



THE BEGINNING OF TOMORROW!

# WONDER WOMAN

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THE CONTEST: PART 2

# THE BLIND EYES OF TIME

A NEW CONTEST,  
MOTHER? YOU WANT  
TO CHOOSE A  
**NEW WONDER  
WOMAN?**

I HAD NO  
CHOICE.

In the Church they tell us that if we want to get into Paradise we first have to go to a place called Purgatory, so we can suffer. I thought God gave that job to mothers!"  
Daphne Jarvis, stand-up comedienne

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BUT I WON THE CONTEST.  
I WON THE RIGHT TO BE  
WONDER WOMAN.

YOUR  
BEHAVIOR HAS  
BEEN EXTREME,  
DAUGHTER... AND  
VIOLENT.

I AM NO LONGER CERTAIN  
YOU ARE WORTHY OF THE TRUST  
WE PLACED IN YOU. I MUST  
HAVE... PROOF.

BUT I HAVE SAVED  
LIVES... FOUGHT EVIL.  
DURING ALL THE TIME YOU  
WERE GONE, AND I WAS  
SURE I WAS THE LAST  
OF THE AMAZON  
NATION...

YES, YOU WERE  
ALONE. PERHAPS THAT  
IS WHY YOU TURNED AWAY FROM  
OUR PRINCIPLES AND TOWARD  
THE DARK AND BLOODY PATH OF  
Patriarch's World.

I DIDN'T  
TURN AWAY. THE  
WORLD IS A DANGEROUS  
PLACE. I TRIED TO USE  
AS LITTLE FORCE AS I  
COULD, BUT SOME-  
TIMES...

...SOMETIMES  
YOU HAVE TO TAKE  
A STAND!

THE CONTEST IS SET, DIANA. NOTHING CAN CHANGE THAT.

AND IF I CHOOSE NOT TO PARTICIPATE?

