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THERE SHE IS, MY
SISTERS! THE ONE
WHO MURDERED US
ALL!

DESTROY
DONNA
TROY!!

BY JOHN BYRNE

REFUGEE

I AM DIANA, AND IN MY SHORT LIFE I HAVE PLAYED MANY PARTS. PRINCESS OF THEMYSCIRA, WARRIOR OF THE AMAZON RACE, AMBASSADOR...

...AND TO SOME, THE SUPERHERO KNOWN AS WONDER WOMAN.

BUT IT IS FROM NONE OF THESE ROLES THAT I ADDRESS YOU THIS DAY.

THE TALE I TELL REQUIRES THE ASPECT OF MY MOST RECENT CALLING... THAT OF THE GODDESS OF TRUTH.

"AND THE TRUTH I TELL BEGINS IN THE SUMMER OF MY TWELFTH YEAR..."

"...WHEN I ASKED A FAVOR OF THE SORCERESS MAGALA..."

I... I SEE MYSELF CLEARLY IN THE GLASS, MAGALA...

...BUT WHY CAN I NOT SEE YOU?..?

OR THE REST OF THE ROOM?*

*THE SPEECH OF YOUNG DIANA AND THE REST OF THE AMAZONS OF THEMYSCIRA IS TRANSLATED FROM ANCIENT GREEK! - P.K.

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DEDICATED TO ARCHIE GOODWIN - YOU'LL BE MISSED! SKJ

MY SHAPE IS NOT REFLECTED IN THE MIRROR BECAUSE THE SPELL I HAVE WOVEN DOES NOT AFFECT ME, PRINCESS.

NOW, RECALL WHAT YOU WERE TAUGHT IN YOUR CLASSES ON SCIENCE.

THE MAGIC WE ARE ABOUT TO MAKE DEPENDS ON THE FACT THAT AN IMAGE IS AS FAR BEHIND A MIRROR AS THE REAL OBJECT IS IN FRONT OF IT.

NOW... STEP TO THE SIDE, AS I INSTRUCTED YOU, PRINCESS, AND...

...THE IMAGE FOLLOWS ME!

OUT OF THE MIRROR!

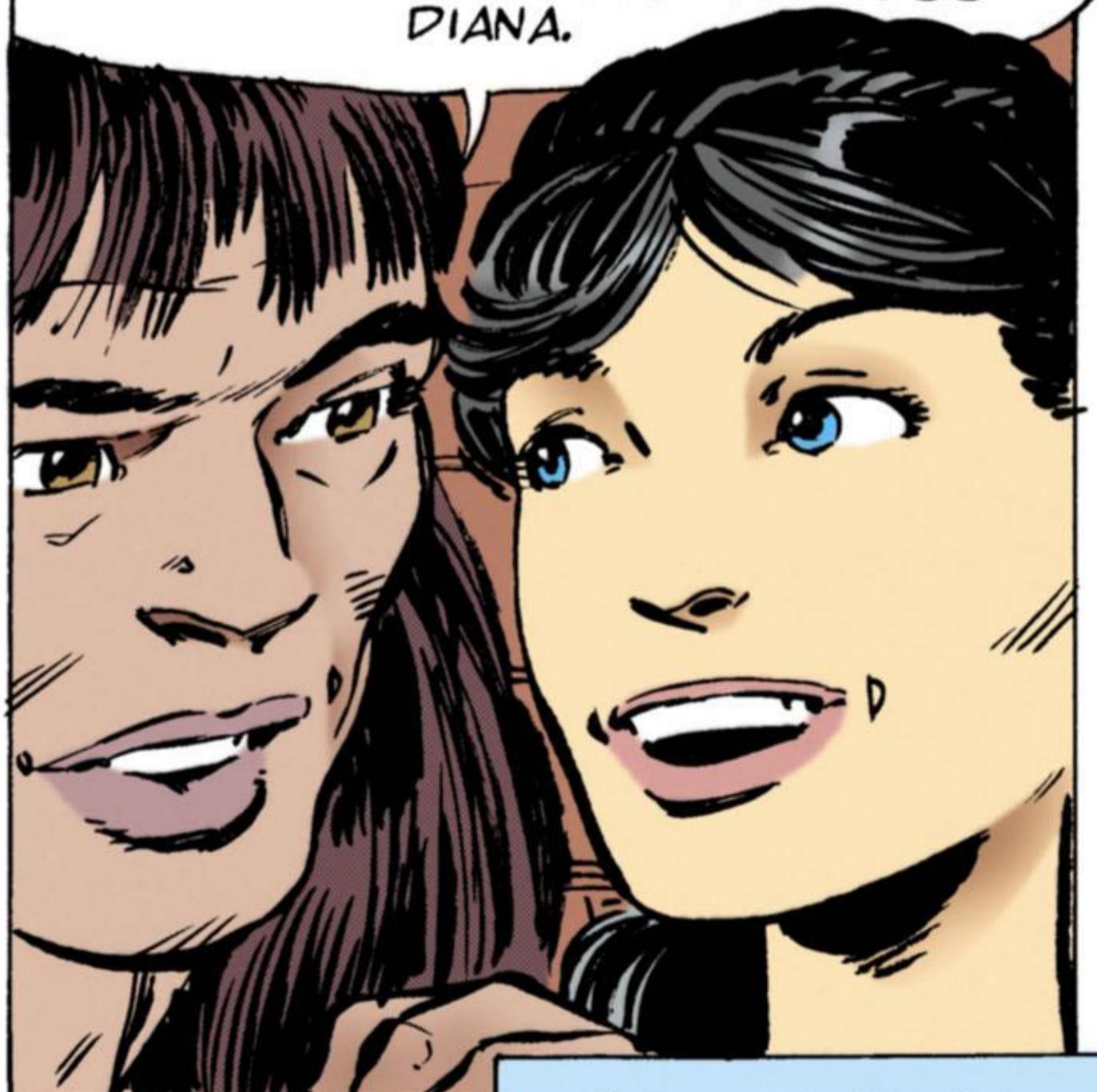


BUT... MAGALA, SHE IS NOT A REVERSED IMAGE, AS SHE WAS IN THE GLASS!

NO... THAT IS THE NATURE OF THE SPELL, PRINCESS. SHE IS NOT A REFLECTION OF YOU... BUT A MOMENT OF YOUR LIFE, NOW SEPARATED AND GIVEN LIFE OF ITS OWN!

I... AM NOT... DIANA ...?

NO... THOUGH YOU POSSESS ALL HER MEMORIES UP TO THE MOMENT OF DIVISION, YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED FROM THE GLASS TO BE A COMPANION AND PLAYMATE FOR THE REAL PRINCESS DIANA.



"AND SO SHE WAS..."

"IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS THAT FOLLOWED, MY LIFE WAS MADE SO MUCH HAPPIER BY HAVING A FRIEND AND CONFIDANTE MY OWN AGE."

"THOUGH I WAS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL MY AMAZON SISTERS..."



