

WONDER WOMAN IS DEAD! LONG LIVE

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THE PLACE IS OLYMPUS,
LEGENDARY HOME OF THE
GODS OF ANCIENT GREECE.

THE TIME IS AS CLOSE TO
NOW AS CAN BE MEASURED,
WHEN IT IS THE AFFAIRS OF
GODS WHICH COME UNDER
OUR SCRUTINY.

THE PLAYERS ARE AN
ARRAY OF DEITIES WHOSE
NAMES HAVE ENTERED, IN
ONE FASHION OR ANOTHER,
INTO OUR COMMON
PARLANCE.

THE... AND A SINGLE,
STRONG AND RESOLUTE
YOUNG GODDESS WHO
WAS, A VERY SHORT TIME
AGO, THE MORTAL AMAZON
KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD AS...

WONDER WOMAN

ATHENA MADE QUITE CLEAR
THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH
MUST FALL UPON YOU IN
YOUR NEW ROLE AS
GODDESS OF TRUTH...

...YET ALREADY YOU HAVE
STRAYED OUTSIDE THE
PREScribed AREA OF
YOUR POWER.

I ACTED TO SAVE THE
LIVES OF THOSE IT WAS MY
UNDERSTANDING WE GODS
ARE SWORN TO CHERISH
AND PROTECT.

I REFUSE TO
REPENT SUCH
ACTIONS!

HERA...
IF I
MAY...?



THIS IS WHAT PROMPTED DIANA'S ACTIONS... HER FRIENDS ARTEMIS, DONNA TROY, AND CASSANDRA SANDSMARK, ALONG WITH A FRIEND OF THE LATTER'S NAMED GEORGIA REDMOND...

...FOUND THEMSELVES AT A CARNIVAL IN THE EARTHLY CITY OF GATEWAY. A CARNIVAL WHEREIN THEY DISCOVERED A MYSTERY...



SENSING HER FRIENDS MIGHT BE IN DANGER, DIANA WISHED TO INTERCEDE ON THEIR BEHALF.

INSTRUCTING HER AS TO WHY IT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE GODS TO ACT IN SUCH A FASHION, HERA AND I SHOWED HER THESE THREE SCENES, TRANSPIRING SIMULTANEOUSLY.



YES! AND YOU SAID I COULD NOT HELP ANY OF THOSE PEOPLE UNLESS THEY PRAYED TO ME DIRECTLY!

YOU EXPECTED ME TO STAND BY AND LET THEM ALL DIE!

PRECISELY, DIANA.

THE DAY WHEN WE GODS COULD INTERFERE AT WILL IN THE LIVES OF MORTALS IS LONG PASSED.

AND, EVEN IF IT WERE NOT, SO FEW STILL WORSHIP US, OUTSIDE YOUR NATIVE LAND OF THEMYSCIRA...

...THAT THE GREATER PART OF THE WORLD IS NO LONGER A CONCERN TO US!



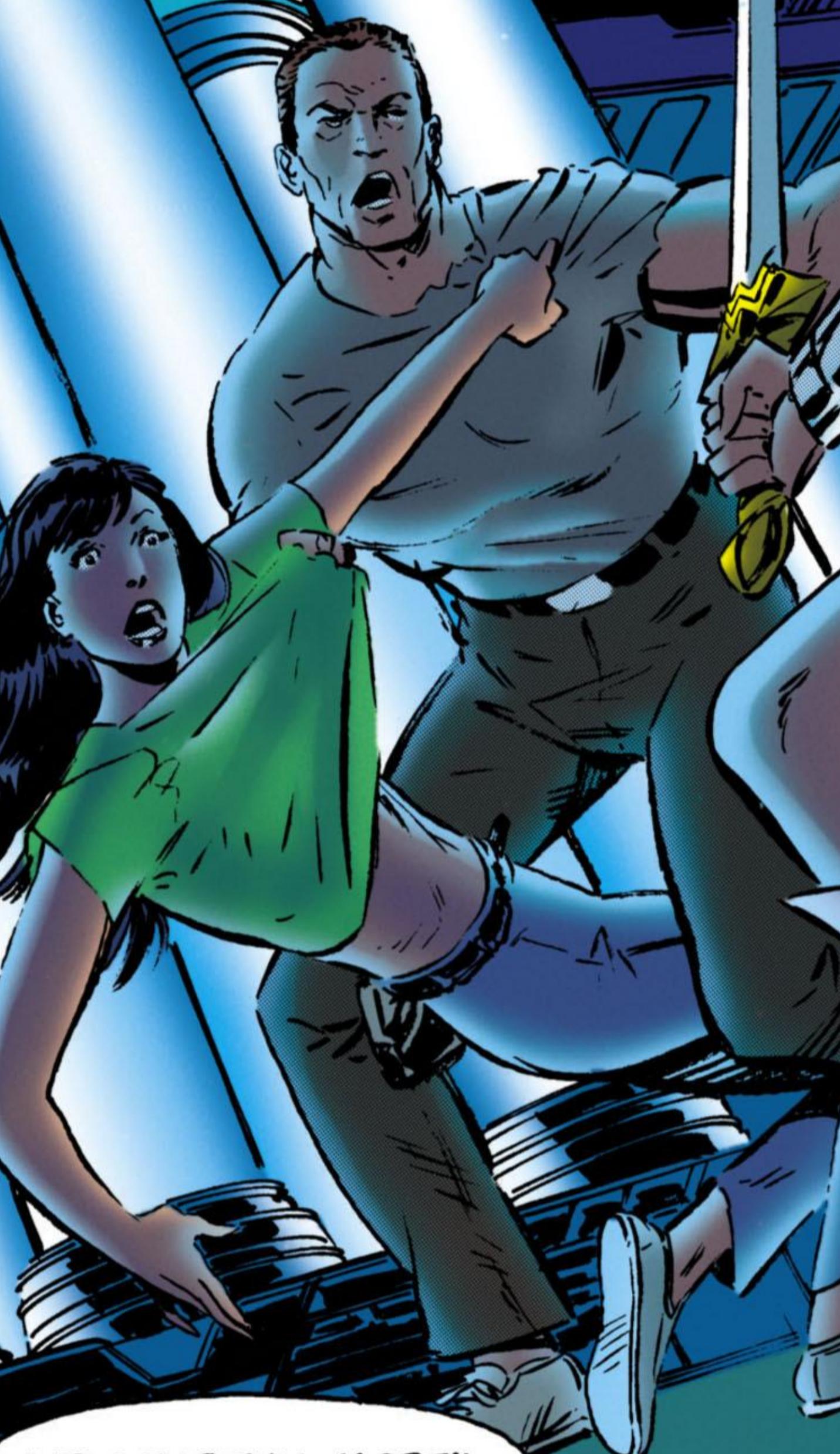
YOU'RE...
HIPPOLYTA!!

YES,
DONNA
TROY!

THE ROLE WHICH ONCE
BELONGED TO MY
DAUGHTER HAS FALLEN TO
ME!

I AM NOW...

Wonder
Woman



AND SINCE THIS MORTAL
HAS NOT STEPPED AWAY
FROM YOU AS I
COMMANDED...

...LET HIM
PAY THE
PRICE!

OH
MY
GOD!

NO
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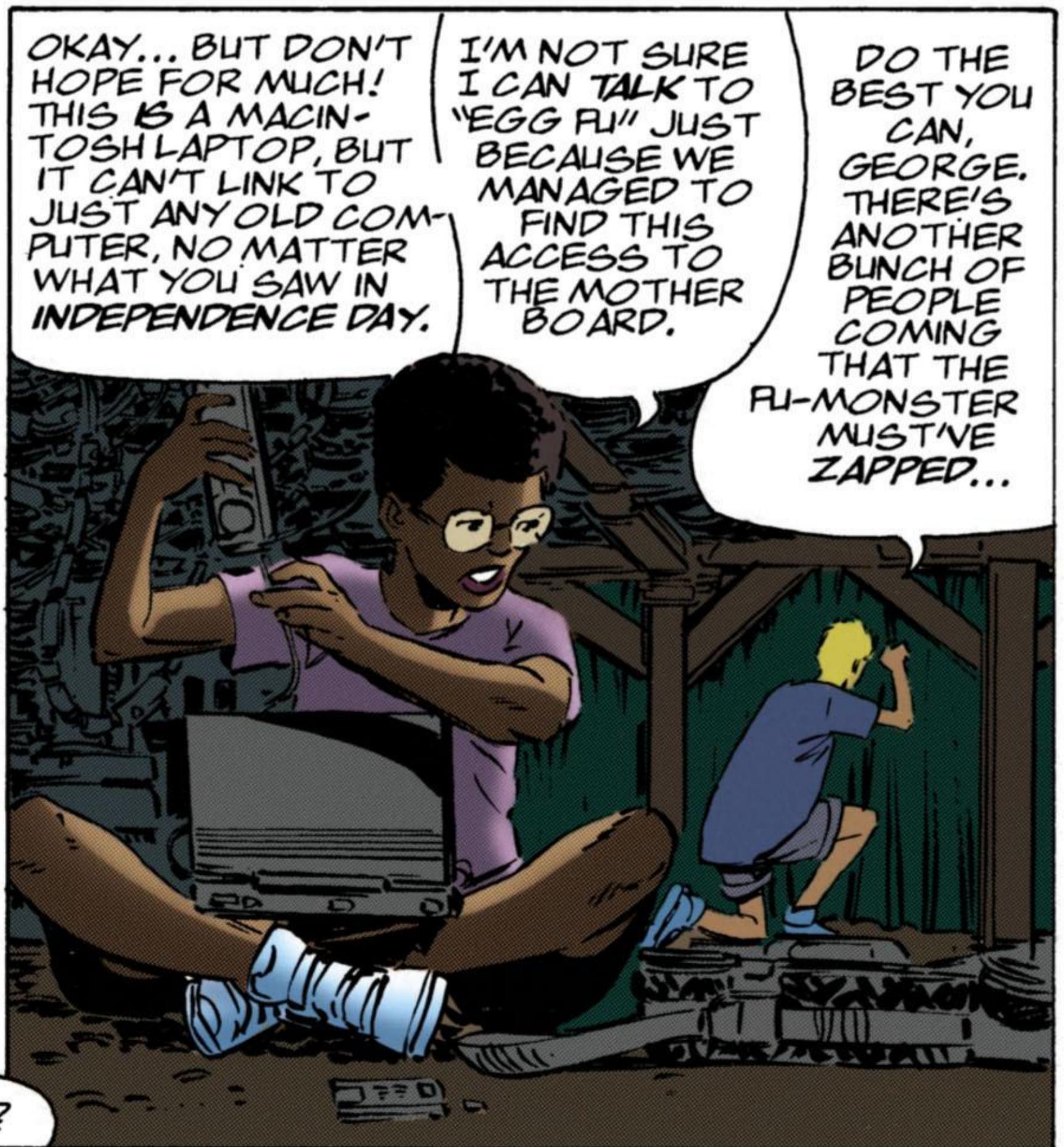
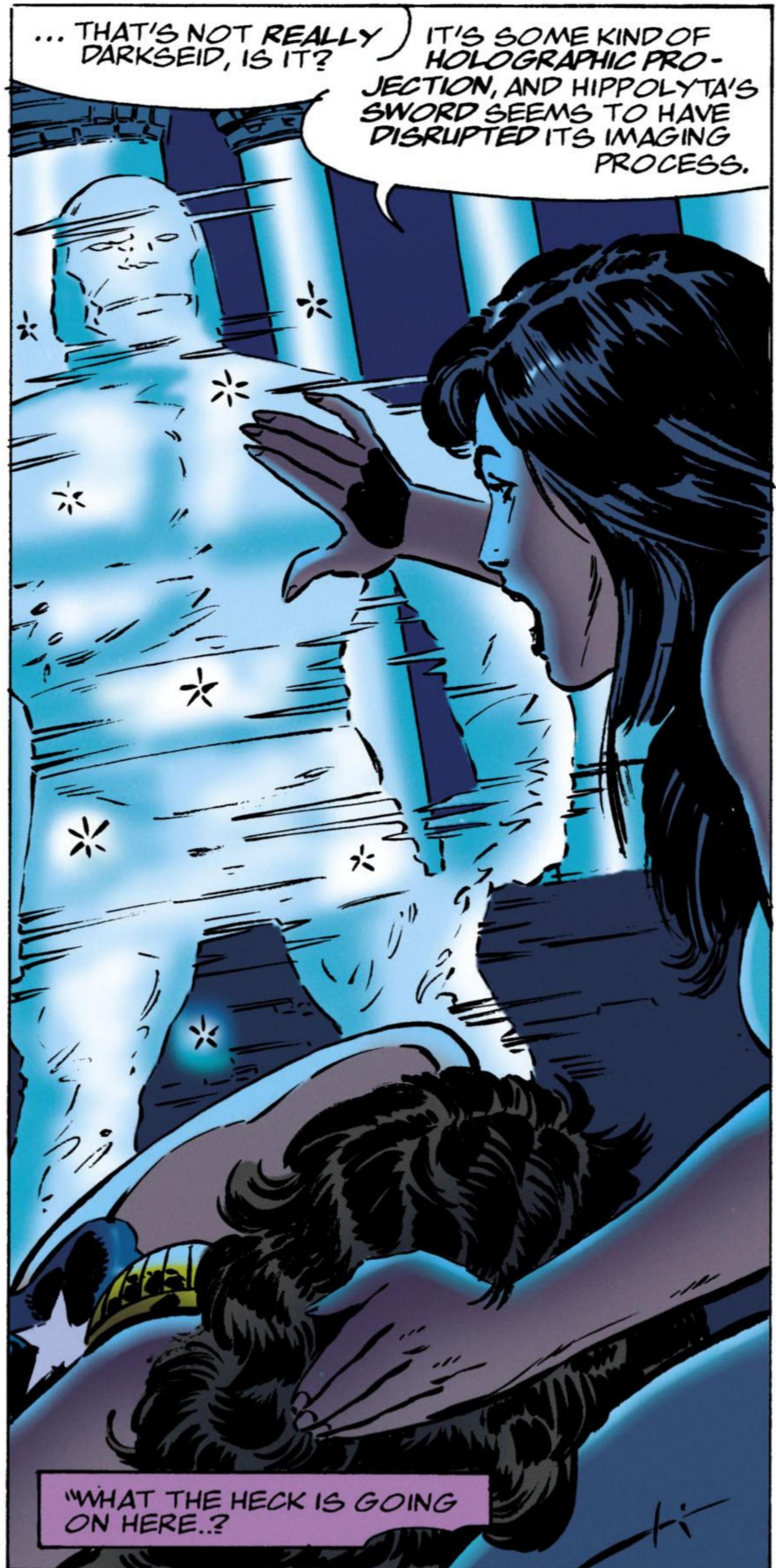


AND
YOU!
DARK-
SEID!
I
HAVE
WAIT-
ED
LONG
MONTHS
FOR THE
CHANCE TO
AVENGE MY
KINGDOM
FOR THE
DEVASTATION
YOU WROUGHT
THERE!

