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**LOOK BACK
IN WONDER:**
The Story So Far
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THIS IS BOSTON. LOCATED ON WHAT WAS ONCE A MARSH-RIDDEN PENINSULA, IT WAS SETTLED OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLENNIUM AGO BY ENGLISH PURITANS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY COMPANY.



THE HISTORY OF A NATION CAN BE TRACED TO THIS GREAT CITY. JOHN HANCOCK, JOHN AND SAMUEL ADAMS ALL INCITED COLONISTS TO REVOLUTION HERE.

TODAY, VISITORS CAN FOLLOW THE TRACKS OF PAUL REVERE AS HE WARNED BOSTONIANS THAT THE BRITISH WERE COMING, OR VISIT THE SITE OF THE CELEBRATED BOSTON TEA PARTY.



MONUMENTS OF ITS COLORFUL PAST HAVE BEEN LOVINGLY PRESERVED TO STAND SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GLEAMING, SOARING STRUCTURES THAT CELEBRATE THE "NEW BOSTON."

IT IS THE HOME OF THE BOSTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA, THE PRESTIGIOUS MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, THE MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND FENWAY PARK.



IT HAS BEEN CALLED THE "ATHENS OF AMERICA."

AND THIS IS ATHENS IN RUINS.



IT WASN'T LONG AGO THAT THIS COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL CENTER, THIS MAJOR NEW ENGLAND SEAPORT NESTLED ON THE CHARLES RIVER--



--NEARLY SAW ITS ENTIRE HISTORY CRUMBLE INTO DUST.



--OR, MORE PRECISELY, INTO DECAY.

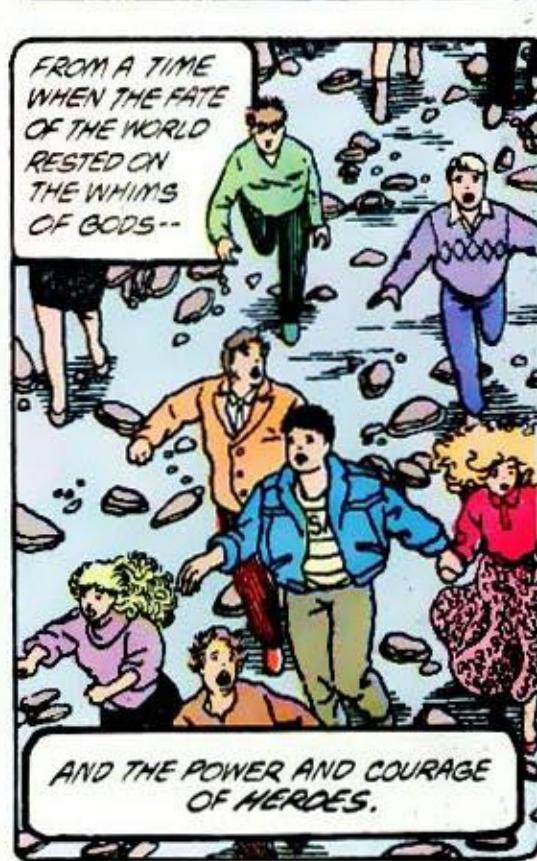
YES, DECAY. THAT'S WHAT THIS STRANGE, FRIGHTENING CREATURE CALLED ITSELF, ALTHOUGH NO ONE KNEW IT AT THE TIME.

NOT UNLESS ONE UNDERSTOOD ANCIENT GREEK.

FOR THIS WAS A CREATURE BORN FROM THE WOMB OF LEGENDS. FROM THE DAYS OF MYTHS AND MONSTERS.



FROM A TIME WHEN THE FATE OF THE WORLD RESTED ON THE WHIMS OF GODS--



AND THE POWER AND COURAGE OF HEROES.

"CAN YOU MAKE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING? THERE'S A STRANGE WOMAN WEARING SOME SORT OF METAL RED, WHITE, AND BLUE CHEER-LEADERS OUTFIT, CONFRONTING THE MONSTER."



"OH MY GOD,
SOMEONE DO SOMETHING! THAT CREATURE'S
GOING TO KILL HER!"



"WAIT A MINUTE. THE WOMAN'S THROWN SOME KIND OF FIERY LASSO AROUND THE MONSTER. IT'S GOING CRAZY, BUCKING THROUGH THE AIR LIKE A ROPE STEER IN A RODEO."



"SOUSE ME, MISS!" "YOUR NAME?"
"GOT A BOYFRIEND?" "WE WERE
WONDERING!" "UNDER CONTRACT?"
"YOUR OWN SERIES!" "TELL US!"



SHE LOOKED FRIGHTENED OF US,
BEWILDERED BY THE FLASHING
LIGHTS, GLASS LENSES AND
OUTSTRETCHED ELECTRONIC
WANDS.



"BUT THEN, THIS 'SUPER-GIRL'--
SHE JUST CAUGHT THE STATUE
AND THREW IT BACK AT THAT
CREEPY THING."



"IT WAS SO TOTALLY
INCREDIBLE! I THOUGHT
WE WERE DEAD FOR SURE,
Y'KNOW?"



"SHE WAS THE
MOST AWESOME
THING I EVER SAW!"



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MOST AWESOME
THING I EVER SAW!"

"HELLO, I'M RONNIE SARASKY."

"WONDER WOMAN." THE VERY NAME SOUNDS LARGER THAN LIFE. A NAME WHICH CONJURES UP IMAGES OF SUPER-HEROICS AND FANCIFUL, OUT-OF-THIS-WORLD ADVENTURES.

ACCORDING TO THE LEGENDS, PRINCESS DIANA, DAUGHTER OF THE IMMORTAL AMAZON QUEEN HIPPOLYTE, WAS CREATED FROM CLAY BY THE GODS OF OLYMPUS.

WITH THE UPCOMING VISIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS BY THE AMAZONS OF THEMYSCIRA, THE NAME WONDER WOMAN HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MORE MEDIA COVERAGE AND THE TOPIC OF MORE CONVERSATIONS THIS PAST MONTH THAN ANY OTHER CELEBRITY OR WORLD LEADER ON EARTH.

BUT WHO IS WONDER WOMAN? WHAT IS IT ABOUT HER THAT FASCINATES US SO? IN A WORLD LITERALLY TEEMING WITH SUPER-HEROES, WHAT MAKES THIS AMAZON PRINCESS SO SPECIAL?

TO ANSWER THAT, WE MUST BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING.

SHE WAS GIVEN SPECIAL POWERS AND WEAPONS TO UNIQUELY PREPARE HER FOR THE INCREDIBLE DANGERS SHE WOULD FACE AS AN ADULT--

--DANGERS THAT WE OF PATRIARCH'S WORLD ASSUMED TO BE ALL-TOO-COMMON POLITICAL UNREST.

LITTLE DID WE KNOW.

"...ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE TODAY, TENSIONS RAN HIGH AS THE PROPOSED SUMMIT BETWEEN EAST AND WEST COLLAPSED MERE HOURS BEFORE THE CONFERENCE WAS TO BEGIN..."



"...WHILE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, NEW FIGHTING BROKE OUT JUST MOMENTS AFTER A TEMPORARY TRUCE WAS DECLARED..."



"...AND IN NICARAGUA, UNEXPECTED REBEL RAIDS WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR HEAVY CASUALTIES..."

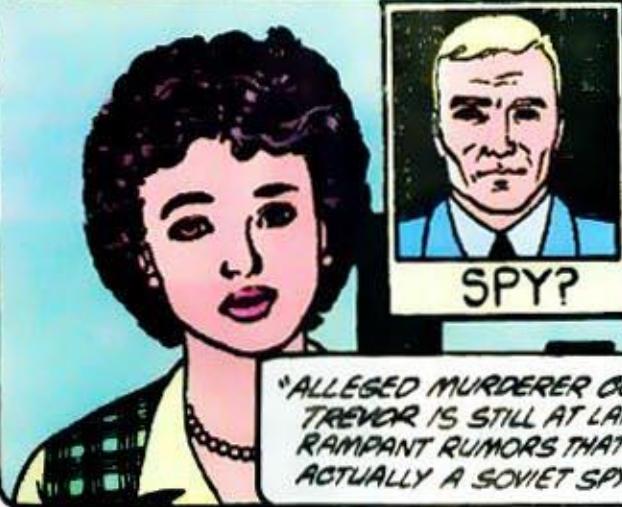


"INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM ALSO RAN RAMPANT TODAY, RESULTING IN NUMEROUS DEATHS AT FRENCH AND BELGIAN AIRPORTS."



SCENES LIKE THESE WERE NOT UNCOMMON. WE'D ALL GROWN USED TO SEEING THEM ON TELEVISION -- BUT NEVER ON SUCH A MONSTROUS SCALE. IT WAS AS IF THE WHOLE WORLD HAD SUDDENLY GONE CRAZY.

AND, AMID ALL THE REPORTS OF GLOBAL TURMOIL CAME ONE PARTICULAR STORY-- ABOUT AN ACCUSED TRAITOR.



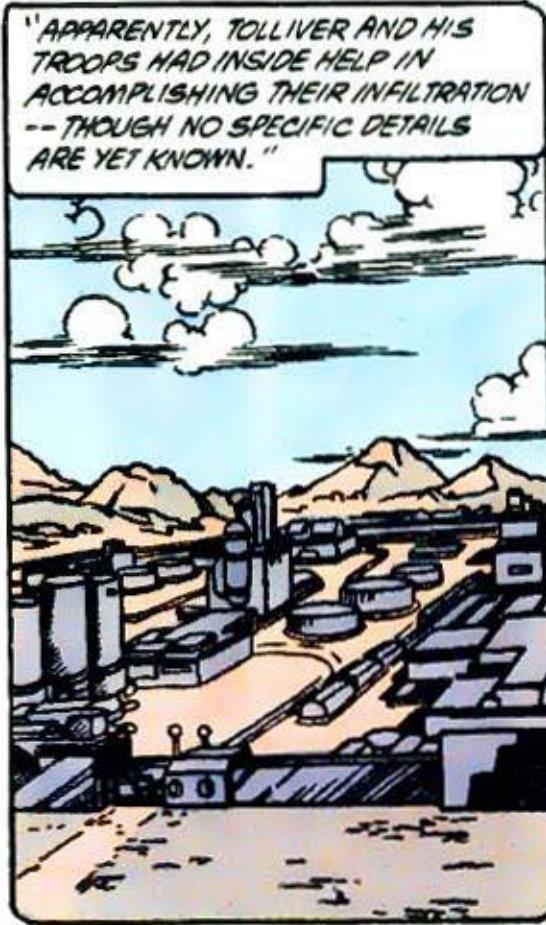
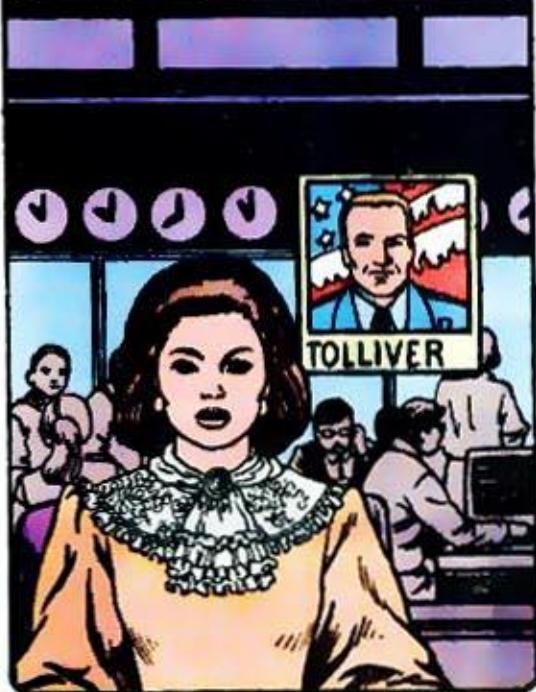
"AT A PRESS CONFERENCE EARLIER TODAY, GEN. SAM TOLLIVER CLAIMED TO POSSESS EVIDENCE PROVING TREVOR'S GUILT--"

IT WAS A SCENARIO WE AMERICANS COULD ACCEPT. AFTER ALL, A SPY GAVE US ALL A REAL, IDENTIFIABLE VILLAIN TO SNEER AT.

