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With the release of ARKHAM ASYLUM, creators **Grant Morrison** and **Dave McKean** stormed North America for a book-signing tour that found them canvassing 12 stores, one coast after another, in just a few short weeks. The trip was deemed a success by both men, who ended their journey in New York at the DC offices. Along the way, though, they had some interesting experiences . . . after visiting Silver Snail in Toronto, the duo was joined for dinner by a crew including THE PRISONER co-writer **Mark Askwith** and TIME MASTER's **Bob Wayne**. At one point, during a lull in the conversation, people looked up and were astonished to see Grant and Dave staring back at them from the bar's television set, which was set on Canada's MuchMusic Network . . . The United Kingdom's team were joined at various stores by other creators including **James D. Hudnall**, writer of THE UNAUTHORIZED BIOGRAPHY OF LEX LUTHOR (and some new projects we can't quite discuss yet, but trust us, they'll be worth waiting for) . . . **Art Young**, Grant's new editor on DOOM PATROL, and DC Marketing and Promotions Associate **Tammy Brown** accompanied the pair on the West Coast swing . . .

In New York, Dave took some time out to visit the Flushing offices where our coloring computers are currently housed. Prior to leaving England, Dave had completed drawing HELLBLAZER #27, from a **Neil Gaiman** script, and went to supervise the coloring. Dave was so taken with the computer systems that he whipped through the book in record time, learning the color computer as he went along. Finished with the job, he decided the time had come to buy himself a computer for an expansion of his range.

Grant, meanwhile, finally met his DOOM PATROL collaborator, penciller **Richard Case**, allowing them to plan for a twisted future for the much talked about team. They headed out for a lunch joined by Dave, Art Young, Richard's wife **Colleen** and their former editor, **Bob Greenberger** . . . The series promises to get even more odd in months to come, including a four-parter that deals once again with the comatose Rhea Jones, a.k.a. Lodestone . . .

At much the same time, **Brian Augustyn** and **Mike Mignola** winged their way far west, making a tour of Hawaii to sign copies of the acclaimed GOTHAM BY GASLIGHT . . . Before they returned, freelancers from THE AMAZING MAN SPECIAL to TEMPUS FUGITIVE were asked about the next available Hawaiian tour . . .

Mike W. Barr made his annual pilgrimage to New York in December to check in with his editors. He met extensively with **Jonathan Peterson**, discussing future plans for DOC SAVAGE. It looks like the pages of the calendar will be turning backward as the series continues to reveal adventures from Doc's heyday of the 1940s . . . He also met with **Denny O'Neil** to work on furthering plans for a whole host of Bat-projects that will begin to appear late this year—details will follow, of course . . . Unfortunately, Mike's trip had him miss both the East and West Coast DC Christmas parties. The East Coast bash was held at the swank new club Octagon and saw freelancers come from several states for the festivities. It was hailed by most to be one of the best DC parties in recent memory. As always, business was mixed with pleasure and some new projects or assign-

ments came from the event, such as **Ricardo Villagran** making his triumphant return to DC after a year's absence to ink **Pat Broderick's** issues of GREEN LANTERN, which makes its debut in just a few months . . .

The West Coast party was also declared a success by its participants. **Dick Giordano** and **Pat Bastienne** went West to host the affair. They spent some time meeting with writers and artists including TIME MASTER's **Art Thibert**, DETECTIVE's **Steve Mitchell**, **Howard Chaykin** (who has lots cooking with us, including a five-part LEGENDS OF THE DARK KNIGHT tale he is co-writing with **John Moore**), BATMAN's **Marv Wolfman** and others . . . Dick and Pat also paid a visit to the Walt Disney lot to check in with **Len Wein**, who was recently named Editor-in-Chief of the forthcoming Disney Comics line. Congratulations, Len!

The holidays have forced a number of creative changes to help out around the line-up, including **Romeo Tanghal** stepping in to ink WONDER WOMAN #41-43, over **Chris Marrinan** . . . **Carlos Garzon** has pitched in to ink THE QUESTION #34 and STARMAN #20 . . . **Chris Sprouse** steps in to pencil JUSTICE LEAGUE EUROPE #13 and newcomer **Linda Medley** will pencil #14 and the JLE ANNUAL, with the latter being inked by **Jose Marzan Jr.** . . . **Dave Hoover** has pencilled HAWK & DOVE #13 . . . **Jeff Albrecht** inks **Jim Fern** on DR. FATE #16 . . . **Gordon Purcell** has stepped in to pencil STAR TREK: THE NEXT GENERATION #7-8 and then moves on to pencil the ST:TNG ANNUAL . . . **Denis Rodier** will ink **Paris Cullins**' pencils on NEW GODS #14 while **Rick Hoberg** has pencilled NG #16 . . . **Rick Magyar** will ink ADVANCED DUNGEONS & DRAGONS for four issues, starting with AD&D #17 . . . **Chris Sprouse** will also pencil a portion of LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #8, which is an important issue in terms of the Legion's history . . . With BATMAN about to go bi-weekly for the spring-summer, **Mark Bright** has been asked to pencil a few issues, starting with BATMAN #449 . . . Finally, the busy Jose Marzan Jr. will become the new inker on THE FLASH beginning with issue #38, as **Larry Mahlstedt** moves on to new projects to be announced . . .

Tom and Mary Bierbaum visited New York in December, talking about their extensive and wide-ranging ideas for the LEGION with their collaborator, plotter/penciller **Keith Giffen** . . . The plans, should they all come to fruition, will make 1990 a very interesting year for the LEGION as their revised continuity takes a firm grip on the rest of the DC Universe—ominous, eh?

More . . . next month!

—**Johnny DC**

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Oliver Queen enters the drug world . . . and makes his closest brush ever with death. Can even the Black Canary save him? ►▲

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The Ghost kidnaps Babylon and Allard . . . but that's only the first step in a plan that will create the most destructive being the world has ever known. ●

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BUT I'D HATE TO HURT THOSE FELLOWS. AFTER ALL, THEY REALLY MEAN NO HARM.

I MEAN... THAT IS...

...OF COURSE, THEY DO MEAN HARM, BUT ONLY BECAUSE THEY'RE MISINFORMED--

--WHICH DOESN'T MAKE THEIR WEAPONS ANY LESS DEADLY, BUT--

I'VE GOT IT!
AN INCENDIARY CLOUD SPELL!

INCENDIARY...? DID I STUDY THAT ONE TODAY, DUNSTANNY?

YES! THIS MORNING!

