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TROY?



ONE HOUR AGO, AS
MORTALS MEASURE TIME...



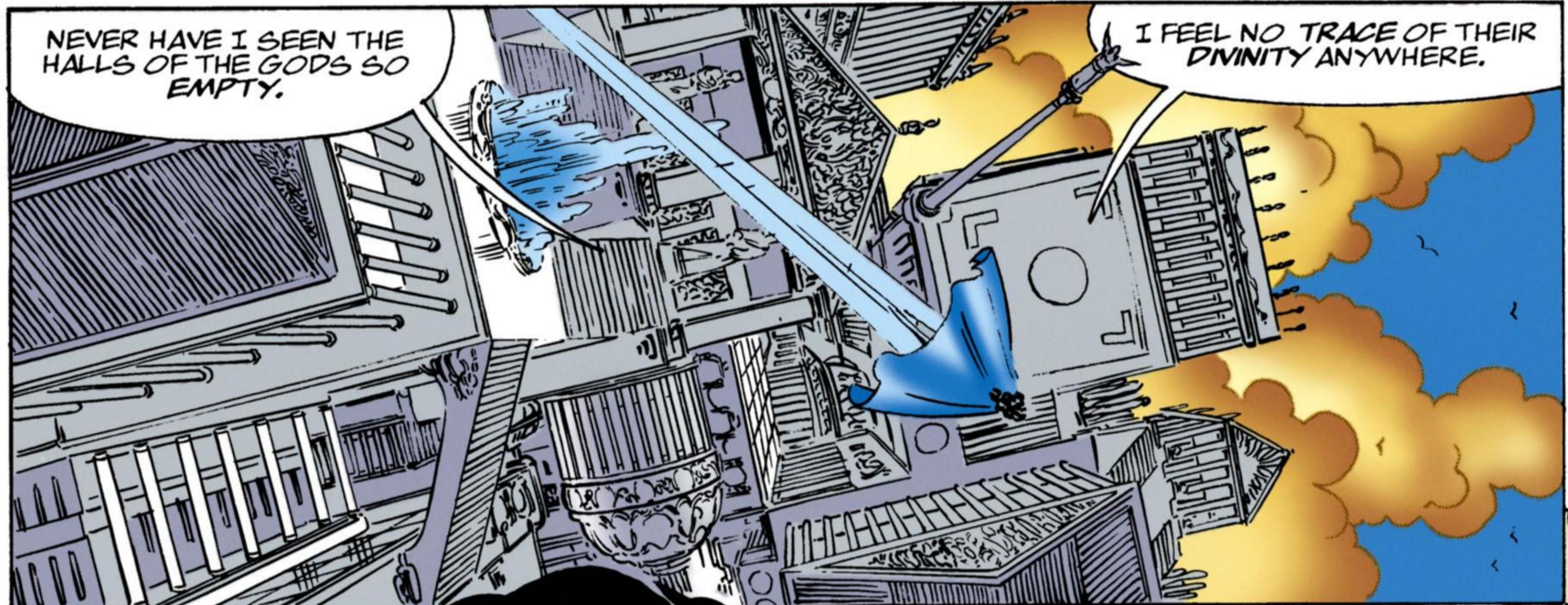
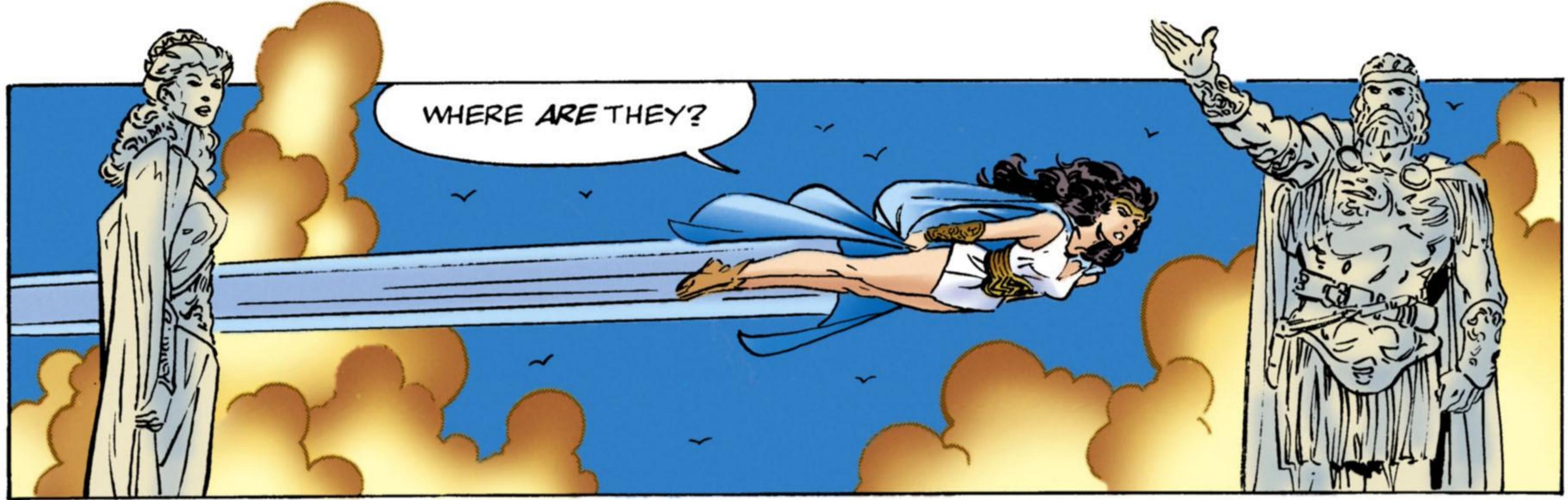
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WHO DOES TOUCH TOY?

MEANWHILE, HIGH ABOVE
THE URBAN SPRAWL OF
GATEWAY CITY...

THERE IT IS, EXACTLY AS I
LEFT IT, ONLY MINUTES AGO
BY THE MEASURE OF ITS
CITIZENS.

YET HOW STRANGE AND
DIFFERENT THE CITY
LOOKS, AFTER WHAT HAS
BEEN, FOR ME, SO LONG AN
ABSENCE!

I MUST ONCE AGAIN ALTER THE CONFIGURATION OF MY AIRCRAFT, THAT I MAY LAND UNSEEN AND UNHEARD ON THIS QUIET STREET.



AND THAT ACCOMPLISHED, I CAN NOW WILL THE PLANE TO REDUCE ITSELF TO A MORE PORTABLE SIZE.

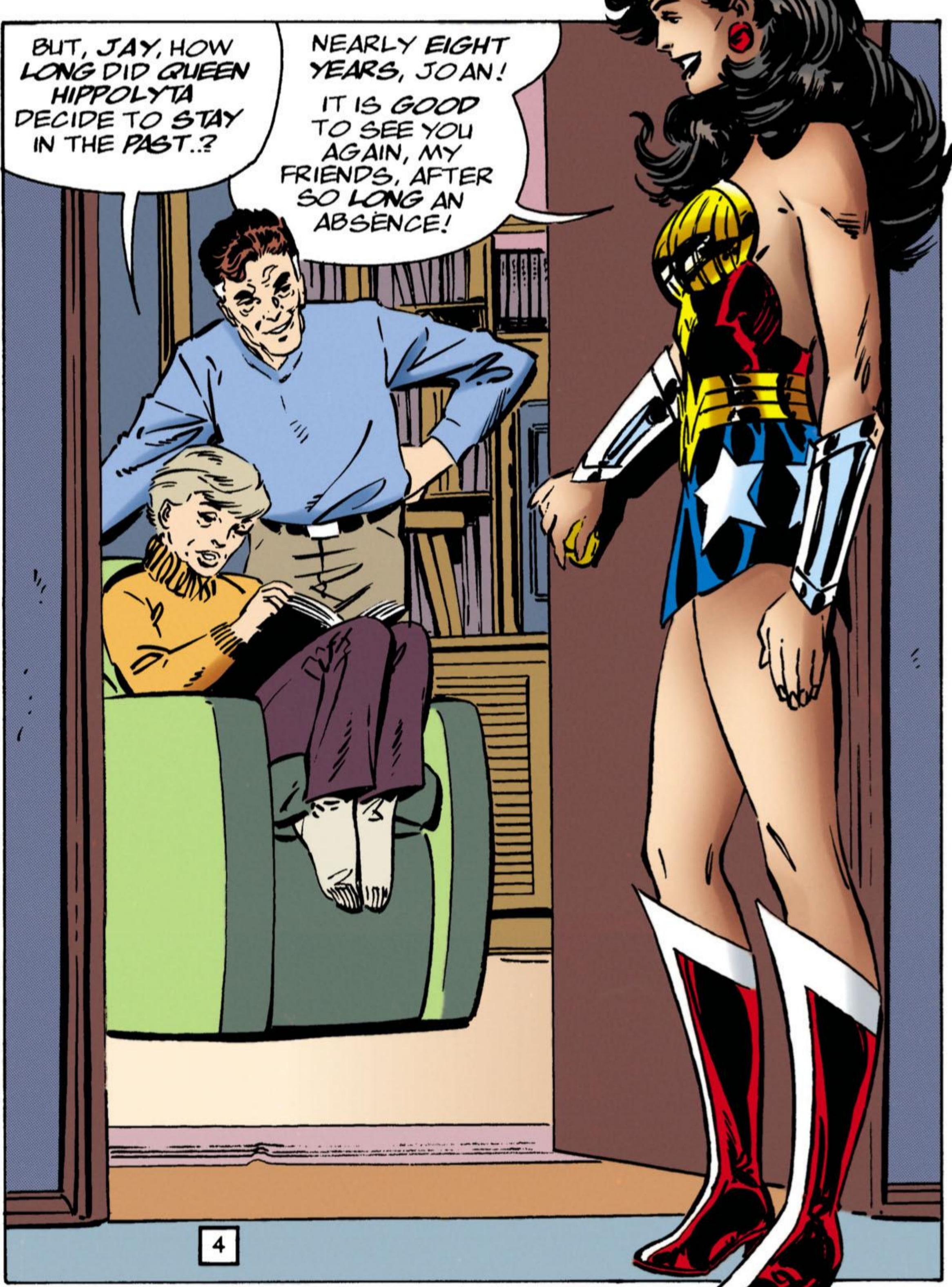


THE SANDSMARK HOME IS AS I REMEMBER IT.
AND, OF COURSE, THERE IS NO REASON FOR IT TO BE OTHERWISE!



