



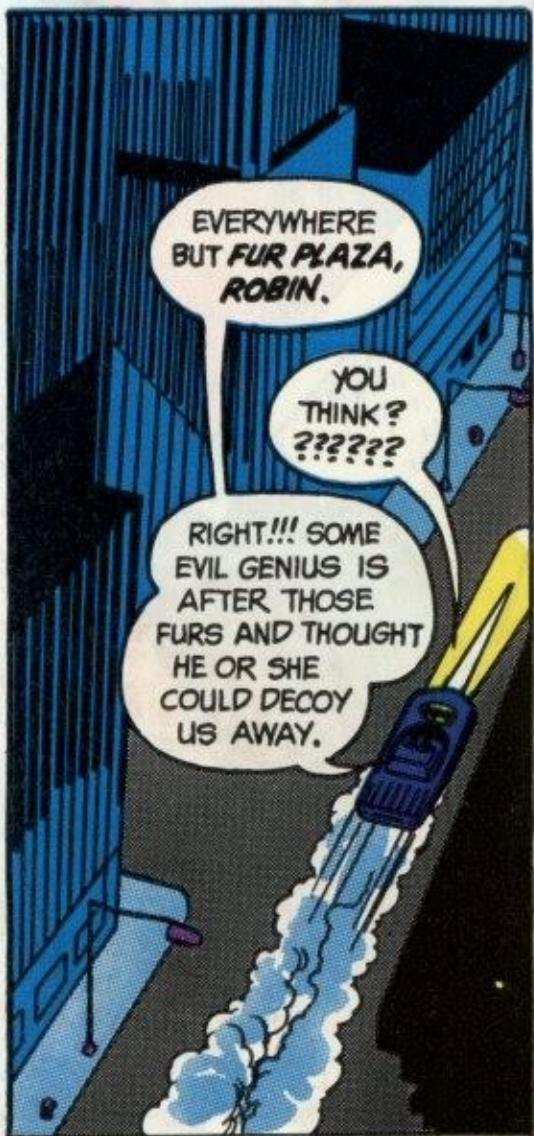
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COMMAND,
SURRENDER
AT ONCE--**

**OR WE'LL
SHOOT,
SO HELP
US GOD!**

Wonder Woman



**TABLEAU: A SCENE OF
UTTER MADNESS, PROLOGUE
TO A SEVEN-STATE ALARM
WHICH WILL CRY --**

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**WANTED: ONE AMAZON--
DEAD OR ALIVE!**

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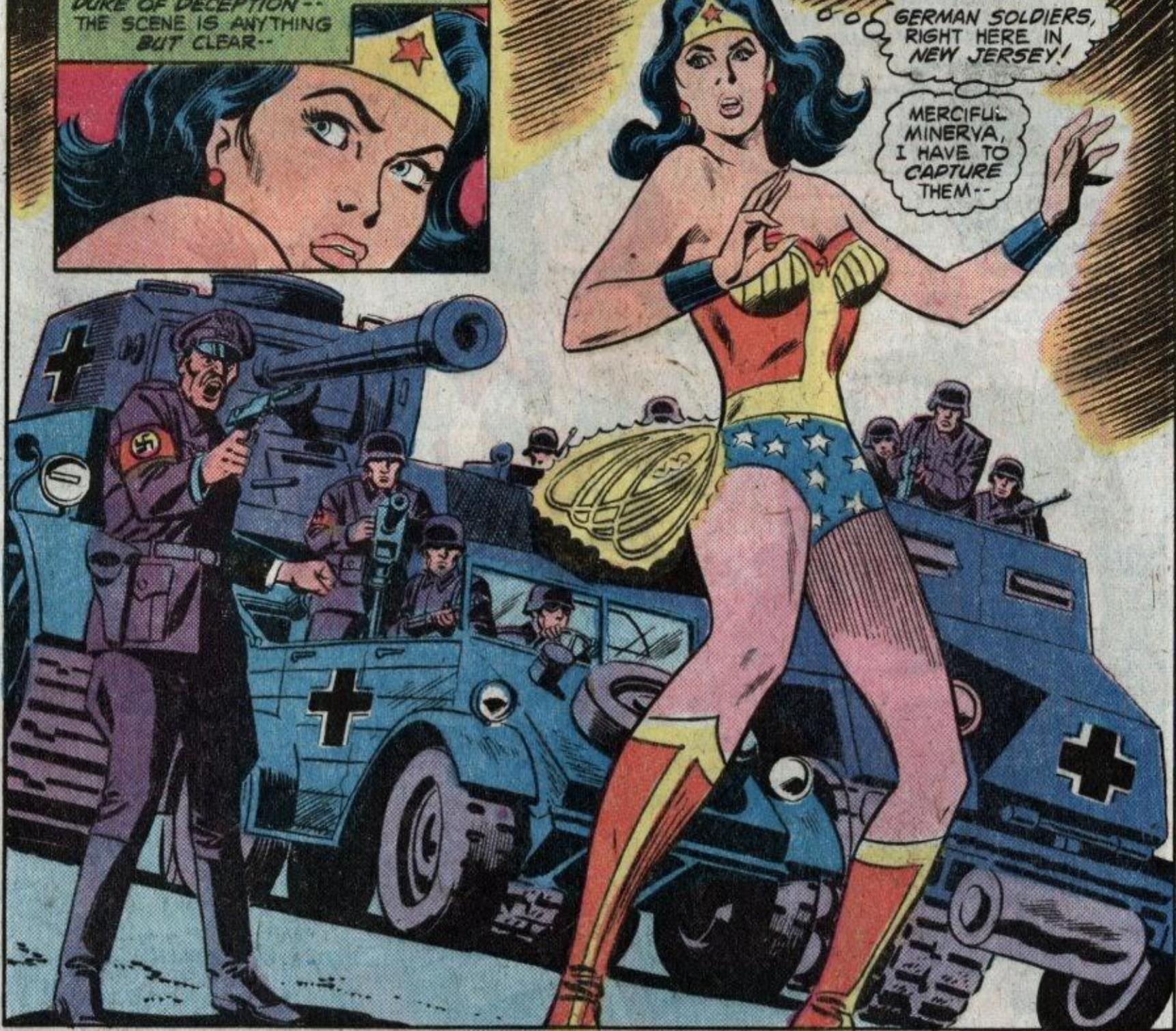
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TO US THE SCENE SEEMS CLEAR IF INCREIBLE; BUT TO WONDER WOMAN, UNDER THE ILLUSION-SPELL OF THE DUKE OF DECEPTION -- THE SCENE IS ANYTHING BUT CLEAR--

--THOUGH CERTAINLY NO LESS INCREDIBLE: FOR, INSTEAD OF AMERICAN SOLDIERS AND AMERICAN TANKS, THE BEWITCHED AMAZON SEES--



FROM SUCH MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE TRAGEDIES STRUCK, LIKE COINS FROM BRONZE OR SILVER--

WITH A CRY, THE DAUGHTER OF QUEEN HIPPOLYTE HURLS HERSELF FORWARD AGAINST THE STARTLED AMERICAN SOLDIERS--

--AND AS THEY FIRE THEIR WEAPONS, SHE CATCHES THEIR BULLETS ON BRACELETS ON AMAZONIUM!



