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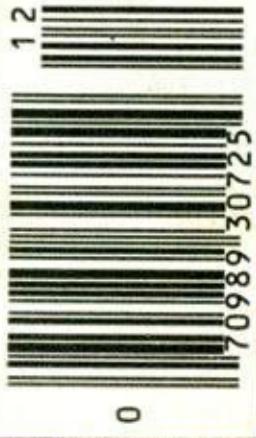
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ALL HAIL
ORANA, THE
VICTOR OF THE
TOURNAMENT...

...ALL
HAIL THE
NEW WONDER
WOMAN!!

BUCKLER
GIORDANO



GRANTED THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, THE SPEED OF MERCURY AND THE BEAUTY OF APHRODITE BY THE GODS, PRINCESS DIANA OF PARADISE ISLAND RENOUNCED HER IMMORTALITY AND ENTERED MANS WORLD AS THE MOST LEGENDARY AMAZON OF ALL...

Wonder Woman

DEEP WITHIN THE MYSTERIOUS OCEANIC AREA KNOWN AS THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE LIES AN ISLAND--A MYSTICAL LAND GIVEN TO THE RACE OF WOMEN WARRIORS KNOWN AS AMAZONS BY THE GODDESS APHRODITE!

RULED BY THE BEAUTIFUL QUEEN HIPPOLYTE FOR MORE THAN A THOUSAND YEARS, THE ISLE HAS REMAINED A HAVEN FOR THE IDEALS OF WOMANKIND. IT IS PARADISE ISLAND!

PARADISE ISLAND:
ORIGINAL HOME OF...

WONDER
WOMAN!

DAUGHTER!
I REGRETTED
HAVING TO SUMMON
YOU, BUT I AM
GLAD YOU ARE...
HOME!

MOTHER! I
CAME RIGHT
AWAY. IT
SOUNDED
URGENT.
WHY--?

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TRIAL BY COMBAT!
THE ANCIENT RITUAL
COMES TO LIGHT
ONCE AGAIN IN...

WHY?
BECAUSE YOU'RE
THROUGH AS THE
WORLD'S WONDER
WOMAN!

TOURNAMENT

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SILENCE, ORANA! HOW DARE YOU SPEAK BEFORE YOUR QUEEN!

ISN'T IT ENOUGH THAT YOU'VE FORCED THE LAW UPON US ALL?

FORGIVE ME, MY QUEEN!

MOTHER, WHAT DID SHE MEAN?
WHY AM I HERE?

YOU HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED,
DAUGHTER, BY THE ANCIENT
RITE OF TRIAL BY COMBAT.
ORANA HAS CALLED FOR
A TOURNAMENT!

BY WHAT RIGHT--!?
I'VE ESTABLISHED
MYSELF IN MAN'S
WORLD--AND BEYOND!
I AM WONDER WOMAN!

YES... AND PERHAPS
IT'S TIME FOR A
CHANGE!

YOU BECAME THE AMAZON'S
REPRESENTATIVE BY WINNING
THE GREAT TOURNAMENT.
TIME HAS COME FOR
OTHERS TO CHALLENGE
YOU ANEW!

MOTHER! SHE'S
TALKING NONSENSE.

NO, DIANA. SHE HAS CALLED
FOR THE CONTEST ACCORDING
TO ALL THE LAWS LAID DOWN
BY THE GODS THEMSELVES
IN THE ANCIENT DAYS!

AS YOUR
MOTHER --
AND AS
QUEEN OF
THE AMAZONS
--I CALL FOR...
TOURNAMENT!

TOURNAMENT! THE CALL SPREADS OVER THE ENCHANTED ISLE AND THE MIGHTY RACE OF WARRIOR WOMEN PREPARES FOR THE GREATEST TEST OF THEIR SUPERIOR AMAZONIAN ABILITIES...

TOURNAMENT!
TOURNAMENT!

THE GREAT GAMES
ARE SET FOR
TOMORROW
AT SUNRISE!

FOR YEARS WE'VE TRAINED--AND NOW THE TRAINING WILL BEAR FRUIT! IN FOUR DAYS THERE WILL BE A NEW WONDER WOMAN!

BUT FOR ONE AMAZON THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR REVELRY...

WHY, MOTHER?
HOW HAVE I FAILED IN
MY MISSION TO THE
OUTSIDE WORLD?

OH, DIANA, YOU HAVEN'T FAILED--
YOU'VE ALWAYS MADE ME PROUD!

BUT YOU KNOW THE LAW! IF AN AMAZON FEELS SHE IS MORE QUALIFIED TO HANDLE YOUR MISSION, SHE CAN OFFER CHALLENGE -- IN ANY FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE GODS!

THEN I GUESS IT'S BEST FOR YOU TO HOLD THESE...

MY TIARA AND LASSO ARE THE TOKENS FOR WHICH THE TOURNAMENT IS BEING HELD. IT'S NOT FAIR FOR ME TO WIELD THEM IN COMBAT...

YOU ARE AS WISE AS ATHENA, DIANA--AND AS SURE AS APHRODITE WATCHES OVER US, YOU SHALL ALWAYS BE A WONDER WOMAN!

YES... AT LEAST UNTIL TOMORROW...

WHAT WORDS DO I SAY TO HER? SHE WAS JUST BEGINNING TO MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR HERSELF AS DIANA PRINCE, AND NOW SHE COULD LOSE EVERYTHING...

... BUT I WILL HAVE REGAINED A DAUGHTER!

SUNRISE OVER PARADISE ISLAND! AND QUEEN HIPPOLYTE BEGINS THE TRIAL BY COMBAT--!

THE GREAT TOURNAMENT IS OF THE ANCIENT ELEMENTS OF EARTH, WATER, AIR AND FIRE!

THE FIRST DAY--EARTH! THE BATTLEGROUND! YOU SHALL BATTLE UNTIL THE SUN SETS-- ALL WHO REMAIN STANDING WILL CONTINUE!

LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN!



THE VERY AIR REVERBERATES WITH THE VOLUME OF THE QUEEN'S COMMAND--AND ARMED ONLY WITH THEIR BARE HANDS, THE AMAZONS DO BATTLE--!



ORANA SEEMS TO BE AVOIDING DIRECT CONTACT WITH ME-- FOR NOW!

SHE FIGHTS WELL, BUT WITH LITTLE SKILL...

SHE'S USING BRUTE FORCE! IT'S EFFECTIVE, BUT I THINK I COULD BEST HER IN DIRECT CONFRONTATION.



SHE'S EDGING CLOSER TO ME... BUT THE TIME IS NOT RIGHT AS YET. I WANT TO WAIT AND SEE HER THROUGH THE ENTIRE FOUR DAYS OF TOURNAMENT!



ON AND ON THE FIGHTING GOES... PAST THE BLISTERING HEAT OF THE NOONDAY SUN AND INTO THE COOL HOURS OF THE FORGIVING TWILIGHT... UNTIL...

-- SUNDOWN! LET THE FIGHTING CEASE!



AND RISING FROM THE DUST OF COMBAT... ADVANCING TOWARD THE MIGHTY QUEEN'S REVIEWING STAND ARE THE FEW... THE FEW LEFT STANDING!

YOU SIX-- YOU STILL STAND ON THE EARTH UPRIGHT-- PROUD AND STRONG!

WHEN THE SUN AGAIN ARISES, YOU SHALL FACE THE CONTEST OF WATER!



AS NIGHT FALLS, THE AMAZONS -- THE CHAMPIONS AND THE VANQUISHED -- RETURN TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL DWELLINGS... TO TEND TO THEIR WOUNDS OR PLAN FOR THE MORROW...

DIANA! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YES, MOTHER
... I JUST NEED A LITTLE HELP
... TO MY ROOM!