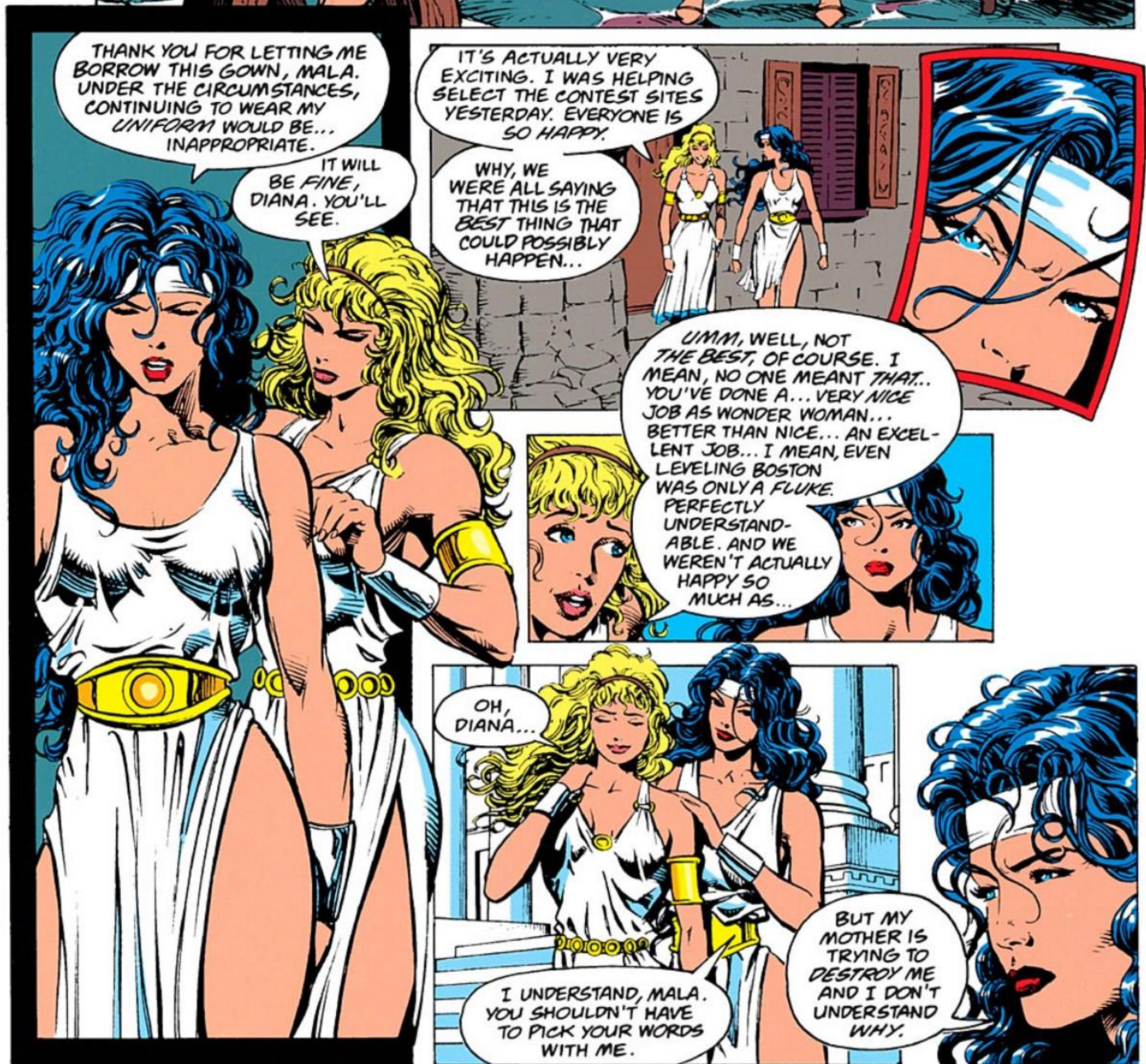
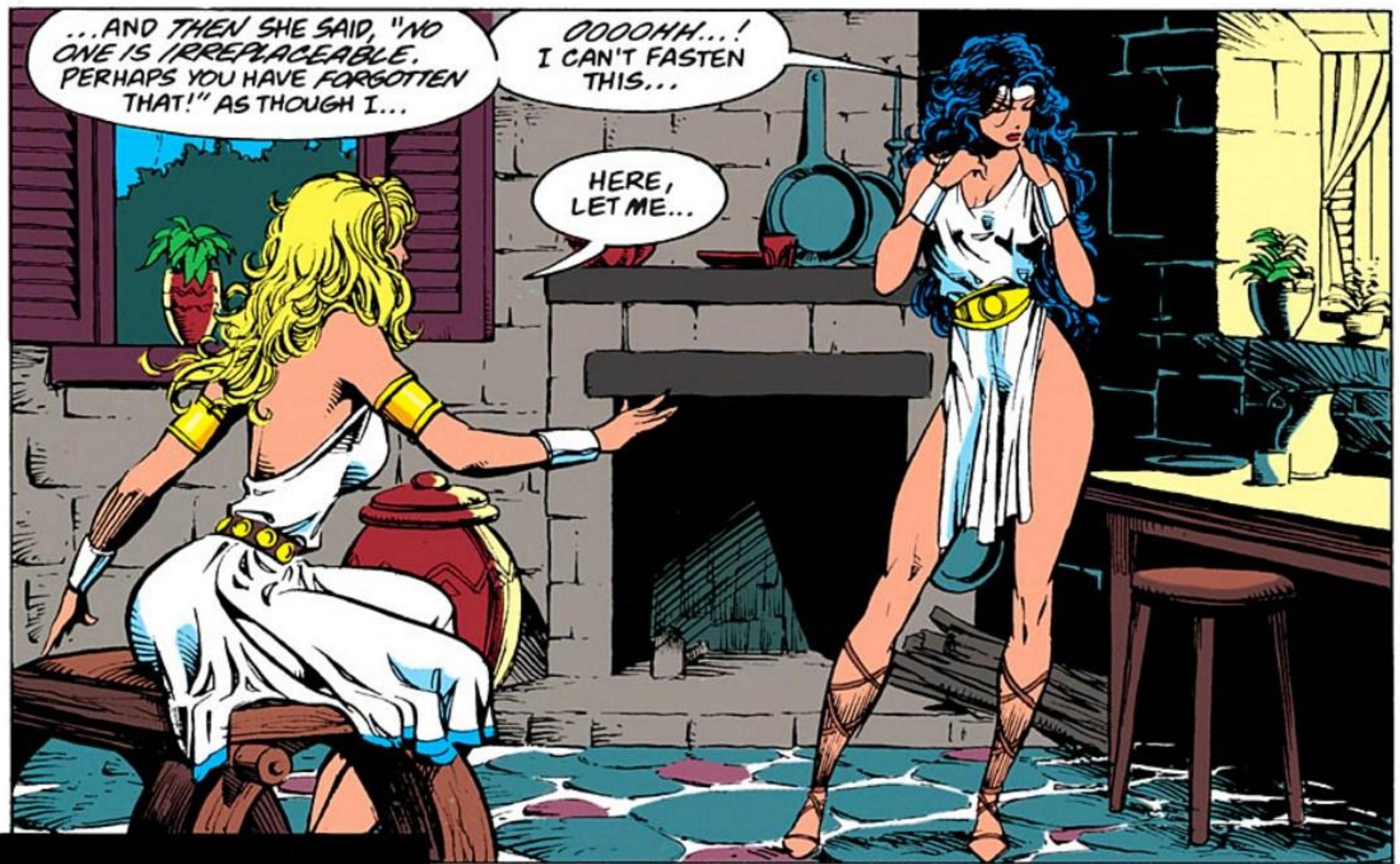
THEN YOU WILL FORFEIT YOUR COSTUME AND OFFICE. SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE YOUR PLACE. NO ONE IS INDISPENSABLE, DIANA. I THINK PERHAPS YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT.

