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OLYMPUS.

THIS *PLACE*... IT'S NOT AS I *REMEMBER* IT.

AS YOU...?

AH, I UNDERSTAND. TAKEN FROM HERE *MINUTES* AFTER YOUR *BIRTH*. YOU MEANT, AS YOU *DREAMT*.

I DON'T DREAM...

AND I FORGET *NOTHING*, BASTARD SUN.

KING BASTARD SUN TO *YOU*...

A Guilded Rage

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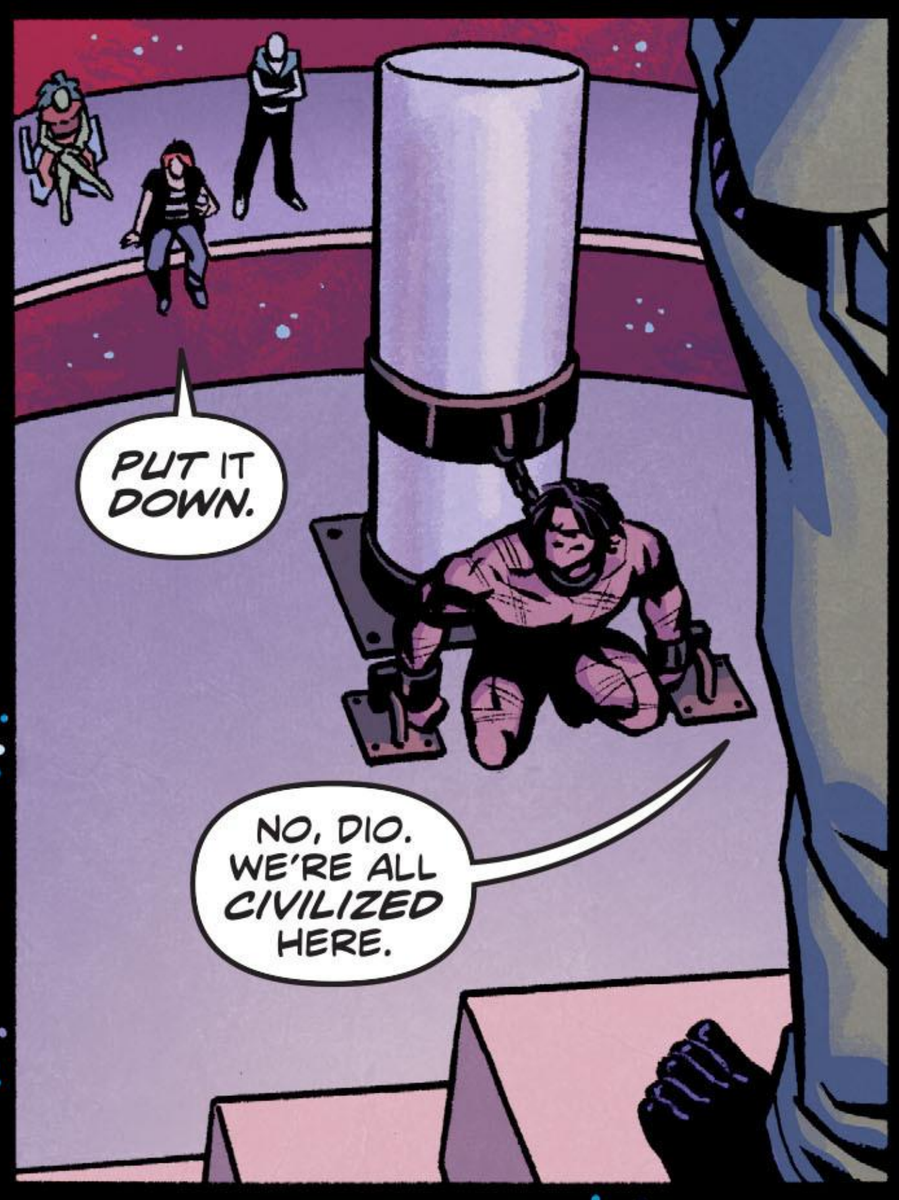
THE DOG IS SAVAGE, APOLLO.


PUT IT DOWN.
NO, DIO. WE'RE ALL CIVILIZED HERE.

WITH PROPER TRAINING...

THE BEAST WILL LICK MY FEET.
ARE WE ALL HERE?

ONE IS MISSING.
WELL THEN, BROTHER, SOME ONE...

"...NEEDS TO BE ON THEIR *WAY*."

LONDON.

SO WHAT DO YOU *THINK*?

I THINK AFTER WHAT JUST HAPPENED, IT'S A BIT *EARLY* FOR US TO BE GOING HOUSE HUNTING, DIANA.

CAN YOU *AFFORD* TO BUY THIS PLACE?

I CAN'T AFFORD *ANY* PLACE.

THEN YOU'RE WELCOME.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF YOUR NEW BEDROOM, ZEKE?

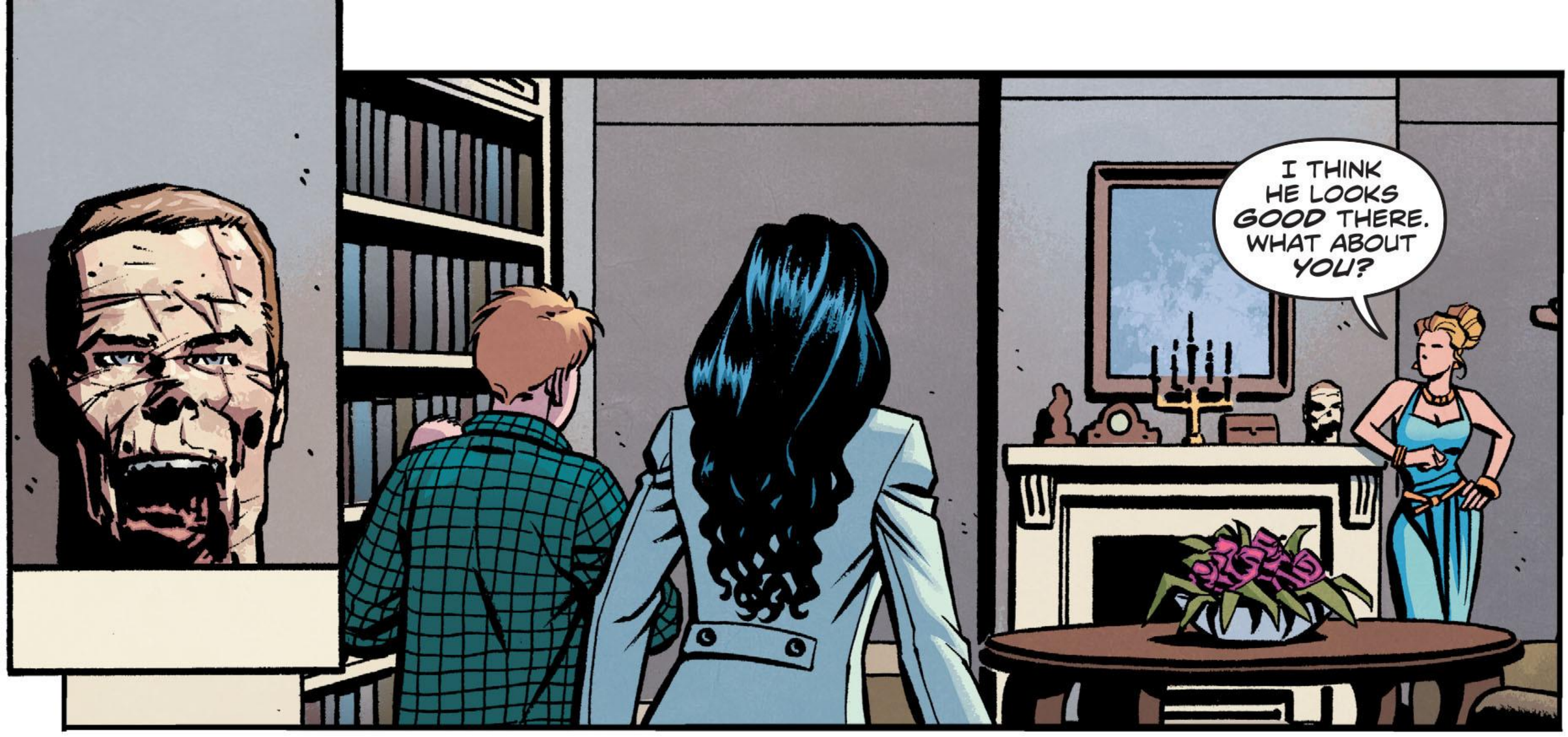
:GURGLE:
:BLPP:

WHAT ABOUT *ORION*?

IT'S A THREE BEDROOM.

YEAH, WITH *FOUR* OF US, THAT CAN MEAN A BUNCH OF--

HOLY JEEZ.


I THINK HE LOOKS GOOD THERE. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

HERA--THAT'S LENNOX'S HEAD! OUR FRIEND--
MY BROTHER!

EXACTLY. HE'S FAMILY. AND DESERVES A PLACE OF HONOR.

HONOR IS THE LAST THING OUR FAMILY DESERVES.

