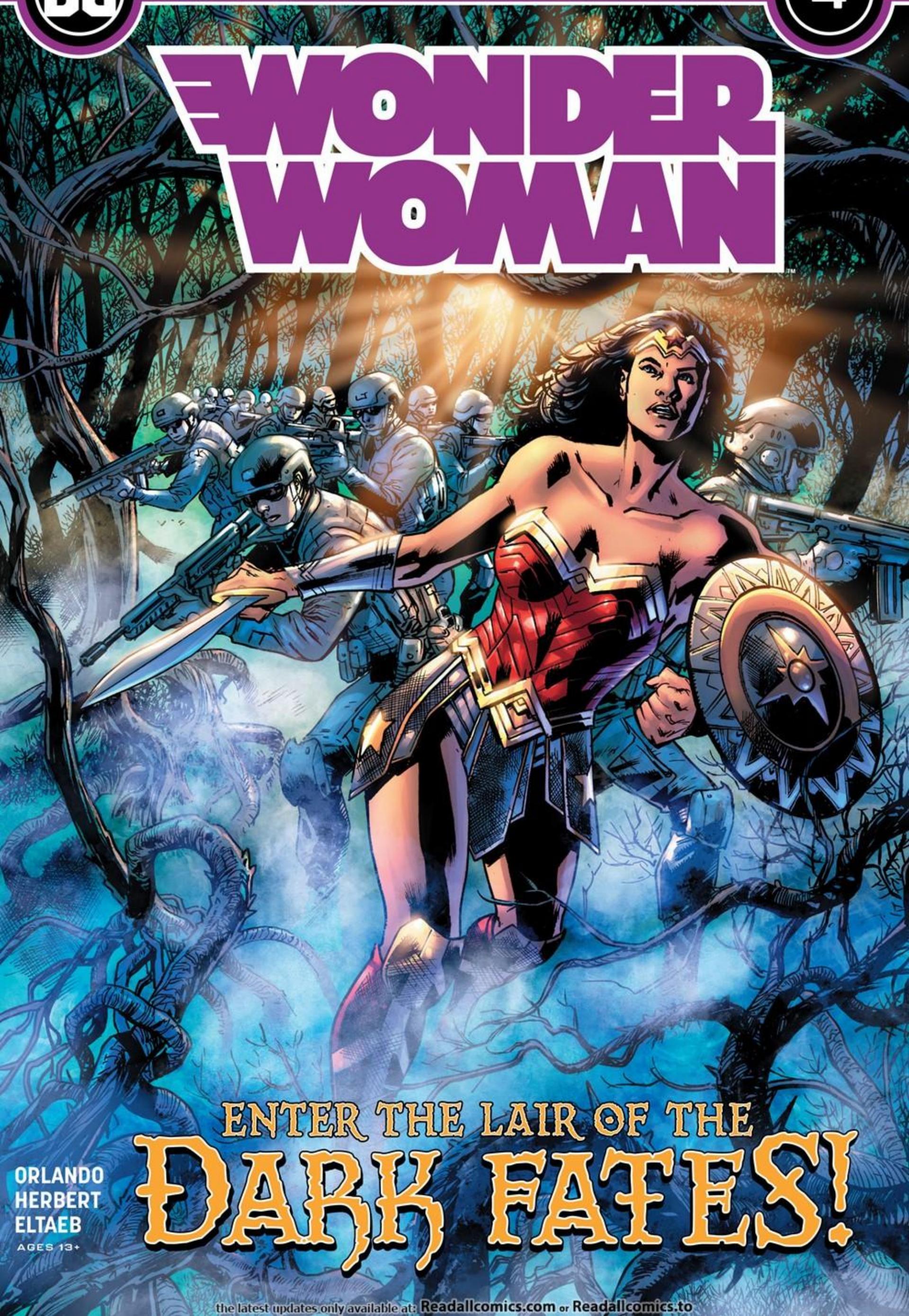




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# WONDER WOMAN



ENTER THE LAIR OF THE

# DARK FATES!

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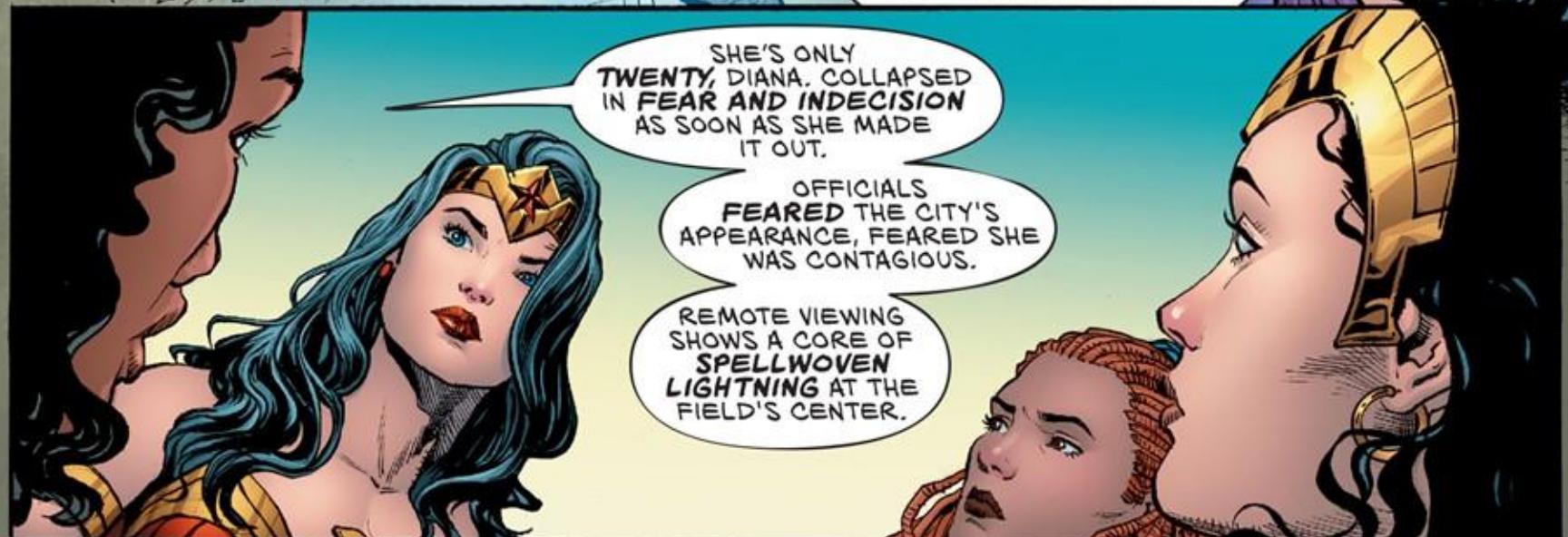
**THE ATLANTIC OCEAN.  
OFF THE NEW ENGLAND COAST.**



