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MOUNT OLYMPUS.

I SUPPOSE THANKS ARE IN ORDER. YOU LURED THAT IDIOT FIRST BORN AWAY FROM THE THRONE, THUS DELIVERING MY PRIZE. NOW...

HAND OVER THE LAST BORN.

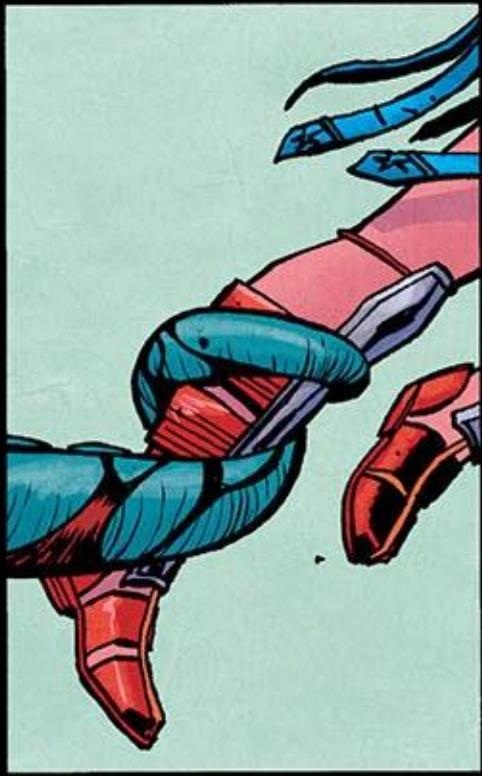
UM...
NO?

DIANA, YOUR SKILLS AS A NEGOTIATOR LEAVE--

THERE WILL BE NO NEGOTIATIONS!



SMASH



OR A
CRYING
INNOCENT.

