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# IMMORTAL COMBAT! WONDER WOMAN



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DEODATO

BOLLAND



THEN, YOU'RE SAYING  
YOU WOULDN'T BECOME  
QUEEN OF BOSTON,  
EVEN IF IT WERE  
OFFERED TO YOU?

AND ARE  
YOU OFFERING  
IT TO ME, MR.  
NOROCAW?

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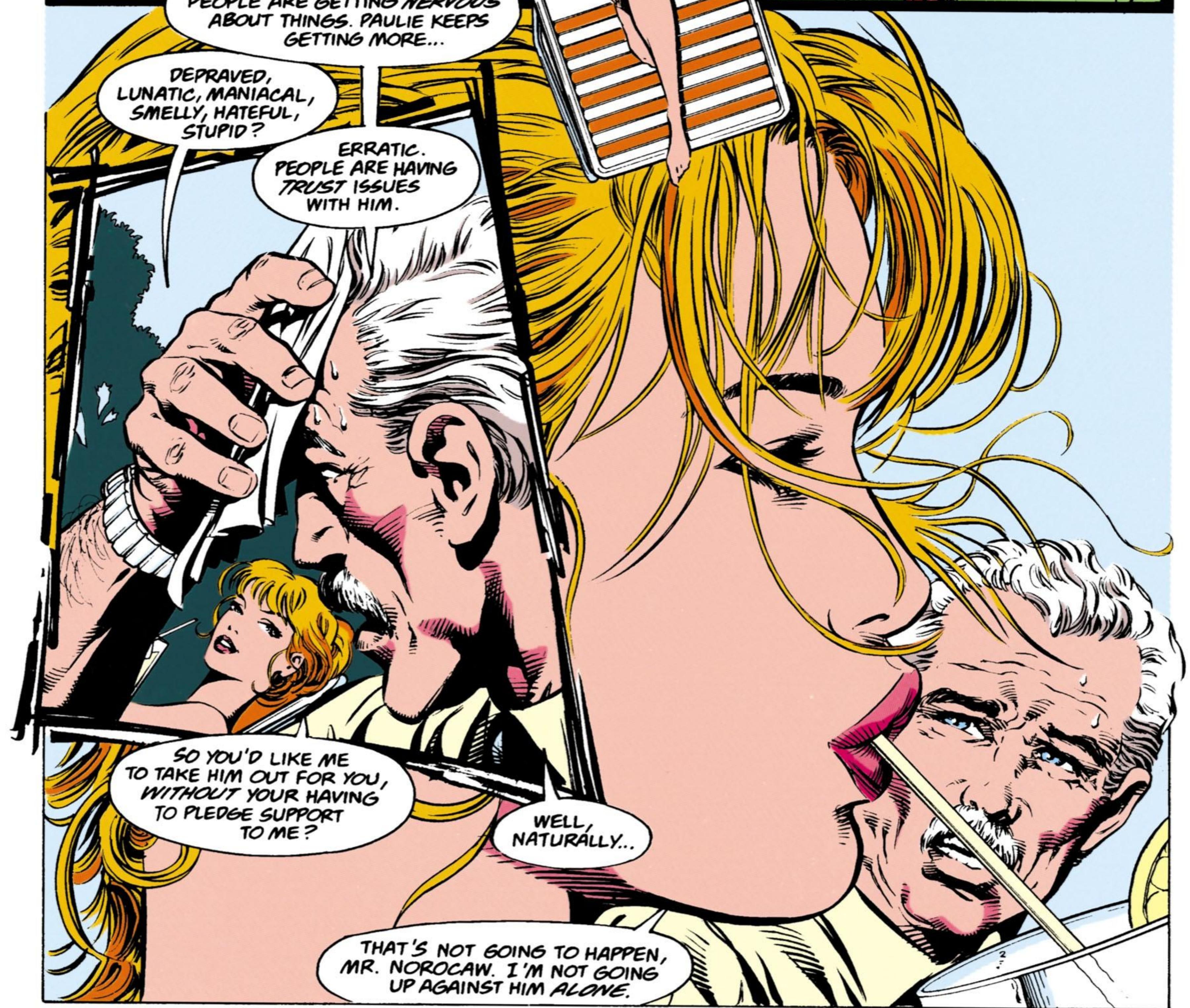
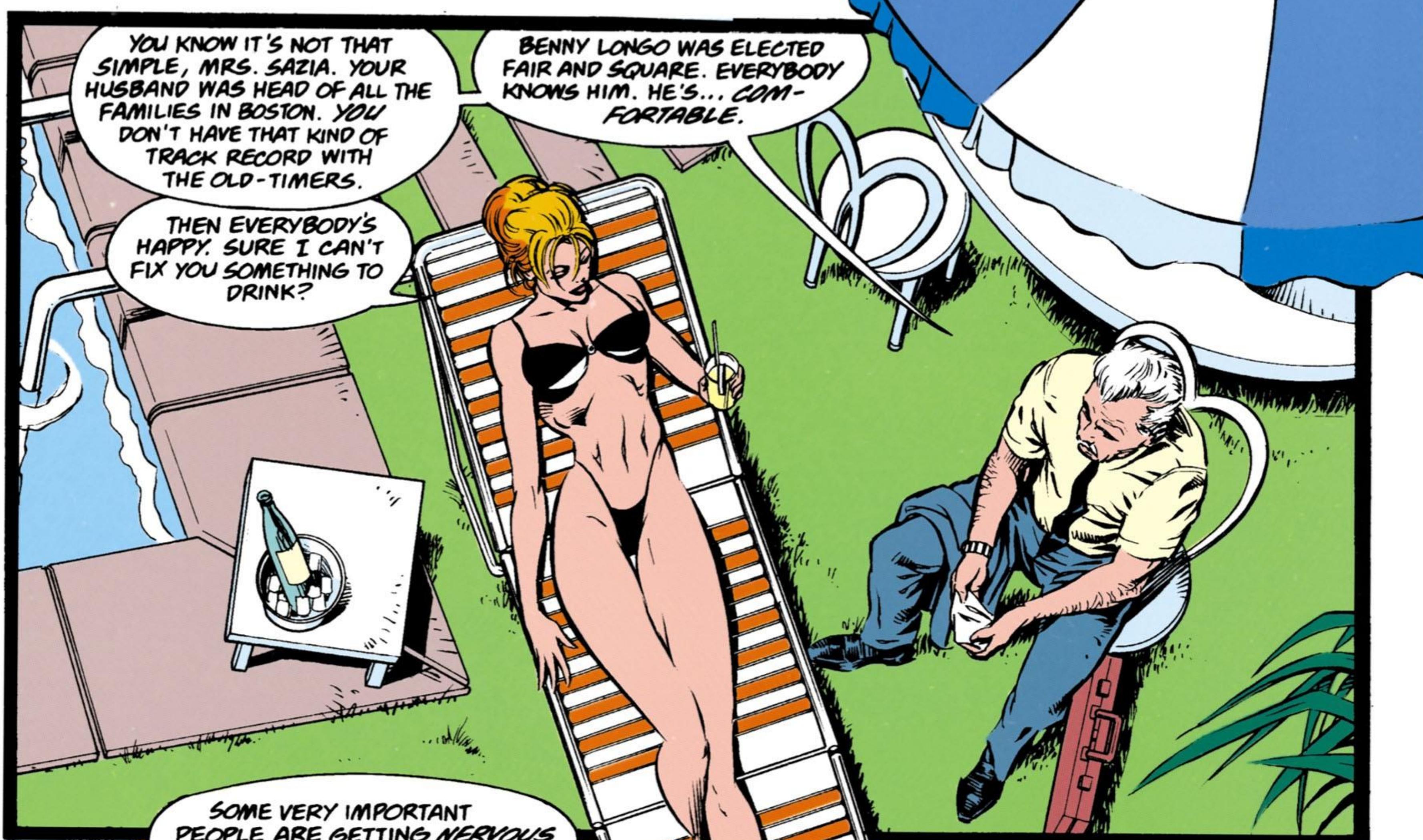
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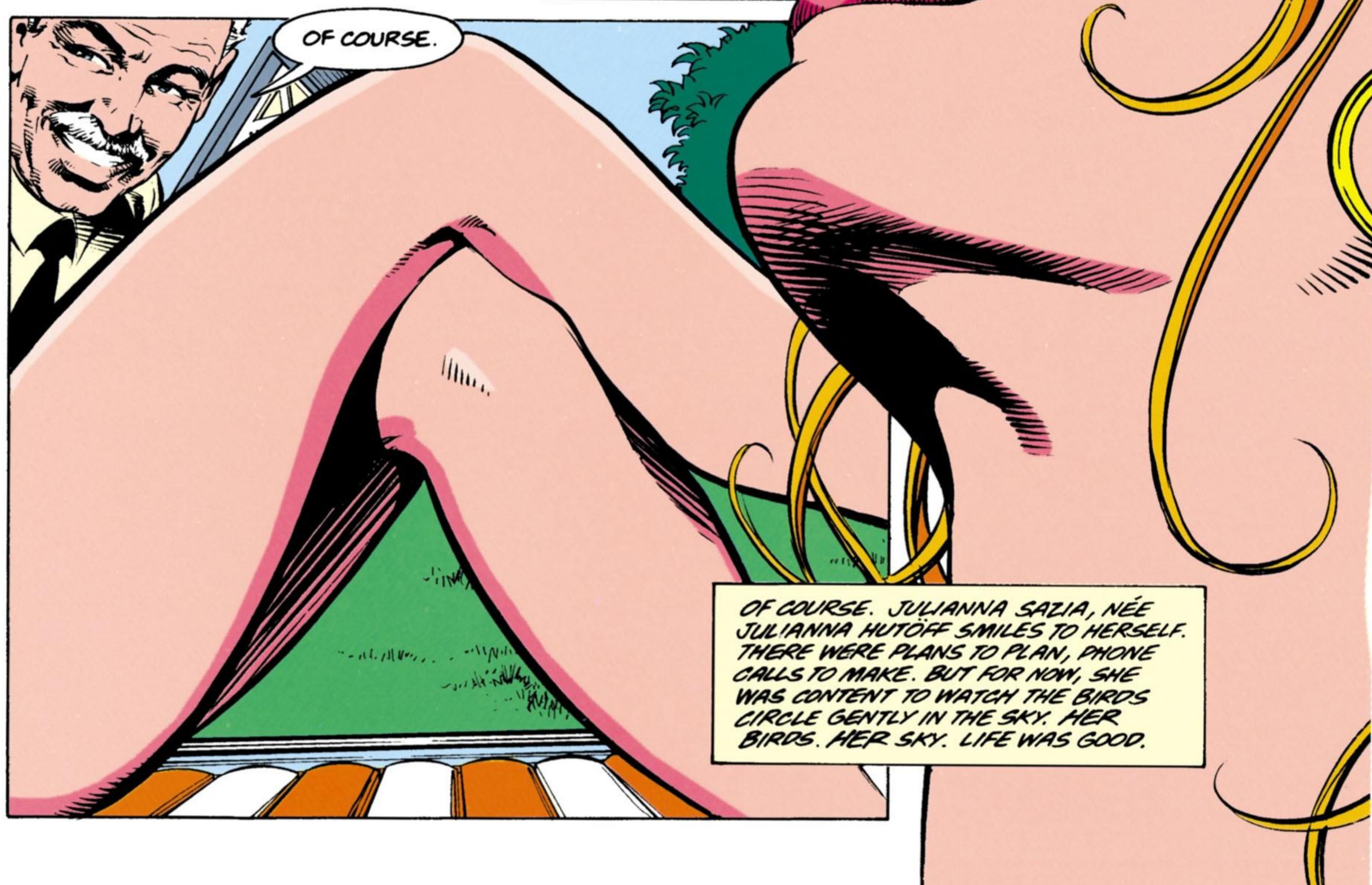
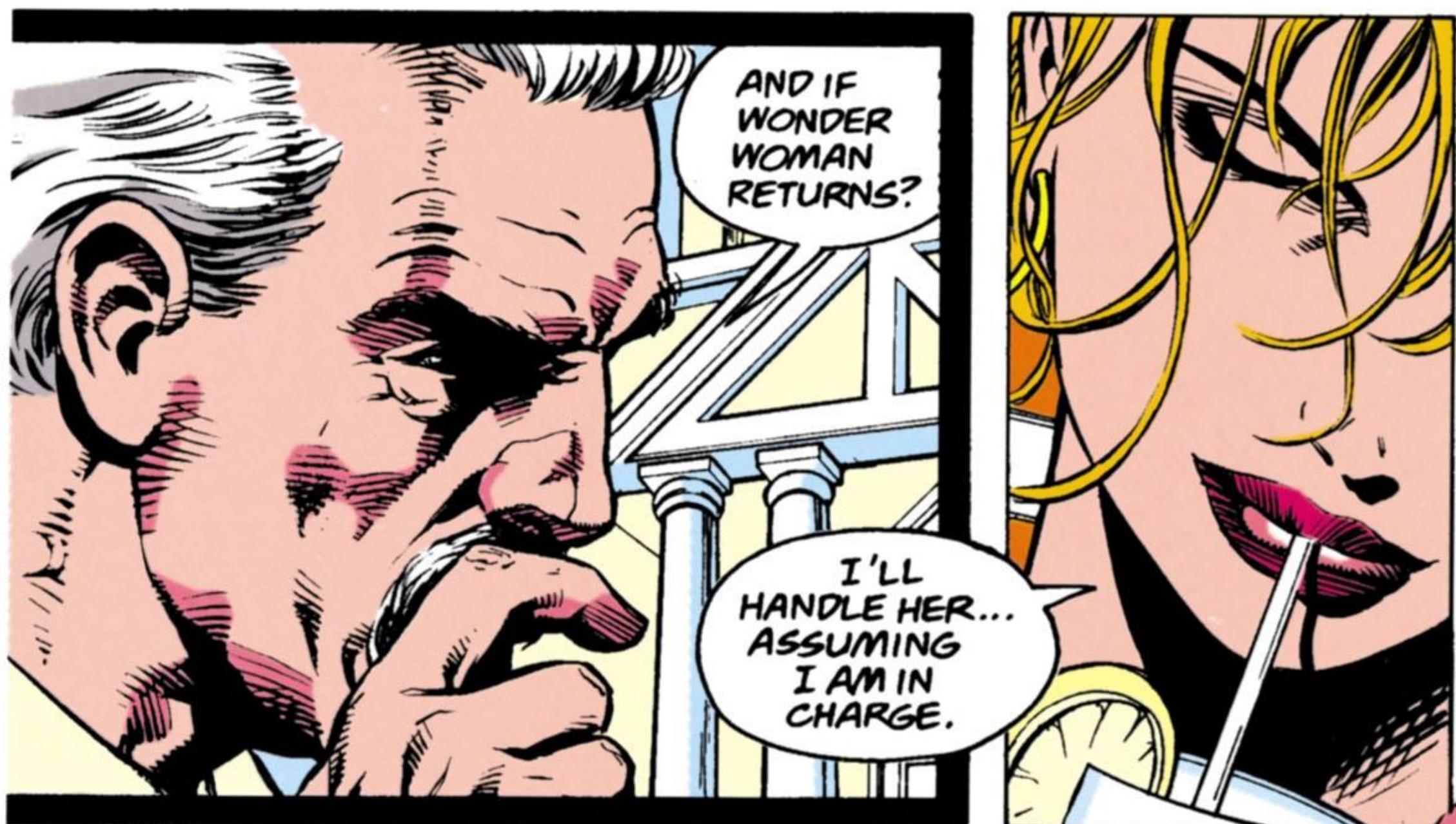
