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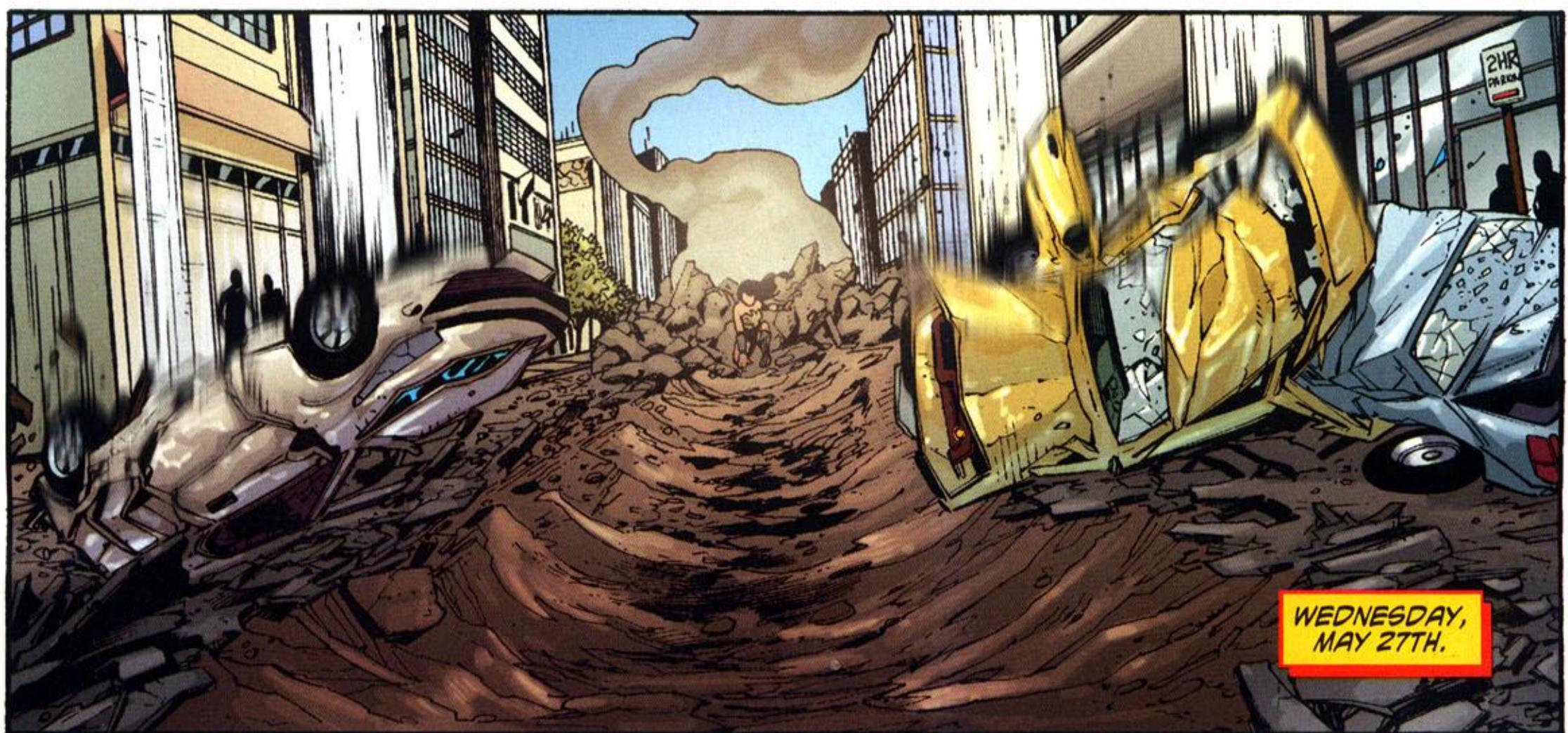
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CAN'T GIVE
IT A MOMENT
TO BREATHE.

CAN'T RISK IT TELEPORTING
AWAY AGAIN, WHERE I MAY
NEVER FIND IT IN TIME TO
STOP ITS THREAT OF
ACTUAL GENOCIDE.

THE PSYCHIC RESIDUE THE
CREATURE LEAVES BEHIND
COULD PERMANENTLY SCAR
THE ENTIRE CITY FOR LIFE.

I KNOW
THAT NOW.
BUT LIKE
IT OR NOT...

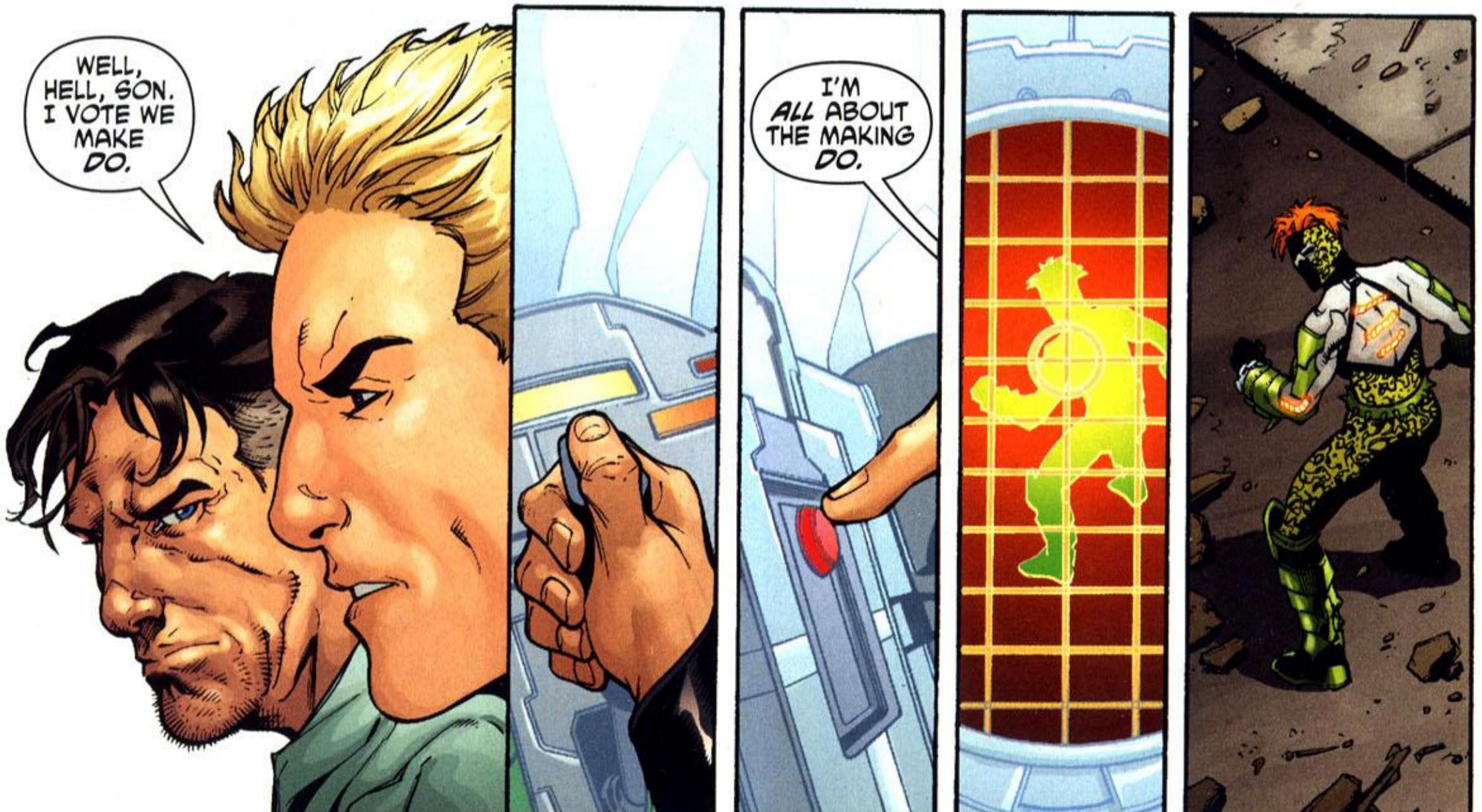
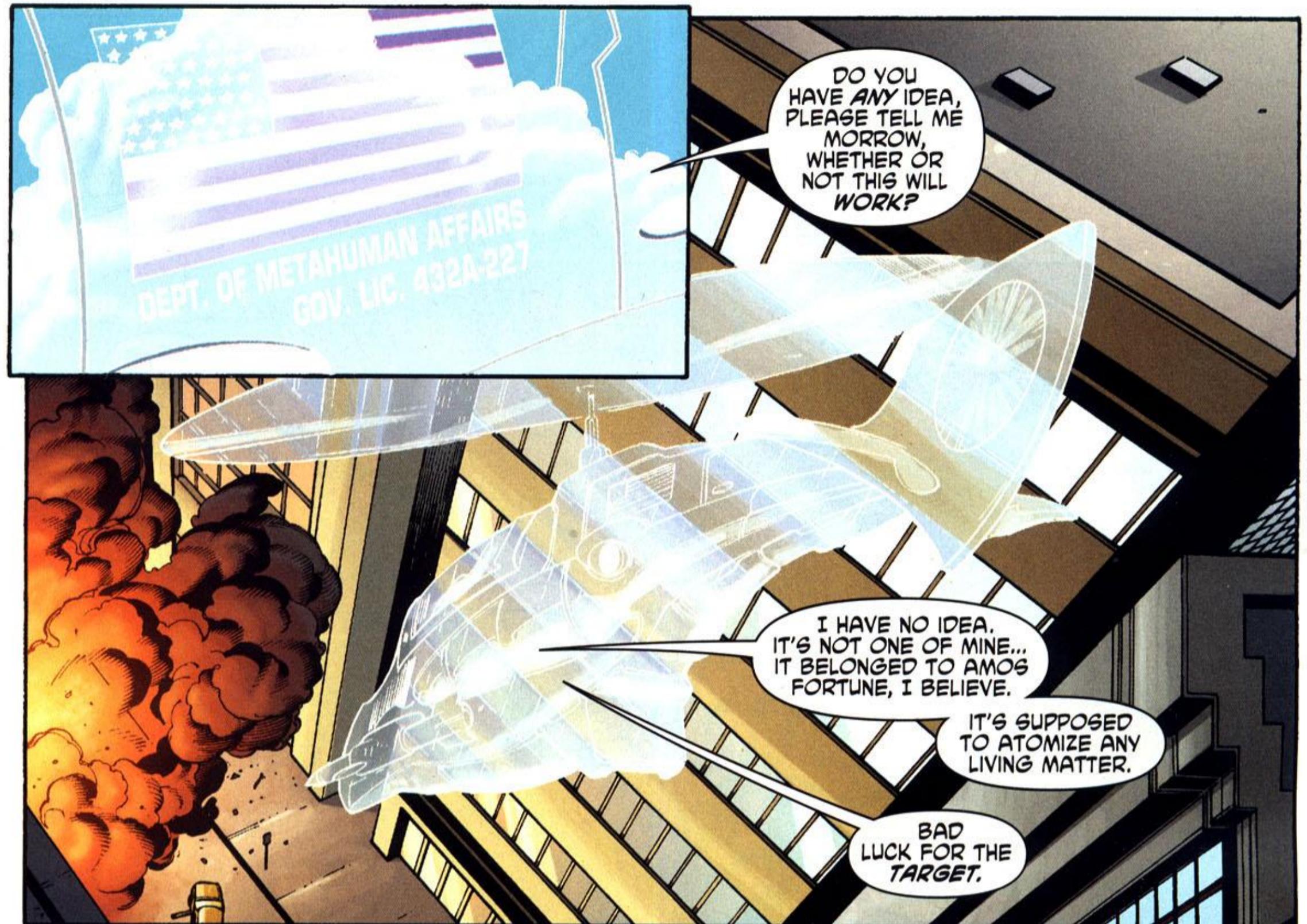
GET OUT
OF THE AREA!
WATCH FOR FLYING
DEBRIS!
DON'T TRY
TO TAKE ANYTHING...
THIS IS A WAR ZONE,
PEOPLE!

