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PLEASE,
WONDER WOMAN!
YOU **MUST** COME
BACK! THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE
NEEDS YOU!

NO,
SUPERMAN!
I CAN'T!

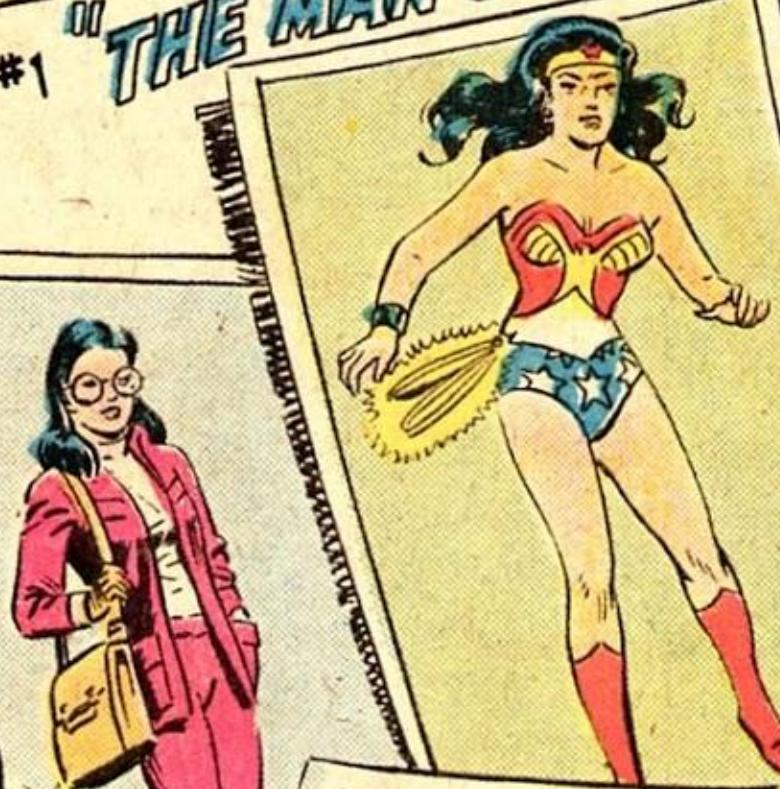


YOU ARE ABOUT TO READ
WONDER WOMAN'S STRANGEST
STORY! AND I AM GOING TO
TELL IT TO **YOU** EXACTLY
AS IT HAPPENED!



The WONDER WOMAN file

REPORT #1 "THE MAN WHO MASTERED WOMEN!"



GOTHAM CITY
CAPTURED
GANG!

Memo

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THERE, FRIENDS--
MY ASSIGNMENT IS
COMPLETED--FINISHED--
OVER!

IN OTHER WORDS...
I QUIT!

THE
TIME: TODAY!
THE
PLACE: SATELLITE
HEADQUARTERS OF THE
JUSTICE LEAGUE OF
AMERICA, WHIRLING IN
STATIONARY ORBIT
22,300 MILES ABOVE
EARTH!

THE
SITUATION: WELL,
PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER
SEE FOR YOURSELVES!

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"RIGHT...
MY REPORT!
IT BEGAN
OUTSIDE
THE
UNITED
NATIONS..."

"...WHERE I WAS
COVERING AN
ADDRESS BY
PAMANASIAN
PRIME MINISTER
INDIRA GAMAL,
IN MY SECRET
IDENTITY OF TV-
NEWSCASTER
CLARK KENT..."

"... WHEN
TROUBLE
SKY-DOVE
ONTO THE
SCENE..."

... MS. GAMAL IS
ON A GOOD WILL
TOUR OF THE
UNITED STATES...

HEAVILY-ARMED GUNMEN
MAKING PARACHUTE
LANDINGS HERE IN
UNITED NATIONS PLAZA!

"PINNED IN FRONT
OF A LIVE CAMERA,
ALL I COULD DO
WAS SECRETLY
MELT THE IMMINENT
GUNFIRE WITH MY
HEAT-VISION..."

"BUT BEFORE
I COULD
ACT..."

'NOBODY
WILL DIE IF
I HAVE
ANYTHING TO
SAY ABOUT IT!'

IT'S...
WONDER
WOMAN!

FORGET
GAMAL!
FINISH
HER!

"THE ASSASSINS OPENED FIRE,
EVIDENTLY NOT KNOWING HOT LEAD
IS A WASTE AGAINST THE AMAZON
PRINCESS..."

SEEMS
BULLETS-AND-
BRACELETS
IS A
GAME
THAT
NEVER
GOES
OUT OF
STYLE!

MY
AMAZONIUM
WRISTBANDS
WILL
DEFLECT
THE
GUNMEN'S
SLUGS
HARMLESSLY
INTO THE
PAVEMENT!

TZ
TIN
N
G!

SPWEE!
WIIPP!
SPWANG!

OUR BULLETS
CAN'T GET PAST
HER BRACELETS!

SHE
HASN'T
BRACELETS
TO PROTECT
HER HEAD...
UNNG!

I DON'T NEED
APHRODITE'S BRACELETS
TO PROTECT ME FROM
RIFRAFF LIKE YOU!

SHE HAS HER BACK TO ME--A
PERFECT CHANCE TO PLUG
HER BEFORE...

"I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO MAKE
MY MOVE TO
PROTECT
WONDER WOMAN..."

"...WHEN MORGAN
TRACY, THE U.N.'S
TROUBLE-SHOOTER
DIPLOMAT, MOVED FIRST!..."

BNUDDA-UDDA.
UDDA!

THANK YOU FOR
THE SAVE, MR. TRACY
--BUT I KNEW
SHE WAS
BEHIND ME!

"SHE"? WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING ABOUT,
WONDER WOMAN?

THIS PUNK
IS A...

A
GIRL!?!
I--I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
WHY WOULD A WOMAN
BE PART OF...

THEY'RE ALL WOMEN!
I KNEW THAT THE
MOMENT I CAME INTO
CONTACT WITH THEM!

BUT I'M AFRAID
THEIR PURPOSE IN
ATTEMPTING TO
ASSASSINATE PRIME
MINISTER GAMAL
IS SOMETHING
YOU'LL HAVE
TO DISCOVER
FOR YOURSELF!

RIGHT NOW
WONDER
WOMAN
HAS
URGENT
BUSINESS
ELSEWHERE!

...AND THERE YOU HAVE
IT, FOLKS...A DRAMATIC
LAST-MOMENT RESCUE
BY THE ONE-AND-ONLY
AMAZON PRINCESS!

THIS IS
CLARK KENT,
RETURNING
YOU TO
OUR WGBS
STUDIOS IN
METROPOLIS!

"MS. GAMAL'S SPEECH WENT OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT AFTER THAT...BUT MY CAMERA-CREW AND I STAYED AROUND TO FILM THE GUNMEN'S...ER... WOMEN'S ARREST FOR THE EVENING NEWS..."

"THAT'S WHEN DIANA PRINCE ENTERED THE PICTURE..."

YOU'LL HAVE TO COME DOWN TO THE STATION TO MAKE A REPORT, MR. TRACY...

NO! MORGAN TRACY MUST NOT LIVE!

THE MASTER WILL HATE US IF HE DOES!



"FOR A FROZEN INSTANT IN TIME, EVERYONE STOOD STUNNED, UNMOVING-- EXCEPT FOR THAT ASSASSIN..."

"...AND DIANA!"

MORGAN TRACY MUST DIE... DIE... DIE!



"AND THIS TIME, WHEN THE GIRLS WERE LED AWAY..."

THANK YOU FOR MY LIFE! YOU HANDLE YOURSELF QUITE WELL, MISS...?



MS. PRINCE... DIANA PRINCE! WE'VE MET BEFORE, MR. TRACY!*

* IN WONDER WOMAN #205.
--EDITOR.

OF COURSE... THE U.N. GUIDE WHO SPEAKS EVERY KNOWN LANGUAGE!

YOU KNOW, A WOMAN WITH YOUR INTELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL TALENTS WOULD BE OF IMMENSE HELP TO MY WORK AT THE U.N.'S CRISIS BUREAU!

WOULD YOU CONSIDER LEAVING YOUR GUIDE JOB FOR A POSITION AS MY ASSISTANT... NO, AS MY ASSOCIATE?



A TEMPTING OFFER, MR. TRACY! I'LL THINK ABOUT IT...

...AND LET YOU KNOW!



"WE WERE GETTING READY TO LEAVE THE PLAZA WHEN DIANA NOTICED ME AND PULLED ME TO ONE SIDE..."

