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LONDON.

TIME AND AGAIN I INCREASED THE POWER OF THIS IMBECILE, AEGEUS... IF HE KILLED YOU OR YOU, HIM... EITHER WAY, MY PROBLEMS WOULD HAVE BEEN SOLVED, AND I COULD HAVE MAINTAINED MY DISTANCE.

HIS DEATH MAY HAVE BEEN THE TRIGGER NEEDED TO FULLY ACTIVATE YOUR POWER, OR... IF HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN KILLING YOU...

...THEN HE WOULD HAVE ASSUMED THE MANTLE OF GOD OF WAR AND I WOULD HAVE HELPED HIM TO BECOME ALL THAT YOU ARE NOT.

BUT NOW IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN ORDER TO HAVE A TRUE GOD OF WAR, I MUST FORCE THE ISSUE AND TAKE MATTERS INTO MY OWN HANDS.

I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR WHATEVER THIS IS, EIRENE. DONNA HAS BEEN TURNED TO STONE BECAUSE OF THOSE GOD-KILLING ARROWS YOU GAVE AEGEUS. I NEED TO GET HER HELP! NOW!

OH GOD! SHE'S HERE TO KILL US.

MOST MERCIFUL GODDESS, PLEASE LET ME EXPLAIN...

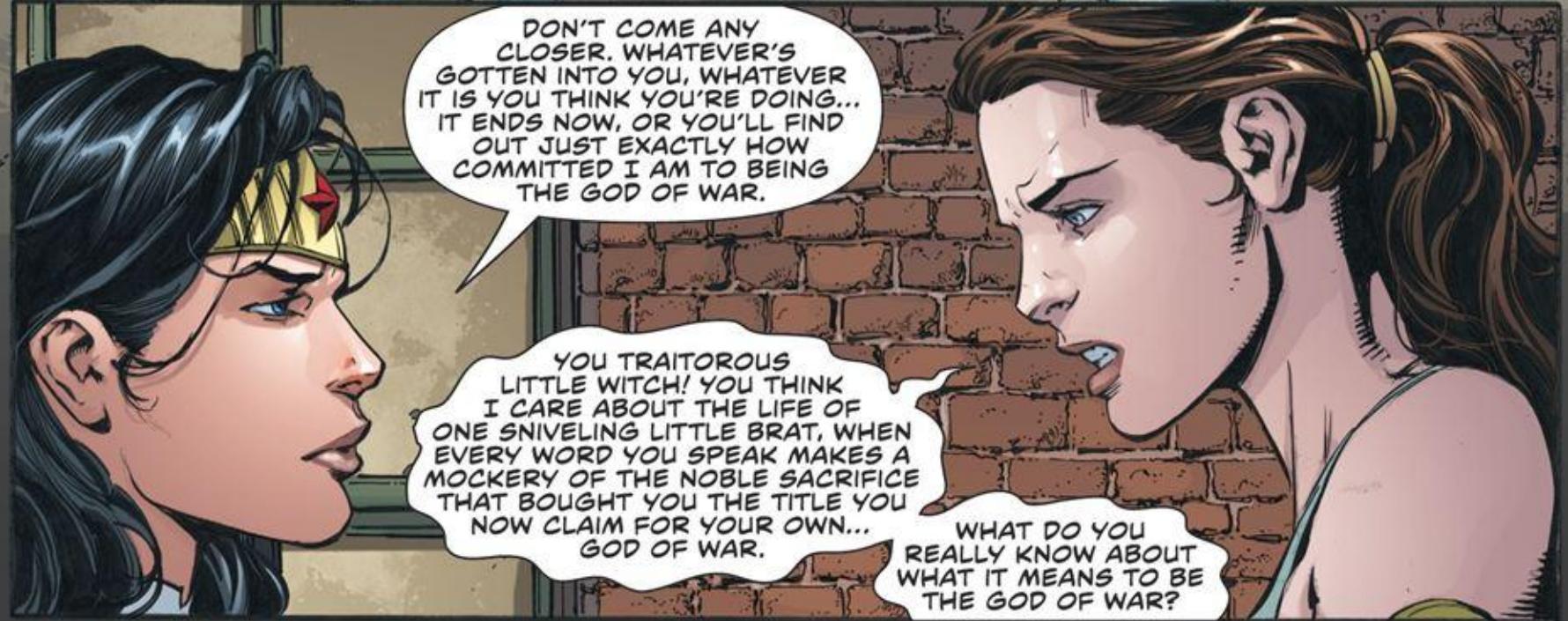
ENOUGH!

I WILL TOLERATE YOUR GROVELING FAILURE NO LONGER.

EIRENE!
WHAT KIND OF
GODDESS OF PEACE
ATTACKS A CHILD? HE'S
JUST A BOY!



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GODDESS,
NO! ZEKE!
EIRENE, PLEASE!
HE'S JUST
A BABY.

...ABOUT
BALANCE...GOOD
AND EVIL, BLACK
AND WHITE.

I AM
INCOMPLETE
WITHOUT YOU...
WITHOUT HIM.
WITHOUT WAR...
THERE IS NO
PEACE.

THE MORE YOU SEEK TO BE
THAT WHICH YOU ARE NOT...
THE MORE YOU ARE DRIVING
ME AWAY FROM THAT
WHICH I WAS.

LEAVE
HIM OUT
OF THIS!

