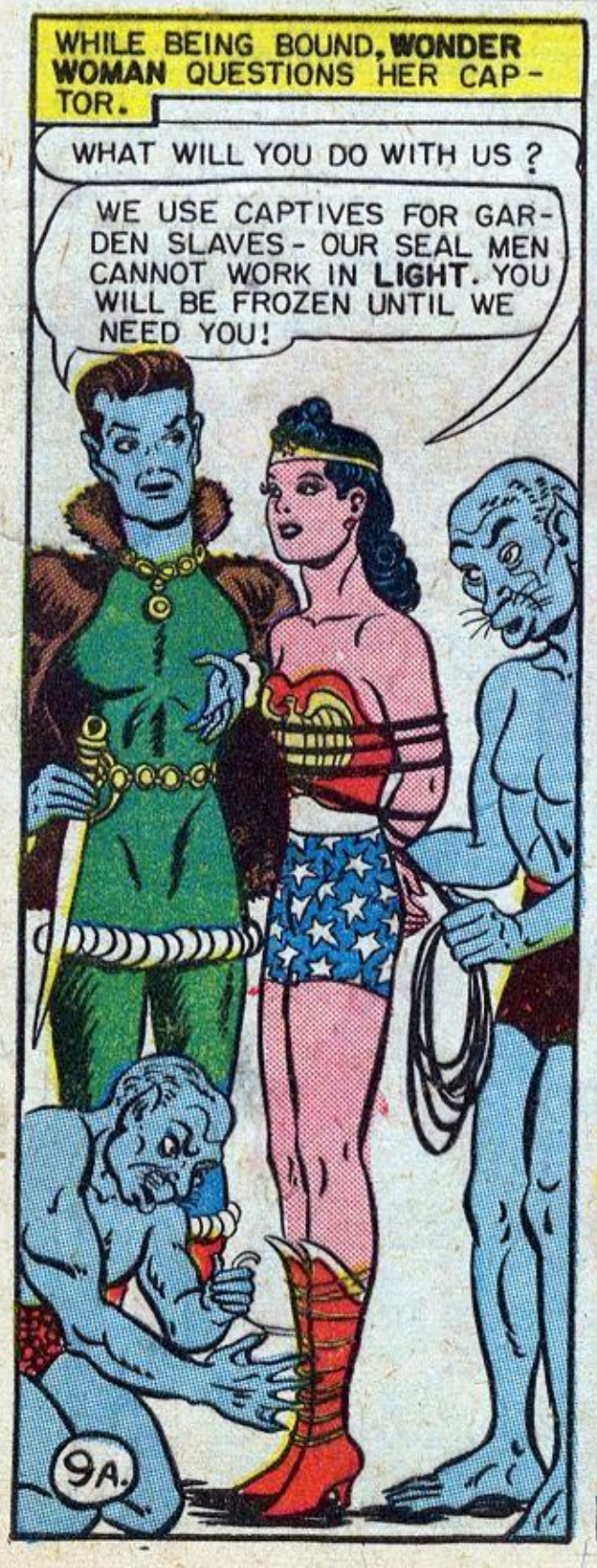

IF SHE CAN SWIM IT, I CAN - HERE GOES!
THIS CURRENT IS SWIFT BUT I'LL MAKE IT!
WONDER WOMAN'S RIGHT - THIS IS EASY - COME ON, GIRLS!


IN THE ENTRANCE ICE CAVE OF BITTERLAND, THE GIRLS ENCOUNTER SEAL MEN GUARDS.
GRR-RR- GRON! SURRENDER, SHEES - YOU'RE OUR PRISONERS!
SEAL MEN! WE CAN'T FIGHT THEM - THEY'RE TOO STRONG!
8-A

OF COURSE YOU CAN FIGHT THESE SEAL MEN - LOOK, I'LL SHOW YOU!

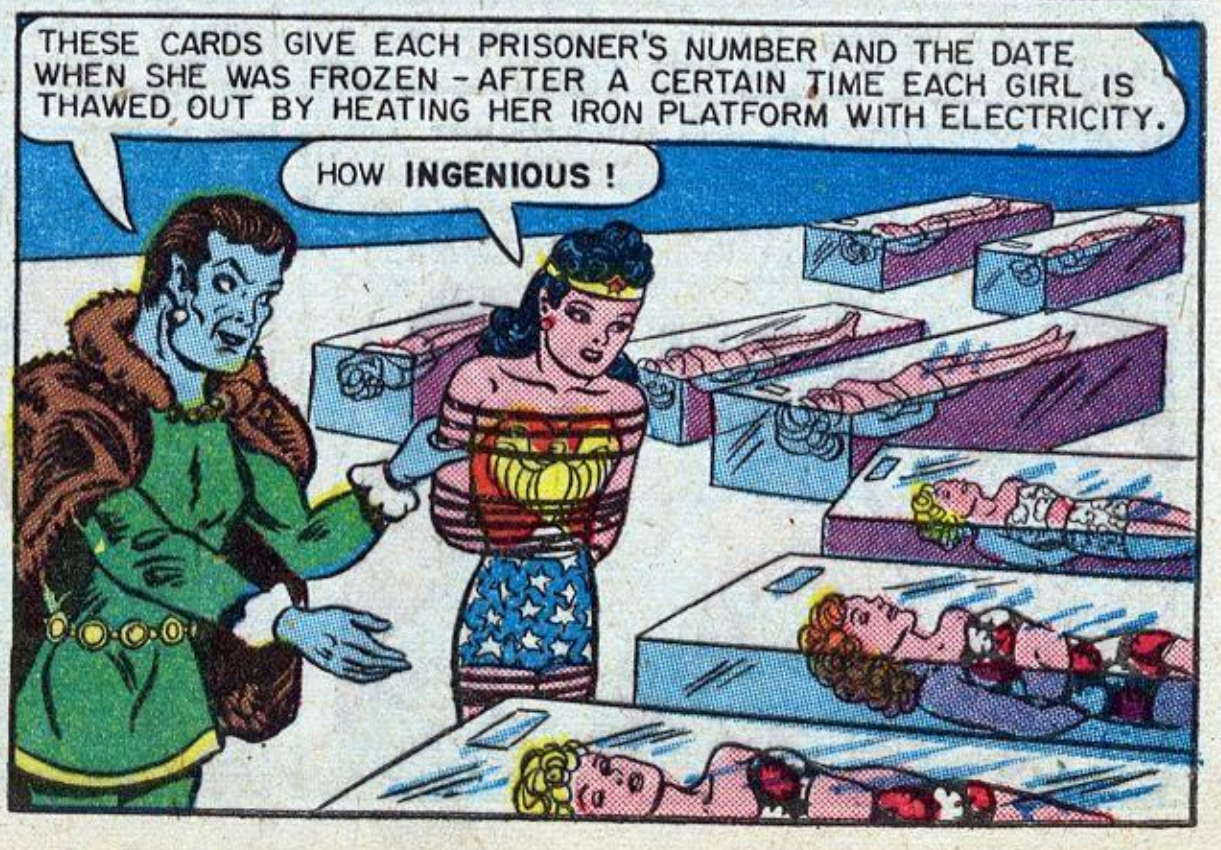
THE GIRLS TRY TO FIGHT BUT SOON WEAKEN - ALL BUT WONDER WOMAN ARE QUICKLY CONQUERED BY THE POWERFUL SEAL MEN.
UGH!

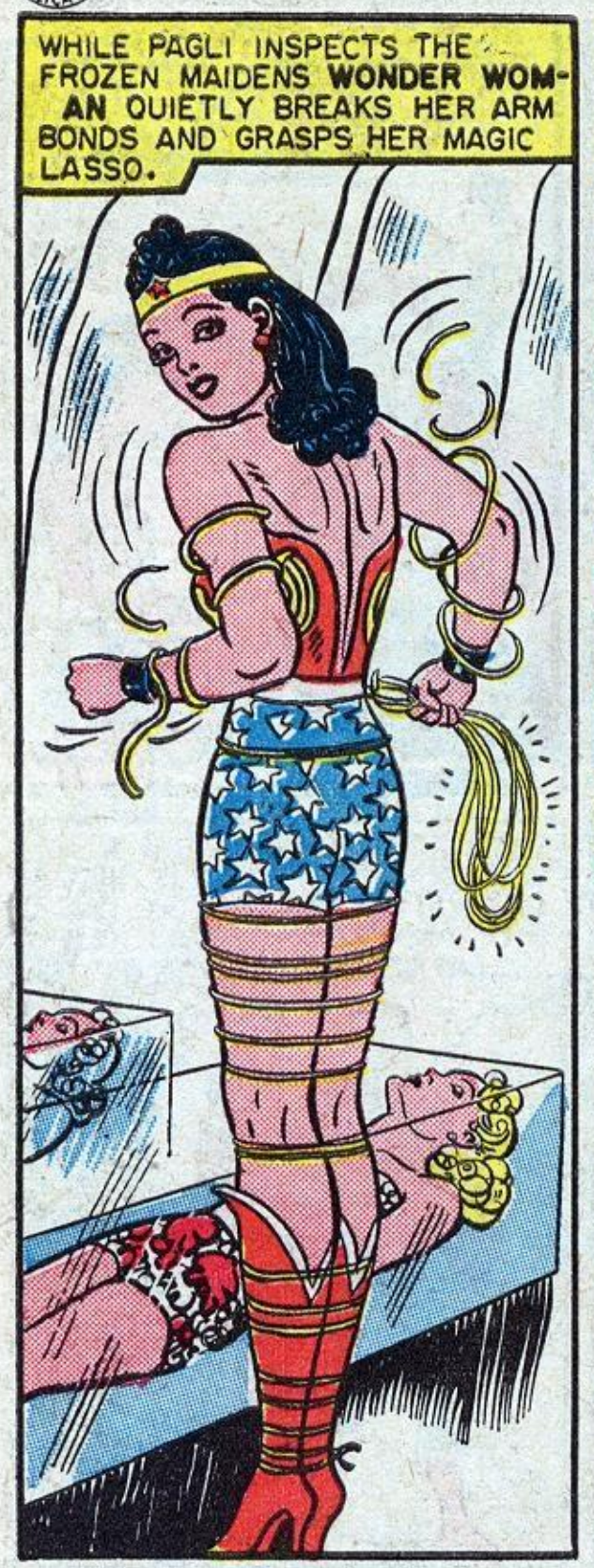
I AM PRINCE PAGLI. YOUR COMPANIONS ARE ALL PRISONERS - IF YOU RESIST FURTHER, THEY'LL BE KILLED.
I HAVE NO CHOICE - I SURRENDER !


WHILE BEING BOUND, WONDER WOMAN QUESTIONS HER CAPTOR.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH US ?
WE USE CAPTIVES FOR GARDEN SLAVES - OUR SEAL MEN CANNOT WORK IN LIGHT. YOU WILL BE FROZEN UNTIL WE NEED YOU!
9A.

YOU FREEZE US ? HOW HORRIBLE !
QUICK FREEZING ISN'T PAINFUL - IT SUSPENDS ANIMATION AND PRESERVES PRISONERS IN PERFECT CONDITION FOR LATER USE WHEN PRESENT SLAVES GO BLIND!

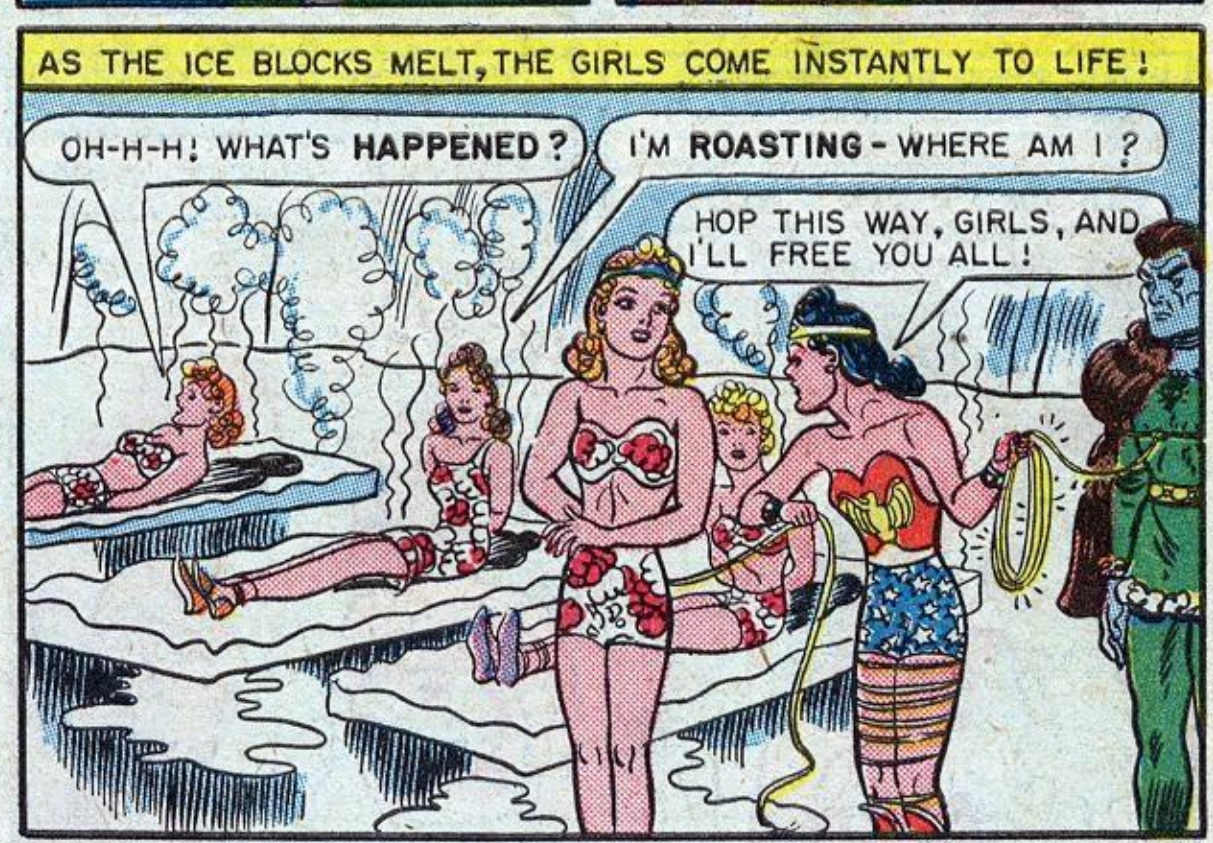
YOU'RE INTELLIGENT - FOR A WOMAN - YOU AMUSE ME. I'LL PUT YOU ON THIS CAPTIVE CARRIER AND SHOW YOU OUR ICE-BOUND MAIDENS !

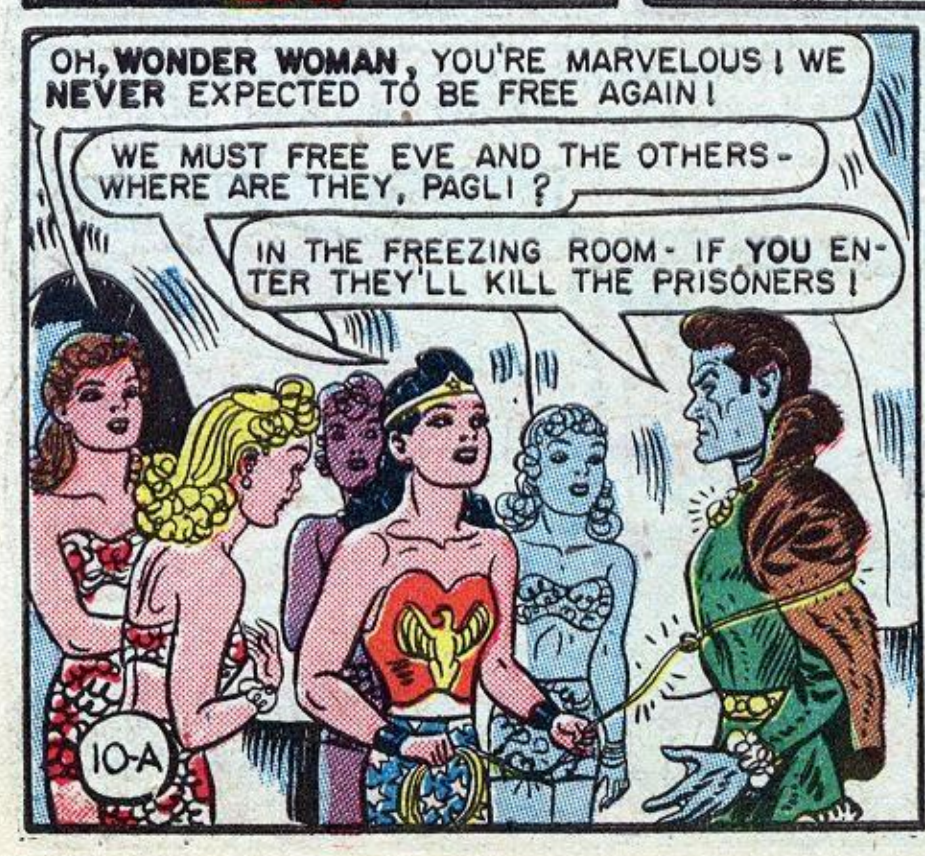

THESE CARDS GIVE EACH PRISONER'S NUMBER AND THE DATE WHEN SHE WAS FROZEN - AFTER A CERTAIN TIME EACH GIRL IS THAWED OUT BY HEATING HER IRON PLATFORM WITH ELECTRICITY.
HOW INGENIOUS !


WHILE PAGLI INSPECTS THE FROZEN MAIDENS **WONDER WOMAN** QUIETLY BREAKS HER ARM BONDS AND GRASPS HER MAGIC LASSO.

PRINCE PAGLI, INTENT ON STUDYING THE PRISONERS' RECORD CARDS, IS SUDDENLY JERKED OFF HIS FEET.
UNF-ULP!

TURN YOUR HEATING CURRENT INTO **ALL** THE PRISONERS' PLATFORMS, MY DEAR PRINCE!
I REFUSE-BUT-AH-SOMETHING **COMPELS** ME TO OBEY!


AS THE ICE BLOCKS MELT, THE GIRLS COME INSTANTLY TO LIFE!
OH-H-H! WHAT'S **HAPPENED**?
I'M **ROASTING**-WHERE AM I?
HOP THIS WAY, GIRLS, AND I'LL FREE YOU ALL!


OH, **WONDER WOMAN**, YOU'RE MARVELOUS! WE **NEVER** EXPECTED TO BE FREE AGAIN!
WE MUST FREE EVE AND THE OTHERS-WHERE ARE THEY, PAGLI?
IN THE FREEZING ROOM-IF **YOU** ENTER THEY'LL KILL THE PRISONERS!
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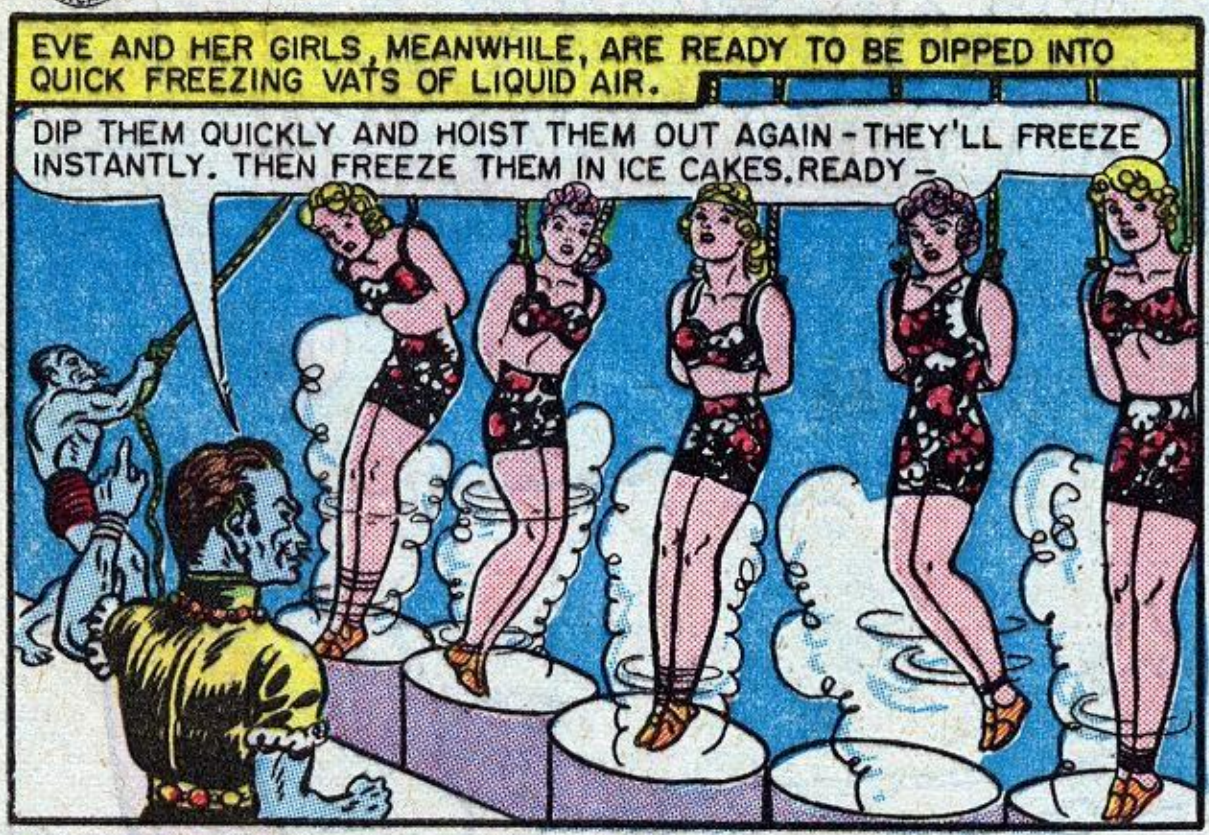
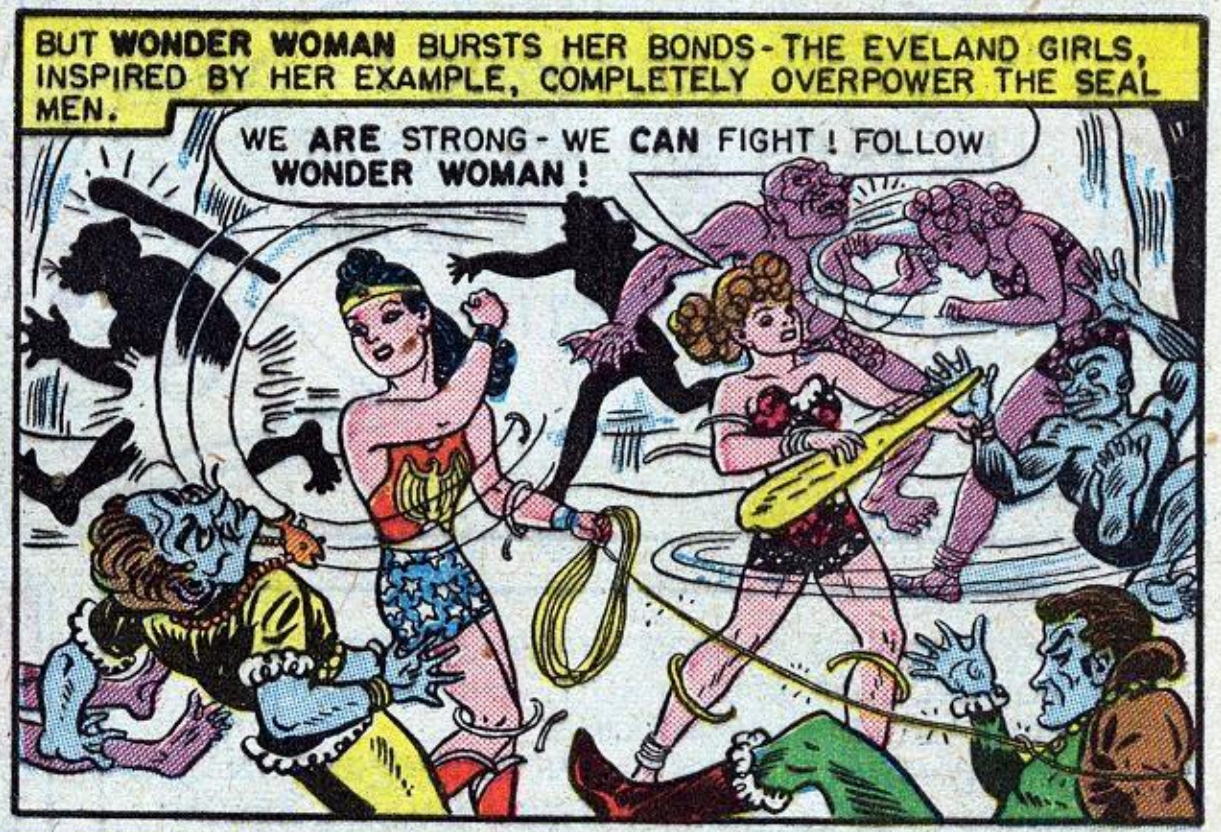
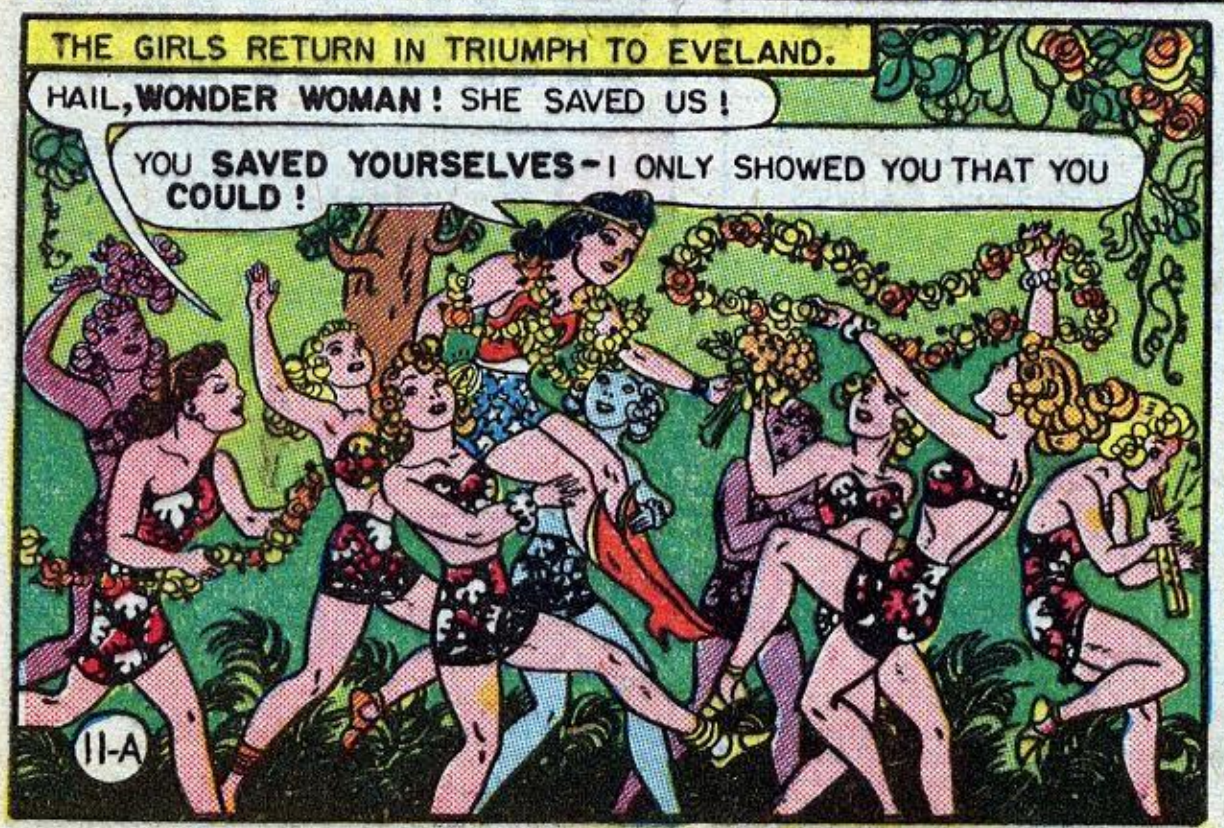
YOU WILL TAKE ME INTO THE FREEZING ROOM LIKE THIS, APPARENTLY YOUR CAPTIVE. BUT **YOU'LL** BE **MY** PRISONER AND OBEY MY ORDERS!
I'M **COMPELLED** TO OBEY!


EVE AND HER GIRLS, MEANWHILE, ARE READY TO BE DIPPED INTO QUICK FREEZING VATS OF LIQUID AIR.
DIP THEM QUICKLY AND HOIST THEM OUT AGAIN - THEY'LL FREEZE INSTANTLY. THEN FREEZE THEM IN ICE CAKES. READY -

STOP! COUNT FRIGID, FREE THESE PRISONERS!

AS THE LAST GIRL IS FREED, PAGLI, UNSEEN BY WONDER WOMAN, GIVES COUNT FRIGID A SECRET SIGNAL.
BUT PRINCE PAGLI - OH! I UNDERSTAND - QUICK, SEALMEN! SLAY THE PRISONERS!


BUT WONDER WOMAN BURSTS HER BONDS - THE EVELAND GIRLS, INSPIRED BY HER EXAMPLE, COMPLETELY OVERPOWER THE SEAL MEN.
WE ARE STRONG - WE CAN FIGHT! FOLLOW WONDER WOMAN!


THE GIRLS RETURN IN TRIUMPH TO EVELAND.
HAIL, WONDER WOMAN! SHE SAVED US!
YOU SAVED YOURSELVES - I ONLY SHOWED YOU THAT YOU COULD!
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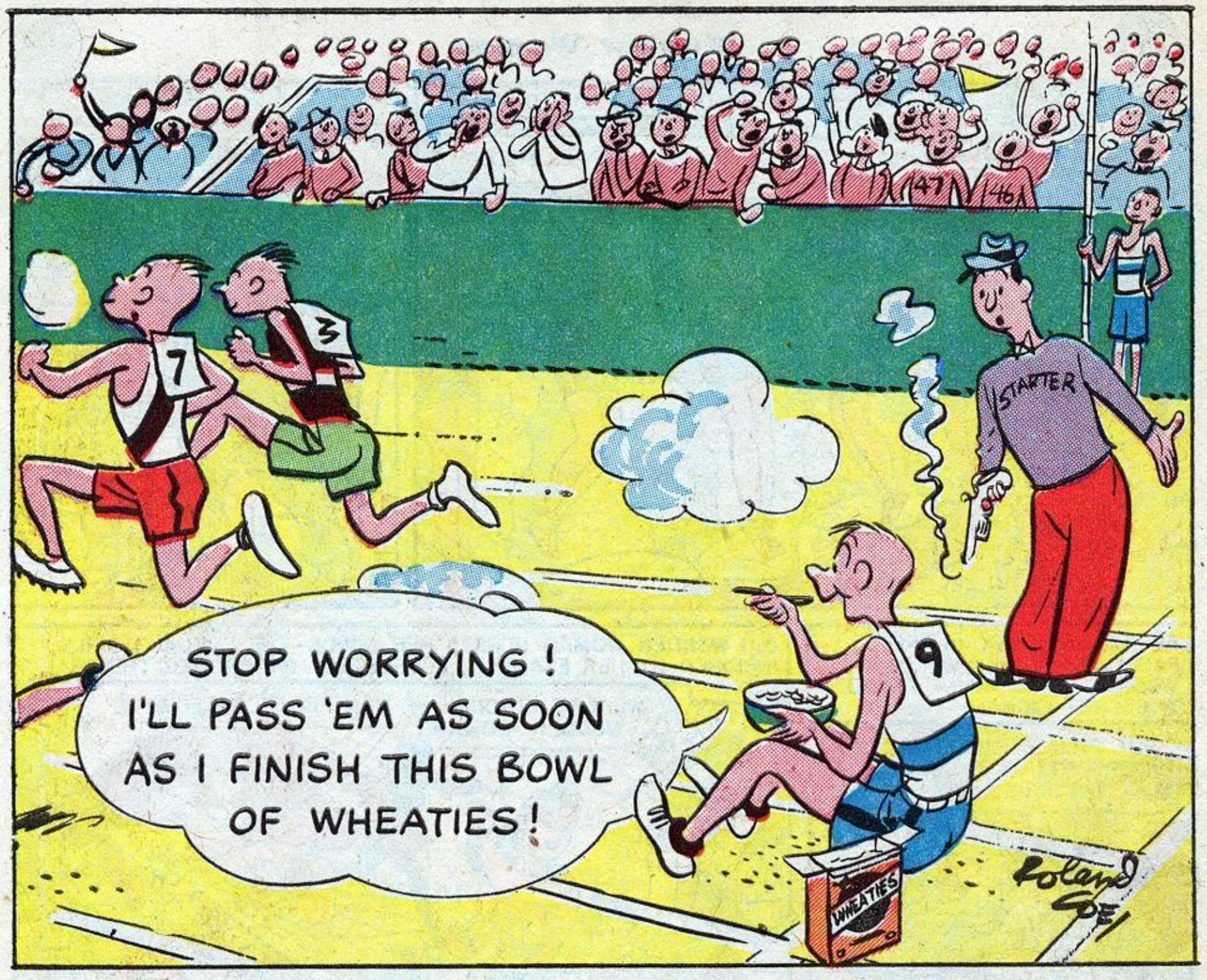
GOODBYE, GIRLS! IF YOU NEED ME AGAIN I'VE SHOWN QUEEN EVE HOW TO CALL ME ON THE MENTAL RADIO.

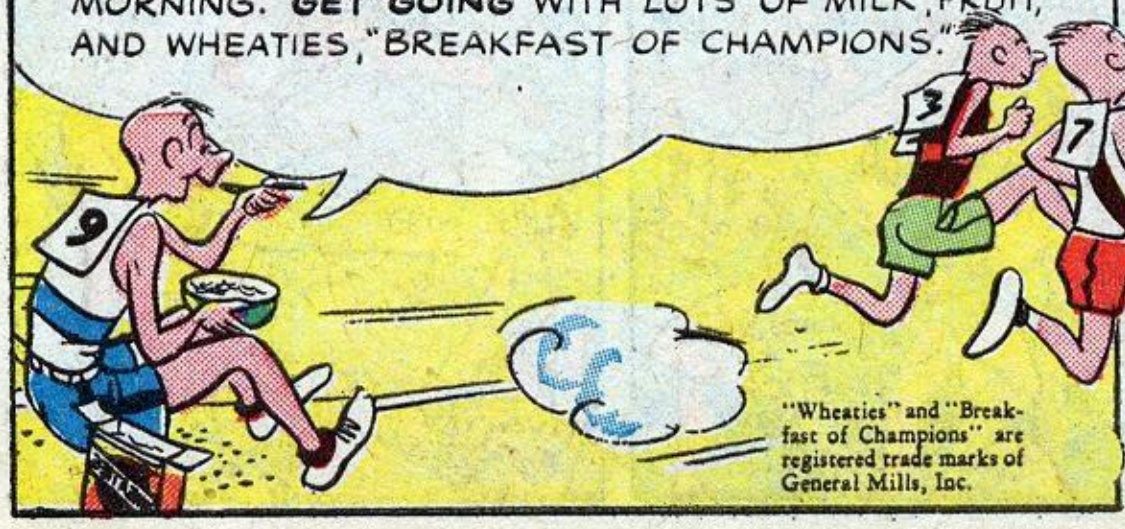


YOU'RE OFF TO A GOOD START - - WITH A BIG BOWLFUL OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS."

CHAMPION WHOLE GRAIN NOURISHMENT IN WHEATIES. HEFTY, HEARTY FOOD VALUES RECOMMENDED BY LEADING COACHES - - **ENJOYED BY FAMOUS ATHLETES.**

YOU'LL LIKE WHEATIES, TOO. BIG GOLDEN BROWN FLAKES. CRISP-TOASTED! MALT-SWEET! LOADED WITH DOWNRIGHT DELICIOUS FLAVOR THAT **SWINGS YOUR APPETITE INTO "SECOND HELPING" STRIDE.**

GET SET FOR CHAMPION EATING - TOMORROW MORNING. **GET GOING** WITH LOTS OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, "BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS."



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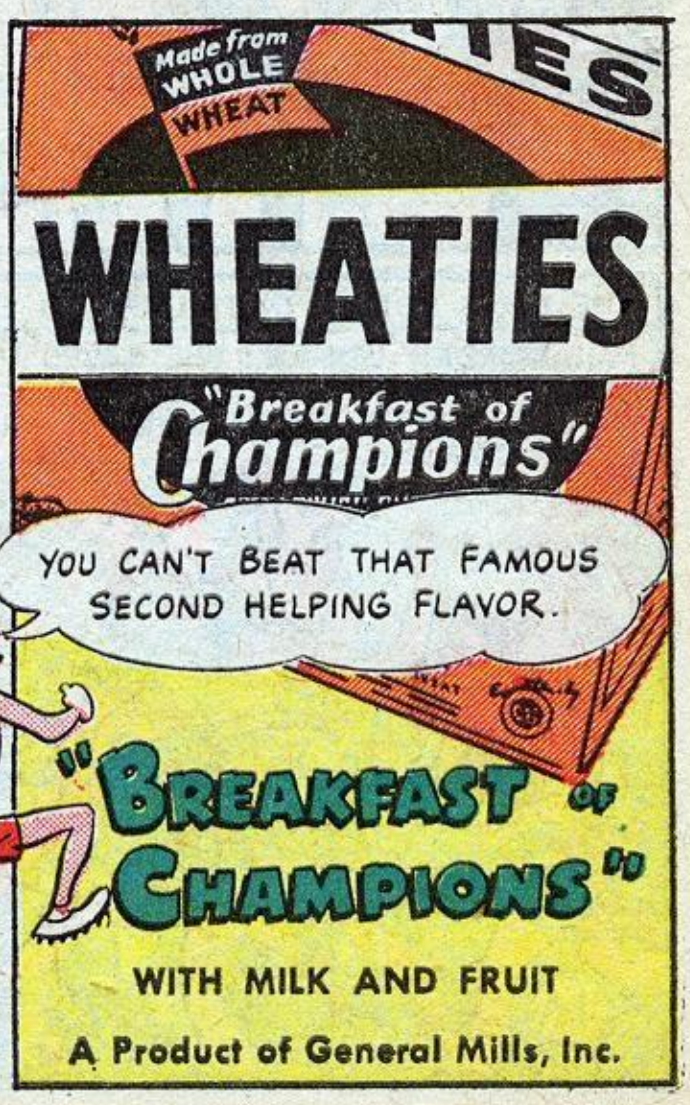

Wonder Woman

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By CHARLES MOULTON

WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS "NEMA," **WONDER WOMAN** FOUND IN HER PLANE WHEN SHE RETURNED FROM EVELAND? LITTLE DID THE MIGHTY AMAZON GUESS THE AMAZING EVENTS WHICH WERE TO HAPPEN WHEN "NEMA" ENTERED HOLLIDAY COLLEGE! NOR DID **WONDER WOMAN** REALIZE THAT THIS BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHOSE IDENTITY REMAINED A MYSTERY WOULD LEAD THE PRINCESS AND HER HOLLIDAY GIRLS BACK TO NEW AND HORRIBLE DANGERS IN THE FARAWAY LAND OF THE SEAL MEN!

YOU'LL THRILL ANEW AT **WONDER WOMAN'S** COURAGE AS SHE FACES THE ACID JAWS OF DEATH IN PURSUIT OF "**THE MYSTERY MAID.**"

H.G.PETER

WONDER WOMAN, SPEEDING BACK FROM THE SOUTH POLE TO AMERICA, FEELS HER PLANE UNACCOUNTABLY TAIL HEAVY.

