



Wonder Woman



THE AMAZON PRINCESS FIGHTS
HEPHAESTUS
The **FIRE-GOD!**

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NOW IS THE
HOUR OF
YOUR DEATH,
WONDER
WOMAN!



Wonder Woman

HE IS A GENTLE IMMORTAL
WHOSE BROKEN LEGS HAVE
MADE HIM CRUEL!

SHE IS A BEAUTIFUL
MORTAL WHOSE BROKEN
DREAMS HAVE MADE
HER UGLY!

BOTH--IN THEIR
OWN WAY--CAN SET
THE WORLD ON
FIRE! TOGETHER--
THEY CAN REDUCE
EARTH TO A
SMOLDERING COAL!

AND TO STOP THEM, DIANA PRINCE--
SECRETLY WONDER WOMAN--
MUST LEARN A PAINFUL LESSON:
WHERE THERE'S SMOKE, THERE'S
FIRE... AND IF YOU LOOK
CLOSELY ENOUGH, YOU JUST MIGHT
SEE...

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A LIFE IN FLAMES

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PROLOGUE:

NO ONE RIDES THE RAILS ANY MORE, THEY TELL YOU, BUT IT'S NOT TRUE! AT NIGHT, YOU CAN STILL HEAR THE WHISTLE AND THE THUNDER ALONG THE TRACKS IN SOME NIGHT-COMFORTED DISTANCE...

A CERTAIN TYPE OF PERSON TAKES THOSE HALF-DESERTED NIGHT TRAINS--PEOPLE SEEKING ANONYMITY...THE LONELY, THE ANGRY, THE AFRAID...

9Y, LISTEN TO THIS!

LISTEN, I SAID!

JULIE... PLEASE-- IT'S ALMOST 4 IN THE MORNING!



"THIS WEEK, TEMPESTUOUS SINGER-ACTRESS JULIE GABRIEL BEGINS LENSING HER GAMEDO ROLE IN 'SECURITY COUNCIL'..."

"PIC CONCERNS THE FOUNDING OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND IS CURRENTLY SHOOTING ON LOCATION IN NEW YORK!"



"INSIDERS ARE ALREADY BETTING ON HOW MANY DAYS IT WILL TAKE JULIE TO GET FROM HER DRESSING ROOM TO THE SET!"

"JULIE, OF COURSE, IS AS FAMOUS FOR HER LATENESS AND TEMPERAMENT ON SET AS SHE IS FOR HER SINGING!"

JULIE... PLEASE...



WHY? WHY?!; CHOKES; WHY MUST THEY ALWAYS WRITE SUCH AWFUL THINGS ABOUT ME? WHAT HAVE I DONE?; SOB;

I'M JULIE GABRIEL! THE PEOPLE LOVE ME-- DON'T THEY, SY?



--DON'T THEY?!

COME ON, JULIE-- NOT NOW...

WE'RE GETTING OFF! I'M GOING BACK TO HOLLYWOOD!



CALL THE STUDIO FIRST
THING IN THE MORNING
AND TELL 'EM I QUIT!

AND THAT GOES FOR
THE CARNEGIE HALL
GIG, TOO!

YOU'RE MY MANAGER--
THEY'LL LISTEN TO YOU!

THAT NUMBER'S ON
THE TOP 40, BABY--
I'VE HEARD IT
BEFORE!

SURE, I'M
YOUR MANAGER...
BUT I'M ALSO
YOUR HUSBAND,
AND--

YOU'RE JUST
LIKE ALL THE
REST OF THEM!
CHOKE! I
SHOULD'VE
KNOWN!

OKAY, BUSTER
...OHH-- KAY!
SOB! I'LL
FIX YOU...
I'LL FIX ALL
OF YOU!

JULIE!

BAM!

BAM!

BAM!

JULIE--OPEN
THE DOOR!
JULIE!

YOU NEED
SOME HELP,
MR. LEWIS?

YES, PORTER,
I NEED THIS
DOOR OPENED--
NOW!

JULIE, WILL
YOU PLEASE
STOP ACTING
LIKE A SPOILED
BRAT--?

OH, MY
GOD!

SEND FOR
A DOCTOR--
QUICK!

CHAPTER 1 "STEVE TREVOR IS DEAD AND WELL AND IS LIVING IN NEW YORK"

TURN TIME
AHEAD ONE
WEEK--
TO AN
APARTMENT
ON
MANHATTAN'S
FASHIONABLE
UPPER
EAST SIDE.
THE NAME
ON THE
DOOR IS
"D. PRINCE"...

