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ARENA.

I LONG AGO CAME TO THE BELIEF THAT WHEN I DIE, IT WILL BE IN SUCH A PLACE.

IN THREE THOUSAND YEARS, PRECIOUS FEW AMAZONS HAVE DIED IN THEIR SLEEP, SURROUNDED BY THEIR LOVED ONES.

AND THIS THING, THIS SILENT WARRIOR IN FRONT OF ME... IS NOT JUST MY OPPONENT THIS DAY. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF MY MOTHER'S SISTER.

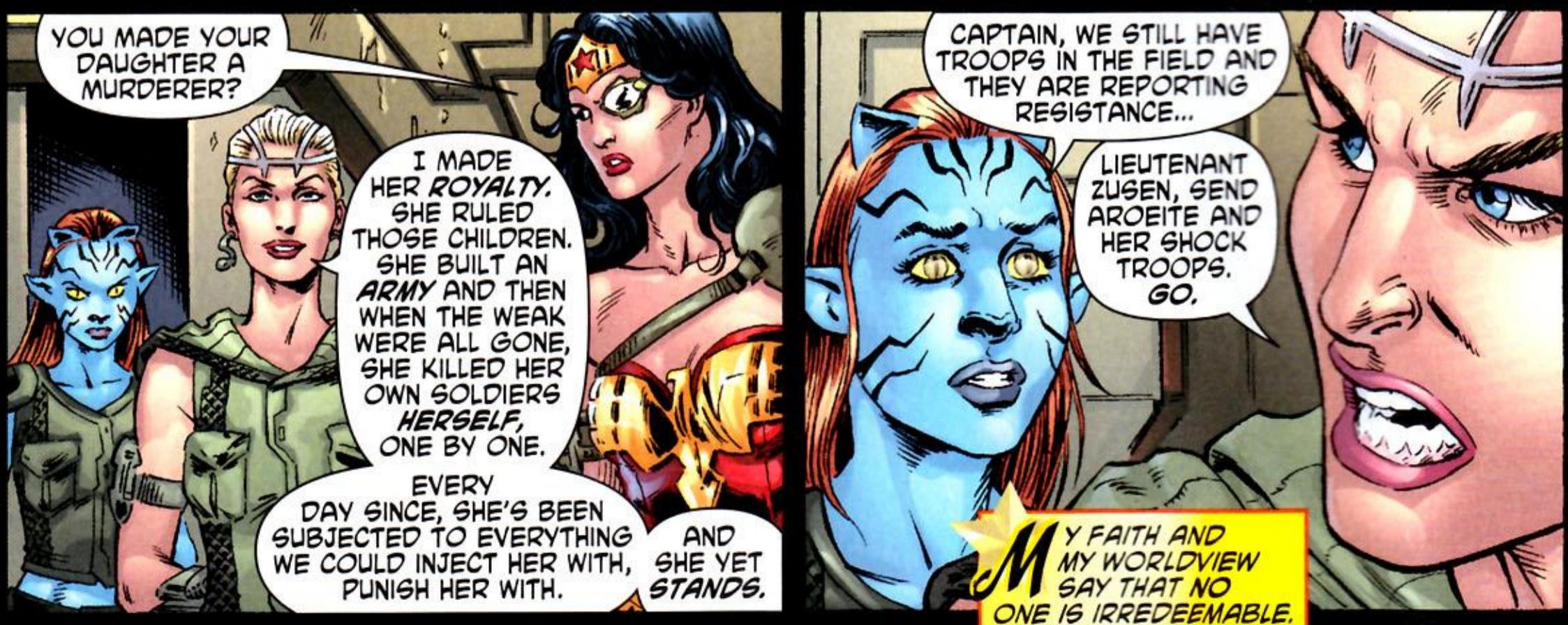
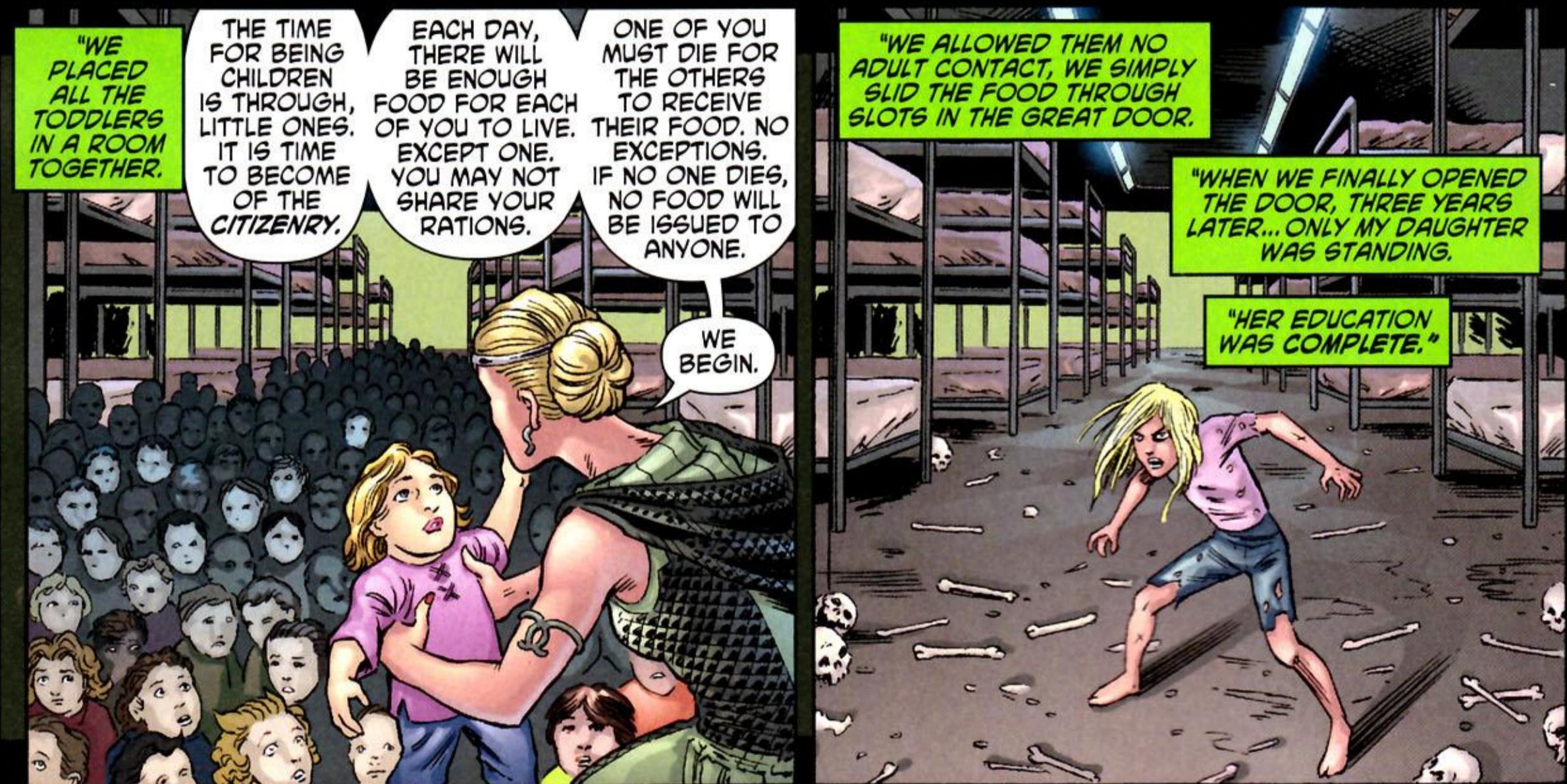
SHE IS MY COUSIN.

AND ONE OF US IS TO KILL THE OTHER.

THE GODS' SENSE OF HUMOR IS A BIT CRUEL SOMETIMES.

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BUT THIS SISTER OF MY MOTHER MAY WELL TEST THAT AXIOM.

BY THE UNIVERSAL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, I AM ALLOWED A SECOND, IS THAT CORRECT?

FINE. BUT YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE CITIZENRY, EARTHLING.

EXACTLY WHAT I HAD IN MIND, ASTARTE.

I CHOOSE YOUR LIEUTENANT, CAPTAIN.