BUT, JAY, HOW LONG DID QUEEN HIPPOLYTA DECIDE TO STAY IN THE PAST..?

NEARLY EIGHT YEARS, JOAN!
IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIENDS, AFTER SO LONG AN ABSENCE!



YOU STAYED BACK THERE FOR EIGHT YEARS..? WELL... OF COURSE YOU DID! I REMEMBER NOW, LIKE I REMEMBER ALL THE ADVENTURES WE HAD AS MEMBERS OF THE JUSTICE SOCIETY!**

ALL BUT THE LAST! ONLY JOHNNY THUNDER WAS THERE TO SEE DARK ANGEL BROUGHT TO HER FINAL JUDGMENT!***

*THE FIRST OF WHICH WAS DETAILED IN OUR MOST RECENT ISSUES - PAUL!

**REVEALED IN THIS YEAR'S ADVENTURE COMICS 80-PAGE GIANT - WHO ELSE?

BUT LET US NOT TALK OF SUCH THINGS WHEN ALL ARE NOT PRESENT. WHERE IS DONNA TROY? SHE, TOO, WILL WISH TO HEAR THESE TALES, I AM SURE!

ER... I THINK YOUR JOURNEY THROUGH TIME MAY HAVE LEFT YOU A BIT CONFUSED, POLLY. WE'VE NEVER MET ANYONE BY THAT NAME.

WHO IS DONNA TROY..?

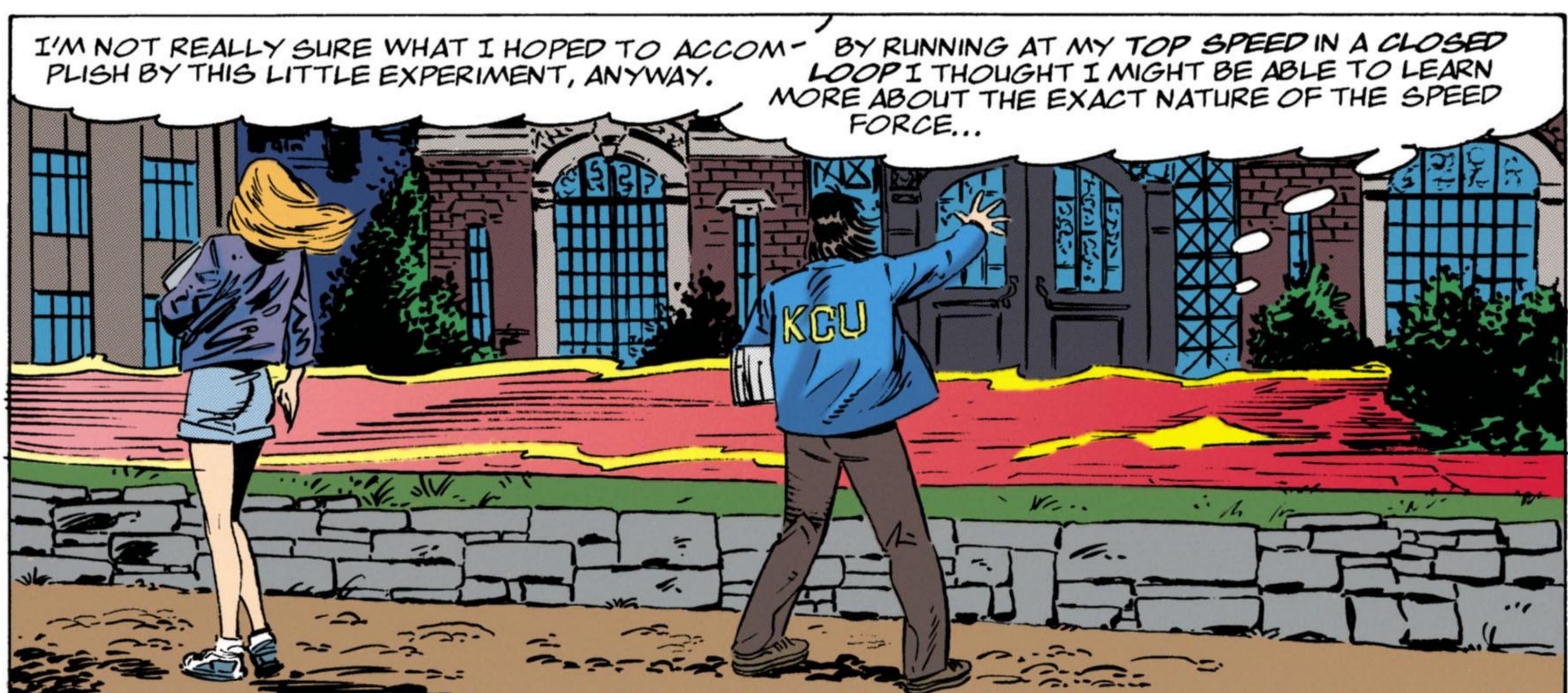
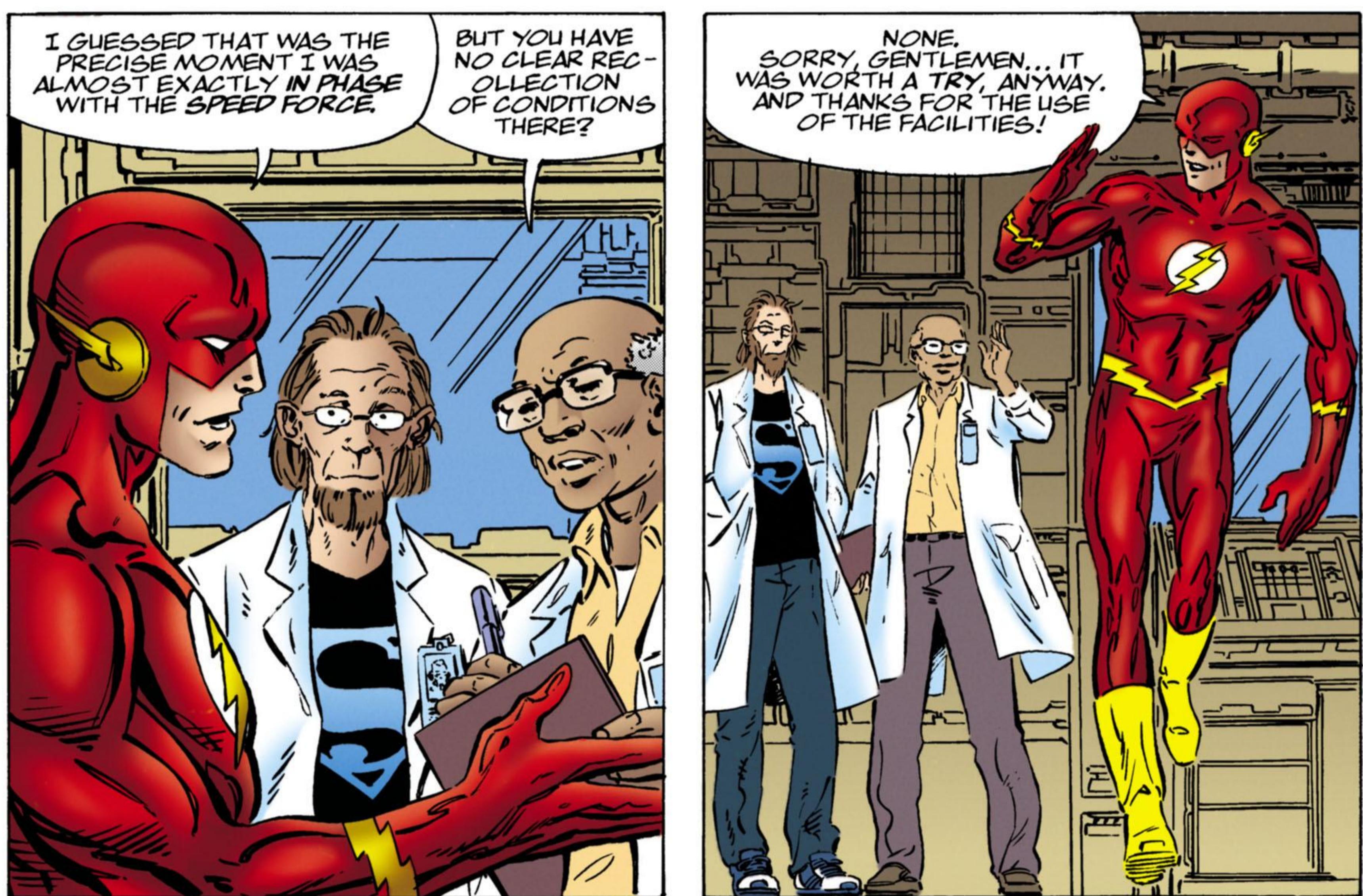
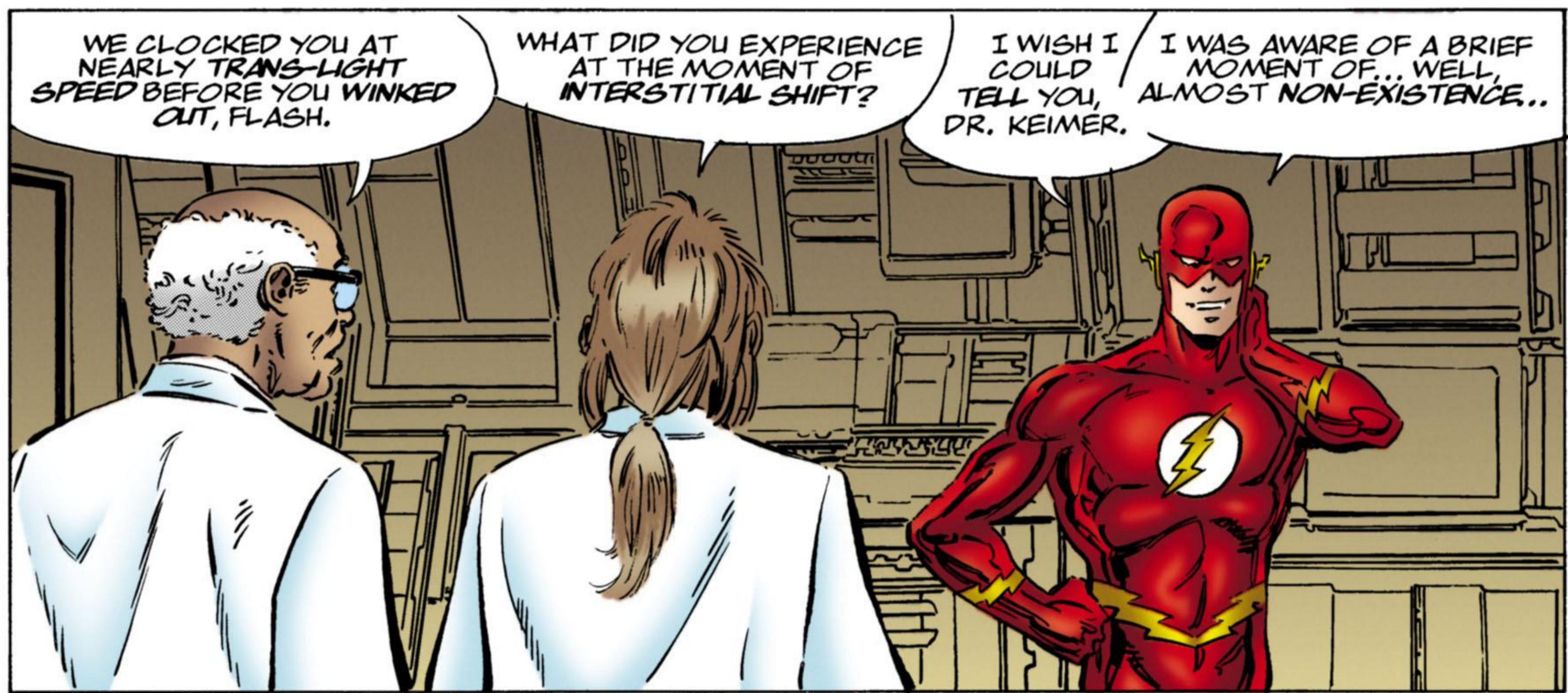
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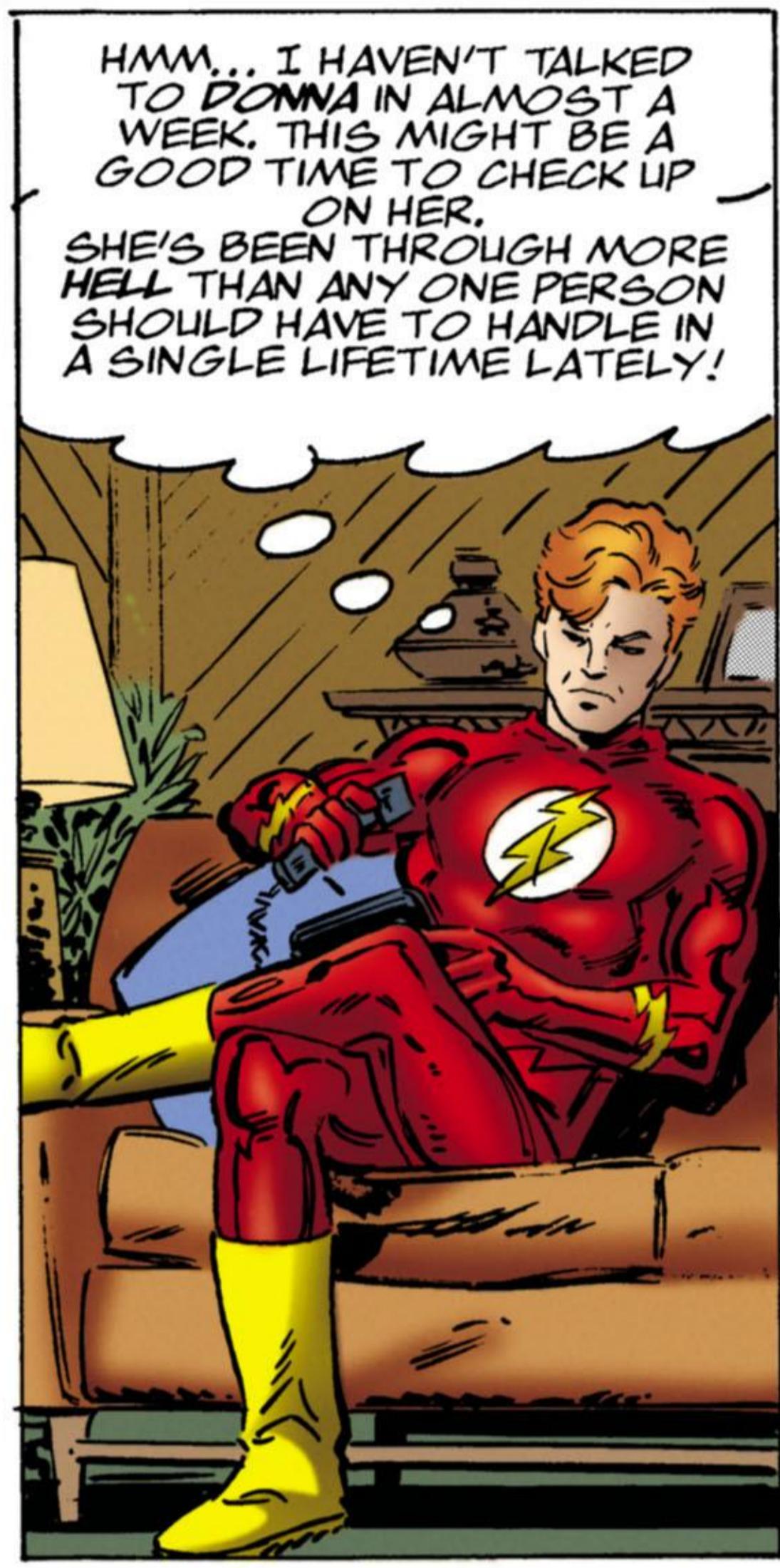
...WE TURN OUR ATTENTION EASTWARD TO KEYSTONE CITY...

