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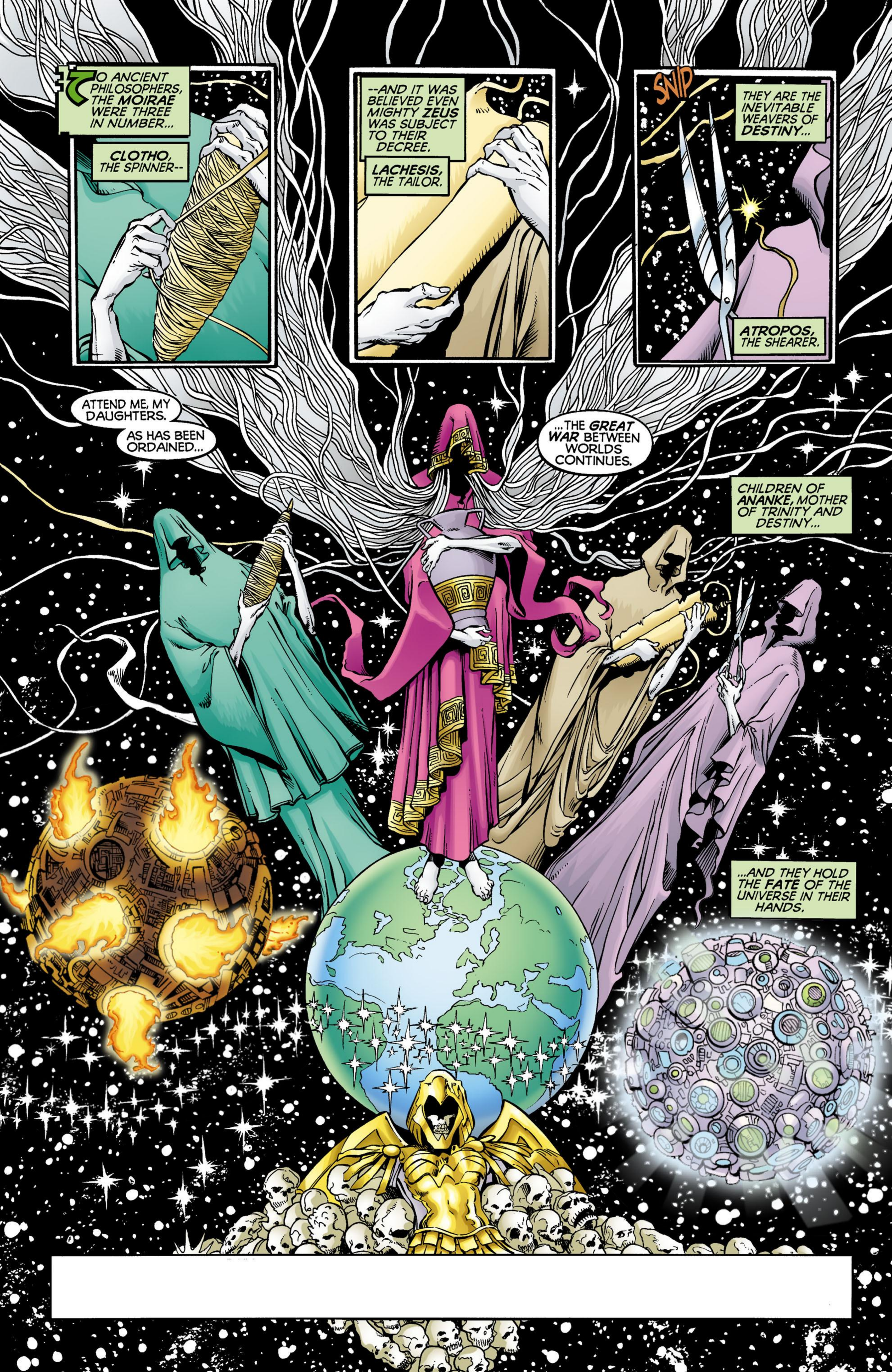

TO ANCIENT PHILOSOPHERS, THE MOIRAE WERE THREE IN NUMBER...
CLOTHO, THE SPINNER--
--AND IT WAS BELIEVED EVEN MIGHTY ZEUS WAS SUBJECT TO THEIR DECREE.
LACHESIS, THE TAILOR.
SNIP
THEY ARE THE INEVITABLE WEAVERS OF DESTINY...
ATROPOS, THE SHEARER.
ATTEND ME, MY DAUGHTERS.
AS HAS BEEN ORDAINED...
...THE GREAT WAR BETWEEN WORLDS CONTINUES.
CHILDREN OF ANANKE, MOTHER OF TRINITY AND DESTINY...
...AND THEY HOLD THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE IN THEIR HANDS.

HIPPOLYTA IS DEAD.

HER LOT HAS BEEN DRAWN, WOVEN BY HER TRAVELS THROUGH THE PAST, HER MANIPULATION OF THE FUTURE...

...BY HER LOVE FOR HER DAUGHTER, THE

WONDER WOMAN

THE FATES PEER THROUGH THE WATERS OF THE FOUNT OF YESTERDAY...

...AND WITNESS ONCE AGAIN **IMPERIEX**, THE DESTROYER OF WORLDS, WHO HAD COME TO THIS UNIVERSE TO **EXTINGUISH** IT AND IGNITE **ANEW**.

THE CREATURE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIPPOLYTA'S DEATH, AND MILLIONS OF OTHERS--

--ACROSS A HUNDRED GALAXIES, WHO WOULD SHAPE DESTINY AS ITS OWN.

THEY SEE DIANA, THE FORMER PRINCESS OF THE AMAZONS OF PARADISE ISLAND--

--ALLIED WITH THE GREATEST HEROES OF THIS UNIVERSE, AND ITS MOST WRETCHED VILLAINS...

AND THE MOIRAE FEEL THE FIRES OF ANGER BURN IN DIANA'S HEART. NOT SIMPLY FOR IMPERIEX...

...BUT FOR **DARKSEID**, THE EVIL NEW GOD ONCE RESPONSIBLE FOR DECIMATING PARADISE ISLAND AND SLAYING NEARLY HALF THE AMAZONS.

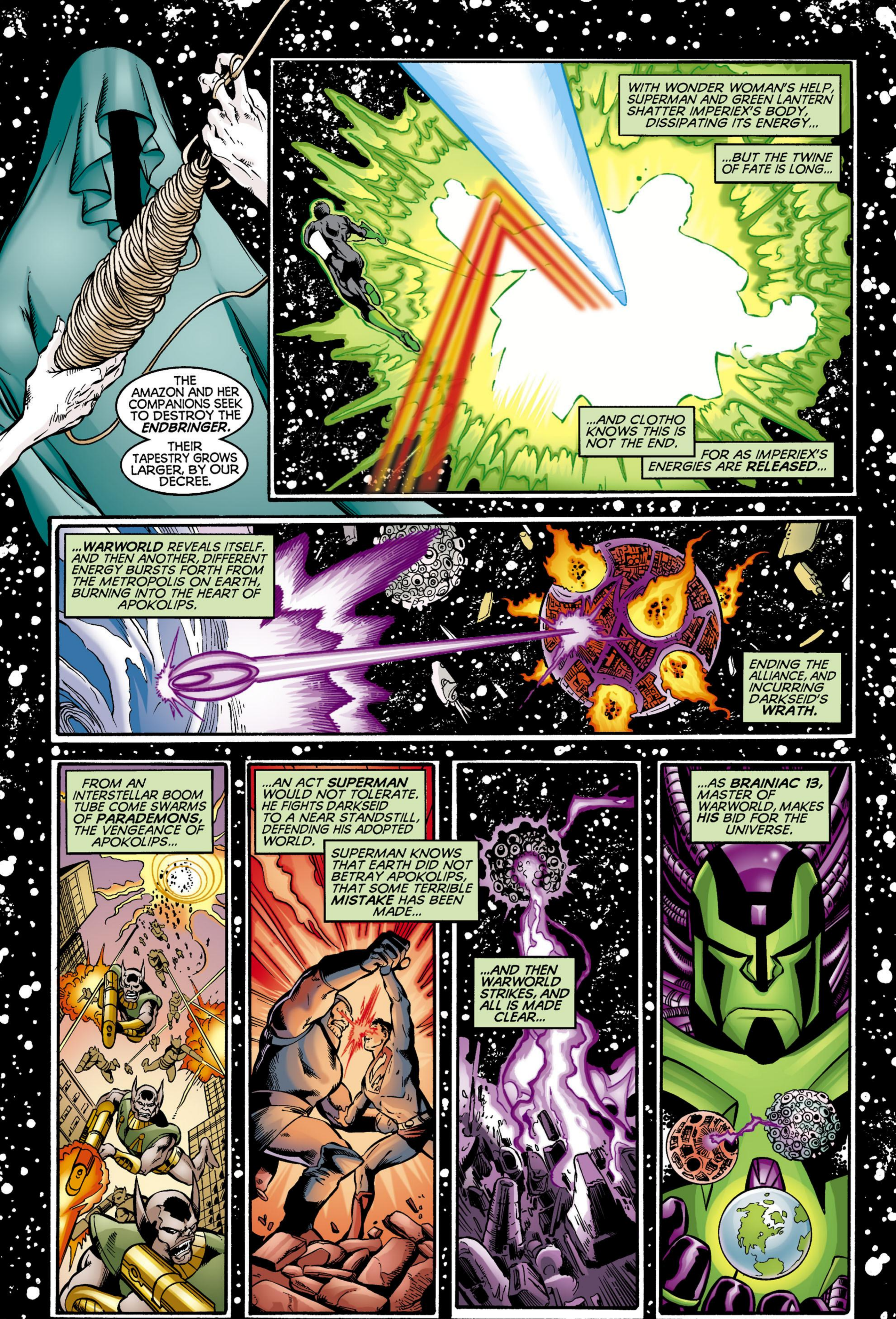
HOW DELICATELY WAS THE TAPESTRY OF FATE WOVEN, THAT IT WOULD BRING THESE TWO TOGETHER AS **ALLIES**, ANANKE WONDERS AND KNOWS.

