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THE HELL-HOUNDS
ARE CLOSING IN...

...THEIR BITE
MEANS
INSTANT DEATH--
AND MY LASSO
IS POWERLESS
AGAINST THEM!!



GIORDANO

GRANTED THE WISDOM OF ATHENA, THE STRENGTH OF HERCULES, AND THE SPEED OF MERCURY, CONCEALED IN THE BEAUTY OF APHRODITE BY THE GODS, PRINCESS DIANA RENOUNCED HER IMMORTALITY TO ENTER MAN'S WORLD AS THE GREATEST AMAZON OF ALL...

Wonder Woman

"QUEST TO THE PALACE AT THE EDGE OF TIME!"

AND IT IS WRITTEN:

"Beware the GODS, when the gods be MAD!"

FOR, WHATEVER ELSE HE MAY BE THIS COOL SPRING EVENING, MARS -- THE GOD OF WAR -- IS MOST CERTAINLY MAD...

WHERE IS SHE? WHERE IS THE AMAZON?

WHERE IS WONDER WOMAN?

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HARRY... TELL ME THIS
IS A NIGHTMARE!
THAT... THAT HUGE MAN
... HE CAN'T REALLY BE
WHAT THE TELEVISION
SAYS HE IS, CAN HE?

I-I DON'T KNOW! I
SAW THE STOCK MARKET
CRASH... I SAW MY
BEST FRIEND DIE AT
OKINAWA... I SAW
ADLAI STEVENSON
LOSE THE PRESIDENCY
TO DWIGHT EISENHOWER...

BUT I NEVER SAW
ANYTHING THE LIKES
OF THIS!

WE HAVE TO BE
BRAVE, HARRY.
WHATEVER HAPPENS
... WE MUST BE
BRAVE!

IT'S... ALL
WE HAVE
LEFT...

ACROSS THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE REACTION
EVERYWHERE IS THE SAME: STUNNED DISBELIEF,
FOLLOWED BY FEAR, CLIMAXED BY SHOCKED RAGE...

IF A GOD HAS DESCENDED FROM LEGENDARY MOUNT
OLYMPUS, THEN THESE PEOPLE KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH
IT: THE SAME WAY THEY DEAL WITH EVERY CRISIS --

--STUBBORN ARROGANCE--

--INDIGNANT FURY--

AND ON AN ISLAND IN THE EAST RIVER WHERE A CERTAIN
AMAZON WAS RECENTLY HELD PRISONER, THOSE ATTRIBUTES
TAKE PHYSICAL FORM, AS ...

EH?

MARS--
OR WHATEVER
YOU CALL YOURSELF--
THIS HAS GONE FAR
ENOUGH!

--AND PRIDE!

WE WERE GRATEFUL WHEN YOUR
ALLY HERE, HERCULES, HELPED
CAPTURE WONDER WOMAN...
WE WERE GRATEFUL, BECAUSE
SHE'D BECOME A MENACE!

BUT SIR, THAT IS NOT A
LICENSE FOR YOU TO
BECOME THE SAME!

DOESN'T HE REALIZE THAT
MARS CAN STRIKE HIM DEAD
WITH BUT A GESTURE?

WHEN WONDER WOMAN ESCAPED THIS SPECIAL PRISON, YOU OFFERED TO FIND HER, AND AGAIN, WE WERE THANKFUL! BUT SIR, YOU HAVEN'T FOUND HER...