CLARK, IT'S SO GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

HOW ARE YOU? HOW ARE THE... OTHERS?

JUST FINE, DIANA! IT SURE WAS GREAT SEEING YOU BACK IN ACTION AGAIN!

TELL ME... WHEN DID YOUR SUPER-POWERS RETURN?

R-RETURN? WH-WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, CLARK? I NEVER LOST THEM!

OF COURSE YOU DID! THAT'S WHY YOU RESIGNED FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE!

RE-RESIGNED...? THEN THAT EXPLAINS WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN SUMMONED TO ANY MEETINGS LATELY!

CLARK, I... I CAN'T REMEMBER RESIGNING FROM THE JLA! I CAN'T REMEMBER EVER LOSING MY POWERS!

SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE-- TERRIBLY WRONG-- AND IT'S UP TO THE JLA TO FIND OUT WHAT!

DIANA, CHANGE INTO YOUR COSTUME --AND HEAD FOR JUSTICE LEAGUE HQ! I'LL MEET YOU THERE AS SOON AS CLARK KENT CAN SLIP AWAY!

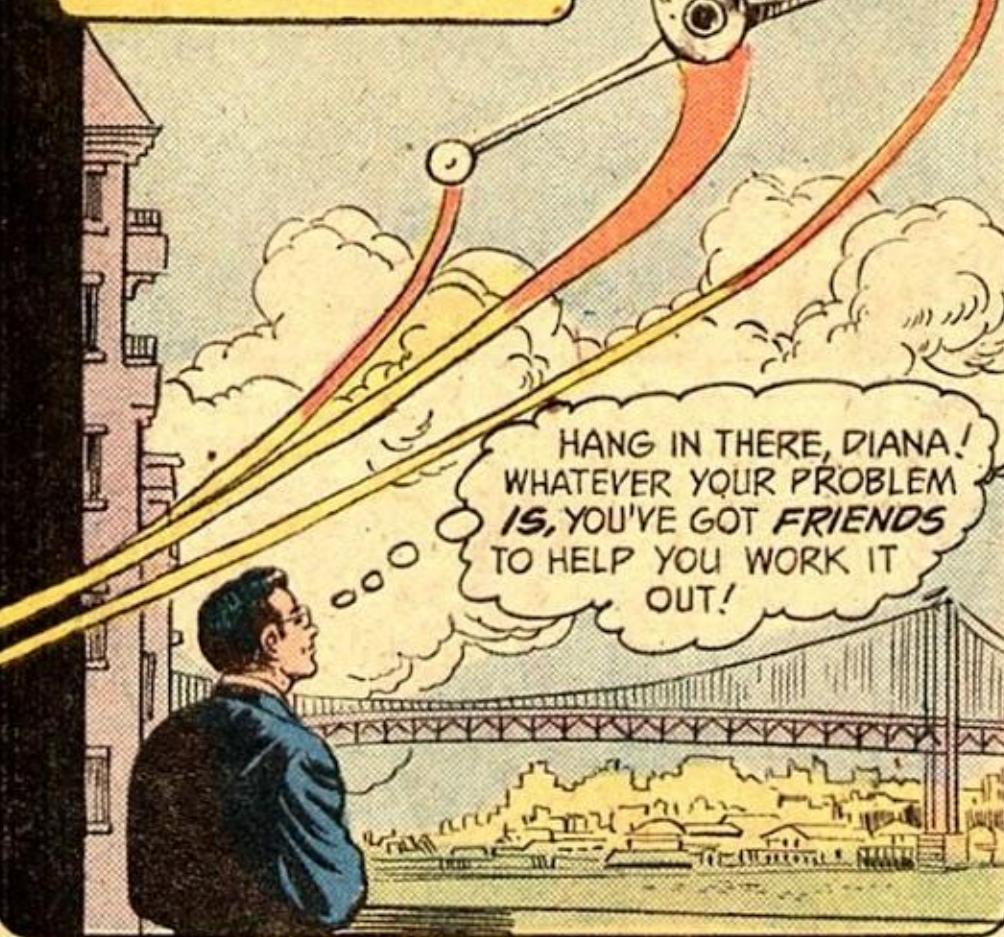
"INSTANTS LATER, DIANA DUCKED INTO A NARROW ALLEY ACROSS FROM THE UN. PLAZA--AND THE SHRILL SCREAM OF HER WHIRLING GOLDEN LASSO CHILLED THE SPINES OF PASSERSBY AS..."

THIS NEW COSTUME-CHANGE DEVISED BY AMAZON SCIENTISTS WILL SAVE A LOT OF WEAR-AND-TEAR ON MY WARDROBE!

ALL MY APPAREL HAS BEEN TREATED WITH A SPECIAL SOLUTION THAT REACTS TO THE VIBRATIONS OF MY MAGIC LASSO--

--TRANSFORMING DIANA PRINCE'S GARB INTO WONDER WOMAN'S... AND VICE-VERSA!

"I WATCHED SOLEMNLY AS WONDER WOMAN'S INVISIBLE ROBOT PLANE STREAKED SKYWARD..."



"BUT WHEN I RENDEZVOUSED AT OUR SATELLITE..."



THAT'S RIDICULOUS! WHY SHOULDN'T SHE HAVE REACHED HERE... UNLESS...

GREAT KRYPTON! I BET I KNOW WHERE WONDER WOMAN IS!

"SHE WAS WAITING WHEN I GOT THERE, GLANCING BACK REPEATEDLY AT THE SHATTERED REMAINS OF WHAT HAD ONCE BEEN OUR MOUNTAIN SANCTUARY...

"... AND THE EXPRESSION ON HER LOVELY FACE WAS NOT SO MUCH CONFUSION ... AS FEAR!"

ABANDONED...! THE JLA HASN'T MET HERE IN MONTHS... HAS IT?

NO, WONDER WOMAN... IT HASN'T!

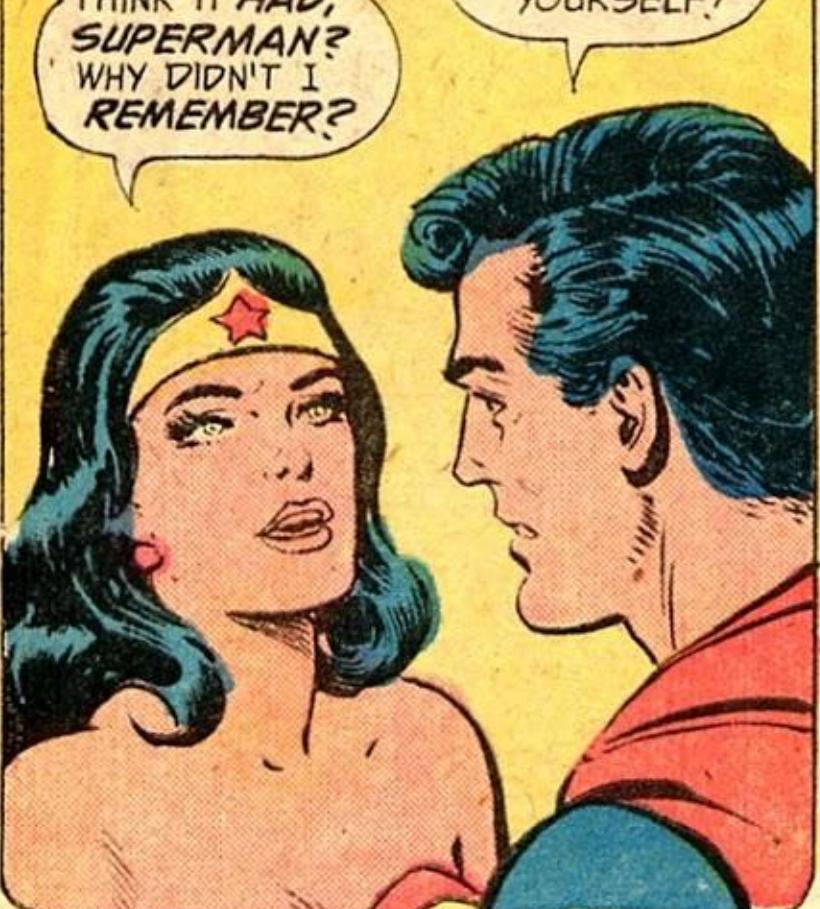
THEN... THEN WHY DID I THINK IT HAD, SUPERMAN? WHY DIDN'T I REMEMBER?

EASY, DIANA-- GET HOLD OF YOURSELF!

OH, IN ATHENA'S NAME, SUPERMAN... WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?

