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LISTEN! CAN YOU
HEAR IT?

ABOVE THE RUMBLE OF THE TRAFFIC AND
THE NEON'S CRACKLING HUM?

THERE
ARE DRUMS
IN THE
NIGHT!

AND, TO THE RHYTHM
OF THE DRUMS, THERE
IS CHANTING!

THE OLD MAN
STANDS ON THE
BALCONY, HIS
WEATHERED FACE
AWASH WITH
MOONLIGHT--

--AND RAZORED
DEATH GLEAMS
BRIGHTLY IN HIS
HAND!

HE TURNS,
AND THE
DRUMS GROW
LOUDER--

--AS IF KNOWING
WHAT IS NEXT TO
COME...

MORE OFTEN THAN
HE CARES TO
REMEMBER, THE
OLD MAN HAS
PERFORMED THE
SACRED RITUAL--

--AND HE PRAYS
EACH TIME WILL
BE THE LAST!

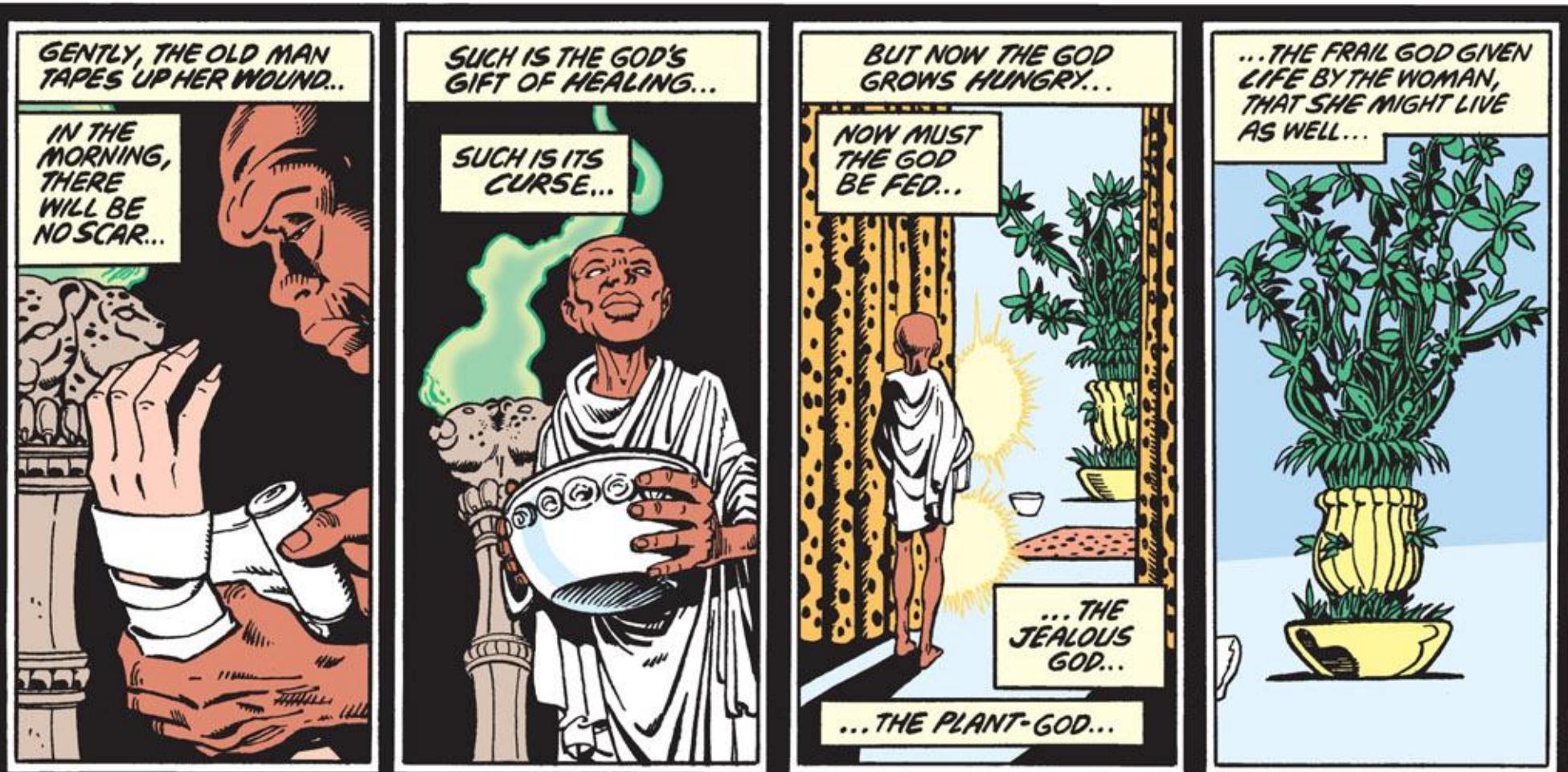
TONIGHT WAS THE
NIGHT OF THE KILL--

-- THE NIGHT OF
THE HUNGER--

-- THE NIGHT
WHEN THE DRUMS
ARE ONE WITH
HER HEART--

-- AND HER
HEART BEATS
QUICK AND
STRONG...

TONIGHT IS THE
NIGHT OF THE
BLOODFEAST!

