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WONDER WOMAN

STRANDED ON MERCURY, THE NEAREST PLANET TO THE SUN, PRISONERS OF A STRANGE RACE OF POWERFUL GIANTS-- WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY--HAS LITTLE HOPE OF EVER RETURNING TO EARTH AGAIN--ALIVE! YES--THE MIGHTY AMAZON FINDS HERSELF POWERLESS! IN THE FATAL TRAP OF--

THE ANNIACS OF MERCURY



AS WONDER WOMAN AND HER AMAZONS COLLECT METEOR PARTICLES IN SPACE, FROM HER ROBOT PLANE...

EXCELLENT SAMPLES FOR OUR SPACE LAB ON PARADISE ISLAND!



SUDDENLY, A SOLAR STORM ARISES, AND...

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THE ROBOT CONTROLS ARE JAMMED!



INSTANTLY THE AMAZON PLANE WHIPS INTO GIDDY GYRATIONS...

THE GYROSCOPE'S RUNNING WILD!



WE'RE DOOMED!

FAREWELL... PRINCESS DIANA!

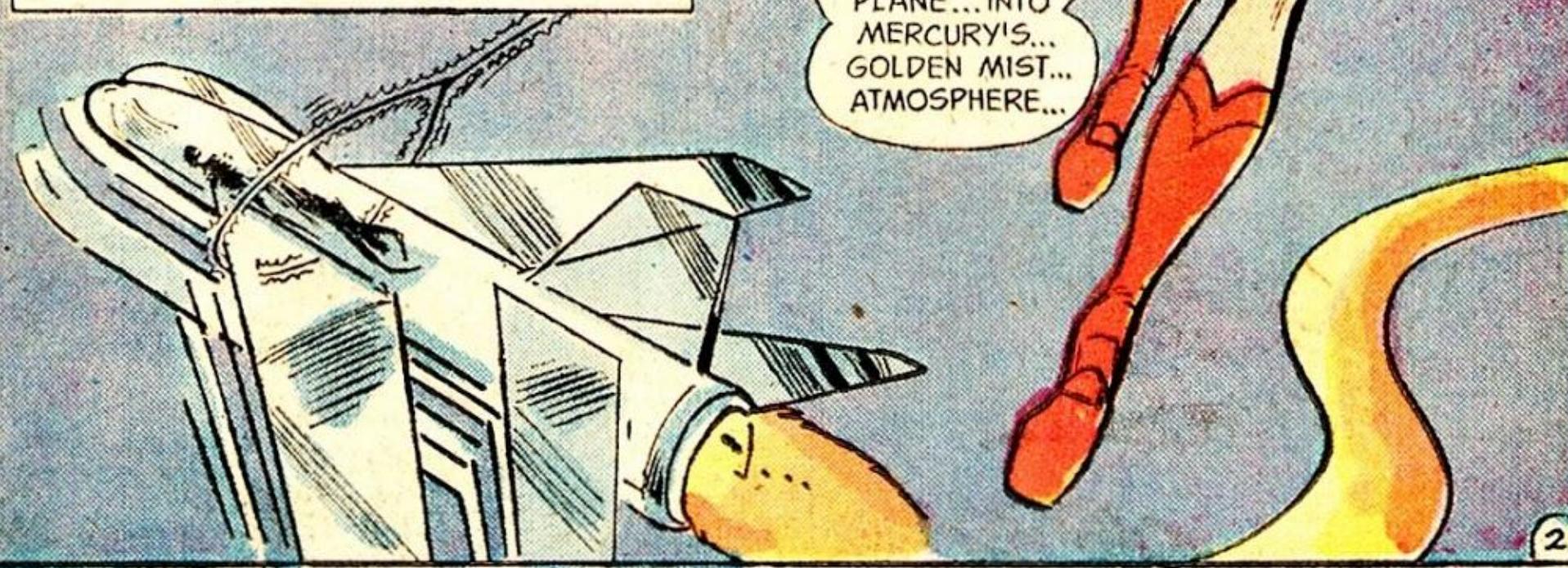
GREAT HERA! WE'LL ALL BE BURNED TO A CRISP--

INSTANTLY, THE FEARLESS AMAZON LEAPS OUT AND LASOSES THE DOOMED PLANE...

HOLA!

TWANGG!

ONLY CHANCE... TO DIVERT THE PLANE... INTO MERCURY'S... GOLDEN MIST... ATMOSPHERE...



NO SOONER DOES THE DAUNTLESS WONDER WOMAN PENETRATE THE MERCURIAN ATMOSPHERE...

FLYING GIANTS FROM MERCURY!

CAPTURE THE EARTHLINGS!

MERCIFUL MINERVA! WHAT ARE THEY DOING TO US?

HOLA! WE'RE AMAZONS--FRIENDS!

BUT THE HUGE SACK EMITS A WEIRD ANAESTHETIC GAS WHICH...

LOS...ING...
CON...SCIOUS...
NESS...

AWAKENING LATER...

I AM KING CELERITO!
RULER OF MERCURY!

YOU WILL DIE FOR COMING HERE TO SPY ON US!

NO, KING! YOU ARE MISTAKEN!
I AM WONDER WOMAN--AMAZON PRINCESS! OUR FLYING INSTRUMENTS WERE DAMAGED AND-

DON'T STRAIN AT YOUR BONDS,
SPY! THEY'RE MADE OF
EXPANDING MERCURY! IF YOU
PUNY EARTHLINGS RESIST
THEM--THEY'LL EXPAND
AND BURN YOU!

WE AMAZONS
MAY BE SMALL,
KING CELERITO...

CRASH

BUT--DON'T
JUDGE A
PACKAGE BY
ITS SIZE--
EVEN WHEN
IT'S TIED WITH
EXPANDING
MERCURY!

OOOFF!
GUARDS--
GUARDS!

THUD



SURRENDER, WILD
EARTH WOMAN! OR
MY GUARDS WILL KILL
YOU AND YOUR
COMPANIONS WITH
THEIR ELECTRIC
SPEARS!

SUFFERING
SAPPHO! I
HAVE NO
CHOICE!

ZZZ

YOU ARE
AMAZINGLY STRONG,
AMAZON! AS POWER-
FUL AS OUR WOMEN
SLAVES! I SHALL
USE YOU TO DO
OUR WORK--
AS THEY DO!



YOUR LEGS ARE FREE TO WORK NOW, AMAZON! BUT--DON'T ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE! WITH THIS MECHANISM WE CONTROL ALL OUR PRISONERS!

BY SIMPLY PRESSING THIS REMOTE CONTROL BUTTON, THE EXPANDING METAL COLLAR SWIFTLY TIGHTENS--KILLING ANY DISOBEDIENT SLAVE!

PUT LABORERS TO WORK REPAIRING THE BARS BROKEN BY THIS WILD AMAZON! I'LL DEVISE AN AMUSING EXECUTION FOR THE OTHER PRISONERS LATER!

NOW TAKE HER AWAY AND SHOW HER HOW WE UTILIZE OUR SLAVES!

SLASH

WONDER WOMAN SEES SCENES OF MALE INDOLENCE IN THE MERCURIAN KINGDOM...

IF I FIND ONE SPECK OF DUST ON THE FLOOR-- YOU WILL SUFFER SEVERE PUNISHMENT!

TYPOGRAPH FASTER, MENIALS! OR YOU DIE! FASTER! FASTER!



WHEN WONDER WOMAN IS BROUGHT BACK TO THE KING...

YOU COULDN'T ALWAYS HAVE BEEN SO LAZY, KING--OR YOUR BODIES WOULD NOT BE SO STRONG AND MUSCULAR--AND YOUR MINDS SO KEEN!

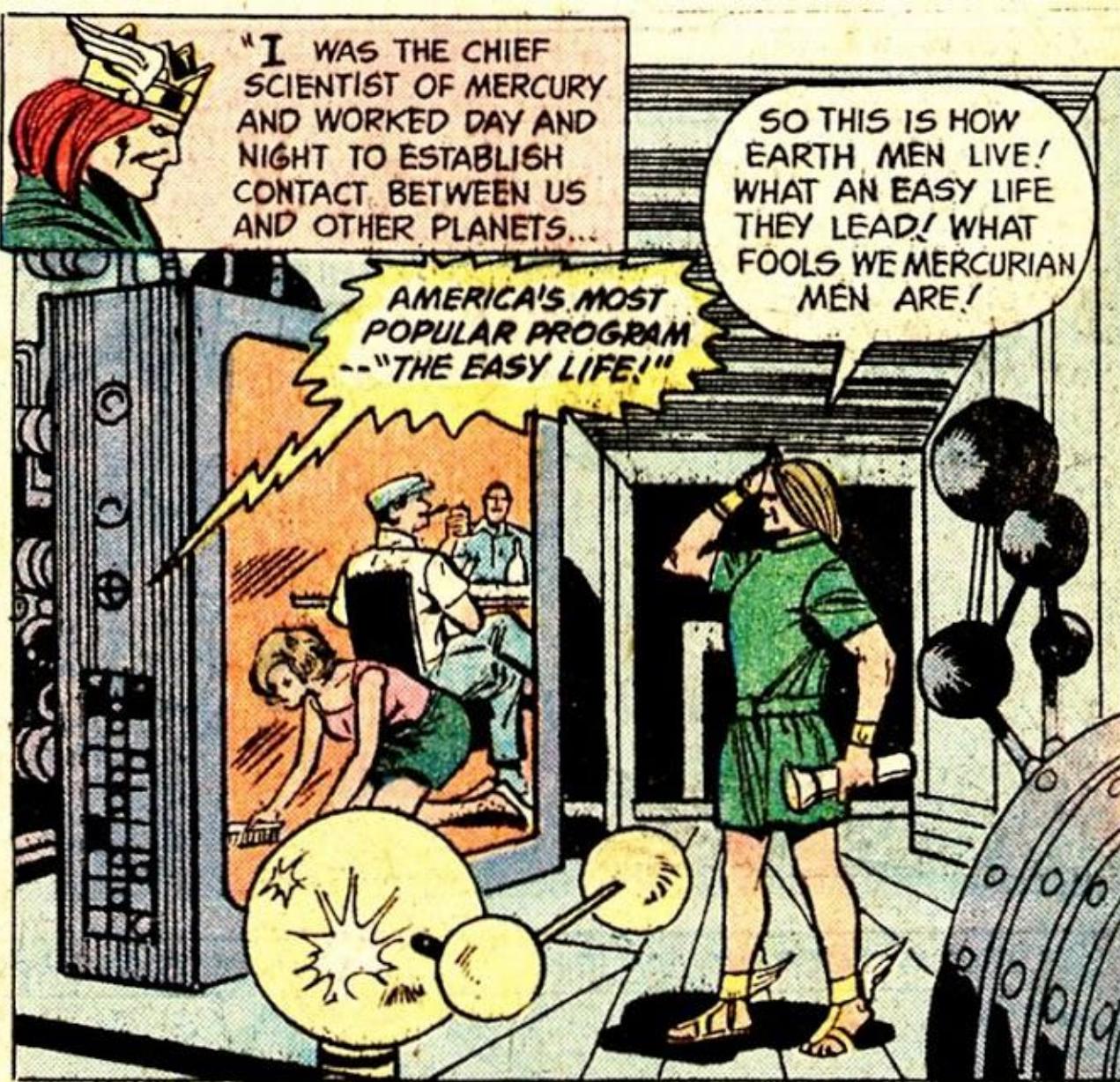
TRUE, AMAZON! AT ONE TIME WE WORKED SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE WOMEN!

EVERYONE WAS BUSY DOING CONSTRUCTIVE WORK!

"I WAS THE CHIEF SCIENTIST OF MERCURY AND WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO ESTABLISH CONTACT BETWEEN US AND OTHER PLANETS..."

SO THIS IS HOW EARTH MEN LIVE! WHAT AN EASY LIFE THEY LEAD! WHAT FOOLS WE MERCURIAN MEN ARE!

AMERICA'S MOST POPULAR PROGRAM -- "THE EASY LIFE!"



"...EARTH MEN'S EASY LIFE LOOKED SO LUXURIOUS, I FORMED A PLAN... AND AT OUR NEXT PLANETARY SPEED CONTEST..."

FOR A NOVELTY, LET US SEE IF YOU WOMEN CAN BEAT US MEN RACING--WITHOUT WEARING YOUR WINGED SANDALS WHICH GIVE YOU LIGHTNING SPEED, AND YOUR WINGED HELMETS WHICH GIVE YOU PERFECT BALANCE!

HA! HA! HA--SOUNDS LIKE A WONDERFUL IDEA!



OF COURSE! WE'LL BEAT YOU JUST THE SAME!

"WHEN THE RACE STARTED, I DELIBERATELY LAGGED BEHIND AND..."

FOOLISH WOMEN! THEY'LL NEVER WEAR THESE AGAIN! THEY'RE AT OUR MERCY NOW!



"AT MY PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL, THE MERCURIAN MEN WHIPPED THROAT COLLARS FROM CONCEALMENT AND..."

WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

MAKING YOU OUR CAPTIVES, FOOLS--TO WAIT ON US HAND AND FOOT!

NATURALLY! MEN ARE SUPERIOR TO WOMEN!

HA! HA! HA! HA!



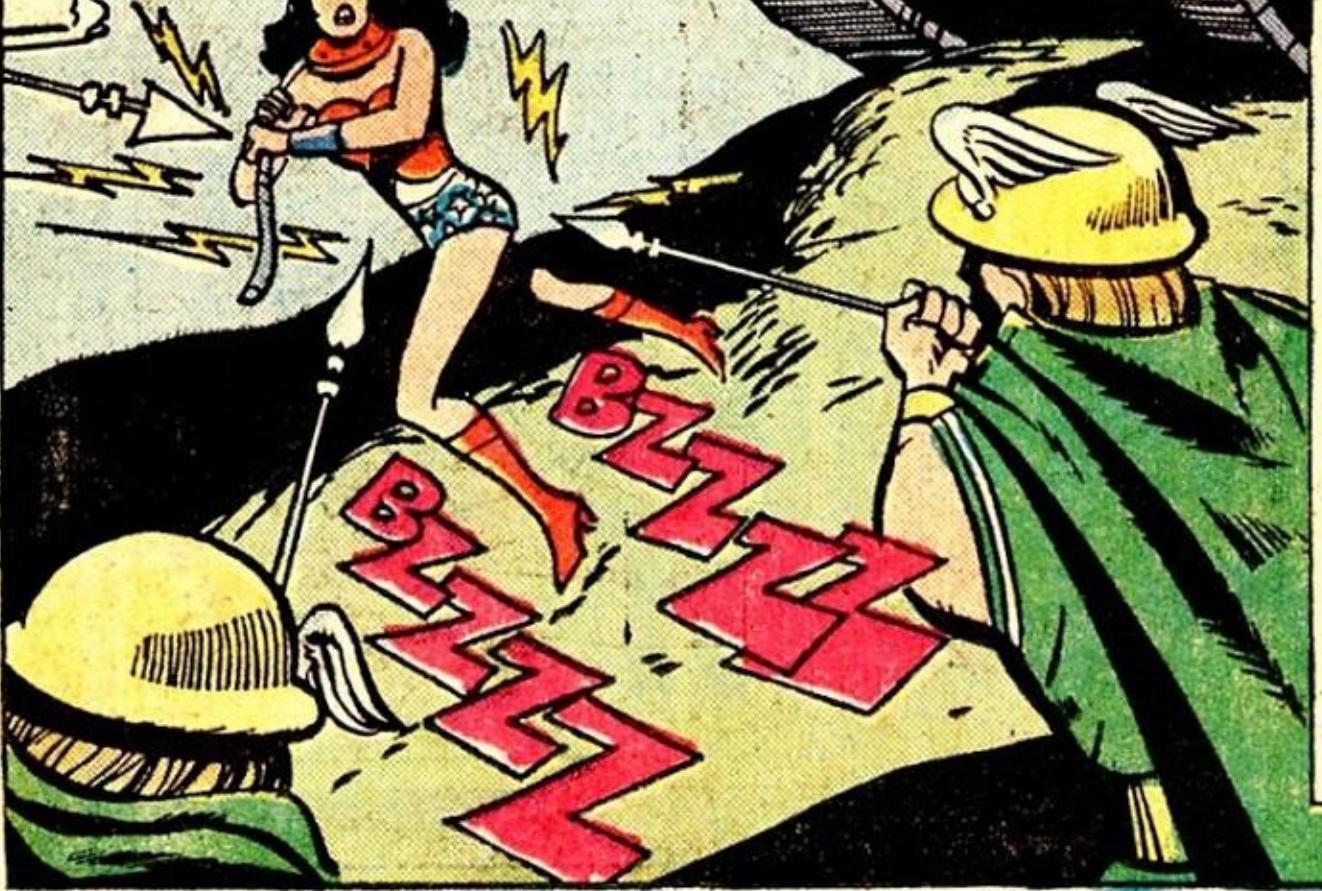
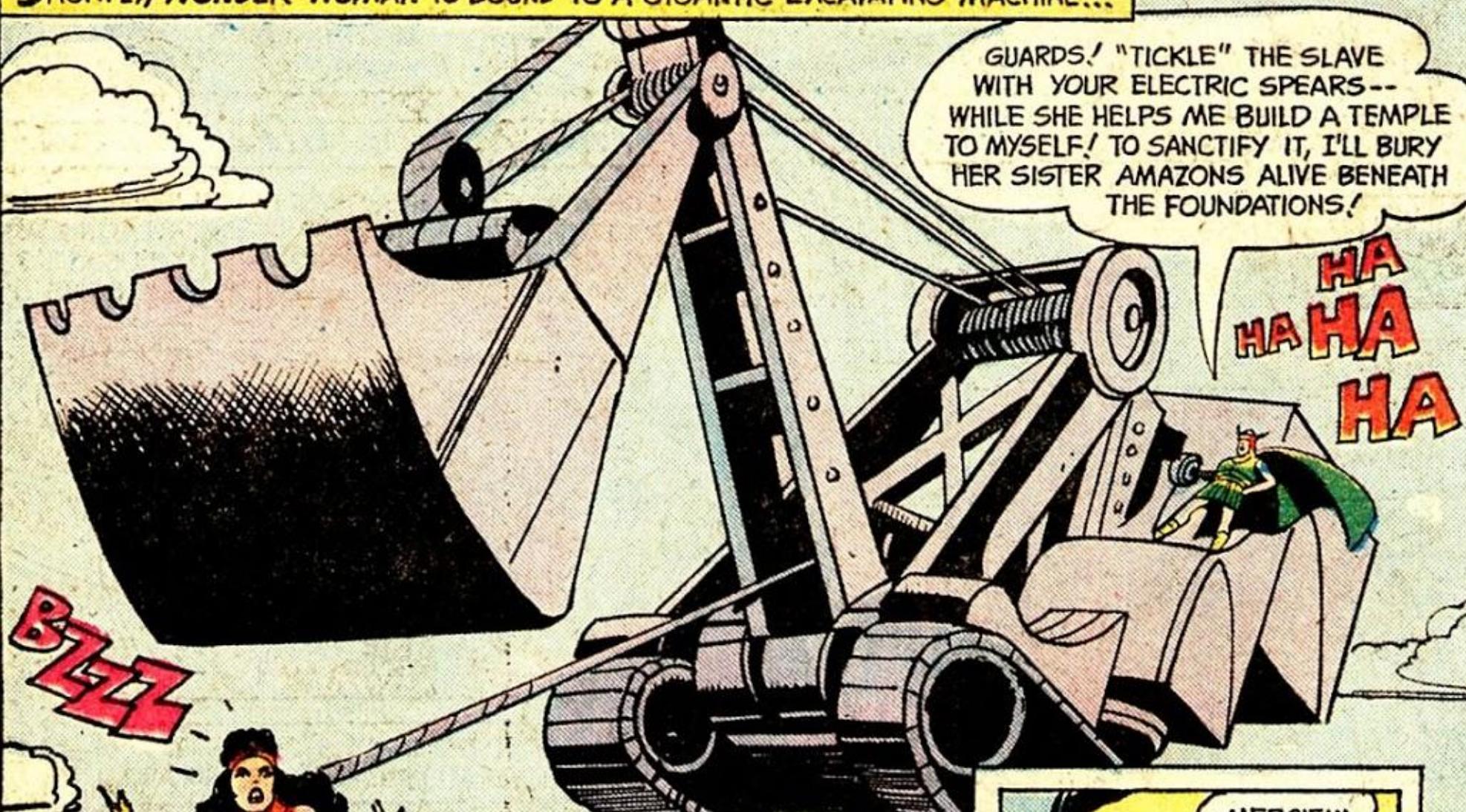
AS THE MERCURIAN ENDS HIS TALE...

YOUR TREACHERY WILL BECOME A COLLAR AROUND YOUR NECK! YOU HAD A CHANCE TO LIVE IN LOVE AND PEACE WITH WOMEN-- AND YOU DESTROYED IT!

FOOL! WE MEN NOW LIVE A LIFE OF EASE-- WHILE THE WOMEN SLAVE FOR US! AND IT'S YOUR TURN NOW!

Shortly, Wonder Woman is bound to a gigantic excavating machine...

GUARDS! "TICKLE" THE SLAVE WITH YOUR ELECTRIC SPEARS-- WHILE SHE HELPS ME BUILD A TEMPLE TO MYSELF! TO SANCTIFY IT, I'LL BURY HER SISTER AMAZONS ALIVE BENEATH THE FOUNDATIONS!



DESPITE THE SHOCKS FROM THE ELECTRIC SPEARS...

I MUST
DELAY
THE
WORK...

AS LONG
AS...

POSSIBLE...

BZZZ

BZZZ

BZZZ

THIS WILL
MAKE YOU
WORK FASTER,
SLAVE!

BZZZ

THE METAL COLLAR--
SUFFERING SAPPHO!

IT'S--

CONTRACTING--!

CHOKING
ME--!

SPURRED BY DIVINE FURY, WONDER WOMAN TURNS HERSELF INTO A HUMAN DRILL...

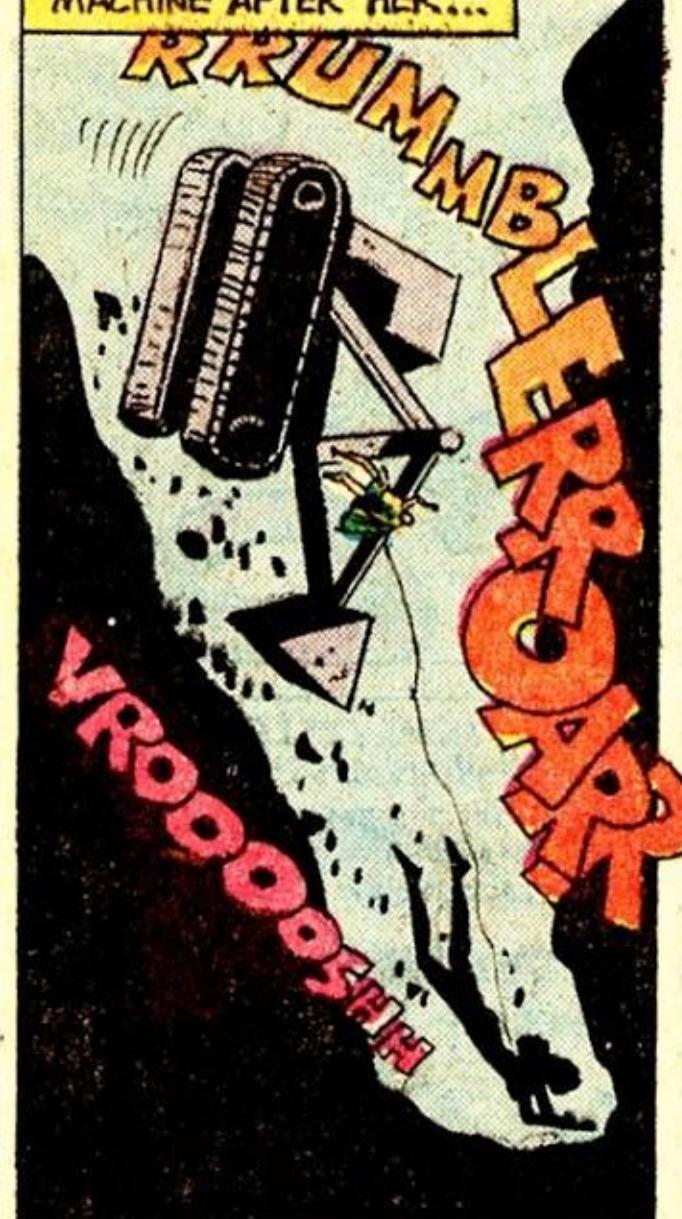
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UGHNNNN--

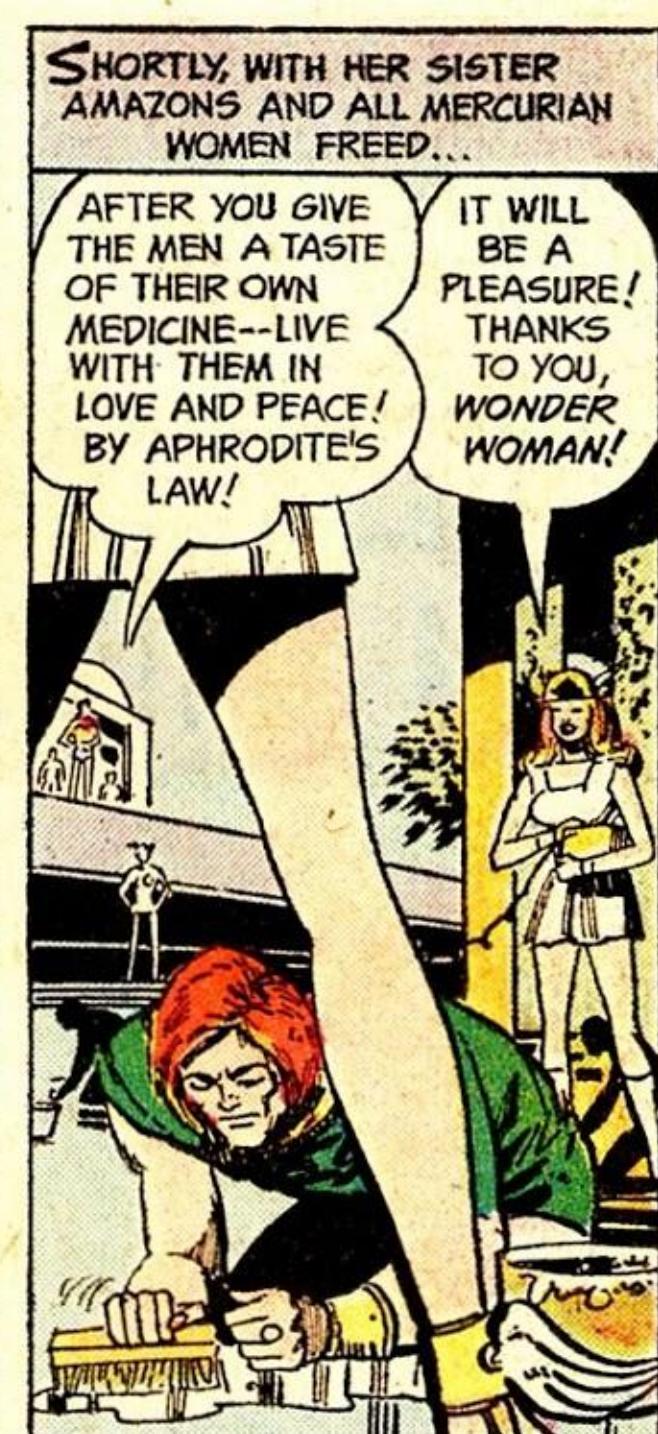
EXACTLY
WHAT I'M
GOING TO
DO--

MY
WAY!

KR
OO
OSH

AT TREMENDOUS SPEED THE POWERFUL AMAZON BORES THROUGH THE GROUND YANKING THE MASSIVE MACHINE AFTER HER...





WONDER WOMAN

BEWARE OF THE KINGDOM OF QUEEN ATOMIA! THOUGH IT'S ONLY THE SIZE OF AN ATOM, IT IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DISINTEGRATE THE EARTH! REDUCED A THOUSAND TIMES SMALLER THAN A PIN POINT, WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY--ENCOUNTERS THE WEIRDEST MENACE OF HER THRILLING CAREER IN ...

"THE MYSTERY OF THE ATOM WORLD!"

IN AN EXPERIMENTAL FIELD IN THE PACIFIC WHERE AN ATOM BOMB HAS RECENTLY BEEN EXPLODED, WONDER WOMAN PREPARES TO DELVE INTO THE DEADLY CRATER...

NOW--LET'S SEE HOW MUCH RECKLESS MEN HAVE SHAKEN THE ECOLOGY BALANCE AGAIN!

UNLESS MY SUIT OF AMAZON METAL RESISTS THE URANIUM RADIOACTIVITY--MY ATOMS WILL BE SPLIT!

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE--

THERE'S A MINIATURE SUN AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER!

SUFFERING SAPPHO!

THE MINIATURE
SUN'S GROWING
RAPIDLY!

SOMEHOW
--IT MUST
BE CAPTURING
NEUTRONS
FROM THE
FRAGMENTS
OF THE
ATOM
BOMB!

THE POWERFUL AMAZON SEIZES THE WHIRLING SUN...

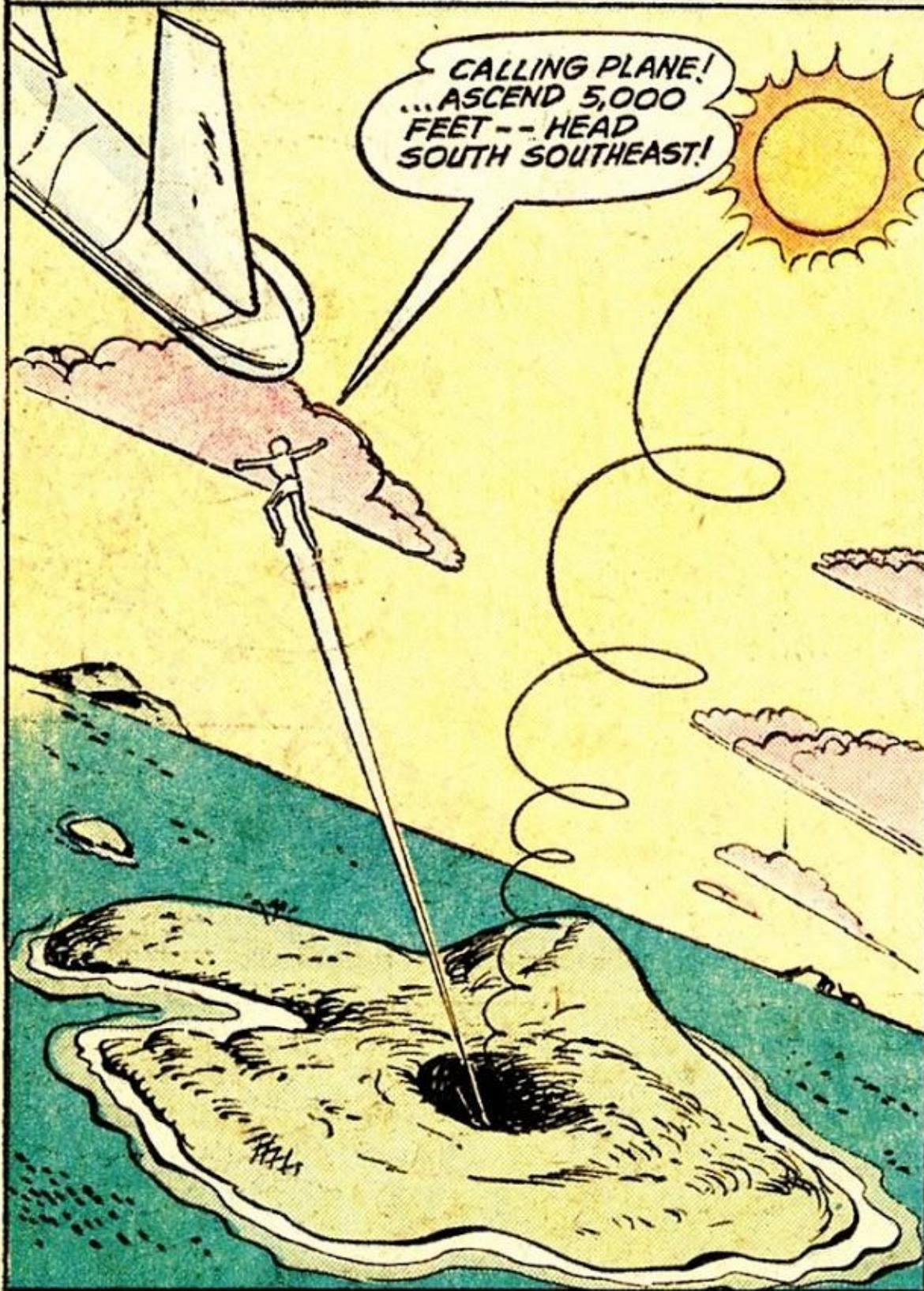
MERCIFUL
MINERVA--
I -- I CAN'T
HOLD ONTO
IT!

SHWIMISH!

ZOOM

GREAT
HERA--
THE BLAZING
SUN'S
ESCAPED!

FRANTICALLY, WONDER WOMAN SUMMONS HER ROBOT PLANE--
AND "SURFING" AFTER IT ON ASCENDING AIR CURRENTS...



AS WONDER WOMAN GRIMLY PURSUES THE RUNAWAY SUN, SHE COMMUNICATES TELEPATHICALLY—VIA MENTAL WAVES—with the laboratory of Paula, chief Amazon scientist--

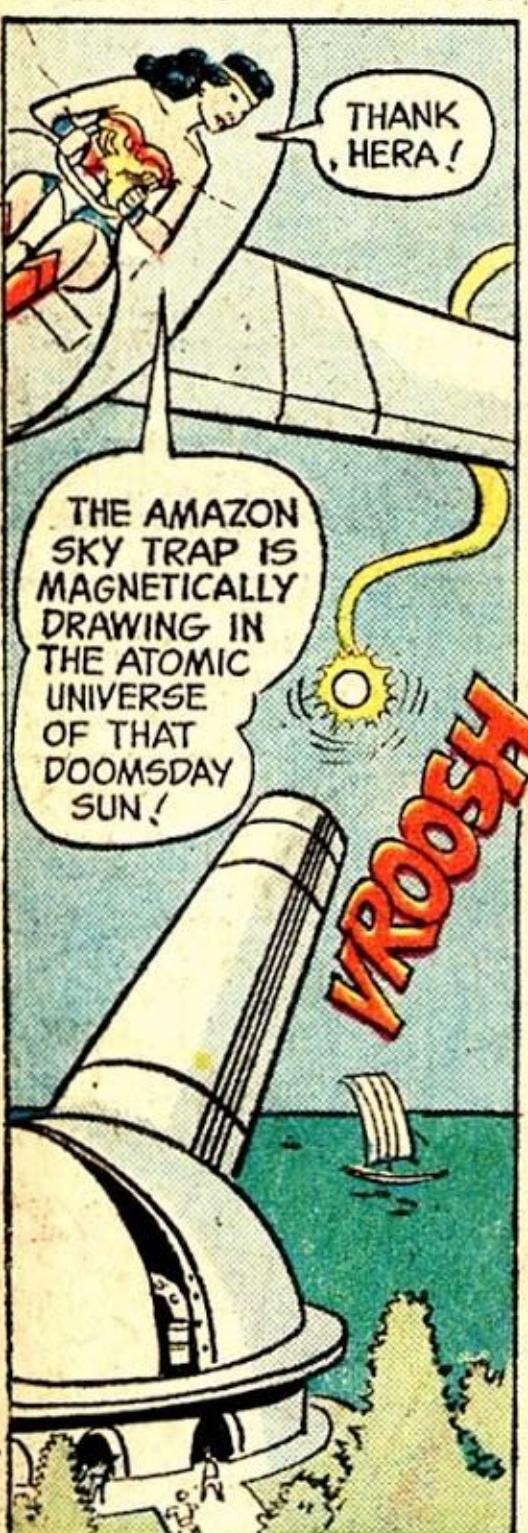
CALLING PAULA! PREPARE OUR MAGNETO AMAZON SKYTRAP!

WE MUST CAPTURE THE SUN-SPHERE OF URANIUM ATOMS--BEFORE IT DESTROYS THE WORLD!

CHECK THE MACHINE'S SPECIAL INSULATION, PAULA!



OVER PARADISE ISLAND, HOME OF THE AMAZONS, WONDER WOMAN HURTS...



SWIFTLY LANDING, THE TIRELESS AMAZON RACES TO PAULA...

THE ATOMIC SUN IS CAPTURED, PRINCESS DIANA! IT'S IN OUR SUBTERRANEAN LABORATORY!

THANK HERA! NOW ISOLATE A URANIUM ATOM IN THE AMAZON MASS SPECTROMETER!

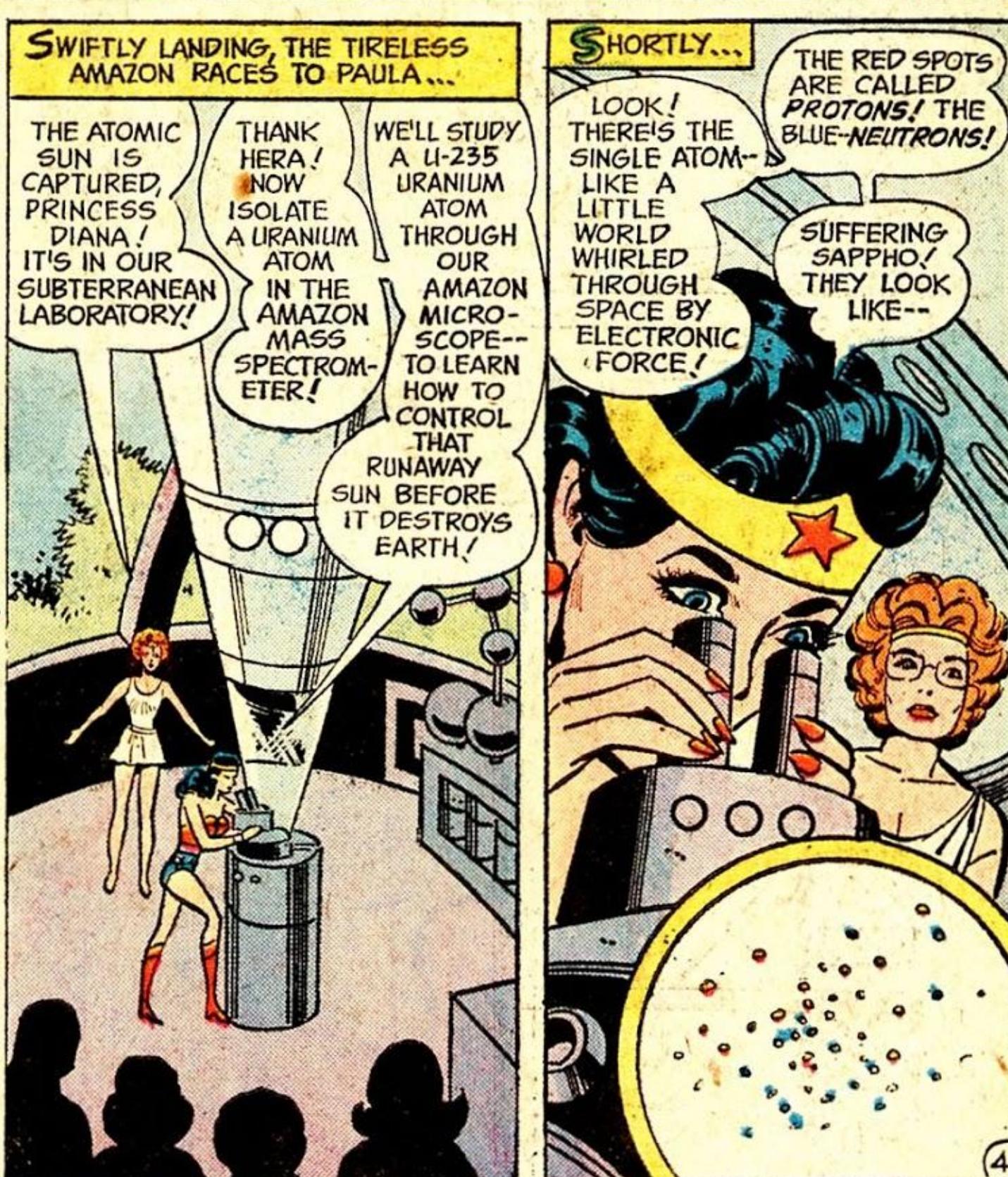
WE'LL STUDY A U-235 URANIUM ATOM THROUGH OUR AMAZON MICROSCOPE--TO LEARN HOW TO CONTROL THAT RUNAWAY SUN BEFORE IT DESTROYS EARTH!

SHORTLY...

LOOK! THERE'S THE SINGLE ATOM-- LIKE A LITTLE WORLD WHIRLED THROUGH SPACE BY ELECTRONIC FORCE!

THE RED SPOTS ARE CALLED PROTONS! THE BLUE-NEUTRONS!

SUFFERING SAPPHO! THEY LOOK LIKE--



BEFORE THE AMAZON'S STARTLED GAZE...

GREAT HERA! THE RED PROTONS ON THE ATOM PLANET ARE REALLY WOMEN!

AND THE BLUE NEUTRONS ARE ROBOT-LIKE CREATURES!

I'LL FOCUS THE MICROSCOPE MORE SHARPLY! SUFFERING SAPPHO! I'VE DISCOVERED THE CAPITAL OF THE ATOM WORLD!

THERE'S THE QUEEN AND HER PROTON GIRLS! THE NEUTRON ROBOTS MUST BE THEIR SLAVES!

AS WONDER WOMAN BREATHLESSLY WATCHES THE MYSTERIOUS ATOM WORLD...

HURRY, NEUTRON SLAVES! TURN ON MORE ELECTRONIC FORCE! OUR ATOM PLANET MUST ESCAPE!

WE ARE YOURS TO DO YOUR BIDDING, O' QUEEN ATOMIA!

EVEN WONDER WOMAN'S EYES CANNOT FOLLOW THE ATOM AS IT WHIRLS FROM BENEATH THE MICROSCOPE TOWARDS A BEAKER OF WATER!

WE ARE NEAR A BODY OF WATER! ONCE I REACH IT--THE MISERABLE EARTHLINGS WILL LEARN THAT ONLY TOTAL ANNIHILATION RESULTS FROM DEFYING ME!

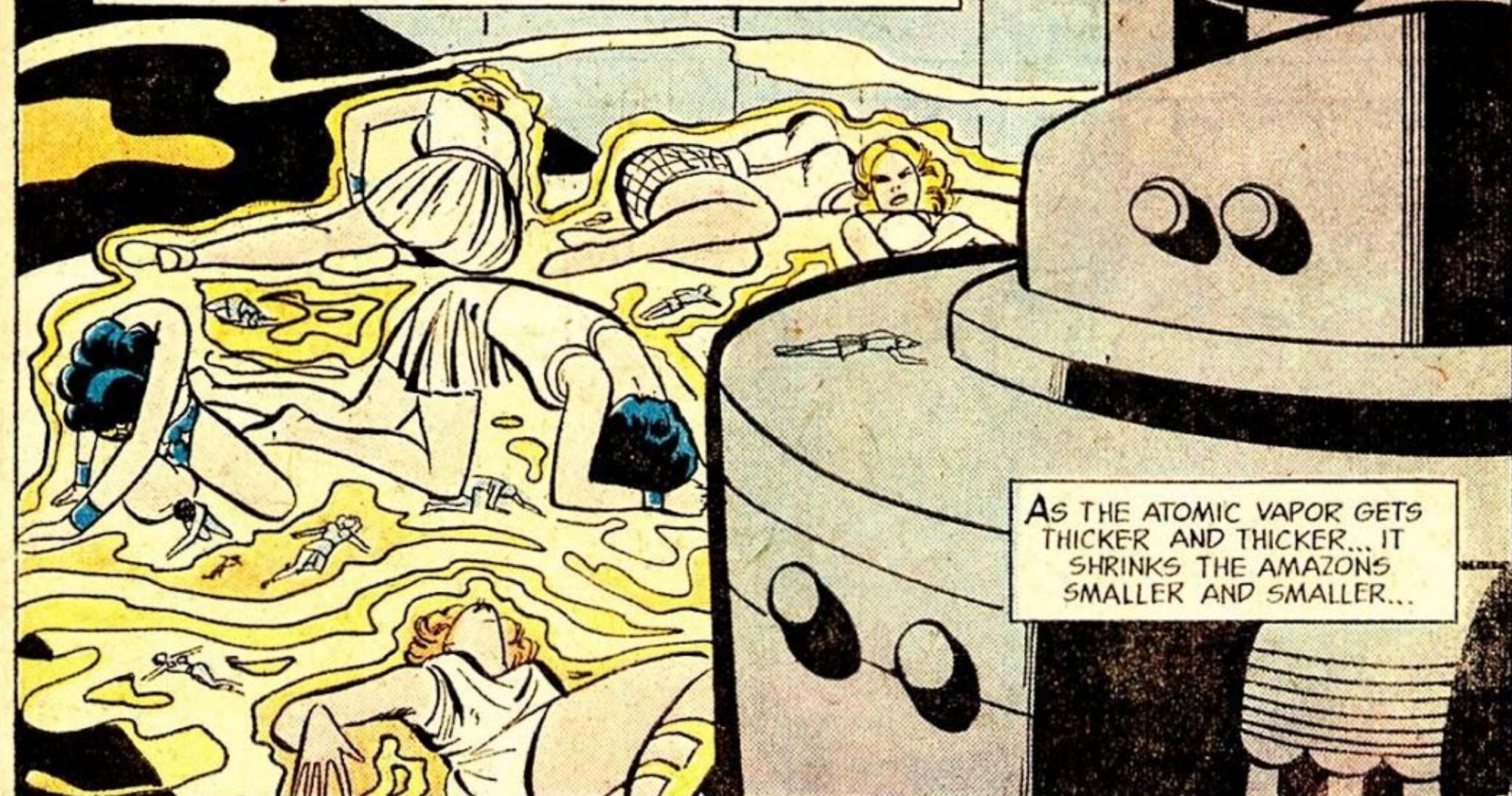
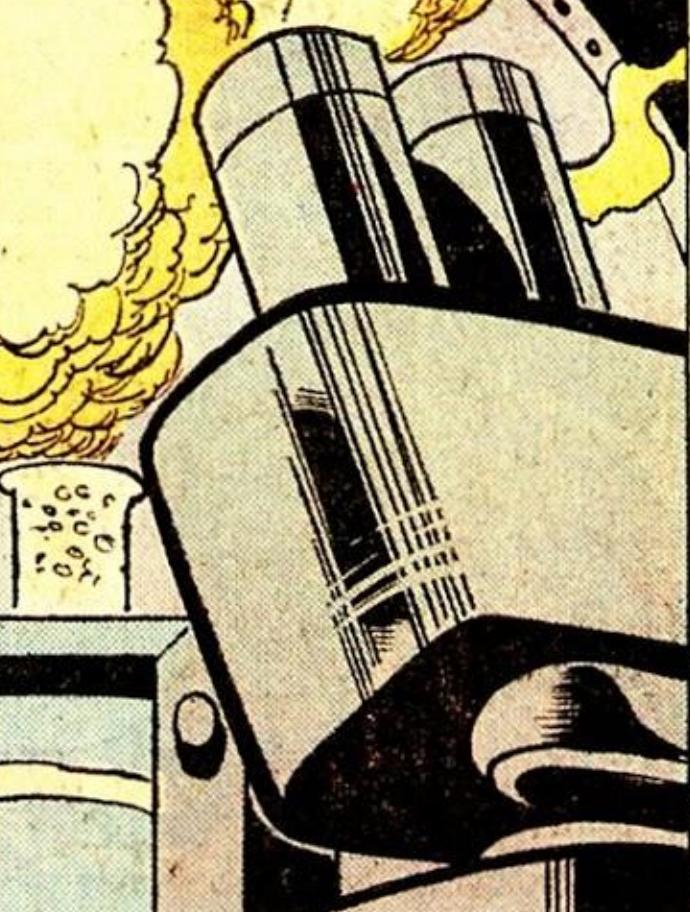
I'LL MAKE THEM SUFFER FOR CAPTURING THE UNIVERSE I WAS BUILDING!

SPLASH

LOOK, PAULA! THERE'S COLORED VAPOR COMING FROM THAT BEAKER OF WATER! WHY--?

BEFORE WONDER WOMAN CAN INVESTIGATE, THE STRANGE VAPOR, HYDROXO GAS, OVERWELMS THE AMAZONS...

OHHHH...



WHILE ON THE ATOM...

NEUTRONS--CEASE SPEARING HYDROGEN-OXYGEN ATOMS! THE RADIOACTIVE VAPOR HAS TURNED THE MORTALS INTO PROTONS!

MY DEAR PROTONS!
USE YOUR CAPTO-MAGNETS TO PULL
THE AMAZON PROTONS INTO
MY KINGDOM
FOR MY REVENGE!

BIND THEM WELL,
NEUTRON SLAVES!

AT ONCE,
O' QUEEN ATOMIA!

AS WONDER WOMAN SLOWLY RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS—SEARING PAIN SCORCHES HER AS SHE TRIES TO BREAK HER BONDS...

OHHHHH...
SUFFERING
SAPPHO...
I CAN'T...

**AYE, WONDER WOMAN!
YOUR HERCULEAN POWERS
ARE USELESS HERE!**

YOU AND
YOUR SISTER
AMAZONS ARE
BOUND WITH
RADIOACTIVE
CORDS! THE
SLIGHTEST
STRAIN ON
THEM WILL
BURN YOU!

HARK!

OPEN OUR UNDERGROUND
CENTER WITH YOUR CAPTO-
MAGNETS, MY BEAUTIFUL
PROTONS! WE HAVE WORK
TO DO IN OUR SPECIAL
NEUTRON LABORATORY!

AT ONCE,
O'QUEEN
ATOMIA!

NEUTRONS--
FOLLOW ME TO
THE LABORATORY
WITH THE AMAZON
PRISONERS!

WONDER WOMAN! DO
YOU HAVE A LAST REQUEST?
SOON, I SHALL TURN YOU
INTO NEUTRONS! THEN
YOU'LL NO LONGER BE
PRETTY PROTONS -- BUT
SLAVES!

HOW DO
YOU KEEP
THE
NEUTRON
SLAVES
FROM
REVOLTING,
O' QUEEN?

SIMPLE! I AM QUEEN
--BECAUSE MY BRAIN
IS THE MOST POWERFUL
ONE IN THE ATOM WORLD!

