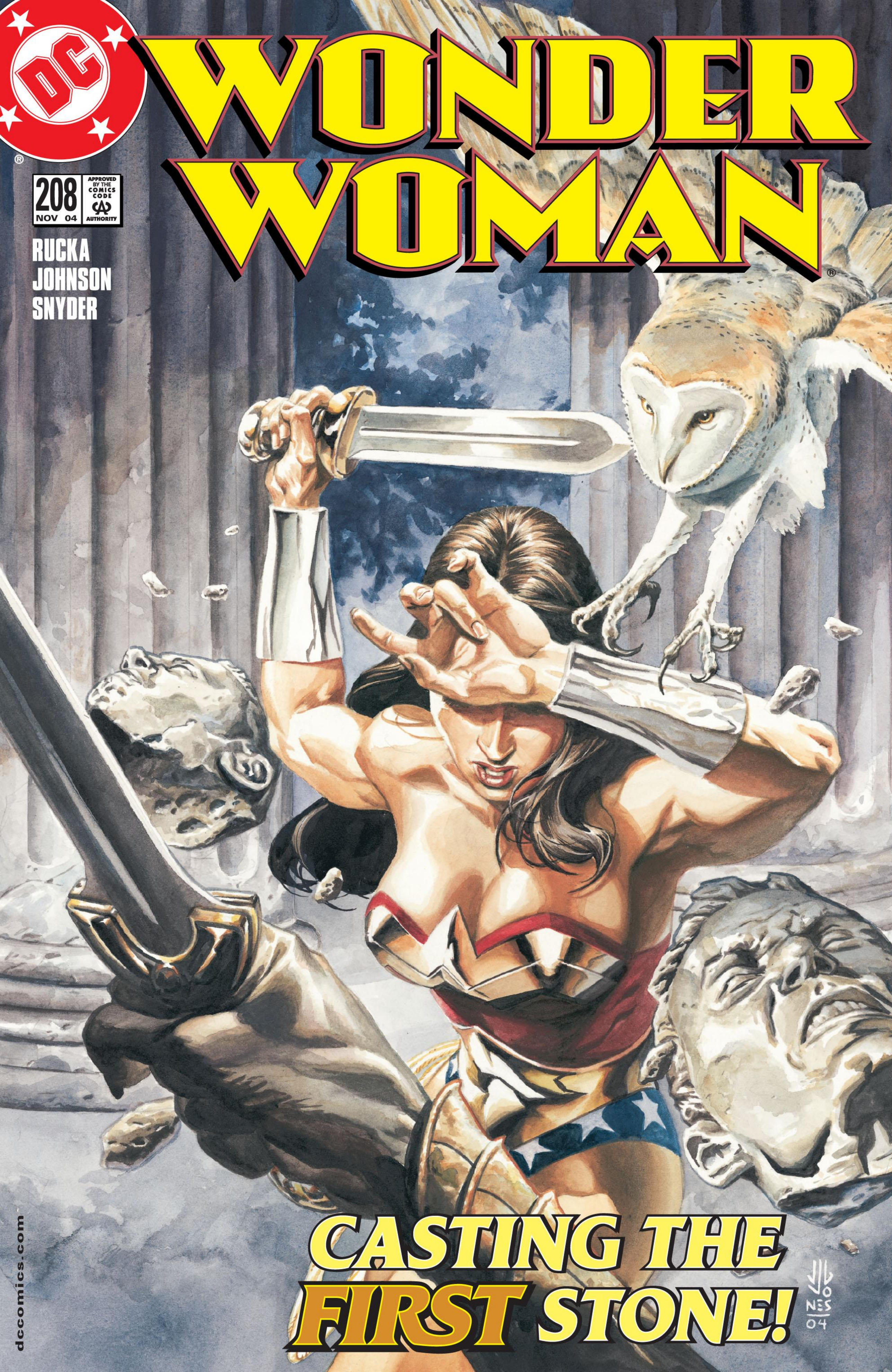
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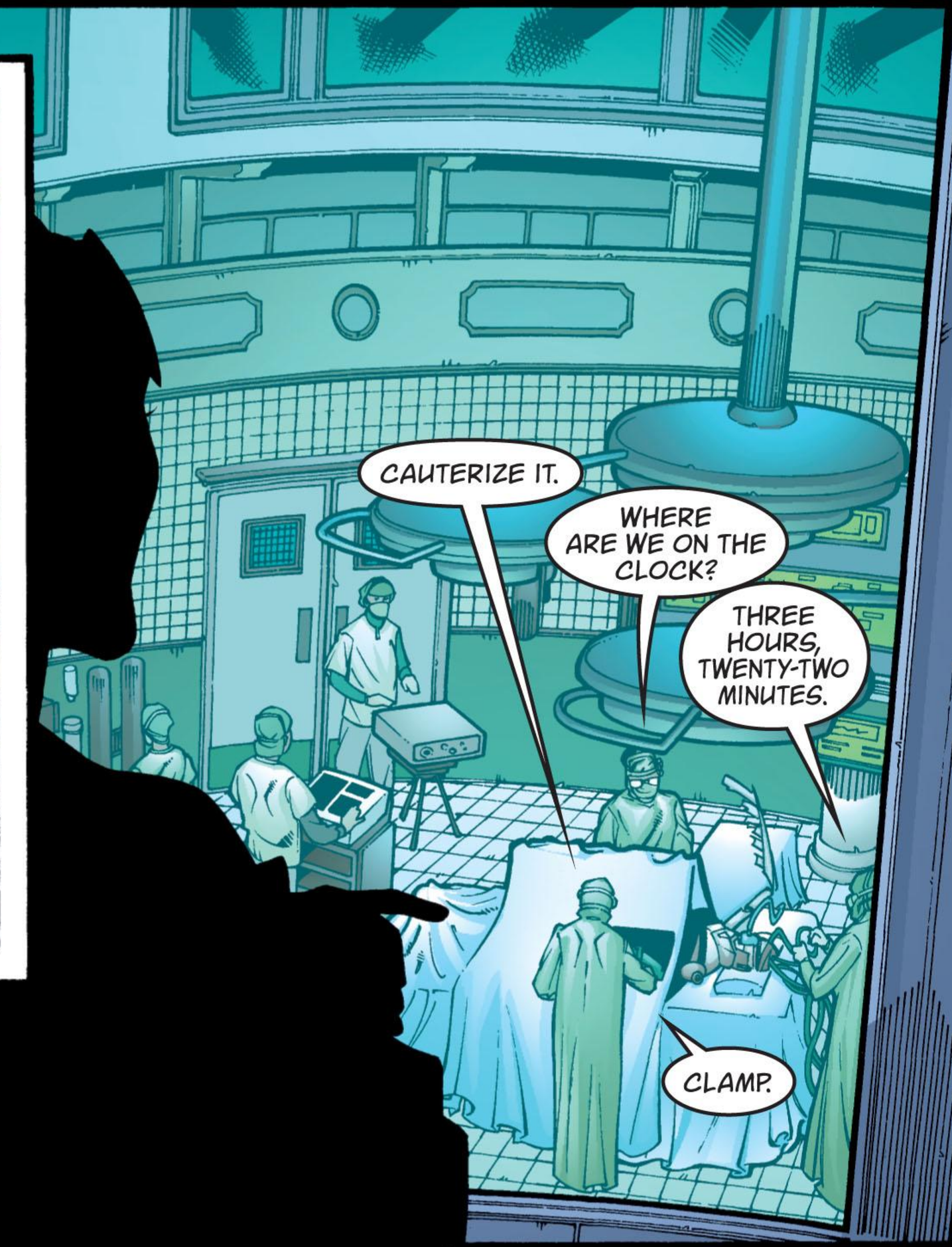