I DON'T KNOW, DIANA... BUT WE'LL FIND OUT!

I SWEAR WE'LL FIND OUT!



"LATER, AFTER GOING THROUGH EVERY DETAIL OF DIANA'S LIFE, WE DID FIND OUT... AND WE WERE STUNNED!"

AS NEAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, DIANA, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH YOUR MEMORY...

...EXCEPT THAT YOU HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF THE MONTHS YOU SPENT WITHOUT SUPER-POWERS!

ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME I'M IN PERFECT CONDITION...

...SO LONG AS I DON'T CARE ABOUT LOSING A BIG CHUNK OF MY PAST?

WELL, SORRY, BATMAN-- BUT I'M NOT MADE OF STONE!

I WANT TO KNOW ABOUT I CHING, THE BLIND OLD CHINAMAN YOU SAY BECAME MY MENTOR...

...AND I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO COL. STEVE TREVOR... MY POOR, SWEET, DARLING STEVE!

I HAVE QUESTIONS-- MORE QUESTIONS THAN POSSIBLY I CAN COPE WITH--

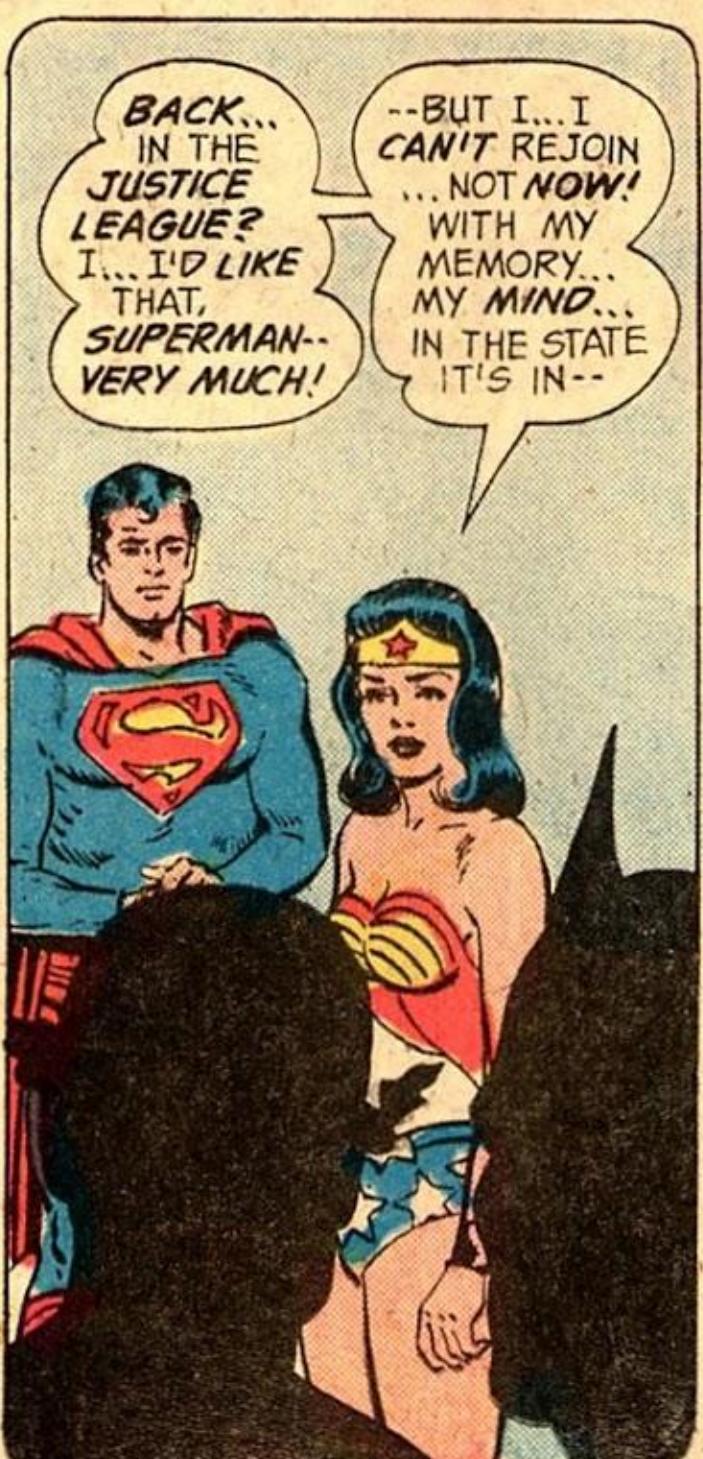
--AND I'M NOT GOING TO BE SATISFIED TILL THEY ARE ANSWERED!

CALM DOWN, DIANA! NOW THAT YOU'RE BACK IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, WE'LL HELP YOU FIND THOSE ANSWERS!

BACK... IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE? I... I'D LIKE THAT, SUPERMAN-- VERY MUCH!

--BUT I... I CAN'T REJOIN... NOT NOW! WITH MY MEMORY... MY MIND... IN THE STATE IT'S IN--

--I NO LONGER DESERVE TO BELONG!



THAT'S ABSURD,
DIANA! YOU WERE
ONE OF OUR
FOUNDING MEMBERS
--ONE OF THE MOST
POWERFUL!

C'MON,
WONDER
WOMAN--
THE JLA
NEEDS
YOU!

NEEDS ME--
FOR WHAT?
SO I CAN
FORGET MY
ASSIGNMENT
DURING SOME
LIFE-AND-DEATH
MISSION--SO
I CAN FAIL
YOU WHEN
YOU NEED
ME MOST?

BUT YOU
WOULDN'T DO
THAT, DIANA--
WE KNOW YOU
WOULDN'T!

ISN'T THERE
ANY WAY
WE CAN
CONVINCE
YOU TO
CHANGE
YOUR MIND?

NO!

IRONIC, ISN'T IT,
THAT A WOMAN
WHO'S SUPPOSEDLY
AS BEAUTIFUL AS
APHRODITE, WISE
AS **ATHENA**, SWIFTER
THAN **MERCURY** AND
STRONGER THAN
HERCULES...

GREAT HERA!
MAYBE THERE
IS A WAY!

YES! I WILL REJOIN...
IF I PROVE WORTHY!
IF--LIKE HERCULES--
I SUCCEED IN
TWELVE LABORS!

DIANA,
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?

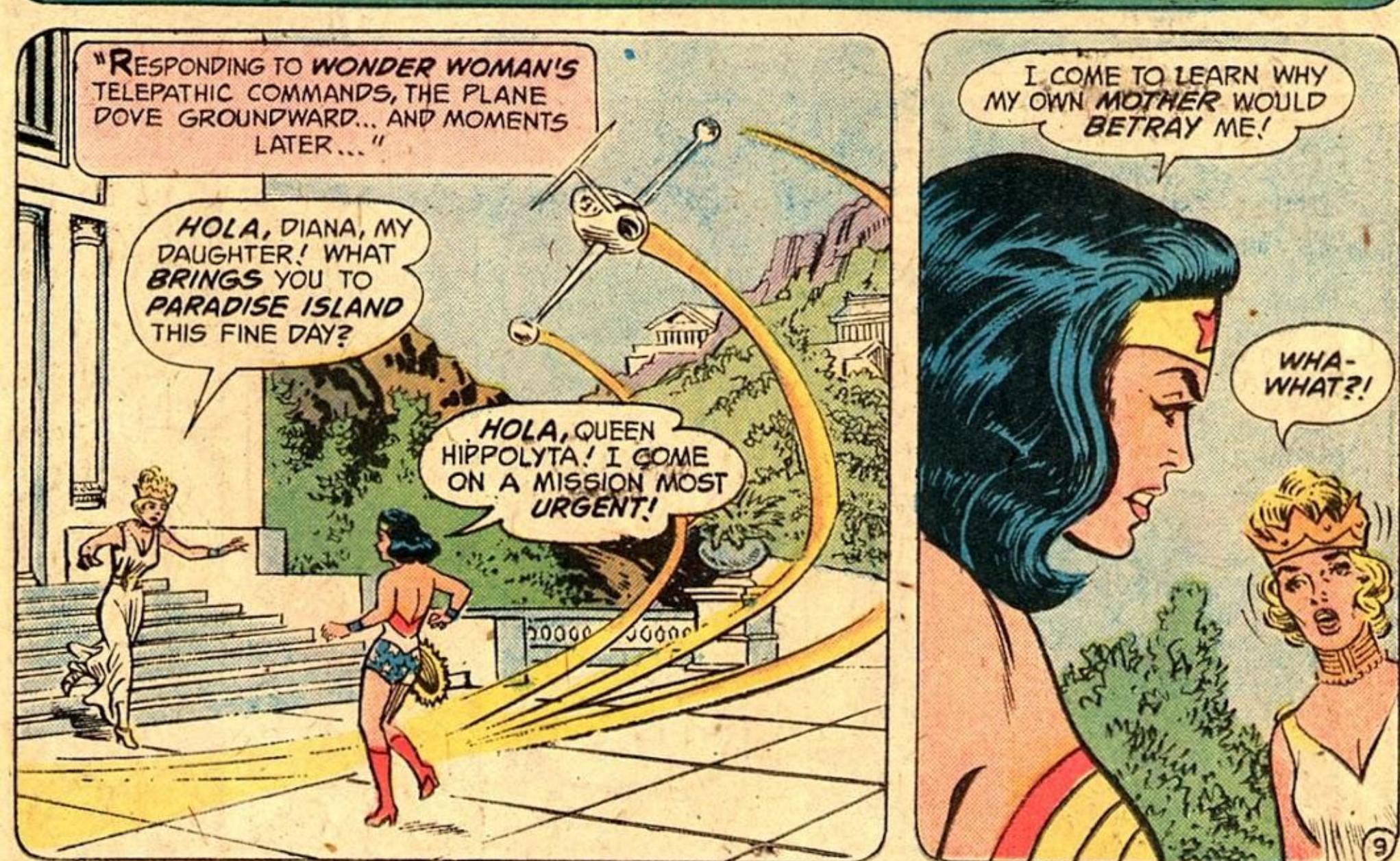
SIMPLE, BATMAN! I'D
LIKE THE JUSTICE
LEAGUE TO MONITOR
MY NEXT TWELVE
ADVENTURES!

