



WONDER WOMAN

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The PANDORA VIRUS part 1

Journal Entry:

Personal note. I don the quise for the first time.



ERIC LUKE-writer

MATTHEW CLARK-pencils

TOM SIMMONS-inks

Upper and lower eyelids are pulled back with molecularly bonded appliqués.



Socket dryness is compensated for by a timed subcutaneous injection that over-stimulates the tear ducts.

JOHN COSTANZA-letters

PATRICIA MULVIHILL-colors

MAUREEN McTIGUE-edits

Hooks pull back lips so no expression is discernible.



Salivation is a problem, but a desiccant fed into the glands keeps the mouth dry.

WONDER WOMAN created by WILLIAM MOULTON MARSTON



My defenses are in place. The windows of the soul pried open... no unconscious smiling or frowning...

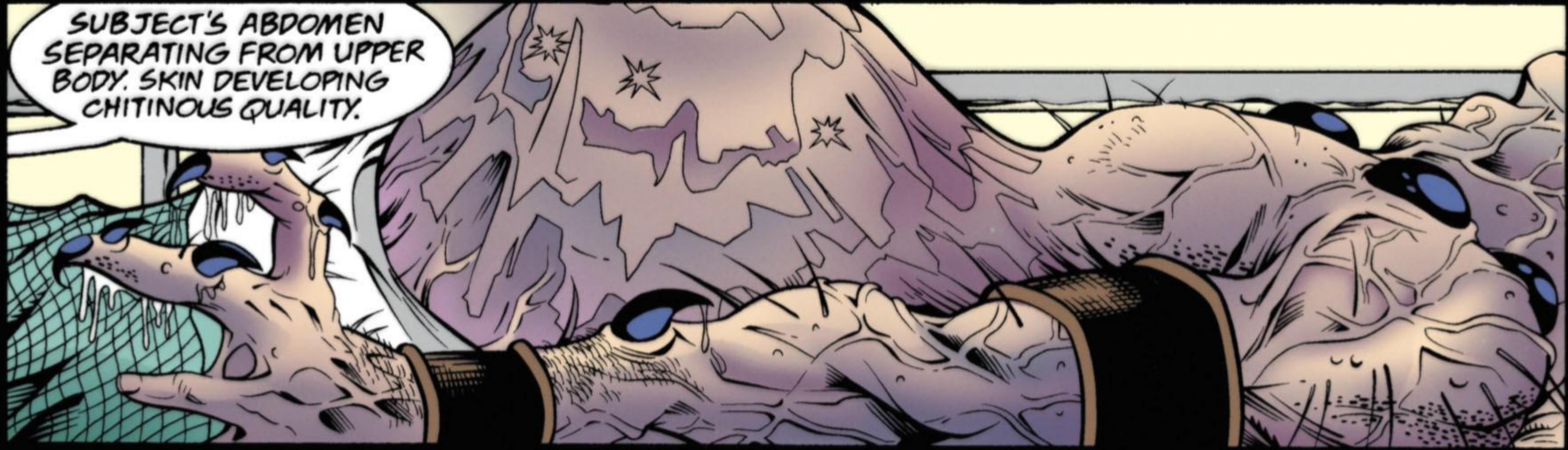
I will repulse the world.

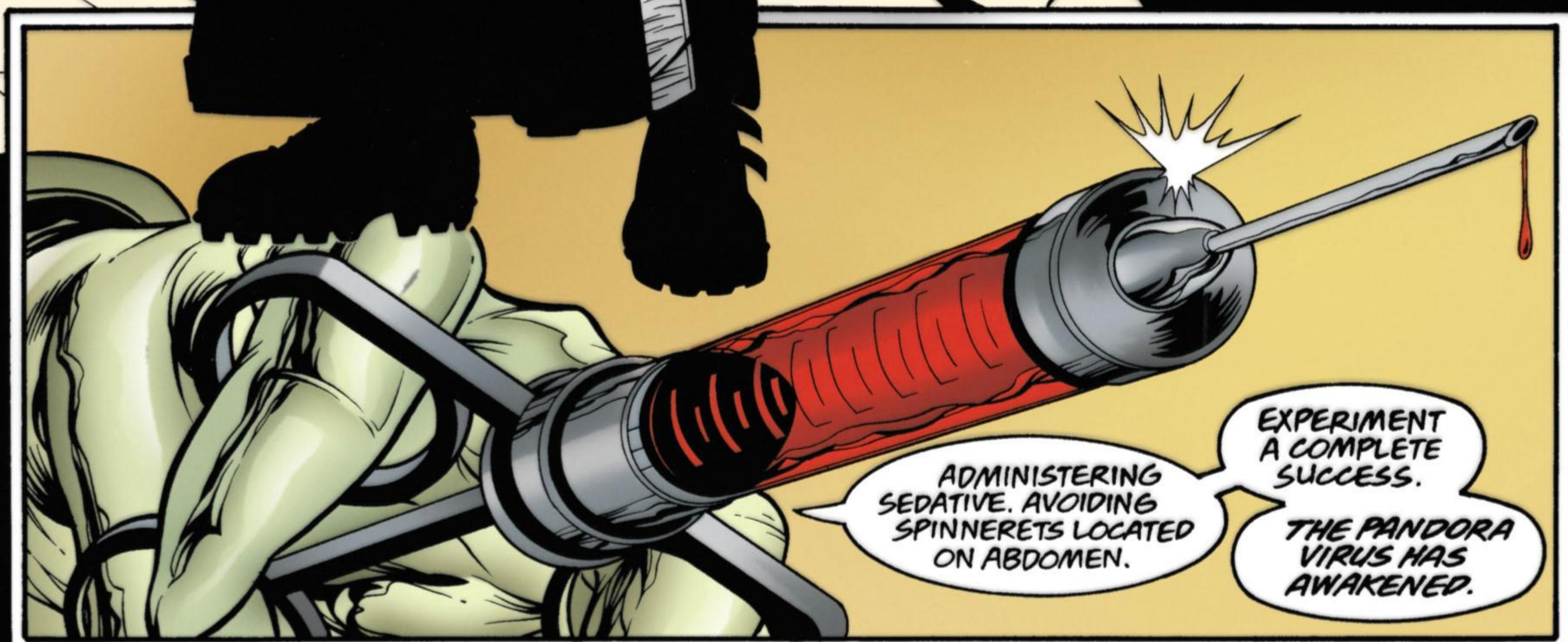
The Pandora Virus

Part 1

LET THE EXPERIMENT BEGIN.

