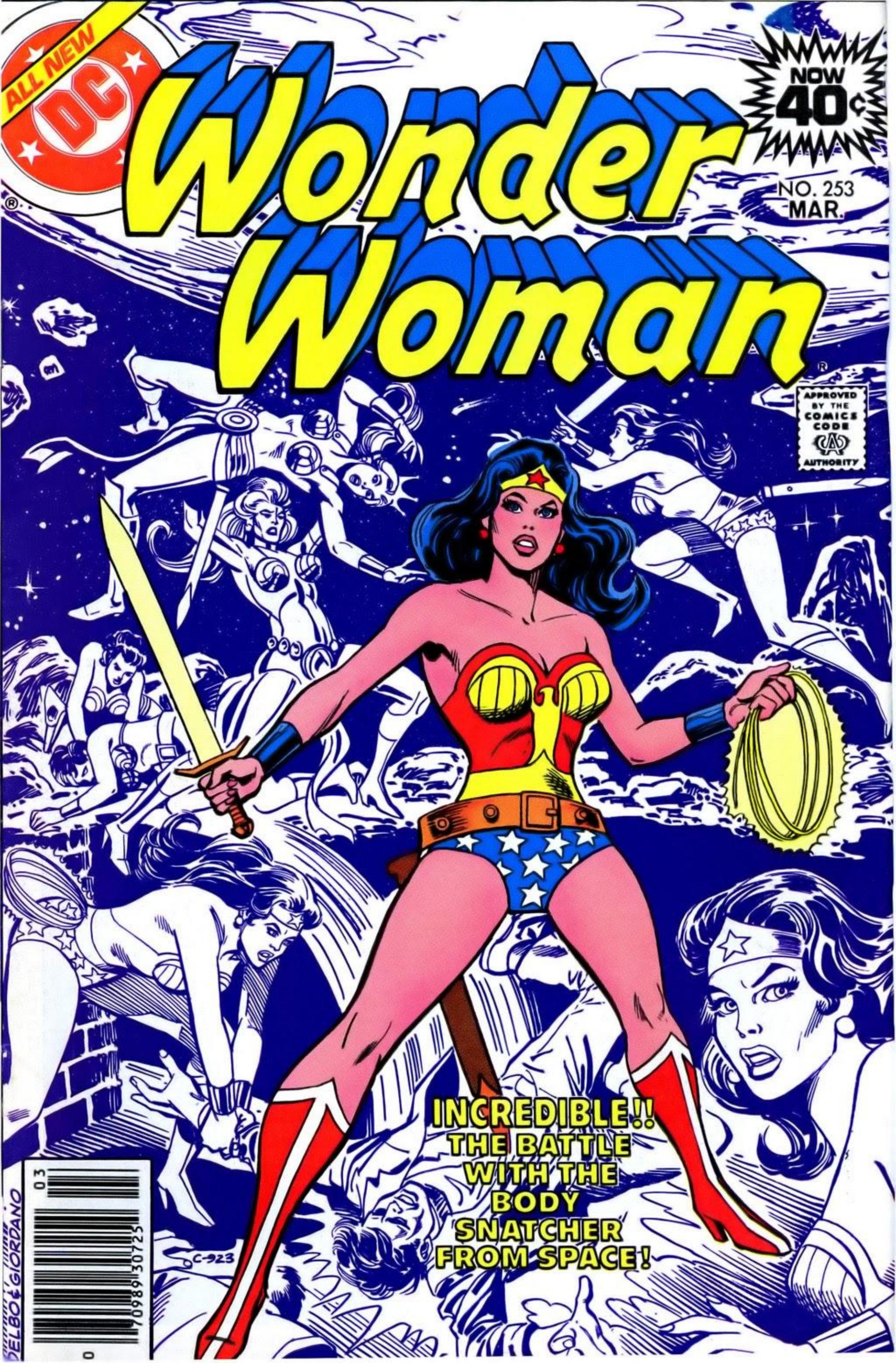


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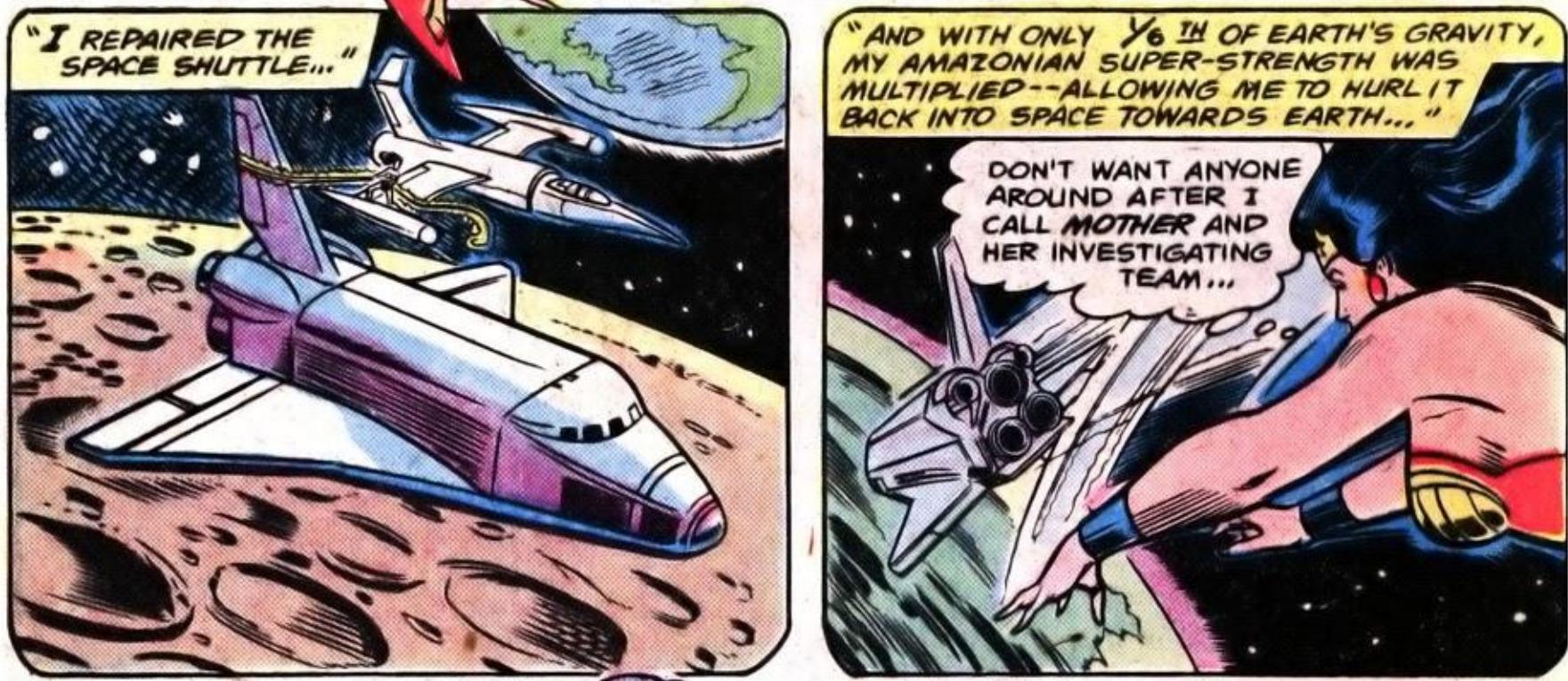
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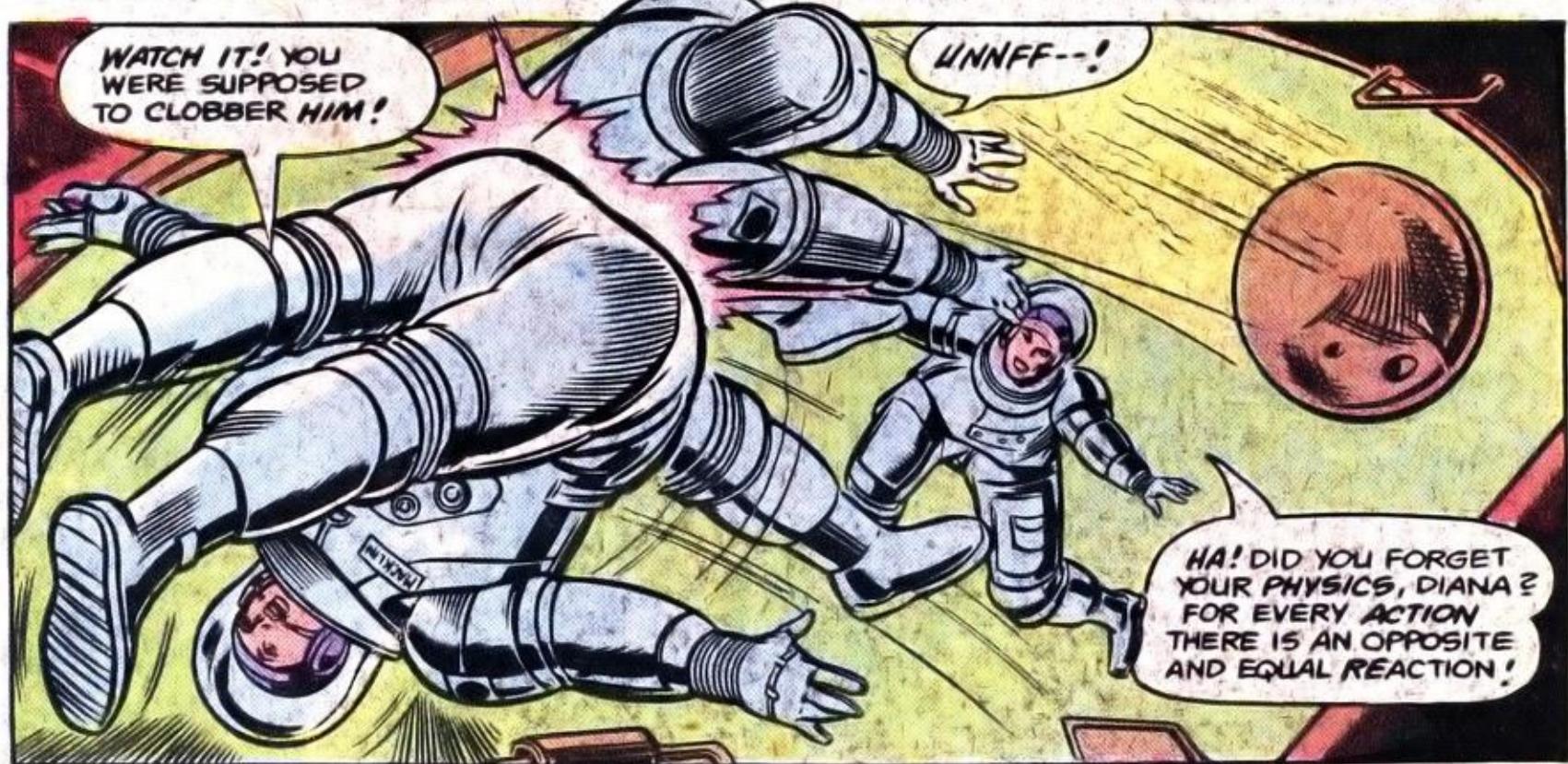
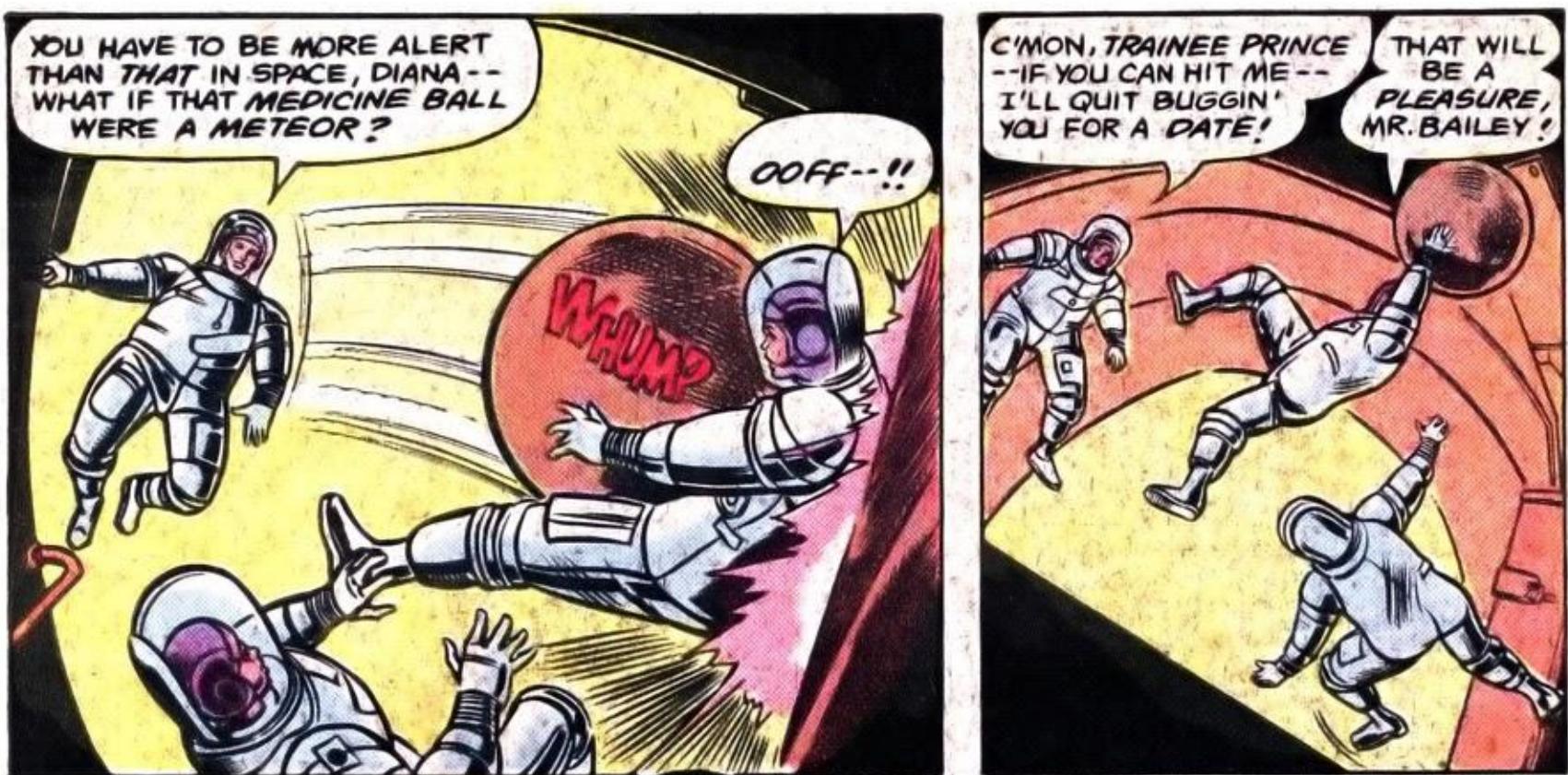


