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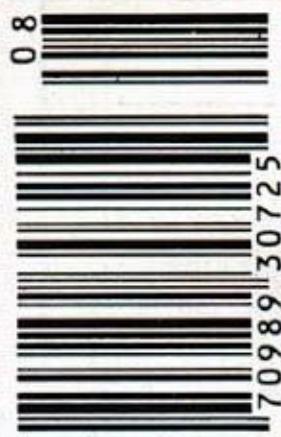
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TAKE
SOME ADVICE
FROM
THE BATMAN,
AMAZON...

WONDER WOMAN™

"BEWARE THE
BLOCKBUSTER!"



KANE & GIACONA

SHE WAS BORN A PRINCESS--DAUGHTER OF HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS--BUT SHE LEFT THE TRANQUIL GROVES OF PARADISE ISLAND TO BATTLE EVIL IN A WORLD SHE NEVER MADE! SHE IS BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE... WISE AS ATHENA... STRONGER THAN HERCULES... SWIFTER THAN MERCURY!!

SHE IS...



RAVPAGE!

WONDER WOMAN'S SLEEK ROBOT PLANE IS SILENT AS IT SHOOPS THROUGH THE SKIES OVER WASHINGTON, D.C.

ALMOST AS SILENT AS ITS BEAUTIFUL AMAZON OCCUPANT, EVER-SO-QUIET IN CONTEMPLATION...

WHY AM I
WORRYING SO
ABOUT STEVE?
I HAVEN'T
SEEN HIM
FOR DAYS...

...NOT SINCE
BEFORE MY
TROUBLES WITH
THE ADJUDICATOR
BEGAN.*

BUT, HE'S A
BIG BOY. HE CAN
TAKE CARE OF
HIMSELF...
...CAN'T HE?

*OUR LAST THREE ISSUES. -- LAURIE.

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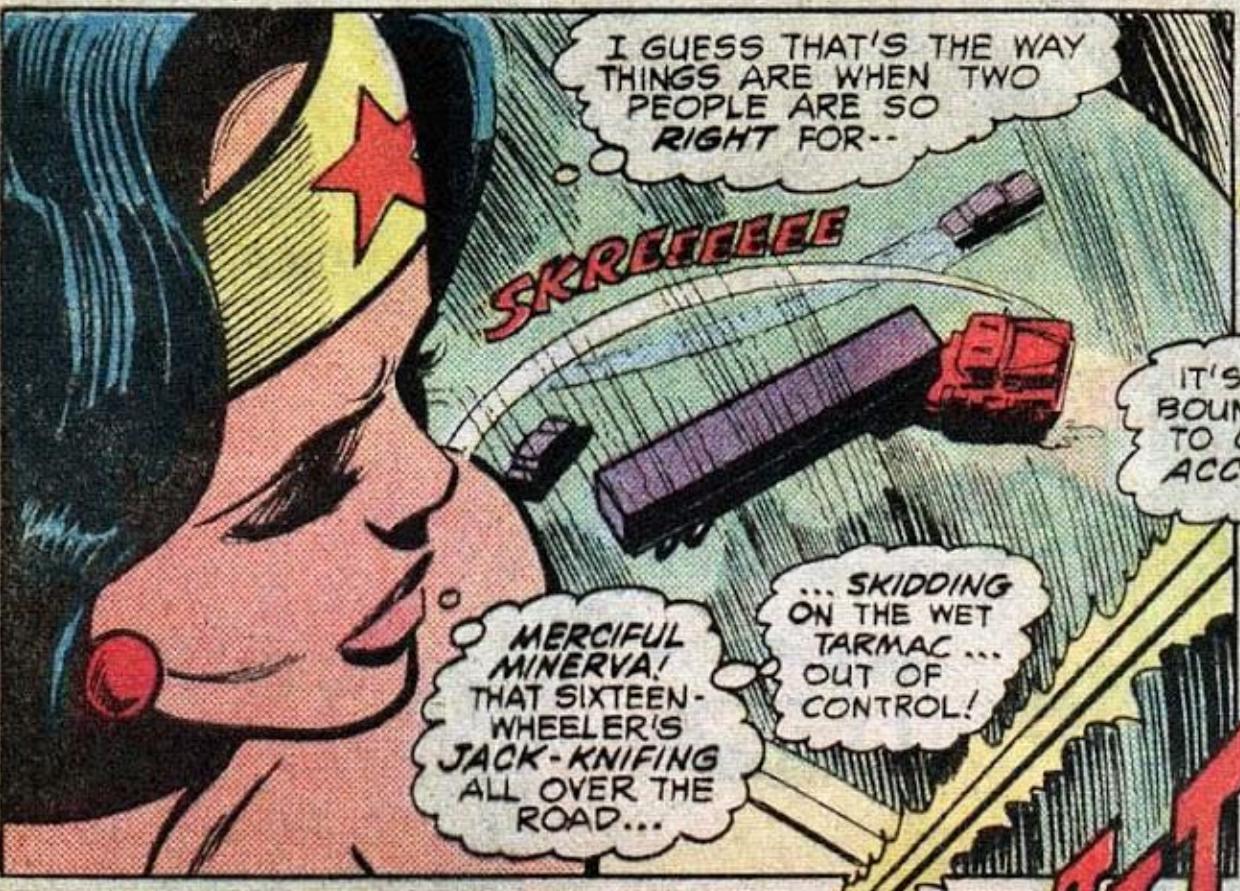


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IT IS SO STRANGE WHEN I
THINK ABOUT IT. WE'VE ONLY
KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR
A FEW MONTHS NOW --

--YET I FEEL AS IF
WE'VE BEEN IN LOVE
ALMOST FOREVER.



I GUESS THAT'S THE WAY
THINGS ARE WHEN TWO
PEOPLE ARE SO
RIGHT FOR--

SKREEEEE

MERCIFUL
MINERVA!
THAT SIXTEEN-
WHEELER'S
JACK-KNIFING
ALL OVER THE
ROAD...

... SKIDDING
ON THE WET
TARMAC ...
OUT OF
CONTROL!



IT'S
BOUND
TO CAUSE
ACCIDENTS...