"...AND SEE  
YOU SOON."

**THE AMAZON EMBASSY.**





A HIDDEN CITY. A SECRET REVEALED AND DISTORTED. LIGHTNING AND LIES...THIS IS THE WORK OF THE DARK FATES.

THEY WIELD DARK VISIONS TO TURN PEOPLE TOWARD RUIN, AND THE WORLD IN TURN.

THEY KNOW THE GOLDEN LASSO. THEY KNOW OUR MISSION OF TRUTH.

THE DARK FATES THREATEN THAT MISSION, THE EMBASSY'S MISSION...THEY FEAR WHERE WE HOPE TO TAKE SOCIETY.

I WILL BE THE FIRST TO STEP INTO THE UNKNOWN, CAST THEM OUT...AND UNCOVER THIS CITY'S MYSTERY.

BUT WHY BRAZIL? HOW COULD THEY KNOW THIS CITY WAS EVEN THERE?

BECAUSE THERE IS A POWER WITHIN...ONE YOU WON'T FACE ALONE.

AUNT ATALANTA?

THEMYSCIRA MIGHT ACT LIKE THEY'RE THE FIRST AMAZONS TO JOIN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. BUT AS USUAL, DIANA...

...THE BANAMIGHDALL BEAT THEM TO IT. I NOTICED THE CITY'S APPEARANCE, SAME AS YOU.

I'M ON SITE WITH THE SURVIVOR. HER NAME IS BENEDITA...

"...PERHAPS  
YOU'LL  
JOIN US?"

BRAZIL.

I SEE YOU  
DIDN'T COME  
ALONE,  
ATALANTA.

QUEEN  
FARUKA II...YOU  
BROUGHT YOUR  
ARMY.

EASE YOUR TONE,  
PRINCESS. I'VE MADE  
PEACE WITH YOUR GREAT-  
AUNT. YOU THINK ME SO  
INCAPABLE OF  
CHANGE?

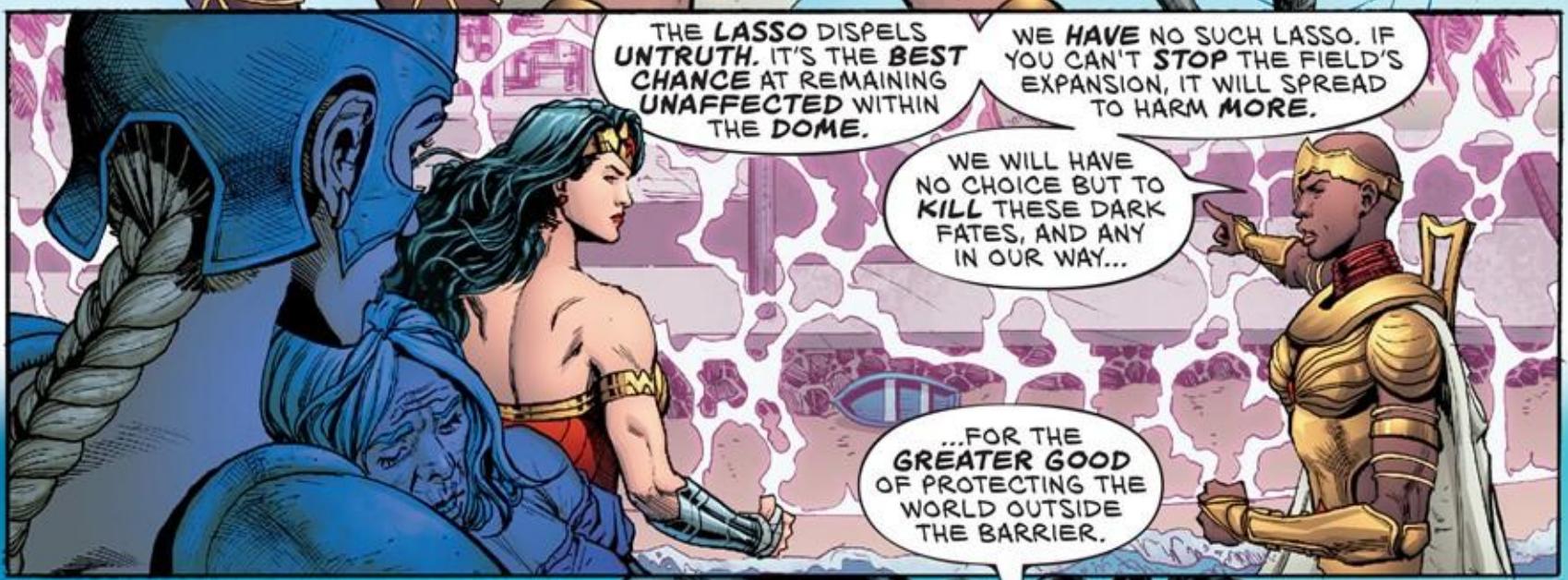
TO EVOLVE IS  
TO BE BANA-MIGHDAL.  
TO STAGNATE AND HOLD  
TO YOUR WAYS...

...THAT IS  
THEMYSIRAN.

I DON'T  
HOLD A  
GRUDGE,  
FARUKA.

