



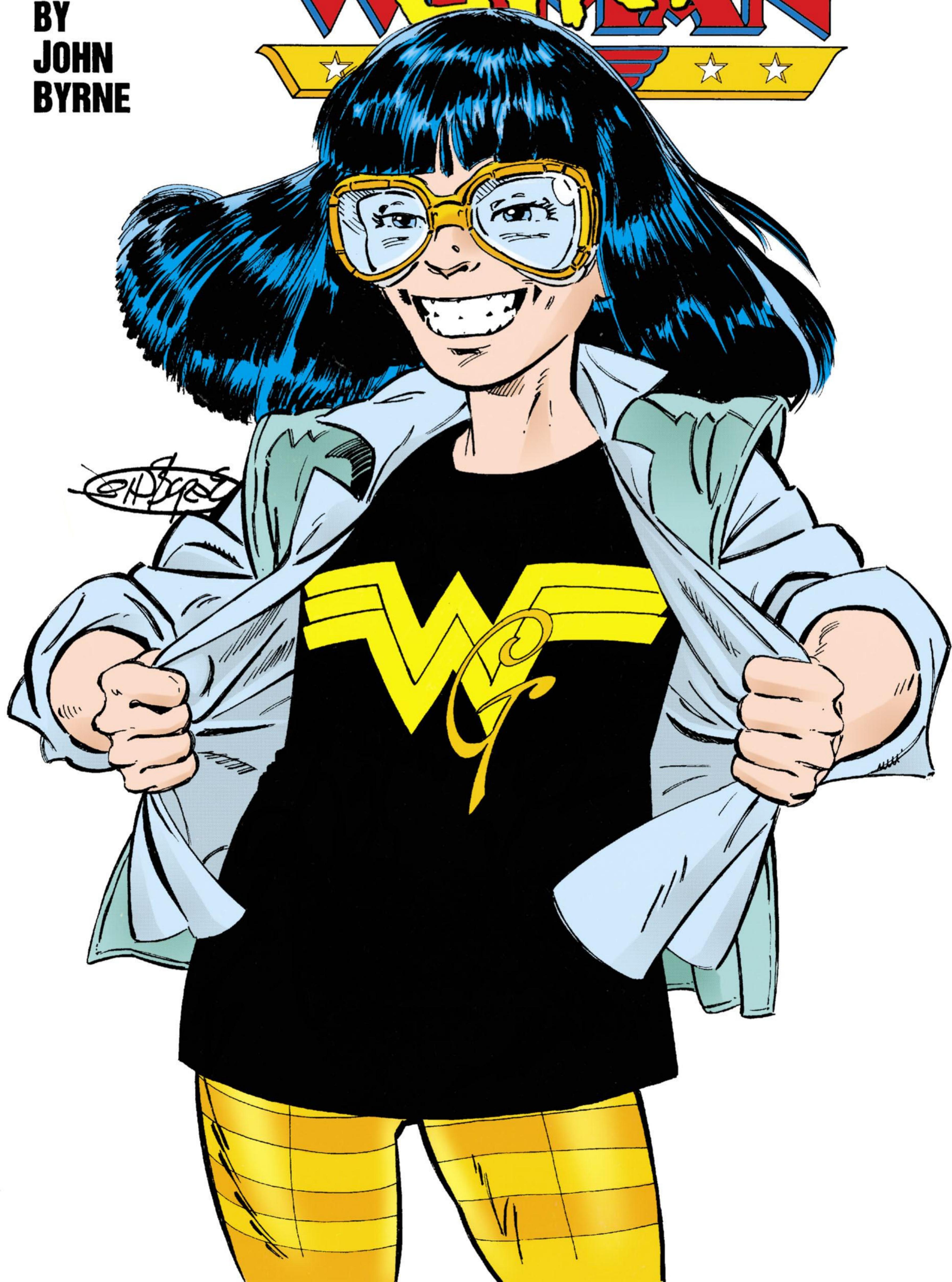
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There's a NEW KID in town...

WONDER WORLD



ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MINDS?!

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THE LIVING ROOM OF THE SANDSMARK RESIDENCE, ONE SUMMER EVENING IN GATEWAY CITY.

ISN'T IT BAD ENOUGH THAT CASSANDRA ALMOST GOT KILLED TRYING TO HELP YOU FIGHT THAT VIRTUAL CLONE OF DOOMSDAY??

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO STAND THERE AND TELL ME YOU THINK SHE SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THIS LUNACY??

CASSANDRA ACQUITTED HERSELF ADMIRABLY IN THAT BATTLE, HELENA.

SHE HAS FINE INSTINCTS AND NATIVE CLUNING. WITH THE PROPER TRAINING, SHE COULD BE A SUPERB WARRIOR.

YEAH!

*LAST ISSUE, OF COURSE - P.K.

I DON'T BELIEVE I'M HEARING THIS!

WHEN JULIA KAPATELIS SUGGESTED I GIVE YOU A JOB AT THE MUSEUM, SHE DIDN'T MENTION YOU'D TRIED TO TURN HER DAUGHTER VANESSA INTO A JUNIOR AMAZON!

SINCE I DID NOT, BUT ONLY BECAUSE THE CIRCUMSTANCES NEVER AROSE.

JASON! AM I WRONG IN THIS? AM I MISSING SOME SIGNIFICANT POINT?

I WOULD SAY NOT, HELENA. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT CASSANDRA IS FAR TOO YOUNG TO EMBARK UPON SUCH A DANGEROUS VENTURE.

YOUNG? BUT, BY THE TIME I WAS HER AGE, I HAD ALREADY COMPLETED MORE THAN HALF MY TRAINING!

AN' YOU GOT NO PLACE TO TALK, ANYWAY, JASON!

I SAW YOU CHANGE... THE LIGHTBULB IN YOUR KITCHEN.

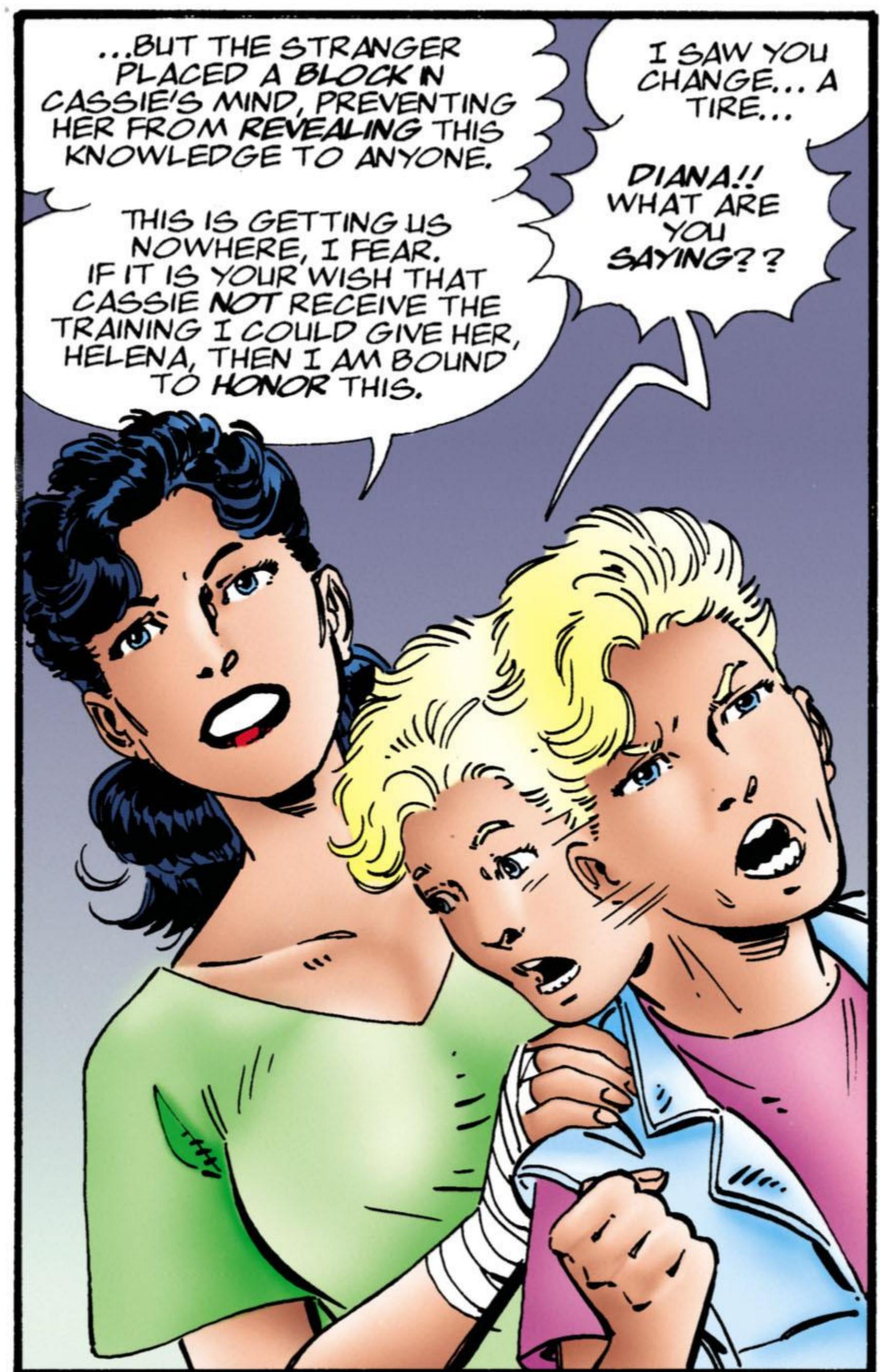
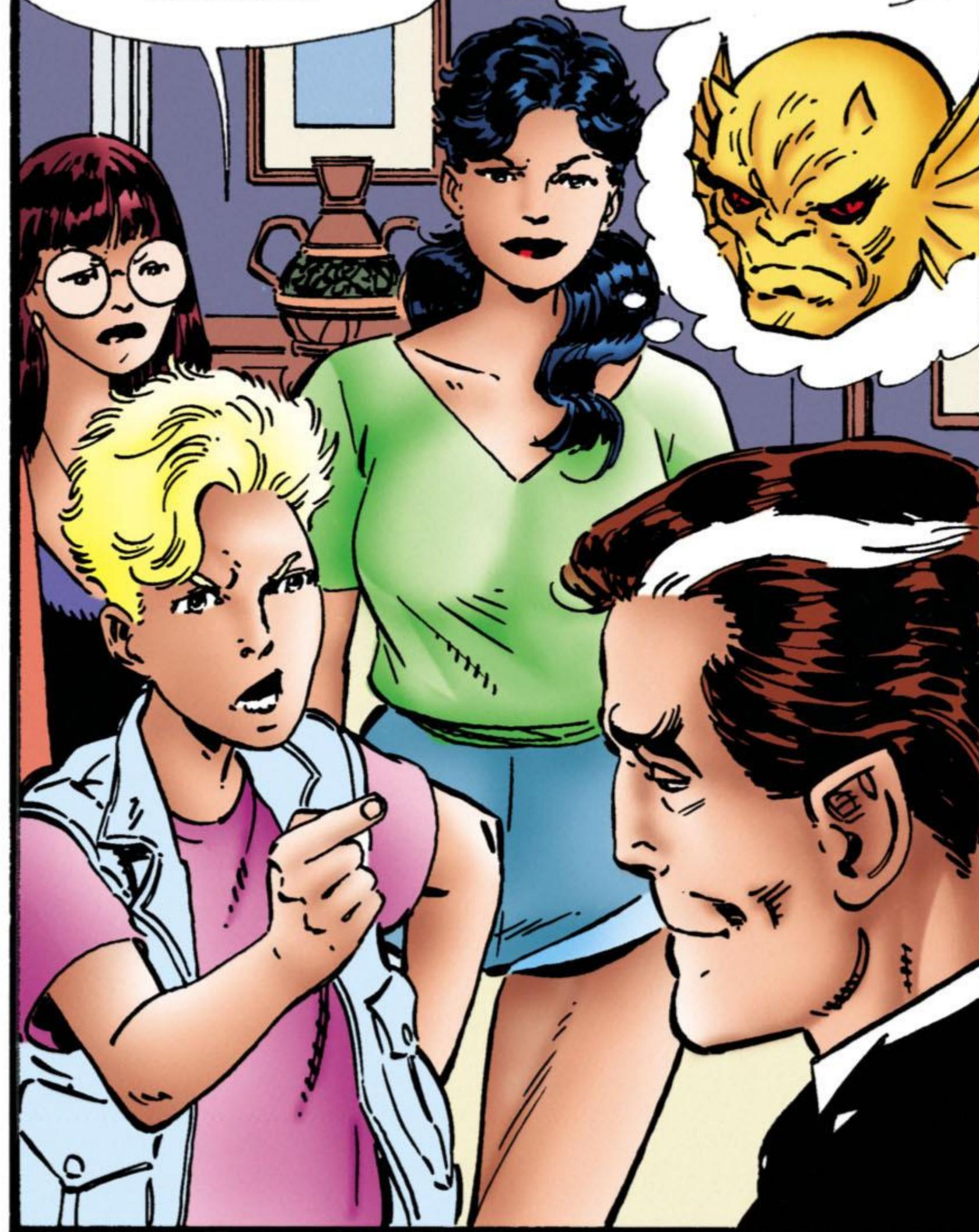
AGAIN WE SEE THE EFFECT OF THE ENCHANTMENT PLACED ON CASSANDRA BY THE PHANTOM STRANGER. SHE SAW JASON BLOOD TRANSFORMED FROM HIS TRUE FORM OF ETRIGAN, THE DEMON...

