



ASCENSION!

PRESENTING THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT IN WONDER WOMAN'S LIFE, BROUGHT TO YOU BY...

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THANK YOU
AGAIN FOR
YOUR HELP.

YOU
WILL BE
SAFE
NOW.

AT LEAST,
AS SAFE
AS ANYONE
EVER IS.

WONDER WOMAN
CREATED BY
WILLIAM MOULTON
MARSTON

THE DEMON
CREATED BY
JACK KIRBY

OUR THANKS
TO YOU,
TAKION, AND
TO ORION
AND
LIGHTRAY.

CONSIDERING
THE TERRIBLE
LOSS SO
RECENTLY
SUFFERED BY YOU
OF THE NEW GODS...*

...IT WAS INDEED
GENEROUS OF YOU
TO TAKE THE
TIME TO RETURN
US TO EARTH.

IT WAS
THE VERY
LEAST
WE
COULD
DO.

THOUGH YOU ARE BUT
MORTALS, YOU EARNED OUR
RESPECT WHEN YOU STOOD
WITH US GODS AT THE
WALL OF THE SOURCE.



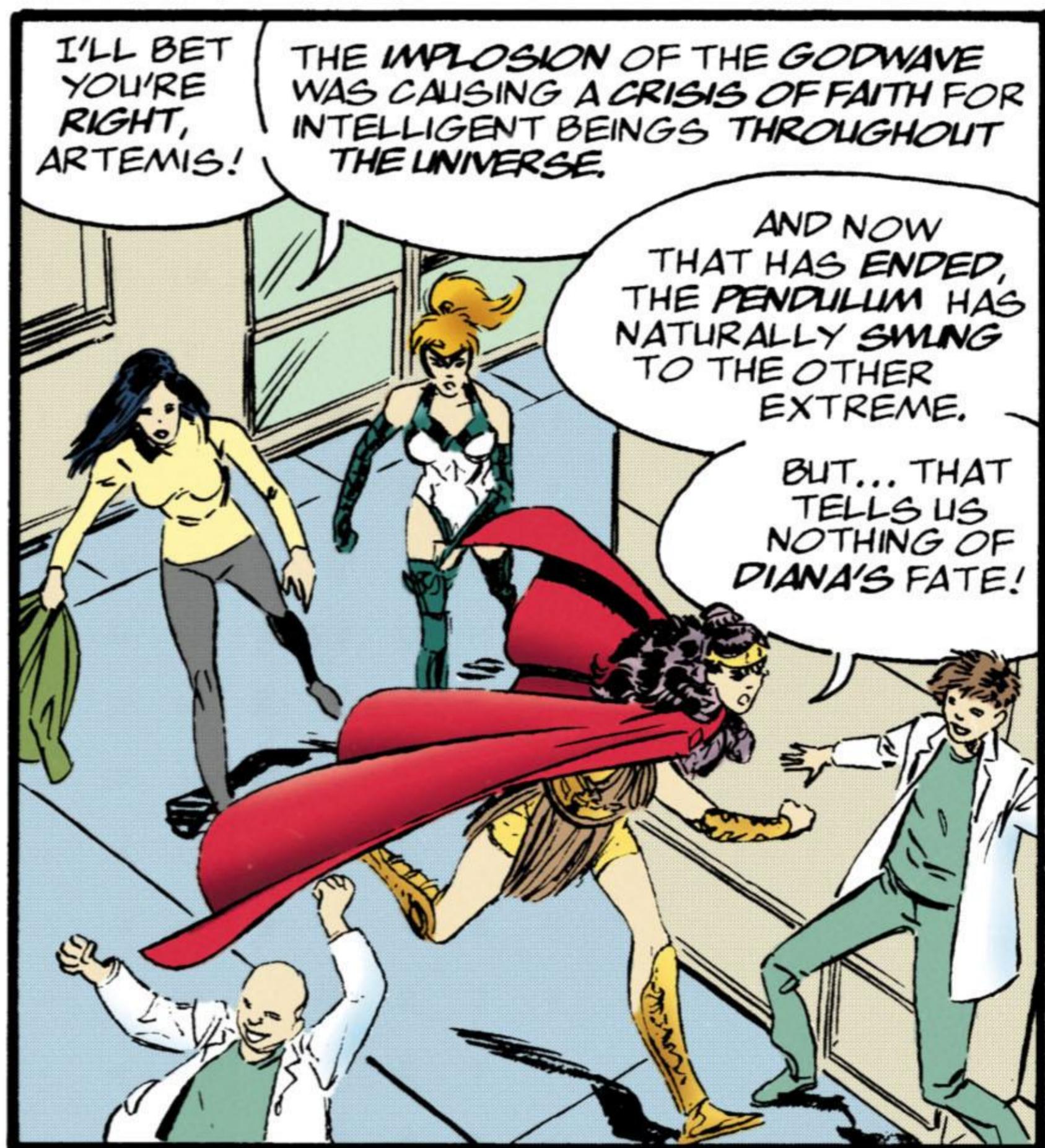
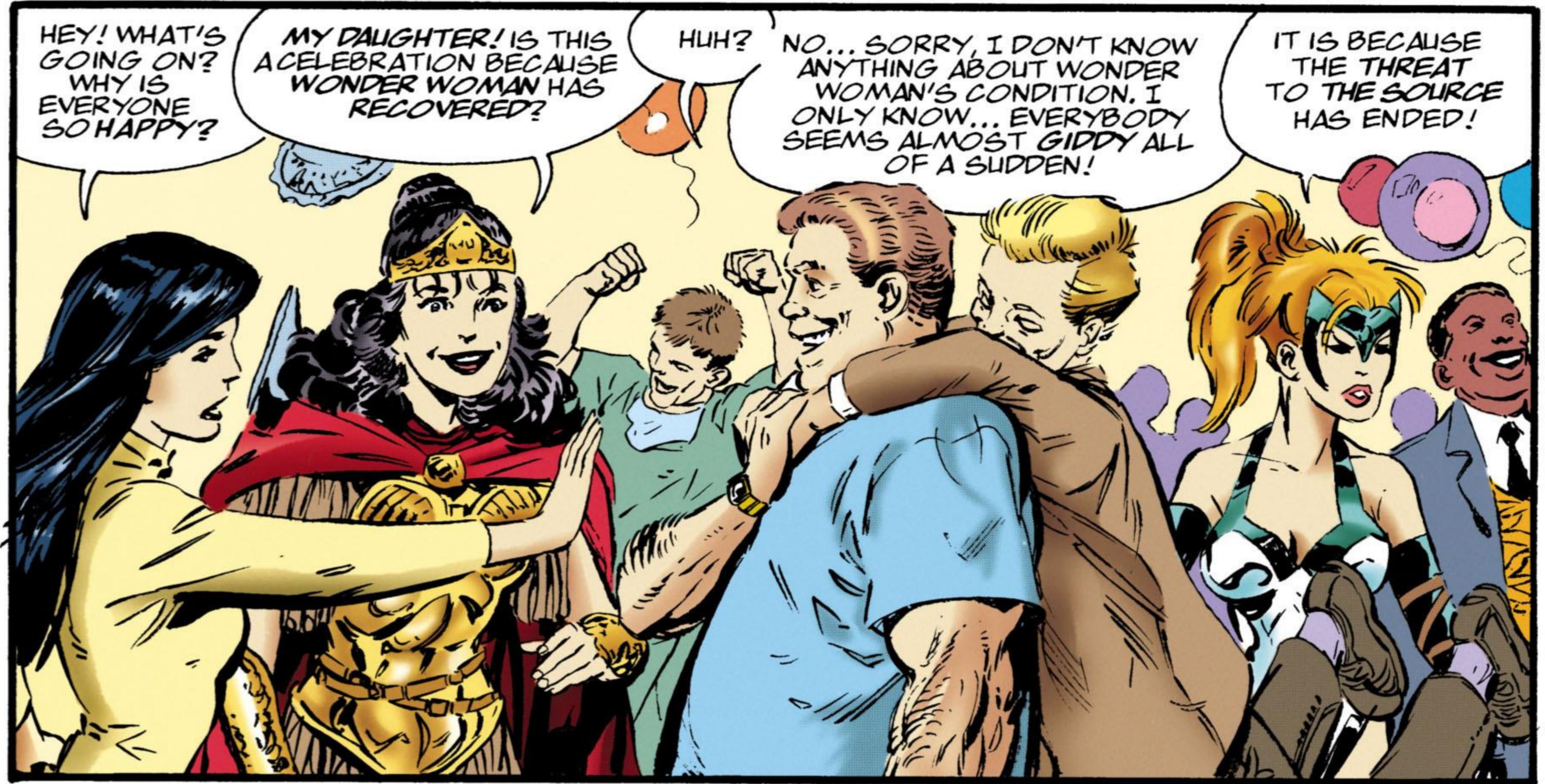
THAT ORION IS A
REAL PIECE OF
WORK, ISN'T HE?

