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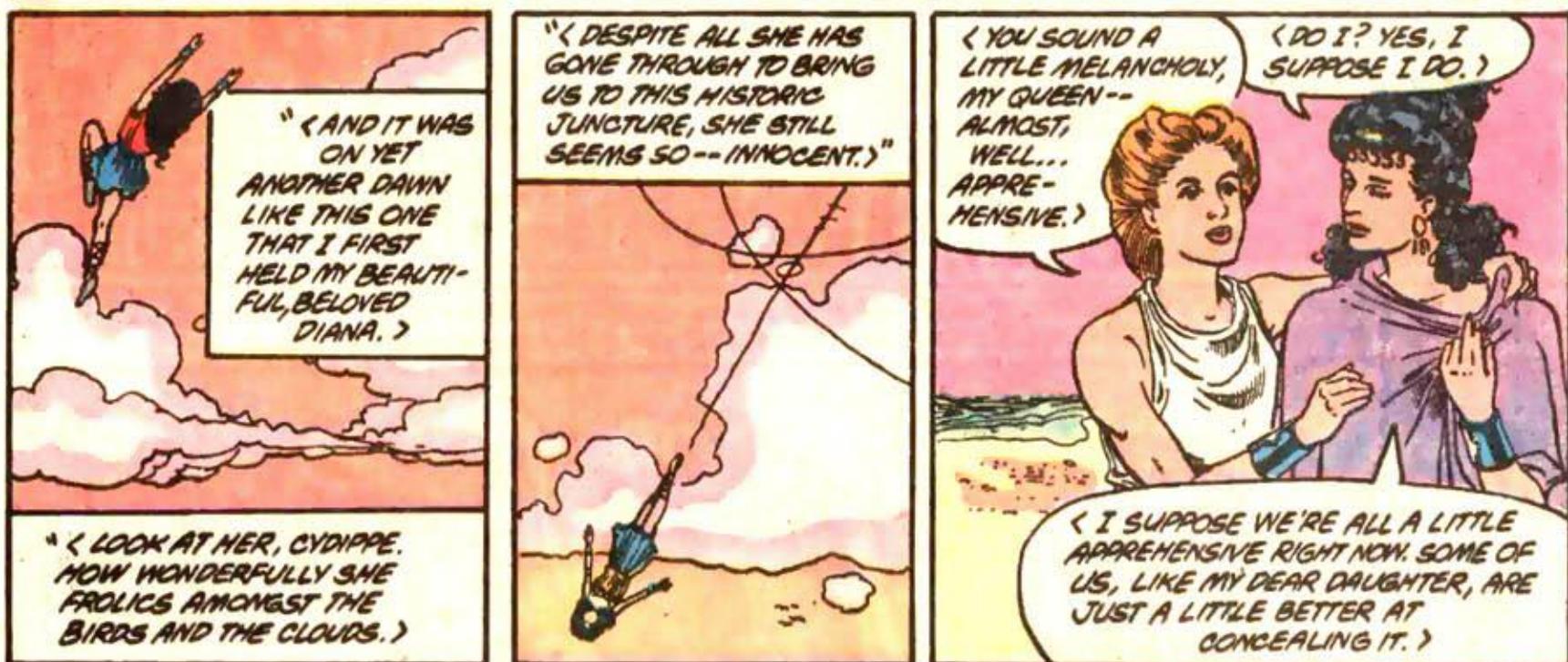
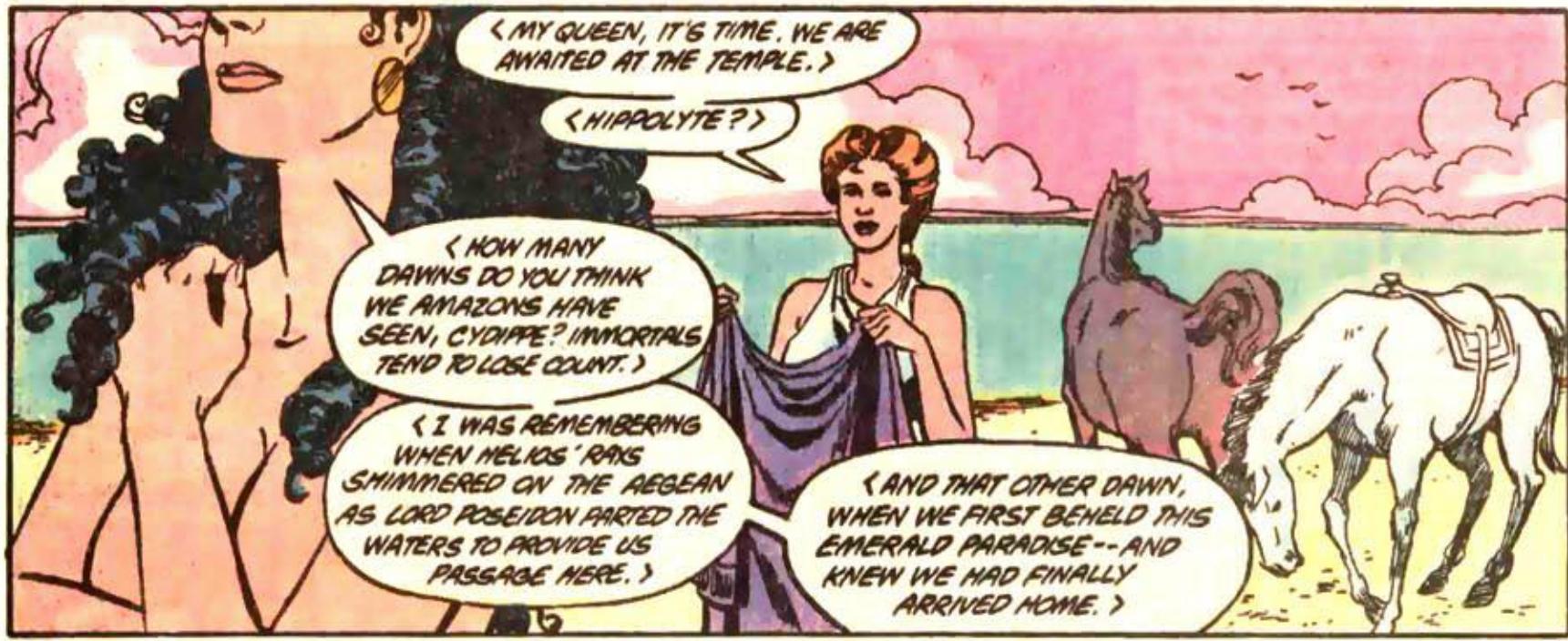


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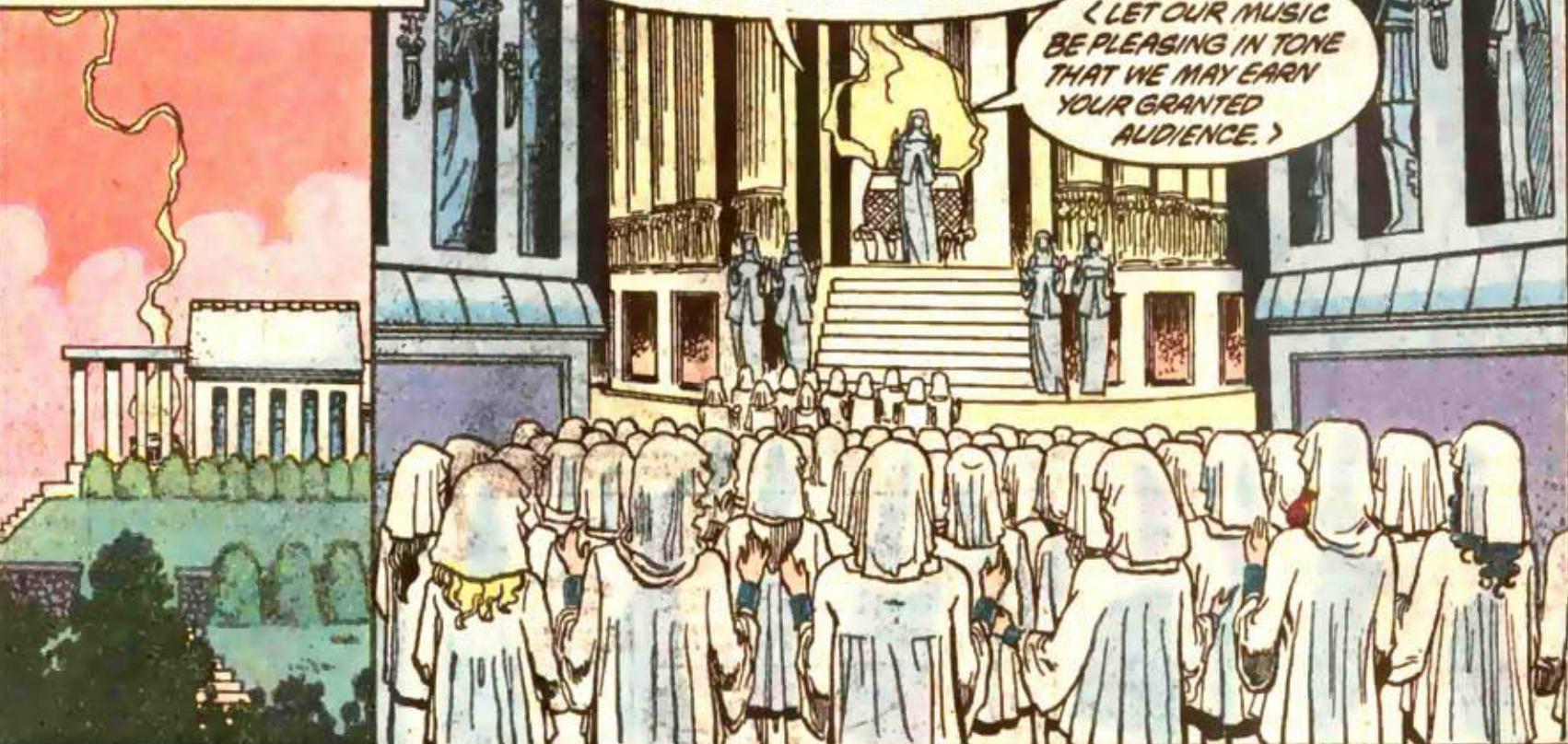
Dedicated to the memory  
of Wonder Woman creator  
William Moulton Marston and  
artist H.G. Peter, who, fifty years  
ago, started it all with that very  
first chapter.



"*O MIGHTY OLYMPUS, WE BESEECH YOU: ATTEND THE SUPPLICATIONS OF YOUR GATHERED SISTERHOOD.*"

"*ON THIS, THE PREAMBLE TO A NEW STANZA IN THE SONG OF THE AMAZONS, WE PRAY THAT YOUR EAR BE TURNED AGAIN TO US.*"

"*LET OUR MUSIC BE PLEASING IN TONE THAT WE MAY EARN YOUR GRANTED AUDIENCE.*"



"*LET YOUR CHILDREN, OUR ELECTED SISTERS WHO SHALL CROSS THROUGH DESTINY'S PORTAL, BE WORTHY OF THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE HEAPED UPON THEIR SHOULDERS.*"



"*GRANT STRENGTH WHEN THEY ARE WEAK, WISDOM WHEN THEY ARE CONFOUNDED, AND HEART WHEN THEY ARE DEJECTED. WE PRAY THIS FOR THE GLORY OF GAEA.*"

"*FOR THE GLORY OF GAEA.*"

"*FORGIVE THE FAILINGS OF HUMAN FRAILTY. ALLOW US THE FORTITUDE TO PERFORM THIS GREAT PENANCE, THAT WE MAY EVER REMAIN IN YOUR HOLY FAVOR.*"

"*BLESS OUR NOBLE AND BELOVED QUEEN, HIPPOLYTE, YOUR DAUGHTER--*"

"*--MAY SHE FIND THE WORDS THAT SHALL STIR EVEN THE MOST HARDENED OF HEARTS. WE PRAY THIS FOR THE GLORY OF GAEA*"

"*FOR THE GLORY OF GAEA.*"

"*AND GRANT THAT WE MAY BE AS STEADFAST AS DIANA, GAEA'S BLESSED FLESH. THAT WE MAY SEE AS IF THROUGH HER OWN EYES.*"

"*THAT WE MAY COMPREHEND THE WONDER OF IT ALL. THAT WE MIGHT FINALLY UNDERSTAND.*"

"*WE PRAY ALL THIS IN THE NAME OF MIGHTY OLYMPUS--AND FOR THE GRANDEUR AND GLORY OF GAEA.*"



"*FOR THE GLORY OF GAEA.*"



< PENELOPE, DID YOU LISTEN TO MENALIPPE'S VOICE? SHE SOUNDED SO--HOW CAN I PHRASE IT?--DISTANT. >

< AS IF SHE REALLY DIDN'T BELIEVE WHAT SHE WAS SAYING. >

< YOU'D ALMOST THINK SHE DOUBTED THE GODS THEMSELVES. >

< THAT'S RIDICULOUS. MENALIPPE HAS KEPT OUR FAITH'S FIRE BURNING FOR CENTURIES, EVEN WHEN THE GODS CHOSE NOT TO MANIFEST THEMSELVES PHYSICALLY. >

< BUT THIS IS DIFFERENT. AT LEAST THEN WE KNEW WHERE THE GODS WERE. WE COULD STILL HEAR THEM. BUT, EVER SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF MT. OLYMPUS... >

< PENELOPE, MAYBE MENALIPPE'S GOING TO PATRIARCH'S WORLD NOW IS NOT THE WISEST THING TO DO. >

< ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT SHE ISN'T WORTHY...? >

< PLEASE, PENELOPE, YOU KNOW THAT IS NOT WHAT NIobe IMPLIED. THIS IS A CRUCIAL TIME FOR THEMYSIRA. WE'RE ALL NERVOUS. >

< HELLENE'S RIGHT. OTHERS MAY SHARE OUR PRINCESS' OPTIMISTIC ZEAL, BUT I FOR ONE STILL HARBOR GRAVE MISGIVINGS. >

< WE ARE TO TRAVEL TO A WORLD WHERE NEIGHBORS CAN LIVE BESIDE EACH OTHER FOR A LIFETIME WITHOUT EVER COMMUNICATING. >

< AND WITHOUT COMMUNICATION, HOW CAN THERE BE ANY SHARING, ANY UNDERSTANDING, ANY SOCIETY? IF THEY WON'T EVEN LISTEN TO EACH OTHER, WHY SHOULD THEY LISTEN TO US? >

< BY THE GODS, WHO CAN BLAME MENALIPPE HER INCERTITUDE? >

< AH, IPHTHIME, EVER THE DEBATER, EH? WELL, YOU'VE ONLY PROVEN JUST HOW DESPERATELY WE ARE NEEDED ON MAN'S WORLD. >

< THE GODS HAVE ENTRUSTED US WITH THE SECRETS OF PARADISE. IT IS OUR OBLIGATION TO SHARE THEM. >

< IT IS OUR DUTY TO HUMANITY TO AT LEAST TRY. >

< DIANA, ALL IS FINALLY IN READINESS. GO BACK TO THE OUTLANDERS AND TELL THEM--TELL ALL OF THEM-->

<--THE AMAZONS ARE COMING. >

LATER THAT MORNING, IN THE ROYAL PALACE.

HERE'S YOUR TRAVELLING BAG, PRINCESS. I PERSONALLY PACKED YOUR FAVORITE CEREMONIAL ROBES.

THANK YOU, MYRRHA. I'D PROBABLY HAVE FORGOTTEN IT IF YOU HADN'T.

I GUESS THE GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF ALL THIS IS STARTING TO MAKE ME A LITTLE NERVOUS AS WELL.

THERE IS NO NEED FOR NERVOUSNESS, MY PRINCESS. THE GODS WOULD NOT HAVE BROUGHT US THIS FAR IF IT WASN'T A JUST CAUSE.

WE HAVE TO BELIEVE THAT.

MENALIPPE--BY GAEA, I'M SO HAPPY YOU'VE COME TO SEE ME OFF.

IT IS STILL MY FUNCTION TO BLESS ANY NEW VENTURE. I CAN STILL DO THAT, IF THE GODS SO WILL.

FAREWELL, MY DAUGHTER, AND GODSPEED.

OH MOTHER, THAT EMBRACE WILL BE FELT BY THE GODS THEMSELVES!

MAY THE GLORY OF GAEA SANCTIFY YOUR JOURNEY AND MAY THE GODS KEEP YOU.

BY ATHENA, MOTHER-- YOU'RE TREMBLING!

