



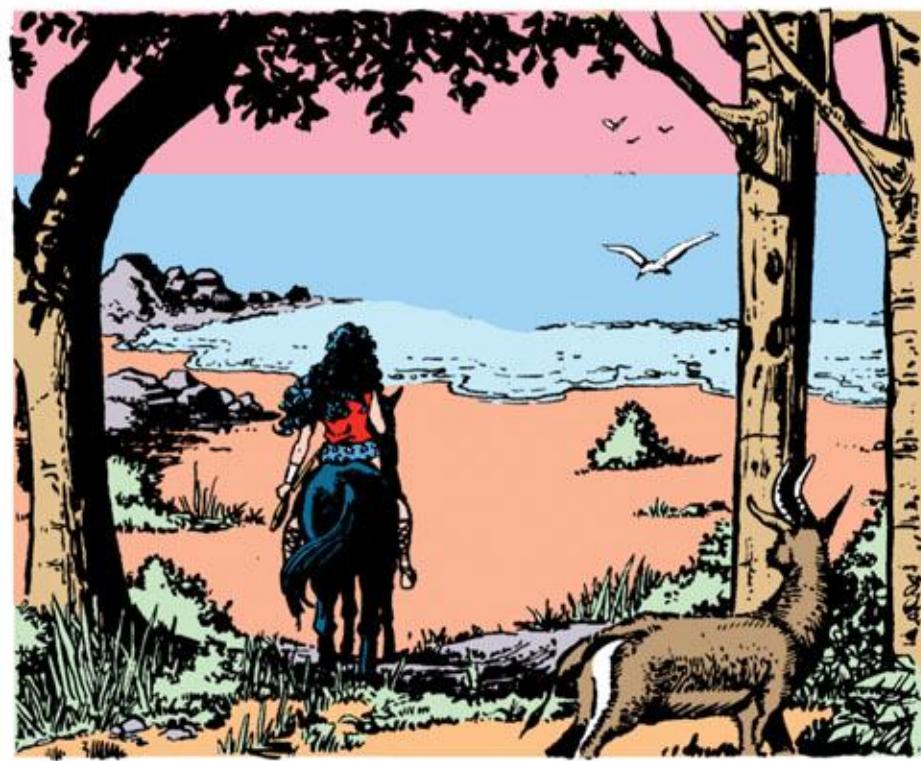
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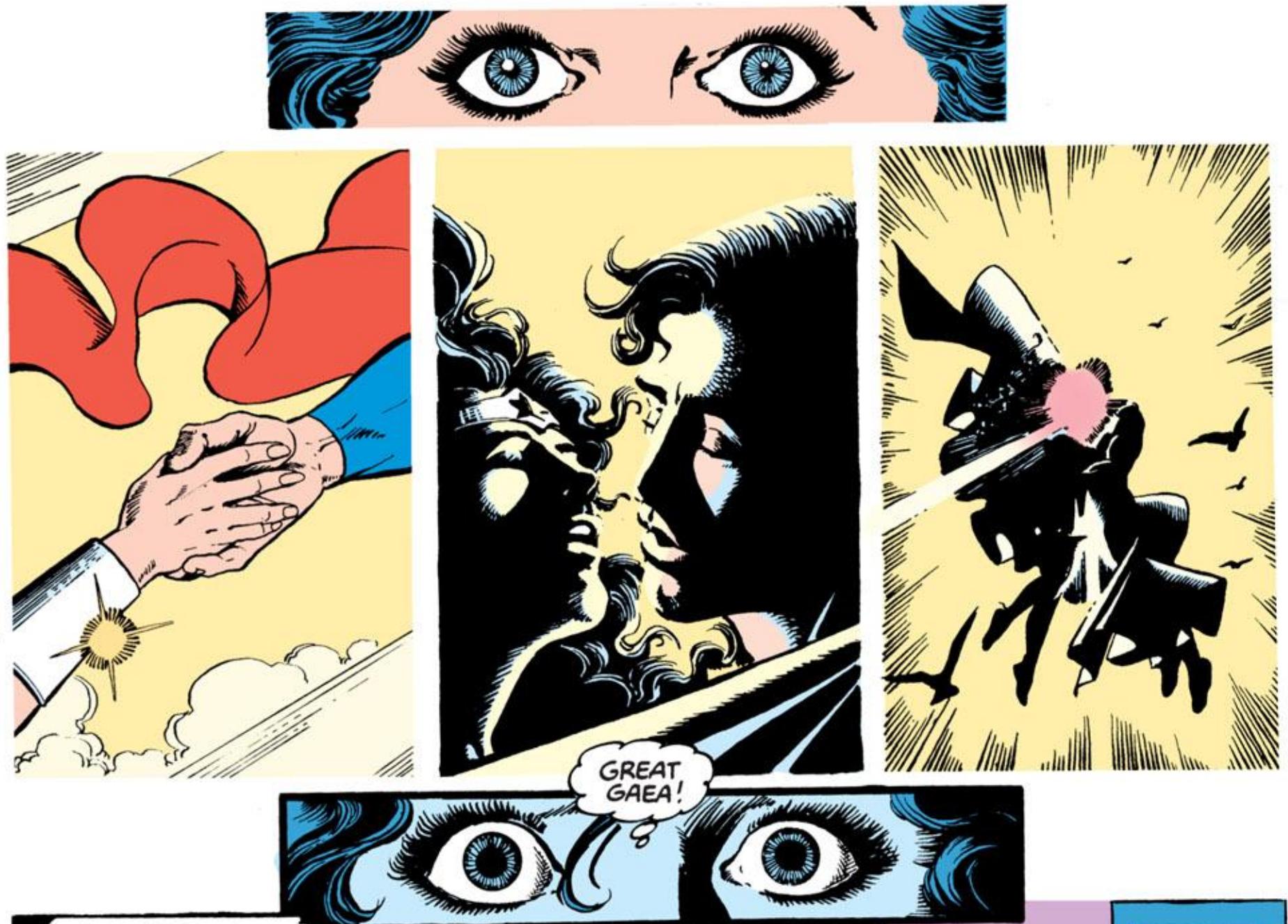
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THE HEADQUARTERS OF OGAWA
ELECTRONICS, A FULLY OWNED
SUBSIDIARY OF HCA INTERNATIONAL...

AT THIS HOUR, THE OFFICES
ARE USUALLY QUIET AND
DESERTED...

USUALLY--
--BUT NOT
TONIGHT!

IN THE DARKNESS,
A SECURITY
GUARD SPRAWLS
UNCONSCIOUS...