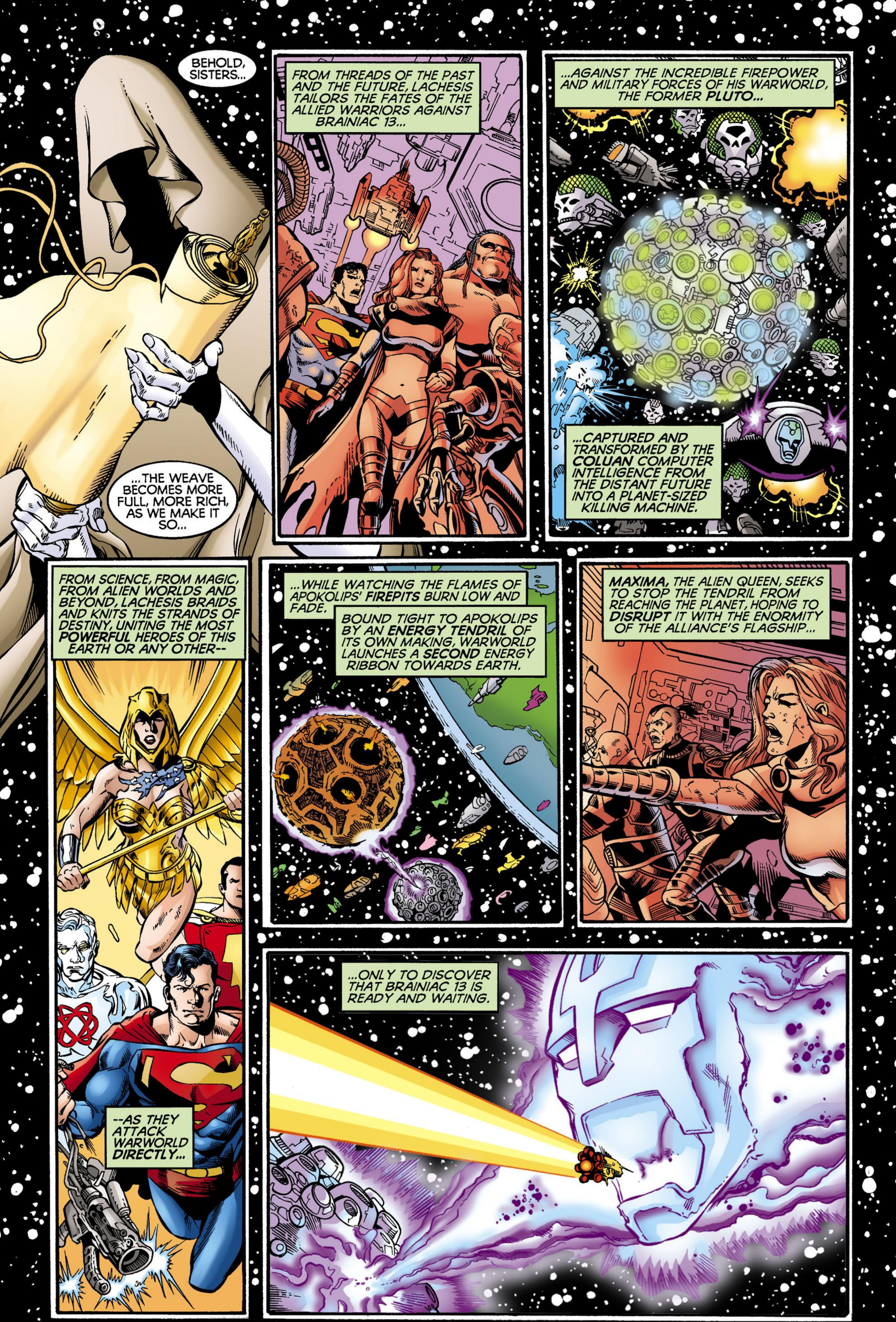
THE DAUGHTERS OF INEVITABILITY OBSERVE THE EARTH, APOKOLIPS-- HOME TO DARKSEID-- AND, HIDDEN TO ALL BUT BY FUTURISTIC SCIENCES...

...WARWORLD.

IMPOSSIBLY CLOSE, SURROUNDED BY THE WARCRAFT OF ALIENS FROM ACROSS THE COSMOS...

...AS DIANA, SUPERMAN AND OTHERS RACE TO THE STARS WITH A PLAN TO DESTROY IMPERIEX ONCE AND FOR ALL.


THE AMAZON AND HER COMPANIONS SEEK TO DESTROY THE ENDBRINGER.
THEIR TAPESTRY GROWS LARGER, BY OUR DECREE.
WITH WONDER WOMAN'S HELP, SUPERMAN AND GREEN LANTERN SHATTER IMPERIEX'S BODY, DISSIPATING ITS ENERGY...
...BUT THE TWINE OF FATE IS LONG...
...AND CLOTHO KNOWS THIS IS NOT THE END.
FOR AS IMPERIEX'S ENERGIES ARE RELEASED...
...WARWORLD REVEALS ITSELF. AND THEN ANOTHER, DIFFERENT ENERGY BURSTS FORTH FROM THE METROPOLIS ON EARTH, BURNING INTO THE HEART OF APOKOLIPS.
ENDING THE ALLIANCE, AND INCURRING DARKSEID'S WRATH.
FROM AN INTERSTELLAR BOOM TUBE COME SWARMS OF PARADEMONS, THE VENGEANCE OF APOKOLIPS...
...AN ACT SUPERMAN WOULD NOT TOLERATE. HE FIGHTS DARKSEID TO A NEAR STANDSTILL, DEFENDING HIS ADOPTED WORLD.
SUPERMAN KNOWS THAT EARTH DID NOT BETRAY APOKOLIPS, THAT SOME TERRIBLE MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE...
...AND THEN WARWORLD STRIKES, AND ALL IS MADE CLEAR...
...AS BRAINIAC 13, MASTER OF WARWORLD, MAKES HIS BID FOR THE UNIVERSE.


BEHOLD, SISTERS...
...THE WEAVE BECOMES MORE FULL, MORE RICH, AS WE MAKE IT SO...
FROM THREADS OF THE PAST AND THE FUTURE, LACHESIS TAILORS THE FATES OF THE ALLIED WARRIORS AGAINST BRAINIAC 13...
...AGAINST THE INCREDIBLE FIREPOWER AND MILITARY FORCES OF HIS WARWORLD, THE FORMER PLUTO...
...CAPTURED AND TRANSFORMED BY THE COLUAN COMPUTER INTELLIGENCE FROM THE DISTANT FUTURE INTO A PLANET-SIZED KILLING MACHINE.
FROM SCIENCE, FROM MAGIC, FROM ALIEN WORLDS AND BEYOND, LACHESIS BRAIDS AND KNITS THE STRANDS OF DESTINY, UNITING THE MOST POWERFUL HEROES OF THIS EARTH OR ANY OTHER--
--AS THEY ATTACK WARWORLD DIRECTLY...
...WHILE WATCHING THE FLAMES OF APOKOLIPS' FIREPITS BURN LOW AND FADE.
BOUND TIGHT TO APOKOLIPS BY AN ENERGY TENDRIL OF ITS OWN MAKING, WARWORLD LAUNCHES A SECOND ENERGY RIBBON TOWARDS EARTH.
MAXIMA, THE ALIEN QUEEN, SEEKS TO STOP THE TENDRIL FROM REACHING THE PLANET, HOPING TO DISRUPT IT WITH THE ENORMITY OF THE ALLIANCE'S FLAGSHIP...
...ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT BRAINIAC 13 IS READY AND WAITING.

AND SO THEIR LOT IS DRAWN, AND THE INEVITABLE COMES FOR THEM.

BUT NOT FOR ALL.

NOT YET.

MAXIMA HAD THE RIGHT IDEA, BUT INSUFFICIENT MASS. THE TENDRIL CAN BE SLOWED DOWN, WE CAN BUY TIME...

...BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE ONE HELLUVA BIG--

I KNOW WHAT WE CAN USE.

I KNOW WHAT IS *BIG* ENOUGH TO *STOP* THE TENDRIL.

AS ORDAINED, THE AMAZON SEEKS TO PROLONG THE LIFE OF GAEA AND HER OFFSPRING.

THE LOOM OF DESTINY SPINS LONGER, MY SISTERS.

WEAVE WELL YOUR INTRICATE TAPESTRY...

*THE CORDS OF FATE MESH TO REVEAL **THEMYSCIRA**, KNOWN MORE COMMONLY TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD AS **PARADISE ISLAND**...*

...HOME TO TWO TRIBES OF THE LEGENDARY AMAZONS, STRUGGLING TO UNITE AS ONE MIGHTY NATION.

*THE CAPITAL CITY, WHERE PHILLIPUS IS GREETED BY DIANA, HER SISTER **DONNA TROY**, AND ONE OTHER...*

DIANA, DONNA... IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT? THE ORACLES-- THEY SAID...

YES, ***GENERAL PHILLIPUS.*** HIPPOLYTA IS...

...GONE.

DIANA, I'M SO SORRY. I--

THE ORACLES TOLD YOU OF OUR FOES, PHILLIPUS. OF WHAT I'M ASKING OF THE AMAZONS, AND OF THEMYSCIRA. ARE YOUR FORCES MARSHALED? ARE YOU WILLING TO MAKE SUCH A SACRIFICE TO SAVE THE UNIVERSE?

OF COURSE, DIANA-- BUT WHAT YOU'RE ASKING OF US... IT SEEMS SO *IMPOSSIBLE...*

GENERAL, PLEASE-- MY NAME IS ***KORIAND'R*** OF TAMARAN, CALLED ***STARFIRE*** BY THE OUT-WORLDERS. IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT YOUR AMAZONS HELP WONDER WOMAN AND OUR ALLIANCE. TOO MANY WORLDS HAVE DIED ALREADY, AND SO WILL YOURS, IF YOU DON'T HELP NOW.

I HAVE AGREED TO HELP LEAD THE AMAZONS TO VICTORY, TO AVENGE HIPPOLYTA'S DEATH. BUT I CAN'T DO IT ***ALONE.***

OF COURSE.

WHAT DO YOU SAY, ***ARTEMIS?*** ARE YOU STILL OFFERING YOUR HELP AND THAT OF YOUR PEOPLE, KNOWING THE POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES?

