

WONDER WOMAN



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GARDENS OF STONE!



STONE MAY GROUP

YES, THERE IS DEFINITELY A MIND IN CONTACT WITH PRINCESS DIANA.

A YOUNG WOMAN. UNTRAINED BUT POWERFUL.

TH-THERE'S SOMEONE REACHING OUT TO ME!

SOMEONE TOUCHING MY MIND!

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I'M GLAD YOU WERE ABLE TO JOIN US ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, RANDU. I KNEW YOU'D BE ABLE TO WORK THIS OUT, IF ANYONE COULD.

THE OTHER MIND IS A LONG WAY AWAY, HOWEVER, ON THE ORDER OF SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES.

I'M SORRY, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT FOR ME TO BE MORE PRECISE!

I'D SAY YOU'RE DOIN' PRETTY GOOD AS IS, MR. SINGH!



SO, WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO, DIANA? YOU SAID THAT MIND TOUCHING YOURS TOLD YOU THAT YOUR MOM IS DEAD! *

*LAST ISSUE - DA KUPPMEISTER.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE THING TO DO, DIANA, WOULD BE TO TRACK DOWN THIS POWERFUL MIND RANDU SENSED...

...AND DETERMINE IF THE "MESSAGE" SHE SENT YOU WAS TRUE.

I DUNNO ABOUT THAT, BLOOD. WITH DIANA IN HER WEAKENED STATE, WHAT WITH LOSING HER HAND AN' ALL...*

I MEAN, SUPPOSE THIS MIND MR. SINGH SENSES IS SOME SUPERVILLAIN, OUT TO GET DIANA?

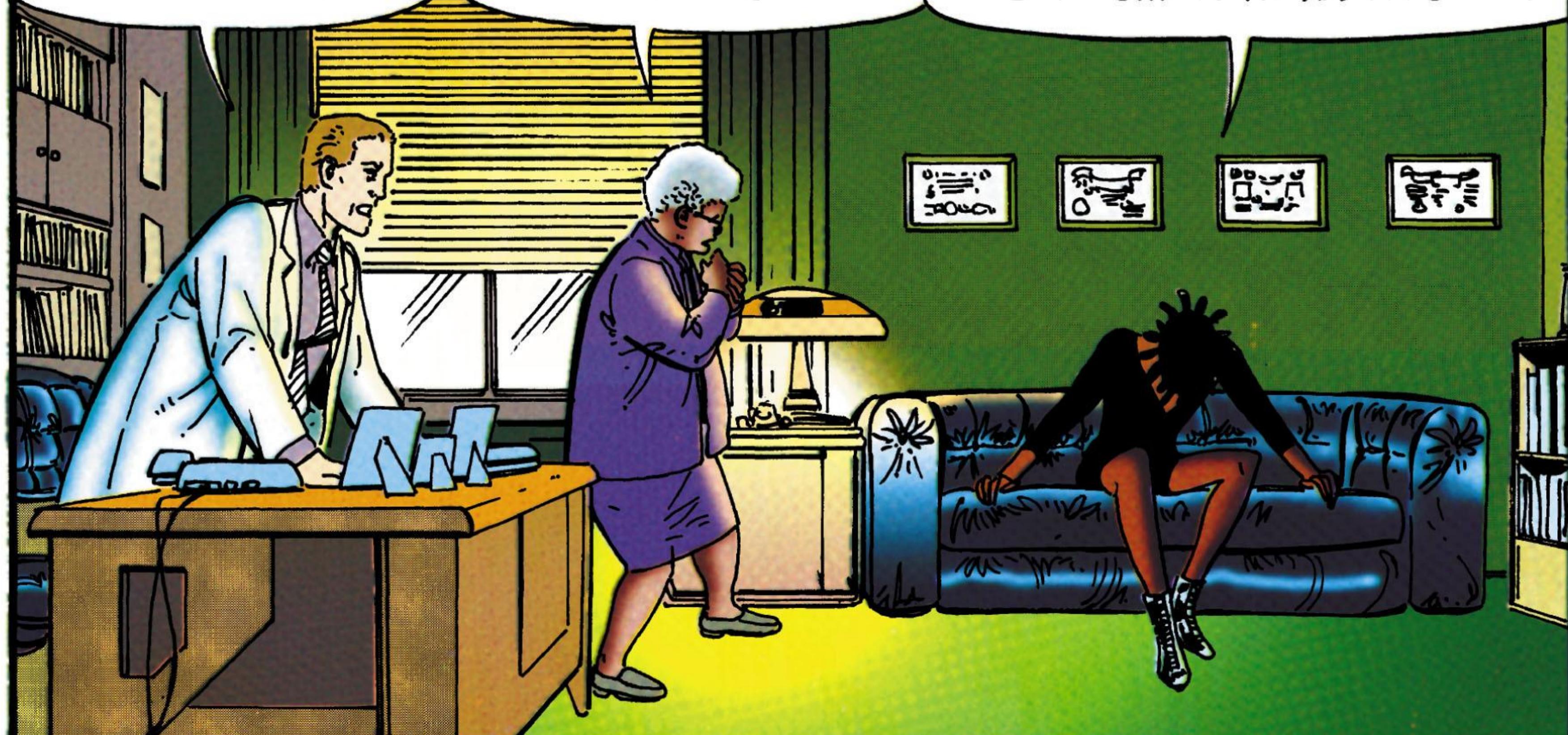
FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH, I SENSE NO HOSTILE INTENT. QUITE THE REVERSE, IN FACT.