--WHILE A SHADOWY
FIGURE SITS BEFORE
A BRIGHTLY LIT
COMPUTER SCREEN--

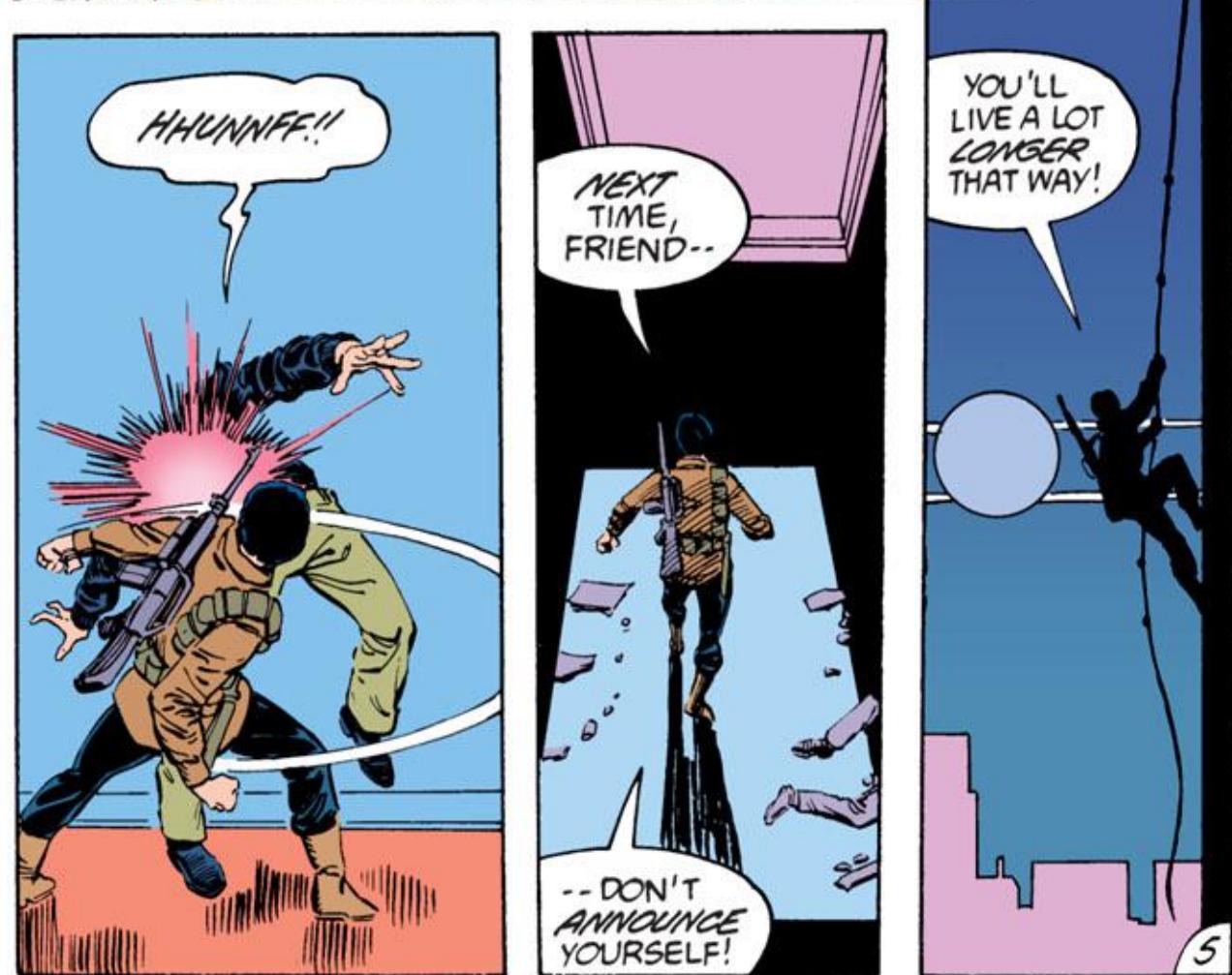
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BOARD LIKE A
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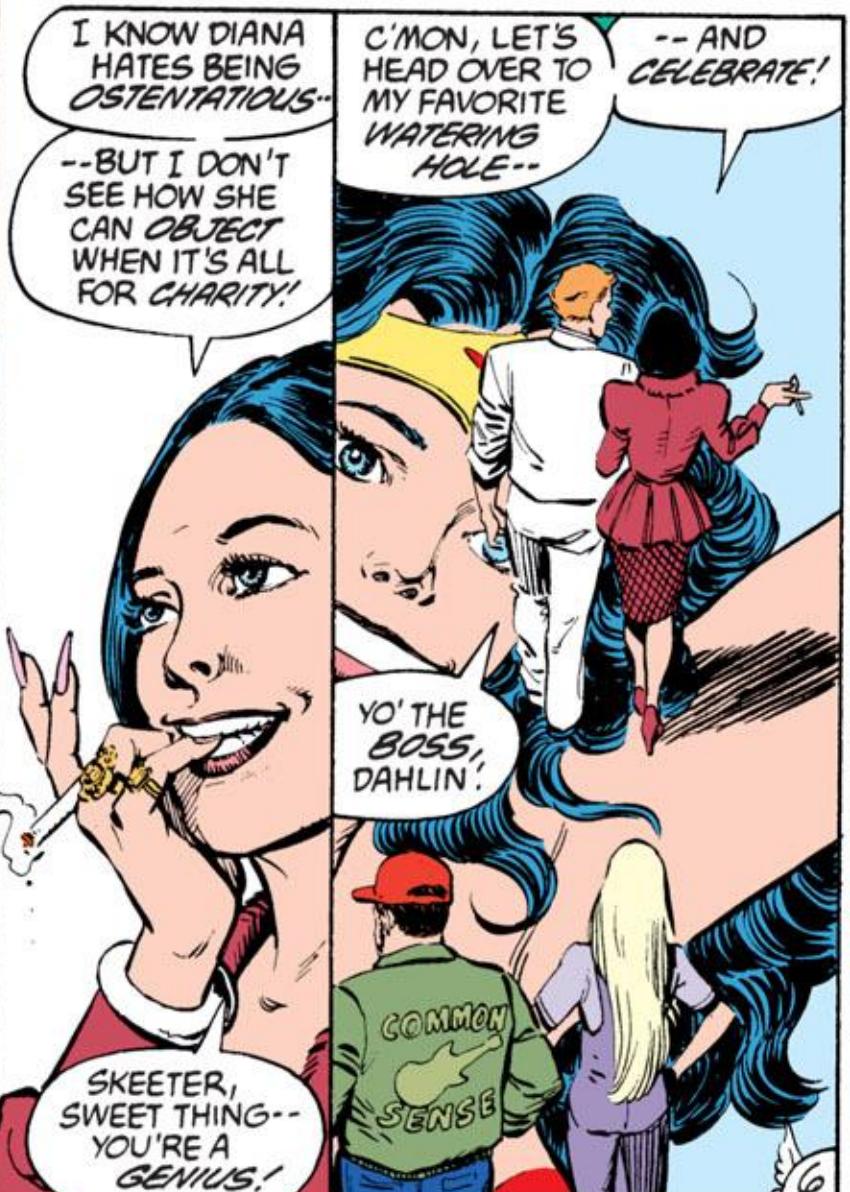
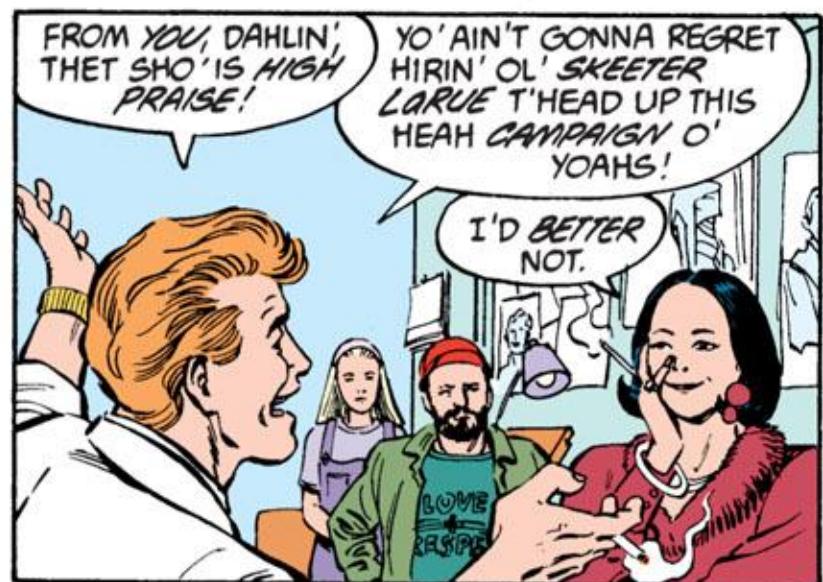
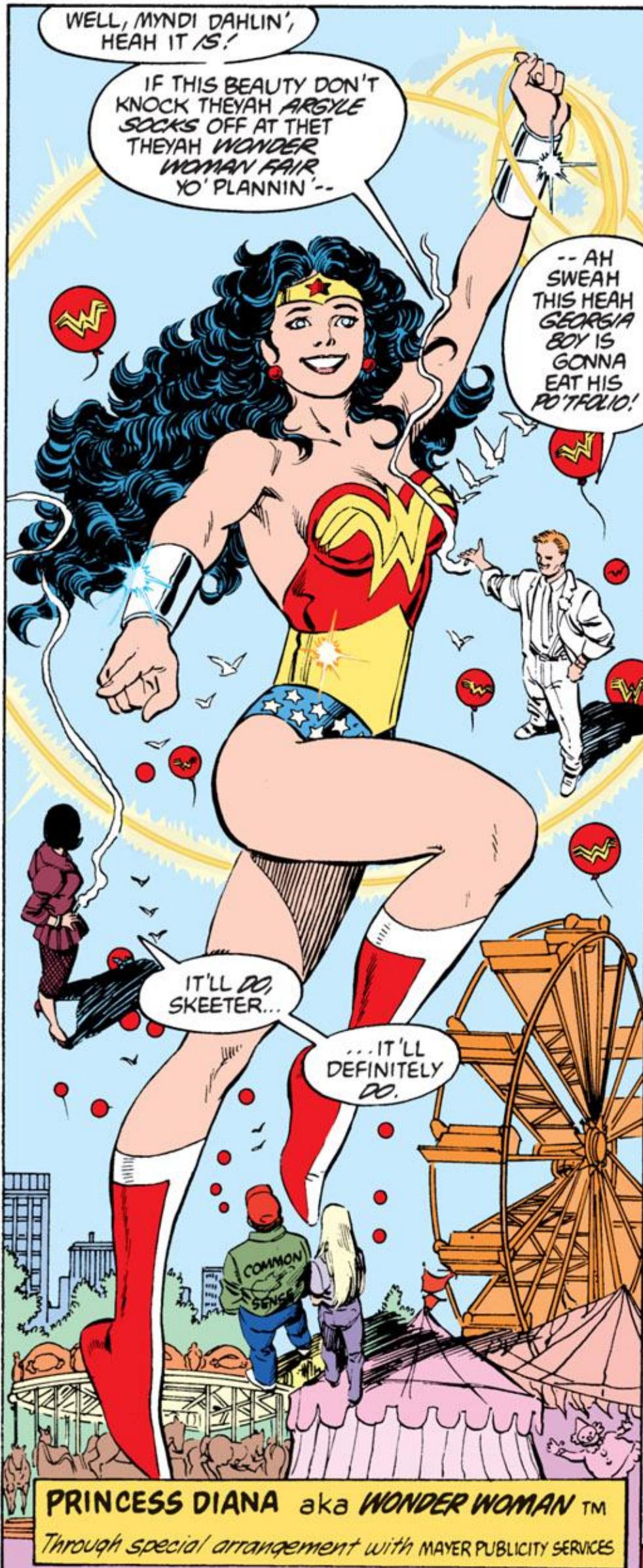
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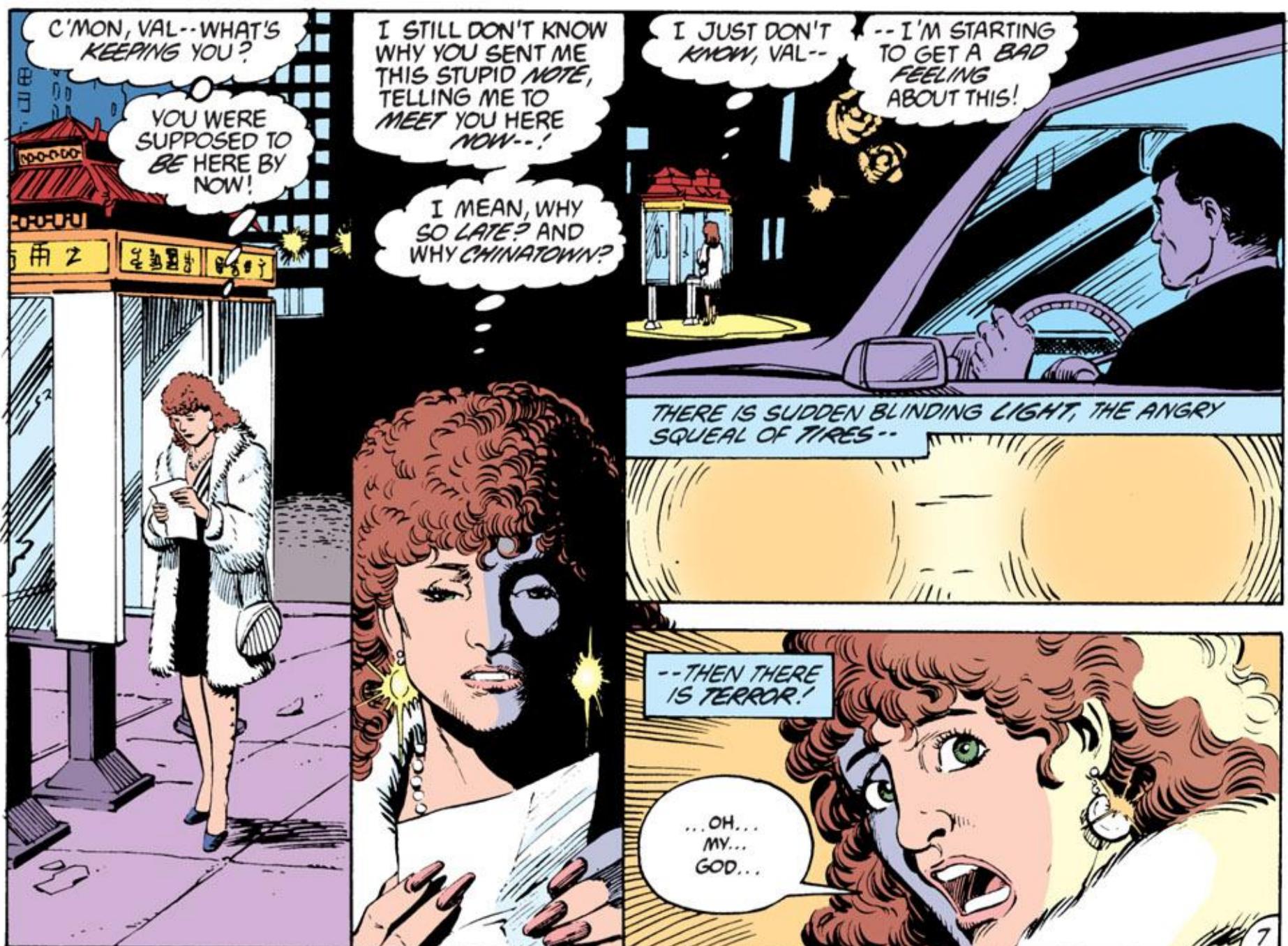
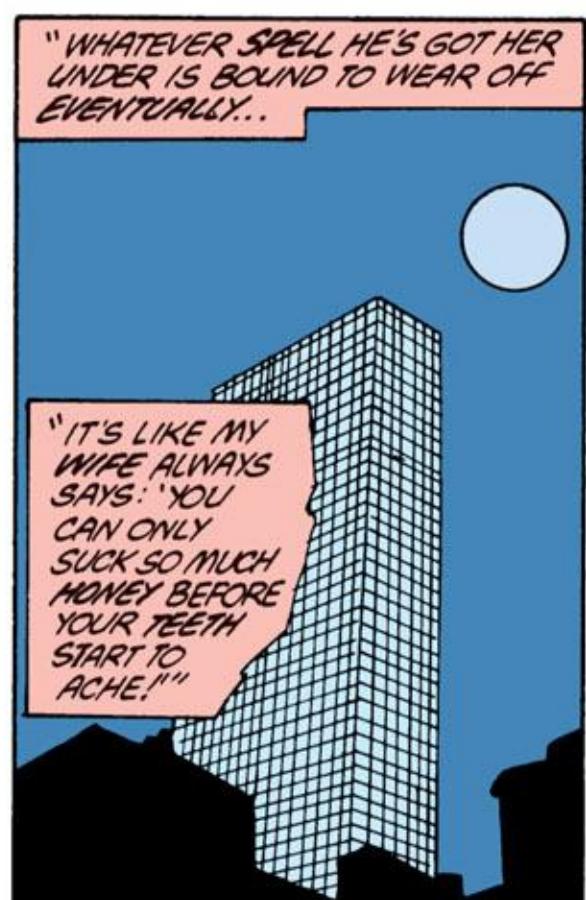
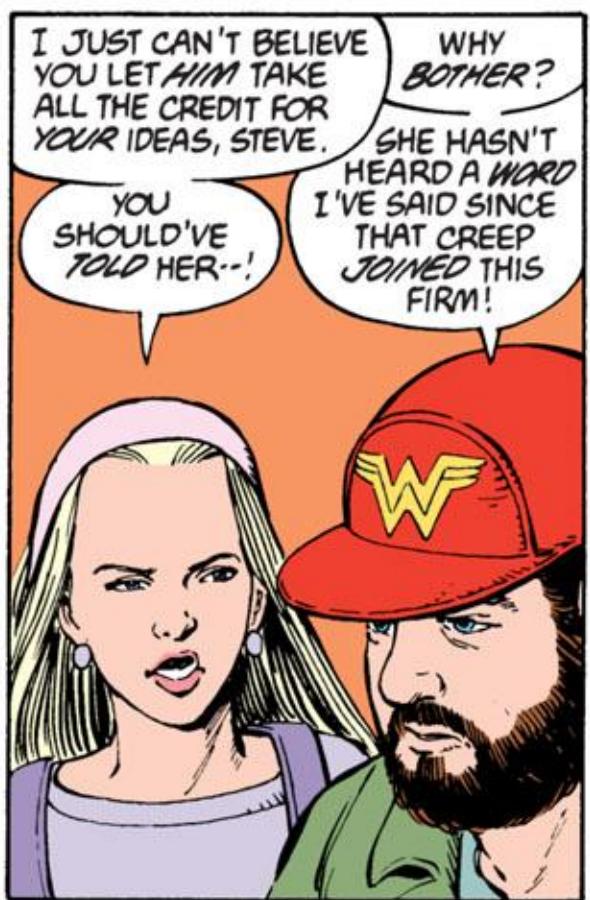