...SPECIFICALLY, TO THE GREAT UNDERGROUND RING OF THE PARTICLE ACCELERATOR AT KEYSTONE UNIVERSITY...

...WHERE A FAMILIAR FIGURE HAS JUST COMPLETED A JOURNEY TO NOWHERE...

WELL... THAT WAS LESS SUCCESSFUL THAN I'D HOPED.





THEMYSCIRA, ANCIENT
HOME OF THE AMAZONS,
CALLED PARADISE ISLAND
BY SOME...

YOUR
MESSAGE WAS
MOST
URGENT.

WHAT IS
TROU-
BLING YOU,
SISTER
?

I...
AM
NOT
CER-
TAIN,
PHILLIPIS.

HAVING CHOSEN TO LIVE
APART FROM THE REST OF
THE AMAZONS, I HAVE IN MY
LONG HERMITAGE TURNED
MY ATTENTION TO THE
STUDY OF ARTS MYSTIC
AND ARCAN...

IN THE PAST HOUR I HAVE
BECOME AWARE OF
SOMETHING... SOMETHING
WHICH SEEMS TO TOUCH
UPON THIS ISLAND, WHILE AT
THE SAME TIME BEING
GREATLY DISTANCED FROM
US.

CAN YOU STATE
YOUR CONCERN
MORE CLEARLY,
SISTER? I AM
A SOLDIER, AND
MY MIND IS
TRAINED TO
THINK IN WAYS
MORE STRAIGHT-
FORWARD.



ONCE MORE, BACK TO GATEWAY CITY...

I DO INDEED, FLASH. DONNA IS A DEAR FRIEND OF MY DAUGHTER, AND WAS HERSELF ONCE KNOWN AS WONDER GIRL!

YES... SHE AND I WERE FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE ORIGINAL TEEN TITANS, ALONG WITH ROBIN, SPEEDY AND AQUALAD!

I REMEMBER YOUR TITANS WELL, WALLY... BUT I DON'T REMEMBER ANY FEMALE MEMBERS UNTIL RAVEN AND STARFIRE CAME ALONG.

BUT... HOW CAN WALLY AND QUEEN HIPPOLYTA BE HAVING THE SAME HALLUCINATION, JAY?



OBVIOUSLY WE CAN'T, JOAN. THERE IS NOTHING TO CONNECT US EXCEPT WONDER WOMAN'S MEMBERSHIP IN THE JLA...

...AND THAT WAS A DIFFERENT WONDER WOMAN!

YES, MY DAUGHTER. I HAVE NOT YET TAKEN HER PLACE IN THE JUSTICE LEAGUE.

COULD THIS BE THE WORK OF SOME VILLAIN WHO BELIEVES ME TO BE MY DAUGHTER?



"IT'S AS IF SHE'S BEEN ERASED -- RETROACTIVELY!!!"

THIS IS THE LAST OF 'EM, LIEUTENANT. LOOKS LIKE SHE WAS PUSHING, AS WELL AS USING.

ONE HOUR AGO, IN GOTHAM CITY...

GEEZ...

YOU GOT A NAME, KID?

NOT TO TELL YOU, CREEP.

DON'T GET LIPPY WITH ME, SWEETS. I'M NOT ONE OF GORDON'S LITTLE CHOIR BOYS.



NOW, YOU'RE GONNA TELL ME WHO YOUR CONNECTION IS, AND WHERE HE'S GETTING THE STUFF, OR YOU AN' ME ARE GONNA TAKE A LITTLE STROLL DOWN THE ALLEY. CAPEESH?