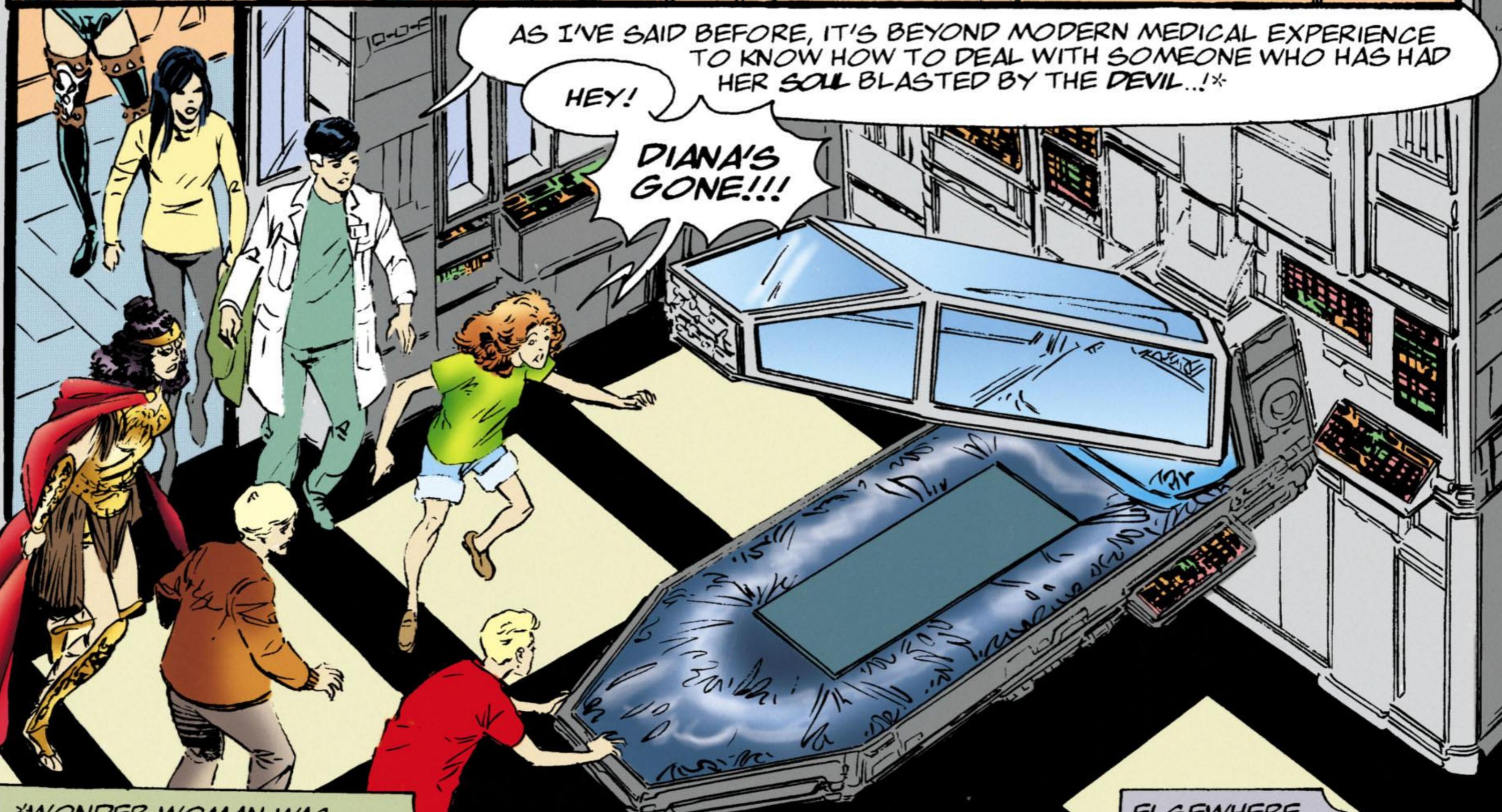
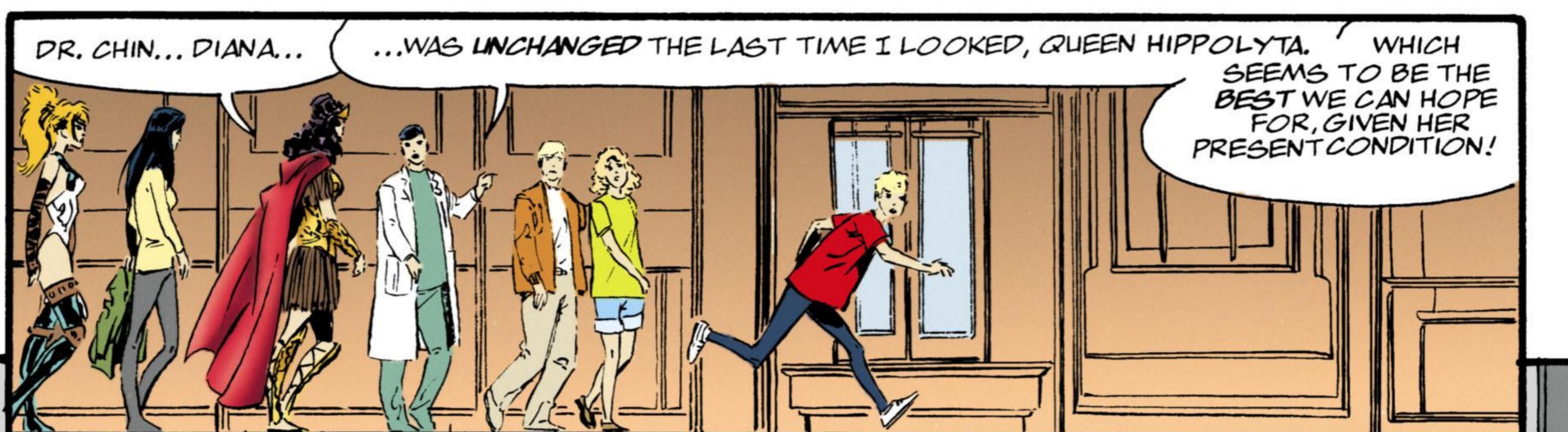
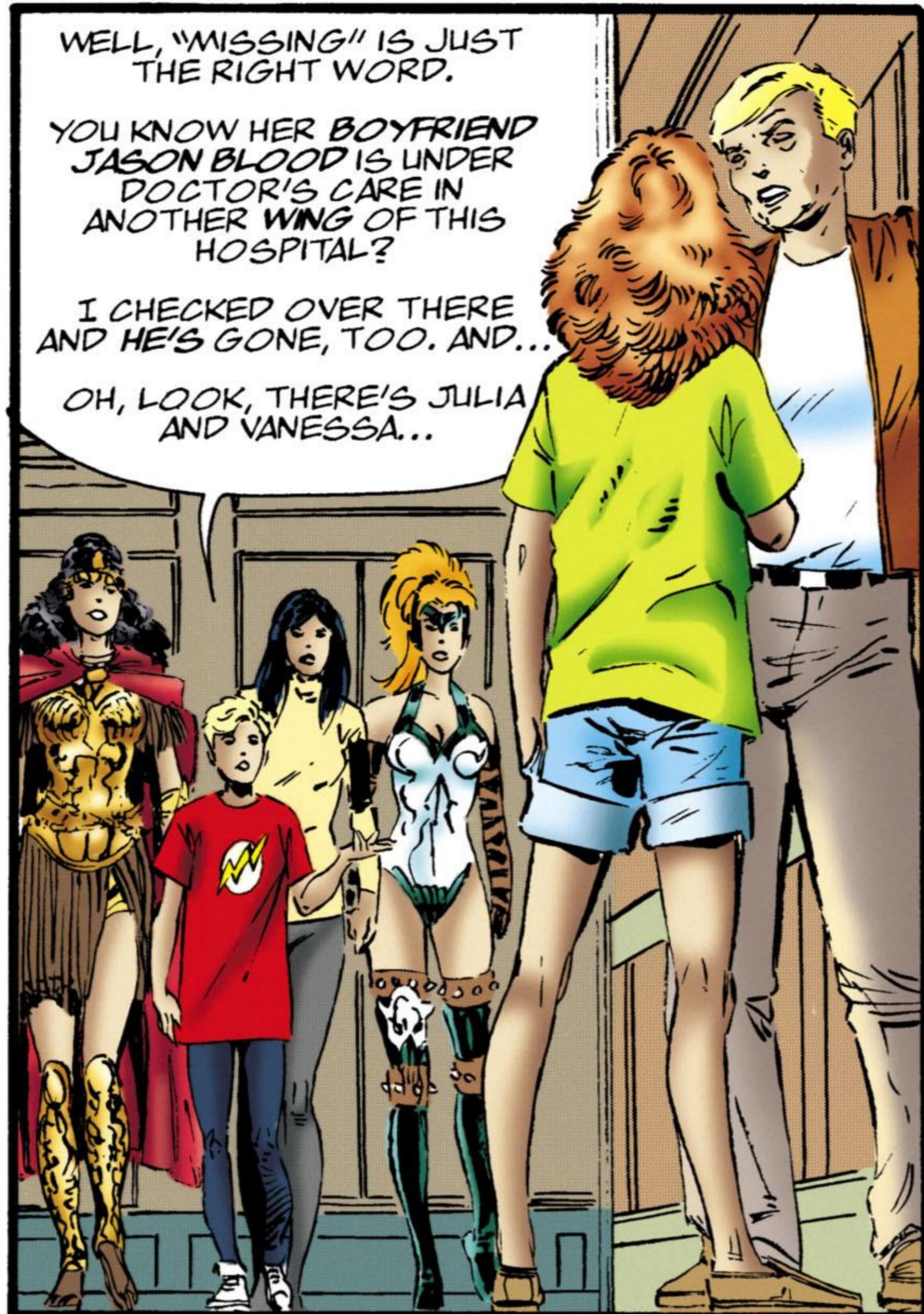
D'YOU SUPPOSE ANY-
ONE ELSE COULD MAKE
A COMPLIMENT SOUND
SO CONDESCENDING?