"IF YOU'RE  
HELPING BENEDITA  
AND THIS PLACE..."

"...THEN I'M  
PROUD TO SAY  
I WAS **WRONG**  
ABOUT YOU."









THE...BY  
OF THE  
TRUTH!

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SH



<EVERY DECISION WE MAKE, EVERY STEP TAKEN SPARKS A CHAIN REACTION OF RUINOUS VISIONS. I'VE SEEN THEM TOO. I SEE THEM, EVEN NOW...>

<BUT MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME TO NEVER TURN BACK ONCE A PATH'S BEGUN...EVEN IF IT'S TERRIFYING.>

<WHAT IS LIFE BUT A PATH?>

<MY NAME IS LUZIA REIS.>

<DIANA.>

<YOU AND YOUR MOTHER ARE VERY WISE... WHAT IS THIS PLACE?>

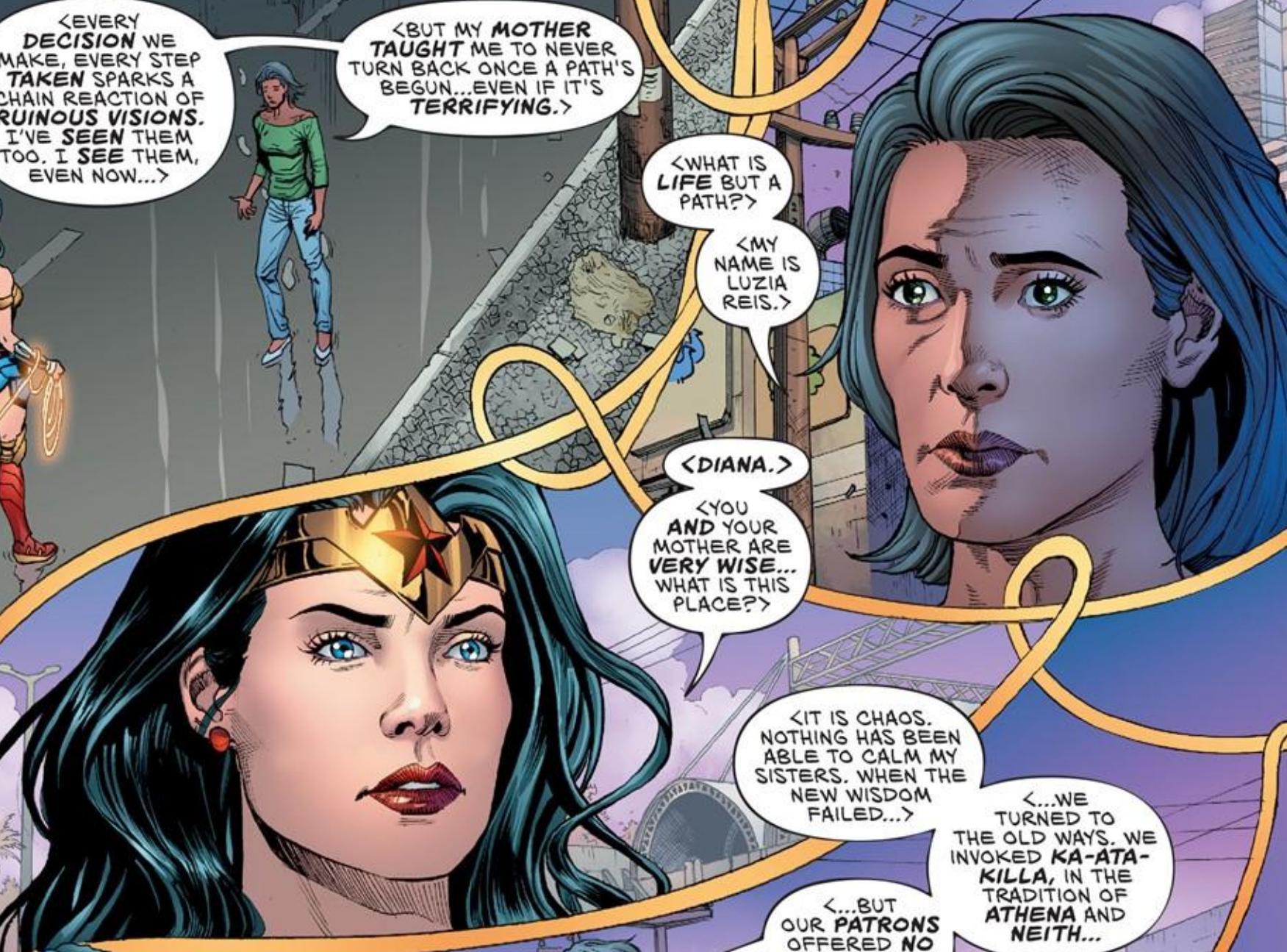
<IT IS CHAOS. NOTHING HAS BEEN ABLE TO CALM MY SISTERS. WHEN THE NEW WISDOM FAILED...>