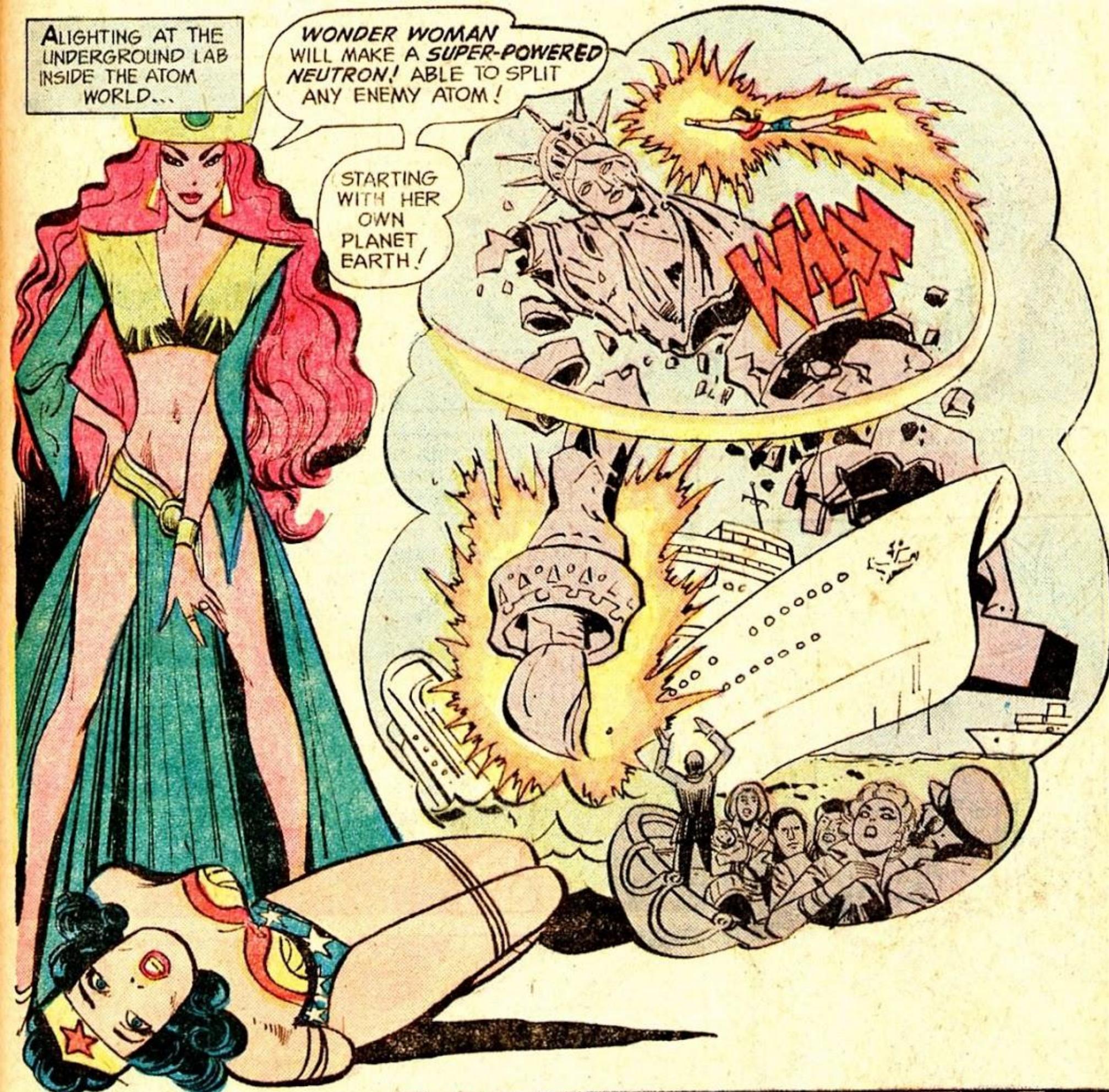
I PROJECT STRONG VIBRATIONS TELEPATHICALLY AS I SPEAK AN ORDER--WHICH COMPELS THE BRAINLESS NEUTRONS TO OBEY ME!

ALIGHTING AT THE
UNDERGROUND LAB
INSIDE THE ATOM
WORLD...

WONDER WOMAN
WILL MAKE A SUPER-POWERED
NEUTRON! ABLE TO SPLIT
ANY ENEMY ATOM!

STARTING
WITH HER
OWN
PLANET
EARTH!

WAH



NEUTRON
SLAVES!
THROW THESE
AMAZON PROTONS
INTO THE
ELECTRONIC
CORRIDOR!

NEUTRONS--STAND GUARD
OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER--UNTIL
THE AMAZONS BECOME SLAVES
LIKE YOURSELVES!

YOUR COMMAND
WILL BE DONE,
QUEEN ATOMIA!

HERA
HELP US!

INSIDE THE ELECTRONIC CORRIDOR, WONDER WOMAN STRAINS EVERY BRAIN CELL TO SEND OUT HER OWN SUPER-AMAZON TELEPATHIC WAVES!

NEUTRONS GUARDING THE CHAMBER DOOR--

I COMMAND YOU TO COME HERE--

AND FREE US OF OUR RADIOACTIVE BONDS!

QUEEN ATOMIA BATTLES MIGHTILY TO RESTRAIN HER NEUTRON ROBOT SLAVES AGAINST THE MIGHTY AMAZON'S BRAIN BARRAGE...

WE ARE POWERLESS TO RESIST YOUR COMMAND, WONDER WOMAN!

FREED BY THE NEUTRONS OBEDIENT TO HER SUPERIOR BRAIN POWER--WONDER WOMAN AND HER SISTER AMAZONS ESCAPE FROM THE ELECTRONIC CORRIDOR...

PRINCESS DIANA--QUEEN ATOMIA HAS FLED WITH HER PROTONS!

NO TIME TO WASTE LOOKING FOR THEM NOW, PAULA!

THE ONLY WAY TO DESTROY THIS ATOM IS TO SPLIT IT! I'M GOING TO LASSO YOU AND SMASH THROUGH THE CENTER OF THIS ATOM WORLD!

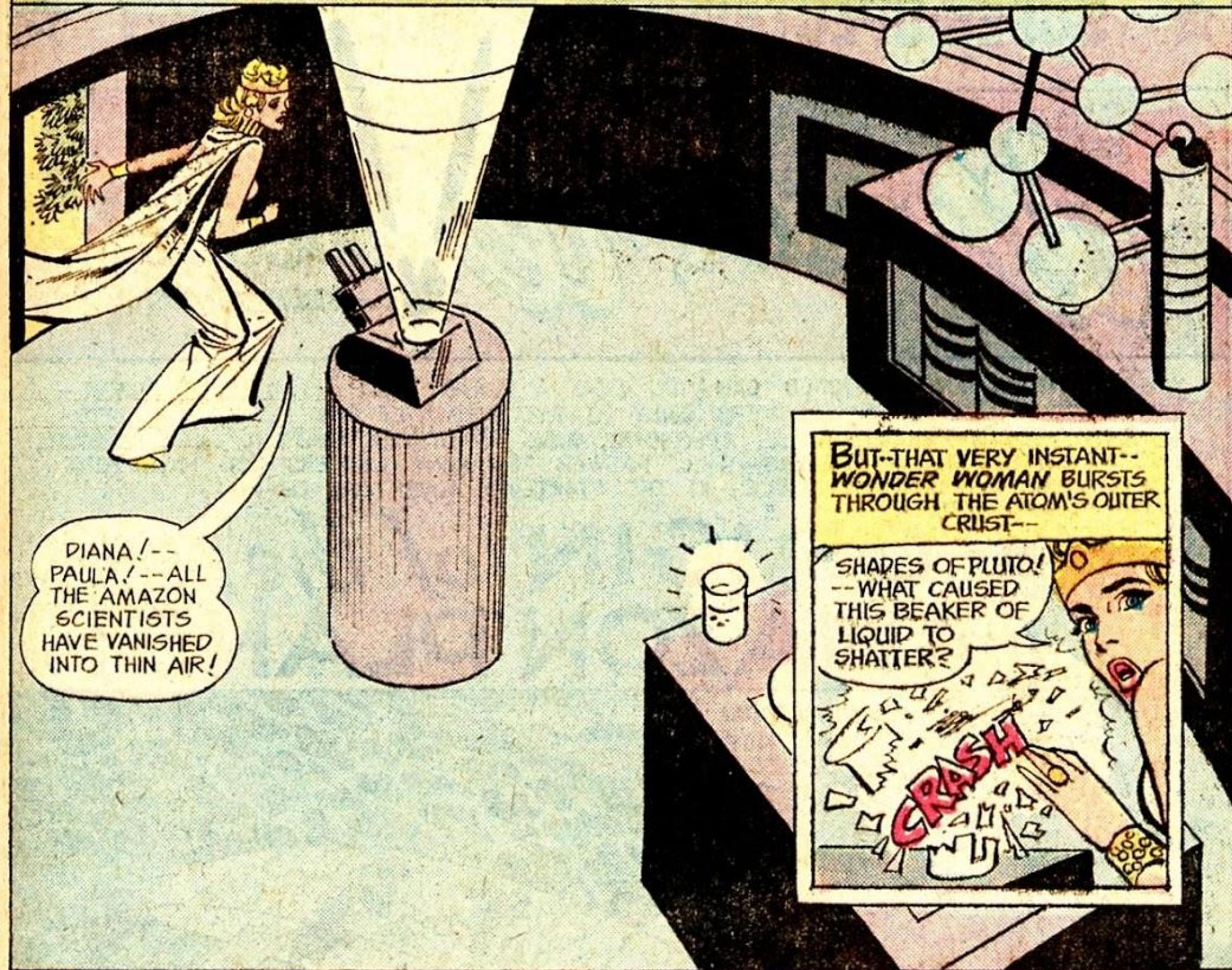
I'VE BEEN CHECKMATED--BUT I'LL DESTROY EARTH YET! THE AMAZON CAN'T STOP ME! I'LL HIDE WITH MY PROTONS AND--

B-BUT WONDER WOMAN--WE'LL BE BURNED TO DEATH BY OUR RE-ENTRY!

REMEMBER--WE'RE PROTONS NOW--NOT HUMANS! BREATHE IN THE FLAMES!

WITH APHRODITE'S HELP--ITS SPECIAL ELECTRIC RADIOACTIVE ACTION WILL MAKE US NORMAL AGAIN THE MOMENT WE CRASH OUT!

MEANWHILE, AS WONDER WOMAN'S MOTHER, HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS, STARES AROUND THE DESERTED AMAZON LAB ON PARADISE ISLAND...



BEFORE QUEEN HIPPOLYTA'S ASTOUNDED GAZE, WONDER WOMAN AND THE FREED AMAZONS REGAIN THEIR NORMAL SIZES...

UNDER WONDER WOMAN'S FOOT...UNSEEN...UNHEARD... COMES A SINISTER VOW FROM THE QUEEN OF THE ATOM WORLD...



Wonder Woman

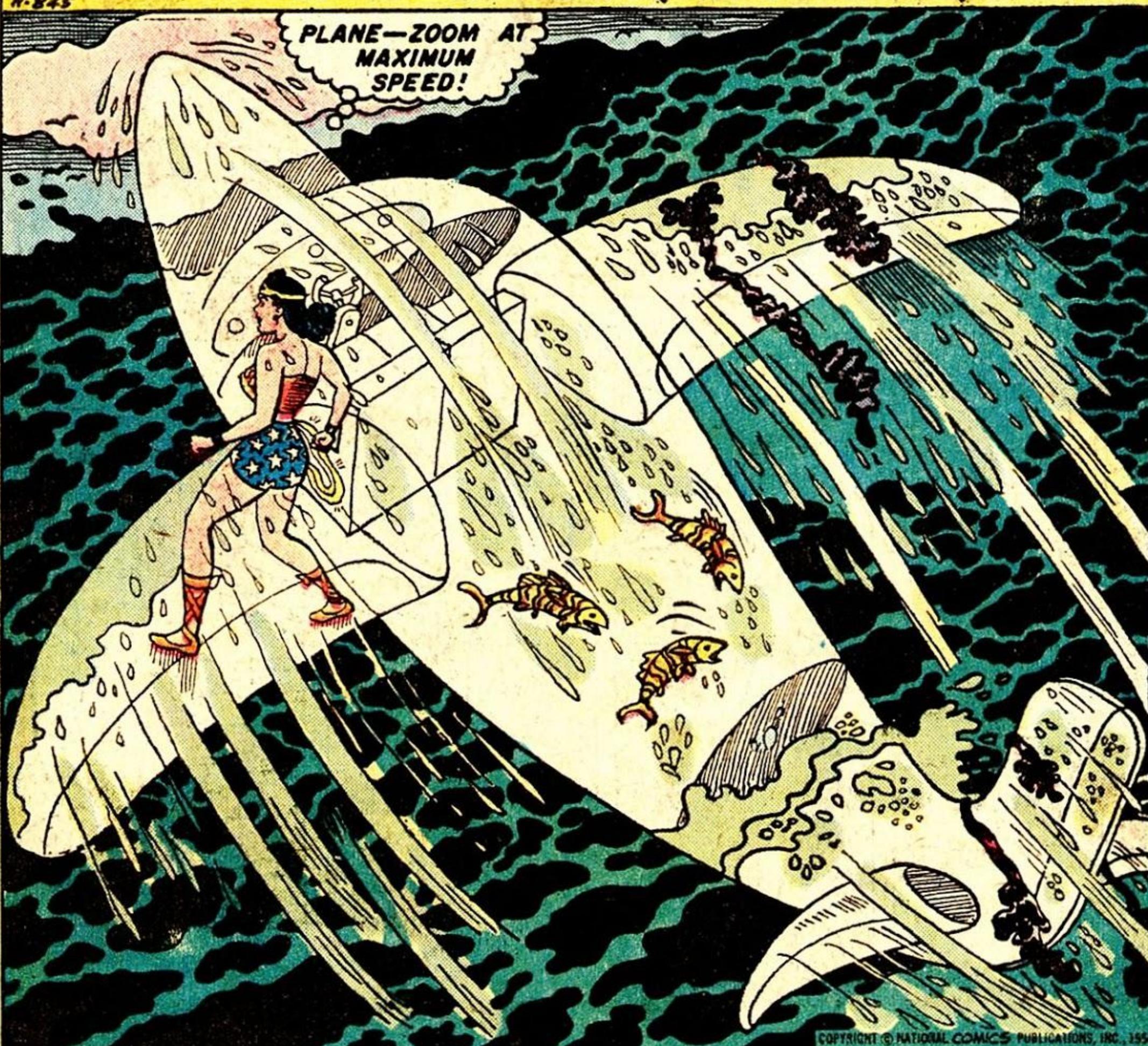
By CHARLES MOULTON

WHERE IN THIS ENTIRE WORLD CAN YOU FIND A PLANE WHICH IS UTTERLY SILENT—TRANSPARENT—AND WHICH ANSWERS ONLY TO THE SOUND OF ONE PERSON'S VOICE? WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—WILL ANSWER THE MANY LETTERS YOU HAVE SENT CONCERNING HER UNIQUE VEHICLE—IN THE STARTLING ADVENTURE OF-----

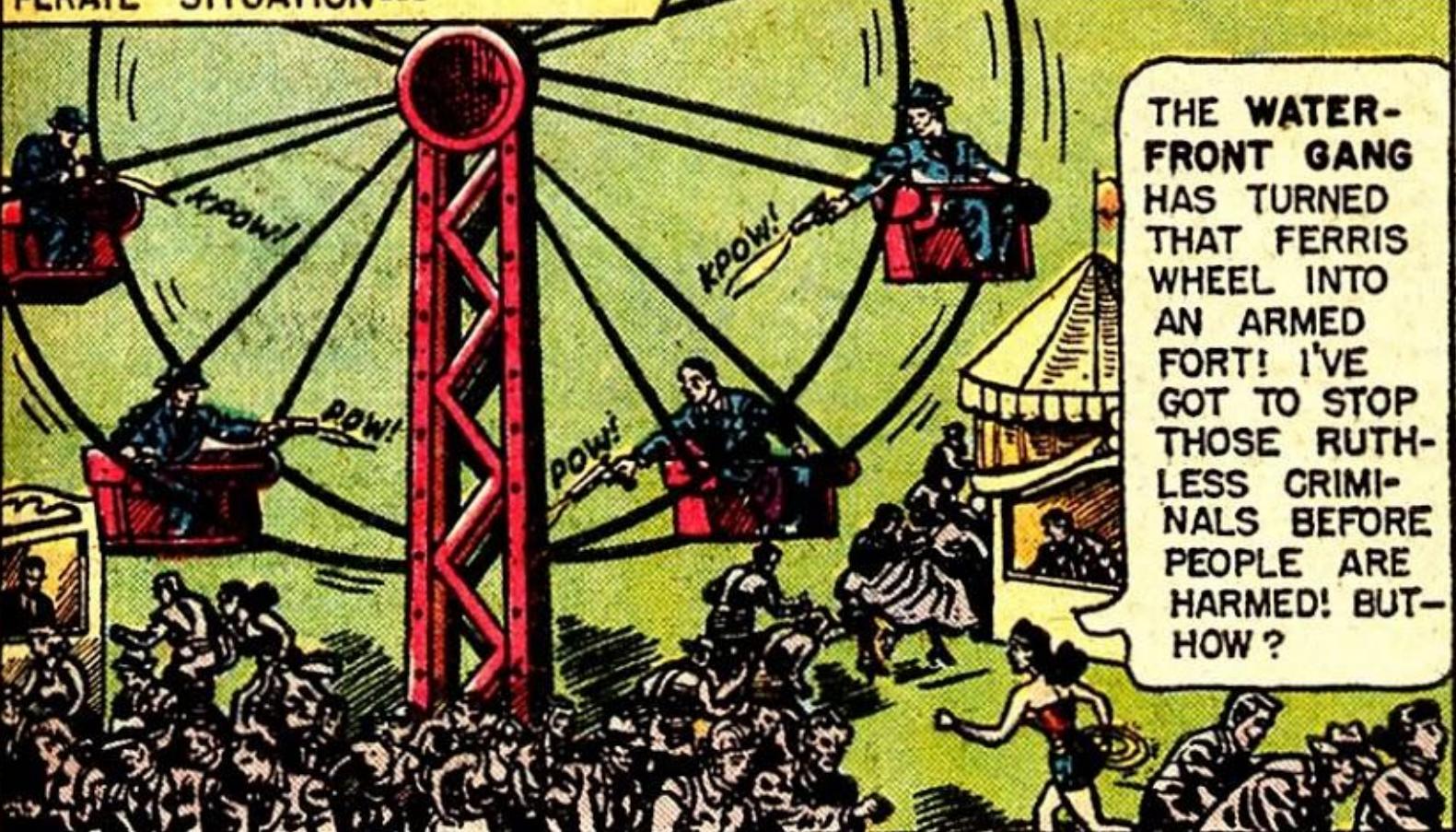
"The ORIGIN of the AMAZON PLANE!"

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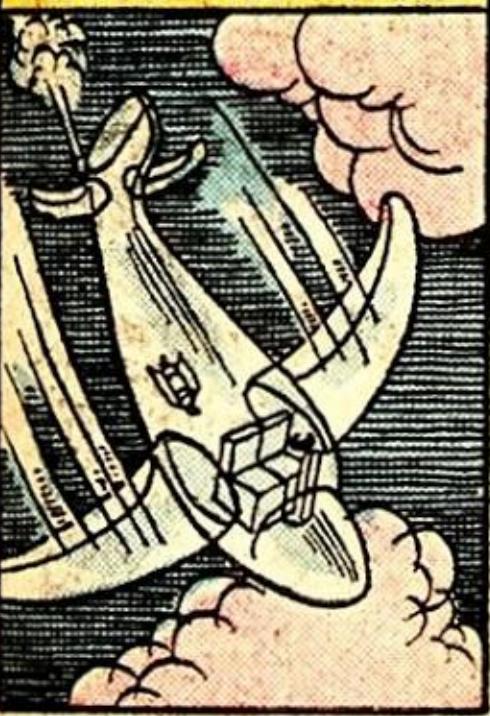
PLANE—ZOOM AT
MAXIMUM
SPEED!



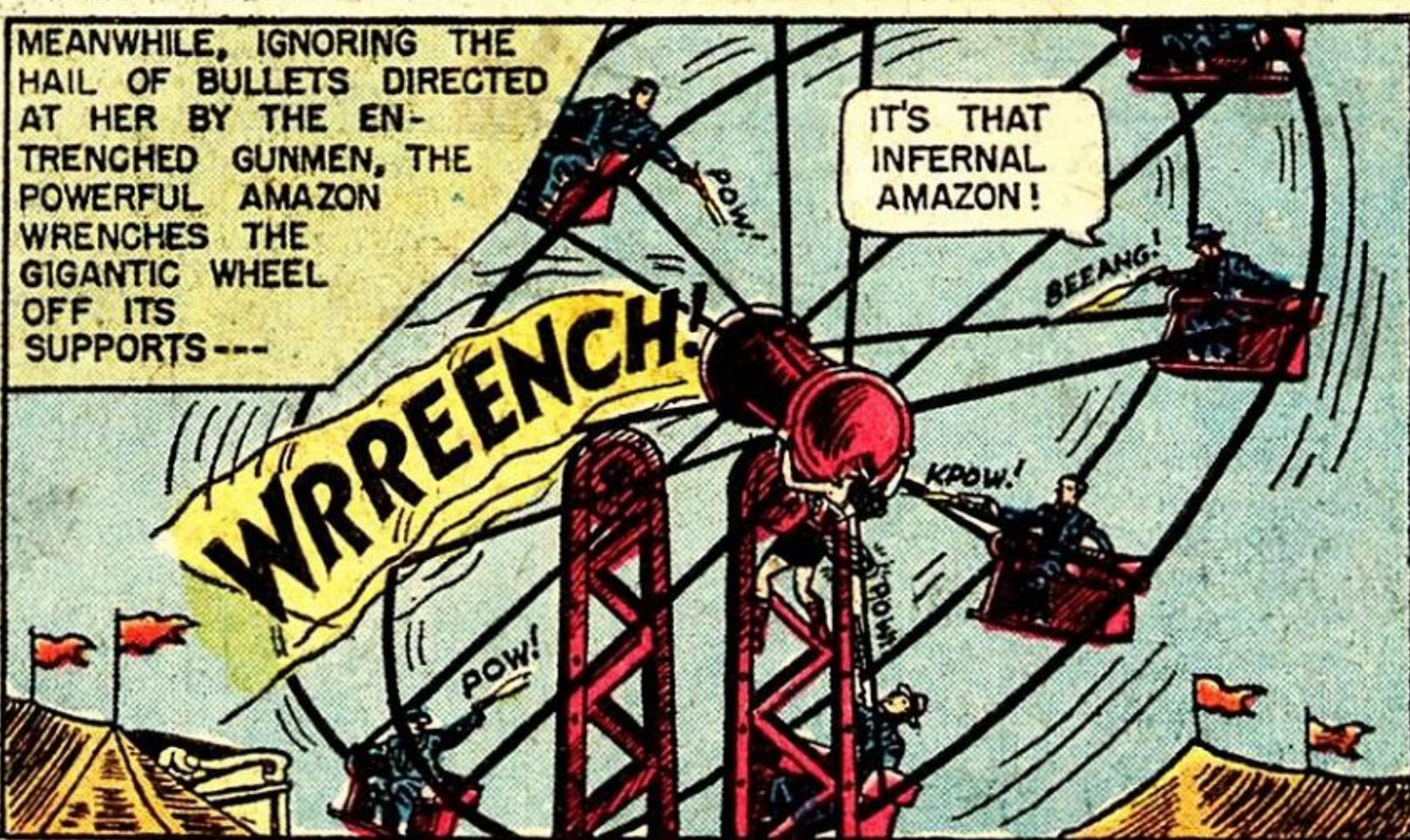
IN A CROWDED AMUSEMENT PARK, WONDER WOMAN FACES A DESPERATE SITUATION---



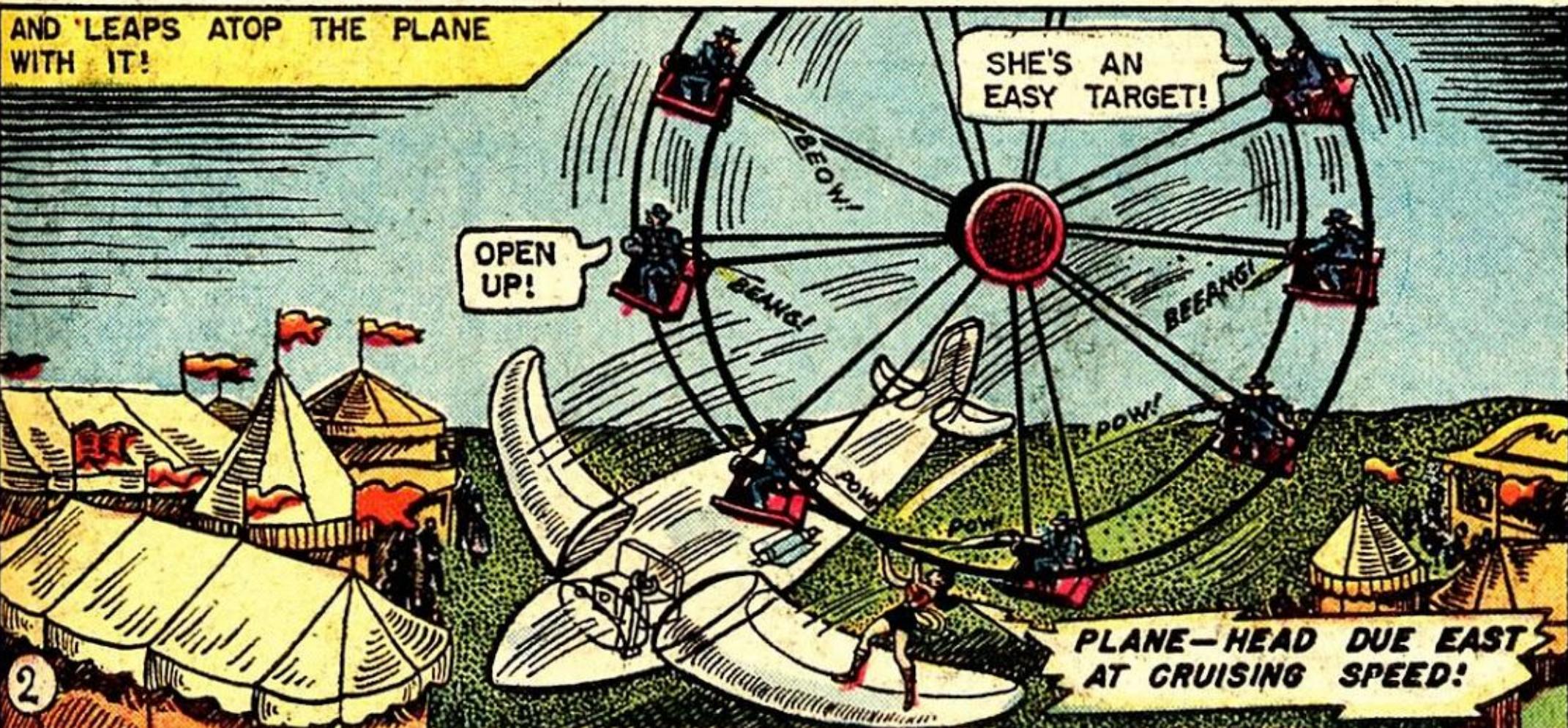
IMMEDIATELY, WONDER WOMAN'S UNIQUE ROBOT PLANE ANSWERS THE VIBRATIONS OF HER VOICE--



MEANWHILE, IGNORING THE HAIL OF BULLETS DIRECTED AT HER BY THE ENTRENCHED GUNMEN, THE POWERFUL AMAZON WRENCHES THE GIGANTIC WHEEL OFF ITS SUPPORTS ---

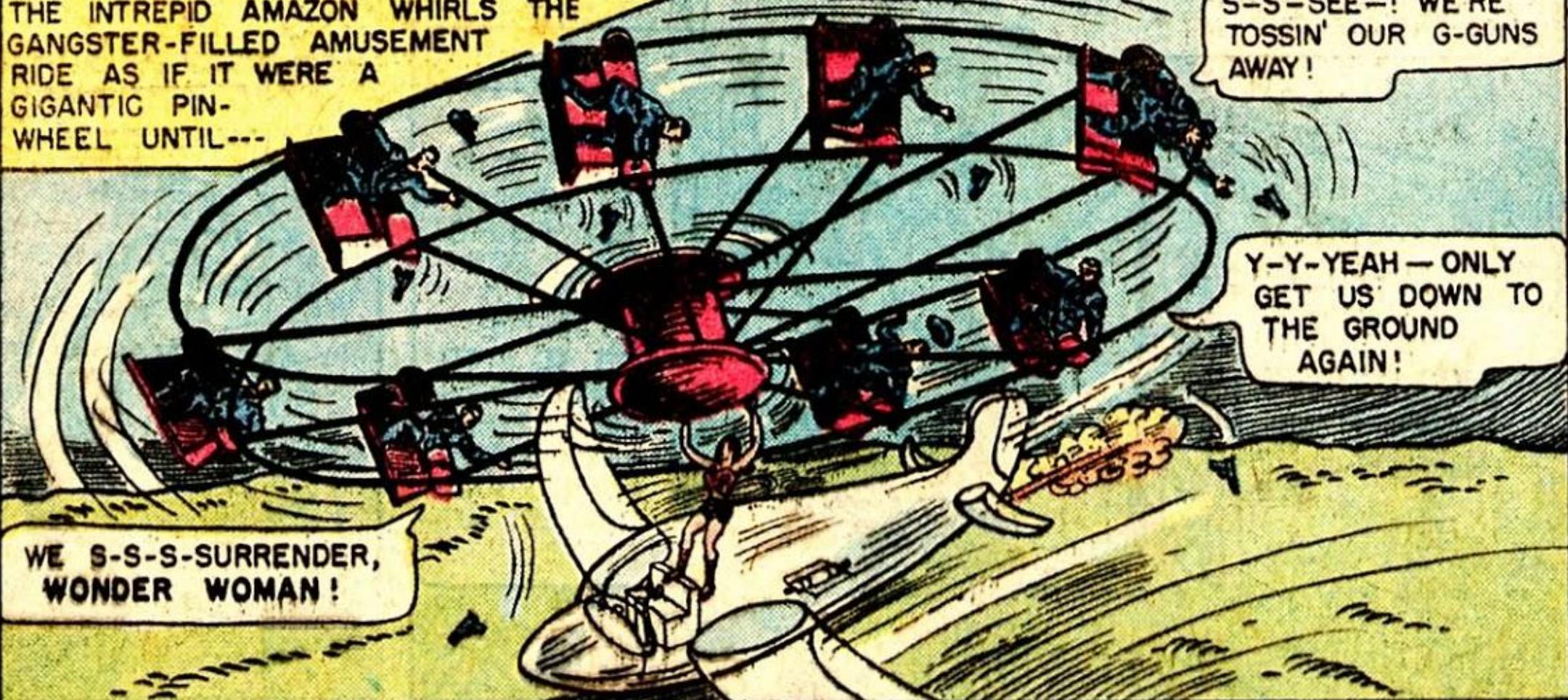


AND LEAPS ATOP THE PLANE WITH IT!



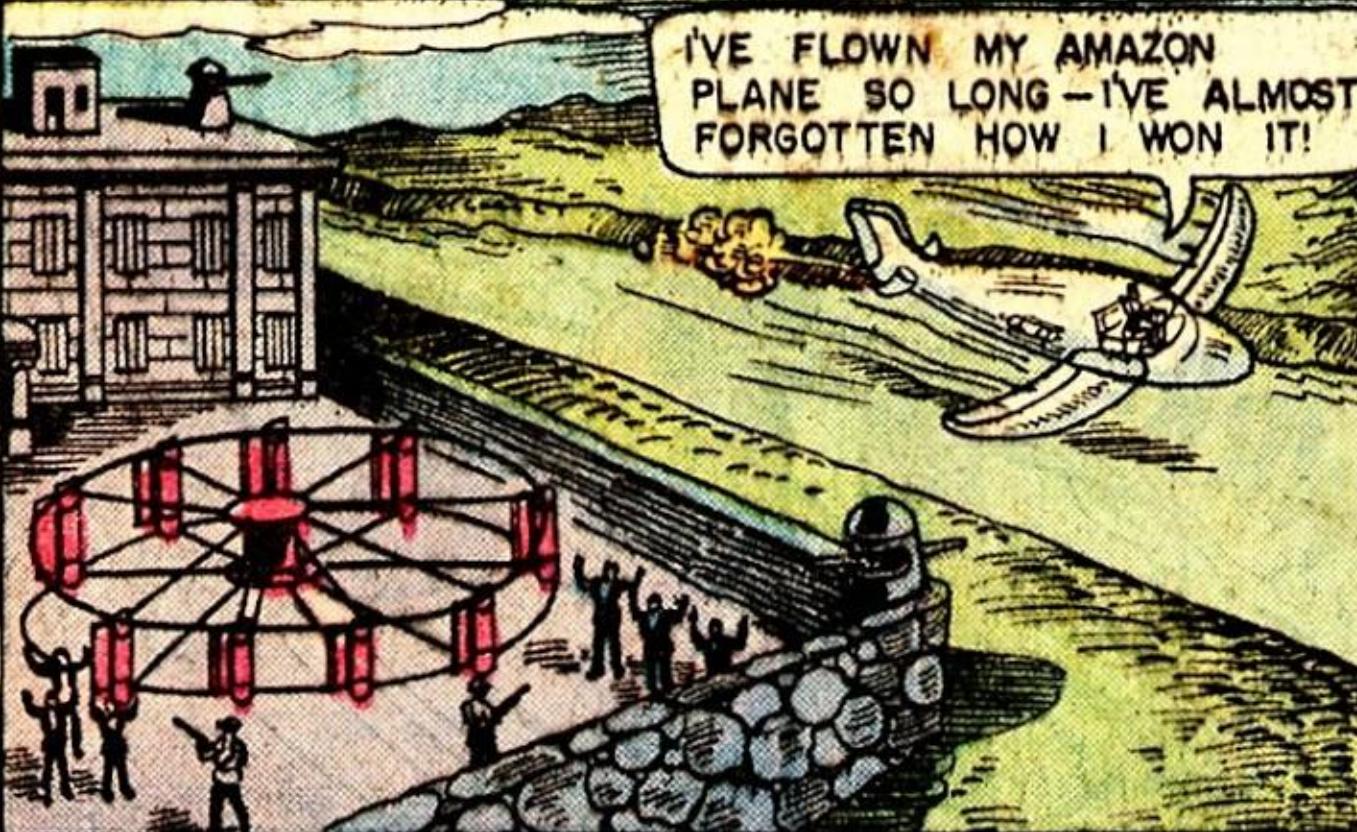
THE INTREPID AMAZON WHIRLS THE GANGSTER-FILLED AMUSEMENT RIDE AS IF IT WERE A GIGANTIC PIN-WHEEL UNTIL---

S-S-SEE--! WE'RE TOSSIN' OUR G-GUNS AWAY!



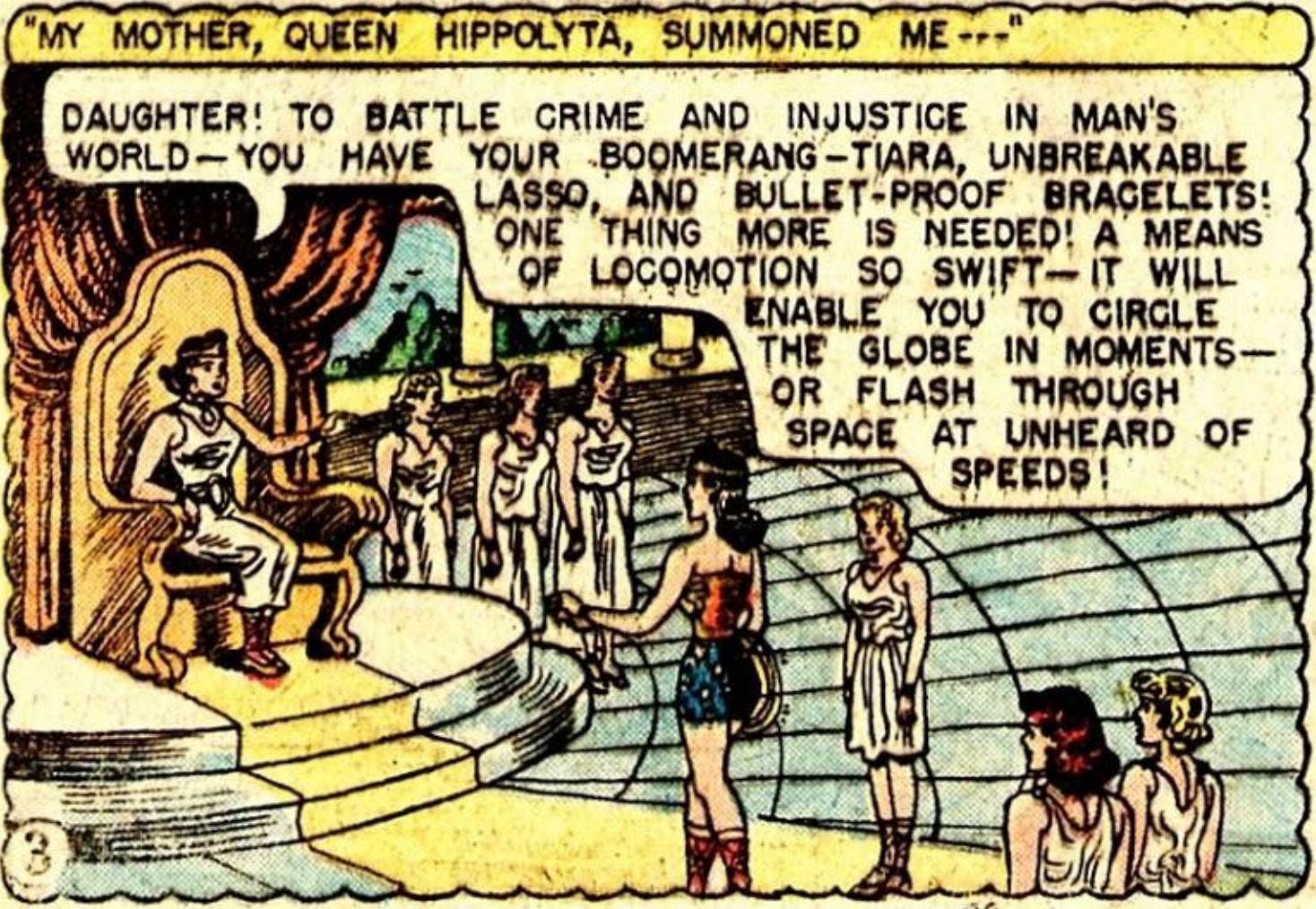
LEAVING THE WHEEL IN THE JAIL YARD, WONDER WOMAN HURTS AWAY IN HER SILENT PLANE---

AS THE AGILE AMAZON STARTS REMINISING ---



"MY MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA, SUMMONED ME ---"

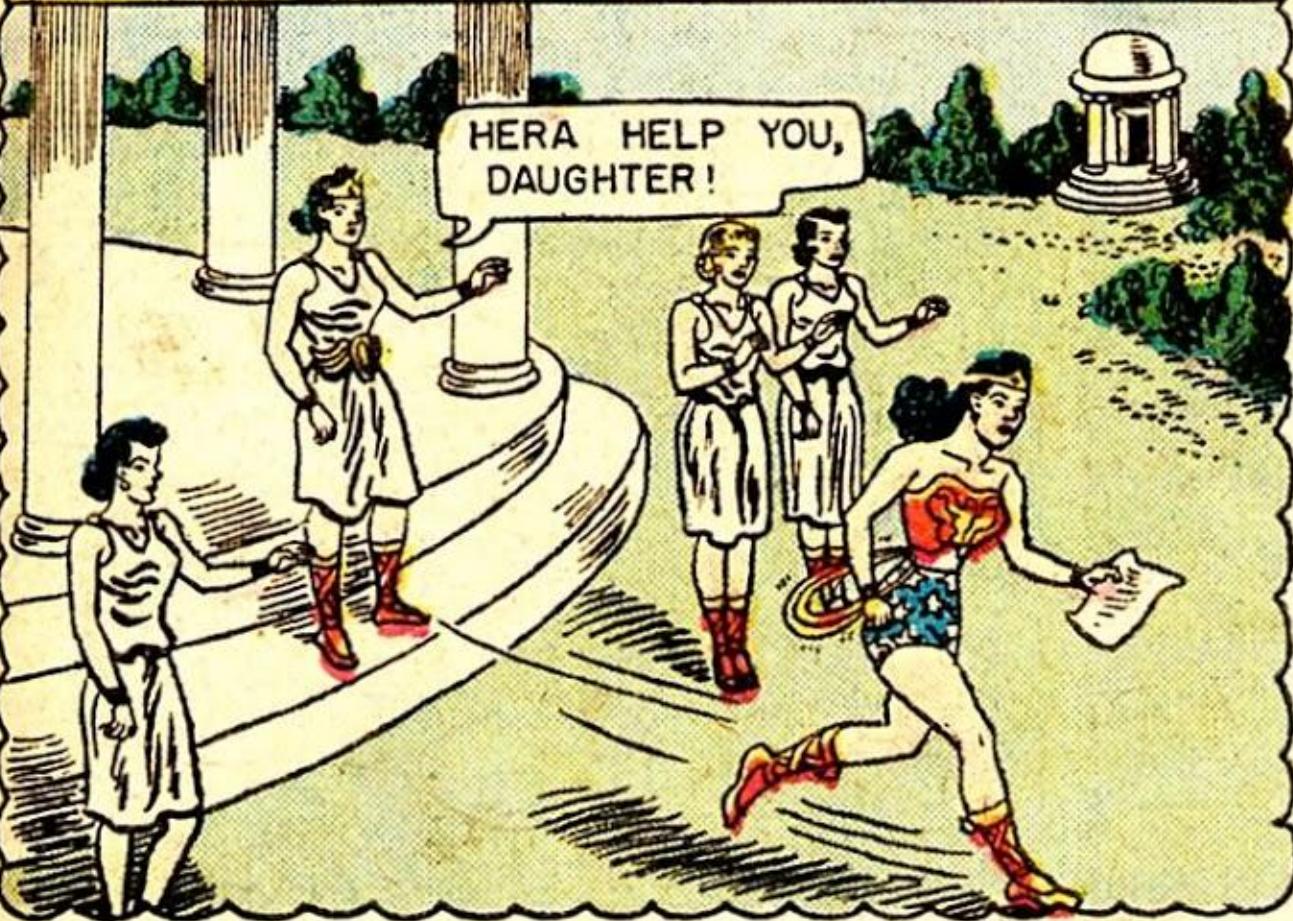
DAUGHTER! TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE IN MAN'S WORLD—YOU HAVE YOUR BOOMERANG-TIARA, UNBREAKABLE LASSO, AND BULLET-PROOF BRACELETS! ONE THING MORE IS NEEDED! A MEANS OF LOCOMOTION SO SWIFT—it WILL ENABLE YOU TO CIRCLE THE GLOBE IN MOMENTS—OR FLASH THROUGH SPACE AT UNHEARD OF SPEEDS!



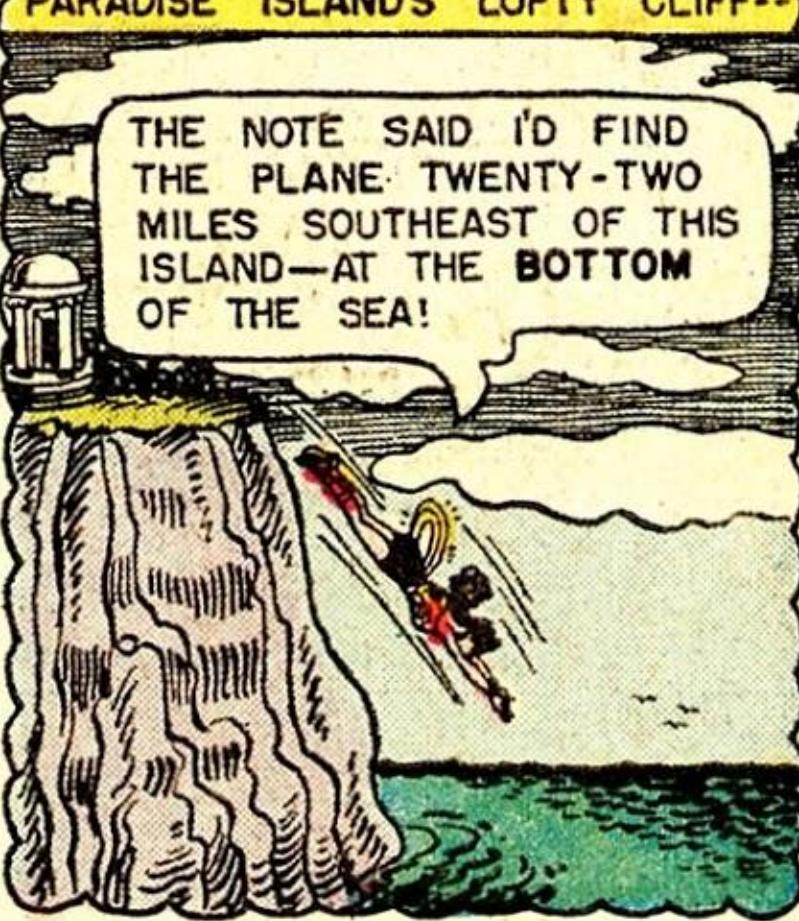
THERE IS SUCH A CRAFT! SILENT—TRANSPARENT—INCREDIBLY SWIFT! A ROBOT PLANE WAITING TO RESPOND ONLY TO THE VOICE OF THE PERSON DARING ENOUGH TO WIN IT! NO ONE EVER HAS! THESE DIRECTIONS TELL YOU HOW TO FIND IT—if YOU DARE!



"GLANCING AT THE NOTE, I RACED OFF--"



"WITHOUT PAUSING, I DOVE OFF PARADISE ISLAND'S LOFTY CLIFF--"



"MOMENTS LATER--"

THAT WAS SIMPLE! THERE'S THE PLANE LYING ON AN UNDER-SEA FLOWER! I SHOULD HAVE SAID — PART OF IT! WELL, I'LL RECOVER THIS PART — PERHAPS IT WILL LEAD ME TO THE REST!

"STRUGGLING AGAINST THE IRRESISTIBLE PRESSURE, I REALIZED--"

THE HARDER I STRUGGLE — THE MORE FORCE I EXERT — THE TIGHTER GROWS THE GRIP OF THESE AWFUL PETALS! I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT SOME WAY OF ESCAPING WITHOUT USING FORCE! BUT HOW—?

"AS I REACHED FOR THE FRONT PART OF THE PLANE—"

MERCIFUL MINERVA! THE PETALS OF THE FLOWER CLOSED AROUND ME!



"GLANCING ABOUT, I SAW---"

THOSE ROCKS MAY
HELP FREE ME!
FIRST I'LL LASSO
TWO OF THEM---

"AS I CAUGHT THE ROCKS, I RUBBED THEM
TOGETHER WITH SUCH INGREDIBLE STRENGTH--"

--THAT---

THANK HERA!
THE HEAT CAUSED
BY THE FRICTION
I CREATED RUB-
BING THOSE ROCKS
TOGETHER—MADE
THIS CANNIBAL-
FLOWER BURN—
FREEING ME!

"SWIMMING UPWARD WITH THE FIRST PART
OF THE PLANE, I NOTICED---"

WATER'S UNEXPECTED-
LY COLD! NO WONDER
—THERE'S AN ICE-
BERG! MUST HAVE
DRIFTED HERE—
SHADES OF
PLUTO! THERE'S
SOMETHING
PRINTED ON
THIS PART
OF THE
PLANE!

"SURFACING---"

THE LETTERING CONTAINS
INSTRUCTIONS! "THE SECOND
PART OF THE PLANE IS
ON A TREE ON MYSTERY
ISLAND!" --- THERE'S THAT
DRIFTING ICEBERG!
I'LL DESTROY IT
WHEN I'M FIN-
ISHED WITH
THIS MISSION!

"FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS, I SWAM TOWARD MYSTERY ISLAND WHERE ---"

THERE'S THE SECOND PART OF THE PLANE—HANGING FROM A TREE! THIS IS GOING TO BE SIMPLE!

"BUT AS I REACHED FOR THE PLANE PART ---"

THUNDER-BOLTS OF JOVE! THAT TREE HAS AN ELECTRIC CURRENT RUNNING THROUGH IT—AND INTO THE PLANE!

IF THERE WAS ONLY SOMETHING I COULD USE TO TOUCH THE PLANE WITH—THAT DOESN'T CONDUCT ELECTRICITY! SOMETHING LIKE RUBBER—OR PAPER! THERE'S NO RUBBER ANYWHERE! AND AS FOR PAPER—? HMMM—!

"INSTANTLY, I UPROOTED SOME TREES ---"

IT'S A GOOD THING ONLY THE TREE WHICH BEARS THE PLANE PART HAS THE CURRENT—OR I COULDN'T DO THIS!

EXERTING ALL MY POWER, I CRUSHED THE TREES INTO PULP, THE SUBSTANCE FROM WHICH PAPER IS MADE ---"

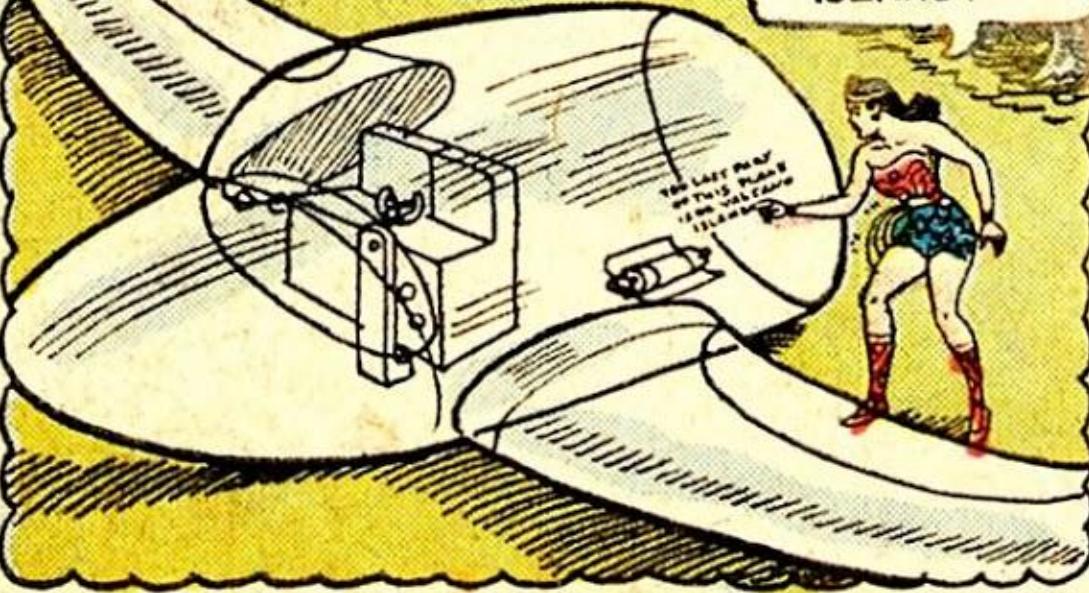
I HOPE MY PLAN WILL WORK!