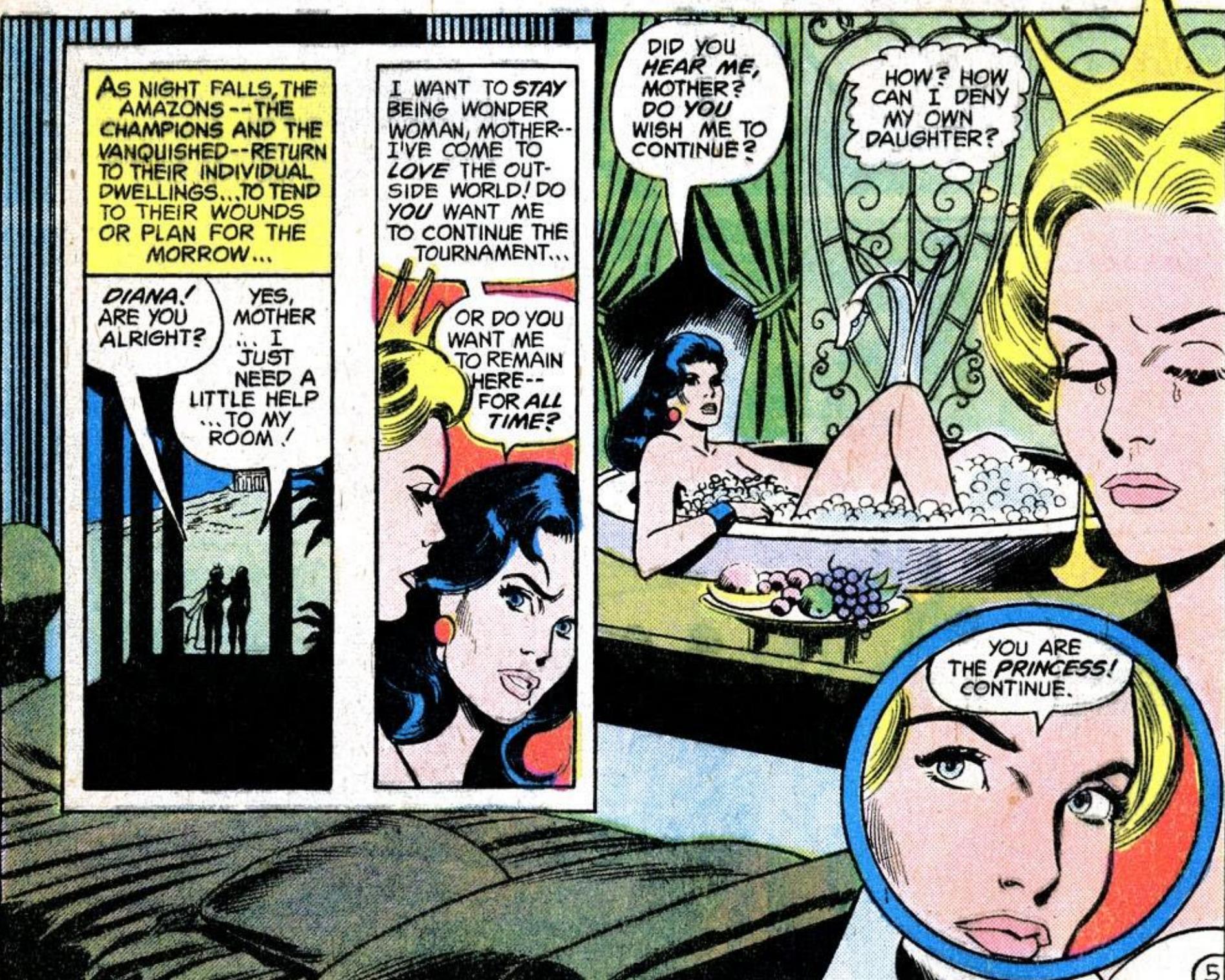
I WANT TO STAY BEING WONDER WOMAN, MOTHER-- I'VE COME TO LOVE THE OUTSIDE WORLD! DO YOU WANT ME TO CONTINUE THE TOURNAMENT...

OR DO YOU WANT ME TO REMAIN HERE-- FOR ALL TIME?

DID YOU HEAR ME, MOTHER?
DO YOU WISH ME TO CONTINUE?

HOW? HOW CAN I DENY MY OWN DAUGHTER?

YOU ARE THE PRINCESS!
CONTINUE.



NO FURTHER WORDS ARE SPOKEN BETWEEN THIS MOTHER AND DAUGHTER... AND THE QUEEN LEAVES... ALLOWING THE PRINCESS TO REFLECT UPON HER OWN...

I KNOW HER! SHE WANTS ME TO STAY HERE. SHE'S NEVER REALLY FORGIVEN ME FOR ENTERING THE FIRST TOURNAMENT...

...THAT CONTEST YEARS AGO THAT DETERMINED I WOULD BE THE WONDER WOMAN! SHE'D ORDERED ME TO REFRAIN FROM COMPETING AND I BETRAYED HER...

SHE'S LET THIS TOURNAMENT HAPPEN-- JUST TO PREVENT ME FROM CONTINUING AS WONDER WOMAN! BUT SHE WON'T FORBID ME OUTRIGHT!

EITHER HER PRIDE IS MAKING HER DO IT... OR HER LOVE!

ELSEWHERE ON THE ISLAND...

ORANA! SHOULDN'T YOU BE RESTING? 'TIS ONLY THE FIRST DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT!

OH, YOU WORRY NEEDLESSLY, SANDRA! PRINCESS DIANA IS NO TRUE WARRIOR! SHE WILL NOT LAST THE TEST OF WATER...

BY THIS TIME TOMORROW THERE WILL BE A NEW WONDER WOMAN --

--AND IT SHALL BE ORANA! HA HA HA HA HA!

AND THE CELEBRATING CONTINUES FAR INTO THE NIGHT...

DAWN! THE SECOND DAY...

NOW COMES THE SECOND TEST OF THE GREAT TOURNAMENT--THE TEST OF WATER. AND TO THAT END I CALL UPON THE GREAT GOD OF THE OCEANS--

--NEPTUNE!

FOR A BREATHLESS MOMENT THE OCEAN'S ROAR
IS ALL THAT IS HEARD... THEN THE SEAS SEEM
TO BOIL--THE WATERS PART AND FROM THE DEPTHS
ARISES --

NEPTUNE!

WHO CALLS!
WHO DARES CALL
THE GREAT GOD
OF THE SEVEN
SEAS?

I DARE! I,
QUEEN HIPPOLYTE
OF THE AMAZONS!

THE GREAT
TOURNAMENT
OF THE ELEMENTS
IS NOW BEING
HELD AND I SEEK
BATTLE FOR
MY SISTERS!

SO BE IT! DIVE,
FOOLISH WOMEN!
DIVE AND SEE WHO
CAN SURVIVE A
SINGLE DAY AGAINST
THE MIGHT OF MY
OCEANS! HAHAHAHA!



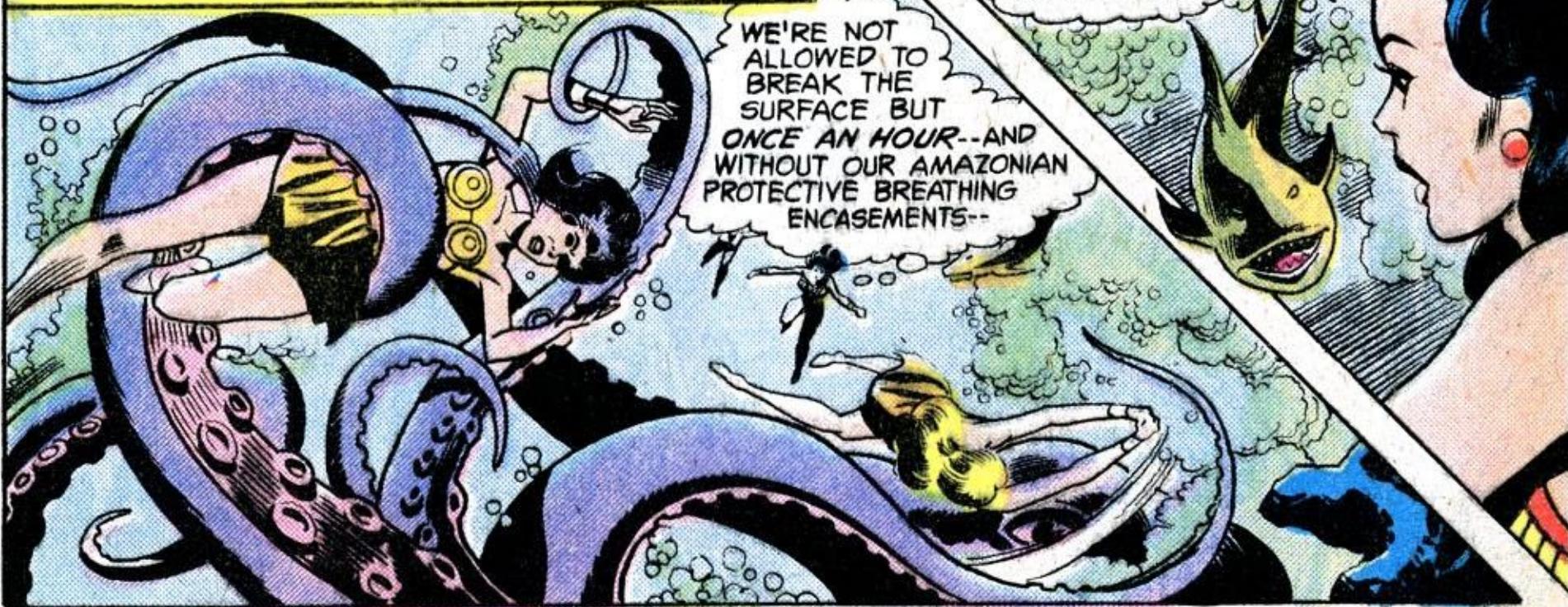
SURVIVE THE
MIGHT OF NEPTUNE
-- IF YOU CAN!
HA HA HA HA!



DEEP INTO THE MURKY WATERS SURROUNDING THE ISLAND GO THE SIX REMAINING COMBATANTS... KEENLY PREPARED FOR BATTLE -- NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER, BUT AGAINST THE MONSTROUS Hordes OF THE DEPTHS...