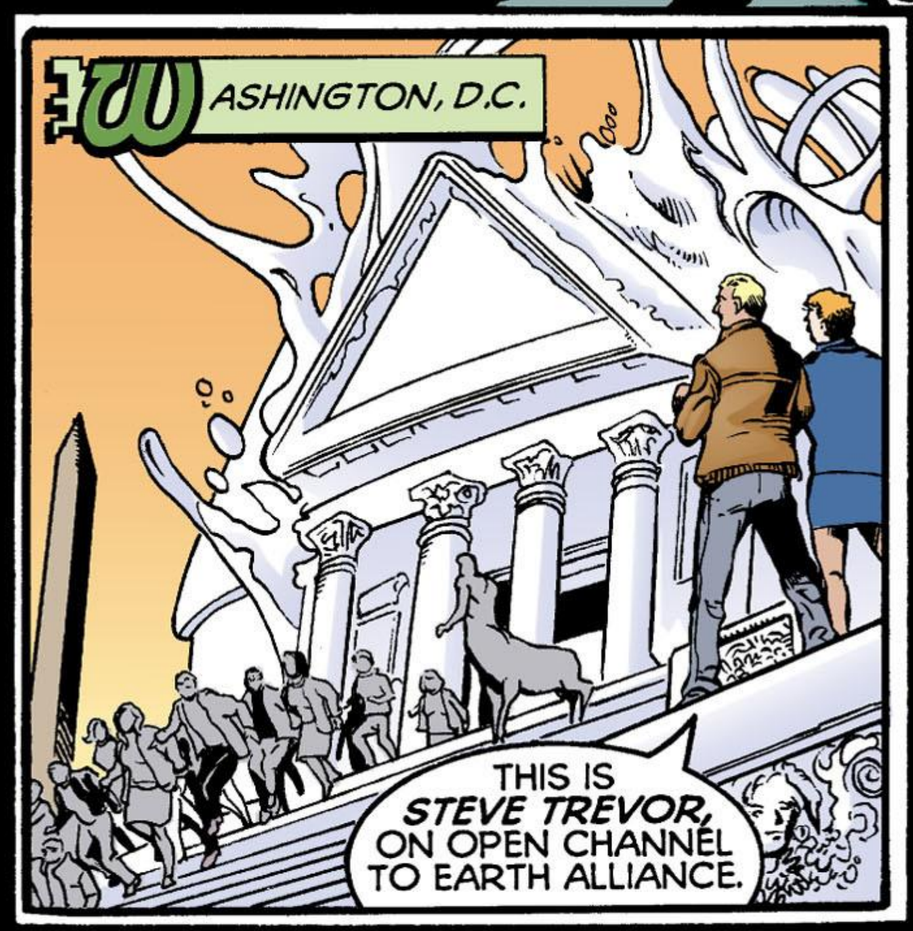
WILL YOU AND PHILLIPUS LEAD THE AMAZONS AGAINST BRAINIAC 13 AND WARWORLD?

IPHTHIME...
ANAYA? IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?
HIPPOLYTA'S DEAD...
I'VE COME TO RELEASE YOU FROM THESE *BARRACKS.*

ARTEMIS AND PHILLIPUS HAVE SUMMONED *ALL* OF THE AMAZONS TO *BANA-MIGHDALL.*
WE'RE GOING TO ATTACK THE ALIENS WHO THREATEN OUR WORLD.

I'M TRULY SORRY ABOUT HIPPOLYTA, IPHTHIME...
I KNOW, ANAYA. IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS I'LL ALWAYS *LOVE* YOU.
TAKE ME TO BANA-MIGHDALL.

THE FORMER LOVERS ARE BOUND AGAINST A COMMON THREAT, MY SISTERS.
THE WAR CONTINUES TO UNITE EVEN ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDES OF BETRAYAL AND SHAME.
AND THERE ARE SOME FOR WHOM THE STRANDS OF FATE WILL FOREVER BE INTERWOVEN...


WASHINGTON, D.C.
THIS IS *STEVE TREVOR,* ON OPEN CHANNEL TO EARTH ALLIANCE.

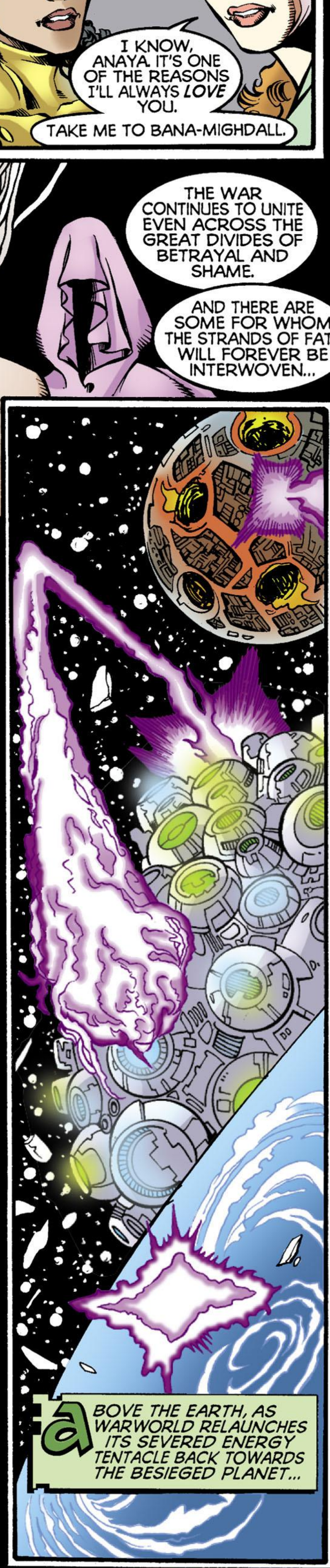
CHIRON AND THE OTHER MYTHOLOGICALS HAVE CLEARED OUT THE *WONDER-DOME EMBASSY* IN D.C. ITS TAKING ON A MORE AMORPHOUS SHAPE.
WHAT'S YOUR STATUS ON THEMYSCIRA, DIANA?

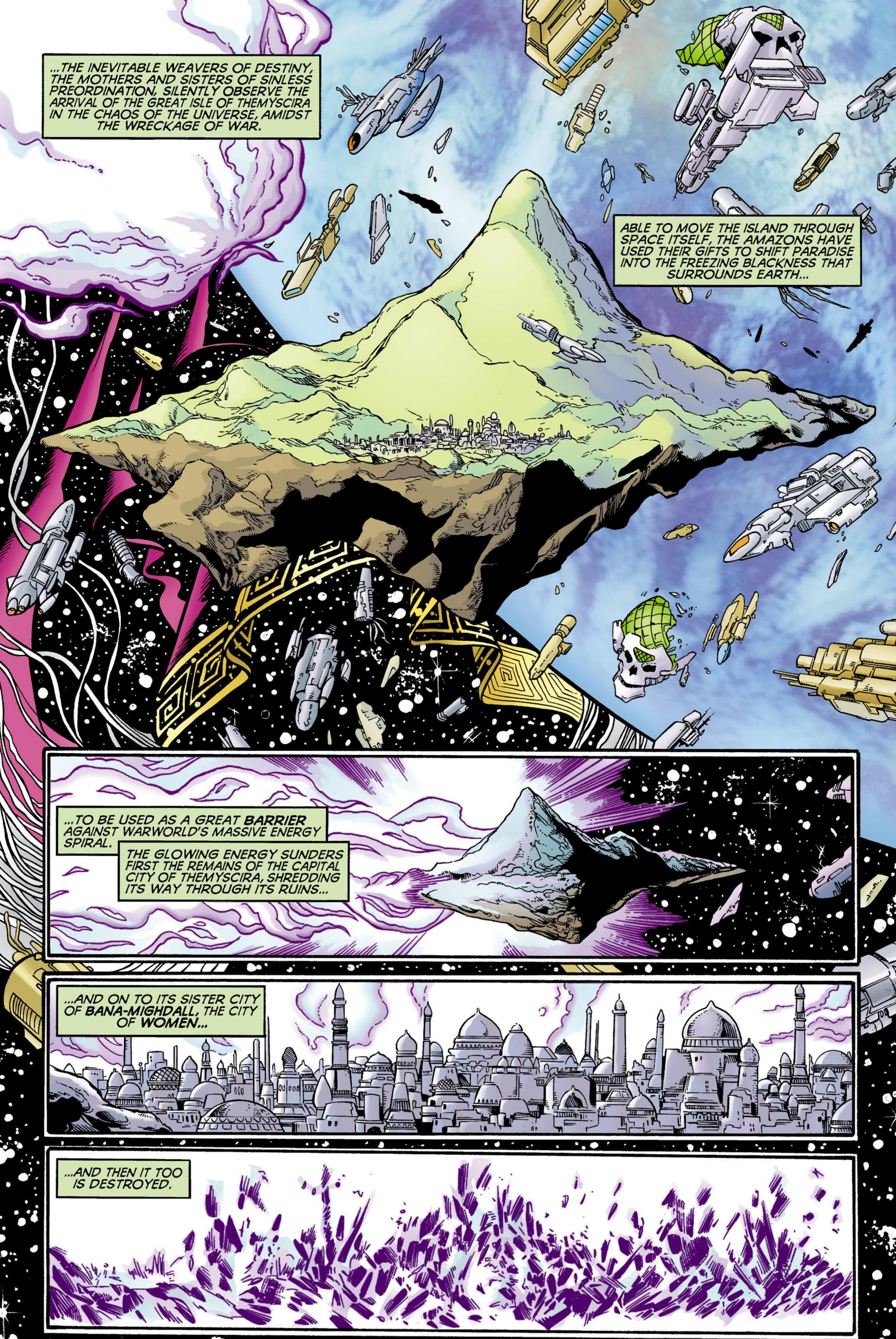
WE'RE GATHERED IN BANA-MIGHDALL, STEVE. THE AMAZONS ARE AS READY AS THEY CAN BE, CONSIDERING HOW LITTLE TIME WE HAD TO PREPARE. WE'LL BE THERE IN MOMENTS.
ARE YOU STILL PREPARED TO DO THIS, STEVE?
*I AM, AS LONG AS I'VE GOT **ETTA** BY MY SIDE--!*

