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ALL EARTHS
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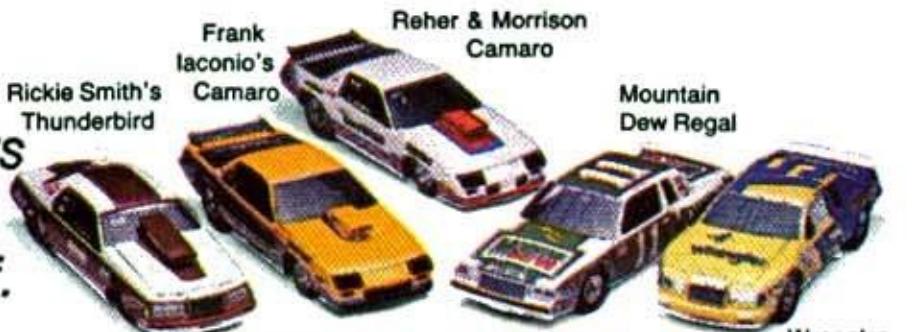
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OF LIVES MILLENNIA OLD.

...WHILE OTHERS LOOK
TO THE FORCES OF
MAN.

SORRY I'M LATE. GOT STUCK
IN TRAFFIC.

NEVER SEEN IT SO
BAD. EVERYONE IS
HEADING INLAND...

...THOUGH I HEAR
IT'S EVEN WORSE
THERE.

DID YOU KNOW THE
PRESIDENT HAS
ORDERED US AT
DEFCON ONE?
WHERE'S DIANA?

IS THAT WHAT
THIS MEETING IS
ABOUT?

SHE'LL BE
HERE ANY
MINUTE.

DARNELL WANTED US
ALL HERE AT 0730
SHARP.

'SIDES, I DON'T
THINK THE RUSSIANS
ARE BEHIND
THIS SCREWY
WEATHER...

I THINK THIS MEETING
HAS GOT SOMETHING TO
DO WITH TROPIDOR,
AND MONTEZ.

AT EASE, STEVE.
THE GENERAL'S NOT
HERE YET, EITHER.

...NO
MATTER
WHAT THE
P.R. MEN
SAY.

NOBODY'S
GOT THE KNOW-
HOW FOR THIS
SCENARIO.

WHY?
WHAT
HAPPENED
DOWN
THERE?

LET'S JUST SAY--
NOT WHAT WAS
EXPECTED...

"...THE RENDEZVOUS
WAS ARRANGED..."

HOLY---! I HAVEN'T
SEEN ANYTHING
THIS BAD SINCE
'NAM.

YEAH, WELL, SOME PEOPLE THINK
CENTRAL AMERICA COULD BE
THE NEXT VIETNAM.

LET'S NOT GET
INTO THAT...I'M GOING
TO SEE IF ANYONE'S LEFT
ALIVE. COMING?

WHY NOT? COULD BE A STORY
HERE...AND **MAYBE** A ROAD
AROUND THIS MESS
SOMEWHERE.

YOU'RE A REAL
CYNIC, YOU KNOW
THAT, LEWIS?

JUST A
REALIST,
MAJOR.

WHAT ABOUT YOUR
COLLEAGUE?

I'M TAKING CARE
OF THAT.

HERE, LEWIS AND I ARE GOING
TO DO SOME SCOUTING.

DON'T HESITATE TO
USE THIS. UNDERSTAND?

COMPLETELY.

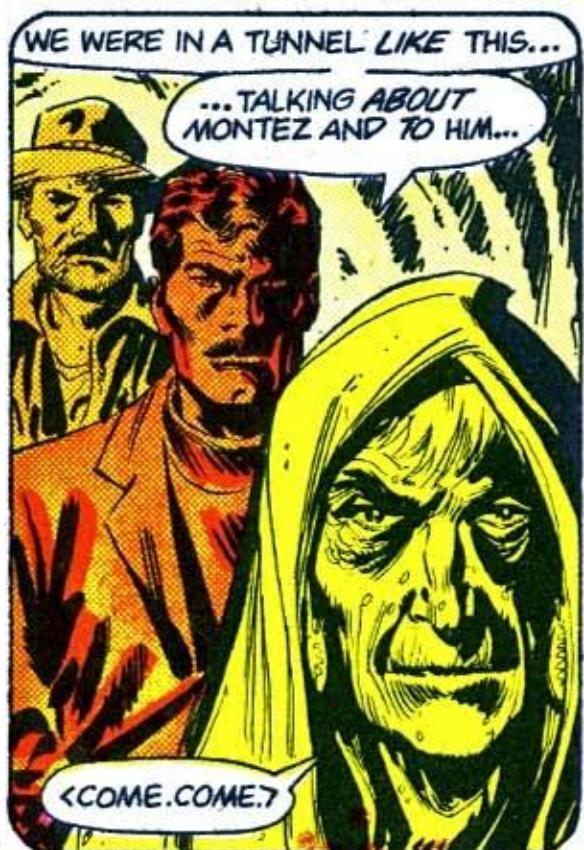
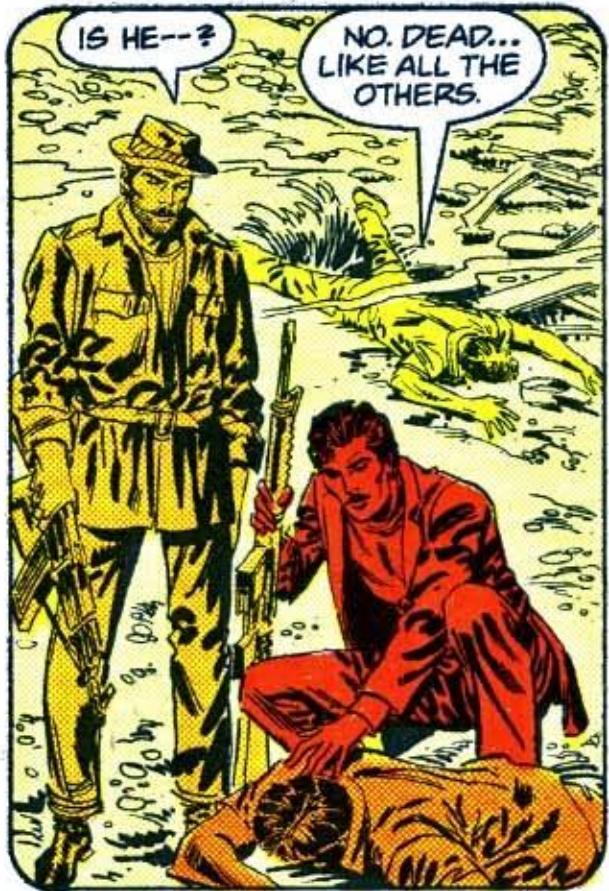
LET'S GO. SHE'LL BE
ALL RIGHT.

OH, SHE'S A REAL
TROOPER--

YOU MAKE EVERYTHING
SOUND LIKE AN
INSULT, LEWIS.

DON'T TAKE IT
PERSONALLY, MAJOR.
I'VE JUST SEEN
TOO MANY WAR
HEROES, IS ALL.

"TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
I FELT SAFER WITH LEWIS
ALONG. INCREASED OUR ODDS."



LONG AGO, THE ORACLES OF THEMISCRYA FORETOLD THE BIRTH OF A LEGEND... AN AMAZON MOLDED BY A QUEEN'S HAND, A LIFE BESTOWED BY LOVE, AND BLESSED BY GODDESSES... A PRINCESS CALLED DIANA BY HER SISTERS, BUT KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD OF MEN AS...



TM
WONDER WOMAN

ON V-J DAY, LT. PHILLIP DARNELL, A WELL-DECORATED WAR HERO, WAS OFFERED AN APPOINTMENT AT WEST POINT.