"THOROUGHLY PROTECTED BY THE PAPER PULP, I FOUND ---"

PRAISE HERA! THE PAPER PULP ACTED LIKE A PAIR OF RUBBER GLOVES—ENABLING ME TO YANK OFF THE PLANE—WITHOUT RECEIVING A SHOCK!

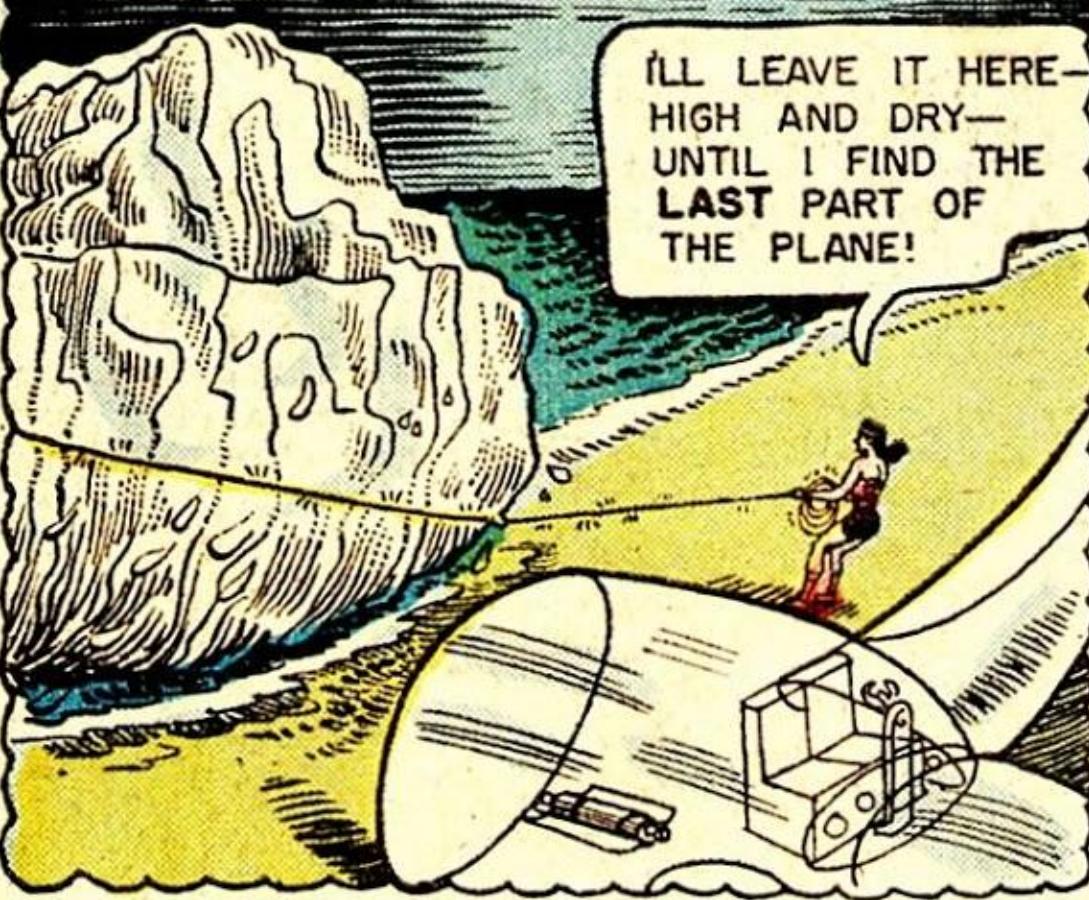
"AS I FASTENED THE TWO PARTS OF THE PLANE TOGETHER---"

IT SAYS: "THE LAST PART OF THE PLANE IS ON VOLCANO ISLAND!"



"I TOWED THE HUGE ICEBERG TO VOLCANO ISLAND WHERE ---"

I'LL LEAVE IT HERE-HIGH AND DRY-UNTIL I FIND THE LAST PART OF THE PLANE!



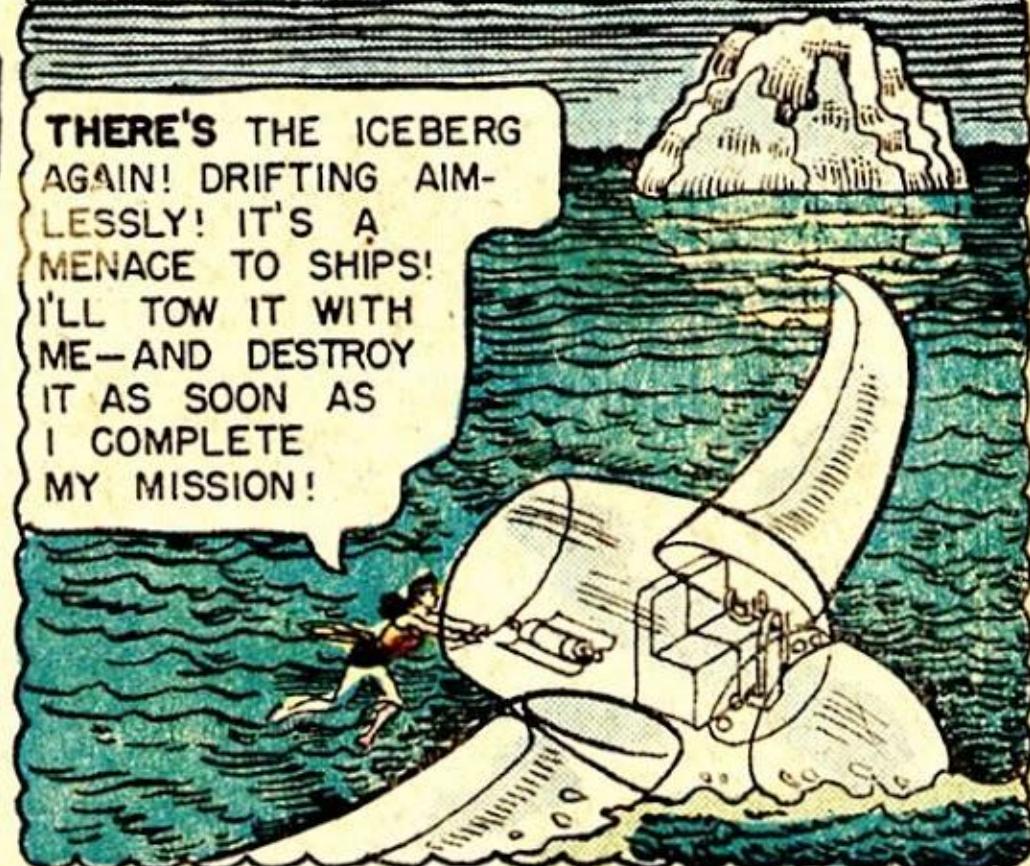
"DRIVEN BACK BY THE INTENSE HEAT---"

THE ONLY WAY I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THE CRATER, WHERE THE PLANE IS LYING-IS BY USING SOMETHING TO COUNTERACT THE VAST HEAT! THE ICEBERG IS THE ANSWER!



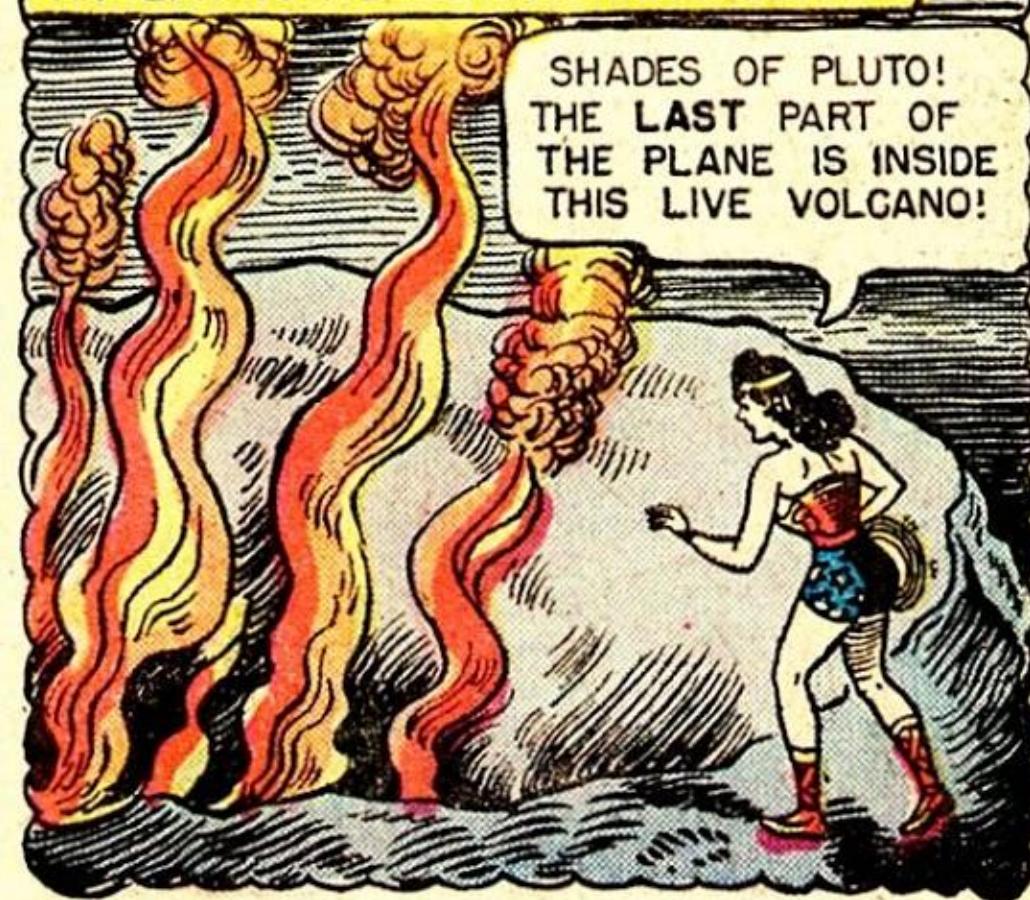
"AGAIN I RACED AHEAD ON MY INCREDIBLE MISSION---"

THERE'S THE ICEBERG AGAIN! DRIFTING AIMLESSLY! IT'S A MENAGE TO SHIPS! I'LL TOW IT WITH ME-AND DESTROY IT AS SOON AS I COMPLETE MY MISSION!



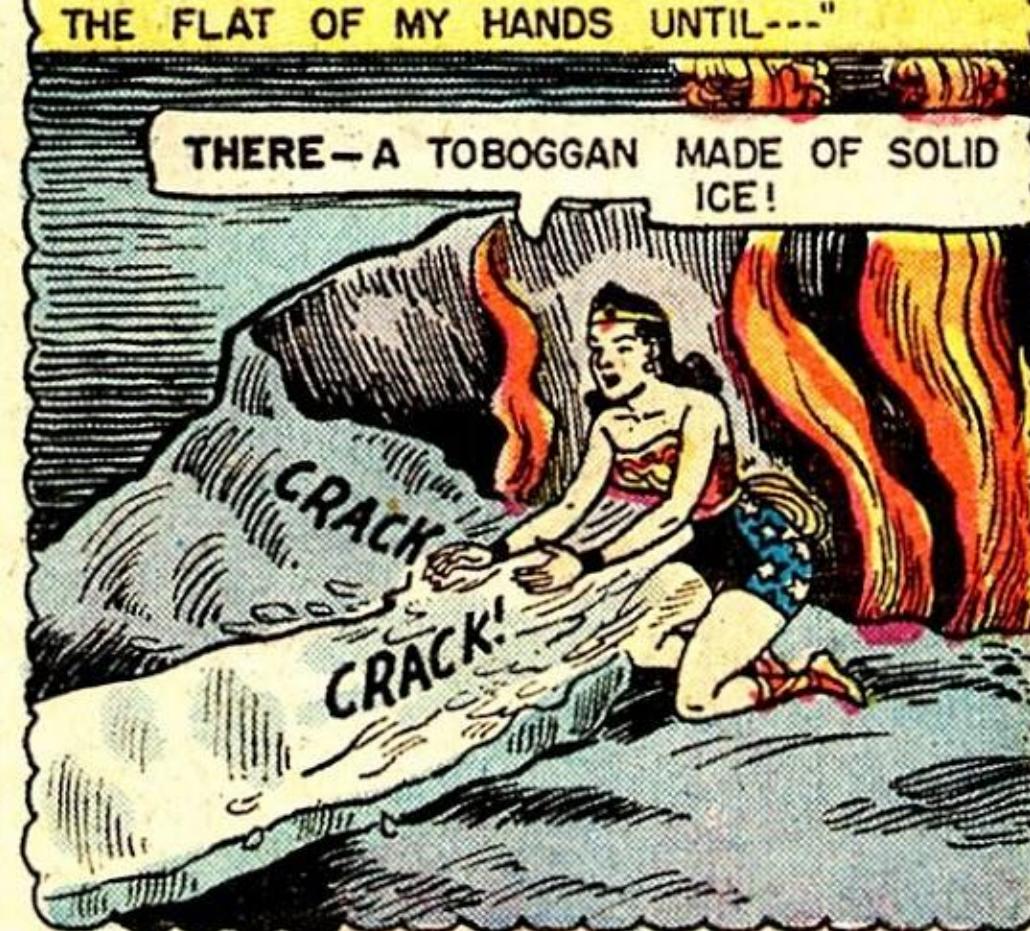
"AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH REVEALED---"

SHADES OF PLUTO! THE LAST PART OF THE PLANE IS INSIDE THIS LIVE VOLCANO!



"SWIFTLY I CHOPPED AT THE ICEBERG WITH THE FLAT OF MY HANDS UNTIL---"

THERE-A TOBOGGAN MADE OF SOLID ICE!



"ON THE ICE TOBOGGAN, I HURTLED DOWN
THE FLAMING SIDES OF THE VOLCANO---"

MY PLAN IS WORKING!
THERE'S THE LAST PART
OF THE PLANE! BUT MY
TOBOGGAN IS MELTING
FROM THE
TERRIFIC
HEAT!



"DESPERATELY, I LEAPED UP FROM THE BOT-
TOM OF THE VOLCANO---"



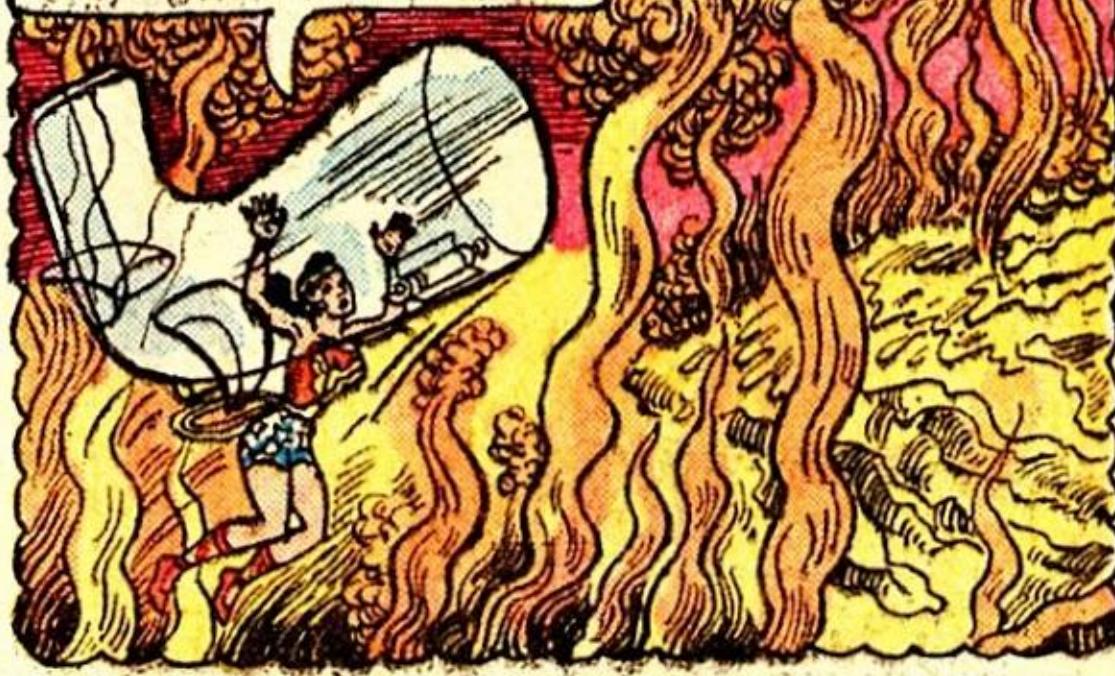
"THE UNIQUE AMAZON PLANE
ANSWERED MY VOICE---"



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"AS THE DISINTEGRATING TOBOGGAN REACHED THE
BOTTOM OF THE VOLCANO---"

THERE GOES THE LAST OF
MY TOBOGGAN! NOW—TO GET
OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS I
CAN WITH THE PLANE!



"A FEW MOMENTS LATER, I FASTENED THE
LAST PART OF THE UNIQUE PLANE TOGETHER--"



"THE ROBOT PLANE INSTANT-
LY RESPONDED ---"

WHAT A WONDERFUL HELP
THIS WILL BE TO ME— IN
HELPING ME FIGHT CRIME
AND INJUSTICE IN MAN'S
WORLD!



"AND SO IT PROVED---IN COUNT-
LESS ADVENTURES ---"

CALLING WONDER WOMAN!
YOU ARE WANTED ON AN
URGENT MISSION! THIS IS
MILITARY INTELLIGENCE
CALLING!



END

The GODS of the AMAZONS

"BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY." THIS DESCRIBES WONDER WOMAN. BUT WHO ARE THESE FOUR GODS? HERE'S A BRIEF RUNDOWN ON THEM--WITH PICTURES FROM **WONDER WOMAN #105 (APRIL, 1959)**.

I BEQUEATH TO YOU, PRINCESS DIANA, ALL THE BEAUTY OF GOODNESS! SO THAT YOU MAY BE ONE OF THE FAIREST OF MAIDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD!



APHRODITE-- THE GREEK GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY, WAS CALLED **VENUS** BY THE ROMANS. SHE IS THE SPECIAL PATRON OF THE AMAZONS OF **PARADISE ISLAND**!



PALLAS ATHENA--THE ROMAN **MINERVA**-- WAS THE GREEK GODDESS OF WISDOM. SHE ALSO PRESIDED OVER WAR--WHEN IT WAS FOUGHT IN A JUST CAUSE!

AS THE POWERFUL HERCULES BENDS OVER THE CRADLE, A TINY HAND REACHES OUT AND...

AIEEE--! TWEAKED MY BEARD, DID SHE? AS IF I WERE A MERE MORTAL! AYE, PRINCESS DIANA--AYE--WHAT BETTER GIFT CAN I DEED YOU--THAN **STRENGTH EVEN GREATER THAN MINE!**



HERACLES WAS THE MIGHTIEST OF THE ANCIENT GREEK HEROES. HE PERFORMED 12 MIGHTY LABORS. AFTER HIS DEATH, HE WAS WORSHIPPED AS A GOD, ESPECIALLY BY THE ROMANS, WHO CALLED HIM **HERCULES**!

HERMES, WHOM THE ROMANS CALLED **MERCURY**, WAS THE MESSENGER OF THE GREEK GODS. HE WAS THE PATRON OF TRAVELERS AND THIEVES, AND ALSO CONDUCTED THE SOULS OF THE DEAD TO HADES TO BE JUDGED.

SWIFTER THAN THOUGHT, A TINY HAND DARTS OUT...

BY JOVE'S THUNDERBOLT--DID YOU SEE THE SPEED WITH WHICH SHE CAUGHT MY HELMET? I BEQUEATH TO HER EVEN GREATER SPEED THAN I MYSELF POSSESS!



Wonder Woman

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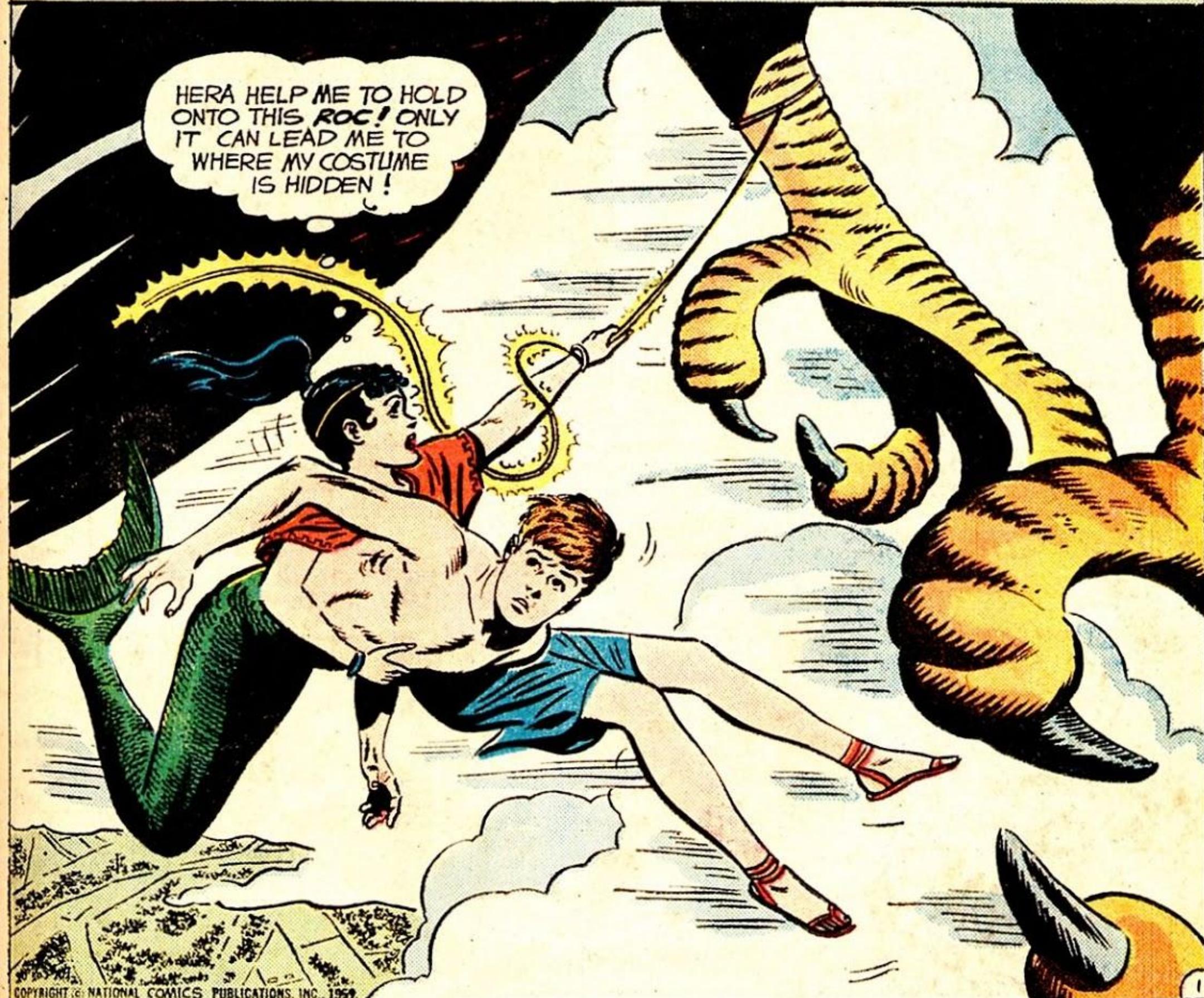
WONDER WOMAN PRESENTS A WONDER GIRL STORY!



DEAR READERS! WE'VE RECEIVED SO MANY REQUESTS FOR STORIES ABOUT MY ADVENTURES AS A TEEN-AGER--THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE YOU ALONG ON ASTOUNDING TRAILS TO EXCITEMENT AND SUSPENSE.. STARTING WITH HOW I WON MY COSTUME FOR ...

Wonder Woman
**AMAZON
TEEN-AGER!**

HERA HELP ME TO HOLD ONTO THIS ROC! ONLY IT CAN LEAD ME TO WHERE MY COSTUME IS HIDDEN!



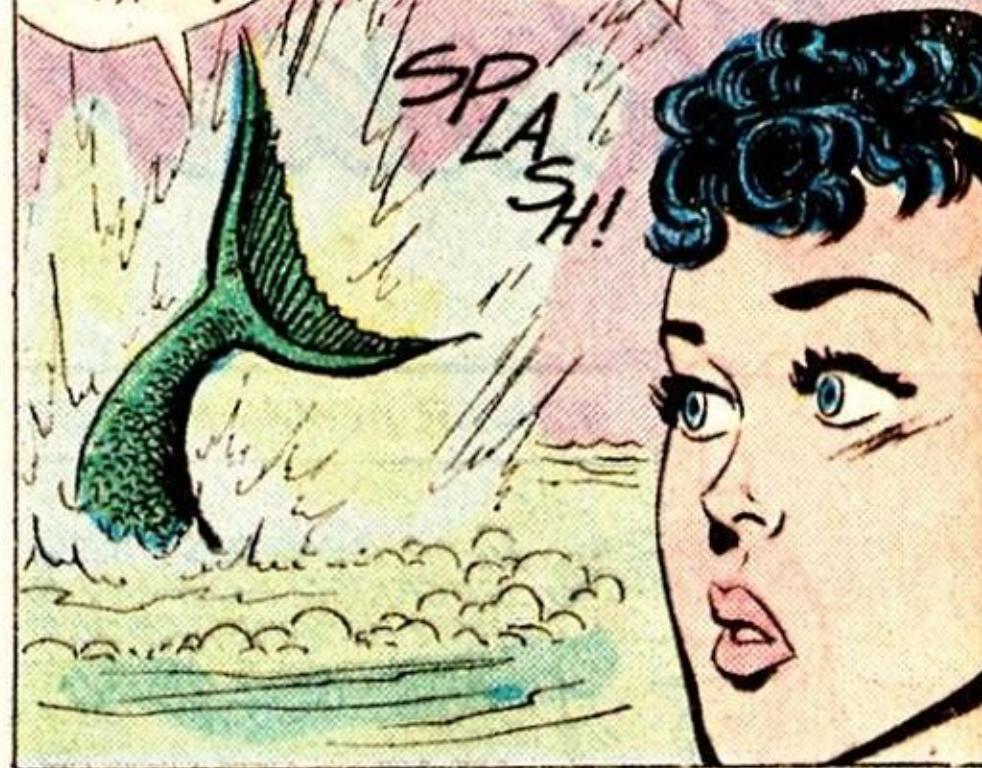
AS WONDER GIRL SURFACES AFTER A DIVE IN THE SEA OFF PARADISE ISLAND...

SHADES OF PLUTO! WH-WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? WE'RE THOUSANDS OF MILES FROM LAND! EXCEPT FOR PARADISE ISLAND! AND YOU CAN'T GO ASHORE! ATHENA'S LAW FORBIDS ALL MALES!



LAND? I NEVER GO ASHORE! HAHAHA!

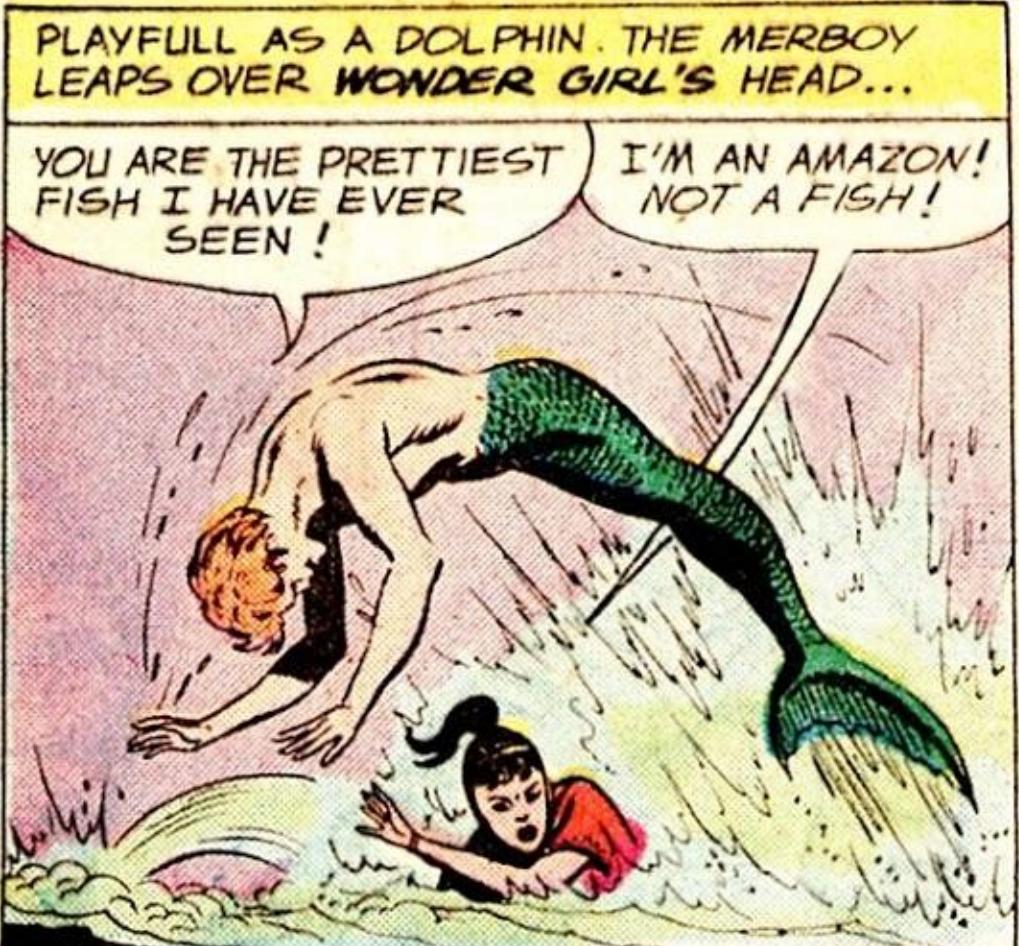
GREAT HERA! H-H-H-HE'S A MER BOY!



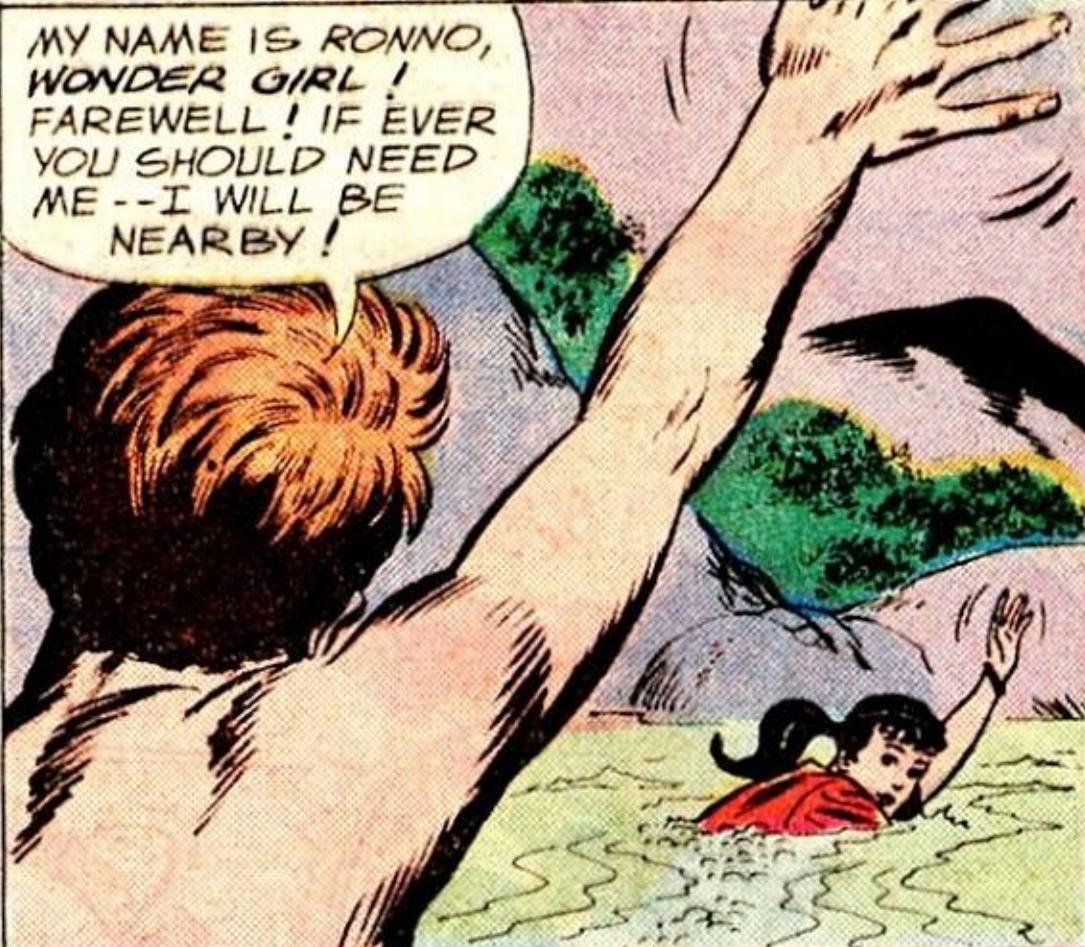
PLAYFULL AS A DOLPHIN. THE MERBOY LEAPS OVER WONDER GIRL'S HEAD...

YOU ARE THE PRETTIEST FISH I HAVE EVER SEEN!

I'M AN AMAZON! NOT A FISH!



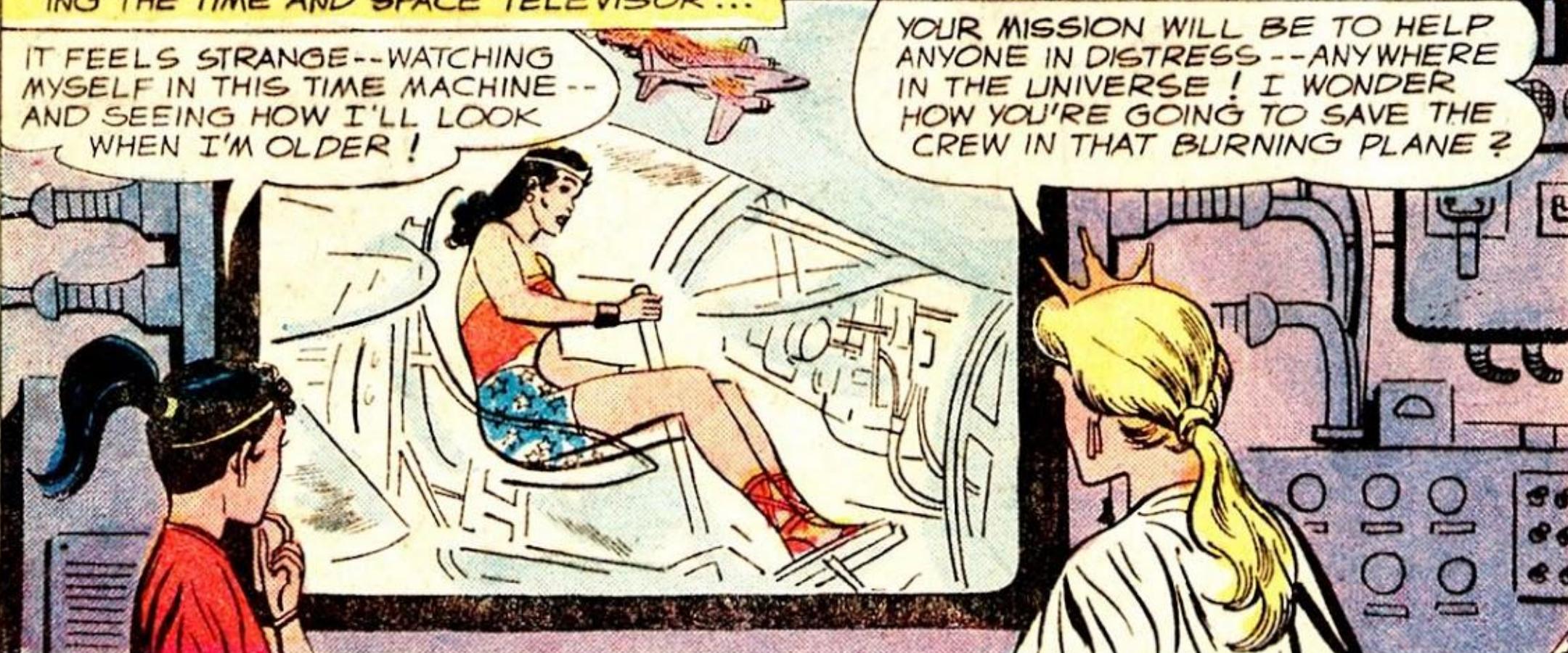
MY NAME IS RONNO, WONDER GIRL! FAREWELL! IF EVER YOU SHOULD NEED ME -- I WILL BE NEARBY!



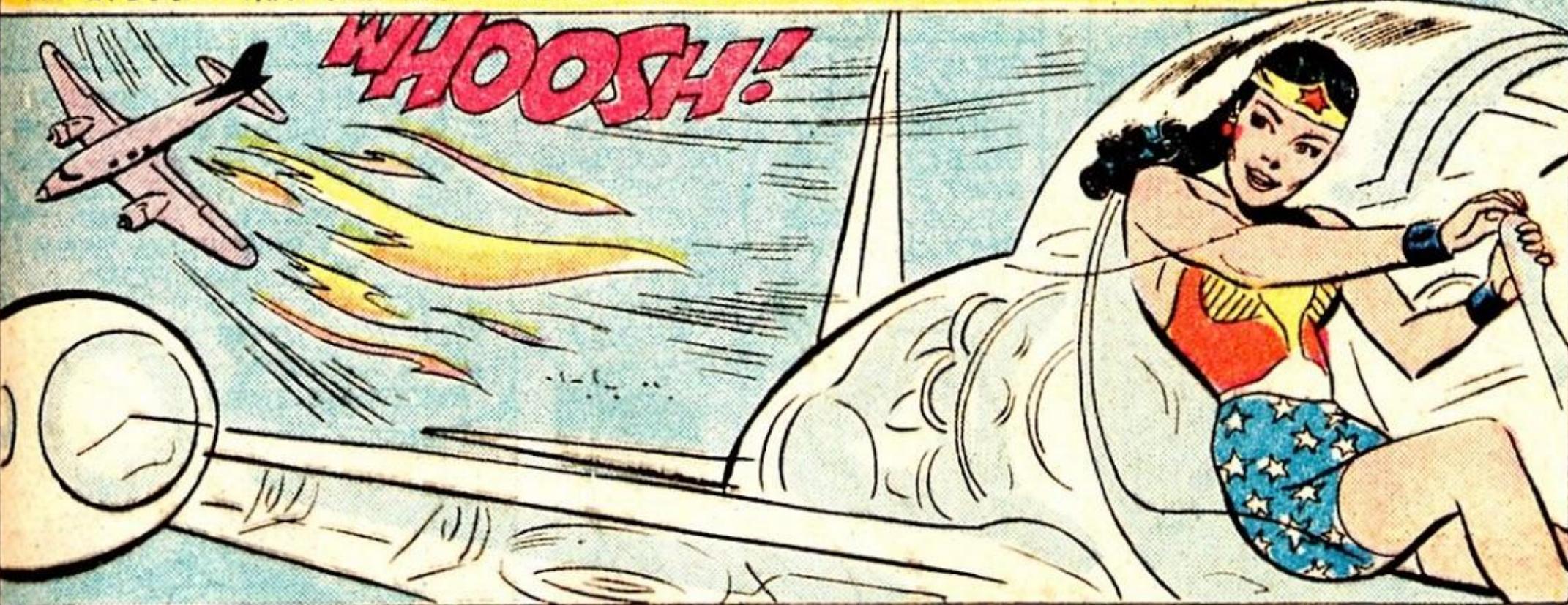
THE NEXT DAY, WONDER GIRL AND THE QUEEN ARE IN THE AMAZON LABORATORY, VIEWING THE TIME AND SPACE TELEVISOR...

IT FEELS STRANGE--WATCHING MYSELF IN THIS TIME MACHINE -- AND SEEING HOW I'LL LOOK WHEN I'M OLDER!

YOUR MISSION WILL BE TO HELP ANYONE IN DISTRESS -- ANYWHERE IN THE UNIVERSE! I WONDER HOW YOU'RE GOING TO SAVE THE CREW IN THAT BURNING PLANE?



THE RAPT AUDIENCE WATCHES WONDER WOMAN DIVE HER ROBOT PLANE AT SUCH FLASHING SPEED--THAT SHE WHIPS THE FLAMES AWAY FROM THE PLANE IN DISTRESS...



AT THE END OF THE PREVIEW INTO WONDER GIRL'S FUTURE CAREER AS WONDER WOMAN...

MOTHER! I WAS THINKING ABOUT THE COSTUME I'M GOING TO WEAR WHEN I'M OLDER! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! CAN'T I START WEARING IT NOW?

WONDER WOMAN HAD TO WIN THE RIGHT TO WEAR THAT COSTUME-- BY PERFORMING INCREDIBLE FEATS! ARE YOU PREPARED TO DO THE SAME?



WHEN WONDER GIRL EAGERLY AGREES TO THE TRIALS... ALL THE AMAZONS ON THE ISLAND ARE TOLD TO SEND IN SUGGESTIONS ABOUT WHAT WONDER GIRL'S COSTUME SHOULD LOOK LIKE..



AND THEN, WHEN ONE IS FINALLY SELECTED...

OH, MOTHER! AREN'T YOU GOING TO LET ME SEE THE WINNING SKETCH?

IT'S A SECRET, DIANA! YOU'LL HAVE TO WIN IT FIRST--BEFORE YOU CAN SEE IT! BUT I CAN TELL YOU IT'S COMPOSED OF THREE PARTS! AND NOW, WE MUST SELECT THE FEATS YOU WILL PERFORM!

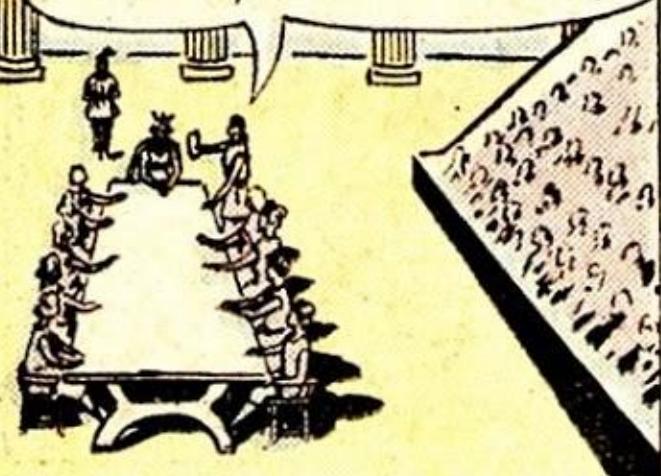


TO REMOVE ANY POSSIBILITY OF FAVORITISM, ALL THE AMAZONS SUBMIT THEIR IDEAS OF DIFFICULT TASKS... WITHOUT THEIR SIGNATURES...



FINALLY, AN IMPARTIAL BOARD
OF AMAZONS MAKES THE
SELECTIONS FROM ALL THE
ENTRIES...

WE CHOSE
THESE THREE FEATS AS THE
MOST DIFFICULT SUBMITTED!
THEY WERE UNSIGNED SO WE
DON'T KNOW WHO THOUGHT
THEM UP, NOBLE QUEEN!



THE MOMENT THE QUEEN
GLANCES AT THEM...

GREAT HERA! IT'S
DIANA'S HAND-
WRITING! YOU
SELECTED THE
MOST DIFFICULT
TASKS ANYONE
THOUGHT OF!



I WANTED
TO BE
WORTHY OF
THE COSTUME,
MOTHER!
JUST AS
WONDER
WOMAN IS
WORTHY OF
HERS!

A HUSH FALLS UPON THE
ASSEMBLED AMAZONS AS THE
QUEEN ANNOUNCES...

AS YOU ALL KNOW-- WONDER
GIRL'S COSTUME CONSISTS OF
THREE SEPARATE PARTS! SHE
WILL FIND OUT WHAT THESE
PARTS ARE-- ONLY IF SHE
SUCCEEDS IN WINNING THEM!
IT WILL TAKE DAYS FOR
US TO PLACE THEM WHERE SHE
WILL HAVE TO BE A REAL
WONDER GIRL-- TO
RECOVER THEM!



DAYS LATER WONDER GIRL EAGERLY READS
THE FIRST COMMAND...

YOU MAY PERFORM
THESE IN ANY ORDER!
ONE OF THE THREE
PARTS OF YOUR
COSTUME IS
INSIDE THE CANNIBAL
CLAM!

INSTANTLY, THE TEEN-AGE AMAZON BEGINS
THE FIRST OF HER STARTLING MISSIONS
WITH THE BENDING OF A TREE OVERLOOK-
ING THE SEA...

THIS WILL HELP ME
GET TO MY DESTINATION
QUICKER!



AS WONDER GIRL DIVES INTO THE SEA,
SHE IS UNAWARE THAT BELOW HER...

Ahh! 'TIS MY WONDER GIRL!
I SHALL KEEP MY EYE ON
HER IN CASE SHE
NEEDS MY HELP!



FAR BELOW, THE TEEN-AGE AMAZON
CLEAVES THE WATER LIKE A LIGHTNING BOLT

THERE'S THE CANNIBAL
CLAM! THE FIRST PART
OF MY COSTUME IS
INSIDE IT!



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AS WONDER GIRL NEARS THE GIANT CLAM ...

HOW BEAUTIFUL! STARS FOR MY COSTUME--JUST LIKE **WONDER WOMAN'S!** AMAZONS MUST HAVE PLACED THEM INSIDE!



BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE DARING GIRL CAUSES THE SINISTER CLAM TO OPEN AND CLOSE ITS MASSIVE JAWS...

IF I GO INSIDE THE CLAM FOR THE STARS--I'LL BECOME A PRISONER--HOW CAN I GET THEM OUT?



SEEING A CORAL FORMATION NEARBY, **WONDER GIRL** GETS AN INGENIOUS IDEA ...

I'LL FASHION A PIECE IN THE SHAPE OF A SWORD!



A MOMENT LATER, THRUSTING THE SWORD OF CORAL BETWEEN THE CLASHING JAWS OF THE GIANT CLAM ...

THANK HERA!
THIS WILL KEEP THE CLAM OPEN LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO TAKE OUT THE STARS FOR MY COSTUME!



EAGERLY, THE TEEN-AGE AMAZON FULFILLS HER FIRST TASK...

I'VE WON
THE FIRST PART
OF MY COSTUME!

