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A FIRE
BURNS
IN ME.



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WONDER WOMAN created by WILLIAM MOULTON MARSTON

MY SISTERS
CLAIM TO
HAVE SEEN
IT IN MY EYES.

THROWING
TANTRUMS
AS A CHILD.

SOME SEE THE GLOW OF
HEPHAESTUS'S UNDYING
FURNACE BEHIND THE FLAMES,
HIS STILL-MOLten BLADES
TUMBLING FROM HIS ANVIL
AND INTO MY VEINS.

SOME EVEN WHISPER THAT
IT'S THE BLINDING SHIMMER
FLASHING ALONG THE LENGTH OF
NEMESIS'S PUNISHING SWORD.

THEY SAY THIS
TO COMFORT
THEMSELVES.

SOME SEE LIGHTNING
CASCADING THERE,
FALLING IDLY FROM
THE HAND OF ZEUS TO
PLAY ALONG MY SKIN.

OTHERS, THE GLEAM
OF IMMACULATE
SUNSHINE REFLECTING
FROM ATHENA'S
AEGIS.

IN
COMPETITION
ON THE
PLAYING
FIELD.

ON THE
BLOOD-SOAKED
BATTLEGROUNDS
OF RECENT DAYS.

FOR TO KNOW THAT THIS RAGE COULD ORIGINATE WHOLLY IN ONE THEY LOVE SO DEARLY--

--ONE THEY STILL SEE AS AN INNOCENT--

--WOULD BREAK THEIR HEARTS.

BUT THE FIRE IS REAL.

IT ARCS FROM MY FINGERTIPS AND TEETH, A FIRESTORM SWIRLING IN MY WAKE.

I AM WITHIN IT--

--IT WITHIN ME.

IT'S STOKED BY MY NEED FOR JUSTICE, THOUGH JUSTICE ALONE CAN'T QUELL IT.

MY BONES THEMSELVES ARE THE FUEL.

THE RISING SMOKE, MY SOUL.



THEN YOU
DIMINISH HER
MEMORY.
AMAZONS
ARE BOUND BY
SOMETHING GREATER
THAN BLOOD, DEEPER
THAN LOYALTY.

WE CALL
EACH OTHER
SISTER FOR
A REASON,
DIANA.

WE ARE A FAMILY BY
CHOICE, AND THERE
IS NO GREATER HONOR
THAN TO FALL IN
DEFENSE OF YOUR
FAMILY.

AND YOU ARE
OUR FAMILY'S
LAST, BEST
HOPE.

LET US TAKE
YOU TO SAFETY
NOW.

A FAMILY
THAT STANDS
FOR HONOR AND
VIRTUE. I KNOW
THAT MUCH, AT
LEAST.

HE'S A CHILD, ORITHIA.
HE SWORE NO OATH
TO OUR KIND.

I WON'T
LET MY MISTAKE
COST HIM HIS
LIFE, TOO.

OUR
HONOR
DEMANDS
NO LESS.

LEAD
THE WAY THEN,
PRINCESS.

SHE
ALREADY HAS,
SISTER.

I SUPPOSE
EVERYONE INSIDE
IS TOO BUSY
PACKING TO
RELIEVE ME.

COULD
YOU TWO WATCH
THE DOOR WHILE I
STEP ACROSS THE
STREET FOR A
MOMENT?

OF COURSE,
MISTRESS.

I'LL NEVER MAKE IT THROUGH
THE NEXT WATCH WITHOUT
COFFEE.

I CAN'T
SAY MUCH
FOR THESE
MORTALS,
BUT THEIR
CAPPUCCINO
BELONGS
ON MOUNT
OLYMPUS.

CAN I
GET YOU BOYS
ANYTHING?

WE ARE
BUT STONE.
WE NEED NO
SUSTENANCE.

YOU JOKE
WITH US,
MISTRESS.

YES, I
SUPPOSE--

SHUUP

THAT--
--THAT'S
STRANGE.



WAHH



ORITHIA,
LOOK.

THESE
TUNNELS ARE
THE WORK OF
THE PATRIARCH'S
WORLD, NO
DOUBT...

BUT THESE
MOSAICS ARE
OF A LOST
AGE.

THESE
APPEAR TO BE
THE MORRIGAN
IN THREE
PERSONS.

