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"AS MANY AS TWO MILLION WOMEN ARE TRAFFICKED
EACH YEAR FOR A PROFIT ESTIMATED TO BE
BETWEEN FIVE AND SEVEN BILLION DOLLARS."



"THE STATE DEPARTMENT REPORTS
THAT FIFTY TO A HUNDRED THOUSAND
WOMEN ARE BOUGHT AND SOLD IN
THE UNITED STATES ALONE."



"TRAFFICKED WOMEN ARE
TYPICALLY RECRUITED WITH
PROMISES OF BETTER JOBS IN
MORE DESIRABLE LOCATIONS..."



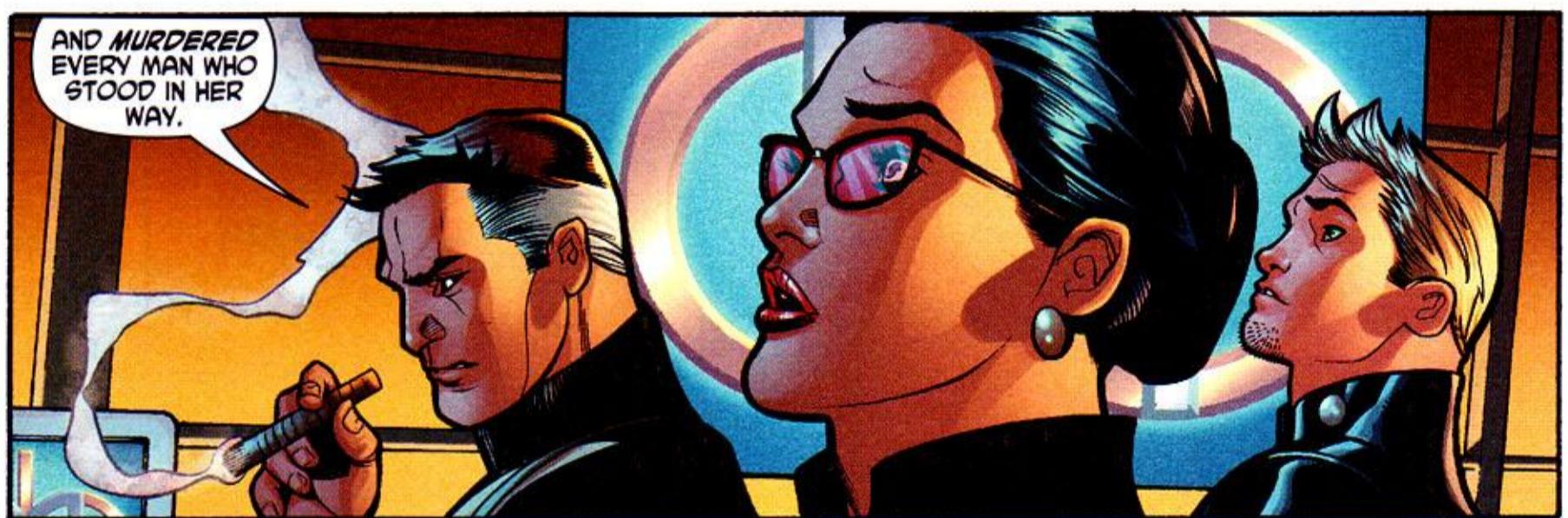
"...BUT UPON REACHING
THEIR DESTINATIONS..."