"WE NEED MEN LIKE YOU," THEY TOLD HIM. "SOON, THE ARMY AIR CORPS WILL BE A FULL-FLEDGED BRANCH OF THE SERVICE."

OUTSIDE, YOU'D SWEAR IT WAS THE END OF THE WORLD! SUITS YOU, DOESN'T IT, DARNELL? STRAIGHTEN UP, BROTHER-- IT'S THE END OF THE LINE, THAT'S ALL!

BEST GET A MOVE ON, MISTER. AT LEAST GO OUT IN STYLE!

NO MORE COVER-UPS. NO MORE SIDE-STEPPING ORDERS. ON THE DAY THE BRIEFCASE BOYS CUT OFF THE BANKROLL TO TROPIDOR, DARNELL KNEW IT WAS UP TO HIM TO KEEP THE GOOD FIGHT GOING WHATEVER THE CONSEQUENCES.

JACKASS! COVINGTON'S GOING TO HANG YOU, AND YOU DESERVE IT! AH, WELL-- YOU HAD YOUR GLORY AND THEN SOME, DARNELL...

"TO EVERYTHING A SEASON..."

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"GLORY!"
YOU'RE A
DINOSAUR,
DARNELL!

THOSE OLD VALUES
ARE JUST PLAIN OUT
OF FASHION!

HEY--!!

SHUT UP,
KID.

WE INTERRUPT
OUR SCHEDULE...

"IF ONLY I COULD
STOP REMEMBERING..."

...TO BRING YOU A SPECIAL
ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.
PLEASE STAND BY.

TODAY, DECEMBER 7, 1941, A DAY
THAT WILL LIVE IN INFAMY...

"THE JAPANESE HAD
ATTACKED PEARL
HARBOR!"

I AIN'T WAITING TO BE DRAFTED.
GONNA ENLIST IN THE MARINES.

MY OLD MAN WAS IN
THE BIG RED ONE IN THE
LAST WAR. INFANTRY IS
WHERE YOU SEE REAL
ACTION.

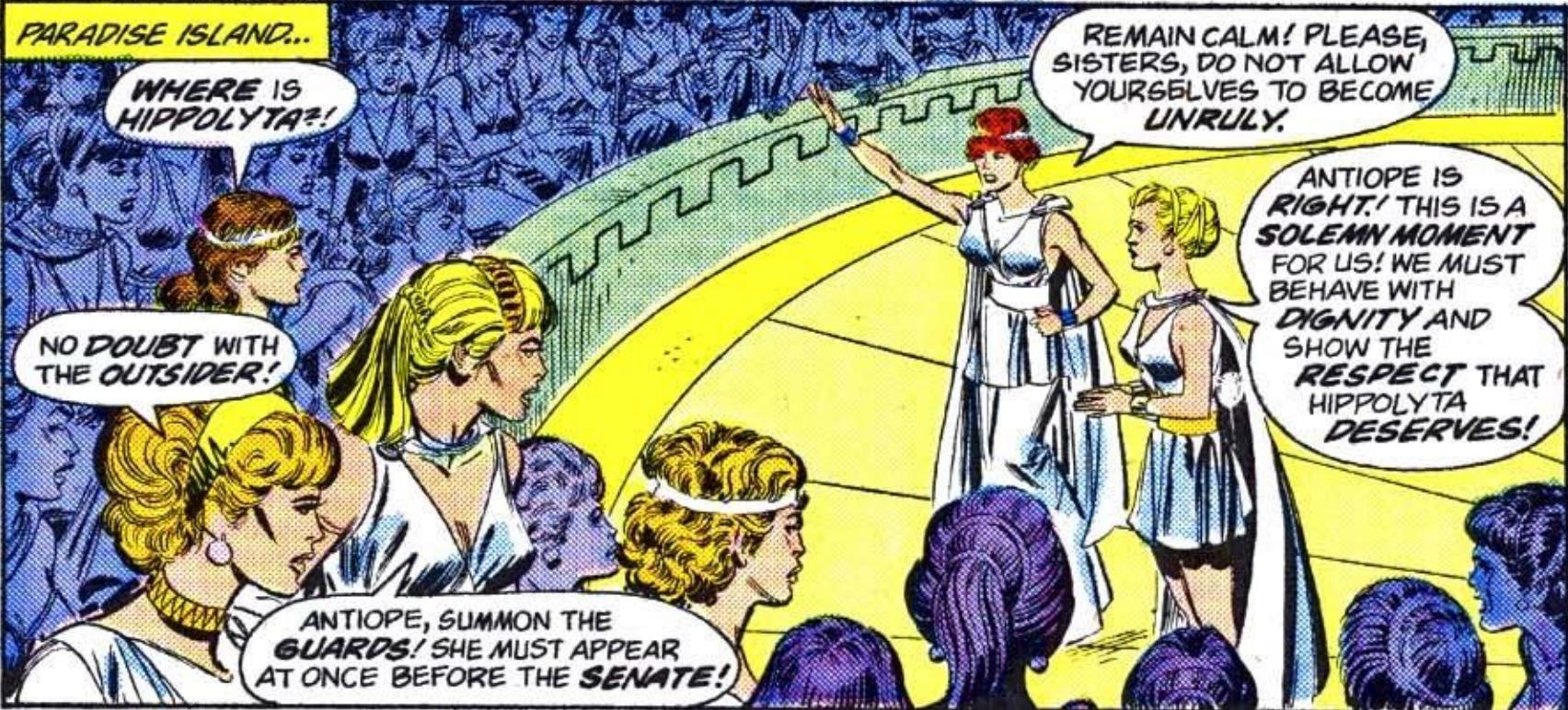
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YOU GONNA
DO, PHIL?