MM-MY GYRO-BALANCE IS OFF HALF A POINT-CAN'T RISK THAT AT 3000 MILES AN HOUR! I'LL INVESTIGATE.

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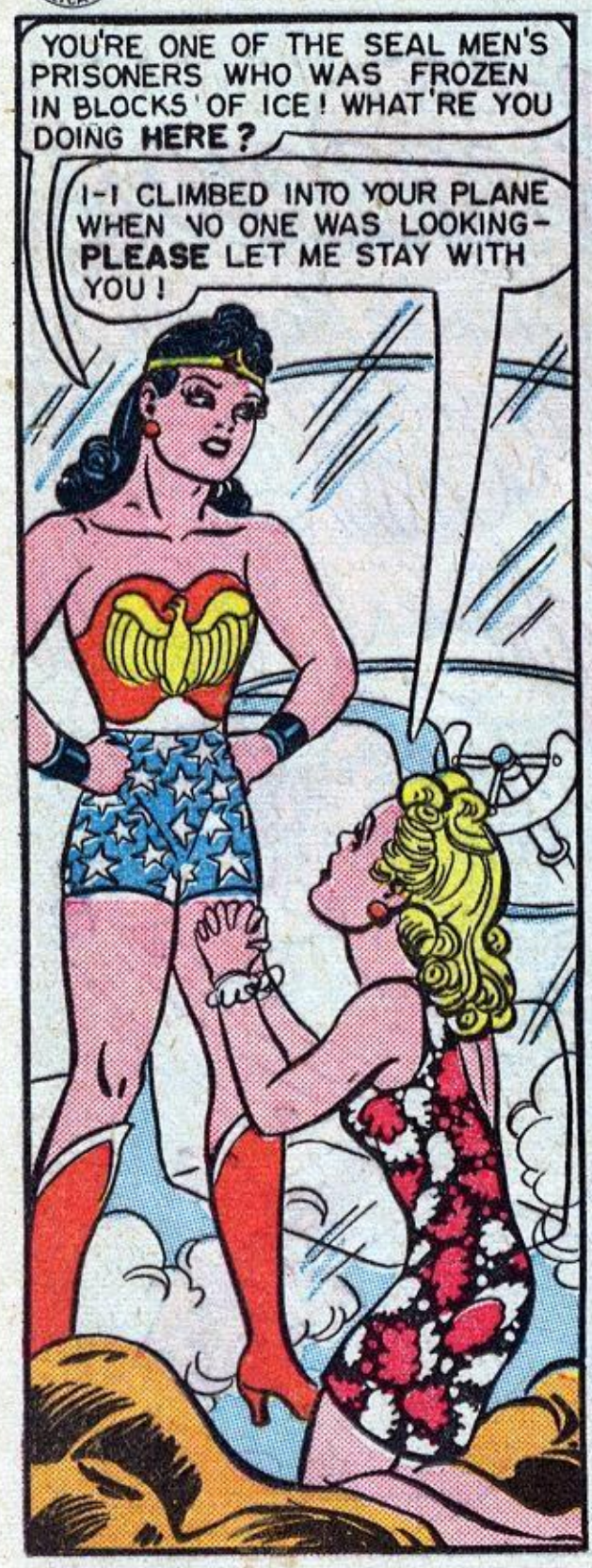
SETTING HER ROBOT PILOT, **WONDER WOMAN** MAKES HER WAY AFT.

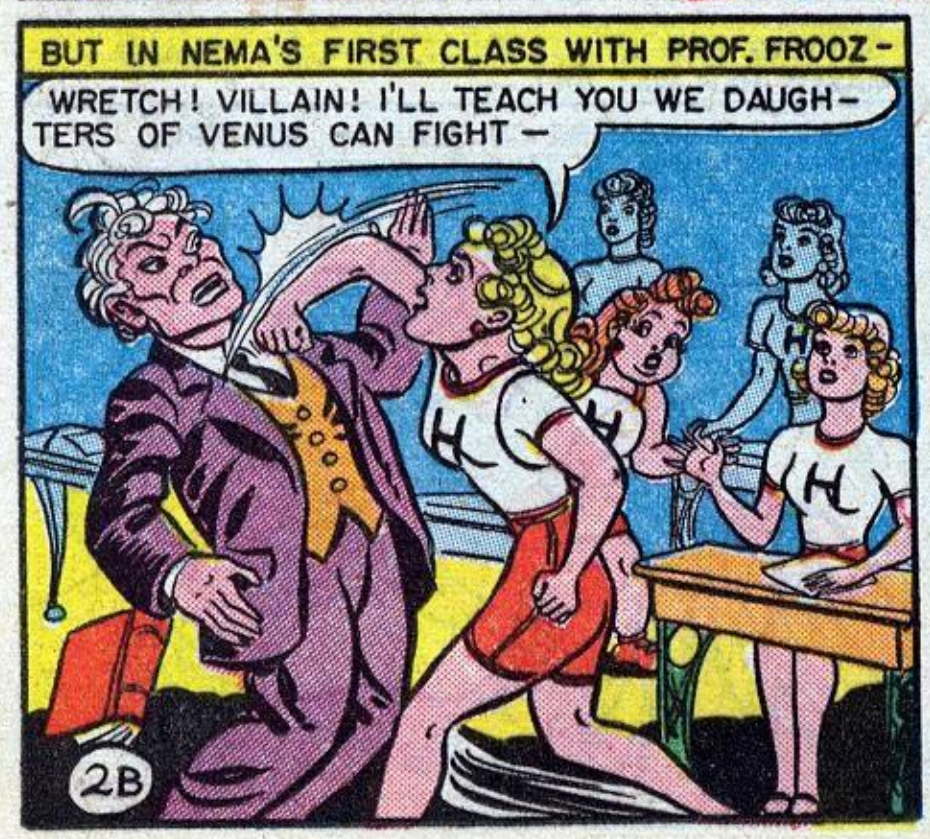
I HAD NO BAGGAGE ON BOARD - MERCIFUL MINERVA! WHAT'S **THIS?**

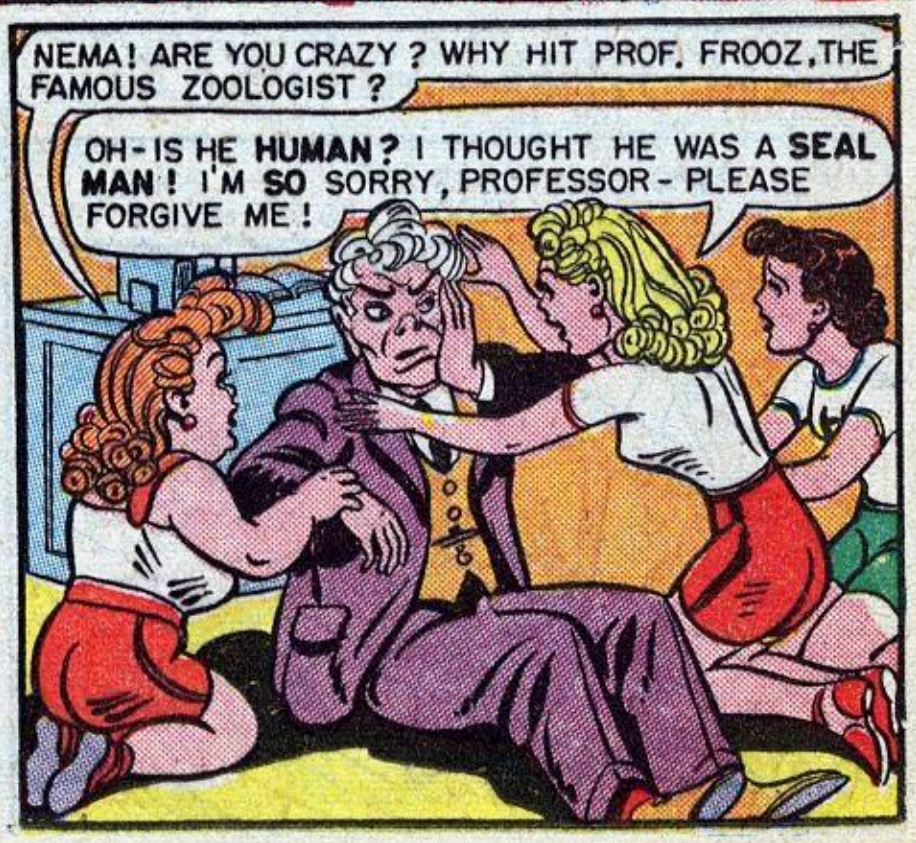

YOU'RE ONE OF THE SEAL MEN'S PRISONERS WHO WAS FROZEN IN BLOCKS OF ICE! WHAT'RE YOU DOING HERE?
I-I CLIMBED INTO YOUR PLANE WHEN NO ONE WAS LOOKING- PLEASE LET ME STAY WITH YOU!

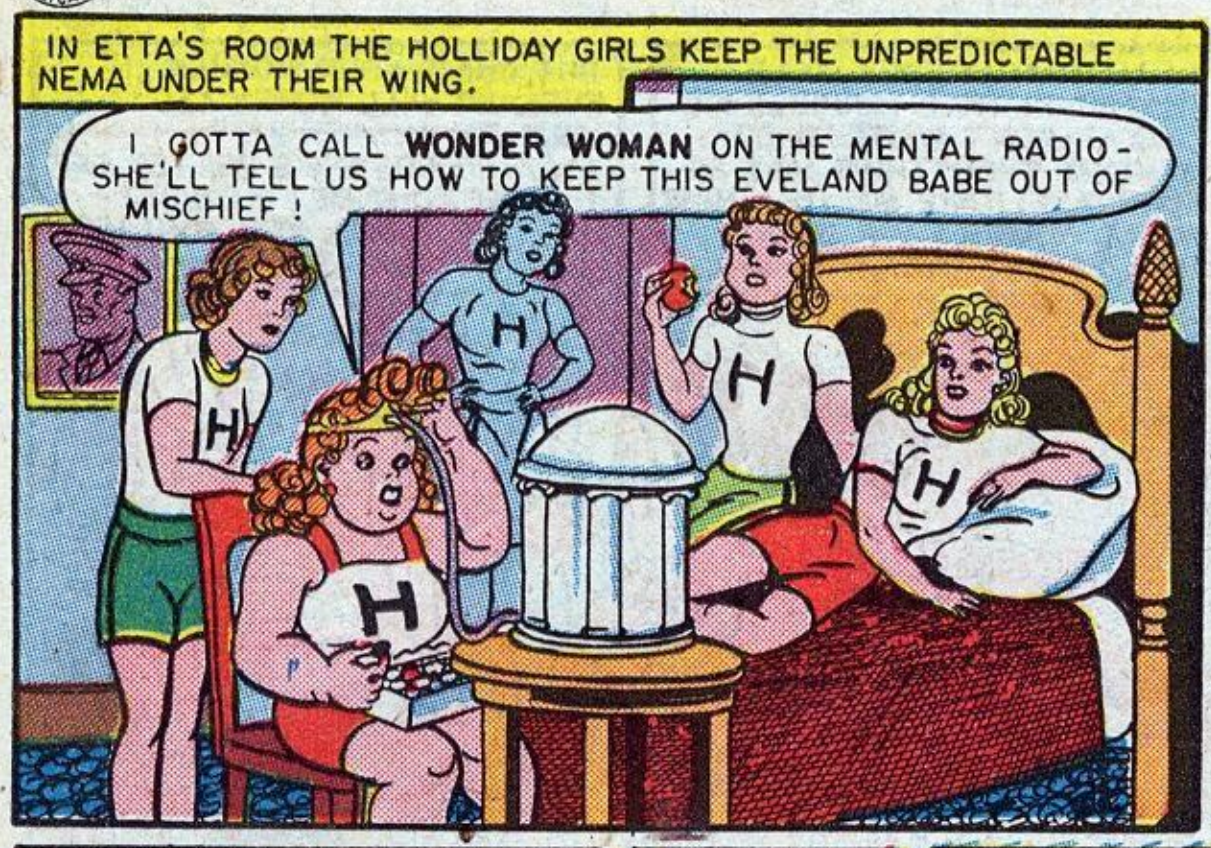
I-I LOST MY MEMORY WHILE FROZEN IN THAT TERRIBLE ICE CAKE-I-DON'T WANT TO RE-MEMBER-EVERYTHING WAS SO HORRIBLE! TAKE ME TO A NEW WORLD WHERE I CAN START MY LIFE ALL OVER!

BUT, CHILD, YOUR MOTHER IN EVELAND WILL WORRY ABOUT YOU!
NO, NO- SHE'S BETTER OFF WITHOUT ME! I-I CAN'T EVEN TELL YOU WHO MY MOTHER IS!

WONDER WOMAN PLACES THE STOWAWAY IN ETTA CANDY'S CARE AT HOLLIDAY COLLEGE.
THIS GIRL CALLS HERSELF NEMA. I HOPE YOU CAN CONTROL HER-
DON'T WORRY, CHIEF- WE BEETA LAMDAS WILL HANDLE THIS BABE!


BUT IN NEMA'S FIRST CLASS WITH PROF. FROOZ-
WRETCH! VILLAIN! I'LL TEACH YOU WE DAUGHTERS OF VENUS CAN FIGHT-

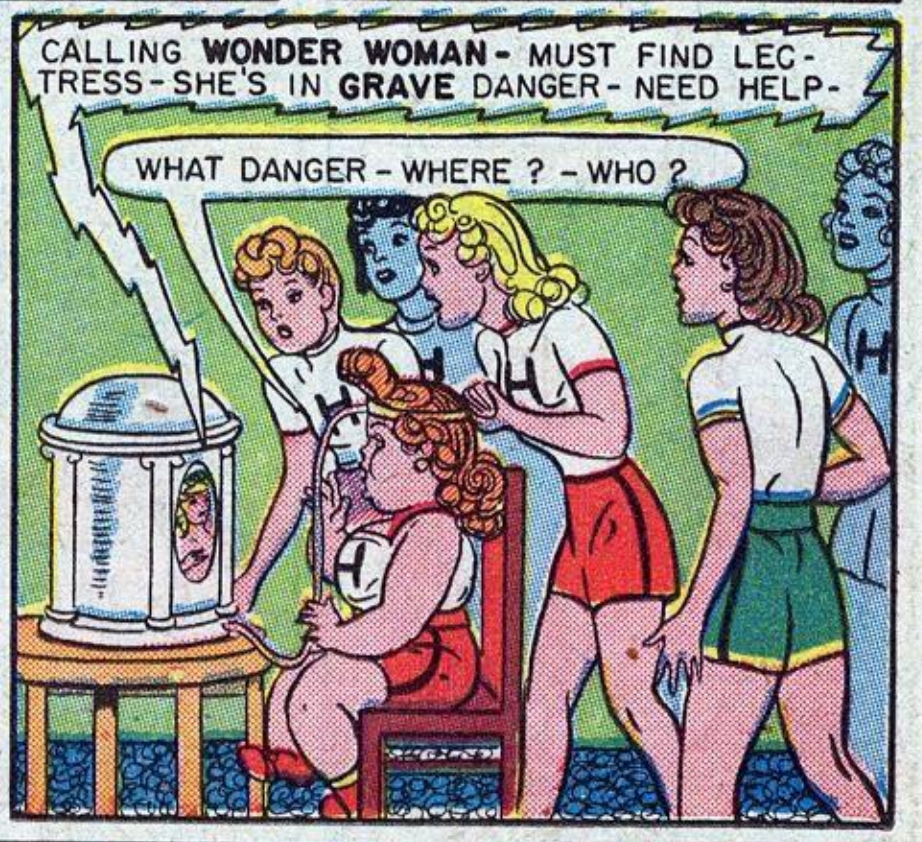

NEMA! ARE YOU CRAZY? WHY HIT PROF. FROOZ, THE FAMOUS ZOOLOGIST?
OH- IS HE HUMAN? I THOUGHT HE WAS A SEAL MAN! I'M SO SORRY, PROFESSOR- PLEASE FORGIVE ME!


IN ETTA'S ROOM THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS KEEP THE UNPREDICTABLE NEMA UNDER THEIR WING.
I GOTTA CALL WONDER WOMAN ON THE MENTAL RADIO - SHE'LL TELL US HOW TO KEEP THIS EVELAND BABE OUT OF MISCHIEF !

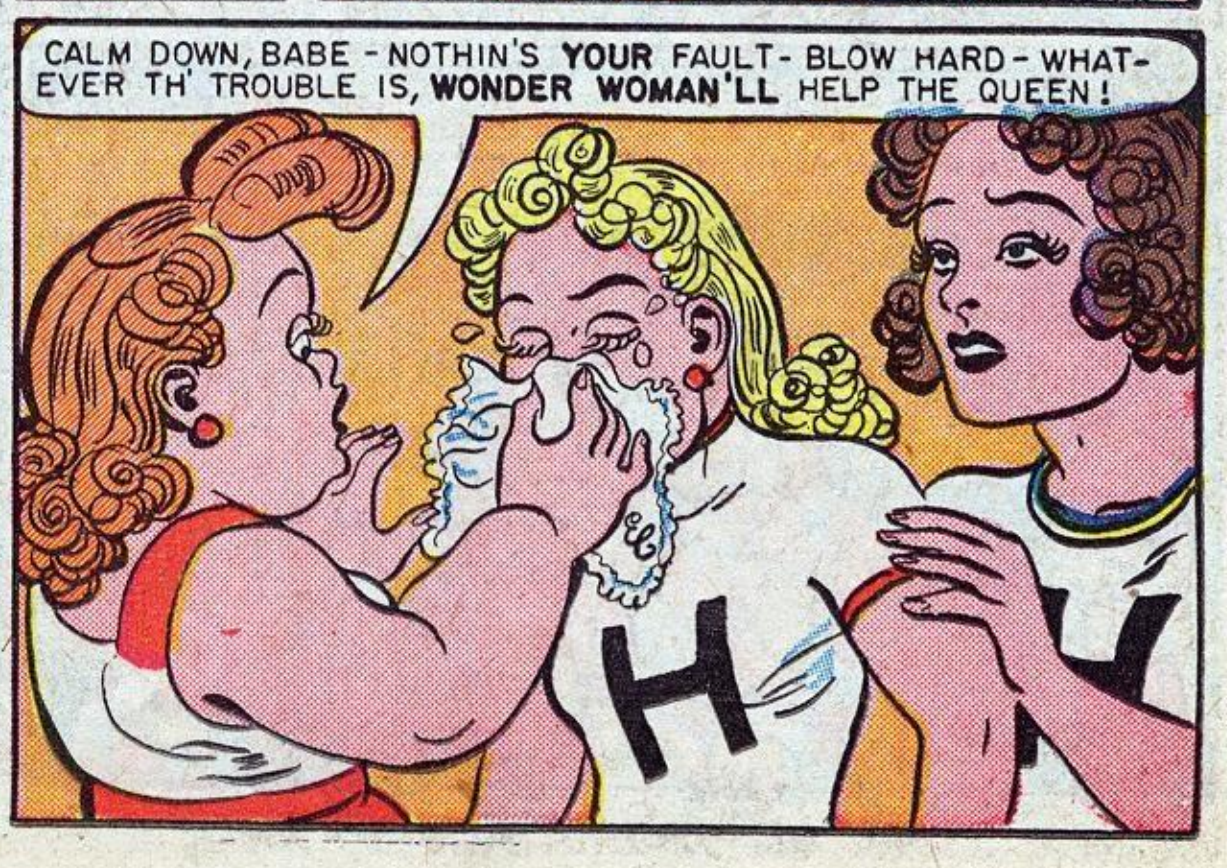
CALLING - GLUB SLUB - WONDER WOMAN - FOR CHOCOLATE'S SAKE! WHERE'S ALL THE STATIC COMING FROM ?
BUZZ

QUEEN EVE OF EVELAND CALLING - BRR - STT - RR -
QUEEN EVE ! - HEY, LOOK KIDS - QUICK !

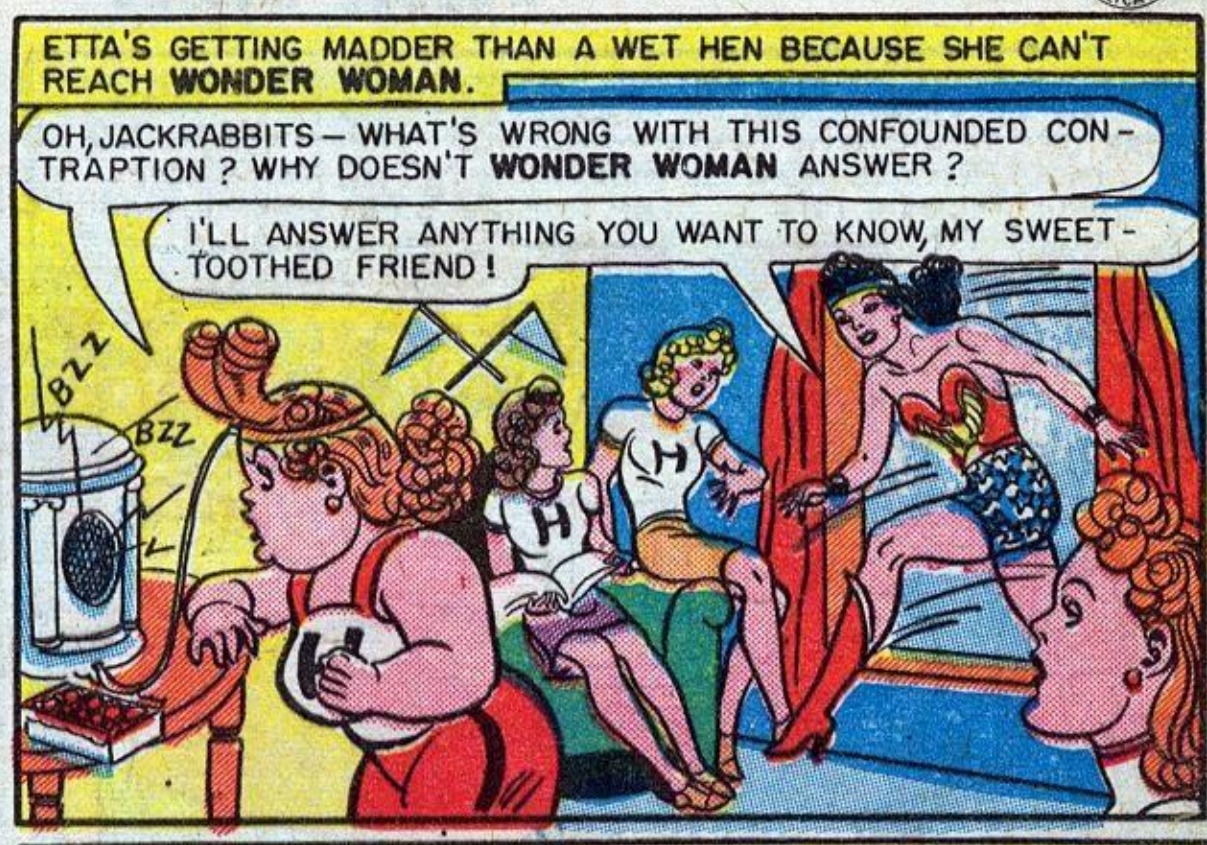
MY MOTHER ! SHE MUST BE IN DANGER AND I'M TO BLAME ! IF ONLY I HADN'T DISGRACED MYSELF -


CALLING WONDER WOMAN - MUST FIND LECTRESS - SHE'S IN GRAVE DANGER - NEED HELP -
WHAT DANGER - WHERE ? - WHO ?

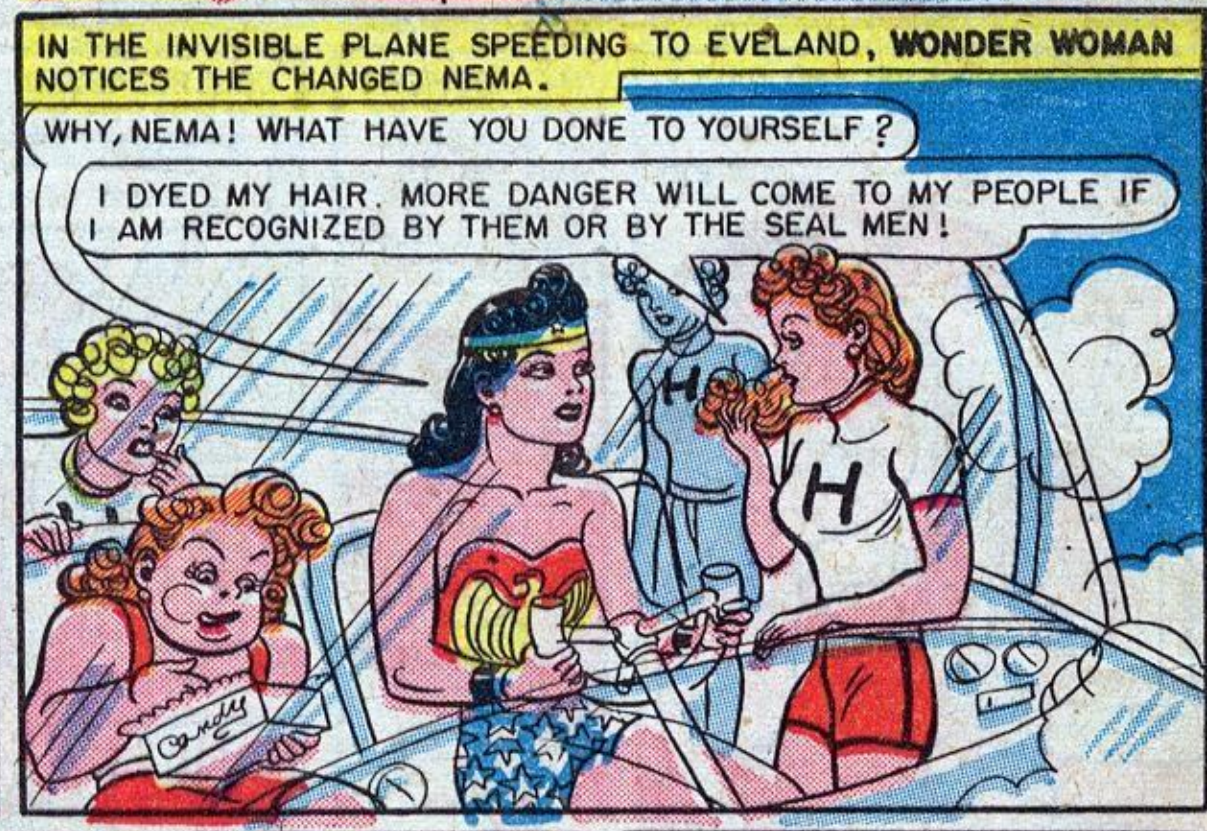
BUT THE QUEEN DISAPPEARS LEAVING ETTA'S QUESTION UNANSWERED.
SOB - IT'S A-ALL - M-MY F-F-FAULT - SNIFF - SOB - I-I'VE GOT TO G-GET BACK AND H-HELP HER - I-I'VE GOT TO !

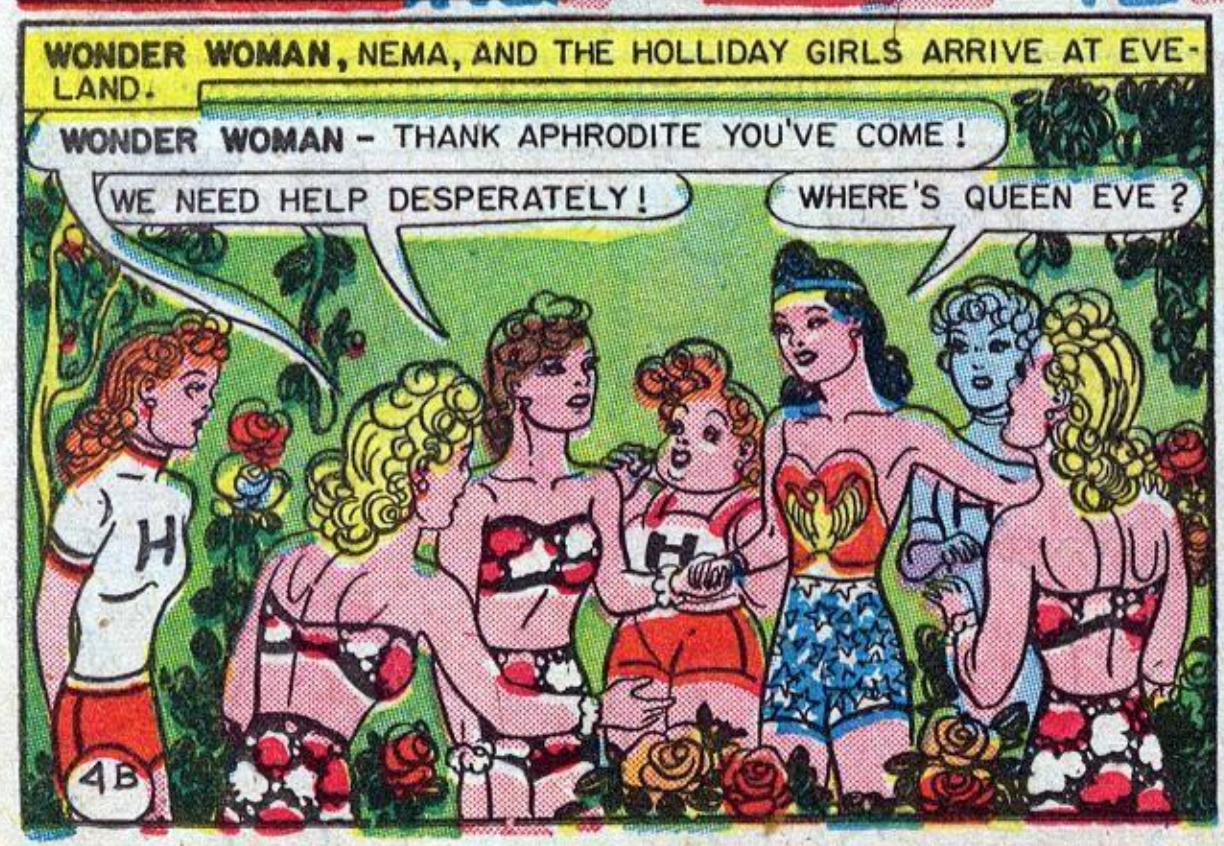

CALM DOWN, BABE - NOTHIN'S YOUR FAULT - BLOW HARD - WHATEVER TH' TROUBLE IS, WONDER WOMAN'LL HELP THE QUEEN !

WHILE ETTA CALLS WONDER WOMAN, NEMA IS VERY BUSY –
WHEN I'M FINISHED THE QUEEN WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE ME. I CAN'T FACE HER AFTER WHAT I'VE DONE!


ETTA'S GETTING MADDER THAN A WET HEN BECAUSE SHE CAN'T REACH WONDER WOMAN.
OH, JACKRABBITS – WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS CONFOUNDED CONTRAPTION? WHY DOESN'T WONDER WOMAN ANSWER?
I'LL ANSWER ANYTHING YOU WANT TO KNOW, MY SWEET-TOOTHED FRIEND!
BZZ
BZZ

WH-WHY WONDER WOMAN – I'M SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU! QUEEN EVE JUST CALLED FOR HELP OVER THE MENTAL RADIO.
UH-OH! WE'D BETTER GET RIGHT TO EVELAND AND FIND OUT WHAT'S UP.


IN THE INVISIBLE PLANE SPEEDING TO EVELAND, WONDER WOMAN NOTICES THE CHANGED NEMA.
WHY, NEMA! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO YOURSELF?
I DYED MY HAIR. MORE DANGER WILL COME TO MY PEOPLE IF I AM RECOGNIZED BY THEM OR BY THE SEAL MEN!
Candy


WONDER WOMAN, NEMA, AND THE HOLLIDAY GIRLS ARRIVE AT EVELAND.
WONDER WOMAN – THANK APHRODITE YOU'VE COME!
WE NEED HELP DESPERATELY!
WHERE'S QUEEN EVE?
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THE QUEEN'S GONE – SHE WENT TO BITTERLAND.
BUT WHY?

KING RIGOR CAME TO EVELAND - HE DEMANDED THAT THE QUEEN MEET HIM ON THE EVELAND SHORE OF THE RIVER OF DESTRUCTION. SHE DID AND -

"THE KING THREATENED OUR QUEEN -"
EITHER YOU SEND BACK MY EVELAND CAPTIVES WHO SUPPLY ME WITH POMORANGES, OUR SEAL MEN'S FAVORITE FOOD, OR YOUR PRECIOUS DAUGHTER WILL BE TORTURED !

"OUR QUEEN WAS FURIOUS!"
YOUR DEMANDS ARE INTOLERABLE! I WON'T DO IT!
YOU'VE TWO DAYS TO CHANGE YOUR MIND. ON THE THIRD DAY YOU WILL RECEIVE THE LIFELESS BODY OF YOUR DAUGHTER !

"AS SOON AS RIGOR LEFT, THE QUEEN CALLED US TOGETHER."
BELOVED PEOPLE, WE'VE APPEASED RIGOR TOO LONG! I'VE CALLED WONDER WOMAN BUT COULDN'T GET HER. I WANT VOLUNTEERS TO GO WITH ME INTO BITTERLAND AND RESCUE LECTRESS. IT'S BETTER TO DIE THAN BE RIGOR'S SLAVES!
TAKE ME!
ME TOO!
I'LL GO!

AND SO QUEEN EVE AND THE CHOSEN VOLUNTEERS LEFT FOR BITTERLAND AND WE'VE NEVER HEARD FROM THEM SINCE !
DON'T WORRY, LEDA, WE'LL FIND YOUR QUEEN.
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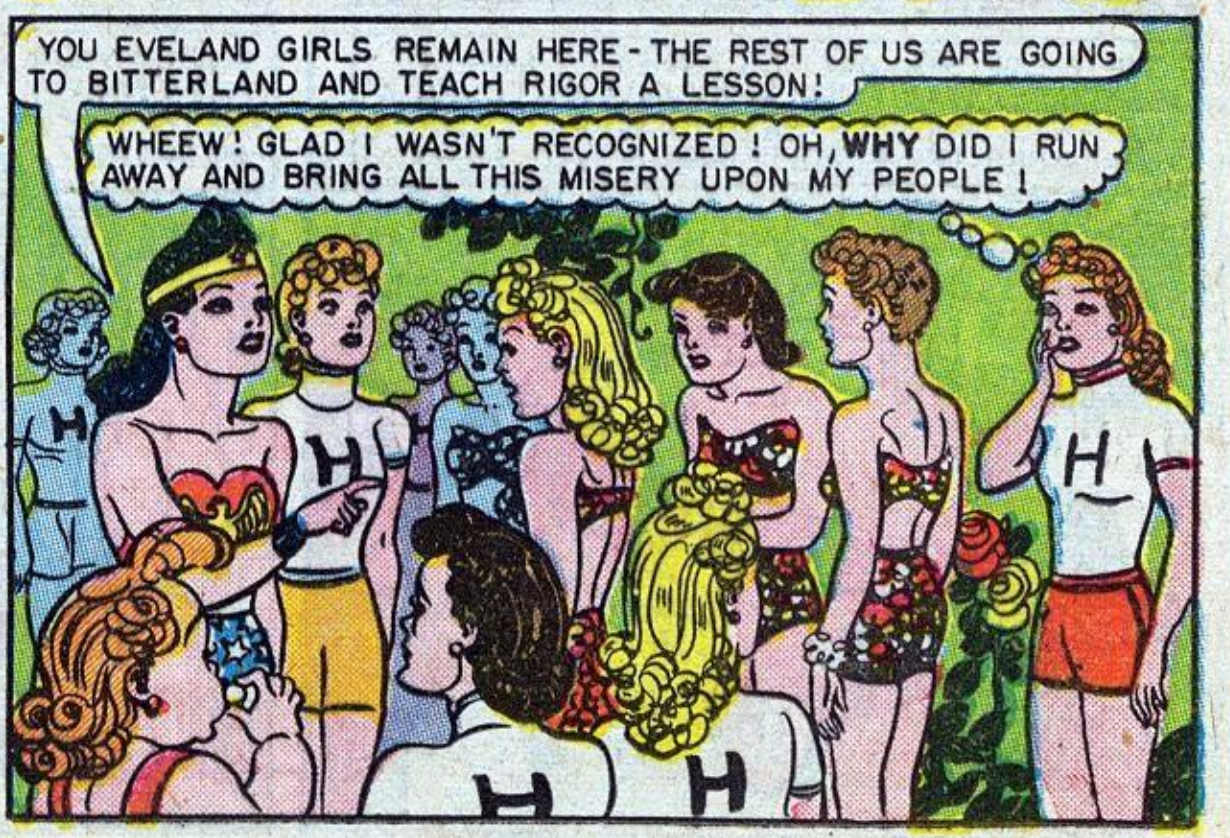
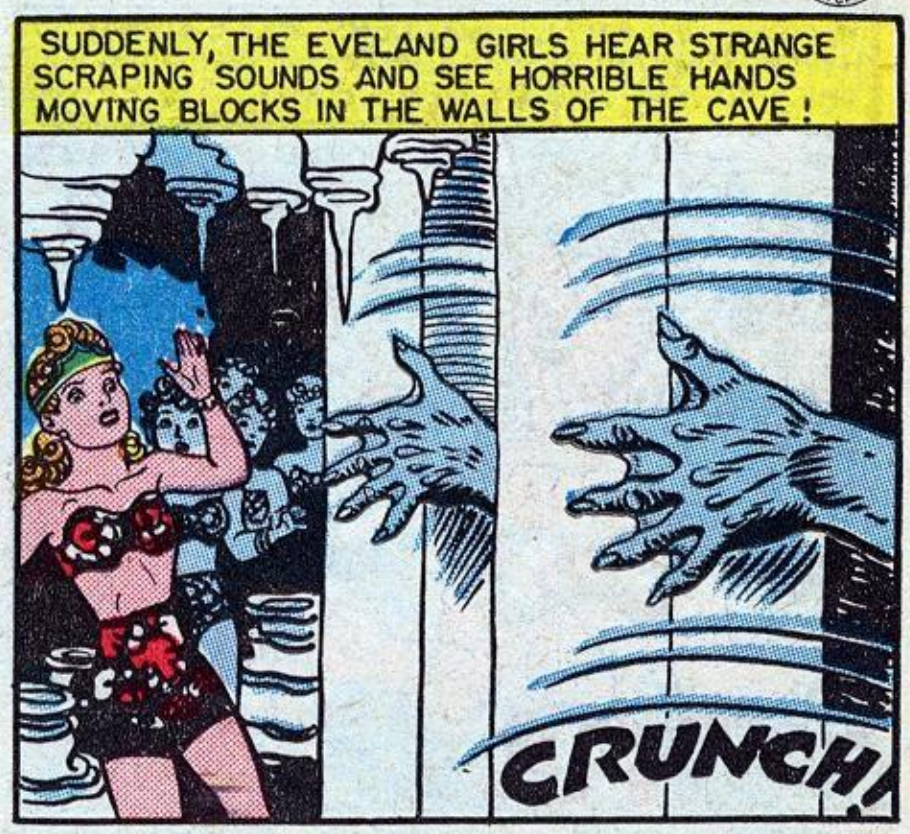
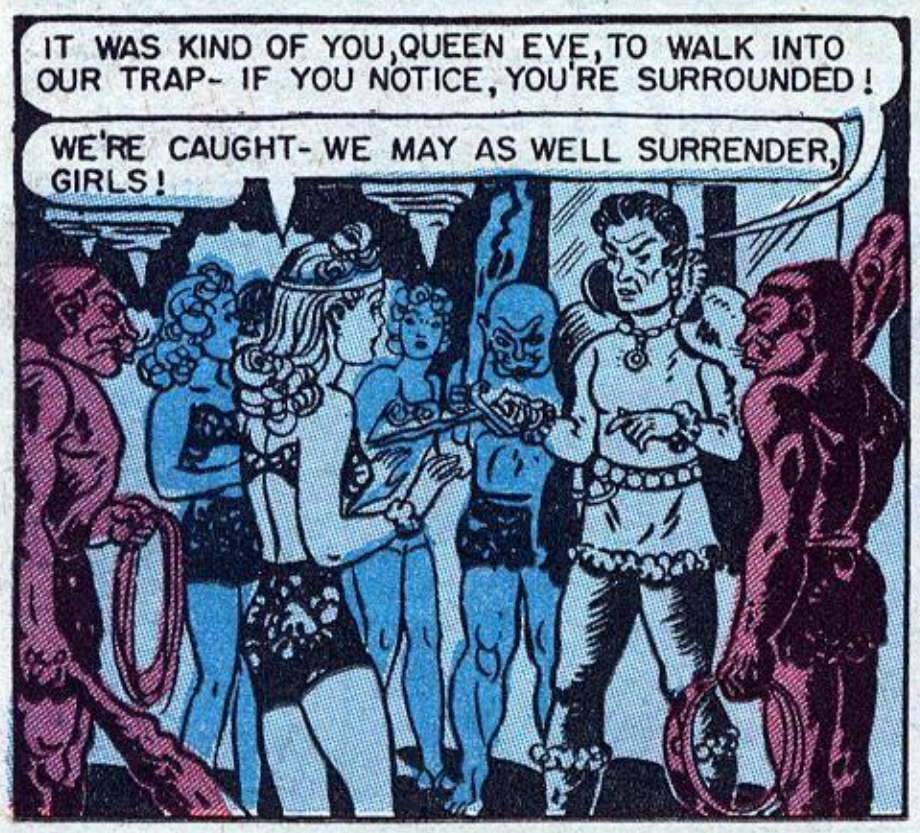
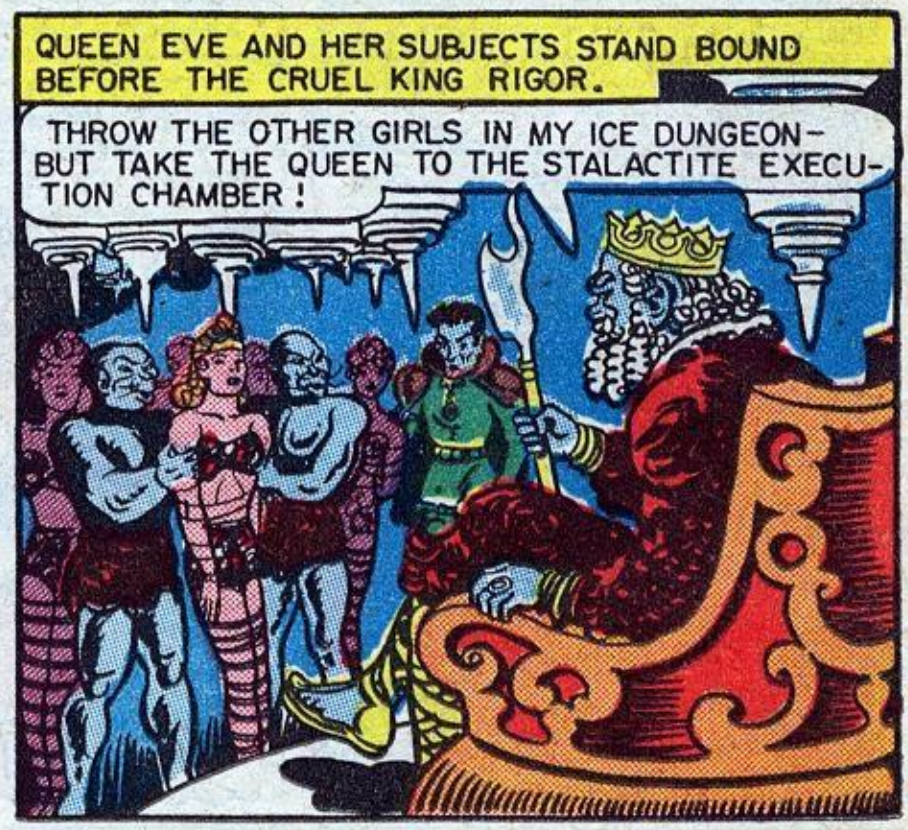
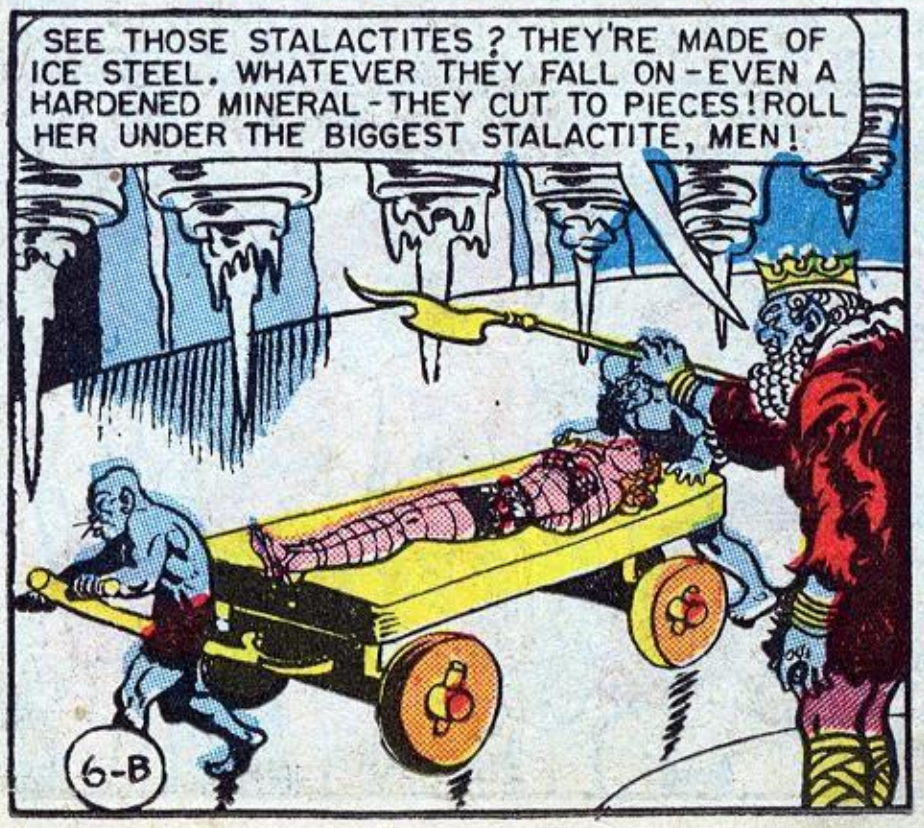