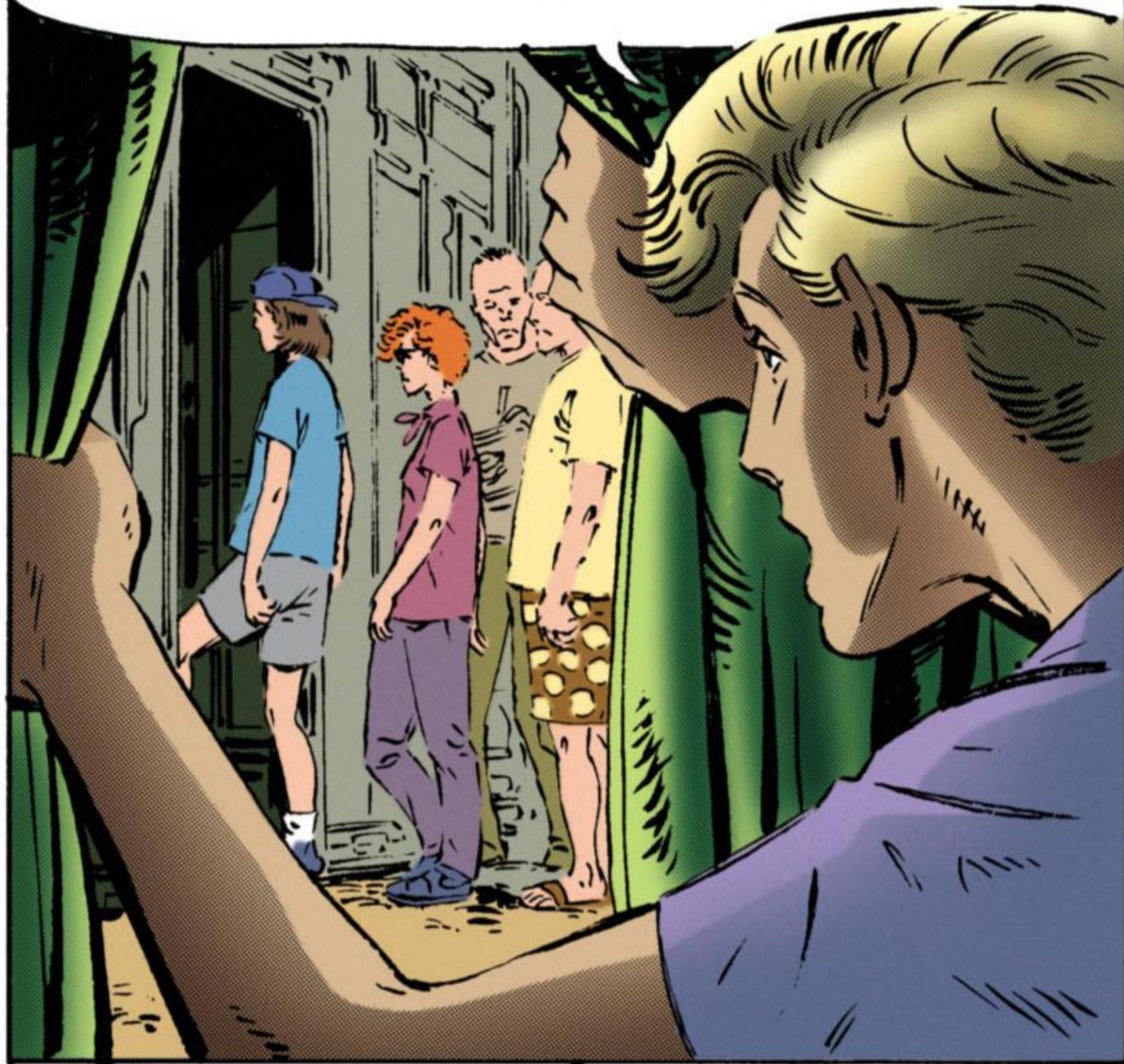
LET US SEE NOW IF THE
HIDE OF A GOD IS MATCH
FOR AN AMAZON'S BLADE!

UNH!



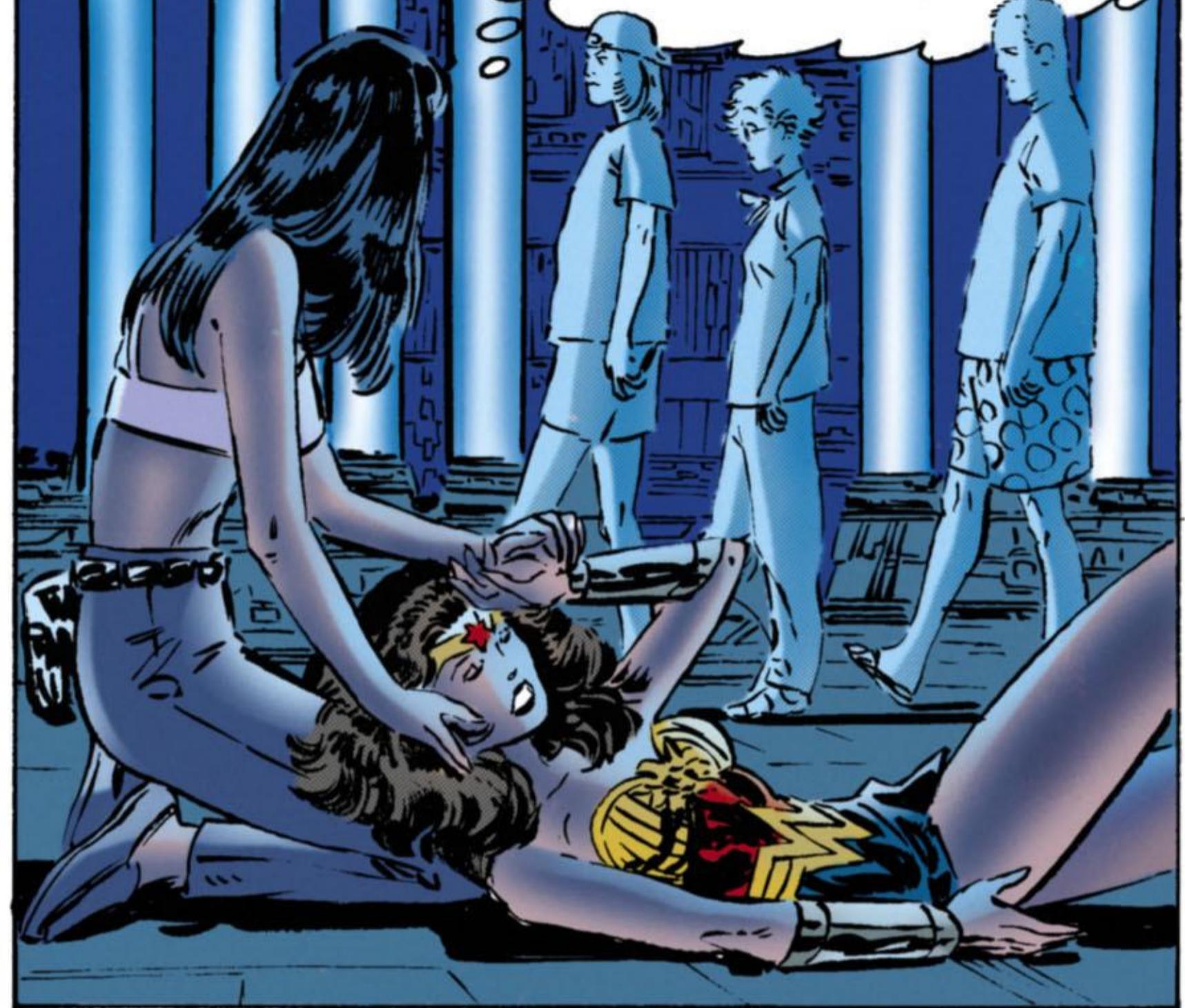


THERE THEY GO! JUST MARCHING INTO THAT BIG BOX LIKE ALL THE PEOPLE BEFORE THEM!



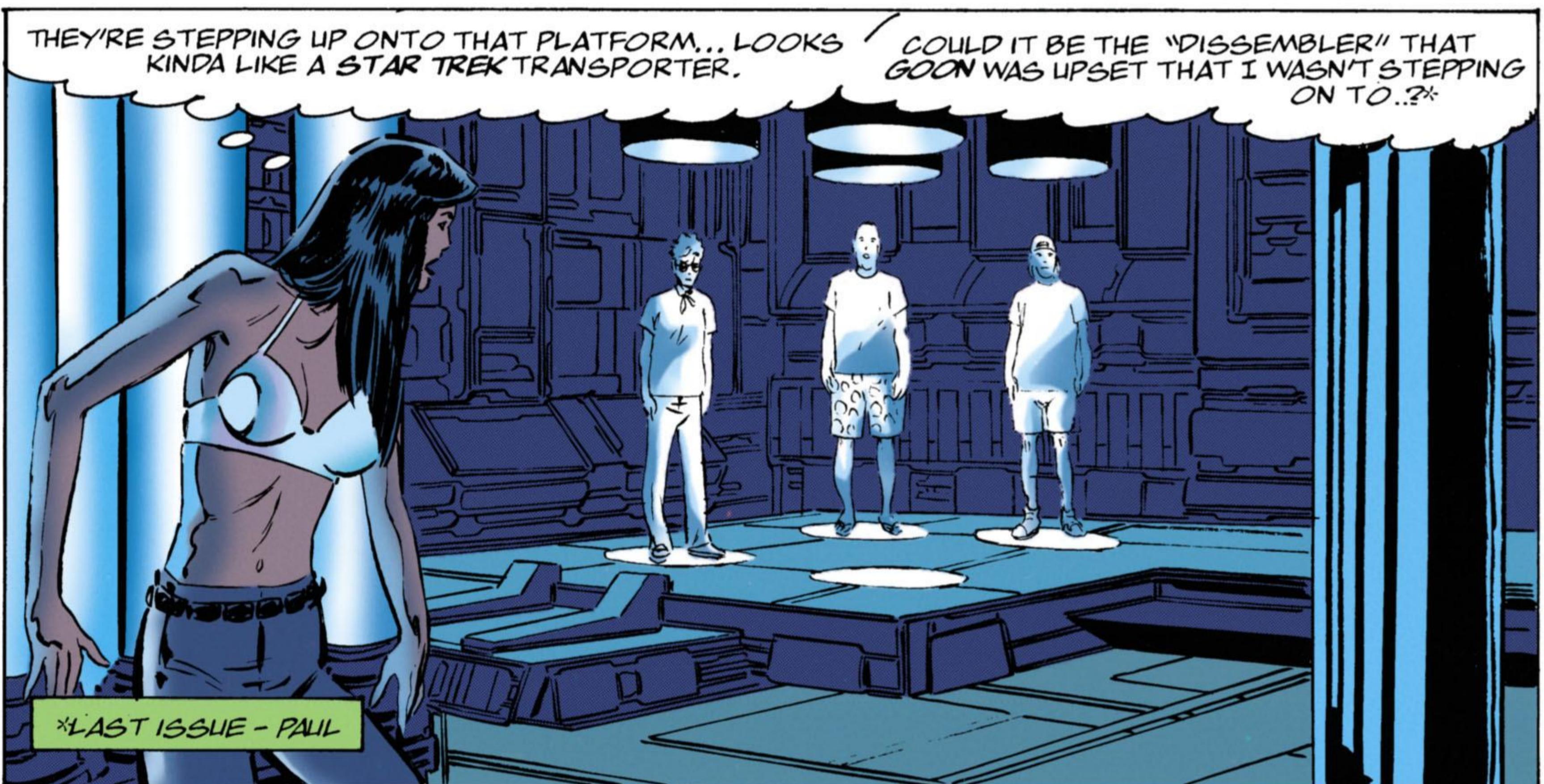
AND THEY SEEM COMPLETELY OBLIVIOUS TO OUR LITTLE TABLEAU.