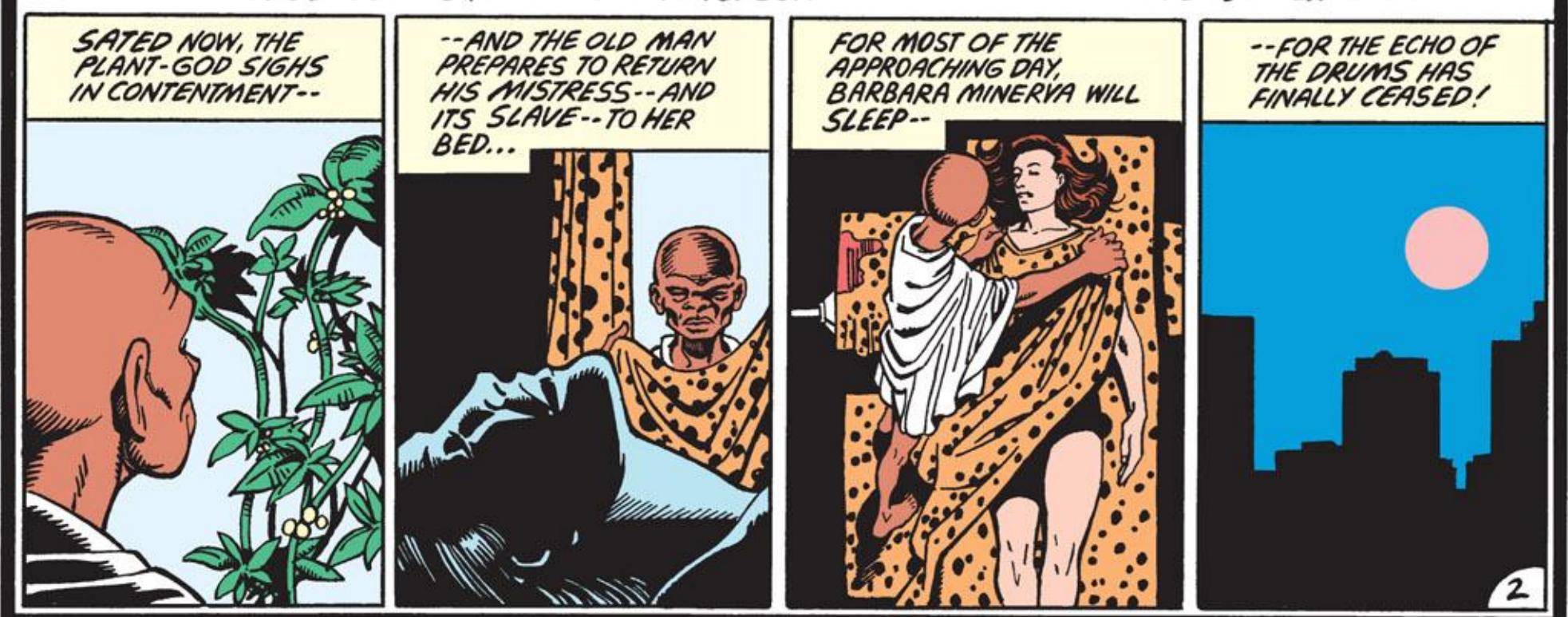


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BLOOD OF THE CHEETAH

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WAKEFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS,
ONE WEEK LATER:

FOR THE PRINCESS DIANA, CHOSEN
OF THE AMAZONS, THERE IS STILL NO
GREATER EXHILARATION THAN THE
SHEER JOY OF FLYING...

-- THE INVIGORATING FEELING
OF THE BRISK BREEZE WHIPPING
WILDLY PAST HER FACE --

-- THE INCOMPARABLE
SENSATION OF PURE
UNBRIDLED FREEDOM!



AND FOR PUBLICIST MYNDI MAYER, WATCHING FROM THE WOODS NEARBY, THE THRILL, THOUGH VICARIOUS, IS NO LESS REAL...

THIS IS GOING TO BE SENSATIONAL!

IF SHE REALLY DOES HAVE THE SECOND GIRDLE OF GAEA, IT COULD CHANGE DIANA'S WHOLE PERCEPTION OF HER AMAZON HISTORY--!

AND IT WOULDN'T EXACTLY BE A BAD PUBLICITY COUP EITHER!

THAT LETTER FROM DR. MINERVA COULDN'T HAVE COME AT A BETTER TIME.

YOU'D MERCHANTISE MOTHER TERESA IF YOU COULD MANAGE IT, WOULDN'T YOU?

THE THOUGHT HAS CROSSED MY MIND, PROFESSOR.

HI, MS. MAYER!

HI, YOURSELF, CUTIE.

SORRY IF I SNAPPED AT YOU, MYNDI--

--BUT I'M WORRIED ABOUT DIANA!

WELL, I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY, JULIA!

JUST LOOK AT HER!

"I HAVEN'T SEEN HER THIS HAPPY SINCE I'VE KNOWN HER!"

"BARBARA MINERVA'S LETTER WAS LIKE A TONIC!"

IF THE LETTER'S TRUE, ARE YOU GONNA HAVE A PARTY TO CELEBRATE?

CAN I COME?

CAN I BRING A FRIEND?

LET'S JUST SAVE THE CELEBRATION TILL IT'S APPROPRIATE, OKAY?

I'VE DONE A BIT OF CHECKING INTO THIS DR. BARBARA MINERVA'S REPUTATION--

--AND SHE'S ABOUT AS SHADY AS YOUR AVERAGE WEEPING WILLOW!

GOT SOMEBODY SPECIAL IN MIND, SWEET THING?

SO SHE'S NOT A SAINT--! SO WHAT?

YOU AND DIANA HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED THIS-- AND YOU KNOW SHE WANTS TO AT LEAST TALK TO THE LADY.

"LIKE IT OR NOT, PROFESSOR, DIANA IS A RESPONSIBLE ADULT--

--AND SHE DOESN'T NEED A SECOND MOTHER!"

BESIDES, I'LL BE WITH DIANA FOR THE MEETING WHILE YOU AND VANESSA ARE IN SCHOOL!







< GODDESSES OF OLYMPUS! PRAY GRANT THY WAYWARD DAUGHTER SOME SIGN!>

< HELP ME TO UNDERSTAND THIS MADNESS!>

GREAT.

JUST FREAKING FABULOUS!

BUT QUESTIONS ARE ALL MYNDI MAYER HAS LEFT...



THE KAPATEL IS SUMMER HOME. LATER THAT SAME AFTERNOON:



YEAH... UH-HUH... I UNDERSTAND...

I'LL TELL HER, MIZ MAYER.

SHE WON'T LISTEN--BUT I'LL TELL HER.

BUT SHE HAS TO LISTEN, SWEET THING!

SHE HAS TO LET ME APOLOGIZE!

WE'VE GOT TOUR DATES TO TALK ABOUT--A CAMPAIGN TO RUN!

SHE CAN'T JUST CUT ME OFF LIKE THIS!

WELL, NOW ISN'T REALLY THE BEST TIME TO TALK TO DIANA, MIZ MAYER.

MOM IS STILL OUTSIDE WITH HER, TRYIN' TO CALM HER DOWN!

I'LL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES. YEAH... BYE.

SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED SINCE WE BEGAN THIS WONDER WOMAN TOUR, JULIA-- SO MUCH HAS CHANGED!

I HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS... I FEEL SO LOST...

EVERYTHING SEEMED SO SIMPLE ON PARADISE ISLAND-- YET NOW I REALIZE I AM NO LONGER LIKE MY SISTER AMAZONS!

MY LIFE IS PART OF SOME GREATER DESIGN -- AND STOPPING ARES WAS BUT ONE SMALL PART OF IT!

MY NAME... MY COSTUME ... MY MISSION...

THEY ARE ALL TATTERS OF SOME VAST TAPESTRY-- LACKING THE THREAD TO MAKE THEM WHOLE!

DIANA, DON'T-- YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH IN YOUR TIME HERE!

AND TIME IS SOMETHING THIS OLD WORLD NEEDS-- TO LEARN FROM YOU!

UNFORTUNATELY, JULIA--

-- TIME IS THE ONE COMMODITY I CANNOT AFFORD TO SPARE!