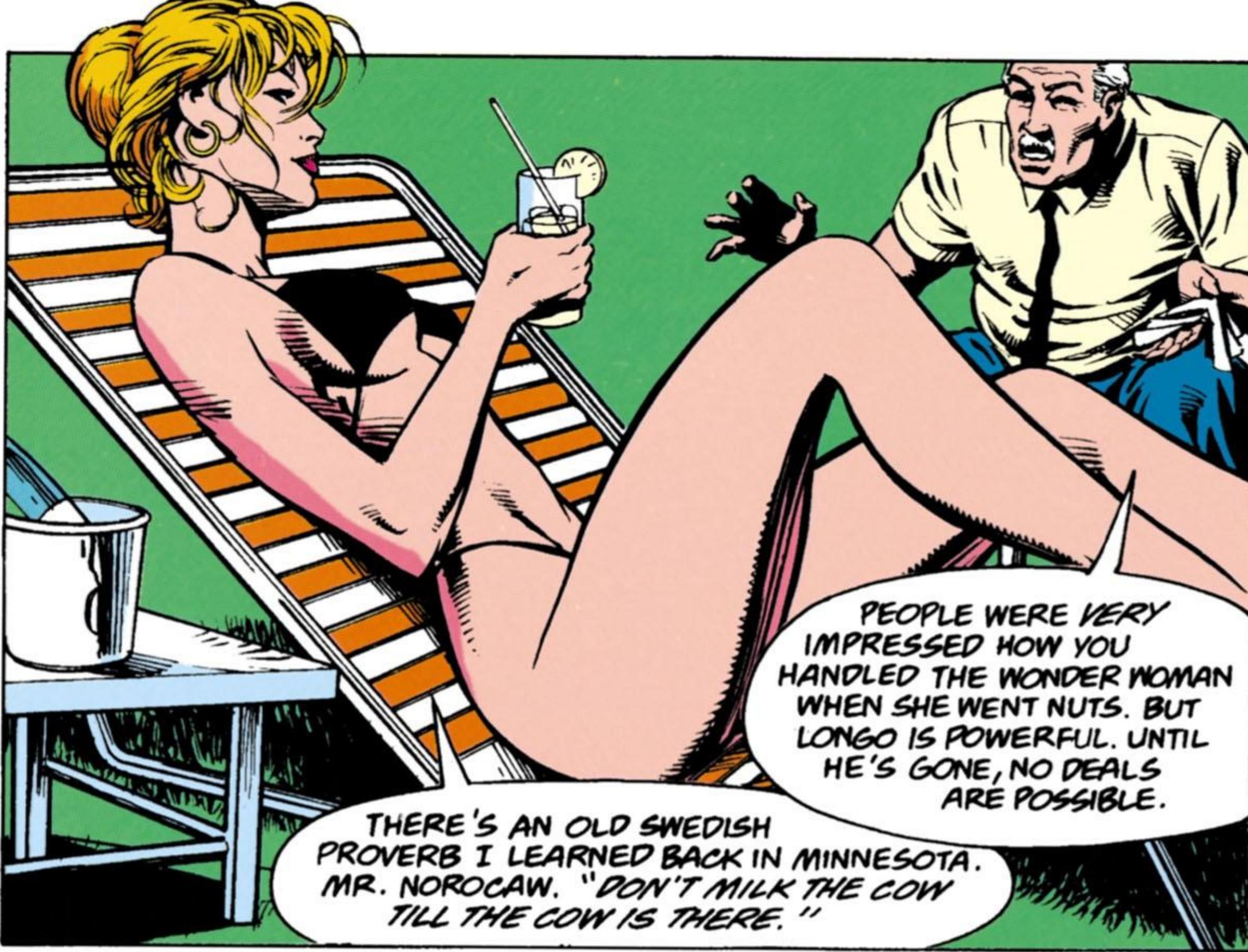
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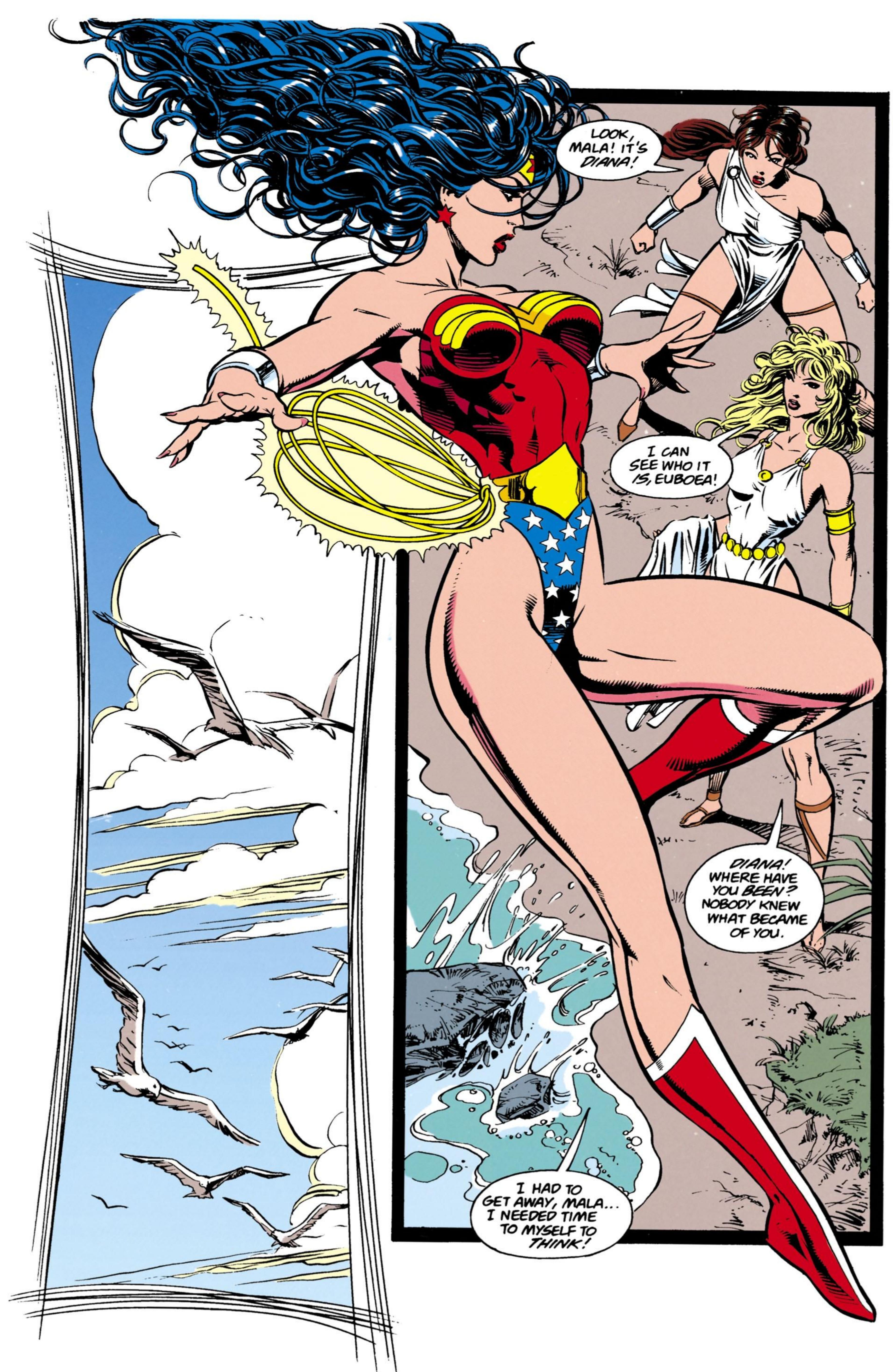
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"Why, life itself is the last great  
game. I thought everyone knew that."  
ESTELLE NILES PORTER, OLYMPIC DECATHLETE