MS. PRINCE, HOWEVER, LOOKS NOTHING
LIKE THE BIZARRE FIGURE WE NOW FIND
HERE!...



GET A GOOD LOOK AT
HER--OR WHATEVER IT
IS-- WHILE YOU CAN...

...FOR "SHE" HAS JUST
HEARD THE SOUND OF
A KEY TURNING IN A
LOCK...



...FOLLOWED BY THE ENTRANCE OF FORMER U.N.
CRISIS BUREAU AGENT DIANA PRINCE AND THE MAN
IN HER LIFE, STEVE HOWARD--TREVOR, IF
YOU INSIST...

...WHO ARE ENGAGED IN WHAT
CAN ONLY BE A LOVER'S QUARREL...



MAYBE YOU'D
BE HAPPIER IF
I'D STAYED
DEAD!

--BUT IT'S
TRUE!
BECAUSE
EVERYTHING
I DO MAKES
YOU ANGRY!

PLEASE
LOWER YOUR
VOICE!

THAT'S THE
SILLIEST-
SOUNDING
REMARK
I'VE--



I FEEL OUT-OF-PLACE
IN 1976! THE WORLD'S
SO STRANGE AND NEW
TO ME I MIGHT AS WELL
BE ON MARS!

SO BE
PATIENT
WITH ME,
HUH?

IT'S A
LITTLE
ROUGH!



YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
ANYTHING! SINCE YOU'VE
BEEN GONE, I'VE BEEN
THROUGH SOME HEAVY
CHANGES!

WHEN YOU RETURNED TO
LIFE * I THOUGHT IT WAS
A MIRACLE-- THE STEVE
TREVOR I
LOVED...
ALIVE
AGAIN!



* WWW#223--Editor

CONTINUED ON 58P PAGE FOLLOWING.



I WAS SO HAPPY THINKING THAT ONCE MORE THINGS WOULD BE THE WAY THEY USED TO BE!

BUT WHAT DO YOU DO?
--YOU CHANGE YOUR NAME...

...AND THEN DYE YOUR HAIR--

New York Press
Julie Hospitalized After
Accident on Train
Doc says she's OK



HADES' GATES!
I DON'T EVEN RECOGNIZE YOU!

BUT, ANGEL--
I COULDN'T GIVE THAT SPY-GUY MY REAL NAME! X

SO I PICKED THE FIRST ONE THAT POPPED INTO MY HEAD!

*AS SHOWN IN OUR PREVIOUS ISSUE.
Editor



I THOUGHT "TREVOR"-- THEN I FLASHED ON "HOWARD"! YOU KNOW, TREVOR HOWARD-- THE BRITISH ACTOR!

JUST A CASE OF FREE-ASSOCIATION, I GUESS!

BUT I LOVED THE OLD YOU!



BLAST IT, DI,
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

CALL MY OLD FRIENDS AND SAY, "HI, I'M STEVE TREVOR!"

"YOU MAY NOT REMEMBER ME!
I'M DEAD!"?



SOMETIMES YOU HAVE AS MUCH COMMON SENSE AS A LUMP OF CLAY!



THE DAUGHTER OF HIPPOLYTA--BORN AS A CLAY STATUE BROUGHT TO LIFE BY THE GODDESS APHRODITE--STANDS MOMENTARILY MUTE, TRANSFIXED BY COLD FURY!



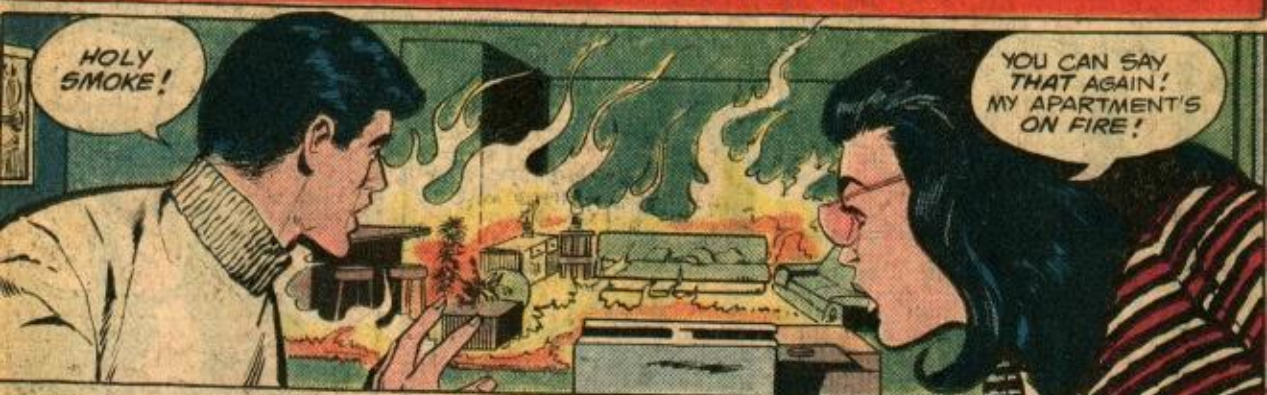
AND THEN...