...BUT THE STRANGER PLACED A BLOCK IN CASSIE'S MIND, PREVENTING HER FROM REVEALING THIS KNOWLEDGE TO ANYONE.

THIS IS GETTING US NOWHERE, I FEAR. IF IT IS YOUR WISH THAT CASSIE NOT RECEIVE THE TRAINING I COULD GIVE HER, HELENA, THEN I AM BOUND TO HONOR THIS.

I SAW YOU CHANGE... A TIRE...

DIANA!! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING??



THIS IS YOUR MOTHER'S DECISION TO MAKE, CASSIE. I CANNOT ARGUE WITH HER ON THIS POINT, ANY MORE THAN ANOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO DISPUTE THE DECISIONS OF MY OWN MOTHER, HIPPOLYTA, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE.

BUT, DIANA! WITH YOUR HAND STILL MESSED UP FROM PUNCHING DOOMSDAY, YOU'RE NOT IN TOP SHAPE TO BE WONDER WOMAN!

IT IS TRUE MY HAND HAS TAKEN LONGER TO HEAL THAN I MIGHT HAVE EXPECTED...

...ESPECIALLY SINCE THE GAUNTLET OF ATLAS WAS MULTIPLYING MY ALREADY NOT-INCONSIDERABLE STRENGTH AND STAMINA WHEN I STRUCK THE FINAL BLOW IN THE BATTLE WITH THE FALSE DOOMSDAY.

YOU NEED
WONDER
GIRL!

BUT THAT IS STILL NOT SUFFICIENT REASON FOR ME TO GO AGAINST THE WISHES OF YOUR MOTHER, CASSIE.

MA-A-A-AN!!!



SO, IF THAT IS SETTLED, SHALL WE GO, HELENA?

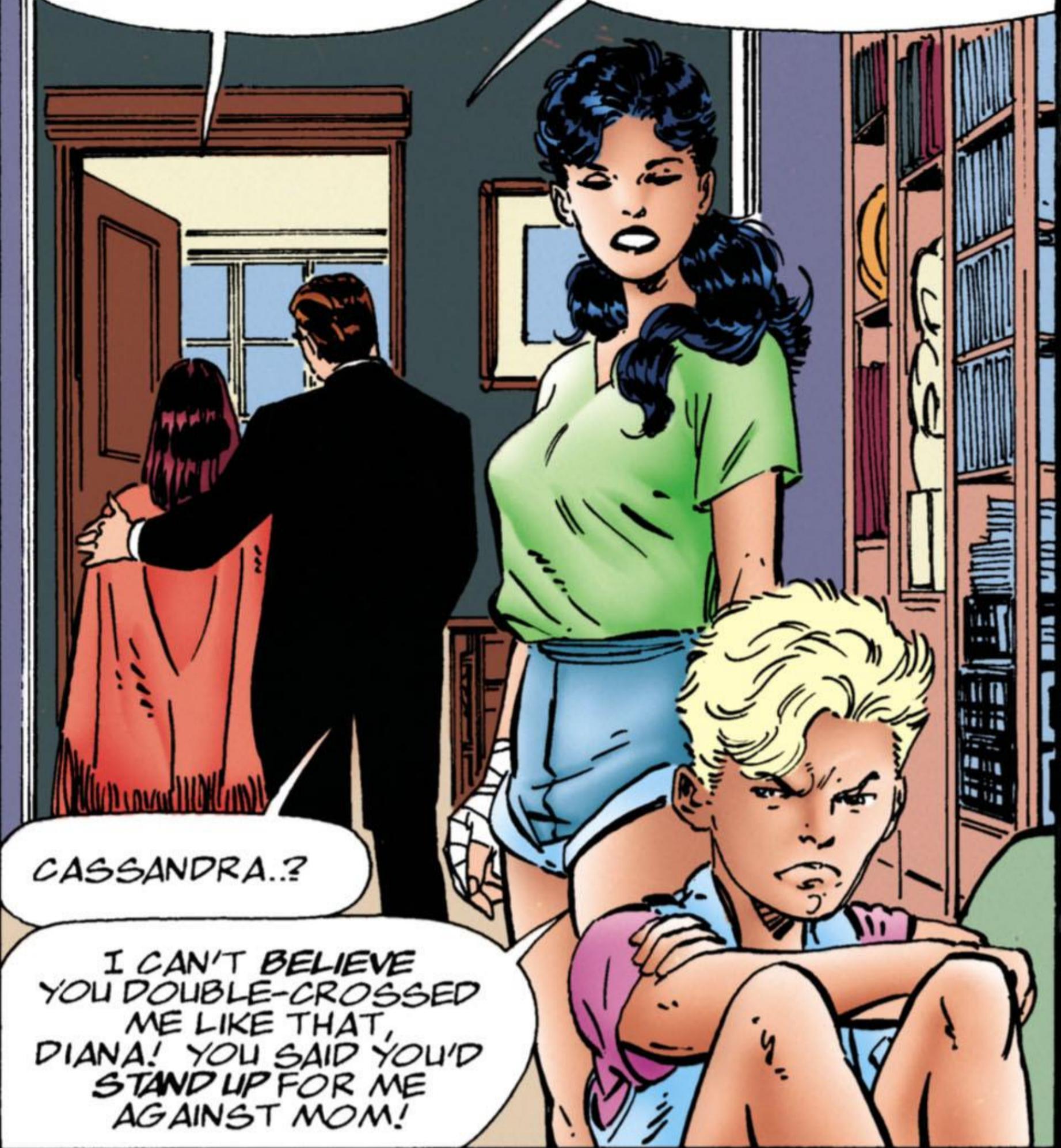
WE ARE CLOSE TO MISSING THE OPENING CURTAIN.

ALL RIGHT, JASON. I'M SORRY FOR THE DELAY. DIANA... I HAVE YOUR WORD NOW THAT YOU WON'T ALLOW CASSIE TO GET INTO ANY TROUBLE?

MY WORD AS AN AMAZON, AND AS A PRINCESS OF THEMYSCIRA.

I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS, JASON. IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONE OF THE BEST PRODUCTIONS OF HAMLET EVER STAGED.

THE BEST SINCE THE BARD'S OWN TIME, TO BE SURE. AND REMIND ME, SOMEDAY, TO TELL YOU THE TRUE TALE OF THE MAN WHO WROTE THOSE PLAYS...



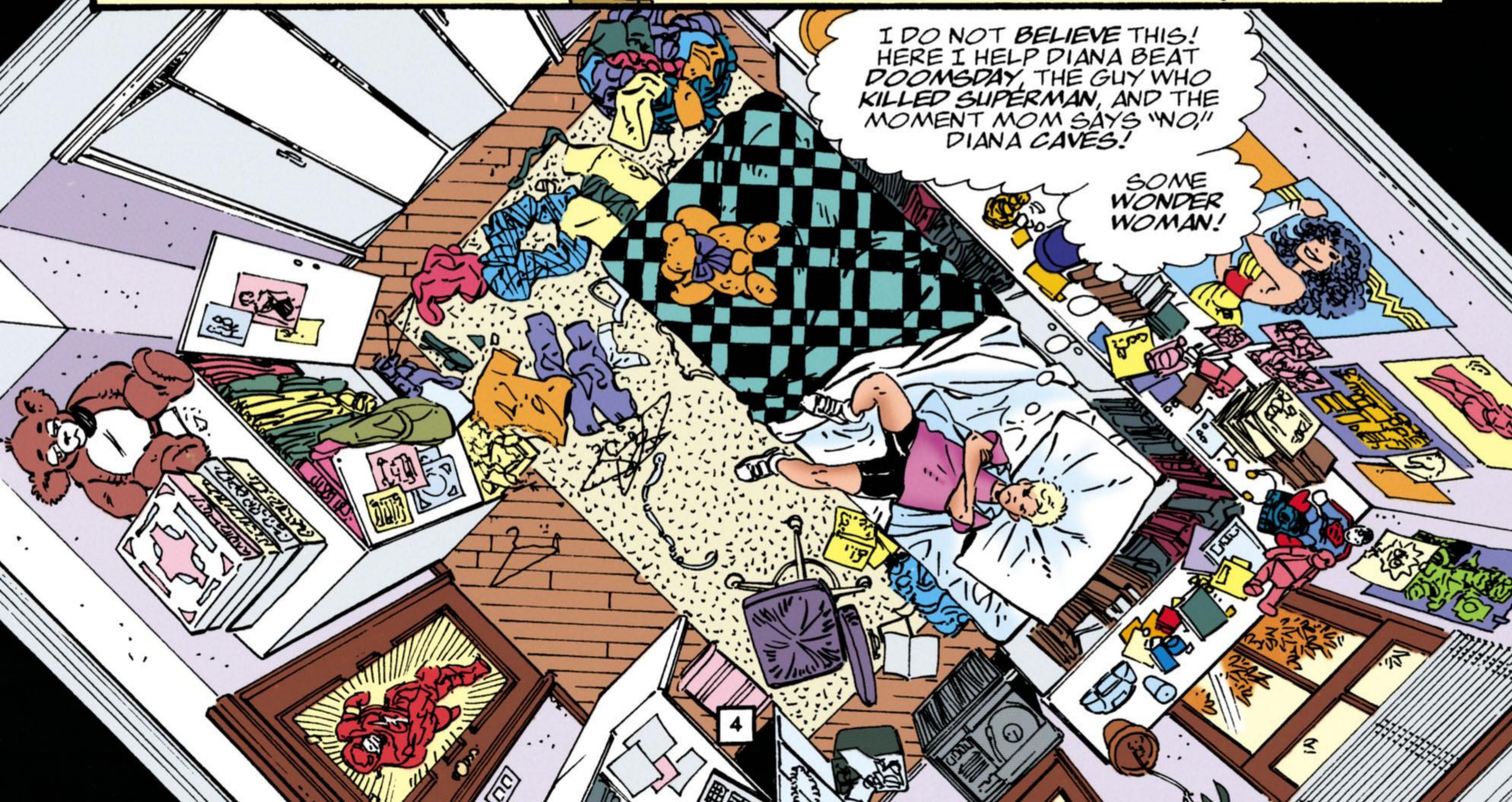
I SAID I WOULD PLEAD YOUR CASE TO HELENA, CASSIE. I DID NOT SAY I WOULD GO AGAINST HER DESIRES.

NOW, I BELIEVE HELENA SAID YOU HAD SOME HOMEWORK TO COMPLETE BEFORE YOU WENT TO YOUR BABYSITTING JOB THIS EVENING?



I DO NOT BELIEVE THIS! HERE I HELP DIANA BEAT DOOMSDAY, THE GUY WHO KILLED SUPERMAN, AND THE MOMENT MOM SAYS "NO," DIANA CAVES!

SOME WONDER WOMAN!



WELL, I'M
NOT GONNA
CAVE!

I FIGURED OUT A WAY TO
STOP THAT RUNAWAY
ROBOT STATUE, THE VERY
DAY DIANA AND I MET...*



I REALLY DON'T
LIKE DOING
THIS, SINCE IT SORTA
MEANS BREAKING
INTO DIANA'S
APARTMENT...

*IN W.W. #105 - PAUL



..BUT I HAVE
TO PROVE TO
MOM AND DIANA
THAT I CAN HANDLE
MYSELF AND BE
A HELP AGAINST
THE BAD GUYS.

OF COURSE,
ALL OF A SUDDEN
I'M REALIZING THIS
KIND OF DEPENDS ON
SOME BAD GUY
CONVENIENTLY TURNING
UP SOMEWHERE THAT
I CAN FIND OUT
ABOUT.



"DON'T THINK I CAN COUNT
ON THAT HAPPENING REAL
SOON!"

TWO HOURS AGO...

SO I SAYS
TO HER, I SAYS,
JUST EAT THE
PARTS THAT...

HEY!
WHAT
IN..?

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WHAT THE
HECK HAPPENED
TO THE FENCE?

LOOK AT THIS
POWDER ON THE
GROUND. IT'S LIKE
THIS CHUNK OF FENCE
JUST
DISINTEGRATED.

WHAT IN
BLAZES COULD
DO SOME-
THING LIKE
THAT?