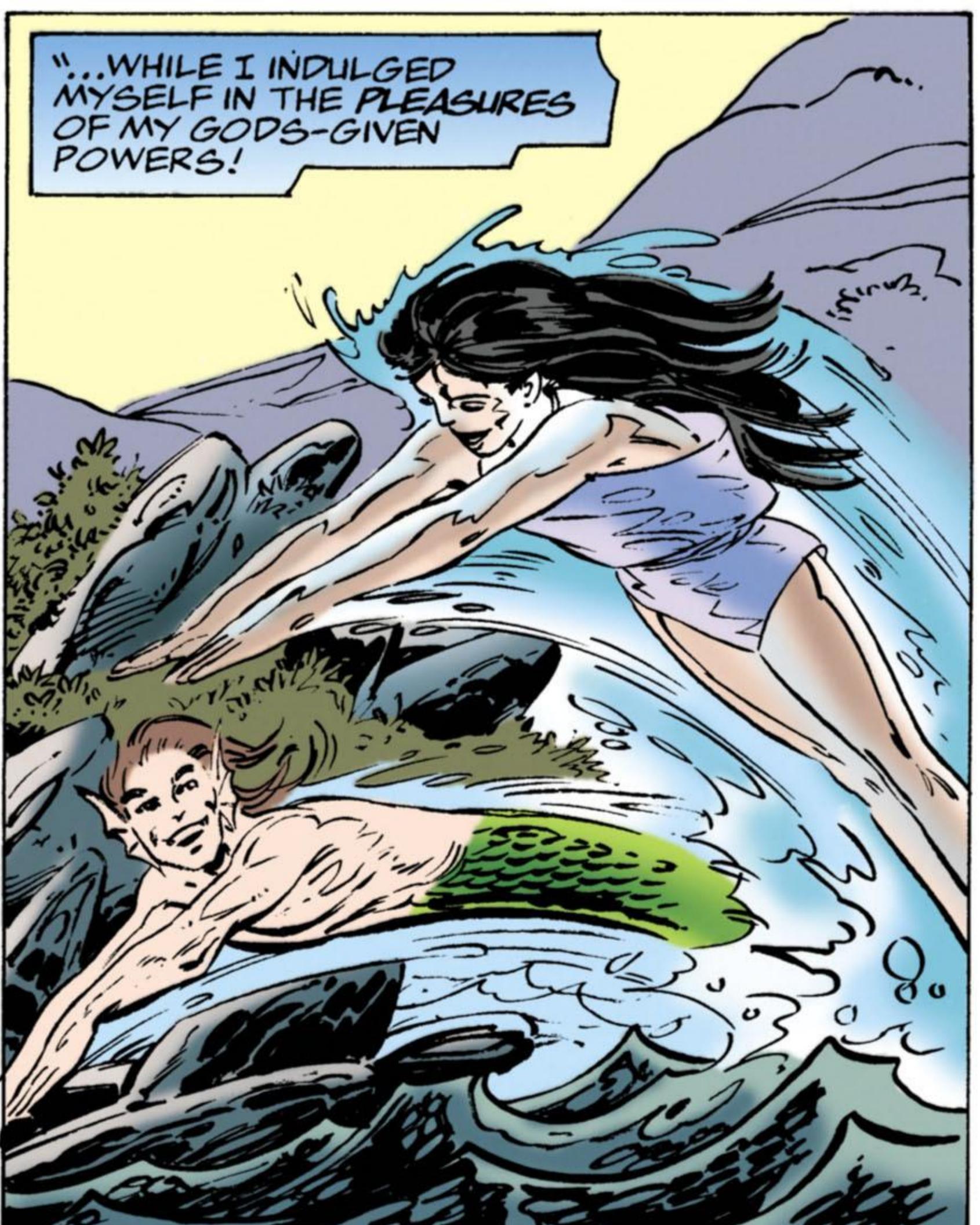
"...IT HAD NOT BEEN EASY BEING THE ONLY CHILD ON AN ISLAND OF IMMORTALS..."



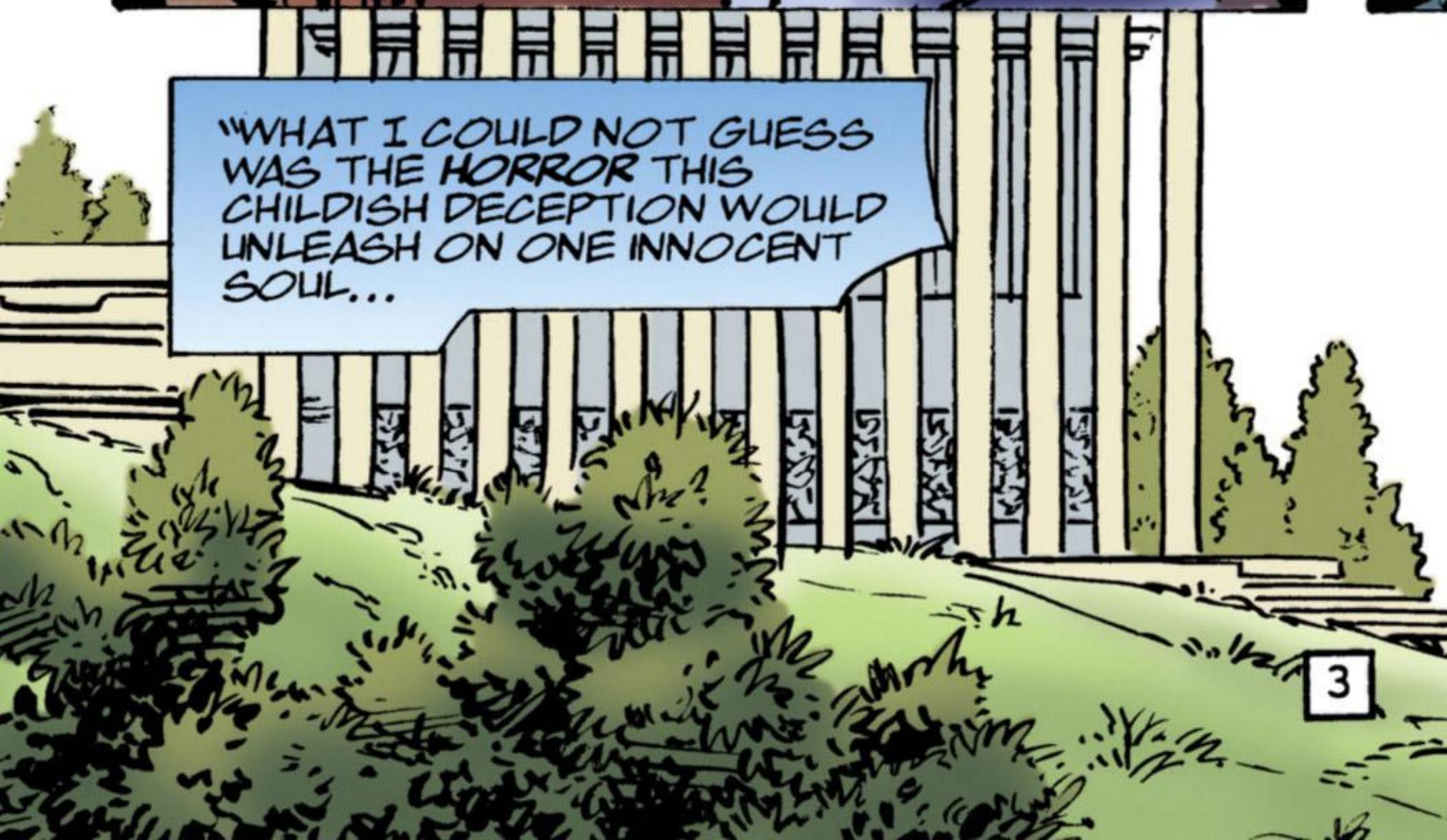
"I EVEN INDULGED MYSELF BY HAVING MY DOUBLE SOMETIMES ATTEND FOR ME THE CLASSES I FOUND MOST BORING..."



"...WHILE I INDULGED MYSELF IN THE PLEASURES OF MY GODS-GIVEN POWERS!"



