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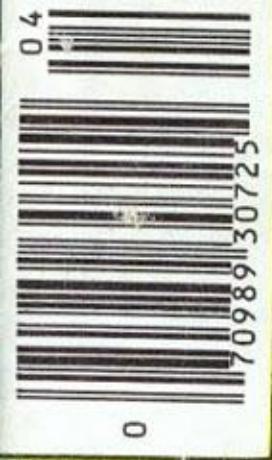
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MY ARMS--!!
WHAT'S HAPPENED
TO MY ARMS?

HA HA HA!!
AND IN SECONDS
THERE WON'T BE
ANY PART OF
YOU LEFT!!

ANDRU
FORDAN



GRANTED THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, AND THE SPEED OF MERCURY, CONCEALED IN THE BEAUTY OF APHRODITE BY THE GODS, PRINCESS DIANA RENOUNCED HER IMMORTALITY TO ENTER MAN'S WORLD AS THE GREATEST AMAZON OF ALL...

Wonder Woman

THE HIGH-PITCHED SQUEAL OF RUBBER ON ASPHALT REACHES THE SENSITIVE EARS OF THE AMAZON PRINCESS AS SHE SOARS OVER A SUBURB OF THE GREAT CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS...

IT IS A SOUND THAT HERALS BUT ONE THING--!

ACTION!

SCREEEEECCHH

DEPTH OF NEPTUNE-- THEY'RE HEADED STRAIGHT FOR THE RIVER!

LOOK OUT!

A ROUTINE RESCUE FOR WONDER WOMAN? PERHAPS. BUT IT IS BEING OBSERVED-- AND THE OBSERVERS SHALL SOON WITNESS...

THE ANGLE IN THE STARS

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I HOPE THEY JUST HAVE
SENSE ENOUGH TO STAY
PUT UNTIL I REACH THEM!

GOOD LORD!
IT'S
WONDER
WOMAN!

AS A SWAN GLIDES THROUGH THE
AIR, SO DOES THE AMAZON, HER
AGILITY CAUSING HER TO ENTER
THE MURKY RIVER WITH NARY A
SPLASH...

I'M RIGHT
BEHIND
THEM...

GREAT HERA! IT'S
MIKE AND STACY-- MY
FELLOW NASA ASTRO-
NAUT TRAINEES WHEN
I'M DIANA PRINCE!