IT'S LIKE THEY DON'T EVEN SEE US!



THEY'RE STEPPING UP ONTO THAT PLATFORM... LOOKS KINDA LIKE A STAR TREK TRANSPORTER.

COULD IT BE THE "DISSEMBLER" THAT GOON WAS UPSET THAT I WASN'T STEPPING ON TO...?*

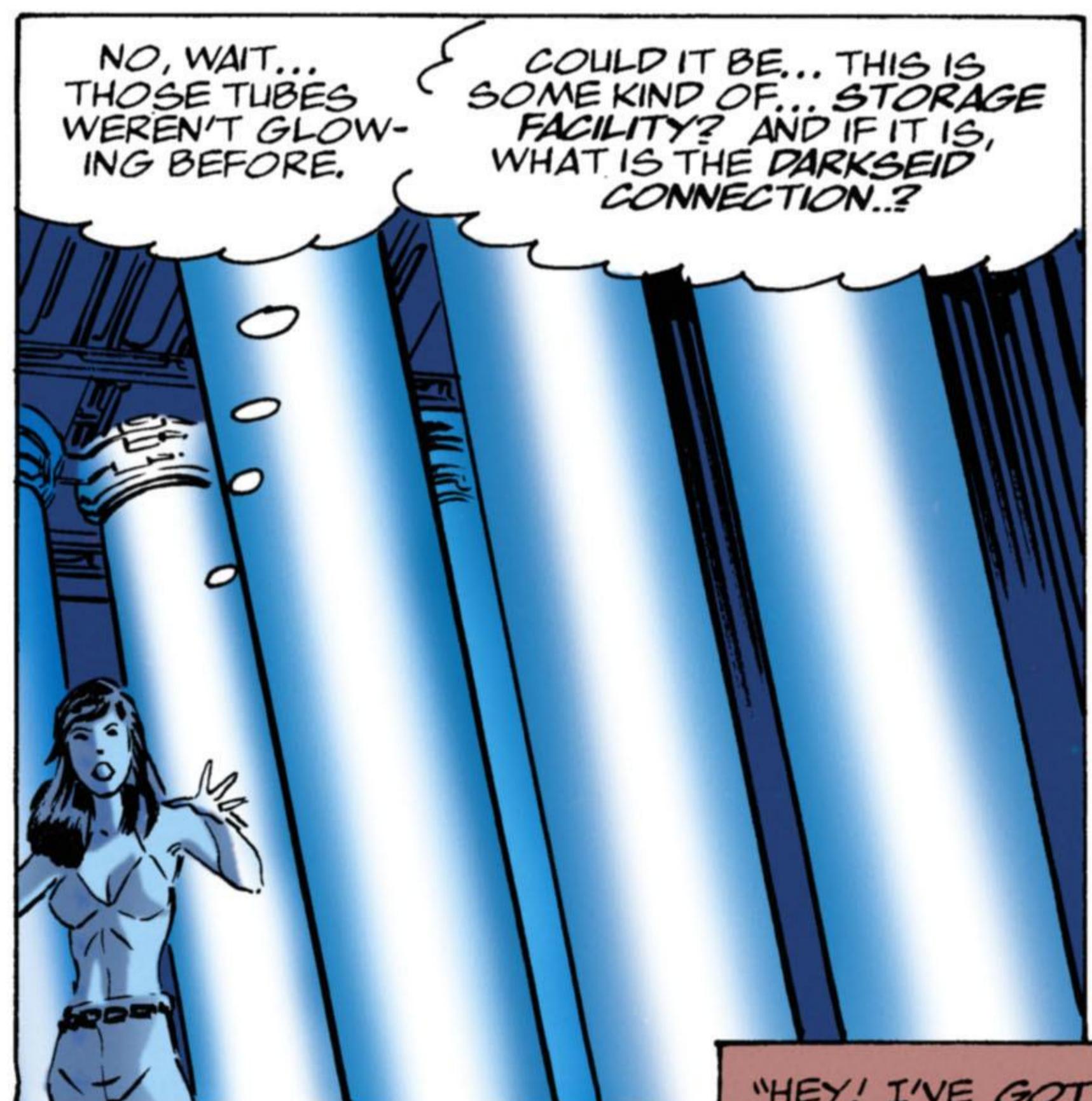


THEY'RE FADING AWAY! ARE THEY BEING DISINTEGRATED OR...



NO, WAIT... THOSE TUBES WEREN'T GLOWING BEFORE.

COULD IT BE... THIS IS SOME KIND OF... STORAGE FACILITY? AND IF IT IS, WHAT IS THE DARKSEID CONNECTION...?



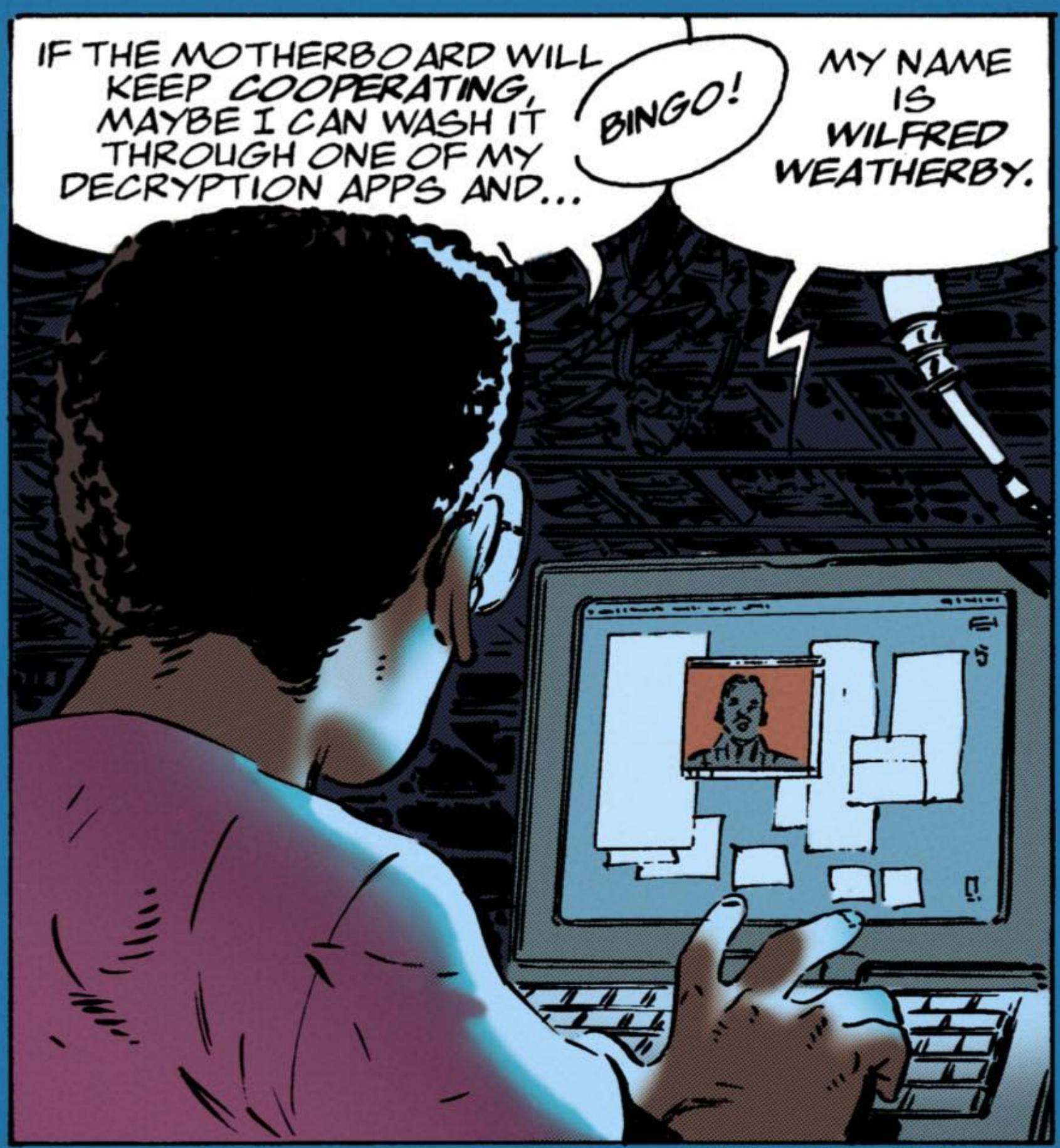
WAY TO BE A COMPUTER GENIUS, GEORGE! WHATCHA GOT?

DON'T THINK I CAN TAKE FULL CREDIT FOR THIS, CASS. IT'S ALMOST LIKE THE MOTHERBOARD SENSED MY COMPUTER TRYING TO UPLINK AND ADAPTED TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

BUT--LOOK HERE, THERE'S SOME KIND OF ENCRYPTED DATA RUNNING AT A SUBLEVEL OF THE MAIN PROGRAM.

IF THE MOTHERBOARD WILL KEEP COOPERATING, MAYBE I CAN WASH IT THROUGH ONE OF MY DECRYPTION APPS AND...

MY NAME IS WILFRED WEATHERBY.
BINGO!