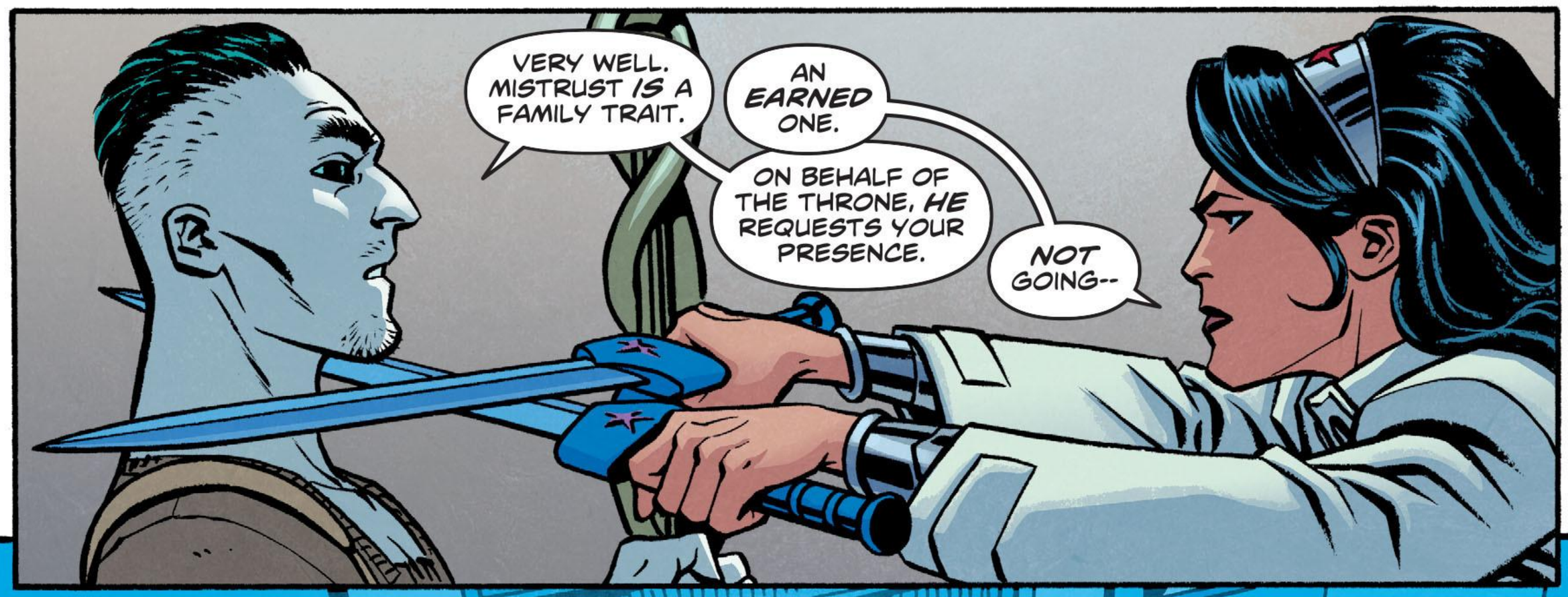
KSSHAK
KSSHAKK

HERMES, YOU HAVE A LOT OF NERVE. IF YOU LEAVE NOW--

YOU WON'T KILL ME, DIANA. AND I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE...

WITHOUT YOU.
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.

I'M NOT HERE FOR THE BOY. TRUST ME.
NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.


VERY WELL. MISTRUST IS A FAMILY TRAIT.
AN EARNED ONE.
ON BEHALF OF THE THRONE, HE REQUESTS YOUR PRESENCE.
NOT GOING--

YES, DIANA...

...IT *IS.*

AH. OUR GUEST OF *HONOR* HAS ARRIVED.

...

WE'LL TALK LATER, DIANA.

I DON'T KNOW *WHAT* YOU'RE UP TO, APOLLO, BUT YOU CAN'T JUST *PLUCK* ME OUT OF MY LIFE WHEN THE MOOD STRIKES YOU.

WHAT DO YOU *MEAN* I CAN'T?

I JUST *DID.*

AND YOUR *LIFE,* WELL... IT'S TAKEN A *TURN.*

IF THIS IS ABOUT *WAR,* I DIDN'T HAVE A *CHOICE.*

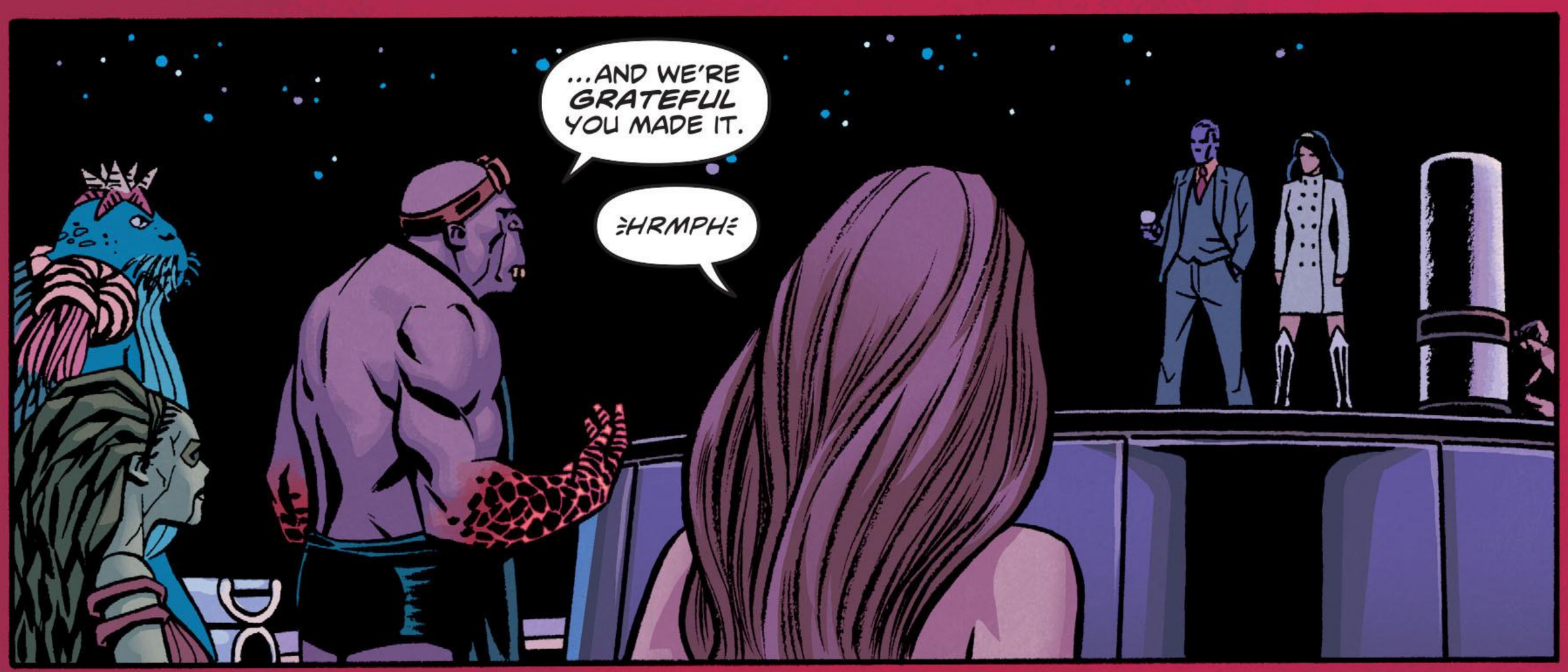
THE WORDS OF ONE WHO DENIES *RESPONSIBILITY* FOR THEIR *ACTIONS.*

HMM.

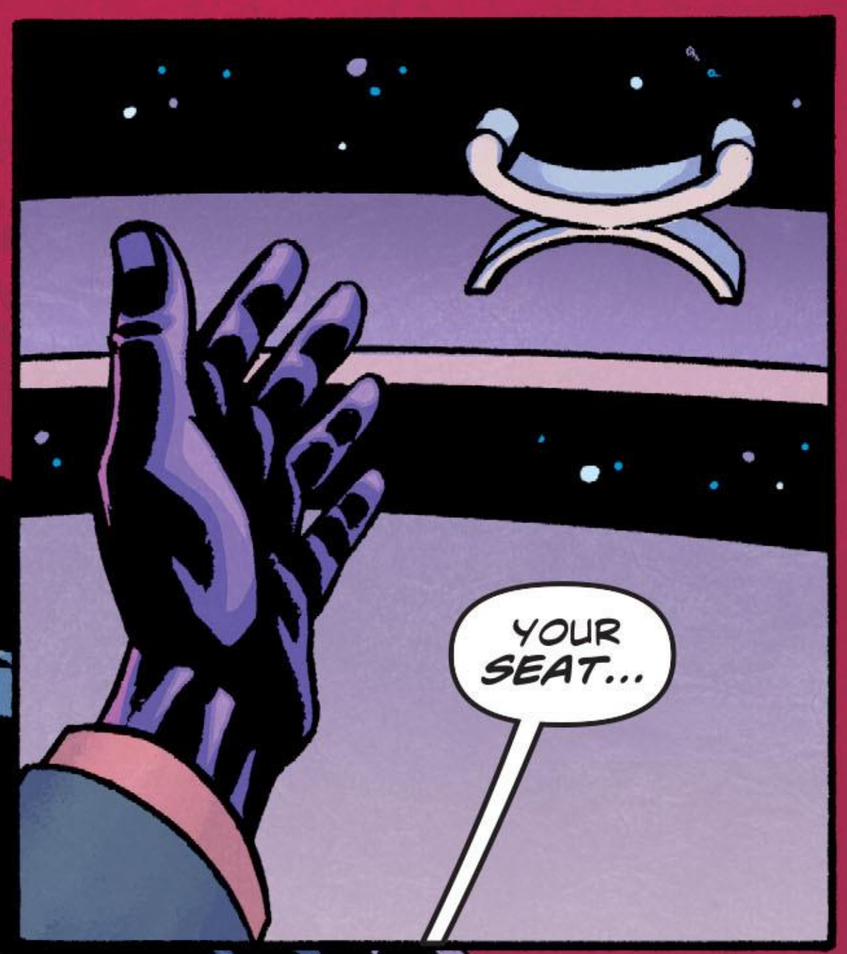
DESPITE HIS APPEARANCE, OUR BEASTLY BROTHER IS VERY ASTUTE.

YOU *DID* HAVE A CHOICE, WONDER WOMAN...

I'M SORRY I HAD TO KILL WAR.


...AND WE'RE GRATEFUL YOU MADE IT.
HRMPH

ALL OF US ARE.
NOW, WE HAVE SOME FAMILY BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, SO IF YOU'D TAKE YOUR SEAT...
MY WHAT?