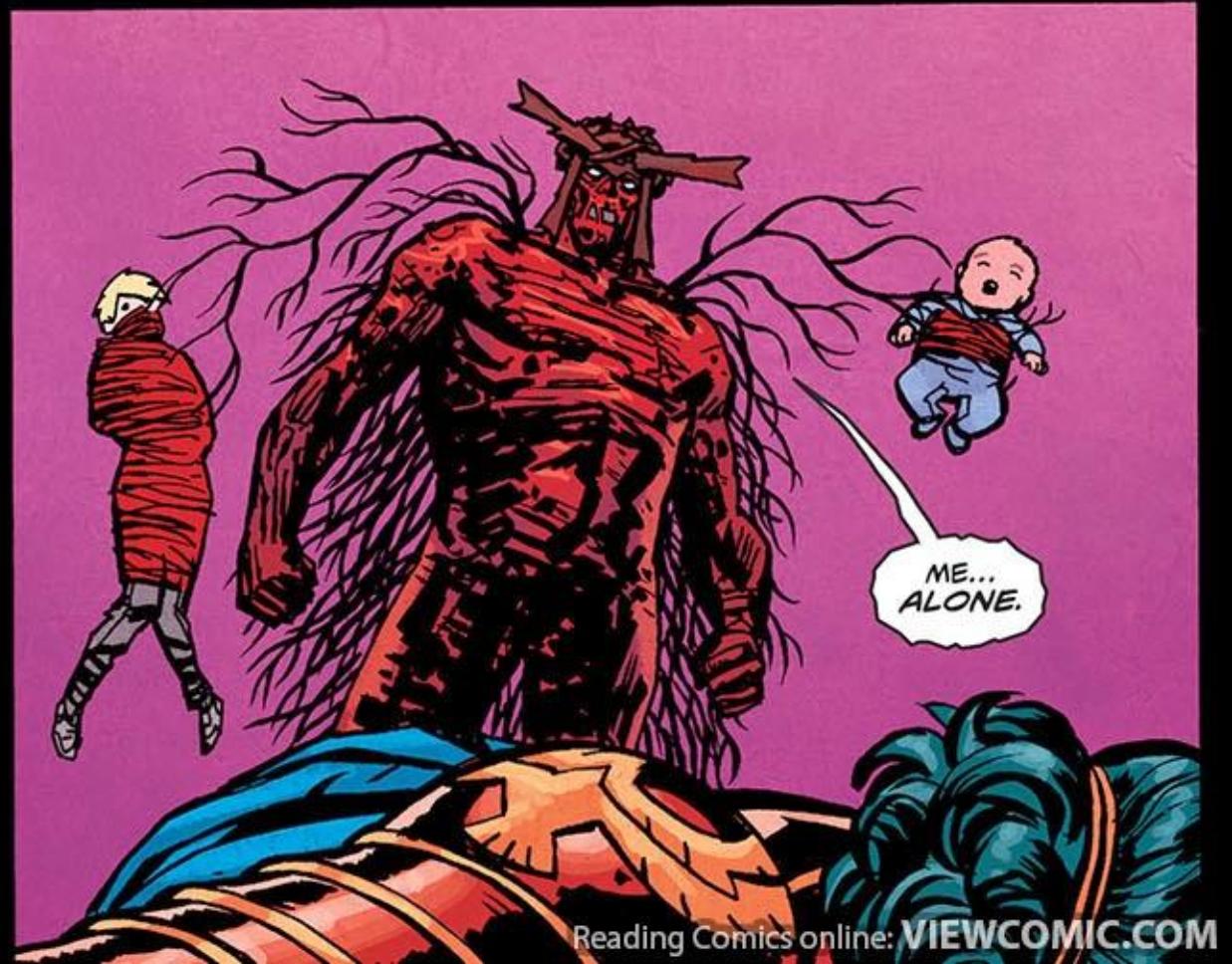












NOW, LITTLE BROTHER, IT'S TIME TO END YOUR... THREAT.

WHAT FATE DO YOU DESERVE? DEATH...

OR SOMETHING MUCH WORSE?

HAH! YES, OF COURSE...

I WILL CAST YOU DOWN, FAR DOWN, INTO A PIT VOID OF LOVE AND HAPPINESS.

LET ME OPEN TO THE STARS, SO THAT ALL MAY WATCH...

AS I FEED YOU TO THE BOWELS OF THE UNIVERSE.

ARE YOU WATCHING, FATHER?! SEE HOW I WILL AVENGE MYSELF UPON YOUR LAST BORN...

SEE WHAT I LEARNED FROM YOU!

WAHHHH

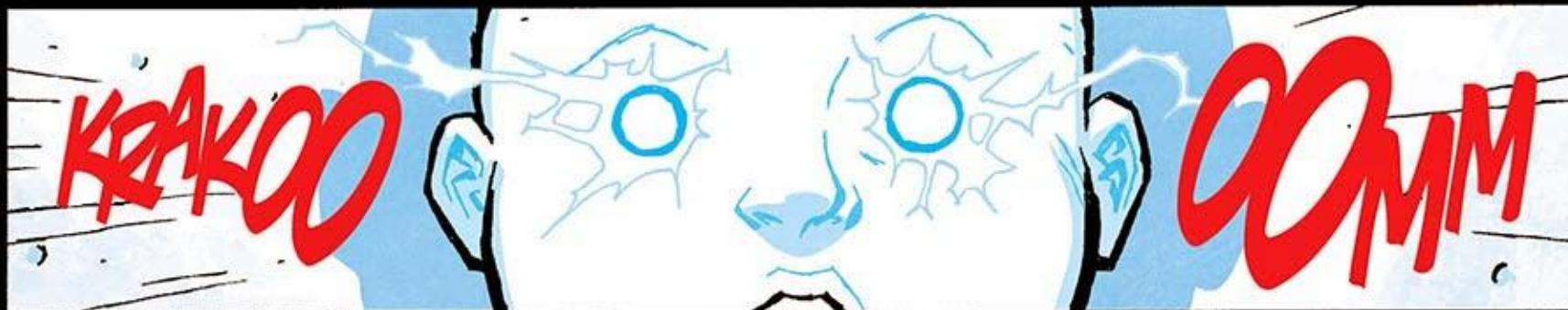














...I DO.