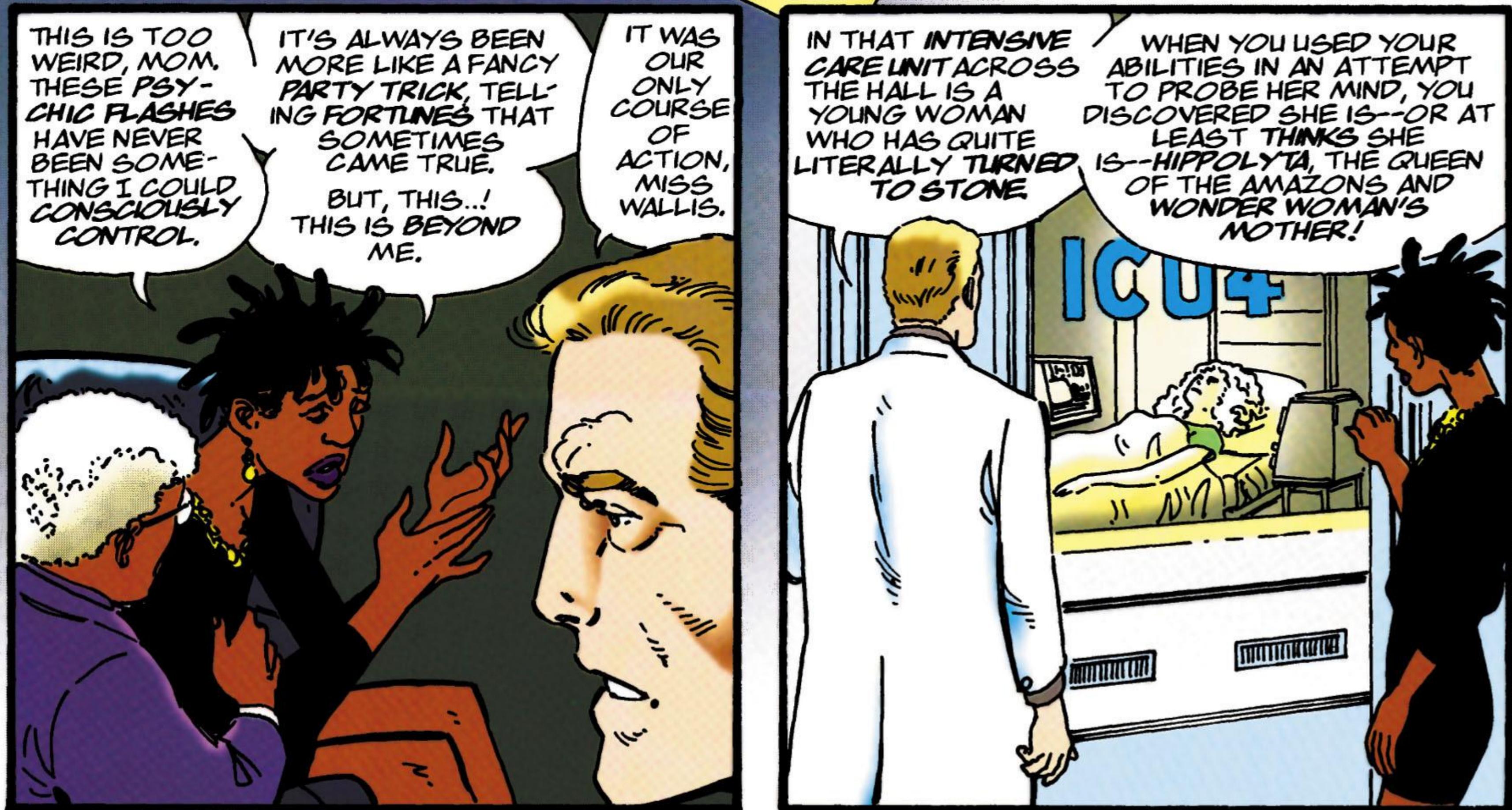
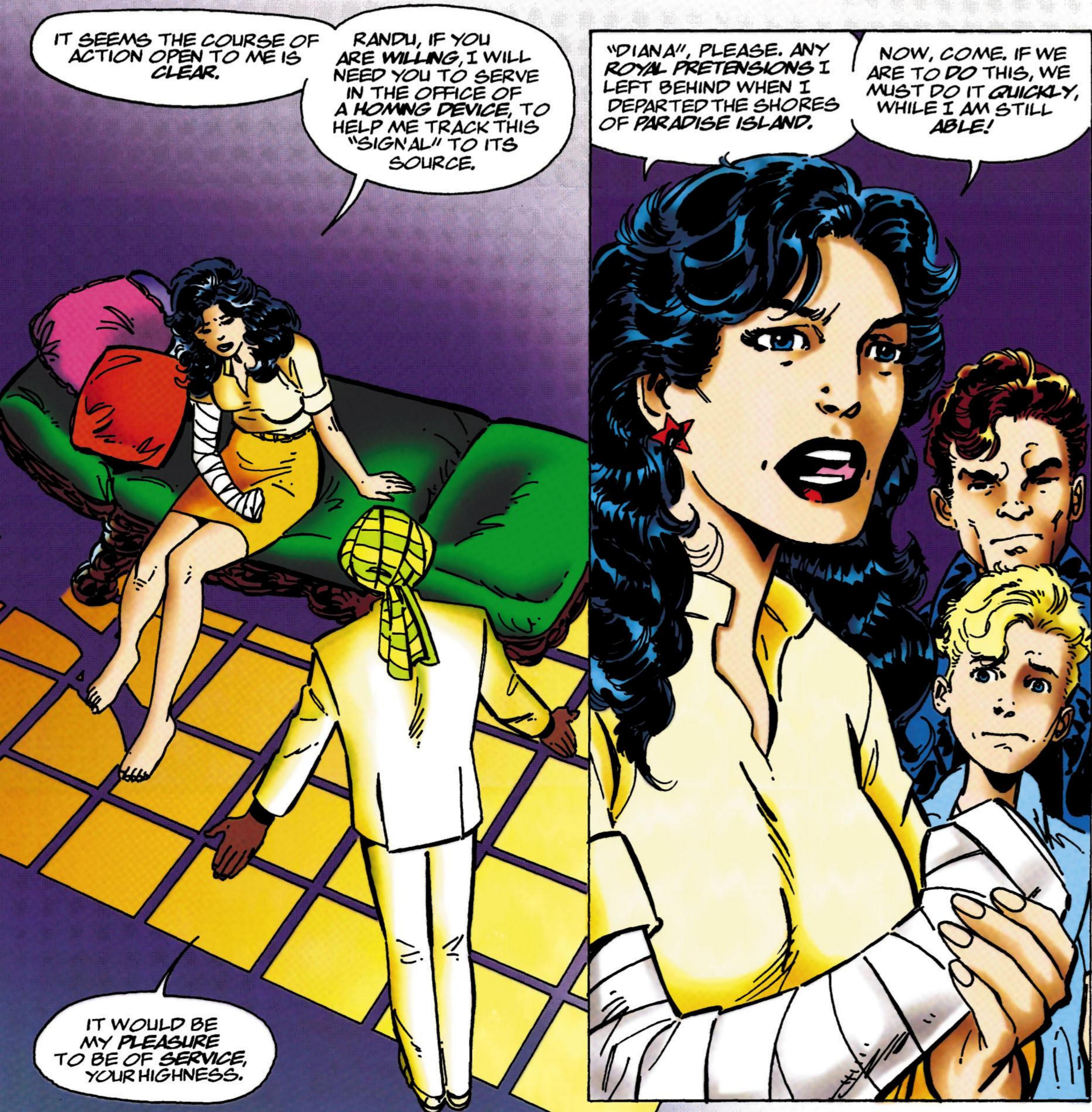
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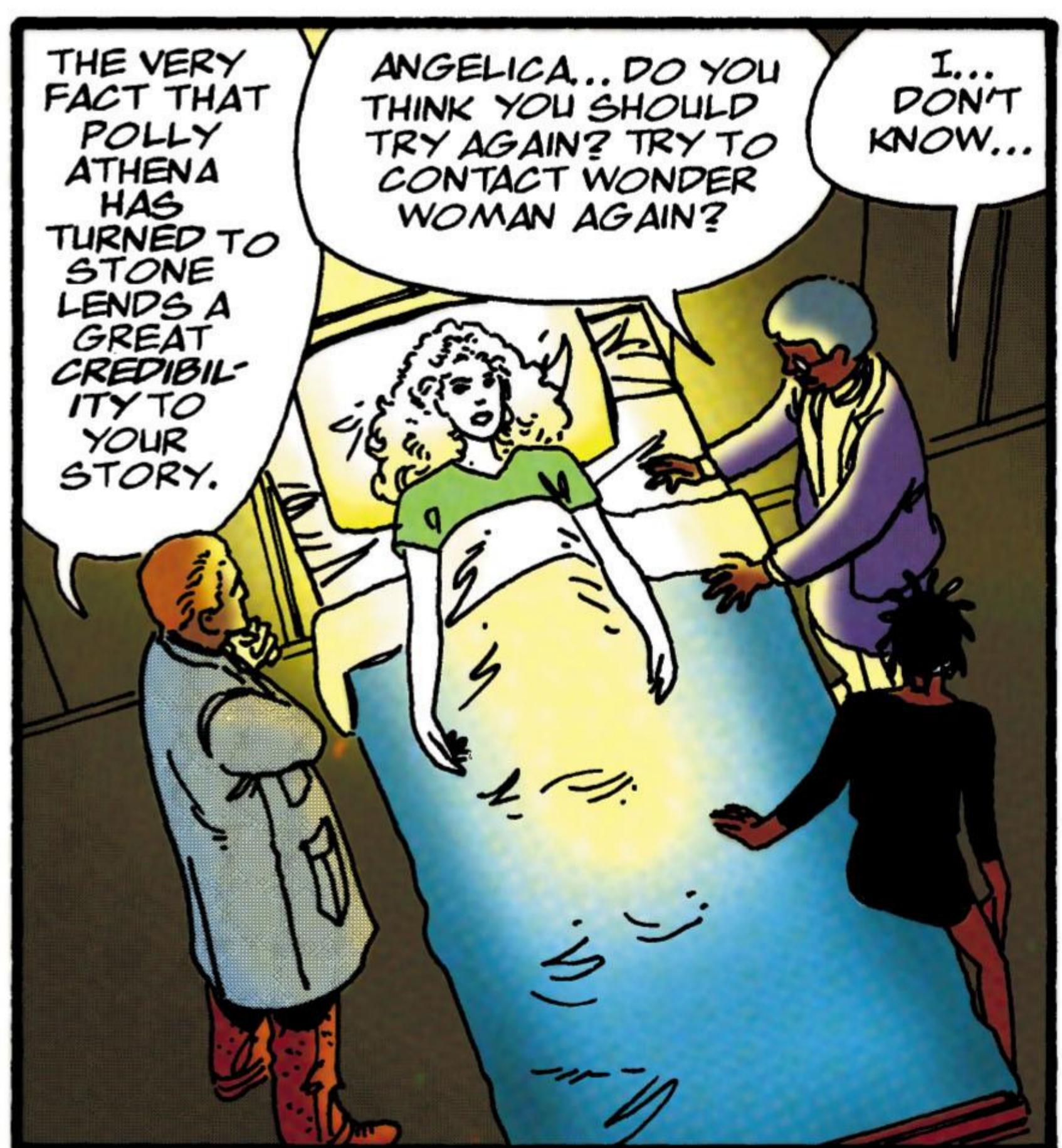
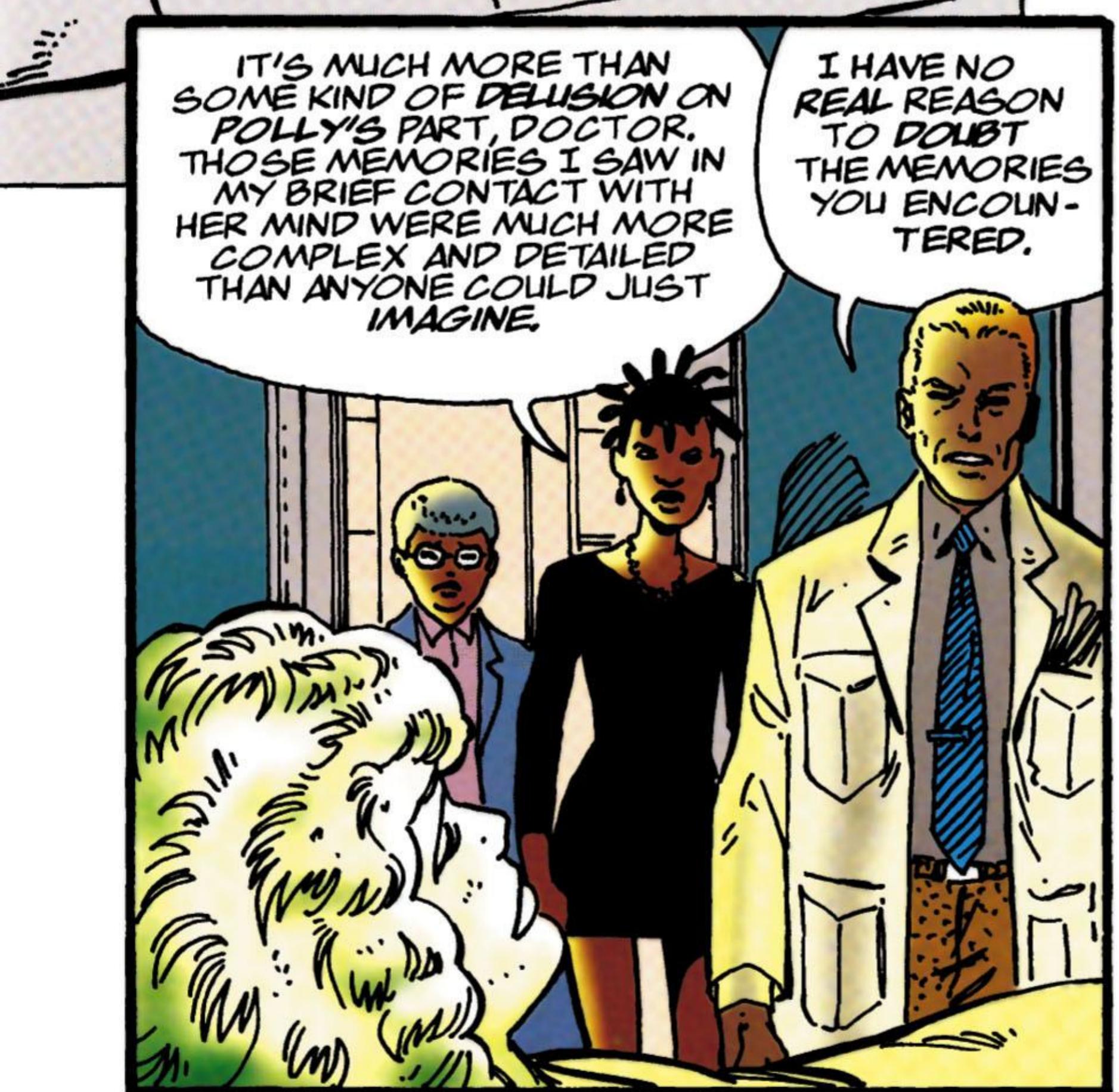
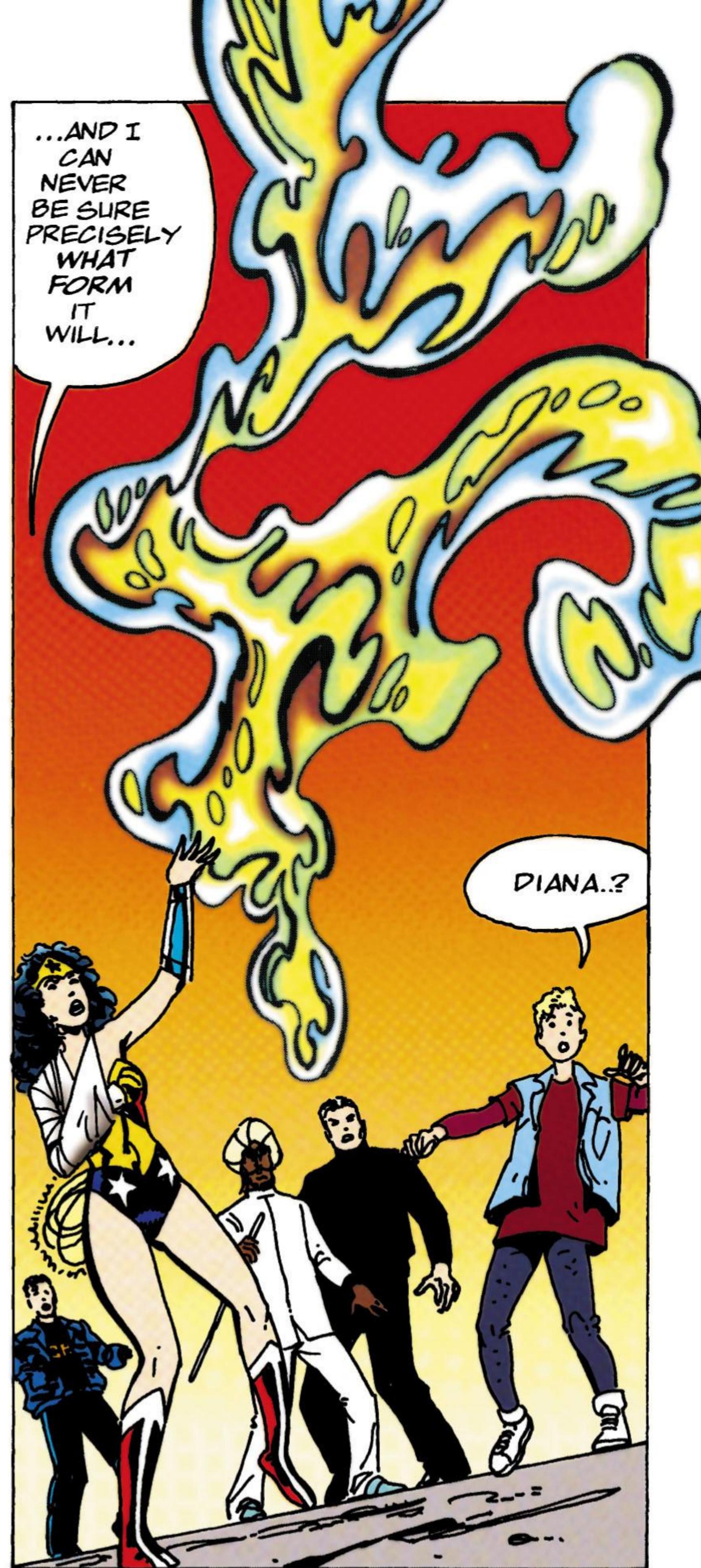
CAN YOU TELL WHO IT IS, MISS WALLIS?