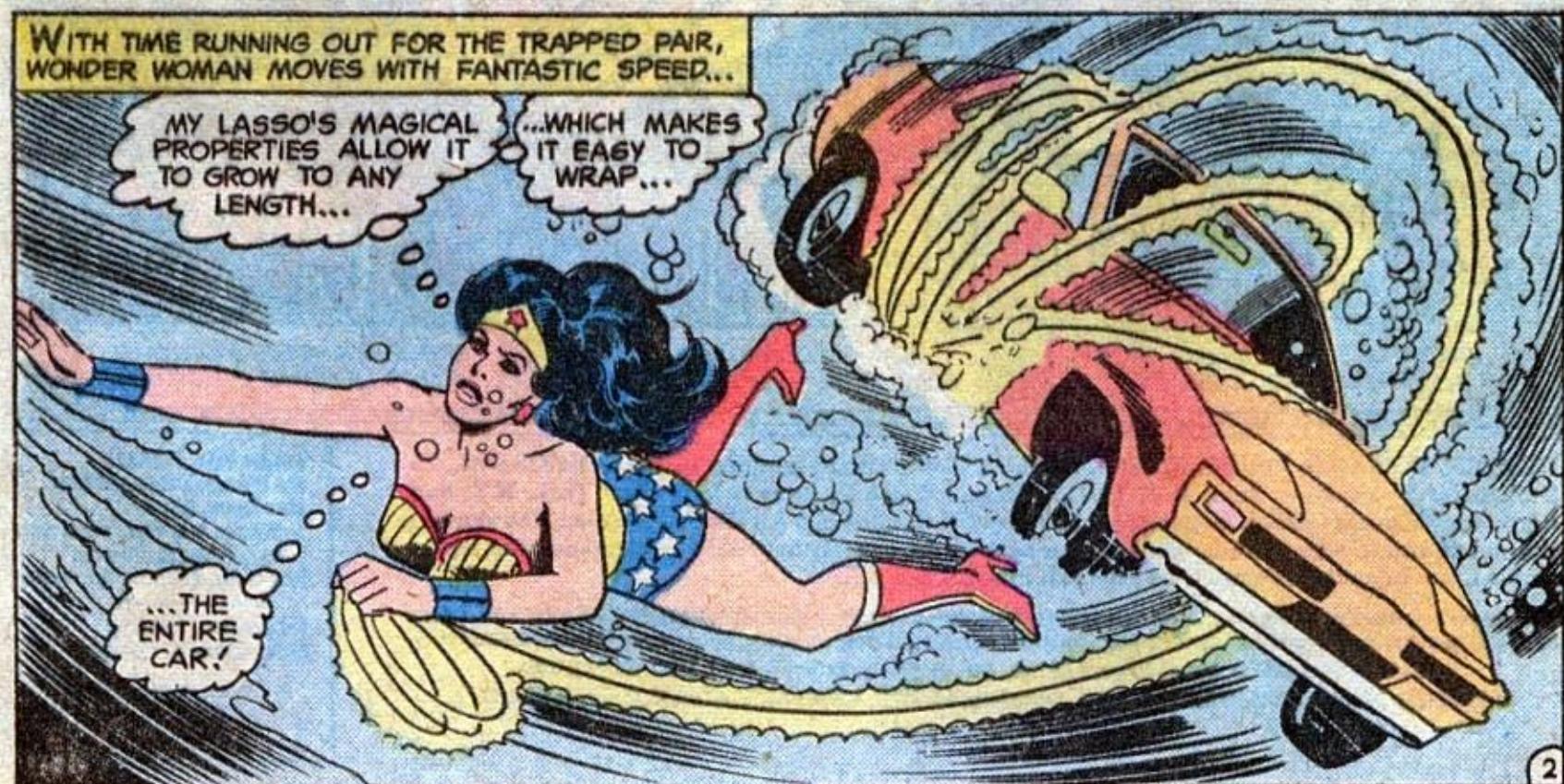


WITH TIME RUNNING OUT FOR THE TRAPPED PAIR,
WONDER WOMAN MOVES WITH FANTASTIC SPEED...

MY LASSO'S MAGICAL
PROPERTIES ALLOW IT
TO GROW TO ANY
LENGTH...

...WHICH MAKES
IT EASY TO
WRAP...

...THE
ENTIRE
CAR!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN HERE!?

A CAR...!
WONDER WOMAN...!
CRASH!

LOOK!

BUT BEFORE FURTHER EXPLANATIONS CAN BE GIVEN, THE END OF THE MAGIC LASSO HURLED BY WONDER WOMAN WRAPS ITSELF AROUND THE WING OF HER PLANE AND...

I... I DON'T BELIEVE THIS! THAT CRAZY PLANE'S PULLIN' SOMETHIN' OUTA THE DRINK!

I TOLD YOU! THERE WAS A CRASH!

THEY'RE SAFE NOW! YOU CAN TAKE OVER, OFFICER! IT WAS A FREAK ACCIDENT. I THINK THE STEERING FAILED!

GREAT GLORY!

AND AS THE AMAZING AMAZON DEPARTS...

LOOKS AS IF WE'RE GOING TO BE LATE DESPITE WONDER WOMAN'S RESCUE, STACY--THIS CAR'S WATER-LOGGED..!

YOU HAVE SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER ANYHOW, BUDDY--DOWN AT THE STATION!

SILENTLY, THE MENTALLY-CONTROLLED ROBOT PLANE WINGS ITS WAY TOWARDS ITS ORIGINAL DESTINATION--THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, HEADQUARTERS OF NASA...

I HATED TO LEAVE MIKE AND STACY THERE, BUT I COULDN'T BRING THEM ALONG WITHOUT HAVING THEM SUSPECT MY DOUBLE IDENTITY AS DIANA PRINCE--ASTRONAUT!

A ROUTINE RESCUE? PERHAPS... BUT AS WE SAID, THE AMAZON PRINCESS IS BEING OBSERVED--! NOW LISTEN TO THE WORDS OF THE OBSERVERS...

THERE SHE IS--STILL PERFORMING DEEDS OF GREAT DARING--!

BAH! SHE RELISHES THE GLORY OF EACH MINOR FEAT! SHE IS WHOLLY UNDESERVING TO BE WONDER WOMAN!

UR RR URRR URPP

FAR BEYOND EVEN THE VAST GOALS OF EARTH'S SPACE EXPLORERS--BEYOND THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE KNOWN UNIVERSE LIES A PLACE...

IT IS A PLACE OF LEGEND AND MYTH--A LAND OF UNBOUNDED WONDER AND SPLENDOR...

BEHOLD: THE REALM OF THE GODS--!

AND IN ATTENDANCE IN THIS GREAT HALL--

--MARS-- GOD OF WAR...

...HIS COHORTS--THE DUKE OF DECEPTION...THE EARL OF GREED AND LORD CONQUEST...!

APHRODITE, GODDESS OF LOVE, AND...

ATHENA, GODDESS OF WISDOM!

YOU ARE WRONG, MARS! PRINCESS DIANA ACTS OUT OF COMPASSION, NOT GLORY..!



BE THAT AS IT MAY, APHRODITE! THE AMAZON LOST THE RIGHT TO BE THE WONDER WOMAN IN THE GREAT TOURNAMENTS OF THE ELEMENTS*!