YOU EVELAND GIRLS REMAIN HERE - THE REST OF US ARE GOING TO BITTERLAND AND TEACH RIGOR A LESSON!
WHEEW! GLAD I WASN'T RECOGNIZED! OH, WHY DID I RUN AWAY AND BRING ALL THIS MISERY UPON MY PEOPLE!

MEANWHILE, IN BITTERLAND, QUEEN EVE AND HER AIDES LOSE THEIR WAY IN A DARK, GLOOMY LABYRINTH.
THE SEAL MEN'S LAND IS AS DARK AS THEIR EVIL HEARTS!
COURAGE, GIRLS!


SUDDENLY, THE EVELAND GIRLS HEAR STRANGE SCRAPING SOUNDS AND SEE HORRIBLE HANDS MOVING BLOCKS IN THE WALLS OF THE CAVE!
CRUNCH!


IT WAS KIND OF YOU, QUEEN EVE, TO WALK INTO OUR TRAP- IF YOU NOTICE, YOU'RE SURROUNDED!
WE'RE CAUGHT- WE MAY AS WELL SURRENDER, GIRLS!


QUEEN EVE AND HER SUBJECTS STAND BOUND BEFORE THE CRUEL KING RIGOR.
THROW THE OTHER GIRLS IN MY ICE DUNGEON- BUT TAKE THE QUEEN TO THE STALACTITE EXECUTION CHAMBER!


SEE THOSE STALACTITES? THEY'RE MADE OF ICE STEEL. WHATEVER THEY FALL ON - EVEN A HARDENED MINERAL - THEY CUT TO PIECES! ROLL HER UNDER THE BIGGEST STALACTITE, MEN!
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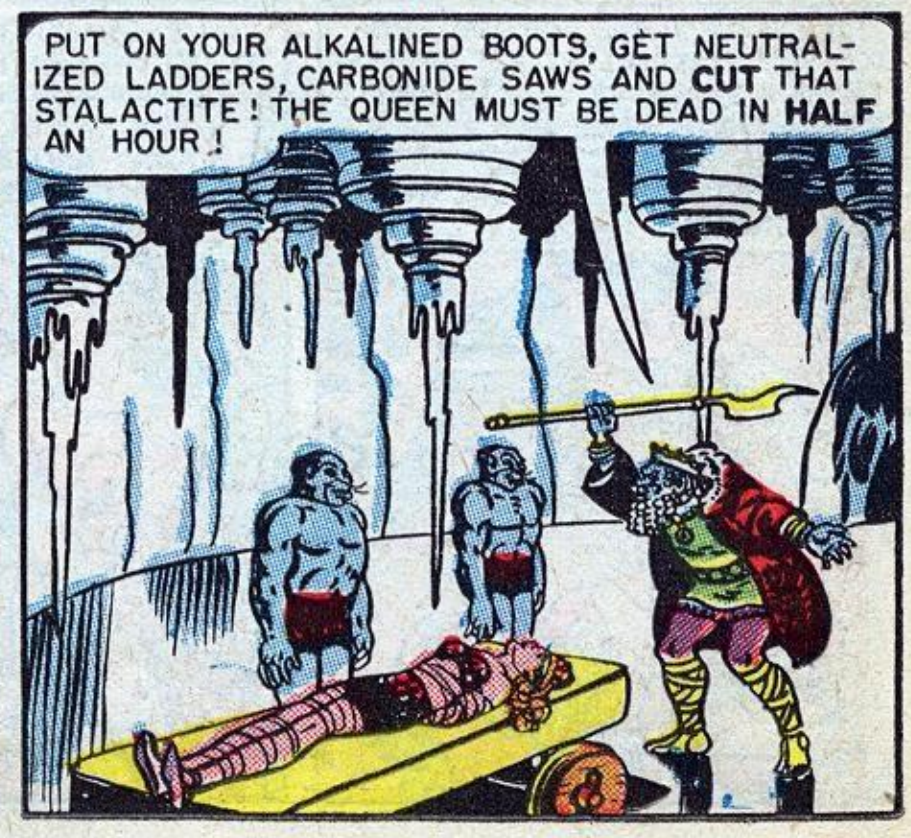
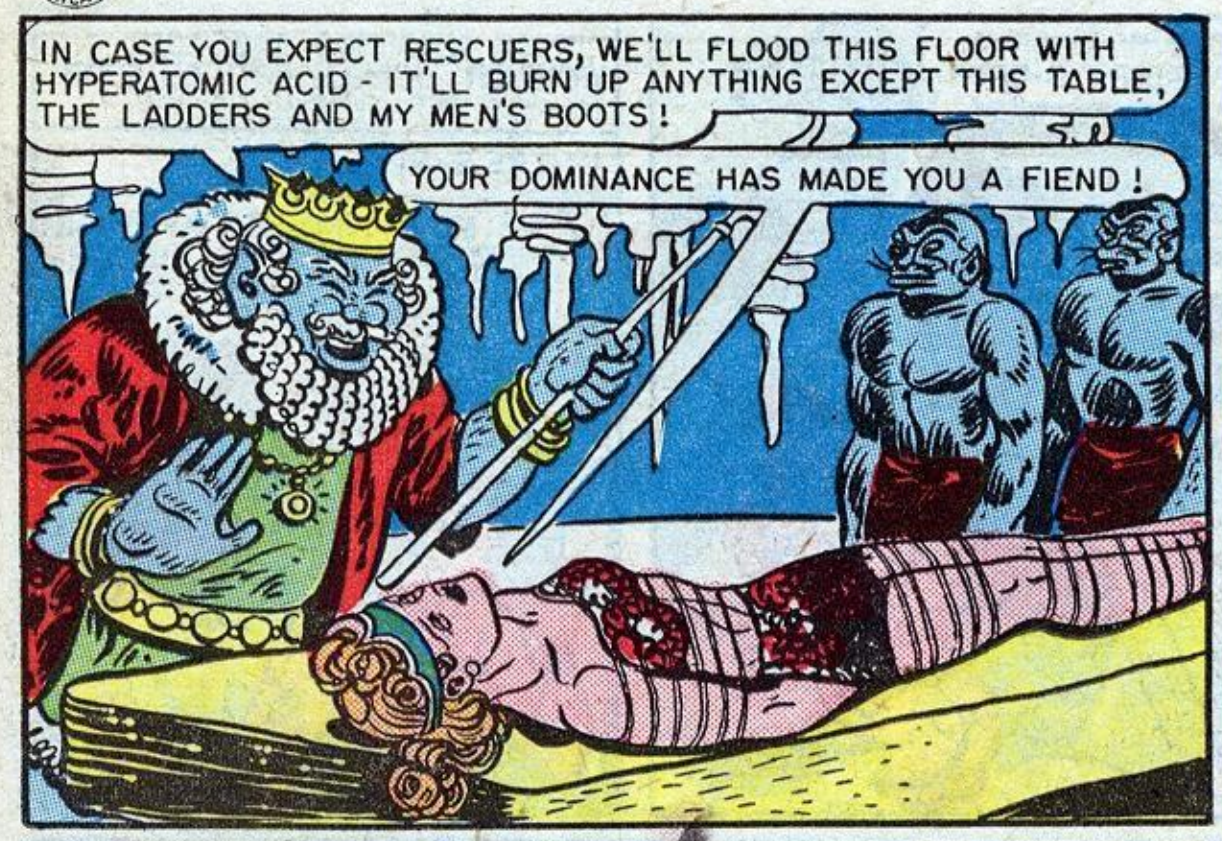
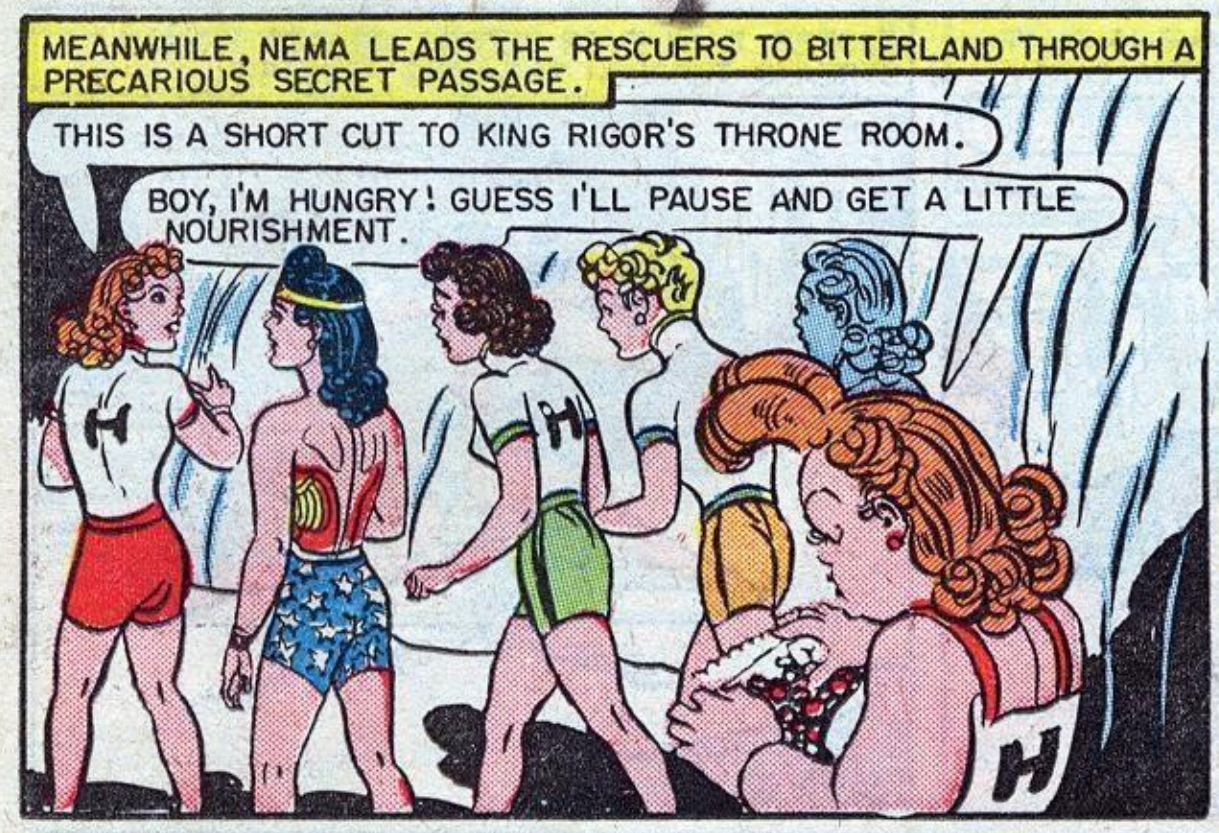

PUT ON YOUR ALKALINED BOOTS, GET NEUTRALIZED LADDERS, CARBONIDE SAWS AND CUT THAT STALACTITE! THE QUEEN MUST BE DEAD IN HALF AN HOUR!


IN CASE YOU EXPECT RESCUERS, WE'LL FLOOD THIS FLOOR WITH HYPERATOMIC ACID - IT'LL BURN UP ANYTHING EXCEPT THIS TABLE, THE LADDERS AND MY MEN'S BOOTS!
YOUR DOMINANCE HAS MADE YOU A FIEND!

OUTSIDE THE STALACTITE EXECUTION CHAMBER, KING RIGOR GIVES HIS FINAL ORDERS FOR THE BRUTAL EXECUTION OF QUEEN EVE!
FLOOD THE FLOOR OF THAT EXECUTION CHAMBER WITH HYPERATOMIC ACID, IMMEDIATELY!


MEANWHILE, NEMA LEADS THE RESCUERS TO BITTERLAND THROUGH A PRECARIOUS SECRET PASSAGE.
THIS IS A SHORT CUT TO KING RIGOR'S THRONE ROOM.
BOY, I'M HUNGRY! GUESS I'LL PAUSE AND GET A LITTLE NOURISHMENT.

MMMMM! NOW LET'S SEE - WHICH'LL IT BE-

MUCH TO HER CONSTERNATION ETTA DISCOVERS SHE'S **ALONE**!
WOO WOO! CAN'T EVEN TAKE TIME TO EAT A CANDY WITHOUT BEIN' DESERTED!
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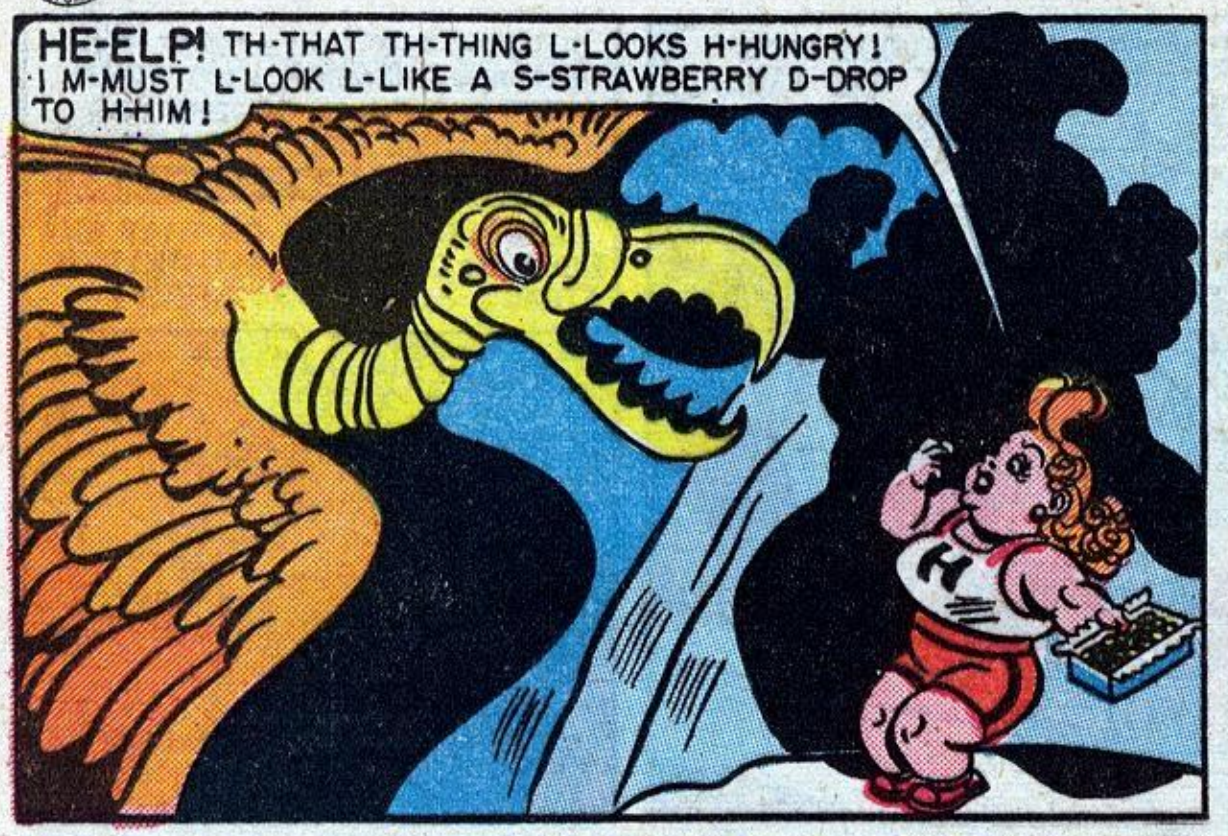
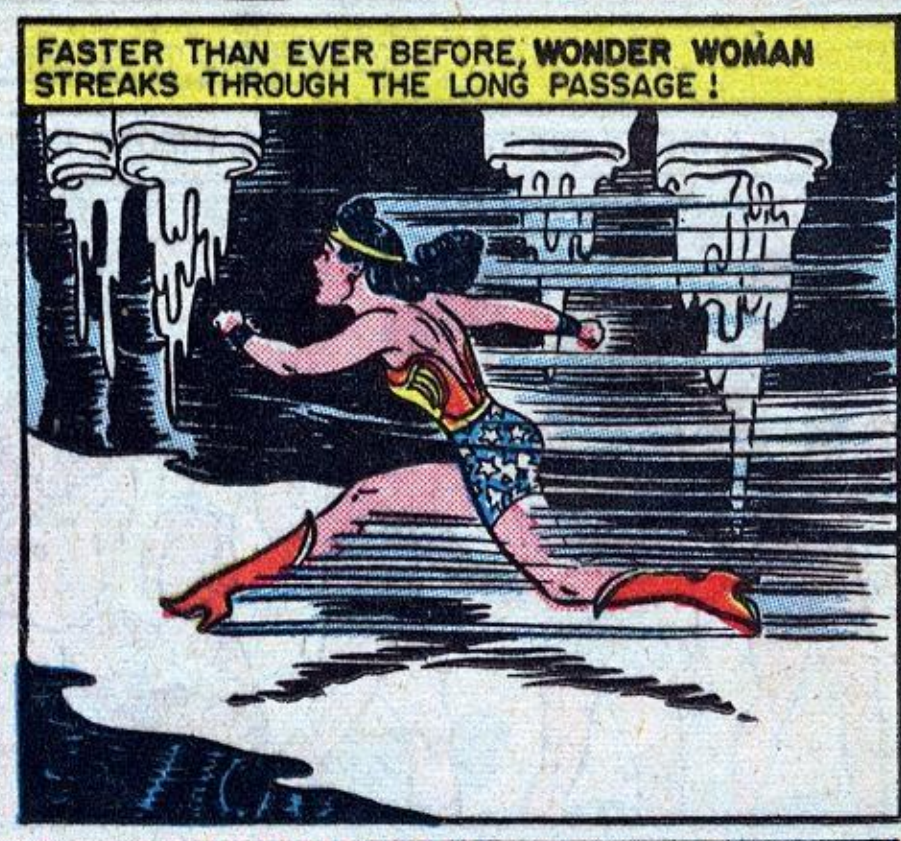
SUDDENLY, ETTA CANDY SEES A HORRIFYING MONSTER SLOWLY FLYING **CLOSER** AND **CLOSER**-


HE-ELP! TH-THAT TH-THING L-LOOKS H-HUNGRY! I M-MUST L-LOOK L-LIKE A S-STRAWBERRY D-DROP TO H-HIM!

IN AN ADJOINING PASSAGE, WONDER WOMAN NOTICES ETTA IS NOT WITH THEM.
WHERE'S ETTA?
WE MUST FIND HER AT ONCE! THERE ARE DEADLY PINCER BIRDS THAT INHABIT SOME OF THESE CAVES!

SUDDENLY, THE SILENCE OF THE CAVE IS SHATTERED BY THE PIERCING YELL OF ETTA CANDY!
ETTA'S SCREAMING FOR HELP - I MUST GET TO HER AT ONCE!
HELP!


FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE, WONDER WOMAN STREAKS THROUGH THE LONG PASSAGE!

AT THE TUNNEL'S END WONDER WOMAN SEES A TERRIFYING SIGHT.
WONDER WOMAN, COME QUICK! HEY, TAKE IT EASY, BIRD!
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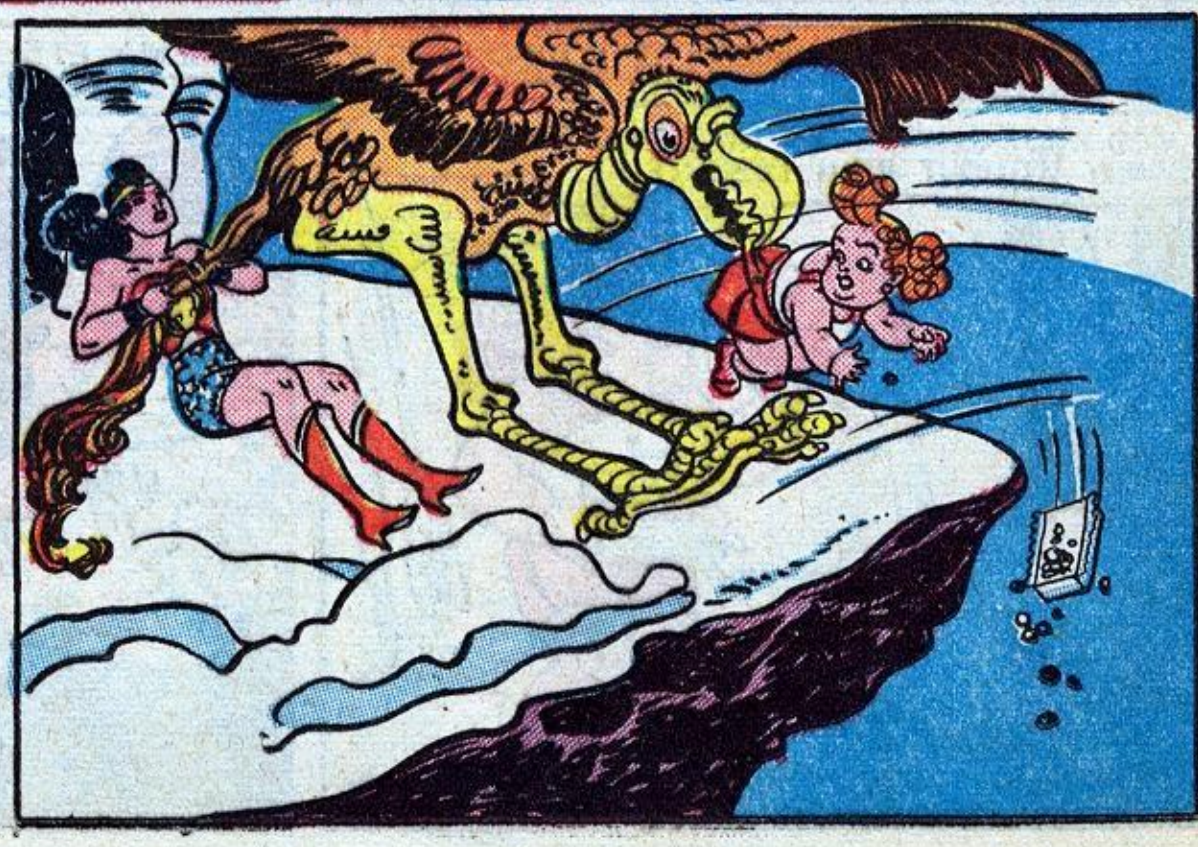
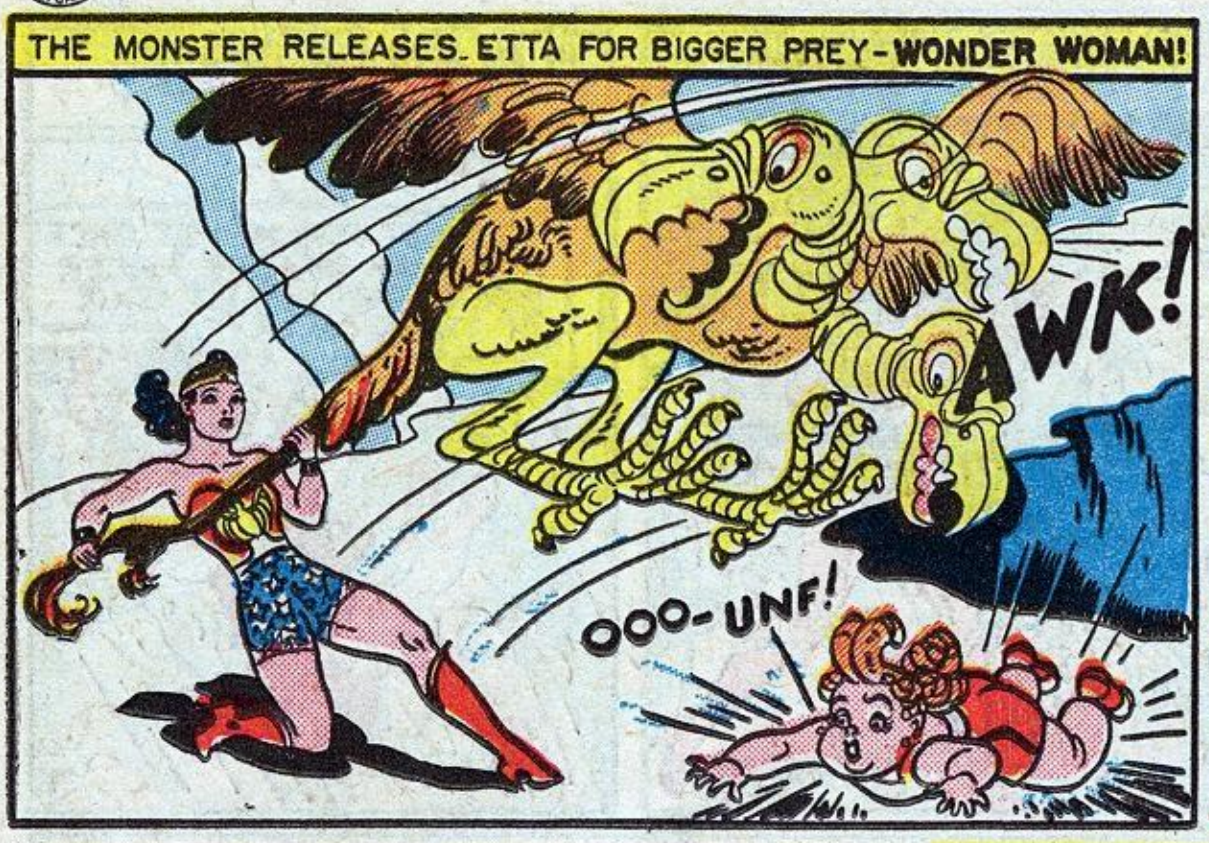
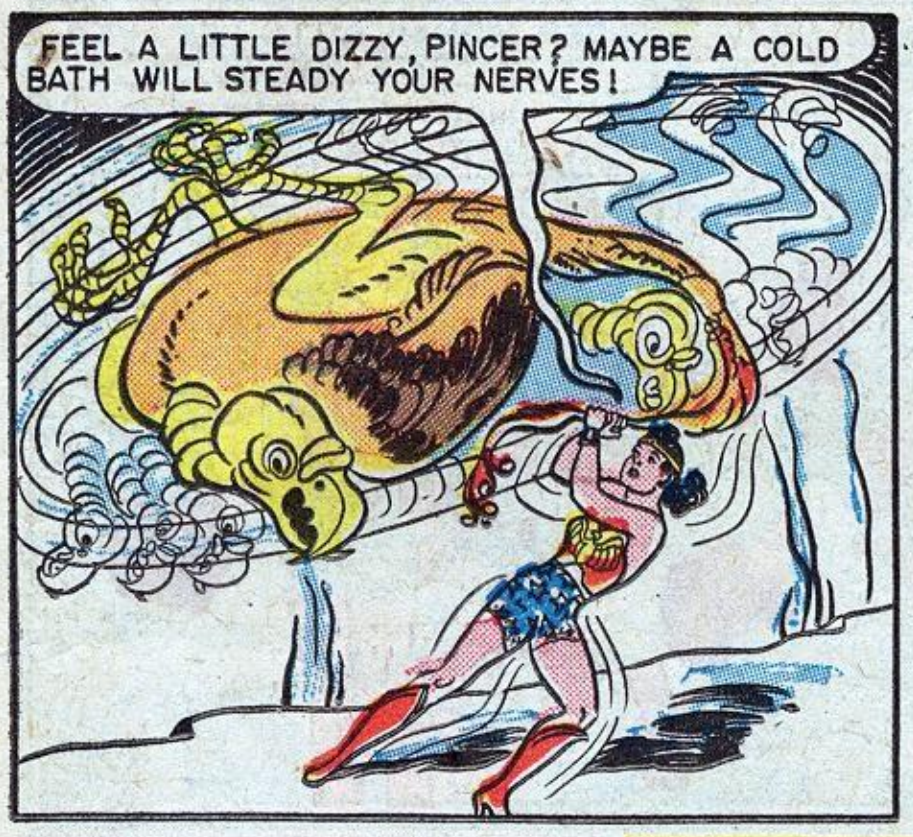
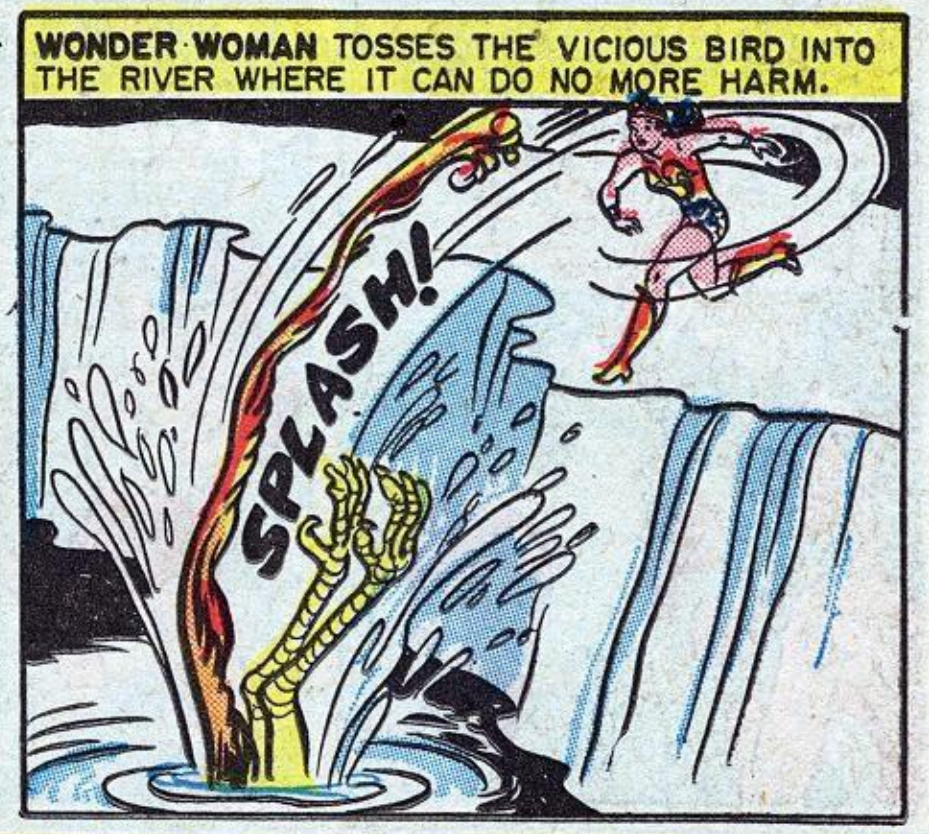



THE MONSTER RELEASES ETTA FOR BIGGER PREY-WONDER WOMAN!
AWK!
OOO-UNF!

TIME TO CLOSE YOUR BIG MOUTH, MY FRIEND.


FEEL A LITTLE DIZZY, PINCER? MAYBE A COLD BATH WILL STEADY YOUR NERVES!


WONDER WOMAN TOSSES THE VICIOUS BIRD INTO THE RIVER WHERE IT CAN DO NO MORE HARM.
SPLASH!