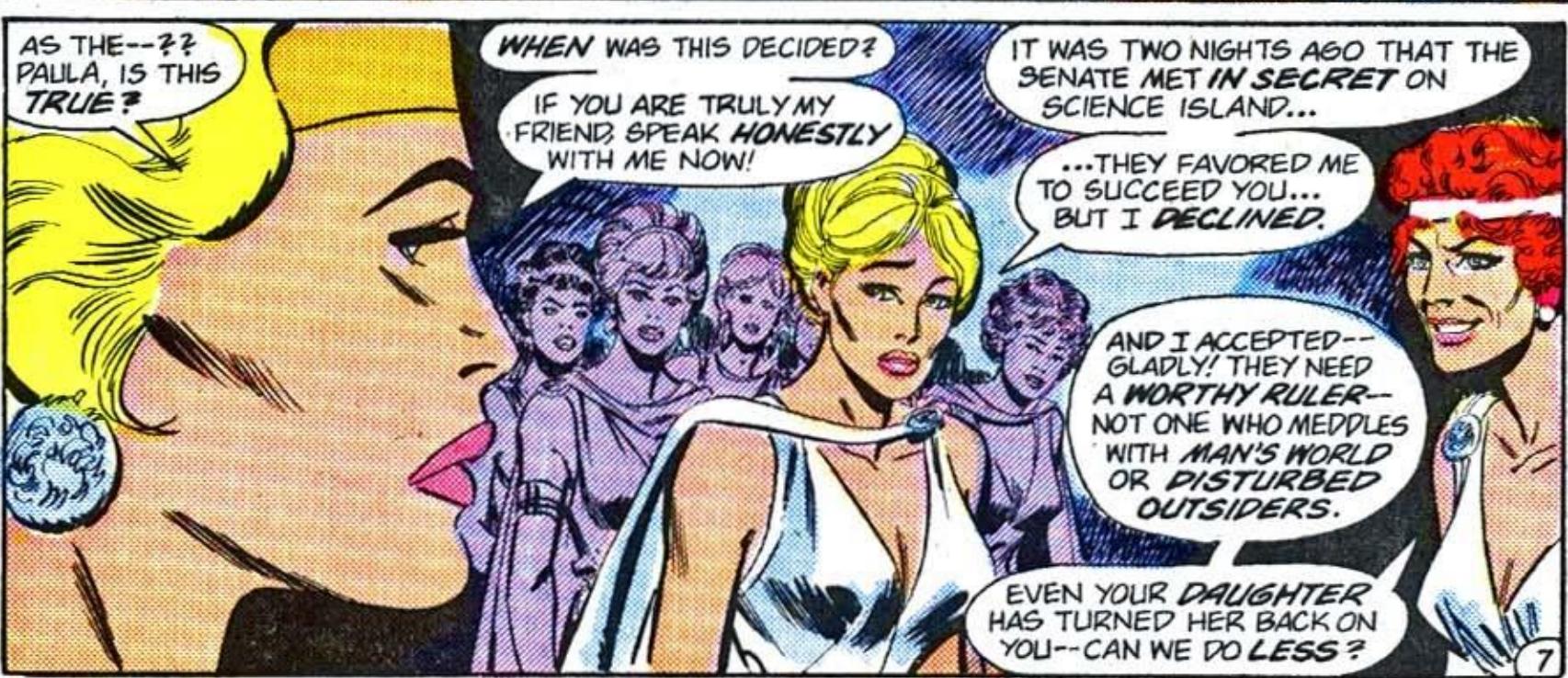
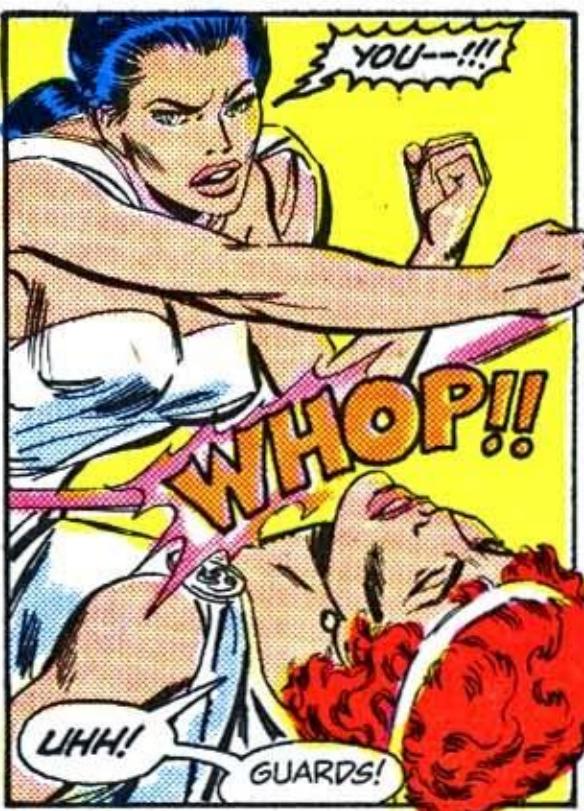
THE
ARMY AIR
CORPS IS
FOR ME!

WAS IT REALLY
FORTY-FOUR
YEARS AGO?

SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN!
DON'T WANNA
GET YOUR FEET
DIRTY, HUH,
FLYBOY?

PARADISE ISLAND...





YOU ARE LESS THAN HONEST,
ANTIOPE!! IT'S RUTHLESS
AMBITION THAT DRIVES
YOU!

NOW HEAR MY
WORDS, AND
TREMB--!!

HIPPOLYTA!! PRE-
PARE FOR BATTLE
AT THE SIDE OF
THE GODS!!

I AM QUEEN, ANTOPE!
SO THE GODDESSES HAVE
RULED, AND ONLY THE
GODDESSES MAY WREST
MY POWER FROM ME!

KA-
BOOMMM!!

BLESSED EARTH-
MOTHER, DEMETER--
IS IT YOU?
EARTH-MOTHER
NO LONGER, QUEEN,
BUT WARRIOR.
FOR IF WE LOSE,
ALL WILL BE LOST. ALL
THE REALMS OF
GOD AND MORTAL...

...AND PARADISE,
TOO, HIPPOLYTA!

WEAR THIS
MYSTIC ARMOR,
AMAZON!

BUT THIS IS
NOT THE TIME FOR
DEBATE AND
QUESTIONS!

YOUR SISTERS, TOO!

AND PRAY
TO A GREATER
POWER THAT NONE
OF US FAIL!

BUT THE SORCERY
THAT IMBUES YOUR
WEAPONS WILL NOT
LAST LONG. OLYMPUS
IS SORELY TAXED...

...AND DEPENDS
UPON YOUR COURAGE
AND HEART ABOVE
ALL ELSE!



DEATH TO YOU, DEMON! MY
LORD'S KINGDOM MAY BE GONE,
BUT NEITHER HE NOR I WILL
SURRENDER!

TARTARUS HAS FALLEN,
MOTHER! THE SHADE-WORLD
IS NO MORE!

AS SHALL WE!
INTO
THE FRAY,
AMAZONS!



WASHINGTON, D.C.--

THIS CITY NEVER
SEEMS TO CHANGE,
DOES IT, CORPORAL?

BUT PEOPLE
CHANGE.

I WAS SO
YOUNG, SO
EARNEST...

"...SO CERTAIN
OF MYSELF."

NO, SIR.

KEEP YOUR WITS
ABOUT YOU, DARNELL!
THIS ISN'T A JOY-
RIDE. WE'RE AT WAR,
REMEMBER?

"WELL, MAYBE I WAS
A TRIFLE BRASH...

"...BUT I SURE KNEW
THE WAY TO THE TOP
OF THE PYRAMID."

WHO THE
HELL IS THAT
UP THERE?

THAT'S LT. DARNELL
THINKS HE'S ANOTHER,
LINDBERGH!

WELL, WHAT'S
HE DOING?

SOLONING...
AND SHOWING OFF
AS USUAL.

"BUT THE WELCOME MAT WASN'T
OUT THAT DAY.

"I COULD TELL BY THE
GLARE IN THEIR EYES."

BASE COMMANDER
WANTS TO SEE
DARNELL NOW!

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the letters
on the left
and fill in the
Fruit Chewy
Newtons
flavors on
the right!

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are two new
flavors!



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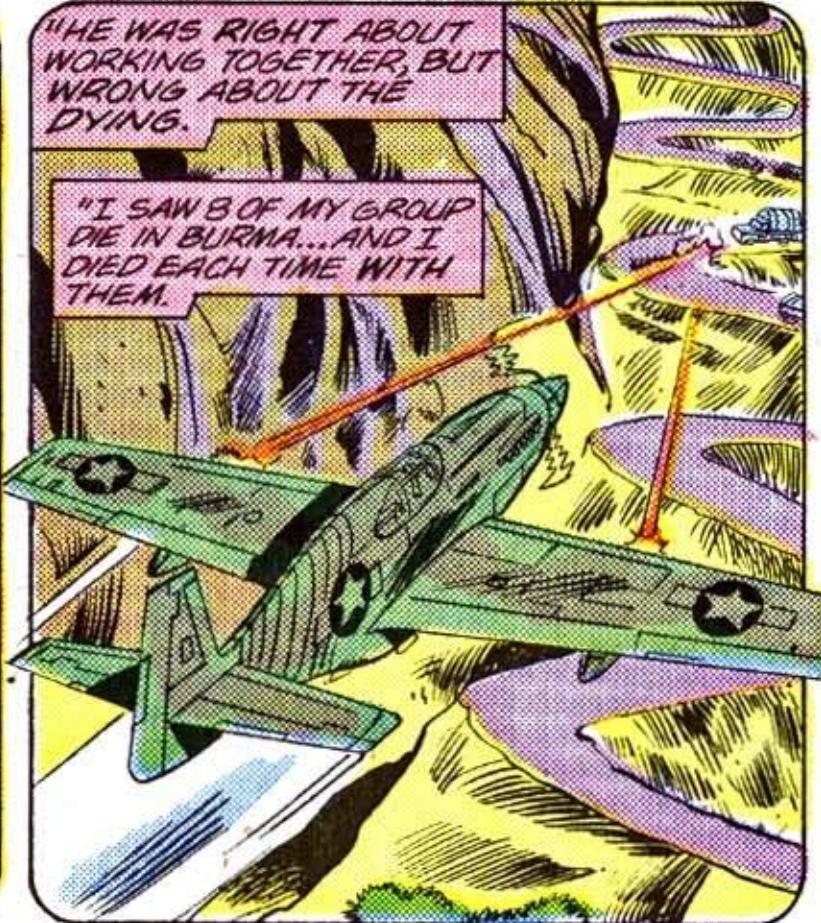
IF THERE WASN'T A WAR
ON, I'D GROUND YOU,
LIEUTENANT.