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MEN WHO SEEK TO WOUND IF NOT TO KILL!



SOME WEAPONS
REQUIRE
SPECIAL
TACTICS--

BUT NOT ALL THE WEAPONS
BROUGHT TO BEAR ARE
RIFLES, AND NOT ALL THE
MISSILES FIRED CAN BE
DEFLECTED BY GLEAMING
BRACELETS...

--AND AMAZON
STRENGTH AS WELL
AS SKILL!

THOOM!

BUT EVEN A WOMAN WHO'S SURVIVED
A THOUSAND BATTLES CAN LOSE
THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE ...

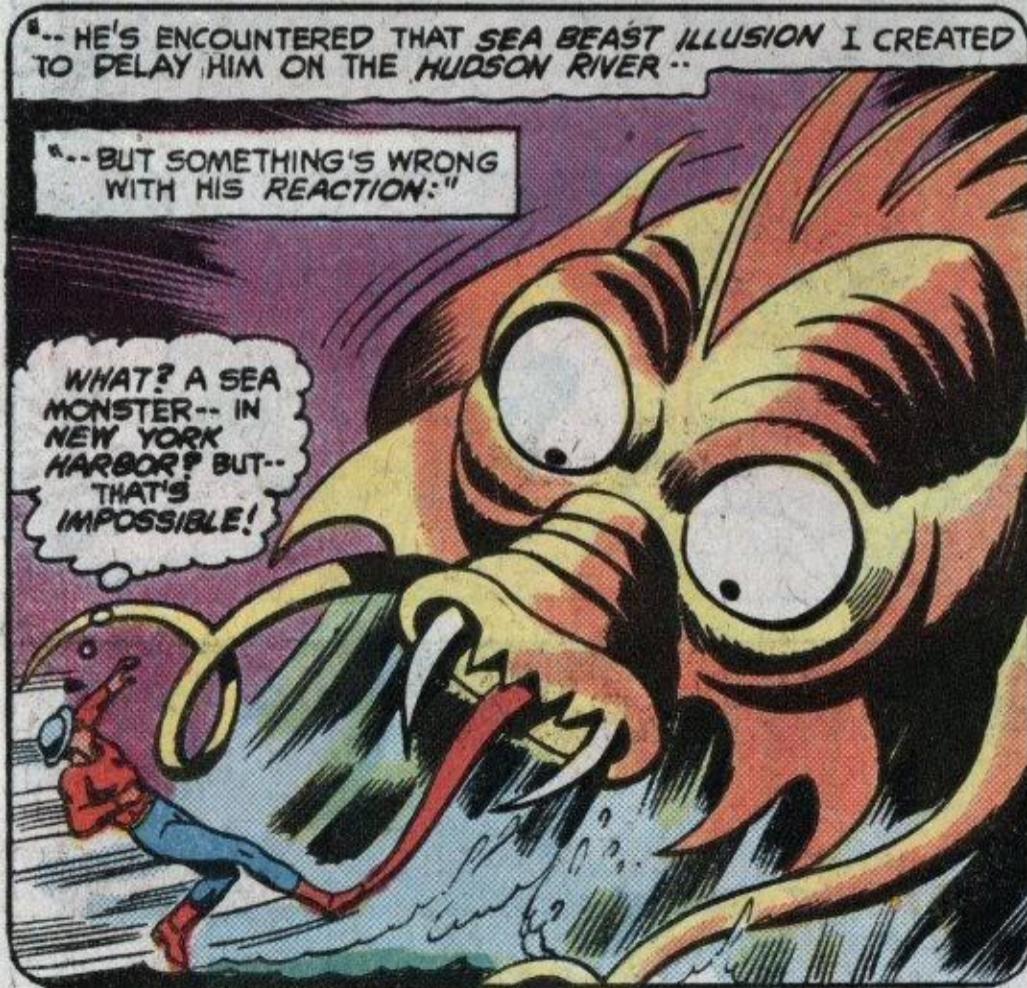
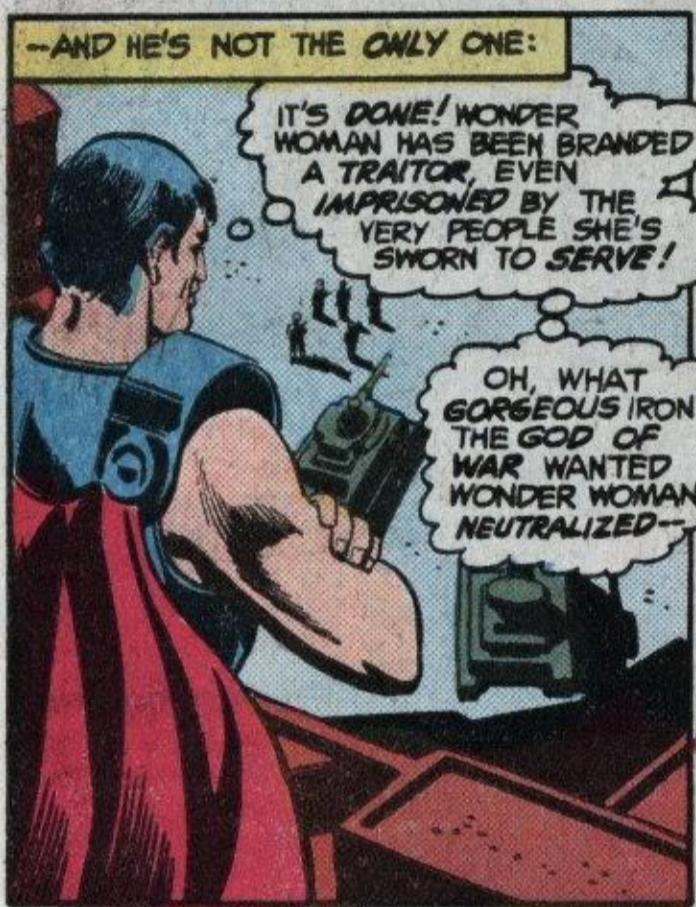
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OVERWHELMED BY NUMBERS
ALONE--