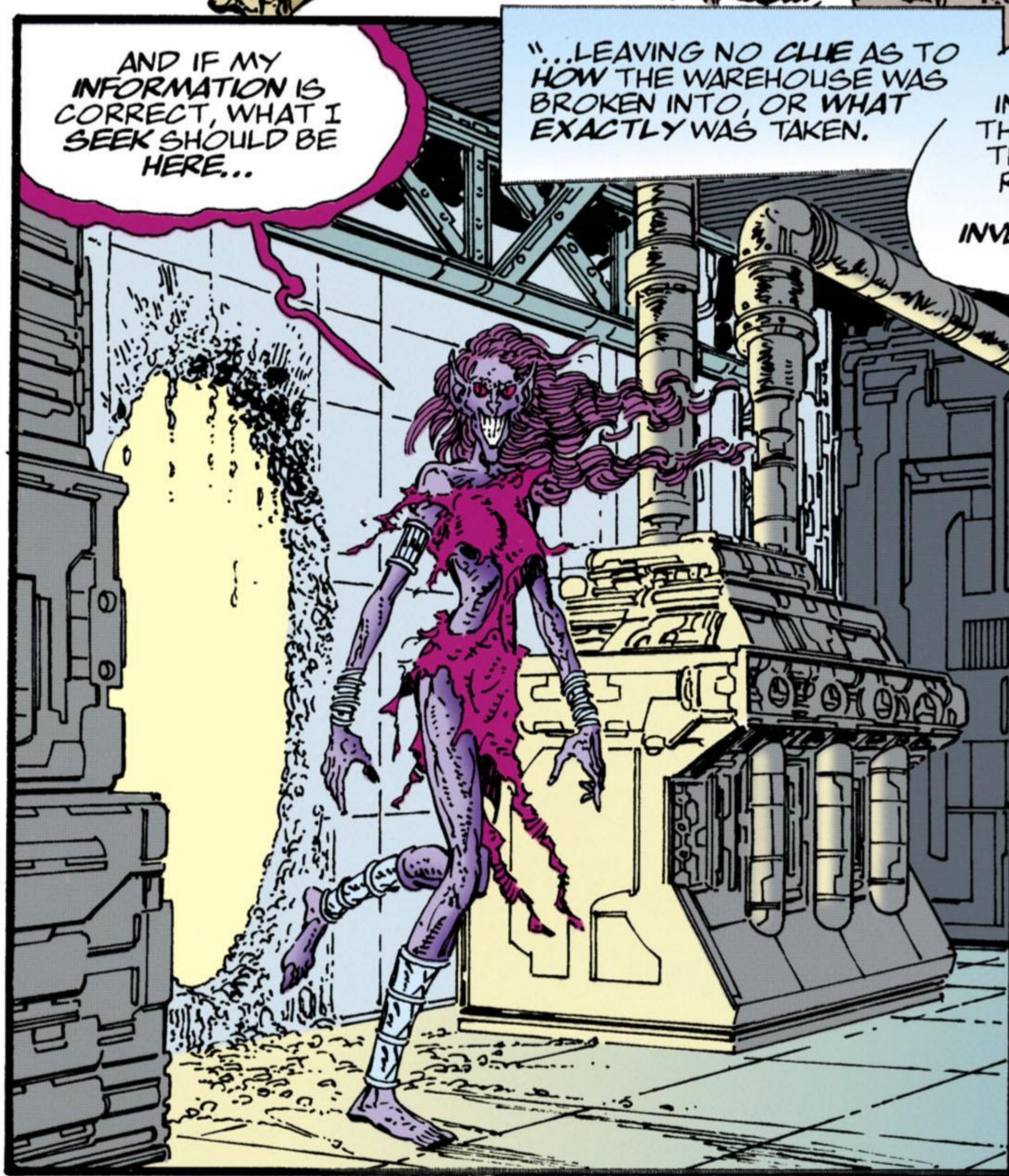
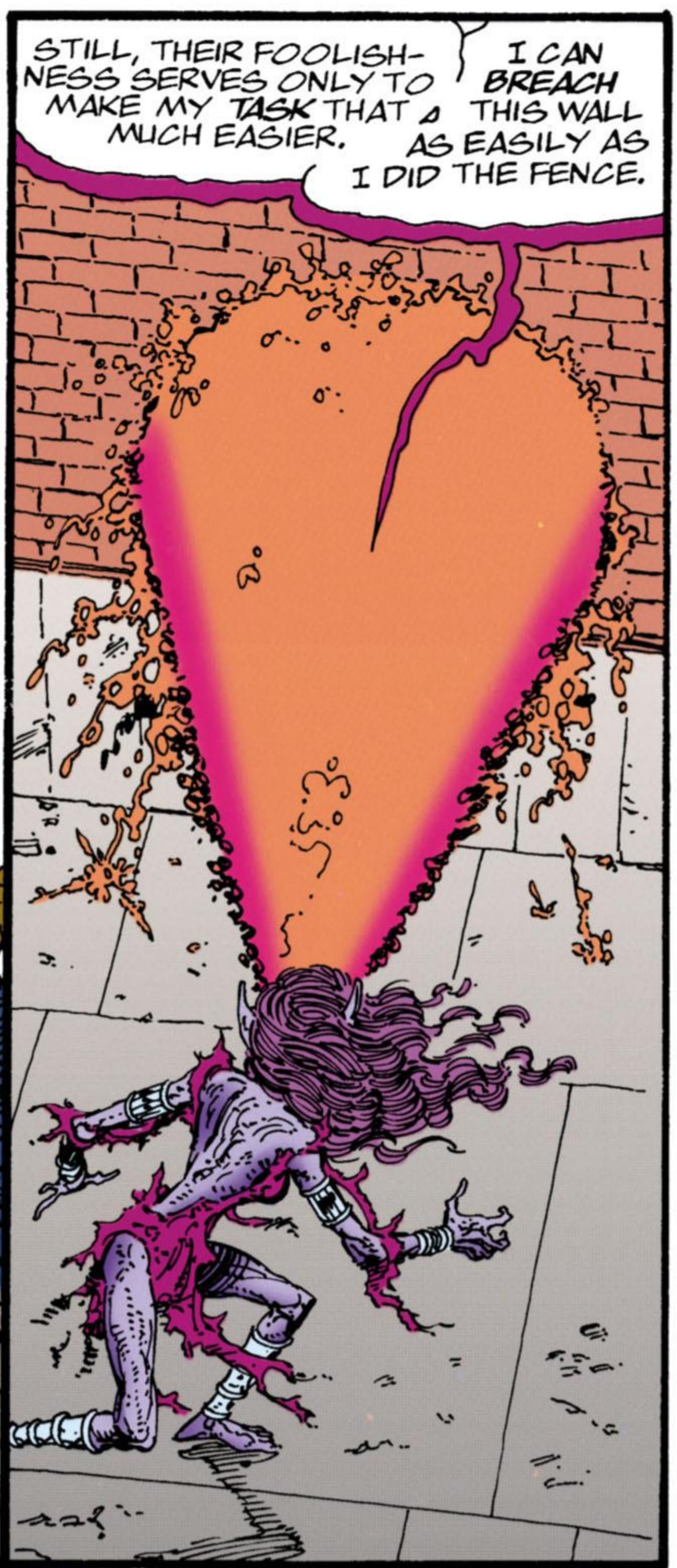
HEY, YA KNOW, THIS LOOKS
KINDA LIKE THAT SCENE IN
TERMINATOR 2, WHERE THE
TIME TRAVEL THINGIE
APPEARS AND EATS A PIECE
OF FENCE...



YEAH, WELL
I DON'T THINK
AH-NOLD IS
GONNA...

AHGK!!

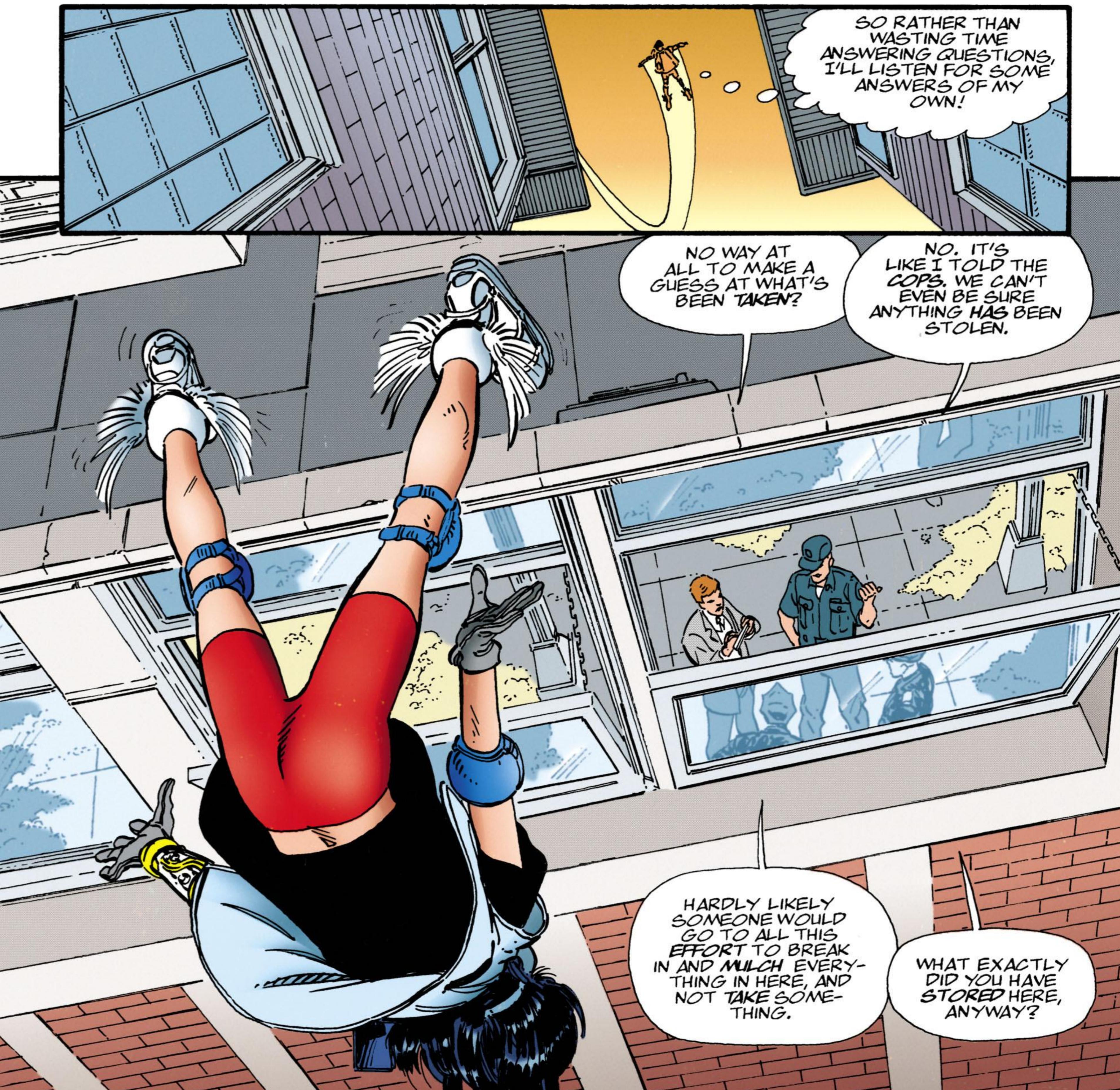
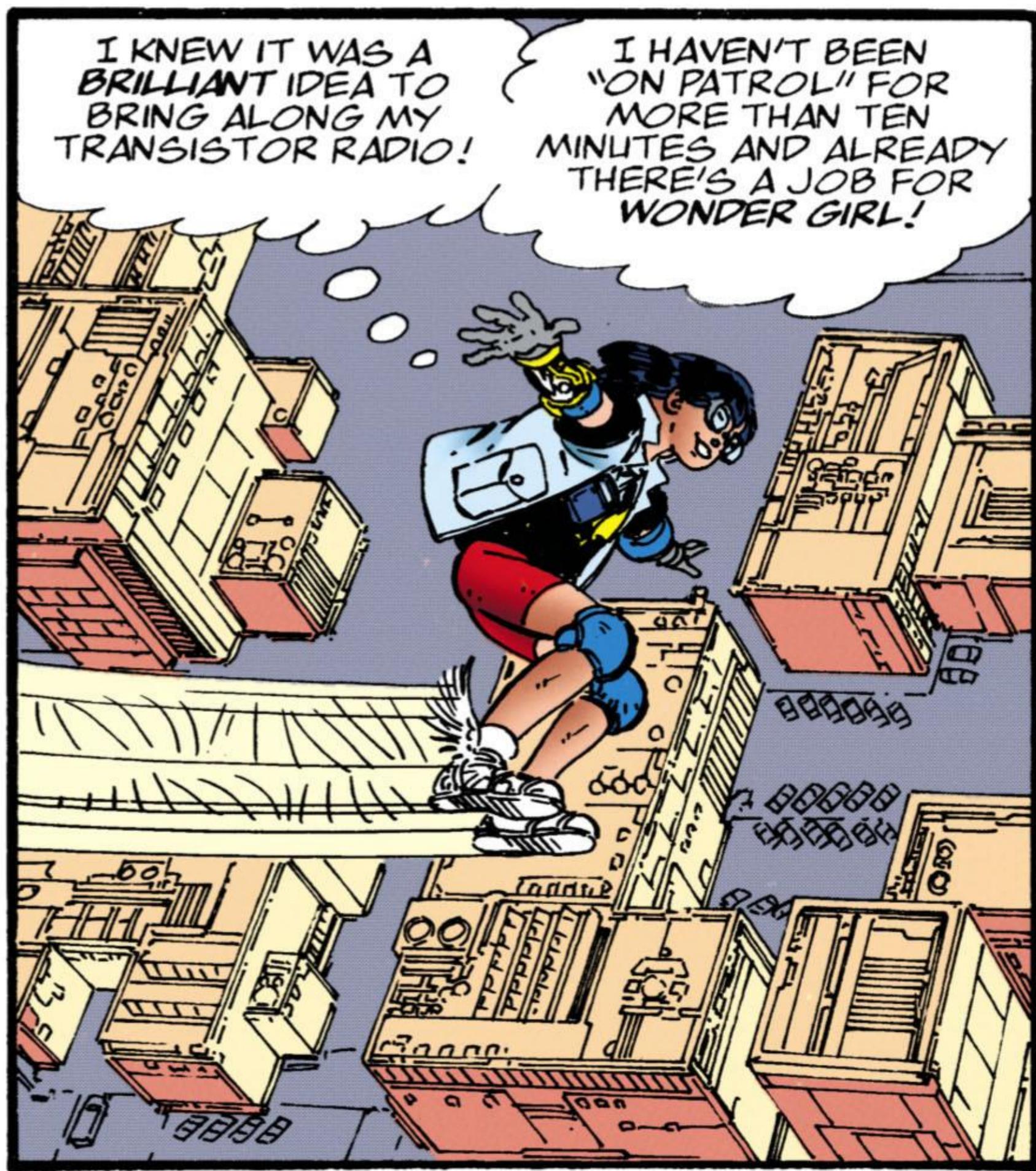