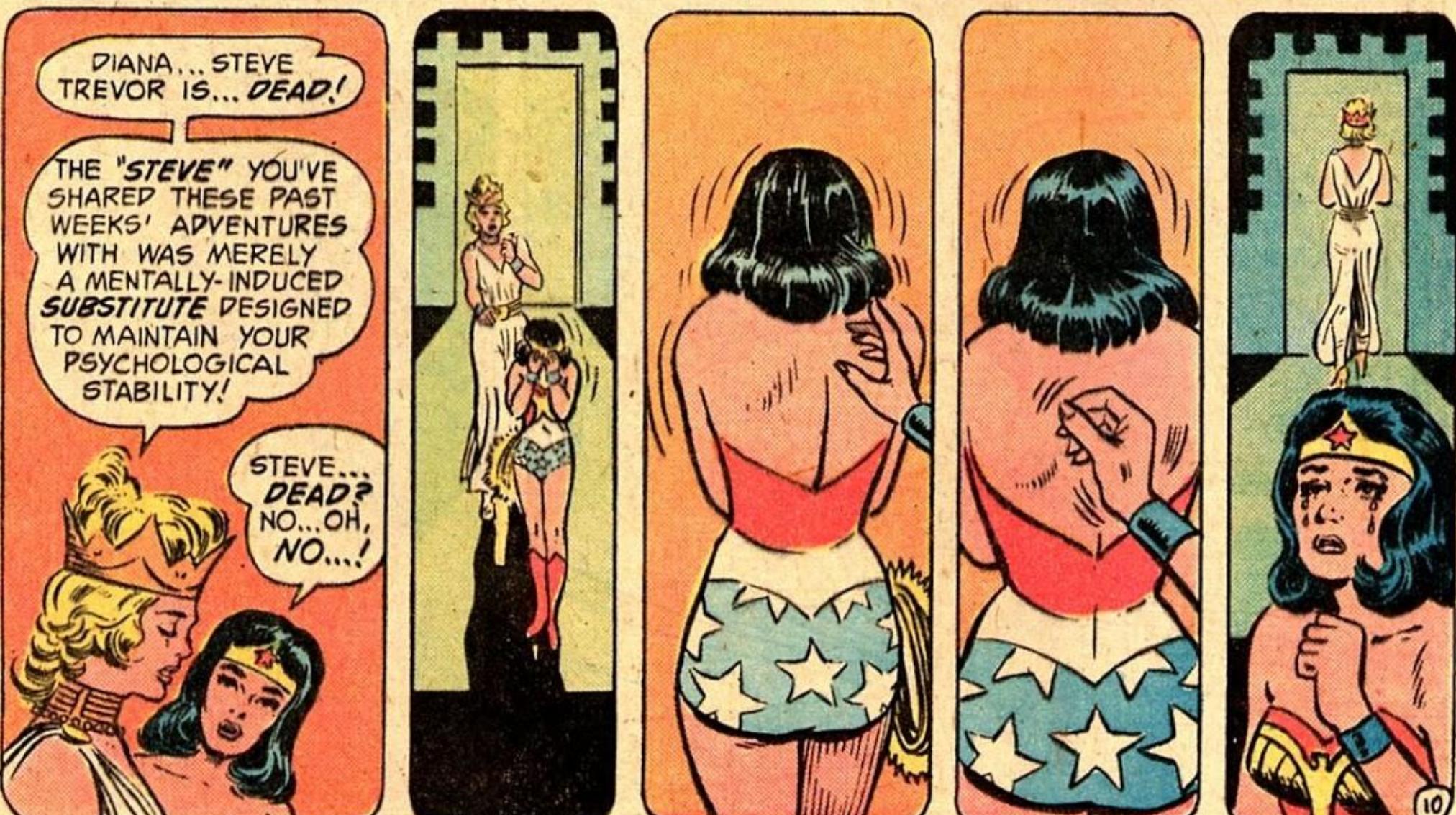
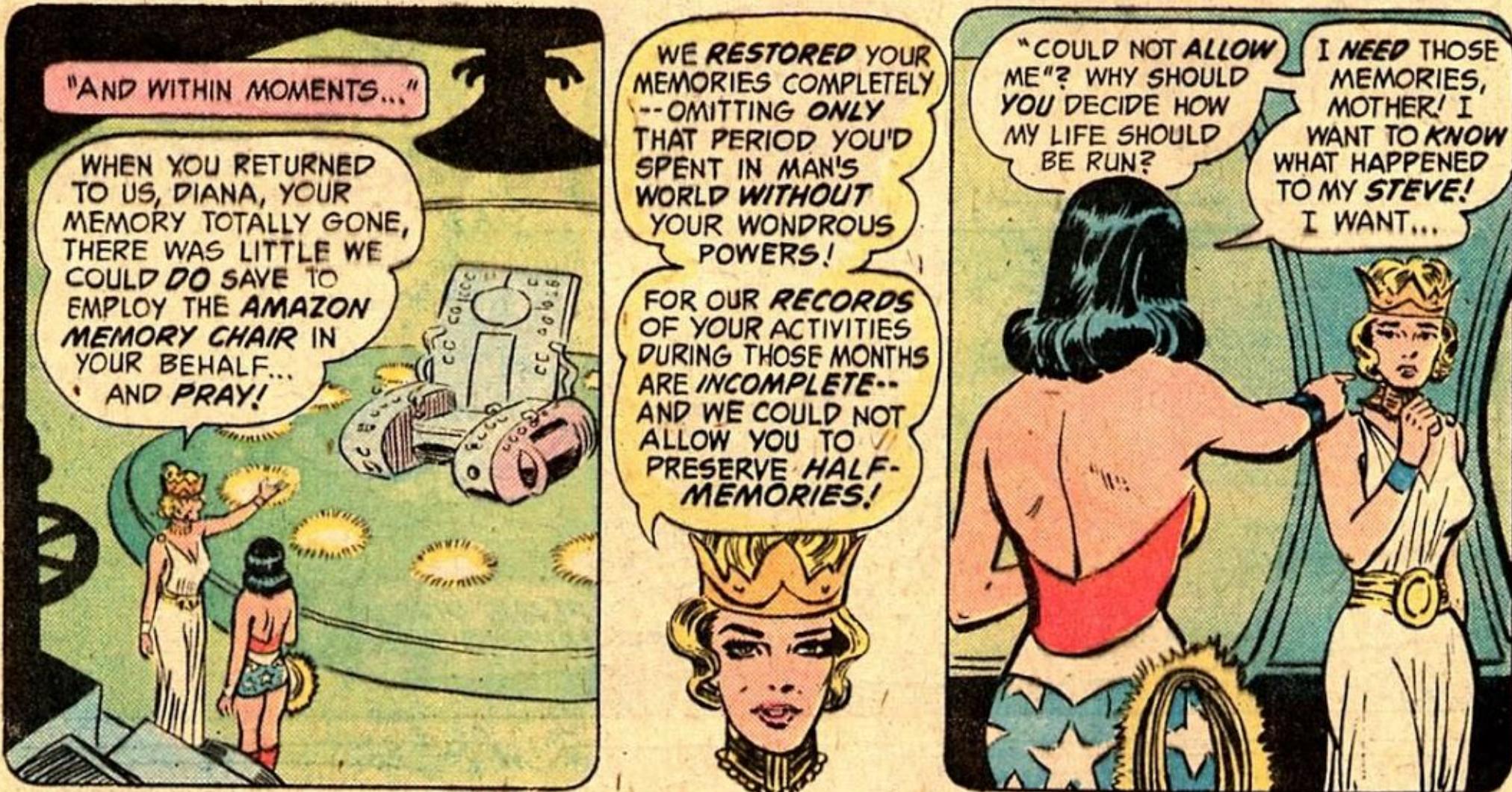
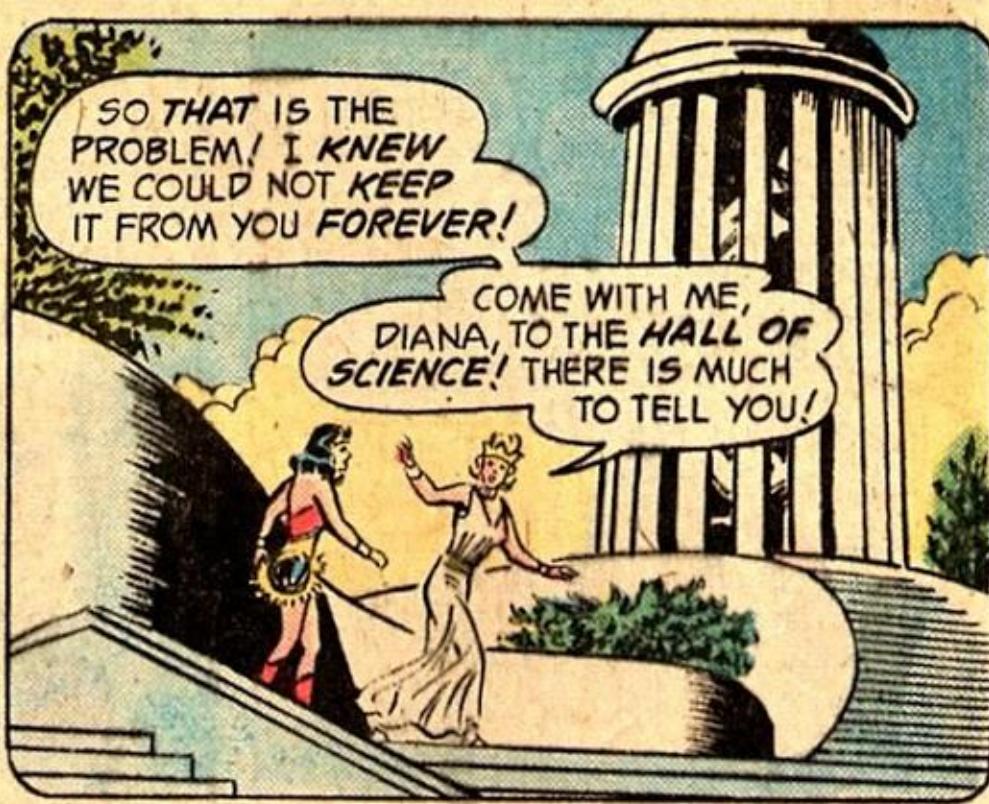
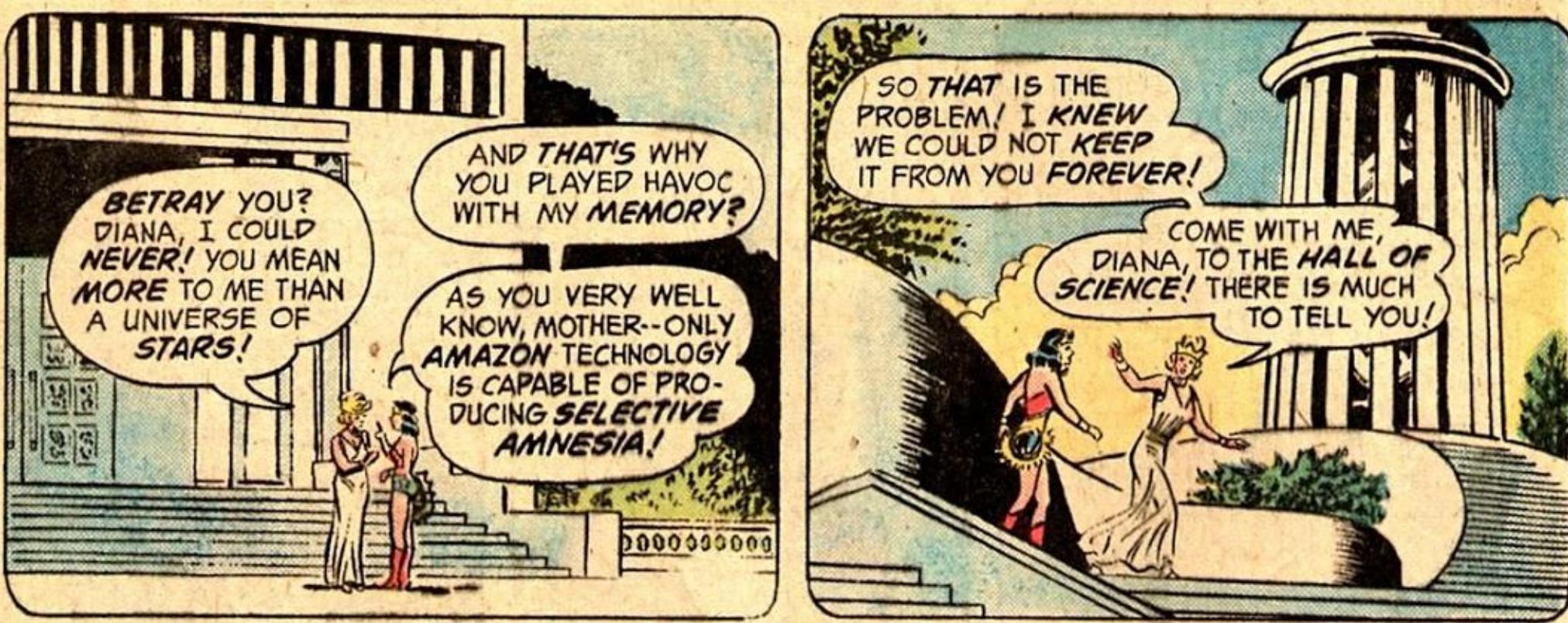
IF I SUCCEED IN
THOSE TASKS--TO
YOUR SATISFACTION--
YES, I WILL REJOIN!

