



# WONDER WOMAN

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## SISTERS IN ARMS



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MAXIMA...

YOU JUST GOT HERE...AND  
NOW YOU'RE LEAVING  
AGAIN?

STEVE...

WILL I  
EVER COME  
FIRST? WILL WE?

WHAT WE HAVE IS  
**MORE** THAN LOVE.  
IT'S FRIENDSHIP.  
IT'S **DUTY**.

THAT'S  
ENOUGH FOR  
A **LOT** OF  
PEOPLE.

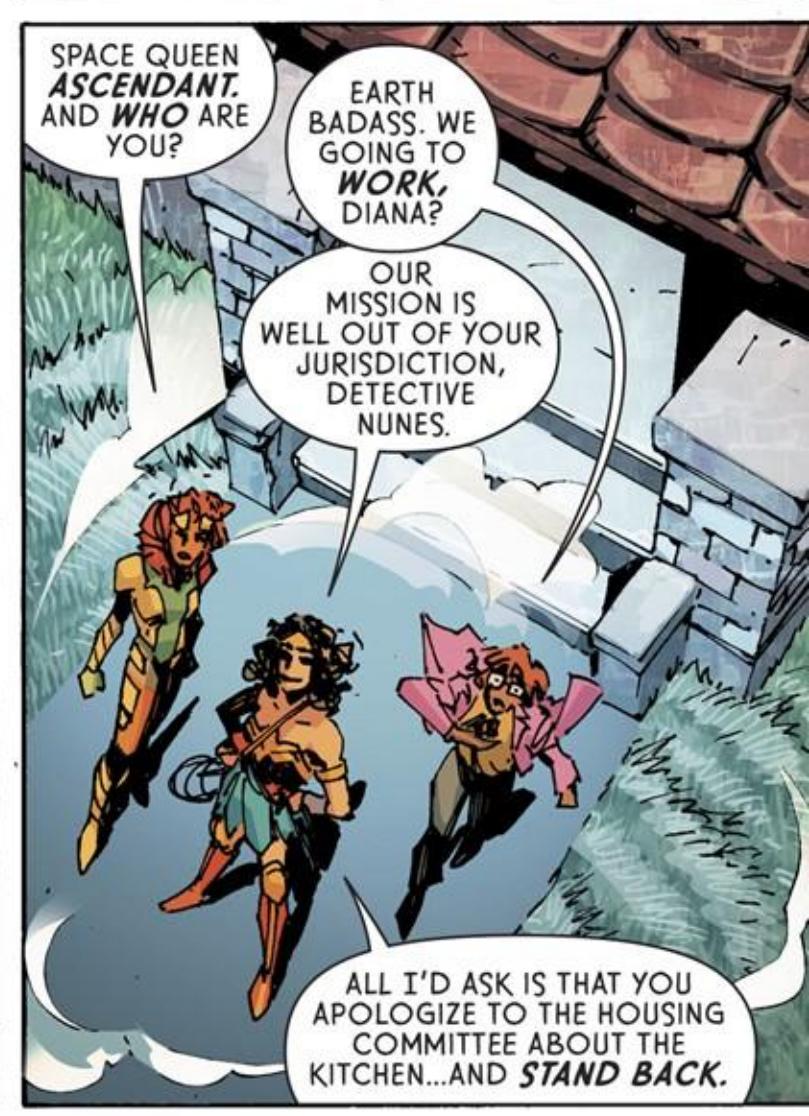
BUT YOU HAVEN'T  
BEEN **AROUND** ENOUGH  
TO KNOW JUST HOW  
**ROCKY** THINGS ARE.

GOODBYE,  
DIANA. I'LL ALWAYS  
CARE ABOUT YOU, BUT  
I CAN'T KEEP PUTTING  
SO MUCH OF MYSELF  
INTO THIS AND GETTING  
SO LITTLE BACK.

I...

...I'LL **HELP**  
YOU, MAXIMA.  
I'M **WITH**  
YOU.

YOU **AND**  
YOUR TRUTH  
ARE GOING  
HOME...



SHOOOM



HOW  
LONG HAVE YOU  
BEEN GONE,  
MAXIMA?

LONG. WHEN I  
FOUND OUT I'D BE  
FORCED TO MARRY  
**ULTRA**A TO TAKE  
POWER, I **FLED**  
THE PLANET.