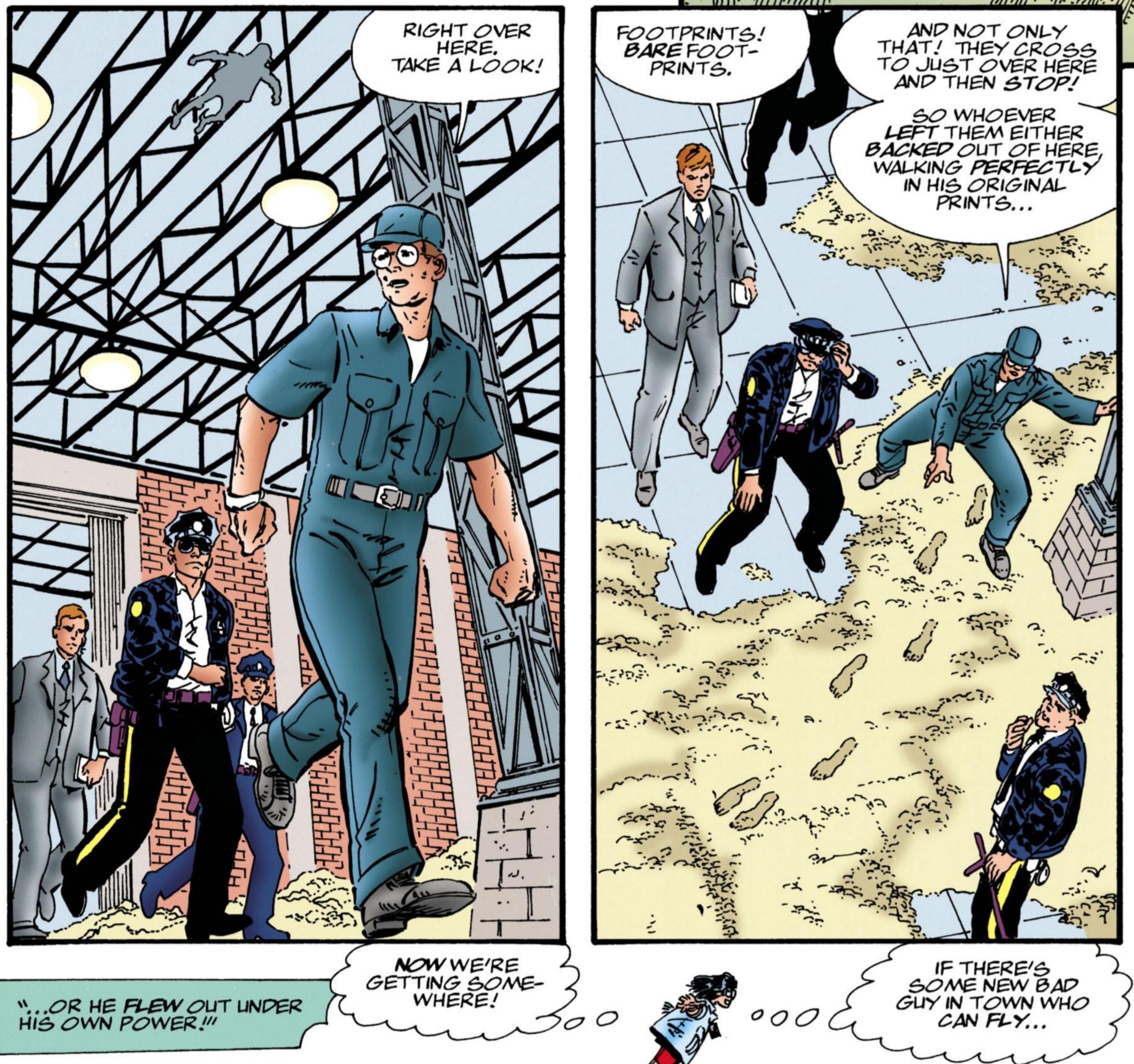
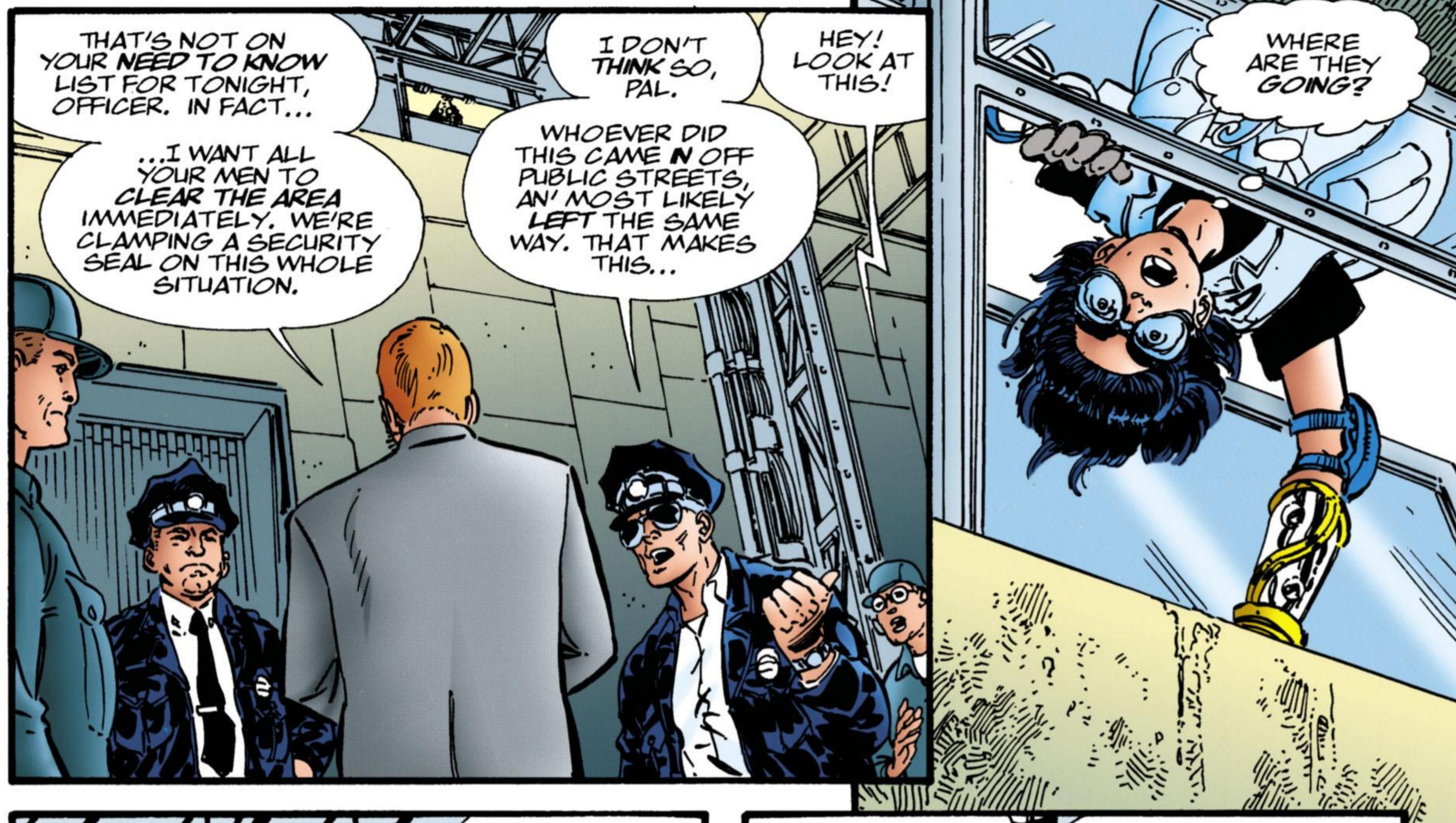


POLICE SOURCES INFORM KGCR THAT THE ENTIRE STOCK OF THE WAREHOUSE WAS REDUCED TO A FINE POWDER, MAKING INVENTORY IMPOSSIBLE.

YES!







...THEN THIS
IS RIGHT AWAY
RIGHT UP MY
STREET!

HEY!
WHO'S
THAT..?

HOLY COW!
IT'S DECAY! I
SAW PICTURES OF
HER IN THE PAPER
AFTER THE FIRST
TIME SHE FOUGHT
DIANA IN BOSTON!

AND MIKE SCHORR
SAID DECAY WAS ONE
OF THE QUANTUM CLONES
CREATED BY THE
VIRTUAL REANIMATOR THAT
MADE DOOMSDAY.*

*DIANA'S FRIEND MIKE HAD A
NEARLY FATAL ENCOUNTER WITH
THE DECAY CLONE LAST ISSUE
- GUESS WHO!

BUT ALL THE
CLONES WERE
SUPPOSED TO HAVE
GONE SPLIT THE
SAME WAY
DOOMSDAY DID!

AND SINCE THE
REAL DECAY WAS
DESTROYED IN HER
FIRST BATTLE WITH
WONDER WOMAN...

JUST WHO
THE HECK ARE
YOU, LADY?

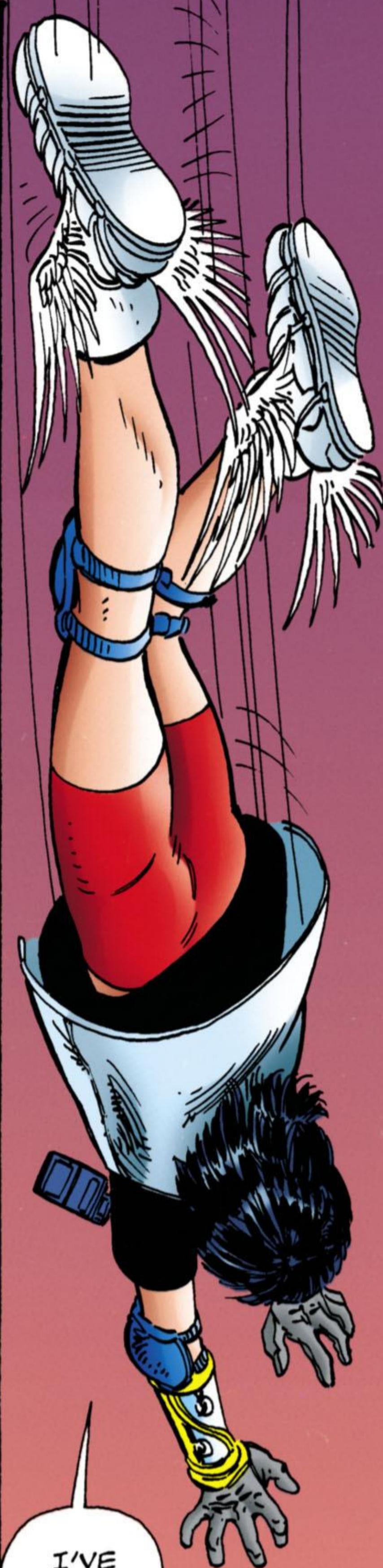
WHO...??

NO! THAT
EMBLEM ON
YOUR CHEST! IT
IS THE SIGN OF
WONDER WOMAN!

THAT'S
WONDER
GIRL
TO YOU,
PRUNEFACE.