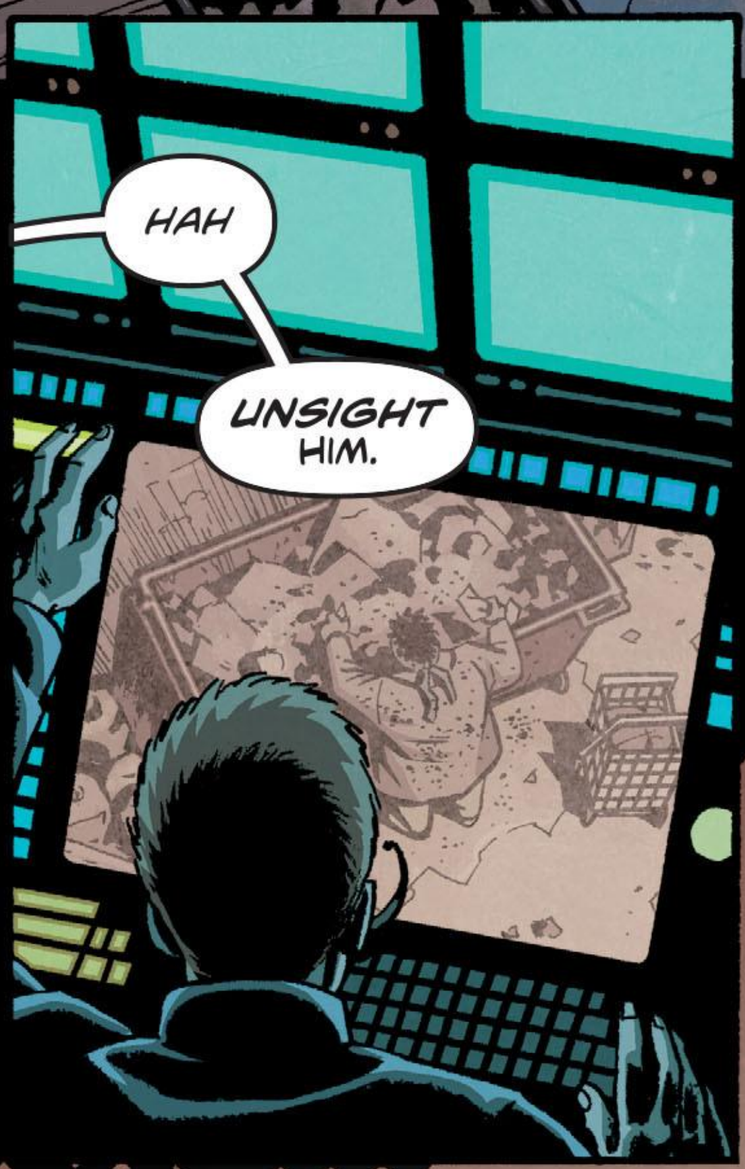

YOUR SEAT...

GOD OF WAR.

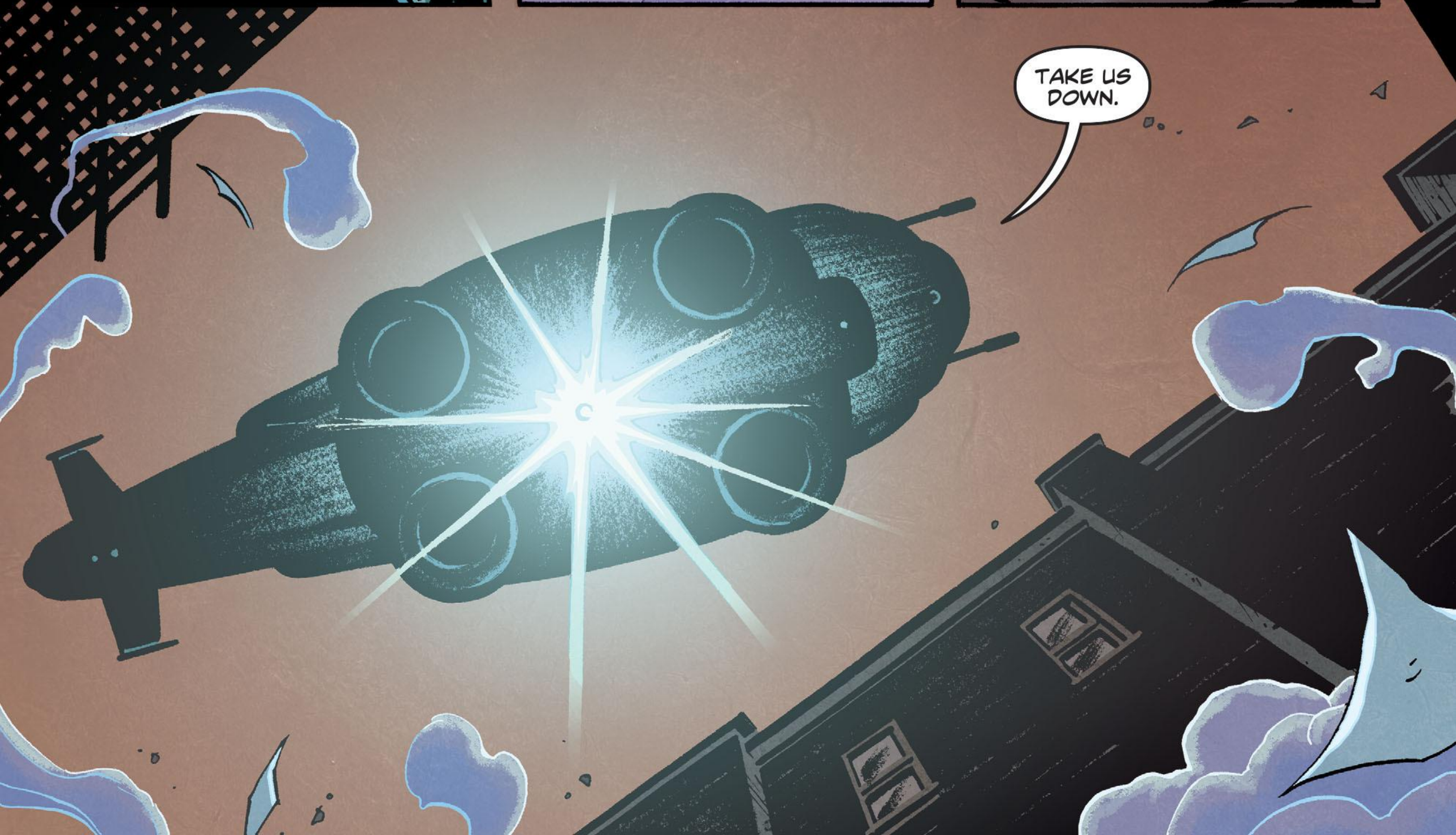
BROOKLYN.
FEELIN' SEVEN-UP I FEEL THE...

FEEL THE SEVEN, AND FREE THE SEVEN...
TARGET SIGHTED.

IT'S A CRIPPLED, FRESHING FEELING...


HAH
UNSIGHT HIM.

EH? MY FLIES...


TAKE US DOWN.

I CAN'T SEE!
PLEASE DON'T HURT ME, I'M BLIND!
PLEASE DON'T--
I'M A GOODY-GOODY, I'M--
PLEASE DON'T LET HIM HURT HIMSELF.
WHAM

I CAN'T SEE

LIAR, LIAR...
I CAN'T SEE

I'M HERE BECAUSE THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT YOU CAN DO.
EH?

IT'S YOU?
YES, MILAN...
YOUR FAVORITE SISTER...

CASSANDRA.
"WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN?"

WE?

YEAH, HERA. IT'S WE WHO HAVE TO DEAL WITH BEING LEFT BEHIND, BECAUSE WE'RE NOT...

SORRY.

IT'S ALL RIGHT, ZOLA. IT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE NOT, BUT WHAT WE...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT I WAS?

I WAS THE QUEEN OF THE GODS.

THE QUEEN OF THE GODS!

WAAAH

I'M SORRY-- ZEKE-- I'M...

MORTAL.

WAAAAH!

WAAAAH!

"WAR..."

DON'T CALL ME THAT.
AND DON'T EXPECT ME TO TAKE HIS CHAIR.
FINE-- YOU PREFER, STAND.
WAS SOMETHING HER PREDECESSOR FOUND DIFFICULT.
UNDER STOOD.
ON TO BUSINESS. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO PERSONALLY WELCOME YOU TO OLYMPUS, W--
--WONDER WOMAN.

BECAUSE OF YOU, WE CAN ALL BREATHE A LITTLE EASIER NOW THAT THE PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED.
A CHILD OF ZEUS HAS SLAIN ANOTHER.
AND WHILE I MAY MOURN HIS PASSING...

