



THE NEW 52!

DC  
COMICS™

23.1

# CHIEFTAIN

# #1



RATED T TEEN

NOV  
2013

LOUISIANA.

"GLAD YOU'RE HERE. HOLD THE QUESTIONS UNTIL I'M DONE. I'LL TRY TO EXPLAIN AS WE GO."

"I'M ASSUMING THAT YOU ALREADY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED OUT AT BELLE REVE. OR AS MUCH AS ANYONE KNOWS. BREAKOUT. RIOT. ATTACK. SOMETHING."

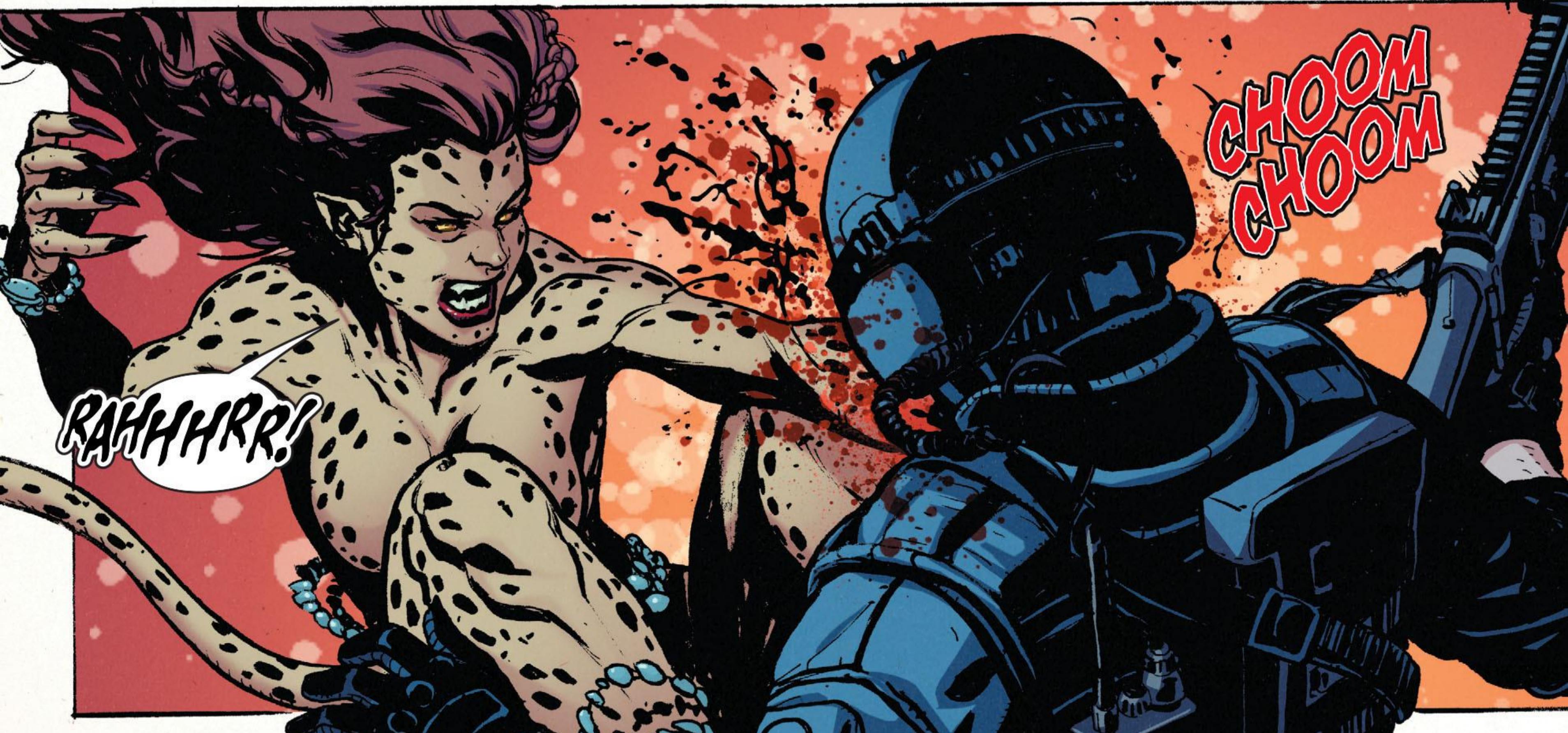
"ONE OF THE ESCAPEES IS THE CHEETAH, ALSO KNOWN AS BARBARA MINERVA. SHE HAS A FEW OTHER ALIASES, BUT BARBARA MINERVA APPEARS TO BE HER REAL NAME..."

DC COMICS  
UNLEASHES

CHEETAH IN

# THE HUNT

JOHN OSTRANDER • writer   VICTOR IBANEZ • artist & cover  
WIL QUINTANA • colors   TRAVIS LANHAM • letters  
CHRIS CONROY • editor   MATT IDELSON • group editor  
WONDER WOMAN created by WILLIAM MOULTON MARSTON



"IT WAS AT A.R.G.U.S. THAT DOCTOR MINERVA CAME IN CONTACT WITH AN ARTIFACT CALLED 'THE GOD-SLAYER KNIFE'."

RRIP

SHLKK

AAAIEE!

"EITHER WAY... SHE GOT MOJO-ED INTO THE CHEETAH."

"ALL HER SENSES GOT JUICED UP, SHE MOVES AS FAST AS THE FLASH...AND SHE'S GOT AN UNBELIEVABLE BLOODLUST."

I DEDICATE THIS HUNT, THIS KILL, TO THEE, O GODDESS OF THE HUNT!

CHEETAH. THE SOCIETY HAS NEED OF YOU. WE ARE TO ASSUME YOU ARE CLEAR OF BELLE REVE AND ON YOUR WAY TO THE RENDEZVOUS...

CLEAR, YES. ON MY WAY, SOON.

FIRST, I HAVE A PERSONAL MATTER THAT I MUST ATTEND TO.

EMERGENCY COMMAND CENTER.]

TERREBONE PARISH, LA.

UH-HUH.  
AND SHE'S MY  
ASSIGNMENT.

LEROI,  
ISN'T CAGING THIS  
CHEETAH SOMETHING  
THAT WONDER WOMAN  
OR THE JUSTICE  
LEAGUE DOES?

WOULD BE  
IF WE COULD  
FIND THEM, MAYBE.  
NO SIGN OF THEM  
AND WE CAN'T WAIT.

WHAT  
ABOUT AMANDA  
WALLER?

NOBODY'S  
HEARD FROM  
HER SINCE BELLE  
REVE GOT HIT. DEAD,  
MOST LIKELY.

THAT'S WHY THEY  
PULLED ME OUT OF  
RETIREMENT. HEAD THIS  
UP, GET SOMETHING  
GOING, GET SOME  
CONTROL BACK.

LOOK, MARK, YOU'RE  
ONE OF THE BEST  
MANHUNTERS THAT  
THE U.S. MARSHALS  
HAVE, AND THIS IS WHAT  
THE MARSHALS DO--  
BRING BACK ESCAPED  
FELONS. CHEETAH IS  
NO DIFFERENT.

UH-HUH.  
NOW I KNOW  
I'M IN TROUBLE.  
YOU ALWAYS  
BUTTER ME UP  
BEFORE SENDING  
ME OUT TO GET  
KILLED, CAPTAIN  
HOLMES.

YOU'RE NOT DEAD YET. HERE'S WHAT WE  
KNOW. CHEETAH HAS A FATHER IN CHICAGO  
WHO ABANDONED MINERVA, HER BROTHER,  
AND HER MOTHER, SO IT'S NOT LIKELY  
SHE'LL GO THERE.

SHE AND HER  
FAMILY WERE TAKEN  
IN BY AN AUNT LYTA WHO  
RUNS SOME SORT OF  
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OR  
CULT OR COMPOUND  
OUT IN IDAHO.  
START THERE.