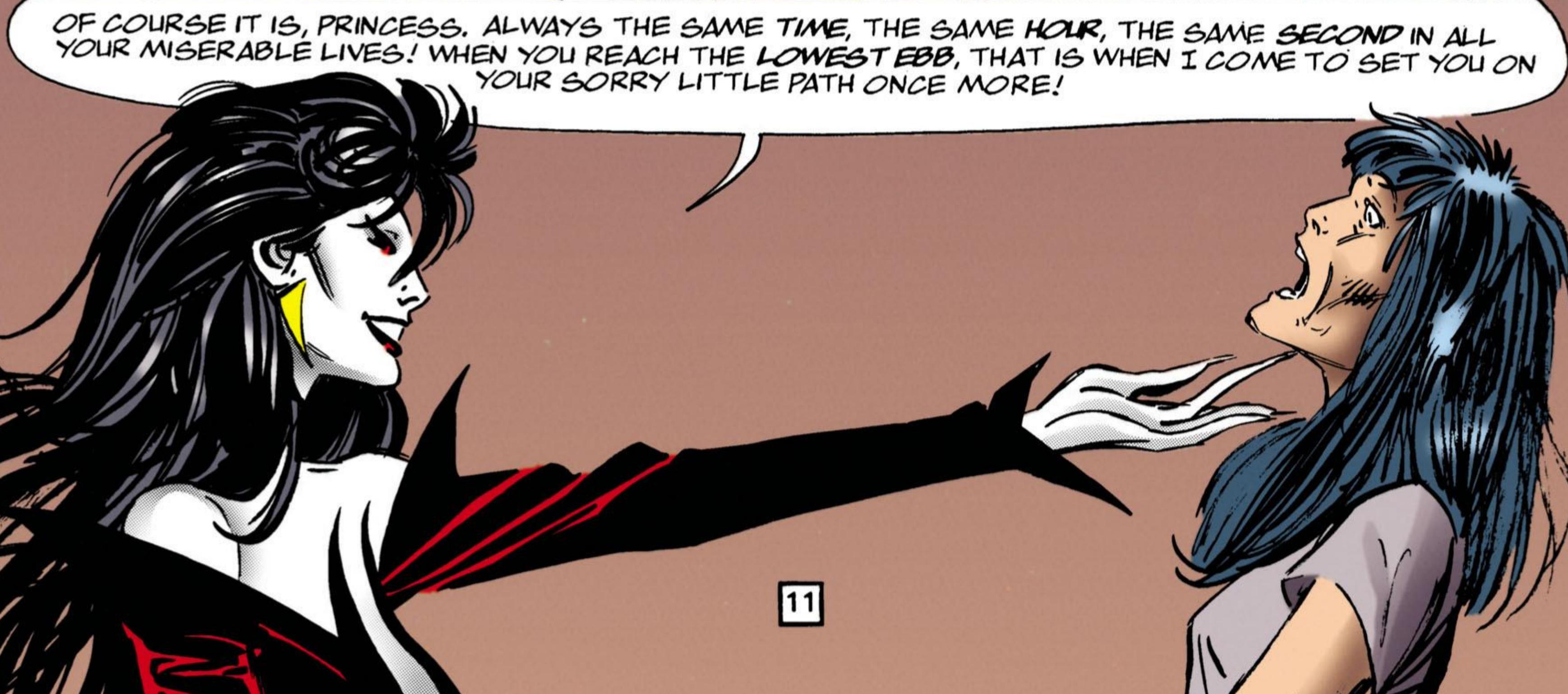
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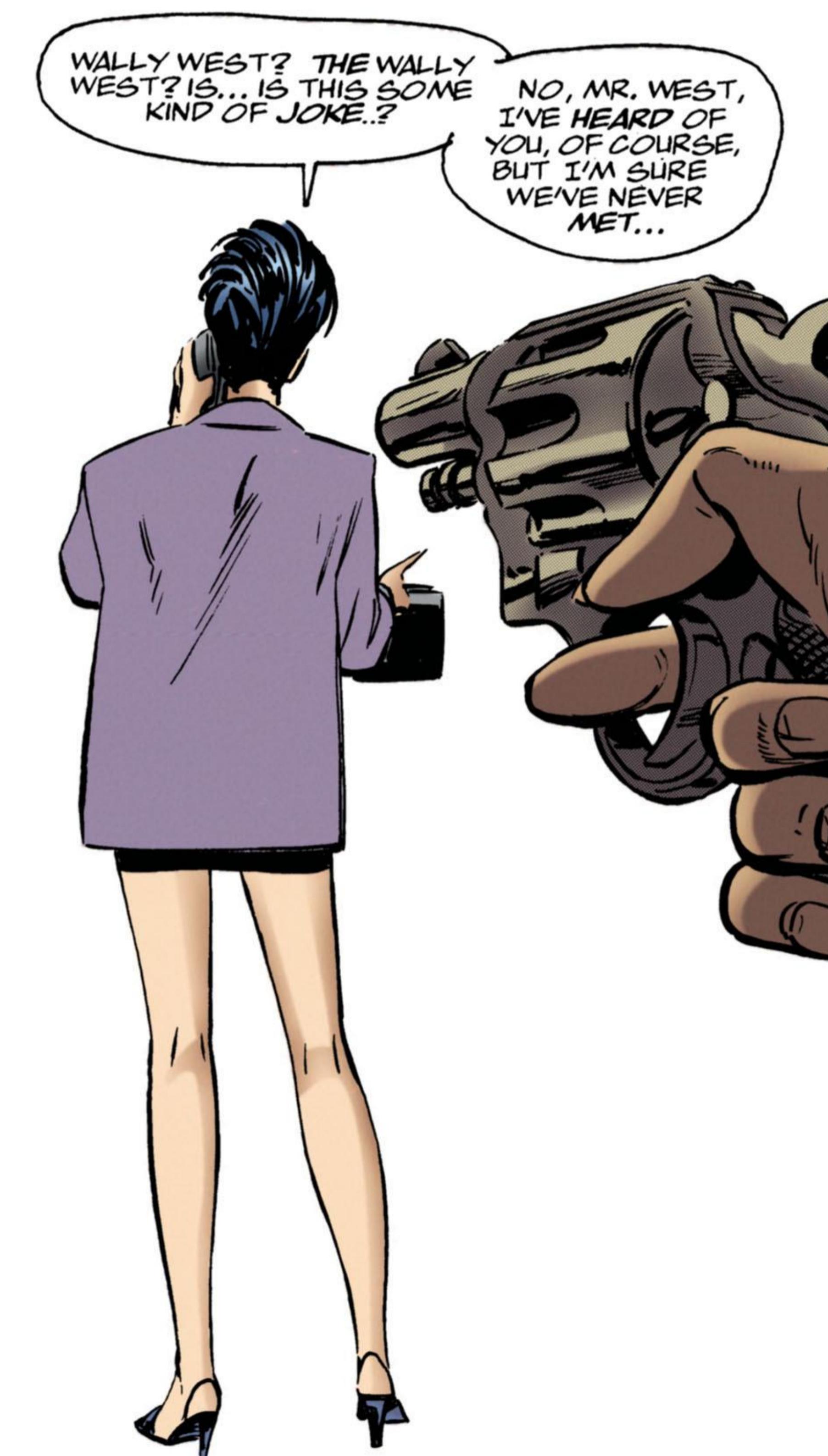
GO GET A CUP OF COFFEE, BOYS. ME AN' TH' LITTLE PRINCESS HERE ARE GONNA HAVE A FEW WORDS...