I... THE PEOPLE OF BOSTON WELCOMED ME... SUPPORTED ME. I OWE THEM PROTECTION.

AND YOU OWE US... YOU OWE ME... LOVING SUBMISSION, AS YOUR SOVEREIGN AND YOUR MOTHER.

YOU SAID BEFORE THAT BOSTON IS YOUR CITY, BUT IT IS MERELY A PLACE YOU HAVE BEEN SENT. YOU ARE A DAUGHTER OF AMAZONS. WE ARE YOUR PEOPLE AND THEMYSCIRA IS YOUR CITY.

IS IT?





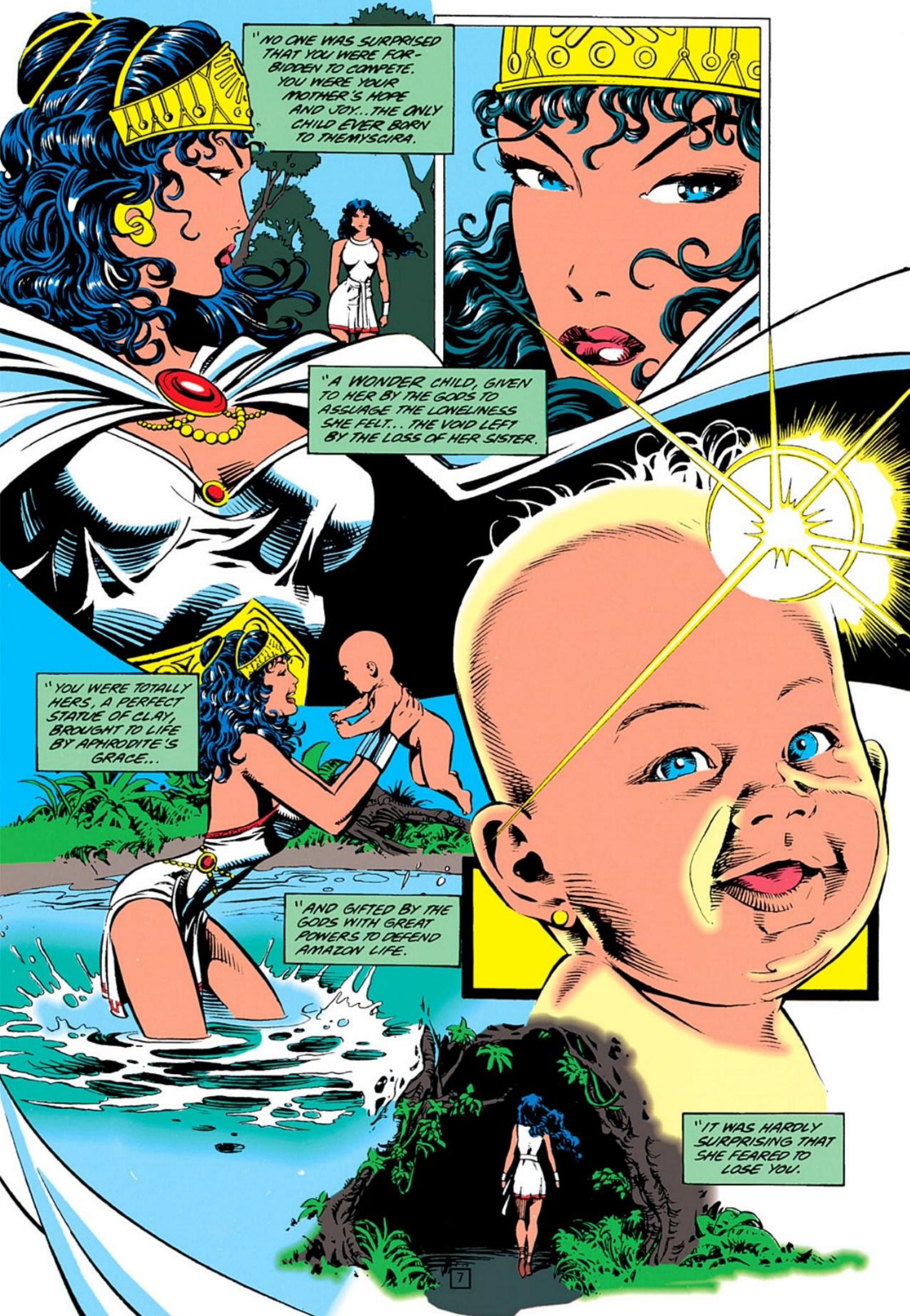
"STEVE TREVOR -- WHOSE MOTHER,  
50 YEARS BEFORE, HAD SAVED  
THEMYSIRA -- HAD CRASH  
LANDED HERE."

"QUEEN HIPPOLYTA  
DECREED THAT ONE  
AMAZON CHAMPION  
WOULD GO BACK WITH  
HIM, TO BRING THE  
PEACE AND LOVING  
SUBMISSION OF  
THEMYSIRA TO  
Patriarch's World."