TOUGH LOVE.

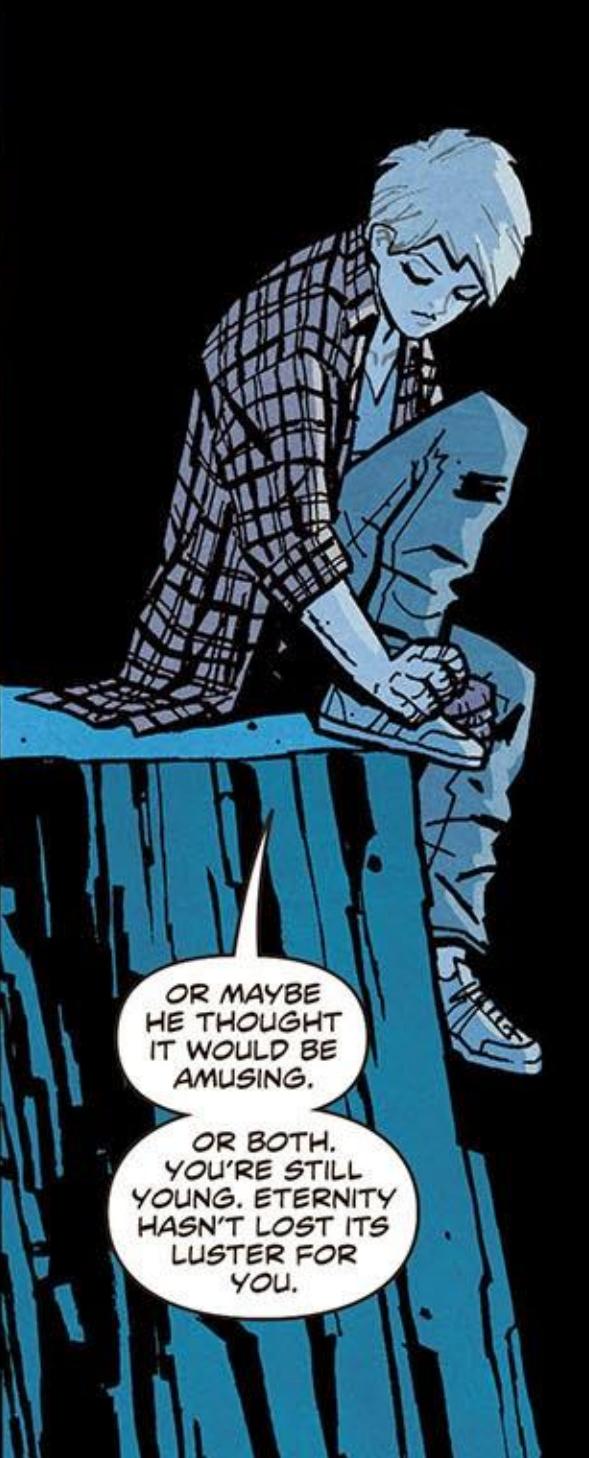
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SUBMISSION
IS FAITH IN THE
STRENGTH OF
OTHERS.

Nooch Boooooo

AND I PRAY,
GIVEN ANOTHER
SEVEN THOUSAND
YEARS, YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND
THAT...

MY
BROTHER.



FATHER KNEW THAT WHEN HE DISAPPEARED, THE FIRST BORN WOULD RETURN.

AND THAT ARES WAS FALTERING.

AND THAT HE WANTED MORE FOR YOU.

NONE SAVE I WAS PRIVY TO HIS FULL PLAN. IT WAS A RISKY GAMBIT, BUT YOU ALL PLAYED YOUR PARTS SPLENDIDLY.