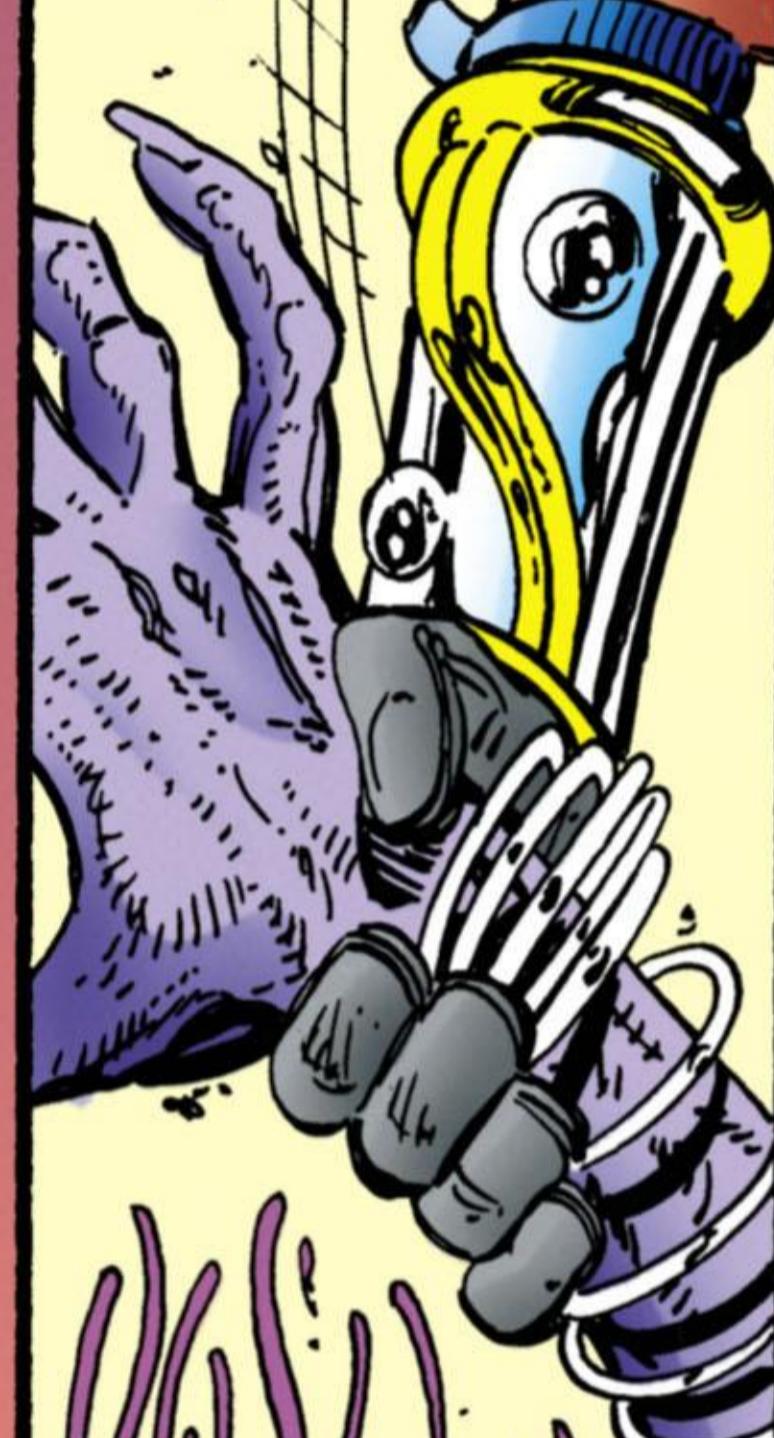
HOLY!!!



I'VE
GOTTA
CATCH
HER!

