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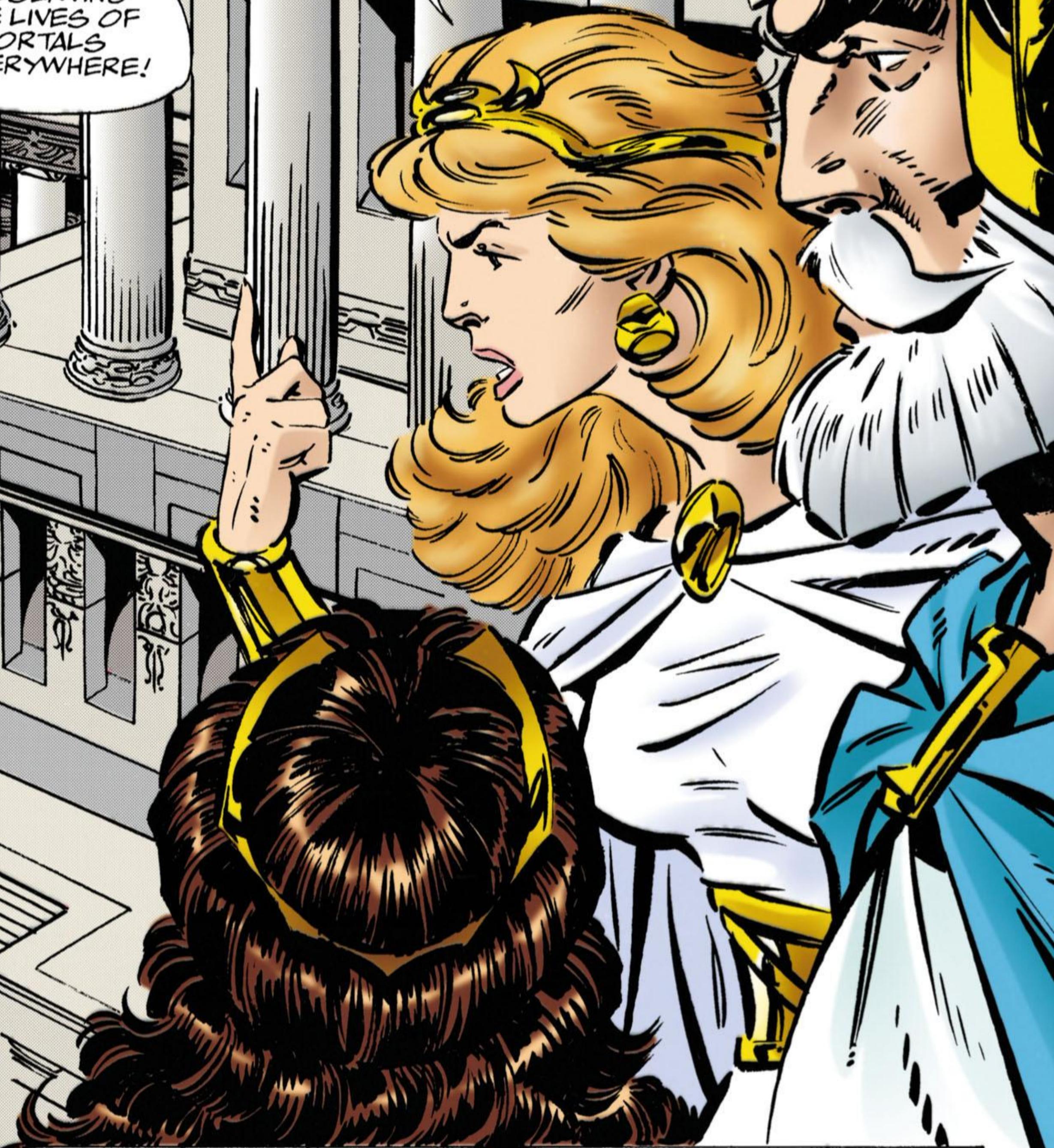
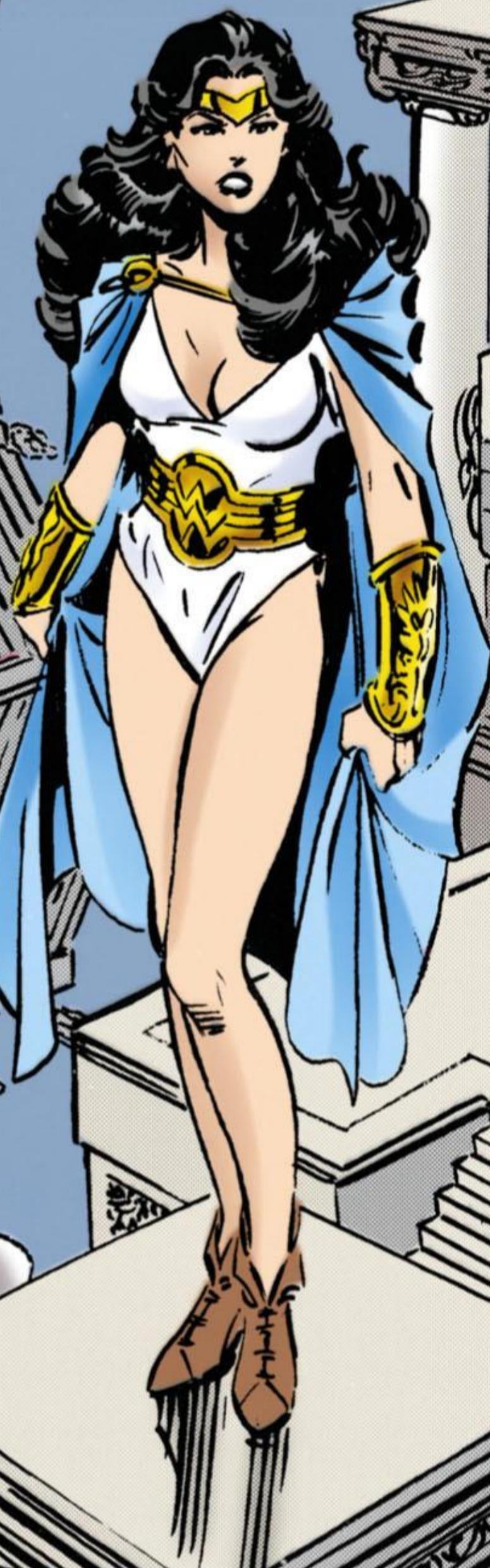
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SPEAK TO
ME NOT OF
OBEDIENCE,
ATHENA!

YOUR BAN WAS TO PUNISH
ME FOR DOING THE VERY
THING FOR WHICH I WAS
SENT INTO THE WORLD...

SUCH WAS NEVER OUR
STATED INTENT WHEN WE
OVERSAW YOUR CREATION,
DIANA.

PRESERVING
THE LIVES OF
MORTALS
EVERYWHERE!