<...WE TURNED TO THE OLD WAYS. WE INVOKED KA-ATA-KILLA, IN THE TRADITION OF ATHENA AND NEITH...>

<...BUT OUR PATRONS OFFERED NO AID...UNTIL YOU.>

<WAIT, I... HAVE SEEN NO MEN SINCE I ARRIVED. THIS CITY WAS HIDDEN, IMPOSSIBLY, FROM VIEW.>

<AND ATHENA? NEITH? THEY WATCH OVER MY PEOPLE AND THE BANAMIGHDALL...>



<WHO ARE YOU?>

<THIS PLACE IS AN OUTPOST, ESPERANÇA PERIGOSA. AS FOR WHO WE ARE...WE DO NOT SPEAK ABOUT IT.>

<THEN WHY WOULD YOU REVEAL YOURSELVES TODAY?>

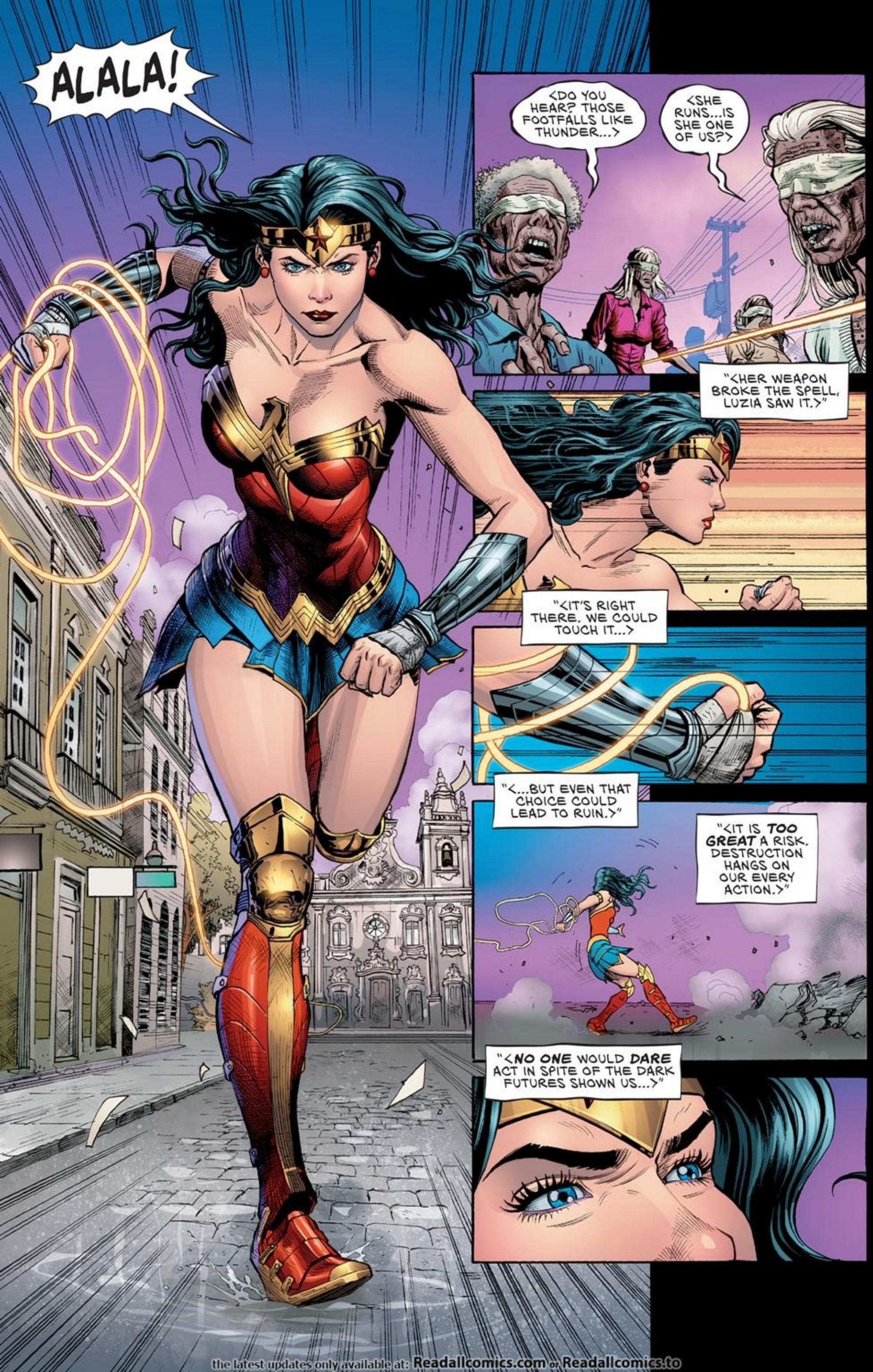
<WE DID NOT. WE WERE DISCOVERED, JARRED INTO VIEW BY THE LIGHTNING THAT BIRTHED THE SPELL GRIPPING OUR PEOPLE.>

<REVEALED AGAINST YOUR WILL...TO BE TORTURED IN FRONT OF THE EYES OF THE WORLD.>

<WE MUST SPEAK, SISTER...BUT AFTER THESE WITCHES HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH. THEY WILL TROUBLE YOU NO MORE.>

<YOU HAVE MY WORD. IN YOUR HONOR...I WILL RACE THE LIGHTNING.>





"...NO  
ONE BUT  
HER."

DIANA  
TRUTHQUEEN...  
WELCOME TO THE  
EYE OF OUR  
STORM.

YOU SEE?  
WE HAVE SET  
DOWN ROOTS HERE.  
YOUR WORLD IS NOW  
A LITTLE MORE  
LIKE OURS, AND  
YOU...

YOU  
ARE TOO  
LATE.



WE MUST QUELL WHATEVER LURKS INSIDE, LEST WE RISK THE FIELD EXPANDING FARTHER.  
I DO NOT WISH TO RISK LIVES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE BARRIER ANY MORE THAN YOU, FARUKA...BUT I BELIEVE IN DIANA.



THAT'S HER, IS IT NOT?  
THE THEMYSIRAN QUEEN?

I VALUE  
YOUR WISDOM...  
HOW MUCH DO WE  
TELL HIPPOLYTA  
ABOUT THE CITY,  
IF ANY?



WE  
TELL HER...  
**EVERYTHING**.  
THAT TRUTH IS  
WHAT ALLOWED  
US TO UNITE  
AND LEAD AS  
QUEEN AND  
CONFIDANT.

I MAY  
NOT **LIKE** THE  
THEMYSIRANS.  
BUT WHAT WE'VE  
DISCOVERED  
BELONGS  
TO ALL  
AMAZONS.

ARE YOU  
THERE,  
AUNT?

I HAVE  
SPOKEN WITH  
QUEEN  
FARUKA II.

WE  
AGREE...  
YOU MUST  
BE MADE  
AWARE.

THOUGH  
MY HEART DID  
LEAD ME HERE  
TO PROTECT  
DIANA...

...THE  
REST OF MY  
PEOPLE HAVE  
COME FOR  
SOMETHING  
MORE.

