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Wonder Woman

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ME!

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GIRL...AIN'T
NOTHING
CAN HELP
YOU NOW!

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YES, THAT'S WHY I
CAME HERE... TO
TELL YOU...

"YOU'VE ALREADY GUESSED THAT WONDER
WOMAN AND DIANA PRINCE ARE THE SAME
PERSON. THIS EVENING, AS DIANA PRINCE, I
WAS RETURNING FROM A LATE DINNER WITH
MY SUPERIOR AT THE PENTAGON--

-- GENERAL
DARNELL.

I'VE ASKED
YOU TO CALL
ME PHIL,
DIANA.

GENERAL... PHIL...
DON'T YOU THINK
YOU'RE BEING
UNFAIR?

DIANA,
HAVE I
MADE IT
CLEAR--

PRESSING ME TO
GO OUT WITH YOU,
WHEN I'VE MADE
IT CLEAR THAT--

-- JUST HOW DEEPLY
I FEEL FOR YOU?
WE'LL
TALK
TOMORROW.

UMPH.

APHRODITE,
GIVE ME
STRENGTH.

THE MAN IS
POSITIVELY
INFURIATING.
HE THINKS HE'S
SO CHARM-
ING...

BUT THE TRUTH IS,
HE'S TURNED INTO A
CRUSHING BORE!

WHY IS LOVE MADE SO
COMPLICATED IN
MAN'S WORLD?

DARNELL
WON'T LET
ME ALONE--

-- AND MY TRUE
LOVE, STEVE
TREVOR DOESN'T
EVEN KNOW
DIANA PRINCE
IS ALIVE!

HE ONLY
CARES FOR
WONDER
WOMAN...



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THE APARTMENT
DOWNSTAIRS!

THAT'S THE SAME APARTMENT
THAT'S BEEN BOthering ETTA
AND ME WITH LATE-NIGHT NOISES
THE PAST FEW WEEKS...*

ETTA WAS
SUPPOSED TO
MENTION IT TO
OUR LANDLORD,
SENATOR
ABERNATHY--!

COULD THEY BE
CRAZY ENOUGH
TO HAVE TAKEN
SOME KIND OF
ACTION AGAINST
HER--?

SEE RECENT ISSUES OF WW. -- LEN.

I DON'T LIKE THE SOUND
OF THAT CHANTING.

IT MAKES MY FLESH
CRAWL. IF ETTA
IS DOWN THERE...
GREAT
HERA! THE
MIST WITH
THE SCENT
OF SULPHUR--
OTHERWISE KNOWN
AS BRIMSTONE! THE
CHANTING IN LATIN!

TO DEMON-
WORSHIP!

EVEN IF THEY'RE SIMPLY
FANATICS, WITHOUT TRUE
SUPERNATURAL POWERS, THEY
STILL COULD BE DEADLY
DANGEROUS!

FIRST I HAVE TO CONFIRM
MY SUSPICIONS WITHOUT
LETTING MYSELF BE SEEN.
THAT MIGHT ENDANGER
ETTA STILL FURTHER!

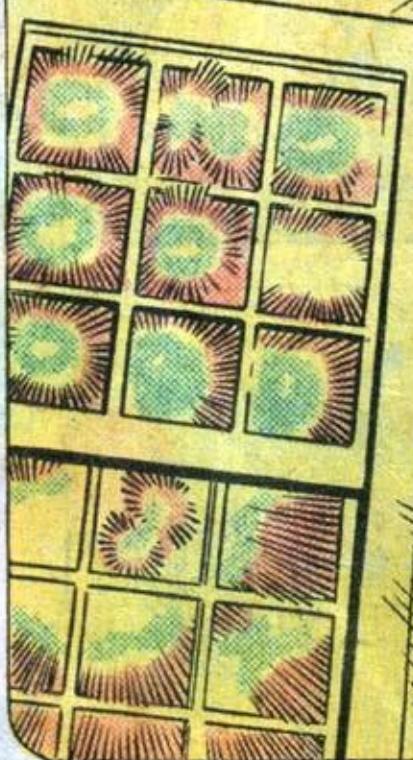
IT
ADDS
UP...

DIANA
PRINCE
CAN'T
HANDLE
THIS--

--BUT PERHAPS
WONDER WOMAN
CAN!

BEST TO
USE MY
MAGIC
LASSO...

PATER DOMINA
DEMONICUS





"MOTHER JUJU, YOU'VE HEARD THE SAYING--'TIME LOST ALL MEANING?' NOT IN MY CASE..."

"AS I LAY THERE, IN PAIN AND SHOCK, UNABLE TO MOVE, I WAS AWARE OF THE MINUTES PASSING..."

"...BUT THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO; MY BODY SIMPLY REFUSED TO RESPOND!"

"FINALLY, I FELT SENSATION RETURNING TO MY LIMBS... I MANAGED TO PULL MYSELF UP..."

"...AND I STAGGERED AROUND TO THE BUILDING'S SIDE DOOR."

--BUT THE DOOR TO THAT DOWNSTAIRS APARTMENT WAS LOCKED!

"...AND WHEN I STUMBLED ACROSS THEIR FOYER, I NOTICED ANOTHER DOOR... AND THAT STENCH, THAT HATEFUL SMELL OF BRIMSTONE..."

"IT WAS OPEN--"

"IT TOOK MORE EFFORT TO SMASH IT IN THAN IT'D TAKEN TO BREAK DOWN ETTA'S DOOR..."

ETTA...

ETTA, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

"I FEARED AN ANSWER..."

"...BUT I FEARED NO ANSWER MORE!"

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THE AIR WAS THICK WITH
AN OILY YELLOW FOG...
I FELT AS THOUGH I
WERE WALKING THROUGH
A DREAM..."