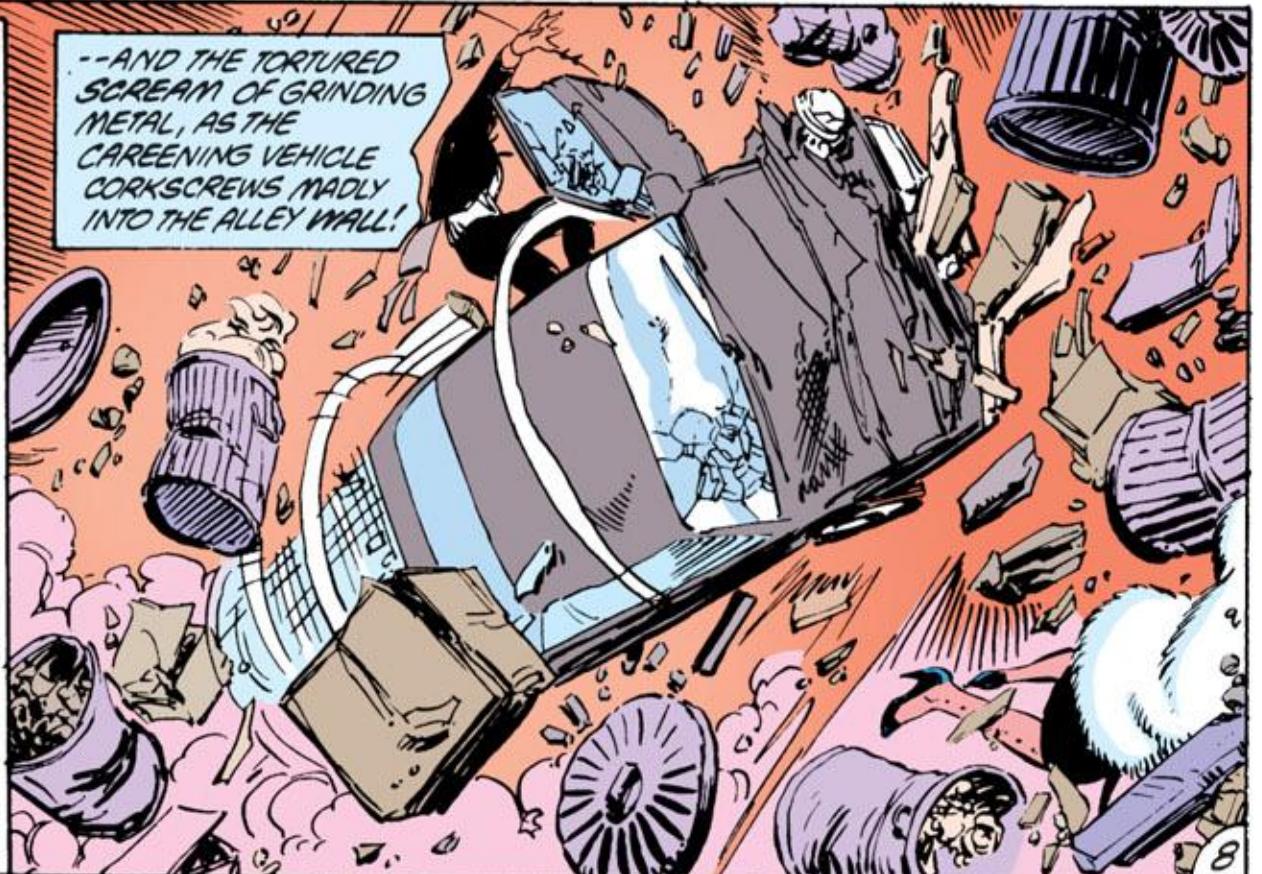
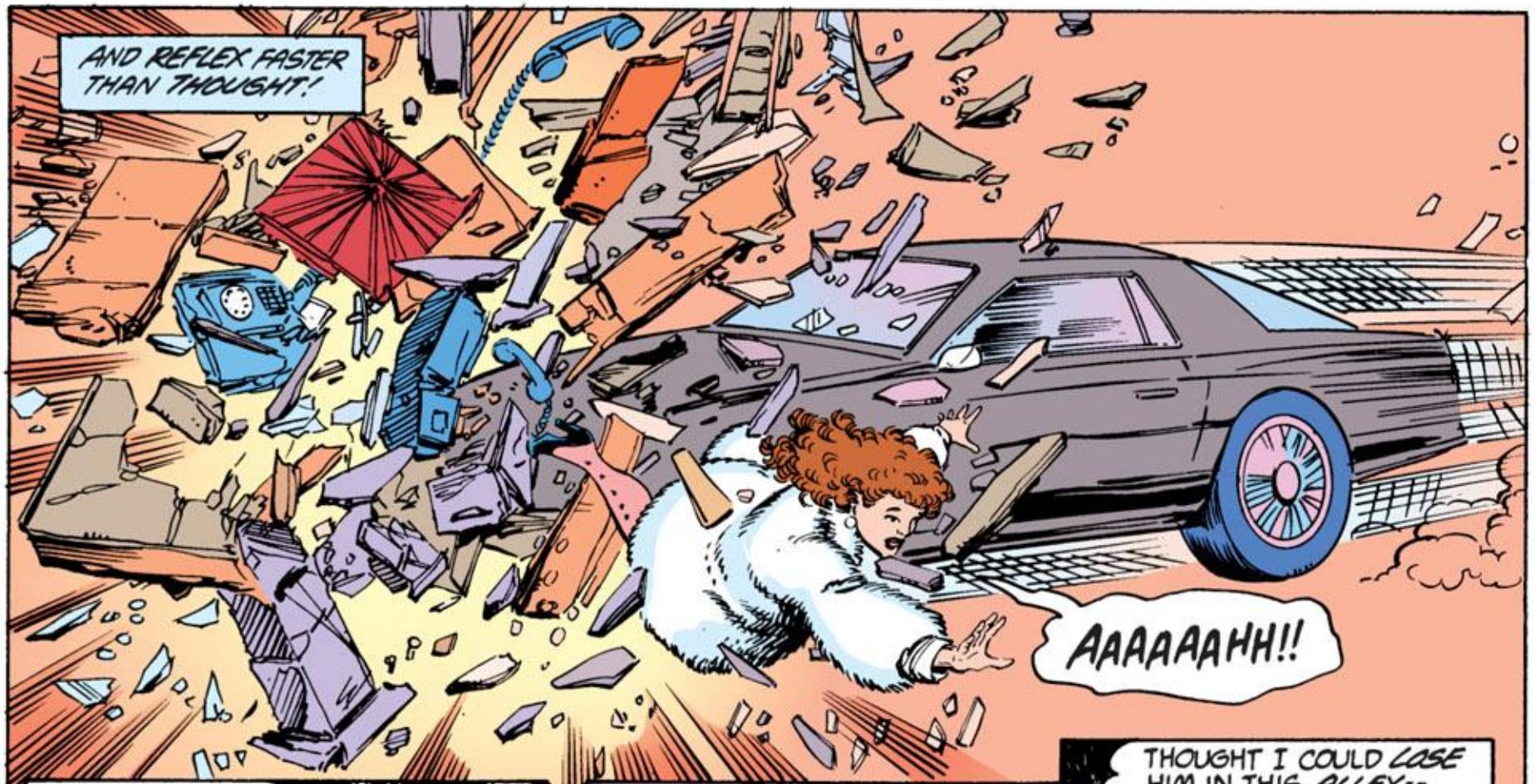
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WAKEFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS:

BESIDE THE LAKE BEHIND THE KAPATELIS SUMMER HOME, THE PRINCESS DIANA STANDS NAKED IN THE MOONLIGHT--

--THE CHILL BREEZE THAT COOLS HER FLESH CARRYING PRAYERS TO HER ANCIENT GODS...

(IS THIS STIRRING I FEEL FOR THE HERO CALLED SUPERMAN A CALL FROM THEE-- OR MERELY A CONFUSED INFATUATION?)

(WITH BOTH JULIA AND MY MOTHER SO FAR AWAY, I NEED SOMEONE TO ADVISE ME--)

(-- SOMEONE TO TELL ME IF MY FEELINGS FOR SUPERMAN ARE THE SAME AS THOSE MY MOTHER HARBORS TOWARDS HERACLES!)

(I PRAY THEE, EROS-- GIVE ME SOME SIGN--!)

YOU OUT HERE AGAIN, DIANA?

VANESSA--?



WELL, IT SURE AIN'T MADONNA!

AREN'T YOU FREEZING, STANDING AROUND LIKE THAT?

YOU COULD AT LEAST WEAR A ROBE!



I AM SORRY IF I WOKE YOU, VANESSA. I JUST NEED TO BE ALONE FOR A WHILE...

PRAYIN' AGAIN, HUH? YOU SURE DO THAT A LOT.



NERVOUS...?

ABOUT TOMORROW. ABOUT THE FAIR AN' ALL.

WELL, DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU.



"THANK YOU, LITTLE SISTER. WILL BARRY BE COMING WITH YOU?"

"SURE, WE GO EVERYWHERE TOGETHER. HE'S POSITIVELY EXCELLENT!"