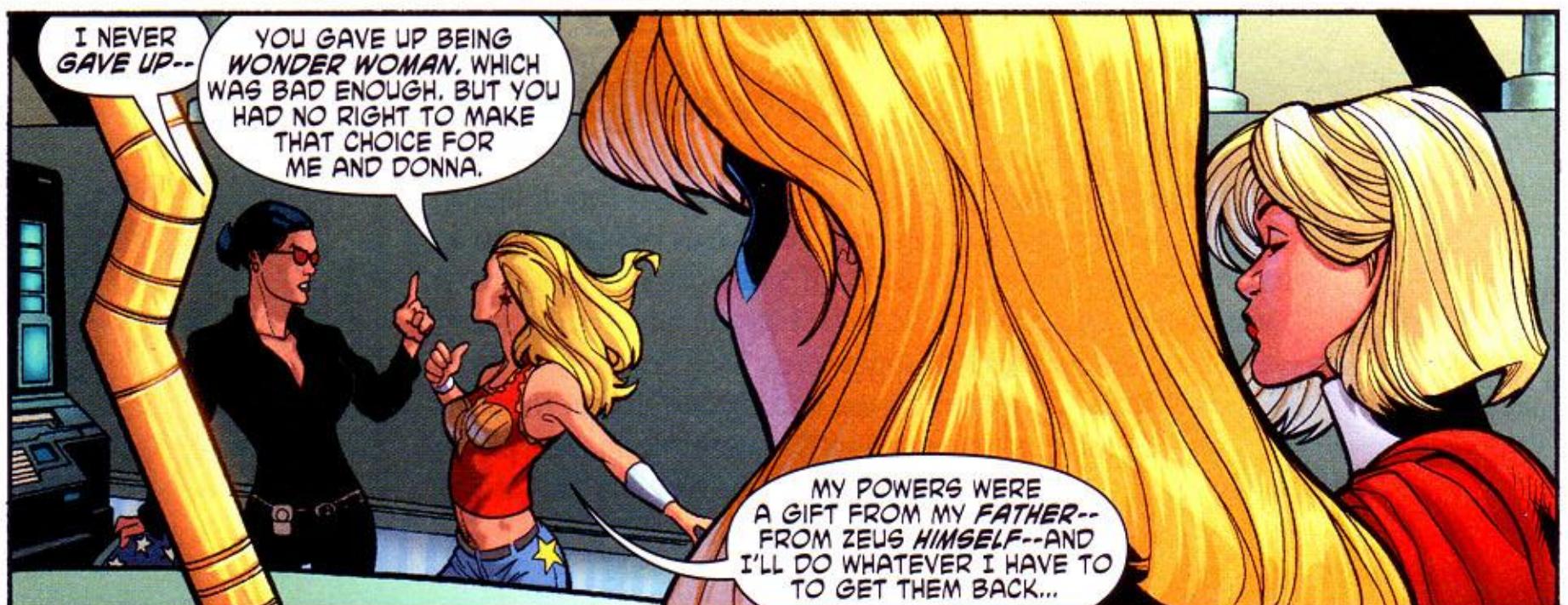
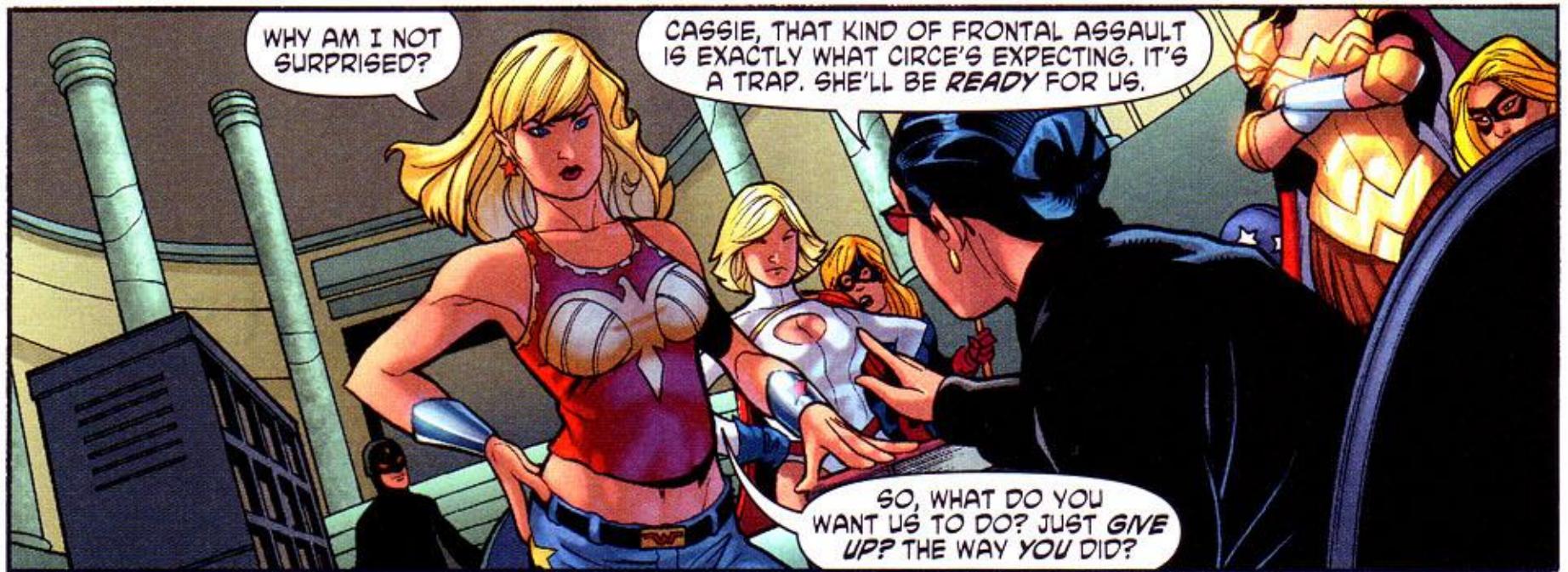
"... THEY FIND THEMSELVES IN COERCIVE AND ABUSIVE SITUATIONS THEY CANNOT ESCAPE.