I SUPPOSE YOU THINK THAT'S VERY FUNNY!

WELL, I'VE HAD ENOUGH FOR ONE EVENING, THANK YOU, MR. HOWARD...

...OR WHATEVER YOU CALL YOURSELF! GOOD NIGHT!

DI, WAIT!
ISN'T IT AWFULLY UH... WARM IN HERE?



HOLY
SMOKE!

YOU CAN SAY
THAT AGAIN!
MY APARTMENT'S
ON FIRE!



AT LAST--
HEPHAESTUS
HAS MADE
HIS MOVE!

STAND BACK!
THIS IS A
JOB--

--FOR
WONDER
WOMAN!
YEAH, I
KNOW!

THIS IS THE
PART WHERE YOU
SAVE ME, RIGHT?

SWELL!

INSTANTLY, THE VIBRATIONS OF
DIANA'S MAGIC LASSO REWEAVE
THE CAREER GIRL'S GARB--INTO
THE COSTUME OF WONDER WOMAN!



SINCE YOU'RE
SO NOSTALGIC
FOR THE GOOD
OLD DAYS, YOU
WANT ME TO ACT
HELPLESS?--

--DO MY
DAMEL-
IN-DISTRESS
ACT FOR
THE BIG,
STRONG
HERO-
LADY?



CALM DOWN, STEVE!
THE MORE EMOTIONAL
YOU GET, THE HIGHER
THE FLAMES WILL
CLIMB!

H-HUNH?

NEVER
MIND
THAT...



...JUST GET
OUT BY THE
FIRE ESCAPE...

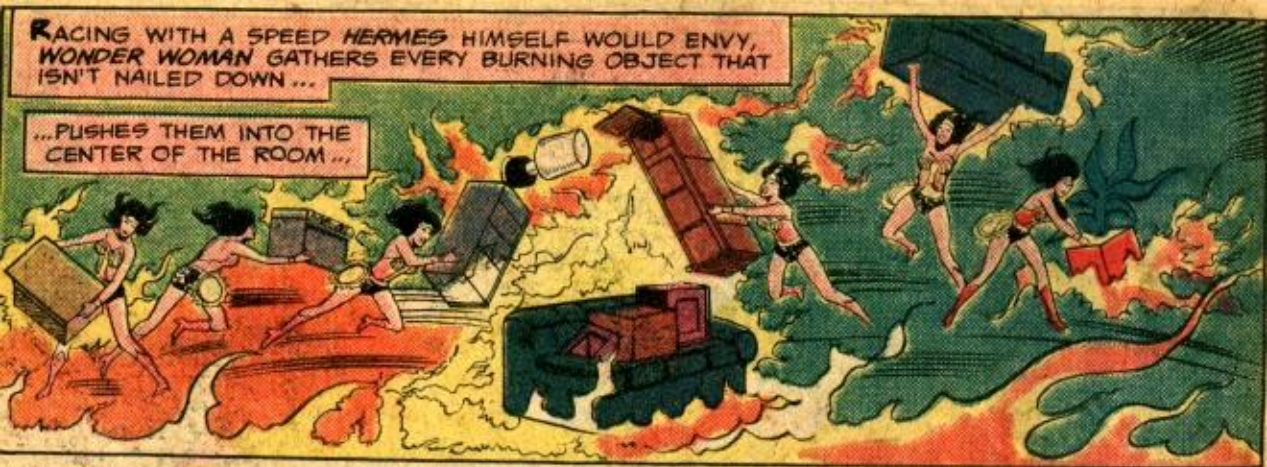
...AND
LEAVE...

...THE
FIRE...

...TO ME!

RACING WITH A SPEED HERMES HIMSELF WOULD ENVY,
WONDER WOMAN GATHERS EVERY BURNING OBJECT THAT
ISN'T NAILED DOWN ...