I KNOW, I JUST REALIZED THAT--

--WHEN NEXT WE EMBRACE IT WILL BE ON THE SHORES OF A LAND I HAVE NOT STOOD UPON FOR NEARLY 9,000 YEARS.

THANK YOU, DEAR SISTER. IT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME.

SO, UNTIL THAT TIME...

*(LOOK, OENONE.  
IT IS AS I PREDICTED.)*

*(SEE HOW FRETFUL  
HELLENE LOOKS AS  
DIANA ASCENDS  
INTO THE CLOUDS.)*

*"WATCH HER SADLY ACKNOWLEDG  
THE COSMIC INCONSISTENCY OF  
THIS SCENE."*

*"INCONSISTENCY?  
WHAT DO YOU MEAN,  
IPHTHIME?"*

*"A PARADOX: THAT  
PRINCESS DIANA, OUR  
CHOSEN AMBASSADOR  
OF PEACE..."*

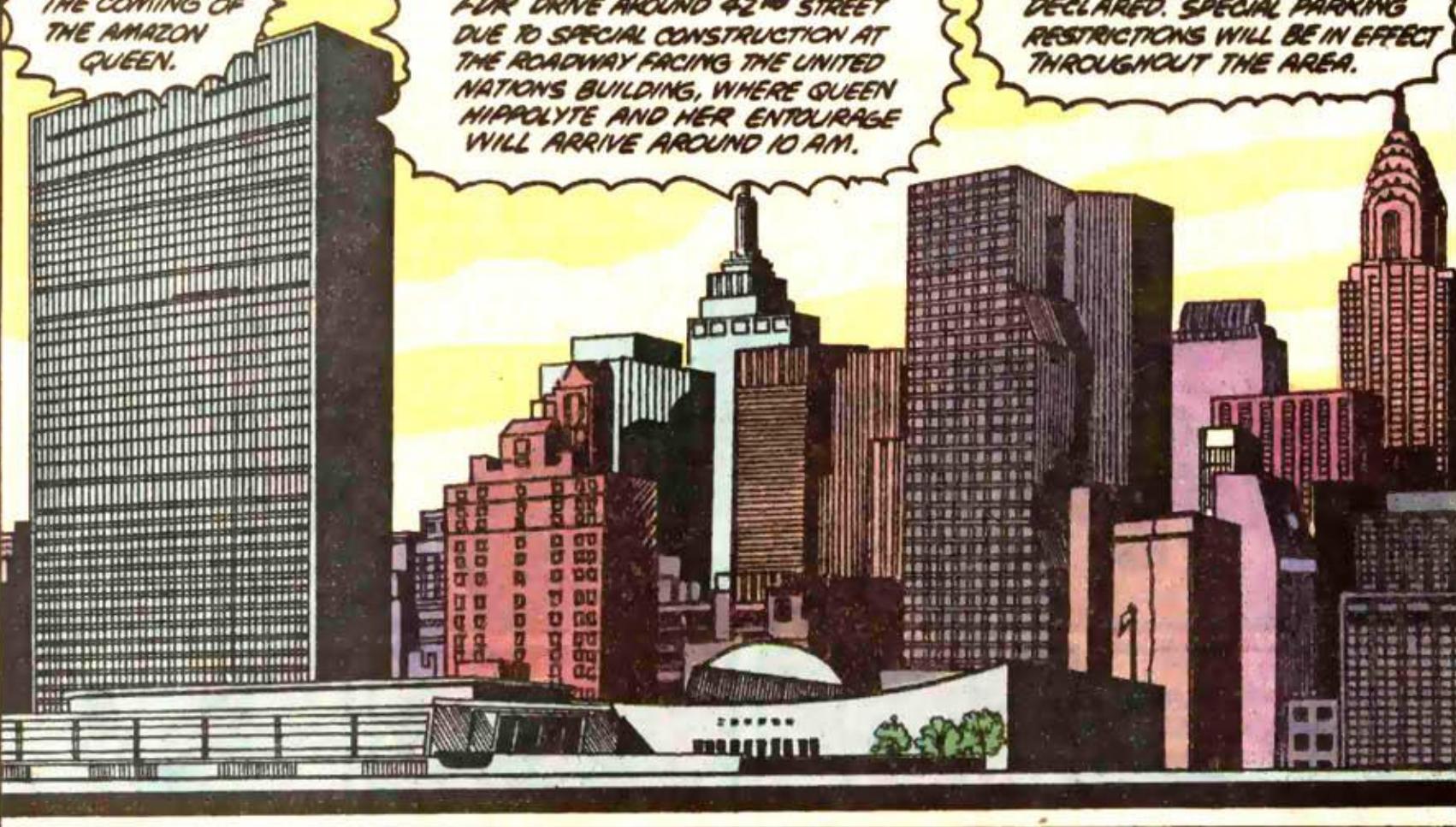
*"... SHOULD NOW  
PROCEED TO  
Patriarch's World..."*

*"... DRESSED  
IN HER BATTLE  
ARMOR.)"*

NEWS UPDATE:  
THE COMING OF  
THE AMAZON  
QUEEN.

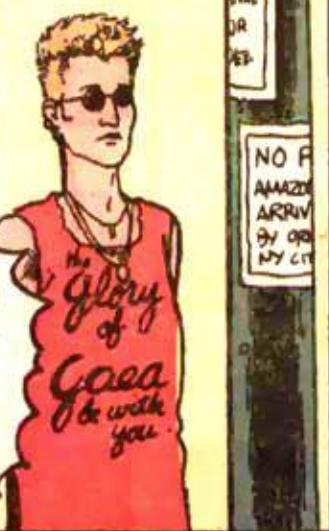
COMMUTERS ARE ADVISED TO AVOID  
FOR DRIVE AROUND 42ND STREET  
DUE TO SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION AT  
THE ROADWAY FACING THE UNITED  
NATIONS BUILDING, WHERE QUEEN  
HIPPOLYTE AND HER ENTOURAGE  
WILL ARRIVE AROUND 10 AM.

A GRIDLOCK ALERT HAS BEEN  
DECLARED. SPECIAL PARKING  
RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN EFFECT  
THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

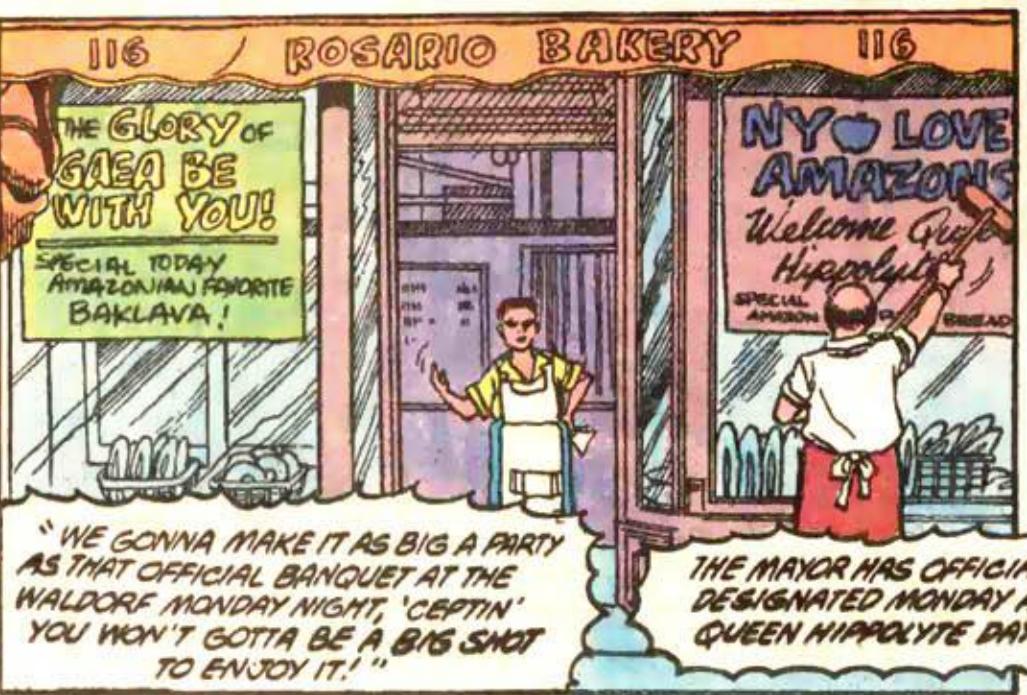


FOR THOSE EITHER  
WORKING IN THE AREA  
OR SIMPLY PLANNING  
ON VIEWING THE  
FESTIVITIES, PUBLIC  
TRANSPORTATION IS  
STRONGLY RECOM-  
MENDED.

VENDORS AND  
SHOP OWNERS ARE  
ALREADY GIRDLED FOR  
THE EXPECTED  
CROWDS IN THE AREA.



ACCORDING TO ONE AREA  
MERCHANT, VISITORS SHOULD  
PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR  
ONE HECK OF A BLAST!



"WE GONNA MAKE IT AS BIG A PARTY  
AS THAT OFFICIAL BANQUET AT THE  
WALDORF MONDAY NIGHT, 'CEPTIN'  
YOU WON'T GOTTA BE A BIG SHOT  
TO ENJOY IT!"



THE MAYOR HAS OFFICIALLY  
DESIGNATED MONDAY AS  
QUEEN HIPPOLYTE DAY.



FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE  
QUEEN'S VISIT, THE SPECIAL  
NUMBER TO CALL IS 212-AMAZONS.

IT'S ALL SO UNREAL!

I'M SURE SHE WILL, NESSIE.  
CELEBRATION IS A PRETTY UNIVERSAL CONCEPT. I JUST HOPE THAT THE SHEER MAGNITUDE OF IT DOESN'T OVERWHELM HER TOO MUCH.

I KNOW THAT I WAS ABSOLUTELY DUMBSTRUCK WHEN I FIRST SAW HOW MANY PEOPLE THERE ACTUALLY WERE IN A MAJOR CITY IN PATRIARCH'S WORLD.

"AND SPEAKING OF MOMS..."

HUH?--  
OH, WOW...

APHRODITE BE PRAISED...

BOY, DIANA, YA THINK YOUR MOM'LL UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOIN' ON?

YEAH, YOU DID LOOK KINDA SCARED THEN. LEAST, THIS TIME, YOUR MOM'S GOT FAMILY WAITIN' FOR HER HERE.

WELL, WHAT'S THE VERDICT?

"JULIA, IT IS POSITIVELY RAVISHING!"

"YEAH, MOM! YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOU AT ALL!"

THANK YOU, VANESSA...

...I THINK.

BE MERCIFUL NOW--  
A MAJOR PORTION OF  
MY MOST RECENT  
ROYALTY CHECK  
SACRIFICED ITS LIFE  
FOR THIS GOWN AND  
COIFFURE.

MOTHER WILL BE SO FLATTERED. TELL ME, WILL MR. WESTLAKE BE ACCOMPANYING YOU TO THE BANQUET?

HORACE? NO, I'M AFRAID THINGS DIDN'T QUITE PAN OUT FOR US. HE WAS USED TO A LITTLE MORE STABILITY.

THANKS, GAEA...  
I OWE YA.

SO MY DATE WILL HAVE TO BE THIS LITTLE HELLION HERE.

VANESSA, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHOW DIANA YOUR GOWN FOR THE BANQUET?

AWRIGHT!  
JUST GET READY TO BE REALLY DAZZLED!

THIS WILL BE A SURPRISE FOR BOTH OF US,  
DIANA. VANESSA INSISTED ON PICKING THIS  
GOWN OUT BY HERSELF. SHE DIDN'T--

VANESSA!  
STOP  
THROWING--

"AW, MOM, CHILL  
OUT, HUH? I  
DIDN'T RUSH  
YOU!"

THAT'S NOT  
WHAT-- OH,  
NEVER MIND.

JULIA, I'M SO  
RELIEVED THAT  
NESSIE IS HER-  
SELF AGAIN.

YES, THANK GOD. SHE HAS HER  
LOW MOMENTS STILL,  
BUT AT LEAST I'M HERE  
FOR HER.

I FEEL GUILTY, I  
GUESS. I'VE SPENT  
TOO MUCH TIME  
AWAY FROM HER.

SOMETIMES I  
THINK VANESSA  
RESENTS NOT HAVING  
A NORMAL CHILDHOOD.

YES, I KNOW--  
AND I'M SO SORRY  
ABOUT THAT.

NO, DIANA,  
I DIDN'T  
MEAN--

PLEASE, JULIA-- IT'S  
JUST THAT MY MOTHER'S  
PENDING ARRIVAL HAS  
FORCED ME TO SIT BACK  
AND ANALYZE MY OWN  
FUTURE AS WELL.

FOR THE MOST PART, THE SECOND MY  
MOTHER SETS FOOT UPON THIS WORLD'S  
SHORES, THE MISSION FOR WHICH  
I WAS BORN--

-- TO OPEN THE  
WORLD TO THE AMAZON  
PRINCIPLES AND TO BRING  
ABOUT THIS REUNION  
BETWEEN WORLDS--  
WILL BE COMPLETED.

WHAT WILL I DO NEXT?  
WHAT WILL BE MY PURPOSE?  
I CAN'T JUST KEEP  
IMPOSING MYSELF ON YOU  
AND NESSIE, ENDANGER-  
ING YOU BOTH BY MY VERY  
PRESENCE--

"SWEETIE, YOU KNOW FULL WELL  
THAT NESSIE AND I WOULDN'T  
TRADE ANY OF THE TIME WE'VE  
SPENT WITH YOU, NO MATTER  
WHAT DANGERS THAT PROVOKED."

BESIDES, WHAT  
ABOUT YOUR HOME  
IN THEMISCIRA?  
HAVE YOU SPOKEN  
TO YOUR MOTHER  
ABOUT THIS?

SHE HAS SO  
MANY FAR  
MORE IMPOR-  
TANT MATTERS  
TO TEND TO  
RIGHT NOW...

HEY, STOP THAT.  
THAT'S INSULTING  
BOTH TO ME AND  
HIPPOLYTE.

C'MON, THERE'S  
MORE TO THIS  
THAN YOU'RE  
TELLING, ISN'T  
THERE?

I DON'T KNOW-- I'M  
SORRY-- I WISH I  
DID, BUT I DON'T.

I SHOULDN'T  
EVEN BE  
BURDENING YOU--

MAY I  
USE THE  
PHONE?

"OF COURSE,  
DEAR. WHATEVER  
YOU WANT."

"WOULD YOU PREFER THAT I LEAVE YOU ALONE?"

"NO, THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY. I'M ONLY CALLING DONNA AND TERRY."

BRAINSTORMING

WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME.

HELLO, DONNA? THANK GOD, I'VE BEEN TRYING TO REACH YOU--

--OH--DIANA. I'M SORRY. I THOUGHT YOU WERE MY WIFE. HOW ARE YOU?

NO, I HAVEN'T HEARD FROM DONNA FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS NOW.

OH? NOTHING'S WRONG, I HOPE?

I WAS JUST WONDERING IF YOU AND DONNA WOULD BE ATTENDING THE BANQUET TOMORROW NIGHT. I'D REALLY LOVE TO SEE YOU BOTH.

WELL, DIANA, I KNOW DONNA REALLY WANTED TO GO, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF WE'LL BE ABLE TO.

SHE'S PROBABLY OFF ON SOME TITANS MISSIONS AND THOSE THINGS CAN TAKE FOREVER.



HEY, DON'T WORRY. THAT KIND OF THING HAPPENS ALL THE TIME. IT'S LIKE BEING MARRIED TO A COP. YOU GET USED TO IT.

LISTEN, DIANA, DONNA AND I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST TOMORROW.

WHO KNOWS? MAYBE THE NEXT TIME YOUR MOM'S IN TOWN...

YEAH, YOU TOO... I'LL TELL HER...BYE.



I SUPPOSE I COULD HEAR THE CONCERN IN TERRY'S VOICE, THOUGH. NO MATTER HOW BRAVELY HE TALKS, HE STILL ISN'T USED TO IT.

YEAH, I KNOW HOW HE FEELS.

AND I SO WANTED DONNA TO MEET MY MOTHER...

HEY, DID I HEAR YOU TALKING TO MR. LONG? ARE DONNA AND HIM COMING? HOW 'BOUT CINDY?

NO, NESSIE, I'M AFRAID NOT.

AW, SHOOT.

OKAY, OKAY.

PREEEE-SENTING, FOR THE FIRST TIME ON ANY STAGE, THAT PRINCESS OF DAZZLERS, THAT EMPRESS OF RADIANCE--



WELL, LITTLE LADY, HOW OLD WILL DIANA AND I HAVE TO BE BEFORE WE GET TO SEE YOUR FABULOUS ENSEMBLE?