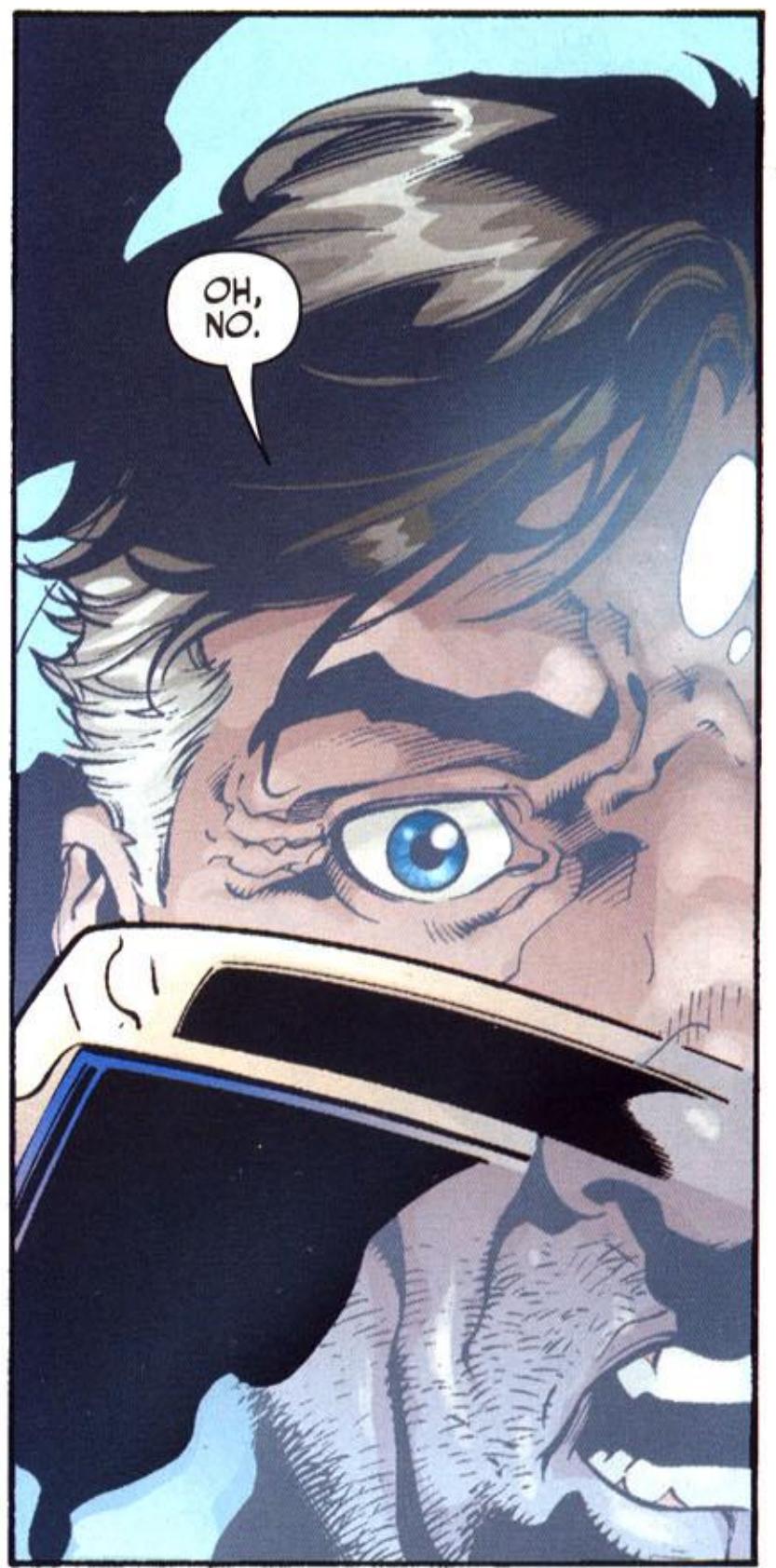
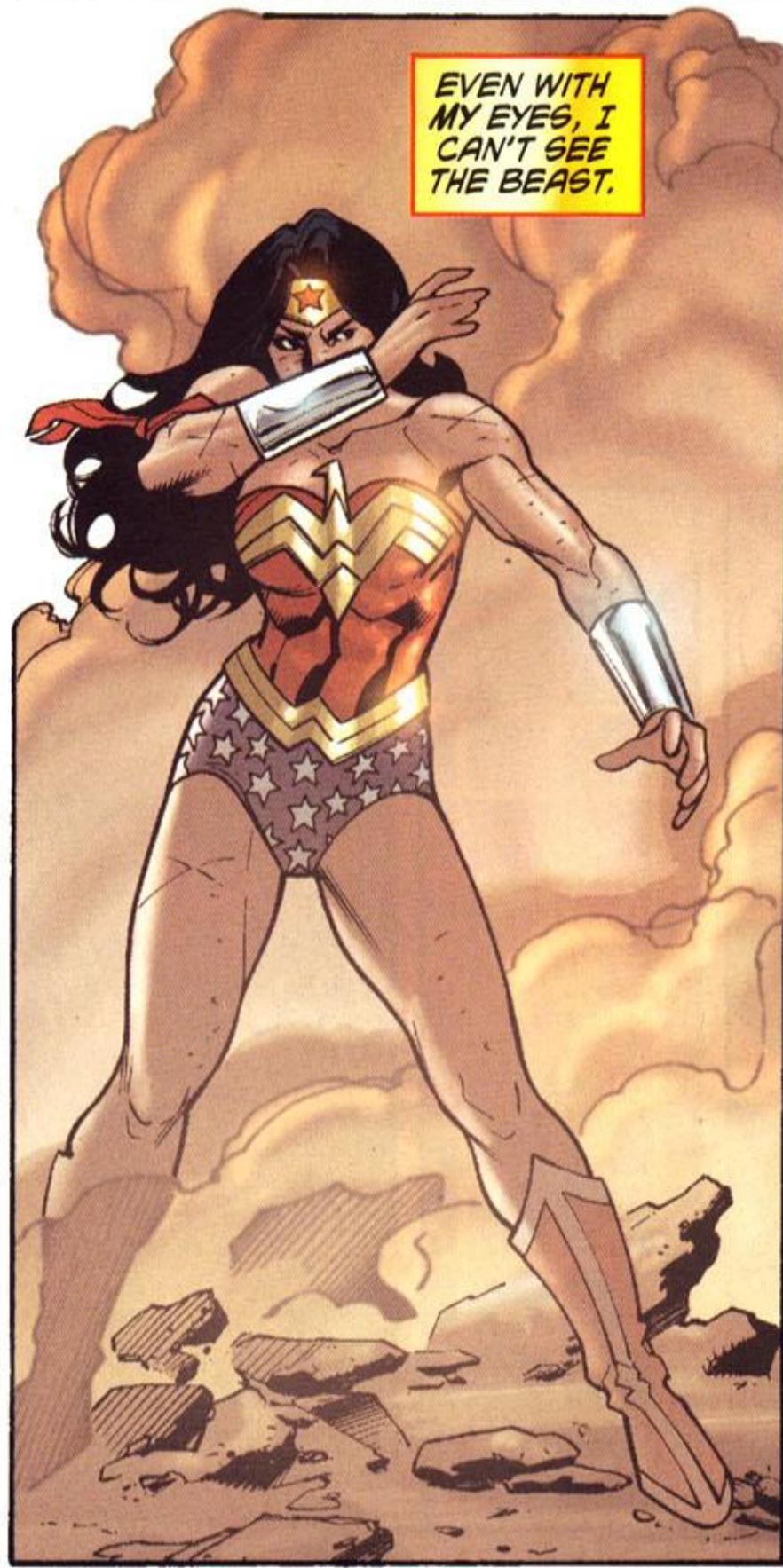
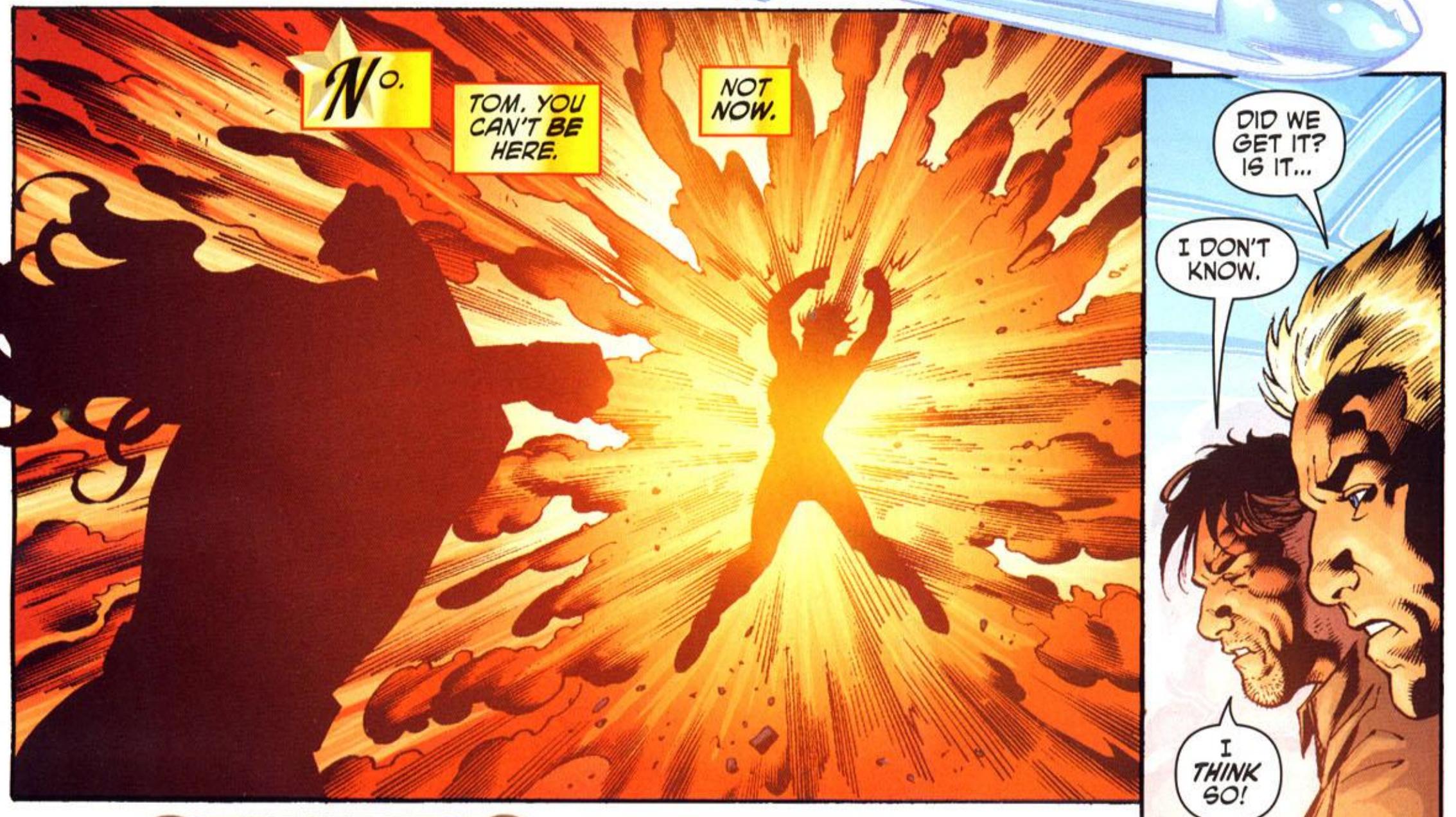
....THIS MAY
HAVE TO BE
THE KILLING
GROUND.