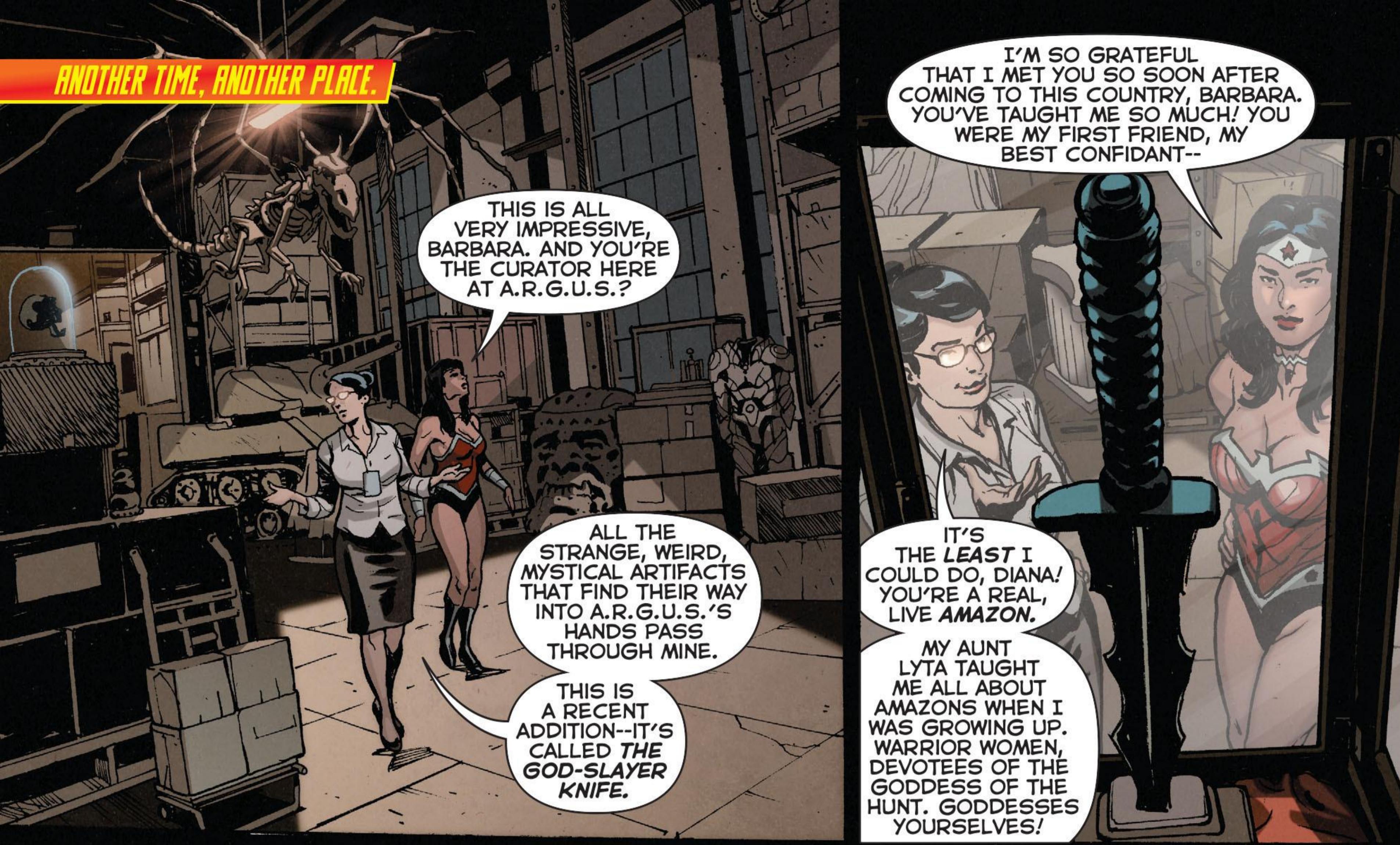
MAKE SURE  
I GET A NICE  
FUNERAL,  
LEROI.

PLANE'S WAITING AT  
THE AIRFIELD. BUT  
BE CAREFUL. WE'RE  
GETTING SOME  
WEIRD REPORTS  
TONIGHT.

BEST WE CAN  
AFFORD--WHICH, WITH  
THE BUDGET CUTS,  
IS A CARDBOARD  
BOX.

GOOD  
HUNTING,  
MARK...

**ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE.**



BLASPHEMER!