WOO WOO! THANKS WONDER WOMAN - BUT GOLLY GEE WIZ - MY CANDY'S GONE!
YOU AND YOUR CANDY! COME ON-WE'VE GOT TO RESCUE QUEEN EVE BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!
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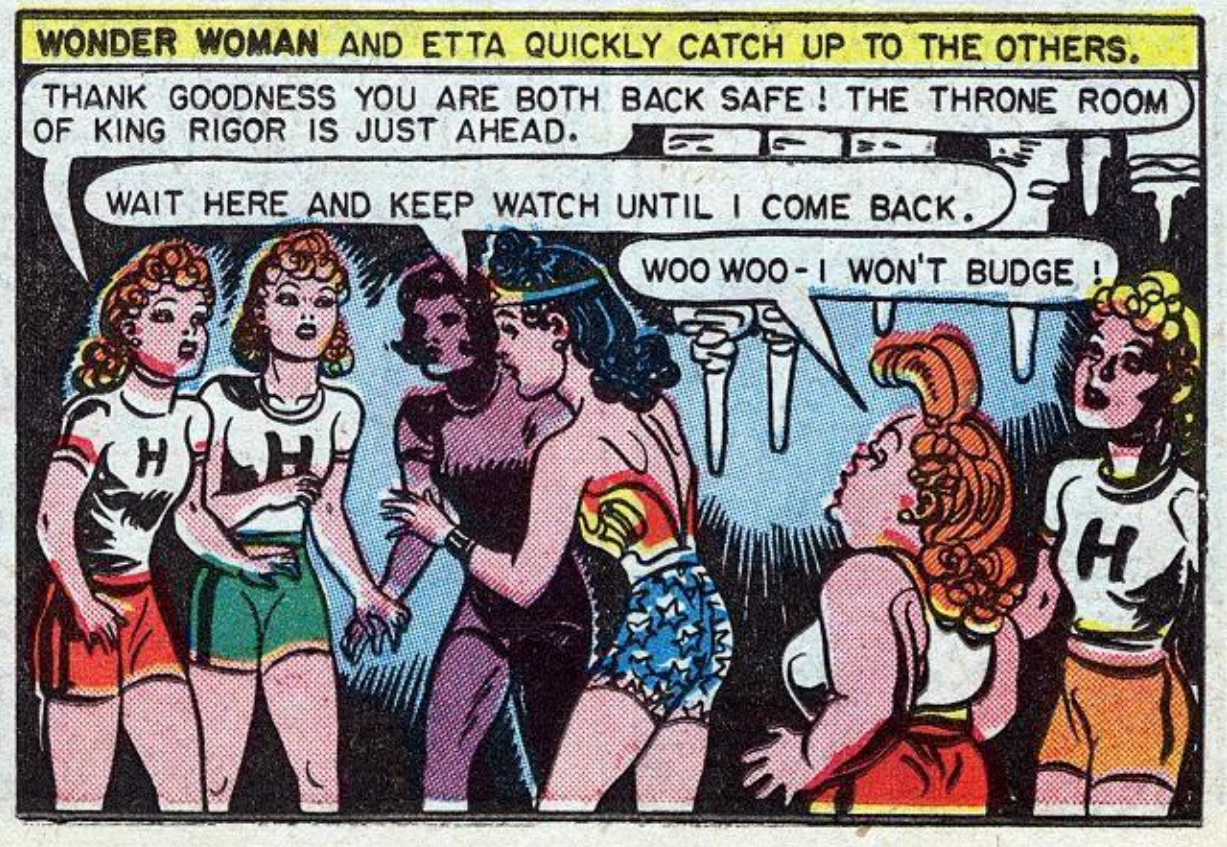
WONDER WOMAN AND ETTA QUICKLY CATCH UP TO THE OTHERS.
THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE BOTH BACK SAFE! THE THRONE ROOM OF KING RIGOR IS JUST AHEAD.
WAIT HERE AND KEEP WATCH UNTIL I COME BACK.
WOO WOO - I WON'T BUDGE!
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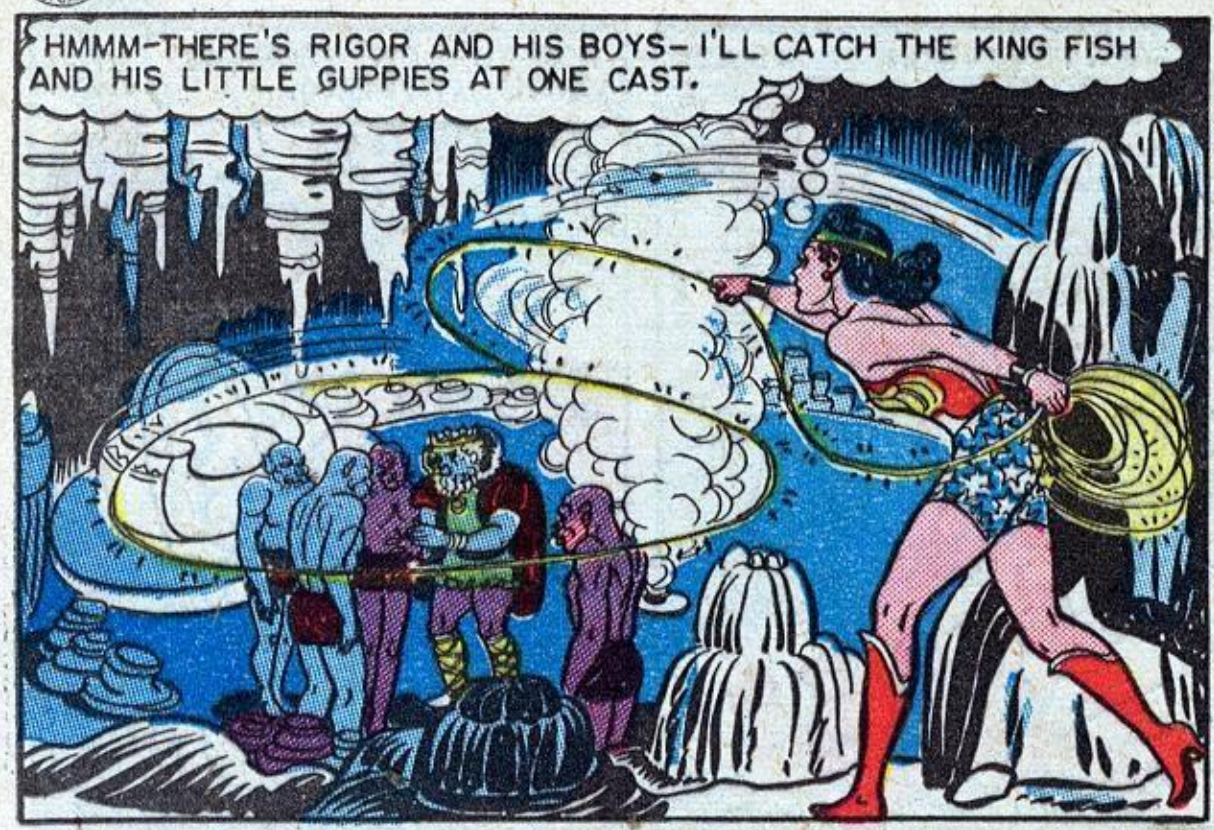
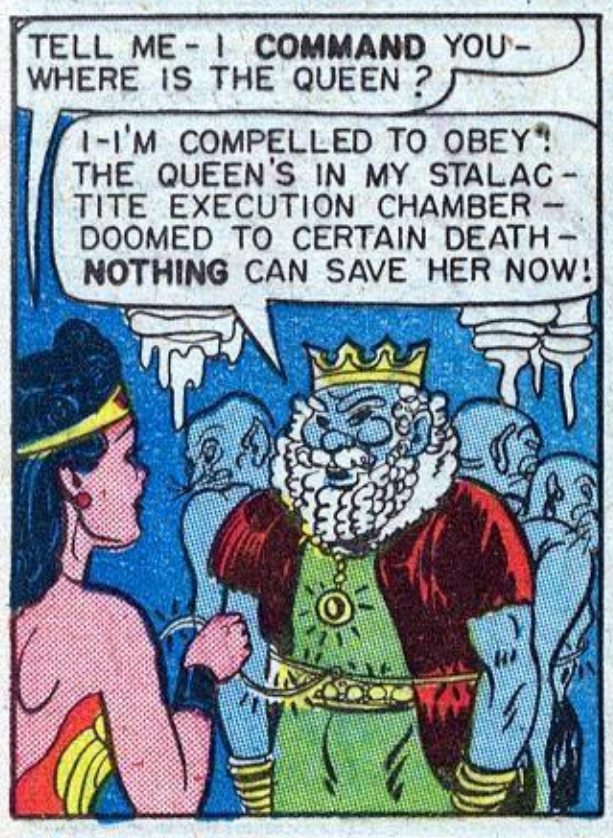

HMMM-THERE'S RIGOR AND HIS BOYS- I'LL CATCH THE KING FISH AND HIS LITTLE GUPPIES AT ONE CAST.

WITH LITTLE EXERTION, WONDER WOMAN PULLS THE GROUP OF SEAL MEN UP TO THE LEDGE.
LET ME GO!
LET ME GO!
UGH! HELP!
GLUB!


TELL ME - I COMMAND YOU - WHERE IS THE QUEEN?
I-I'M COMPELLED TO OBEY! THE QUEEN'S IN MY STALACTITE EXECUTION CHAMBER - DOOMED TO CERTAIN DEATH - NOTHING CAN SAVE HER NOW!

AS MORE SEAL MEN ARRIVE WONDER WOMAN CALLS HER GIRLS TO SUBDUE THEM.
WOO WOO! GET YOUR MAN, GIRLS!
BIND THEM QUICKLY - WE MUST SAVE THE QUEEN!

IS THE QUEEN STILL ALIVE?
PROBABLY - BUT SHE WON'T BE FOR LONG - YOU CAN'T SAVE HER - THE FLOOR'S FLOODED WITH HYPERATOMIC ACID!
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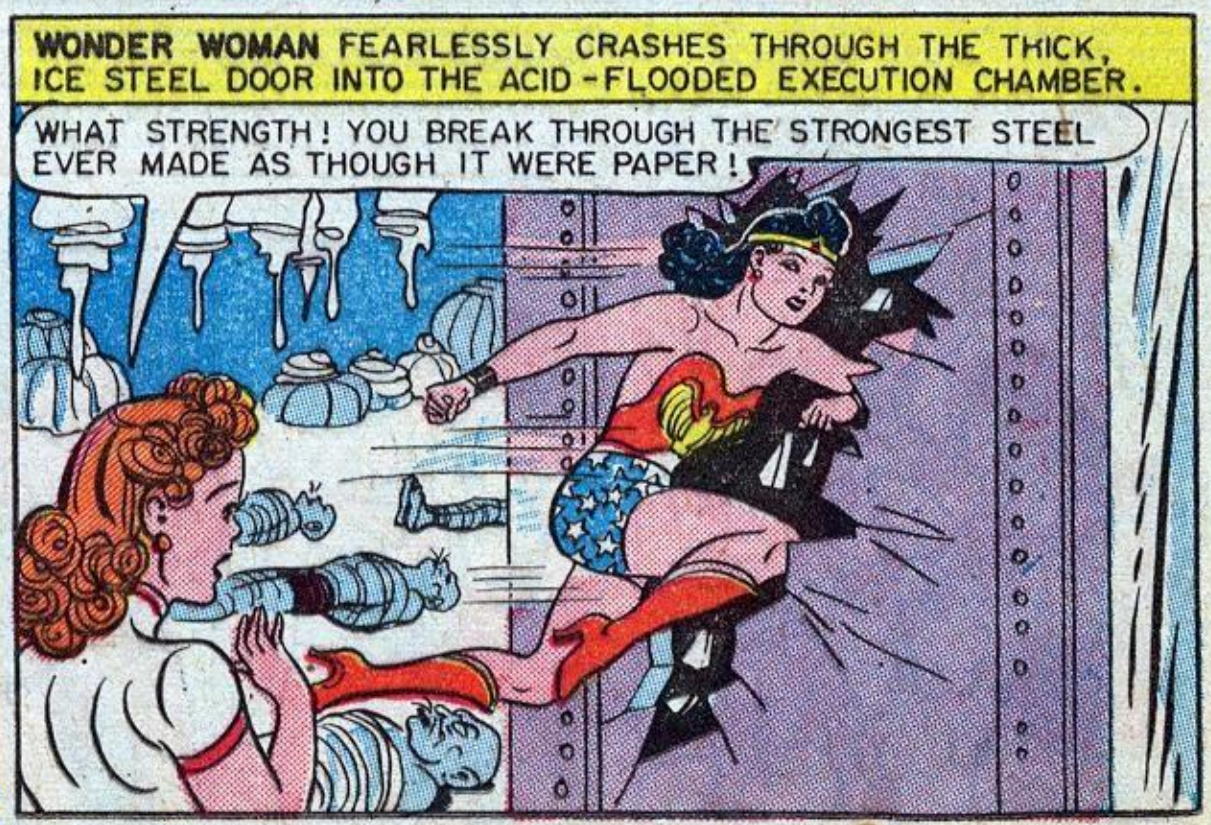
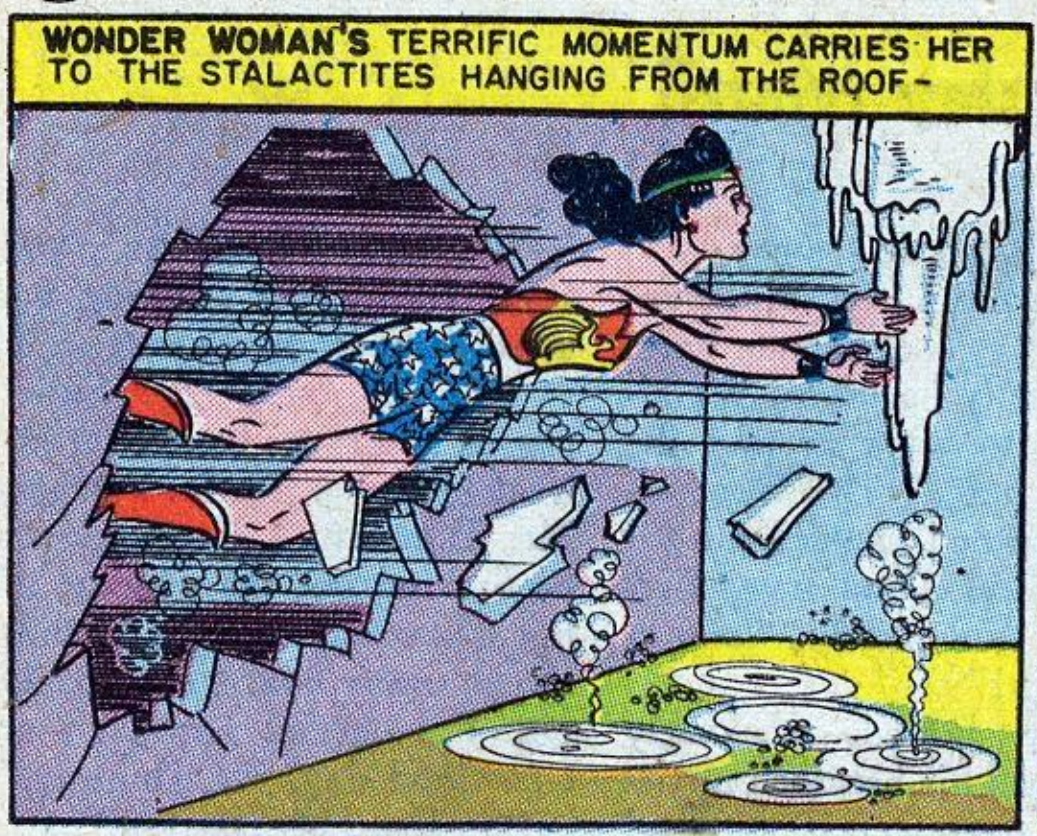
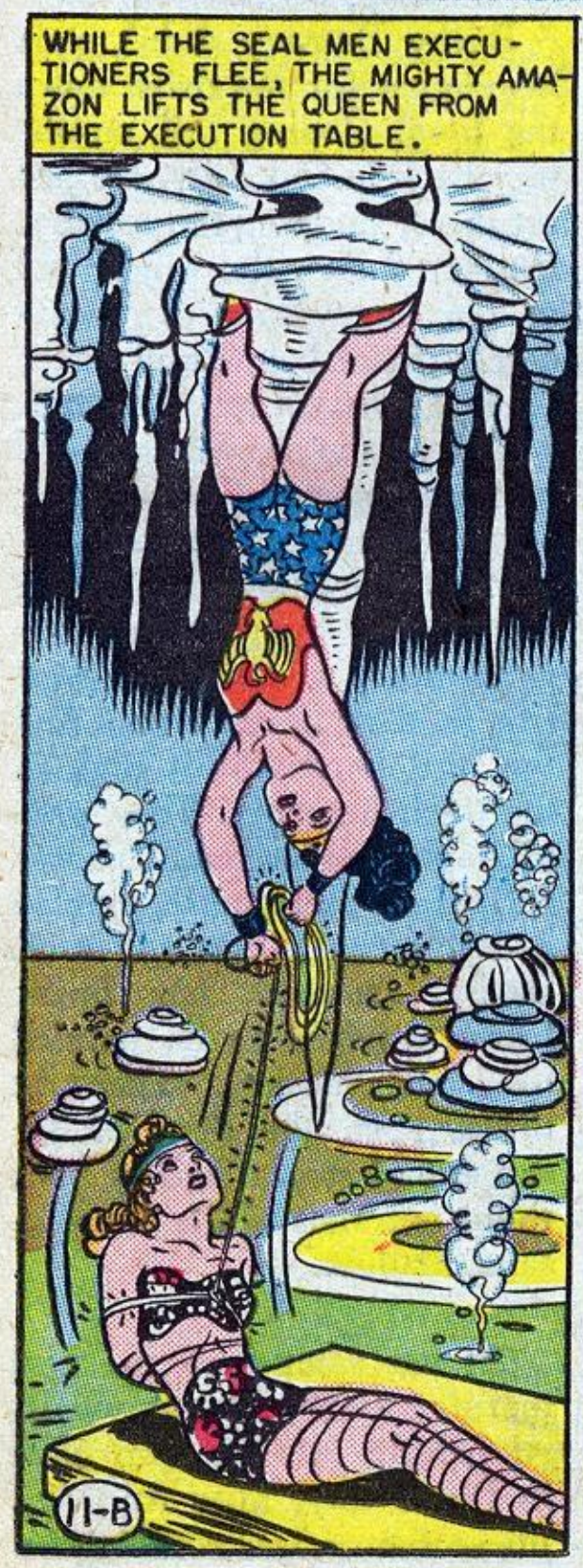

WONDER WOMAN FEARLESSLY CRASHES THROUGH THE THICK, ICE STEEL DOOR INTO THE ACID-FLOODED EXECUTION CHAMBER.
WHAT STRENGTH! YOU BREAK THROUGH THE STRONGEST STEEL EVER MADE AS THOUGH IT WERE PAPER!


WONDER WOMAN'S TERRIFIC MOMENTUM CARRIES HER TO THE STALACTITES HANGING FROM THE ROOF-

THIS IS FUN!


WHILE THE SEAL MEN EXECUTIONERS FLEE, THE MIGHTY AMAZON LIFTS THE QUEEN FROM THE EXECUTION TABLE.
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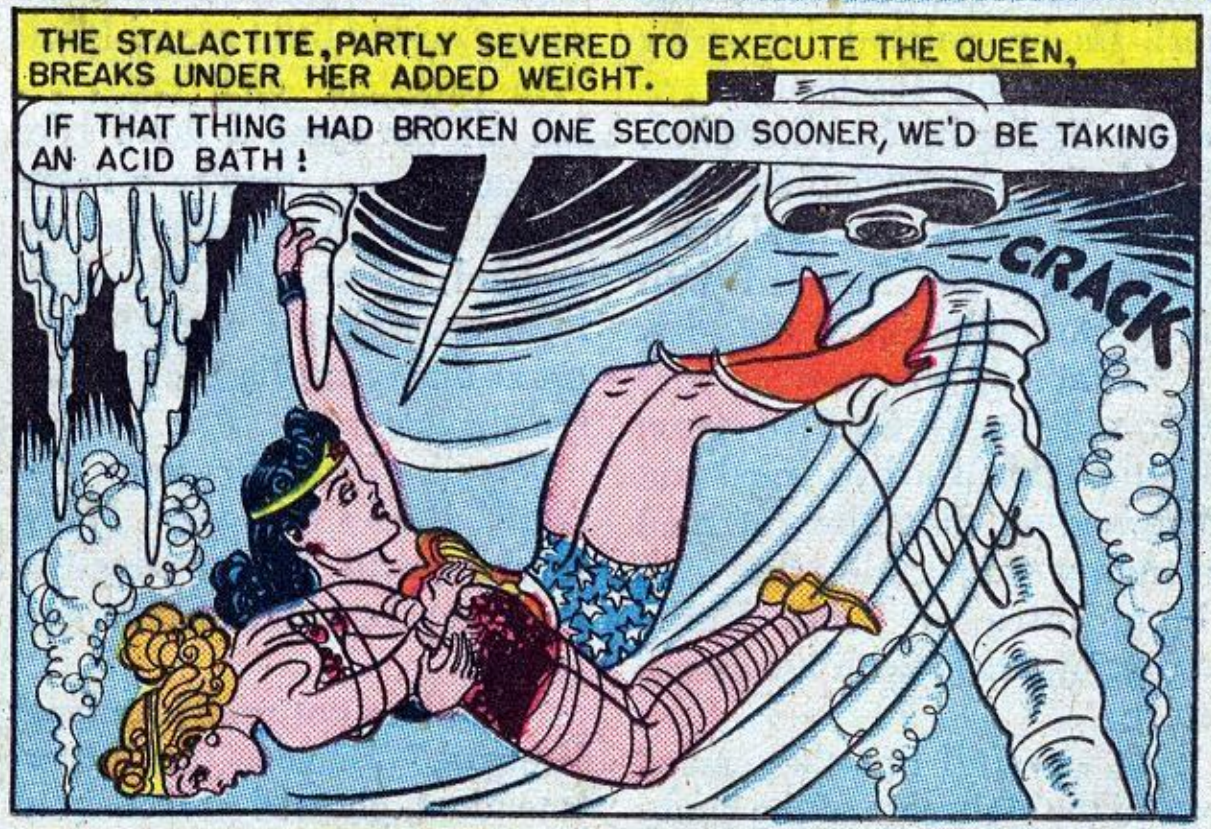
THE STALACTITE, PARTLY SEVERED TO EXECUTE THE QUEEN, BREAKS UNDER HER ADDED WEIGHT.
IF THAT THING HAD BROKEN ONE SECOND SOONER, WE'D BE TAKING AN ACID BATH!
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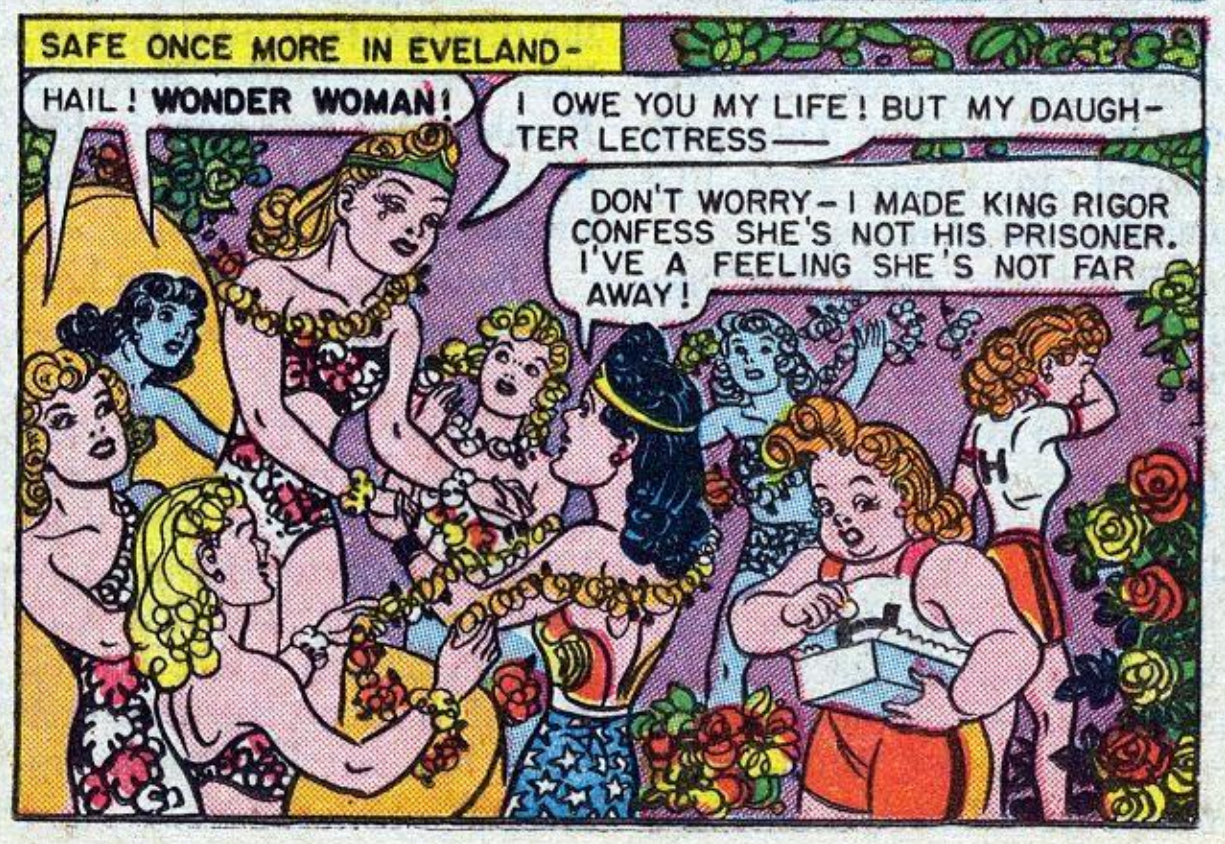
SAFE ONCE MORE IN EVELAND-
HAIL! WONDER WOMAN!
I OWE YOU MY LIFE! BUT MY DAUGHTER LECTRESS—
DON'T WORRY-I MADE KING RIGOR CONFESS SHE'S NOT HIS PRISONER. I'VE A FEELING SHE'S NOT FAR AWAY!

THE MAN WHO HATED TREES

by Jay Marr

DARBY DUNWAY had been a crack, private investigator for six years and during this period he'd had to deal with many a crazy hood. But now, sitting in his car parked in front of the main office of the State Insane Asylum, he realized that he was in a case dealing with *real* nuts for the first time.

It was a humid mid-August afternoon—and the heat was on! Darby palmed his straw back from his forehead, started to dig for his handkerchief. Suddenly, an arm jabbed within his coupe window and pushed the skimmer forward until it slid to the bridge of his nose.

"That's th' wye to wear yore lid, old bye." Startled from his thoughts, Darby turned and frowned at the little fat man standing alongside the car. From force of habit, Darby swept him over with his detail-stare.

He saw full lips that curled up on the right side of the chubby face and drew lines toward one grey-green eye. The other one was pale blue. They both carried an empty look like nobody was at home.

"I sye now, ole wicket," the little fat man was saying, "you look a sight better now, with yer 'at on strite . . . don't yer think, matey?"

"What's the idea . . ." Darby's frown drew his bushy brows together, but a man hastening out of the front entrance of the asylum, interrupted the detective. Acting nervously, he called out to Darby while still ten feet away.

"Don't mind him, Mr. Dunway. Barney's an inmate here, but perfectly harmless. We allow him to work around the grounds here." The Superintendent turned to the little fat chum. "Run along now, Barney," he said sternly, "tend to your work!"

Barney bowed mockingly low; tipped his hat, then meticulously straightened it dead center on his little round head. "An excellent 'otel 'ere . . . but all the syme I don't lyke the guests . . . they're a crazy lot, I sye." And with that he ambled off on his little short legs, craning his rotund neck up at the magnolia trees lining the driveway.

"Well, how do you like that!" Darby exploded. "How in the world did an Englishman get into *this* State asylum?"

"Oh, he's not really an Englishman," Barton, the Superintendent, glanced nervously at the disappearing little Barney. "He was actually born in Brooklyn but ever since he lost his mind, he thinks he's from Limehouse docks."

"How long has he been here at the asylum?" Darby questioned.

"About three years. He used to be a Davy Tree expert. Climbed trees and cut dead limbs out; doctored trunk cavities and stuff like that. One day, in a high wind, he fell out of a tree. His fractured skull has left him weak 'upstairs'."

"Perfectly harmless, you say." Darby was showing unusual interest in Barney.

"Oh my, yes," the Super passed a nervous hand over his weak chin, "perfectly. You see, Mr. Dunway, I happened to be looking out the window of my office and thought Barney might annoy you. I came right out. I'm needed now . . . er . . . Good day, Mr. Dunway."

"So long, Mr. Barton."

Darby Dunway didn't start his engine for the drive down the long, sloping hill on the way back to Oak City. He just sat there, studying the scenery. He stared thru the windshield at the huge lawn of twenty acres spread below him like a thick green carpet. He marvelled at the tremendous old oak trees, some of which were over a hundred feet high.

When the little fat man had interrupted him, Darby was particularly studying the bird life in these large trees. And the bird houses built high in the thick branches. They were all populated but one. This was fully three feet square, painted a dull green with a red roof. Darby frowned his bushy brows together as he puzzled over its vacancy. Then he thrust open the door of his coupe and strode swiftly back to the entrance of the State Insane Asylum.

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At ten after nine the next morning Darby Dunway walked briskly into his own office in Platte City. Miss Andrews, his secretary, was combing her

thinning grey hair. She stopped with comb poised in mid-air and her voice was full of surprise. "Why good morning, Mr. Dunway. Have you completed the case in Oak City so soon?"

"Ah, perfectly harmless . . . er . . . morning. Why yes. Had a bit of luck and wrapped it up in twenty-four hours." Darby shed his seersucker coat. "Get your notebook, Miss Andrews; the client will need a letter."

Presently Darby brought his number tens down off the desk. "So the real tip-off, Miss Andrews, came when the charge nurse in the building where the murdered man had been an inmate, told me the poor fellow thought he was a *tree*. Actually he had been a gold prospector and had made a strike. But on his last trip had become lost for ten days and had wandered the whole time without food or water. When they found him, the poor chap's mind was cracked from the ordeal. The nurse said he had hallucinations and would go around the ward pounding his chest and proclaiming, 'I'm a mighty oak; I'm a big, black oak!' "

"And this," Miss Andrews' tone was perplexed, "was a tip-off?"

"Don't you see? The Super shooed little Barney away from me because he was afraid the crazy fellow would spill the beans."

"Spill the beans?"

"About how he murdered Roberts, the prospector. You see, Barney had fallen from a tree. His injured mind held a 'grudge' against trees. When this prospector, who thought he was a tree, was put into the same ward with Barney, naturally there was bad blood between 'em.

"The Super, having found a map of the gold vein the prospector had with him when he was taken to the asylum, took advantage of this fact. He got Barney to kill Roberts."

"I see," Miss Andrews put in. "Roberts, out of his head had not been able to file the claim."

"Right! And the Super also knew that the doctors were hopeful that it wouldn't be long before Roberts' mind would clear. If he waited, it would be too late. Already, Roberts' relatives had an idea that he had struck it rich and when he disappeared they called me into the case, figuring on foul play."

"And you say the Super gave himself away by being so nervous?"

"Yeah. Barney killed Roberts and then hid the body but couldn't or wouldn't remember where. The Super did not know at what moment it would be found!"

"It begins to make a little more sense," Miss Andrews sighed, "but you *did* find the body?"

"Oh, yes. I *had* to have a corpus delecti to prove a case. I doped out where little Barney had hidden Roberts' body. while sitting out in front of the Asylum. It was in a *bird house*, Miss Andrews. I noticed no birds would go into this particular one but would go in and out of all the rest.

"I knew little Barney could climb. He had. He'd pulled Roberts' stabbed corpse up into the tree after him with a rope. He's looney and probably won't swing. But Barton will, as accessory."

Miss Andrews uncrossed her knees, reached into her dress pocket and withdrew a small white bag. "Have some, Mr. Dunway?"

Darby Dunway peered speculatively into the bag, then smiled wryly. "You must have your little joke, eh, Miss Andrews? Mixed nuts! I've had enough of them for a while, thank you. Take 'em away!"

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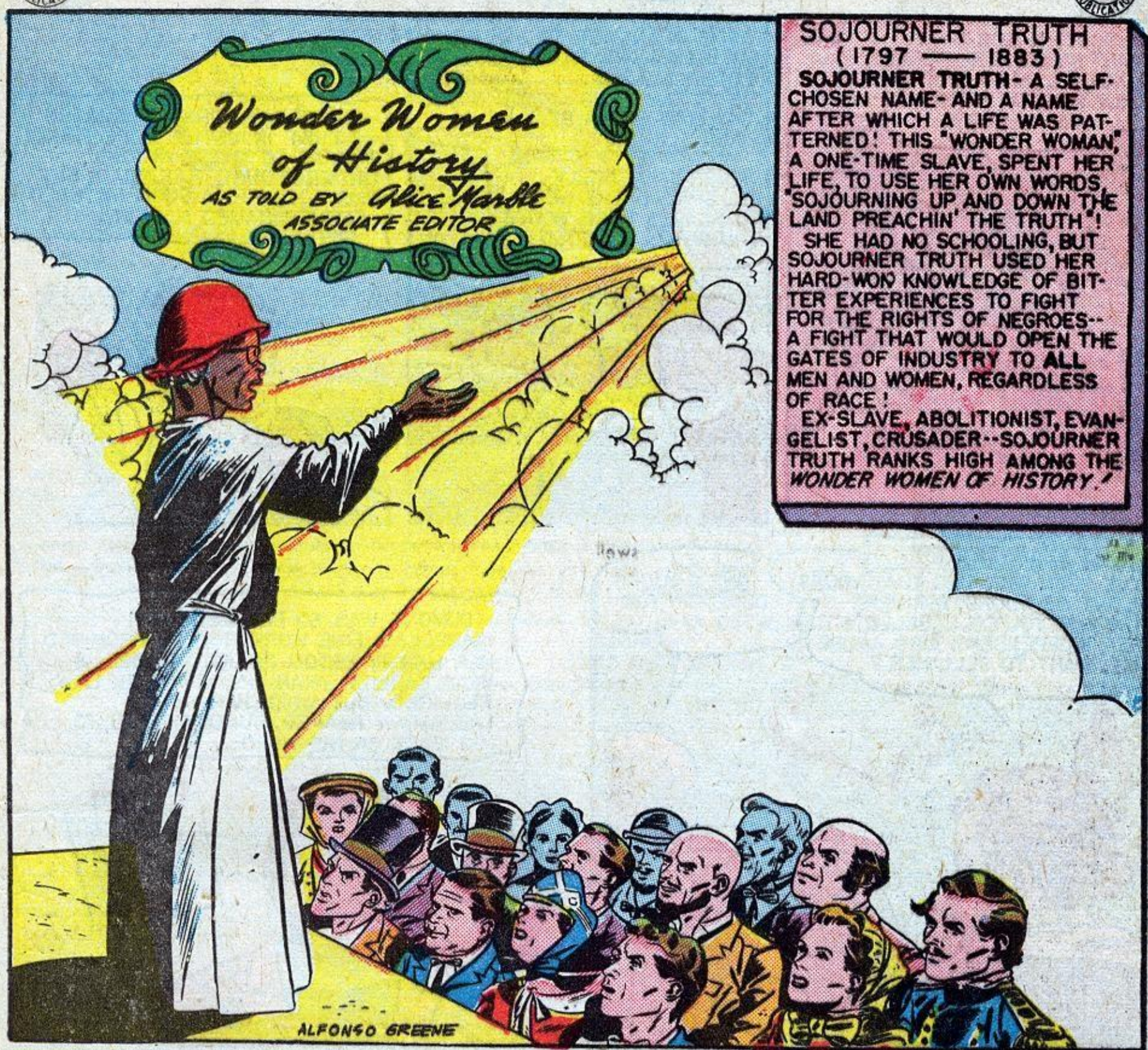
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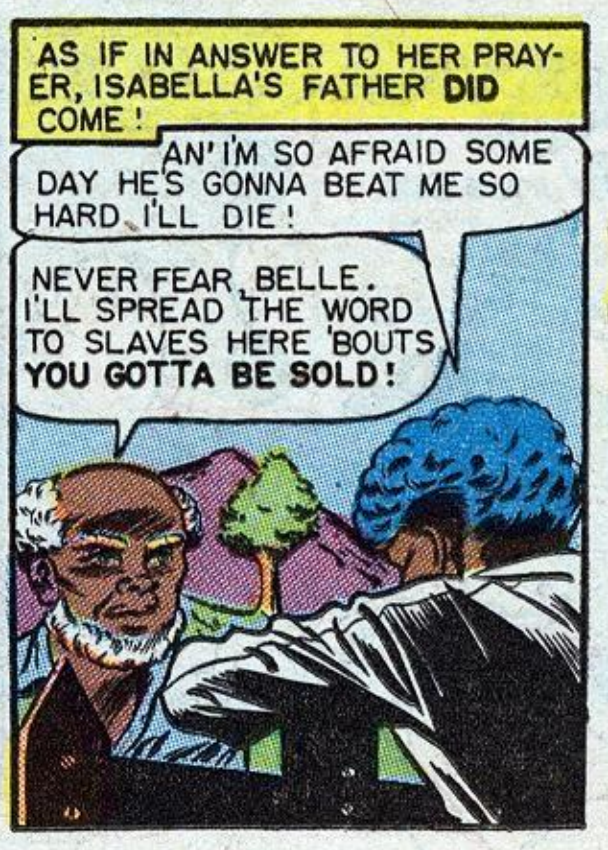
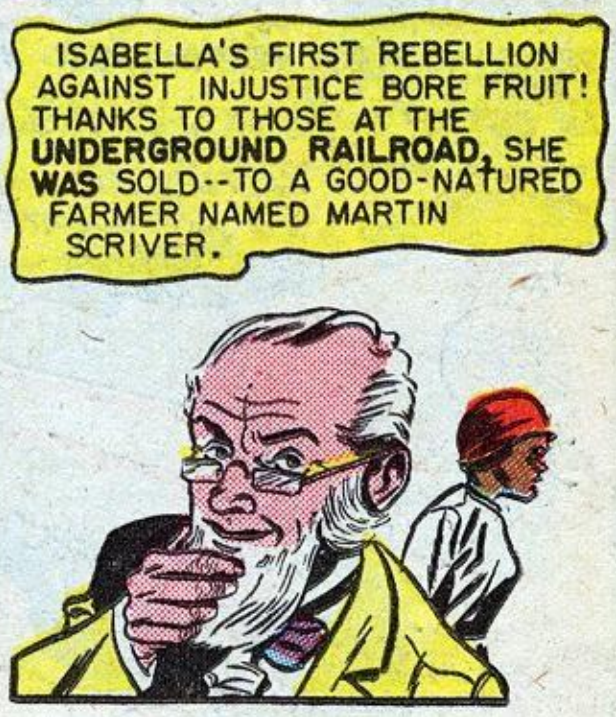
THE FATE OF A NATION WAS AT THE CROSSROADS -- BUT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FOUND TIME TO TALK TO ONE OF THE PEOPLE...
MR. PRESIDENT, I FIND IT HARD TO TELL YOU WHAT AN HONOR IT IS TO BE HERE.
I WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR GOOD WORK. SOJOURNER TRUTH--THAT IS A STRANGE NAME! THERE MUST BE A STORY BEHIND IT...

YES, THERE IS A STORY BEHIND THE NAME OF SOJOURNER TRUTH-- A STORY THAT HAS ITS HUMBLE BEGINNING IN 1806, WHEN NINE-YEAR OLD ISABELLA IS TAKEN FROM HER PARENTS-- SLAVES ON A DUTCH-OWNED NEW YORK FARM -- AND SOLD IN SLAVERY TO JOHN NEALY OF ULSTER COUNTY---
SLAVE AUCTION

WHILE ISABELLA'S NEW OWNERS SPOKE ONLY ENGLISH, SHE SPOKE ONLY DUTCH!
ISABELLA I DID NOT ASK FOR A PLATE. I SAID FRYING-PAN... FRYING-PAN.. FRYING-PAN! JOHN, WHAT SHALL I DO WITH HER?
PERHAPS SHE NEEDS TO BE TAUGHT TO UNDERSTAND -- THE HARD WAY!