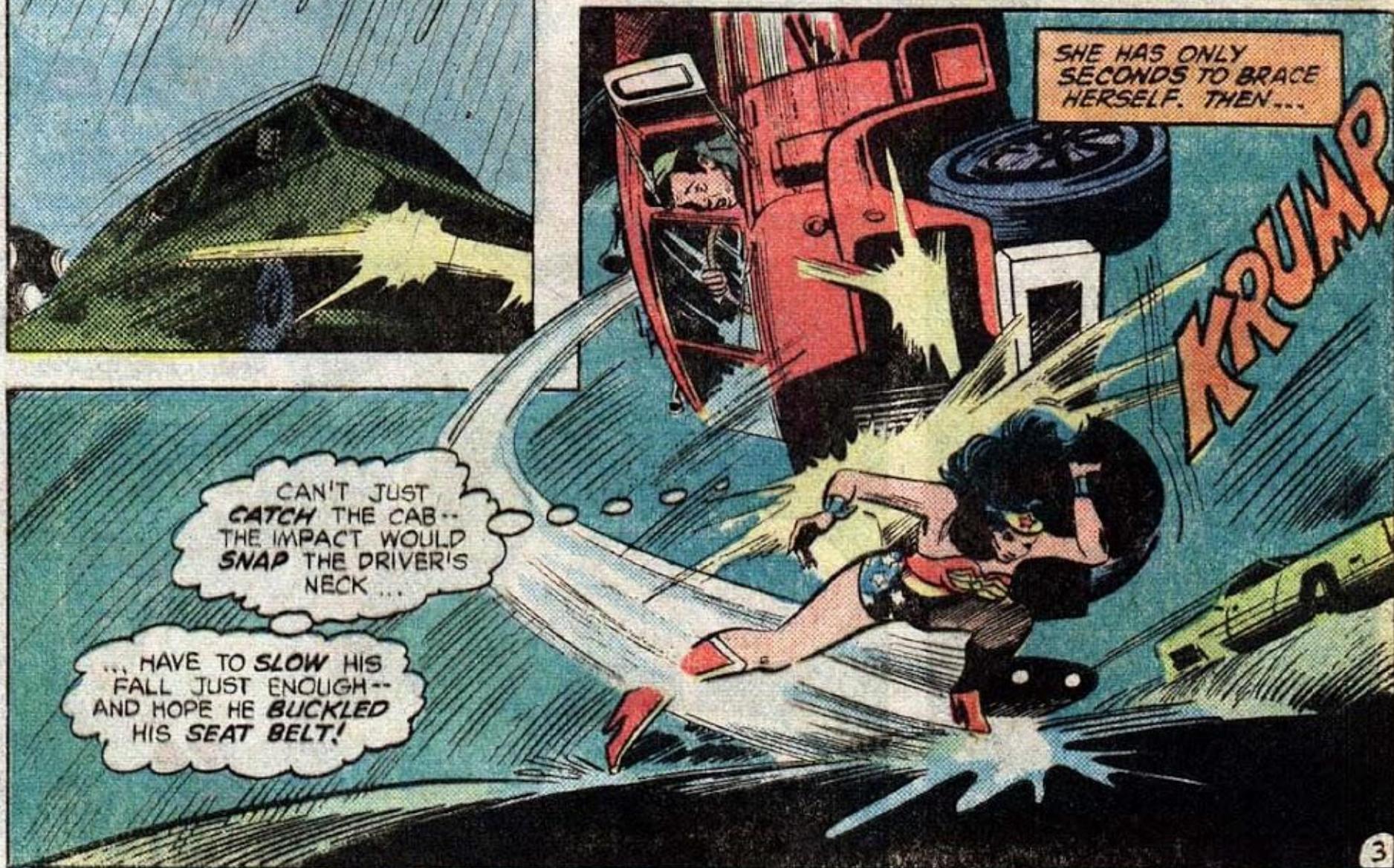
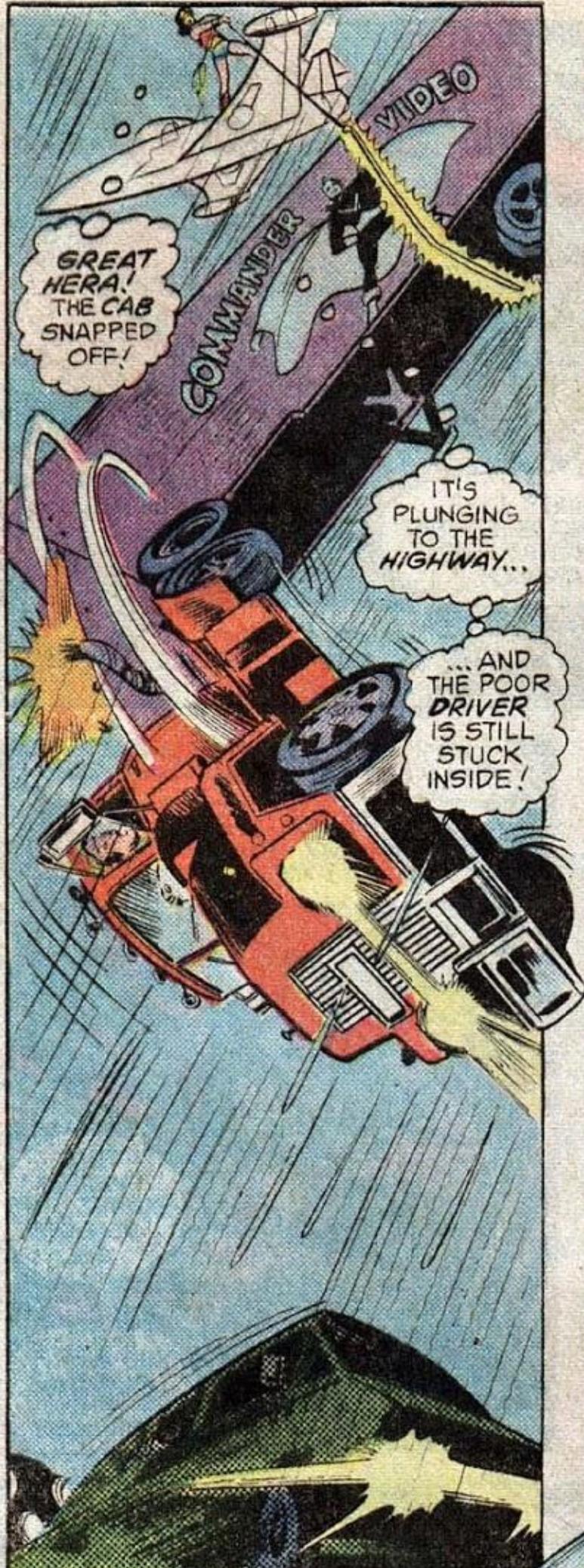
WHITTT

--OR IT
WOULD IF
I WASN'T
IN THE
VICINITY!

BETTER
PREPARE
MYSELF.

I MAY BE
STRONGER
THAN
HERCULES--

--BUT THAT
MANY TONS
OF STEEL CAN
THROW EVEN
ME OFF
BALANCE!



MY BACK WILL BE CURSING ME FOR DAYS ABOUT THIS,
BUT AT LEAST THE DRIVER IS ALL RIGHT...

...IF NOT A
BIT DAZED
FROM THE
ORDEAL.

WHAT HAPPENED
BACK THERE? IT
LOOKED LIKE YOU
LOST CONTROL.

HUH? I--I
DUNNO, EVERYTHIN'
SUDDENLY WENT
CRAZY.

LOOK, I DIDN'T
DO NOTHIN' WRONG,
HONEST.

HE LOOKS WORRIED,
EVEN A BIT GUILTY.

WELL, MAYBE HE'S
WORRIED THAT HIS
BOSSES AT
"COMMANDER VIDEO"
WILL FIRE HIM.

"COMMANDER
VIDEO"? HAVEN'T
HEARD THAT
ONE BEFORE.

OH, WELL, THEY'RE ALWAYS
COMIN' OUT WITH SOMETHIN' NEW.

LOOK, THE POLICE ARE
COMING, SO WHY DON'T
YOU JUST REST IN--

THAT
VIDEO
GAME... IT'S
TURNED
ON.

YOU WERE
PLAYING
IT WHILE
DRIVING?

UM, YEAH--
ER--I WAS...

I--I
COULDN'T
HELP IT.

I JUST CAN'T
STOP PLAYING
THAT THING.

--AND YOU'RE PLAYING
A STUPID GAME
WHILE DRIVING?

HERA, PRESERVE
ME FROM MADMEN!

MERCIFUL MINERVA,
IS EVERYONE IN
THIS COUNTRY GOING
CRAZY, OR IS IT
JUST ME?

IT'S POURING
OUT HERE--
VISIBILITY HAS
GOT TO BE ZERO--

WELL, YOU EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED TO THE POLICE--

--I STILL HAVE YOUR TRAILER TO LOWER ...

...AND MY OWN BUSINESS TO ATTEND.

AND, JUST A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

...YOU WERE WHAT?

JOE, YOU LISTEN TO THIS, TOO.

IF I REPORT THIS TO THE CAPTAIN ALONE, I'LL BE DOING NIGHT DUTY UNTIL I'M SIXTY-FIVE!

TIMES LIKE THIS I WONDER WHY I STAY HERE IN MAN'S WORLD!

I LONG FOR THE PEACE AND SANITY OF PARADISE ISLAND.

PLAYING VIDEO GAMES WHILE DRIVING! NOW I'M CERTAIN I HAVE SEEN EVERYTHING!

SILENT AS THE MOON, HIDDEN BEHIND THICK GREY STORMCLOUDS, WONDER WOMAN'S ROBOT PLANE CONTINUES ON ITS JOURNEY...

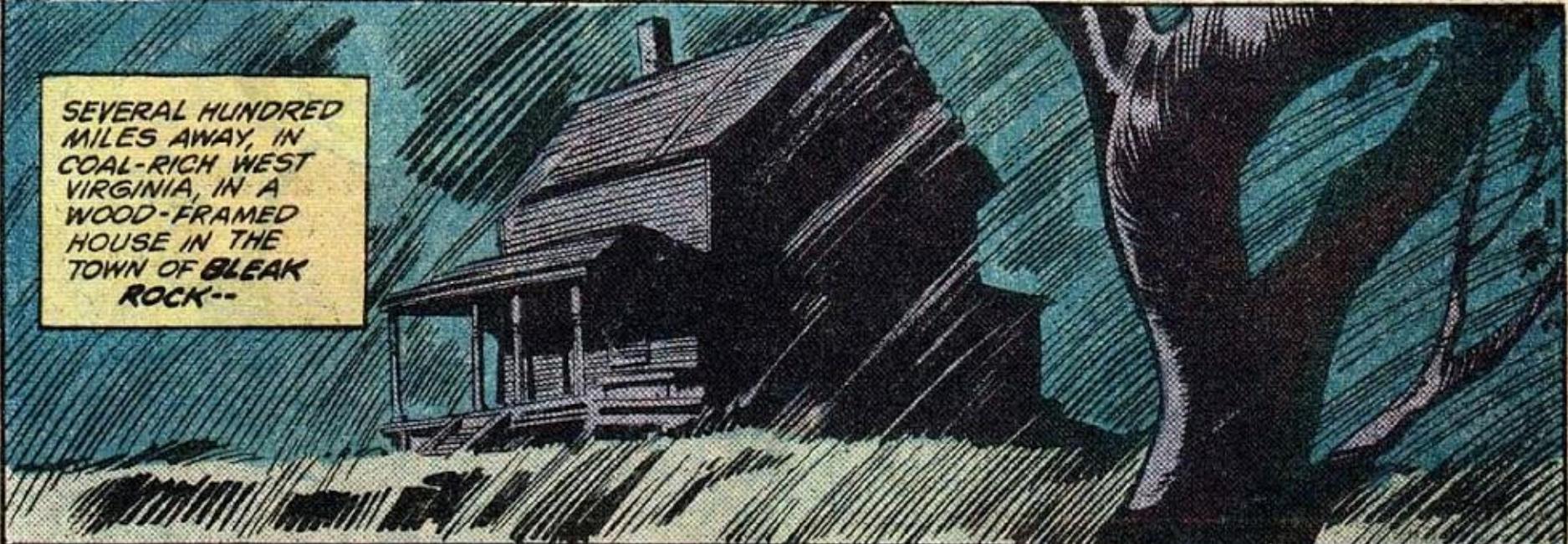
...TO A CERTAIN STREET JUST A FEW SHORT MILES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE ...