THUNK

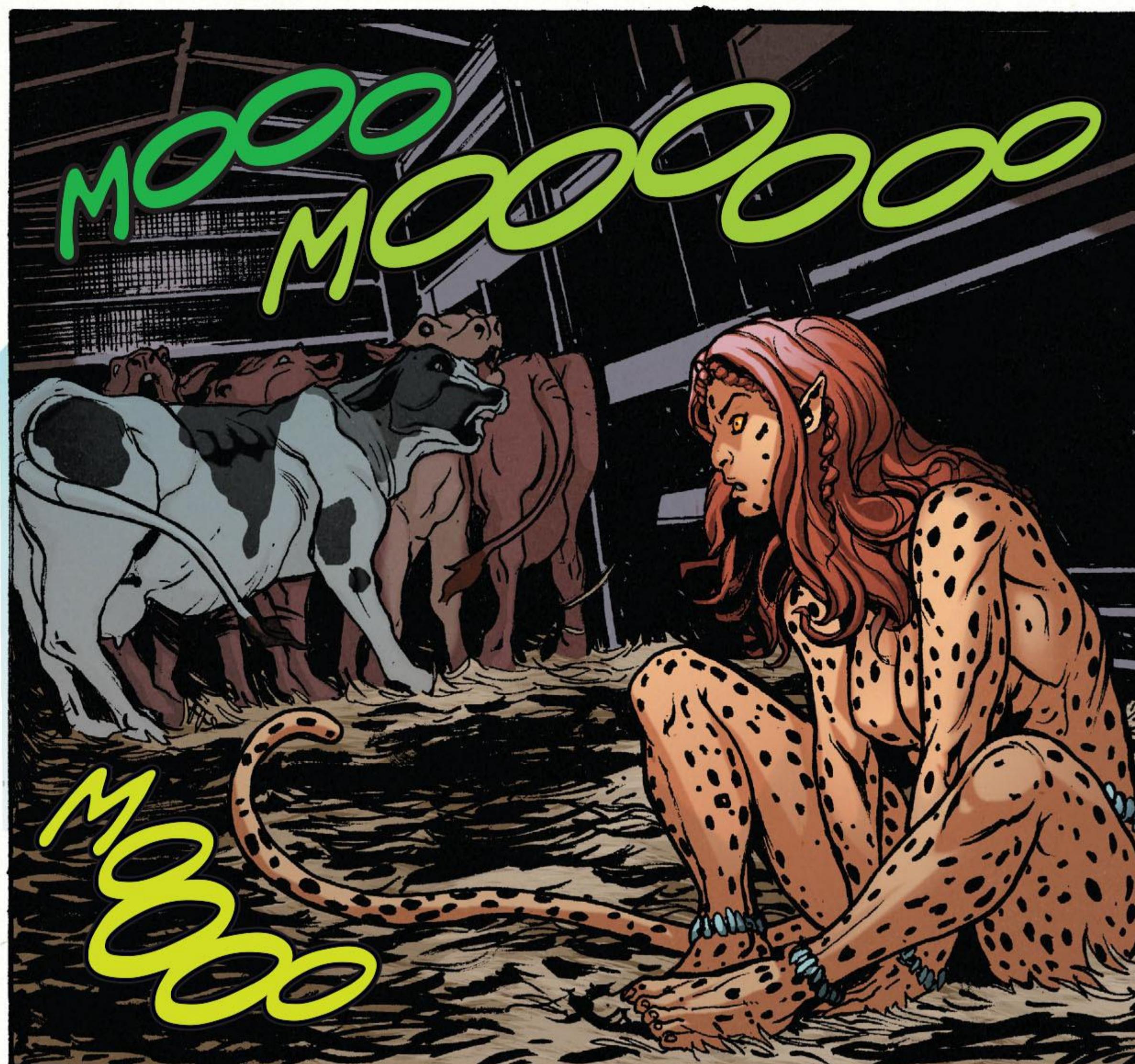
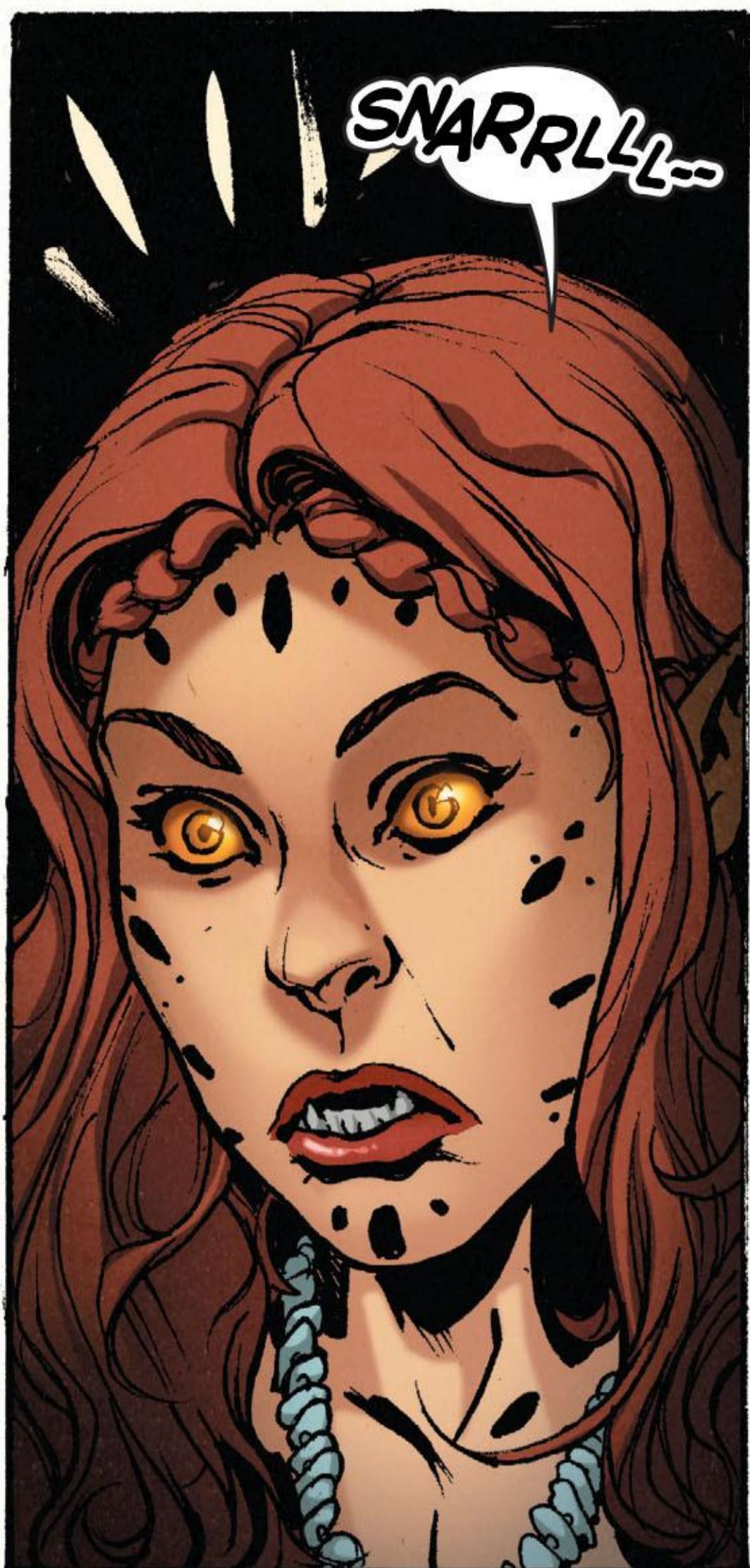
I'VE BEEN  
TRAINED IN THE  
WAY OF THE AMAZON!  
I KNOW WHAT AN  
AMAZON IS, WHAT  
THEY DO!