-- IT TAKES ALL OUR AMAZONIAN STRENGTH TO KEEP OUR LUNGS FROM BURSTING!

WE'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BREAK THE SURFACE BUT ONCE AN HOUR--AND WITHOUT OUR AMAZONIAN PROTECTIVE BREATHING ENCASEMENTS--



THE FIRST HOUR PASSES--THE WATER CHURNING WITH THE RAGING UNDERSEA FIGHTS... AND THEN...

AHHHHHHH!

AHHHHHH! AIR AT LAST!

HURRY! YOU HAVE BUT AN INSTANT BEFORE YOU MUST AGAIN DESCEND!



I KNOW HOW THE MALE GODS SOME-TIMES SHOW JEALOUSY TOWARD THE POWER OF AMAZONS --



BY HERA! I THINK I WAS RIGHT-- THAT EEL'S KILLING HER!

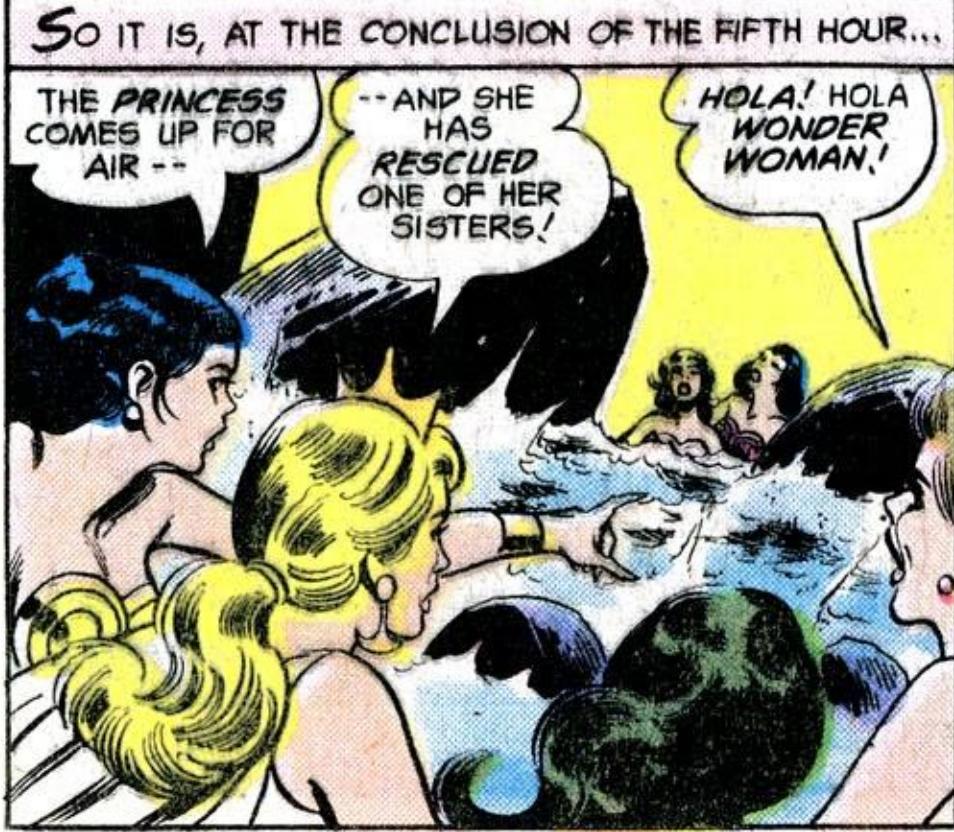


SO IT IS, AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FIFTH HOUR...

THE PRINCESS COMES UP FOR AIR --

--AND SHE HAS RESCUED ONE OF HER SISTERS!

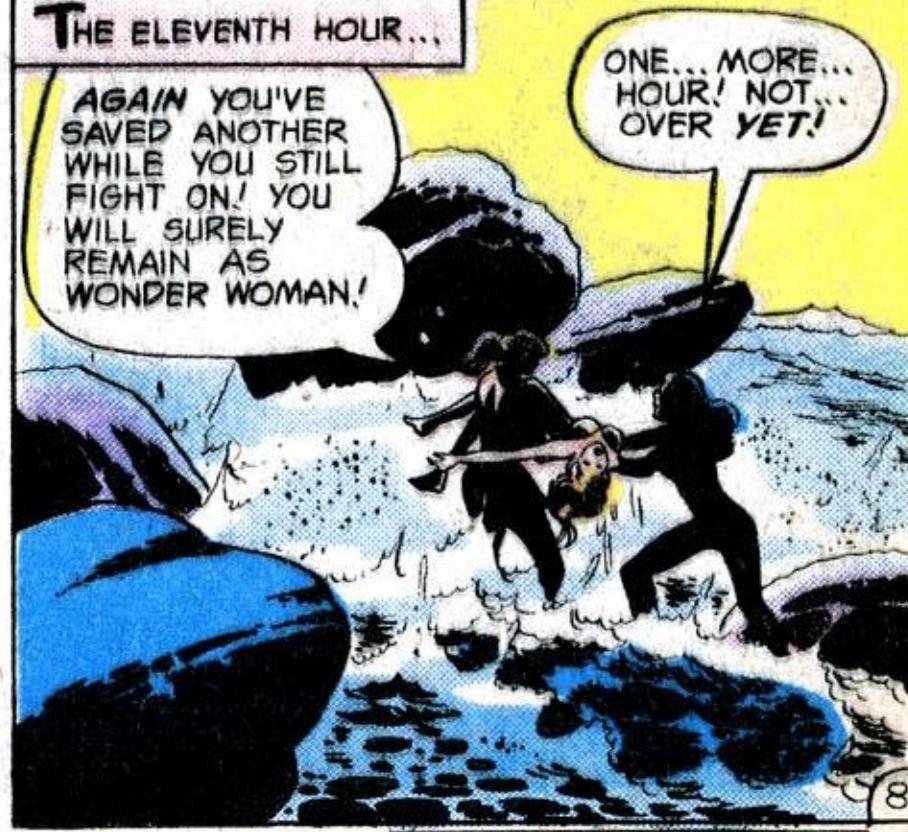
HOLA! HOLA WONDER WOMAN!



THE ELEVENTH HOUR...

AGAIN YOU'VE SAVED ANOTHER WHILE YOU STILL FIGHT ON! YOU WILL SURELY REMAIN AS WONDER WOMAN!

ONE... MORE... HOUR! NOT... OVER YET!