"My own thoughts are my companions;
My designs and labors and aspirations
are my only friends."
THE MASQUE OF PANDORA - HENRY
WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW (1807-82)





THE WORLD AWAKES
WITH SUNRISE.

WITH THE END OF A WAR
THAT SHOOK THE HEAVENS,
CREATION BEGINS ANEW...

STRIVING TO
RECAPTURE
LOST INNOCENCE...

REJOICING IN THE
DISCOVERY OF NEW
INDEPENDENCE... AND
FREEDOM!

THE WARM AIR RUSHES
OVER MY SKIN LIKE PEACE
ITSELF... AS I CELEBRATE
THE MOST IMPORTANT
HAPPINESS OF ALL...

HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE!

AND YET THE GODWAR HAS RAISED QUESTIONS...

I'VE BEEN WONDERING, DIANA... WE NOW KNOW OF THE GREEK PANTHEON, THE HINDU, THE ANGELIC HOST... HOW MANY MORE ARE THERE?

SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT THIS IS NEW TERRITORY FOR ME AS WELL.

REALLY? I THOUGHT YOU WERE WISE AND ALL-KNOWING IN THE WAYS OF MYTH!

I AM BUT A CALLOW YOUTH, RAISED A WARRIOR ON MOUNT MANDARA, SENT TO BRING PEACE TO THE WORLD!

IF YOU HAVE COME TO ME FOR WISDOM, RAMA, WE'RE BOTH IN TROUBLE!

LET'S SEE. WHAT SHALL YOUR FIRST LESSON BE?

WELL, LET'S BEGIN WITH A GAME OF TAG!

YOU'RE IT!

AS IF IT WERE THE MOST NATURAL THING IN THE WORLD, I LEAD HIM INTO MY STRONGHOLD.

AND IT FEELS RIGHT.

RAMA, THIS IS CHIRON, MY MOST TRUSTED TEACHER AND ADVISOR.

GREETINGS! DIANA'S TOLD ME MUCH ABOUT YOU!

ANY FRIEND OF DIANA'S...

ANOTHER MAN IN BLUE, I SEE...