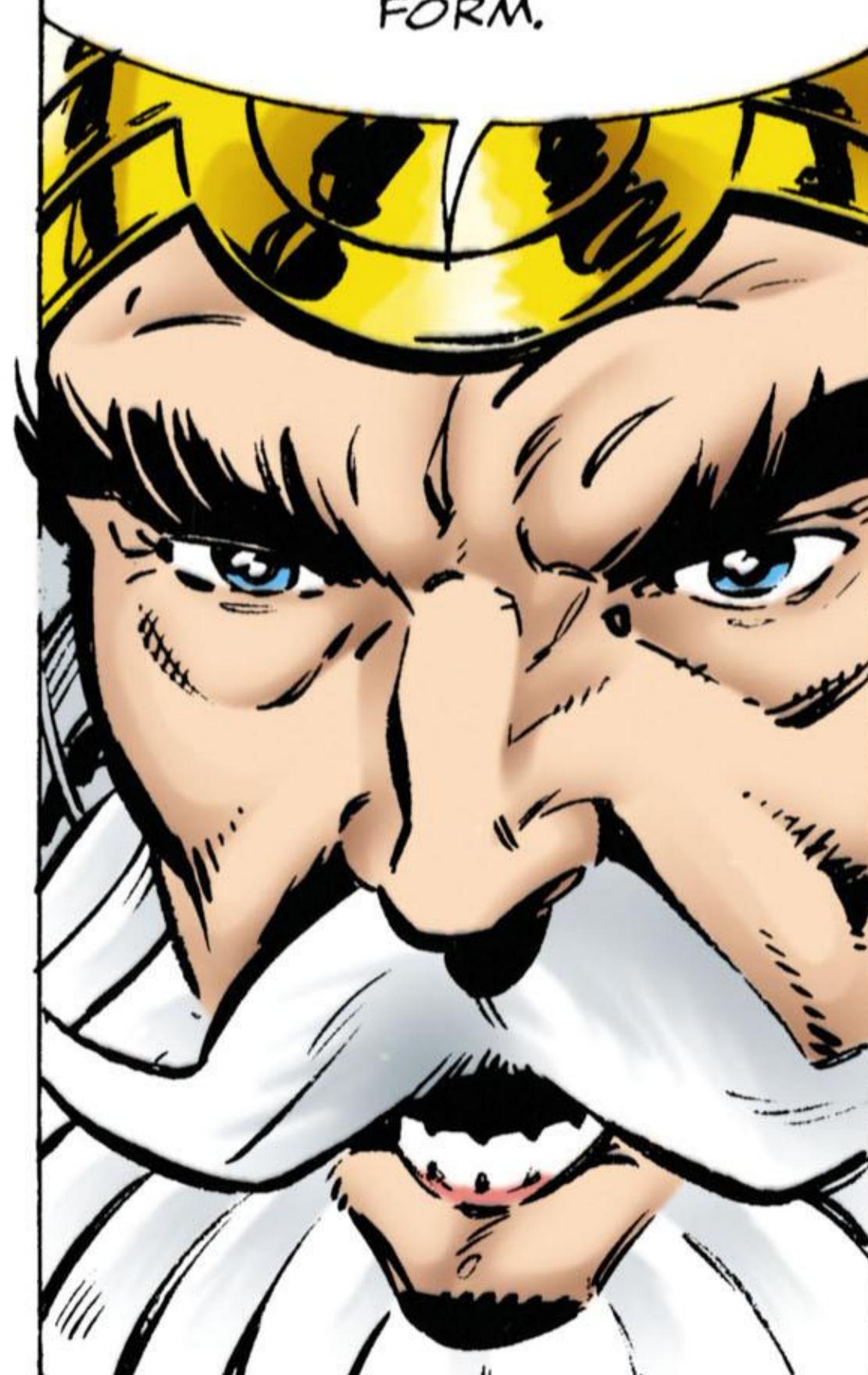
YOU WERE
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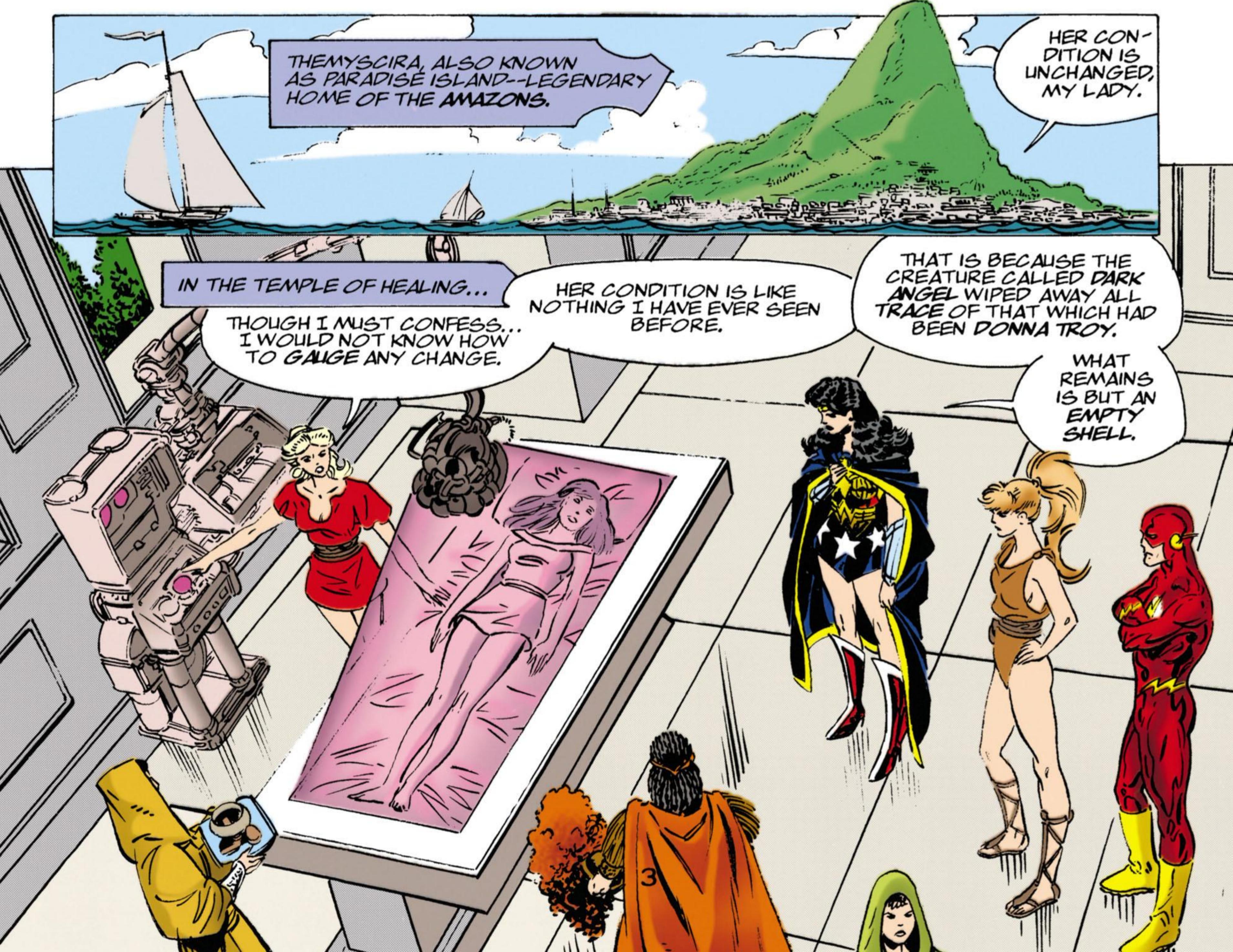
WE DID NOT
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YOU WOULD
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WAY INTO THE
MORTAL
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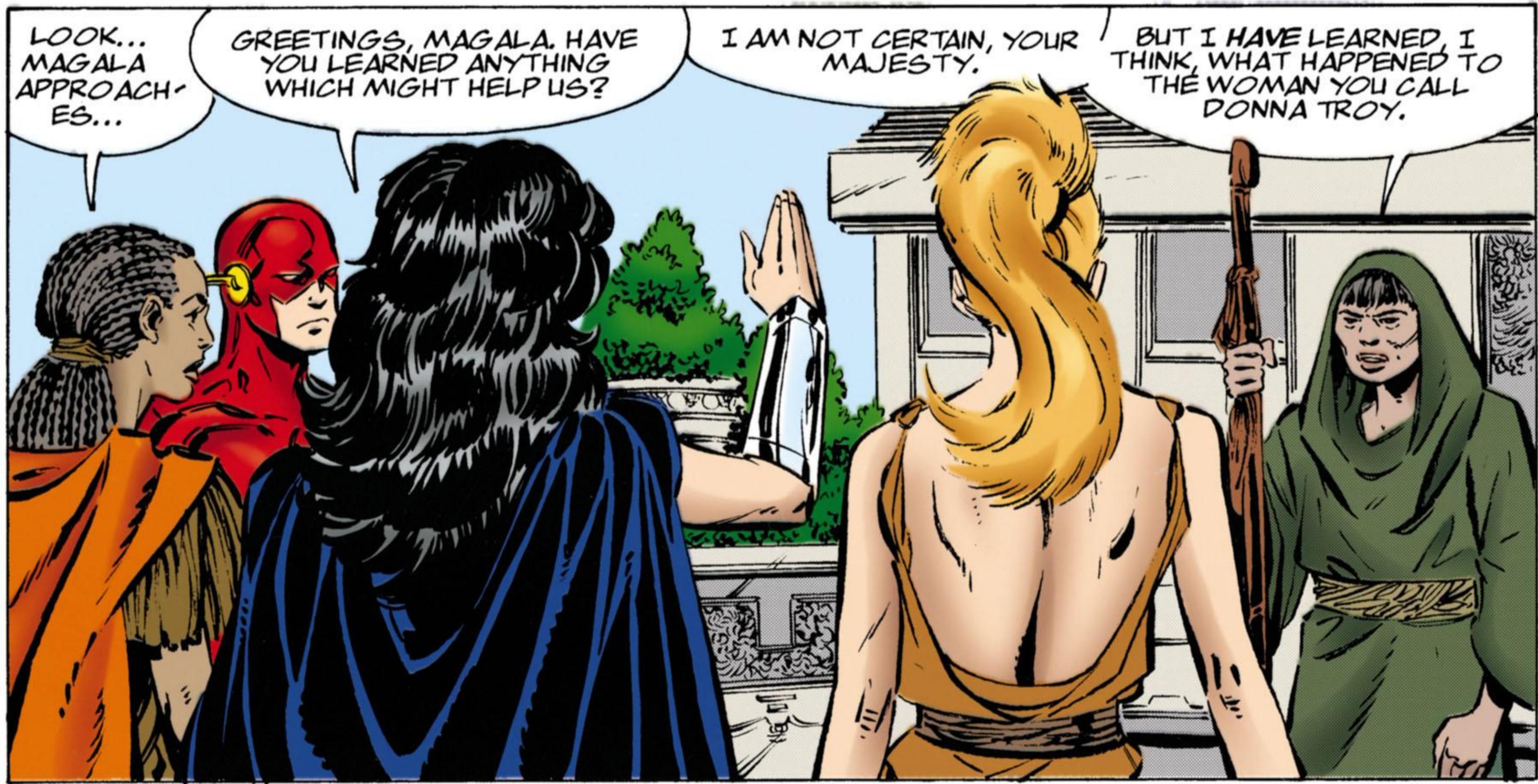
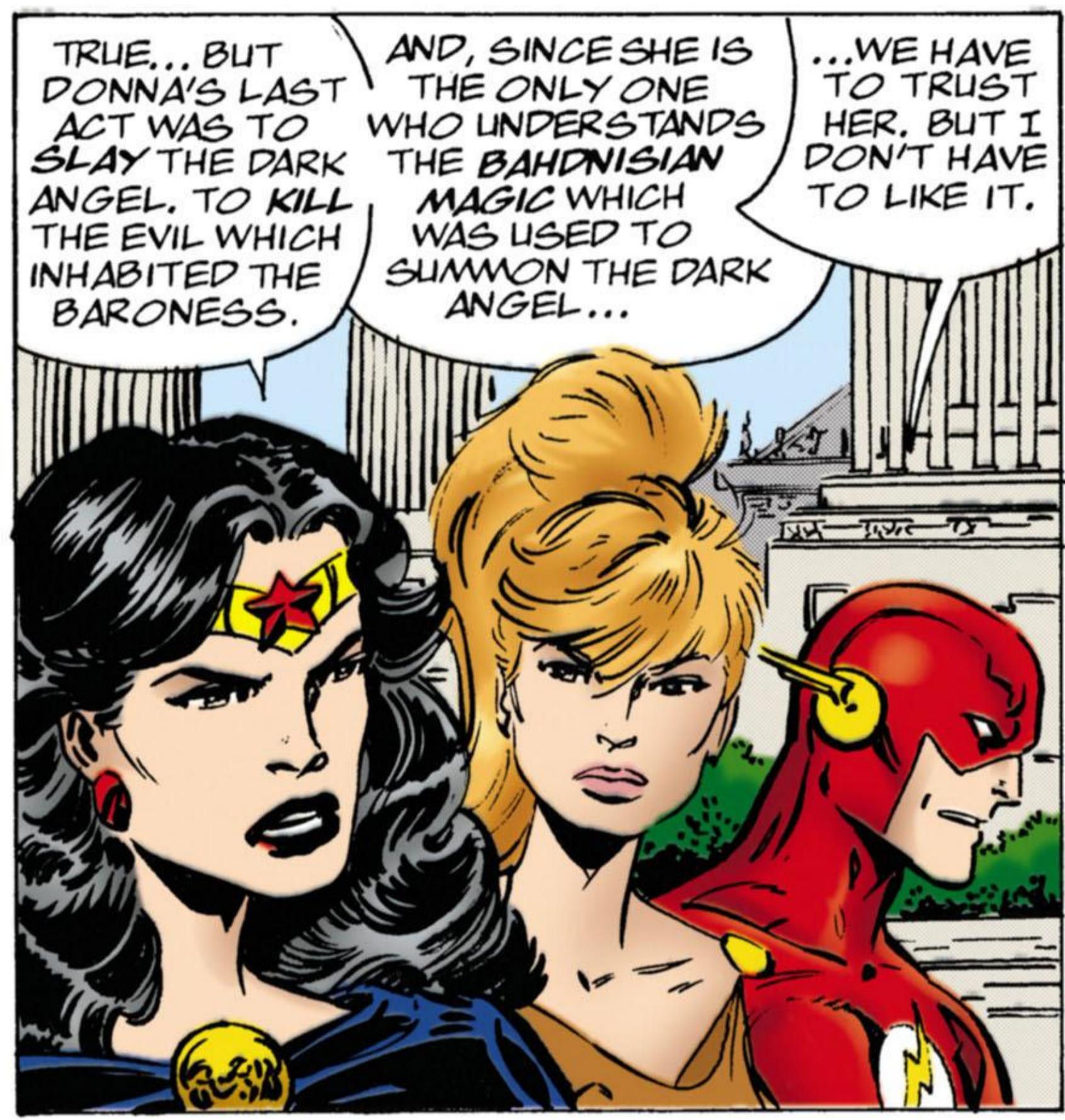
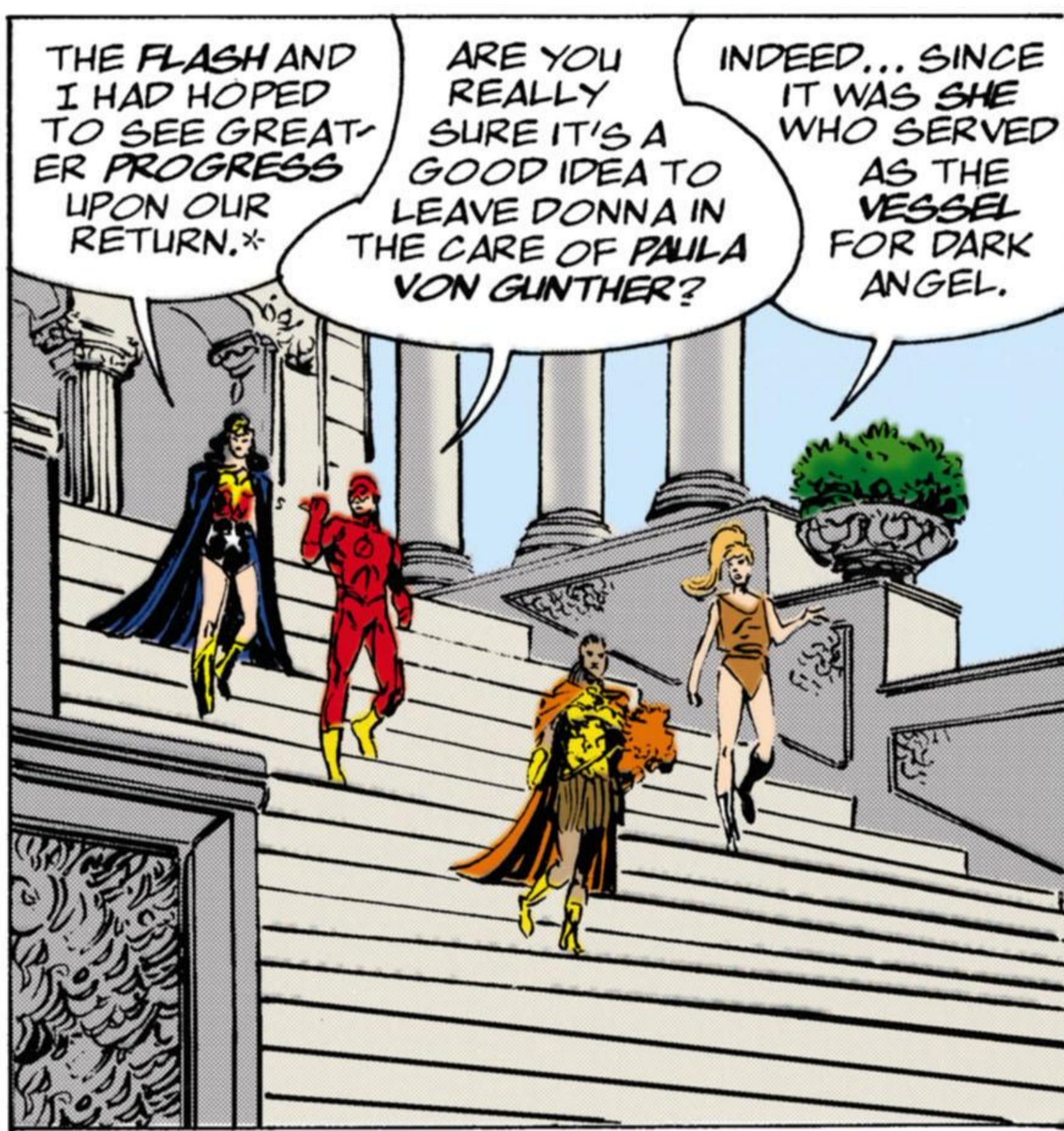
IT MATTERS NOT! NOW
THAT DIANA IS A GODDESS,
SHE MUST OBEY THE LAWS
AS SET DOWN BY US WHO
RULE OLYMPUS.
SINCE SHE HAS CHOSEN
ANOTHER PATH, I HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT TO REVOKE HER
TRANSFIGURATION, AND
RETURN HER TO HER MORTAL
FORM.