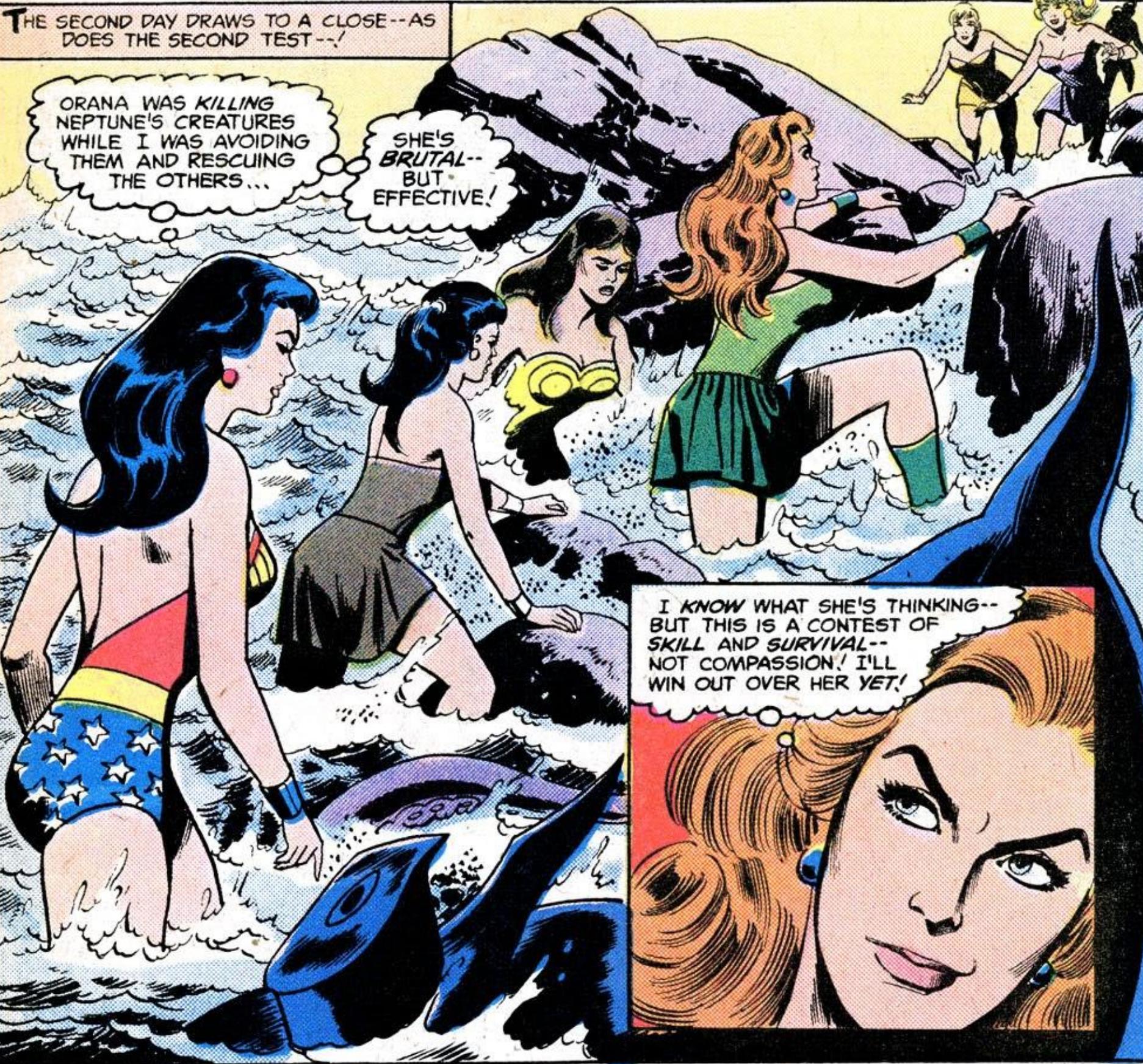


THE SECOND DAY DRAWS TO A CLOSE--AS
DOES THE SECOND TEST--!

ORANA WAS KILLING
NEPTUNE'S CREATURES
WHILE I WAS AVOIDING
THEM AND RESCUING
THE OTHERS...

SHE'S
BRUTAL--
BUT
EFFECTIVE!

I KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING--
BUT THIS IS A CONTEST OF
SKILL AND SURVIVAL--
NOT COMPASSION! I'LL
WIN OUT OVER HER YET!



ONLY YOU FOUR REMAIN! UPON
THE MORROW, YOU SHALL
ASCEND THE HIGHEST PEAK
ON PARADISE ISLAND TO READY
YOURSELVES FOR THE THIRD
TEST--

--THE TEST
OF AIR!

AND MAY THE GREATEST AMONGST
YOU BE THE CHAMPION --!

HAIL TO THE
FUTURE CHAMPION!
HAIL TO THE
WONDER WOMAN!

HAIL TO THE
WONDER WOMAN!
WONDER WOMAN!

THEY
SHALL BE
CHEERING
ME WHEN
THE
CONTEST
ENDS!



THE THIRD DAY--HIGH ATOP THE GRAND PEAK ON PARADISE ISLAND...

ALL AMAZONS CAN GLIDE UPON THE CURRENTS OF THE AIR, BUT THE ABILITY TAKES SKILL TO MASTER...

THE TEST OF AIR DICTATES THAT YOU REMAIN ALOFT-- NEVER TOUCHING THE GROUND-- FOR TWELVE HOURS! THOSE WHO DO SO WILL BE READY TO FACE THE FINAL TEST--THE TEST OF FIRE!

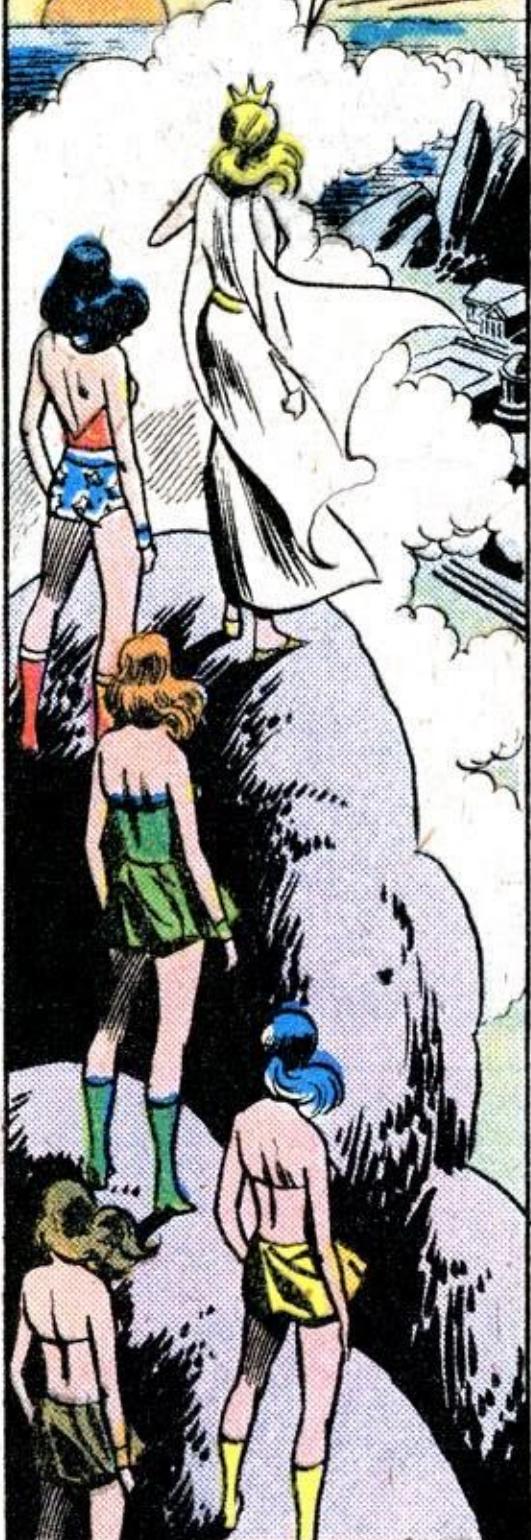
READY? BEGIN! AND MAY HERA BE WITH YOU ALL!

AND ESPECIALLY YOU, MY DAUGHTER!

THE COLD RUSH OF AIR MEETS THE AMAZONS AS THEY FALL...

...THEY FLY!

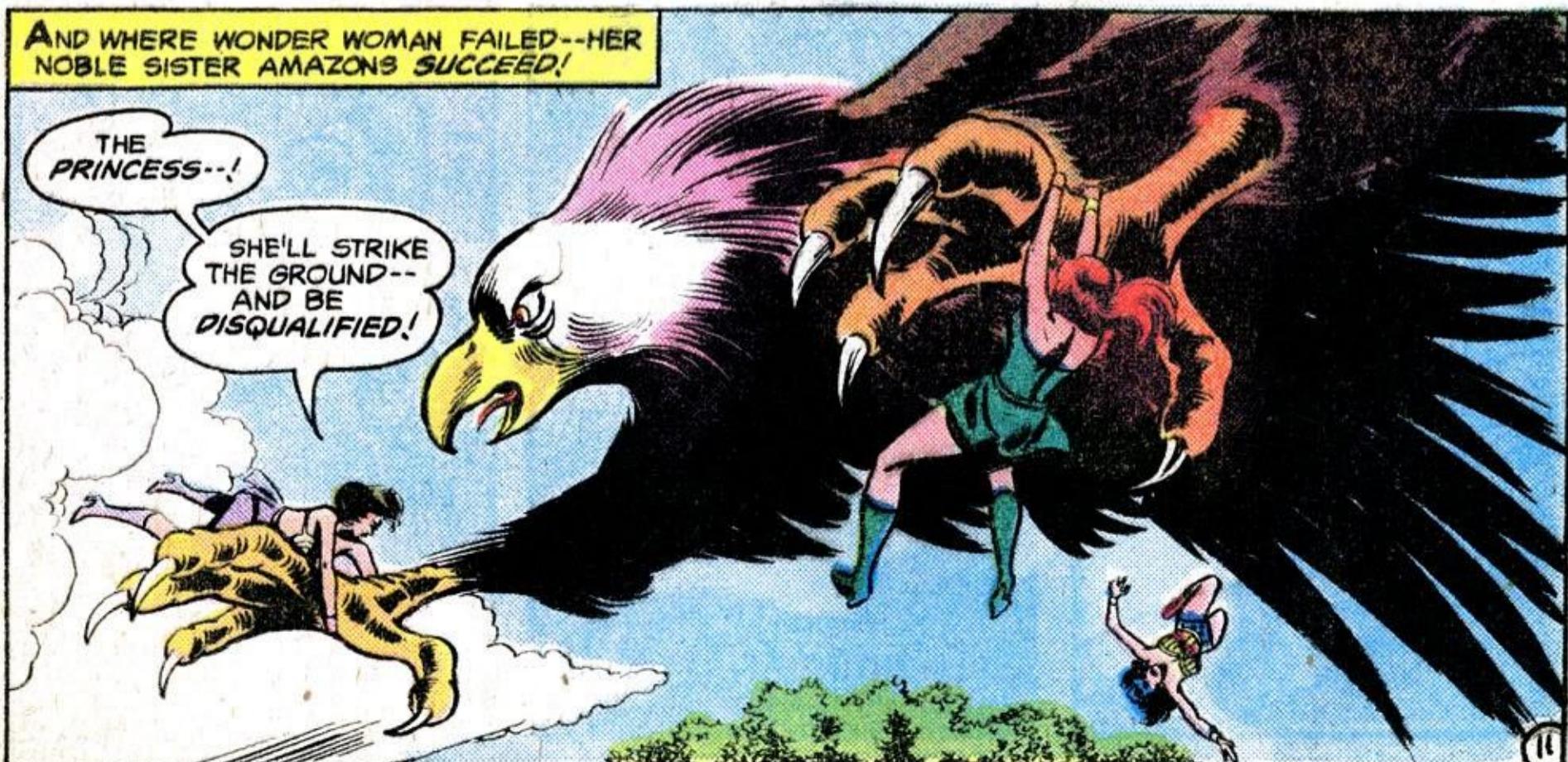
THE WIND IS GOOD TODAY, IF IT MAINTAINS THIS VELOCITY, I'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE...