WILL I LEAVE MAN'S WORLD HAVING TAUGHT PEOPLE NOTHING MORE THAN MY NAME?

THE RENTED PENTHOUSE
OF BARBARA MINERVA,
THAT SAME NIGHT:

IN THE RITUAL CHAMBER, THE OLD MAN
NAMED CHUMA PREPARES THE SACRED
ELIXIR--

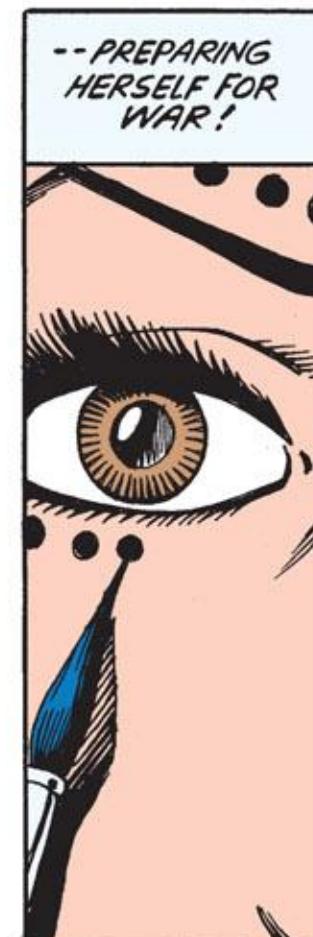
--ALL THE WHILE CHANTING,
AS IF TO THE SOUND OF DISTANT
DRUMS!

--DELICATELY PLUCKING THE
RIPENED BERRIES FROM THE
GOD-PLANT, AND CRUSHING
THEM TO PASTE--

IN HER PRIVATE
QUARTERS,
BARBARA
MINERVA
READIES HER-
SELF FOR THE
ORDEAL YET TO
COME--

--PAINTING
HER FACE IN
THE ANCIENT
MANNER--

--PREPARING
HERSELF FOR
WAR!



DID YOU SEE
HOW THE
LASSO WORKED,
CHUMA? HOW
IT FORCED ME
TO SPEAK THE
TRUTH?

IT IS EVERYTHING
I COULD HAVE
HOPED FOR!
IT MUST BE
MINE!
IS THE ELIXIR
READY, OLD
MAN?

YOU MUST DRINK
IT NOW--
--RAW--
--WHILE DE
BREW STILL
BURNS!

IT SMELLS
LIKE FIRE,
OLD
MAN!

IT SMELLS
LIKE--LIFE!



THE ARCAN
Elixir Burns
Through
Barbara's
Blood Like
Fire--

--HER PULSE
POUNDING IN HER
TEMPLES LIKE THE
RHYTHM OF THE
DRUMS--

--HER FLESH TINGLING AND HER
BODY WRITHING AS SHE FEELS THE
POWER POSSESS HER--



--HER LAME LEG GROWING STRONG
ONCE MORE, THE CEREMONIAL
SKIN SHE WORE BECOMING HER
OWN...

--AND HER EYES, ONCE
BROWN, NOW GROW
GLISTENING BLACK, THE
BETTER TO READ THE NIGHT...

HUMAN SPEECH
SURRENDERS TO THE
GUTTURAL GROWL
OF THE CAT--

CLAWS EXTEND...
TEETH SHARPEN...

THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
BECOME ONCE MORE AS ONE--

--AND THE CHEETAH IS FREE
TO PROWL AGAIN!!

HER CLAWS
GOUGING HAND-HOLDS IN THE
BUILDING'S SHEER
FACE, THE CHEETAH
DESCENDS INTO
THE DARKNESS--

--INTO THE
CONCRETE
JUNGLE THAT
IS HER HUNTING GROUND--

LEAVING THE OLD MAN
BEHIND TO WAIT--

--AND TO PONDER...



SHE BE THE LAST
OF HER KIND,
DAT ONE--

--AS HER GOD
BE DE LAST OF
ITS KIND--

--YET HER
SURVIVAL
BE IN DE
HANDS OF A
FICKLE GOD
INDEED!



TANK YOU, ANCIENT
ONE, FOR BRINGING
DE CHEETAH BACK
TO ME!

I PRAY YOU--
KEEP HER
SAFE!



AND IN THE DARKNESS, THE
CHEETAH STALKS THROUGH
THE SHADOWS OF BOSTON--

--DRAWN BY SCENT AND
INSTINCT UNERRINGLY
TO HER PREY!



LISTEN! CAN
YOU HEAR IT?

THERE ARE
DRUMS IN
THE NIGHT!

THE LONG HUNT HAS
BEGUN...



BRINNNNG
BRINNNNG

HELLO?
LT. ETTA
CANDY
SPEAKING.

STEVE?
STEVE
TREVOR?

OH, COLONEL
--IT'S SO
GOOD TO
HEAR YOUR
VOICE!

WHO--?