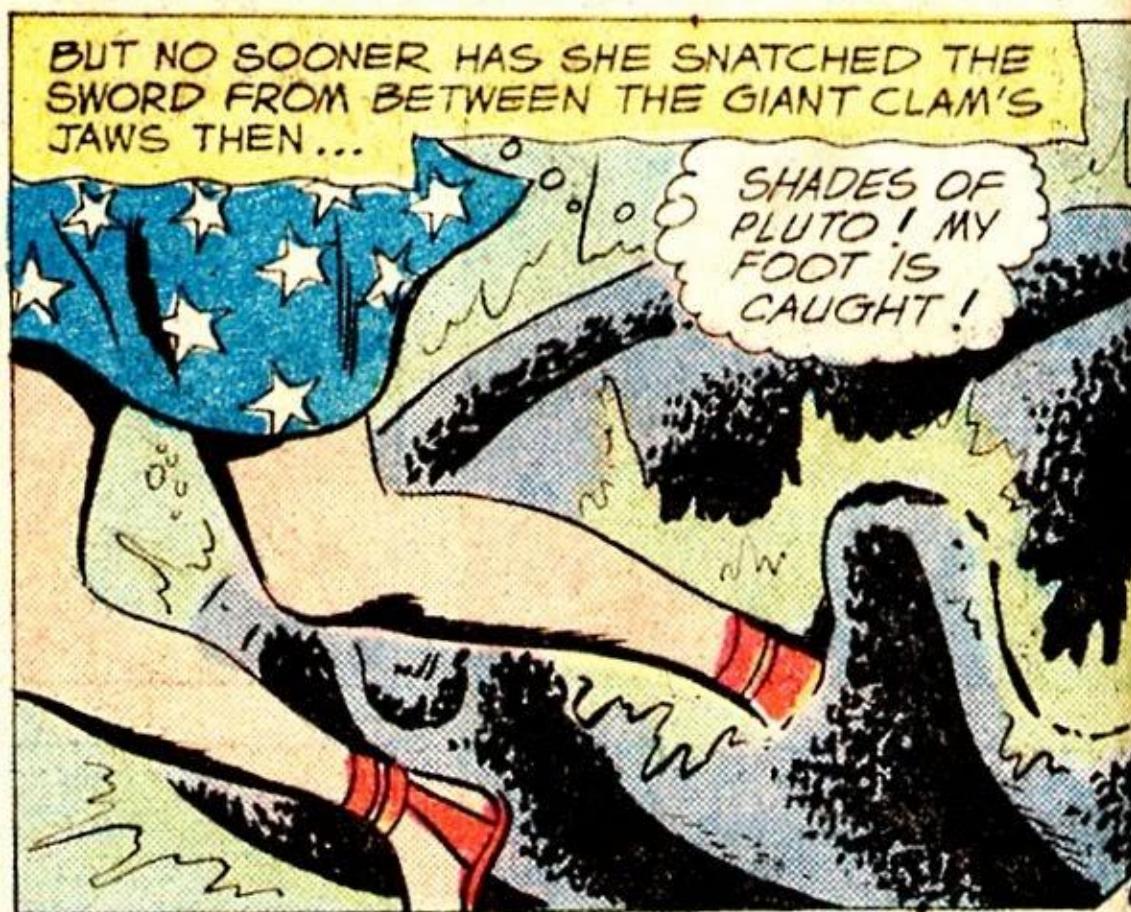
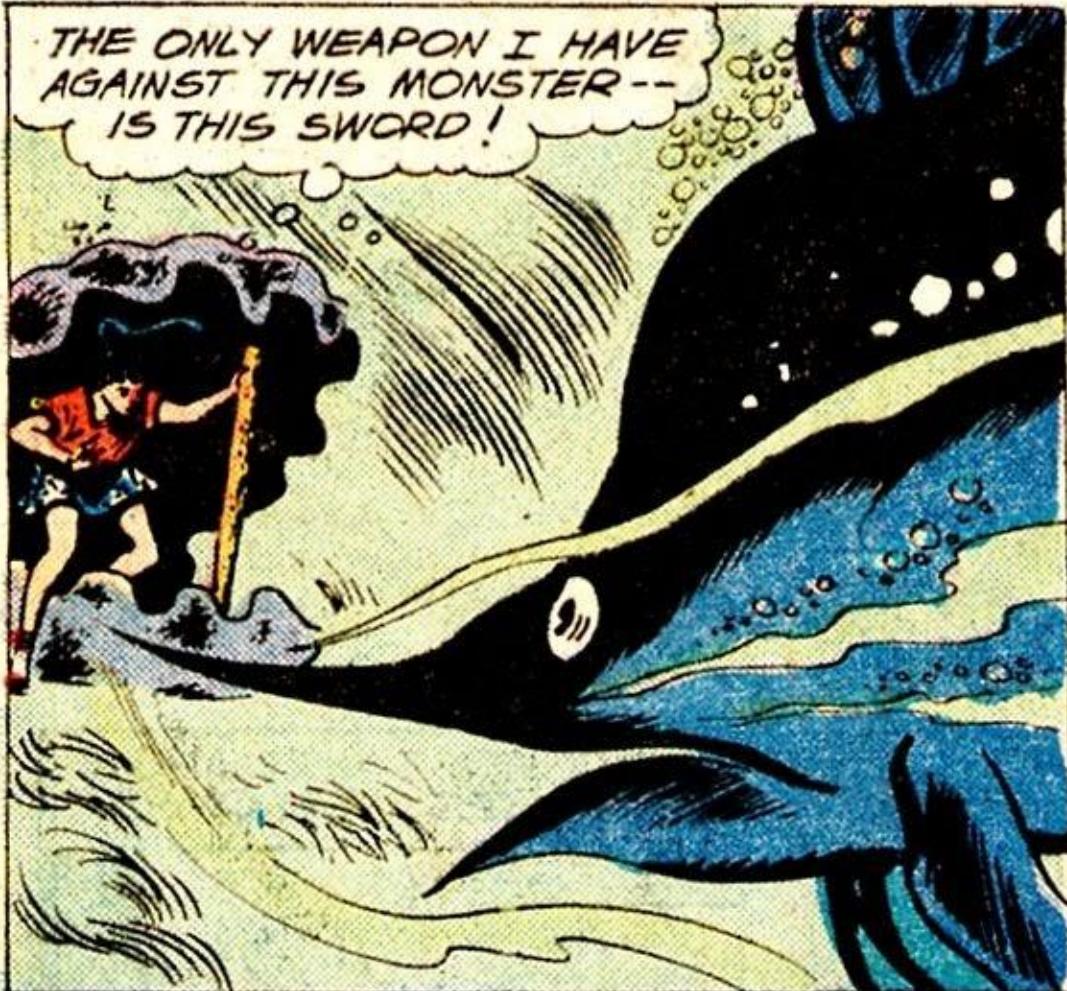
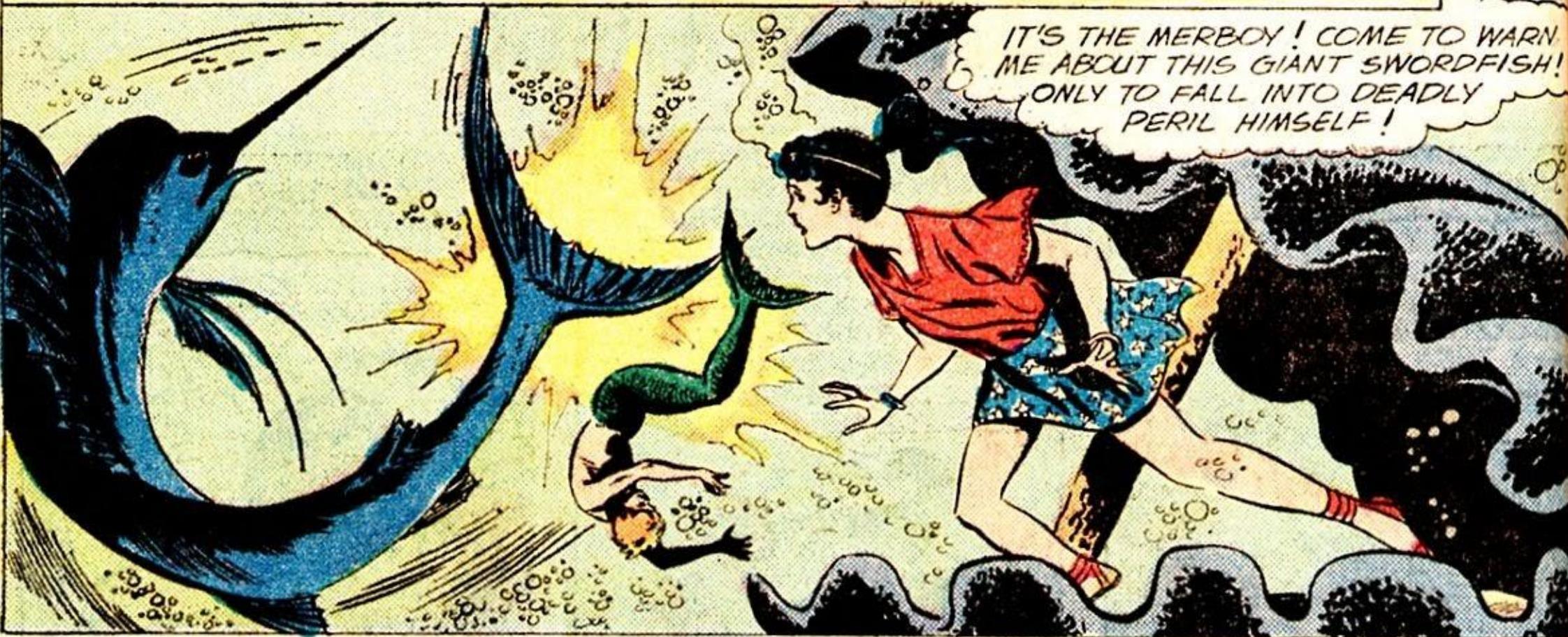


WITH GIRLISH ENTHUSIASM SHE PLACES THEM ON HER TOGA ...

THERE'S A SPECIAL ADHESIVE ON THEM--SO I CAN PUT THEM ON WITHOUT SEWING THEM ON!



BUT, AS SHE STEPS OUTSIDE, WONDER GIRL IS CONFRONTED BY AN OMINOUS SIGHT...



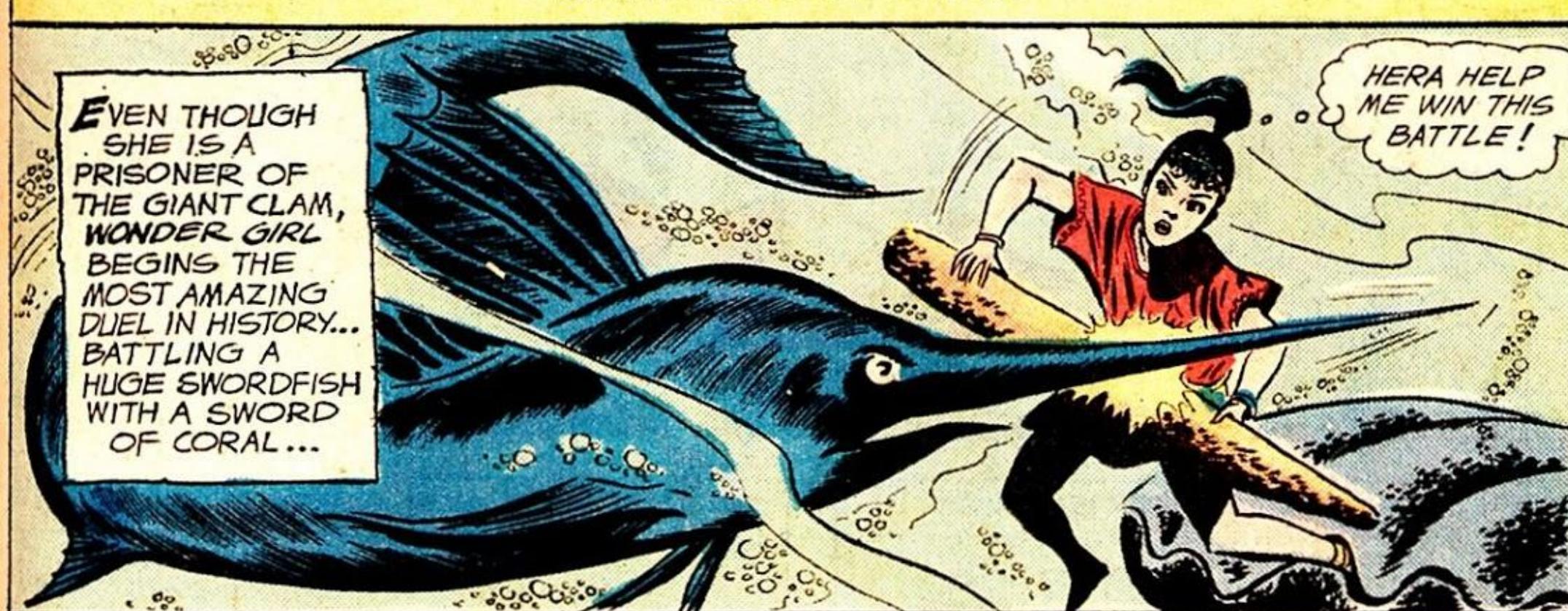
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WONDER GIRL--TEEN-AGE AMAZON... PART TWO

SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING THE FIRST OF HER THREE TASKS TO WIN THE RIGHT TO A UNIQUE COSTUME ALL HER OWN--WONDER GIRL IS MENACED BY A GIANT SWORDFISH...

EVEN THOUGH SHE IS A PRISONER OF THE GIANT CLAM, WONDER GIRL BEGINS THE MOST AMAZING DUEL IN HISTORY... BATTLING A HUGE SWORDFISH WITH A SWORD OF CORAL...

HERA HELP ME WIN THIS BATTLE!



THEN, WITH A MIGHTY BLOW OF HER SWORD...



NEXT, THE AMAZON TEEN-AGER TENDS TO THE PROSTRATE MERBOY...



ON THE SURFACE, THE MERBOY RECOVERS AND...

WHEN I SAW YOU IN DEADLY
PERIL FROM THE SWORDFISH--
ALL I COULD THINK OF--
WAS TO SAVE YOU--NO
MATTER WHAT THE COST!

THANK YOU! IT WAS
VERY BRAVE OF
YOU!

AS SOON AS WONDER GIRL IS SURE
THAT THE MERBOY IS RECOVERED...

I MUST BE
OFF ON MY
NEXT QUEST!
FAREWELL!

FAREWELL! BUT IF YOU
SHOULD NEED ANY
HELP--I SHALL BE
AROUND!

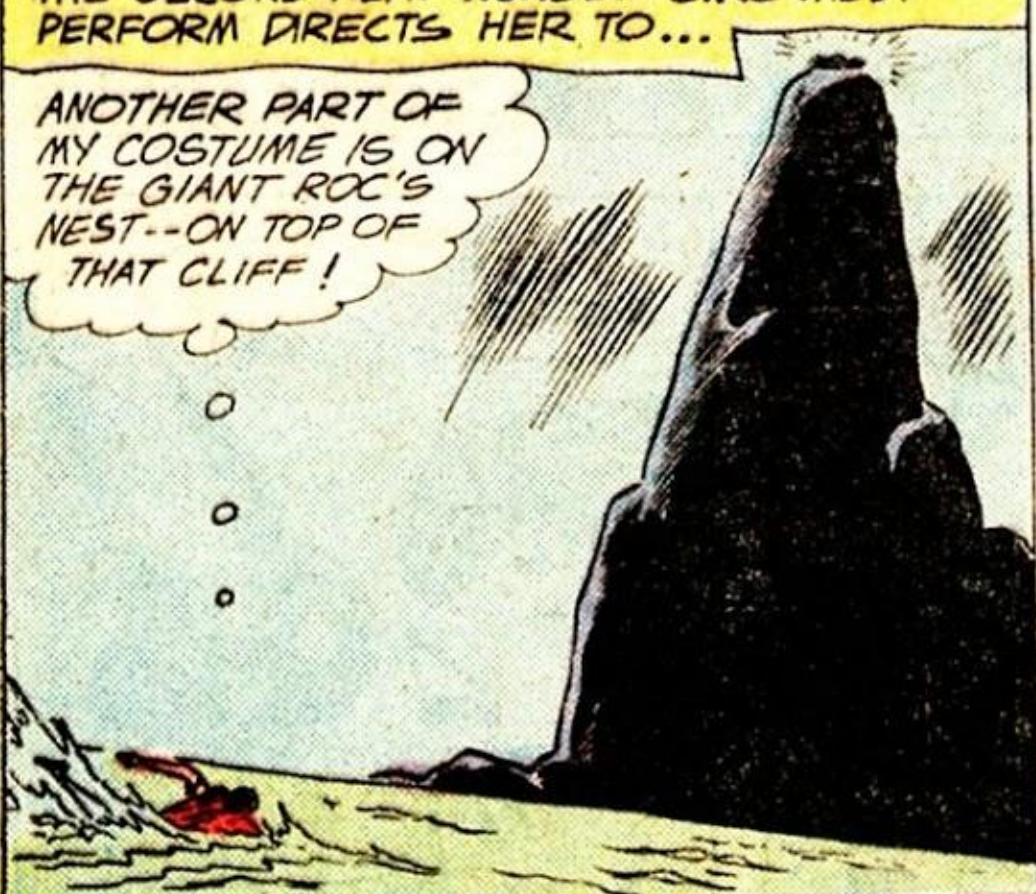


THE SECOND FEAT WONDER GIRL MUST
PERFORM DIRECTS HER TO...

ANOTHER PART OF
MY COSTUME IS ON
THE GIANT ROC'S
NEST--ON TOP OF
THAT CLIFF!

BUT AS THE TEEN-AGE AMAZON ATTEMPTS TO
CLIMB UP...

THE ROCK IS COATED WITH A
SLIPPERY SUBSTANCE--I CAN'T
GET A HOLD--ANYWHERE!



WONDER GIRL NEXT TRIES TO RIDE THE UP AND DOWN DRAFTS...BUT AGAIN...

AIR CURRENTS--

--NOT STRONG
ENOUGH--

--TO CARRY
ME U--



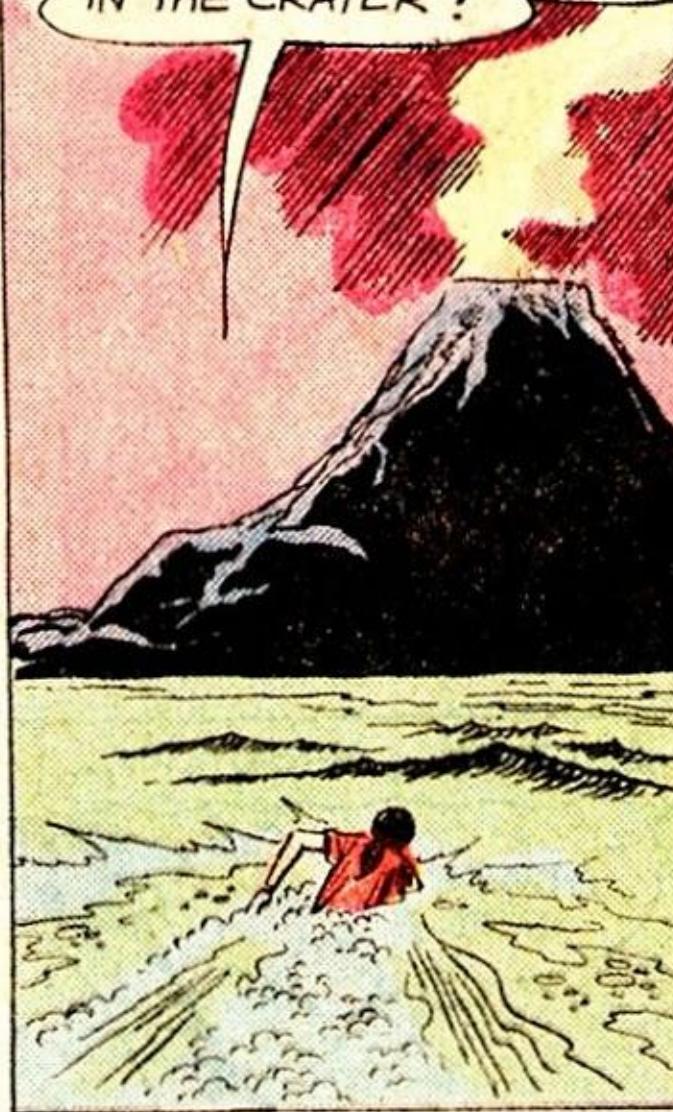
THE YOUNG AMAZON TURNS
TO THE THIRD AND LAST
DIRECTIVE ...

I CAN
TAKE THESE FEATS IN
ANY ORDER ! I'LL COME
BACK TO THE ROC'S NEST
LAST ! I'LL TRY THIS ONE
INSTEAD ! ANOTHER PART
OF YOUR COSTUME IS IN
THE CRATER OF VOLCANO
ISLAND !



AT FLASHING SPEED, THE
TIRELESS TEEN-AGER.
SWIMS TOWARDS THE
MYSTERIOUS ISLAND ...

VOLCANO ISLAND ! NOW TO
FIND A PART OF MY COSTUME
IN THE CRATER !



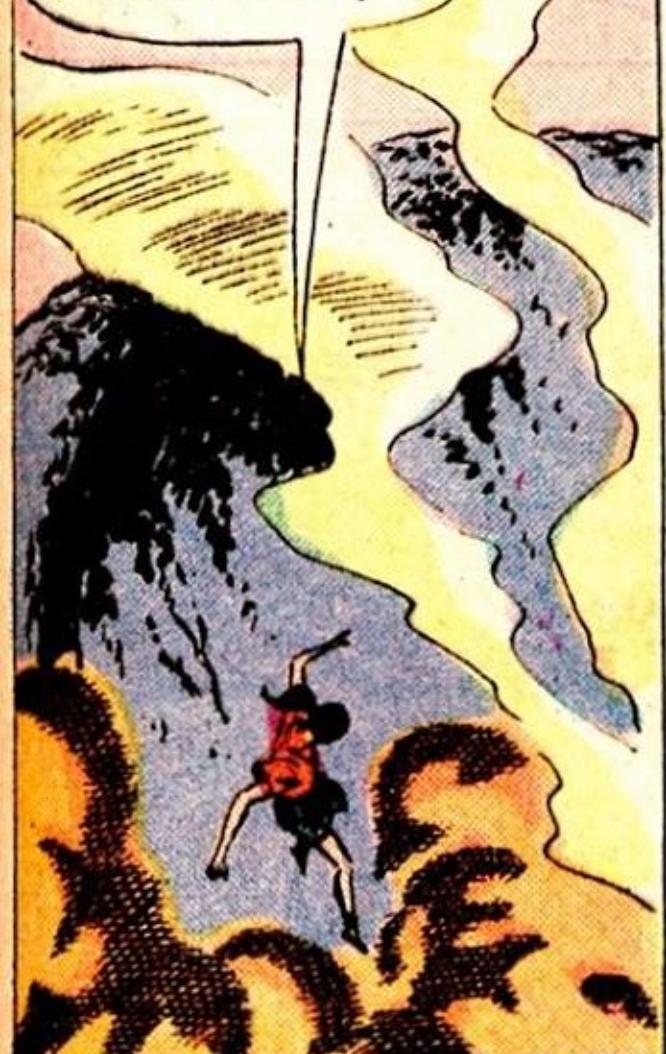
UP TO THE EDGE OF THE
BOILING CRATER WONDER
GIRL RUNS ...

THERE'S THE
SECOND PART OF MY COSTUME !
A LASSO--JUST LIKE THE
ONE I'LL USE WHEN I'M
OLDER !



DARINGLY, THE AMAZON
TEEN-AGER LEAPS DOWN...

IT'S A GOOD THING WE
AMAZONS WERE TRAINED
TO WITHSTAND TREMENDOUS
HEAT AND COLD ! NO
ORDINARY PERSON
WOULD BE SAFE
TRYING THIS !



AS SHE FLASHES BY...

I'VE GOT
THE LASSO !



AND THEN, WITHIN SIGHT
OF THE YAWNING LAVA,
WONDER GIRL'S PLUNGE
IS HALTED WHEN...

JUST AS I HOPED ! THE
TREMENDOUS UPDRAFTS
CREATED BY THE HOT
AIR--ARE STOPPING ME !



WITH HER UNCANNY SKILL, THE AMAZON TEEN-AGER "RIDES" THE UPDRAFTS TO SAFETY...



AT THE BASE OF THE SLIPPERY CLIFF, WONDER GIRL HURLS HER LASSO UP... BUT...

GREAT HERA! THE CLIFF IS SO SLIPPERY THAT EVEN THE LASSO CAN'T TIGHTEN ON ANYTHING!



AND THEN... AN OUTCRY...

LOOK OUT!
WONDER
GIRL!

THE MERBOY HAS
FALLEN INTO THE
CLUTCHES OF THE
GIANT ROC
HIMSELF!



INSTANTLY, THE YOUNG AMAZON HURLS HER GLEAMING LASSO UPWARDS...

DON'T WORRY--I'LL SAVE YOU!

THANK HERA! THE LASSO WILL HELP ME TO SAVE THE MERBOY!



AGILELY, WONDER GIRL CLIMBS UP THE LASSO..

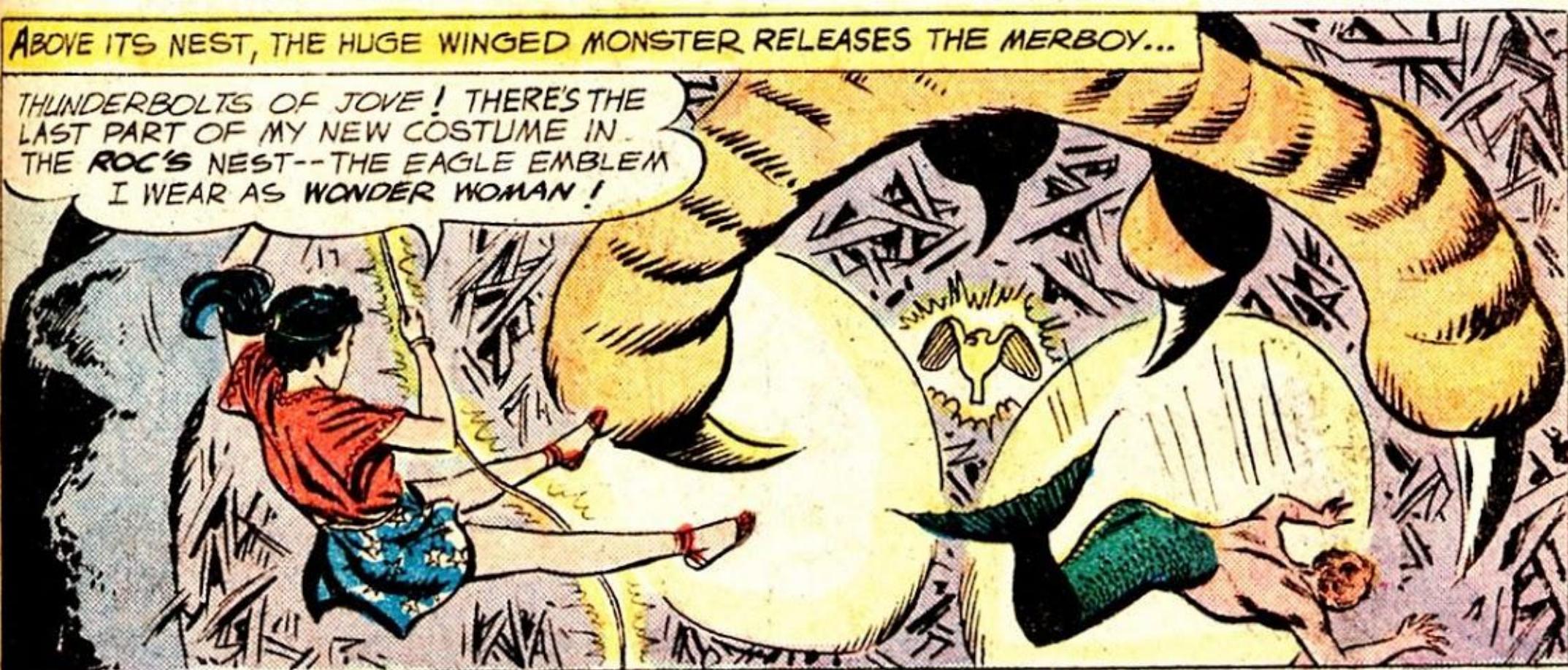
WHEN I SAW THE ROC FLY TOWARDS YOU--I TRIED TO FRIGHTEN HIM OFF!

THAT WAS VERY COURAGEOUS OF YOU!



ABOVE ITS NEST, THE HUGE WINGED MONSTER RELEASES THE MERBOY...

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE ! THERE'S THE LAST PART OF MY NEW COSTUME IN THE ROC'S NEST--THE EAGLE EMBLEM I WEAR AS WONDER WOMAN !



DANGLING FROM THE LASSO, WONDER GIRL SEIZES THE EAGLE EMBLEM IN ONE HAND...

THE LAST PART OF MY COSTUME !



INSTANTLY, THE SPECIAL ADHESIVE QUALITY OF THE EMBLEM ENABLES THE TEEN-AGER TO FASTEN IT ON ...

YOU LOOK--BEAUTIFUL !



BUT--THEN--AN UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT...

SUFFERING SAPPHO ! THE ROC ! HE'S FLYING AWAY WITH MY LASSO ! IF I DON'T RECOVER IT--ALL MY EFFORTS WILL BE FOR NOTHING !



SEIZING THE MERBOY, WONDER GIRL HURLS HERSELF DESPERATELY AFTER THE GREAT BIRD...

IF I DON'T RECOVER THE LASSO--MY COSTUME WILL BE INCOMPLETE --AND I SHALL HAVE FAILED !



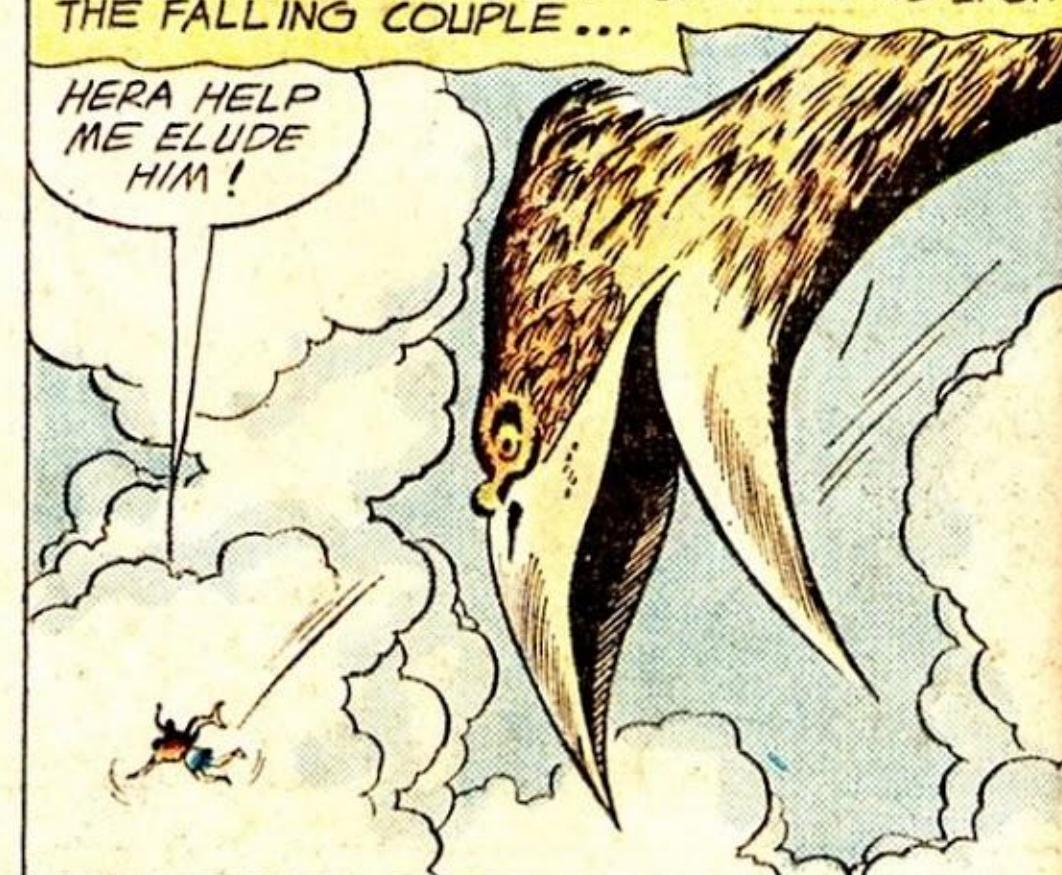
HER PRODIGIOUS LEAP PLACES THE AMAZON TEEN-AGER WITHIN REACH OF THE LASSO...

BY PLUTO! YOU'VE YANKED YOUR LASSO FREE!



BUT THEN, THE ENRAGED GIANT TURNS UPON THE FALLING COUPLE...

HERA HELP ME ELUDE HIM!



FINDING AIR CURRENTS ...



WONDER GIRL TWISTS AND TURNS ON THEM ...



GRIMLY ELUDING THE WINGED PURSUER'S CLUTCHES...



UNTIL SHE COMES WITHIN REACH OF THE HOLE IN THE ROCK SHE USES TO ESCAPE INTO...

THANK HERA--THE ROC CAN NO LONGER FOLLOW US!



WHEN THE AMAZON GIRL AND THE MERBOY FINALLY SURFACE, THE WINGED FURY IS GONE ...

I TOLD YOU I WOULD BE AROUND IN CASE YOU EVER NEEDED ME!

I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH!



THEN, THE TWO PART...

I'LL KEEP YOUR HAIR RIBBON AS A SOUVENIR OF THE GIRL I LOST MY HEART TO ! BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE LAST OF ME !



LATER, ALL THE AMAZONS HAIL WONDER GIRL IN HER NEW COSTUME ...

YOU HAVE EARNED THE RIGHT TO WEAR THIS COSTUME ! CONGRATULATIONS !

I'LL TRY TO BE WORTHY OF IT, MOTHER !



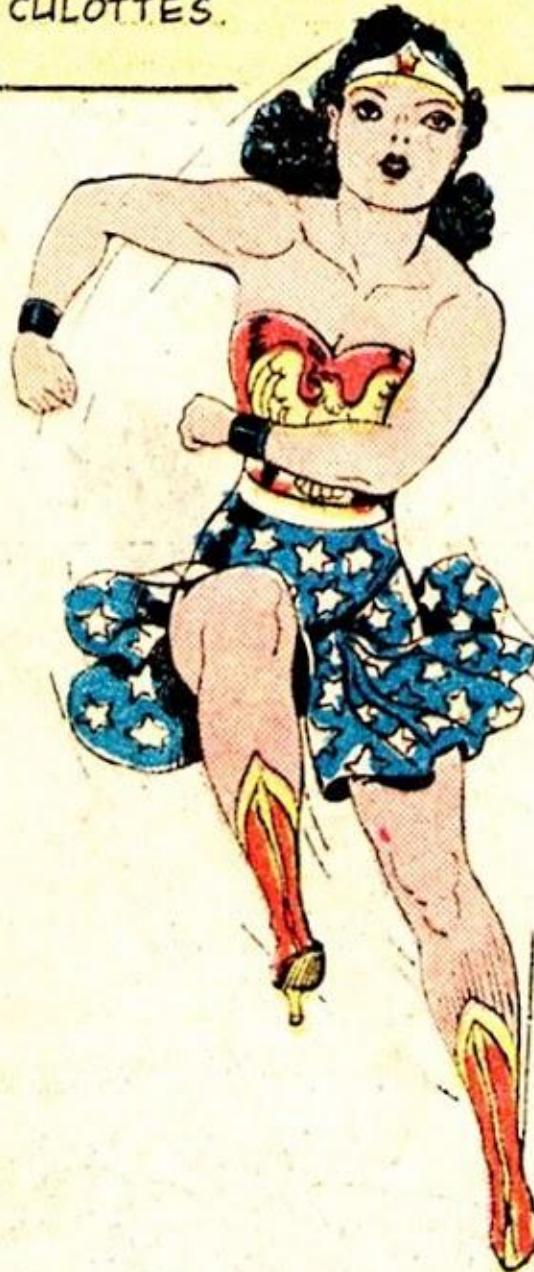
MANY ARE THE THRILLING ADVENTURES WHICH BEFALL WONDER GIRL IN HER NEW COSTUME ! PLEASE WRITE AND TELL US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ MORE OF THEM !



The End

WONDER WOMAN'S COSTUMES

WHEN WONDER WOMAN FIRST APPEARED (IN ALL-STAR COMICS #8; DEC., 1941-JAN., 1942), SHE WORE THIS COSTUME, WITH CULOTTES.



SOON AFTER THIS, THE FIRST CHANGE CAME; HER CULOTTES BECAME SHORTS, THUS ANTICIPATING THE HOT PANTS STYLE.



(FROM WONDER WOMAN #7; WINTER, 1943.)

A FEW YEARS LATER WONDER WOMAN CHANGED HER BOOTS FOR SANDALS. AT FIRST, THEY WERE HIGH-HEELED (AS IN THE STORY OF HER SANDALS ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE). HERE WE SEE THE FLAT-HEELED LOOK OF WONDER WOMAN #103; JAN., '59.



IN 1968, WONDER WOMAN LOST HER POWERS FOR A WHILE. DURING THE NEXT FEW YEARS, SHE ALWAYS DRESSED EITHER IN WHITE OR IN MOD CLOTHES FROM HER OWN BOUTIQUE.

(FROM WONDER WOMAN #197; NOV.-DEC. 1971.)



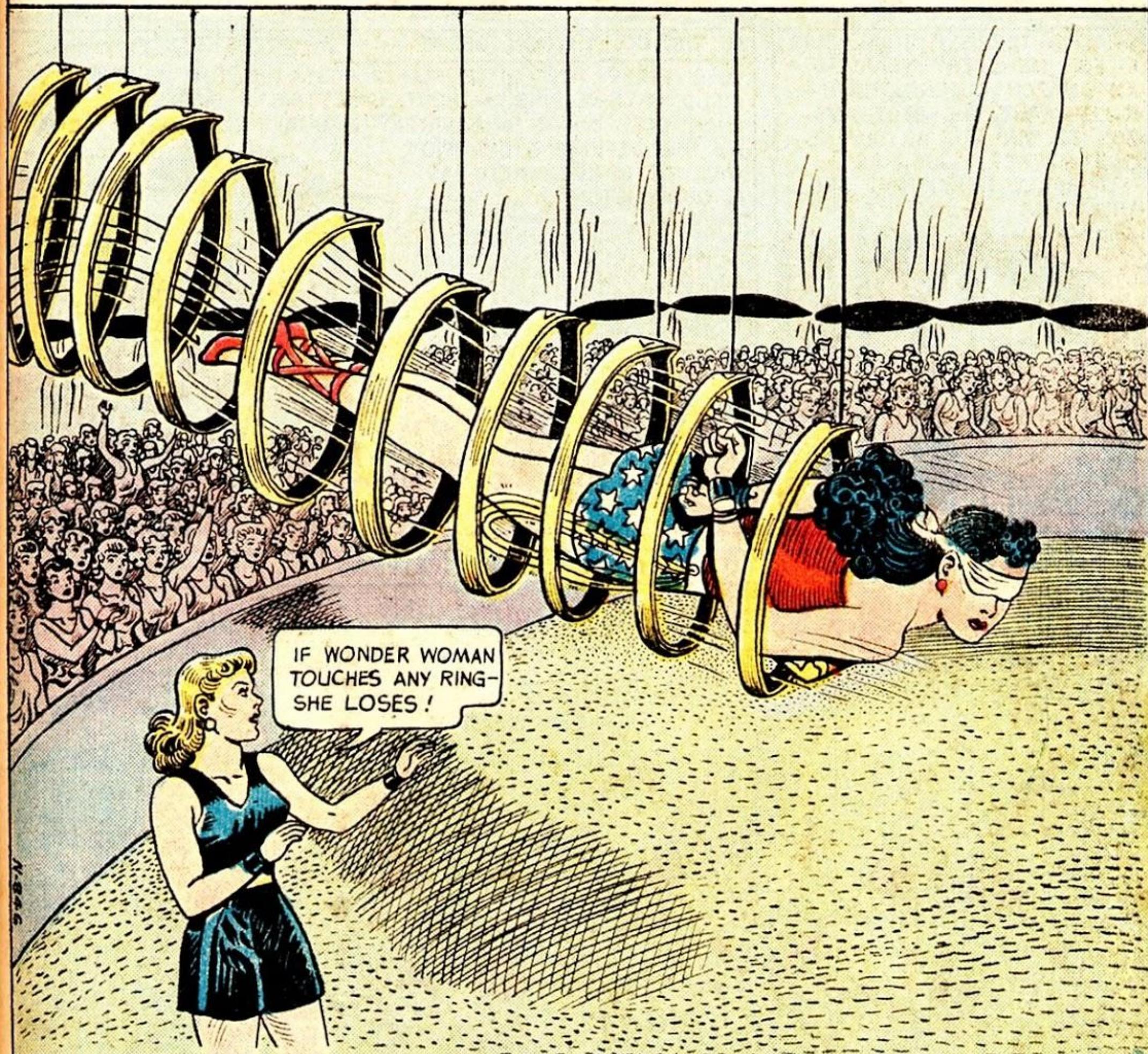
BUT NOW, THE AMAZING AMAZON IS BACK IN ACTION, WITH HER POWERS RESTORED... AND WEARING A SLIGHTLY MODIFIED VERSION OF HER OLD COSTUME! (FROM WONDER WOMAN #205; MARCH-APRIL, 1973).

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

CROWNS ARE USUALLY PASSED ON FROM ONE ROYAL HEIR TO ANOTHER—BUT AMONG THE AMAZONS, TITLES ARE WON IN COMPETITION NOT ONCE—BUT EVERY YEAR! EVEN WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES—FINDS THE OBSTACLES PLACED IN HER WAY ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SURMOUNT, IN THE THRILL-STUDDED STORY OF -----

"The WINNING of WONDER WOMAN'S TIARA!"



ON PARADISE ISLAND, SECRET HOME OF THE AMAZONS, A DRAMATIC CEREMONY TAKES PLACE---

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMAZON CUSTOM, I REMOVE MY GOLDEN TIARA, THE SYMBOL OF MY RANK OF PRINCESS ---



WHAT A TERRIBLE TRIAL THIS IS FOR ME EVERY YEAR! AS AN AMAZON QUEEN, I NATURALLY WANT THE BEST AMAZON TO WIN! BUT AS DIANA'S OWN MOTHER, I JUST AS NATURALLY HOPE THAT SHE WILL WIN!

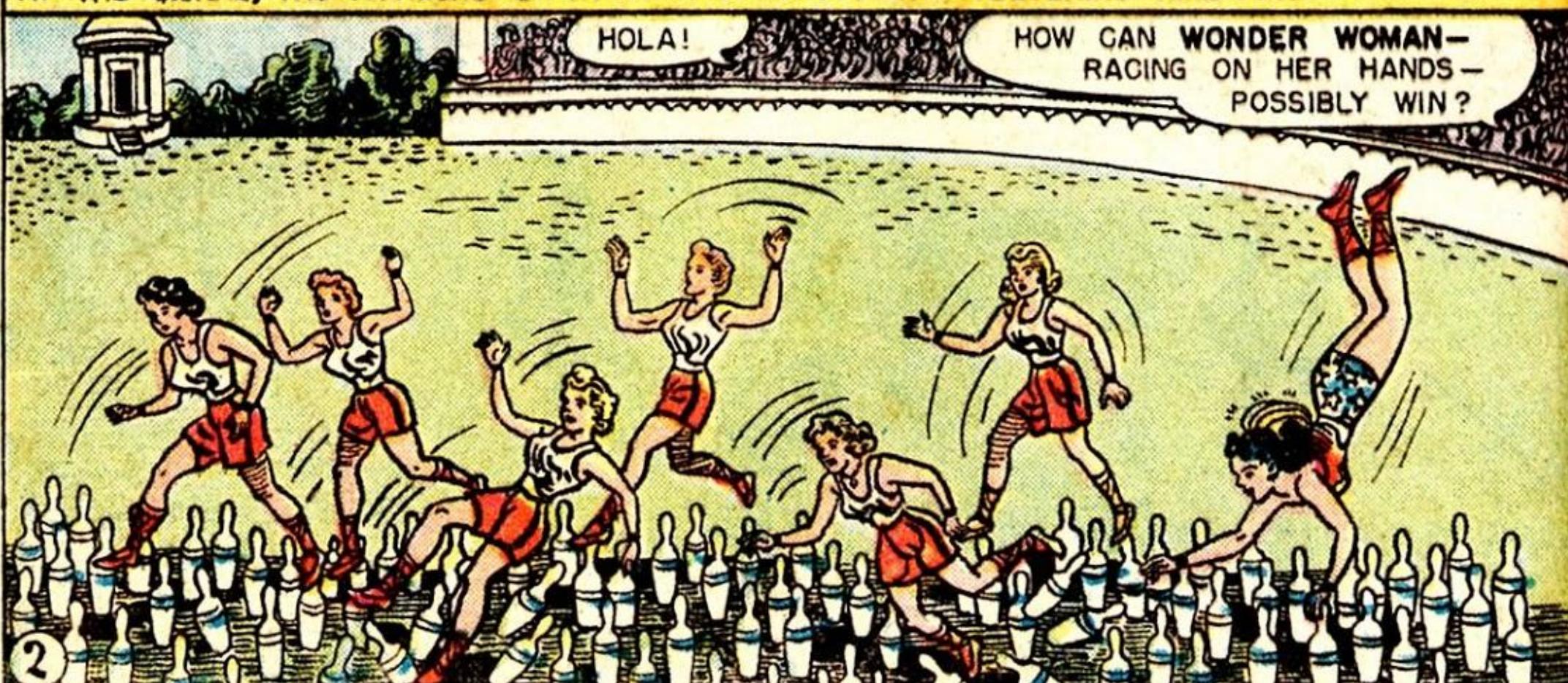


AS THE COMPETITION BEGINS---

YOUR FIRST TEST IS TO RUN ACROSS THE TOP OF THIS FIELD OF NINE-PINS WITHOUT UPSETTING A SINGLE ONE! WHOEVER DOES SO—IS IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED! **WONDER WOMAN**, AS THE DEFENDING CHAMPION, WILL BE HANDICAPPED—AS IS OUR CUSTOM!



AT THE SIGNAL, THE AMAZONS START RACING ACROSS THE TEETERING NINE-PINS ---



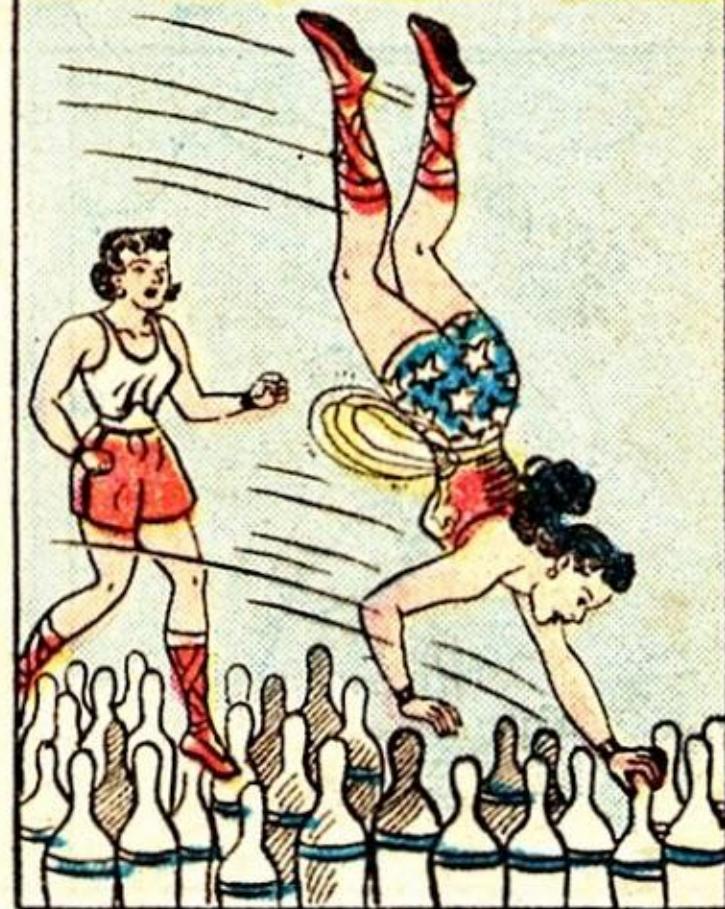
WITH INCREDIBLE AGILITY---



---EVEN HANDICAPPED BY
HAVING TO RACE ON HER
HANDS--



---WONDER WOMAN WINS!

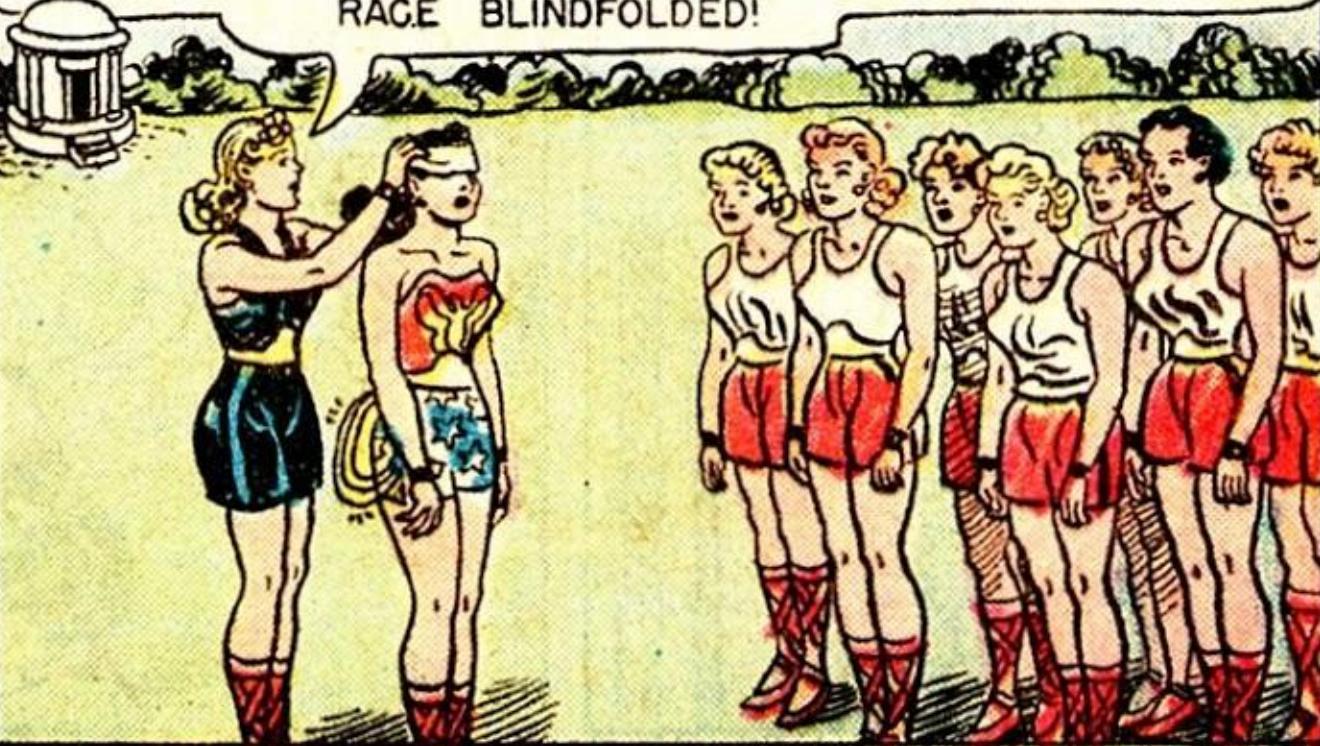


IN THE CHEERING AUDIENCE, WONDER WOMAN'S MOTHER IS CALM—
OUTWARDLY ONLY---

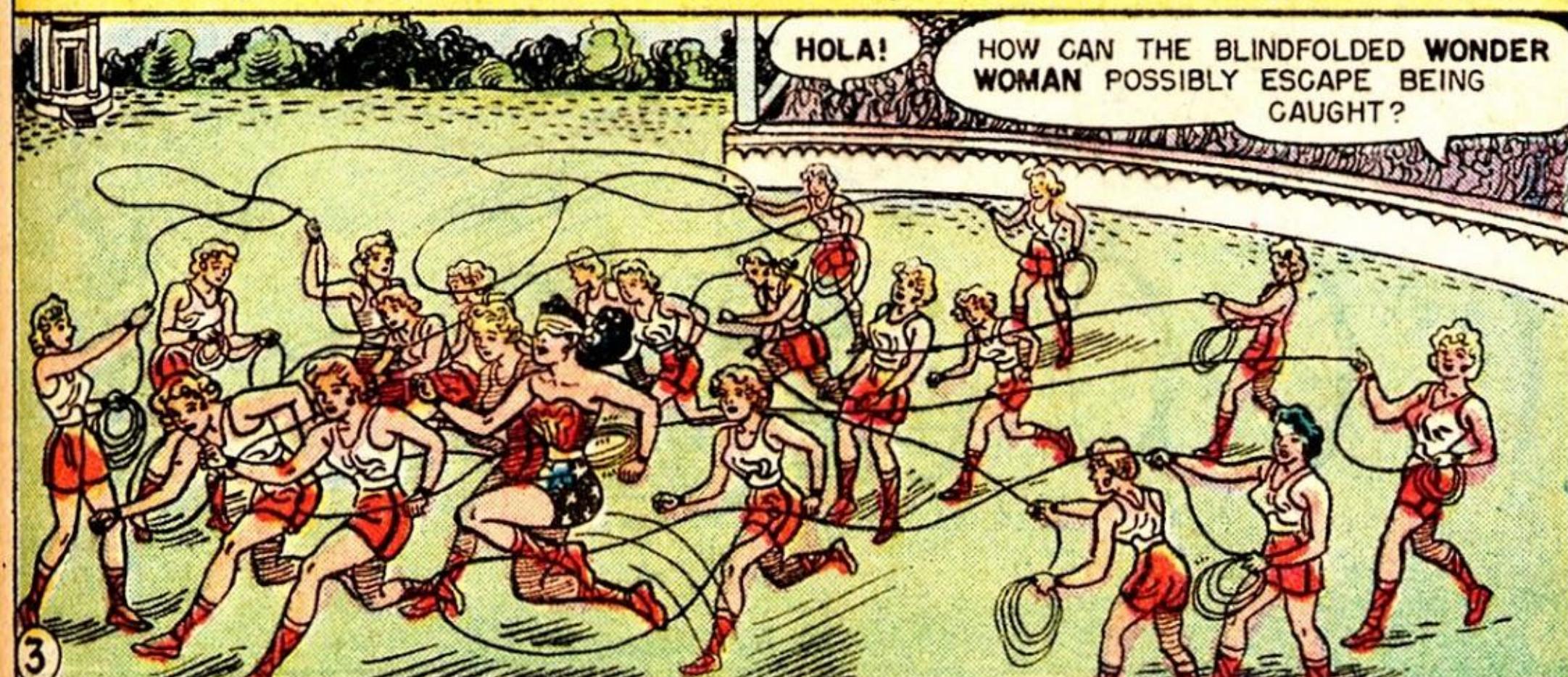
DIANA WON THIS RACE! BUT THERE
ARE THREE EXCEPTIONAL AMAZONS
LEFT TO COMPETE AGAINST HER!
AND THE NEXT CONTEST WILL BE
MADE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR
HER!