BUT WHO IS IT SHE
BATTLES WITH? IS
IT MEANT TO BE
AN AMAZON
QUEEN?

JUST LIKE THE
DOLLS WE FOUND
EARLIER.

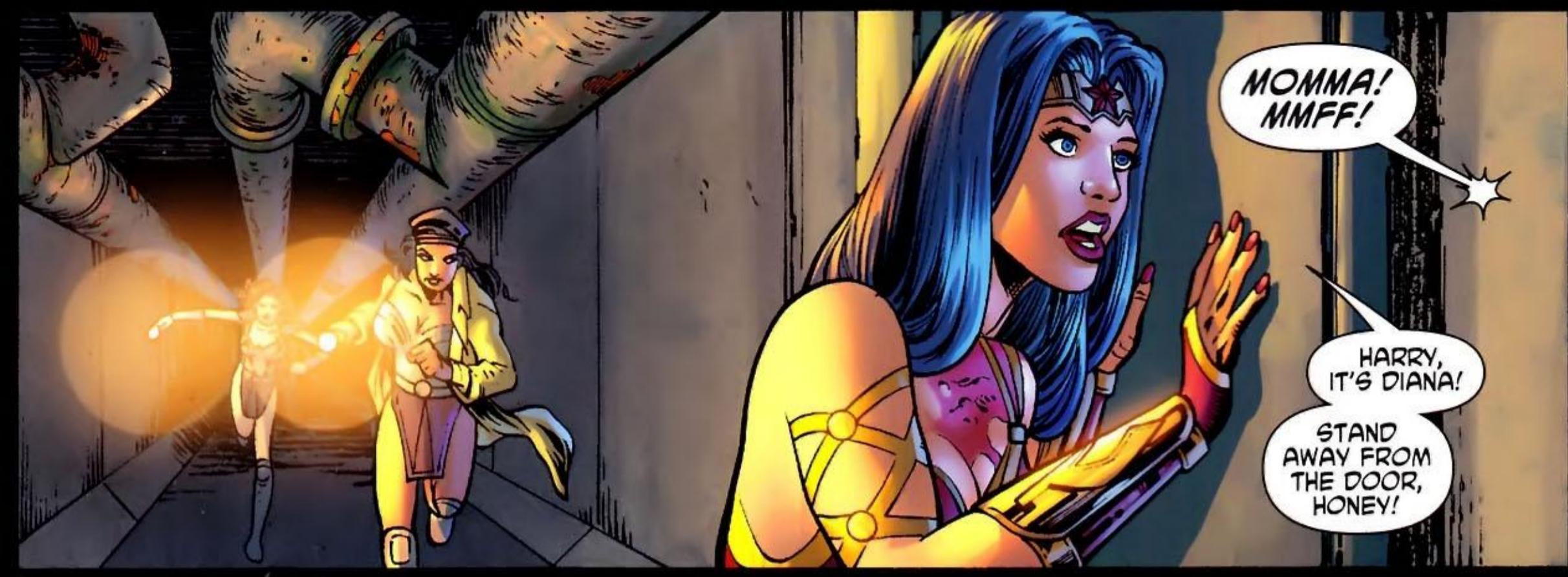
JUST...
LIKE...

DIANA? PRINCESS... ARE YOU
ALL RIGHT?

PRINCESS?

MOMMAAA!

HARRY!



A MINOTAUR. I HAVEN'T SEEN A MINOTAUR IN AGES.

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, HARRY?

MOMMA. I WANT MY MOMMA.



HRRRGH!

HE'S TOO STRONG!

STOP!

I SAID...

STOP!

HE OBEYS.
HE IS IN THE
THRALL OF THE GOLDEN
LASO.

ONLY QUEEN
HIPPOLYTA HAS
USED IT THUS.

TIE IT FAST.

WHY?
WHY DID
YOU DO
THIS?

ANSWER
ME!

TH-THE
MORRIGAN.

THEY MADE ME... LIKE
THIS... TOOK AWAY
MY HUMANITY.

THEY ARE
THE FORCE
BEHIND THE
ARMIES
ASSEMBLED
AGAINST
YOU--

--TWO
TWISTED
GODDESSES
IN SEARCH OF
A THIRD TO
SHARE THEIR
POWER.

A
THIRD?

YOU, I
IMAGINE.