ORION IS A FIGHTER, NOT A SPEECHMAKER.
HIS PHRASING MIGHT BE CLUMSY, BUT HIS
MEANING IS CLEAR.









ONLY MOMENTS AGO...

HURRY!
WE MAY NOT
HAVE LONG!



WHAT'S GOTTEN
INTO EVERYONE? I FEEL IT TOO--LIKE
SOME GREAT WEIGHT HAS BEEN LIFTED...

IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN
TWENTY MINUTES TO BE
COMPLETELY READY,
BRONSON.



WELL, I DON'T FEEL
ANYTHING, BRONSON. AT
LEAST, NOTHING MORE THAN
THE PAIN WHICH IS MY
CONSTANT COMPANION.

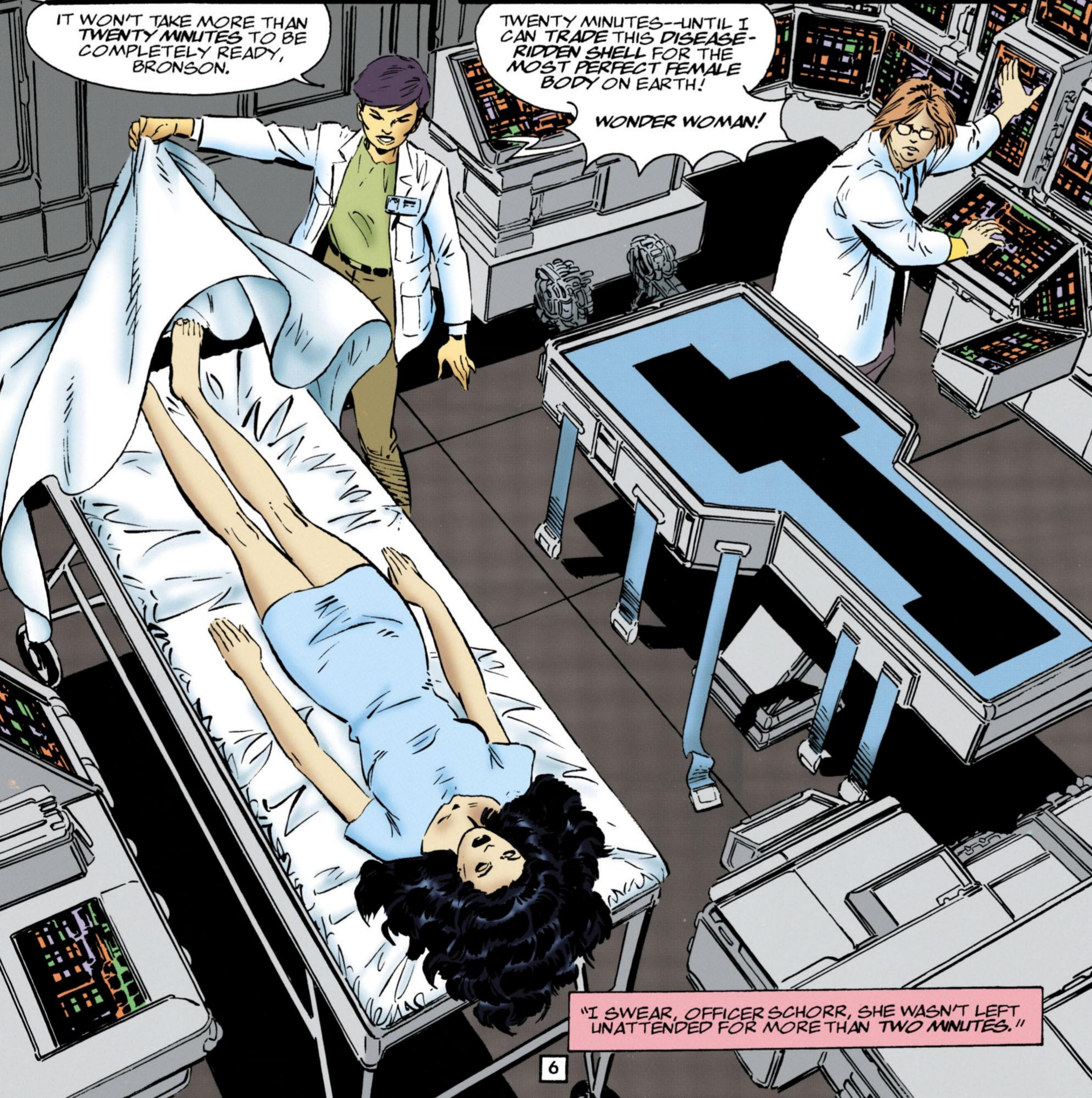
BUT IF THOSE
FOOLS WANT
TO PARTY,
LET THEM, SO
LONG AS IT
COVERS OUR
ACTIVITIES!

WE WERE
QUICKER
THAN YOU
ANTIC-
PATED, DR.
ZEUL. THE
EQUIPMENT
IS STILL WARM-
ING UP.

TWENTY MINUTES--UNTIL I

CAN TRADE THIS DISEASE-
RIDDEN SHELL FOR THE
MOST PERFECT FEMALE
BODY ON EARTH!

WONDER WOMAN!



"I SWEAR, OFFICER SCHORR, SHE WASN'T LEFT UNATTENDED FOR MORE THAN TWO MINUTES."

THEN THERE'S A GOOD LIKELIHOOD WHOEVER GRABBED DIANA IS STILL IN THE BUILDING.

FROM THIS ROOM IT WOULD TAKE A GOOD TEN MINUTES TO REACH AN OUTER DOOR.

UNLESS THEY TOOK HER TO THE ROOF...

NOT MUCH LIKELIHOOD OF THAT, MS. TROY. THERE HAVEN'T BEEN ANY CHOPPERS BUT OURS NEAR THE HOSPITAL IN THE ALLOWABLE WINDOW...



...AND SINCE WE STILL HAVE MEN ON THE ROOF, IT'S NOT LIKELY ANY ONE WILL BE ABLE TO GET OUT THAT WAY.

COULD IT BE SOME BADGUY TELEPORTED DIANA OUT?

PRAY NOT, CASSANDRA. IF THAT IS THE CASE, WE HAVE NO CHANCE OF FINDING HER!

YOU FOUND CLOTHES THAT FIT. GOOD. IF WE HAVE TO DO A FLOOR-BY-FLOOR SEARCH...

"...WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO BE AS UNOBTRUSIVE AS POSSIBLE!"

I COMMEND YOUR SUGGESTION THAT QUEEN HIPPOLYTA AND I CHANGE INTO MORE CONVENTIONAL GARB, DONNA TR... DONNA.

FOR ONE WITHOUT EXPERIENCE, YOU HAVE THE KEEN WITS OF A WARRIOR.

OH, I HAVE LOTS OF EXPERIENCE, ARTEMIS.

IN FACT... SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I HAVE TOO MUCH.



I SENSE A GREAT SADNESS IN YOUR WORDS, DONNA. YOU DID NOT HAVE THE CHANCE, BEFORE NERON ATTACKED AND THE MADNESS OF THE COLLAPSING GODWAVE...

...TO TELL US WHY YOU HAD COME TO GATEWAY CITY SEEKING WONDER WOMAN.