NOW, YOU WILL RACE THROUGH A GAUNTLET OF AMAZON
LASSO-THROWER EXPERTS—AND TRY TO AVOID BEING
LASSOED! WHOEVER IS LASSOED IS IMMEDIATELY DISQUALI-
FIED! AS DEFENDING CHAMPION, WONDER WOMAN WILL
RACE BLINDFOLDED!



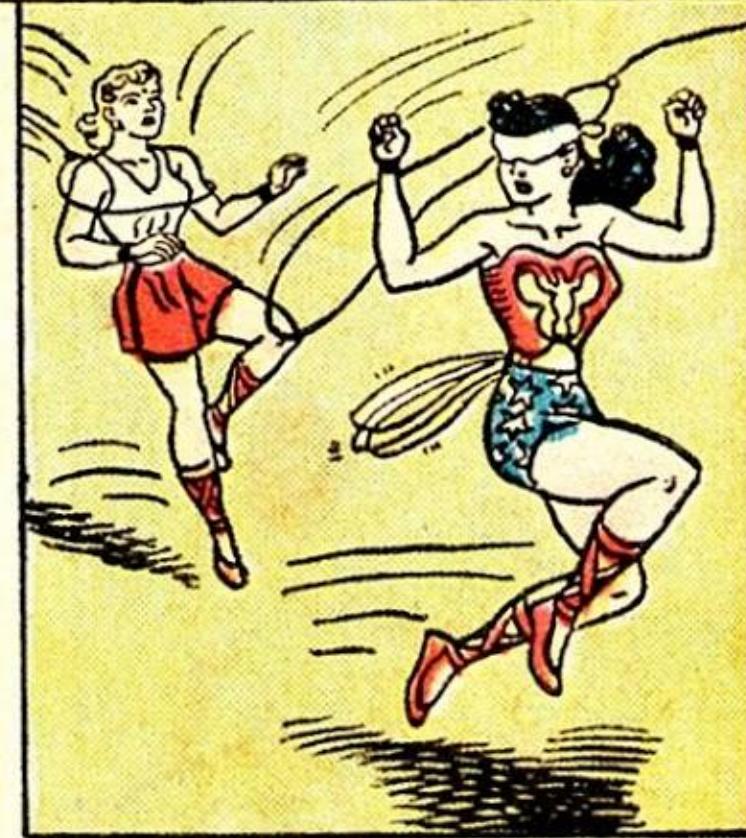
AT THE SIGNAL, THE CONTESTANTS, LIKE STARTLED DEER, TRY TO AVOID THE WHIRLING LASSOES---



WITH HER INCREDIBLE SENSE
OF HEARING---

---WONDER WOMAN HEARS ON-
COMING LASOES WHIRLING
THROUGH THE AIR---

---AND AMAZINGLY AVOIDS
THEM!

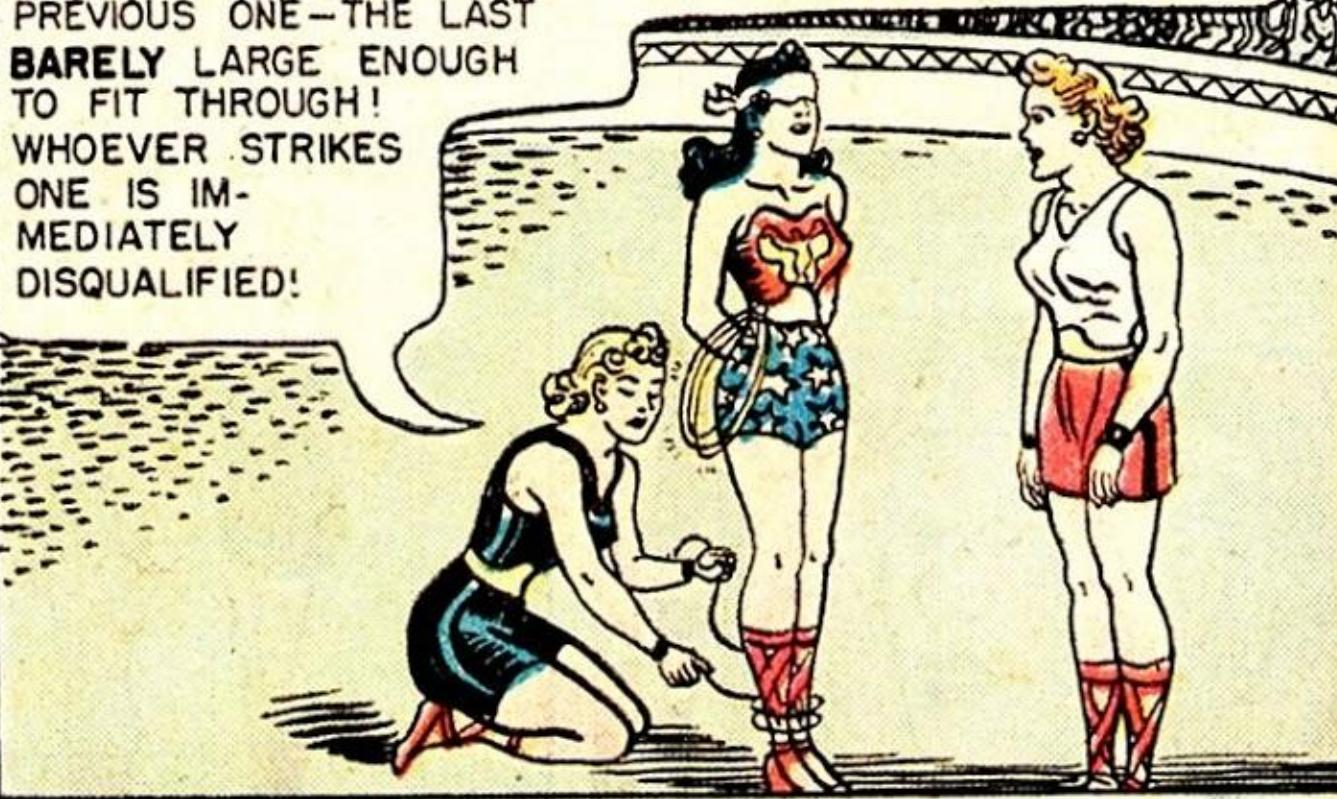


AGAIN THE AUDIENCE CHEERS
THE EXTRAORDINARY PERFORM-
ANCE—WHILE THE QUEEN'S
ANXIETY GROWS INWARDLY---

ONLY ONE AMAZON LEFT TO
COMPETE AGAINST DIANA—BUT
THE THIRD CONTEST WILL BE
MADE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT
FOR HER!

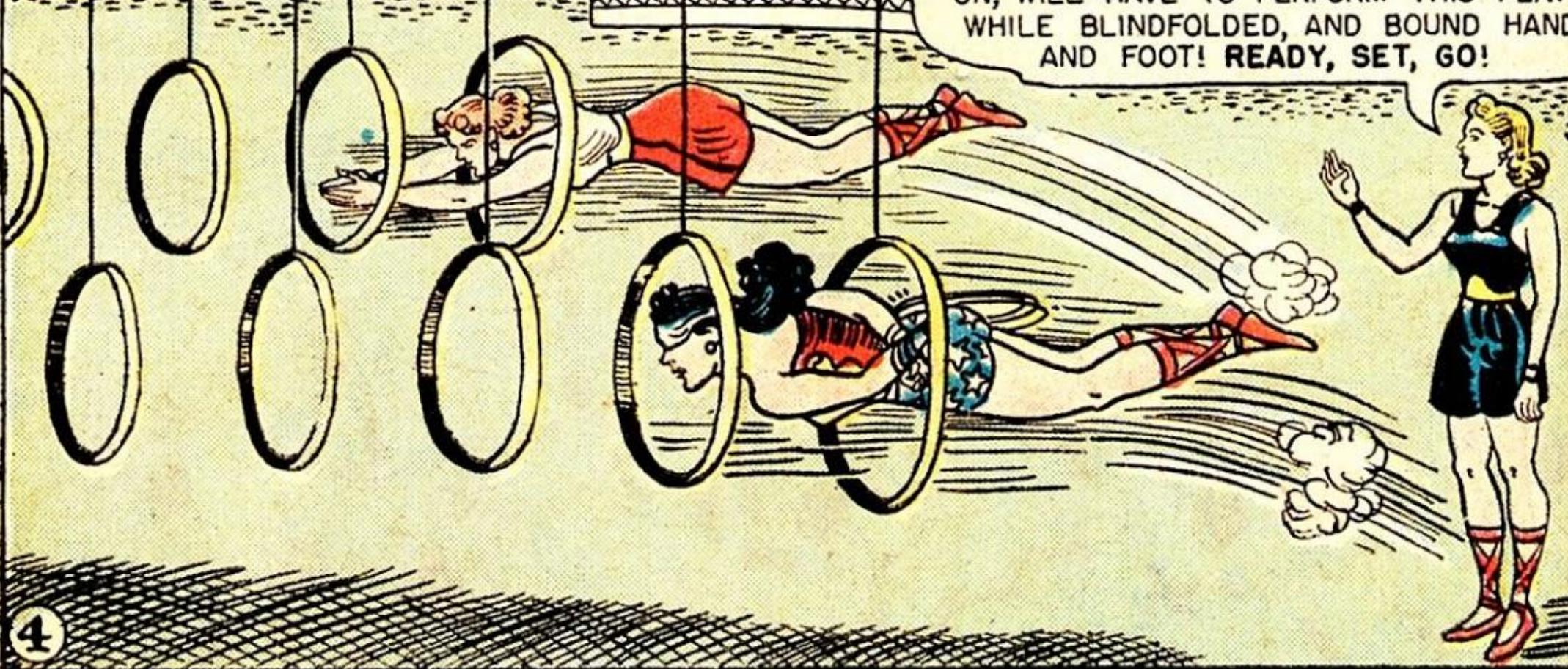


THE THIRD AND LAST CONTEST WILL BE TO LEAP HEAD-
FIRST THROUGH A HUNDRED HOOPS HANGING ONE BEHIND
THE OTHER—EACH ONE SLIGHTLY **SMALLER** THAN THE
BARELY LARGE ENOUGH
TO FIT THROUGH!
WHOEVER STRIKES
ONE IS IM-
MEDIATELY
DISQUALIFIED!

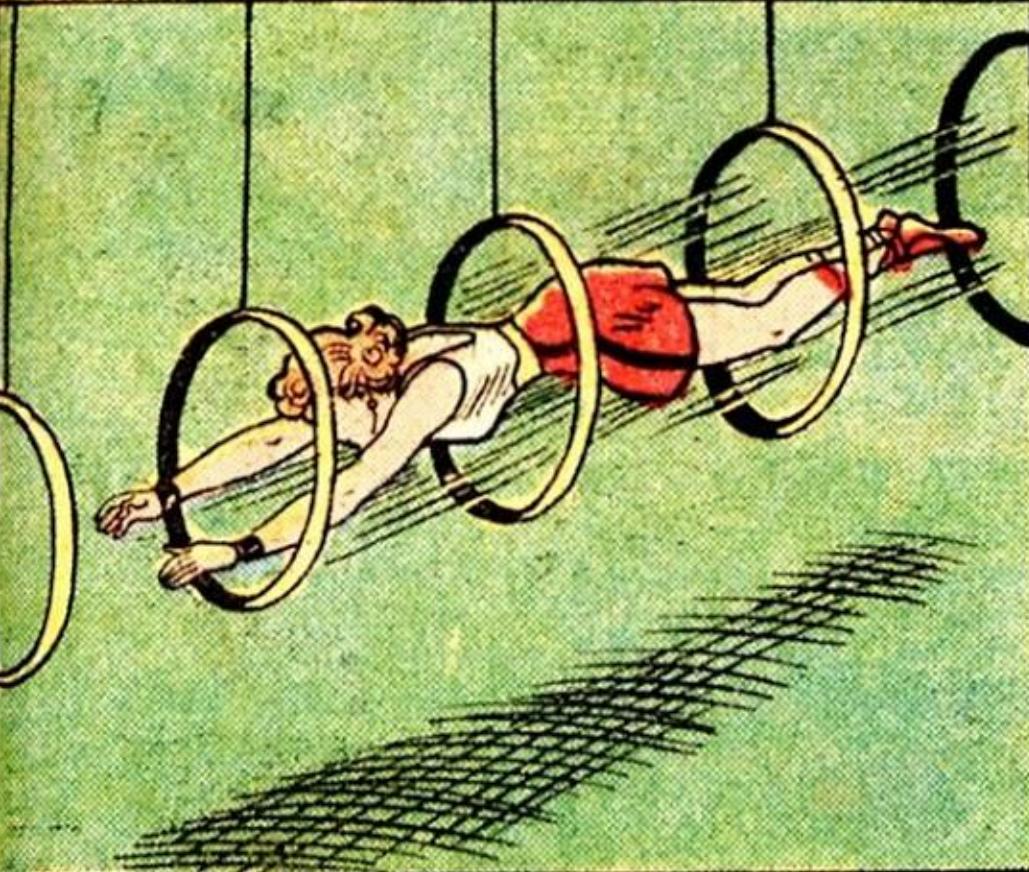


A HUSH FALLS ON THE AMAZON AUDIENCE AS---

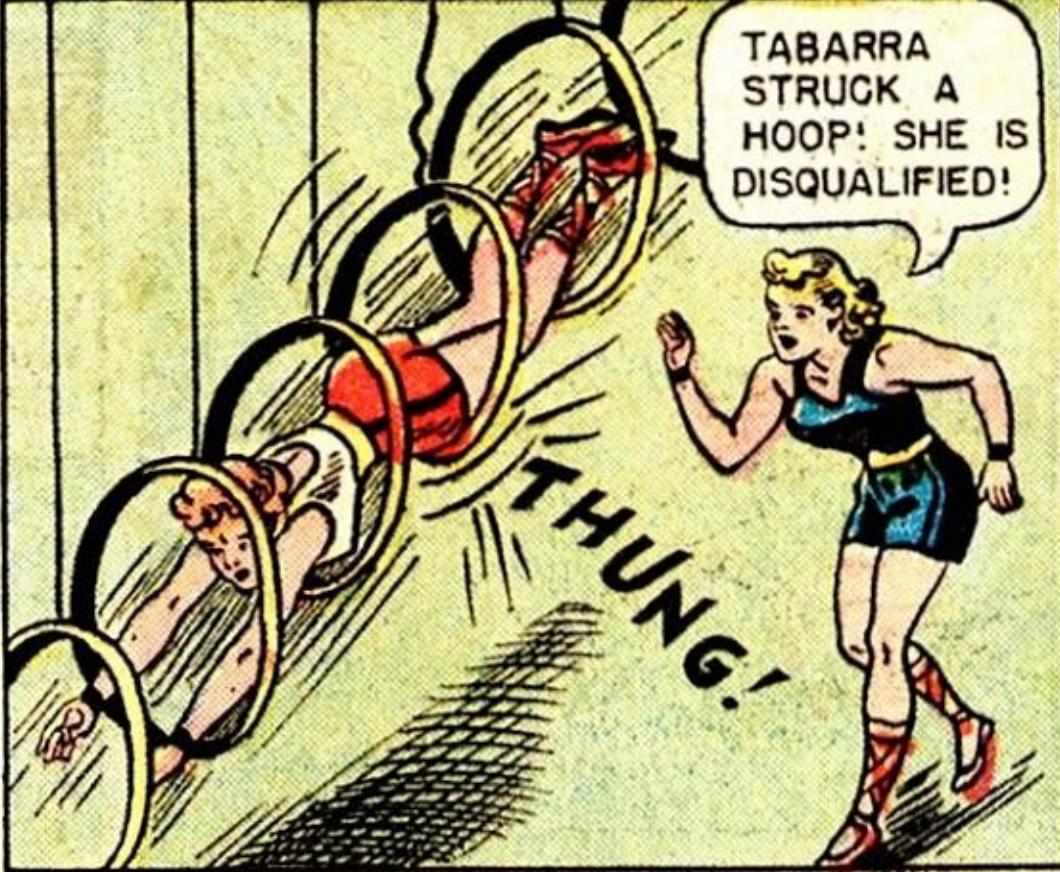
WONDER WOMAN, AS DEFENDING CHAM-
PION, WILL HAVE TO PERFORM THIS FEAT
WHILE BLINFOLDED, AND BOUND HAND
AND FOOT! READY, SET, GO!



THROUGH THE HOOPS SKILLFULLY HURLES
WONDER WOMAN'S REMAINING COMPETITOR---



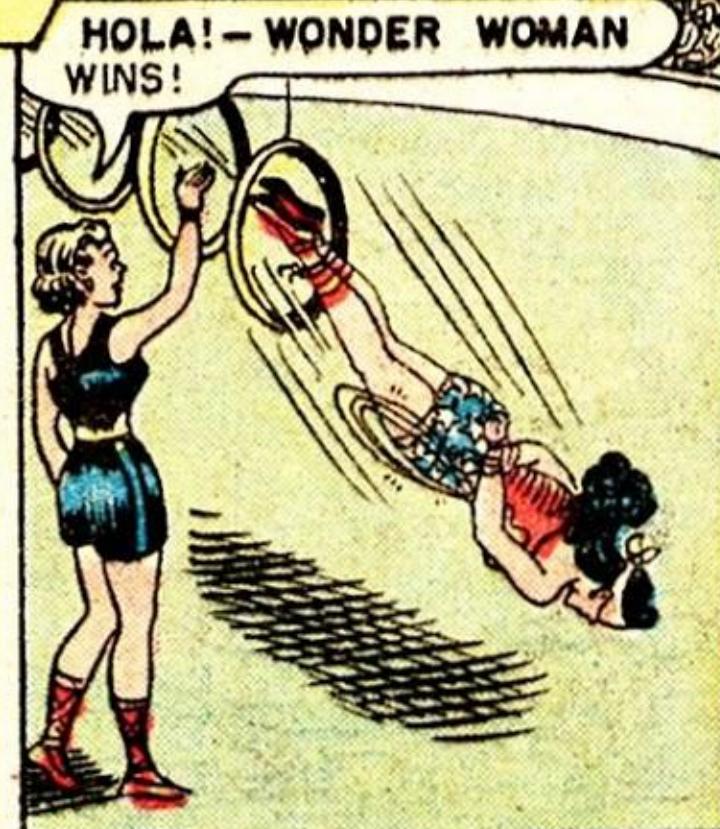
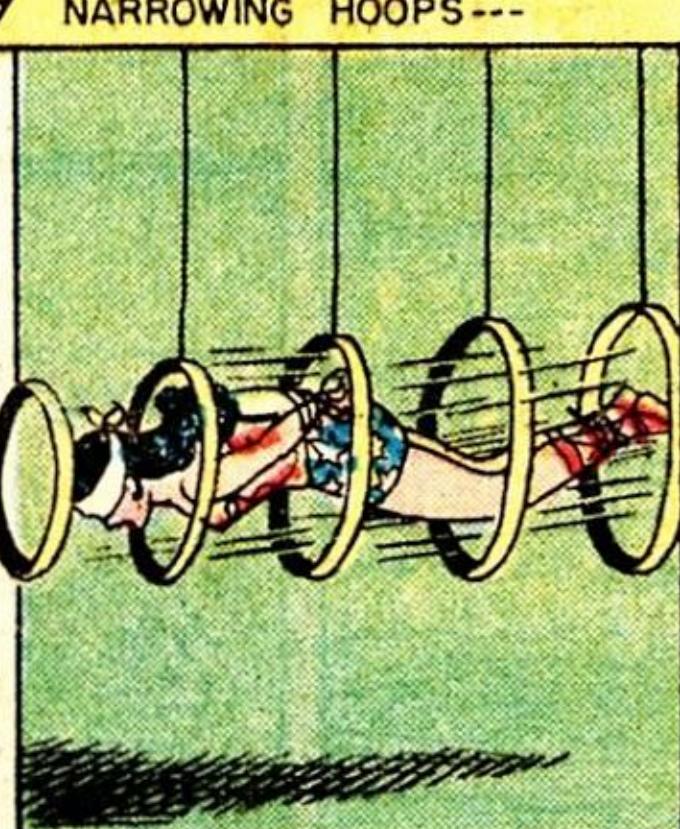
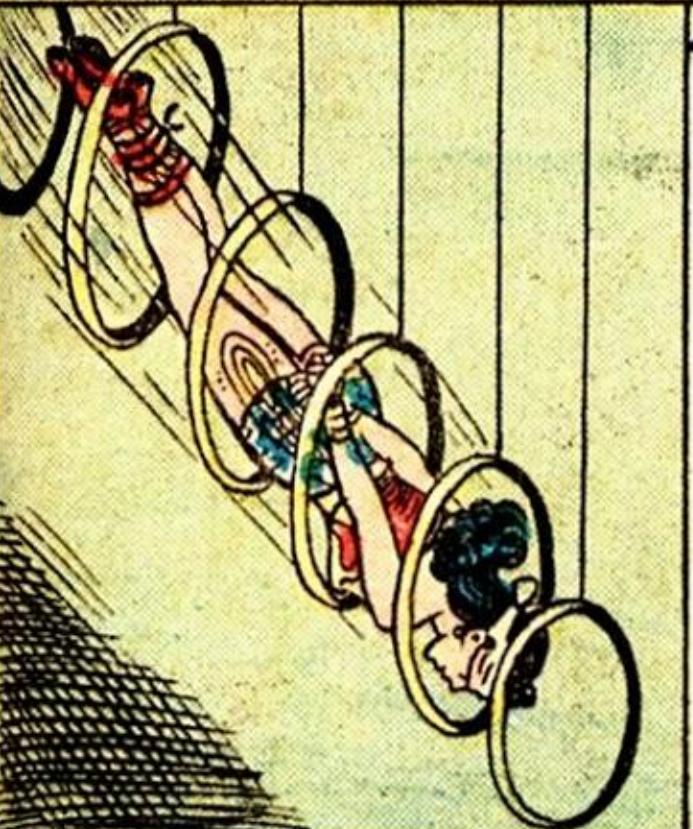
BUT AS THE HOOPS SHE PASSES THROUGH
NARROW MORE AND MORE---



WITH BREATHTAKING BALANCE---

--THE ACROBATIC AMAZON
PLUMMETS THROUGH THE EVER-
NARROWING HOOPS---

--AND EMERGES SUCCESS-
FULLY!



AS THE LOVELY PRINCESS STANDS BEFORE HER
MOTHER AMIDST THE THUNDEROUS CHEERS OF
HER SISTER AMAZONS ---

CONGRATULATIONS, DIANA, FOR HAVING
DEFEATED ALL THE OTHER CONTESTANTS!
HOWEVER, EVEN HARDER TASKS LIE
BEFORE YOU! FAIL A SINGLE ONE OF
THEM—AND YOU LOSE THE TIARA!



TAKE THIS LETTER
AND READ IT ATOP
CLOUD CLIFF! ALL
WILL BE EX-
PLAINED!



THERE SHE GOES! MAY
HERA SAFEGUARD YOU,
MY DAUGHTER!



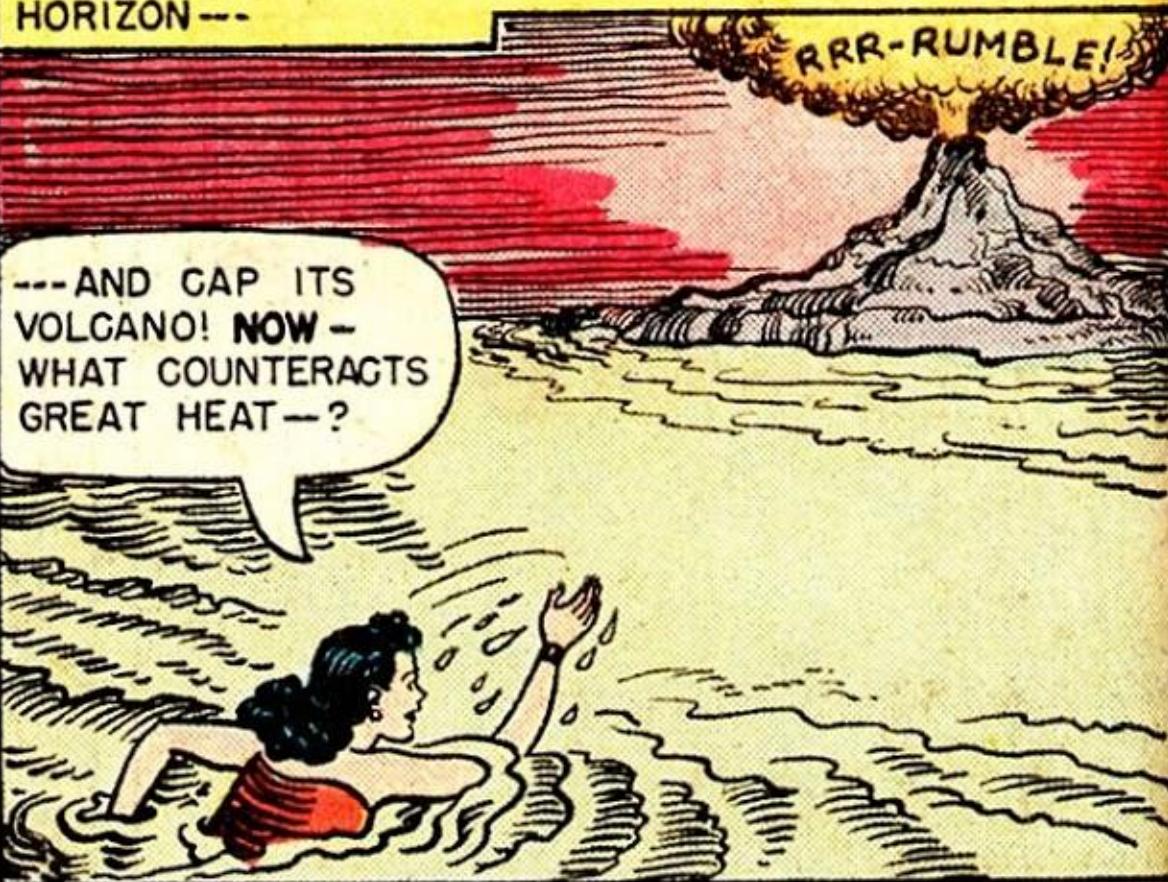
ATOP CLOUD CLIFF, WONDER WOMAN GLANCES AT THE LETTER AND THEN---

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE! MIGHTY HERCULES HIMSELF NEVER HAD A TASK AS STAGGERING AS THIS! I MUST SWIM TO FIRE ISLAND---



WITH LIGHTNING SPEED THE FLEET AMAZON HURTELS THROUGH THE WAVES UNTIL A RED GLOW FILLS THE HORIZON---

---AND CAP ITS VOLCANO! NOW - WHAT COUNTERACTS GREAT HEAT - ?



DIVING DEEP INTO THE SEA'S DEPTHS, WONDER WOMAN PLUNGES ON NORTHWARDS AT FLASHING SPEED UNTIL---

IT'S G-G-GETTING C-C-COLD! AND NO W-W-WONDER! T-T-THERE'S THE ICEBERG I WAS L-L-LOOKING FOR!



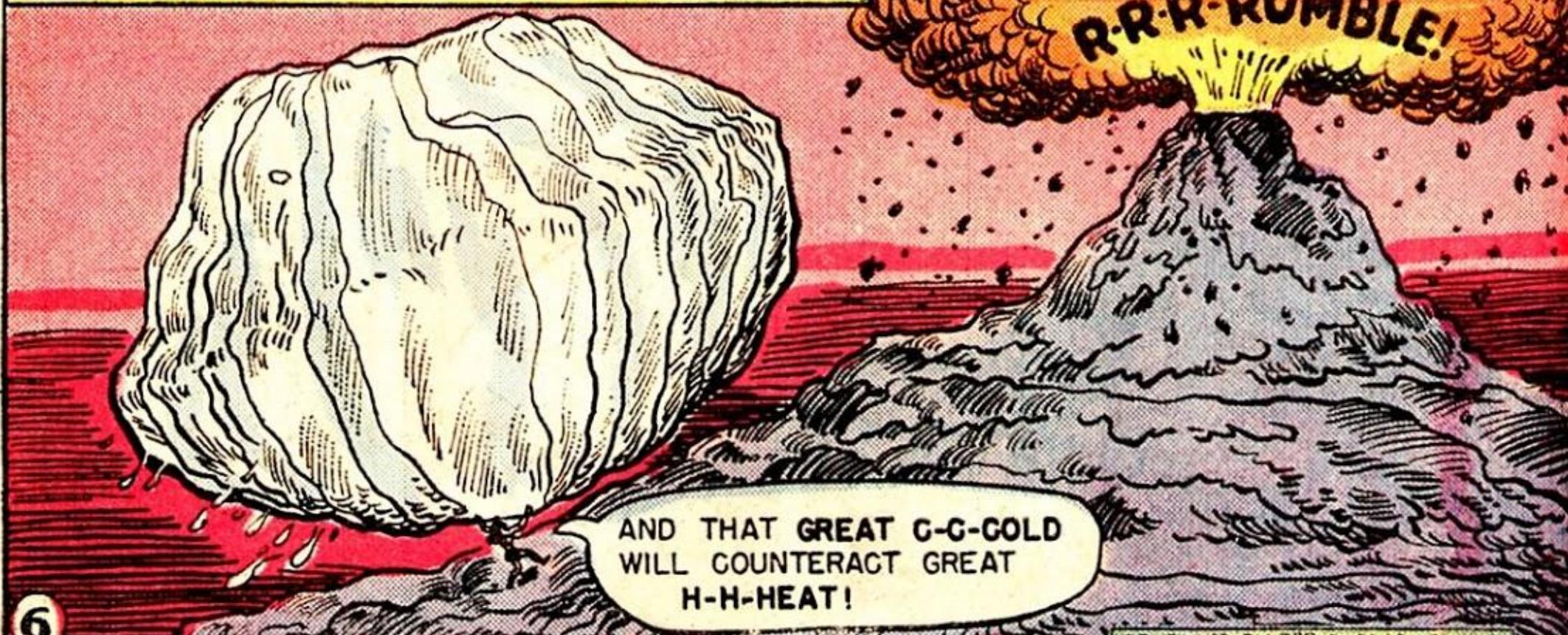
LASSOING THE HUGE ICEBERG, THE TIRELESS AMAZON SWIMS BACK WITH IT TOWARDS FIRE ISLAND --

H-H-HOPE I'M RIGHT!

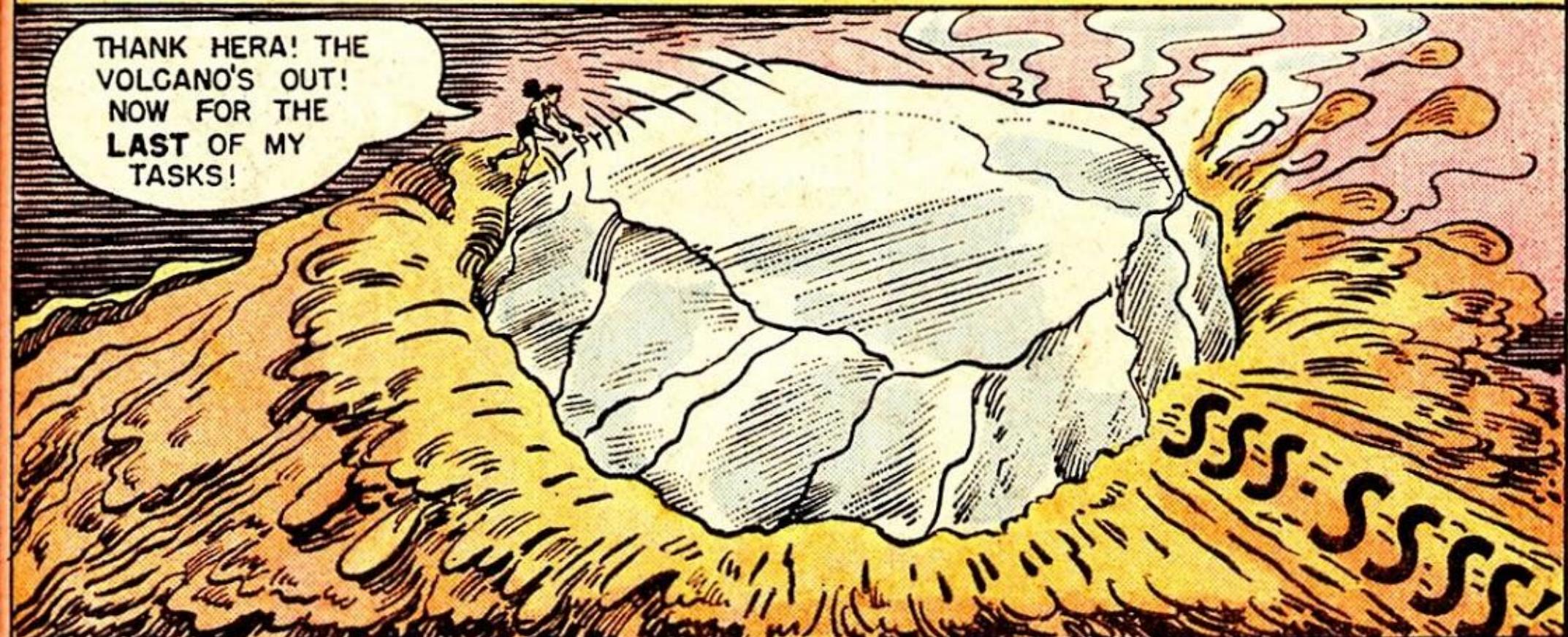


LIFTING THE PHENOMENAL MASS OF ICE ABOVE HER, WONDER WOMAN DARINGLY RACES UP TOWARDS THE FIERY MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO---

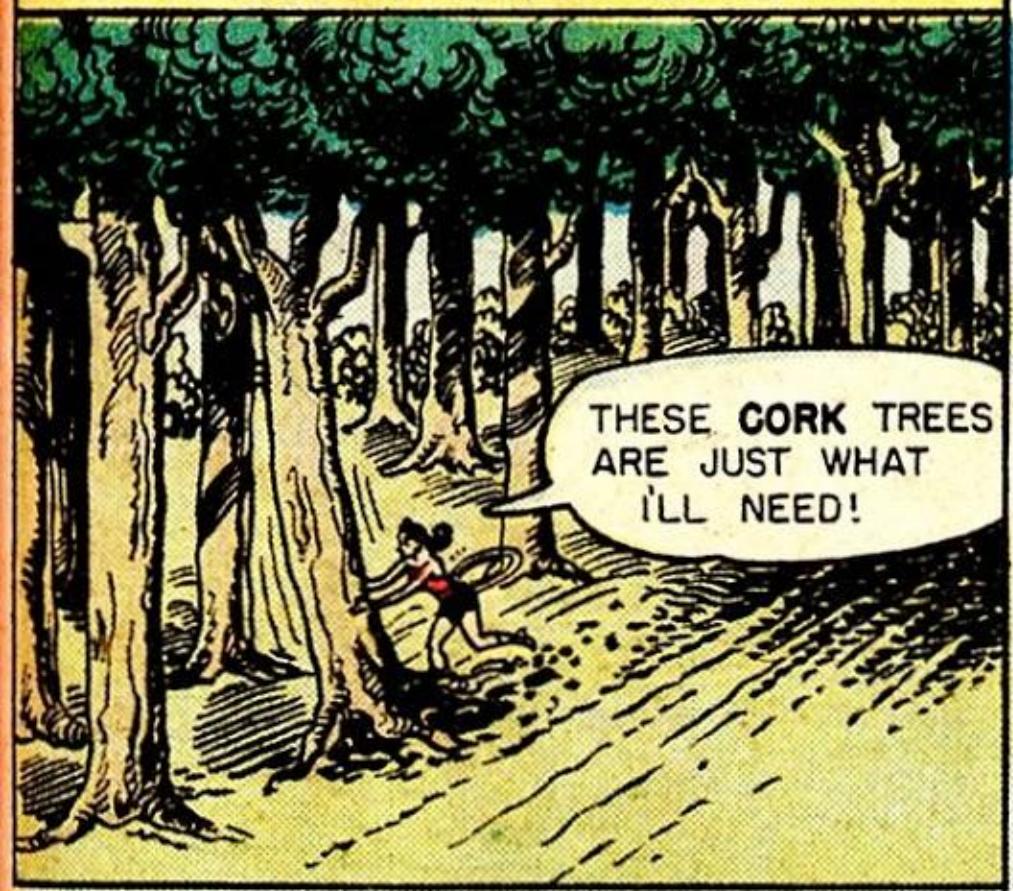
AND THAT GREAT C-C-COLD WILL COUNTERACT GREAT H-H-HEAT!



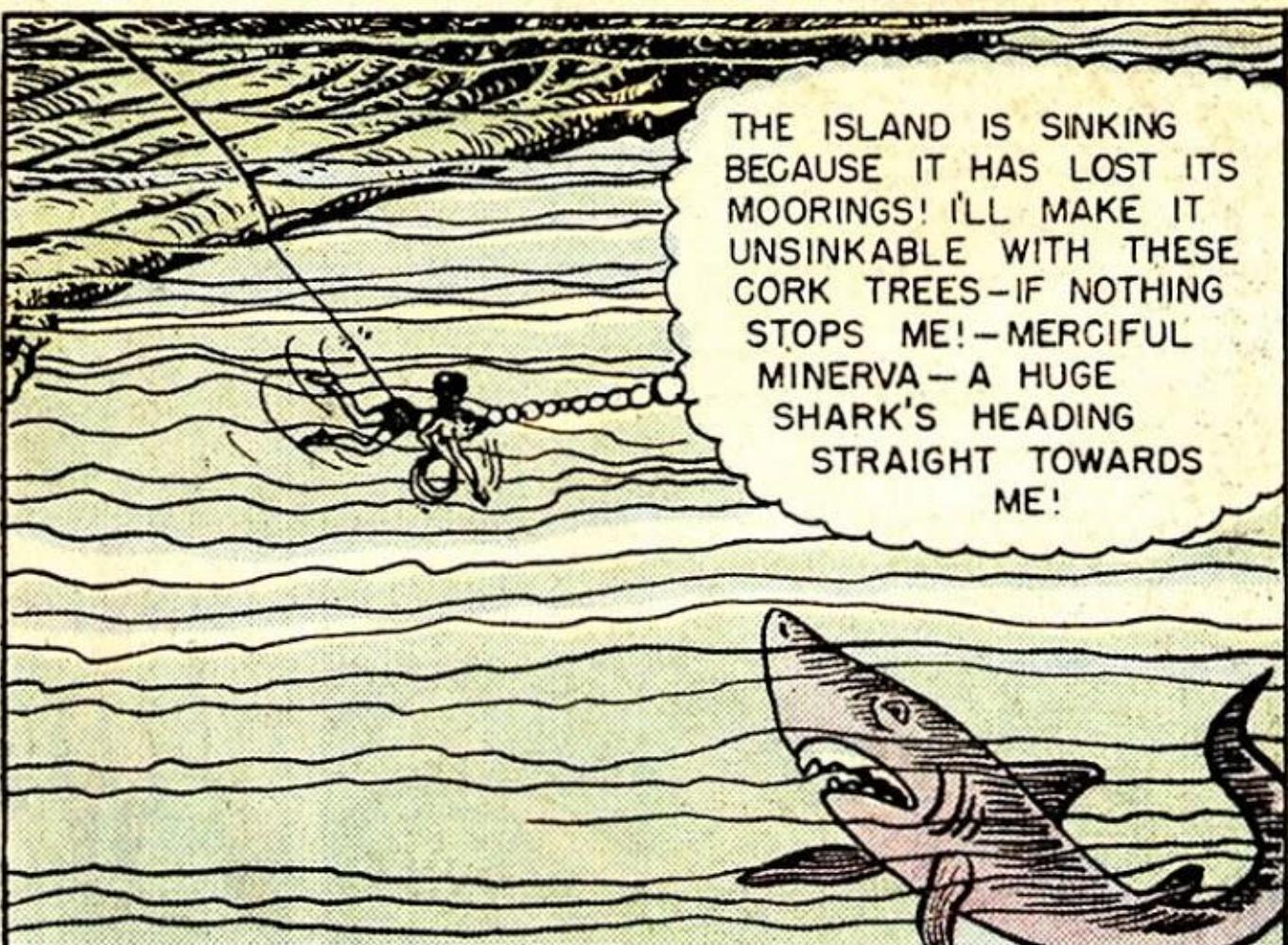
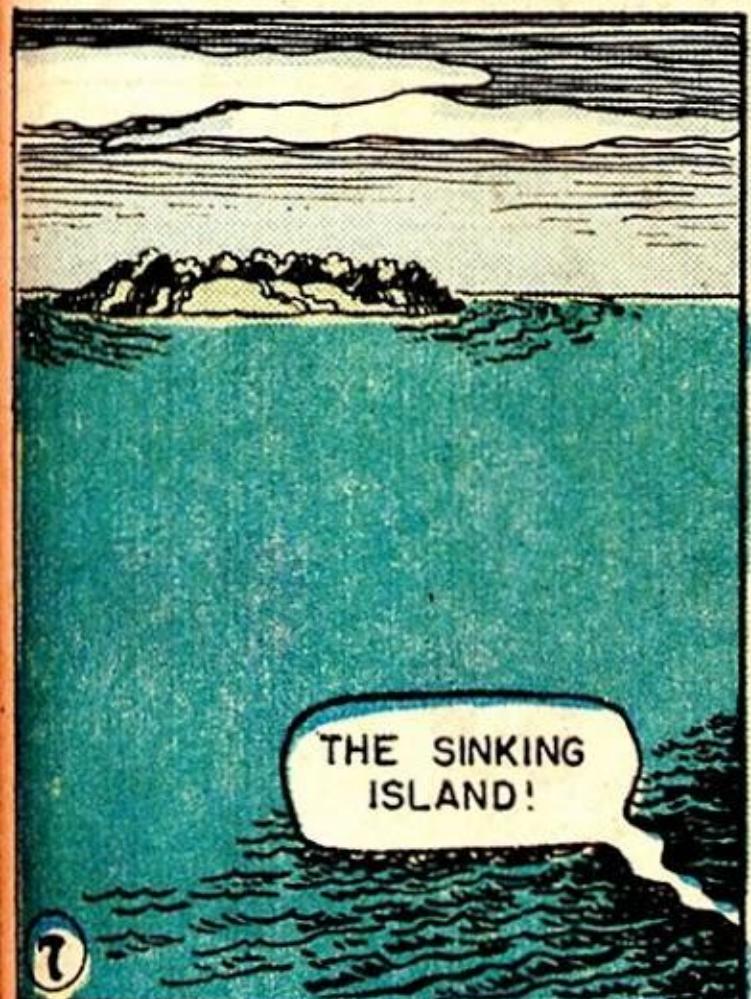
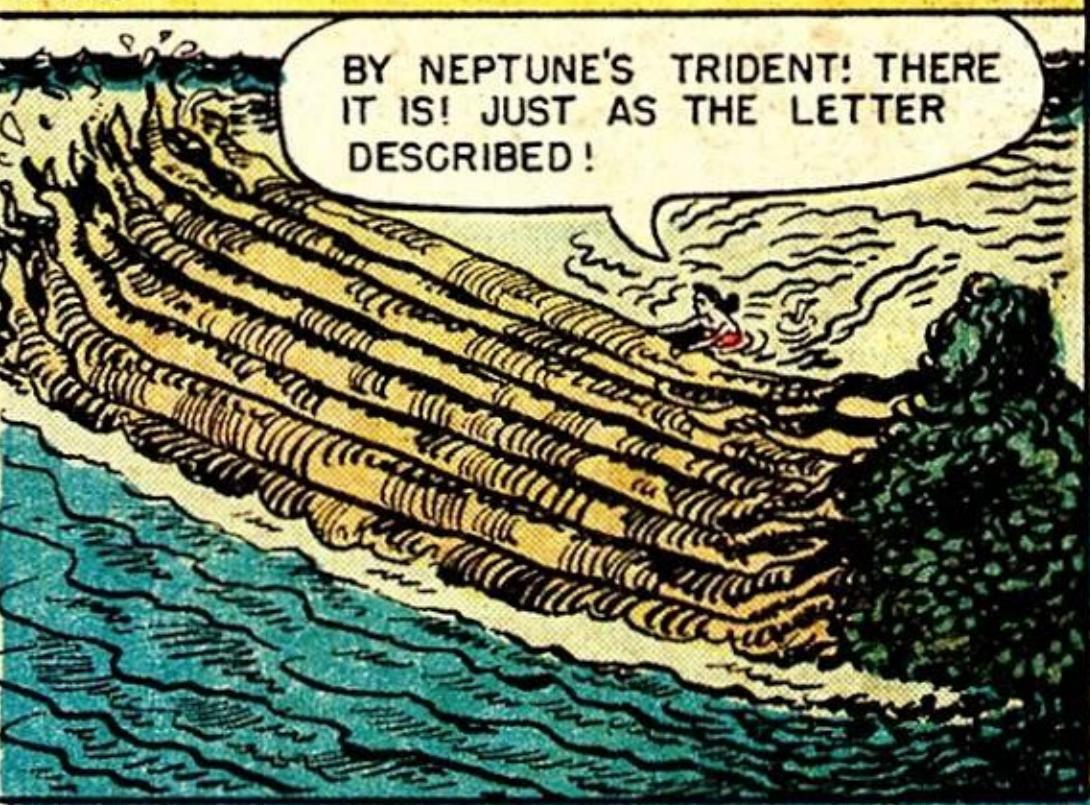
WITH A HEAVE OF HER MIGHTY ARMS, THE POWERFUL AMAZON HURLS THE MASSIVE ICEBERG
INTO THE MOUTH OF THE VOLCANO WHERE---



RACING DOWN THE COOLING ISLAND---

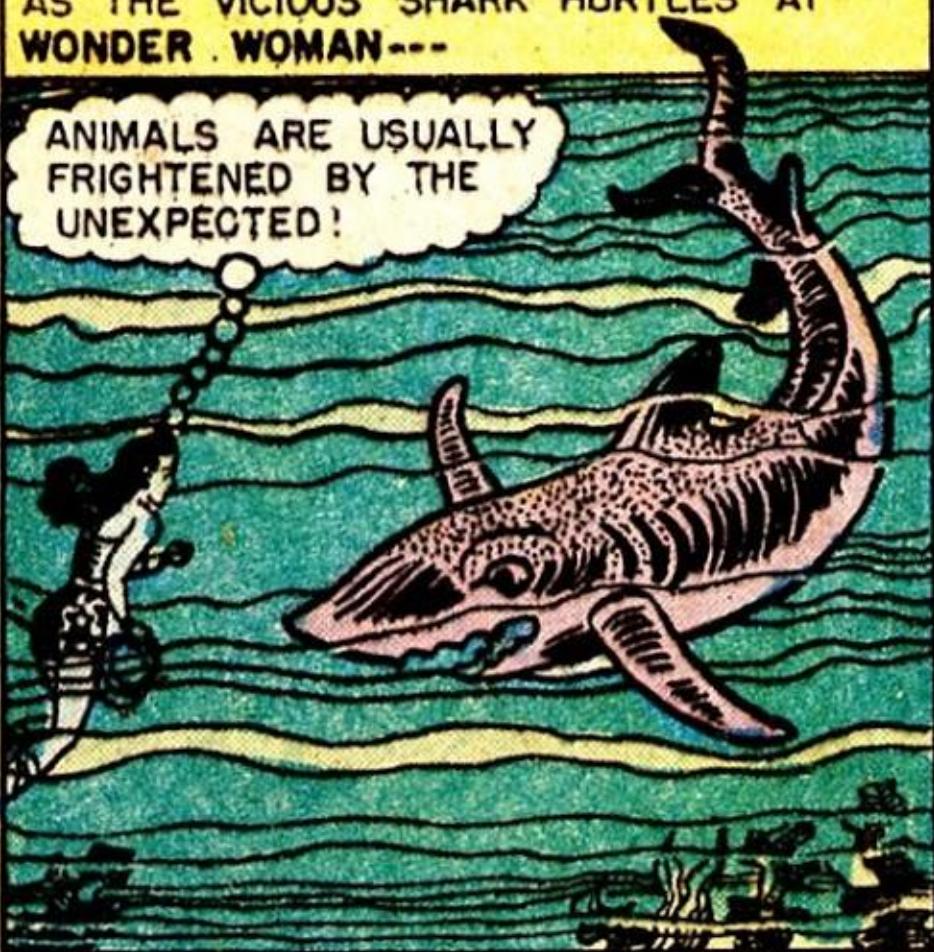


LIKE A HUMAN TUG, WONDER WOMAN TOWS THE FOREST OF CORK TREES THROUGH THE WATER UNTIL---



AS THE VICIOUS SHARK HURLES AT
WONDER WOMAN---

ANIMALS ARE USUALLY
FRIGHTENED BY THE
UNEXPECTED!



WAVING HER HANDS
IN THE WATER AT
DAZZLING SPEED,
THE INGENIOUS AMA-
ZON CREATES SUCH
POWERFUL VIBRA-
TIONS---



--THAT THEY HURL THE BEWIL-
DERED SEA BEAST HEAD OVER
TAIL!



FASTENING THE CORK TREES TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SINKING ISLAND, WONDER WOMAN PUSHES
THE MIGHTY WEIGHT UPWARD UNTIL---



THERE! I CAN FEEL
THE BUOYANCY OF THE
CORK TREES TAKE
HOLD!

BREAKING THROUGH THE WAVES, THE LITHE
AMAZON SEES---

PRAISE HERA! THE
ISLAND IS FLOATING
ABOVE WATER AGAIN!
MY LAST TASK IS DONE!
NOW I CAN RETURN
TO PARADISE ISLAND!



SHORTLY---

CONGRATULATIONS, AMAZON! CONGRATULATIONS,
PRINCESS! CONGRATULATIONS, DAUGHTER!



Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

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SO MANY READERS HAVE WRITTEN IN TO KNOW WHAT WONDER TOT (WONDER WOMAN AS A CHILD) DOES ON PARADISE ISLAND, THE SECRET ISLAND HOME OF THE AMAZONS-- THAT WE WILL REVEAL SOME OF THE STARTLING EVENTS THAT CAN HAPPEN, WHEN WE INTRODUCE THE NEWEST TEAM IN COMICS ...

WONDER TOT and MISTER GENIE!

DON'T
WORRY,
MISTER
GENIE!
I'LL SAVE
YOU!

METEOR
SHOWER--
WONDER
TOT!
WE ARE
DOOMED!

IN HER PALACE ON PARADISE ISLAND, SECRET
ISLAND HOME OF THE AMAZONS, QUEEN HIPPOLYTA
SEES...

HOLA,
MOMMY! LOOK AT
ME! DANCING ON
THE HOOP!

WONDER TOT! YOU'VE BEEN
GONE FOR HOURS! WHERE
HAVE YOU BEEN?

OUT!



OUT? JUST OUT?
WHAT HAVE YOU
DONE WITH YOUR-
SELF ALL THIS
TIME?



SUDDENLY, ATTRACTED BY THE GLEAM...