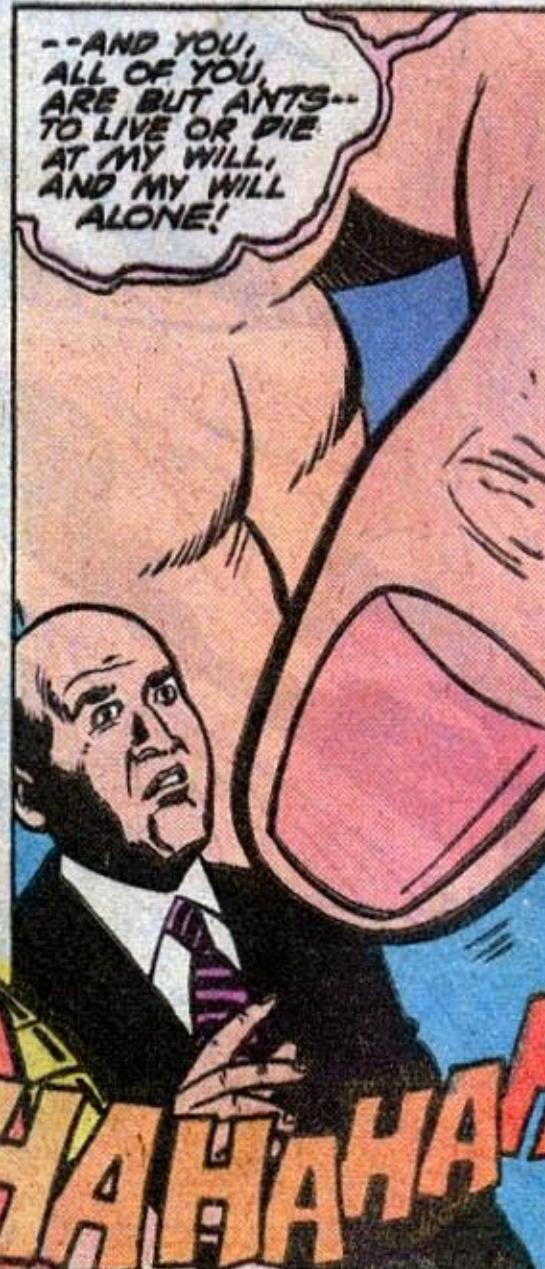


AND THEN, THE SILENCE
ERUPTS -- NOT IN CURSES,
BUT IN ROARING LAUGHTER...

LEAVE?
LEAVE?
MORTAL,
YOU JEST!
MARS SHALL
NEVER
LEAVE!

**FROM THIS
DAY FORTH,
I RULE ON
EARTH...**

--AND YOU,
ALL OF YOU,
ARE BUT ANTS--
TO LIVE OR DIE
AT MY WILL,
AND MY WILL
ALONE!



LIKE THUNDER, THE GOD'S LAUGHTER ROLLS OUT OVER THE CITY, REACHING TO A WINDOW IN GREENWICH VILLAGE, WHERE A WOMAN STANDS SNARLING...

**BY HERA, HOW
I'D LIKE TO CRUSH
THAT LAUGHTER
IN HIS THROAT!**



... KNOWN TO THE WORLD OF
MEN AS THE WARRIOR CALLED
WONDER WOMAN...

ROBOT PLANE--
COME TO ME!

--RISING UPWARD THE NEXT
INSTANT, WITH AN ACCELERATION
THAT WOULD THROW AN ORDINARY
HUMAN TO HER DEATH...

MARS HAS BLOCKED MY
EFFORTS TO REACH MY MOTHER
ON PARADISE ISLAND BY
MENTAL RADIO-- SO I HAVE
NO CHOICE BUT TO SEEK HER
AID IN PERSON!

SUMMONED TELEPATHICALLY,
THE AMAZING INVISIBLE JET
SWEEPS TO WITHIN THREE
INCHES OF THE BUILDING
WALL --

IT'S SUCH AN EFFORT TO
CONTROL MY ANGER SINCE
I LOST MY BRACELETS OF
SUBMISSION! I ONLY PRAY
IT DOESN'T LEAD ME TO DO
SOMETHING FOOLISH...

EH? THAT
ROAR--
WHERE THERE
IS NO PLANE!

IT CAN ONLY BE
THE AMAZON
-- IN HER
INVISIBLE
JET!