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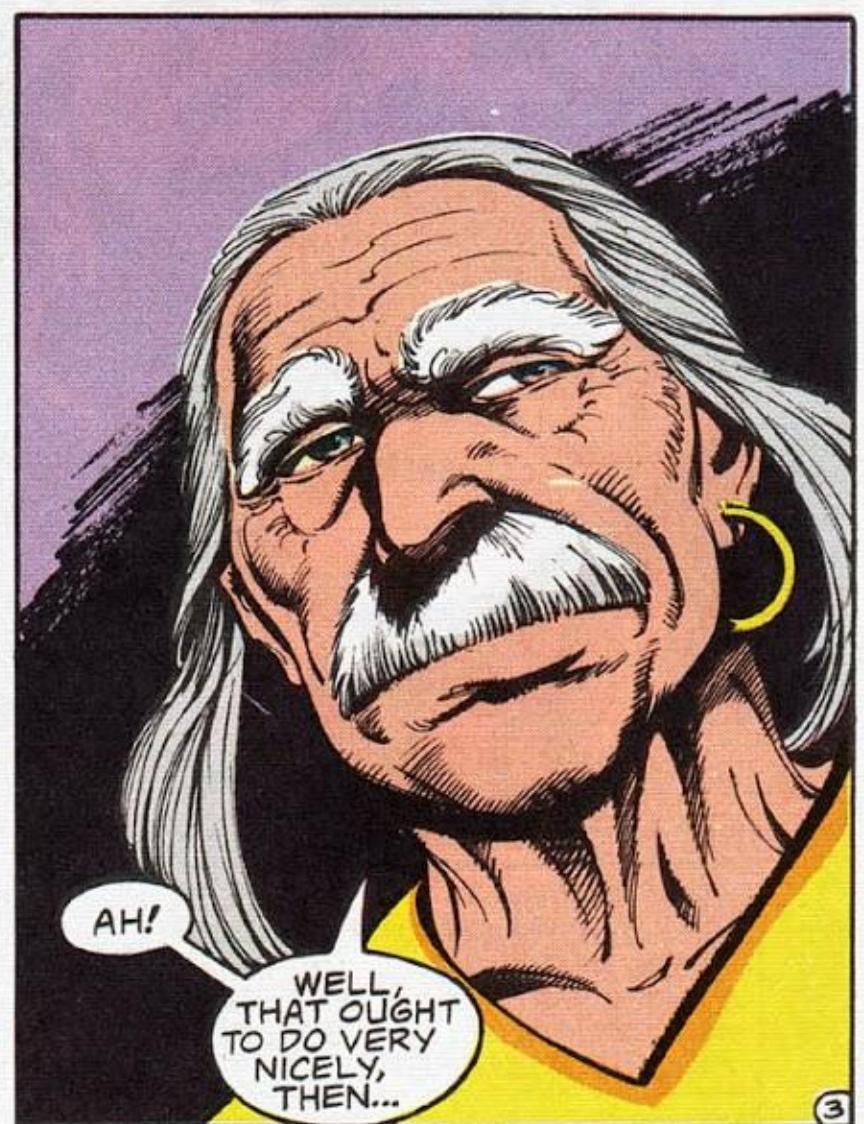
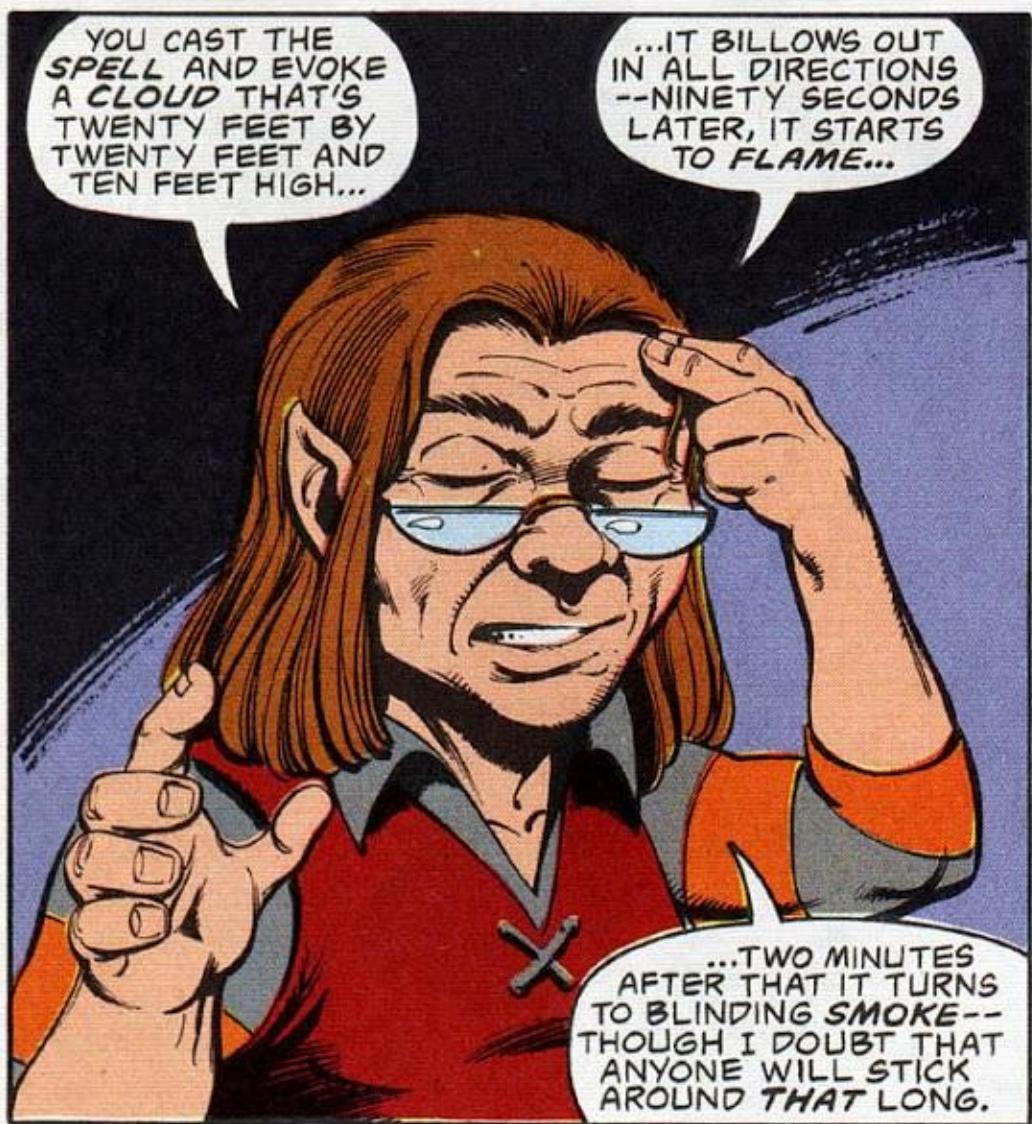