AGREED?

AGREED!

NOW, IF
YOU MEN
WILL
EXCUSE
ME, I
HAVE AN
APPOINTMENT...





"THERE WAS
NOTHING **MORE**
TO BE SAID!
LEAVING THE
HALL OF
SCIENCE,
WONDER WOMAN
SUMMONED
HER ROBOT
PLANE--"

"-- AND LEFT
PARADISE ISLAND,
FEELING MORE A
STRANGER THERE
THAN SHE EVER
HAD BEFORE..."

"SHORTLY, IN HER **NEW YORK**
APARTMENT..."

GLAD I DECIDED
TO MOVE TO A
PLACE OF MY
OWN! RIGHT NOW
I JUST COULDN'T
FACE MY THREE
EX-ROOMMATES!

WHAT A
GREAT BIG
JOKE--

THE NEW DIANA PRINCE
--SELF-RELIANT--
LIBERATED--SOCIALY-
AWARE--

--AWARE
OF WHAT?

CHASHH!

NO! I'VE GOT TO
STOP HARPING ON THIS...
OR I WILL DRIVE MYSELF
OVER THE EDGE!

I NEED A DISTRACTION...
ANY KIND OF
DISTRACTION...

MORGAN
TRACY! IF THAT
JOB HE OFFERED
ME WITH THE
U.N. CRISIS
BUREAU
PROVES TO BE
AS HECTIC
AS I THINK...

I'M GOING
TO CALL
HIM--
TELL HIM
I ACCEPT!

"BUT WHEN THE EXCITED DIANA DIALED TRACY'S NUMBER..."