"WE ALL JOYFULLY COMPETED,  
FOR TO BE CHOSEN WAS THE  
HIGHEST HONOR, EVEN  
THOUGH SHE WHO LEFT THIS  
ISLE WOULD LOSE HER  
IMMORTALITY."

"AND OF ALL OF US, ONLY  
ONE WAS FORBIDDEN TO  
COMPETE."

"ONLY  
ONE."



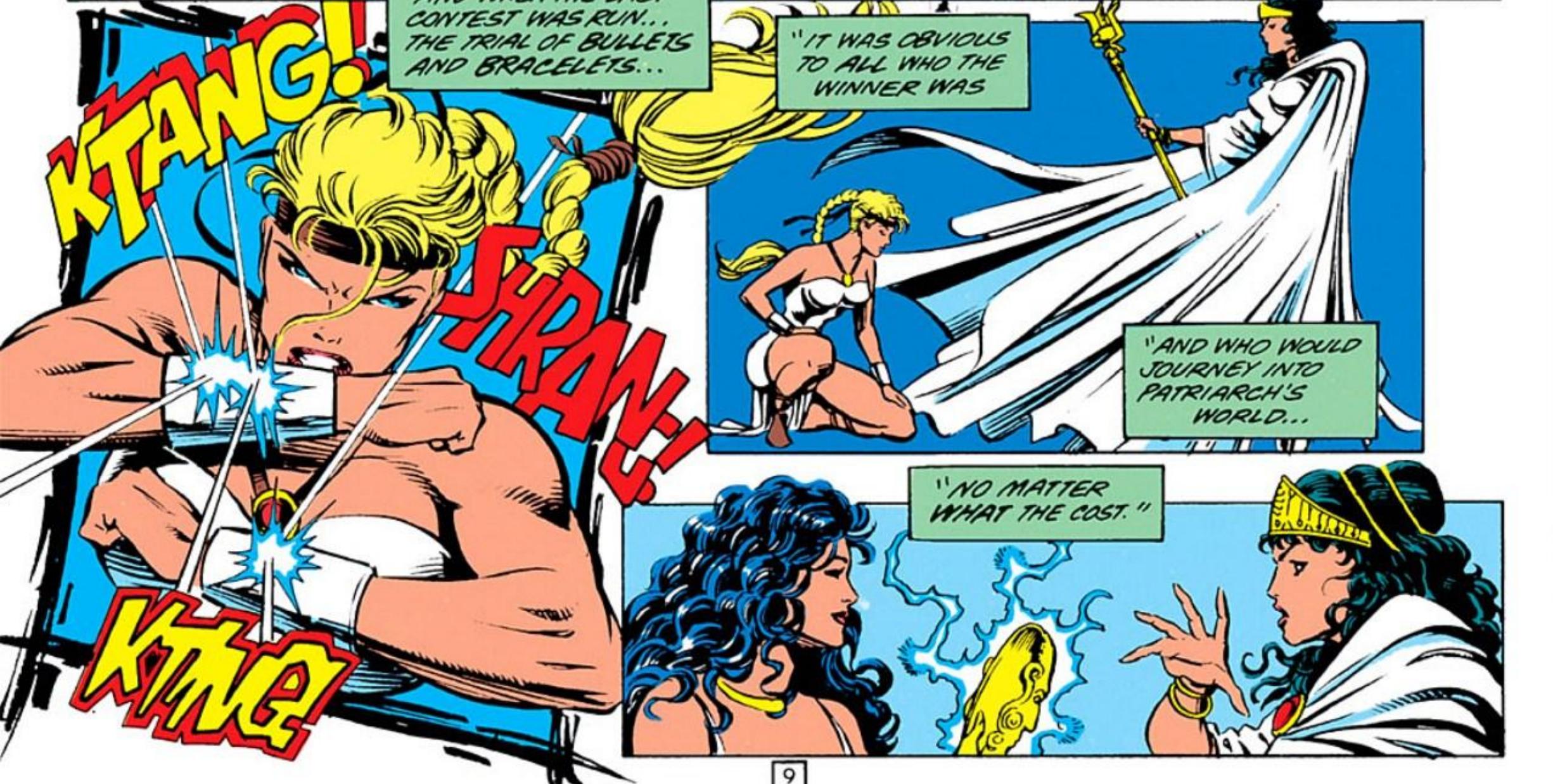
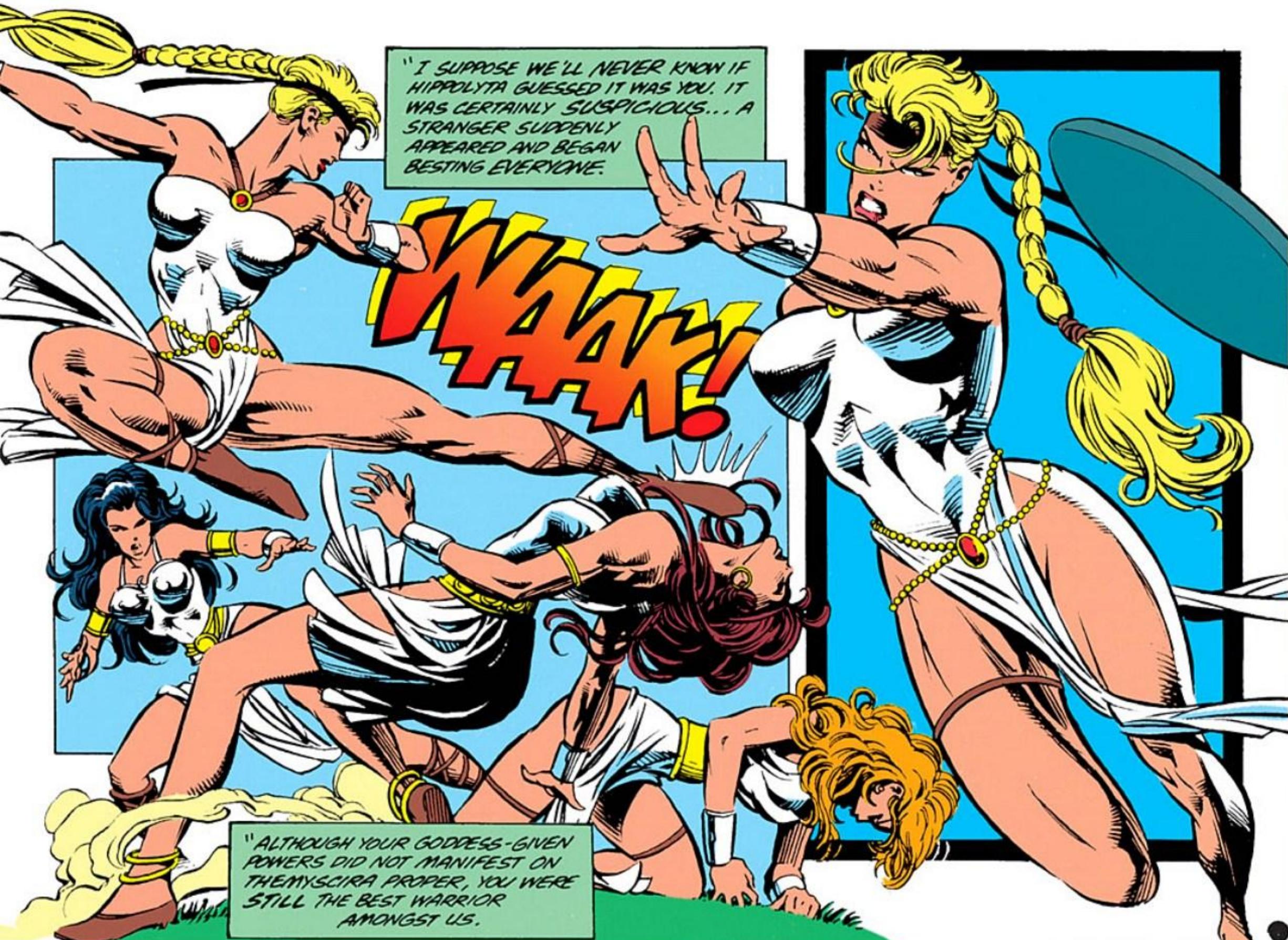
"BUT SHE HAD RECKONED WITHOUT YOUR WILL AND RESOURCE..."