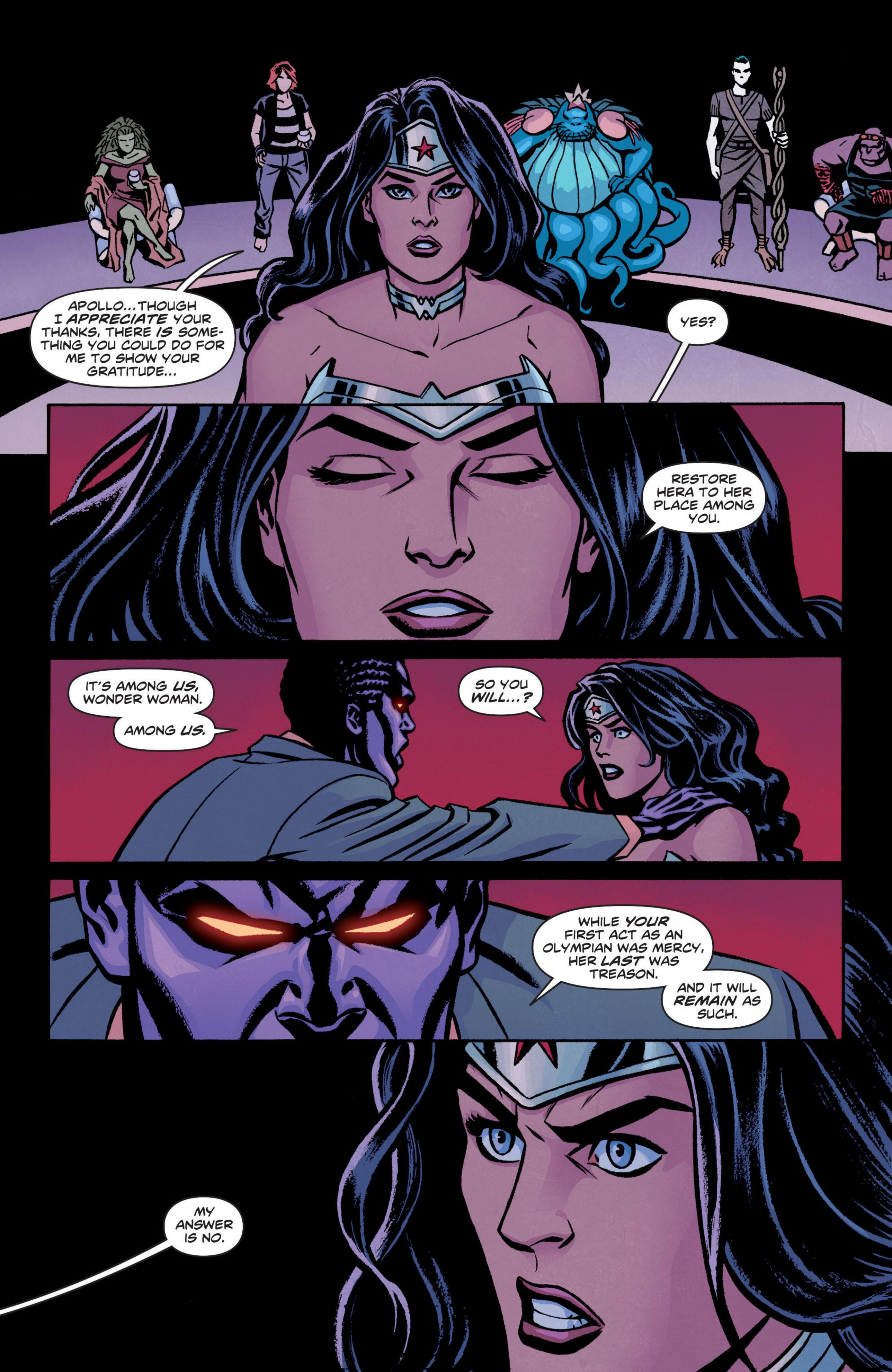
I CAN'T SAY I'LL MISS DEAR OLD WAR.
DON'T GO ALL SENTIMENTAL ON US, APOLLO.

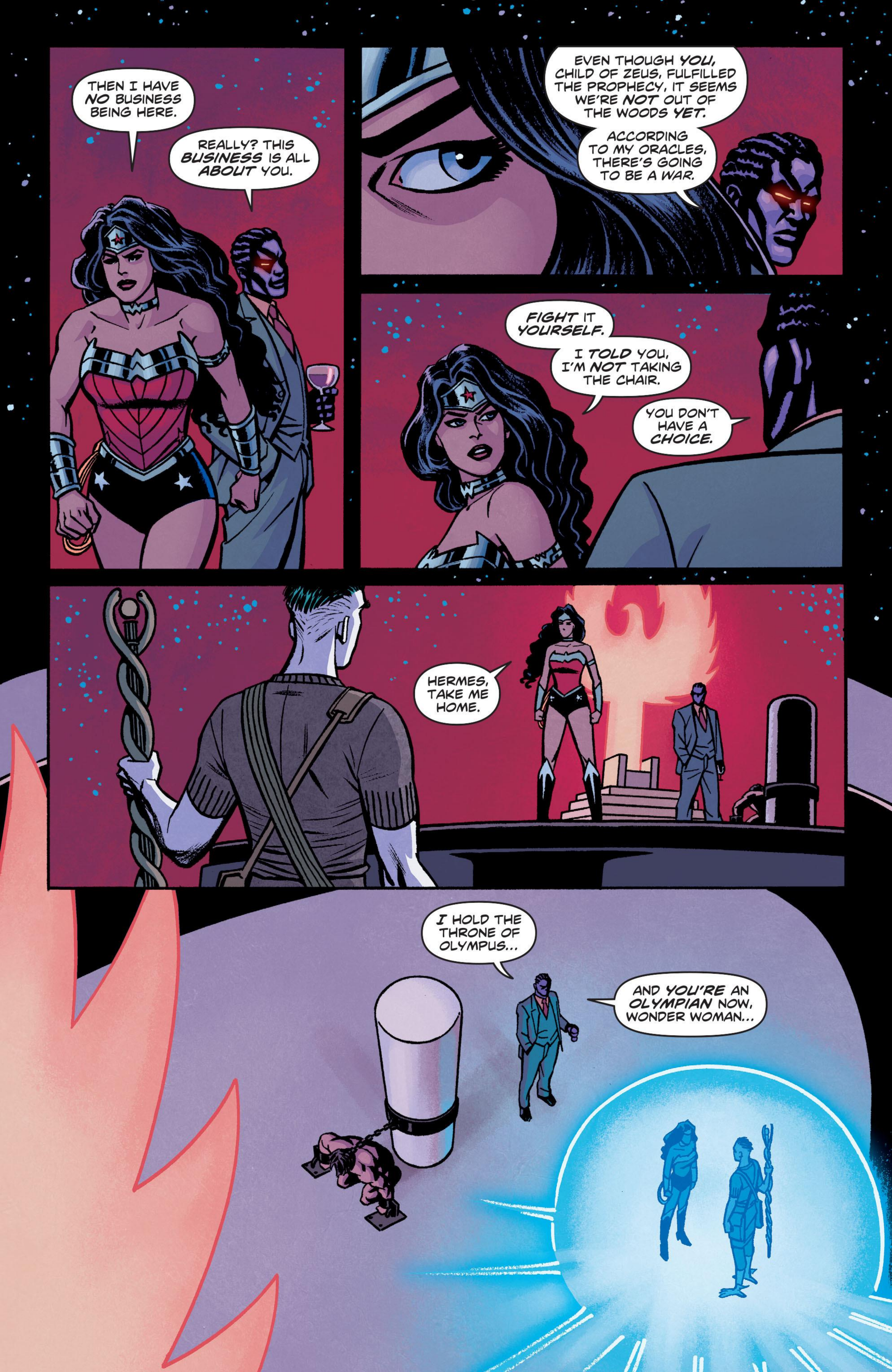
SECONDLY, ANOTHER THANK-YOU IS IN ORDER FOR SHOWING THIS ABOMINATION MERCY...

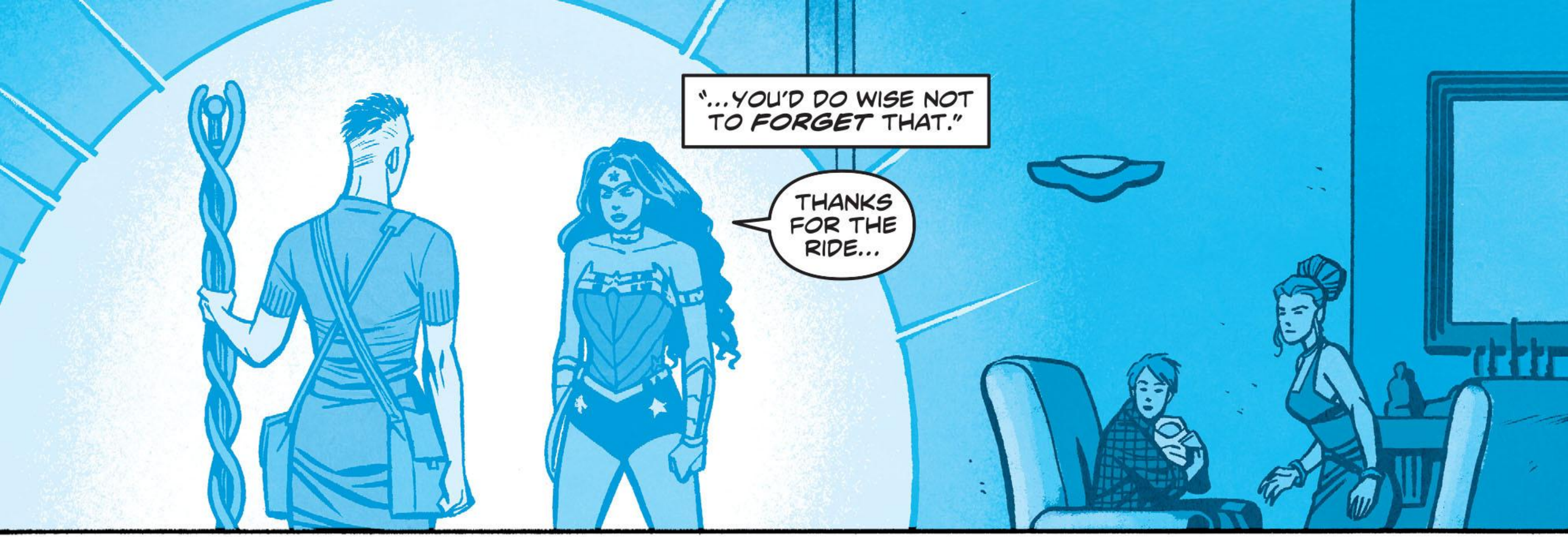
AND DELIVERING HIM TO ME.
MY PLEASURE.

