



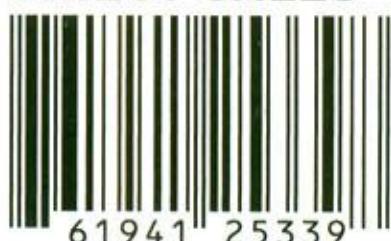
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THALARION.



IN THE SHORT TIME SINCE
MY REBIRTH I HAVE NOT
SPENT A SINGLE SLUMBER
ON THIS ISLAND.

MY KINGDOM.
MY ISLAND.

MY CITY OF
CRYSTAL.

JASON AND
HIS CREW
WERE MEN
OF ACTION IN
THEIR PREVIOUS
LIVES. THEY
LOOK TO ME
FOR ANSWERS.

AND WISDOM,
NEVER MY STRONG
SUIT AT THE BEST
OF TIMES.

AND I AM LONELY. THEY
DO NOT UNDERSTAND
ME, AND I DO NOT
UNDERSTAND THE WORLD
BEYOND THESE SHORES.

BUT THE MISSION
THAT ZEUS GAVE
ME, THE NAME HE
CALLED ME BY.

WARKILLER.



THAT IS A
MISSION I STILL
BELIEVE IN.

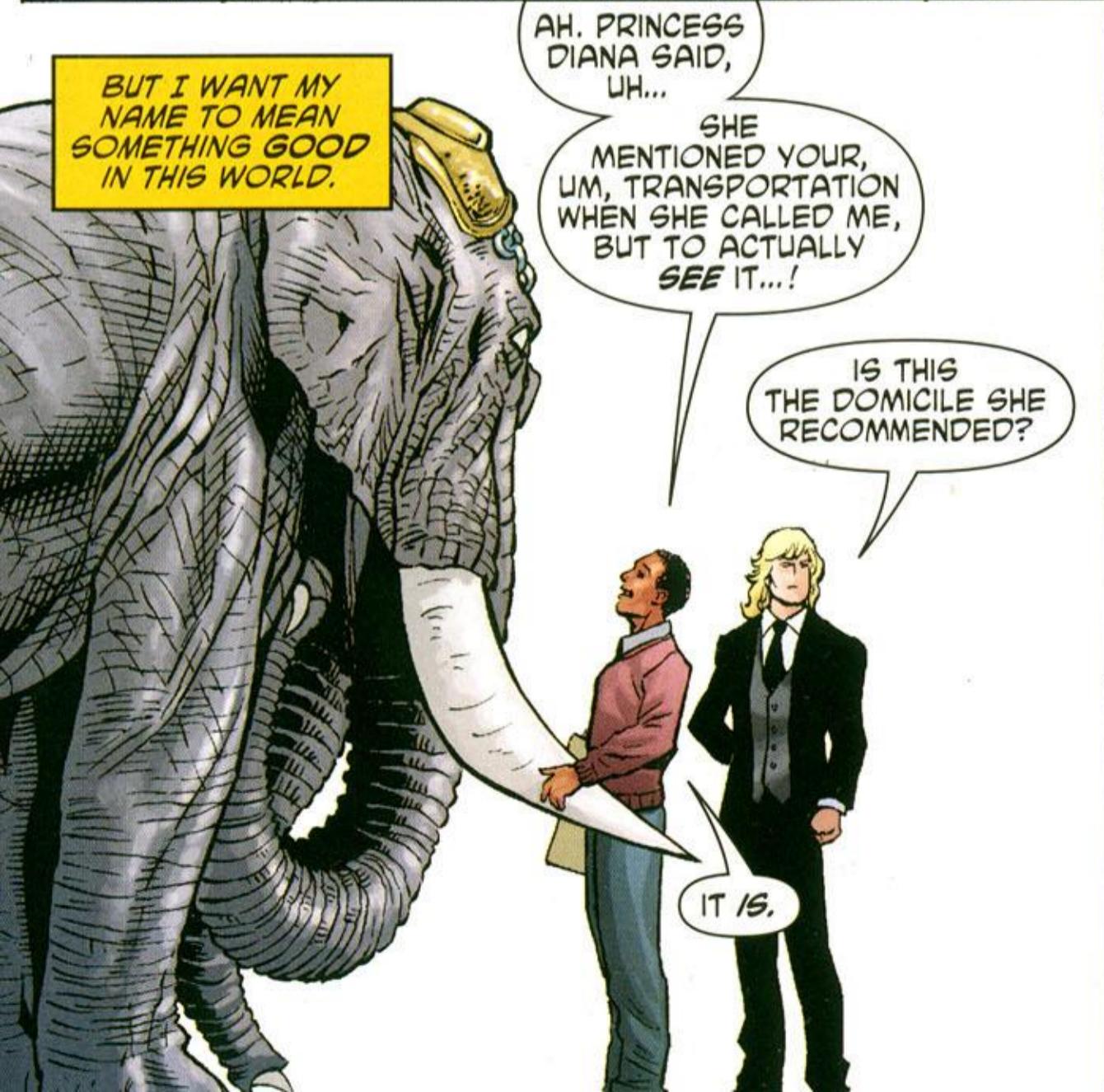
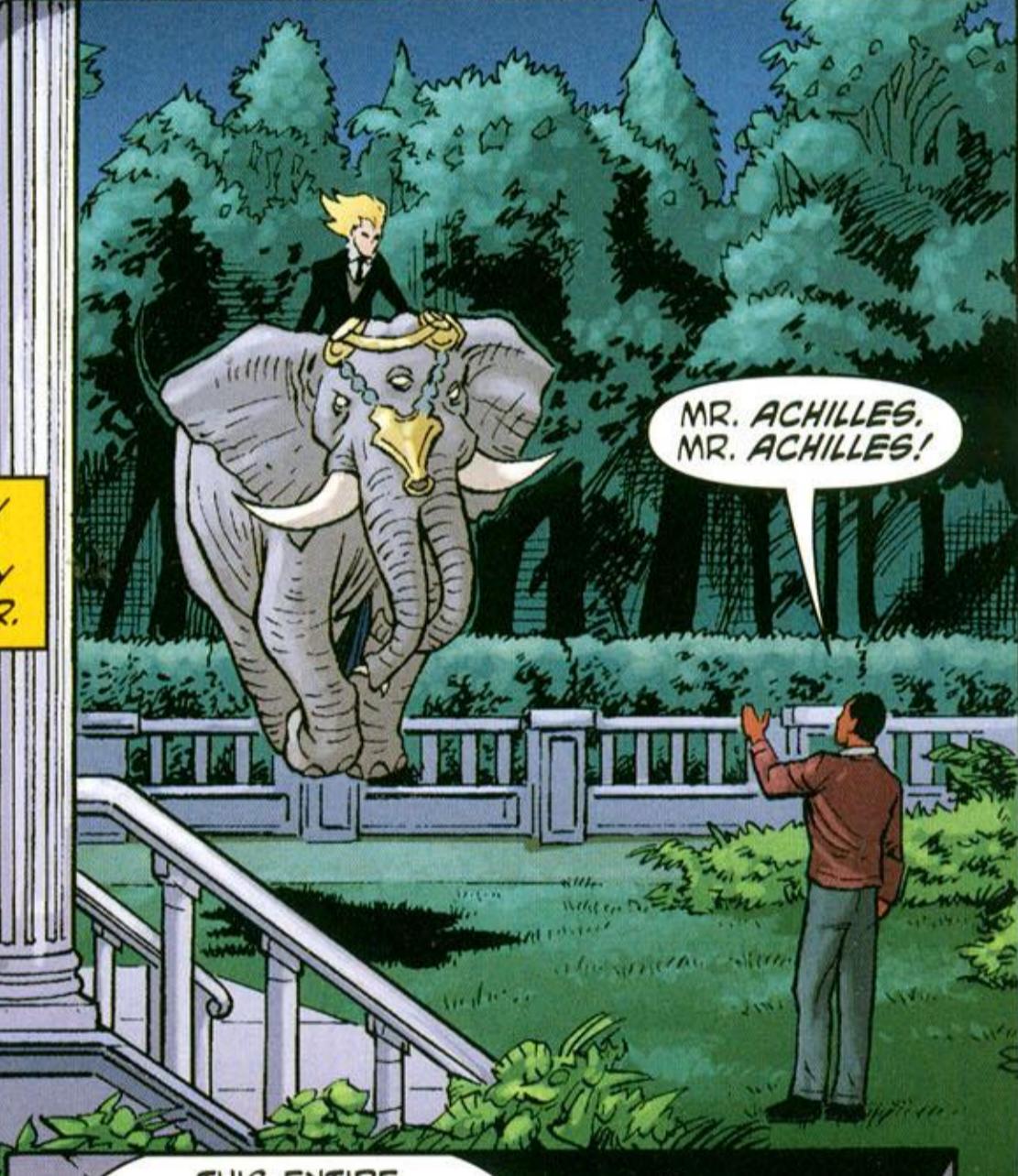
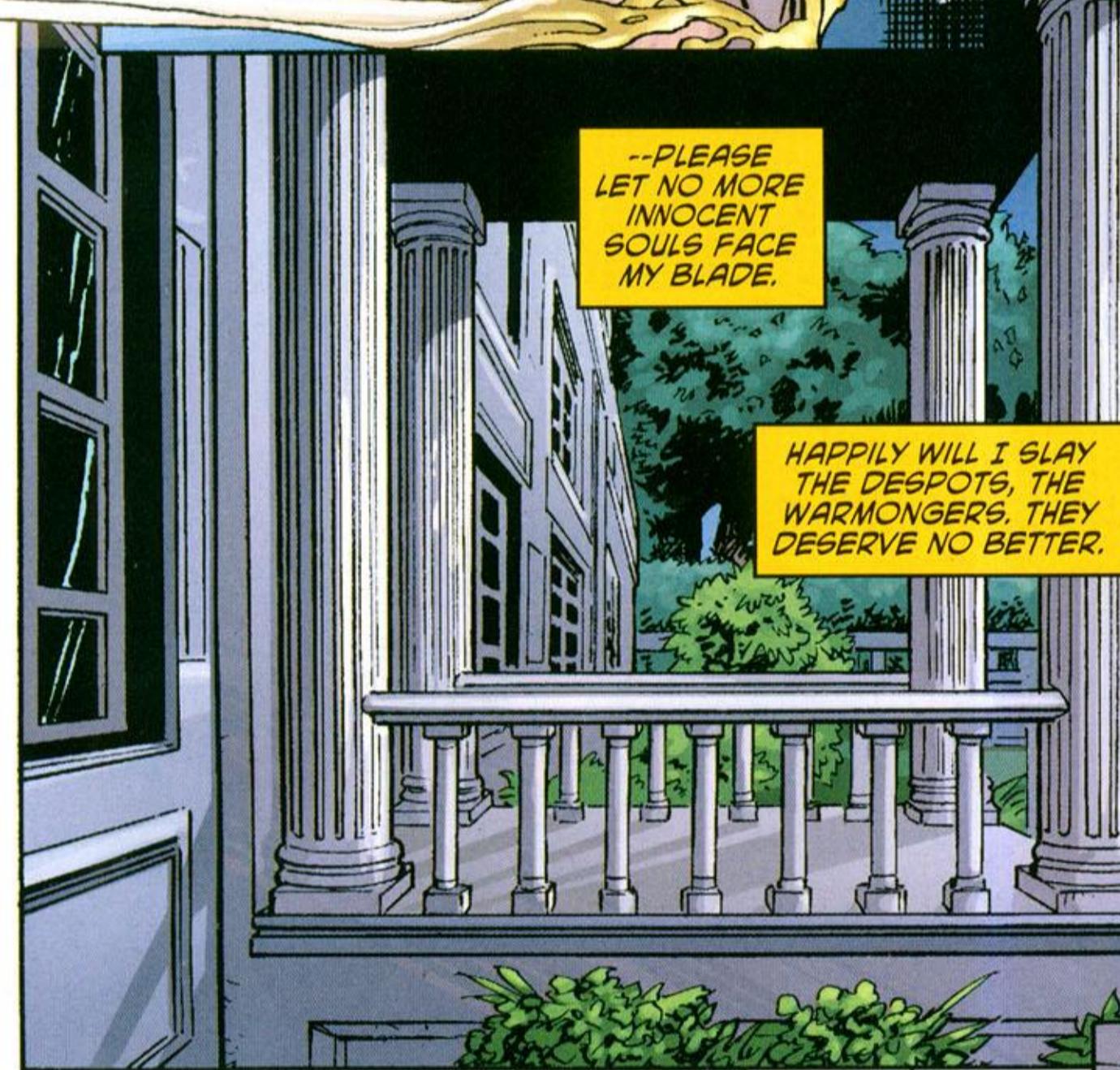
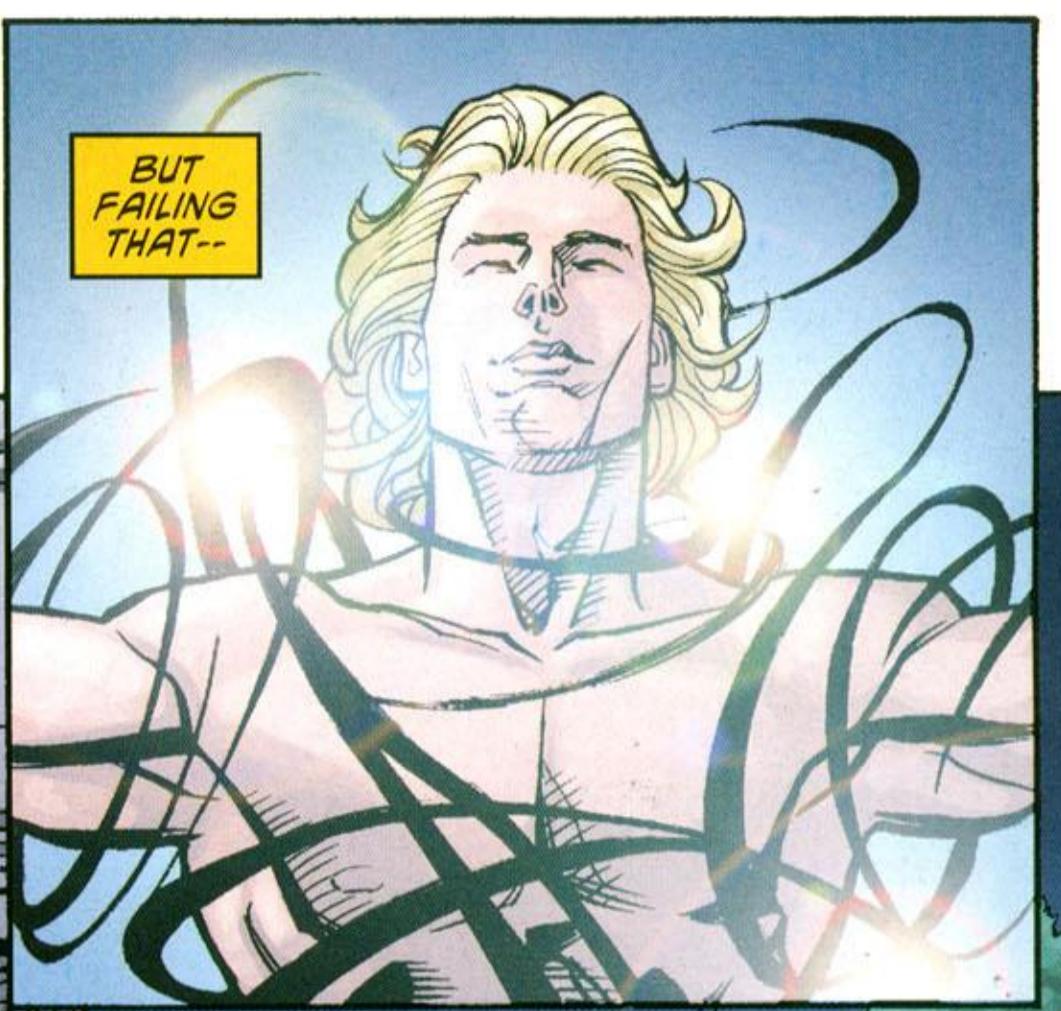
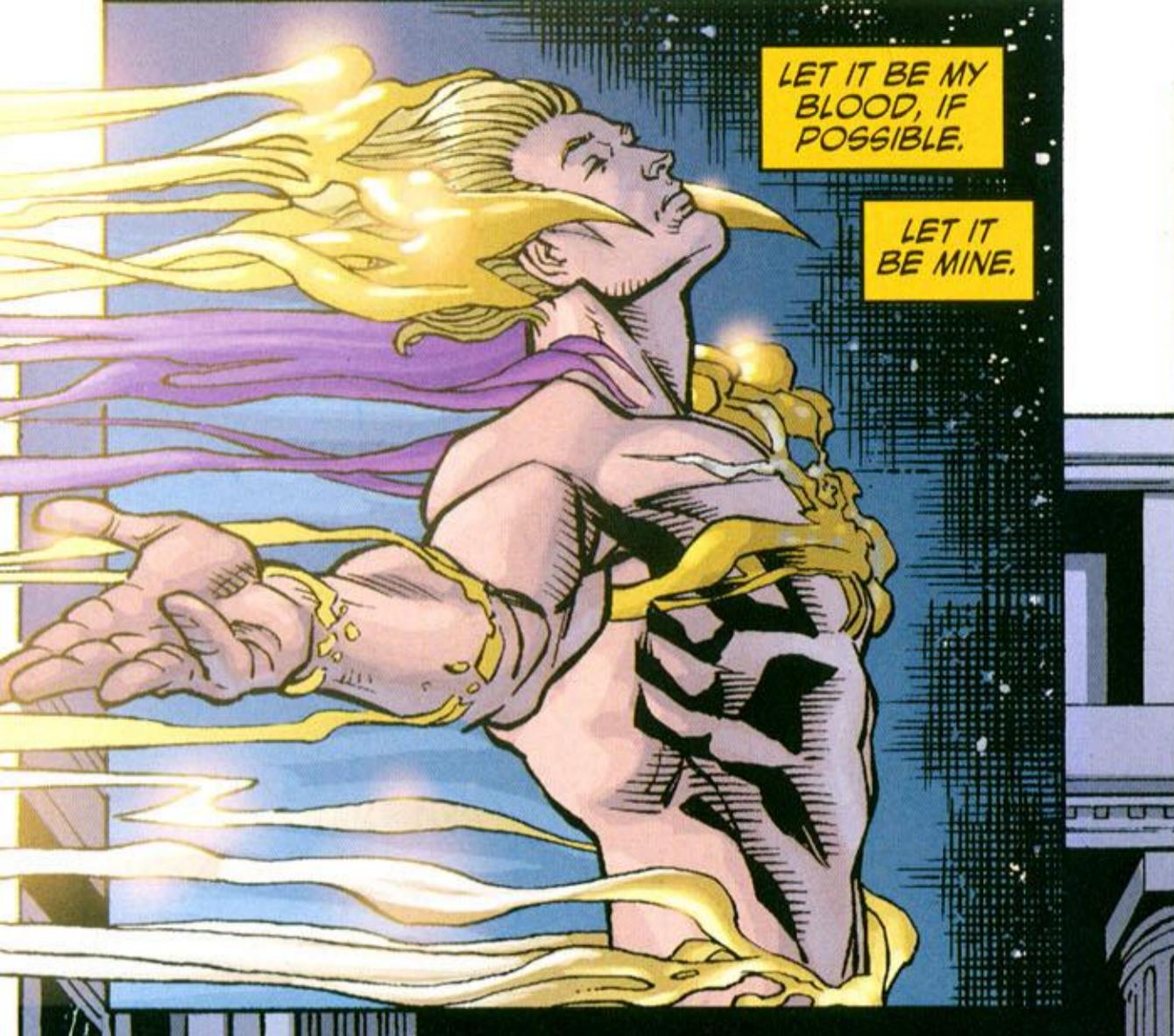
MYSIA.
COME.