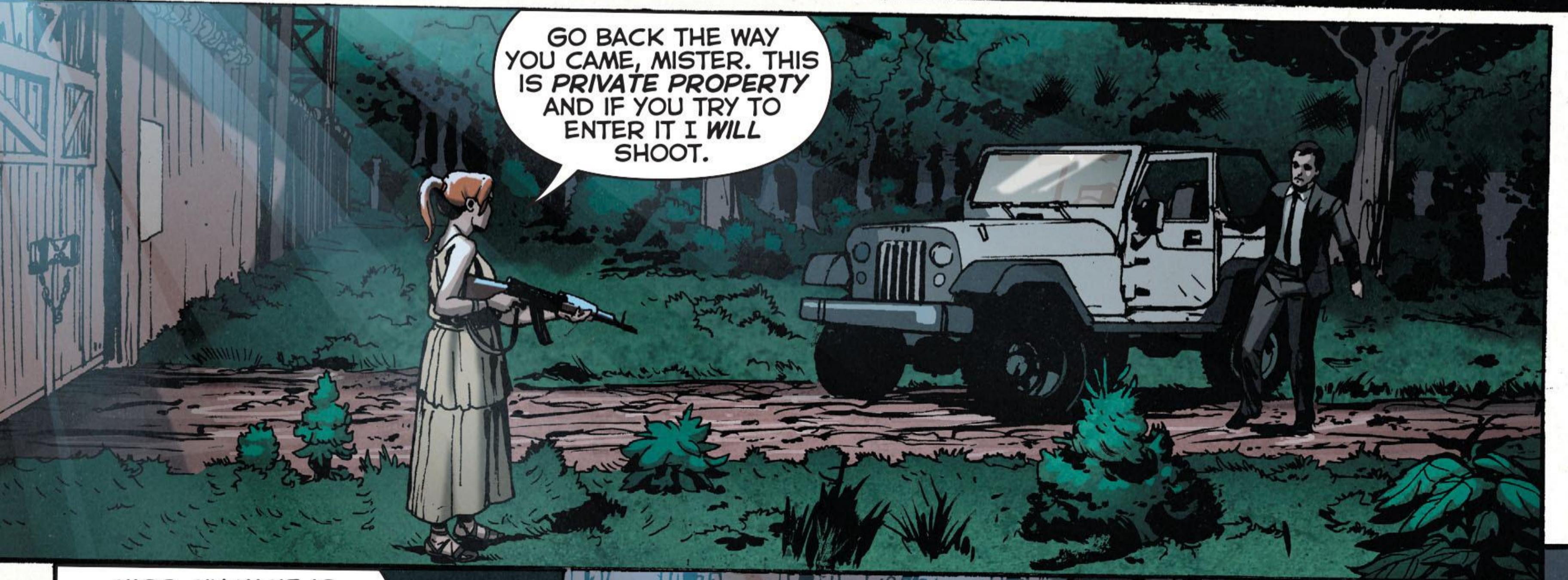
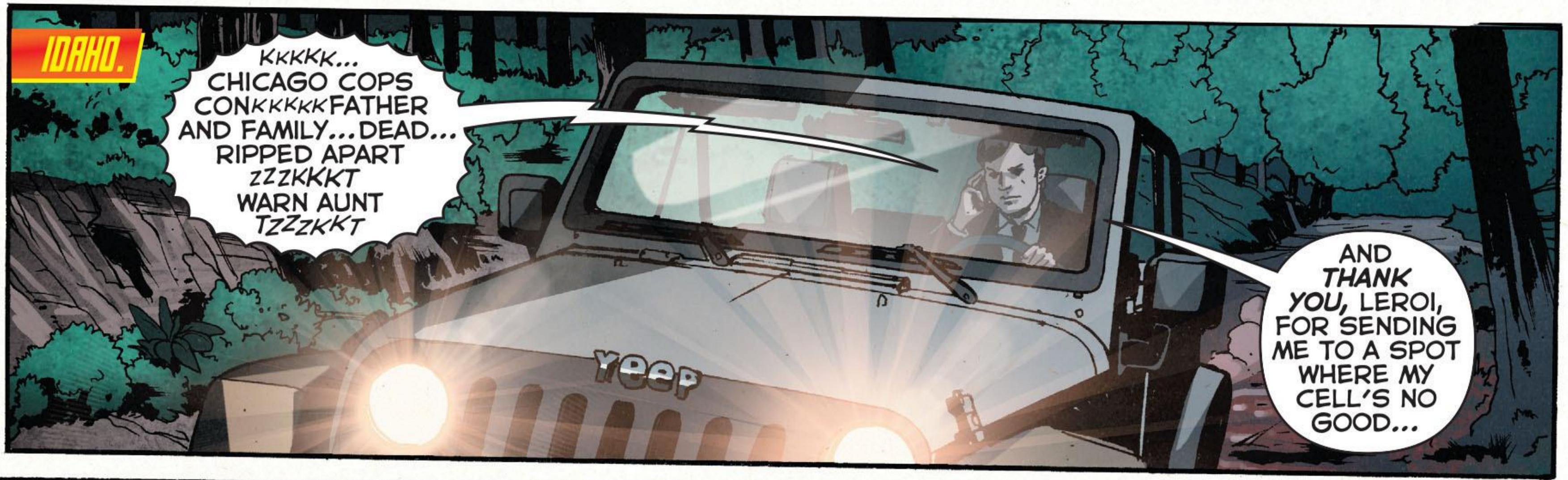
I HAVE  
WALKED THE  
PATH--AND IT IS NOT  
A GENTLE, LOVING ONE!  
I HAVE PAID A PRICE  
TO FOLLOW THE  
AMAZON WAY!