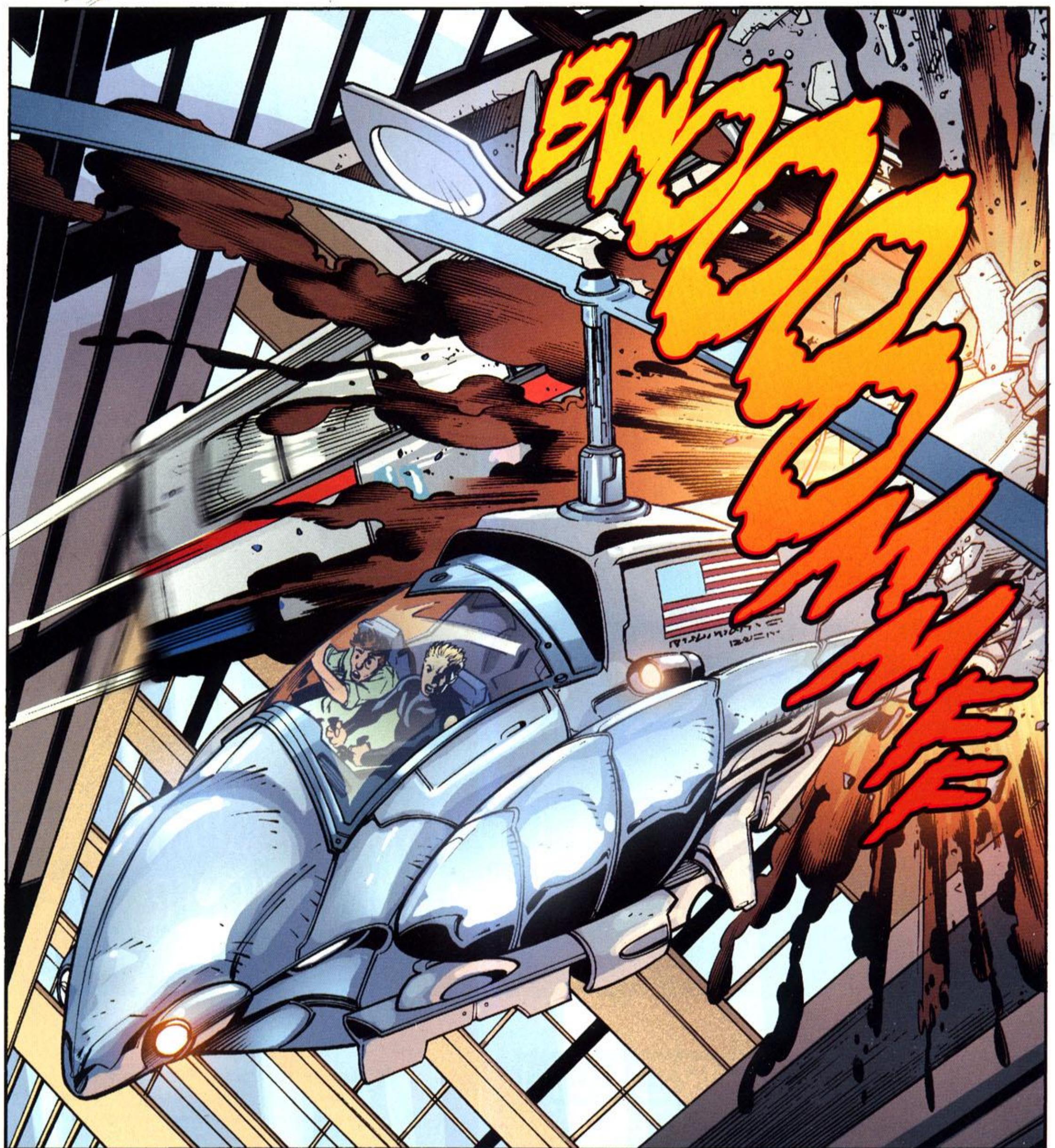
I KNOW
WHAT YOU
BELIEVE. YOU
THINK I'M STUPID.
THAT YOU CAN
OUTTHINK
ME.