...A BRICK-LINED STREET IN FASHIONABLE GEORGETOWN.

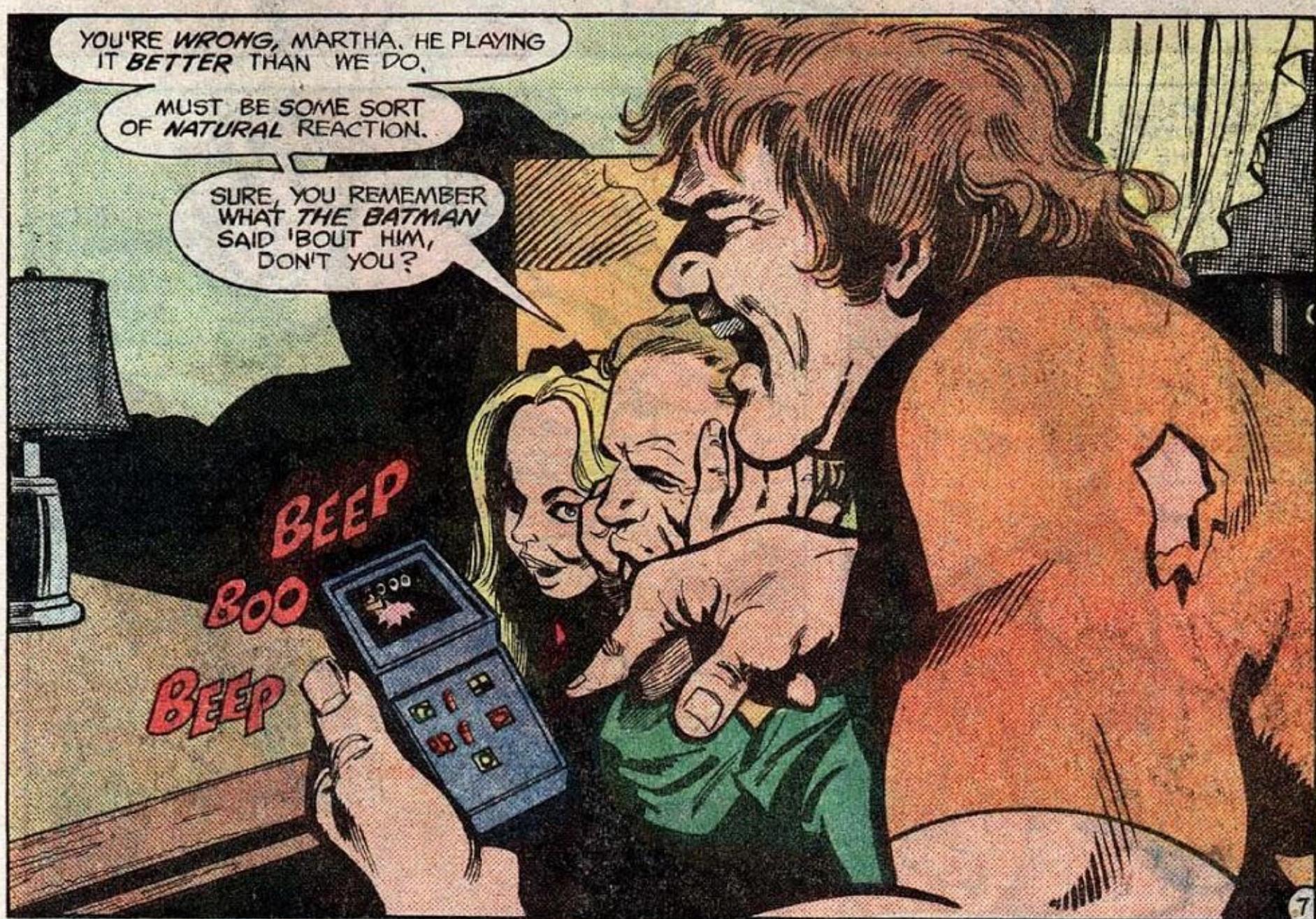
STEADY, WITHOUT A SINGLE TREMOR, WITHOUT EVEN A HINT OF UNCERTAINTY, THE ROBOT PLANE GLIDES IN FOR A LANDING...