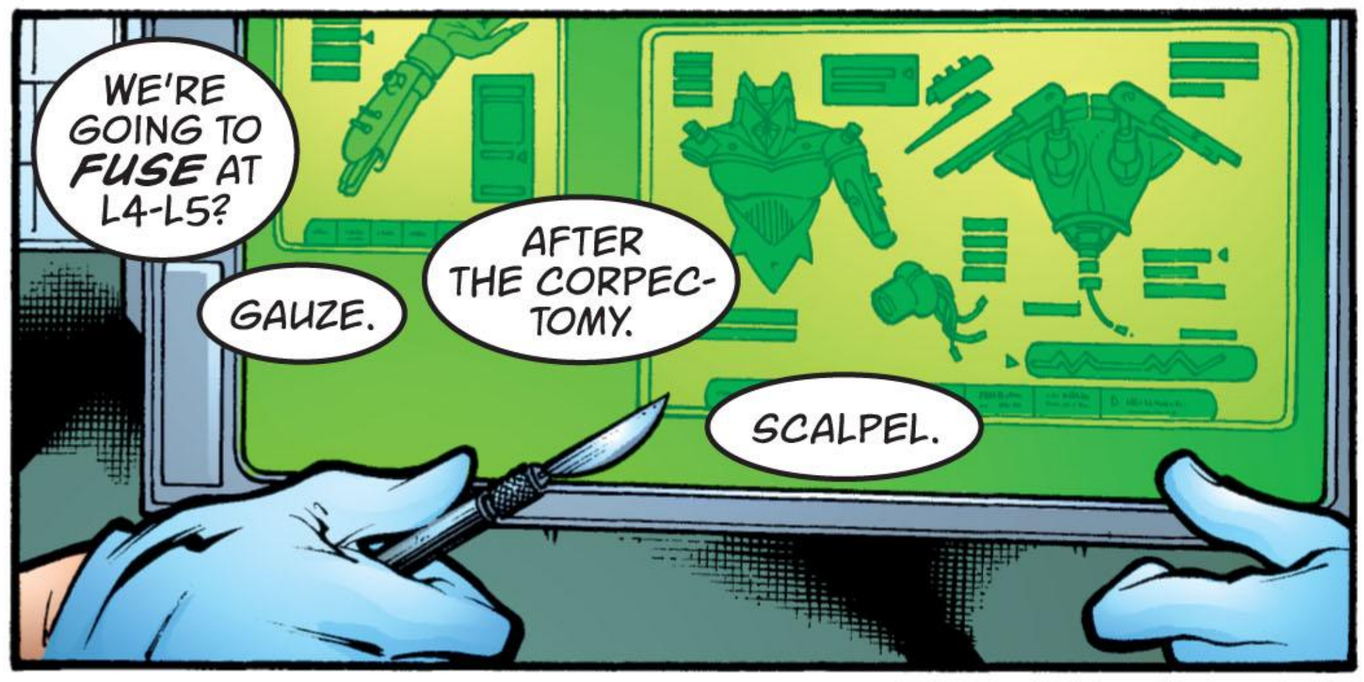
I'M GETTING UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE AMOUNT OF LUMBOSACRAL FRACTURING I'M SEEING HERE, DOCTOR ANDERSON.

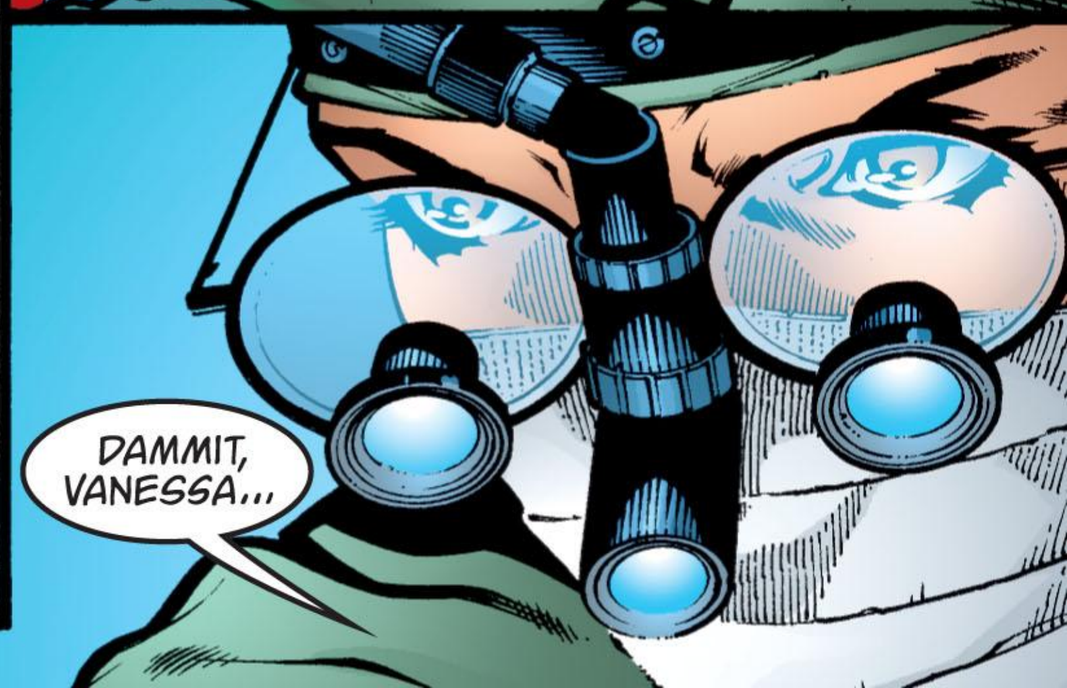
YOU'RE ***GETTING*** UNCOMFORTABLE? I ***PASSED*** UNCOMFORTABLE THREE HOURS AND TWENTY-TWO MINUTES AGO, DOCTOR SCOTT.

WE'LL WORRY ABOUT THE ***FRACTURING*** LATER. RIGHT NOW, IT'S THIS ***BLEEDING*** I DON'T LIKE.

DOCTOR GRIFFEN, TIE THAT OFF, PLEASE.

GOT IT.





...WHAT KIND OF MONSTER DID THIS TO YOU?
MADAME AMBASSADOR...?

I'M SORRY, MADAME AMBASSADOR, BUT IF YOU DELAY ANY LONGER, YOU'LL BE LATE.
SPONGE.
I'LL BE RIGHT OUT, ALANA.

HOLD THAT... RIGHT THERE...
I HAVE TO GO, JULIA.
I'LL CHECK IN AS SOON AS I CAN.

...GOOD. CLAMP THAT.

DAMMIT, WOULD YOU KEEP THAT CLEAR, PLEASE?
THE GODS LISTEN TO YOU, DIANA.

PRAY FOR MY DAUGHTER.

I NEVER STOPPED, JULIA.

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...GIVE IT SOME TIME TO GET ***STARTED*** BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR ***MOVE,*** UNDERSTAND?

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ***ANY*** TROUBLE WITH THE ***SECURITY,*** 'LEAST NOT AT ***FIRST.***

THEY SEE THAT ***LIVE*** IMAGE OF YOUR SMILING ***FACE*** AND THAT'LL BE THE ***END*** OF ***THAT.***

<SO WE HAVE DISCOVERED.>

I ***LOVE*** MY COUNTRY, MEDOUSA. I'M A ***PATRIOT.***

KILL WONDER WOMAN--HELL, KILL ***ALL*** THE THEMYSCIRANS, I DON'T CARE...

<YOU HAVE MY WORD, VERONICA CALE.>

...BUT YOU MAKE ***DAMN*** SURE YOU STAY AWAY FROM THE ***PRESIDENT,*** UNDER-STOOD?