THAT'S
WHAT CANDY
THOUGHT.











I CAN
FEEL IT.

THE LOSS OF
CONTROL.

TOUCHING
SOMETHING PRIMAL
AND ANCIENT.

SOMETHING
LEVELS BENEATH
THE TRAINING IN
DIPLOMACY, IN
MANNERS, AND
ALL TRAPPINGS
OF CIVILIZATION.

AAAARLGH!

WE'RE LEAVING
THAT BEHIND.

SOMEWHERE ON
THAT PLANE, WE
ARE CONNECTED.

AND WHILE IT MAY BE
TRUE THAT I LIVE AS
AN AMERICAN...

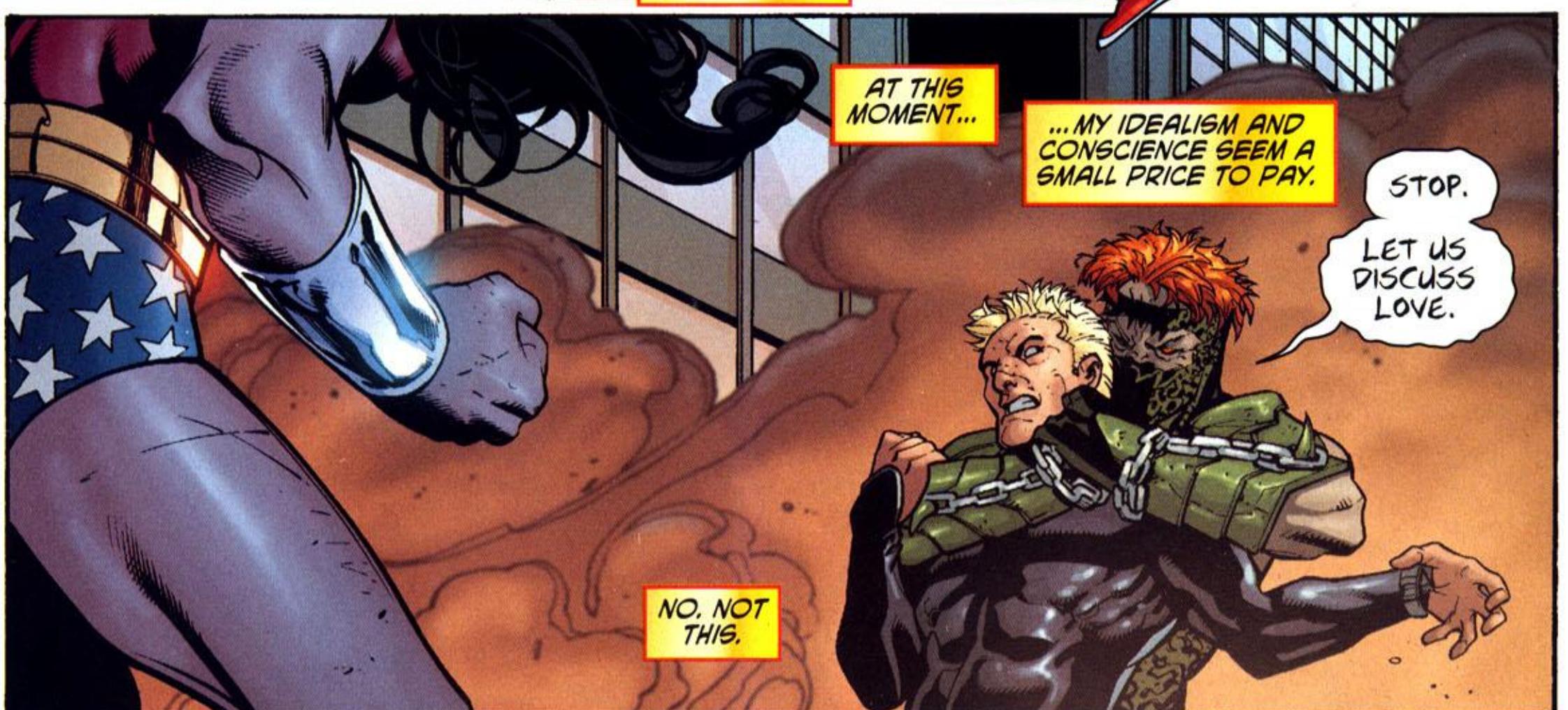
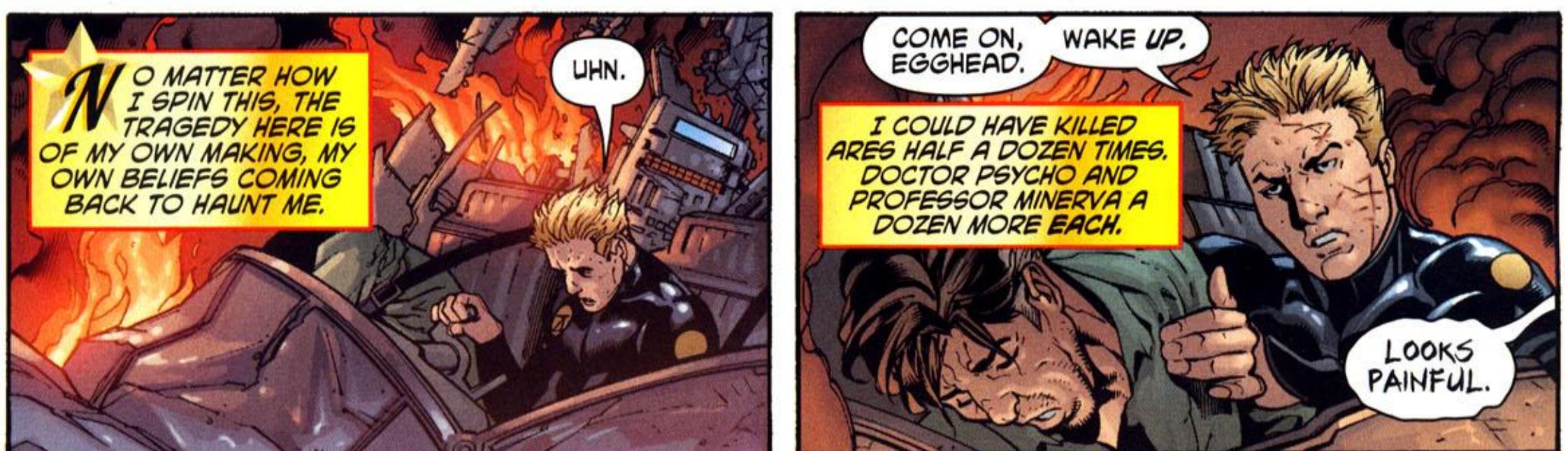
...AND I WORK AS
A WASHINGTONIAN...