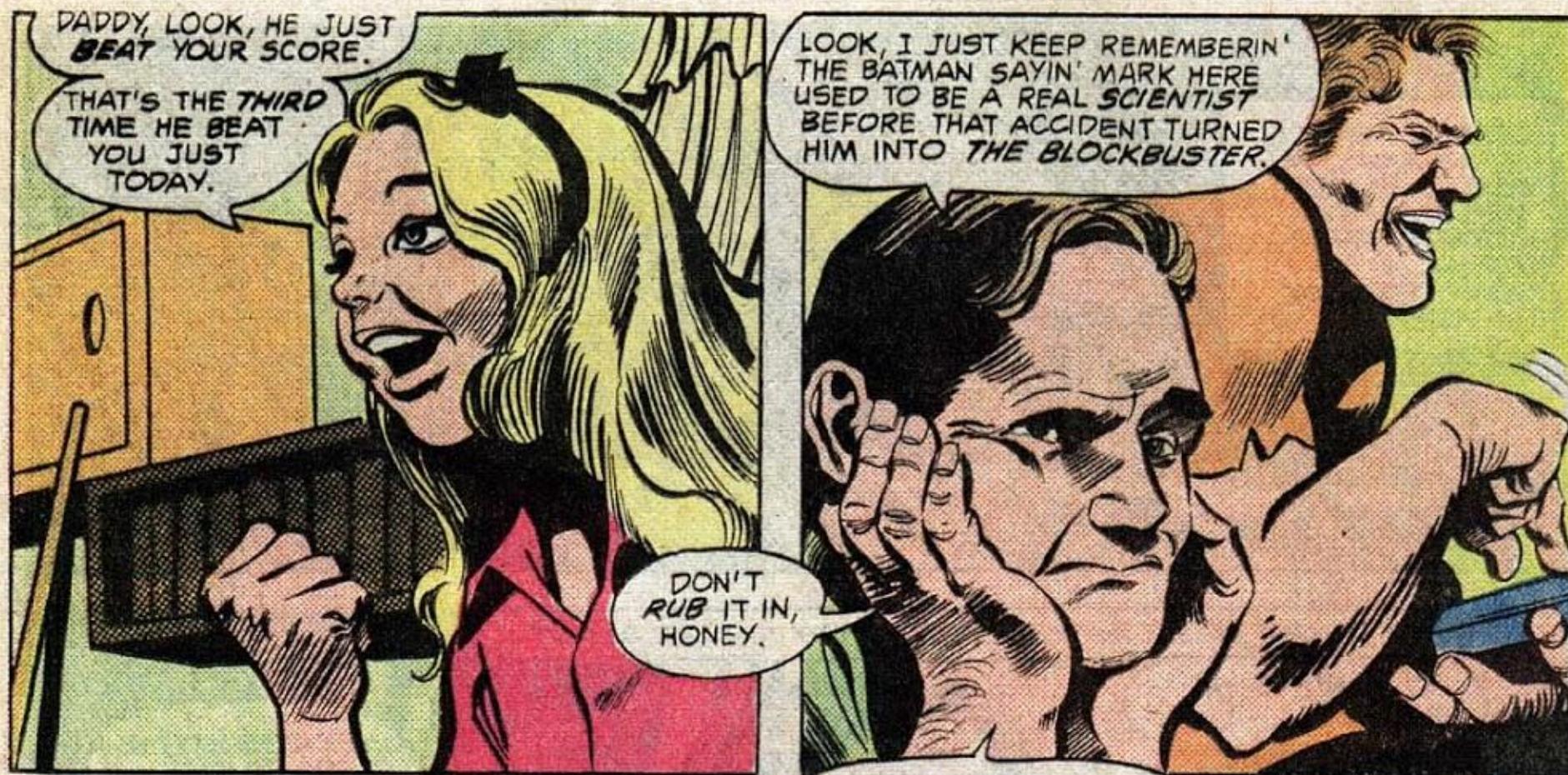


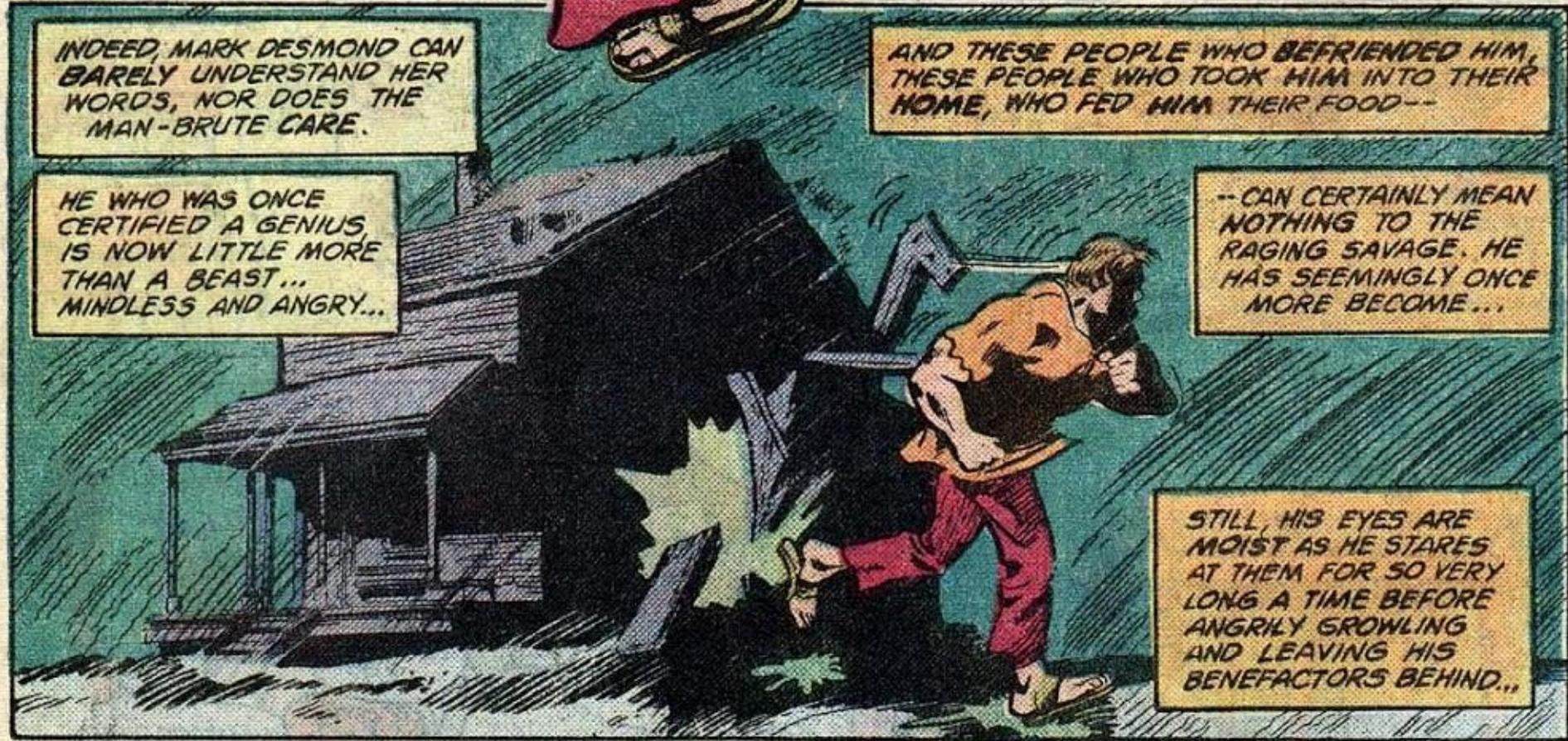
SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES AWAY, IN COAL-RICH WEST VIRGINIA, IN A WOOD-FRAMED HOUSE IN THE TOWN OF BLEAK ROCK--



--THE FAMILY OF ONE WILLIE MACON REACTS WITH SIMILAR SHOCK...







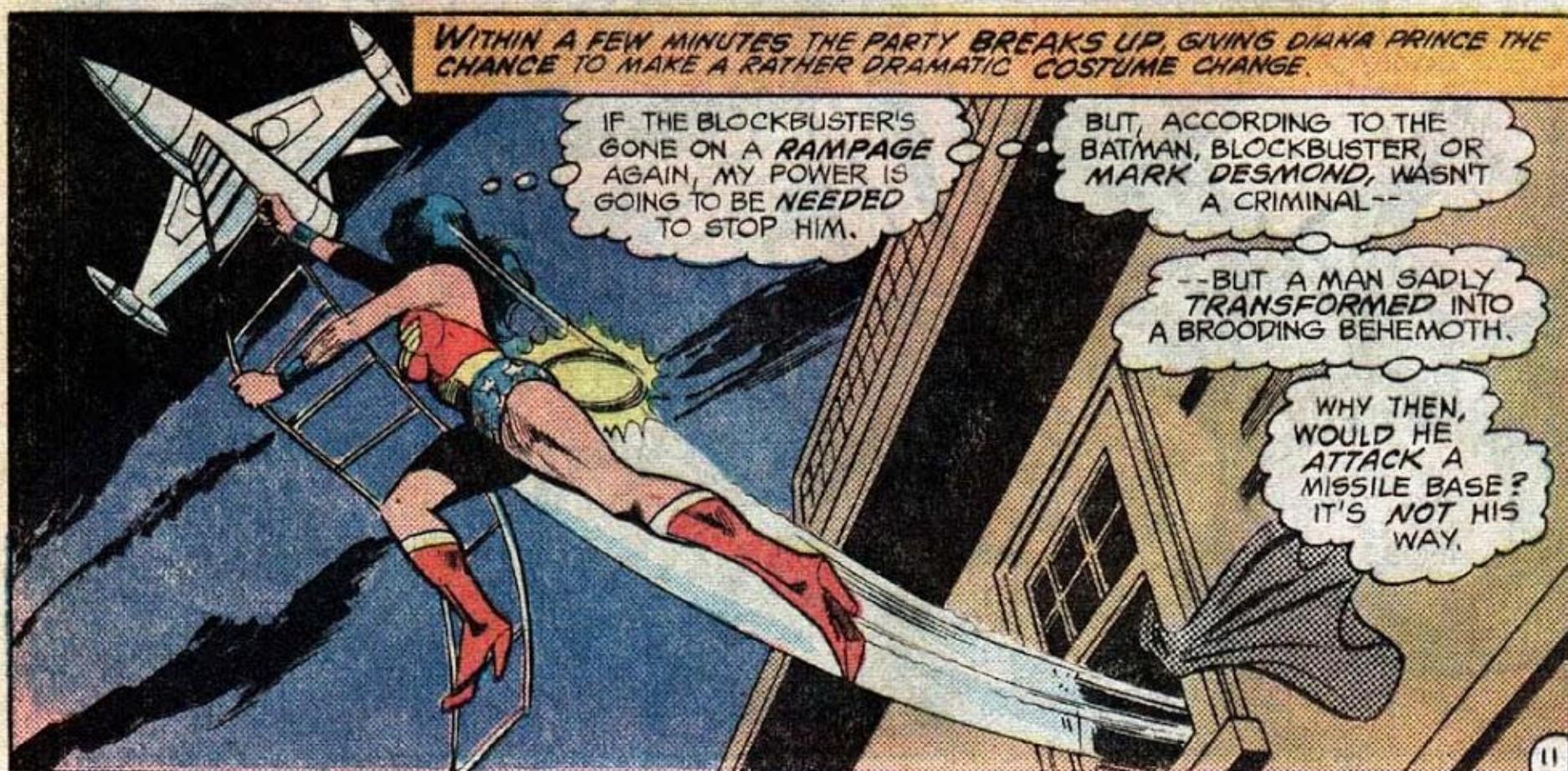
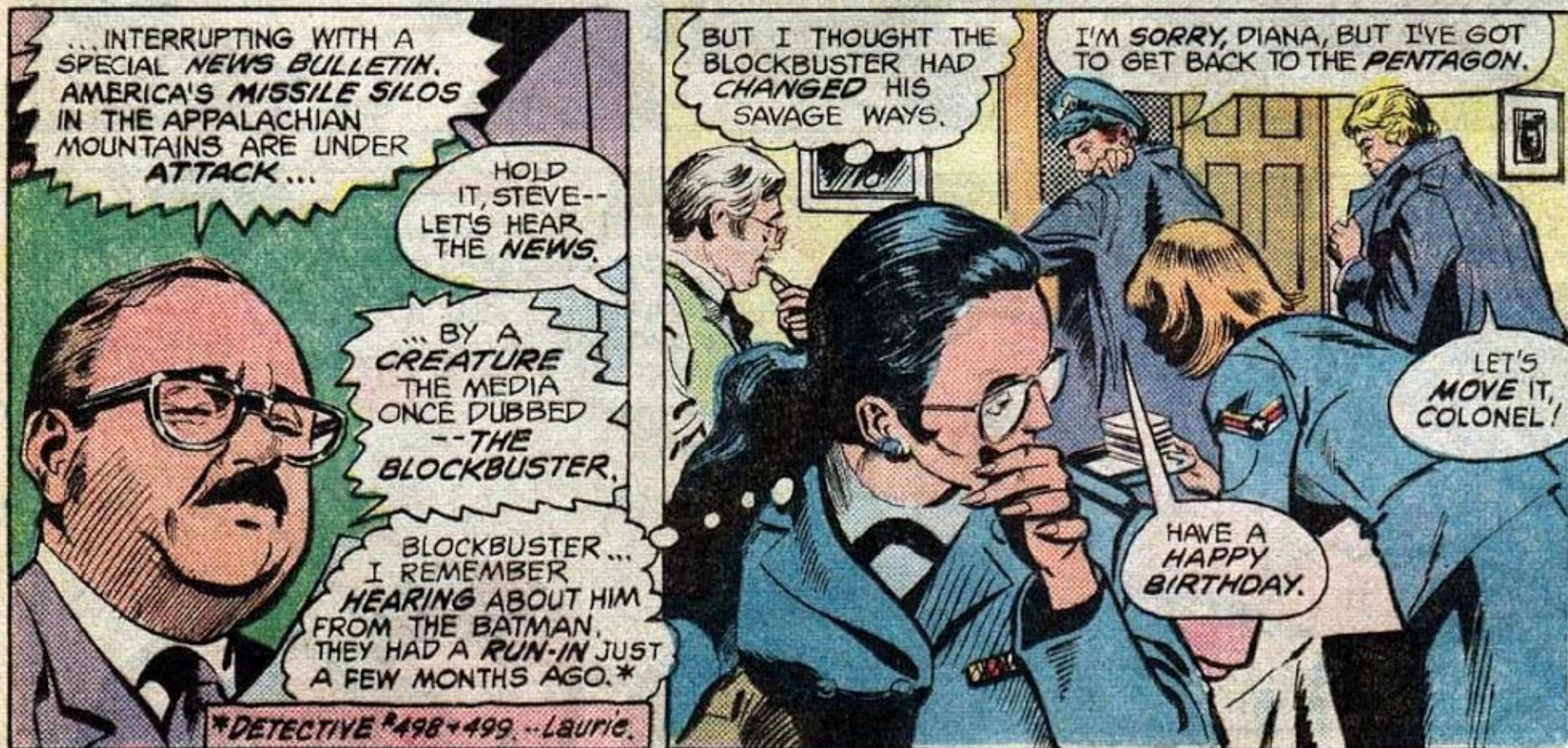
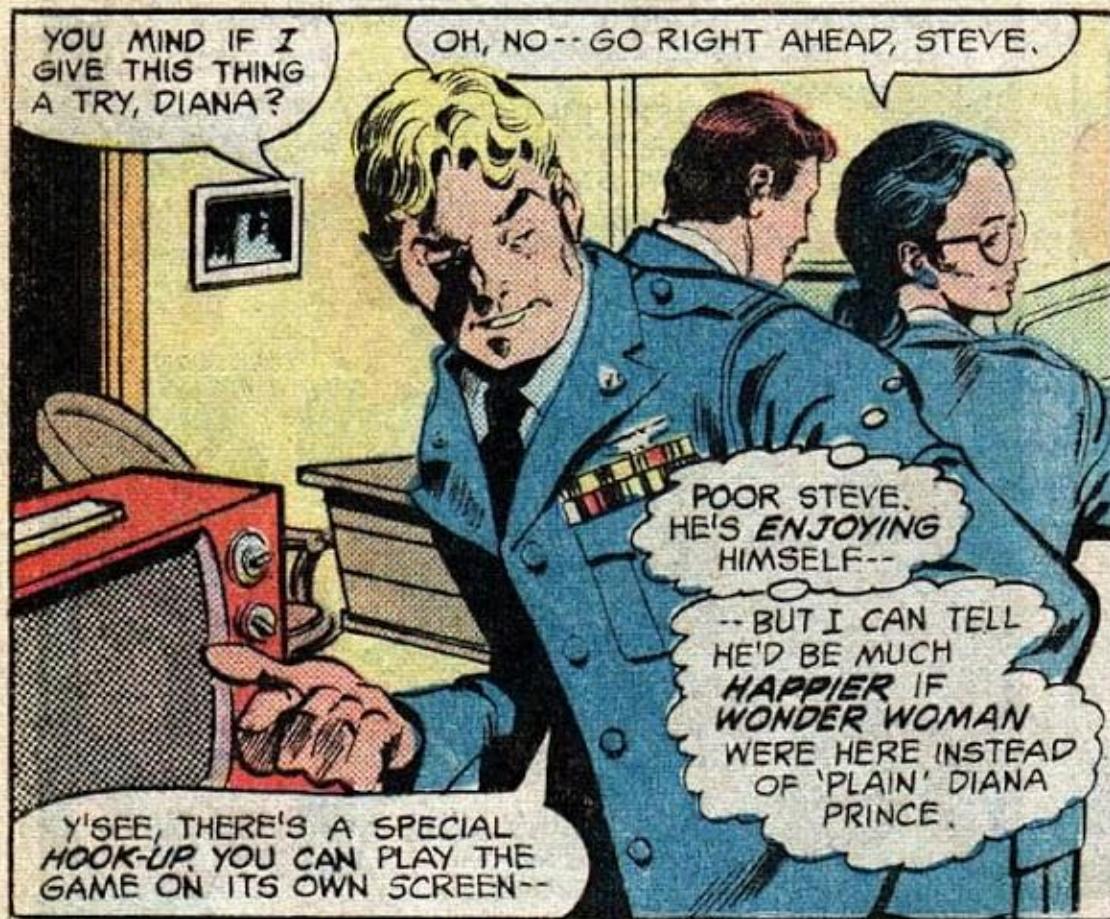
IN BLEAK ROCK THE SHOCK CONTINUES. BUT IN GEORGETOWN,
DIANA PRINCE'S INITIAL SURPRISE HAS BECOME A THING OF
HAPPINESS...