WHAT? I REFUSE! IT IS ABSURD!

YOU WILL NOT EMBARRASS ME, LIEUTENANT.

DO YOUR DUTY.

AND WHEN SHE LOSES...

...I WANT HER CHAINED, RENAMED, AND REEDUCATED.

YES, CAPTAIN. AS YOU COMMAND.

WELL, MY SECOND. HAVE YOU ANY ADVICE FOR ME?

YES. PRAY FOR A QUICK DEATH.

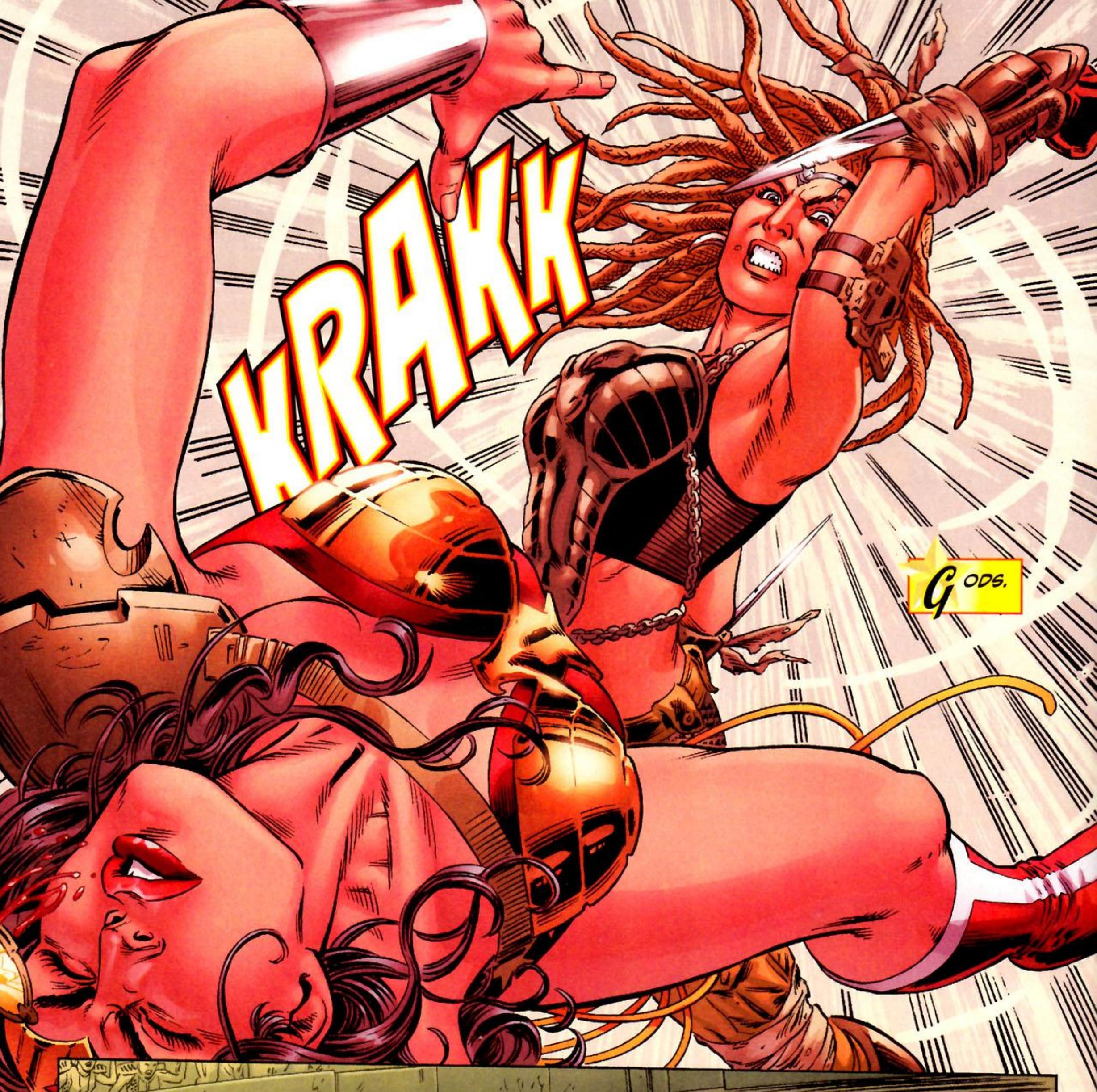
WARRIOR.
THEANA.

WE ARE BOUND BY THE SHARED BLOOD OF OUR MOTHERS.

I'M CERTAIN I KNOW THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION I AM ABOUT TO ASK.

THAT DOES NOT ABSOLVE ME OF MY RESPONSIBILITY TO TRY.

CAN THERE BE PEACE BETWEEN US?





SHE CAN FIGHT.

GLKGGH

CAN'T... CAN'T
EVEN GET THE
BRACERS UP
IN TIME.

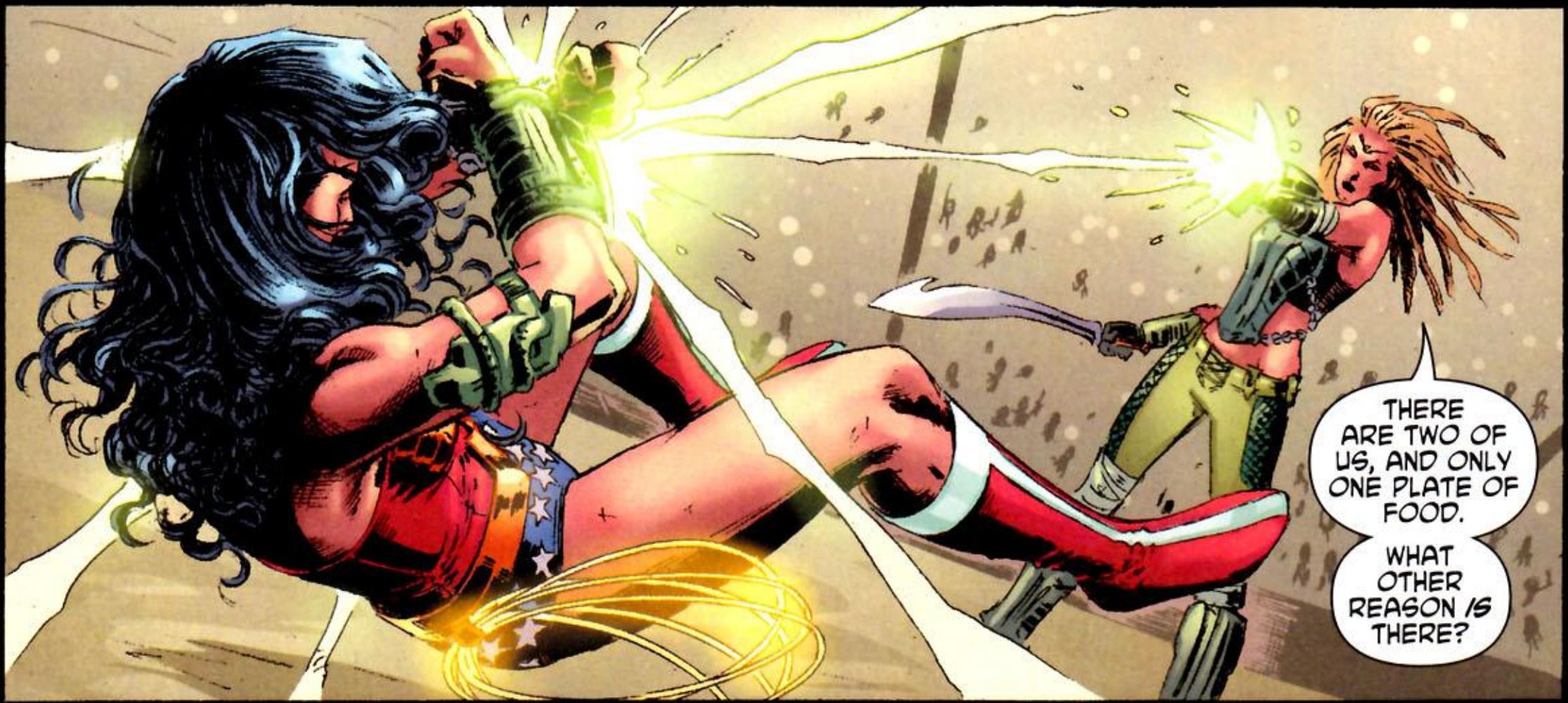
THIS SOLDIER IS
GOING TO TAKE
ME DOWN BY
MILLIMETERS.