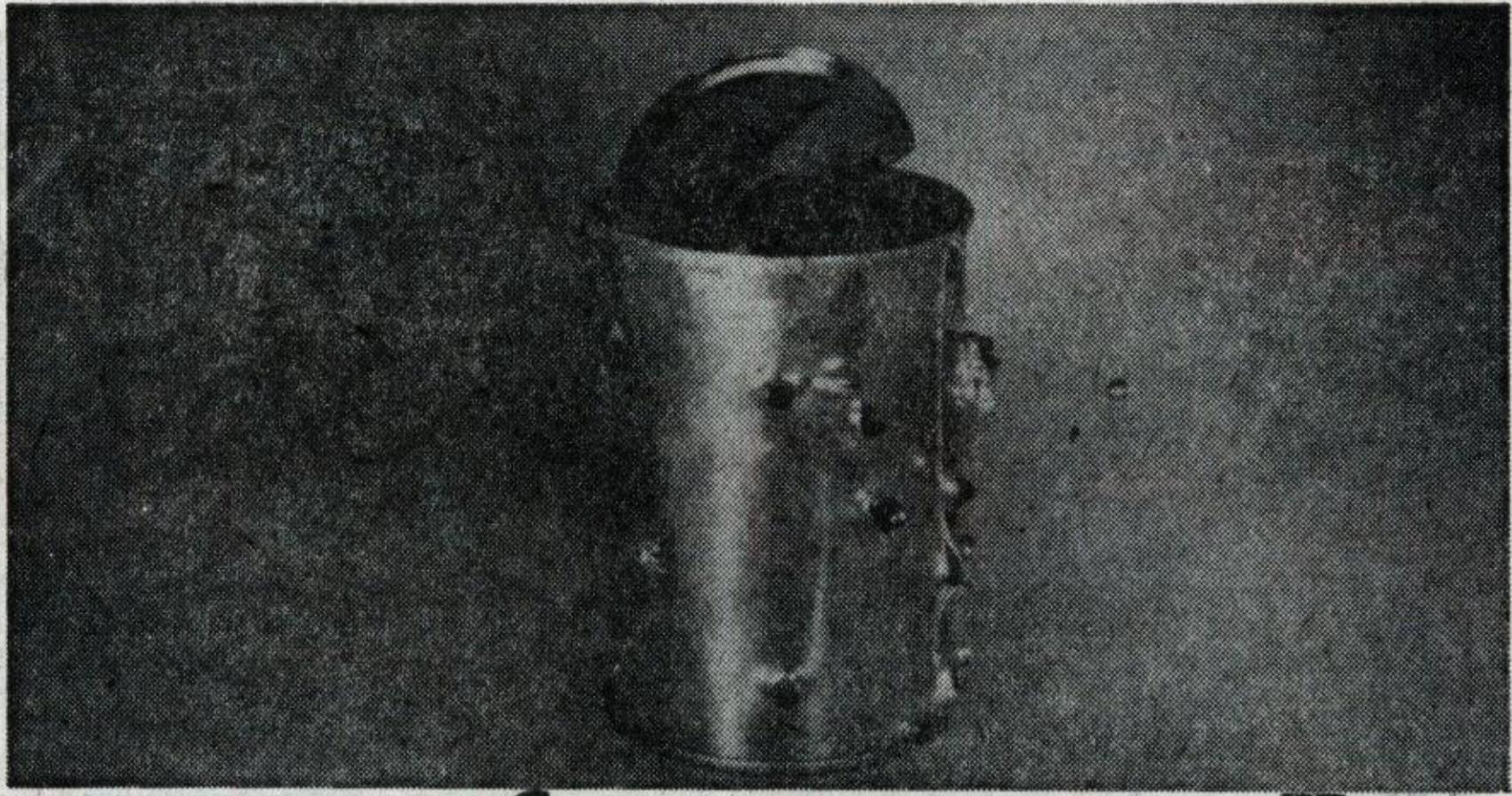
--TOGETHER WITH A DOSE
OF ROTTEN LUCK:

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AND EVEN A WONDER WOMAN CAN FALL!



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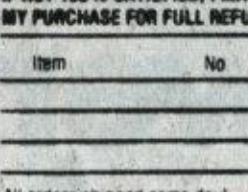
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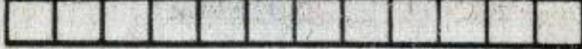
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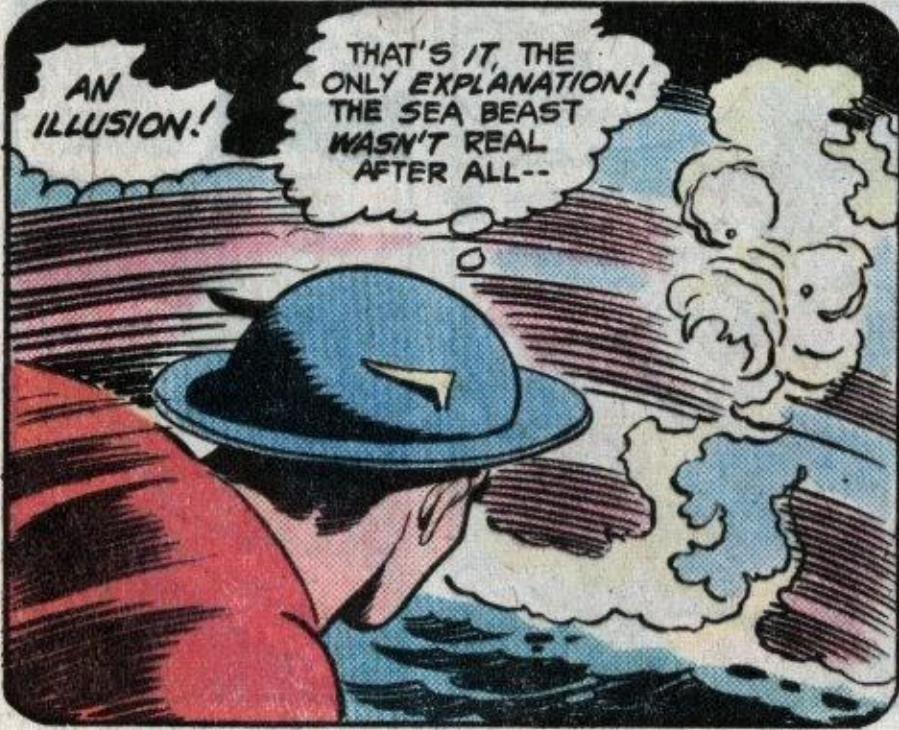
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... THEN I'LL SIMPLY USE FORCE.