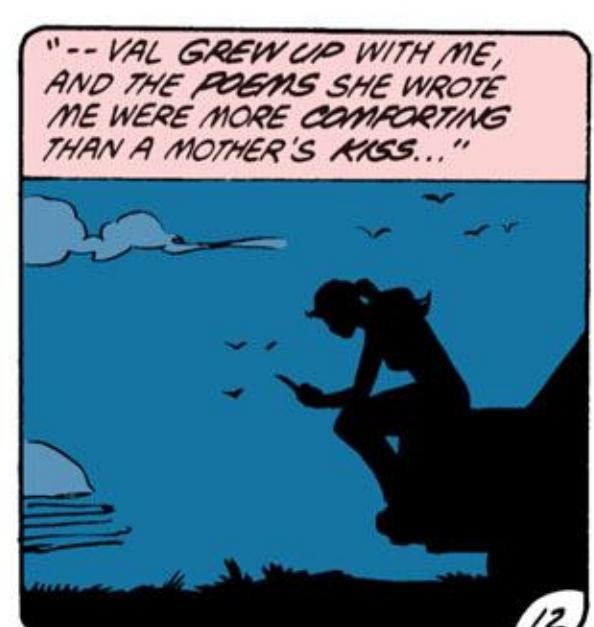
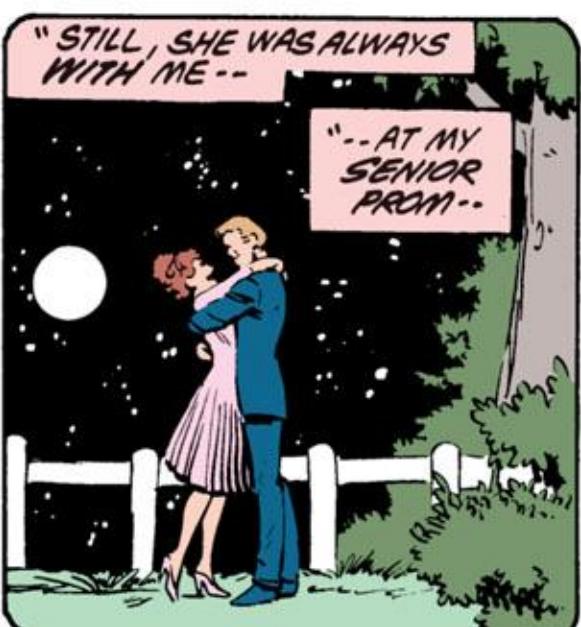
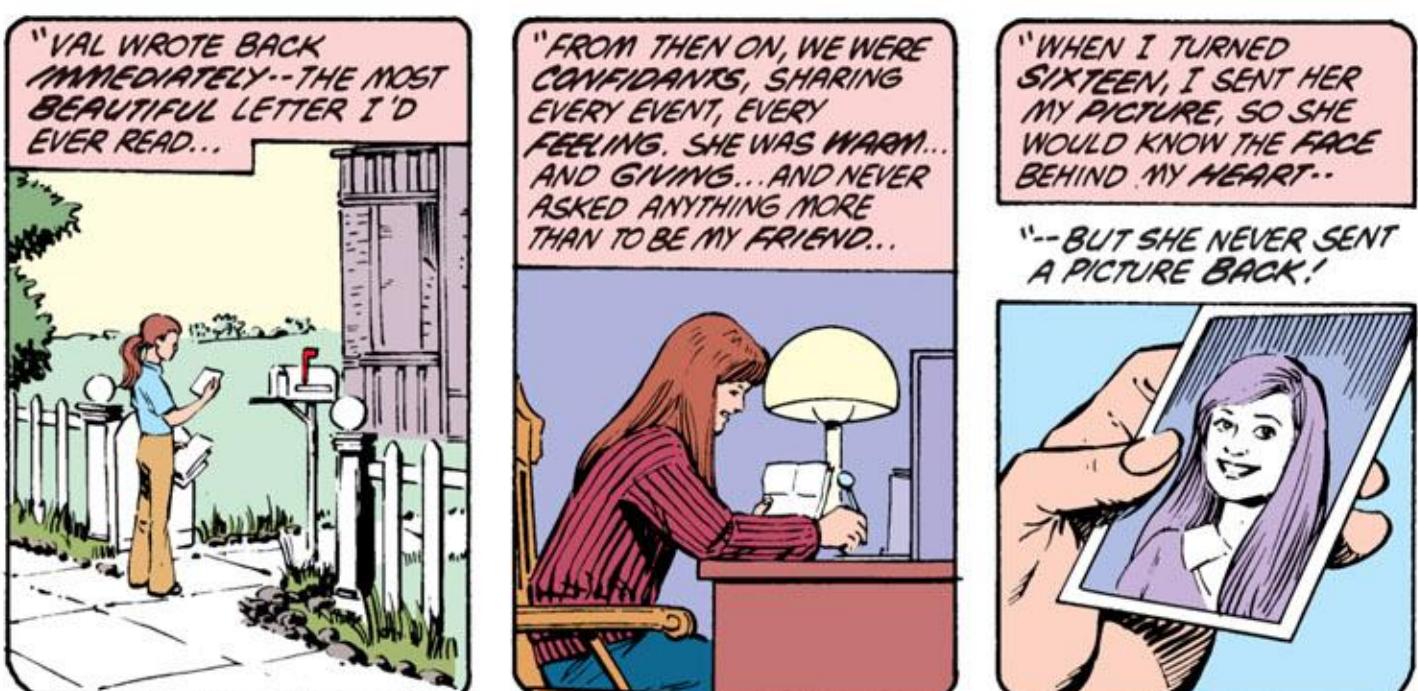
"YES... THAT MUST BE NICE."

(O EROS, GRACIOUS GOD OF LOVE, PRAY HELP THY LONELY DAUGHTER!)

GUESS IT'S 'CAUSE YOU'RE SO NERVOUS.

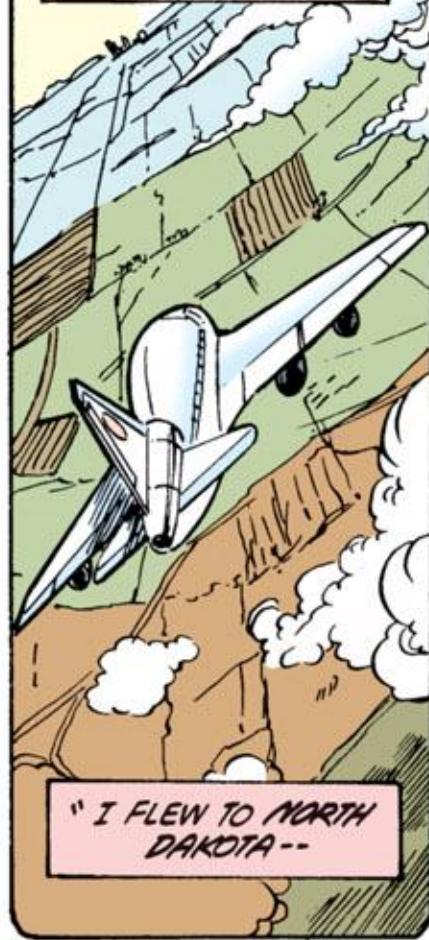
WITH MOM AWAY VISITING HER FOLKS IN GREECE, I'M YOUR OFFICIAL MORAL SUPPORT!





"VAL ALWAYS SAID OUR FRIENDSHIP--OUR LOVE-- WAS OF THE PUREST, SPIRITUAL SORT--BUT AT EIGHTEEN, I WANTED MORE!"

"I TOLD VAL I HAD TO SEE HER, TO ATTACH A FACE TO THAT BEAUTIFUL SOUL..."



"I FLEW TO NORTH DAKOTA--"

"BUT SHE WASN'T THERE TO MEET ME..."

"FOR SEVERAL DAYS, I HAUNTED THE WOODWORTH POST OFFICE--"



--BUT VALERIE NEVER APPEARED...

"FINALLY, I LEARNED THAT SHE'D CLOSED HER POST BOX AND MOVED--"

--LEAVING NO FORWARDING ADDRESS..."



VALERIE WAS SUCH A PRIVATE PERSON, NOBODY IN TOWN EVEN SEEMED TO KNOW HER--!

I FELT SO GUILTY! BECAUSE OF MY SELFISHNESS, I HAD LOST CONTACT WITH THE ONLY SISTER I'D EVER KNOWN.

EVENTUALLY, I MOVED TO BOSTON, AND STARTED WORKING IN A BOUTIQUE...

A FEW MONTHS AGO, THE PHONE RANG-- AND AN UNFAMILIAR VOICE CALLED MY NAME--!



"I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! THOUGH IT HAD BEEN ALMOST SEVEN YEARS--IT WAS VAL!"

"SHE AND HER BOYFRIEND WERE IN TOWN ON BUSINESS, AND SHE WANTED TO SEE ME!"

--ACTUALLY SEE ME!



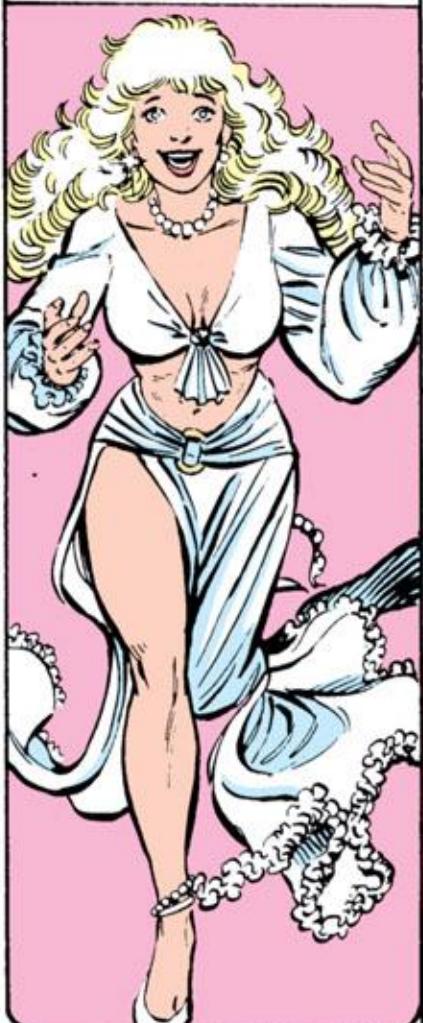
"THE ADDRESS SHE GAVE ME WAS QUITE RITZY, AND I WAS A NERVOUS WRECK BY THE TIME I RANG THE BELL..."

"BUT THEN THE DOOR OPENED-- AND THERE SHE WAS!"



"SHE WAS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL--HAIR ALL SILVER AND SKIN SO SILKY SMOOTH--!"

"AND I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, 'THIS IS THE GIRL WHO WOULDN'T SEND ME HER PICTURE--?!?'"



WE HELD EACH OTHER FOR AN ETERNITY--AND I FELT LIKE A MISSING PART OF ME HAD FINALLY BEEN RETURNED!

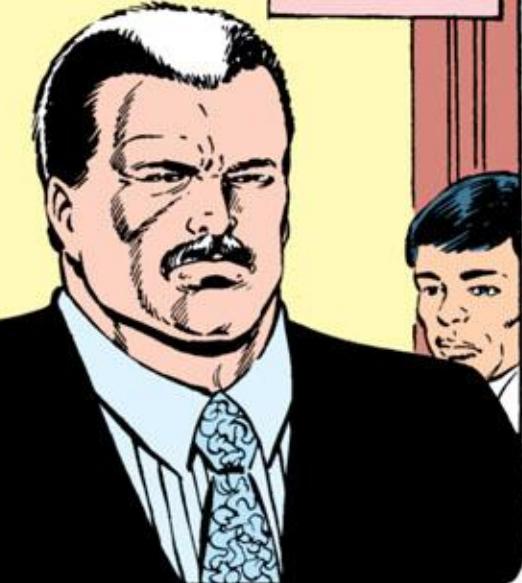
HERE AT LAST WAS THE WOMAN WHO SHARED MY SOUL--

--AND YET SOMETHING WASN'T RIGHT--!



"IT DIDN'T TAKE ME LONG TO FIND OUT WHAT IT WAS -- NAMELY ONE HENRY COBB ARMBRUSTER, MILLIONAIRE INDUSTRIALIST AND ALL-AROUND LOUKE!"

"HE WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT HAPPY TO SEE ME--"



--AND, IN A LESS-THAN-SUBTLE MANNER, HE ASKED ME TO LEAVE!

"POOR VAL LOOKED INCREDIBLY NERVOUS..."



"OUTSIDE THEIR DOOR, I HEARD ARMBRUSTER SCREAMING AT VAL--AND HITTING HER!"

"I CRIED ALONG WITH VAL--BUT MINE WERE TEARS OF RAGE!"



"THOUGH IT TOOK A LOT OF EFFORT, VAL AND I CONTINUED TO MEET ON THE SLY--BUT SOMETHING HAD CHANGED IN HER."



"IT WAS AS IF HER SELF-ESTEEM HAD BEEN COMPLETELY STRIPPED AWAY. I TRIED TO TELL HER SHE WAS TOO GOOD FOR ARMBRUSTER--"

--BUT SHE JUST AVOIDED THE TOPIC, SAID SHE WISHED SHE WAS AS BEAUTIFUL AS THE PRINCESS DIANA IN ALL THE PAPERS...



"HER DARK GLASSES COULDN'T HIDE HER BRUISES --NEW ONES EVERY TIME I SAW HER--



--AND I WONDERED WHAT SORT OF HOLD ARMBRUSTER HAD OVER HER--!"