# The CONTEST-Part 3: THE LAST, GREAT GAME







DID MY MOTHER HOLD THE CONTEST WHILE I WAS GONE?

DIANA! OF COURSE NOT! YOU TALK ABOUT HER AS THOUGH SHE WERE YOUR ENEMY!

WE BROUGHT YOUR SHIFT, DIANA.

THANK YOU. I WOULD HATE TO WEAR THIS UNIFORM ONE MOMENT LONGER THAN I HAVE TO... UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

YOU SEE, EUBOEA, I DON'T KNOW MY MOTHER AT ALL ANYMORE.

IS SHE STILL INSISTENT THAT ARTEMIS AND THE OTHER AMAZONS WHO WERE EXILED WITH HER SISTER ANTOPE BE FORBIDDEN TO COMPETE?

WELL, THEY DID TRY TO INVADE THEMYS-CIRA.

AND YOUR MOTHER HAS ALWAYS DEALT FAIRLY AND IMPARTIALLY WITH THEM BEFORE, HASN'T SHE?

DIANA?

DIANA... THE OTHER DAY WHEN YOU TOUCHED THE BUST OF ANTOPE, YOU HAD A VISION. WHAT DID YOU SEE?

IT'S TIME FOR THE CONTEST.

AND SO, AN HOUR LATER, AS THE AMAZONS RUN AND WRESTLE AND BOW SHOOT, PREPARING FOR THE BIG CONTEST...

LOOK! WHO INVITED THEM?

I INVITED THEM. THEY'VE BEEN KEPT OUT OF AMAZON LIFE FAR TOO LONG.

AND I CALL FOR A VOTE OF THE WHOLE, TO SEE IF ALL OUR PEOPLE AGREE TO KEEP THEM OUT.

FOR A MOMENT IT SEEMS THAT HER MOTHER IS ABOUT TO STRIKE HER. THEN...

NO! THAT IS IMPOSSIBLE!

VERY WELL. CALL YOUR VOTE. I WON'T STOP YOU.

THANK YOU.

THIS IS A MOMENT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR OUR PEOPLE...

WE NEED TO KNOW IF WE ARE SO WEAK AND SO COWARDLY THAT WE MUST FOREVER PUSH OUR SISTERS OUT OF THE SUNLIGHT... IF WE MUST CHERISH OUR FEAR TO EXCUSE OUR HATRED.

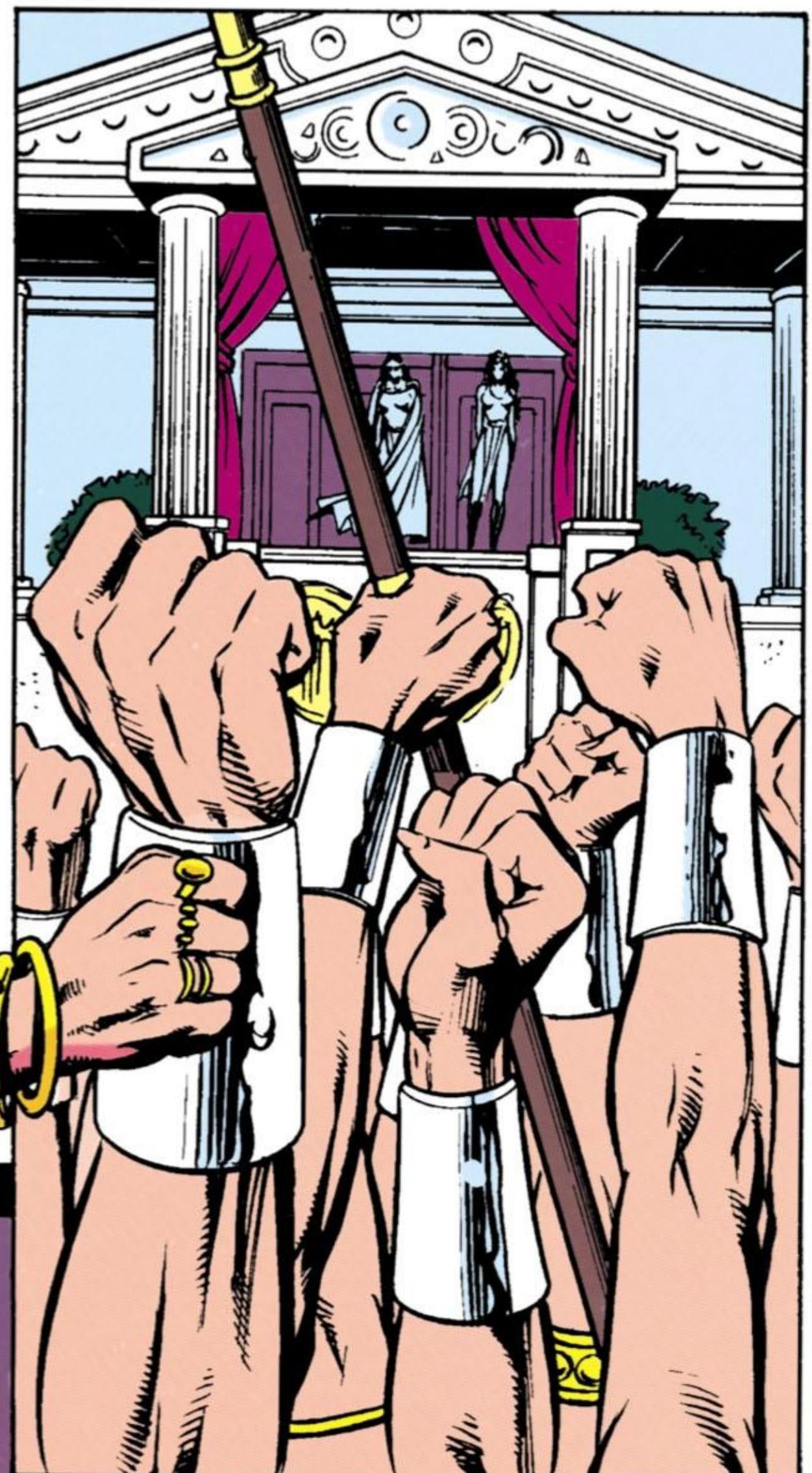
A NICE SPEECH. VERY WELL. ALL IN FAVOR OF PERMITTING THE AMAZONS OF ANTIOPE TO ENTER INTO THIS CONTEST, RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND.

MOTHER...



OBVIOUSLY I HAVE BEEN OVER-RULED. ALL WILL COMPETE FOR THE RIGHT TO REPRESENT US IN THE PATRIARCH'S WORLD.

LET THE CONTEST BEGIN!



THE FIRST TEST WILL BE SEVEN FLIGHTS OF JAVELINS, TO TEST HAND AND EYE.