SHE SEEKS TO
ESCAPE ME,
BUT WHO CAN
ESCAPE THE
WRATH OF
MARS--

--WHEN HE
LETS LOOSE
THE HOUNDS
OF WAR?

RRRRR-
AAARRRR

HELL-
HOUNDS--
FOLLOWING ME
BY SCENT!

THIS IS
MARS-DOING,
TO PREVENT ME
FROM REACHING
QUEEN
HIPPOLYTE!

THEIR
BITE--
MEANS
DEATH!



HERA GUIDE
MY HAND, LET
ME FLY AS
I'VE NEVER
FLOWN
BEFORE...

...LOOP ABOUT...
AVOID
THEM...



USELESS! ONCE
THEY HAVE THE
SCENT OF THEIR
PREY, THE
HELL-HOUNDS
WILL PURSUE
THEIR VICTIM
TILL THE END
OF ETERNITY!



BUT PERHAPS
THAT WILL PROVE
THEIR UNDOING...!

HAVE TO DIVE...
CLOSE TO THE
SPEED OF
SOUND!



DOWNTWARD FLASHES THE ROBOT PLANE, AND
SUNLIGHT SPARKLES FROM THE TIARA ON THE
AMAZON'S FOREHEAD, FLASHING LIKE A FALLING
STAR...

DOWNTWARD RACE THE HOUNDS OF WAR,
SNAPPING AT THE JET'S INVISIBLE TAIL, THEIR
JAWS SPITTING FLAME, THEIR MAD EYES
BURNING...

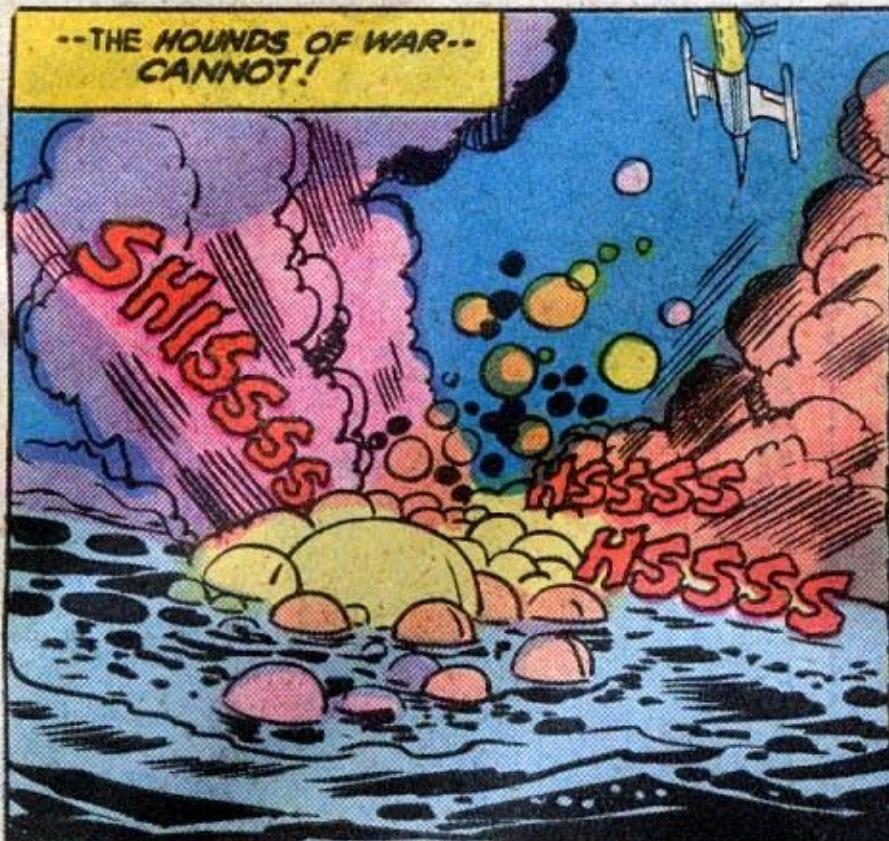


AND THEN, AT LAST--IMPACT!