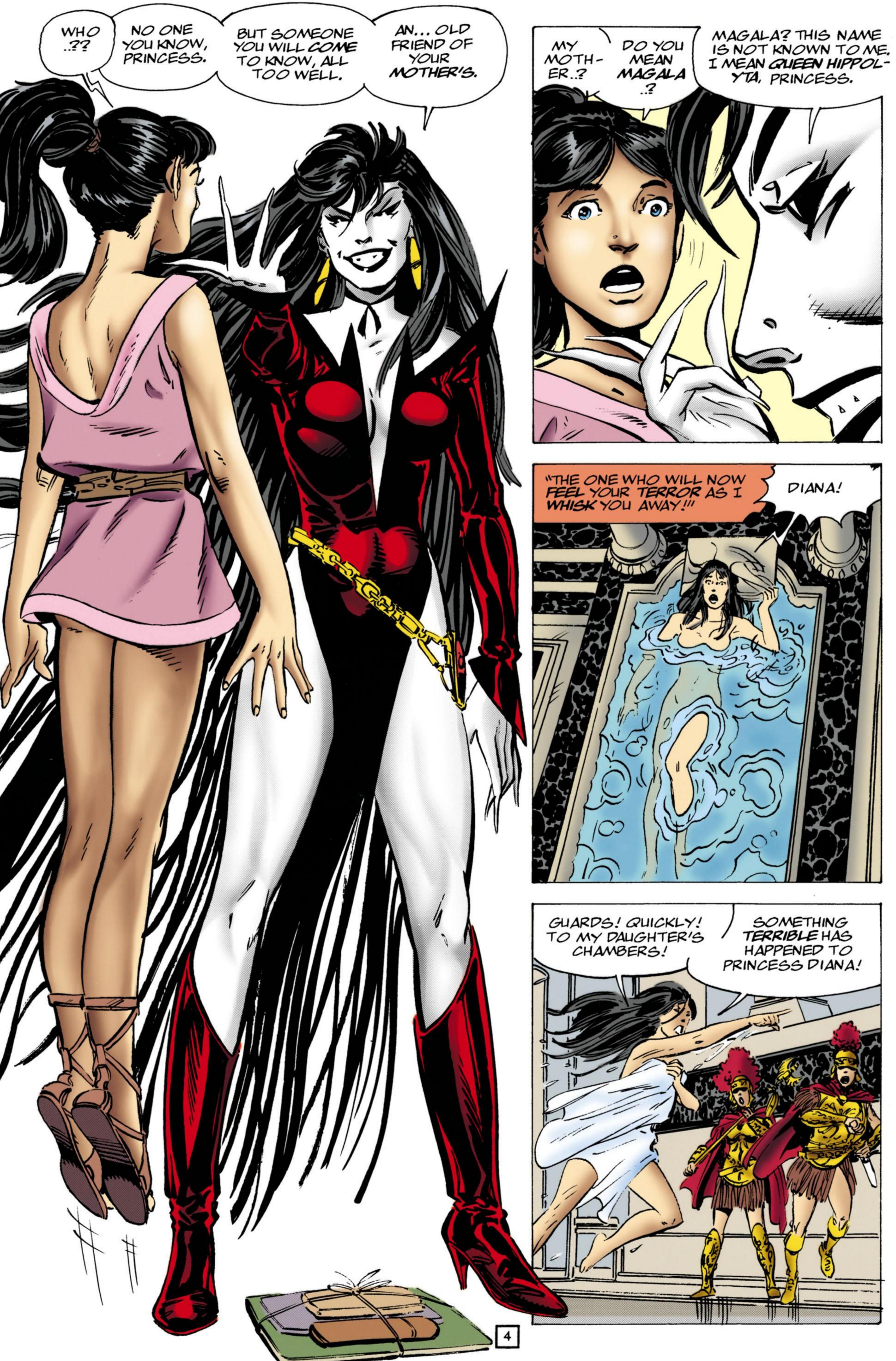
"WHAT I COULD NOT GUESS WAS THE HORROR THIS CHILDISH DECEPTION WOULD UNLEASH ON ONE INNOCENT SOUL..."



"...SIX MONTHS INTO OUR SECRET CHARADE..."

HELLO,
LITTLE
PRINCESS.





IN HERE!
WE MUST...

DIANA..?!?

MOTHER? WHAT'S WRONG?

YOU'RE HERE!
YOU'RE SAFE!
BUT I WAS
SO CERTAIN
I FELT...

MOTHER,
WHAT IS IT?
PLEASE--
YOU'RE
FRIGHTENING
ME!

SEARCH THE PALACE! SEARCH
ALL OF THEMYSIRA!

SOMETHING CREATED IN MY
MIND THE FEELING OF A
TERRIBLE DOOM
OVERTAKING MY DAUGHTER!
FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS!

"BUT THOUGH THEY SEARCHED
EVERY CORNER OF OUR ISLAND
HOME, THE ROYAL GUARDS
FOUND NO REASON FOR CON-
CERN."

ALL
IS PEACEFUL,
MAJESTY.

THERE IS NO
SIGN OF ANY-
THING AMISS
ANYWHERE
ON PARADISE
ISLAND.

PERHAPS
IT WAS... A
PREMONITION.

DIANA, YOU
WILL SLEEP
IN MY BED-
CHAMBER
FOR THE
NEXT FEW
DAYS.

YES,
MOTH-
ER.

"IT WAS ONLY LATER IN
THAT MONTH, WHEN I WAS
ONCE AGAIN ALLOWED TO
VENTURE OUT OF THE
PALACE UNGUARDED...

"...THAT I LEARNED WHAT
SEEMED TO BE THE
REASON FOR MY MOTHER'S
DISTRESS."

YOUR DOUBLE HAS NOT
BEEN HERE FOR ALMOST
TEN DAYS, DIANA.

I SUSPECT THE SPELL
SIMPLY DISSIPATED. I
MENTIONED THAT IT MIGHT
BE UNSTABLE, AFTER ALL.

IT MUST HAVE
BEEN THAT
WHICH MY
MOTHER FELT
AS IF SOME-
THING HAD
HAPPENED TO
ME!

SO... CAN THE SPELL BE RECREATED, MAGALA?

THAT WOULD NOT BE WISE, PRINCESS.



YOUR MOTHER SENSED WHAT SHE DID BECAUSE THE DUPLICATE REALLY WAS YOU, ON SOME LEVELS.

SHE HAD A FRAGMENT OF YOUR SOUL WITHIN HER. AND I DO NOT KNOW IF EVEN AN IMMORTAL SOUL CAN BE THIS DEPLETED MORE THAN ONCE WITHOUT DIRE CONSEQUENCES.

I UNDERSTAND. WHAT A PITY.

SHE WAS THE BEST FRIEND I HAVE EVER HAD. I WISH THE SPELL HAD BEEN STRONG ENOUGH TO LAST.



AND SO I RETURNED TO MY DAY-TO-DAY LIFE.

IN TIME, HAVING NO CLUE THAT ANYTHING WORSE THAN WHAT MAGALA GUESSED HAD HAPPENED TO HER, MY MAGICAL PLAYMATE WAS ALL BUT FORGOTTEN...

"...UNTIL TODAY...!"

SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, DARK ANGEL IS EVEN NOW MOVING TO HURL THE UNSUSPECTING DONNA TROY DOWN ANOTHER SAD LIFE PATH.

ALL BECAUSE SHE BELIEVES FOR SOME REASON THAT DONNA IS MY DAUGHTER!



BUT... I DON'T UNDERSTAND,
POLLY.
I KNOW DARK ANGEL IS
SOMEONE YOU AND JAY
BATTLED BACK WHEN YOU
WERE BOTH MEMBERS OF
THE JUSTICE SOCIETY
DURING THE FORTIES...

...BUT HOW DID SHE MIX UP
THIS DONNA TROY GIRL
WITH YOUR REAL
DAUGHTER..?

AND WHY CAN NO
ONE BUT YOU AND I
EVEN REMEMBER
DONNA? AT LEAST...
THE DONNA WE KNEW!

DARK ANGEL KNEW
MY TRUE NAME,
AND THE NAME OF
MY ISLAND
HOME...*



*LAST ISSUE - PAUL

THE GATEWAY CITY APARTMENT
OF HELENA AND CASSANDRA
SANDSMARK, THEMSELVES
PRESENTLY OCCUPIED WITH AN
ADVENTURE OF THEIR OWN.

OUR CAST, JOAN AND JAY GARRICK, HE
BEING THE SO-CALLED "GOLDEN AGE"
FLASH, WALLY WEST, THE CURRENT
INHERITOR OF THAT TITLE, AND HIPPOLYTA,
NOW ACTING IN HER DAUGHTER'S BEHALF
AS WONDER WOMAN!

"...THE BEGINNING OF OUR
ANSWER MUST LIE THERE!"

SO THIS IS PARADISE
ISLAND!

