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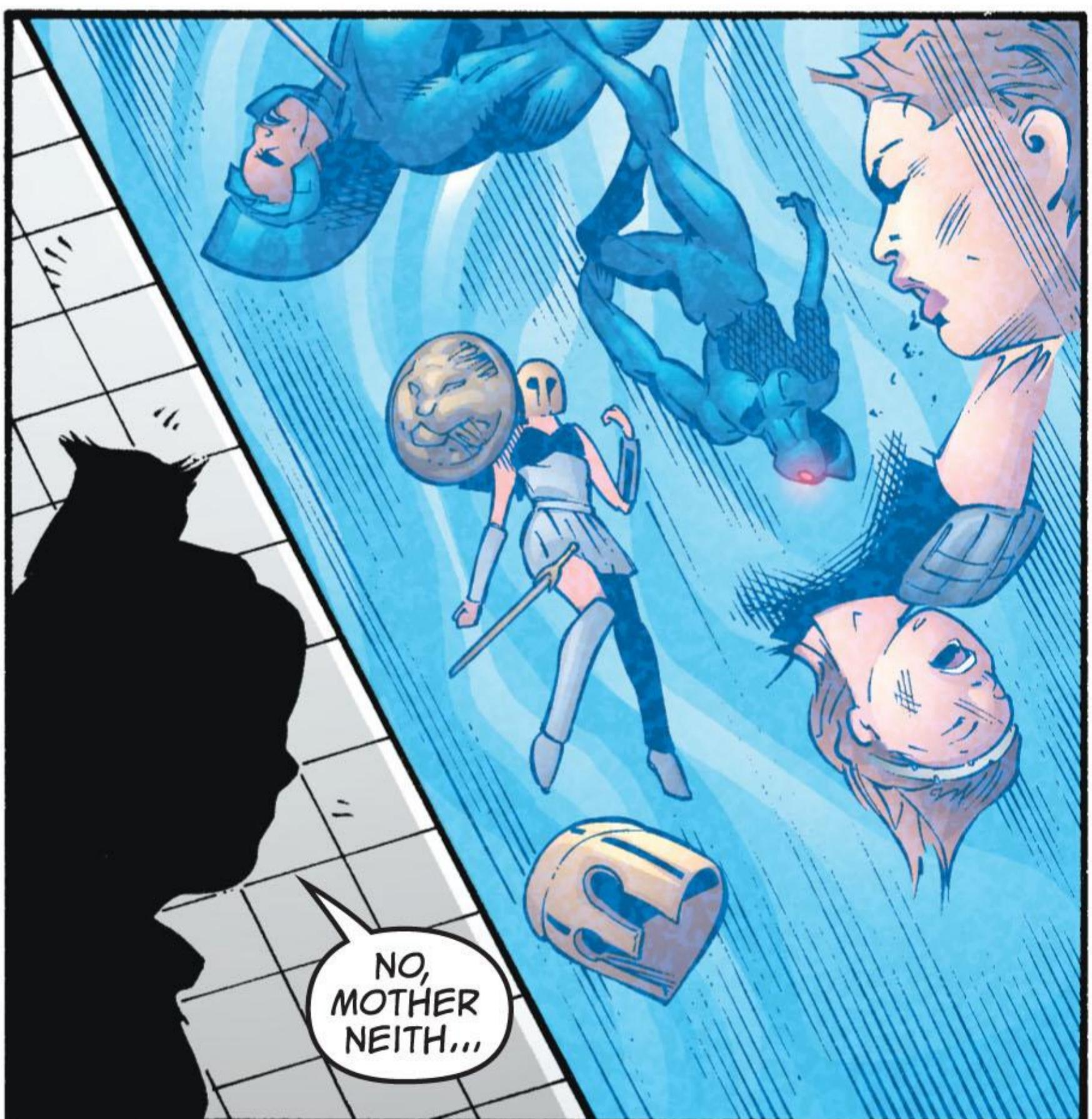
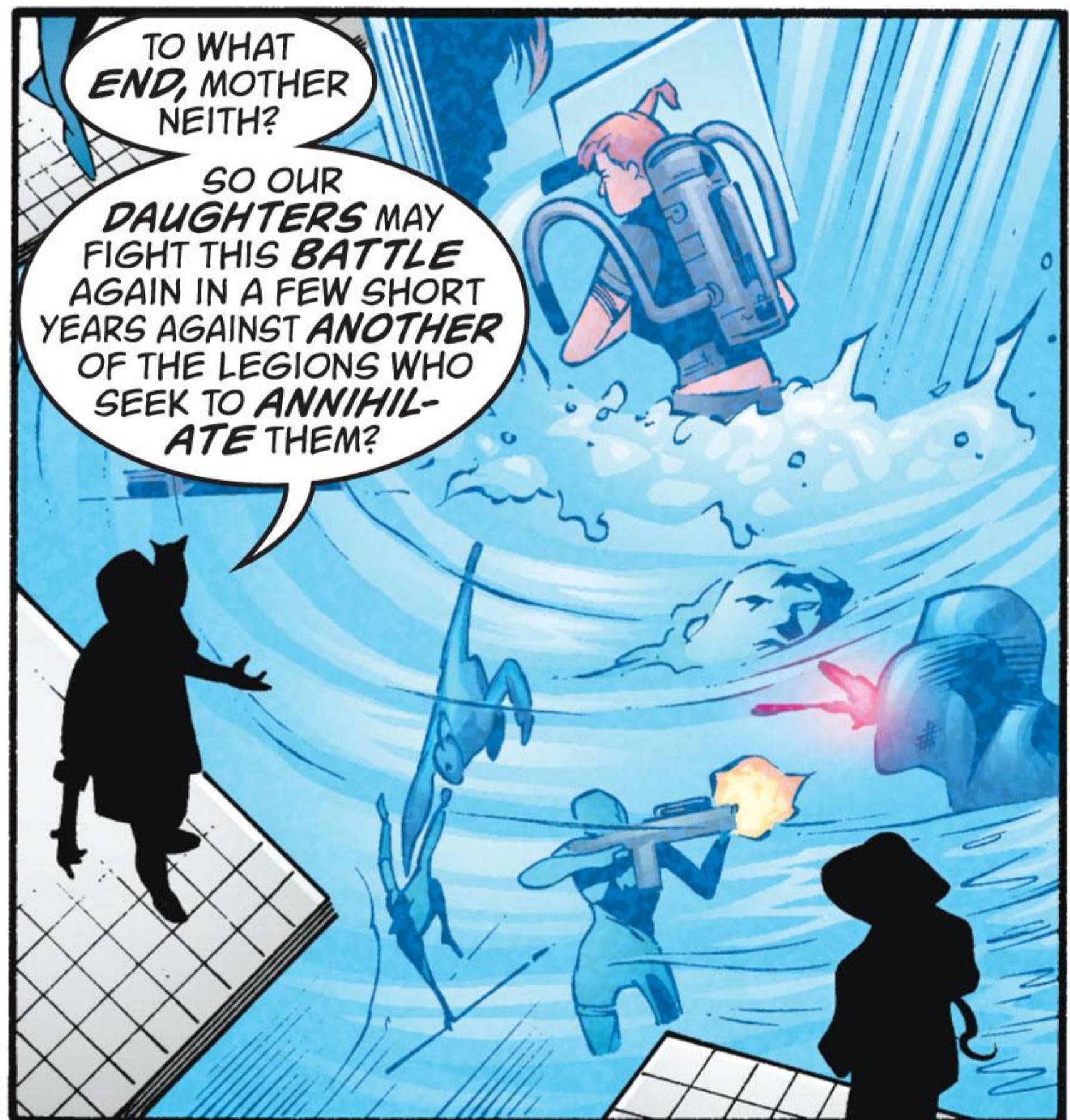
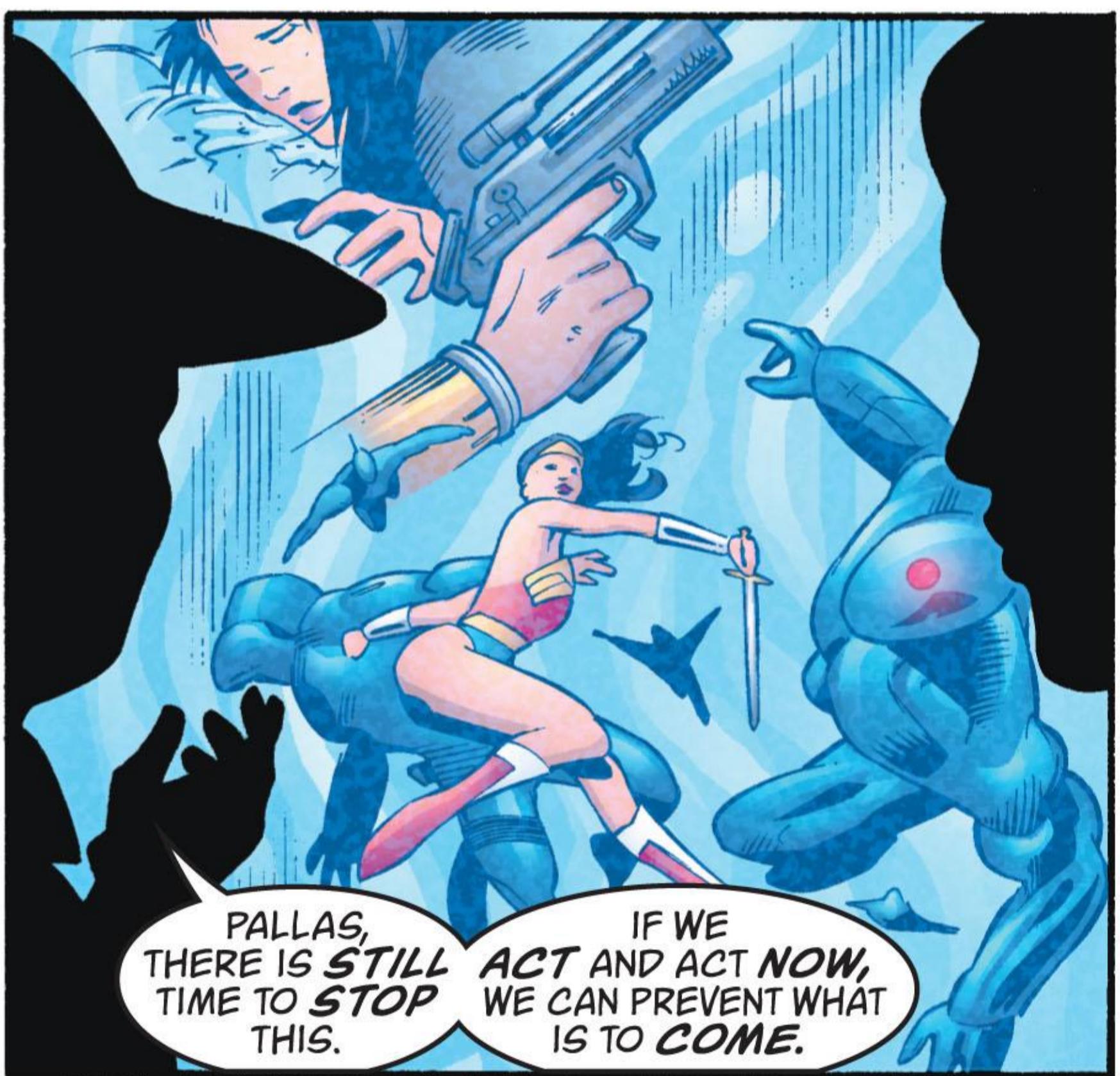
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WAR IN PARADISE!