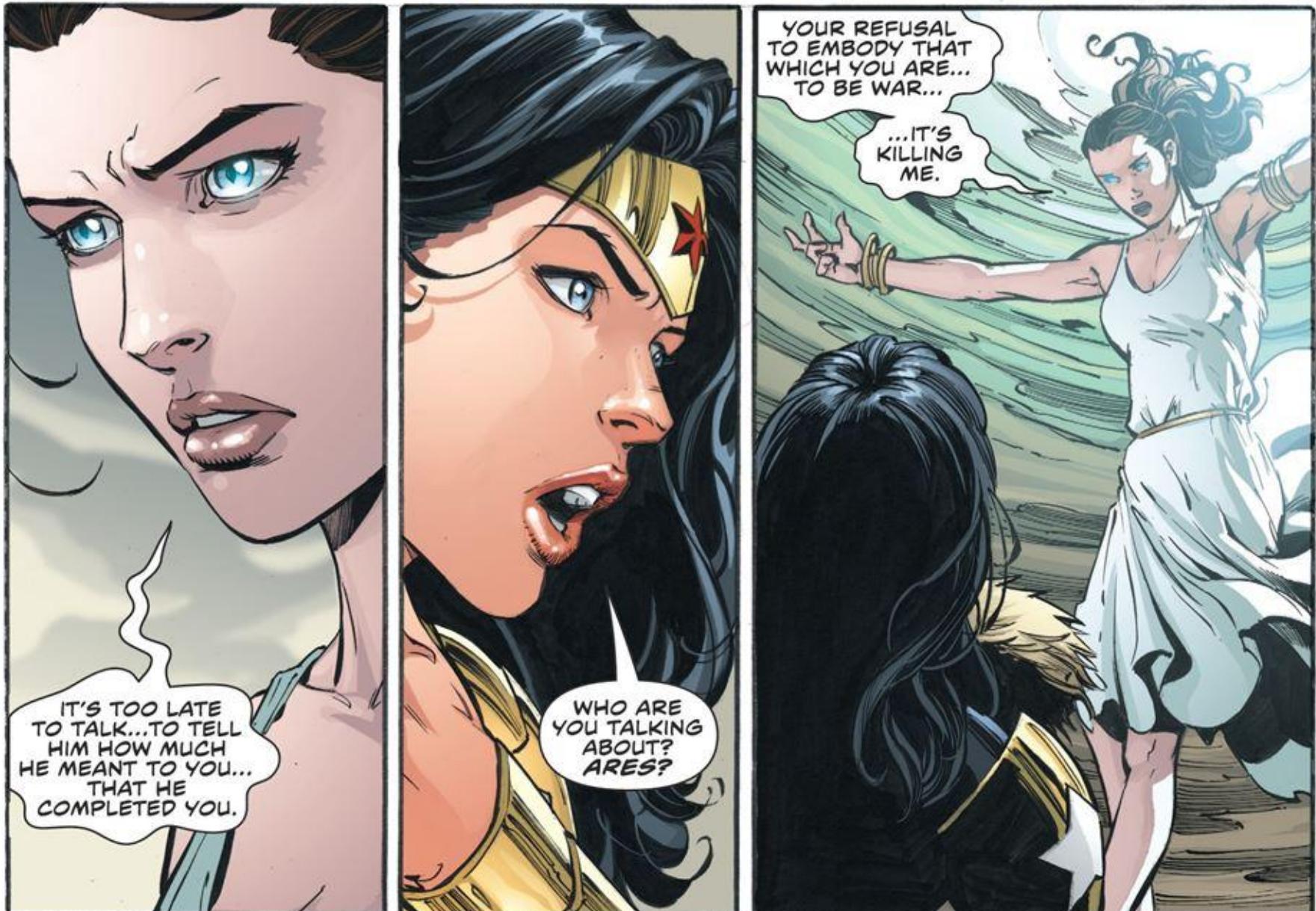
I'M NOT
SURE HOW
I'M GOING TO
GET YOU BACK
TO OLYMPUS
RIGHT NOW...

SHE'S SO WRAPPED UP IN
WHATEVER IT IS THAT
SHE THINKS SHE'S DOING
HERE, IT'S LIKE SHE
DOESN'T EVEN SEE HIM.

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?!
I AM SUPPOSED TO BE THE
GODDESS OF PEACE,
NOT YOU!

I DON'T GET IT. SHE JUST
KEEPES TALKING, LIKE SHE
DOESN'T EVEN SEE ZEKE.
BUT IF SHE DIDN'T BRING
HIM HERE, THEN WHO DID?
AND WHERE THE HECK
ARE ZOLA AND HERA?

I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY YOU INSIST
ON HURTING
ME!





YOU'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE WAR...
TO WALK THE EARTH AS WAR...
NOT UNTIL YOU UNDERSTAND THE
TRAGIC BEAUTY OF WHO AND WHAT
HE WAS... NOT UNTIL I SHOW YOU
WHAT A WORLD WITHOUT
WAR LOOKS LIKE.