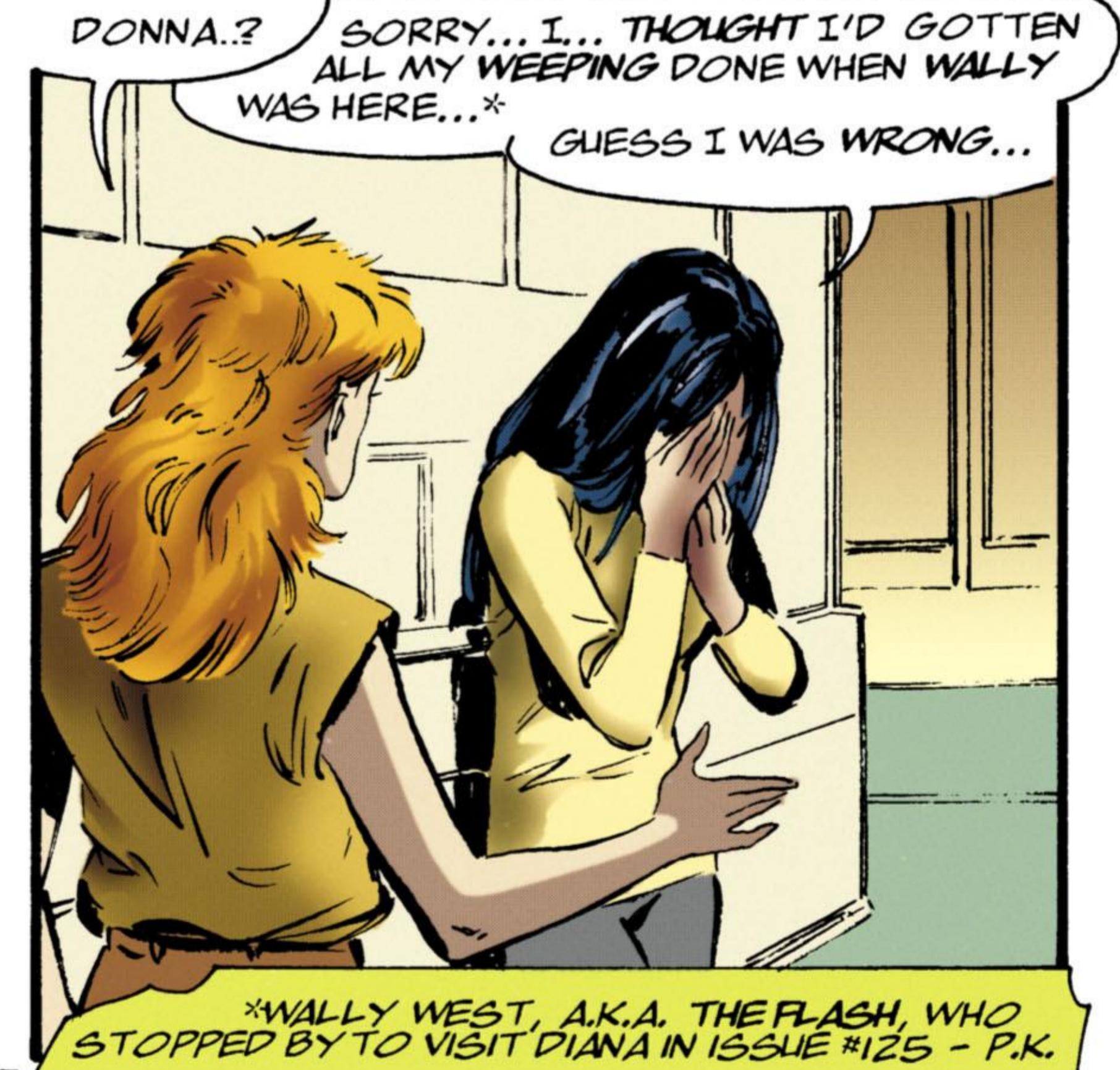
NO... HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WAS ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO, ISN'T IT?

A FEW DAYS SINCE THE FATES DECIDED TO CUT MY HEART OUT.

AGAIN!

DONNA..? SORRY... I... THOUGHT I'D GOTTEN ALL MY WEEPING DONE WHEN WALLY WAS HERE...*

GUESS I WAS WRONG...



*WALLY WEST, A.K.A. THE FLASH, WHO STOPPED BY TO VISIT DIANA IN ISSUE #125 - P.K.

ER... THERE,
THERE, DONNA...

DO NOT BE
ASHAMED TO
SHOW YOUR
EMOTIONS.

NICE TRY, ARTEMIS. GUESS
YOUR LIFE AND TRAINING
HAS MADE YOU MORE
EXPERT AT BINDING
WOUNDS THAN OFFERING
CONSOLATION.

BUT I APPRECIATE THE
THOUGHT.

NOW, COME ON. WE HAVE A WHOLE HOSPITAL TO
SEARCH, AND THERE'S NOTHING I CAN FIX BY
CRYING ANYWAY!



"NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, I THOUGHT I
SAW ZEUL AND HER ASSISTANT WITH A BODY..."

"ZOOL"?

YEAH. DOCTOR ZEUL. SHE'S ONE OF THE SPOOKIER ONES
FROM DOWN IN EXPERIMENTAL MEDICINE.

AND WHERE WOULD
THAT BE?



"IN THE BASEMENT. SUBLEVEL TWO..."

BE CAUTIOUS NOW,
CASSANDRA. IF
THIS ZEUL HAS IN-
DEED TAKEN DIANA,
WE MUST NOT DO
ANYTHING TO
FURTHER ENDANGER MY
DAUGHTER'S LIFE!

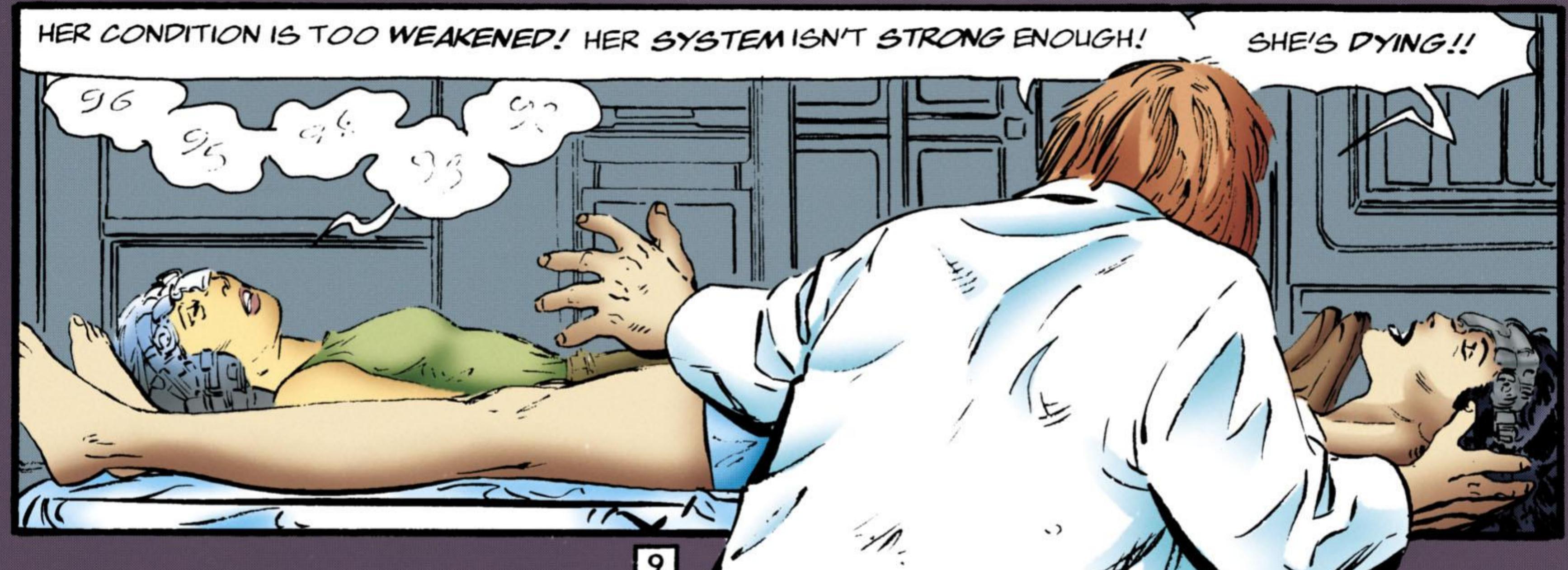
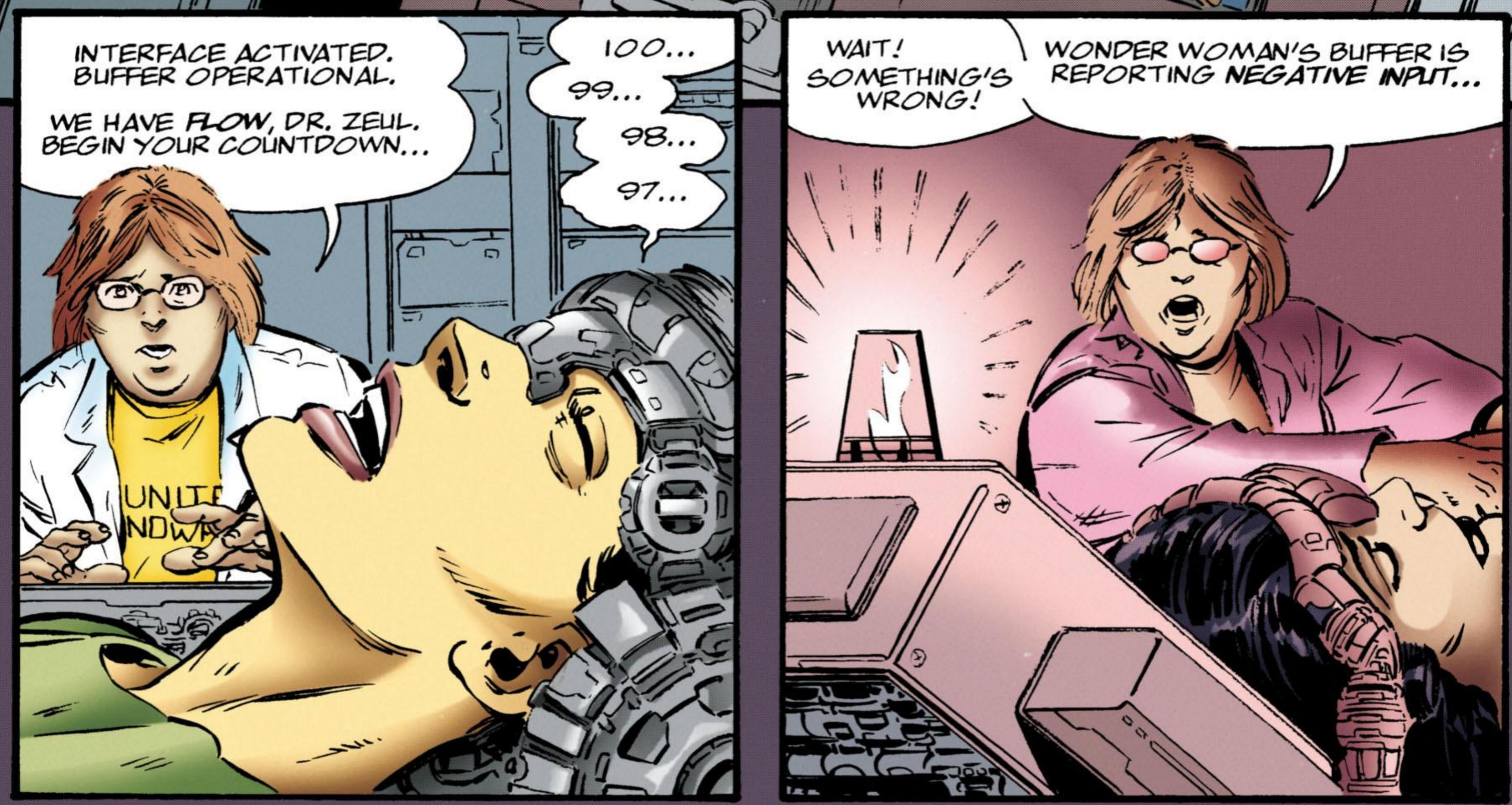
BUT NO ONE CAN REALLY
HURT DIANA, CAN THEY? I
MEAN, EVERYONE KNOWS
SHE'S SECOND ONLY TO
SUPERMAN.