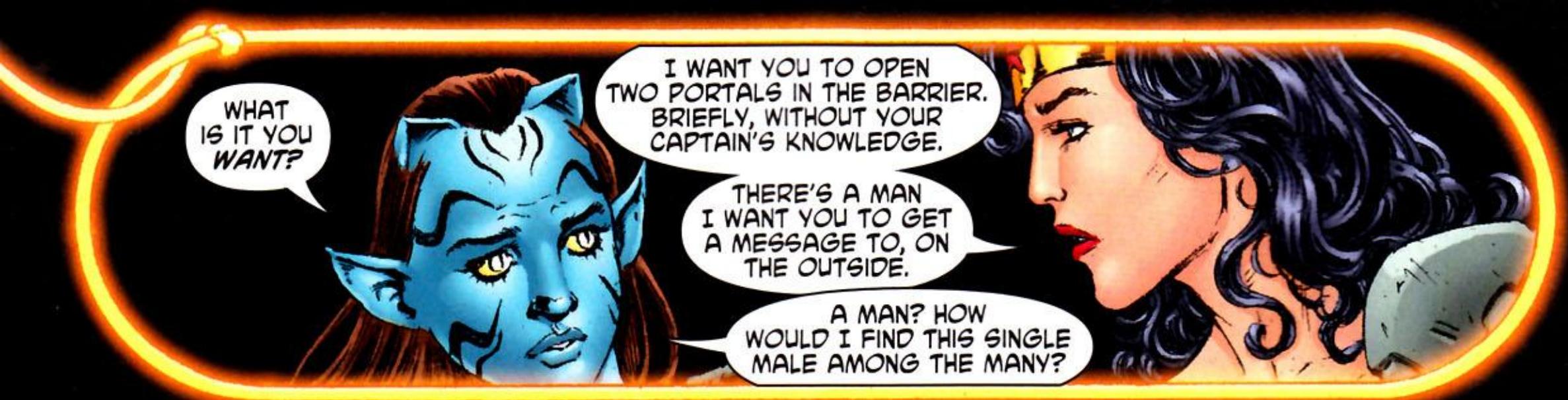
WILL...
WILL YOU NOT
SPEAK TO ME,
COUSIN?

I HAVE
NOTHING TO
SAY.
AND NO
ONE WORTH
SPEAKING TO,
"COUSIN."

SAY
WHAT YOU WILL
ABOUT ME, THEANA.
BUT I
FIGHT FOR MY
WORLD.

WHAT
IS IT THAT
YOU FIGHT
FOR?





MY NAME IS
STEVE TREVOR.

FOR THE LAST
SEVERAL YEARS,
I'VE BEEN A
DIPLOMAT.

EASY
THERE, ACE.
I'M ON YOUR
SIDE.

I WORK IN
AN OFFICE. I
WEAR A SUIT.

AND THE CLOSEST I'VE BEEN
TO A FIGHTER JET IS A FIRST
CLASS SEAT ON A DOMESTIC
PASSENGER AIRLINE, CHOICE
OF BEEF OR CHICKEN PASTA,
COCKTAILS COMPLIMENTARY.

BUT I
USED TO BE
A PILOT.

A FIGHTER
PILOT,
DAMMIT.

AND IF
I GO OUT,
USING THE
LAST OF
THE D.M.A.'S
INVISIBLE
PLANES, AS
DONATED
BY THE
WAYNE TECH
FOUNDATION...
DEFENDING
MY COUNTRY
AND MY
PLANET...

SO BE IT.

I COULD
KINDA GET
USED TO IT.

COME
ON.

LET'S SHOW
THEM WHO THE
SKY BELONGS
TO.

HUH.
GUESS I'M
THE ANGEL,
THIS TIME.

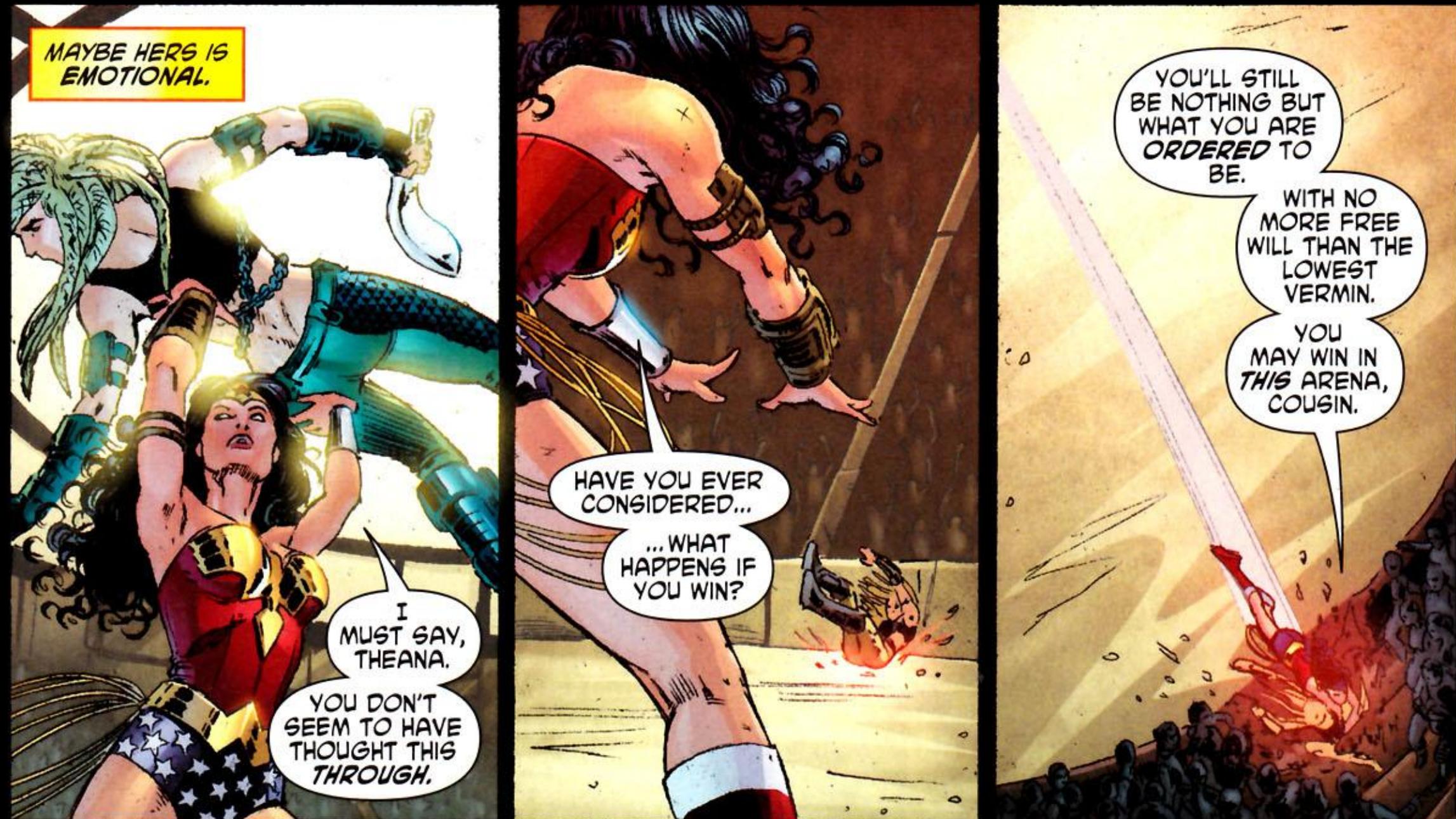


SHE'S GOOD AT DISTANCE AND CLOSE FIGHTING.

EVERY WARRIOR HAS A WEAKNESS.



MAYBE HERS IS EMOTIONAL.



I MUST SAY, THEANA.

YOU DON'T SEEM TO HAVE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH.