SHADES OF PLUTO! THIS APPLE
IS SOLID GOLD! IF ALL YOU'VE
BEEN IS "OUT!" AND ALL YOU'VE
DONE IS "NOTHING"-- THEN,
HOW DID YOU GET THIS
GOLDEN APPLE,
WONDER TOT?

FROM
THE
DRAGON,
MOMMY!

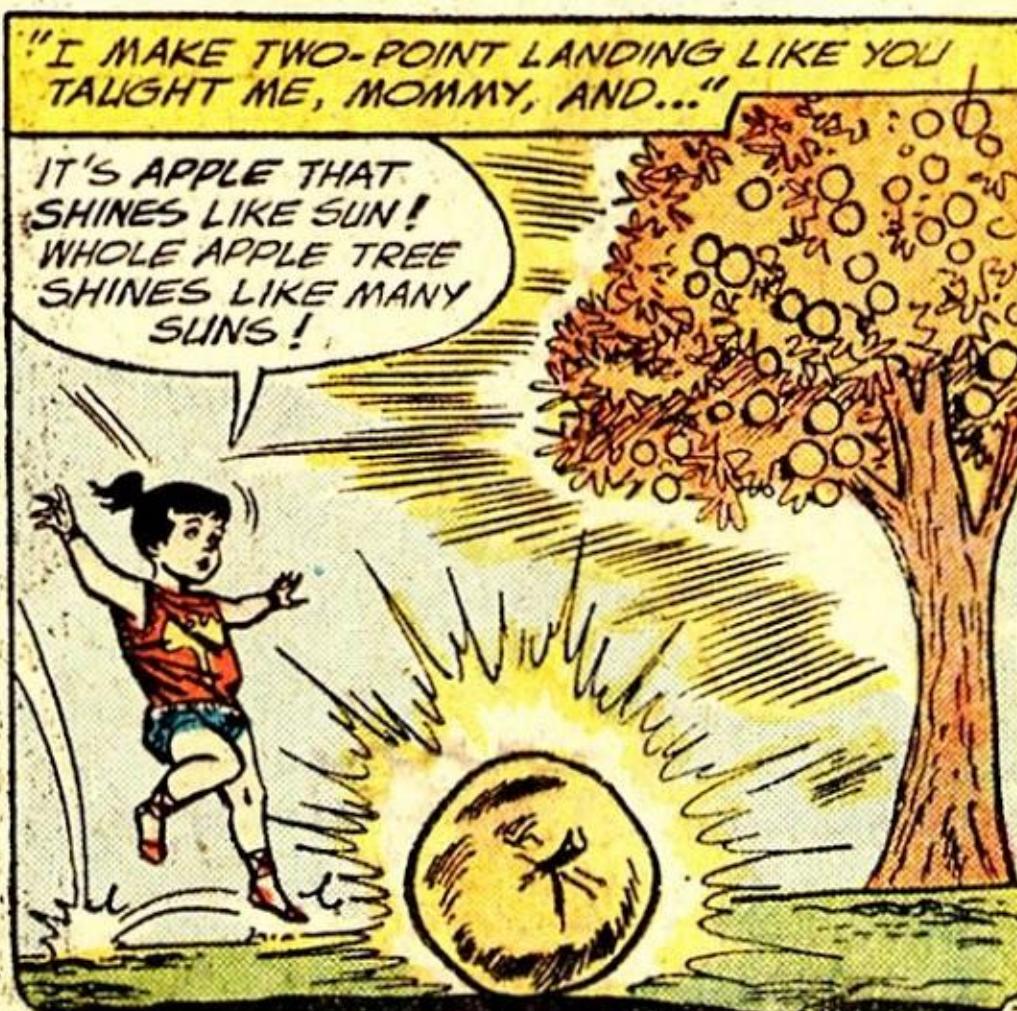
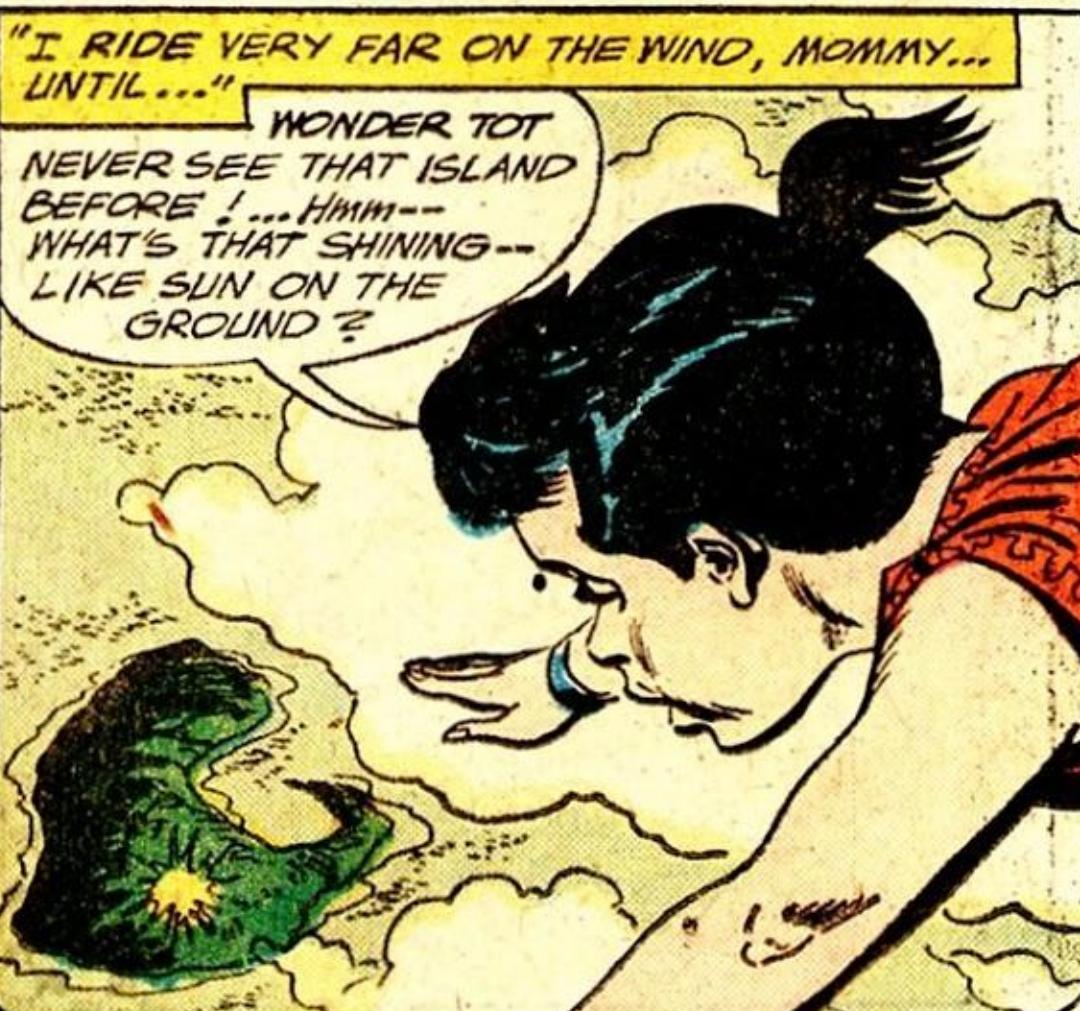
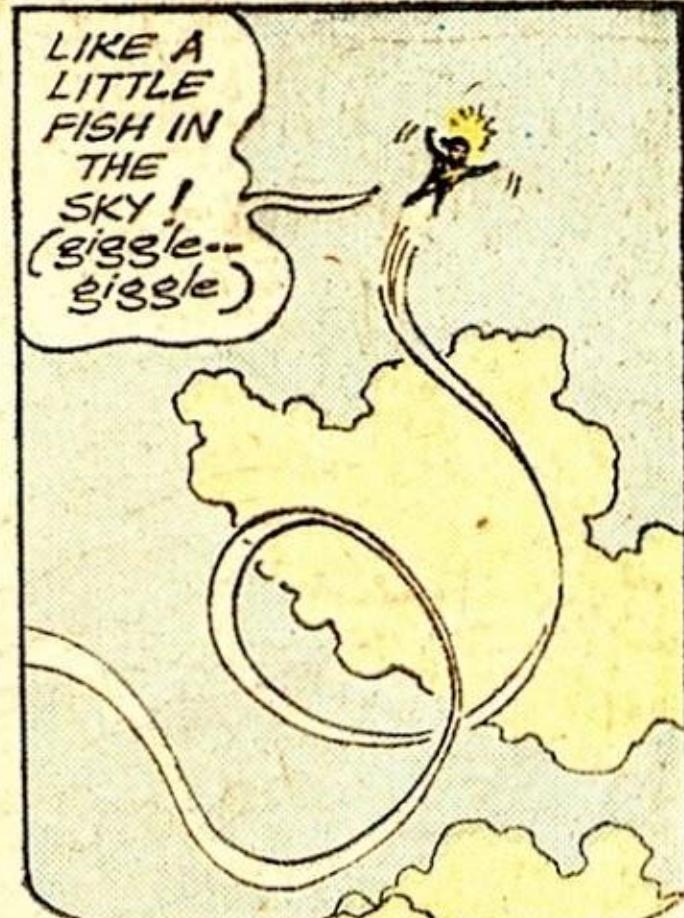
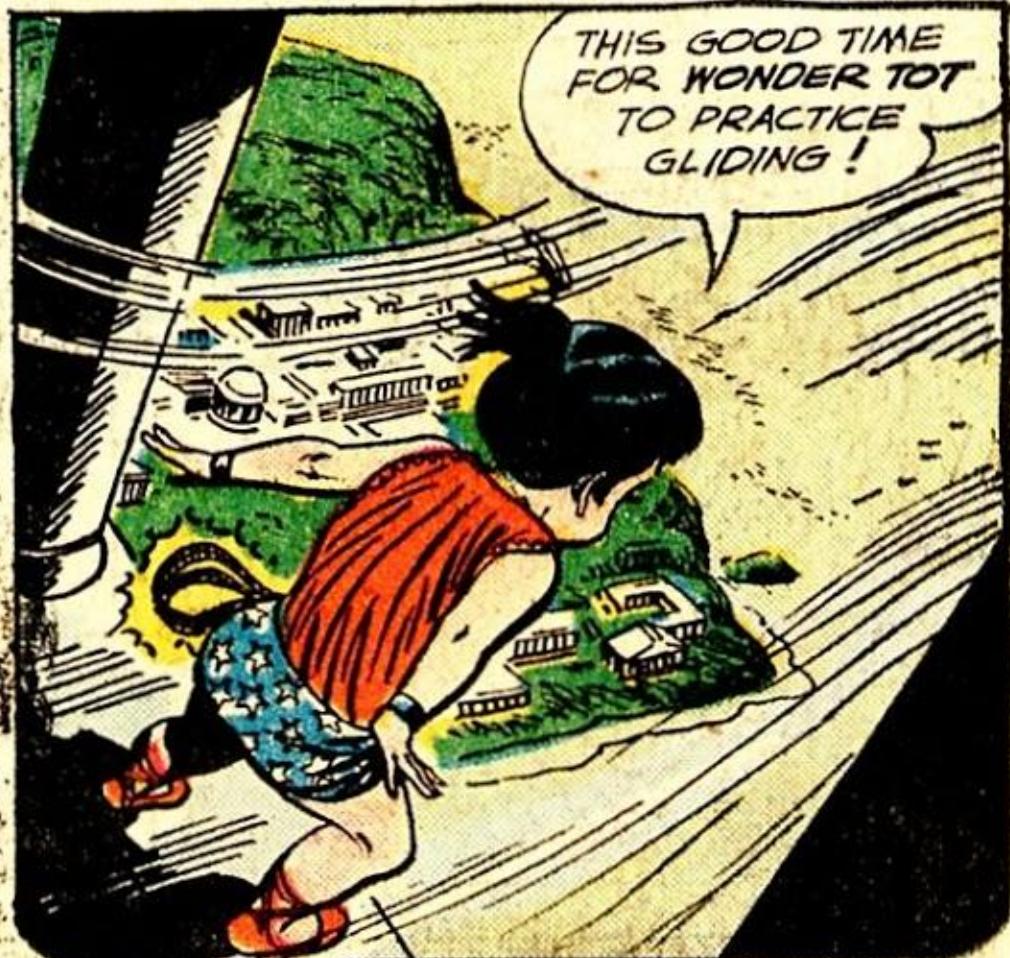
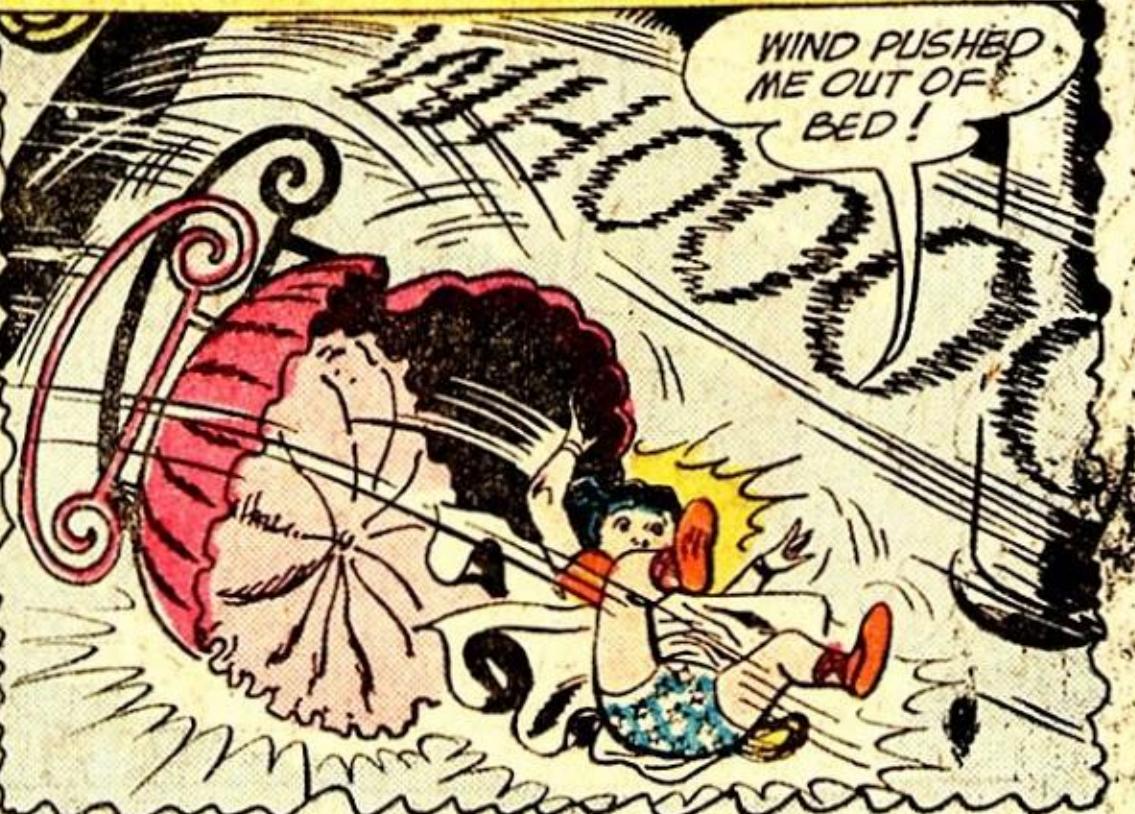


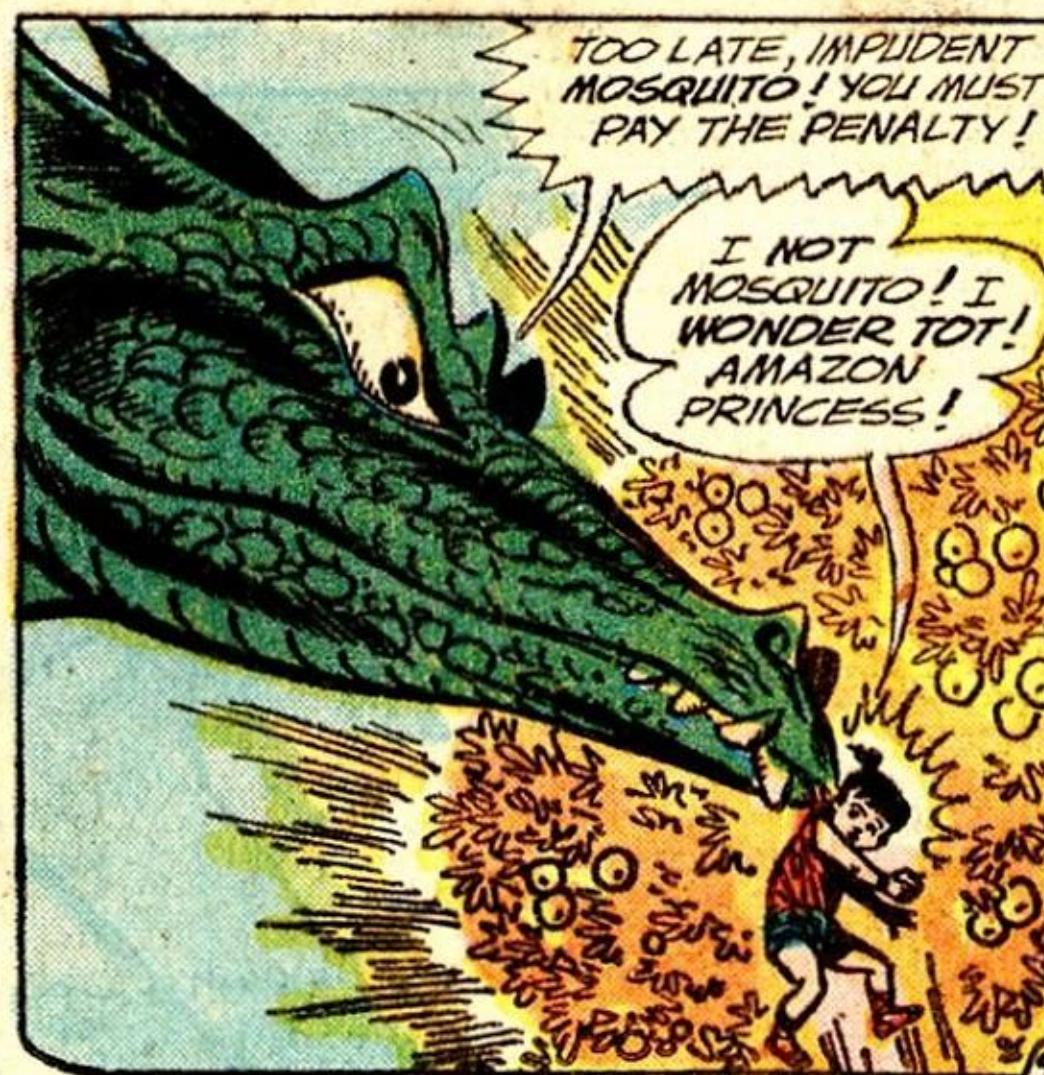
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AS WONDER TOT STARTS THE TALE OF HOW SHE JUST WENT "OUT" AND DID "NOTHING"--BUT RETURNED WITH A GOLDEN APPLE--SHE RECALLS..

WIND PUSHED ME OUT OF BED!

THIS GOOD TIME FOR WONDER TOT TO PRACTICE GLIDING!



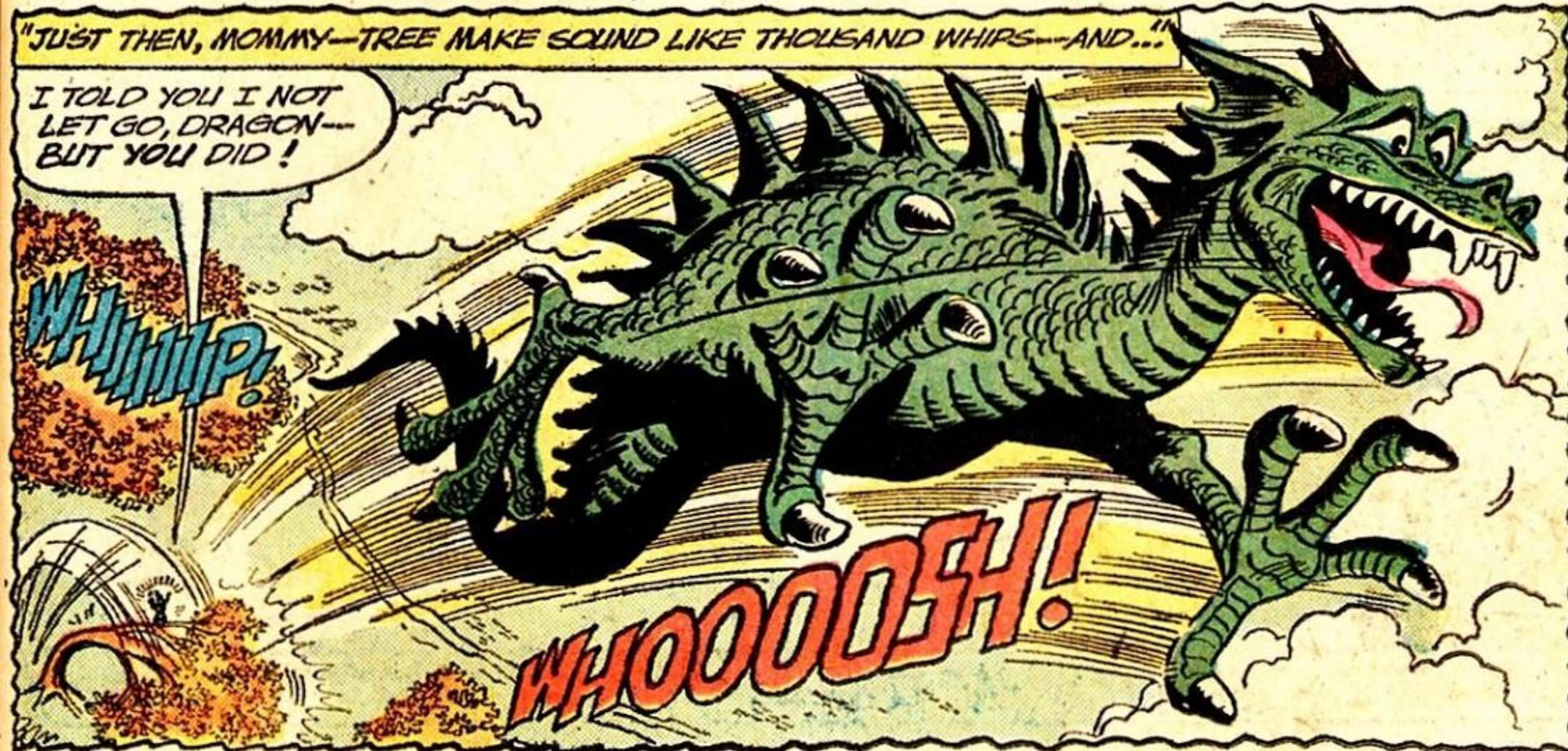


"AS BAD DRAGON LIFT ME UP IN AIR...
I LOCK LEGS LIKE SCISSORS AROUND
TREE..."



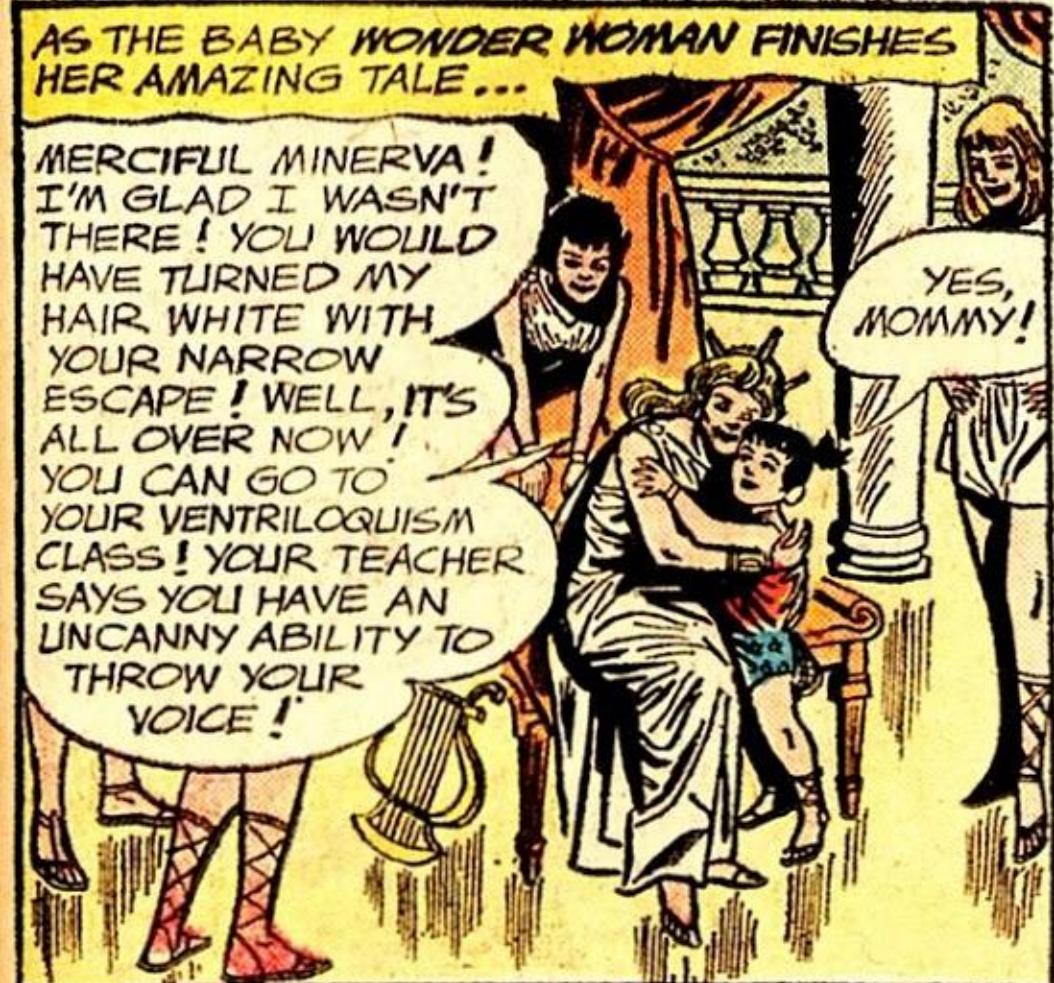
"JUST THEN, MOMMY - TREE MAKE SOUND LIKE THOUSAND WHIPS - AND..."

I TOLD YOU I NOT LET GO, DRAGON - BUT YOU DID!



AS THE BABY WONDER WOMAN FINISHES HER AMAZING TALE...

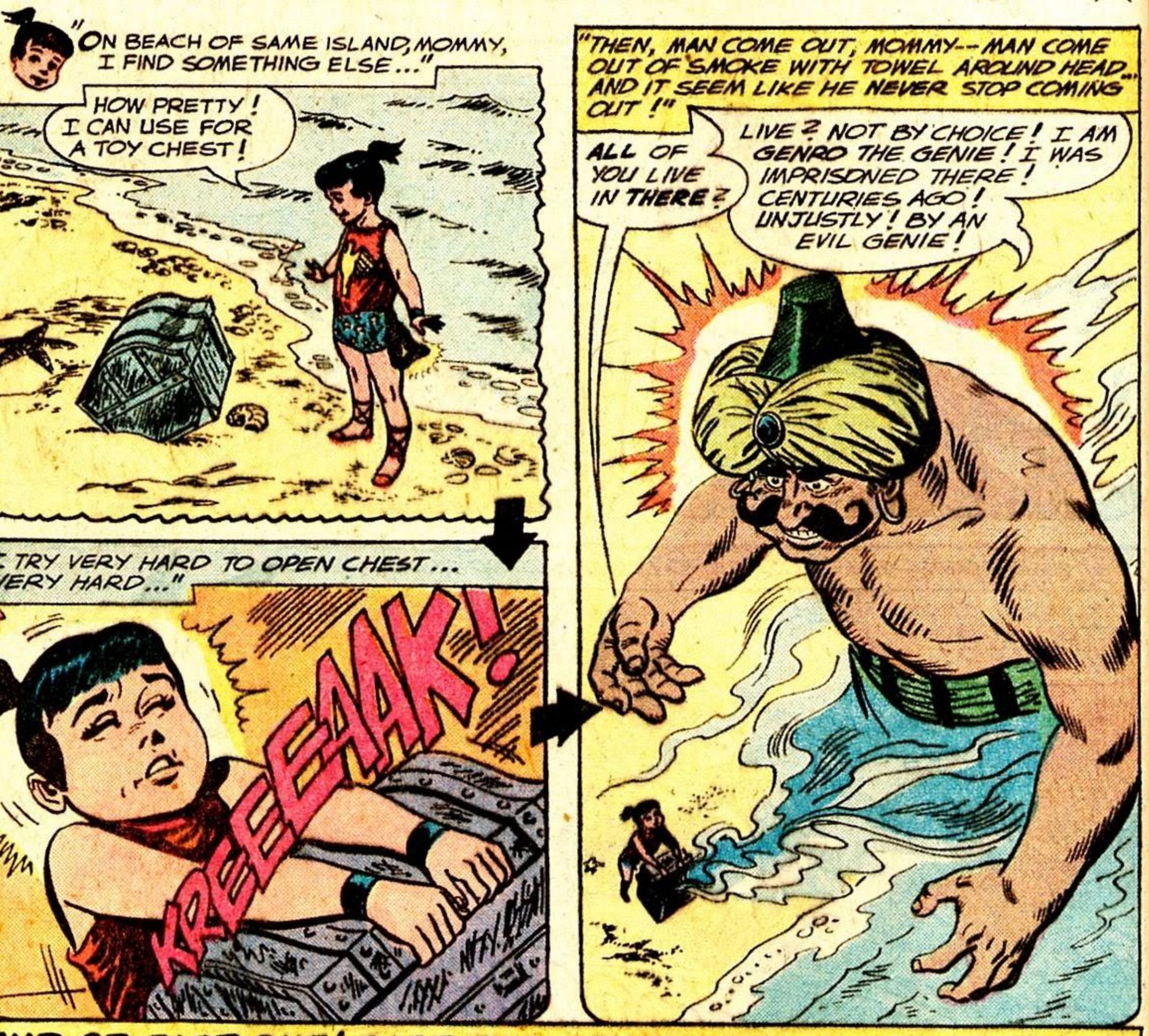
MERCIFUL MINERVA! I'M GLAD I WASN'T THERE! YOU WOULD HAVE TURNED MY HAIR WHITE WITH YOUR NARROW ESCAPE! WELL, IT'S ALL OVER NOW! YOU CAN GO TO YOUR VENTRILOQUISM CLASS! YOUR TEACHER SAYS YOU HAVE AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO THROW YOUR VOICE!



BUT, AS THE TINY AMAZON TURNS...

SHADES OF NEPTUNE! I JUST NOTICED THAT STAR-SHAPED CLIP FOR YOUR PONYTAIL! IT'S A DIAMOND! A PRICELESS DIAMOND! WONDER TOT! WHERE DID YOU GET IT!

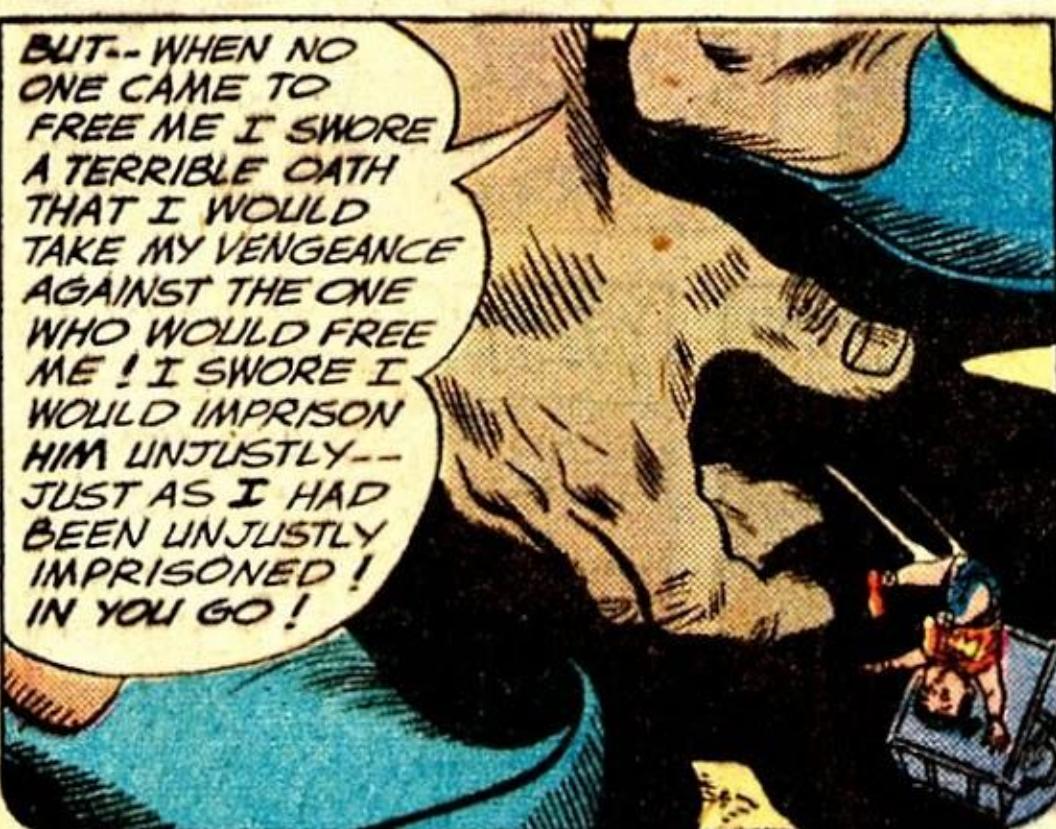
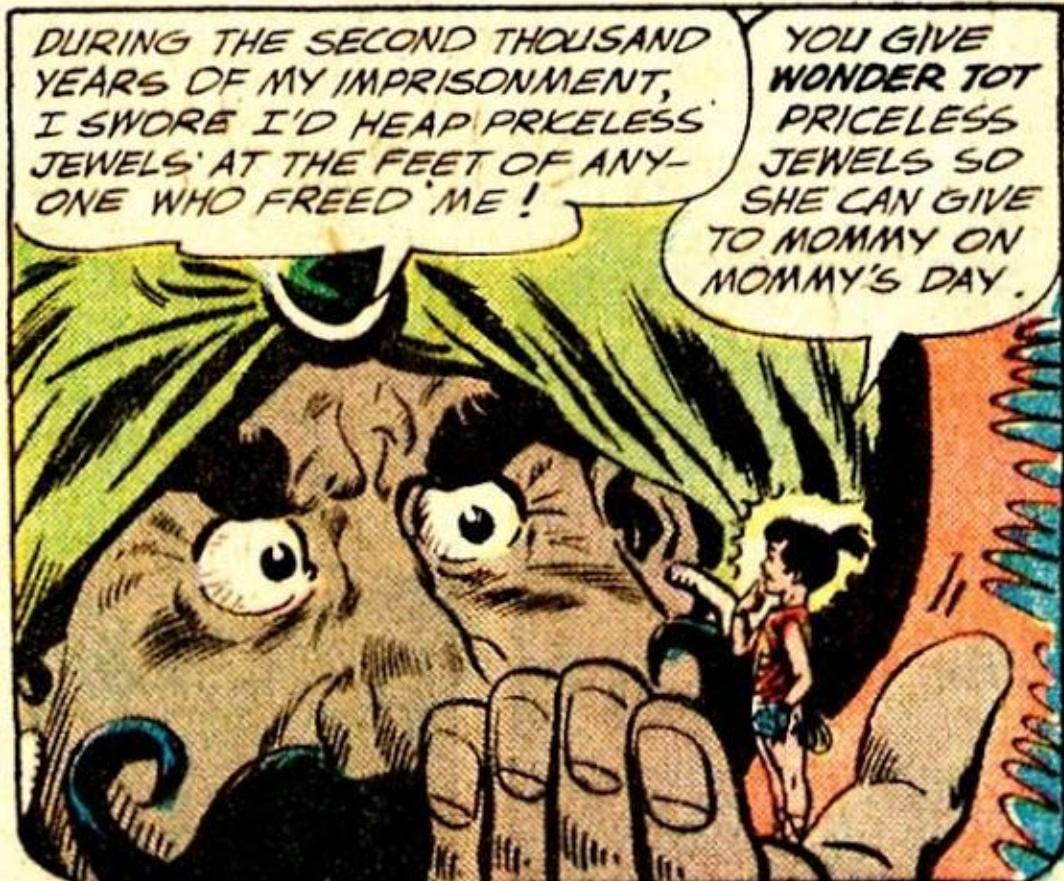
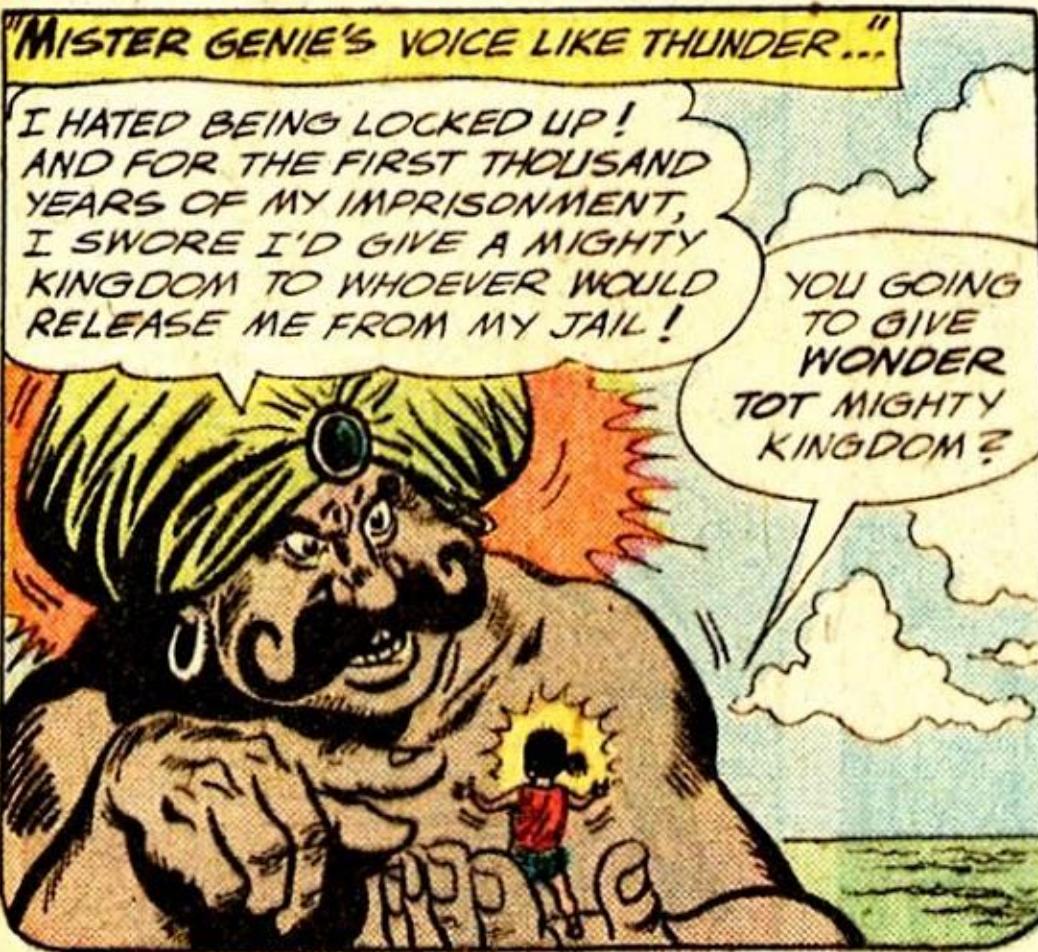




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PART
TWO

WONDER TOT--and MISTER GENIE



I THINK... I THINK... OF
ONE THING I CAN DO NOT
TO WASTE TIME..."

MISTER GENIE? ---
MISTER GENIE? ---
LET'S PLAY HIDE
AND SEEK!
HE! HE! HE!



MISTER GENIE? ---
MISTER GENIE? ---
LET'S PLAY HIDE
AND SEEK! HE!
HE! HE!

I--I'M
IMAGINING
IT! YOU
CAN'T HAVE
ESCAPED!



DON'T YOU WANT
TO PLAY, MISTER
GENIE? IT VERY
EASY TO FIND
WONDER TOT!
HE! HE! HE!

BY THE
BEARD OF
THE SULTAN!
SHE'S ESCAPED
RIGHT FROM
UNDER ME!
SHE MUST BE A
POWERFUL GENIE
HERSELF! BUT--
I'LL FIND HER--
AND PUT HER
BACK!



"AS MISTER GENIE JUMP OFF
THE CHEST, I JUMP OUT! ..."

MISTER GENIE
STILL LOOKING
WHERE I BOUNCE
MY VOICE LIKE
BALL!

HE! HE! HE!
I VERY NEAR,
GENIE!



"MISTER GENIE FALL WHEN
I GRAB HIS HEEL ..."

WONDER TOT
RIGHT UNDER
YOUR FEET,
GENIE! OVER
YOU GO!
HE! HE! HE!



"HE FALL ALL THE WAY
IN--LIKE SMOKE!"

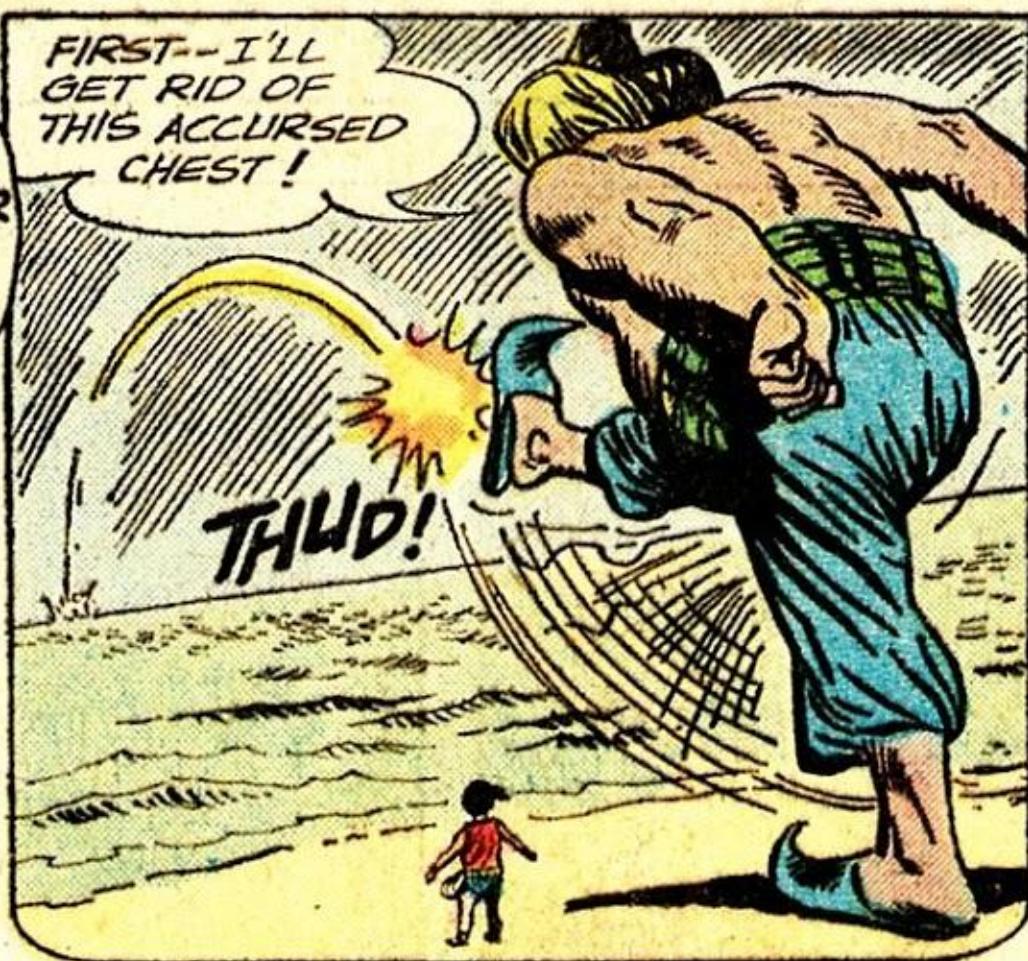
NO--NO--
WONDER
TOT!
D--



"AS I SIT ON THE CHEST, MISTER GENIE YELLS..."
LET ME OUT! LET ME OUT! OR I WILL POUR THE MOUNTAIN OF MY WRATH UPON YOU!

NO MISTER GENIE! YOU NAUGHTY! MAYBE MISTER GENIE WHO PUT YOU INSIDE BOX-- RIGHT!

HAVE PITY ON ME, WONDER TOT! DON'T LET ME SPEND ANOTHER THOUSAND YEARS IN HERE! LET ME OUT! AND I PROMISE YOU, ON MY OATH AS A GENIE, THAT I WILL GRANT ANY WISH OF YOURS! PLEASE, WONDER TOT! PLEASE!



YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND!
IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG
JOURNEY, WONDER TOT!
BUT, THIS MAGIC SPACE
DUST WILL PROTECT US
UNDER ALL INTER-STELLAR
CONDITIONS!

OOOH--!
DUST TICKLES
WONDER TOT'S
NOSE--!

HA--
CHEW!
GEZLINDHEIT!
NOW, YOU'RE
FULLY PRO-
TECTED FROM
ALL HARM!
HANG ON!
HERE WE
GO!

"LIKE A ROCKET, MISTER GENIE
BLASTS OFF..."

YOU WONDERFUL
GENIE, MISTER
GENIE! AMAZON
CAN'T FLY!
HAVE TO RIDE
AIR CURRENTS!

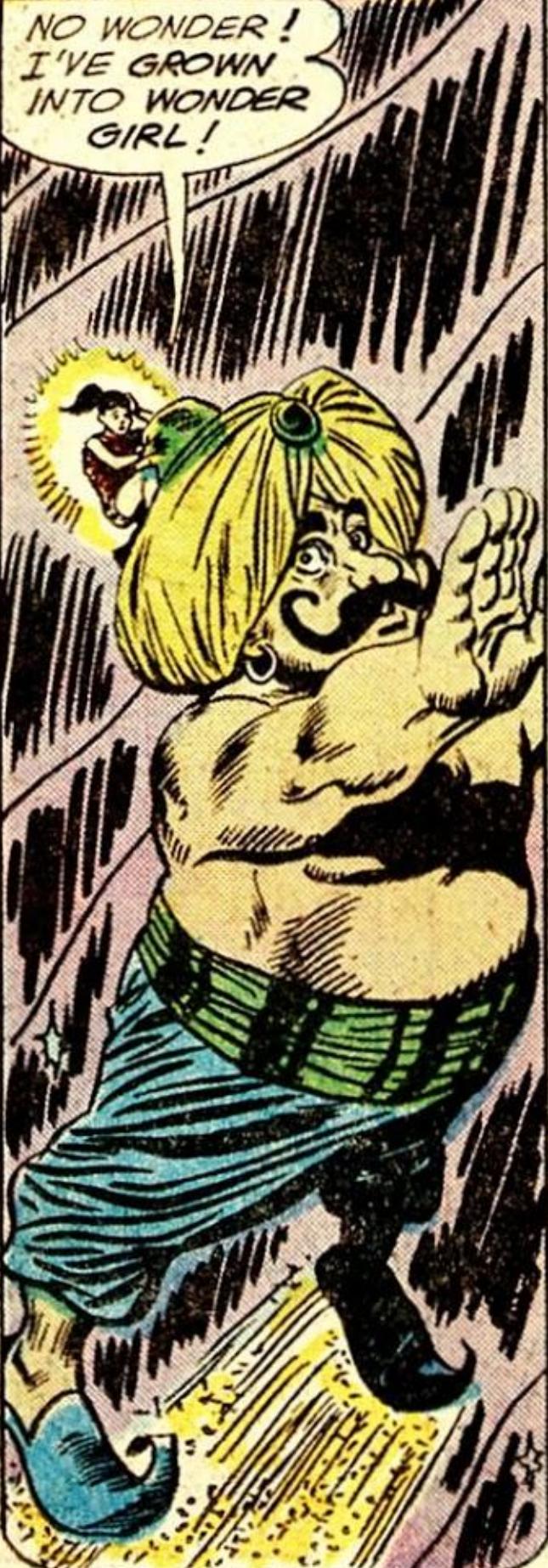
BOOM!

"MOMMY--IT SEEMS WE TRAVEL SO LONG THAT..."

WONDER TOT
FEEL FUNNY,
MISTER GENIE!

NO WONDER!
I'VE GROWN
INTO WONDER
GIRL!

I MEAN WONDER
WOMAN! I MUST
HAVE PASSED
THROUGH A
TIME BELT!



WHEN MISTER GENIE FINALLY REACH SPOT WHERE STAR TWINKLE..."

NOT HERE! COULD I HAVE MADE A MISTAKE IN NAVIGATION? WHERE IS THE STAR? I SAW ITS LIGHT COMING RIGHT FROM HERE!

YOU FORGET IT TOOK MILLIONS OF YEARS FOR ITS LIGHT TO REACH THE EARTH! BY THE TIME WE REACHED IT--IT MIGHT HAVE EXPLODED! OR MERGED WITH ANOTHER STAR!

ANYWAY, I'M NOT HOLDING YOU TO YOUR OATH! I'M WONDER WOMAN NOW--NOT WONDER TOT! I DON'T WEAR A PONYTAIL! I DON'T NEED A CLIP TO HOLD IT IN PLACE! WELL, WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME! I'VE LOTS TO DO.

THANKS, WONDER WOMAN!

"BUT, AS MISTER GENIE GO BACK THROUGH TIME BELT..."

I--I'VE GOT THAT QUEER FEELING AGAIN!

I--BY THE SANDS OF TIME--I'VE GROWN YOUNGER!

I'M WONDER GIRL!

"AND THEN..."

HOSTILE SPACESHIP ATTACKING US!

THE RAYS PARALYZED ME! I CAN'T MOVE! WE'RE DOOMED!