DON'T BE HERE WHEN I GET ***BACK.***

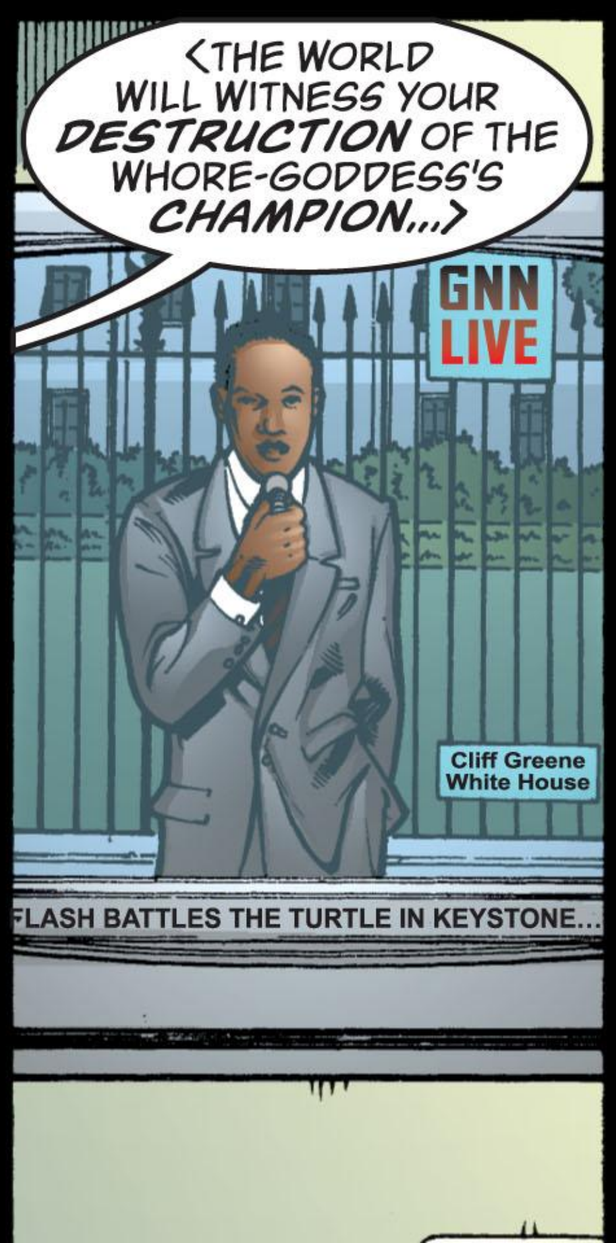
<...BUT WHAT IF I ***DON'T*** LOVE RAYMOND?>

<I'M SO CONFUSED.>

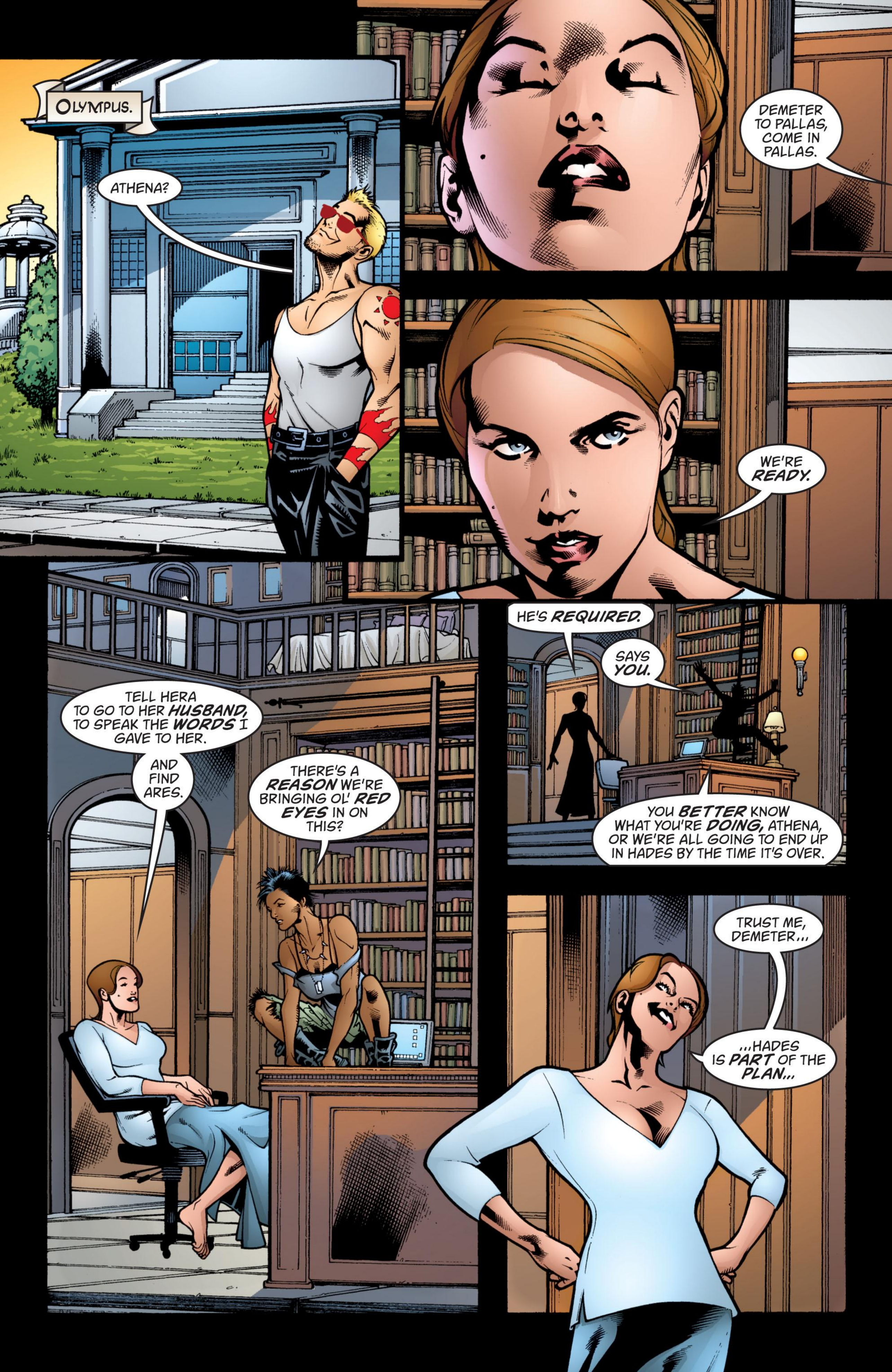
<LEAVE IT ALONE, STHENO!>

<THE WOMAN IS INTOLERABLE, EURYALE!>
<HER ARROGANCE THREATENS TO ECLIPSE EVEN BELLEROPHON'S!>
<PATIENCE, MY SISTER...>
<...CALE HAS SERVED HER PURPOSE. AFTER TONIGHT, WE WILL BE DONE WITH HER.>
<DO YOU REMEMBER THE WORDS? THE ENGLISH?>
<I CAN SPEAK IT.>
<OOOOH! ICE CREAM!>
<I LOVE ICE CREAM!>
Ron and Janes
ICE CREAM

<EVERYTHING IS READY?>
<WHAT YOU BEGIN TONIGHT ENDS AT THE AMPHITHEATRE, AS PLANNED, SISTER.>


<THE WORLD WILL WITNESS YOUR DESTRUCTION OF THE WHORE-GODDESS'S CHAMPION...>
GNN LIVE
Cliff Greene
White House
FLASH BATTLES THE TURTLE IN KEYSTONE...