THIS MORNING I RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER...

VAL SAID SHE WAS FINALLY LEAVING ARMBRUSTER, AND ASKED ME TO MEET HER IN CHINA-TOWN--!



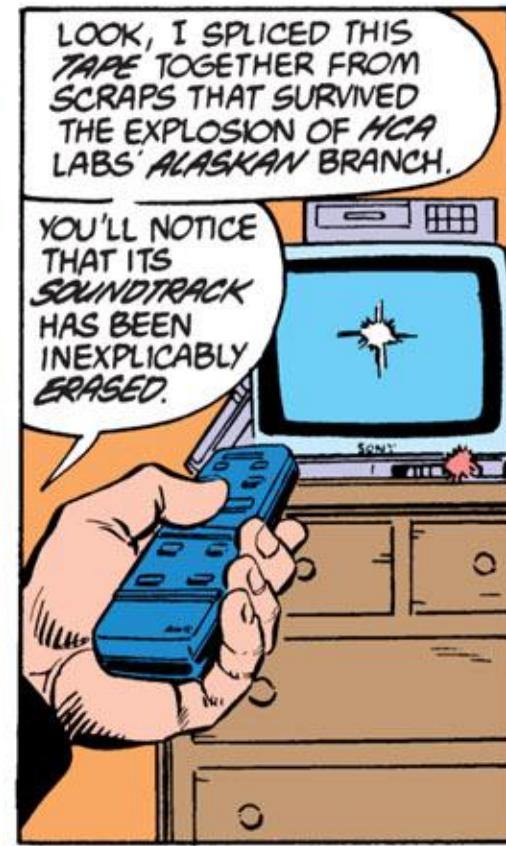
--SO YOU WOULDN'T LEARN ABOUT THIS!

DEAR GOD! WHO--WHAT--IS THAT?!"



THAT, MY DEAR MISS STERENBUCH, IS-- VALERIE BEAUDRY!





"THAT IS MY FATHER-- PROFESSOR BENJAMIN BUCHMAN-- IN MORTAL FEAR FOR HIS LIFE! I'VE MEMORIZED EVERY INCH OF THIS TAPE... THE TERROR IN MY FATHER'S EYES... THE EXPLOSIONS... HIS FUTILE EFFORTS TO ESCAPE..."



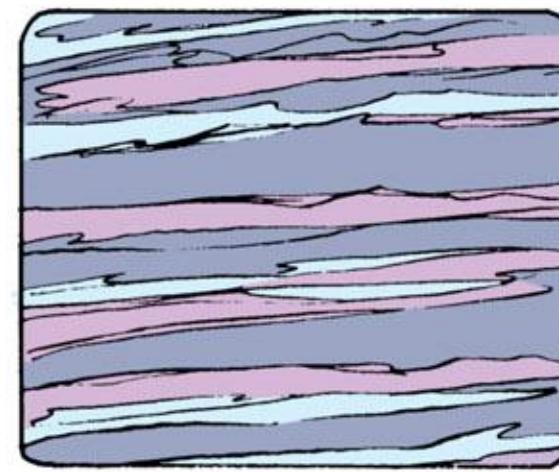
"... AND HIS PURSUER... THE THING HE HAD CREATED... STALKING HIM THROUGH THE RUINS... ITS FEET NEVER TOUCHING THE FLOOR... FINALLY CORNERING HIM... SILVER-BLUE EYES FILLED WITH A COLD, CALCULATING MADNESS THAT IGNITED THE AIR AROUND HER..."

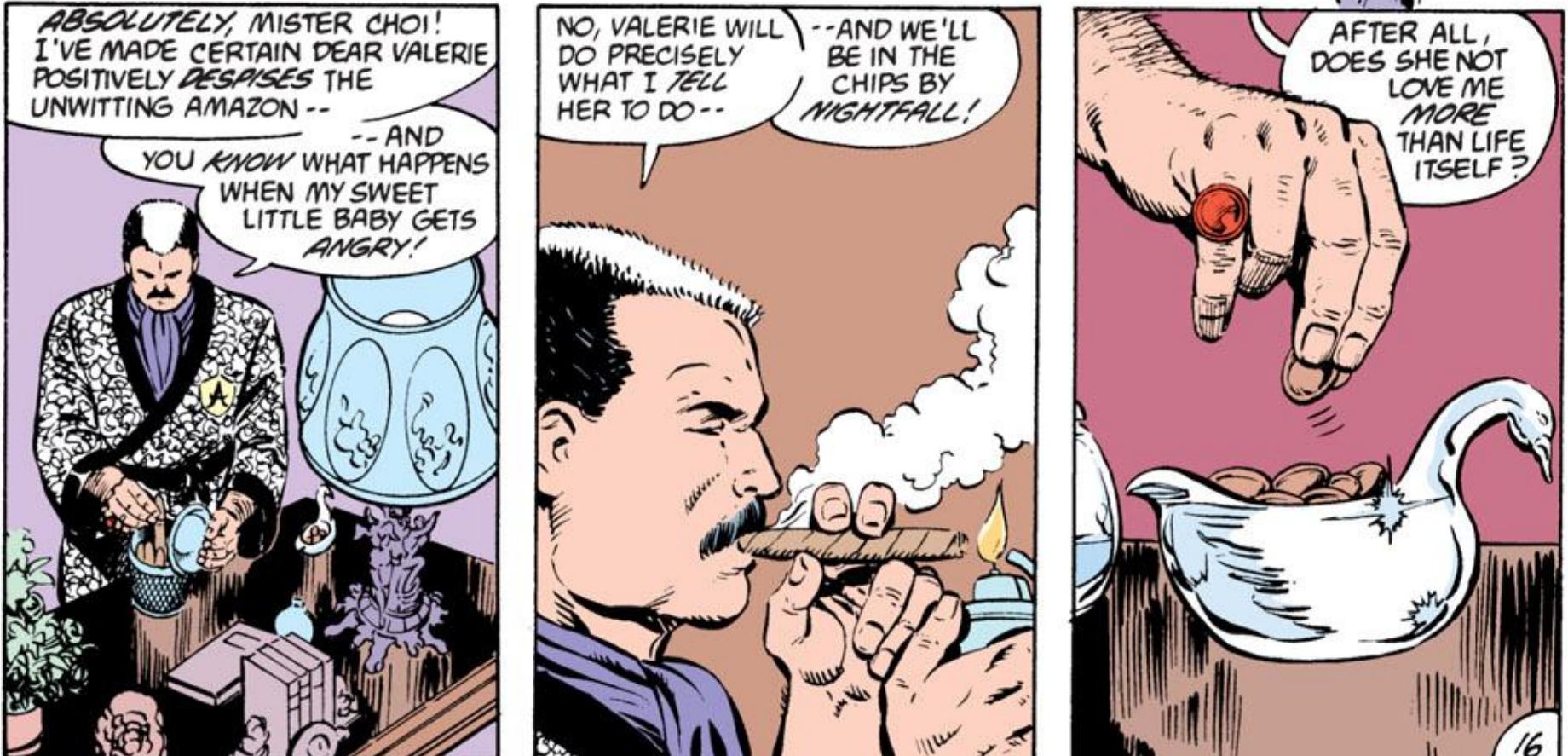
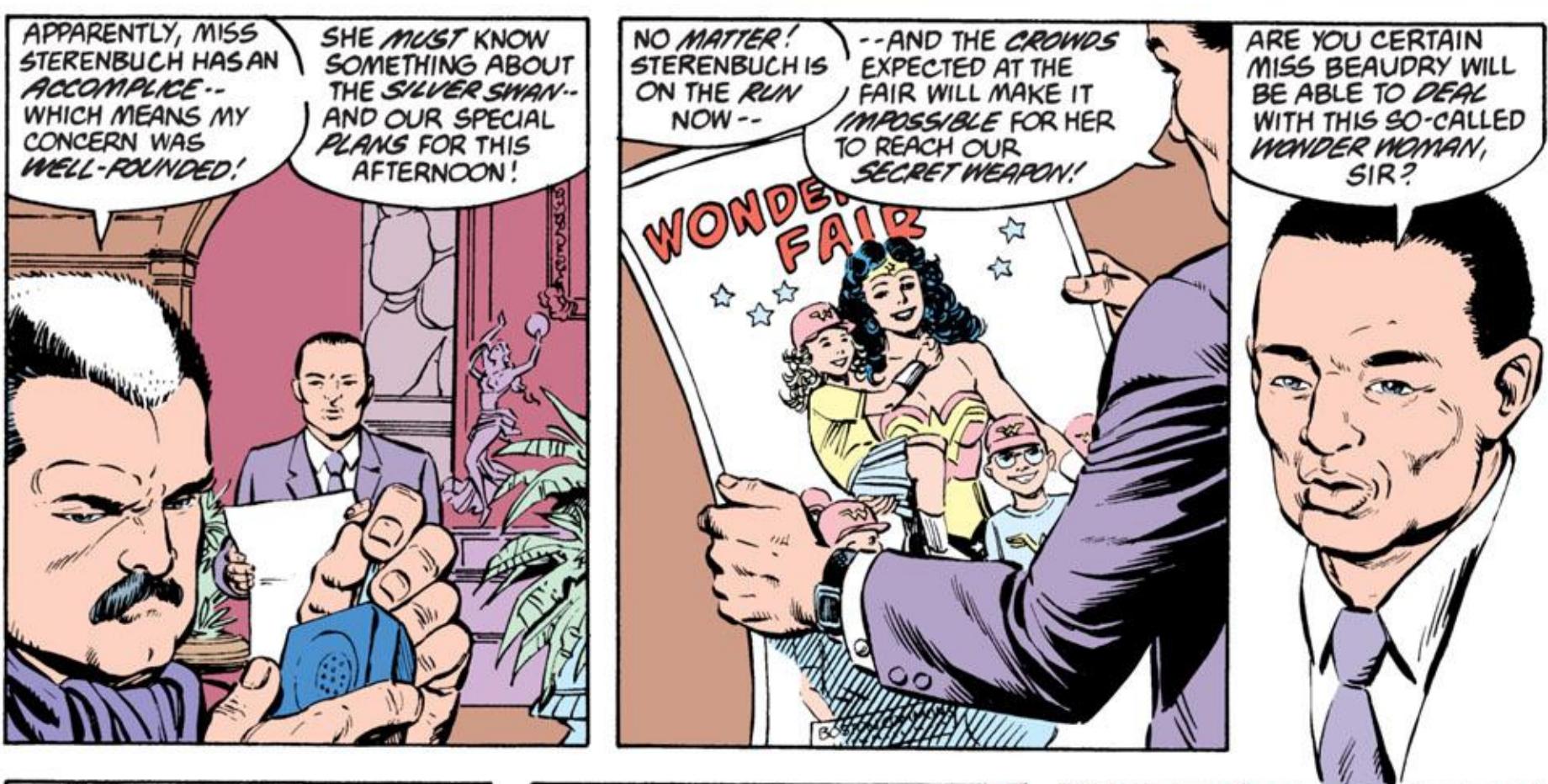


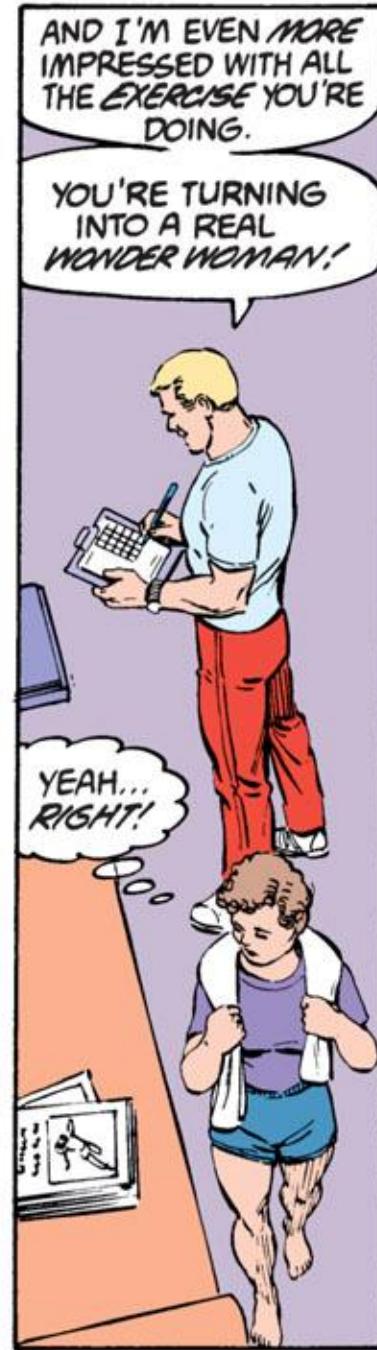
"... THEN THAT SCREAM I
CANNOT HEAR... AND ALL
THAT REMAINED OF MY
FATHER WAS A PUDDLE!"