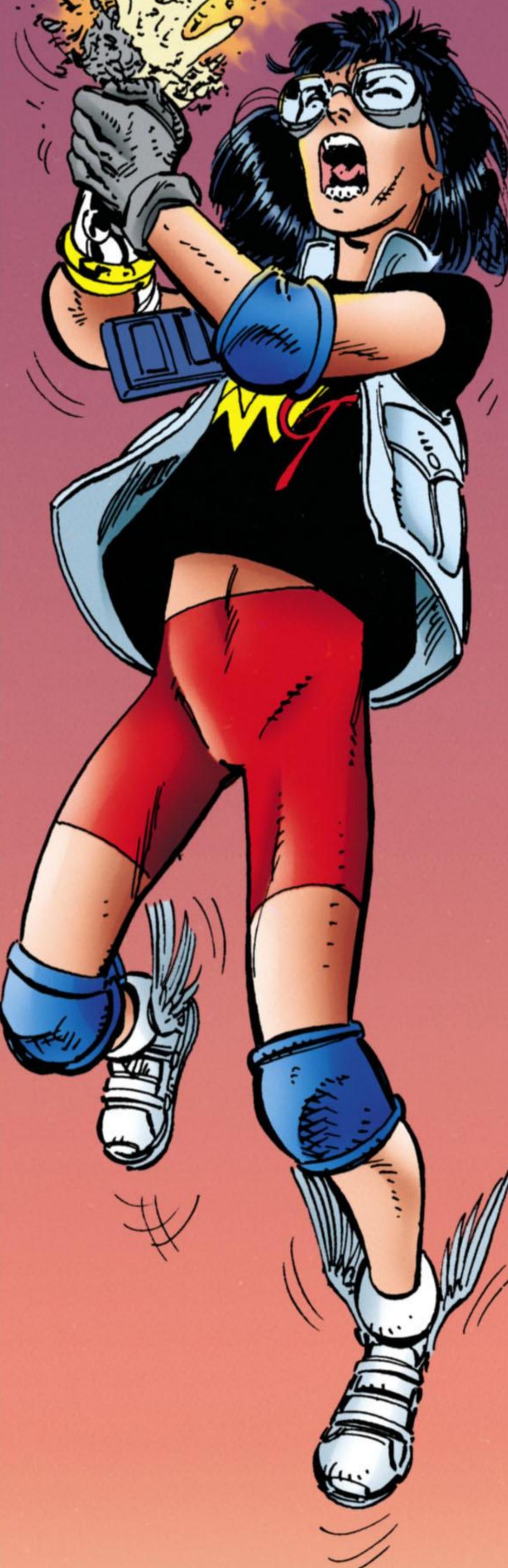


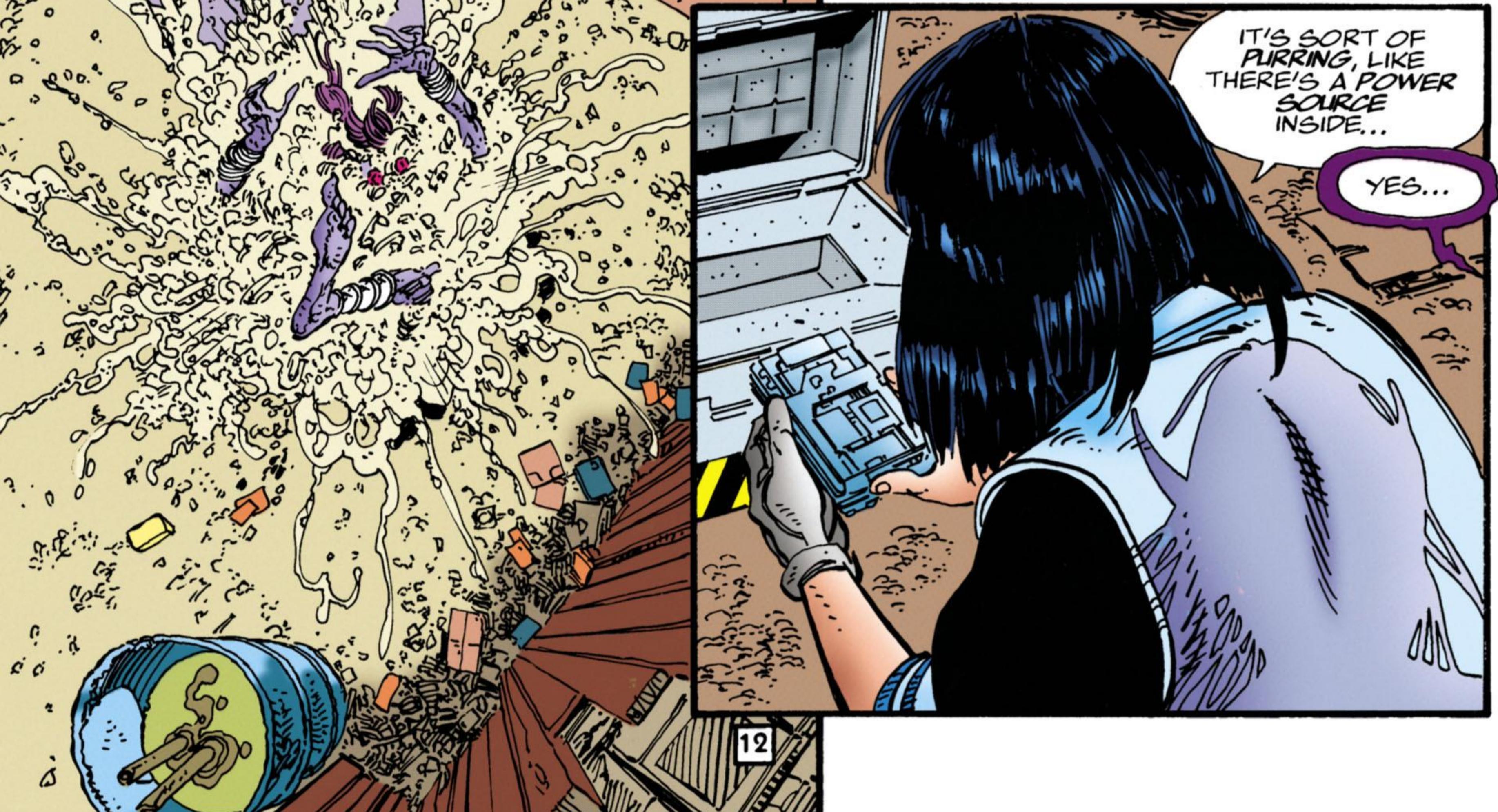
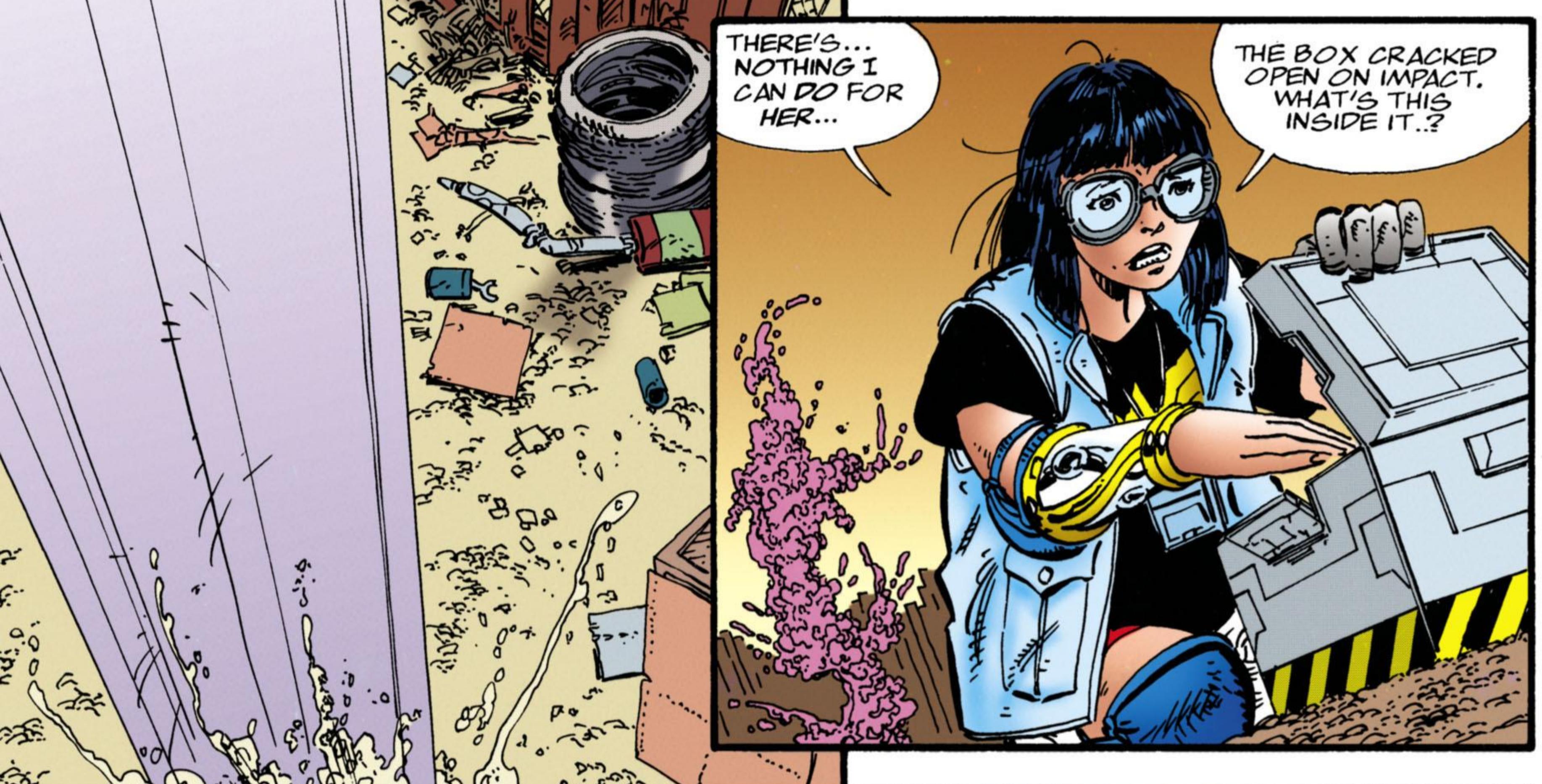
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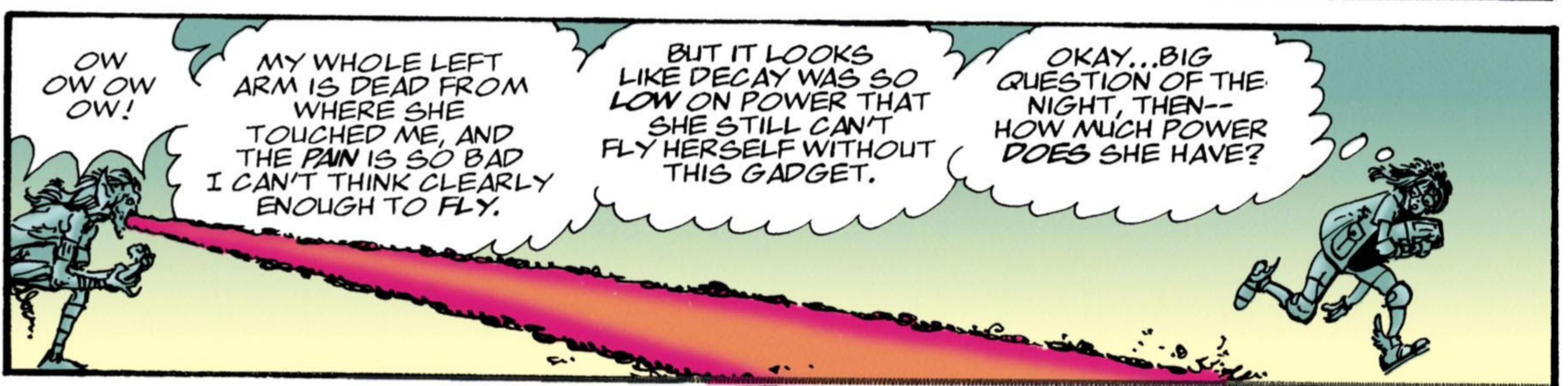
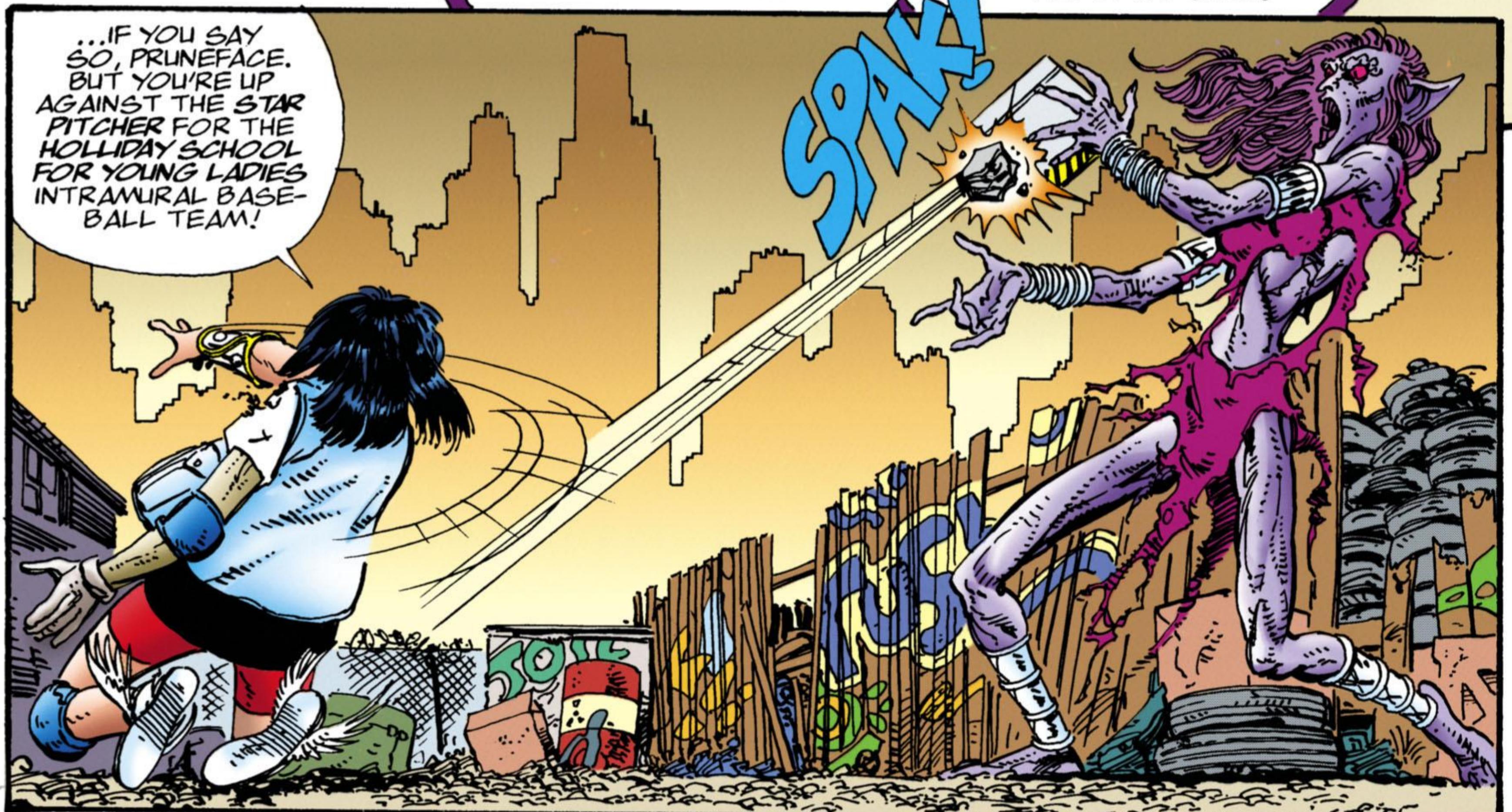
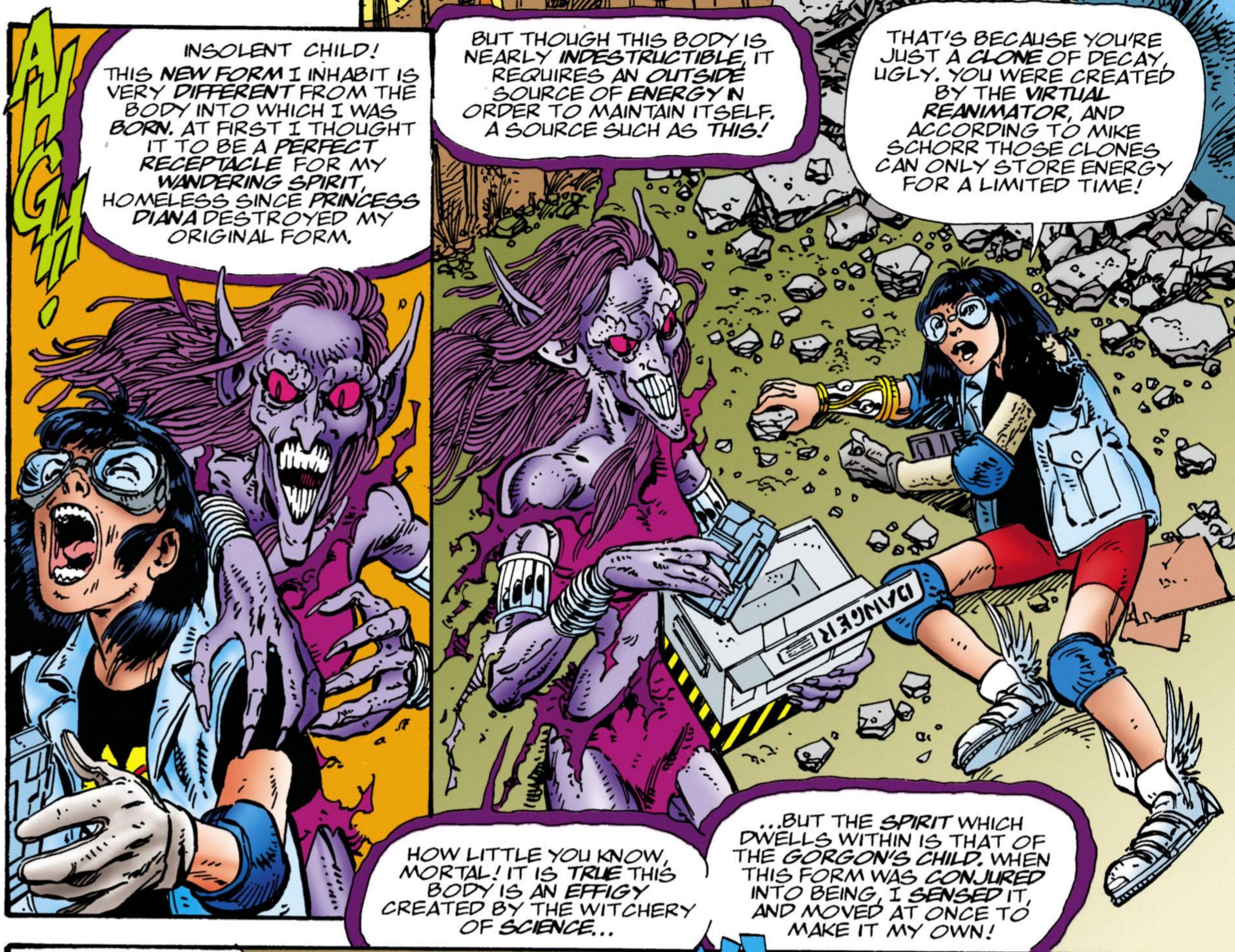


OW!!

WHAT THE HECK??
TOUCHING HER MADE
MY WHOLE HAND GO
DEAD!









ZELIS AND HERA! I WAS TOLD GATEWAY CITY WAS OCCASIONALLY SUBJECT TO VIOLENT EARTHQUAKES, BUT WHAT...

WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM FOR AN IMPORTANT NEWS BULLETIN.

THE BRIEF QUAKE WHICH JUST STRUCK THE BAY AREA REGISTERED LESS THAN POINT ZERO FIVE ON THE RICHTER SCALE.

THERE ARE VIRTUALLY NO REPORTS OF DAMAGE ANY WHERE IN THE CITY AS YET. BUT WHAT HAS BEEN REPORTED IS UNBELIEVABLE!

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION COMING IN EVEN NOW FROM GOTHAM, METROPOLIS, LONDON AND PARIS...

...THE EARTHQUAKE WAS FELT WORLDWIDE. ON THE PHONE NOW IS DR. CALVIN "CAVE" CARSON OF THE SUBTERRANEAN INSTITUTE.

DR. CARSON, WHAT WAS THAT?