DO THAT, NOBLE
FATHER, AND YOU
CONDAMN TO
DEATH ONE WHO
IS FLESH OF YOUR
OWN FLESH.

ARES!
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
BY
THIS?

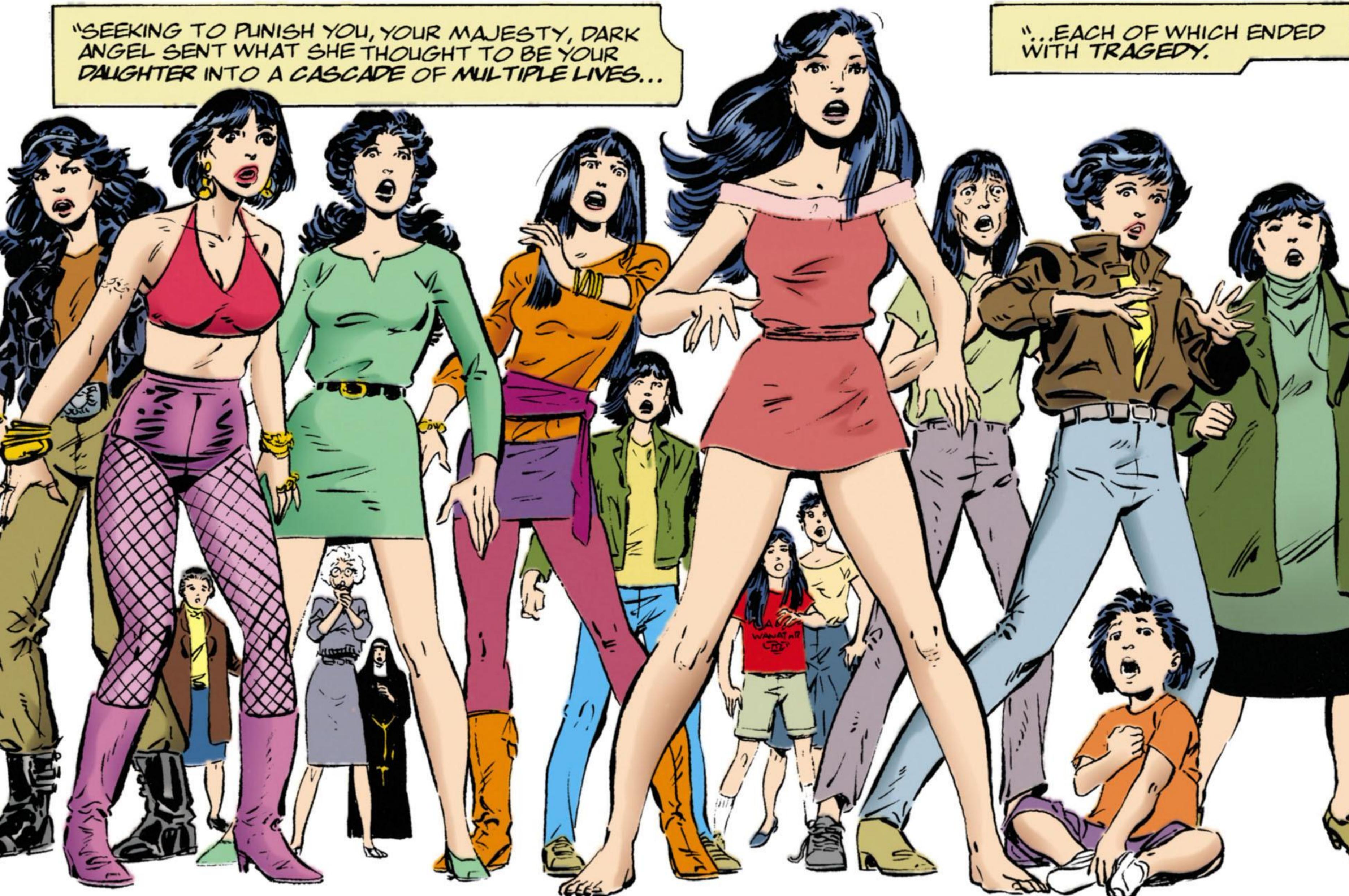






"SEEKING TO PUNISH YOU, YOUR MAJESTY, DARK ANGEL SENT WHAT SHE THOUGHT TO BE YOUR DAUGHTER INTO A CASCADE OF MULTIPLE LIVES..."

"...EACH OF WHICH ENDED WITH TRAGEDY."



PERHAPS I AM BEING UNDULY DIMWITTED, BUT I STILL DO NOT UNDERSTAND HOW DARK ANGEL THOUGHT THIS WOULD PUNISH QUEEN HIPPOLYTA.

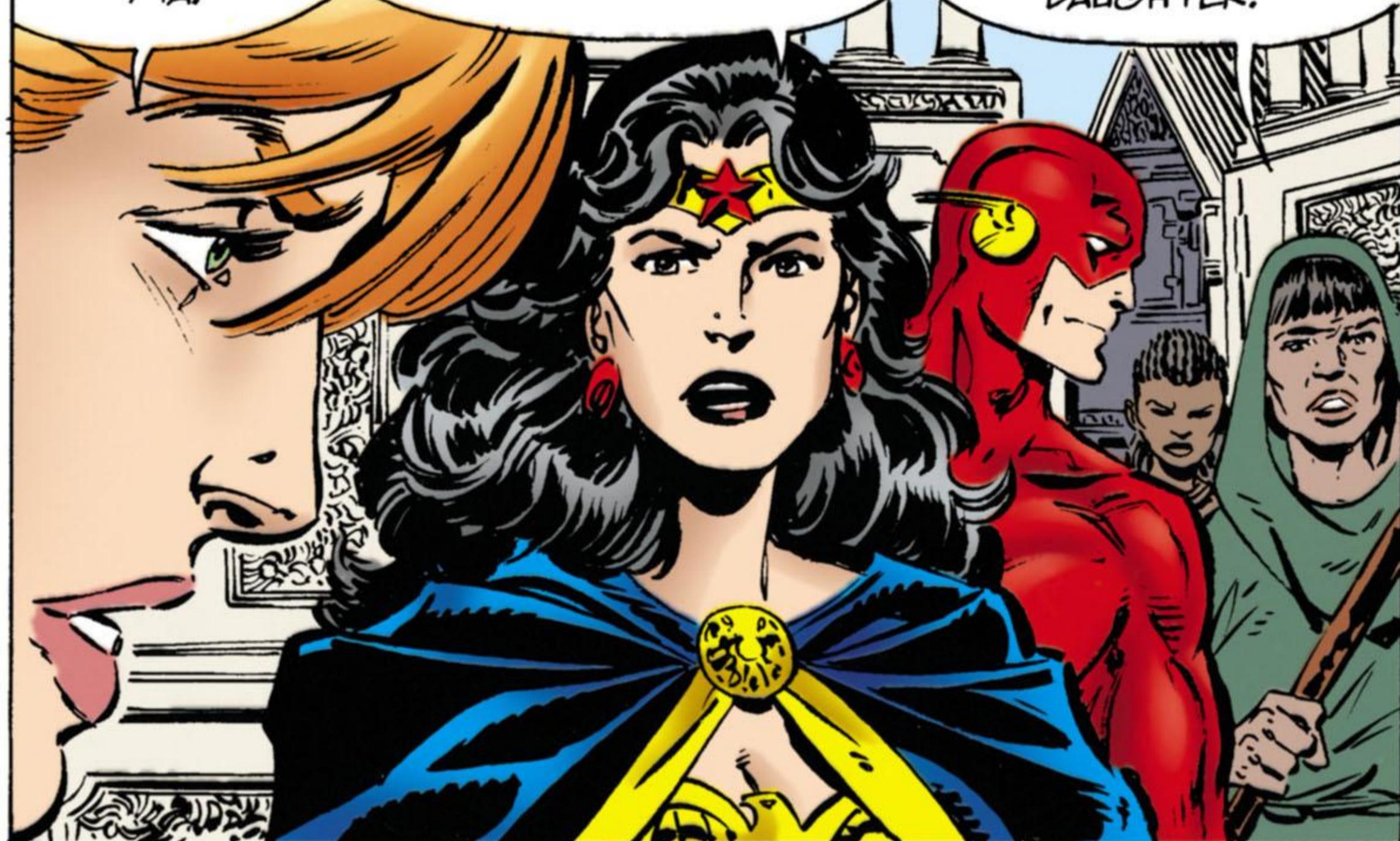
I WAS MEANT TO FEEL EACH LIFETIME, ARTEMIS. SINCE DARK ANGEL OVERLAI D EACH UPON THE PREVIOUS, WIPE OUT ALL TRACE OF WHAT HAD GONE BEFORE...

...SHE HAD HOPE D THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT WOULD EVENTUALLY DRIVE ME INSANE.

IT MIGHT HAVE, HAD DONNA TRULY BEEN YOUR DAUGHTER.

INSTEAD, THE REPEATED LIFETIME'S HAD ANOTHER EFFECT. ONE THE DARK ANGEL COULD NOT HAVE ANTICIPATED.

IT HAS BEEN TRULY SAID THAT THAT WHICH DOES NOT DESTROY US MAKES US STRONGER. IN THE CASE OF DONNA TROY, THIS WAS VERY LITERALLY SO.