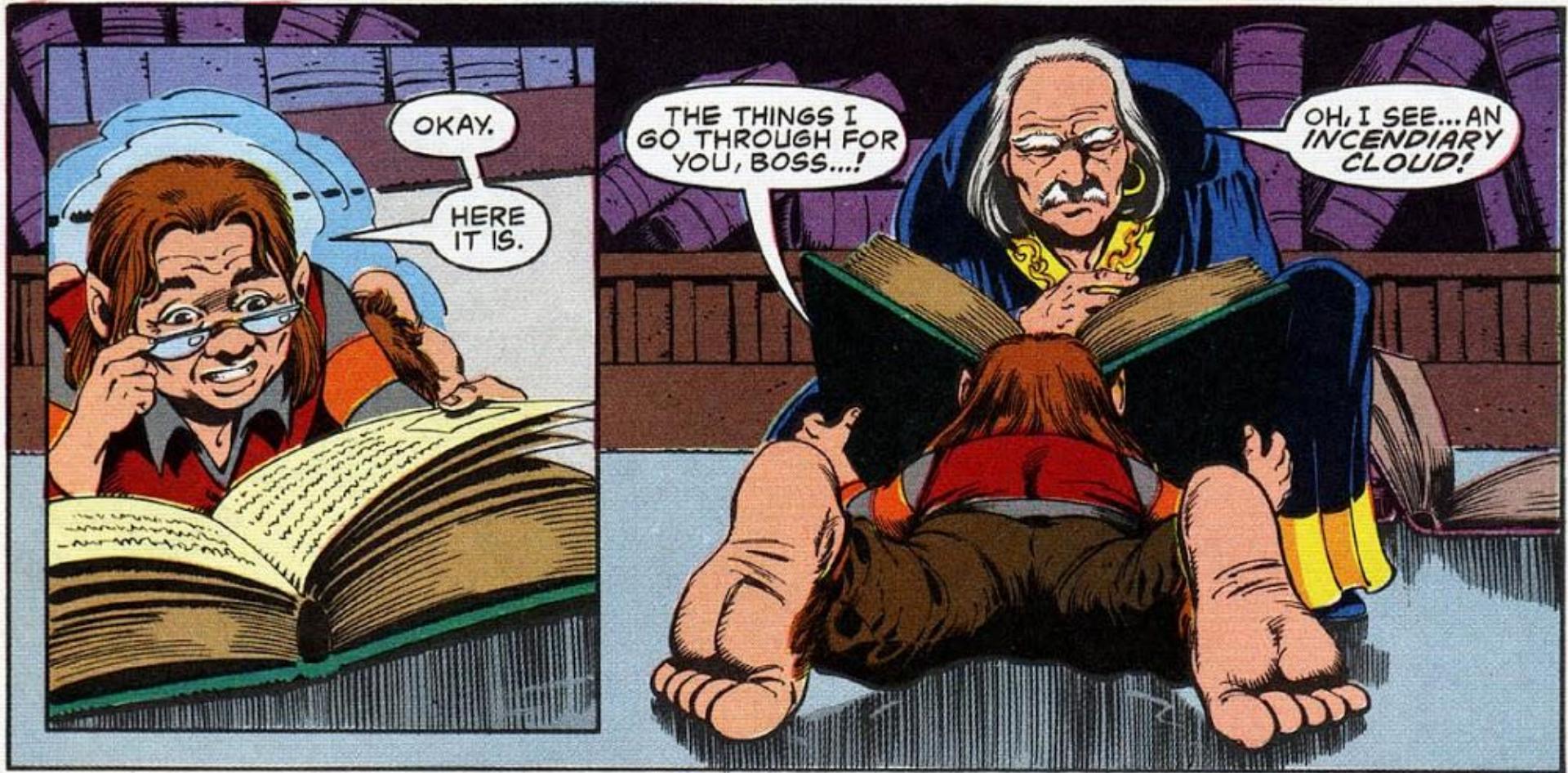
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--EVERY TIME I SUGGEST A SPELL?