THE HUNTSMAN AND
I WERE SENT TO
KILL YOU, THOUGH
I'M SURE THEY KNEW
WE WOULD FALL
SHORT.

FAILING
THAT, WE
WERE TO
GOAD YOU,
ANGER
YOU...

CHIP
AWAY AT YOUR
NOBILITY.

MAKE
YOU MORE
LIKE
THEM.

I WAS ORDERED TO... TO SLAUGHTER THE FAMILY YOU PROTECTED, BUT I COULD NOT.

I AM A SOLDIER, NOT A MURDERER.

THERE IS ENOUGH HUMANITY LEFT UNDER THIS HIDE TO RESIST THAT KIND OF ATROCITY.

BUT YOU STILL TOOK HIM.

THE MORRIGAN ARE CRUEL, AMAZON. LOOK WHAT THEY DID TO ME.

TO DEFY THEM OUTRIGHT IS TO OPEN A GATE TO HELL.

I-I WAS TO LEAD YOU HERE, TO THE BOY'S BODY...

TO DISTRACT YOU.

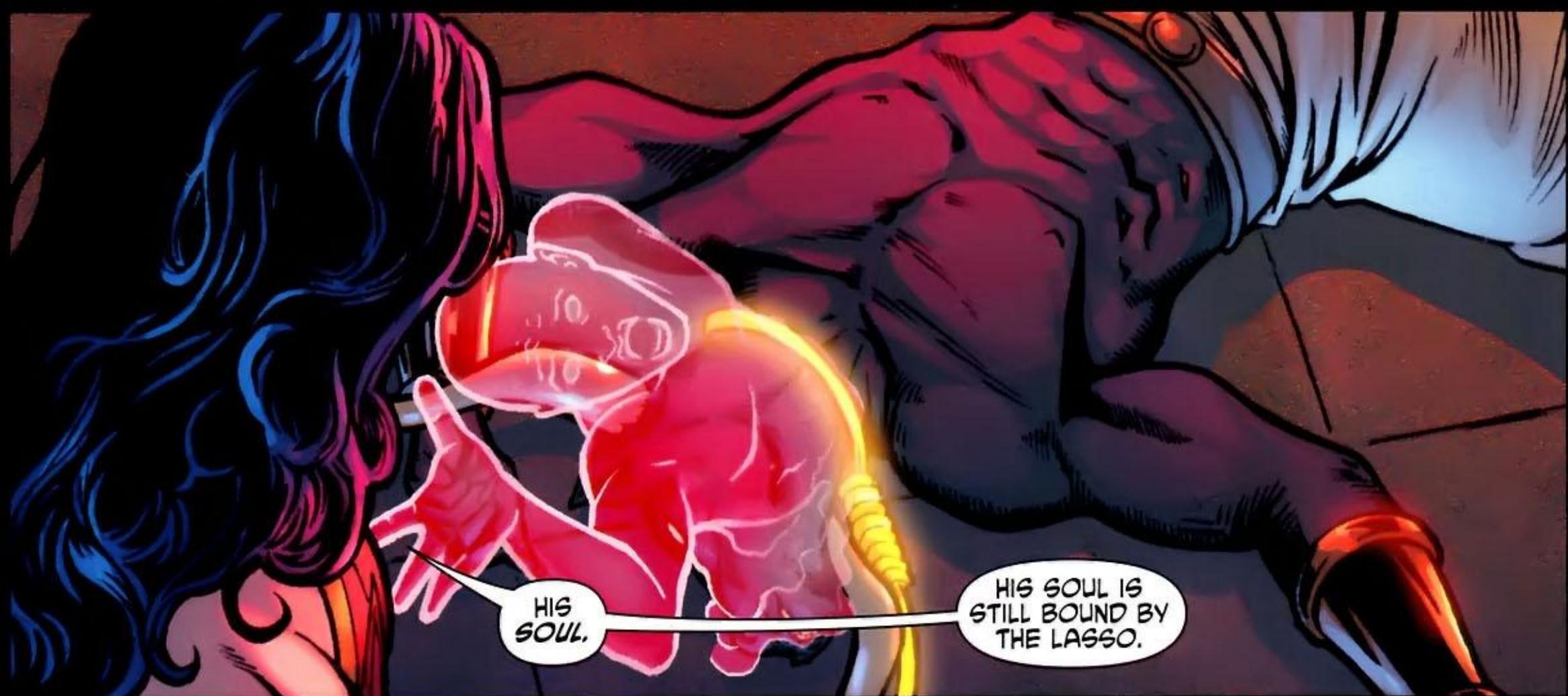
DISTRIBUTE ME FROM WHAT?