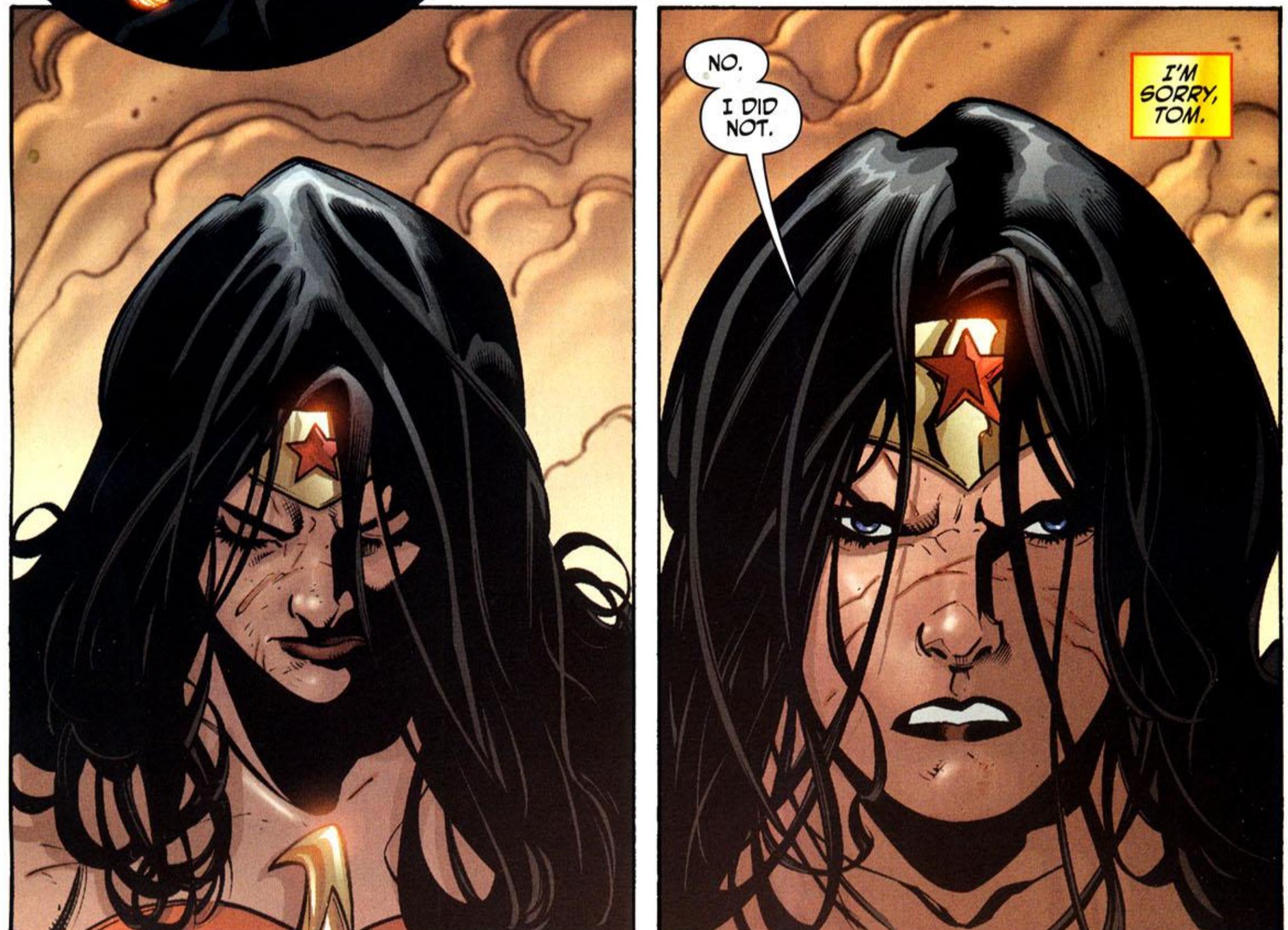


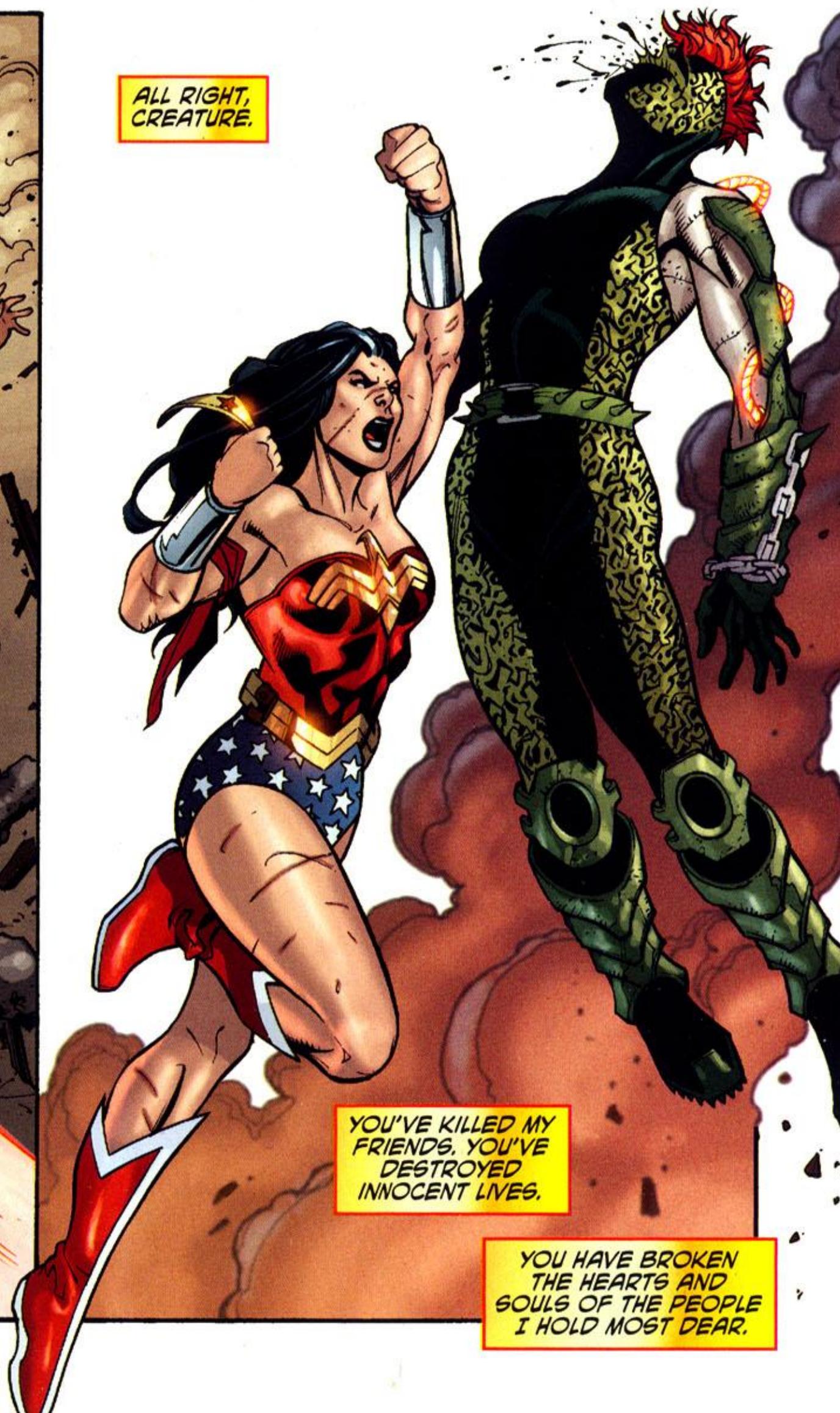
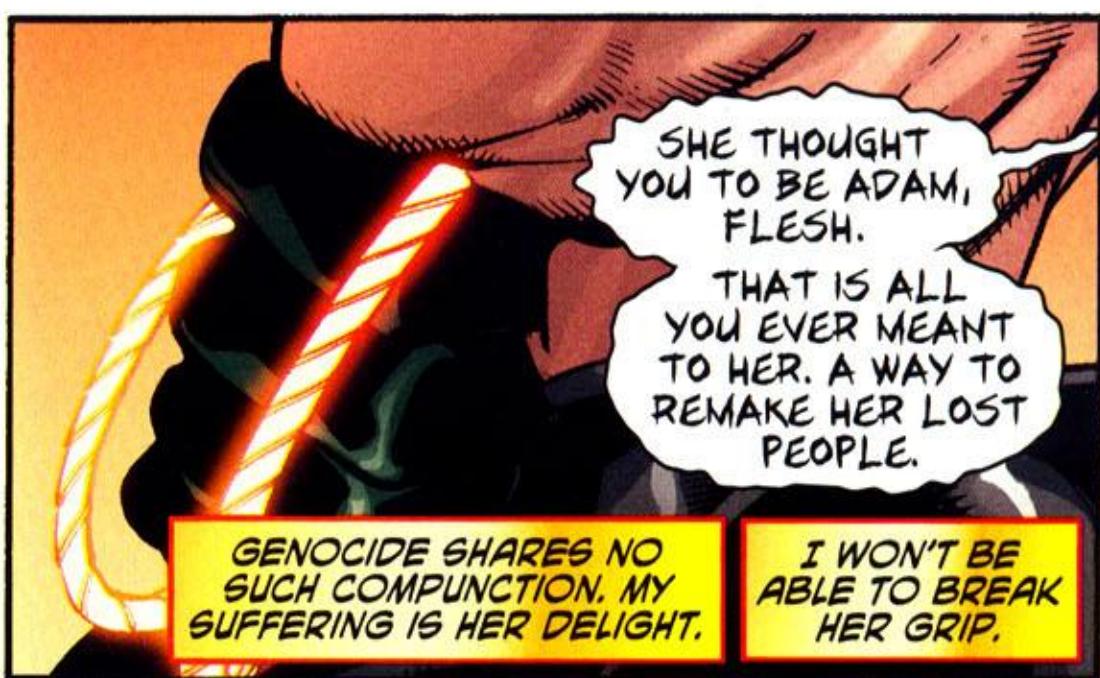
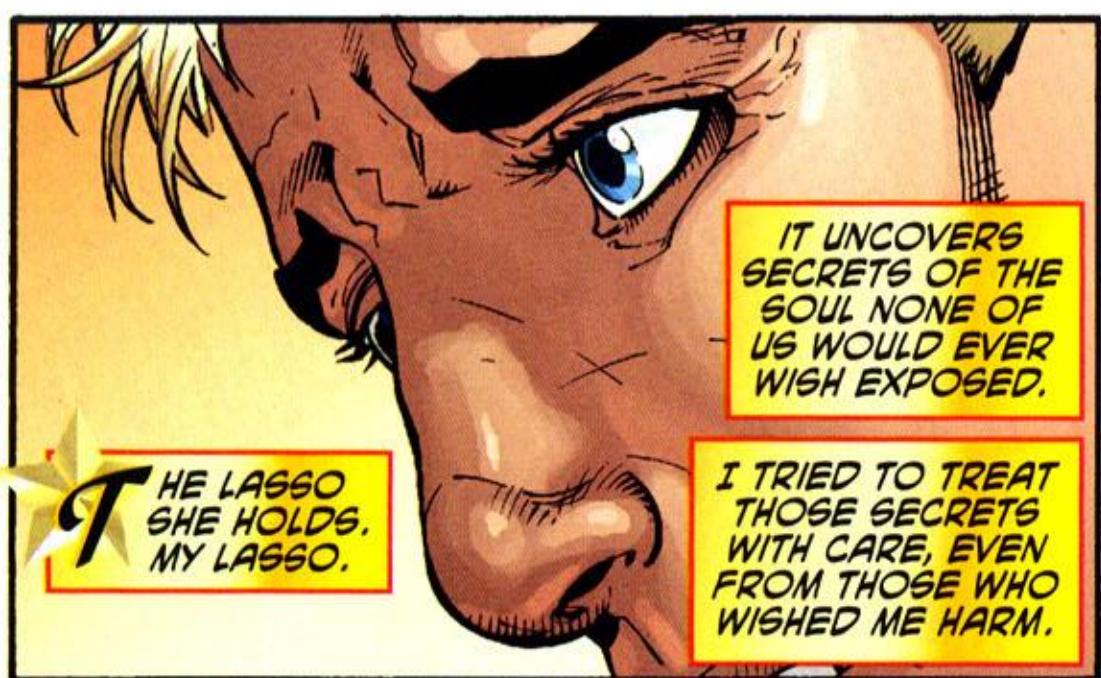