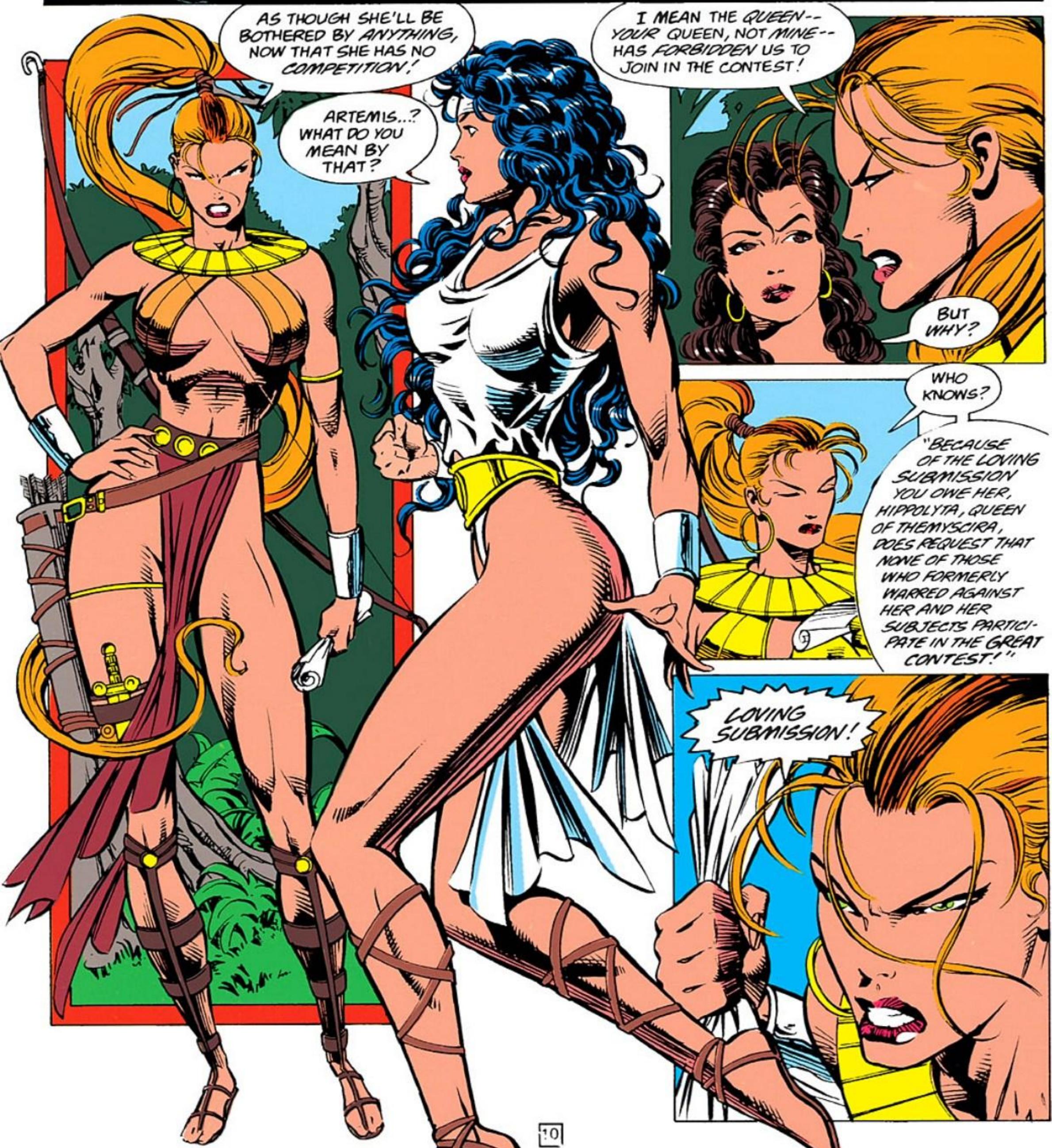
"YOU HAD TAKEN FROM THE GREAT LIBRARY THE MASK OF PROTEUS; THE VERY MASK THE DEMON HERAKLES HAD USED TO BESIEGE AND ENSLAVE US."