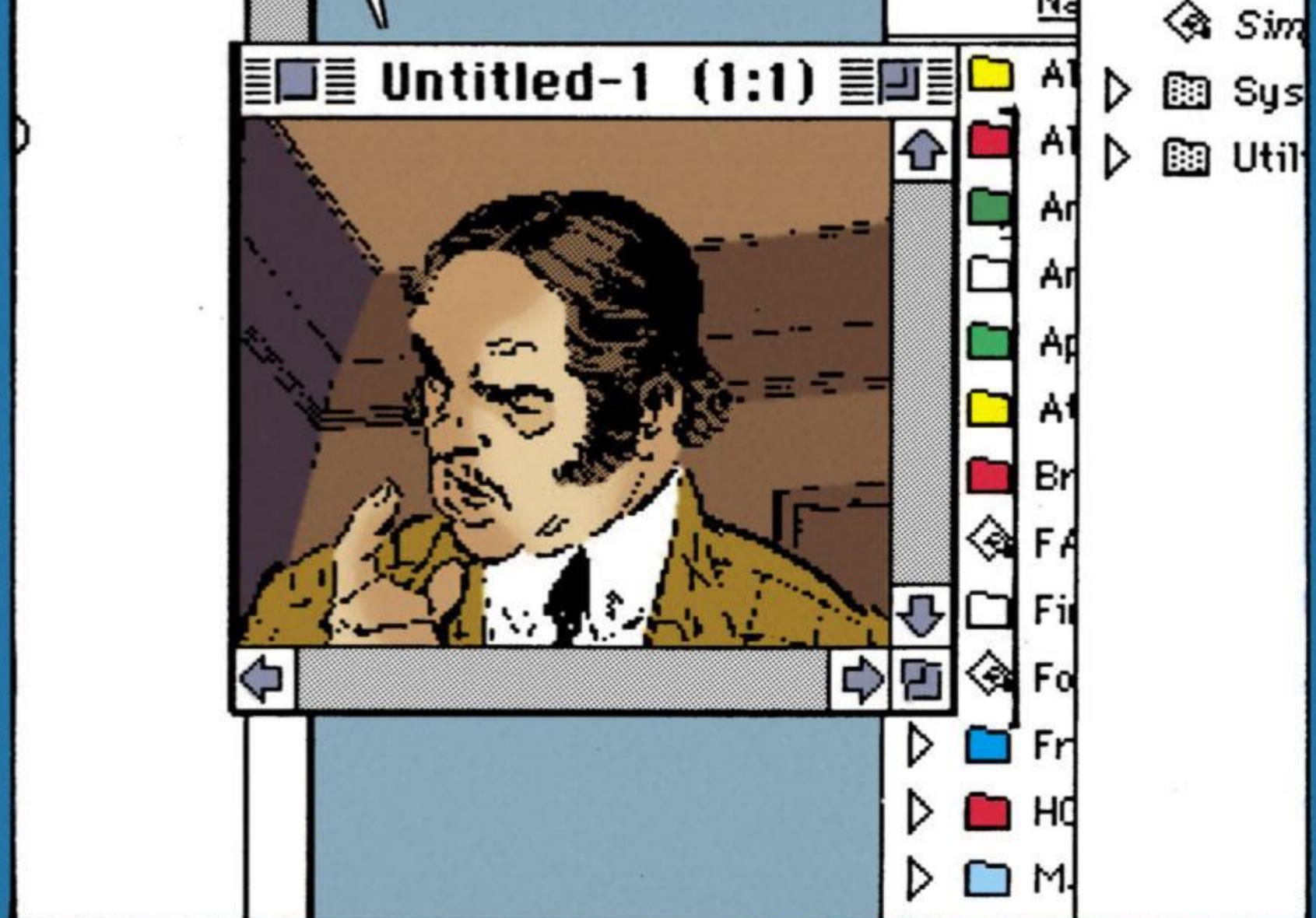
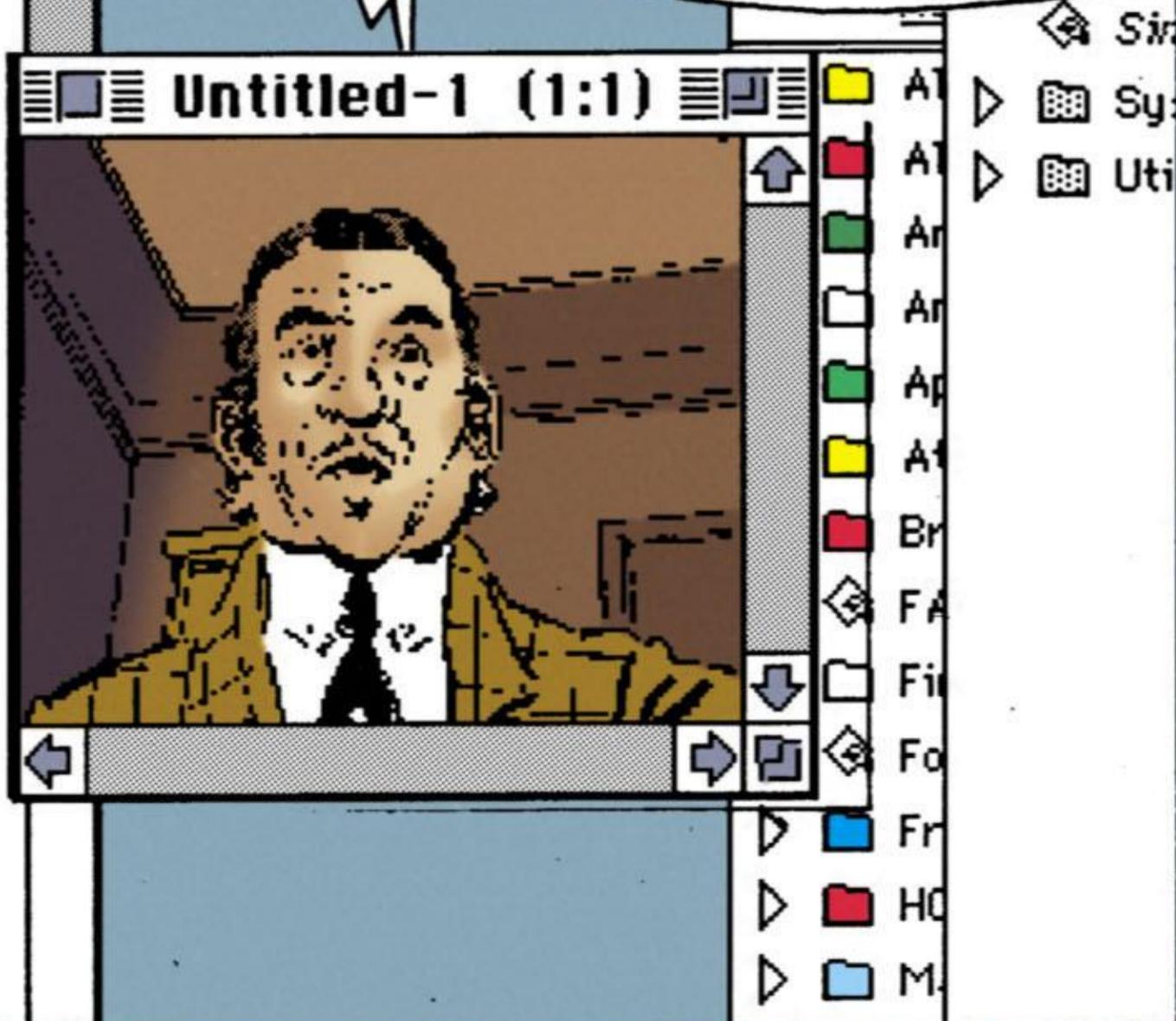


I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS REALLY DOING WHAT I THINK IT'S DOING, BUT IF IT IS I ONLY HAVE A FEW MINUTES AT MOST BEFORE EGG FU CAPTURES MY MIND AGAIN.

IF YOU ARE HEARING THIS, PERHAPS THERE'S A CHANCE THIS TERRIBLE PLOT TO TAKE OVER THE WORLD CAN BE AVERTED.

I DID NOT BUILD EGG FU. HE--IT-- BUILT ITSELF, OUT OF A TINY LITTLE GADGET I STOLE.

I DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT I WAS GETTING INTO, I SWEAR! I THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST MAGICIANS. I NEVER GUessed WHO...



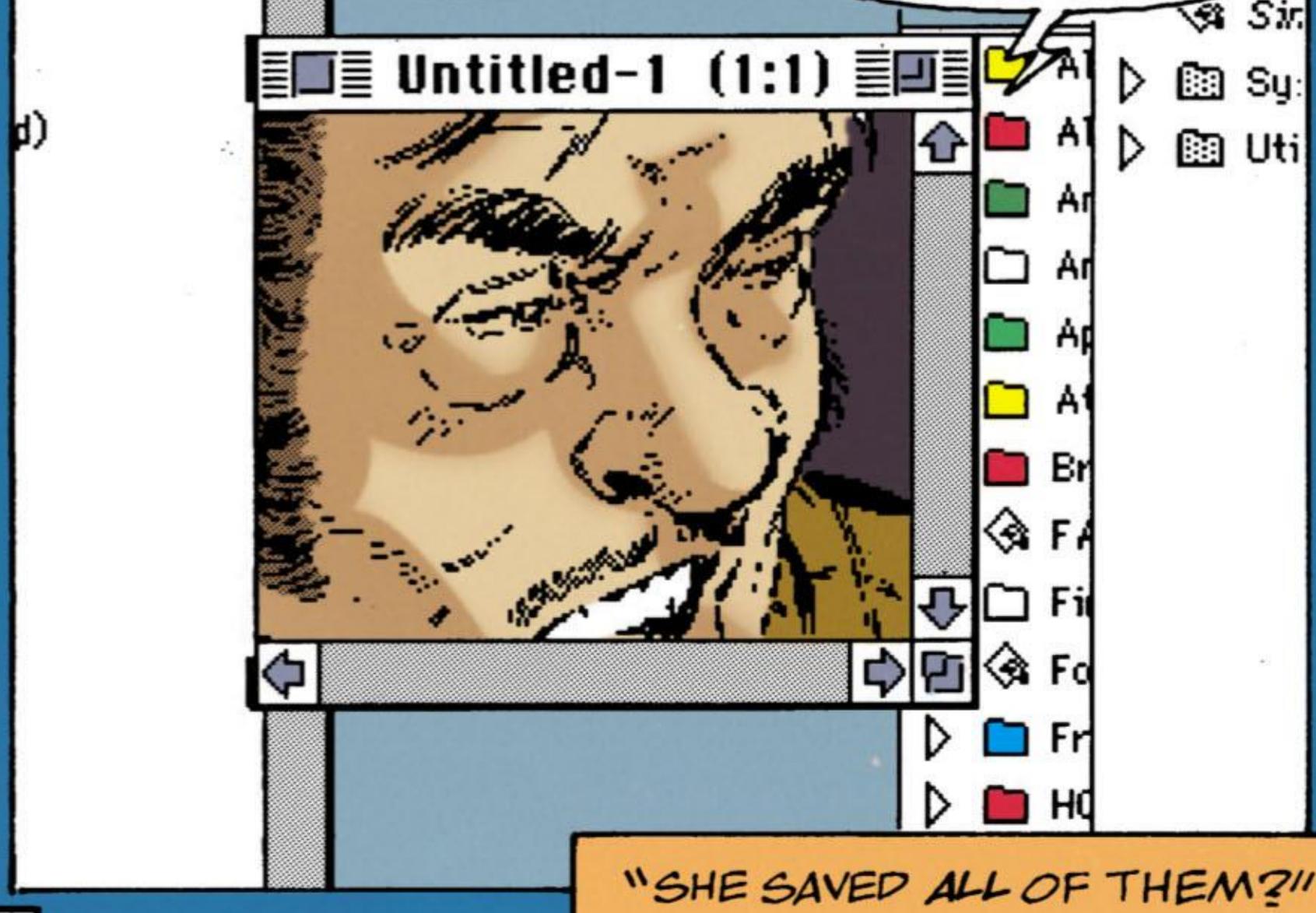
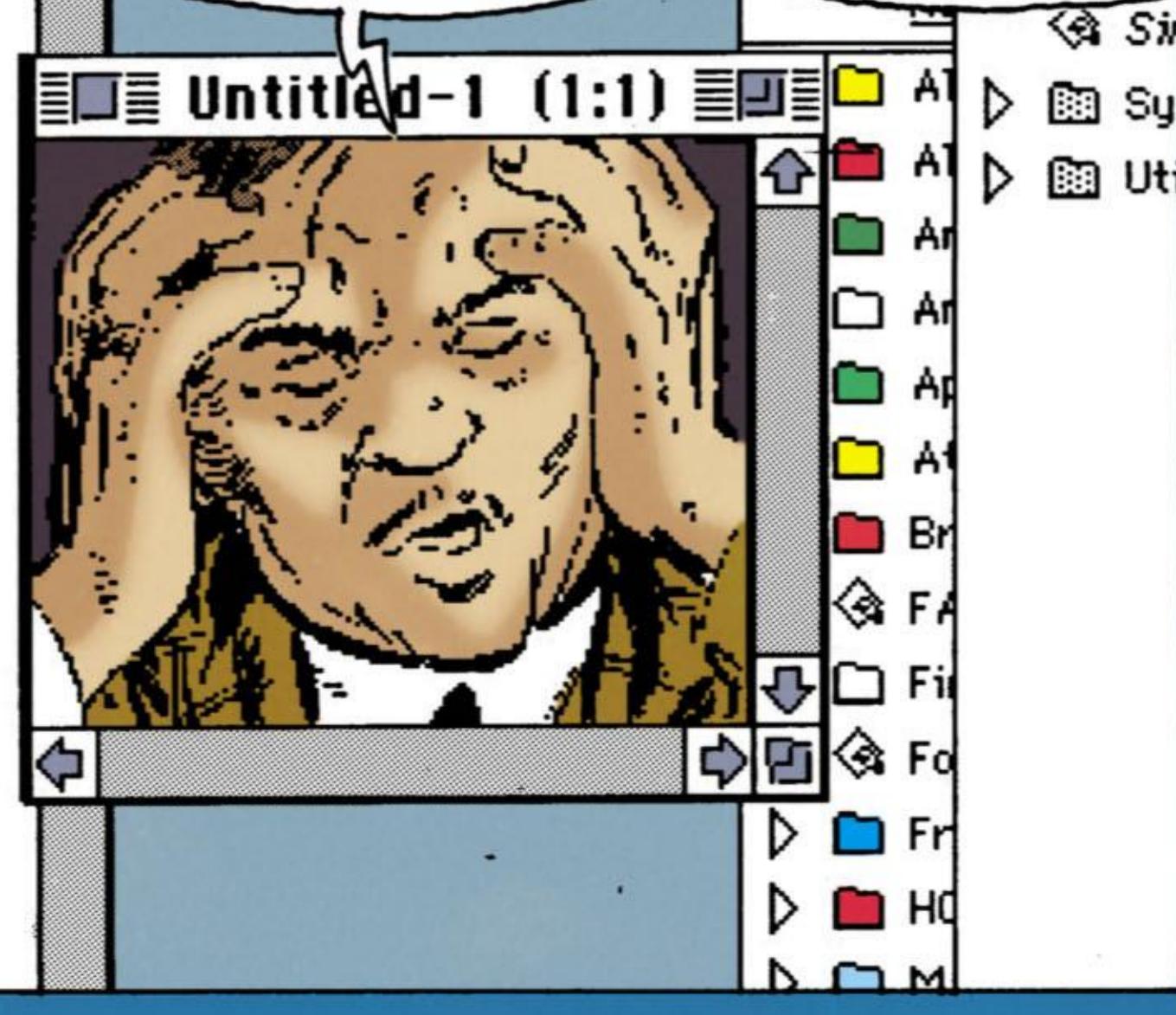
NO, NO, WAIT. I'M GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF.

LISTEN... I CAN FEEL EGG FU COMING BACK IN MY HEAD. I ONLY HAVE A FEW SECONDS NOW.

YOU MUST FIND THE MEN I STOLE THE GADGET FROM. ONLY THEY WILL KNOW HOW TO DEACTIVATE EGG FU.

IT'S TWO MEN. ONE CALLS HIMSELF SCOTT FREE, AND THE OTHER IS KNOWN ONLY AS METRON. WITH ANY LUCK THEY WILL STILL BE IN THE GATEWAY CITY AREA.