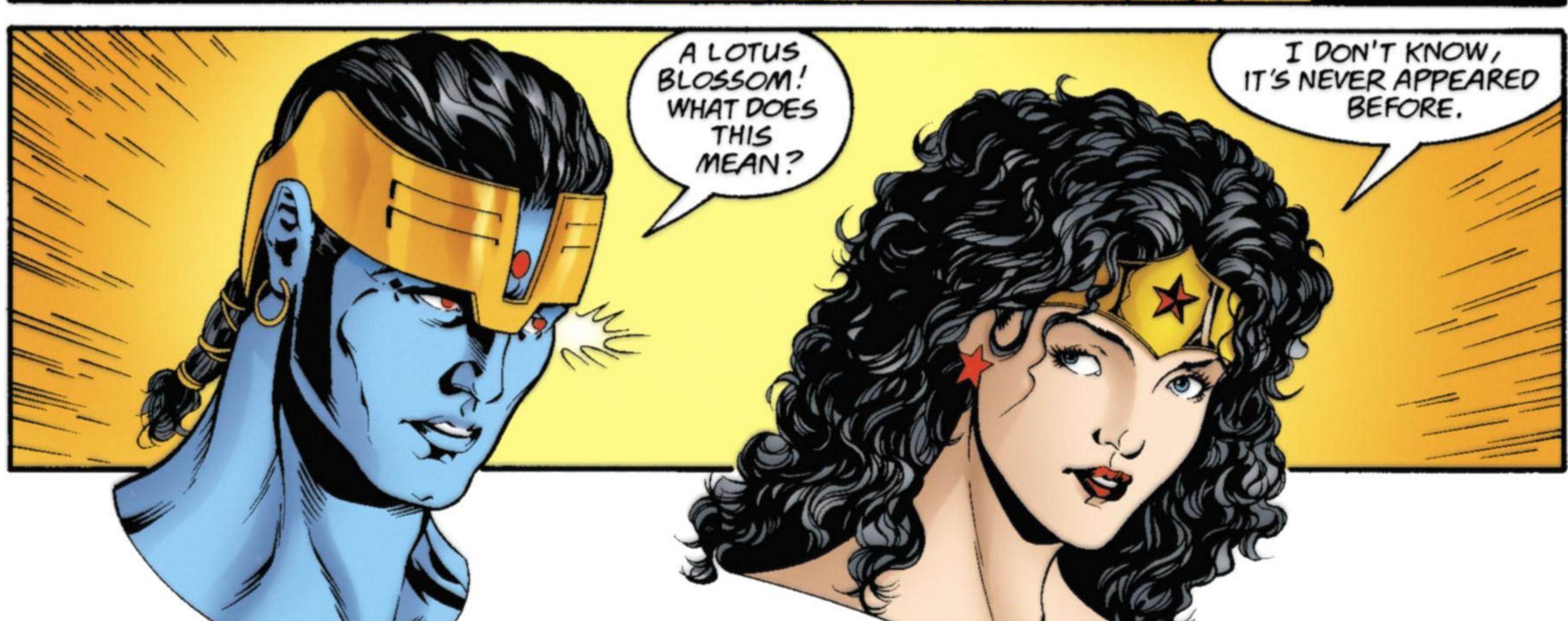
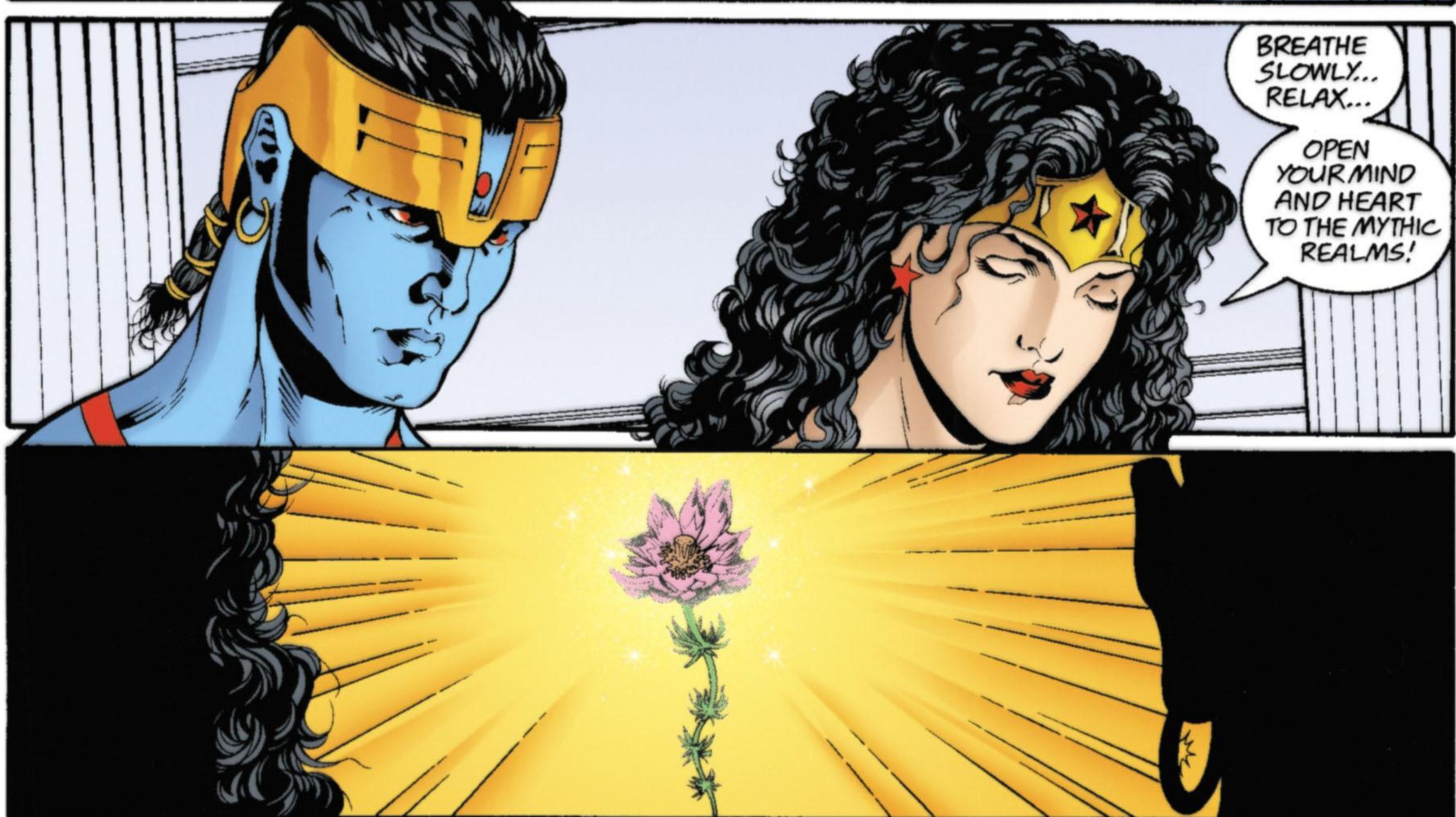
CHIRON, PLEASE!

WE HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE NATURE OF MYTH AND ITS ROLE IN PATRIARCH'S WORLD!

INTERESTING... MYTHS GROW FROM THE ROOT OF MEN'S SOULS. IN YOUR FIGHT AGAINST WAR, YOU MAY ONLY BE TREATING THE SYMPTOM.

TO FIND THE CAUSE OF WAR, YOU SHOULD EXPLORE THE SOURCE, THE NIGHTMARES OF MAN'S PSYCHE.

THEN COME! THERE'S ONE PLACE I KNOW OF SEARCHING INWARD.



WE MUST SOMEHOW...BECOME
ONE WITH IT TO
COMPREHEND IT!

DOME! IS
THERE ANY WAY
WE CAN UNDER-
STAND THIS MORE
FULLY?

THE CRYSTAL!
IT'S SEPARATING
INTO PARTICLES...
A MIST!

BREATHE
IT IN! IT WANTS
TO PERMEATE US!
TO KNOW US ON
A MOLECULAR
LEVEL!