-!- SOB -!- -!- SOB -!- -- I WANT MY FATHER -- PLEASE, LORD, I'LL BE SO GOOD IF YOU'LL ONLY SEND MY FATHER TO HELP ME -- -!- SOB -!-


AS IF IN ANSWER TO HER PRAYER, ISABELLA'S FATHER DID COME!
AN' I'M SO AFRAID SOME DAY HE'S GONNA BEAT ME SO HARD I'LL DIE!
NEVER FEAR, BELLE. I'LL SPREAD THE WORD TO SLAVES HERE 'BOUTS YOU GOTTA BE SOLD!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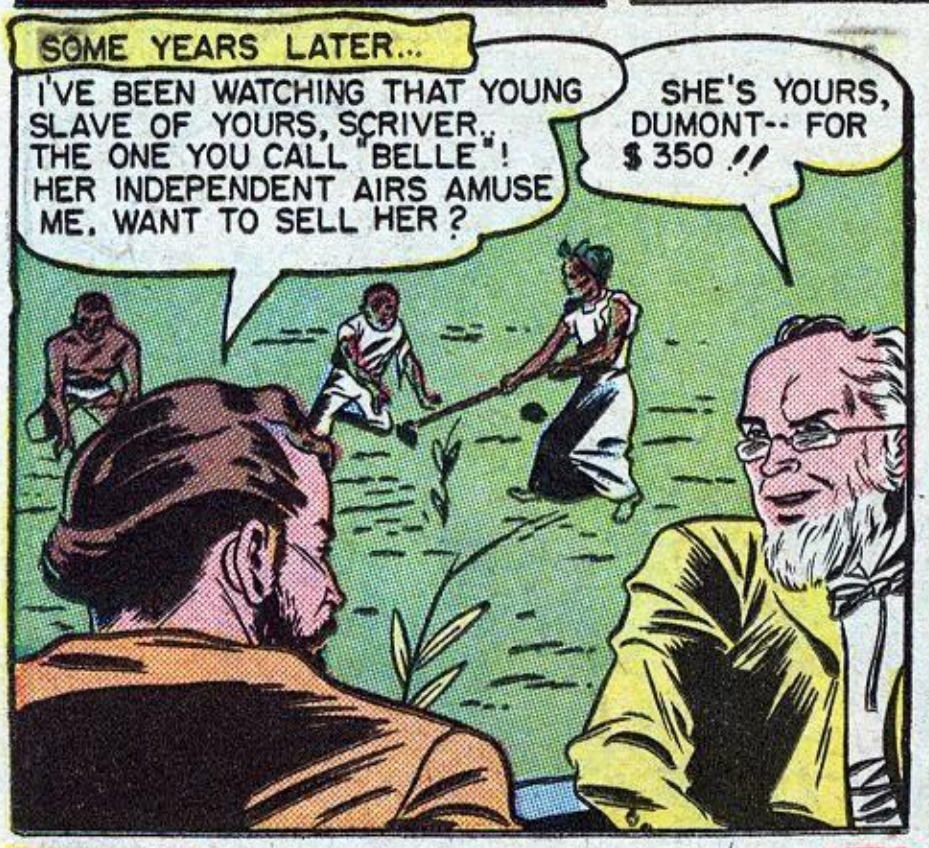
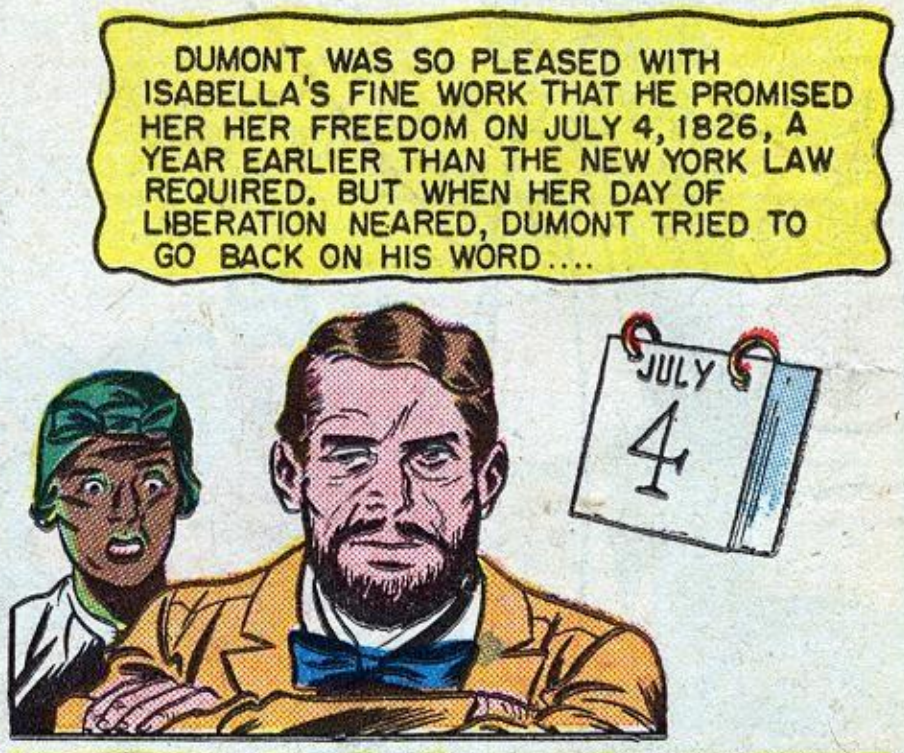

SOME YEARS LATER...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THAT YOUNG SLAVE OF YOURS, SCRIVER... THE ONE YOU CALL "BELLE"! HER INDEPENDENT AIRS AMUSE ME. WANT TO SELL HER?
SHE'S YOURS, DUMONT -- FOR $350!!


DUMONT WAS SO PLEASED WITH ISABELLA'S FINE WORK THAT HE PROMISED HER HER FREEDOM ON JULY 4, 1826, A YEAR EARLIER THAN THE NEW YORK LAW REQUIRED. BUT WHEN HER DAY OF LIBERATION NEARED, DUMONT TRIED TO GO BACK ON HIS WORD....
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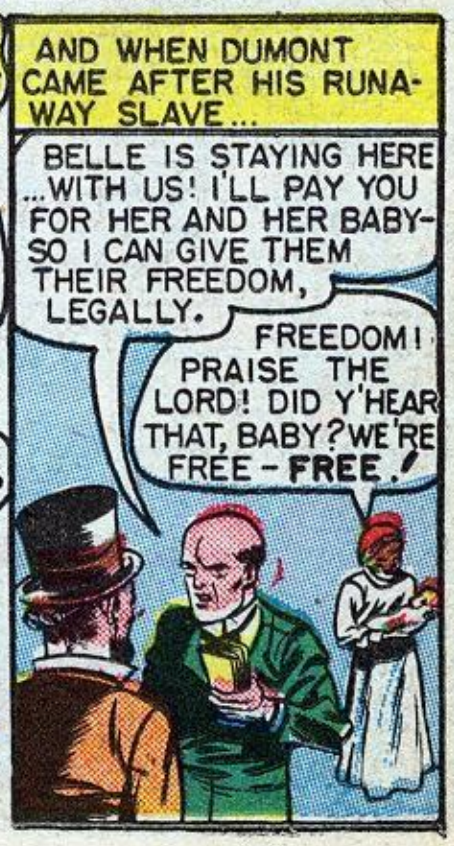
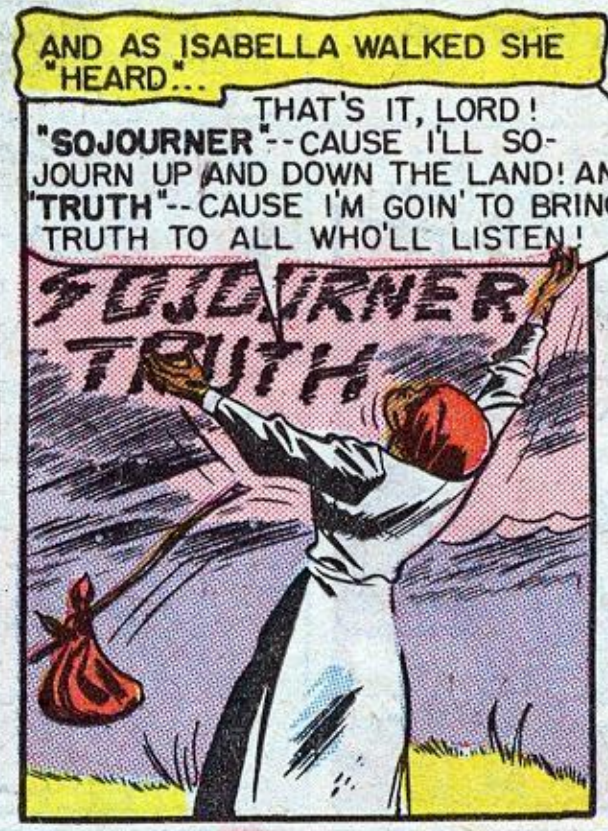
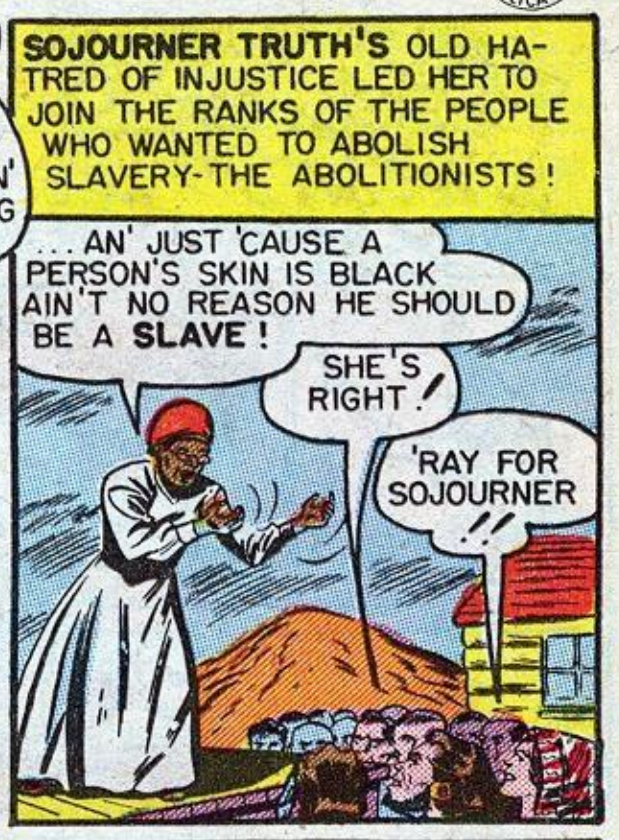
I'VE BEEN WAITIN' A LONG TIME FOR MY FREEDOM, AND I DON'T 'TEND LOSING IT NOW. I'M LEAVING! OH, LORD -- HELP ME AN' MY BABY! I GOT NO MONEY AND NO PLACE TO GO---

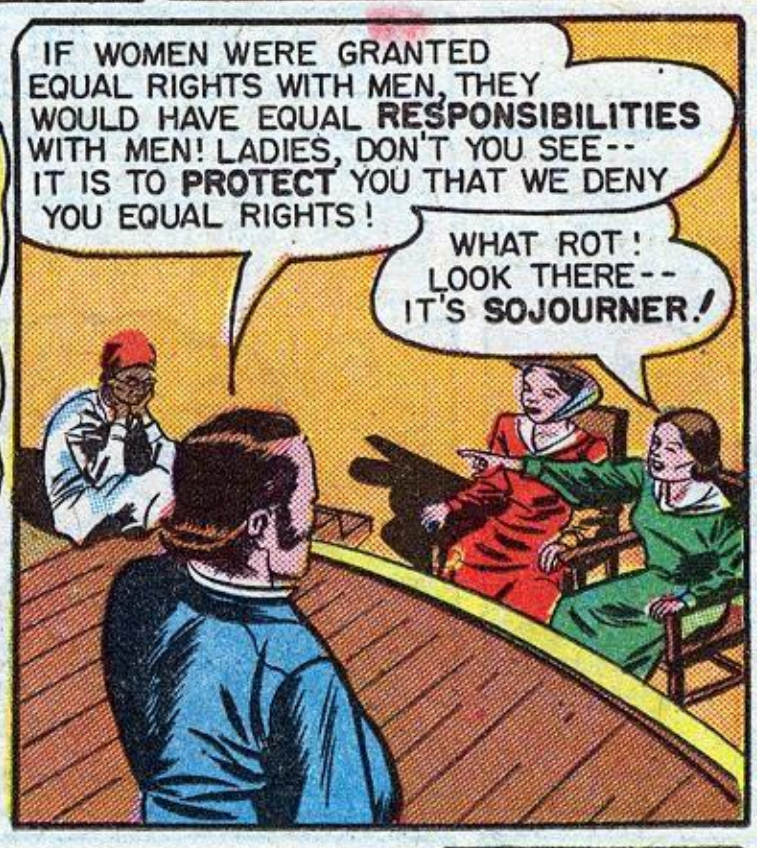
FRIENDS DIRECTED HER TO THE HOME OF A KINDLY OLD COUPLE, THE VAN WAGENERS...
I SEE...YOU RAN AWAY FROM YOUR MASTER. WELL WE CAN USE A SERVANT, BELLE. WOULD YOU LIKE TO WORK FOR US?
YOU MEAN GET PAID? LIKE OTHER FOLKS? YES, YES!

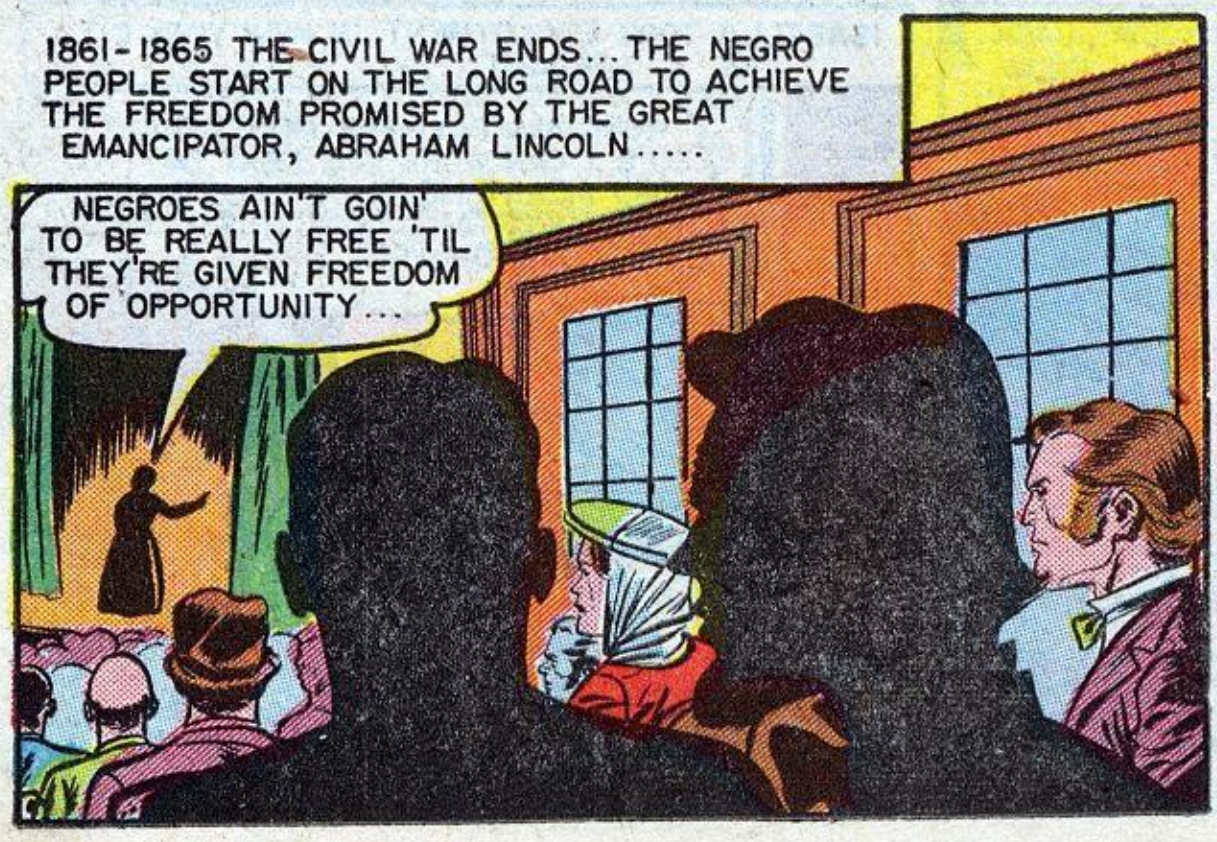

AND WHEN DUMONT CAME AFTER HIS RUNAWAY SLAVE...
BELLE IS STAYING HERE ...WITH US! I'LL PAY YOU FOR HER AND HER BABY-SO I CAN GIVE THEM THEIR FREEDOM, LEGALLY.
FREEDOM! PRAISE THE LORD! DID Y'HEAR THAT, BABY? WE'RE FREE - FREE!

ALTHOUGH SEPARATED FROM HER HUSBAND AND FOUR CHILDREN STILL ON DUMONT'S FARM, ISABELLA WAS CONTENT AT THE VAN WAGENERS UNTIL...
BELLE! YOUR BOY, PETER-DUMONT'S SOLD HIM-- AN' OUT OF THE STATE!
BUT- IT'S AGAINST THE LAW!.. I MUST FIGHT TO SAVE HIM!
WHERE YOU GOIN' BELLE? EVEN IF IT IS AGAINST THE LAW-THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' YOU CAN DO!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT. BUT I DO KNOW I WANT MY CHILD, SAME'S ANY WHITE WOMAN. AN' I'M GOING T'GET HIM BACK IF I HAVE TO KEEP TALKIN' THE REST OF MY LIFE!
THE COURAGEOUS WOMAN WENT STRAIGHT TO THE GRAND JURY, THEN IN SESSION AT KINGSTON, NEW YORK!...
AN' I ASK YOU GENTLEMEN, YOU UPHOLDERS OF THE LAW, TO PLEASE GET BACK MY SON... WHO'S BEEN SOLD OUTSIDE THE STATE AGAINST THE LAW!
GOOD HEAVENS! WHO LET HER IN?
RIDICULOUS!
BUT ONE MAN DID NOT THINK ISABELLA'S CASE RIDICULOUS--A YOUNG LAWYER---
HMMM.... A COLORED WOMAN BRINGING A WHITE MAN TO COURT--THIS HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE! AND YET--LEGALLY, YOU'RE RIGHT. ISABELLA, I'M GOING TO HELP YOU!
BLESS YOU, MR. LAWYER!
AT LAST, AFTER WEEKS OF LEGAL ACTION...
MOMMY!
MY POOR BOY! YOU'RE BACK WITH MOMMY AGAIN. I KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM YOUR FOLKS AND MADE TO WORK AS A SLAVE. IT WON'T HAPPEN TO YOU!
ISABELLA TOOK EMPLOYMENT IN NEW YORK CITY AS A SERVANT....
WORK ALL DAY--FOR MONEY T'EAT SO'S I CAN WORK THE NEXT DAY! THE LORD MEANT ME TO DO SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THIS--I FEEL IT!... I KNOW IT!...









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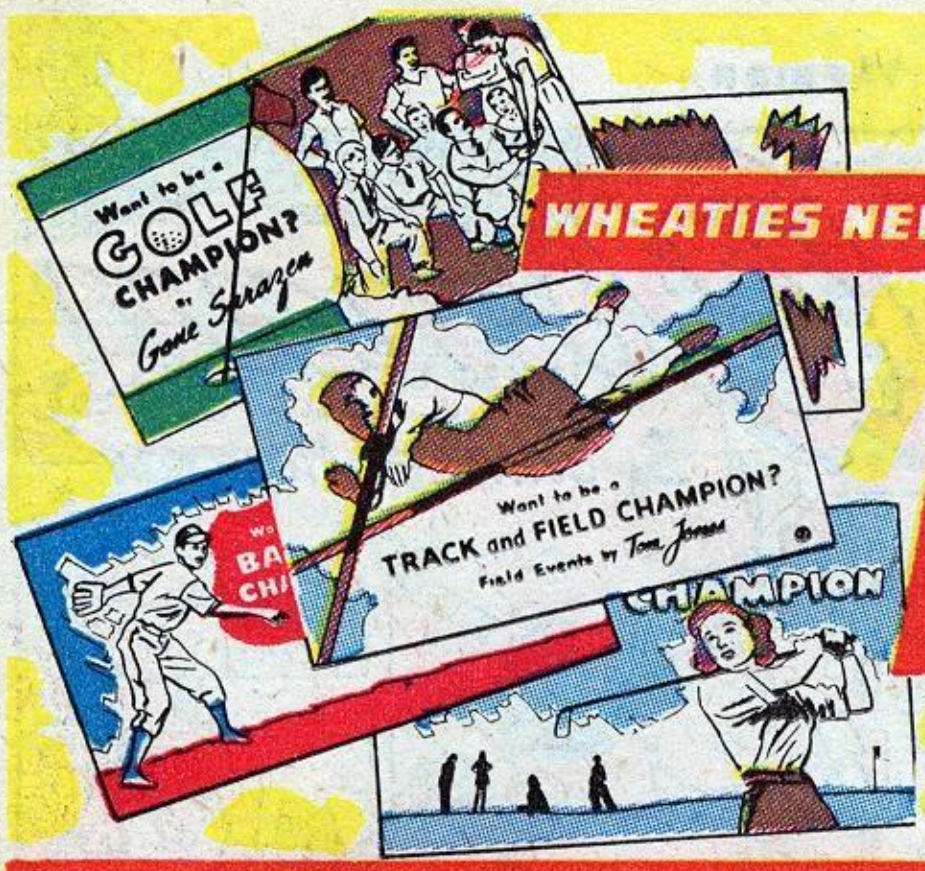
Alice Marble



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WONDER WOMAN INVENTS THE MOST REMARKABLE DEVICE FOR GAINING SECRET INFORMATION EVER KNOWN TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. BUT WHEN STEVE AND THE MAID FROM PARADISE ISLE TEST THIS EXTRAORDINARY INSTRUMENT AT THE SOUTH POLE, STRANGE AND TERRIFYING EVENTS BEGIN TO HAPPEN! KING RIGOR AND HIS SEAL MEN HAVE RULED THE ICY BLACKNESS OF THE SUB POLAR SEAS TOO LONG TO BE OVERAWED BY **WONDER WOMAN'S** STRENGTH AND THEIR ELECTRIC HARPOONS PARALYZE EVEN THE MIGHTY MUSCLES OF THE WORLD'S STRONGEST WOMAN.

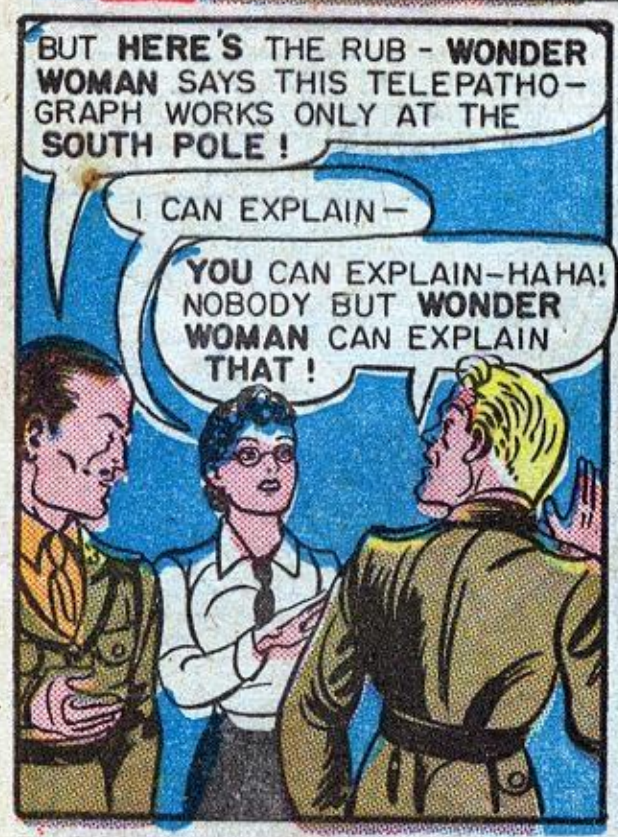
THIS TIME THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON CANNOT ESCAPE BEING FROZEN IN A BLOCK OF ICE, BUT YOU'LL BE SURPRISED IN THE END AT **WONDER WOMAN'S** INGENIOUS, SECRET PLAN TO OUTWIT THE CRUEL MASTERS OF BITTERLAND, IN THIS EXCITING ACCOUNT OF **"SLAVES IN THE ELECTRIC GARDENS."**

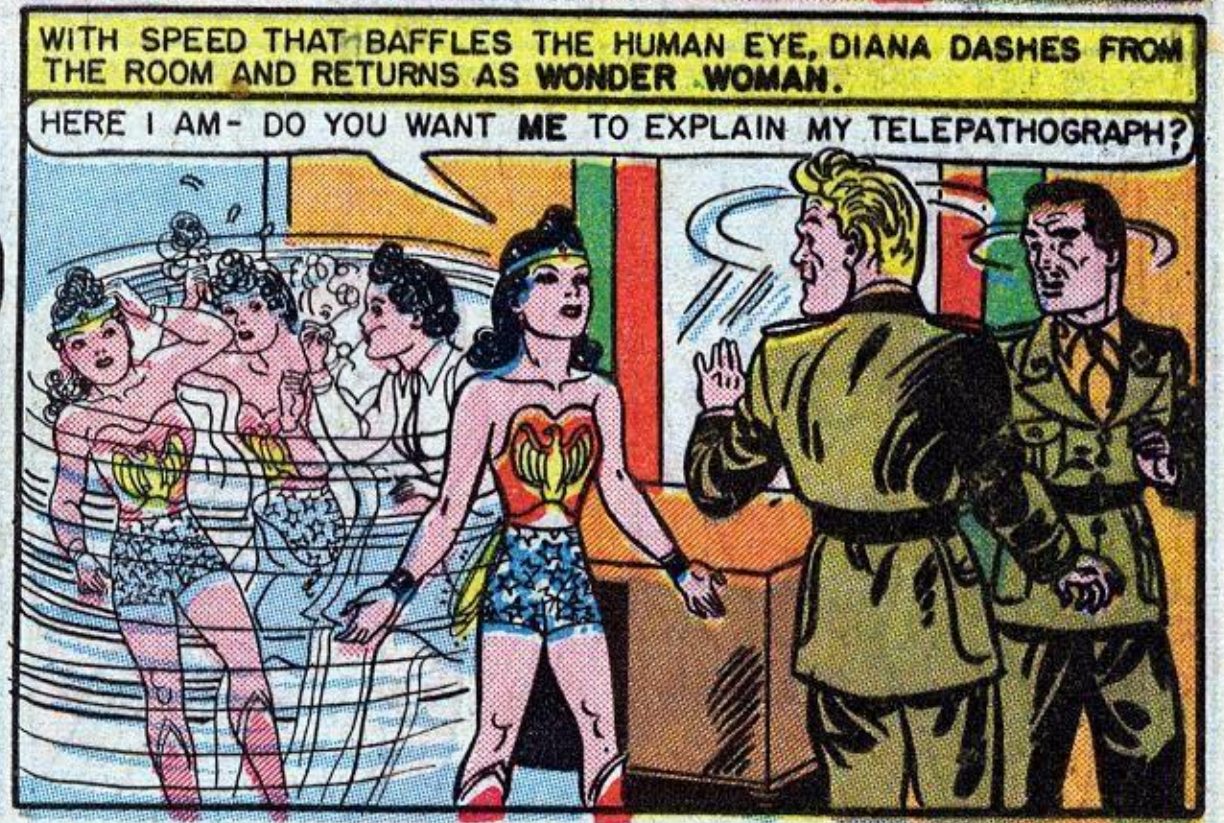
LECTRESS PRINCESS OF EVE LAND

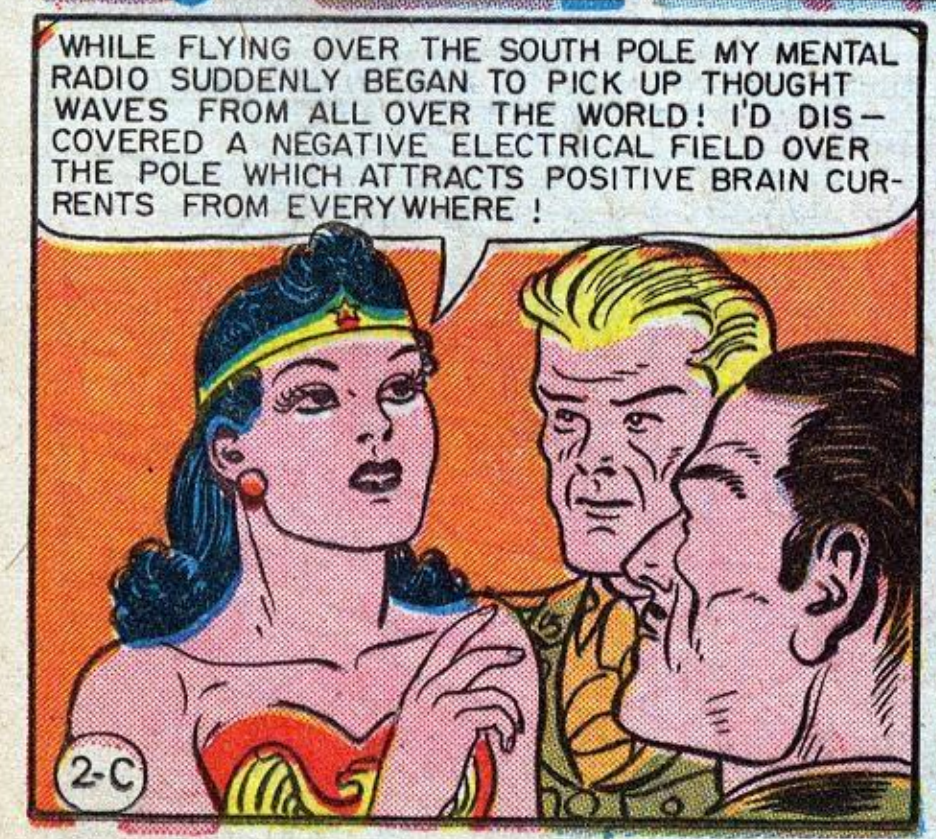
H6 PETER

WONDER WOMAN'S INVENTED A NEW INSTRUMENT, THE "TELEPATHOGRAPH" WHICH REGISTERS THE FACE AND VOICE OF ANYBODY WHO'S TALKING ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!
WOW! WHAT A GADGET! WE CAN TUNE IN ON ALL FOREIGN SECRET AGENTS!

IT'S NOT AS EASY AS ALL THAT - WE HAVE TO KNOW EACH PERSON'S BRAIN WAVE LENGTH! WONDER WOMAN HAS TO FIND THAT ON HER MENTAL RADIO METER.
OKAY - THAT GAL'S CLEVER - SHE CAN GET ANYBODY'S BRAIN NUMBER!


BUT HERE'S THE RUB - WONDER WOMAN SAYS THIS TELEPATHOGRAPH WORKS ONLY AT THE SOUTH POLE!
I CAN EXPLAIN -
YOU CAN EXPLAIN - HAHA! NOBODY BUT WONDER WOMAN CAN EXPLAIN THAT!

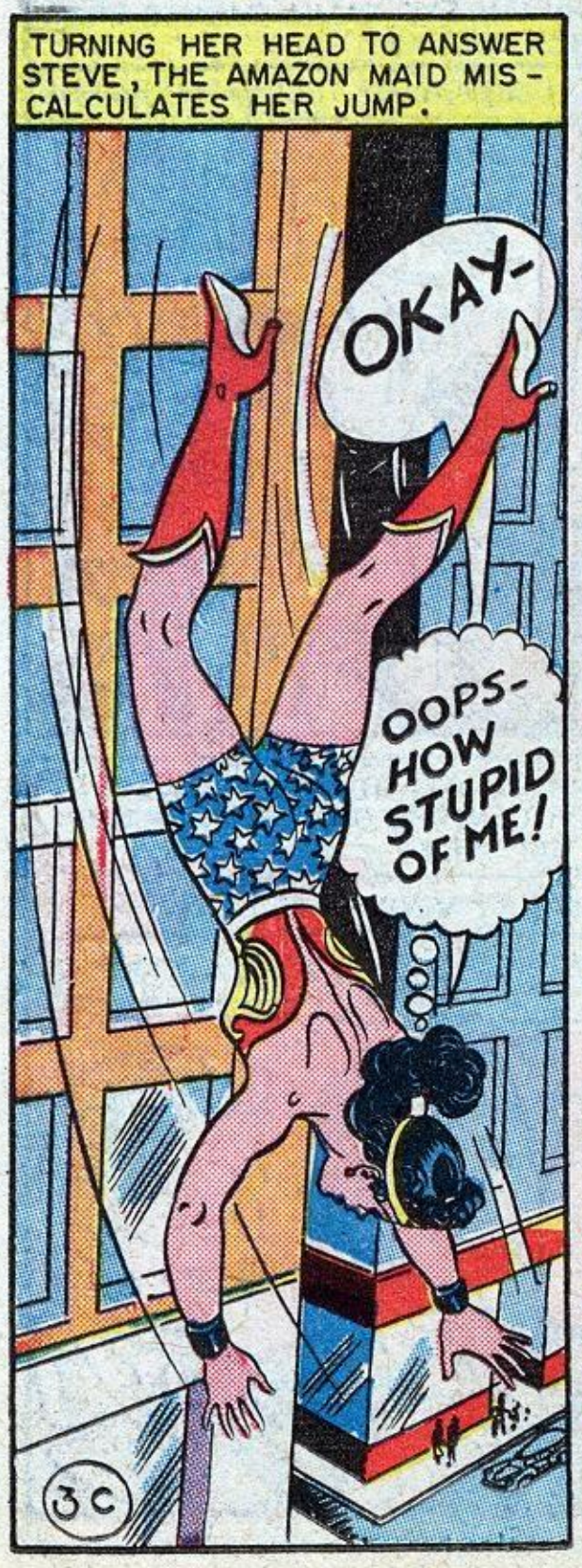

WITH SPEED THAT BAFFLES THE HUMAN EYE, DIANA DASHES FROM THE ROOM AND RETURNS AS WONDER WOMAN.
HERE I AM - DO YOU WANT ME TO EXPLAIN MY TELEPATHOGRAPH?


WHILE FLYING OVER THE SOUTH POLE MY MENTAL RADIO SUDDENLY BEGAN TO PICK UP THOUGHT WAVES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD! I'D DISCOVERED A NEGATIVE ELECTRICAL FIELD OVER THE POLE WHICH ATTRACTS POSITIVE BRAIN CURRENTS FROM EVERYWHERE!

SO I MADE AN INSTRUMENT TO CATCH WAVES FROM THE SPEECH CENTERS OF HUMAN BRAINS - VERY SIMPLE, YOU SEE!
ER - AH - OH, YES! VERY SIMPLE.
SURE, SIMPLE AS INTEGRAL CALCULUS TO A BABY!

YOUR INVENTION WILL BE OF TREMENDOUS VALUE TO US BUT-ER-IT'LL HAVE TO BE TESTED-
OKAY- WE'LL RUN DOWN TO THE SOUTH POLE AND TEST IT-COME ON, STEVE!

SUMMONING HER PLANE BY MENTAL RADIO CONTROL, WONDER WOMAN STARTS TO LEAP FOR THE LADDER WHEN STEVE DISTRACTS HER ATTENTION.
I'LL GET MY FLYING TOGS – MEET YOU AT THE AIRPORT!


TURNING HER HEAD TO ANSWER STEVE, THE AMAZON MAID MIS-CALCULATES HER JUMP.
OKAY-
OOPS- HOW STUPID OF ME!
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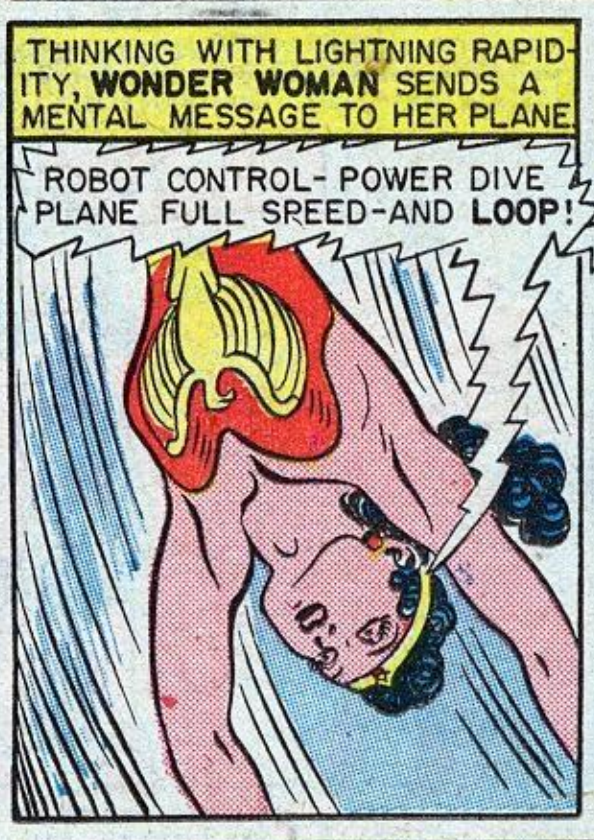
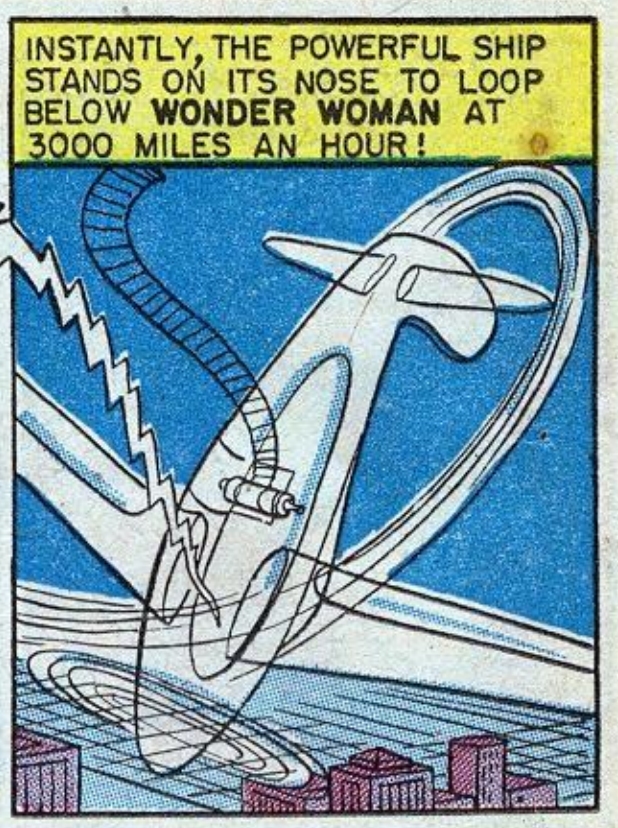
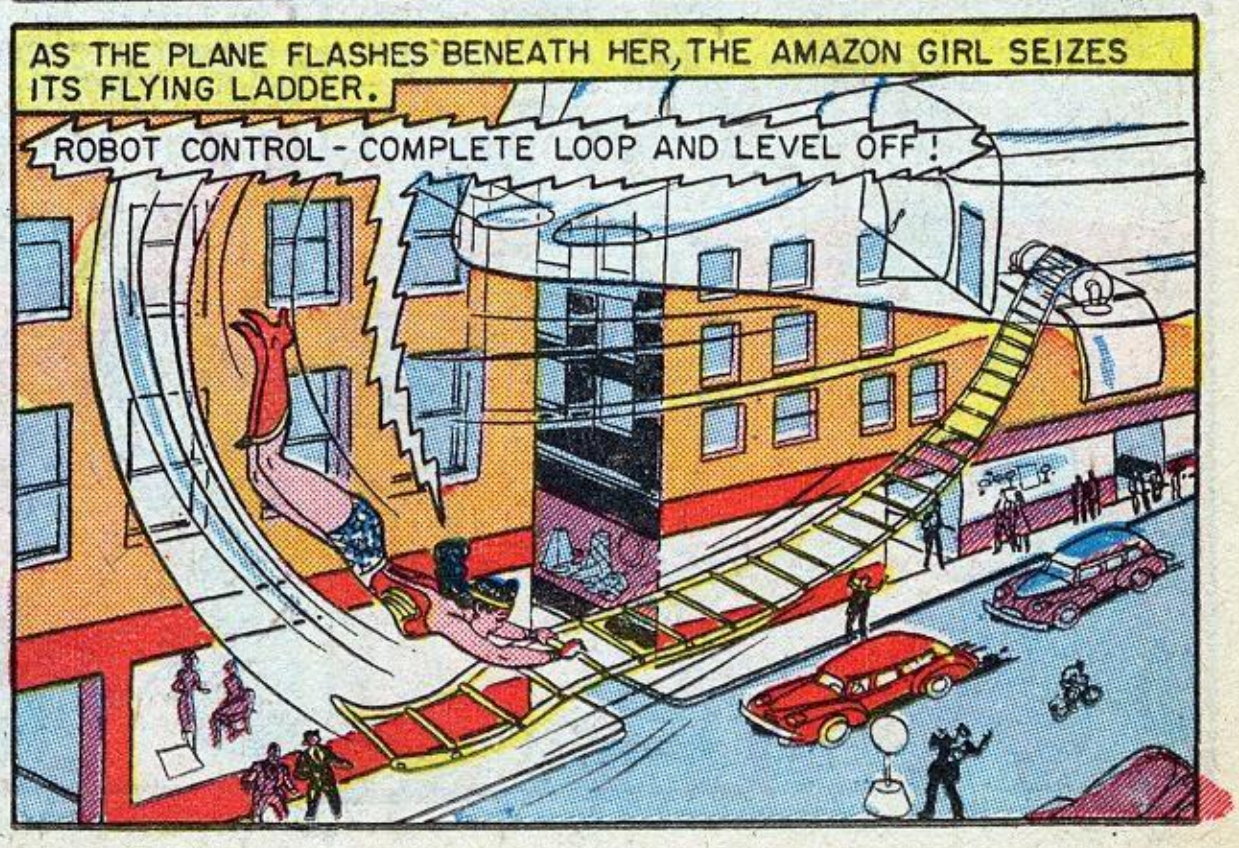

THINKING WITH LIGHTNING RAPIDITY, WONDER WOMAN SENDS A MENTAL MESSAGE TO HER PLANE.
ROBOT CONTROL- POWER DIVE PLANE FULL SPEED-AND LOOP!