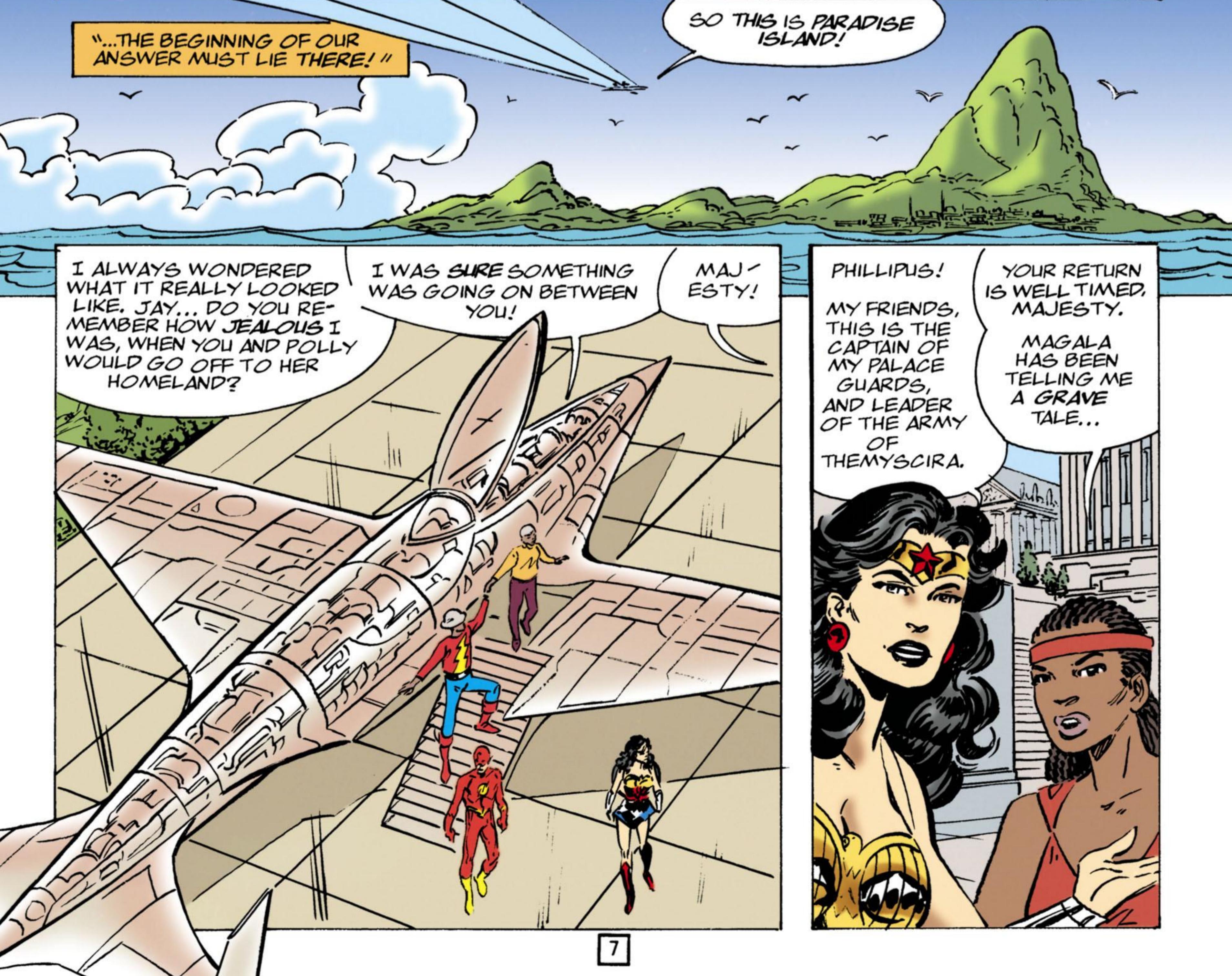
I ALWAYS WONDERED
WHAT IT REALLY LOOKED
LIKE. JAY... DO YOU RE-
MEMBER HOW JEALOUS I
WAS, WHEN YOU AND POLLY
WOULD GO OFF TO HER
HOMELAND?

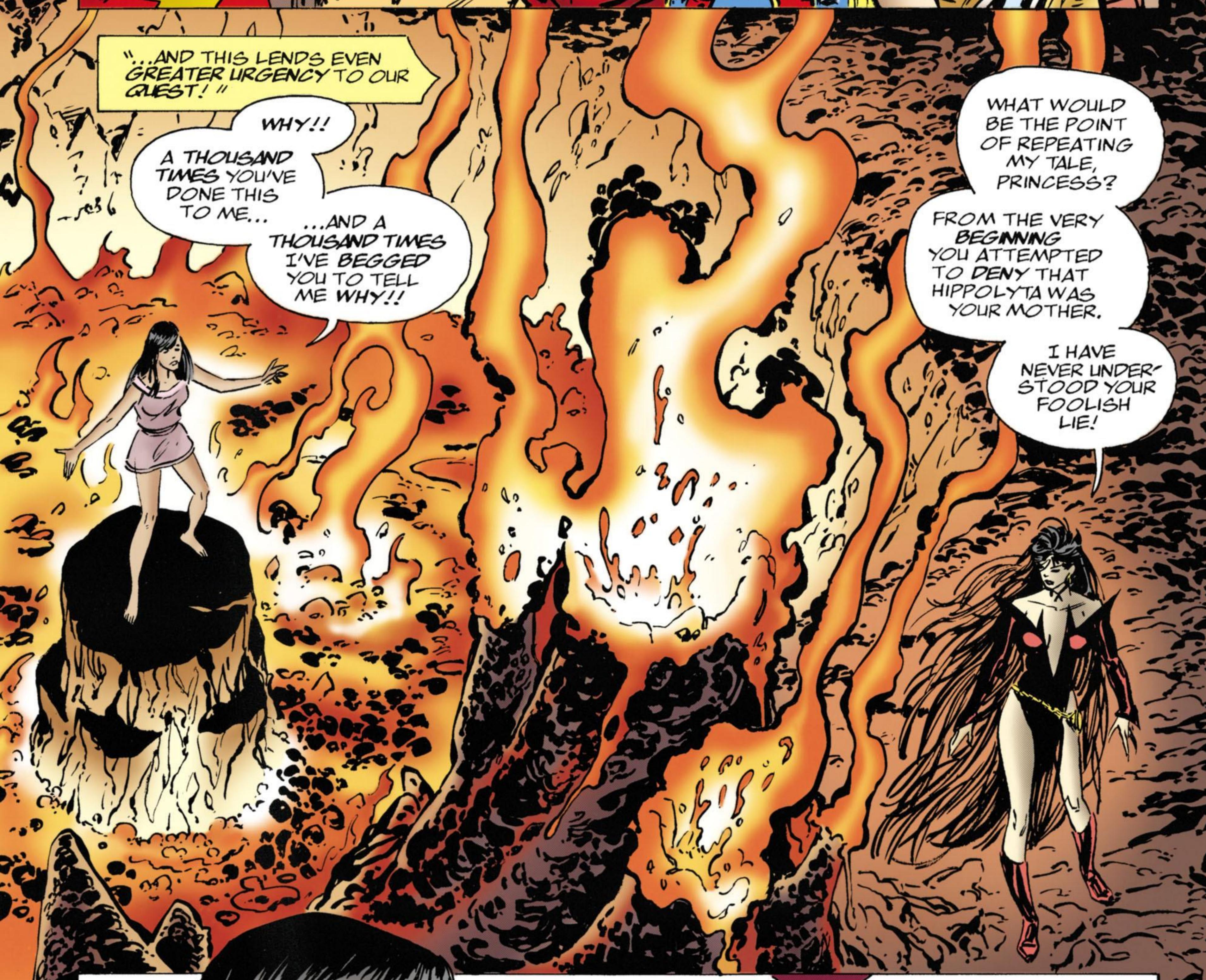
I WAS SURE SOMETHING
WAS GOING ON BETWEEN
YOU!