"REPORTS ARE STILL COMING IN CONCERNING THIS MORNING'S TAKEOVER OF A FEDERAL MISSILE BASE BY A BAND OF RENEGADE MILITARY PERSONNEL LED BY AIR FORCE GENERAL SAMUEL TOLLIVER."

"APPARENTLY, TOLLIVER AND HIS TROOPS HAD INSIDE HELP IN ACCOMPLISHING THEIR INFILTRATION--THOUGH NO SPECIFIC DETAILS ARE YET KNOWN."

"THOUGH MEETINGS WERE HELD EARLIER TODAY TO DEAL WITH THE TOLLIVER AFFAIR--WHICH GEN. JOHN HILLARY CALLS THE ARES ASSAULT--THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PRESS--"



"ALL THEY KNEW WAS THAT MILITARY OFFICERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SUDDENLY WERE GOING CRAZY AND THREATENING TO BLOW UP THE PLANET."

"NOW, HOW DOES ANYONE RATIONALLY EXPLAIN A THING LIKE THAT. WHO WOULD BELIEVE IT?"

"ALL WE KNEW WAS THAT A MENTALLY DISTURBED AIR FORCE OFFICER WAS THREATENING TO START A NUCLEAR WAR."



THE PICTURE YOU ARE LOOKING AT NOW IS NOT A SPECIAL EFFECT NOR AN ARTIST'S RENDERING. IT WAS TAKEN BY SPECIAL SECURITY CAMERAS AND, UNTIL NOW, HAS BEEN KEPT HIDDEN FROM PUBLIC VIEW BY THE PENTAGON IN THE NAME OF NATIONAL SECURITY.

WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO SEE NOW ARE THE JUST-RECENTLY DECLASSIFIEDVIDEOTAPES OF WHAT WENT ON INSIDE THAT MISSILE BASE THAT FATEFUL JANUARY AFTERNOON.

DOUE TO SOME INCREDIBLE POWER SURGES, THE TAPE QUALITY IS NOT VERY GOOD, BUT THE SOUNDS AND IMAGES THAT CAN BE MADE OUT MORE THAN ADEQUATELY TELL THE STORY.

THE FIRST VOICE YOU WILL BE HEARING IS THAT OF GEN. TOLLIVER.

THIS IS ARES THE OLYMPIC GOD OF WAR AND DESTRUCTION. THE ARCHITECT OF THE MOST HORRIBLE, ALMOST INCONCEIVABLE, DOOMSDAY SCHEME EVER DEVISED:

TO TOTALLY OBBLERATE OUR ENTIRE PLANET BY USING OUR OWN FEARS AND PREJUDICES AGAINST US SO THAT WE WOULD, IN ESSENCE, BE KILLING OURSELVES.

THAT ANXIOUS WINTER WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE WORLD'S LAST-- HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR WONDER WOMAN.

"WITNESS--SSOCCHH-EPHEN TREVOR, THE COMING OUR MASTER, THE WAR-GOD ARES--SSOCCHH-MOMENT OF GREATEST TRIUMPH--SSOCCHH-MIGHTY--AND DESPAIR!"

--SSOCCHH-JUST SSOCCHH-ETTING MORE AND MORE INSANE!"

--SSOCCHH-THIS IMPENDING CONFLICT SHALL BE TH--SSOCCHH-INGLE MOST EXQUISITE MOMENT M-SSOCCHH-

DIANA, THREE AIR FORCE OFFICERS, AND AN ORDINARY HARVARD UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR NAMED JULIA KAPATELIS WERE ALL THAT STOOD BETWEEN ARES AND WORLD DESTRUCTION.

BUT EVEN A GOD CAN UNDERESTIMATE WHAT A HANDFUL OF GOOD PEOPLE CAN DO--

--AMAZON'S FAILURE AND MY FELLOW GODS' DESTRUCTION! DWELL ON THAT, DAUGHTER OF HIPPOLYTE--

--IN THESE PRECIOUS FEW MOMENTS LEFT TO YOU!"



--PARTICULARLY WHEN THEY ARE LED BY THE GREATEST OF ALL AMAZON WARRIORS.

--SSCCCCHHH--MY
GOD--SSCCCCHHH--"

--TOLLIVER'S TROOPS--
SSCCCCHHH--DON'T--
SSCCCCHHH--STAY DEAD!

"GET DOWN, LADIES,
BEFORE THEY--SSCCCCHHH--"

"YOU...CAME...
CLOSE...TREVOR...
BUT VICTORY...
IS...MINE--
SSSSCCCCHHH--"

THAT WAS
ALL THE
SALVAGEABLE
VIDEOTAPE
THAT REMAINED.
SOMETIMES
DURING THE
ASSAULT,
WONDER
WOMAN
VANISHED.

COL. MATTHEW MICHAELIS, ONE OF THE
OFFICERS WHO FOUGHT ALONGSIDE
WONDER WOMAN, DID NOT SURVIVE
THE BATTLE. HE WAS BURIED WITH THE
HIGHEST MILITARY HONORS IN
ARLINGTON CEMETERY.

AND, WITHIN MINUTES AFTER HER
DISAPPEARANCE, GEN. TOLLIVER
WAS DEAD, BURNED TO A CRISP
BY THE FIRES OF HIS OWN HATE.

ACCORDING TO COL. TREVOR, THE GENERAL
HAD SUCCEEDED IN ACTIVATING THE MISSILE'S
LAUNCHING DEVICE--BUT, MIRACULOUSLY,
IT FAILED TO FIRE.

RUSSIAN REPORTS CLAIMED THAT
THEIR RENEGADE GENERAL, DZIGA
KULESHOV, MYSTERIOUSLY DIED BEFORE
HE COULD LAUNCH THEIR FIRST-STRIKE
MISSILE--

--AT THE SAME EXACT TIME AS THE
DEATH OF GEN. TOLLIVER.

ANOTHER
MIRACLE?
PERHAPS.

BUT, MIRACLES OR NOT,
THE OBVIOUS KEY TO
EVERYTHING APPEARED
TO BE THE MYSTERIOUS
"GIRL IN THE STAR-
SPANGLED SUIT."

IT APPEARED THAT THE WORLD
HAD ALL TOO QUICKLY SEEN
THE END OF WONDER
WOMAN.

PROF. JULIA KAPATELIS, A NOTED ARCHAEOLOGIST, TEACHER AND AUTHOR, WAS THE FIRST PERSON PRINCESS DIANA CAME TO FOR ASSISTANCE IN HER MISSION. SHE WAS THERE WHEN COL. TREVOR CARRIED THE SEEMINGLY DEAD PRINCESS FROM THE LAUNCH CONTROL CHAMBER.

"I WAS HORRIFIED. I COULDN'T BELIEVE SHE WAS DEAD."

"THERE WERE STILL SO MANY QUESTIONS LEFT UNANSWERED, NOT THE LEAST BEING WHY I HAD BEEN CHOSEN TO ASSIST HER ON THIS INCREDIBLE, PERILOUS MISSION."

"AT THE TIME, I HAD NO IDEA THAT I HAD, AS AN INFANT, BEEN RESCUED FROM DEATH BY THE AMAZONS OF THEMYSCIRA."



ACCORDING TO THE MILITARY, WONDER WOMAN DISAPPEARED BEFORE SHE COULD BE EXAMINED BY THEM.

"YES, HERMES TOOK HER BACK TO THEMYSCIRA WHERE SHE WAS REVIVED AND HEALED."

"ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T KNOW ANY OF THAT UNTIL A FEW DAYS LATER, AT THE MILITARY HOSPITAL..."

THESE RECENTLY DECLASSIFIED VIDEOS WERE TAKEN AT THE HANSCOM AIR FORCE BASE MILITARY HOSPITAL IN BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS.



"YES, PRINCESS DIANA WAS ALIVE, RESCUED FROM HER NEAR-DEATH COMA BY THE POWERS OF HER GODS AND THE MIRACULOUS HEALING ABILITIES OF THE AMAZONS."

YET, EVEN THOUGH THE THREAT OF THE WAR-GOD WAS OVER, DIANA STILL HAD TO RETURN-- TO HELP A DYING THIRTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL--

--PROF. KAPATELIS' DAUGHTER VANESSA, AN INNOCENT VICTIM OF THE DEMON DECAY.



"IT WAS INCOMPREHENSIBLE... A SORT OF RAPIDLY SPREADING PROGERIA WHICH WAS QUITE LITERALLY DECAYING HER BODY."

"WHEN WE SAW WONDER WOMAN BARRELLING THROUGH THE SECURITY GUARDS, WE WEREN'T SURE WHAT TO THINK, EXCEPT..."

"...SOMEHOW, I KNEW SHE HAD COME TO HELP. I BELIEVED THAT SHE COULD HELP."

"THE CHILD WAS DYING. MODERN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY WAS USELESS AGAINST THIS KILLING DISEASE. I FIGURED, WHAT DID WE HAVE TO LOSE?"



"THE PRINCESS... SHE TOOK WHAT LOOKED LIKE PURÉED MOSS AND APPLIED IT ON THE SORES, MASSAGING THE CHILD'S PALSIED MUSCLES AND BRITTLE BONES-- CHANTING SOMETHING, IN THEMYSCIRAN, I WOULD IMAGINE..."

"--AND THERE IT WAS ON OUR MONITORS. THE DETERIORATION HAD BEEN ARRESTED. THE BODY TISSUES, THE BLOOD CELLS, THE BONES, THE INTERNAL ORGANS, THEY WERE ALL REGENERATING."

"THE LITTLE GIRL WAS ACTUALLY HEALING!"

Dr. Andrew

"MY GOD, I THOUGHT. WHAT OTHER GREAT THINGS MIGHT WE LEARN FROM THIS INCREDIBLE SOCIETY?"



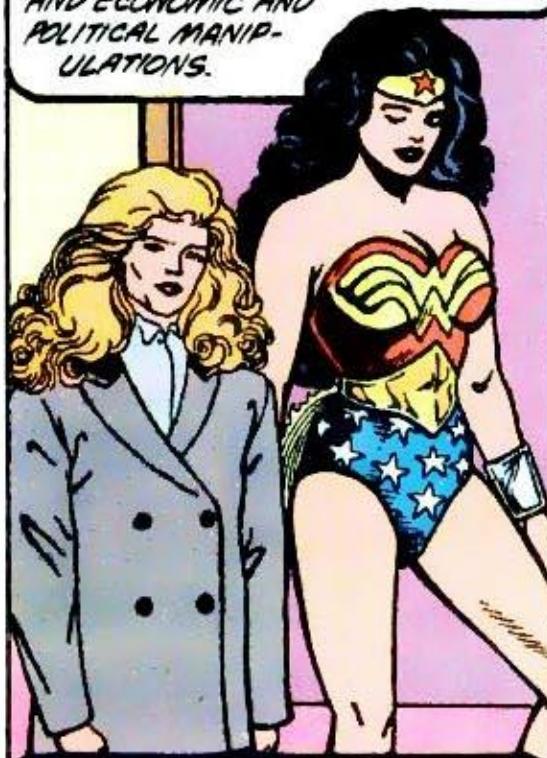
THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY LOIS LANE OF THE METROPOLIS DAILY PLANET DURING THE RECENT HISTORIC VISIT BY INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES TO PARADISE ISLAND.



HERE THE AMAZONS DEMONSTRATE THE TECHNIQUES WHICH HELPED SAVE DIANA AND VANESSA TO SOVIET NEURO-SURGEON DR. VLADIMIR MORAKOV.

WHAT GREAT THINGS INDEED.