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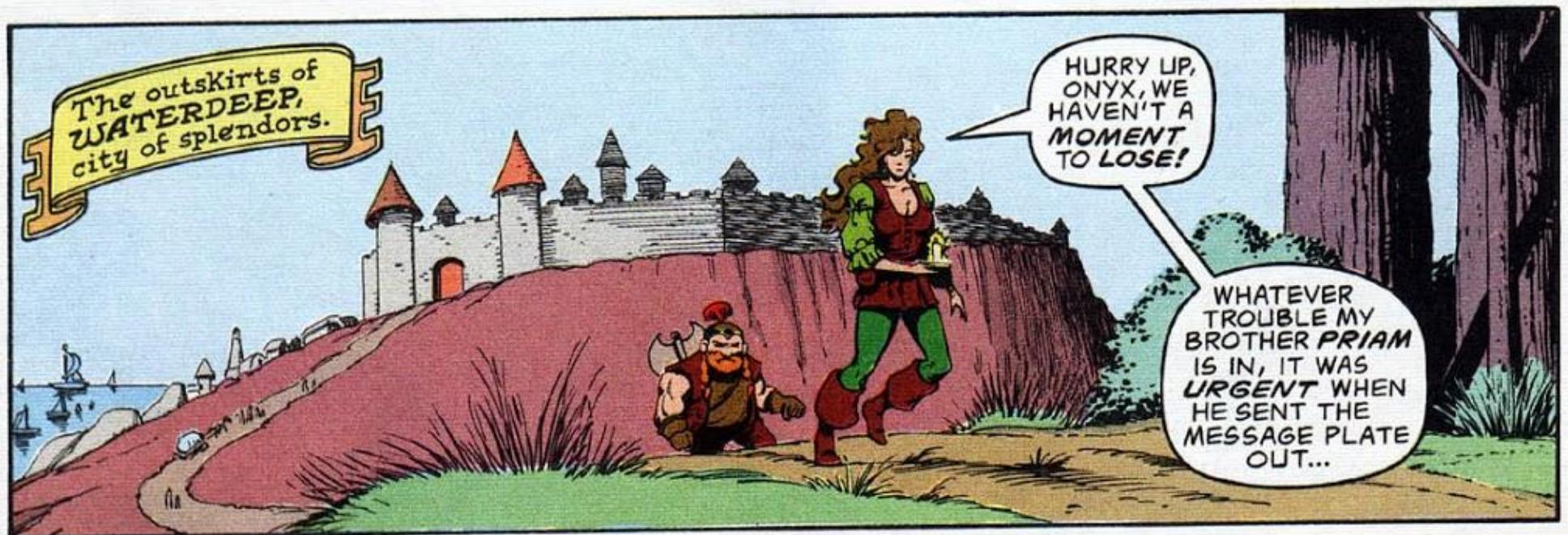
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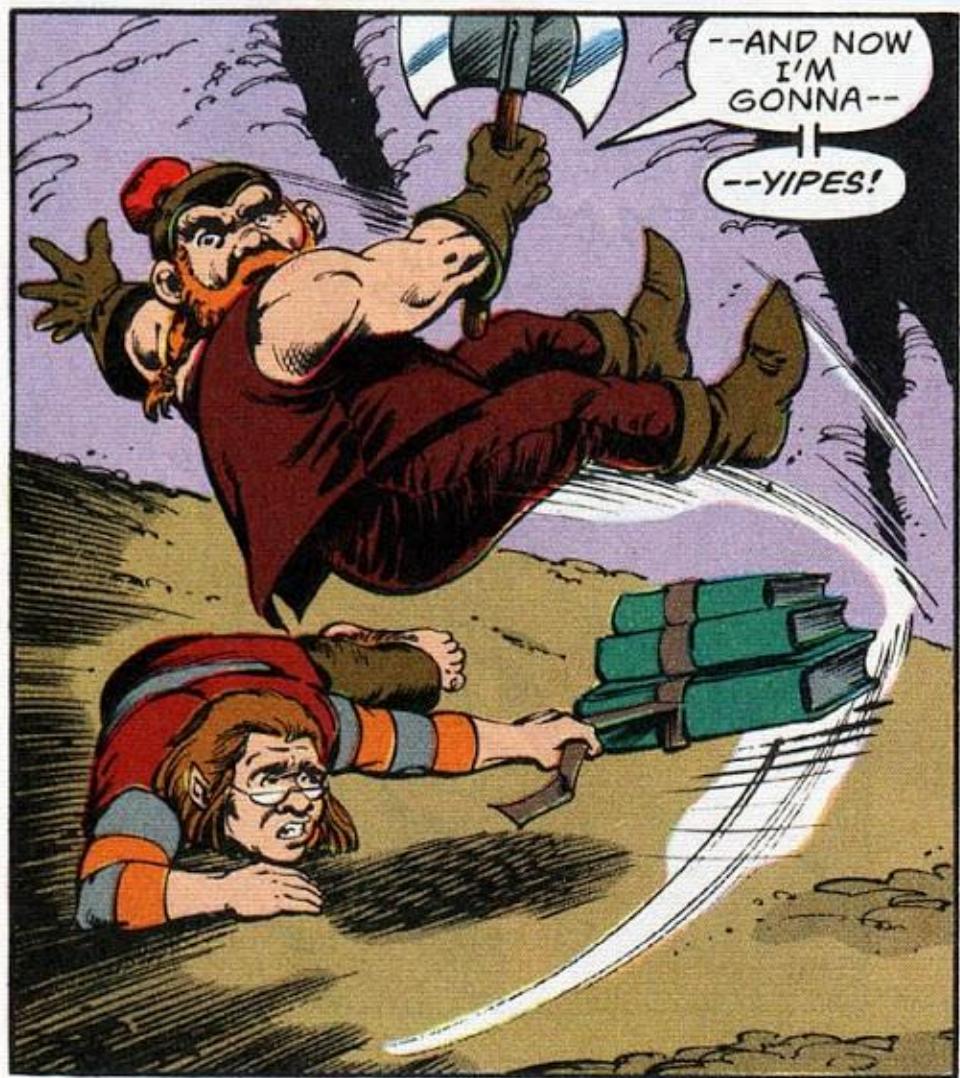
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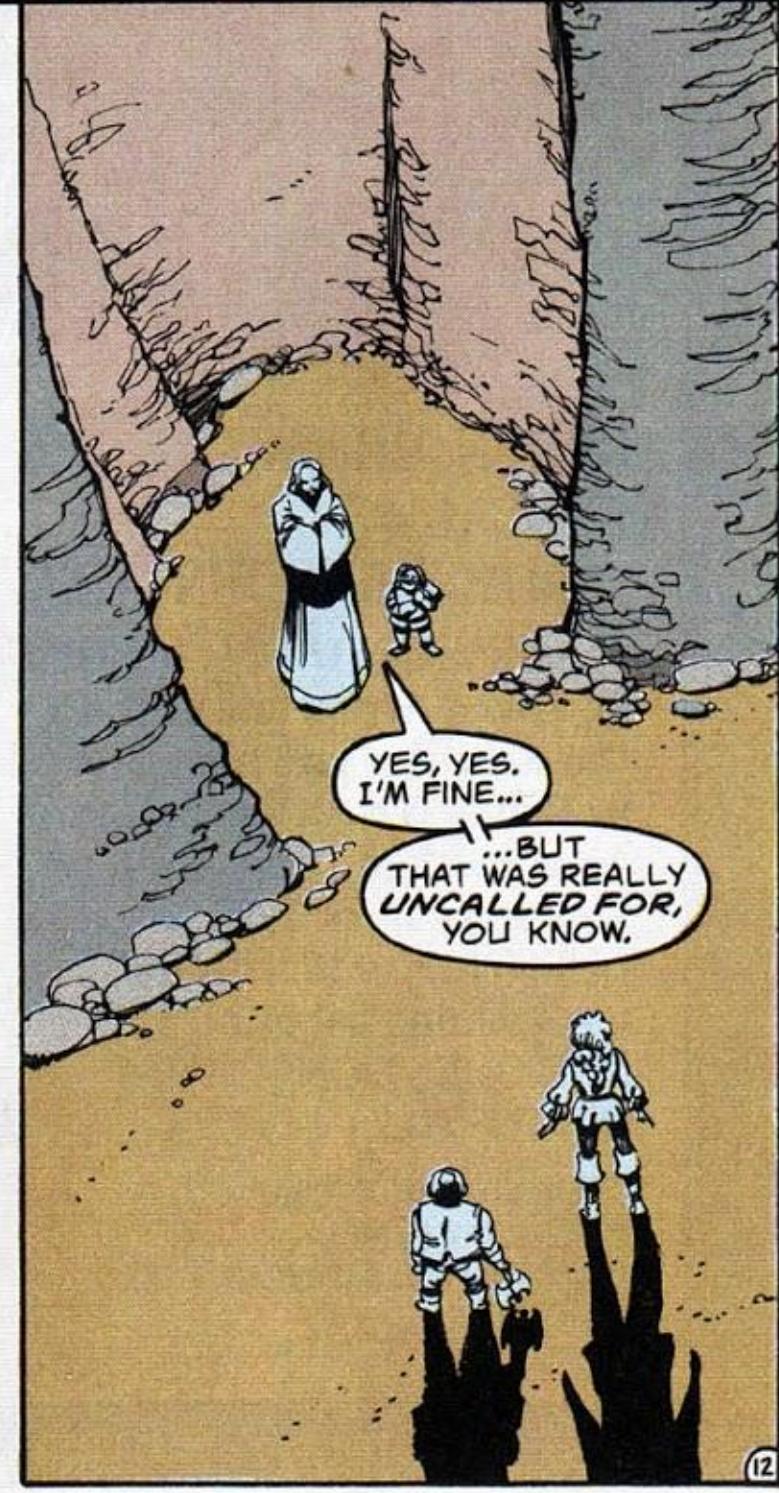
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THAT'S NOT
REALLY
SURPRISING--
--FOR SOMEONE
WHO HAS LIVED
THREE LIVES!