STRIFE WAS TOLD THE SECRET OF YOUR BIRTH, KNOWING FULL WELL THAT HER NATURE WOULD START YOU ON THE PATH TO GODHOOD.

AND I?



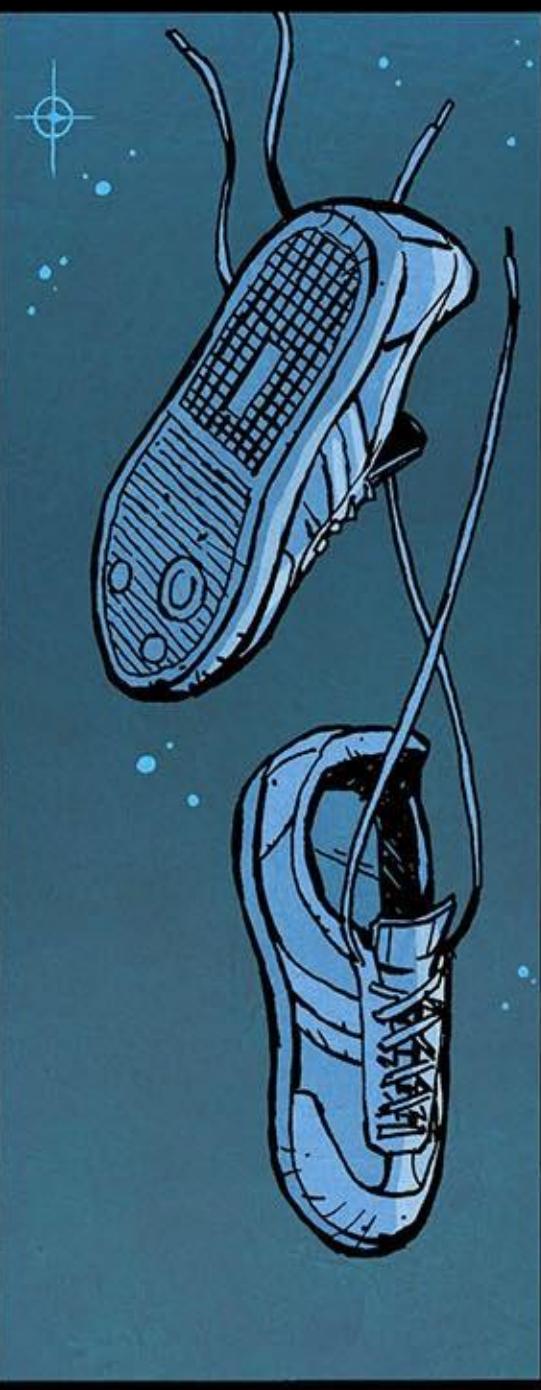
AS ZEUS ONCE GAVE BIRTH TO ME, I GAVE BIRTH TO HIM.

NOW ALL THAT IS LEFT IS TO DISCARD THE REMNANTS OF THIS VESSEL'S HUMANITY AND I SHALL BE MYSELF ONCE MORE.



ZO-- ATHENA!

WAIT!



ATHENA...
GODDESS.
I--

I PRAY TO
YOUR WISDOM.
WHAT YOU NAME
A VESSEL HAS
PROVEN TO BE
SO MUCH
MORE.

SHE IS
KIND. SHE IS
CLEVER.

SHE IS
HONORABLE AND
FORGIVING AND WITTY
AND EVERY LIFE SHE'S
TOUCHED IS BETTER
BECAUSE IN THE MIDST
OF CHAOS, SHE
SHOWED US
HUMANITY.

WE'VE SEEN WHAT KIND
OF MONSTERS WE
GODS CREATE WHEN
LOVE IS DENIED. ZEKE
NEEDS HIS MOTHER. HE
NEEDS ZOLA...



