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WONDER WOMAN
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BBRiiiING
TIME'S UP!
BOLLAND

DEAR, DEAR MRS. SAZIA... GOTHAM'S GOTTEN A LITTLE WARM FOR ME THIS SEASON. BATMAN'S GOTTEN MEAN! A CITIZEN COULD GET KILLED!
BOSTON, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS... SAFER. AND THIS LITTLE MOB WAR YOU'RE HAVING MAKES IT SOOOO TEMPTING!
WHY, I COULD SMELL THE BLOOD FOR MILES!
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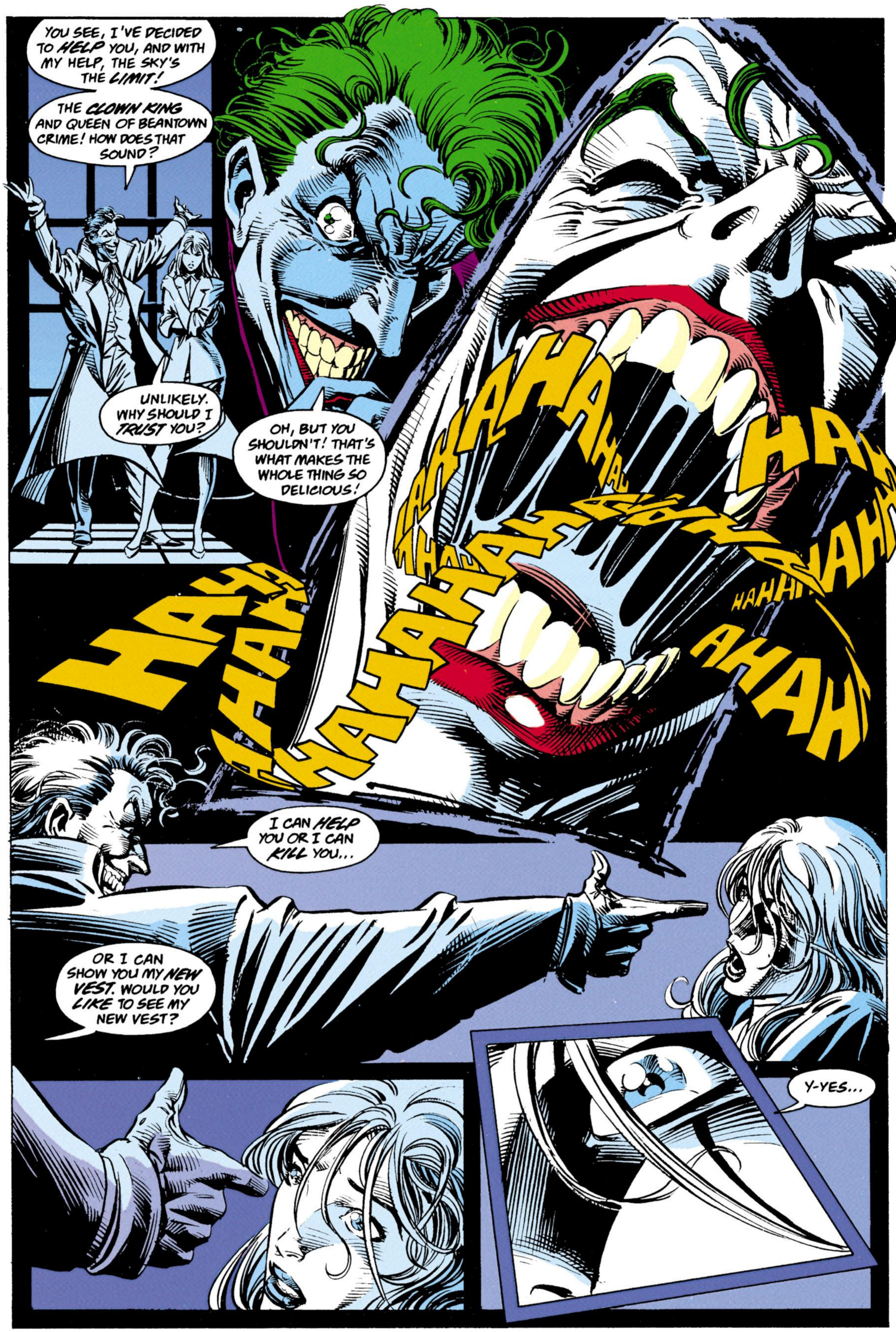
YOU SEE, I'VE DECIDED TO HELP YOU, AND WITH MY HELP, THE SKY'S THE LIMIT!
THE CLOWN KING AND QUEEN OF BEANTOWN CRIME! HOW DOES THAT SOUND?
UNLIKELY. WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU?
OH, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T! THAT'S WHAT MAKES THE WHOLE THING SO DELICIOUS!
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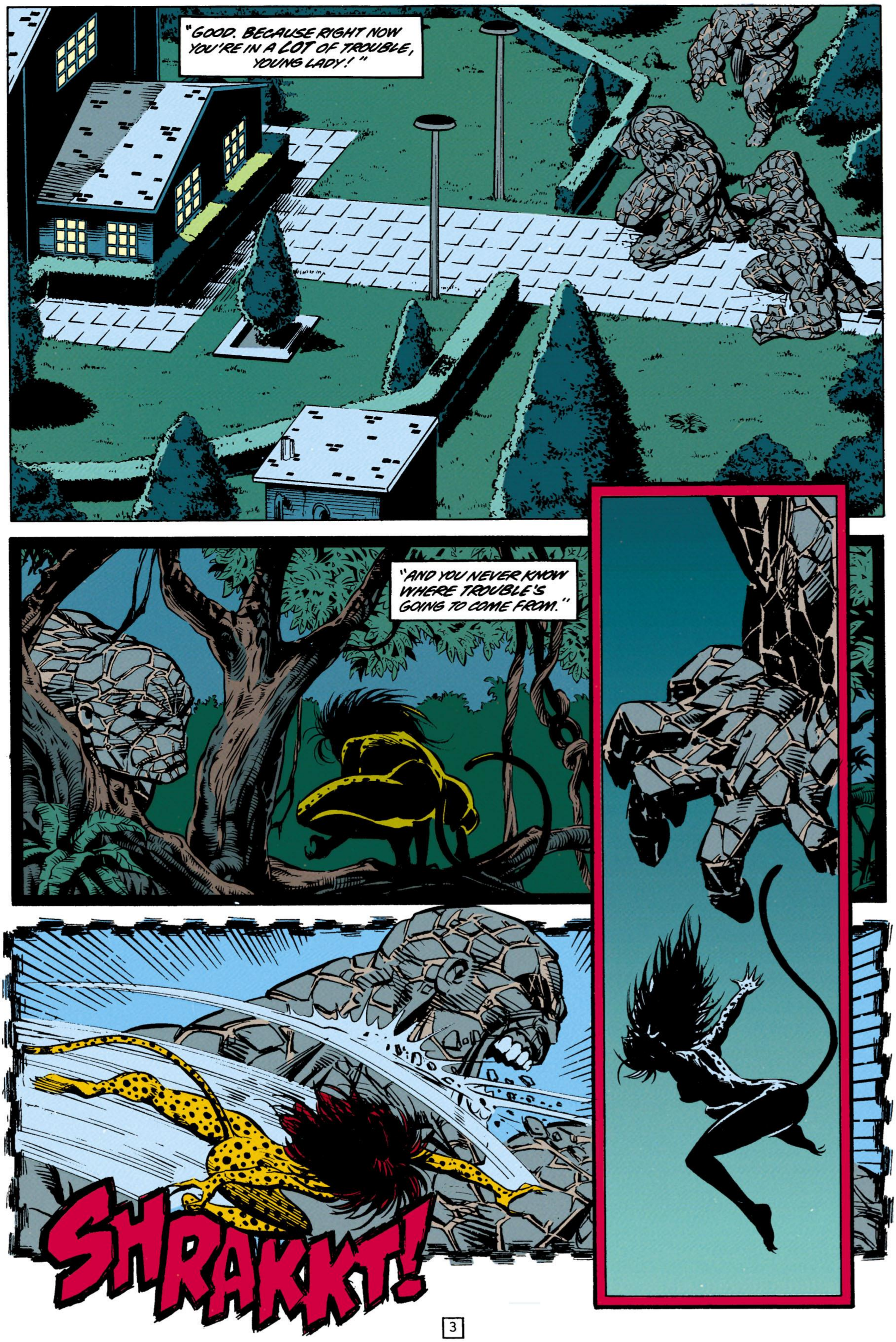
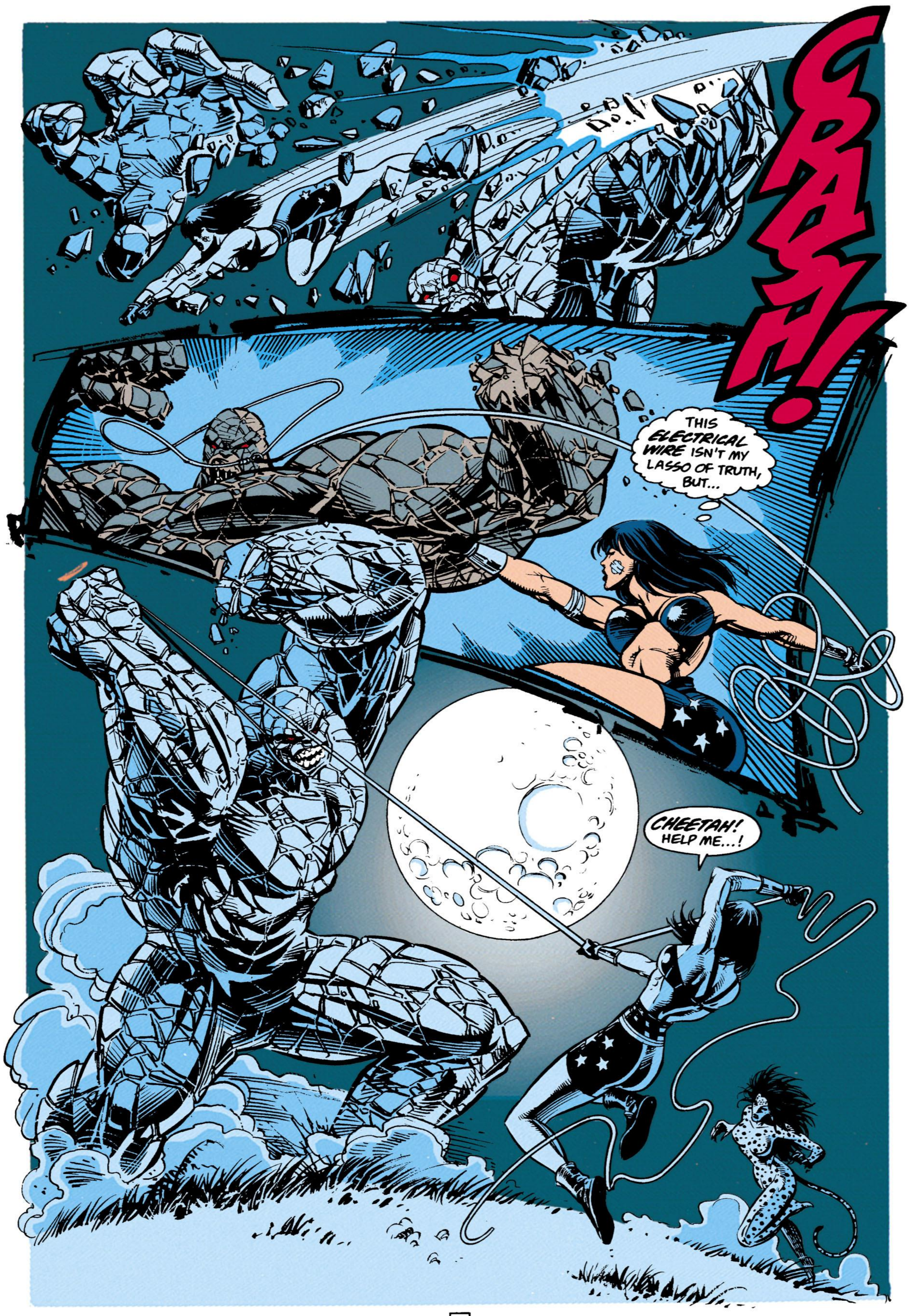