DIANA HAS MANY POWERS,
CASSANDRA, BUT SHE IS
NOT INVULNERABLE, AS
SUPERMAN IS.

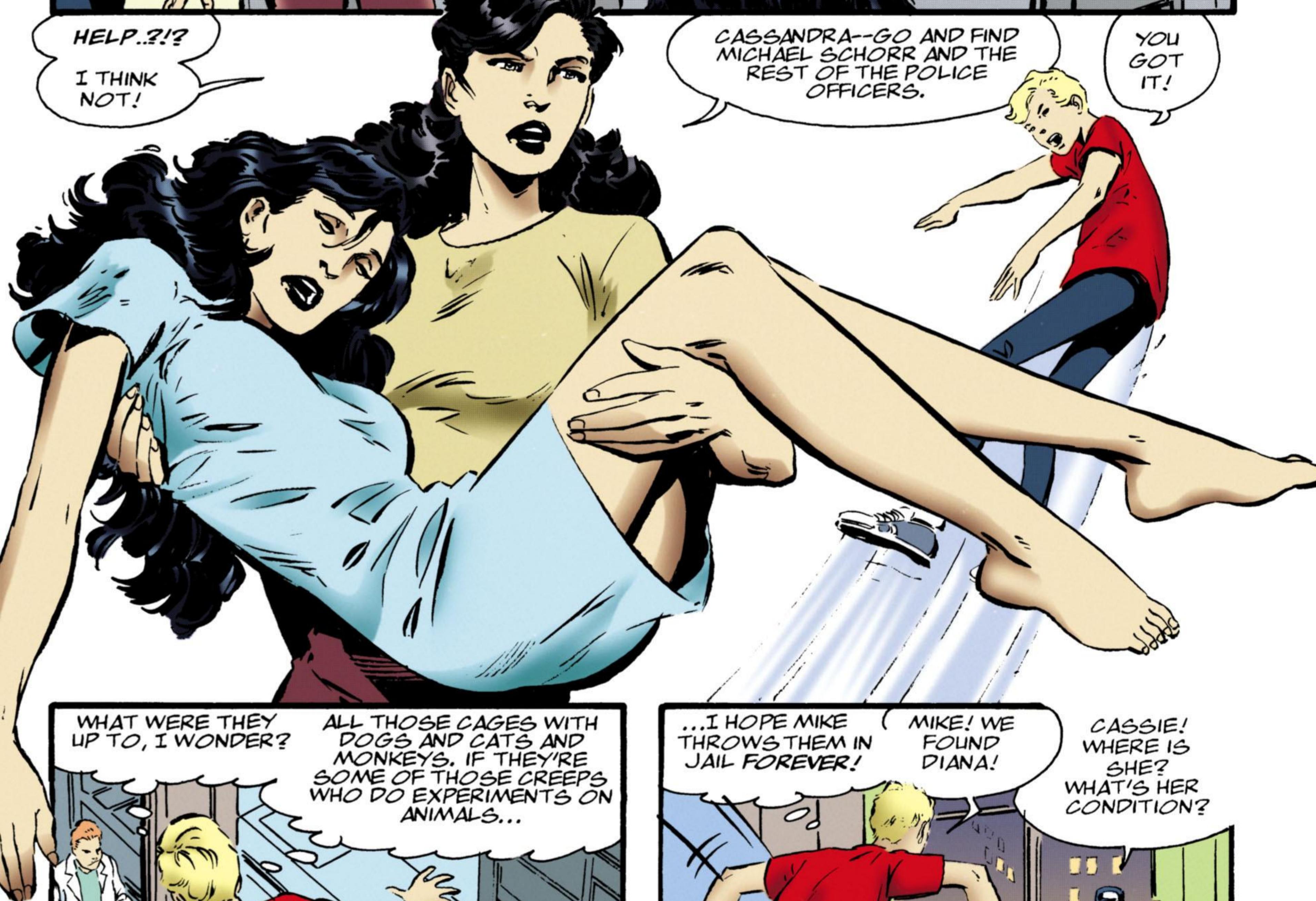
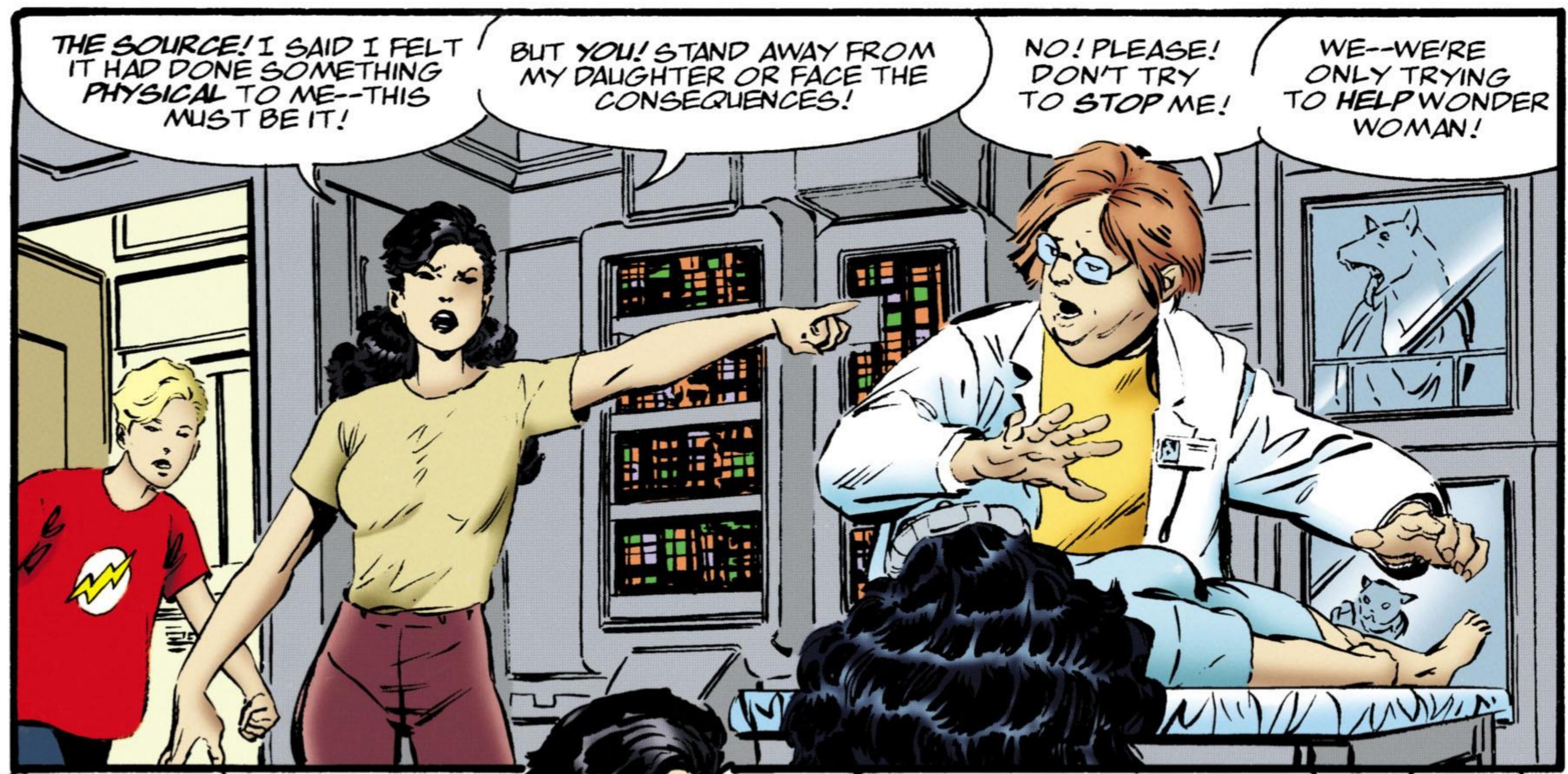
THERE ARE WAYS TO HURT
AND EVEN KILL HER, AS YOU
HAVE SEEN!