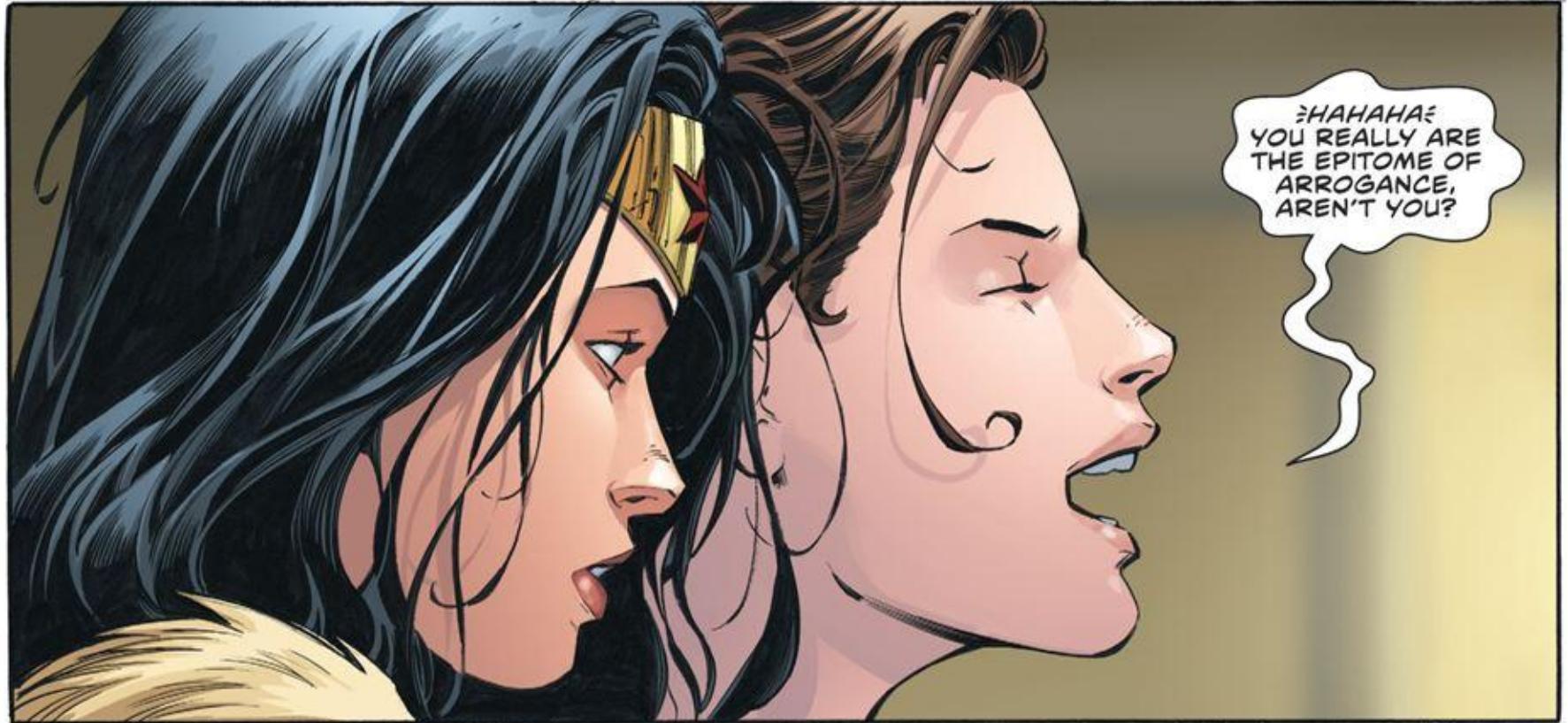


TELL ME.
WHAT DO YOU
SEE?

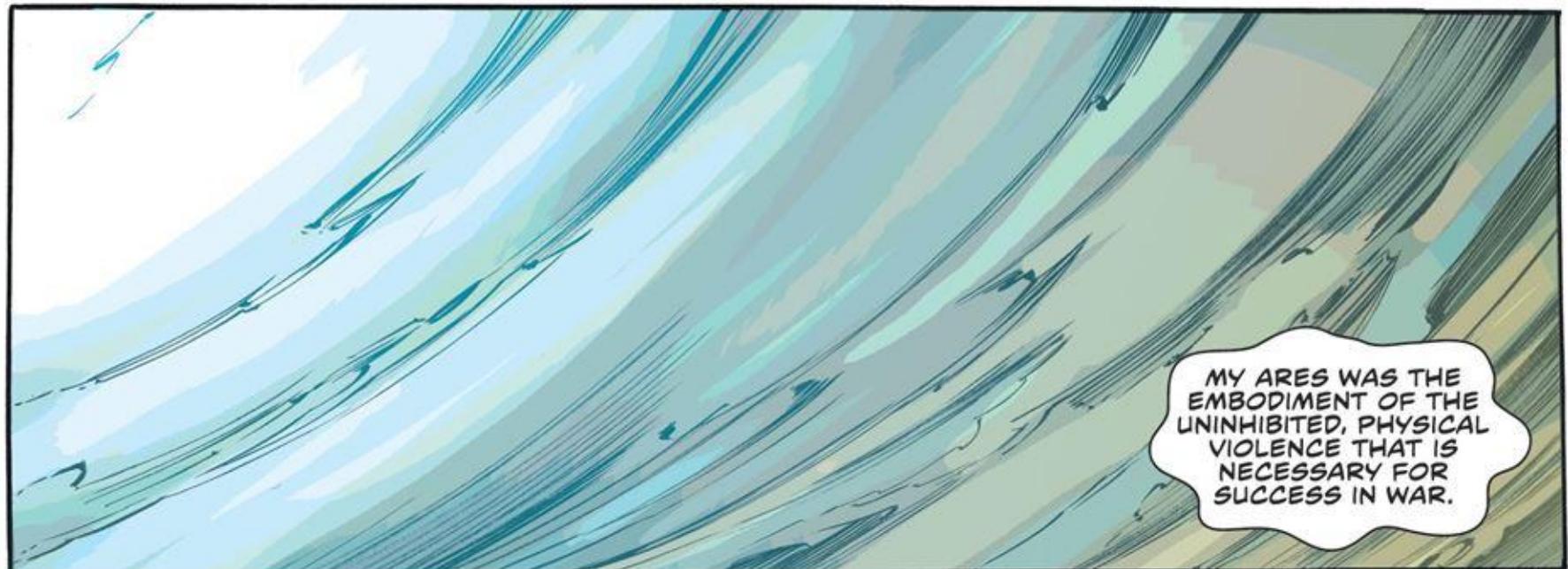