BUT, THOUGH THE ROBOT PLANE DIPS BENEATH
THE WAVES ONLY TO ROCKET SKYWARD ONCE
MORE--



--THE HOUNDS OF WAR--
CANNOT!



WATER,
THE GIFT
OF LIFE...
IT HAS EVER PROVEN
FATAL TO THE
CREATURES OF DEATH!

AND PERHAPS IN SPITE OF HERSELF,
THE AMAZON SMILES.

MINUTES LATER, AS THE ROBOT PLANE COMPLETES THE
THOUSAND-MILE JOURNEY TO THAT PART OF THE OCEAN
KNOWN AS THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE...

AT LAST, PARADISE
ISLAND--BUT WHAT'S
THIS? SOMETHING'S
TERRIBLY WRONG!

THE ENTIRE
ISLAND IS
COVERED BY
A TRANSPARENT
DOME...



'TIS NAUGHT BUT
AN ILLUSION, YOUNG
ONE, CAST BY HIM
WHO IS THE MASTER
OF ALL ILLUSIONS,
MARS' ALLY--THE
DUKE OF
DECEPTION!

WHO?



FOR THE PAST SEVERAL HOURS,
I HAVE BEEN YOUR SHADOW,
PRINCESS DIANA. I HAVE
WATCHED AS YOU FOUGHT
THE COMPELSION TO VIOLENCE...

...AND I AM
WELL PLEASED
BY WHAT I
HAVE LEARNED.

WHY, DEAR CHILD, ARE YOU SO
BLINDED BY OUTWARD
APPEARANCE? VERY WELL,
LET THE CONCEALMENT FADE,
LET THE TRUTH STAND REVEALED!

APHRODITE!
FORGIVE ME
FOR NOT
KNOWING
YOU...

YOU HAVE
BEEN UNDER
GREAT STRAIN,
DEAR DIANA,
AND YOU HAVE
TRIUMPHED OVER
YOUR INNER DEMONS!
SHOULD I ASK MORE
THAN THIS? NAY...

ARISE, AND TAKE
BACK YOUR BRACELETS
...YOU HAVE EARNED
THEM, O DAUGHTER
OF THE AMAZONS!

MY
BRACELETS OF
SUBMISSION!
WHERE DID YOU
GET THEM?
WHO ARE YOU?

I AM
APHRODITE,
GODDESS OF
LOVE, AND, AS I
HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN --

--YOUR
PROTECTOR!

I - I DON'T
UNDERSTAND! YOU
HAD THE BRACELETS
-- ALL ALONG?

OF COURSE... BUT I
CHOSE TO TEST THE
STRENGTH OF YOUR
WILL, DIANA.

FOR YOU WILL NEED
ALL YOUR STRENGTH,
IF YOU ARE TO SEEK
THE PALACE AT THE
EDGE OF TIME!

W-WHAT...?

KNOW YOU, PRINCESS
DIANA, THAT ZEUS
IS GONE FROM
MOUNT OLYMPUS...

IN THE ABSENCE OF MIGHTY ZEUS,
MARS HAS ASSUMED COMMAND,
AND 'TWAS BY HIS COMMAND
THAT HERCULES SOUGHT YOU OUT,
FIRST TO STEAL THE BRACELETS
OF SUBMISSION, AND THEN
AFTER YOU BECAME BERSERK,
TO DEFEAT YOU...



THIS STRATEGY WAS COINED
BY A MORTAL NAMED
MARTIN MARKHAM,
WHOSE SKILL AS AN
"ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE"
PROVE HIM A FIT JUDGE
OF HUMAN NATURE! HE
CLAIMED THAT MANKIND
WOULD TURN AGAINST
YOU IF YOU APPEARED
INSANE... AND HE WAS
RIGHT...