<...AND PAY DEAR FOR THEIR MISPLACED FAITH IN WONDER WOMAN...>


OLYMPUS.
ATHENA?
DEMETER TO PALLAS, COME IN PALLAS.
WE'RE READY.
HE'S REQUIRED.
SAYS YOU.
YOU BETTER KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DOING, ATHENA, OR WE'RE ALL GOING TO END UP IN HADES BY THE TIME IT'S OVER.
TELL HERA TO GO TO HER HUSBAND, TO SPEAK THE WORDS I GAVE TO HER.
AND FIND ARES.
THERE'S A REASON WE'RE BRINGING OL' RED EYES IN ON THIS?
TRUST ME, DEMETER...
...HADES IS PART OF THE PLAN...

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...INTRODUCE HER EXCELLENCY PHILLIPUS OF THEMYSCIRA, ARCHON EPONYMOUS...

...HER EXCELLENCY ARTEMIS OF THE BANA-MIGHDALL, POLEMARCH...

...AND THE HONORABLE DIANA, DAUGHTER OF HIPPOLYTA, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF THEMYSCIRA TO THE UNITED STATES.

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<NOW WHAT?>
<NOW WE LOOK PLEASANT AND TRY TO KEEP THE MEN IN THE ROOM FROM WETTING THEMSELVES IN FEAR.>
<EASIER SAID THAN DONE.>
<I SHOULD HAVE WORN FULL BATTLE DRESS, INSTEAD OF THIS COSTUME ARMOR.>
<AND HAVE CAUSED AN INTERNATIONAL INCIDENT?>
<PRECISELY WHAT WE'RE HOPING TO AVOID.>
<SAYS YOU, PHILLIPUS.>
<WE COULD TAKE THEM.>
<IT WAS JUST A JOKE, DIANA.>
<AND NOT EVEN A REMOTELY FUNNY ONE, ARTEMIS.>
<DON'T MAKE IT AGAIN.>
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE PRESIDENT AND FIRST LADY OF THE UNITED STATES...
...JONATHAN VINCENT HORNE AND JANET MANNING HORNE...

...SOUTH SIX, CHECK.
CLEAR.
SOUTH SEVEN, CHECK.
CLEAR.
YOU.
LOOK AT ME.

...NO, THE TITLES WERE ***ADOPTED*** AFTER THE ***DIS-SOLUTION*** OF THE ***MONARCHY,*** MISTER PRESIDENT.

ARCHON EPONYMOUS EQUATES TO YOUR ***CIVIC*** OFFICE, WHILE THE POSITION OF POLEMARCH TRANSLATES TO ***WAR*** LEADER, SIMILAR TO YOUR POSITION AS COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF...

FINE, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

DOCTOR CALE, I'M ***GLAD*** TO SEE THAT YOU'VE ***RECOVERED*** FROM YOUR ***ORDEAL*** WITH DOCTOR PSYCHO.

TAKES ***MORE*** THAN A ***MAD*** MIDGET TO KEEP ME ***DOWN.***

AND OF COURSE YOU REMEMBER SENATOR HALE.

A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU AGAIN, AMBAS-SADOR.

AND HOW'S LESLIE? HAVEN'T TALKED TO HER IN A WHILE. SHE STILL HELPING YOU SOLVE YOUR ***TERRORIST*** PROBLEM?

VANESSA KAPATELIS IS ***NOT*** A TERRORIST.

I WAS ABOUT TO ASK ***YOU*** THE SAME--

HEY THERE, ANGEL...

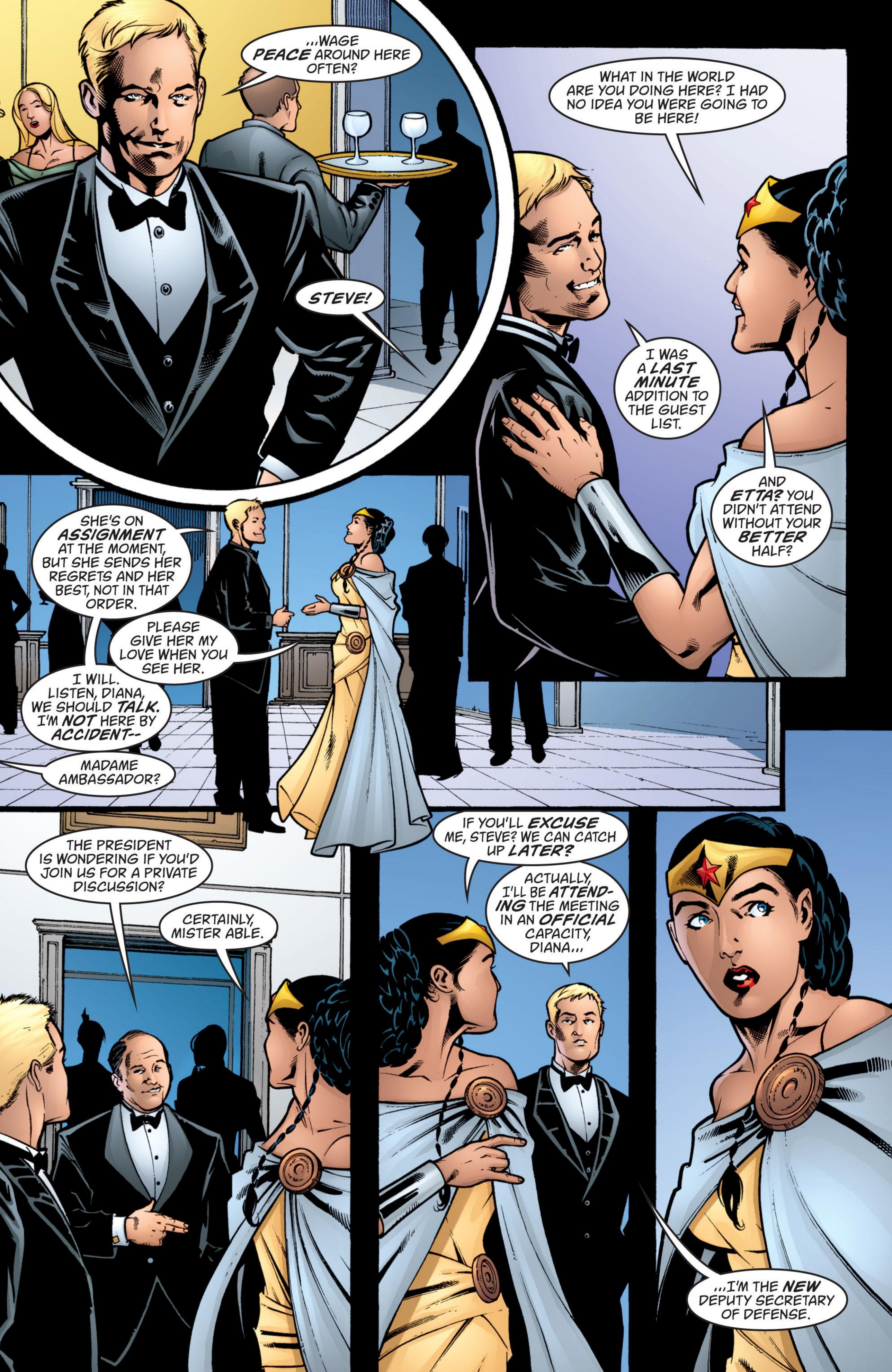
I'M ***SORRY,*** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SILVER SWAN, RIGHT? SHOULD I HAVE SAID ***SUPER-VILLAIN,*** INSTEAD?

VICTIM MIGHT BE ***BETTER.*** VANESSA WAS TORTURED, MUTI-LATED, AND ***BRAIN-WASHED.***

AND THIS WAS ALL DONE BY THAT ARGEN-TINE FELLOW, WHAT'S HIS NAME? ***BALLESTEROS?***

I THINK SOME OF IT WAS DONE BY SOMEONE ***ELSE,*** ACTUALLY.