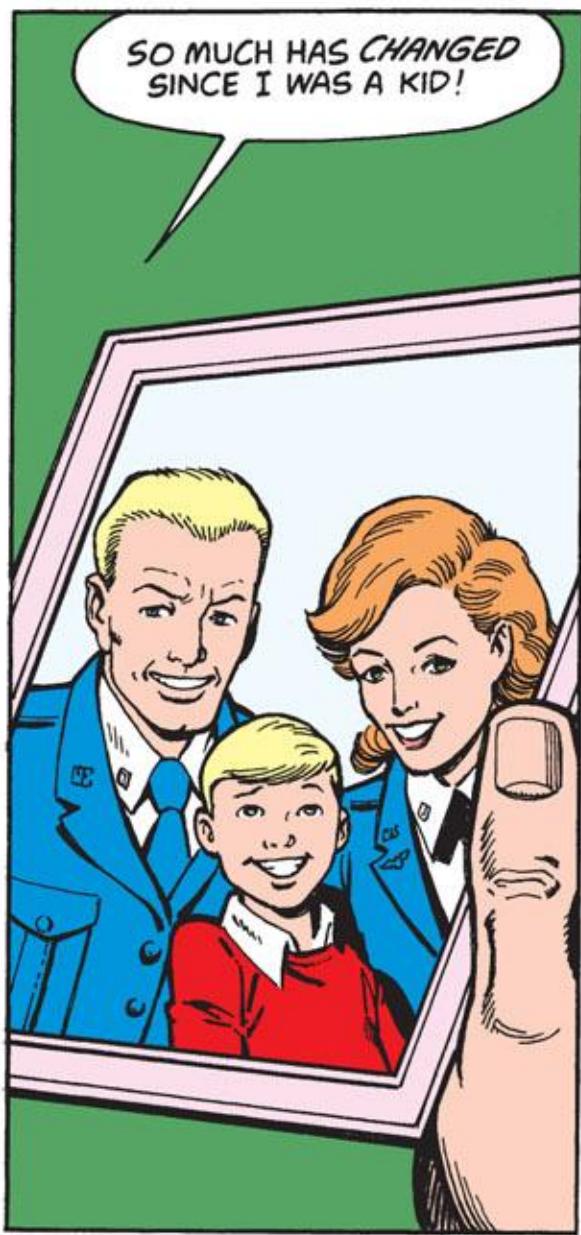
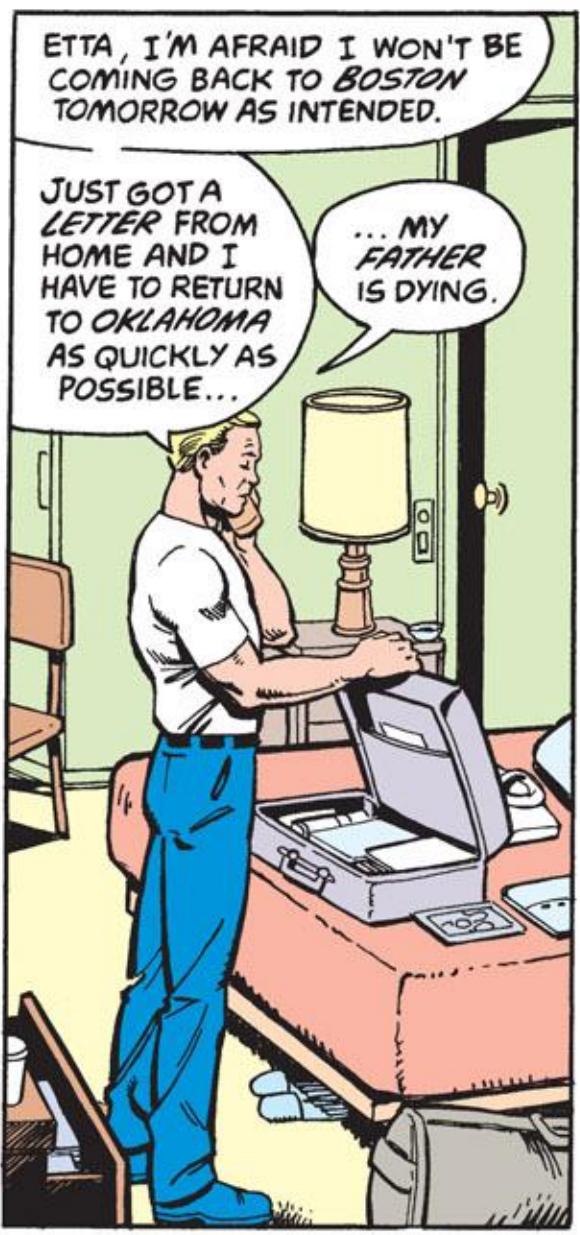