NOW, MARS WILL USE THE
FAVOR HE'S GAINED WITH
HUMANITY TO CALL UP AN
ARMY TO ATTACK YOUR
SISTERS UPON PARADISE
ISLAND, FOR ONLY WHEN
THEY EXIST NO MORE, WILL
HIS RULE BE SECURE FROM
CHALLENGE! 'TIS AN EVIL
PLAN...



...YET IT WILL
SUCCEED, UNLESS
YOU CAN STOP IT.

ME? BUT... HOW?
HOW CAN I BATTLE
A GOD?

BY SEEKING THE
AID OF THE MOST
POWERFUL OF GODS...
FATHER ZEUS HIMSELF!

BUT YOU
SAID ZEUS HAD
LEFT MOUNT
OLYMPUS...

AND SO HE HAS! HE ATTENDS THE
COUNCIL OF THE GODS, AT THE PALACE
AT THE EDGE OF TIME! THERE, THE GODS
WHO RULE THE UNIVERSE MEET EACH
MILLENNIA...

...HE KNOWS
NAUGHT OF THIS...
AND IT IS YOUR DUTY
TO TELL HIM!

HOW WILL I
FIND HIM?

I WILL
GUIDE YOU, MY
PRINCESS...
BUT YOU MUST
HURRY...



...AND TO SPEED
YOU ON YOUR WAY,
I GIVE YOU THE
GIFT OF FASTER-
THAN-LIGHT-FLIGHT!

MAKE HASTE,
DAUGHTER OF
HIPPOLYTE!

THE FATE OF
THE UNIVERSE
MAY WELL RIDE
ON YOUR
SHOULDERS!

AND AS, THOUGH TO underscore APHRODITE'S
WORDS, BACK ON EARTH...

CHARLIE TWO,
THIS IS
BAKER
THREE!

I'VE GOT BIG
BOY IN MY
SIGHTS! YOU
SURE WE'RE
SUPPOSED TO
FIRE?

THAT'S THE
FLIGHT ORDER,
BAKER THREE!

ROGER, CHARLIE TWO!
BUT I THOUGHT THIS
KINDA THING WENT
OUT WITH KING
KONG!

MORTALS,
ARE YOU
ALL MAD?

SWOT
KARASE



HE CAN NO MORE
CHANGE HIS
NATURE THAN
YOU CAN STOP
BREATHING!

BUT ALL THE
PLANNING--
HAVING HERCULES
DEFEAT A BERSERK
WONDER WOMAN,
THE WHOLE PR BIT--
IT'S ALL BEEN
WASTED, THROWN
AWAY BY THAT
ARROGANT--

WATCH THY
TONGUE,
MORTAL, AN
UNFRIENDLY
EAR MAY
HEAR.

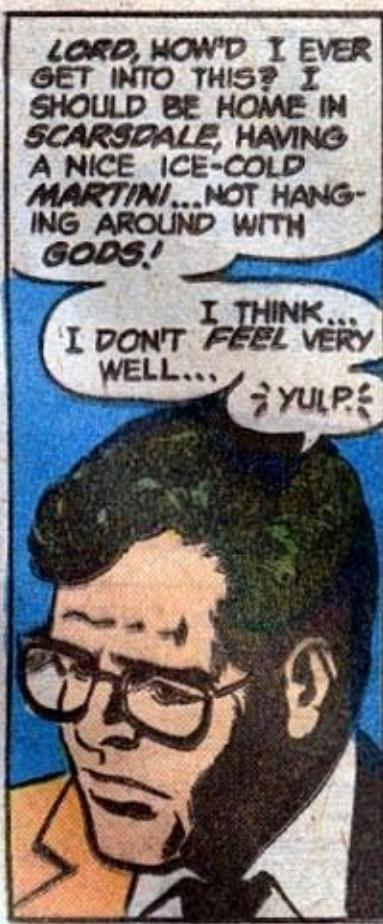
UH... YOU
THINK SO,
HERMES?

MARS IS A GOD
NOT SECURE IN HIS
MASTERY OF MOUNT
OLYMPUS.