DIANA, GUESS THIS IS AS GOOD A
TIME AS ANY TO TELL YOU.







WELL, I'LL HAVE MY ANSWERS SOON ENOUGH, I SUPPOSE.

POSSIBLY RIVALLING MY OWN!

THOUGH I MAY NOT LIKE WHAT I FIND OUT,

THE BLOCKBUSTER'S STRENGTH IS SUPPOSED TO BE EXTRAORDINARY.

--FEARING THE DAMAGE I COULD DO IF LEFT UNRESTRAINED...

...THE BLOCKBUSTER, ACCORDING TO EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD, IS PURE BESTIAL RAGE!

WHATEVER FALLS IN HIS WAY HE SIMPLY TRIES TO DESTROY!

QUITE A TRUE STATEMENT, WONDER WOMAN, AS PROVEN AT THE ARMY'S APPALACHIAN MISSILE COMMAND...

DESTROY! DESTROY MISSILES! DESTROY EVERYTHING!

MY GOD! HE TOSSED OVER THAT JEEP AS IF IT WERE A FEATHER!

I -- TRIED SHOOTING IT, SIR...

...BUT MY BULLETS ONLY MADE IT--

--MADDER?!

NOW WHAT DO WE DO?

THERE IS LITTLE THAT CAN BE DONE, CORPORAL, EXCEPT TO RUN IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE...

HE'S MOVING IN TOO FAST TO HIT!

SPUDADA



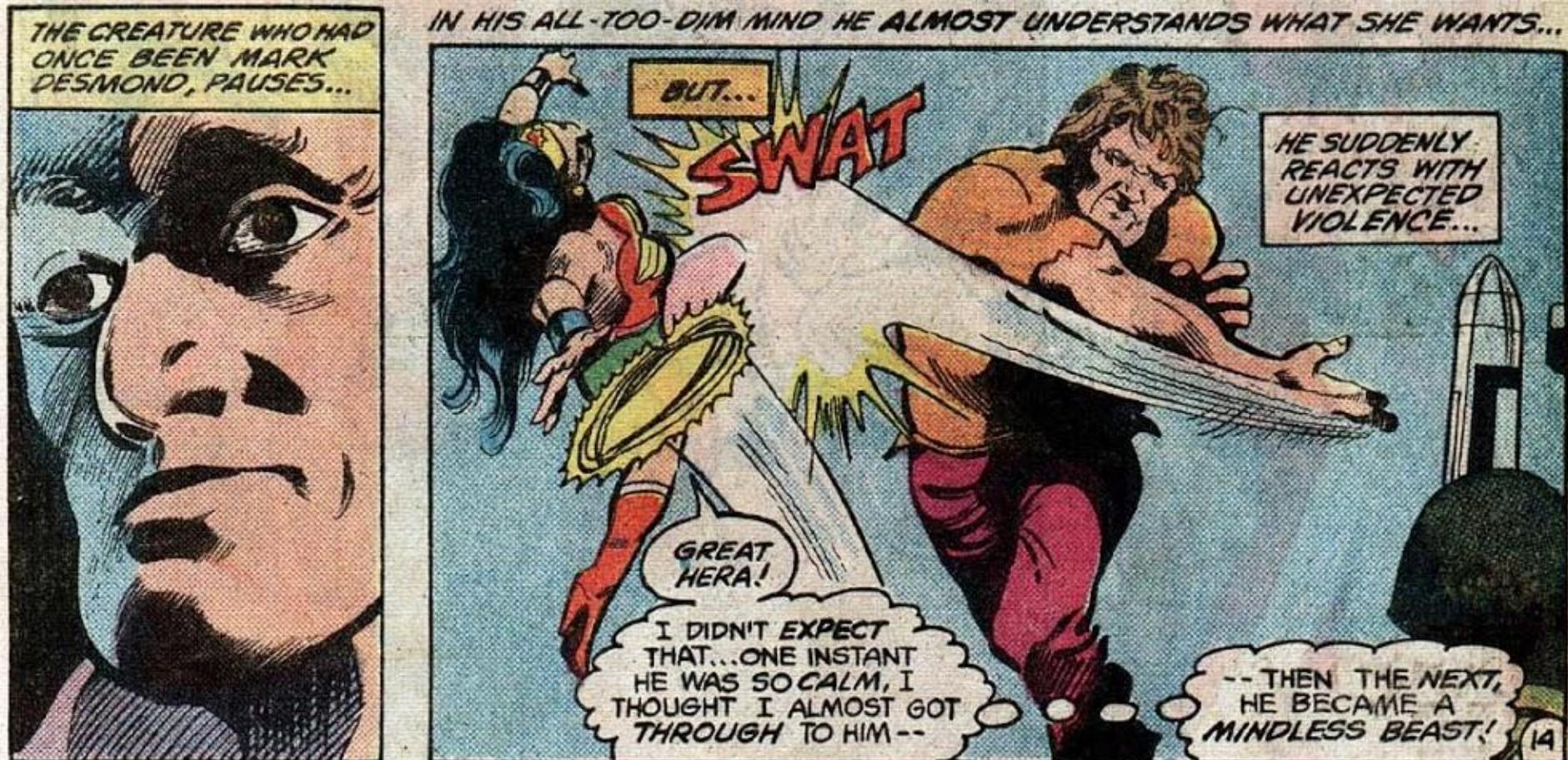
THAT'S ENOUGH, DESMOND!

