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TRACKS



CHAOS:

BLACK MASSES COLLIDE,
THRUST BY VIOLENT
WINDS.

THE DARKNESS RENT
SPORADICALLY BY
SHARDS OF BLISTERING
LIGHT.

FEW HAVE EVER ENTERED THIS
SAVAGE REALM, AND FEWER HAVE
SURVIVED.

YET, INTO THIS RAGING
FURY FLIES A TINY, DELICATE
BIRD, UNDAUNTED BY THE
EBON TERROR AROUND IT.

FOR THIS MESSENGER'S
SPECIAL JOURNEY HAS BEEN
SANCTIONED BY THE GRACE
OF THE GODS...

WITH NO STARS TO GUIDE IT,
NO LANDMARKS TO DIRECT IT,
THE PINIONED TRAVELER GLIDES
DEEPER INTO THE ABYSS...

...AND THE LOVE
OF A QUEEN.

...UNTIL IT REACHES
ITS GOAL...

...AND INSTINCTIVELY
CROSSES FROM THE DARK
AND DYN...

...INTO THE
LIGHT...

...AND
PEACE.

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WAKEFIELD,
MASSACHUSETTS,
ON A COLD WINTER
MORNING.

TRACES



HERE YOU GO,
PRINCESS. NOW YOU'RE
REALLY SET FOR
YOUR TRIP TO GREECE--

--WITH THAT SPECIAL U.N.
PASSPORT, SINCE THEMYSIRA
ISN'T EXACTLY RECOGNIZED BY
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IT TOOK
US A LITTLE LONGER THAN WE
ANTICIPATED.

LUCKILY, COLONEL--ER--
STEVE STILL HAS SOME
CONNECTIONS.



NOW, IF PROF. KAPATELIS
HAS MANAGED TO CLEAR
THINGS IN ATHENS, YOU
SHOULD BE HOME FREE.

THANK YOU, ETTA. IT
SHOULD MAKE EVERY-
THING MUCH SIMPLER.
SO MANY NATIONS
REGARD ME AS AN
AMERICAN...

... WHICH
I'M NOT.



WELL,
CONSIDERING YOUR
USUAL UNIFORM, I
CAN UNDERSTAND THAT
MISCONCEPTION.

AFTER ALL, UNTIL
STEVE EXPLAINED TO
ME THE EXACT NATURE
OF YOUR UNIFORM
AND ITS CONNECTION
WITH HIS MOTHER,
I'M ASHAMED TO
ADMIT THAT I THOUGHT
YOUR INTEREST IN HIM
WAS, WELL...

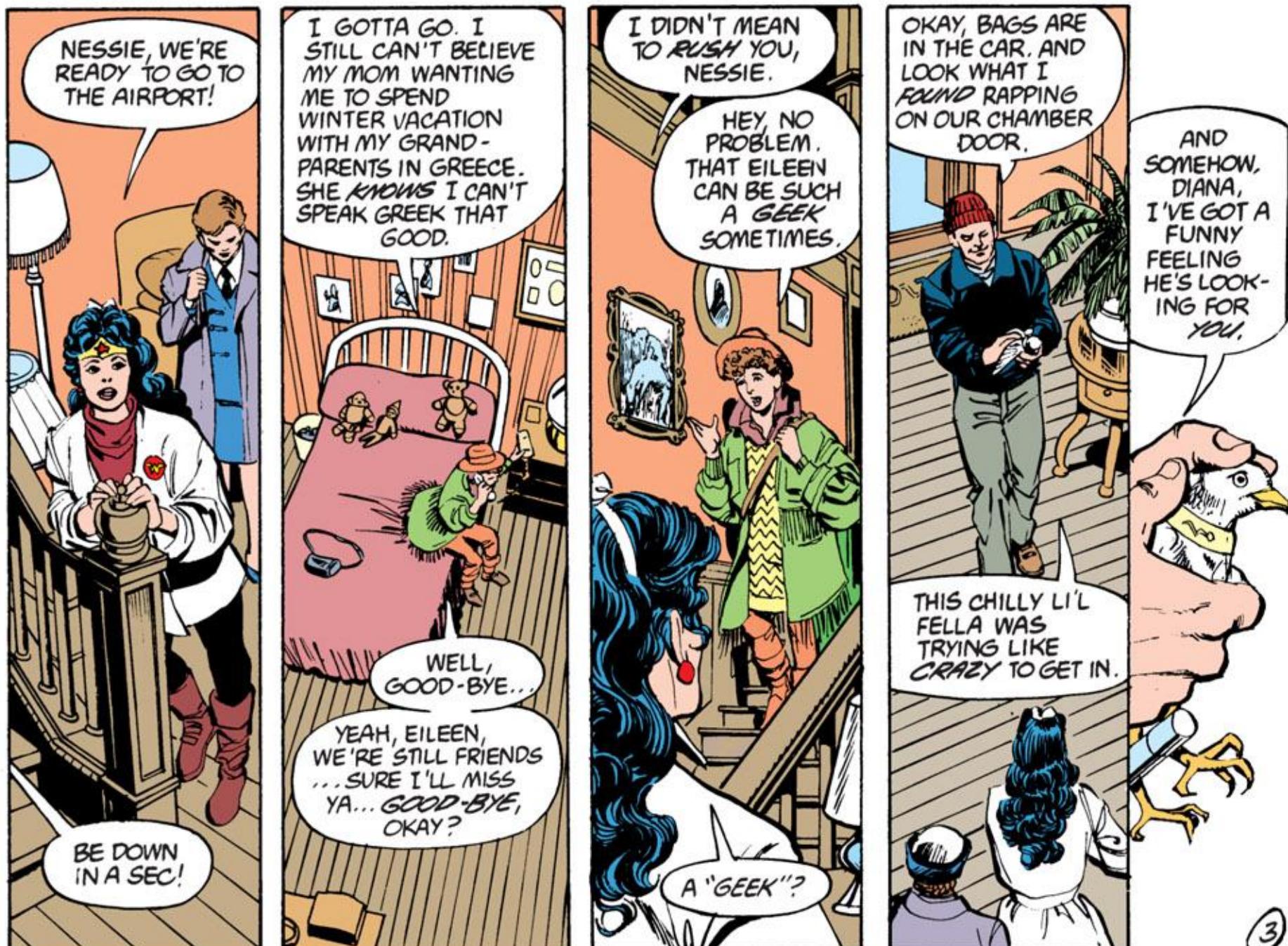
LET'S JUST SAY
THAT INSECURITY
HAS ALWAYS BEEN
MY BIGGEST
FAILING.

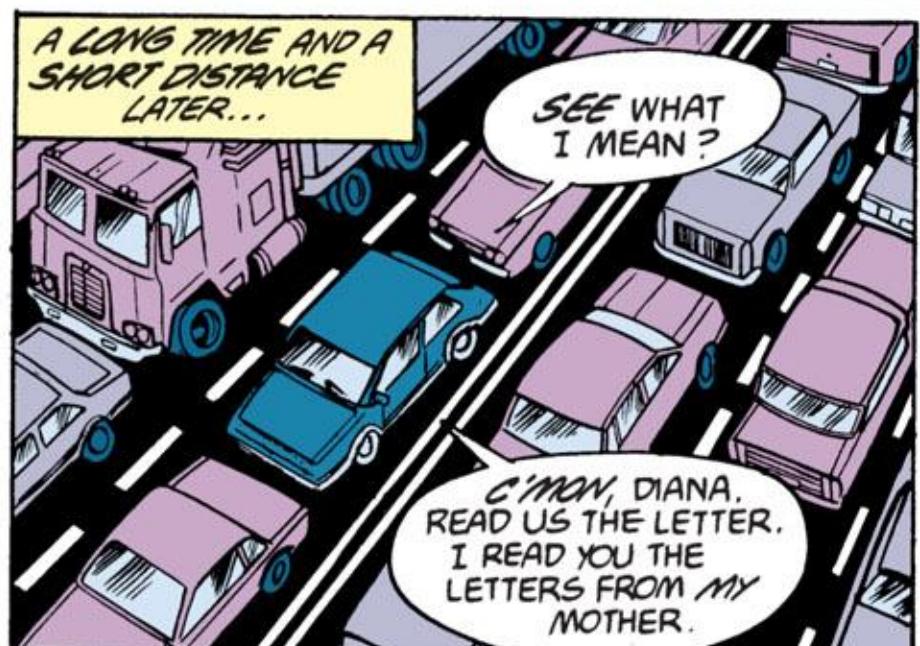


BELIEVE ME, ETTA,
WITH ALL THE NEW
EMOTIONS I'VE
HAD TO DEAL WITH
LATELY, I UNDER-
STAND INSECURITY
ALL TOO WELL.



WHEN STEVE
TOLD ME OF HIS
LOVE FOR YOU, I
MUST CONFESS
TO ALSO BEING
A BIT ENVIOUS.





"HOWEVER, WE
DID EXPERIENCE
AN AWESOME
DISTURBANCE IN
THE HEAVENS
SOME TIME AGO.
AT FIRST WE
FEARED THAT
THE GODS WERE
IN TURMOIL
ONCE AGAIN.
BUT THEN, THE
STORMS CLEARED,
AS SUDDENLY
AS THEY HAD
BEGUN.



"WE WENT TO MENALIPPE, HOPING HER PSYCHIC BOND WITH THE GODS WOULD EXPLAIN THIS NEWEST UPHEAVAL. WERE WE BEING CALLED TO SERVICE AGAIN? WERE YOU IN DANGER? WE PRAYED FOR A SIGN."



"WHEN THE GODS REMAINED SILENT, YOUR SISTERS FELT REASSURED. YET, I STILL COULD NOT CONVINCE MYSELF THAT THE STORMS WERE NOT CONNECTED WITH YOU SOMEHOW."



