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OKAY, HEROES!!
YOU'VE MADE IT INTO
**DR. CYBER'S
LAIR!...**



EXTRA!
MORE
ALL-OUT
ACTION WITH
HUNTRESS

A small black and white illustration of the Huntress character, showing her in her signature purple and yellow suit.

NOW...
YOU'RE IN HER
POWER!

IN MYTH,
POSEIDON
WITH HIS TRIDENT
RULED THE WATERS
OF THE WORLD...

...BUT GOD-LIKE POWERS
ARE NO LONGER FOR
THE GODS ALONE!

NOW THE TRIDENTS AND
POSEIDONS THAT ROAM
BENEATH THE OCEANS
SERVE THE WILL OF MAN!



THEY ARE
AMERICAN
NUCLEAR
SUBMARINES
... AND THE
POWER THEY
COMMAND --



MAINTAIN RADIO SILENCE. YOU MIGHT BE GIVING AWAY OUR POSITION TO THE ENEMY, AND--

--HEAVEN HELP US-- THERE MAY BE NO ONE TO COMMUNICATE WITH ANYMORE!

DO YOU THINK IT WAS A SOVIET FIRST STRIKE, SIR?

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK! BUT I'VE GOT 24 BIRDS I WAS ORDERED TO LET FLY...

NOW.

...AND UNLESS I HEAR A GOOD REASON OTHERWISE BEFORE THE LAUNCH SEQUENCE IS COMPLETED, THAT'S PRECISELY WHAT I'M GOING TO--

READY TO DISENGAGE INTERLOCK.

WHAT THE DEVIL--!?

SOMETHING'S TRYING TO CAPSIZE US!

BUT THERE WASN'T ANYBODY WITHIN HALF AN OCEAN OF HERE!

SIR... THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN GET THOSE MISSILES OFF AND ON TARGET IF WE KEEP ROCKING LIKE THIS!

THE INERTIAL GUIDANCE SYSTEMS COULD NEVER COMPENSATE FOR IT!

THEN I GUESS THE FIRST THING WE HAVE TO DO--

--IS FIGURE OUT WHO OR WHAT IS TAKING US FOR A RIDE!

SHE WAS BORN A PRINCESS--DAUGHTER OF HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS--BUT SHE LEFT THE TRANQUIL GROVES OF PARADISE ISLAND TO BATTLE EVIL IN A WORLD SHE NEVER MADE! SHE IS BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE... WISE AS ATHENA... STRONGER THAN HERCULES... SWIFTER THAN MERCURY!

SHE IS...

WONDER WOMAN



I THANK THE GODDESSES THAT I'M STILL PRIVY TO SOME OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS AS A MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE LEAGUE--

--EVEN THOUGH AS DIANA PRINCE I'M NOW A HUNTED WOMAN!

I WAS ABLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT THE FALSE LAUNCH MESSAGE ALMOST AS SOON AS THE PENTAGON DID!

BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN MY MUSCLES TO KEEP THE CREW OF THIS SUB FROM STARTING WORLD WAR THREE!

LAUNCH ON WAR THREE!

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LATER, AS WASHINGTON'S RUSH HOUR APPROACHES,
AND SOLITUDE WOULD SEEM IMPOSSIBLE...

...KEITH GRIGGS
FEELS VERY
MUCH ALIVE!

WHEN MY
MYSTERIOUS CALLER
SAID WE SHOULD MEET
HERE TO TALK ABOUT DI,
I COULD HARDLY REFUSE...

BUT I DON'T LIKE
BEING IN A CROWD OF
STRANGERS WHERE I
KNOW I'M BEING
WATCHED--BUT
NOT BY WHOM!

HEY! WHAT
ARE YOU--

...BECAUSE HE'S
BEEN TRYING
TO PROVE MY
INNOCENCE!

DON'T
PUT YOUR
WEIGHT,
ON IT,
KEITH!

JUST
HANG
LOOSE...

...AND I'LL
TAKE CARE OF
EVERYTHING!



I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING, DI...

CLAKETY CLAKETY CLAKETY

YOU AND I HAVE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS!

AND SOON...

HOW'S THE ANKLE?

NOT TOO BAD...

NOW, LET'S SEE IF I HAVE THIS: CYBER MOLDS HER FACE INTO YOURS, PLANNING TO DO HER DIRTY WORK--

--AND MEANWHILE RUINING YOUR REPUTATION WHILE SHE'S GETTING THE LAUNCH CODES?

EXCEPT THAT I CAN'T BELIEVE THE CODES WERE HER REAL OBJECTIVE!

THEY CAN BE CHANGED--NOT INSTANTLY, BUT SOON ENOUGH...

AND THE DOCTOR CYBER THAT I KNEW WAS OUT FOR PERSONAL GAIN-- SHE WASN'T THE TYPE TO BLOW UP THE PLANET!

WITH ONLY ONE PLACE TO DISCOVER CYBER'S REAL PLAN... THE WAR COMPUTER!