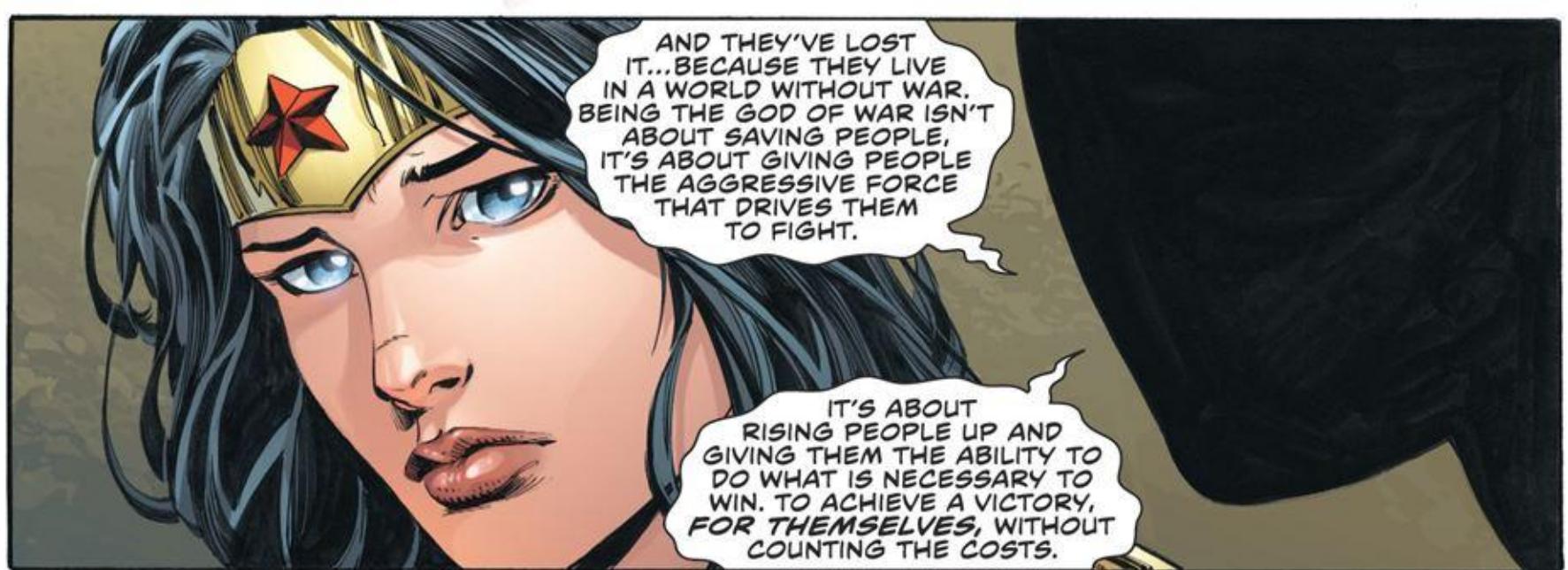
I SEE PEOPLE...
CHILDREN... SUFFERING
UNDER THE WEIGHT
OF OPPRESSION AND
THE THREAT OF
VIOLENCE.