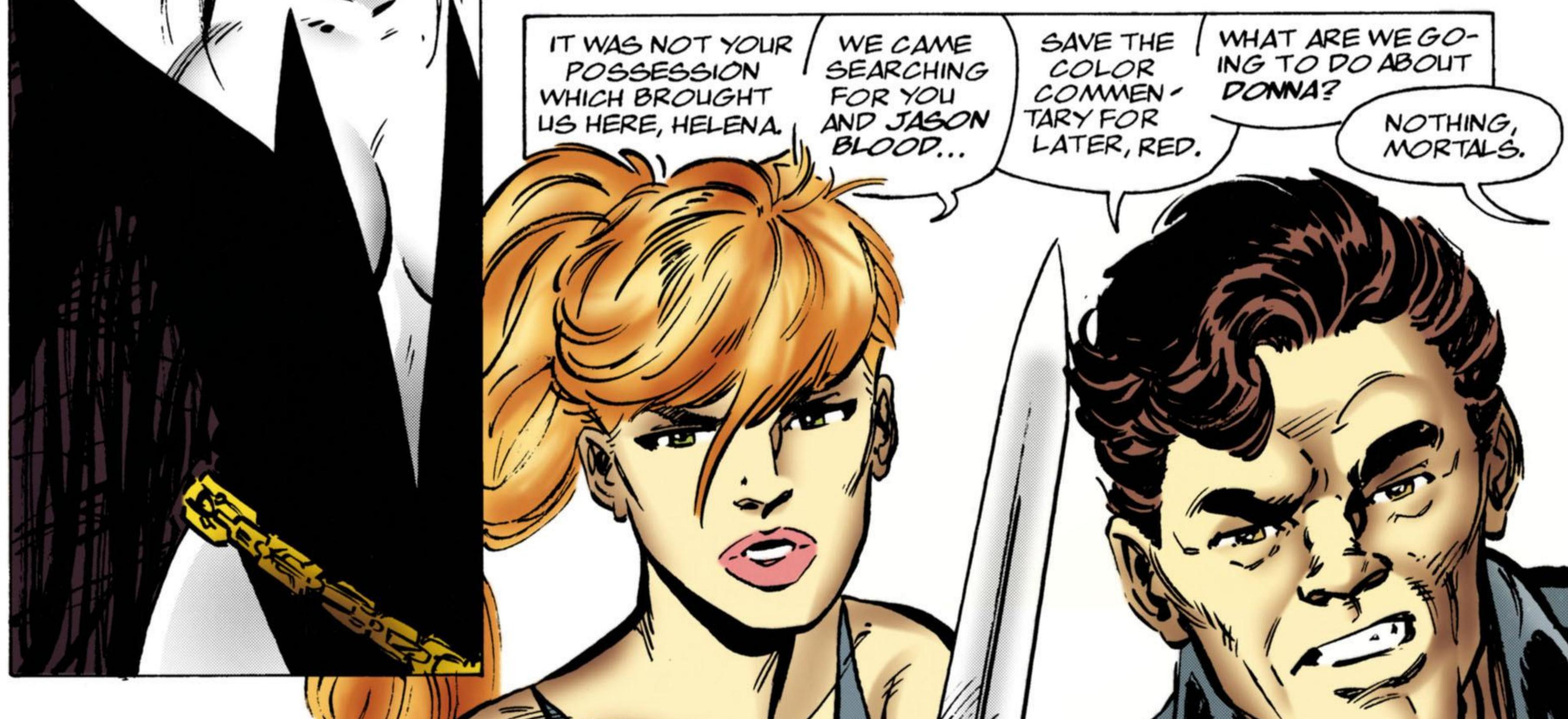
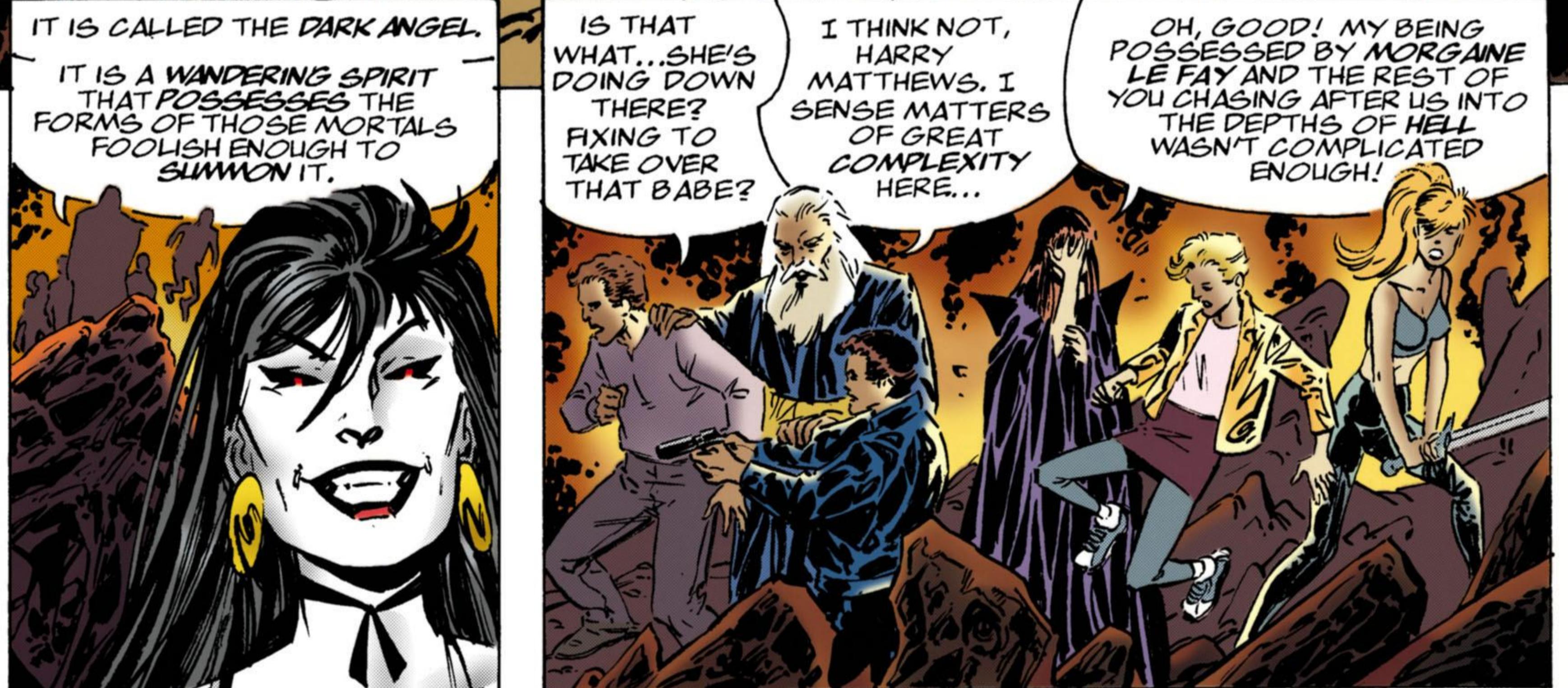
MAJ-
ESTY!

PHILLIPUS!
MY FRIENDS,
THIS IS THE
CAPTAIN OF
MY PALACE
GUARDS,
AND LEADER
OF THE ARMY
OF THEMYSCIRA.

YOUR RETURN
IS WELL TIMED,
MAJESTY.
MAGALA
HAS BEEN
TELLING ME
A GRAVE
TALE...







THERE IS
NOTHING
LEFT FOR
YOU TO
DO BUT
DIE!

YOU ARE
EVER THE
FOOL,
LE FAY!

DOES NOT
THE FACT THAT
YOU HAVE
ENSNARED
MY FUTURE
SELF PROVE
YOU
CANNOT
KILL ME
NOW?

COME ALONG, YOUNG LADY!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS
MADNESS!

WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!

MOM! NO!
WHEN YOU GRAB ME, I
LOSE ALL THE POWERS
ZEUS GAVE ME!!

WHAT A
PITY,
LITTLE
PRETTY

ETRIGAN
!

BID YOU WELCOME DO I,
MORTALS, TO THE PLACE
WHERE YOU WILL DIE.

HELLFIRE ALL ETERNAL'S
WAITING, FLESH TO BAKE
AND BONES TO FRY!

OH, MAN! HIS
RHYMING JUST
GETS WORSE
AND WORSE!

PLEASE... ETRIGAN...
MORGANE LE FAY
HAS WORKED SOME
KIND OF SPELL TO
SPLIT YOU...

...BUT THERE MUST STILL BE
SOME SHRED OF JASON
BLOOD LEFT. MERLIN
CREATED JASON OUT OF
YOU.

JASON
COULDN'T BE
THE MAN HE
IS, UNLESS
SOME OF THAT
WAS ALREADY PART
OF YOU!

WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS!?



WONDER WOMAN!

THE TIME HAS COME TO
END OUR ANCIENT ENMITY
ONCE AND FOR ALL, DARK
ANGEL.

I KNOW NOT WHAT POWER
BROUGHT US TO THIS
PLACE, BUT IT WILL BE THE
BATTLEFIELD ON WHICH
YOUR LAST BLOOD IS SHED!

WHAT
? ! ?

DO NOT BE QUITE SO SWIFT
TO CLAIM VICTORY,
WONDER WOMAN.

ONLY MYSTIC POWERS
CAN AFFECT ME IN THIS
PLACE!

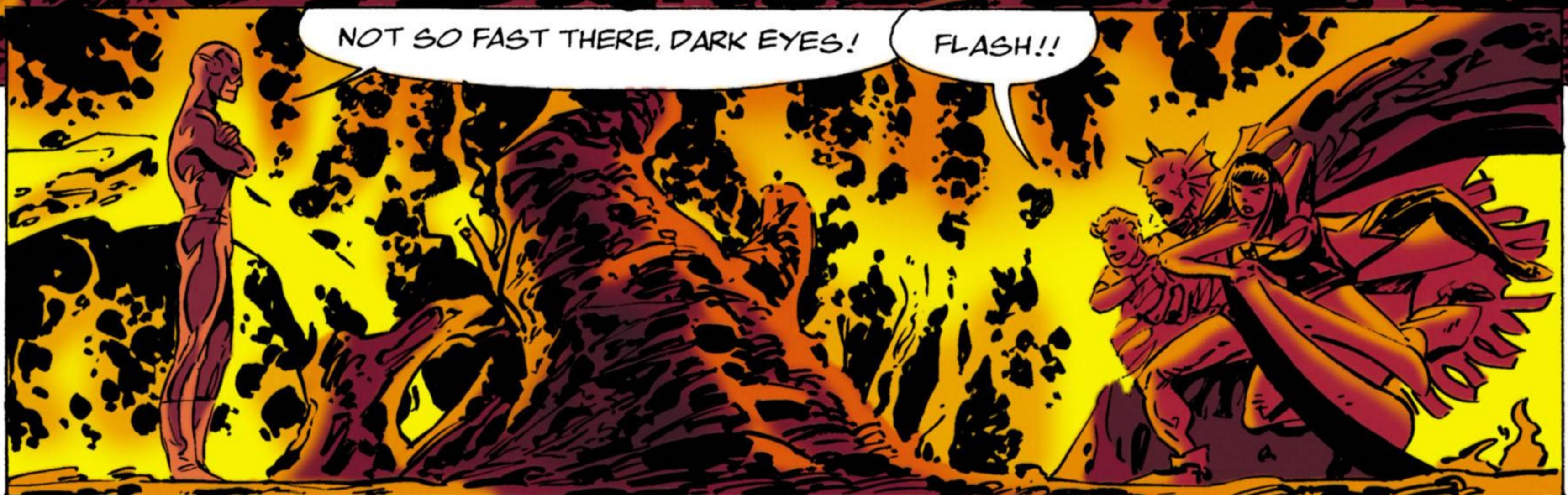
PRATTLE, BATTLE, WASTE
YOUR TIME!

NOW THE PRIZES WON ARE MINE!



NOT SO FAST THERE, DARK EYES!

FLASH!!



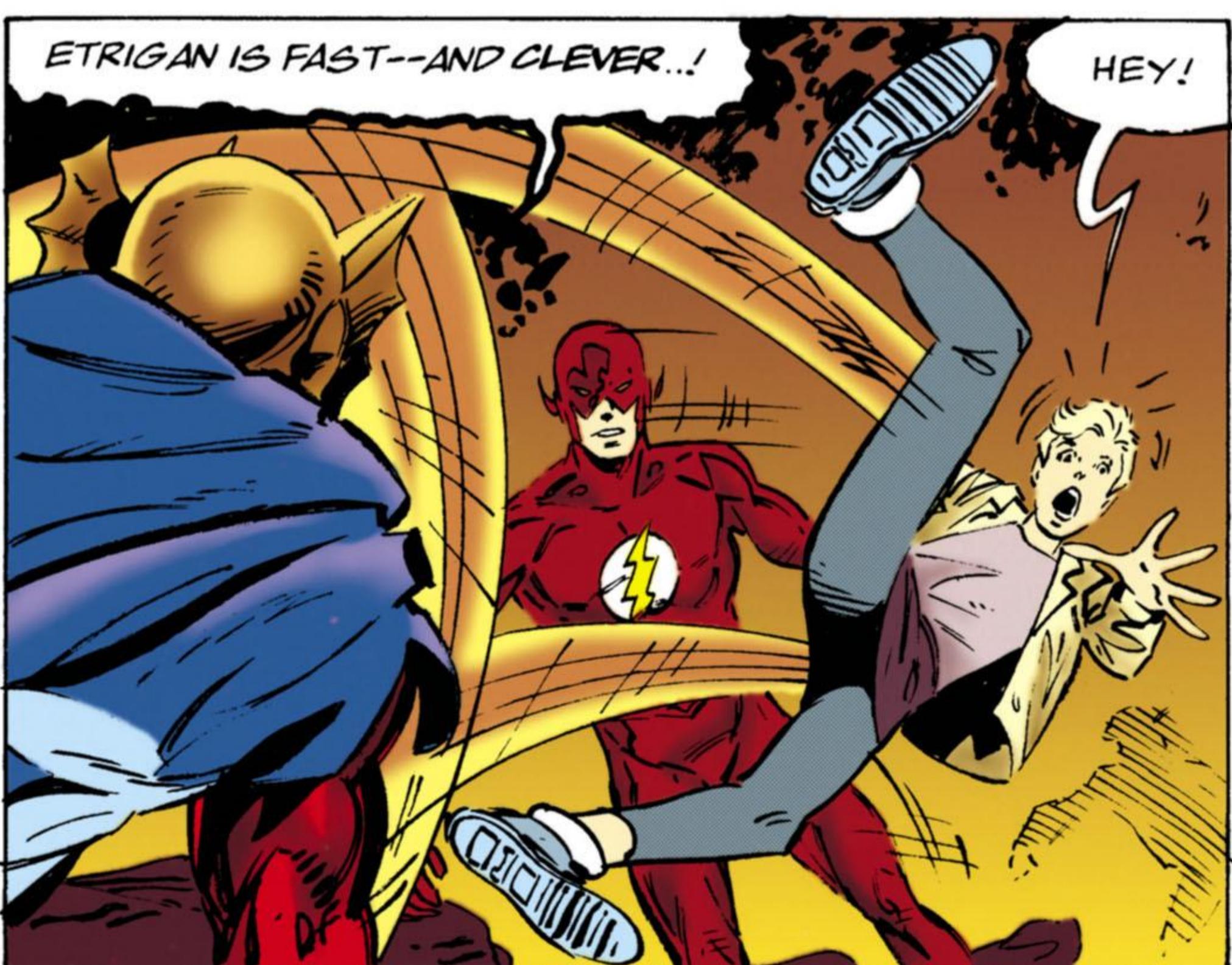
YOU'RE NOT GOING
ANYWHERE WITH THOSE
LADIES!

FLEET YOU ARE, BUT
MORTAL EVER!



ETRIGAN IS FAST--AND CLEVER...

HEY!



NOT TO WORRY,
CASSIE!

I'VE GOT YOU!

NOW LET'S —
GET YOUR MOM
AWAY FROM THAT
DEMON FELLA...



"...AND THEN SEE IF WE CAN FIND THE OTHERS!"

WE'RE PINNED DOWN GOOD HERE, RED!

"OUR" MERLIN SEEMS ABLE TO HOLD OFF THE BADGUYS-BUT THAT'S ALL!

WE NEED A DIFFERENT PLAN OF ATTACK, MICHAEL.

WE MUST UTILIZE THE RESOURCES AT HAND TO BATTLE THESE CREATURES.

RED! WHERE ARE YOU GOING...???

IN SEARCH OF A WAY TO KILL A WITCH, MY FRIEND.