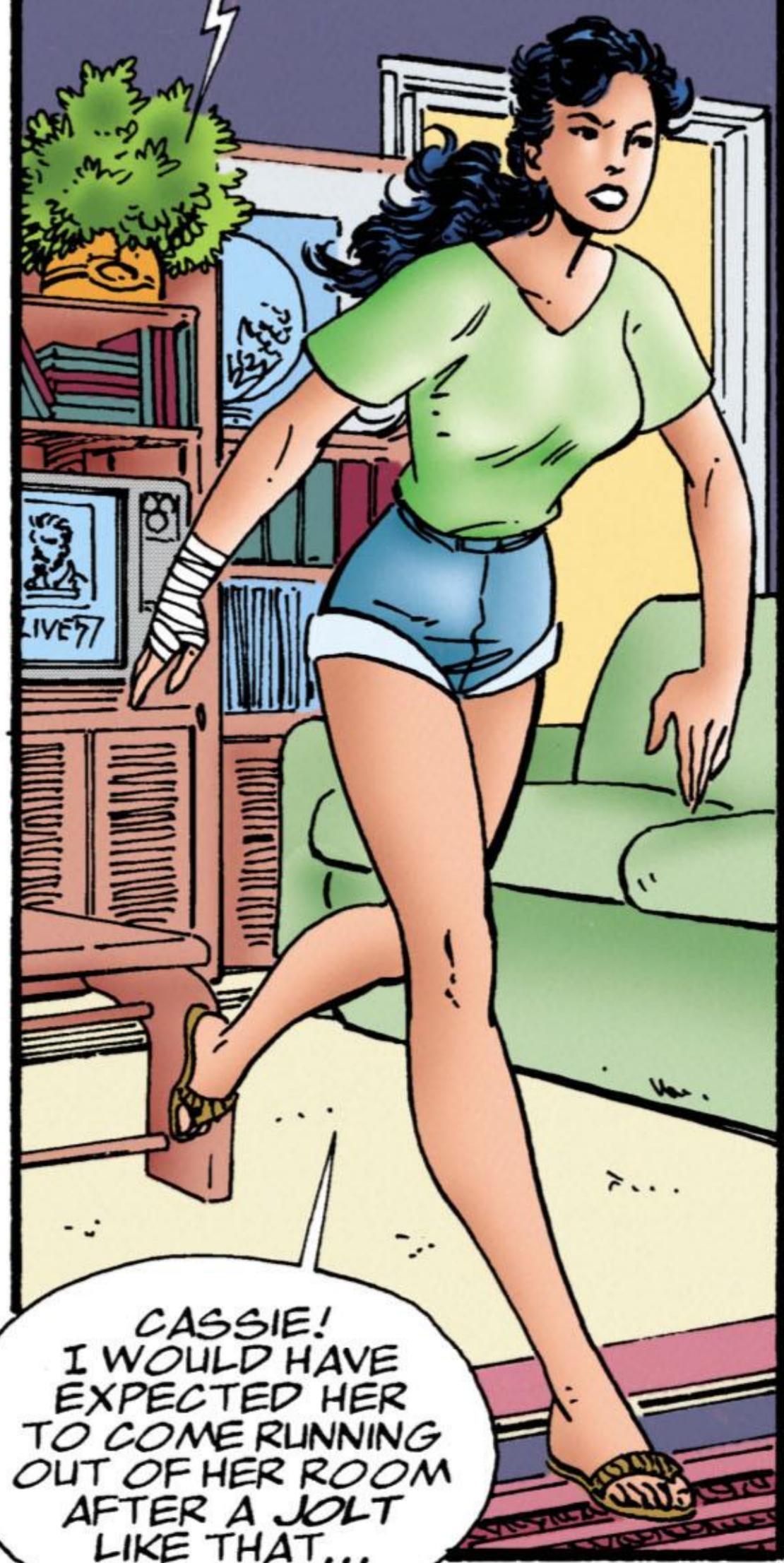


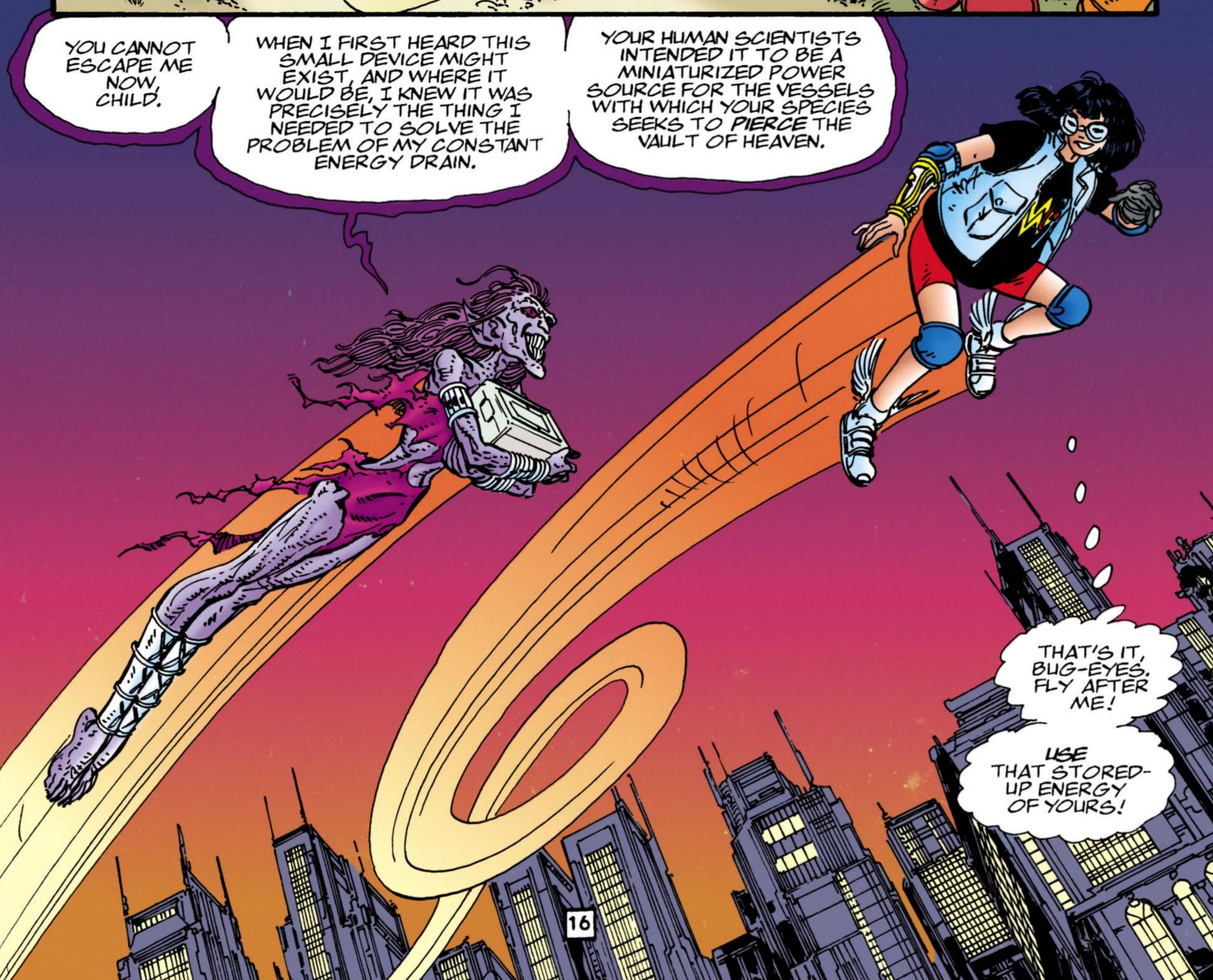
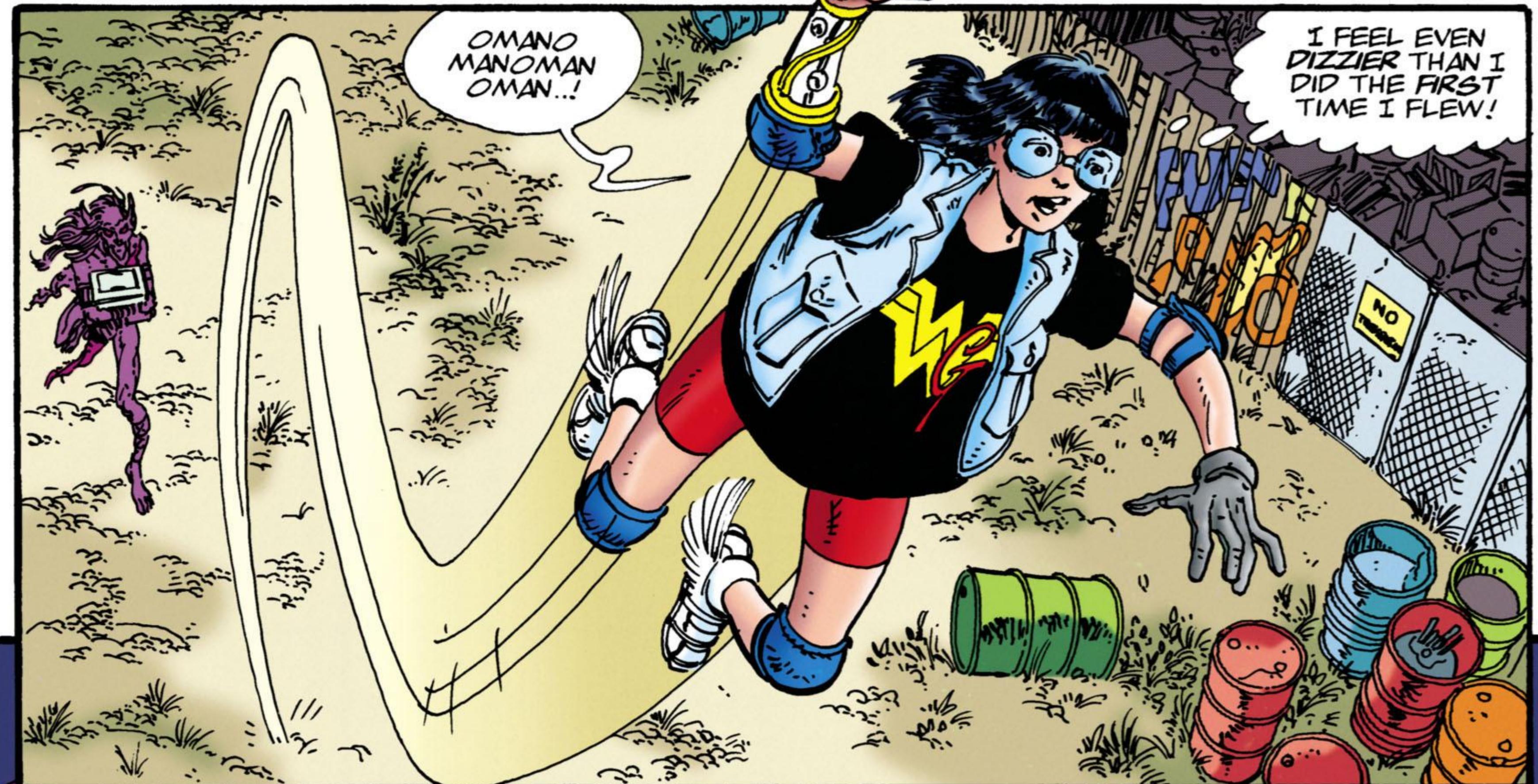
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WELL, IT'S MUCH TOO SOON TO MAKE ANY KIND OF DEFINITIVE STATEMENT, KATIE, BUT AS NEAR AS WE CAN TELL FROM OUR INSTRUMENTS HERE...

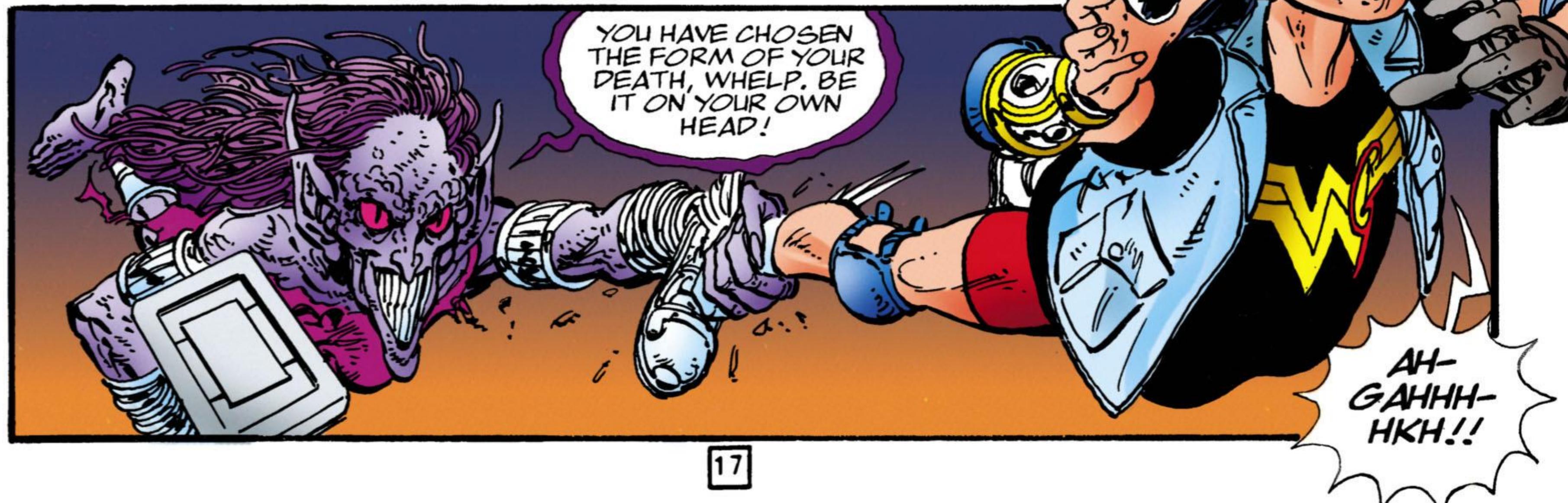
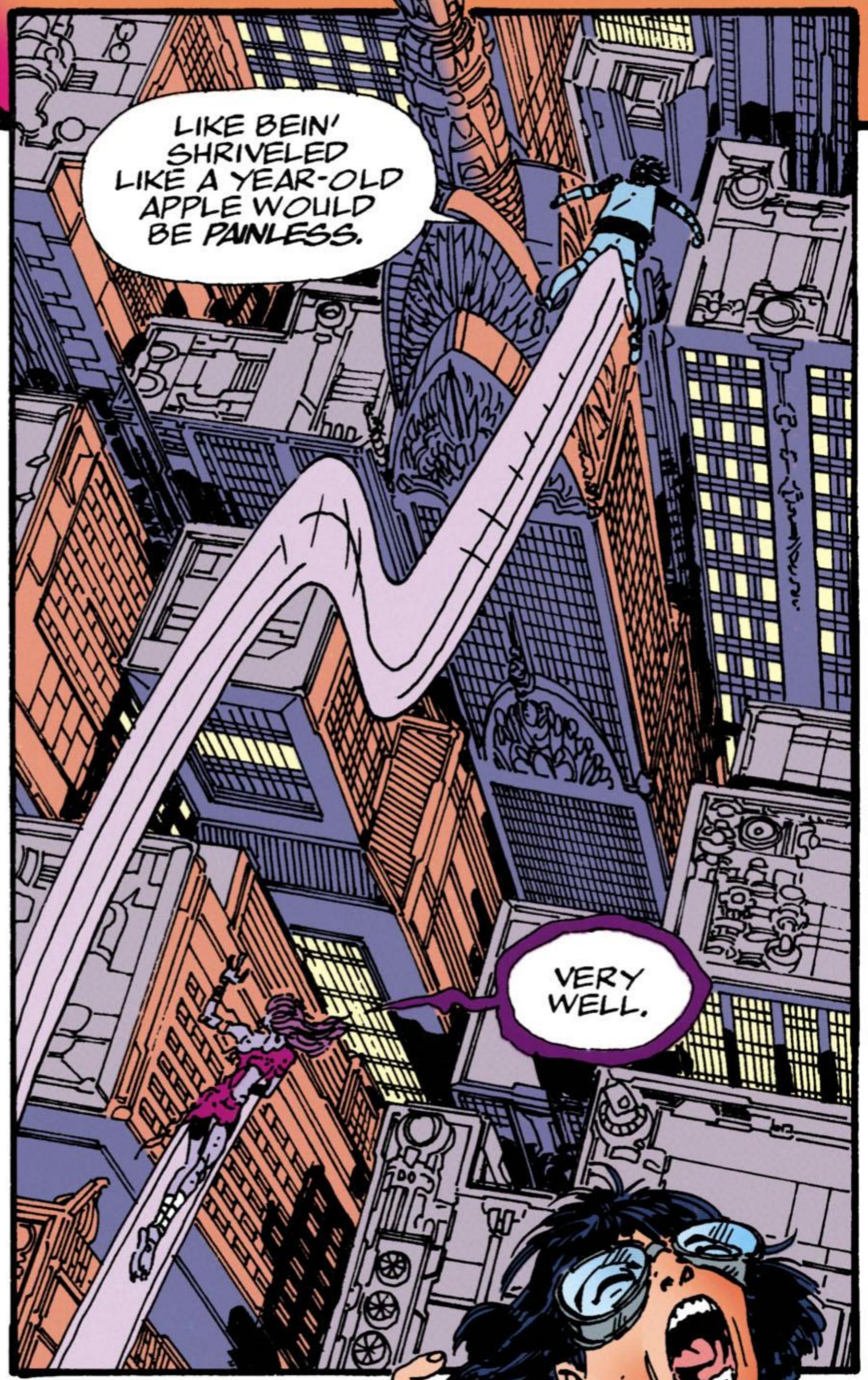
...THE WHOLE INTERLOCKING PLATE STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH'S MANTLE JUST SHIFTED ABOUT EIGHTEEN INCHES!