...PUSHES THEM INTO THE
CENTER OF THE ROOM ...



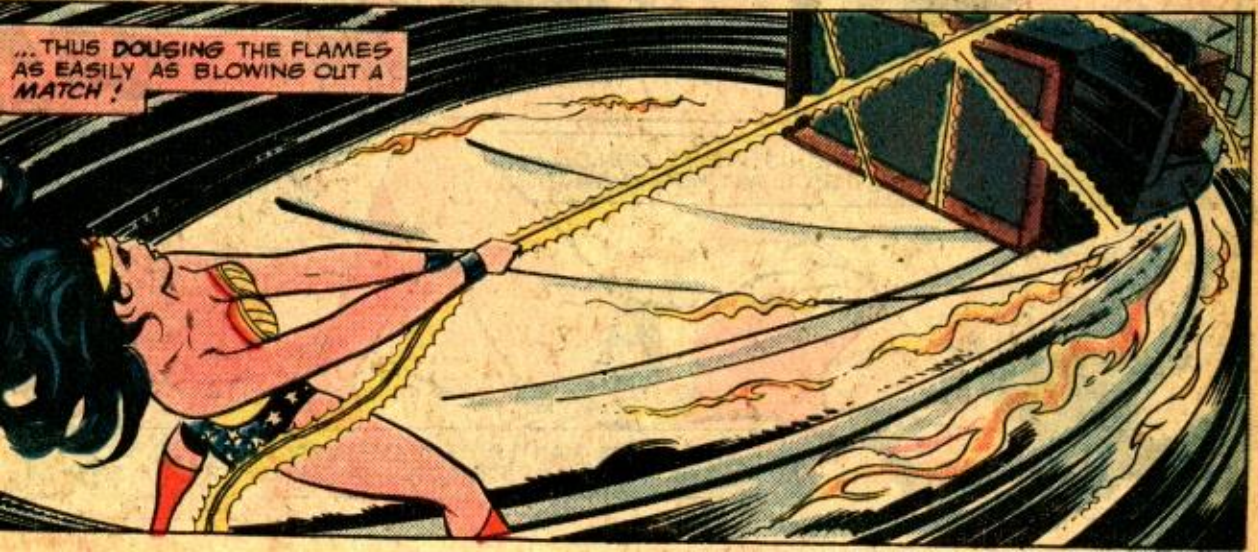
... BINDS THEM TOGETHER
WITH HER MAGIC LASSO...



...AND, WITH A HERCULEAN FLEXING OF
SLENDER BUT SINEWY MUSCLES, HEAVES
THE HEAVY BUNDLE INTO THE AIR OVERHEAD...



... WHERE SHE BEGINS TO
SPIN IT IN A WIDE ARC ...



...THUS DOUSING THE FLAMES
AS EASILY AS BLOWING OUT A
MATCH!

DAWN IS NUDGING BACK THE DARKNESS WHEN THE AMAZON PRINCESS IS AWAKENED BY AN INSISTENT TUGGING AT HER WRIST...

"UNNHH--
STEVE--IS
IT...OVER?"

YES! IT WAS
AS SOON AS
YOU STRUCK
YOURSELF!

YOU'VE
BEEN
OUT OF IT
FOR HOURS!

STRANGE--I SHOULD
THINK SOMEONE WOULD'VE
CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
BY NOW!

NOT REALLY--
PROBABLY, NO
ONE SMELLED
ANY SMOKE!

APPARENTLY,
HEPHAESTUS' FIRE
BURNS MAGICALLY--
ALL-CONSUMING...

HEF--
WHO?

...BUT WITHOUT
GIVING OFF
SMOKE!

"HEPHAESTUS--THE GOD OF FIRE--
'HE WHO SHINES BY DAY'..."

...WHO, AT THIS MOMENT--UNKNOWN TO
DIANA--IS ACROSS THE STREET, FIVE FLIGHTS
UP...

EXCELLENT--
WELL, MY PRETTIES...
ESPECIALLY YOU,
HESIONE--

--YOU PLANTED THE
VISCERO-COMBUSTOR
EXACTLY AS I
WISHED!

SOON, YOU SHALL
BE HANDSOMELY
REWARDED, MY GOLDEN
HANDMAIDENS...

...AND I SHALL
INCREASE THOSE
FAVORS A HUNDRED-
FOLD IF WE SUCCEED
FURTHER--

--NOT
MERELY IN
UNLEASHING
THE PASSION-
FLAME ON
MAN'S WORLD--

--BUT
SLAYING THE
DAUGHTER OF
HIPPOLYTA
AS WELL!