I'M AT A DISADVANTAGE HERE. I'VE RELIED ON THE INVISIBLE PLANE SO OFTEN THAT I'M OUT OF PRACTICE IN RIDING THE AIR CURRENTS -- A SKILL THAT IS NORMALLY IN EVERY AMAZON'S DAILY TRAIN--HUH!?

AWWWKKK!





BUT AS THE GIANT BIRD OF PREY IS DRAGGED EARTHWARD...

PRINCESS! WAKE UP--DON'T
TOUCH THE GROUND!

UNNN!?
WHA--!
DON'T...
TOUCH
GROUND...

WE'VE TOUCHED
THE GROUND--
BUT IT DOESN'T
MATTER.

TRUE! PRINCESS DIANA
SHOWED US HOW TO
DEFEAT THE ROC--SHE
SHALL ALWAYS BE
WONDER WOMAN!

I DIDN'T WANT
THEM TO LOSE--
NOT THAT WAY--
BY SAVING ME!

BUT AS THE DAY NEARS END...

VERY CUNNING, PRINCESS--
CLEVERLY SHOWING THE OTHERS
HOW TO ELIMINATE THEMSELVES
FROM THE TOURNAMENT--!

IT WAS NOT AS
I PLANNED,
ORANA, BUT
ONE SUCH AS
YOU WOULD
NEVER
BELIEVE
THE
TRUTH...

THE TRUTH
IS THAT YOU
WANT TO BE
WONDER
WOMAN--
AND SO DO
I! I DIDN'T
BATTLE YOU
OUT OF THE
SKY BECAUSE
I WISH TO
WAIT--

--FOR
THE
FINAL
TRIAL
BY
FIRE!

SO! THE FATES--AND YOUR
INDIVIDUAL SKILLS--DETERMINE
THAT THE ROLE OF WONDER
WOMAN WILL GO TO ONE OF
YOU! I COULD HAVE ALMOST
PREDICTED THIS OUTCOME!

YOU WILL BOTH
REPORT TO THE AIRFIELD
TOMORROW AT DAWN--
AND WE SHALL JOURNEY
TO YOUR NEXT
BATTLEFIELD!

DAWN! THE FOURTH DAY...!

FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE TOURNAMENT--YOU SHALL BE TAKEN TO THE VERY RIM OF SPACE ITSELF--CARRIED THERE BY THE NEWEST OF OUR MIGHTY SPACE CRUISERS--!

WITHIN THE MAJESTIC SHIP...

ONCE THERE, CLAD IN YOUR PROTECTIVE AMAZONIAN SPACE ENVELOPES, YOU SHALL RACE!

RACE? IN SPACE? ON WHAT?

ON METEORS-- BIT OF BROKEN PLANETARY MATTER THAT ARE FALLING TOWARD THE EARTH AT FANTASTIC SPEEDS...

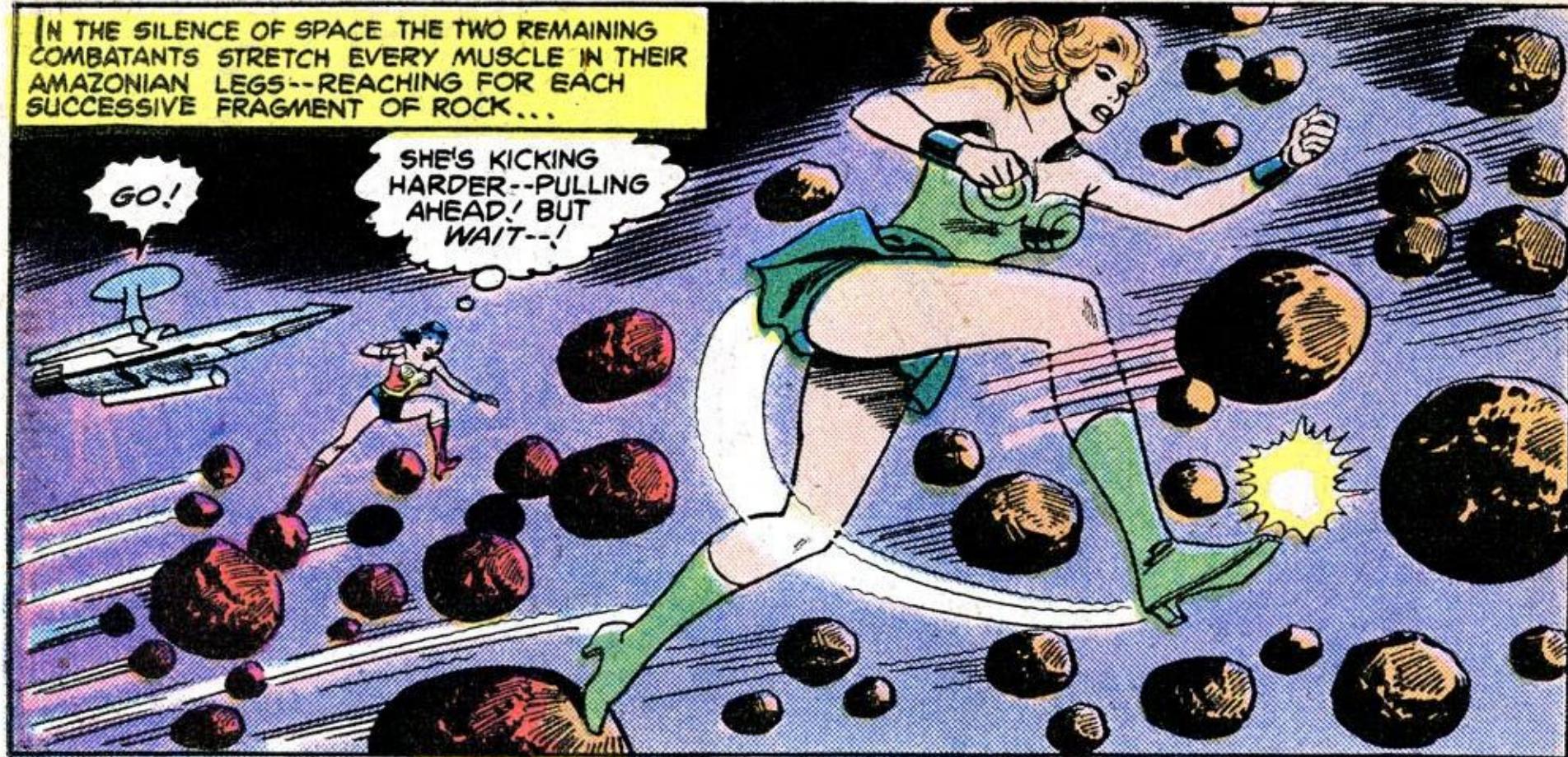
...YOU RACE TOWARD THE STARS --FROM METEOR TO METEOR. TO FALL BEHIND IS TO BE BURNED ALIVE AS THE METEORS ARE DESTROYED BY THE FRICTION OF EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!

READY?

IN THE SILENCE OF SPACE THE TWO REMAINING COMBATANTS STRETCH EVERY MUSCLE IN THEIR AMAZONIAN LEGS--REACHING FOR EACH SUCCESSIVE FRAGMENT OF ROCK...

GO!

SHE'S KICKING HARDER--PULLING AHEAD! BUT WAIT--!