PRINCESS DIANA TOOK ON THE AWESOME RESPONSIBILITY OF PREACHING THE AMAZON IDEALS TO A WORLD GROWN HARDENED AND WEARY BY PREJUDICE, INTOLERANCE AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MANIPULATIONS.

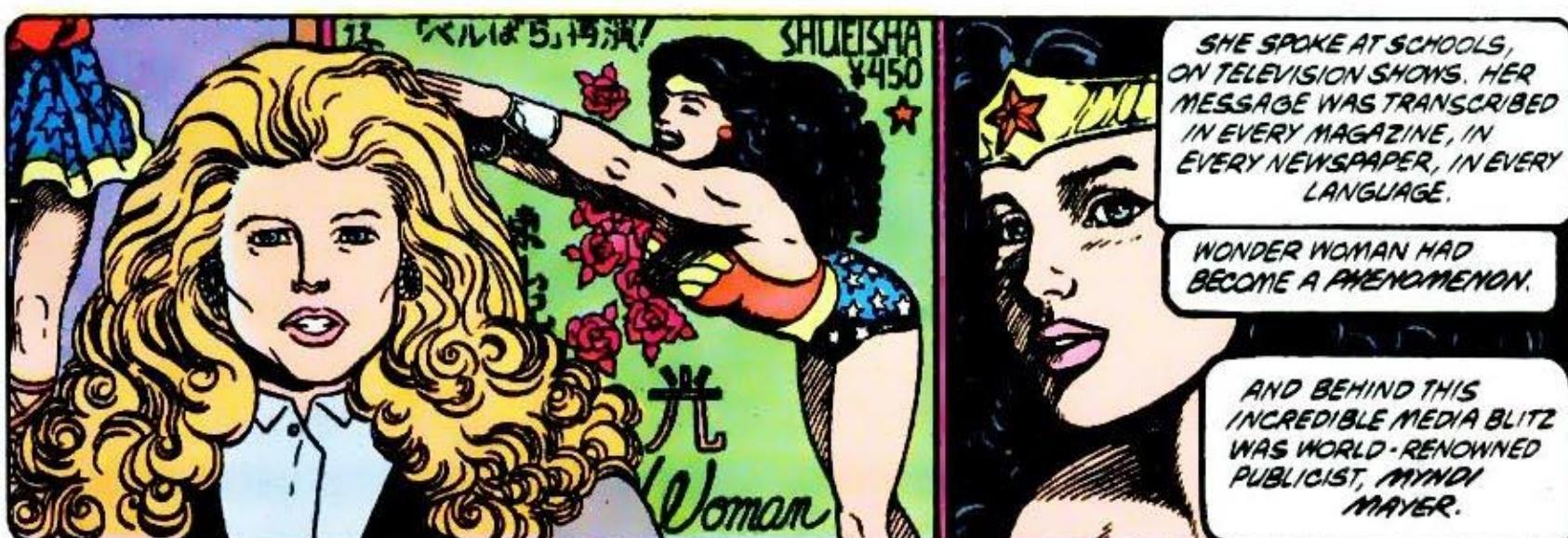


IF DIANA COULD SHOW EVEN A FRACTION OF THE WORLD THAT PEACE AND COMPASSION WERE THE ROADS TO SALVATION, THEN SHE WOULD TRULY BE A WONDER WOMAN.

DIANA'S FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE AT THE UNITED NATIONS WAS GREETED POLITELY, BUT COOLLY. NO ONE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO MAKE OF HER.



BUT THEY LEARNED SOON ENOUGH. DESPITE GOVERNMENT EFFORTS TO SUPPRESS PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE AMAZON PRINCESS, THE NAME AND FACE OF WONDER WOMAN WERE SOON DISSEMINATED EVERYWHERE.



"PRINCESS DIANA IS THE MOST POSITIVE INFLUENCE THIS WORLD HAS SEEN SINCE GANDHI. AND, DARLING, SHE LOOKS A WHOLE LOT BETTER IN A DHOTI!"



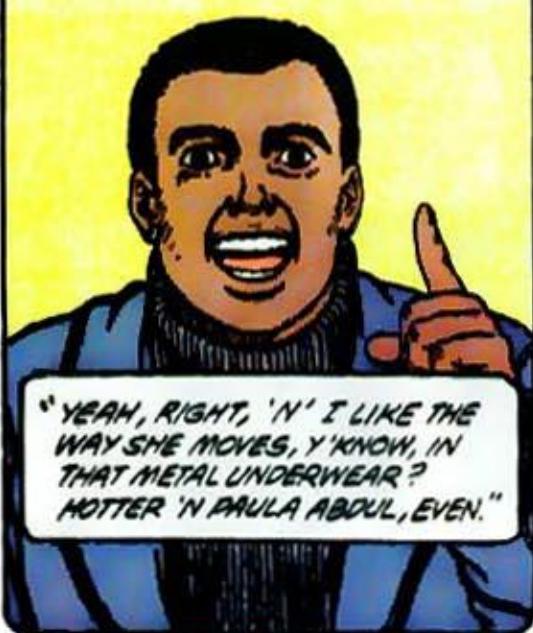
"BUT SERIOUSLY, DARLING, SHE'S PERFECTION, THE ZENITH, POSITIVELY MESMERIZING! YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LISTEN TO HER."



A FEW MONTHS AFTER THIS INTERVIEW, MYNDI MAYER, AGE 41, WAS FOUND DEAD IN HER BOSTON OFFICE, HER SYSTEM FLOODED WITH DRUGS AND LIQUOR, HER HEAD BLOWN OFF WITH A SHOTGUN BY A FORMER LOVER.



"WONDER WOMAN? JEEZ--SHE'S A FOX! ONE BODACIOUS BOO, KNOWUDAMEMAN?? I'M REALLY INTO BIG, MUSCULAR BABES."



"YEAH, RIGHT, 'N' I LIKE THE WAY SHE MOVES, Y'KNOW, IN THAT METAL UNDERWEAR? HOTTER 'N PAULA ABDUL, EVEN."

"TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I THINK THE WHOLE THING'S GOTTEN A LITTLE OUT OF HAND."



"GOD, THAT WONDER WOMAN IS EVERYWHERE!"

"I'M GETTING KINDA TIRED SEEING MY HUSBAND OGLING HER PICTURES ALL THE TIME."

"I MEAN, SHE'S SO DROP-DEAD GORGEOUS, GOT ALL THESE GREAT POWERS, AND SHE'S A PRINCESS, FOR PETE'S SAKE. DOES SHE HAVE TO FLAUNT IT?"

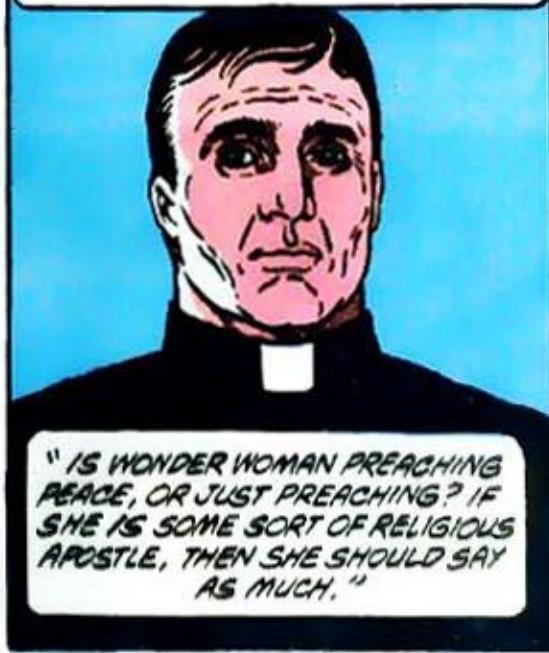


"MY MAIN CONCERN IS THE EFFECT ALL THIS WONDER WOMAN HYSTERIA MAY BE HAVING ON OUR CHILDREN."



"WHAT DOES THAT GOLDEN WINGED DOUBLE-W REALLY MEAN?"

"IS IT JUST SOME INNOCUOUS TRADEMARK, A STATUS SYMBOL, OR SOMETHING MORE INSIDIOUS-- A CULT SYMBOL REPRESENTING ALL SORTS OF PAGANISTIC NOTIONS?"



"IS WONDER WOMAN PREACHING PEACE, OR JUST PREACHING? IF SHE IS SOME SORT OF RELIGIOUS APOSTLE, THEN SHE SHOULD SAY AS MUCH."



"I DUNNO. I JUST LIKE HER, Y'KNOW? I DON'T REALLY CARE ABOUT GODS AND STUFF. I JUST THINK SHE'S SO COOL!"

"SHE CAME AND TALKED AT MY SCHOOL AND TOLD US HOW WE ALL HAD THIS POWER INSIDE US."

"THAT NO MATTER HOW BAD THINGS GOT, THE POWER WOULD GET YOU THROUGH IT ALL. WE JUST HAD TO BELIEVE IN IT."



"SHE LET ME TOUCH HER LASSO ONCE. WOW! IT FELT LIKE MY WHOLE BODY WAS FLOATING."



"ALL YOUR FEARS JUST SORT OF FLOAT AWAY FOR A WHILE. IT'S SO... PEACEFUL."

"THAT'S THE WAY DIANA MAKES YOU FEEL, LIKE SHE'S, Y'KNOW, A PART OF YOU."



"SHE'S EVERYBODY'S BEST FRIEND -- BUT TO ME, SHE'S MORE LIKE A SISTER."

YES, AS YOU JUST HEARD, PRINCESS DIANA BEGAN TO MEAN DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE. THE "DOUBLE-W" CAMPAIGN WAS NOT WITHOUT ITS CONTROVERSIES.



YET DESPITE THE PRINCESS' OWN
CONSIDERABLE
DIPLOMATIC SKILLS,
IT WAS MINDY MAYER
WHO TOOK ON THESE
CHALLENGERS.

LIKE ANY PUBLICIST,
HER JOB WAS TO
SAFE GUARD THE
IMAGE.

ONE OF MS. MAYER'S LAST CONTRIBUTIONS WAS TO INITIATE THE WONDER WOMAN FOUNDATION...

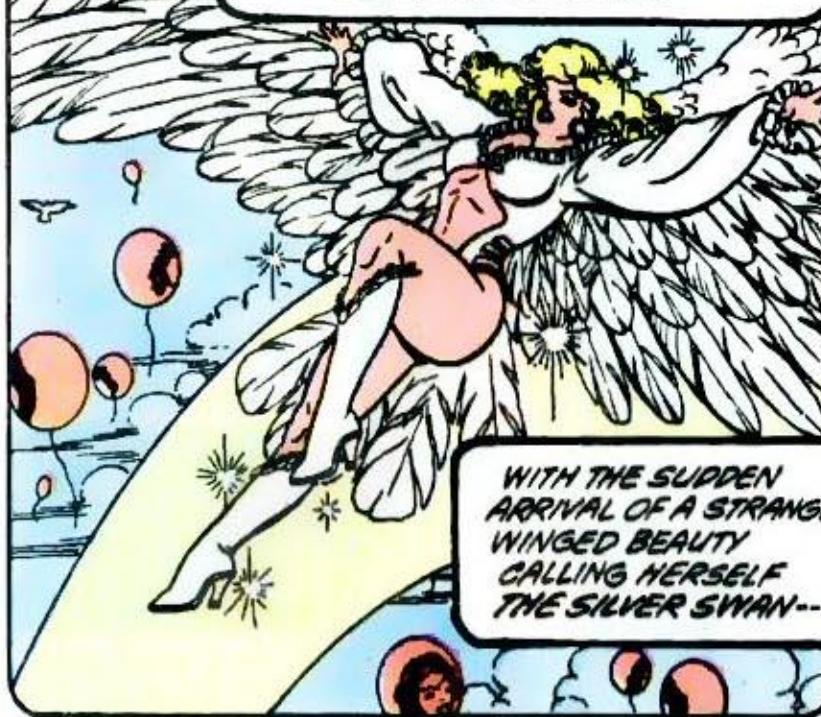
--TO PROMOTE, REWARD AND SUPPORT THOSE UNIQUE WOMEN WHOSE WORK IS BENEFICIAL TO WOMANHOOD AND HUMANITY."