"-- THE PENTAGRAM
ENCLOSING VARIOUS
ARCANE SYMBOLS --"

"BUT, WHEN I
SAW THE CHALKED
MARKINGS ON
THE FLOOR--"

-- AND WHEN I
TOUCHED THE
WET BLOOD
BETWEEN THE
CHALK LINES, I
KNEW--"

"--THIS WAS
NO
DREAM!"

SO YOU CAME
TO MOTHER
JUJU.

YOU DID THE RIGHT
THING, CHIL'.

MAYBE I
CAN HELP
YOU...

...BUT FIRST, YOU BETTER TELL WHAT
YOU SAW WHEN YOU LOOK THROUGH
THAT WINDOW.

TAKE YOUR
TIME.

I'LL JUS'
LIGHT ANOTHER
PIPE.

HERA HELP ME,
MOTHER JUJU, I
DON'T WANT
TO REMEMBER.

WHEN I LOOKED THROUGH THAT
WINDOW FROM OUTSIDE, THE MIST
WAS SO THICK AT FIRST, I COULDN'T
SEE A THING... ONLY THE DIM
AMBER GLOW OF CANDLE-
FLAMES...

THEN, FOR A MOMENT,
THE MIST SEEMED
TO CLEAR--

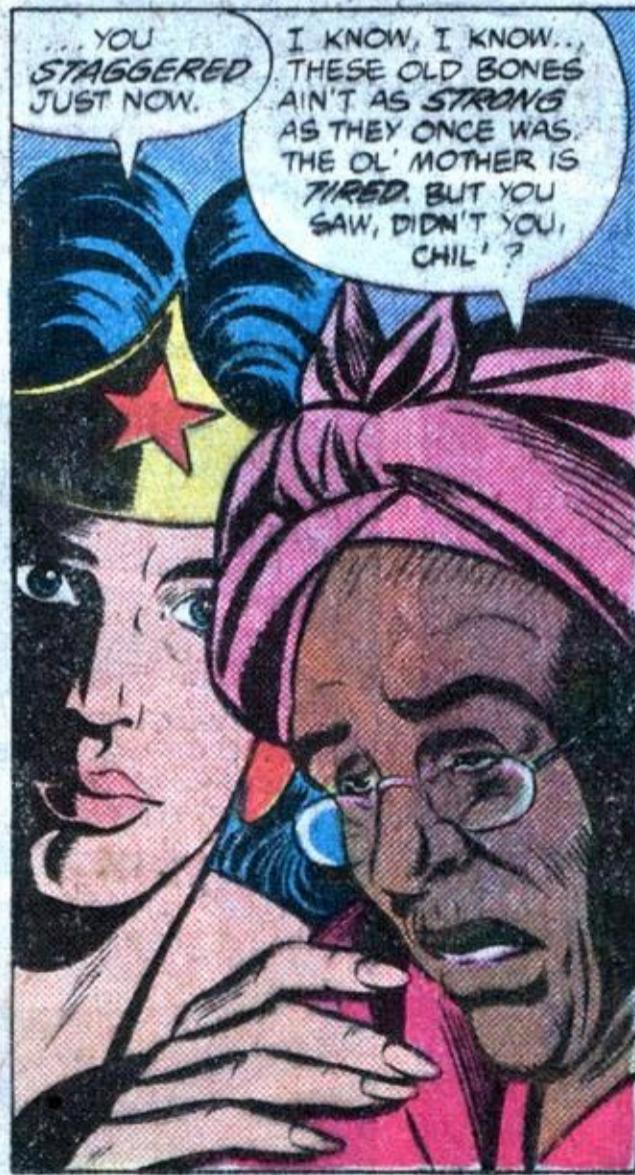
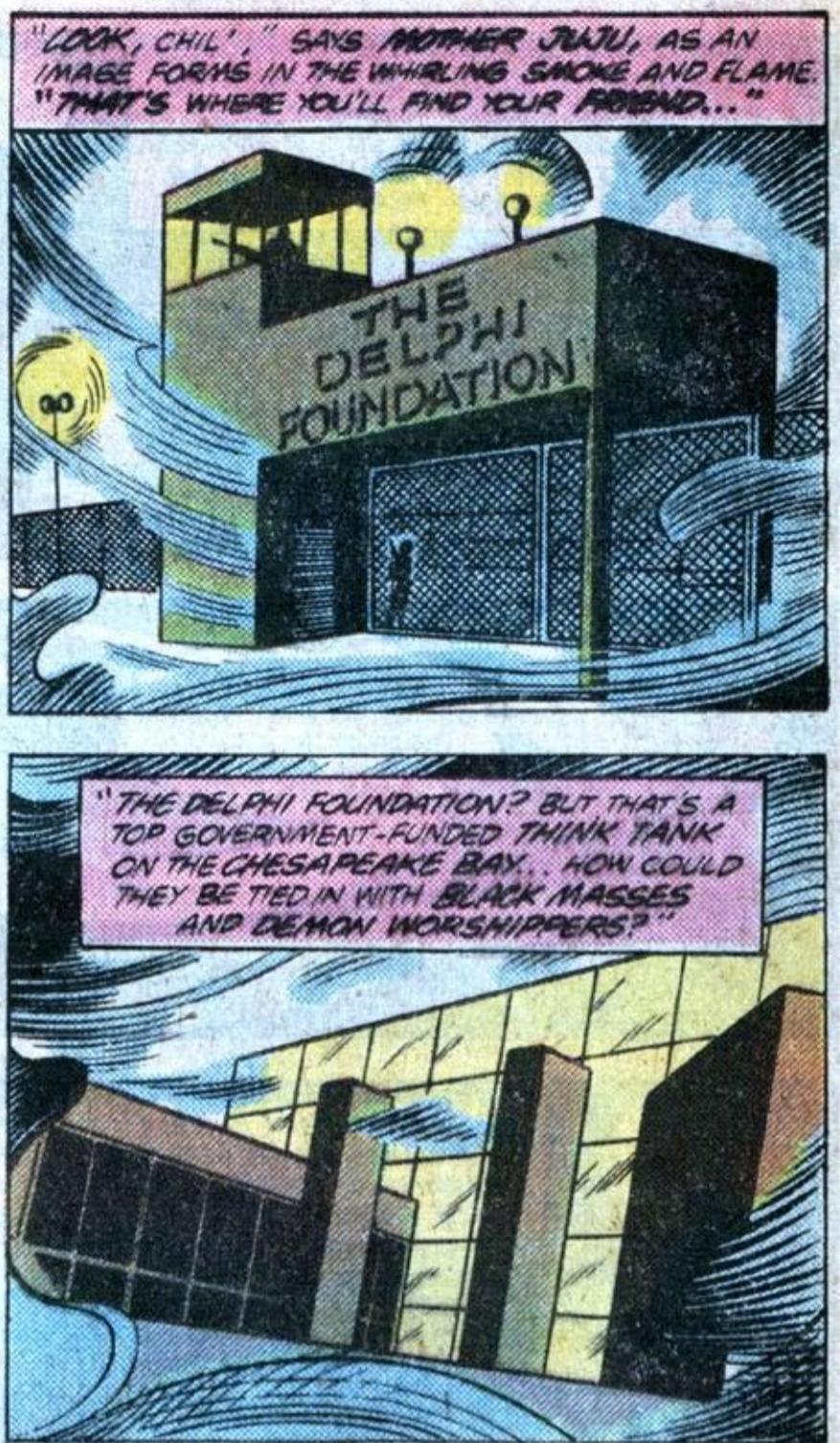
-- AND THERE WAS ETTA LYING BOUND
IN THE CENTER OF THE PENTAGRAM AS A
DOZEN HORRIBLE ROBED FIGURES LOOMED
OVER HER, HANDS CLUTCHING KNIVES,
VOICES RAISED IN PRAYER...