I THINK I GET WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, MAGALA. EACH MISERABLE LIFE DARK ANGEL SENT HER THROUGH HAD THE EFFECT OF STRENGTHENING DONNA'S SOUL.

YES. THE DUPLICATE DIANA SHOULD HAVE FADED IN TIME, BUT BECAUSE OF THE INTERVENTION OF DARK ANGEL IT SURVIVED.

NOT ONLY SURVIVED, BUT GREW STRONGER, MORE PURE.



"UNTIL SHE BECAME PURE ENOUGH TO SLAY EVIL WITH A TOUCH...!"

GATEWAY CITY...

I CAN NEVER TELL... IS THAT A GUY OR A REAL UGLY CHICK?

KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN, SMITTY! IF SHE IS A CHICK AND HEARS YOU, WE'LL BE IN ALL KINDS OF TROUBLE.

OH, SURE, LIKE THEY CAN POST US TO A WORSE DETAIL?

HOW LONG HAVE WE BEEN GUARDING THIS STUPID LAB, ANYWAY? A HUNDRED YEARS?

ONLY A FEW WEEKS, JERKS...

...SINCE THE D.A.'S OFFICE SEALED THE LAB AS POLICE EVIDENCE IN THE MURDER OF WONDER WOMAN!*

*SEEN IN ISSUE #127 - PAUL

IT'S TAKEN ME THIS LONG TO BE SURE I COULD PULL THIS OFF.

LUCKILY I WAS ABLE TO CONVINCE THE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION THAT I SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO CARE FOR DR. ZEUL'S TEST ANIMALS WHILE THE LAB WAS UNDER POLICE SEAL.

INCLUDING YOU, MY HAIRY FRIEND.

NOT QUITE THE CONTAINER DR. ZEUL WOULD HAVE CHOSEN FOR HERSELF...

GIGANTA

“...BUT AS THE SAYING HAS IT, ANY PORT IN A STORM! ”

WHAT THE..?

WHAT'S THAT ..??

OKAY, TUBS,
WHAT THE HECK
ARE YOU...

SMITTY...!!

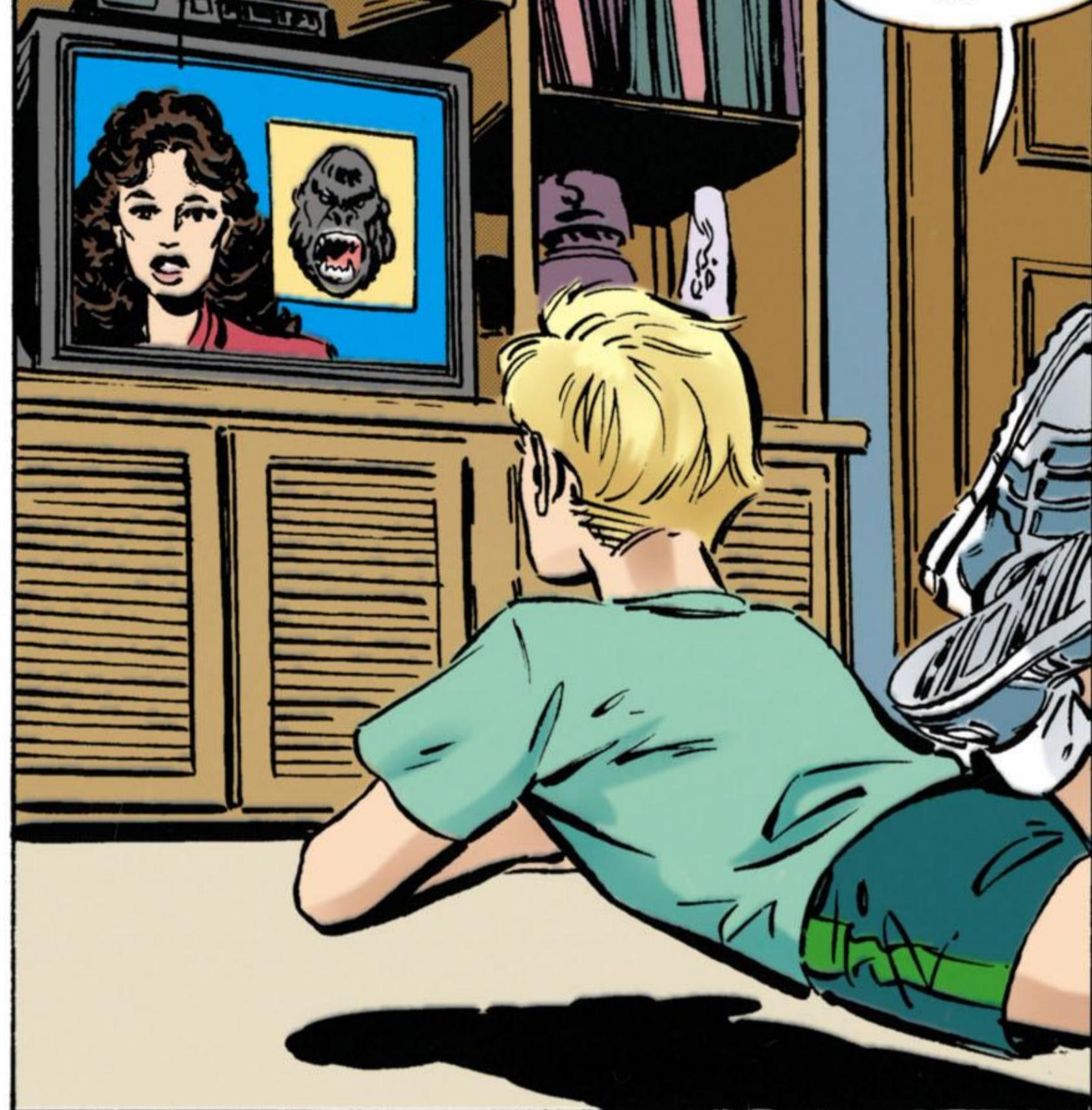


...POLICE CONFIRM A GORILLA ON A RAM-PAGE NEAR GATEWAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

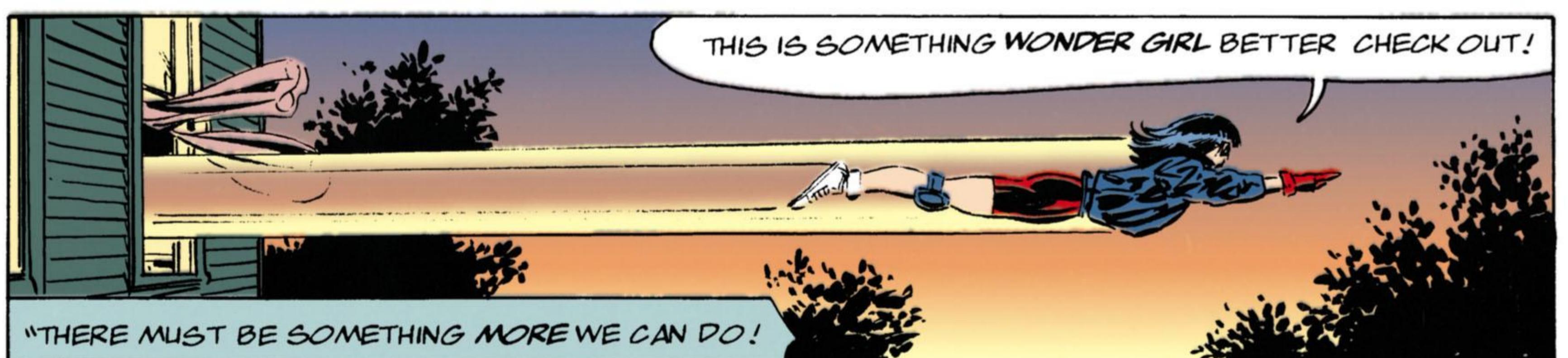
SURROUNDING STREETS HAVE BEEN BLOCKED OFF, BUT POLICE ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY CAPTURING THE ANIMAL.

A... GORILLA...?

THERE WAS A GORILLA IN A CAGE IN THE LAB OF THAT NUTSO SCIENTIST WHO STOLE DIANA...!!*

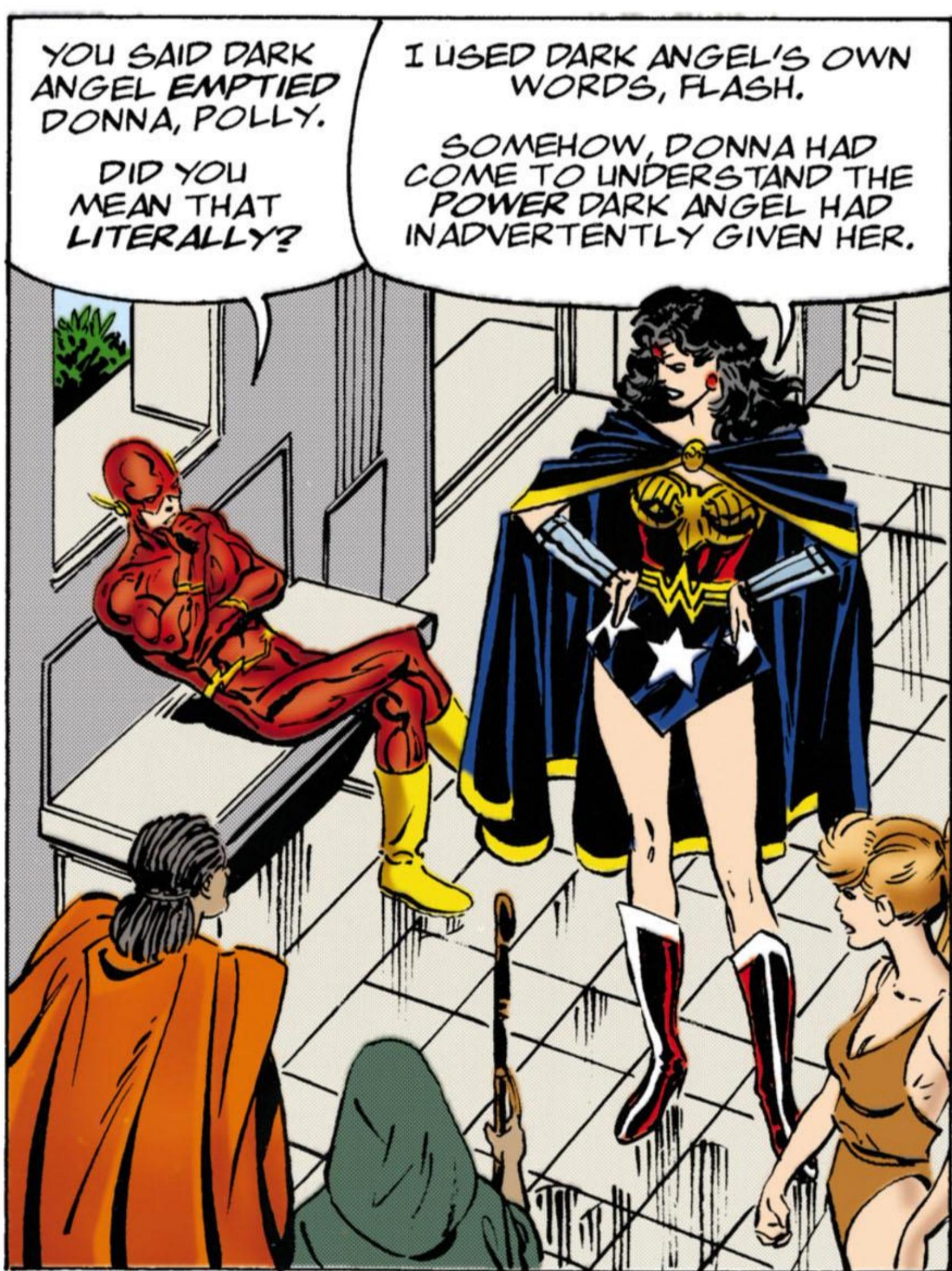


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"THERE MUST BE SOMETHING MORE WE CAN DO!"