YOU'RE A LONE WOLF,
DARNELL... COMBAT FLYING
DEPENDS ON STAYING
WITH THE PACK.



"HE WAS RIGHT ABOUT
WORKING TOGETHER, BUT
WRONG ABOUT THE
DYING."

"I SAW 8 OF MY GROUP
DIE IN BURMA... AND I
DIED EACH TIME WITH
THEM."



"AND THEN I'D WORK
A LITTLE HARDER
TO STAY AROUND."

"IT PAID
OFF."

"THAT PROMOTION
CAME SOON ENOUGH--
THEY CALLED ME THE
HOTSHOT SQUADRON
LEADER."

"I KNEW SOME
GUYS COULDN'T
HANDLE THE
PRESSURE,
REFUSED TO
TAKE THE
JOB..."

"...BUT FOR ME IT
WAS ANOTHER STEP
UP THE PYRAMID,
JUST WHAT I WANTED."

"AND THERE WERE ALL THOSE
FRINGE BENEFITS."

"I WAS TOP CAT IN
TOWN IN THOSE DAYS..."

"...COULD HAVE
HAD ANYTHING
I WANTED."



WE ARE HONORED THAT SO BRAVE
AN AMERICAN FLYER WOULD SHARE
OUR HUMBLE MEAL, LIEUTENANT.



"NEVER DID TRUST
THAT FATHER OF
HERS. ALWAYS
SOMETHING ABOUT
HIM..."

"...A FEELING
I HAD..."

"...BUT I COULDN'T STAY AWAY."



THE PENTAGON--

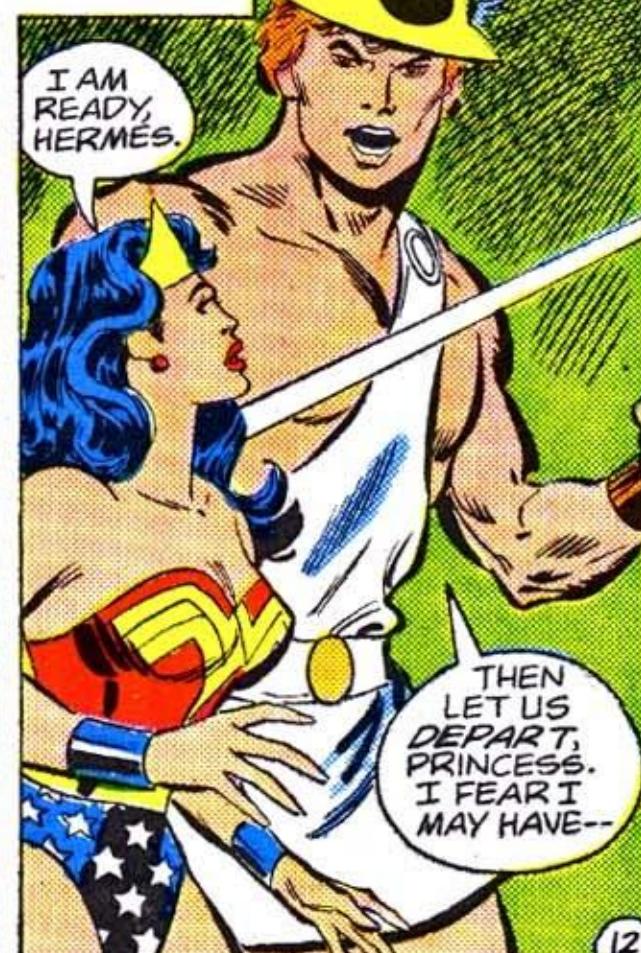
HI. SORRY I'M
LATE. I GOT--

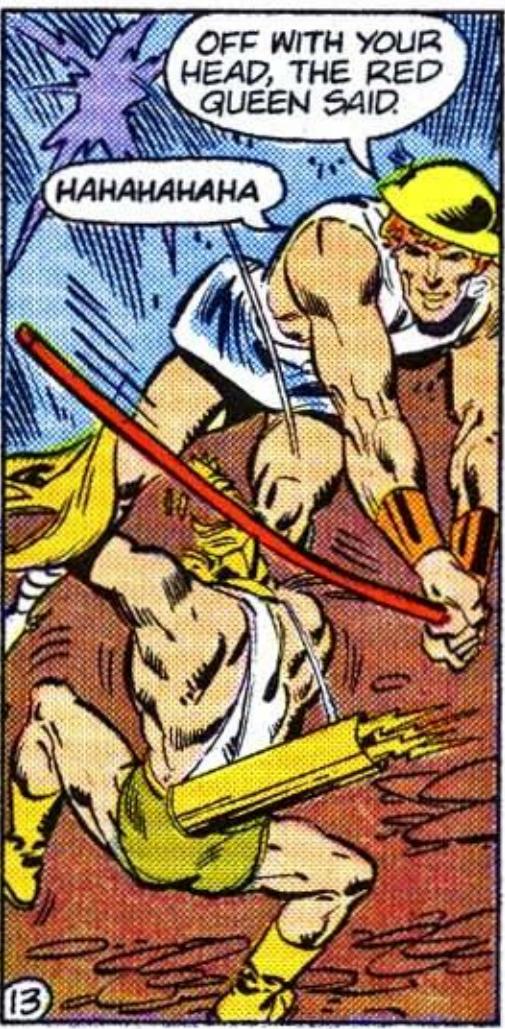
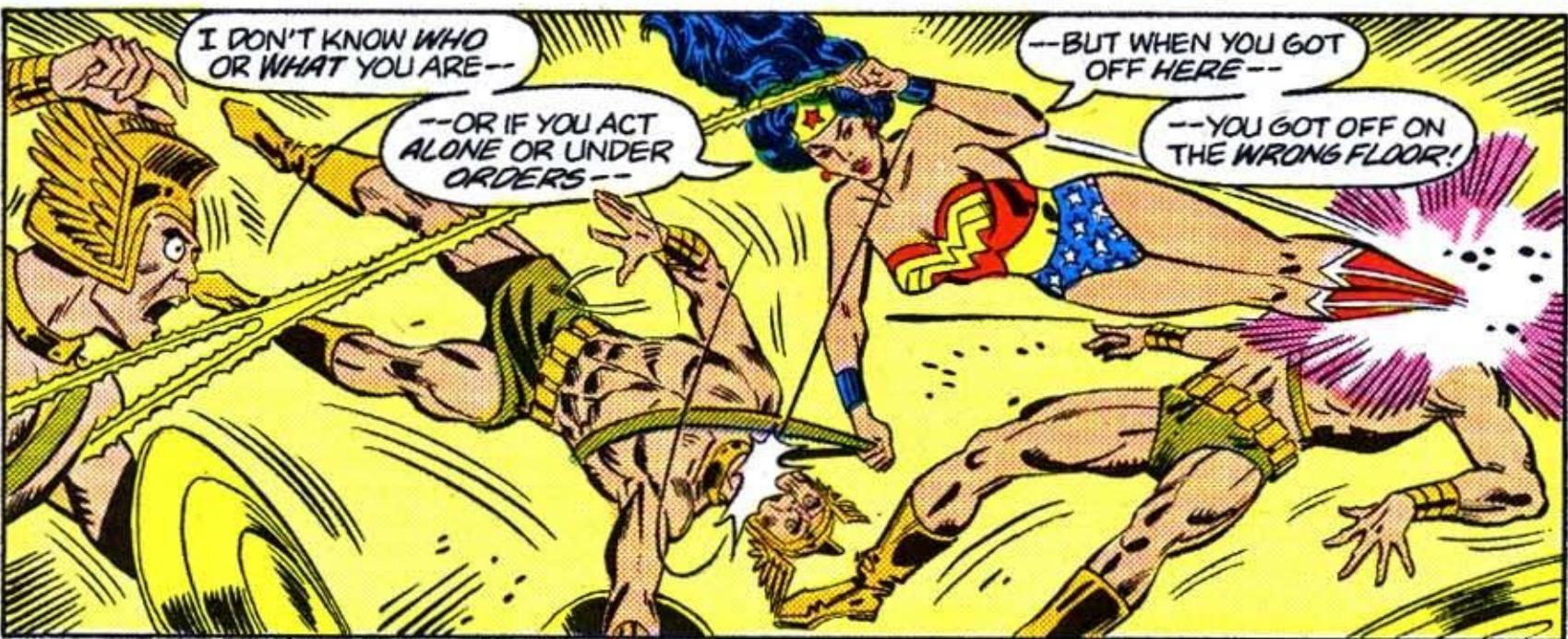
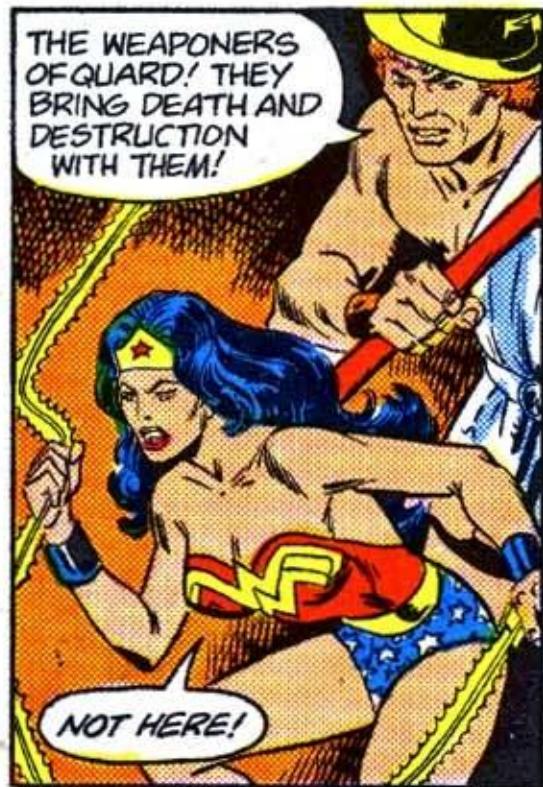
--CAUGHT IN TRAFFIC.
I KNOW, DI.