"IN NUMEROUS CASES, POLICEMEN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO PATRONIZE BROTHELS WHERE TRAFFICKED WOMEN WORKED, DESPITE THEIR AWARENESS OF THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.











"...BUT I STILL HAVE THE PLANE."

NOT AS INVISIBLE AS THE ONE I HAD AS WONDER WOMAN, BUT MY FRIEND AT WAYNETECH TELLS ME IT'S THE LATEST IN STEALTH TECHNOLOGY.

YOU DON'T MISS IT?

THE PLANE?

BEING WONDER WOMAN.

ALL THE TIME.

BUT I WASN'T SENT TO MAN'S WORLD TO BECOME WONDER WOMAN.

I WAS SENT TO INSTRUCT MANKIND IN THE WAYS OF THE GODS AND TO TEACH PEACE.

BUT MANKIND PROVED INCAPABLE OF PEACE.

ACTUALLY, IT TURNS OUT MANKIND NEVER ASKED FOR MY INSTRUCTION. NOR DOES IT BELIEVE IN MY GODS, WHO--IT TURNS OUT--ARE NOT ALL THAT PEACEFUL THEMSELVES.

SO, YOU STRUCK OUT ON YOUR OWN... WHILE I REMAINED ATHENA'S LAPDOG.

AND NOW I'M NOT EVEN THAT.

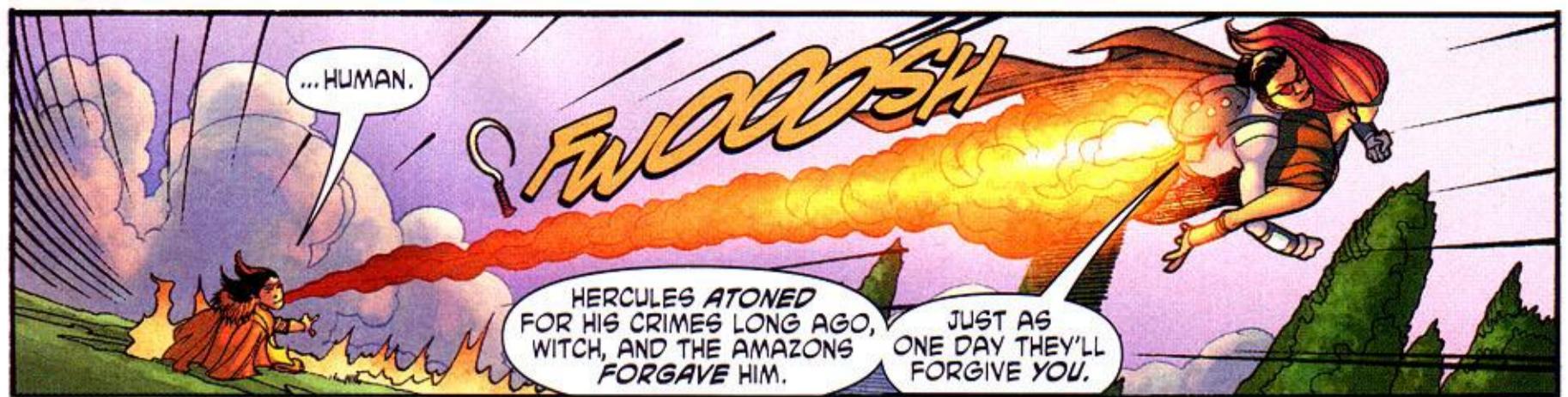
WE WILL REVERSE CIRCE'S SPELL, LORD HERCULES.