INSTANTLY, THE POWERFUL SHIP STANDS ON ITS NOSE TO LOOP BELOW WONDER WOMAN AT 3000 MILES AN HOUR!


AS THE PLANE FLASHES BENEATH HER, THE AMAZON GIRL SEIZES ITS FLYING LADDER.
ROBOT CONTROL - COMPLETE LOOP AND LEVEL OFF!

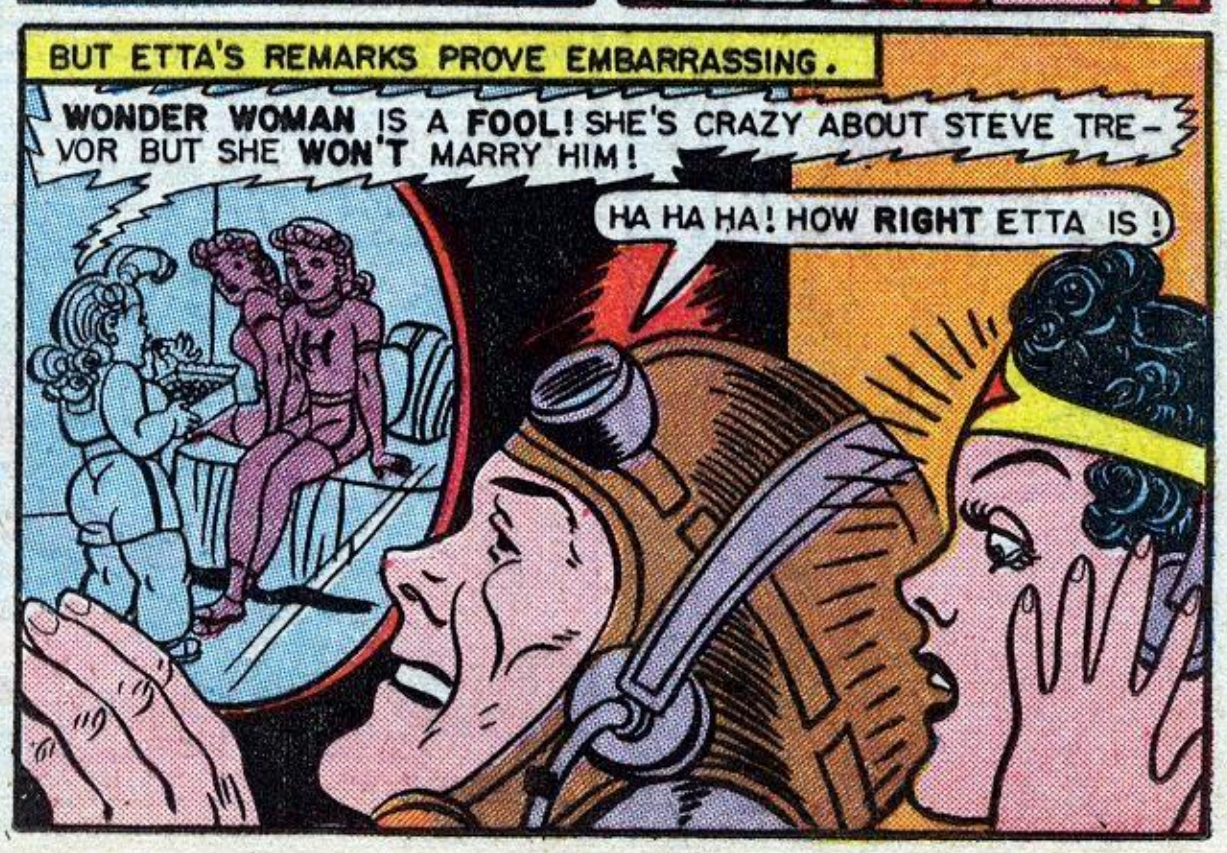
LATER, AT THE AIRPORT –
WHAT KEPT YOU, STEVE - BREAK A LEG ?
BEAUTIFUL - WAS I WORRIED! I THOUGHT SURE YOU'D BE KILLED WHEN YOU MISSED THAT LADDER - IT WAS MY FAULT !

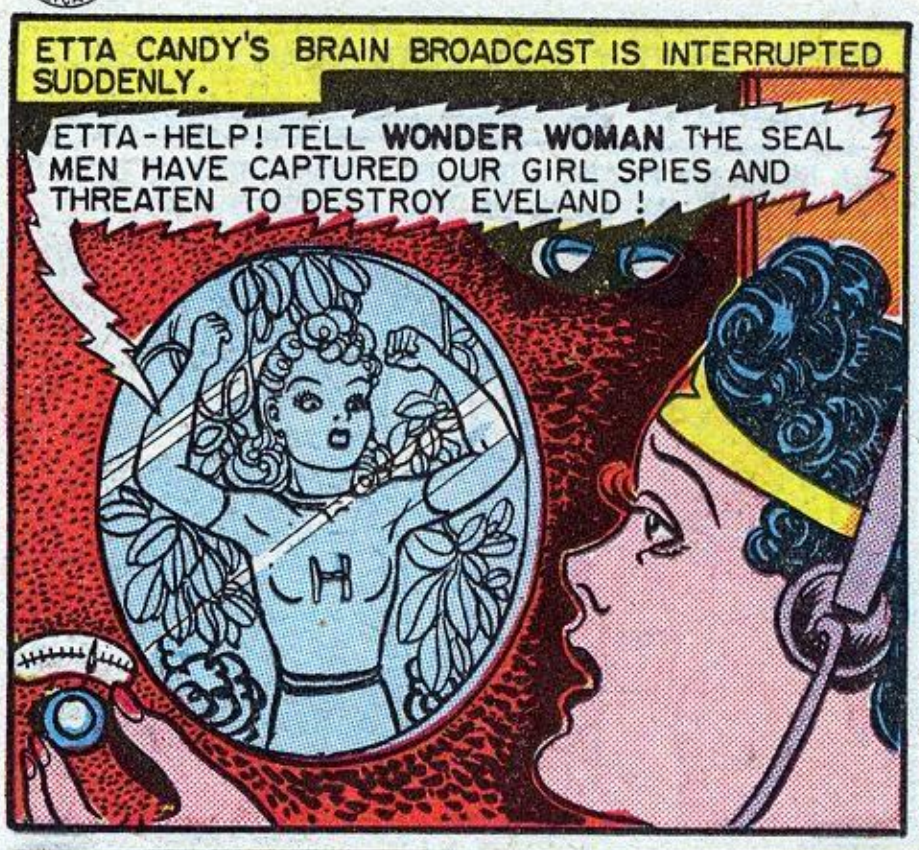
SOARING SWIFTLY OVER SOUTH POLAR SEAS, WONDER WOMAN AND STEVE PREPARE TO DESCEND BY PARACHUTE.
I'LL KEEP MY PLANE CIRCLING UNDER ROBOT CONTROL WHILE WE LAND ON THE ICE BELOW WITH THE TELEPATHOGRAPH.

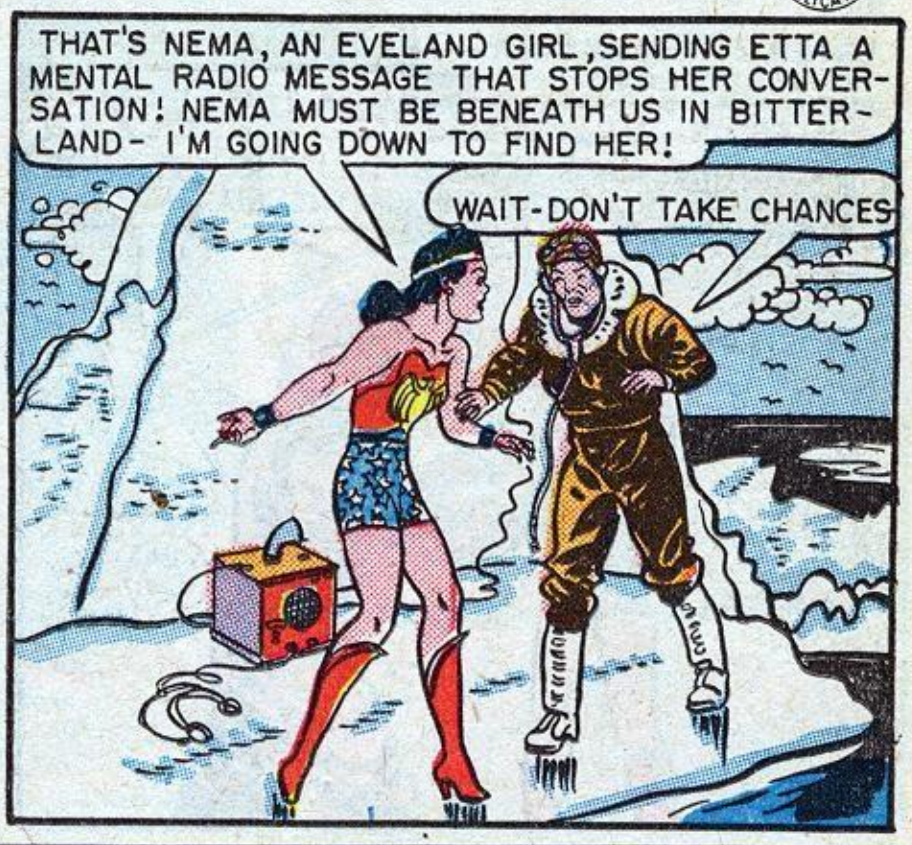
I'LL BEAT YOU DOWN BIG BOY !
ANY MAN WHO TRIES TO COMPETE WITH YOU, ANGEL, DOES NOT KNOW HIS GLAMAZONS!
4-C

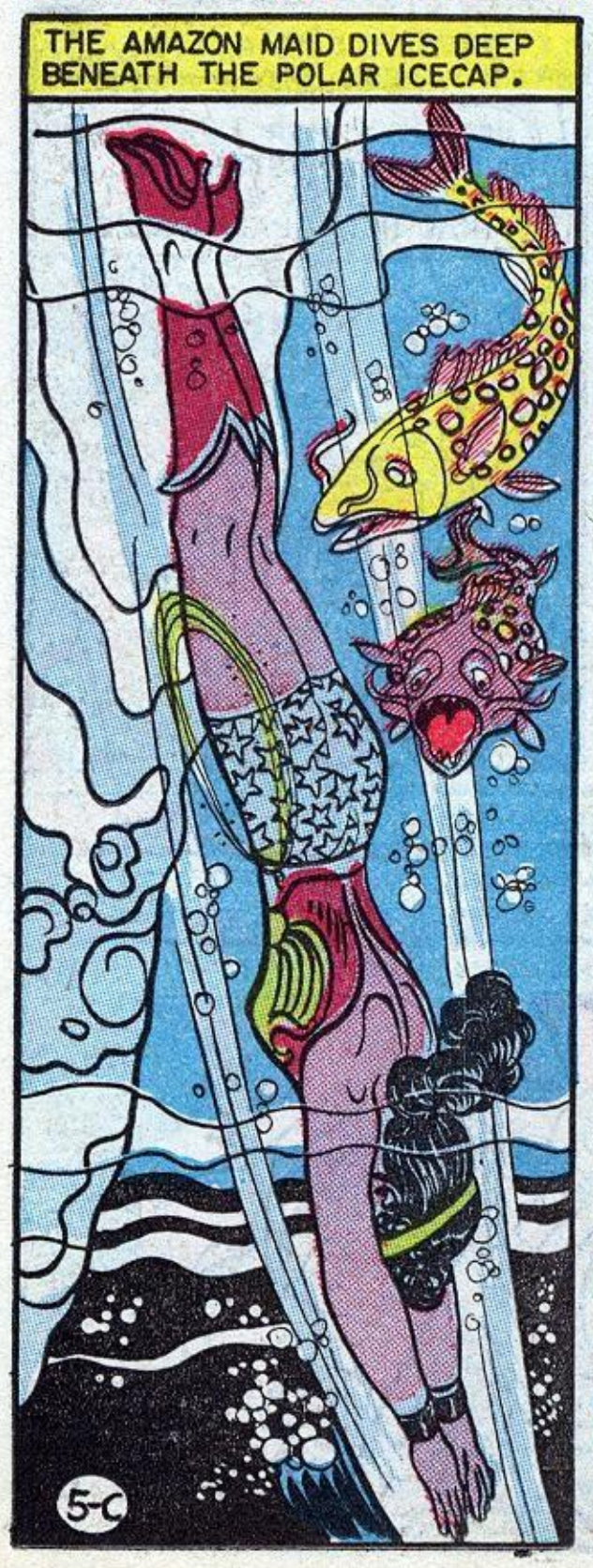
ON TOP OF AN ICEBERG, WONDER WOMAN SETS UP HER INSTRUMENT.

LET'S TUNE IN ON DIANA PRINCE'S BRAIN WAVES!
NO! I'VE NEVER MEASURED DI'S WAVE LENGTHS - I'LL PICK UP ETTA CANDY - I KNOW HER BRAIN NUMBER.
BUZZ-Z WHEE-E


BUT ETTA'S REMARKS PROVE EMBARRASSING.
WONDER WOMAN IS A FOOL! SHE'S CRAZY ABOUT STEVE TREVOR BUT SHE WON'T MARRY HIM!
HA HA HA! HOW RIGHT ETTA IS !


ETTA CANDY'S BRAIN BROADCAST IS INTERRUPTED SUDDENLY.
ETTA-HELP! TELL WONDER WOMAN THE SEAL MEN HAVE CAPTURED OUR GIRL SPIES AND THREATEN TO DESTROY EVELAND!


THAT'S NEMA, AN EVELAND GIRL, SENDING ETTA A MENTAL RADIO MESSAGE THAT STOPS HER CONVERSATION! NEMA MUST BE BENEATH US IN BITTERLAND- I'M GOING DOWN TO FIND HER!
WAIT-DON'T TAKE CHANCES


THE AMAZON MAID DIVES DEEP BENEATH THE POLAR ICECAP.
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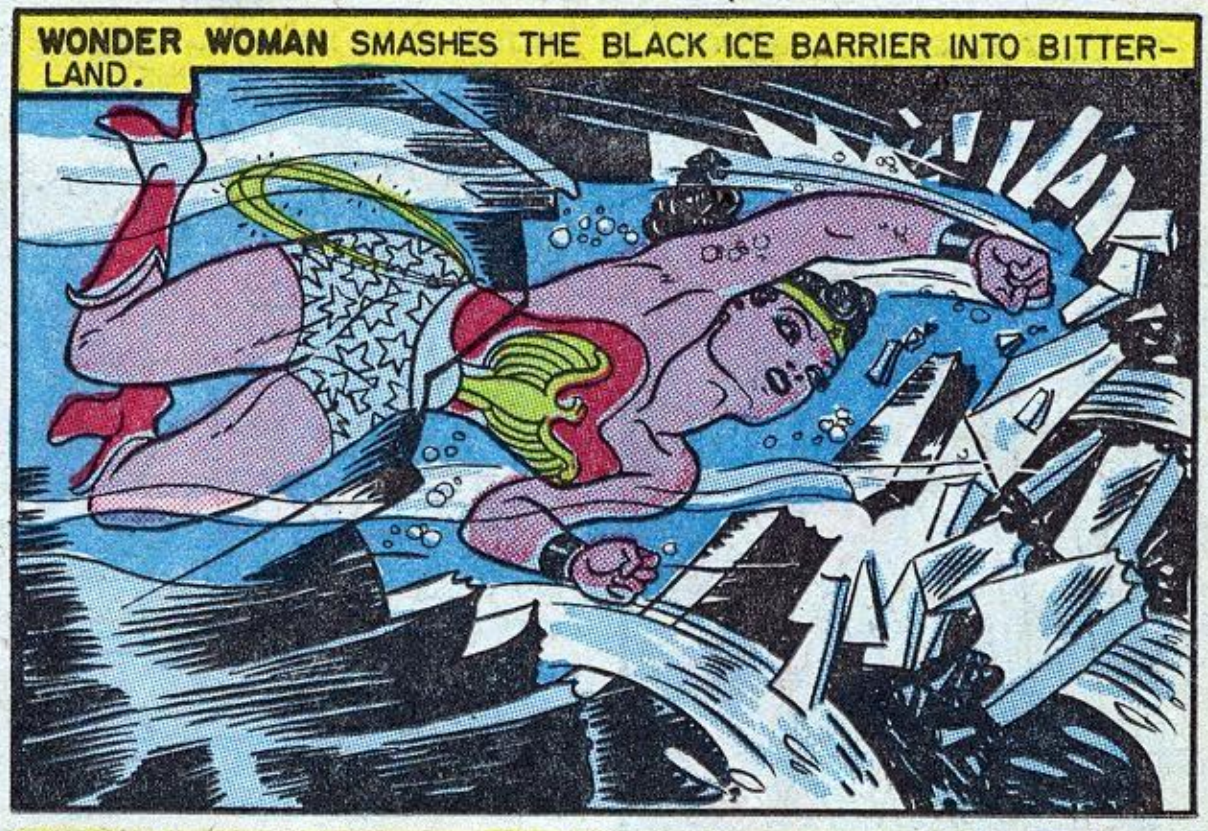
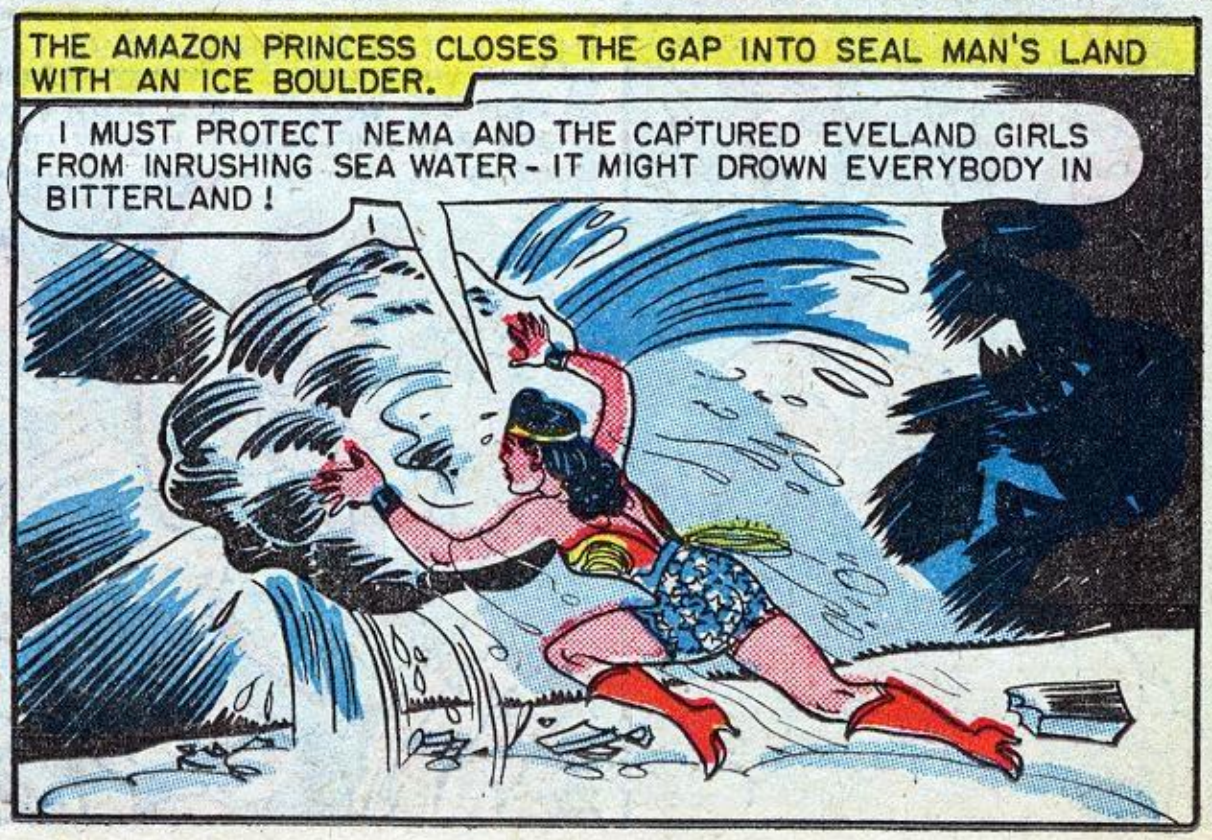
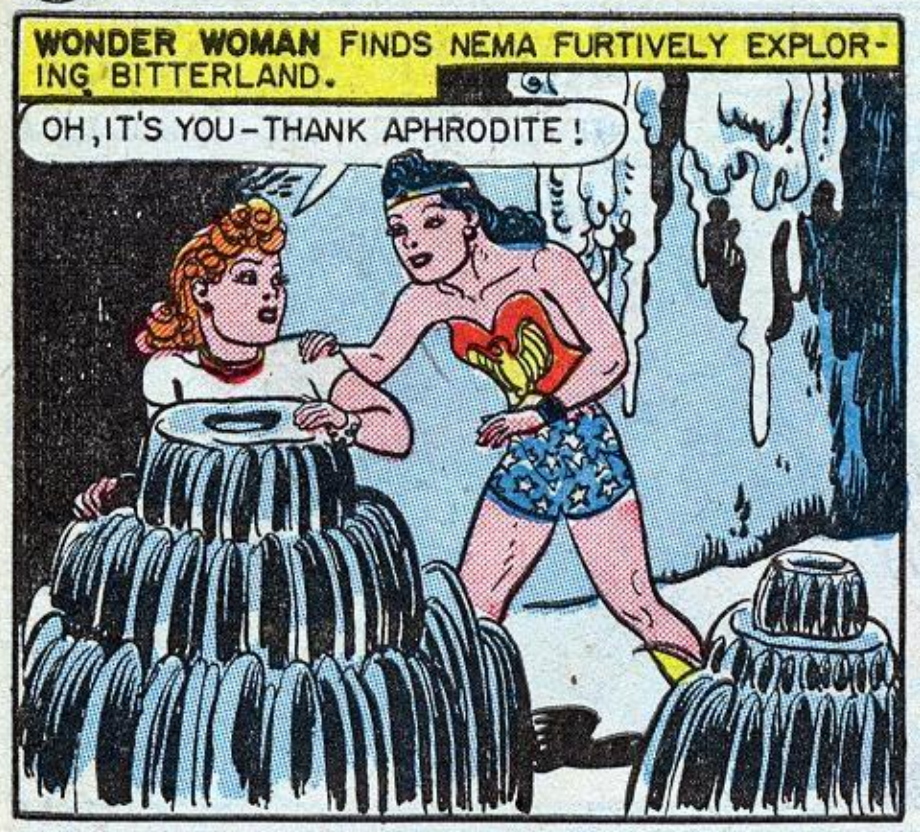
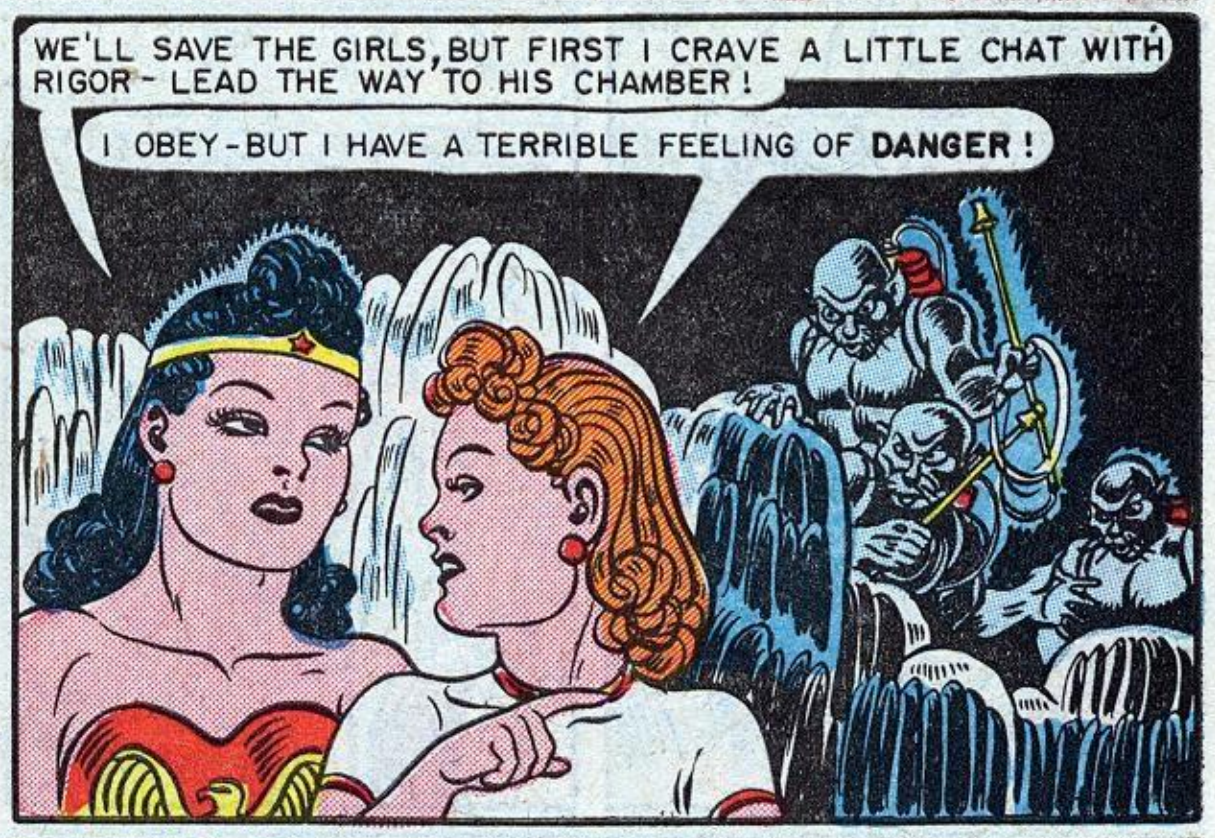

WONDER WOMAN SMASHES THE BLACK ICE BARRIER INTO BITTERLAND.


THE AMAZON PRINCESS CLOSES THE GAP INTO SEAL MAN'S LAND WITH AN ICE BOULDER.
I MUST PROTECT NEMA AND THE CAPTURED EVELAND GIRLS FROM INRUSHING SEA WATER - IT MIGHT DROWN EVERYBODY IN BITTERLAND!

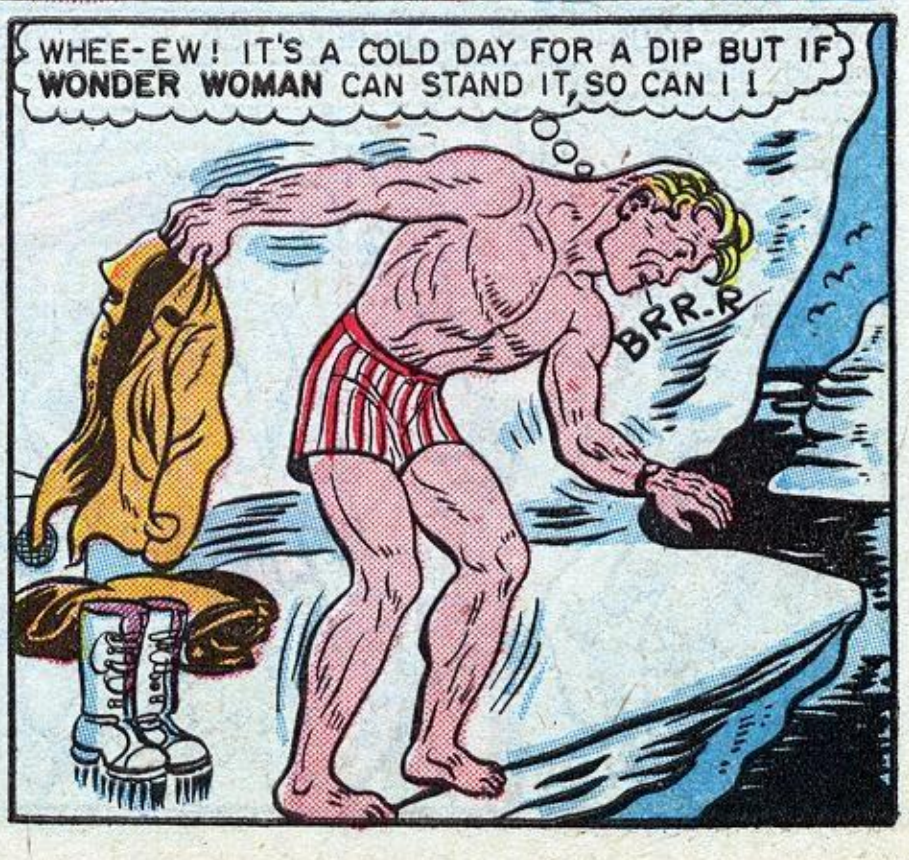

WONDER WOMAN FINDS NEMA FURTIVELY EXPLORING BITTERLAND.
OH, IT'S YOU - THANK APHRODITE!

RIGOR, KING OF THE SEAL MEN, WANTS SLAVES WHO CAN SEE IN BRIGHT LIGHT TO TEND HIS ELECTRIC GARDENS - HE THREATENS TO DESTROY EVELAND UNLESS QUEEN EVE SENDS HIM MORE GIRLS.
BUT HOW CAN HE DESTROY EVELAND?

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE CAME TO BITTERLAND TO FIND OUT - QUEEN EVE MUST LEARN HOW RIGOR PLANS TO ATTACK EVELAND! BUT THE SEAL MEN INTERCEPTED US - THEY CAUGHT ALL THE GIRLS EXCEPT ME!


WE'LL SAVE THE GIRLS, BUT FIRST I CRAVE A LITTLE CHAT WITH RIGOR - LEAD THE WAY TO HIS CHAMBER!
I OBEY - BUT I HAVE A TERRIBLE FEELING OF DANGER!

STEVE, MEANWHILE, IS GETTING ANXIOUS.
WONDER WOMAN'S BEEN UNDER WATER 36 MINUTES - EVEN SHE CAN'T HOLD HER BREATH THAT LONG! SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED!


WHEE-EW! IT'S A COLD DAY FOR A DIP BUT IF WONDER WOMAN CAN STAND IT, SO CAN I!
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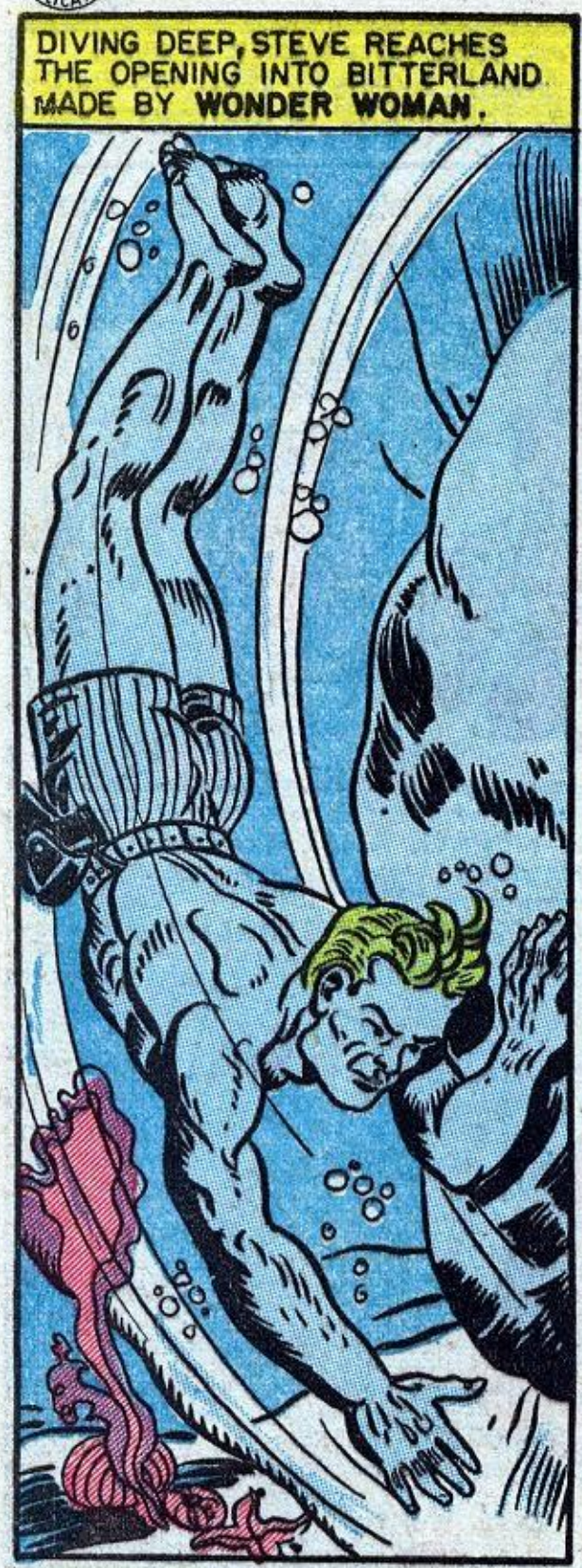
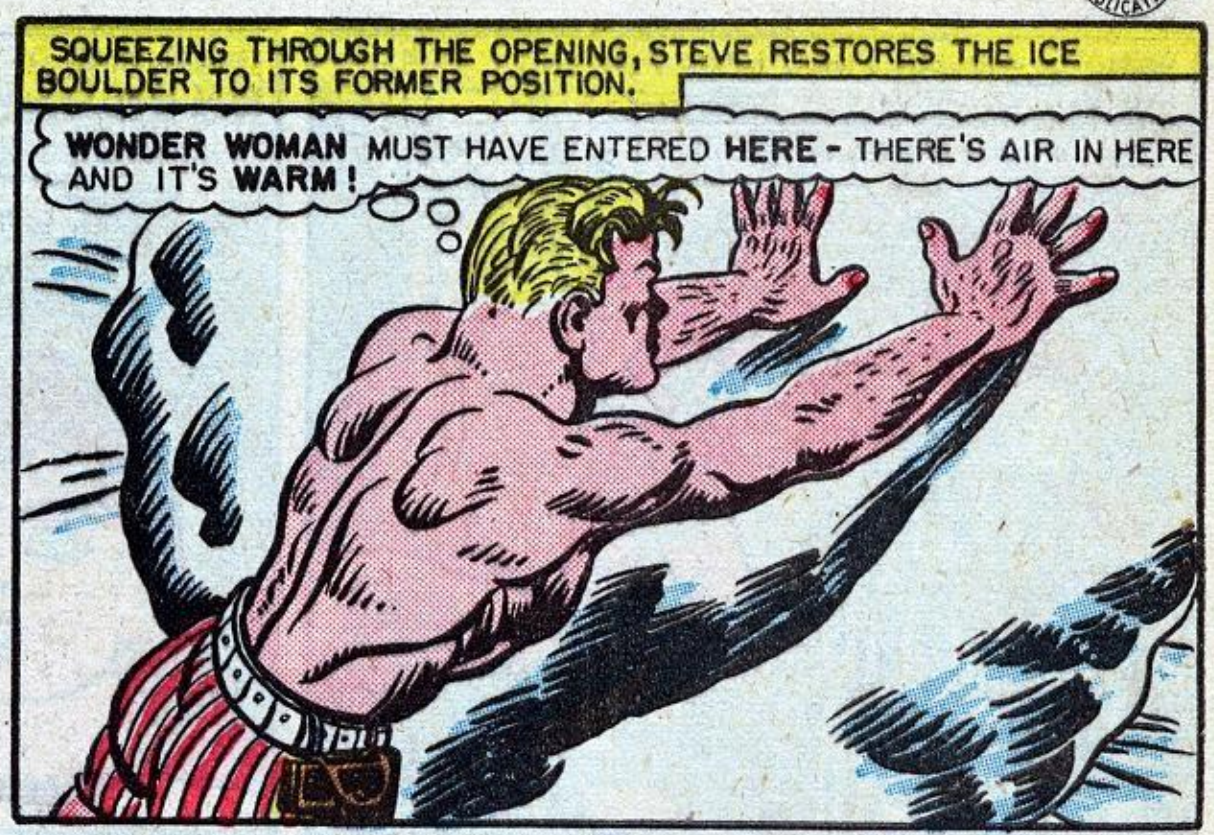
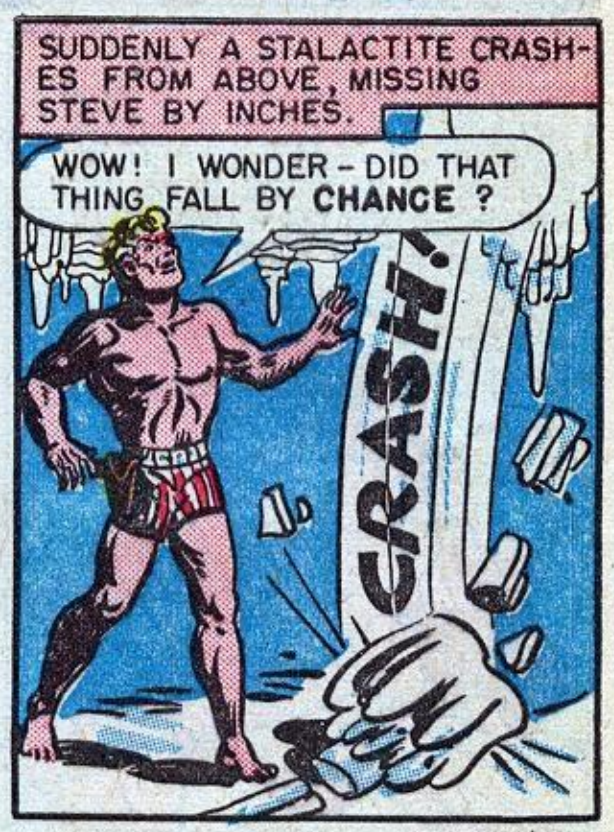
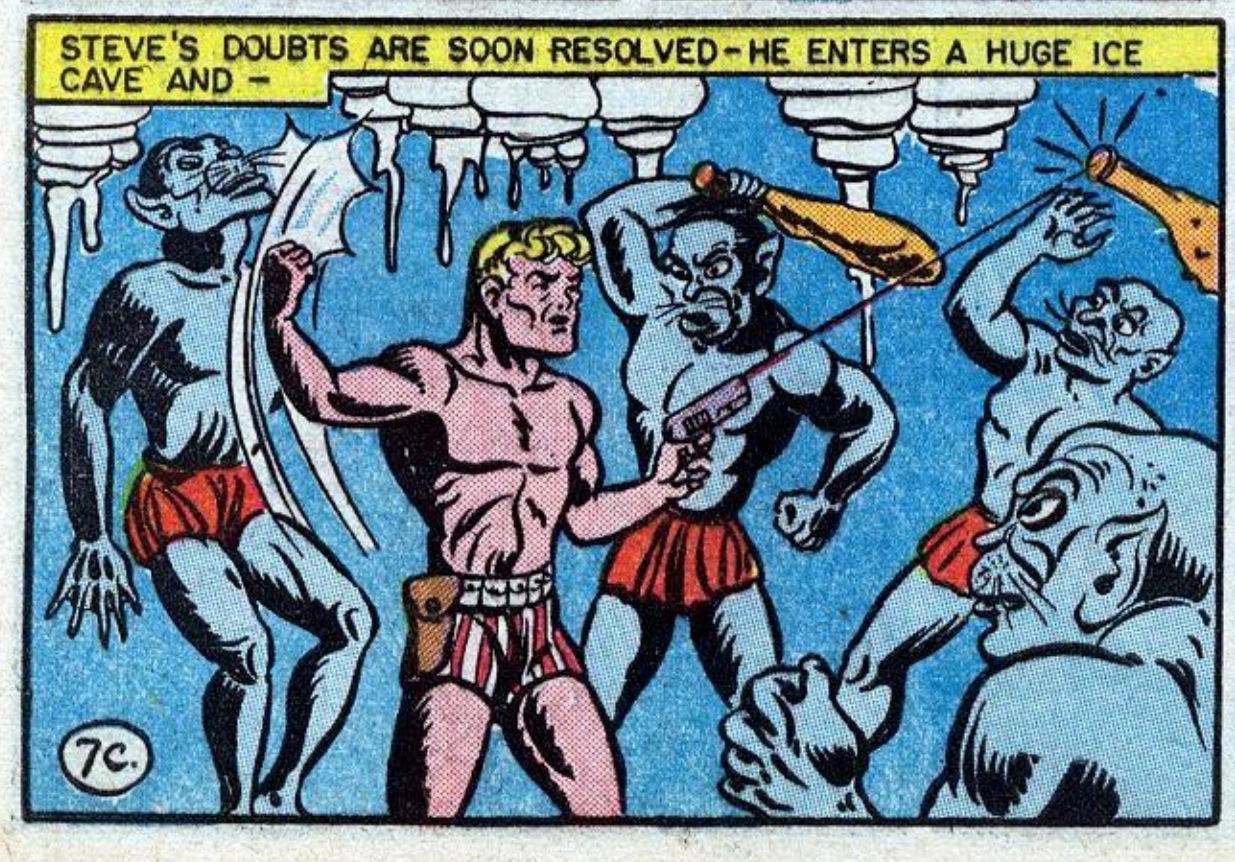

DIVING DEEP, STEVE REACHES THE OPENING INTO BITTERLAND MADE BY WONDER WOMAN.