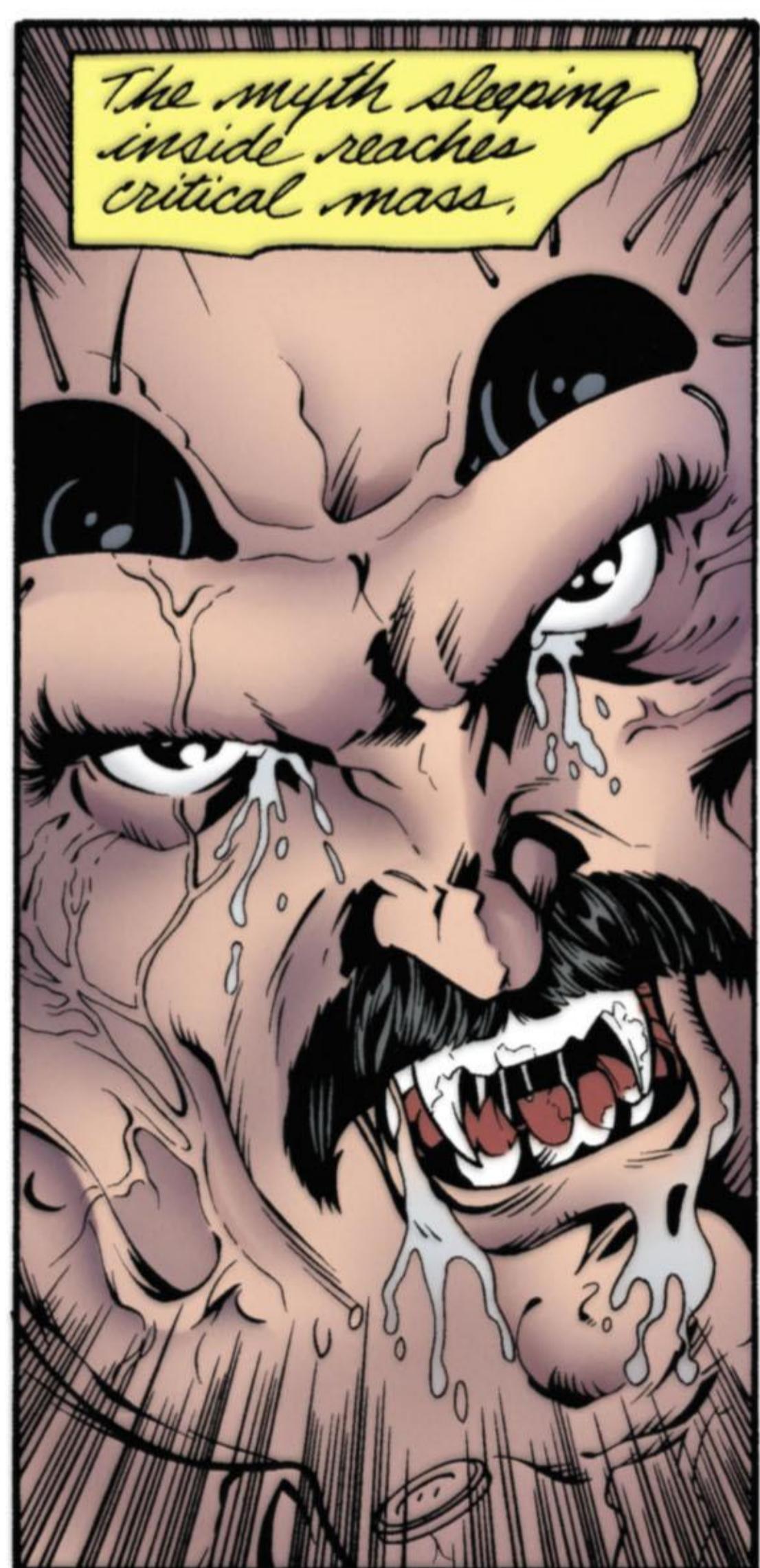
THE MYTHIC
REALMS...ARE AS
THE PETALS OF THE
LOTUS!