AND IF I CANNOT GO FORWARD, I WILL GO INSTEAD WHATEVER WAY THIS EVER-SHIFTING LANDSCAPE ALLOWS!

"WHAT ARE YOU DOING, DIANA...?"

OLYMPUS, LEGENDARY HOME OF THE GODS OF ANCIENT GREECE...

...AND PRESENTLY TWO MEMBERS OF OUR CAST...

HAROLD CAMPION, I DID NOT SENSE YOUR APPROACH.

YOU WOULDN'T. AS A HUMAN IN OLYMPUS, I DON'T MAKE MUCH OF AN IMPRESSION.

BUT WHAT'S GOING ON IN THAT POOL?

THROUGH THESE REFLECTIVE WATERS THE GODS CAN MONITOR THINGS WHICH HAPPEN ON PLANES BEYOND OLYMPUS.

THIS PLANE, FOR INSTANCE, WHICH MORTALS OF EARTH CALL HELL.

FRIENDS OF MINE ARE EVEN NOW ENGAGED IN GREAT CONFLICT THERE.

BUT, I THOUGHT THE GODS HAD FORBIDDEN YOU TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR FRIENDS ON EARTH..?

THEY DID, INDEED, CAMPION.
BUT WHAT I DO IS NOT... COMMUNICA-TION...

IN... HELL...



"...RATHER, IT IS INSPIRATION..."

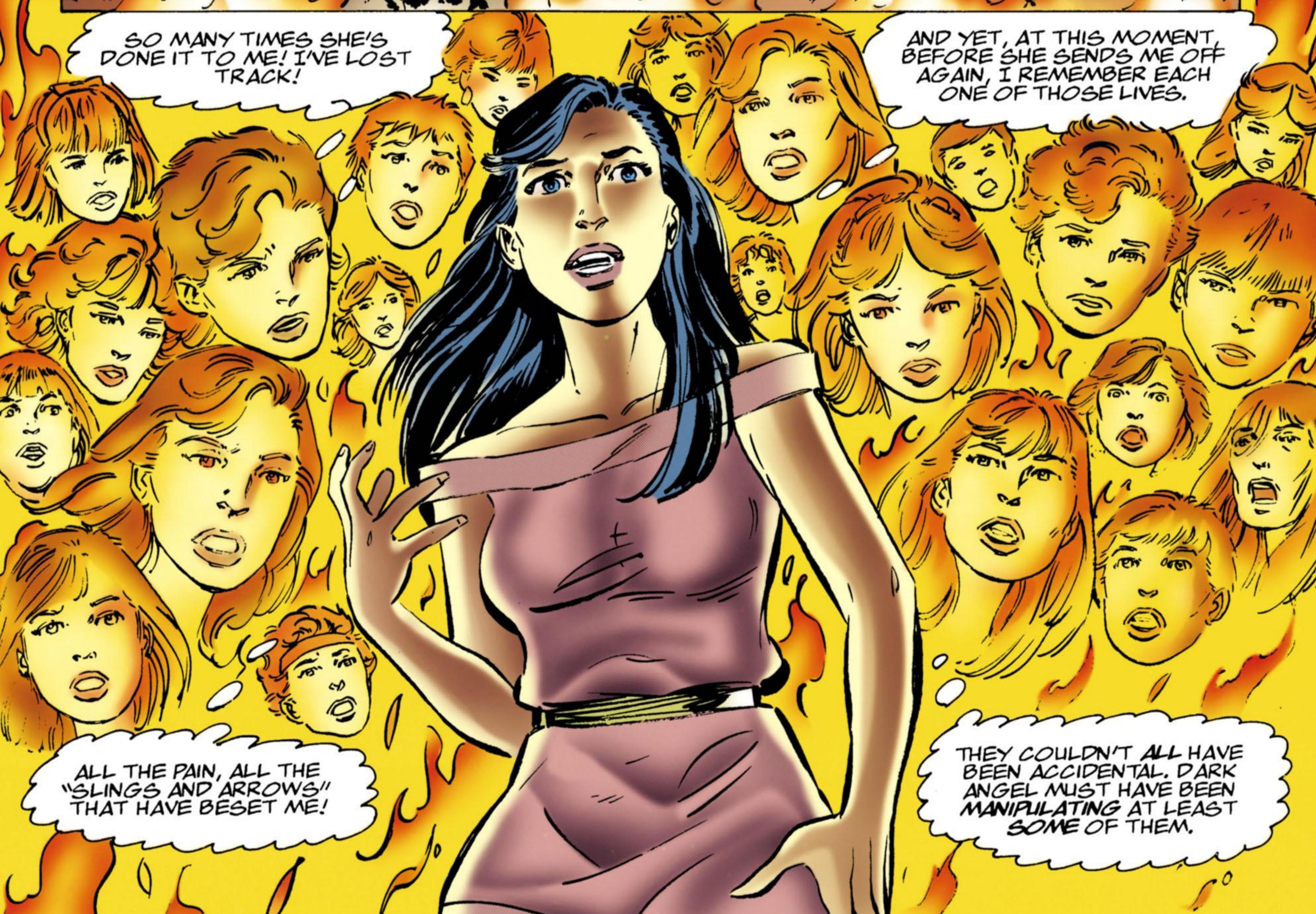
WHERE DID DARK ANGEL GO? SHE JUST... VANISHED ALL OF A SUDDEN.

BUT... AT LEAST SHE DIDN'T SEND ME OFF DOWN ANOTHER NEW LIFE PATH!



SO MANY TIMES SHE'S DONE IT TO ME! I'VE LOST TRACK!

AND YET, AT THIS MOMENT BEFORE SHE SENDS ME OFF AGAIN, I REMEMBER EACH ONE OF THOSE LIVES.



ALL THE PAIN, ALL THE "SLINGS AND ARROWS" THAT HAVE BESET ME!

THEY COULDN'T ALL HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL. DARK ANGEL MUST HAVE BEEN MANIPULATING AT LEAST SOME OF THEM.



COME DOWN OFF YOUR HIGH HORSE FOR HALF A SECOND, WOULD YOU, RED?

LET ME HELP YOU! ANYTHING YOU HAVE PLANNED CAN ONLY WORK BETTER IF YOU HAVE A BACKUP...

YOU... RISK MUCH, MICHAEL SCHORR! NO MORTAL MAN HAS EVER DARED HOLD ME AS YOU DO NOW!

STILL... I FIND IT... NOT UNPLEASANT...

SO, UNDERSTAND I DO THIS OUT OF RESPECT AND NOT ANGER!

LUGH!

NOW LET ME CONCENTRATE ON THE TASK AT HAND!

MICHAEL MEANS WELL, BUT I KNOW FROM THINGS HE HAS SAID THAT WHAT I PLAN WOULD SERVE ONLY TO... DISTRACT HIM.

AND IN A CRISIS SITUATION, THE MIND MUST BE FOCUSED.

NOW LET US SEE IF I HAVE MADE MY GUESS ARIGHT...

"...OR IF THIS DAUGHTER OF ANTIOPE WILL FIGHT HER LAST FIGHT THIS DAY!!!

DARK ANGEL!
STAND AND
FIGHT ME!

OH, I
THINK NOT,
HIPPOLYTA.

WHY SHOULD I WASTE TIME
AND ENERGY ON SUCH
MEANINGLESS ACTIVITIES?

YOU
CANNOT
HURT
ME.

NO...BUT
I THINK
I CAN!

PRINCESS! HOW
CLEVER OF YOU
TO ESCAPE YOUR
PRISON.

CLEVERNESS
I WILL HAVE
TO PUNISH...

NOT THIS TIME, DARK
ANGEL. I UNDERSTAND
SOMETHING, NOW.

I DON'T KNOW
HOW OR WHY I
UNDERSTAND...

...BUT I KNOW I
CAN HURT YOU...

AI-EEEE!!! THE PAIN!