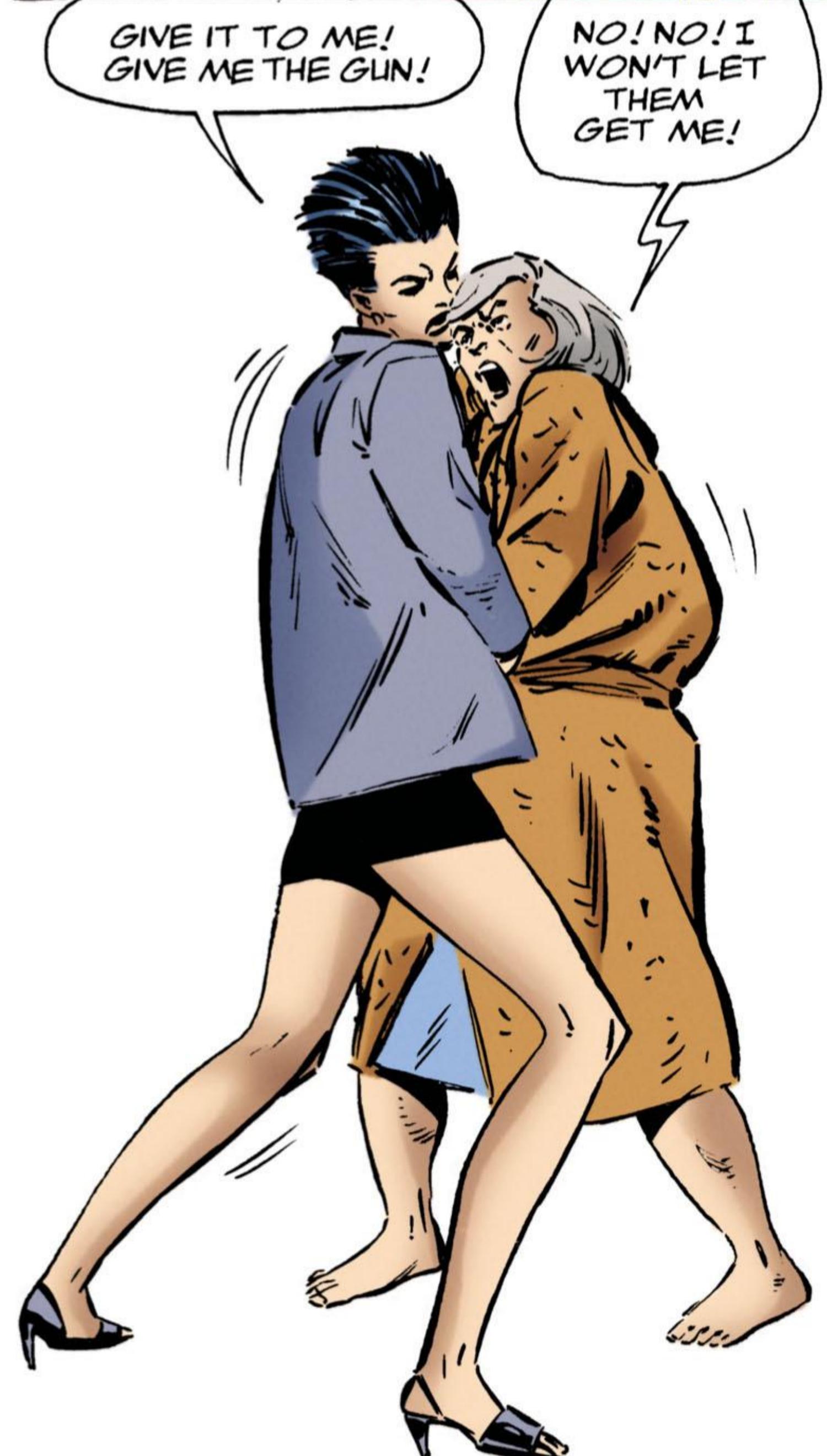
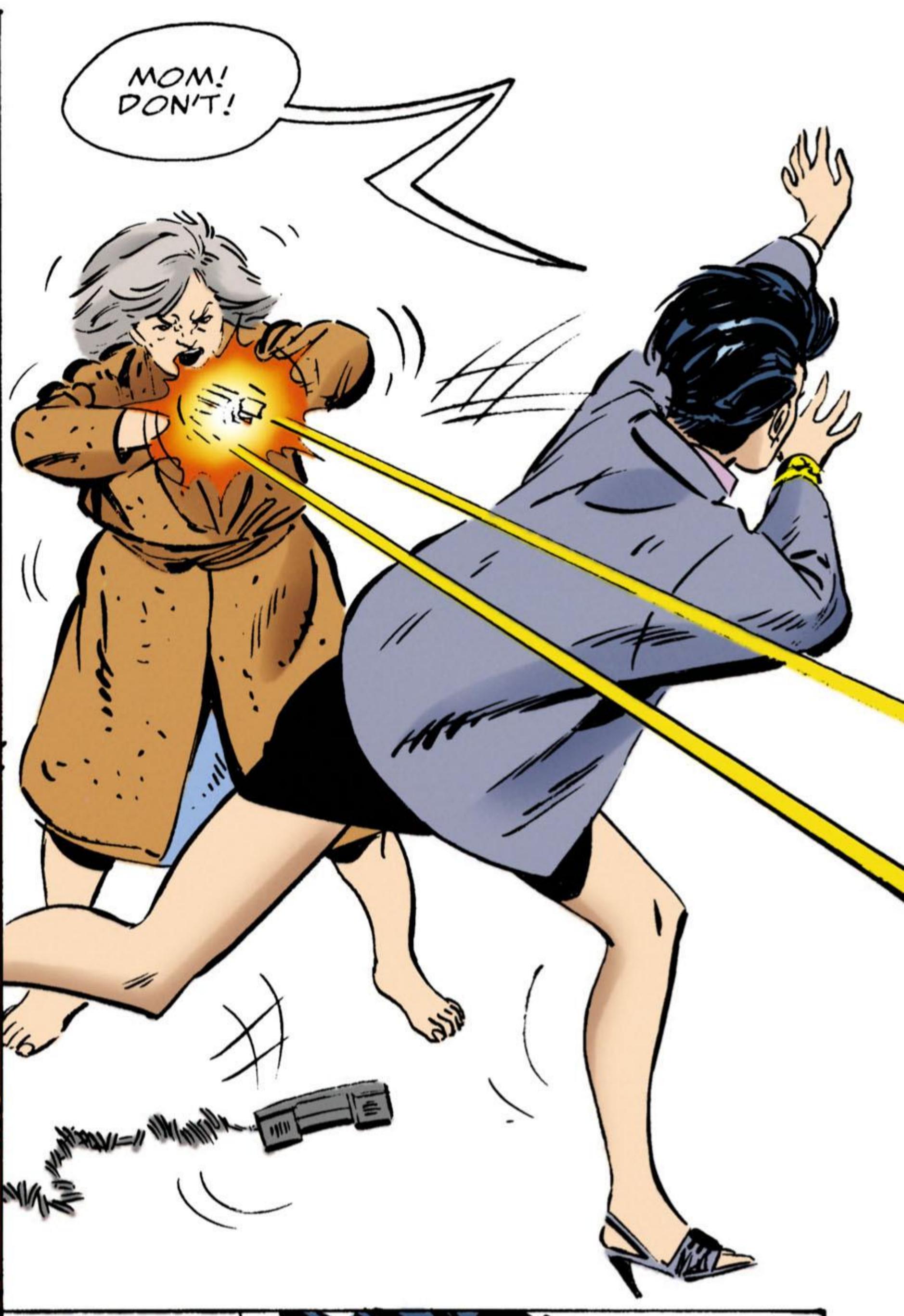
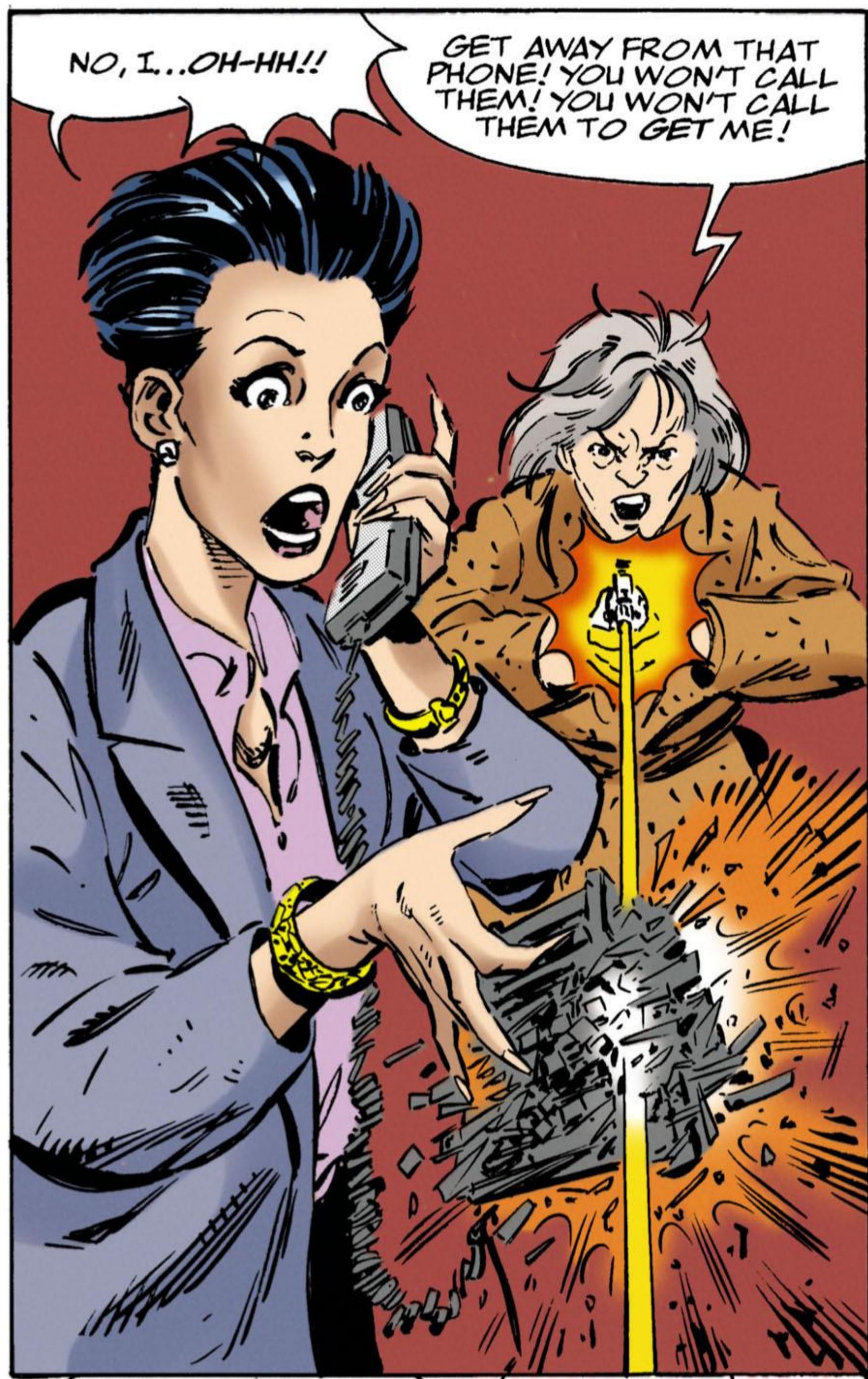
RIGHT, LIEU-TENANT.