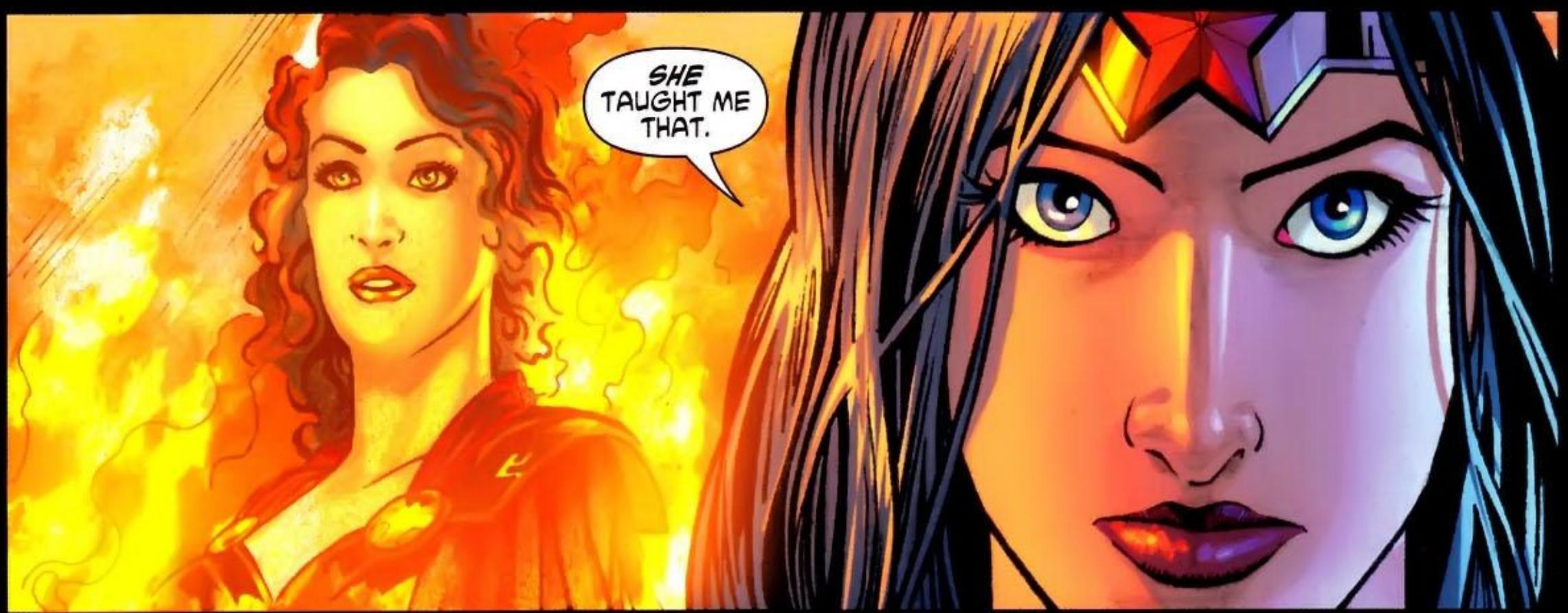
THE ARMY THEY SENT TO YOUR HOME. I'M SURE THE SIEGE IS UNDERWAY AS WE SPEAK.

YOUR SISTERHOOD MAKES YOU STRONG, PRINCESS. ONCE THEY ARE ERASED, YOU WILL BE EASIER TO TURN...

OR KILL.







GO, MINOTAUR--
PASS ON.

JASON.
MY NAME IS
JASON.

THERE IS A FIRE
IN ME I KNOW
WILL NEVER BE
QUENCHED.

THOSE
ARRAYED
AGAINST
ME WANT
IT TO BURN
UNCHECKED,
TO SCORCH
EVERYTHING
AROUND ME...

GO TO
WHATEVER
JUDGMENT
AWAITS
YOU THEN,
JASON.

LEAVING
ME ALONE,
SURROUNDED
BY NOTHING
BUT RUINS.