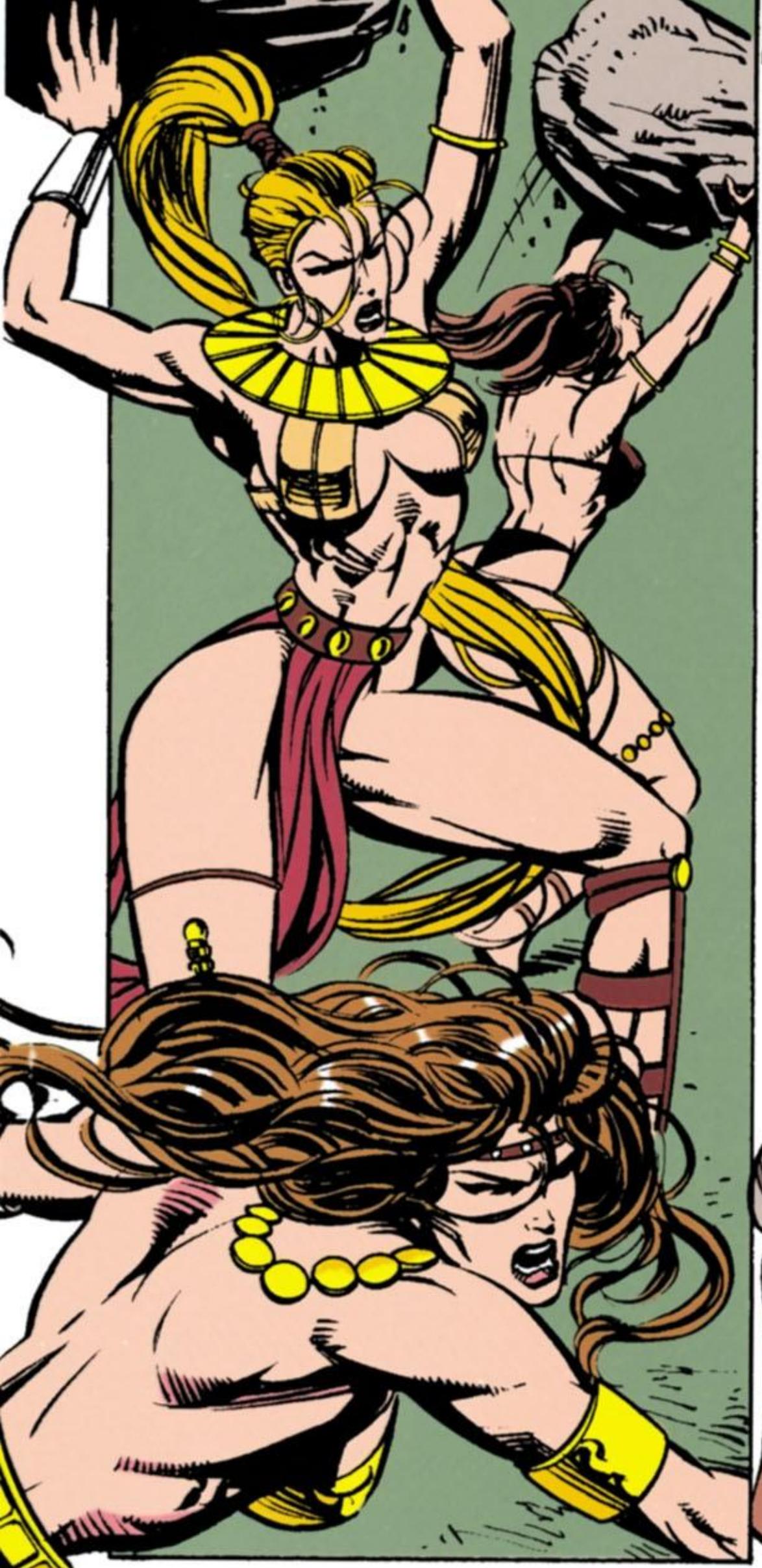
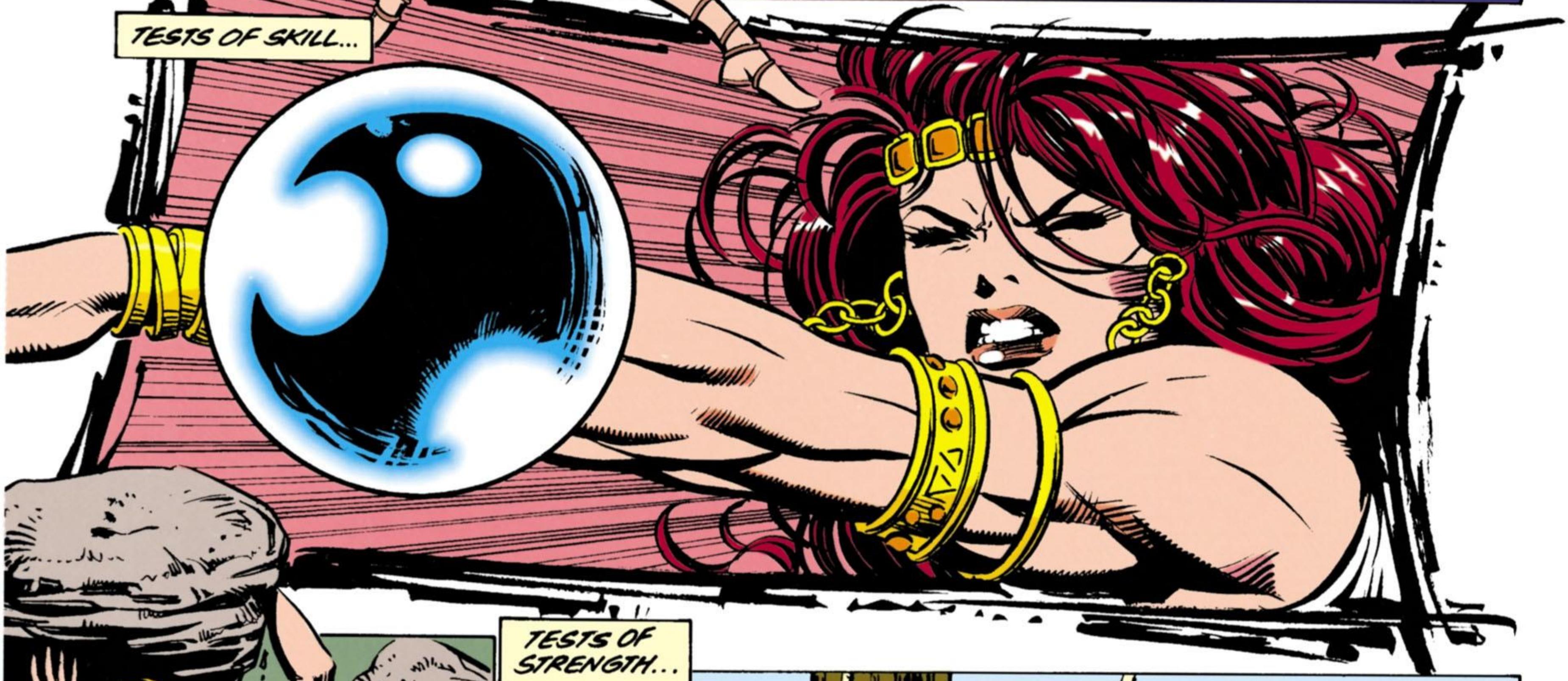
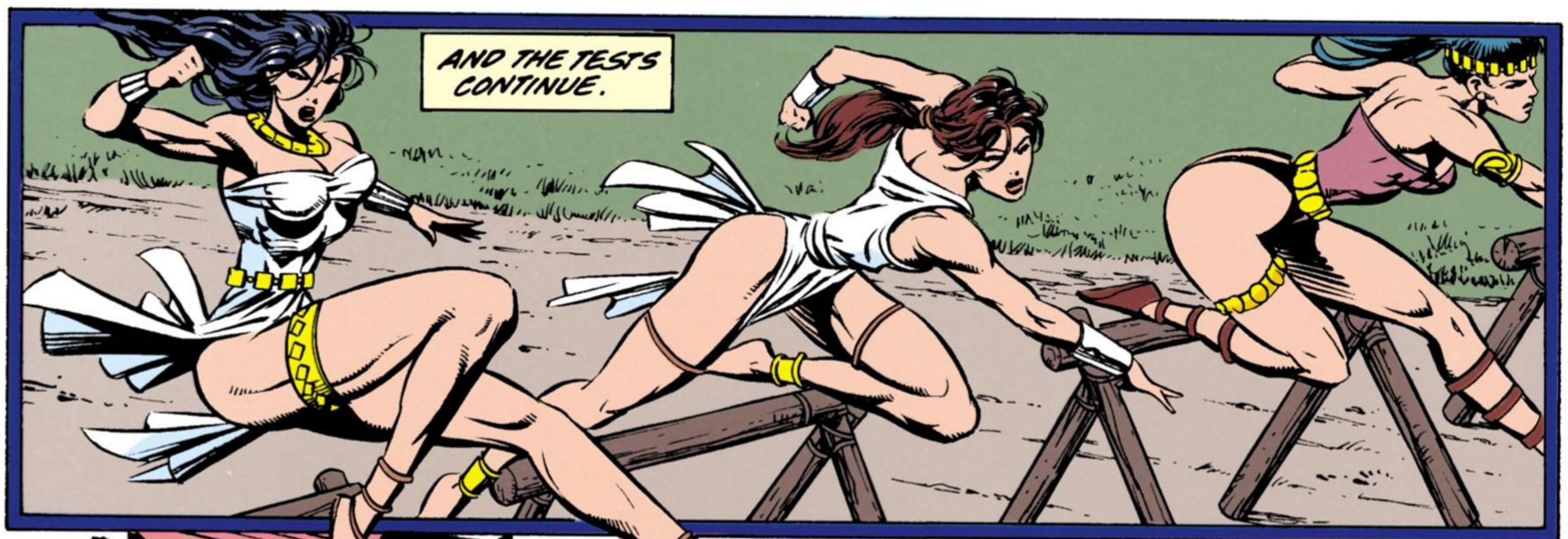
AS EACH GROUP OF WOMEN STEPS FORWARD TO THROW, NEARLY A HUNDRED POLISHED WOODEN SPEARS CLEAVE THE SUNLIGHT.