AND NOW  
YOU WILL, TOO!  
NOW, YOU WILL BE  
A TRUE AMAZON--  
THE AVATAR OF THE  
GODDESS OF  
THE HUNT!

IS THIS  
YOUR TRUTH,  
THEN, BARBARA  
MINERVA? IS THIS  
WHAT YOU WANT  
ME TO BE?

I WILL  
EAT YOUR  
HEART!





**SHORTLY...**

I'M GETTING THE FEELING, MS. MINERVA, OF SOME HOSTILITY AIMED AT ME.

MALES ARE NOT TRUSTED HERE, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE THEIR USES.



I'D UNDERSTOOD THIS WAS A RELIGIOUS SCHOOL OF SOME KIND. I TAKE IT THAT IT'S NOT A CHRISTIAN ONE.

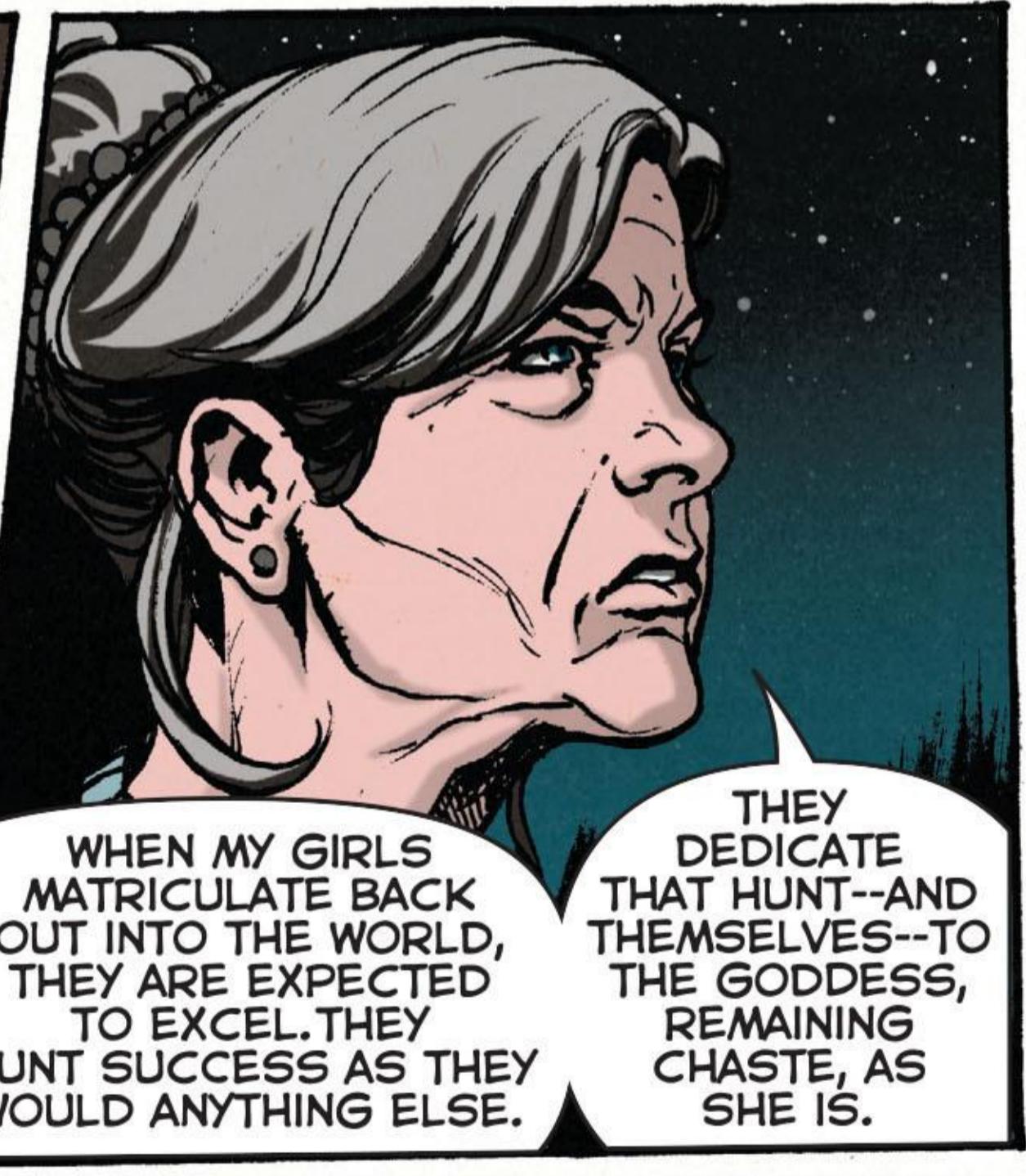
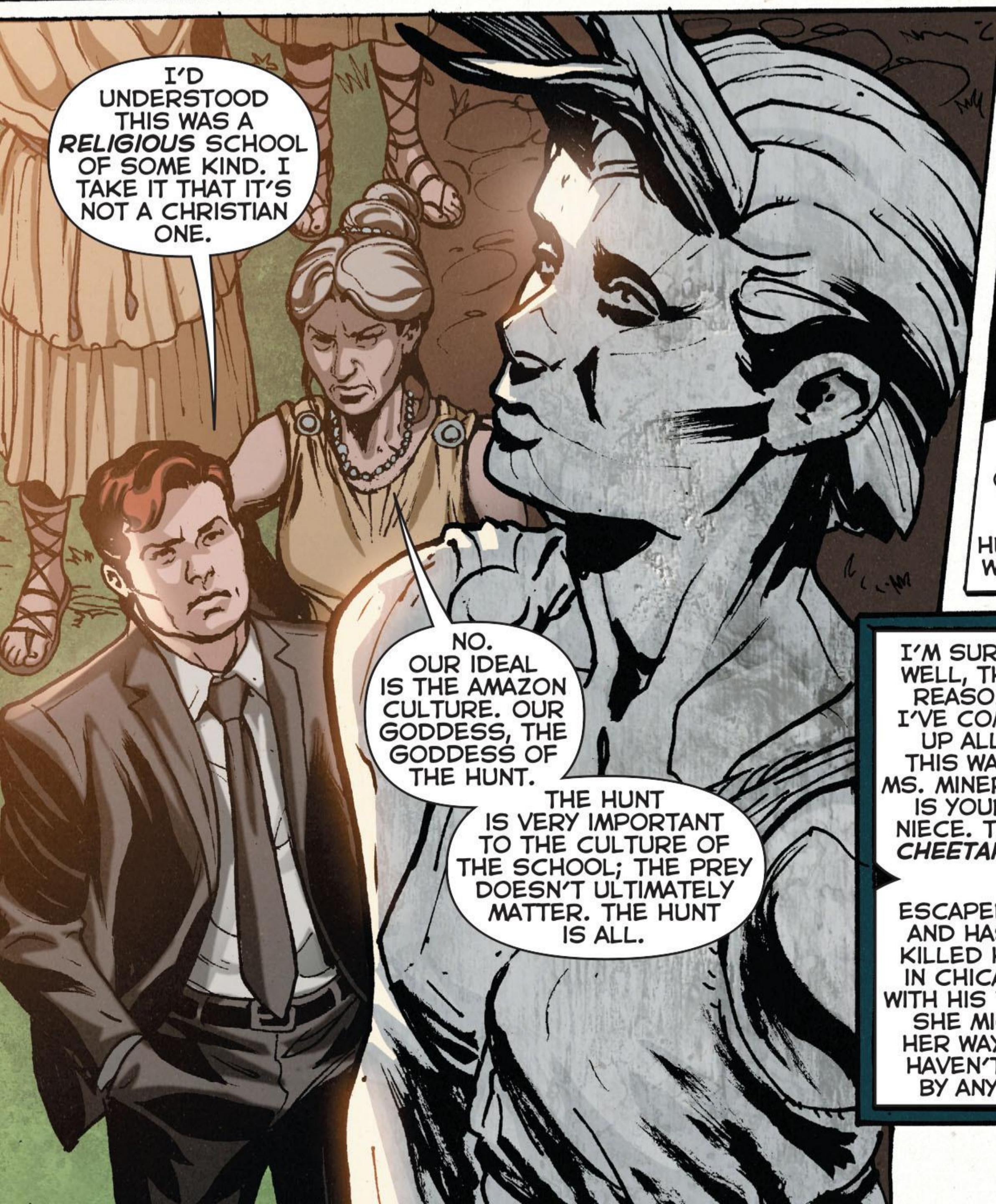
NO. OUR IDEAL IS THE AMAZON CULTURE. OUR GODDESS, THE GODDESS OF THE HUNT.