"GOOD. BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU'RE IN A LOT OF TROUBLE, YOUNG LADY!"
"AND YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE TROUBLE'S GOING TO COME FROM."
SHRAKKT!

YOU'LL NEVER CATCH ME, REJECTED-BY-HADES!
NOT TODAY, EARTH-TITAN!
WHOOSH!


SPLASH!
THIS ELECTRICAL WIRE ISN'T MY LASSO OF TRUTH, BUT...
CHEETAH! HELP ME...!

I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK!
WHAMP
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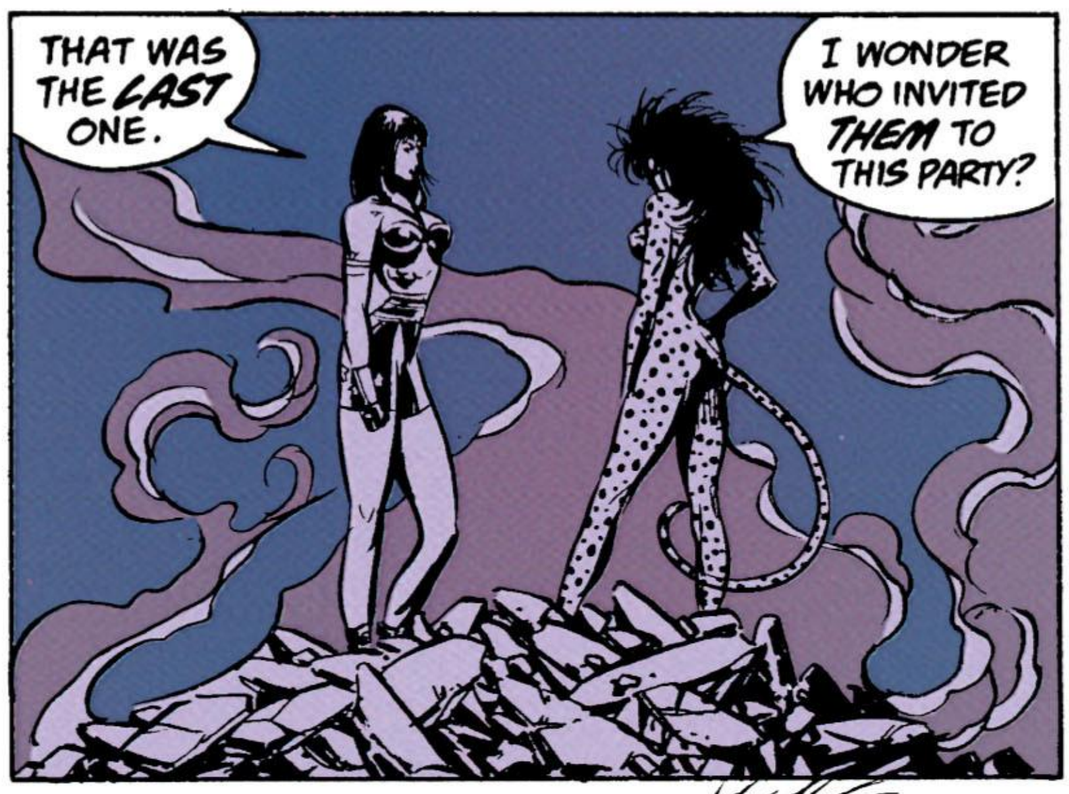