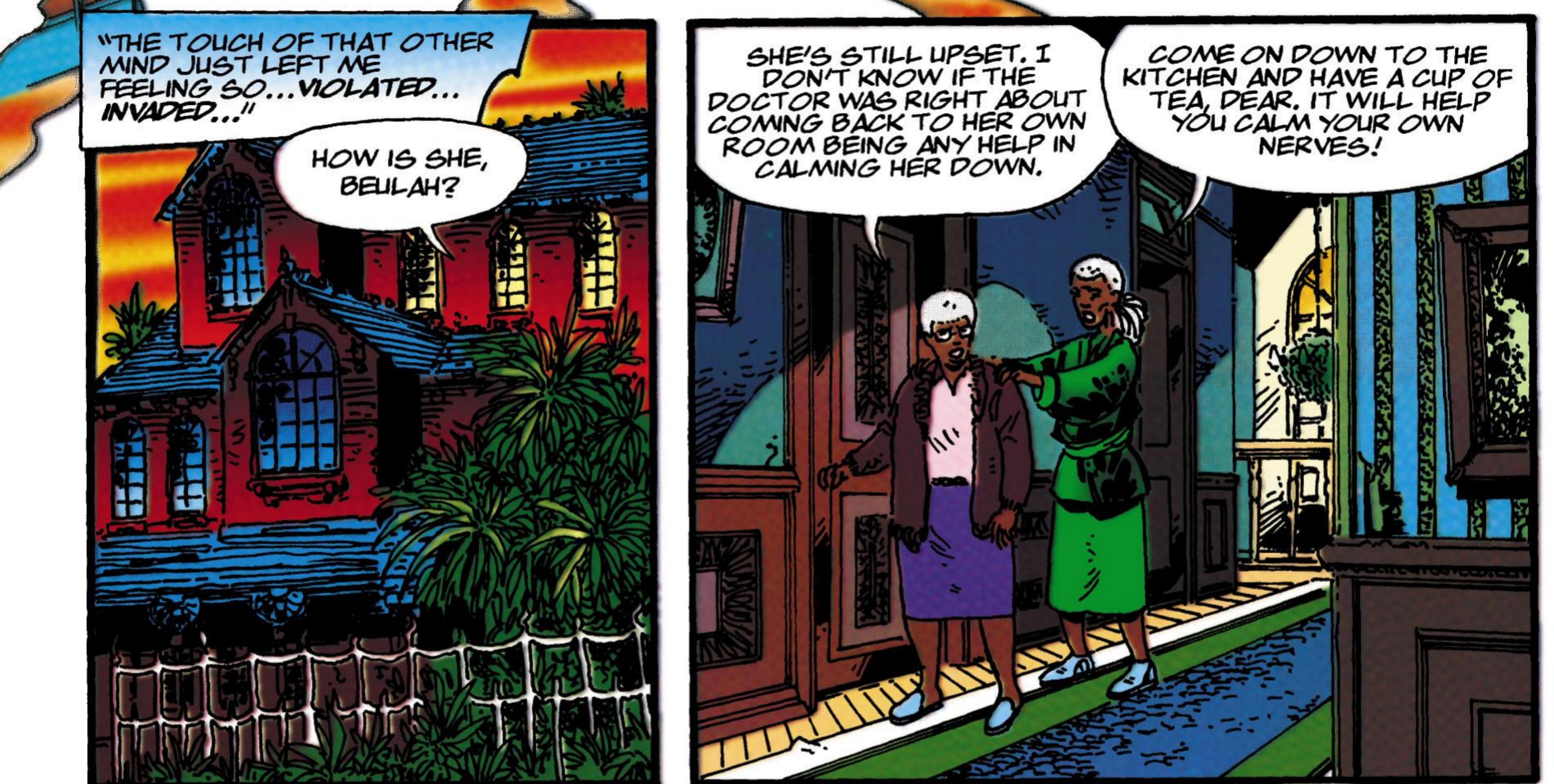
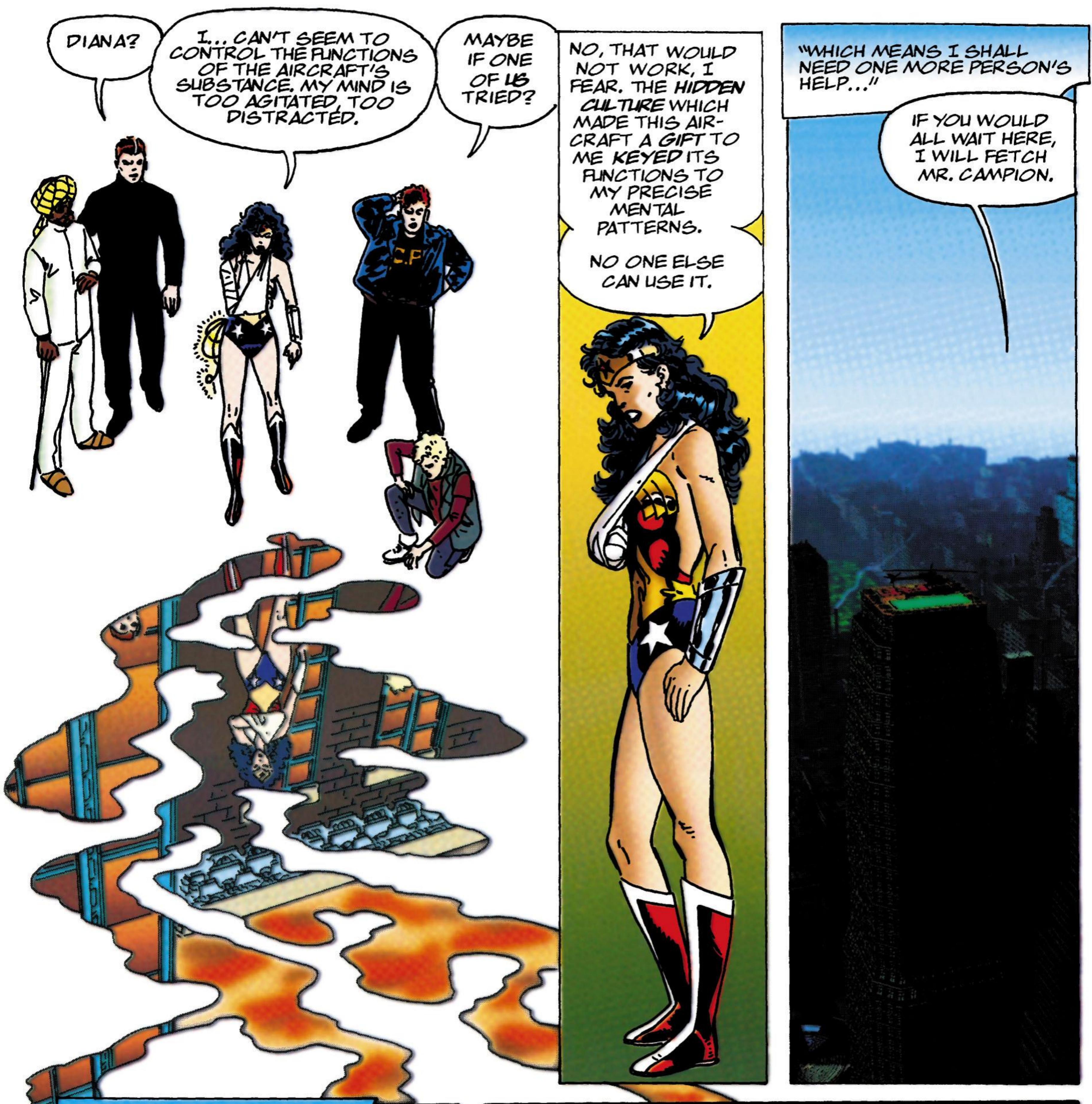
ANGELICA! IS IT... WONDER WOMAN?

NO... AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK SO. THIS FEELS... LIKE A MALE PRESENCE.









I DON'T LIKE THIS. WHY DO WE HAVE TO ASK HAROLD CAMPION FOR HELP, DIANA? COULDN'T YOU CALL ONE OF YOUR PALS FROM THE JUSTICE LEAGUE? SUPERMAN, OR FLASH, OR...

IT IS NOT OUR HABIT IN THAT ORGANIZATION TO CALL UPON OUR FELLOW MEMBERS FOR HELP UNTIL WE HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL OTHER MEANS AVAILABLE TO US, MIKE.

AFTER ALL, SUPERMAN AND THE OTHERS HAVE THEIR OWN LIVES, THEIR OWN PROBLEMS TO DEAL WITH.

YEAH! ESPECIALLY SUPERMAN! SOMETHING REAL WEIRD HAS HAPPENED TO HIM—ALTHOUGH I THINK THE NEW SUIT IS KINDA COOL.



IT'S NEVER BEEN EASY FOR ANGELICA. ALWAYS SICK WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD, AND HER FATHER DYING BEFORE SHE WAS TEN YEARS OLD.