-- WHEN A DAZED AMAZON PRINCESS REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS TO DISCOVER HERSELF --

A PRISONER? I'M A PRISONER?

GOT THE PICTURE, DEAR READER? GOOD. LET'S MOVE AHEAD IN TIME SEVERAL HOURS, TO MORNING OF THE FOLLOWING DAY--

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING ... IT'S A NIGHTMARE! HAVE I COME ALL THE WAY FROM PARADISE ISLAND TO BE CHAINED--

-- LIKE A SLAVE?

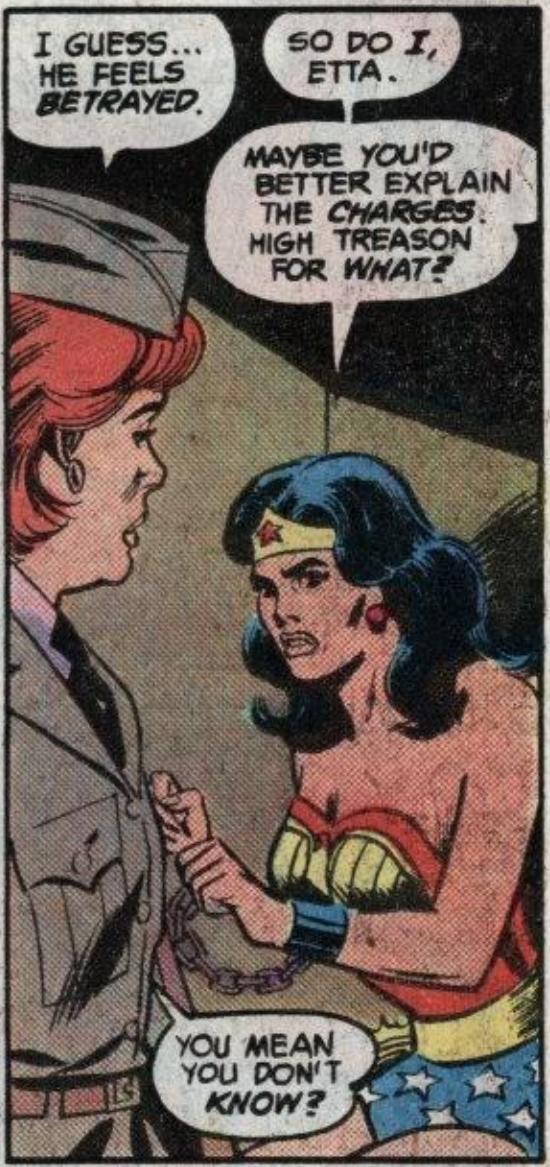
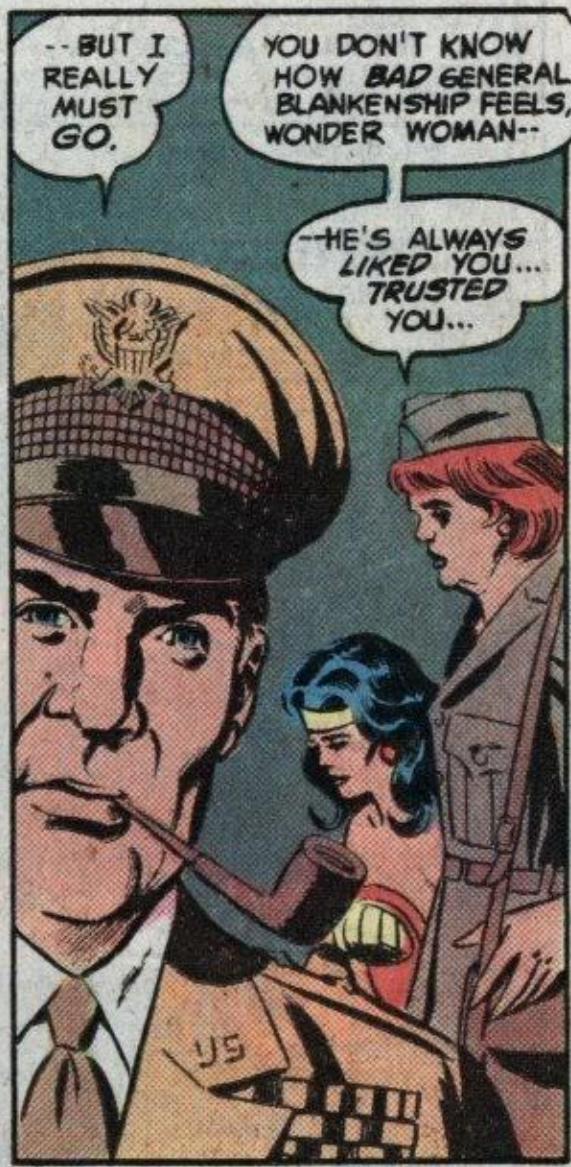
YOU'RE NO ONE'S SLAVE, WONDER WOMAN, BUT YOU ARE UNDER ARREST.

THIS IS REALLY RATHER DIFFICULT--

FOR WHO, GENERAL BLANKENSHIP? I'M THE ONE CHAINED! DO YOU KNOW WHAT CHAINS MEAN FOR AN AMAZON?

WE LOSE OUR STRENGTH, OUR WILL -- YOU SAY IT ISN'T SLAVERY, GENERAL--

FOR AN AMAZON, THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT IS!





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VERY WELL, IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I'LL REMAND THE DEFENDANT INTO STATE CUSTODY, PENDING TRIAL THIS COMING --

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--THE WOMAN MUST DIE! SHE IS AN ENEMY OF THE REICH!

WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME--?

AND, IN ANSWER TO WONDER WOMAN'S UNSPOKEN PRAYER --

--ONE OF THE ONLOOKERS CURSES TO HIMSELF!

IT ISN'T FAIR!
WHAT IS SOME CRAZED NAZI SUPER-VILLAIN DOING HERE-- RUINING EVERYTHING?

IT ISN'T FAIR!

STEVE TREVOR
... I THINK I LOVE YOU.