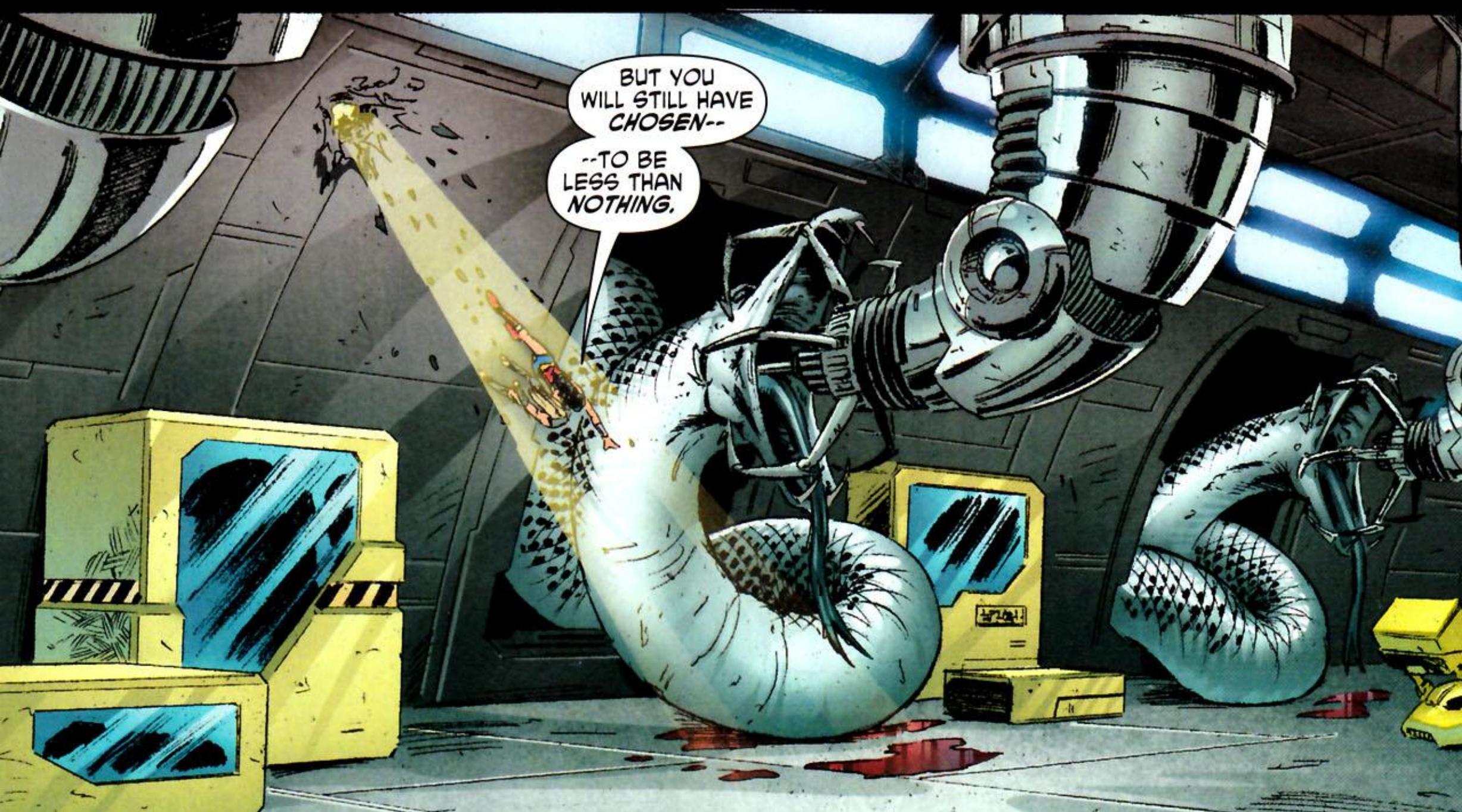
HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED...

...WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU WIN?

YOU'LL STILL BE NOTHING BUT WHAT YOU ARE ORDERED TO BE.

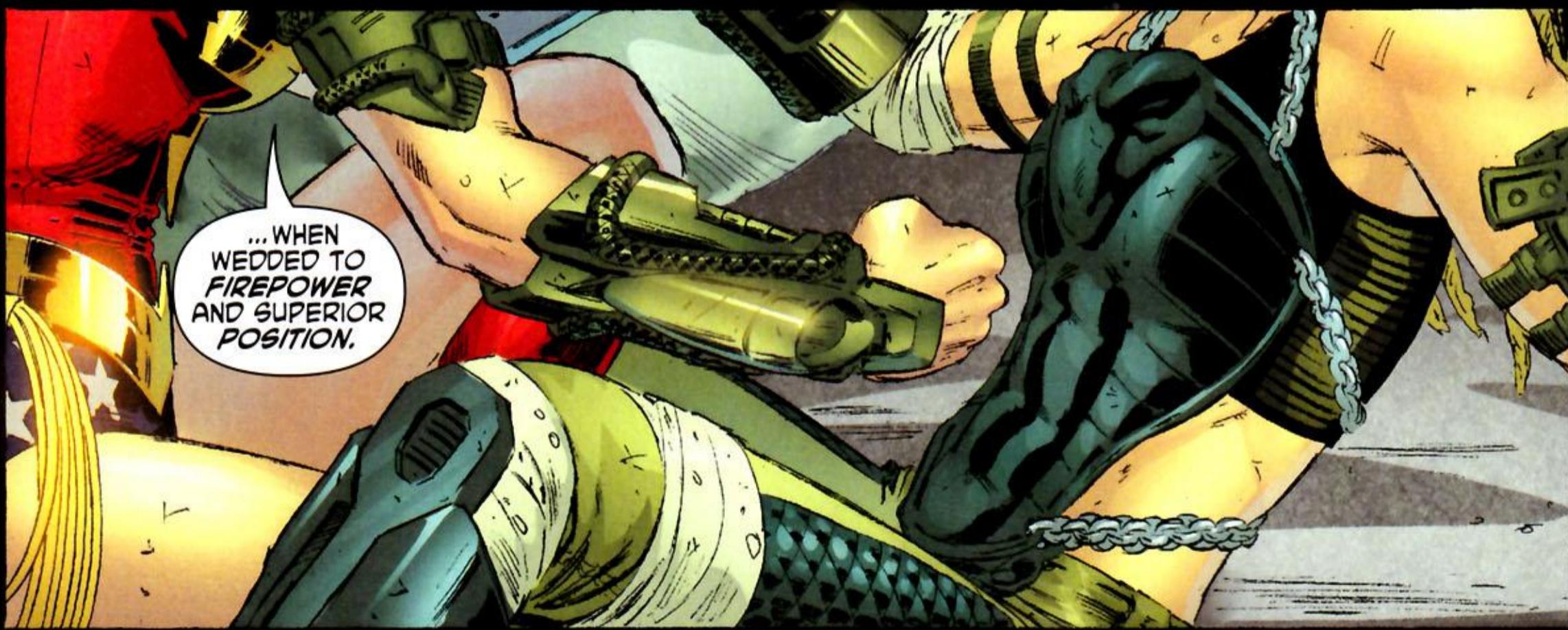
WITH NO MORE FREE WILL THAN THE LOWEST VERMIN.

YOU MAY WIN IN THIS ARENA, COUSIN.