AND THEN WHEN SHE STARTED TO BECOME A WOMAN, AND ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE THOSE PSYCHIC FLASHES STARTED...

DON'T BERATE YOURSELF, BEULAH. YOU'VE DONE EVERYTHING ANY MOTHER COULD DO. ANGELICA HAS GROWN INTO A FINE, STRONG YOUNG WOMAN.

SHE'LL COME THROUGH THIS LIKE SHE HAS ALL HER OTHER TROUBLES.



MAYBE, CLARISE. BUT BOYS AND SCHOOL AND A CAREER HAVE NOT PREPARED HER FOR FINDING OUT HER FRIEND IS QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS!

MAYBE IT WAS SOMETHING ABOUT THAT THAT DREW ANGELICA TO POLLY IN THE FIRST PLACE. THEY DID SEEM TO BOND VERY QUICKLY AFTER POLLY CAME TO ROOM HERE.

CERTAINLY, GELLY NEVER TOOK SUCH A SHINE TO ANY OF YOUR OTHER BOARDERS.

"GELLY" ...!



MY SECRETARY HAS INFORMED ME OF YOUR DILEMMA. OF COURSE I WILL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY I CAN.

MY PRIMARY NEED NOW IS TRANSPORTATION, CHAMPION. MR. SINGH AND I NEED TO FOLLOW AN ELUSIVE TRAIL, CROSS COUNTRY.

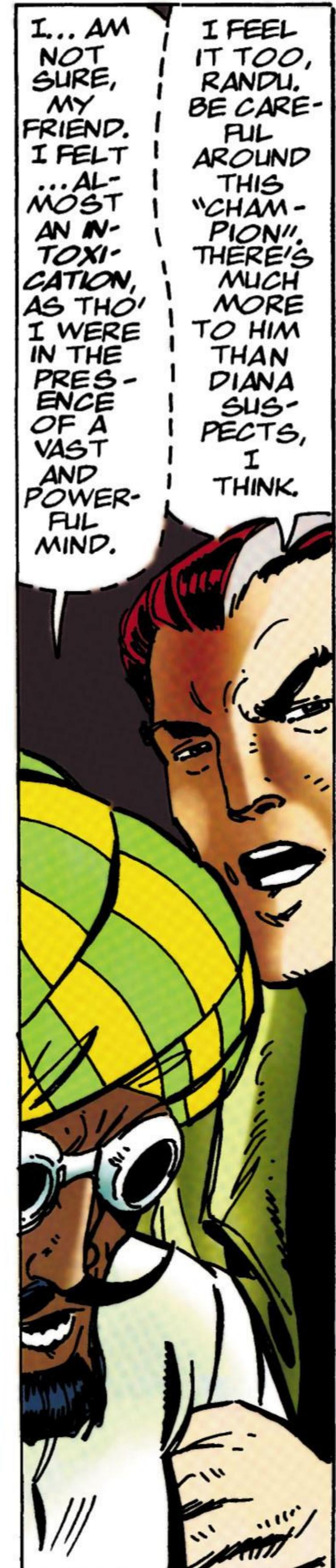
OF COURSE. AND IN MY FLEET I HAVE SEVERAL OF THE FASTEST AIRCRAFT IN THE WORLD.

WILL YOU REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, MR. SINGH?

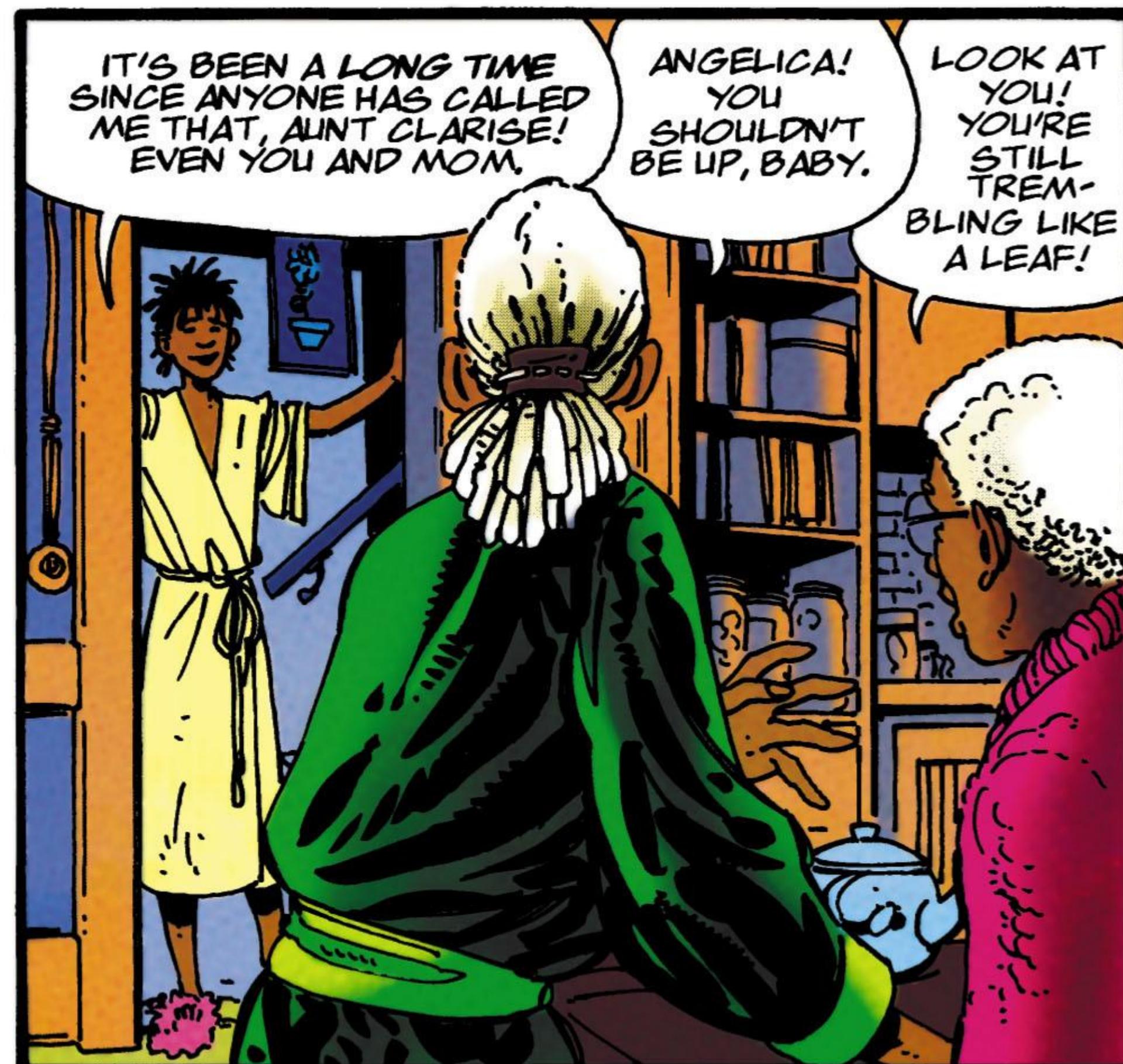
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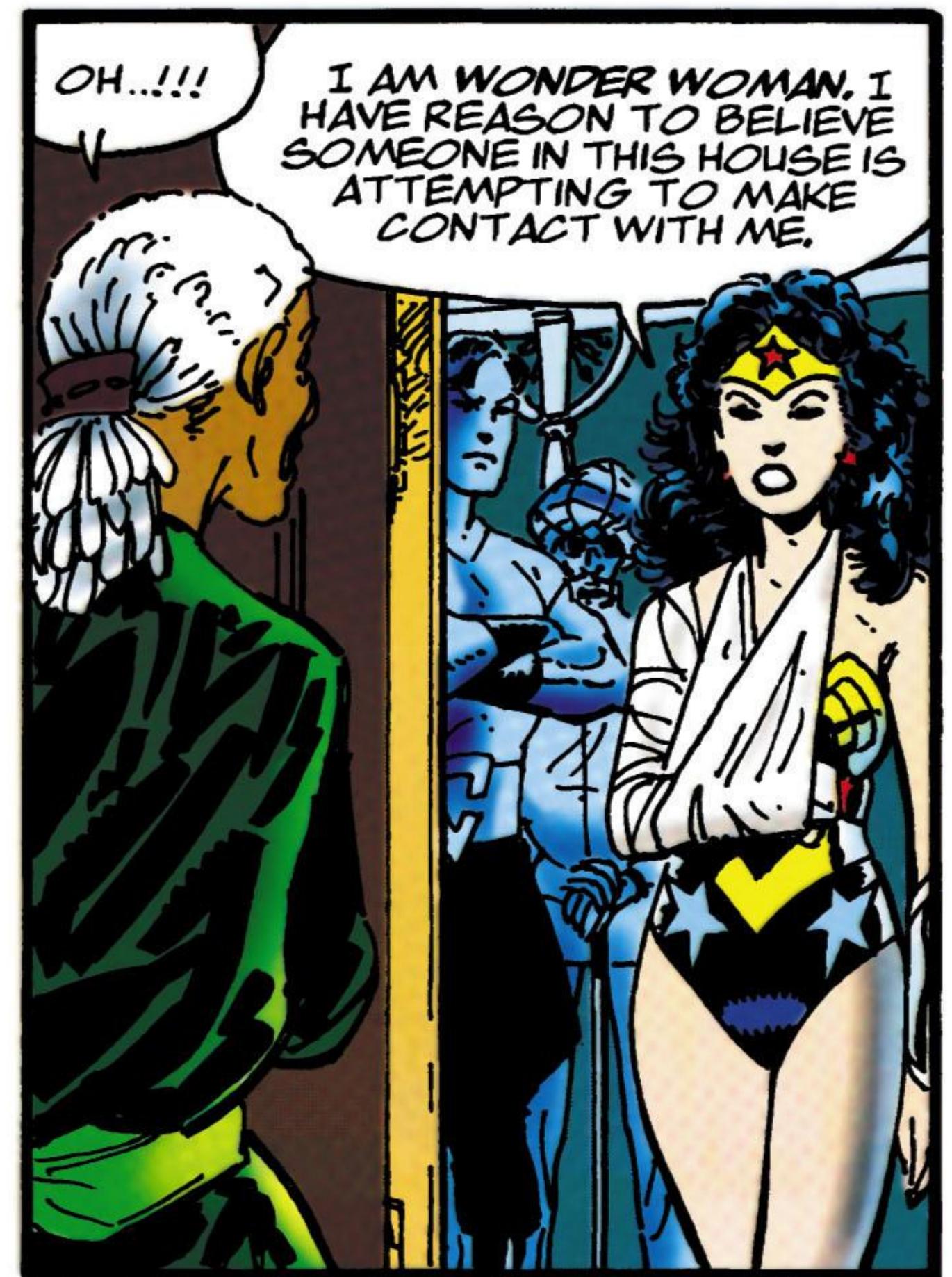
I... AM NOT SURE, MY FRIEND. I FELT... ALMOST AN INTOXICATION, AS THO' I WERE IN THE PRESENCE OF A VAST AND POWERFUL MIND.