SOME SKEPTICS SAID THAT THE FOUNDATION WAS FORMED TO DIFFUSE THE NEGATIVE PUBLICITY OF THE LAST MAJOR DOUBLE-W FUNCTION.

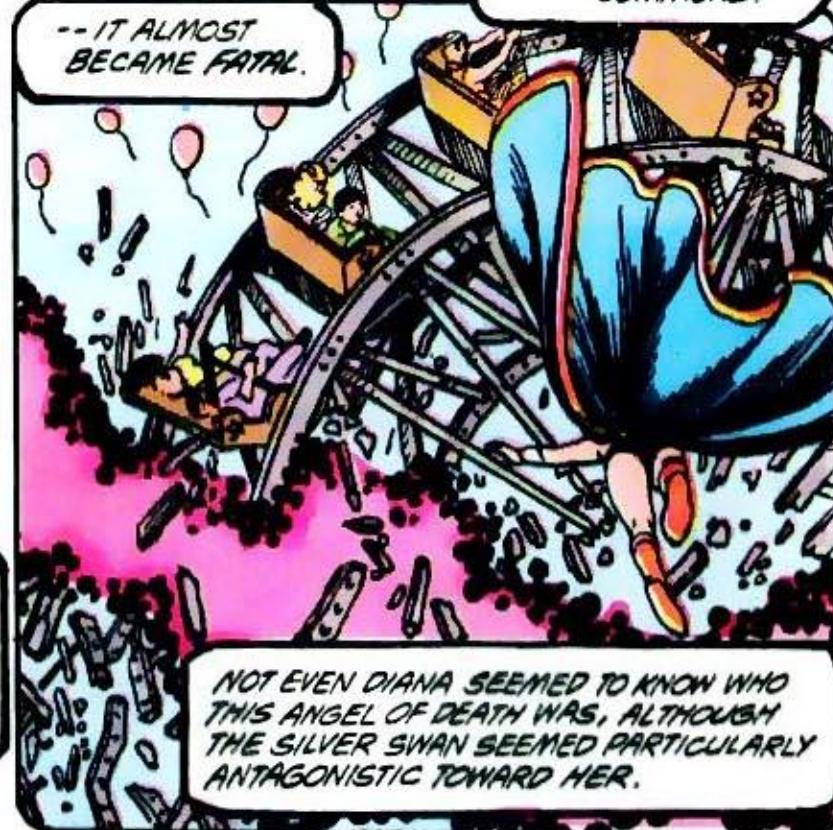
THE DISASTROUS
WONDER WOMAN FAIR
AT THE BOSTON
COMMONS.

OSTENSIBLY ORGANIZED AS A CHARITY FUND-RAISER, IT BECAME SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT.



WITH THE SUDDEN ARRIVAL OF A STRANGE WINGED BEAUTY CALLING HERSELF THE SILVER SWAN--

--IT ALMOST BECAME FATAL.



NOT EVEN DIANA SEEMED TO KNOW WHO THIS ANGEL OF DEATH WAS, ALTHOUGH THE SILVER SWAN SEEMED PARTICULARLY ANTAGONISTIC TOWARD HER.



POLICE BULLETS
WERE
INEFFECTIVE
AGAINST
HER SONIC
POWERS.

"THAT LOW-LEVEL HUMMING OF HERS HAS THROWN UP SOME KINDA PROTECTIVE SHIELD!"

SUDDENLY, AS IF PANICKING, THE SILVER SWAN LET OUT ONE OF HER SO-CALLED "SWAN SONGS."



ALL THE TELEVISION CAMERAS WERE KNOCKED OUT.

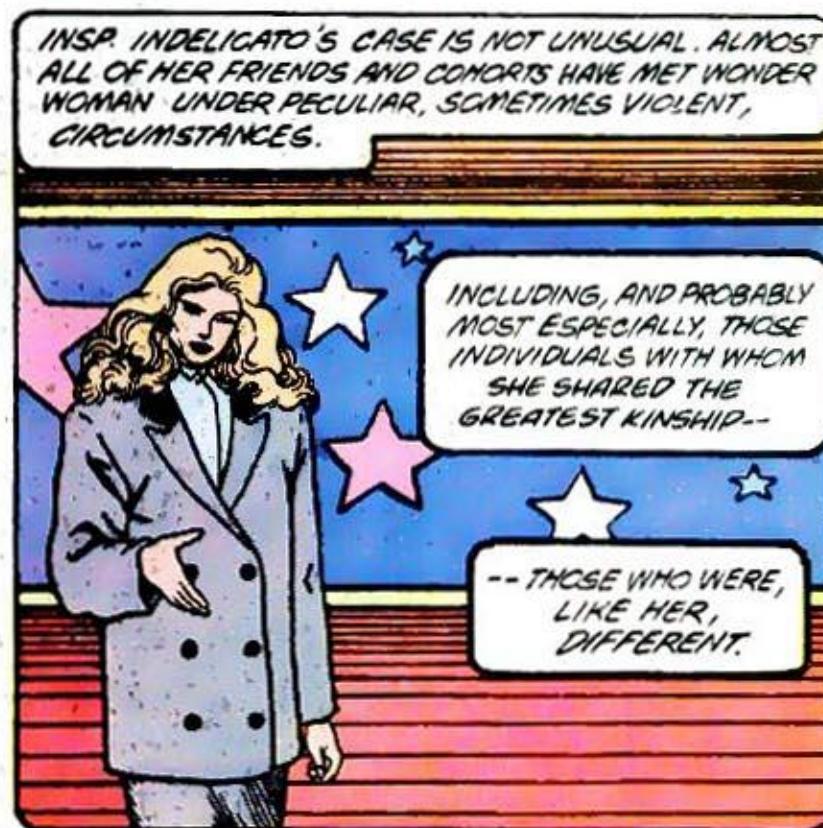
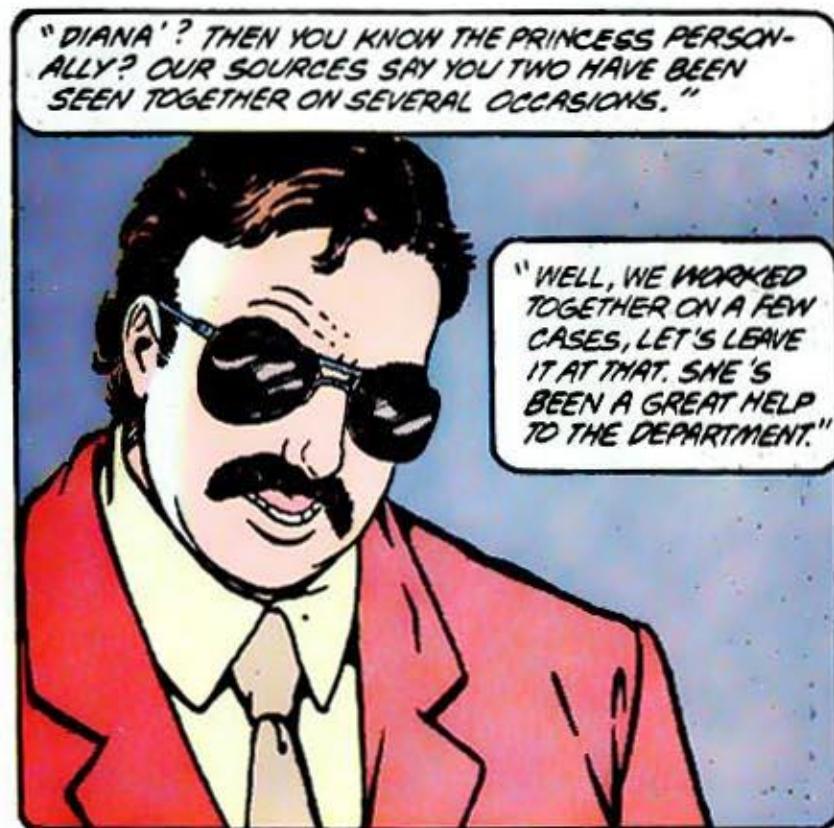
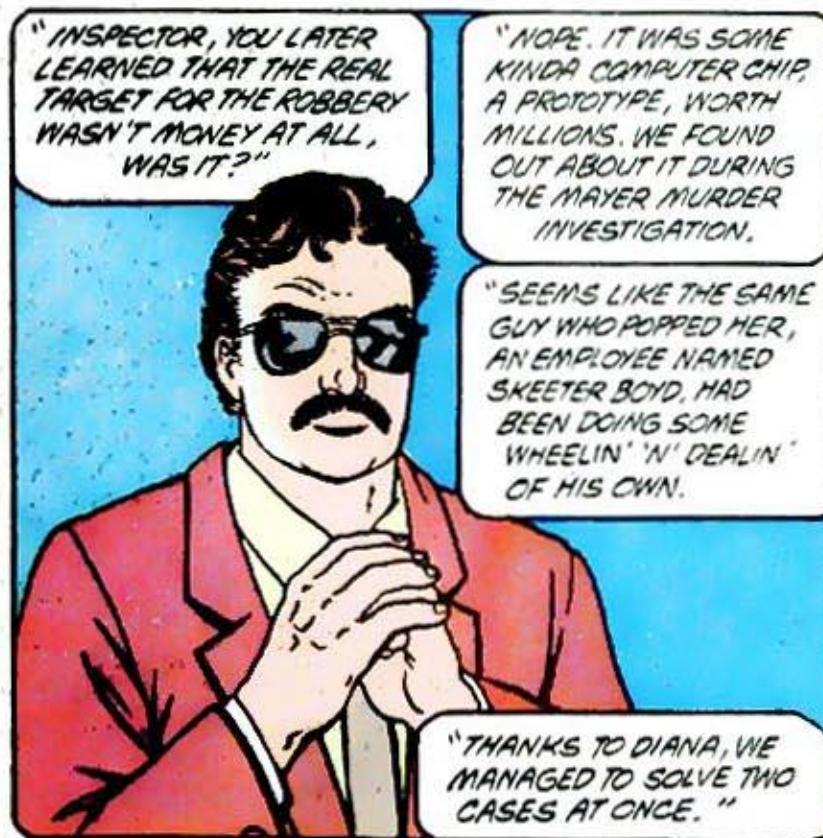
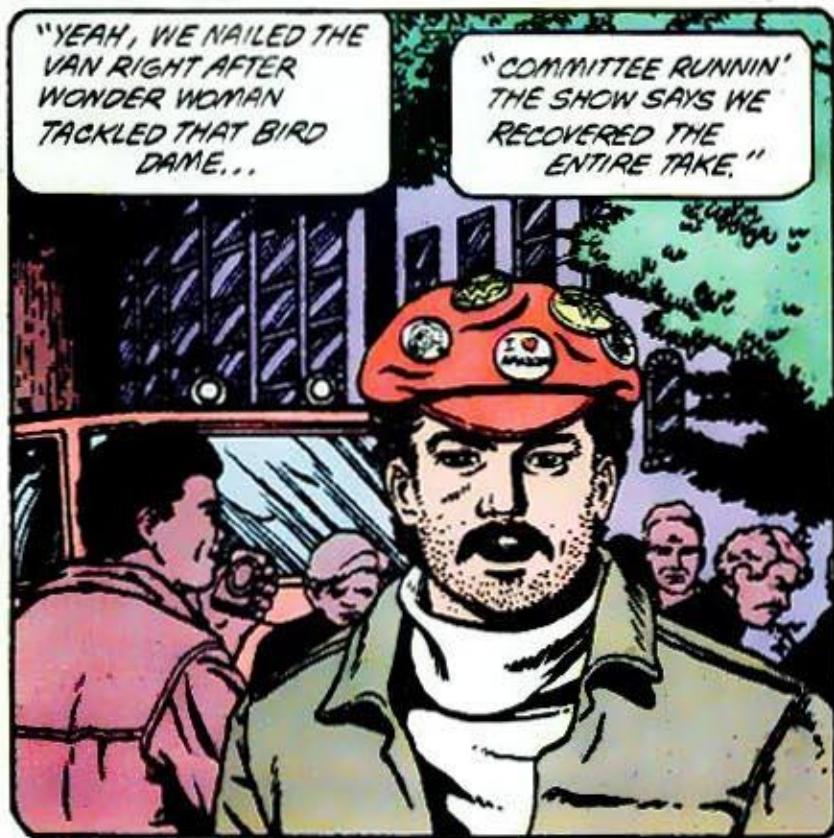
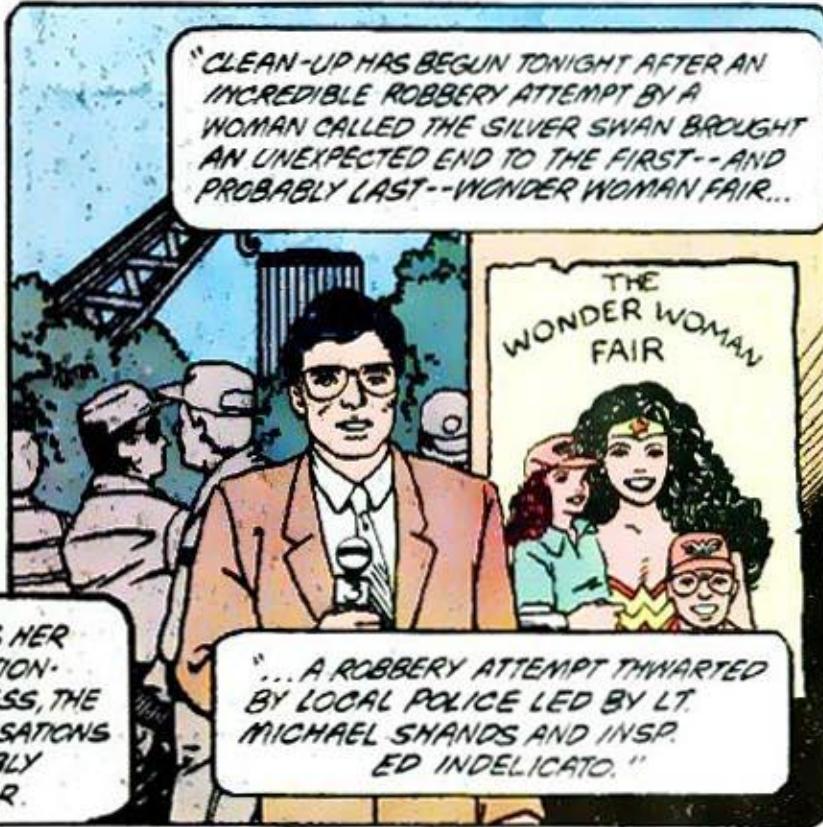