"FIRST I WAS CYBRIANA, THE
HALF-ELF CHILD OF OSTUS
AGRIVAR AND AN EVIL ELF WOMAN.

"THOUGH I WAS FAIR IN
EVERY OTHER ASPECT,
MY MOTHER'S EVIL
MANIFESTED ITSELF AS
A DARK BIRTHMARK...

...A MARK THAT GREW
UNTIL IT THREATENED
MY VERY EXISTENCE!

"THE DALE ELVES WHO RAISED
ME PERFORMED SHAMANIC RITES
TO EXORCISE THE EVIL GROWTH
AND TRAP THE DARK SPIRIT IT
CONTAINED!--

--BUT ONCE REMOVED, THE SPIRIT
ESCAPED--AND UNBEKNOWNST TO
ALL OF US TOOK ON AN EVIL LIFE
OF ITS OWN...

...THE LIFE OF MY
SECOND SELF: KILILI!"

IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT CYBRIANA CONFRONTED KILILI AND RECLAIMED THE DARK PART OF MY SOUL --

--CYBRIANA AND KILILI MERGING AT LAST INTO ONE...

...INTO KYRIANI! ME.

FASCINATING... YET NOT THE WHOLE TRUTH, I THINK.

THE PROCESS OF REBIRTH, IT WOULD APPEAR, IS YET INCOMPLETE.

WHAT... DO YOU MEAN?

YOU CALL YOURSELF KYRIANI --BUT DO YOU KNOW WHO THAT PERSON IS?

IS SHE CYBRIANA? ...KILILI? ...NEITHER?

BOTH --?

YOU MUST HAVE THE ANSWER, DAUGHTER OF AGRIVAR. YOU MUST KNOW YOURSELF...

I--

...BEFORE YOU CAN BECOME WHAT YOU ARE MEANT TO BE.

BUT THAT IS NOT OUR CONCERN AT THE MOMENT. WHAT MATTERS IS SPARING THE REALMS FROM DISASTER...

...AND AS THE BEARER OF OSTUS'S MAGIC AURA, ONLY YOU CAN HELP ME DO THAT!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, PAL! FAR AS I CAN TELL, YOU'RE THE MASTER OF DISASTER AROUND HERE--

--AND WE'RE NOT HELPING ANYONE UNLESS WE GET SOME STRAIGHT ANSWERS!

YOUR HELP IS NOT REQUIRED, DWARF...

...BUT KYRIANI SHOULD KNOW THE TRUTH.

I AM PARWYD HANIFAR. YEARS AGO, OSTUS AGRIVAR AND I EXPLORED THE LIMITS OF MAGIC TOGETHER--

--AND TOGETHER WE CREATED THE GREAT DOOR IN ORDER TO GAIN READY ACCESS TO OTHER PLANES.

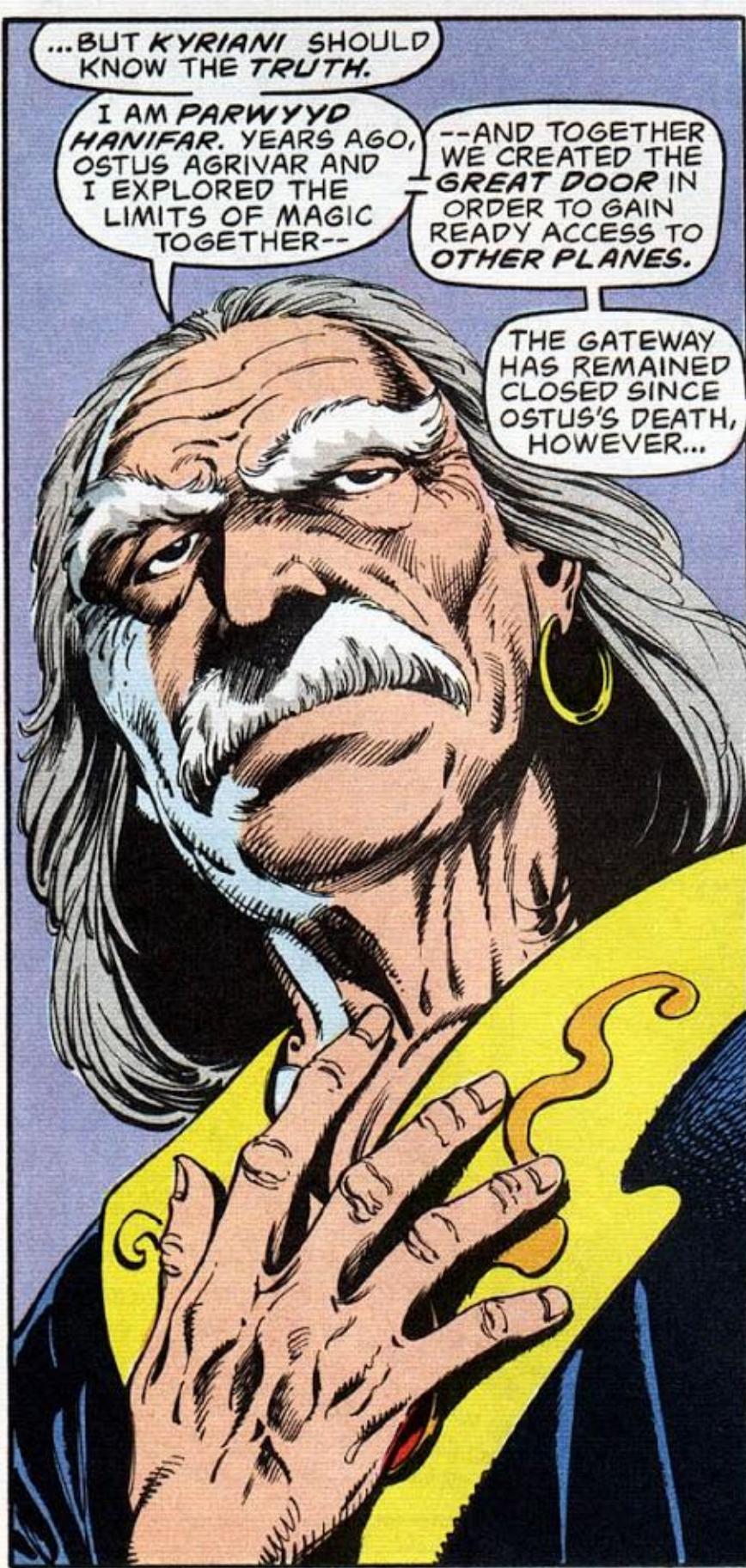
THE GATEWAY HAS REMAINED CLOSED SINCE OSTUS'S DEATH, HOWEVER...

...AS WE NEEDED EACH OTHER TO CONTROL IT.

BUT THE DOOR'S PARTLY OPEN NOW, WIZARD.