IF THAT WAS WHAT SHE WANTED, SHE WOULD HAVE TRANSMITTED THE GO CODE TO SOME GREEN RECRUITS IN MISSILE SILOS...

RIGHT--NOT TO A SUBMARINE WHOSE CAPTAIN HAS ENOUGH AUTHORITY TO QUESTION HIS ORDERS!

YOU CAN GET IN THERE FOR ME, KEITH! IT'S A RISK-- YOU MIGHT BE CALLED A TRAITOR YOURSELF, BUT...

BUT THERE'S NO OTHER WAY!

YOU WAIT AT MY APARTMENT AND TRY NOT TO THINK ABOUT IT ALL...

SO WHERE DOES THAT LEAVE US?

WATCH T.V. OR SOMETHING.

...AND SENATOR COVINGTON
SAID THAT THE POSSIBLE
EXISTENCE OF A COUNTER-
AGENT IN A LITTLE-KNOWN
INTELLIGENCE BRANCH
CONFIRMS HIS...



HOW COULD YOU SAY
THOSE THINGS, LISA?

TAKE IT EASY,
ETTA...

I HAD TO SAY
SOMETHING... IT'S
MY JOB!

CLIK

AND IT
COULD HAVE
BEEN A LOT
WORSE!

IF I'D REALLY BEEN OUT TO
HURT DI, I COULD HAVE
REVEALED HER NAME!

NO KIDDING -- YOU SHOULD
HAVE SEEN THE HATCHET
JOB ON CBS!

OH, GREAT! THAT'S
REALLY COMFORTING
TO HEAR!



IF YOU'RE RIGHT, ETTA -- AND
MAJOR PRINCE IS BEING
FRAMED -- SHE'S GOING TO
NEED SOME POWERFUL
HELP TO GET CLEARED!

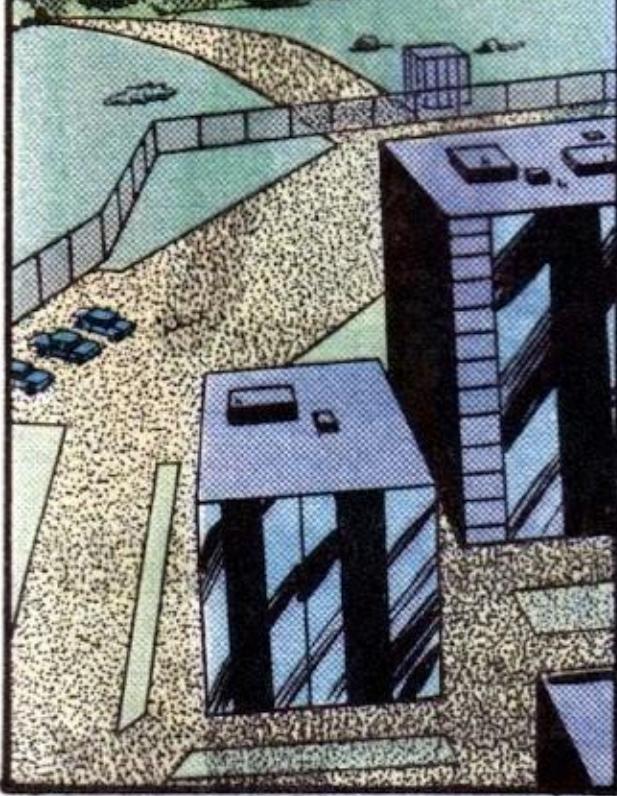
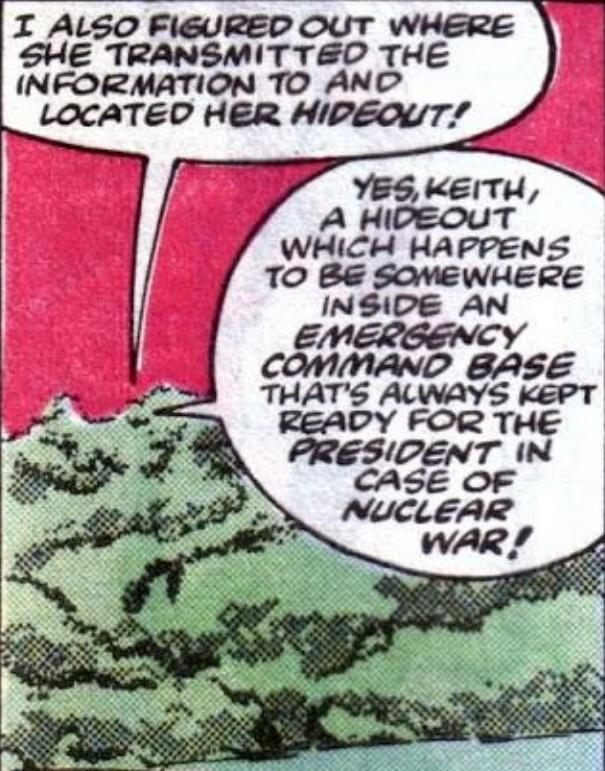
WHY, I -- I THOUGHT
THAT YOU... THAT IS,
I THOUGHT THAT
WONDER WOMAN...