IT'S ALL RIGHT. THE
GENERAL ISN'T HERE
YET. I IMAGINE HE'S
BUCKING THE SAME
PROBLEM WE
WERE.

YOU HAVE ANY
THEORIES AS TO
WHY WE'RE ALL
ASSEMBLED?

I WAS JUST
ABOUT TO ASK
YOU THA--





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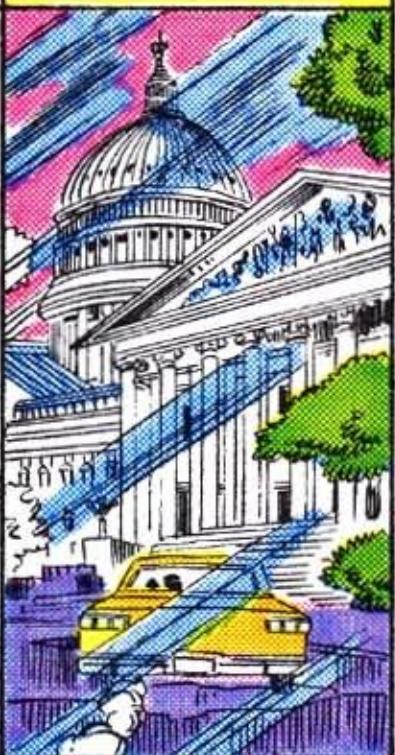
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MORNINGS AND FIND OUT HOW MUCH FUN YOU
CAN TAKE BEFORE YOU CRACK UP COMPLETELY!**



THE RAIN IS JUST A DRIZZLE ON THIS SIDE OF THE POTOMAC...

...BUT THE RED SKIES STILL PORTEND DOOM.

YOUR BOSS WORRIED I MIGHT RUN AWAY AND HIDE?



I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO USED TO THE PRIVILEGES OF RANK, GENERAL.

...I'VE DECIDED TO HAND YOU YOUR VICTORY ON A SILVER PLATTER.

HOW NOBLE!... BUT IT'S TOO LATE, GENERAL.

YOU WANT A SCAPEGOAT, COVINGTON.



JUST LEAVE MY STAFF AND WONDER WOMAN OUT OF YOUR--

WE WANT THIS TO BE UGLY, DEAR PHILLIP...

YES. I HOPED YOU'D BE INTRIGUED--LURED INTO MY CLUTCHES!



YOU'RE LOOKING WELL.

NO BETTER
THAN THAT,
PHILLIP?

HAVE FORTY YEARS WIPE AWAY
YOUR MEMORIES, DARLING?

OF BURMA... OF
US... OF MY
FATHER?

I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN.

NOR HAVE I!

"WHAT A SHINING KNIGHT OF THE SKIES
YOU WERE..."

"...REGALING US
WITH STORIES OF
VALOR IN THE AIR!"

"MANY TIMES YOU HONORED MY FATHER'S TABLE."

"AND AFTERWARDS I
WOULD HONOR MY
ANCESTORS FOR
BRINGING YOU INTO
MY LIFE."

"AND THEN YOU
BETRAYED US."

"YOUR SQUADRON DESTROYED
HIS WEALTH AND POWER..."

"YOUR SPYING LED THE
PARTISANS TO HIS
HIDING PLACE!"

"YES, MY FATHER'S
WAREHOUSES
HAD SERVED THE
NEEDS OF THE
JAPANESE..."