"YOUR PRECIOUS FRIEND
IS ARMBRISTER'S FRANKEN-
STEIN, MISS STERENBUCH...
THE SILVER SWAN..."

"...THE MONSTER I
HAVE SWORN TO
DESTROY!"

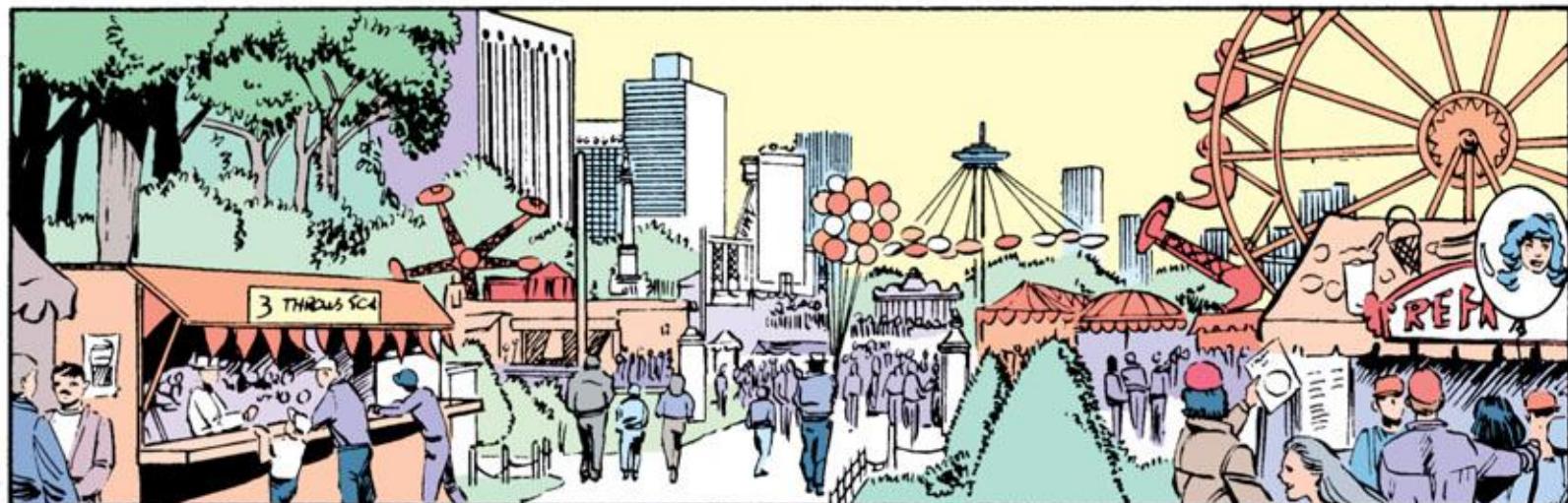


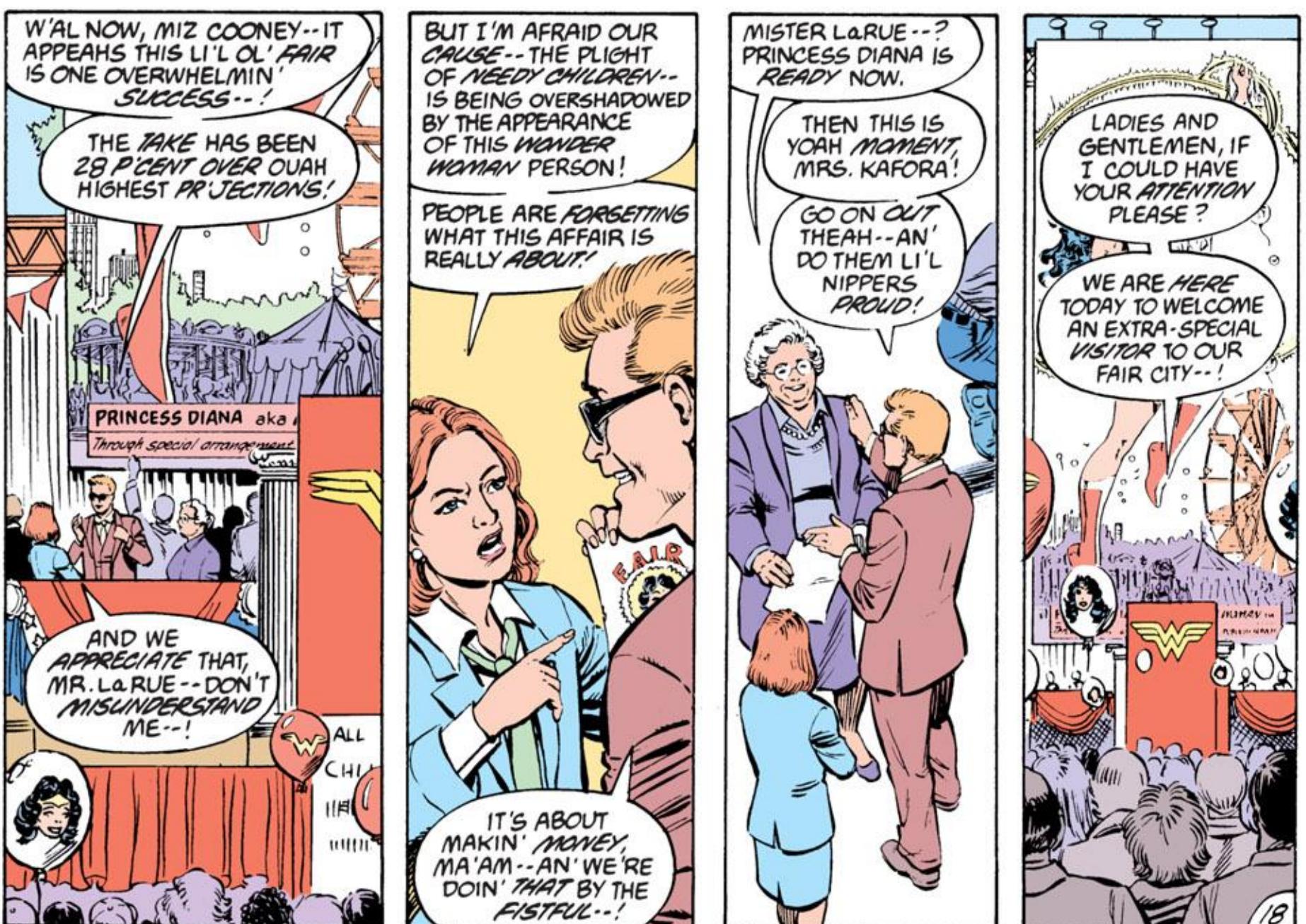
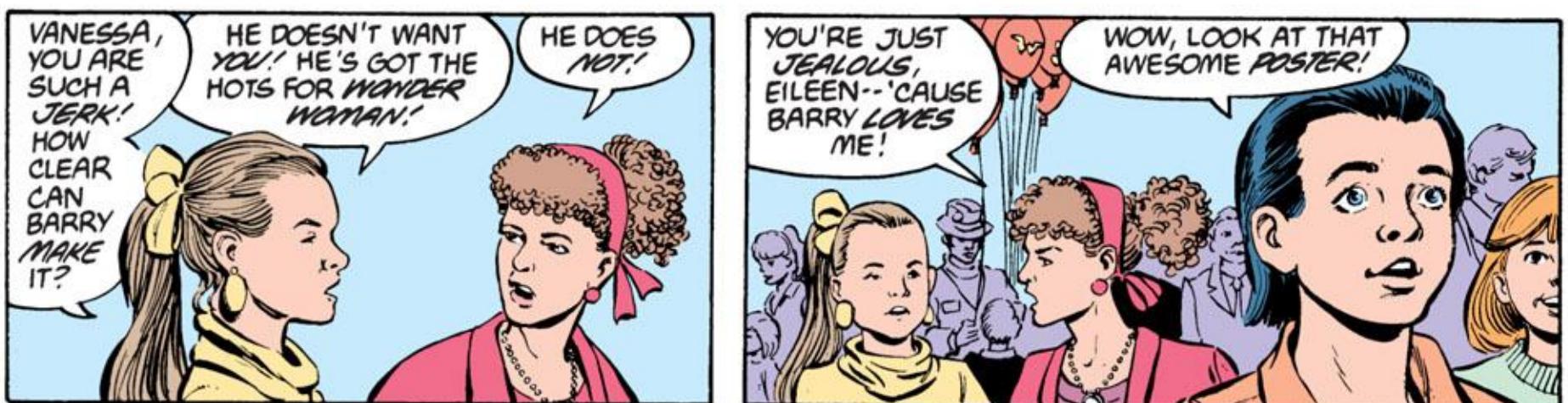
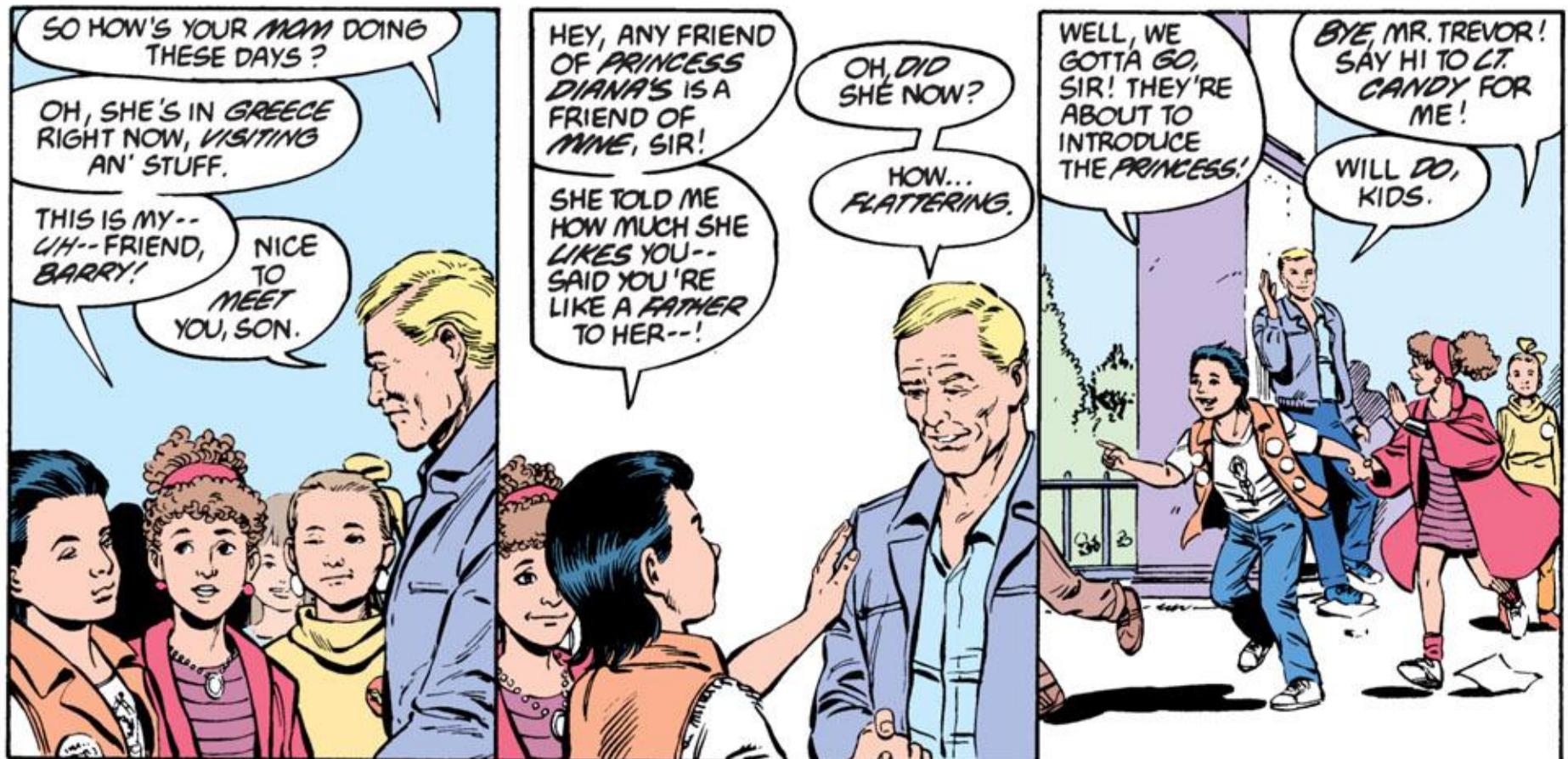




BOSTON COMMONS:

HERE, THE WELL-TRIMMED GREEN HAS GIVEN WAY TO THE MOTTLED RAINBOW THAT IS THE WONDER WOMAN FAIR...