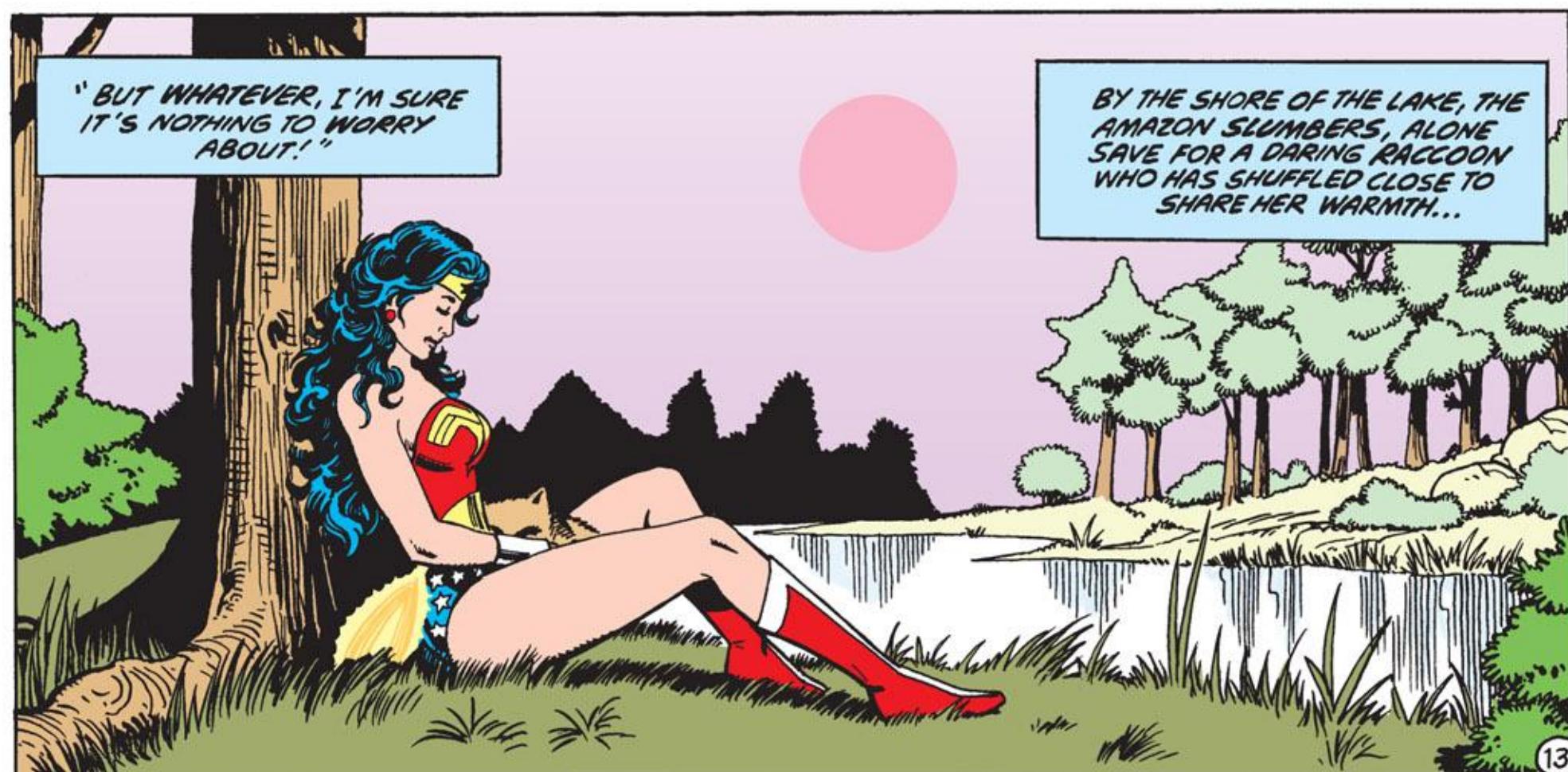
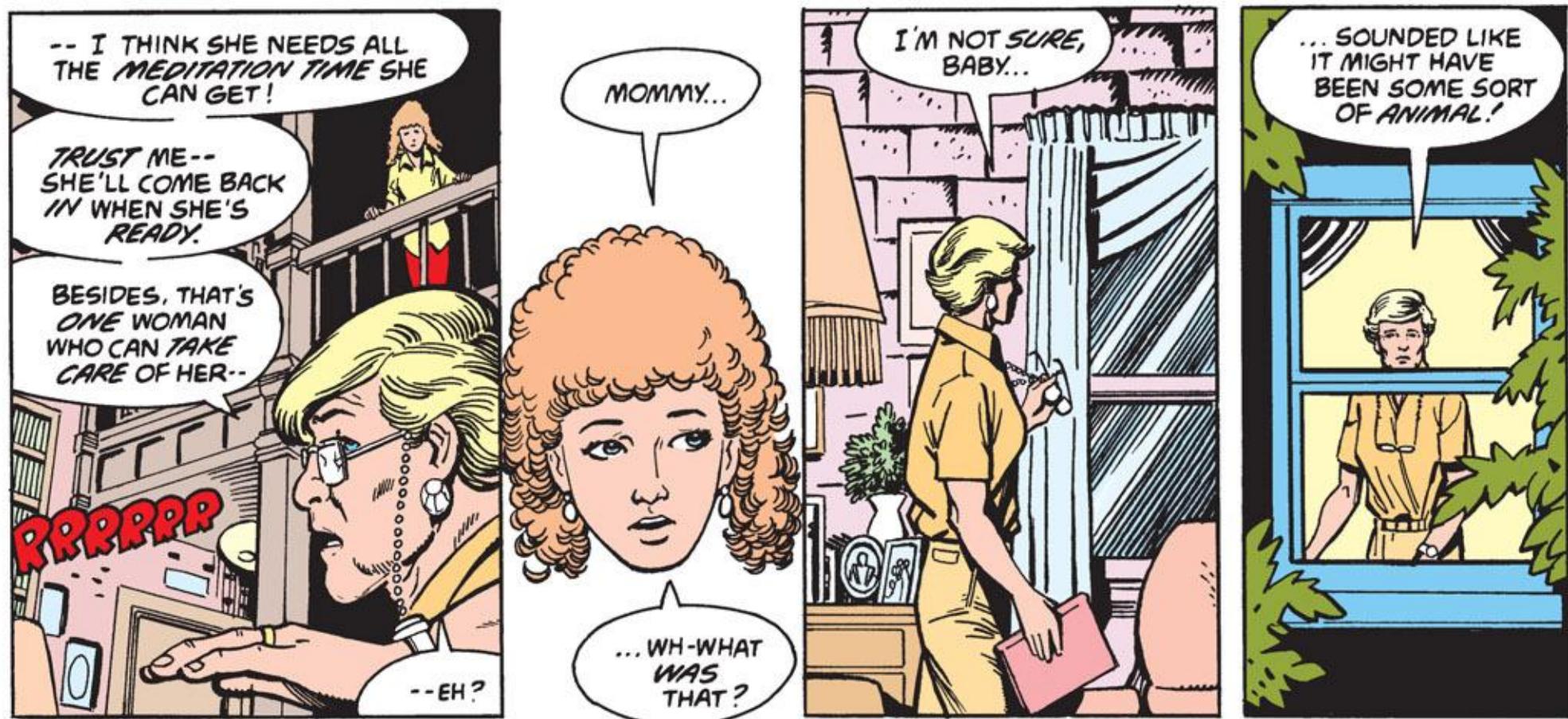
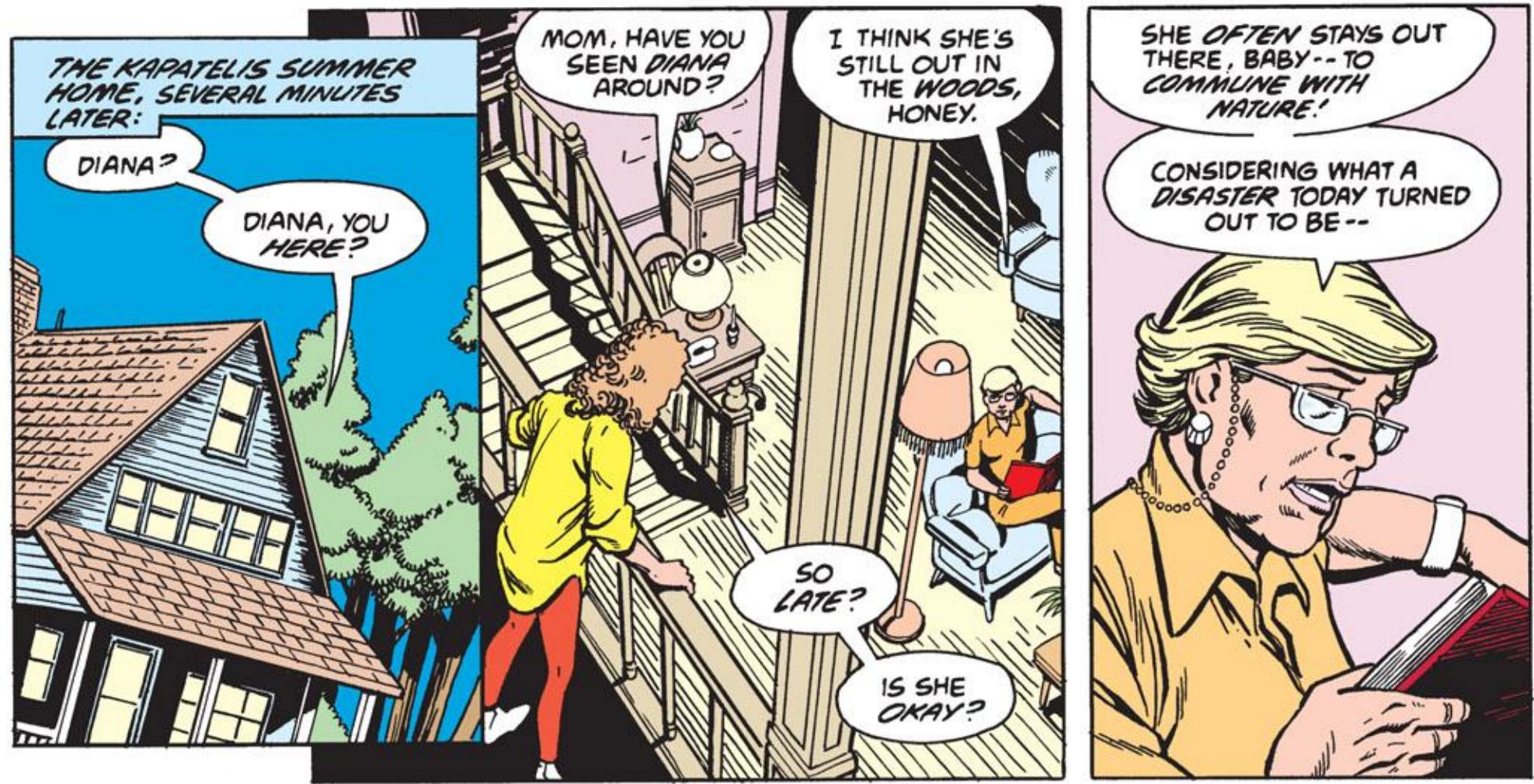
... AND THE INVESTIGATION
CONTINUES INTO THE
MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF
LOCAL CRIMINAL TAMSYN
MCCONNELL...



