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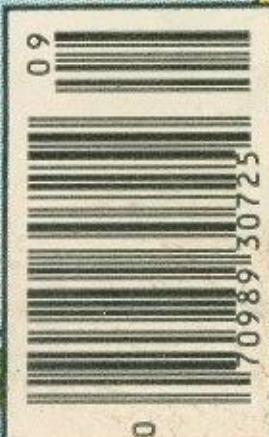
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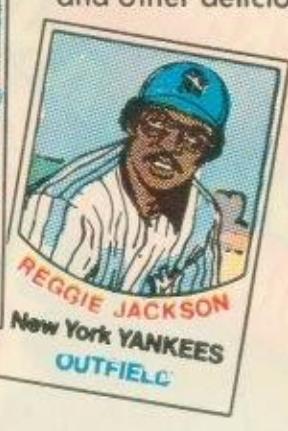
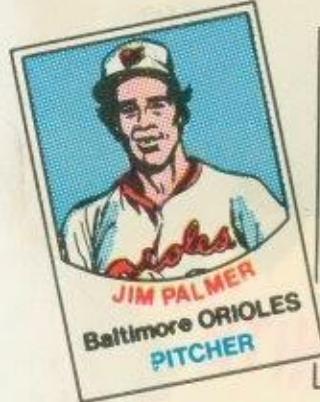
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SHE BATTLES THE TYRANTS OF
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Wonder Woman

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TO-WASHINGTON RUN, SIXTEEN MILES
SOUTH OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA ...

THE BIOLOGY BOMB!



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--AND SHE SURVIVED THAT STRUGGLE WITH THE AID OF A MAN POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY PSYCHIC ABILITIES--



* RELATED LAST ISSUE -- DENNY.

-- WHO PREFERRED DEATH RATHER THAN ENSLAVEMENT BY THE THIRD REICH!

NOW, RETURNING HOME TO HER ADOPTED COUNTRY, SHE HAS UNWITTINGLY CROSSED THE PATH OF A SABOTEUR TEAM--



--AND ALMOST BY REFLEX, HAS ATTACKED--



--PERHAPS DRIVEN BY AN UNCONSCIOUS WISH TO AVENGE THE DEATH OF THE MAN WHOSE LIFE SHE COULDN'T SAVE--

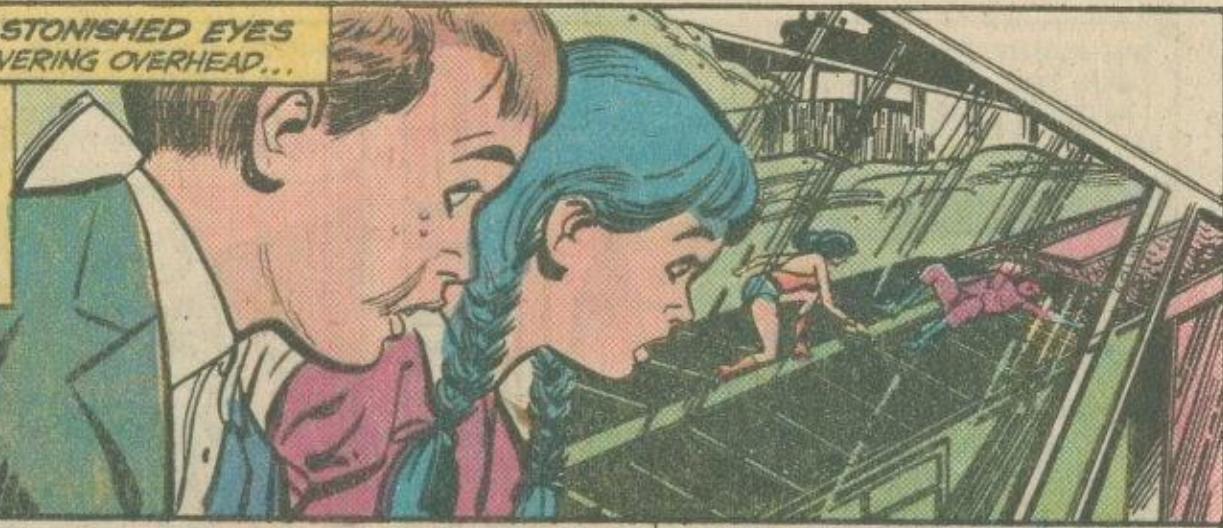


--OR PERHAPS ACTING TO RELIEVE HER ANGER WITH A HUMANITY CAPABLE OF COURAGE--



--WATCHED BY INNOCENT, ASTONISHED EYES
FROM THE INVISIBLE PLANE HOVERING OVERHEAD...

TWO HOURS AGO, THESE
CHILDREN SAW THEIR
FATHER DIE, YET SUCH IS
THE RESILIENCY OF YOUTH
THAT THEY NOW STARE AT
THE WOMAN WITH WONDER--



--AMAZED BY HER SPEED AND
STRENGTH, SEEING IN HER
THE MOTHER WHO DIED YEARS
BEFORE IN A NAZI INTERN-
MENT CAMP--



--AND THEIR FATHER WHO WAS
PERSECUTED BECAUSE HE WAS A JEW!