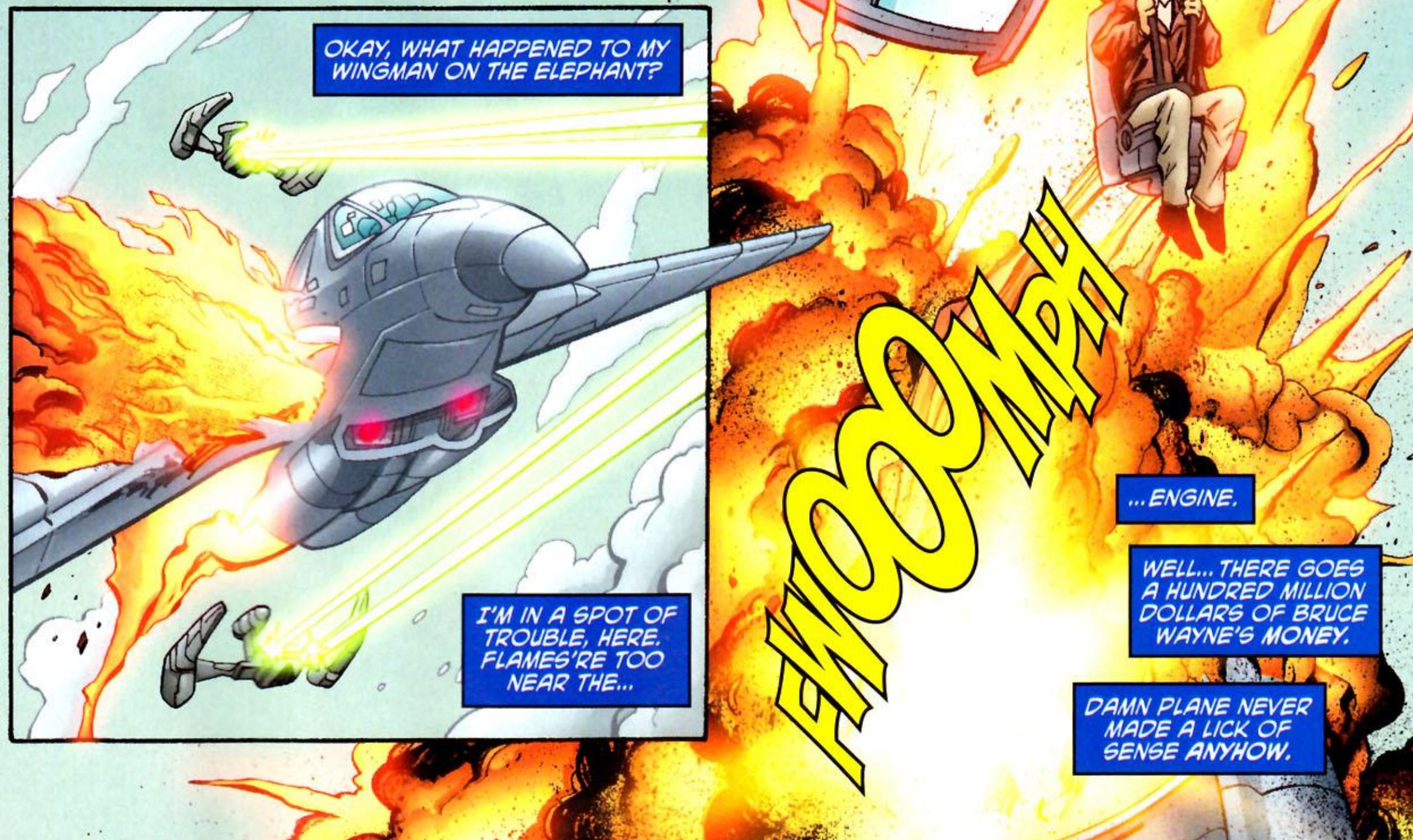
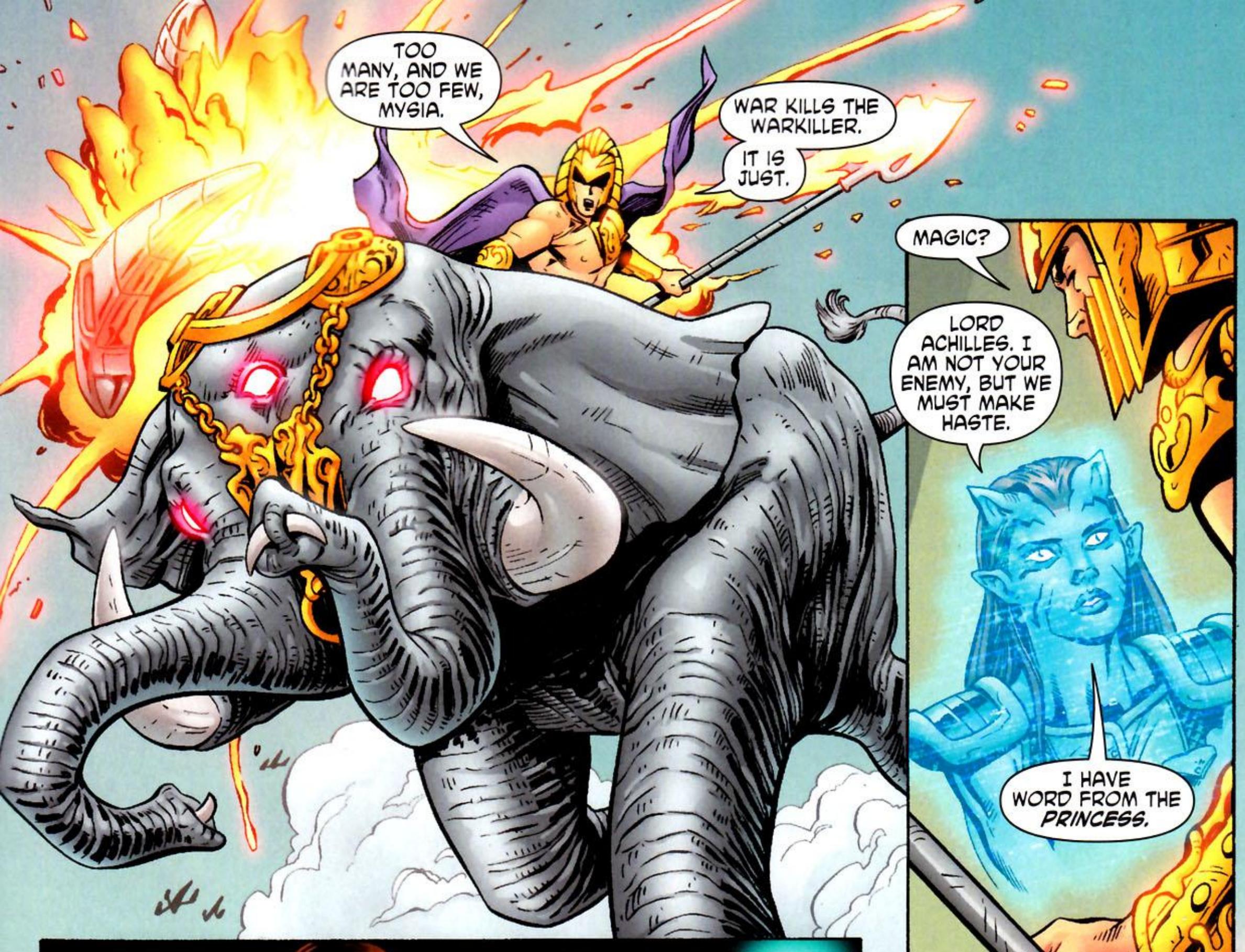