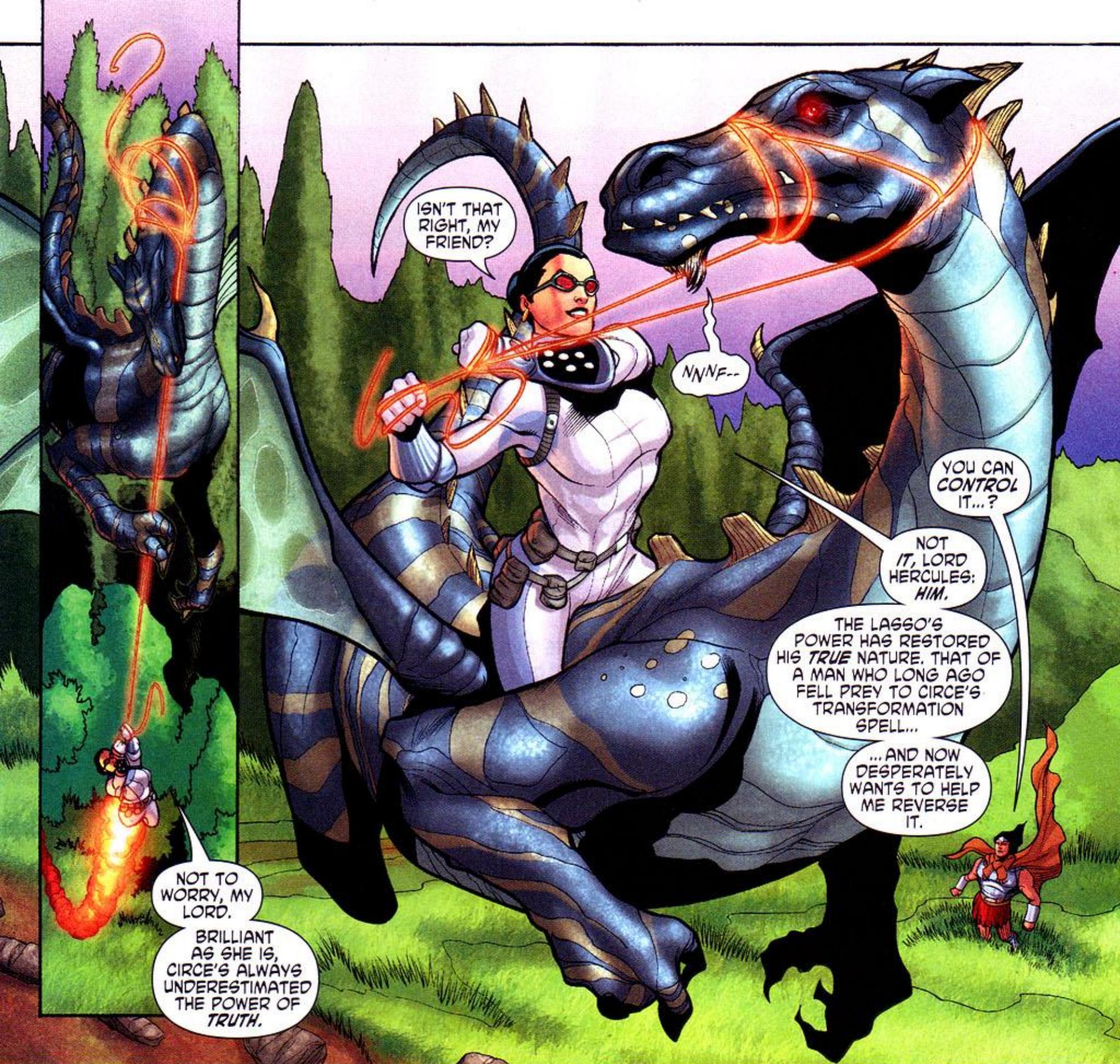
EVEN IF WE DO-- THE QUESTION REMAINS-- WHAT SHALL WE DO THEN?

LIVE IN THE SHADOW OF OLYMPUS...?









"...BUT IT DOESN'T
MEAN WE CAN'T
HAVE FUN TRYING."

THE WITCH
SEEMS TO HAVE
LEFT HER TEMPLE
UNGUARDED, MY
FRIEND.

IS SHE BEING
OVERCONFIDENT
AS USUAL...?

RRRT--

IT'S NOT
AS IF WE HAVE
A CHOICE,
THOUGH, DO
WE?
OUR ONLY
HOPE IS TO
SECURE THE
GRIMOIRE...

...AND HOPE
SHE NEEDS IT
BADLY ENOUGH
TO BARGAIN
FOR IT.

RRRRRRRT--
AND IF NOT...
I WONDER WHAT
WOULD HAPPEN IF I
TRIED TO READ THE
INCANTATION...

...MYSELF?

I HAD
SO HOPED
I WOULDN'T HAVE
TO KILL YOU,
DIANA.

I ACTUALLY
THOUGHT: "IF SHE'S
NOT WONDER WOMAN,
HOW MUCH HARM
CAN SHE POSSIBLY
DO?"