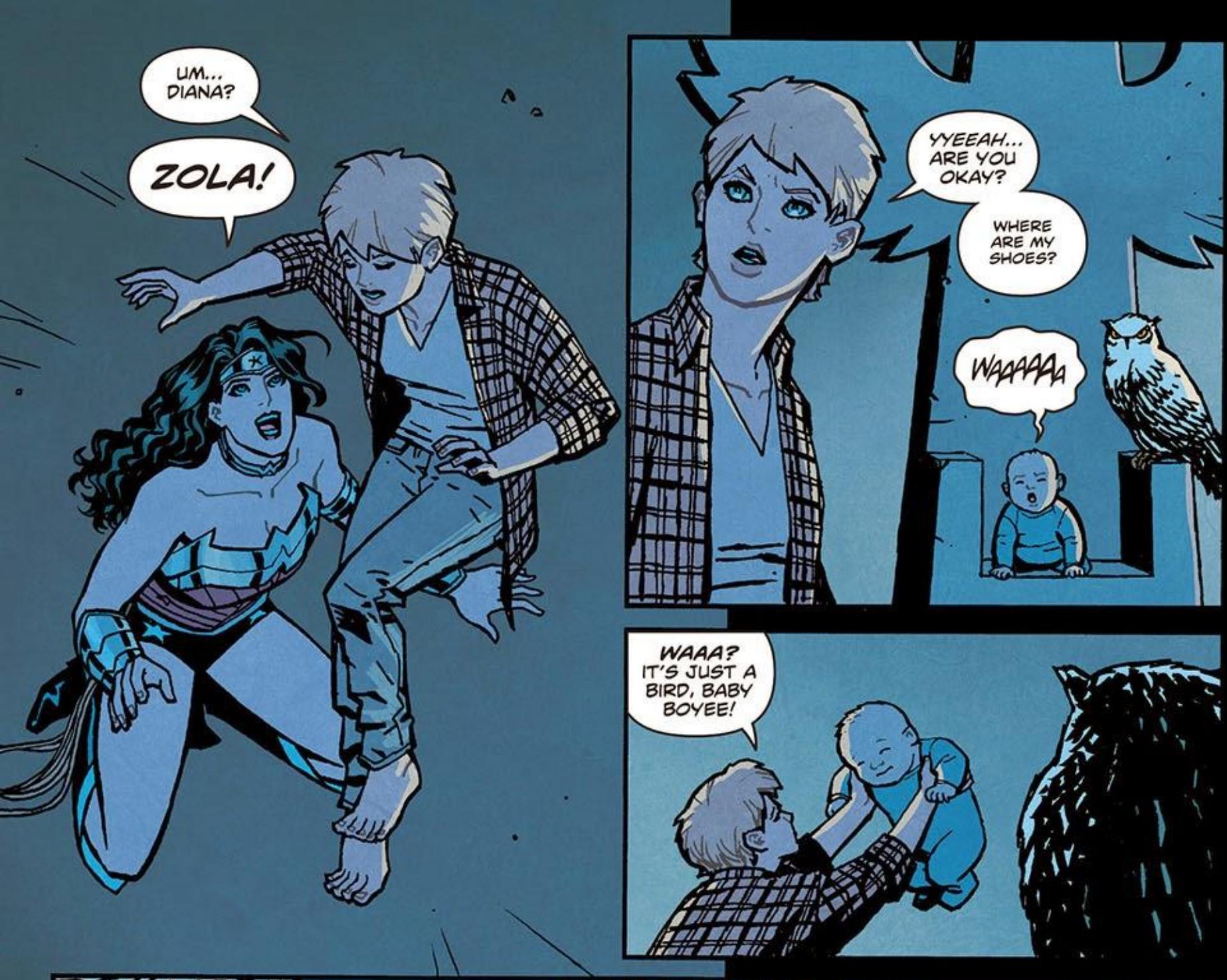
AND SO
DO I.

GODDESS...
WHEN GIVEN
CHOICES, SHOULD WE
NOT CHOOSE LOVE
ABOVE ALL ELSE?
PLEASE...

PLEASE...

PLEASE...

HOO





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