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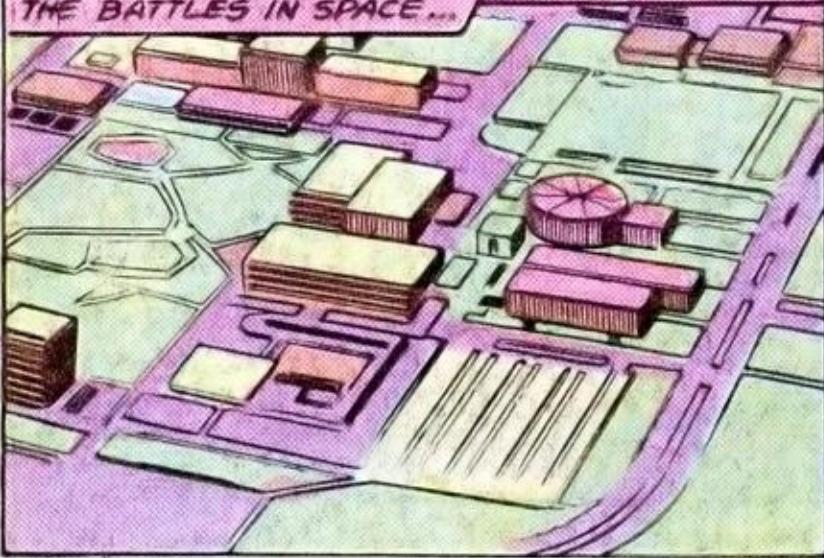
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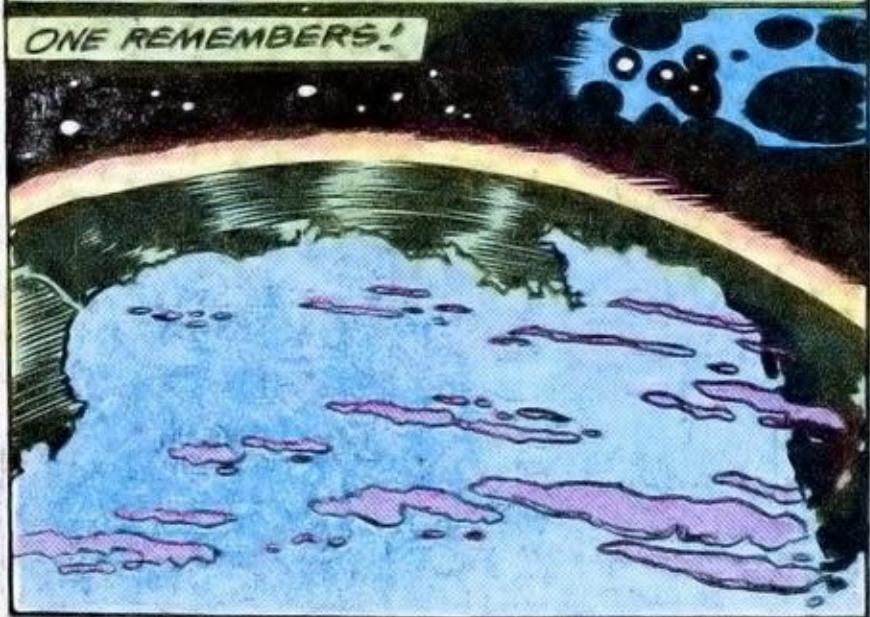