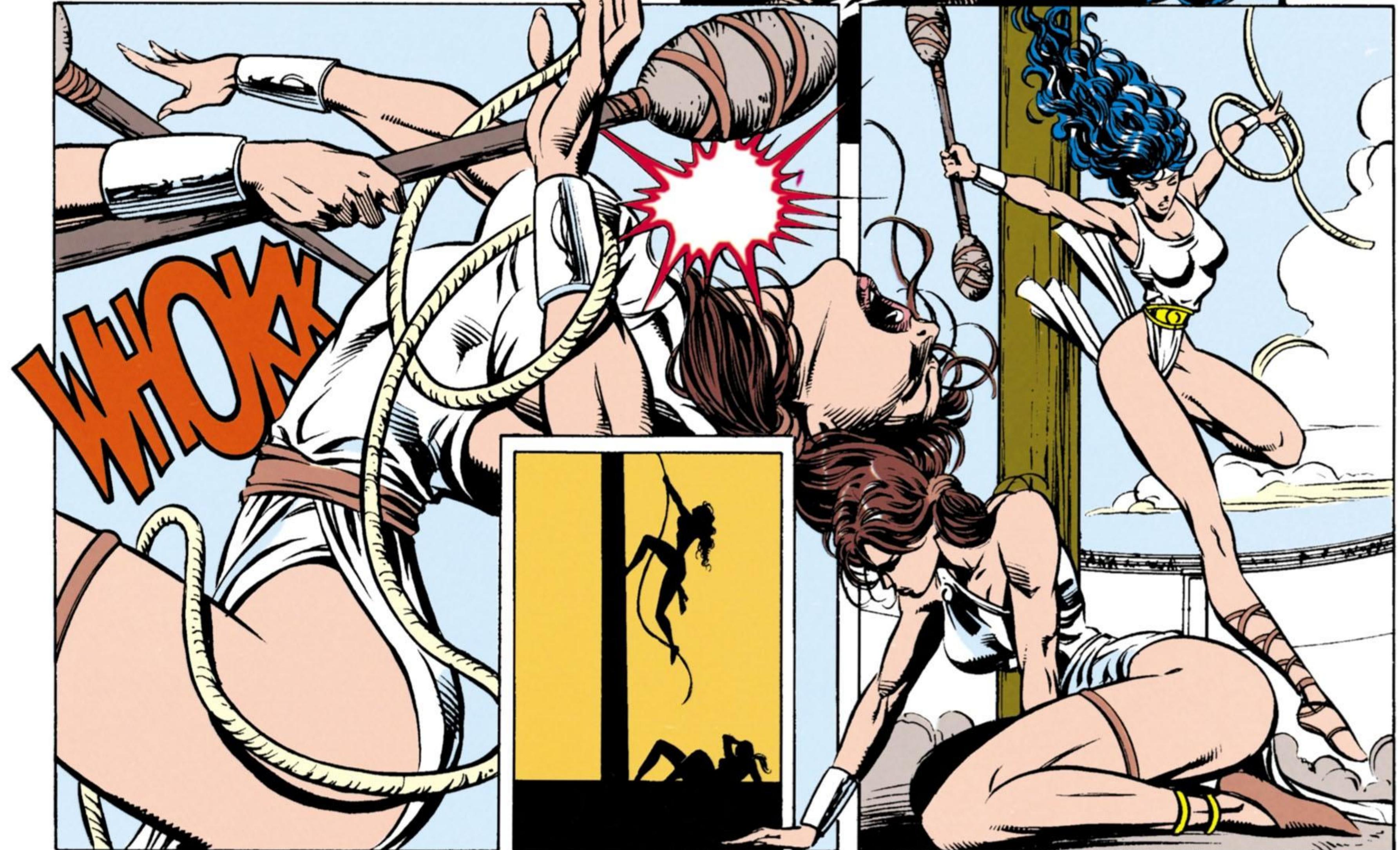
AGAIN AND AGAIN, THE SCORES ARE TOTLED, THE JAVELINS RECLAIMED AND THE TARGETS RESET.

BUT THEN, THIS EARLY IN THE CONTEST, YOU AREN'T EVEN TRYING, ARE YOU?

IF I'M NOT, THEN SHAME ON ME! REMEMBER THE FABLE OF THE LAZY SNAKE AND THE CRIPPLED MOUSE!

LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN BEAT ME ON THE VAULTS!





UHHH... EVERYTHING  
ACHEs IN ME EXCEPT MY  
BACK TEETH!

ARRHHH!  
MY BONES HURT  
IN PLACES I DON'T  
HAVE BONES!

SIT WITH  
US, SISTER! YOU  
DID WONDERFULLY  
WITH THE BALANCING  
STONES...

SHUT UP, "SISTER"!  
THE LAST THING I NEED IS  
COMPLIMENTS FROM YOU! DO  
YOU THINK ONE PRETTY SPEECH  
CAN WIPE OUT A LIFETIME  
OF HUMILIATION?

THEY'RE  
POSTING THE  
SCORES!

I DID  
IT, DIANA!  
I'M IN THE  
SECOND  
ROUND!

AS ARE WE,  
ARTEMIS.

He-Man  
Lotor  
Mumm-Ra  
Gorath  
Hordak

THAT EVENING, TALES ARE TOLD AND PLANS MADE FOR THE NEXT DAY...

BY GAEA, DIANA! WHEN YOU HIT ME WITH THAT PADDED LANCE, I THOUGHT MY HEAD WOULD COME RIGHT OFF! HA! HA!

AND YOU NEARLY CRACKED MY RIBS! BUT THE FATES WERE WITH ME TODAY, EUBOEA!

LOOK AT ARTEMIS AND THE REST OF HER CREW, HUNKERED DOWN OVER THERE.

THEY HATE US.

THEY HATE US.

YOU WERE JUST A SLIP OF 1/4 WHEN WE MADE PLANS TO INVADE THEMYSCIRA, ARTEMIS, YET YOU ALONE ARGUED AGAINST IT.

YOU STOOD AGAINST THE QUEEN AND THE COUNCIL.

WHATEVER THEIR CRIMES AGAINST US, AMAZONS SHOULDN'T WAR AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.

BUT IF ONE OF US CAN WIN THIS CONTEST, ALL THAT MAY CHANGE...

WE WERE PAWNS OF CIRCE! AND NOW LOOK AT US! THE QUEEN AND MOST OF THE COUNCIL ARE DEAD AND WE ARE HIPPOLYTA'S DESPISED PETS!



ANTIOPE?  
YOU'VE KILLED  
HER!

FORTUNES  
OF WAR, DEAR  
HIPPOLYTA!

I HAVE THIS GIRDLE TO BRIBE OLD  
KING EURYSTHEUS WITH, I HAVE THIS  
RICH AND FERTILE ISLE TO KEEP AS A  
COLONY FOR THEBES--AND I HAVE  
YOU FOR MY QUEEN!

NOT A BAD  
CONQUEST, ALL  
IN ALL.

AND WITH THIS  
CHANGELING MASK, I  
CAN TRICK ALL THE FOOLISH  
FEMALES ON THIS ISLAND,  
JUST AS I TRICKED YOUR  
STUPID SISTER.

GIVE  
ME A KISS,  
GIRL!

NO!

W  
H  
M  
P

FOR ONE DELIRIOUS MOMENT  
SHE HAS HIM DOWN, HER HARD  
FOREARM CUTTING OFF HIS  
WIND, HIS GREAT CHEST  
LABORING BEHIND HER...

BUT HERAKLES IS A  
DEMI-GOD. THE  
VERY BLOOD OF ZEUS  
FLOWS IN HIS VEINS...