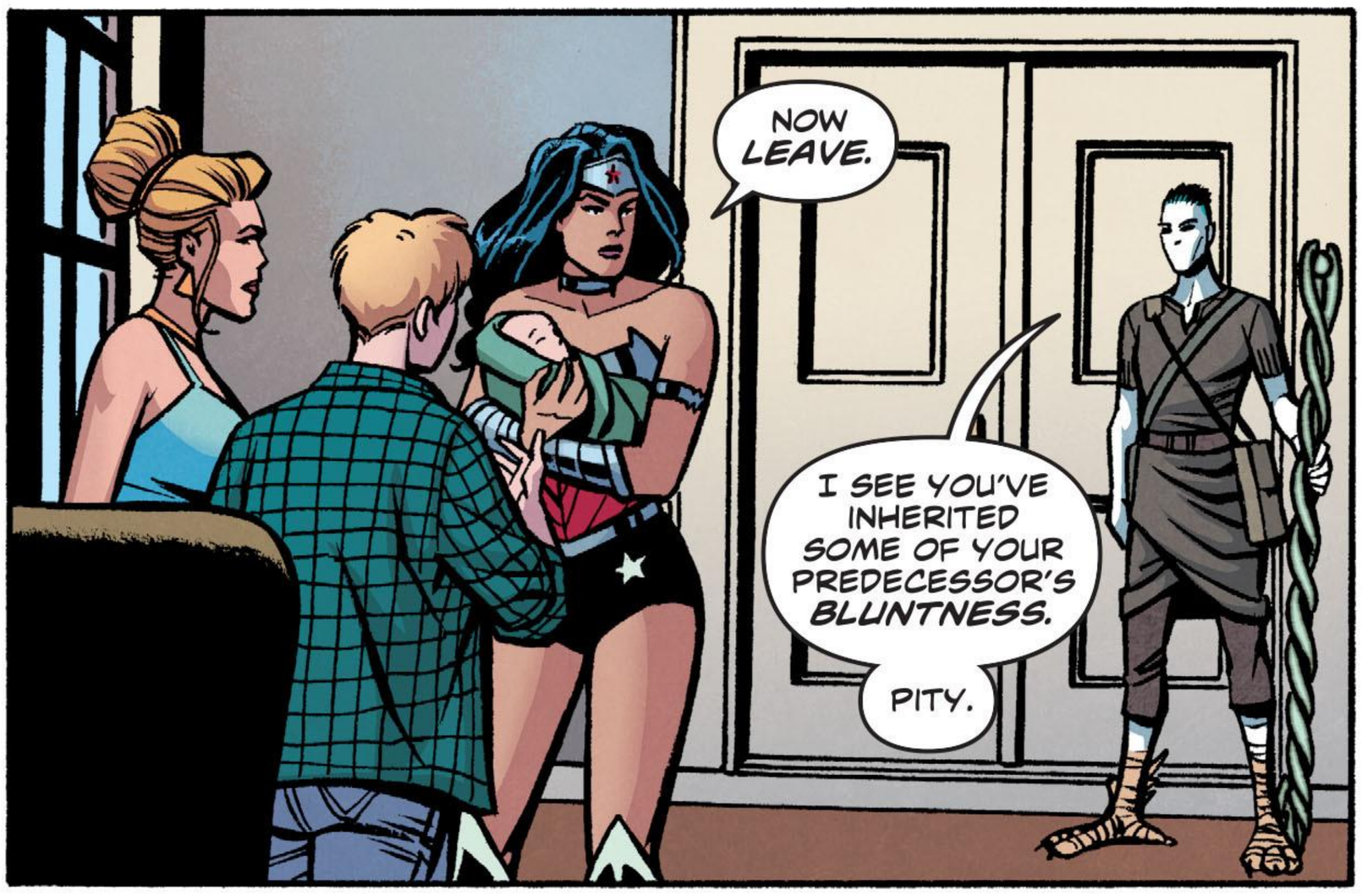
MY PROPHECY REMAINS UNFULFILLED.
AND IT SHALL.

FOR AS LONG AS YOU LIVE.


APOLLO... THOUGH I APPRECIATE YOUR THANKS, THERE IS SOMETHING YOU COULD DO FOR ME TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE...
YES?
RESTORE HERA TO HER PLACE AMONG YOU.
IT'S AMONG US, WONDER WOMAN.
AMONG US.
SO YOU WILL...?
WHILE YOUR FIRST ACT AS AN OLYMPIAN WAS MERCY, HER LAST WAS TREASON.
AND IT WILL REMAIN AS SUCH.
MY ANSWER IS NO.


THEN I HAVE NO BUSINESS BEING HERE.
REALLY? THIS BUSINESS IS ALL ABOUT YOU.
EVEN THOUGH YOU, CHILD OF ZEUS, FULFILLED THE PROPHECY, IT SEEMS WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET.
ACCORDING TO MY ORACLES, THERE'S GOING TO BE A WAR.
FIGHT IT YOURSELF.
I TOLD YOU, I'M NOT TAKING THE CHAIR.
YOU DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.
HERMES, TAKE ME HOME.
I HOLD THE THRONE OF OLYMPUS...
AND YOU'RE AN OLYMPIAN NOW, WONDER WOMAN...

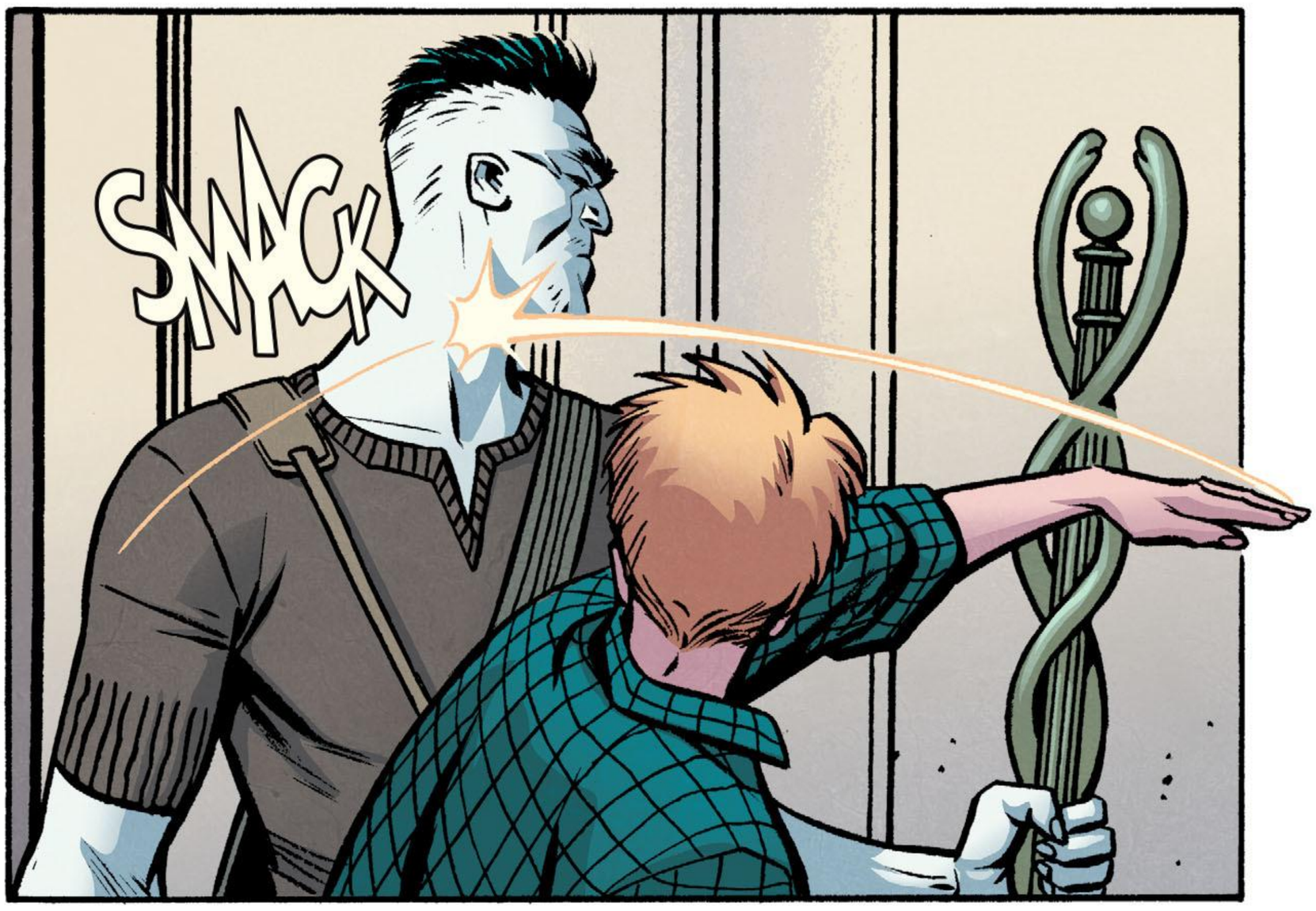

"...YOU'D DO WISE NOT TO FORGET THAT."
THANKS FOR THE RIDE...


NOW LEAVE.
I SEE YOU'VE INHERITED SOME OF YOUR PREDECESSOR'S BLUNTNESS.
PITY.

IS THAT WHAT YOU SEE? LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I SEE...

A TRAITOR. A KIDNAPPER. A LIAR. A MAN WHO TOOK OUR TRUST AND SHATTERED--
WHAT I DID WAS UNFORGIVABLE...