BUT THE AMAZON WHO WON-- SHE WAS KILLED!

APHRODITE SPEAKS THE TRUTH, MARS! ORANA WAS KILLED DURING HER FIRST DAY AS THE NEW WONDER WOMAN -- AND THE PRINCESS ONLY REGAINED HER RIGHTFUL PLACE!

RIGHTFUL!!

SHE HAD RETURNED TO THE LAND OF AMERICA AGAINST OUR WILL-- SHE COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN OVER IF SHE HAD NOT DISOBeyed US!

SHE WILL NOT GO UNPUNISHED!

HE IS PLANNING SOMETHING EVIL, ATHENA. I CAN FEEL IT--!

YES...WE WOULD BE WISE TO KEEP CLOSE EYES ON HIM ...

...AND ON THE EARTH ITSELF!

AND ON WONDER WOMAN!



AS THE GODDESSES GAZE DEEP WITHIN THE WONDROUS CRYSTAL THAT REVEALS THE EARTH...WE SHALL GAZE EVEN DEEPER... UNTIL OUR ATTENTION RESTS UPON THIS PRISON SOMEWHERE IN CALIFORNIA...

AND WE SHALL OBSERVE THIS PRISONER--KNOWN TO THE WORLD AS...THE ANGLE MAN!

YES, THE ANGLE MAN--CON MAN SUPREME--AND BENDER OF TIME AND SPACE...



"I WAS THE WORLD'S GREATEST CON MAN-- FIXING EVERYTHING MY WAY--UNTIL WONDER WOMAN BEGAN INTERFERING IN MY PLANS..."

"EVEN WHEN I JOINED WITH THE SECRET SOCIETY IN MY COSTUMED IDENTITY AND MY TIME AND SPACE WEAPON-- THE ANGLER-- SHE STILL THWARTED ME..."



"AND EVEN WHEN I TRIED TO ESCAPE THIS WORLD, SHE CAME AFTER ME--DEFEATING ME AND DESTROYING THE ANGLER!"

"AND WONDER WOMAN PLACED THE INERT ANGLER ABOARD THE JUSTICE LEAGUE SATELLITE--FAR FROM MY REACH. I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO OBTAIN IT AGAIN!"



MEANWHILE... MANY MILES EAST AT THE NASA HEADQUARTERS...



MIKE! STACY! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?



YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE THE HASSLE, DIANA!

THAT'S THE LAST TIME I ASK YOU FOR A LIFT, MIKE BAILEY!



WE HAD A WHALE OF AN ACCIDENT--AND IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR WONDER WOMAN--

WONDER WOMAN! COME ON... JUST BECAUSE YOU TWO WERE "LATE," YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE UP STORIES ABOUT YOURSELVES...

HEY NOW, DI-- COME ON! YOU KNOW STACY AND I ARE JUST GOOD FRIENDS. THERE'S NOTHING MORE BETWEEN US AND SHE KNOWS IT... YOU AND I ARE--

BAILEY! MACKLIN! PRINCE! HOLD ON THERE!



YOU THREE! ALL
TRAINEES ARE
HEREBY ON
ALERT!

MR. STARFIELD...
GENERAL NOVACK!
WHAT'S GOING ON--?

WE'VE RECEIVED WORD
FROM THE COAST --
SOMEONE'S THREATENED
TO STEAL THE SPACE
SHUTTLE!

A THREAT?
WHY TAKE A
THREAT SO
SERIOUSLY?

YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND.
THIS ULTIMA-
TUM COMES
FROM A
FANTASTIC CROOK
WHO'S JUST BROKEN
OUT OF PRISON--
SOMEONE CALLED...
THE ANGLE MAN!

ANGLE MAN!
GREAT HERA!

COME ON--YOU'LL ALL BE
BRIEFED IN CASE YOUR TALENTS
ARE NEEDED! THE CAPE WILL
KEEP US ALERTED AS TO THE
SAFETY OF THE SHUTTLE...

I HATE TO DISOBEY
ORDERS, BUT I
THINK I MIGHT BE
OF MORE SERVICE
IN FLORIDA--AS
WONDER WOMAN!

TWIRLING HER MAGIC LASSO AROUND HERSELF
AS SHE GLIDES ON THE AIR CURRENTS, DIANA
PRINCE MAKES THE STARTLING TRANSFORMATION
FROM ASTRONAUT TRAINEE TO AMAZON PRINCESS--!

I'LL MEET
MY PLANE IN
FLIGHT AND BE
AT THE CAPE IN
LESS THAN AN
HOUR...

AND, IN LESS
THAN AN HOUR...

SHADES OF
MERCURY--
I WASN'T FAST
ENOUGH!
ANGLE MAN HAS
MADE THE
SHUTTLE
VANISH--!

HE DID IT-- CARRIED OUT HIS THREAT-- BUT HOW!?
I KNOW THE ANGLER WEAPON WAS DEACTIVATED AND SAFELY STORED ON THE JLA SATELLITE!