THEMYSIRA.  
BANA-MIGHDALL, WE  
THOUGHT WE **KNEW**  
OUR HISTORY...



"...BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW IT ALL."

LITTLE PRINCESS... CLINGING TO YOUR MAGIC ROPE.

YOU LOOK LIKE A FLESHY, SPANGLED KITE IN A HURRICANE.

AND YOU THREE SOUND EVEN MORE DESPERATE THAN EVER! I FACED DOWN THE PRESENCE ITSELF...\*

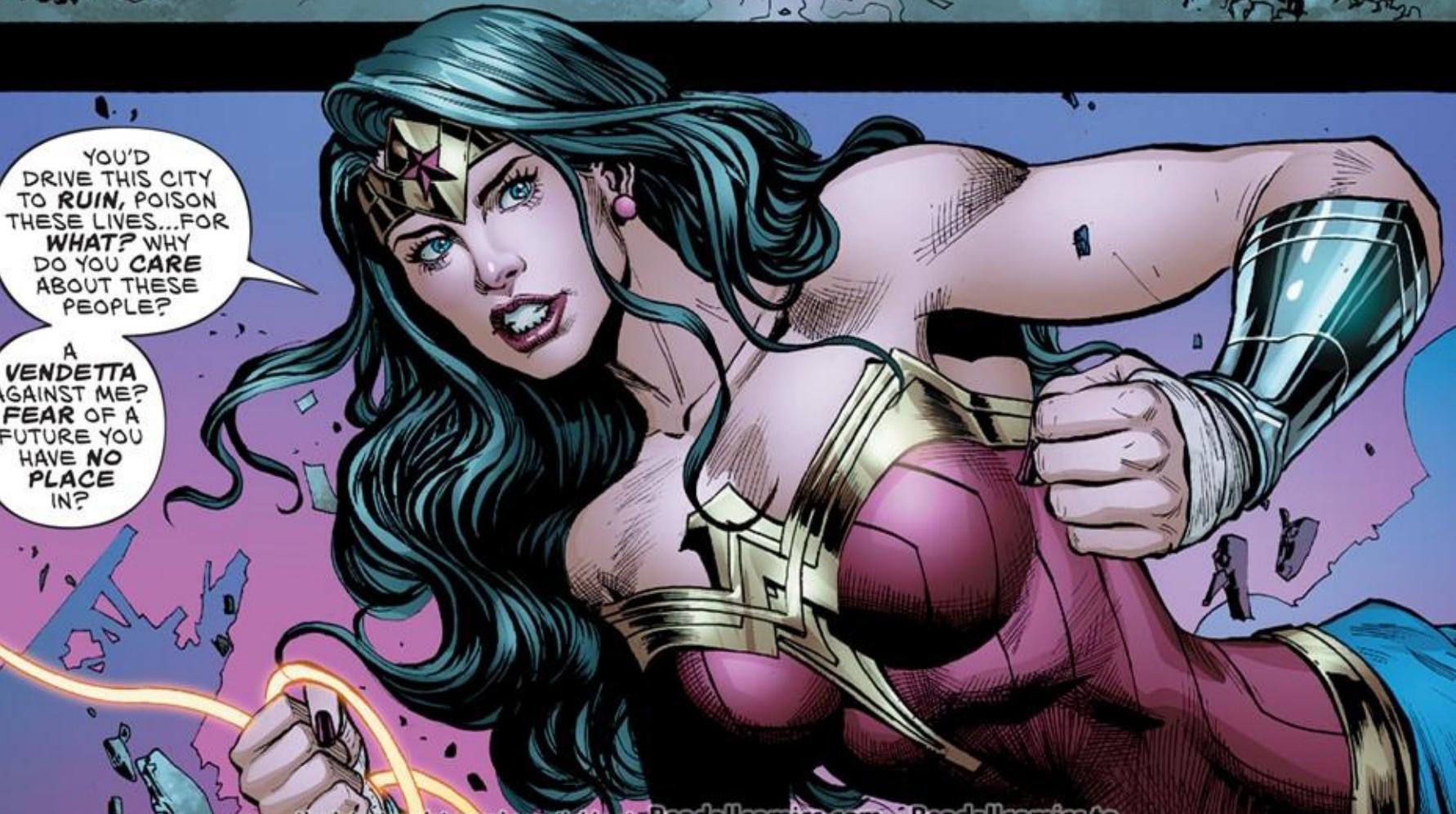
\*IN WONDER WOMAN #758  
--PAUL.

FORGIVE ME IF I DON'T BLUSH AT HARSH WORDS FROM THREE WITCHES.

WHY HAVE YOU COME TO BRAZIL?

YOU'D QUESTION HONESTLY THOSE WHOSE BLOOD IS LIES? YOU'VE RESISTED US BEFORE, AMAZON...

BUT WE HAVE SO CORRUPTED THIS PLACE THAT EVEN YOU ARE BUT ONE LOST LASSO AWAY FROM MADNESS.



FEAR? IT  
IS NECESSITY.  
WE ARE  
STRANDED  
HERE.

WE DO  
NOT WISH  
A PLACE IN  
YOUR WORLD...  
BUT WE MUST  
DEFORM IT TO  
SURVIVE.

WHEN  
THIS WORLD IS  
EVERY BIT AS DIM AND  
DEVOID AS OURS, WHEN  
LIFE HAS NO ASPIRATION  
BUT TO BREAK AND  
DECAY, THEN...WE  
WILL AT LAST BE  
ABLE TO BREATHE  
FREELY.

YOU  
WEREN'T HALF AS  
BRAZEN BEFORE...  
SOMETHING HAS  
YOU WORRIED,  
WITCHES.