"IT WAS A MOST SACRED KEEPSAKE, FOR YOUR MOTHER HAD USED IT TO REPEL HERAKLES, TURNING HIS OWN MEN AGAINST HIM..."

"AND CONVINCING THEM ALL THAT SHE WAS THE BASTARD SON OF ZEUS!"

"FOR SUCH WAS THE POWER OF THE MASK."





I MEANT TO COME HERE TO CRAM THIS CONARDLY INSULT DOWN HER THROAT! NOW YOU CAN TELL HER THAT IF THIS IS WHAT SHE MEANS BY SISTERHOOD... OOH, WHAT'S THE USE?

WELL,  
THEY DID  
ATTACK US  
WITHOUT  
CAUSE!

INDEED.  
THEY'RE LITTLE  
MORE THAN  
BARBARIANS.

THEY  
STAY IN THEIR  
CAMP ALL THE  
TIME AND DON'T  
EVEN TRY TO  
BE FRIENDLY!

I'M SURE  
HIPPOLYTA HAS A  
GOOD REASON TO  
FORBID THEM.

TO DISCOVER  
WHAT THAT  
REASON IS!

ARTEMIS!  
WAIT!

WHY? SO YOU CAN  
GIVE ME A LECTURE ON  
PROPER RESPECT TO THE  
QUEEN? WELL, I HAVE  
NO RESPECT, AND I WON'T  
PRETEND OTHERWISE!

YOU MIGHT AT LEAST  
WAIT FOR ME TO ATTACK  
YOU BEFORE STRIKING  
BACK.

I'VE NO INTENTION  
OF WAITING FOR ANYONE...  
LEAST OF ALL FOR YOU!!