DOMINAE DEMONICUS
DOMINAE SATANICUS

"I MUST HAVE GASPED, MADE SOME
SOUND, BECAUSE THEIR LEADER
STIFFENED SUDDENLY, THAT MASKED
HEAD LIFTING--

-- AND WHEN HIS EYES MET
MINE, IT WAS ALL I COULD
DO NOT TO SCREAM!"





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... AND DREAMS OF OTHER DAYS...

ROBOT PLANE,
LAND AT THE OPENING
OF THAT INLET
BELOW.

AS SILENT AS IT IS SWIFT, THE ROBOT PLANE RESPONDS TO ITS MASTER'S TELEPATHIC COMMAND, CRESTING THE WATER'S SURFACE A BARE HALF MILE FROM A CLUSTER OF SEASIDE BUILDINGS...

DO I REALLY
BELIEVE I'LL
FIND ETTA
HERE?

SOMEHOW, I
TRUST MOTHER
JUJU'S MAGIC...

EVEN THOUGH
MY MIND TELLS
ME NOT TO!

ROBOT PLANE,
TAKE OFF AND HOVER
OVERHEAD UNTIL
I NEED YOU!

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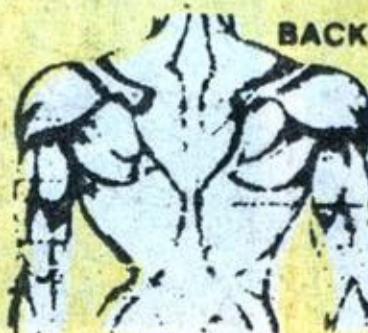
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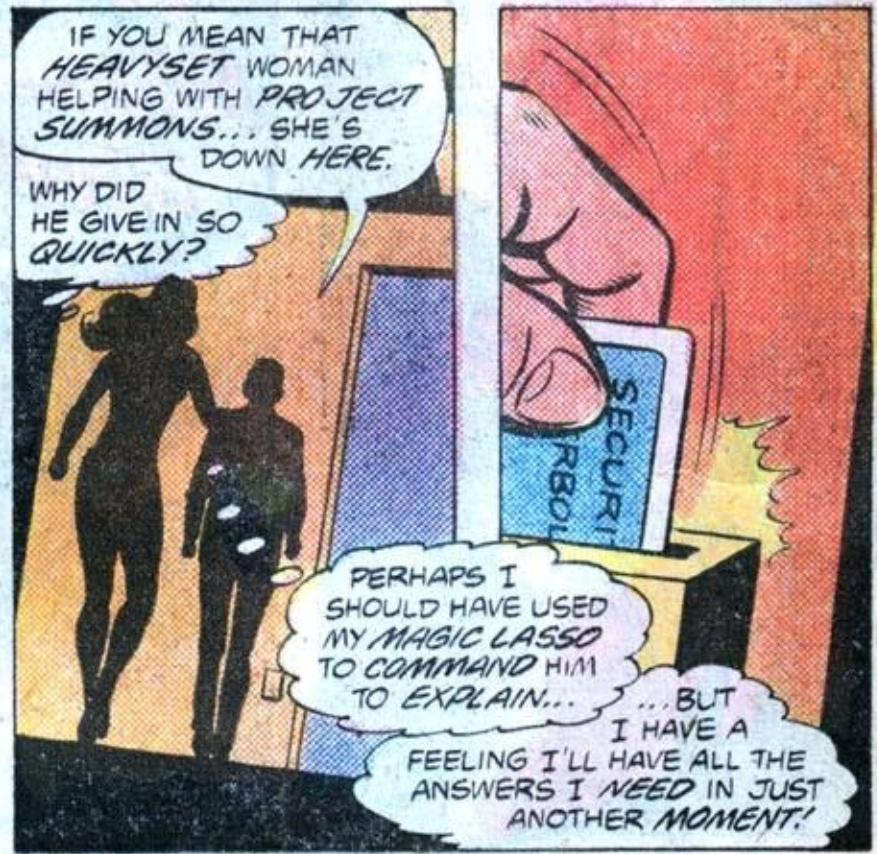
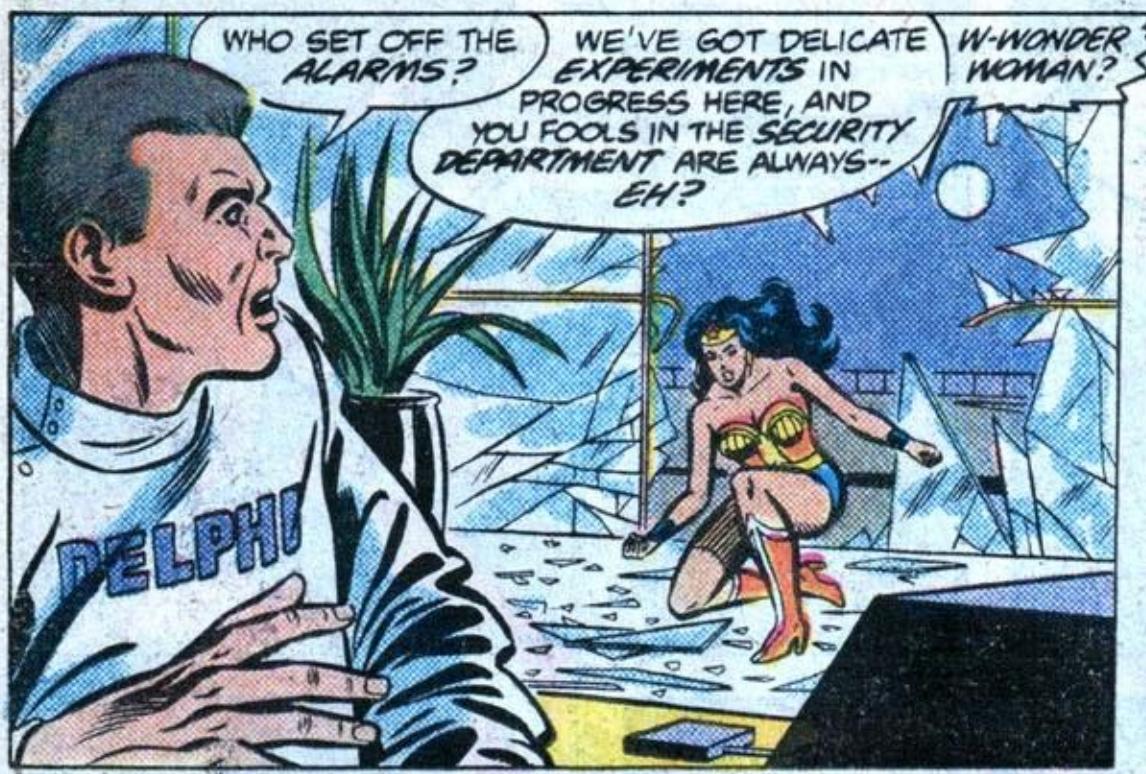
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ARE CLEAR,
COMMISSIONER GORDON.
THE DEMAND FOR DC
COMICS IS GREATER
THAN THE SUPPLY.



I HOPE YOU CAN FIND A
SOLUTION, BATMAN. THE KIDS
ARE COUNTING ON YOU!

TO GET THE REAL STORY,
I'LL GO TO THE SOURCE!
CAROL FEIN AT DC IS
THE PERSON TO SEE.



THE NEXT MORNING...

SO, YOU SEE, OUR NEW
SUBSCRIPTION PLAN WAS
CREATED TO TAKE THE RISK
OUT OF FINDING YOUR
FAVORITE COMICS EACH
MONTH!