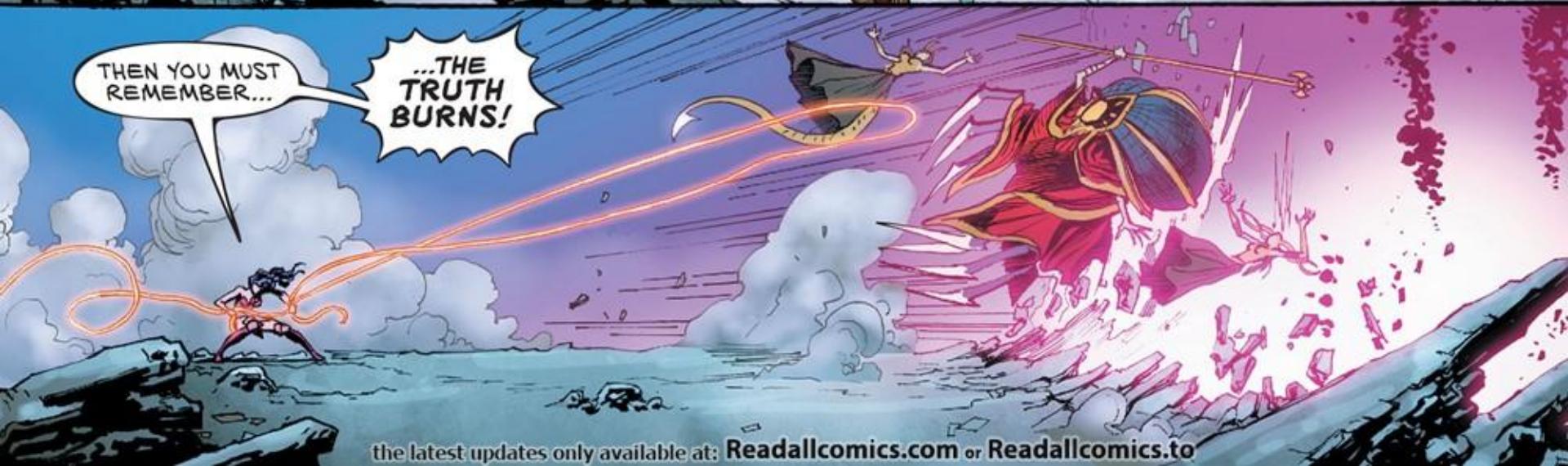
THIS REALM WAS ALREADY  
TOXIC TO US. BUT YOU  
INSPIRED YOUR PEOPLE  
TO ENTER THE  
WORLD.

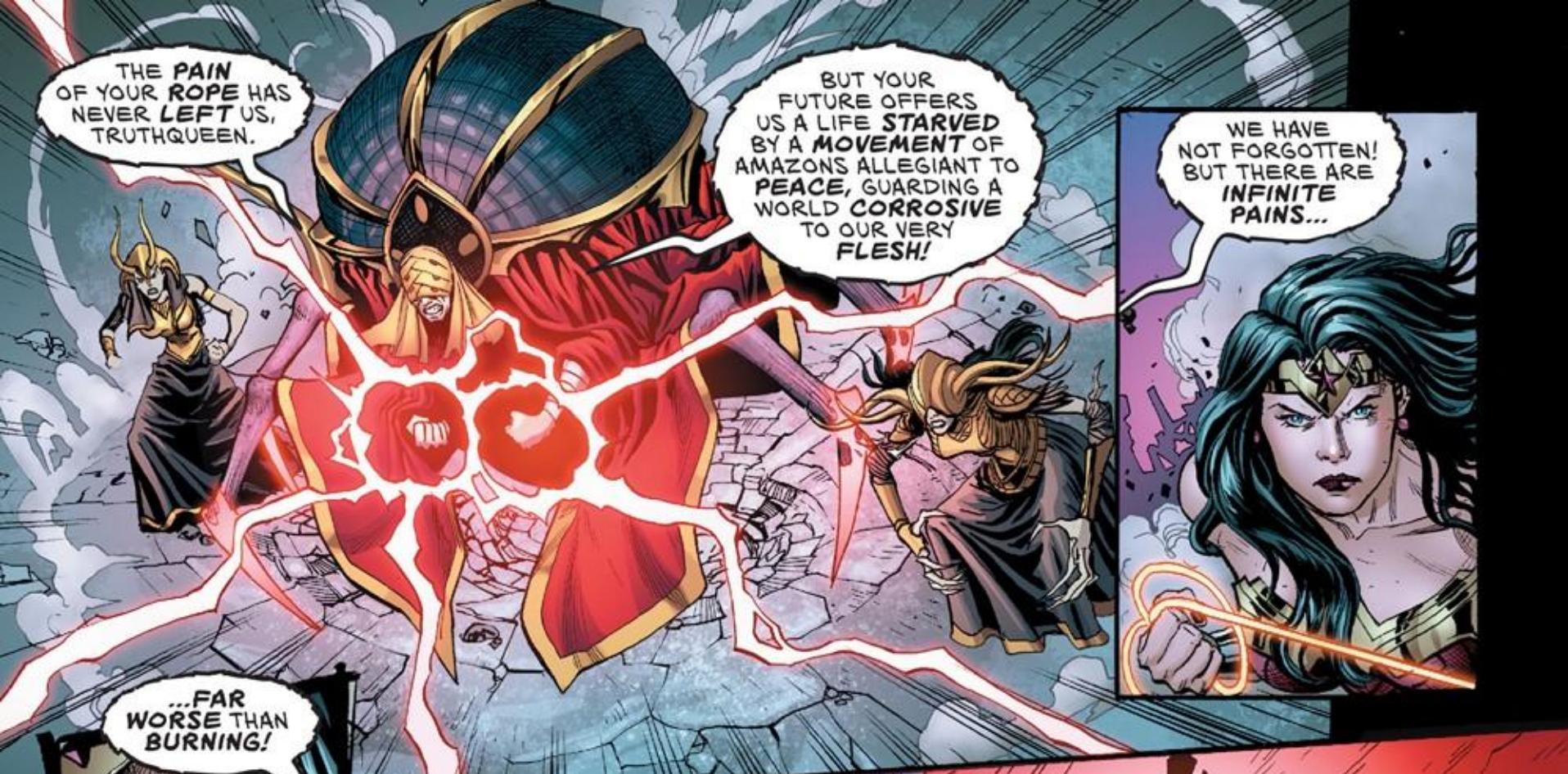
YOU  
CREATED THIS  
MOMENT. IF  
ALL THE AMAZONS  
UNITE BEHIND YOUR  
DREAM, OUR KIND  
WILL DIE OUT IN  
THE PROSPERITY  
TO COME.