MAYBE I'D
BETTER EXPLAIN
FROM THE
BEGINNING...

MY MOTHER HAD
SEEN SOMETHING
ON HER MAGIC
SPHERE SHE FELT
I HAD TO SEE!

SO SHE SUMMONED
ME BACK
IMMEDIATELY
TO...

...PARADISE ISLAND--HOME OF THE AMAZON RACE, NESTLED IN A CLOAK OF INVISIBILITY IN THE AZURE WATER OF THE SOUTHERN ATLANTIC!

YES, ARES--ALSO KNOWN AS MARS--GOD OF WAR! HE HAS ASSUMED MANY NAMES AND GUISES THROUGH THE MILLENNIA...

...BUT NO MASK, NO CLOAK, NO POSTURE CAN DISGUISE ONE UNDENIABLE TRUTH:

HE IS THE MOST FEARSOME PERSONIFICATION OF EVIL EVER KNOWN--BY MORTAL OR GOD!

GREAT WARRIOR--YOU SAID YOU SOUGHT A MEANS TO ENLIVEN EARTHLY BATTLES--WITH WHICH YOU, WHO FEED ON COMBAT, HAVE GROWN BORED!

I HAVE THE WEAPON YOU SEEK!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! HEPHAESTUS... AND ARES--2!

MAN'S WEAPONS--THE HYDROGEN BOMB... BACTERIOLOGICAL WARFARE--ALL THESE ARE USELESS TO YOU...

...FOR THEY THREATEN TO ANNIHILATE THE EARTH ITSELF!

...WHICH, YOU SAID, WOULD BE RATHER LIKE A PUPPETEER ALLOWING HIS MARIONETTES TO DESTROY HIS STAGE!

...AND MAKE ME HANDSOME--AS STRIKING AS ADONIS, YOU VOWED--IF I GAVE YOU WHAT YOU WANTED!

"WHENEVER EMOTIONS REACH A FEVER--PITCH OF INTENSITY--WHETHER THOSE EMOTIONS BE JOY, SORROW, RAGE, LOVE, WHATEVER--"

I RECALL MY WORDS--FOOL!

THIS IS IT--THE VISCERO-COMBUSTOR! WITH IT, YOU CAN SET AFLAME HUMAN EMOTION ITSELF!

"--THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE DEVICE IS ACTIVATED WILL BURST INTO FLAMES!"

THEN YOU MUST ALSO RECALL THAT YOU PROMISED TO CORRECT MY MISSHAPEN LEGS...

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"FEAR, COURAGE, ANGUISH--
ALL THESE EMOTIONS EXIST
WHERE THERE IS WAR!"

"WHAT PLACE IS MORE HEAVILY
STEEPED IN RAW EMOTION THAN
A BATTLEFIELD?"



UNLEASH THE PASSION-
FLAME THERE--AND
EACH SIDE WILL THINK
THE OTHER HAS A NEW
SECRET WEAPON...

...AND THE BATTLE
WILL RAGE EVER
BLOODIER!

THIS DEVICE--
IF IT WORKS AS
YOU CLAIM--IS
PERFECT!

GO-- JOURNEY TO
NEW YORK CITY!
TEST YOUR MACHINE--
AND WHEN IT IS
PERFECTED...

...POSE AS AN
AMBASSADOR TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FROM
A MAJOR POWER AND...

...START
ME A
WAR!



ONE MORE THING:
THERE IS AN
AMAZON WHO HAS
LONG THWARTED
MY PLANS!

IN TESTING THIS
"PASSION-FLAME"
SEE THAT IT
DESTROYS
WONDER WOMAN!



THAT'S THE
STORY... AND
WE HAVEN'T
HEARD THE
LAST OF IT--

--HEY! I'M
DUE ON
THE SET OF
"SECURITY
COUNCIL"
AT EIGHT!

THAT'S AN
ODD JOB
FOR THE
CRISIS
BUREAU--!



OH, I DON'T
WORK THERE
ANYMORE!
I'VE BEEN
RE-ASSIGNED!*

I'M IN THE
SPECIAL
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT
NOW--AND I'VE
BEEN MADE A
TECHNICAL
CONSULTANT
ON THIS FILM!



*DETAILS NEXT ISSUE!
--Editor

AND SO, THE DAY'S WORK
BEGINS--SHE HAILS A CAB...
HE RESUMES HIS SEARCH
FOR AN APARTMENT...