THERE IS
MUCH BLOOD
ON MY HANDS.



IF I MUST SPILL
A LITTLE BIT MORE
TO SHOW THESE
PEOPLE THE FUTILITY
OF WAR--

--SO
BE IT.



THEY CALL THIS THE GROTTO... IT'S A GREEN-FRIENDLY, CARBON-NEUTRAL AQUA-THERAPY AND AMUSEMENT AREA, COMPLETE WITH FOUR HOT SAUNAS AND A ZERO IMMERSION POOL. ONE OF THE GREAT THINGS IS--

I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING YOU'RE SAYING.



IT'S ACCEPTABLE.

I WILL BE PAYING IN BUCKETS OF GOLD.



YOU SEEM FAMILIAR TO ME. DO I KNOW YOU SOMEHOW?

WHAT IS YOUR NAME, LAND-SELLER?

BUCKETS OF, UH... DID YOU JUST SAY...

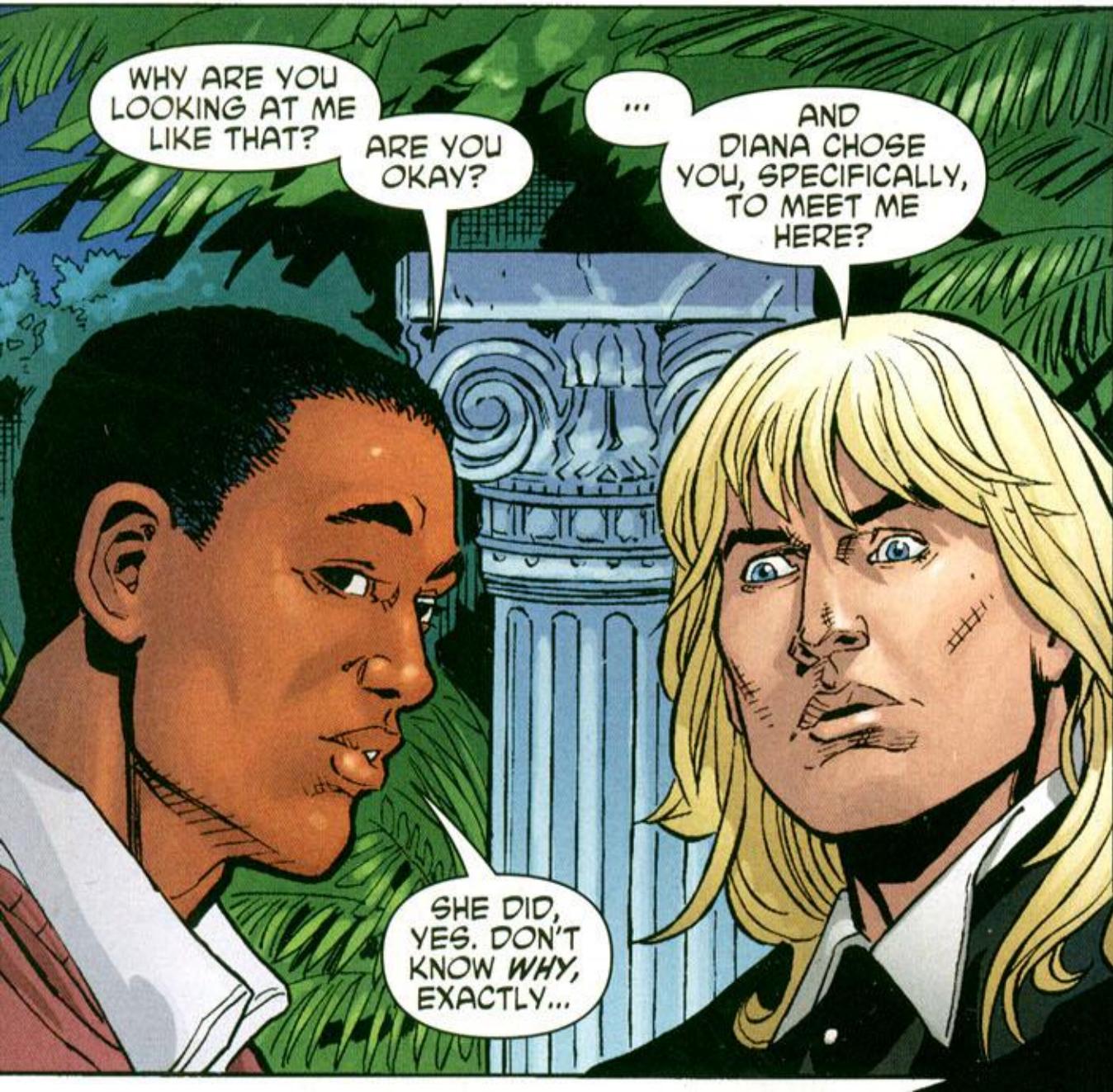


WHY, IT'S CLEEESE.
PATRICK CLEEESE.