CASSIE, ARE YOU...

CASSIE?







NOW I SHALL TAKE MY TIME, SAVORING YOUR DESTRUCTION.
AND AS YOU DIE, THINK LONG AND HARD ON ALL YOU LOSE,
CHILD. ALL THE POTENTIAL OF YOUR YOUNG LIFE THAT IS
SNUFFED OUT AS I DRAIN THE ESSENCE OF YOUR
BEING FROM YOU.

THINK OF THE LOVERS YOU
SHALL NEVER KNOW, THE
CHILDREN YOU SHALL NEVER
HAVE. THINK OF ALL THE
THINGS YOU WILL NEVER
SEE, ALL THE MOMENTS
THAT YOU SHALL NEVER
CHERISH.

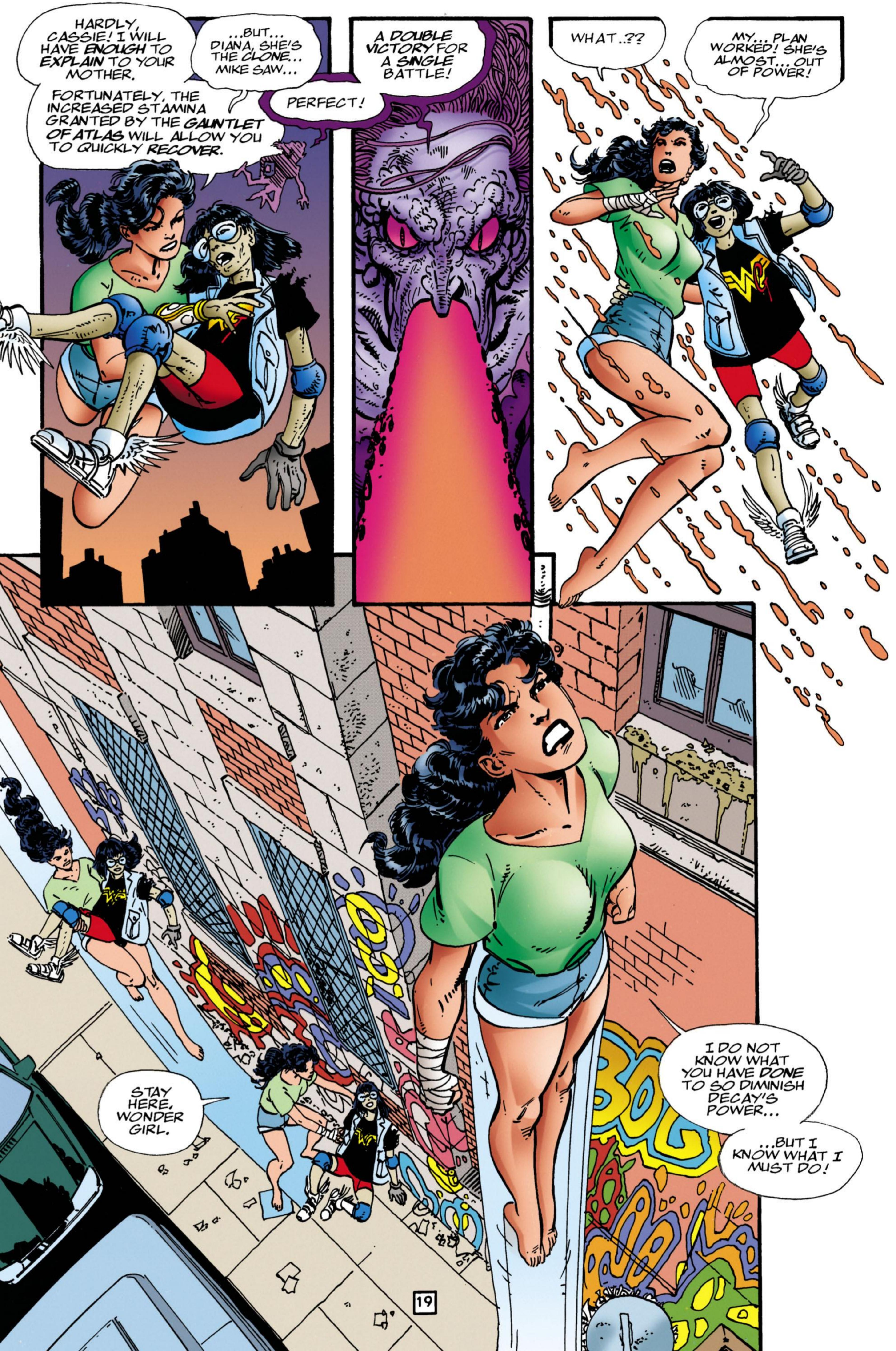
I... WON'T
BEG... FOR MY...
LIFE, IF... THAT'S
WHAT... YOU'RE...
AFTER, YOU'RE
OUT... OF...
LUCK...

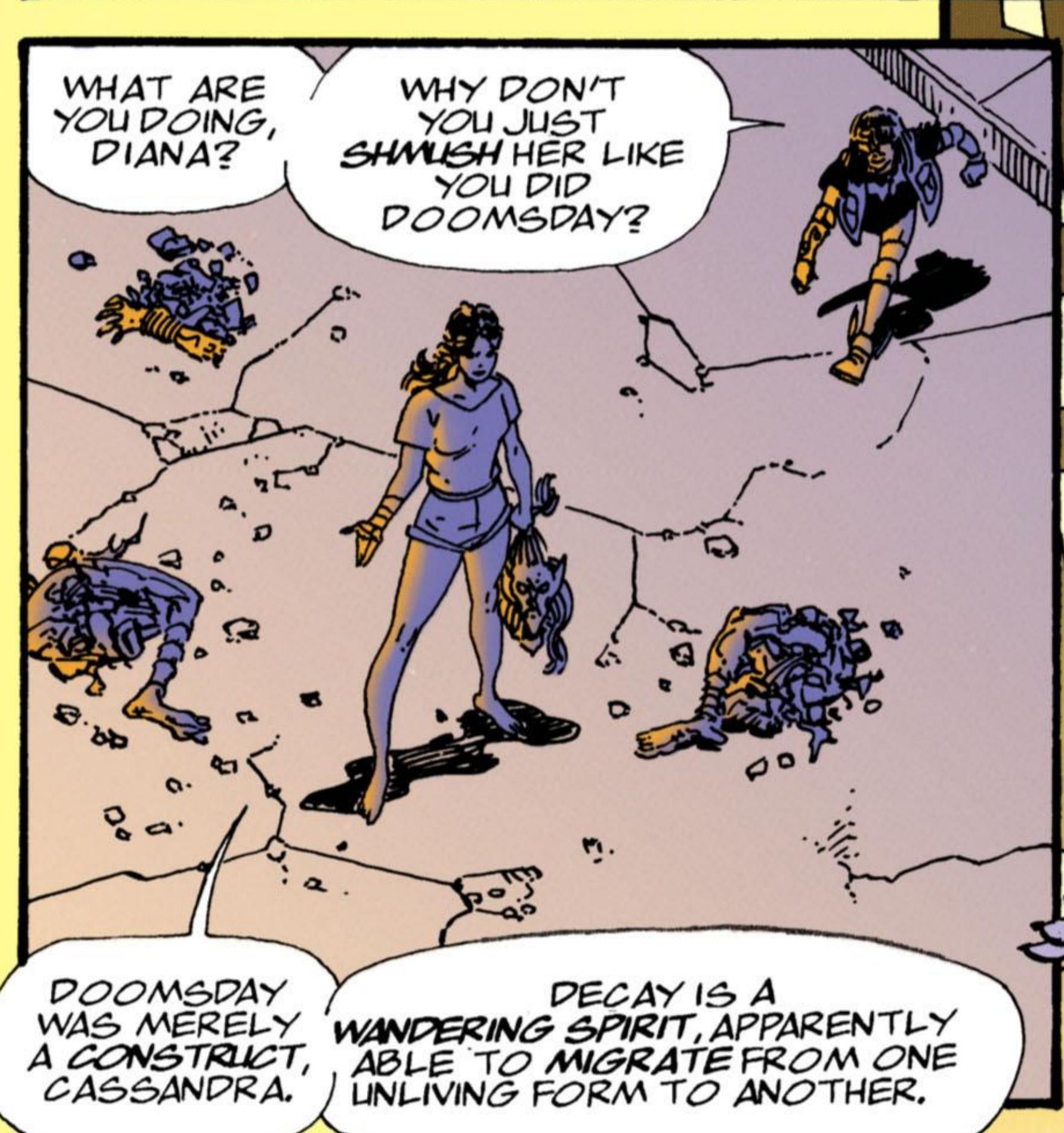
AND YOU ARE
EVERY BIT THE
WARRIOR I THOUGHT
YOU TO BE,
CASSANDRA!

WONDER
WOMAN!

DIANA!

DON'T...
WORRY ABOUT...
ME! STOP...
DECAY!





WHEN I FIGURED OUT HOW SHE WAS GETTING POWER, I SWITCHED MY TRANSISTOR RADIO FOR THE GIZMO SHE STOLE.

THEN IT WAS JUST A CASE OF WAITING FOR HER POWER TO RUN OUT.

YOU TOOK A GREAT CHANCE, CASSIE.

IF I HAD NOT ARRIVED WHEN I DID...

NOW YOU SOUND LIKE MY MOM AGAIN, DIANA. SHE'S ALWAYS GETTING ON MY CASE FOR THINGS THAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED.

YOU DID ARRIVE WHEN YOU DID, SO...

HMM...

PERHAPS WE SHOULD DISCUSS THIS AT GREATER LENGTH LATER.



"AND I SUGGEST YOU SAY NOTHING OF THIS INCIDENT WHEN HELENA AND JASON BLOOD COME TO PICK YOU UP LATER!"

OH, THANK GOODNESS! I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU WEREN'T COMING.

HI, I'M CASSIE SANDSMARK.

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND... MY NEIGHBOR ASKED IF YOU COULD LOOK AFTER HER LITTLE BOY, TOO.

NOT A PROBLEM. ONE KID OR TWO, I'VE FOUND IT DOESN'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.

I'M SURE WE'LL ALL GET ALONG JUST FINE.

SPLKF ZBGKZ!

GLAKB ZBITGR WOZZ!

NEXT ISSUE-- A COUPLE OF OLD FRIENDS RETURN TO THESE PAGES, AS YOU'RE INTRODUCED TO A VERSION OF WONDER WOMAN WE CAN GUARANTEE YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!