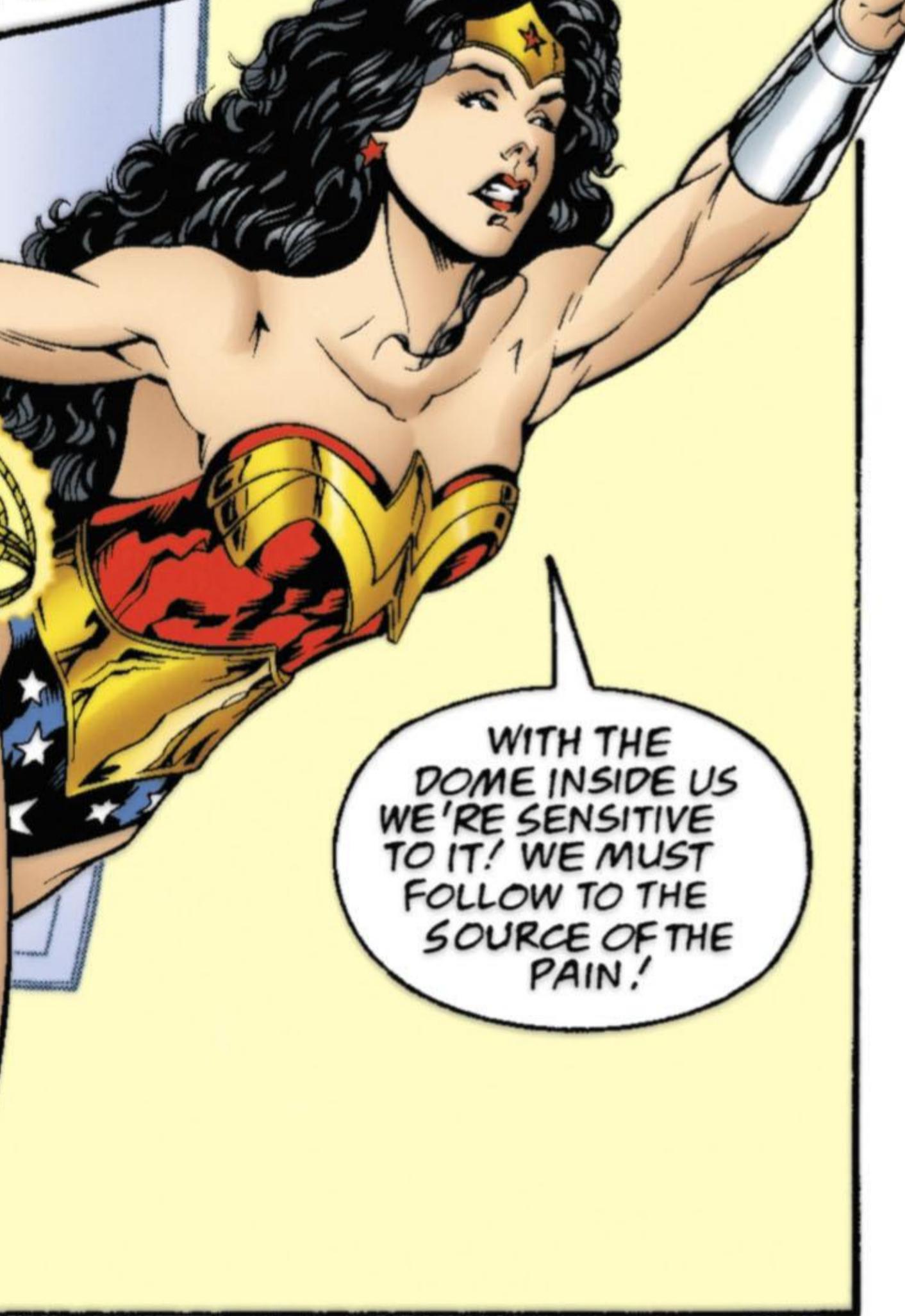
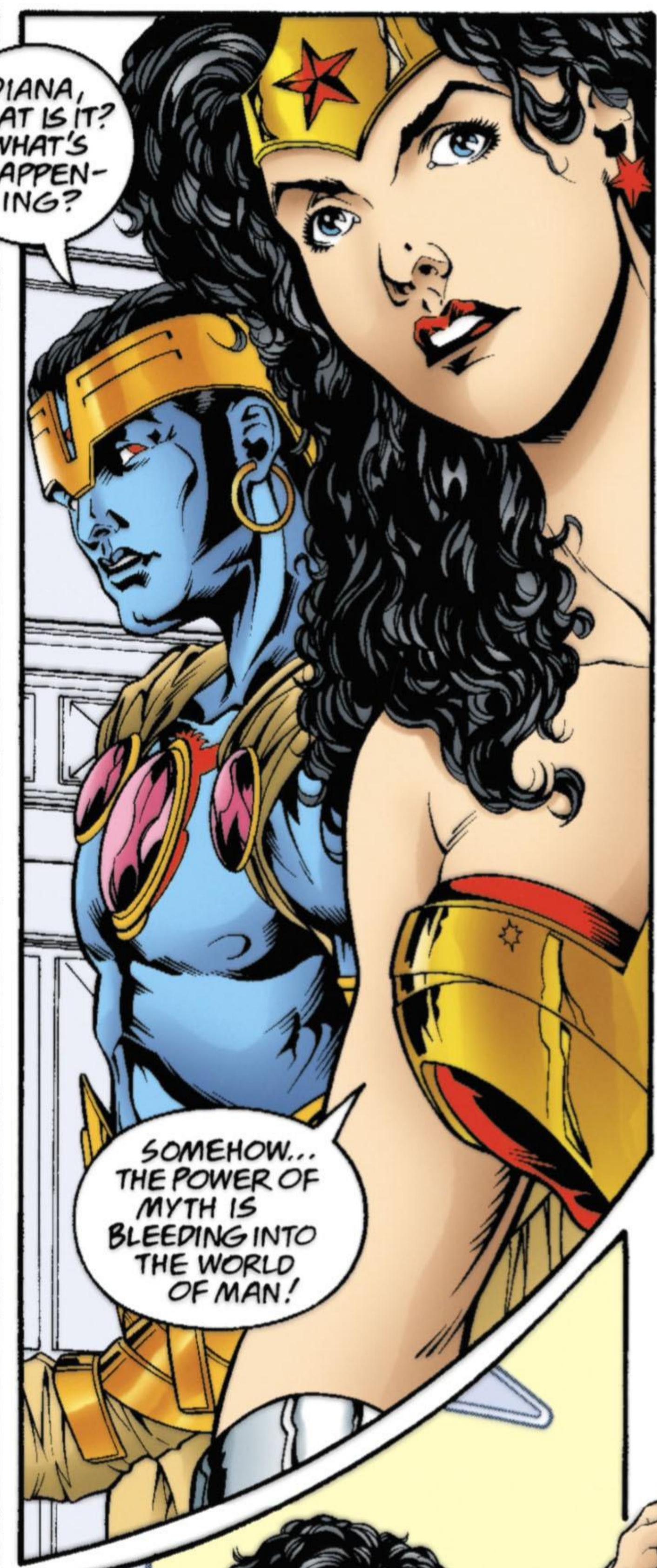
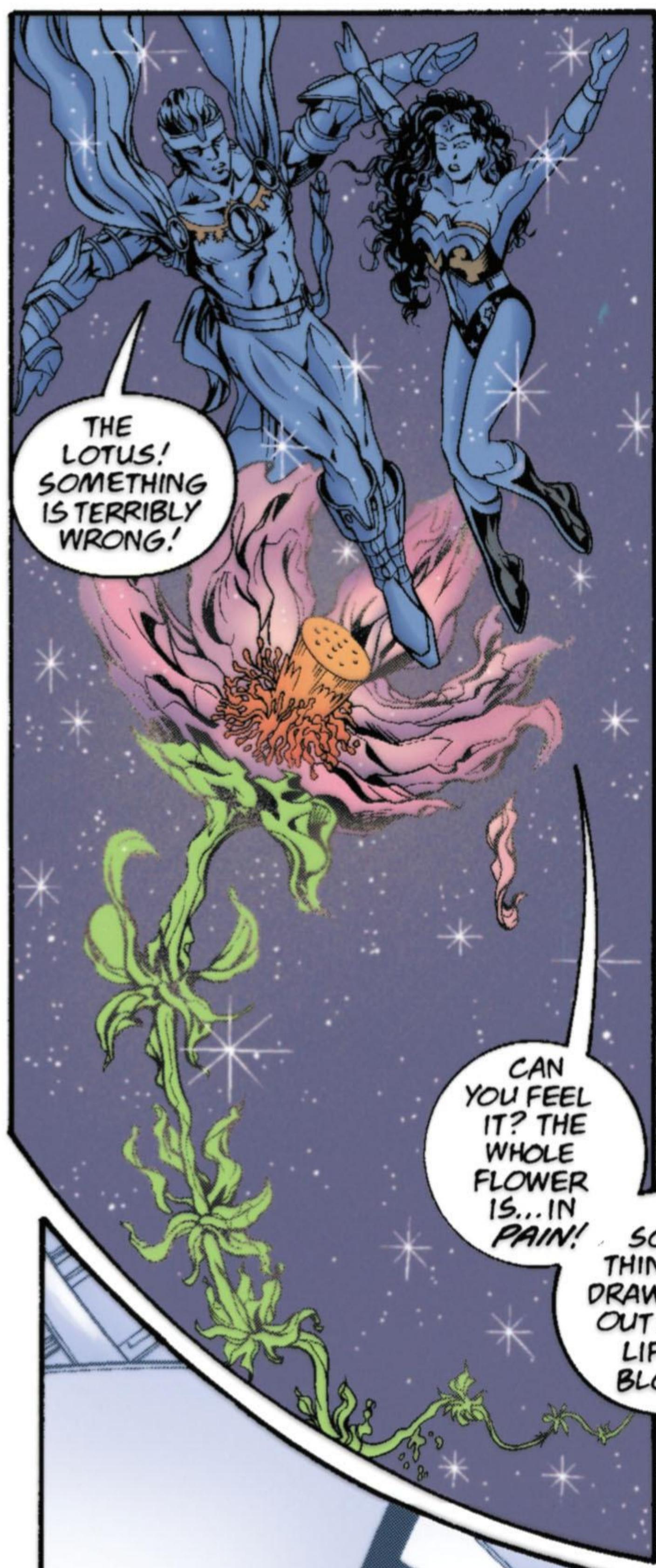
CONSTANTLY
UNFOLDING IN A NEVER-
ENDING BLOSSOMING
OF BELIEFS, LIVES,
DEATHS, REBIRTHS!