*JUDGE. --LARRY



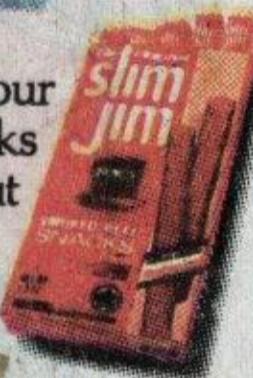
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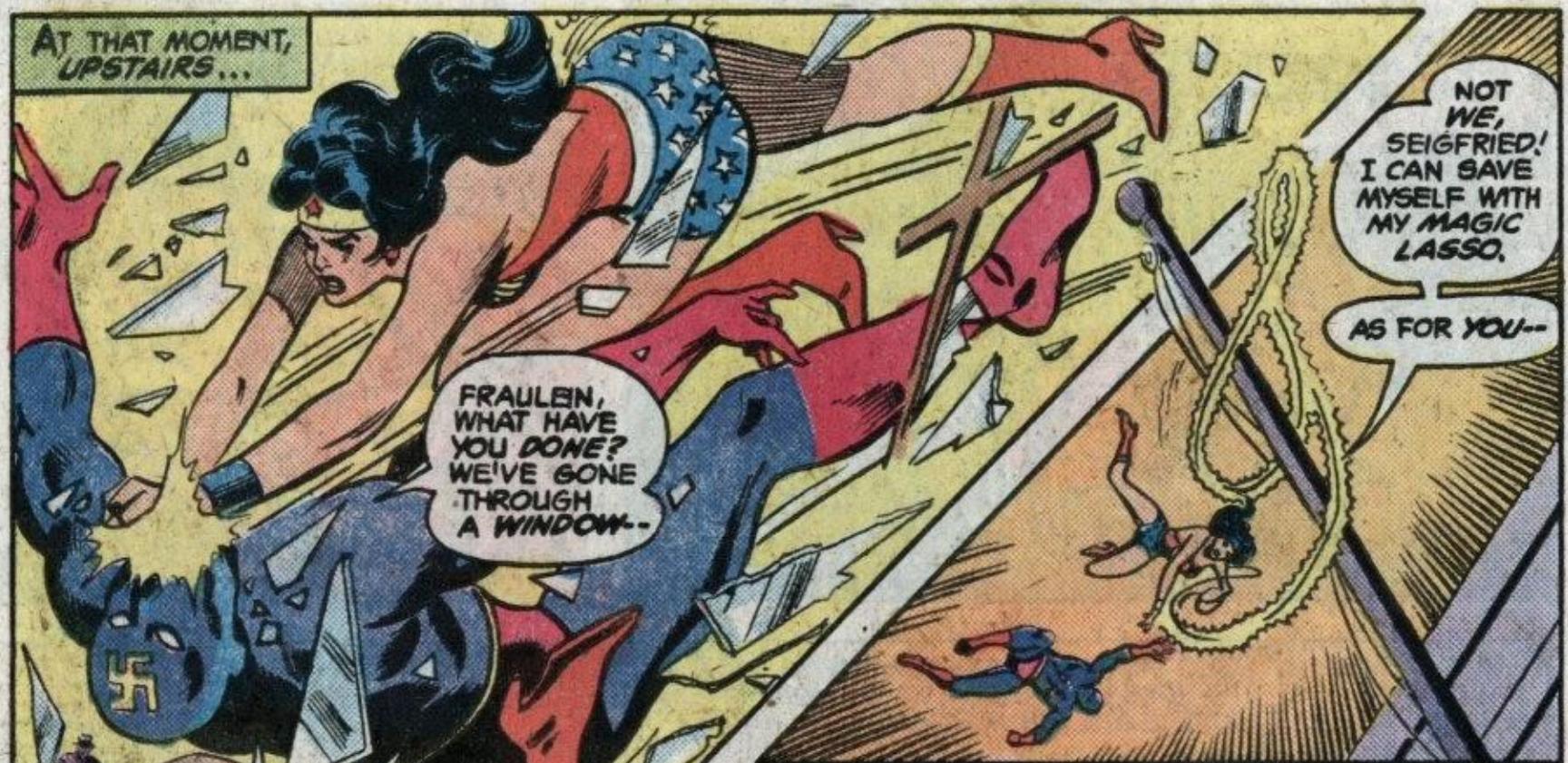
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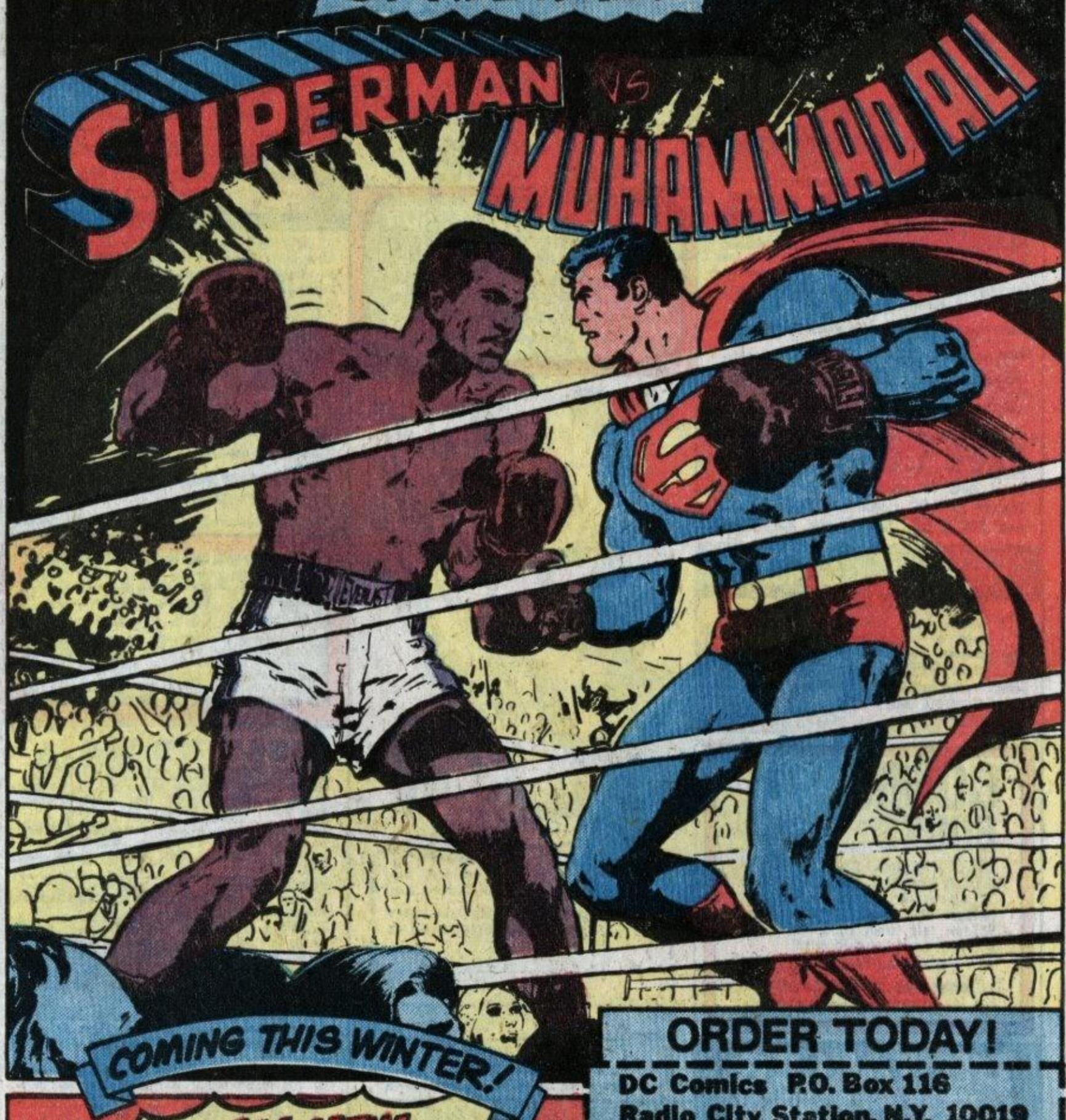
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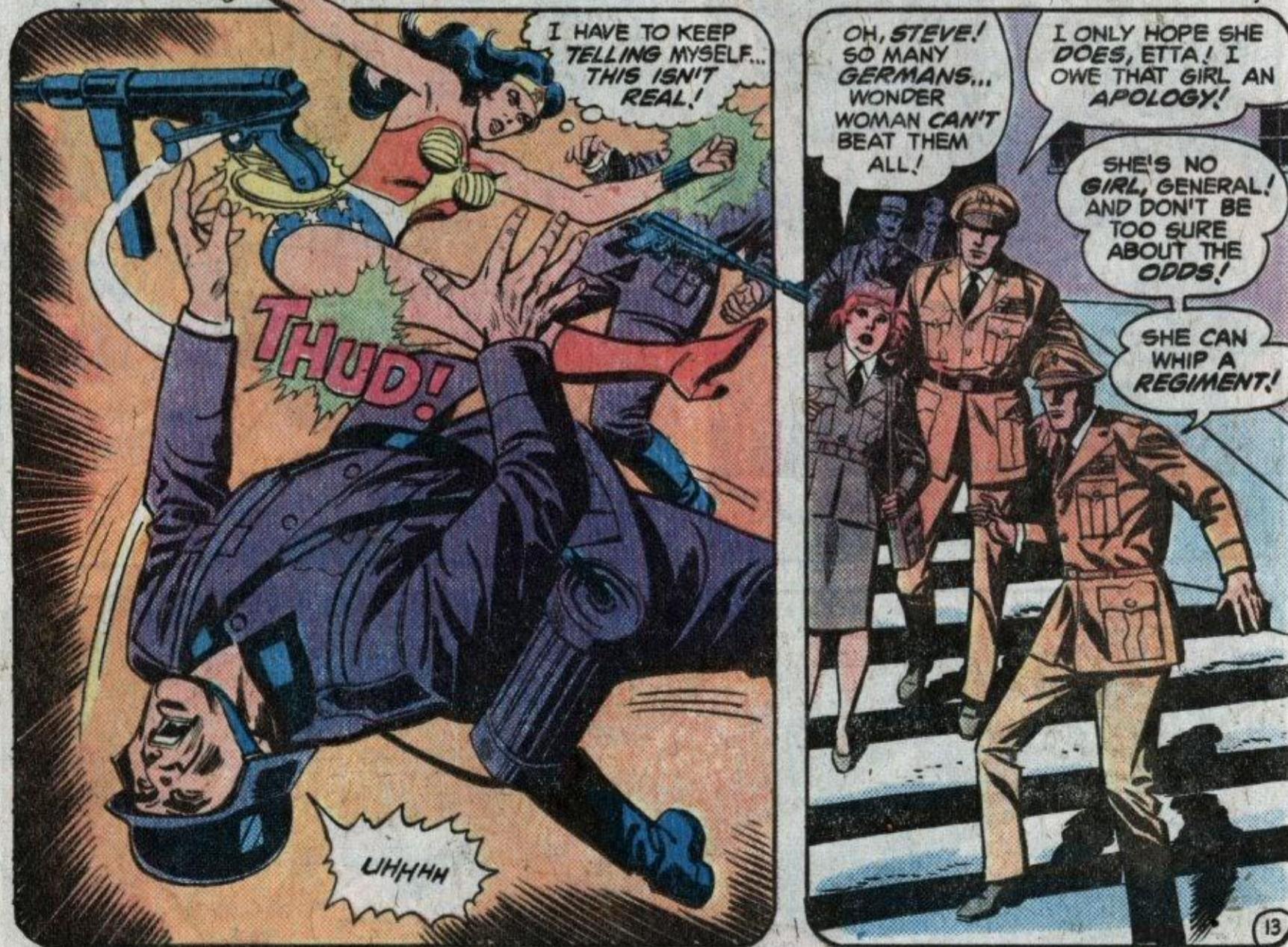