LEAVE THOSE SOLDIERS ALONE!

WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT GOLDEN ROPE APPEARED FROM NOWHERE!

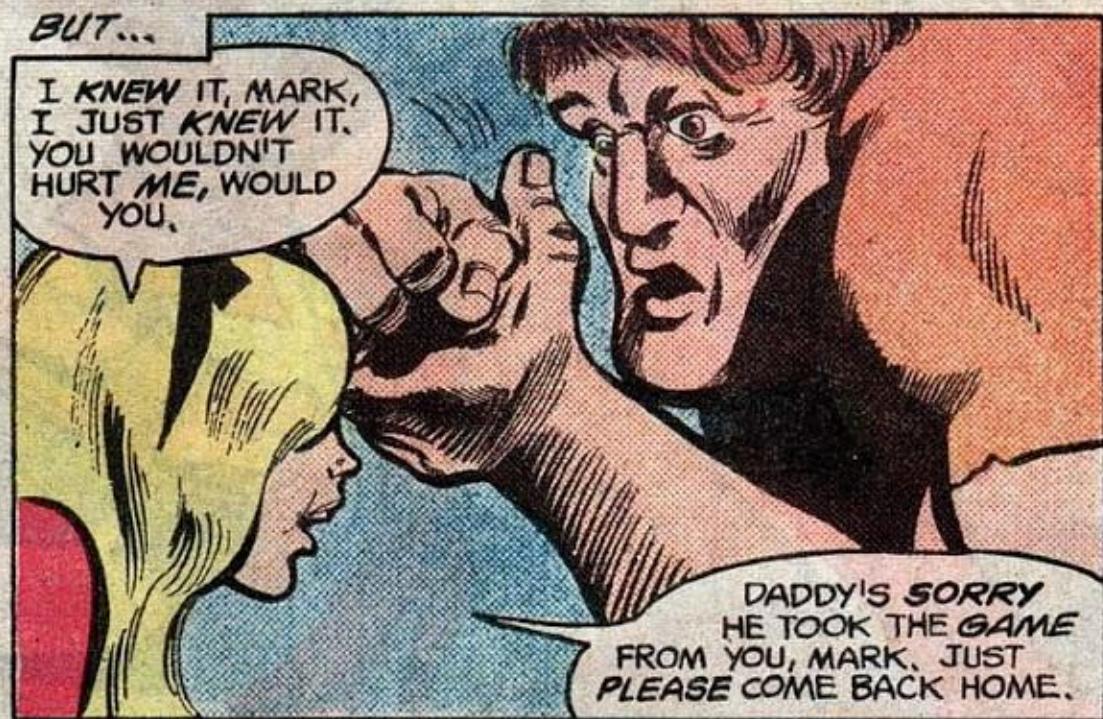
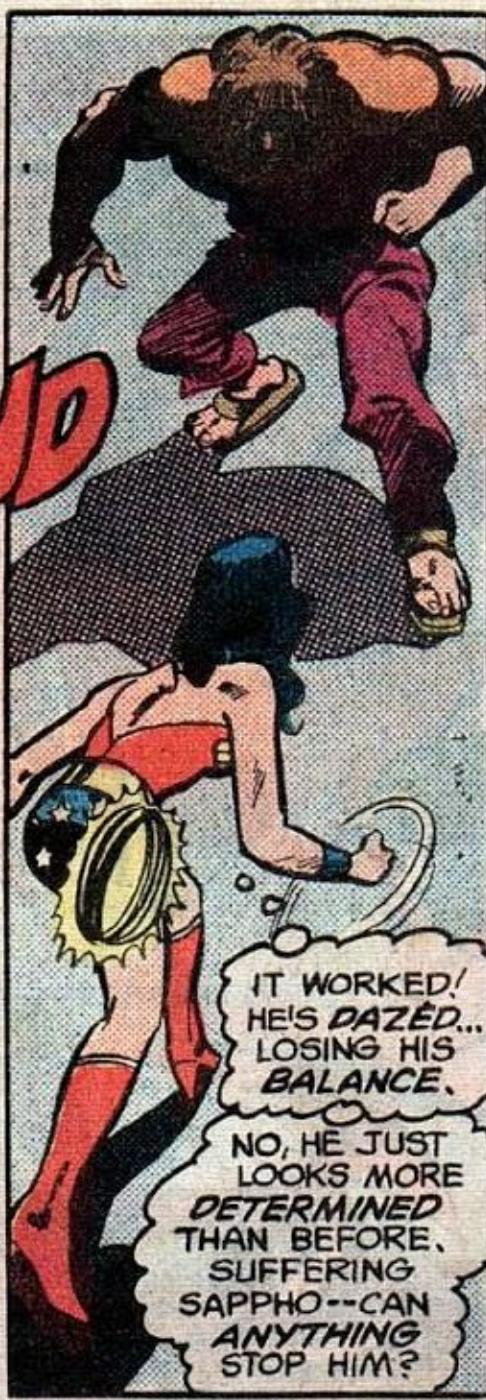
NOT FROM NOWHERE, SIR-- LOOK UP THERE!





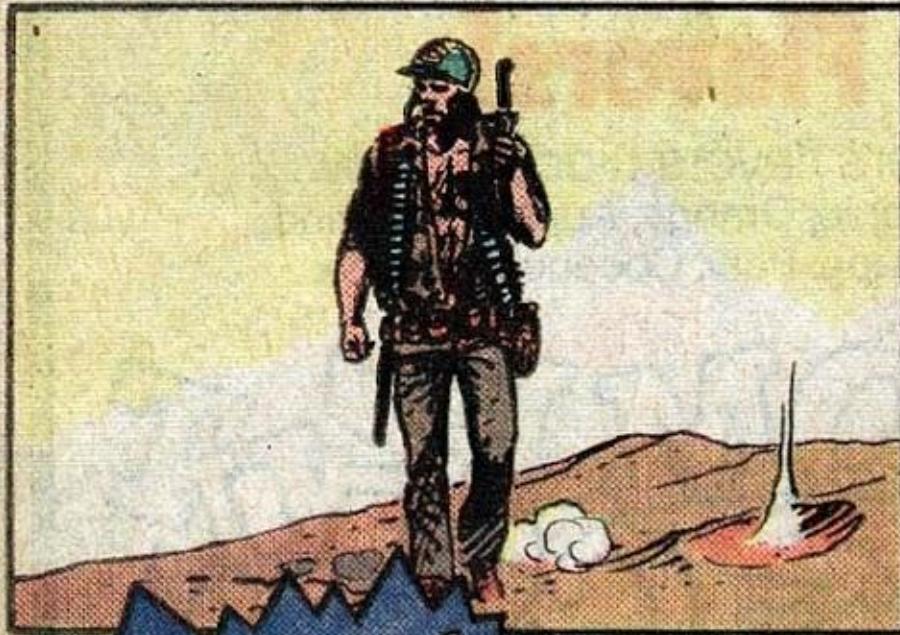






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WONDER WOMAN LEAVES, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



HER NAME IS HELENA WAYNE
AND SHE'S CARRYING ON A FAMILY
TRADITION. HERE ON A WORLD
SUBTLY DIFFERENT FROM OUR
OWN, SHE SAW THE BATMAN DIE...
AND FIGHTS ON AS HIS DAUGHTER...

NOW SHE'S FIGHTING THE SANDS OF TIME
AS THEY SLOWLY SLIP AWAY AND CARRY WITH
THEM THE LIFE OF A MAN SHE LOVES...