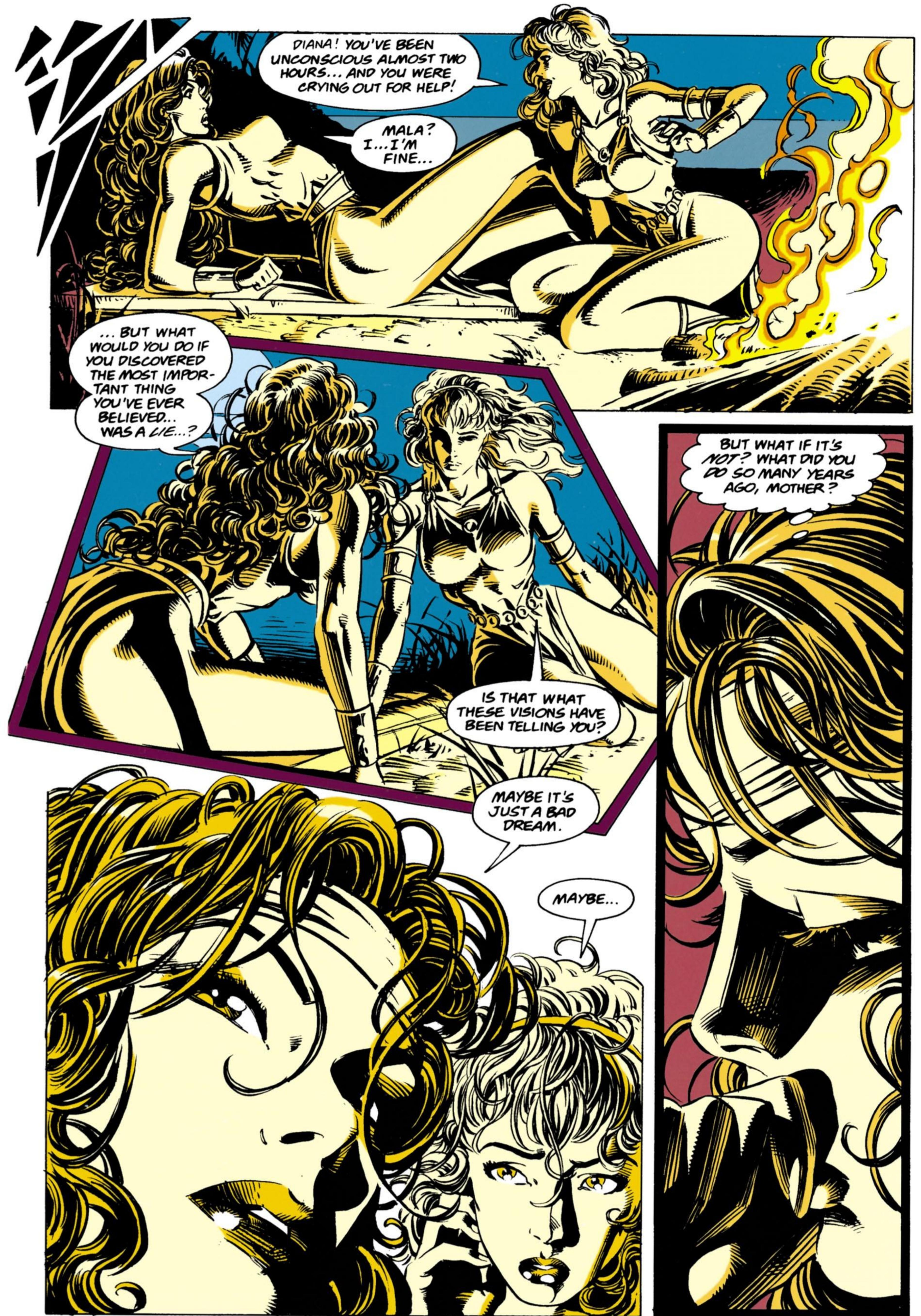
LITTLE MINX! YOU  
DARE TO LAY HANDS ON ME!  
I'LL SEND YOU BOATING  
DOWN THE RIVER STYX WITH  
YOUR HEAD UNDER YOUR  
ARM!

AND NOTHING HUMAN  
CAN STAND AGAINST HIM.

HIPPOLYTA...  
HELP... ME...

I CAN'T...  
I...

... I LOVE  
HIM...



THE NEXT MORNING.

YOU HAVE ALL DONE VERY WELL. THE NEXT ROUND OF CHALLENGES WILL BE IN THE FORM OF A BATTLE.



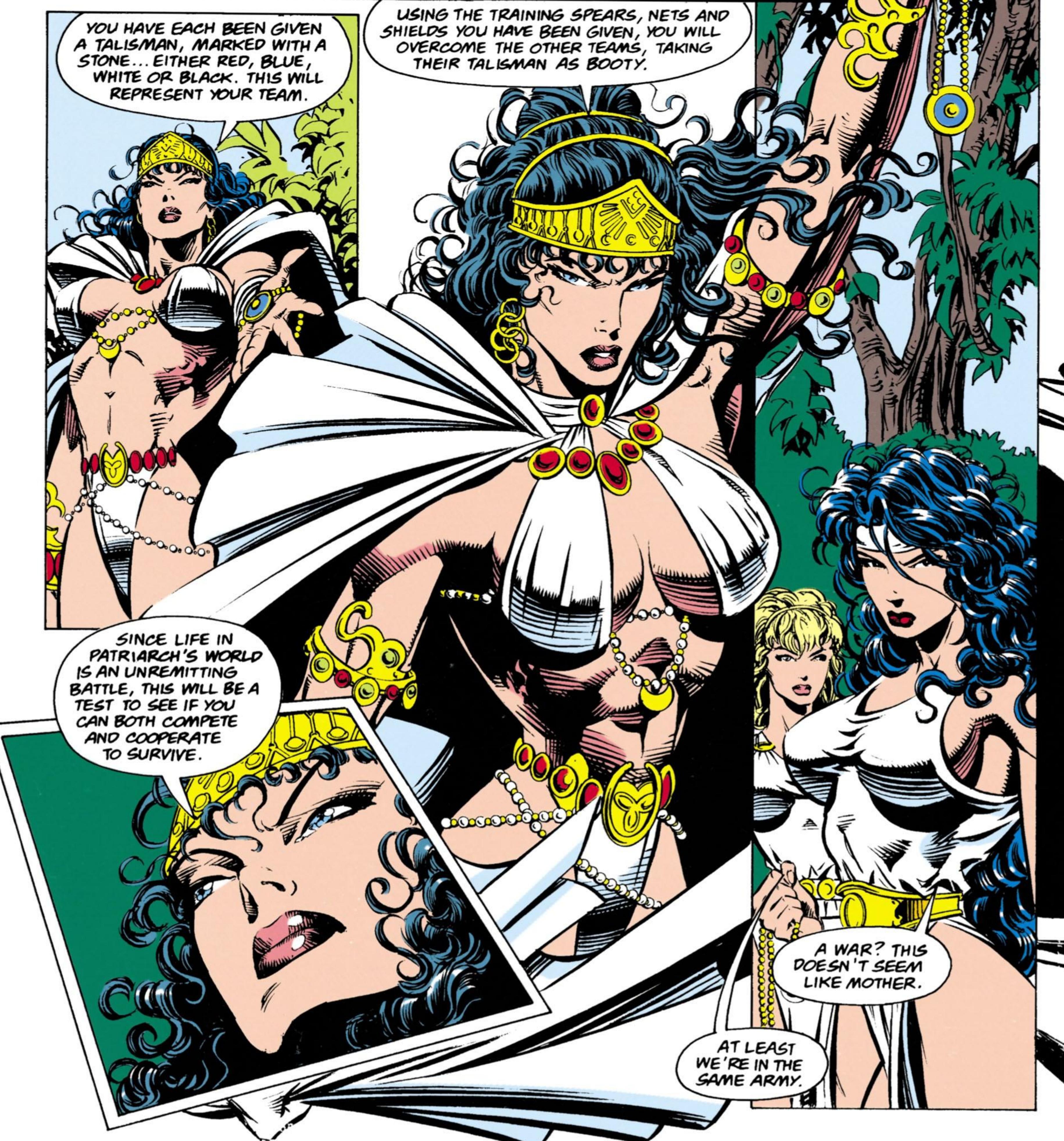
YOU HAVE EACH BEEN GIVEN A TALISMAN, MARKED WITH A STONE... EITHER RED, BLUE, WHITE OR BLACK. THIS WILL REPRESENT YOUR TEAM.