I'M SORRY IT
TOOK SO LONG
TO FIND YOU,
HARRY.

I WAS
LOOKING
FOR YOU
ALL THIS
TIME, YOU
KNOW.

UH-
HUH.

I'M SORRY
YOU HAD TO SEE
ALL THIS FIGHTING.
IT'S OKAY TO BE
SCARED.

I'M NOT
SCARED,
DANNA.

BUT IT CAN BE
CONTROLLED.

YOU'RE
THE GOOD
GUYS.

AND BRING
WARMTH TO
THOSE I LOVE.





NEXT: THE GAUNTLET

BEWARE THEIR POWER!

WAR OF THE GREEN LANTERNS

A BLOCKBUSTER EVENT

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ONE BILLION YEARS AGO.

DO YOU STILL
BELIEVE EMOTION
IS VITAL TO LIFE,
KRONA?



I STILL BELIEVE EMOTION
IS LIFE, GANTHET. I
ALWAYS WILL.

THEN YOU
CONTINUE TO RISK
YOUR IMPENDING
INDUCTION INTO THE
GUARDIANS OF THE
UNIVERSE.

BUT IS LIFE
NOT THE VERY THING
THE SELF-APPOINTED
"GUARDIANS" ARE DEVOTING
THEMSELVES TO PROTECTING?
THEY SPEAK IN CONTRADICTIONS.

MY FRIEND...YOU HAVE ALWAYS
GIVEN ME YOUR SUPPORT AND I
ASK FOR THAT SUPPORT NOW
MORE THAN EVER.

I AM ON THE VERGE
OF PEERING INTO THE PAST
AND WITNESSING THE BIRTH OF
THE UNIVERSE AND THEREFORE
UNLOCKING THE SECRETS OF
THE EMOTIONAL SPECTRUM.

WE DON'T
HAVE TO BE
AFRAID--



WE FEEL
NO FEAR. FEAR IS
FORBIDDEN.

FEAR IS
HERESY.

PLEASE,
GANHET.

DO
NOT DENY
YOUR HEART
LIKE THE
OTHERS.

OUR HEARTS
ARE FULL OF CHAOS,
KRONA. WE MUST USE
OUR MINDS AND ONLY
OUR MINDS TO BRING
ORDER TO THIS
UNIVERSE.

I AM
SORRY.





DR.

CENTRAL PRECINCT TO THE
GREEN LANTERN CORPS.

THE CITADEL OF THE
GUARDIANS OF THE UNIVERSE.

TODAY.

IT IS A
UNIVERSAL
TRUTH: LAW AND
EMOTION CANNOT
COEXIST WITHOUT
CONFLICT.

LOOK NO FURTHER THAN ATROCITUS
AND HIS RED LANTERNS. THEIR UN-
CHECKED RAGE ALLOWED THE RED
RINGS TO TRANSFORM THEM INTO
RAMPAGING KILLERS.

THE RED
LANTERNS WERE
ONCE PRODUCTIVE
BEINGS IN THEIR
RESPECTIVE
SECTORS.

UNTIL THEY
EACH SUFFERED
A PERSONAL
TRAGEDY AND
SOUGHT REVENGE
INSTEAD OF
JUSTICE.

JUST
AS ATROCITUS
SEEKS REVENGE
ON US FOR THE
MANHUNTERS'
TRANSGRESSIONS
AGAINST HIS
SECTOR.

WITH ALL DUE
RESPECT, GUARDIANS,
THAT "TRANSGRESSION"
WAS THE COMPLETE AND
TOTAL ANNIHILATION OF
ALL LIFE.

SAVE FOR
ATROCITUS
HIMSELF.

WE ARE
AWARE OF THE
PROGRAMMING
ERROR THAT
RESULTED IN THE
LOST SECTOR,
LANTERN
SALAAK.

OUR
POINT IS SIMPLY
REAFFIRMING
WHAT WE ALWAYS
HAVE BELIEVED:
**EMOTIONS ARE
DANGEROUS.**

LOOK
AT SINESTRO'S
PRIDE, LARFLEEZE'S
DESPERATION, AND
MOST PROBLEMATIC--

--HAL JORDAN'S
INSTABILITY."