--LADY VANESSA!! TA-DAAA!

MY LORD...

"YOU DON'T LIKE IT?"

NO, BABY, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL, IT'S JUST...

...IF ONLY YOUR FATHER HAD LIVED TO SEE THIS.

AND ME WITHOUT A CAMERA.

LOOK AT HER, DIANA. MY LITTLE BABY IS SO GROWN UP. ;sniff:

OH, VANESSA, YOU'RE MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN ANY AMAZON I'VE EVER MET.

AWW, GAG ME, MOM. I'M CHOKIN' ON THE CORN.

YA REALLY THINK IT'S OKAY?

I DUNNO. MAYBE IT'S NOT FLASHY ENOUGH.

AND I BETTER TAKE THIS DRESS OFF BEFORE IT GETS WRINKLED.

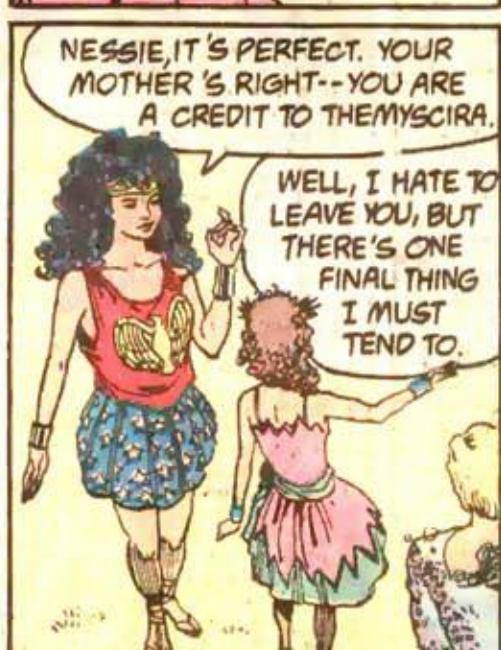
MOM, THANKS FOR LETTING ME BUY IT.

YOU'RE THE BEST.

I DON'T CARE-- CORNY IS WHAT MOMS ARE.

NESSIE, IT'S PERFECT. YOUR MOTHER'S RIGHT--YOU ARE A CREDIT TO THEMYSIRA.

WELL, I HATE TO LEAVE YOU, BUT THERE'S ONE FINAL THING I MUST TEND TO.



HANSCOM AIR FORCE  
BASE, BEDFORD,  
MASSACHUSETTS.

IN NEW YORK, EXTRA  
POLICE HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED  
AROUND THE UN AREA FOR  
TOMORROW'S AMAZON  
SUMMIT.

THE NYPD  
SAYS THAT  
THIS IS A  
STANDARD  
PRECAUTION  
AND NO  
PROBLEMS  
ARE  
EXPECTED.

HOWEVER, THEY PROBABLY  
REMEMBER ALL TOO WELL WHAT  
HAPPENED THE FIRST TIME THE  
QUEEN'S DAUGHTER, WONDER  
WOMAN, CAME TO OUR COUNTRY--

"CAN'T GET AWAY FROM IT  
ANYWHERE, HUH, ETTA?"

## STON STAR

# AMAZON QUEEN ARRIVAL IMMINENT

THE MYSCRAN QUEEN  
TO SPEAK AT UN

TRAFFIC JAMS  
EXPECTED

BLIND SPOTS

BESTIALITIES  
WITH HER DAUGHTER

WELL, IT'S ABOUT  
TIME YOU GOT HERE.  
MY SHIFT ENDED  
AT 1330.

SORRY, LIEUTENANT, BUT NOT ALL OF US  
CAN AFFORD TO GO OUT TO FANCY  
BANQUETS AND STUFF.

HOW'D YOU WANGLE  
AN INVITE TO THAT V.I.P.  
SHINDIG ANYWAY?

CONNECTIONS, MY DEAR  
MORTY. IT PAYS TO BE  
INTIMATE WITH AN AMAZON'S  
"BROTHER."

SAY WHAT?

LATER, LIEUTENANT. I  
GOTTA PULL  
OUT BEFORE  
YEDZINIACK--

L.T.  
CANDY!

DAMN!

YES, SIR?  
YOU'RE  
TO REPORT  
FOR A  
SPECIAL  
MONITORING  
ASSIGNMENT  
TOMORROW  
AT 0700.

DUTY SUPERCEDES  
ALL OTHER CONSIDER-  
ATIONS, LIEUTENANT.  
AM I RIGHT?

SIR, I'VE  
BEEN  
GRANTED  
LEAVE AND...

YES,  
SIR.

BESIDES, WE'VE WASTED  
TOO MUCH ON SECURITY  
FOR THESE  
BLASTED  
FOREIGNERS  
ALREADY.  
NO NEED IN  
UNCLE SAM  
WASTING  
ANY MORE.

AS YOU WERE, LIEUTEN-  
ANT. I'LL EXPECT YOU  
TO BE PROMPT.

YES,  
SIR.

OBNOXIOUS.  
SON OF  
A--

HOW AM  
I GOING  
TO BREAK  
THIS TO  
STEVE?

YES,  
SIR.

MEANWHILE, IN ENID, OKLAHOMA,  
AT THE HOME OF EVERETT AND  
EDNA RANONSON...

TRAFFIC TO AND FROM ALL MY  
AIRPORTS WILL BE UNAFFECTED BY  
THE QUEEN'S ARRIVAL DUE TO THE  
FACT THAT SHE AND HER SISTERS  
ARE NOT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE  
BY PLANE.

NO WORD YET ON THE EXACT NATURE OF  
THE ARRIVAL ALTHOUGH RUMORS ABOUT  
LORD HERMES' PARTICIPATION STILL  
ABOUND. THE GOD OF MESSENGERS  
COULD NOT BE REACHED FOR COMMENT.

BOY, STEVE,  
HEAR THAT?  
MAN, I CAN'T  
BELIEVE HOW  
CALM YOU ARE  
ABOUT ALL  
THIS.

DOUGLAS, MY LAD, AFTER  
YOU'VE SPENT AS MUCH TIME AS  
I HAVE WITH AMAZONS AND GODS,  
YOU LEARN TO DEVELOP NERVES  
OF STEEL.

RIGHT TANGY BATCH OF  
LEMONADE, EDNA. HEY, NEPHEW,  
FIGURE YOUR GOD FRIEND AND  
THE PRINCESS'D LIKE SOME?

MAYBE YOU OUGHT-A  
CALL OUT TO 'EM.

THAT WON'T BE  
NECESSARY, UNCLE  
EVERETT. HE'D  
HEAR US EVEN IF  
WE WHISPERED.

RIGHT NOW, THOUGH,  
I THINK IT'S BETTER  
THAT WE LEAVE  
THEM ALONE.

FOR PITY'S SAKE, CAN'T  
ONE OF YOU NON-GODS  
AT LEAST HEAR THE PHONE?  
HOLD ON, I'M COMIN',  
I'M COMIN'!

RRRRRRNNNNNG  
WE GODS HAVE ALWAYS  
UNDERESTIMATED HOW  
MUCH WORK IT TAKES  
TO BE MORTAL. IT IS  
A HUMBLING  
EXPERIENCE.

LORD HERMES, I'M  
WORRIED ABOUT YOU.  
YOU LOOK SO--  
WEARY.

YES... I'M AFRAID THAT MY  
DECISION TO WALK AMONG  
COMMON MEN MAY NOT HAVE  
BEEN WORTHY OF ATHENA.

I PERCEIVE THAT WE  
OLYMPIANS COULD ALL  
BENEFIT FROM BEING  
HUMAN FOR A WHILE.

ALTHOUGH, LIKE ME,  
MOST WOULD PROBABLY  
NOT BE VERY GOOD  
AT IT.

THEN PERHAPS IT'S TIME YOU WERE A GOD AGAIN.

PLEASE, MY LORD, TAKE BACK YOUR CADUCEUS. LET ITS POWER FLOW THROUGH YOUR VEINS AGAIN. LEAD MY SISTERS TO THE TURNING POINT OF THEIR DESTINY.



I THINK NOT, DAUGHTER. YOU MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THIS, BUT I FEEL THAT IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP IT.

IF THE WORLD IS TO GREET THE AMAZONS, IT IS BEST THAT AN AMAZON INTRODUCES THEM.



WE AMAZONS HAVE DEDICATED OUR LIVES TO YOU. EVEN WHEN YOU APPEARED PETTY OR CAPRICIOUS, WE'VE ALWAYS KEPT THE FAITH.

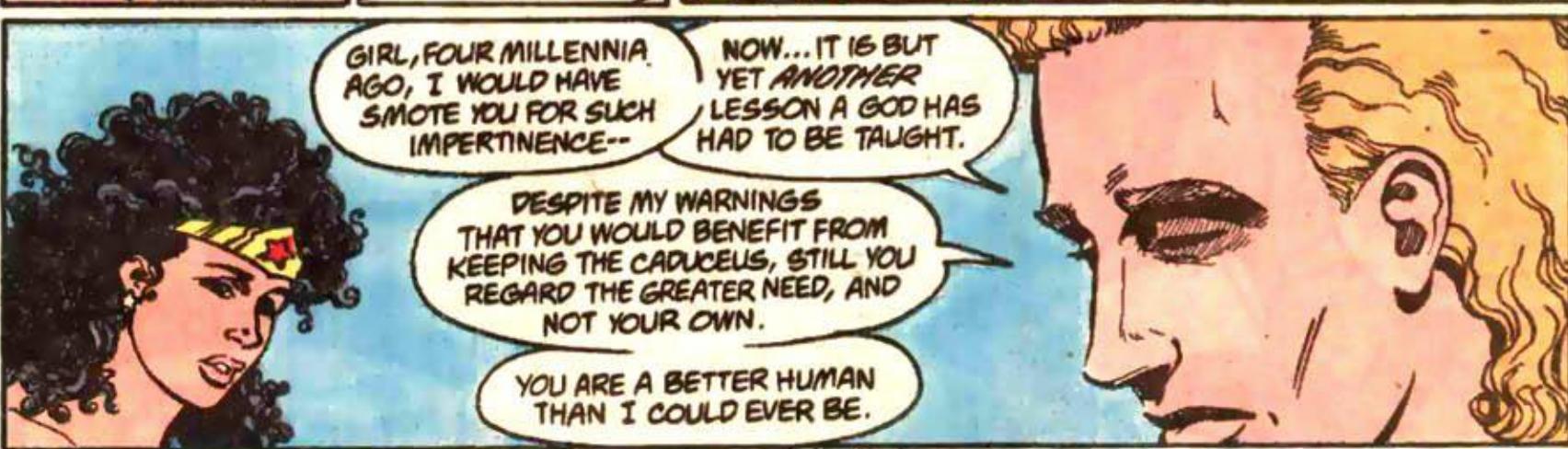


GIRL, FOUR MILLENNIA AGO, I WOULD HAVE SMOTE YOU FOR SUCH IMPERTINENCE--

NOW... IT IS BUT YET ANOTHER LESSON A GOD HAS HAD TO BE TAUGHT.

DESPITE MY WARNINGS THAT YOU WOULD BENEFIT FROM KEEPING THE CADUCEUS, STILL YOU REGARD THE GREATER NEED, AND NOT YOUR OWN.

YOU ARE A BETTER HUMAN THAN I COULD EVER BE.



SO LET THIS CHARADE AT LAST CEASE--

--AND LET THE COSMIC SCALES BE RE-BALANCED!

STEVIE, WHAT IN SAM HILL IS GOIN' ON IN THE FIELD? IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S CATCHIN' FIRE!

STEVE, IT'S ETTA CALLING FROM MASSACHUSETTS, SHE SAYS--

GOOD HEAVENS!



AN APARTMENT  
IN BOSTON.

NO, I'M SORRY, MISS QUINN, BUT I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY ABOUT THE SURPRISE THAT AWAITS QUEEN HIPPOLYTE. CALL IT A TOP SECRET.

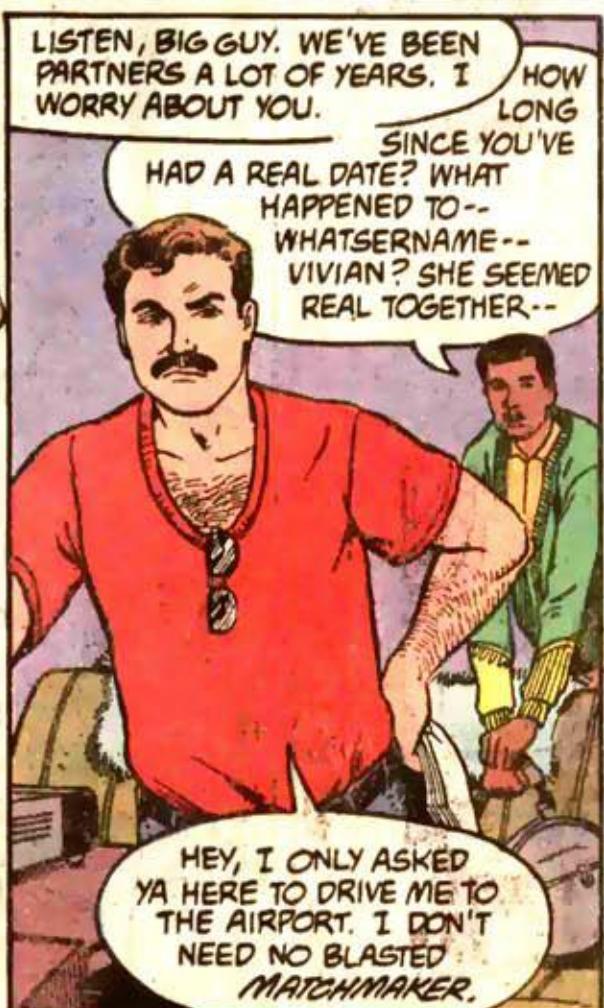
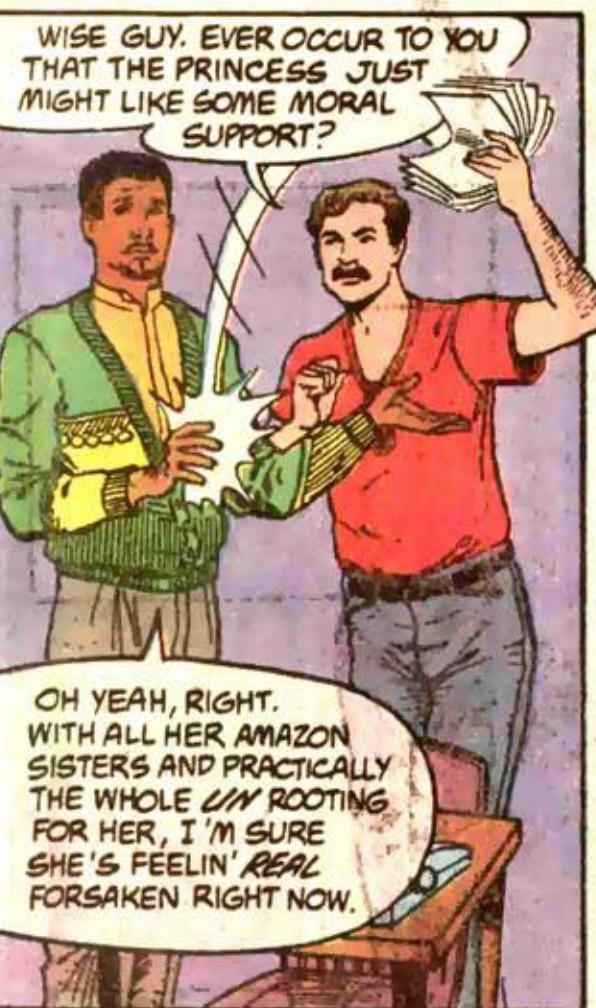
HMM. SOUNDS FASCINATING. EXCEPT... DOESN'T THE QUEEN'S OWN DAUGHTER ALREADY KNOW ABOUT IT? WHAT'S TO STOP WONDER WOMAN--

DIANA'S WORD. AND AFTER ALL THE TIME I SPENT ON THEMYSCIRA, I CAN ASSURE YOU--NO ONE KEEPS HER WORD BETTER THAN AN AMAZON.