WONDER WOMAN!
WHAT'S HAPPENED-- WHERE HAS THE ANGLE MAN HIDDEN THE SPACE SHUTTLE?

BACK AT THE HOUSTON SPACE CENTER, AS THE TWO OTHER TRAINERS MONITOR THE SCENE WITH THE GENERAL AND MR. STARFIELD...

...A STRANGE COLD PASSES BRIEFLY THROUGH THE ROOM--UNNOTICED BY ALL...

WHERE ELSE WOULD SOMEONE HIDE A SPACE SHUTTLE BUT... IN SPACE!?

ON MENTAL COMMAND, THE FANTASTIC ROBOT PLANE KNIFES THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE TOWARD THE STARS...

I JUST HOPE I CAN FIND HIM...

TRAVELING IN SPACE IS SO EASY FOR A WONDER WOMAN WITH A MAGICAL PLANE... BUT I'VE GROWN TO LOVE THE OUTSIDE WORLD AS A NORMAL WOMAN AS WELL-- I WANT TO SUCCEED AS DIANA PRINCE AS I HAVE AS WONDER WOMAN-- IT'S IMPORTANT TO ME--!

THANK HERA! HE TRANSPORTED THE SHUTTLE DIRECTLY OVER THE CAPE-- THERE HE IS NOW!

ANGLE MAN--STANDING IN AIRLESS SPACE WITH NO SPACESUIT--!?

HA HA HA! I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU, MY DEAR! HAVE YOU FIGURED OUT MY LATEST ANGLE?

I'M WEARING MY
PLASTIC SPACE PROTECTION
CASING, BUT HOW IS HE
PROTECTED -!?

OH, SO YOU'RE
GOING TO ATTACK?
EXCELLENT!

YOU DON'T NEED
TO KNOW HOW
I REPAIRED AND
REACQUIRED MY
ANGLER, BUT YOU
SHOULD KNOW
I'VE USED IT TO
SURROUND THE
SHUTTLE WITH AN
ANGLE FORCE
FIELD...

THE FIELD IS ATTUNED TO
YOU--AND YOU WON'T BE
ABLE TO STOP ME FROM
SELLING THE SHUTTLE
BACK TO THE U.S.--
OR TO THE HIGHEST
BIDDER--!

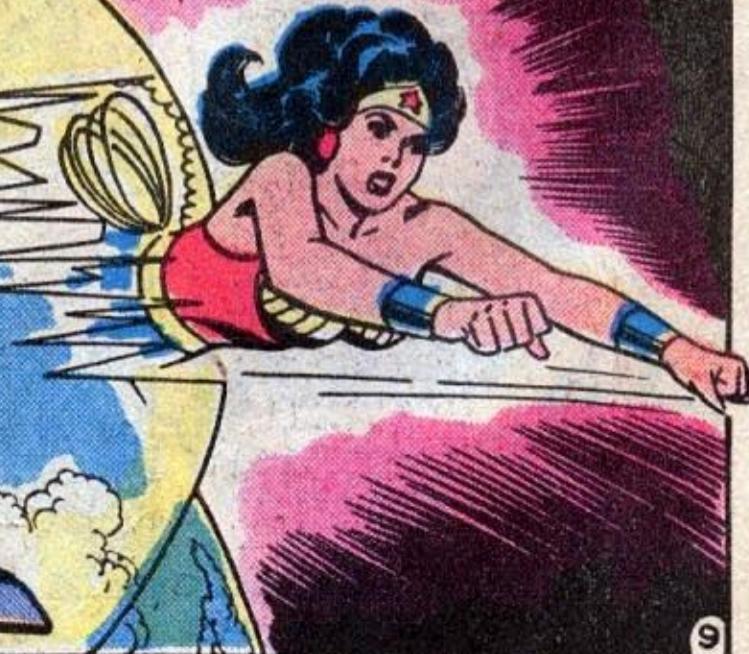
DON'T BET ON
IT, MISTER!

HE'S NOT RESISTING
OR- GREAT HERA!

HE'S RIGHT--THE FORCE FIELD
TELEPORTS ME 90 DEGREES
FROM THE PLACE WHERE I
ENTERED! I CAN'T
TOUCH HIM...

...BUT MAYBE MY
PLANE CAN--!

HA HA HA HA!





FOR THE NEXT 48 HOURS THE WORLD WAITS AND WONDERS...

WELL IF SHE IS, SHE'D BETTER HURRY--ANGLE MAN'S GIVEN A 72-HOUR TIME LIMIT....!

YOU HEARD THE REPORTS--WONDER WOMAN BACKED DOWN...

NO! SHE WOULDN'T DO SUCH A THING! SHE MUST BE PLANNING SOMETHING!

AND IN HOUSTON...

DEEP WITHIN A SECRET ROOM OF NASA...