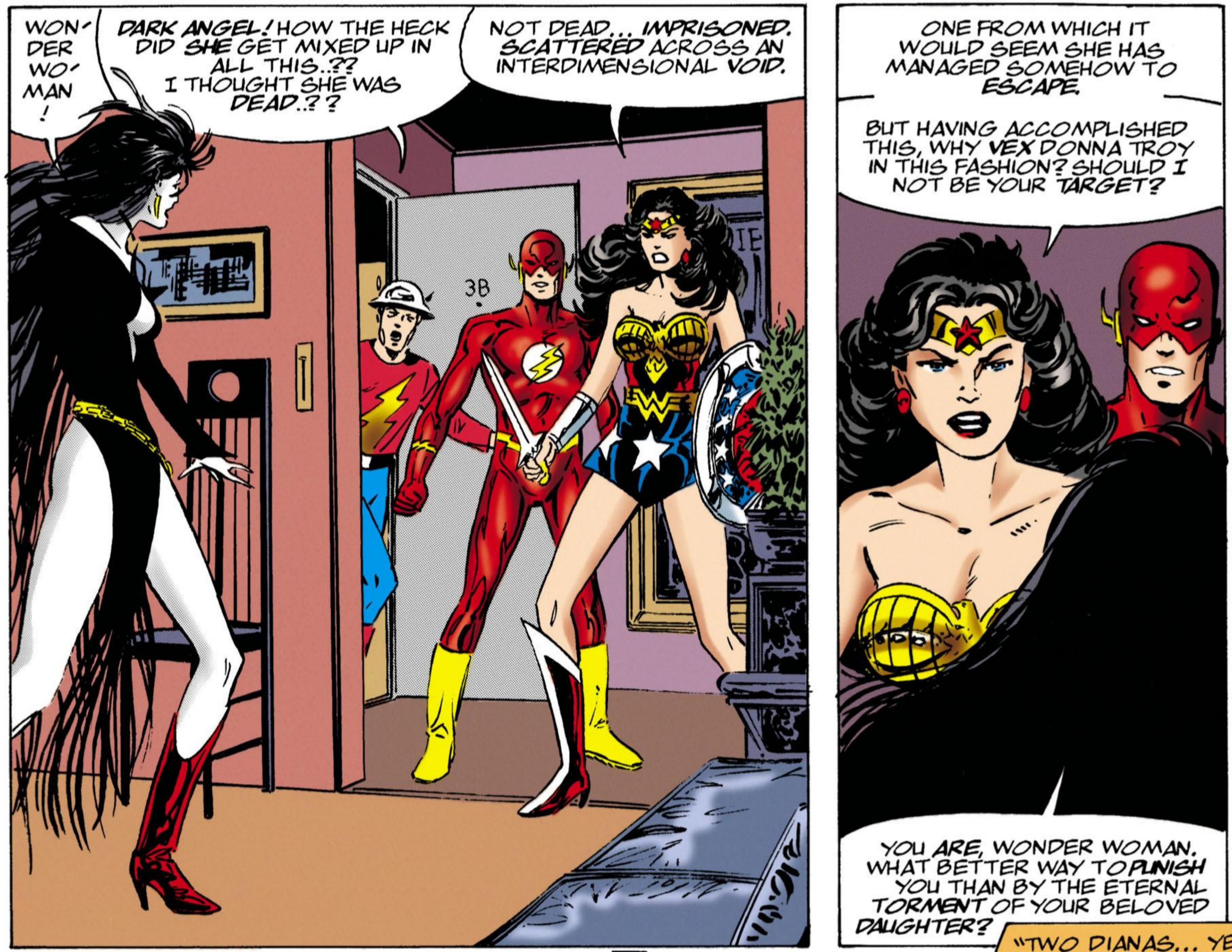
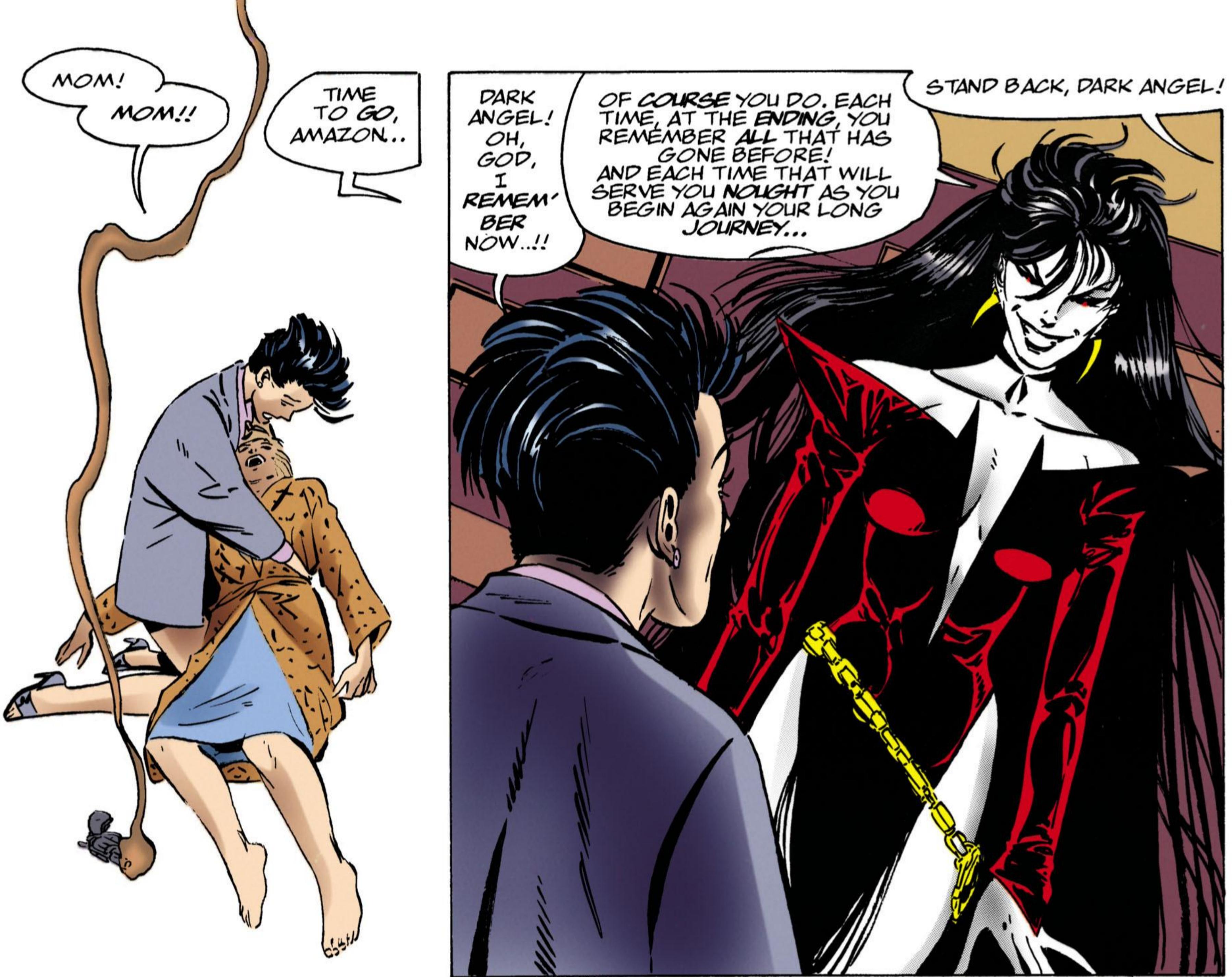
LET GO OF ME!!









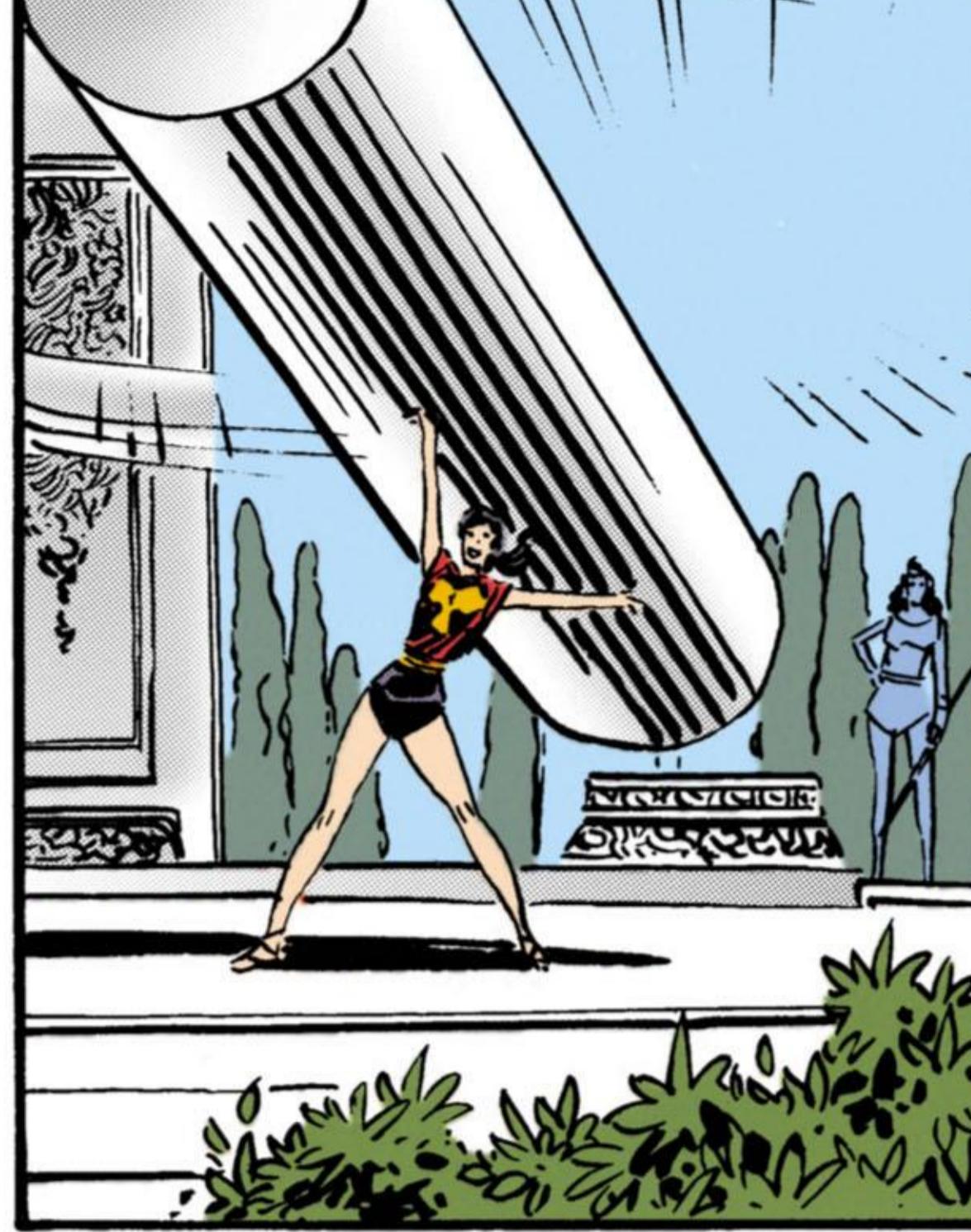
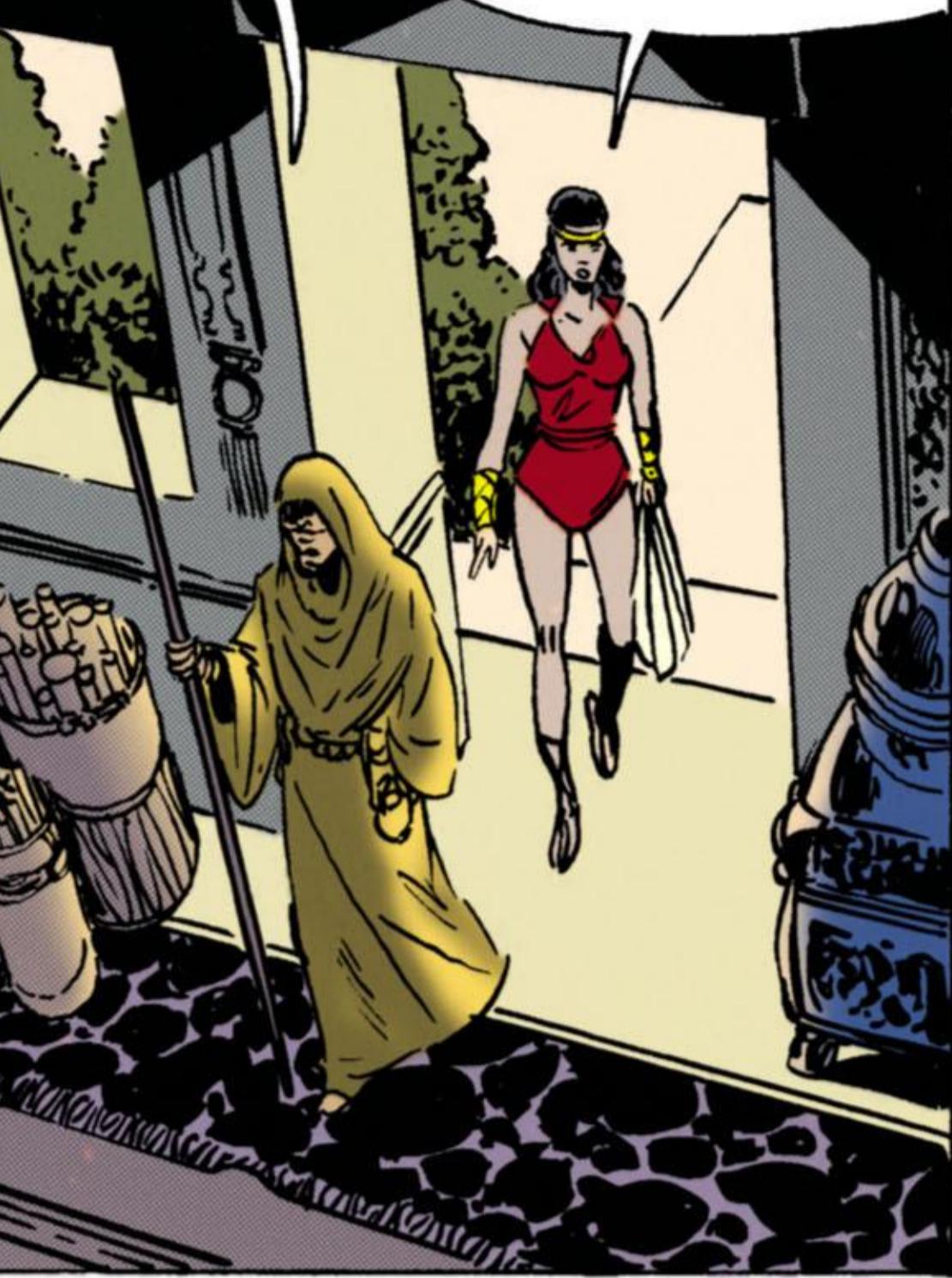