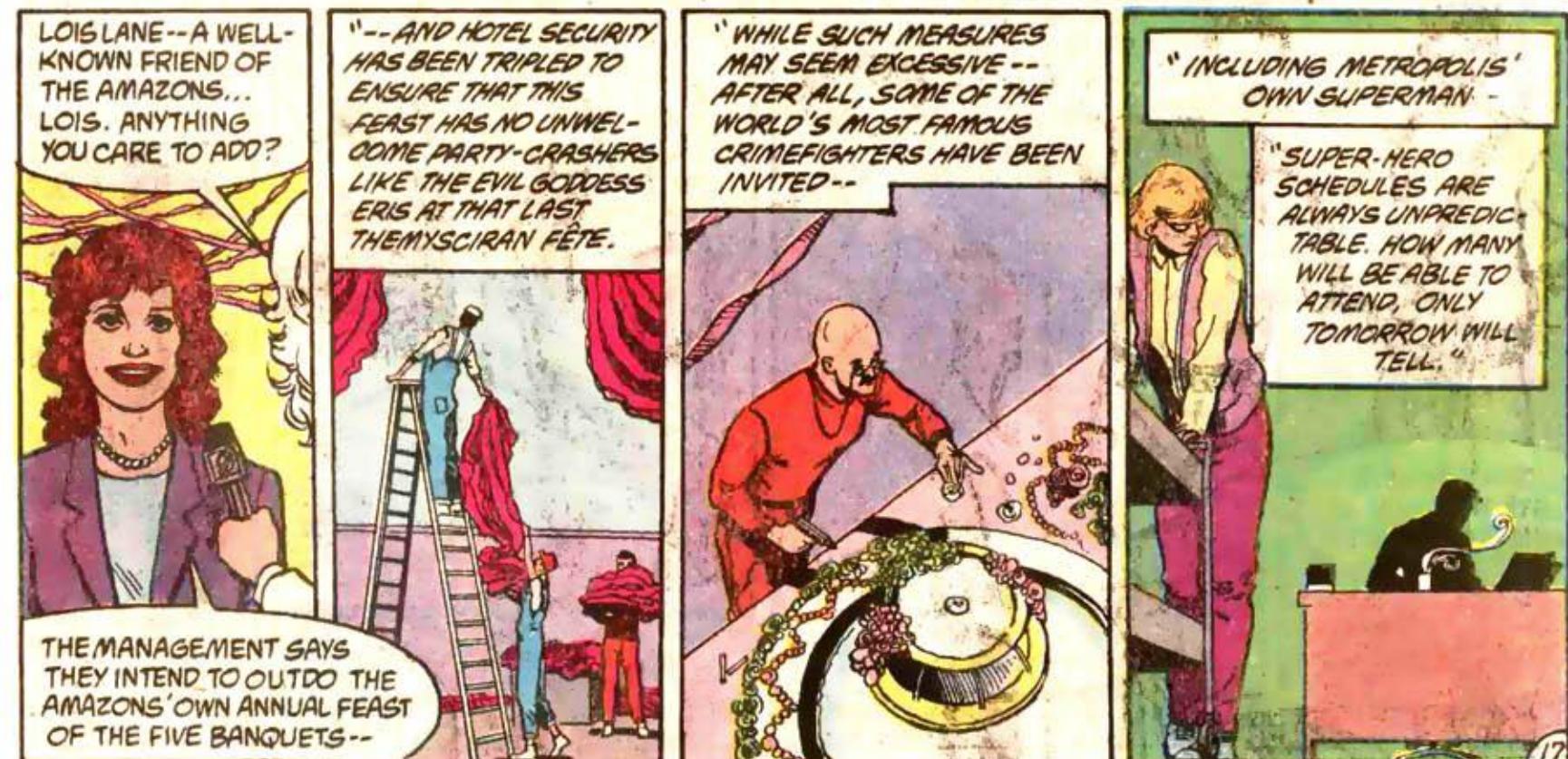
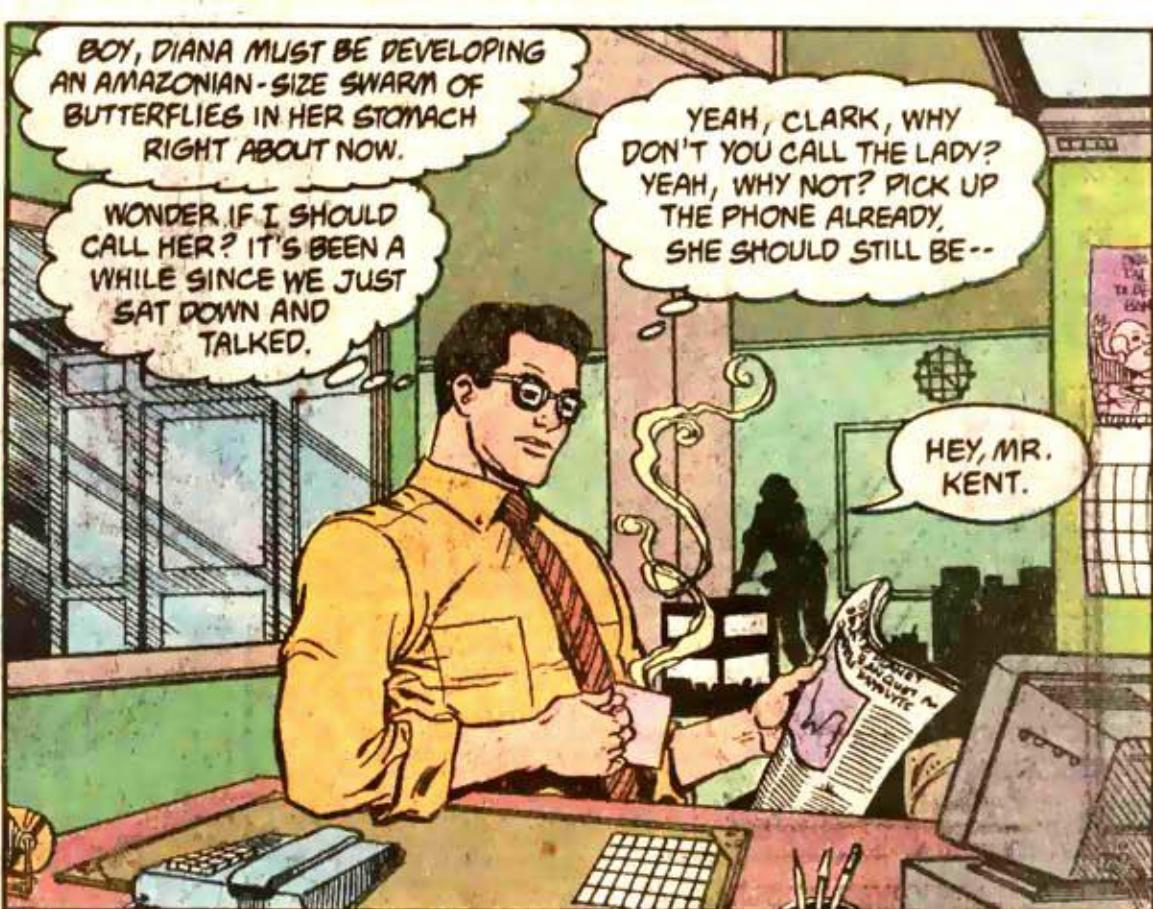
MAN, EDDIE, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE ACTUALLY DOIN' THIS.

"GIVIN' UP THE PEACE 'N' QUIET OF THE ONSET WATERS JUST TO GET BURIED AMONG A MANGY BUNCH OF NEW YORKERS."

SHADDUP,  
SHANDS, I'M TRYIN' TO PACK.



METROPOLIS



UH-HUH. QUEEN HIP-PO-LI-TA...  
(IS THAT RIGHT?)... SHE'S COMING  
TO OUR SCHOOL WITH WUNNER  
WOMAN NEXT WEEK.

YEAM, WE'RE REAL  
EXCITED. THEY'RE  
ALL SO BEAUTIFUL,  
'SPECIALLY WUNNER  
WO--

SHEEEESH.  
GIMME A  
BREAK.

CAN'T EVEN TURN TO  
CABLE WITHOUT  
LIGGENIN' TO SOME-  
THIN' ABOUT THE  
WONDER BABE'S  
FAMILY TRIP. THE  
BROAD'S EVERY-  
WHERE.

OH, STOP GRIPING,  
GARDNER. YOU KNOW HOW  
IMPORTANT THIS AMAZON  
VISIT IS. THAT'S WHY DIANA  
WANTS US TO BE PART  
OF IT.

HEY, SOUNDS GOOD TO  
ME. ANY EXCUSE  
FOR A PARTY.

WELL, IF YOU ASK  
ME, THAT ROYAL STUCK-  
UP HAS A LOT OF NERVE  
ASKING US TO THE  
BANQUET.

IF SHE  
THINKS SHE'S  
TOO GOOD FOR  
THE LEAGUE.

THAT IS NOT THE  
CASE, FIRE. EVEN IF  
MY COUNTRY DID NOT  
ORDER ME TO ATTEND  
I STILL WOULD--  
PROUDLY.

ROCKET RED'S RIGHT.  
WE INDUCTED HER WITH-  
OUT EVEN CONSULTING  
HER OR CONSIDERING HER  
DIPLOMATIC DUTIES.

HAVE WE GROWN SO  
ACCUSTOMED TO VIOLENCE  
THAT WE NOW TREAT  
PACIFISTS LIKE PARIAHS?

WELL, DUDES, I FOR  
ONE AIN'T PASSIN' UP  
A CHANCE TO DANCE  
WITH THAT WONDER  
FOX. I'M GOIN'!

HEY, CANARY, WHY DON'T  
YOU SHUT YER TRAP  
AND LET US  
HANDLE THIS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE  
THIS. YOU GUYS  
ACTUALLY HAVE TO  
VOTE ON THIS.

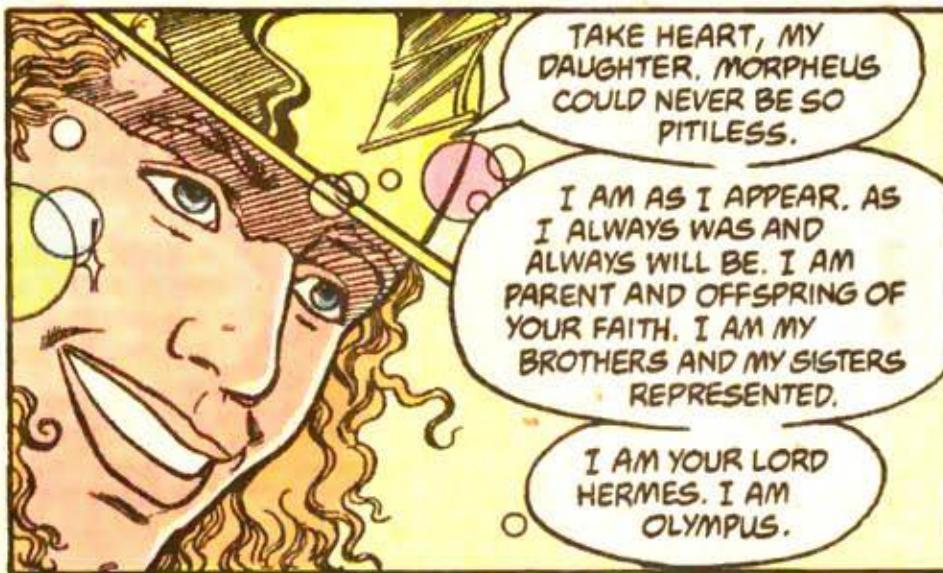
'SIDES YOU AIN'T  
EVEN A MEMBER  
OF THE LEAGUE  
ANYMORE!

DA! BUT  
Z AM!

VOTING OVER,  
GARDNER.  
YOU LOSE. IT  
IS DEMOCRATIC  
WAY, YES?

GOD, I  
LOVE THIS  
COUNTRY!





ARISE, MENALIPPE.  
BLAME NOT  
YOURSELF.

BUT SHE DIDN'T. THAT  
GREAT INNER FAITH YOU SO  
ARDENTLY NURTURED, EVEN  
WHEN YOU YOURSELF FELT  
STRIPPED OF IT, THWARTED  
HER.

IT IS NOT YOU WHO  
SHOULD SEEK  
FORGIVENESS--

--IT IS WE WHO  
SHOULD PERFORM  
ACTS OF CONTRITION  
TO YOU.

SO, IN THE NAME  
OF MY BRETHREN,  
I, A GOD, HUMBLE  
MYSELF TO YOU--

AND  
THANK  
YOU.

IT WAS WE OF OLYMPUS WHO  
LEFT YOU DEFENSELESS AS  
OUR MALEFIC SIBLING, ERIS,  
TOOK ADVANTAGE OF OUR  
ABSENCE. IF WE HAD ONLY  
WARNED YOU.

HOWEVER, HAD ERIS  
ATTACKED A LESS  
STEADFAST RACE, SHE  
MIGHT WELL HAVE  
SUCCEEDED.

WHEN MY BROTHERS  
AND SISTERS RETURN,  
THEY SHALL LEARN  
HOW JUSTIFIED WAS  
THEIR TRUST IN THE  
ORACLE OF THEMISCIRA-

--EVEN IF OLYMPUS  
ITSELF HAS NOT  
MERITED SUCH  
DEVOTION OF LATE.

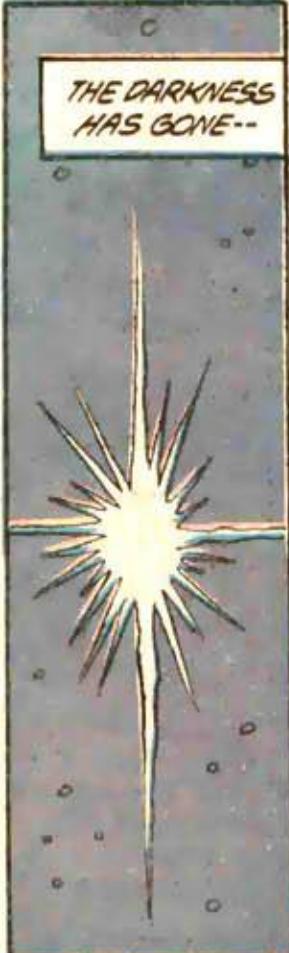
AT FIRST, MENALIPPE  
MELTS INSIDE HERMES'  
ENCIRCLED ARMS, HER  
BODY QUIVERING  
UNDER THE GOD'S  
EMBRACE.

BUT THEN, HER BACK  
STRAIGHTENS. THE TEARS  
THAT SMEARED THE GOD'S  
CHEST CEASE. THE SOBS  
THAT COUNTERED HIS  
HEARTBEATS GIVE WAY  
TO SIGHS OF RELIEF.

THE DARKNESS  
HAS GONE--

--AND ANOTHER  
SOUL ONCE AGAIN  
RISES INTO THE  
LIGHT--

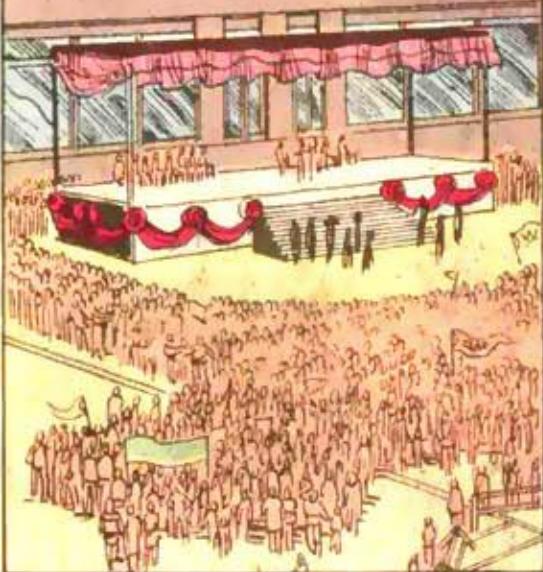
--AND DANCES  
TO THE MUSIC  
OF THE GODS.



NEW YORK.  
THE NEW  
DAWN.

GOOD MORNING.  
THIS IS MARIAN  
BIFULCO REPORTING  
FROM THE UNITED  
NATIONS ON THIS, A DAY  
WE'VE ALL BEEN WAITING  
FOR--

-- THE ARRIVAL, FOR THE FIRST  
TIME IN 4,000 YEARS, OF AN  
AMAZON QUEEN TO THE  
SHORES OF PATRIARCH'S  
WORLD.



A PODIUM  
HAS BEEN  
SET UP FACING  
THE EAST  
RIVER. THIS  
MOST LIKELY  
SIGNIFIES AN  
ARRIVAL BY  
SHIP, ALTHOUGH  
NO ONE WILL  
OFFICIALLY  
CONFIRM  
THIS.



THE AIR HERE IS POSITIVELY  
ELECTRIC. DIGNITARIES OF  
ALL NATIONS AND OCCUPATIONS  
NUMBER IN THE THOUSANDS  
TO GREET QUEEN HIPPOLYTE.