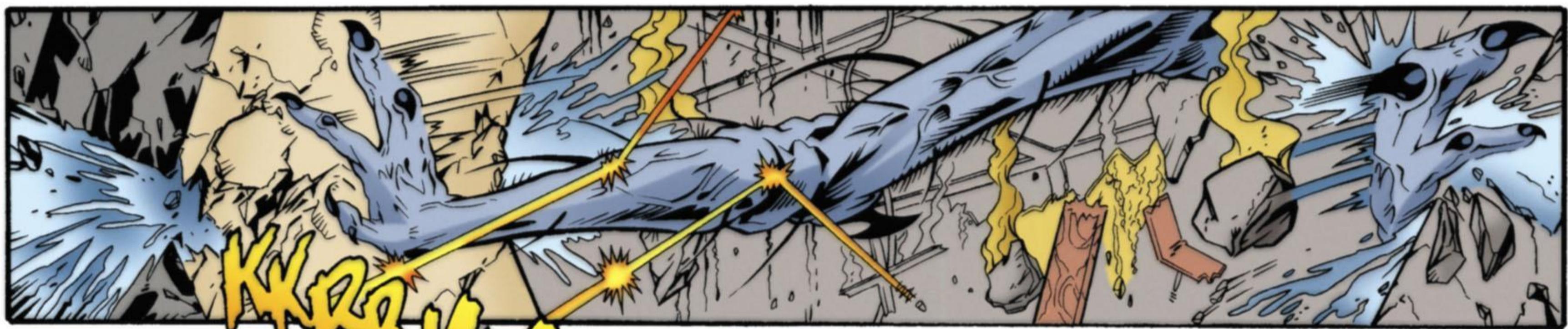
THERE ARE AS
MANY BELIEFS AS THERE
ARE SPARKS OF LIFE. AS
THE PETALS FALL AWAY
ON THE OUTER EDGE,
NEW ONES GROW TO
REPLACE THEM.

MANY
DIFFERENT
PETALS... ONE
FLOWER!

AS CLEAR
A VISION OF
RELIGIOUS
HARMONY AS
I'VE EVER
SEEN!







SLOWLY THE PIECES OF DESTRUCTION TUMBLE AROUND ME...

I AM CAUGHT IN A DEFINING MOMENT OF MY LIFE... HOLDING BACK THE CHAOS... AS MANKIND FALLS inexorably toward death.

LUCKILY THERE ARE OTHERS TO LEND A HAND.