MY PEOPLE  
**DESERVE** THE  
TRUTH...BUT THAT  
DOESN'T MEAN  
THEY'LL BE  
**EXCITED** TO  
SEE ME  
DELIVERING  
IT.

I  
UNDERSTAND. I  
ONLY **RECENTLY**  
REDISCOVERED MY  
HOME FOR THE  
FIRST TIME.

AND I  
TOO HAVE  
LOST MUCH  
TO MY DUTIES  
TO IT.

# THE TRUTH USURPS

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THERE IS A MAN,  
STEVE TREVOR...

WE **LOVE** EACH  
OTHER. BUT OUR  
**LIVES** FORCED  
US APART...

"I DO NOT  
WISH THAT  
FOR YOU,  
MAXIMA."

ALMERAC.

CITY OF TAE  
TAMRAC.

WHAT  
IS THIS,  
YOU DAMN  
TRIBB?

I AM SORRY, PRINCE ULTRA, DOES  
YOUR DISPLEASURE **TRULY** CALL FOR  
SUCH A CZARNIAN SLUR?

WHAT HAVE  
I TOLD YOU  
ABOUT MAKING **EYE**  
**CONTACT?** NOW GO  
ON! THE WORD OF MY  
WHISPERERS!

YOUR  
STRENGTH IS  
GREATER THAN  
EVER, AND  
YET...

...THREATS TO YOUR  
THRONE FLOURISH.  
YOUR CHIEF RIVAL,  
YOUR CURSED BETROTHED...

...WAS A  
FAILURE.

...YOUR ROYAL  
ASSASSINS ARE  
DEAD. YOUR **HIT**  
ON MAXIMA...

...THEN  
LET HER  
COME.

HER SO-CALLED  
TRUTH IS SO OLD,  
IT'S OUTDATED. SHE  
**HAD** HER CHANCE  
TO RULE BY  
MARRYING ME.

BUT SHE  
**RAN**. IT'S TOO  
LATE...



"BY DAY'S END...ALMERAC WILL BE MINE."

## THE FORBIDDEN FOREST.

ALMERAC.

THIS UNDERGROWTH IS INCREDIBLE, MAXIMA.

IT WOULD BE IMPENETRABLE TO MOST OUTSIDERS.

ALMERACIANS TOO. IT'S CALLED THE FORBIDDEN FOREST FOR A REASON.

FORBIDDEN?

"I'VE NEVER PUT MUCH STOCK IN THAT WORD."

SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU HAVEN'T EITHER.

I DID USED TO SNEAK AWAY HERE, MEETING MY FIRST LOVERS IN SECRET.

IF WHAT WE DID WAS FORBIDDEN, IT...SEEMED LIKE THE BEST PLACE.

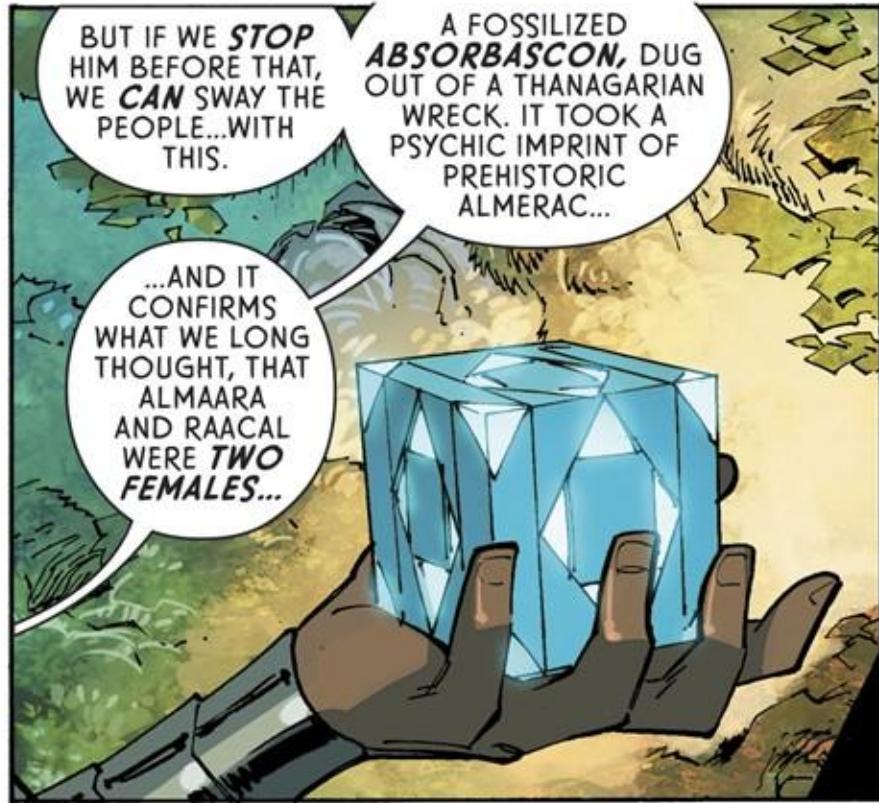
WHICH REMINDS ME...OUR CONTACT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE CAUGHT UP WITH US BY NOW.