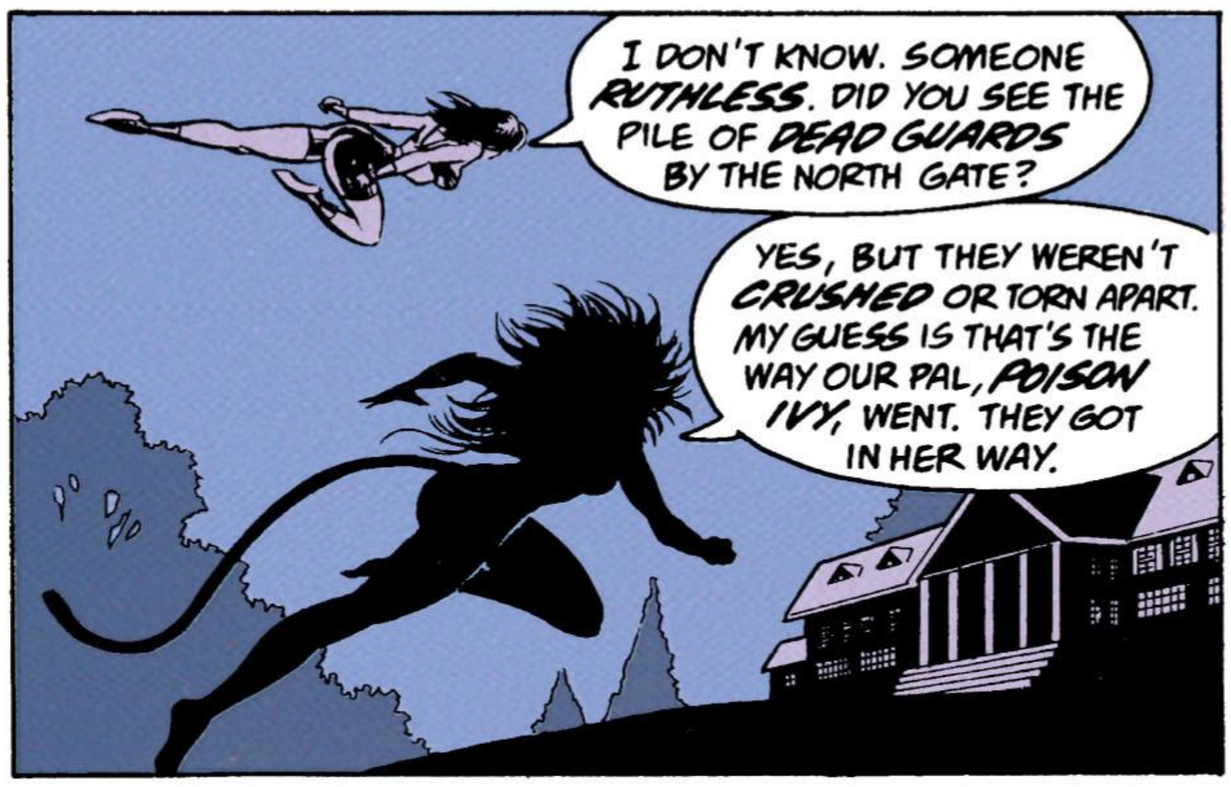

ROOARRRRRRR

BEEEEEP

AND HERE COMES OUR EMPLOYER NOW. WITH CHESHIRE OUT OF COMMISSION, TOO, MADAME SAZIA MAY BE WILLING TO CUT A D...

LOOK OUT!

"THERE'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU! SHE DIDN'T EVEN TIP US! WE SAVE HER SILLY LIFE AND SHE HAS HER CHAUFFEUR TRY TO RUN US DOWN!"