# MARATHON

## PART TWO

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THE GODS HAVE A PLAN.

WE ARE NOT TO KNOW THEIR MINDS.

WE ARE NOT TO GUESS  
AT THEIR DESIGNS.

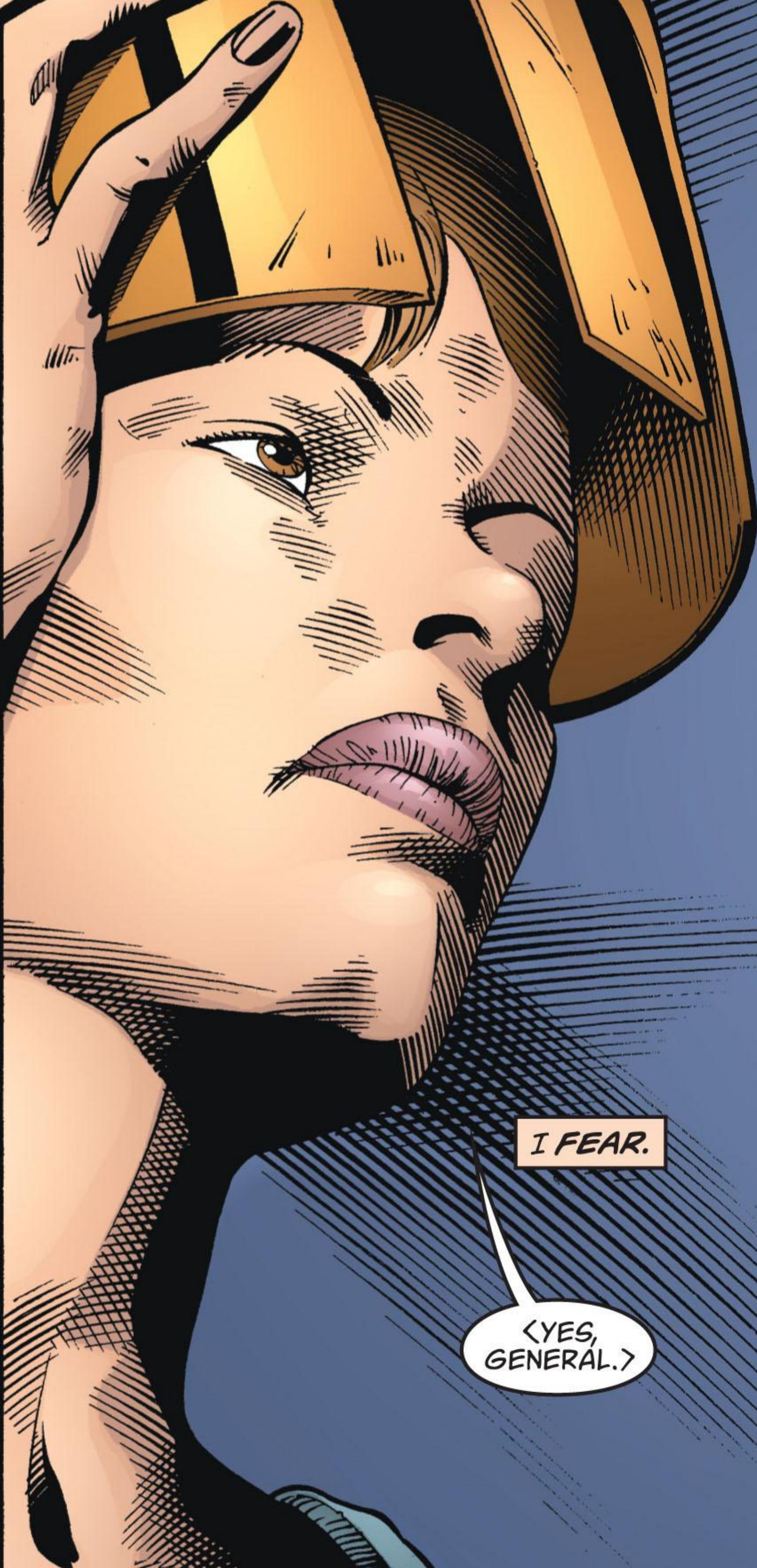
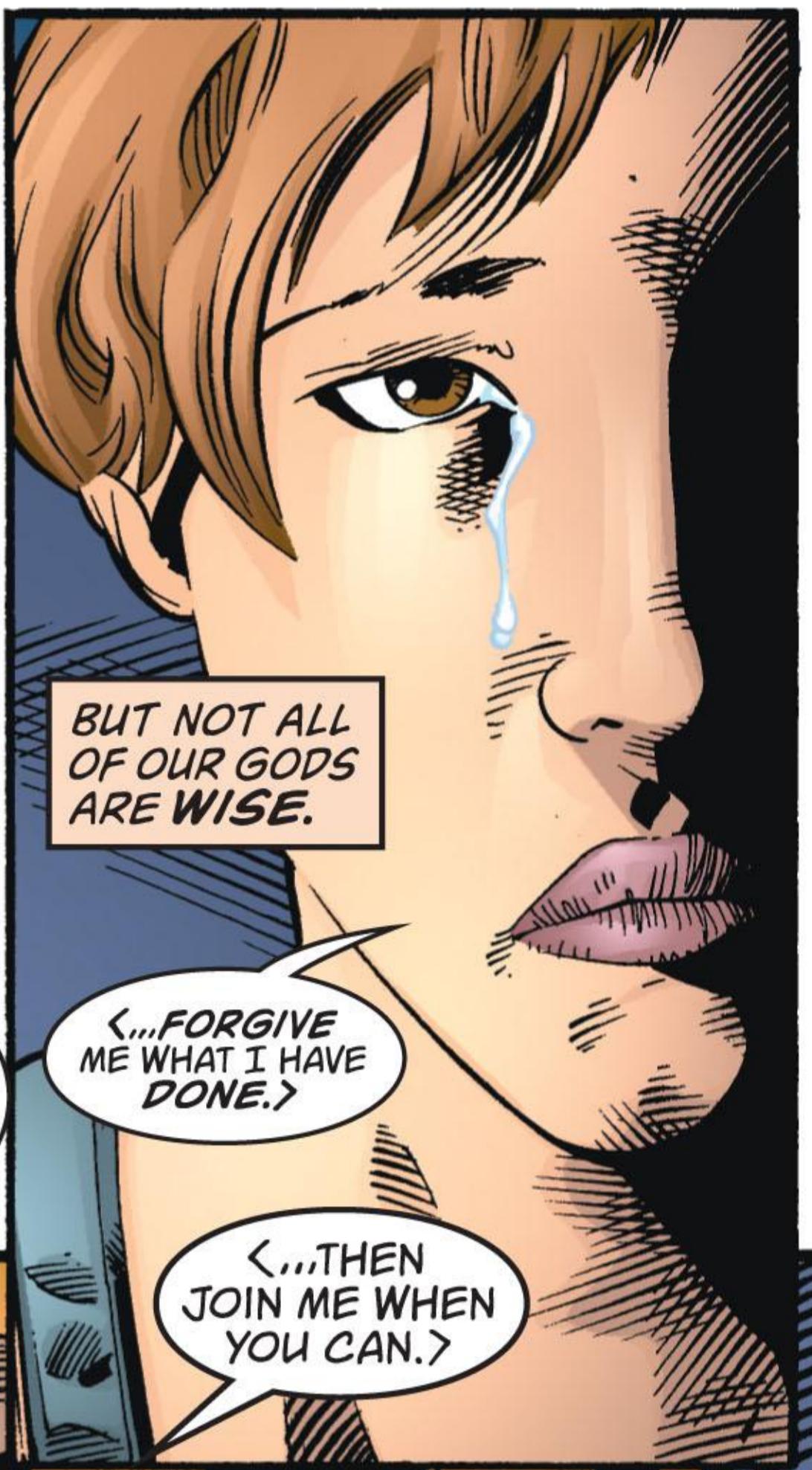
WE ARE ONLY TO TRUST  
IN THEM, TO HAVE FAITH  
THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN  
EACH AND EVERY ONE  
OF US A PURPOSE...