...OBLIVIOUS TO THE
ODDLY-BUILT MAN WHO
FOLLOWS DIANA...

CHAPTER 3 "A BLAZE of GLORY..."

FOR THE MOMENT, WE LEAVE DIANA... AND JUMP AHEAD TO A CERTAIN DRESSING ROOM, WHERE...

I--I CAN'T DO IT, SY-- I'M SCARED!

I CAN'T REMEMBER A SINGLE LINE-- I'M SHAKING LIKE A LEAF--!

RELAX, KID... YOU'LL BE FINE!



DON'T LEAVE ME, DARLING-- I'M HAVING ANOTHER ANXIETY-ATTACK!

I'M NOT GONNA MAKE IT!



I HAFTA CALM THEM DOWN OUT THERE-- THEY'VE BEEN WAITING THREE HOURS FOR YOU!

PANIC: IT WELLS UP IN JULIE LIKE AN ANGRY BILE! FRANTICALLY, SHE STRUGGLES TO FACE THE TERROR OF GOING OUT THERE...



...AND, LIKE A MORNING-GLORY CLOSING, SHE WITH-DRAWS INTO AN INNER WORLD, HOPING TO FIND THERE THE STRENGTH SHE DESPERATELY NEEDS...

WHILE ON THE SET...

I'M DIANA PRINCE--

OH, YEAH-- YOU'RE THE BROAD FROM THE U.N. FOLLOW ME, HONEY...

"BROAD"? IT'S ONE OF THOSE DAYS* ALREADY-- AND IT ISN'T EVEN NOON YET!



PLEASE, MR. KURLAND-- I KNOW YOU'RE ANGRY-- BUT IT'S JULIE'S FIRST PICTURE IN EIGHT YEARS!

THINK OF HER-- SHE'S SCARED WITLESS! SHE'S BEEN UP ALL NIGHT, WORRYING!

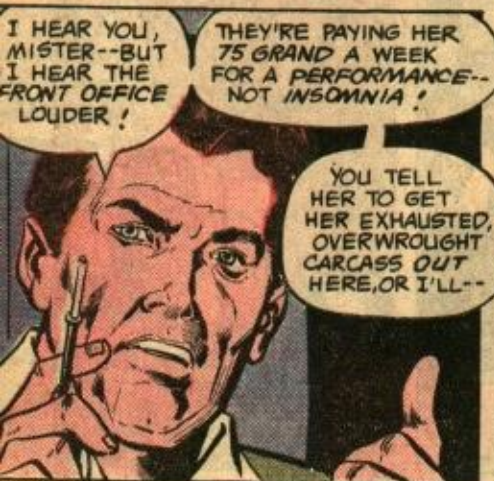
SHE'S EXHAUSTED... OVERWROUGHT!



I HEAR YOU, MISTER-- BUT I HEAR THE FRONT OFFICE LOUDER!

THEY'RE PAYING HER 75 GRAND A WEEK FOR A PERFORMANCE-- NOT INSOMNIA!

YOU TELL HER TO GET HER EXHAUSTED, OVERWROUGHT CARCASS OUT HERE, OR I'LL--



STAN-LEY DARLING... HAVE I BEEN... HOLDING THINGS... UP?

OH, NO... NOT AGAIN!

WHAT IS IT THIS TIME, LEWIS-- BOOZE? PILLS?

N-NO-- I SWEAR! SHE'S JUST... NERVOUS...



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...BUT COULD THEY HAVE HEARD IT, THE CREW WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THE SOUND THAT HERALDS THE DYNAMIC APPEARANCE OF...**WONDER WOMAN!**

HANG ON, MS. GABRIEL-- HELP IS ON THE WAY!

GOOD LORD!-- WONDER WOMAN!



GO AHEAD, AMAZON-- HAVE YOUR LAST MINUTES OF GLORY!

NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU NOW-- HEPHAESTUS HAS ORDAINED YOUR DEATH!



HEPHAESTUS MUST'VE FOLLOWED ME HERE--! MUST... STAY... CALM!

ALL OF YOU-- HEAR ME!

YOUR MINDS ARE BLANK-- YOU FEEL NOTHING!

POWERLESS TO RESIST THE COMPELLING FORCE OF THE AMAZING AMAZON'S MAGIC LASSO, THE CAST AND CREW ARE INSTANTLY DRAINED OF ALL EMOTION...



...AND AS THEIR FUEL VANISHES, HEPHAESTUS' PASSION-FLAMES ARE IMMEDIATELY EXTINGUISHED!