YOU DIDN'T NOTICE?

SOMEONE'S BEEN FOLLOWING US...

FWIP

KATCH



"WE HAVE HOURS."

MANHATTAN.

EARTH.

PLAY MESSAGES.

DONNA? IT'S MARI. I HEARD YOU'RE TRYING TO GET BACK INTO A NORMAL FLOW, AND I HEAR YOU, LET ME TELL YOU.

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO SCHEDULE YOU A SHOOT FOR MY NEW LINE, GET YOU SOME FRESH WORK FOR YOUR PORTFOLIO, BUT THE OFFICE SAYS YOU HAVEN'T RETURNED A SINGLE CALL...

"YOU'RE NOT DEATHBRINGER ANYMORE, DONNA.\*

\*SEE YEAR OF THE VILLAIN: HELL ARisen #4 --PAUL.

...BUT WE CAN ONLY HELP IF YOU LET US.

AT LEAST YOU USE A CELL PHONE, VIXEN. DIANA...

"...WONDER WOMAN WANTS TO REALLY RECONNECT."

WE SHOULD HAVE TOLD YOU SOONER, DONNA...BUT I AM TELLING YOU NOW.

...SHE WANTS US TO USE THIS MAGIC ORB.

THINKS SHE'LL JUST DROP AN ANTIQUE COMMUNICATION SPHERE INTO MY KITCHEN...

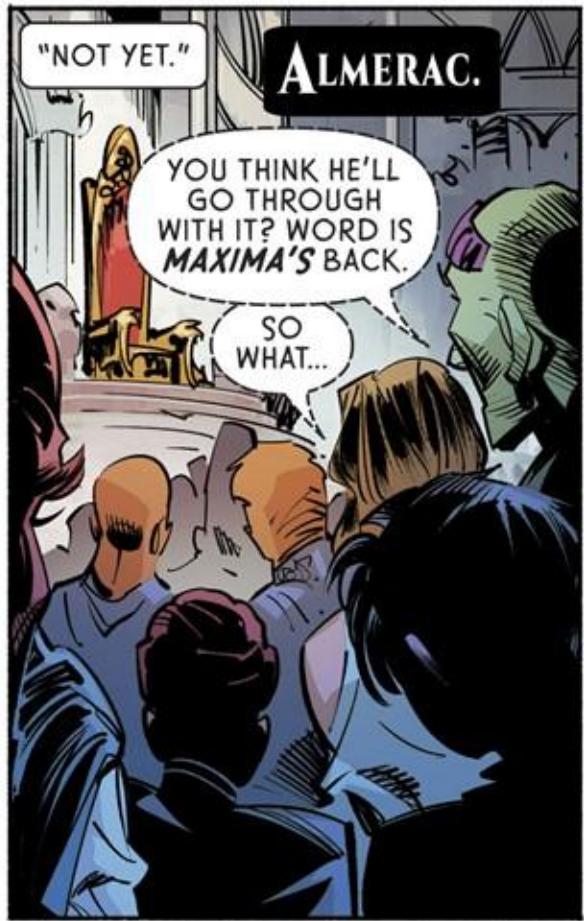
THAT'S MORE THAN A CHAT. THAT'S RITUAL. CEREMONY...

YOU WERE CREATED TO DESTROY THE AMAZONS. WE DID HIDE THAT FROM YOU WITH FALSE MEMORIES...