WERE THEY OLDER, THESE CHILDREN
MIGHT HAVE ALREADY BEEN DESTROYED
BY THE PRESSURES OF WAR AND
MADNESS --



--AND FOR THEM, THE
WORLD HAS RETAINED ITS
POTENTIAL FOR HOPE --

--AS THEY HAVE RETAINED
THEIR CAPACITY FOR JOY!



SEEING THEM, WONDER WOMAN
ABSORBS THEIR WARMTH, UNTENSES,
AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HOURS...
SMILES!

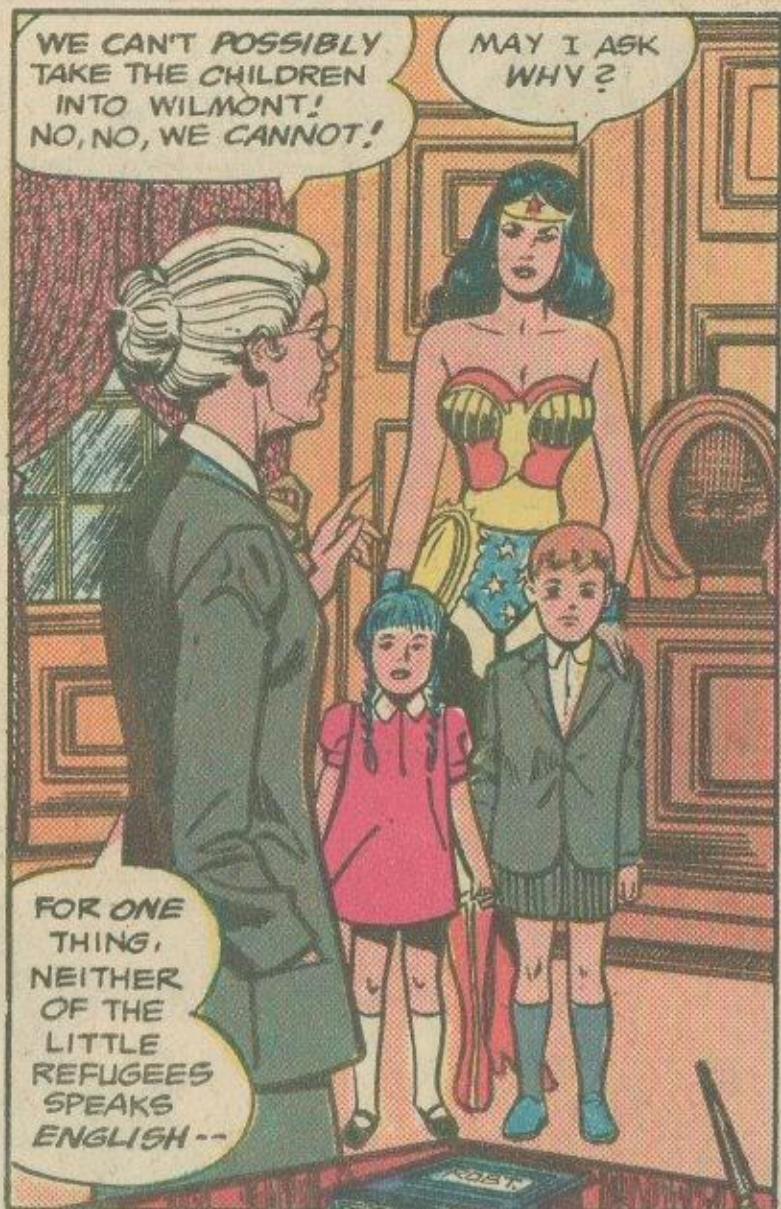
THE ANGER IS
GONE NOW!



IT'S TIME, NOW, TO FIND
THE ORPHANS A HOME !