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U N I V E R S E

Last month we announced the return of the letters columns to our books and the response has been overwhelming! We were literally flooded with letters from all over the world. All the editorial groups are busy sorting their mail for the introduction of their various columns next month so I wanted to use this opportunity to say a few things. First of all, I want you to know that we are reading EVERY SINGLE letter that comes in. If you write us we will 100% read what you have to say. And if you pose an interesting question or idea, there is a good chance you will see your letter in print. Keeping this in mind, I want to encourage all of you to keep the letters coming in. It's fun, it's easy, and your voice will be heard. As a special preview I'm going to print and answer some of the very first letters we received. The early bird catches the worm, folks. So take a look at what your fellow comics readers are sending in and then follow the instructions at the bottom of the page and write us immediately. And let me say once again that you guys are the best fans in the world – THANK YOU!

– Ian Sattler, Senior Story Editor DCU

I think you would agree that "Gotham Central" was one of the finest series DC ever produced. And, as you know, it ended with the tragic downfalls of Crispus Al-llen and Renee Montoya, who went on to become the Spectre and the Question respectively.

Since they used to be partners and since they are now part of the more fantastic DC universe with their new superhero identities, I think it would be a fantastic idea for them to team up again!

Marvin Choi
Norwalk, CA USA

Pretty interesting idea you've got there, Marvin. We have plans for both characters this year for sure – but if more of you want to see them together, follow Marvin's lead and write us a letter. In the meantime keep an eye out in the streets of Gotham City for all the answers you need.

Hello DC, I am Leandro from Argentina. My question is when does the Static series begin? Are we going to get one this year? I hope so...

Leandro
Cordoba, Argentina

Leandro's was the first international letter we received so we wanted to make sure we answered his question immediately. And speaking of immediately, we're pleased

to say that the new ongoing *Static* series begins in May! Hope that's fast enough for you guys...

I am a comics retailer (reader and collector) and think that the new letters columns are almost as good a news item as the \$2.99 rollback. My customers who buy tons of fine DC Comics every year are not the typical message board, twitter or chat people since they are too busy working to buy AND read all of their favorite comics. They and I will appreciate this forum and I will personally push them to actively use it!

Carl Bonasera
Evergreen Park, IL USA

Thanks, Carl! We are so grateful for the support our retailer friends bring us! We'll make sure to keep an extra eye out for any letters from your customers. You can show them your letter in print to prove that it really works!

We need a new Captain Marvel/Marvel Family ongoing. Like, NOW.
Thanks!

Chad Whitley
Angier, NC USA

Sorry, Chad, we're a little confused about what you'd like to see. Kidding! We know there is a lot of support for the Marvel Family out there, and trust us when we say that we do have very big plans for them. Hopefully you got some clue in last month's *SHAZAM!* special and are aware that you should be checking out this month's issue of *TITANS*.