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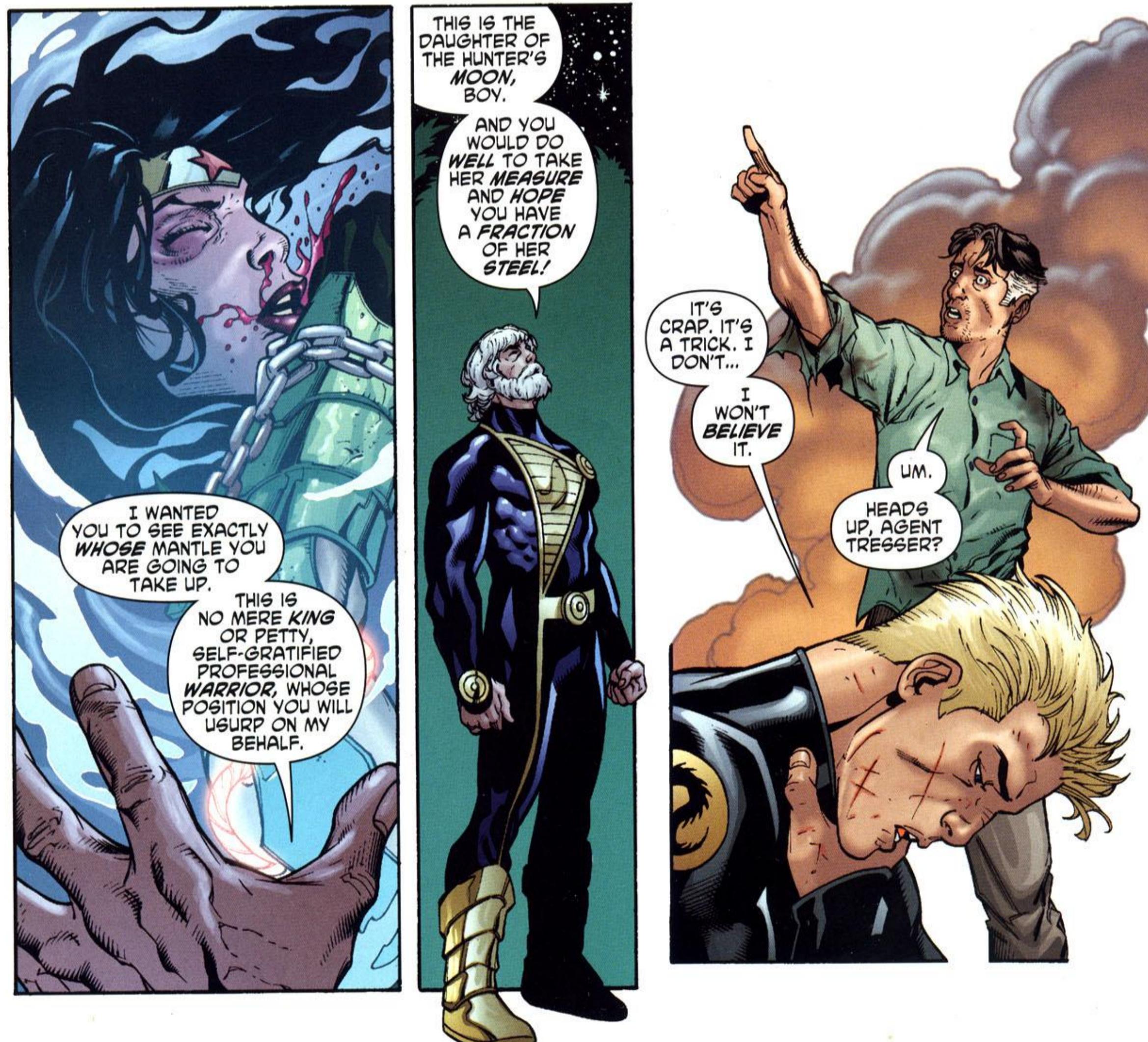












AND NOW, AT THE END, WHEN I SEE WHAT MUST BE DONE...

...I AM STRANGELY CALM.

I HEARD A SNAP A MOMENT AGO.