SO...FOR  
US TO LIVE,  
YOUR DREAM  
MUST DIE.

YOU  
EXPOSE  
THIS PLACE  
AGAINST ITS  
WISHES.

YOU'D  
WAGER ITS  
PEOPLE'S LIVES  
AGAINST YOUR  
OWN?







WE, THE  
PEOPLE THAT  
BROKE THE CHAINS  
OF OUR OPPRESSOR  
AND BROUGHT ZEUS'S  
FAVORITE SON  
TO HEEL?

WE, WHO  
RAISED OURSELVES  
UP TO FREEDOM BY NO  
HAND BUT OUR OWN?  
TO FRIGHTEN AN  
AMAZON...

...YOU'LL  
NEED SOME-  
THING FAR  
MORE POTENT  
THAN PAIN!



AND  
TO STOP  
OUR FIGHT FOR  
SURVIVAL, YOU  
WILL NEED  
SOMETHING  
MORE...

...THAN  
WORDS  
AND  
DIRT.

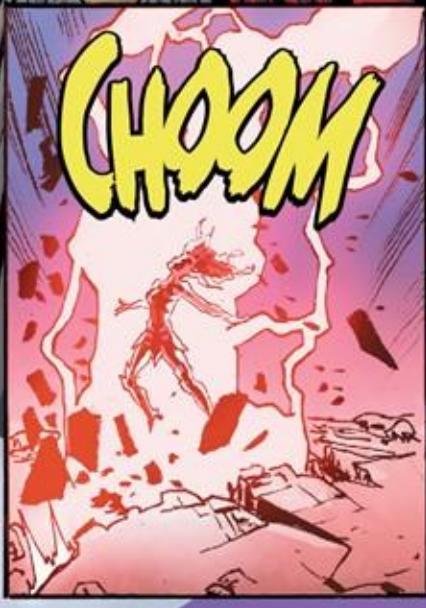
I'D HATE TO  
DISAPPOINT!

WE DID NOT  
ASK FOR THIS  
WORLD! WE WERE  
PULLED HERE IN  
THE SLIPSTREAM OF  
THE DARK GODS' RAID  
ON THIS BRIGHT  
HELL!

OUR  
FIGHT IS  
ONE FOR  
OUR VERY  
LIVES!

DO YOU  
NOT SEE? YOU,  
WHO TALK OF  
FREEDOM...  
YOU WISH TO  
BIND US?

YOU WISH TO  
BOAST ABOUT  
BREAKING  
CHAINS?



CHOOOM

THIS WORLD MUST BE SOURED OR WE WILL DIE!





NO.



ESTA FAIXA

40 km/h

GET UP,  
WONDER  
WOMAN...

...WE'RE  
WITH  
YOU.

"YOU'RE  
NOT  
ALONE."

FARUKA!  
THE DISTORTION  
FIELD!

I SEE IT,  
ATALANTA...IT'S  
TREMBLING.

CHIK CHAK

WE HAVE MADE THIS  
CITY OUR OASIS! WE  
ARE STRONGEST  
HERE!

NO!

YOU CANNOT  
STAND...YOU HAVE  
NO HOPE!

I HAVE IT,  
FATES...AND IF  
WHAT YOU SAY IS  
TRUE, I WOULD  
OFFER IT TO  
YOU.

IF YOU ARE  
TRULY PREY TO  
THIS WORLD...I WILL  
FIND A WAY TO HELP  
YOU. BUT YOU MUST  
SURRENDER.

SUBMIT? TO YOU?  
WHAT AID COULD THE  
DIVINERS OF DECEIT  
FIND IN THE  
TRUTHQUEEN?

WHAT  
GOOD IS  
HOPE WHEN  
WE CAN SEE  
ONLY DARK  
PATHS?

I CANNOT  
STEP ASIDE.

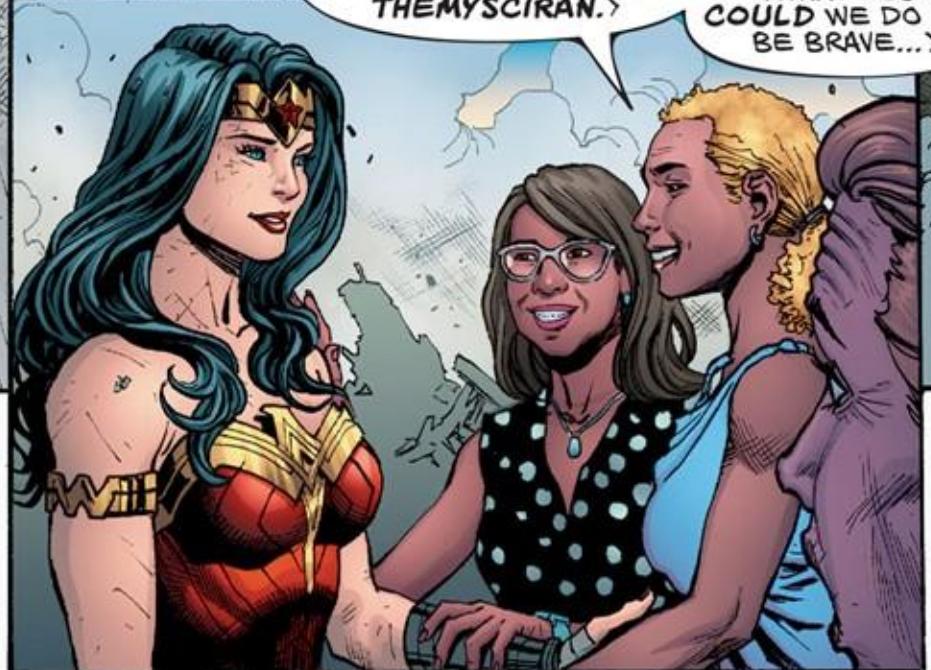
OUR BODIES  
REVOLT AT THE  
VERY FABRIC OF  
THIS LAND. THE  
ONLY HELP...IS TO  
STEP ASIDE AND  
LET IT BE  
RUINED.