I SEE PEOPLE WHO
DESPERATELY NEED
SOMEONE TO HELP
THEM...

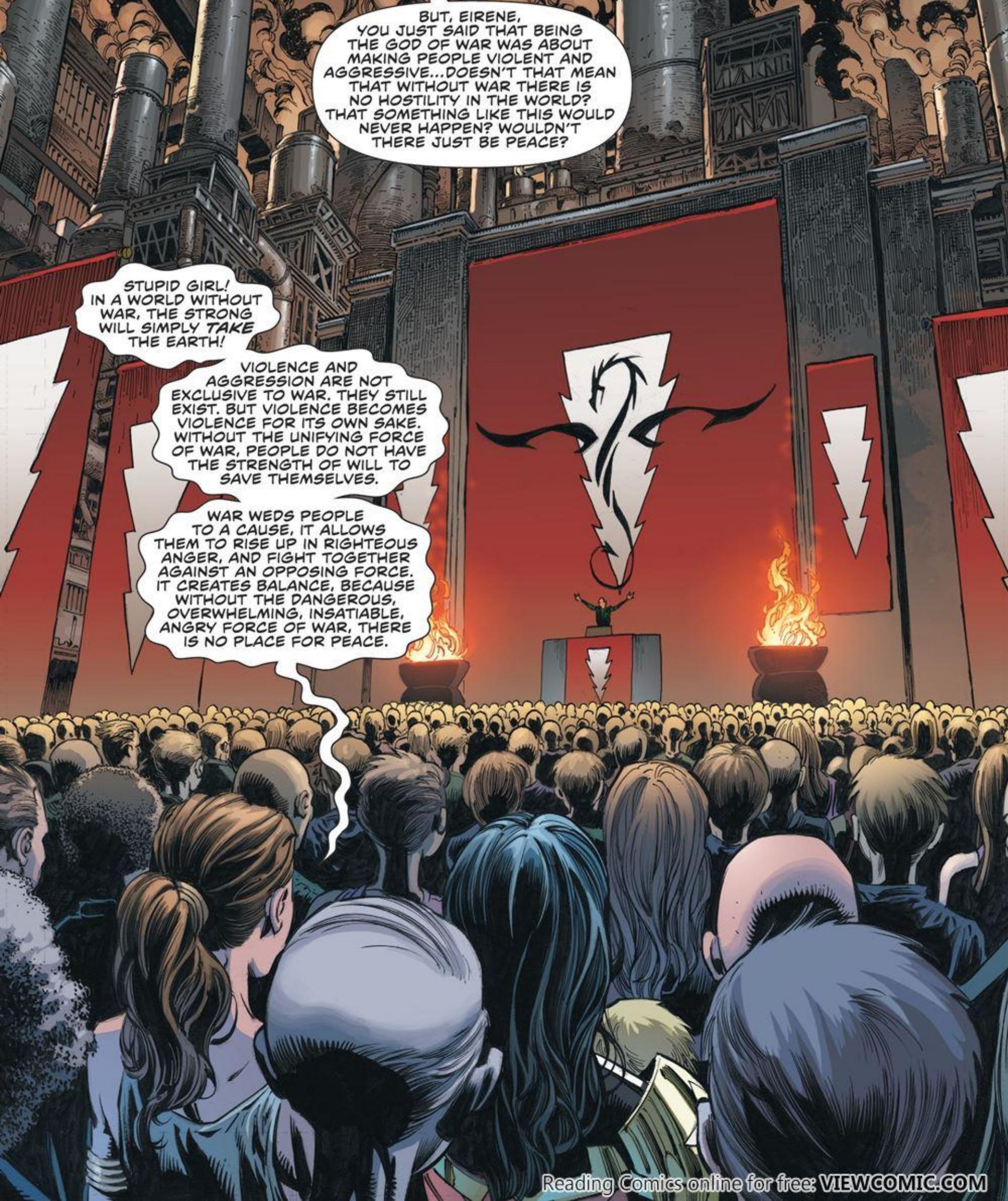


HAHAAA!
YOU REALLY ARE
THE EPITOME OF
ARROGANCE,
AREN'T YOU?





LOOK! LOOK
NOW AND TELL
ME WHAT YOU
SEE!



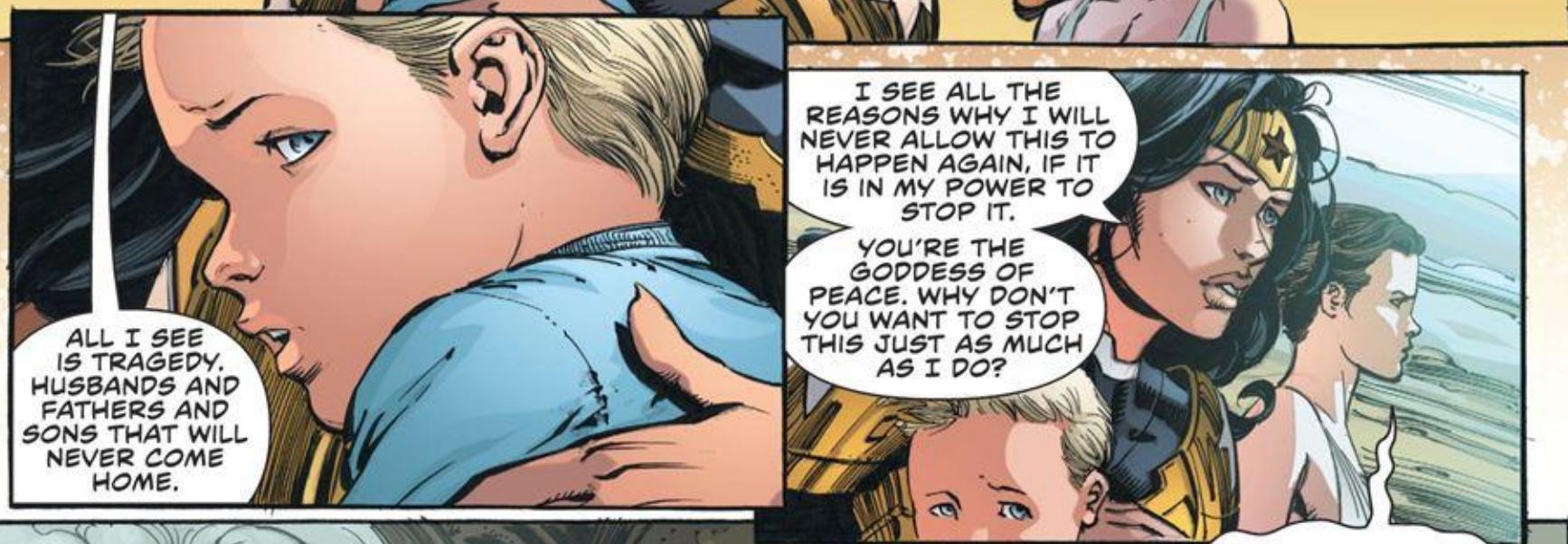
BUT, EIRENE,
YOU JUST SAID THAT BEING
THE GOD OF WAR WAS ABOUT
MAKING PEOPLE VIOLENT AND
AGGRESSIVE... DOESN'T THAT MEAN
THAT WITHOUT WAR THERE IS
NO HOSTILITY IN THE WORLD?
THAT SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD
NEVER HAPPEN? WOULDN'T
THERE JUST BE PEACE?

STUPID GIRL!
IN A WORLD WITHOUT
WAR, THE STRONG
WILL SIMPLY TAKE
THE EARTH!

VIOLENCE AND
AGGRESSION ARE NOT
EXCLUSIVE TO WAR. THEY STILL
EXIST. BUT VIOLENCE BECOMES
VIOLENCE FOR ITS OWN SAKE.
WITHOUT THE UNIFYING FORCE
OF WAR, PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE
THE STRENGTH OF WILL TO
SAVE THEMSELVES.

WAR WEDS PEOPLE
TO A CAUSE, IT ALLOWS
THEM TO RISE UP IN RIGHTEOUS
ANGER, AND FIGHT TOGETHER
AGAINST AN OPPONING FORCE.
IT CREATES BALANCE, BECAUSE
WITHOUT THE DANGEROUS,
OVERWHELMING, INSATIABLE,
ANGRY FORCE OF WAR, THERE
IS NO PLACE FOR PEACE.





WAR ISN'T SUPPOSED TO FEEL GOOD, GIRL.

IT'S UGLY AND BRUTAL AND VIOLENT...AND TRAGIC. BEING THE GOD OF WAR ISN'T ABOUT DOING WHAT FEELS GOOD...IT'S ABOUT DOING WHAT IS NECESSARY.

I'M SORRY, EIRENE, I JUST DON'T AGREE. AND I WON'T DO IT. MAYBE IT'S TIME BEING THE GOD OF WAR STARTED TO MEAN SOMETHING DIFFERENT.