YOU DON'T SAY. WHO WOULD ***DO*** SUCH A THING?


...WAGE PEACE AROUND HERE OFTEN?
STEVE!
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU DOING HERE? I HAD NO IDEA YOU WERE GOING TO BE HERE!
I WAS A LAST MINUTE ADDITION TO THE GUEST LIST.
AND ETTA? YOU DIDN'T ATTEND WITHOUT YOUR BETTER HALF?
SHE'S ON ASSIGNMENT AT THE MOMENT, BUT SHE SENDS HER REGRETS AND HER BEST, NOT IN THAT ORDER.
PLEASE GIVE HER MY LOVE WHEN YOU SEE HER.
I WILL. LISTEN, DIANA, WE SHOULD TALK. I'M NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT--
MADAME AMBASSADOR?
THE PRESIDENT IS WONDERING IF YOU'D JOIN US FOR A PRIVATE DISCUSSION?
CERTAINLY, MISTER ABLE.
IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, STEVE? WE CAN CATCH UP LATER?
ACTUALLY, I'LL BE ATTENDING THE MEETING IN AN OFFICIAL CAPACITY, DIANA...
...I'M THE NEW DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

THE PRESIDENT WANTS YOU TO SIT THIS OUT, STEVE.
THE SECRETARY'S STILL IN UMEC, ADRIAN. HE DIRECTED ME TO ATTEND IN HIS STEAD.
THE PRESIDENT FEELS--AND I AGREE-- THAT YOU'RE NOT THE MOST OBJECTIVE SOURCE ON THE SUBJECT OF THEMYSCIRA.
I KNOW THE AMAZONS BETTER THAN ANYONE IN THIS ADMINISTRATION. YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE.
MAYBE. BUT I'M THE WHITE HOUSE CHIEF OF STAFF, AND I DO WHAT THE PRESIDENT SAYS...
...SAME AS YOU.

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN DO THIS **QUICKLY** AND GET BACK FOR THE **MEAL.**

AS THE SECRETARY OF STATE MADE CLEAR, LADIES, OUR CONCERN IS **SECURITY-** BASED.

WE ARE A **NEUTRAL** NATION OF **THREE THOUSAND,** MISTER ABLE.

WHAT **THREAT** CAN WE POSSIBLY POSE TO THE WORLD'S ONLY **SUPERPOWER?**

YOUR CULTURE IS A **SECRETIVE** AND **MARTIAL** ONE, AND NOW IT'S PARKED NINETY MILES FROM THE CAROLINAS.

I'D BE **REMISS** IN MY DUTIES TO THIS COUNTRY IF I DIDN'T AC- KNOWLEDGE THAT AS A POTENTIAL SECURITY THREAT.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE, MISTER PRESIDENT?

THERE ARE **OPTIONS,** SEVERAL OF THEM. AN OPENING OF **TRADE,** FOR INSTANCE, OR A **TREATY.**

MUTUAL PROTECTION, OR EVEN **NON-AGGRES- SION** WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.

BUT SUCH A TREATY WOULD THREATEN OUR **NEUTRALITY.**

I'M **SORRY,** MISTER PRESIDENT, BUT IT'S SIMPLY **NOT** AN OPTION.

AS FOR **TRADE,** WE ALREADY HAVE **EVERYTHING** WE **NEED.**

YOU WOULD BENEFIT, BUT **WE** WOULD NOT.

WHEN THE ISLAND WAS **OPEN** TO VISITORS, THERE WERE REPORTS OF THEMYS- CIRA'S **INCREDIBLE** TECHNOLOGIES.

INVISIBLE JETS AND PURPLE HEALING **RAYS.**

IF YOU HAVE **TECHNOLOGY** THAT CAN CURE **CANCER...**

...SHOULDN'T YOU **SHARE** THAT WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD?