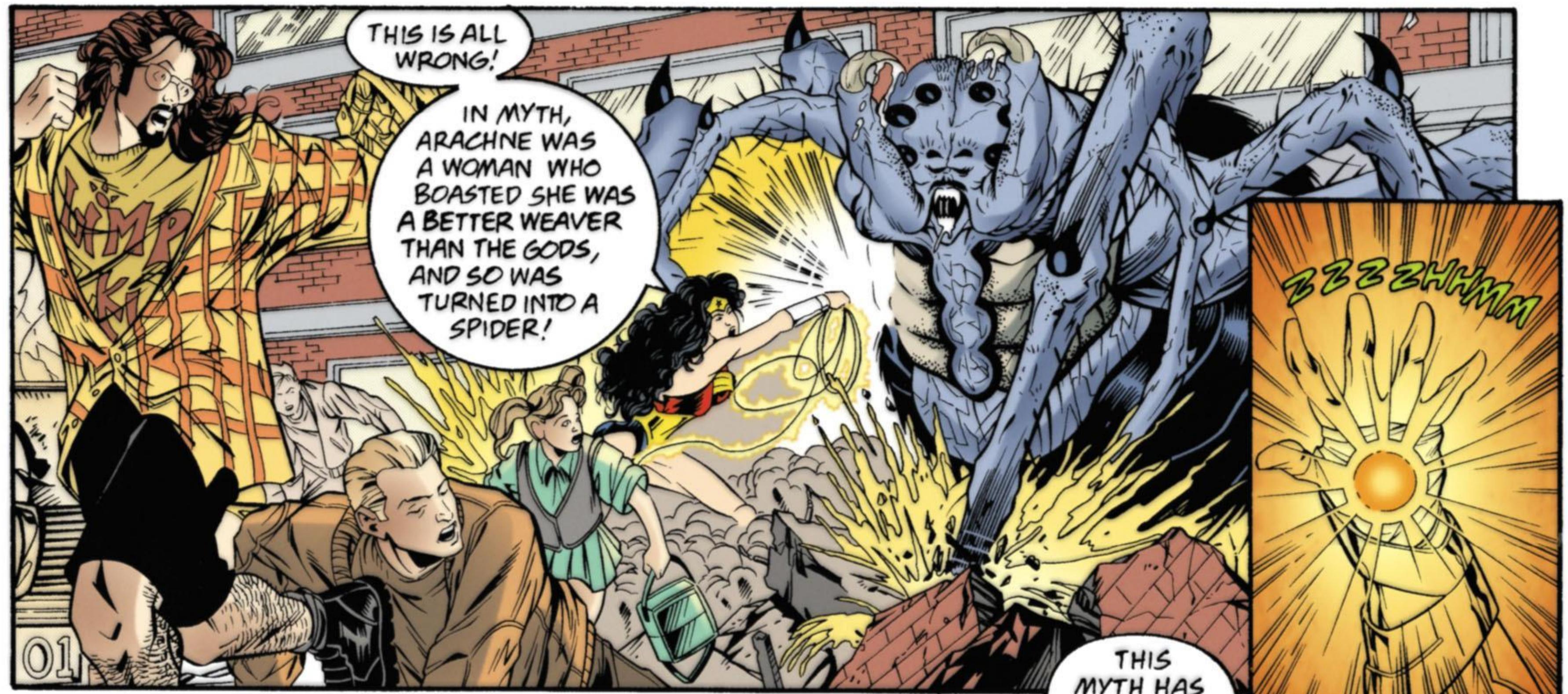
DIANA! WE SHOULD FIND THE CAUSE OF THIS MESS!

I THINK WE NEED LOOK NO FARTHER.