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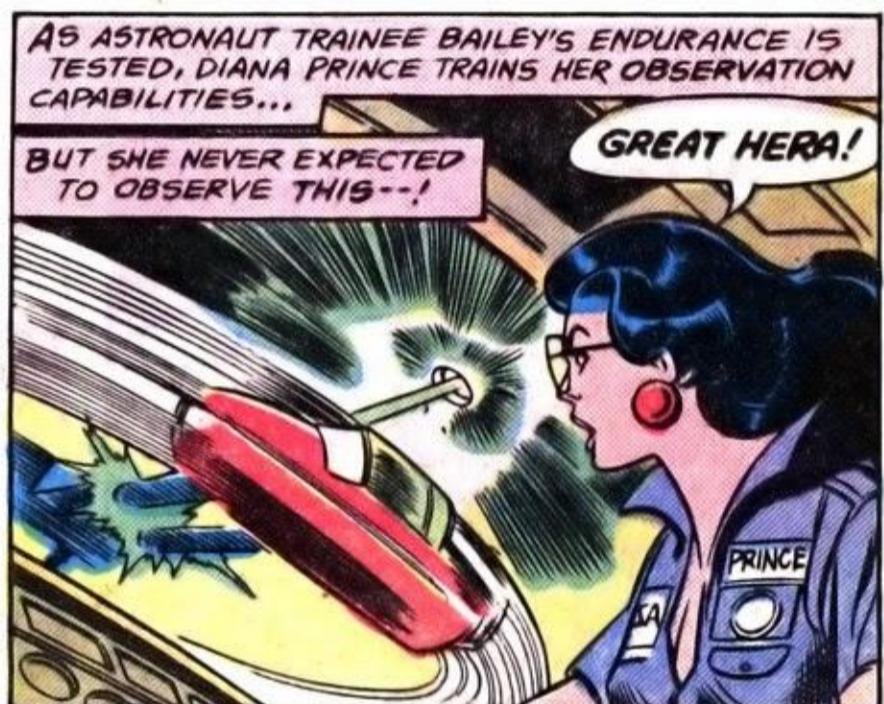
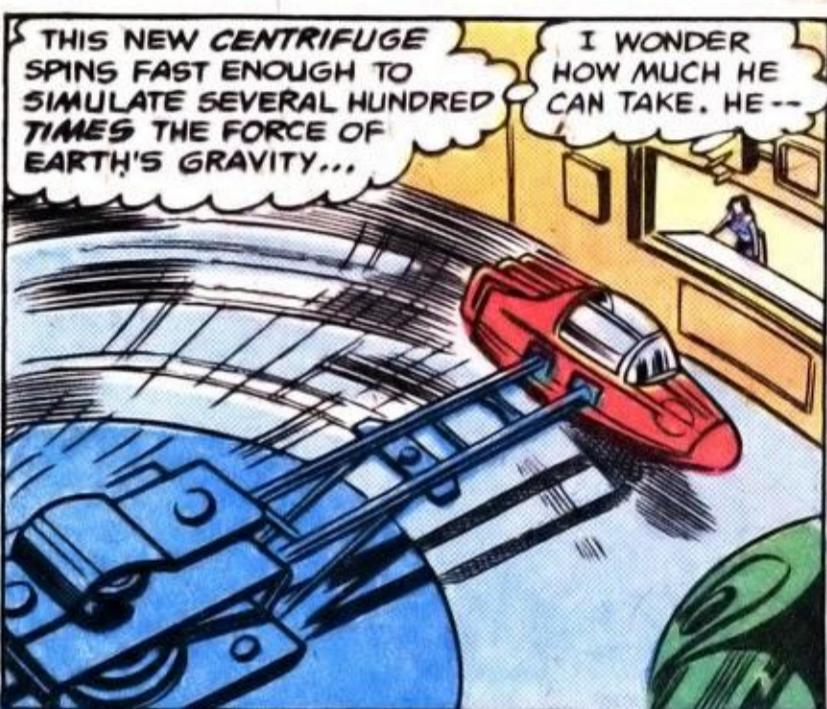
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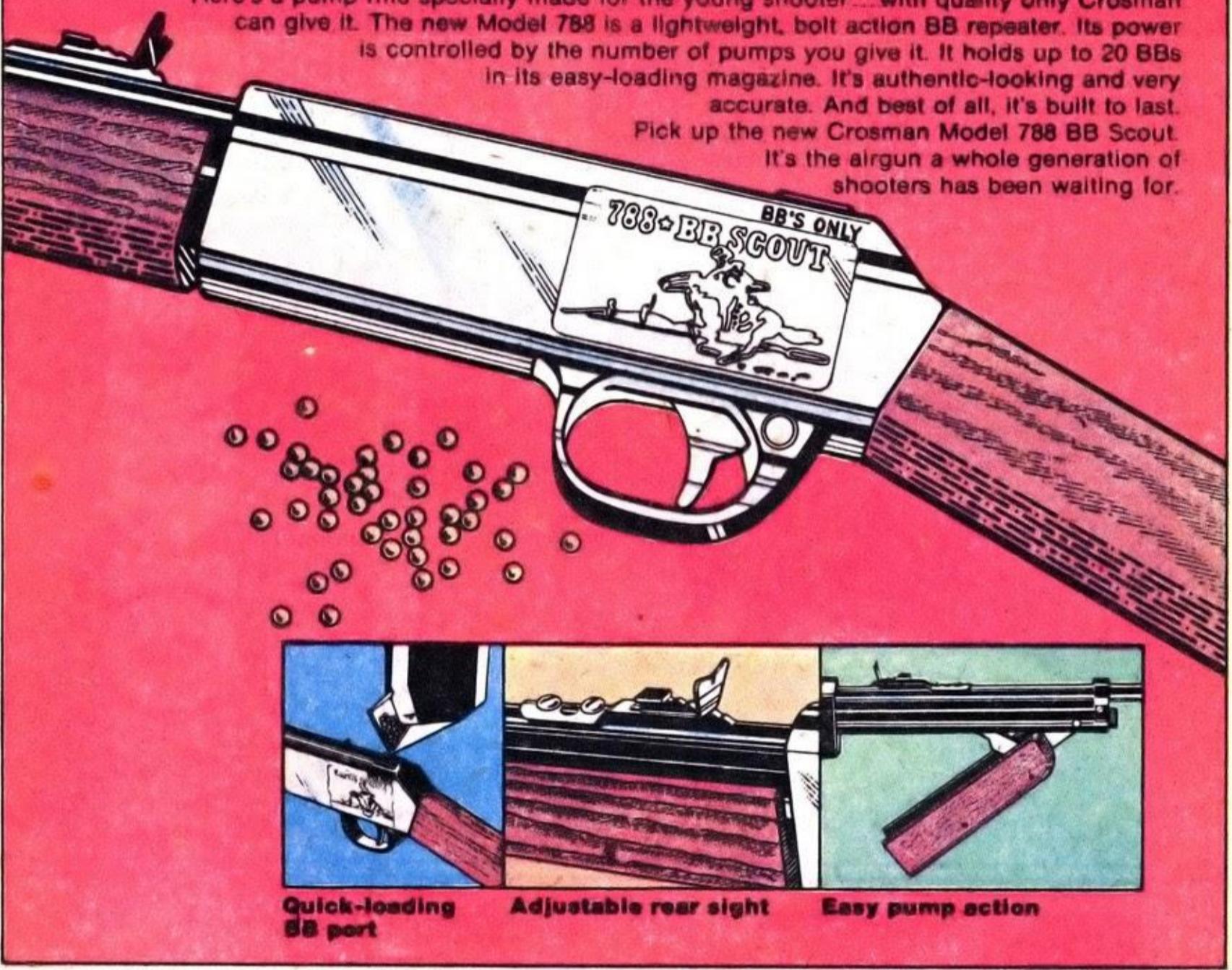