HEY.
YOU SEE SOMEONE COME DOWN HERE?
EXCUSE ME.
MOTHER OF GOD.
LOOK AT ME.
HNNN
LOOK AT ME...
...LOOK...
NHNNNHH

GHAA!
HFFF
<AWAY FROM ME, BEAST!>
<WHAT IS THIS MORTAL TO YOU, THAT YOU WOULD SAVE HIM?>
YOU'RE IN THE WRONG HOUSE, LADY.
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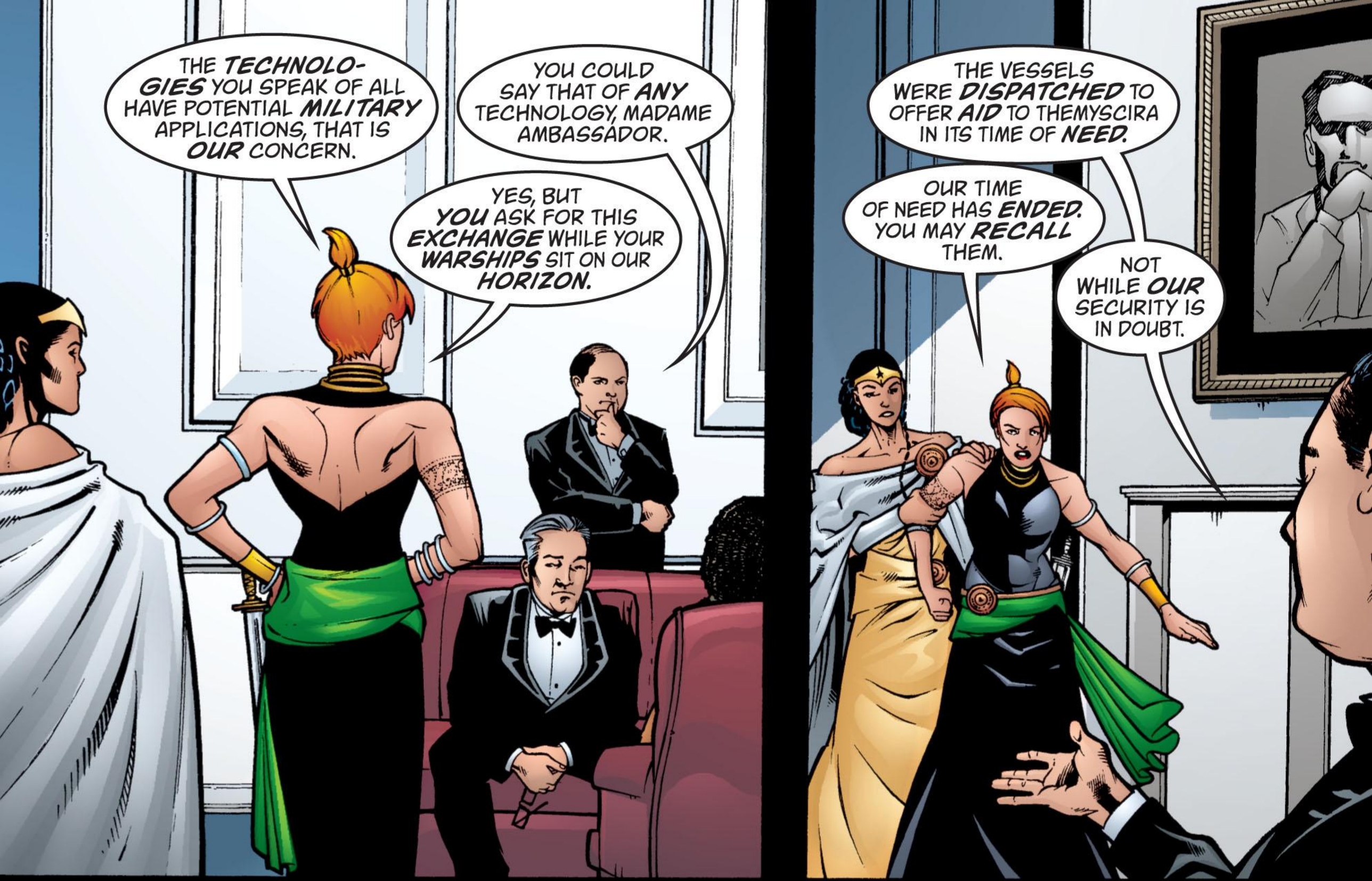
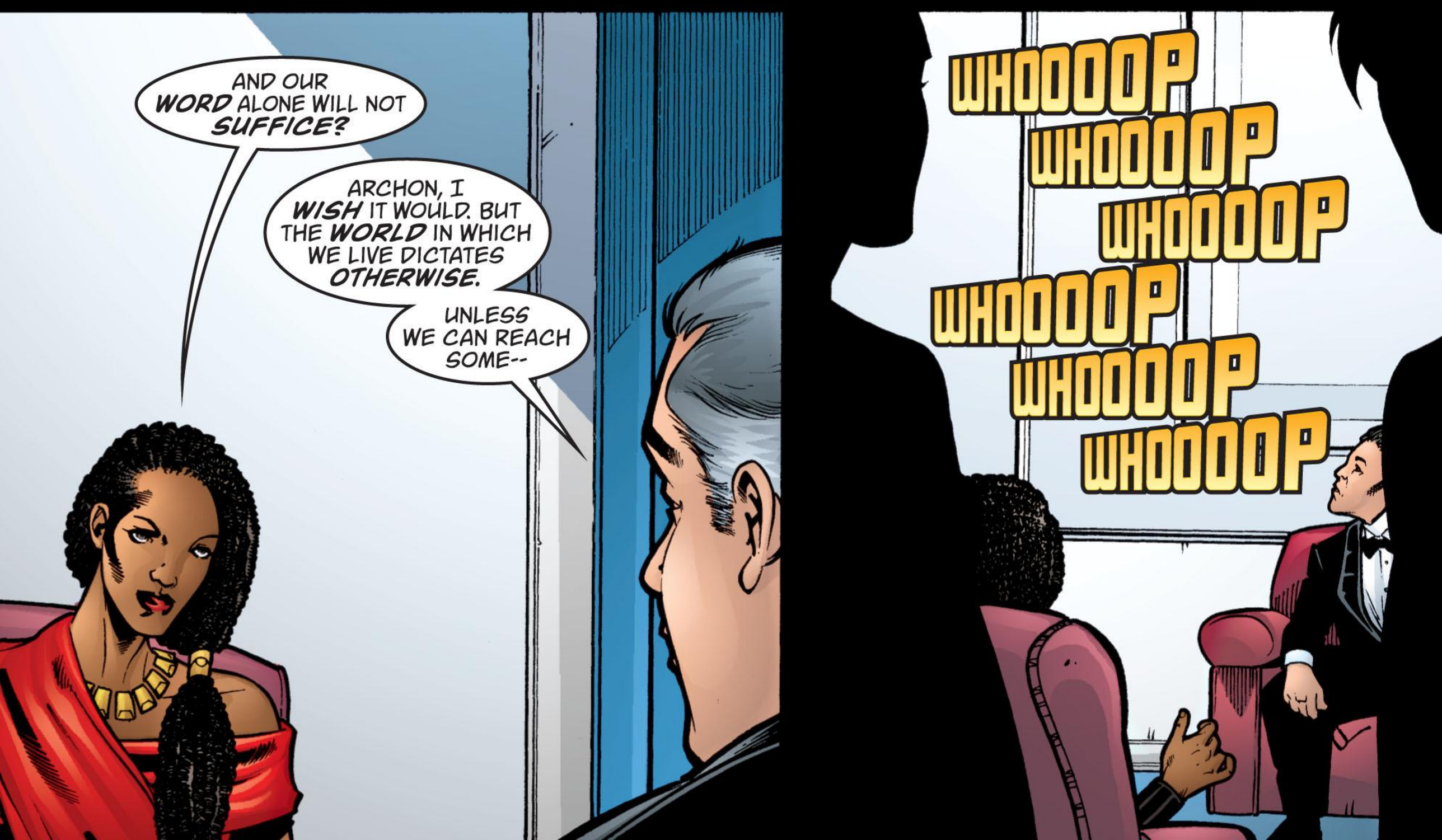

THE TECHNOLOGIES YOU SPEAK OF ALL HAVE POTENTIAL MILITARY APPLICATIONS, THAT IS OUR CONCERN.
YOU COULD SAY THAT OF ANY TECHNOLOGY, MADAME AMBASSADOR.
YES, BUT YOU ASK FOR THIS EXCHANGE WHILE YOUR WARSHIPS SIT ON OUR HORIZON.
THE VESSELS WERE DISPATCHED TO OFFER AID TO THEMYSCIRA IN ITS TIME OF NEED.
OUR TIME OF NEED HAS ENDED. YOU MAY RECALL THEM.
NOT WHILE OUR SECURITY IS IN DOUBT.

WE HAVE ASSURED YOU--
YES, AND YET YOU'VE OFFERED NOTHING TO BACK THAT ASSURANCE!


AND OUR WORD ALONE WILL NOT SUFFICE?
ARCHON, I WISH IT WOULD. BUT THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE DICTATES OTHERWISE.
UNLESS WE CAN REACH SOME--
WHOOOOP
WHOOOOP
WHOOOOP
WHOOOOP
WHOOOOP
WHOOOOP

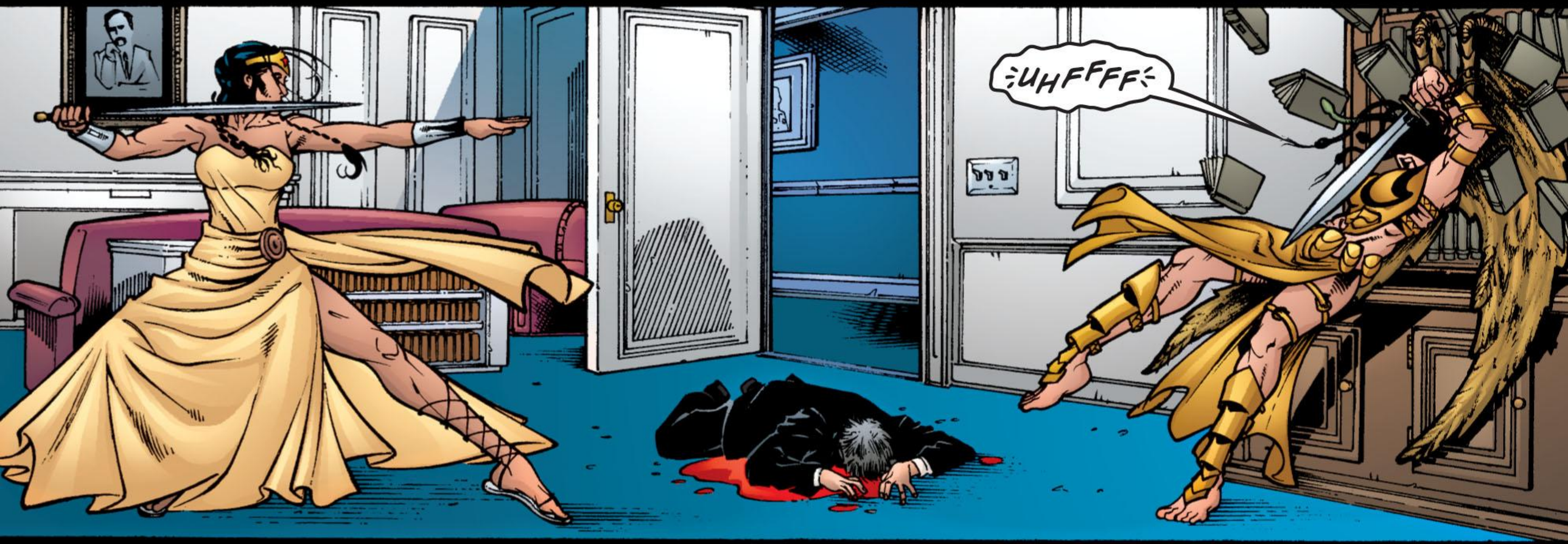
MISTER PRESIDENT! PLEASE, WE'VE GOT TO GET YOU TO SAFETY--
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
THERE'S AN INTRUDER--