THIS IS SOMETHING WONDER GIRL BETTER CHECK OUT!



YOU SAID DARK ANGEL EMPTIED DONNA, POLLY.

DID YOU MEAN THAT LITERALLY?

I USED DARK ANGEL'S OWN WORDS, FLASH.

SOMEHOW, DONNA HAD COME TO UNDERSTAND THE POWER DARK ANGEL HAD INADVERTENTLY GIVEN HER.

"WHEN DONNA SEIZED DARK ANGEL, THE EVIL IN HER BEGAN AT ONCE TO DIE."

"WITH HER LAST BREATH, DARK ANGEL HURLED A FINAL CURSE UPON DONNA..."

I HAVE MADE YOU... LIVE A... THOUSAND LIFETIMES... PRINCESS...

NOW... I WIPE FROM ALL EXISTENCE EVERY LAST TRACE OF YOU!





"...I THINK I HAVE A WAY IN WHICH THIS MATTER CAN BE SATISFIED..."

THERE'S THE HOSPITAL. NOW, WHERE'S THE APE...?

"THERE!"

HURRY, DOCTOR! HURRY!

WE CAN GET DOWN TO THE STREET FROM HERE...

...BRON...SON...



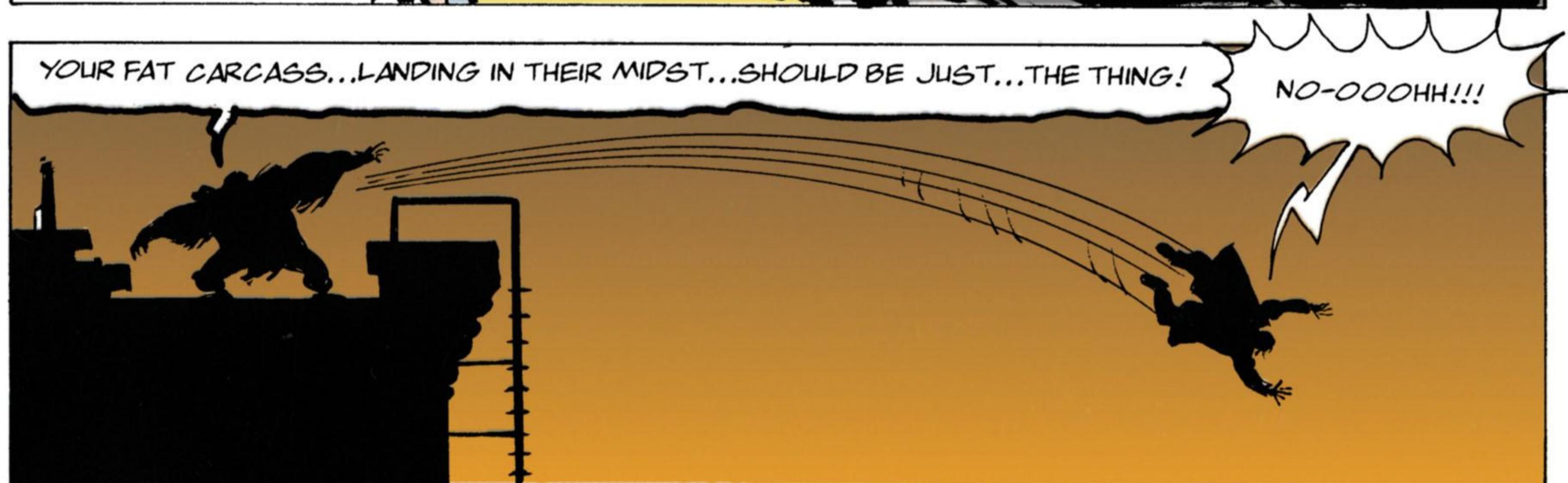
I'VE HAD...ENOUGH...OF THIS...CAT AND MOUSE...GAME. THE POLICE...NEED TO BE...DISTRACTED.

DOCTOR!!!



YOUR FAT CARCASS...LANDING IN THEIR MIDST...SHOULD BE JUST...THE THING!

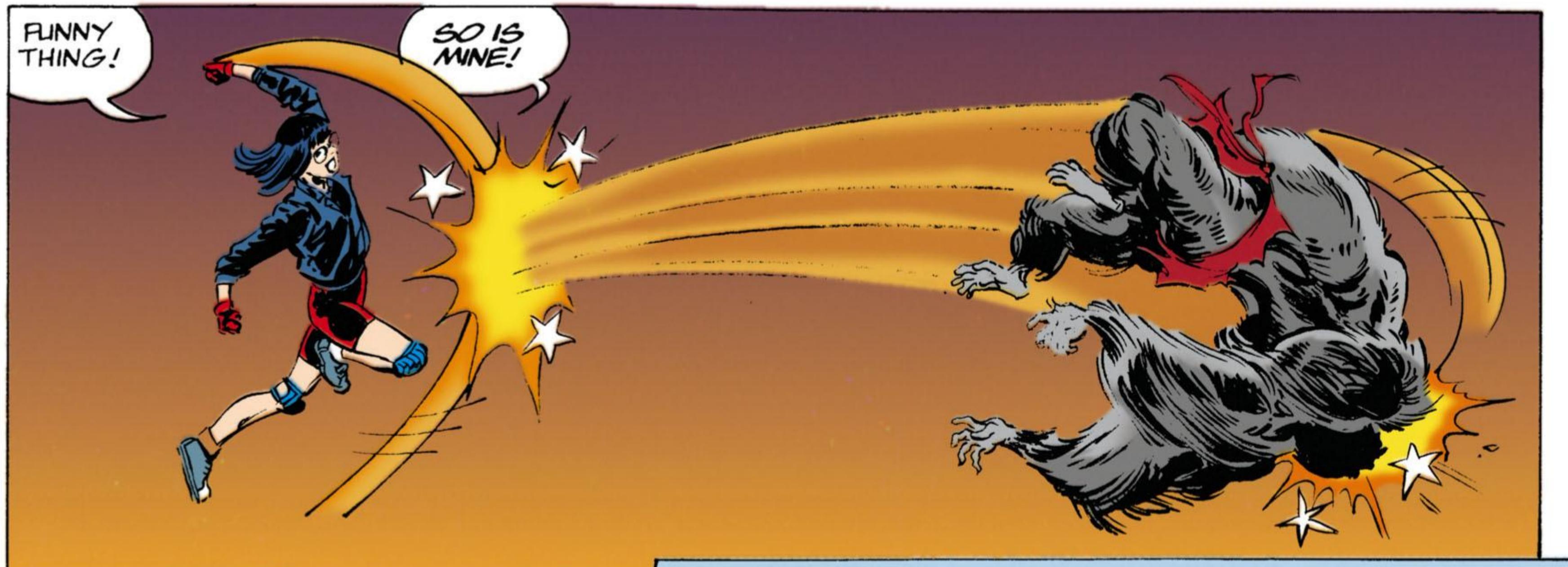
NO-OOOHH!!!



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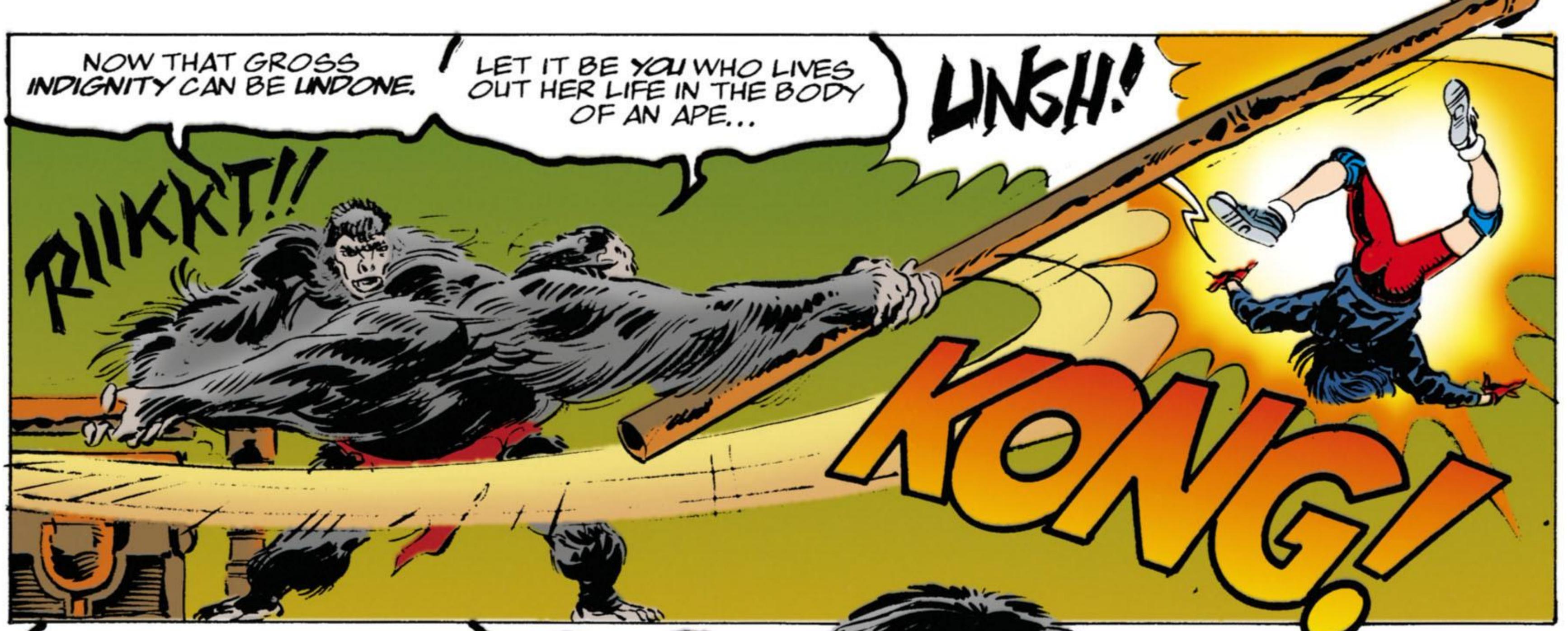
NOT SO FAST, FUZZY.