NOT SURE IF IT'S BROKEN MY COLLARBONE, MY MORALITY, OR BOTH.

BUT MY COURSE IS DECIDED, AND ALL FEAR AND WORRY HAVE VANISHED.

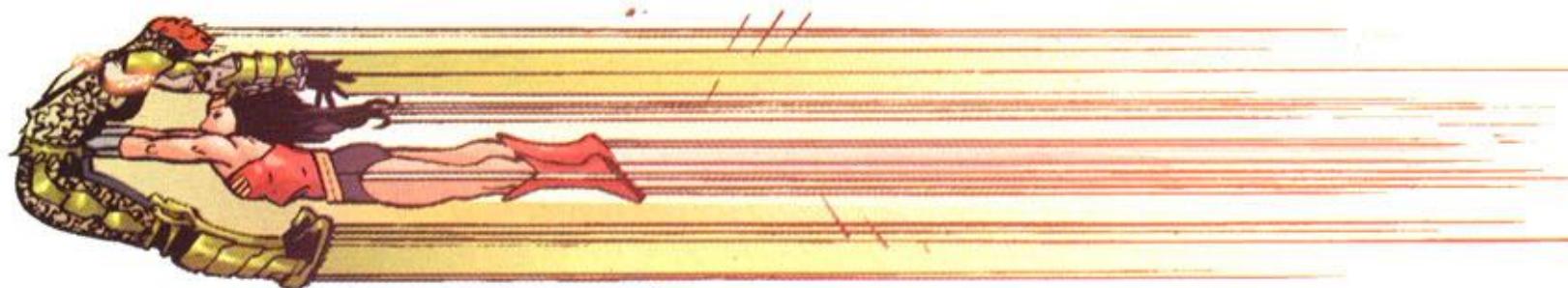
EITHER I EMERGE VICTORIOUS BUT WOUNDED...

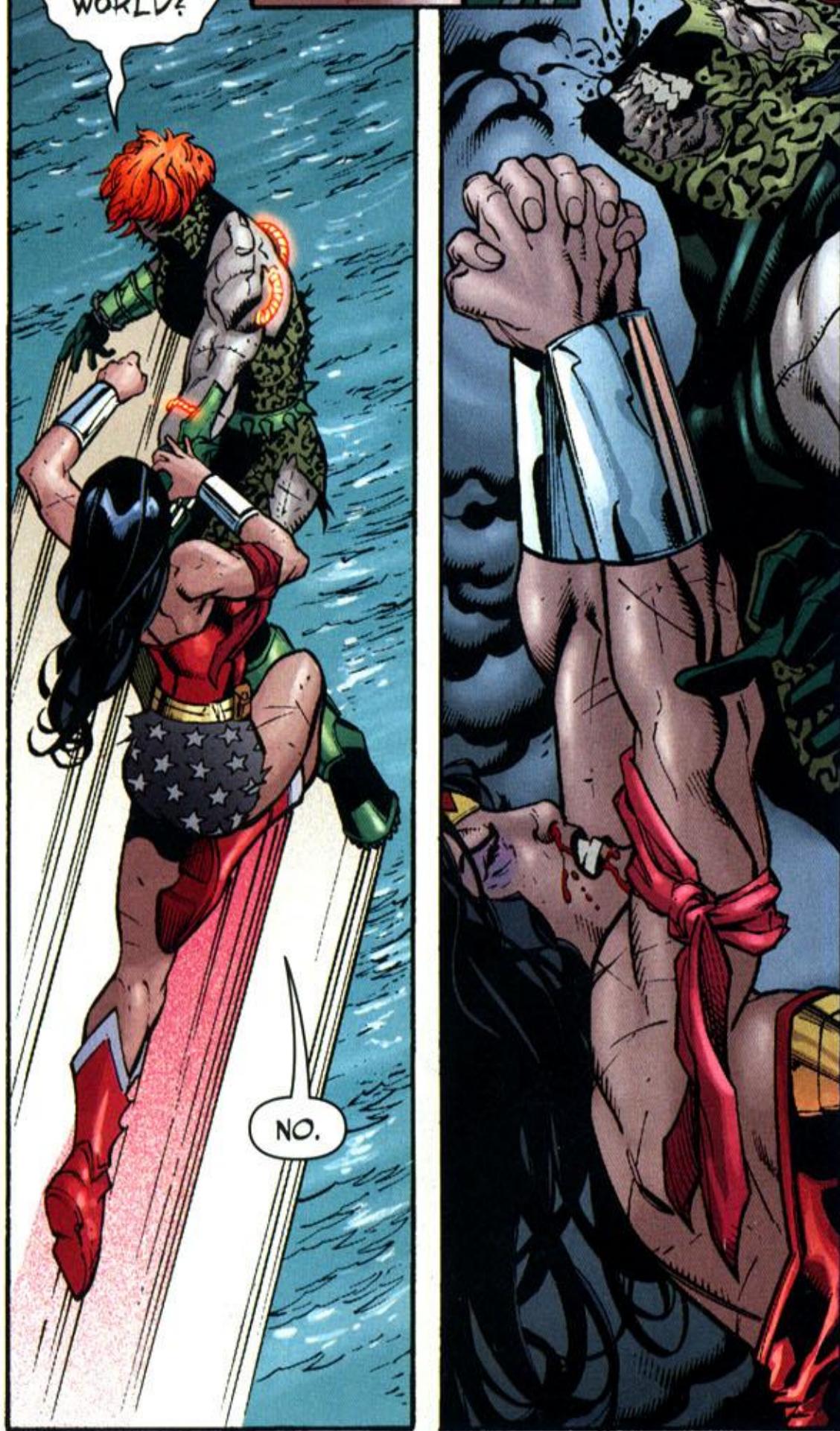
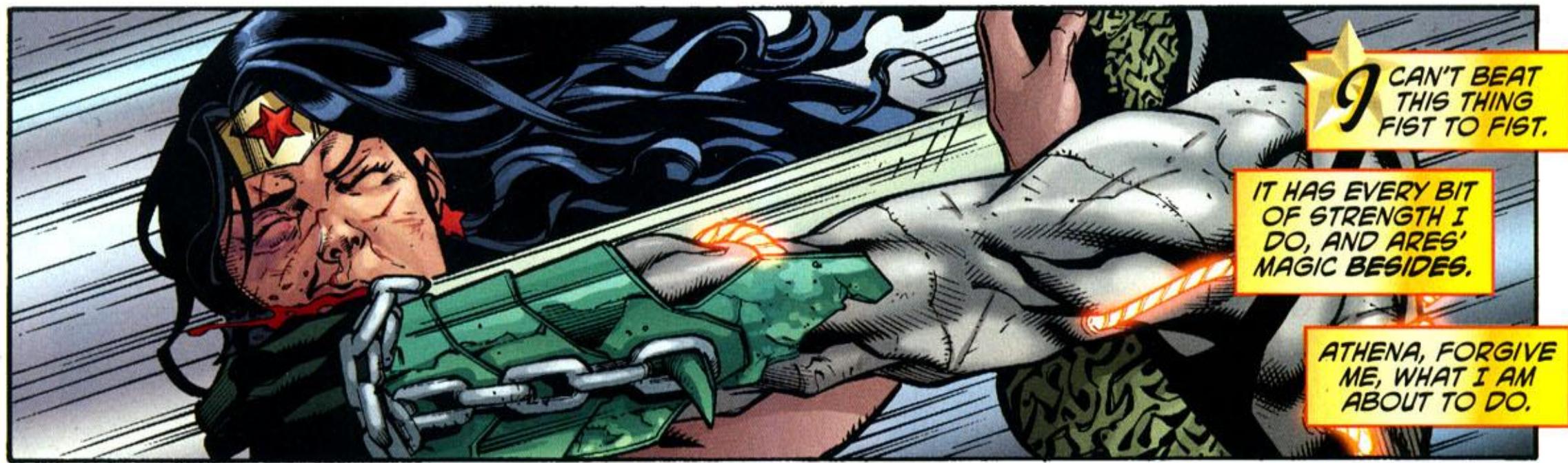
...OR I JOIN MY FALLEN SISTERS ONCE AND FOR ALL.

AND THAT BRINGS CLARITY.

AND CLARITY...

...BRINGS PURPOSE.





WAIT.

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

STOP!
STOP
THIS!

NO.



THIS THING,
THIS CREATURE
MADE OF MY
TWISTED FLESH...

...IT DID SO
MUCH DAMAGE,
RUINED SO MANY
LIVES IN ITS
SHORT TIME ON
THIS EARTH.

AND IT
WOULD
NEVER
STOP.