NO, I'M SORRY,
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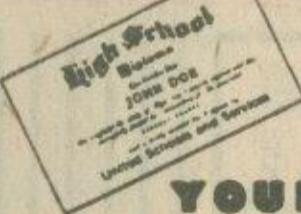
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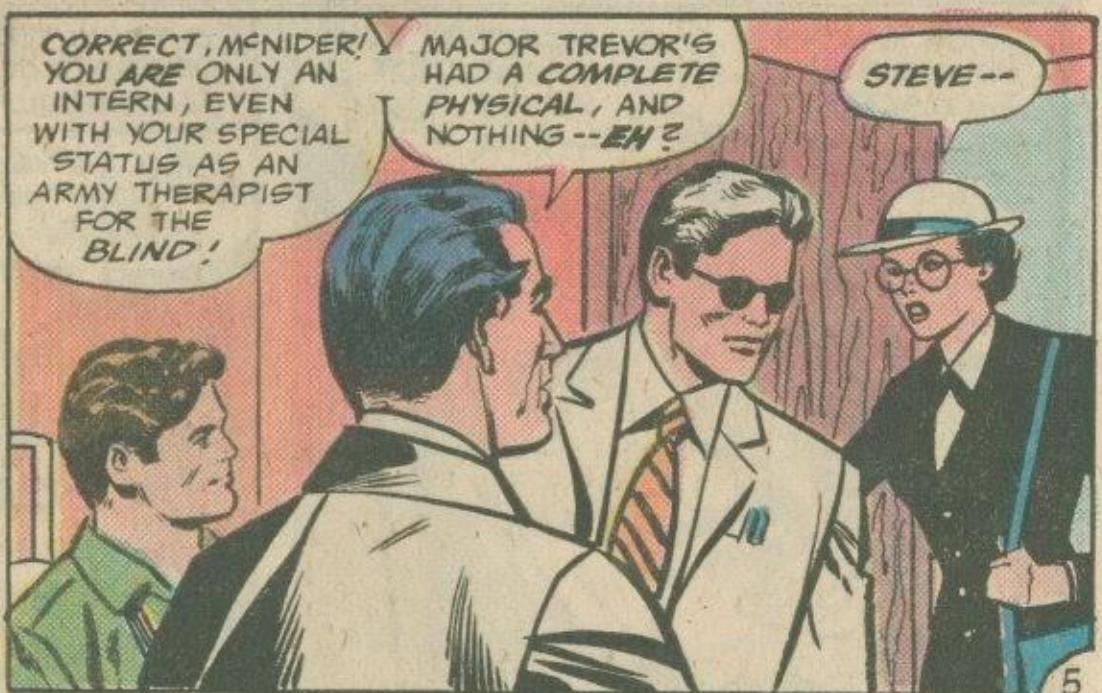
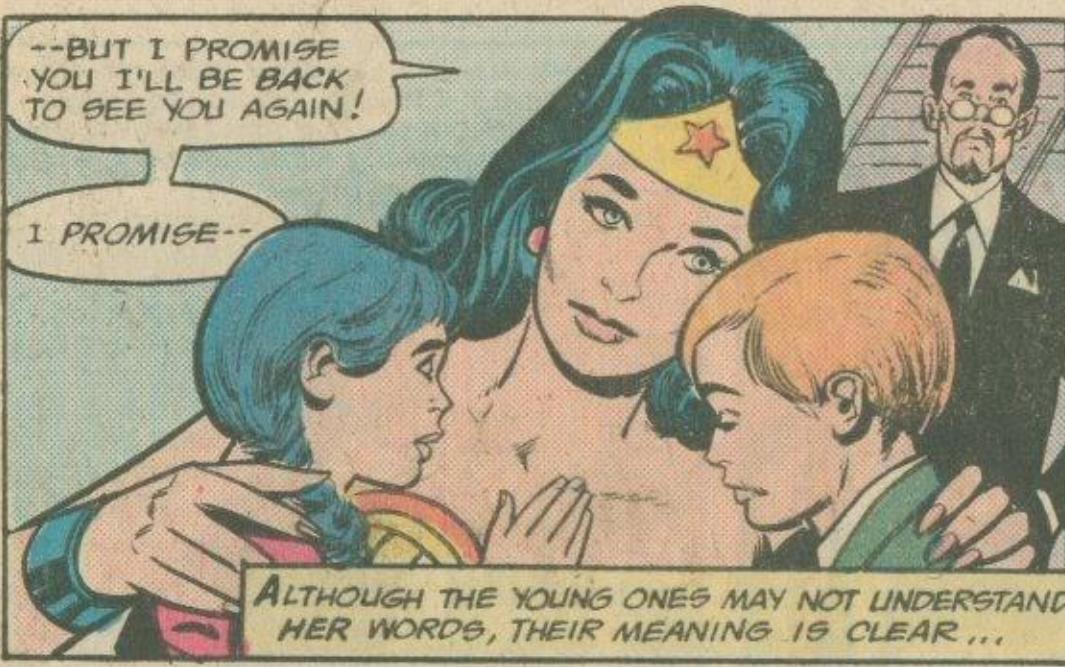
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THE DOOR...

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BLIND MAN SHOULD MOVE SO QUICKLY,
WITH SUCH CONFIDENCE --



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AS HE DIVES TO THE FLOOR,
HE TEARS A WEIRD-SHAPED
SHELL FROM HIS POCKET --

--AND AFTER ONLY AN
INSTANT'S HESITATION,
HE HEAVES THE SHELL
DOWN -- WHERE IT
BREAKS AGAINST THE
DRAB HOSPITAL TILE--

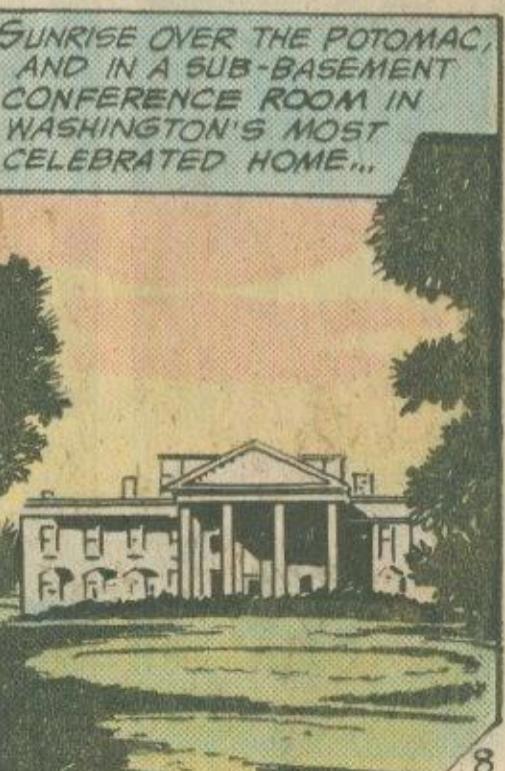
--ERUPTING INTO A CLOUD
OF LITTER BLACK GAS, ALL-
CONCEALING--ALL BLINDING!