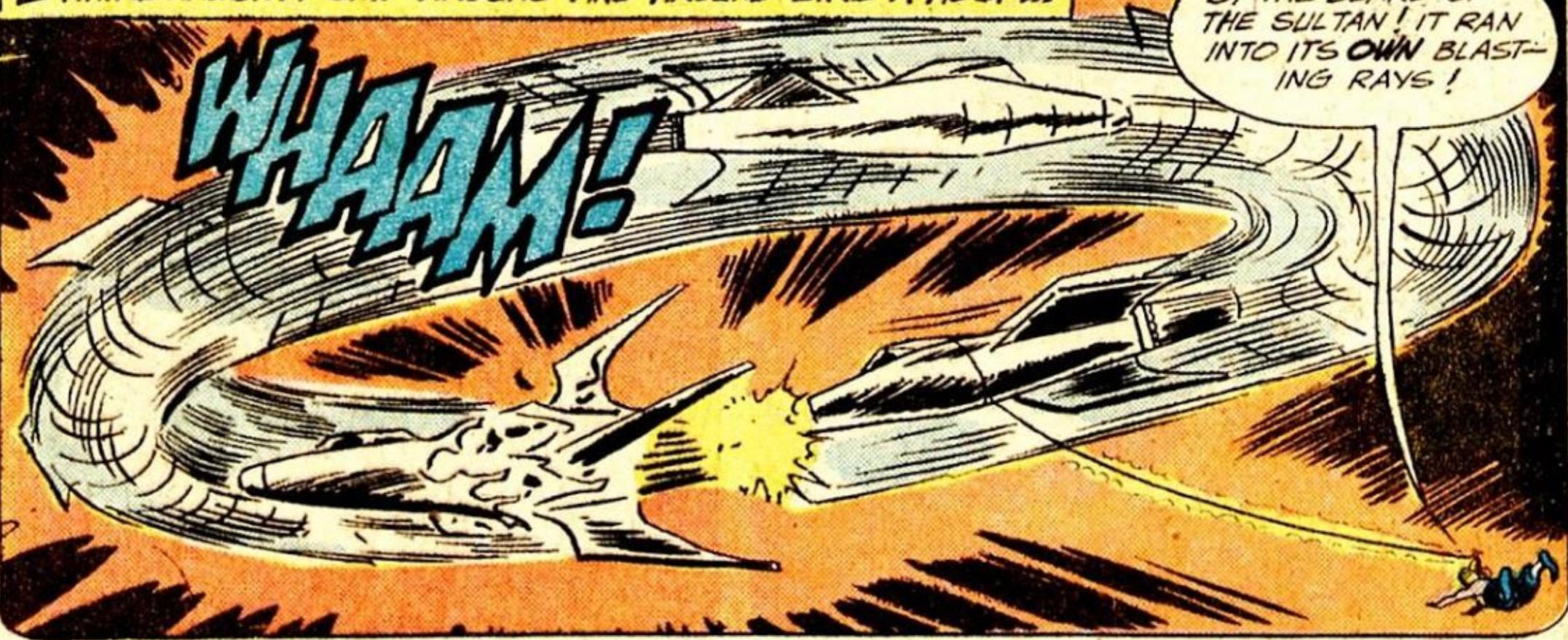
"BUT I WONDER GIRL NOW--AND LASSO NAUGHTY SHIP..."

ALL RIGHT! SO YOU'VE LASSED IT! IT'S LIKE HOLDING A TIGER BY THE TAIL! WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN YOU LET GO--AND IT STARTS BLASTING US WITH DEATH RAYS INSTEAD OF JUST PARALYZING ONES?

"I WHIRL NAUGHTY SHIP AROUND AND AROUND LIKE A HOOP..."

BY THE BEARD OF
THE SULTAN! IT RAN
INTO ITS OWN BLAST-
ING RAYS!

WHAM!



"WHEN MISTER GENIE FEEL BETTER--WE GO HOME THROUGH TIME BELT AGAIN..."

I FEEL
FUNNY
AGAIN!

I--I'M
GROWING
YOUNGER--
YOUNGER!

I
WONDER
TOT AGAIN!
HE! HE! HE!

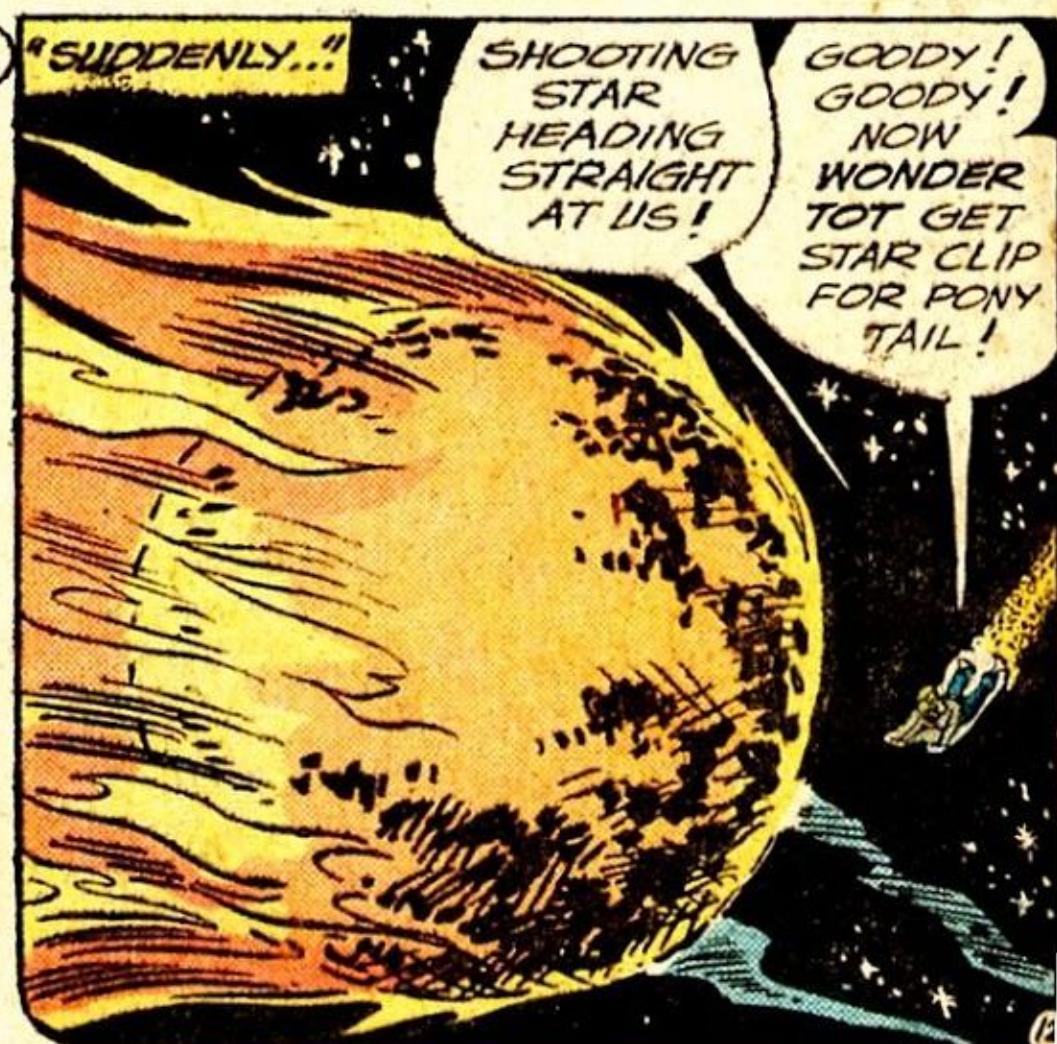


WHERE STAR CLIP FOR WONDER
TOT'S PONYTAIL, MISTER
GENIE? YOU PROMISED!
YOU PROMISED! WHERE
STAR CLIP?

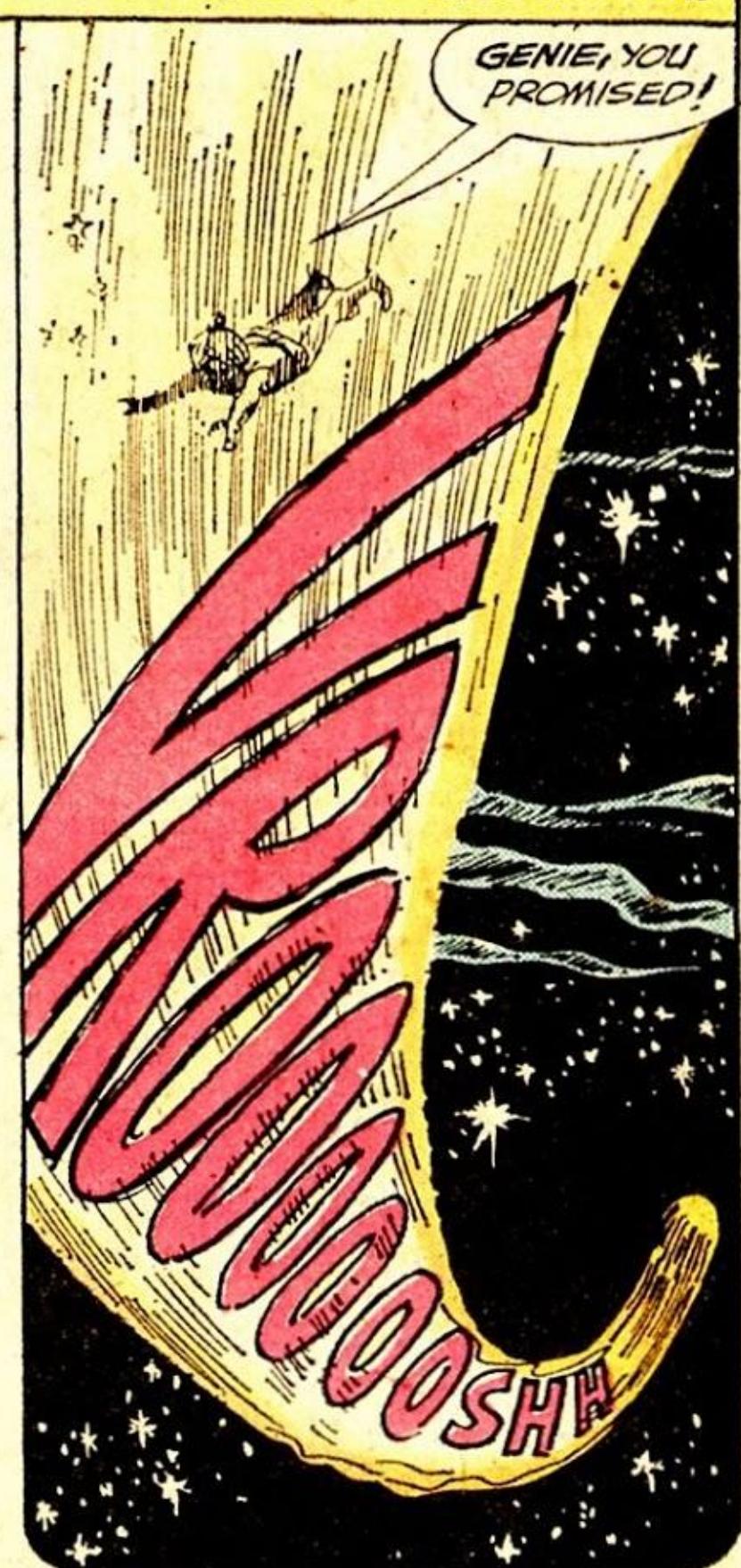
"SUDDENLY..."

SHOOTING
STAR
HEADING
STRAIGHT
AT US!

GOODY!
GOODY!
NOW
WONDER
TOT GET
STAR CLIP
FOR PONY
TAIL!



"BUT SHOOTING STAR GO RIGHT THROUGH MY FINGERS LIKE A STREAK OF LIGHTNING..."



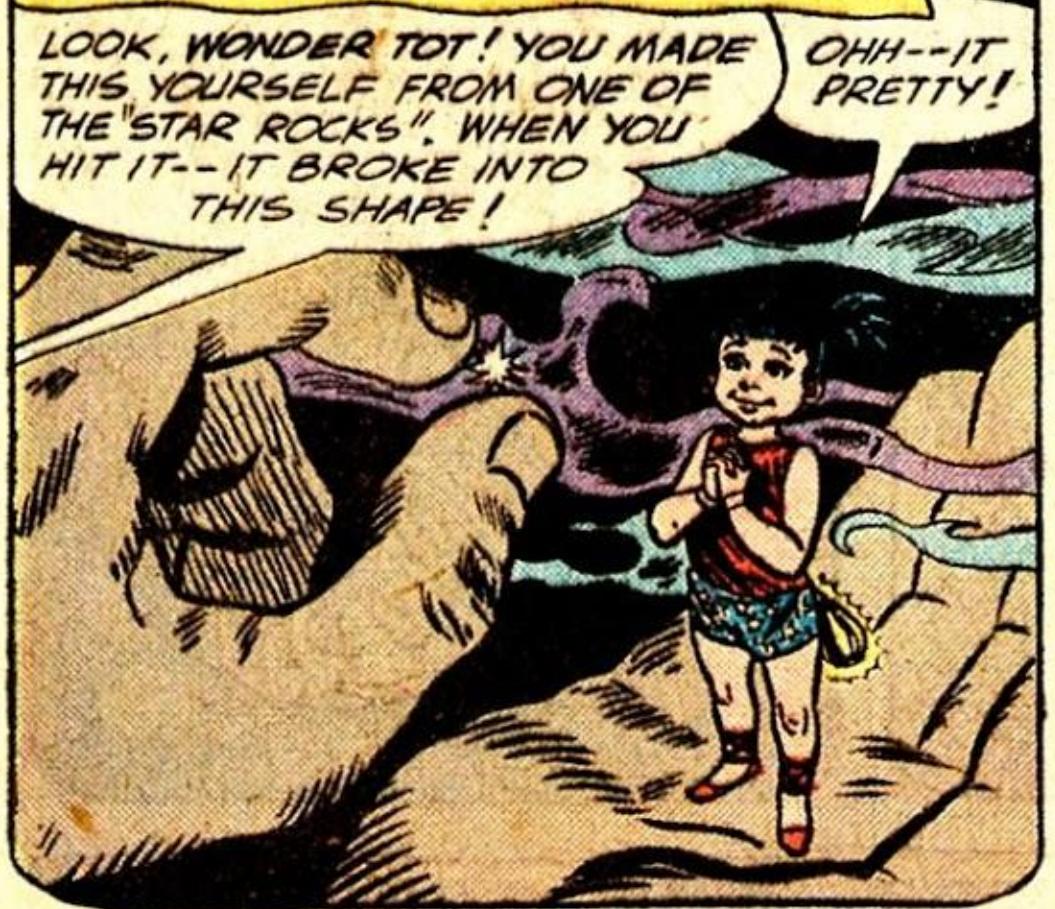
"BUT, I KEEP BIG, BLACK, SHINY ROCKS AWAY FROM MISTER GENIE..."



"AND THEN... WHEN THEY ALL GONE..."

LOOK, WONDER TOT! YOU MADE THIS YOURSELF FROM ONE OF THE "STAR ROCKS". WHEN YOU HIT IT-- IT BROKE INTO THIS SHAPE!

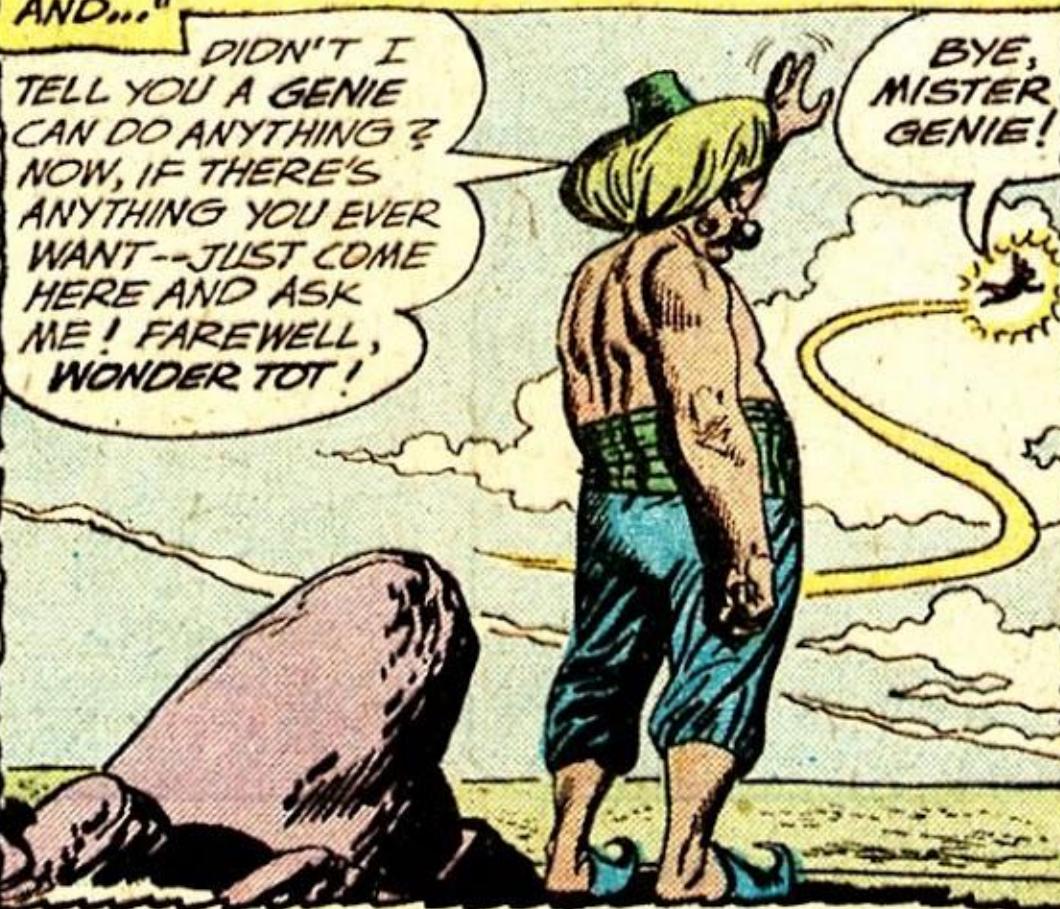
OH-- IT PRETTY!



"BACK TO THE ISLAND MISTER GENIE FLIES AND..."

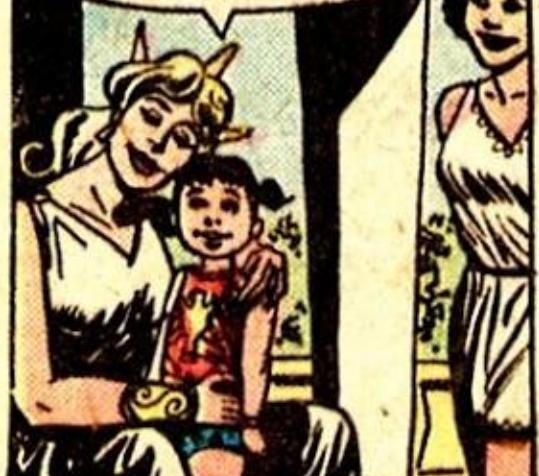
DIDN'T I TELL YOU A GENIE CAN DO ANYTHING? NOW, IF THERE'S ANYTHING YOU EVER WANT-- JUST COME HERE AND ASK ME! FAREWELL, WONDER TOT!

BYE, MISTER GENIE!



AS WONDER TOT FINISHED HER BREATHLESS STORY...

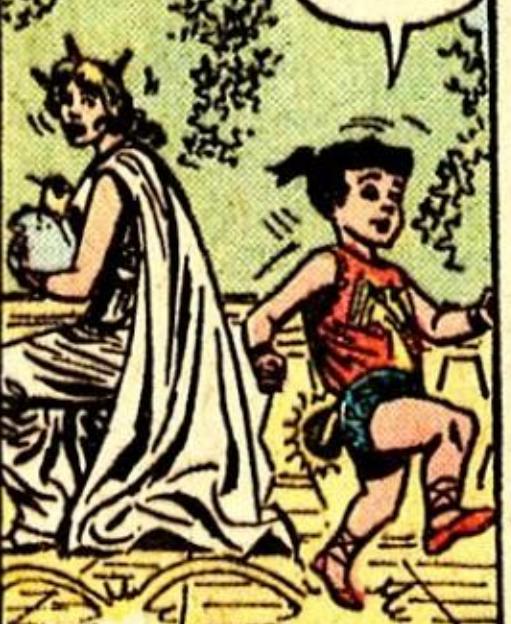
THANK HERA YOU'RE SAFE, WONDER TOT! WHY, THE VERY THOUGHT OF WHAT YOU'VE GONE THROUGH-- MAKES MY BLOOD RUN COLD!



THE NEXT DAY...

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN, WONDER TOT?

OUT!



WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

NOTHING!



I'M AFRAID TO ASK WHAT "NOTHING" MEANS THIS TIME!



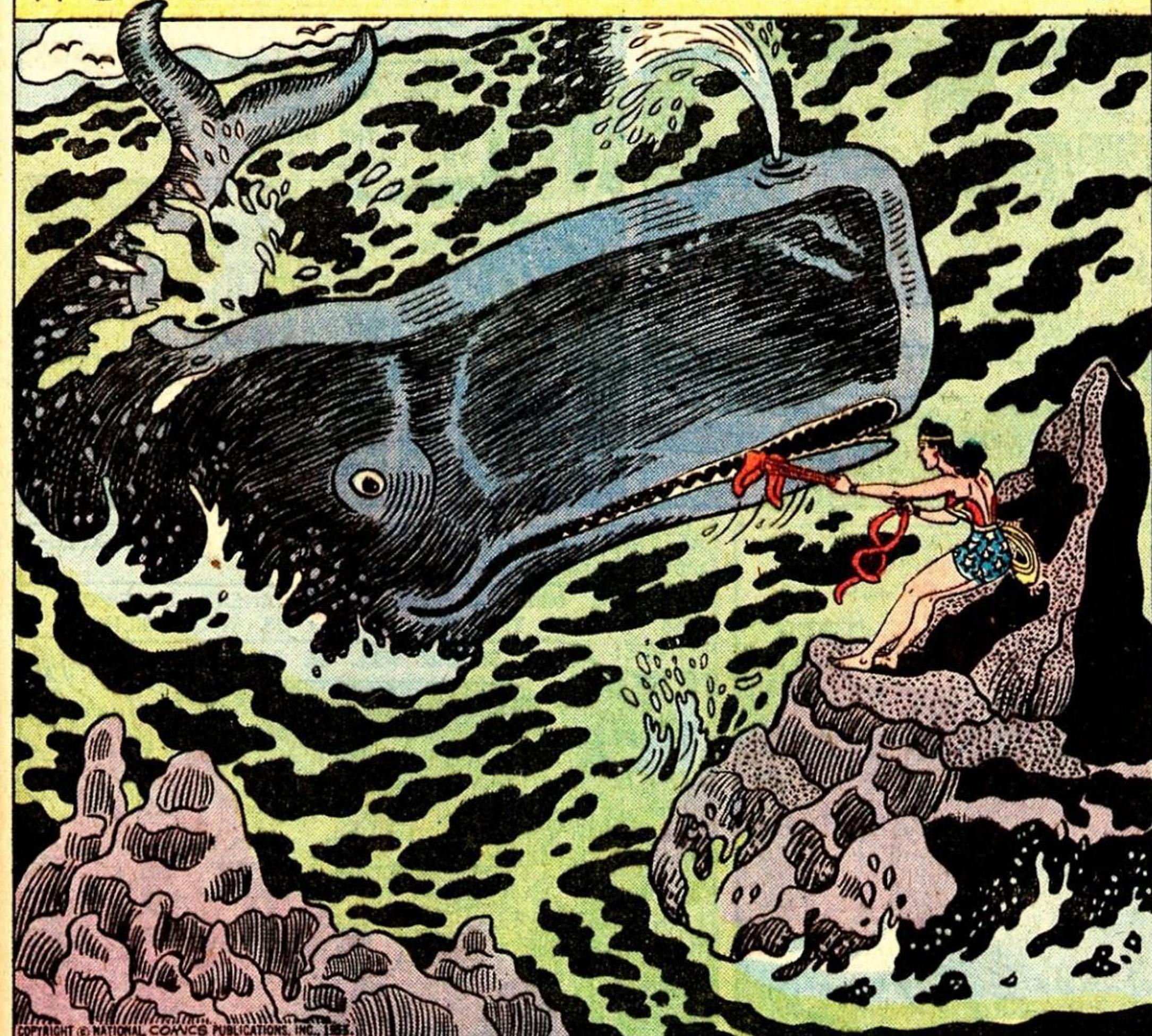
The End

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

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MANY READERS HAVE ASKED FOR THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIQUE COSTUME WORN BY WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, SWIFTER THAN MERCURY, AND STRONGER THAN HERCULES! WE'VE ALREADY REVEALED THE STARTLING STORY BEHIND HER ROBOT PLANE, AND TIARA! HERE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS-----

"The SECRET of WONDER WOMAN'S SANDALS!"



SENSATIONAL HEADLINES IN THE PARADISE ISLAND PRESS REVEAL---

PRINCESS DIANA WINS UNIQUE AMAZON TIARA!

AMAZON PLANE WON BY AMAZON PRINCESS!

PARADISE ISLAND PRESS

PRIZED AMAZON HONORS FALL TO DIANA!

LATER, AT AMAZON QUEEN HIPPOLYTA'S THRONE ROOM---

DIANA! NOW YOU ARE COMPLETELY EQUIPPED FOR FIGHTING CRIME AND INJUSTICE IN MAN'S WORLD—EXCEPT FOR ONE THING! AND UNTIL YOU WIN THIS FINAL OBJECT—YOU CAN'T BE CALLED WONDER WOMAN!



SHORTLY, IN A GROVE ATOP CLOUD CLIFF

HERE IT IS,
DIANA!

BUT MOTHER—!
YOU MUST BE
JESTING!

THESE ARE MINIATURE SANDALS! DOLL SIZE!
THEY COULD NEVER FIT ME!

THESE ARE UNIQUE SANDALS! THEY
GROW IN PROPORTION TO YOUR
DEEDS! THE MIGHTIER THE FEAT—
THE LARGER THEY GROW!

YOU CANNOT WEAR THEM NOW,
DAUGHTER! BUT PERFORM AN
EXPLOIT GREAT ENOUGH—AND
YOU WILL!

BUT HOW? WHERE?
WHEN?

AT THAT MOMENT---A CATACLYSMIC UNDERSEA EXPLOSION IS HEARD ---

MERCIFUL MINERVA! SOME SUBTERRANEAN UPHEAVAL HAS TURNED THE SEA AROUND US INTO BOILING FLAME!

OUR ISLAND WILL BE CONSUMED!

UNHESITATINGLY, THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON
DIVES INTO THE SEA OF FLAME ---

DIANA --:

IF THERE IS EVEN THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF SAVING THE ISLAND AND THE AMAZONS ON IT - I MUST TAKE IT -

DOWN THROUGH THE BOILING WATERS HUR-TLES DIANA ---

THERE'S THE CORAL REEF PARADISE ISLAND IS ATTACHED TO --!

BATTLING THE IMMEASURABLE HEAT, THE HEROIC PRINCESS LOOSENS THE CORAL ---

AND THEN, WITH AN INCREDIBLE SURGE OF TITANIC POWER ---

HOLA!

WITH A THRUST OF HER MIGHTY MUSCLES,
DIANA FASTENS THE ISLAND IN A NEW
PLACE FAR FROM THE FLAMING WATERS---



THERE! THE
ISLAND IS SAFE
HERE!

A ROCKET-LIKE LEAP THROUGH THE WATERS
BRINGS THE TIRELESS AMAZON BACK TO
THE GLADE---

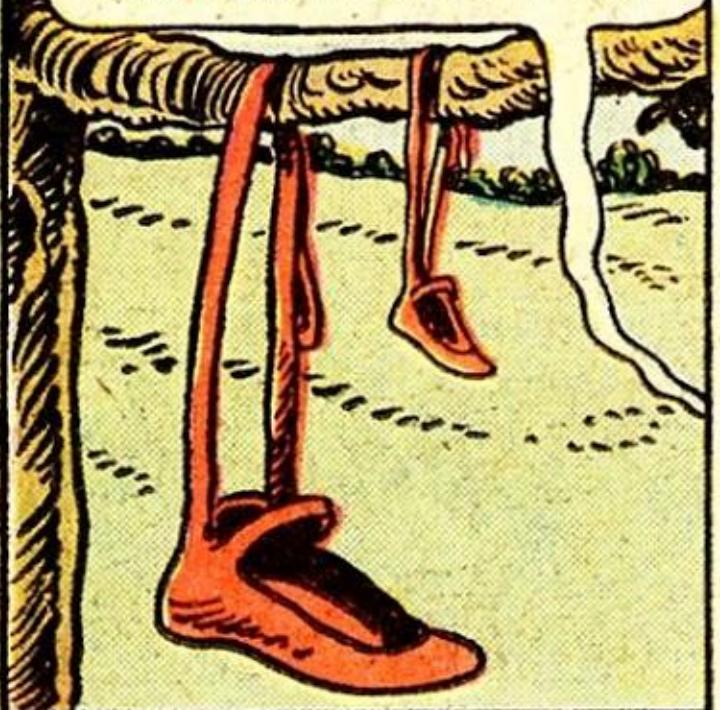


THAT WAS
WONDERFUL,
DAUGHTER!

THE SANDALS CERTAINLY
SHOULD HAVE GROWN TO
MY SIZE NOW!

BUT---

MOTHER! LOOK! ONLY
ONE OF THE SANDALS
HAS GROWN TO FIT ME!



I'M AFRAID ONE SANDAL
ISN'T ENOUGH TO COMPLETE
YOUR WONDER WOMAN
COSTUME! ANOTHER GREAT
FEAT IS NEEDED!



I CAN'T JUST GO OUT
LOOKING FOR THINGS
TO DO, MOTHER!

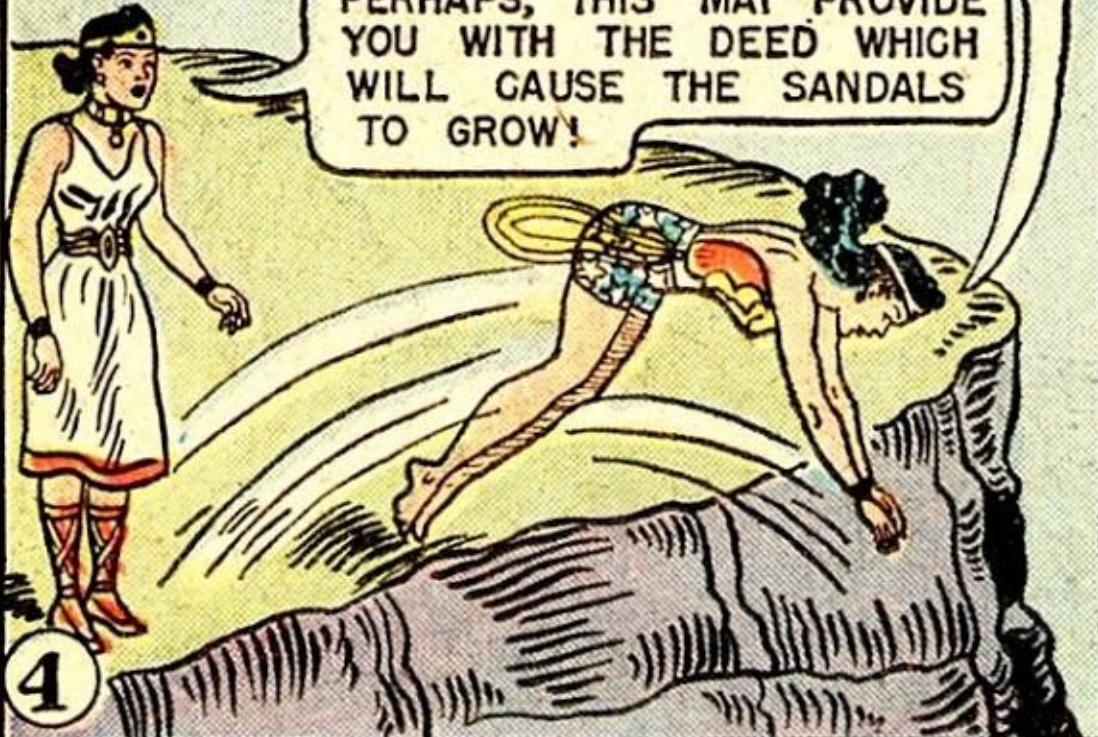
IT MAY TAKE YEARS BEFORE
ANYTHING MOMENTOUS HAP-
PENS TO NEED MY HELP---
YEARS---



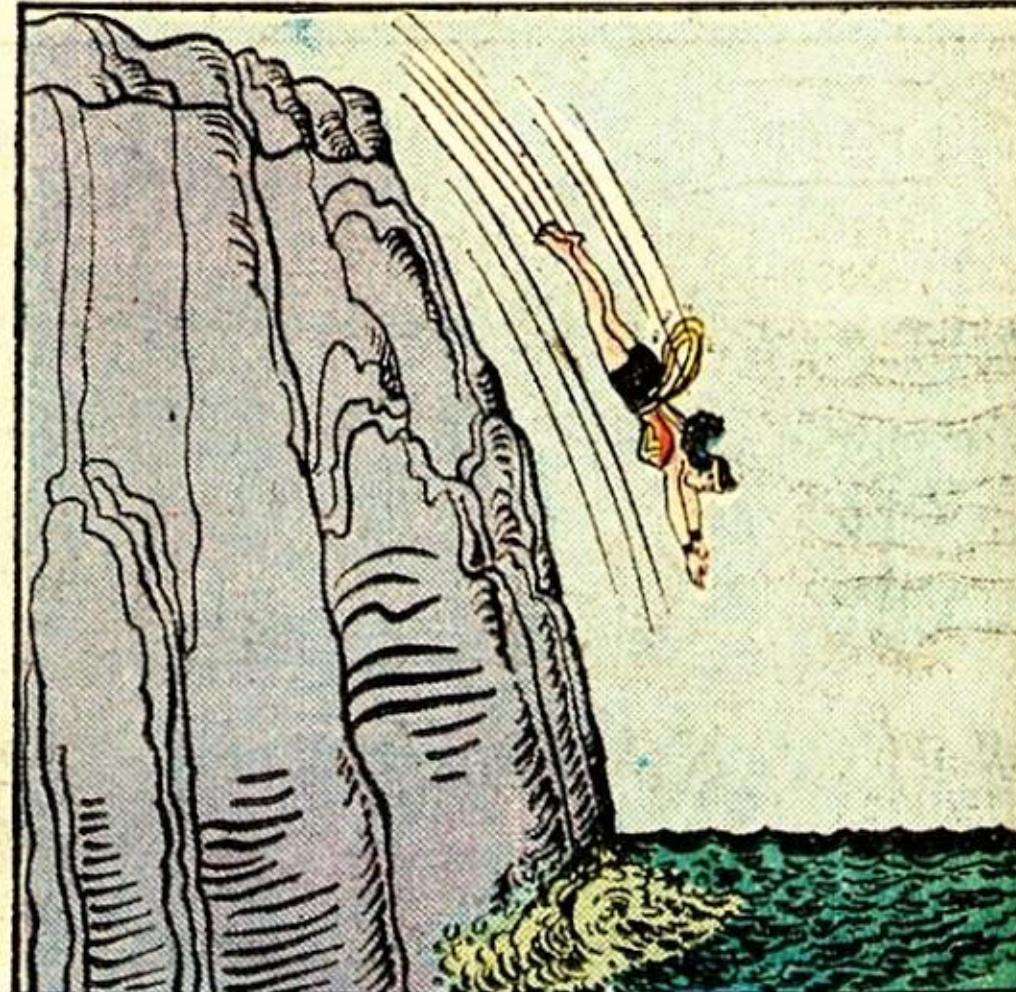
AT THAT MOMENT---THE INCREDIBLE KEEN
HEARING OF THE ALERT AMAZON DETECTS---

A FAINT CRY FOR HELP—FROM THE SEA!

PERHAPS, THIS MAY PROVIDE
YOU WITH THE DEED WHICH
WILL CAUSE THE SANDALS
TO GROW!



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WITH LIGHTNING STROKES THE MIGHTY AMAZON HURLES THROUGH THE WATER IN THE DIRECTION OF THE FAINT OUTCRY---

HELP!

HELP!

BY NEPTUNE'S TRIDENT!
A GIANT WHALE HAS
LIFTED A WHALING
SHIP CLEAR OUT OF
THE WATER!

I'VE GOT TO GET THAT SHIP BACK ON THE WATER BEFORE IT'S SMASHED BY THE WHALE'S TAIL—OR IS TURNED OVER!

AS DIANA COMES WITHIN REACH OF THE GARGANTUAN TAIL, IT LASHES DOWN---

I'VE
COME
TOO
CLOSE!

WITH FORCE THAT WOULD HAVE CRUSHED ANY HUMAN, THE AMAZON IS BATTERED BELOW THE SURFACE ---

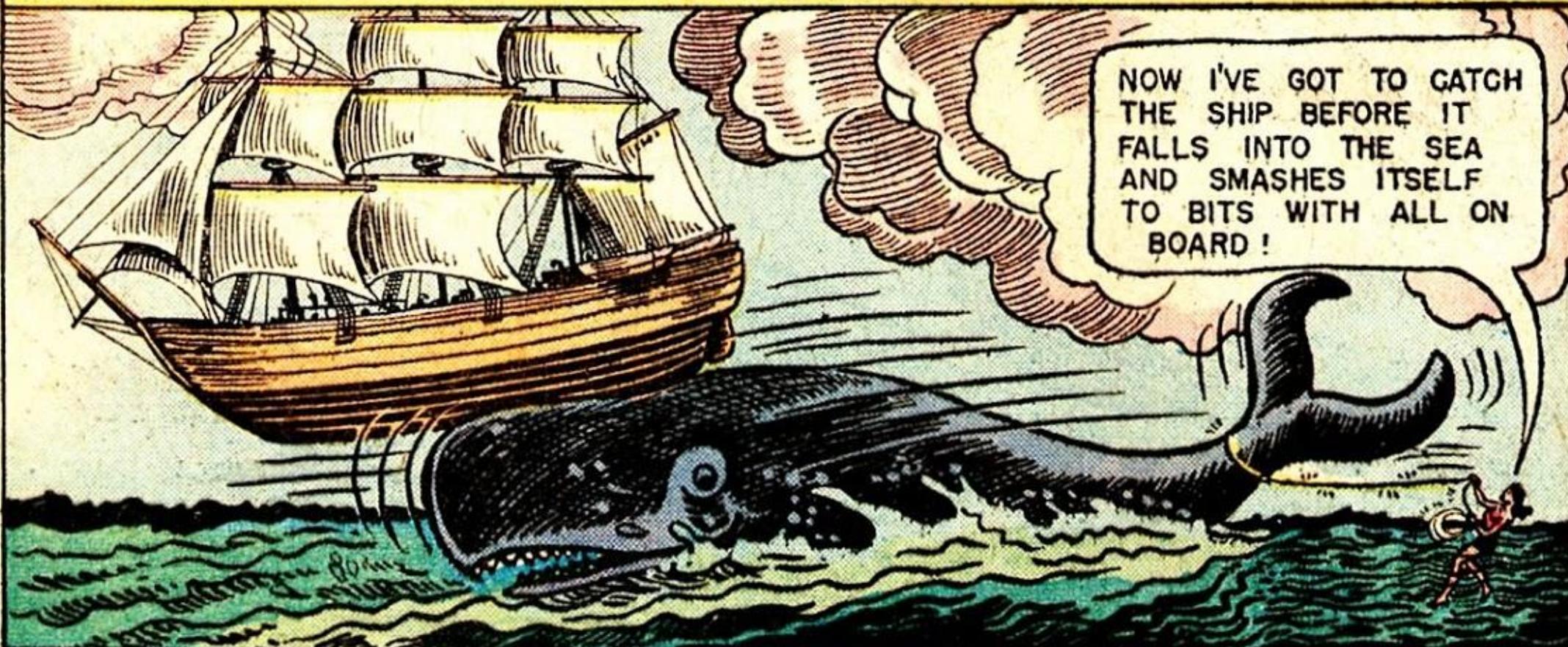
BUT BATTLING AGAINST THE WAVES OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS WHICH THREATEN TO ENGULF HER---

MUST---GET BACK---BEFORE THAT SHIP---IS DESTROYED---

FINALLY REACHING THE SURFACE ---THE UNCONQUERABLE PRINCESS HURLS HER AMAZON LASSO AT THE HUGE SEA BEAST ---

THIS MUST WORK---
THE FIRST TIME---
I WON'T HAVE---
ANOTHER CHANCE---

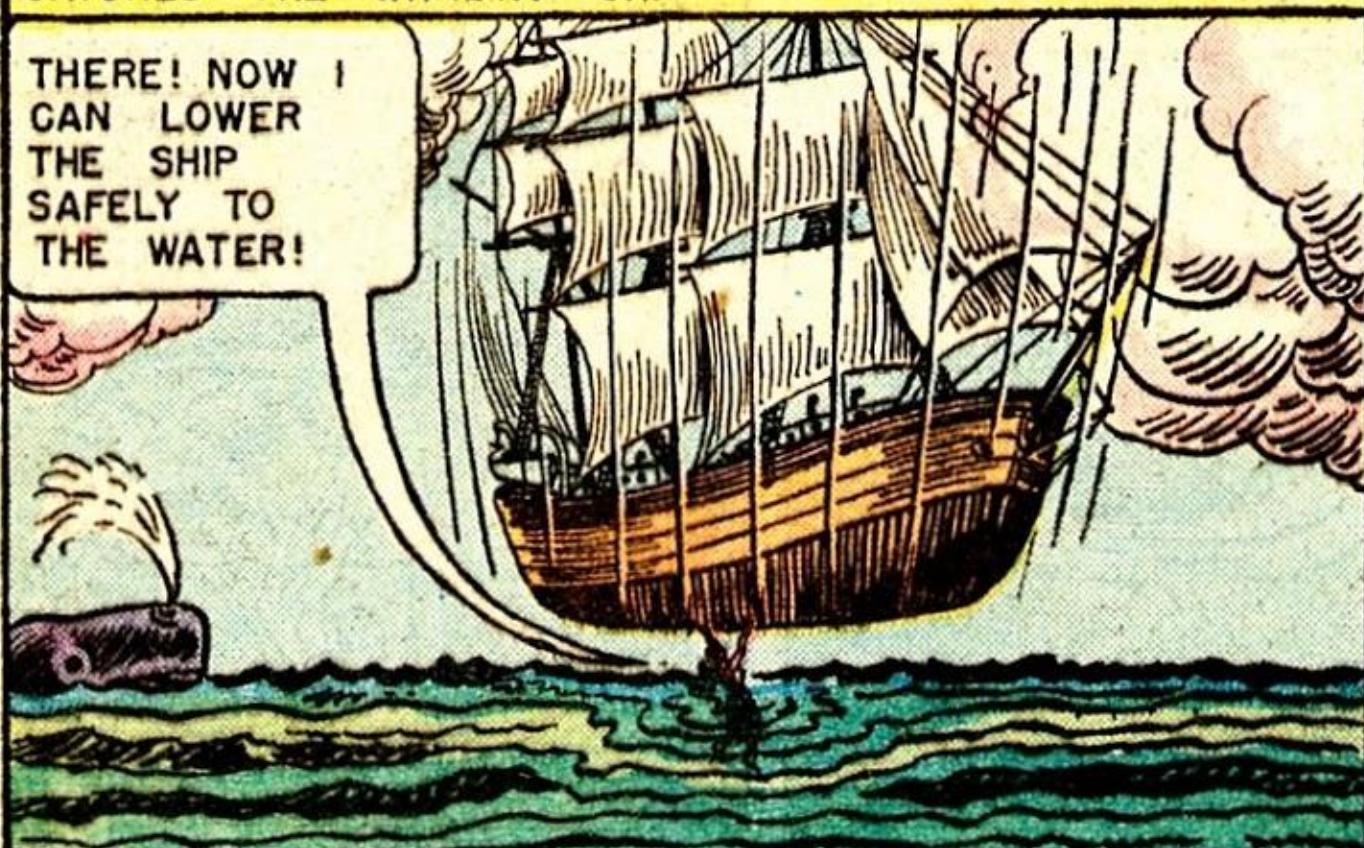
LASSOING THE WHALE'S TAIL, THE MIGHTY AMAZON SLIDES IT OUT FROM UNDER THE WHALING SHIP ON ITS BACK WITH INCREDIBLE RAPIDITY---



NOW I'VE GOT TO CATCH THE SHIP BEFORE IT FALLS INTO THE SEA AND SMASHES ITSELF TO BITS WITH ALL ON BOARD!

WITH PERFECT BALANCE, THE DAUNTLESS PRINCESS CATCHES THE WHALING SHIP---

THERE! NOW I CAN LOWER THE SHIP SAFELY TO THE WATER!



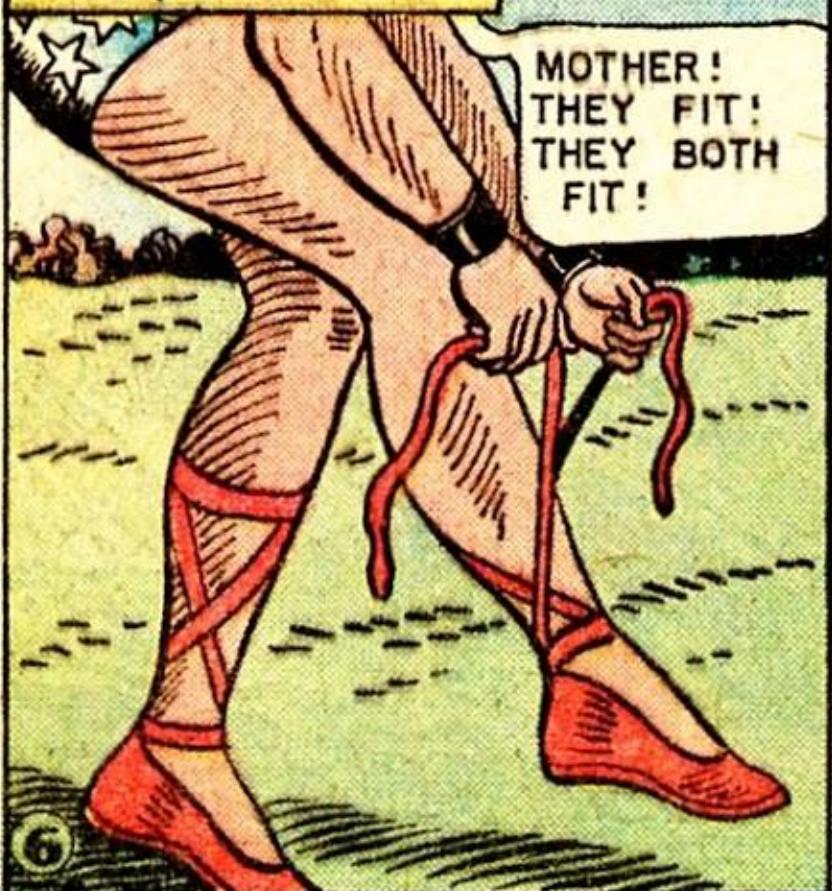
RETRIEVING HER AMAZON LASSO WHICH THE WHALE DROPPED WHEN FLEEING---

WILL THIS FEAT BE SUFFICIENT TO MAKE THE SECOND SANDAL GROW TO MY SIZE?



BACK TO PARADISE ISLAND DIANA RACES, WHERE---

MOTHER! THEY FIT! THEY BOTH FIT!



NOW INDEED CAN YOU BE CALLED WONDER WOMAN-- TO BATTLE CRIME AND INJUSTICE WHEREVER YOU MAY FIND IT!

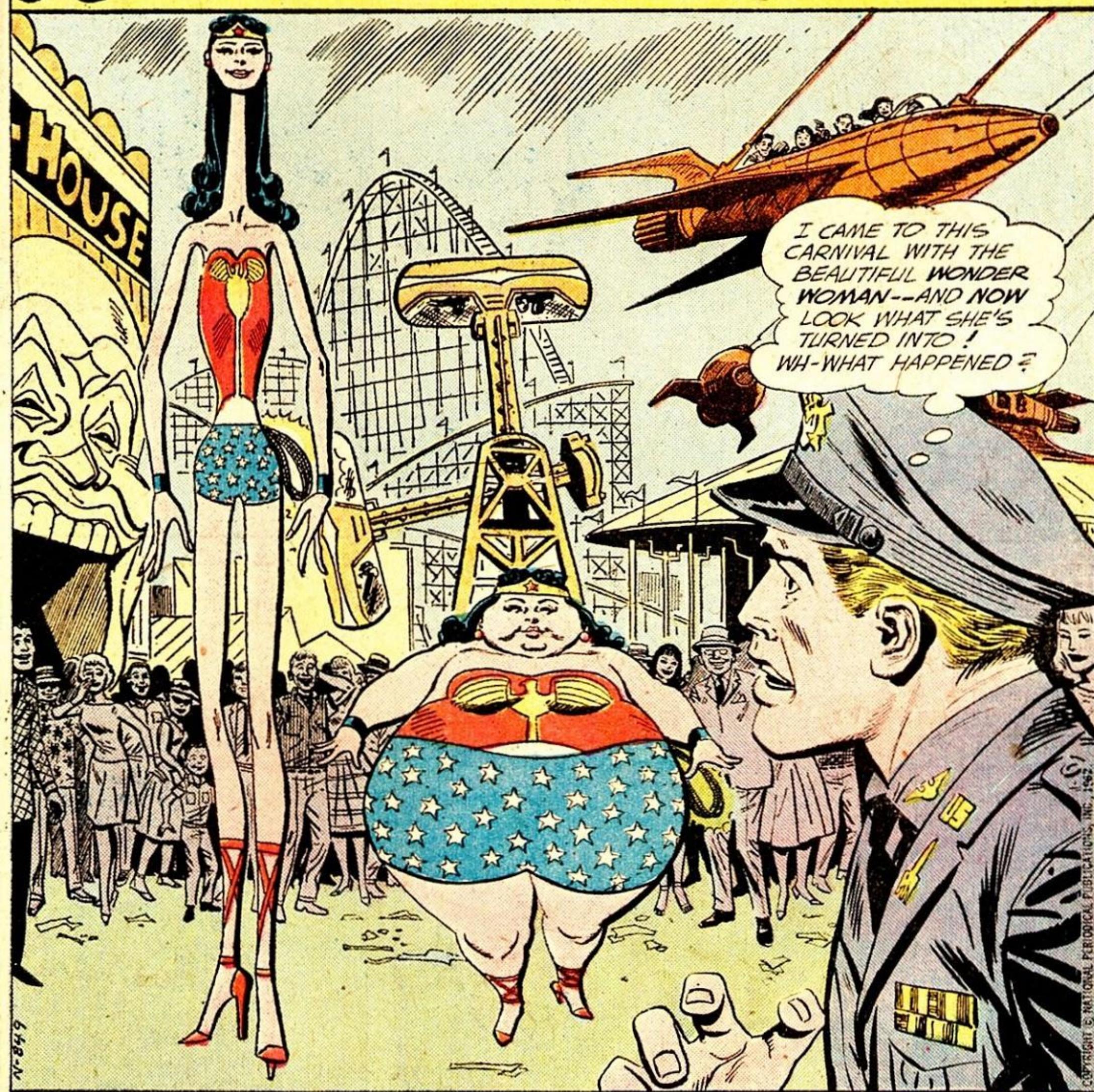
HOLA!



END

Wonder Woman

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IF THERE WAS ONE THING STEVE TREVOR KNEW--
IT WAS THAT WONDER WOMAN WAS THE MOST
BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD!
BUT WHAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT EVERY TIME
HE REJECTED DIANA PRINCE FOR WONDER WOMAN--
HE WAS FANNING THE FLAMES OF WRATH OF TWO
FEMALE'S! OR RATHER ONE--WITH TWO IDENTITIES!
PUZZLED? THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING OF...