HMM... NOW
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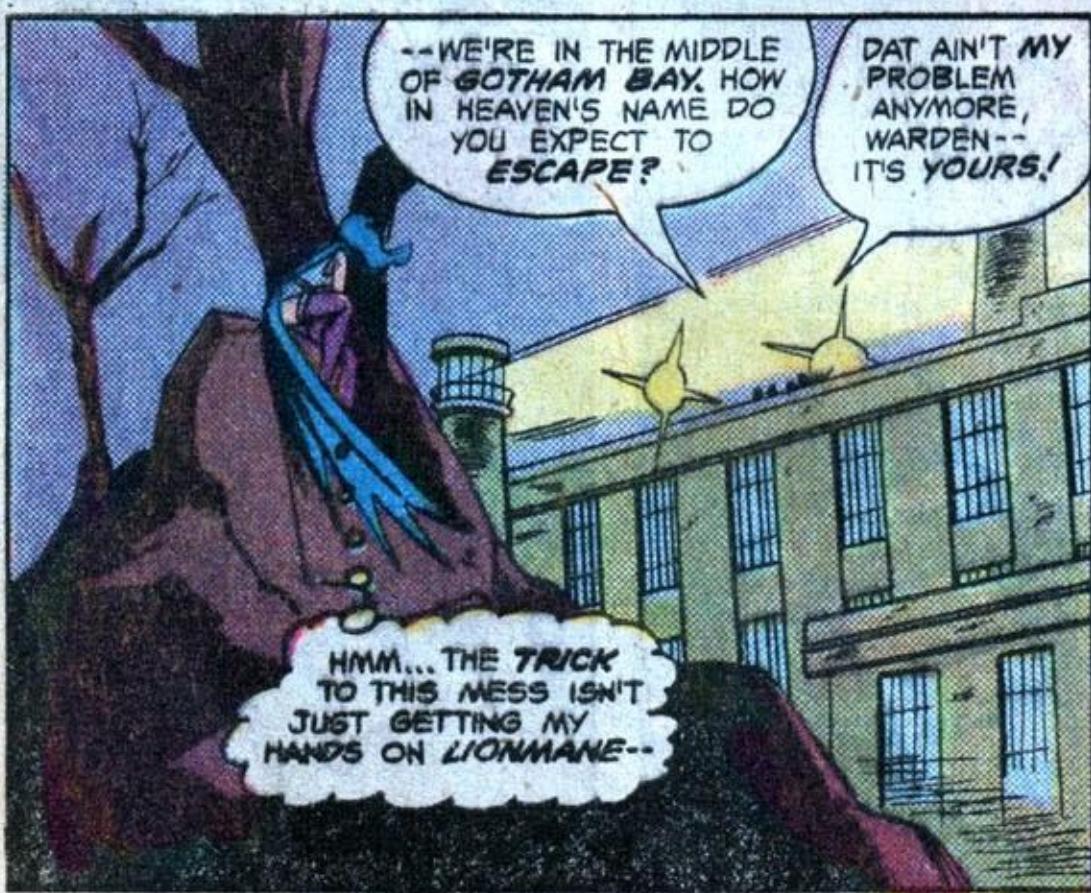
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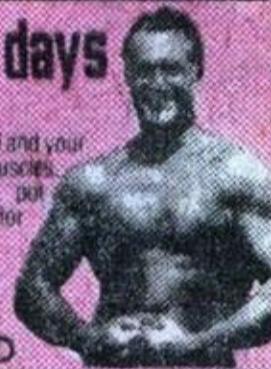