AND GIVEN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, I'D DO IT AGAIN.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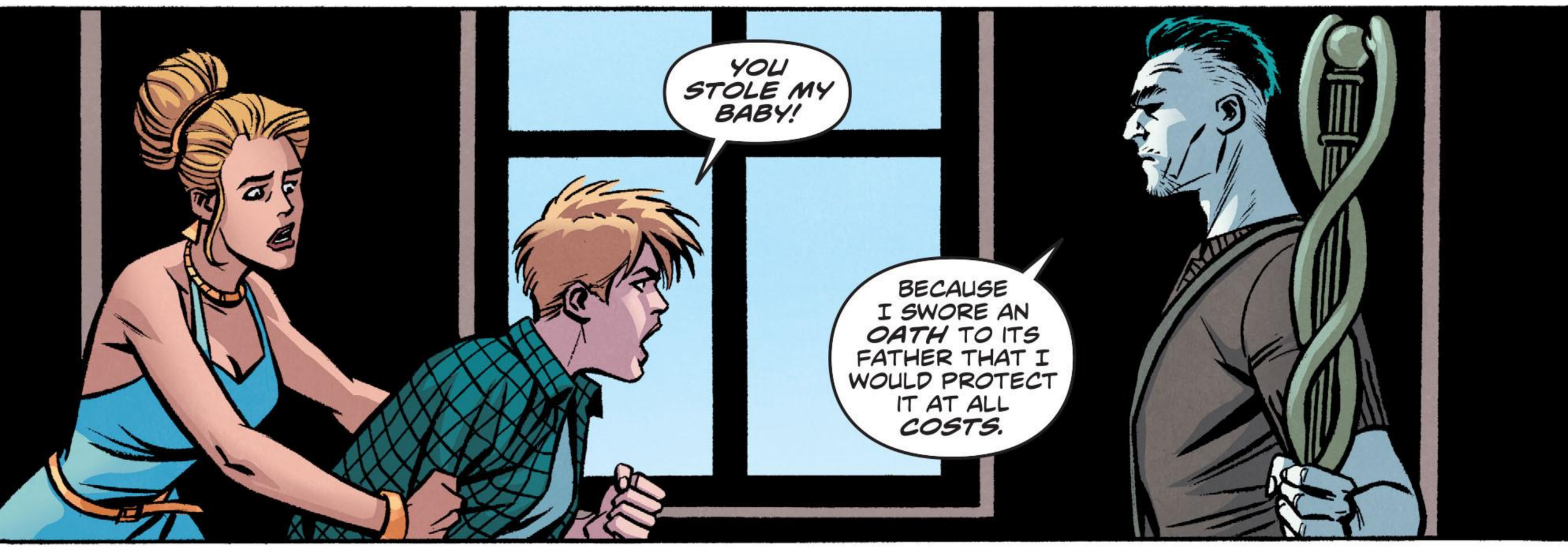
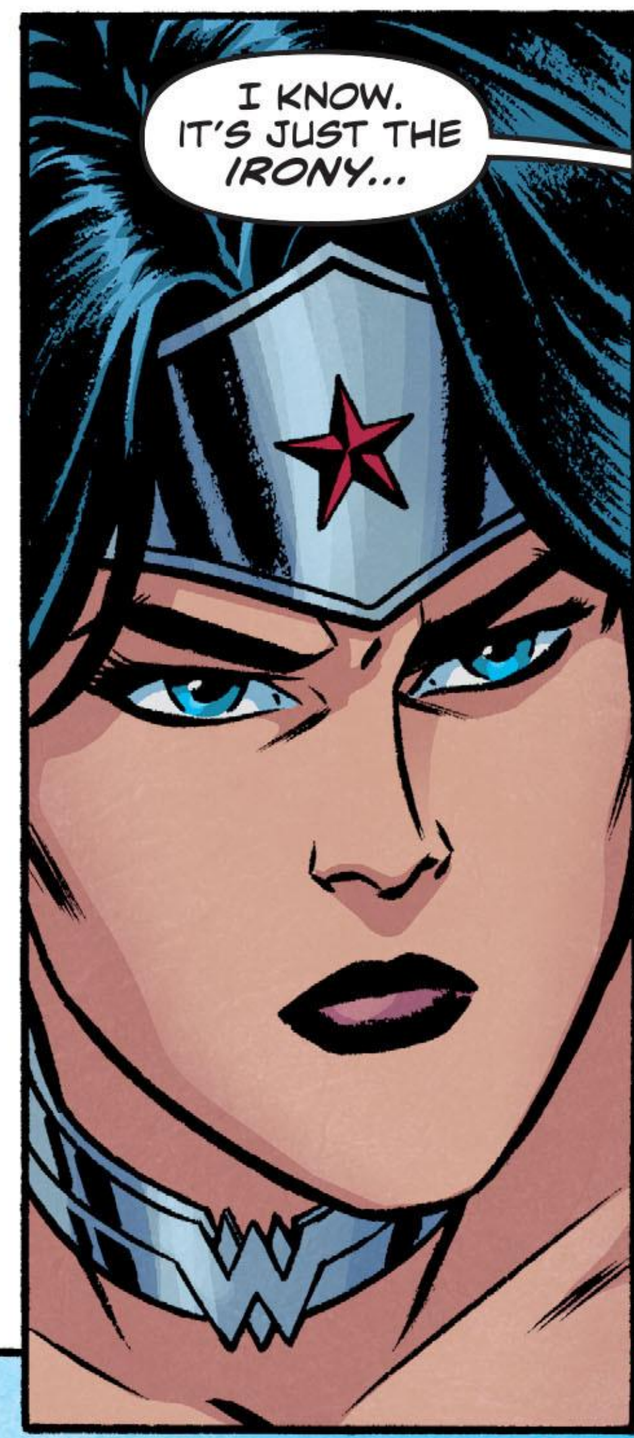
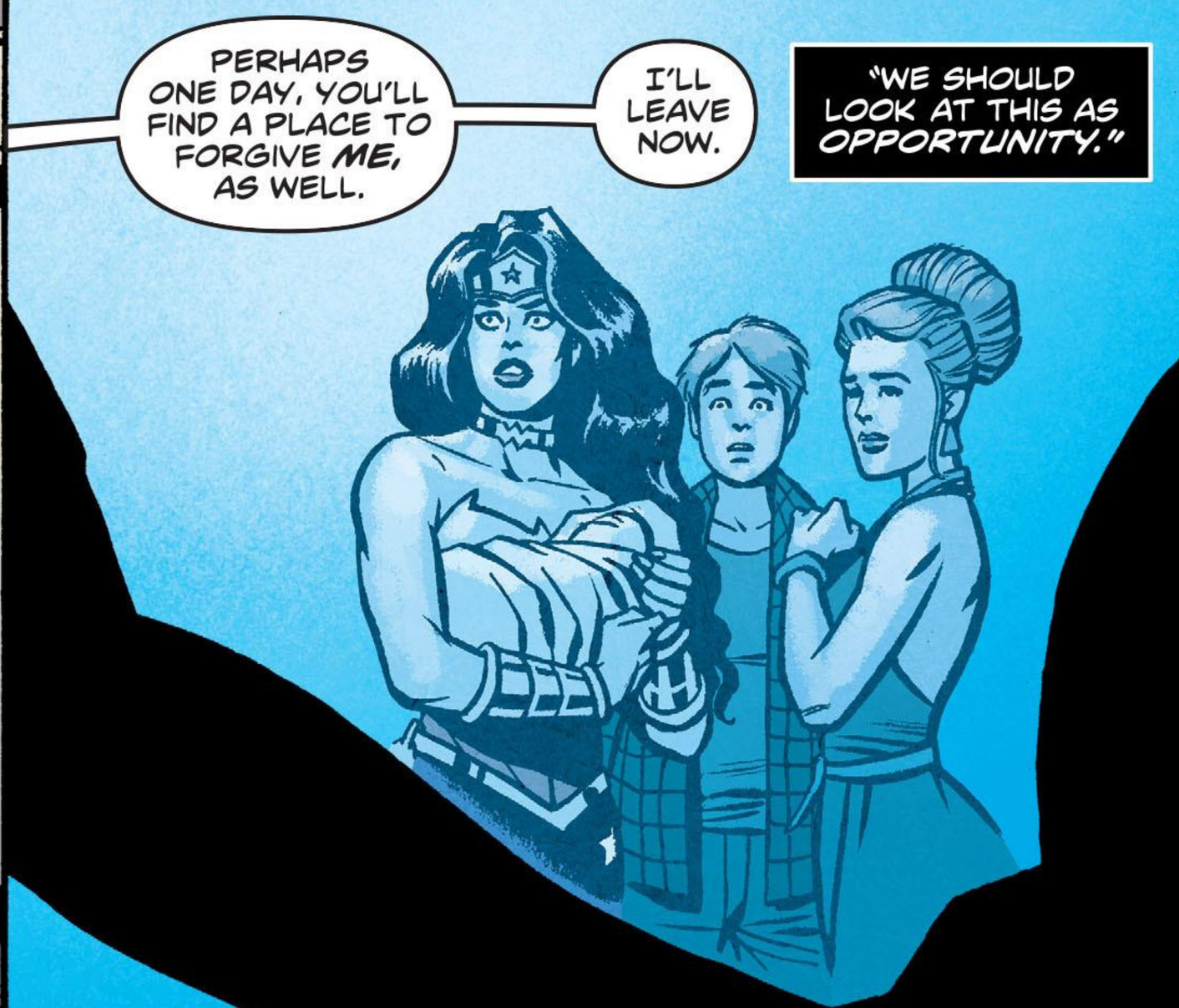

YOU STOLE MY BABY!
BECAUSE I SWORE AN OATH TO ITS FATHER THAT I WOULD PROTECT IT AT ALL COSTS.

A PRICE, IT SEEMS, THAT HAS COST ME EVERYONE I HOLD DEAR.
HERMES, LEAVE.

NOW.
HEH.
I'M NOT KIDDING.


I KNOW. IT'S JUST THE IRONY...