OH--AND JUST IN CASE IT MATTERS... I'M RECORDING THIS MESSAGE ON JULY 7TH, 1906...



"SHE SAVED ALL OF THEM?"

YES, HERA. DIANA MANIFESTED HERSELF ON EARTH AND RESCUED THE MORTALS WE HAD SHOWN HER.

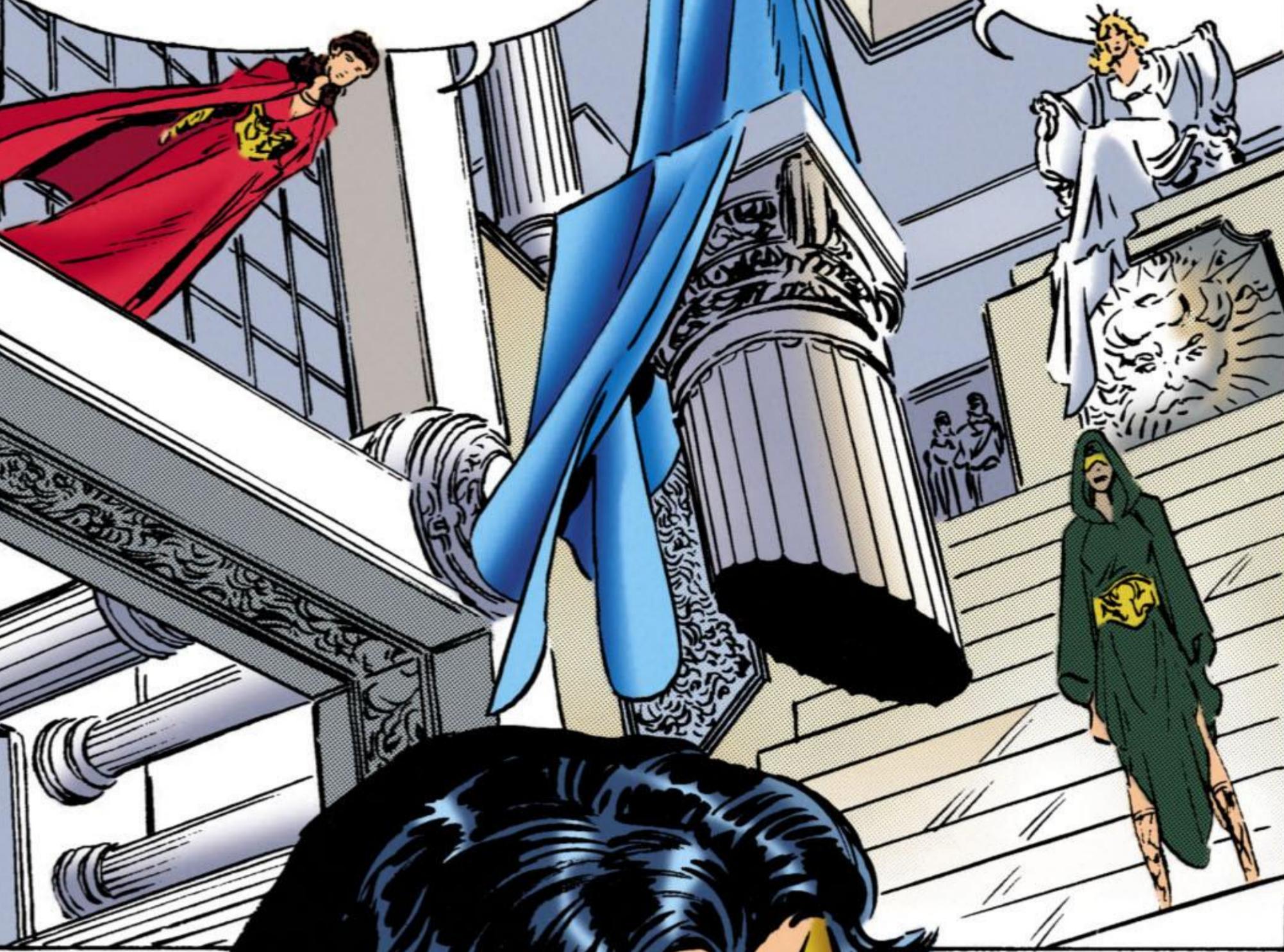
EVEN NOW THEY ARE REPORTING THIS TO VARIOUS NEWS ORGANIZATIONS ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

DIANA, THIS IS VERY BAD. SURELY YOU MUST UNDERSTAND WE GODS CANNOT OPERATE IN THIS MANNER?

I WAS NOT AWARE THERE WAS ANYTHING "WE GODS" COULD NOT DO, HERA.

AND I HAVE SWORN TO DEVOTE MY LIFE TO HELPING AND PROTECTING THOSE IN NEED.

AND HOW DOES YOUR MOTHER FIGURE INTO THIS, DIANA?





HERE, COMPACTED INTO THIS NEARLY WEIGHTLESS DISK IS A GIFT I RECEIVED SOME MONTHS AGO FROM A HIDDEN RACE DEEP UNDER THE ANTARCTIC ICE.

THOUGH IT WAS SPECIALLY CREATED AND ATTUNED TO ME, I BELIEVE IT IS WITHIN THE POWER OF MY GODHOOD TO TRANSFER THAT GIFT TO YOU...

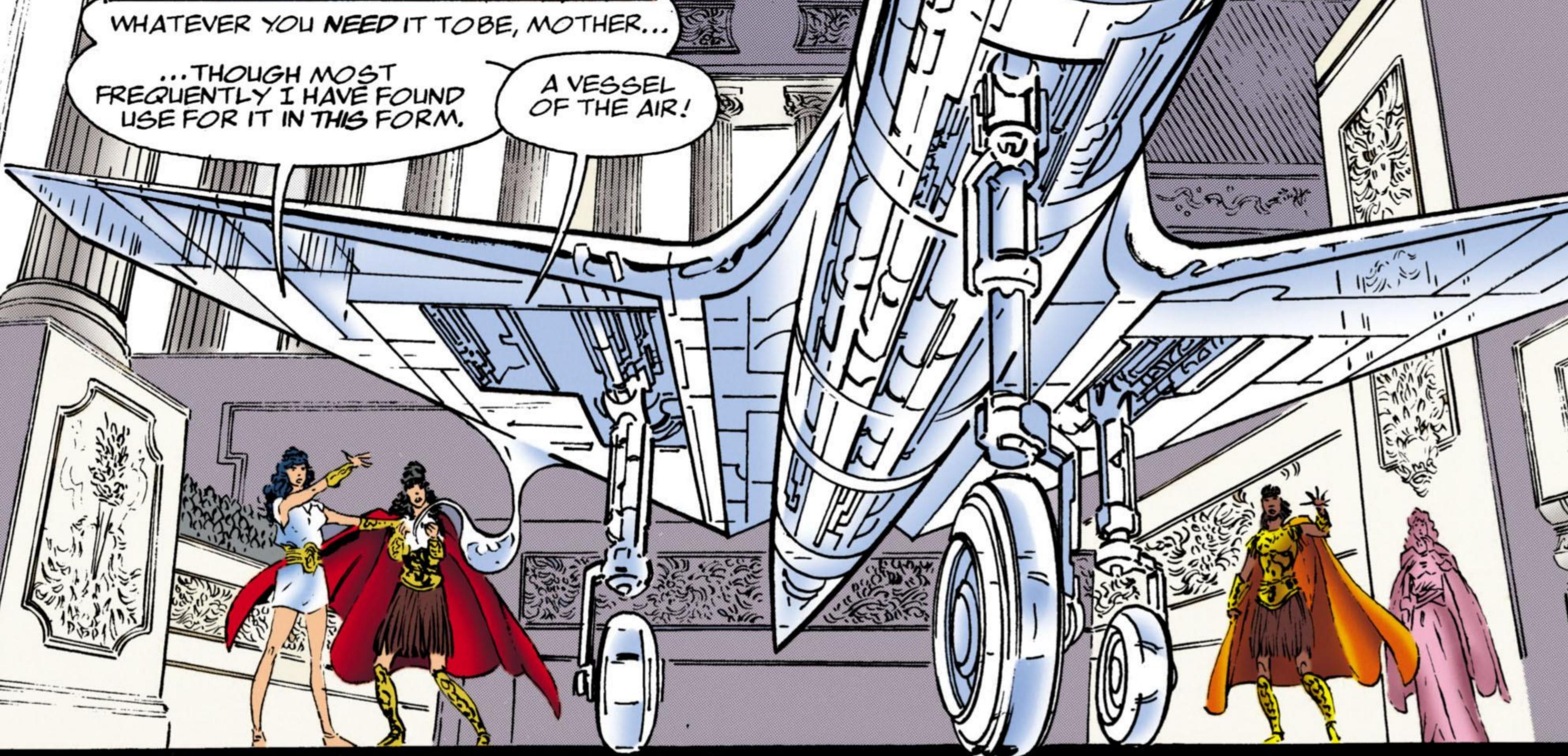
IT SHINES LIKE DIAMOND BUT FEELS AS SOFT AS DOWN...
WHAT IS IT, DIANA?



WHATEVER YOU NEED IT TO BE, MOTHER...

...THOUGH MOST FREQUENTLY I HAVE FOUND USE FOR IT IN THIS FORM.

A VESSEL OF THE AIR!



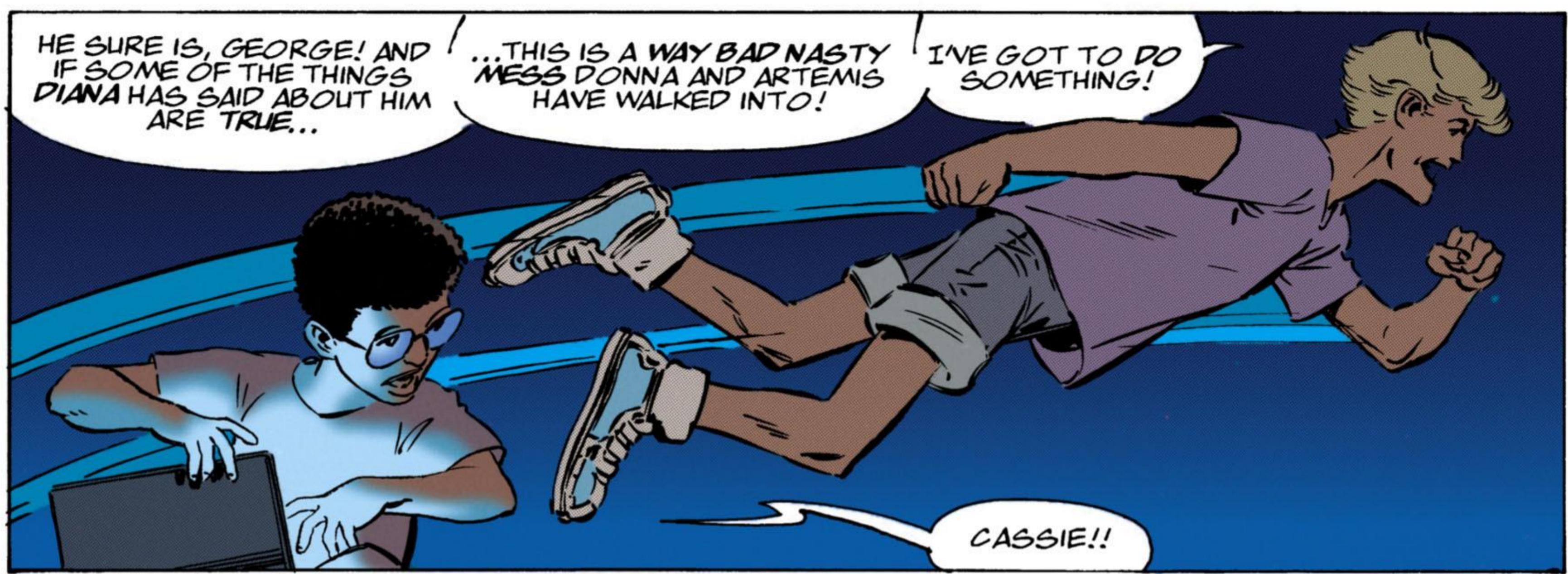
THEN IT IS AGREED! WITH THIS CRAFT AND THE GARB OF WONDER WOMAN, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA SHALL TAKE HER DAUGHTER'S PLACE IN THE WORLD OF MEN!