AND EVERYTHING JUST WENT BLACK.



SHE CALLED THE EVENT "A FARCE-- PROMOTING PRINCESS DIANA AS A FEMININE IDEAL NO REAL WOMAN COULD EVER HOPE TO ACHIEVE."

CONSIDERING HER OWN UNQUESTIONABLE LOVELINESS, THE SWAN'S ACCUSATIONS SEEMED DOUBLY PECULIAR.



"THE FIRST TIME I EVER SAW THE WONDER BABE WAS DURING THAT MESS WITH G. GORDON GODFREY AND HIS ROBOT APOKOLIPS CUJOS."



"THE FIRST THING I THOUGHT WAS, HEY, THIS IS ONE TOUGH :BLEEP!."

"BUT THEN SHE STARTED TALKIN' WITH ALL THOSE MUSCLES AND THAT MAGIC HUNK O'ROPE, ALL THAT STUCK-UP BROAD WANTED TO DO WAS MOUTH OFF 'BOUT PEACE."

"WHEN I WORKED WITH HER DURING THE INVASION A WHILE BACK, I DIDN'T :BLEEP: TRUST HER--"

"BUT, SHE TURNED OUT TO BE AWRIGHT. WHEN IT REALLY GOT DOWN 'N' DIRTY, THE :BLEEP: DONE PRETTY :BLEEP: GOOD."



"I WAS THE FIRST FEMALE SUPER-HERO SHE'D EVER MET, SO I GUESS THAT'S WHY WE HAVE A SPECIAL REGARD FOR EACH OTHER. SHE'S SO INCREDIBLY WARM AND LOVING."



"SHE SPOKE RUSSIAN AT ME WHEN WE FIRST MEET. SHE IMPRESSED ME VERY MUCH. SHE IS STRONG, WISE... AND A GOOD SOLDIER."



"I REMEMBER HOW I FELT WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS PLANET. PERHAPS I WASN'T AS INGENUOUS AS DIANA, BUT I UNDERSTAND HOW IT FEELS TO BE A STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND."

"I ADMIRE HER COURAGE."



"WONDER WOMAN! A FOX! SHE AND I HIT IT OFF JUST LIKE THAT! I TOLD HER SHE HAD TO JOIN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--IT'D BE A BLAST! MAN, WHAT AN ADDITION SHE'D BE!"



"BECAUSE OF HER FIGHTING ABILITIES?"

"YEAH-- THEM, TOO."

"PERSONALLY, I DON'T PARTICULARLY CARE. IF SHE THINKS SHE'S TOO GOOD FOR US, WHO NEEDS HER?"

"C'MON, FIRE, YOU KNOW THAT ISN'T TRUE."



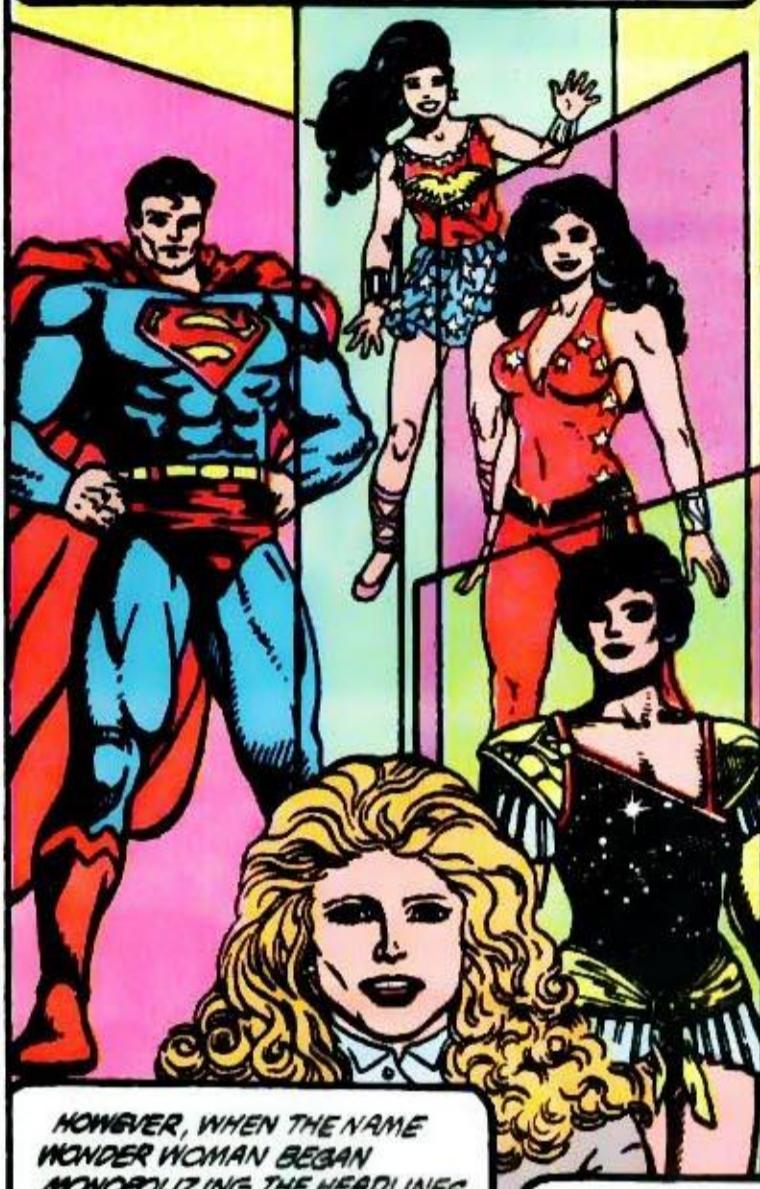
"YEAH, THEN WHY DOESN'T SHE JOIN THE LEAGUE? SHE THINK WE DON'T HAVE PRINCIPLES, TOO?"

"I REGRET DIANA'S NOT JOINING, BUT I FEEL OBLIGATED TO HONOR HER WISHES. WHENEVER THERE'S BEEN A THREAT TO MANKIND, SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN THERE, GIVING HER ALL."

"WHAT MORE CAN ANYONE ASK?"



WITH ALL THE SUPERHEROES DIANA HAS ENCOUNTERED, NO TWO HAVE HAD MORE EFFECT ON HER LIFE THAN SUPERMAN AND TROIA, A.K.A. DONNA TROY, ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE TEEN TITANS.



HOWEVER, WHEN THE NAME WONDER WOMAN BEGAN MONOPOLIZING THE HEADLINES, MS. TROY WAS KNOWN BY THE SUSPICIOUSLY SIMILAR CODENAME WONDER GIRL.

COINCIDENCE?

"I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK. I MEAN, LOOK AT HER. LOOK AT ME! WE COULD BE SISTERS, FOR ALL WE KNOW."

"THERE'S A LOT ABOUT MY PAST I'M NOT SURE OF. MAYBE THERE IS SOME LINK BETWEEN US."



"I HAD SEEN A PHOTO OF YOUNG WONDER GIRL, BACK WHEN HER GROUP WAS FIRST FORMED. HER CLOTHES, HER BRACELETS, HER POWERS, EVEN HER LARIAT, DESPITE ITS LACK OF GODLY MAGIC--"

--IT WAS LIKE SEEING MYSELF STARTING MY MISSION AS A CHILD."

DESPITE NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AT A MEETING, THE "WONDER TWINS" HECTIC SCHEDULES JUST WOULDN'T OVERLAP.



SO, WONDER WOMAN CONTINUED HER GLOBAL PEACEMAKING TOURS--

--WHILE WONDER GIRL CONTINUED FIGHTING EVIL WITH THE OTHER TEEN TITANS.

EVENTUALLY MS. TROY WOULD LEARN THAT SHE, TOO, HAD BEEN GIVEN HER POWERS BY THE GODS.



IN HER CASE, BY THE TITANS, WHO, ACCORDING TO WHAT WE CALL MYTHS, SIRED THE OLYMPIANS WHO CREATED THE AMAZONS.

AND IT WAS THEY WHO GAVE HER HER NEW NAME -- TROIA.

THIS RECENT PHOTO WAS TAKEN AT THE KAPATELIS HOME IN BOSTON. YES, THE TWO KINDRED SPIRITS FINALLY MET.



DIANA SPOKE WITH PRIDE ABOUT HER NEW EARRINGS--A LOVING GIFT FROM DONNA. THEY HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN PART OF HER WONDER GIRL WARDROBE.

AS FOR SUPERMAN, WELL, RUMORS HAVE ABOUNDED ABOUT HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE AMAZON EVER SINCE THEIR FIRST MEETING.



RECENTLY, ON A CATHERINE GRANT SPECIAL, THE MAN OF STEEL TRIED TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT.

"AT FIRST, I THOUGHT SHE WAS... AND THIS ISN'T MEANT PEJORATIVELY-- JUST ANOTHER SUPER-HERO."



"BUT, THE MORE I GOT TO KNOW HER, THE MORE I LEARNED THAT THERE WAS SO MUCH MORE TO HER THAN THAT. A LOT MORE."

"I HAVE NOTHING BUT OVERWHELMING RESPECT FOR DIANA."

"I DON'T DOUBT THAT, SUPERMAN.. BUT--YOU HAVE TO ADMIT THERE HAVE BEEN... WELL... INSTANCES..."