I WATCH IT FALL,
NO LONGER IN
CONTROL OF ITS
ARMS AND LEGS.

I KNOW IT
NEEDS OXYGEN
TO BREATHE,
AS I DO.

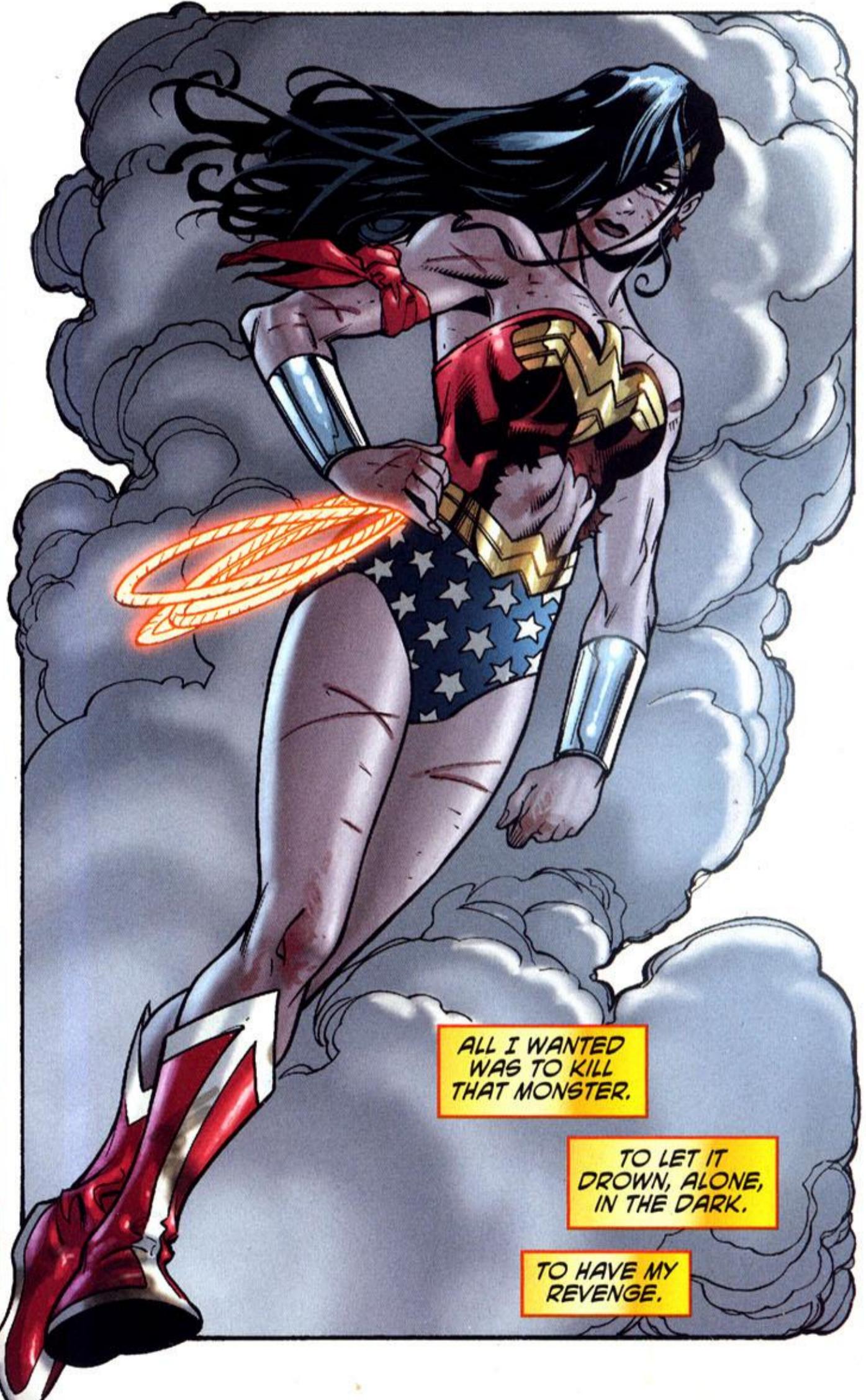
AND
WE...



**I AM NOT
PRONE TO
NIGHTMARES,
BUT THE
THOUGHT OF
THAT CREATURE,
HELPLESS AND
PARALYZED,
CHOKING TO
DEATH AS
WATER FILLS
ITS LUNGS IN
THE LIGHTLESS
DEPTHES...**

...IT FREEZES
THE HEART.

...ARE ABOVE
THE DEEPEST
PART OF THE
ATLANTIC
OCEAN.



ALL I WANTED
WAS TO KILL
THAT MONSTER.

TO LET IT
DROWN, ALONE,
IN THE DARK.

TO HAVE MY
REVENGE.



the dead will rise...

BLACKEST NIGHT

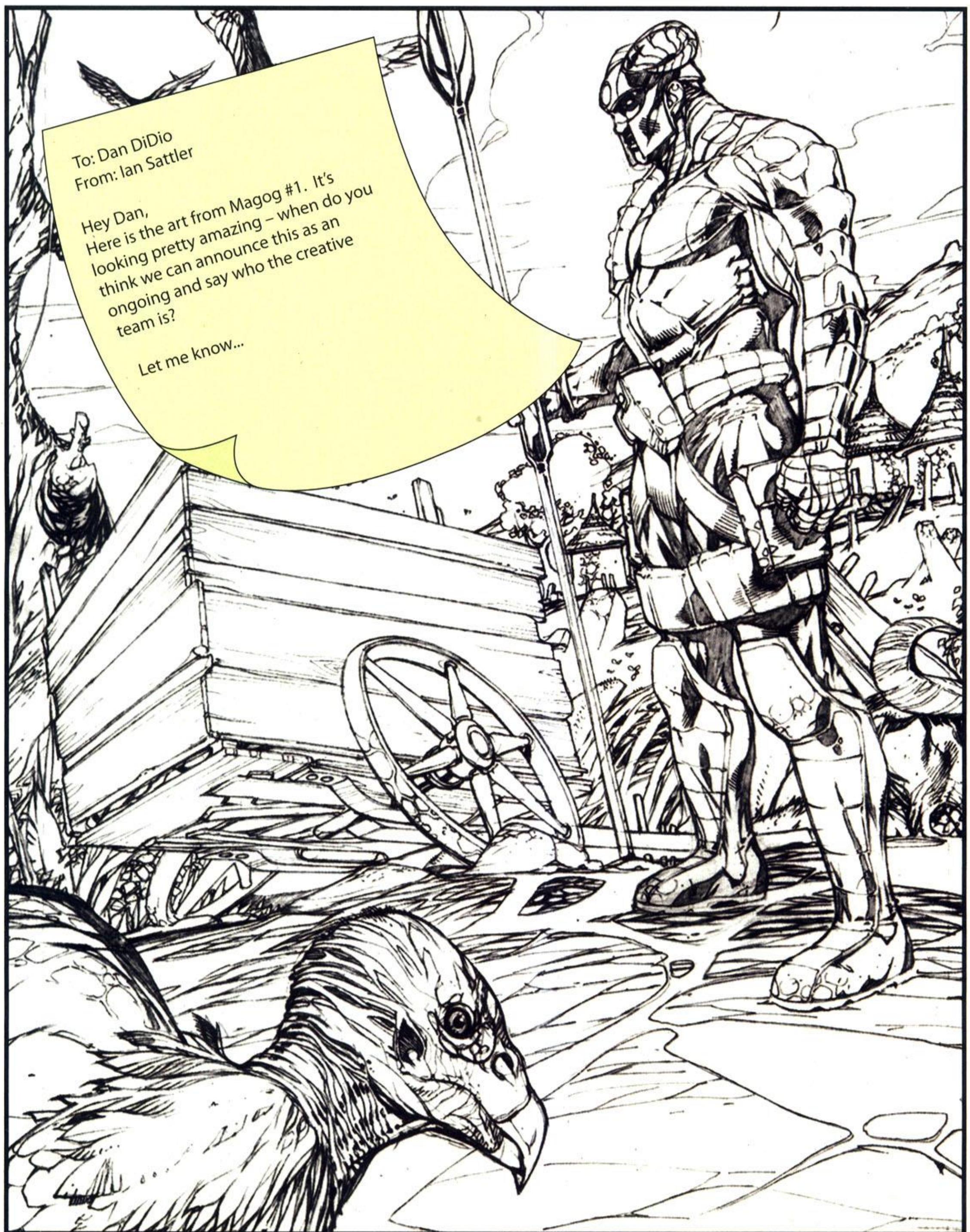
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