SQUEEZING THROUGH THE OPENING, STEVE RESTORES THE ICE BOULDER TO ITS FORMER POSITION.
WONDER WOMAN MUST HAVE ENTERED HERE - THERE'S AIR IN HERE AND IT'S WARM!

WHAT A PLACE THIS IS! IT CAN'T BE INHABITED BUT -


SUDDENLY A STALACTITE CRASHES FROM ABOVE, MISSING STEVE BY INCHES.
WOW! I WONDER - DID THAT THING FALL BY CHANCE ?
CRASH!


STEVE'S DOUBTS ARE SOON RESOLVED - HE ENTERS A HUGE ICE CAVE AND -
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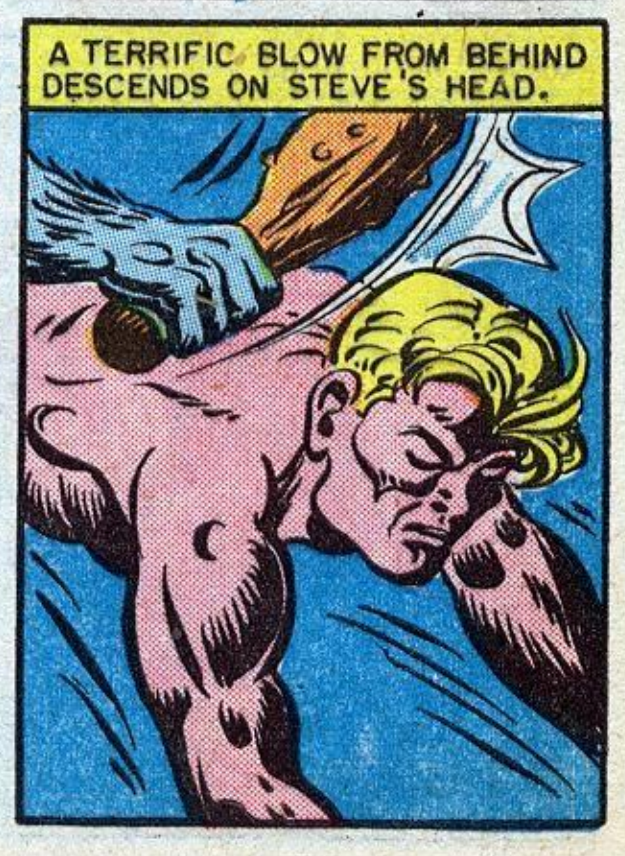
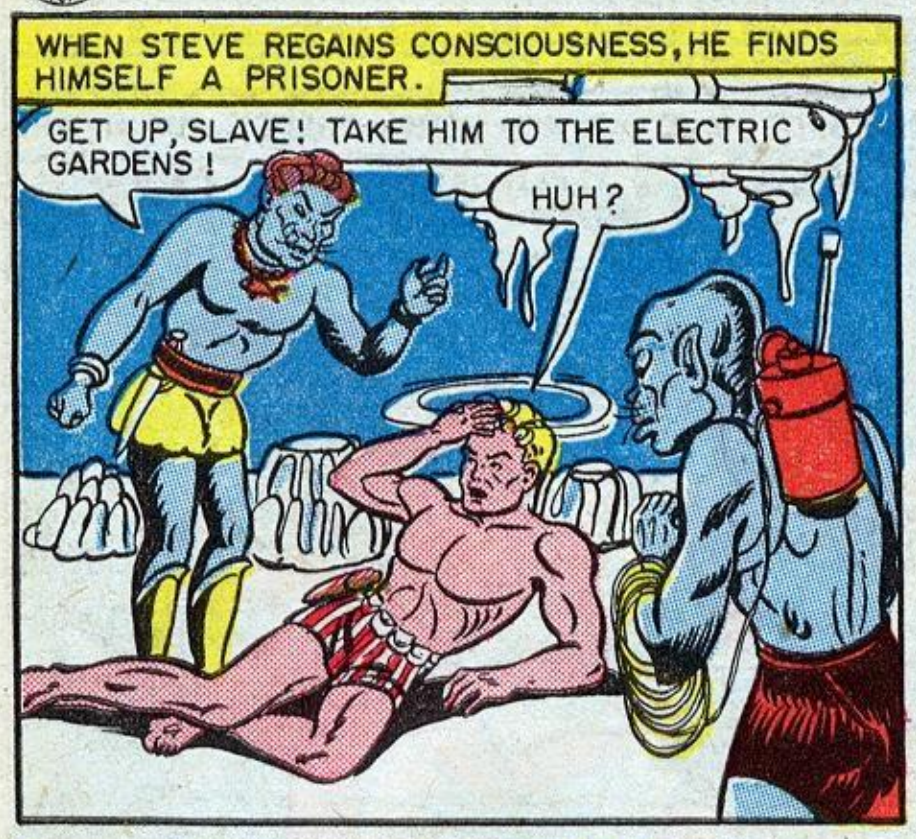
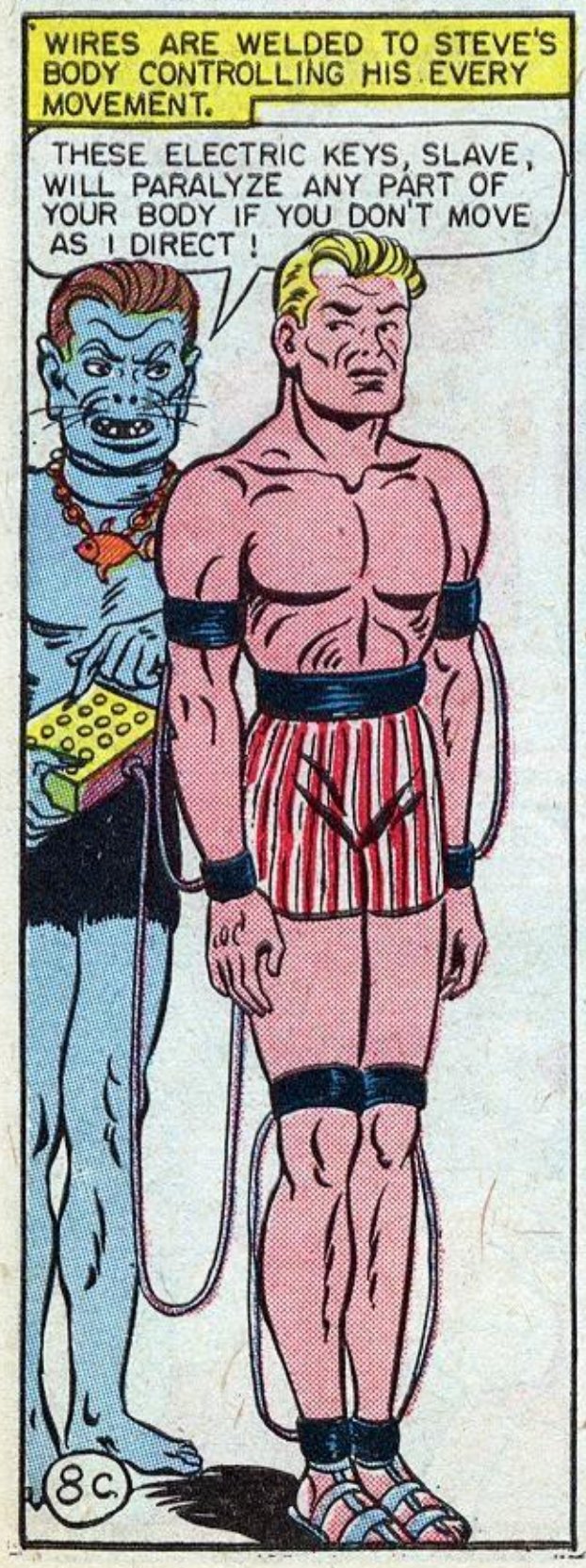

A TERRIFIC BLOW FROM BEHIND DESCENDS ON STEVE'S HEAD.


WHEN STEVE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS, HE FINDS HIMSELF A PRISONER.
GET UP, SLAVE! TAKE HIM TO THE ELECTRIC GARDENS!
HUH?

LEAPING TO HIS FEET, STEVE PROTESTS, BUT SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF PARALYZED.
I'LL SHOW YOU, SAP - YOW-EE-UH!


WIRES ARE WELDED TO STEVE'S BODY CONTROLLING HIS EVERY MOVEMENT.
THESE ELECTRIC KEYS, SLAVE, WILL PARALYZE ANY PART OF YOUR BODY IF YOU DON'T MOVE AS I DIRECT!
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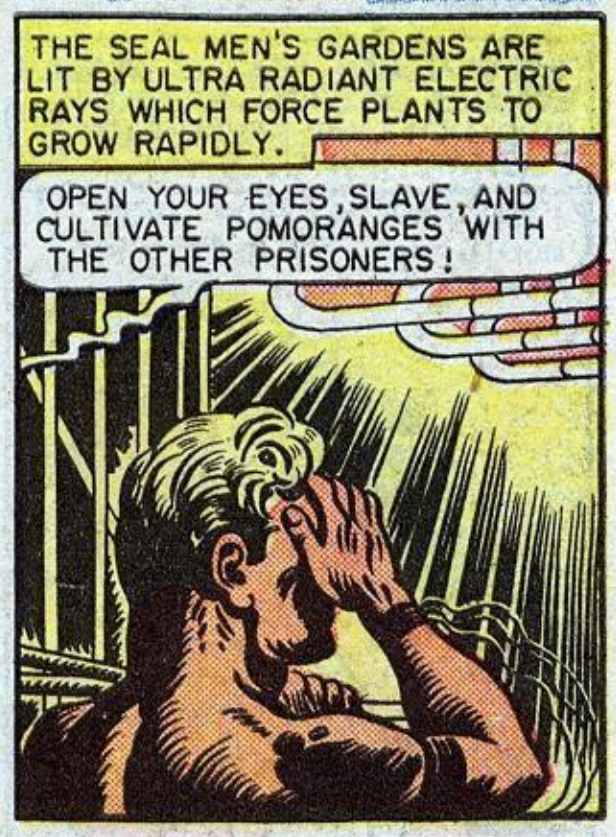
STEVE IS MARCHED THROUGH LONG ICE CORRIDORS.
CARRY YOUR TOOLS TO THE ELECTRIC GARDEN, SLAVE!


THE SEAL MEN'S GARDENS ARE LIT BY ULTRA RADIANT ELECTRIC RAYS WHICH FORCE PLANTS TO GROW RAPIDLY.
OPEN YOUR EYES, SLAVE, AND CULTIVATE POMORANGES WITH THE OTHER PRISONERS!

STEVE AND THE EVELAND CAPTIVES CULTIVATE POMORANGES, THE SEAL MEN'S RAREST DELICACY.
THIS LIGHT IS BLINDING!
YES, WE'LL SOON BE BLIND - THEN THEY'LL NEED MORE SLAVES AGAIN!

MEANWHILE, WONDER WOMAN AND NEMA ARE STRUCK BY SEAL MEN'S ELECTRIC HARPOONS.
UGLA BLOO! MORE SLAVES FOR THE ELECTRIC GARDENS!
NOT THIS TIME, FOOLS - WE'VE CAUGHT WONDER WOMAN! TAKE THESE PRISONERS TO KING RIGOR!
GREAT HERA - THE HARPOONS PARALYZE ME!

THE SEAL MEN, FEARING WONDER WOMAN'S COLOSSAL STRENGTH, BIND HER LIKE STEVE WITH ELECTRIC CONTROLS.
I MAY HAVE USE FOR THESE BOOTS - LATER!
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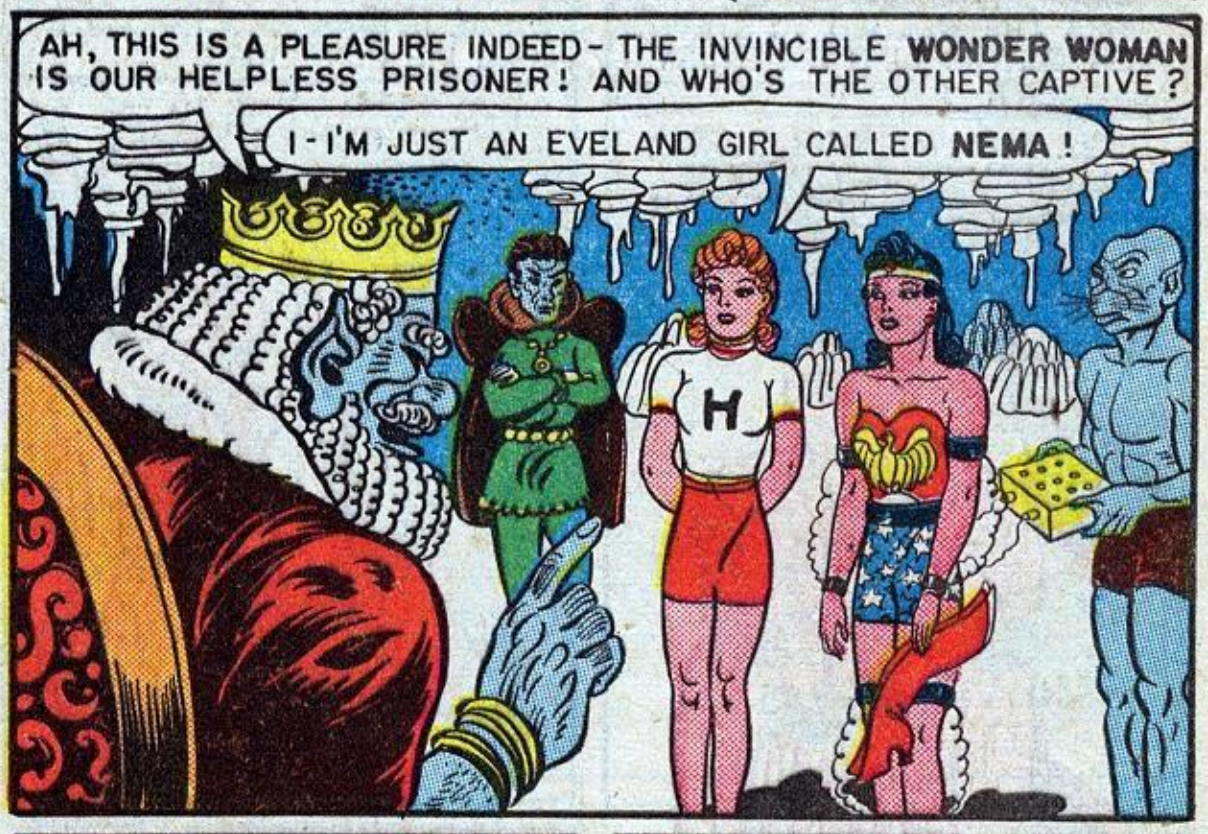

AH, THIS IS A PLEASURE INDEED - THE INVINCIBLE WONDER WOMAN IS OUR HELPLESS PRISONER! AND WHO'S THE OTHER CAPTIVE?
I - I'M JUST AN EVELAND GIRL CALLED NEMA!

YOU LIE - YOU'RE QUEEN EVE'S DAUGHTER LECTRESS! GUARDS, WASH THIS GIRL'S HAIR IN RESTORA SOLUTION! QUICKLY!

AS I THOUGHT - YOUR HAIR IS REALLY GOLDEN - YOU ARE PRINCESS EVE LECTRESS!

YOU TWO CAPTIVES SHALL PERSUADE QUEEN EVE TO MEET MY DEMANDS. I WANT **TEN** GIRLS EVERY MONTH FOR GARDEN SLAVES! ELSE I'LL DESTROY EVELAND!
NONSENSE - HOW **CAN** YOU INJURE EVELAND?

YOUR QUESTION IS FAIR - IT SHALL BE ANSWERED. PAGLI, SHOW THESE PRISONERS HOW WE CAN WRECK EVELAND!
WITH PLEASURE, FATHER!

COME, LITTLE CAPTIVES, I'LL SHOW YOU GREAT ICELAKE WHICH FEEDS THE **RIVER OF DESTRUCTION**. IF WE BLAST THE ICE DAM WHICH HOLDS BACK THIS LAKEFUL OF WATER, IT'LL FLOOD EVELAND AND DROWN ALL INHABITANTS!

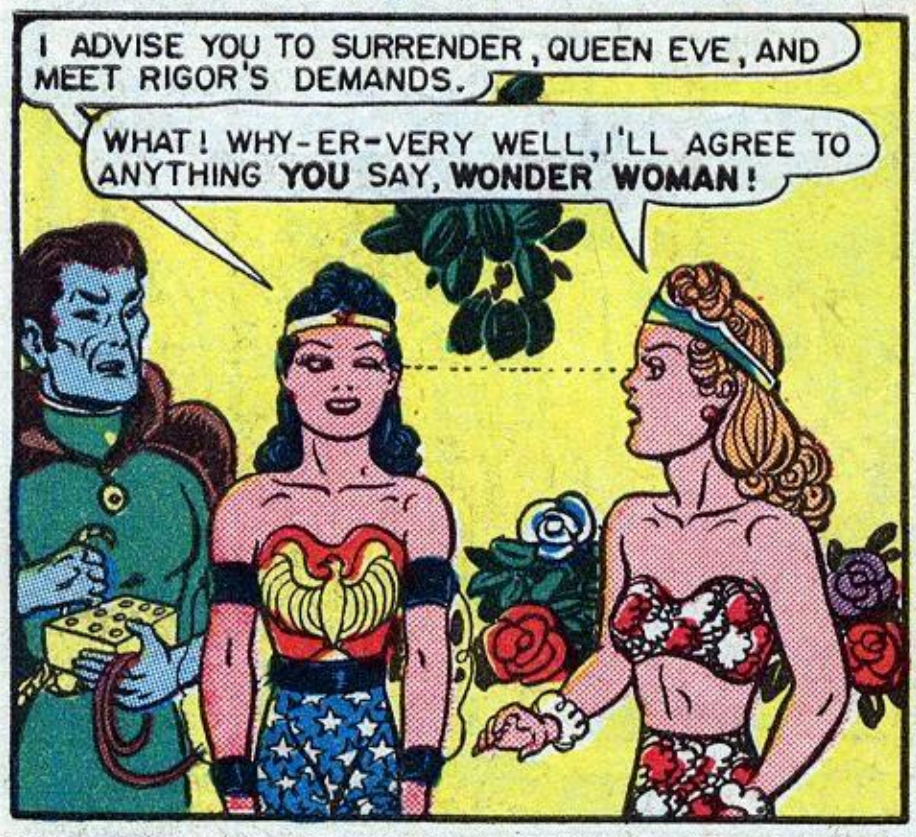
OH - I **SEE!** YOU'RE RIGHT, PRINCE PAGLI - YOU **CAN** DESTROY EVELAND!

A MESSAGE BALL IS HURLED ACROSS DESTRUCTION RIVER BY PRINCE PAGLI'S ELECTRIC BAZOOKA.
10¢

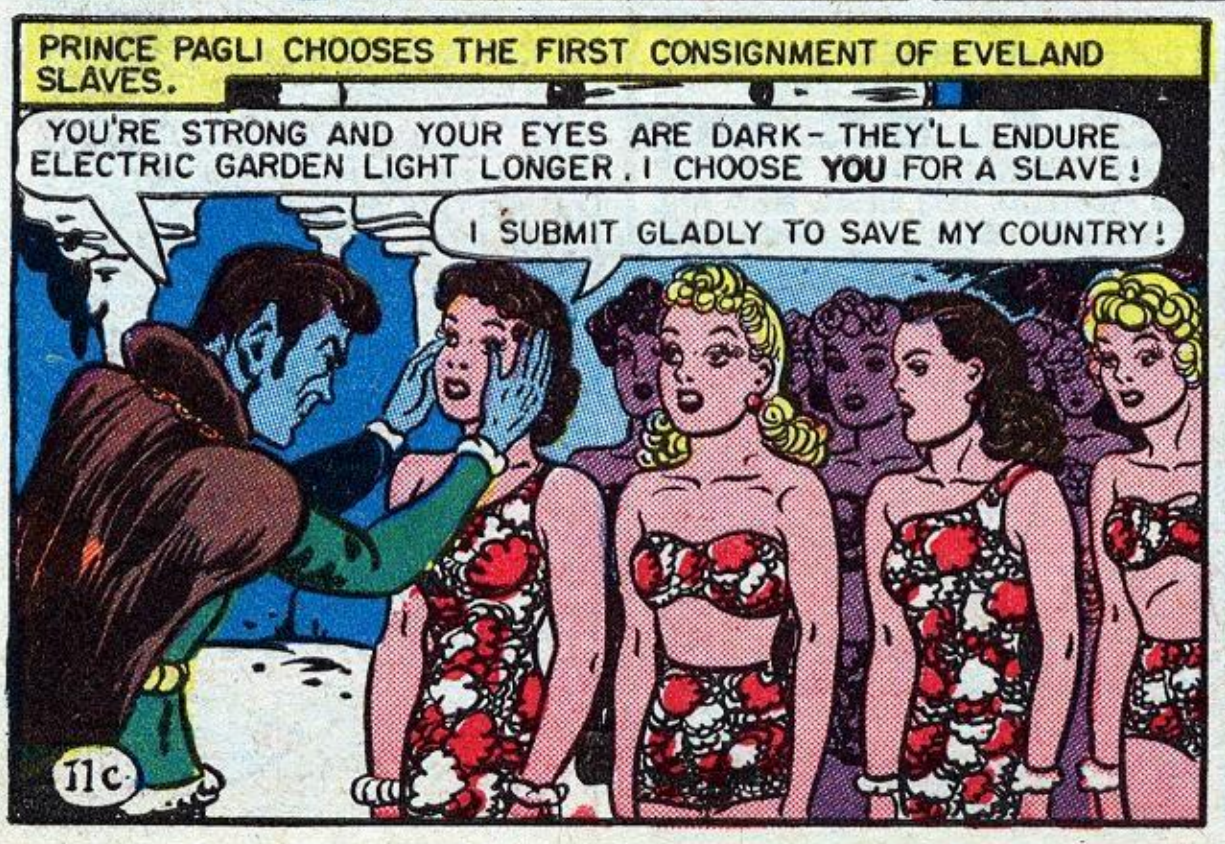
QUEEN EVE HERSELF CATCHES THE MESSAGE BALL FROM BITTERLAND.
OH! I WONDER WHAT TERRIBLE ULTIMATUM THE SEAL MEN ARE SENDING US NOW!

GREAT APHRODITE! THIS SAYS THAT **WONDER WOMAN** AND MY LONG LOST DAUGHTER LECTRESS ARE RIGOR'S CAPTIVES! THEY'LL MEET US IN THE BORDER CAVE OF BITTERLAND AND EXPLAIN HOW SEAL MEN CAN DESTROY EVELAND IF WE DON'T MEET THEIR DEMANDS!
OH! OH!

THE MEETING TAKES PLACE.
MOTHER, THE SEAL MEN WILL FLOOD EVELAND UNLESS YOU GIVE THEM TEN GIRLS EVERY MONTH!
WE'LL VOLUNTEER TO BECOME SLAVES!
NEVER! BETTER WE ALL DIE TOGETHER THAN SUBMIT TO RIGOR'S VICIOUS DOMINATION!


I ADVISE YOU TO SURRENDER, QUEEN EVE, AND MEET RIGOR'S DEMANDS.
WHAT! WHY-ER-VERY WELL, I'LL AGREE TO ANYTHING **YOU** SAY, **WONDER WOMAN**!

PRINCE PAGLI, I'LL ADVISE GIVING YOU TEN MAIDENS A MONTH BUT QUEEN EVE MUST "ICE-BIND" THEM BEFORE DELIVERY.
HM-YOU WISH TO SPARE THE GIRLS HUMILIATION. VERY WELL-BUT I MUST CHOOSE THE MAIDENS!


PRINCE PAGLI CHOOSES THE FIRST CONSIGNMENT OF EVELAND SLAVES.
YOU'RE STRONG AND YOUR EYES ARE DARK-THEY'LL ENDURE ELECTRIC GARDEN LIGHT LONGER. I CHOOSE **YOU** FOR A SLAVE!
I SUBMIT GLADLY TO SAVE MY COUNTRY!
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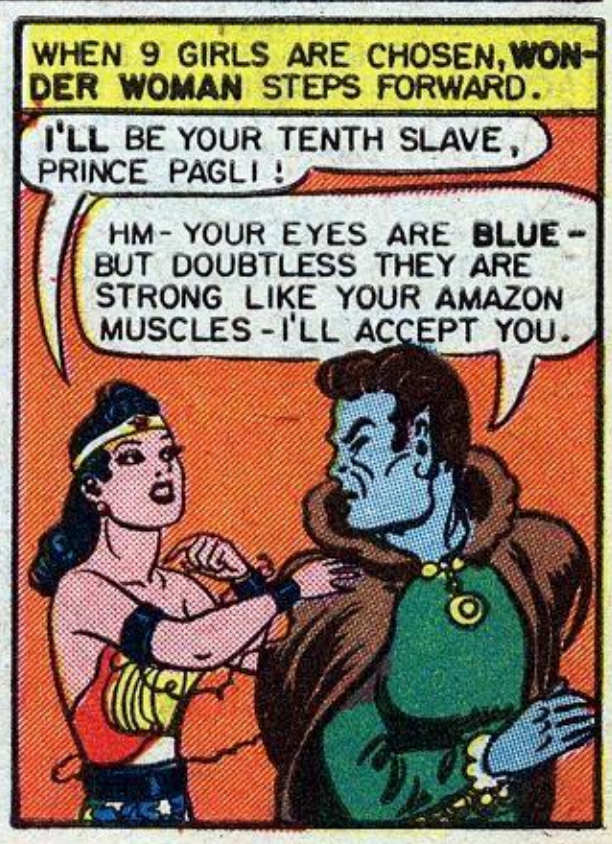
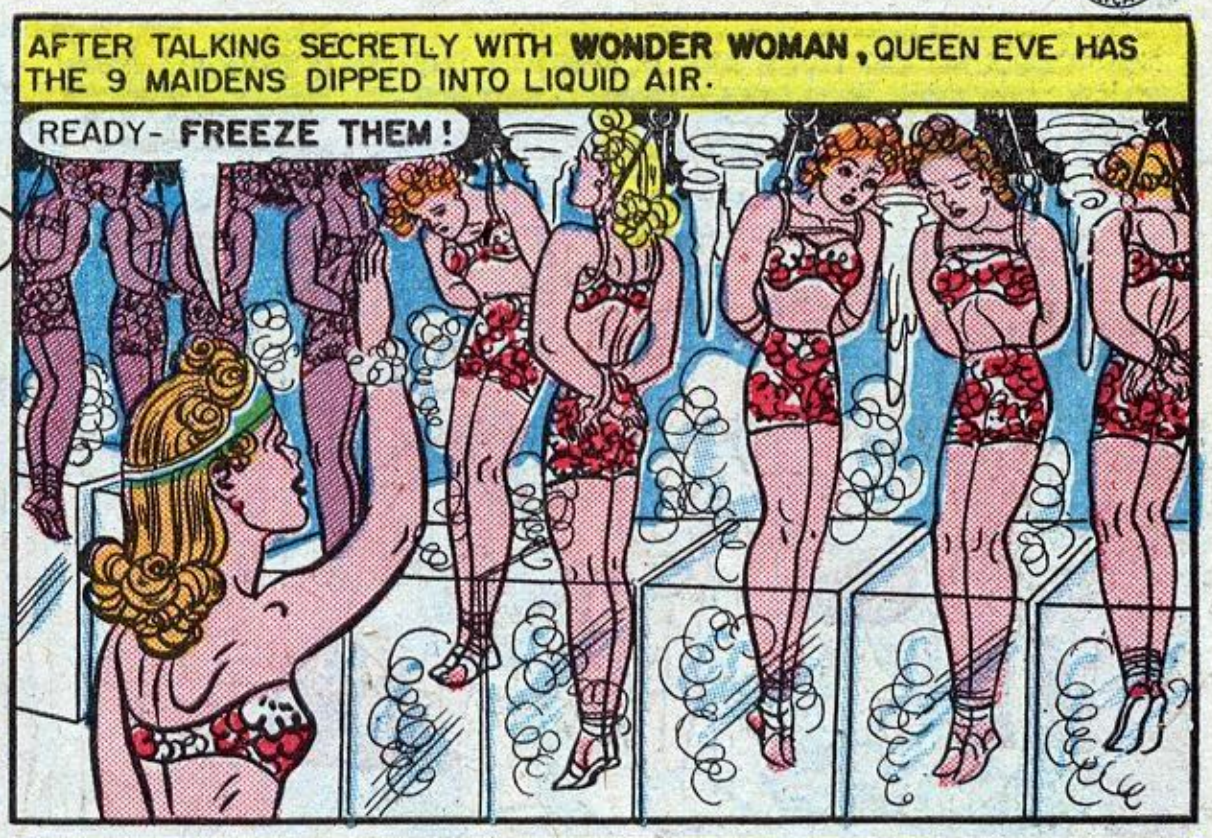
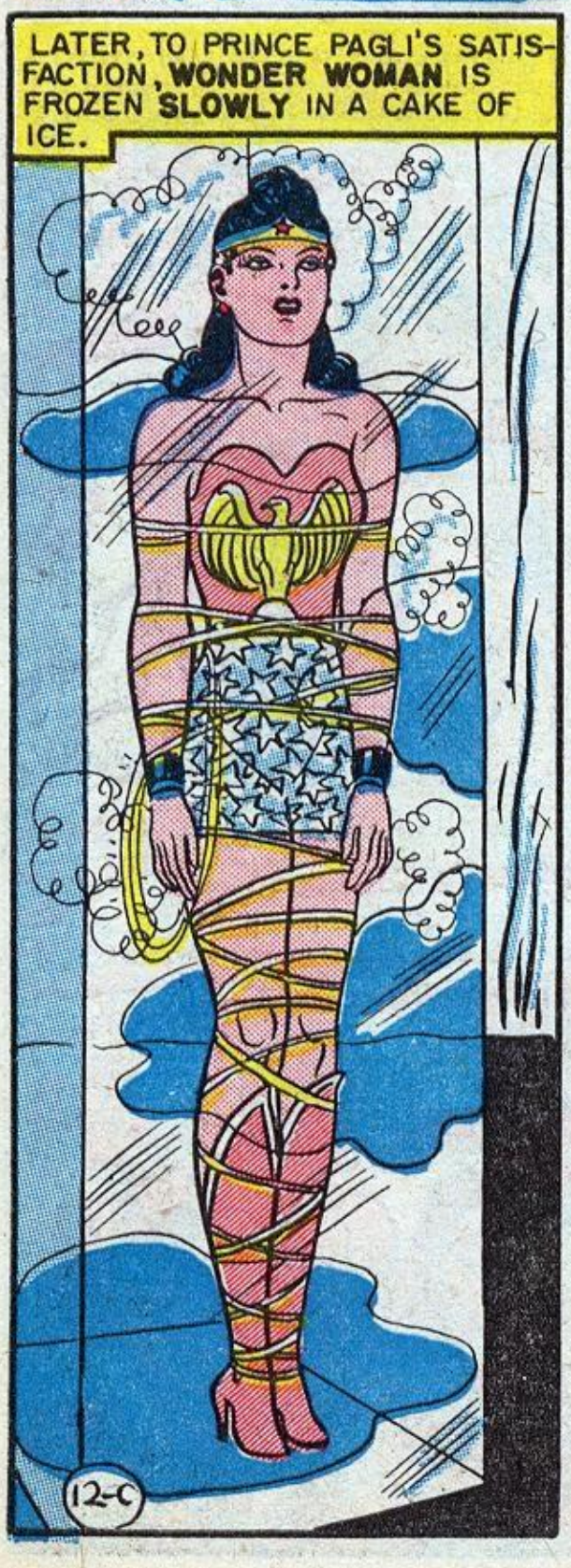

WHEN 9 GIRLS ARE CHOSEN, **WONDER WOMAN** STEPS FORWARD.
I'LL BE YOUR TENTH SLAVE, PRINCE PAGLI!
HM-YOUR EYES ARE **BLUE**-BUT DOUBTLESS THEY ARE STRONG LIKE YOUR AMAZON MUSCLES-I'LL ACCEPT YOU.

I MUST TALK PRIVATELY TO QUEEN EVE BEFORE SHE FREEZES US GIRLS!
PERMITTED - BUT I'LL HOLD YOU PRISONER UNTIL THE OTHER CAPTIVES ARE FROZEN!


AFTER TALKING SECRETLY WITH WONDER WOMAN, QUEEN EVE HAS THE 9 MAIDENS DIPPED INTO LIQUID AIR.
READY- FREEZE THEM!