--WHEN IT LOOKED LIKE A BIT MORE THAN JUST RESPECT.

"THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN BY AN AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHER IN METROPOLIS."

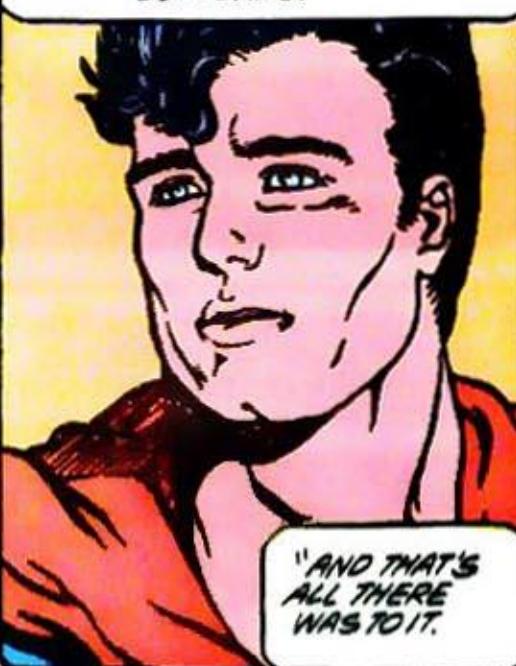


"HONESTLY, CAT, I KNOW THIS SOUNDS LIKE THE TYPICAL MEDIA CLICHE, BUT PRINCESS DIANA AND I ARE REALLY JUST GOOD FRIENDS."



"HOW OFTEN HAVE YOU BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED HUGGING AND KISSING A GOOD FRIEND? GOSSIP COLUMNS LIVE FOR PHOTOS LIKE THAT."

"DIANA WAS JUST ASKING ME TO RECOMMEND A REPORTER TO DOCUMENT THE PILGRIMAGE TO THEMYSCIRA. I RECOMMENDED LOIS LANE."



"AND THAT'S ALL THERE WAS TO IT."

SHE AND I DECIDED LONG AGO TO KEEP OUR RELATIONSHIP STRICTLY PLATONIC.

"BESIDES, I DON'T KNOW IF I'D SAY I WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR HER."



"I DOUBT ANY MORTAL MAN COULD BE."

MAYBE SUPERMAN WAS RIGHT.

SOMETIMES WE FORGET THAT, DESPITE HIS INCREDIBLE POWERS, THE MAN OF STEEL IS STILL VERY MUCH LIKE THE REST OF US.



"HOWEVER, IT'S DOUBTFUL THAT THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE OTHER MAN RUMORED TO BE ROMANTICALLY LINKED WITH DIANA."

CORRECTION:
NOT A MORTAL MAN--A GOD.

HERMES -- MESSENGER OF THE GODS, WHO CAME DOWN FROM HIS HOLY PERCH ON MT. OLYMPUS SO THAT HE MIGHT ASSIST DIANA IN SHOWING US ALL THE GLORIES THAT OLYMPIAN FAITH PROMISED.



AND DIANA -- PERHAPS BECAUSE THIS WAS ONE OF THE GODS TO WHOM SHE HAD VOWED ALLEGIANCE -- TOOK A BACK SEAT AND LET THE FLASHIER HERMES PROMOTE THE OLYMPIAN CAUSE.

IT WAS A DECISION SHE AND EVERYONE ELSE WOULD SOON REGRET.

FOR HERMES WAS NOT THE ONLY GOD WHO DECIDED TO WALK THE EARTH AGAIN. THERE WAS AT LEAST ONE MORE: ARES' OWN SON PHOBOS, THE GOD OF TERROR --



-- AND A GORGON NAMED EURYALE, WHOSE STARE COULD TRANSFORM MEN INTO STONE.

THEY TURNED HERMES' OWN BRAVADO AGAINST HIM AND USED HIM TO UNLEASH A MONSTER CALLED IXION --



-- WHO ACCORDING TO MYTH WAS EARTH'S FIRST GREAT MASS MURDERER.

THE MUCH-VAUNTED HERMES JUST WATCHED HELPLESSLY AS THOSE WHO TRUSTED HIM FLED IN TERROR --



-- AT LEAST THOSE WHO COULD RUN, THOSE WHO HADN'T ALREADY BEEN TURNED INTO STATUES.

HOWEVER, EVEN IXION PROVED NO MATCH FOR WONDER WOMAN, WHO RETURNED TO UNDO WHAT HERMES HAD UNWITTINGLY DONE.



BUT, WAS SHE TOO LATE?

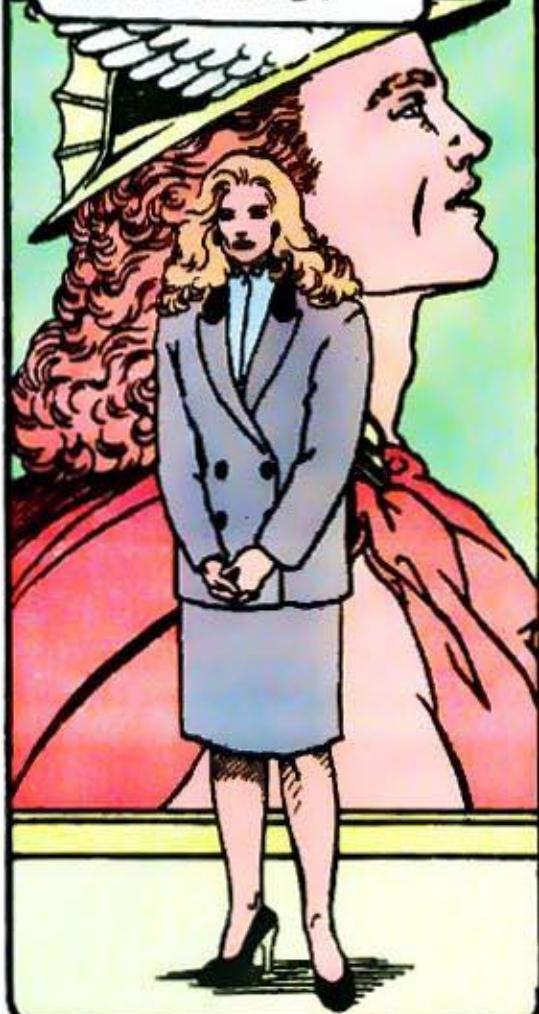
"IN THE CITY, THE GRISLY JOB OF CARTING OFF THE HUNDREDS OF DEAD CONTINUES, WITNESSES COMPARE THE SCENE TO REFUSE FROM A SLAUGHTERHOUSE.

"ONLY WONDER WOMAN'S EXPULSION OF THE MONSTER PREVENTED MORE DISASTERS. AT LEAST WE CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR THAT."



YES, WE CAN ALL BE GRATEFUL THE DESTRUCTION WASN'T WORSE.

WASN'T IT DIANA WHO GOT US TO BELIEVE IN HERMES IN THE FIRST PLACE?



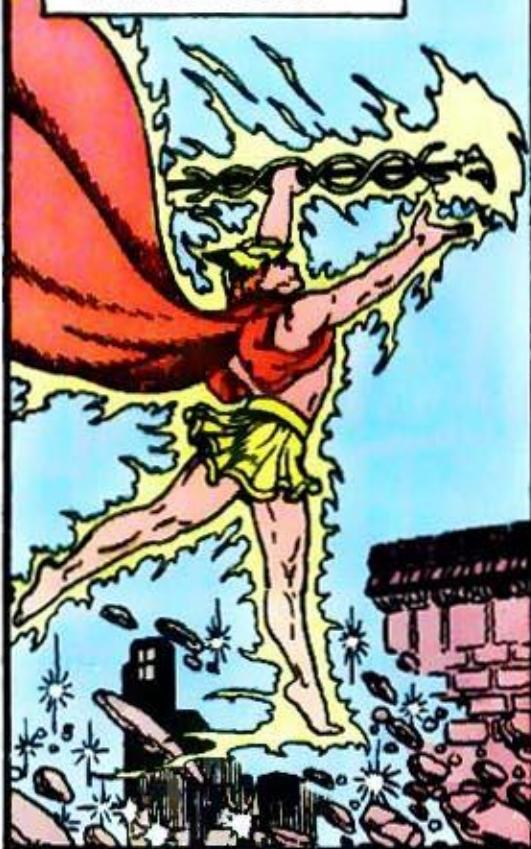
BUT, HERMES COULDN'T ALLOW EVERYTHING THAT DIANA WORKED SO HARD FOR TO BE OBLITERATED BECAUSE OF HIS OWN FOOLISH VANITY.



SO, HE DECIDED TO RECTIFY THE MATTER -- IN THE ONLY WAY HE KNEW.

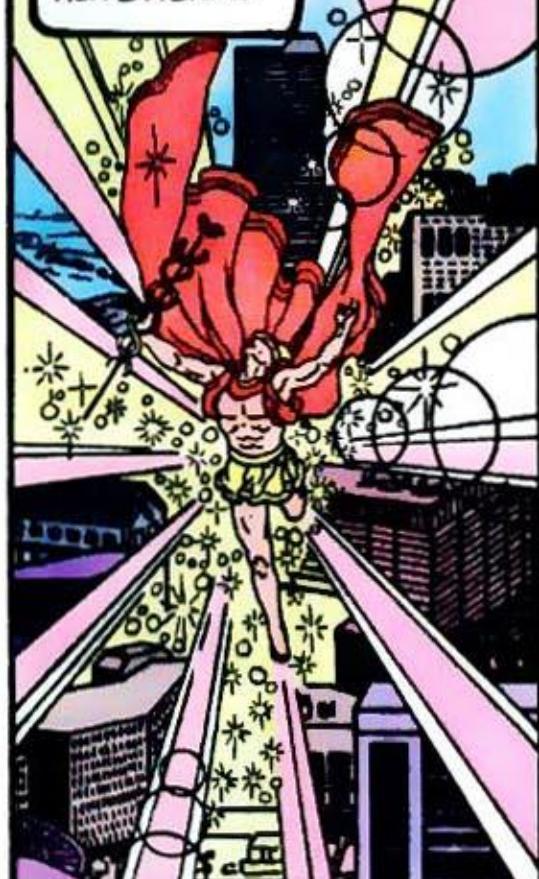
"BEHOLD YOU NOW, O MOST FAVORED OF MORTALS!"

"LET THE DIVINE TEMPEST BEGIN!"



IN WHAT COULD ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS SOME HOLY STORM, HERMES MIRACULOUSLY REBUILT HISTORIC BOSTON. EVERY BRICK, EVERY GIRDER, EVERY PANE OF GLASS WAS RESTORED.

THE CITY WAS ALIVE AGAIN.



THAT REVELATION, THAT THESE SO-CALLED DEITIES OF OLYMPUS WERE NOT ALL-POWERFUL AS WE BELIEVED, SEEMED TO BE THE GREATEST BETRAYAL OF ALL.



BUT NOT FOR DIANA. HER FAITH REMAINED AS STRONG AS EVER.

UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAME COULD NOT BE SAID FOR THOSE WHO PERISHED DURING IXION'S ATTACKS. EVEN HERMES COULD NOT BRING BACK THE DEAD.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE SHE NEVER BELIEVED THAT THE GODS WERE INFALLIBLE. THEY WERE JUST BETTER, NOT BEST.



BECAUSE OF THAT, EVEN GODS HAVE SOMETHING TO STRIVE FOR. JUST LIKE THE REST OF US.

DIANA FELT THAT MUCH OF THAT MESSAGE HAD GOTTEN LOST. PERHAPS THAT'S WHAT PROMPTED HER FIRST WORLD TOUR.

IN PARIS, WONDER WOMAN ATTENDED THE FIRST MEETING OF JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE. ALTHOUGH LISTED AS A CHARTER MEMBER, DIANA NEVER ATTENDED ANOTHER MEETING.