ONCE MORE YOU ESCAPE MY FLAME--?!

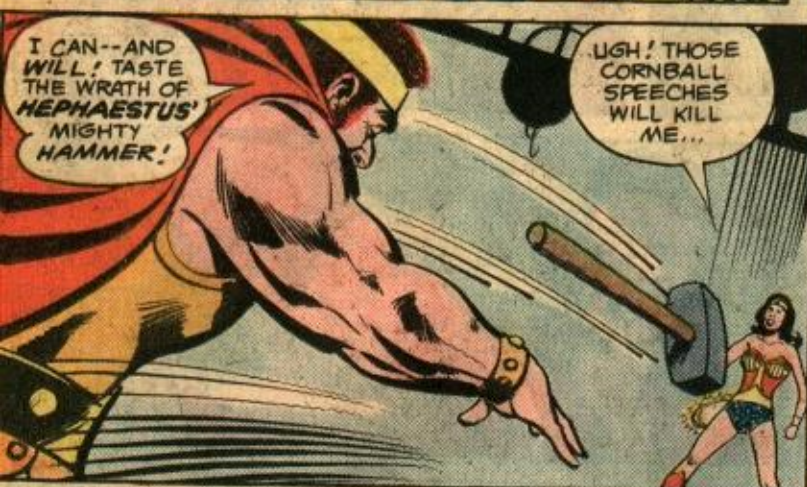
NO MATTER--I SHALL PERSONALLY SEE YOUR DEATH!



OBSERVE--MY FIST OF FLAME! NO LIVING BEING-- MORTAL OR IMMORTAL-- CAN WITHSTAND IT!

UNNH!





THE MASTER
OF FIRE--
RESORTING TO
ELECTRIC
LIGHTS?

SURELY YOU
CAN DO
BETTER THAT
THAT!

IN FACT--
YES!

ROUGHLY
2,000 WATTS
BRIGHT, I'D
WAGER!
HA HA HA!

I CAN--AND
WILL! TASTE
THE WRATH OF
HEPHAESTUS'
MIGHTY
HAMMER!

UGH! THOSE
CORNBALL
SPEECHES
WILL KILL
ME...

...FASTER THAN
ANYTHING YOU CAN
THROW AT ME!

WE SHALL SEE
ABOUT THAT,
AMAZON!

A WALL OF
FIRE--?!

THE AMAZON PRINCESS IS MOMENTARILY
TRAPPED BEHIND THE CURTAIN OF FLAME--
LONG ENOUGH FOR HEPHAESTUS TO GAIN HIS
GOLDEN CHARIOT...

...AND MAKE GOOD HIS ESCAPE!



INSTANTLY, WONDER WOMAN USES HER AMAZING LASSO TO TURN HERSELF INTO A HUMAN TOP, WHIRLING TO CREATE A VACUUM IN THE SPACE IMMEDIATELY AROUND HER...



...AND THE SUDDEN SUCTION EXTINGUISHES THE FIRE!

LATER--AFTER WONDER WOMAN HAS RESTORED EMOTIONS TO THE CAST AND CREW--AMID A PREVAILING NOTE OF NEAR-HYSTERIA...

HERE, MS. GABRIEL-- LET ME HELP YOU...

...AFTER WHAT YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH, YOU'RE PROBABLY DRAINED!

FREAKIN'-A, SISTER!

AND WHO ARE YOU?

THE NAME IS PRINCE-- DIANA PRINCE! I'M WITH THE U.N., MS. GABRIEL--

CALL ME JULIE! GLAD TO MEETCHA, HONEY--AND THANKS!

WHY DON'T YOU COME ON IN AND HAVE A DRINK?

UH...I...UH... WELL...

MEANWHILE...

THAT GABRIEL WENCH--SHE IS INCREDIBLE!

NEVER HAVE I SEEN ONE HUMAN AS CAPABLE OF AROUSING STRONG FEELINGS IN OTHERS AS SHE!

NOW THAT I'VE DISCOVERED HER, I'VE DEDUCED WHAT I'VE BEEN DOING WRONG... AND NOTHING CAN STOP ME!

HEPHAESTUS WON'T GIVE UP UNTIL HE'S DONE WHAT HE'S COME FOR--STARTED A WAR...

...TO GIVE ARES A CHANCE TO PLAY WITH A NEW TOY!

I MUST STOP THEM--FOR WHAT THEY DON'T REALIZE IS: THE LITTLE WAR THEY WANT WILL TURN OUT TO BE WORLD WAR III!