IN HER SHORT TIME AMONG US,
SHE HAS BROUGHT A NEW VITALITY
TO THE CITY OF BOSTON--

--AND A GREATER
UNDERSTANDING OF THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
MEN AND WOMEN!

YOU CAN SAY
THAT AGAIN, SISTER!

C'MON, LADY--
GIVE US A
BREAK!

WE WANT
DIANA!!

AND I
SINCERELY
HOPE YOU'RE
WRONG!

SO NOW, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO,
MAY I PRESENT THE AMAZON
PRINCESS DIANA--

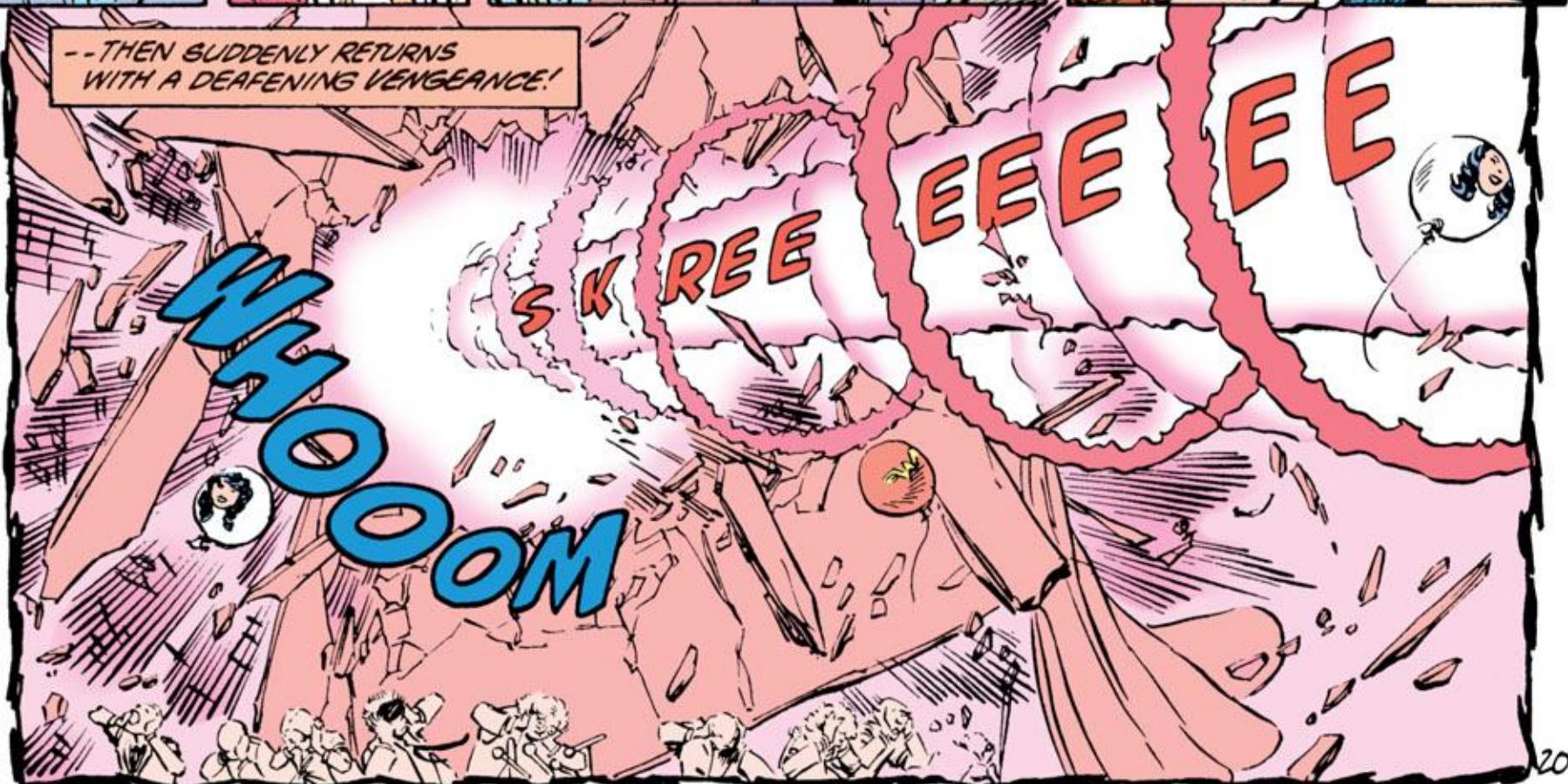
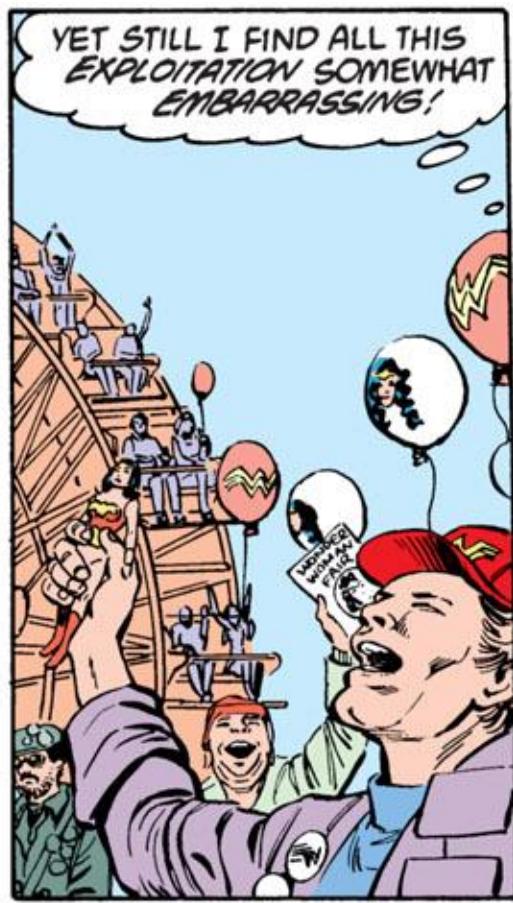
BY THE GODS, IT TRULY
IS EXTRAORDINARY!

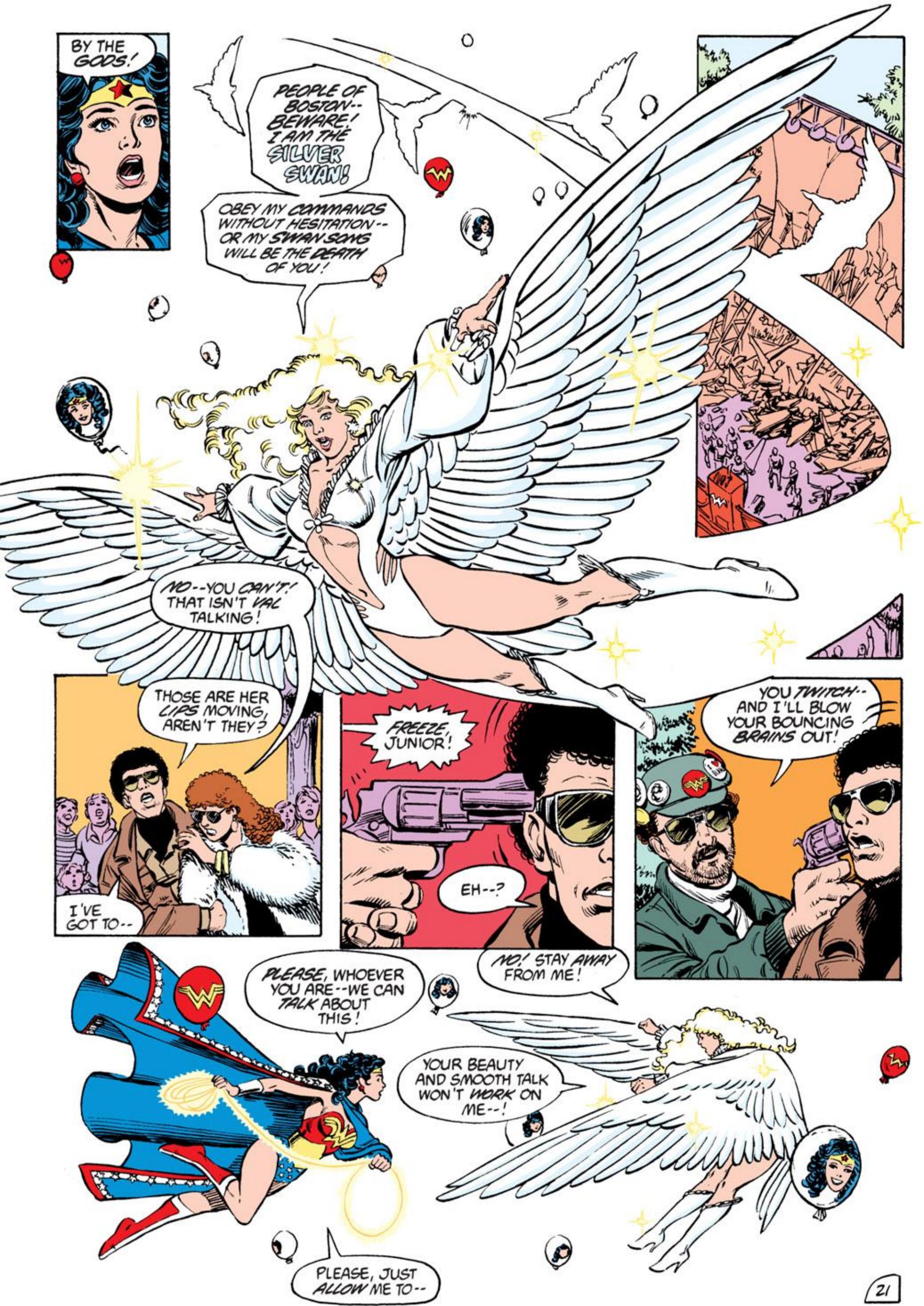
--BETTER
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**WONDER
WOMAN!!**