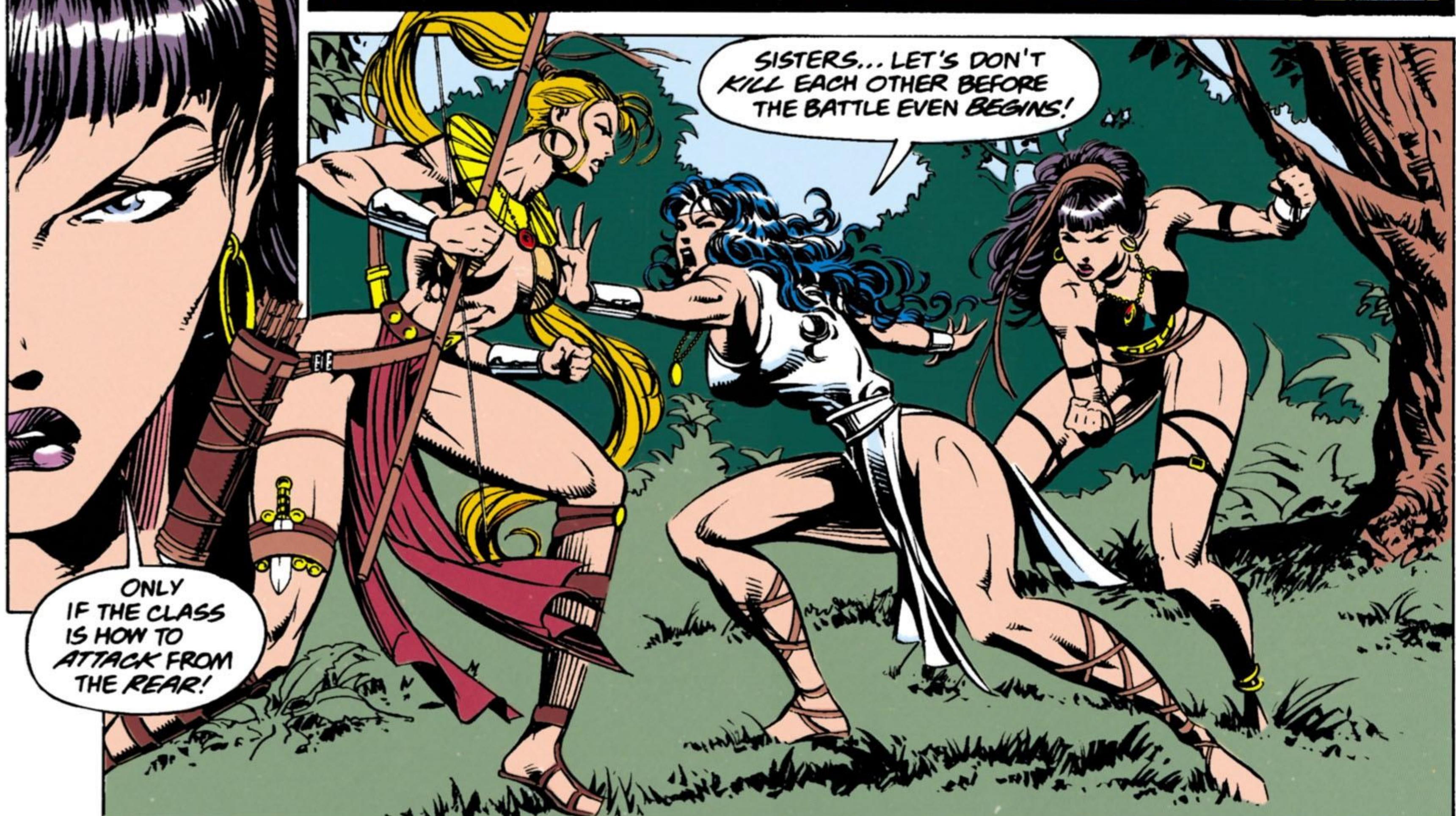
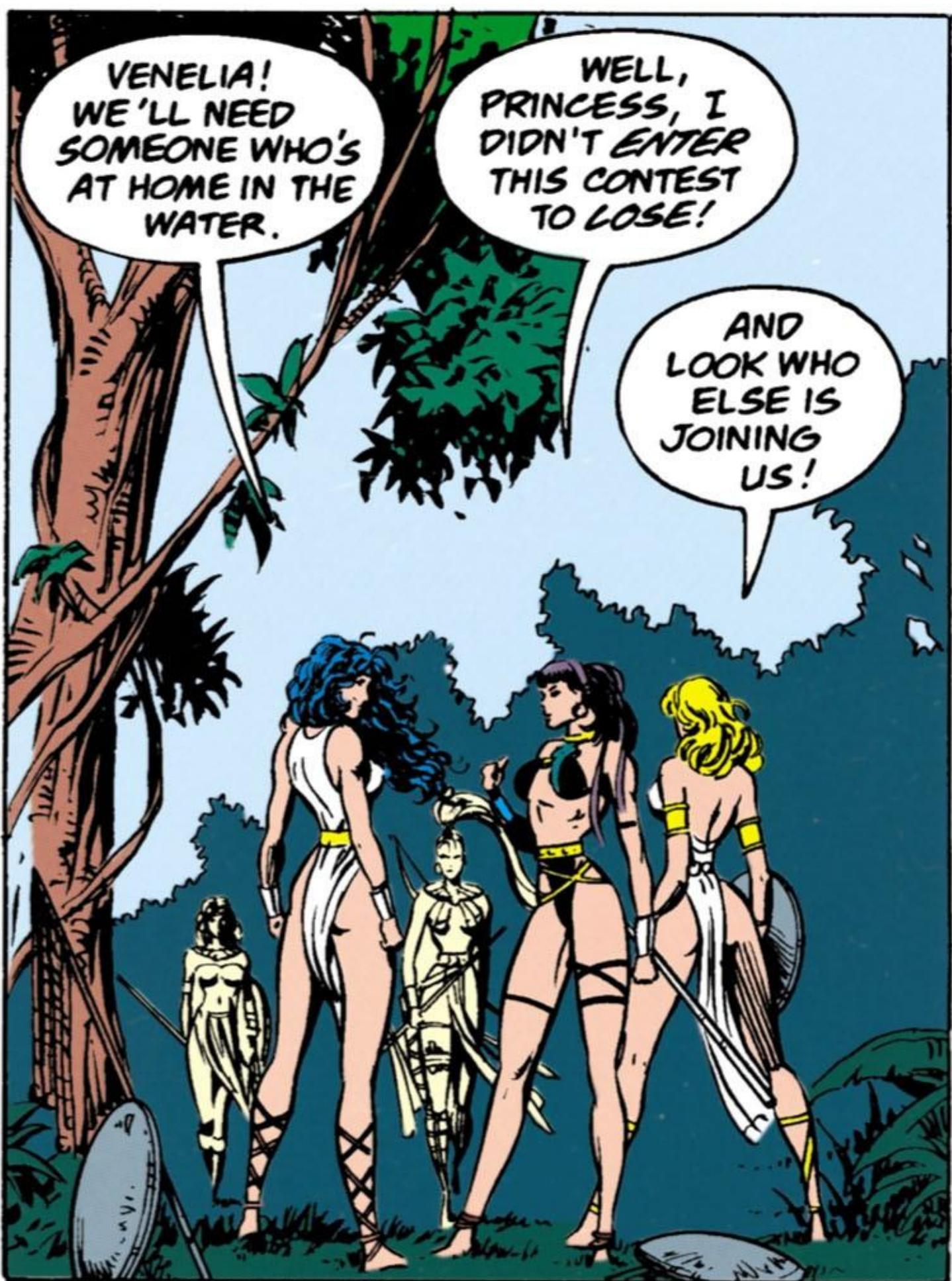
USING THE TRAINING SPEARS, NETS AND SHIELDS YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN, YOU WILL OVERCOME THE OTHER TEAMS, TAKING THEIR TALISMAN AS BOOTY.

SINCE LIFE IN PATRIARCH'S WORLD IS AN UNREMITTING BATTLE, THIS WILL BE A TEST TO SEE IF YOU CAN BOTH COMPETE AND COOPERATE TO SURVIVE.

AT LEAST WE'RE IN THE SAME ARMY.

A WAR? THIS DOESN'T SEEM LIKE MOTHER.





SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

DIANA!  
ARTEMIS! WHERE  
ARE YOU? IF THE TWO  
OF YOU ARE GOING TO  
SCOUT SO FAR AHEAD,  
AT LEAST CARRY  
YOUR OWN GEAR!

THIS IS  
ALMOST TOO  
EASY.

LET'S PICK HER OFF BEFORE  
THE OTHERS FIND HER...  
NOW!

OH!! AN  
AMBUSH!

I LIKE  
TO THINK OF  
IT AS TRIUMPH  
OF WIT!

DO YOU  
WANT TO JUST  
HAND OVER THE  
TALISMAN, OR  
DO YOU WANT  
TO SCUFFLE  
FOR IT?

WELL...

I THINK  
I'LL CHOOSE  
SCUFFLING.  
WHAT ABOUT  
YOU, ARTEMIS?