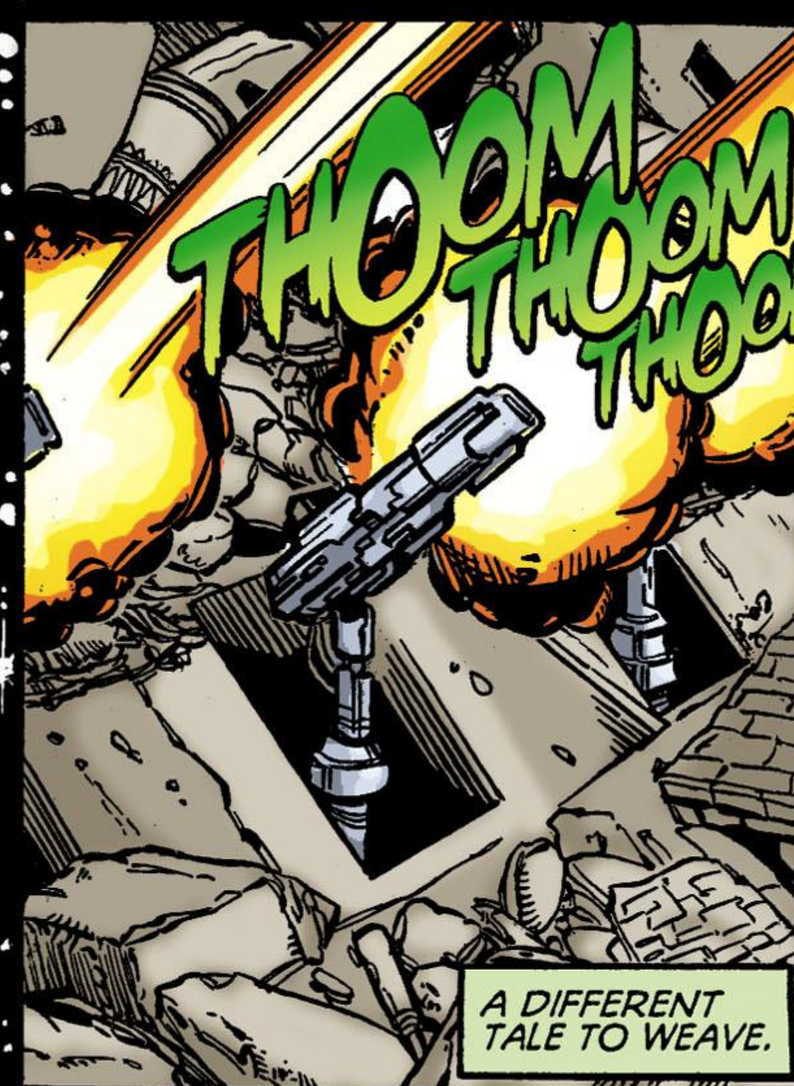
STEVE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE HELL YOU'RE DOING? YOU'RE LETTING THIS WONDERDOME THING *INSIDE* YOUR BODY--!

JUST STAY CLOSE, BABY--
--EVERY-THING'S GOING TO BE OKAY! I PROMISE!

WHOA--!
STEVE--
--IS THAT PARADISE ISLAND APPEARING BEHIND THE CAPITOL BUILDING?


ABOVE THE EARTH, AS WARWORLD RELAUNCHES ITS SEVERED ENERGY TENTACLE BACK TOWARDS THE BESIEGED PLANET...


...THE INEVITABLE WEAVERS OF DESTINY, THE MOTHERS AND SISTERS OF SINLESS PREORDINATION, SILENTLY OBSERVE THE ARRIVAL OF THE GREAT ISLE OF THEMYSCIRA IN THE CHAOS OF THE UNIVERSE, AMIDST THE WRECKAGE OF WAR.
ABLE TO MOVE THE ISLAND THROUGH SPACE ITSELF, THE AMAZONS HAVE USED THEIR GIFTS TO SHIFT PARADISE INTO THE FREEZING BLACKNESS THAT SURROUNDS EARTH...
...TO BE USED AS A GREAT BARRIER AGAINST WARWORLD'S MASSIVE ENERGY SPIRAL.
THE GLOWING ENERGY SUNDERS FIRST THE REMAINS OF THE CAPITAL CITY OF THEMYSCIRA, SHREDDING ITS WAY THROUGH ITS RUINS...
...AND ON TO ITS SISTER CITY OF BANA-MIGHDALL, THE CITY OF WOMEN...
...AND THEN IT TOO IS DESTROYED.



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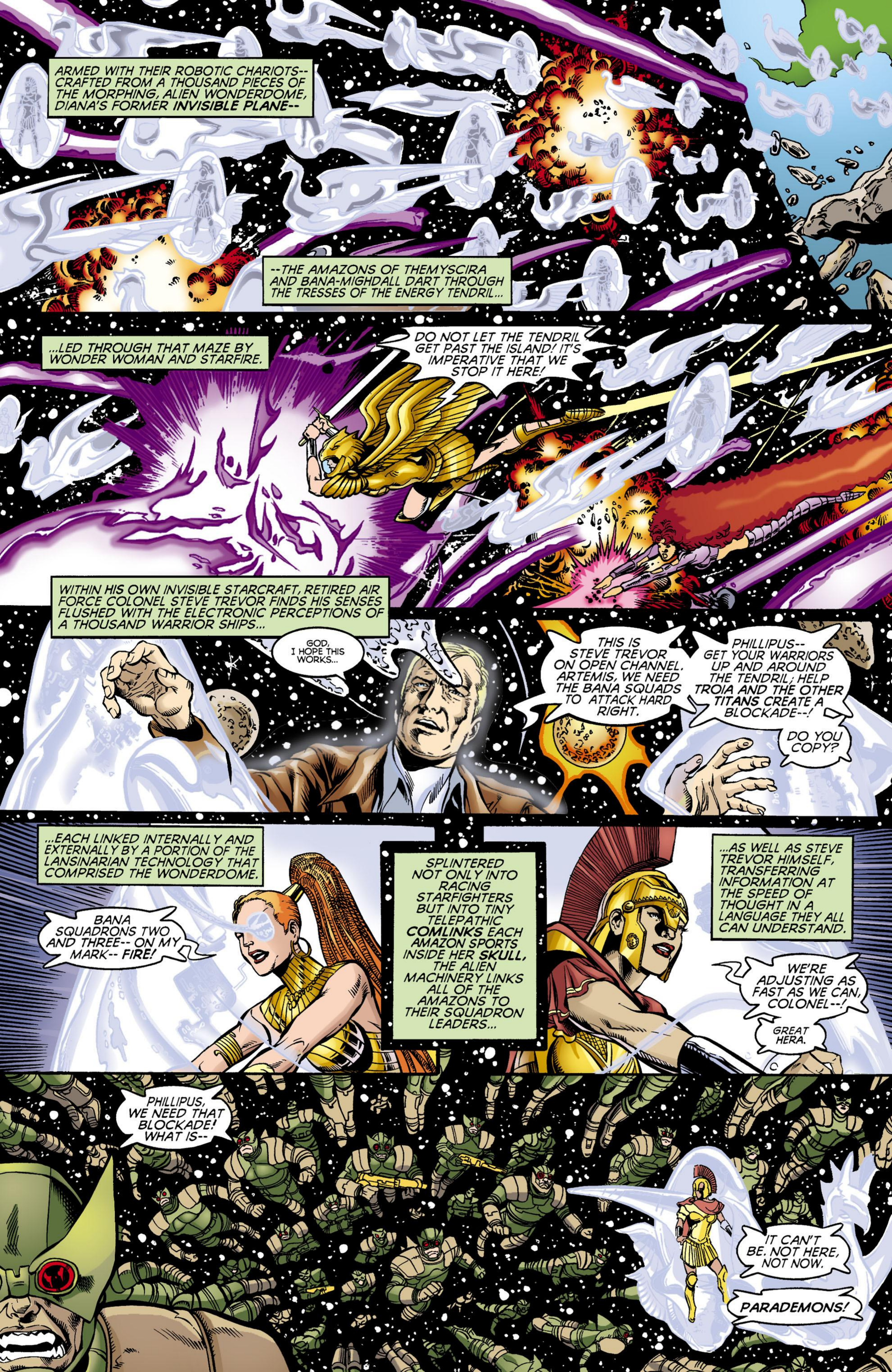
ARMED WITH THEIR ROBOTIC CHARIOTS-- CRAFTED FROM A THOUSAND PIECES OF THE MORPHING, ALIEN WONDERDOME, DIANA'S FORMER INVISIBLE PLANE--
--THE AMAZONS OF THEMYSCIRA AND BANA-MIGHDALL DART THROUGH THE TRESSES OF THE ENERGY TENDRIL...
...LED THROUGH THAT MAZE BY WONDER WOMAN AND STARFIRE.
DO NOT LET THE TENDRIL GET PAST THE ISLAND! IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE STOP IT HERE!
WITHIN HIS OWN INVISIBLE STARCRAFT, RETIRED AIR FORCE COLONEL STEVE TREVOR FINDS HIS SENSES FLUSHED WITH THE ELECTRONIC PERCEPTIONS OF A THOUSAND WARRIOR SHIPS...
GOD, I HOPE THIS WORKS...
THIS IS STEVE TREVOR ON OPEN CHANNEL. ARTEMIS, WE NEED THE BANA SQUADS TO ATTACK HARD RIGHT.
PHILLIPUS-- GET YOUR WARRIORS UP AND AROUND THE TENDRIL; HELP TROIA AND THE OTHER TITANS CREATE A BLOCKADE--!
DO YOU COPY?
...EACH LINKED INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY BY A PORTION OF THE LANSINARIAN TECHNOLOGY THAT COMPRISED THE WONDERDOME.
BANA SQUADRONS TWO AND THREE-- ON MY MARK-- FIRE!
SPLINTERED NOT ONLY INTO RACING STARFIGHTERS BUT INTO TINY TELEPATHIC COMLINKS EACH AMAZON SPORTS INSIDE HER SKULL, THE ALIEN MACHINERY LINKS ALL OF THE AMAZONS TO THEIR SQUADRON LEADERS...
...AS WELL AS STEVE TREVOR HIMSELF, TRANSFERRING INFORMATION AT THE SPEED OF THOUGHT IN A LANGUAGE THEY ALL CAN UNDERSTAND.
WE'RE ADJUSTING AS FAST AS WE CAN, COLONEL--!
GREAT HERA.
PHILLIPUS, WE NEED THAT BLOCKADE! WHAT IS--
IT CAN'T BE. NOT HERE, NOT NOW.
PARADEMONS!