YET SOMEHOW--
EVEN WITHOUT YOUR
POWERS--YOU FOUND AN
INVISIBLE JET, DEFLECTED
EVERY ENERGY BLAST
I'VE THROWN AT YOU, AND
RECLAIMED YOUR
MAGIC LASSO.

BUT YOU FORGOT,
I STILL HAVE WONDER
GIRL'S LASSO OF
LIGHTNING.

AND JUST AS
YOURS SUBJECTS
ITS CAPTIVES TO
THEIR OWN TRUTH...
MINE SUBJECTS ITS
VICTIMS TO THEIR
OWN RAGE.

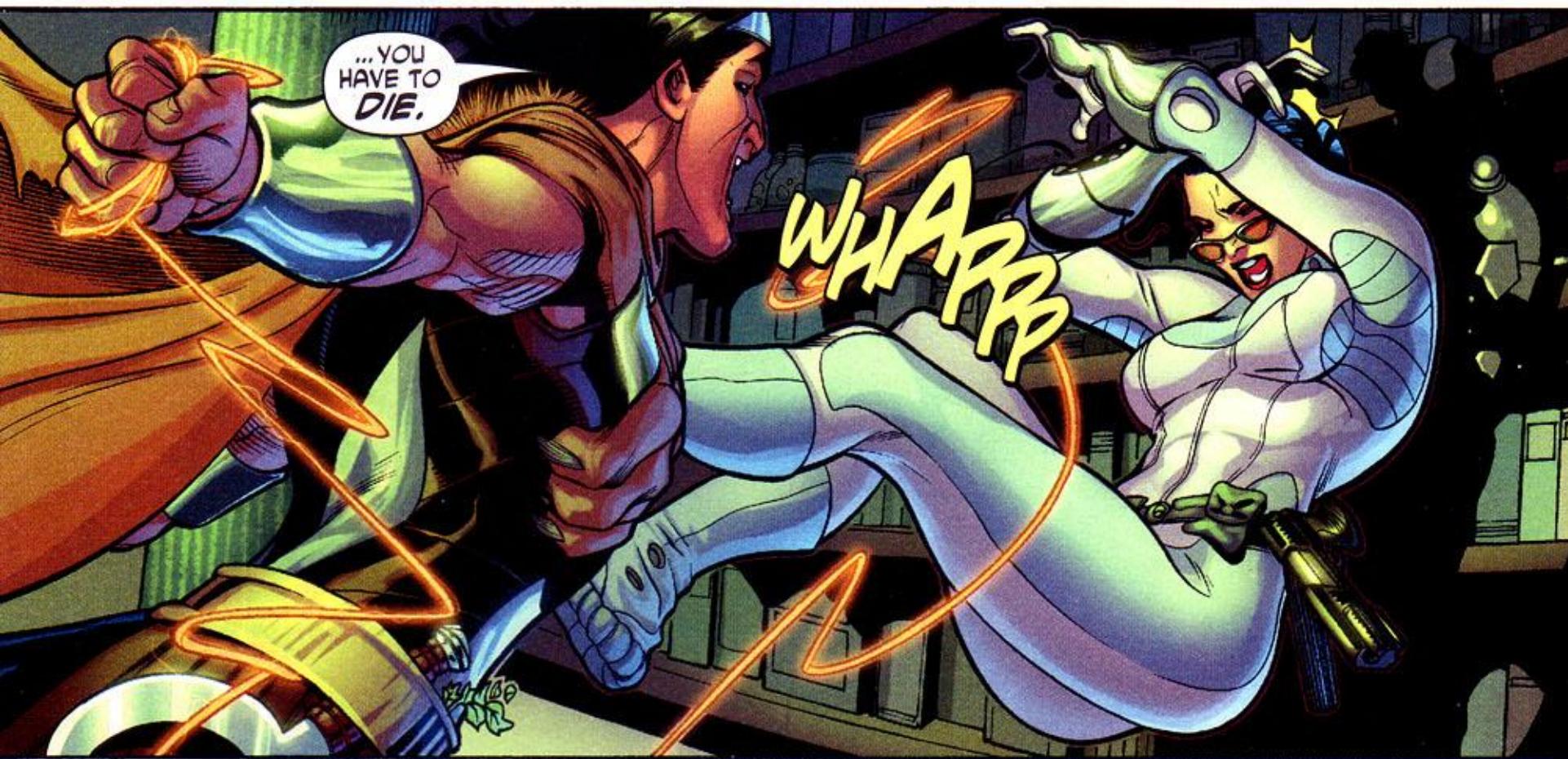
AND I'VE
ALWAYS WONDERED--
FOR ALL YOUR TALK
OF PEACE--

--DON'T
YOU EVER GET
ANGRY?