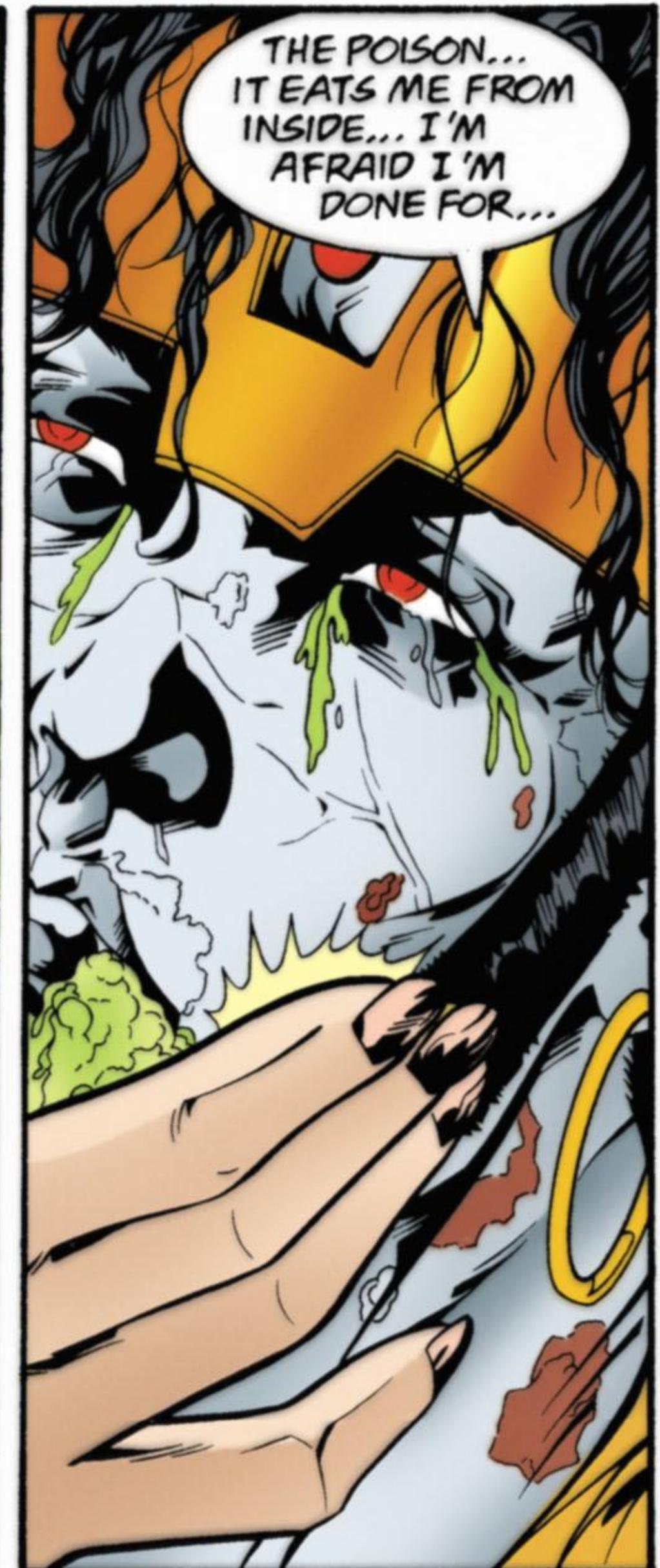
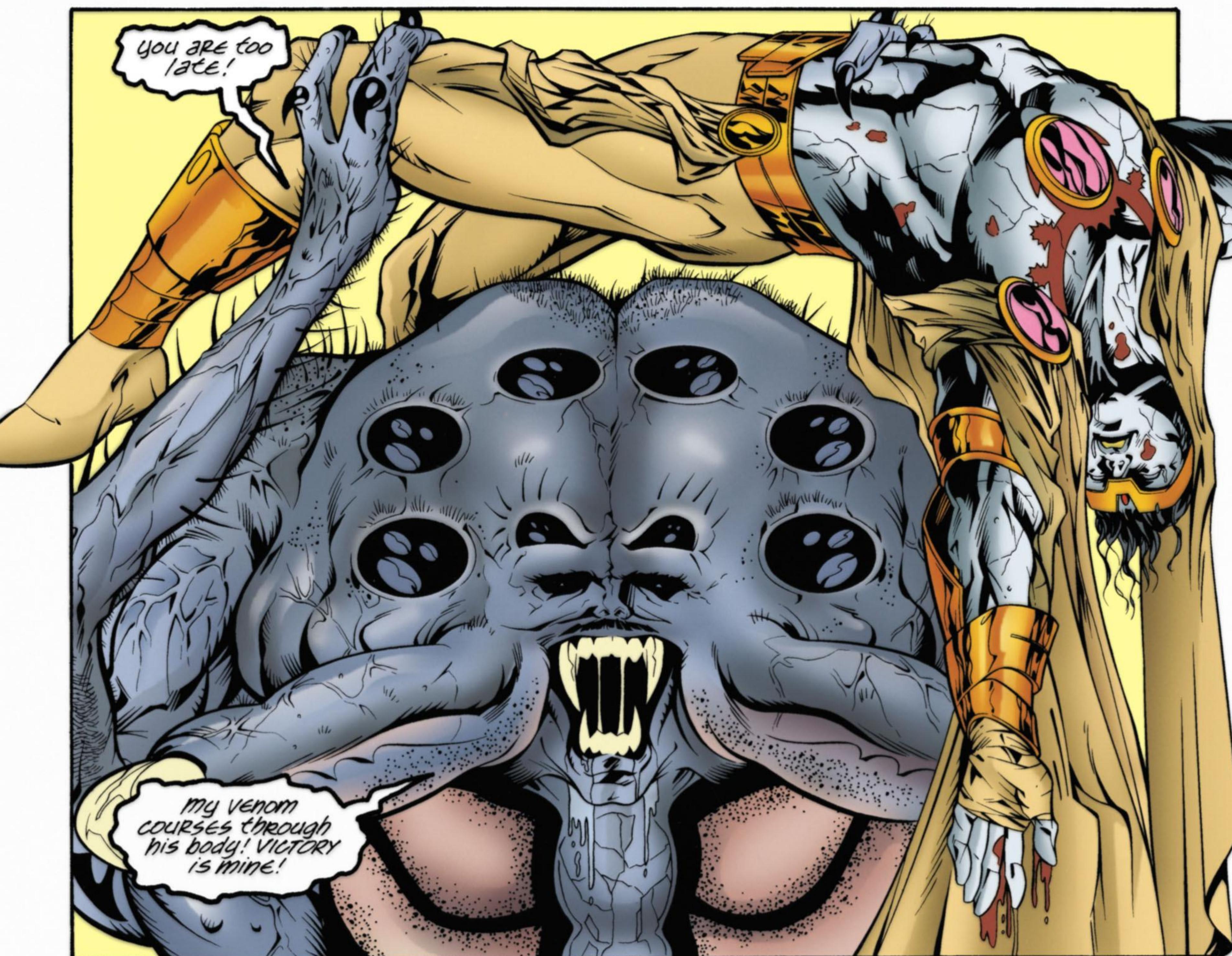
PREPARE TO DIE, LITTLE
GODSPAWN! SO PRIDEFUL AND
SELF-IMPORTANT, SCRIVING
TO HOLD BACK THE TIDE
OF DEATH!

FEEL THE WRATH
OF ARACHNE, WHOM
THE GODS CURSED
FOR PRIDE! MY VENOM
FLOWS STRAIGHT FROM
THE FONCE OF THE
UNIVERSE!











THE REAL POISON IS
IN MEN'S SOULS...
THE SECRETS THAT
LIE FESTERING
THERE.

THE COMMON BOND THAT
TIES THEM TOGETHER IS
MYTHS THAT RISE FROM
NIGHTMARES. THESE ARE
THE THINGS THAT OUR
WONDROUS WOMAN
CAN NEVER
CONQUER.



THESE ARE THE THINGS
I SHALL USE TO ATTACK HER,
TO KEEP HER DISTRACTED
WHILE I BIDE MY TIME...
GROW STRONGER.



I DON'T CARE WHAT
YOUR MOTIVES ARE,
I JUST NEED MORE OF
THAT CHEMICAL TO MANU-
FACTURE THE VIRUS.



HERE IS YOUR
PRECIOUS INGRED-
IENT. USE IT IN
GOOD HEALTH...
DR. POISON.