NO ONE'S GONE
ANYWHERE,
CHUM!

BY THE WAY, THE
NAME'S MID-NITE...
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THE DOCTORS
ARE ON THE
FLOOR, AND
I'M RIGHT
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FOLLOWED
YOUR CAREER
CLOSELY--

--AND EVEN BEFORE
YOU JOINED ARMY
INTELLIGENCE) YOUR
EFFORTS AS A TEST
PILOT GAVE YOU A
MOST IMPRESSIVE
REPUTATION!

I ADMIRE
ACTIVE MEN,
MAJOR!
BECAUSE
OF MY OWN
ENFORCED
INACTIVITY,
YOU SEE!

BUT WE'RE NOT HERE
TODAY TO ENGAGE IN
IDLE FLATTERY! NO,
GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE
A WAR TO
SUPERVISE!

GENERAL
EISENHOWER,
IF YOU'LL GIVE US
YOUR REPORT ON
THE ALLIES'
SUPPLY
SITUATION?

UHHH...MY
FOREHEAD...
FEELS SO
CLAMMY...

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ILL? YOU'RE
BLANCHING--

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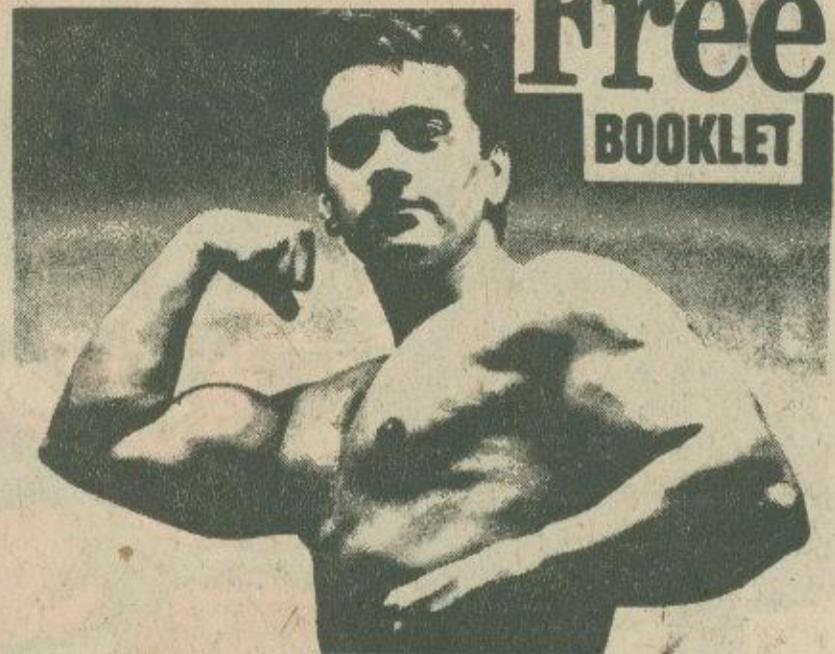
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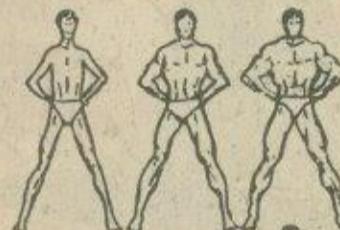
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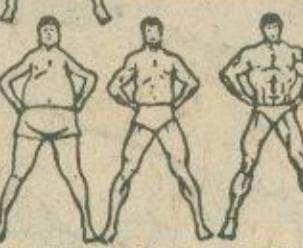
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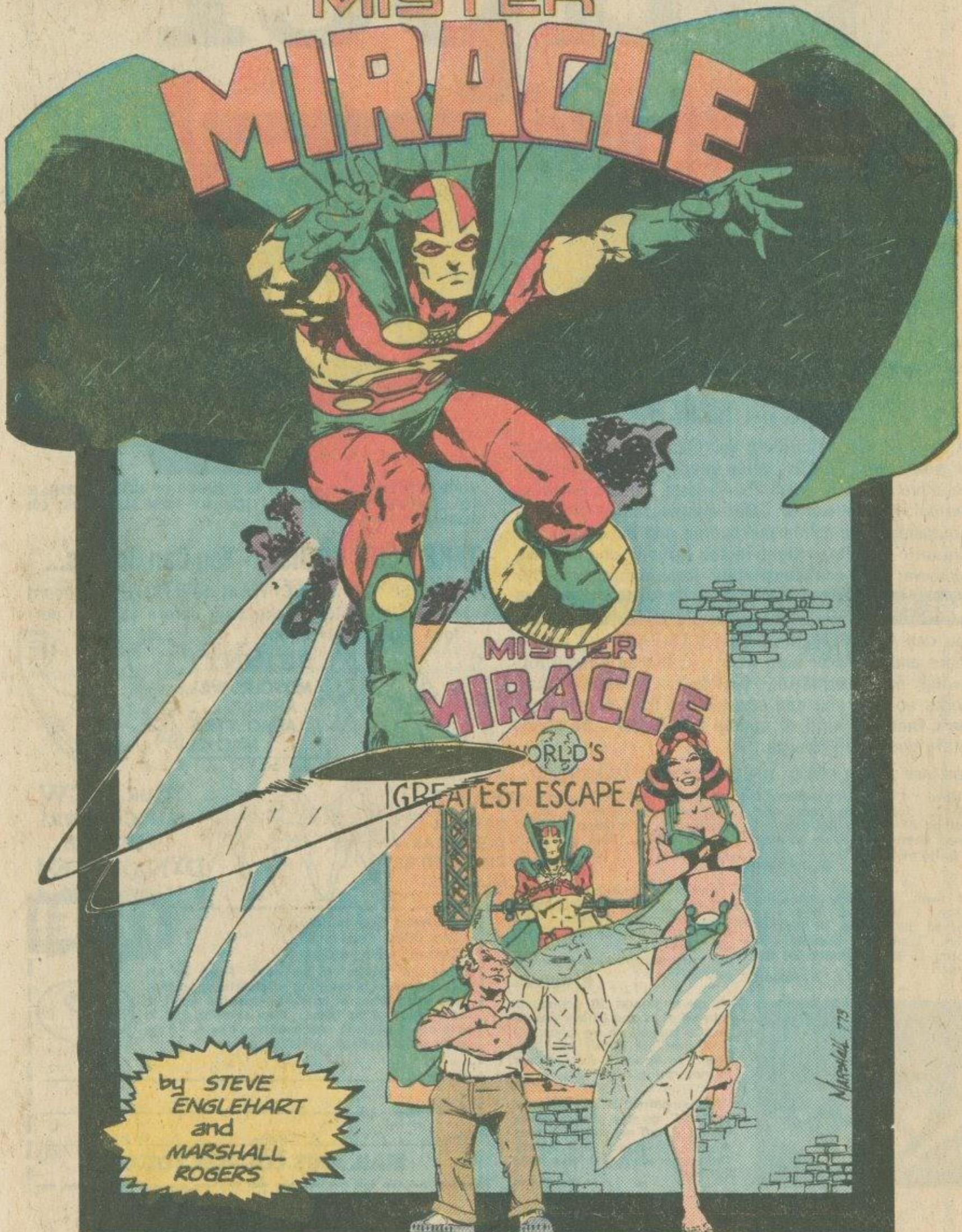
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WHISPER IT...
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YOUR SPIES
PROBABLY
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I'D CAPTURED
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GUESSING
THAT I'D
TRACK YOU
HERE--WAS
ELEMENTARY!