The Huntress

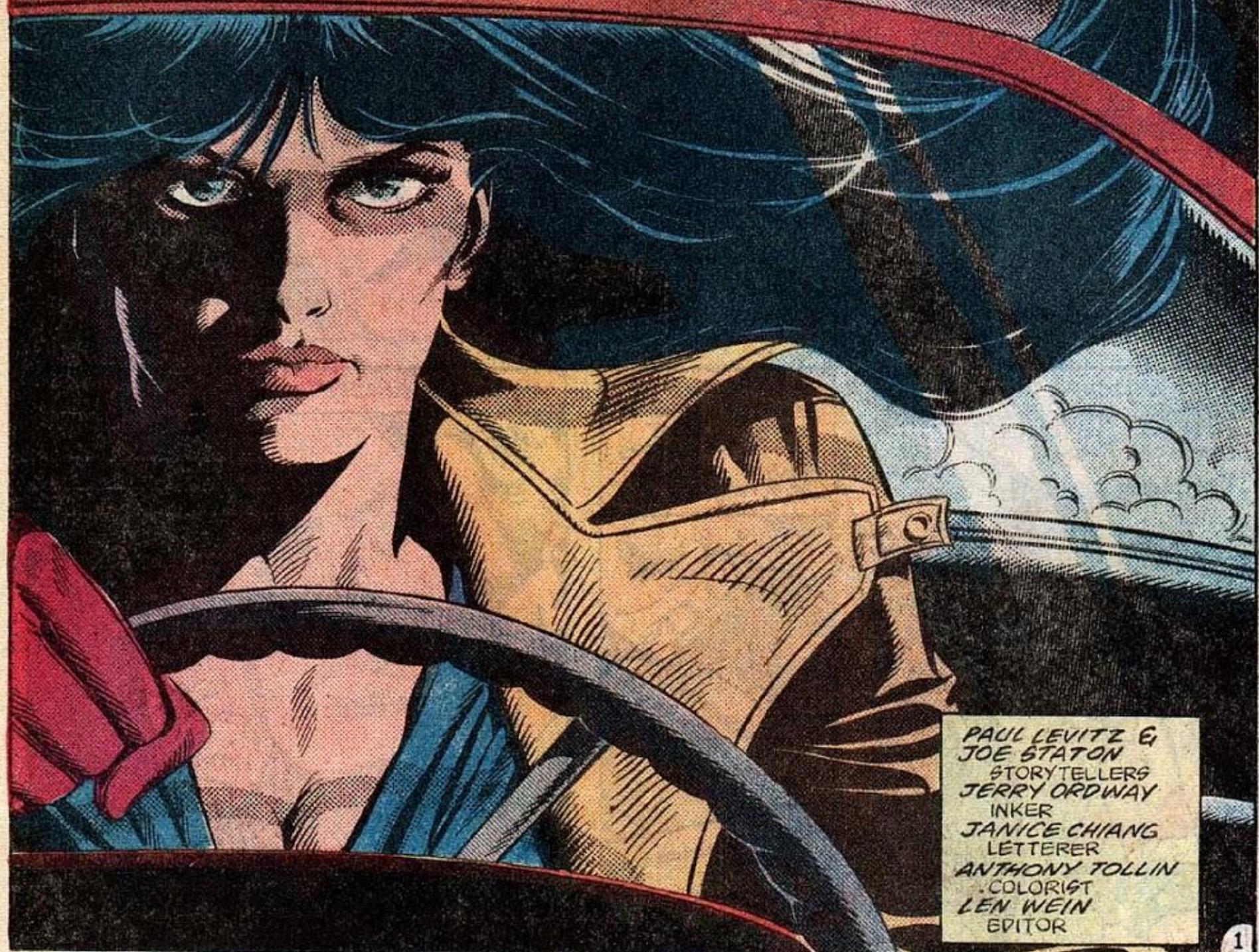
By Dusk's Dying Light...

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BLAST THESE COUNTRY
ROADS! IF THEY'D EVER BUILT
A DECENT INTERSTATE I'D
HAVE BEEN TO NEW STRAT-
FORD BY NOW!

IT'S SEVEN O'CLOCK
AND I STILL HAVE
MILES TO GO!

I JUST HOPE THE FACT
THAT NO ONE'S ANSWERING
THE PHONE AT REPERTORY
THEATRE DOESN'T MEAN
THE MIDNIGHT MURDER
DEADLINE WAS MOVED
UP...



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... BECAUSE IF I'M TOO LATE TO PULL OFF A RESCUE, I MIGHT BEND MY MORAL STANDARDS--AND PUT A KNIFE THROUGH THOSE CREEPS!

HOW DARE THEY HOLD THAT DEAR SWEET OLD MAN HOSTAGE!

CALM DOWN, HELENA-- DON'T LET THE ADRENALINE THAT'S KEEPING YOU FROM FALLING DOWN CLOUD YOUR MIND.

OF COURSE, THEY'RE BEHAVING LIKE SLIME... THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE.

"I KNEW THAT'S WHAT I WAS DEALING WITH FROM THE MINUTE THE CRIMELORD CAPTURED ME-- HE CLAIMED HE HADN'T TOLD ANYONE MY IDENTITY HAD JUST LEFT IT TO A FAIR FIGHT TO THE FINISH."

"BUT DEEP IN MY MIND, I KNEW HE WAS LYING EVEN BEFORE I FOUND THE KEY TO THE STAGE DOOR OF THE NEW STRATFORD REP THEATRE-- AND HE TOLD ME ABOUT HIS 'INSURANCE'!"

"SO NEAT AND SWEET: IF HE WON, I DIED... AND IF I WON, NO ONE ELSE WOULD KNOW MY IDENTITY, BUT HIS THUGS WOULD COMMIT A MURDER THAT WOULD MAKE ME WISH I DIED."

"I'LL GIVE THIS TO THE CRIMELORD-- HE WAS A THOROUGH MONSTER."

"I CAN'T SAY I'M SORRY HE DIED ON THAT CASTLE PARAPET, EVEN THOUGH I WOULD HAVE SAVED HIM IF I COULD'VE..."



"... BUT I HOPE I DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE PRICE HE INTENDED FOR WINNING THAT BATTLE!"

* BACK IN #289-290 BEFORE OUR MINI-SERIES WITHIN A SERIES INTERRUPTED US-- LEN.

MEANWHILE, AT THE NEW STRATFORD REPERTORY THEATRE, WHERE WE LAST SAW TWO CARS DRIVING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PREVIOUS NIGHT'S RAINSTORM...

... THERE ARE NOW TWO CARS PEACEFULLY PARKED IN FRONT OF THE WOODEN FRAME BUILDING, DRYING IN THE LAST RAYS OF THE DAY.



I DIDN'T I TELL YOU IT'D BE EASY, SAMMY? I MEAN, LIKE WHAT'D WE HAVE TO DO TO EARN FIFTY GRAND?

WE TOOK OUT THE OLD GUY AND THAT BOZO WHO WAS VISITING HIM SLICKER THAN TAKING TWENTIES FROM TOURISTS AT THREE-CARD!



SURE YOU WANNA DROP THAT CARD?

YEAH. YOU'LL NEVER GET GIN ANYHOW.

MIDNIGHT THE OLD GUY GOES, RIGHT?

MR. GORDON
TEACHER BUMS



THAT'S WHAT THE CRIMELORD SAID. BEATS ME WHY WE SHOULD WAIT BUT I DON'T ARGUE WITH HIM.

WHAT ABOUT THE TWIT WHO WAS VISITING?

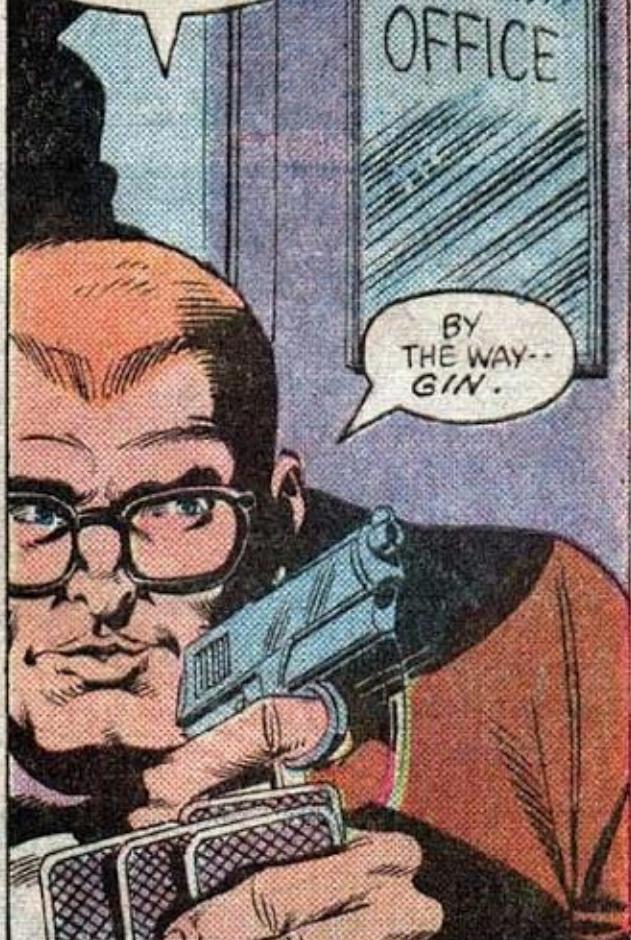


GOOD.

THEN I THINK I'LL MAKE IT A DOUBLE-HEADER.