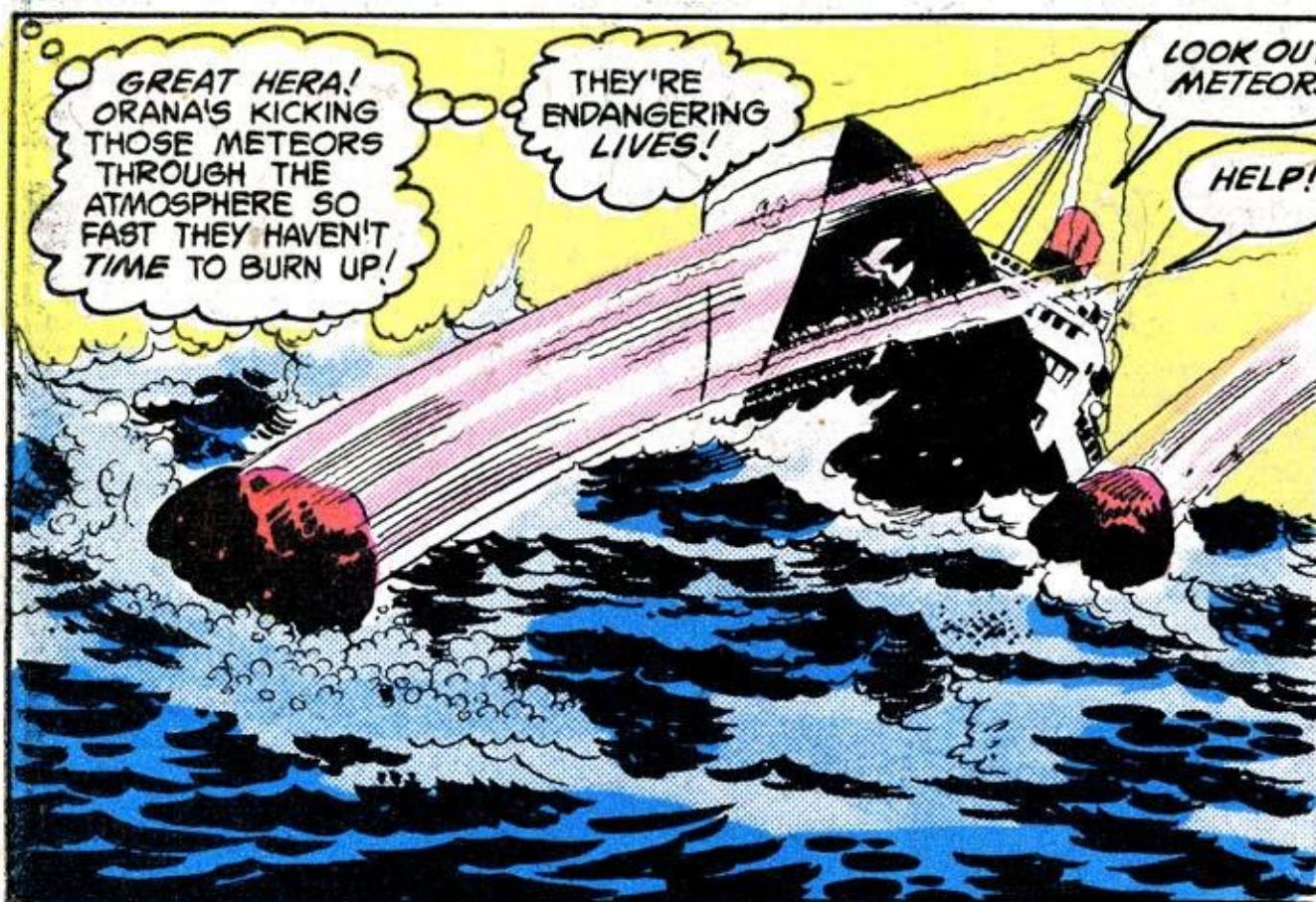
GREAT HERA! ORANA'S KICKING THOSE METEORS THROUGH THE ATMOSPHERE SO FAST THEY HAVEN'T TIME TO BURN UP!

THEY'RE ENDANGERING LIVES!

LOOK OUT! METEORS!

HELP!

THAT THIRD ONE--IT'S HEADED FOR A CITY--NO!



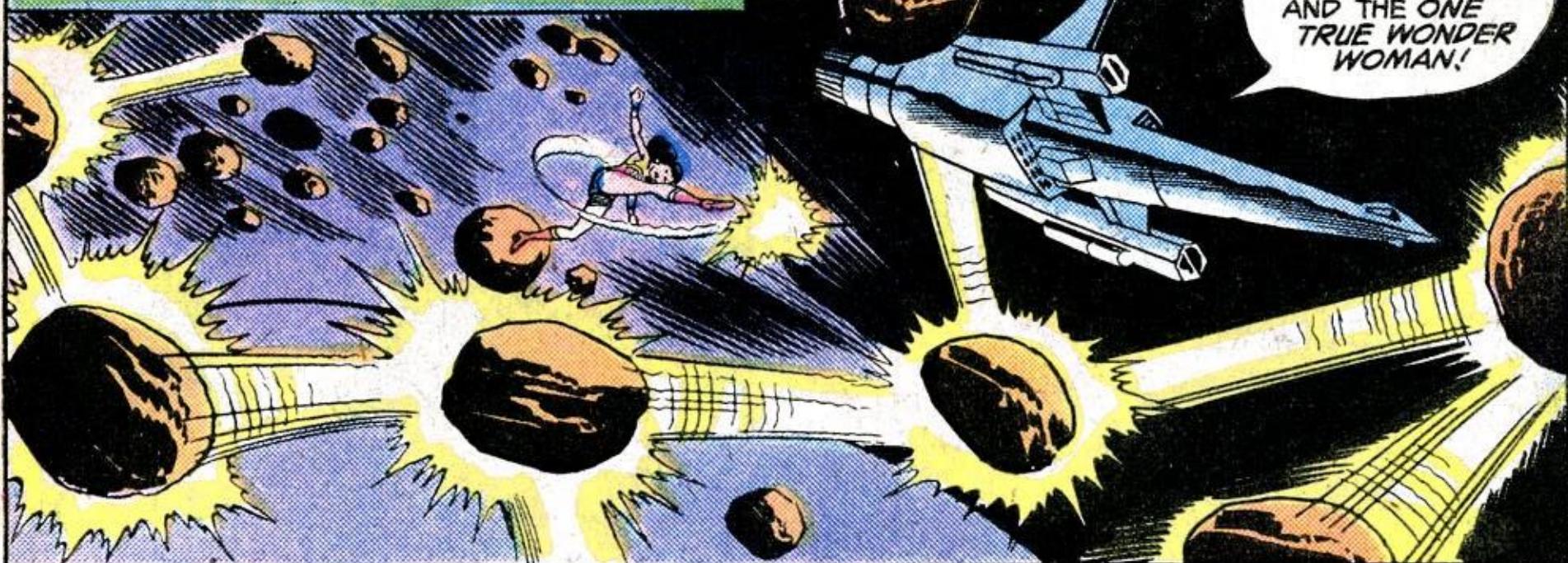
I CAN'T THINK ABOUT WINNING ANY LONGER-- I HAVE TO STOP THE DESTRUCTION!

I JUST HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON DEFLECTING THE ONE'S SHE'S KICKED! I'D TELL HER TO STOP, BUT SHE'D THINK IT WAS ANOTHER RUSE!

I'M DOING IT...



LIKE A BILLIARD MASTER, THE CALCULATED KICKS OF THE AMAZON PRINCESS DEFLECT METEOR AFTER METEOR IN SPECTACULAR FASHION ...



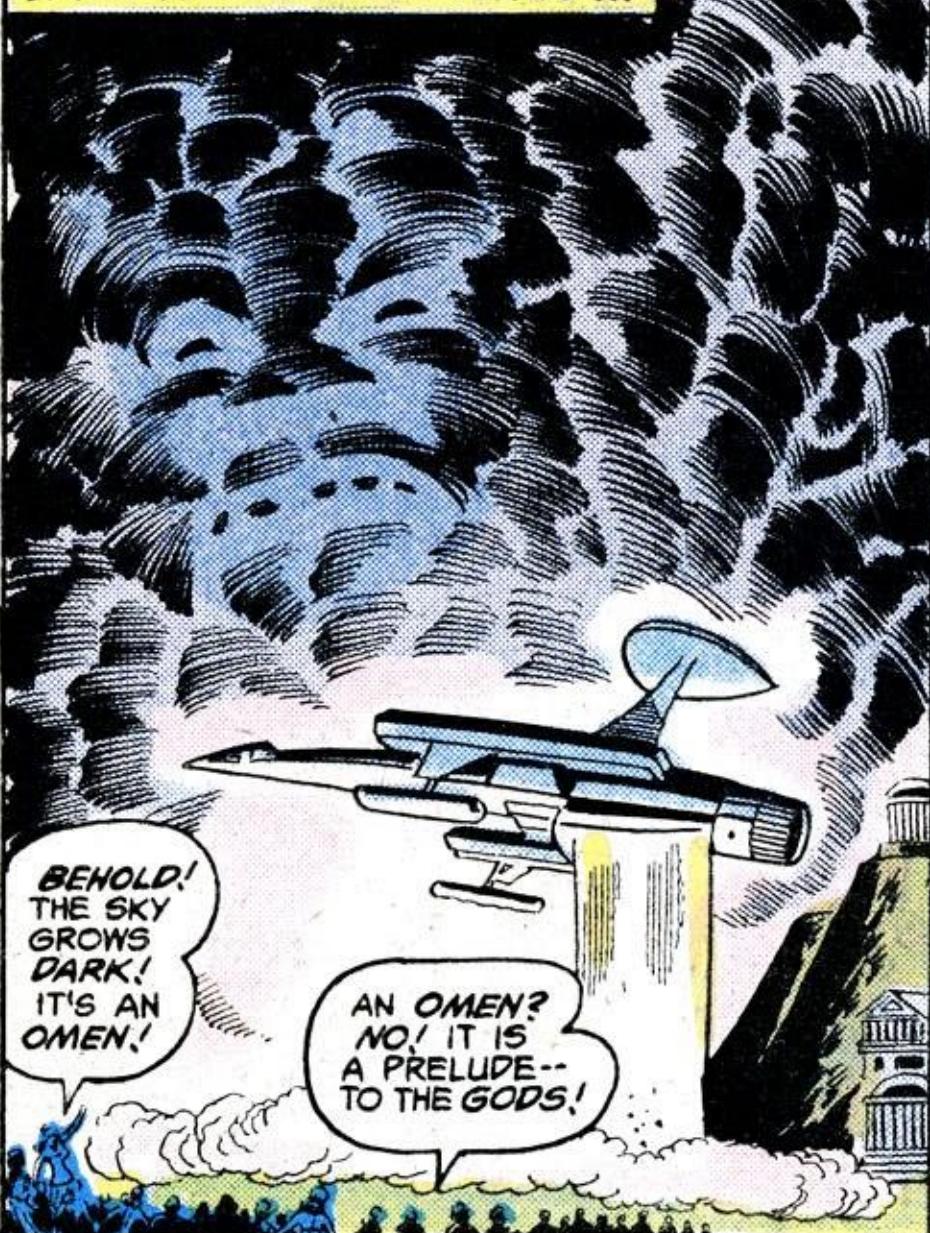
SHE'S A TRUE CHAMPION--A TRUE AMAZON AND THE ONE TRUE WONDER WOMAN!