I FEEL IT TOO, RANDU. BE CAREFUL AROUND THIS "CHAMPION". THERE'S MUCH MORE TO HIM THAN DIANA SUSPECTS, I THINK.

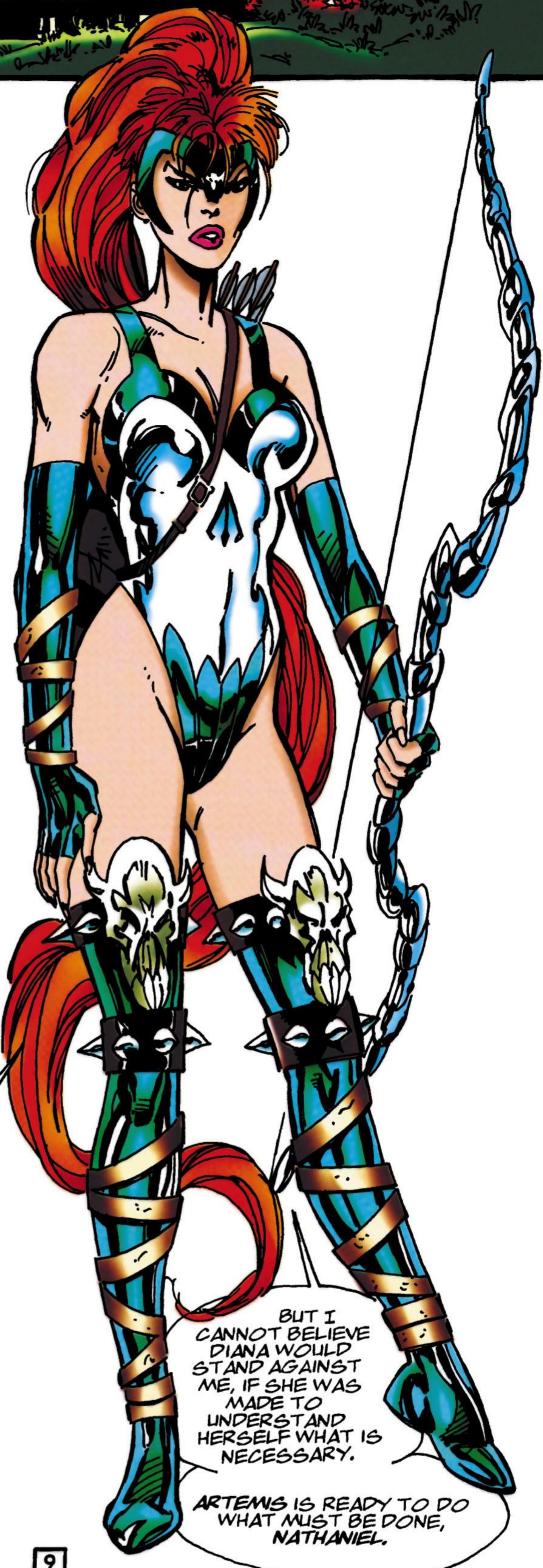
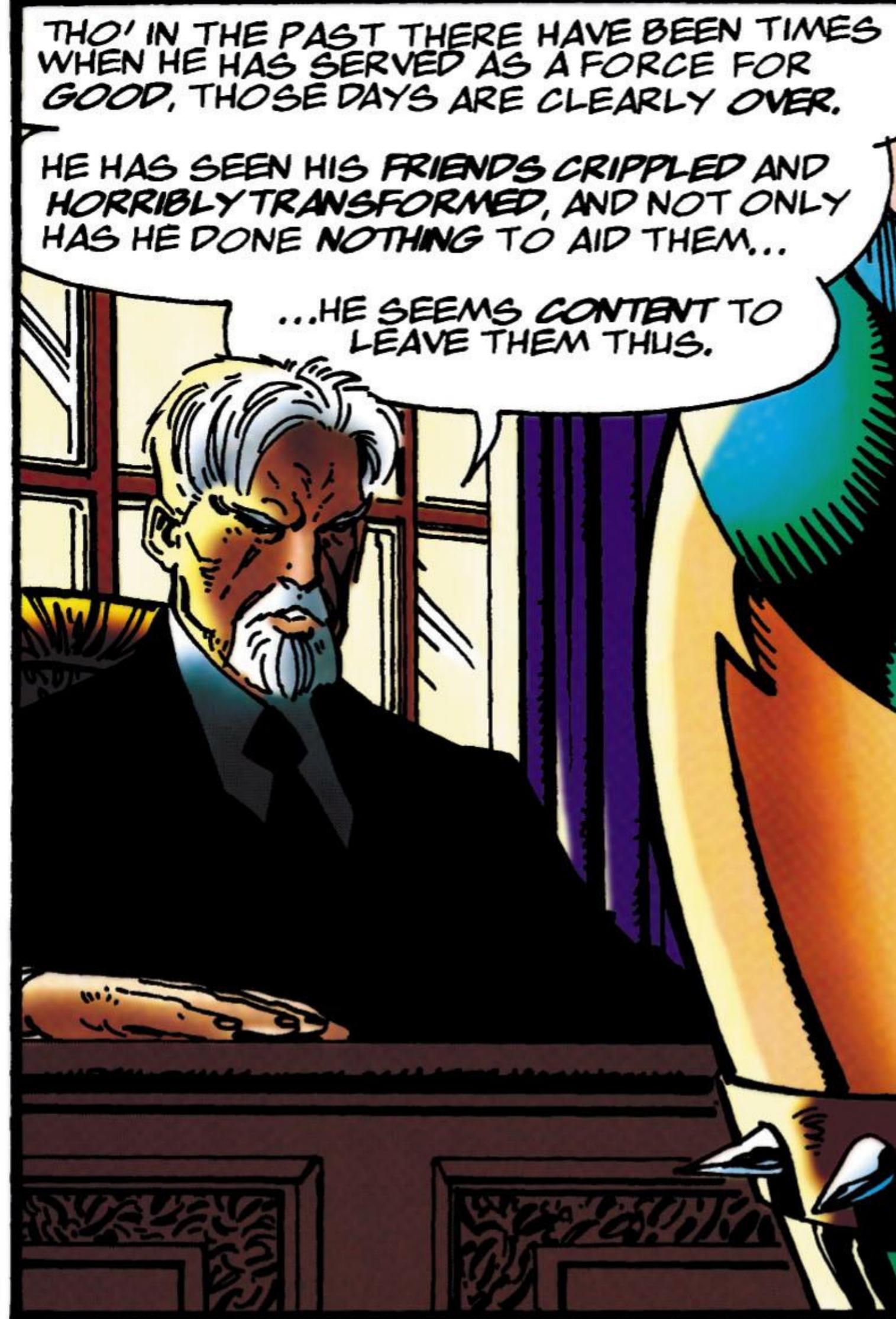


RANDU? WHAT'S WRONG?





Interlude



"THE CREATURE
THAT DWELLS IN
JASON BLOOD
SHALL PERISH
BEFORE THE SUN
HAS SET TWICE
MORE ON HIS
ACCURSED
FORM!!"

SHE'S
IN HERE.

MOTHER!



OH-HHHH!!

HAVE A CARE, PRINCESS!
YOU ARE WEAK AND
GROWING WEAKER. IT IS
ILL-ADVISED FOR YOU TO
EXERT YOURSELF!



COLD AND HARD AS
STONE... BUT... YOU SAID
SHE IS NOT DEAD,
DOCTOR?

I SAID I CAN'T BE SURE,
WONDER WOMAN. SHE HAS
NO PULSE, NO
RESPIRATION... BUT I HAVE
NO EXPERIENCE WITH
ANYTHING EVEN REMOTELY
LIKE THIS!



THERE IS BUT ONE THING I CAN DO. SINCE BOTH MY MOTHER AND MYSELF SEEM TO BE AFFLICTED WITH THE SAME PROBLEM...

...IT IS LOGICAL TO ASSUME THE CAUSE IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO OUR BOTH HAVING LEFT PARADISE ISLAND.

THAT IS WHERE WE MUST BOTH RETURN!

PARADISE ISLAND! THE HOME OF THE AMAZONS..?

YES, I DID NOT LEAVE THERE ON THE HAPPIEST TERMS, AND IT HAS BEEN SOME TIME SINCE I RETURNED.

BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE, NOW. IF A SOLUTION IS TO BE FOUND, IT WILL MOST CERTAINLY LIE WITHIN THE SHORES OF THEMYSCIRA.

CHAMPION, ARE YOU PREPARED TO TRANSPORT MY MOTHER AND ME TO OUR HOMELAND?

I AM...

...THO' IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING YOUR ISLAND DOES NOT TRULY EXIST AS A PART OF THE MORTAL SCHEME OF THINGS."

THERE IS NO MAP THAT SHOWS THE WAY TO THEMYSCIRA. IT IS FOUND BY FOLLOWING A PATH ONLY A TRUE AMAZON CAN SENSE.

MAKE A TURN THIRTY-FIVE DEGREES WEST. THEN ANOTHER AFTER THREE MILES.

DO AS SHE SAYS.

GOT IT. THIRTY-FIVE DEGREES IT IS.

NOW CLIMB AT AN ANGLE OF FORTY-FIVE DEGREES UNTIL YOU ATTAIN AN ALTITUDE OF 35,000 FEET.

FORTY-FIVE DEGREES, CHECK.

THE COLOR OF THE SKY IS CHANGING. THE TIME OF DAY HAS SHIFTED.

AS THEMYSCIRA EXISTS IN A PLACE WHICH IS NOT A PLACE, SO IT EXISTS IN A TIME WHICH IS NOT A TIME, CHAMPION...

OH-HHH...

DIANA!