AGGH--!

YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW,
WITCH.





...WE WERE
WORKING
TOGETHER.

WEREN'T
WE, MY
LOVE?

"...WHEN ATHENA DECIDED TO WITHDRAW OLYMPUS FROM THE EARTHLY PLANE, NOT ALL THE GODS AGREED WITH HER DECISION.

"I WAS JUST
THE ONLY ONE
WITH SENSE
ENOUGH TO DO
SOMETHING
ABOUT IT.

"SO I VENTURED TO THE
UNDERWORLD TO ASK
THE GOD OF WAR TO
JOIN ME--BUT FOUND
CIRCE THERE INSTEAD.

"CIRCE, HORRIFIED
AT THE THOUGHT
OF AN ETERNITY IN
LIMBO WITH ATHENA
AND THE OTHERS..."

I'LL--
KILL--
YOU--

THE
TRUTH IS,
DIANA...

"...DECIDED
TO PARTNER
WITH ME
INSTEAD.

"THE TWO OF US
REMAINED BEHIND
WHEN OLYMPUS
DISAPPEARED,
PLANNING TO
RULE THIS WORLD
SIDE BY SIDE
AS GODS..."

"...RIGHT UP UNTIL
THE MOMENT SHE
BETRAYED ME."

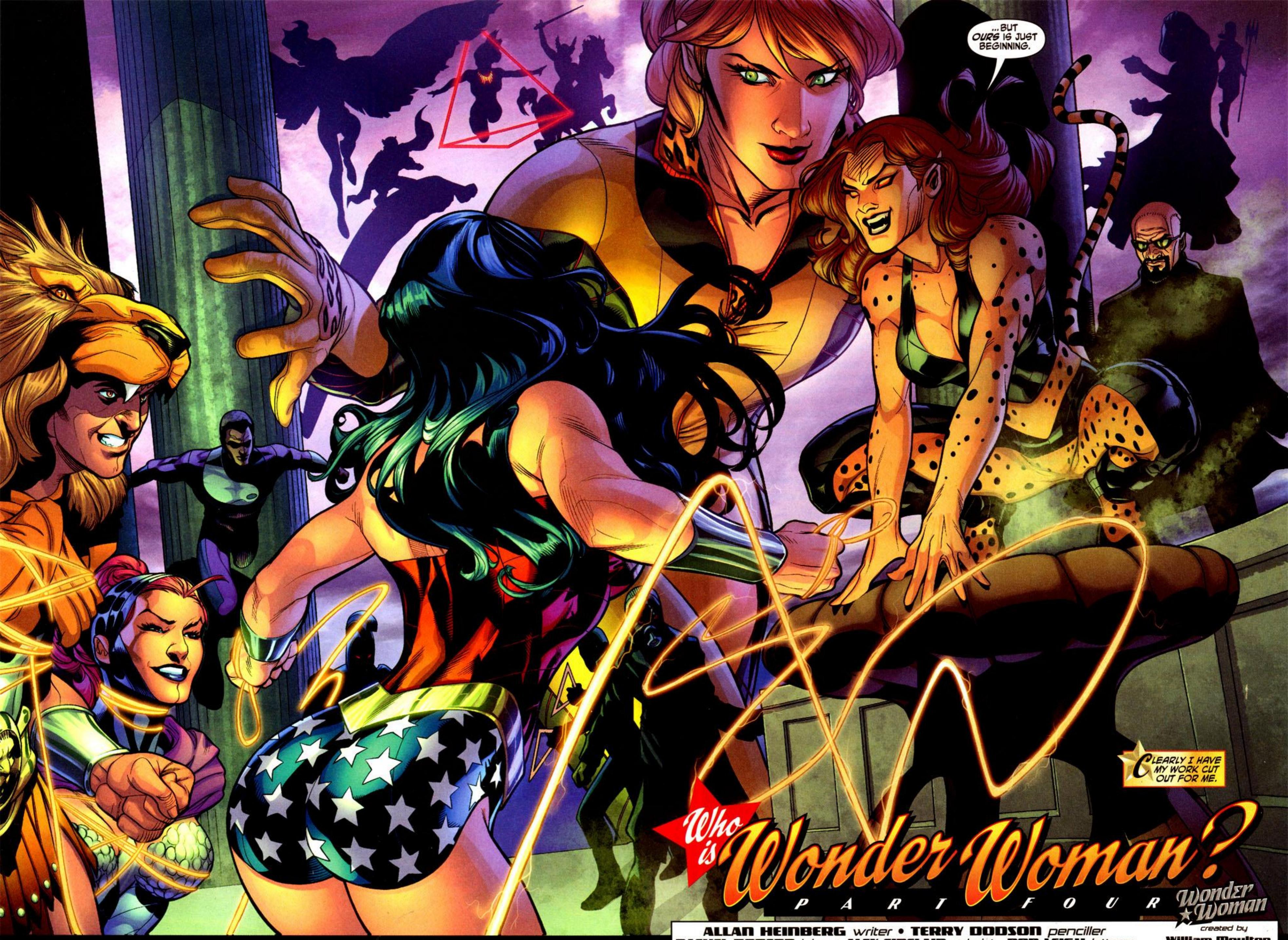


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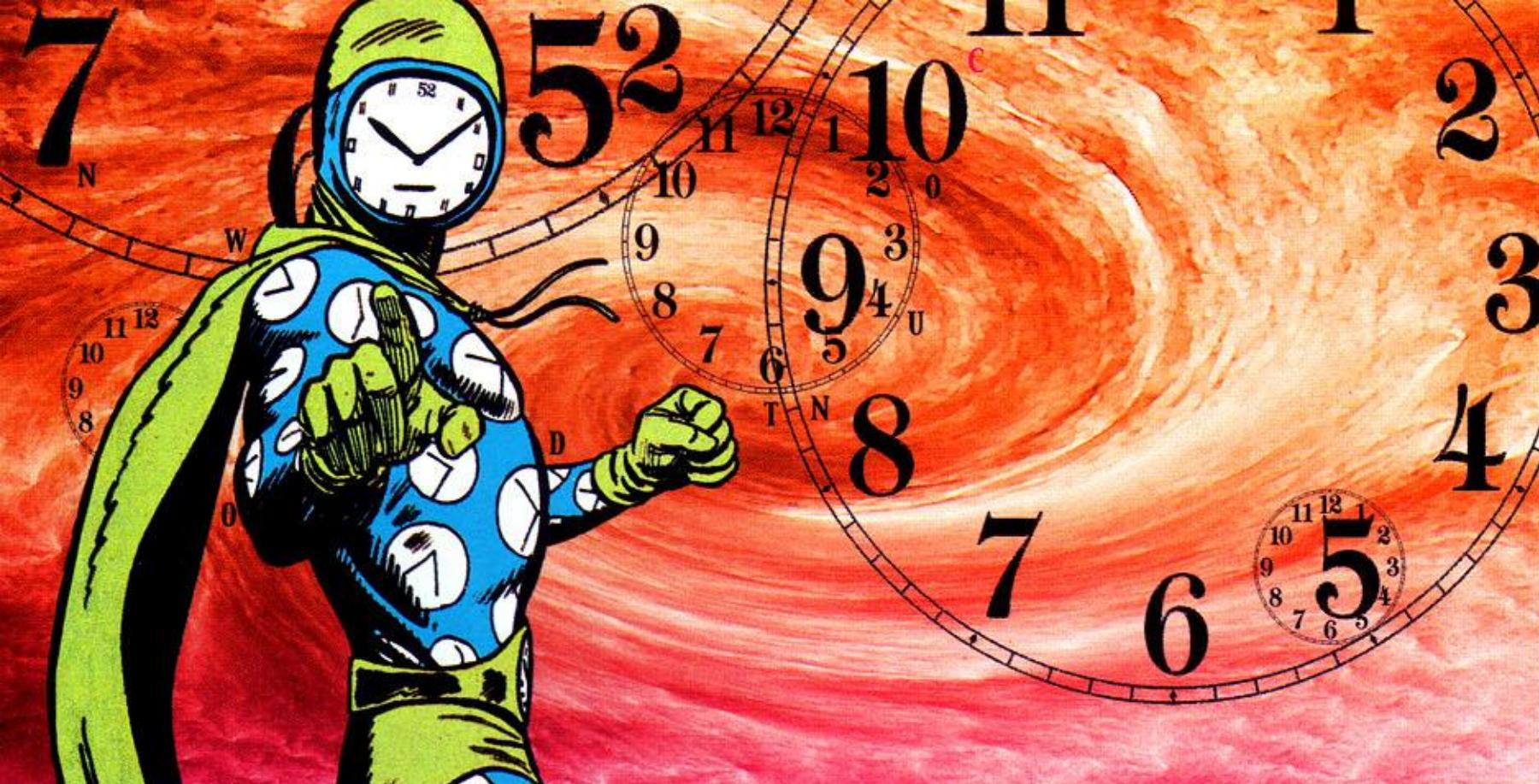