ENOUGH! PRINCESS DIANA HAS SHOWN COURAGE, BRAVERY AND COMPASSION--AS WELL AS THE POWER SHOWN BY ORANA.

AS QUEEN OF ALL AMAZONS--I DECLARE THE TOURNAMENT ENDED--AND PRINCESS DIANA NOW AND FOREVER--WONDER WOMAN!

HOLA! HAIL PRINCESS DIANA! HAIL WONDER WOMAN!

BUT AS THE GLEAMING SPACESHIP RETURNS TO EARTH AND PARADISE ISLAND ...



BEHOLD!
THE SKY GROWS DARK!
IT'S AN OMEN!

AN OMEN?
NO! IT IS
A PRELUDE--
TO THE GODS!

HEAR US, OH QUEEN HIPPOLYTE!
HEED THE WILL OF THE GODS!
IT WAS WE WHO FIRST LAID DOWN THE RULES OF TOURNAMENT EONS AGO--

--AND THOUGH YOU ARE QUEEN--
YOU CANNOT DEFY OUR WILL!

WHAT DO YOU WISH, OH IMMORTAL BEINGS?



WISH? WE WISH FAIRNESS! ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT OF THE FOUR ELEMENTS, THIS AMAZON--ORANA-- IS THE WINNER!

IT IS SHE WHO SHOULD BE THE WONDER WOMAN--THIS IS OUR WILL!

NO! SHE IS--

MOTHER! YOU CAN'T DISPLEASE THEM! THE RULES ARE CLEAR!

I HEREBY RELINQUISH THE ROLE OF WONDER WOMAN. BRING ME THE LASSO AND THE TIARA!

SO BE IT!

FROM A SECRET PLACE OF SAFEKEEPING, THE TOKENS OF THE WONDER WOMAN ARE BROUGHT FORTH -- AND A SOLEMN RITUAL TAKES PLACE...

ORANA, THE LASSO AND TIARA ARE YOURS. USE THEM WELL-- AND WITH COMPASSION.

OF ALL THE NATIONS IN MAN'S WORLD, WE HAVE FOUND THAT THE UNITED STATES' IDEALS MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLE THOSE OF THE AMAZONS...

AND THOUGH THEY OFTEN NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THOSE IDEALS, YOUR UNIFORM IS PATTERNED AFTER THEIR SACRED BANNER!

IN THIS, YOUR MENTALLY-CONTROLLED ROBOT PLANE, YOU WILL FLY TO MAN'S WORLD -- AND TEACH HIM THE IDEALS OF THE AMAZONS-- AND NEVER FALTER IN YOUR MISSION AS...

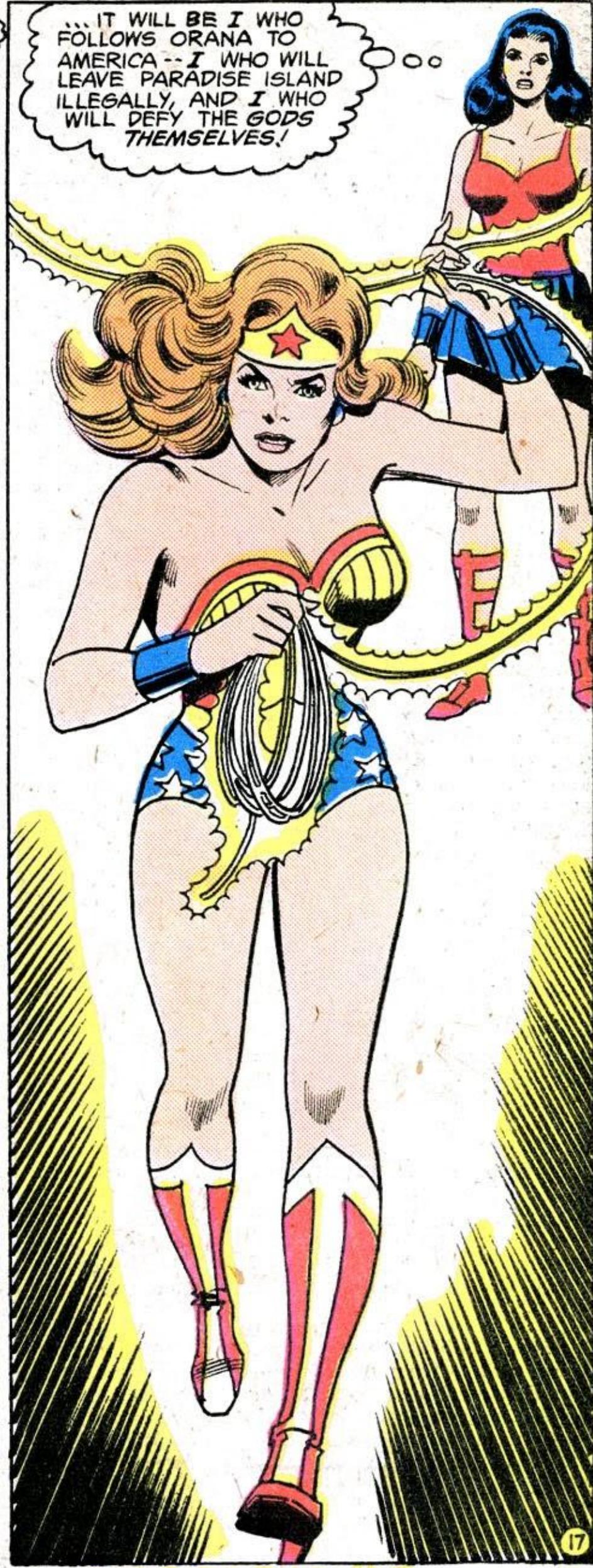
WONDER WOMAN!

I SHALL DO THE AMAZONS PROUD, OH PRINCESS!

HAIL ORANA!
HAIL THE NEW
WONDER
WOMAN!

I COULDN'T LET MOTHER
RISK THE WRATH OF THE GODS...

... IT WILL BE I WHO
FOLLOWS ORANA TO
AMERICA -- I WHO WILL
LEAVE PARADISE ISLAND
ILLEGALLY, AND I WHO
WILL DEFY THE GODS
THEMSELVES!



NEXT: THE **NEW ERA** BEGINS -- **MISSION #1** FOR THE

NEW **Wonder Woman**

WITHOUT QUESTION -- **NOT THE END!**

NEXT ISSUE ON SALE DURING THE LAST WEEK IN OCTOBER



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Dear DC,

To begin with, the cover of *WONDER WOMAN* #245 was magnificent in its contrast to what we usually see in comics. I'm all in favor of *Wonder Woman* being the ultimate female and saving men as often as *Superman* saves women. It is realistic in the case of WW to see males looking to her for protection, or at least ending up needing her to accomplish whatever they have failed to do.

The interior tale contained more steps in the right direction. Steve Howard's fear that WW might one day use her lasso to wipe out his memory of her secret identity was fascinating. But if WW must have a "male Lois Lane," then let it be someone who wasn't brought back to life by the goddess Aphrodite.

The idea of WW using a trick she learned from the *Flash* and her thinking the *Weather Wizard* responsible for the storm were also good touches. *Wonder Woman* was presented as an excellent fighter and good uses were made of her powers and weapons. My biggest criticism, however, comes as a result of the one really poor portrayal of her power of super-speed. I accept that WW may not be as fast as the *Flash* or *Superman*, but anyone possessing the speed of Mercury would certainly only be a little off the pace these super-heroes could set. WW would certainly be faster than most any person, animal or machine slower than her ultra-swift robot plane. Don't play down any of WW's powers.