UM, WHAT I
MEAN IS, IF
YOU NEED TO
LEAVE -- TO
FIND SOME
SPECIAL
HELP...

AND I'M SURE I DON'T
HAVE THE SLIGHTEST
NOTION WHAT YOU'RE
TALKING ABOUT!



...AS EVENING TURNS TO NIGHT --
AND WE REJOIN A PAIR OF
HEROES IN THE ROLLING HILLS
OUTSIDE THE NATION'S CAPITAL...





IN THE VALLEY BELOW, THE MILITARY OUT-POST IS AS SILENT AS THE NIGHT, ITS INHABITANTS FOREVER AWAITING DISASTER...

...AND LITTLE REALIZING THAT IT HAS ALREADY ARRIVED!

I HATED TO COLD-COCK THIS POOR SAP... HE'S NOT THE ENEMY!

BUT EVEN THOUGH WE FOLLOWED CYBER'S AGENT HERE, THE BRASS WOULD NEVER BELIEVE THIS PLACE HAS BEEN INFILTRATED!

THAT MEANS YOU AND I HAVE GOT TO GO IT ALONE! AND I'M DEPENDING ON YOU TO GET US IN!

I've found the button
=IHIP= Steve! I'll activate the entrance in about FIVE SECONDS...

...FOUR =IHIP= ...three...

tWOOOOOO!

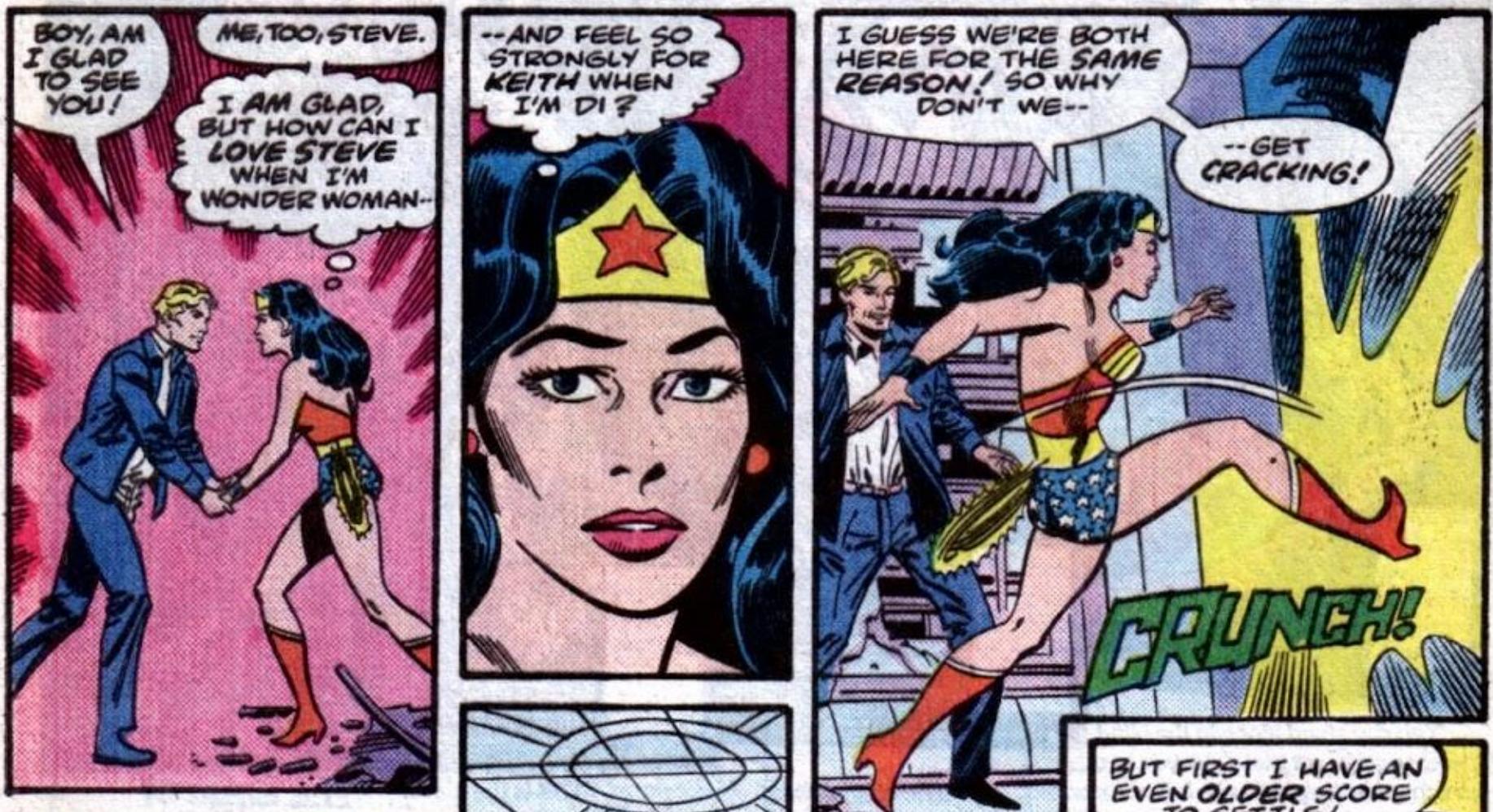
Whoops--! can I =IHIP= try that again?