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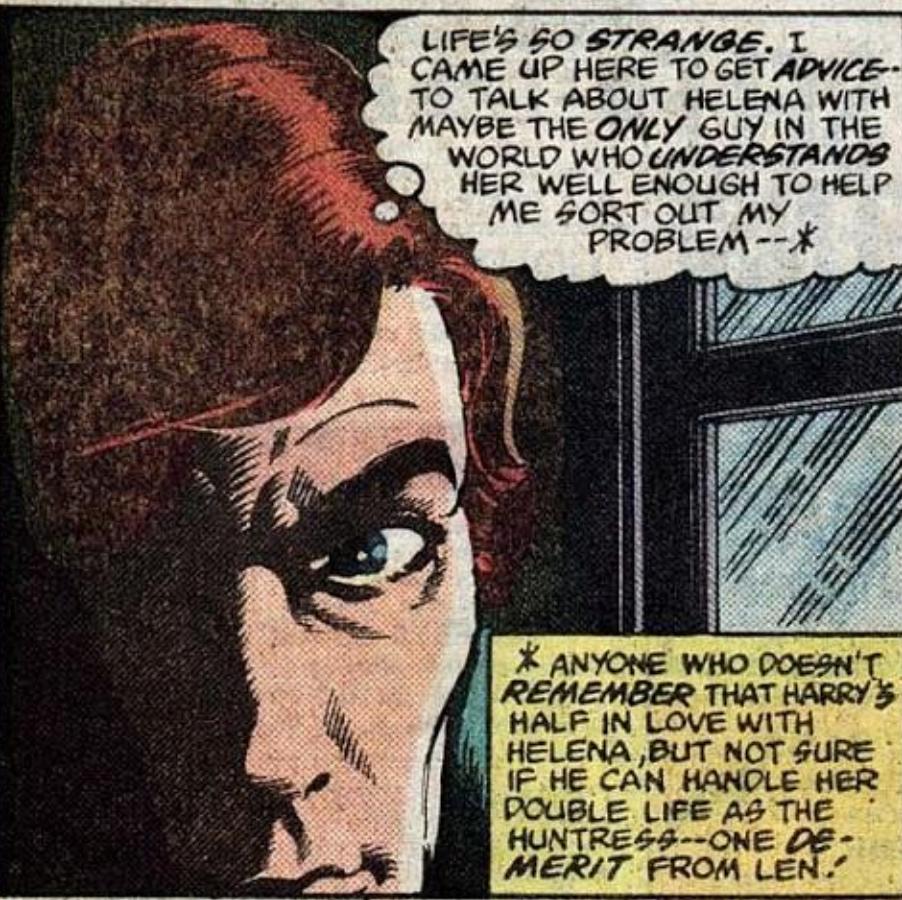
BY THE WAY--GIN.



SAMMY, YOU'RE A PAIN.

OFFICE

PAY UP AND DEAL ANOTHER HAND -- WE GOT A COUPLE A HOURS AND THOSE TWO SLEEPING BEAUTIES DON'T NEED ANY OF OUR ATTENTION. I WANT TO MAKE THIS A PROFITABLE EVENING!

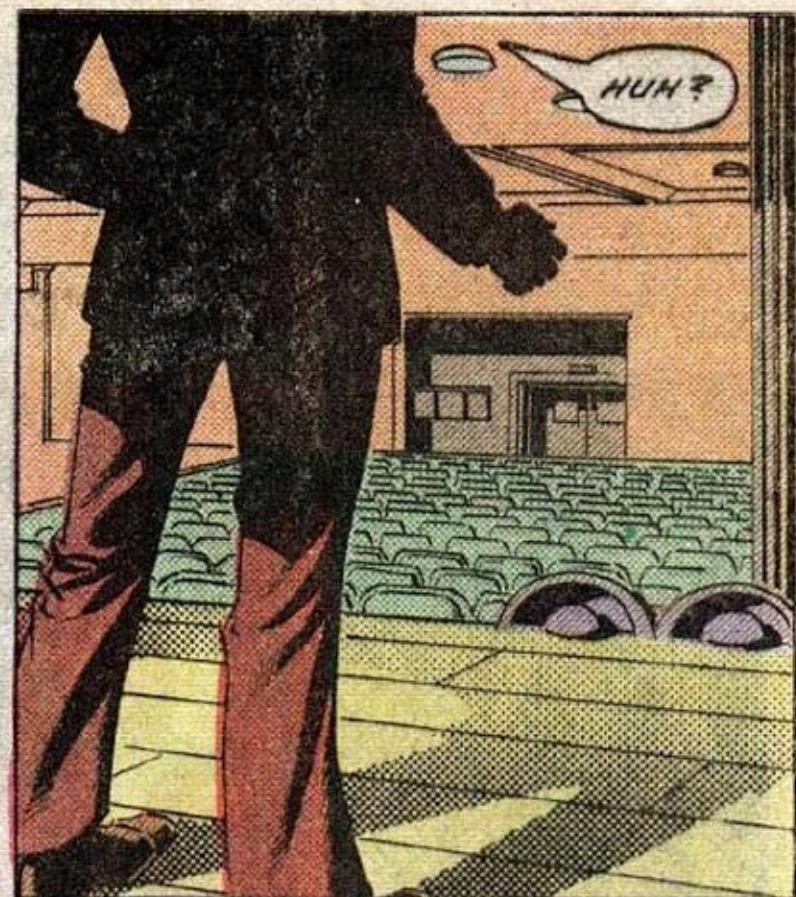


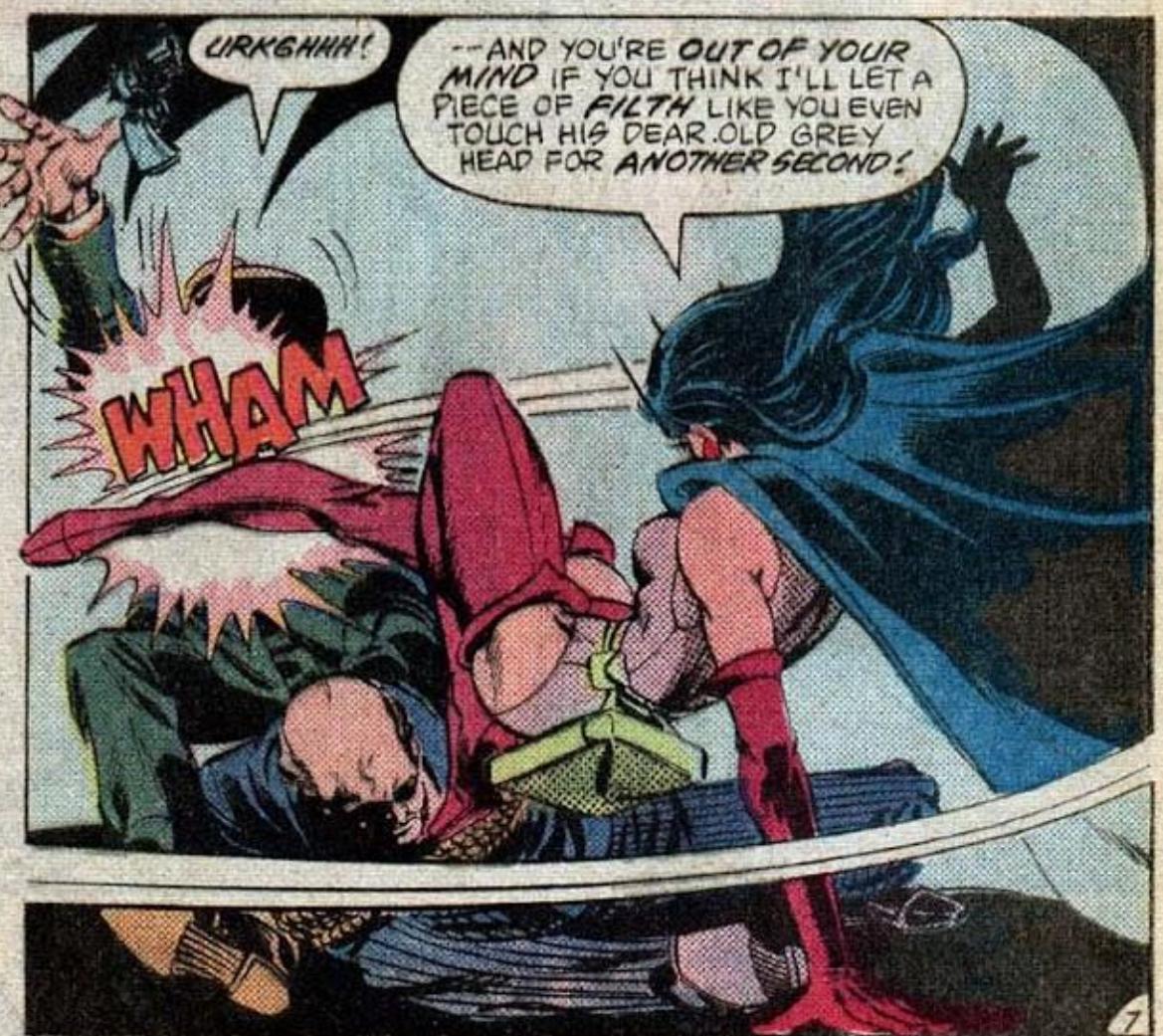


FUNNY--
VERY
FUNNY.

LET'S SEE IF YOU'RE
AS BIG A COMEDIAN
WITH THE LIGHTS
ON, TURKEY.

HUH?







NEED WE SAY--CONTINUED NEXT ISSUE!

OUT OF THE DARKNESS!