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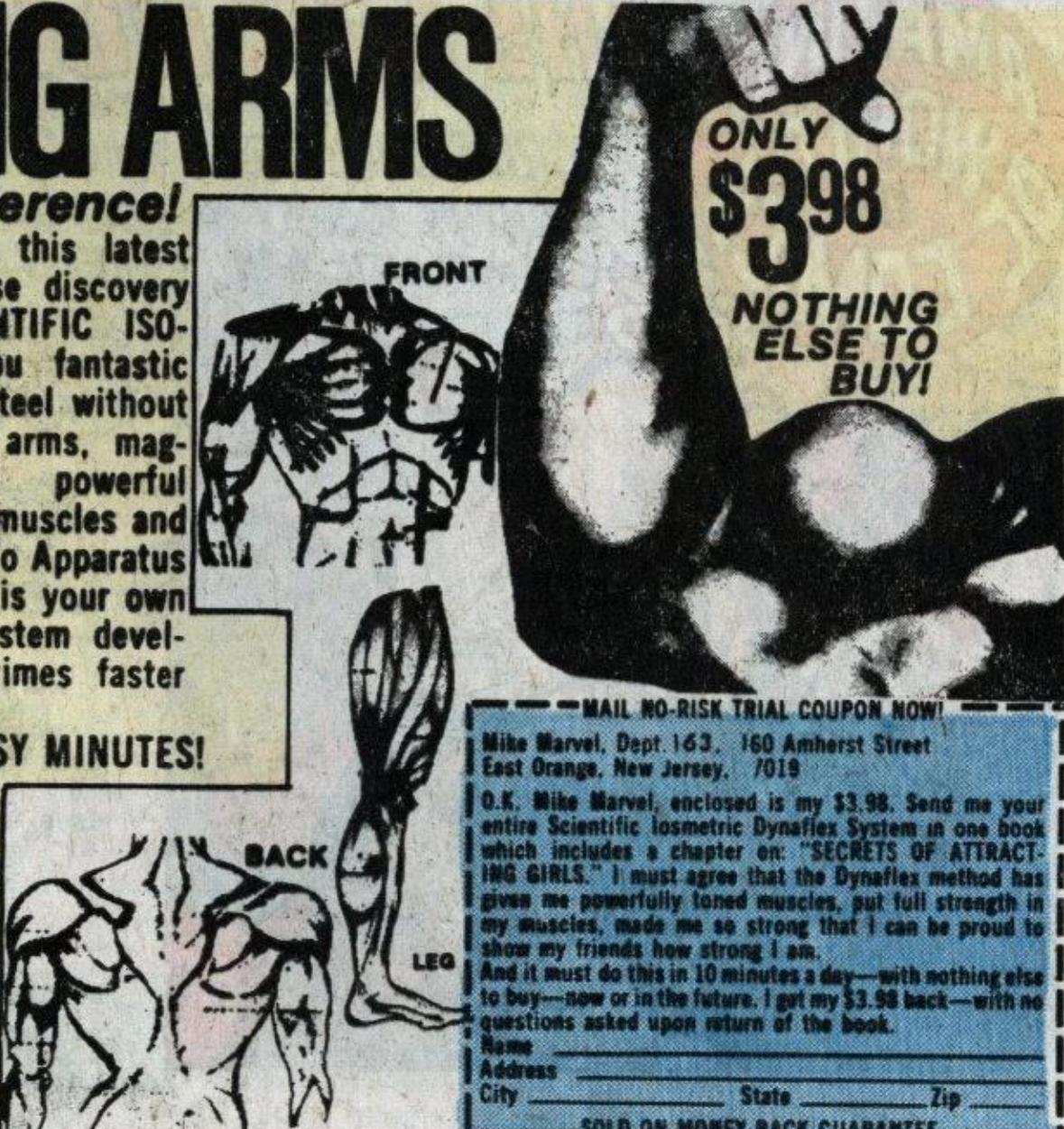
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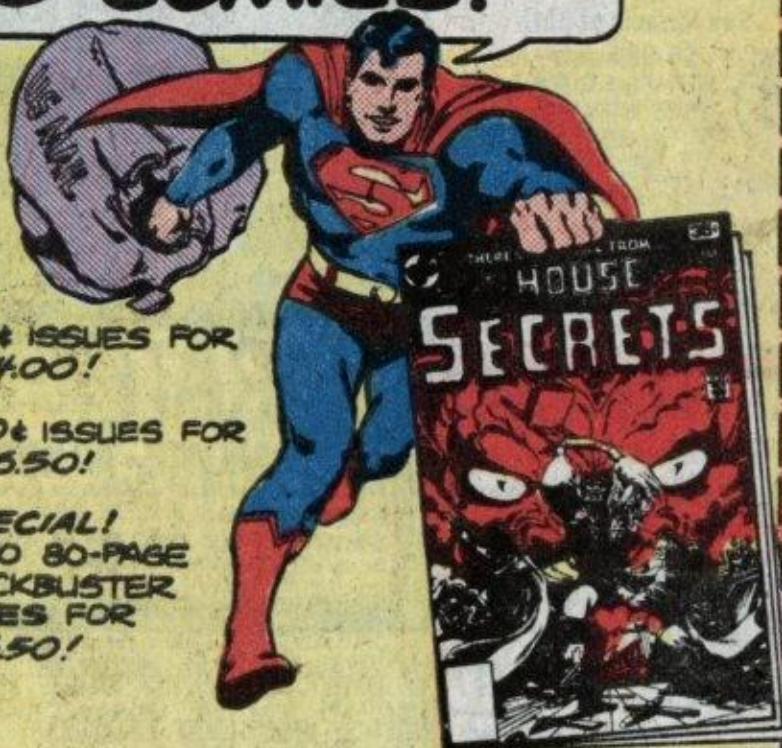
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Dear Editor,