PATROCLUS?

CLOSE ENOUGH, YOUR LORDSHIP.

IT CAN'T BE.
IT CAN'T.



WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

ARE YOU OKAY?

...
AND DIANA CHOSE YOU, SPECIFICALLY, TO MEET ME HERE?

SHE DID, YES. DON'T KNOW WHY, EXACTLY...



WHEREVER YOU ARE, DIANA, MY PRINCESS, MY FRIEND...

I THANK YOU.

MISPLACED, I MIGHT BE, BUT ALONE?

PERHAPS NOT.

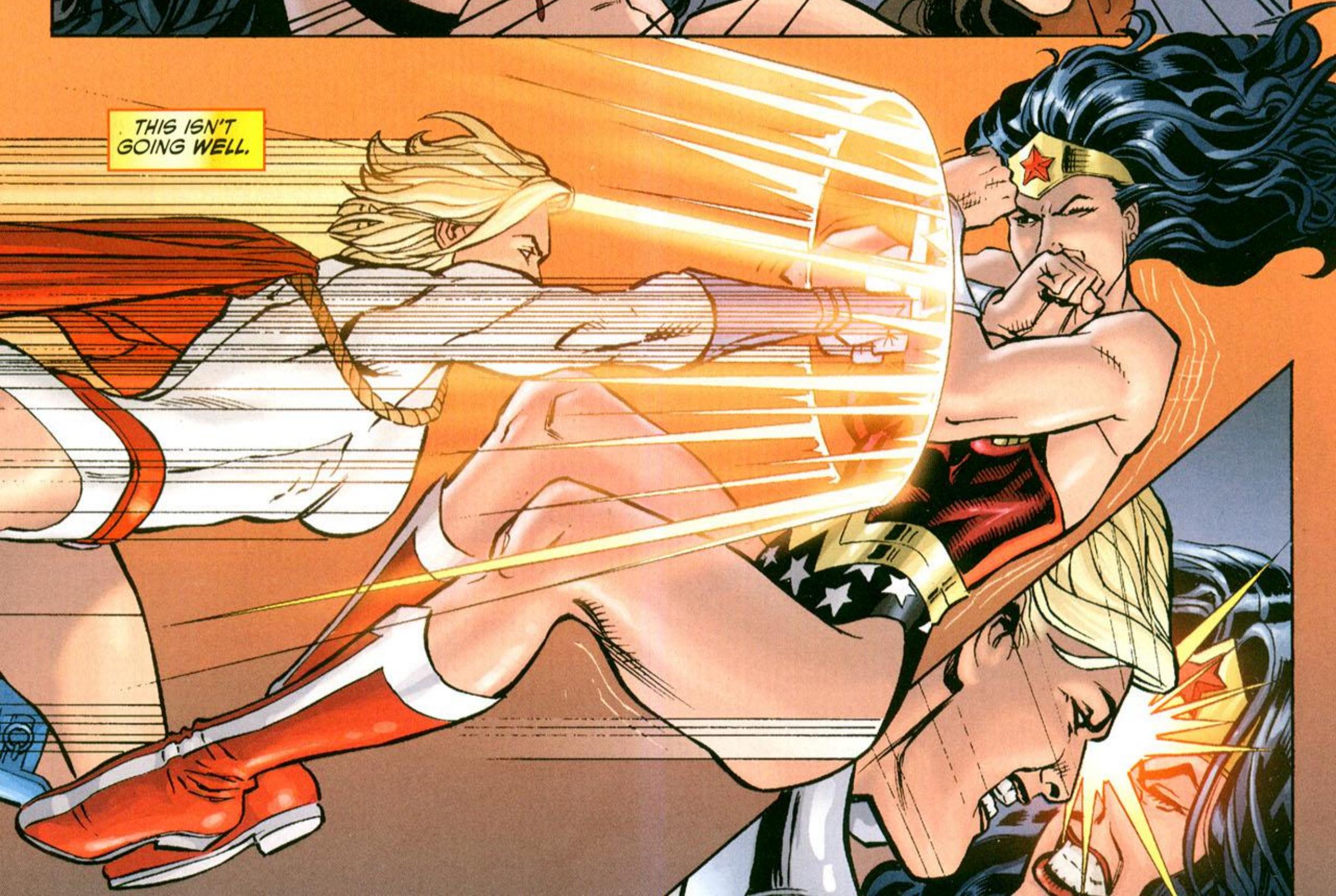
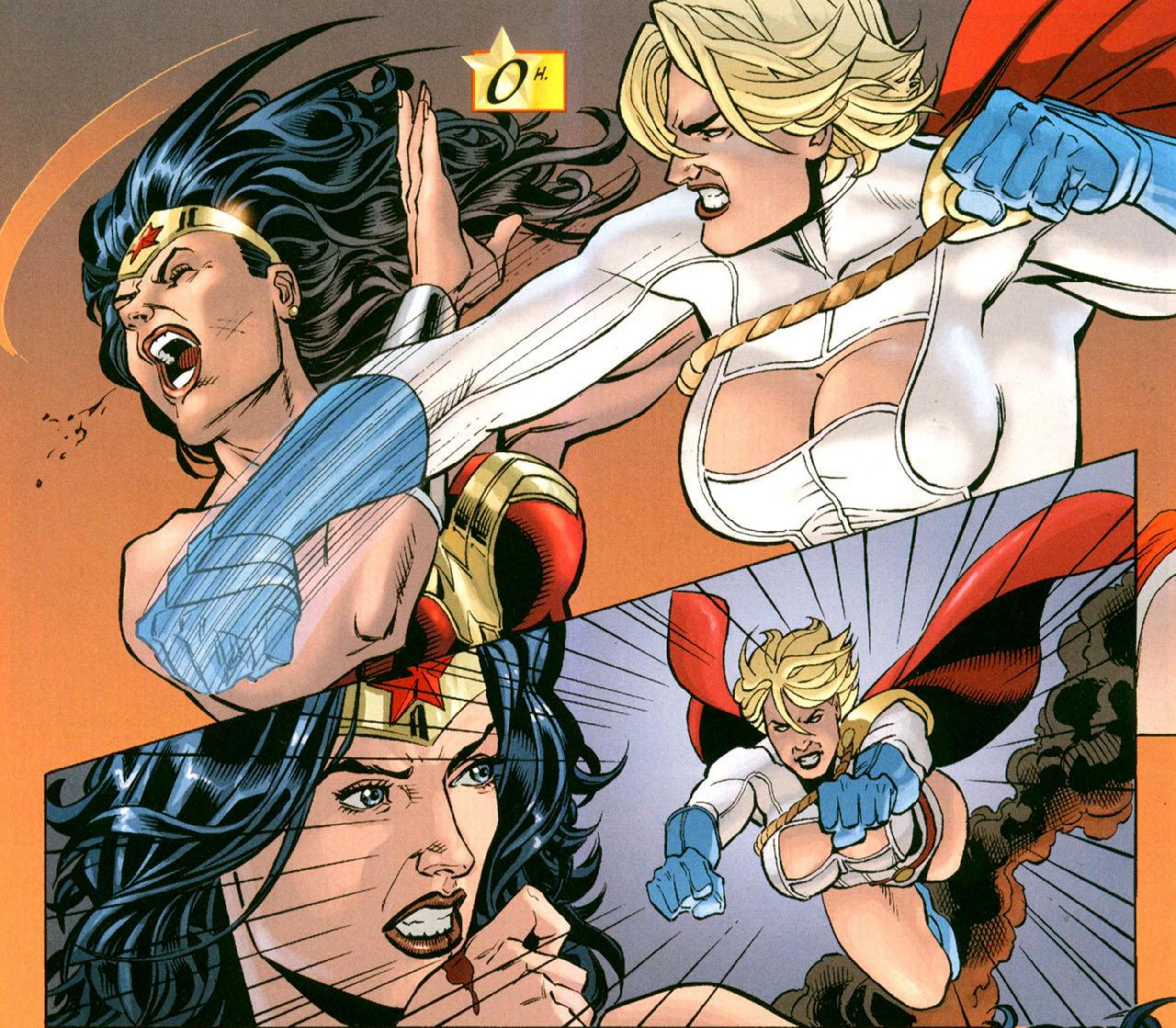
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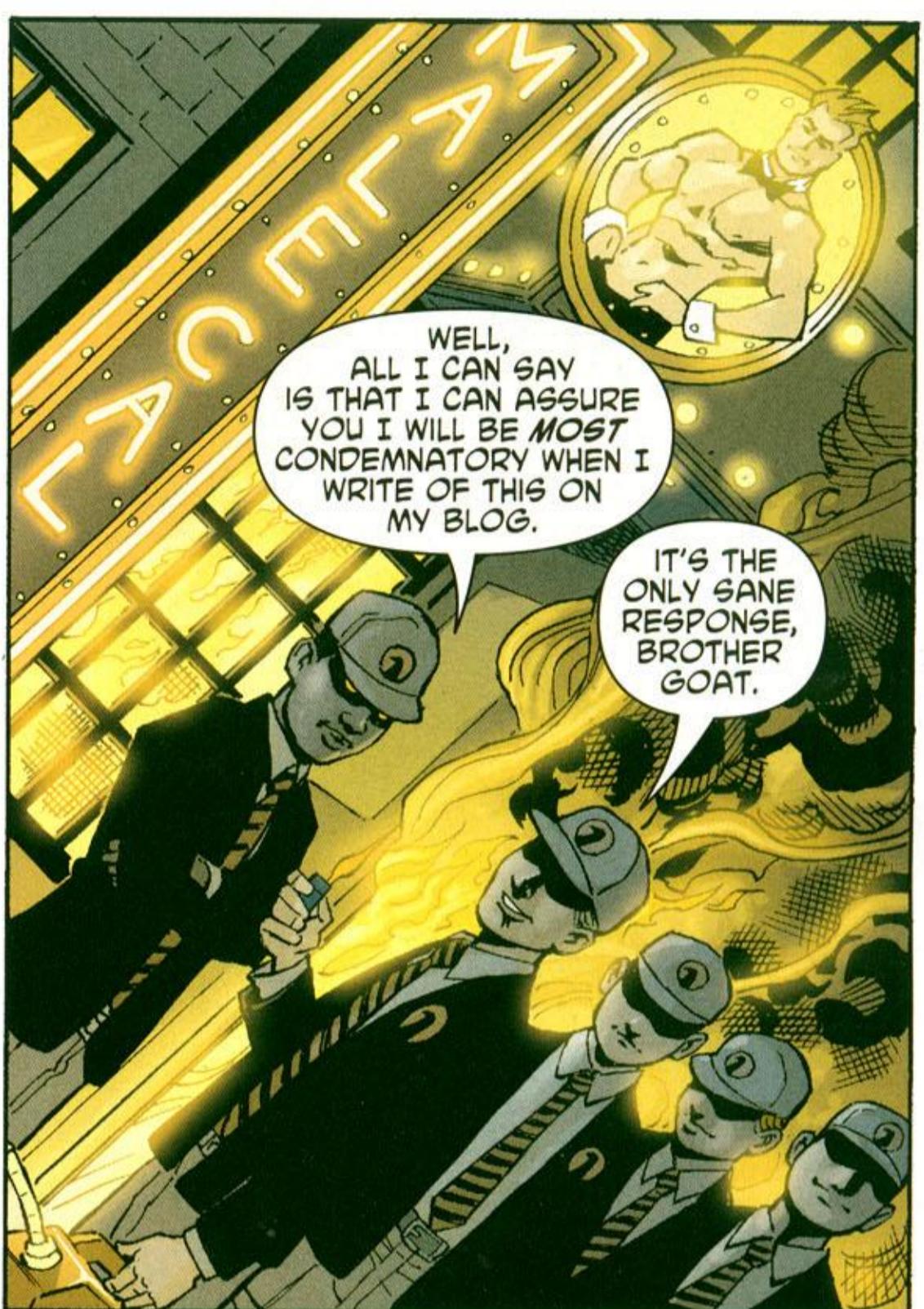
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CONSIDERED...