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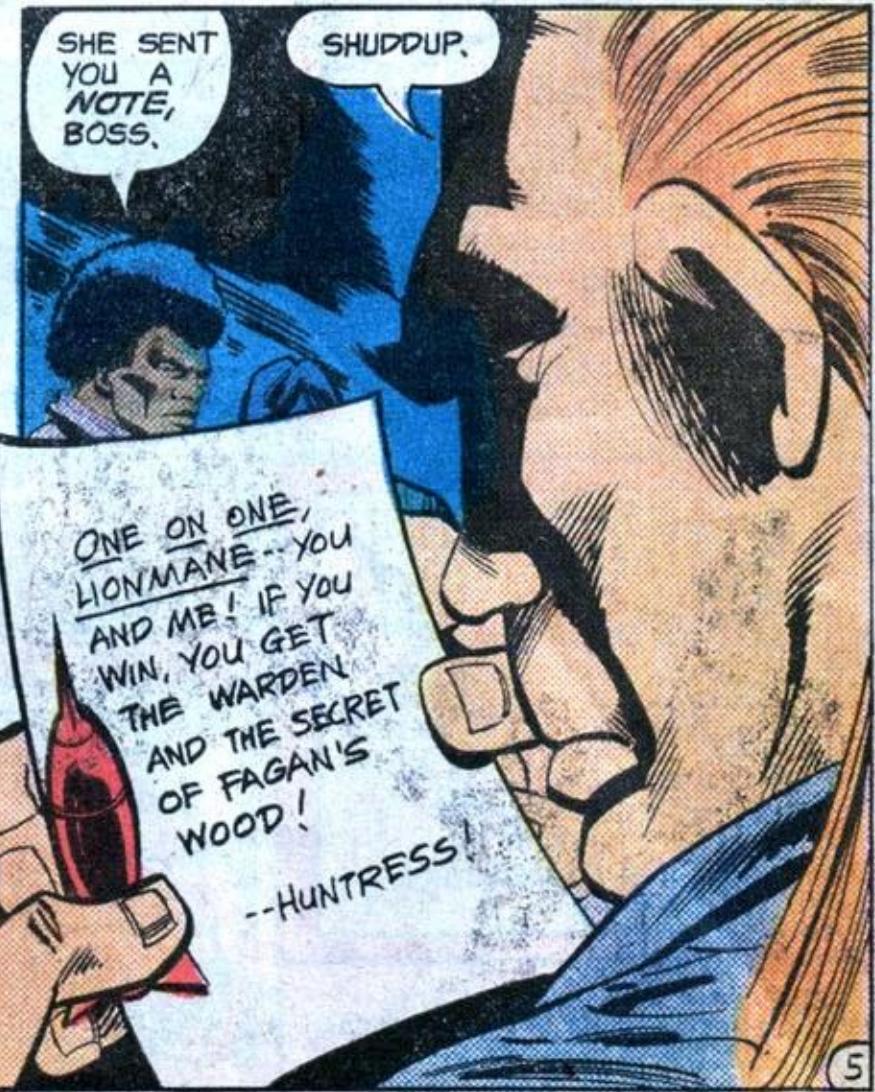
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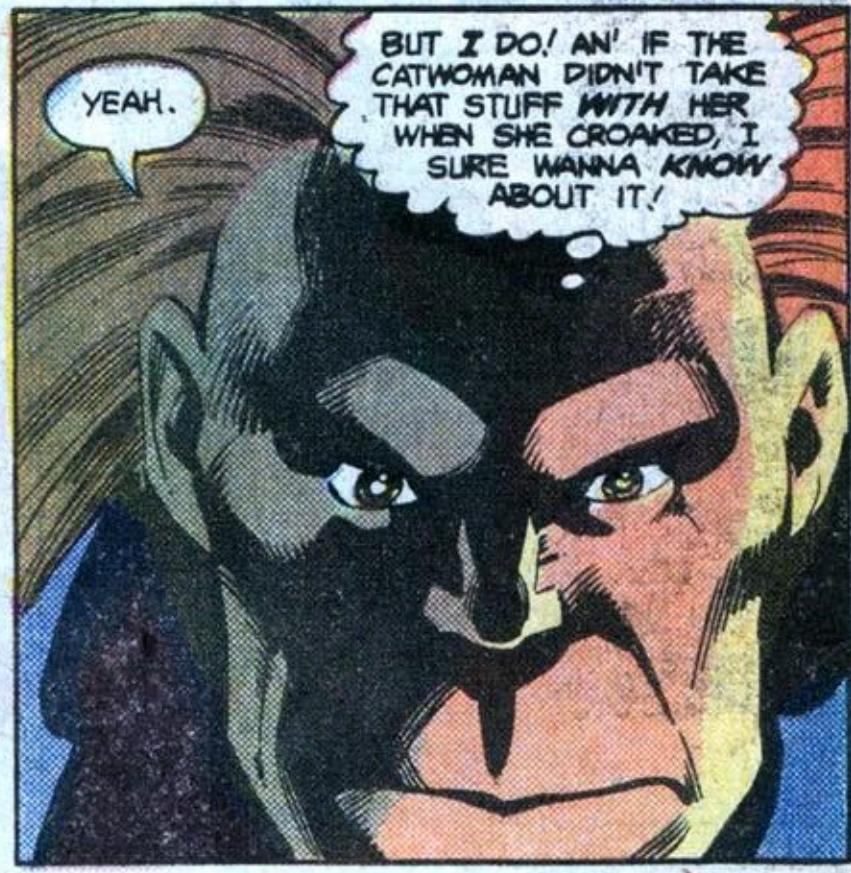