BUT THE REAL CELE-  
BRITIES APPEAR TO BE  
THOSE EVERYDAY  
PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
ACTUALLY MET QUEEN  
HIPPOLYTE AND CALLED HER  
FRIEND.



I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M HERE. HOW  
DID YOU GET YEDZINIAK TO  
CAVE IN LIKE  
THAT?

GEN. HILLARY OWED  
ME A FAVOR. AFTER  
ALL, HE STILL  
OUTRANKS OL'  
YED-HEAD.



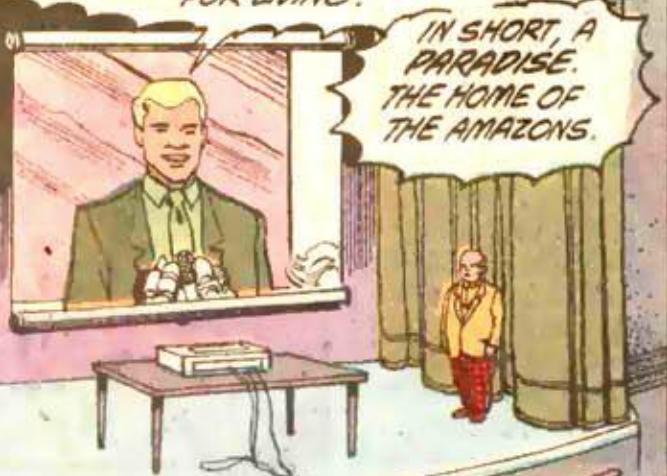
OH, I BET THAT  
BUZZARD LOVED THAT.  
HE'S GOING TO BE  
A BEAR WHEN I  
GET BACK.

BUT YOU KNOW  
WHAT? IT'LL BE  
WORTH IT.

WE'RE SWITCHING OVER TO  
THE PODIUM WHERE THE UN  
DELEGATE FROM NORWAY,  
ASMUND LINDEL, IS READY  
TO LAUNCH THE PROCEEDINGS.

A LAND WHERE THE AIR IS CLEAN, AND  
THE SOIL FERTILE. A LAND WHERE WAR,  
PREJUDICE AND CRIME ARE NON-  
EXISTENT. WHERE LOVE, UNDERSTANDING,  
AND PEACE ARE THE EVERYDAY TENETS  
FOR LIVING.

CENTURIES AGO THEY WITH-  
DREW FROM OUR WORLD  
BECAUSE THEY WERE HATED,  
HUNTED, AND MURDERED,  
NEARLY TO EXTINCTION.



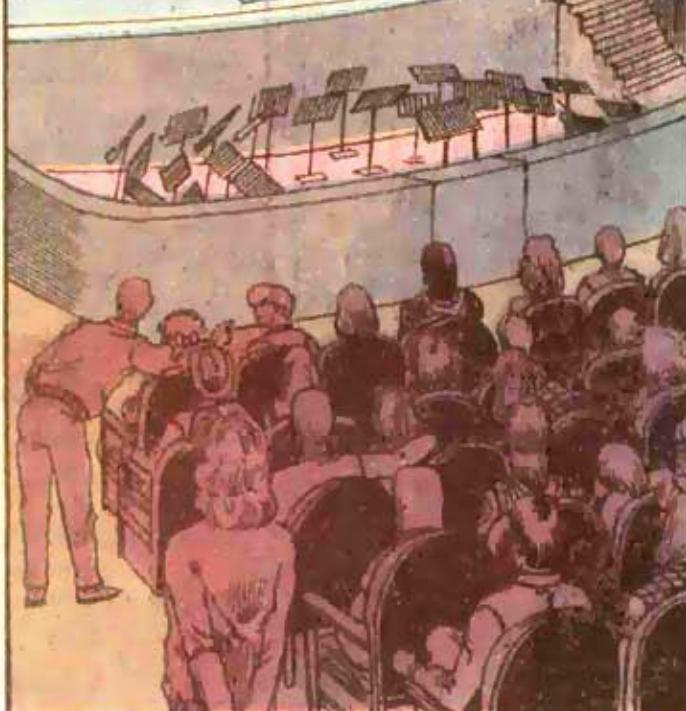
IN SHORT, A  
PARADISE.  
THE HOME OF  
THE AMAZONS.



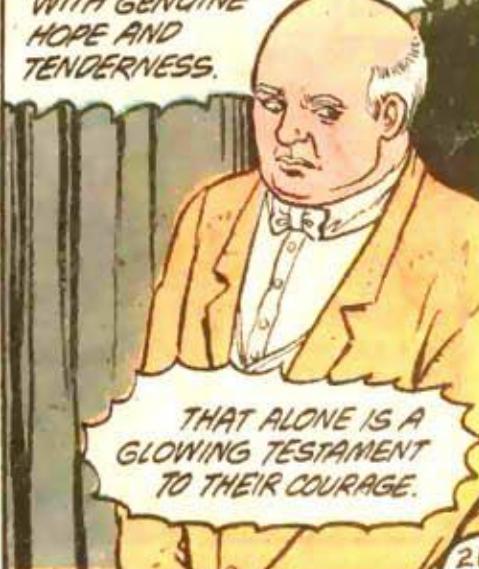
THAT IS A LOT  
TO FORGIVE.



A FEW MONTHS AGO, I  
WAS PRIVILEGED TO VISIT  
A LAND THAT ONE  
USUALLY ONLY READS  
ABOUT IN FANTASY NOVELS.



YET, WHEN THEY GREETER US  
UPON THEIR SHORE THAT  
MOMENTOUS DAY, IT WAS  
WITH GENUINE  
HOPE AND  
TENDERNESS.



THAT ALONE IS A  
GLOWING TESTAMENT  
TO THEIR COURAGE.

FOR CENTURIES,  
THEY LIVED JUST  
BEYOND OUR  
SIGHT, NURTURING  
THEIR COMMIT-  
MENT TO GOD  
AND NATURE--

--UNTIL THAT TIME WHEN MANKIND  
WOULD BE READY TO LEARN THE  
SECRETS TO SUCH HAPPINESS.

AND, WHEN IT APPEARED THAT  
MAN WOULD NOT SURVIVE  
UNTIL THAT DAY, THEY SENT US  
A CHAMPION--TO PROTECT  
US FROM OURSELVES, TO  
GIVE US ANOTHER CHANCE.

THEY SENT US  
WONDER WOMAN.

"NEED SOME  
HELP?"

GREAT  
GAEA!

"CL--LIAM--  
SUPERMAN!"

IT'S OKAY,  
DIANA--WE'RE  
ALONE. YOU  
CAN CALL ME  
CLARK.

THROUGH HER,  
WE WHO WOULD  
HEAR LEARNED  
OF THE AMAZON  
IDEAL, AND THE  
MORE WE  
LEARNED, THE  
MORE WE WANTED  
TO HEAR.

YOU SEEM TO  
BE HAVING  
TROUBLE  
THERE. HERE,  
LET ME. I'VE  
HAD EXPERI-  
ENCE WITH  
CAPES.

YES, I SUPPOSE I  
AM. I KNOW IT'S  
SILLY--

HEY, IT'S ONLY  
NATURAL, EVEN  
FOR AN AMAZON.

I FIGURED THAT WITH  
ALL YOUR OTHER FRIENDS  
ALREADY AT THE CEREMONIES,  
I'D JUST DROP BY TO GIVE  
YOU ONE LAST PEP TALK.

I KNOW THAT IF--IN ANOTHER  
REALITY--MY KRYPTONIAN PARENTS  
WERE TO COME TO THIS WORLD--  
YOU'D DO THE SAME THING.

JUST REMEMBER, NO MATTER  
HOW MUCH OF THE LIMELIGHT YOUR  
QUEEN MOTHER IS GETTING RIGHT  
NOW, NONE OF THIS COULD HAVE  
POSSIBLY HAPPENED WITHOUT YOU.

WELL, I'D BETTER GO.  
WE BOTH HAVE A LOT  
OF WORK TO DO.  
SEE YOU AT THE  
PARTY.

THANK YOU, CLARK.  
I'LL ALWAYS LOVE  
YOU FOR THIS.

NOW, IT IS  
TIME THAT WE  
PROVE OUR-  
SELVES ANEW.  
IT IS TIME TO  
EMBRACE  
THE COMING  
DAWN.

KNOCK 'EM DEAD,  
DIANA. AND THE GLORY  
OF GAEA BE WITH YOU.

LET QUEEN HIPPOLYTE  
HEAR THE RENEWED  
COMMITMENT OF  
MANKIND TO BE  
WORTHY OF PARADISE.  
LET HER HEAR IT  
IN OUR ONE  
UNITED VOICE.

AND MAKE HER  
WANT TO HEAR  
MORE.

AND NOW, TO LEAD OUR CHORUS OF PEACE AND RECONCILIATION, I PROUDLY PRESENT THE ARCHITECT OF THIS HISTORIC EVENT.

WONDER WOMAN!

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! FELLOW DELEGATES! CITIZENS OF THE WORLD! I GIVE YOU--

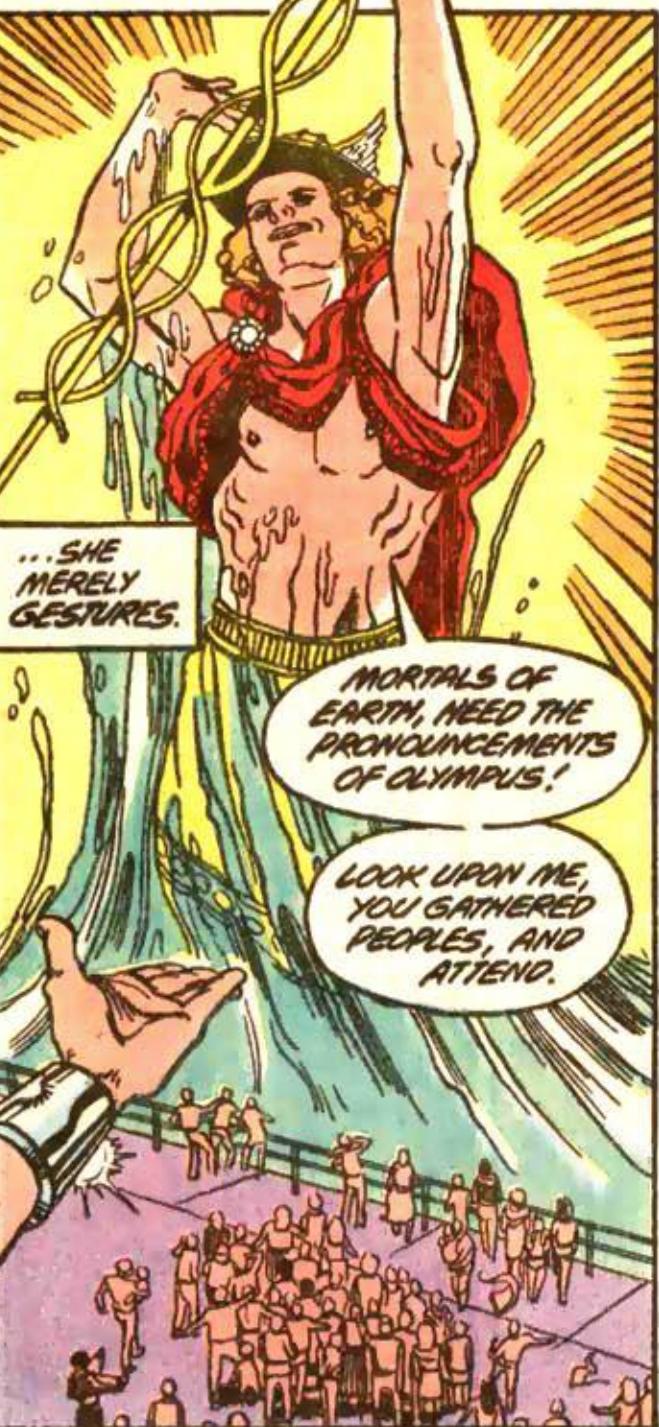
PRINCESS DIANA SCANS THE CHEERING MASSES. HER SHIMMERING BLUE EYES WIDEN IN GRATEFUL AMAZEMENT. A STRANGE FEELING OF RELIEF LIGHTENS HER HEART...

YES, THIS IS IT AT LAST. HER DESTINY'S GOAL ATTAINED.

THOUGHTS OF TOMORROW WILL HAVE TO WAIT. IT MATTERS NOT WHAT FUTURE PATHS FATE HAS PAVED FOR HER --

--ALL THAT MATTERS IS NOW.

THE THRONG IMPATIENTLY WAITS FOR HER TO SPEAK, BUT THE PRINCESS UTTERS NOT A SINGLE SOUND. INSTEAD...



...SHE MERELY GESTURES.

MORTALS OF EARTH, NEED THE PRONONCMENTS OF OLYMPUS!

LOOK UPON ME, YOU GATHERED PEOPLES, AND ATTEND.



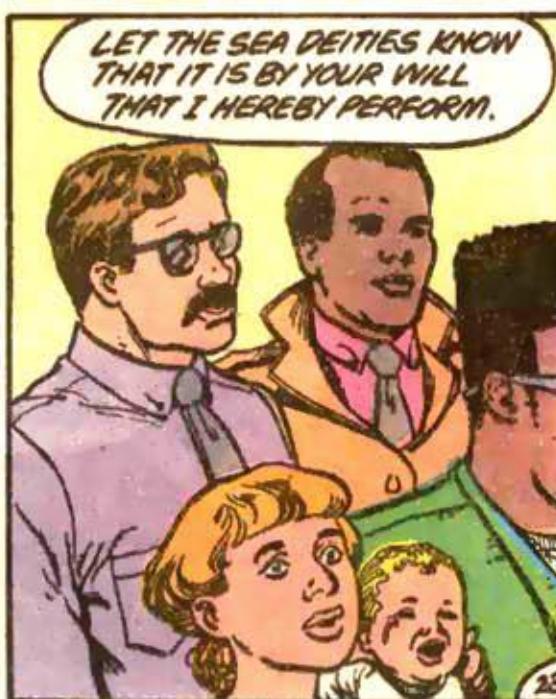
LET YOUR HEART SWELL AS THE SEA. LET YOUR SOUL CREST AS THE WAVES.

AND WITH HEART AND SOUL ATTENDANT, RAISE UP YOUR SPIRIT'S VOICE IN JUBILANT SONG --

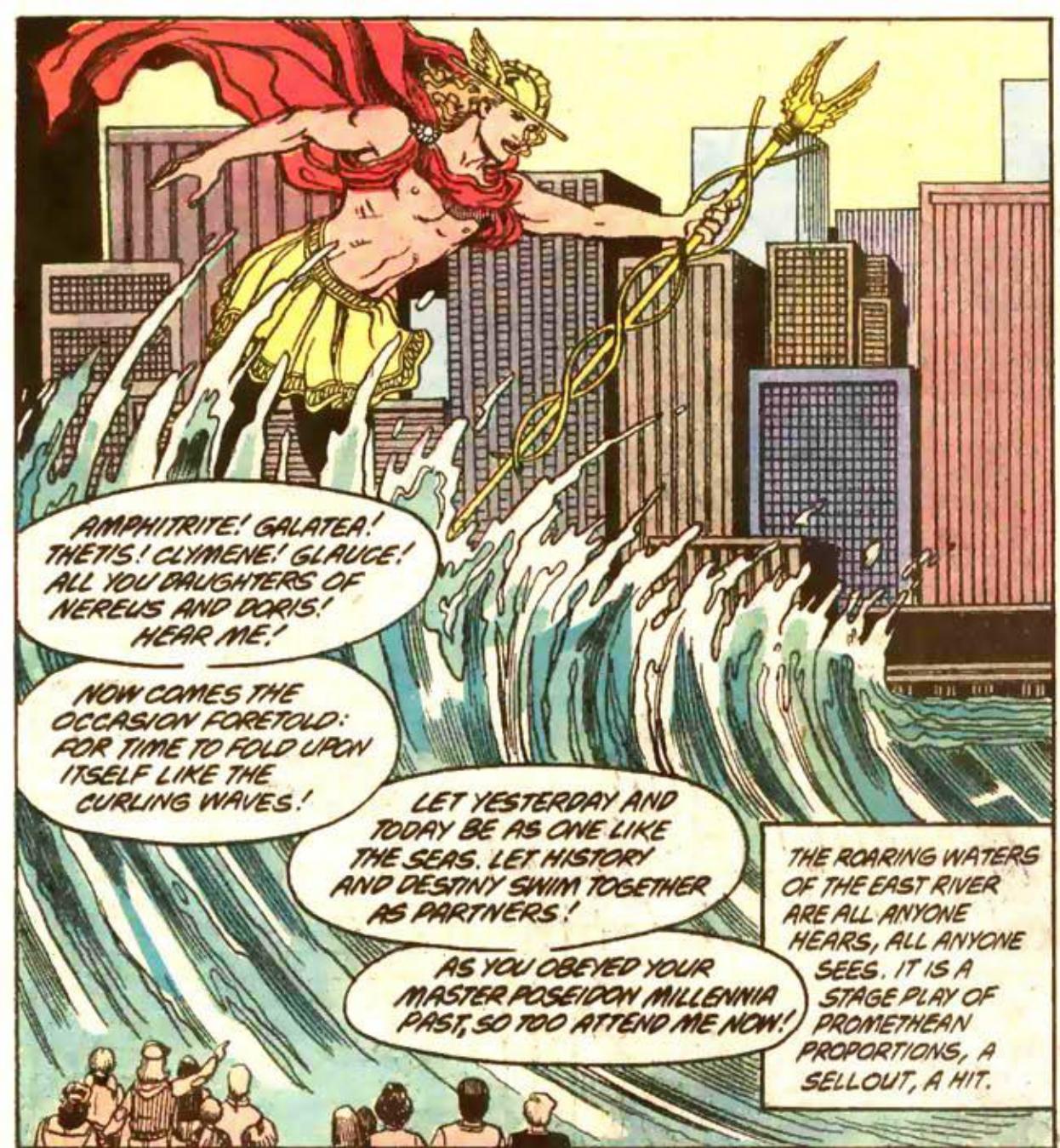
SING LOUDLY SO THAT THE NEREIDS THEMSELVES MAY HEAR--AND REPLY.