...A DESTINY TO BE FULFILLED...

...SOME MORE GRAND THAN OTHERS.

THE GODS TEST US,  
AND IN SO DOING, THEY  
TEST OUR FAITH.

WE DO NOT ALWAYS  
PASS THEIR TESTS.



MY SISTERS, ALWAYS SMILING, CALL ME SIMPLE.

<FOR THEMYS-CIRA!!>

<DIANA!>

<FOR HOME AND HEARTH!>

"SIMPLE IO," THEY SAY, "CONTENT AT HER FORGE."

IT IS NOT THAT I AM STUPID.

<STAY AWAY FROM HER!>

IT IS NOT THAT I AM SLOW.

I AM SIMPLE BECAUSE I WISH TO SEE THINGS SIMPLY.

TARGET ACQUIRED.

EITHER THE BLADE IS TRUE OR IT ISN'T.

BECAUSE I DO NOT CARE FOR SHADES OF GRAY.

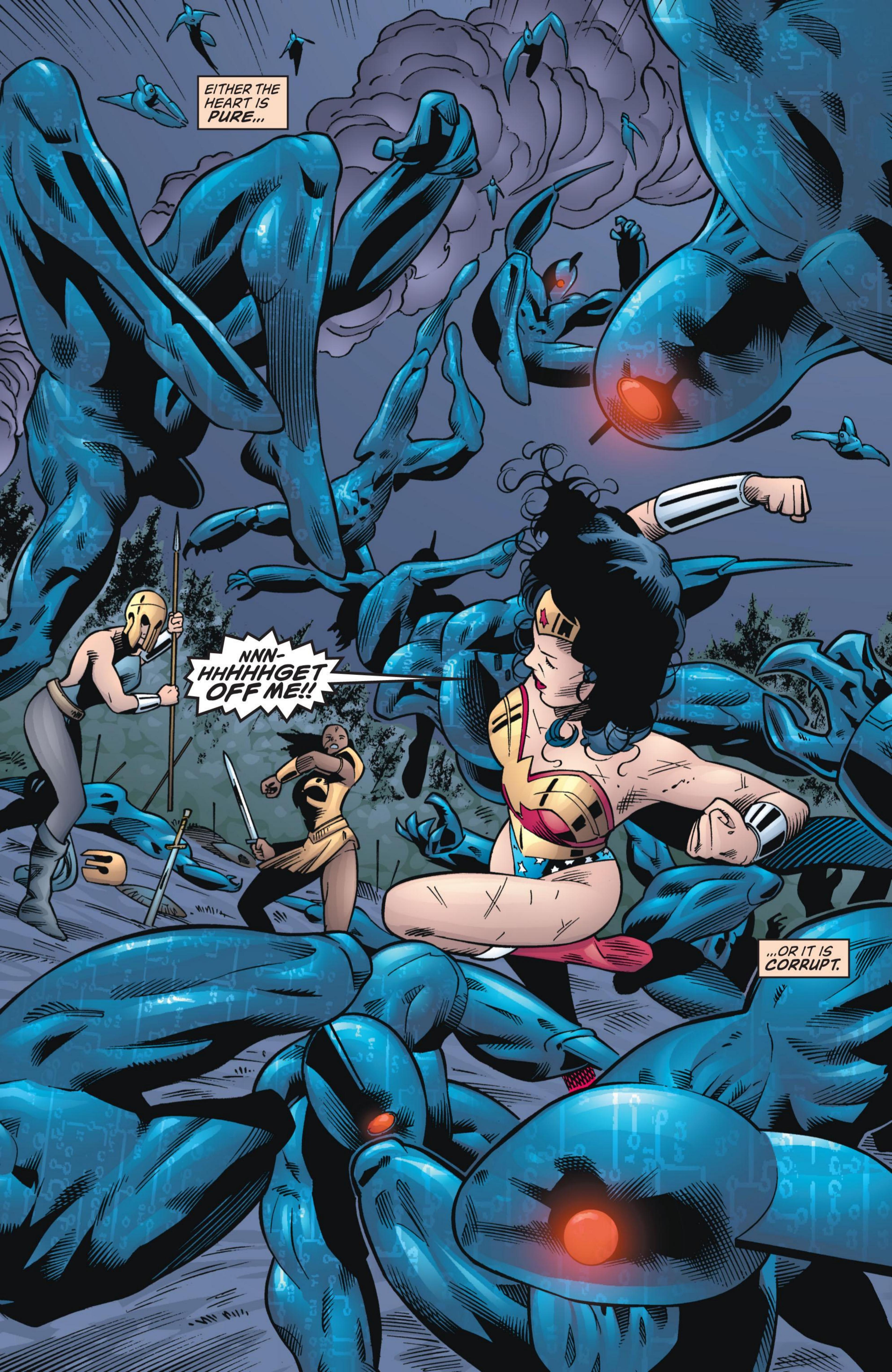
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EITHER THE ACTION IS RIGHT, OR IT IS WRONG.

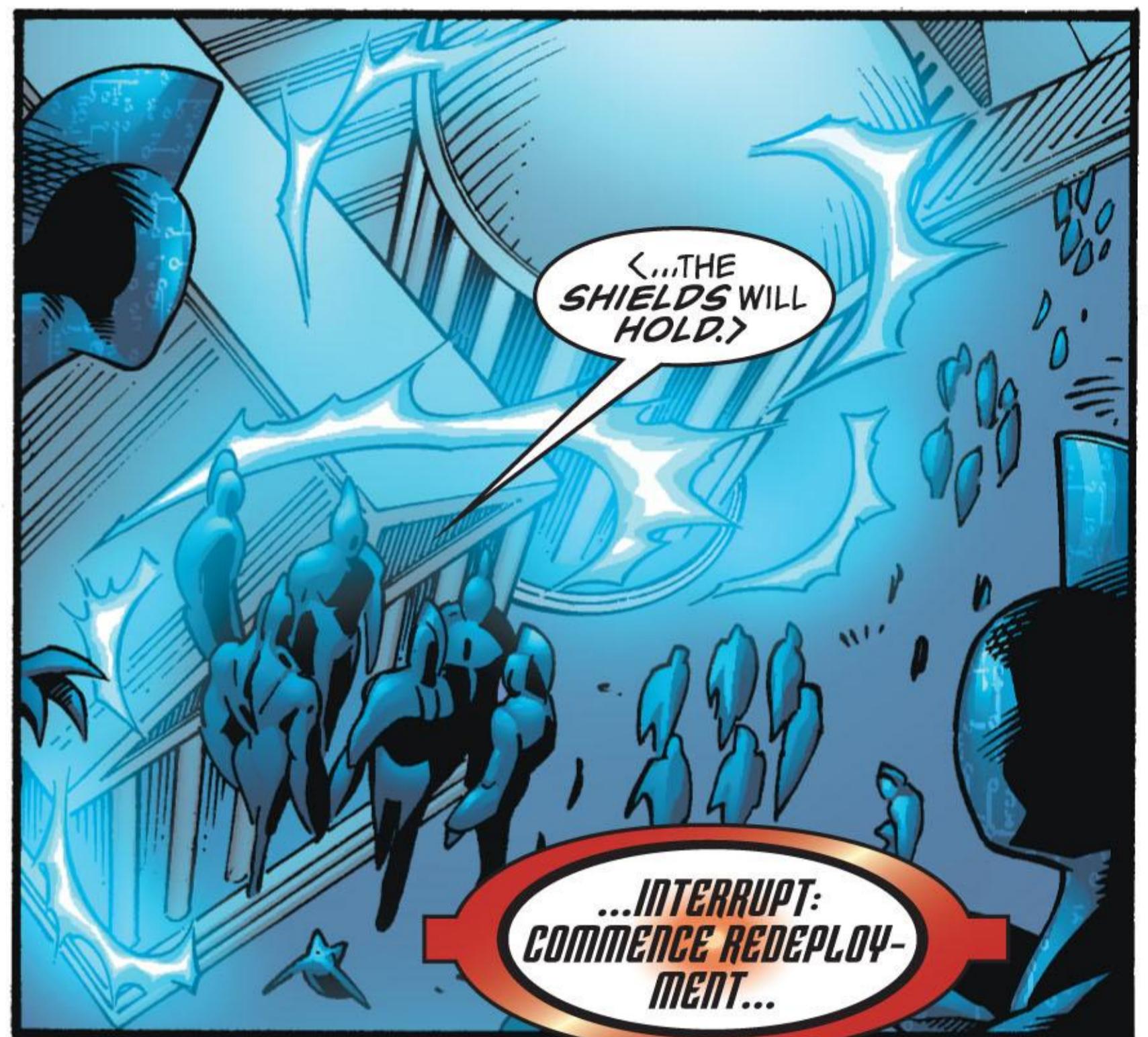
EITHER THE  
HEART IS  
PURE...