LATER, TO PRINCE PAGLI'S SATISFACTION, WONDER WOMAN IS FROZEN SLOWLY IN A CAKE OF ICE.
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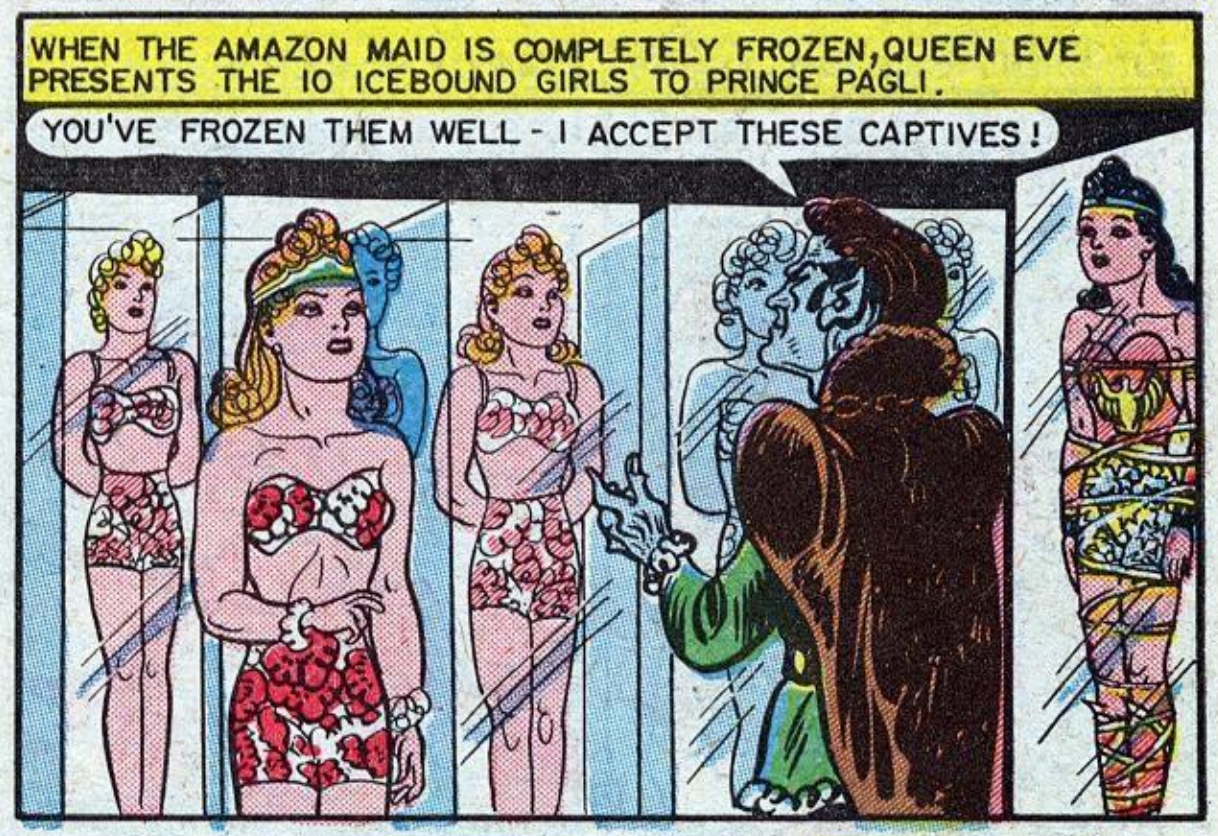
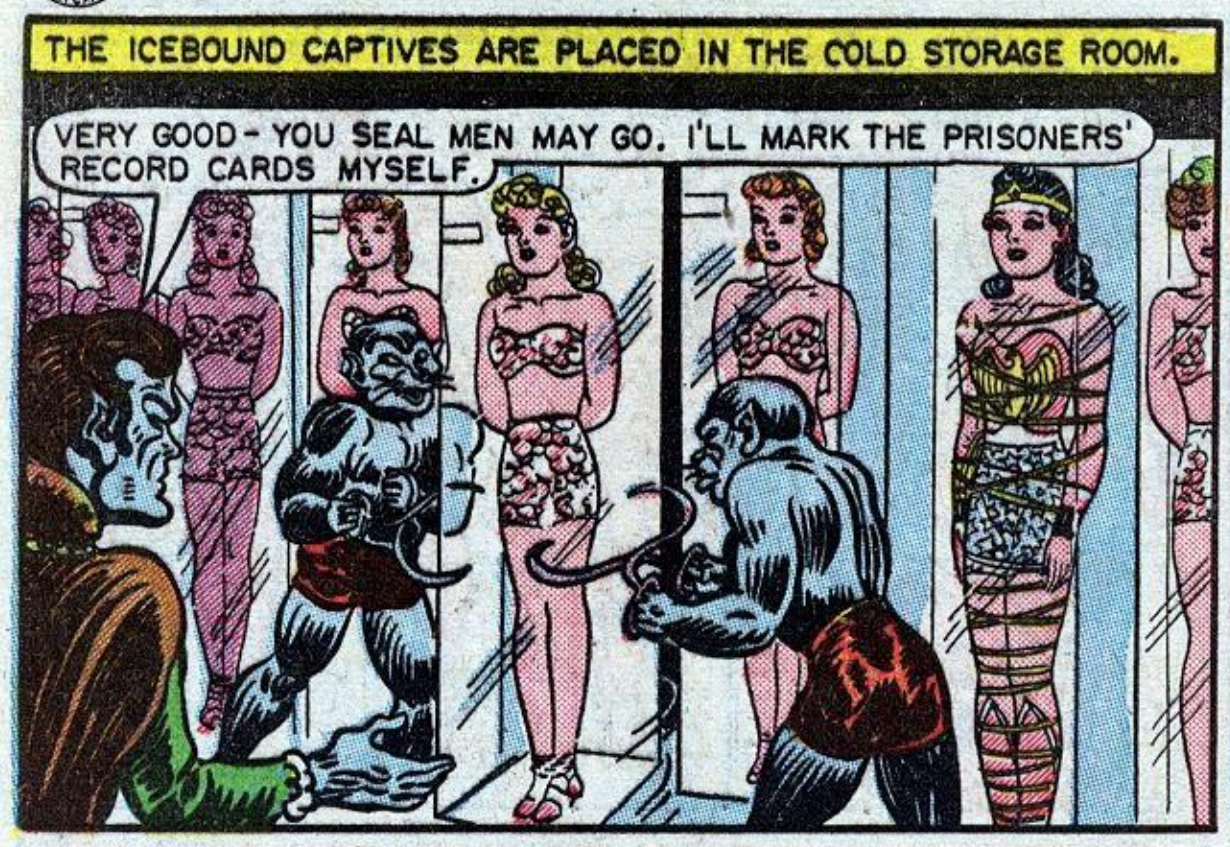
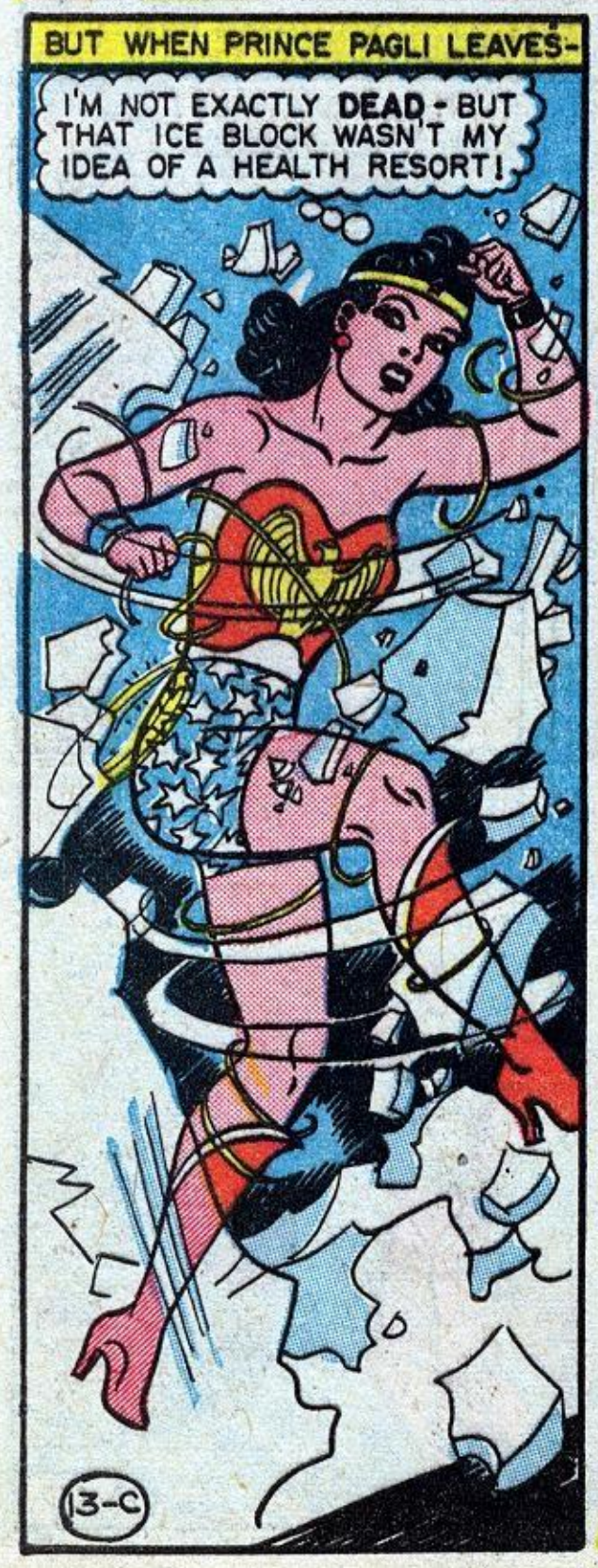

WHEN THE AMAZON MAID IS COMPLETELY FROZEN, QUEEN EVE PRESENTS THE 10 ICEBOUND GIRLS TO PRINCE PAGLI.
YOU'VE FROZEN THEM WELL - I ACCEPT THESE CAPTIVES!

ANXIOUSLY THE QUEEN THINKS—
OH, I DO HOPE WONDER WOMAN'S PLAN WILL WORK! BUT KING RIGOR IS SHREWD - IF HE SUSPECTS, IT'LL BE THE END OF ALL OF US!

LECTRESS IS DRAGGED OFF TO THE ELECTRIC GARDENS.
WITH WONDER WOMAN FROZEN, ALL HOPE IS GONE!

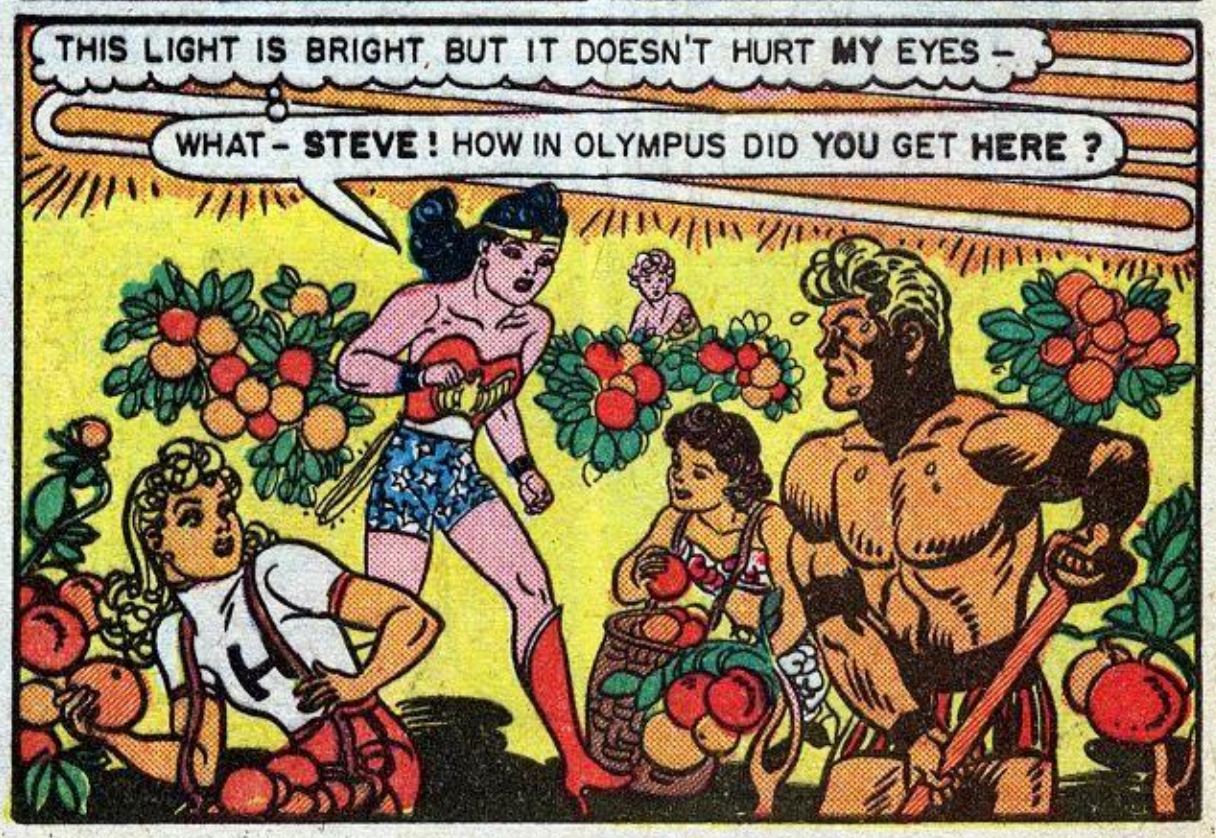

THE ICEBOUND CAPTIVES ARE PLACED IN THE COLD STORAGE ROOM.
VERY GOOD - YOU SEAL MEN MAY GO. I'LL MARK THE PRISONERS' RECORD CARDS MYSELF.

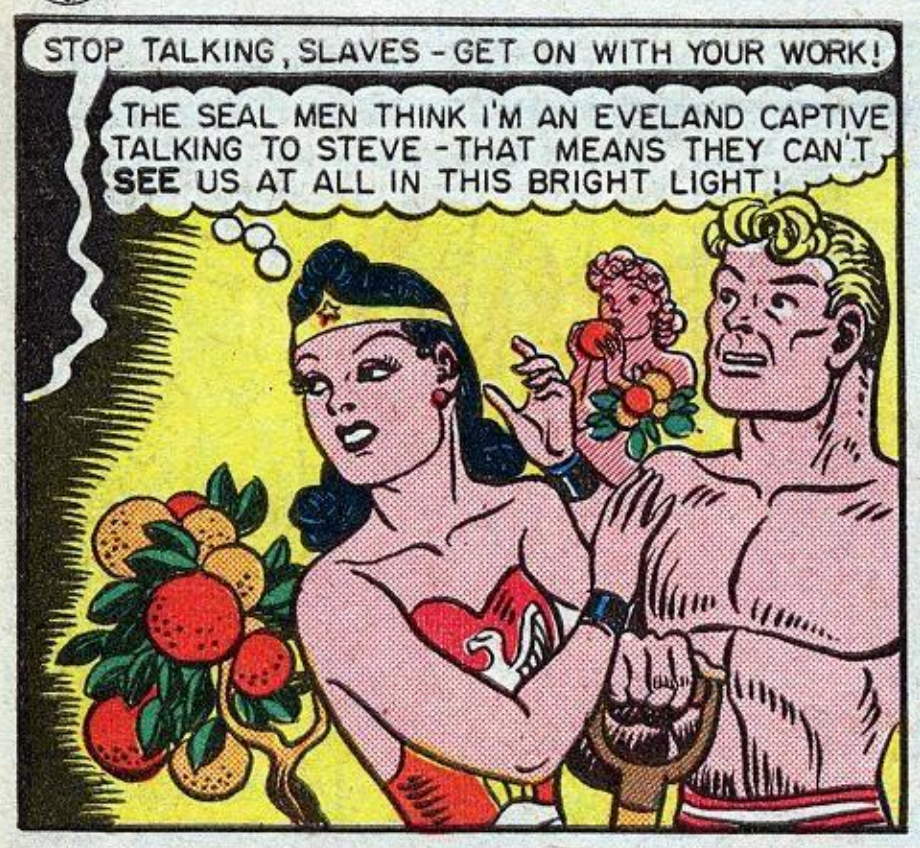
WONDER WOMAN WAS FROZEN SLOWLY - HA HA! SLOW FREEZING KILLS CAPTIVES - THIS AMAZON IS DEAD!
WONDER WOMAN


BUT WHEN PRINCE PAGLI LEAVES-
I'M NOT EXACTLY DEAD - BUT THAT ICE BLOCK WASN'T MY IDEA OF A HEALTH RESORT!
13-C

SWIFTLY, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS TOWARD THE ELECTRIC GARDENS.
THE FIRST THING TO DO IS FREE THOSE POOR GARDEN SLAVES!

WONDER WOMAN LEAPS INTO THE ELECTRIC GARDEN UNOBSERVED.


THIS LIGHT IS BRIGHT, BUT IT DOESN'T HURT MY EYES -
WHAT - STEVE! HOW IN OLYMPUS DID YOU GET HERE?

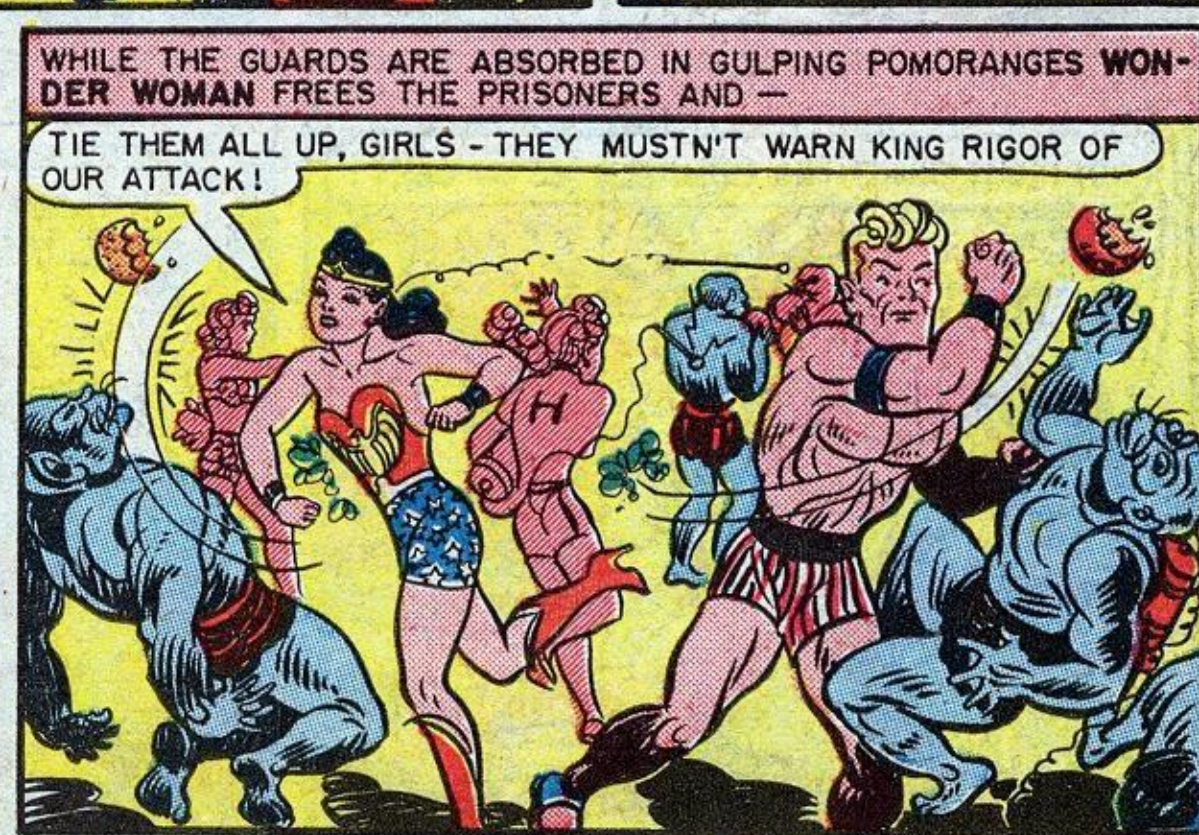

STOP TALKING, SLAVES - GET ON WITH YOUR WORK!
THE SEAL MEN THINK I'M AN EVELAND CAPTIVE TALKING TO STEVE - THAT MEANS THEY CAN'T SEE US AT ALL IN THIS BRIGHT LIGHT!

WONDER WOMAN SILENTLY BECKONS THE GARDEN SLAVES TOGETHER.
BREAKING YOUR ELECTRIC FETTERS WILL REGISTER ON THE GUARD'S INSTRUMENTS AND THEY'LL PARALYZE US WITH THEIR ELECTRIC HARPOONS. SO — HERE'S MY PLAN —

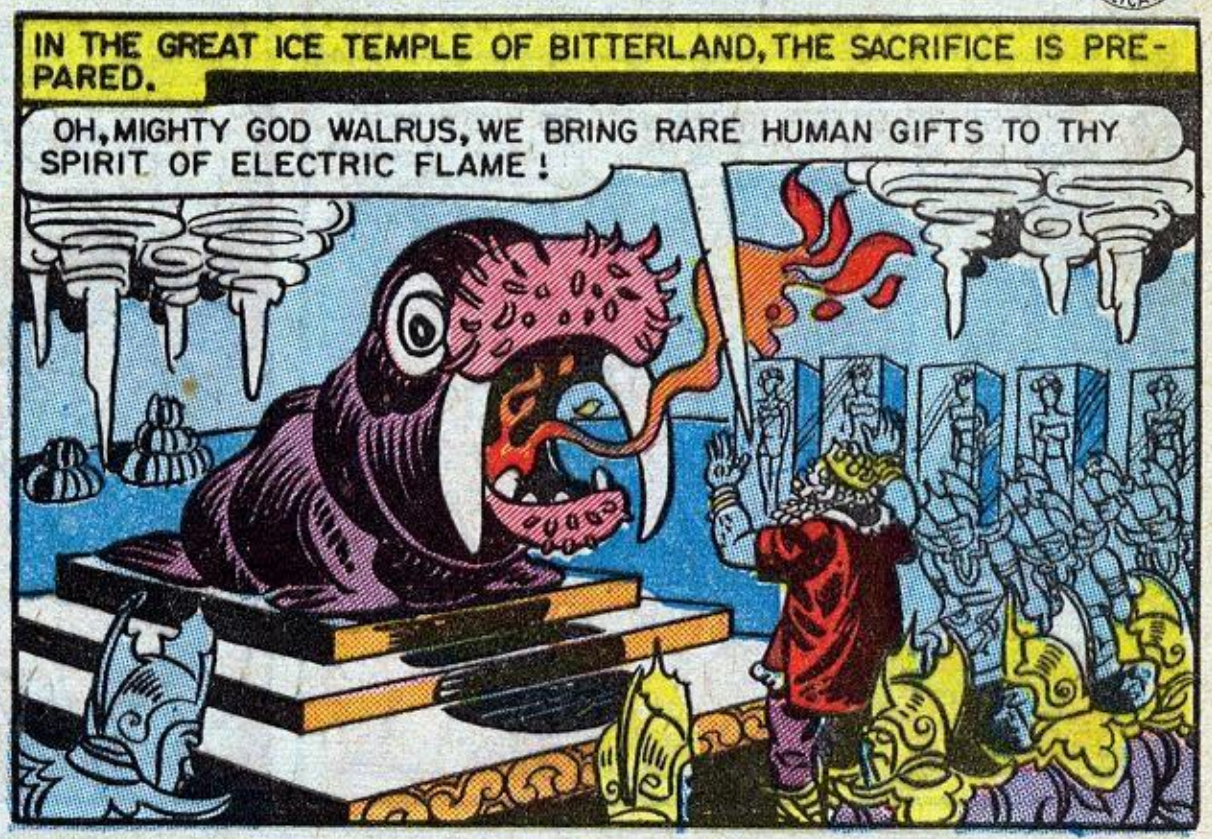
THE CAPTIVES PICK RIPE POMORANGES AND TOSS THEM TO THE SEAL MEN GUARDS.
OH, GUARD! HERE'S A POMORANGE!
QUICK, SEAL MAN, CATCH THIS!
HERE'S FRUIT - CATCH IT, GUARDS!

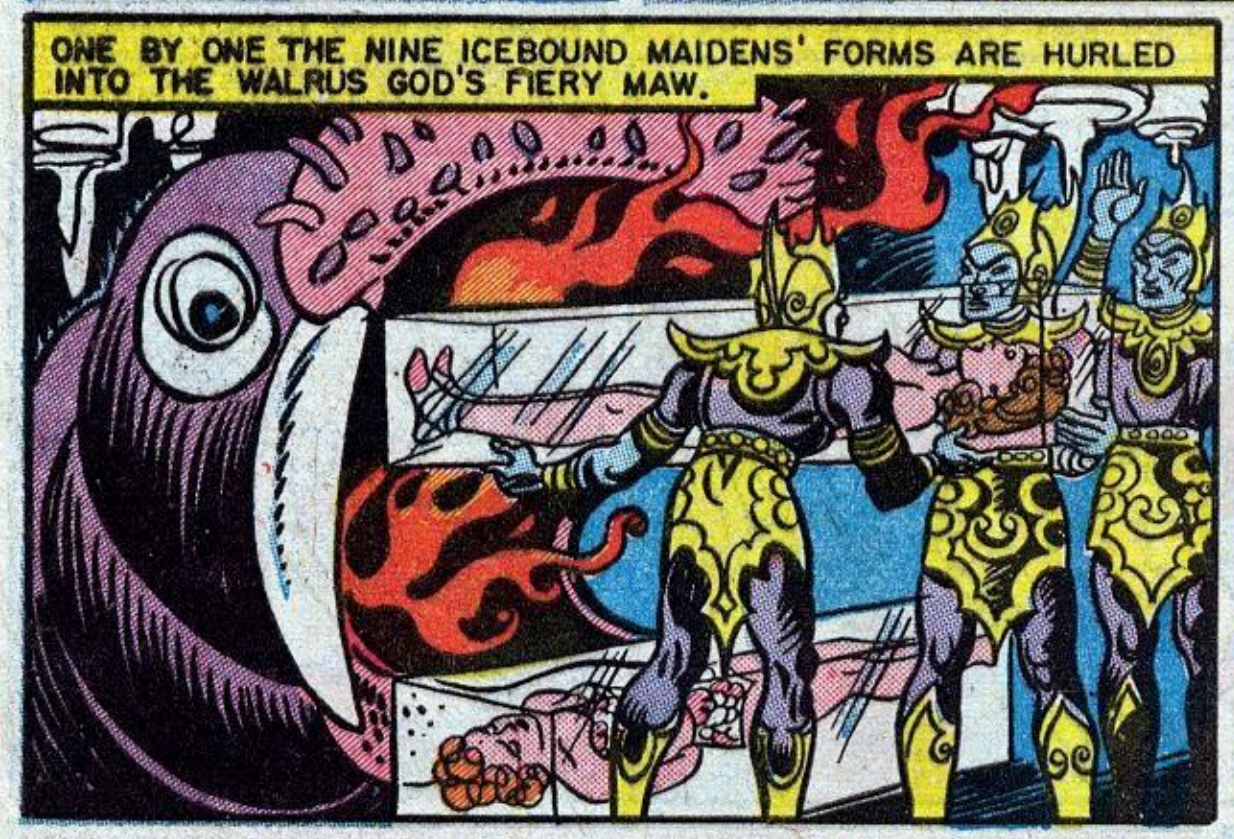
NEVER BEFORE HAVE COMMON SEAL MEN HAD POMORANGES - THE GUARDS CANNOT RESIST THIS RARE DELICACY.
ULP - FLUP! A POMORANGE - ALL MINE - YUM YUM!

YUMMIE!

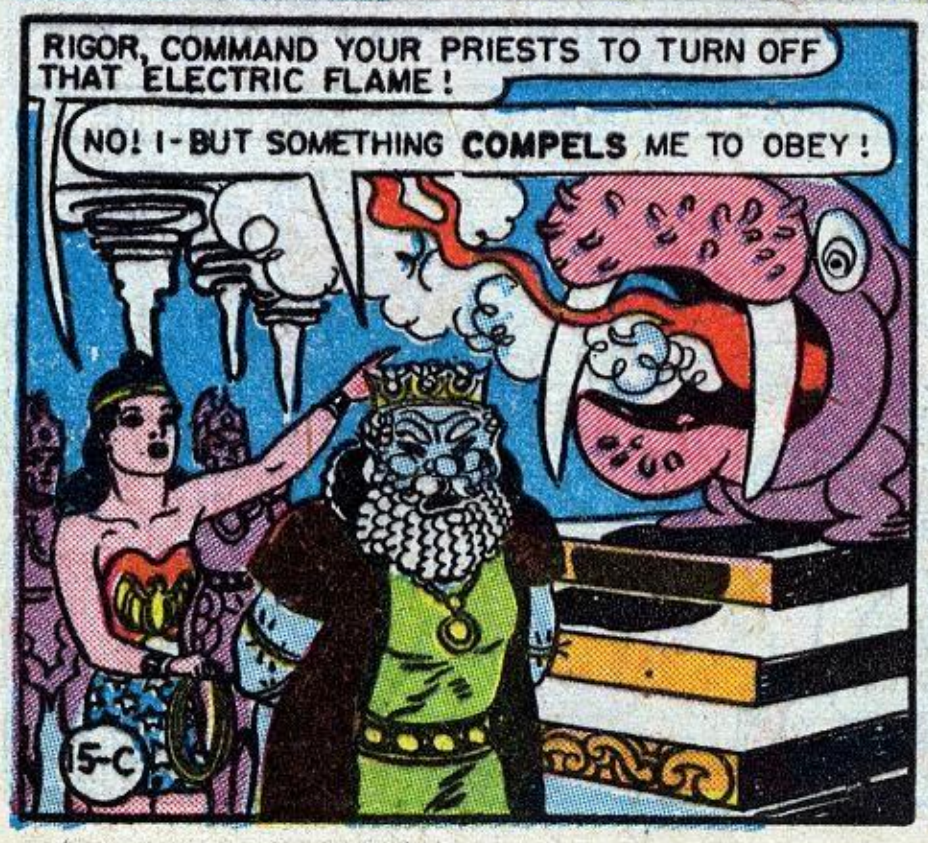

WHILE THE GUARDS ARE ABSORBED IN GULPING POMORANGES WONDER WOMAN FREES THE PRISONERS AND —
TIE THEM ALL UP, GIRLS - THEY MUSTN'T WARN KING RIGOR OF OUR ATTACK!

BUT RIGOR, MEANWHILE, IS WARNED.
FATHER! THE CAPTIVE AMAZON HAS ESCAPED!
WHAT! THEN HER COMPANIONS SHALL BE SACRIFICED TO OUR WALRUS GOD AS I PROMISED, AND EVELAND SHALL SEND US MORE SLAVES!

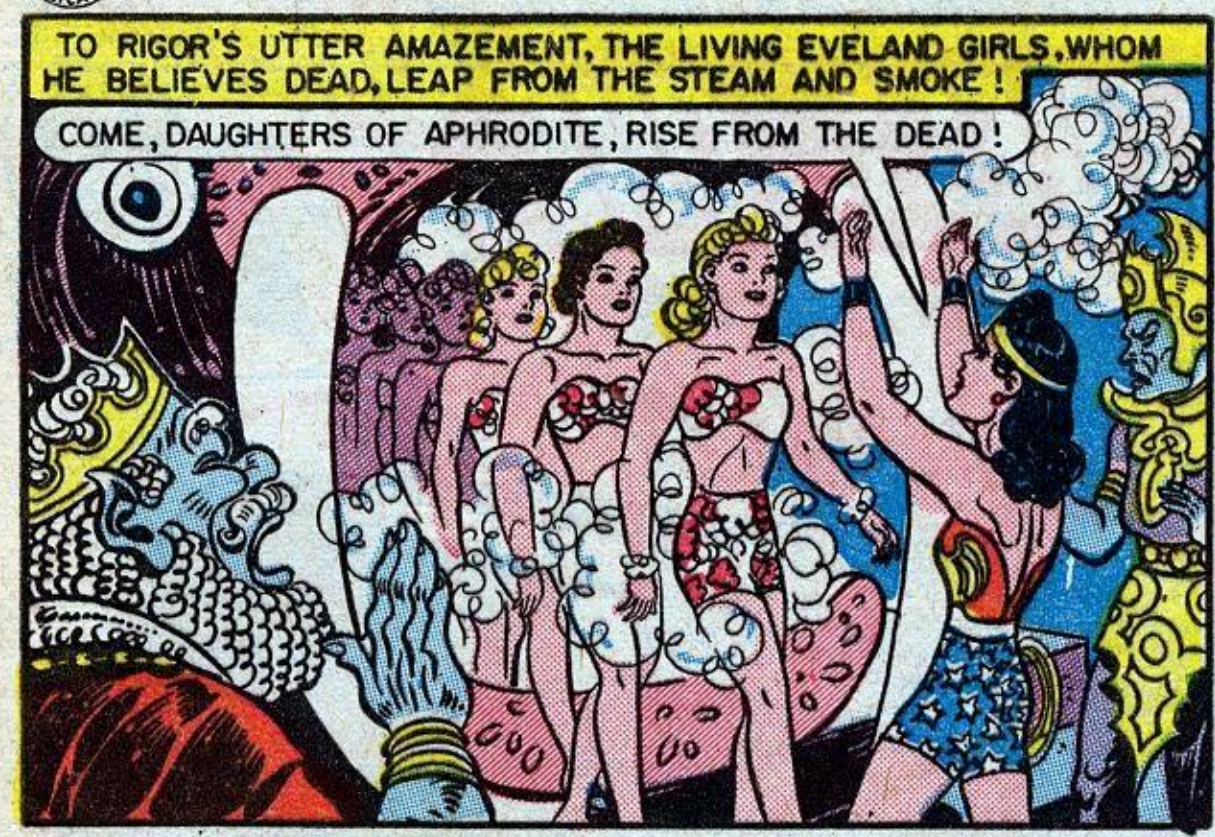

IN THE GREAT ICE TEMPLE OF BITTERLAND, THE SACRIFICE IS PREPARED.
OH, MIGHTY GOD WALRUS, WE BRING RARE HUMAN GIFTS TO THY SPIRIT OF ELECTRIC FLAME!

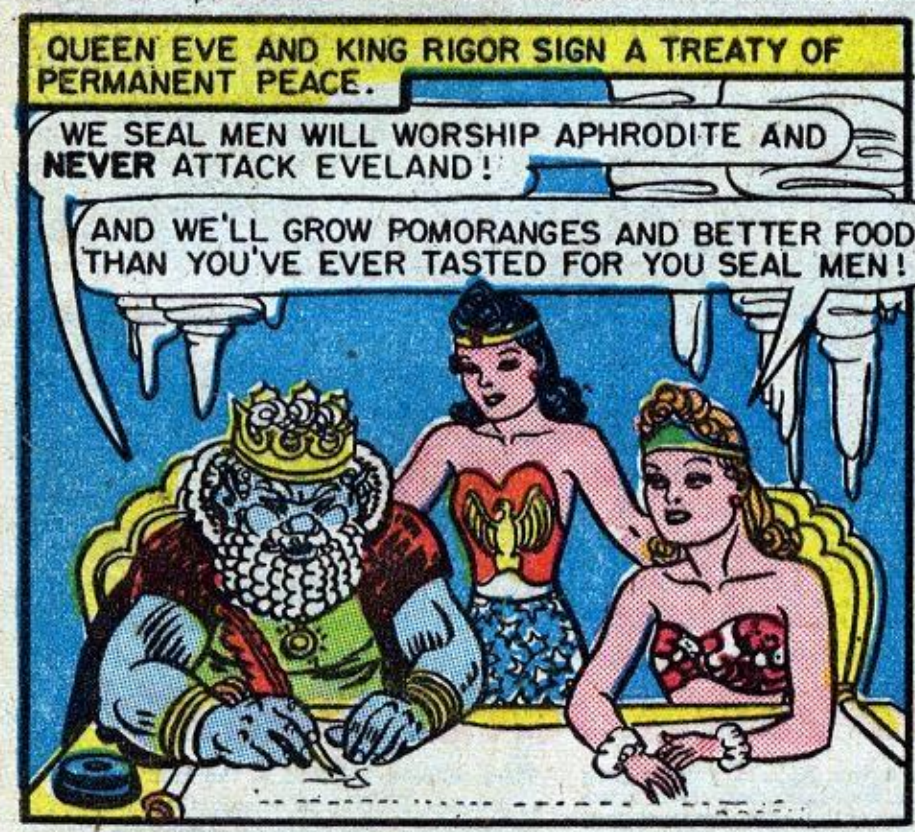

ONE BY ONE THE NINE ICEBOUND MAIDENS' FORMS ARE HURLED INTO THE WALRUS GOD'S FIERY MAW.

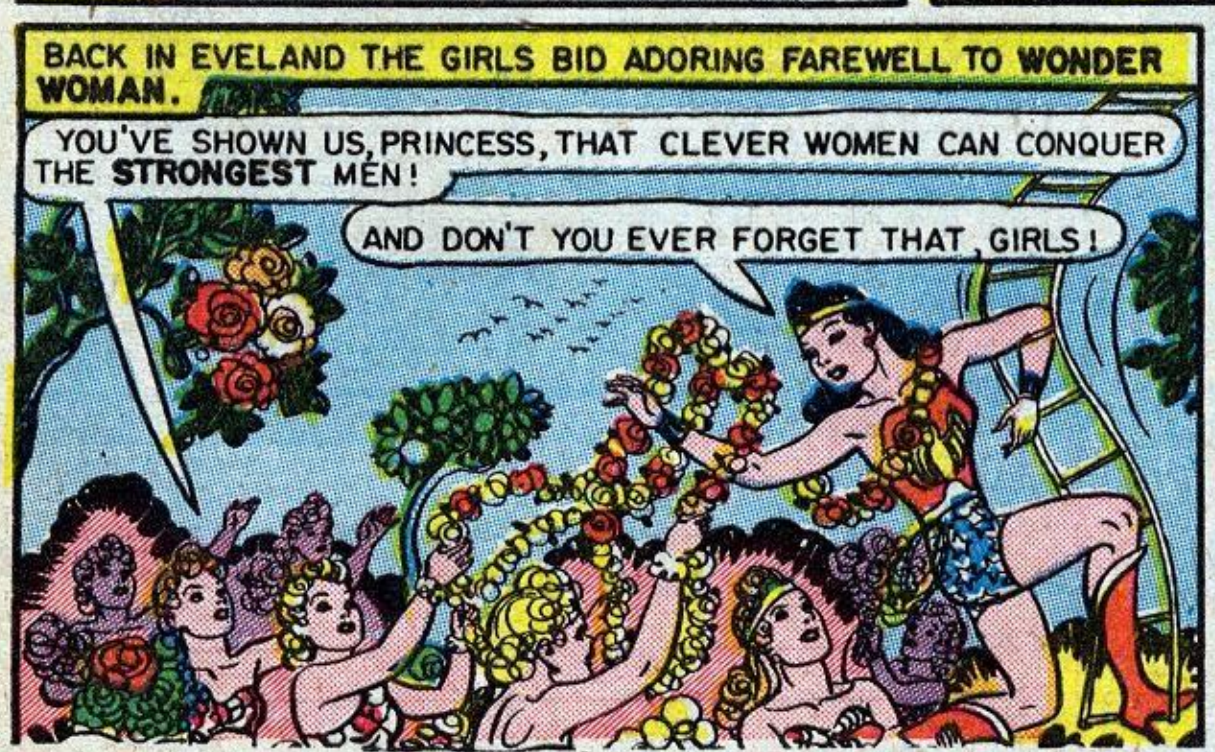
SUDDENLY WONDER WOMAN'S MAGIC LASSO FALLS OVER KING RIGOR'S HEAD.
UNF-UH! LET ME GO-WHO DARES ATTACK THE KING?


RIGOR, COMMAND YOUR PRIESTS TO TURN OFF THAT ELECTRIC FLAME!
NO! I-BUT SOMETHING COMPELS ME TO OBEY!
15-C

THE FLAME IS EXTINGUISHED, BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO SAVE YOUR FRIENDS-THEY'RE COMPLETELY CONSUMED!
TRUE-BUT BY APHRODITE'S POWER I SHALL BRING THEM BACK TO LIFE!







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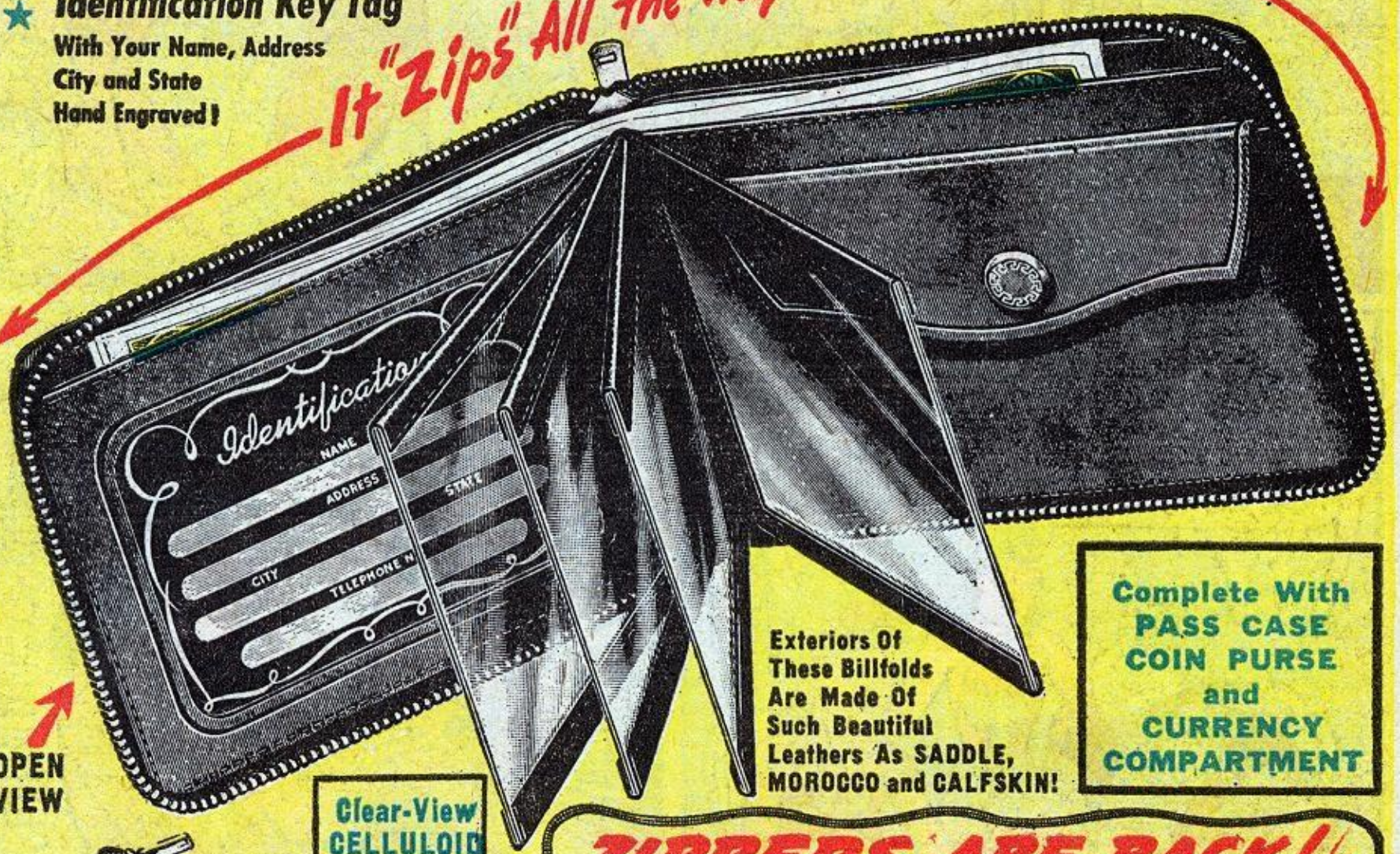

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