"MENALIPPE HAD FELT AN UNEASINESS EMANATING FROM OLYMPUS, BUT SHE WAS CONFIDENT THAT YOU WERE SAFE AND UNHARMED."

DO YOU THINK EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT, PRINCESS? AREN'T STORMS OF THAT TYPE UNUSUAL FOR PARADISE ISLAND?



YES, ETTA. THOUGH I BELIEVE THESE STORMS WERE THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE BATTLE ON OLYMPUS AGAINST THE DEITY DARKSEID.

THE ONE WITH YOU AND SUPERMAN? WAS IT BEFORE OR AFTER YOU KISSED HIM?



MY MOTHER GOES ON. SHOULD I CONTINUE?

GO AHEAD, PRINCESS. AT EASE, VANESSA.



"I AM SURE THAT YOU ARE CURIOUS ABOUT THE GREAT DEBATES. WITH CALMNESS RESTORED, THEY HAVE BECOME THE MAJOR FOCUS OF AN AMAZON'S DAY. HELLENE HAS BEEN ELECTED TO LEAD THE FACTION FAVORING ISOLATIONISM."



"WHILE MY VIEWS ARE THE SAME AS YOURS, DIANA, I CANNOT DENY THE INCISIVENESS OF HER POINTS AGAINST MAN'S ADMITTANCE TO PARADISE."

"PHILIPPUS, YOUR EVER-CAUTIOUS SISTER, HAS ACCEPTED THE CAPTAINCY OF THE CAMP FAVORING THE EXCHANGE OF CULTURES."



"HER PAST AMBIANCE PROVIDES A GREAT POIGNANCY TO HER ARGUMENTS."

"TO DECIDE THE MATTER FAIRLY, YOUR SISTERS HAVE CONVERGED ON THE LIBRARY TO STUDY THE TRANSLATIONS OF THE PICTURES AND BOOKS YOU BROUGHT FROM MAN'S WORLD."



"FROM TALES OF GREAT ADVANCES IN HEALING TO THOSE OF WORLD WARS, THESE DOCUMENTS ARE AT ONCE ABSOLVING AND DAMNING."

"AND SO, THE GREAT DEBATES CONTINUE. I MYSELF HAVE TAKEN TO PRIVATE MEDITATION BEHIND THE SOOTHING WARMTH OF APOLLO'S SUN. THIS MORNING, I NESTLED UPON THE CLAY FROM WHICH YOU WERE BORN AND GAZED AT ONE OF THE LIGHT IMAGES THAT YOU CALLED A PHOTOGRAPH..."



"...THE ONE WHICH PICTURES YOU AND YOUR MENTOR, JULIA."



"THE WOMAN WHO IS MY SUBSTITUTE ON MAN'S WORLD."

"...AND WHOSE ARMS EMBRACE YOU--AS MINE LONG TO."



"IF YOU ARE READING THIS, THEN HERMES HAS ANSWERED MY PRAYERS..."



"...AND HAS GRANTED THIS BIRD SAFE PASSAGE TO YOU."

"MY DEAREST DAUGHTER, PLEASE LET THIS LETTER BE YOUR LIGHT IMAGE OF ME AND GAZE UPON IT FROM TIME TO TIME."



"I AM SO PROUD OF YOU, AND I MISS YOU INTENSELY. I PRAY YOU HAVE MISSED ME AS WELL."

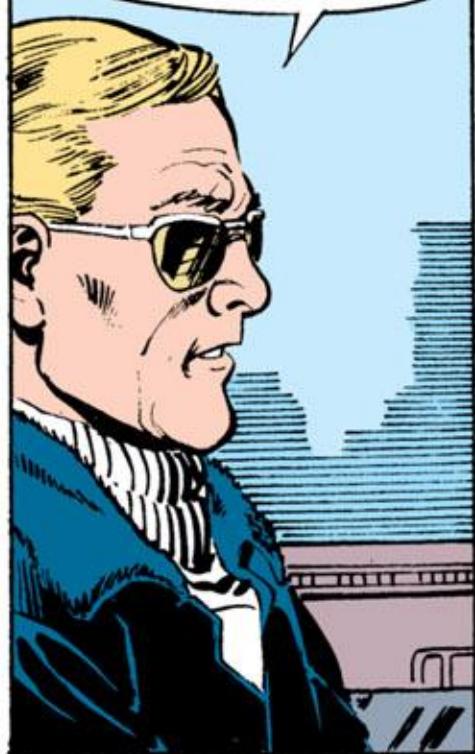
"MAY THE GLORY OF GAEA BE WITH YOU..."



"...MOTHER."

YOUR MOTHER SOUNDS LIKE A WONDERFUL WOMAN, DIANA. I HOPE I'LL GET THE CHANCE TO MEET HER SOME-DAY...

...IF SHE HAS FORGIVEN ME FOR NEARLY BOMBING YOUR ISLAND!



MY MOTHER REALIZES THAT YOU WERE CUSED BY ARES, STEVE.



KNOWING YOU HAS CONFIRMED MY BELIEF IN HUMAN-KIND'S GREAT POTENTIAL. IN TIME, ALL MY SISTERS WILL BELIEVE IN IT, TOO.

NOT MEANING TO CHANGE THE SUBJECT, PRINCESS, BUT HOW DID THE QUEEN WRITE SO MUCH ON SUCH A TINY PARCHMENT?



IT'S A SPECIAL ALPHABET WE DEVELOPED. A SORT OF PICROGRAM.

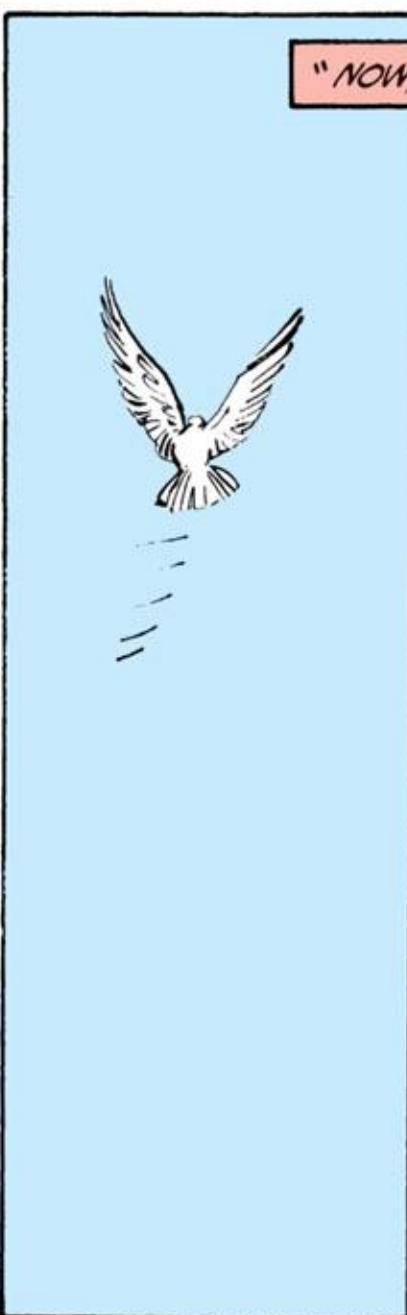
BY VARYING THE COMBINATIONS OF SYMBOLS AND COLORED INK WE CAN EXPRESS ENTIRE PARAGRAPHS IN AS FEW AS TWO CHARACTERS.