NNN-  
HHHHHGET  
OFF ME!!

...OR IT IS  
CORRUPT.













THE WIND WHISTLING THROUGH MY HELMET MAKES IT HARD TO HEAR HER.

«THERE MUST BE A WAY TO REASON WITH THEM!»

BUT I HEAR ENOUGH.

«DO YOU NOT THINK WE'VE TRIED, DIANA?»

THERE ARE SO MANY THINGS I WOULD SAY TO HER.

IT SEEMS THERE IS NEVER THE TIME.

«THEY ANSWER NO ATTEMPTS TO PARLEY!»

«THEIR INTENT IS PLAIN, DIANA! THEY MEAN TO SLAUGHTER US ALL!»

AND WHEN THERE IS THE TIME, MY WORDS FAIL ME.

«THERE ARE INNOCENT PEOPLE TRAPPED IN THOSE METAL SHELLS, PHILLIPUS!»

HER VOICE CATCHES, HER BREATH FALTERS...

THEY ARE FAILING ME NOW.

«THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS!»

«AND THUS WE SHOULD ALLOW THEM TO SLAUGHTER US?»

«OF COURSE NOT, GENERAL! BUT WE MUST...»

«...MERCIFUL MOTHERS OF US ALL...»

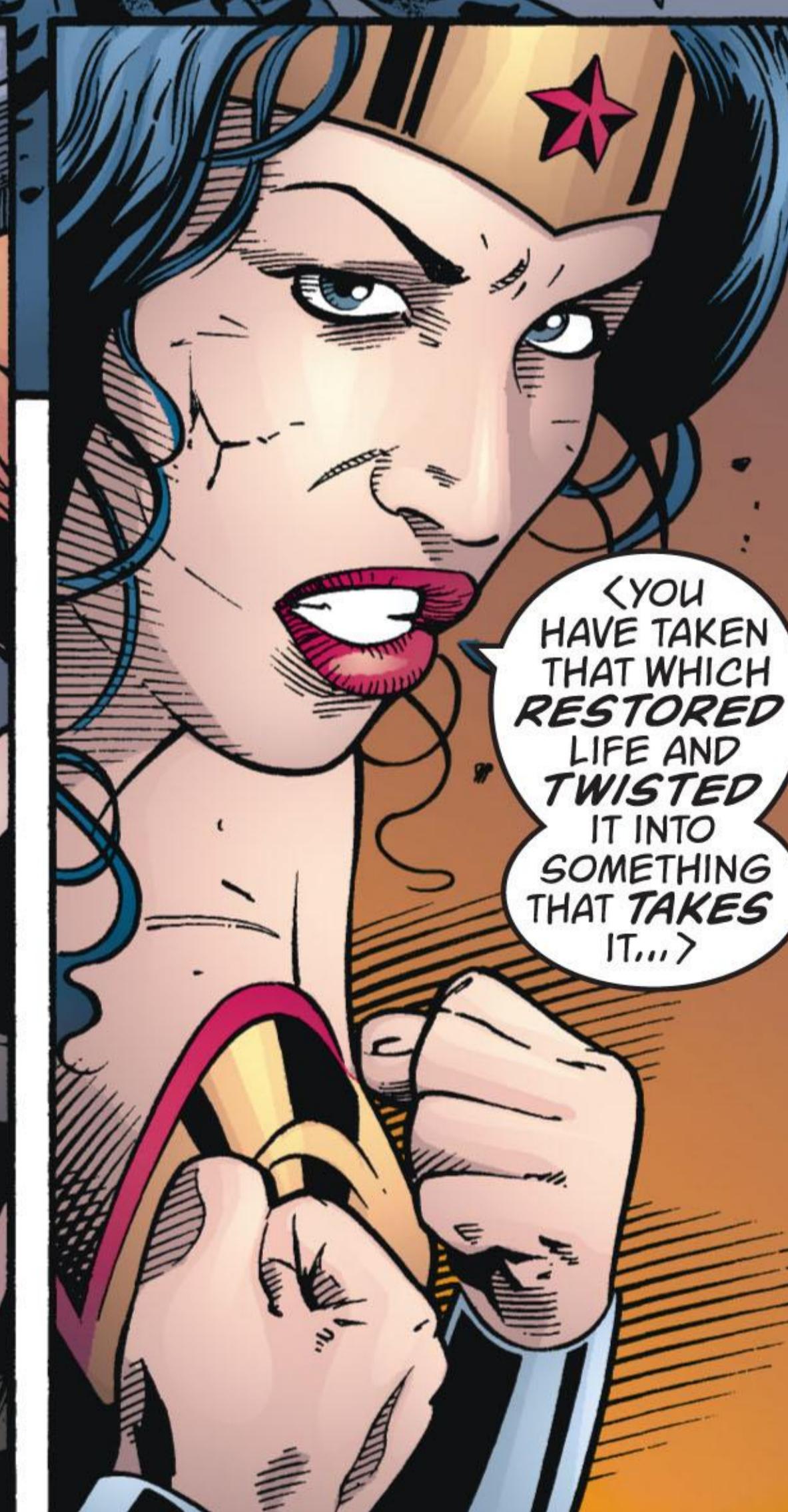


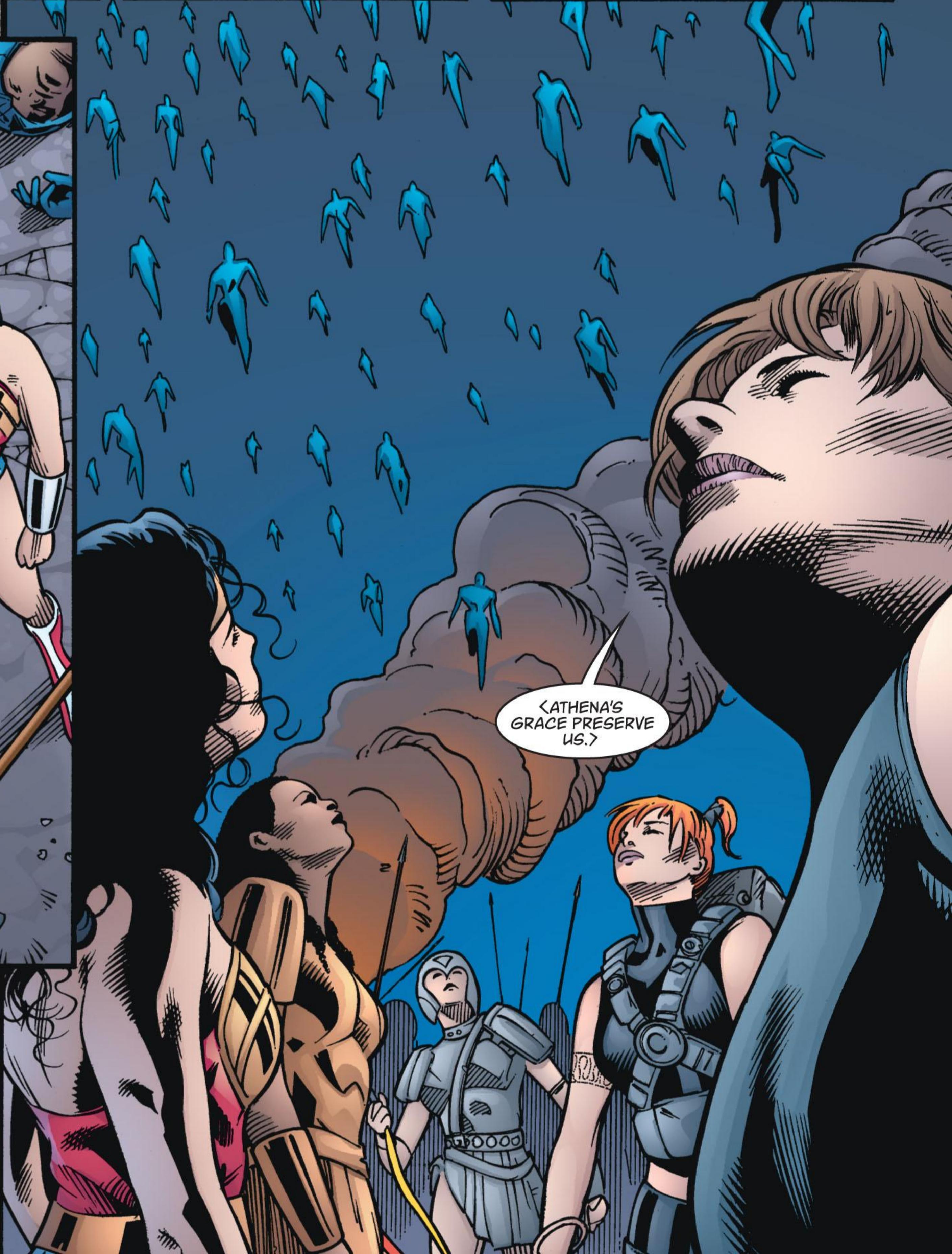
...AND I KNOW THERE WILL NEVER BE THE WORDS TO MAKE THIS RIGHT.

I KNOW THAT THERE WILL NEVER BE FORGIVENESS FOR THIS SIN.

...WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I KNOW THAT I HAVE BROKEN HER HEART.