THE RESULT OF A SPELL I CAST MANY YEARS AGO, PHILLIPUS. A SPELL I HAD VERY NEARLY FORGOTTEN.

TELL ME MORE, MAGALA. AND TELL ME, IF YOU CAN, WHY THIS MATTER HAS NOW COME TO TROUBLE YOU.

"THE TALE BEGINS IN THE SUMMER OF DIANA'S TWELFTH YEAR, PHILLIPUS."

"MANY WAS THE HOUR I WATCHED HER AS SHE UNDERWENT HER AMAZON TRAINING, EXCELLING IN EACH SPORT AND CONTEST, AS THE GIFTS OF THE GODS MADE HER THE MOST POWERFUL AMONG US."



"BUT DESPITE HER GREAT POWERS AND THE LOVE OF HER MOTHER AND ALL HER SISTERS HERE, I SENSED THAT DIANA WAS TROUBLED."

"PERHAPS IT WAS A CERTAIN KINSHIP WE SHARED, EACH IN OUR OWN WAY APART FROM THE REST OF THE AMAZONS."

MY FEATURES ARE NOT SHAPED AS ARE OUR SISTERS', I KNOW, DIANA. I WAS THE FIRST TO BE CALLED TO THE WELL OF SOULS

WHAT TROUBLES YOU, DIANA?

OH, MAGALA! FORGIVE ME, YOUR SUDDEN APPROACH STARTLED ME.

THAT WAS FORTY THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE HUMAN FORM HAD TAKEN ON ITS PRESENT, PLEASING SHAPE.

NO, NO, MAGALA. IT IS NOT THAT. I WAS, AS YOU SAID, TROUBLED. I DID NOT NOTE YOUR COMING.



THEN, TELL ME, DIANA, WHAT IT IS THAT FURROWS YOUR YOUNG BROW. ARE YOU NOT HAPPY IN YOUR LIFE ON THEMYSCIRA?

HAPPY ENOUGH, MAGALA. BUT... THERE IS SOMETHING I MISS, AND IN A WAY YOU HAVE TOUCHED UPON IT.

ALL MY SISTERS WERE CALLED INTO THE WELL OF SOULS WHEN THEIR LIVES WERE ENDED BY VIOLENCE.

EVEN I, AS AN UNBORN CHILD IN MY MOTHER'S WOMB.

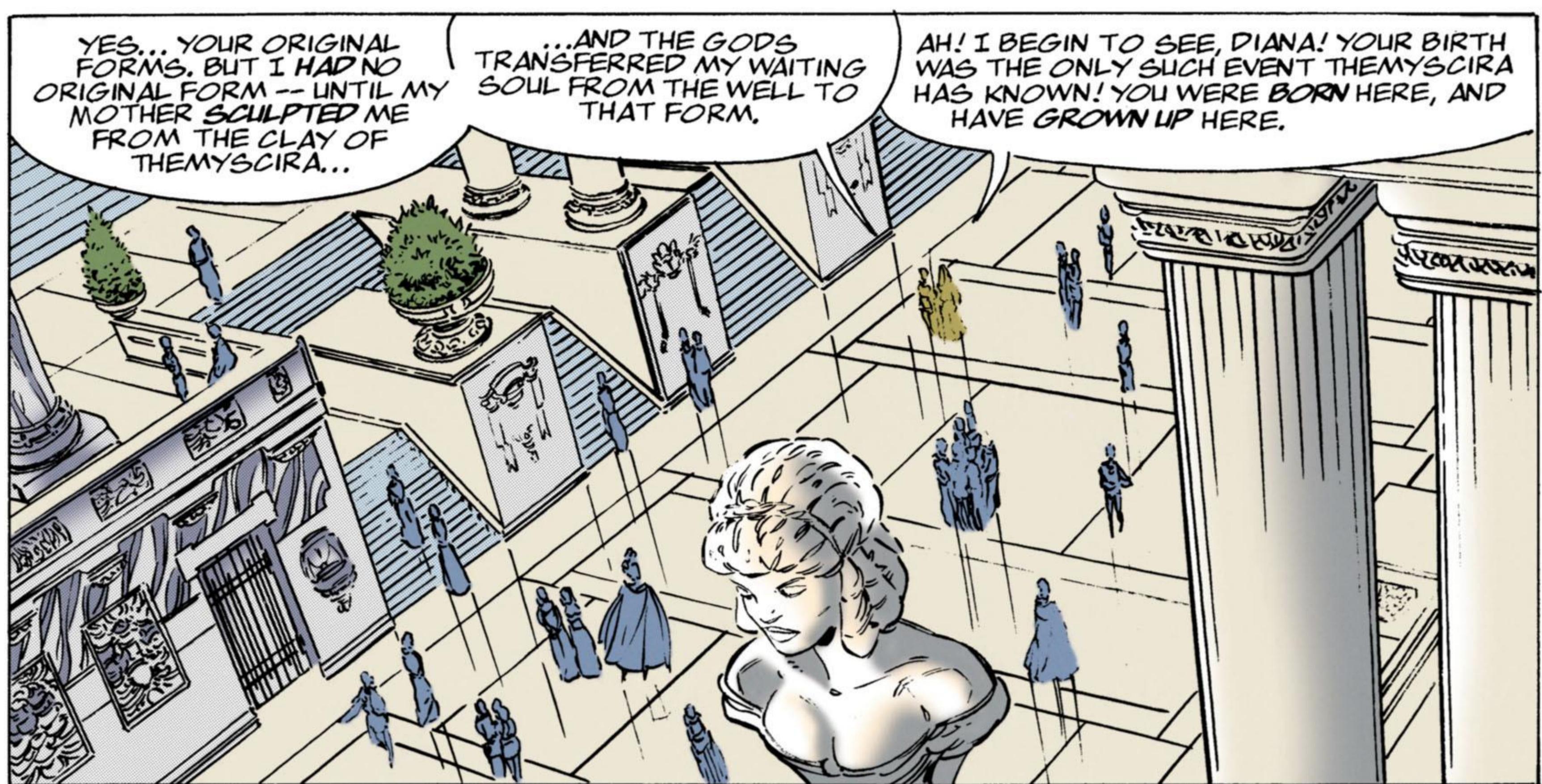
YES, AND THERE WE LANGUISHED FOR MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS, UNTIL THE GODDESSES CHOSE TO RAISE US ALL IN PERFECT VERSIONS OF OUR ORIGINAL FORMS.



YES... YOUR ORIGINAL FORMS. BUT I HAD NO ORIGINAL FORM -- UNTIL MY MOTHER SCULPTED ME FROM THE CLAY OF THEMYSCIRA...

...AND THE GODS TRANSFERRED MY WAITING SOUL FROM THE WELL TO THAT FORM.

AH! I BEGIN TO SEE, DIANA! YOUR BIRTH WAS THE ONLY SUCH EVENT THEMYSCIRA HAS KNOWN! YOU WERE BORN HERE, AND HAVE GROWN UP HERE.