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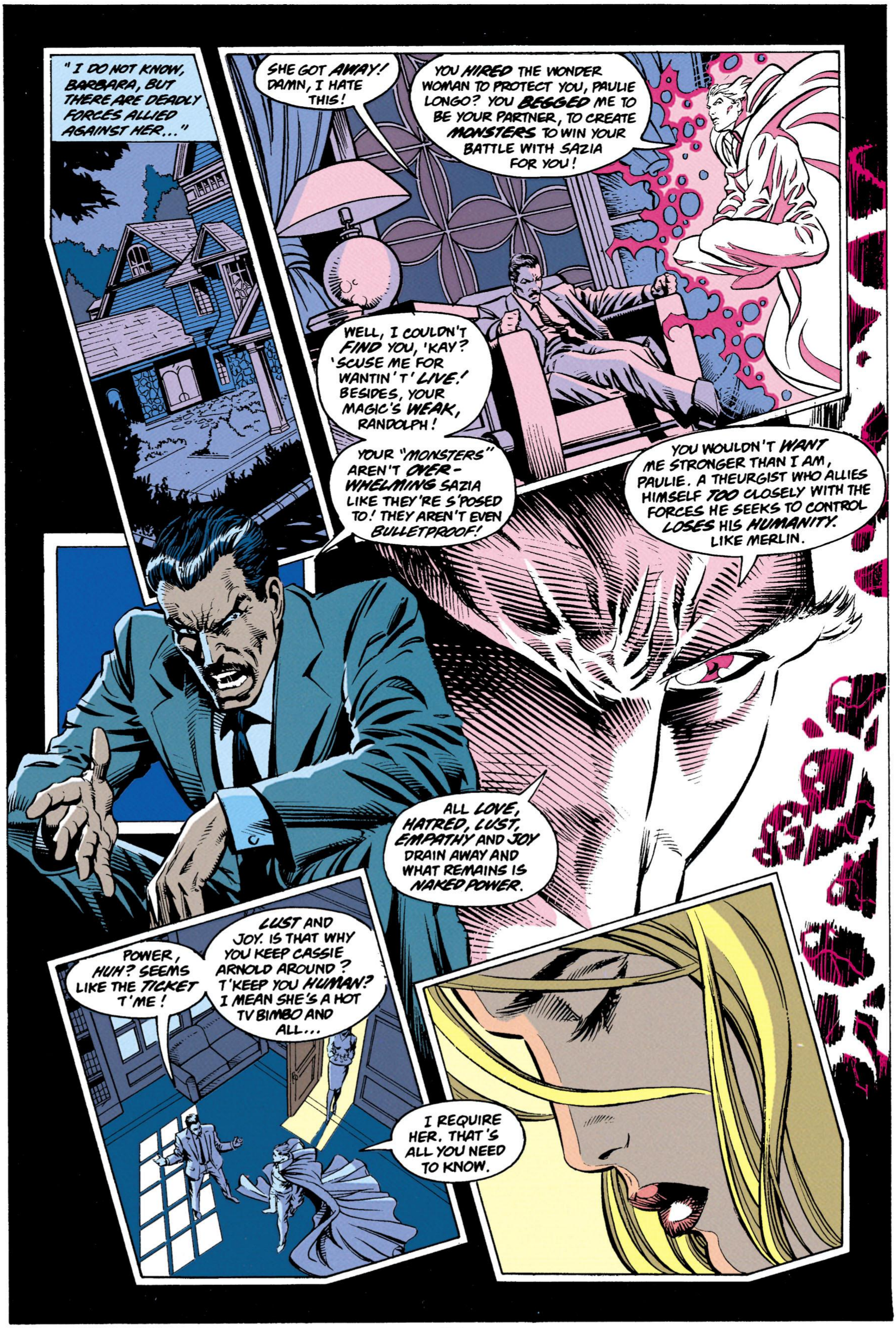
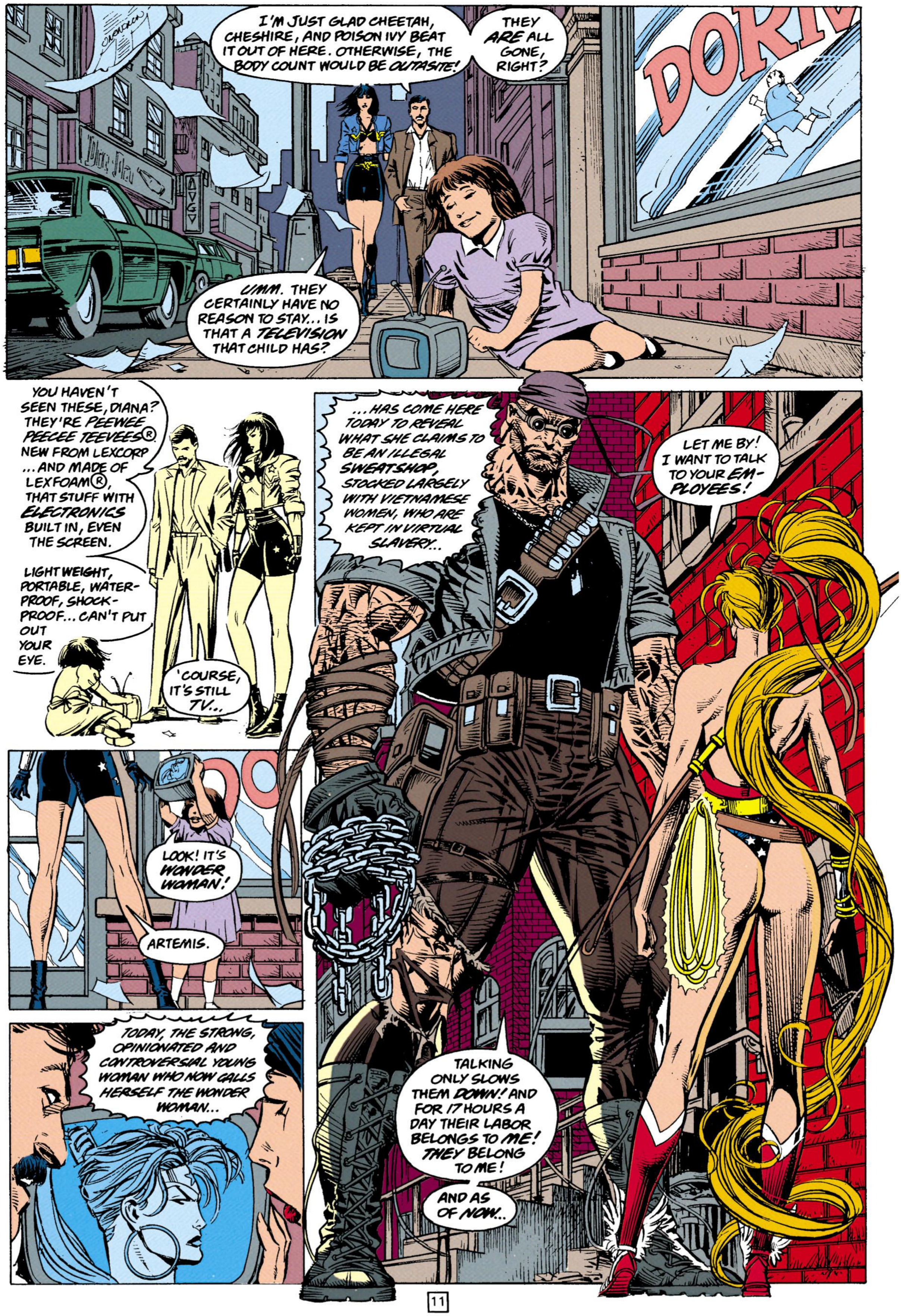
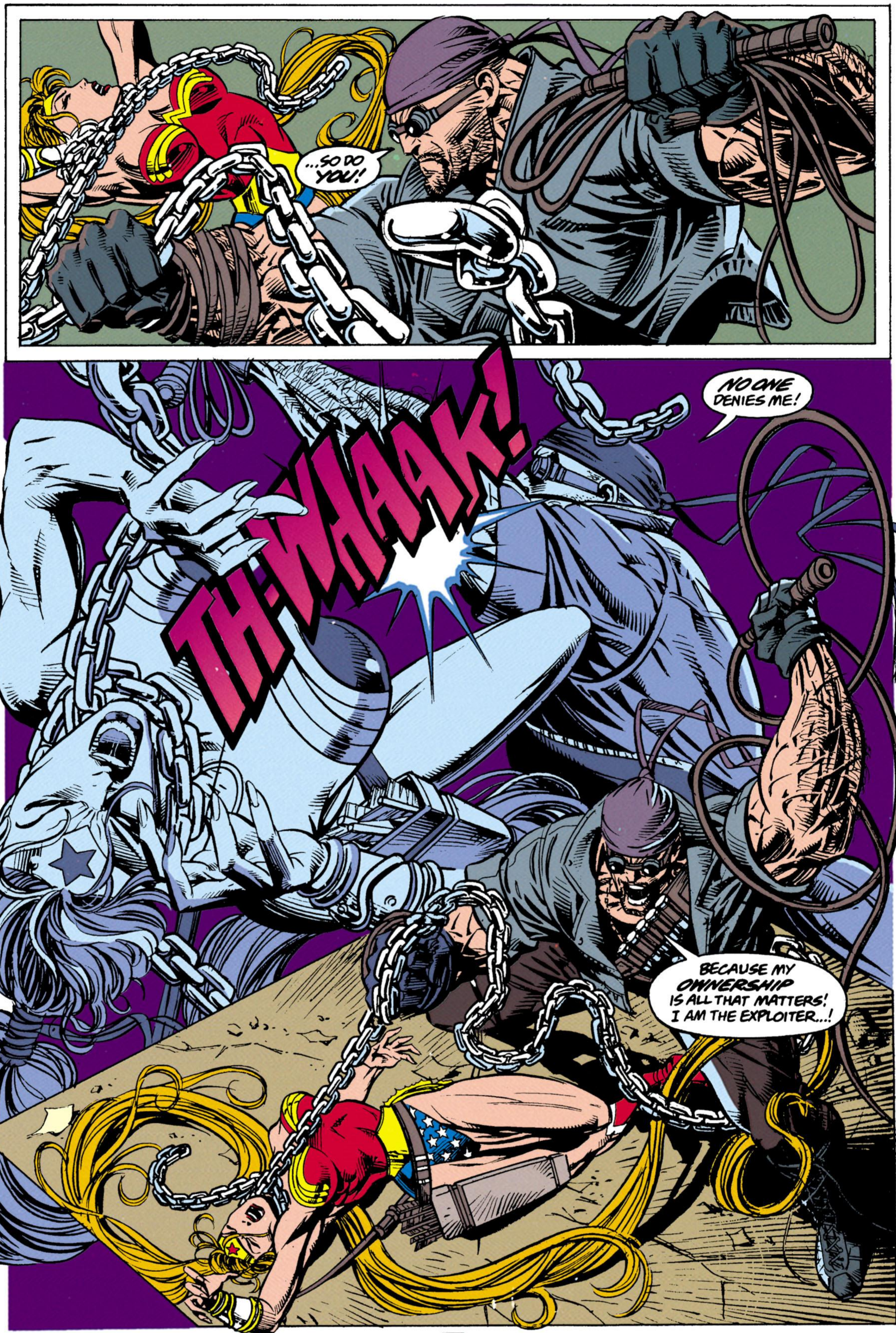
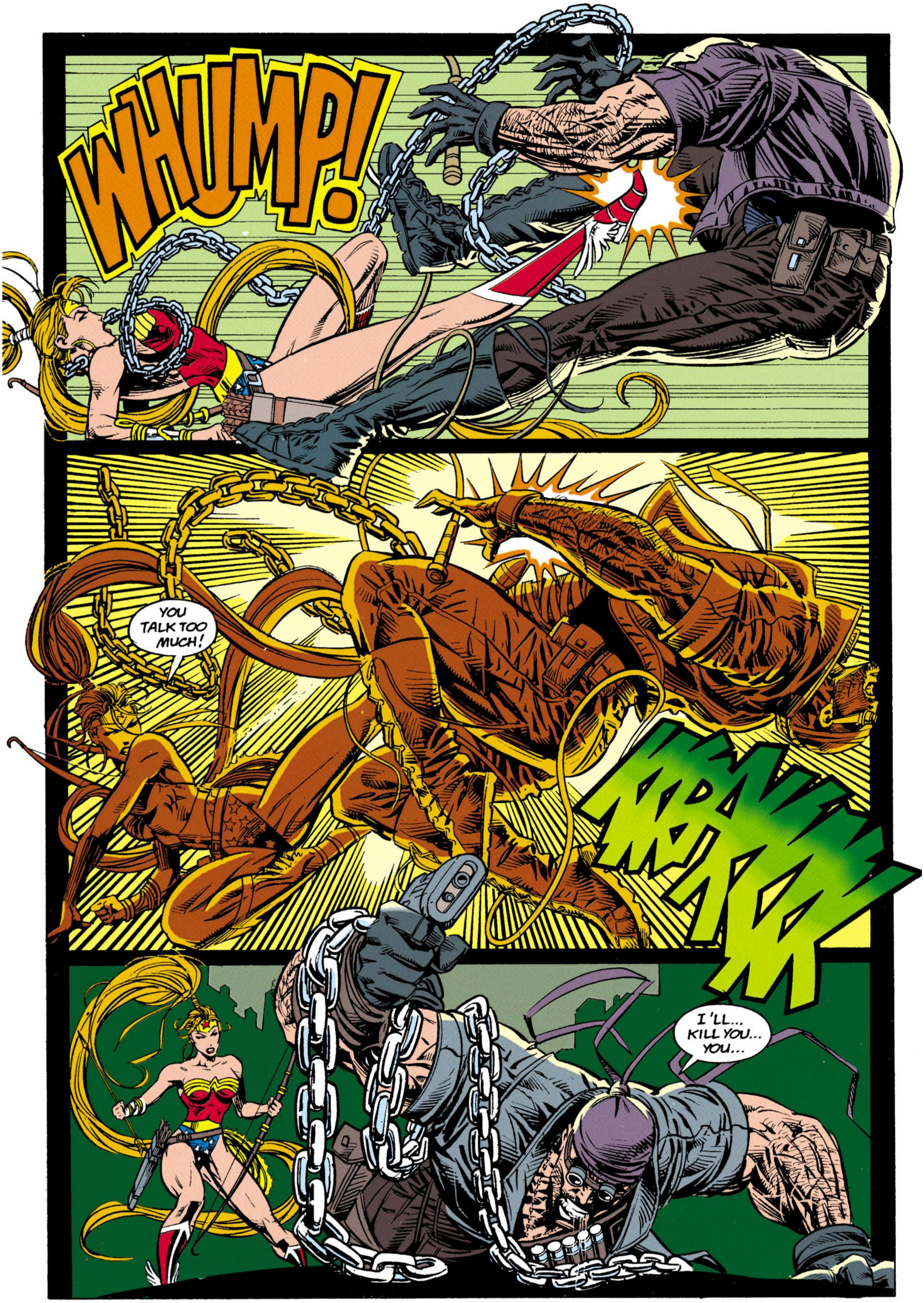