LET THEM BE ASSURED THAT YOU ARE ONE WITH THE OLYMPIC IDEAL.

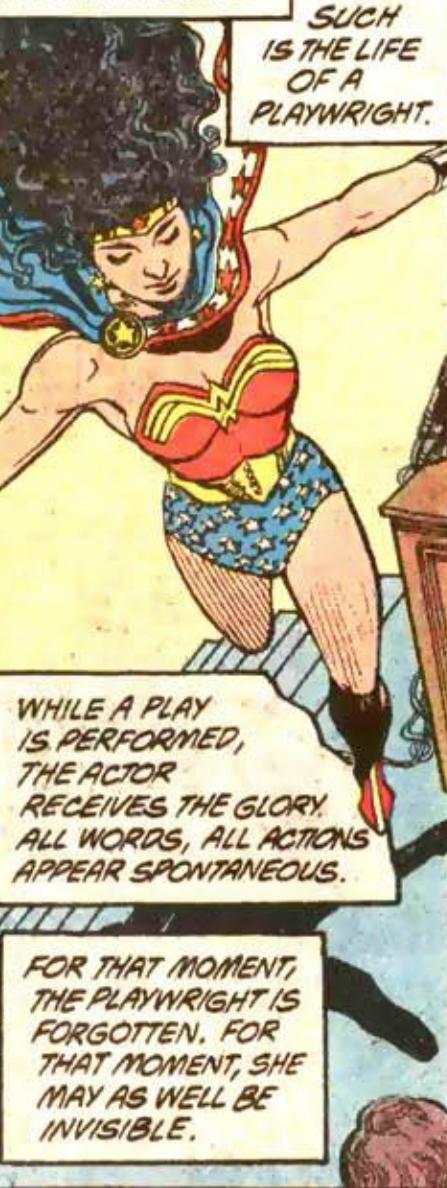


LET THE SEA DEITIES KNOW THAT IT IS BY YOUR WILL THAT I HEREBY PERFORM.



FEW EVEN NOTICE THE PRINCESS OF PARADISE COASTING DOWN TO HER HONORED PLACE AT THE GRANDSTAND.

SUCH IS THE LIFE OF A PLAYWRIGHT.



THE BRINY CURTAINS AT LAST FULLY PARTED, A PREGNANT HUSH FALLS UPON THE ANXIOUS AUDIENCE...

--UNTIL FINALLY, THE COMPANY OF PLAYERS STRIDE OUT TRIUMPHANTLY, GLORIOUSLY THROUGH THE TOWERING CORRIDOR OF BUTTRESSED WATER.

AND LEADING THE MAJESTIC PROCESSION IS HIPPOLYTE, HER CRYSTAL EYES RIVETED FORWARD, HER ATTENTION CAST TOWARD THE DESTINY AWAITING FIVE HUNDRED FEET AHEAD.

SO PROUD, SO REGAL. EVEN THOSE WHO HAD NEVER BEFORE BEHELD HER COULD NOT MIS-READ HER.

FOR HIPPOLYTE IS UNMISTAKABLY AND QUINTESSENTIALLY ALL THAT IS A QUEEN.

THE HUSH REMAINS STRAPPED TO ITS SEAT BY AWE. AT SUCH TIMES DO WORDS SEEM SO INADEQUATE.

WHETHER FROM IMMORTAL...

...MORTAL...

...OR GOD.

AN OFFICIAL BAND TRUMPETS IN THE DISTANCE. EACH MEASURED STRIDE, LIKE THE BEATING OF THEIR HEARTS, STRIKES CONTRAPUNTALLY TO THE TEMPO OF DISTANT DRUMS.

FIVE HUNDRED FEET. THE DISTANCE BETWEEN FOUR THOUSAND YEARS AGO AND TOMORROW.

FOUR HUNDRED FEET.

THREE HUNDRED

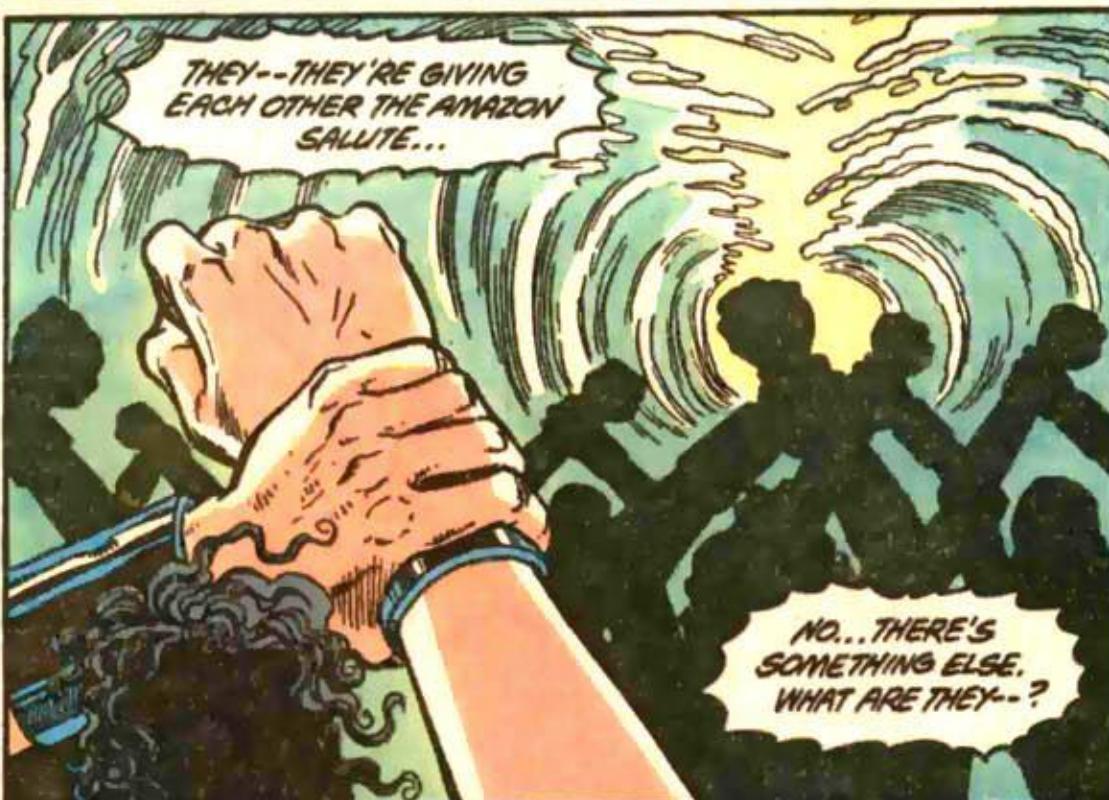
TWO HUNDRED.

ONE.

THE AMAZONS HAVE FINALLY REACHED THE LADDER PROVIDED BY THE CIN AT THE SHORE OF THE EAST RIVER.

IN JUST A FEW SECONDS, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE WILL STEP--

--NO, WAIT A MOMENT. THE QUEEN'S HESITATING. SOMETHING'S--



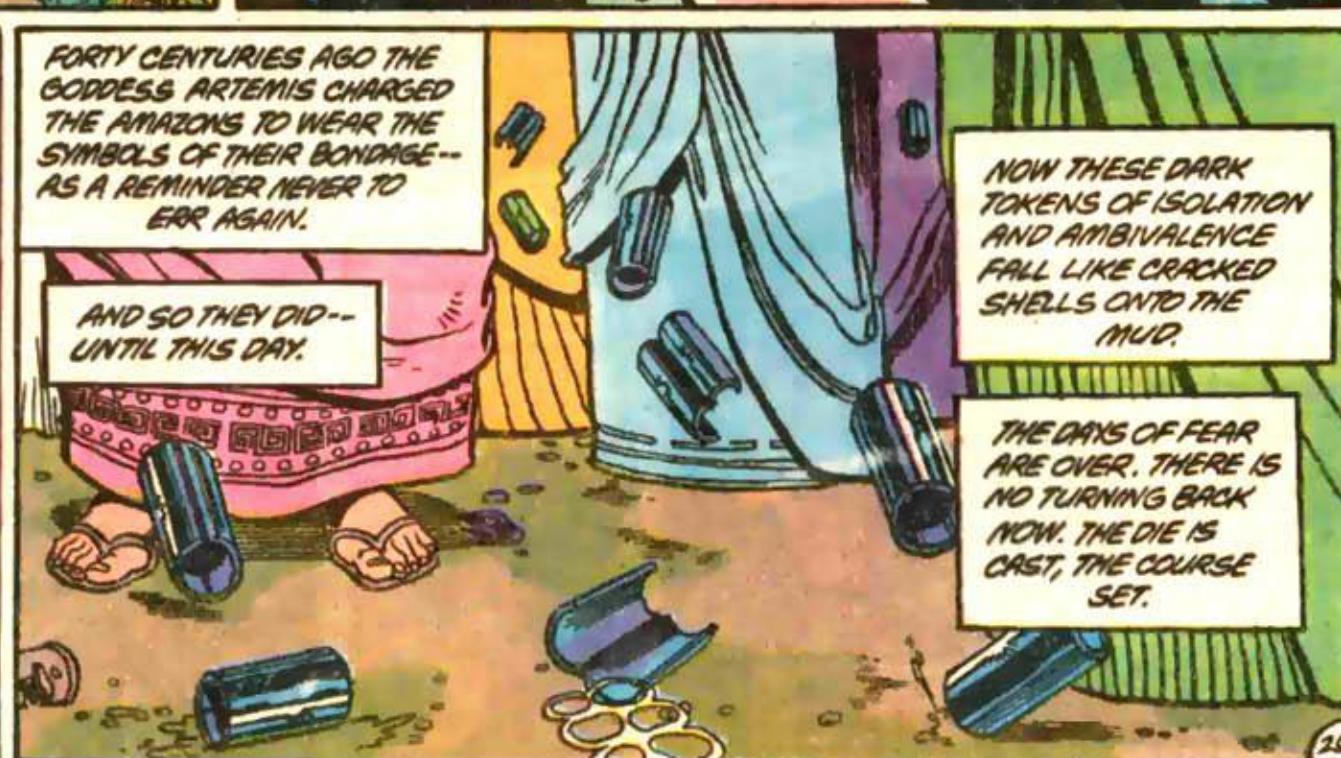
...BY ALL THE GODS...

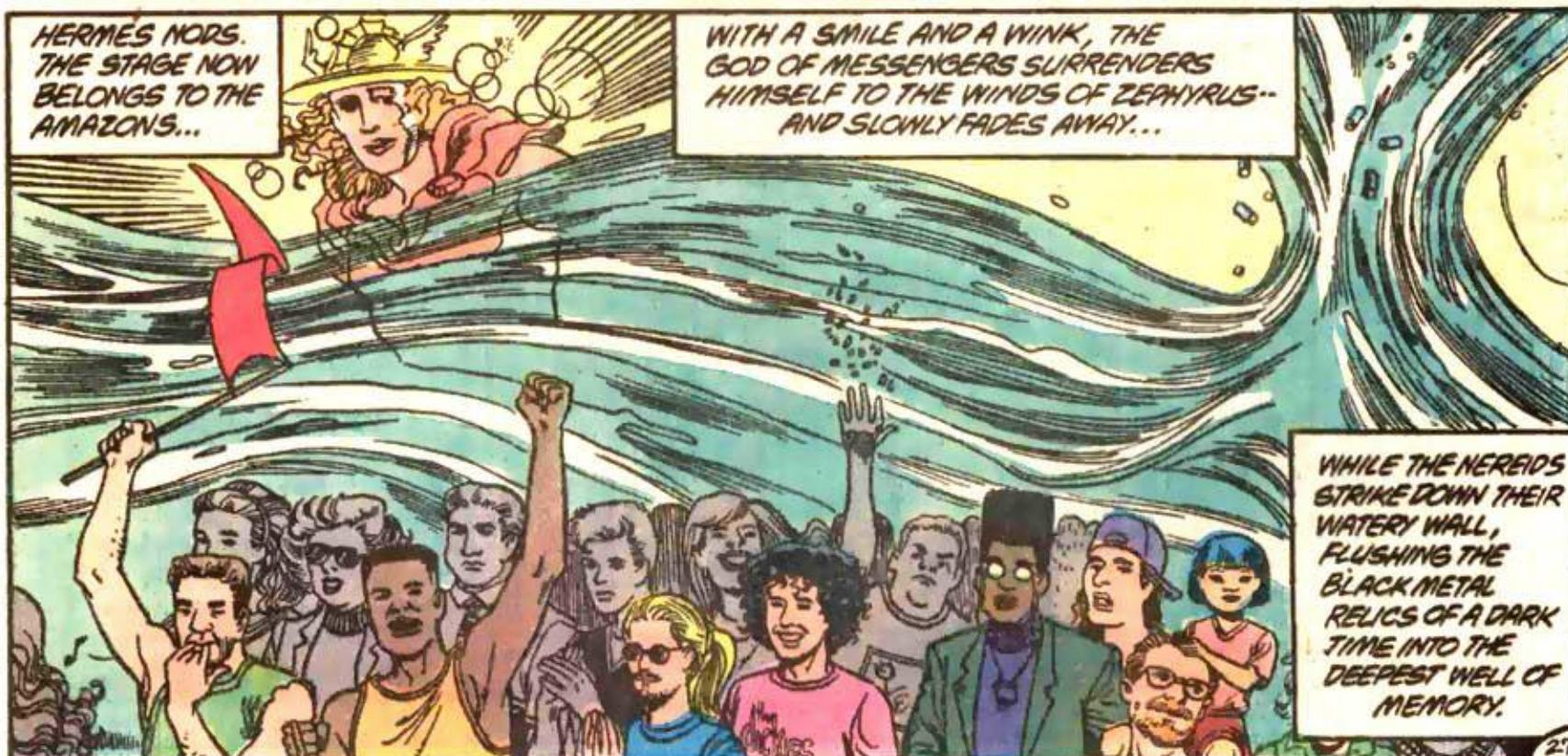
FORTY CENTURIES AGO THE GODDESS ARTEMIS CHARGED THE AMAZONS TO WEAR THE SYMBOLS OF THEIR BONDAGE-- AS A REMINDER NEVER TO ERR AGAIN.

AND SO THEY DID-- UNTIL THIS DAY.

NOW THESE DARK TOKENS OF ISOLATION AND AMBIVALENCE FALL LIKE CRACKED SHELLS ONTO THE MUD.

THE DAYS OF FEAR ARE OVER. THERE IS NO TURNING BACK NOW. THE DIE IS CAST, THE COURSE SET.





BON JOUR, BUON GIORNO.  
BUENOS DÍAS. SHALÓM.  
KALIMÉRA. DÓBRAY OOTRA.  
DZAO AN. JAMBO.  
GUTEN TAG.

AND IN THE LANGUAGE OF MY  
PEOPLE: EA. SKOLI ILLINÉ GAIÁDA.  
GOOD MORNING. AND MAY THE GLORY  
OF GAEA BE WITH YOU ALL.