I'M SORRY--
BUT MR. TRACY HAS GONE OUT FOR THE EVENING!

--WHERE?
I HAVE TO REACH HIM! IT'S TERRIBLY IMPORTANT!

WELL,
MISS PRINCE,
IF YOU REALLY
MUST SPEAK
TO MORGAN TRACY--

GO TO HIM AT THE CASBAH!

I'VE HEARD OF THE CASBAH-- A SWANK NEW NIGHTCLUB ON THE WEST SIDE-- BUT IT'S NOT THE SORT OF PLACE I'D EXPECT TO FIND A MAN LIKE MORGAN TRACY!

STILL-- IF THAT'S WHERE TRACY IS-- THEN THAT'S WHERE I MUST GO!

YES-- I MUST GO TO THE CASBAH!

I MUST GO TO THE CASBAH!

"WHILE AT THE CASBAH..."

TRUTHFULLY,
LADY PRIME MINISTER,
I'M SURPRISED YOU ASKED ME TO BRING YOU HERE!

A RESTAURANT OF THIS SORT DOESN'T SEEM QUITE THE PLACE TO ENTERTAIN A VISITING HEAD OF STATE!

PERHAPS, MR. TRACY
--BUT I HAVE HEARD SO MUCH ABOUT THIS BISTRO--

--AND SINCE YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED YOU TO ENTERTAIN ME HOWEVER I MAY CHOOSE, I'VE CHOSEN...

EXCUSE ME--





GAIN, MY DEAR TRACY? WHY, CONTROL OF THE GAMAL WOMAN, OF COURSE--

--AND THROUGH HER, CONTROL OF HER COUNTRY! ONE DOES NEED SOME SORT OF STEPPING-STONE IF ONE DESIRES TO CONQUER THE WORLD!

NOW, TRACY, I'VE SAID ENOUGH! THE CAVALIER MUST ATTEND TO OTHER THINGS--

--AND YOU, MY FRIEND, MUST DIE!

"BUT AS THE SINISTER SWORDSMAN'S ENTRANCED UNDERLINGS MOVED TO CARRY OUT HIS ORDERS..."

CAVALIER, I HEARD ENOUGH ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS WALL TO PUT YOU BEHIND BARS FOR YEARS!

WONDER WOMAN-AGAIN!? QUICKLY, MY DEARS-- KILL HER!

KILL HER! WE MUST KILL HER--OR THE MASTER WILL HATE US!

ZZKATT!

KRUNCH!

FORGIVE ME, SISTERS--BUT THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN PREVENT YOU FROM DOING SOMETHING YOU WILL REGRET!

THRASH!

CAVALIER, BECAUSE OF YOU, I'VE INJURED OTHER WOMEN--

--BUT FOR EVERY BRUISE MY SISTERS HAVE SUFFERED-- YOU WILL SUFFER TWICE-FOLD!

GO AHEAD, AMAZON! DEFEAT ME--IF YOU CAN!

YOU'VE USED WOMEN AS YOUR PAWNS, CAVALIER-- BUT I AM ONE WOMAN YOU CAN'T... YOU CAN'T...

COME NOW, MY DEAR-- YOU DON'T WANT TO HURT ME! YOU CAN'T HURT ME!

AM I NOT THE SORT OF MAN YOU'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT--THE SORT OF MAN YOU COULD LOVE?

AND YOU DO LOVE ME, MY PRECIOUS WONDER WOMAN... DON'T YOU?

LOOK INTO MY EYES... LISTEN TO MY VOICE... BATHE IN THE VERY ESSENCE OF ME...

L-LOVE...? YES... YES... I LOVE YOU... LOVE YOU...

"AT THAT MOMENT, HIGH ABOVE THE CASBAH, AS I POISED TO DIVE TO WONDER WOMAN'S RESCUE... TO FREE HER FROM THE CAVALIER'S SPELL--

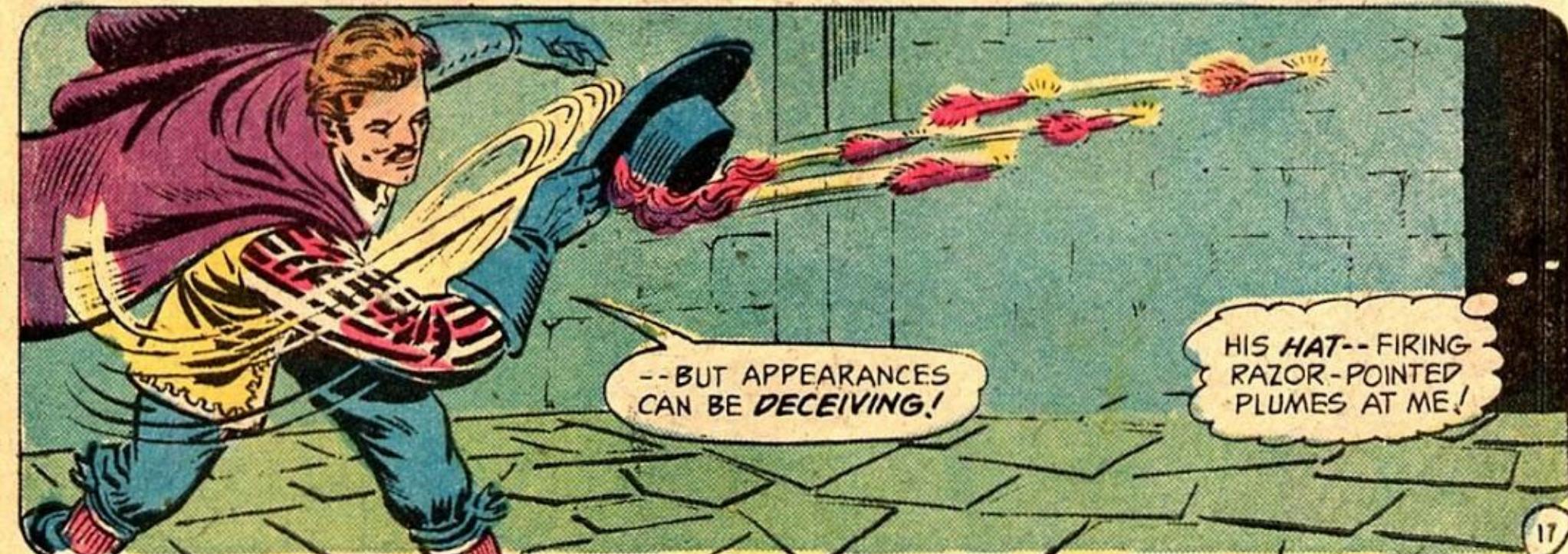
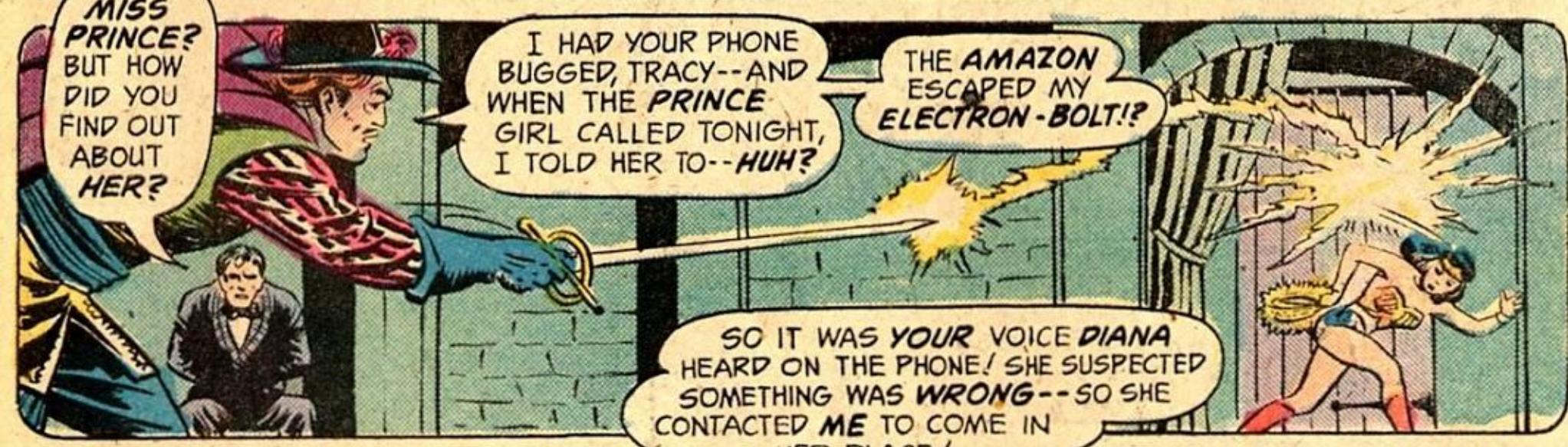
--MY FAITH IN THE AMAZON PRINCESS' INNER RESOURCES WAS SUDDENLY REWARDED..."