NOT JUST PARADEMONS...
...BUT THE SHOCKTROOPERS DARKSEID ONCE USED TO RAVAGE THEMYSCIRA--

--AND SLAUGHTER HALF THE AMAZONS!
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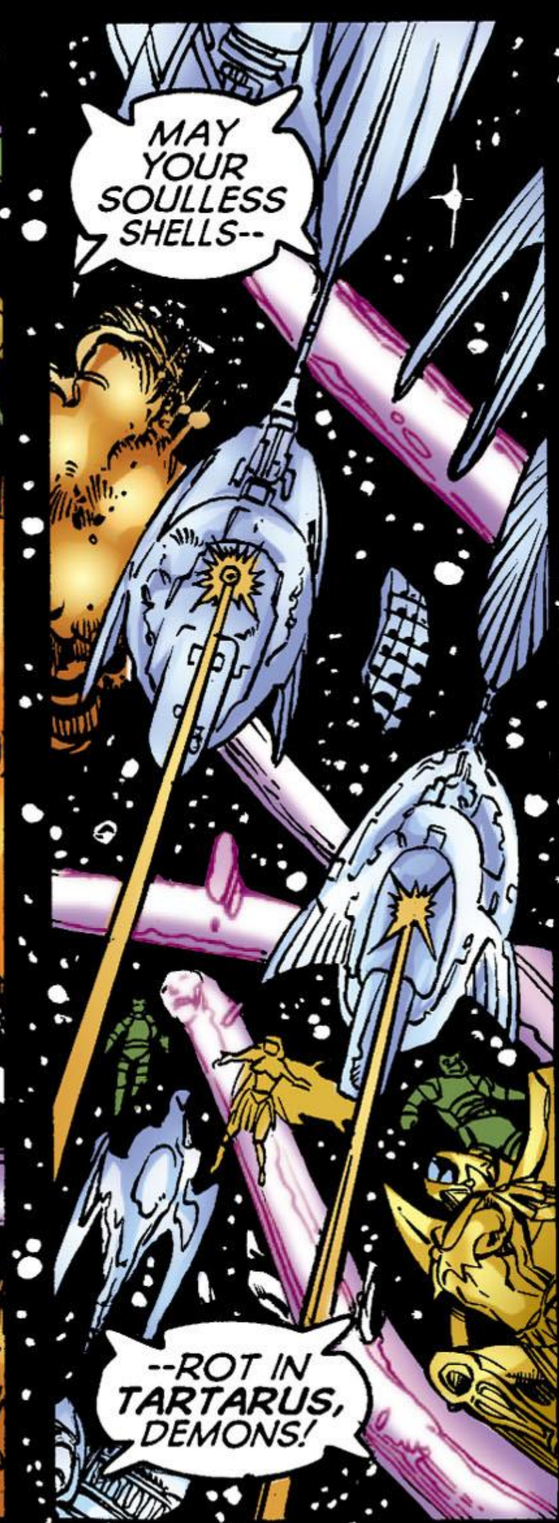
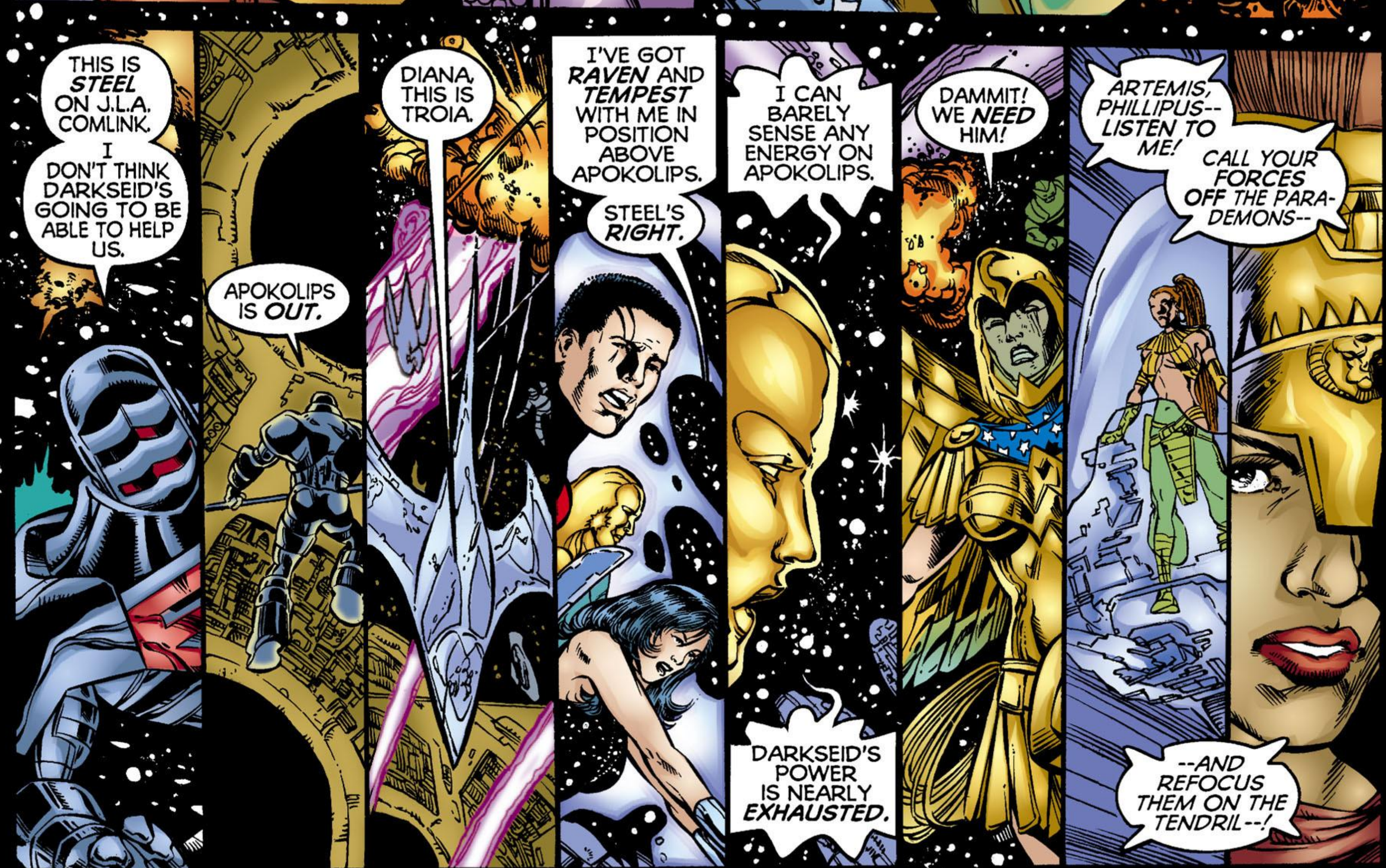

MAY YOUR SOULLESS SHELLS--
--ROT IN TARTARUS, DEMONS!

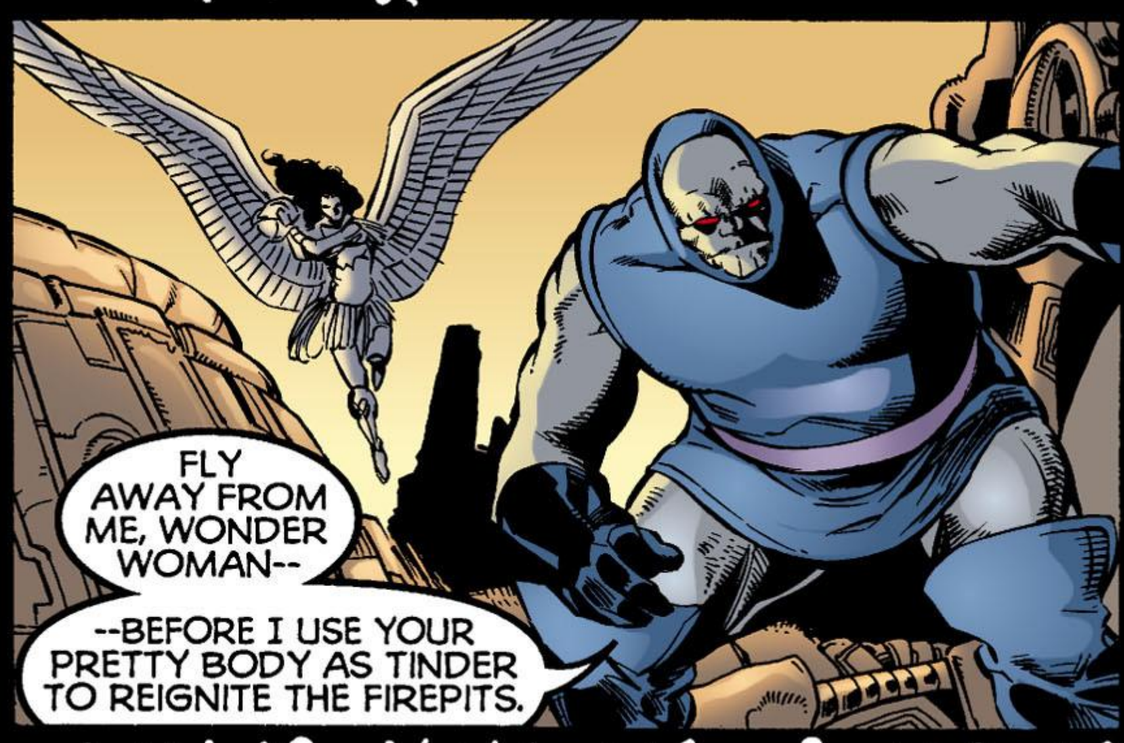
NO!
DON'T DESTROY THEM!

WE NEED THEIR HELP TO STOP BRAINIAC 13'S ENERGY TENDRIL!
THEY'RE DARKSEID'S LAST LINE OF DEFENSE! THEY'RE ALL HE HAS LEFT--!

WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?