WONDER WOMAN #236 was a very good issue despite **Armageddon**, an all too typical Nazi supervillain. I'll admit he is better than most, and his "power" was nice too, but I'd like to see WW up against a totally different Nazi villain. How about a female—just once? I also like **Armageddon's** costume. I'll put my money on Colonel Belushi as the real identity of **Armageddon**. Do I win?

Thank you for finally working **Etta Candy** into the story. She has always been my favorite comedy relief character and I always thought she could be more than just that. Let's see her in a bigger part in a story now and then. **Wonder Woman** never had enough, if any, regulars beyond **Steve Trevor** since the Golden Age. It would be great to see **Etta** here as long as there is a **Wonder Woman**. I'd like to see her undergo a transformation into a workable and popular "cast member" as **Jimmy Olsen** is in the **Superman** legend.

It was nice to see some of Diana's men-hating tendencies bringing her to a boil for once. But it is sad that it took **Steve's** "death" to bring them out. I think you ought to use this more. I always found that and the mythology to be the two most interesting things about Dr. Marston's **Wonder Woman**. Besides the sheer genius of the character herself.

The art was again, a treasure. Thank you all for **Wonder Woman**!

Mark Rogers
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The characterization of **WONDER WOMAN** has been under careful scrutiny by the editorial staff of late, as we have been trying to decide what direction the **AMAZON PRINCESS** shall take from this point on. One thing that we have dwelled upon is the fact that **WONDER WOMAN** does NOT hate men! None of the Amazons do and their culture is not based upon that at all. It was not even part of the original concept laid down by Dr. Marston. Actually, the Amazons (and **WONDER WOMAN**) hate the VIOLENCE perpetrated by men and their wars. It is the love of mankind (or HUMANKIND, if you will) that prompted the Amazons to send **PRINCESS DIANA** to the outside world in the first place!