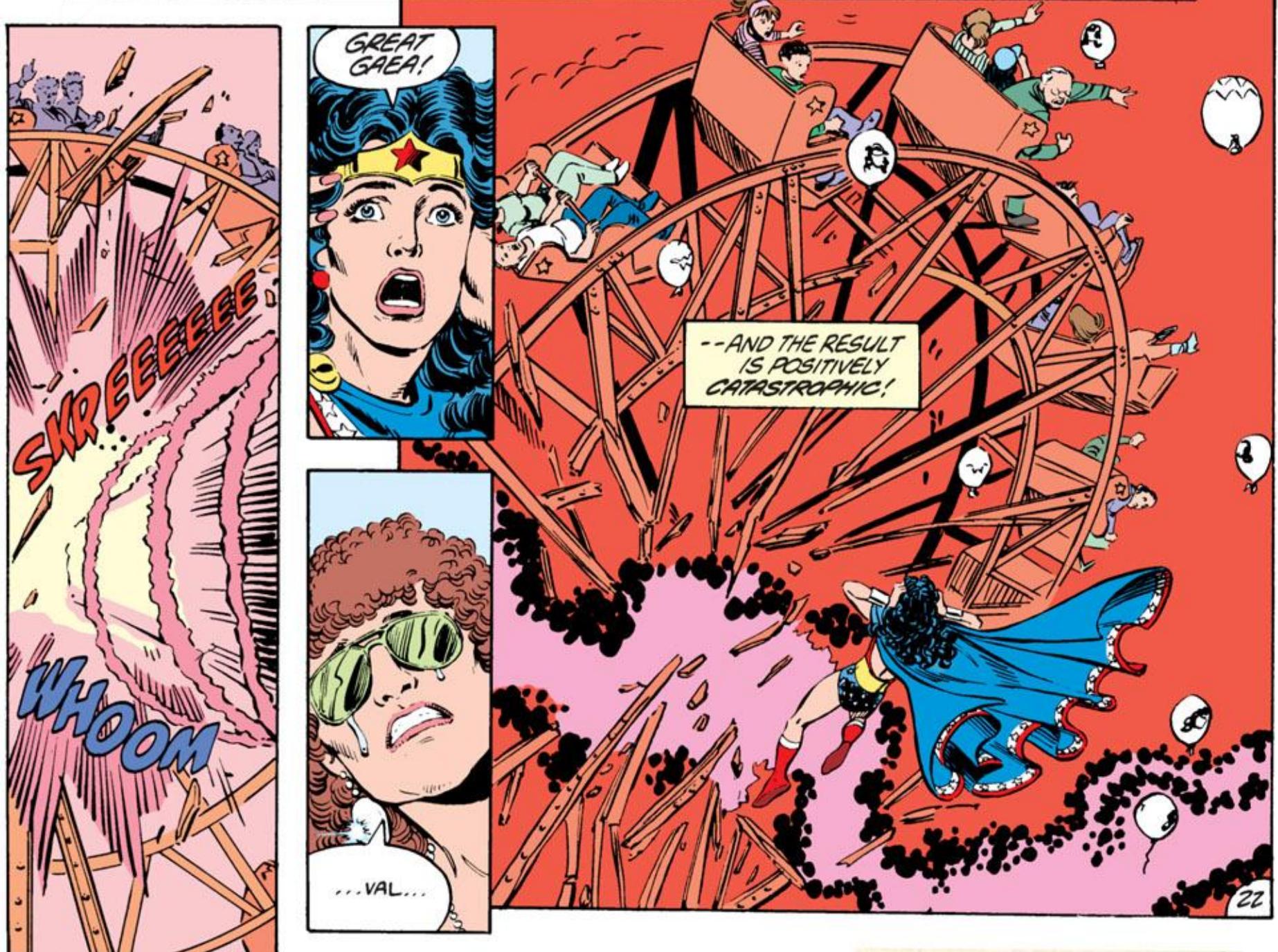
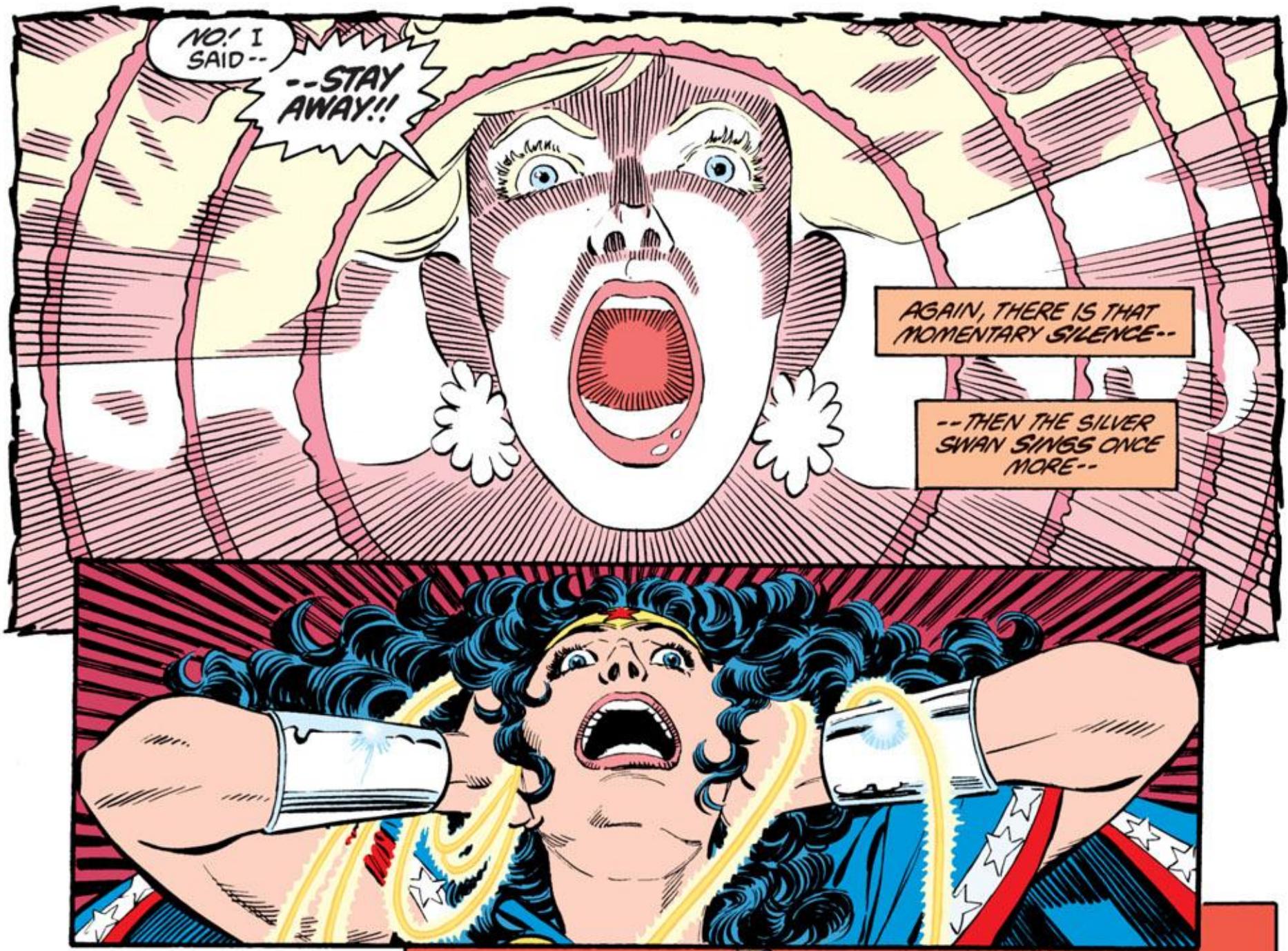
OH MOTHER,
IF YOU COULD
ONLY SEE YOUR
DAUGHTER NOW--!

THOUGH I
AM ALMOST A
STRANGER
IN THEIR MIDST,
THEY ACCEPT
ME WITHOUT
HESITATION!









TO BE CONTINUED!



Wonder Woman 101

For centuries, the race of warrior women known as the Amazons secluded themselves on the remote island of Themyscira. Their leader, Queen Hippolyta, prayed to the gods for a daughter that would embody the Amazon spirit and they granted her wish. Diana was born and gifted with powers and abilities equal to that of the Grecian deities. After winning a competition with all of her Amazonian sisters, she was chosen to be the ambassador of her people in the modern world and took on the code-name **Wonder Woman**.

Since embarking on her mission, Princess Diana has grown to become one of the World's Greatest Super Heroes and battles evil as a member of the Justice League of America alongside Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, The Flash and Aquaman.

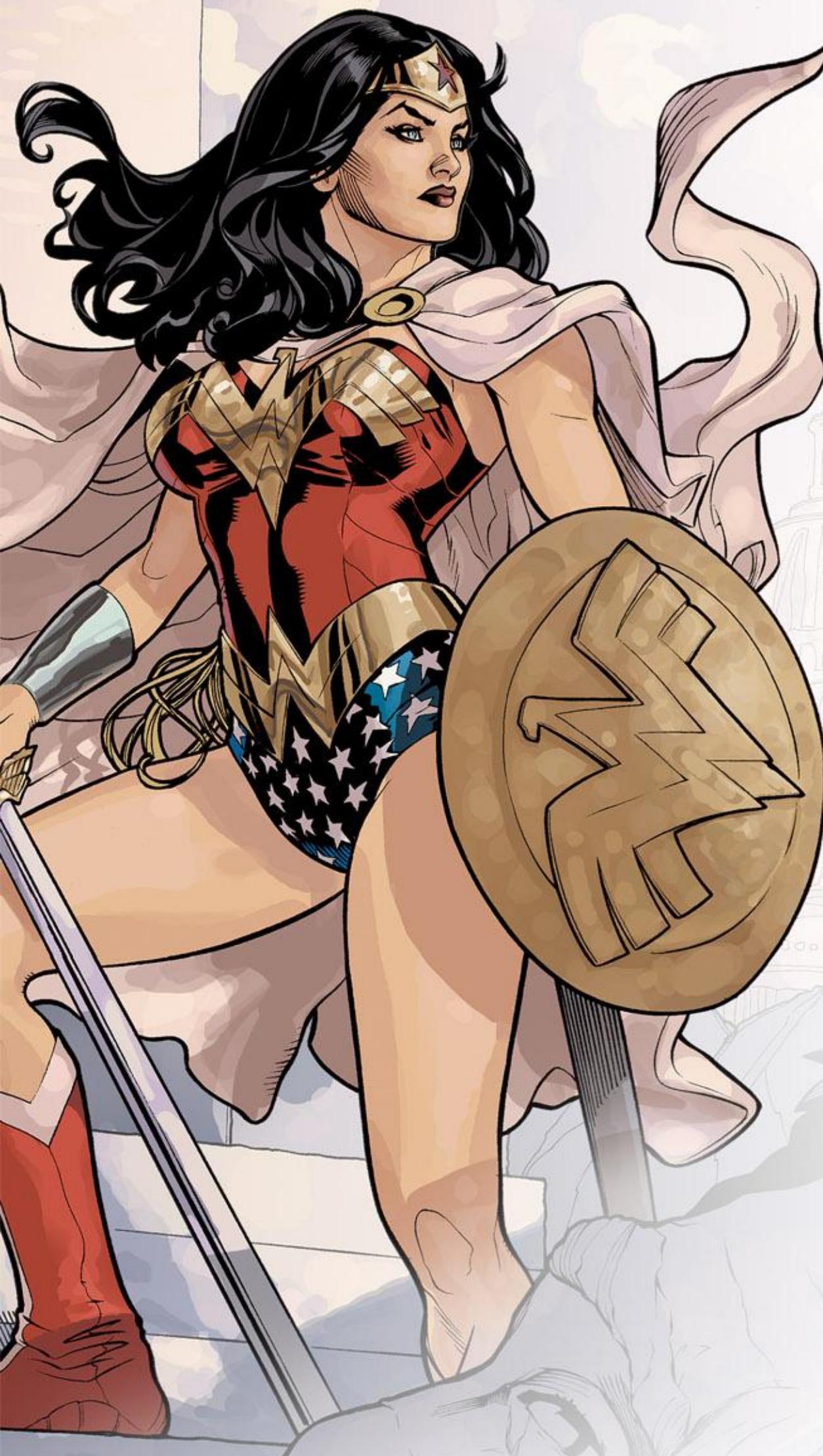
The Amazon Warrior possesses godlike strength, speed, invulnerability and the ability to fly. She uses her unbreakable magic Lasso of Truth and bullet deflecting bracelets to take on an astounding array of villains including the Cheetah, Giganta and Ares, God of War.

To this day, **Wonder Woman** remains a pop culture icon across the globe and serves as an inspiration to fans young and old. From the classic Wonder Woman live-action television series starring Lynda Carter to her appearances in the **Super Friends** and **Justice League**, she has been spotlighted in all forms of media. Now you can read all about her in these 101 Wonder Woman digital comics.

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