YOU HAVE MADE  
YOUR CHOICE, AND  
THOUGH I AM SORRY  
TO HEAR IT...

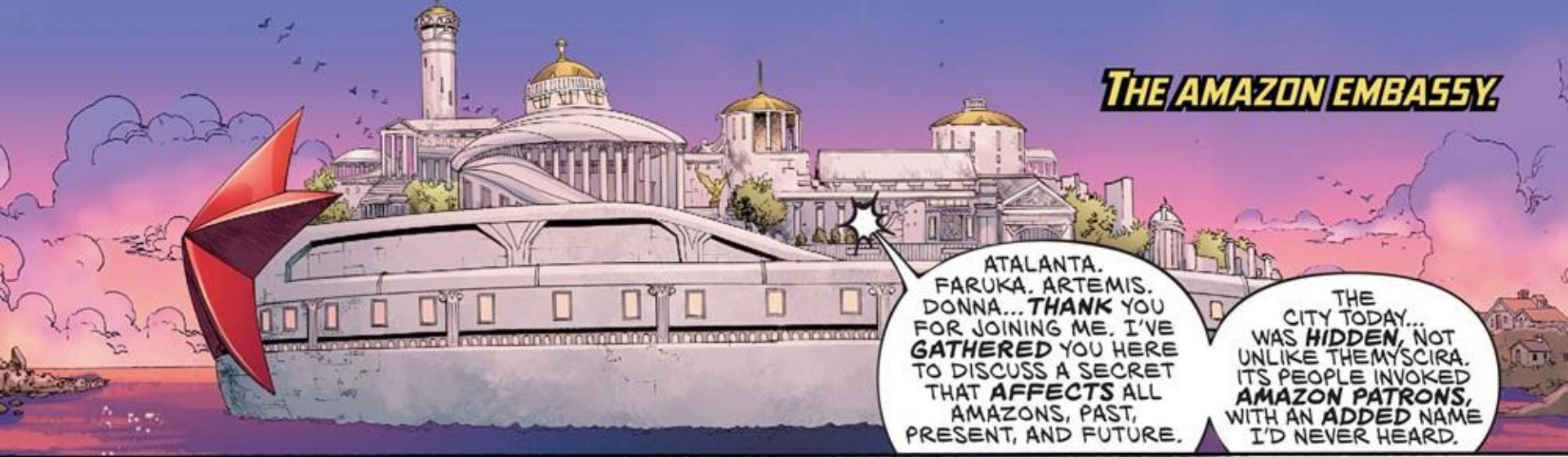
# KRAKA- THOO

...I  
MUST  
MAKE  
MINE.

FWWWOOOOOOOOOZH



## THE AMAZON EMBASSY.



...OF  
OUR  
OWN.

WHEN  
DIANA FOUND  
ME IN CENTRAL  
AMERICA, I'D BEEN  
GUARDING AGAINST  
TEZCATLIPOCÀ'S  
ARMIES.

I NEVER  
SAID THAT WHEN  
I ARRIVED...THE  
CONCEPT OF AN  
AMAZON WAS  
NOT NEW.

THE  
PEOPLE SPOKE OF  
ADVANCED WARRIOR  
WOMEN, SWEEPING UP  
FROM THE SOUTH  
IN TIMES OF NEED  
WITH MIGHT AND  
SCIENCE.

A THIRD  
TRIBE OF  
AMAZONS.



IF...IF THAT  
IS SO...THEN...

IN  
ATTACKING  
ESPERANÇA  
PERIGOSA, THE DARK  
FATES ONLY HASTENED  
ITS APPEARANCE.  
THEY FEARED  
THE SECRETS  
IT HELD...

IF ESPERANÇA  
PERIGOSA TRULY IS  
A HIDDEN AMAZON  
OUTPOST, IF WE  
TRULY HAVE MORE  
SISTERS WAITING,  
THEN WE MUST  
FIND THEM...





"...WE'LL NEED TO MAKE ROOM AT THE EMBASSY."

YOU'RE UNUSUALLY QUIET, MOTHER.

GAZING AT A NEW COASTLINE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THOUSANDS OF YEARS, SHARING GROUND WITH A TRIBE WHO FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS HAVE BEEN OUR RIVALS?

THESE ARE THE ROBES YOU WORE, LONG AGO...WHEN WE WERE LOST IN DIMENSION CHI. DO YOU REMEMBER?\*

I CREATED THAT PLACE AS A CHECK ON MY REIGN, A REFLECTION TO SHOW ME HOW MY ACTIONS MIGHT GO AWRY.

YOU STEPPED INTO THAT DARK MIRROR AND SHATTERED IT. I TOLD YOU THEN I KNEW THE FUTURE OF OUR PEOPLE WAS SAFE IN YOUR HANDS.

TODAY, AS A WARRIOR, AS A MOTHER, AS ONE OF TWO AMAZON QUEENS ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A SEARCH FOR A THIRD...

...I KNOW THOSE WORDS HAVE PROVEN TRUER THAN EVER. YOU HAVE BROUGHT US AN AMAZON FUTURE.

WE HAVE, MOTHER. WHAT WE LEARNED TODAY MAY BE THE START OF A NEW ERA, BUT WHAT'S NEXT IS NEVER SET.

THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE A BETTER FUTURE IS TO MEET IT, AND MAKE IT, EVERY DAY.

\*SEE WONDER WOMAN #73!  
--PAUL

IF THERE IS A SEASON OF PEACE AND TRUTH AHEAD...

"...IT IS  
UP TO US TO  
FIND IT."

"TOGETHER."

# AMAZING AMAZONS

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