ACCORDING TO TEAM LEADER CAPTAIN ATOM, SHE SEEMED DISTRACTED BY PERSONAL MATTERS.

IN SPAIN, CHILDREN CHEERED "LA MUJER MARAVILLA." IT WAS A YOUNG GIRL THERE WHO FIRST NOTICED THAT DIANA WASN'T CARRYING HER MAGIC LASSO.



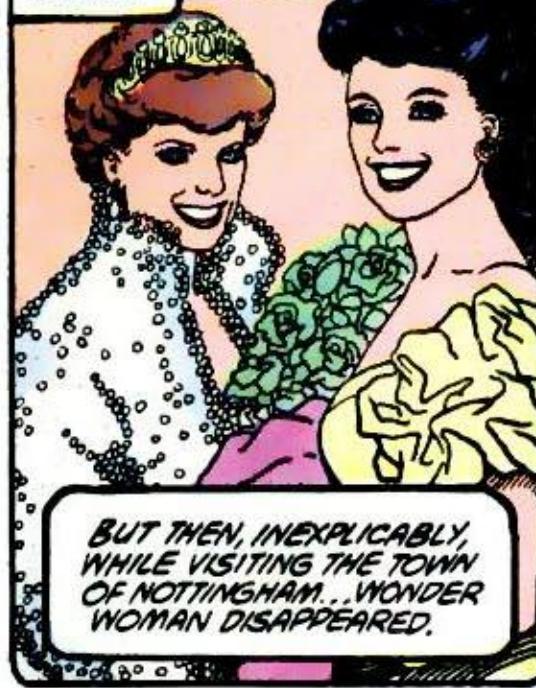
IF SO, THE PRINCESS DIDN'T LET IT AFFECT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HER FANS.



VERY UNUSUAL FOR DIANA. PERHAPS THAT WAS THE "PERSONAL MATTER" TO WHICH THE CAPTAIN WAS REFERRING.

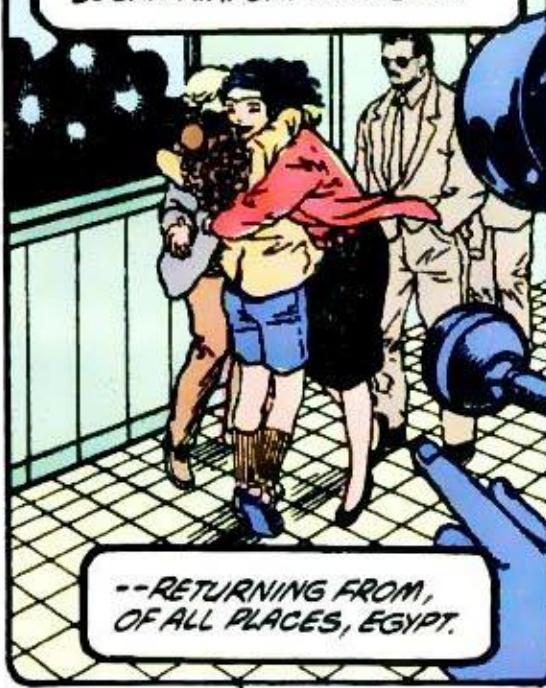
BETWEEN PUBLIC APPEARANCES WUNDERGIRL, RAISED ON A TROPICAL ISLAND, RECEIVED HER FIRST TASTE OF ALPINE SKIING.

AND IN ENGLAND, THE INEVITABLE HAPPENED: PRINCESS DIANA FINALLY CAME FACE TO FACE WITH PRINCESS DIANA.



BUT THEN, INEXPICABLY, WHILE VISITING THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM... WONDER WOMAN DISAPPEARED.

IT WOULD BE ALMOST A MONTH BEFORE SHE WAS HEARD FROM AGAIN--AT LOGAN AIRPORT IN BOSTON--



--RETURNING FROM, OF ALL PLACES, EGYPT.



WHEN ASKED WHY SHE WAS THERE, THE PRINCESS WAS UNCHARACTERISTICALLY MUM.

REPORTS ABOUT HER INVOLVEMENT IN A VIOLENT SKIRMISH BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN ARMY AND A GROUP OF FEMALE MARAUDERS WERE NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED BY THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT.

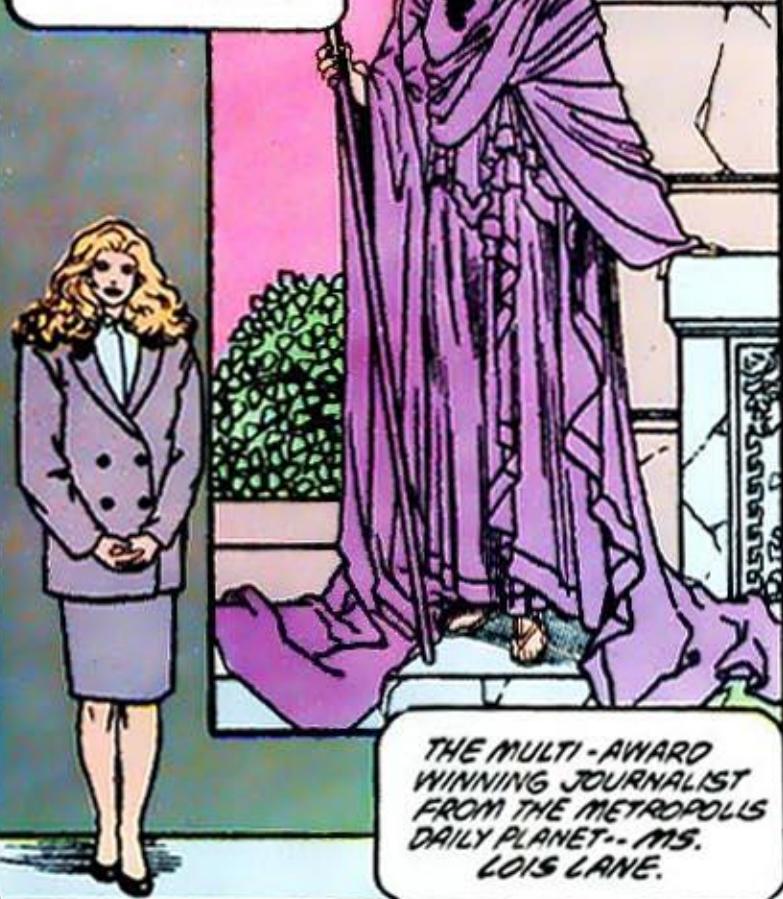
WHAT WAS CONFIRMBLE WAS DIANA'S OBVIOUS ELATION AT BEING BACK HOME--AND THAT SHE HAD HER LASO AGAIN.



PLUS--SHE HAD ALSO BROUGHT BACK WITH HER SOMETHING GUARANTEED TO EXCITE HER QUEEN MOTHER HIPPOLYTE BEYOND WORDS--THE GIRDLE OF GAEA.

THE RETURNING OF THIS PRICELESS MYSTIC BELT, A GIFT FROM THE GODS LOST FOR OVER 4,000 YEARS, HELPED STRENGTHEN THE QUEEN'S CONVICTION THAT OUR TWO WORLDS DESERVED TO MEET.

THIS MOMENTOUS MEETING WAS COVERED BY OUR SURPRISE GUEST:



THE MULTI-AWARD WINNING JOURNALIST FROM THE METROPOLIS DAILY PLANET--MS. LOIS LANE.

HI, LOIS. I'VE GOT TO ADMIT, I WAS ONE OF THE MANY REPORTERS WHO WERE GREEN WITH ENVY WHEN YOU GOT THAT ASSIGNMENT. HOW DID YOU FEEL?



WELL, RONNIE, I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE AS EXCITING AS IT TURNED OUT.

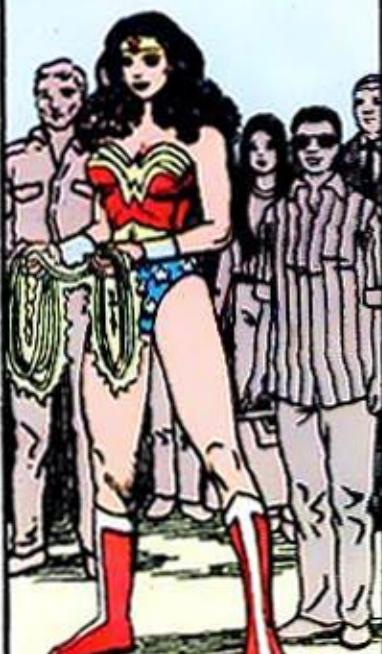
AFTER ALL, WHEN YOU'VE COVERED PEOPLE LIKE SUPERMAN AND LEX LUTHOR AS MANY TIMES AS I HAVE, YOU BECOME A LITTLE, WELL, JADED ABOUT THINGS LIKE THIS.



BOY, WAS I EVER WRONG.

LOIS, LET'S GO TO THE VIDEOTAPE OF THAT HISTORIC DAY. NOW, THAT'S HERMES' CADUCEUS ON DIANA'S BELT, RIGHT?

YES. IT'S WHAT GAVE DIANA THE POWER TO TAKE US ALL EN MASSE TO THEMYSIRA.



"EXCITED? BY JOVE, I'M UTERLY ECSTATIC! TO WALK ALONG THE CORRIDORS OF LIVING HISTORY--IT'S DOWN-RIGHT INCREDIBLE!"

I SAY, I'M GOING TO BE THE ENVY OF EVERY HISTORY TEACHER IN ABERDEEN.



"RABBI, DO YOU AND REV. WITHERSPOON REALLY BELIEVE THIS MISSION WILL HELP THE CAUSE OF RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE?"



"YES, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO CONFER WITH THE PRIESTESSES OF THEMYSIRA IN THE SPIRIT OF SCHOLARLY FELLOWSHIP AND OPEN-MINDEDNESS."

WELL, LOIS, THERE YOU GO.



HOW DID YOU FEEL WHEN THE LIGHT ENVELOPED YOU?



TRUTHFULLY? LIKE I WAS DIVING OFF NIAGARA FALLS.

BUT BOY, WHAT A LANDING!
THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS
ARE FROM MS. LANE'S
PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING
SERIES OF ARTICLES,
"PARADISE FOUND".



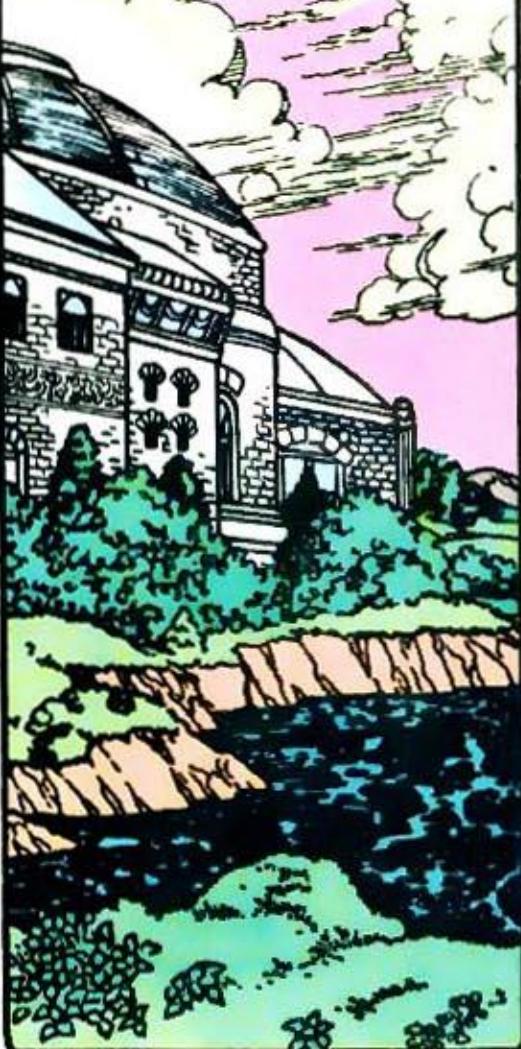
"LED BY A BEATRICE NEVER
ENVISIONED BY DANTE,
TWELVE DELEGATES (APОСTLES?)
PASSED THROUGH HELL AND
PURGATORY TODAY TO SET FOOT
ON HEAVEN'S SHORES."