"I DO NOT KNOW, BARBARA, BUT THERE ARE DEADLY FORCES ALLIED AGAINST HER..."
SHE GOT AWAY! DAMN, I HATE THIS!
YOU HIRED THE WONDER WOMAN TO PROTECT YOU, PAULIE LONGO? YOU BEGGED ME TO BE YOUR PARTNER, TO CREATE MONSTERS TO WIN YOUR BATTLE WITH SAZIA FOR YOU!
WELL, I COULDN'T FIND YOU, 'KAY? 'SCUSE ME FOR WANTIN' T' LIVE! BESIDES, YOUR MAGIC'S WEAK, RANDOLPH!
YOUR "MONSTERS" AREN'T OVER-WHELMING SAZIA LIKE THEY'RE S'POSED TO! THEY AREN'T EVEN BULLETPROOF!
YOU WOULDN'T WANT ME STRONGER THAN I AM, PAULIE. A THEURGIST WHO ALLIES HIMSELF TOO CLOSELY WITH THE FORCES HE SEEKS TO CONTROL LOSES HIS HUMANITY. LIKE MERLIN.
ALL LOVE, HATRED, LUST, EMPATHY AND JOY DRAIN AWAY AND WHAT REMAINS IS NAKED POWER.
POWER, HUH? SEEMS LIKE THE TICKET T'ME!
LUST AND JOY. IS THAT WHY YOU KEEP CASSIE ARNOLD AROUND? T'KEEP YOU HUMAN? I MEAN SHE'S A HOT TV BIMBO AND ALL...
I REQUIRE HER. THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW.

THAT'S ANCHORWOMAN, NOT "TV BIMBO", MR. LONGO. AND ASQUITH AND I HAVE A PARTNERSHIP BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST. RIGHT, ASQUITH?
OF COURSE, MY DEAR.
ANYWAY, YOU'RE CHOICE MEAT, IS ALL I MEANT. NOT SOME KINDA CRAZED WITCH LIKE JULIANNA SAZIA, WHO WANTS T'BE A MAN, AND THINKS SHE OUGHTA RUN EVERYTHING.
THANKS... I THINK.
YOU KNOW, I WAS WITH OLD MAN SAZIA SINCE I WAS FIFTEEN! I WAS PRACTICALLY HIS SON! I USED TO DRIVE AROUND IN THAT BIG CAR OF HIS WITH HIM AND THINK "WHEN HE GETS WHACKED, THIS IS GONNA BE ALL MINE!
I LOVED THAT OLD GUY!
MERLIN, HUH?
I GUESS THAT MAKES ME KING ARTHUR!