I CAN'T GO AROUND STARTING WARS SO THAT YOU CAN PLAY GODDESS OF PEACE OR TO AVOID A FUTURE THAT I DON'T BELIEVE WILL EVER HAPPEN.

I CAN FEEL THEIR PAIN...THE BROKEN BODIES...THE SUFFERING...

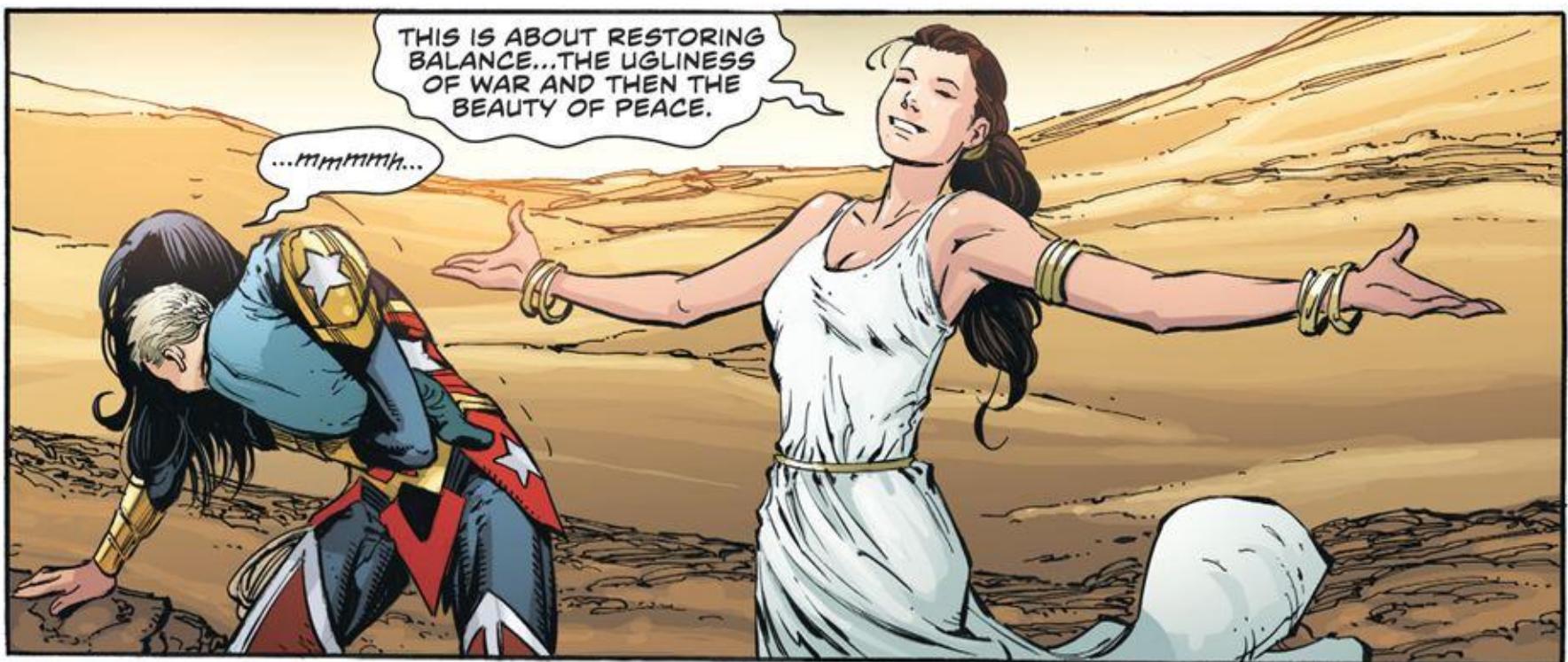
WUHAHHH!
WUHAHHHH!
WUHAHHHH!

SHHHH,
LITTLE ONE.
THERE, THERE.
EVERYTHING IS
GOING TO BE
OKAY.

JUST LOOK
AT IT...I MEAN
REALLY LOOK
AT IT!

YOU THINK THIS IS ABOUT MAKING ME HAPPY?! THIS IS ABOUT MEN FIGHTING AGAINST ALL ODDS, FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE IN. WAR IN ALL ITS BLOODY, BEAUTIFUL GLORY.

THIS IS ABOUT GIVING MEN THE COURAGE AND THE POWER AND THE DRIVE TO DO WHAT THEY KNOW IN THEIR HEARTS IS NECESSARY.



I WON'T BE WHAT YOU WANT ME TO BE. I COULDN'T LIVE WITH MYSELF IF I ALLOWED PEOPLE TO DIE NEEDLESSLY. NOT WHEN I HAVE THE POWER TO PREVENT IT.

AS LONG AS I AM THE GOD OF WAR, I WILL DO EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO PREVENT IT. EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.







HERA! WHERE THE HECK HAVE YOU TWO BEEN?!? GET HIM OUT OF HERE. THIS IS NO PLACE FOR A BABY!