YES. GROWN UP FOR TWELVE YEARS WITH A RACE OF WOMEN ALL THOUSANDS OF YEARS OLD!

I AM LOVED, I AM TREATED WITH THE DUE RESPECT OF MY STATION, I AM AN EQUAL IN ALL WAYS...

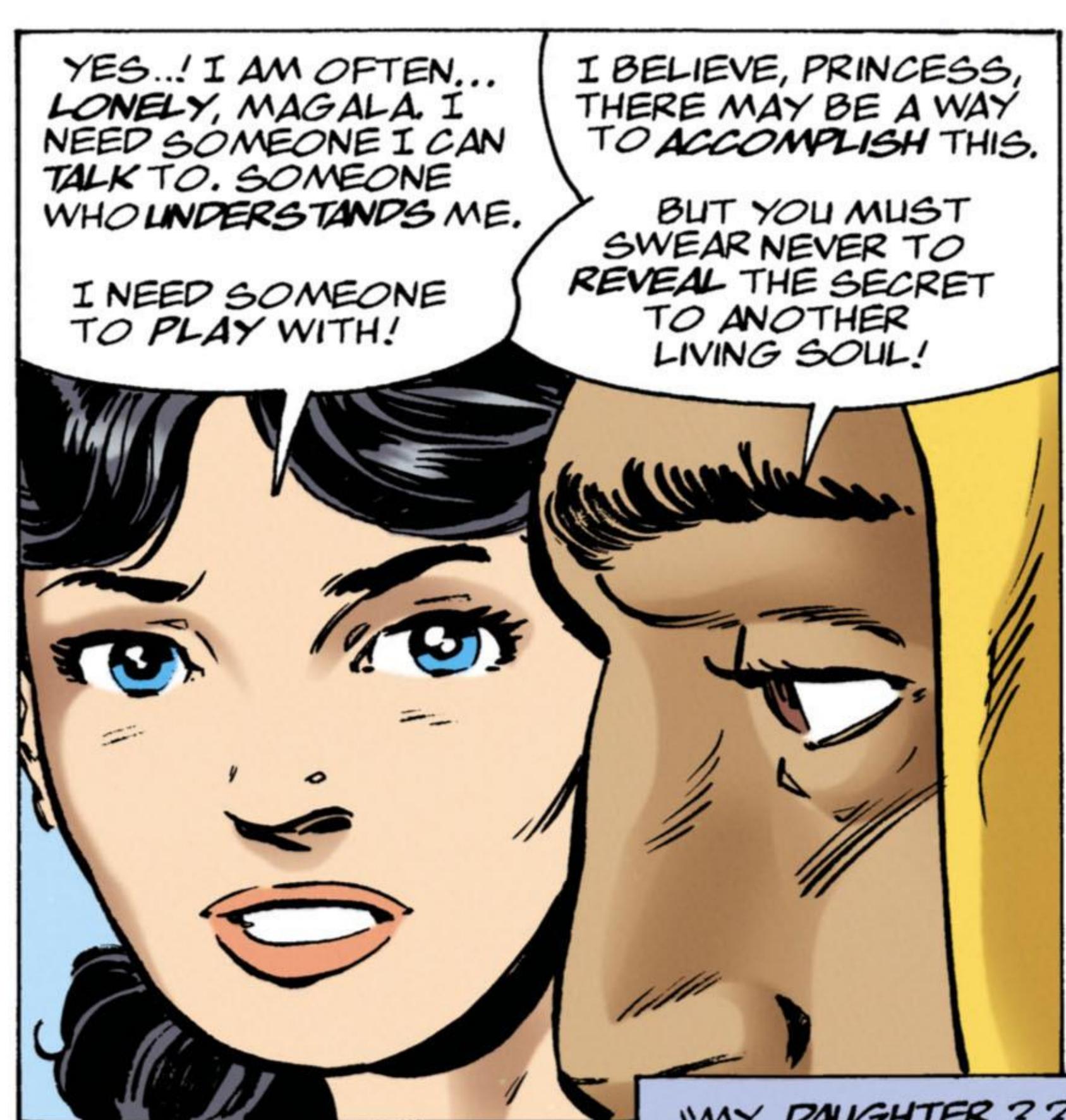
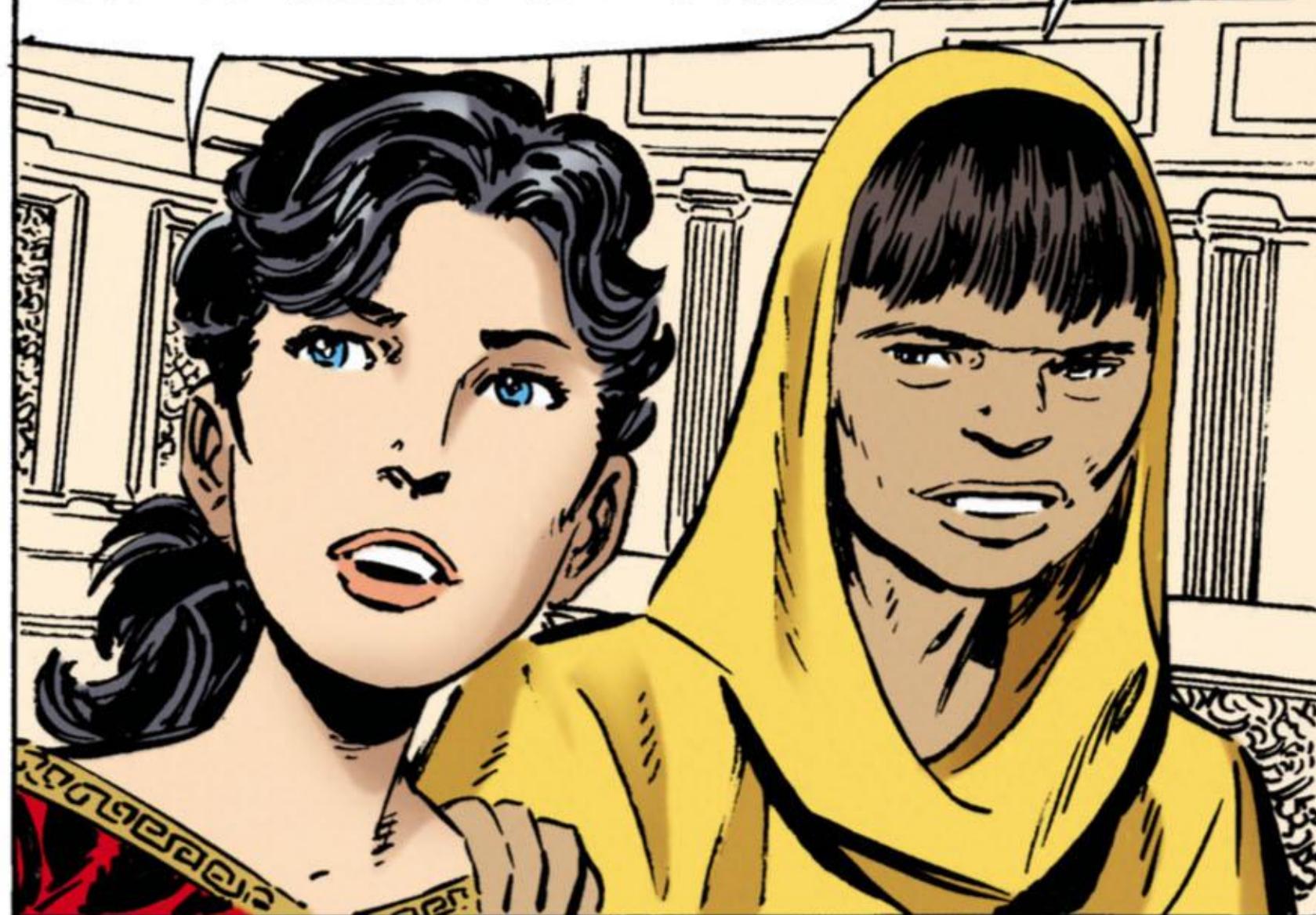
...EXCEPT THAT YOU ARE, FOR ALL THIS, A CHILD, AND A CHILD HAS SPECIAL NEEDS A GROWN-UP CAN ONLY GUESS.

YES... I AM OFTEN... LONELY, MAGALA. I NEED SOMEONE I CAN TALK TO. SOMEONE WHO UNDERSTANDS ME.

I NEED SOMEONE TO PLAY WITH!

I BELIEVE, PRINCESS, THERE MAY BE A WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

BUT YOU MUST SWEAR NEVER TO REVEAL THE SECRET TO ANOTHER LIVING SOUL!



"MY DAUGHTER...?"





BUT THIS TIME DONNA TROY IS NOT ALONE! THIS TIME WE THREE KNOW WHAT DARK ANGEL HAS BEEN ABOUT...

AND I FOR ONE SHALL NOT REST UNTIL THIS MATTER IS RESOLVED, AND THE DONNA WE HAVE KNOWN IS ONCE AGAIN RESTORED!



NEXT: TIMELINES UNRAVEL, AND A LONG AND COMPLEX HISTORY DRAWS CLOSER TO A SHATTERING CONCLUSION. BE HERE FOR

FRAGMENTS IN 30 DAYS!

CONTINUING THE TALE OF TERROR, MYSTERY AND BETRAYAL WE CALL SIMPLY...

MEANWHILE

LACKING A BETTER DESCRIPTION, LET US CALL THIS PLACE HELL.

BUT BANISH FROM YOUR MINDS ALL PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS OF THE MEANING OF THAT WORD.

WHAT YOU WILL FIND HERE IS AT THE SAME TIME ALL AND NOTHING OF WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT.

IT DOESN'T WORK! HE CAN STILL LIE!

PULL IT TIGHTER!

"HOLY COW...!"

DEMONS!

AND THEY HAVE DIANA'S GOLDEN LASSO!



YES... THAT PRECIOUS OBJECT HAS BEEN HERE SINCE WONDER WOMAN'S LAST VISIT TO THESE REALMS!

BUT... BUT WHY DIDN'T ANYONE TRY TO RECOVER IT?