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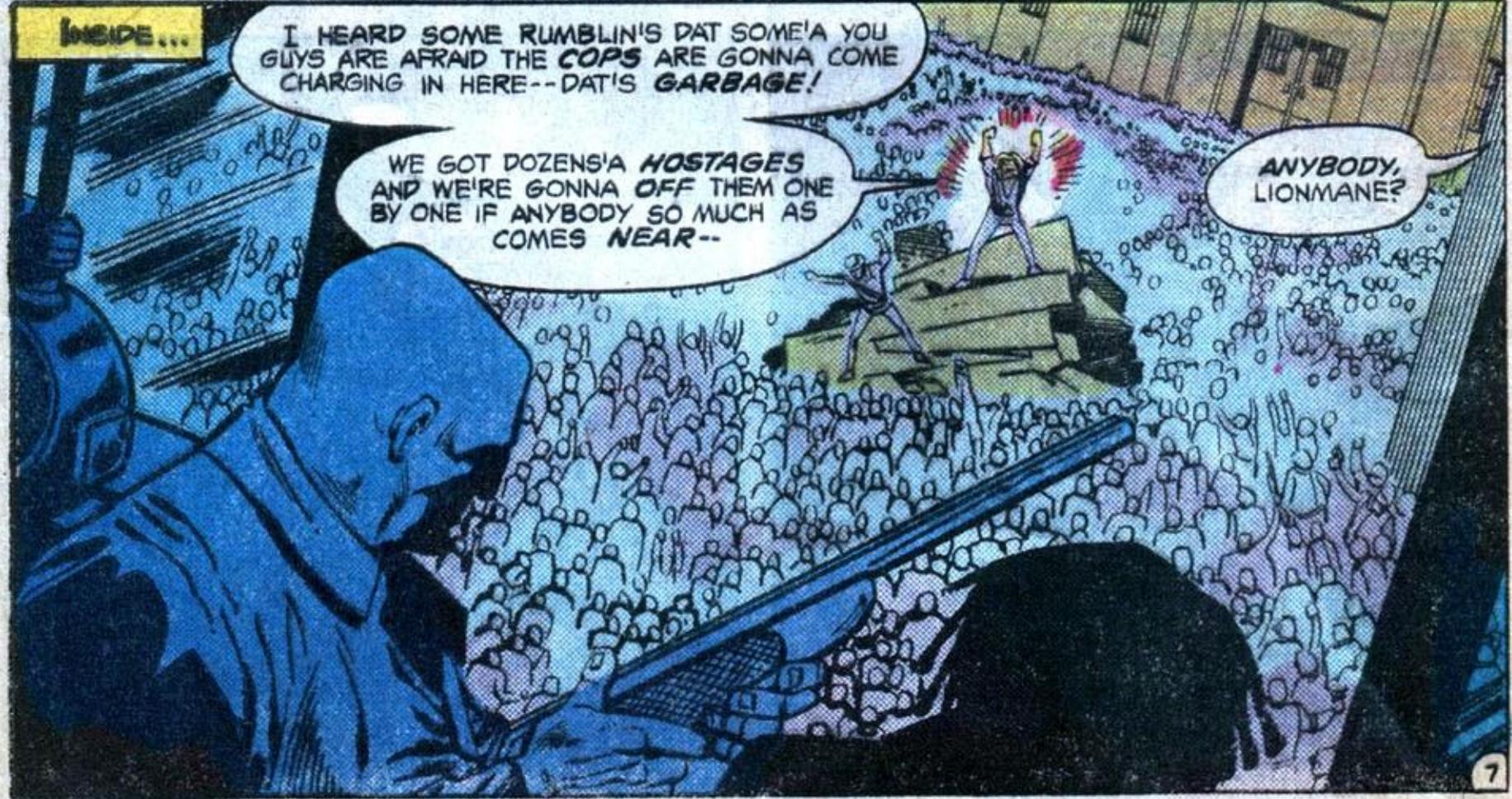
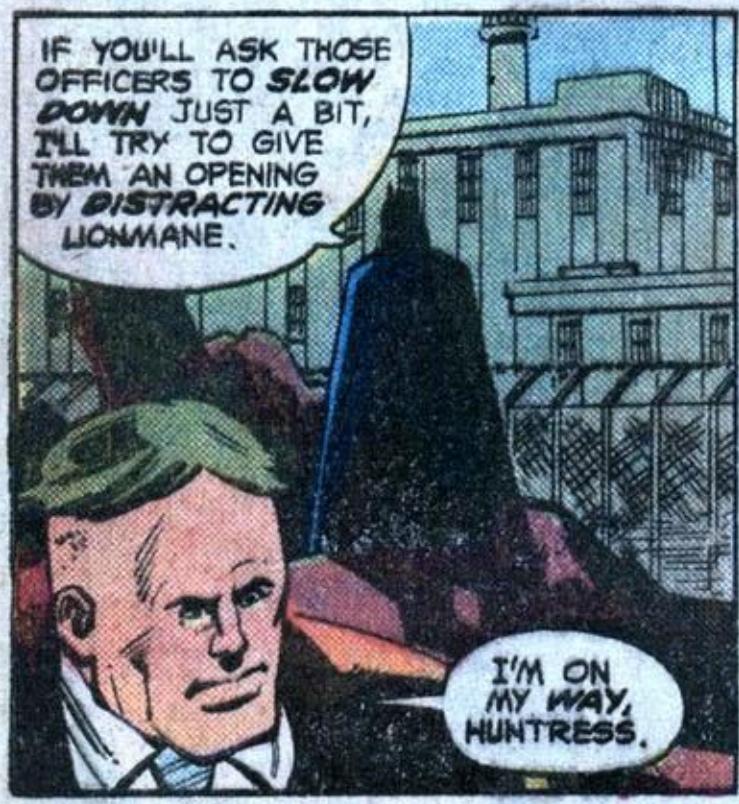
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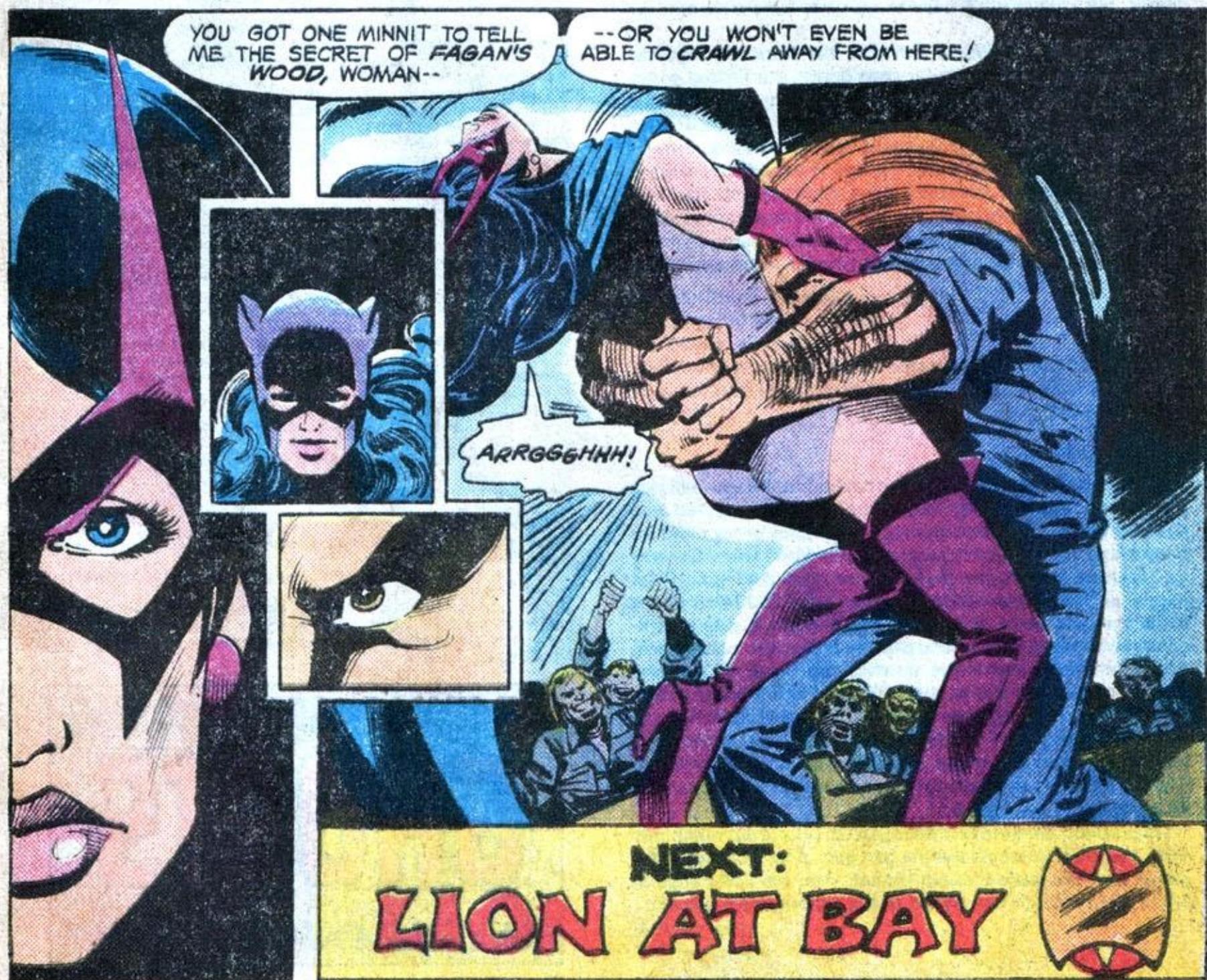