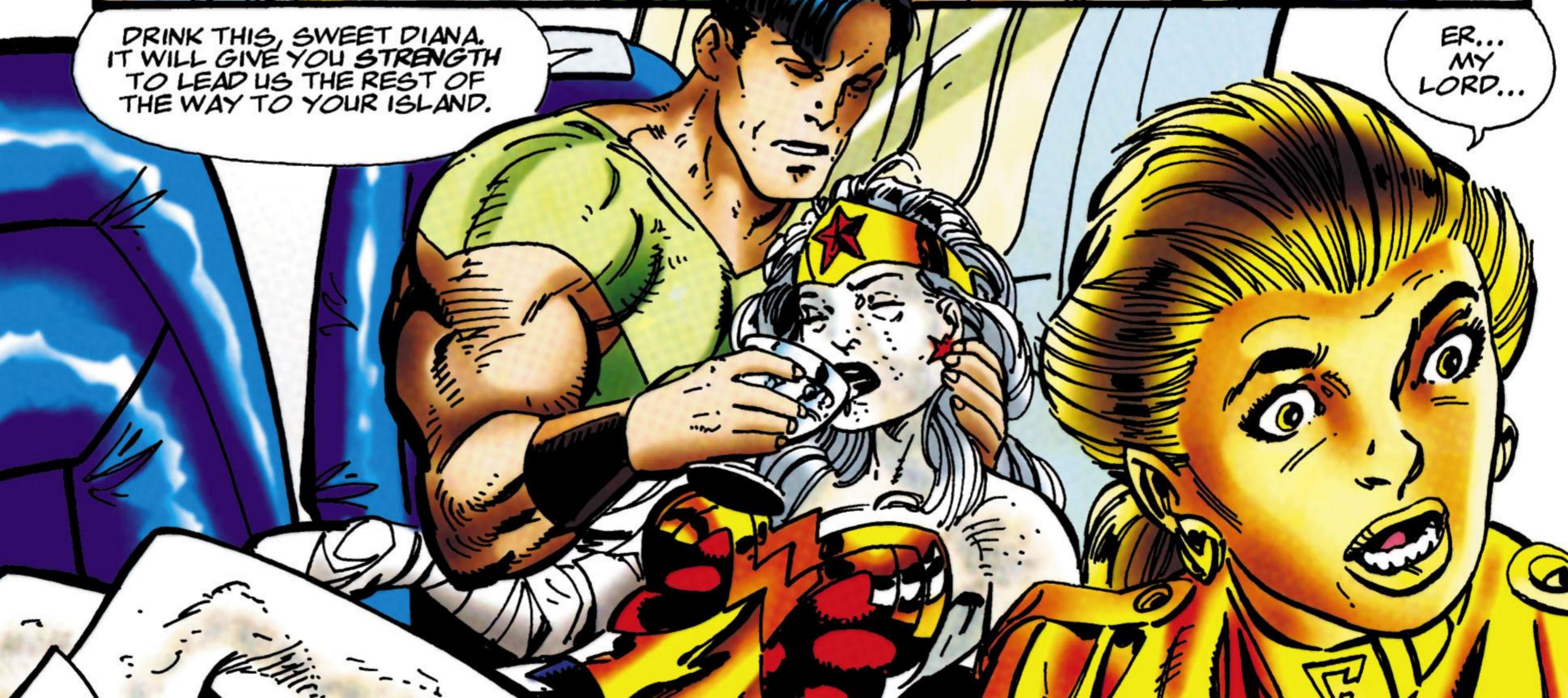
"...I THINK WE HAVE
ALREADY ARRIVED...!!!"



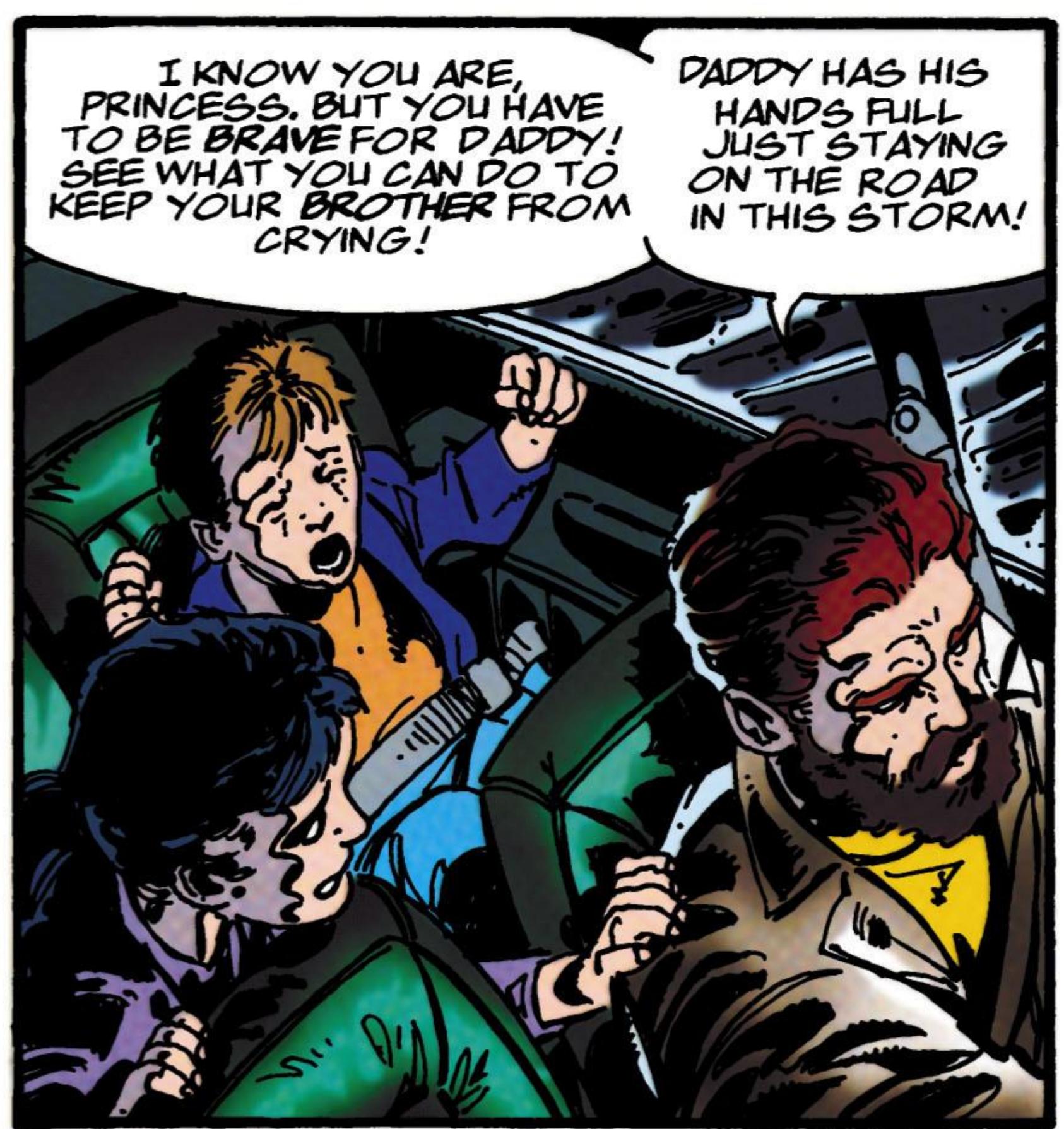
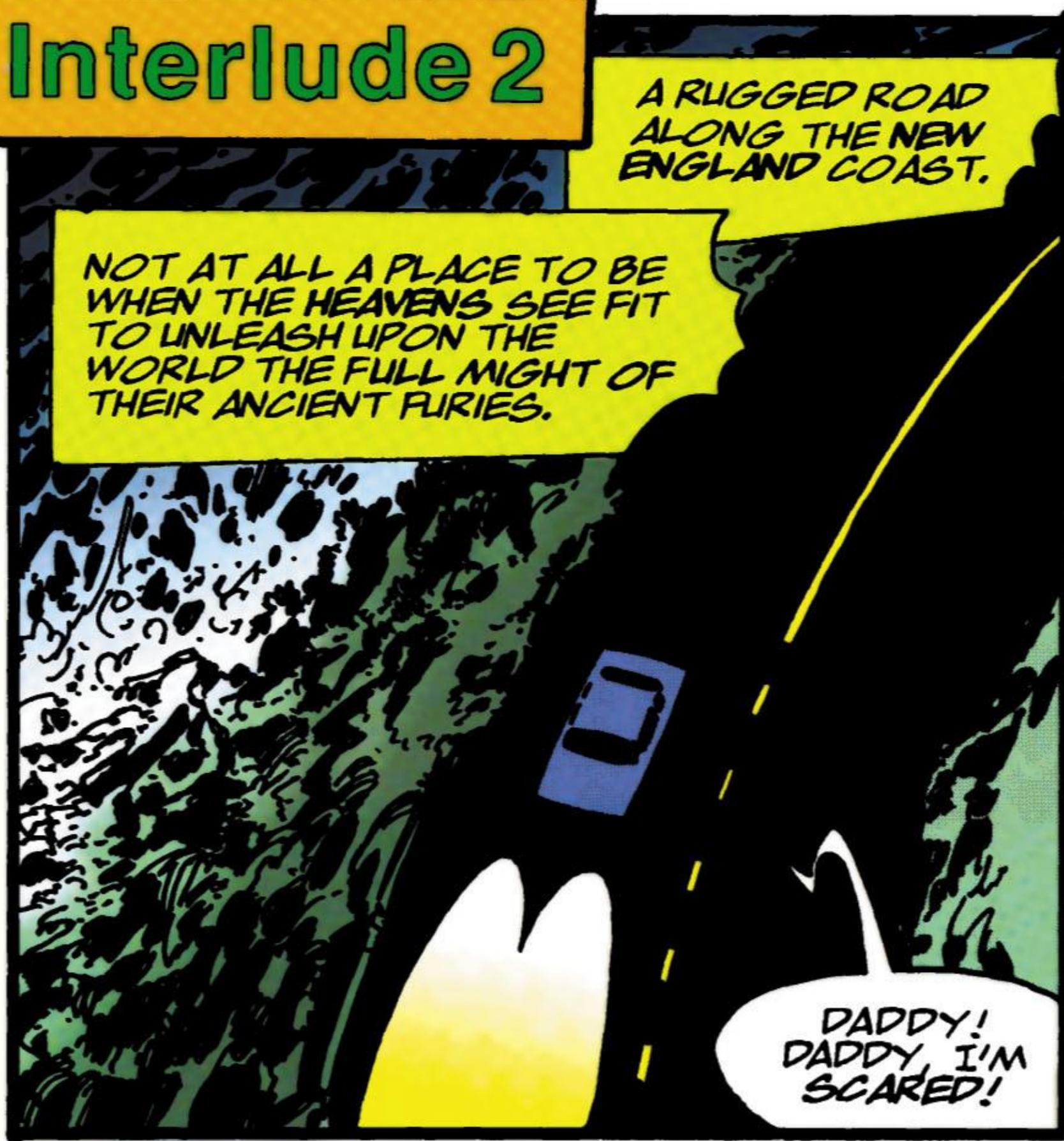


AT ONCE, MY LORD!

...HOW COULD I KNOW YOU WOULD BE THE ONE TO WIN MY HEART, AND WITH NO POTIONS OR TRICKERY, WITH NOTHING BUT YOUR BEAUTY, INTELLIGENCE, COURAGE AND GRACE...



Interlude 2



NOT QUITE
MEANWHILE...

THIS IS
THE MYSCIRA,
TO BE SURE,
BUT IT IS
MUCH CHANGED
SINCE
LAST I
WAS HERE!

AND
WHEN
WAS
THAT,
CHAM-
PION?

WHEN HAVE YOU WALKED
THE HILLS OF PARADISE
ISLAND?