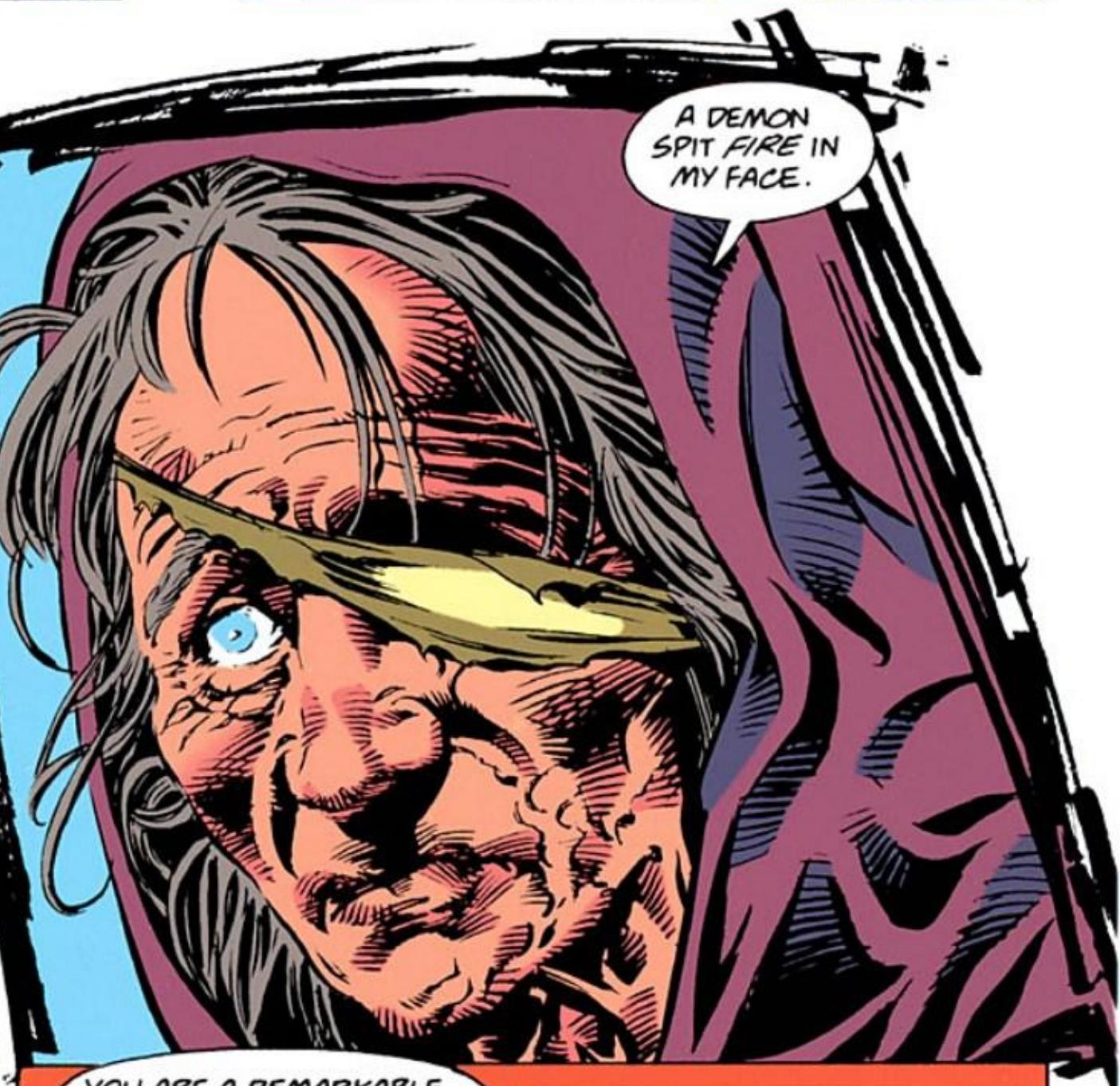
MY PEOPLE WERE THROWN OUT  
OF PARADISE BY YOURS. WE HAVE LIVED  
APART, IN EXILE, ON THE HARSHEST  
EDGE OF THE WORLD. NOW WE LIVE  
APART EVEN HERE.

HERE WAS  
WHERE THE AMAZONS  
WERE GRANTED IMMORTALITY  
BY THE GODS IN THE  
PURPLE FIRE...

AND HERE IS WHERE THE  
LAST OF THE TRUE AMAZONS  
ARE FORCED TO LIVE.

GAEA!





WITHIN THIS TABERNACLE IS OUR MOST SACRED ICON. IT IS ALL THAT REMAINS OF A STATUE OF OUR FIRST MOTHER... ANIOPE -- SISTER TO YOUR QUEEN HIPPOLYTA. IT WAS SCULPTED NEARLY 3000 YEARS AGO!

AMAZING!









STILL, THERE IS SOMETHING ODD ABOUT HIM. I THINK HE'S KING EURYSTEUS' PUPPET.

HE SEEMS STRANGE BECAUSE HE'S A MAN! WE'VE LIVED APART FROM THEM TOO LONG. YOU'LL FEEL DIFFERENTLY ONCE YOU'RE MARRIED.

MARRIED... ME? TO WHOM?

TO HYLAS, HERAKLES' GREATEST FRIEND.

HUH! I'D RATHER MARRY A GOAT!