HEY, LOOK!
THERE'S
SOMEONE
IN THAT
LAB DOWN
THERE...











DAWN.

THE SUN RISES ON A NEW DAY IN GATEWAY CITY.

RISES ON A WORLD MADE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT IT WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE.

AND IN ONE OF THE MANY WAITING ROOMS DOTTED THROUGHOUT THE GATEWAY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL...

DOCTOR CHIN...

YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THE POST MORTEM?

PHYSICALLY THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WRONG WITH PRINCESS DIANA.

IF NOT FOR THE FACT THAT SHE WAS ALREADY DEAD, I WOULD FEEL MEDICALLY COMPELLED TO SAY IT WAS THE AUTOPSY THAT KILLED HER!

WHAT ABOUT ZEUL? YOU HAD ANOTHER TEAM AUTOPSY HER, TOO, RIGHT?

YES, SHE WAS ANOTHER MATTER ALTOGETHER. IF THE REPORT I WAS GIVEN WAS EVEN HALF ACCURATE, I'M AMAZED SHE COULD FUNCTION AT ALL.

QUEEN HIPPOLYTA SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE POST MORTEM IS COMPLETED. SHE WILL WANT TO SEE TO THE RETURN OF PRINCESS DIANA'S BODY TO THEMYSIRA.



YES. BUT I'M AFRAID IT DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING I DIDN'T ALREADY KNOW.



"SHE HAS GONE TO THE CHAPEL TO PRAY..."

IS IT JUST ME? IS ANYONE ELSE HAVING A HARD TIME ACCEPTING THIS HAS REALLY HAPPENED?

IT'S NOT JUST YOU. IT'S LIKE THOSE TIMES WHEN SUPERMAN DIED... *A KIND OF... NUMBNESS...

BUT... SUPERMAN CAME BACK TO LIFE.
IS IT POSSIBLE DIANA...

*IN ACTION COMICS #595 AND SUPERMAN #75 - PAUL



SUPERMAN HAD AN UNANTICIPATED ACE, CASSIE.
NO ONE REALLY KNEW HOW HIS KRYPTONIAN
PHYSIOLOGY WOULD WORK IN EXTREME
CASES LIKE THAT.

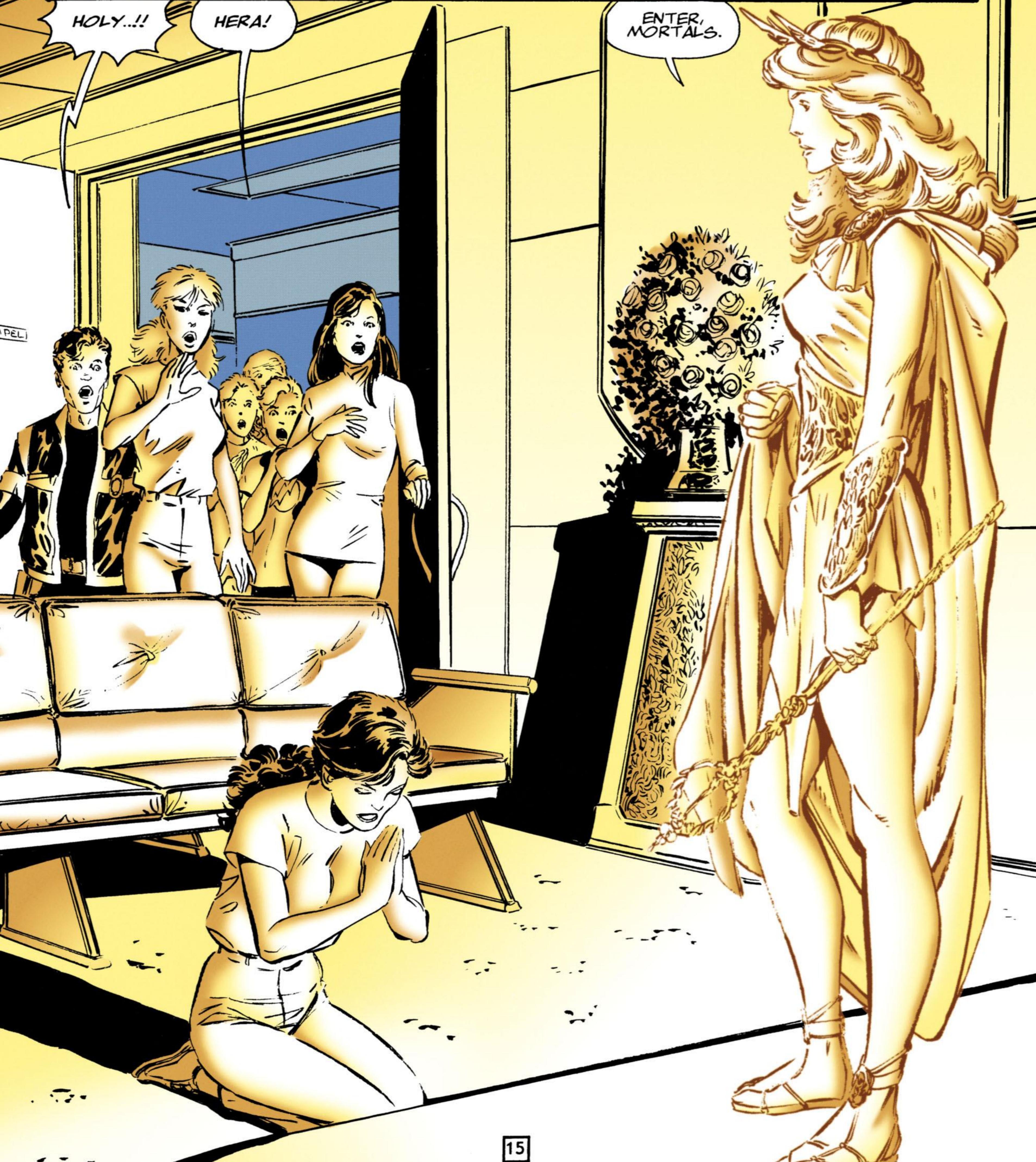
BUT, DESPITE HER STRANGE
BIRTH AND HER POWERS,
DIANA WAS AS HUMAN AS
THE REST OF US.

I CAN'T THINK OF
ANYTHING THAT
COULD...