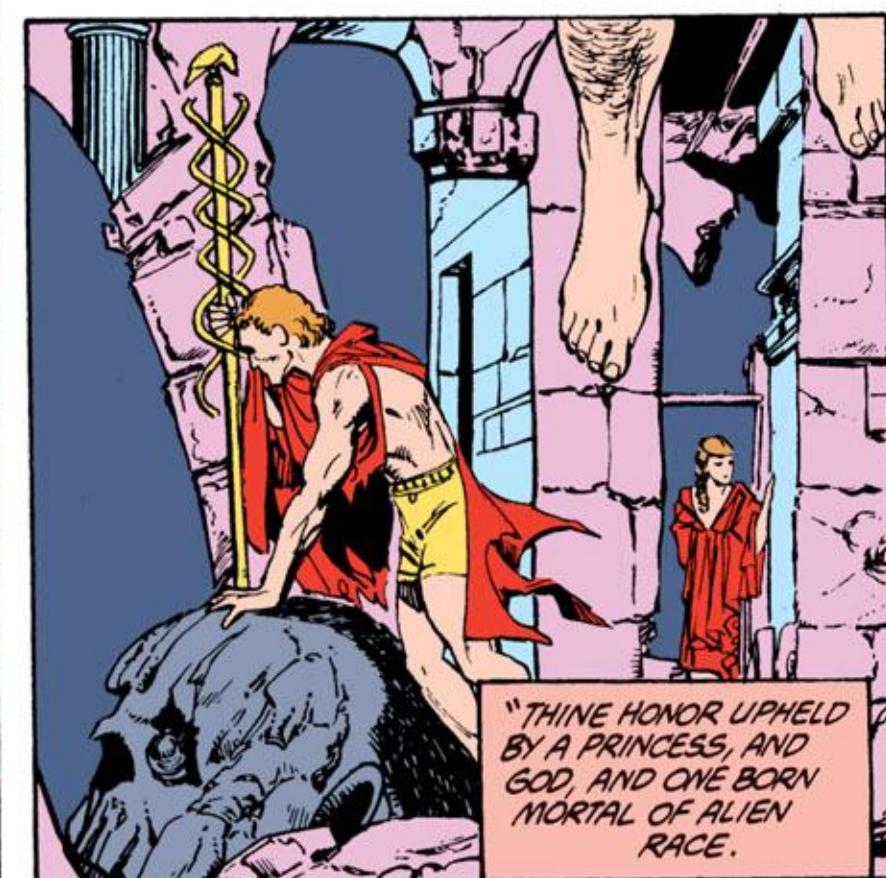
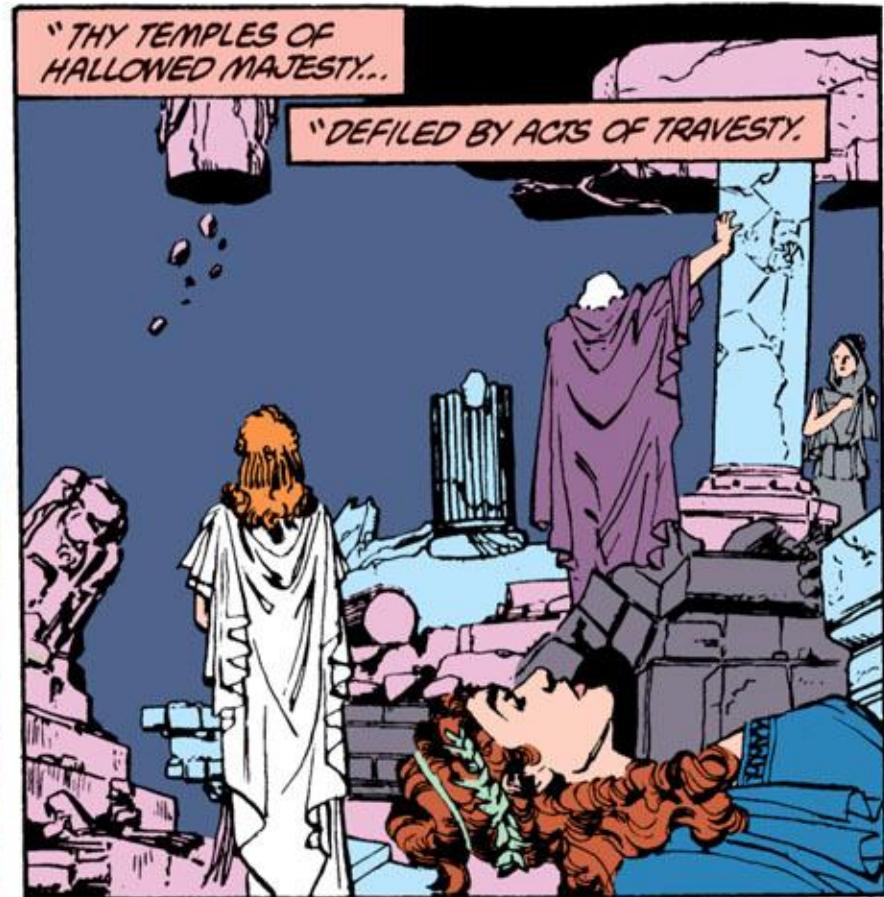


WHY, PRINCESS, YOU'RE AN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER'S DREAM!

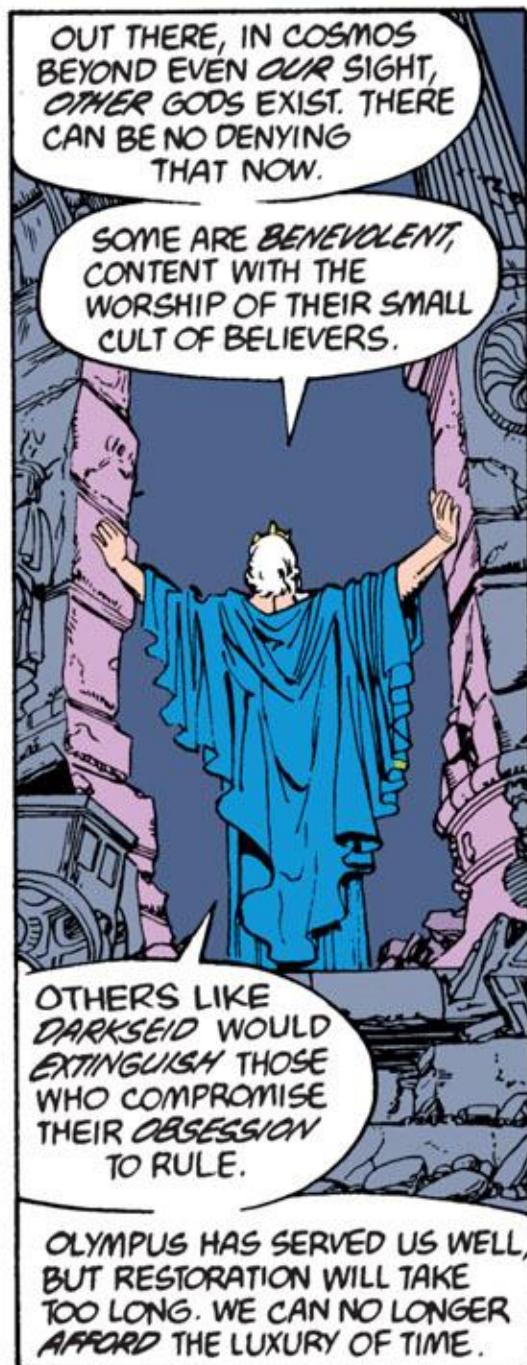


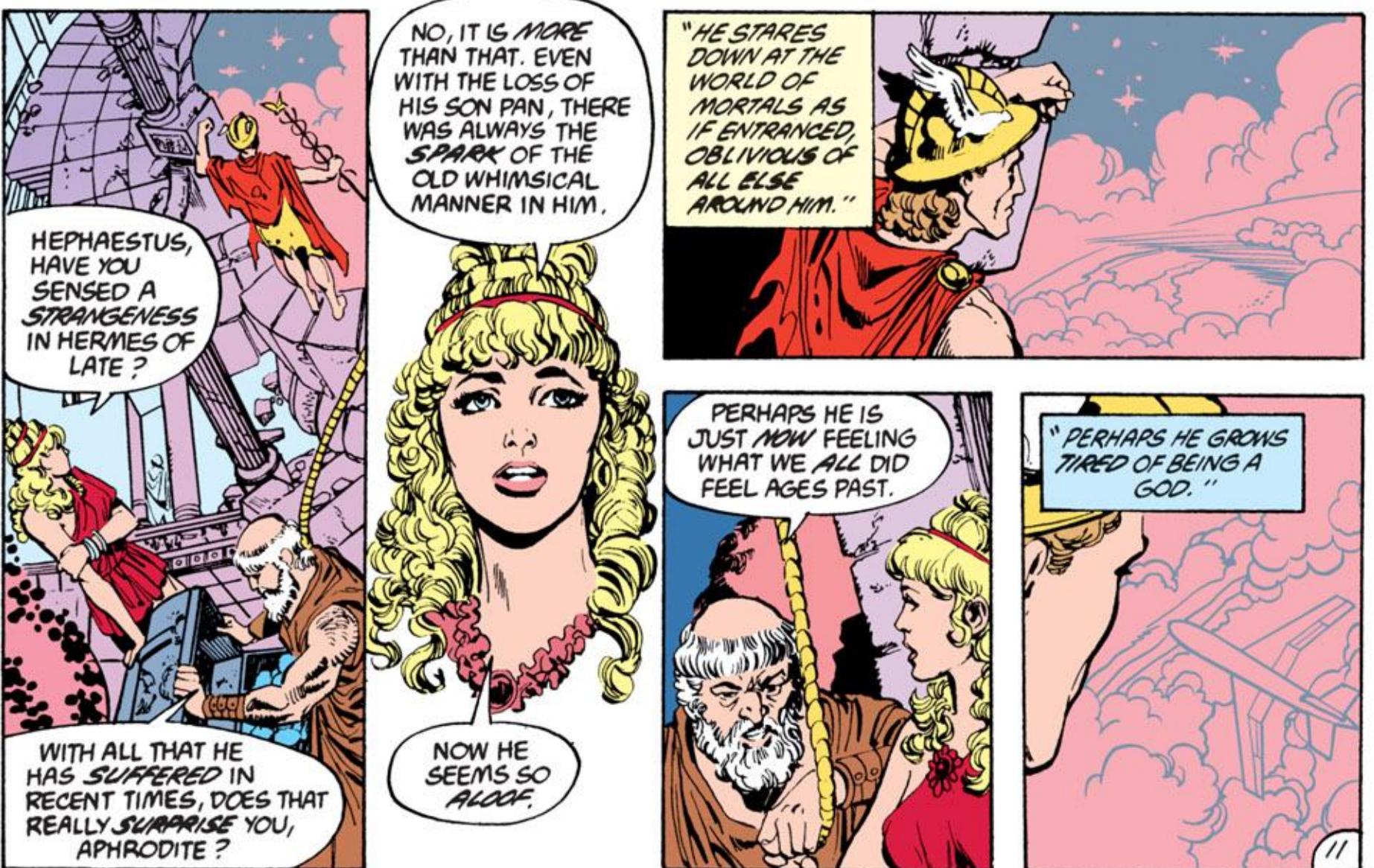
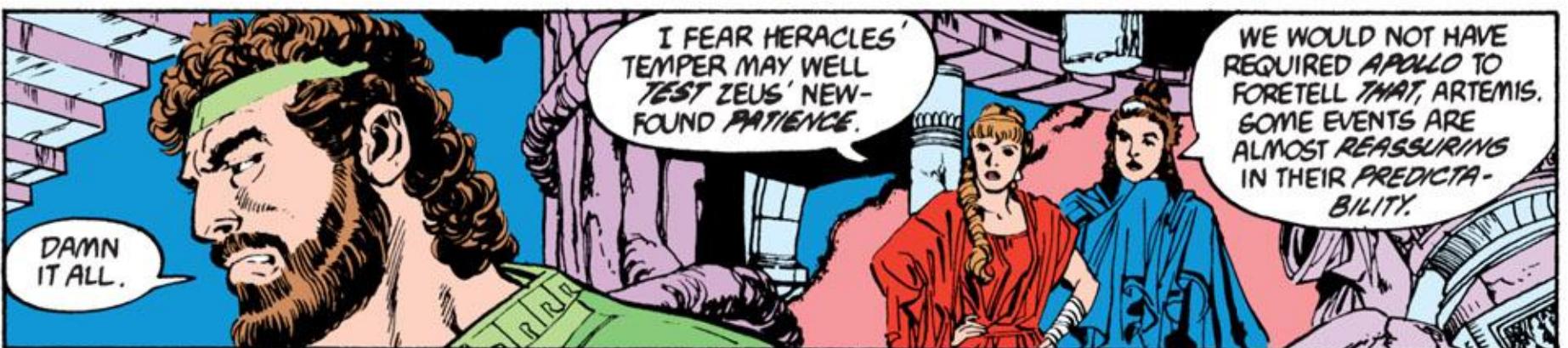
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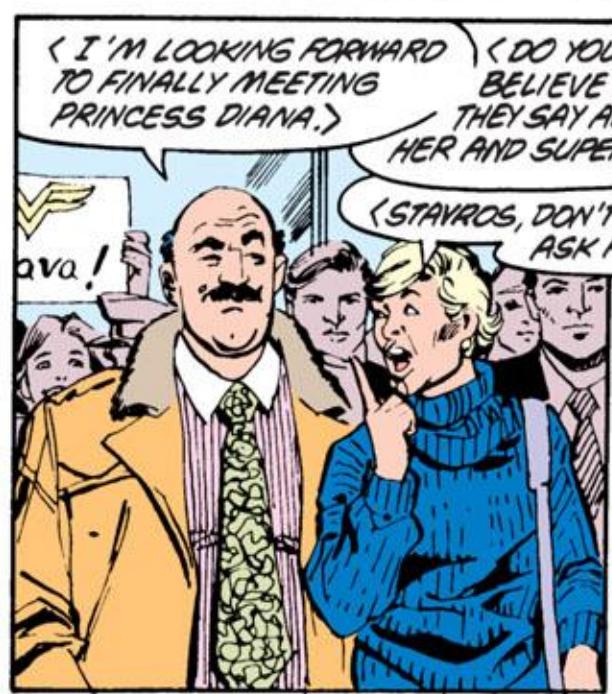
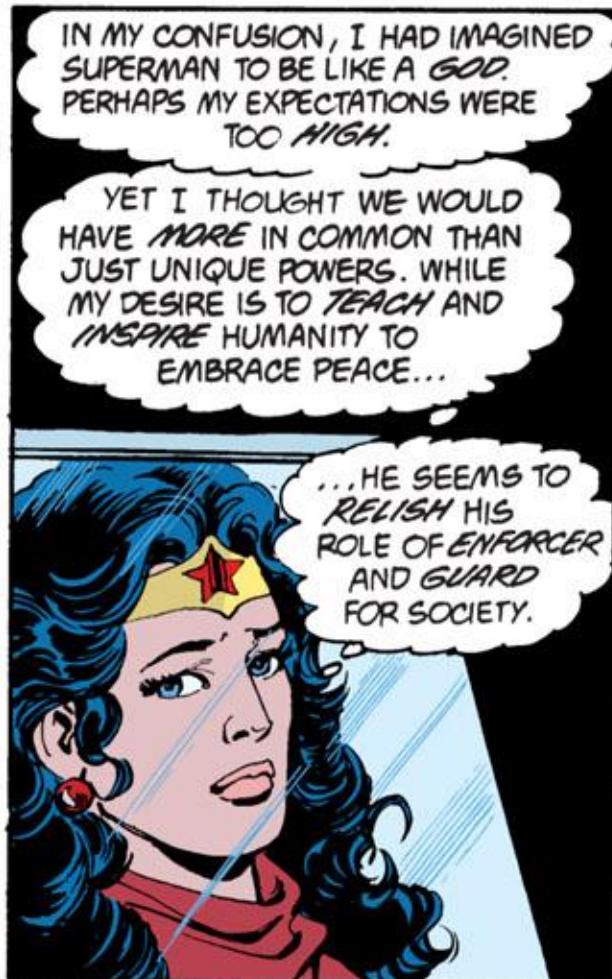