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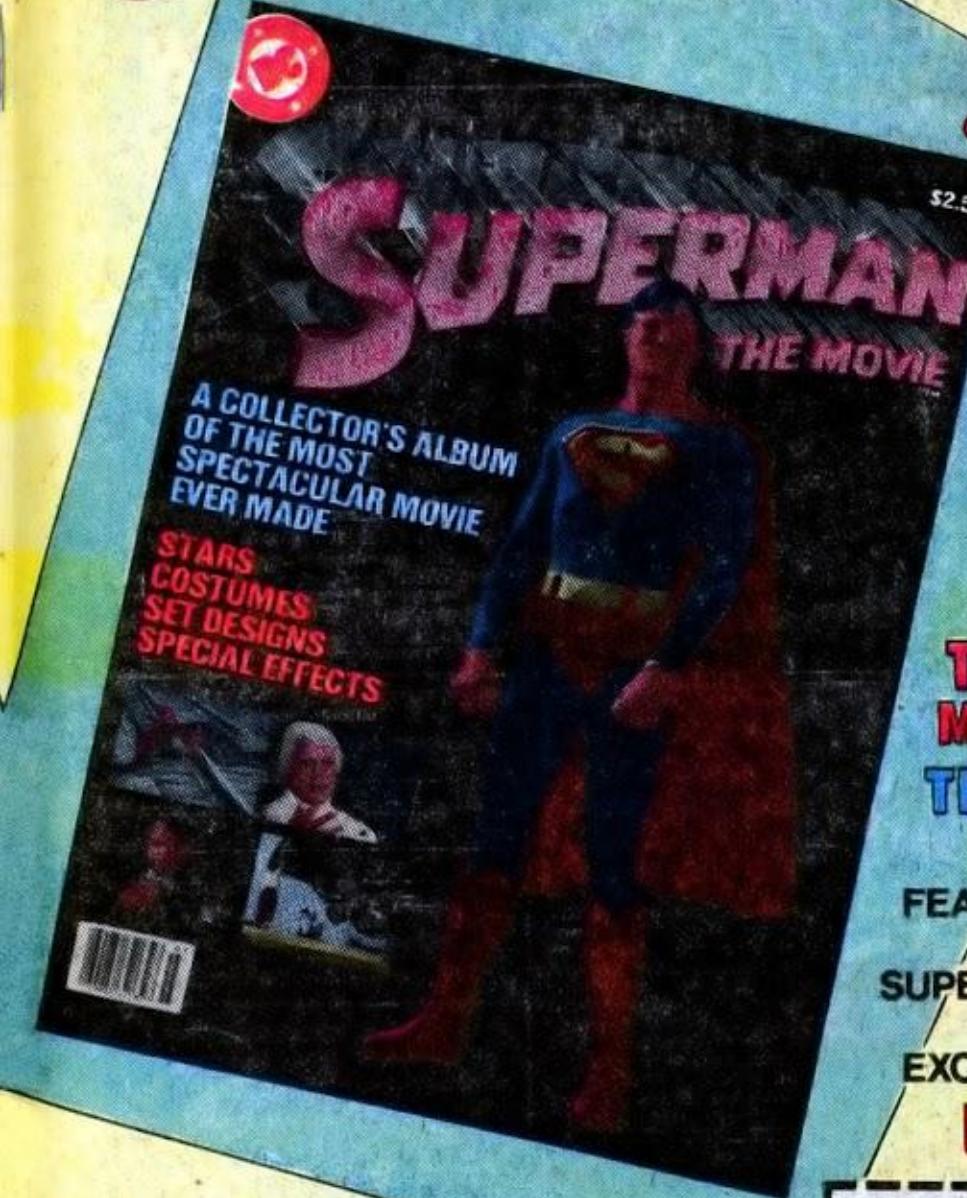
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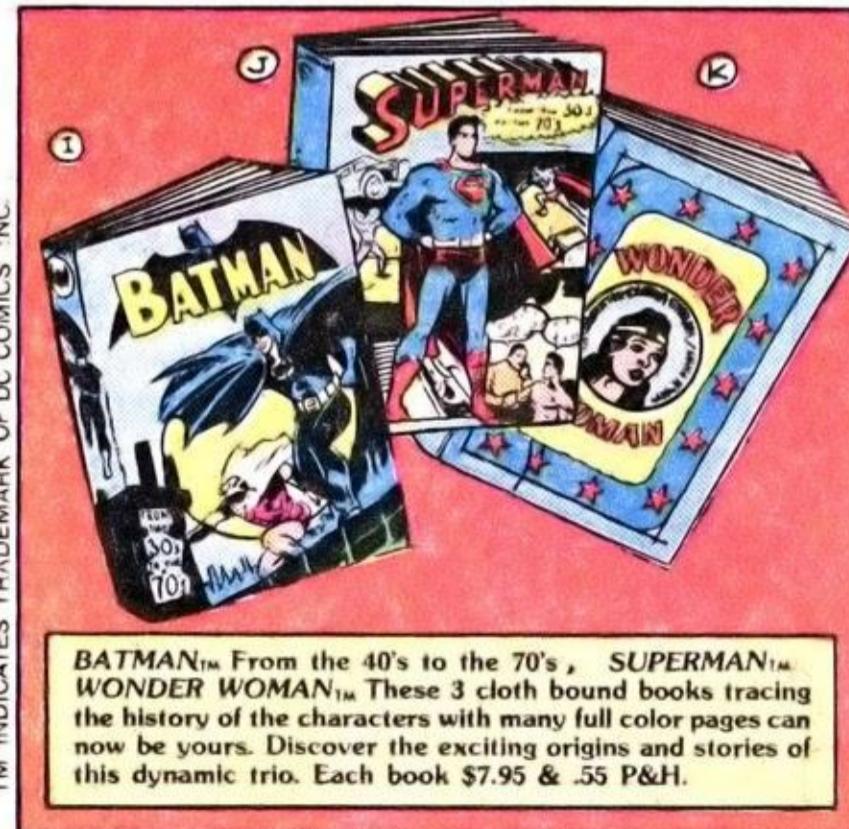
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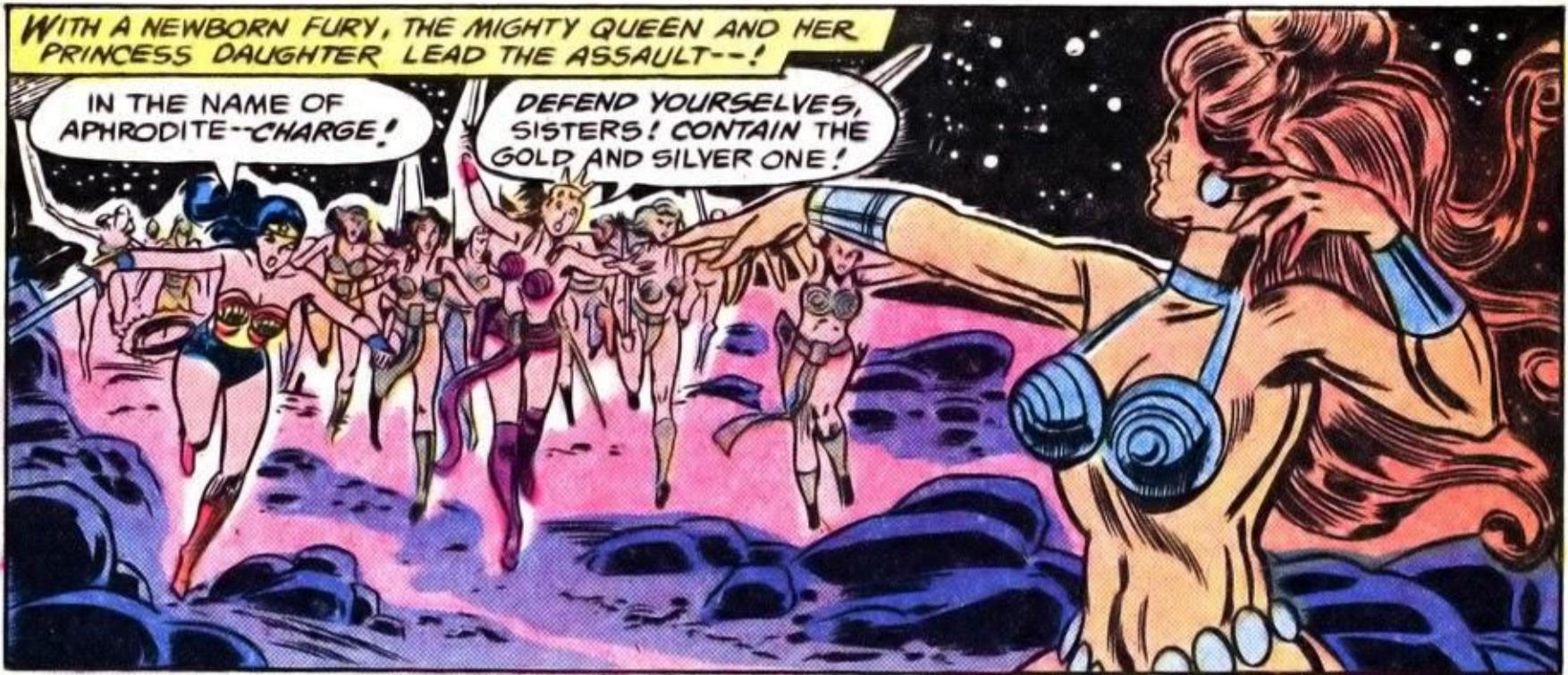
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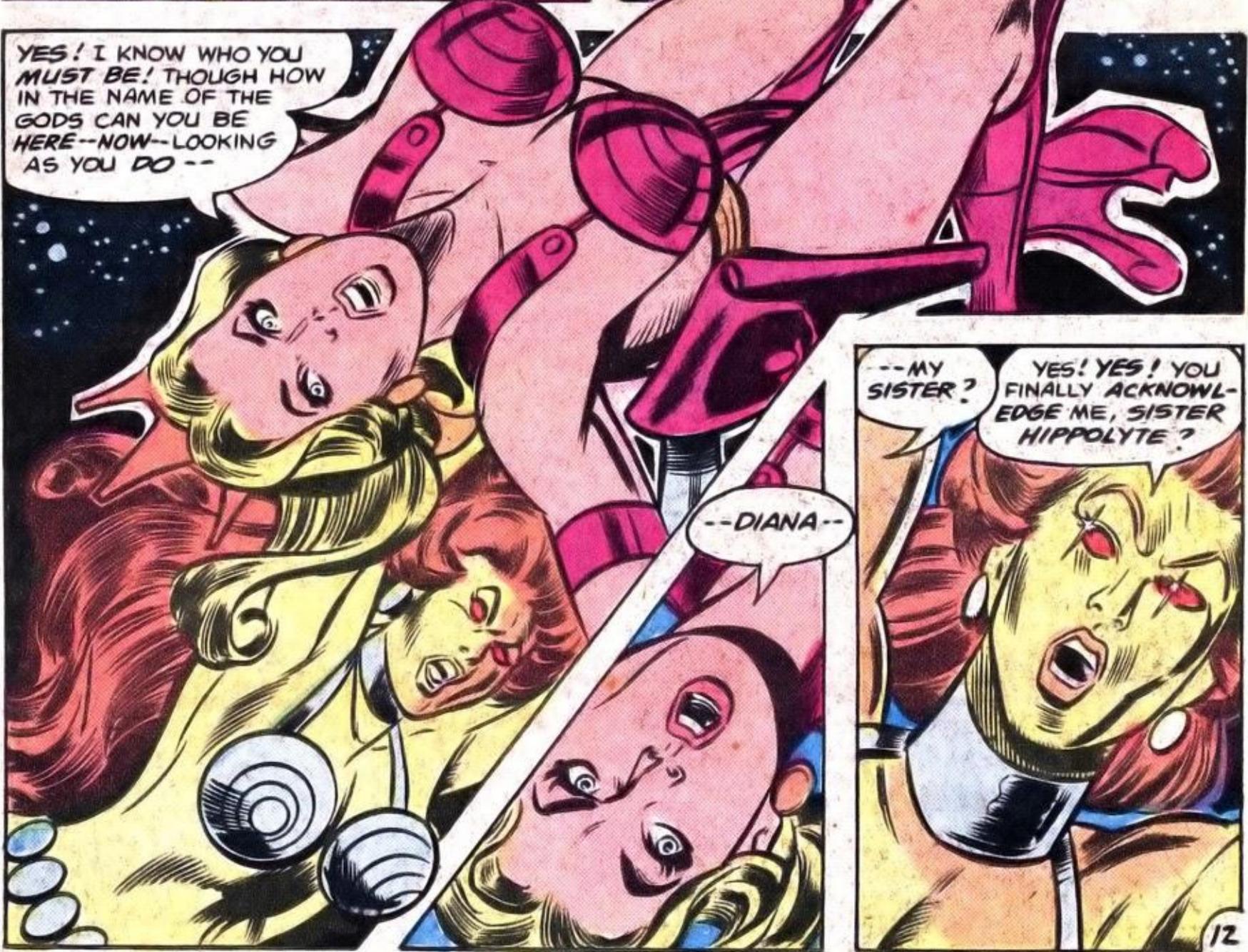