<DIANA OF THEMYSCIRA, CHAMPION OF ATHENA-->

<--IN THE GAZE OF MEDOUSA MEET YOUR END!>

DON'T LOOK AT HER!
IN NEITH'S NAME, IT CAN'T BE HER!
GET THE PRESIDENT TO SAFETY!
I'LL DEAL WITH THE GORGON!
TAKE MY BLADE!
<HAVE YOU GROWN SOFT IN YOUR EMBASSY, AMAZON?>
<CAN YOU STILL FIGHT?>
<OR ARE YOU A COWARD LIKE PERSEUS-->

<--MURDERING YOUR VICTIMS IN THEIR SLEEP?!>
<YOU'LL FIND I CAN HOLD MY OWN.>
:GHHNN: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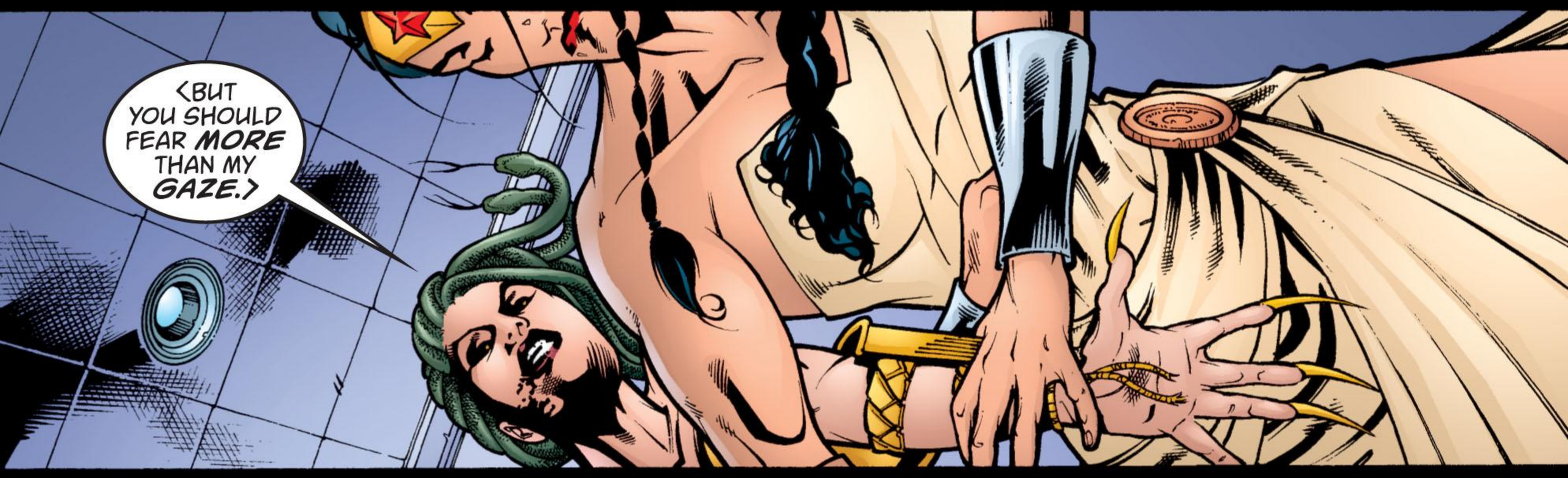
<YOU DO YOUR KIND CREDIT, AMAZON...>
<...EVEN IF YOU FIGHT LIKE A FOOL.>
<I FIGHT TO WIN.>
<CLEVER.>


<BUT YOU SHOULD FEAR MORE THAN MY GAZE.>

:NH-GHNNNN:
<THEY BITE DEEP, AMAZON.>

:HFFFF:
<THAT'S JUST THE FIRST TASTE OF YOUR PAIN.>
<YOUR TORMENT IS JUST BEGIN-NING.>
<THINK HOW MUCH MORE YOU WILL HURT WHEN IT'S YOUR FRIENDS WHO MEET MY EYES...>

DIANA!
YOU'RE HURT...
THE SERPENTS...
...THEIR VENOM IS ACID...
...I CAN FEEL IT BURNING INSIDE ME...
YOU MUST TEND TO YOUR WOUNDS--
NO. I HAVE TO STOP HER.
SHE'S GOING TO ATTACK THE EMBASSY.
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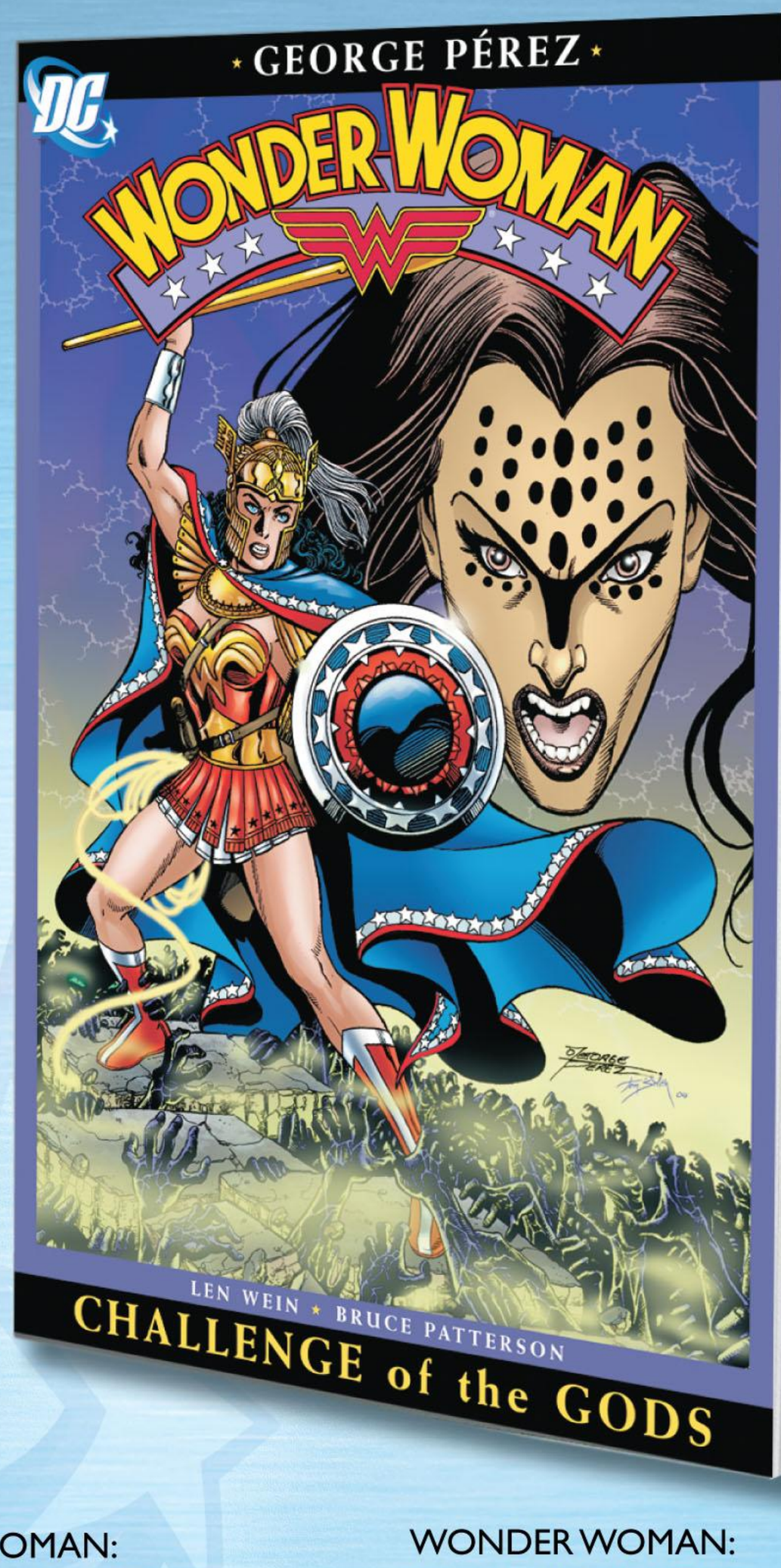