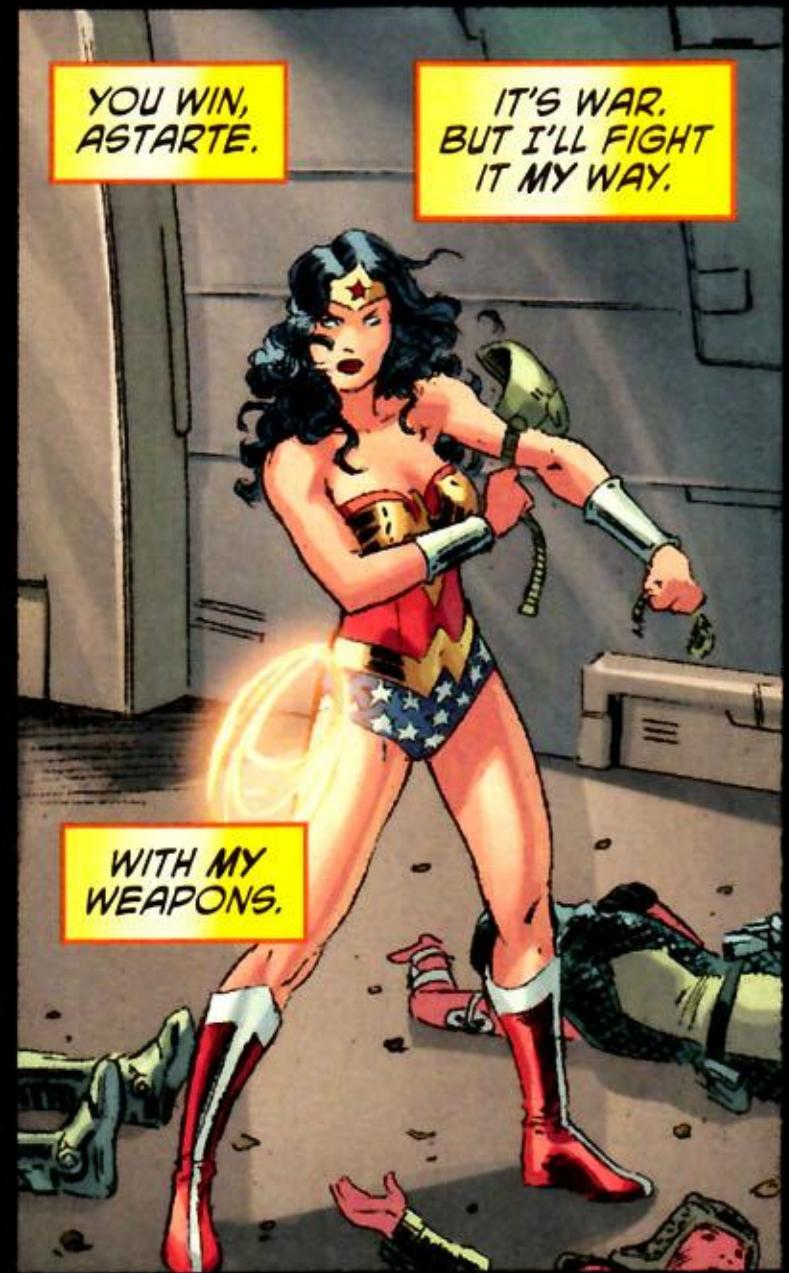














...DEFEND!



"IT WON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, YOU KNOW."

"EVEN IF YOU COULD DEFEAT THIS SHIP..."



"...WE'LL JUST SEND MORE. THOUSANDS MORE."

I
PITY YOU,
CAPTAIN.
YOU
ARE WHAT
PAIN HAS
MADE
YOU.
BUT
YOU'VE
ALREADY
LOST.

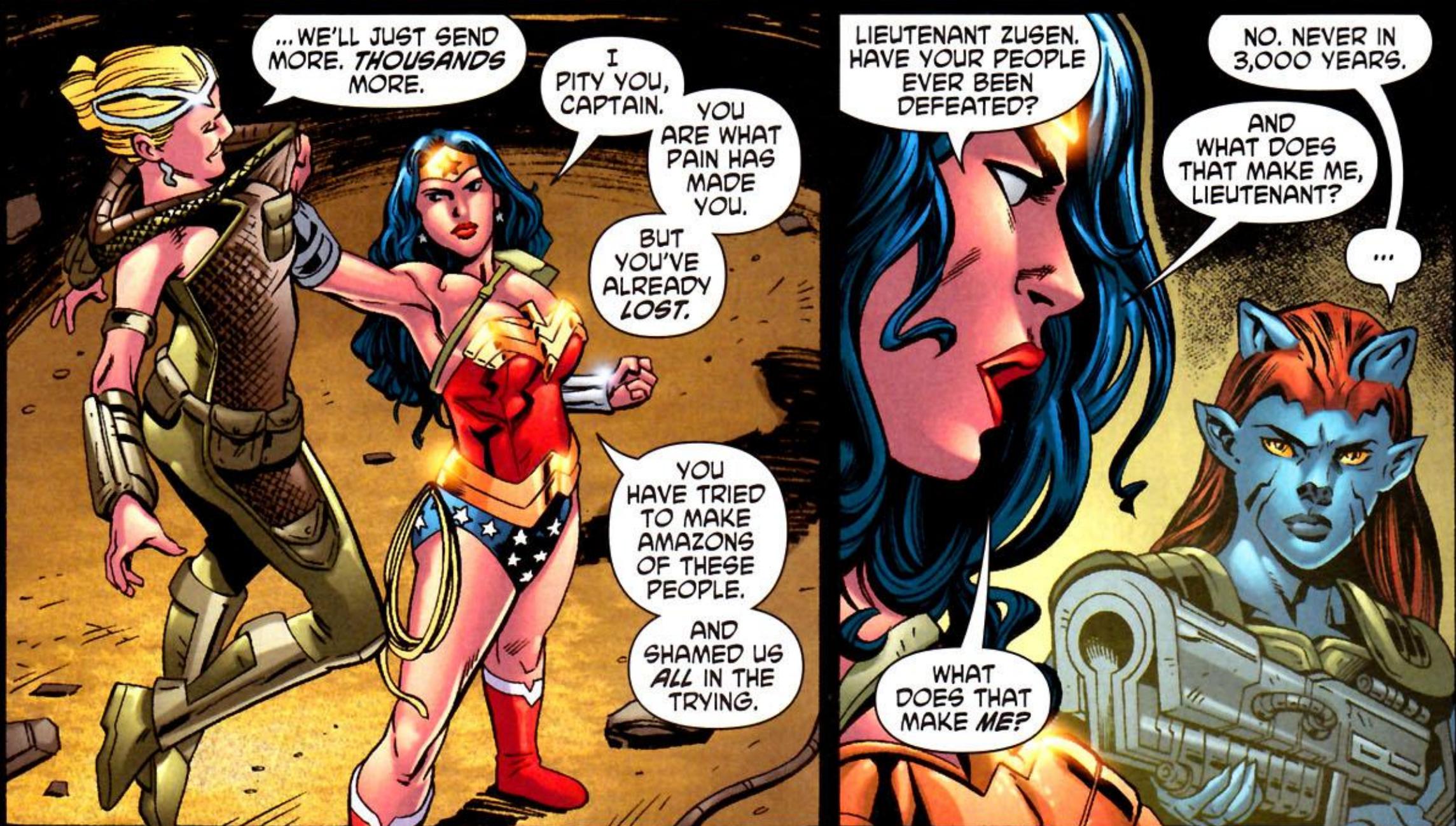
LIEUTENANT ZUSEN.
HAVE YOUR PEOPLE
EVER BEEN
DEFEATED?

NO. NEVER IN
3,000 YEARS.

AND
WHAT DOES
THAT MAKE ME,
LIEUTENANT?

YOU
HAVE TRIED
TO MAKE
AMAZONS
OF THESE
PEOPLE.
AND
SHAMED US
ALL IN THE
TRYING.

WHAT
DOES THAT
MAKE ME?



CAPTAIN. IT MAKES YOU OUR CAPTAIN.

TRAITOR!

SILENCE,
NON-CITIZEN.

YOUR VOICE
WILL NO LONGER
BE HEARD, BY YOUR
OWN LAW.

SHE WILL NOT.

SHE'S GOING
WITH ME TO
THEMYSCIRA TO
BE REFORMED.
THE CITIZENRY
WILL NEVER
AGAIN KILL,
FOR ANY
REASON.

YOU WILL
FIND YOUR
RESOURCES ON
UNINHABITED
PLANETS.

YOU WILL
BE EXECUTED
IMMEDIATELY.

OR NEXT
TIME IT'LL
BE YOU IN THE
ARENA WITH ME,
LIEUTENANT.

...SEEMINGLY ENDLESS REPORTS OF WASHINGTONIANS BEING SAVED BY AMAZONS, IN SOME CASES AT THE EXPENSE OF THEIR OWN LIVES...



YOU TRUST THEM TO STAY AWAY? THE CITIZENRY, I MEAN?

NO. BUT I TRUST MY INTIMIDATION SKILLS.

MOST OF THEM WEREN'T BORN KILLERS. LIKE MOST SOLDIERS, THEY'D RATHER BE ELSEWHERE.

THIS IS THEIR CHANCE.



I AM DIANA, PRINCESS OF THE AMAZONS.

I WILL HAVE TO TELL MY MOTHER OF THE TERRIBLE CHOICES ASTARTE MADE.

LATER, THOUGH.

NOW IT IS TIME FOR REJOICING AND HONORING OUR LOSSES.

HEY, AS LONG AS THEY TAKE THEIR CHANCE SOMEWHERE ELSE...

DIANA.

MY BIRTH WAS NOT BY NATURAL MEANS.