As promised last issue, we are announcing the decision on whether WW'S adventures will center on the Earth-2 World War II version or the Earth-1, 1978 version. Before we get to that, read on:

Dear Editor,

I read **WONDER WOMAN** #236 and decided I wanted to write a letter criticizing the WW creative team for wanting to relive World War III! I was going to complain about the editorial direction the book has taken, tell you how sick I was of Nazis, and plead for the return to the present and Earth-1. I was going to suggest alternative concepts and point out that you have acknowledged their existence briefly in the past (e.g., guest-stars, the Amazon background and Greek mythology, the costumed villains) but have now forsaken them in order to fight a war that has been dead for over a quarter of a century. I thought seriously about asking what was so

glorious about any war that it should be re-lived so much! (You, dear editor, are not the only offenders, by a long shot!) I was going to write a letter and say all that, but then I read the letter column of that same issue and became possessed by a fear that I might end up sounding like reader Sheldon Kurnitz! Is this fellow so preoccupied with pomposity and pithiness that he is incapable of **LIKING** anything? It's easy to offer criticism like that; it's much, much harder to be constructive while you're doing it!

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We know that every time we publish a book with a letters page we're opening ourselves up for criticism—and it looks as if those whose letters see print are asking for the same treatment. Although Mr. Christiansen cleverly camouflaged his critique of the issue within his criticism of Mr. Kurnitz's letter, we still clearly understood his objection. And while he (as he accused his fellow letter-writer of) offered no constructive ideas, we do tend to agree with him—**WONDER WOMAN** belongs here, in 1978—with us, the **JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA** and **THE SUPER-FRIENDS**. She will be moving up to the modern day very shortly in a transition issue that finally reveals what happened to the Earth-2 **AMAZON PRINCESS** on the day World War II ended! It'll be appearing soon—don't miss it!

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Dear Editor,

WONDER WOMAN #235 & 236 were the best issues since WW returned to the Golden Age. But there were a few things that bothered me concerning the appearance of **Dr. Mid-Nite**.

First, on page 8 (#235), you have the good Doctor being blind while he is in the darkness of his blackout smoke bomb. I remember reading from some of my Golden Age **Dr. Mid-Nite** stories that he can see in the darkness but not in the light. Let's see you weasle out of that one! Second, on pages 14 and 15 of the same issue, you have him fighting **Armageddon's** goons—then at the bottom of the page you have him with **Wonder Woman** and the military at the Washington Monument. What happened to his fight? I would have liked to see the rest of the fight scene!

I'm all for WW returning to 1977, by the way—and I think you may pick up some of the fans you lost when you took her back to the 40's.

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We won't try to weasle out of the obvious mistake of having **DR. MID-NITE** not being able to see with his eyes amid his blackout bomb, but you're incorrect too! **DR. MID-NITE IS BLIND** in the light, but his special glasses (the dark ones he wears as **DR. McNIDER**) allow him to see **PERFECTLY** in the daylight. He can see perfectly in blackness without any special eye aids. And the caption on page 15 clearly states that he won his battle with **ARMAGEDDON'S** men—we just didn't have room to show it!

For those of you who enjoyed seeing JSAers with WW (such as the **FLASH** and **DR. MID-NITE**), we refer you to **ALL-STAR COMICS**, the current home of that mighty group—and keep watching here to see how the JSA is involved with the Earth-2 WW'S fate at the conclusion of World War II.

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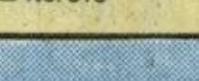
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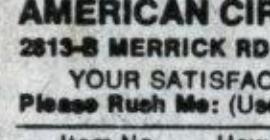
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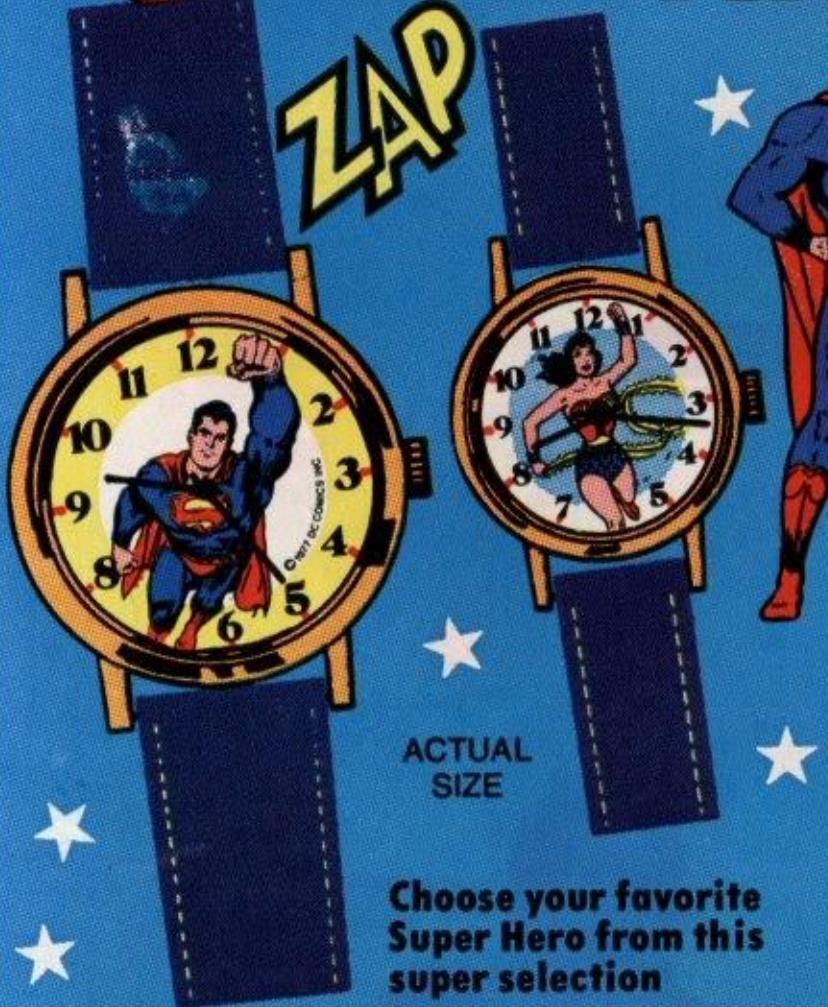
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