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YOU STRUCK AGAINST HIM,
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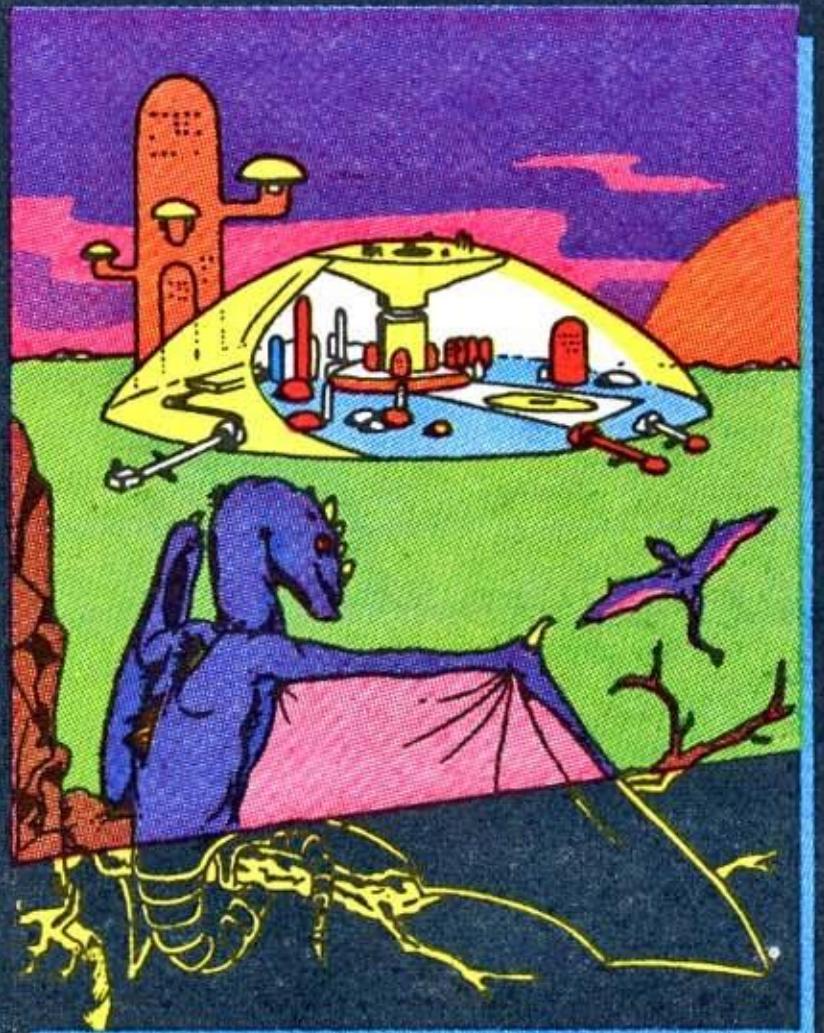
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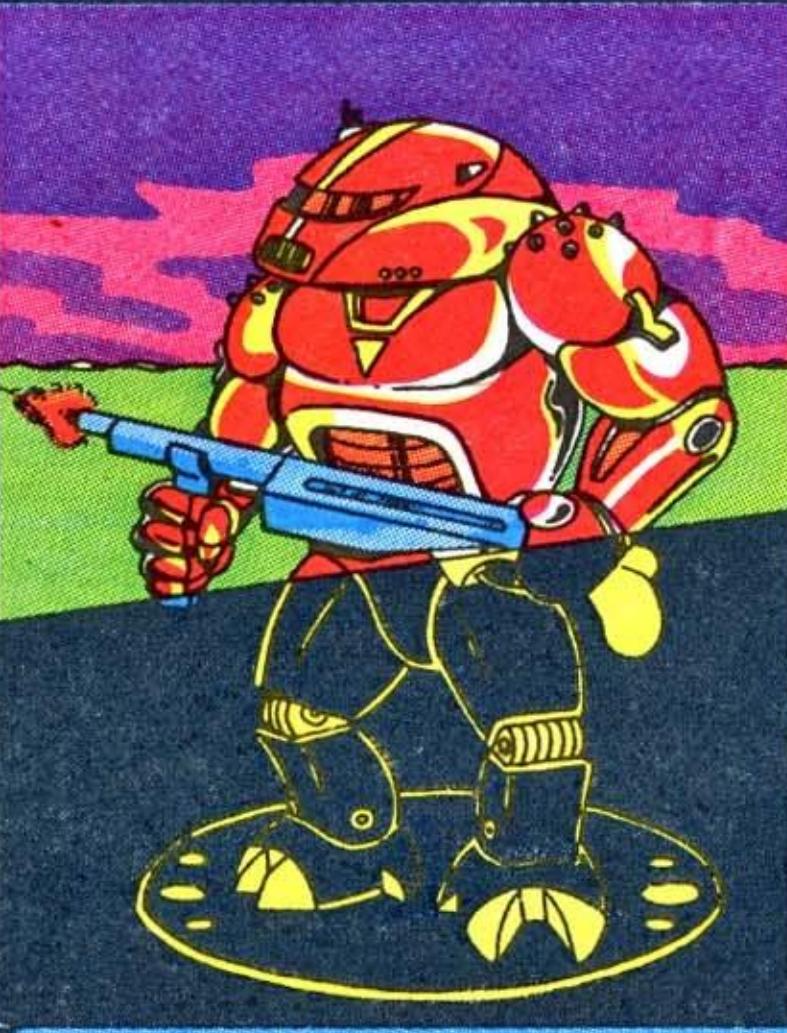
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"I WAS HIDDEN IN MANY OUTPOSTS OF THE PACIFIC, WHERE THE RISING SUN WAS STILL SUPREME!"

"THE JAPANESE COULD NOT HELP MY FATHER, BUT THEY DID NOT DESERT ME!"

"THERE I QUICKLY LEARNED THE TRUE NATURE OF LIFE--AND MEN!"

"AS THE WAR TURNED AGAINST THE AXIS POWERS, I FLED TO THE AMERICAS..."

"...A HAVEN FOR THE CORRUPT, THE RUTHLESS, THE OBSCENE!"

"SLOWLY, I CREATED AN EMPIRE OF MY OWN, PHILLIP..."

"I WAS AT HOME IN THAT WORLD--A WOLF AMONG WOLVES!"

--ARGENTO, VAST, EXPLOITIVE, UNKNOWN-- COMPLETE WITH ITS OWN SAVAGE ARMY..."

"... AND MY SPIES WERE EVERYWHERE."

THAT'S HOW I LEARNED ABOUT YOUR...INDISCRETION.

IT'S NOT GOOD BUSINESS TO STEP ON A COMPETITOR'S TOES TOO HARD. THEY'LL NOTICE, AND COME AFTER YOU.

AND SO I CAME AFTER YOU, PHILLIP.

SHIPPING CONTRABAND ARMS!

REALLY, PHILLIP...

ONLY THIS WASN'T JUST BUSINESS. IT WAS PERSONAL!



BRUHAAAM



YOU FOOLS! CAN YOU NOT SEE THIS IS MERELY A SETBACK TO OUR ENEMY?

SWORDS AND SHIELDS WILL NOT SAVE OUR WORLD!

HIPPOLYTA, WE'VE WON! WONDER WOMAN HAS RETURNED TO STAND BY YOUR SIDE...

MY DAUGHTER HAS RETURNED TO DIE!

YOU DON'T BELIEVE THAT.

I TELL YOU-- IT IS OVER!

DEATH IS EVERYWHERE!

IT WAS NO LESS IN ANCIENT ATHENS!

MOST LOVING WARRIOR QUEEN-- YOU HAVE EVER BEEN READY TO DO BATTLE WHEN NO OTHER WAY REMAINED!

THOSE PREHISTORIC BATTLEFIELDS ARE OVERTURNED WITH WEEDS AGAIN! PAULA--

...BUT NOW THE DREAM... IS OVER!

AND NOW YOUR GAMES ARE OVER, PHILLIP.

IT'S OVER ALL RIGHT, LADY! BUT NOT THE WAY YOU THINK.

GENERAL! THE PENTAGON--

--ON THE RADIO-- IT'S UNDER ATTACK!

WHA-AAAT!!

I'LL BE BACK, COVINGTON.

GENERAL. WAIT. I'M GOING WITH YOU.

I HAVE TO FIND OUT ABOUT ETTA.

THESE SPACE RANGERS
ARE MIGHTY UNIMPRESSIVE
WITHOUT THEIR FANCY
HARDWARE, SIR!

BUT, STEVE, THE WORST
DOES SEEM TO BE OVER!
CAN'T WE LISTEN TO THAT
TAPE DARNELL PREPARED
FOR US BEFORE HE
GETS HERE?

HE MADE
A TAPE?!

I HAVE THE
KEY TO HIS
OFFICE...

EVEN SO,
LET'S MOVE THEM
TO HIGH-SECURITY
DETENTION,
SERGEANT.

FROM
WHAT WE'VE
SEEN
TODAY...

...I THINK NONE
OF US CAN AFFORD TO
BE CARELESS.

OH, SHUT UP, KEITH! YOU SOUND
LIKE THAT LEWIS CHARACTER!