SO IT IS. BUT THAT IS NOT MY DOING, I'M AFRAID--

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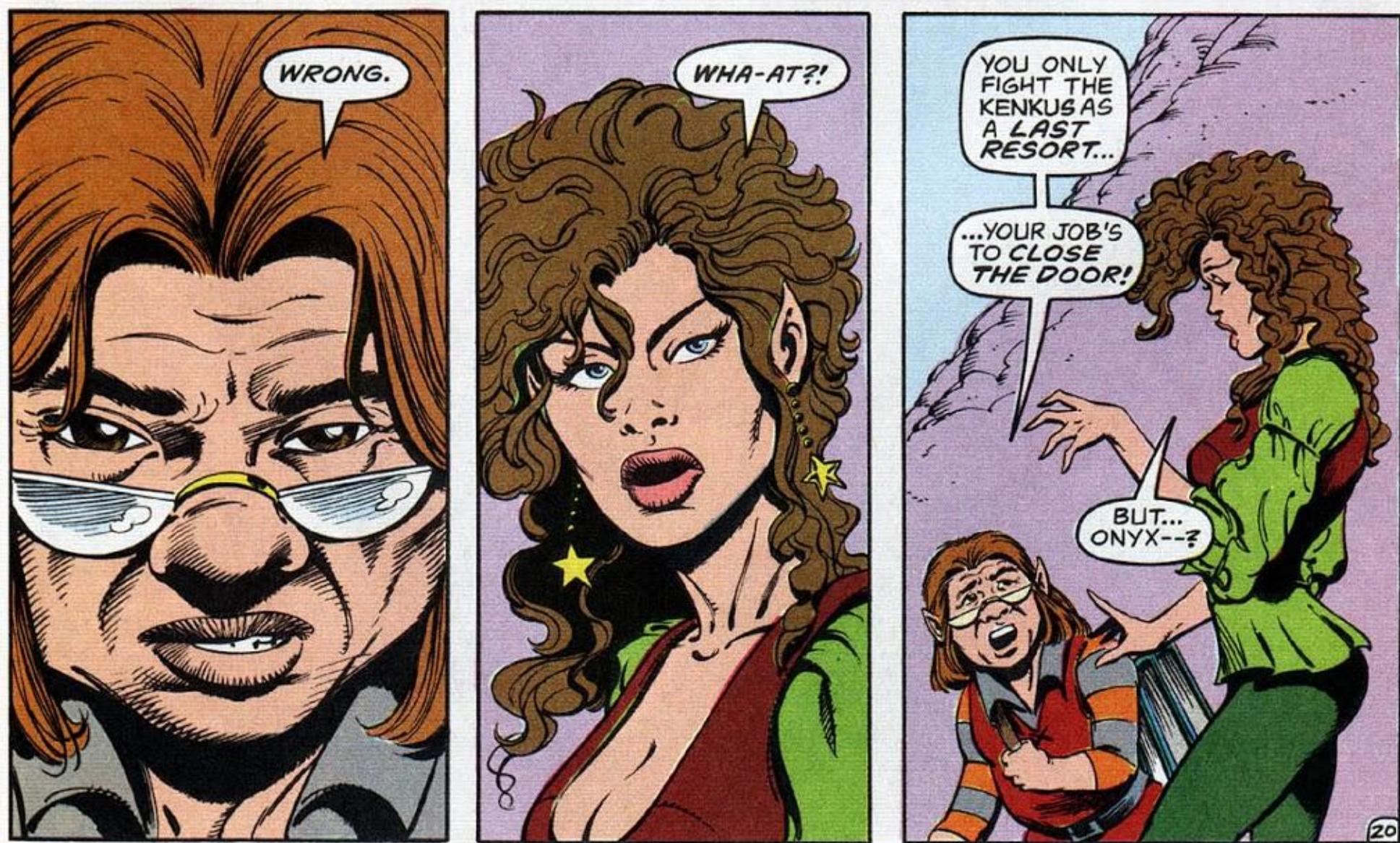
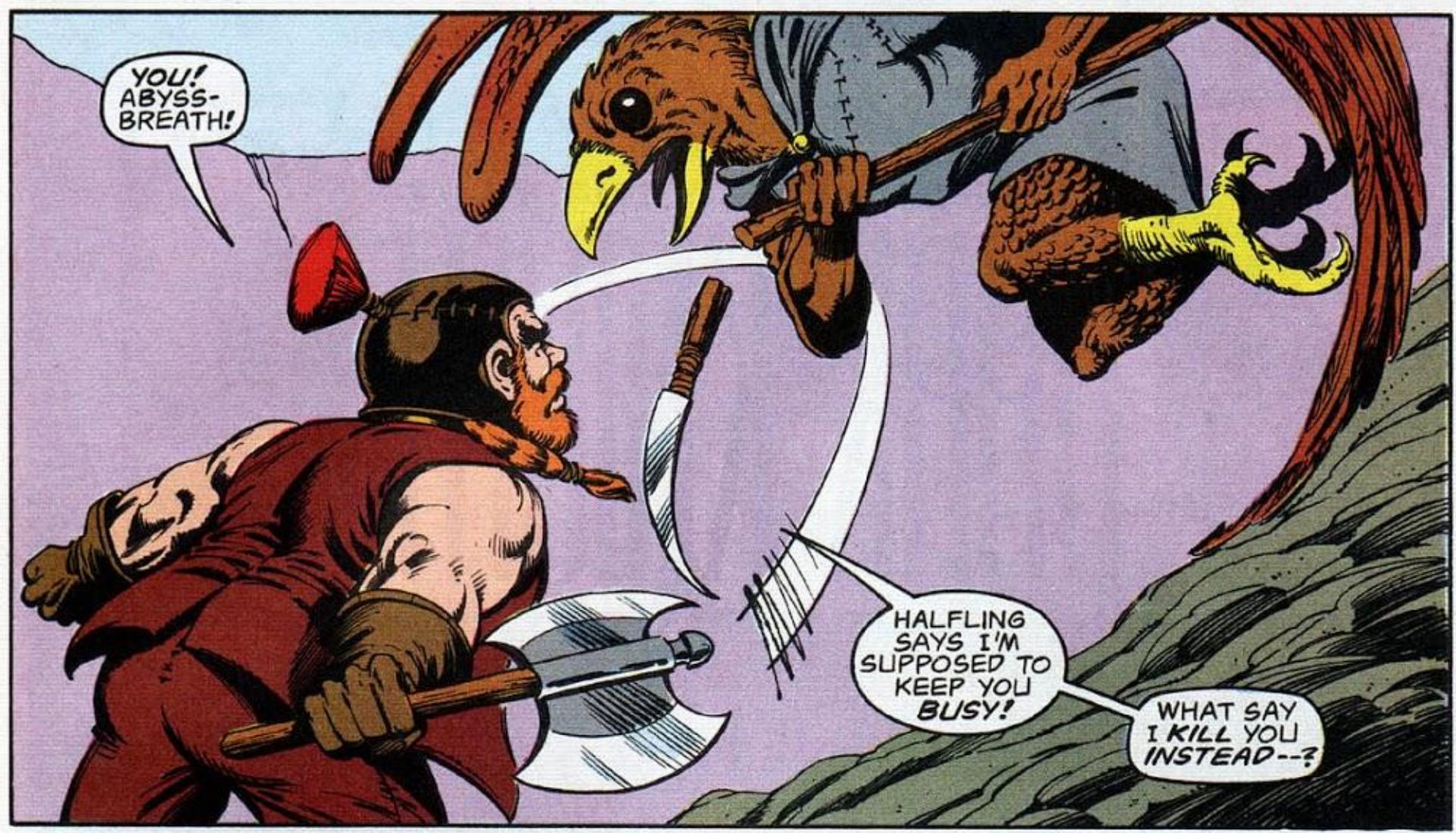
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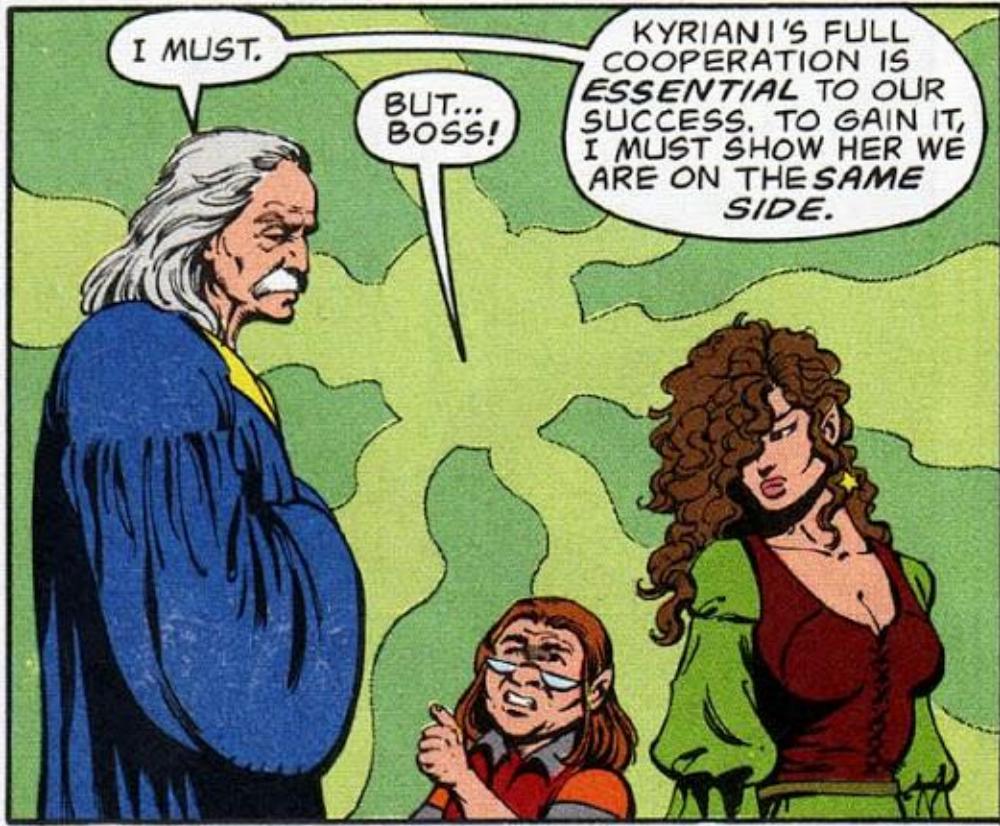