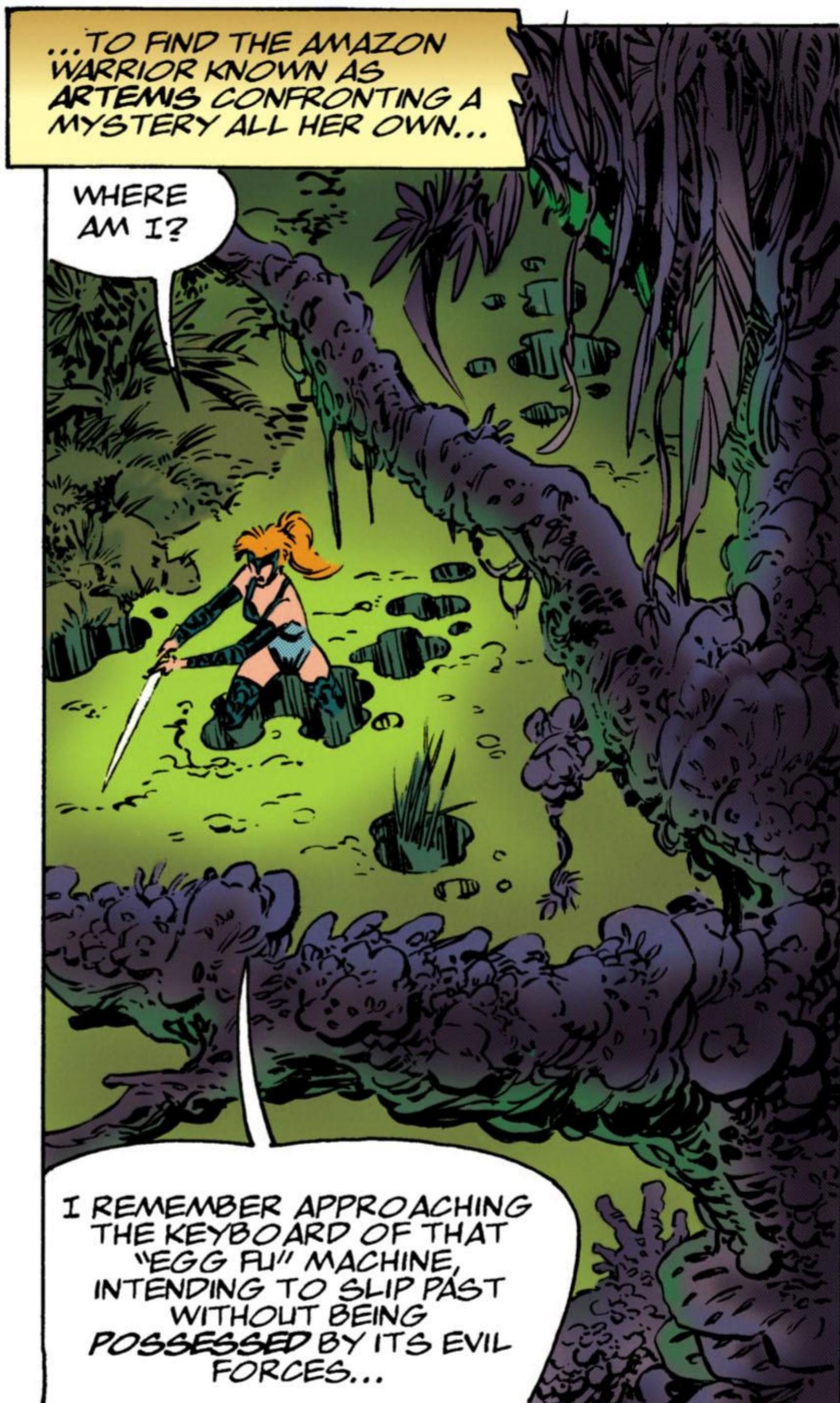
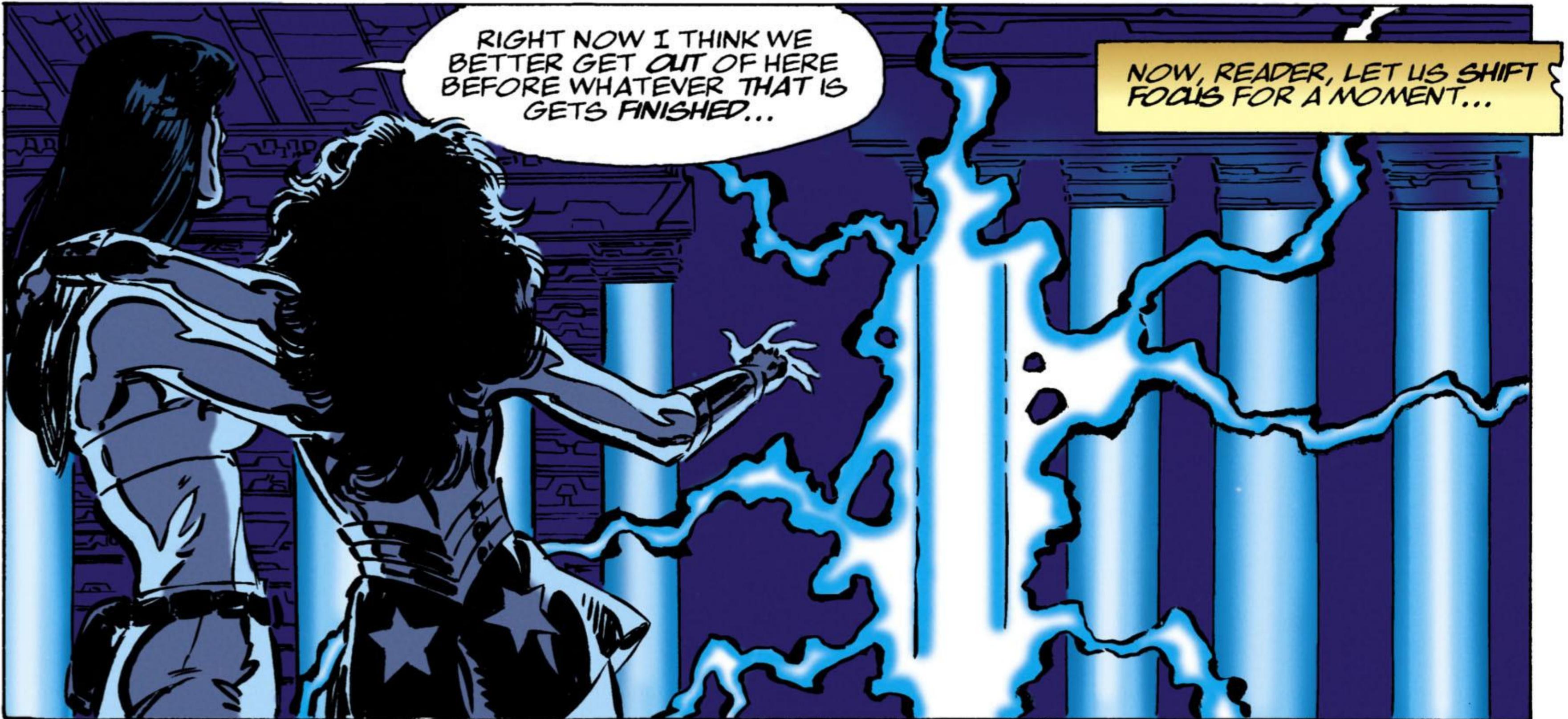
YES... YES, I AGREE. I AM HONORED TO AGREE.

BUT IF I MAY... A SMALL MODIFICATION IS YET IN ORDER...



"SCOTT FREE? ISN'T HE MISTER MIRACLE.?"





MONSTERS!

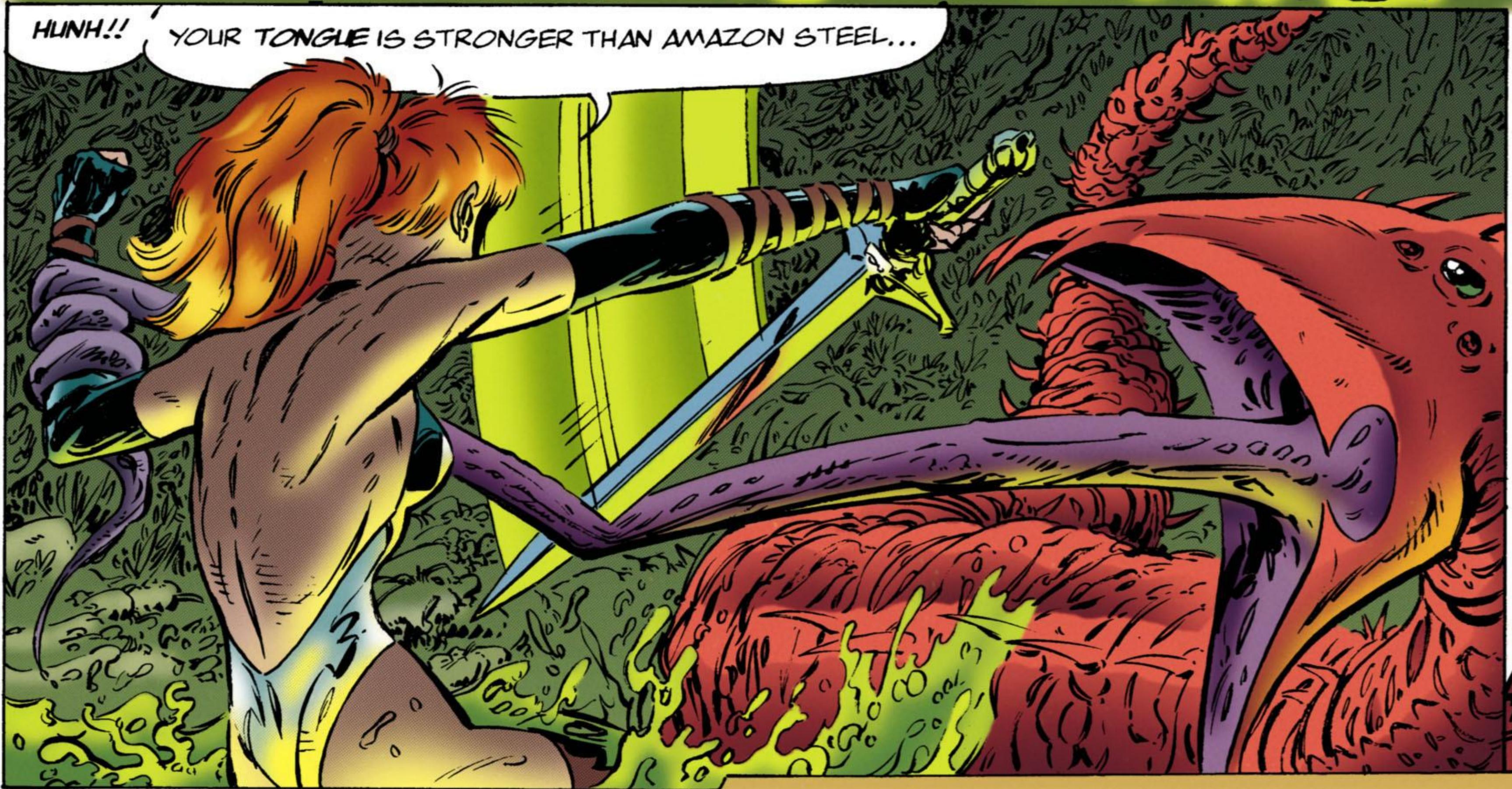
THEN THE STENCH OF EVIL I DETECTED IN THIS PLACE WAS NOT SIMPLY MY IMAGINATION!

NOT SO FAST, MY SLIMY FRIEND!



HUH!!

YOUR TONGUE IS STRONGER THAN AMAZON STEEL...



IS YOUR FACE STRONGER THAN MY FIST?

AND NOW WE ALTER OUR PERSPECTIVE ONCE AGAIN...



...TO SEE THE GREATER TRUTH BEHIND THE SITUATION IN WHICH ARTEMIS FINDS HERSELF.

IS YOUR FACE STRONGER THAN MY FIST?

ARTEMIS!

HISS AND SPIT ALL YOU LIKE, CREATURE! YOU WILL NOT VANQUISH ARTEMIS WITHOUT PAYING DEARLY FOR THE HONOR!

SHE'S HALLUCINATING! THE BAD GUYS MUST BE CONTROLLING HER MIND SOMEHOW!

BUT IF THE REST OF THESE GLOWING CYLINDERS CONTAIN LIVING BEINGS AS DID THE ONE IMPRISONING ARTEMIS...

...WE MUST SUBDUER HER BEFORE ANY ARE DAMAGED...

YOUR STRENGTH IS GREATER THAN MINE, BEAST...

...BUT YOU LACK MY TRAINING AS A WARRIOR!

THE MOTHERBOARD
IS CONTINUING TO
DUMP DATA INTO
MY LAPTOP!

IT'S LIKE I
ACCIDENTALLY
STUMBLED ONTO
SOME KIND OF
AUTOMATIC DOWN-
LOAD FUNCTION.

OR... MAYBE
NOT SO
"ACCIDENT-
ALLY"...

IF I'M READING
EVEN HALF OF
THIS RIGHT, PART
OF "EGG FU'S"
PROGRAMMING
IS TO ASSIM-
ILATE ANY OTHER
COMPUTER IT
LINKS UP WITH...

...AUTOMATICAL-
LY ADAPTING
ITSELF TO
WHATEVER
OPERATING
SYSTEMS IT
ENCOUNTERS!

HOW THE
HECK COULD
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
HAVE BEEN
AROUND
SINCE
1900?

WHATEVER...!! ANYTHING
THAT MAKES IT EASIER FOR
ME TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
THAT THING IS DOING...

AND WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE
IT'S DOING IS...
COLLECTING... HARVESTING
PEOPLE AND STORING THEM
FOR TRANSPORT.

BUT TRANSPORT... TO
WHERE...??