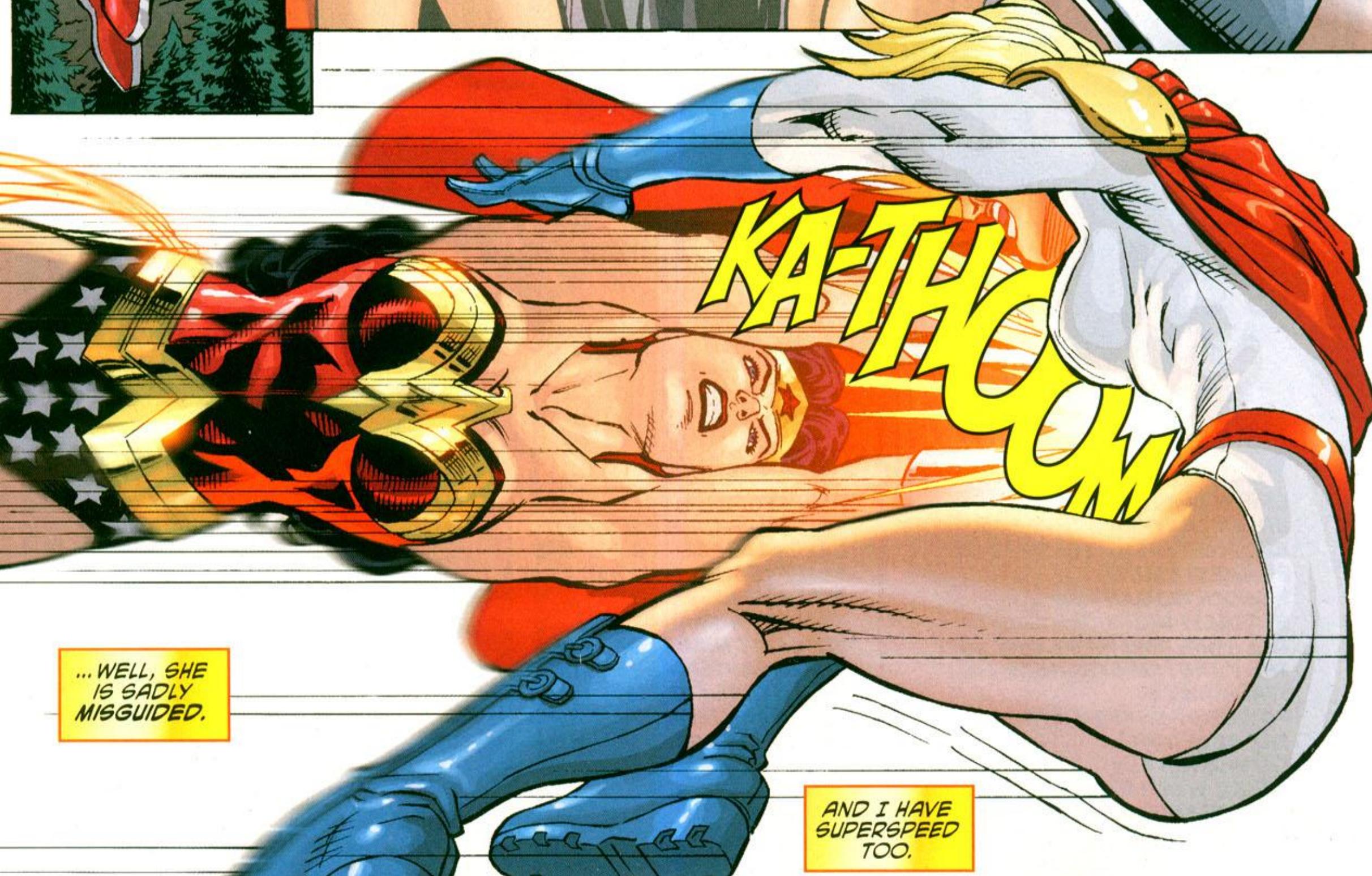
...I'D RATHER
BE BACK ON
THEMYSIRA.

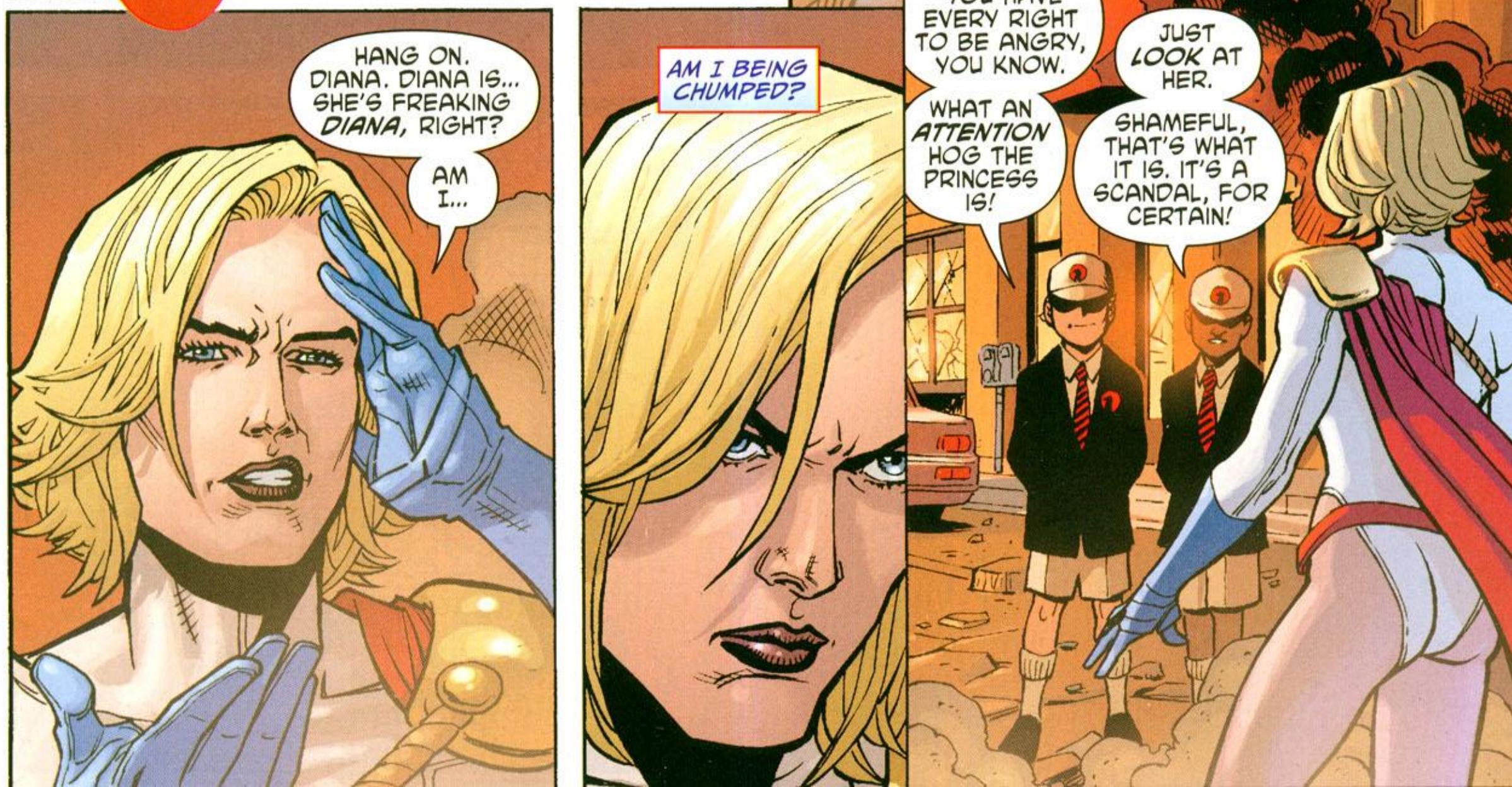
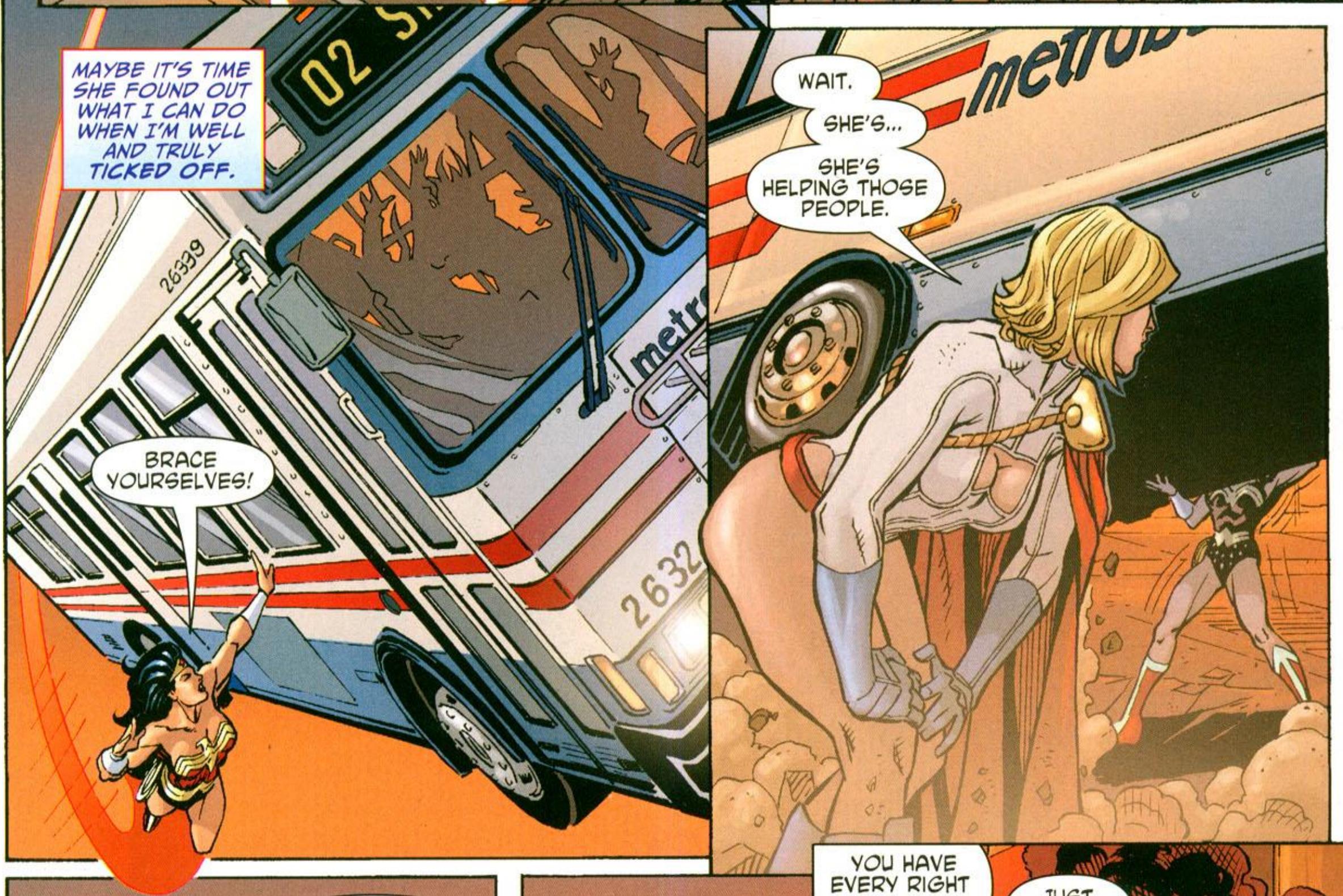
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I DON'T...
I'VE SEEN YOU
BEFORE...
WHAT...