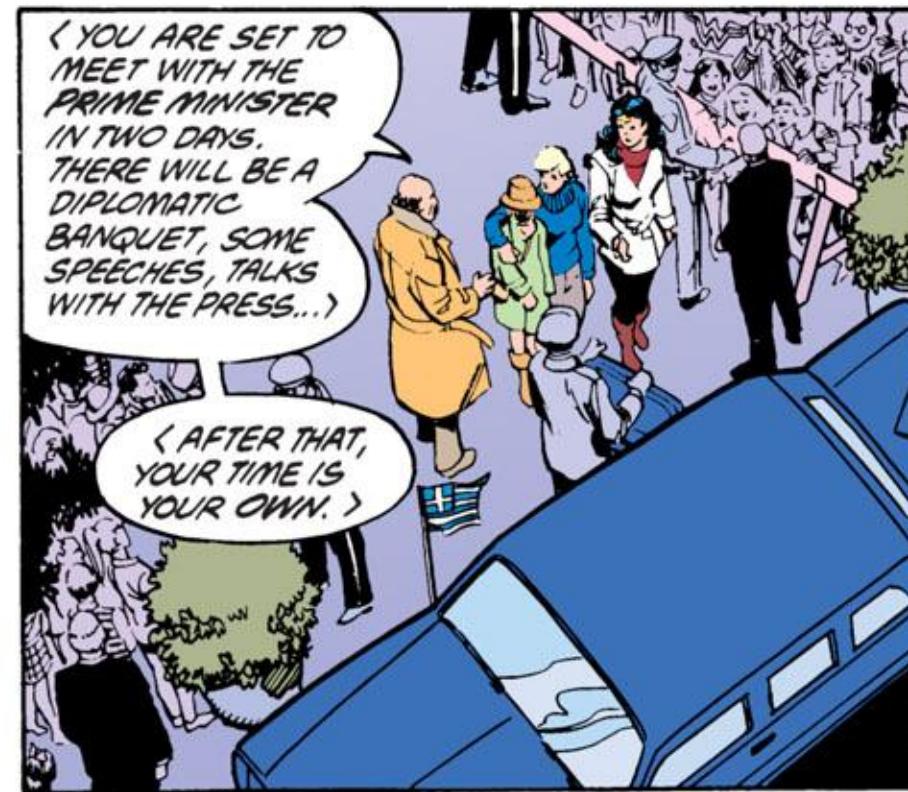
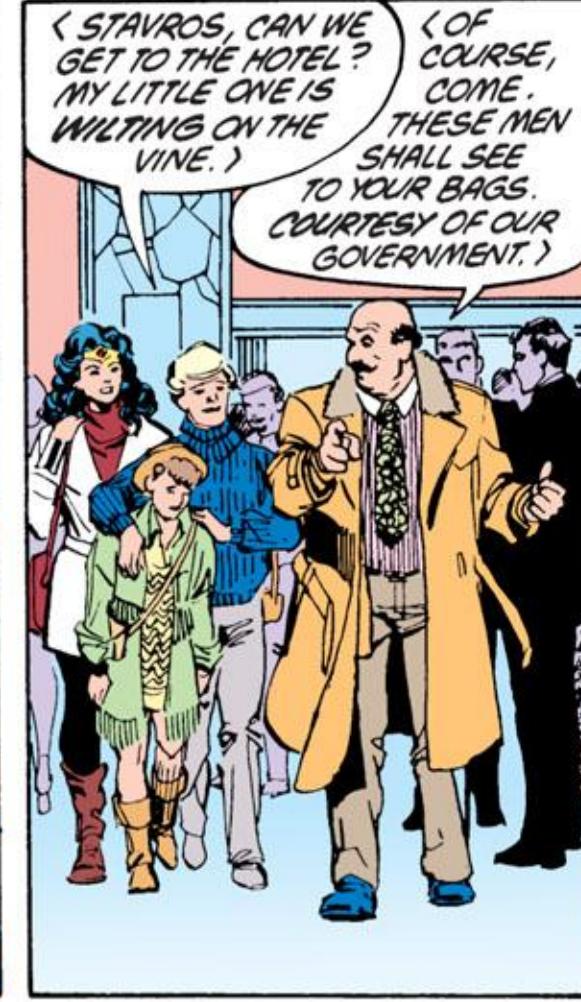
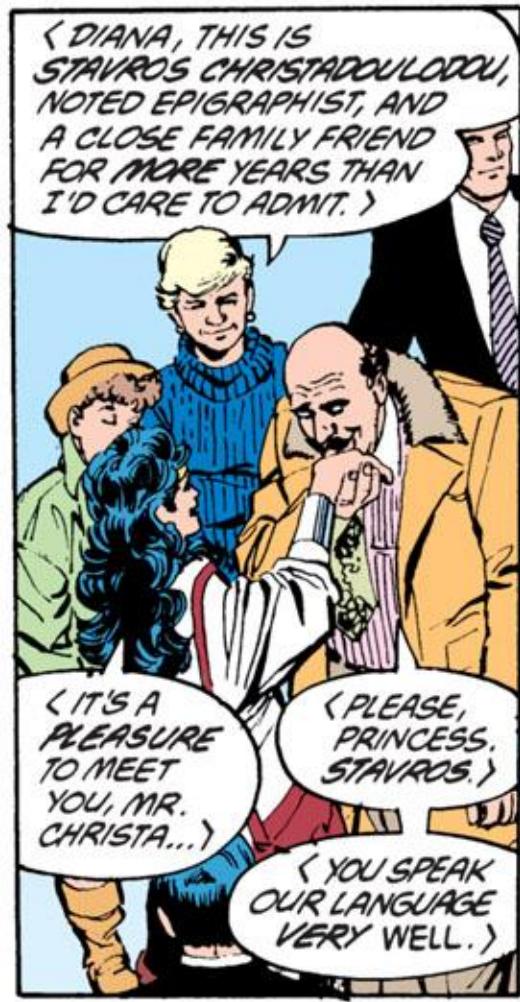