"STANDING GUARD AT THE
PEARLY GATES WAS A
BAND OF ANGELS, DRESSED
AS EXTRAS FOR A CECIL B.
DEMILLE FILM ABOUT THE
TROJAN WAR."



"... AND THESE
WERE THE
AMAZONS."

"THEMISCIRA, THE TROY
OF PRIAM, THE ATHENS
OF PERICLES, THE ROME
OF JULIUS CAESAR."



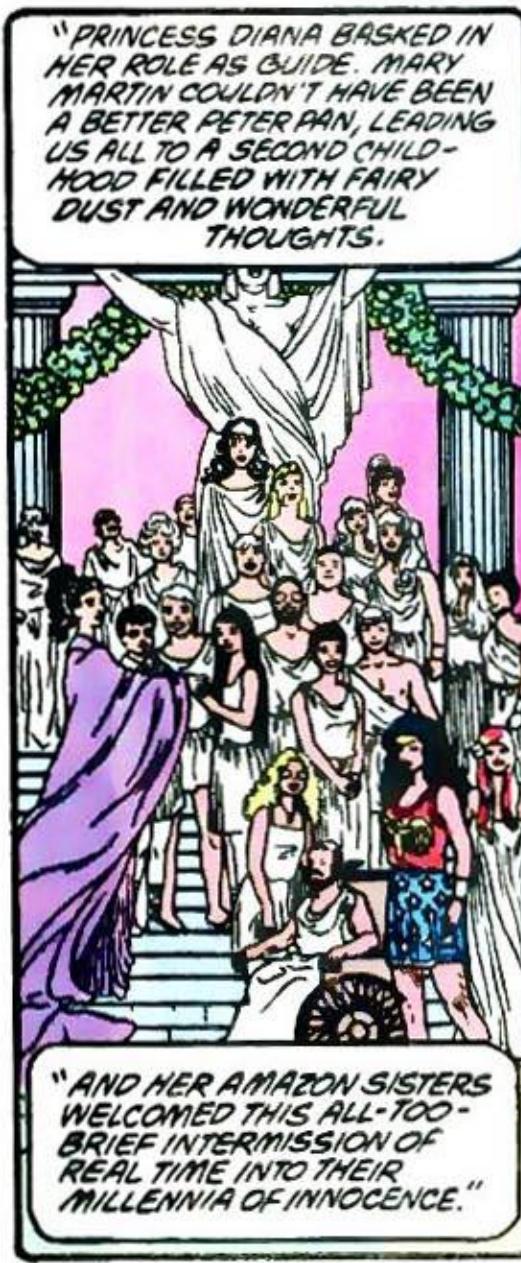
"A CITY OF THE AGES AND
FOR THE AGES, BUILT OF
MARBLE AND SANDSTONE,
ACROPOLIS AND AGORA--
ALIVE, THRIVING, STIRRING,
AND SPECTACULAR."



"WE WERE TREATED TO AN
AFTERNOON OF MINGLING,
PLAYING, AND STUDYING
IN THIS GRECIAN NEVER-
NEVER LAND."



"PRINCESS DIANA BASKED IN
HER ROLE AS GUIDE. MARY
MARTIN COULDN'T HAVE BEEN
A BETTER PETER PAN, LEADING
US ALL TO A SECOND CHILD-
HOOD FILLED WITH FAIRY
DUST AND WONDERFUL
THOUGHTS."



"AND HER AMAZON SISTERS
WELCOMED THIS ALL-TOO-
BRIEF INTERMISSION OF
REAL TIME INTO THEIR
MILLENNIA OF INNOCENCE."

THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL,
LOIS. BUT, SOMETHING
WENT WRONG AFTER
THAT FIRST NIGHT,
DIDN'T IT?

SHE TRIED TO USE
OUR OWN WORST
FEARS AND PREJ-
UDICES AGAINST
EACH OTHER. SHE
FAILED.

WE BECAME
STRONGER
THAN EVER.

WELL, RONNIE, IT SEEMS
THAT THERE WILL ALWAYS
BE SOME ANTAGONISTIC
GOD TO THWART DIANA'S
DREAMS FOR PEACE ON
THIS SUFFERING PLANET.

THIS TIME IT WAS
ARES' DAUGHTER,
ERIS. SHE POISONED
THE MINDS OF THE
DELEGATES WITH
HALLUCINOGENIC
APPLES.

THANK
YOU, LOIS.

AND WITH THAT RENEWED
STRENGTH AND SOLIDARITY,
QUEEN HIPPOLYTE HAS
FINALLY DEEMED IT TIME
TO ONCE AGAIN SET FOOT
ON PATRIARCH'S WORLD--

"IN BUDAPEST, PROF. JULIA
KAPATELIS AND WONDER
WOMAN ANNOUNCED THAT
A SPECIAL PRESENTATION
WILL BE MADE TO THE QUEEN
UPON HER ARRIVAL AT THE UN."

"NO ONE IS BEING SPECIFIC
AS TO THE NATURE OF THIS
GIFT, BUT SOURCES IN TURKEY
HINTED THAT IT WAS SOME
SORT OF ANCIENT CEREMON-
IAL CUP."

-- WHERE SOMETHING
SPECIAL WILL BE
WAITING FOR HER.

"I KNOW THAT MY
MOTHER WOULD HAVE
NO WAY OF LEARNING
ABOUT THIS SPECIAL
FAVOR UNTIL HER
ARRIVAL, BUT I STILL
WOULD LIKE TO KEEP IT
A SURPRISE FOR NOW."

"BUT NOW, I THINK
SHE WILL ACCEPT IT IN
THE SPIRIT IN WHICH
IT IS OFFERED. I
BELIEVED SHE IS
READY FOR IT."

"WHEN MY MOTHER RECEIVES
THIS SPECIAL GIFT FROM
YOUR UNITED NATIONS
REPRESENTATIVE, I DON'T
REALLY KNOW WHAT SHE'LL
SAY. YEARS AGO, I WOULD
HAVE SHUDDERED TO FIND OUT."

"I THINK WE ALL
ARE NOW FINALLY
READY FOR IT."

AND SO, READY OR NOT, IN LESS THAN 96 HOURS, MANKIND WILL HAVE ITS FIRST TELEVISED GLIMPSE OF A WOMAN WHO HAS LED HER NATION FOR NEARLY 4,000 YEARS.



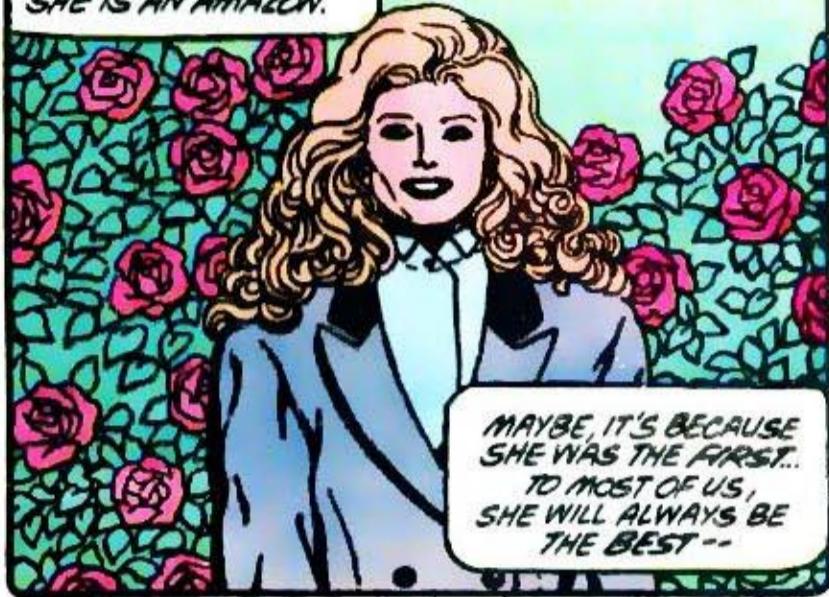
WHAT WILL HIPPOLYTE THINK WHEN SHE MEETS US, ON OUR OWN IMPERFECT TURF?

WILL SHE SEE A WORLD MORE PROMISING THAN THE ONE SHE ABANDONED CENTURIES PAST...

...OR WILL SHE SEE A WORLD MORE DANGEROUS THAN THE ONE THAT FIRST RAPE AND IMPRISONED HER PEOPLE?

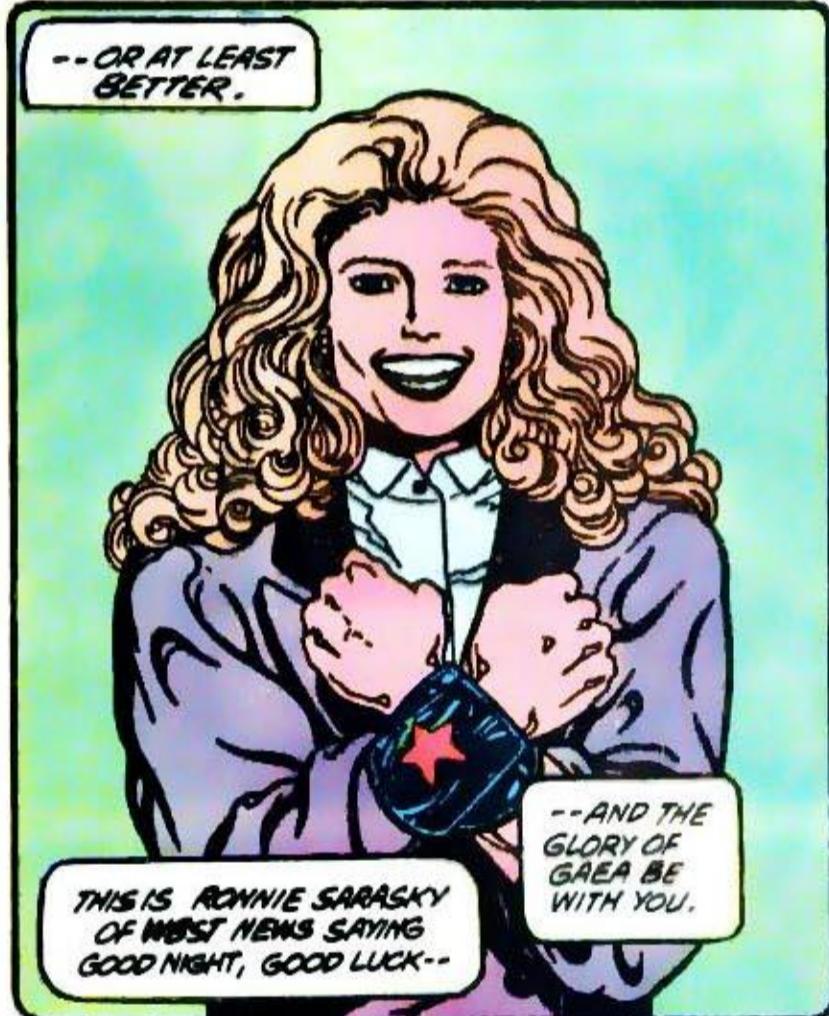
AND WHAT OF WONDER WOMAN? WE HAVE SEEN WHAT MAKES HER SPECIAL AMONG SUPER-HEROES -- SHE IS AN AMAZON.

BUT, WHEN AMAZONS BECOME COMMONPLACE, WHAT WILL BE SO SPECIAL ABOUT JUST ONE?



MAYBE, IT'S BECAUSE SHE WAS THE FIRST. TO MOST OF US, SHE WILL ALWAYS BE THE BEST --

-- OR AT LEAST BETTER.



THIS IS RONNIE SARASKY OF MOST NEWS SAYING GOOD NIGHT, GOOD LUCK --

-- AND THE GLORY OF GAEA BE WITH YOU.

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