FINALLY  
A RESPECT-  
FUL SILENCE  
BLANKERS  
THE PLAZA.  
ALL EYES  
SETTLE  
ON A  
SOLITARY  
FIGURE  
IN PURPLE  
AND GOLD.

WALÁKUM SALAM.  
DO SIN. OHAYO  
GAZAIMASU. DOBRO  
JUTRO. VANAKKAM.  
JO REGGETT KIÉVÁ-  
NOK. SABAH ILKHÉYR.  
BOM DÍA.

I AM HIPPOLYTE,  
QUEEN OF THEMYSCIRA. I  
THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF  
MY SISTERS AND MY  
DAUGHTER. YOUR  
RECEPTION HAS  
DEEPLY STIRRED  
OUR HEARTS, AND  
WE ARE SO VERY  
GRATEFUL.

THE DEAFENING  
ROARS ERUPT AGAIN,  
A CACOPHONY OF  
HOOTS AND SCREECHES.

THIS THRONG IS DEFINITELY  
NOT AS RESERVED AND COURTY  
AS THE AMAZONS ARE USED TO--

WELL, MISS LANE, IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT HER HIGHNESS HAS BEEN BONING  
UP ON HER FOREIGN LANGUAGES  
SINCE LAST WE SAW HER.

PARDON THIS INTERRUPTION,  
YOUR HIGHNESS--

--BUT, SOMEHOW,  
THEY DON'T SEEM  
TO MIND.

DOESN'T  
SURPRISE ME,  
MR. CANTWELL.

--BUT THE CITIZENS  
OF PATRIARCH'S  
WORLD WOULD LIKE TO  
GIVE YOU A SPECIAL  
GIFT.

(WELL, HERE IT COMES. THE  
MUCH-SPECULATED-UPON  
PRESENTATION THAT HAS BEEN  
CLOAKED IN SECRECY FOR WEEKS.)\*

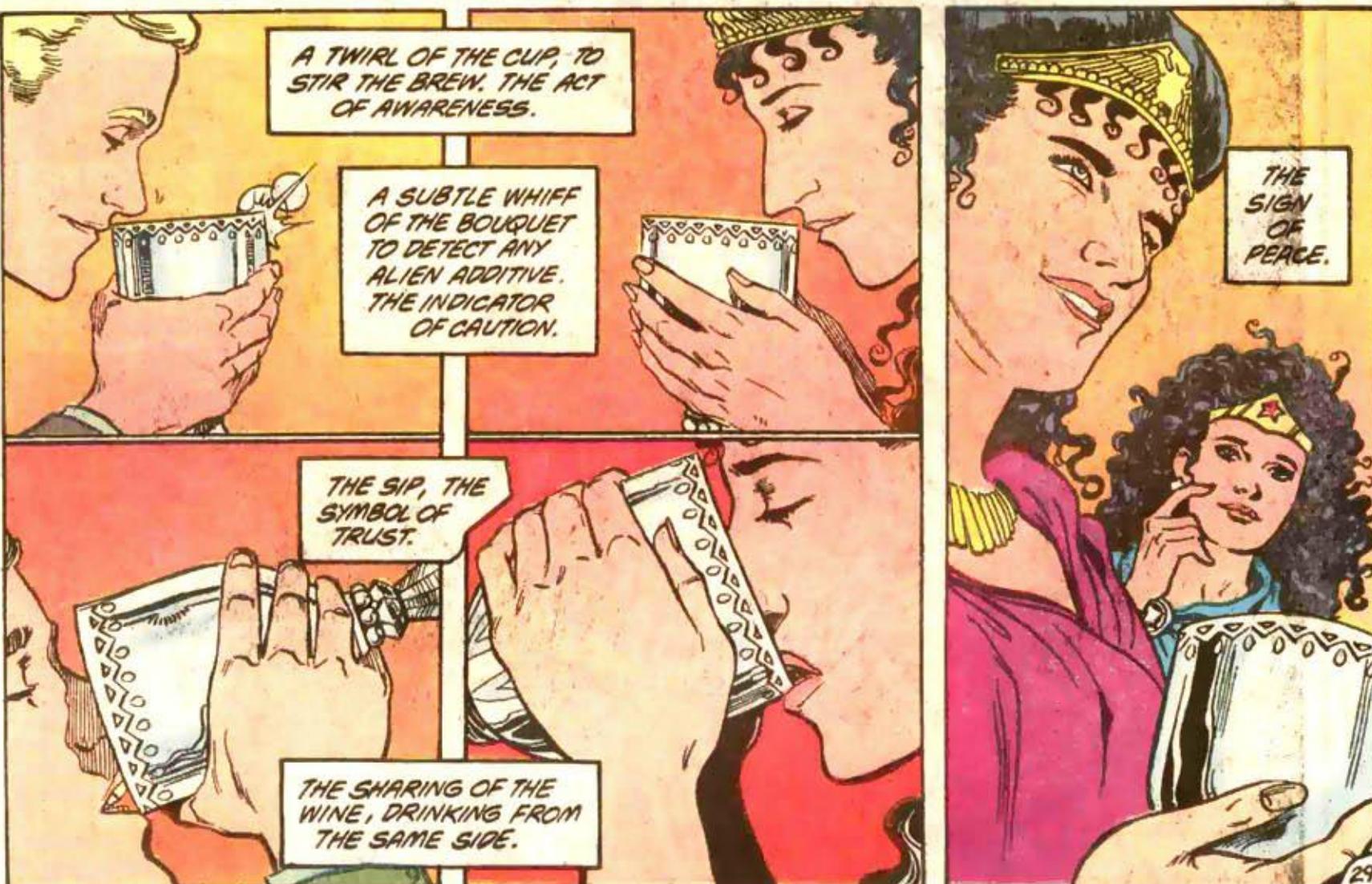
QUEEN HIPPOLYTE, I TAKE GREAT  
HONOR IN PRESENTING YOU WITH  
THE CONTENTS OF THIS CHEST.

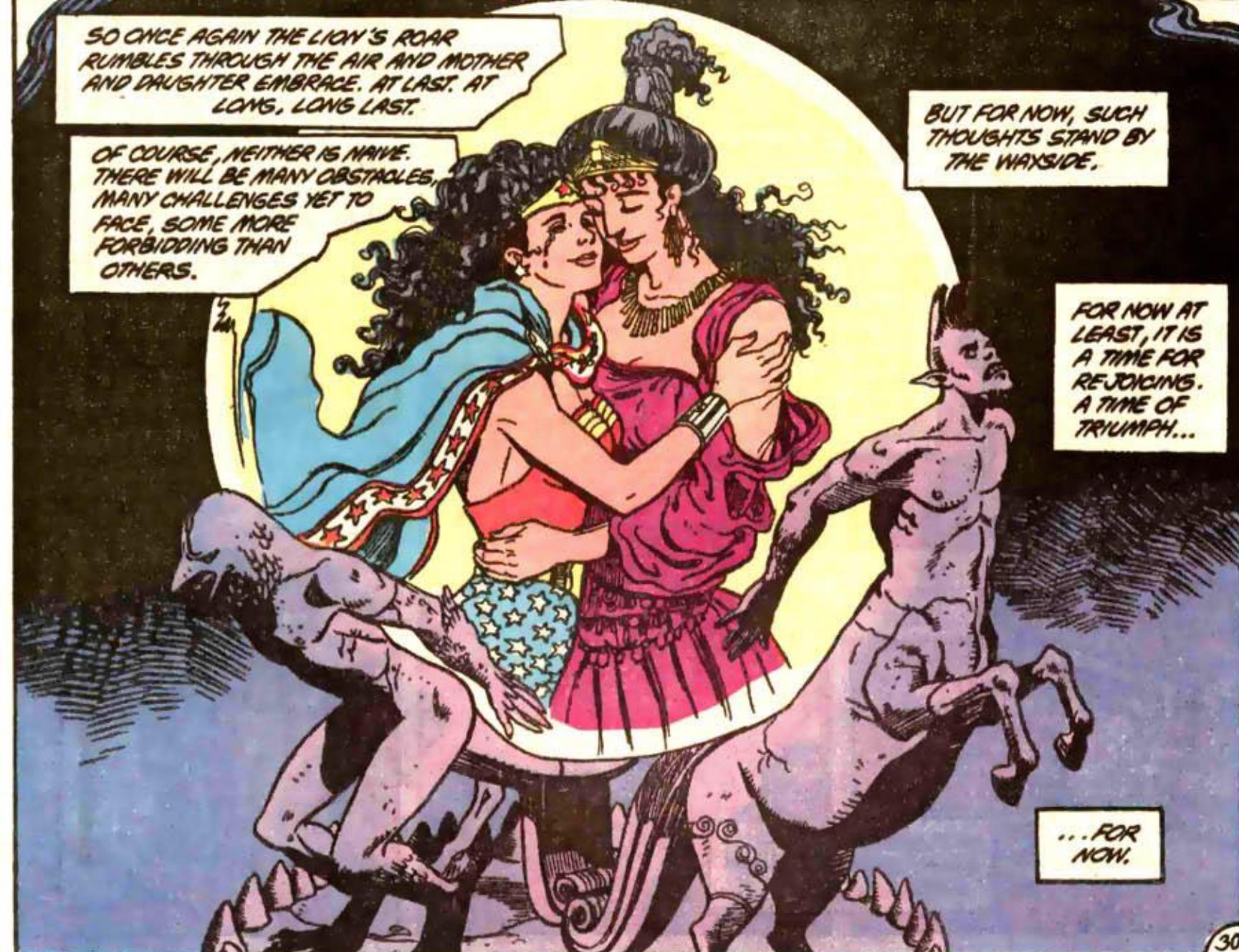
(STEPPING UP TO THE PODIUM  
IS PROF. JULIA KAPATELIS  
OF AMERICA'S HARVARD  
UNIVERSITY.)

"PLEASE ACCEPT  
IT IN THE SPIRIT  
IN WHICH IT  
WAS GIVEN."

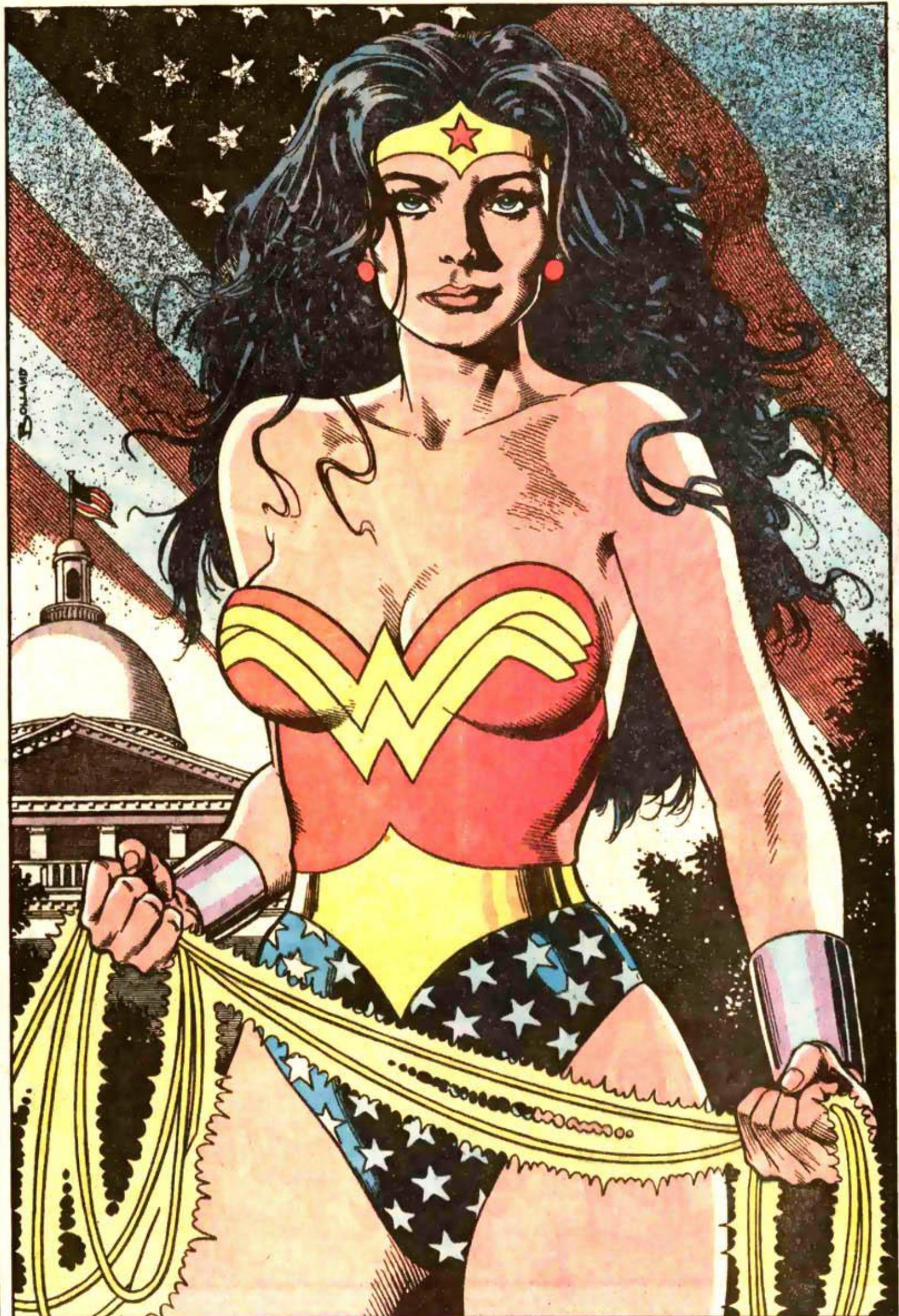
(\* TRANSLATED  
FROM GREEK)

"A SYMBOL OF OUR DESIRE  
TO REDRESS ALL THAT  
HAS SEPARATED OUR TWO  
WORLDS FOR FAR TOO LONG."





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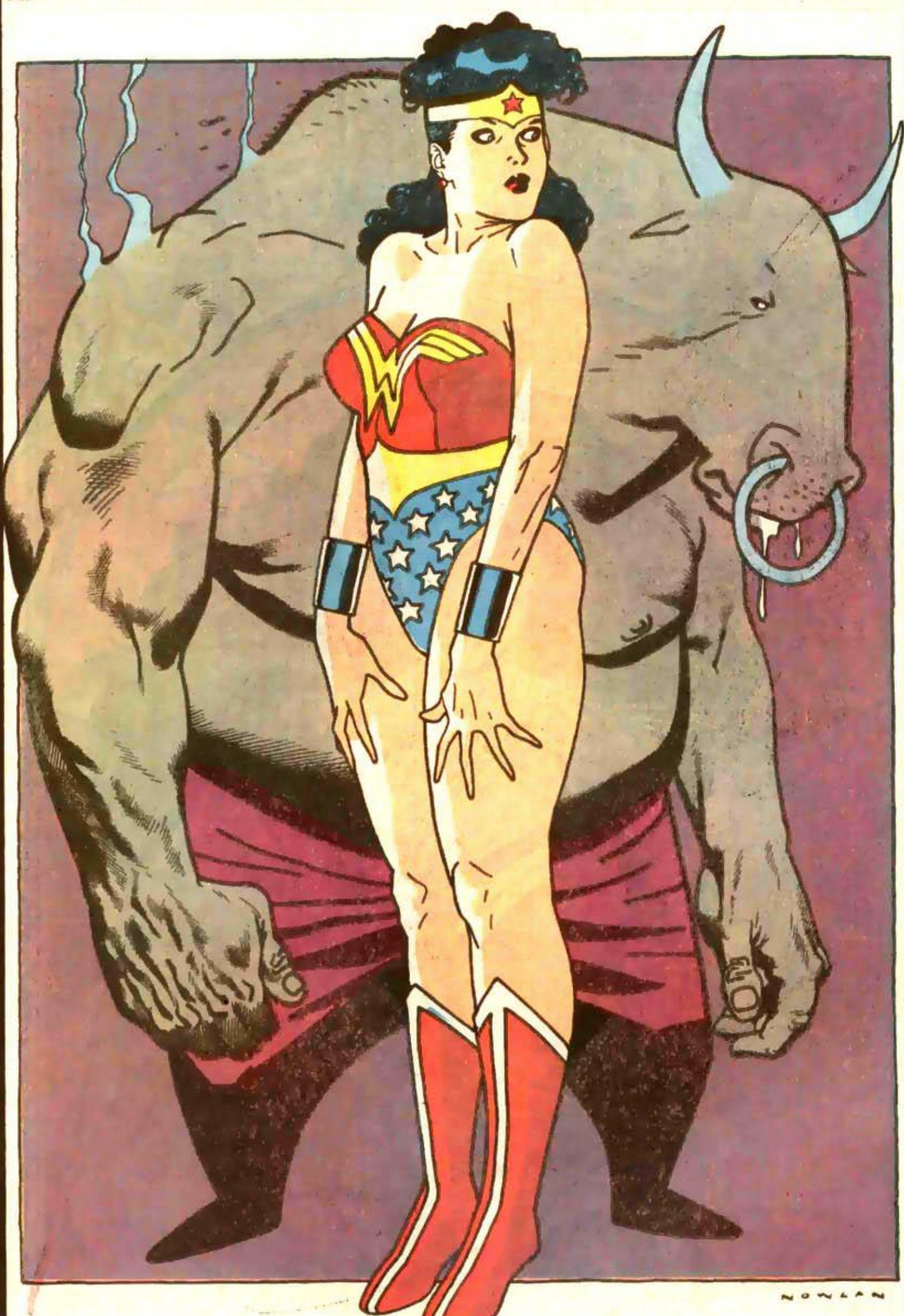