NEVER MIND... WE'RE IN! AND UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, MOST OF THE ROUTINE MAINTENANCE IS DONE AT GROUND LEVEL!

SO CYBER'S PROBABLY SET UP SHOP DOWN--

HEY! Don't look now, but I think =IBI JEEP= they've SPOTTED US!













--AS THE HUNTRESS!

GOT TO GET MY MIND OFF MY PROBLEMS....

... AND CONCENTRATE ON THE NEWEST WAVE OF ROBBERIES TO HIT GOTHAM!

I UNDERSTAND THEY'RE PULLED OFF BY A PARTICULARLY AGILE THIEF!

JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THIS PLACE WAS HIT!

CURIOS... THAT SCENT THAT HANGS IN THE AIR... THE SORT OF SMELL ONE ENCOUNTERS AT THE ZOO...

WHAT'S THIS? A WHISKER?!

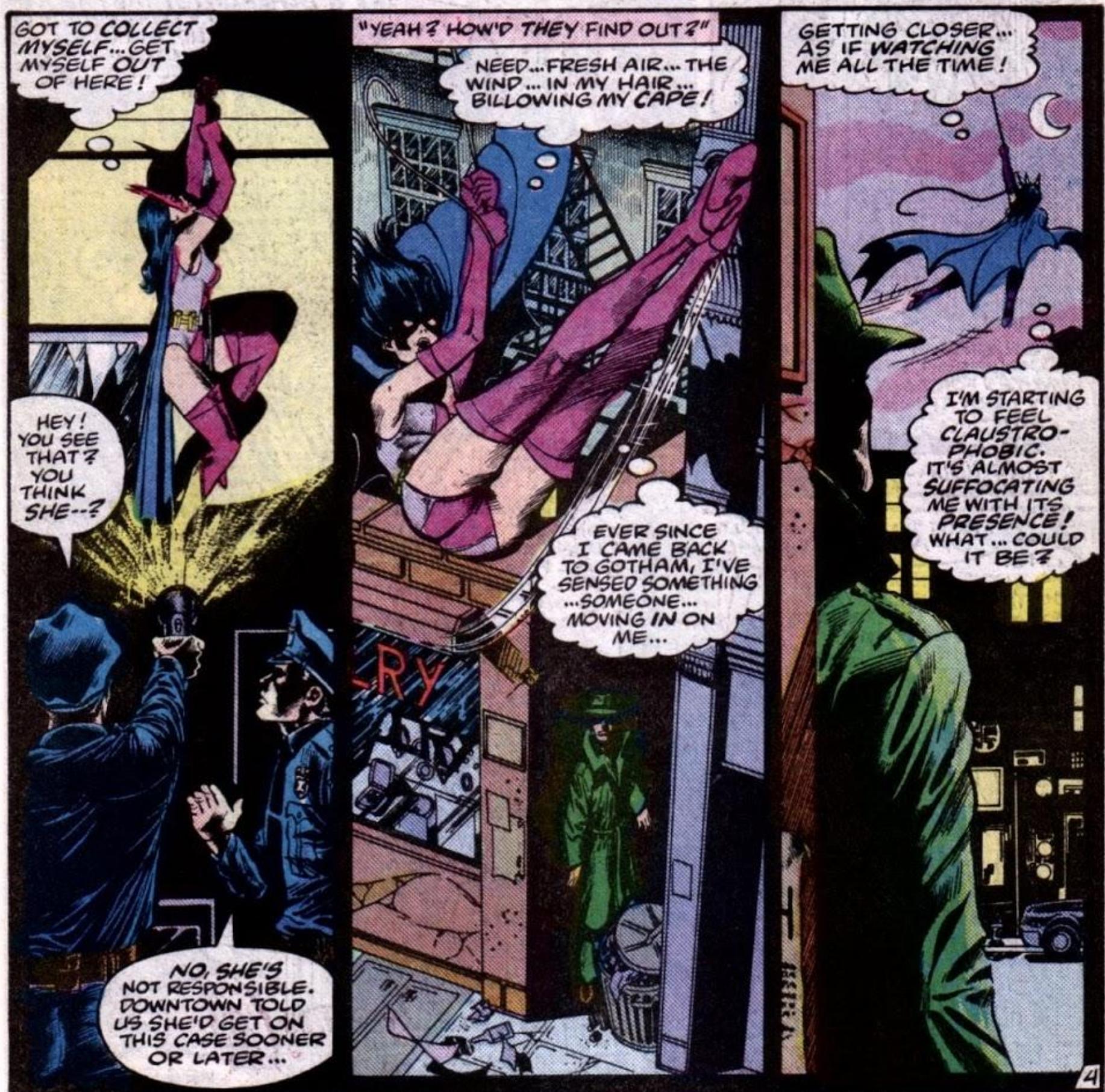
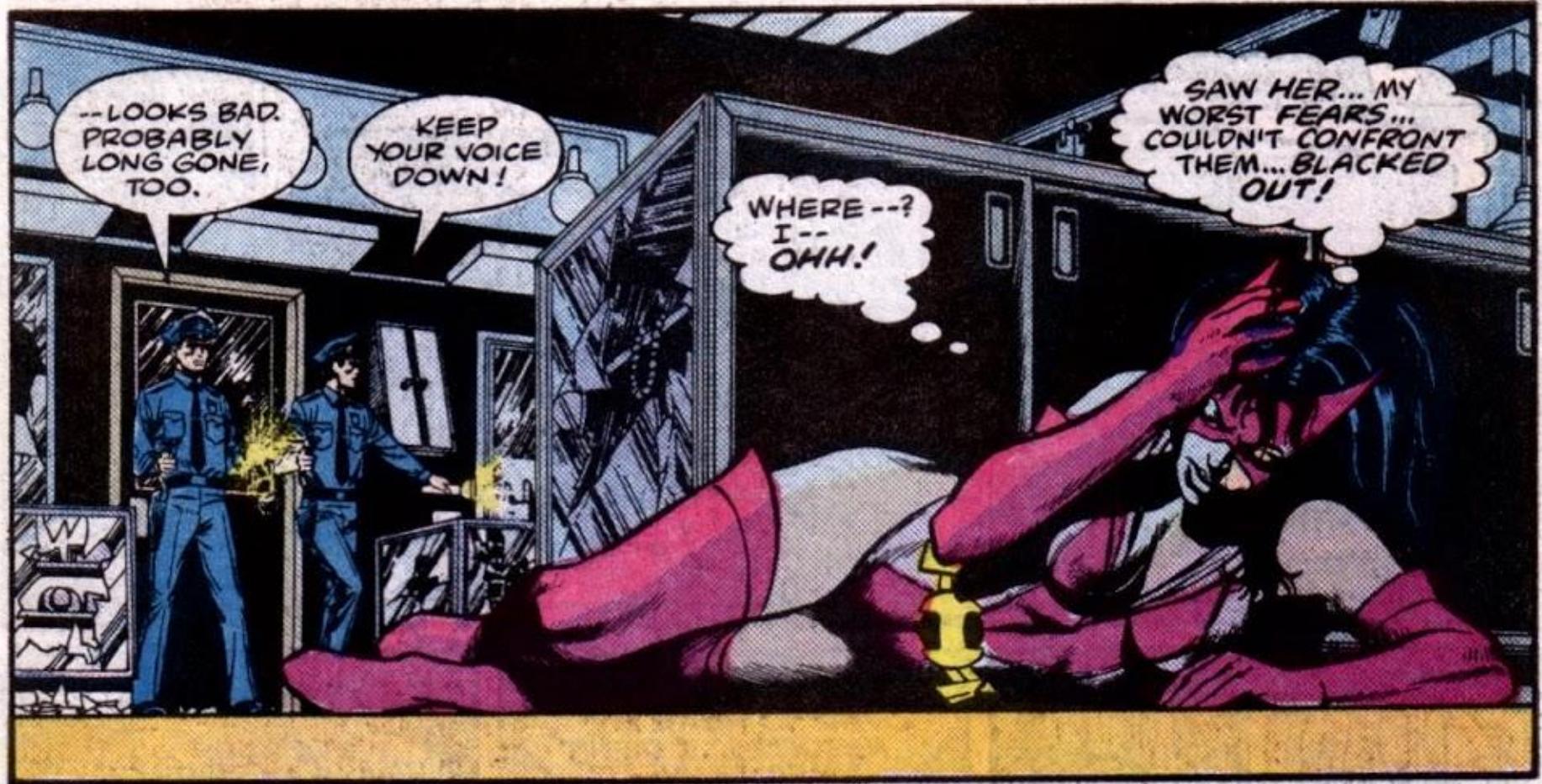
IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER...

NO!

OHHHHHHHH

THUD!
E

GOTHAM JEWELRY CENTER



SOON...

...TOM KELLY PUTS IN A FULL DAY HERE, EVEN FOR A BUSY INTERN...

DAMN! I COULD REPLICATE EVERY HOUR BY BINARY FISSION, AND THERE'D STILL BE NO WAY I'D EVER KEEP TO THIS SCHEDULE!



LATER...