Now That *Wonder Woman* is in the modern times again, let her be the example of ultimate super-heroine that she was meant to be (and was during the 1940's). Let her display the full potential of her powers, complex personality, unique background and fascinating views of humanity. WW should talk about, equality, freedom, love, justice and America as well as fight for them. Expand and diversify her character. Jack C. Harris seems to have some feelings for the *Amazon Princess* so I hope he'll utilize the empathy by giving us a *Wonder Woman* who is a combination of the 40's (her attitudes and frankness) and the future (the meshing of her attitudes with the modern world).

Good luck, troops.

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We hope we've hit the proper "meshing" with our latest issues, Wallace. We do have a fondness for the character and hope it shows through in our efforts. However, we don't feel we've played down **WONDER WOMAN'S** super-speed at all. She only said she was slower than **FLASH** and **SUPERMAN**. Other than that, there were no other limits stated!

Dear Larry,

Jose Delbo really surprises me sometimes: he did some things in *WONDER WOMAN* #245 that seemed completely

atypical for him. Starting with the lightning storm at the Citicorp Building, we're drawn into a hurricane and electrical storm; an amazing panel layout on page 9 that draws us into the disorientation and excitement of the scene. We got to see some amazingly complex and interesting machinery, in the underground tracking station and sub harbor, and the satellites and the snow traveller. The battle in outer space was as exciting as the scene in the hurricane: the scene of energy bolts hitting WW's bracelets was particularly effective.

The cover was another notable piece of artwork. *Wonder Woman* seemed a bit of an exhibitionist, but she showed a lot of pride in her stance and skill in her protective attitude toward Steve. An attractive bit of work by Joe Staton and Frank Giacoia.

The story was considerably more interesting than the first chapter, involving as it did the fights with the elements and in outer space. The touch of Sorkhan being Selkirk's son is a bit old, but still rather effective and explained the doctor's puzzling motivation. But you can't continue to spice us these stories with sight-battles indefinitely: you're going to have to start working on some good super-villains and supervillainesses to make interesting recurring foes for the Amazon.

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Hopefully, **INVERSION** and the **DARK COMMANDER** have satisfied your thirst for super-villains for the time being. But fear not, others are in the offing!

Dear Editor,

I would like to see *Wonder Girl* in a team with *Wonder Woman* and *Isis*. Mostly *Wonder Girl* because she is *Wonder Woman's* sister and *Isis* because she is the "*Wonder Woman*" of Earth-S, *Wonder Woman's* counterpart. I'd also like to see other heroines team up with the *Amazon Princess*. Heroines such as *Black Canary*, *Hawkgirl*, *Supergirl* and *Zatanna the Magician*. Who knows? Maybe we can have a super-heroine team called the *Women's Society of America*.

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What? **WONDER WOMAN** has often been called the symbol of Equal Rights and we could hardly expect her to join an American organization that excluded men. After all, she's a JLA member and they have women members (including new-member **ZATANNA**, we might add). **HAWKGIRL** appeared with WW in issue #249 and **WONDER GIRL** joins her super-sister in an upcoming **ADVENTURE COMICS**.—JCH

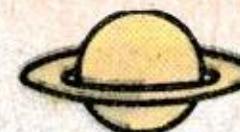
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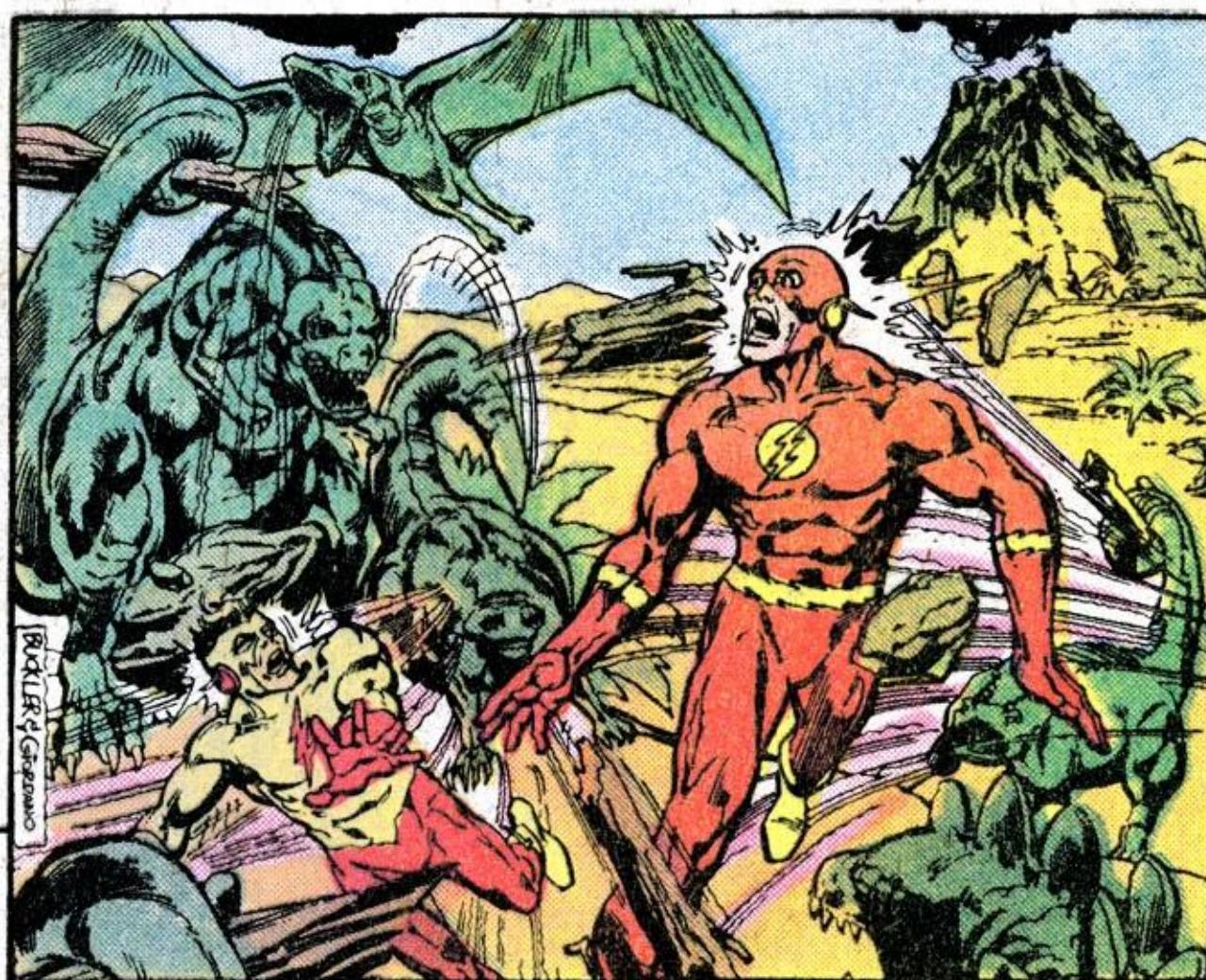
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**ASK THE
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Q: Any chance of seeing *Wonder Girl* again?—Demetrios Williams. A: She's scheduled for a battle with *Wonder Woman* in an upcoming *ADVENTURE COMICS*.

Q: Please tell me when *Bat-Mite* will be appearing?—Jimmie Johnson. A: *Bat-Mite* (and a most bizarre array of guest characters) will make a long-awaited debut in *DETECTIVE COMICS* #482. Ye Answer Man, Bob Rozakis, scripted it and Mike Golden and Bob Smith handled the art.

Q: Is there a 1978 Comic Book Price Guide?—Howard Bloch. A: Yes, and it is available at most book stores.

Q: Will *Aquaman* and *Batman* be teaming

up in *BRAVE & BOLD*?—Lawrence T. Bridget. A: They did in *B&B* #142.

Q: Will *Mr. Mxyzptlk* be appearing soon?—Bill Metz. A: Not that we know of, but that pest could pop up anywhere.

Q: Was *Mr. Freeze* originally known as *Mr. Zero*?—Rick Jones. A: Yes, and the icy villain faces *Batman* again in an upcoming issue.

Q: Does Lex Luthor still have a wife on the planet Lexor?—David A. Lofvers. A: Yes, he does.

Q: Where did *Starro the Conqueror* first appear?—Raymond Cannata. A: In *BRAVE & BOLD* #28 (Feb.-March, 1960), battling the JLA.

Q: How come *Saturn Girl* married *Lightning Lad*?—David Hays. A: She loved him.

Q: Are you the same Bob Rozakis who lived in Elmont, New York and had all those letters printed?—Steven Leslie. A: Yes, and I'm sure glad I'm not doing that any more—I've got enough work answering everybody else's letters!

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