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RIGHT, THOUGH...
AND PROBABLY
BETTER OFF
WITHOUT KILILI!

I'M SURE
YOU'RE RIGHT,
BUT--WHO ARE
YOU?

IT'S ONYX!
DON'T YOU
KNOW
ME, CYBI?

NO, I...
DON'T KNOW
ANY OF YOU!

WHAT...
ARE YOU
GOING TO
DO TO
ME?

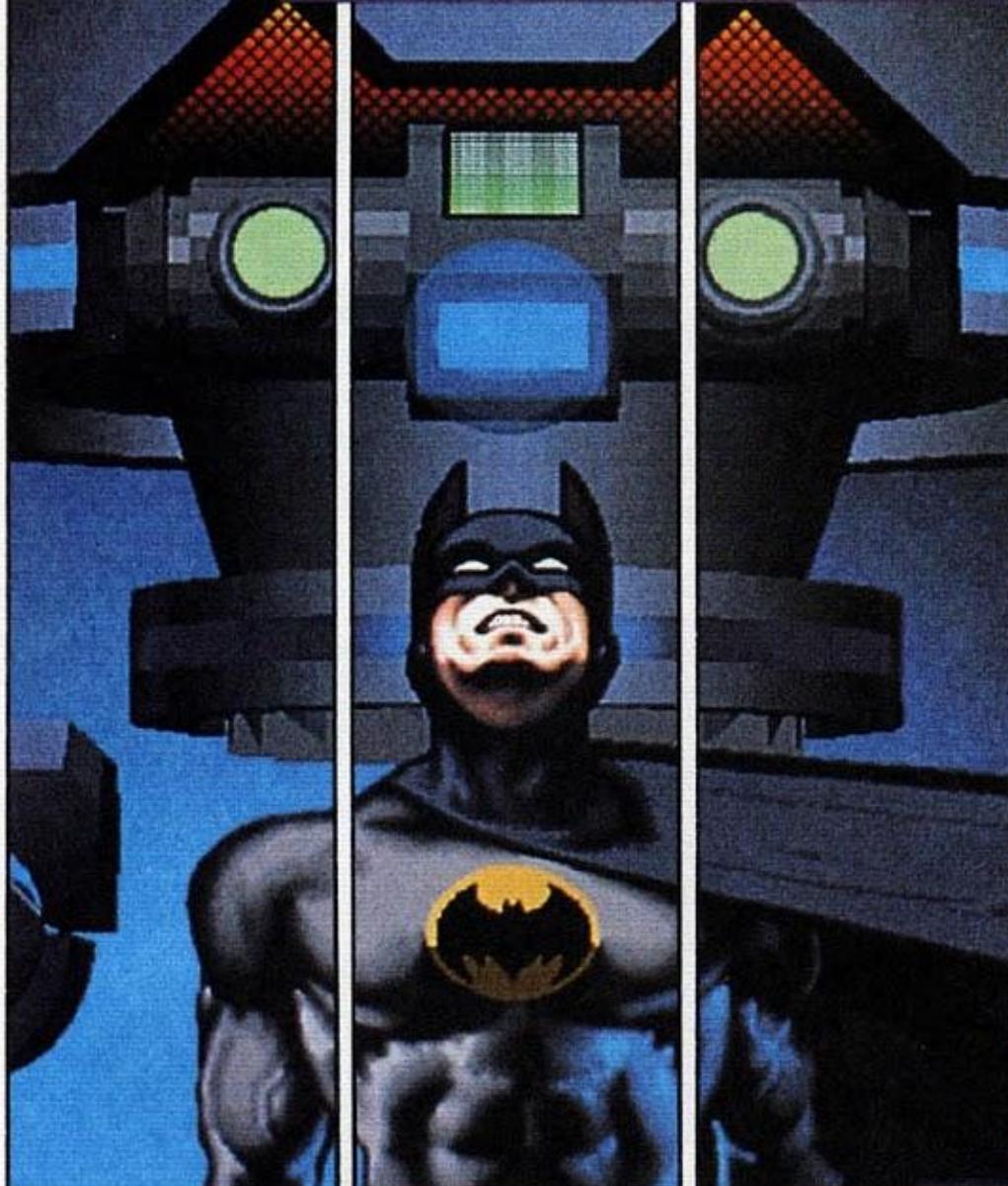
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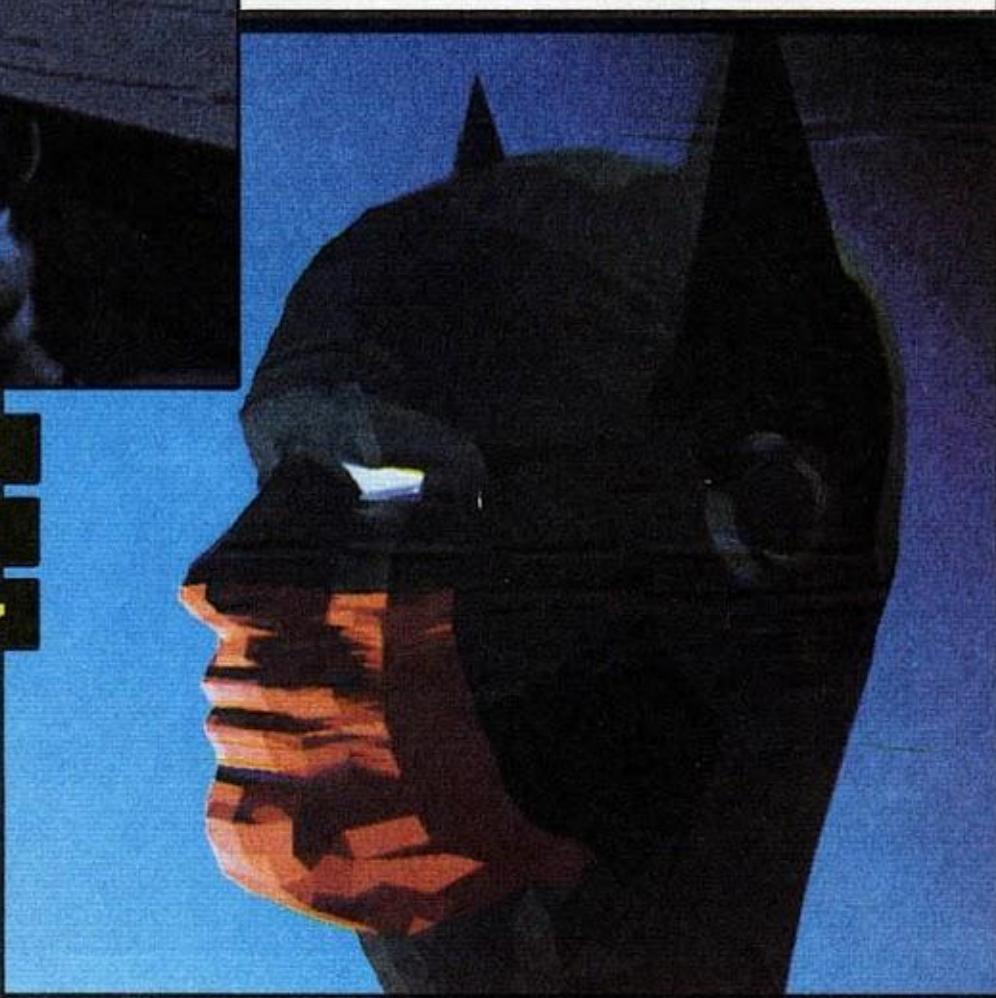
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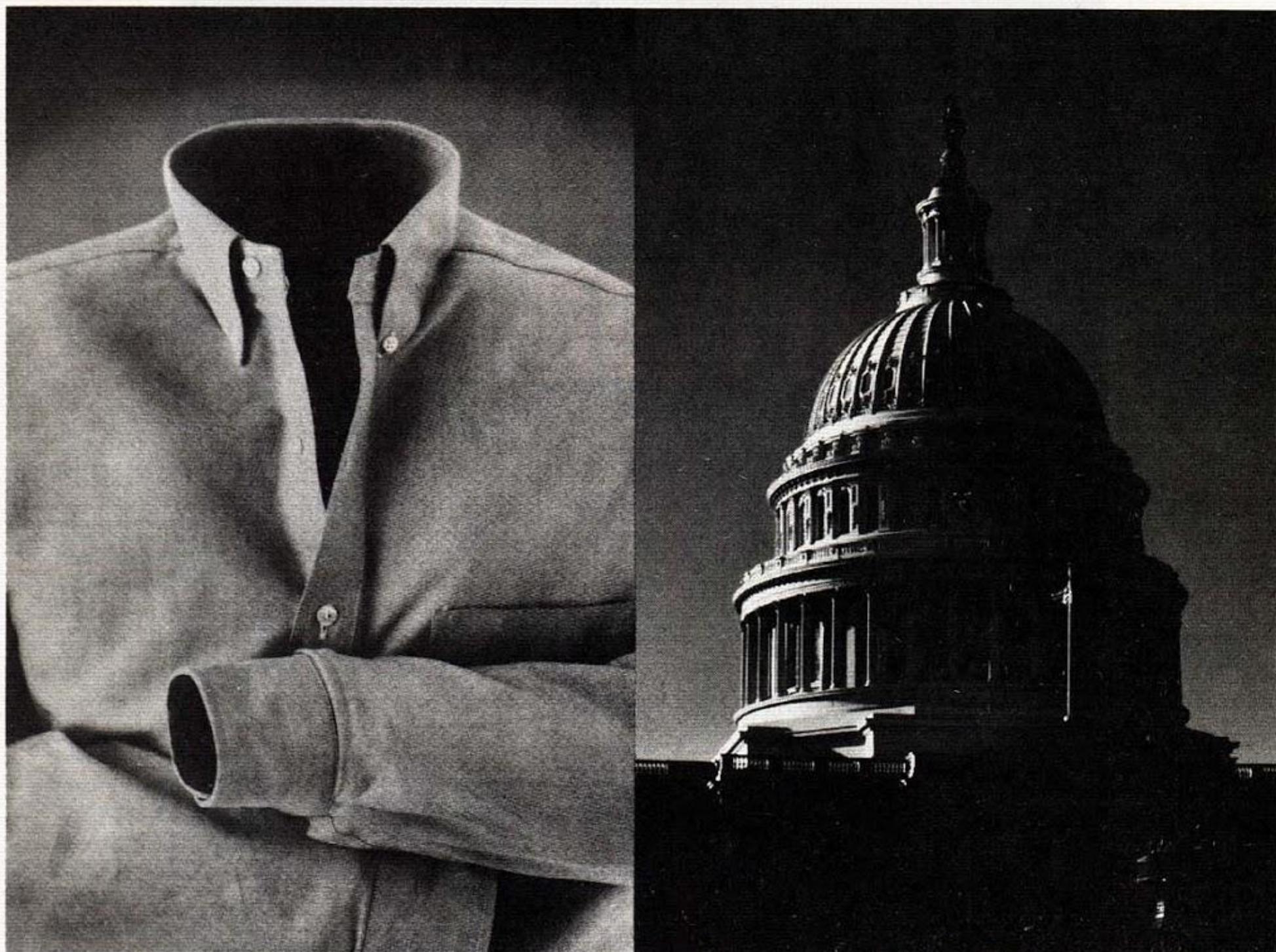
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