THIS IS STEEL ON J.L.A. COMLINK.
I DON'T THINK DARKSEID'S GOING TO BE ABLE TO HELP US.
APOKOLIPS IS OUT.
DIANA, THIS IS TROIA.
I'VE GOT RAVEN AND TEMPEST WITH ME IN POSITION ABOVE APOKOLIPS.
STEEL'S RIGHT.
I CAN BARELY SENSE ANY ENERGY ON APOKOLIPS.
DARKSEID'S POWER IS NEARLY EXHAUSTED.
DAMMIT! WE NEED HIM!
ARTEMIS, PHILLIPUS-- LISTEN TO ME!
CALL YOUR FORCES OFF THE PARA-DEMONS--
--AND REFOCUS THEM ON THE TENDRIL--!

DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO PREVENT BRAINIAC 13'S ENERGIES FROM REACHING EARTH--
--WHILE I FIND DARKSEID!
RAVEN, CAN YOU HELP ME?
HAND TO ME THE STRINGS OF THE EMPATH'S DESTINY WHILE I WEAVE HER INTO THE TAPESTRY, SISTERS.
THE DEMON'S DAUGHTER LEADS THE AMAZON TO THE DEVIL HIMSELF.
UNBELIEVABLE.
APOKOLIPS HAS BEEN TORN APART BY WARWORLD. THE WAR MACHINES ARE ALL INACTIVE. THE FIREPITS, THE FURNACES-- THEY'VE ALL BEEN EXTINGUISHED.
DIANA-- HE'S RIGHT BELOW YOU!
YES, RAVEN! THERE HE IS!
STANDING BELOW HIS MASS DIRECTOR UNIT.
DARKSEID!


FLY AWAY FROM ME, WONDER WOMAN--
--BEFORE I USE YOUR PRETTY BODY AS TINDER TO REIGNITE THE FIREPITS.

SAVE YOUR THREATS FOR A TIME WHEN YOU CAN BACK THEM.
LOOK AT ME-- I KNOW YOUR POWER EBBS, NEW GOD.
KLNG

I SAID LOOK AT ME!

WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOUR SHAME.
WE HAVE TO DESTROY WARWORLD.
AND WE HAVE TO DO IT NOW.

NEVER
TOUCH ME AGAIN AMAZON.
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ANTAGONIZE EACH OTHER, DARKSEID. THE ALLIANCE NEEDS YOUR POWERS TO STOP WARWORLD.

AS YOU YOURSELF SAID, MY POWER IS NOT WHAT IT WAS. SUPERMAN AND BRAINIAC 13 SAW TO THAT.
I CANNOT MUSTER THE ENERGY TO SEVER THE ENERGY TENDRIL THAT CONNECTS APOKOLIPS TO WARWORLD, OR TO ASSAULT WARWORLD ITSELF.

I NEED MY POWERS RENEWED, MY STRENGTH RESTORED, TO USE MY OMEGA FORCE AGAINST BRAINIAC 13.
YOU NEED POWER, DARKSEID?
I KNOW HOW TO GET POWER.

BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT DARK FORCES SPAWNED YOU--
--YOU'RE STILL A GOD, AFTER ALL.

CLOTHO SPINS...
EUBOEA, THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM--!
LISTEN TO PHILLIPUS AND COLONEL TREVOR, MYRHHA--
BRWOM
MYRHHA! GREAT HERA, NO!
ATHENA, HELP ME NOW...
NO. NOT ATHENA, AMAZON. IT IS NO MINOR GODDESS THAT HELPS YOU NOW AGAINST THESE MACHINES.
FURY!
IT IS THE AVATAR OF THE EUMENIDES WHICH DEMAND RETRIBUTION--
--AND VENGEANCE FOR THE DEATH OF HIPPOLYTA!
...LACHESIS WEAVES...
...AND ATROPOS SHEARS THE TAPESTRY OF DESTINY.
SHEEEK
I DON'T REMEMBER STARFIRE EVER BEING THIS SAVAGE.
SHE FIGHTS TO SAVE OUR WORLD AND OTHERS, TEMPEST.
SHE HAS LOST SO MUCH ALREADY. SHE WILL PASSIONATELY DEFEND ALL SHE HAS LEFT. AND WE MUST ALWAYS REMEMBER...
...KORIAND'R WAS EVER A CREATURE OF EMOTION.
DIANA? NO, I HEAR YOU-- I UNDERSTAND. IT'S JUST THAT...
RHEA HELP ME, ARE YOU SURE?

DIANA HEAVES A MASSIVE SIGH AND GENTLY NODS HER HEAD. FOR SHE ALMOST CAN'T BELIEVE SHE SAYS "YES."
AND THEN DIANA'S THOUGHTS FILTER NOT JUST THROUGH THE PSYCHIC LINK SHE SHARES WITH HER SISTER, BUT INTO THE MINDS OF ALL OF THE AMAZONS-- COMMUNICATING TELEPATHICALLY THROUGH THE BIOTECH LINK OF THE LANSANARIAN WONDERDOME.
AT THE SPEED OF THOUGHT, DIANA TELLS THE AMAZONS OF DARKSEID'S PLIGHT, AND HOW HE NEEDS POWER TO END THE THREAT OF WARWORLD.
HER MIND RECOILS AT THE RAGE OF A THOUSAND AMAZONS AND MORE, AT THE MERE MENTION OF DARKSEID'S NAME. RECOILING AT FIRST FROM THE AMAZONS' THOUGHTS OF BLOODY VENGEANCE, DIANA STEELS HERSELF AND SIFTS THROUGH THE HATE AND BEGS THE AMAZONS TO DO THE SAME.
AS THE WAR RAGES BEYOND THEM, SHE IMPLORES THE AMAZONS TO FORSAKE THEIR RIGHTFUL GRIEVANCES AGAINST THE EVIL GOD, TO HELP SAVE THE UNIVERSE.
AND THEN DIANA ASKS THEM TO PRAY TO BRING ALL THEIR SPIRITUAL FOCUS TO BEAR.
TO SET ASIDE ALL OTHER EMOTIONS AND CENTER ON THAT INTENSE CORE OF BELIEF WITHIN THEM, TO LOOK INWARD TOWARDS THE ONE ENERGY THAT CONSTANTLY NOURISHES THEM, AND RENEWS THEM, AND GIVES THEM THE POWER AND REASON TO LIVE...
...TO FOCUS THAT ENERGY, THAT SPIRITUAL POWER, THAT FAITH...
...AND PREPARE TO HAVE IT CHANNELED...
...INTO DARKSEID.

AGAIN, DIANA'S SENSES ARE ASSAULTED WITH CONFUSION... AND HATE.

WHAT YOU'RE ASKING, DIANA... IT'S **TOO MUCH.**

DARKSEID **DESTROYED** OUR HOME. HE **SLAUGHTERED** HALF OUR NUMBER. HOW CAN YOU ASK US TO GIVE HIM OUR POWER?

PENELOPE, I'M ASKING YOU TO USE YOUR **FAITH** TO HELP SAVE EVERY LIVING THING **IN THIS UNIVERSE.**

PLEASE, ALL OF YOU-- LOOK INTO MY **SOUL,** AS I LAY IT BARE TO YOU--

--AND KNOW THAT I WOULD NEVER ASK OF YOU SO GREAT AN ACT OF **SACRIFICE...**

...IF I DIDN'T TRULY BELIEVE WE COULD **MAKE** IT, SURVIVE IT, AND WIN THIS TERRIBLE WAR.

I ONCE SAID THAT **FAITH** WAS OUR NATION'S GREATEST **WEAPON.**

PLEASE, IN GAEA'S NAME, IN PYTHIA'S NAME--

--AND IN HIPPOLYTA'S NAME--

--HELP ME **PROVE** IT.

AND THERE IS SILENCE FOR WHAT SEEMS LIKE AN ETERNITY...

...AND THEN...

THEY'VE AGREED.

EXCELLENT.

"THEY'RE PREPARING NOW. BUT THEY'RE GOING TO NEED PROTECTION."

"MY SHOCKTROOPERS WILL SEE TO THAT. NOTHING WILL HARM THEM, AMAZON. YOU HAVE MY WORD."

THIS IS COLONEL TREVOR-- I'M **DISENGAGING.**

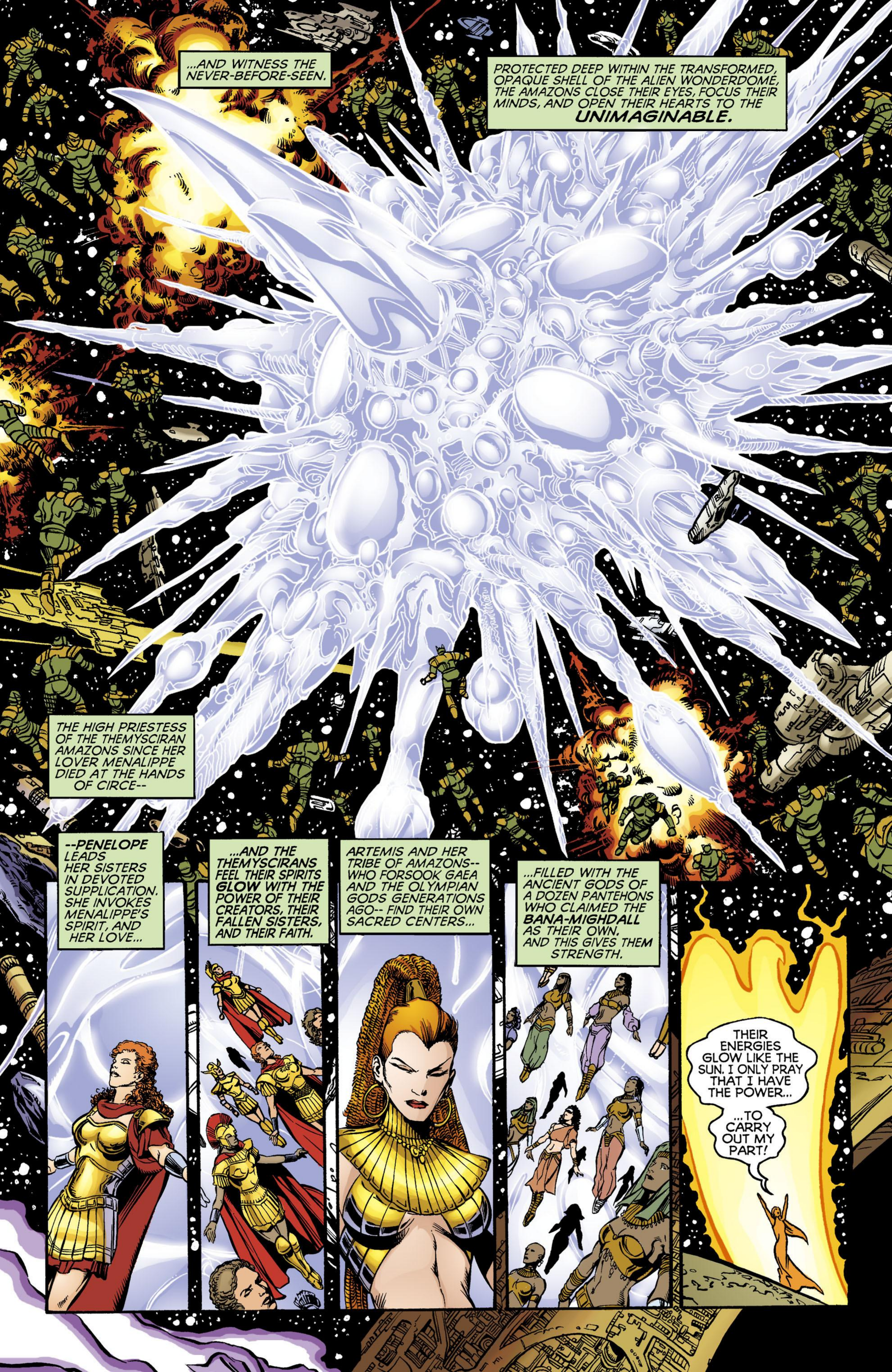
I HOPE YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, DIANA...