...LOVE YOU?--NO! I COULD NEVER LOVE YOU!
YOU EPITOMIZE EVERY REPULSIVE, EVIL THING I'VE DEDICATED MY LIFE TO DEFEATING--

--AND I WON'T LET YOU MAKE A MOCKERY OF THAT!

INCREDIBLE! THAT'S THE FIRST TIME ANYONE HAS OVERCOME THE POWER OF MY CHEMICALLY-HEIGHTENED SENSUAL ATTRACTION!

IT APPEARS I MUST USE OTHER MEASURES TO DEAL WITH YOU, AMAZON--



ONLY ONE WAY TO
STOP THEM ALL--MY
AMAZONIUM TIARA!

BY THROWING IT
AT EXACTLY THE
RIGHT ANGLE--

"LIKE A BOOMERANG GONE WILD, THE GLEAMING
TIARA WHISTLED THROUGH THE AIR, CUTTING A DEV-
ASTATING SWATH THROUGH THOSE DEADLY FEATH-
ERED MISSILES..."

MY POISONED PLUMES--
DESTROYED!

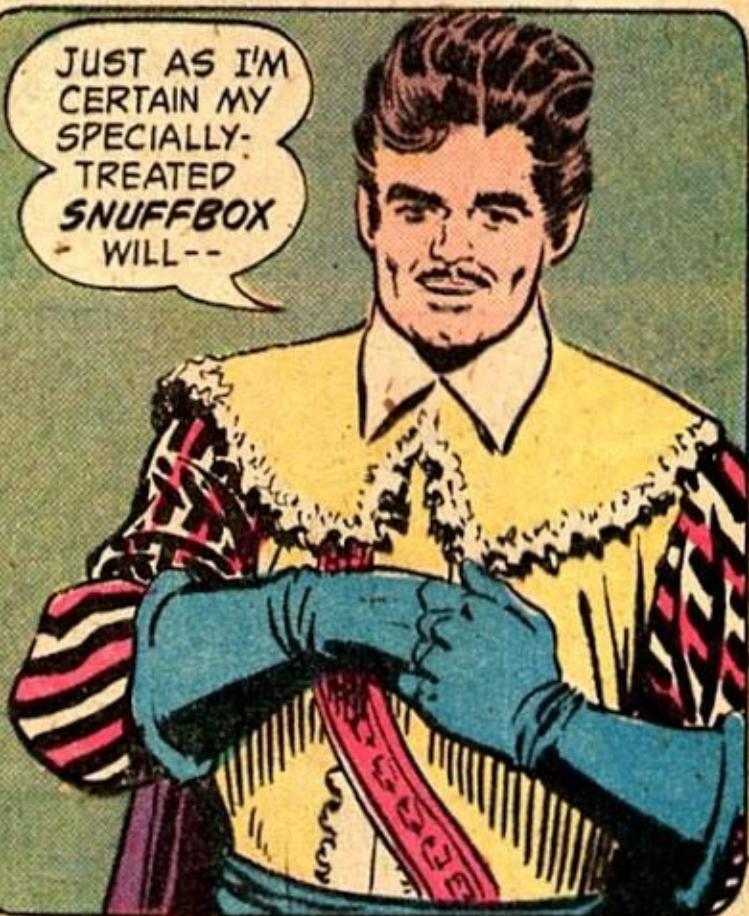


ONLY A SAMPLE
OF WHAT I'LL DO
TO YOU, MALE
CHAUVINIST, UNLESS
YOU SURRENDER--
NOW!

CHAUVINIST? YOU
OFFEND ME! I DON'T
MERELY BELIEVE IN
MAN'S SUPERIORITY--

--I'M CONVINCED
OF IT!

JUST AS I'M
CERTAIN MY
SPECIALY-
TREATED
SNUFFBOX
-- WILL --



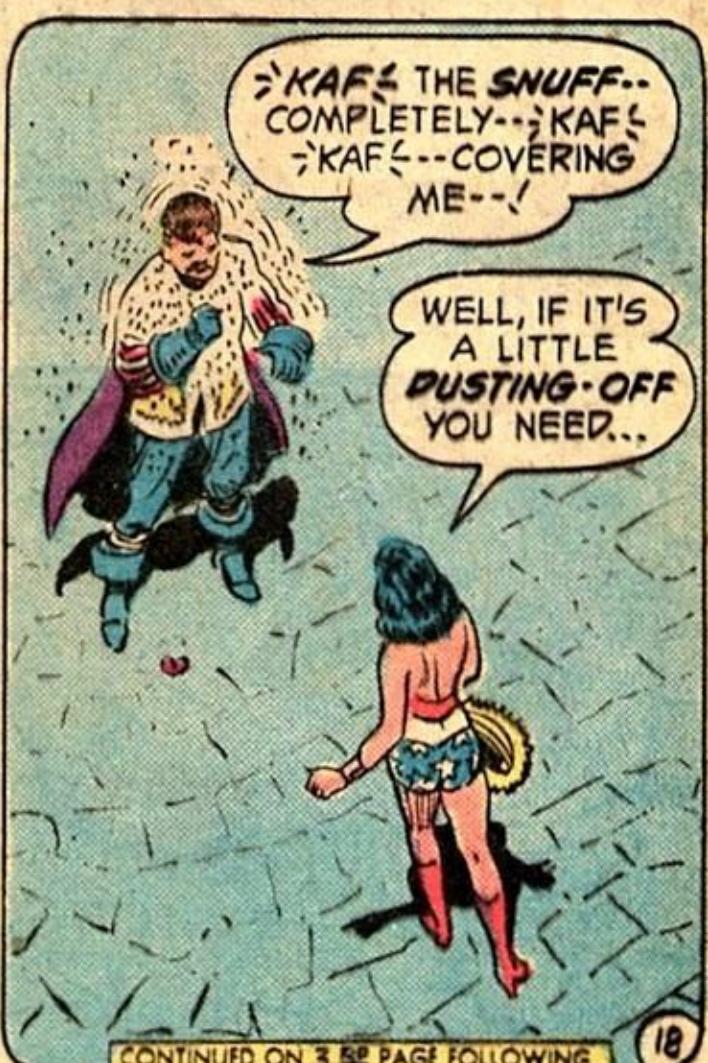
SORRY, FANCY PANTS--I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S IN THAT BOX--

--BUT YOU WON'T
GET A CHANCE
TO USE IT ON
ME!

POOFF!

“KAF” THE SNUFF--
COMPLETELY--; “KAF”
“KAF”--COVERING
ME--!

WELL, IF IT'S
A LITTLE
DUSTING-OFF
YOU NEED...



"BUT BEFORE DIANA COULD REACH THE CAVALIER..."

OUT OF THE WAY,
SISTER! THIS ONE
IS OURS!

GREAT
HERA!

NO---KAF---
KAF---KEEP
AWAY FROM
ME---KAF---
KEEP
BACK---

THE CAVALIER'S SPELLBOUND
SERVANTS! SOMETHING'S
HAPPENED TO TURN THEM
AGAINST HIM!

UNLESS I STOP THEM, THEY
MAY KILL HIM!

OUCH---GET
OFF ME---KAF---
LEAVE ME ALONE!

"INSTANTLY, WONDER WOMAN UNLEASHED
HER MAGIC ROPE AND..."

ANYONE IMPRISONED WITHIN
THE CONFINES OF MY LASSO
IS FORCED TO OBEY MY
COMMANDS, SO--

I COMMAND
YOU ALL TO
CEASE FIGHTING
AND SLEEP--
IMMEDIATELY!

"NATURALLY, THEY ALL DID, LEAVING DIANA FREE
TO RELEASE MORGAN TRACY..."

I SEE IT,
WONDER
WOMAN--
BUT I'M NOT
SURE I
UNDERSTAND
IT!

WHAT'S
HAPPENED
HERE?

I'M NOT ENTIRELY CER-
TAIN EITHER,
MORGAN
TRACY!

--BUT APPARENTLY,
SOMETHING IN THE
CAVALIER'S SPECIAL
SNUFF COUNTERACTED
THE POWER OF HIS
HYPER-SENSUAL
ATTRACTION--

--FREEING HIS VICTIMS
FROM A SPELL THEY
OBVIOUSLY RESENTED
BEING UNDER!