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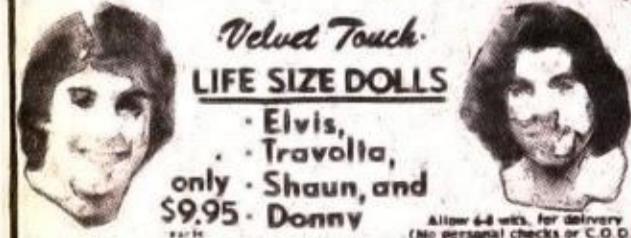
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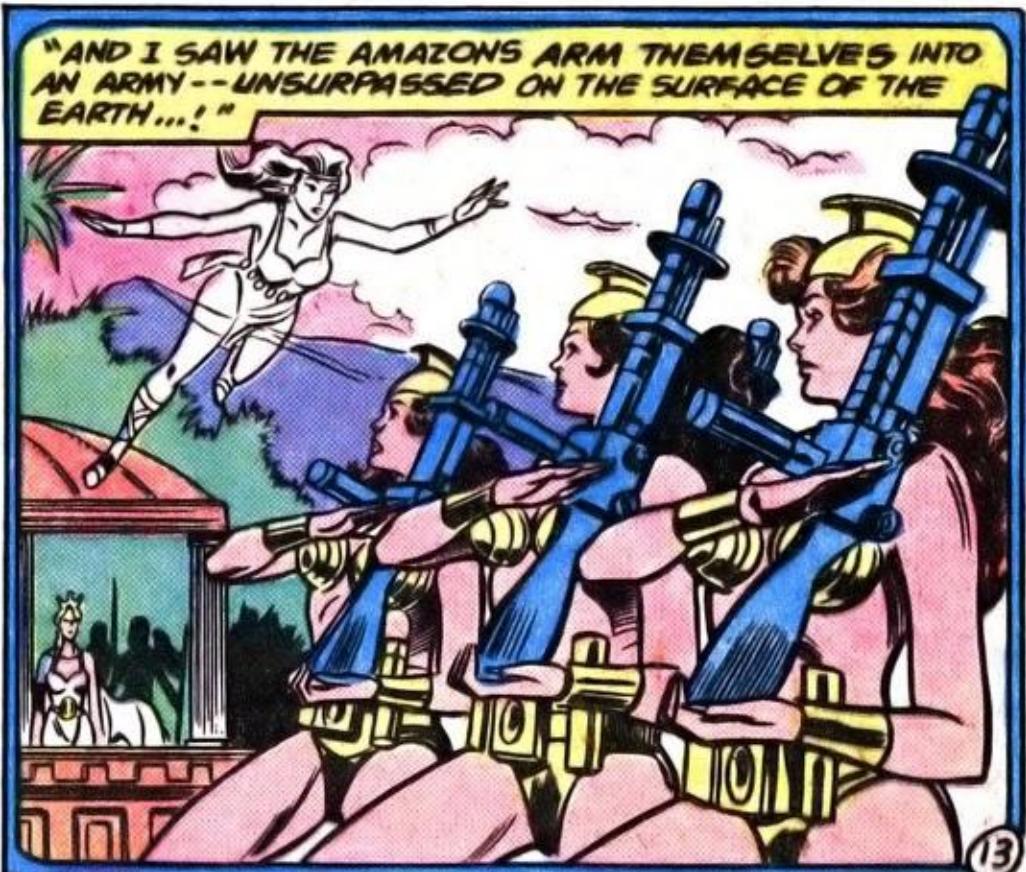
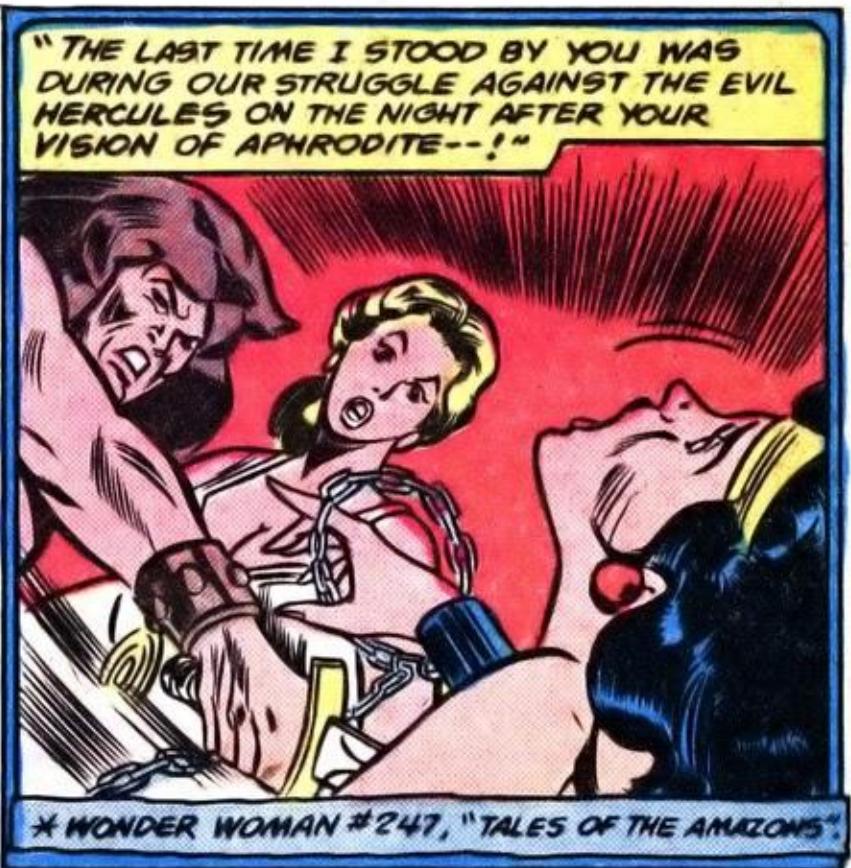
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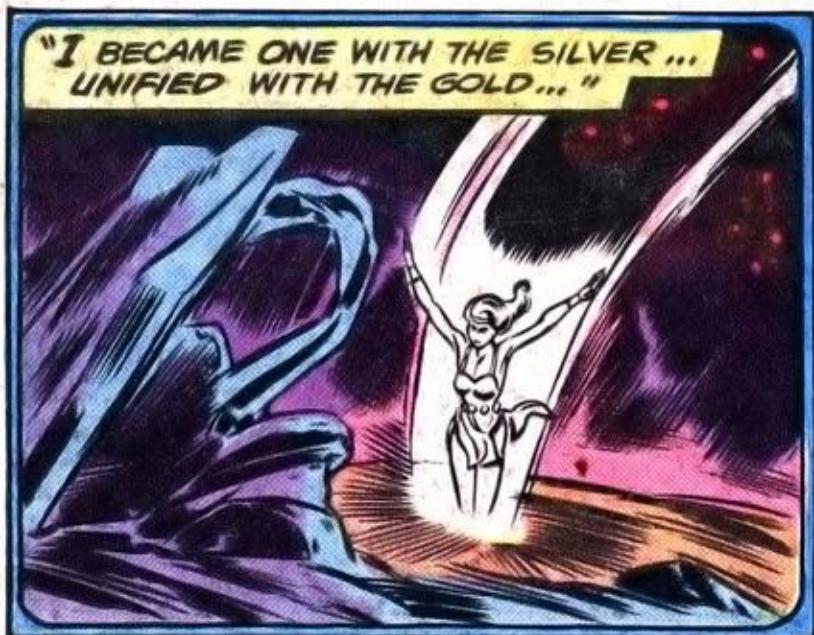
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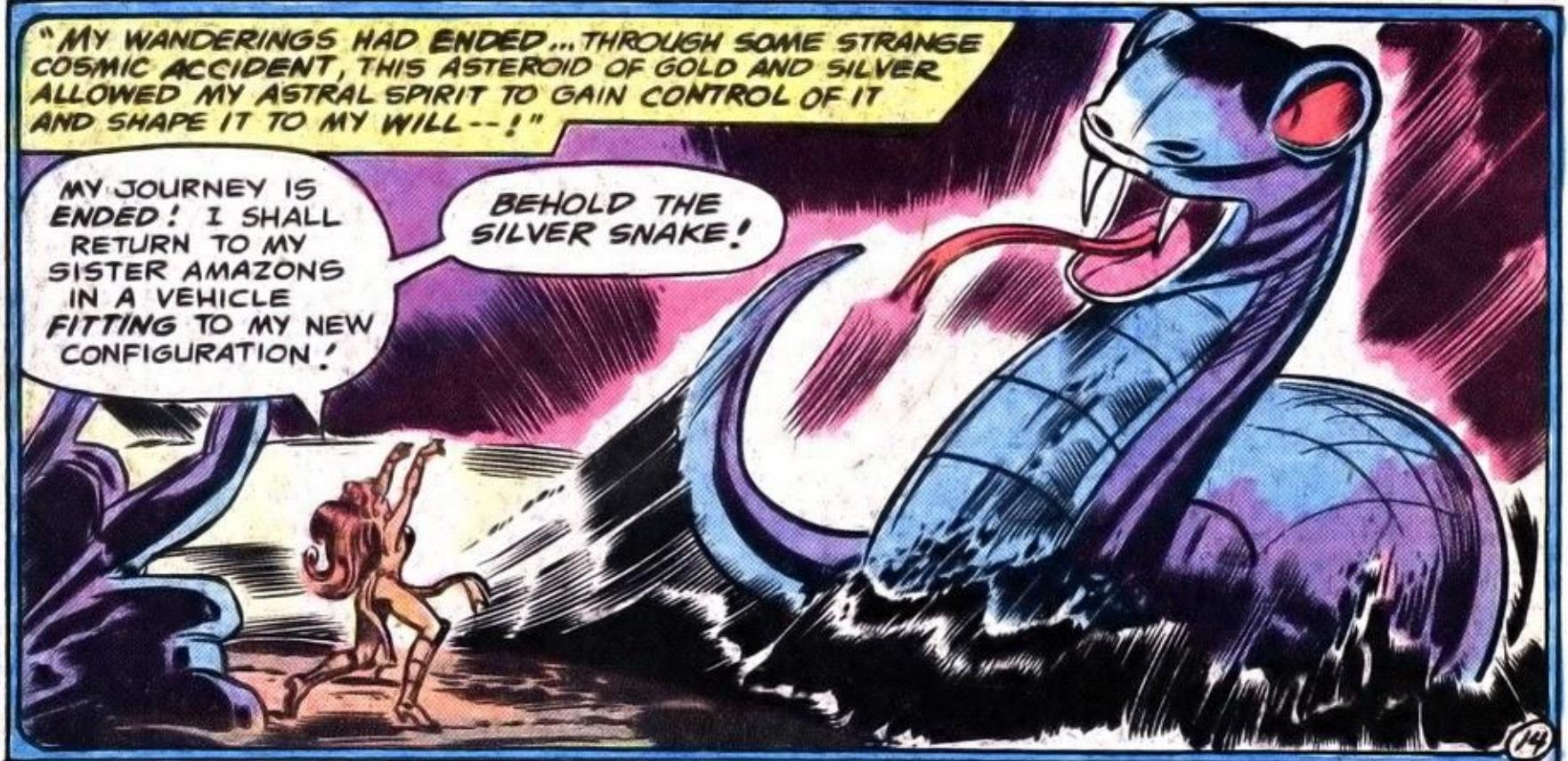
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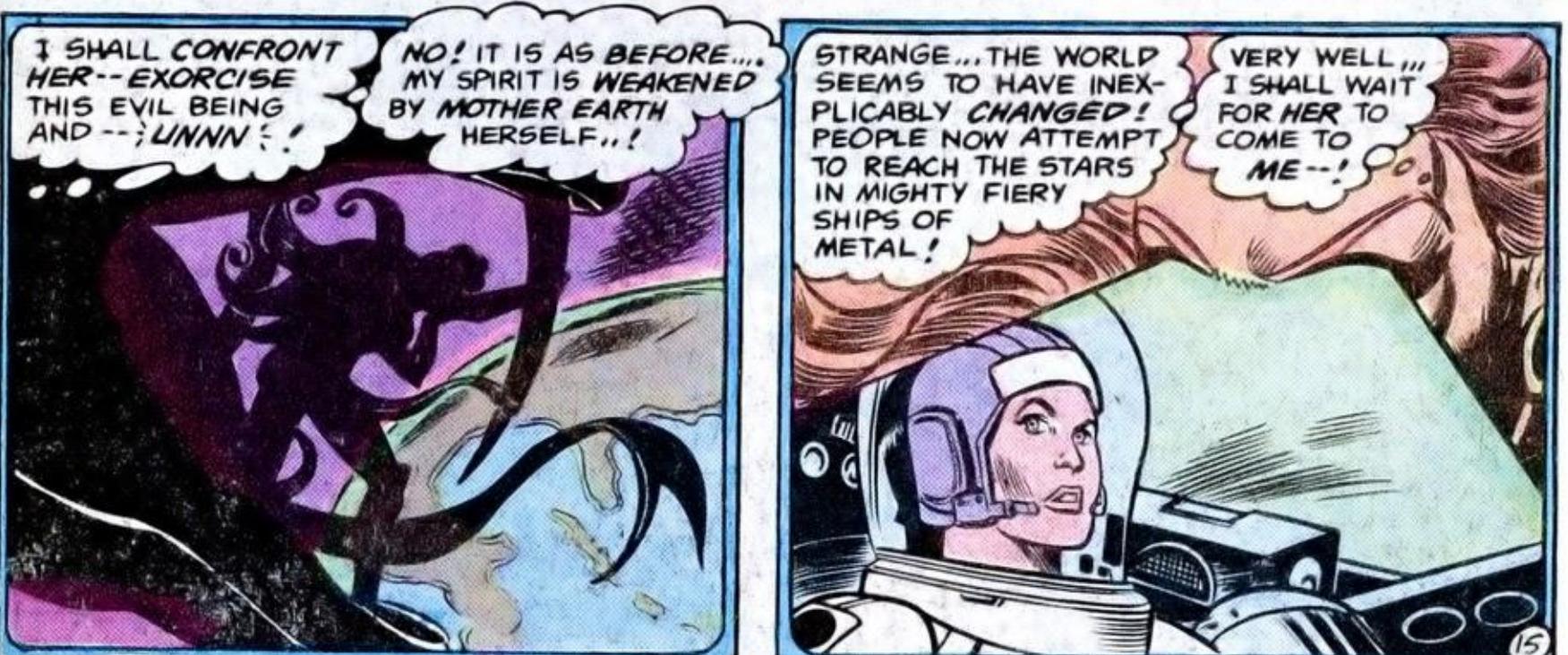