AND STEVE WATCHES, AS THE INVISIBLE CHARIOTS MORPH AND GROW...

...AND CONNECT...

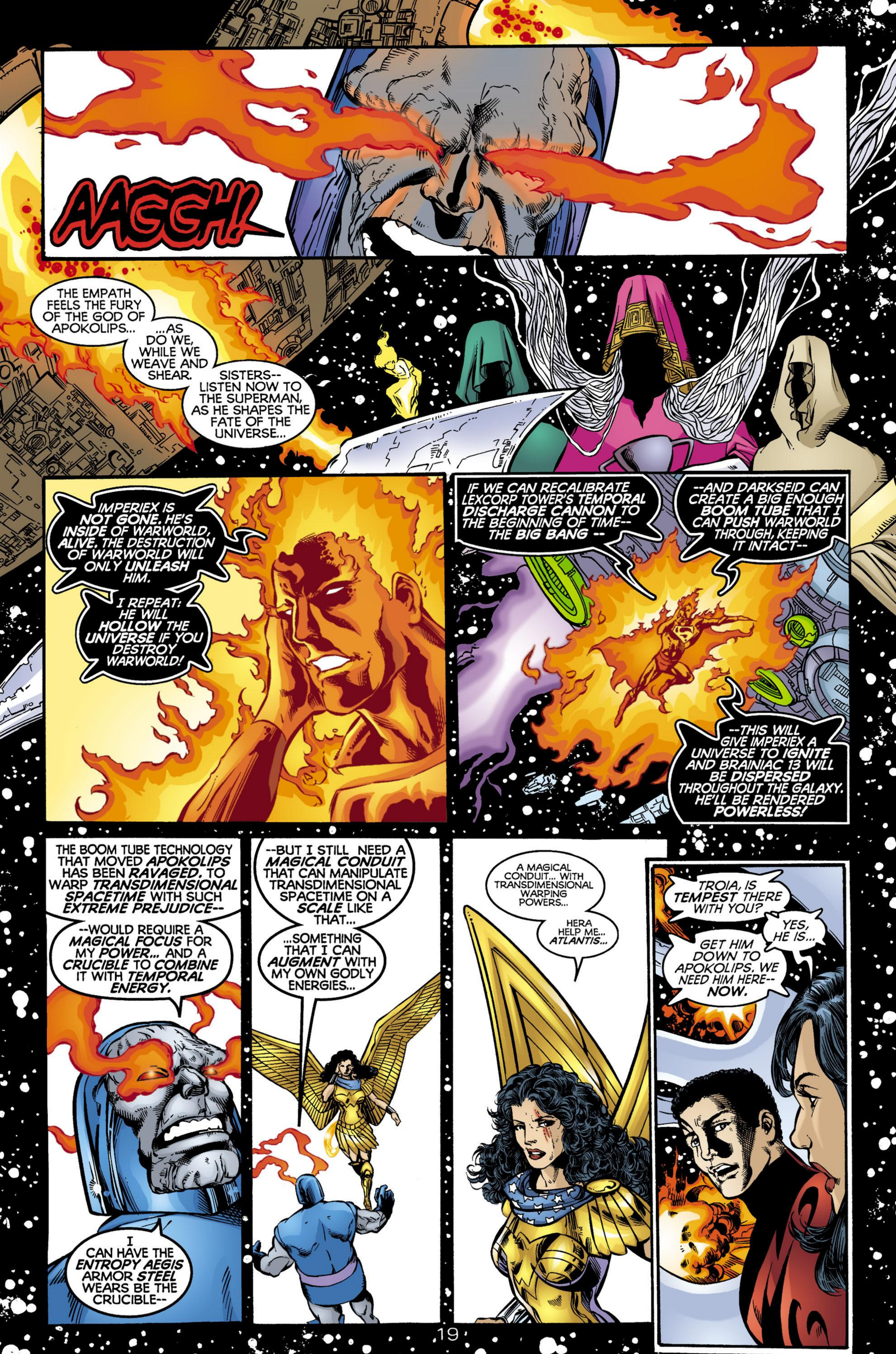
...AS THE AMAZONS RECREATE THEIR STARCRAFT IN **PRAYER CHAMBERS.**

THE NEARLY MINDLESS **PARADEMON SHOCKTROOPERS** LOOK ON...


...AND WITNESS THE NEVER-BEFORE-SEEN.
PROTECTED DEEP WITHIN THE TRANSFORMED, OPAQUE SHELL OF THE ALIEN WONDERDOME, THE AMAZONS CLOSE THEIR EYES, FOCUS THEIR MINDS, AND OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO THE UNIMAGINABLE.
THE HIGH PRIESTESS OF THE THEMYSCIRAN AMAZONS SINCE HER LOVER MENALIPPE DIED AT THE HANDS OF CIRCE--
--PENELOPE LEADS HER SISTERS IN DEVOTED SUPPLICATION. SHE INVOKES MENALIPPE'S SPIRIT, AND HER LOVE...
...AND THE THEMYSCIRANS FEEL THEIR SPIRITS GLOW WITH THE POWER OF THEIR CREATORS, THEIR FALLEN SISTERS, AND THEIR FAITH.
ARTEMIS AND HER TRIBE OF AMAZONS-- WHO FORSOOK GAEA AND THE OLYMPIAN GODS GENERATIONS AGO-- FIND THEIR OWN SACRED CENTERS...
...FILLED WITH THE ANCIENT GODS OF A DOZEN PANTEHONS WHO CLAIMED THE BANA-MIGHDALL AS THEIR OWN. AND THIS GIVES THEM STRENGTH.
THEIR ENERGIES GLOW LIKE THE SUN. I ONLY PRAY THAT I HAVE THE POWER...
...TO CARRY OUT MY PART!

ON APOKOLIPS:
ONCE TRANSFORMED INTO THE OLYMPIAN GODDESS OF TRUTH, DIANA FORSOOK THAT ROLE AND RETURNED TO EARTH TO HELP THOSE IN NEED...
EACH DAY, SHE STRIVES TO CHANGE THE WORLD BY MAKING AT LEAST ONE PERSON TRANSCEND AND SEE AND UNDERSTAND THE POSSIBILITIES OF JOY, OF LOVE, AND OF HOPE.
IT'S HER OWN FAITH IN THOSE IDEALS, TAUGHT TO HER BY THE AMAZONS AND THE GODDESSES THEMSELVES, THAT GIVES HER THE STRENGTH SHE NEEDS EVERY DAY TO TRY TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD.
AND JUST WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE ARE YOU?
I AM NO MERE CREATURE, DARKSEID. I AM RAVEN, DAUGHTER OF THE DEMON TRIGON...
...AND AS AZAR IS MY WITNESS, MY SOUL SELF WILL CONTAIN YOU--

...AND REPLENISH YOU.
DIANA, TOO, FEELS RAVEN'S SOUL SELF CHANNELING ENERGIES FROM THE AMAZON INTO THE NEW GOD...
...AND PRAYS TO HER OWN, ABSENT GODDESSES FOR FORGIVENESS.
AND THE DARK GOD CONTINUES TO SIPHON THE SPIRITUAL ENERGY, UNTIL...
YES--!
DO YOU SEE? YOUR AMAZONS HAVE DONE IT, WOMAN!
APOKOLIPS LIVES AGAIN!
STEEL, THIS IS DIANA-- WE'VE DONE IT. THE AMAZONS AND RAVEN WERE ABLE TO CHANNEL POWER INTO DARKSEID. HE'S GOT THE ENERGY HE NEEDS.
THERE IS NO OTHER WAY, JOHN. NO MORE TIME. ATTACK NOW--
WHAT--KAL?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
BRAINIAC!
DARKSEID!
NO!
YOU HAVE TO LISTEN TO SUPERMAN!
IF WE DESTROY WARWORLD, WE WON'T JUST DESTROY BRAINIAC 13--
--WE WILL DESTROY THE UNIVERSE ALONG WITH HIM!