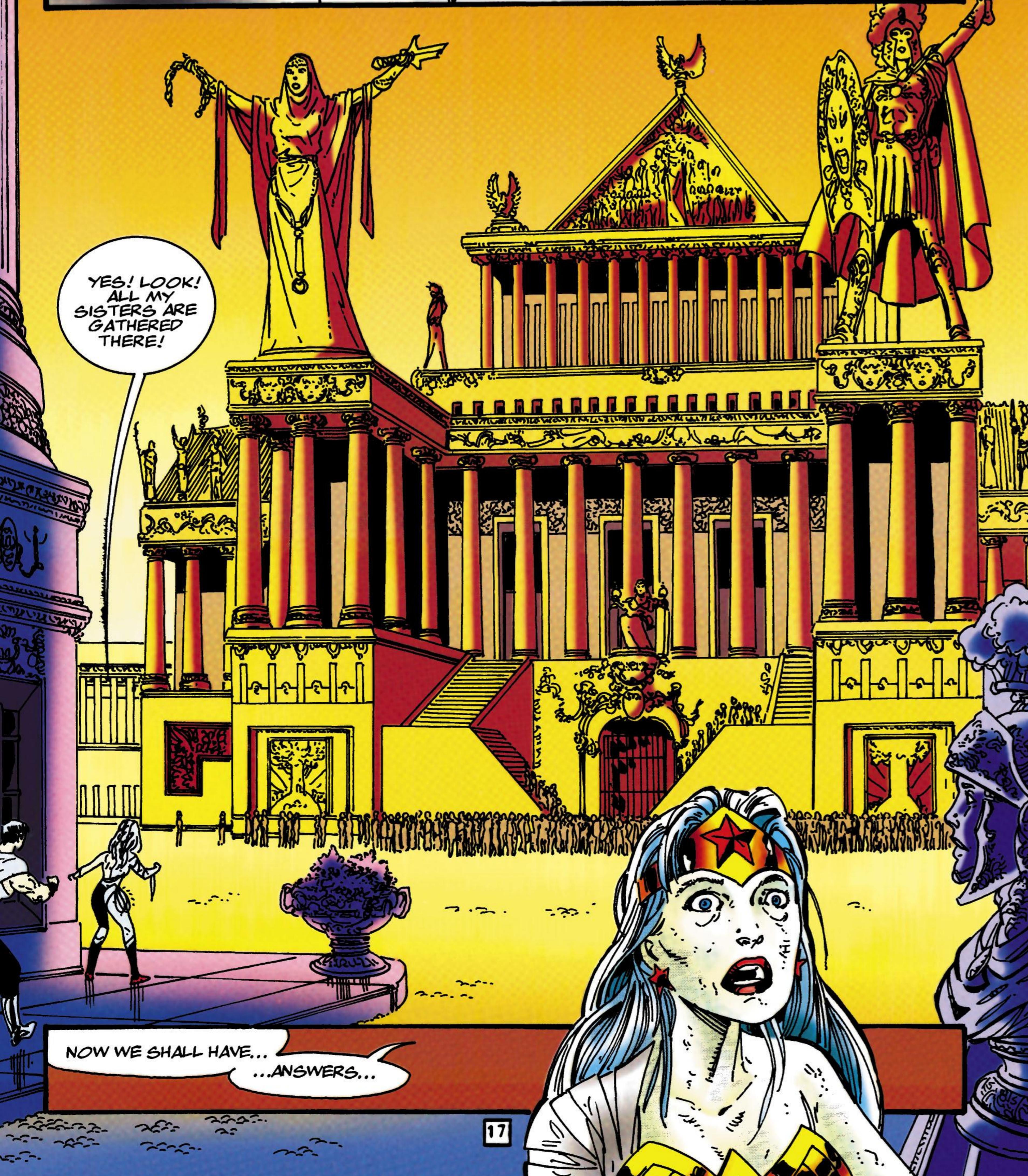
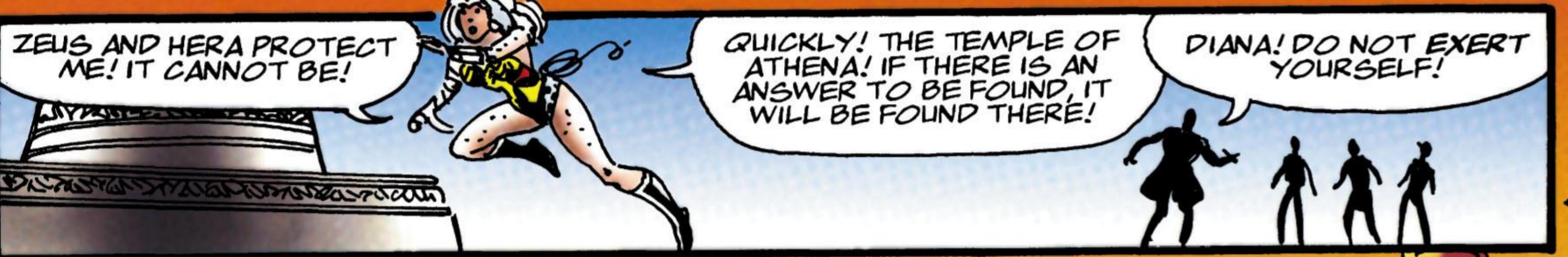
DIANA, I DID NOT KNOW
YOU WERE AWAKE. HOW
DO YOU FEEL?

NEVER MIND THAT. ANSWER
MY QUESTION, CHAMPION. IT
IS TIME AND PAST TIME
THAT WE DISPOSED OF
YOUR MYSTERIES.

DIANA,
I...

WHERE IS
EVERYONE?

THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO
ONE IN SIGHT. NOT A SOUL
STIRRING ANYWHERE!

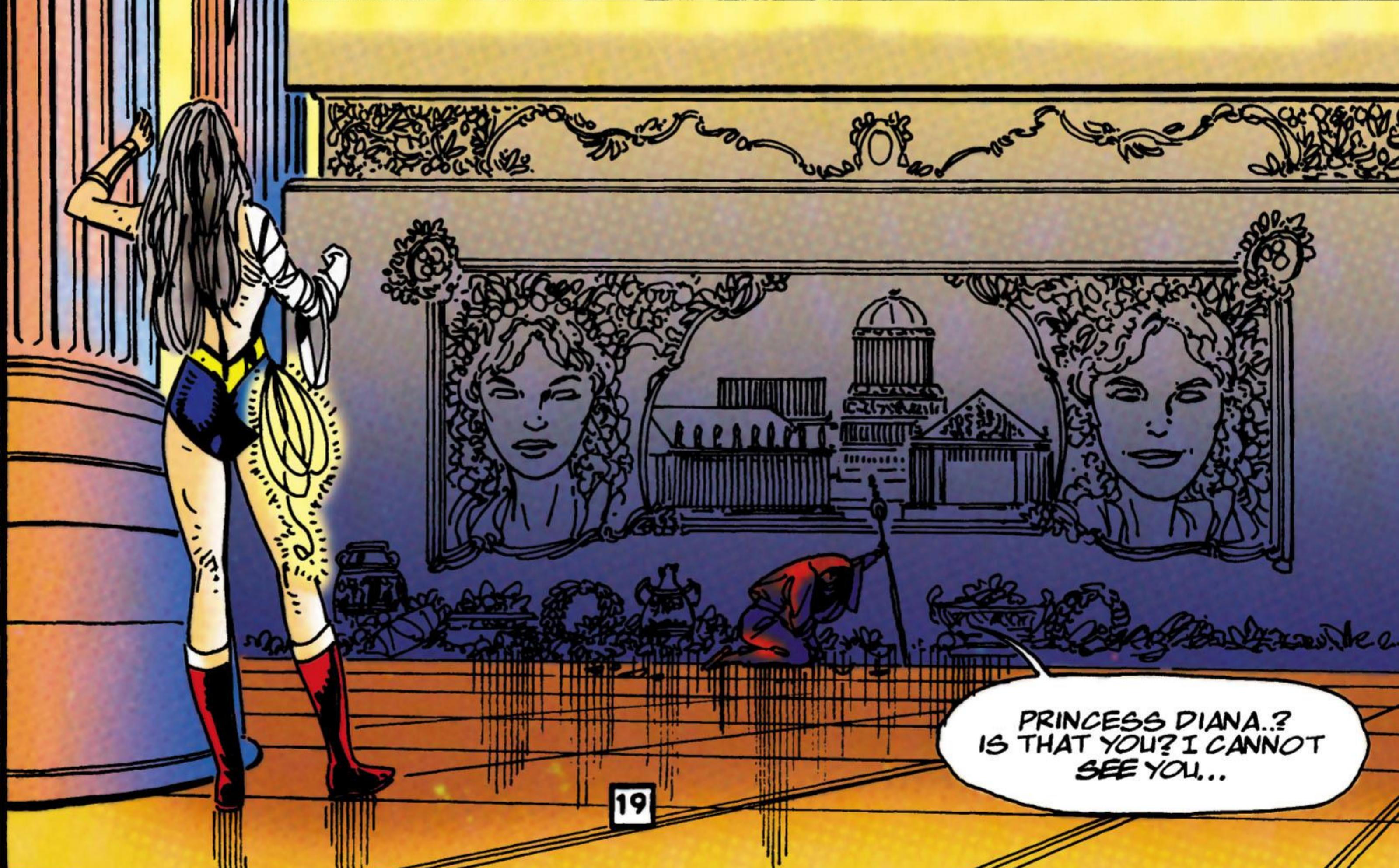
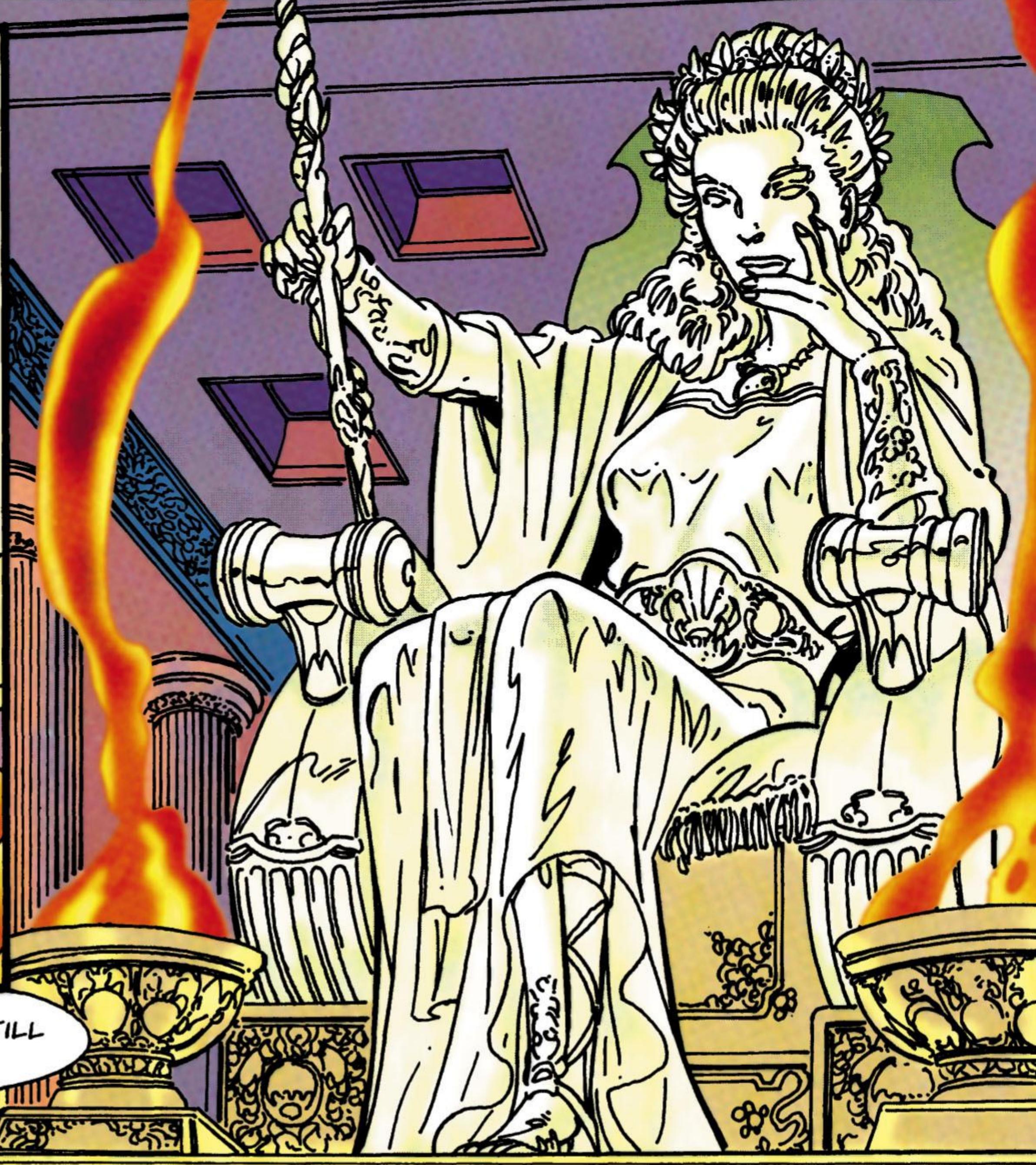


OH, NO!