GREATNESS OFTEN
ACCOMPANIES THE
ELEMENTARY... BUT YOU
KNOW THAT! WHAT YOU
DON'T KNOW ARE MY
PLANS FOR STEVE
TREVOR!

--BUT WHAT HE
CANNOT GUESS IS
THAT THE COMPOUND
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TREVOR'S BASIC
BODY CHEMISTRY--

--CHANGING HIM
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YOUR FRIEND, DOCTOR
MCNIDER, HAS LEARNED
OF THE POISON WHICH
THE MAJOR WAS INJECTED
DURING HIS CAPTIVITY
HERE--

--I WON'T LET
YOUR HENCHMEN
TAKE ME--



--WITH BUT ONE
MINDLESS INSTINCT--
TO KILL HIS
ENEMIES--

--THE SOLDIERS
OF THE U.S. ARMY!

NO! YOU'RE
A FIEND--

THUD



--BUT STEVE TREVOR MUTATED INTO A MONSTER, MUST SURELY...LOSE!

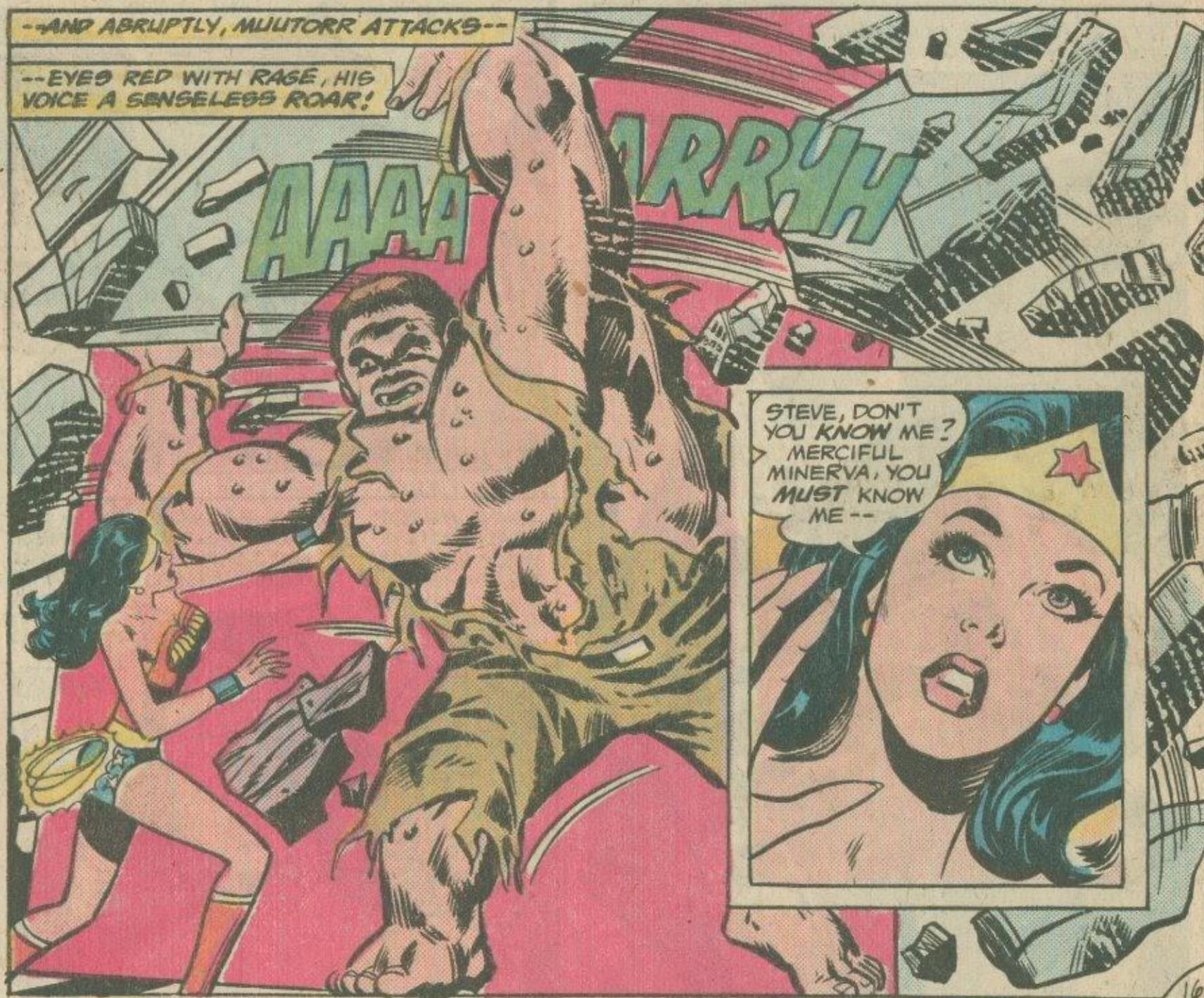
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IS STEVE TREVOR REALLY DEAD?
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Wonder Words

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Dear Editor,

The Justice Society alone was enough to get me to buy **WONDER WOMAN** #231! But on top of that, we also got an intriguing, new villainess; Bob Brown and a MAJOR plot role for Steve Trevor (excuse the pun, please!). Let me react, if you will, a little more precisely to each of these story facets, as I consider them in inverse order. Steve Trevor, I'm sorry to say, is really beginning to get on my nerves. Even when he has a large part in the story, he's portrayed as a bumbling "Dudley Do-Right" always "running off half-cocked, playing the hero."

One gets the impression that the way he became a "war hero" is through bravery bred from ignorant enthusiasm! When will we see a mature Major Trevor who will stop "playing the hero" and learn to handle his relationship with **Wonder Woman** on realistic terms? You've done this much for Lois Lane!

Bob Brown, on the other hand, really makes me delighted that he's taken over **WONDER WOMAN**. I've always maintained that he is one of the all-time best-suited artists for an action-oriented heroine strip, and now he's handling the Queen of them all! A perfect match!

Osira is a fascinating study in both science fiction and mythology, something I was afraid we'd seen the last of once the book had been switched to World War II. I'm happy to see I was wrong. Not only does she offer a nice change of pace from Nazis and World War II (as **The Cheetah** did in the previous issue), but she also offers a contrast to WW's Greek mythological background, being surrounded herself by an ancient Egyptian mystique. Yet the mythological facets were well-balanced by speculative science; for example, ancient visits by alien races and theories of "pyramid power." **Osira** is definitely one of the best things to hit **WONDER WOMAN** since her JLA re-initiation trials.

Finally, the **JSA!** They didn't have an active enough role! Here, I thought, is an excellent chance to see Mr. Terrific, Sandman and the others we don't get to see in the revived **ALL-STAR COMICS**. Yet the only time we see them, they're entranced in their respective pyramids. Considering WW was quite active with the **JSA**, here's a beautiful opportunity for an appropriate team-up AND a chance to see the old **JSA** in action! I sure hope there's more in store for them in the second part on the **Osira** saga.

Mike Christiansen
704 S. Third St.
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We're glad you enjoyed Bob Brown's brief appearance as the artist of **Wonder Woman**, Mike. In this issue, Jose Delbo returns to the feature as penciller, and present plans call for Jose to pencil this magazine regularly.