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Dear Editor:

After one reading I immediately felt that *WONDER WOMAN* #274 was an improvement over the two previous issues. For one thing, there are hints as to the identity of the mystery super-villain. This mystery menace, whom we've seen operating on and off in previous issues, looks like Kobra. I'll be darned if it isn't Kobra! (Imagine that—Kobra in *WONDER WOMAN*!) If this is true, it means a lot to the series. For WW to succeed, you need villains of the highest order, not suckers like Angle Man.

This issue was also better because you gave a lot of attention to the character named Deborah Domaine. I was a bit annoyed by the alliterative name, but this fault was offset by the fact that you provided so much background on her, linking her to Priscilla Rich, the original *Cheetah*. It was apparent that a new *Cheetah* was going to be created; I sensed it when the original's illness was revealed in the letter to Deborah. And since you can't create new super-villains with the snap of fingers, the protracted brainwashing scene made the new *Cheetah*'s debut more acceptable.

Turning to the private life of Diana Prince, I wouldn't want her to get into trouble by double-dating in two identities at once. I'm glad that she is seen as attractive in her civilian/military guise of Diana Prince, but this thing with Darnell is just going to end up in pieces for the general. I'd really like to see signs that Diana is totally in love with Colonel Trevor, but I guess we'll have to wait a few more months for that.

I'm happy to see *Power Girl* and the *Huntress* together again. You are going quite far considering the limited space allocated to this series. In the matter of Harry Sims' planned crackdown on super-heroes in Gotham, I was surprised to see him back off so fast after guessing Helena's secret. I'm not surprised that the secret is out, though. The mask revealed too much, her facial expressions were obvious, and her hair wasn't styled any differently. *Power Girl*'s blunder about Harry being a friend of Helena's was totally careless. Being an angry young woman, she blundered where greater discretion should have been exercised.

MICHAEL BURKHALTER
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Now that you know it is Kobra (or should we say, was?) behind the scenes, Mike, we hope you're happy with the direction WW is taking!—TPS

Dear Editor:

I should have known it was inevitable, but it happened just the same. After reading last issue, I decided to tell you something that had been brewing in the back of my mind for quite some time: I had brazenly suggested that Gerry Conway be replaced as *Wonder Woman*'s scripter. And now what happens? "One Super-Villain: Made to Order" (#274) turns out to be the best issue in a while, that's what! It was a well-constructed story, with a solid plotline and an aura of menace. And there were humorous touches too, such as General Darnell's date with Diana, even though I didn't find the role-reversal, woman-juggling-two-dates bit amusing. While I'm not too pleased with the latest of WW's "new directions" (rejoining the armed forces and the reintroduction of Steve Trevor), if Gerry can continue to build and improve the scripts, I'll be happy to live with it.

I may sound like a broken record, but the *Huntress* outshines WW. Paul Levitz has shown he can pack a lot into only eight pages and not make it seem rushed. And his cliff-hangers, while often right in the middle of the action, seem natural.

T.M. MAPLE
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Dear Editor:

I really liked *WONDER WOMAN* #274. It made its point about oil expeditiously and used it to move to Debbi and her problems quite well. When I first saw the cover, I thought, "Oh, the Wizard is creating a new *Cheetah*!" Little did I suspect that the original *Cheetah* would show up—and die! I never thought of her as a nice old aunt who would take a goose to the vet...and I'm sorry she died. With one instance, you've made a mourner out of me. Very well done, Gerry and Len. (But, Len, after your *Catwoman* stories in *BATMAN*, the *Cheetah* is the second cat character to face death. Who's next—Mr. Tawky Tawny?)

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If it is, Len will have nothing to do with it. Tawky Tawny appears in the Shazam feature in *WORLD'S FINEST*...and Jack Harris is the editor of that!—TPS

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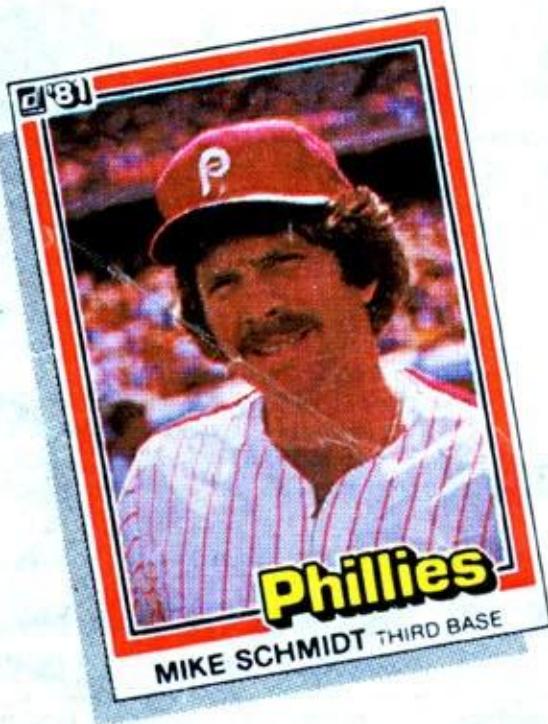
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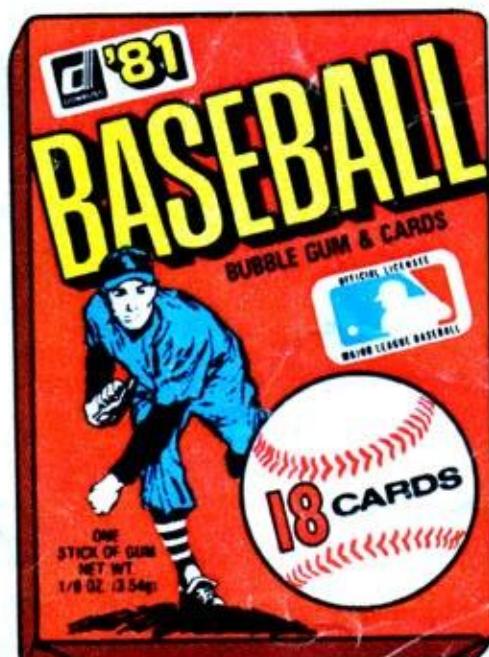


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