GREETINGS  
From Sunny  
**THEMYSCIRA!**



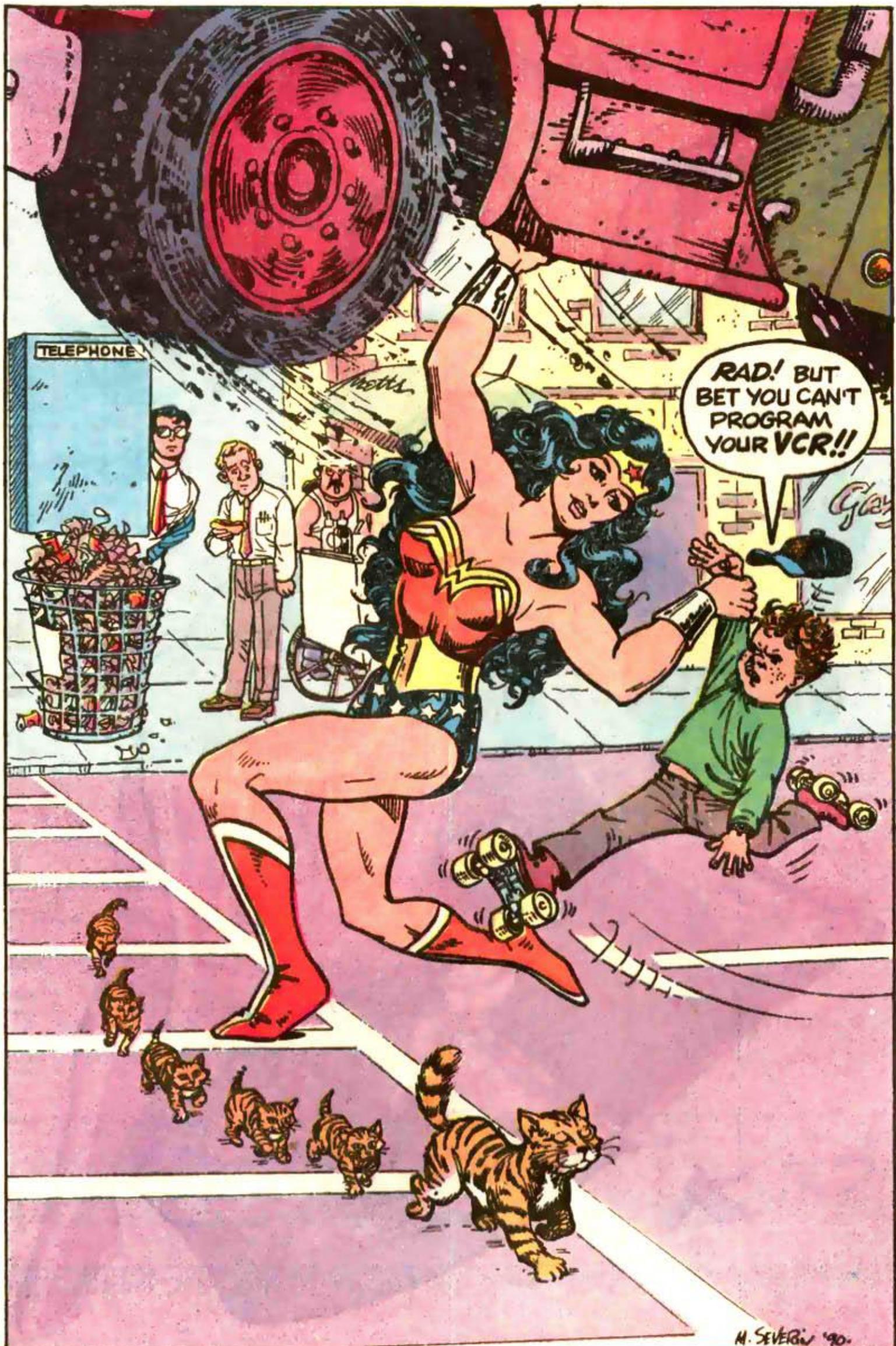
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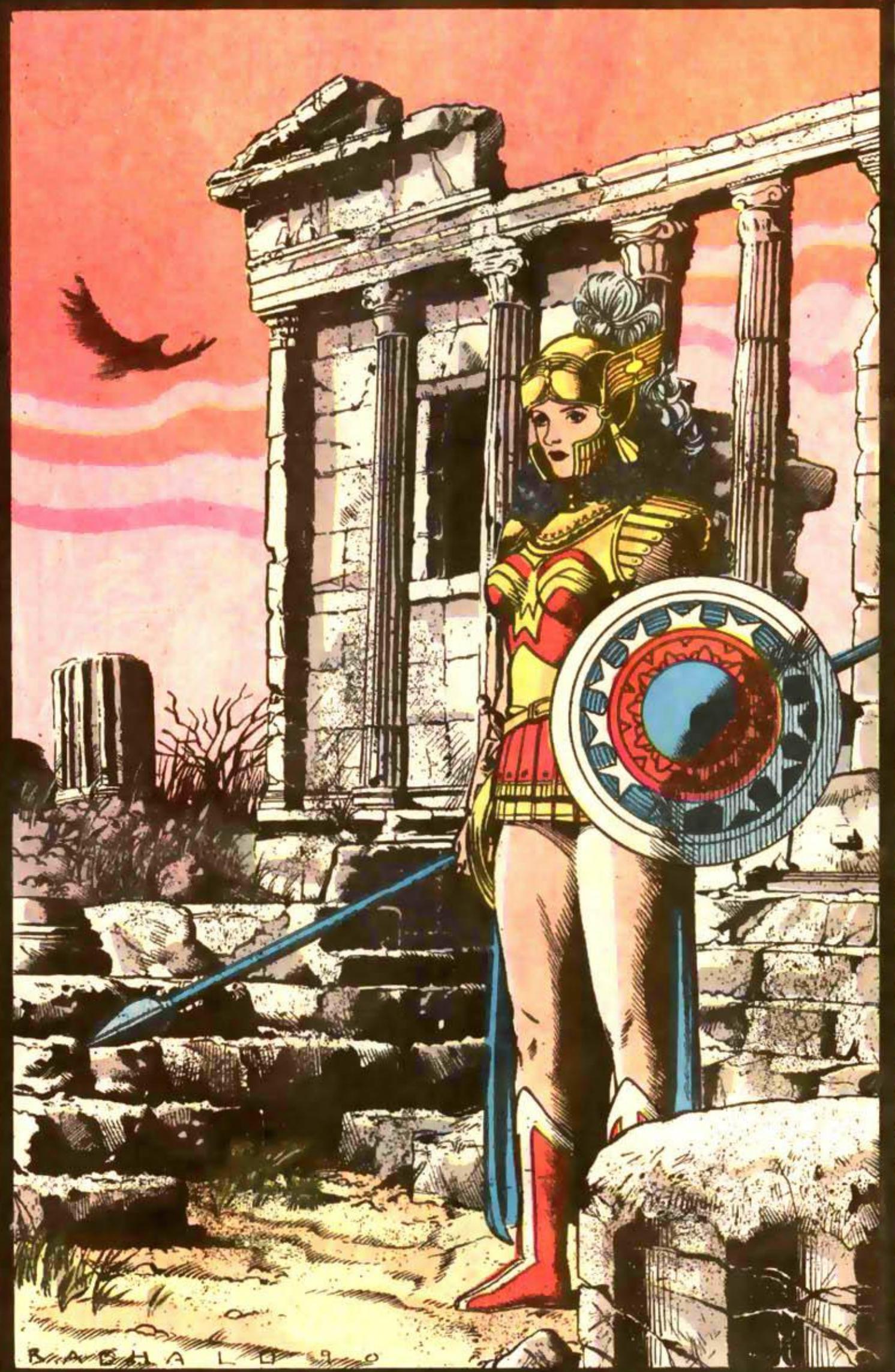




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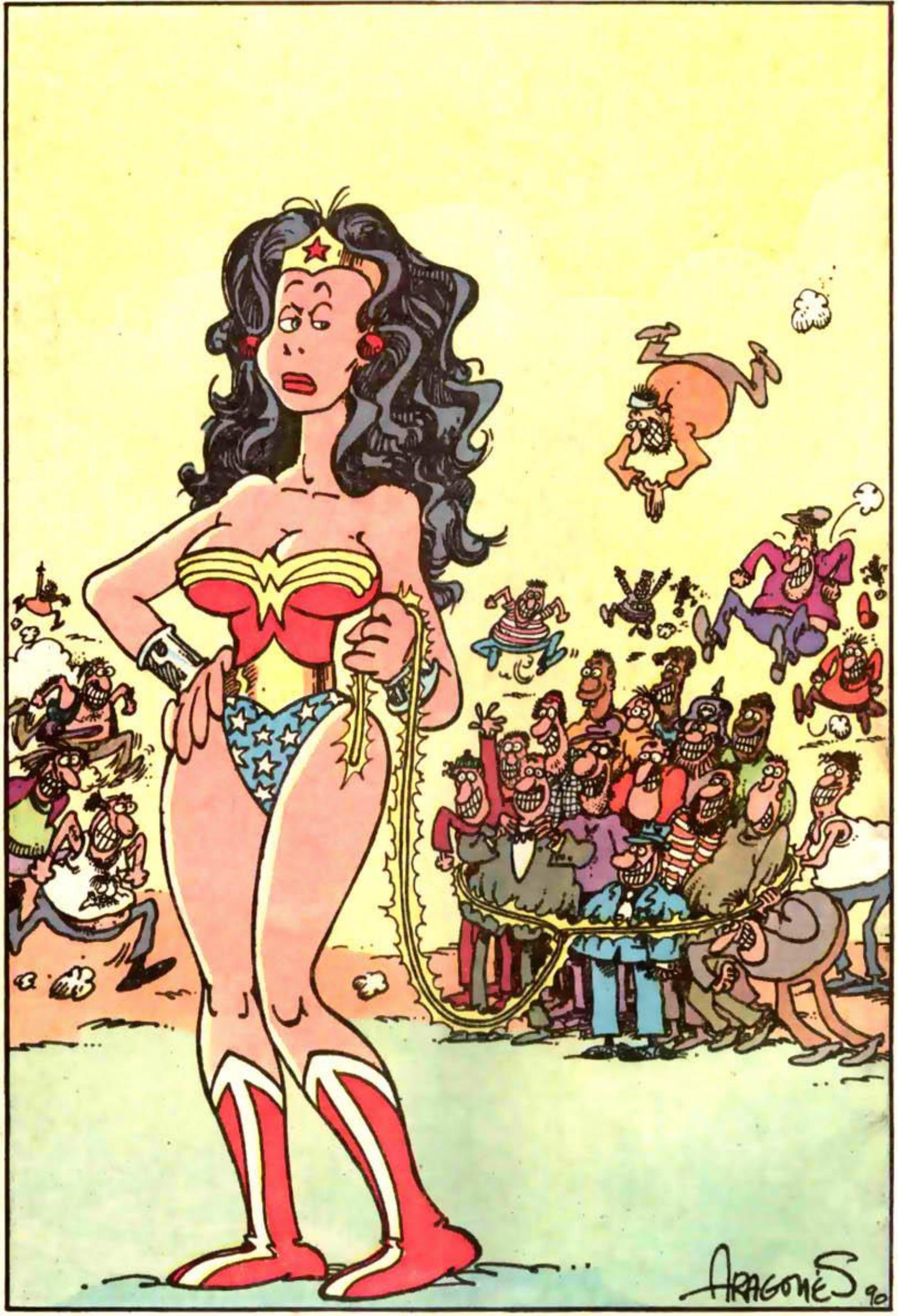




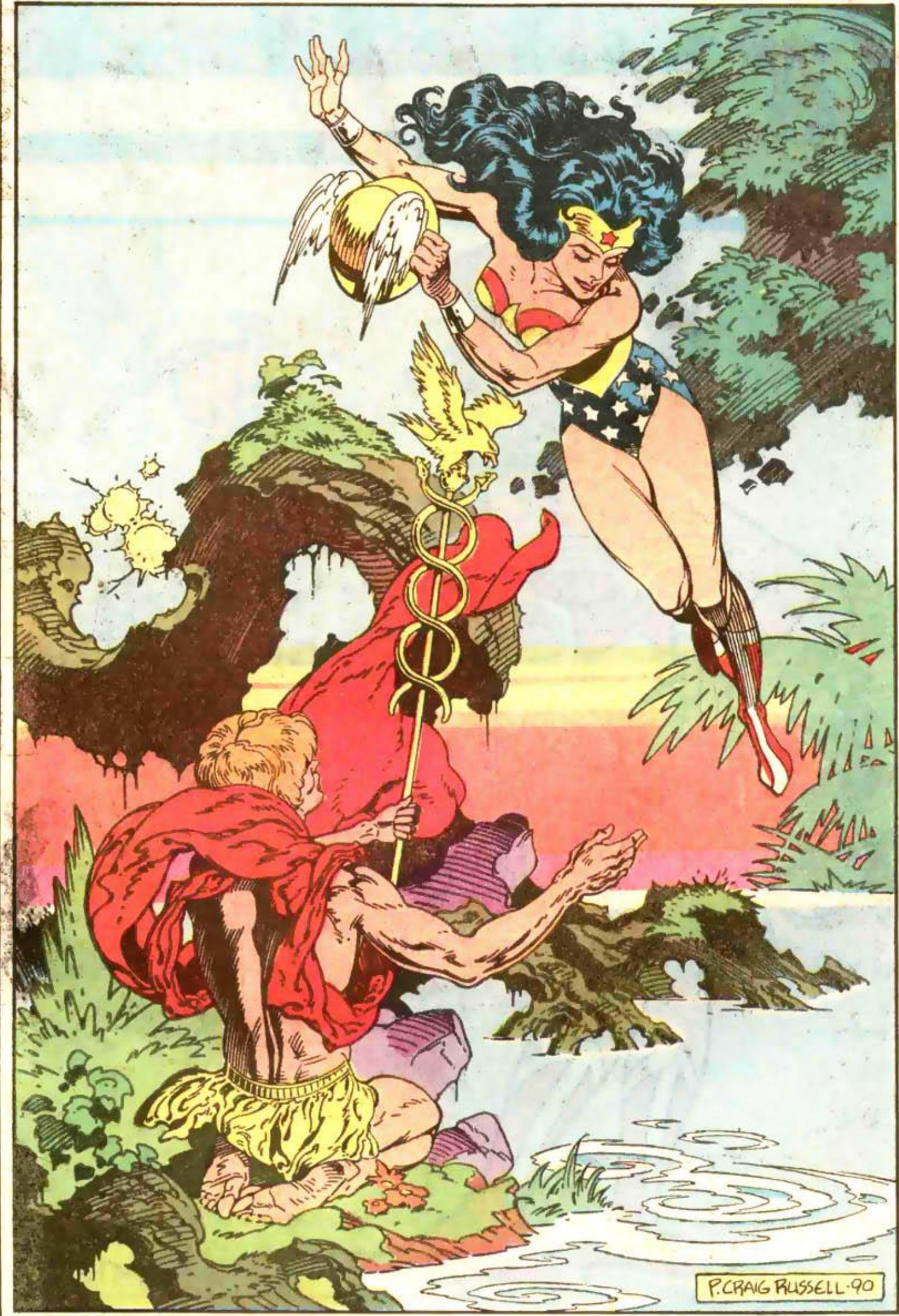
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**HOOM,  
BABY!**

**Treebeard Scans**  
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