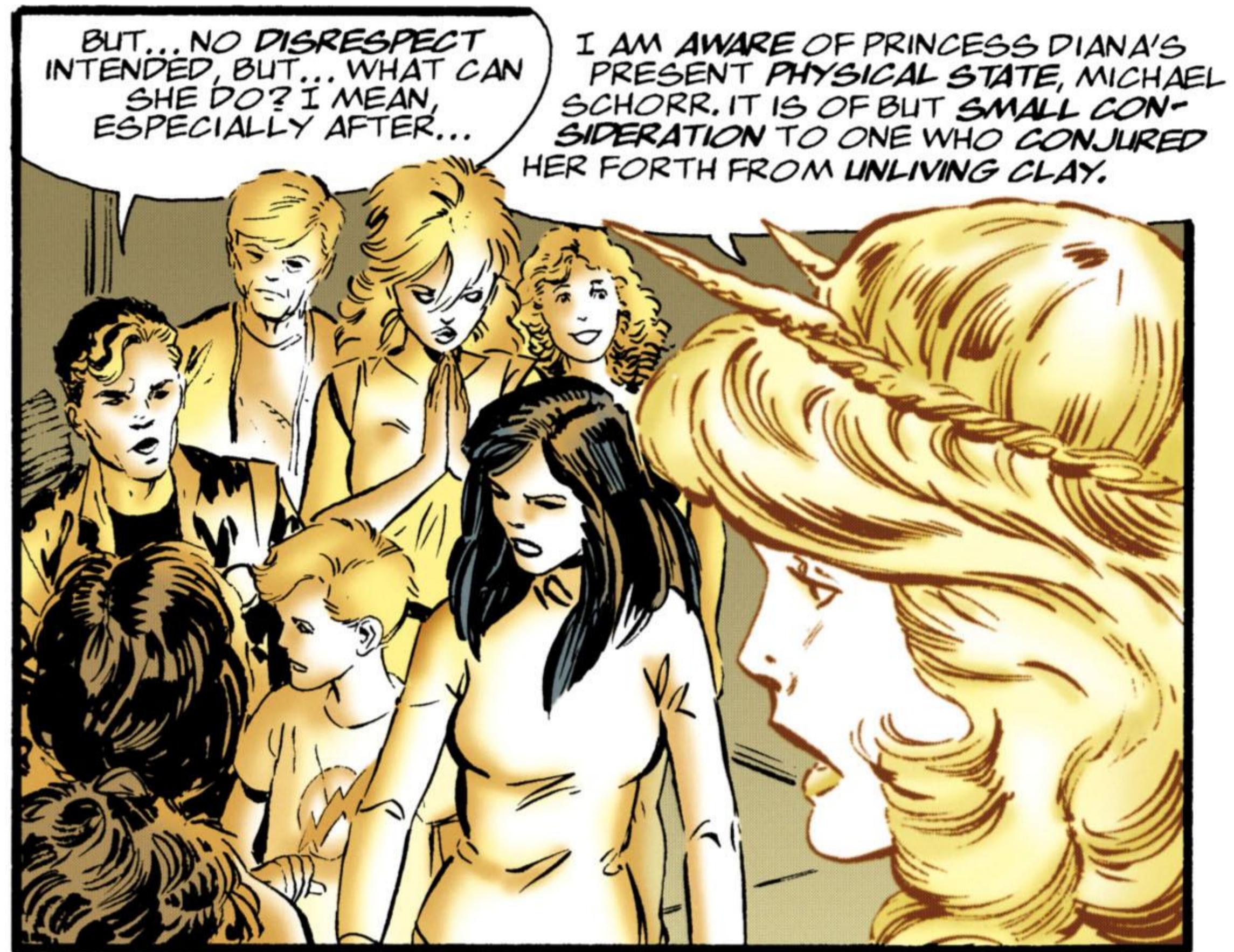


HOLY!!!

HERA!



ENTER,
MORTALS.



WHAT DID HERA MEAN?? SHE COULDN'T HAVE... HAVE... COULD SHE?



SHE IS A GODDESS, NESSIE. AND, LIKE SHE SAID, ONE OF THE ONES WHO ACTUALLY BROUGHT DIANA TO LIFE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

BUT... BUT AFTER WHAT NERON DID TO HER... AND AFTER A FULL AUTOPSY...

LOOK! THAT LIGHT!

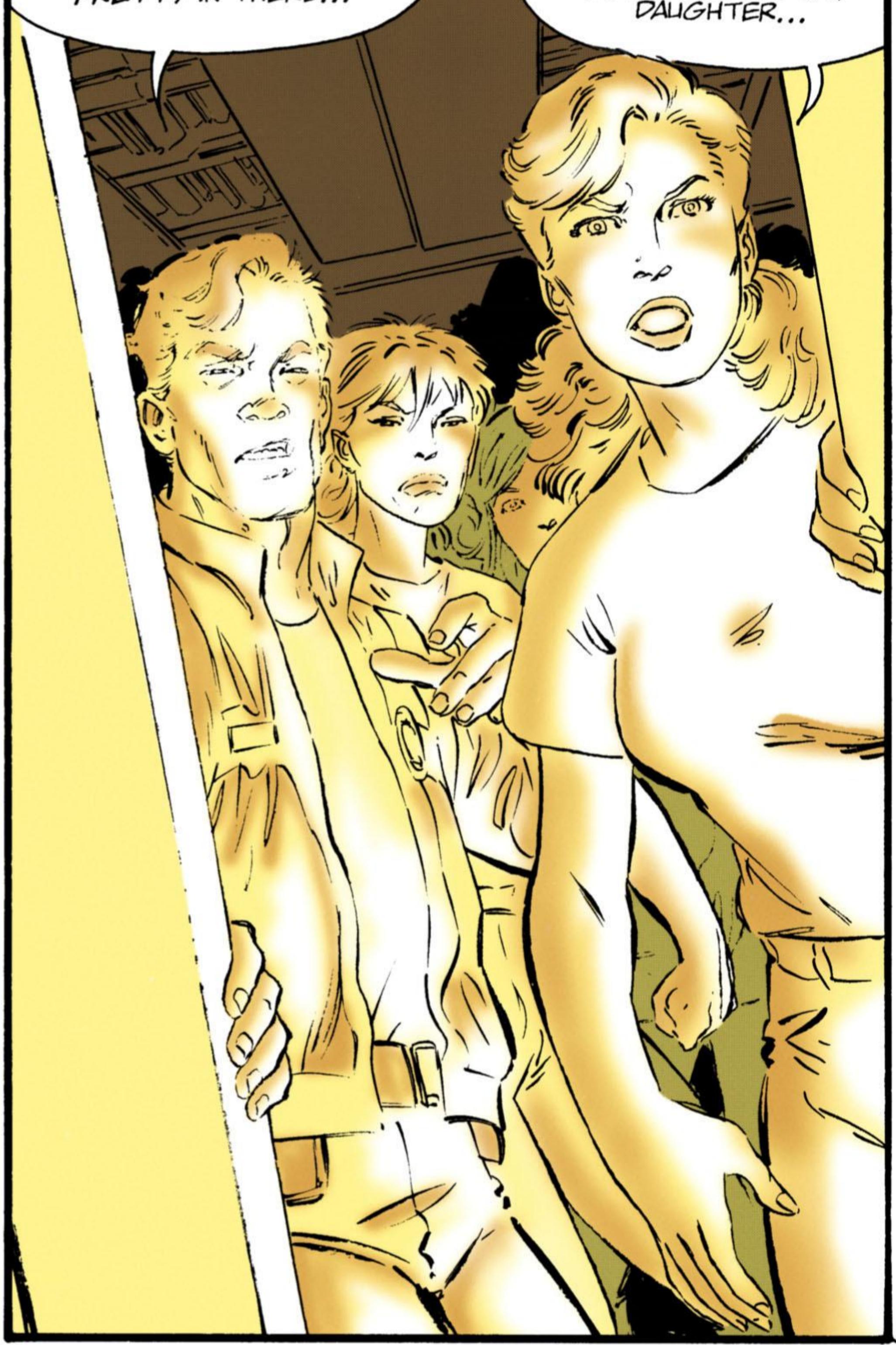


ER... MAYBE YOU LADIES BETTER STAY BACK.

IT... MAY NOT BE TOO PRETTY IN THERE...

YOU THINK TOO MUCH IN MORTAL TERMS, MICHAEL.

IF HERA HAS INDEED RESURRECTED MY DAUGHTER...



... SHE WOULD HAVE UNDONE THE DAMAGE CAUSED BY BOTH NERON AND THESE MORTAL PHYSICIANS...

HOLY...!

WOW!