OKAY, OKAY...
JUNE MOORMAN,
I WANT YOU
TO MEET...

THE
HUNTRESS!

DON'T BE
AFRAID. I'M
NOT A
DEMON.

YOU'D BE
ASTONISHED
BY HOW
HUMAN I
REALY AM!

THAT IS... IF YOU'D
CONSENT TO BE MY
THERAPIST. PLEASE.

S-SURE... IT'S
GOING TO BE
ALL RIGHT,
HUNTRESS!

TOM, I'M
TAKING HER
TO MY
ROOM.

MAKE SURE
WE'RE NOT
DISTURBED--FOR
ANYONE OR
ANYTHING.

RIGHT, JUNE.
COUNT ON ME!

I NEED TO KNOW... IS IT POSSIBLE
I COULD BE... GOING PLACES...
PERFORMING ACTIONS... WITHOUT
MY CONSCIOUS MIND BEING
AWARE?

IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE
SUSPENDED THIS CONVERSATION--

--UNTIL
SAFELY INSIDE
MY ROOM!

DO I HAVE TO
LIE DOWN ON
THE COUCH?

ONLY IF IT
MAKES YOU FEEL
COMFORTABLE.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE... OR HOW TO START!
IF I HAD TO PINPOINT A BEGINNING...
I GUESS IT WOULD
BE... WELL, MY
RECURRING
NIGHTMARE.

THAT'S A
GOOD STARTING
POINT! JUST
RELAX AND SAY
WHATEVER
COMES TO
MIND!

I DREAM A LOT...
ABOUT MY PAST...

...ABOUT MY
MOTHER.

SHE... SHE'S BEEN...
DEAD A LONG TIME... BUT
I CAN'T SEEM TO ESCAPE HER
INFLUENCE! IT SEEMS...

...SEEMS LIKE...
SHE'LL ALWAYS BE
A PART OF ME!

OF COURSE!
EVIL IS A PART
OF ALL OF US,
MY DEAR!

YOU MUST BE HERE NEXT ISSUE FOR
"THE FINAL BLACKOUT!"



Wonder Words

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Dear Alan,

WONDER WOMAN #316 was nothing short of spectacular! What makes this book so interesting is the development of various subplots along with the main storylines each issue.

Now about the current issue. Boy, is something big coming down here! These Amazons must have been in Tezcatlipoca's power for some time now. What's going to happen when they find out what's happened over the past few years? And what's going to happen when Diana regains her lost memories? This would open up a lot of new subplots. You can bet I'll be here to watch them develop.

I'd also like to discuss names for our gremlin friend. If you didn't like my last suggestion (which I didn't care for either), how about Scrappi? He seems to be a pretty feisty little fellow. Or, if you really want to get ridiculous, how about Boy Gremlin? Just kidding, guys.

The next thing I'd like to voice my opinion on is the artwork. I really liked this issue's cover. How about getting José Luis Garcia Lopez from ATARI FORCE to do a cover? But by all means, keep Den Heck doing the interior artwork.

Also, there has been a lot of controversy of late about the Huntress getting her own book or at least a mini-series. I've given it a lot of thought. She deserves it, no doubt. Just as Wonder Woman deserves the whole book to herself. Taking these points into consideration, I have concluded that the Huntress should get her own book. (1) You can only do so much with seven pages a month. (2) With the current creative talent, the book would be a big hit. (3) As of late, I have drastically cut back on the list of titles I get. What's another 75¢ monthly? (4) WONDER WOMAN needs 23 pages to develop various subplots and related stuff.

Oh, and kudos to Todd Klein and Nansi Hoolahan. The colors and letters were great, as usual.

Michael Krupp
Prescott, MI

Michael, I'd love to have a cover for WONDER WOMAN done by J.L.G.L., but he's one awfully busy guy, what with ATARI FORCE and a mess of special projects for DC! In the meantime, I think you'll be consistently satisfied by the stunning covers of Ed Barreto. (Mine isn't the minority opinion, by the way. His work has been showing up all over the place at DC lately. Have you seen recent issues of SUPERMAN, ACTION

COMICS, SUPERBOY, and SUPERGIRL? He's also guest-penciled STAR TREK #7. The list goes on.)

I agree heartily that the Huntress deserves her own book—it's just taken a while (a long while, I admit) to put together something worthy of a new series. Joey Cavalieri is hard at work on the project right now. He has a lot of surprises in store for Huntress fans. I promised to spill all the beans in this letter column, but I guess I was just overeager last issue. Next issue for sure, I'll have lots to report. (Scout's honor!) I can promise you, however, that, starting in two short months (with WONDER WOMAN #322), the Amazing Amazon will, indeed, have the whole 23 pages all to herself. On this, too, more information next issue.

Dear Alan,

I liked #316 and the new directions this book is taking. Tezcatlipoca should make a nice addition to Wonder Woman's stable of villains, considering she has one of the most pathetic stables of all major DC heroes. Especially one as powerful as she is.