IT'S A DARING PLAN, WONDER WOMAN, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED WE PLAY IT YOUR WAY--TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE...

YES, I'M GLAD YOU'VE AGREED WITH MY CHOICE OF EXPERTS...

GENERAL NOVACK'S KNOWLEDGE OF ADVANCED WEAPONRY WILL AID IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COUNTER-WEAPON FOR THE ANGLE FORCE FIELD...

AND WE'RE FLATTERED YOU'VE CHOSEN US TO PILOT THE BACK-UP SPACE SHUTTLE...

YES... THOUGH YOU'VE NEVER FLOWN A SPACE MISSION BEFORE, MY FRIEND DIANA PRINCE -- NOT TO MENTION THE GOVERNMENT--AGREED YOU DESERVED THE CHANCE--EVEN IN THIS EMERGENCY!

AND YOU, MR. STARFIELD -- YOU ARE THE COORDINATOR OF THIS ENTIRE PROJECT.

I'M HAPPY THE GOVERNMENT OKAYED YOUR PLAN, WONDER WOMAN. YOU'VE AIDED US RECENTLY AND IT'S AN HONOR TO WORK WITH YOU DIRECTLY...

FOR HOURS THE PROJECT PROCEEDS... THE GENERAL WORKS FEVERISHLY ON HIS NEW WEAPON AS THE ASTRONAUTS GO OVER THE DETAILS OF THEIR FLIGHT PATTERN...



WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME! THE 72 HOURS ARE ALMOST UP AND I WANT AN ARMED SPACE SHUTTLE READY FOR A SURPRISE ATTACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE...



I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS WHOLE MISSION! WONDER WOMAN SAID SHE WASN'T ABLE TO TOUCH ANGLE MAN! HOW'RE WE SUPPOSED TO?

YOU WERE NOT LISTENING TO ALL SHE SAID...



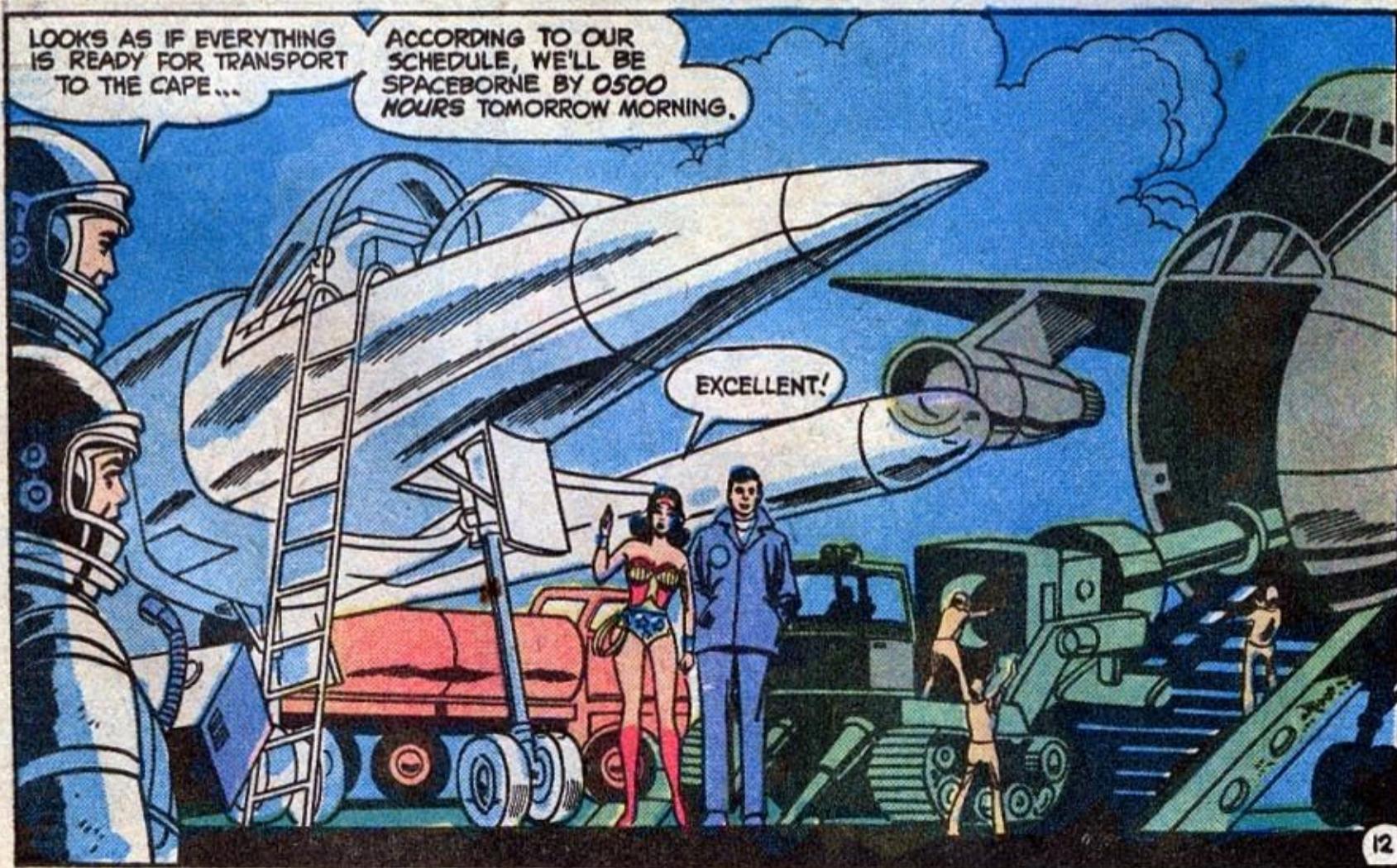
ANGLE MAN TOLD HER THAT HIS FORCE FIELD WAS ATTUNED TO HER-- SHE AND HER EQUIPMENT WERE AFFECTED, BUT NOTHING ELSE WILL BE --SHE HOPES!