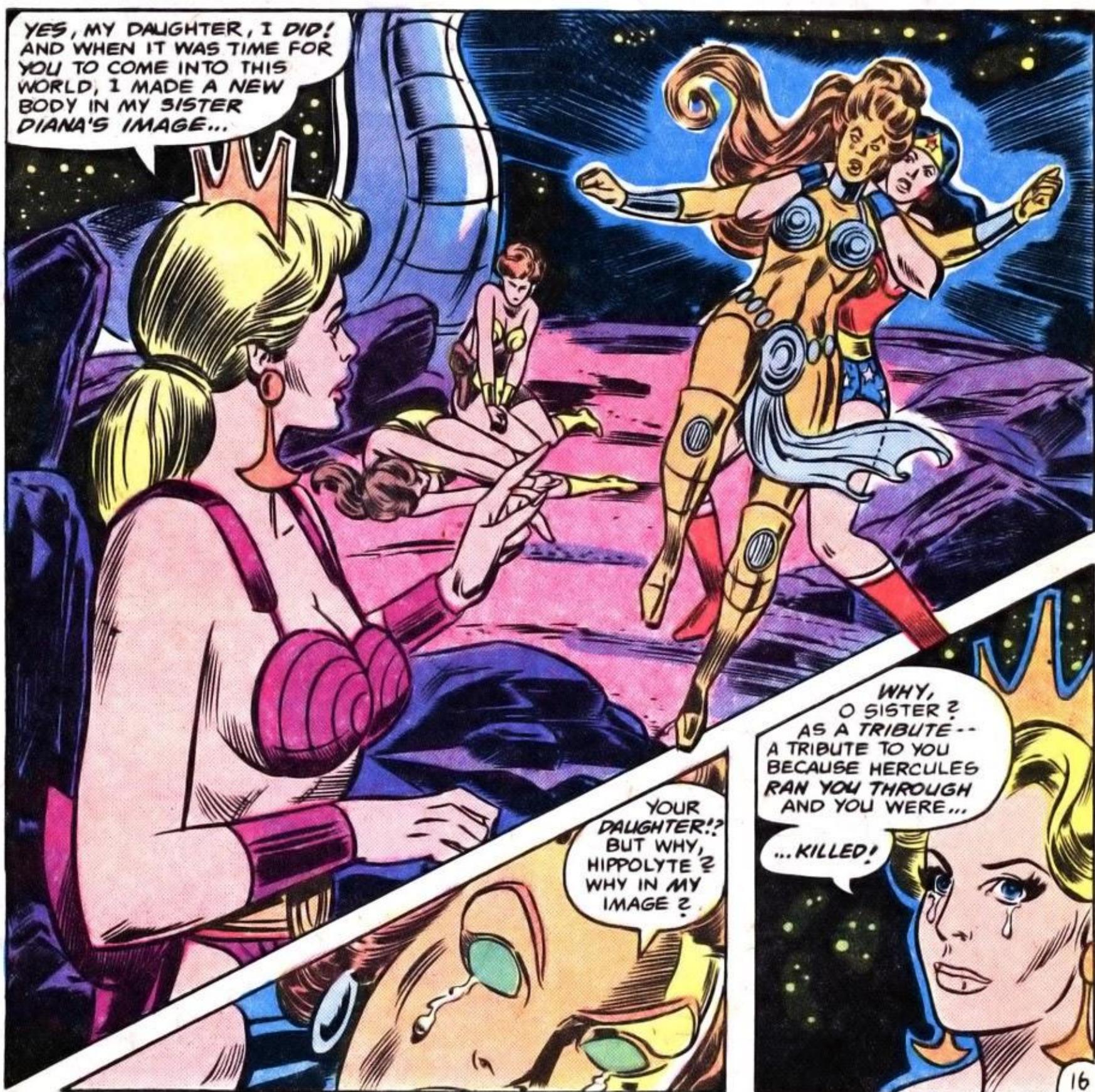
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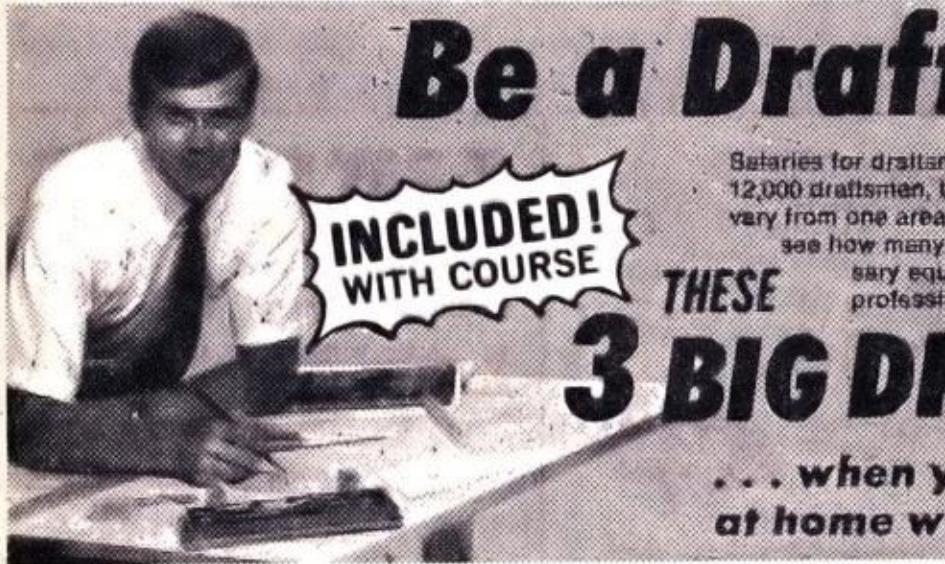