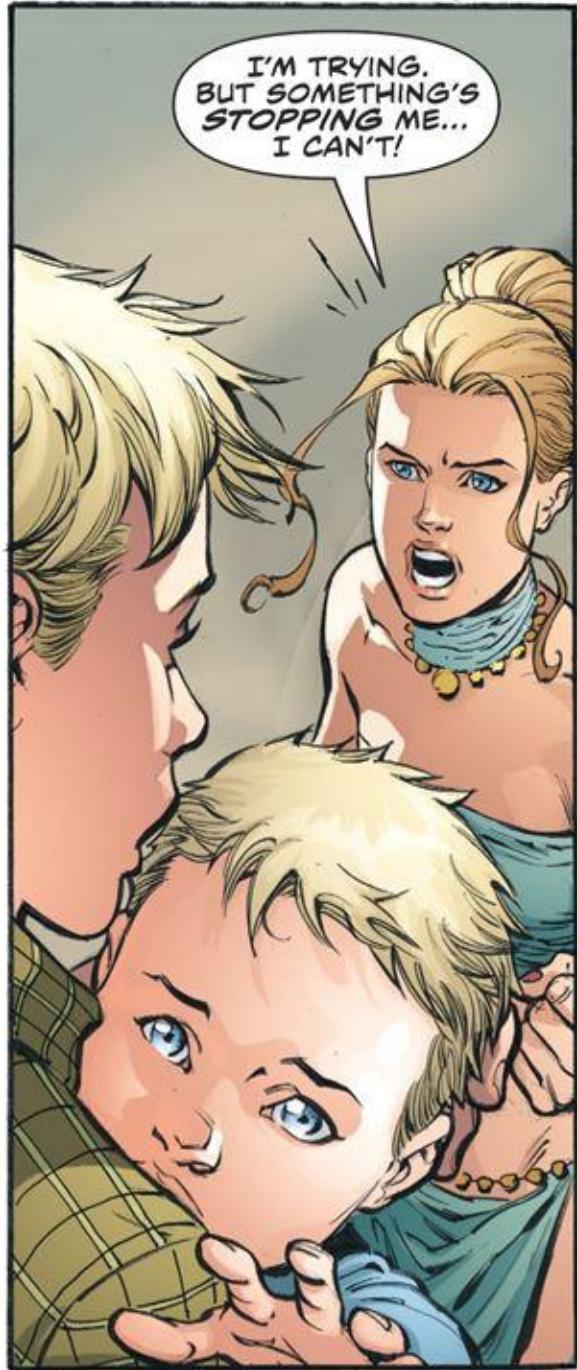


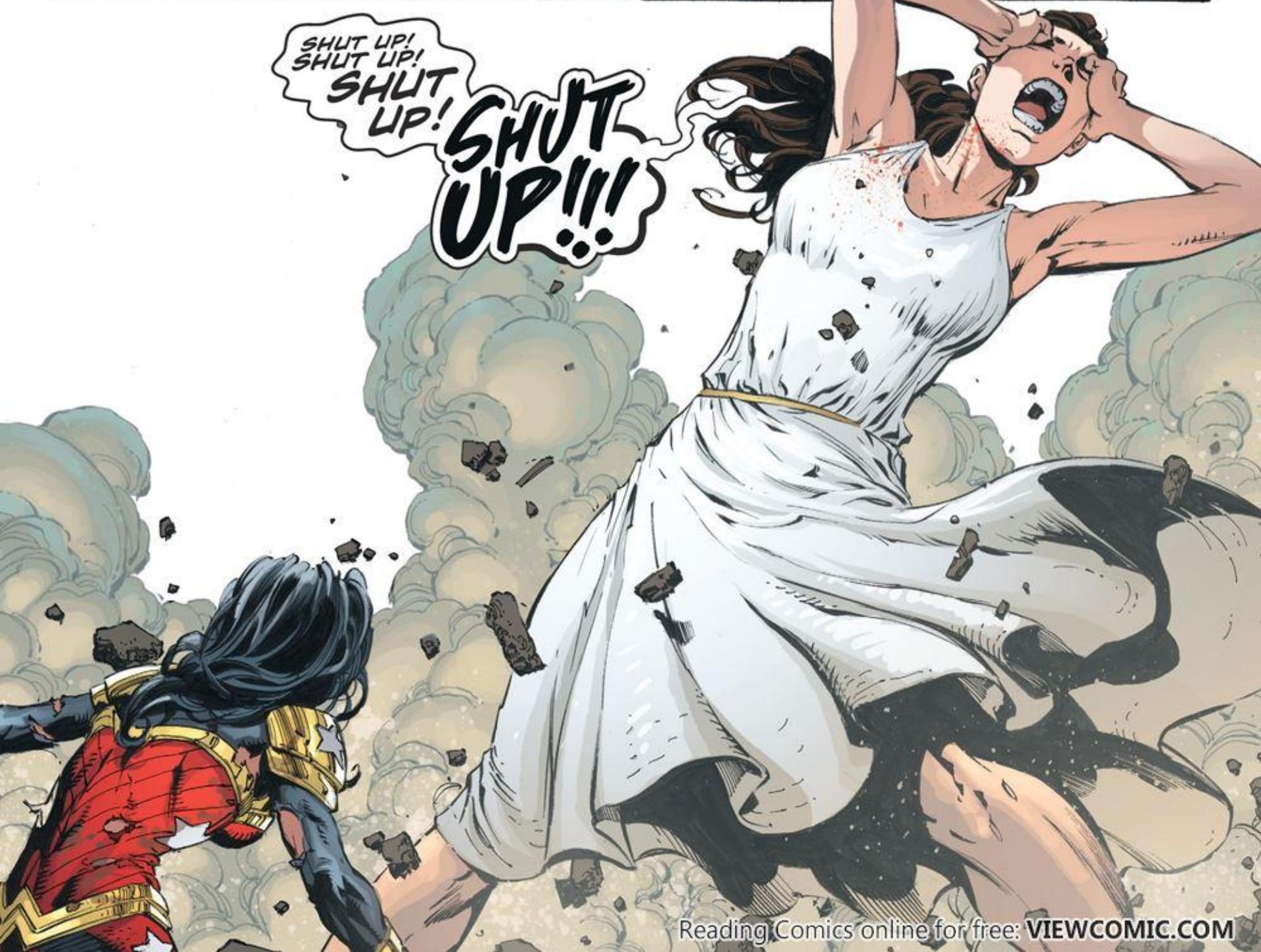
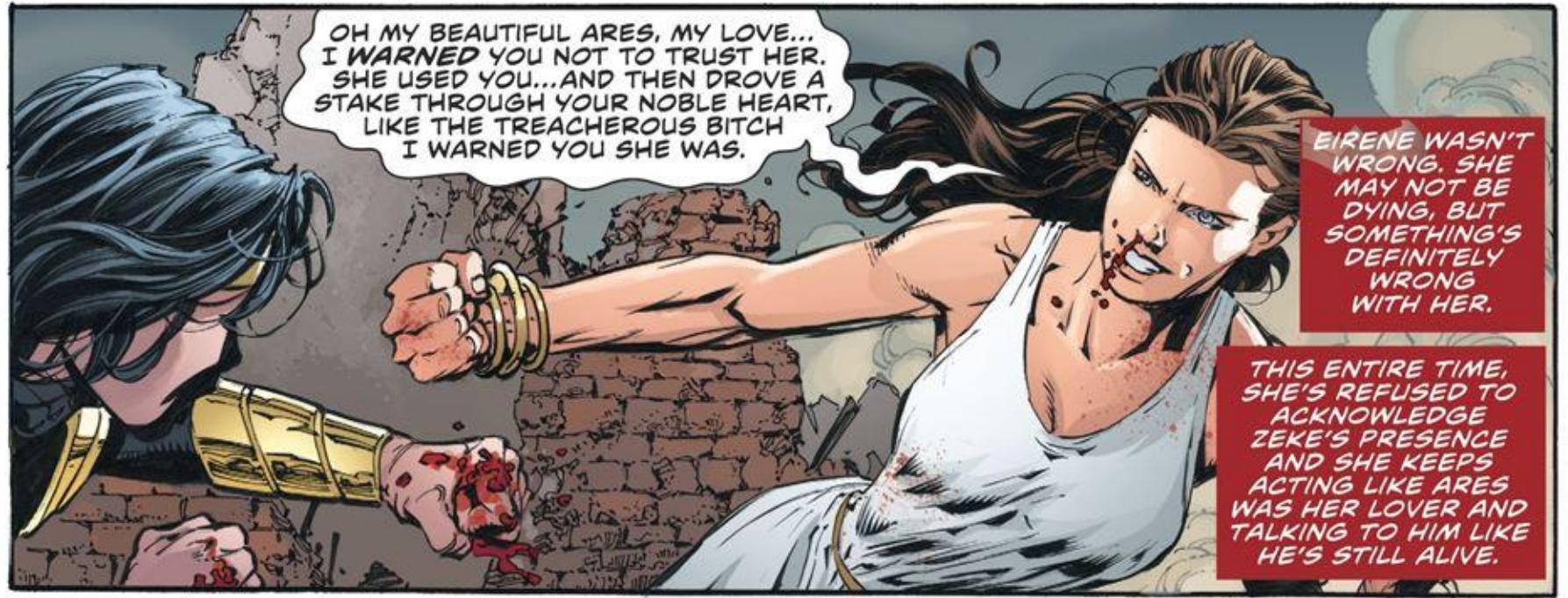
YES! AND YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW...BECAUSE OUR GODDESS OF PEACE ISN'T FEELING VERY PEACEFUL AT THE MOMENT.