WE ALL MUST MARRY FOR THE ALLIANCE TO HOLD, ANIOPE. IT WILL BE ALL RIGHT. YOU'LL SEE...

HYLAS... WHERE HAVE YOU WANDERED? COME BACK...

AND SO, THE WEDDING FEAST IS HELD... AND EACH AMAZON IS MARRIED TO ONE OF HERAKLES' MEN. MUCH SINGING AND DANCING FOLLOWS, VOWS ARE MADE AND TOASTS ARE SHOUTED...

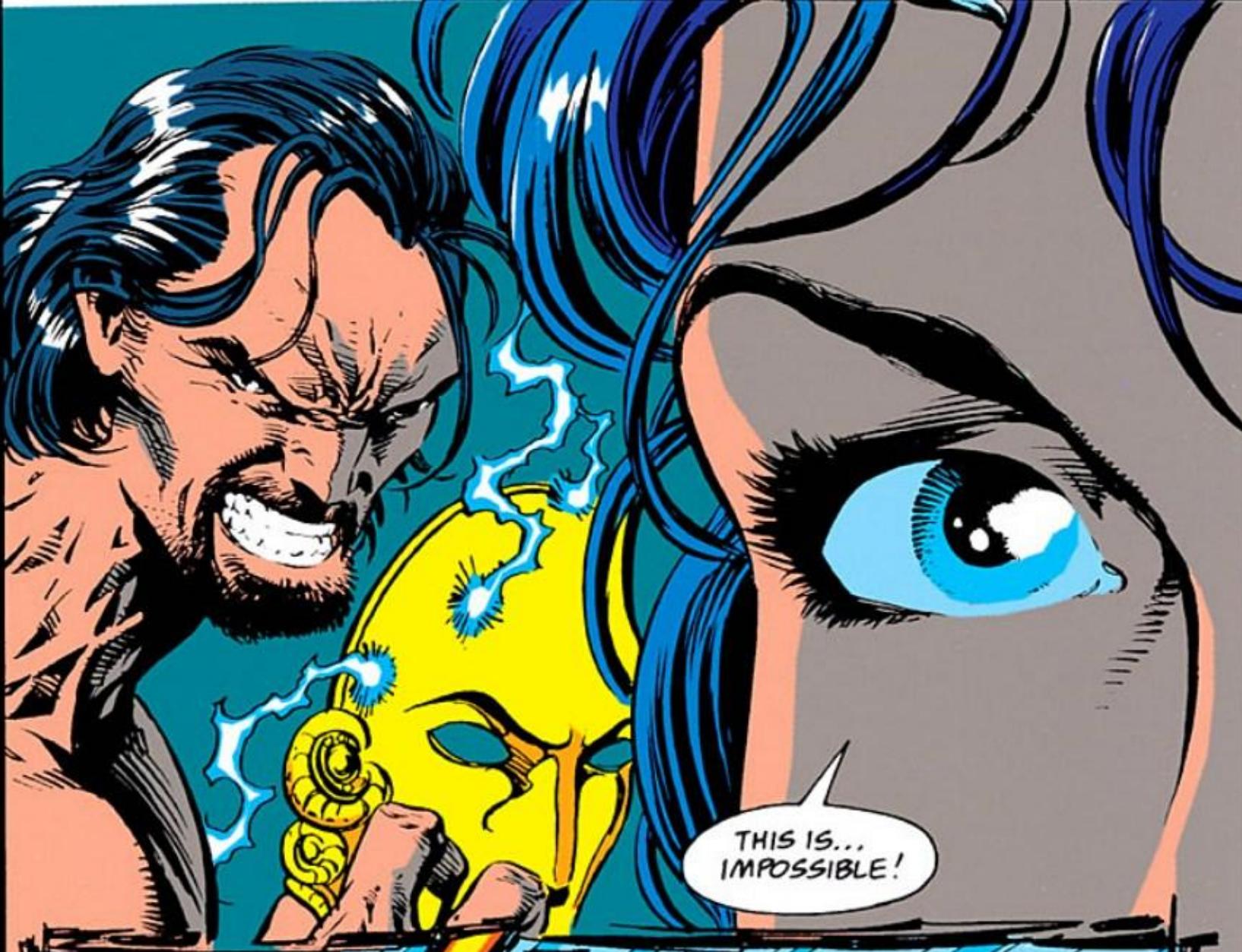
AND SOME ASPECTS OF THE EVENING TURN OUT TO BE NOT SO VERY UNPLEASANT.



PEACE, LITTLE SQUIRREL.  
I SAW THROUGH HIS PLOT!  
THE VILLAIN'S CHAINED  
OF YONDER POST!

DID YOU? BY  
HERA, THAT'S A  
SIGHT I LONG TO  
SEE! BUT IT'S  
SO DARK...

NO, WAIT.  
THAT'S  
YOU!



PRINCESS  
DIANA!

GET HELP!  
I FEAR SHE'S  
DEAD!



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