* HOW DOES DIANA KNOW THIS?

* WHAT IS HEPHAESTUS' MASTER PLAN?

* AND HOW DOES JULIE GABRIEL FIT INTO ALL THIS?

DON'T MISS NEXT ISSUE'S...

"MY WORLD... IN ASHES!"

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN SEPTEMBER



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Dear Bob,

"Wonder Woman vs. the United States" was beautifully balanced, staggering both the political and social aspects of **Wonder Woman** with the mythical and adventurous aspects. And even more important than that, Marty Pasko showed that each of these relied on the others. Too long has **Wonder Woman** been three or four different heroines in one, with no real connection between them. The Schwartz tenure on the book changed that and with #244, **Wonder Woman's** act is finally together.

Pasko's level-headed, diplomatically brilliant **WW** (as opposed to the emotionally unstable wethead of yesteryear) was a delight. The first part of the issue is my favorite **Wonder Woman** segment of all time ... at last, some political awareness! By placing herself in custody as a statement to the world of Amazon innocence, she displayed an understanding of politics and public relations far shrewder than she's ever shown before.

Oh, and I loved Lois Lane's cameo, by the way. Continuity is one policy I'm delighted to see DC adopting.

On to other things, specifically, Panthea. Another mad Amazon, but this time some Amazon lore concerning the bracelets was thrown in for explanation and the Panthea-**Wonder Woman** battle turned out to be excellent. As usual, Pasko took a tired **WW** cliché and reworked it into something great.

The last page ... **THIS** is Steve Trevor?! Steve was one of the most irritating, annoying, nerve-grating characters in DC's history, but death and the knowledge he gained while in that state must have changed him. He is a gentle, devoted, maybe overly-amorous companion for Di and gee, it's good to see Diana finally happy.

BOB RODI, Oak Brook, Ill.

(It's also good to see our readers happy, Bob! Everybody who wrote liked **WW** #224, as shown by the sampling of letters which follows.—BR)

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Dear Editor:

Never have I seen a character's personality and adventures rise to such heights in just two issues. Since Steve Trevor was brought back, **Wonder Woman** has become an equal to the most successful of the male **Justice League** heroes. Her personality has changed and Diana Prince is a very real person, showing real love for someone, without **Wonder Woman's** magazine turning into a soap opera.

WONDER WOMAN # 224 was excellent in every aspect. Martin Pasko has again proved that

he can spin a yarn in the best of style. But the thing I love most about your magazine is the artwork. Curt Swan draws the Amazon princess beautifully and yet allows her the strength of Hercules. That splash page with its "Wonder Woman vs. the United States" banner kept me stunned throughout the issue.

RANDY MYERS, Powhatan, Va.

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Dear Julie and Bob,

The more I see of Swan and Colletta together, the better I like their art. Their work on **WONDER WOMAN** #244 was great! Layouts were fantastic, poses were perfect and the art was very realistic and a pleasure to view.

Marty Pasko has again turned in a great script. I very much liked the opening with Lois Lane and was glad to see that Paradise Island is definitely in the Bermuda Triangle. (An adaptation from the TV show, no doubt!)

I was very happy to see Steve Trevor is not dead. I trust that his new identity will be used effectively and coordinated to work with **Wonder Woman's** U.N. activities.

The missing bracelets completely escaped my sight till the one shattered in Diana's fight. The revelation of Panthea's experiments was superb and the explanation of the invisibility force-field was also good. And I liked **Wonder Woman's** use of her tiara as a boomerang.

In the future, I'd like to see **WW** appear more in **JUSTICE LEAGUE** and how about a team-up with Batman in **BRAVE & BOLD**?

SCOTT R. TAYLOR, Portland, Tex.

(Our Amazing Amazon will be seeing more action with the JLA and is scheduled to co-star with Batman in **BRAVE & BOLD** #131. Currently, **Wonder Woman** regularly appears in **FOUR STAR SPECTACULAR** and has a guest spot in **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** #5, both of which are on sale in August! And by the way, Marty decided to put Paradise Island in the Bermuda Triangle even before we heard the TV people were doing it!—BR)

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Dear Editor,

WONDER WOMAN #224 was a good story. That special appearance by Lois Lane was a great idea and I'm glad that neither she nor Steve Trevor took up the majority of the story.

But who was that guy on the last page who kinda looked like Gerald Ford?

DEREK JORDAN, Columbus, O.

(That "guy" was the President of the United States ... who kinda looks like Gerald Ford!—Bob Rozakis)