OH NO NO
NO NO NO NO
NO NO ...!!!

THEY'RE ALL STATUES!
THEY HAVE ALL TURNED TO
STONE!!





EUDIA! WHAT HAS HAPPENED? IT SEEMS ALMOST AS THO' OUR GODS HAVE ABANDONED US!

THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAS HAPPENED, PRINCESS.

WE AMAZONS WERE CREATED BY THE GREAT GODS OF OLYMPUS... BUT THOSE GODS HAVE DEPARTED THIS EARTHLY REALM.

AND WITH THEM HAVE GONE THE POWERS THAT GAVE US LIFE!

BUT IT HAS BEEN LONG MONTHS SINCE THE GODS LEFT, EUDIA. WHY HAS THIS AFFLICTION COME NOW UPON US?

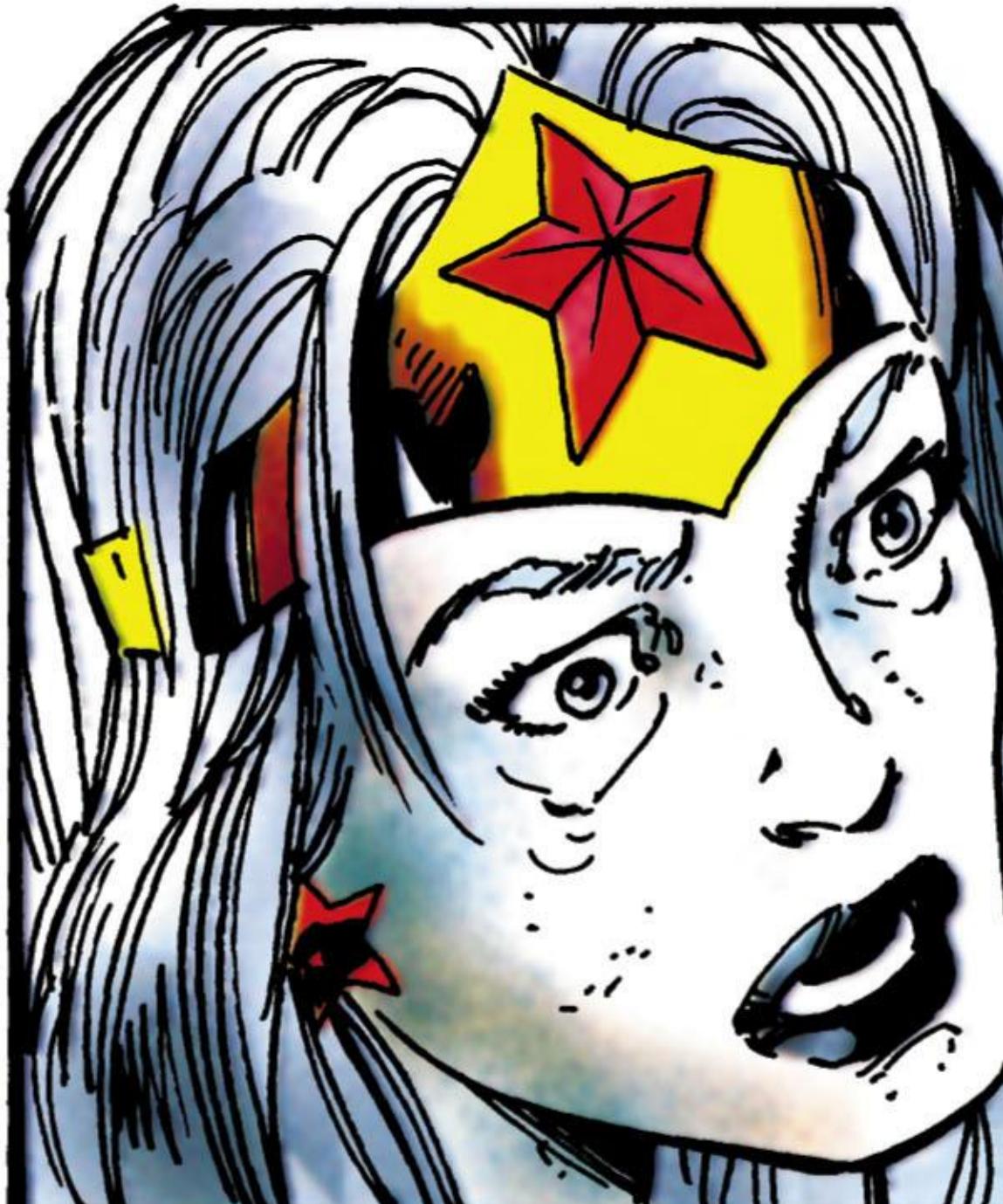
THAT I CANNOT ANSWER, PRINCESS. I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT WE MANAGED TO FORESTALL THE WORST EFFECT BY COMING TO THIS TEMPLE AND PRAYING TO THE GODDESS ATHENA.

A TEMPORARY RESPITE, TO BE SURE, BUT AT LEAST IT CREATED TIME ENOUGH FOR YOU TO COME, AND BRING THE GODS WITH YOU.

EUDIA? WHAT DO YOU MEAN? I HAVE NO GODS WITH ME, ONLY MORTALS FROM AMERICA.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, PRINCESS? BLIND I MAY BE FROM THIS AFFLICION, BUT HERE IN THIS HOLY PLACE EVEN MY SIGHTLESS EYES CAN SENSE THE GLORY THAT SHINES FROM YOUR COMPANION.

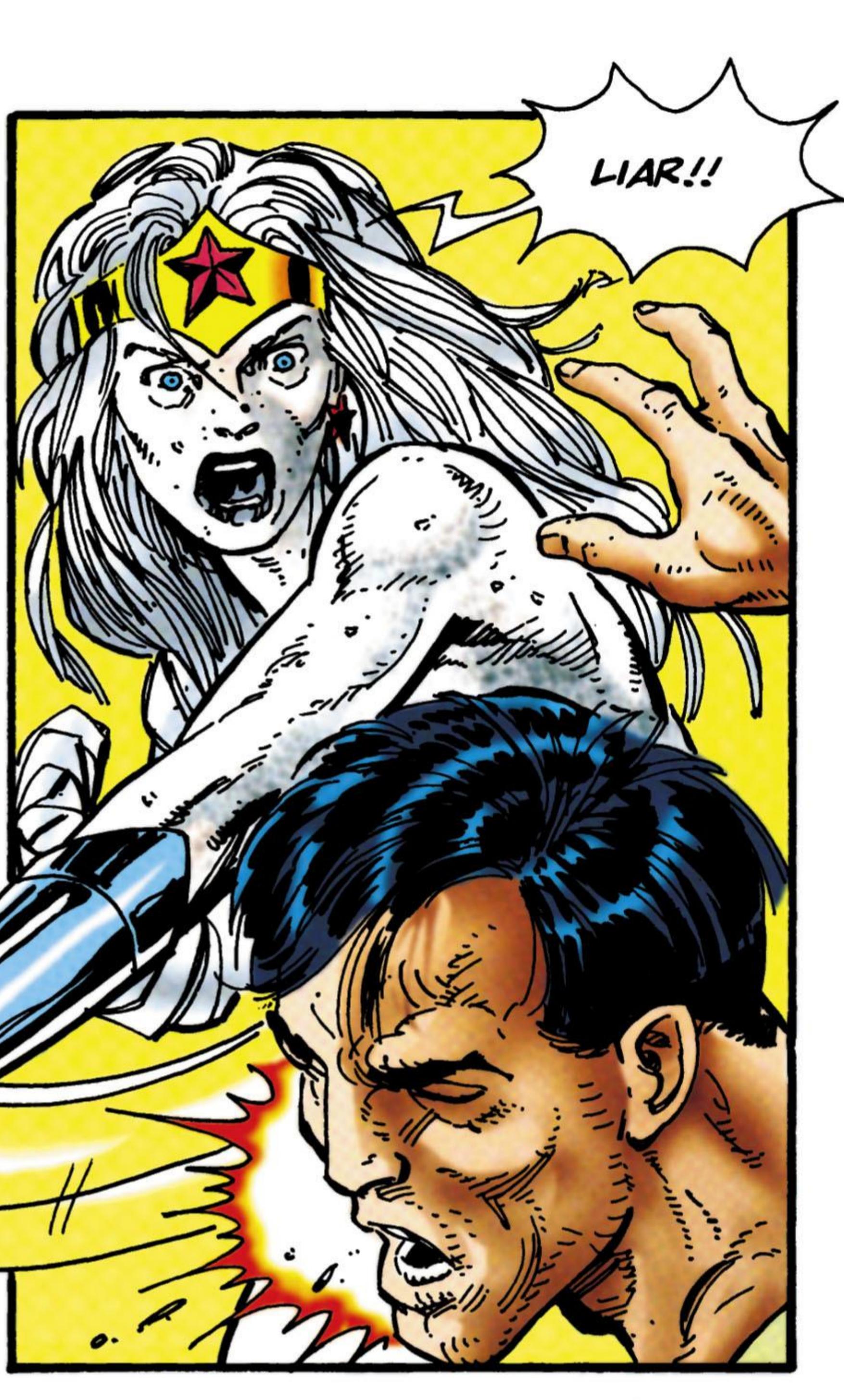
IS HE NOT HERACLES, THE SON OF ZEUS?



...HERACLES??

DIANA...





DIANA!!!



NEXT ISSUE OUR TALE
CARRIES US FROM THE
DEPTH'S OF DESPAIR TO THE
HEIGHT'S OF OLYMPUS.
JOIN US IN 30 DAYS AS THE
FATE OF DIANA AND ALL HER
AMAZON SISTERS HANGS
UPON THE...

**Judgment
of the
Gods!**