AAGGH!
THE EMPATH FEELS THE FURY OF THE GOD OF APOKOLIPS...
...AS DO WE, WHILE WE WEAVE AND SHEAR.
SISTERS-- LISTEN NOW TO THE SUPERMAN, AS HE SHAPES THE FATE OF THE UNIVERSE...
IMPERIEX IS NOT GONE. HE'S INSIDE OF WARWORLD, ALIVE. THE DESTRUCTION OF WARWORLD WILL ONLY UNLEASH HIM.
I REPEAT: HE WILL HOLLOW THE UNIVERSE IF YOU DESTROY WARWORLD!
IF WE CAN RECALIBRATE LEXCORP TOWER'S TEMPORAL DISCHARGE CANNON TO THE BEGINNING OF TIME-- THE BIG BANG --
--AND DARKSEID CAN CREATE A BIG ENOUGH BOOM TUBE THAT I CAN PUSH WARWORLD THROUGH, KEEPING IT INTACT--
--THIS WILL GIVE IMPERIEX A UNIVERSE TO IGNITE AND BRAINIAC 13 WILL BE DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE GALAXY. HE'LL BE RENDERED POWERLESS!
THE BOOM TUBE TECHNOLOGY THAT MOVED APOKOLIPS HAS BEEN RAVAGED. TO WARP TRANSDIMENSIONAL SPACETIME WITH SUCH EXTREME PREJUDICE--
--WOULD REQUIRE A MAGICAL FOCUS FOR MY POWER... AND A CRUCIBLE TO COMBINE IT WITH TEMPORAL ENERGY.
I CAN HAVE THE ENTROPY AEGIS ARMOR STEEL WEARS BE THE CRUCIBLE--
--BUT I STILL NEED A MAGICAL CONDUIT THAT CAN MANIPULATE TRANSDIMENSIONAL SPACETIME ON A SCALE LIKE THAT...
...SOMETHING THAT I CAN AUGMENT WITH MY OWN GODLY ENERGIES...
A MAGICAL CONDUIT... WITH TRANSDIMENSIONAL WARPING POWERS...
HERA HELP ME... ATLANTIS...
TROIA, IS TEMPEST THERE WITH YOU?
YES, HE IS...
GET HIM DOWN TO APOKOLIPS. WE NEED HIM HERE-- NOW.

IN THE JLA OWAW ANNUAL!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO ATLANTIS. I JUST... SENT IT SOMEWHERE*
I DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF CONTROL OVER MY TELEPORTATION POWERS. I'VE NEVER HAD THAT KIND OF TUTORING.

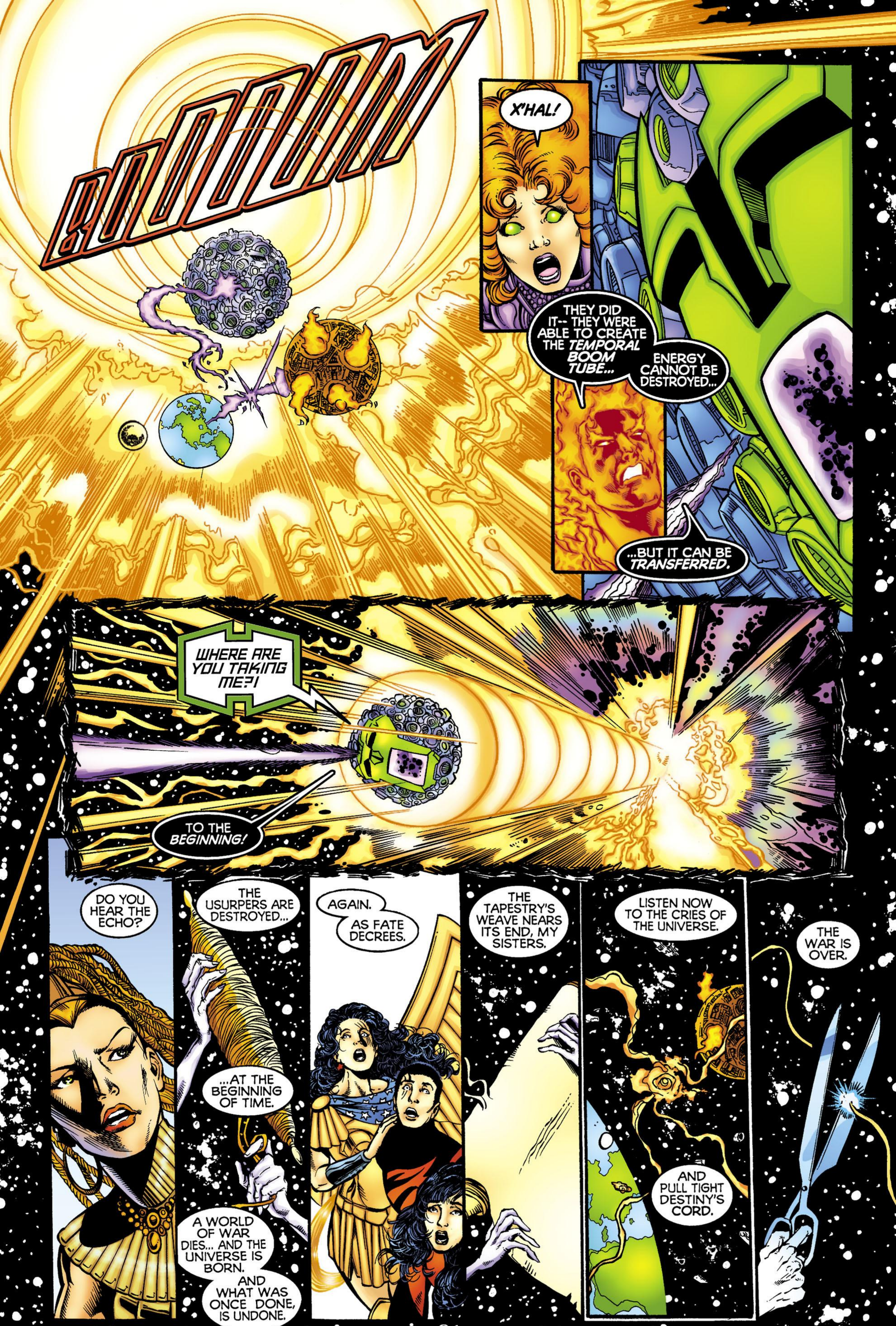
DARKSEID CAN HELP YOU FOCUS YOUR POWER THROUGH HIS. HE CAN HELP YOU CONTROL THE DIMENSIONAL RIFT YOU CREATE.
BUT WHAT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG?
WHAT IF I DO TO YOU WHAT I DID TO ATLANTIS?!
TEMPEST--

--DO IT FOR AQUAMAN. FOR ARTHUR.
DO IT FOR HIM, BECAUSE NO MATTER HOW FRUSTRATED HE WAS BY THE FACT THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO SHOW YOU BETTER
--THAT MAN WAS SO PROUD OF YOU. HE LOVED YOU SO MUCH.
AND HE HAD SUCH FAITH IN YOU.
HE DID...?

LEXCORP TOWERS CONFIRMS-- THEIR TEMPORAL BEAM IS READY. MY ARMOR'S SET TO GO. WE JUST NEED DARKSEID...
--I'M WITH YOU, TOO.
FOR ALL OF YOU AMAZONS PRAYING OUT THERE--

ENOUGH.
LITTLE MAGICIAN, OPEN YOUR MIND AND POWERS TO ME. IT IS TIME.
I DON'T WANT TO DO THIS.
RHEA HELP ME-- IT'S HAPPENING!

DONNA, DIANA, PLEASE--
--HOLD MY HANDS, AND DON'T LET GO!


X'HAL!
THEY DID IT-- THEY WERE ABLE TO CREATE THE TEMPORAL BOOM TUBE...
ENERGY CANNOT BE DESTROYED...
...BUT IT CAN BE TRANSFERRED.
WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?!
TO THE BEGINNING!
DO YOU HEAR THE ECHO?
THE USURPERS ARE DESTROYED...
...AT THE BEGINNING OF TIME.
A WORLD OF WAR DIES... AND THE UNIVERSE IS BORN.
AND WHAT WAS ONCE DONE, IS UNDONE.
AGAIN.
AS FATE DECREES.
THE TAPESTRY'S WEAVE NEARS ITS END, MY SISTERS.
LISTEN NOW TO THE CRIES OF THE UNIVERSE.
AND PULL TIGHT DESTINY'S CORD.
THE WAR IS OVER.

SUPERMAN RETURNS FROM THE PAST, HAVING VANQUISHED IMPERIEX AND BRAINIAC 13...

AND APOKOLIPS WILL RETURN TO ITS OWN SPACE IN THE UNIVERSE, THANKS TO YOUR LITTLE MAGICAL COMPANION.
Ah, THE TASTE OF VICTORY IS *SWEET...*
WHAT A SHAME YOU COULDN'T SIP FROM ITS CUP, DIANA.
HUNDREDS MORE OF YOUR AMAZONS WERE *SLAIN* IN BATTLE.
YOUR PRECIOUS ISLAND HOME WAS SHATTERED INTO PIECES.

AND THEN, WHEN YOU AND YOUR SISTERS GAVE ME STRENGTH THROUGH YOUR PRAYER-- YOU LOST A PIECE OF YOUR *SOUL* TO ME. YET AGAIN, YOU LOSE... NEARLY *EVERYTHING.*
SURELY YOU MUST BE *JOKING,* DARKSEID?

OR DON'T YOU KNOW?
WHEN RAVEN CHANNELED OUR ENERGIES THROUGH YOU, SHE *INFECTED* YOUR DARK SPIRIT. SHE DIDN'T JUST GIVE YOU MY POWER. SHE USED HER EMPATHIC POWERS...
...TO *FUSE* THAT PART OF MY SOUL INTO YOUR OWN.

A PART THAT I GIVE FREELY, EACH AND EVERY DAY... AND WHICH YOU TOOK GLADLY, WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING THE *CONSEQUENCES.*

THERE'S A PIECE OF *ME* INSIDE *YOU* NOW, DARKSEID.

A PIECE THAT BELIEVES MORE THAN ANYTHING IN JOY AND HOPE AND *PEACE.*
SO PONDER ON THAT, NEW GOD-- EACH AND EVERY TIME YOUR FEELINGS AND ACTIONS ARE *TAINTED* BY SOME UNDENIABLE *LONGING* FOR *KINDNESS...*

OR THE NEXT TIME THE FATES DECIDE YOU SHOULD COMMIT AN UNIDENTIFIABLE ACT OF *COMPASSION* TOWARDS YOUR MINIONS AND PEOPLE...

...IN THE NAME OF SOME ABSTRACTION CALLED *"LOVE."*

PONDER *THAT.*

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