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52 minutes. That's all the time (it's that number again) I have to write this column or else I get bumped for some generic ad. That's the deal I worked with the Production Department when I started writing these things, and up 'til now I have dodged that bullet. Trust me, there is nothing worse than having DC's Pre-Press artist, **Fred Haynes** breathing down your neck for the latest column. It's his job to build this page and for some reason he occasionally finds it hard to do when I give him nothing to work with. Okay, okay, granted it is all my fault, but that's still no reason for him to send his hit squad of Jann "jaw-buster" Jones and Nick "knuckle breaker" Napolitano after me.

48 minutes. As you probably noticed, I am struggling for an idea for this column. Maybe a walk down the hall and I can get some ideas. Be right back.

44 minutes. Didn't leave. Instead I finished a couple of e-mails, told Jim Starlin he will get all the Kirby reference he needs, and confirmed that Gene Ha is good to go on a special issue of JUSTICE LEAGUE.

37 minutes. Damn, coffee was hotter than I thought and took longer to drink than you'd imagine. Better start hustling up some ideas.

35 minutes. What is everyone doing? Just walked the halls, and all the doors were closed. Mike Marts was on a conference call with Keith Giffen, Tomasi and Sigrain were putting the finishing touches on World War 3, and Eddie Berganza

was going over SUPERMAN/BATMAN pages with Dustin Nguyen. This is definitely not helping.

33 minutes. Best I try Sales and Marketing on the fifth floor for ideas. If anyone can help me find a good spin, it would be them.

18 minutes. Well, that was a waste. Publicity mavens **David Hyde** and **Alex Segura** were still trying to figure out the meaning of our "So Begins The End" promotion piece, and convention guru **Fletcher Chu Fong** was putting the finishing touches on DC's plans for the upcoming New York Comicon. From what I overheard, they sound great. He's got some great surprises and prizes lined up for everyone who attends the DC Nation and DC Universe panels on Friday and Saturday. He also mentioned the Sandwich Board Guy as a special event for this con. Have no idea who he is or what he is giving away, and I have no time to find out. I still have to find an idea for this column.

17 minutes. Maybe if I look on line to see what people are talking about.

3 minutes. Okay, still no ideas but I got in some great bids on some Zeroids and Major Matt Mason toys.

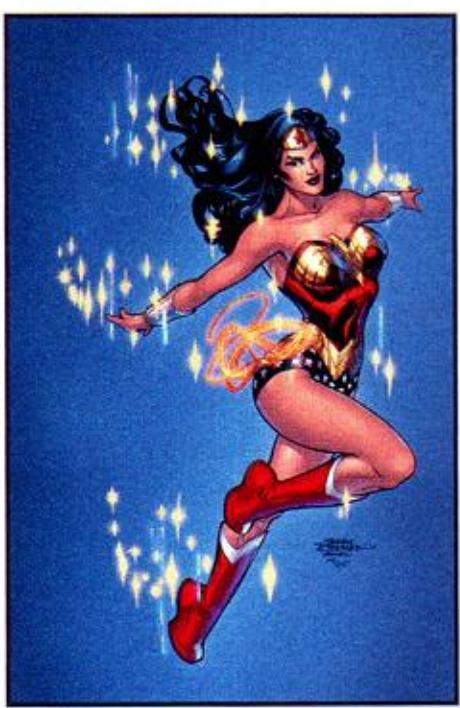
1 minute. Pressure is on, I think I heard Fred coming down the hall. Maybe if I ask nicely for a little more time....

... to be continued.

Dan DiDio

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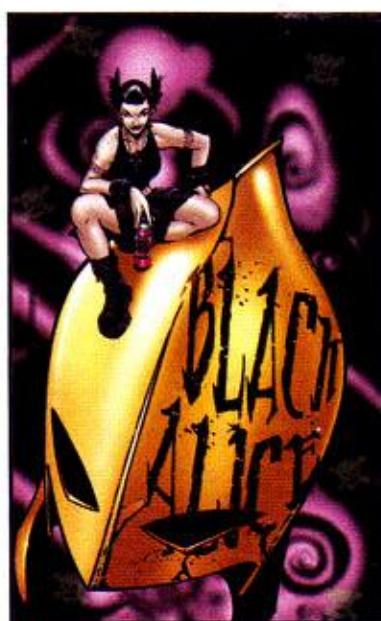
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