STILL--IF
DIANA PRINCE
HADN'T
BECOME
SUSPICIOUS
AND SENT ME
HERE IN HER
PLACE...

YES--DIANA
PRINCE! IT SEEMS
MY OPINION OF HER
WAS CORRECT--
SHE'S A WOMAN
WITH QUITE A LOT
GOING FOR HER!

SOMEHOW,
MR. TRACY,
I DON'T
THINK YOU
HAVE TO
WORRY
ABOUT THAT!

I SINCERELY
HOPE SHE
DECIDES
TO TAKE
MY JOB
OFFER!

...AND THAT'S ALL OF IT! IN MY OPINION, WONDER WOMAN PASSED HER FIRST TRIAL-- THE TEST OF SELF--

--WHEN THE HEROINE IN HER OVERCAME THE WOMAN IN HER WHO WHO HAD FALLEN UNDER THE CAVALIER'S SPELL!

AGREED, SUPERMAN-- THE AMAZON'S FIRST TEST IS WON--

--EVEN IF I DO FIND IT HARD TO SWALLOW THAT PART ABOUT HER WOMAN'S INTUITION WARNING HER OF THE CAVALIER'S THREAT!



ALL RIGHT, BATMAN-- EVERYTHING HAPPENED EXACTLY AS I RELATED IT IN MY REPORT--

--EXCEPT FOR THE FACT THAT DIANA'S "INTUITION" WAS REALLY A BIT OF SUBLIMINAL SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM ON MY PART!

IF YOU CAN'T HELP A FRIEND IN NEED, WHAT'S THE GOOD OF BEING SUPERMAN?

ONE MORE THING LEFT TO ATTEND TO BEFORE I ADJOURN THIS SPECIAL JUSTICE LEAGUE SESSION--

-- AND THAT'S CHOOSING THE MEMBER WHO WILL REPORT ON WONDER WOMAN'S NEXT ADVENTURE!

WELL, THIS TIME I HAVE A SUGGESTION!



SINCE I WAS "VOLUNTEERED" FOR THAT TASK THIS TIME-- AND SINCE TURNABOUT IS FAIR PLAY--

--I CHOOSE YOU!!

...AND WE CHOOSE YOU TO BE AMONG THE STUNNED CITIZENS OF THE WORLD WHO TREMBLE IN FEAR AS MAN'S MOST CHERISHED DREAM COMES TRUE! NO ONE DREAMED THAT WHEN ALL WAR ENDED---PEACE WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE WITH! WATCH ALONG WITH THE FLASH AS WONDER WOMAN MUST BATTLE...

"THE WAR-NO-MORE MACHINE!"

IN THE AUGUST-SEPTEMBER WONDER WOMAN ON SALE 2ND WEEK IN MAY!

THE END.



Wonder Words

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Dear Reader:

Welcome to the newest *Wonder Woman* of all—a woman wonder in crisis! A dynamic heroine equally at home in her identity of *Diana Prince*, ace trouble-shooter for the United Nations, and in her identity of the amazing Amazon Princess—or is she? Ever since the encounter with the *Justice League* chronicled in this issue, in which an entire forgotten chapter of the Amazon Princess' life is revealed, that's just the question she must ask herself.

It is also the question we are putting to you, reader. We have seen a plainclothed, non-powered *Diana Prince* (whose martial arts skills are not forgotten!) and a costumed, super-powered Amazon. Now both exist, equally relentless against the forces of evil in New York! Can both co-exist—even with *Wonder Woman* questioning her right to call herself a super-heroine? What will be the outcome of WW's self-imposed trials, which will determine not only her future standing with the JLA but the fate of her costumed identity as well?

A lot of time and effort went into bringing you this newest *Wonder Woman*. Julie Schwartz and Len Wein spent hours carefully working out the new direction the strip takes with this issue. Former WW assistant editor Allan Asherman and DC "resident expert" Nelson Bridwell contributed their extensive knowledge of the *Amazing Amazon*'s many secrets in helping to lay the groundwork for the new stories, and your hard-pressed editorial assistant spent weeks poring over old volumes of *Wonder Woman*, preparing to act as boo-boo catcher and general kibitzer. We are constantly coming up with new ideas for the *Amazon Wonder* which will be bursting on the scene in issues to come.

Where will WW's trials lead her? What is the future of her costumed identity? The rest is up to you, reader . . . in terms of how you react, both in sales and in mails. This column is called *Wonder Words* for now, but if any of you have better suggestions, please send them in! And now, the letters . . .

—Martin Pasko,
Editorial Assistant

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Dear Editor:

When *Wonder Woman* lost her super-powers in the late '60's I was in favor of it. The trend was toward making super-heroes more human and the development of a martial arts-trained woman really fit the humanization. Diana Prince became the vanguard of the women's movement.

In the last year, the old image of *Wonder Woman* with her blue and white panties has become popular again. When, a few months back, you changed your format back to that image, without a transitional issue (at least I missed it), I felt you had regressed and were capitalizing on the coverage *Ms.* magazine had given WW. This current issue, #209, has changed my thoughts. *Wonder Woman* is now a springboard for women's expression. "The Planet of Plunder" was entertaining. The idea of domineering men trying to conquer and being stopped by women is as old a storyline as Bobby Riggs' "barefoot and pregnant" line is. "Attack of the Sky Demons" left me cold. It reminded me so much of the *Wonder Woman* of the '50's, who defended Earth from long-nosed aliens. It left me cold until the last panel, where, in a close-up of Queen Hippolyte, she says, "Any girl can be a *Wonder Woman*—if she realizes the true power of women!" That sounds like something NOW would put out—and I don't think that is bad at all!

We hear so much today about how sexist children's stories are. I wonder if your comix mag can help slow down this sexism. I know that I learned a lot from

reading DC and Dell comics when I was growing up, just by imitating the virtues of the heroes. I hope that *Wonder Woman* can help both girls and boys learn that a girl's childhood can consist of more than playing house. For Women's Lib is human lib (sorry for the cliché); young boys need liberation as much as young girls do. After all, was I a "fem" for reading WW when I was a boy?—no, I saw it as an action-packed comic with a woman hero. Yet I admired her courage. I can even say myself that WW affected my current attitudes. This is what I hope you continue to do—form minds.

TOM PURCHASE, Rochester, N.Y.

(We agree with a lot of your views about gender-stereotypes and sexual role-playing, and hope that this shows in our "new" treatment of WW—who, as you'll see if you take a gander at the story in this issue, proves just as capable against her oppressors in the Di Prince identity as in that of Wonder Woman. The idea of "domineering men trying to conquer and being stopped by women," however old, is a viable one, as we think the battle against that piggiest male chauvinist of all, The Cavalier, proves. We have but to hear from our readers pro or con to know whether we're right.—MP)

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Dear Editor:

Why are you trying to ruin *Wonder Woman*? Her new mag stinks! Why? (1) The art looks like Ric Estrada did it with his toes. Bring Back Heck, Giordano, Adams or Sekowsky. (2) The plots are crude. They are all almost the same. Have WW remember Steve's death, Ching's death, the period when she was without powers, and the deadly Dr. Cyber. You have WW living in a dream world. Take iSh 209 for example. Not one mention of the world outside Paradise Island! Not one mention of her super-friends, Superman, Batman, etc. (3) Unoriginal villains. Bring back Dr. Cyber, Ares, The Cheetah, etc.

JOE CLOYD, Muncie, Indiana

(Funny you should say WW's been living in a "dream world"—for, as this issue's story proves, you're not far wrong. As for your requests, you'll see that we're thinking along similar lines—with the possible exception of your artist-suggestions. Next issue, Irv Novick returns as WW penciller after a several-year absence, to illustrate Cary Bates' "The War-No-More Machine!" Now tell us we're trying to ruin Wonder Woman!—MP)

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Dear Editor:

I am very glad you've brought back the Amazonian *Wonder Woman*. Hooray! I missed my chance to know her when I was growing up, so now I'm eagerly discovering each new adventure of hers!

Wonder Woman is an important symbol to me, since we contemporary women are now beginning to realize our great matriarchal Amazonian heritage. For that reason, I'm glad your writers and illustrators are showing the peace-loving and tender aspects, as well as the military successes, of the Amazons. Our real foremothers combined many characteristics, which is precisely why patriarchs could not accept the continued existence of such all-female societies.

Thank you again for your hard work in maintaining accuracy and interest in *Wonder Woman*. Her feminist sisters salute *Wonder Woman*, the Amazon Princess!

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