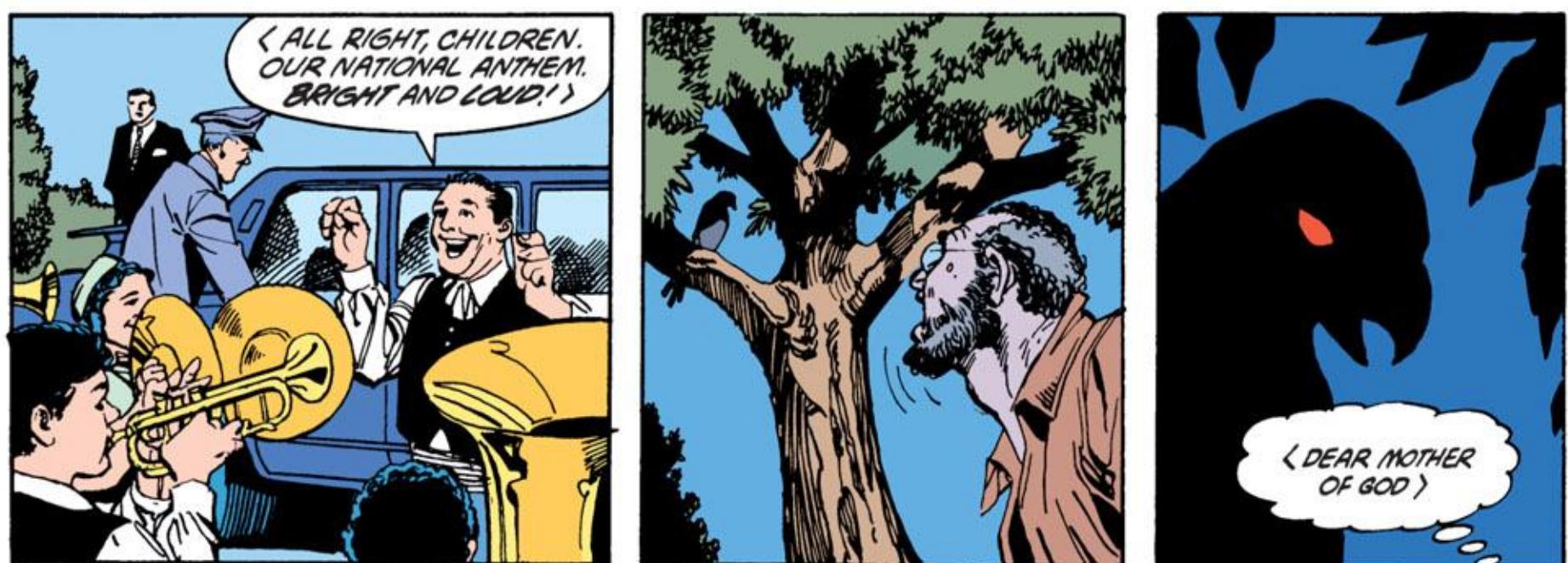


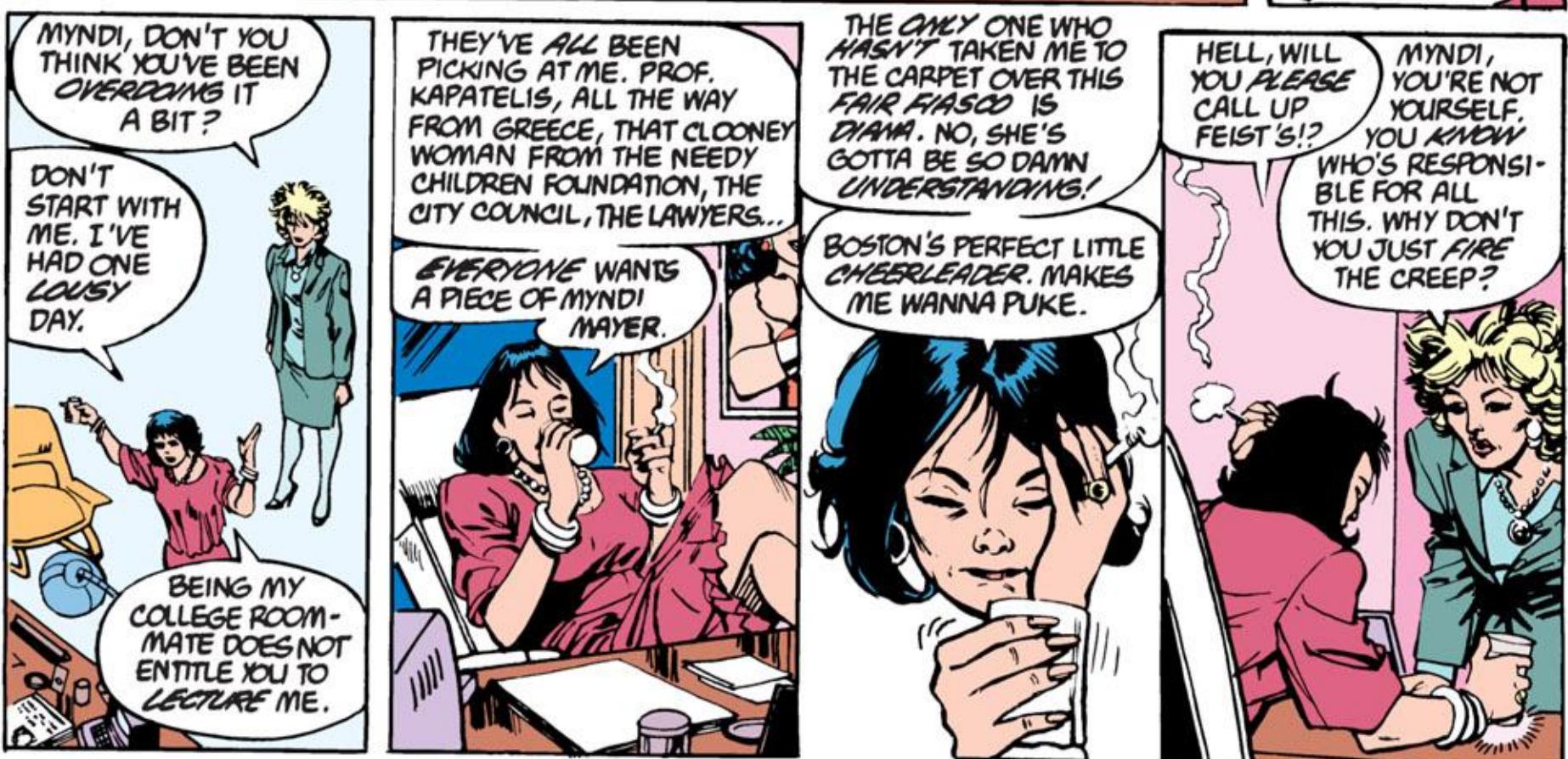
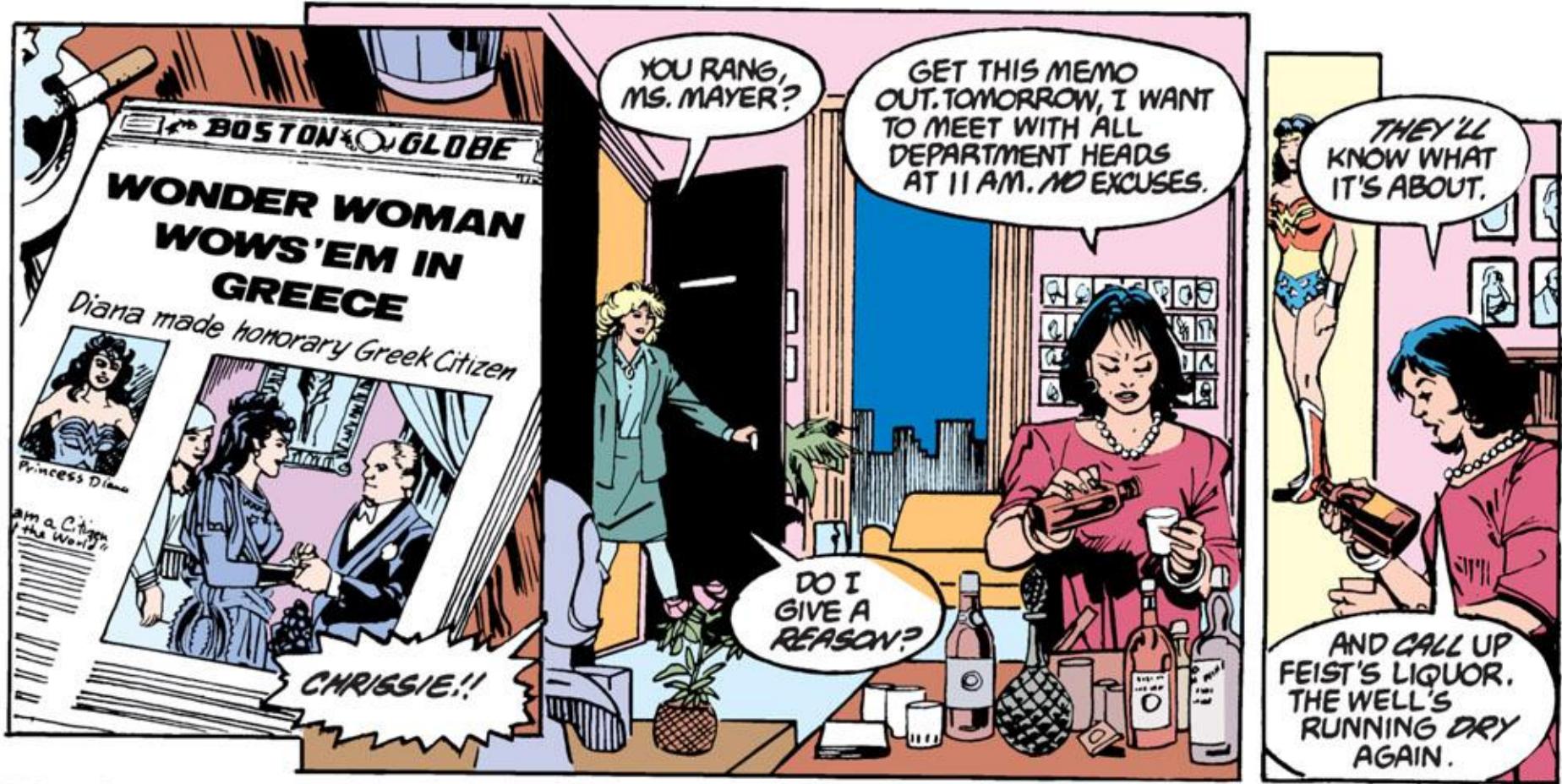