You recently asked for opinions on whether to give WW her own book and what to do with the Huntress. Well, to be perfectly honest, I don't buy this comic for the Huntress. I never did. I couldn't care less what happens to her and her adventures. But I do feel Wonder Woman deserves her own comic. Of all the major DC heroes, she is the only one that has to share her title. (DETECTIVE doesn't count.) I'm beginning to doubt whether Dan Mishkin can write a full comic book story. Sorry, Dan, it's just that I'd like this comic to someday achieve the status it deserves. Thanks for listening.

Victor Flores
Lubbock, TX

Just for the record, Victor, Dan has written quite a number of full-length comics. Remember the AMETHYST maxi-series? He's working on a DC COMICS PRESENTS right now, teaming up Superman and Wonder Woman. And don't forget the BLUE DEVIL!

Dear Alan,

Re WONDER WOMAN #316—WOW! Firstly, I liked the way the plot leapt around from scene to scene, a nice touch, especially with so many plots and subplots that have been going on. Keep

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the idea for just such purposes. Loved the cover, tremendously.

I like the cleanliness of the lines in the artwork—for instance that the Queen's jewelry was not highly detailed in this issue. I'm sure she likes simple lines sometimes, too. My main complaints, though, are that Queen Hippolyta, except on panels 7 and 10 on page 9, looks like a caricature of herself. Ditto Wonder Woman, panel 2, page 14.

I love the "other Amazons" and eagerly await future developments concerning them.

Attaway, Keith Griggs! Is he going to be a serious contender for Diana's affections—as Wonder Woman or as Diana Prince? I never thought I would want such a possible plot development, but I really believe you could convince me. He's compassionate, strong of mind as well as of body, and can also accept help from someone he considers a more-or-less (and un-condescendingly so!) "ordinary" woman: Diana Prince. (Although who among us, male or female, is really "ordinary," the way most people use that word?) He doesn't seem to require a special "Angel," although he undoubtedly has his fantasies.

I would love to see a male-to-male, behind-the-scenes talk between Maj. Griggs and Steve Trevor—for instance, if they're somewhere having to stay "in the background" awaiting help from Wonder Woman (or Diana Prince, or both) and mention in passing their various feelings concerning those two of Princess Diana's three personae.

And who is this Howard Huckaby character? Something about him keeps making me want to shout "Watch out, Etta, don't trust the guy!" For instance, the all-too-"accidental" knocking over of Etta's purse—did he put a "bug" in, or take something out? Two, he never showed her any credentials. Three, he seems to have done his homework concerning Etta's weakness for food!

Many thanks for printing my last letter, though it, too, was long.

Dorothy Lyra Joyce
Douglaston, NY

It's my pleasure to print letters, short or long, that have something to say to other readers of WONDER WOMAN. Dorothy, Your comments about Keith Griggs couldn't be improved upon, I think. That's just what Dan has been trying to achieve in creating this character, and it's very gratifying to learn that he's succeeded. I think you're reading a bit much into Howard Huckaby's

actions, perhaps. There's more to him than we've let on so far, but rest easy, he's not a louse. [Would we do that to Etta?]

Dear Alan, Dan, Don, Joey, and Mark (whew!!):

Can't tell you how pleased and delighted I am with this book. It's truly wonderful.

Comments time!!

Man! Some end she came to, that Circe. The moral to that story was to never trust an oracle over 2,000 years old... As a matter of history, the oracle's accuracy was typical. Even the oracle at Delphi gave prophecies that were vague to the point of the downright ethereal. It's too bad for Circe, really, though I can't say I at all feel sorry for her after her eons of shenanigans.

Tezcatlipoca—another tongue-twister, hmpf—is interesting, and the connection between the Amazons and the Aztecs is tantalizing. The possibility is a surprisingly likely one, considering that even the Vikings ran across North America a couple of times, and there is a possibility, supported by some archaeological research, that some Phoenician or another set foot on what was later discovered as "the New World." There is a very intelligent life-form at the writing helm here—at least one that has done his homework, anyway! That much has been evident in all of Dan's work for this book. Anyway, I'm intrigued.

Is that confusion on Etta's face? Is this bewilderment on my face?? What is that smile on Steve's face?! Asking her out to dinner, eh!! Like, wotta hoser! (What is he up to??)

I'm certainly glad that you decided to keep the gremlin on as a regular. Not only is he/she/it a real character, but is cute, to boot. With its mischievous nature, it's sure to be popping up everywhere (and, indeed, has been), and as for its involvement with the robot plane—who knows, the Gremlin might end up redesigning the darn thing!

Despite how it looks to the rest of the Amazons, I can't help but cheer Sofia on for all I'm worth in her efforts to inform Di as to her complete history. I think it's about time she knew everything once and for all. Aphrodite's invocation of the Mists of Nepenthe may have been nothing but a luxury. Certainly it doesn't seem to have been a solution. Hippolyta may, in her motherly concern, try to bear too much for Di's sake; however, if anything's to really be solved, Di will have to deal with it on her own terms. That's what this subplot seems to be heading for, and I'm all for it. (I think it's interesting to note that Sofia views this memory tape business as a conspiracy. Also, these are interesting variations on the movie *Brainstorm*'s theme of mind-tapes and conspiracies.)