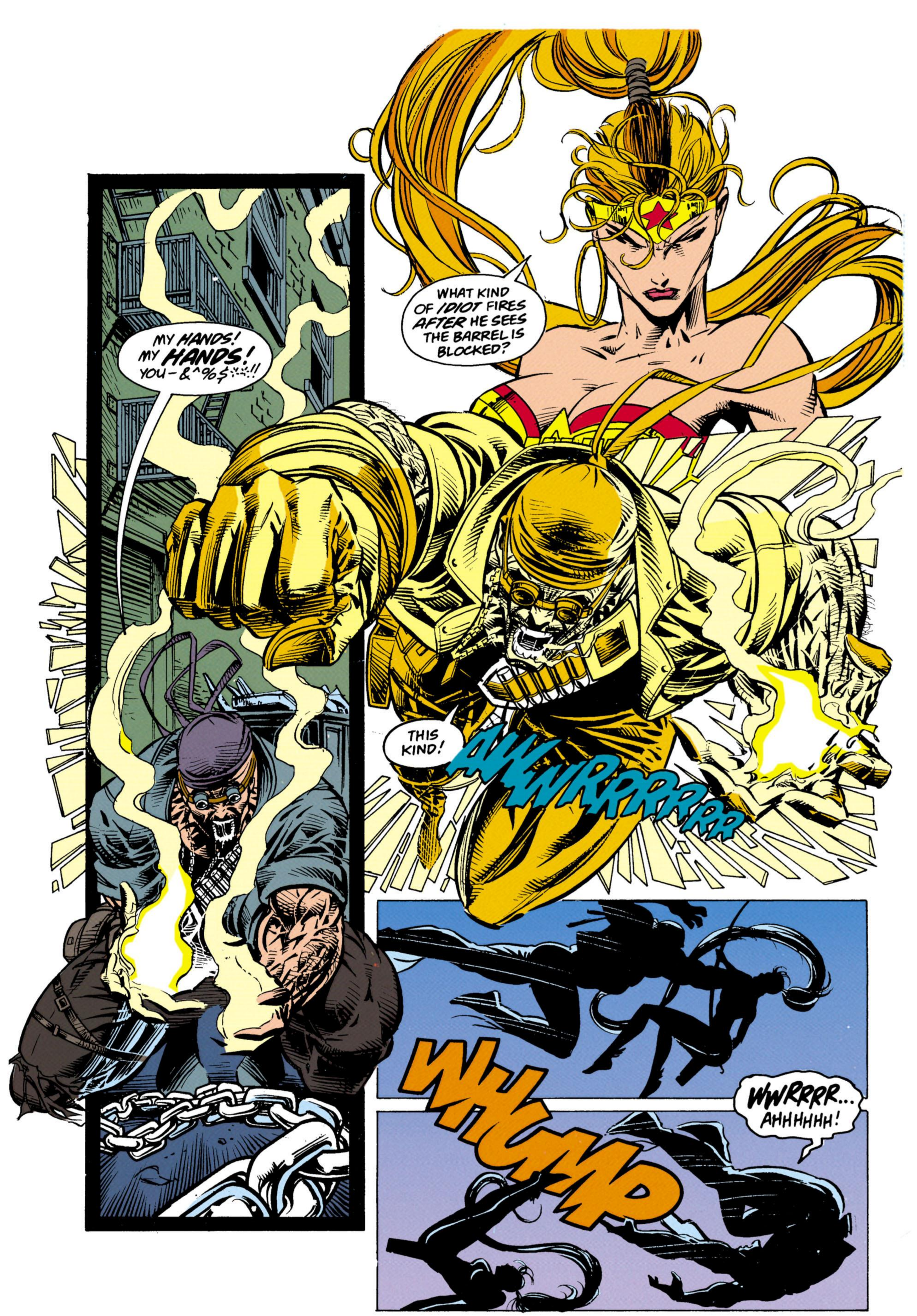
"AND IF I WAS KING, KNOW WHAT...?"
"... I'D BE SMILING ALL THE TIME."
THIS LOOKS LIKE... JOKER VENOM. HOW MANY...?
SEVENTEEN AND COUNTING. THIS WAS ONE OF PAULIE LONGO'S SAFE HOUSES, SO I BET WE HAVE PICTURES AND PRINTS ON ALL THESE GUYS. STILL.
NOBODY DESERVES TO GO THIS WAY. I SURE WOULDN'T...
RRRRRR
POOOM
LOOK OUT, INSPECTOR!
TKK
I GUESS WE KNOW HOW IT WAS DELIVERED, HUH?


I'M JUST GLAD CHEETAH, CHESHIRE, AND POISON IVY BEAT IT OUT OF HERE. OTHERWISE, THE BODY COUNT WOULD BE OUTASITE!
THEY ARE ALL GONE, RIGHT?
UMM. THEY CERTAINLY HAVE NO REASON TO STAY... IS THAT A TELEVISION THAT CHILD HAS?
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THESE, DIANA? THEY'RE PEEWEE PEECEE TEEVEES®. NEW FROM LEXCORP ...AND MADE OF LEXFOAM®, THAT STUFF WITH ELECTRONICS BUILT IN, EVEN THE SCREEN.
LIGHTWEIGHT, PORTABLE, WATER-PROOF, SHOCK-PROOF... CAN'T PUT OUT YOUR EYE.
'COURSE, IT'S STILL TV...
LOOK! IT'S WONDER WOMAN!
ARTEMIS.
TODAY, THE STRONG, OPINIONATED AND CONTROVERSIAL YOUNG WOMAN WHO NOW CALLS HERSELF THE WONDER WOMAN...
...HAS COME HERE TODAY TO REVEAL WHAT SHE CLAIMS TO BE AN ILLEGAL SWEATSHOP, STOCKED LARGELY WITH VIETNAMESE WOMEN, WHO ARE KEPT IN VIRTUAL SLAVERY...
LET ME BY! I WANT TO TALK TO YOUR EMPLOYEES!
TALKING ONLY SLOWS THEM DOWN! AND FOR 17 HOURS A DAY THEIR LABOR BELONGS TO ME! THEY BELONG TO ME!
AND AS OF NOW...


...SO DO YOU!
NO ONE DENIES ME!
THAAAK!
BECAUSE MY OWNERSHIP IS ALL THAT MATTERS! I AM THE EXPLOITER...!

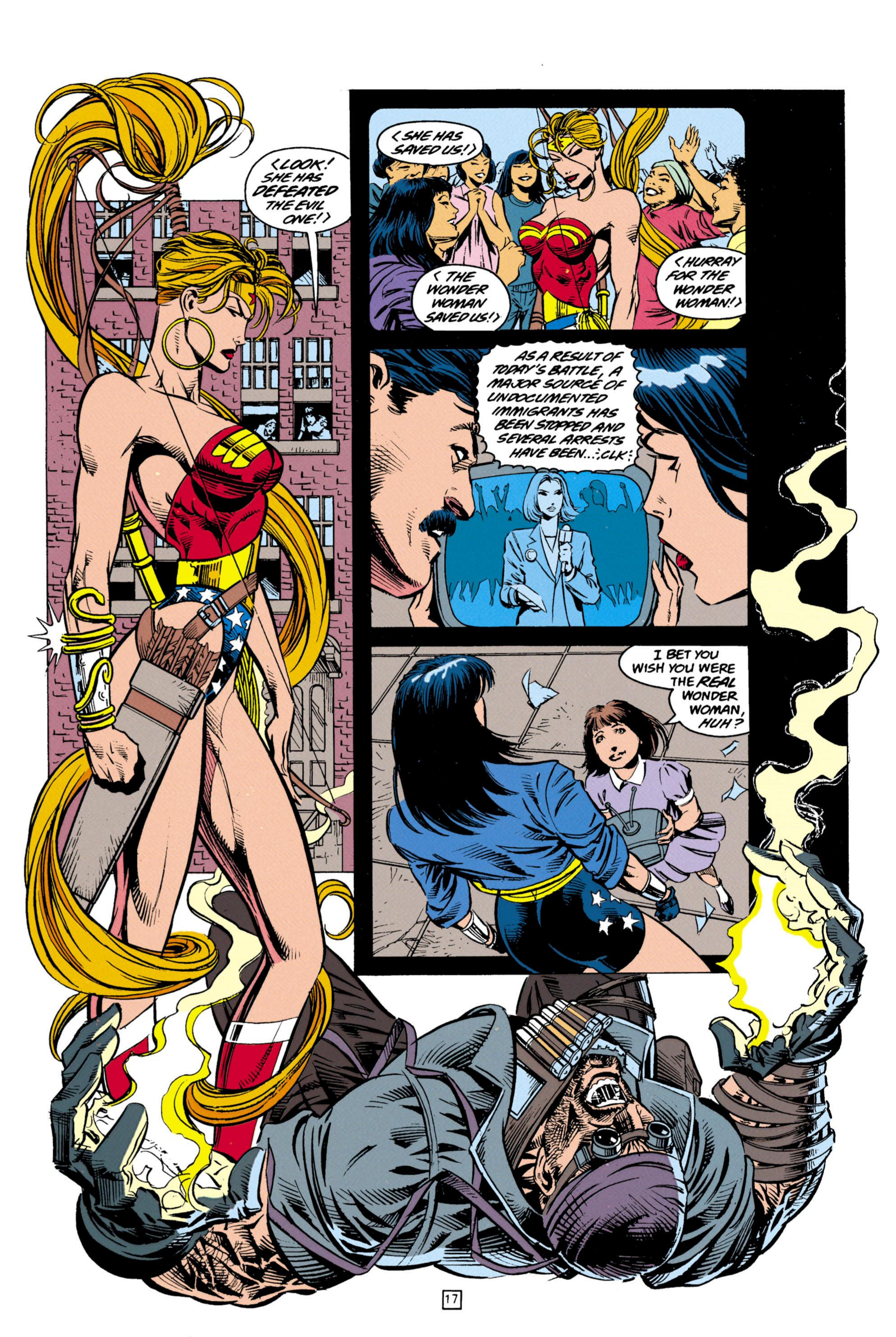

WHUMP!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH!
I'LL... KILL YOU... YOU...