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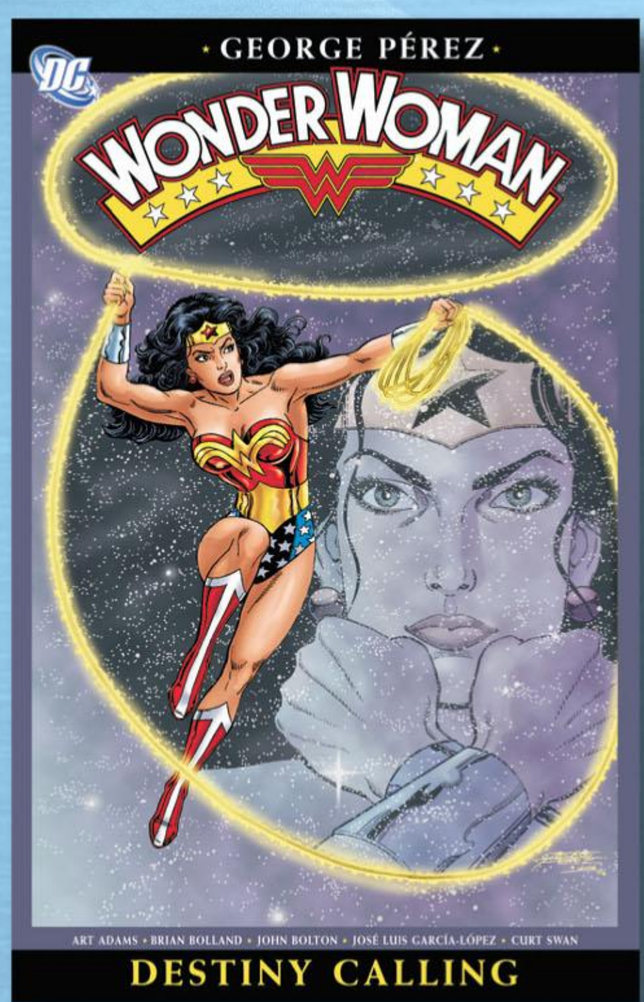

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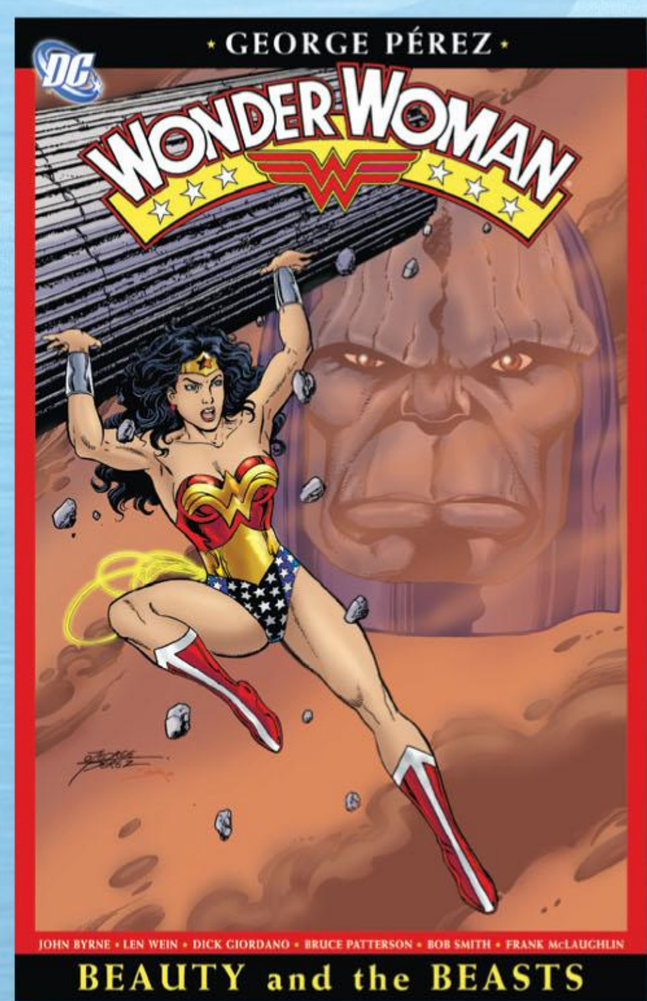

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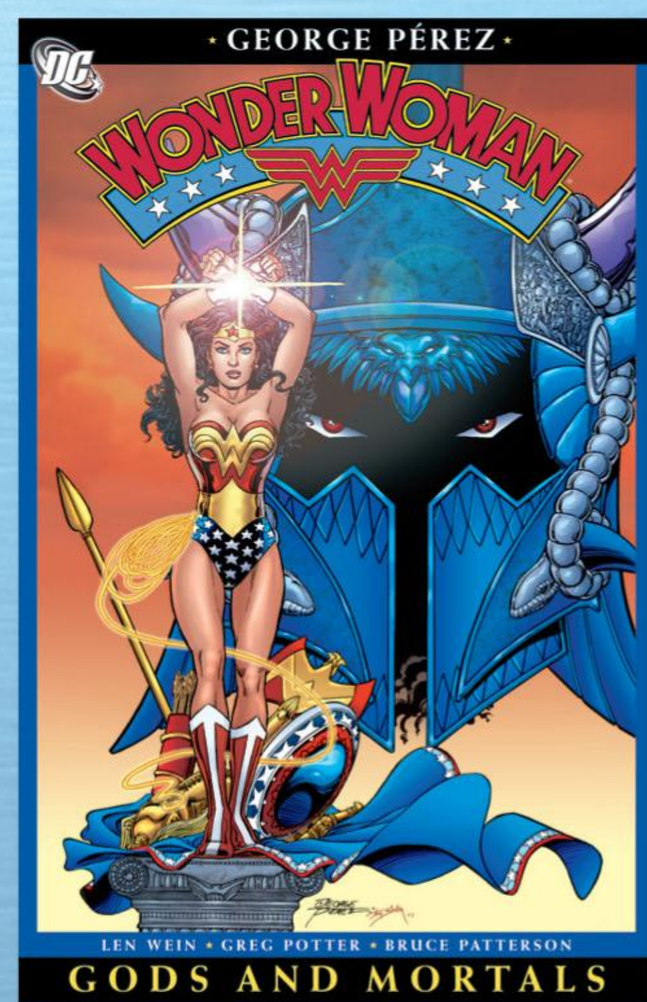

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