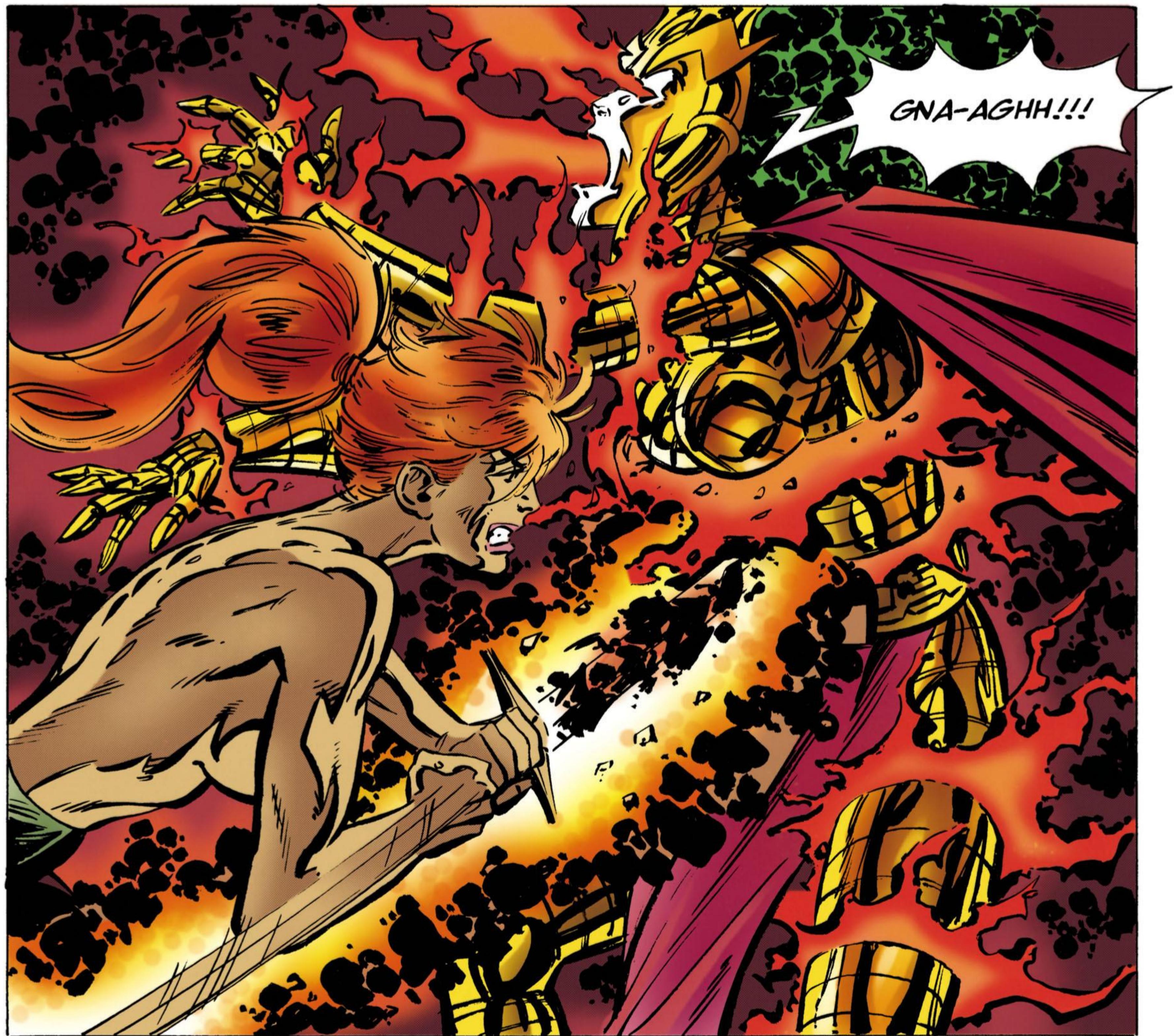
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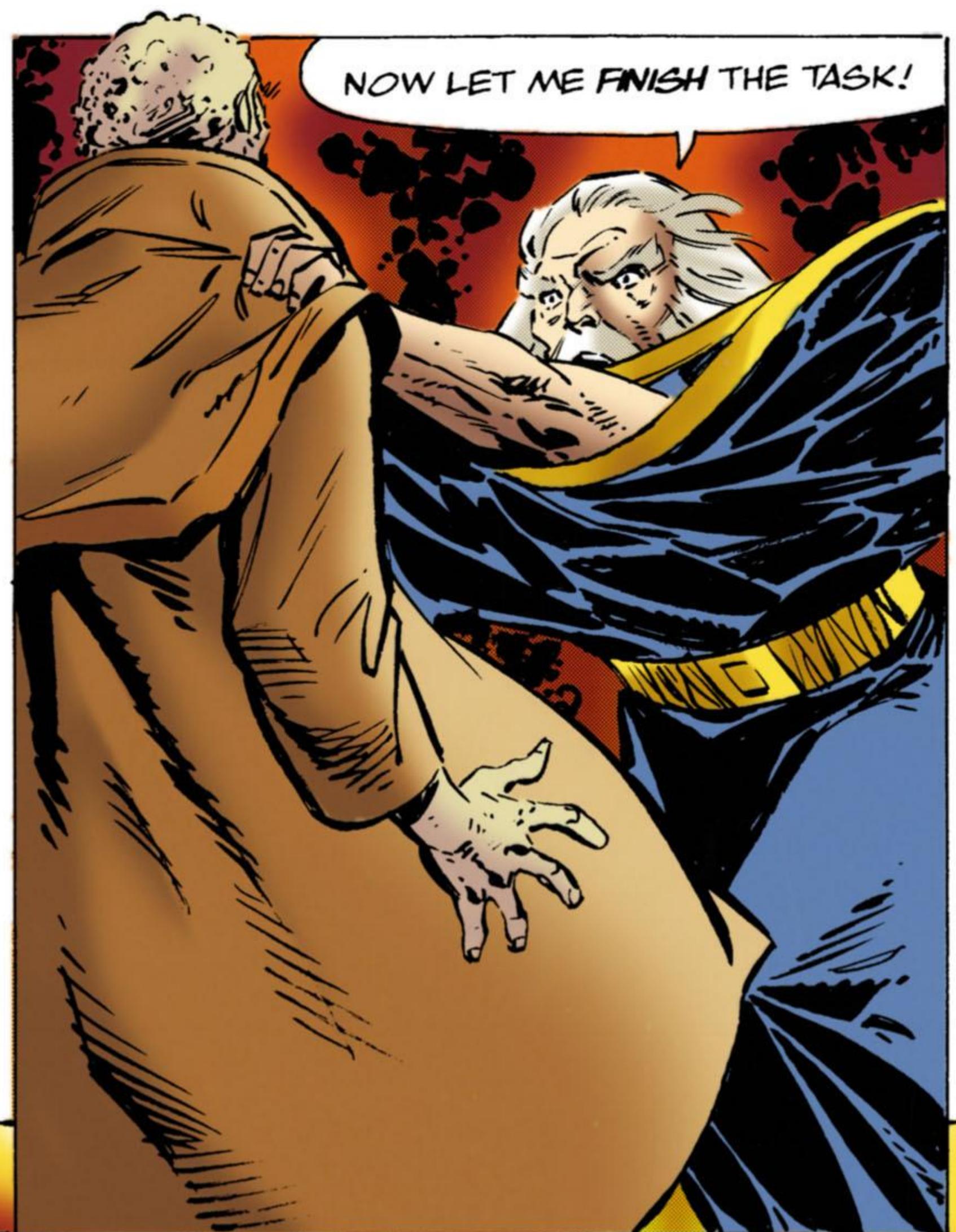
I'M NOT SURE, DARK
ANGEL...

...BUT I THINK...
I'M KILLING
YOU...!

NO!!
NO!!

NOT WITHOUT
MY FINAL
VENGEANCE...!!!







DONNA! WHAT...

DONNA TROY DESTROYED THE DARK ANGEL--BUT NOT BEFORE A FINAL HORROR COULD BE UNLEASHED UPON HER.

DARK ANGEL ERASED ALL THAT THERE IS OF DONNA TROY.

ALL THAT REMAINS IS AN EMPTY HUSK!



IT'S IN THIRTY DAYS. BE HERE.

NEXT: THE FINAL FATE OF DONNA TROY, AND A GIFT SUCH AS ONLY THE MOST DEVOTED FRIEND CAN GIVE.