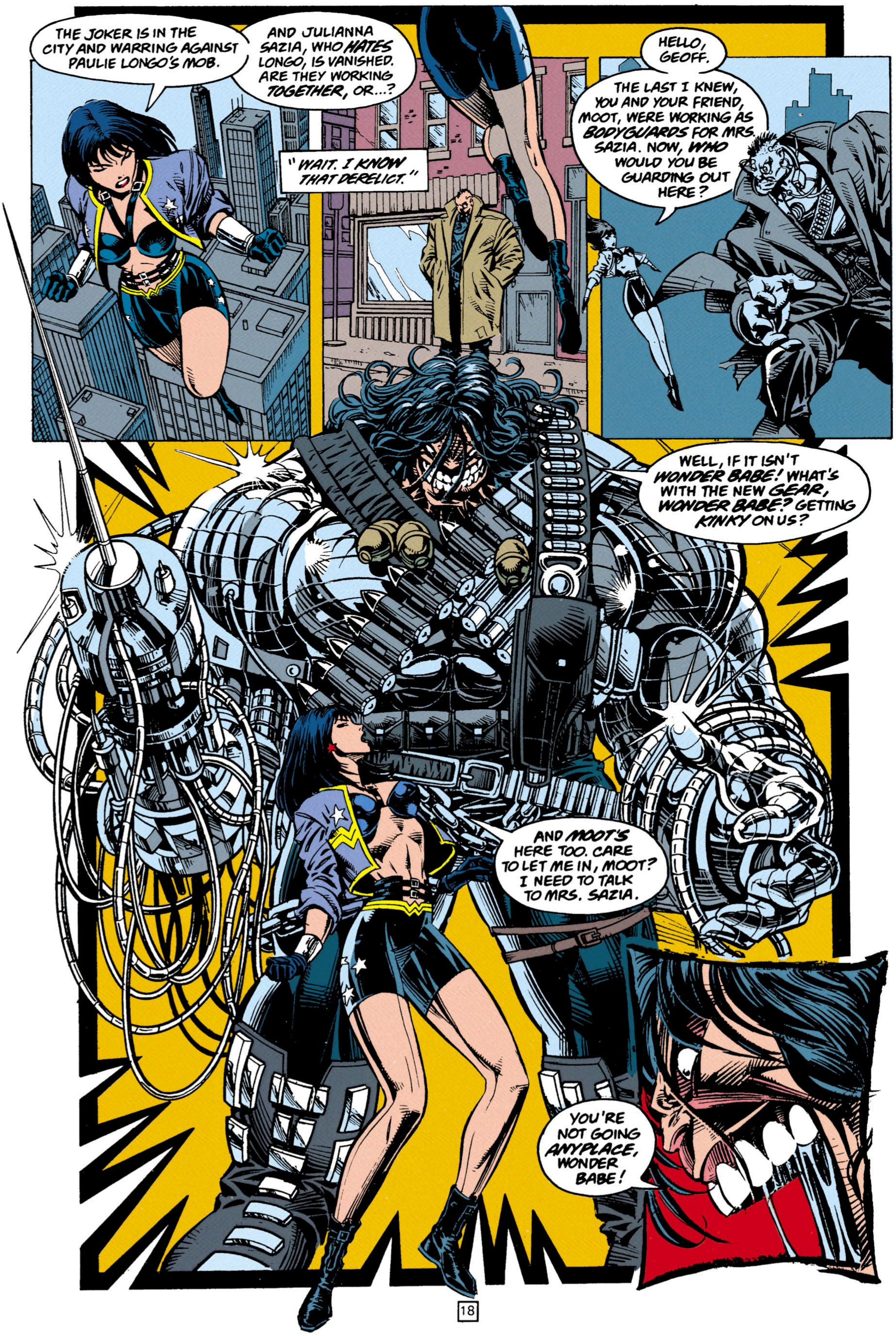
NOW...
TWANGG
FWOOOSSHH
THUP
BOM

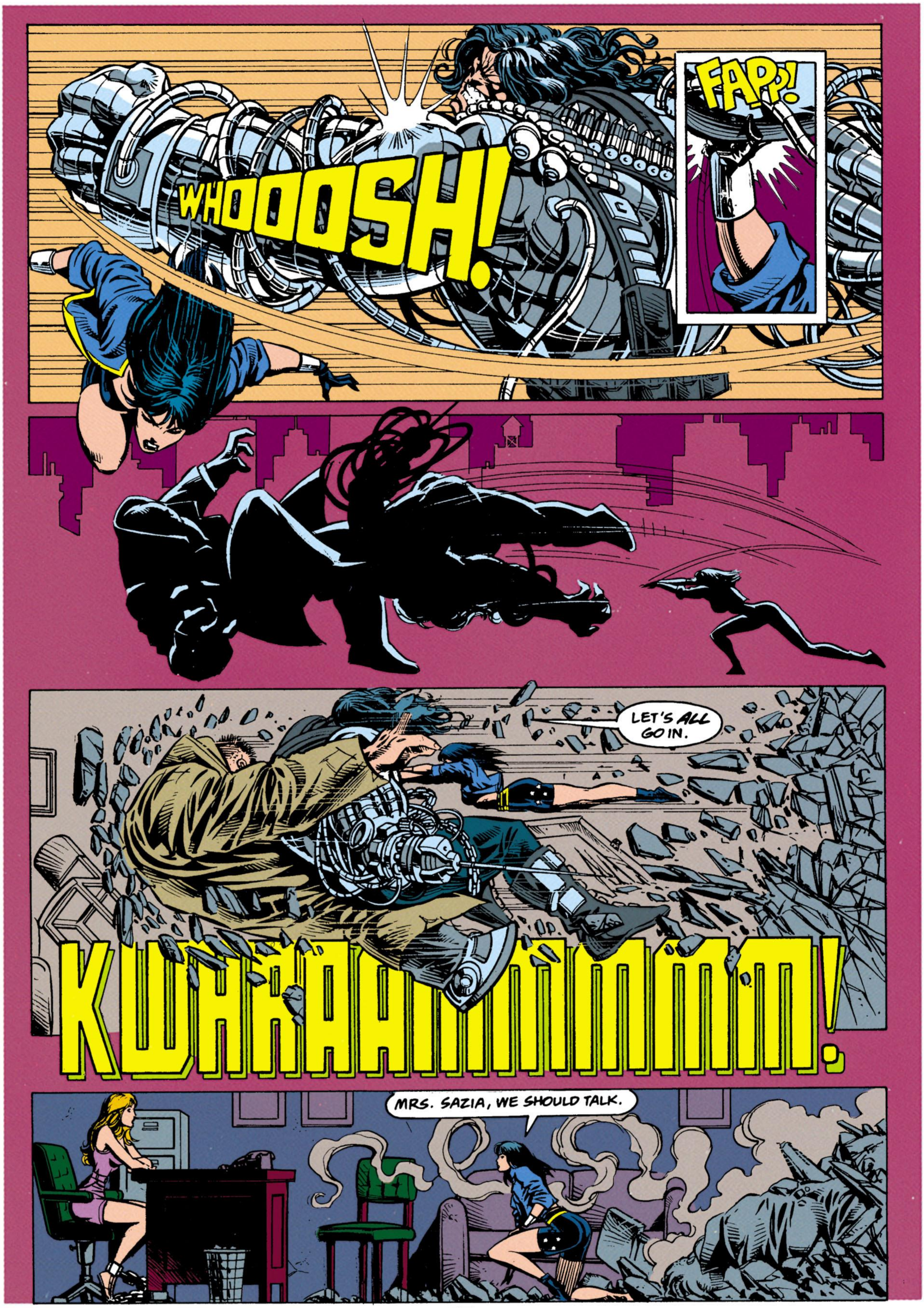

MY HANDS! MY HANDS! YOU-&^%$¥¢!!
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT FIRES AFTER HE SEES THE BARREL IS BLOCKED?
THIS KIND!
AKKKKRRRRRRRR
WWRRRR... AHHHHHH!
WHUMP