SO HE THINKS WONDER WOMAN WILL BELIEVE HE'S INVULNERABLE TO EVERYTHING!



LOOKS AS IF EVERYTHING IS READY FOR TRANSPORT TO THE CAPE...

ACCORDING TO OUR SCHEDULE, WE'LL BE SPACEBORNE BY 0500 HOURS TOMORROW MORNING.



KEEPING PACE WITH THE MILITARY TRANSPORT, WONDER WOMAN PILOTS HER ROBOT PLANE TO THE CAPE... CARRYING THE TWO NEW ASTRO-NAUTS AS HER PASSENGERS...

WE'RE ALMOST THERE. THE ONLY THING LEFT FOR ME TO DO IS HOOK UP THE WEAPON....!

STAND BACK--THE SOONER I GET THIS HOOKED UP, THE SOONER WE CAN RE-CAPTURE THE FIRST SPACE SHUTTLE--AND THE ANGLE MAN!

HURRY! WE'RE CLOSING IN ON THE DEADLINE!

THIS WEAPON IS MOSTLY FOR SHOW.. IT WON'T CAUSE THE ANGLE MAN ANY REAL HARM... BUT HE WON'T KNOW THAT!

IT'S READY, BUT WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE PROPER TIME FOR LAUNCH. YOU TWO GET SOME REST.

ROGER!

COME... WE'RE PREPARING FOR LAUNCH NOW!

WHAT!?

BUT YOU SAID WE WERE NOT GOING TO LEAVE THE PLANET UNTIL 0500--THAT IS STILL HOURS AWAY!

DO NOT ARGUE! COME!

I REALLY SHOULD TEST THIS WEAPON BEFORE WE GO INTO SPACE--I HAVE TO MAKE SURE IT IS WHAT I WANTED...

AT LEAST I HAVE THE TIME NOW...

GREAT HERA!

KKKZZFFRROOOWWWSSHH

SO! YOU HAVE TESTED MY LITTLE WEAPON? JUST THINK OF WHAT THE FULL SIZE MODEL CAN DO!

WHAT ARE YOU ATTEMPTING? IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A THREAT-- NOT A WORLD- DESTROYER!

HA HA HA HA HA! WHY DID I CREATE SUCH A WEAPON? FOR WHAT PURPOSE? FOR CONQUEST! HA HA HA HA!

AND IT IS TOO LATE TO STOP US!

HE... HE'S INSANE! COULD THE PRESSURE HAVE SNAPPED HIS MIND!?

FWOOSH

THE LAUNCH! BUT IT'S WAY TOO EARLY!

STARFIELD! WHY WASN'T I NOTIFIED ABOUT A LAUNCH RE-SCHEDULING! THIS WAS TO BE MY OPERATION!

WE'RE DOING THINGS OUR WAY, WONDER WOMAN!

WE PLAN TO CAPTURE BOTH SHUTTLES--MAKING THE PROFIT ON THIS LITTLE OPERATION DOUBLE!

"PROFIT"?! "WE"? YOU-- YOU'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER -- WITH THE ANGLE MAN?

NASA

SUMMONING HER PLANE BY MENTAL COMMAND...

HE'S INSANE
-- JUST AS THE
GENERAL!

I'LL HAVE TO CATCH
UP TO MIKE -- HE'S
DECEIVED ME ABOUT
THE LAUNCH TIME AND...
WAIT A MINUTE! GREAT
HERA!

MIKE IS BEING DECEPTIVE!
THE GENERAL SPOKE OF
CONQUEST... AND STARFIELD
IS INSANELY GREEDY!
CAN WHAT'S HAPPENING
BE A PLAN OF...
THE GODS?!



YOUR DECEPTION IS OVER,
DUKE -- YOU'RE FORCED TO
LEAVE THE
BODY OF
MIKE BAILEY..!