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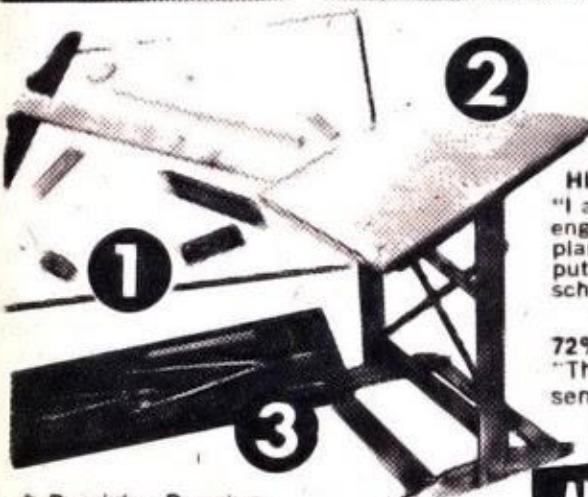
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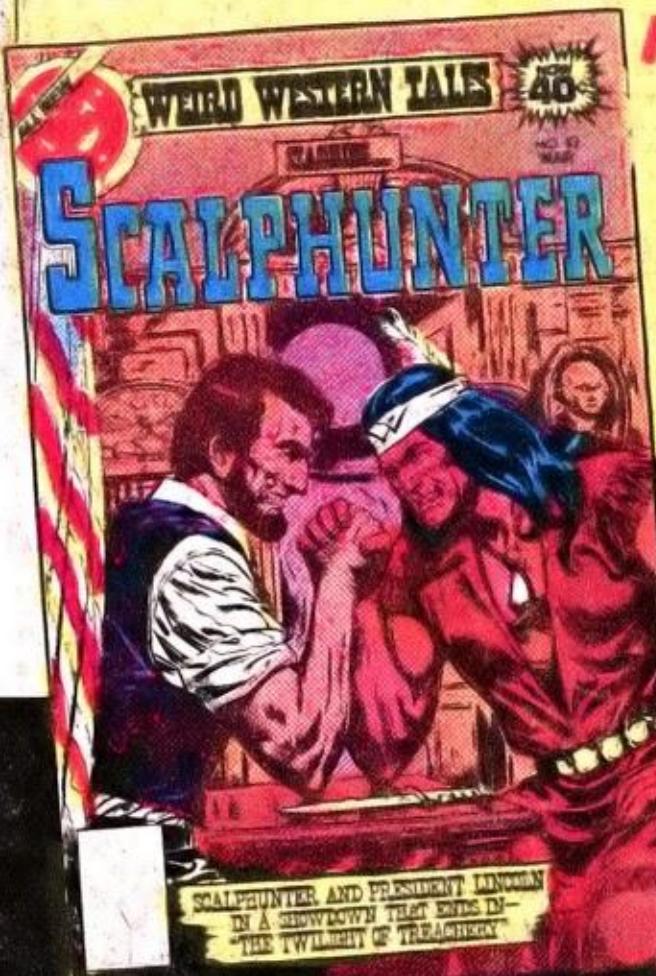
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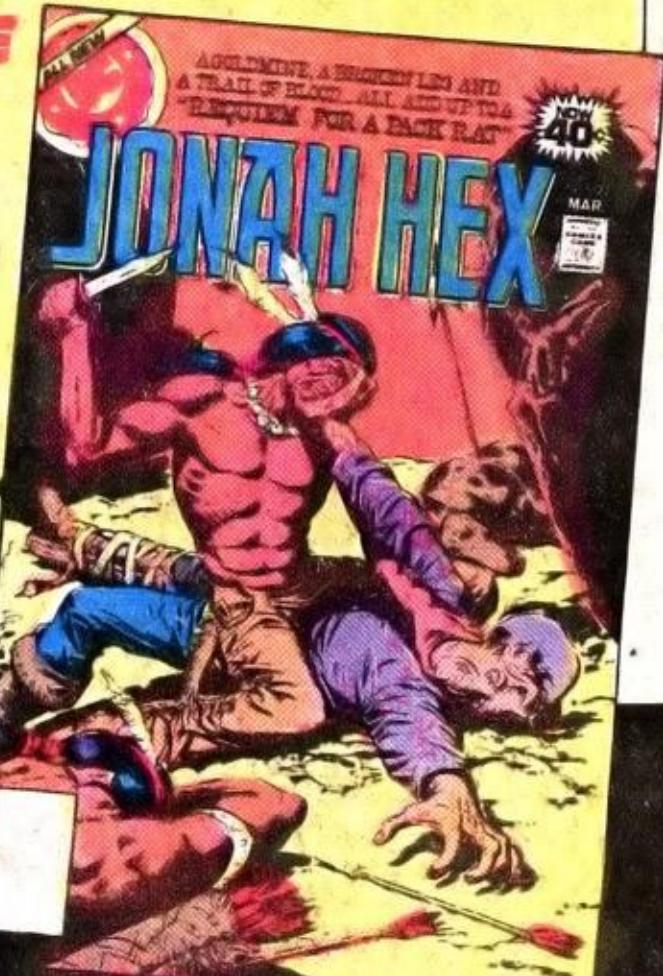


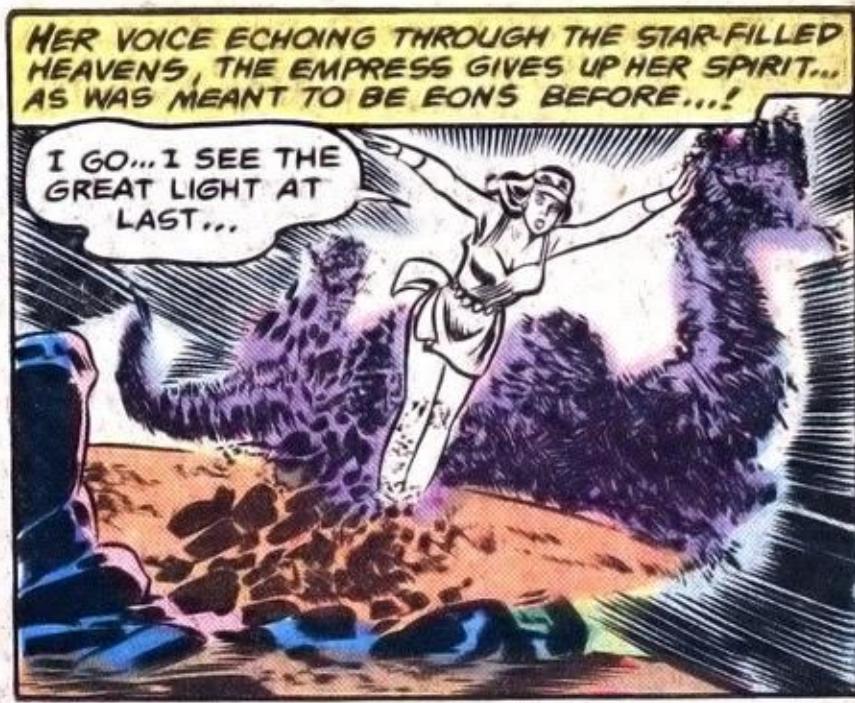
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Wonder Words

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Dear Editor,

At last count, *Wonder Woman* has had six transitional issues: Two issues to present "The New, Original Wonder Woman," "The Return of the Original Wonder Woman," "The Earth-2 Wonder Woman," "The Return of the Present-Day Wonder Woman" and the more recent *WONDER WOMAN* #248.

Why is this last one considered a transitional issue? Well, Diana quits her job and the death of Steve Trevor/Howard brings to a close one of the most famous comic book courtships readers have ever known. Since you've killed him off twice I don't really think you'd have the nerve to revive him again... apparently you thought Steve wouldn't fit in with Diana's new life. Hmmmm, that's the same reason you killed him off in 1968. I do think it was a wise move since I don't think he was really doing anything except adding confusion to the strip.

I, and I'm sure many others, are wondering when the TV people are going to do research and learn what the comic people are doing. I find the TV show quite dull but your comic great! Keep it up!

Fred Grandinetti
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Actually, there are quite a few other "transitional issues" of *Wonder Woman*, including Ross Andru's first art job in the book way back in the Fifties, which re-told and re-structured the origin story to eliminate the World War II references. But we don't want to go into that because we don't want you to be more confused than you might be already. As for killing Steve off "again," we plead not guilty. The creative team who "offed" him in #248 were NOT the same people who sent him to the beyond in 1968. And the NEW upcoming creative team just MIGHT have the "nerve" to bring him back. Who knows?—JCH

Dear Editor,

I can't stand covers that totally have nothing to do with what occurs inside. Actually it's not the cover artist's fault, but the editor who gives the go-ahead for such covers. Example: *WONDER WOMAN* #248. Nowhere, from page 1 to 17, does a scene such as the one that is on the cover of the issue appear. It's a total rip-off! You distract what is actually happening and you add dialogue that is never said inside. All this is on the cover of #248 and it really boils my blood. If you can't sell a comic by the quality of the rest of the issue, don't sell it at all.

What really annoys me most of all is the difference between the Dark Commander on the cover and the Dark Commander on page 13.

I'm really glad Steve Trevor is dead. This guy was boring and had as much depth as a piece of cardboard. The way Diana quit should have been handled differently—over a few issues with a little characterization added. Also, this Morgan Tracy is not

consistent with the one who appeared in earlier issues of *Wonder Woman*. He was always understanding of Diana's feelings before.

Anthony Pignatari, Jr.
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Whoa, wait a minute! Back up! The cover of #248 had EVERYTHING to do with the story. The Dark Commander was revived by the mad military man and it did threaten Wonder Woman. And the Colonel did want it to kill—and to lead him in eternal battle. What is represented on the cover is a feeling or a mood of the story. If we gave you a cover illustration that appears EXACTLY as it does on the inside—same artist, same illustration, same dialogue—THAT would be a rip-off. You'd be paying for the SAME PICTURE TWICE!