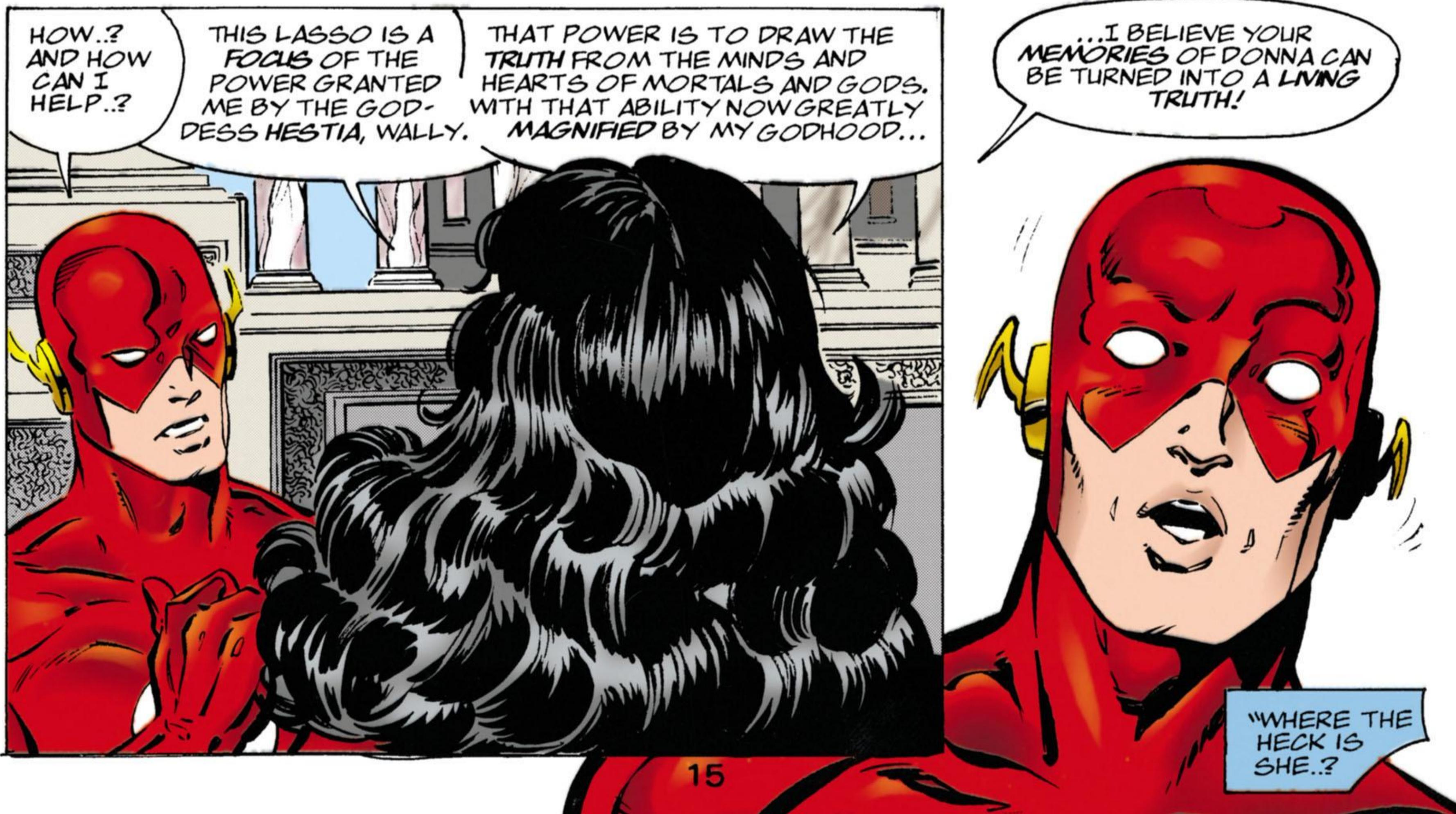
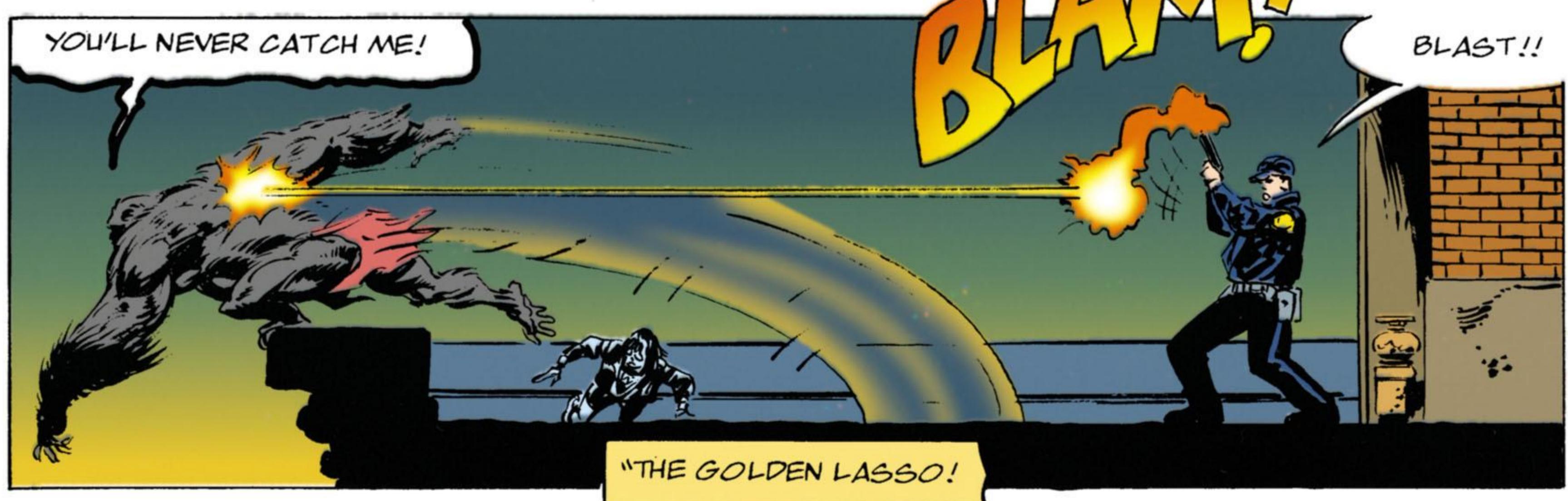














BUT... WHAT ABOUT THE PARTS OF HER LIFE I DON'T KNOW, DIANA? IF WE PATCH THOSE HOLES IN THE TIMESTREAM...

...HOW CAN WE BE CERTAIN DONNA WON'T HAVE HOLES IN HER MEMORY?

YOUR MEMORIES WILL SERVE AS A PATTERN, FLASH.

I BELIEVE THE UNIVERSE ITSELF WILL TAKE CARE OF THE PARTS YOU DO NOT KNOW.

OKAY... ONE LAST THING, BEFORE WE START. DONNA HAS HAD SOME PRETTY ROUGH TIMES IN HER LIFE. COULDN'T WE, LIKE, EDIT THOSE OUT?

GIVE HER BACK HER HAPPY MARRIAGE AND KIDS, FOR INSTANCE... OR MAKE IT THAT THE WHOLE MARRIAGE NEVER HAPPENED?

THAT WOULD BE MOST UNWISE.



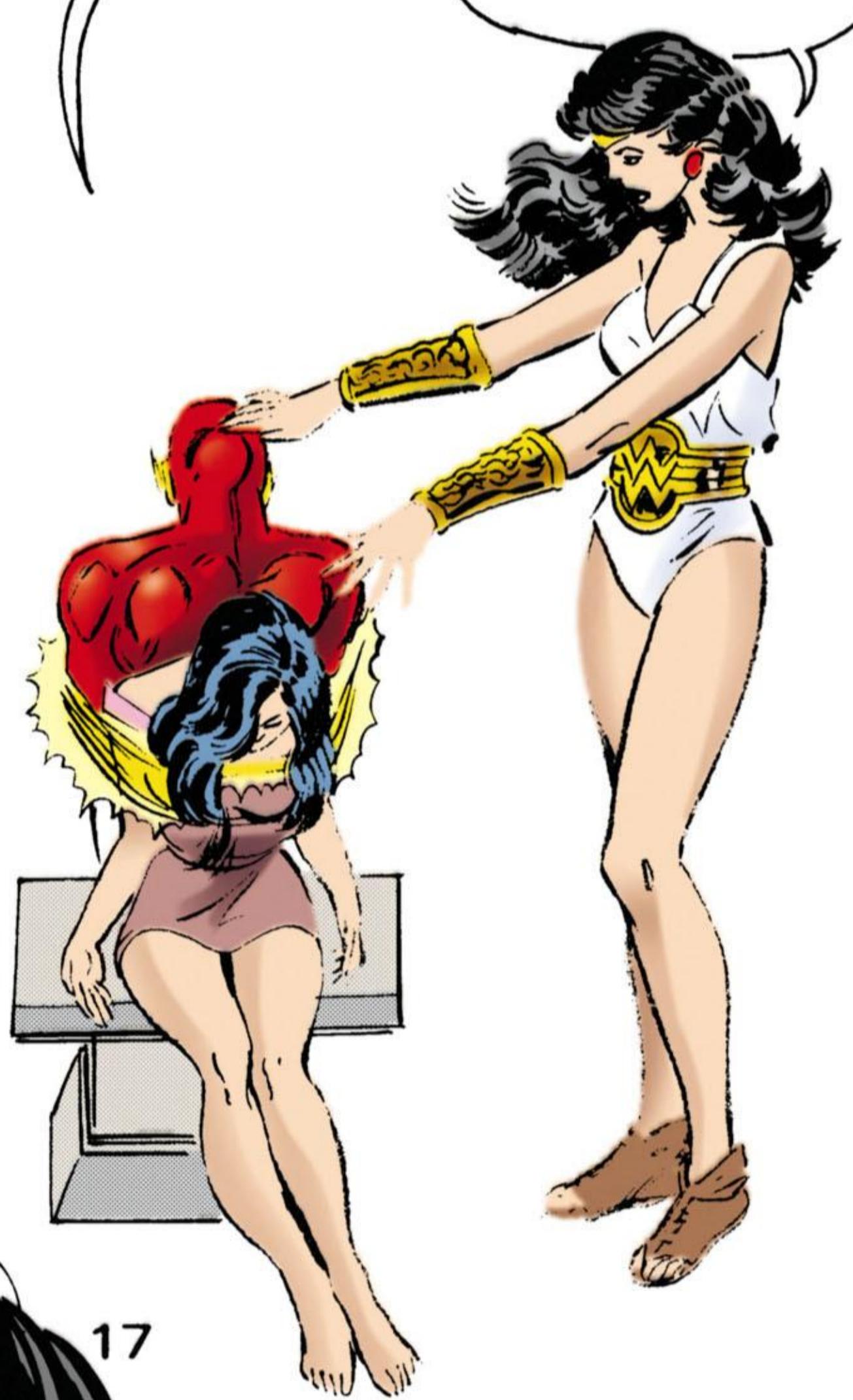
THE DONNA YOU KNOW AND LOVE IS THE SUM TOTAL OF ALL THE MOMENTS OF HER LIFE. TO REMOVE OR RESHAPE ANY ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS WOULD BE TO RISK CREATING A RIPPLE EFFECT THAT COULD MAKE HER ANOTHER WOMAN ALTOGETHER.

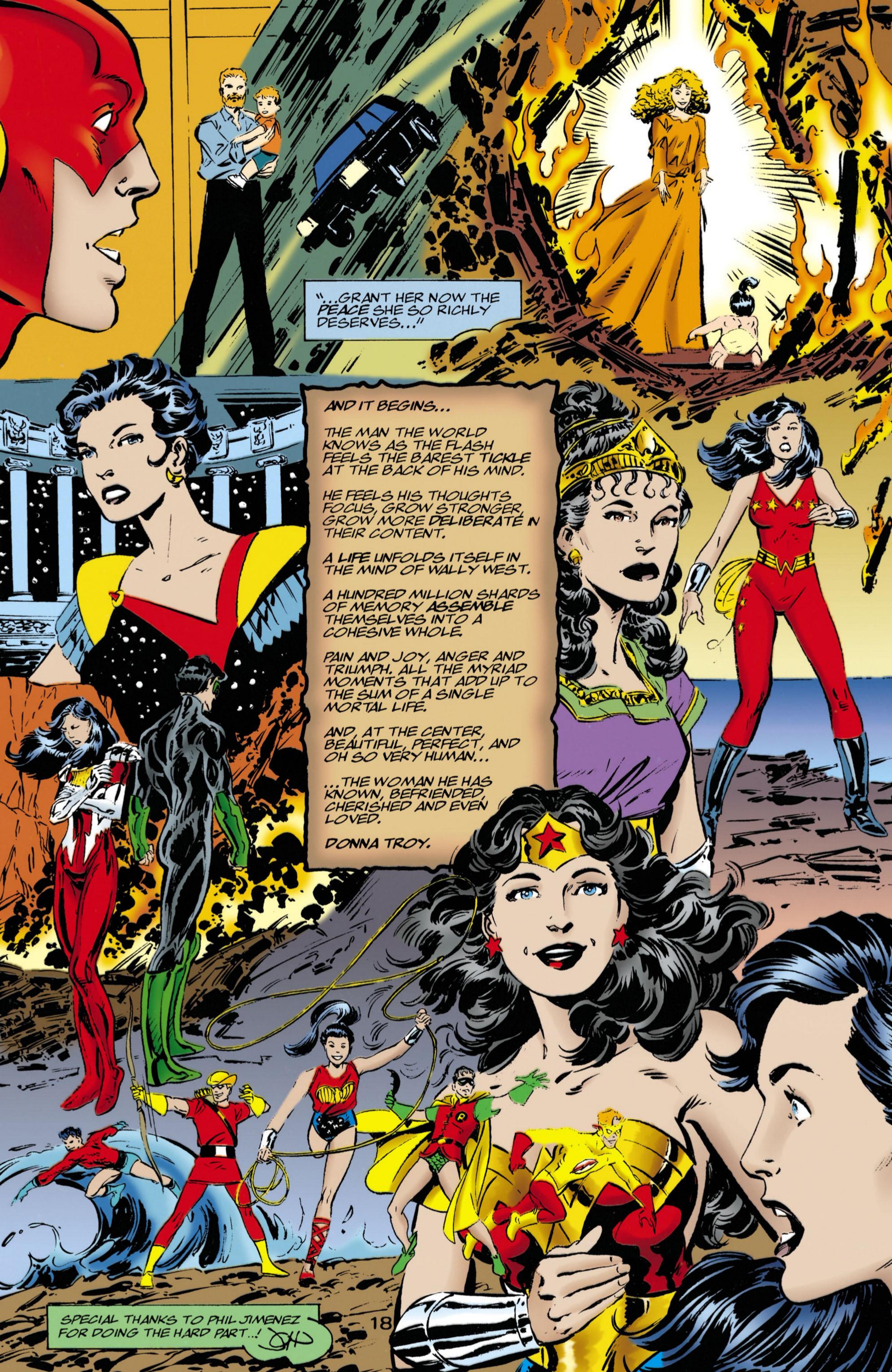
AS IT IS, WE CANNOT BE CERTAIN THAT WILL NOT BE THE CASE UNTIL WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE MUST DO!