AH, THE HEROES OF NOW? SAY HELLO TO SWIFTMAN AND STEALTHFIN FOR ME, WOULD YOU?

WE'RE STAYING, DAUGHTER. TO HELP CLEAR THE DAMAGE, TO REBUILD.

WE OWE THESE PEOPLE THAT.

YOU...

YOU MAKE ME PROUD, MOTHER.

PRINCESS.
I LIVE IN TWO WORLDS. I CALL MANY PLACES MY HOME.

TOLIFHAR?

OUR PEOPLE HEARD OF WHAT WE'VE DONE HERE, PRINCESS.

WE HAVE...

WE HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN.

BY ALL RIGHTS, I
SHOULD BE ALONE
EVERWHERE I GO.

WE'RE
GOING
HOME.

...I FIND
I AM NOT.

THE
REST OF
YOU, COME
TO ME. ALL
OF YOU.

AND
YET...

INSTEAD, I FIND
LOVE IN EVERY
DIRECTION I LOOK.

ALL OF
YOU.

IT'S NOT
GOODBYE. WE
FOUGHT AND
WON.

WE WILL
NEVER TRULY
BE APART.

I AM DIANA,
PRINCESS OF
THE AMAZONS.

AND THIS IS THE
LIFE I AM BLESSED
TO HAVE LED.



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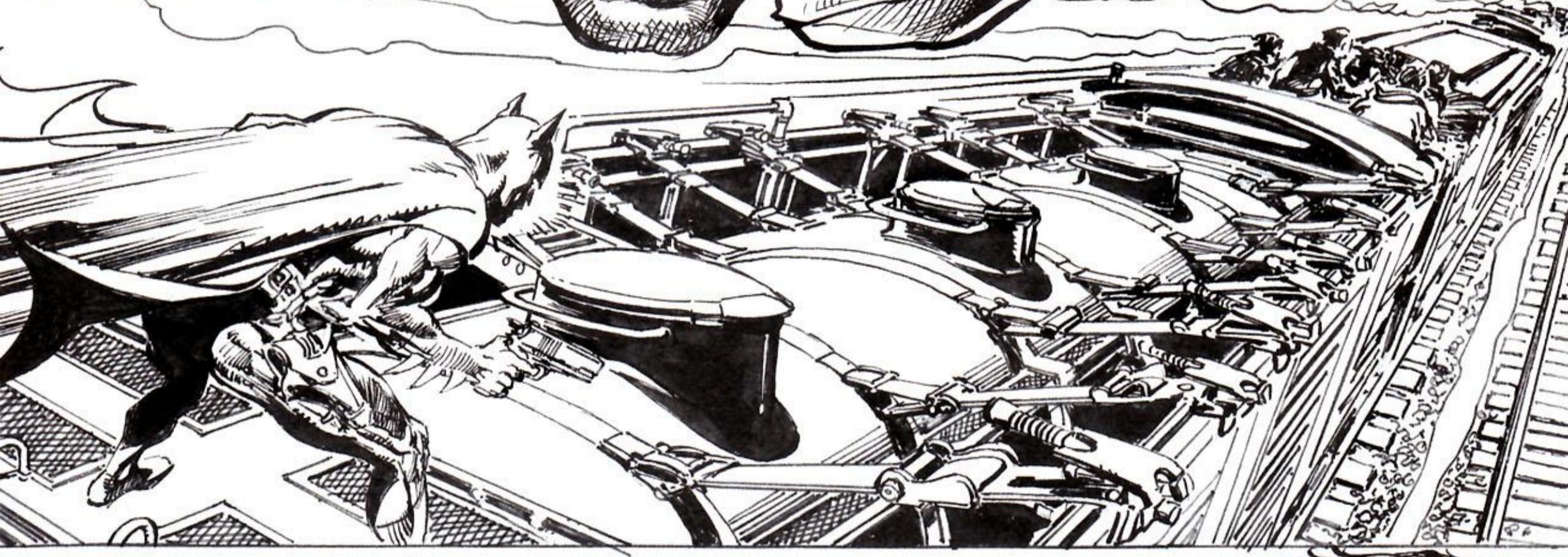
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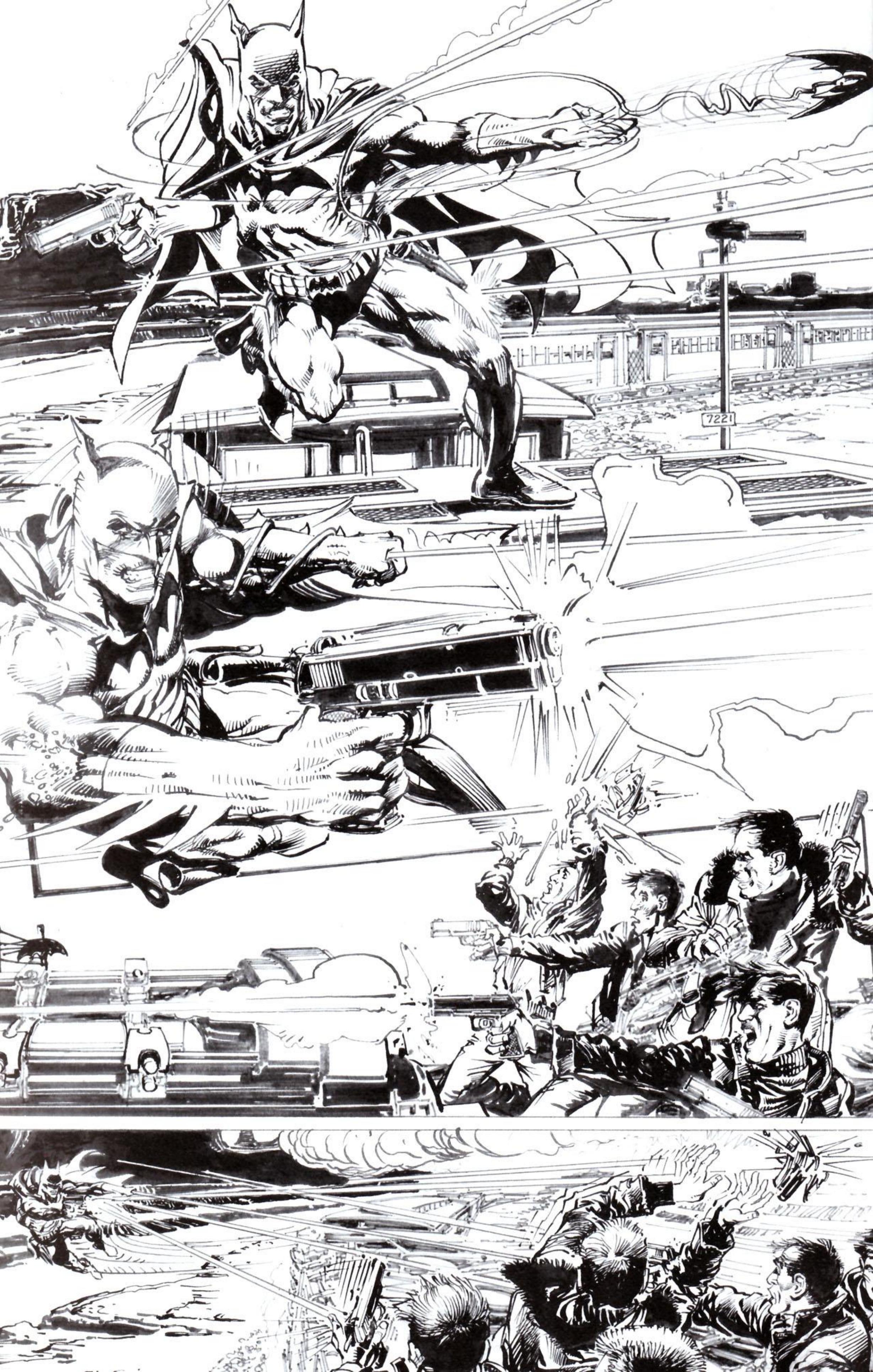
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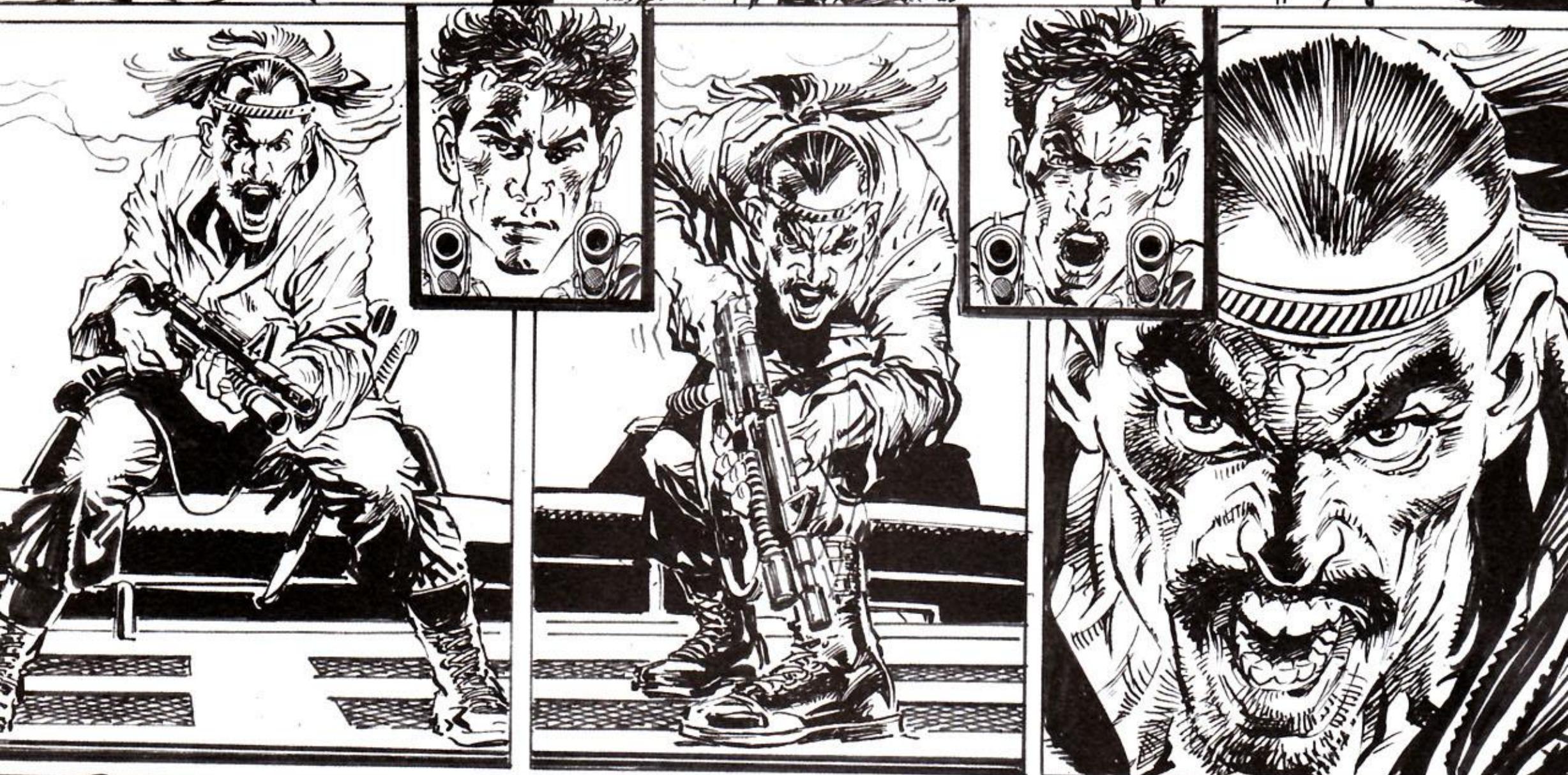
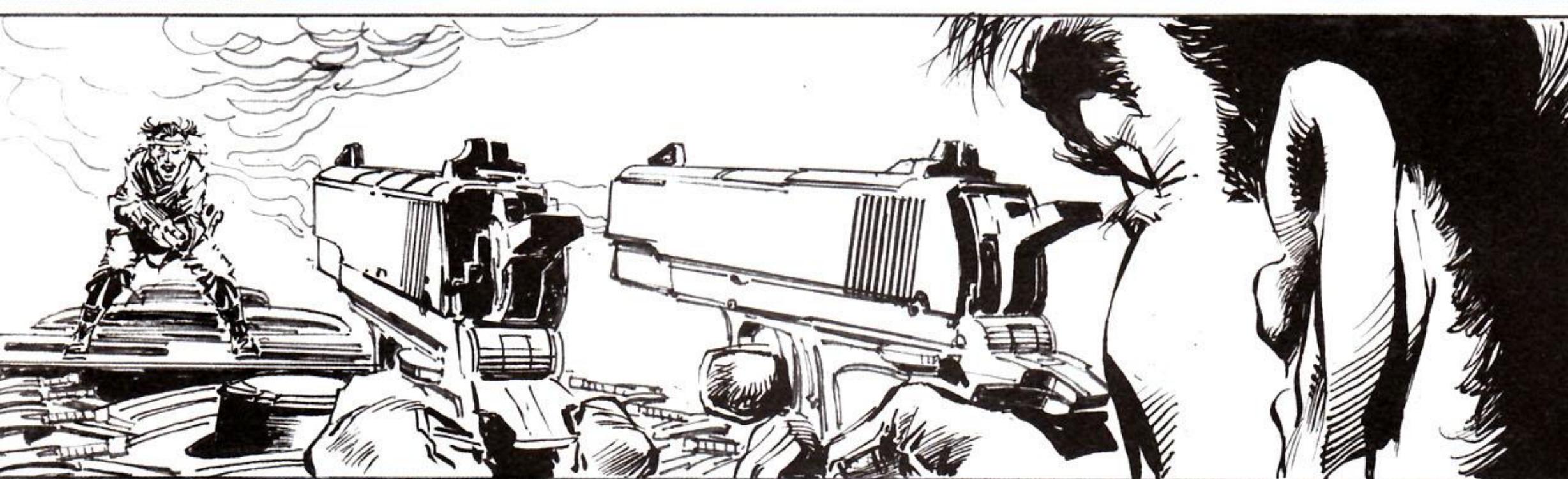
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THE SOURCE TO DEBUT SPECIAL VARIANT COVERS