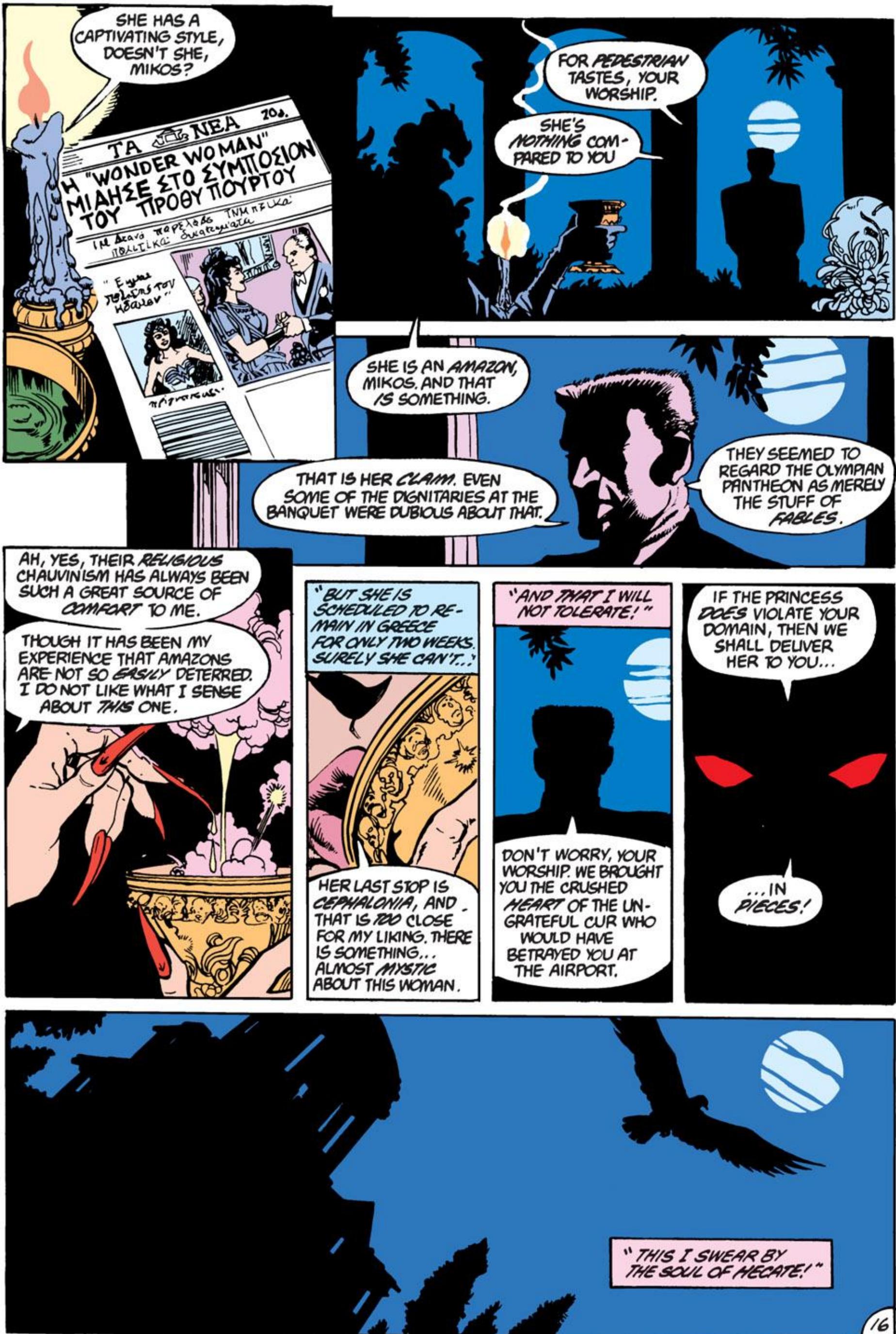


*Translated from the Greek.









THE ACROPOLIS,
THE NEXT MORNING:

I CAN FEEL IT.
LIKE A FADING ECHO
OR A DIMMING
LIGHT...
...THE
TRACES
REMAIN.

EVEN SEEING PHOTOS
AND FILMS OF THIS
ACROPOLIS COULD NOT
HAVE PREPARED ME FOR
SUCH SENSATIONS.

I CAN SEE THE GLINTS OF
SUNLIGHT DANCING ON THE
DRAWN SWORDS AS MY
MOTHER'S ARMY MARCHED
OVER THIS LAND, CENTURIES
BEFORE THESE TEMPLES
WERE EVEN ERECTED.

THE GODS
WERE HERE!

...AND I
CAN SMELL THE
BLOOD.

THE GODS
WERE IN THEIR
GREATEST GLORY THEN.
ONLY GREAT FAITH
COULD HAVE INSPIRED
SUCH MONUMENTS.
AS IT IS ON THEMYSCIRA,
SO WAS IT ONCE
HERE.

...AND THE GREAT TRUST
THEY HAVE PLACED IN ME.
DESPITE THE CRUEL WINDS
OF TIME AND THE VIOLENT
ONSLAUGHTS OF WAR, THIS
ACROPOLIS AND OTHER
SUCH STRUCTURES STILL
STAND. CITIES BEAR THE
GODS' NAMES.

O ATHENA! FROM YOUR
TEMPLE I PRAY THAT I
BE GRANTED THE WISDOM
TO FIND THE VOICE THAT
WILL INSPIRE.

I HAVE MUCH TO
TEACH AND MUCH
TO LEARN. GRANT
ME THE PATIENCE
TO DO BOTH.

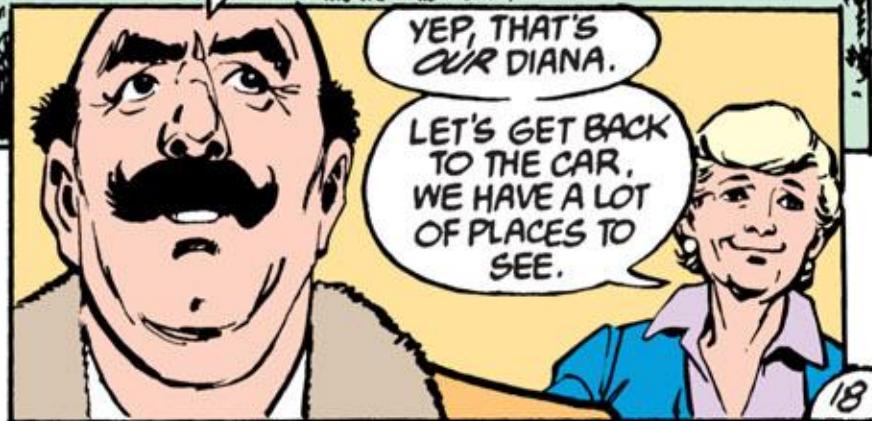
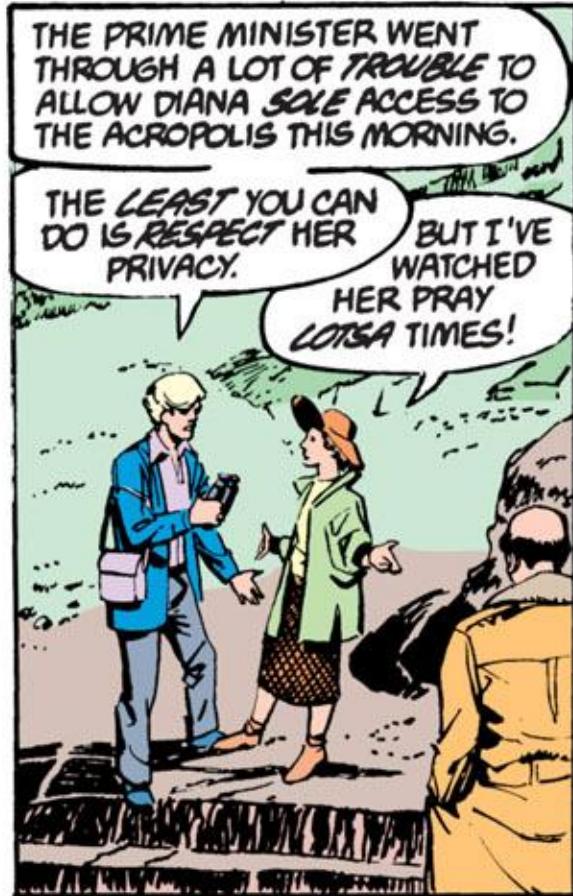
NOW I BEGIN TO
FULLY UNDERSTAND
THE GREAT SENSE
OF LOSS THE GODS
MUST HAVE FELT WHEN
MAN NO LONGER
WANTED THEM...