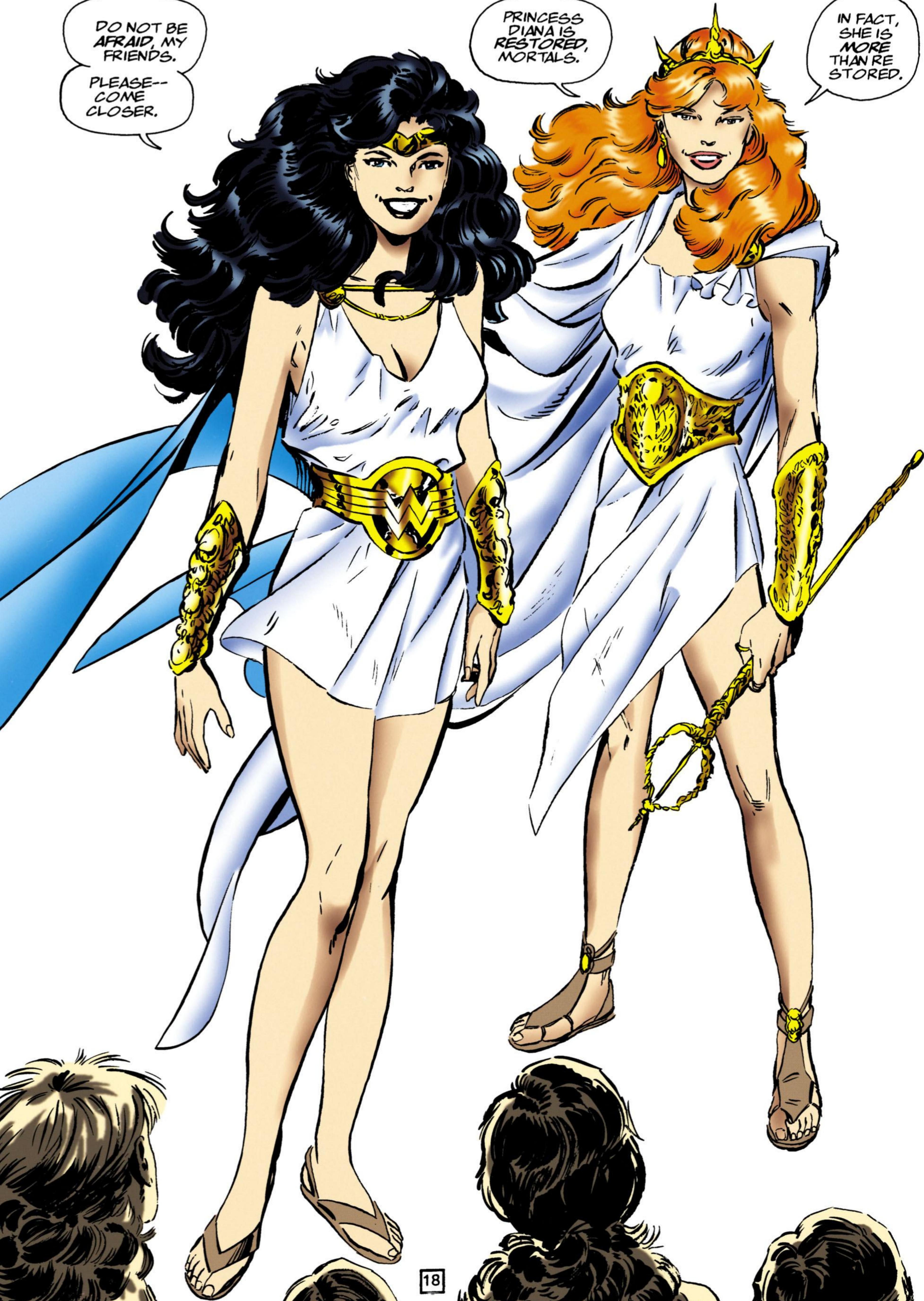
OH, MY!!



DO NOT BE
AFRAID, MY
FRIENDS.
PLEASE--
COME
CLOSER.

PRINCESS
DIANA IS
RESTORED,
MORTALS.

IN FACT,
SHE IS
MORE
THAN RE
STORED.

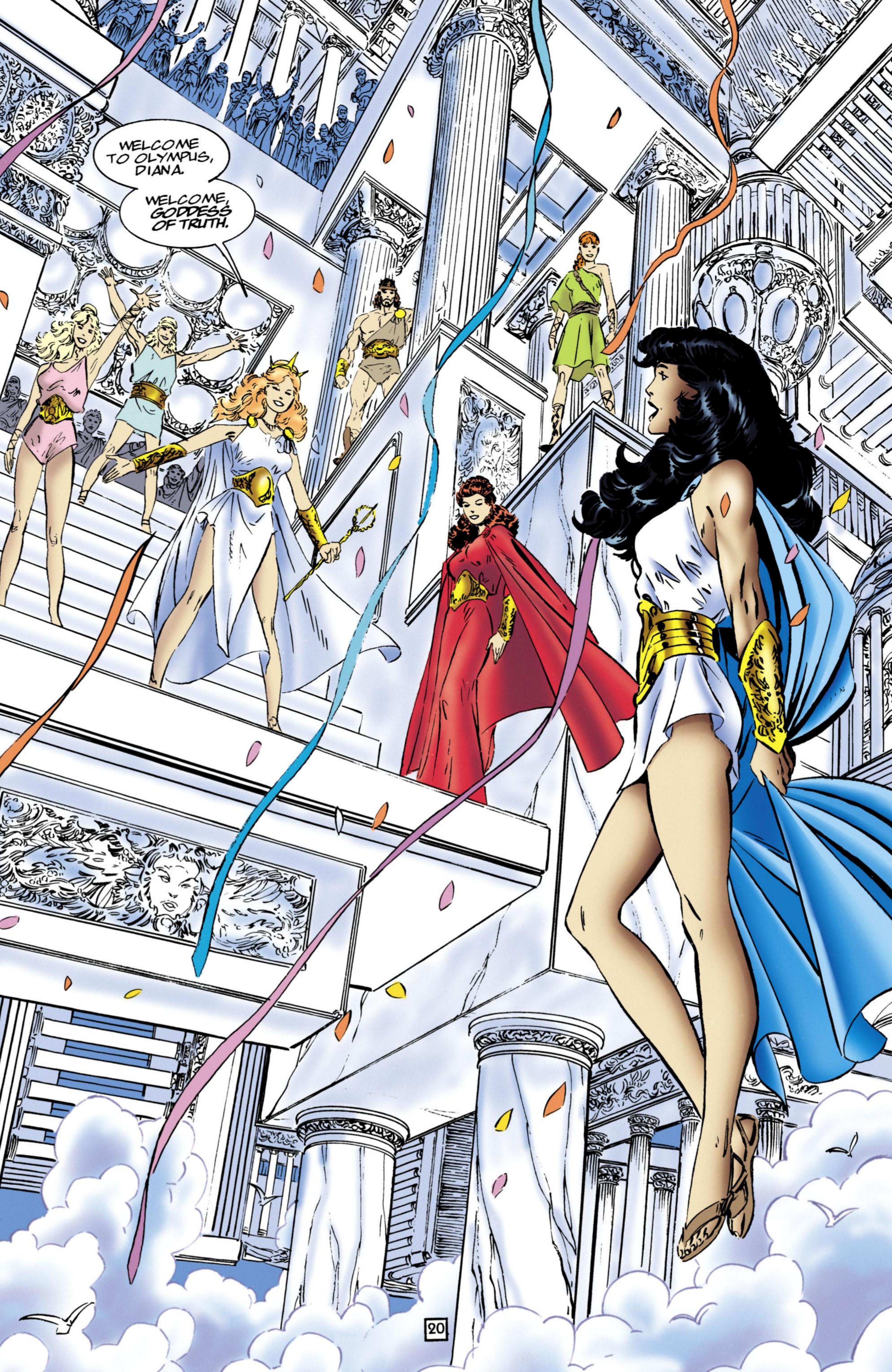




YOU HAVE FOUGHT LONG AND HARD FOR THE THINGS YOU BELIEVE IN, HERE AMONG THE MORTALS OF THIS WORLD, DIANA.

BUT THE POWERS WITH WHICH WE GODS INVESTED YOU HAVE ALWAYS LINKED YOU TO US. NOW, FOREVER MORE, YOU ARE TRULY ONE OF US.





WELCOME
TO OLYMPUS,
DIANA.

WELCOME,
GODDESS
OF TRUTH.

EPILOGUE THE FIRST

AN HOUR OR SO AGO, AT THE HOME OF HELENA AND CASSIE SANDSMARK...

I...
CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M DOING
THIS...

TO JUST LEAVE A
NOTE SEEMS SO...
IRRESPONSIBLE. YOU'RE SURE
CASSIE WILL BE ALL RIGHT,
MERLIN?

WITH ARTEMIS AND DONNA
TROY TO PROTECT HER IN
YOUR BRIEF ABSENCE, HOW
COULD SHE BE OTHERWISE?



YOU DON'T KNOW MY DAUGHTER. ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE WAS GIVEN SUPER-POWERS BY THAT IDIOT ZEUS!

I'M NOT SURE EVEN A PAIR OF SUPERHEROES WOULD BE ENOUGH TO KEEP HER OUT OF TROUBLE!

IF YOU WOULD RATHER NOT EMBARK UPON THIS UNDERTAKING, HELENA...



NO, NO... IT'S NOT THAT, MERLIN.

I'M COMMITTED TO THIS, NOW. I'LL DO WHATEVER I HAVE TO DO TO SAVE JASON.

EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY SOUL...



EPILOGUE THE SECOND

THE BEDROOM OF CYRUS AND SANDRA WANNEMAKER

THEY ARE JUST NOW BEING ROUSED FROM A SLEEP TROUBLED BY SOUND AND FURY...

CYRUS! CYRUS, THERE'S SOME ONE KNOCKIN' ON THE DOOR!

HUHF?
WHAT TIME IS IT?

IT'S FOUR IN THE MORNING.

WHO COULD BE COMING CALLING AT FOUR IN THE MORNING?

NO ONE WITH ANY GOOD ON THEIR MINDS, I'LL BET!

WHERE'S MY SHOTGUN?

WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

I'M STEVE TREVOR, AND THIS IS MY WIFE, ETTA.
WE'RE SORRY TO DISTURB YOU, BUT WE NEED TO USE YOUR PHONE.

YOU SEE...



WE HAVE A BIT OF A SITUATION ON OUR HANDS...

NEXT ISSUE: A CHANGE OF PACE, AS WE LOOK IN ON DIANA ON OLYMPUS, HIPPOLYTA ON THEMYSCIRA, AND DONNA, CASSIE AND ARTEMIS AT THE CIRCUS! BE HERE FOR THE MOST UNEXPECTED THREAT OF ALL!

IN 30 DAYS...