YES... YES...
I INHABITED HIS
BODY -- TOOK HIM
OVER! BUT IT'S
TOO LATE. WE'RE
GOING TO WIN!

YOU DEFIED THE GODS
-- BECAME THE WONDER
WOMAN AGAIN AGAINST
OUR WILL -- WITH NO
TRUE TEST TO REGAIN
THE TITLE --!

THIS
MISSION IS
THAT TEST--
AND YOU
ARE GOING
TO FAIL!

THE ANGLE MAN
HAS THE FIRST
SHUTTLE AND
HE IS NOW
ENCASING THIS
ONE IN HIS
FORCE FIELD--!

NOW HE'LL
HAVE BOTH--
PLUS A
DEVASTATING
WEAPON!



STACY! WE
HAVE TO
RETREAT!

HA HA HA!
SHE RUNS--
SHE HAS
FAILED!

IT ALL MAKES SENSE
NOW -- THE DUKE
INHABITED MIKE AND
THE LORD OF CONQUEST
HAS TAKEN OVER
GENERAL NOVACK
WHILE THE EARL
OF GREED
NOW CONTROLS
MR. STARFIELD!

AND YOU
FIGURED
OUT ANGLE
MAN'S
WEAKNESS,
STACY--
SO YOU'RE
MY ONLY
HOPE--

--ATHENA!

HOLA, WONDER
WOMAN! YOU HAVE
FIGURED OUT THEIR
PLAN!

UNAFFECTED BY THE FORCE FIELD ATTUNED TO WONDER WOMAN, STACY MACKIN--INHABITED BY THE SPIRIT OF ATHENA--SMASHES INTO THE ANGLE MAN WITH TREMENDOUS FORCE.

NO--!
ARRRGH!



AND THEN A STARTLING TRANSFORMATION...

YOUR PLOT IS FOILED, MARS--PRINCESS DIANA HAS PROVEN HERSELF BETTER IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE...

BAH! SHE USED TRICKERY...

AND YOU DID NOT? IT IS OVER... YOUR MAGICAL RESTORATION OF THE ANGLE MAN'S WEAPON DID NOT FOOL THE AMAZON... ORDER YOUR MINIONS TO EXIT THOSE MORTALS THEY POSSESS...

AND UPON THE ORDER OF MARS, THE GOD OF WAR, THE TWO OTHERS LEAVE THE HOST BODIES... LEAVING A WAKE OF CONFUSION... BUT ALSO ONE OF PEACE...



YOU HAVE FAR EXCEEDED THE EXPECTATIONS OF YOUR MOTHER, AND THOSE GODS OF PEACE, WISDOM AND LOVE WHO KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE ONE TRUE WONDER WOMAN!

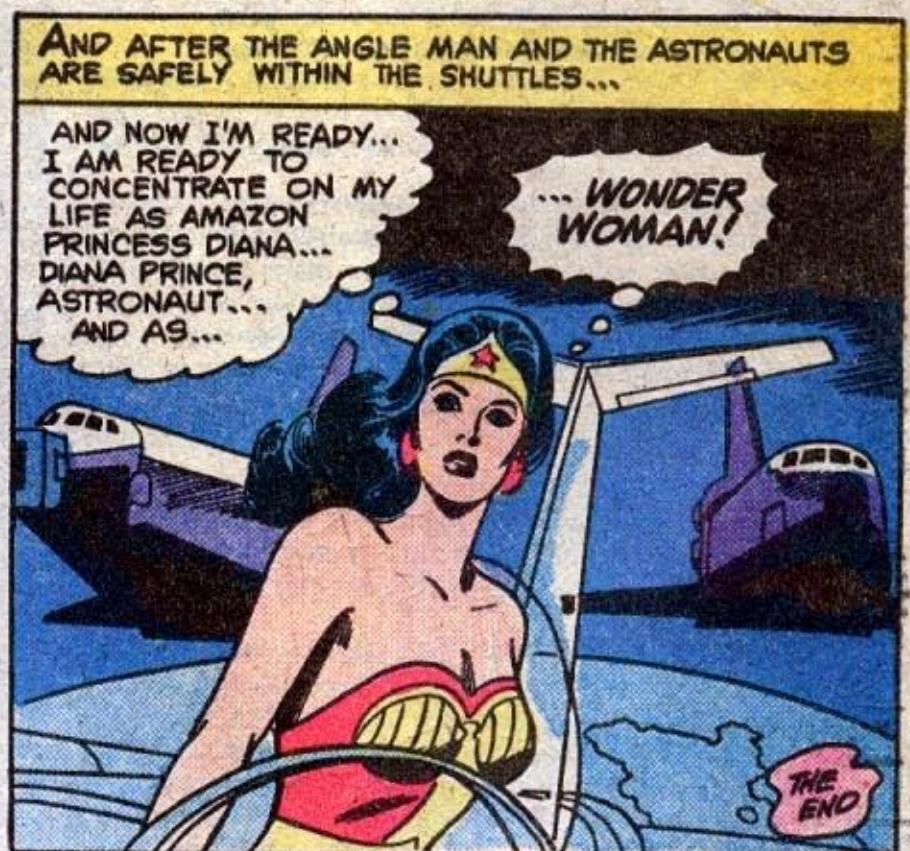
GO... AND KNOW THAT ALL IS RIGHT WITH YOU AND YOUR GODS...