Don's artwork has been so improved ever since he did a WW/New Teen Titans team-up back in early '82 that I'm glad he's had such a good opportunity to

improve/show off his skills with his fine work on this book. More!

The Huntress controversy rages on. This has been going on for two years, I can't believe it. Why not keep her on as a regular feature and run her as a mini-series to see what kind of a response you get? Then you could decide whether to give her her own book or keep the title as a back-up in WW. In a way, the Huntress's being a back-up feature in the WW book is good because it probably gets fans of one heroine who might not have otherwise been interested to take a closer look at the other, whether they're the regular WW fans or Huntress fans who've hunted her down in the WW book.

As for that vixen of the shadows... Spider-Woman, eat your heart out!! This strip consistently improves with each effort, it seems. I took a certain cold pleasure in seeing Nedra Borrower (what a name!), that "Miss National Enquirer" of the airwaves, get canned. That look in her eye, however, just advertises that she'll be back. I just hope that she doesn't turn out to be Helena's equivalent of Poison Ivy.

Sea Lion's a creep ('nuff said there). I hope, incidentally, that there are plans to bring Earthworm back before too long. I think he's one of the more macabre villains to come around in a while. He could well be a classic in the making.

One hero (heroine, whatever) I'd like to see Hel team up with here is one no one has seen in quite a while—Black Orchid. The images they present may go well together, and I don't think it was ever established whether she is on Earth-1, Earth-2, or both. At least could you consider the possibility of maybe. Joey—huh, please? I know you guys could do her full justice, perhaps answering a few of the mysteries left dangling about her (or perhaps adding to them or accentuating them) and make an interesting story involving her with the Huntress all at the same time. It certainly would be a challenge for you, and considering the creative way you guys have handled The Huntress so far, one that you could pull off. Please consider this suggestion—thanks.

A final note concerning all the mythological personae being used in the WW book. Others for possible consideration for use in future stories (spaced out accordingly, however—we wouldn't want the book suddenly crawling with them) could be such obscure-but-fascinating beings as Medea, Hecate, Nike (goddess of victory), or Proteus (the shape-changing sea god); or to see more of such well-known beings as Hades of the Grey Domain, Dionysius (a confrontation between some of his frenzied bacchants—possibly some of them Amazons—and the Amazons of Themiscyra might be interesting), any of the Titans (whom we haven't seen at all since the last time in the NEW TEEN TITANS), or Hera (who it seems like we never see anymore!).

Oh, one more thing. I think that the Amazons of Themiscyra thing should be kept in mind, but for some reason when I

read about them I get the idea that the only one who seems to be the same is Hippolyta. Maybe it could be given a little more stress that, by and large, the Amazons of Paradise Island are the self-same Amazons who lived on and fought for Themiscyra, so Hippolyta doesn't have a monopoly on memories of the place or the events since then.

I've chewed your ears enough, for now. Take care, all.

Kevin F. Peterson
Cherry Point MCAS, NC

Thanks for a thought-filled letter, Kevin. Concerning mythological themes in future issues...there'll be some, have no doubt, and maybe one of the figures you mention will be putting in an appearance (Medea and Hecate are two very interesting evil females, in my opinion). But for now, we're lightening up a bit on that aspect of WONDER WOMAN. After all, we can draw on many a supervillain, too. We don't want this book to become predictable. When we bring on a mythological character, we want you to be surprised. As for Steve Trevor being a hoser, Kevin ...why, you...I don't understand why everyone automatically thinks the worst of that guy. Sure, he's had a weird life in this comic, and he's often been shown in an unsympathetic light (you could even suggest he's been, er, boring now and again). But that's all changed! Really! I mean, why shouldn't he ask Etta out to dinner? She's reasonably attractive (at least nowadays), smart, plucky, efficient—and they work together day in and day out, so they probably have something like a friendship going. Why should he have an ulterior motive? He stood her up because he got an SOS from Sofia, not because he wanted to hurt her feelings. Sheesh! Give the guy a break, willya?

NEXT ISSUE: Be here for the noisy, splashy, thoroughly stupendous conclusion of this three-part appearance of Dr. Cyber. Eros, as you've undoubtedly noticed, will be around for the battle. And the gremlin gets a surprise himself. Finally, there's a surprise at the end of the issue that will be worth the price of admission for many of you.

Meanwhile, the Huntress has a gun to her head, remember? Who is this psychiatrist, and why is she doing this terrible thing—and what does this have to do with the story that started in this issue? Joey has it all figured out—that's a promise!

Now. Promise me you'll be back next month, because there are going to be a lot of important developments and you're going to kick yourself if you miss them!

—Alan