As for Morgan Tracy and Diana's quick quitting, it was done rapidly for the element of shock! And Morgan did feel for Diana—it was just that his hands were tied by the bureaucracy!—JCH

Dear Editor,

Thanks to DC and to the editors, artists and writers of *Wonder Woman*—who made it such a "wonderful" book.

And special thanks to Jack C. Harris for writing WW #248. It must have been the best story I've read in months! Finally Steve Trevor/Howard is out of the Amazon's life for good. (Let's hope so!)

I've always thought it would be nice for *Wonder Woman* and *Superman* to get together. They almost did in *WORLD'S FINEST* #204. Lois Lane and Steve Trevor are the same. Maybe you could "kill off" Lois Lane too, and it would be all set!

It would be nice for *Wonder Woman* to get a new outfit. It's been about the same ever since she was created. Please do something to brighten up Diana Prince's life too.

Rich Archer
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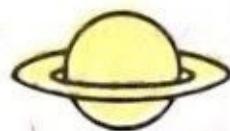
Here's a story that never happened—all because of an alert and bright young comics fan. We WERE planning to have *Wonder Woman* and another JLA member have a romance. We had it "all set," as you said, when a fan wrote in and SUGGESTED the very idea we had in preparation. Fearing that the fan would claim we "stole" his idea, we cancelled the plan before it even reached the writer's typewriter. Who was that other super-hero? Can you guess?—JCH

Next: The return of *Wonder Woman's* arch foe—the Angle Man. Don't miss it! And in the meantime, let's hear from you at: *Wonder Words*, DC Comics Inc., 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019!

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ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: Who are the mothers of the *Super Sons*?—Stephen Kasuba. A: The *Super-Sons* are a projection of the computer in *Superman's Fortress of Solitude*. The computer has not projected who the wives of our heroes are.

Q: Who writes the *DC Profiles*? Will we be seeing them again soon?—No Name Given A Paul Kupperberg, Mike Catron, Mike Gold and other DCers have provided the Profiles. There are no current plans for a revival of the *DC Feature Page*... unless enough of you demand it.

Q: If *Superman* married and had children, would they have his super-powers?—Frank Tomecek. A: Probably.

Q: Will we be seeing *Insect Queen* again?—James E. Wright Jr. A: Anything's possible.

Q: Whatever happened to Streaky the Supercat and Comet the Superhorse?—Mike Rossow. A: They went into retirement.

Q: Could you please tell us what magazines our questions will be in?—Scott McGrath. A: Sorry, there are too many questions and not enough time to inform each letter writer. You'll just have to check all the Daily Planets for the information.

Q: I've sent you three letters. Why haven't you answered them yet?—Amy Dunbar. A: I do not answer questions through the mail, only in this column. As mentioned previously, there is a tremendous backlog of questions and it takes quite awhile before your questions get into print. For example, your letter arrived March 26, 1978!

Q: Why are comics on sale three months prior to their cover dates?—Kirk R. Pfeffer. A: To assure a longer time on the stands.

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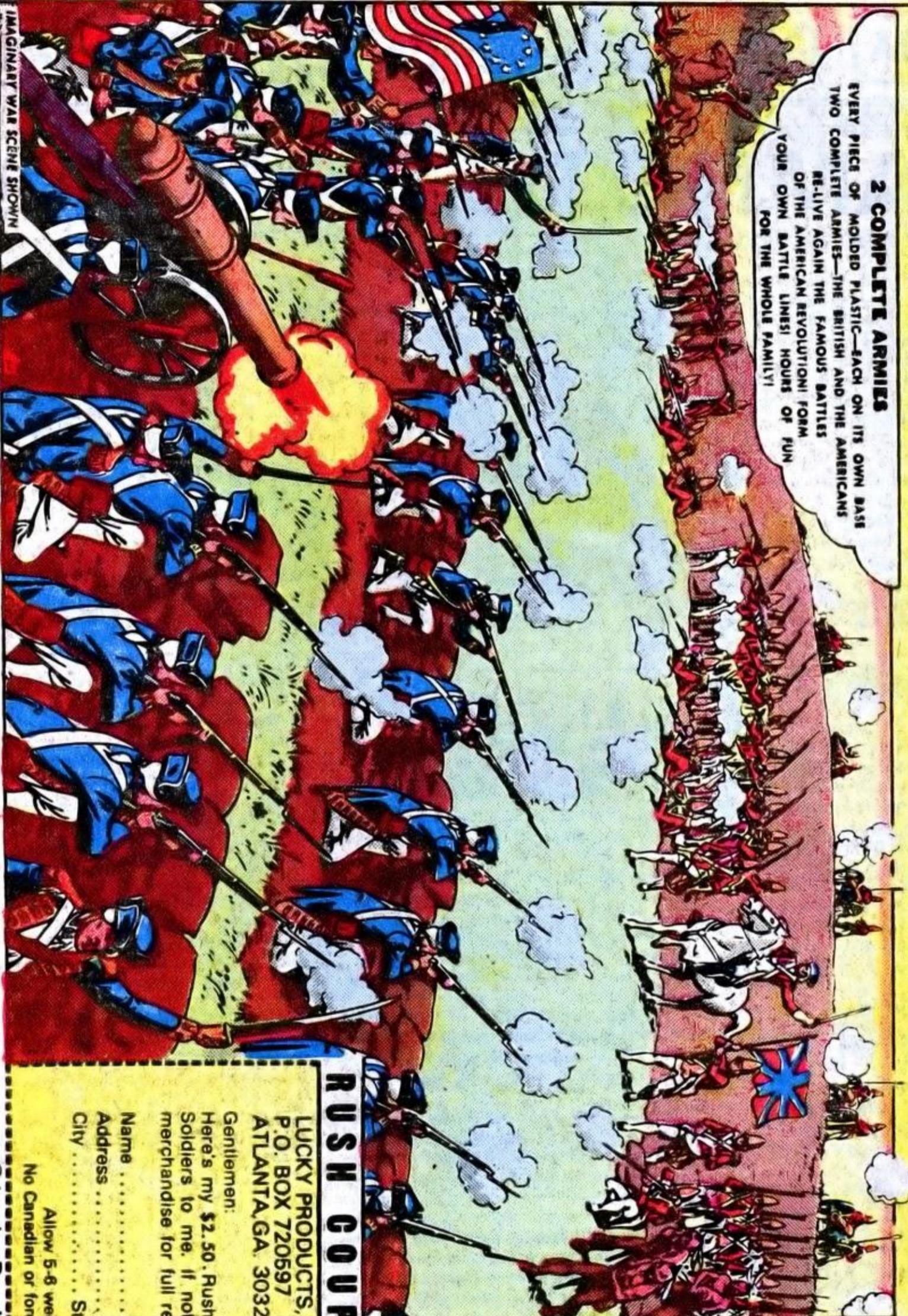
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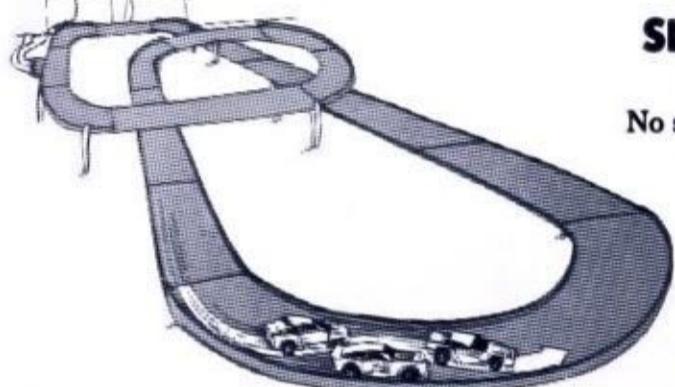
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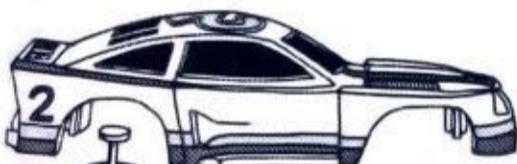
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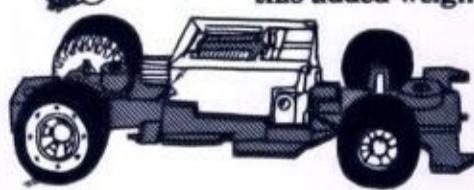
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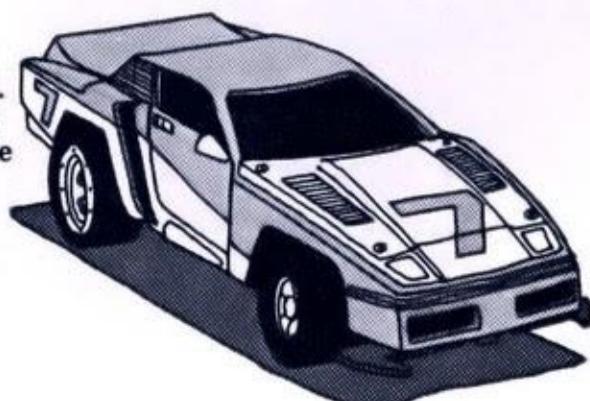
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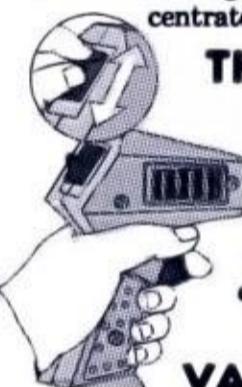
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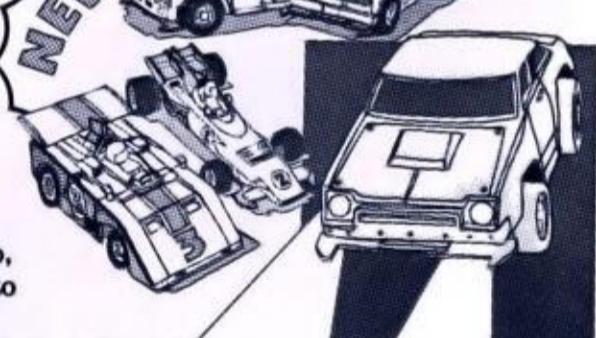
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