ANIMAL ATTACK

... WHO WAS
SLAIN LAST WEEK,
APPARENTLY BY
SOME WILD
ANIMAL...





NOW, IN THE TANGLED
BRUSH ABOVE HER,
SOMETHING STIRS--

-- SOMETHING
SILENT AS THE
MOONLIGHT YET
QUICK AS A
TWITCH--

-- SOMETHING THAT
CROUCHES UNMOVING,
STUDYING ITS PREY--

-- OBSERVING THE STEADY
RISE AND FALL OF HER
CHEST, LISTENING TO
THE EVEN RHYTHM OF HER
HEARTBEAT--

-- DARK EYES
NARROWED AS IT
SEARCHES FOR THE
SLEEPING PREY'S
PULSE--

-- ANTICIPATING
THE WARM GUSH
OF BLOOD WHEN
RAZORED CLAWS
SLASH TENDER
FLESH...

THE HUNTER TENSES,
SLEEK MUSCLES
BUNCHES BENEATH ITS
FUR--

-- PREPARING ITSELF
FOR THE MOMENT--

EH?

-- THE EXULTANT MOMENT
WHEN IT FINALLY STRIKES!!

WHAT
IN--

UURKK!!



THIS ONE IS STRONG, THE HUNTER SENSES INSTANTLY, STRONGER BY FAR THAN THE REST--

--AND THUS THE PREY MUST BE FINISHED SWIFTLY--

--BEFORE IT CAN RALLY ITS RESOURCES TO STRIKE BACK!

WH-WHAT STRUCK ME--?

SEEMED LIKE SOME GREAT CAT--

LIKE A CHEETAH OR AN--

RRRAAPRRR

--AARRGH!!

THOSE CLAWS-- SO SHARP--!

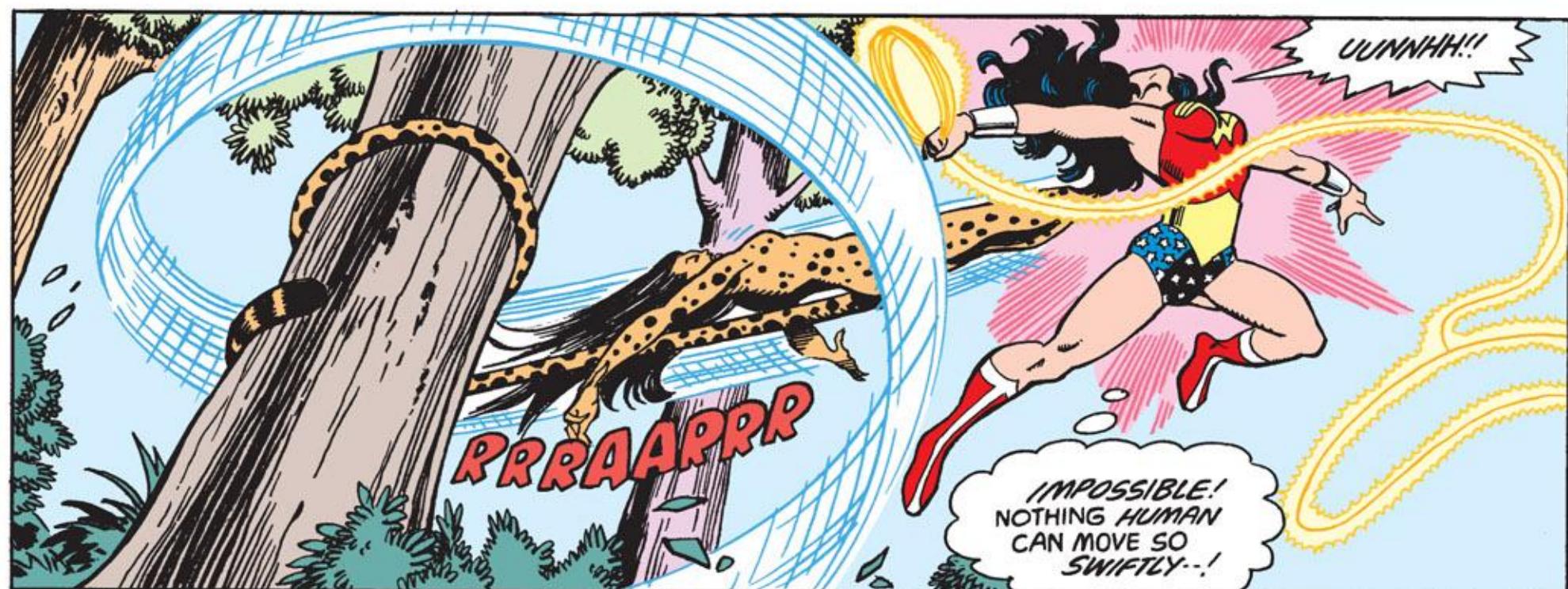
GREAT HERMES, GRANT ME SPEED--

--OR HER NEXT BLOW MAY SLAY ME!

BLOOD--?!

BY THE GODS, SHE ACTUALLY DREW BLOOD!

WHAT MANNER OF MONSTER IS SHE?



FOR AN INSTANT, THE SHE-BEAST HOLDS HER GROUND, CROUCHES ONCE MORE TO SPRING--



MUST CONCENTRATE--

--INCREASE MY STATE OF AWARENESS--!



THE HUNT IS ENDED, CHEETAH!

YOU ARE MINE!!



BOUNDED BY THE
GLEAMING
GOLDEN CARIAT,
THE CHEETAH
SUDDENLY
HESITATES--

--AS IF AT LAST SUCUMBING TO
THE LASSO'S AWESOME ARCANE
POWER--

--BUT THEN,
IMPOSSIBLY...

GREAT HERA! THE
LASSO HAS NO EFFECT
ON HER!

THE SHE-BEAST IS
PULLING ME TOWARD
HER--!