Bob Brown's work, like the man himself, was well-respected and appreciated by all of us here at DC Comics. It is with deep regret that we announce his recent passing after a long illness. He will be missed.

Gentles,

I am appalled at **Wonder Woman**'s new direction and the lack of quality that seems to saturate her adventures.

You have reduced the symbol of modern womanhood to a tried and trite 1950's-1960's version: that being the perpetual Steve Trevor-rescuer. Steve is now worse than a Lois Lane ever was.

The entire situation infuriates me. I know that comics are a commercial venture, but wouldn't a quality series keep readers who have picked up the comic just to see a television hero; readers who would have bought only one copy, once?

I fail to see why just the picture of **Wonder Woman** on the cover would fail to attract the attention of Lynda Carter-watchers, even if that **Wonder Woman** was not in a World War II situation. It is the costume, the character, that is the selling point.

Please consider returning our **Wonder Woman** to us.

Carol A. Strickland
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Dear Editor:

It seems apparent that the only way this return to **Wonder Woman**'s wartime experiences is going to work is to invent new menaces and/or missions for her to fight and undertake. This is why your May issue is so much better. Now WW is fighting a new villainess in the midst of World War II. If the new format is going to work, this is the way to do it.

If the conclusion to the **Osira** story is as good as the beginning, and the stories to come are in the same vein, you people have finally gotten on the right track.

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Amen to that!

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SWAMP THING

FROM THE BEGINNING

The magic began six years ago in the *House of Secrets* #92. Editor Joe Orlando needed an eight-page story — fast. He called in one of his favorite writers, Len Wein, and a young artist whose work he equally admired, Berni Wrightson. Together they spawned a tale so memorably poignant that it exploded the mystery anthology format and gave birth to a single character series with a monster as the hero.

Of course the monster was *Swamp Thing*, once a scientist whose mangled body was dumped by his would-be killer into the black slime of a mire. When Dr. Alex Olsen* finally emerged from the nurturing swamp, the only remnants of his ravaged manhood were a mass of razor-edge feelings and anguished thoughts. Despite their urgency, they were muffled by Dr. Olsen's hideous new form. More plant than human, his body had become a lumbering monstrosity, fashioned from stagnant filth.

The concept of this sympathetic bog creature of course was Len's. But it was Berni who managed to bring off a visual characterization that could credibly repel the players in the story at the same time that it stirred a wrenching empathy in *Swamp Thing* readers. And, according to Len, it was Joe Orlando who gave the story its devastating final twist.

Berni remembers completing the pages over a weekend with the help of Mike Kaluta (who also modelled for the original villain) and Jeff Jones, who inked two of the pages. *House of Secrets* #92 finally went to press. Within a week after it hit the stands, the mail poured in.

"*House of Secrets* outsold everything that month," says Len. "I got countless letters from people who said they read the story and cried."

Naturally, there was pressure to bring *Swamp Thing* back. Almost a

* The short story differed in a number of details from the revised origin story a year later. Dr. Alex Olsen, for instance, became Dr. Alec Holland.

year later, Len and Berni agreed to reconceive their monster for an ongoing book.

Once again, the creative team assembled, and this time they worked with the zeal and fecundity of visionaries with a long-term mission. All three of the men identified with the theme of the misunderstood monster. Len had always had an affinity for melancholy, melodrama, and tragic misfits. Berni, an avid fan of the E.C. Comics horror line, used to cry in Frankenstein movies. And Joe, too, was deeply influenced by E.C., especially by Otto Binder's *I, Robot* whose emotional paradoxes he himself had probed as an E.C. artist.

"Now that we had the chance," says Berni, "we decided to do something that was a tremendous amount of fun and incredibly commercial. We agreed that we'd take *Swamp Thing* to outlandish places all over the world and somehow include at least one classic monster figure in every book we did."

"Absolutely everything in the book was planned," says Len. "The 'Swamp Thing's' thought balloons were always yellow. Because it was such an extraordinary effort for him to speak, on the rare occasions when he did, the balloons were orange. Whenever a caption referred to him, it was drippy, like the swamp."

The care lavished on both the larger concept and the smaller details was recognized not just by readers but by the comic industry. In 1972, it showered *Swamp Thing's* creators with Shazam Awards for the year's most outstanding contributions to the comic field.

Five years later, looking back on all his work in comics, Len says: "Pride-wise, nothing beats it for me. *Swamp Thing* stands out as a piece of art."

There is no fan who would not agree. Today, the first issue of *Swamp Thing* sells for \$6.00, the second for \$3.50 and the complete set of ten by Berni and Len is a true collector's treasure at around \$27.00 if you could find it.

For those who can't afford such prices, it gives us pleasure to make

the first two issues available in a 60 cent package. This time, there are absolutely no ads to interrupt the story's flow, and Berni has drawn a dramatic wrap-around cover solely for this occasion.

The book will be on sale this June under the title *The Original Swamp Thing Saga*. Look for it. Len is right. It's far more than good comic books. It is indeed a piece of art.

It has been a couple of months since I've last mentioned our Dollar Comics. Well, since you're going to be haunting the newsstands for the *Swamp Thing* special you might as well keep your eyes open for our first Dollar Comic annual.