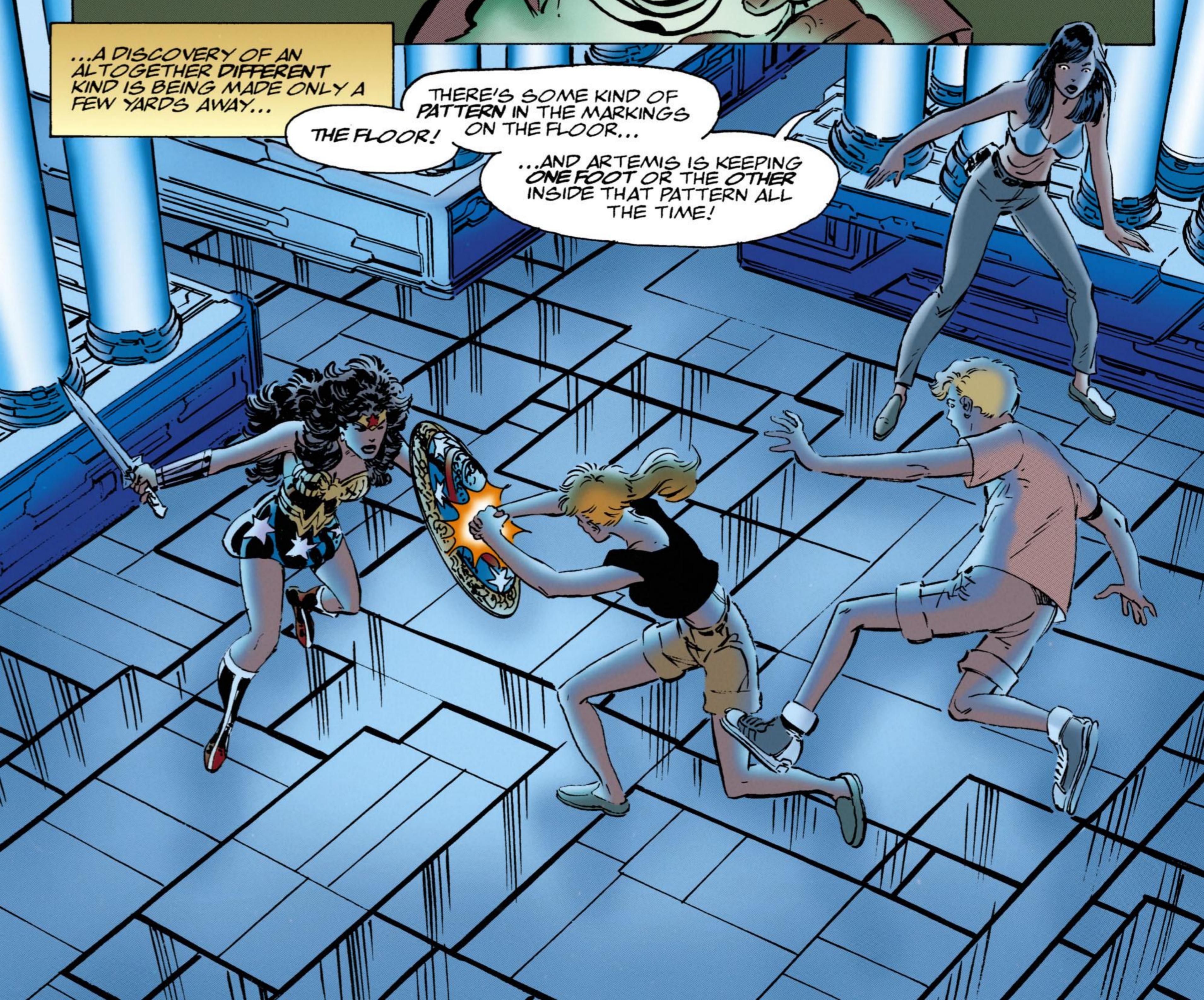
...A DISCOVERY OF AN
ALTOGETHER DIFFERENT
KIND IS BEING MADE ONLY A
FEW YARDS AWAY...

THERE'S SOME KIND OF
PATTERN IN THE MARKINGS
ON THE FLOOR...

THE FLOOR!

...AND ARTEMIS IS KEEPING
ONE FOOT OR THE OTHER
INSIDE THAT PATTERN ALL
THE TIME!

AND, AS GEORGIA
REDMOND MAKES HER
SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT
DISCOVERY...



IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S WAY TOO EASY, BUT THAT'S GOTTA BE THE ANSWER!

IF I BREAK HER CONTACT WITH THE PATTERN...



...I BREAK THE CONTROL OVER HER!!!

OUPH!!

DONNA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING...??



SAVING YOU, ARTIE, AND MAYBE US, TOO!

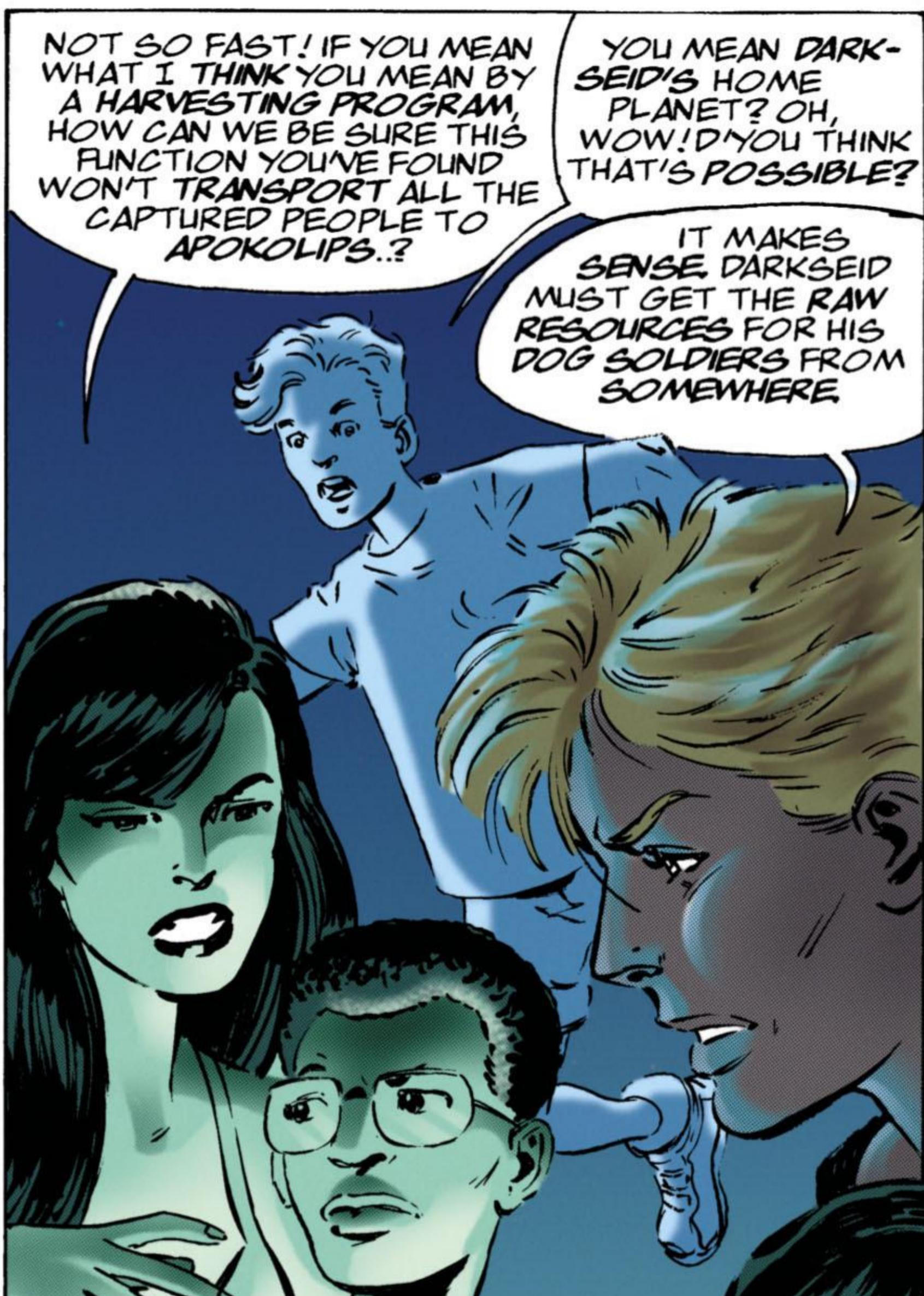
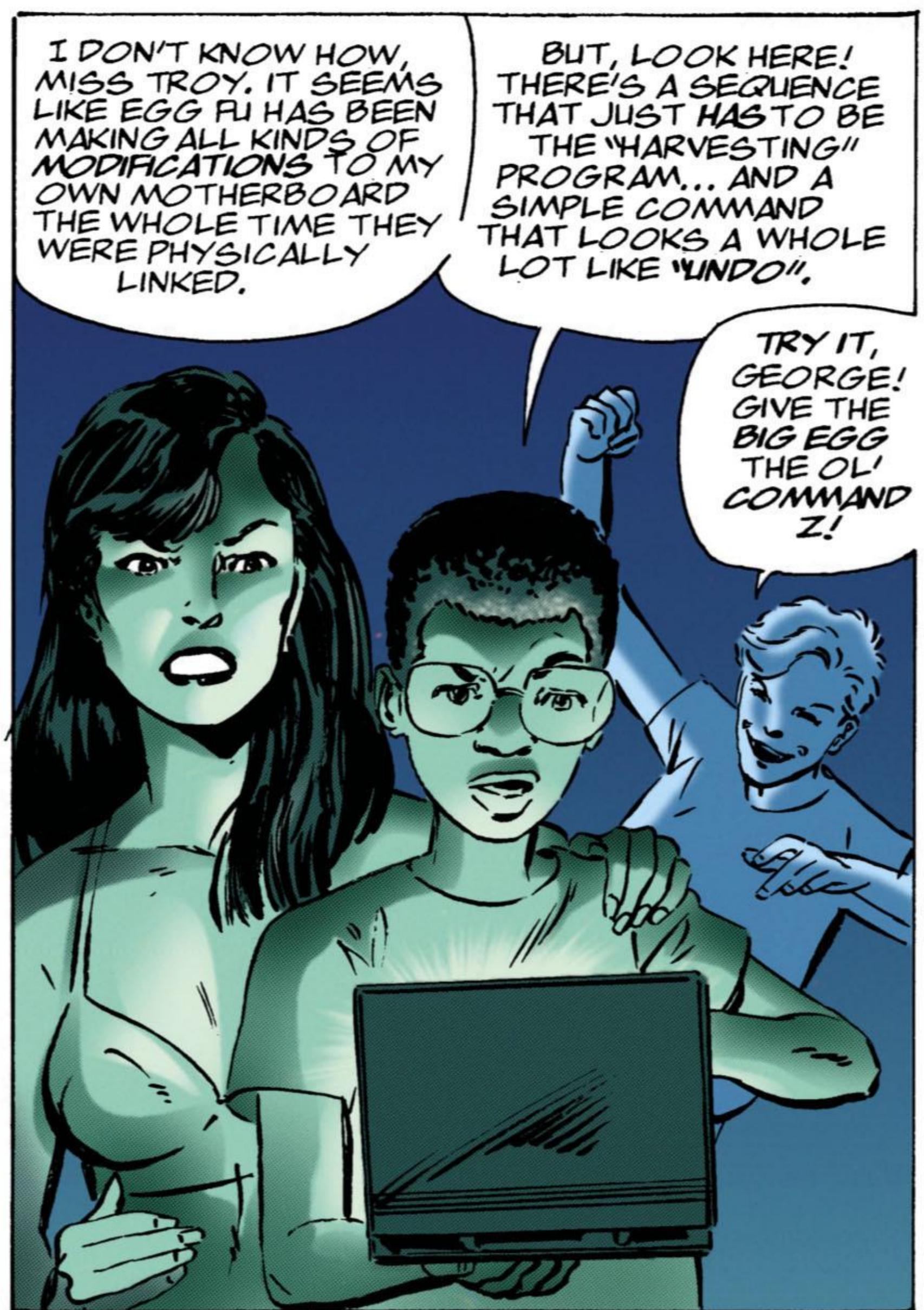
SEEMS LIKE THIS WHOLE SETUP IS A LONG STRING OF IMPROVISATIONS, AND USING YOU TO FIGHT US WAS JUST ONE MORE!