SIGH... SEEMS LIKE THINGS WERE SO MUCH EASIER WHEN SHE WAS WONDER GIRL AND I WAS KID FLASH.

OKAY, DIANA... LET'S GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

SO LET IT BE... AND LET THE GODS WHO HAVE LOOKED WITH FAVOR IN THE PAST UPON DONNA TROY...





"...GRANT HER NOW THE
PEACE SHE SO RICHLY
DESERVES..."

AND IT BEGINS...

THE MAN THE WORLD
KNOWS AS THE FLASH
FEELS THE BAREST TICKLE
AT THE BACK OF HIS MIND.

HE FEELS HIS THOUGHTS
FOCUS, GROW STRONGER,
GROW MORE DELIBERATE IN
THEIR CONTENT.

A LIFE UNFOLDS ITSELF IN
THE MIND OF WALLY WEST.

A HUNDRED MILLION SHARDS
OF MEMORY ASSEMBLE
THEMSELVES INTO A
COHESIVE WHOLE.

PAIN AND JOY, ANGER AND
TRIUMPH, ALL THE MYRIAD
MOMENTS THAT ADD UP TO
THE SUM OF A SINGLE
MORTAL LIFE.

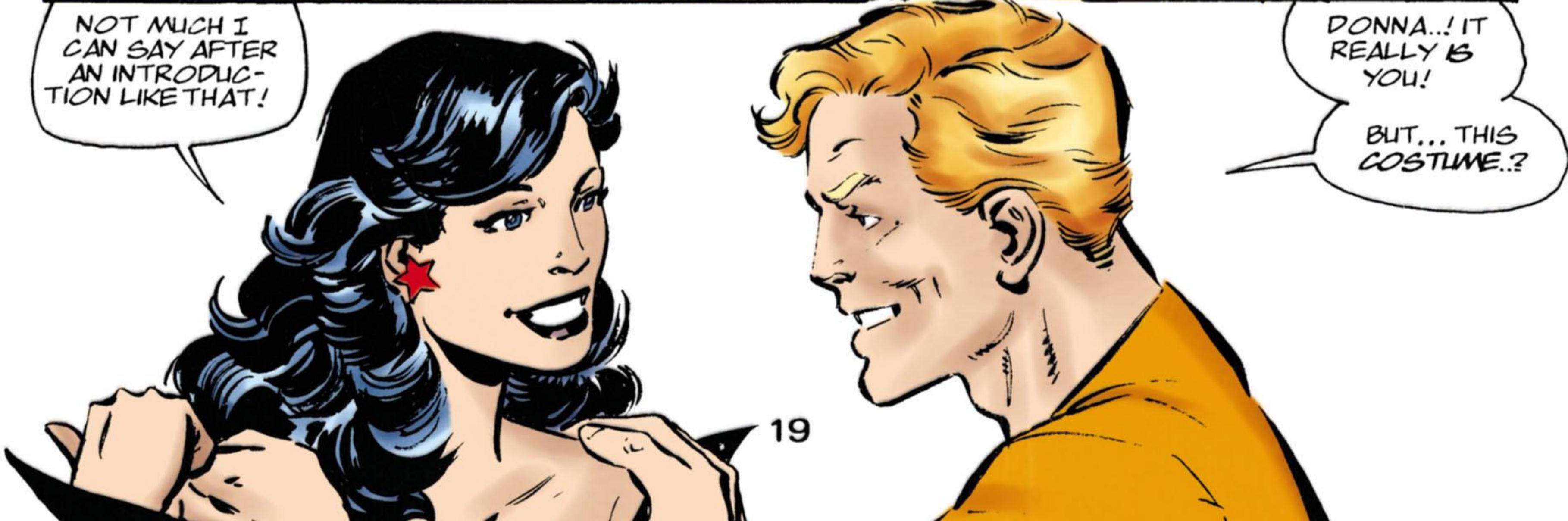
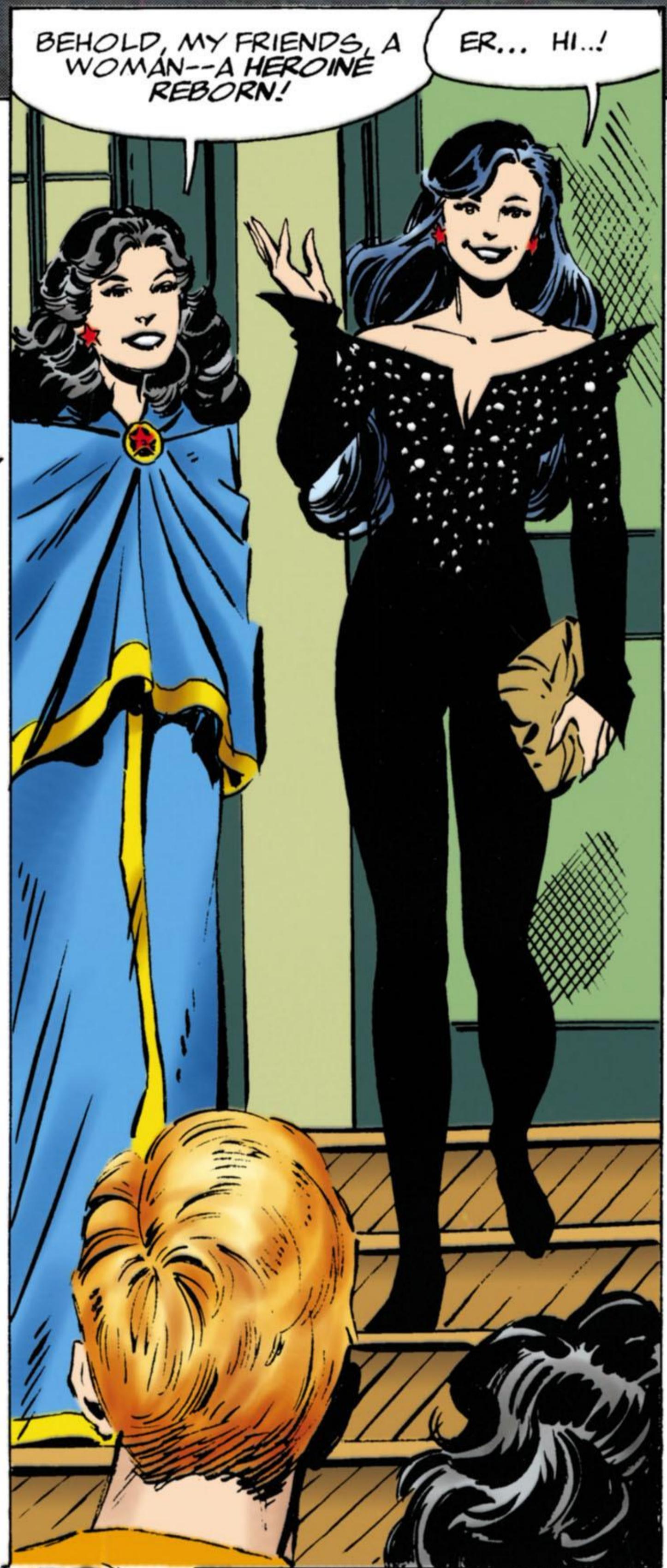
AND, AT THE CENTER,
BEAUTIFUL, PERFECT, AND
OH SO VERY HUMAN...

...THE WOMAN HE HAS
KNOWN, BEFRIENDED,
CHERISHED AND EVEN
LOVED.

DONNA TROY.

GATEWAY CITY, THREE DAYS LATER.

HOW IS SHE?



A NEW LOOK FOR A NEW LIFE, WALLY. NOT SURE IF I'LL KEEP IT--BUT IT'S A GOOD START!

AND... THANKS. ACCORDING TO DIANA, WITHOUT YOU NONE OF THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

WELL... DIANA HAD A LITTLE SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT HERSELF.

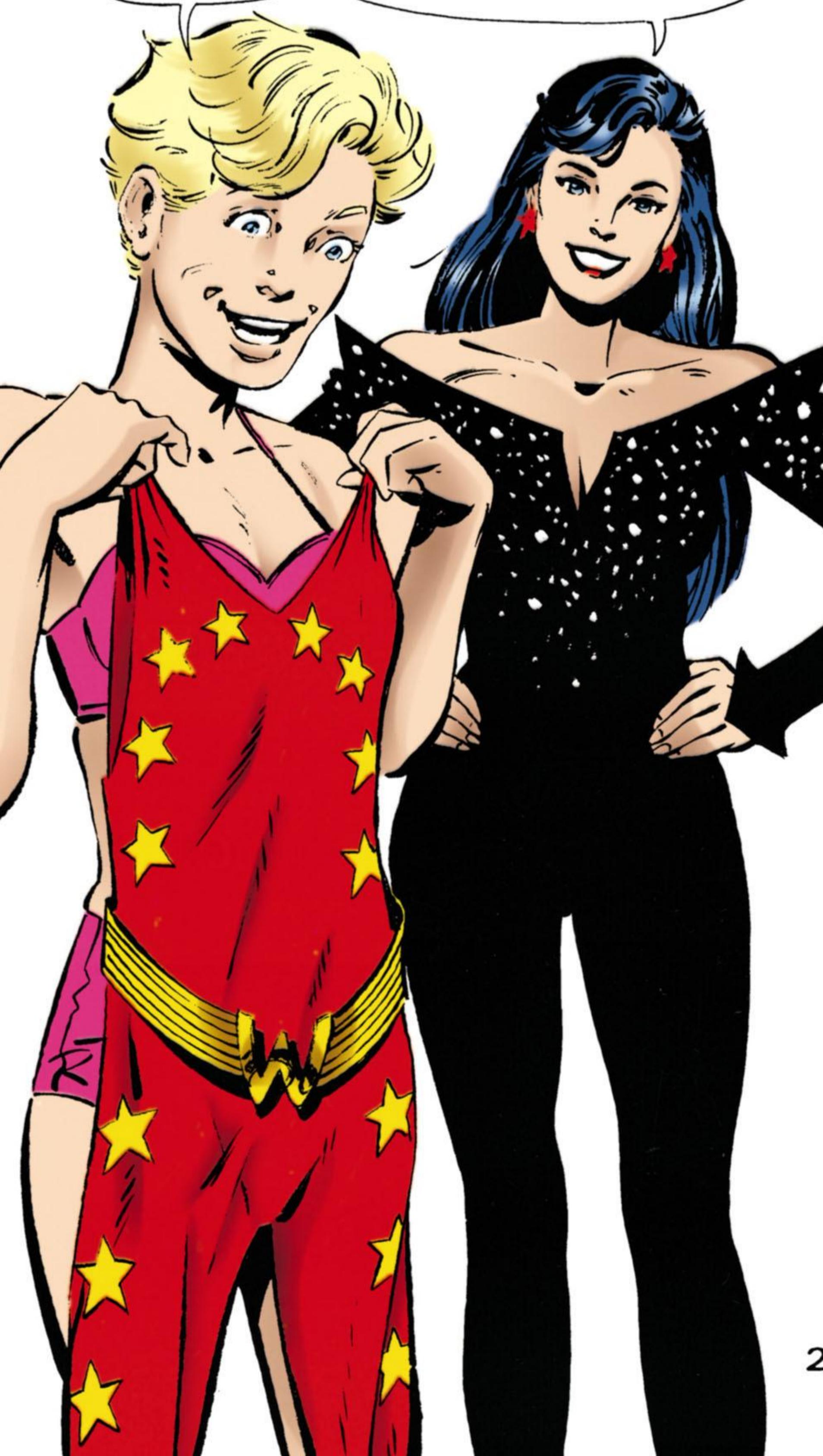


OMIGOSH!! IT'S YOUR WONDER GIRL COSTUME!!