THEY HOVER THERE,  
SILENT AND WAITING.

<SISTERS-->

FOR A MOMENT, I HAVE HOPE.  
THEY HAVE SEEN WHAT WE CAN  
DO, THE DESTRUCTION WE  
CAN DEAL WHEN FORCED.

FOR A MOMENT, THEN I HAVE HOPE THAT  
THIS ENEMY CAN BE DETERRED.

<--TO THE  
DEFENSE!>

<NO!>

LIKE SO MANY HOPES OF LATE,  
THAT ONE, TOO, IS DASHED.

TARGET  
ACQUIRED.

TARGET  
ACQUIRED.

<--FELICIA,  
LOOK OUT!>

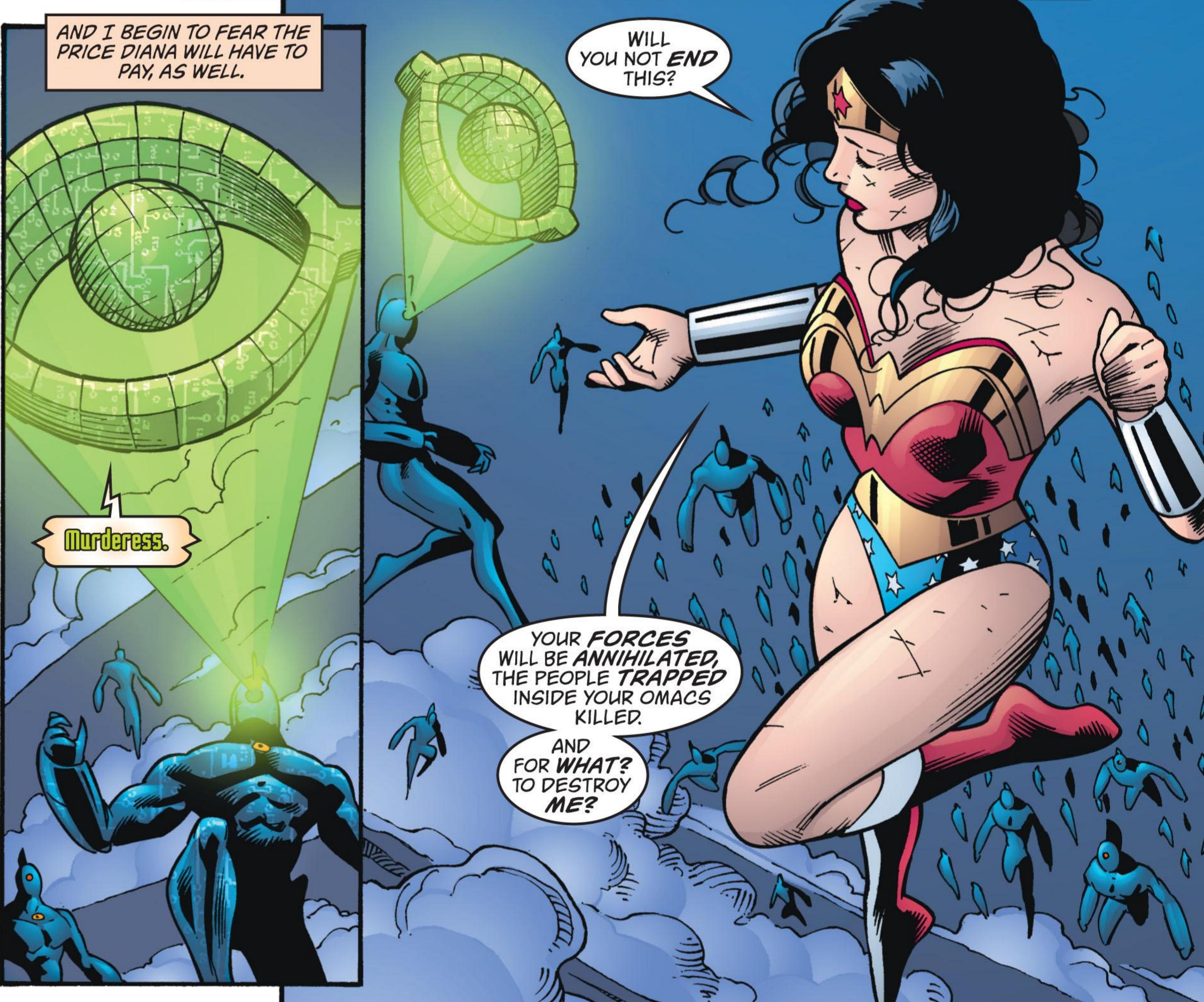
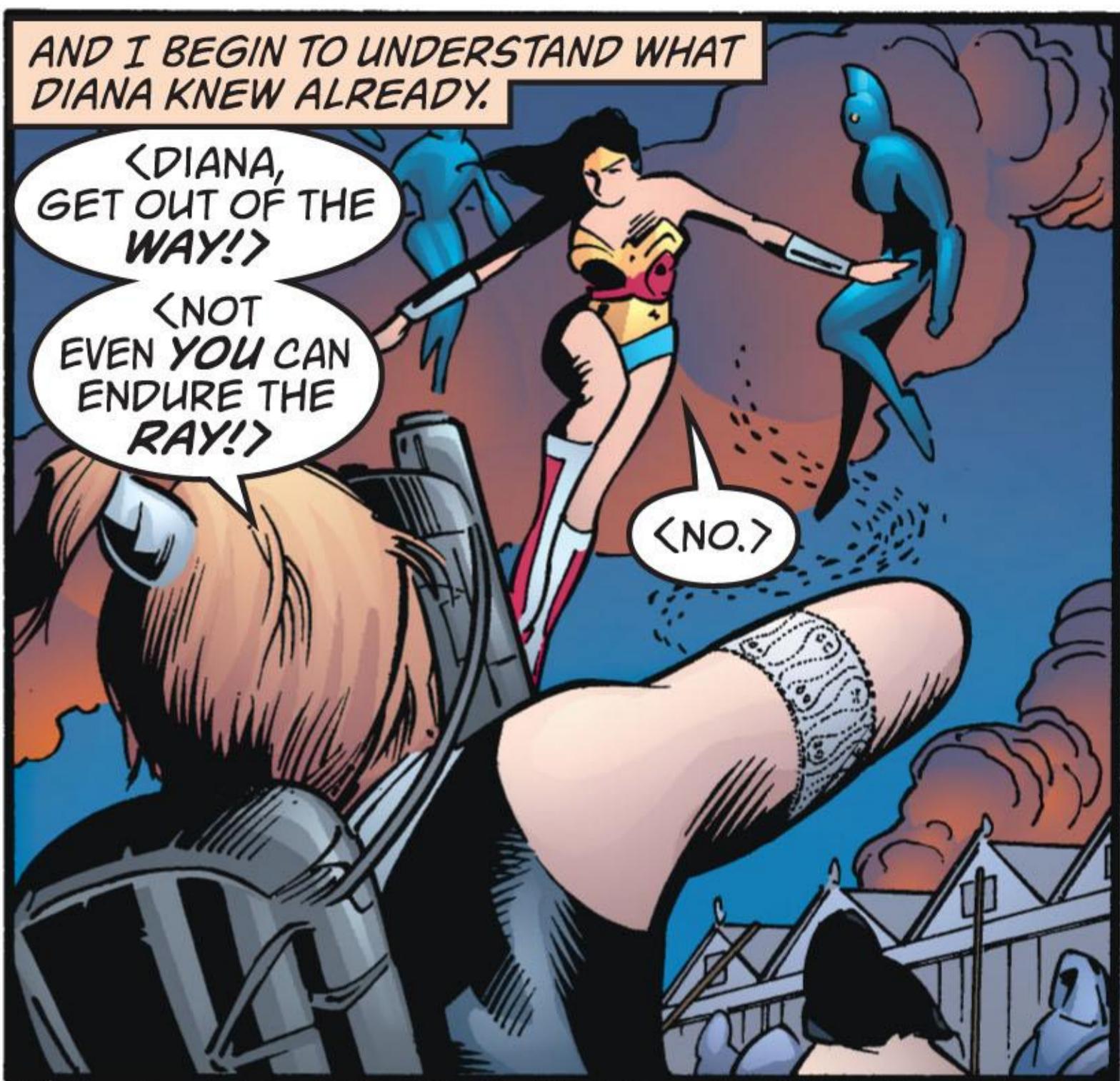
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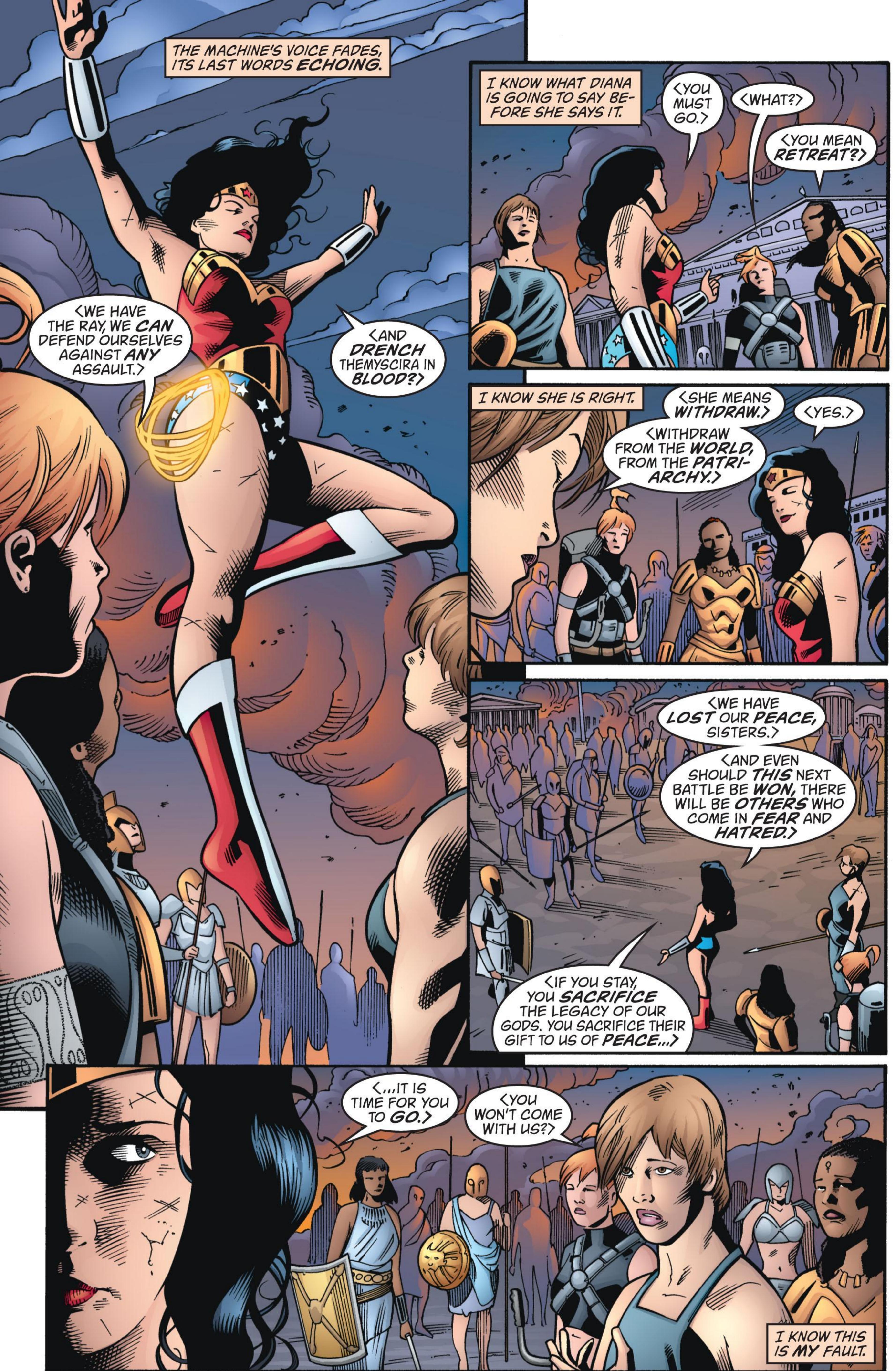
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YOU  
ALL-->