THEY MAY NOT BE
WORSHIPPED, BUT
THEY HAVE NOT BEEN
FORGOTTEN.

AND THAT
ITSELF IS A
START.

LET IT BE AS STRONG AS
THE FOUNDATION OF
THIS ACROPOLIS, THAT I, TOO,
MAY REMAIN STEADFAST
IN YOUR SERVICE.

FOR THE
GLORY OF
GAEA!



AS DIANA TOURS THROUGH GREECE,
SHE REALIZES JUST HOW MAGNIFICENTLY
MAN ONCE WORSHIPPED
THE GODS.



THE HILL OF THE MUSES IN ATHENS...



...NAMED FOR THOSE WHO INSPIRE THE SOULS OF ARTISTS.

HEPHAESTEUM...



...COMMEMORATING THE GOD WHO FORGED HER MAGIC LASSO FROM THE GOLDEN GIRDLE OF GAEA.

THE HERAION IN OLYMPIA...



...WHERE GREAT ATHLETIC GAMES WERE HELD IN THE NAME OF ZEUS.

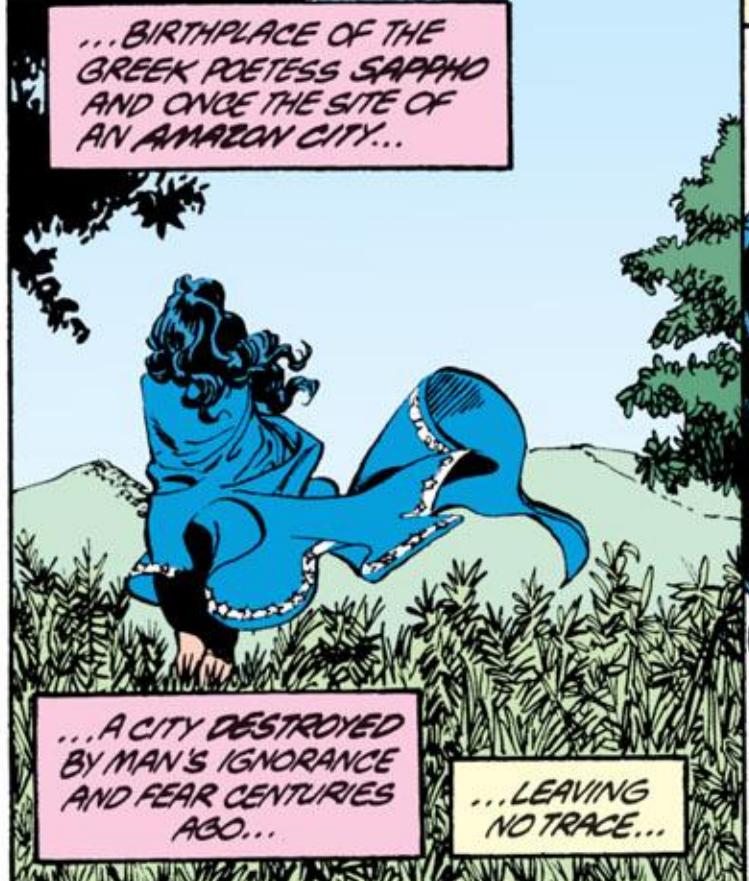
THE TEMPLE OF APOLLO IN DELPHI...



...HOME OF THE ORACLE WHOM THE SUN-GOD BLESSED WITH THE GIFT OF PRECOGNITION.

AND LESBOS...

...BIRTHPLACE OF THE GREEK POETESS SAPPHO AND ONCE THE SITE OF AN AMAZON CITY...



...LEAVING NO TRACE...

...EXCEPT IN THE EYES OF AN AMAZON PRINCESS.

SLEEP WELL, MY SISTERS. ENJOY THE SPLENDORS OF YOUR AFTERLIFE IN THE ELYSIAN FIELDS AND TAKE COMFORT IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THE AMAZON IDEALS HAVE NOT PERISHED.



AS LONG AS ONE OF US STILL LIVES, THE LESSONS OF PEACE AND EQUALITY SHALL BE TAUGHT. I BELIEVE MAN IS NOW READY TO LEARN.



LATER, ON THE IONIAN SEA....

THIS IS ALL SO BEAUTIFUL, JULIA. I NEVER KNEW JUST HOW GORGEOUS MAN'S WORLD COULD BE.

NO WONDER YOU RETURN HERE EVERY YEAR.

I WAS BORN HERE, DIANA. MY ROOTS ARE HERE.

I WAS EVEN MARRIED HERE.

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT. YOU TALK SO SELDOM ABOUT YOUR HUSBAND. HE WAS AN ARCHAEOLOGIST, WASN'T HE?

OH, HE WAS MUCH MORE THAN THAT.

HE WAS THE FINEST MAN I EVER KNEW. BRILLIANT, ADVENTUROUS, LOVING...

AND HE HAD SUCH BIG HANDS. HE COULD CARRY LITTLE VANESSA RIGHT IN HIS PALM. GOD, SHE LOVED HIM SO.

AND I ADORED HIM.

...WITH A LAUGH THAT COULD SHAKE A REDWOOD.

EACH NEW DAY TOGETHER WAS LIKE BEING BORN AGAIN... WHEN DAVID DIED, I...

DIANA?

"THAT ISLAND OUT THERE, IS THAT... CEPHALONIA?"

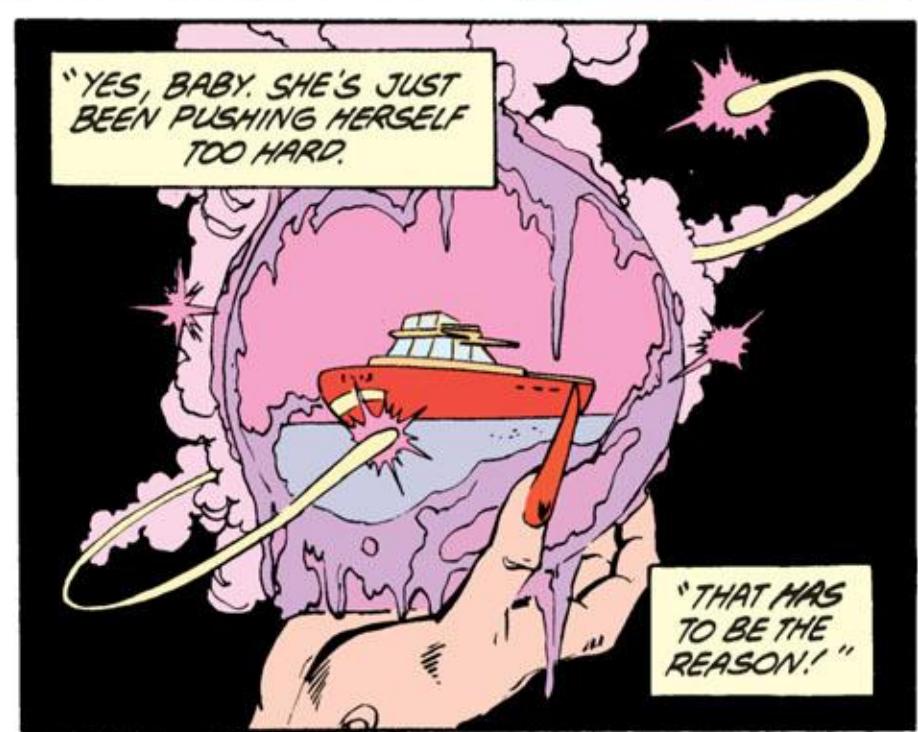
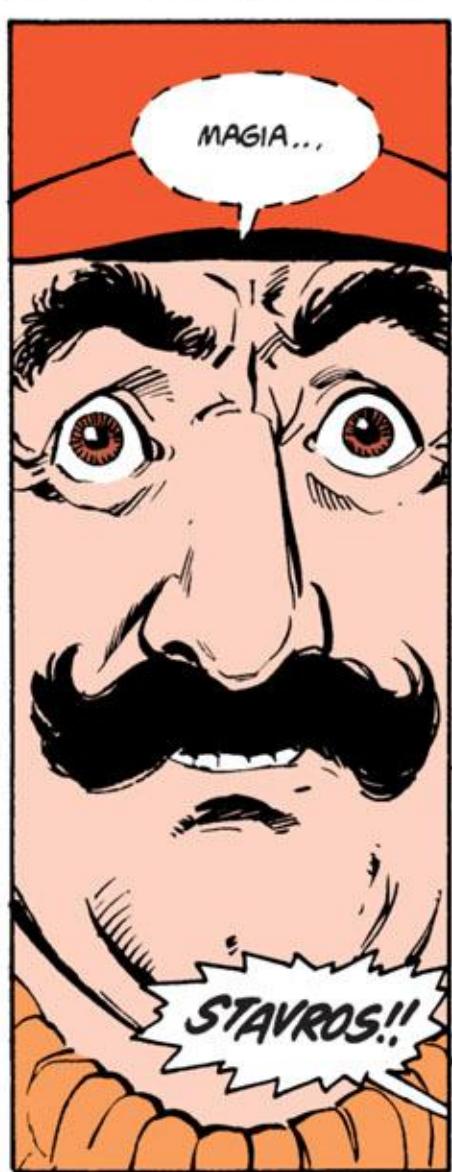
"THAT ONE? NO. I DON'T EVEN THINK IT HAS A NAME. I'VE HEARD THOUGH THAT SOME RECLUSIVE BILLIONAIRE OWNS IT."

THERE IS SOMETHING... STRANGE THERE. I CAN FEEL IT... BECKONING...