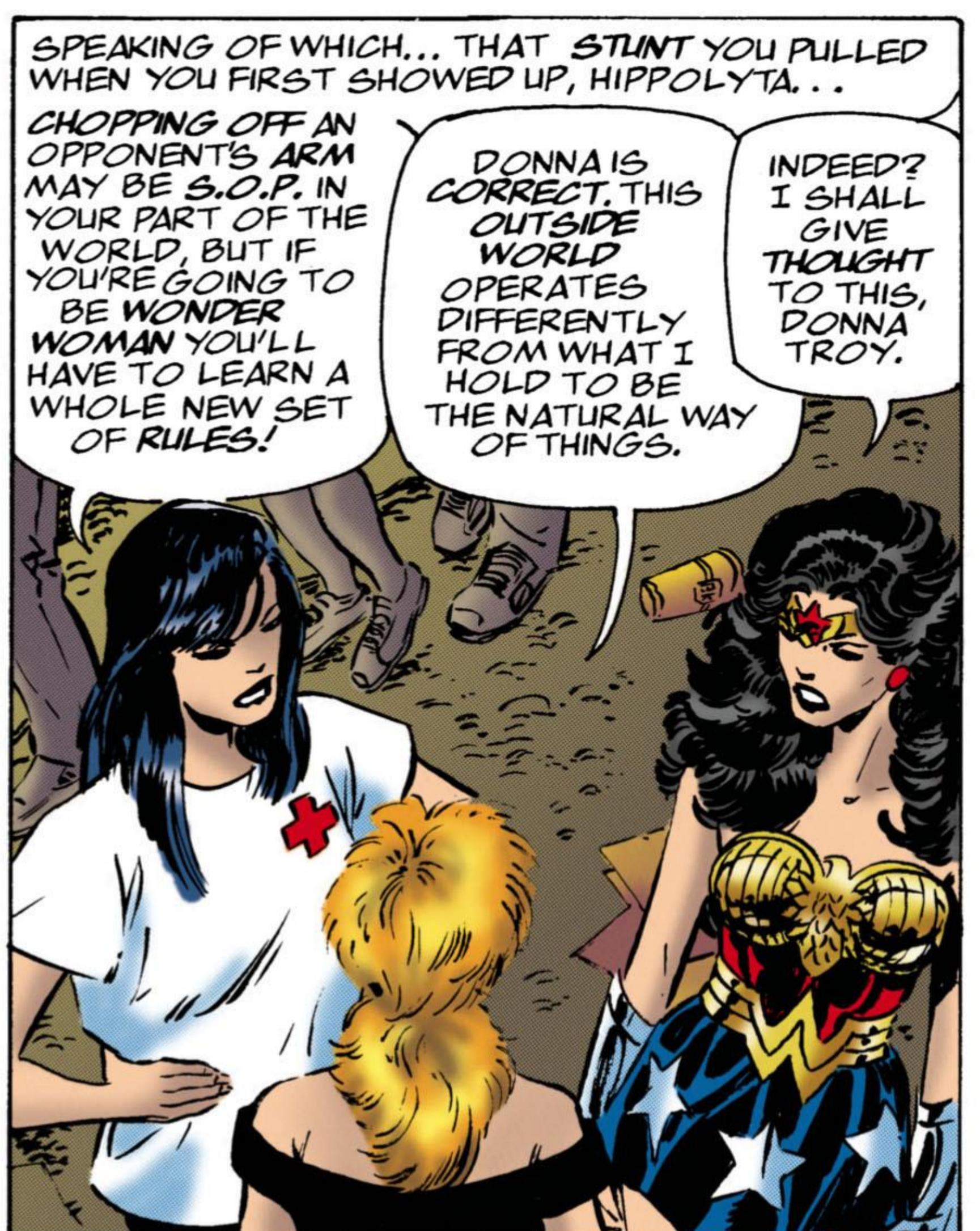
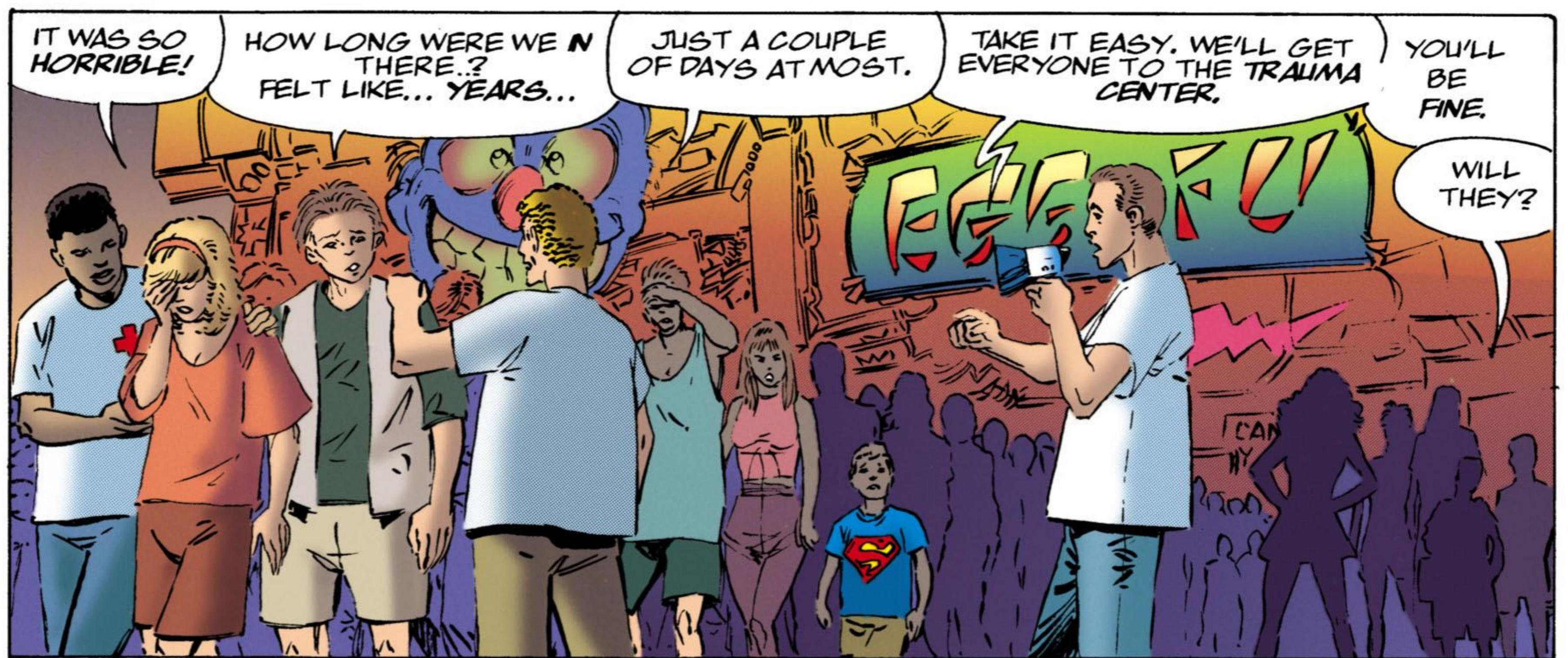
ARTEMIS... DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING OF YOUR IMPRISONMENT? ANYTHING WHICH MIGHT GIVE US A CLUE TO THE FREEING OF THE OTHERS?

I WAS STANDING BEFORE EGG FU.. THEN I WAS LYING HERE ON THE FLOOR WITH DONNA ON TOP OF ME!

NOTHING...







METRON!!

THEN IT IS
TRUE--THIS MATTER
IS IN SOME FASHION
CONNECTED TO THE
NEW GODS.

YES, NEARLY
ONE HUNDRED
YEARS AGO
SCOTT FREE
AND I VISITED
THIS CITY.

HE'S CALLED METRON,
STAN. AND HE'S ONE OF THE
GODS OF NEW GENESIS.

AND IF HE WANTS TO TAKE
TH' FU OFF OUR
HANDS--WELL, I THINK WE
SHOULD LET HIM!



WE WERE NOT THEN AWARE THAT ANY
OF SCOTT'S APOKOLIPSIAN TECHNOLOGY
HAD BEEN STOLEN, BUT I SHALL NOW ATTEND
MYSELF TO THE REMOVAL OF "EGG FU"...

WAIT A MINUTE.
WHO IS THIS GUY...??

AND
SO...

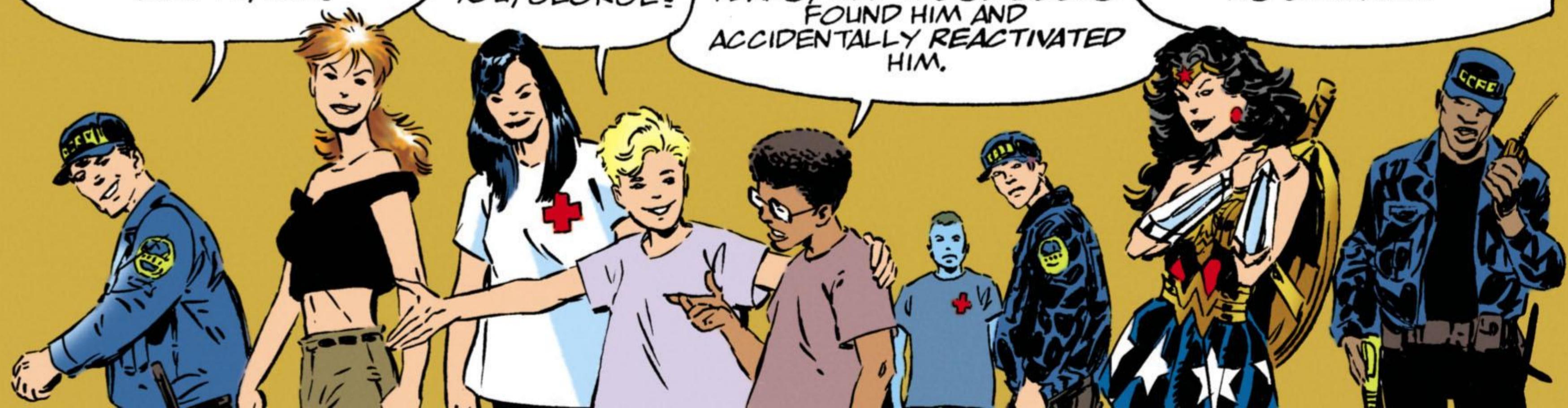


SO THAT WRAPS THAT UP!
GUESS IT WAS LUCKY MISS
REDMOND'S COMPUTER
WAS ABLE TO UPLINK WITH
EGG FU, HUH?

GEORGIA
HAS A
THEORY ON
THAT, DON'T
YOU, GEORGE?

IT'S NOT A "THEORY"!
JUST... A FEELING. EGG FU
HAD BEEN IN MOTBALLS
FOR NEARLY A HUNDRED
YEARS, TILL THOSE GOONS
FOUND HIM AND
ACCIDENTALLY REACTIVATED
HIM.

IT'S KIND OF A NUTTY THING
TO SAY ABOUT A MACHINE,
BUT I THINK EGG WAS
CRAVING THE COMPANY OF
HIS OWN KIND.



"I THINK HE WAS LONELY...!"

INTERLUDE: HALF A WORLD AWAY THE CHILL OF NIGHT LIES HEAVY ON THE ANCIENT STONES OF THIS CRUMBLING RUIN.

HEREABOUTS THE LOCALS POINT WITH PRIDE TO THIS COLOSSAL WRECK AS THE LAST REMAINS OF THE LEGENDARY KINGDOM OF CAMELOT.

THERE ARE A DOZEN OR MORE PLACES IN THESE BRITISH ISLES WHICH MAKE SIMILAR CLAIMS.



IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, THE CLAIM IS VALID, AS HELENA SANDMARK IS IN THE PROCESS OF DISCOVERING...

LET ME GO! ETRIGAN! IF THERE IS ANY SHRED OF JASON BLOOD LEFT IN YOU...

THERE IS NONE, AND NONE IS WANTED. FREE IS ETRIGAN, UNDAUNTED!

BLOOD IN MY BLOOD, POISON WAS HE, GONE IS MORTAL GUISE COMPLETELY!



ETRIGAN, PLEASE! STOP YOUR CHATTER AND LISTEN!

YOU ARE NOT EVIL! YOU ARE A LOYAL SERVANT OF THE WIZARD MERLIN. YOU FOUGHT TO SAVE CAMELOT FROM MORGAIN LE FAY, AND YOU HAVE FOUGHT A THOUSAND EVILS SINCE THAT DAY.

LIES YOU SPIN, AND FOOLISH FALSEHOOD, WHEN YOU SAY I FOUGHT FOR GOOD.

EVIL ETRIGAN HAS E'ER BEEN, EVEN TRAPPED IN JASON BLOOD!

NO, DEMON.

MERLIN! BROTHER, YOU ARE WELCOME, CIRCLE'S CLOSED AND ENDINGS NIGH!

LIES AT LAST ASIDE WE'RE SETTING TIME TO CHOOSE WHO LIVES, WHO DIES!

YES, ETRIGAN, THERE IS TRUTH BURIED IN YOUR RHYMING.

THAT WHICH I SHOULD HAVE SEEN TO LONG SINCE HAS COME AROUND AT LAST TO HAUNT ME...



"...AND DEATH SHALL SURELY COME AT LAST TO CLAIM HIS DUE..."

NEXT ISSUE: THE OUTCOME OF DIANA'S "TRIAL," AN OLD FRIEND MET FOR THE FIRST TIME, A JOURNEY INTO THE PAST, AND A SHATTERING NEW BACKUP SERIES AS WONDER GIRL AND ARTEMIS SET OUT TO LEARN THE FATE OF HELENA SANDMARK; ALL THIS AND MORE IN WONDER WOMAN #130.

BE HERE IN 30 DAYS!