...WE WANTED ONLY TO OFFER YOU A NORMAL LIFE...BECAUSE WE LOVED YOU.

"AS WE DO NOW."

SORRY, DIANA. BUT I'M JUST NOT READY...



PEOPLE OF ALMERAC! FOR **TOO LONG** THIS THRONE HAS SAT COLD!

FOR TOO LONG, THE HOUSE OF THE BLOOD ROYALE **WAITED** ON A QUEEN WHO WOULD NEVER **COME**... BECAUSE SHE WOULD NOT **HONOR** OUR WAYS!

MAXIMA PUT HER MISALIGNED HEART BEFORE HER DUTY AS **RULER**! SHE RAN FROM OUR MARRIAGE, AND FROM THE **STABILITY** IT WAS MEANT TO OFFER YOU...HER PEOPLE! REMEMBER, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT...

...**SHE LEFT US!**  
SHE LEFT US...

...BUT KING ULTRAAN NEVER WILL!

LET TODAY MARK THE **END** OF THE ROYAL COURTSHIP! MAXIMA'S CLAIM IS **FORFEIT**! ONCE THE **HYPERCROWN** GRACES MY HEAD...



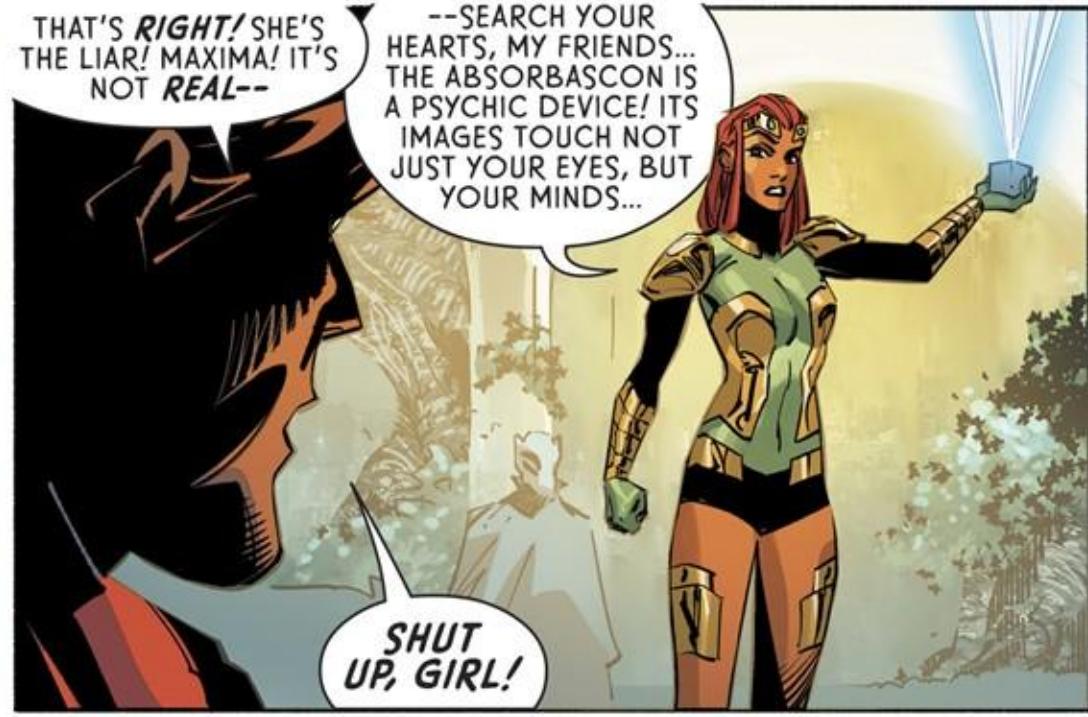




**ALMERAC!**  
ONCE, I LEFT...  
BECAUSE I DID NOT  
THINK I COULD BE  
TRUE TO **YOU** AND  
**MY HEART** AT THE  
SAME TIME.

WE ALL  
BELIEVED THAT,  
BECAUSE IT'S WHAT  
WE WERE TOLD...BUT IT  
WAS NEVER TRUE! THE **MEN**  
OF THE BLOOD ROYALE  
HAVE KEPT POWER FOR  
GENERATIONS USING  
**A LIE!**

THEY  
BETRAYED **YOU** FOR  
THEIR OWN INTERESTS.  
AND AT **LAST**, WE HAVE  
THE **PROOF** YOU  
DESERVE!