DIGGING IN HER HEELS,
THE PRINCESS DIANA HOLDS
HER OWN GROUND--

--AND THE STRAIN OF THE RESULTANT STALEMATE
CAN QUICKLY BE SEEN ON THE TORTURED FACES OF
THE TWO COMBATANTS...



--AND THUS GIVING THE SHE-BEAST THE
INFINITESIMAL OPENING SHE NEEDS...

UINNHH!!

RRAARR

THE CHEETAH HISSES IN INARTICULATE
RAGE, SPITTLE FLYING FROM HER
LEATHERY LIPS IN A FINE SPRAY--

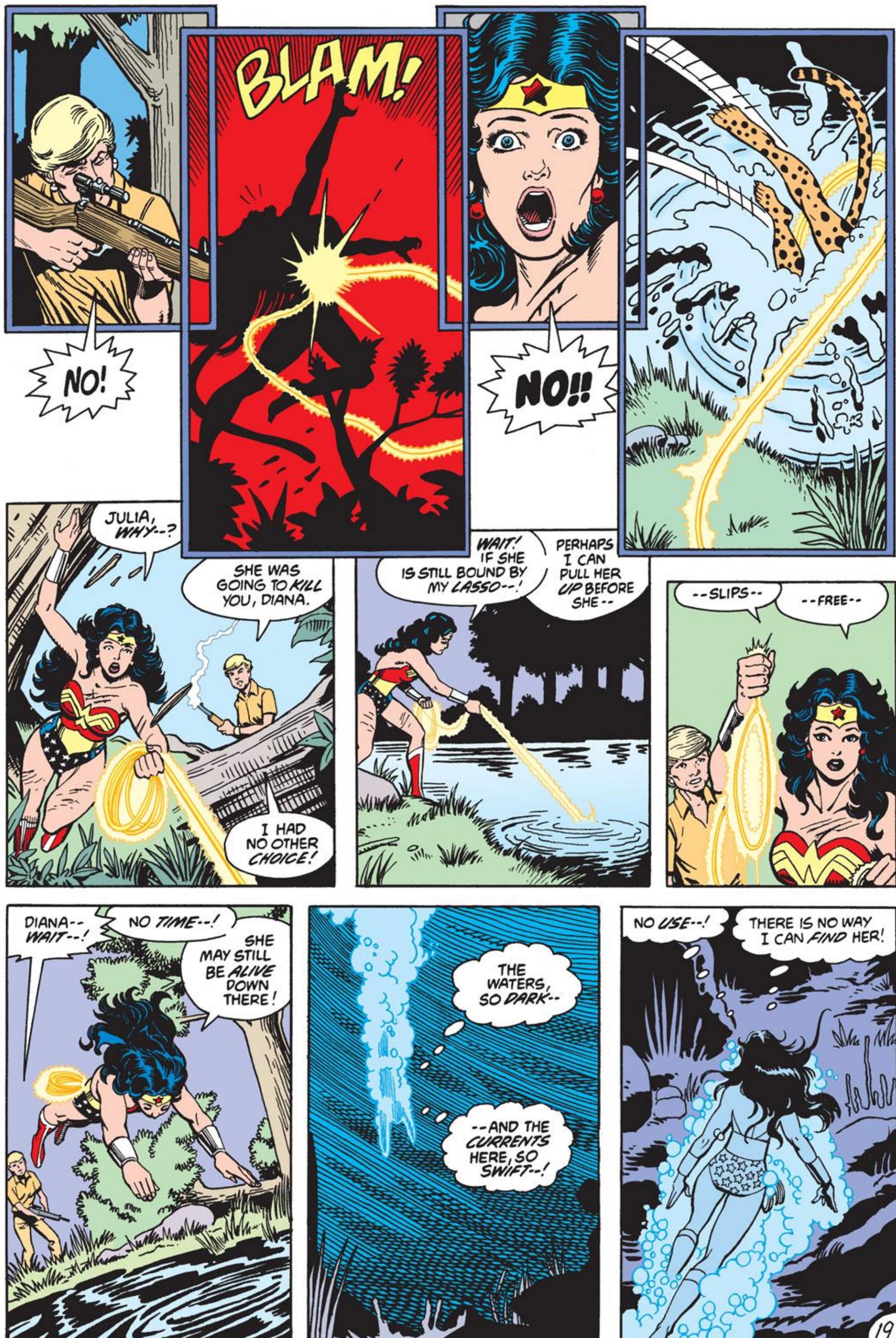
-- WHILE THE AMAZON MERELY
CLENCHES HER TEETH IN GRIM
DETERMINATION, ATTEMPTING TO
STUDY THE FACE OF HER FOE--

FALLEN TREE
TRUNK HAS ME
PINNED--!

CAN'T
MOVE--!

THE
CHEETAH
HAS WON!







GAYHEAD CLIFFS,
MARTHA'S VINEYARD:

IT SEEMS SOMEHOW
FITTING THAT I
SHOULD DEPART FROM
MAN'S WORLD AT THIS
PARTICULAR PLACE...

THESE CLIFFS
ARE SO LIKE
THOSE OF MY
BELOVED
PARADISE
ISLAND.

ONE CAN
TRULY BE AT
PEACE
HERE.

AND YET, DESPITE MY GREAT
NEED TO BE AMONG MY OWN
AGAIN, I CANNOT HELP
REGRETTING THAT I MUST
LEAVE.

THEN STAY,
DIANA--
PLEASE
DON'T GO!

YOU'RE LIKE THE
BIG SISTER I
NEVER HAD BEFORE!
WHAT'LL I DO
WITHOUT YOU?

TRULY, THIS HAS
BECOME A SECOND
HOME TO ME...

YOU WILL WATCH OVER
YOUR MOTHER, LITTLE
ONE-- AND YOU WILL
BE STRONG!

BUT I TOO HAVE A
MOTHER THAT I LOVE--
AND THE TIME HAS
COME TO RETURN
TO HER.

I WILL
MISS
YOU,
VANESSA--

--FOR YOU
HAVE SHOWN
ME A YOUNG
WORLD FULL
OF BRIGHT
PROMISE!

REMEMBER
YOUR POWER,
LITTLE SISTER--

--AND
KNOW I WILL
ALWAYS
LOVE YOU.

OH,
DIANA--!



WELL, GUESS THERE'S
NO PUTTING THIS OFF
ANY LONGER.

YOU TAKE
GOOD CARE OF
YOURSELF,
KIDDO.

JULIA, WHEN THE GODS
FIRST LED ME TO YOU, I
DID NOT UNDERSTAND
WHY--

--BUT NOW I KNOW
THEIR STRENGTH AND
WISDOM IS WITHIN YOU
TOO!

YOU HAVE MADE MY TIME
HERE SO MUCH MORE
MEANINGFUL...

ALL THAT I HAVE
BECOME, I OWE
TO YOU.