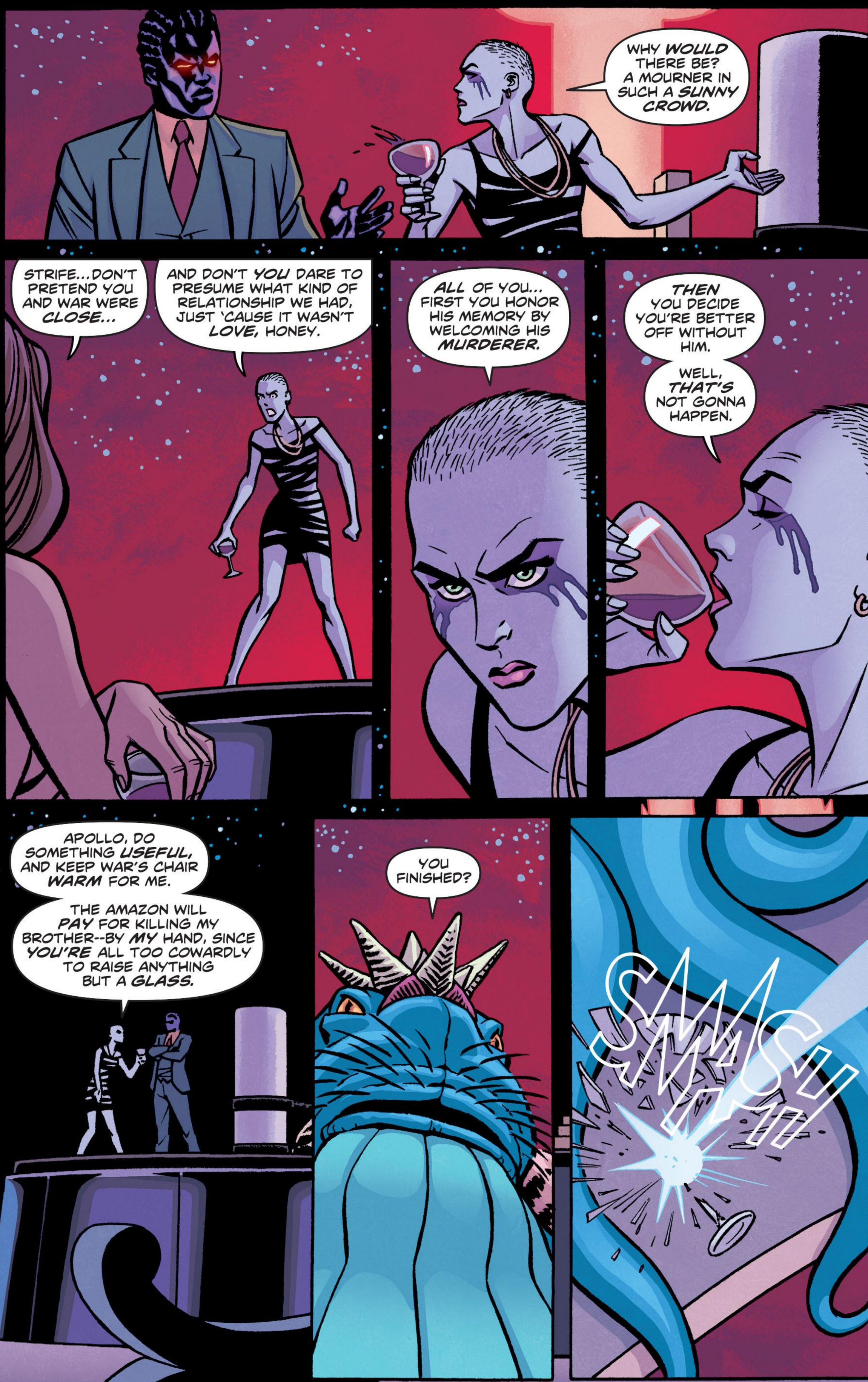
YOU'VE FOUND IT IN YOUR HEARTS TO FORGIVE THE MURDEROUS MADWOMAN I WAS PROTECTING THE BABY FROM.


PERHAPS ONE DAY, YOU'LL FIND A PLACE TO FORGIVE ME, AS WELL.
I'LL LEAVE NOW.
"WE SHOULD LOOK AT THIS AS OPPORTUNITY."

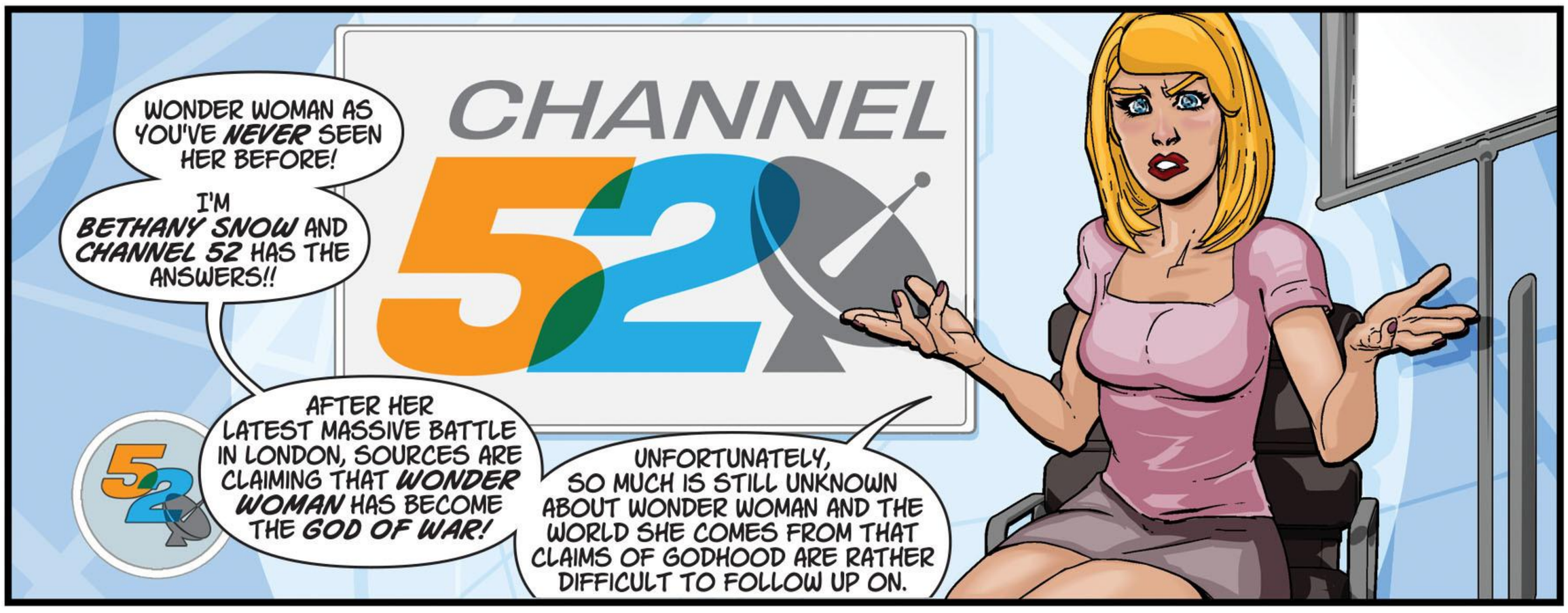
WHAT?
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.
WHY CAN'T I?

AN OLYMPUS WITHOUT WAR?
DON'T TELL ME IT'S NOT SOMETHING ALL OF YOU WOULD HAVE PREFERRED AGES AGO.

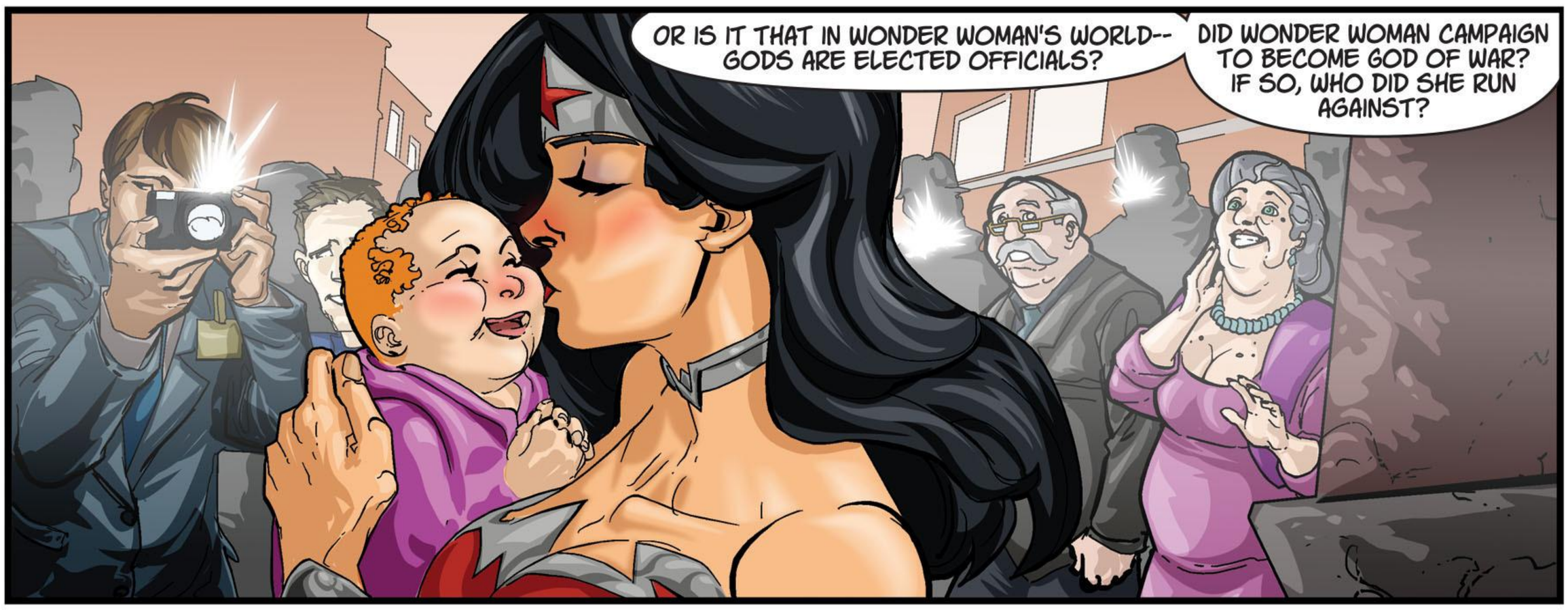
THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO USHER IN A NEW, ENLIGHTENED OLYMPIAN AGE...
TO BURY THE PAST.
THE QUESTION IS, CAN YOU ALL RISE TO SUCH AN OCCASION?
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
BRAVO, SUN KING, BRAVO...
FOR SUCH INSPIRING HOT AIR.
THERE'S NO PLACE AT THIS GATHERING FOR YOU, STRIFE.