You see, the reports on our first Dollar Comics have been so resoundingly positive from readers and retailers, we've decided after seven months, to do what we've been itching to—put out another Dollar Comic.

June launches issue #1 of DC's *Five Star Super-Hero Spectacular*. It's the first of a series of variously-priced annuals, and, as the title suggests, it will showcase five major superstars: The Batman, Flash, Green Lantern, Aquaman, and The Atom, each in his own major story.

Five Star's artists and writers are among DC's finest: Cary Bates, Gerry Conway, Paul Kupperberg, Denny O'Neill, Marty Pasko, Jack Abel, Dick Dillin, Frank McLaughlin, Bob McLeod, Mike Nasser, Irv Novick, Joe Rubinstein, Joe Staton, and Steve Stiles. With Paul Levitz as editor, they've produced some of the most exciting and entertaining stories of the past 12 months. A Neal Adams cover tops off the book.

By the way, you might remember that in *Kobra* #7, several moons ago, we promised that the serpentine mastermind would take on The Batman. He does, not in the yet-to-be-published *Kobra* #8, but right here in *Five Star's* opening 17-page thriller.

Five Star Super-Hero Spectacular hits the stands around June 16th. You'll love it.

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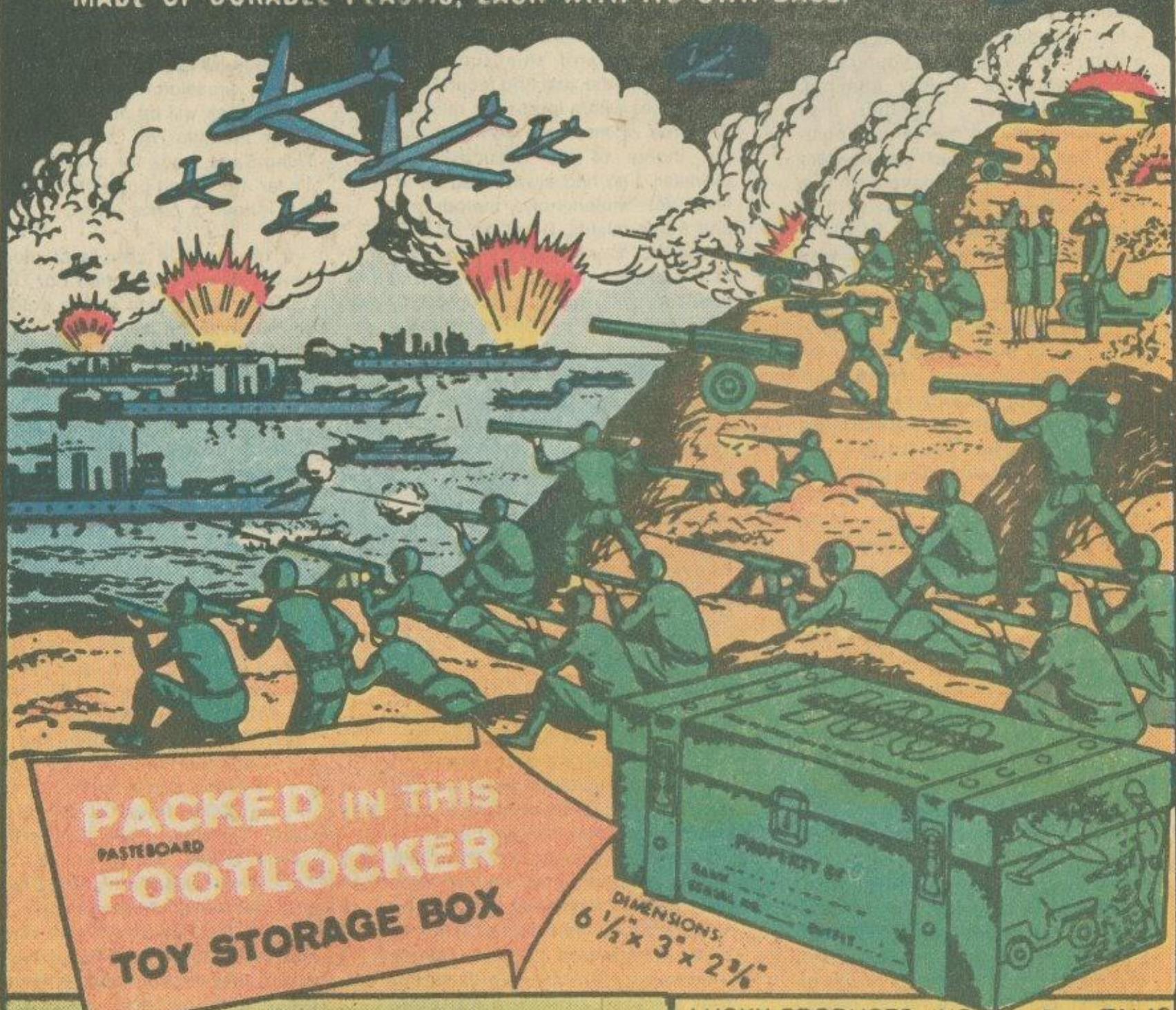
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