THANK YOU, ATHENA...

AND AFTER THE ANGLE MAN AND THE ASTRONAUTS ARE SAFELY WITHIN THE SHUTTLES...

AND NOW I'M READY... I AM READY TO CONCENTRATE ON MY LIFE AS AMAZON PRINCESS DIANA... DIANA PRINCE, ASTRONAUT... AND AS...

...WONDER WOMAN!





Wonder Words

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Dear DC,

Writer Jack C. Harris has done more for Wonder Woman in recent issues than was accomplished during the awful Fifties, the horrible Sixties and most of the first 8 years of the uncertain Seventies all put together. The death of Steve What's-His-Face was a step in the right direction. But when I saw issue #249 and Greg Trevor, my little old heart sank. I thought, "Why kill one dead weight just to immediately replace him with another all-to-similar millstone?" By the end of the tale I was again in Jack's corner, when he ditched Greg. Jack did some humanizing of both Wonder Woman and the Justice League when he showed WW mourning at Steve Trevor's grave and the concern of Hawkgirl.

It is true that WW is now more alone than ever, but rather than jump into another romantic situation, I hope she'll draw closer to, and be seen more in action with other superheroines such as Hawkgirl, Black Canary, Supergirl and others. It would be interesting to see a married lady such as Hawkgirl try a little match-making between Wonder Woman and Green Lantern, or Captain Comet, or The Batman.

Hawkgirl's dialogue and characterization were handled pretty well in issue #249. She gets very little exposure and I think she and WW should team again in the near future. Thanks to Jose Delbo and Joe Giella, Wonder Woman's physical appearance improved. Now if you'll just let WW cut loose with some of that female fury she possessed during the Forties...

Bob Toomey's script for this issue's "Tales of the Amazons in Ancient Times" had a rather strong resemblance to an Edgar Rice Burroughs tale, but I still enjoyed it. There was enough variation to make the story interesting. Personally, I'll be glad when we get to watch the Amazons settle and build Paradise Island. There must certainly be some great stories about the building of that marvelous Amazon civilization. Also, since the Amazons are warriors let us see more of them do battle beside Queen Hippolyte. But make the battles realistic, with casualties and wounded... and spoils of war. The Maurice Whitman/Sue D. Nym illustrations were very good.

The Rich Buckler/Dick Giordano cover was super.

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The Empress stories linked the Amazon tales more closely with the modern-day Wonder Woman adventures. Paul Levitz, our newest WW scripter, is planning a more "sword and sorcery" feel to the strip, so an even stronger connection might crop up soon. As for Hawkgirl, she and her high-flying husband Hawkman will soon be appearing regularly in their own strip in *World's Finest Comics*—JCH

Dear Editor,

Slowly but surely you're easing Wonder Woman out of every familiar setting of the past few years. First, the company and arms of Steve Trevor, her job at the U.N. and, with the next issue, New York will probably be left behind as well.

With issue #249, we still have the crisis or adventure of the month. But what stands out in the end is your obvious care in showing our heroine in a state of transition. This issue she experienced so many things human. She's got her grief, the warmth of Shiera's friendship to help her through it, and then she's shared in that all too common disappointment—unemployment. Now she's experiencing the hope that's contained in that letter from NASA.

Nicely done, Jack. As for the story itself, I'm a little surprised

that Greg Trevor knew his brother had been alive—after his first death and comeback. How do you explain that? Well, let me try. Seems that Steve may have shared that secret with Greg, with all the mystical details intact. What other explanations would have satisfied Greg, who has the resources of a CIA-type organization? Greg was told the real story, was he not?

For his one-shot appearance, Greg T. formed the basis for a good story. I'll probably forget him now, since I am much more concerned and interested in Diana's immediate future.

Hawkgirl lent quite a bit of good to the issue. (Funny I've never thought of her as Ms. Hall before.) I liked her for encouraging Diana to talk things out, instead of allowing Diana to bottle everything inside of her.

In regards to that, I would have applauded if you showed Diana really breaking down. But then, her relationship with Steve (before his death in #248) was not at its peak, was it? She couldn't really have broken down over him, could she? It seemed unclear.

In the end, the letter from NASA. Thanks for using the real NASA logo. Though I have some idea now what the letter is about, I cannot wait to see it myself.

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The waiting's over—what did you think?—JCH

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