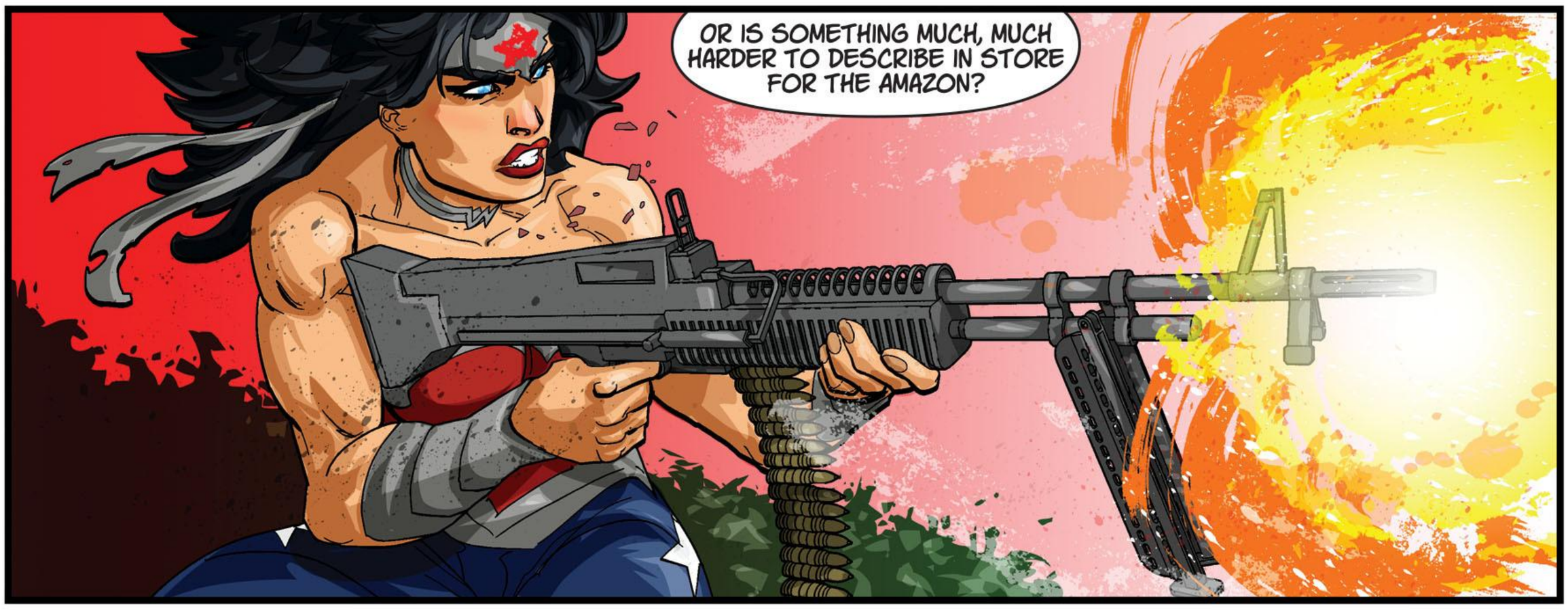

WHY WOULD THERE BE? A MOURNER IN SUCH A SUNNY CROWD.
STRIFE...DON'T PRETEND YOU AND WAR WERE CLOSE...
AND DON'T YOU DARE TO PRESUME WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP WE HAD, JUST 'CAUSE IT WASN'T LOVE, HONEY.
ALL OF YOU... FIRST YOU HONOR HIS MEMORY BY WELCOMING HIS MURDERER.
THEN YOU DECIDE YOU'RE BETTER OFF WITHOUT HIM.
WELL, THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN.
APOLLO, DO SOMETHING USEFUL, AND KEEP WAR'S CHAIR WARM FOR ME.
THE AMAZON WILL PAY FOR KILLING MY BROTHER--BY MY HAND, SINCE YOU'RE ALL TOO COWARDLY TO RAISE ANYTHING BUT A GLASS.
YOU FINISHED?
SMASH

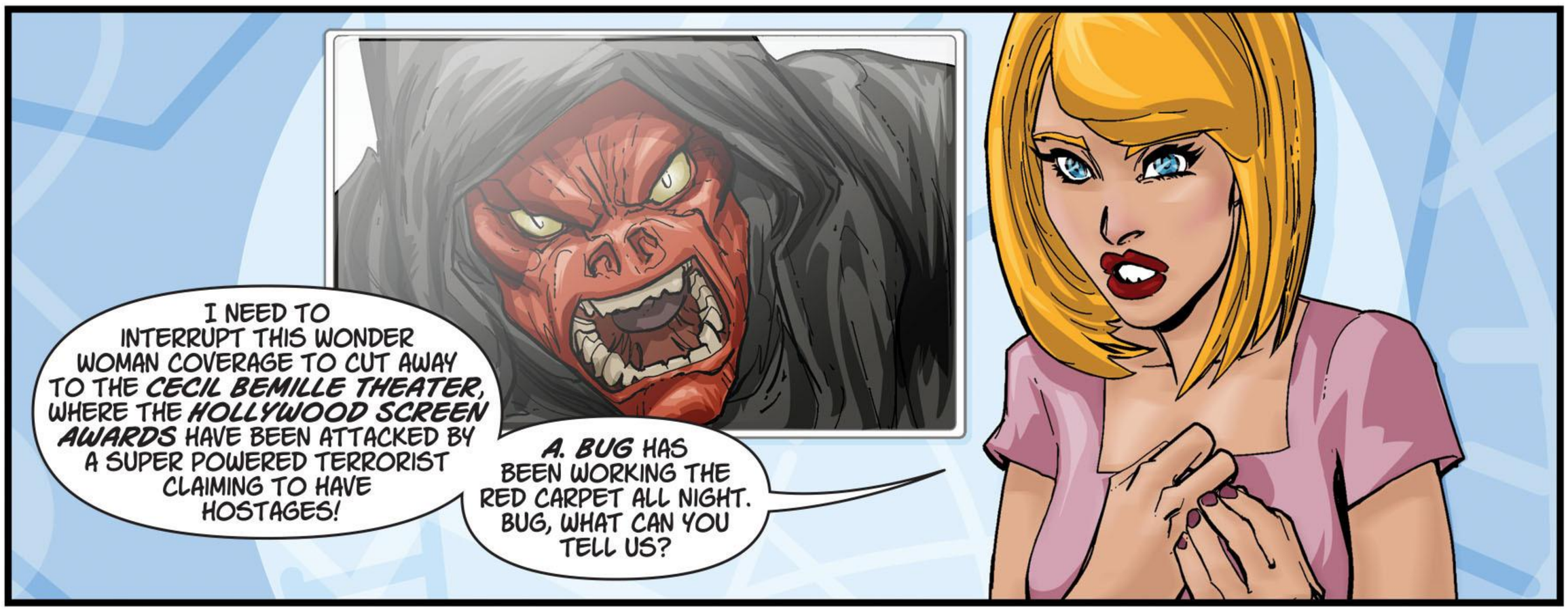
APOLLO, WITH A WAR LOOMING, THIS MIGHT NOT BE THE BEST TIME NOT TO HAVE A GOD OF WAR.
IT'S PRECISELY THE BEST TIME, SEA.
LEAVE IT TO ME...
TGGGG
GGHHHHHHH
THERE WILL BE NO WAR.
next: THEY ALL FALL DOWN


CHANNEL 52
WONDER WOMAN AS YOU'VE NEVER SEEN HER BEFORE!
I'M BETHANY SNOW AND CHANNEL 52 HAS THE ANSWERS!!
AFTER HER LATEST MASSIVE BATTLE IN LONDON, SOURCES ARE CLAIMING THAT WONDER WOMAN HAS BECOME THE GOD OF WAR!
UNFORTUNATELY, SO MUCH IS STILL UNKNOWN ABOUT WONDER WOMAN AND THE WORLD SHE COMES FROM THAT CLAIMS OF GODHOOD ARE RATHER DIFFICULT TO FOLLOW UP ON.

TO HELP OUR VIEWERS GET AN IDEA OF WHAT MAY BE IN STORE, WE HAVE SIMULATED WONDER WOMAN IN A MILITARY OUTFIT SIMILAR TO THAT OF OUR OWN GENERALS IN THE UNITED STATES.


OR IS IT THAT IN WONDER WOMAN'S WORLD-- GODS ARE ELECTED OFFICIALS?
DID WONDER WOMAN CAMPAIGN TO BECOME GOD OF WAR? IF SO, WHO DID SHE RUN AGAINST?


OR IS SOMETHING MUCH, MUCH HARDER TO DESCRIBE IN STORE FOR THE AMAZON?


I NEED TO INTERRUPT THIS WONDER WOMAN COVERAGE TO CUT AWAY TO THE CECIL BEMILLE THEATER, WHERE THE HOLLYWOOD SCREEN AWARDS HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY A SUPER POWERED TERRORIST CLAIMING TO HAVE HOSTAGES!
A. BUG HAS BEEN WORKING THE RED CARPET ALL NIGHT. BUG, WHAT CAN YOU TELL US?

WAIT...I CAN'T HEAR YOU! DID YOU SAY HOSTAGES? WELL, THE SHOW DOES RUN LONG, BUT "HOSTAGE" IS A STRONG TERM.
BETHANY? ANIMAL MAN? YES! HE'S UP FOR THE BEST ACTOR AWARD TONIGHT! I PICKED HIM TO WIN IN THE OFFICE POLL. YOU BET ON THAT TODD GUY, RIGHT?

TENTACLE MONSTER? DON'T BE SILLY! I'D KNOW IF--

CHANNEL
52
BUG!
OBVIOUSLY THE SITUATION THERE IS DIRE! WILL ANIMAL MAN BE ABLE TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES?
CHANNEL 52 WILL BE RIGHT BACK....