NO.

DAMMIT,
DIANA ISN'T
LIKE THAT.

OH, WE
QUITE AGREE.
SHE'S A
MAGNIFICENT
HERO!

SPLENDID!
ONLY...

...I'M NOT
ENTIRELY
CERTAIN THAT
THAT ACTUALLY IS
WONDER WOMAN,
MISS GIRL.

POWER
GIRL.
KAREN.

IT'S THOSE
CHILDREN.
THEY'RE
BEHIND THIS,
SOMEHOW. CAN
YOU NOT SEE
THAT?

STAY
BEHIND ME,
KIDS.

YOU CAN'T
HAVE THEM,
MONSTER.
WHATEVER
YOU ARE, YOU
CAN'T HAVE
'EM!





SO WHATEVER IT IS THAT'S POSSESSED YOU, DIANA...

...I PROMISE TO POUND THAT THING STRAIGHT TO DEATH.

SHE'S STRONGER THAN WE THOUGHT. SMARTER, TOO.

ADMIRE HER LATER, BROTHER GOAT. THIS ACCELERATES OUR TIMETABLE.

WE HAVE TO HURRY.

IF WE WANT HATE TO BURN THIS CITY, I MEAN!

SHE CAUSED ALL THIS, POWER GIRL! KILL HER!

KILL WONDER WOMAN!

TSK. MOB VIOLENCE.

THEY'LL ALL REGRET THIS IN THE MORNING, I'M SURE!

ALL RIGHT. MY CITY IS BURNING, AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

SHE'S AT LEAST AS STRONG AND AS FAST AS I AM.

ACKNOWLEDGED.

ENOUGH.

YOU WERE WARNED.

NOW IT'S TIME FOR ME TO REMEMBER WHAT THE BLACK CANARY SAID.

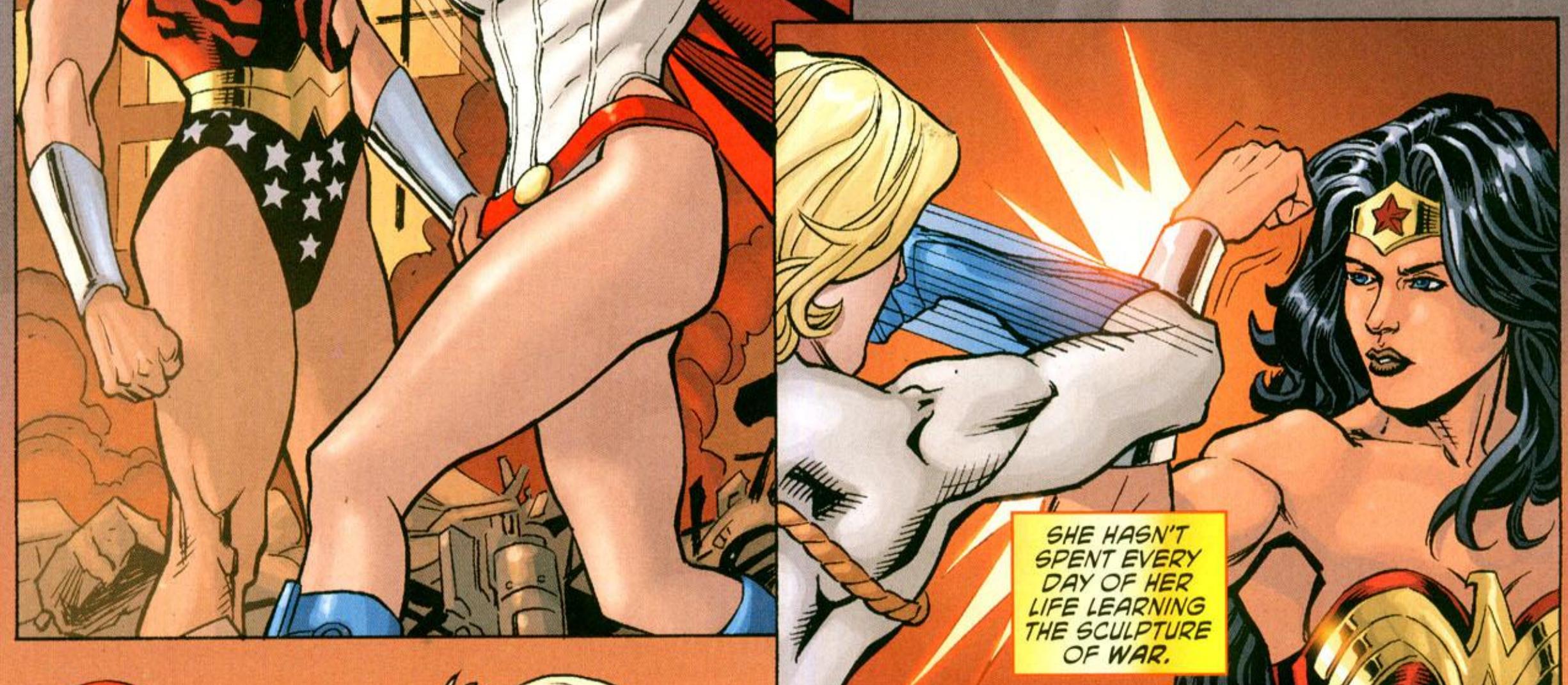
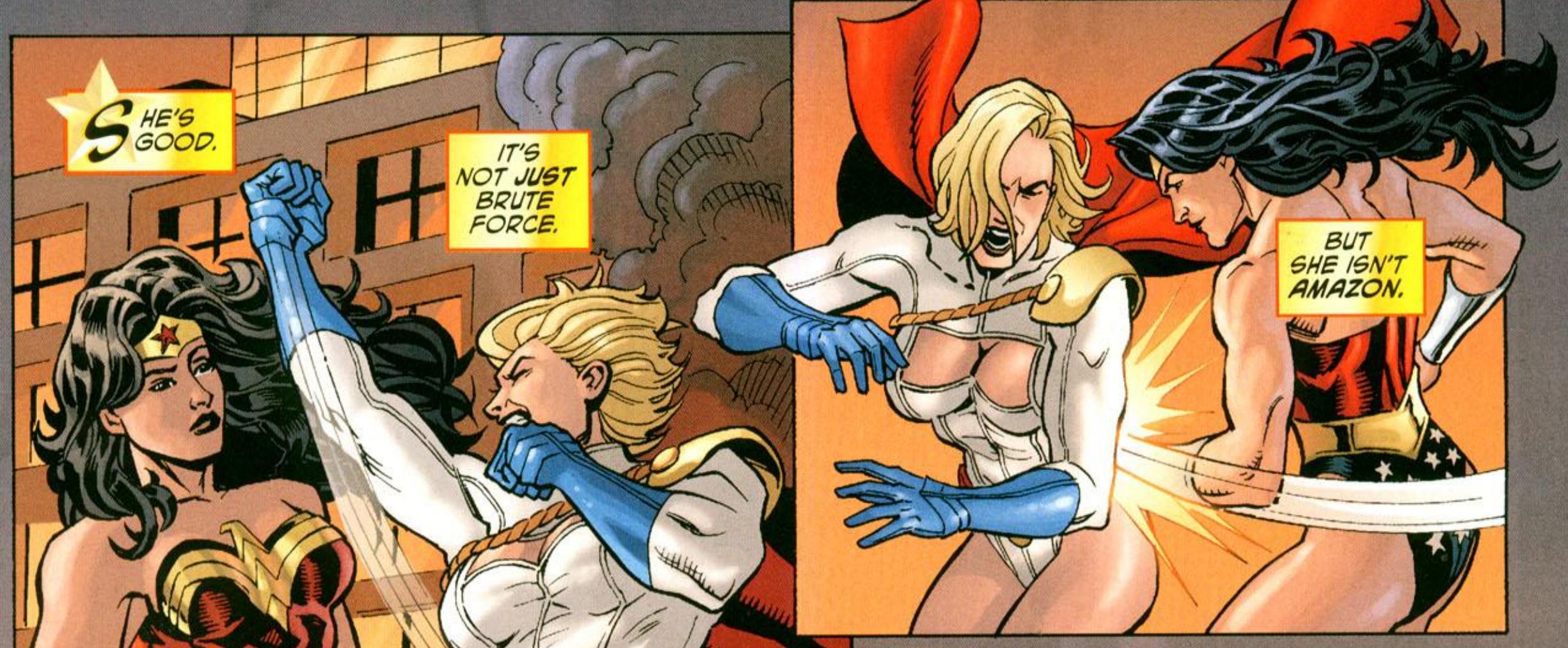
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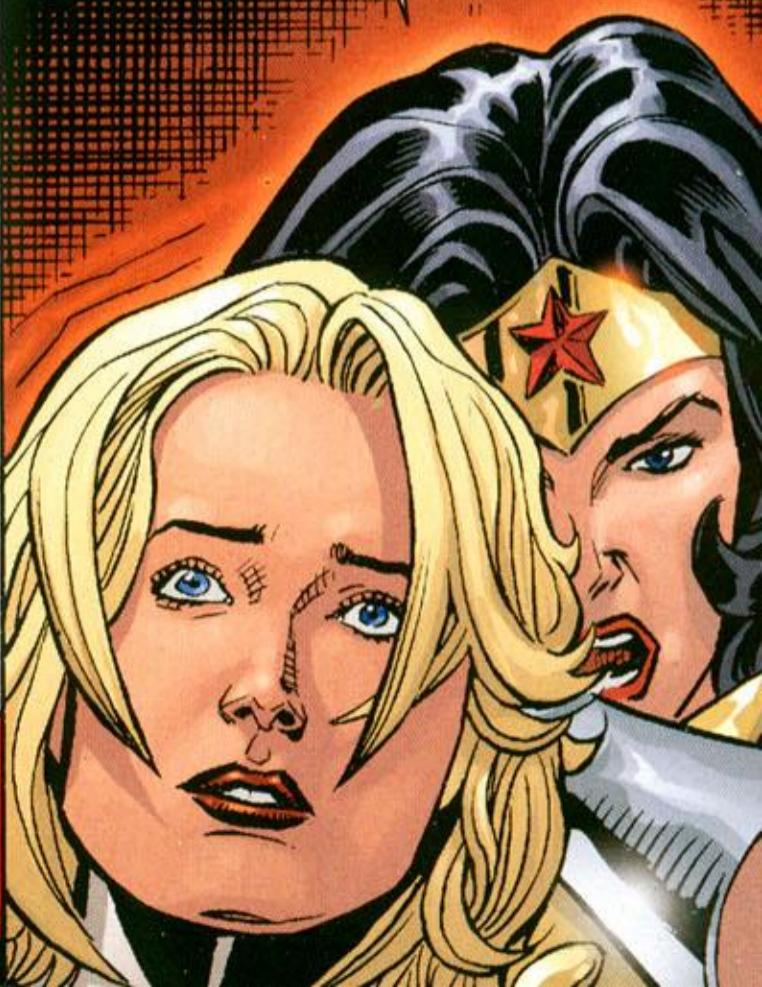
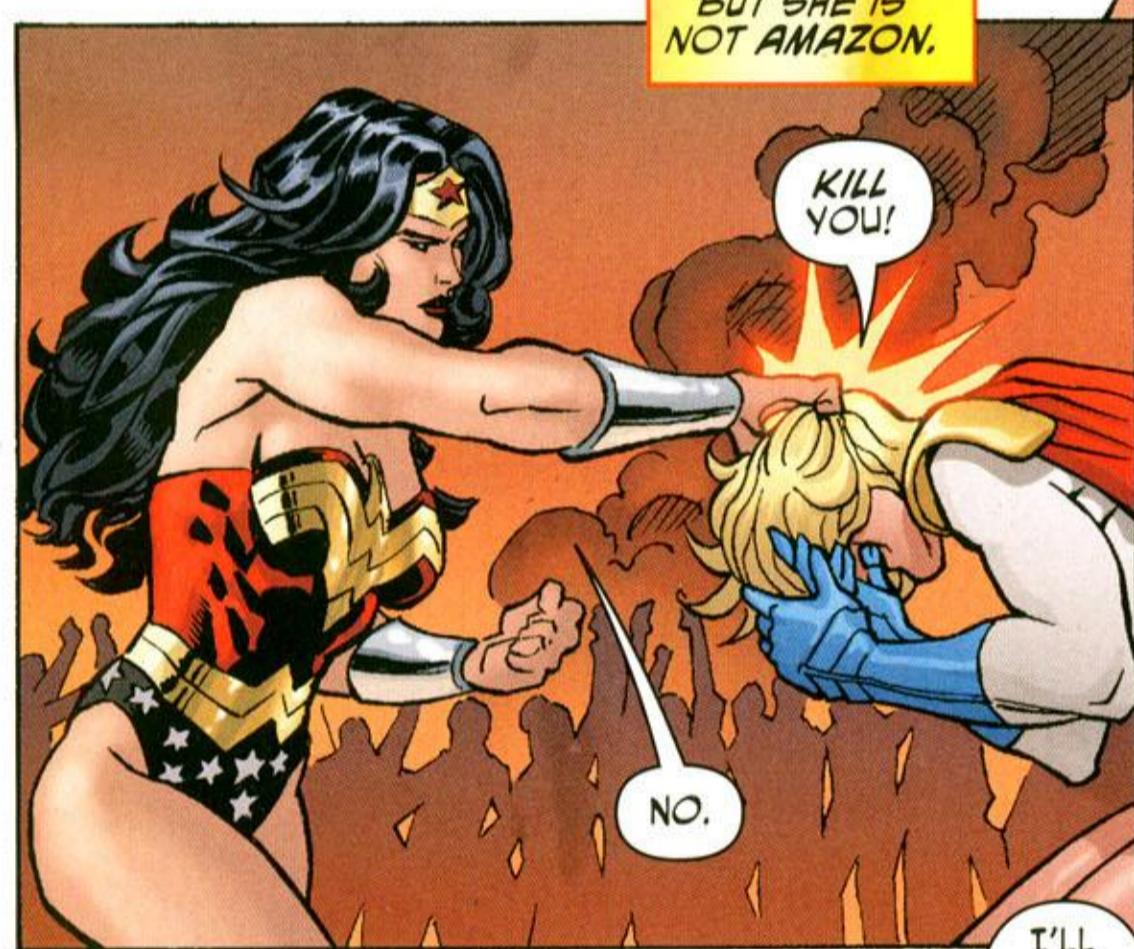
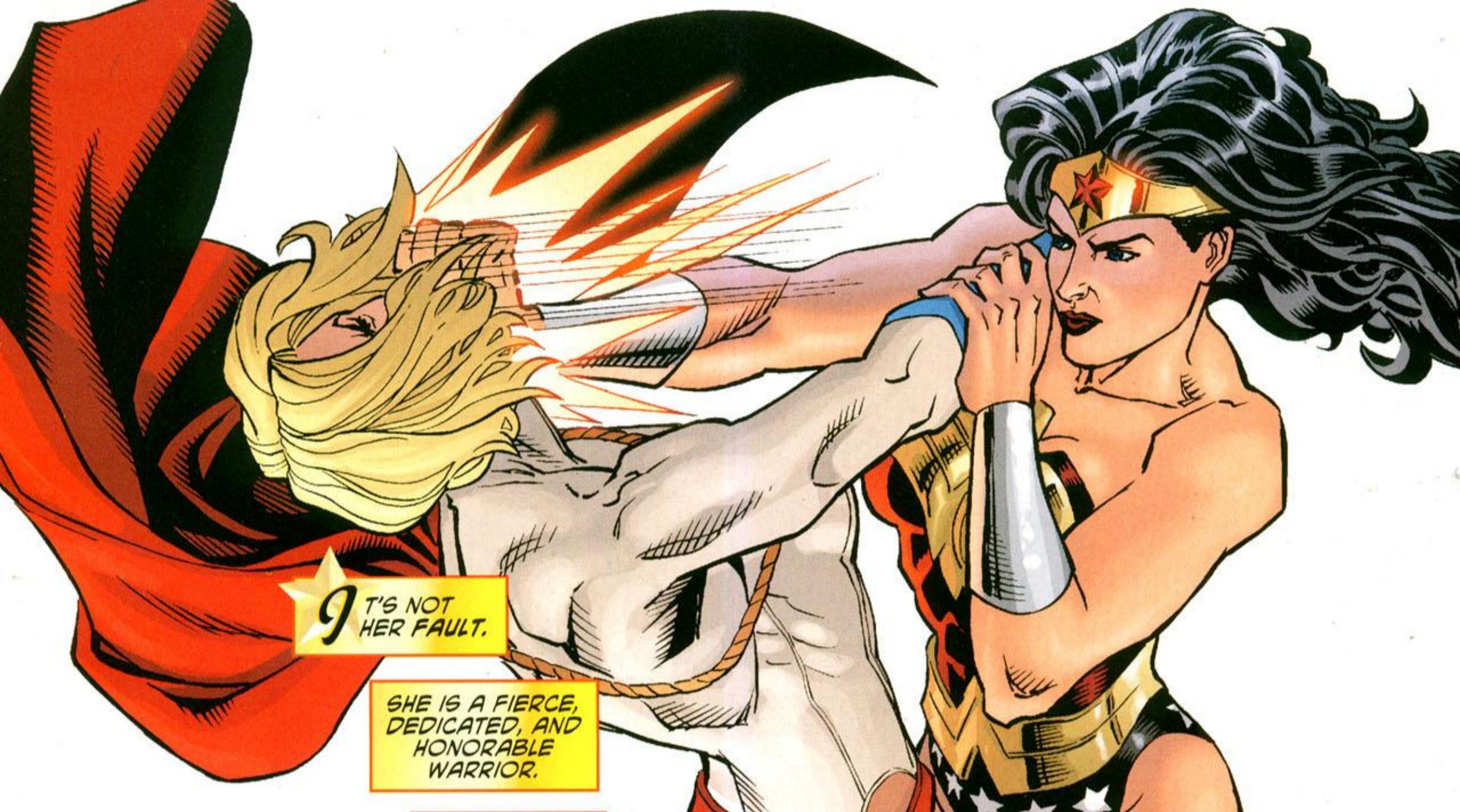
IT'S BECAUSE SO MANY OF THE HEAVY HITTERS, THEY JUST USE THEIR STRENGTH. THAT'S ALL THEY NEED. THERE'S NO TECHNIQUE.