"THEY WANT  
TO CHEER  
YOU."



DON'T  
TOUCH ME,  
WONDER  
WOMAN. YOU  
HAVE NO CLAIM  
TO POWER  
HERE...

I'M JUST  
THE COURIER,  
ULTRA. PRIMAA HAS  
PLANS FOR YOUR  
SENTENCE. AND FROM  
WHAT SHE'S SAID, YOU  
CAN EXPECT A  
LONG LIFE  
WATCHING...



"...THE WISDOM  
OF A TRUE QUEEN  
IN ACTION."

SO,  
PRIMAA...

SHE NEVER  
GAVE UP ON ME,  
EVEN WHEN I FLED  
FOR MY SAFETY.  
AND SHE STILL  
HASN'T.

THERE'S STILL  
WORK TO DO. ULTRA  
HAS SUPPORTERS. EVERY  
ALMERACIAN MUST BE  
SHOWN THE TRUTH...AND  
THEY WILL, BECAUSE  
YOU STOOD WITH  
ME.

ALL I DID WAS  
STAND BY YOUR SIDE, SO YOU  
COULD NOW STAND ALONE.

THANK  
YOU,

DIANA.

YOU DESERVED  
TO LIVE BY YOUR  
HEART, MAXIMA. I  
KNOW THAT ALL  
TOO WELL.

YOU KEEP  
SAYING THAT, BUT YOU  
DESERVE NOTHING  
DIFFERENT...





"ARE YOU **REALLY**  
TELLING ME YOU **GAVE**  
**UP** ON A **FIGHT?**"

TYRRHENIAN SEA.

EARTH.

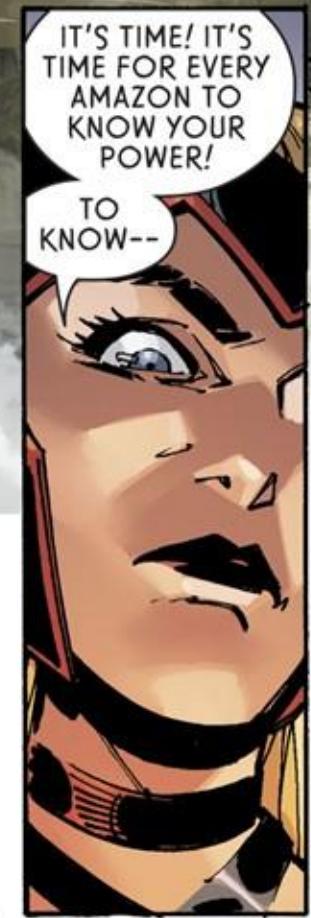
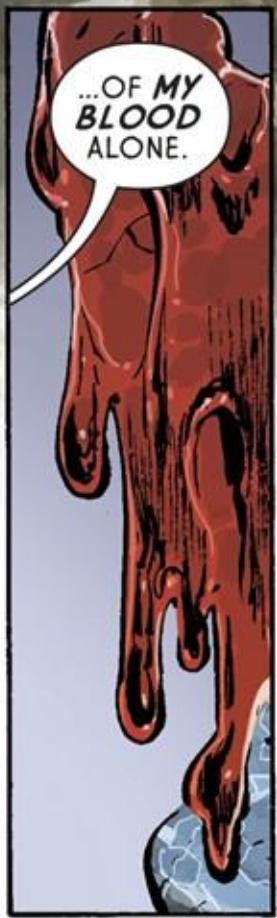
KEEP  
FIGHTING!  
WE'RE  
ALMOST  
THERE!

THE  
**GARGAREANS**  
HAVE LEGIONS...  
BUT THEY'RE NOT  
THAT **SMART**.

UNDEAD.  
BRAIN-DEAD.

ARMAGEDDON!  
DEVASTATION! I'M  
GOING **AHEAD!**

HOLD THEM  
OFF. **ENTERTAIN**  
YOURSelves...



--HRRAGK!

GENOCIDE.

NEXT:  
THE FOUR  
HORSEWOMEN  
COMETH!