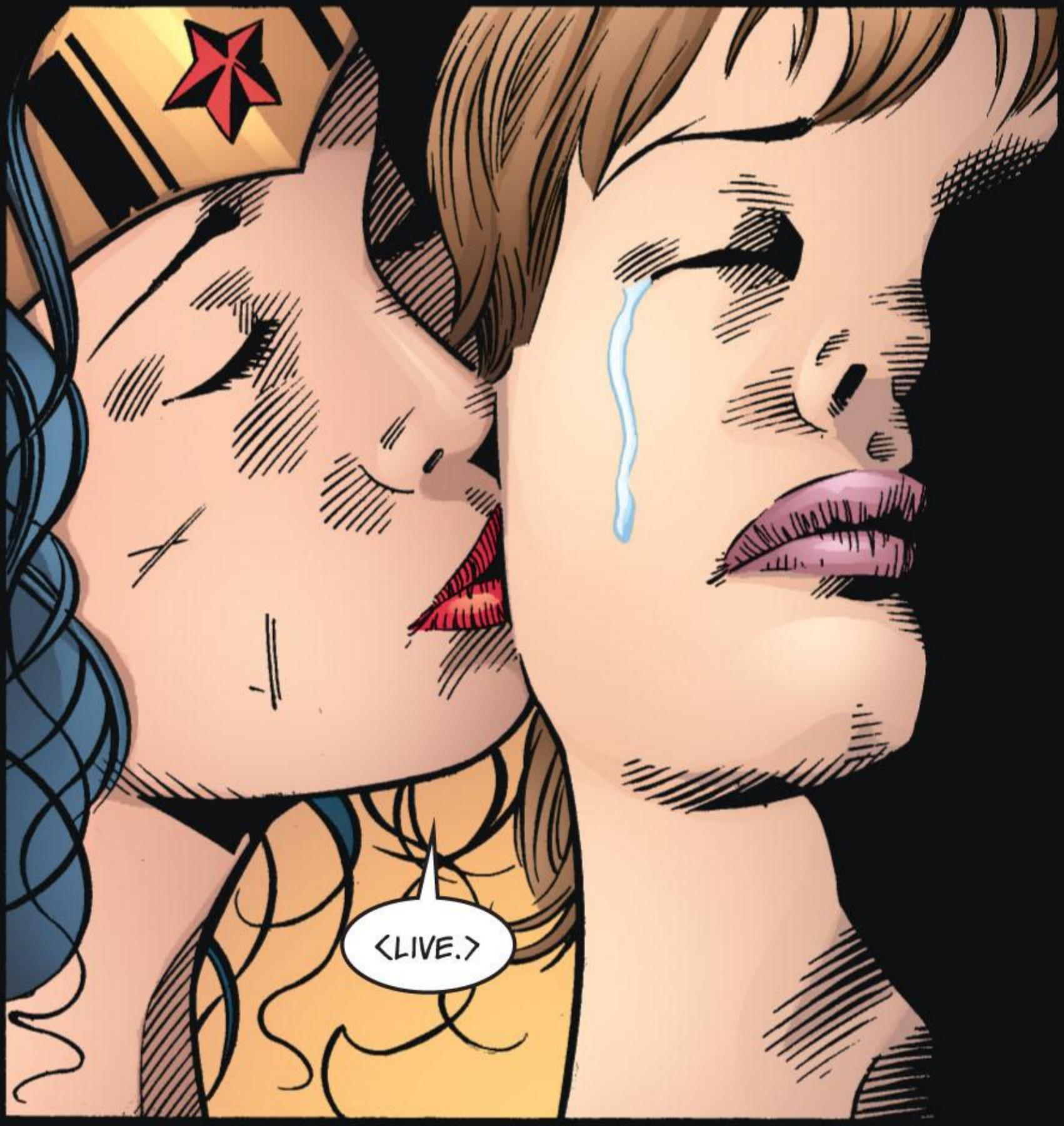
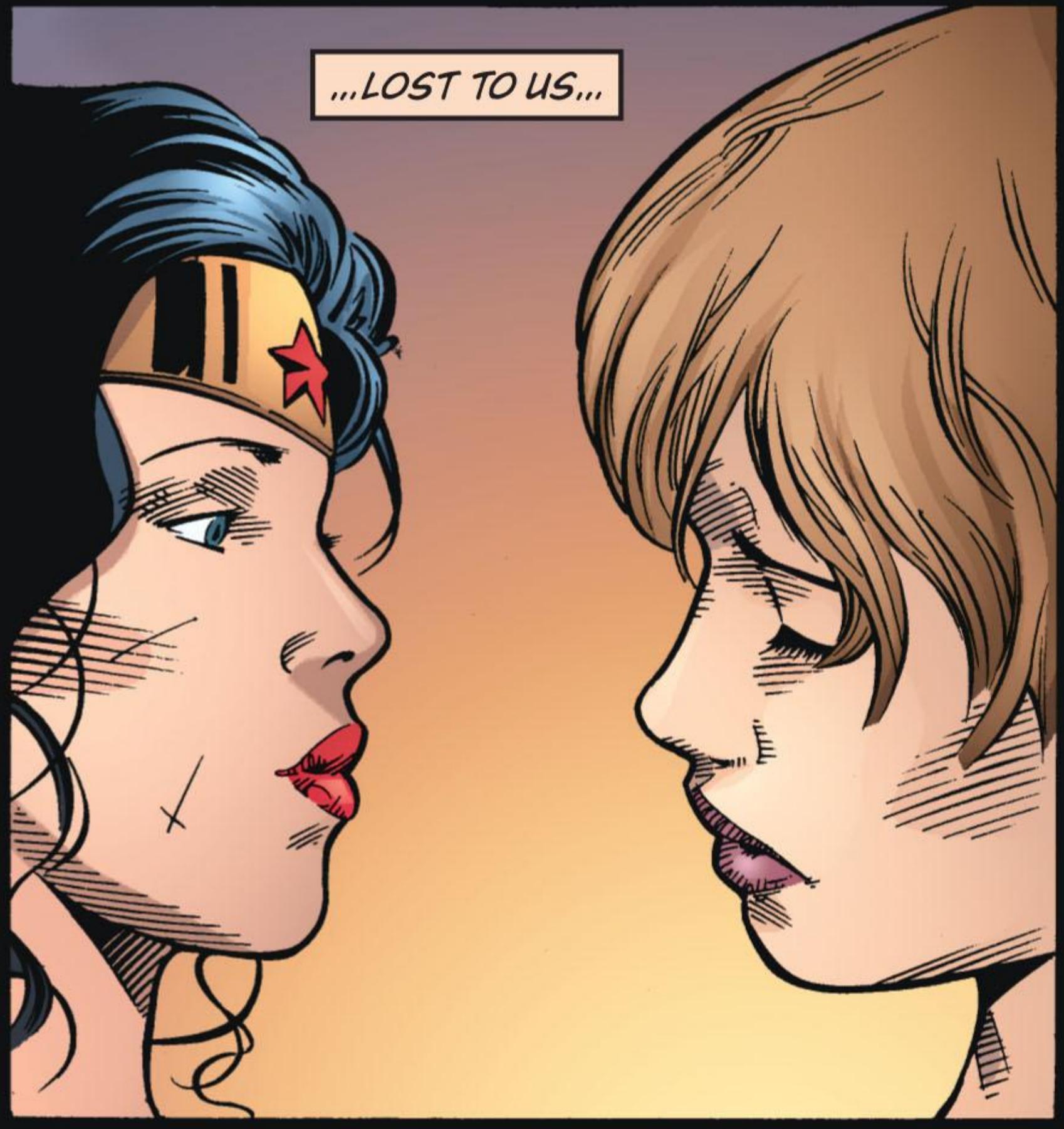
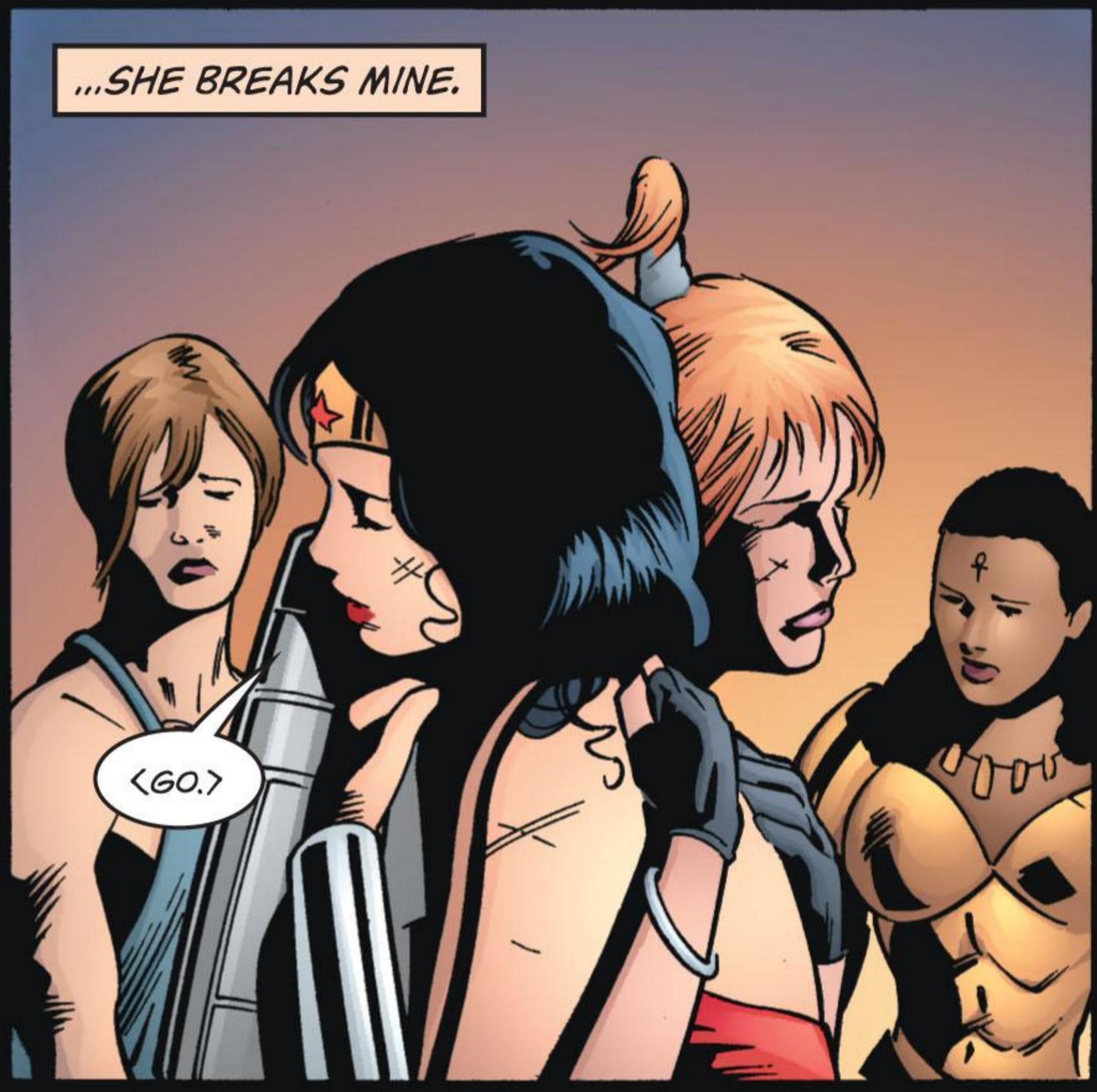
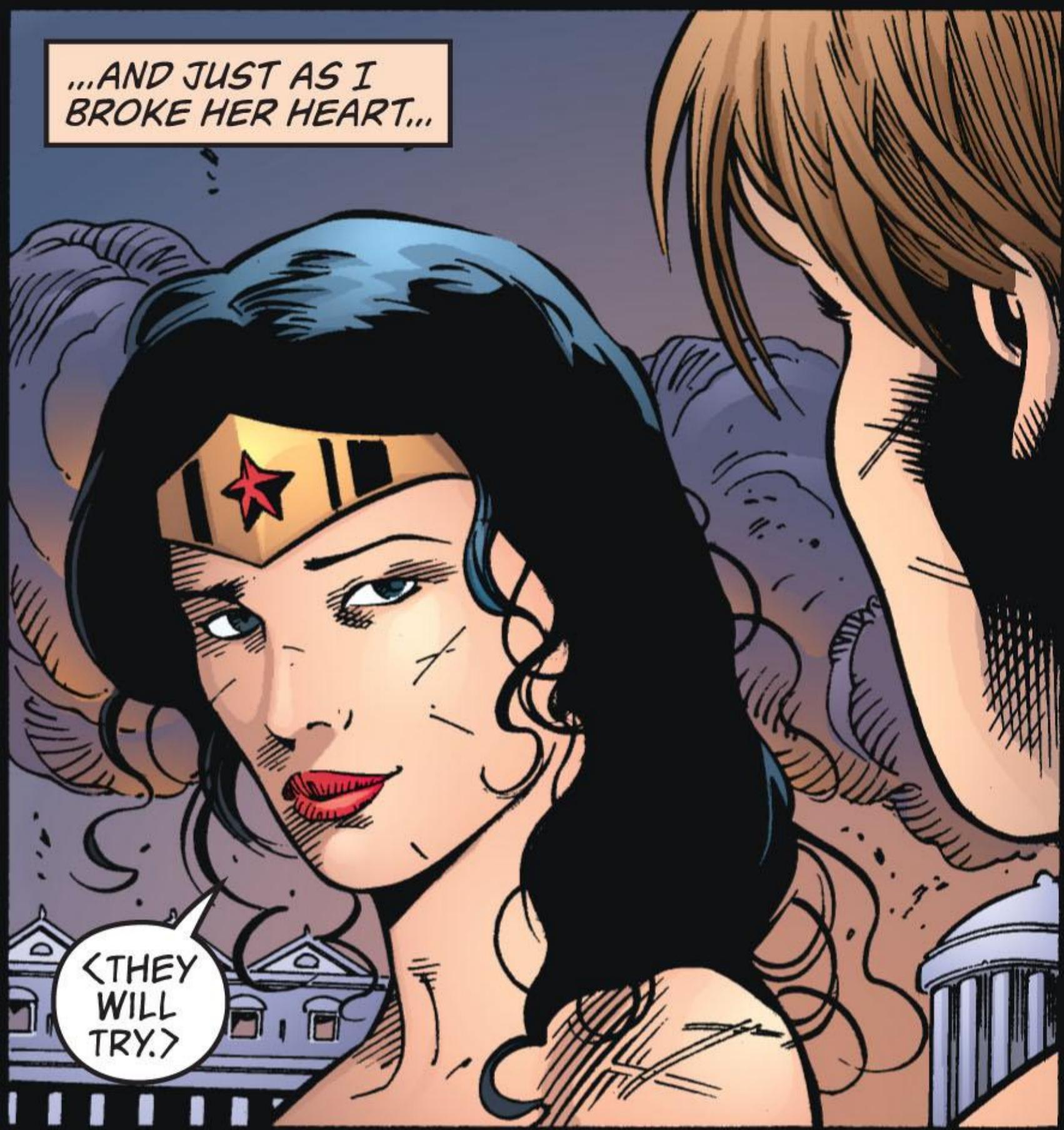
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IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE  
WE RETURN TO THIS WORLD, IF  
THE GODS WILL EVEN ALLOW IT.