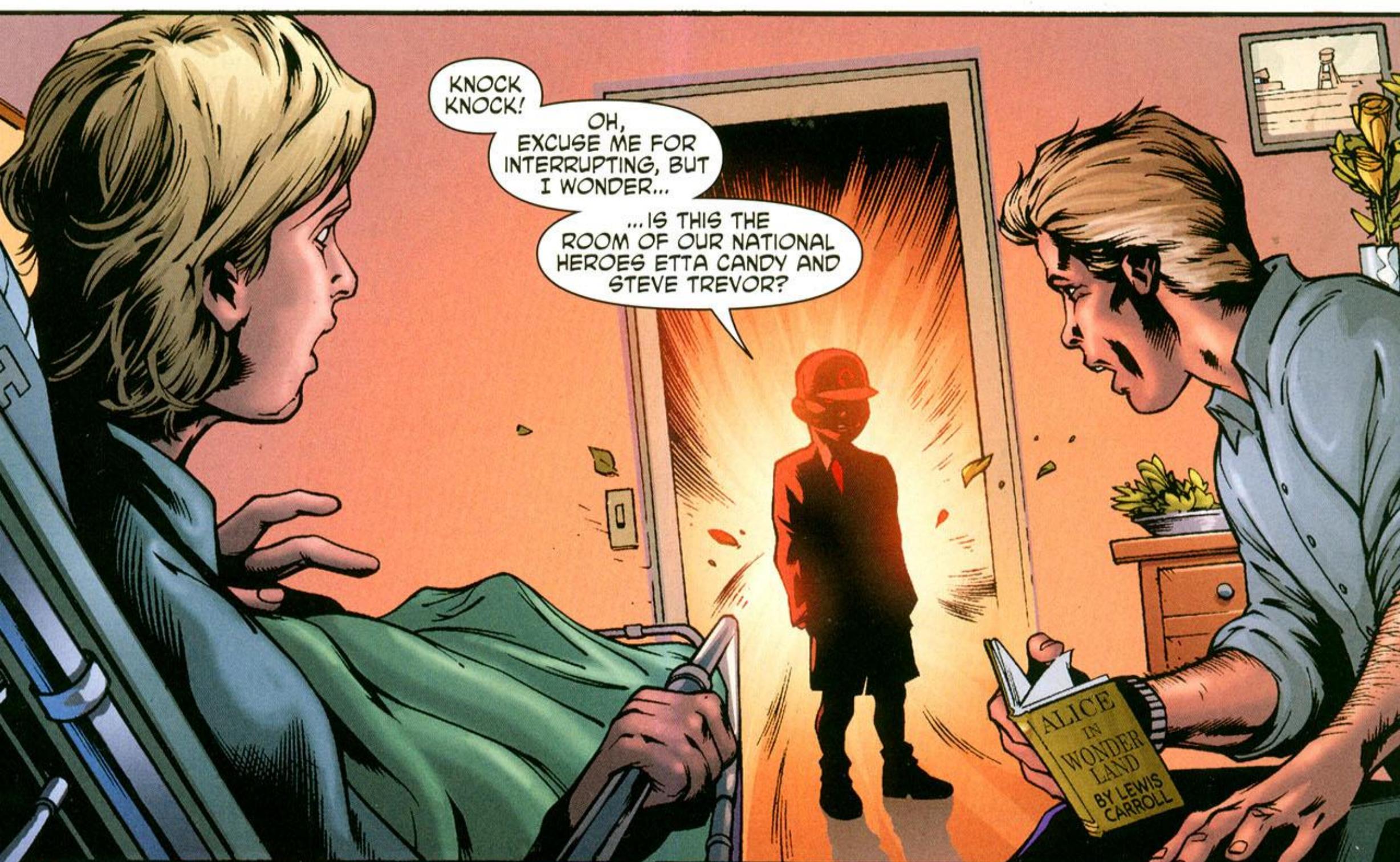
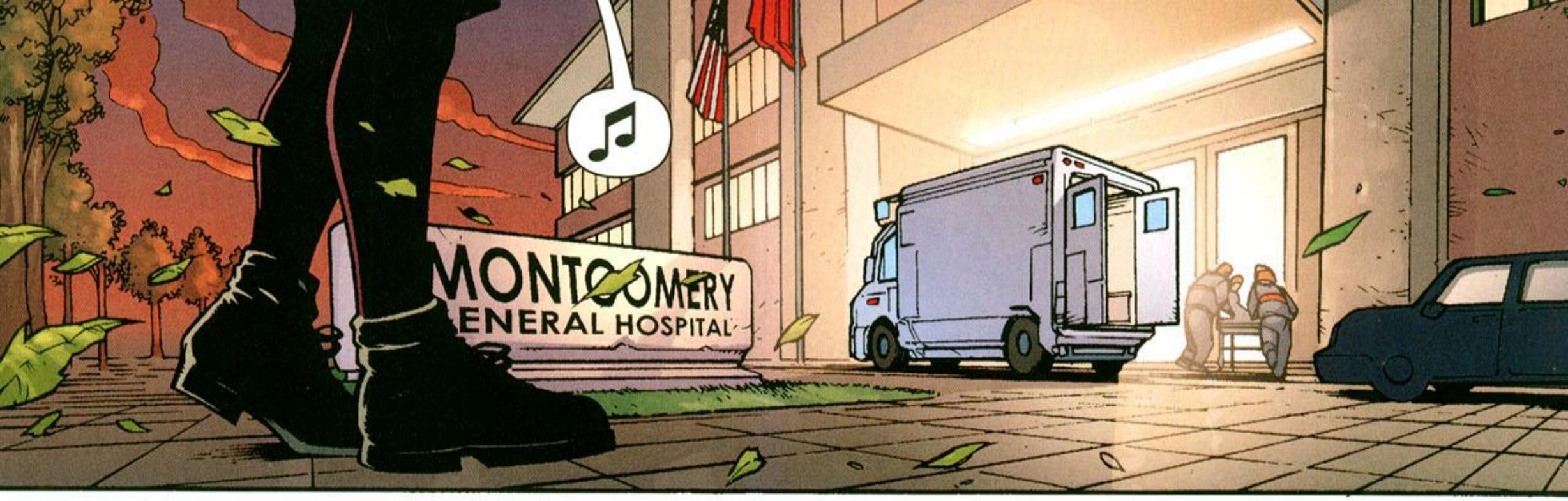
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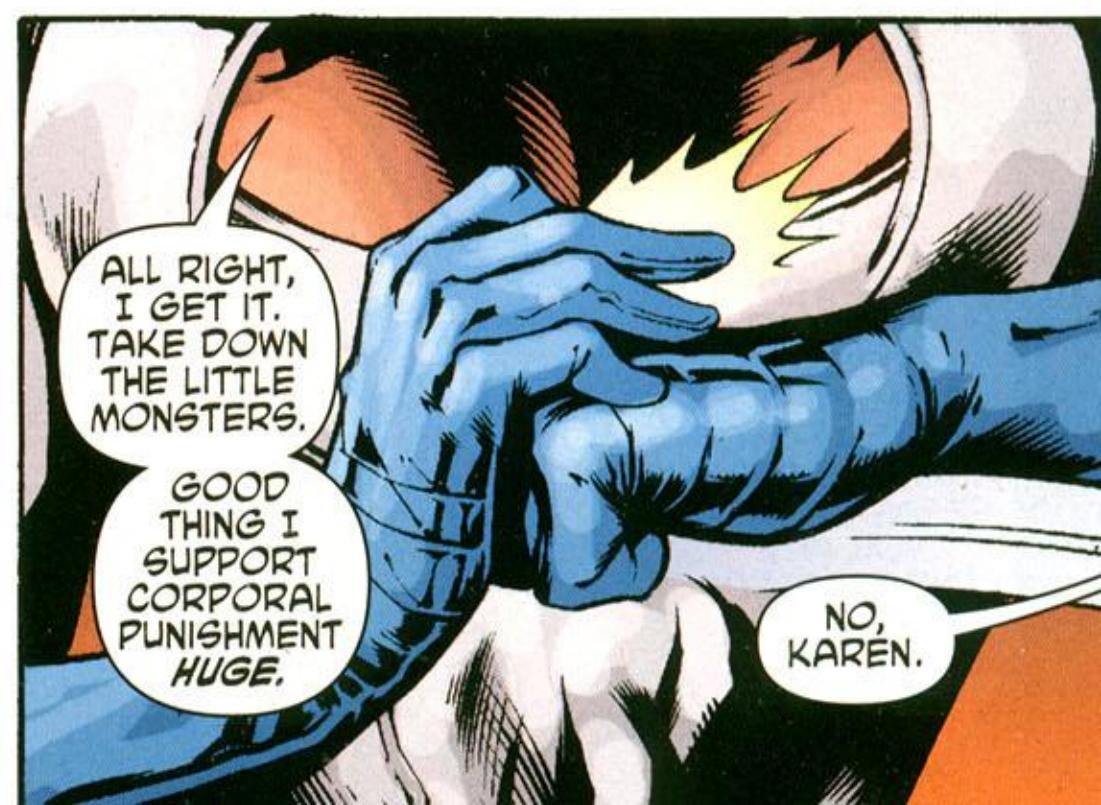
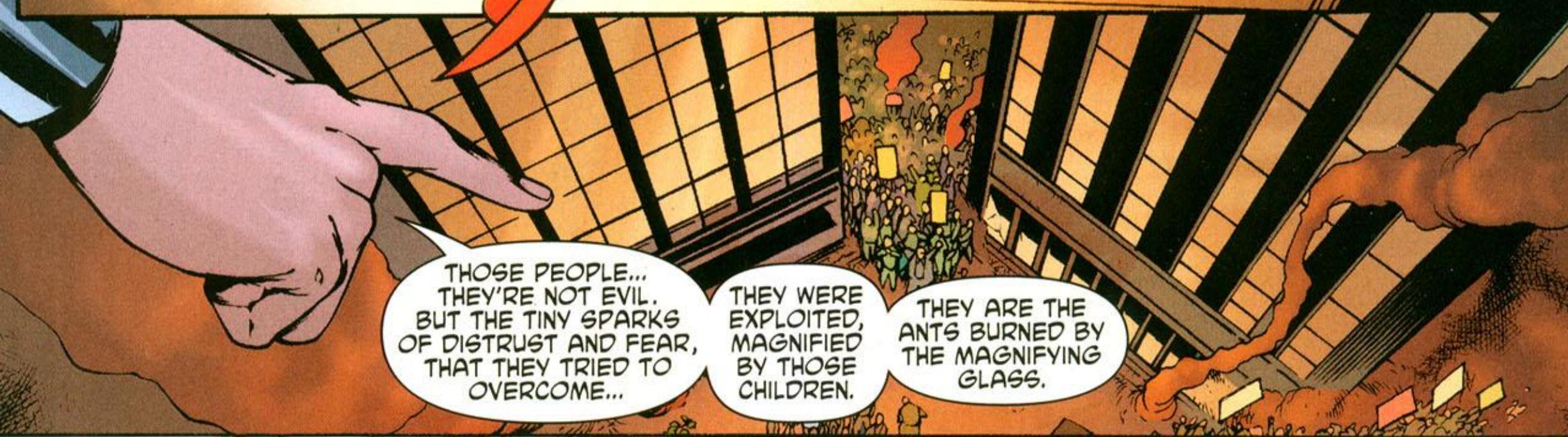
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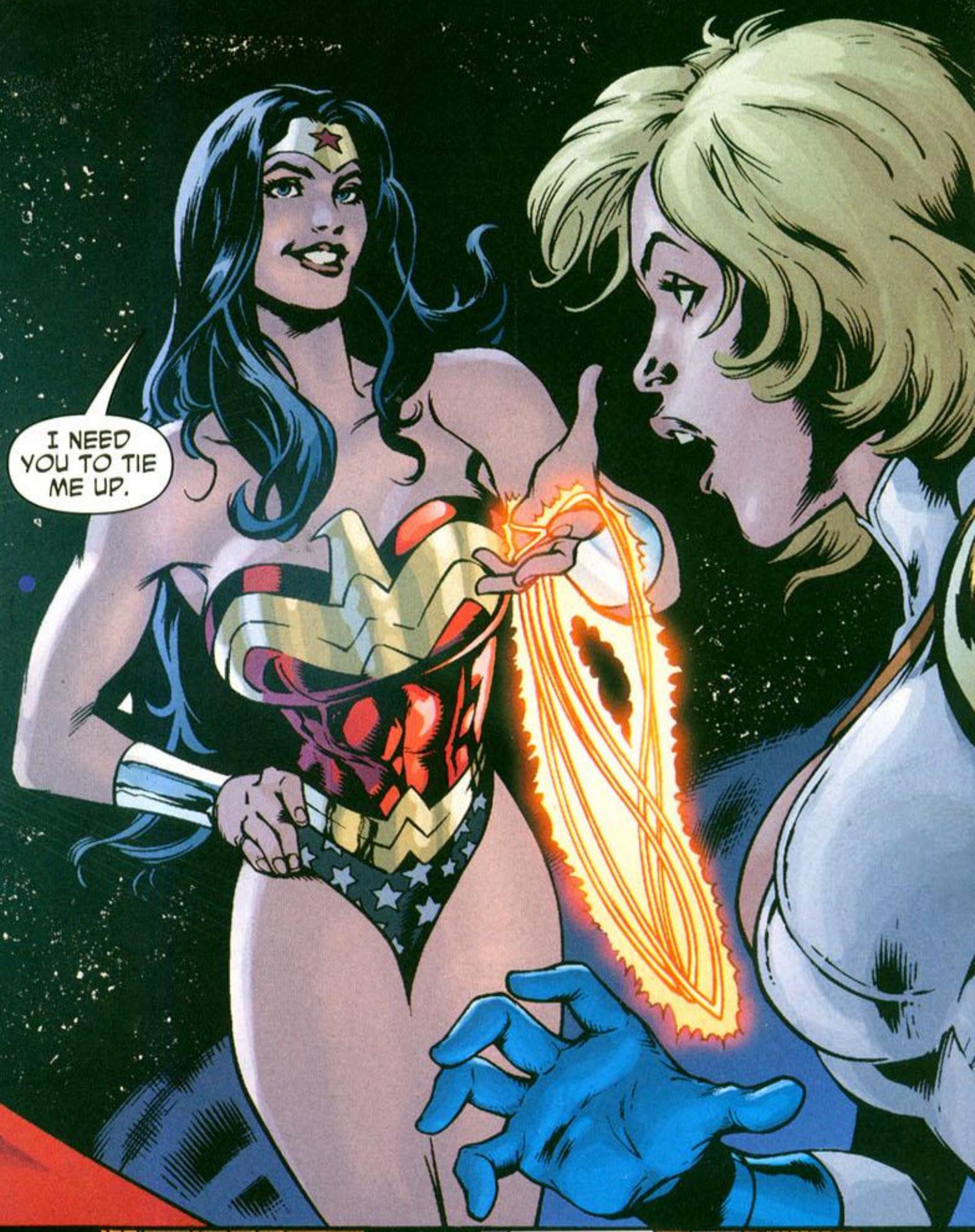
LIKE I NEED ANY.