SO YOU KEEP SECRETS,
TOO, LT. CANDY!

SSH... IT'S
RUNNING...

COLONEL TREVOR,
MAJOR GRIGGS, MAJOR
PRINCE, LIEUTENANTS
HALEY AND CANDY...

... MOST
OF ALL YOU,
ETTA...

... I OWE YOU
ALL AN APOLOGY.
I'VE DONE SOME
VERY STUPID
THINGS.

WHAT YOU
ARE GOING TO
HEAR IS--

--NOT EXACTLY PRETTY OUT,
IS IT, GENERAL?

STOP CHATTERING
AND WATCH WHERE
YOU'RE DRIVING,
HUCKABY--

--UNLESS YOU'RE
UNDER ORDERS TO KILL
ME ON THE ROAD!

I'M DOING THE
BEST I CAN, SIR.
I ALWAYS
CHATTER WHEN
I'M NERVOUS.

YOU REALLY
CARE FOR
LT. CANDY,
DON'T YOU?

"EVEN MORE THAN I
KNEW, I GUESS!"

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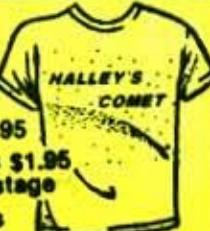
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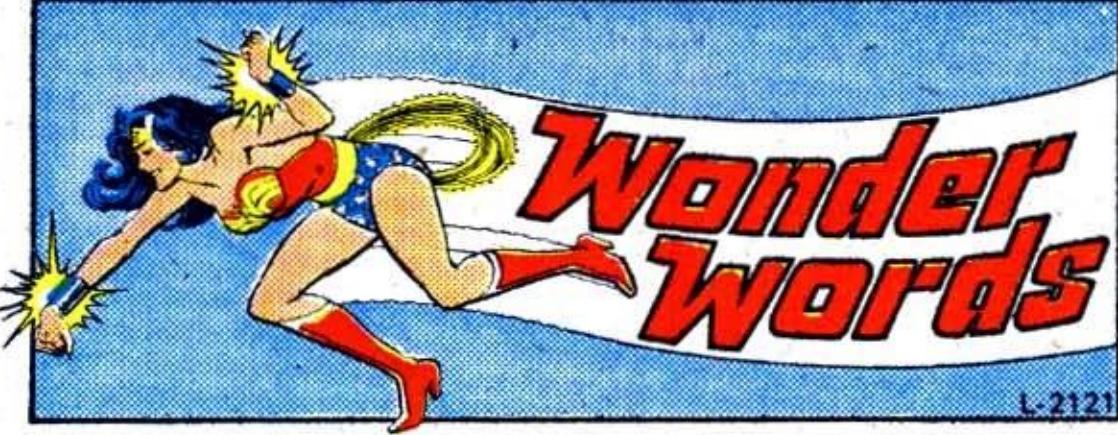
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Wonder Words

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One of the unhappy aspects of bi-monthly publication is the doubly long lag between the receipt of readers' correspondence and the printing of letters. Generally, a letter column gets sent to the typesetter four months before the comic's on-sale date, so the letters in a letter column pertain to the fourth-most recent issue of that comic. That means that a letter in a monthly comic on sale in August critiques the issue that went on sale in April. For a bi-monthly comic, the lag is eight months. Most of the letters that appear in this column, therefore, were written in the first quarter of 1985.

Dear WW People,

I'm another reader who would like to see more stories revolving around the Earth-2 Wonder Woman. I think it would be very interesting to see what led her to decide to marry Steve Trevor and what her mother's reaction to it was. The Earth-1/Earth-2 mythoi have been around so long, I doubt new readers would be that confused. However, I'm a little confused based on the appearance of a WW villain in the pages of CRISIS #5, namely the Cheetah. This didn't look like the Earth-1 Cheetah, Debbie Domain; rather, the original Cheetah, Priscilla Rich. I thought Ms. Rich reformed and then died? Or was this the Earth-2 Cheetah, where Ms. Rich still wears her infamous costume? I hope you can clear this up, as I'm sure other WW followers are confused. I hear there are plans to retire the Earth-2 WW so that there would be no confusion with two Wonder Women running around. I think that's a shame. Earth-2 has been used to great advantage in recent years and I'd rather see Earth-1 slide by than that alternate universe which has been supplying some of DC's better adventures.

Fred Grandinetti
Watertown, MA

The CRISIS takes place out of time, as it were. Fred. Characters are drawn from all time periods to fight side by side. The Earth-2 Cheetah was picked from the war years, when she was very much alive.

Dear Mr. Gold:

Quite frankly, I don't see why you plead with us to ask our friends to buy a copy of WONDER WOMAN, when DC can do so much about your sales problems itself. There are so many

options for DC to choose from, but DC doesn't seem to care.

It makes me especially angry because I've followed Wonder Woman's adventures for almost ten years, and I feel I know more about Wonder Woman than—I dare say—you do. After all, I've been a fan of Wonder Woman long before you came to work for DC, as many others have. But what I know about Wonder Woman isn't the issue at stake.

The issue is DC's laziness over the matter. Books like JONAH HEX, ARION, LORD OF ATLANTIS, and G.I. COMBAT sell better than WONDER WOMAN, and I feel that's really a shame. G.I. COMBAT! Really! Who cares about a book like G.I. COMBAT, when all it displays is violence, not heroism? Granted, I'm not saying WONDER WOMAN isn't violent, but Wonder Woman would use force as a last resort, while Sgt. Rock, for example, would relish it. WONDER WOMAN is a DC classic, one of six comics to last since #1 in 1942. WONDER WOMAN was created before the Japanese invaded Pearl Harbor, and now the magazine is very close to cancellation, and DC doesn't seem to be doing anything about it.

The mag has potential! 38-year-old Mary Lou Mayfield reads it! Robert and Tracy Cruze want to start a fan club! If a 12-year-old boy is willing to call himself "The Grand Steve Trevor" and if a full-grown woman reads Wonder Woman's adventures and SUPERGIRL comics, you know you're doing something right! Everybody's heard of Wonder Woman. But nobody has ever heard of The Teen Titans, the Swamp Thing, the Blue Devil, or Atari Force, and they sell better than Superman, Spider-Man, Batman, than anything the general public knows of. DC can do so much about it, and they're not.

Advertise, for Hera's sake! You'll devote a page to Arion (whoopie, yahoo, thrillsville) or Superman and Funny Stuff (thanks heaps), so why not Wonder Woman? If the comic isn't selling because of bad rep, use a house advertisement to do something about it. Picture a beautiful portrait of Wonder Woman twirling her golden lasso, Steve Trevor at her left and Diana Prince at her right, with Sofia, Hippolyta, Atalanta, Etta, Keith, Darnell, and Lauren in the background. Maybe the Pentagon, as well. And a slogan, of course! "The past is behind her! WONDER WOMAN is on the move! By Mindy Newell and Don Heck. The Amazon legend lives on! From the new DCI." Now won't that get the

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attention of someone? Sure, it will! But what does DC do? "Q: What do you find in every DC Digest? A: Binky and his Buddies!" What a waste. You can help yourselves.

Why not devote a "DC Sampler" to Wonder Woman? There's never been a WONDER WOMAN digest. Pretty soon, WCAX will show reruns of the *Wonder Woman* TV show. I read in CRISIS ON INFINITE EARTHS #3 that DC will make a "Losers" Special. That is *really* idiotic. Why waste time on the Losers, who nobody cares about, not to mention money, when you can make a Wonder Woman Special? Now, how's this for an idea? WONDER WOMAN: THE SECRET YEARS mini-series? Seriously! Diana on Paradise Island with her friends! Remember Christina Cade, the clay-creature from a recent 'DC COMICS PRESENTS'? How about Mala, or the one-time Wonder Woman Orana? The gods! The Amazons! Maybe a "Paradise Island" mini-series? Maybe you could give the Wonder Woman deluxe book another chance, and if it's a hit, the Mando one will be one, too! Have Wonder Girl appear in "Wonder Woman," since Titans fans are sure to buy it, and then you'll hook them! (Wolfman, watch out!)