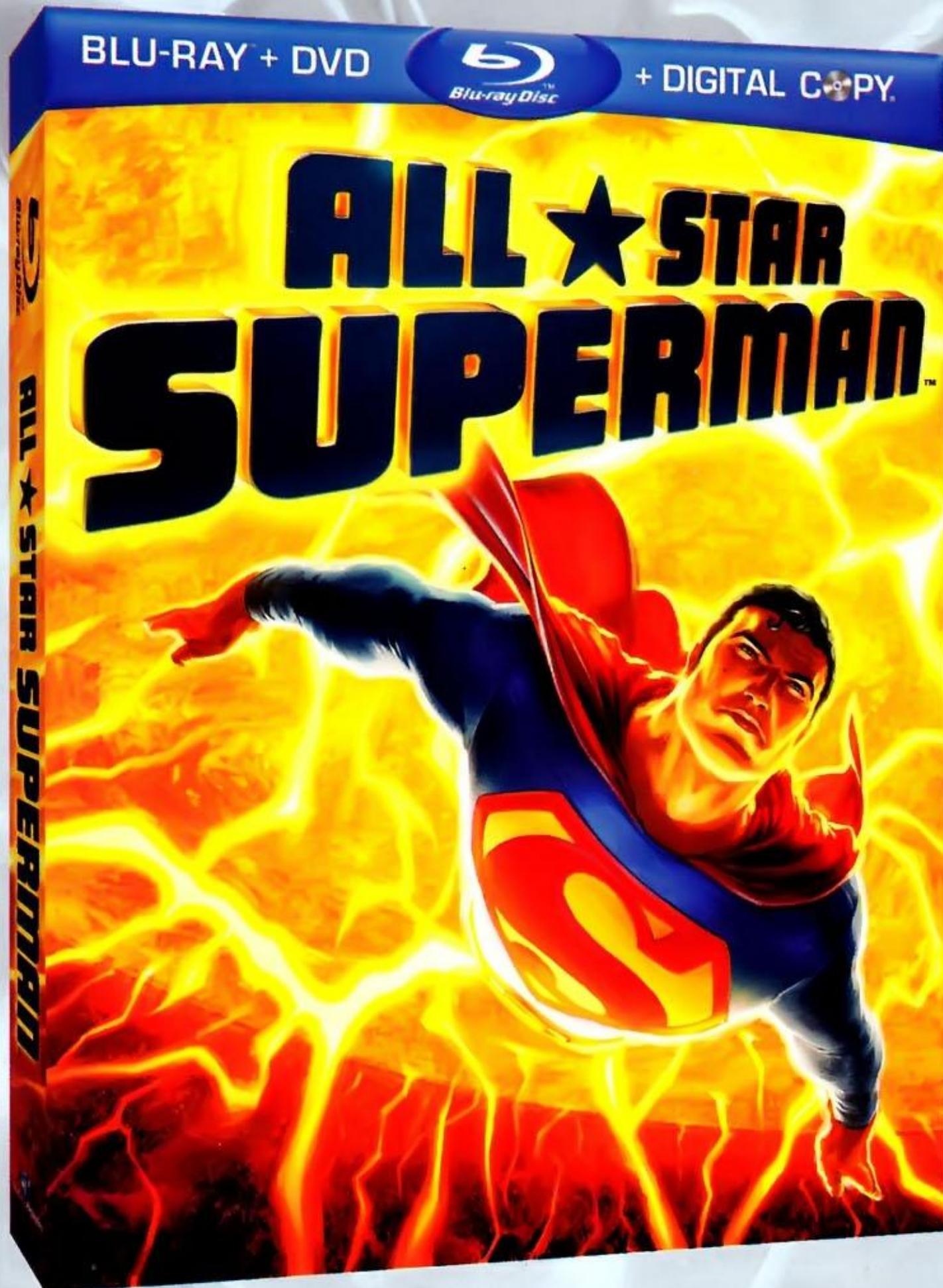
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All-Star Superman® Comes to DVD!



Good news, DC Nation! All-Star Superman – the modern classic by Grant Morrison & Frank Quitely – has been adapted into a full-length film available on DVD and Blu-ray™. The original series was an Eisner Award winner and a New York Times bestseller, and the DVD looks to take the story to an exciting new level. The celebrity-packed voice cast is headed by James Denton (*Desperate Housewives*) as Superman, Christina Hendricks (*Mad Men*) as Lois Lane, and Anthony LaPaglia (*Without A Trace*) as Lex Luthor. The stellar cast includes seven-time Emmy® Award winner Ed Asner (*Up*) as Perry White, Golden Globe® winner Frances Conroy (*Six Feet Under*) as Ma Kent, Matthew Gray Gubler (*Criminal Minds*) as Jimmy Olsen, and Linda Cardellini (*ER*) as Nasty. Arnold Vosloo (*The Mummy*), Catherine Cavadini (*The Powerpuff Girls*), Finola Hughes (*General Hospital*), Alexis Denisof (*Angel*), Obba Babatunde (*That Thing You Do!*), Michael Gough (*Batman*) and John DiMaggio (*Futurama*) round out the voice cast.

All-Star Superman is executive produced by animation guru Bruce Timm and directed by Sam Liu (*Justice League: Crisis*

on Two Earths) from a script by acclaimed comics writer Dwayne McDuffie (*Justice League: Crisis on Two Earths*).

And just to make sure you're thoroughly excited, check out what Mr. Morrison himself had to say about the movie: "It took only a single viewing for ALL-STAR SUPERMAN to become one of my all-time favorite superhero movies. The adaptation by Bruce, Dwayne and the team is quirky, epic and heartbreakingly beautiful and I don't think I've seen anything else quite like it. A triumph, as they say!" How awesome is that?

Be seeing you.

- Ian Sattler, DC Comics

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