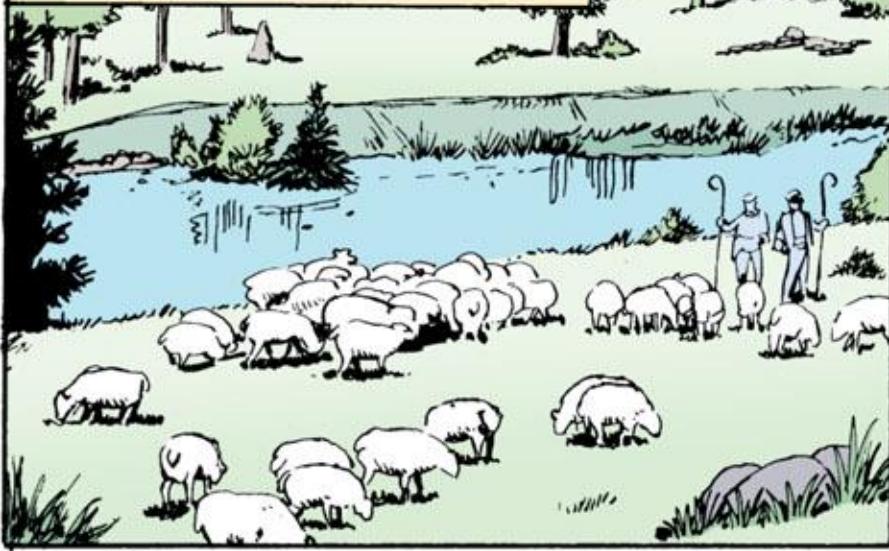
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...REACHING...

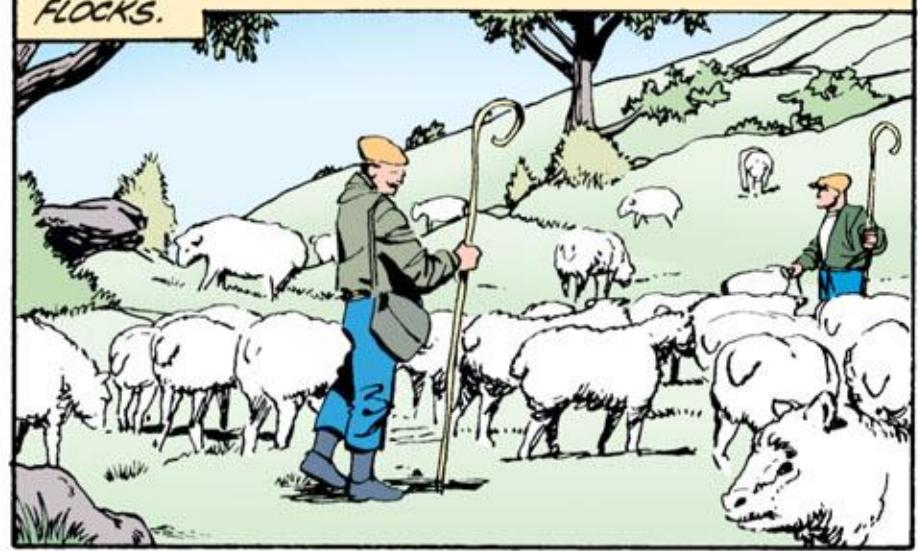
"...MAKING ME FEEL COLD..."



ON CEPHALONIA, ONE OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS WEST OF THE GREEK MAINLAND, WOODEN CROOKS SWAY TO THE MUSIC OF BLEATING SHEEP...



THE TOWN LEADERS WAIT BY THE ROCKY SHORE OF THE ISLAND FOR A ROYAL VISITOR, BUT THE SHEPHERDS ON THE HILLS CARE ONLY FOR THE GENTLE LAMBS OF THEIR FLOCKS.



A PEACEFUL DAY...

...UNTIL...

(DIMITRI! NIKOLOS! COME QUICKLY! QUICKLY!)



(A MAN. A DEAD MAN!)



(DEAR GOD IN HEAVEN. HE HAS BEEN TORN APART.)

(WHO IS HE?)

(WHO CAN SAY? HIS FACE HAS BEEN EATEN AWAY.)

(THAT COAT. IT BELONGS TO THAT TROUBLEMAKER FROM TELLISATA...)

(DRIVAS, YES. PAUL DRIVAS. THEY SAID THERE WAS A "MAGIA" ON HIM.)

(SUPERSTITION! THIS WAS THE WORK OF A WOLF, NOT SOME FOOLISH CURSE.)



(BUT, NIKOLOS, LOOK AT THE GROUND. THERE ARE NO WOLF TRACKS. ONLY OUR OWN AND THOSE OF THE SHEEP.)



(TOMAS IS RIGHT... THERE'S ONLY US...)



(...AND THE SHEEP?)



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**CREATURES
OF THE
DARK**



Wonder Woman 101

For centuries, the race of warrior women known as the Amazons secluded themselves on the remote island of Themyscira. Their leader, Queen Hippolyta, prayed to the gods for a daughter that would embody the Amazon spirit and they granted her wish. Diana was born and gifted with powers and abilities equal to that of the Grecian deities. After winning a competition with all of her Amazonian sisters, she was chosen to be the ambassador of her people in the modern world and took on the code-name **Wonder Woman**.

Since embarking on her mission, Princess Diana has grown to become one of the World's Greatest Super Heroes and battles evil as a member of the Justice League of America alongside Superman, Batman, Green Lantern, The Flash and Aquaman.

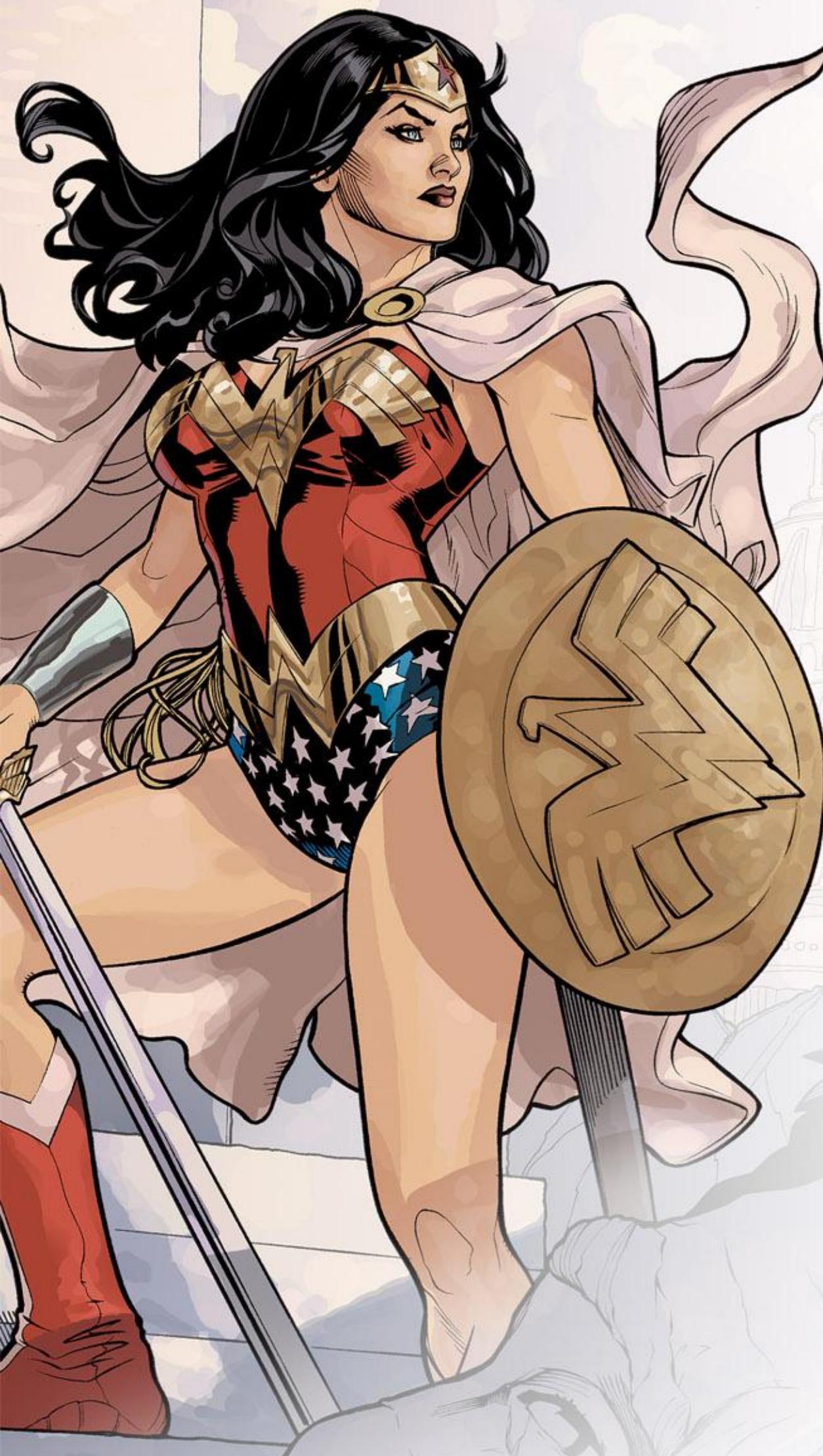
The Amazon Warrior possesses godlike strength, speed, invulnerability and the ability to fly. She uses her unbreakable magic Lasso of Truth and bullet deflecting bracelets to take on an astounding array of villains including the Cheetah, Giganta and Ares, God of War.

To this day, **Wonder Woman** remains a pop culture icon across the globe and serves as an inspiration to fans young and old. From the classic Wonder Woman live-action television series starring Lynda Carter to her appearances in the **Super Friends** and **Justice League**, she has been spotlighted in all forms of media. Now you can read all about her in these 101 Wonder Woman digital comics.

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