YOU'RE GIVING IT TO ME...???

YEAH... MIGHT TAKE YOU A BIT TO GROW INTO IT...

..BUT I FIGURE WHATEVER I'M GOING TO BE MAKING OF MY LIFE FROM HERE ON, I'M NOT GOING TO BE CALLING MYSELF A GIRL!



AND SPEAKING OF NEW LOOKS...

...I HAVE SOMETHING HERE YOU MIGHT HAVE USE FOR, CASSANDRA.

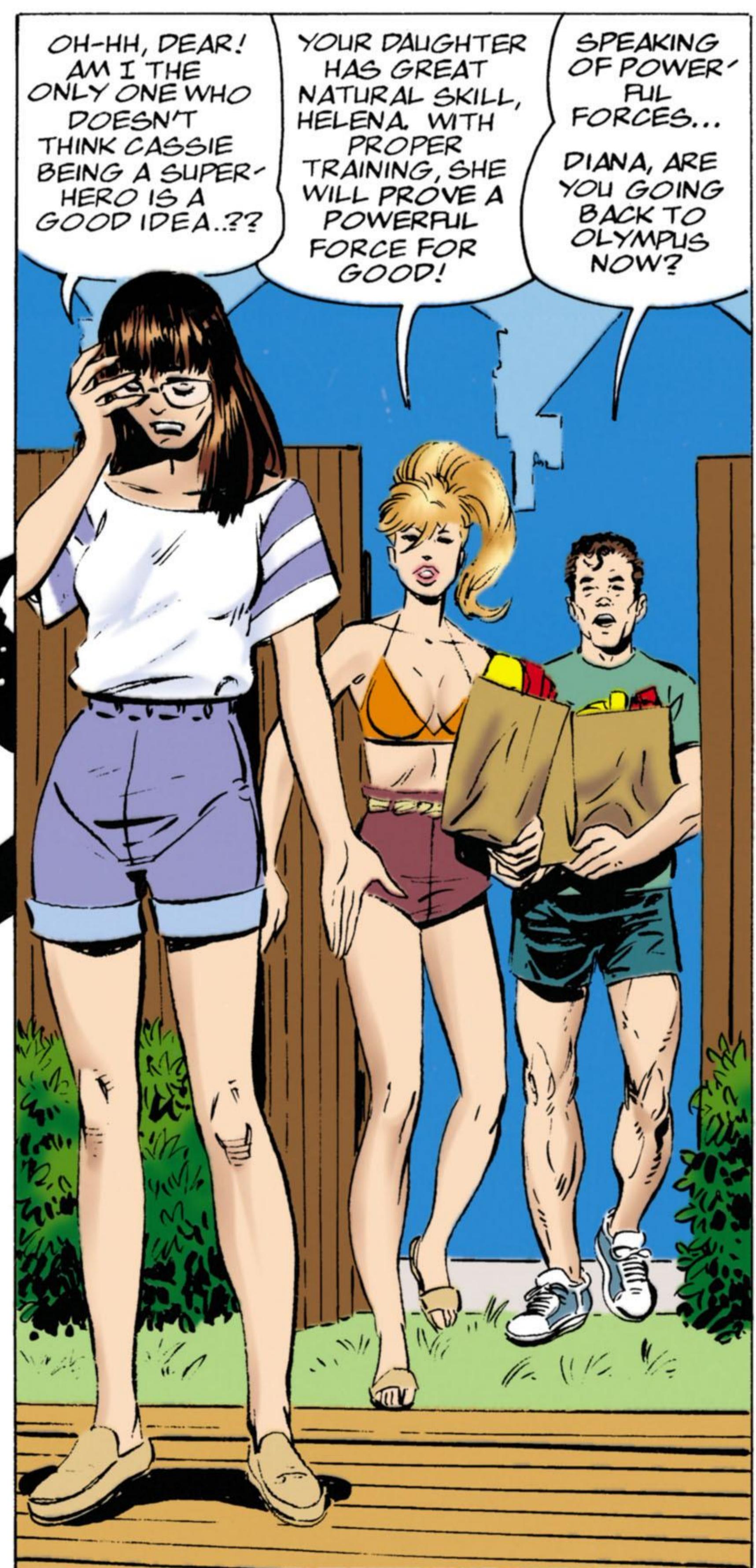
FOR ME? WHAT ..?



OH-HH, DEAR! AM I THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T THINK CASSIE BEING A SUPER-HERO IS A GOOD IDEA...??

YOUR DAUGHTER HAS GREAT NATURAL SKILL, HELENA. WITH PROPER TRAINING, SHE WILL PROVE A POWERFUL FORCE FOR GOOD!

SPEAKING OF POWERFUL FORCES... DIANA, ARE YOU GOING BACK TO OLYMPUS NOW?



NO, MICHAEL. I HAVE BEEN
BANISHED TO EARTH.

APPARENTLY ZEUS FEELS
THE GREATEST PUNISHMENT
FOR MY CONSTANT
INTERVENTIONS IS TO BE
PUT BACK INTO THE MIDDLE
OF THINGS!

DOES THAT MEAN THERE'LL
BE MORE THAN ONE
WONDER WOMAN?

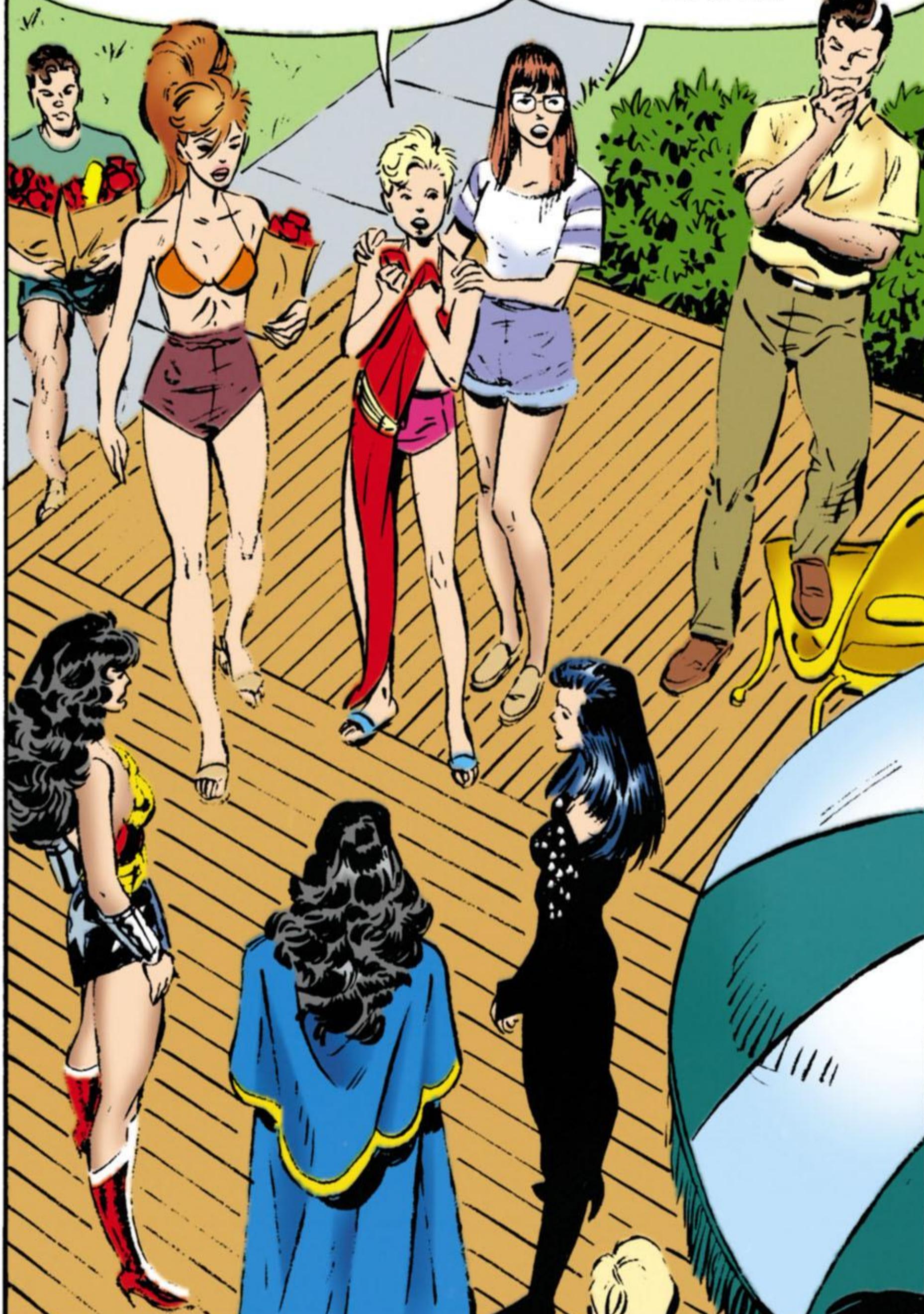
YOU, AND POLLY AND, HECK,
EVEN ARTEMIS WAS
WONDER WOMAN ONCE!

AND IS THAT WHAT
DONNA MEANT ABOUT
NOT BEING A GIRL
ANYMORE? IS SHE
GOING TO BE
WONDER WOMAN,
TOO...??

WELL, I DON'T
KNOW HOW
ARTEMIS FEELS,
BUT IT WILL BE A
LONG, LONG TIME
BEFORE I FEEL
LIKE I'M READY
TO FILL DIANA'S
BOOTS!

MY TIME
AS
WONDER
WOMAN
IS DONE.
I HAVE
MY OWN
LIFE NOW.

I, TOO, HAVE
NO QUES-
TION WHO
IS MOST
DESERVING
OF THE
NAME AND
RANK OF
WONDER
WOMAN.



THANK YOU,
MY FRIENDS.

IN MY TIME AWAY FROM
EARTH I HAVE COME TO
REALIZE HOW IMPORTANT IT
HAS BEEN TO ME TO SERVE
IN THAT OFFICE.

NOW THAT I AM A
GODDESS, WITH POWER
AND IMMORTALITY BEYOND
THE MEASURE OF
HUMANITY...



...THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME FOR DIANA OF THEMYSCIRA TO ONCE MORE CLAIM THE NAME OF...

WONDER WOMAN