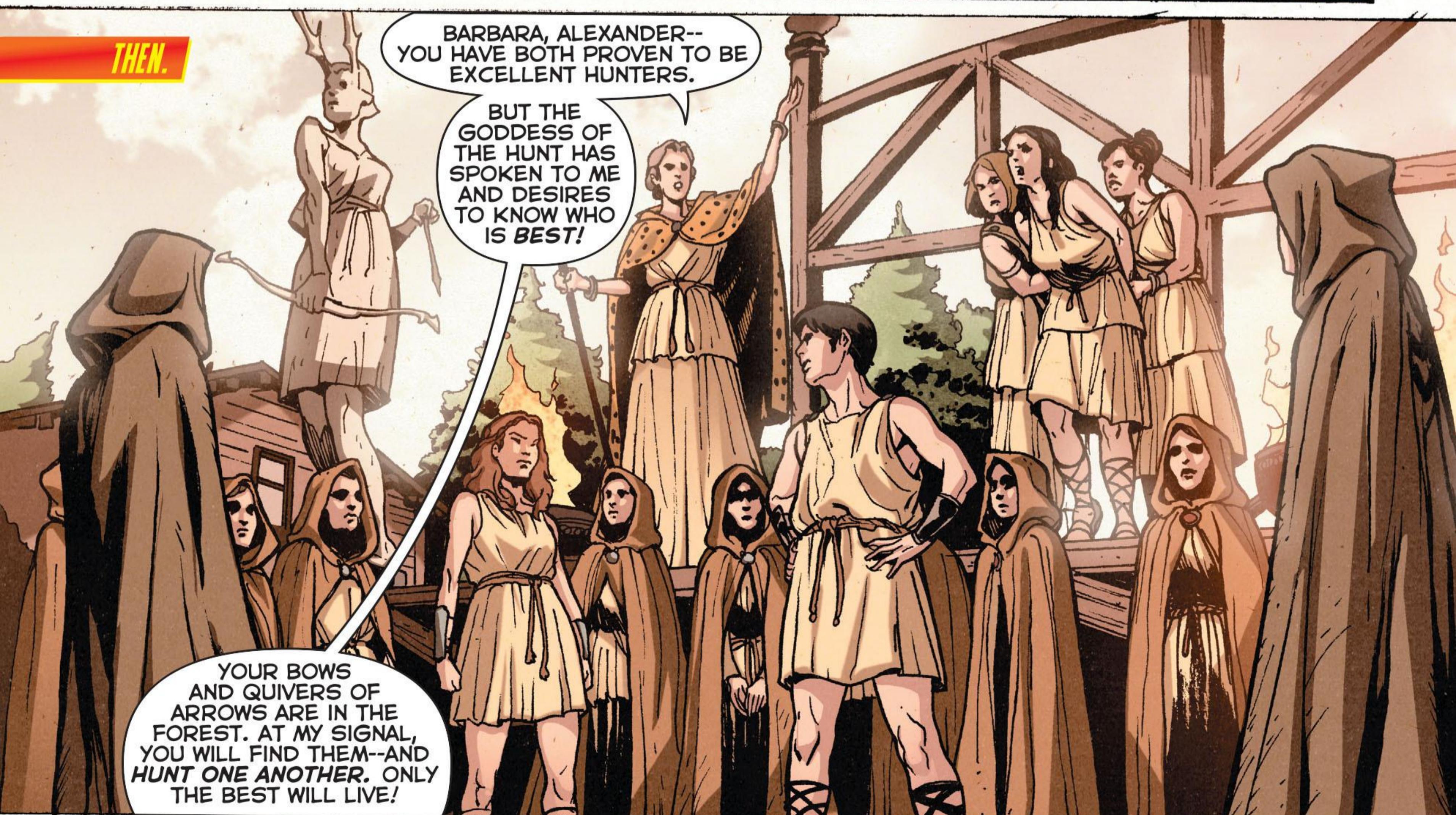
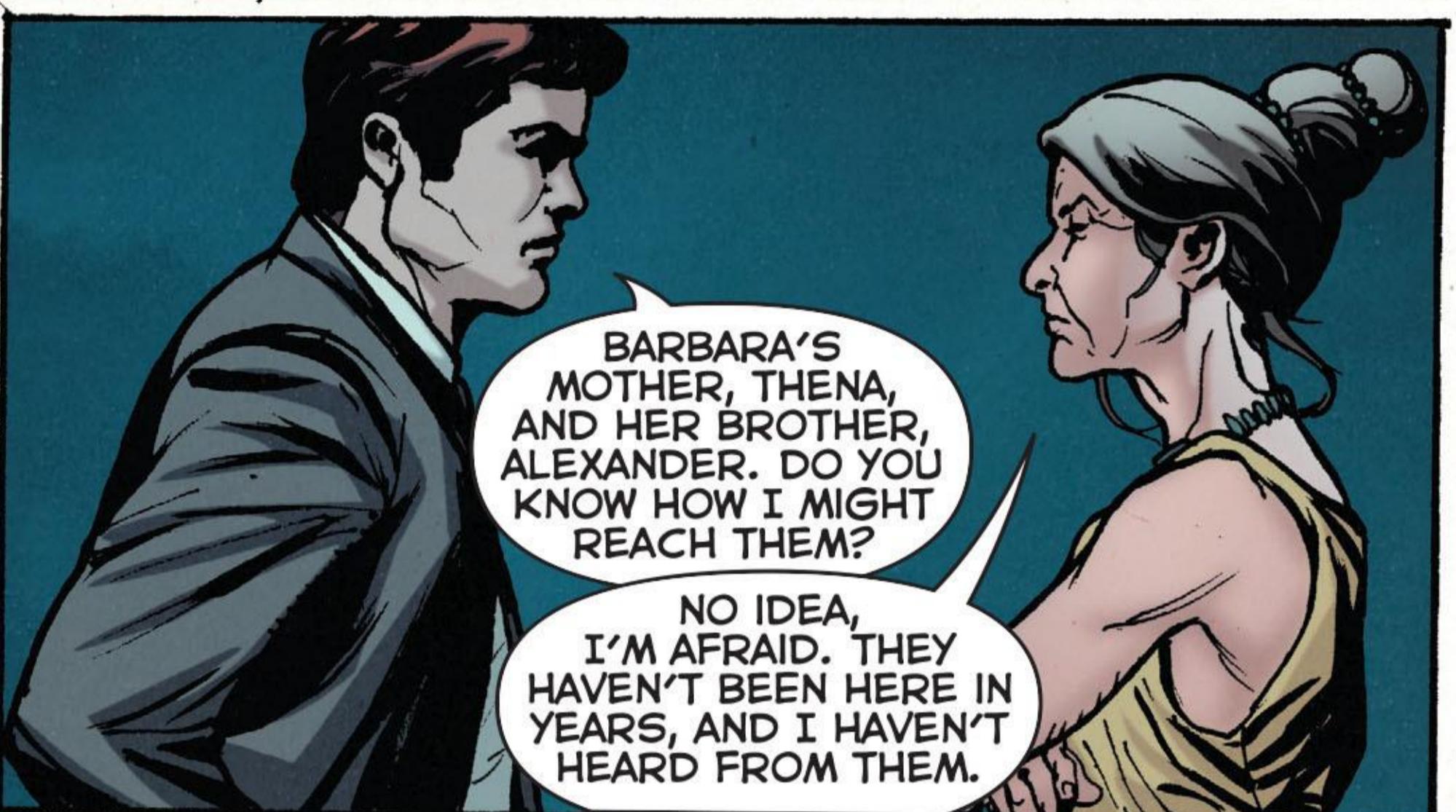
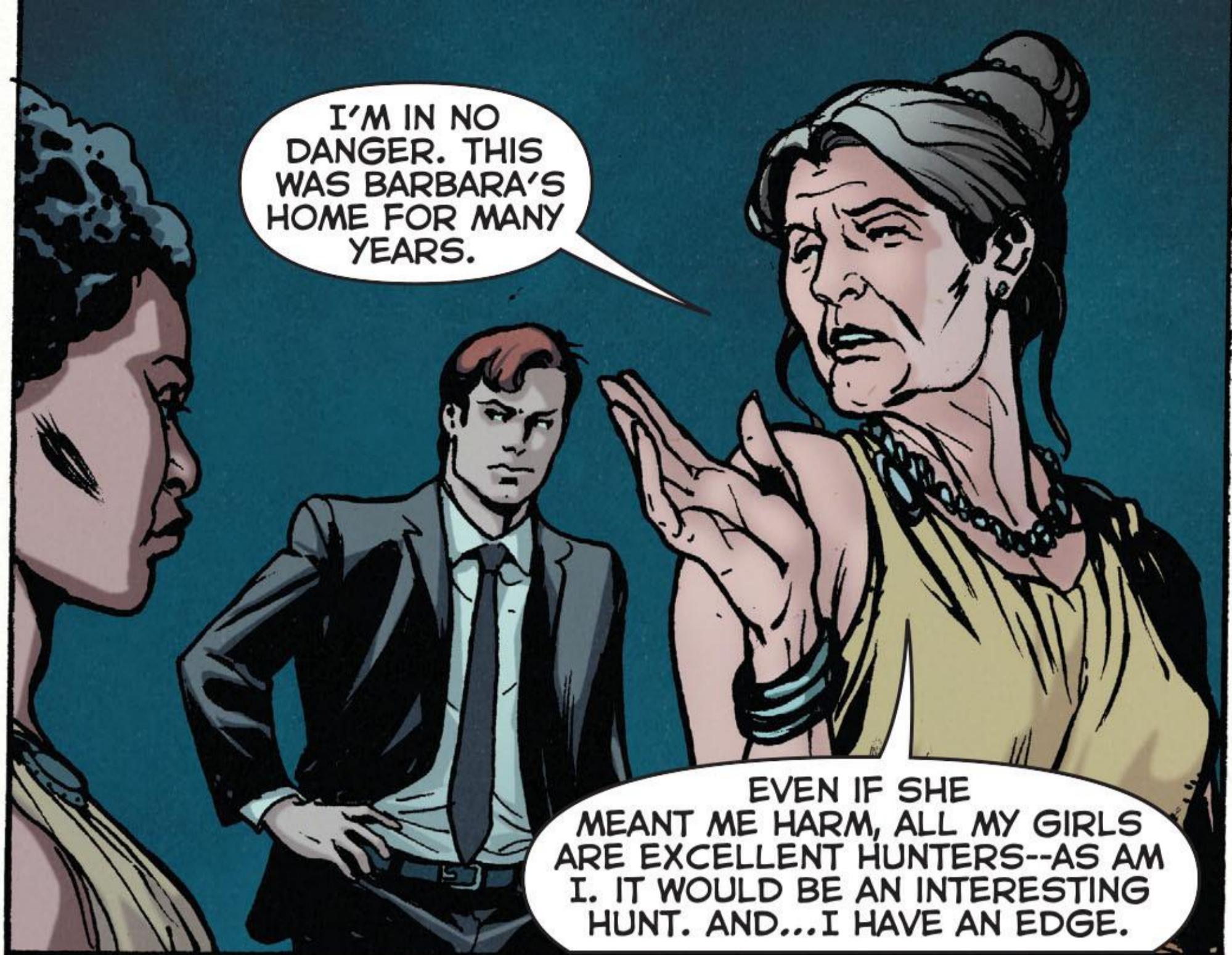
THE HUNT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CULTURE OF THE SCHOOL; THE PREY DOESN'T ULTIMATELY MATTER. THE HUNT IS ALL.