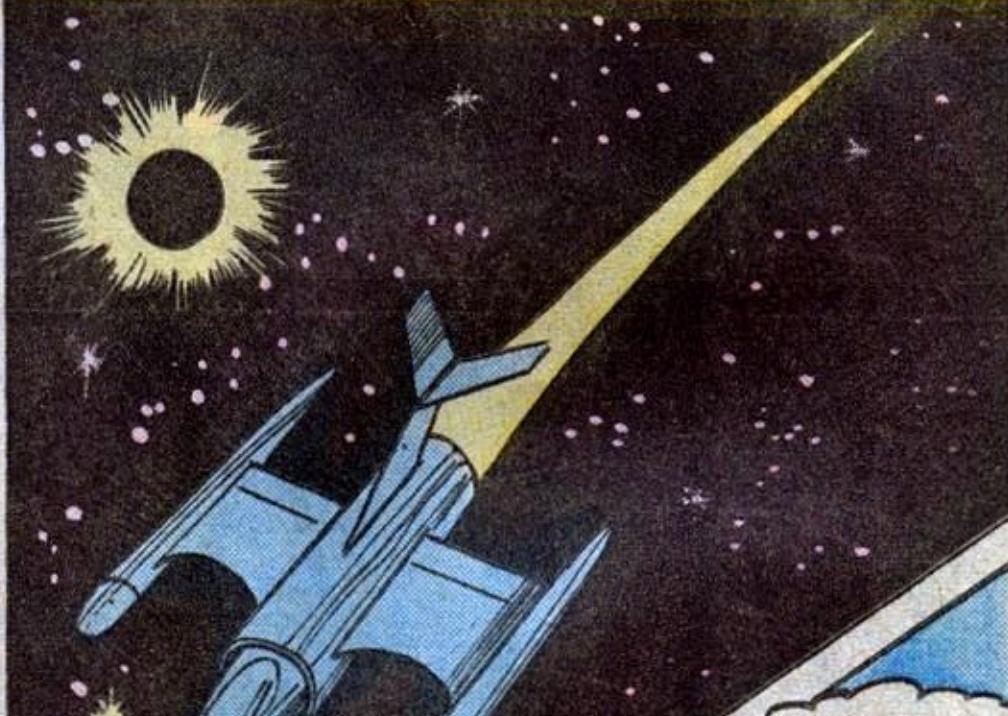
SUCH
LEADERS
HAVE GOOD
USE OF
SPIES.

LORD, HOW'D I EVER
GET INTO THIS? I
SHOULD BE HOME IN
SCARSDALE, HAVING
A NICE ICE-COLD
MARTINI... NOT HANG-
ING AROUND WITH
GODS!

I THINK...
I DON'T FEEL VERY
WELL...
- YULP -



AND, AS A CERTAIN DISTRAUGHT ADVERTISING EXECUTIVE
WINCES FROM THE PAIN OF AN INFLAMED ULCER, FAR OFF
IN THE REACHES OF GALACTIC SPACE, AN INVISIBLE PLANE
PLUNGES THROUGH THE VOID AT SPEEDS WHICH WOULD
BOGGLE EINSTEIN...



--THAT MAY JUST PROVE IMPOSSIBLE!

A WHIRLPOOL OF STARS: IT IS THIS, AND MORE--FOR ITS BEAUTY HIDES DEADLINESS, A BURNING HELL OF SWIRLING RADIATION AND GRAVITIC DISRUPTION...

...AND ONLY THE AMAZON'S DETERMINATION SEES HER THROUGH THE MADNESS...



...AS IT SAW HER THROUGH THE MYSTICAL MADNESS OF HER BERSERKER RAGE!