WHAT ARE YA WAITING FOR, HERA?! GET US OUTTA HERE.





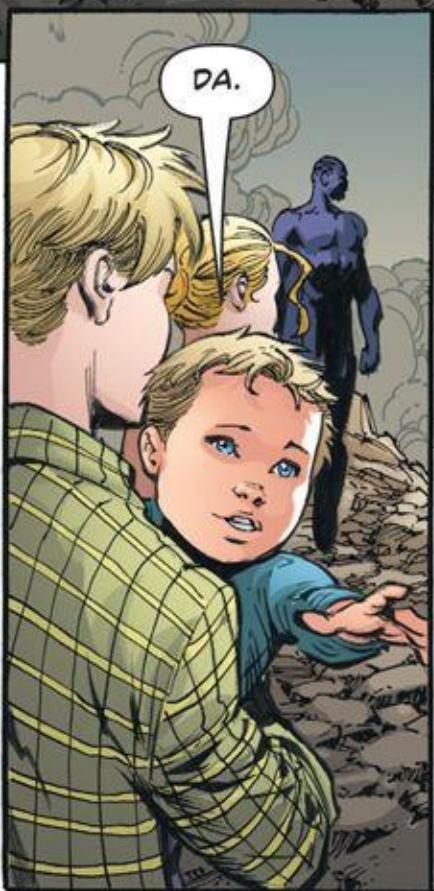






FATE
HAS BEEN
RESTORED.

WE ARE
RETURNED.



DONNA!
HOW? I SAW
AEGEUS' ARROW
TURN YOU TO
STONE.

THE FATHER OF GODS PUT MUCH
INTO PLAY BEFORE HE DISAPPEARED FROM
THE THRONE OF OLYMPUS TO BE REBORN. THE
ORIGINAL THREE FATES WERE CONCEIVED AND
BIRTHED BY GODS, AND IT TIED THEM TOO
CLOSELY TO THEIR OLYMPIC FAMILY.

AS PEOPLE
LOST THEIR FAITH
IN THE GODS OVER
TIME, THE FATES
BEGAN TO LOSE
THEIR POWER
AND AGE.

BUT WHAT DOES
THAT HAVE TO DO
WITH YOU?

LIKE THE
EVENTUAL DEATH
OF THE FATES,
I WAS ALWAYS
PART OF ZEUS'
MASTER PLAN.

BORN OF CLAY, MY POWER
IS ROOTED, NOT IN BELIEF,
BUT IN THE EARTH HERSELF,
THE MOTHER OF
ALL GODS.

NOW,
THANKS TO
ZEUS, I AM
FATE.

Uhhhhh...

Ahhhhhhhh...

WE
HAD A
DEAL...

NEXT: **CHEETAH!**

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