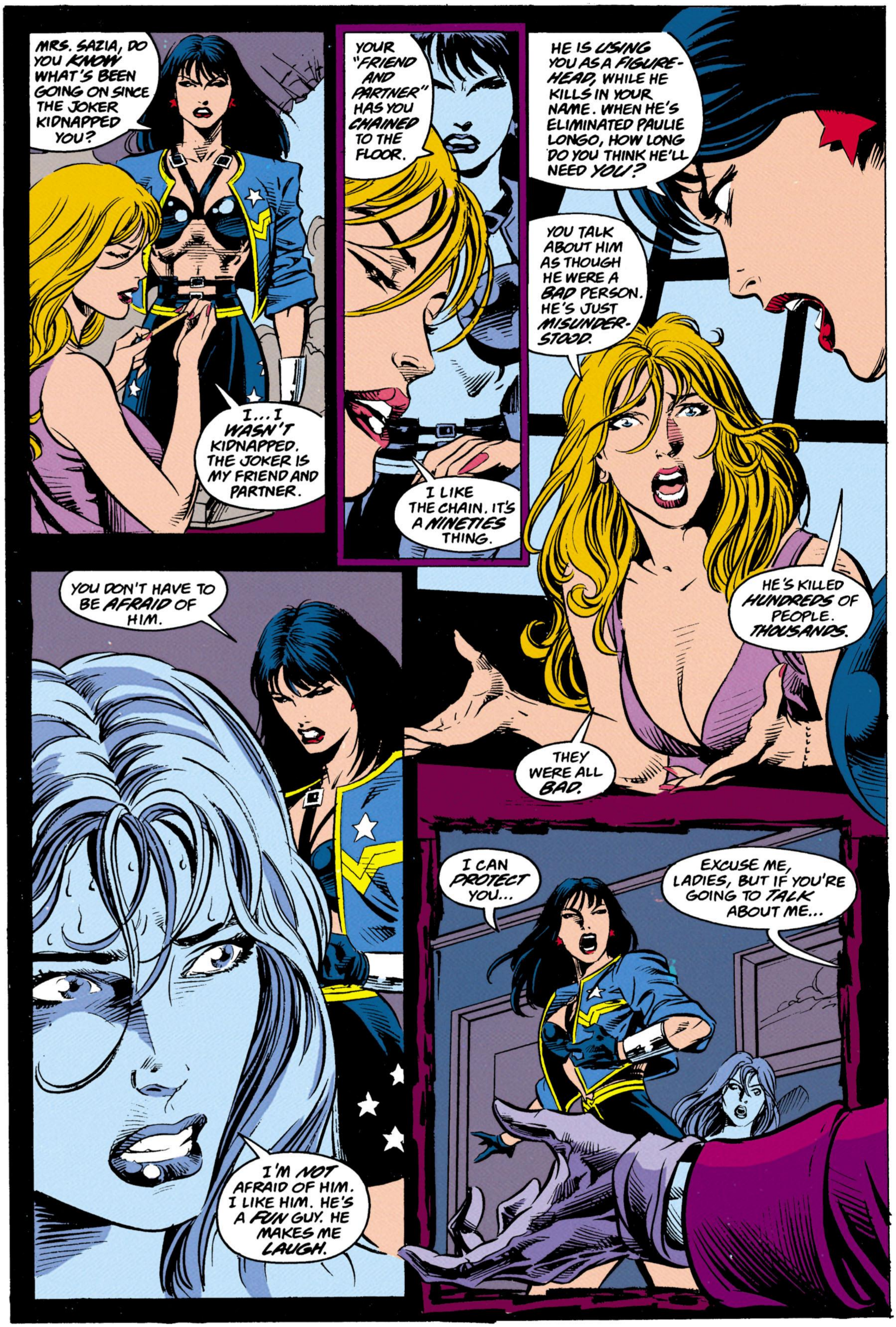
WHOOSH!

VERY WELL...


<LOOK! SHE HAS DEFEATED THE EVIL ONE!>
<SHE HAS SAVED US!>
< THE WONDER WOMAN SAVED US!>
<HURRAY FOR THE WONDER WOMAN!>
AS A RESULT OF TODAY'S BATTLE, A MAJOR SOURCE OF UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS HAS BEEN STOPPED AND SEVERAL ARRESTS HAVE BEEN...:CLK:
I BET YOU WISH YOU WERE THE REAL WONDER WOMAN, HUH?


THE JOKER IS IN THE CITY AND WARRING AGAINST PAULIE LONGO'S MOB.
AND JULIANNA SAZIA, WHO HATES LONGO, IS VANISHED. ARE THEY WORKING TOGETHER, OR...?
"WAIT. I KNOW THAT DERELICT."
HELLO, GEOFF.
THE LAST I KNEW, YOU AND YOUR FRIEND, MOOT, WERE WORKING AS BODYGUARDS FOR MRS. SAZIA. NOW, WHO WOULD YOU BE GUARDING OUT HERE?
WELL, IF IT ISN'T WONDER BABE! WHAT'S WITH THE NEW GEAR, WONDER BABE? GETTING KINKY ON US?
AND MOOT'S HERE TOO. CARE TO LET ME IN, MOOT? I NEED TO TALK TO MRS. SAZIA.
YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYPLACE, WONDER BABE!


WHOOOSH!
FAPP!
LET'S ALL GO IN.
KWAAAAAAAAAAAM!
MRS. SAZIA, WE SHOULD TALK.


MRS. SAZIA, DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON SINCE THE JOKER KIDNAPPED YOU?
I... I WASN'T KIDNAPPED. THE JOKER IS MY FRIEND AND PARTNER.
YOUR "FRIEND AND PARTNER" HAS YOU CHAINED TO THE FLOOR.
I LIKE THE CHAIN. IT'S A NINETIES THING.
HE IS USING YOU AS A FIGURE-HEAD, WHILE HE KILLS IN YOUR NAME. WHEN HE'S ELIMINATED PAULIE LONGO, HOW LONG DO YOU THINK HE'LL NEED YOU?
YOU TALK ABOUT HIM AS THOUGH HE WERE A BAD PERSON. HE'S JUST MISUNDER-STOOD.
HE'S KILLED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. THOUSANDS.
THEY WERE ALL BAD.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF HIM.
I'M NOT AFRAID OF HIM. I LIKE HIM. HE'S A FUN GUY. HE MAKES ME LAUGH.
I CAN PROTECT YOU...
EXCUSE ME, LADIES, BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT ME...

THE LEAST YOU CAN DO IS LET ME GET A WORD IN EDGEWISE! FOR EXAMPLE: "SEVEN."
IT'S NO GOOD, JOKER. I WON'T LET YOU TAKE OVER THIS CITY. I'LL FIGHT YOU.
I SAW YOUR HANDI-WORK TODAY, AND IT STOPS NOW!
"SIX"
"FIVE"
FOR ALL YOUR THEATRICALITY AND LUNACY, I'M THE STRONGER ONE AND WE BOTH KNOW IT! I WON'T HESITATE TO DESTROY YOU PHYSICALLY IF I HAVE... BY GAEA! LISTEN TO ME!
"FOUR"
"THREE"

"TWO"
NEXT:
BOOM!