I'M SURE. WELL, THE REASON I'VE COME UP ALL THIS WAY, MS. MINERVA, IS YOUR NIECE, THE CHEETAH.

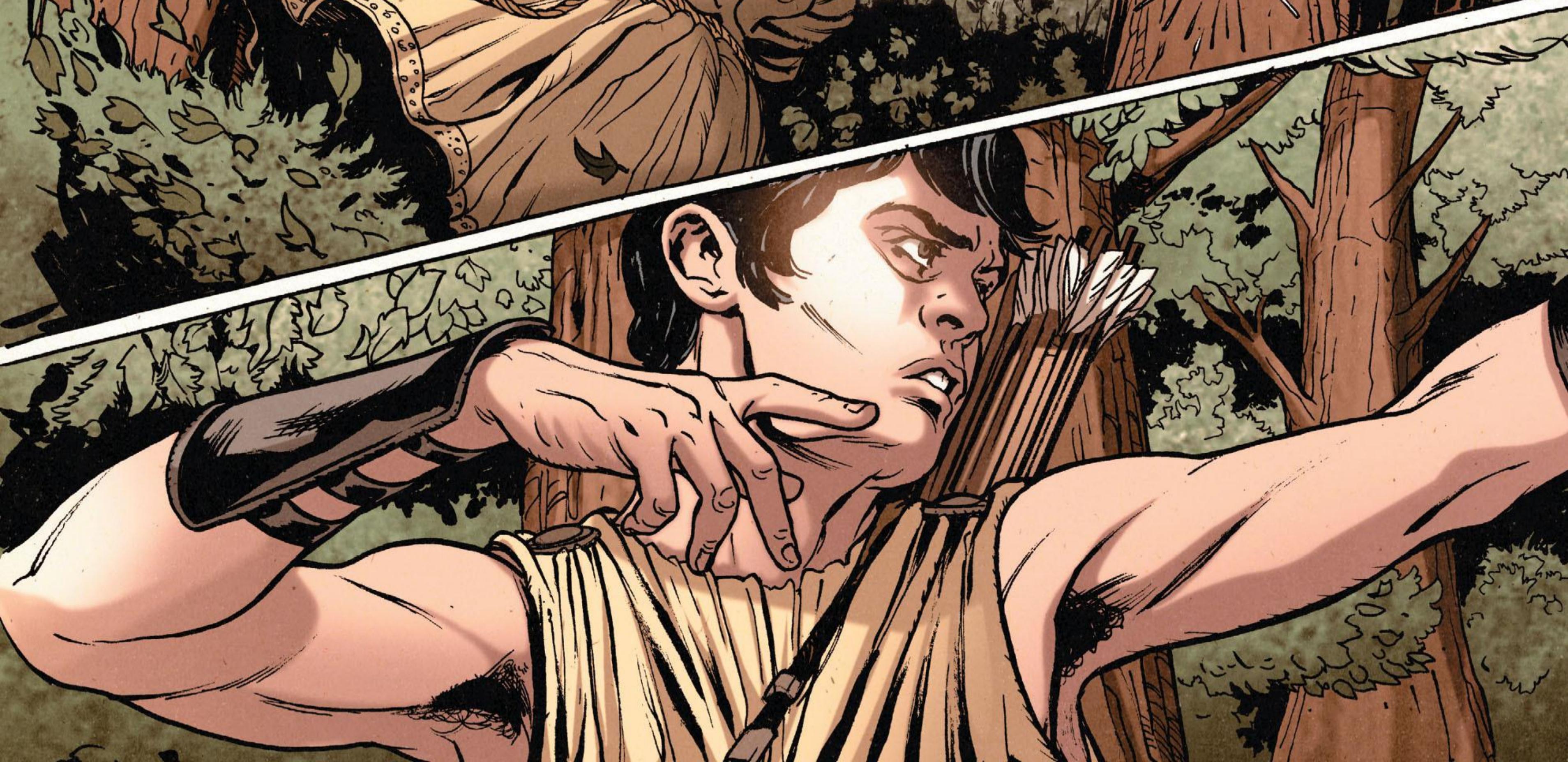
SHE ESCAPED CUSTODY AND HAS ALREADY KILLED HER FATHER IN CHICAGO, ALONG WITH HIS "NEW" FAMILY. SHE MIGHT BE ON HER WAY HERE. YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER, BY ANY CHANCE?

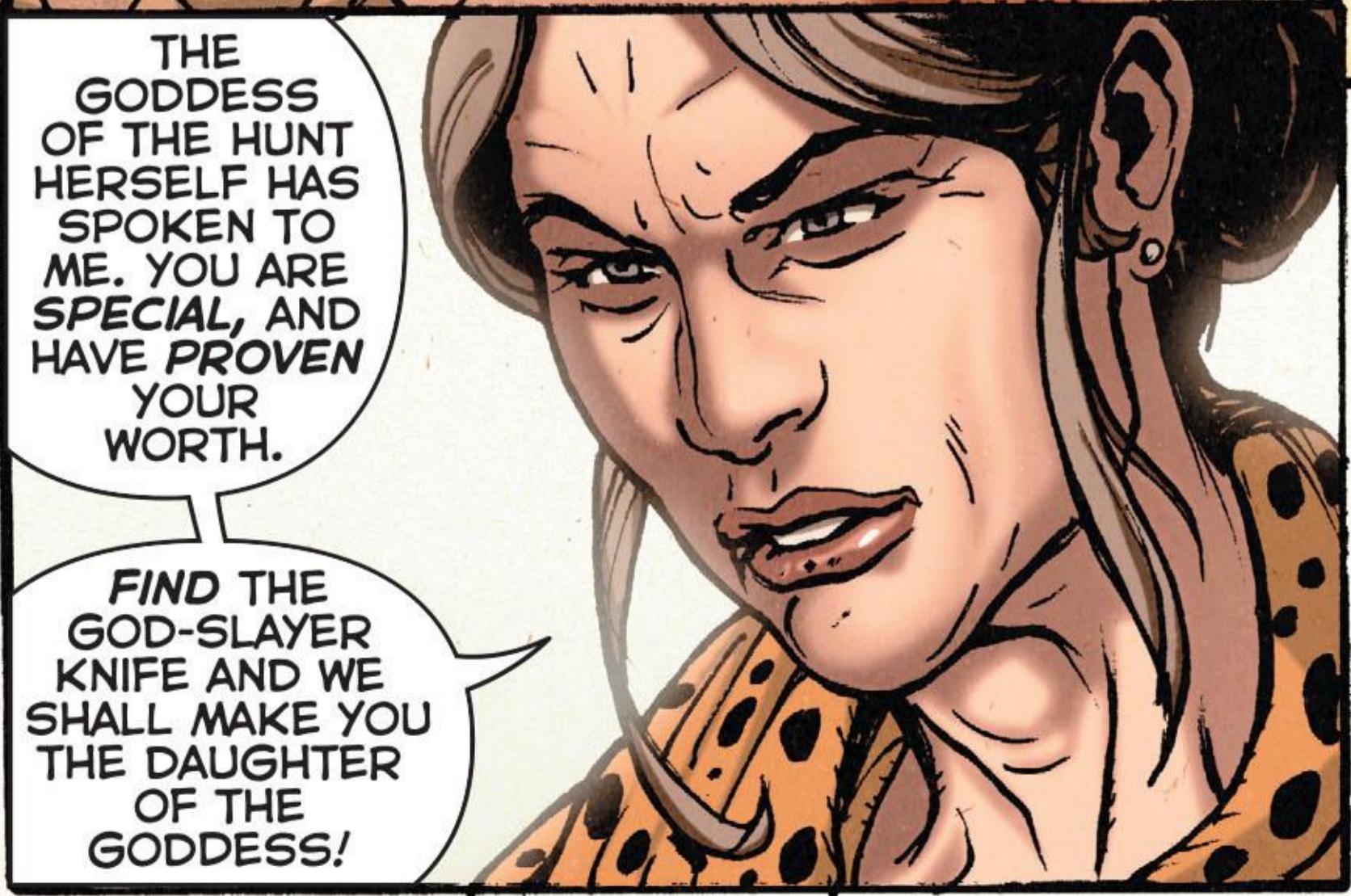
THEY DEDICATE THAT HUNT--AND THEMSELVES--TO THE GODDESS, REMAINING CHASTE, AS SHE IS.











**YEARS LATER.**

THE  
GOD-SLAYER  
KNIFE--AS YOU  
COMMANDED,  
AUNT LYTA.

YOU  
HAVE DONE  
WELL.

NOW--TAKE  
THE KNIFE AND  
PLUNGE IT INTO  
YOUR OWN  
HEART.