MY NAME
IS POWER
GIRL.

AND ANY
ONE OF YOU
LOSERS TAKES A
STEP INSIDE THAT
CIRCLE?

YOU
HAFTA
DEAL WITH
ME.



ARE
WE 100%
IN SYNC ON
THIS CONCEPT,
DRONE-
BABIES?



UM,
OKAY.
THAT
DIDN'T
WORK!



UH.
PRETEND
I'M DIANA,
THEN.

THINK OF
THE POWER
OF LOVE AND
ALL THAT CRAP,
OKAY?

HOPE AND
BROTHERHOOD
OR WHATEVER!
NO? NO GO?

OH,
MAN!

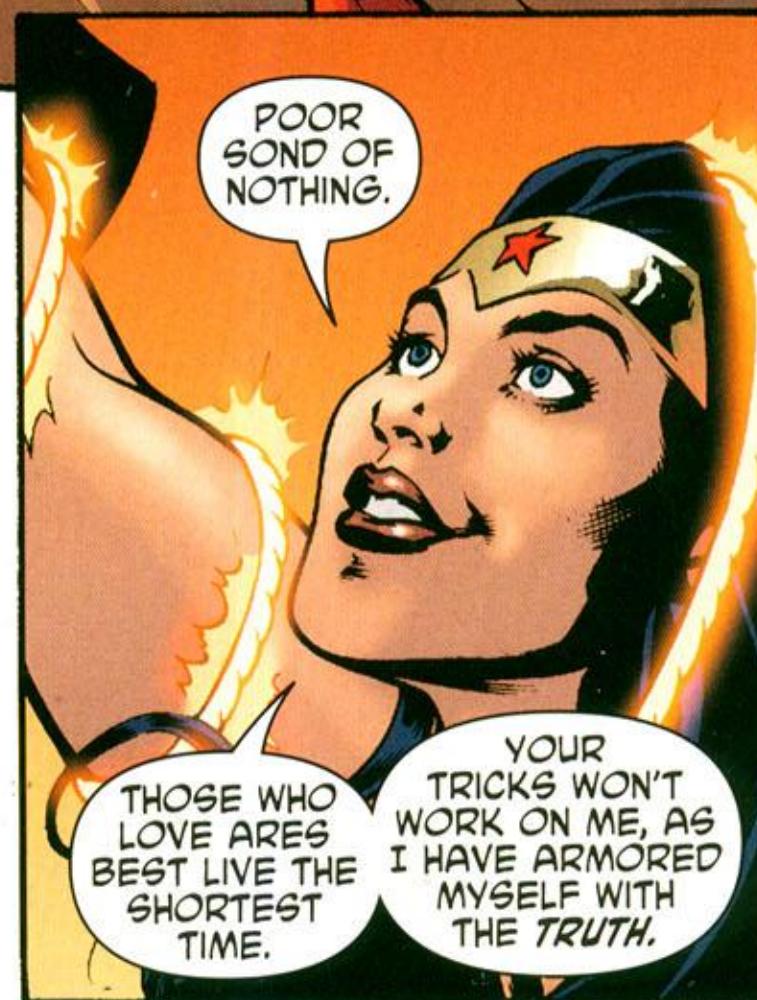


OH, THIS
IS JUST AWFUL.
WHAT A SAD
STATEMENT ON
THE WHOLE
"MELTING POT"
MYTH.

I PREDICT A
DEATH TOLL IN THE
THOUSANDS,
BROTHERS.



I
THINK NOT,
CHILDREN OF
ARES.









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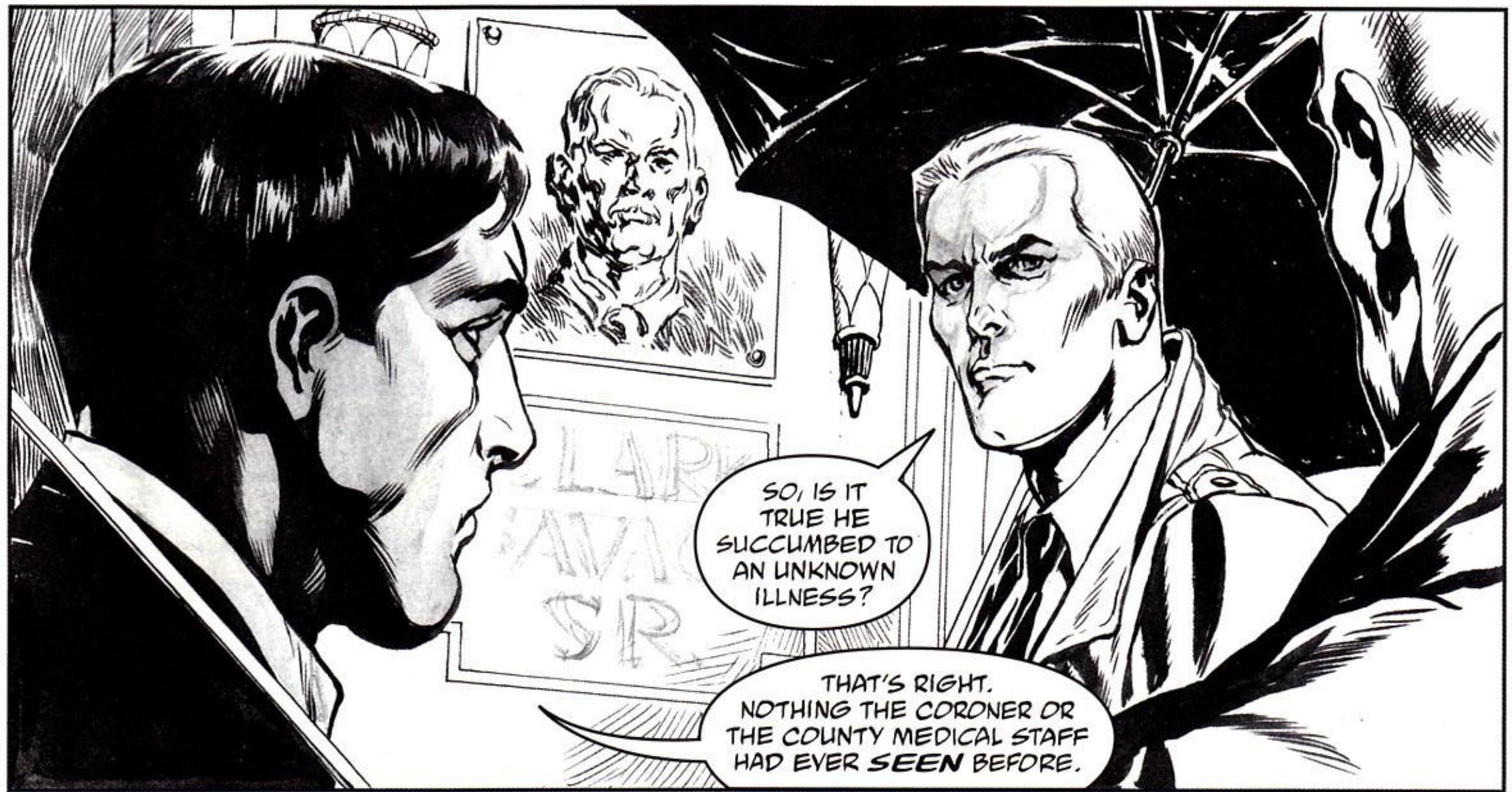
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SO, HOW GOES THE
CRIME FIGHTING
BUSINESS?

I COULD
ASK YOU
THE SAME...

'CEPT FOR THE
FACT YOU'RE
NOT IN IT.

CARTEAVER

HMM...
YOU JUDGE ME
TOO HARSHLY. I'M A
CIVIL SERVANT, SWORN
TO UPHOLD THE
PEACE...

WHOSE?

OF COURSE
I'M INTERESTED
PRIMARILY IN
MINE.



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As we round the corner toward the end of BLACKEST NIGHT – and the beginning of BRIGHTEST DAY – it's absolutely impossible not to feel excited. While we unleash all the twists and turns in the story, it's amazing to see ideas Geoff Johns & Co. have spent so long planning become a reality on the shelves of your local comics store. BLACKEST NIGHT is truly an epic in every sense of the word, and its legacy will live on in the DCU forever. So get ready to have your minds blown even more (trust me – it is possible) over the next year. In the meantime, you can make sure you're up to date on Blackest Night by heading over to InBlackestNight.com. This official DC site has all kinds of cool information and features. In fact, it covers so much information that I asked our very own Representative of Marketing Publications, Rickey Purdin, to help make sure that I covered everything. Take it away, Rickey:

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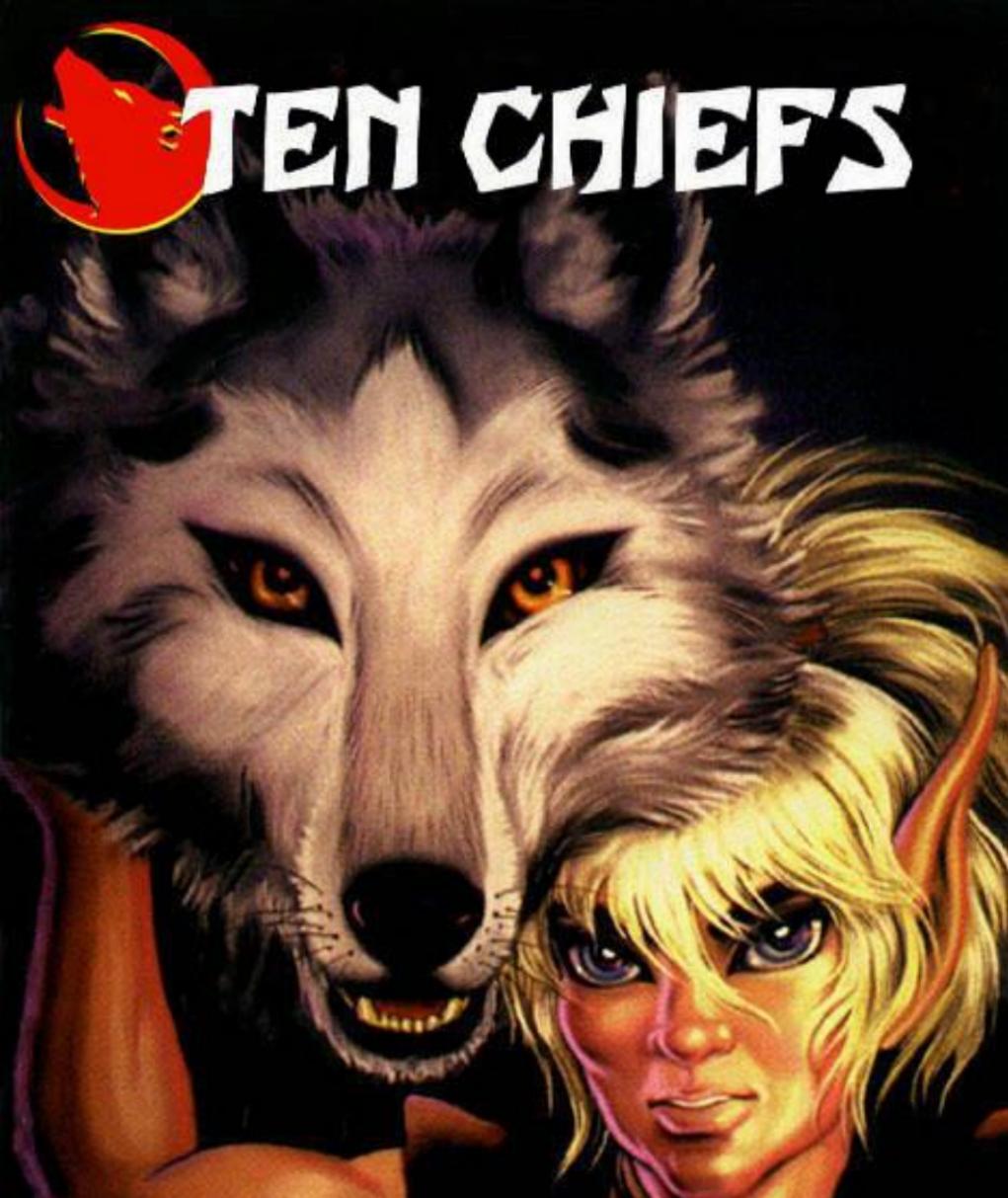
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