Hey there, DC NATION. Source blogger Alex Segura here with another quick blog -to -print -and -back -again note.

As you can see, things are really kicking into high (or higher?) gear in the DC Universe these days — BRIGHTEST DAY is rolling along, THE FLASH has launched to sterling reviews, and Bruce Wayne is making his way back to the present in the pages of BATMAN AND ROBIN and BATMAN: RETURN OF BRUCE WAYNE.

And, speaking of time, this year marks the 75th anniversary of DC Comics — something we're planning to spotlight not only on The Source (which is what brings me here to fill this here DC NATION column) but across the line.

How, you ask? Well, a little book titled DCU: LEGACIES launches this month. The high concept is

simple: LEGACIES tells the story of the DC Universe from the debut of the "masked men" to current times, written by the very talented Len Wein and drawn by an all-star cast of artists, including Joe Kubert, Andy Kubert, J.G. Jones, J.H. Williams III, Dave Gibbons and many more.

But that's not all. In the coming months — and this week on The Source, natch — we'll be unveiling a series of variant covers that take some of DC's most iconic and classic covers and shows them reinterpreted by some of today's best-known talents. The names alone will surely cause some jaw-dropping: Eduardo Risso on Superman. Lee Bermejo on The Legion of Super-Heroes. Mike Mignola on Detective Comics. Frank Quiteley on Green Lantern/Green Arrow. We'll be debuting the covers mentioned above — along with the original covers for reference — on The Source in the coming days. And then, in just a few

short weeks, you'll be able to pick up your very own hard copies in stores. Plus, we've got a few surprises up our blogging sleeve that'll be sure to amaze and excite — more so than usual.

So, stay tuned to The Source — which you can find at <http://dcublog.com> (if you haven't bookmarked it already) — for more info on not only this collection of terrific variant covers, but your everyday DCU news needs, be it previews, links, comments from creators and editors updates on your favorite books or to just take part in one of the fastest-growing fan communities in comics. Stop by. Say hello. I promise cool art to show.

See you there,
Alex Segura

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