I'm sorry if my letter might seem a little negative, because I really like DC and Wonder Woman. But I just want DC to try their best to help Wonder Woman before the fans have to step in. I know for a fact that no one I know who collects comics (I only know two, mind you) will read WONDER WOMAN, and with all due respect, it's all your fault. WONDER WOMAN's a classic! Make amends, Mindy and Don, and plug WW in BLUE DEVIL, Alan, and you'll be among the best DC titles there are.

Jacques Vial
St. Lambert, Quebec
Canada

You've said a mouthful there, Jacques! It's hardly my place to pronounce a defense of the advertising policy of DC Comics, but I think you're being unfair in saying that we do nothing to promote WONDER WOMAN. A house ad is in the works, and I hope you'll be seeing it early next year. WONDER WOMAN was prominently featured in the first DC Sampler. I also think it's unfair to complain about ads for G.I. COMBAT. That comic has a relatively small but loyal fan following, just like WONDER WOMAN. So let's not begrudge that comic its promotion and publicity, just

because it's not your cup of messkit coffee.

Your idea for a WONDER WOMAN Special is fine in my book—but you have to understand, there just isn't enough evidence that a large number of readers will take a chance on the Princess of Power. They condemn her from hearsay, and a Special comic would very likely go unsold, despite an ad campaign and a great story line. Word of mouth is needed—people have to be convinced by people that they should take a chance.

Dear DC,

Obviously you didn't pay heed to my last letter concerning this subject, so here I go again. Where's the WONDER WOMAN Annual or Special? In the past seven years WW has had only two big books: 1978's WW Spectacular and WW #300. In the past three years the Teen Titans have had three Annuals. Another young comic, BATMAN AND THE OUTSIDERS, has had one and so has AMETHYST. FIRESTORM and SWAMP THING (other young comics) have each had two. JLA, LSH, SGT. ROCK, SUPERMAN, DCCP, and GREEN LANTERN have all had annuals. It's not fair! WONDER WOMAN has never gotten an Annual or Special for that matter. Both Batman and Superman (two other "old" heroes) and the Atom have all had Specials. Why not WW? She deserves one. In fact, she deserves both a Special and an Annual. I demand that you give both to her. Please, don't overlook her another year. You're all really nice, sweet, special, good people, but how could you keep making the same humongous oversight year after year? Maybe I ought to have WW command you with her magic lasso and make you give her an Annual and Special. She deserves them. And as a devoted WW fan, I feel it's my duty and obligation to beseech you to give WW an Annual and Special. Please, won't you do this? It is beyond my comprehension how you could have overlooked her so many times. It doesn't make sense at all. Now admit it, you all, she deserves an Annual and a Special, so give them both to her! I love all you DC people and I'm sure you like to please the fans, so couldn't you be nice to WW and her fans and give her an Annual and a Special? I know you can do it. You're all good people. Now prove it. Okay? I hope you take my letter to heart this time and not disappoint me.

Elaine M. Gosselin

Elaine, I'd love to edit a WONDER WOMAN Annual! But see my response to the letter from reader Jacques Viau. DC okays a TEEN TITAN Annual and a BATO Annual and a SWAMP THING Annual and a BLUE DEVIL Annual because there is overwhelming evidence (great sales) that people like these series and want a longer, special story with the characters they clearly favor.

Dear Sir/Madame,

Being a fairly new fan of WONDER WOMAN and also living in England, where WONDER WOMAN material is unfortunately quite rare, you can imagine I've hoards of questions about the Amazing Amazon to ask you, but not wanting to make more work for you than I imagine you've already got, I'd be obliged if you'd answer just a few of the following:

1. The first one concerns Wonder Girl. Recently, a reader asked you in a letter what connection Wonder Girl had with Wonder Woman. You replied that they're both the same person at different ages, yet at the beginning of the Wonder Girl story called "Mr. Jupiter Is Dead" a caption explains that Wonder Woman saved her from a fire. She was an orphan, so WW took her to Amazon Island, and there she became Wonder Girl. Which is true?

2. The second one concerns the legend of Wonder Woman's bracelets. In the TV series, in the episode called "The Man Who Could Move the World," Wonder Woman took her bracelets off with no problem. I thought Wonder Woman went mad if she took them off. Can you explain this?

3. Also in the series, the Amazon whirls round to change clothes, yet in your comics she uses her lasso. Why the difference?

4. How many times has Wonder Woman's costume changed and when did the first WW DC Comic arrive on the scene?

5. How many Wonder Woman films were there and when was the first one made?

6. How many series of WW were there? When was the first series shown? And how many episodes of "The New Adventures of Wonder Woman" were there?

I'd be most grateful for this information, and may I congratulate you on a truly excellent comic. May I also suggest that you should cover Wonder Woman's past in a special issue. I'm sure many fans would be grateful for this, as WW's past is of great interest to us all.

Mark Edwards
Dagenham, Essex
England

I can't answer all your questions, Mark, but I'll do my best... (1) There's a lot of confusion about Wonder Girl—this is the sort of mess that plagues the continuity of WONDER WOMAN. Once upon a time there were stories about Wonder Woman as a girl. She was called "Wonder Girl." Let's just wink at each other conspiratorially and forget that those stories ever existed, okay? From now on, the Wonder Girl who appears in TEEN TITANS is the one we're going to call "real." (2) I wasn't with DC Comics back when the Wonder Woman TV series was made, so I don't know how the bracelet gaffe was perpetrated. But we're right and they're wrong—at least in my opinion. There are many, many instances in this comic series of Wonder Woman's going

bonkers when her bracelets are removed. (3) Ditto. Trust us, not them. I suspect the special effects required to duplicate the transformation drawn in the comic were too expensive or difficult for the live-action show. (4) There have been minor changes from time to time. For example, in her earliest appearance, WW wore a short skirt with stars. Also, she's had cross-gartered shoes. She even gave up her costume altogether for awhile—of course, you knew that! The big change in the emblem is the only one I'd consider truly remarkable. The first WONDER WOMAN comic appeared in the summer of 1942. Wonder Woman made her first appearance in ALL STAR COMICS #8 (1941), and she appeared in SENSATION COMICS, too, before she got her own titled magazine. I hope that answers your questions. (5) I've never heard of any WONDER WOMAN films. (6) There were three TV seasons of "Wonder Woman" I believe. If I've made the merest blunder, I'm sure many helpful readers will rush to correct me.

Thanks, too, to the following readers:

Ryan Udelhoven (sorry, Ryan, but I don't have any freebie WW art to send you)

David Kelly

Vince Gattuso (there sure is going to be another SUPER POWERS mini-series, Vince, teaming up WW and lots of DC heroes)

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As always, if I've omitted anybody, it was an oversight I regret.



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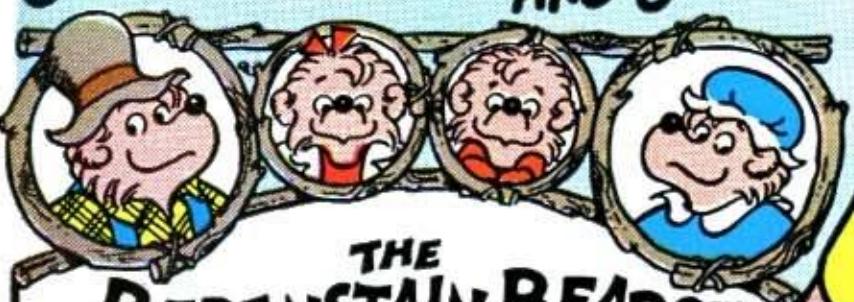
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