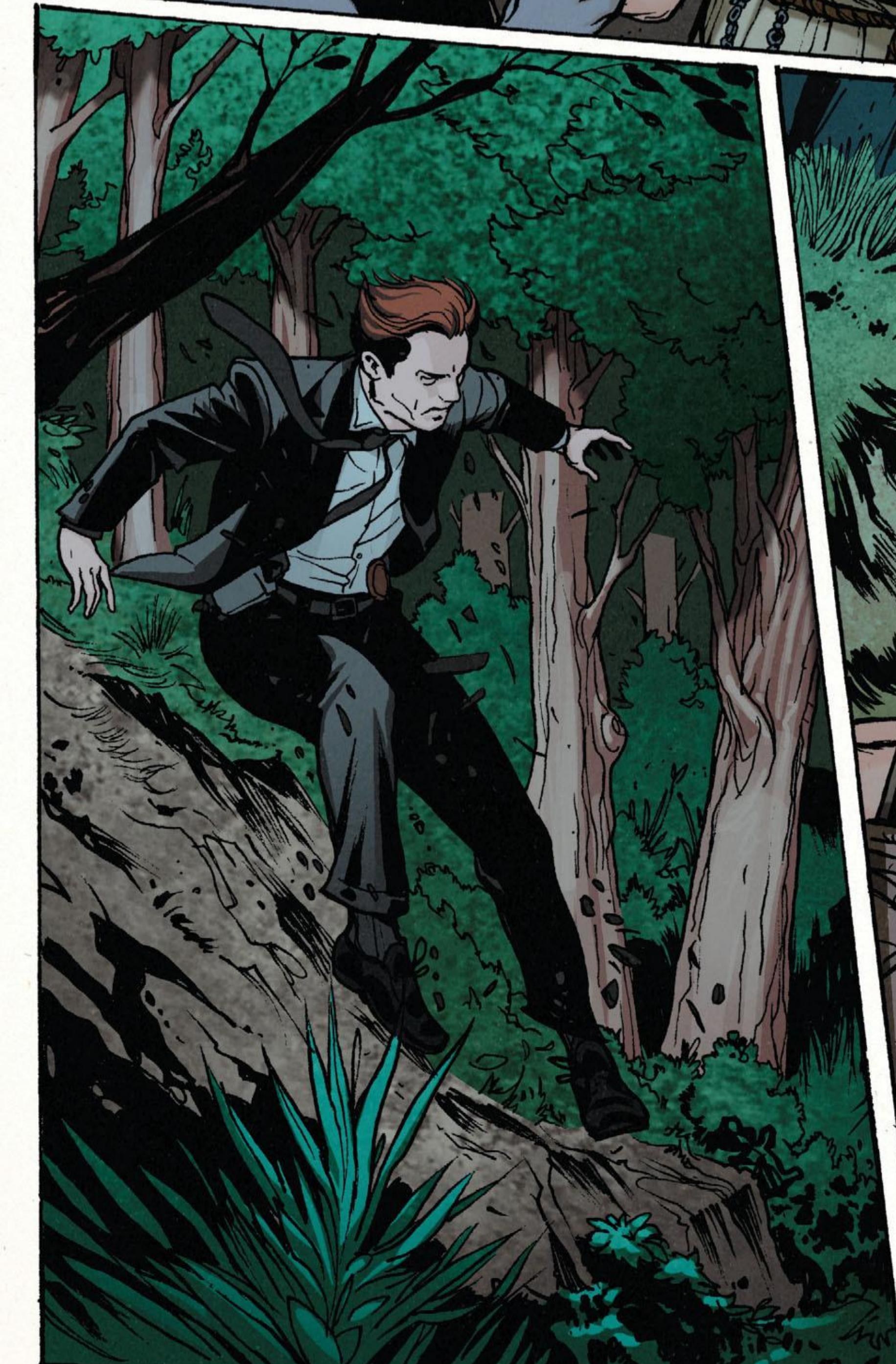
WHAT?

YOU ARE  
THE CHOSEN  
TO BECOME THE  
AVATAR OF THE  
GODDESS--AND  
THE ONLY WAY TO  
DO THAT IS TO KILL  
THE MORTAL PART  
OF YOURSELF!  
THE GODDESS  
SPOKE TO ME  
HERSELF!

**DO  
IT!**

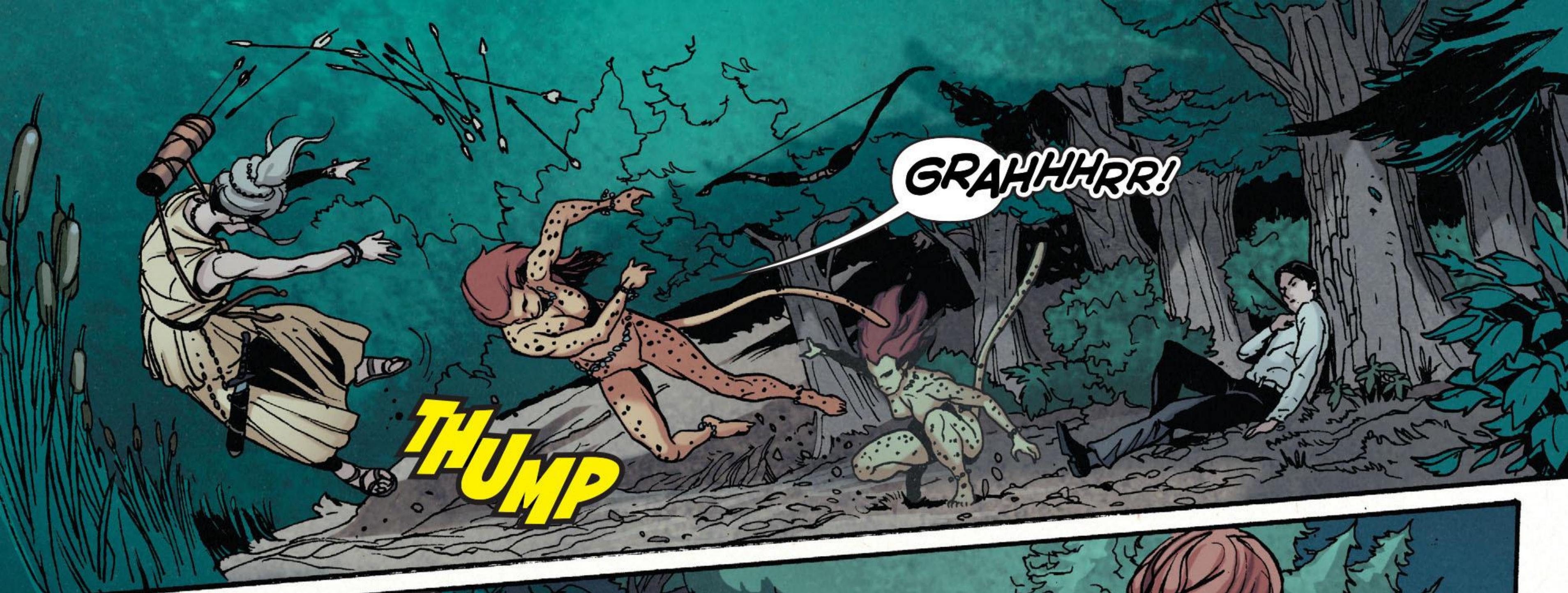
YES!  
YES!

YOU  
ARE AS THE  
GODDESS SAID  
YOU WOULD  
BE...









AAAAA!!!!

RIIP

SLASHHH

RRRRRIIIP

I DEDICATE THIS HUNT, THIS KILL, TO THEE, O GODDESS OF THE HUNT! AND NOW I AM QUIT OF YOU!

BARBARA MINERVA, I AM DEPUTY U.S. MARSHAL MARK SHAW AND YOU ARE UNDER ARREST.

NOT PAYING ATTENTION, MARSHAL SHAW? BARBARA MINERVA IS DEAD. THERE IS ONLY THE CHEETAH.