<GO. >

A LONG TIME  
TO BE ALONE.

<GO  
NOW. >

A VERY  
LONG  
TIME...

...TO BE  
ABSOLUTELY...

...ALONE...

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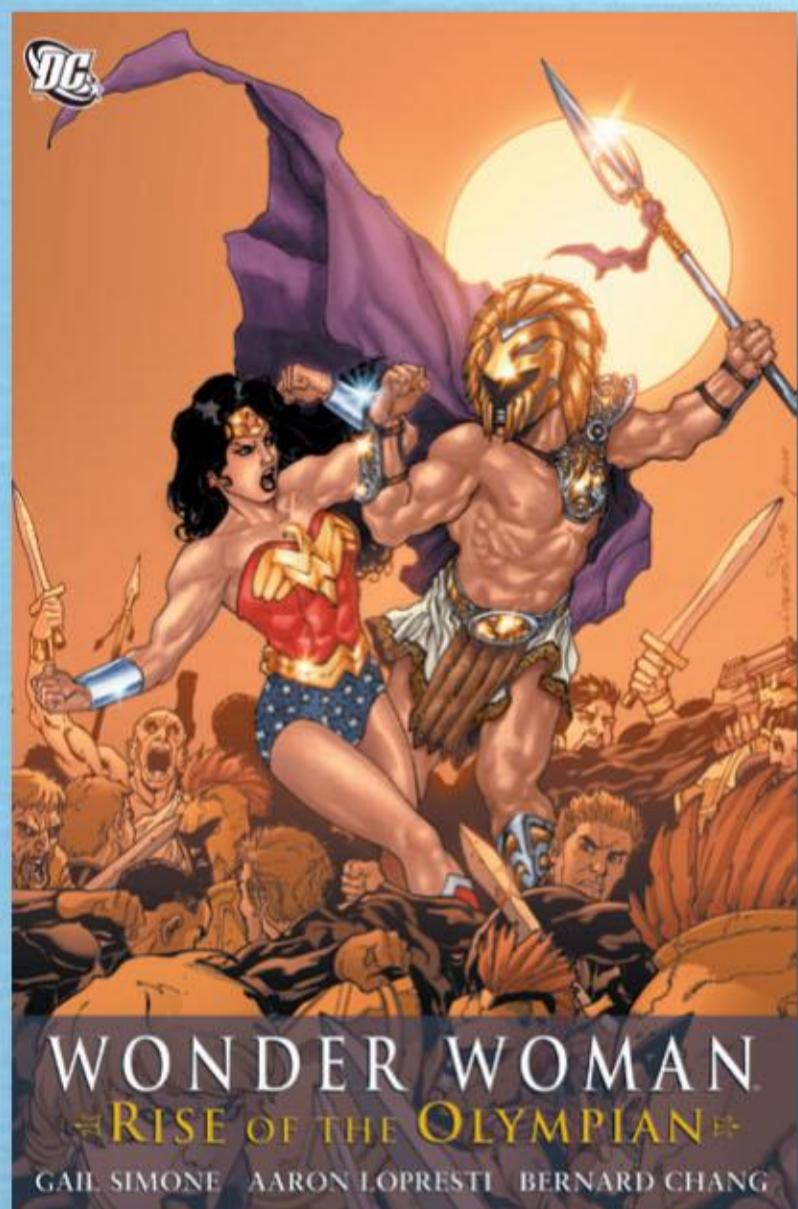
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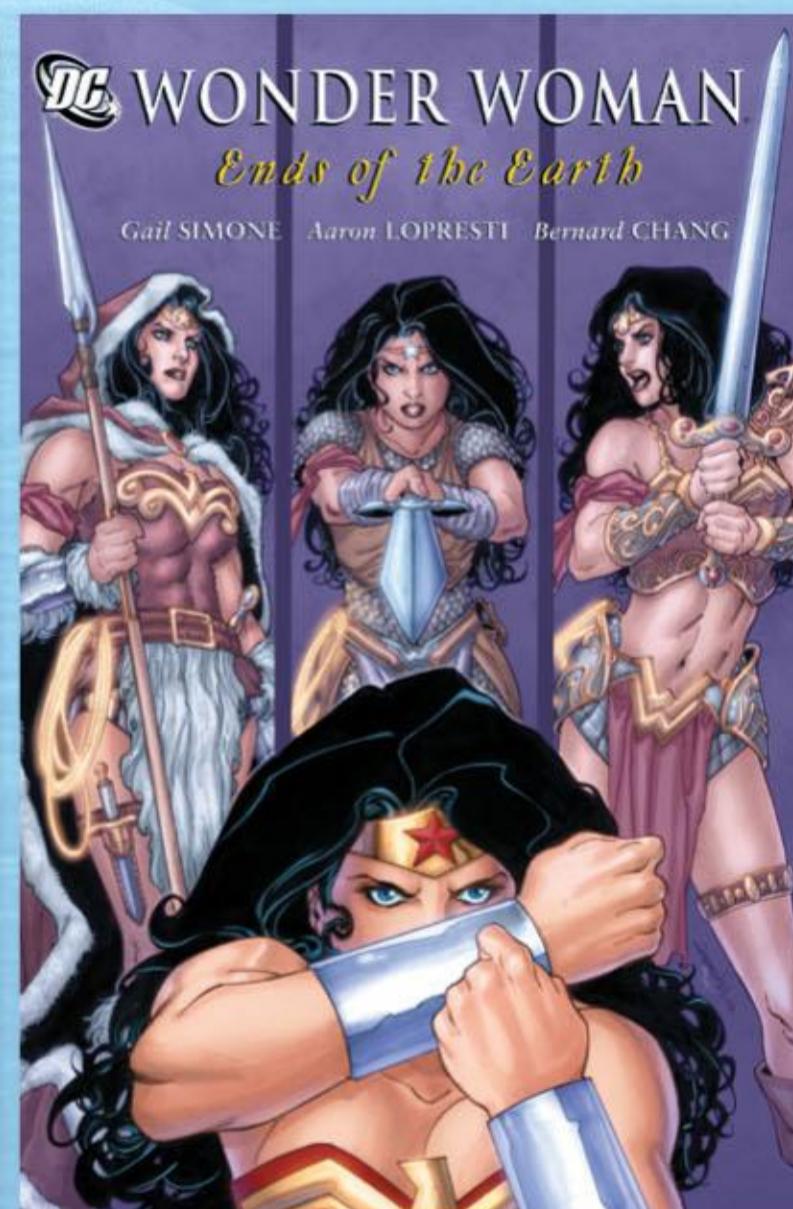


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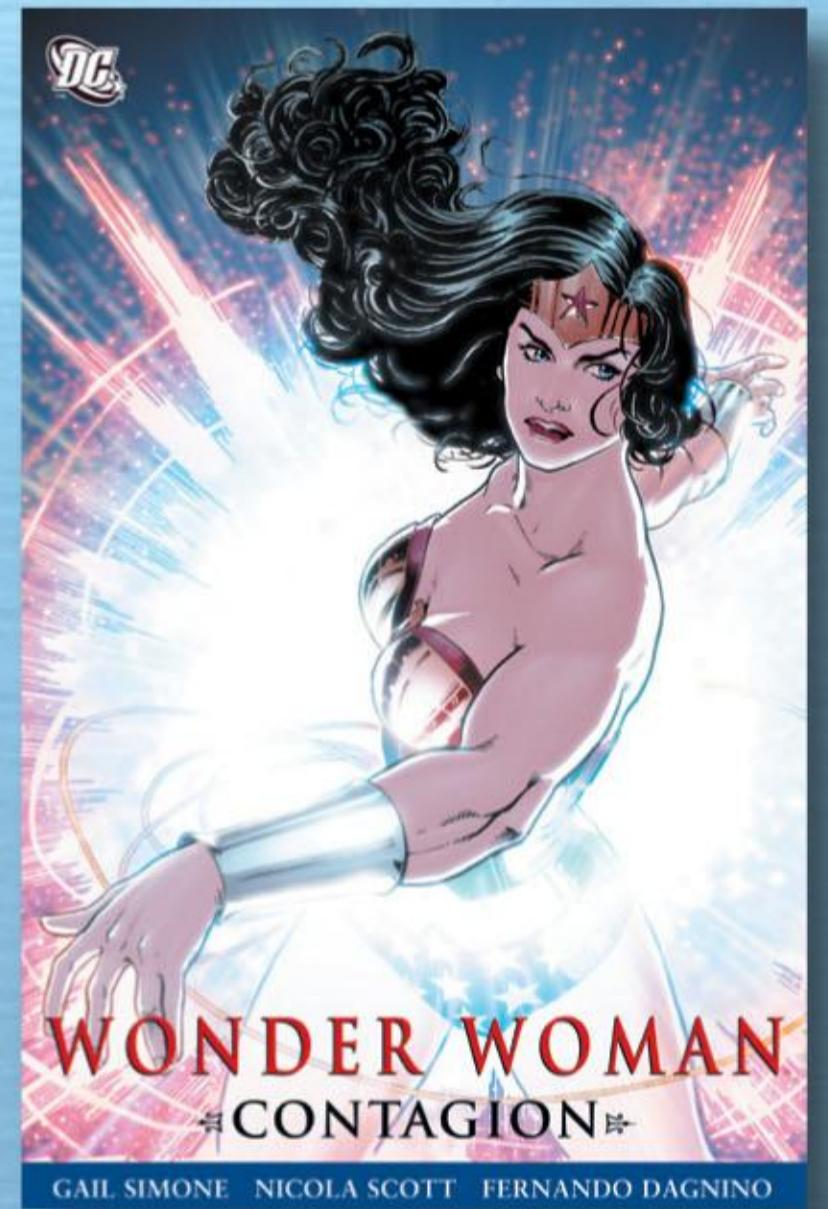
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