PLEASE,
COULD YOU
REMOVE YOUR
GLASSES--SO
THAT I MAY
GAZE INTO
YOUR EYES
ONE LAST
TIME?

FOR YOU,
HONEY--
ANYTHING!

HOPE YOU
DON'T
MIND IF
THEY'RE
A LITTLE RED,
THOUGH...

I'M REALLY
GOING TO
MISS YOU,
DIANA.

I LOVE
YOU,
JULIA.

KNOWING
YOU HAS BEEN
ONE OF
THIS
LIFE'S
GREAT
JOYS!

AND I
LOVE
YOU,
CHILD!

HERE! THIS BAG HAS
SOME SOUVENIRS WE
THOUGHT YOU MIGHT
LIKE... SOME OF YOUR
NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS...

...A
PHOTO OF
VANESSA
AND ME...

THANK
YOU, JULIA
-- I WILL
TREASURE
THEM.

AND NOW, I FEAR,
THE TIME HAS COME
FOR ME TO GO!



MAY THE
BLESSINGS
OF THE GODS
BE ALWAYS
UPON YOU,
MY
FRIENDS!

WHATEVER THE FICKLE FATES
MAY HAVE IN STORE FOR ME,
I AM NOW STRONG ENOUGH
TO FACE THEM--

--THANKS
TO YOU!

SURE...

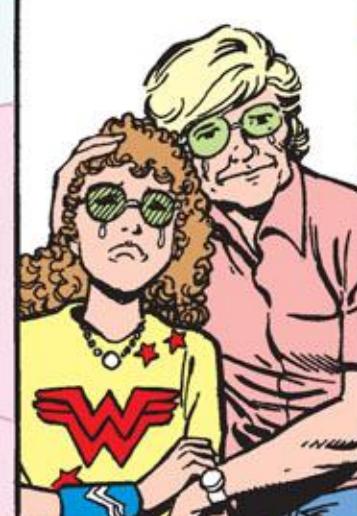
...UNTIL
WE MEET
AGAIN...

THEN, BORNE
SKYWARD BY
THE ENCHANTED
SANDALS OF
THE FLEET GOD
HERMES--

--AND
VANISHES
FROM THE
SIGHT OF
MAN--

--PERHAPS
FOREVER!

UNTIL WE
MEET
AGAIN!



--THE AMAZON
PRINCESS IS
SWALLOWED BY
THE CLOUDS--



Wonder Woman 101

For centuries, the race of warrior women known as the Amazons secluded themselves on the remote island of Themyscira. Their leader, Queen Hippolyta, prayed to the gods for a daughter that would embody the Amazon spirit and they granted her wish. Diana was born and gifted with powers and abilities equal to that of the Grecian deities. After winning a competition with all of her Amazonian sisters, she was chosen to be the ambassador of her people in the modern world and took on the code-name **Wonder Woman**.

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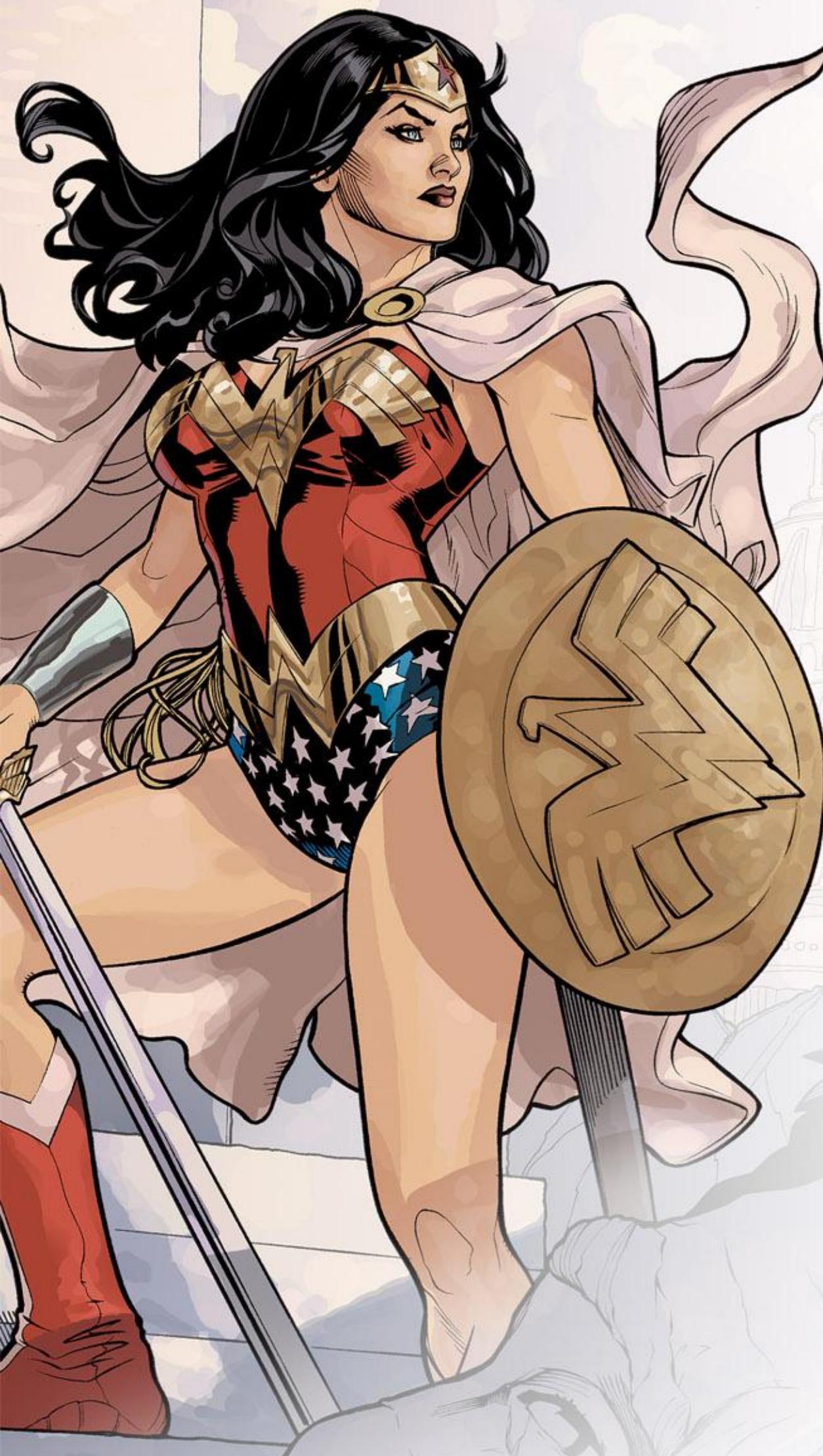
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