**The MIRAGE
MIRRORS!**

AS LONG AS SHE CAN RECALL, EVERY TIME LT. DIANA PRINCE EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO COL. STEVE TREVOR...

HOW ABOUT JOINING ME TONIGHT, STEVE? I HAVE TWO PASSES TO THE THEATRE!

I'LL TAKE A RAIN CHECK, DIANA--I'VE GOT A DATE WITH WONDER WOMAN!

STEVE--I'VE GOT A BRAND NEW RECIPE FOR VEAL PARMIGIAN! HOW ABOUT COMING OVER FOR DINNER TONIGHT?

SOME OTHER TIME, DIANA! I'M ON MY WAY TO MEET WONDER WOMAN!

WANT TO TRY THE NEW ROLLER SKATING PLACE THAT JUST OPENED, STEVE?

SORRY, DIANA--I EXPECT A CALL FROM WONDER WOMAN!

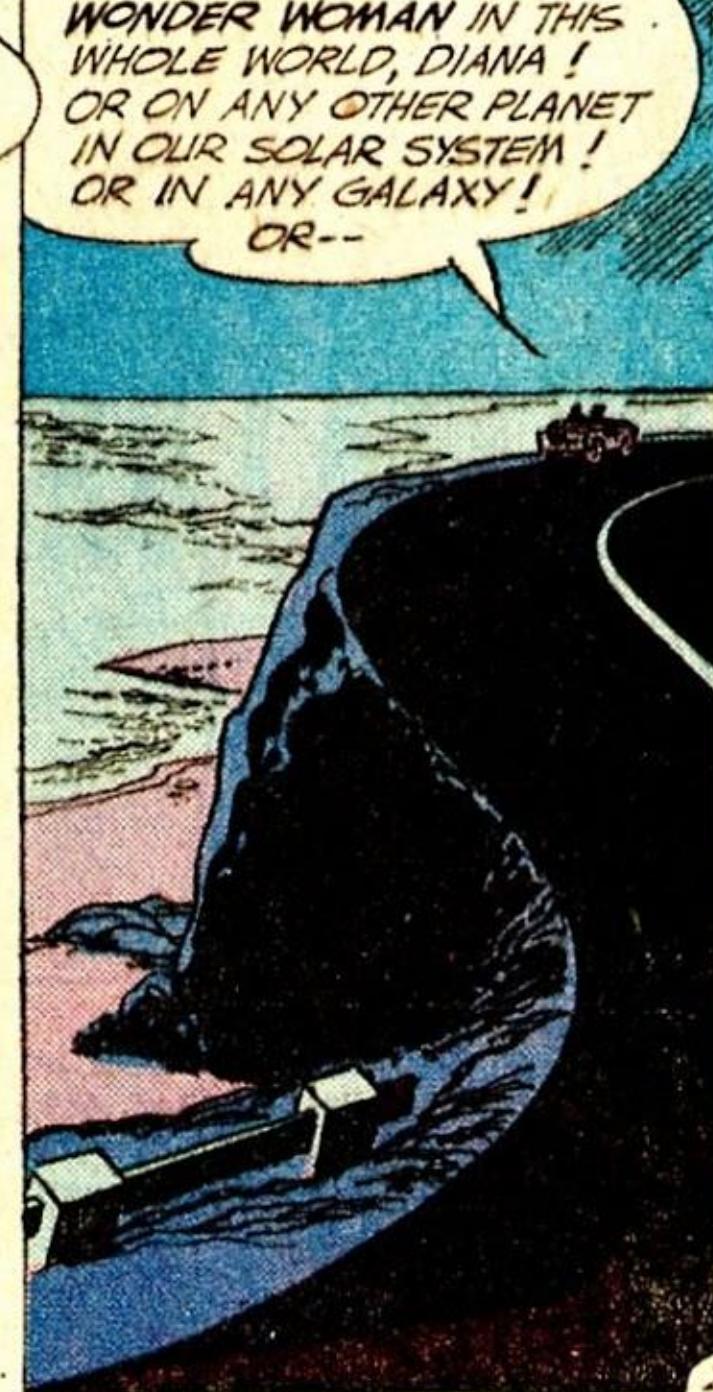


AND WHEN STEVE FINALLY DID GO OUT WITH DIANA...

ISN'T WONDER WOMAN THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD, DIANA? THE BRAVEST? THE MOST FEARLESS? THE MOST GENEROUS? THE MOST--

DID YOU EVER SEE ANYTHING LIKE WONDER WOMAN'S FLASHING EYES, DIANA? HER SHINING HAIR? HER KNOCKOUT FIGURE? HER--

THERE'S NO ONE LIKE WONDER WOMAN IN THIS WHOLE WORLD, DIANA! OR ON ANY OTHER PLANET IN OUR SOLAR SYSTEM! OR IN ANY GALAXY! OR--



ALONE, DIANA EXPLODES...

THE NERVE OF STEVE!
ALWAYS PRAISING
WONDER WOMAN IN
MY PRESENCE AS IF
I WERE JUST A
WOODEN POST! HE
NEVER SAYS A
SINGLE NICE THING
ABOUT MY EYES--
OR MY HAIR--
OR MY FIGURE!

AND IT'S EVEN
MORE INSULTING--
BECAUSE IN
MY SECRET
DUAL IDENTITY--
I, DIANA
PRINCE, AM
REALLY
WONDER
WOMAN!

SUMMONING HER ROBOT PLANE...

I'D LIKE TO TEACH STEVE
A LESSON HE'LL NEVER
FORGET! BUT HOW? I
THINK MOTHER MIGHT
BE ABLE TO HELP ME!

IN FLASHING
MOMENTS--
THE
FANTASTICALLY
FLEET PLANE
FLIES WONDER
WOMAN TO
PARADISE
ISLAND, SECRET
HOME OF THE
AMAZONS, AND
QUEEN HIPPOLYTA,
HER MOTHER...

I KNOW EXACTLY
HOW YOU FEEL,
DAUGHTER!
WHEN HERCULES
WAS COURTING
ME --HE ACTED
JUST AS STEVE
DOES!

OH, MOTHER! THIS
IS THE FIRST I
HEARD ABOUT
YOUR COURTING
DAYS! SO THE MOST
FAMOUS STRONG
MAN IN ALL THE
WORLD WAS ONE OF
YOUR SUITORS? TELL
ME ALL ABOUT IT?
PLEASE?

HERCULES ACTED AS
FOOLISHLY AS ANY
SCHOOLBOY IN HIS
EFFORTS TO IMPRESS
ME!

THUS WOULD I, THE MIGHTY
HERCULES, DO TO ANY WHO
DARED THREATEN A SINGLE
HAIR OF MY BEAUTIFUL
HIPPOLYTA'S HEAD!

I HAVE
NOT YET
SAID I
WOULD
BE "YOURS,"
GREAT
HERCULES!

CRAACK!

"AND THEN I SHOWED THE BRAGGING STRONG MAN THAT STRENGTH COULD BE USED IN ALL KINDS OF WAYS BY..."

THUNDERBOLTS OF JOVE!
YOU PRESSED THE HALVES
OF THE TREE TOGETHER--
AND MADE IT WHOLE
AGAIN!

KRRUNG!

I'M NOT EXACTLY
HELPLESS, HERCULES!
MERE STRENGTH IN A
MAN DOES NOT IMPRESS
ME AS MUCH AS OTHER
VIRTUES!

"NOW, HERCULES DID NOT KNOW THAT IN MY SECRET DUAL IDENTITY, I WAS ALSO A MERE SOLDIER IN THE AMAZON ARMY..."

QUEEN HIPPOLYTA IS AS
BEAUTIFUL AS THE GODDESS
APHRODITE! NAY--MORE SO,
AMAZON SOLDIER! SHE'S
MORE RADIANT THAN THE
SUN! MORE--

HOW FORTUNATE YOU
ARE--TO BE ABLE TO GAZE
UPON THE QUEEN'S BEAUTY
WHENEVER YOU WISH! IT
IS A WONDER HER BEAUTY
DOES NOT BLIND YOU!
IT--

YOU MUST BE SPEECHLESS
WHEN THE BEAUTIFUL
HIPPOLYTA SPEAKS TO
YOU! YOU MUST ACT
AS IF STRICKEN DUMB!
AS IF--



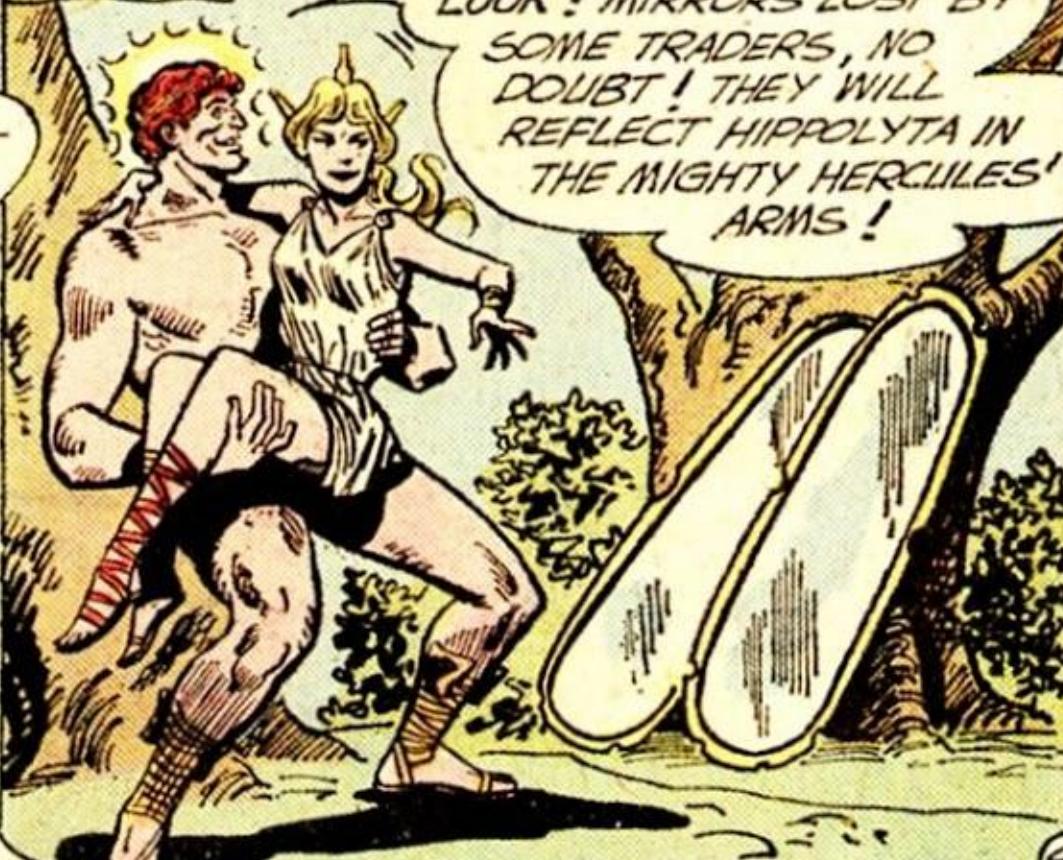
"ONE DAY I DECIDED TO TEACH THE RUDE
HERCULES A LESSON... I TOOK HIM FOR
A WALK IN THE WITCHING WOODS..."

IF I CATCH YOU,
BEAUTIFUL HIPPOLYTA--
YOU MUST PAY WITH
A KISS!



"I LET THE BRAGGING STRONG MAN CATCH
ME..."

LOOK! MIRRORS LOST BY
SOME TRADERS, NO
DOUBT! THEY WILL
REFLECT HIPPOLYTA IN
THE MIGHTY HERCULES'
ARMS!



"BUT, HERCULES' SMIRK OF TRIUMPH FROZE ON HIS LIPS AS HE REALIZED WHAT WAS IN HIS ARMS!!!"

SH-SH-SHADES OF PLUTO!
WH-WH-WHAT HAPPENED
TO THE BEAUTEOUS
HIPPOLYTA?

I--I MUST HAVE BEEN BEWITCHED TO HAVE EVER THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL!

HA!
HA!

THE BRAGGING HERCULES WASN'T BEWITCHED BEFORE! BUT HE IS NOW! IN THIS MIRAGE-MIRROR HE SAW ME AS I WANTED TO BE! AND THROUGH IT-- I CAN ASSUME ANY SHAPE I WANT!

"LATER, HERCULES SPOKE TO ME IN MY DUAL IDENTITY... BUT HIS TONE WAS DIFFERENT!"...

HOW ABOUT A RIDE IN MY CHARIOT, LASS?

"SO WAS MINE..."

I HAVE BEEN SPOKEN FOR!

AS QUEEN HIPPOLYTA FINISHES HER TALE...

IF I ONLY HAD THOSE MIRAGE-MIRRORS,
MOTHER--I WOULD BE ABLE TO TEACH
STEVE A LESSON--THE WAY YOU DID
HERCULES! BUT--I SUPPOSE THEY'RE
STILL IN THAT WITCHING WOOD?



AND SO THE MIRAGE-MIRRORS ARE PLACED
ABOARD THE ROBOT PLANE...

NOW--ALL I HAVE TO DO IS WAIT
FOR THE RIGHT TIME TO USE
THEM AND--!



YOU OUGHT
TO KNOW
YOUR MOTHER
BETTER THAN
THAT, DAUGHTER!
YOU KNOW I
SAVE EVERY-
THING IN CASE
IT MIGHT BE
NEEDED AGAIN!
FROM A BENT
SAFETY PIN
TO--

--MIRAGE-MIRRORS! OH,
MOTHER--YOU'RE THE
REAL WONDER WOMAN!



BUT, THE HEART OF A WOMAN IS NOTORIOUSLY
SOFT, AND...

I HAVEN'T HEARD
FROM WONDER WOMAN IN DAYS,
DIANA! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO
WITH ME TO THE \$100 A TICKET
CHARITY CARNIVAL?
I HAVE TWO!

OH--
I'D
LOVE
TO,
STEVE!



AFTER THE COLONEL LEAVES...

I CAN'T
PLAY A
TRICK ON STEVE
TO TEACH HIM A
LESSON--AFTER
HE'S INVITED ME
OUT AS DIANA!
I'LL RETURN THE
MIRAGE-MIRRORS
TO MOTHER! FIRST--
I'LL CALL STEVE
AND ASK HIM OVER
TO DINNER!



HOWEVER, TO DIANA'S CONSTERNATION, FOR-
GETTING STEVE WILL MISTAKE HER VOICE FOR
WONDER WOMAN'S...

STEVE--?
I JUST--

WONDER WOMAN?
ANGEL! WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?
NOW--I'LL HAVE TO WIGGLE
OUT OF MY DATE WITH DIANA
PRINCE--SO I CAN TAKE
YOU TO THE CHARITY
CARNIVAL!



AFTER HER INFURIATING PHONE CALL...

ALL RIGHT, COLONEL STEVE TREVOR!
THIS IS THE LAST TIME YOU'LL INSULT ME! AND THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO USE THOSE MIRAGE-MIRRORS TO TEACH YOU A LESSON IN MANNERS AT THE CHARITY CARNIVAL!



BUT--FATE WAS STEPPING INTO THE PICTURE, TOO--FOR IT WAS THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR WONDER WOMAN'S OLD CRIMINAL ANTAGONIST--ANGLE MAN...

THE CHARITY CARNIVAL WILL HAVE AT LEAST 5000 TICKETS SOLD AT A HUNDRED BUCKS EACH! THAT'S HALF A MILLION DOLLARS IN MY LANGUAGE!



TWO BOX OFFICES WILL BE TAKING IN THE MONEY! SO WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO GROUPS TO TAKE THOSE TWO BOX OFFICES! IN TWO DIFFERENT WAYS! HA! HA! HA!

MEANWHILE...

SORRY ABOUT BREAKING OUR DATE, DIANA! BUT-- YOU KNOW WONDER WOMAN COMES FIRST! SHE'S SO BEAUTIFUL--SHE MAKES EVERYONE ELSE LOOK LIKE MUD HENS! I MEAN--YOU UNDERSTAND?

YES...STEVE... I UNDERSTAND...



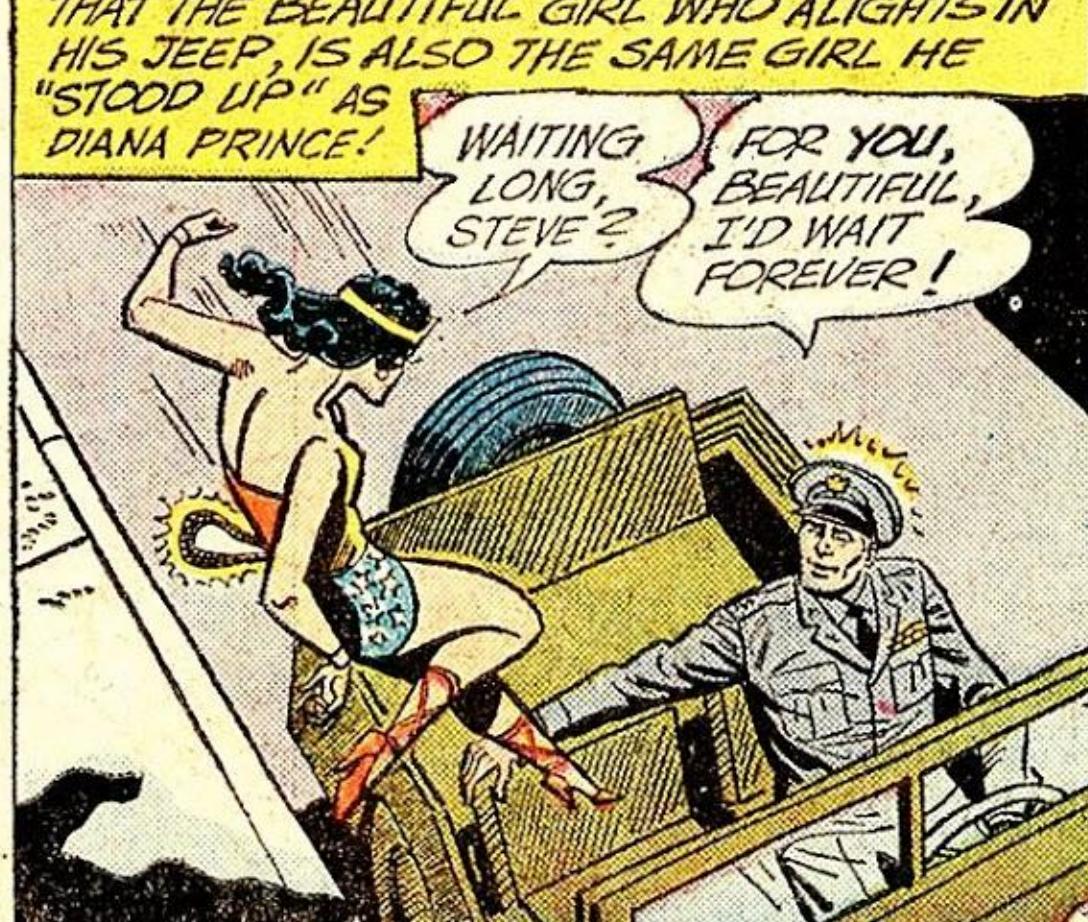
WHEN STEVE LEAVES TO "MEET" WONDER WOMAN...

I HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PUT THE MIRAGE-MIRRORS IN PLACE AT THE CHARITY CARNIVAL!



A MOMENT LATER, STEVE DOESN'T REALIZE THAT THE BEAUTIFUL GIRL WHO ALIGHTS IN HIS JEEP, IS ALSO THE SAME GIRL HE "STOOD UP" AS DIANA PRINCE!

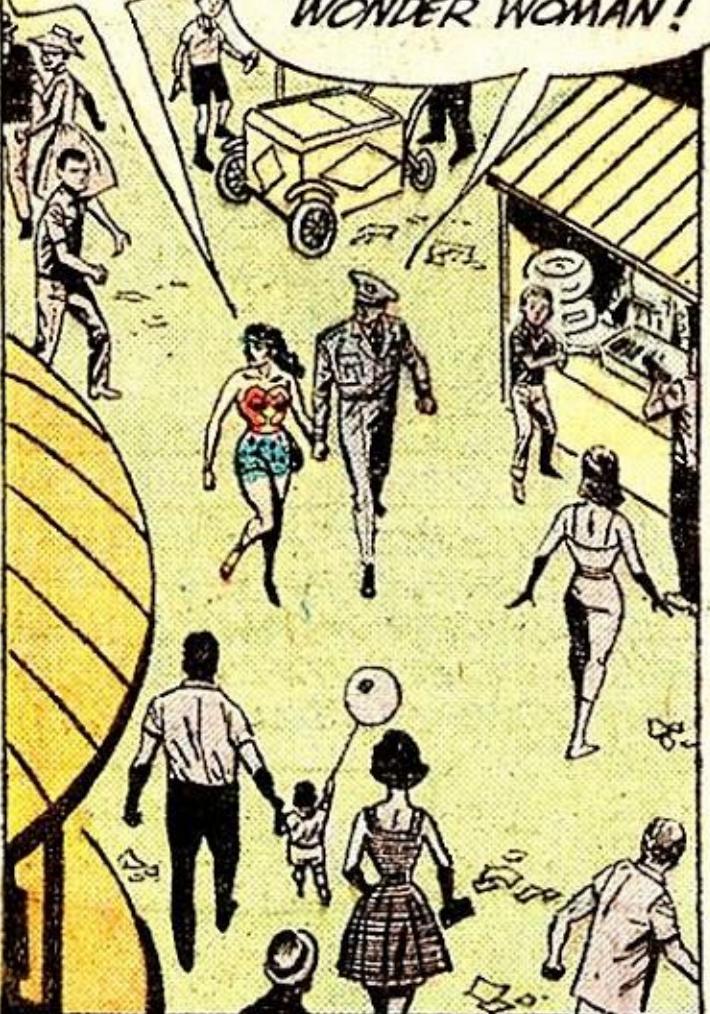
WAITING LONG, STEVE?
FOR YOU, BEAUTIFUL, I'D WAIT FOREVER!



AS WONDER WOMAN AND STEVE STROLL THROUGH THE CHARITY CARNIVAL...

WHAT ARE ALL THE PEOPLE LOOKING AT?

AT ME, BEAUTIFUL, FOR BEING LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE DATING THE MOST GORGEOUS BEAUTY IN THE WORLD-- WONDER WOMAN!



OH--LOOK, STEVE! FUN MIRRORS! LET'S SEE WHAT THEY MAKE US LOOK LIKE?

THEY COULD DISTORT ME INTO A HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN--! BUT--NOTHING COULD MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE ANYTHING BUT THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GIRL IN THE WORLD!



UNKNOWN TO STEVE, HE DOESN'T REALIZE IT IS NO ORDINARY MIRROR HE AND WONDER WOMAN LOOK INTO...

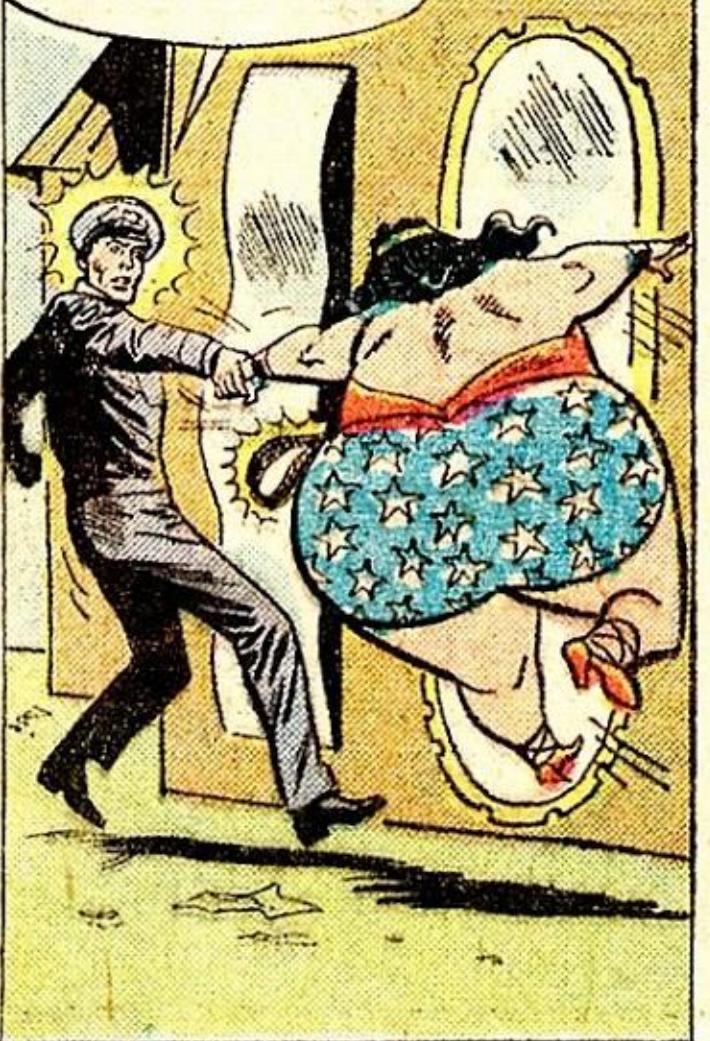
WH--WHAT'S WRONG? I-I DON'T LOOK DIFFERENT--B-B- BUT YOU--?! W-WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU?

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING UNUSUAL!



BUT, AS STEVE YANKS WONDER WOMAN AWAY...

LET'S GET AWAY FROM THAT INFERNAL MIRROR--SO YOU CAN RETURN TO YOUR OWN BEAUTIFUL SELF AGAIN! G-G-GREAT-- G-G-GREAT-- GREAT--??!!



WHAT'S THE MATTER, STEVE? YOU LOOK AS IF YOU'VE SEEN A GHOST!

I-- GULP-- GULP-- I... ??!!

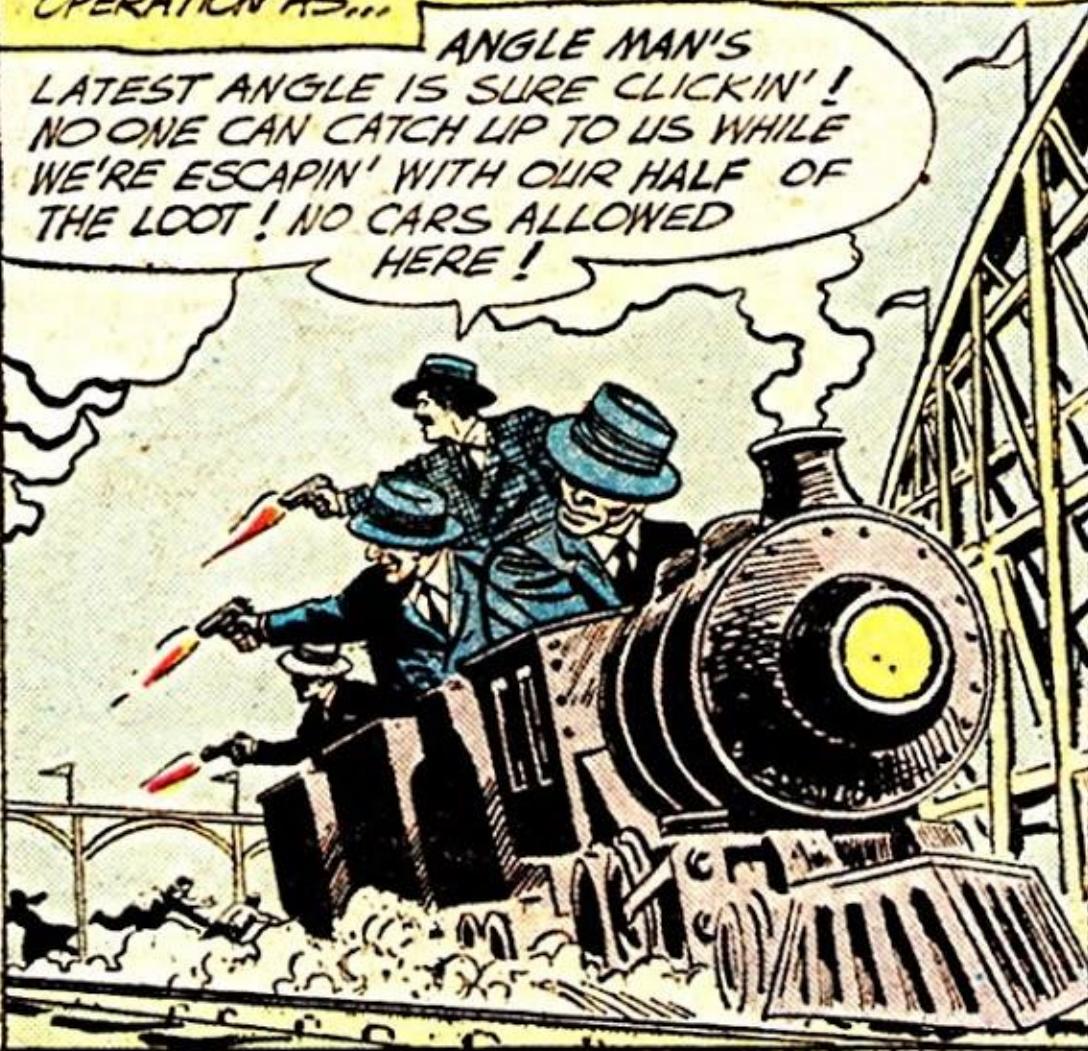


STEVE IS TRYING TO HIDE FROM ME THE DISMAY HE FEELS AT THE NEW WAY I LOOK! HE CAME HERE WITH AN AMAZON--AND FINDS HIMSELF WITH A CIRCUS FAT LADY! THANKS TO THE MIRAGE-MIRROR!



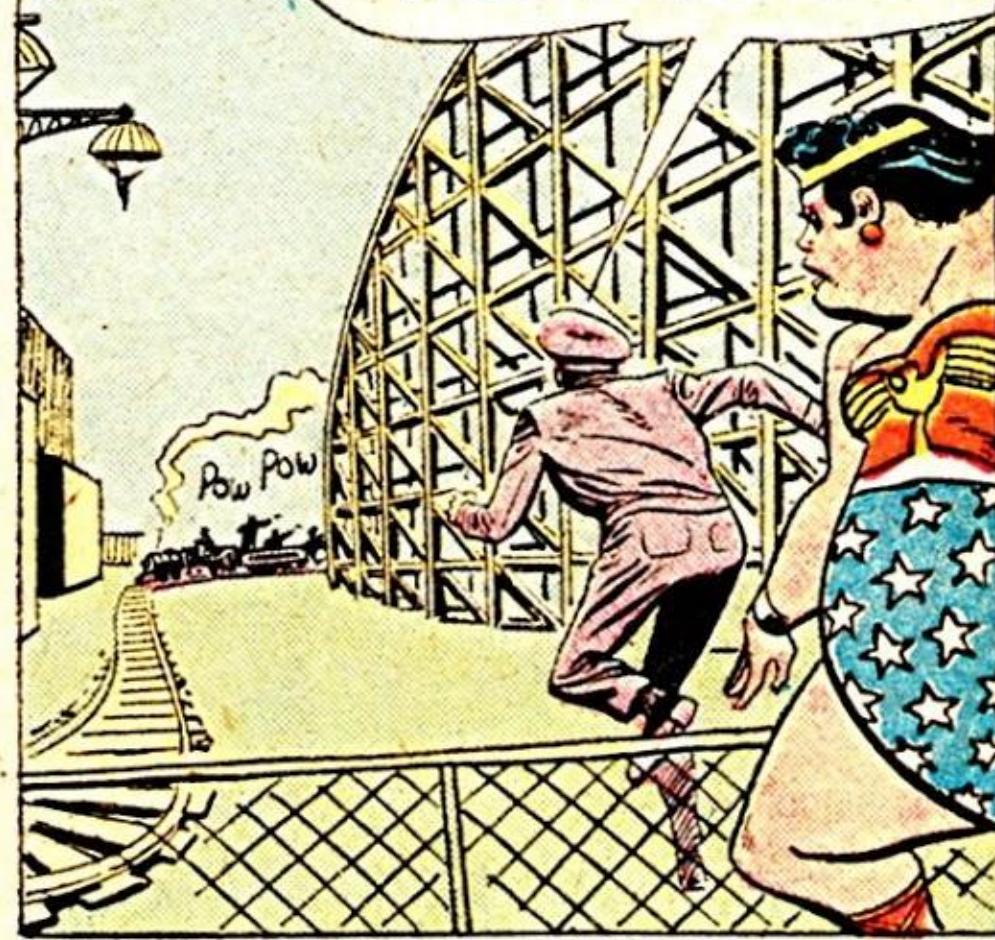
JUST THEN, PART ONE OF ANGLE MAN'S SCHEME TO LOOT THE CHARITY CARNIVAL ROLLS INTO OPERATION AS...

ANGLE MAN'S LATEST ANGLE IS SURE CLICKIN'! NO ONE CAN CATCH UP TO US WHILE WE'RE ESCAPIN' WITH OUR HALF OF THE LOOT! NO CARS ALLOWED HERE!



BUT...

LOOKS LIKE A ROBBERY! GOT TO TRY TO STOP THEM! YOU'D BETTER STAY HERE, WONDER WOMAN! YOU'RE HELPLESS IN THIS SHAPE!



BUT THE ROTUND AMAZON ROLLS FORWARD LIKE A HUMAN CANNONBALL... WHIRLING FASTER AND FASTER ALONG THE MINIATURE RAILROAD TRACKS UNTIL...



AS THE DAZED GUNMEN ARE TAKEN AWAY,
THE EFFECT OF THE MIRAGE-MIRROR
WEARS OFF...

WONDER WOMAN--
YOU'RE BACK AGAIN?!
I--I MEAN--I GUESS
I MUST HAVE HAD A
NIGHTMARE IN THE
DAYTIME!

HE THINKS HE'S
IMAGINED THE
SHAPE I BECAME!
HE'S RELIEVED I'M
THE SAME GIRL
FOR WHOM HE'S
ALWAYS THROWN
DIANA PRINCE
OVER!

THERE ISN'T A MAN IN
THE WORLD THAT
WOULDN'T TRADE
PLACES WITH ME,
BEAUTIFUL! LOOK
AT THEM ALL
LOOK AT ME!

STEVE IS SO BUSY
LOOKING AT OTHER
PEOPLE LOOKING
AT HIM, THAT HE
DOESN'T REALIZE
WHERE I'M TAKING
HIM TO NEXT!



THE NEXT
MOMENT...

WHAT'S THE
MATTER,
STEVE?

OH NO!--
OH NO!--IT
CAN'T HAPPEN
TO ME!--IT
CAN'T!

ONCE AGAIN, THE STRANGE
COUPLE EVOKE LAUGHTER
AS...

STEVE IS BEGINNING
TO FEEL A LITTLE OF THE
EMBARRASSMENT HE'S
CAUSED DIANA PRINCE ALL
THESE YEARS! HE DOESN'T
KNOW I GOT THE IDEA
FOR THESE CHANGES FROM
THE JUSTICE LEAGUE
OF AMERICA CASE:
"The COSMIC FUN
HOUSE!"

YOU ALWAYS WANT TO GO
ON THE TUNNEL OF LOVE
RIDE, TO STEAL 'A KISS
FROM ME,
STEVE! SEE
ONE AROUND?

N-N-NO!
I--I HEARD
IT'S C-C-
CONDEMNED!
TH-TH-THERE
WAS A CAVE-
IN!

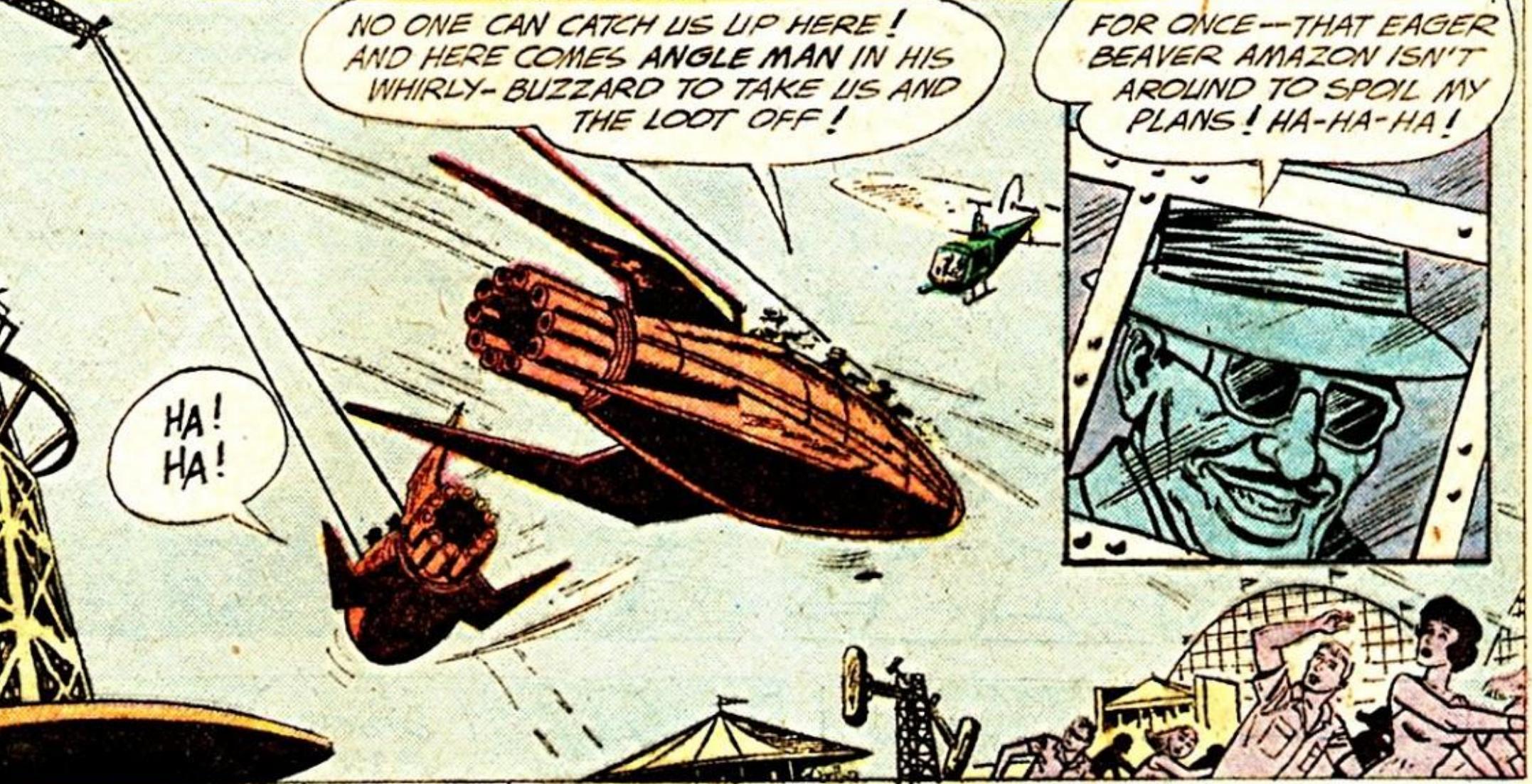


JUST THEN... RAUCOUS LAUGHTER AND GUN SHOTS ARE HEARD FROM A NEARBY RIDE AS...

NO ONE CAN CATCH US UP HERE!
AND HERE COMES ANGLE MAN IN HIS
WHIRLY-BUZZARD TO TAKE US AND
THE LOOT OFF!

FOR ONCE--THAT EAGER
BEAVER AMAZON ISN'T
AROUND TO SPOIL MY
PLANS! HA-HA-HA!

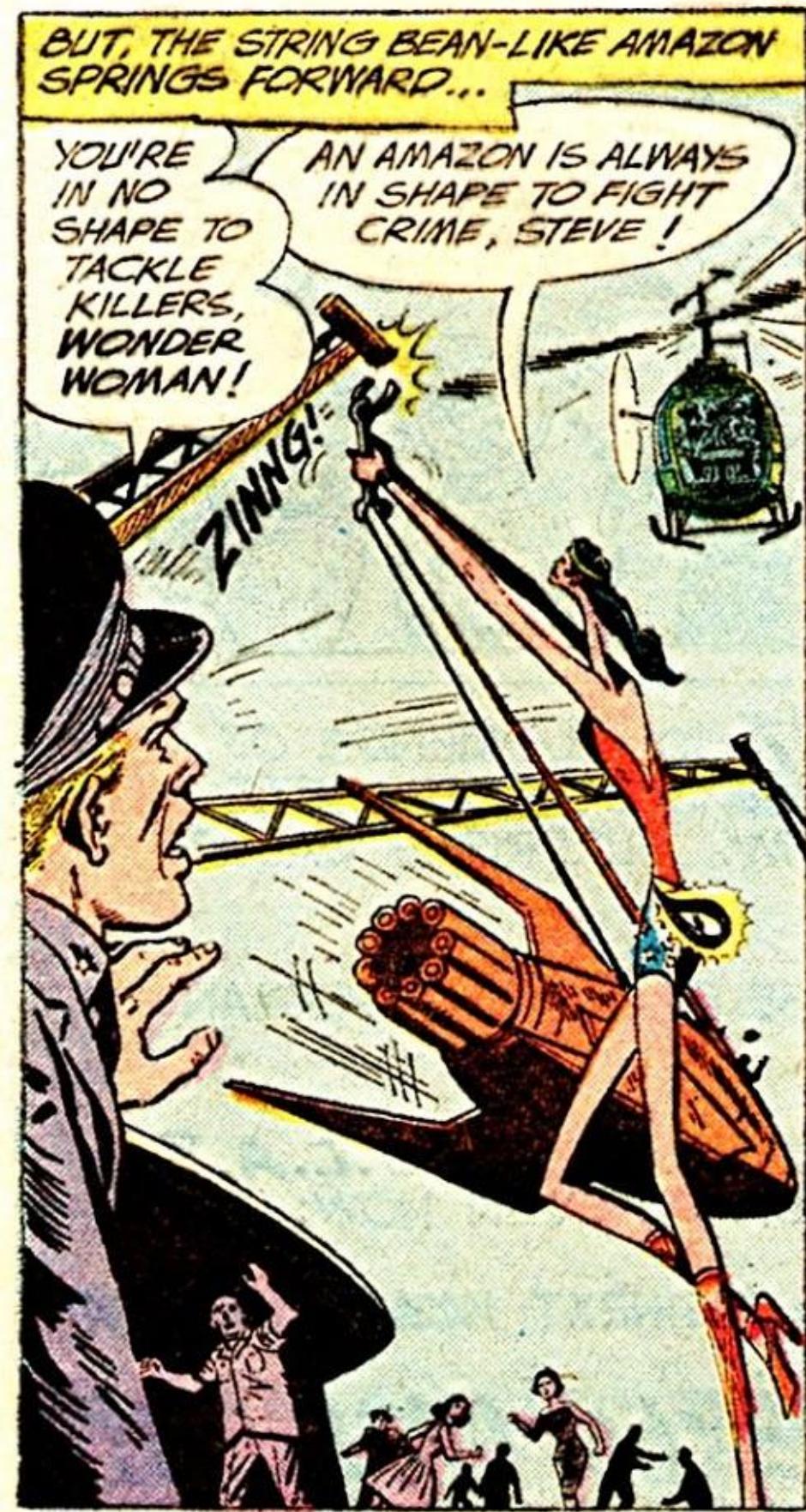
HA!
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BUT, THE STRING BEAN-LIKE AMAZON SPRINGS FORWARD...

YOU'RE
IN NO
SHAPE TO
TACKLE
KILLERS,
WONDER
WOMAN!

AN AMAZON IS ALWAYS
IN SHAPE TO FIGHT
CRIME, STEVE!



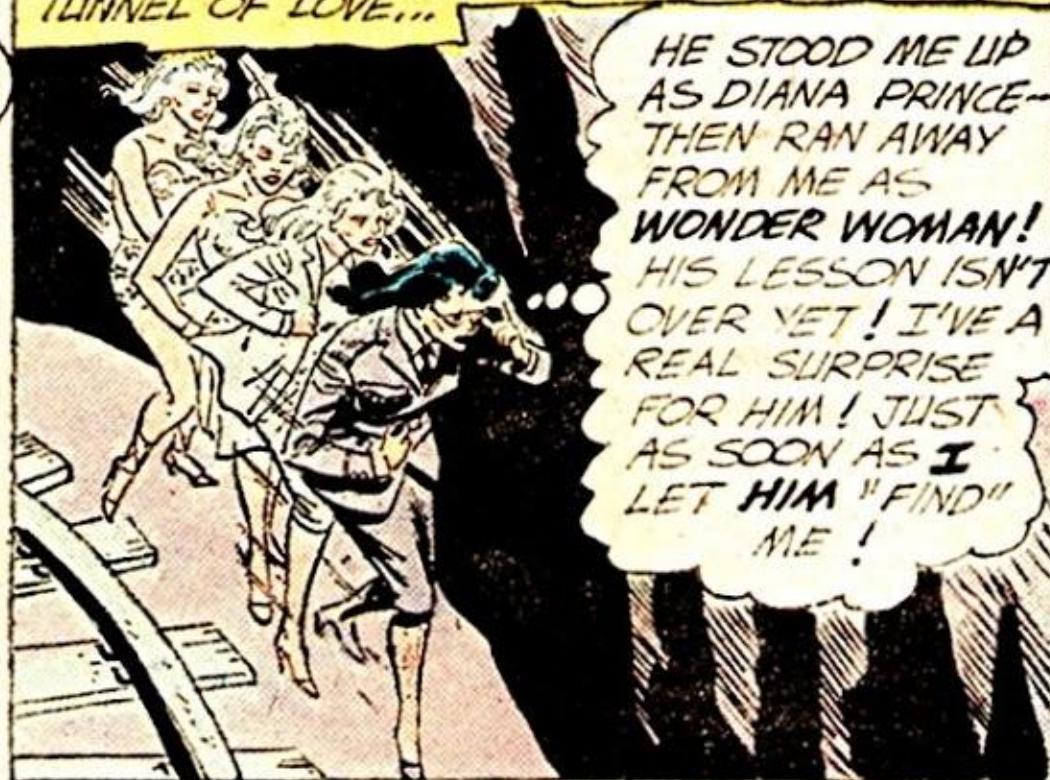
WITH JUST THE RIGHT AMOUNT OF FORCE, SHE WHIRLS THE AIRPLANE FROM WHICH THE GANGSTERS ARE FURIOUSLY FIRING INTO...

THUD!



WITH THE REST OF ANGLE MAN'S GANG IN CUSTODY, AND ONCE AGAIN BACK TO HER NORMAL SHAPE... WONDER WOMAN LOOKS AROUND IN VAIN...

UNOBSERVED, WONDER WOMAN MAKES A SWIFT CHANGE INTO HER SECRET IDENTITY OF DIANA PRINCE IN THE DARKNESS OF THE TUNNEL OF LOVE...



The End

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL FRIENDS OF **WONDER WOMAN**... STARTING NEXT ISSUE, JULIUS SCHWARTZ TAKES OVER AS EDITOR OF **WONDER WOMAN**. SURPRISES GALORE ARE HEADED YOUR WAY.

FOR OPENERS, THE NEXT **W.W.** WILL BE DRAWN BY SUPERMAN-ARTIST CURT SWAN.

... AND WHAT ABOUT **WONDER WOMAN** AND THE J.L.A.? STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS ARE TAKING SHAPE EVEN NOW...

READ ALL ABOUT THEM STARTING IN THE NEXT **WONDER WOMAN**, WHEN THE AMAZING AMAZON MEETS...

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Readers' reactions to WONDER WOMAN's "Great Step Backwards" continue to pour into D.C. So far we've received no indifferent letters; everybody has strong opinions (which is usually an indication of a work of genius). And so we modestly present another assemblage of comments, both pro and con . . .

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Dear Editor:

I have purposely waited until now to comment upon the return of the wanderer. Happily, I see you've realized that, to be a true WONDER WOMAN, Diana had to be restored to her rightful heritage. You deserve every word of praise you receive for your "Great Step Backwards!" It's not really "Backwards," but merely a jump ahead to greater heights, after a pause during which Diana could have been hurled into oblivion.

I realize you will be bombarded by angry readers mourning the "death" of the non-super Diana, but remember even the most unpopular characters are bound to have a following. I'm not saying the interlude issues were wasted (I enjoyed her adventures with I-Ching). What I AM trying to get across is that we have been given an insight into Diana's personal life, and seen her reactions as a non-super being. Now we can appreciate her rise to Amazon-hood even more than was possible before we learned what makes WONDER WOMAN tick.

One more point: Where is Donna Troy (WONDER GIRL)? We haven't seen her since the demise of the Teen Titans, even though she does have contact with Paradise Island, and therefore could (if only occasionally) run into WONDER WOMAN.

Thanks for bringing WONDER WOMAN back to us. She'd been gone far too long!

Elizabeth Hartlee, Groveland, Fla.

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Dear Elizabeth:

Donna (Wonder Girl) Troy is now in the limbo of discontinued comic-book characters. However, the ORIGINAL WONDER GIRL (WONDER WOMAN herself when she was a teen-ager) is very much in evidence in this special issue.

Dear Editor:

I couldn't believe it when I saw the latest WONDER WOMAN book staring at me from the newsstand. I've been a fan of hers since I was five years old. However, when she became plain Diana Prince, and had to depend upon Kung-Fu to fight off villains, I lost interest in her adventures. I knew it would only be a matter of time before others did, too, and the return of the original WONDER WOMAN became necessary.

As to the current issues, the artwork is fantastic. The stories are pretty great, in my opinion, and overall it's just a beautiful book.

One suggestion I'd like to make . . . Do lots of stories about life on Paradise Island, where the Amazons live. More tales of this type would not only please women's libbers, but also the people who, like myself, are interested in other cultures and civilizations.

G. Harper, Rantoul, Illinois

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Dear Editor:

WONDER WOMAN #208 was great! "Titanic Trials" proved to be an excellent ending to "The Four Dooms," but if I was Steve I'd have been suspicious immediately. After all . . . why would an Amazon have to carry a gun?

"The Chessmen of Death" was also excellent . . . except that on P. 8 one player says "check-mate," and the other responds with "check." This is not possible, because when a player says check-mate the game is finished!

Looking through the June Justice League of America Super-Spectacular, I noticed that, in J.L.A. #69, WONDER WOMAN took a leave of absence from the Justice League. This means she is still a member of that organization. So . . . When are we going to see WONDER WOMAN back in action with the Justice League of America?

John Lippolis, Floral Park, N.Y.

Dear John:

Somehow, it seems illogical that a pair of extra-terrestrial aliens would go around playing chess according to Earth's chess rules.

. . . And . . .

A STATEMENT OF SENSATIONAL SURPRISES TO COME...

We've received MANY letters asking about WONDER WOMAN's status in the Justice League of America, now that she's regained her Amazon powers. I can't tell you exactly what's going to happen, but I CAN say that even WONDER WOMAN herself is going to have some surprises in store for her! Keep your eyes peeled for future issues and . . . for additional information . . . See the Special Announcement at the end of "The Mirage Mirrors" story in this issue!

—Allan Asherman
Editorial Assistant