FOR AN ETERNITY, IT SEEMS, SHE PLUMMETS THROUGH THAT STELLAR MAELSTROM, AND THEN, AT LAST--

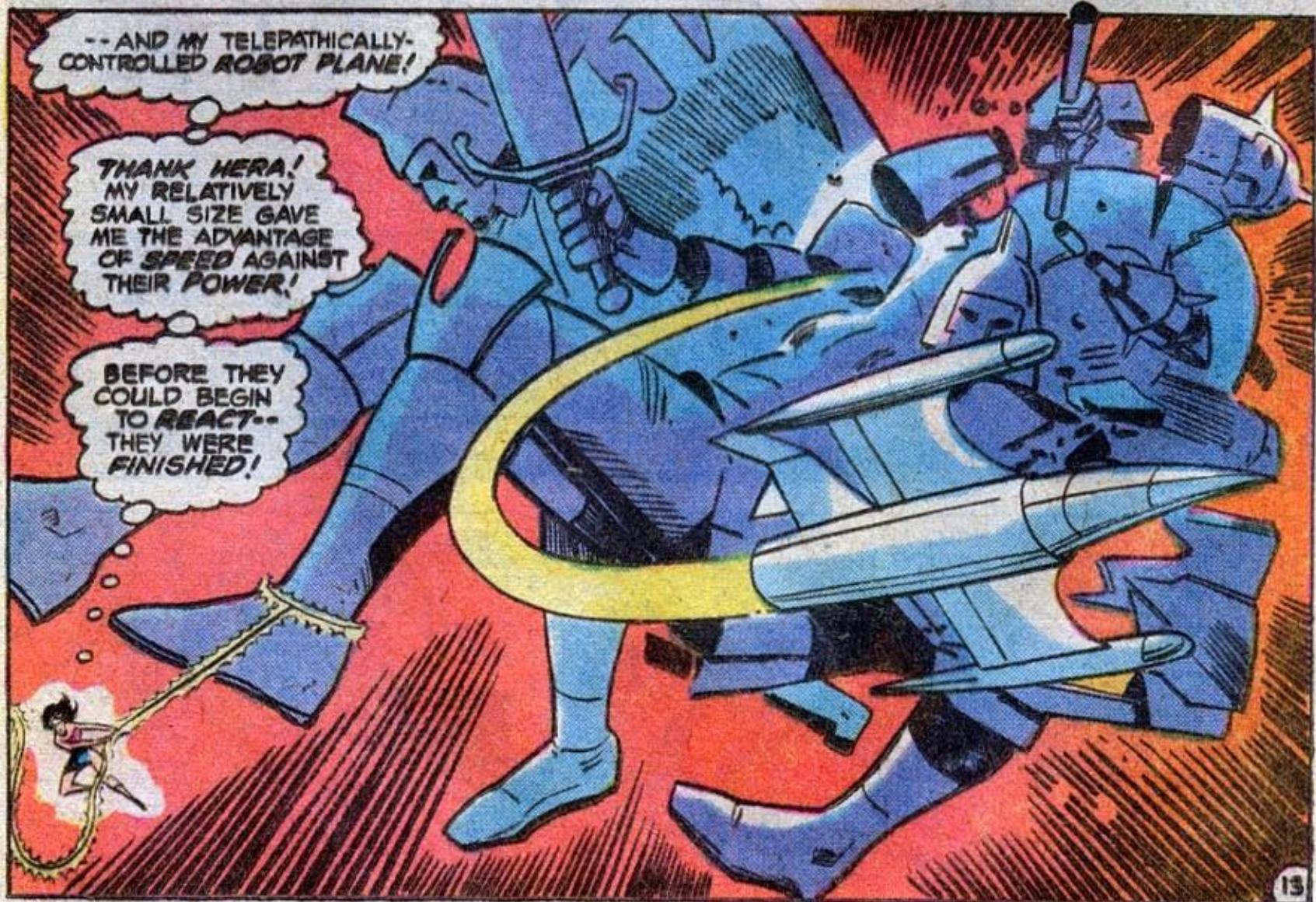


NO! NOT STATUES-- THEY'RE ALIVE!

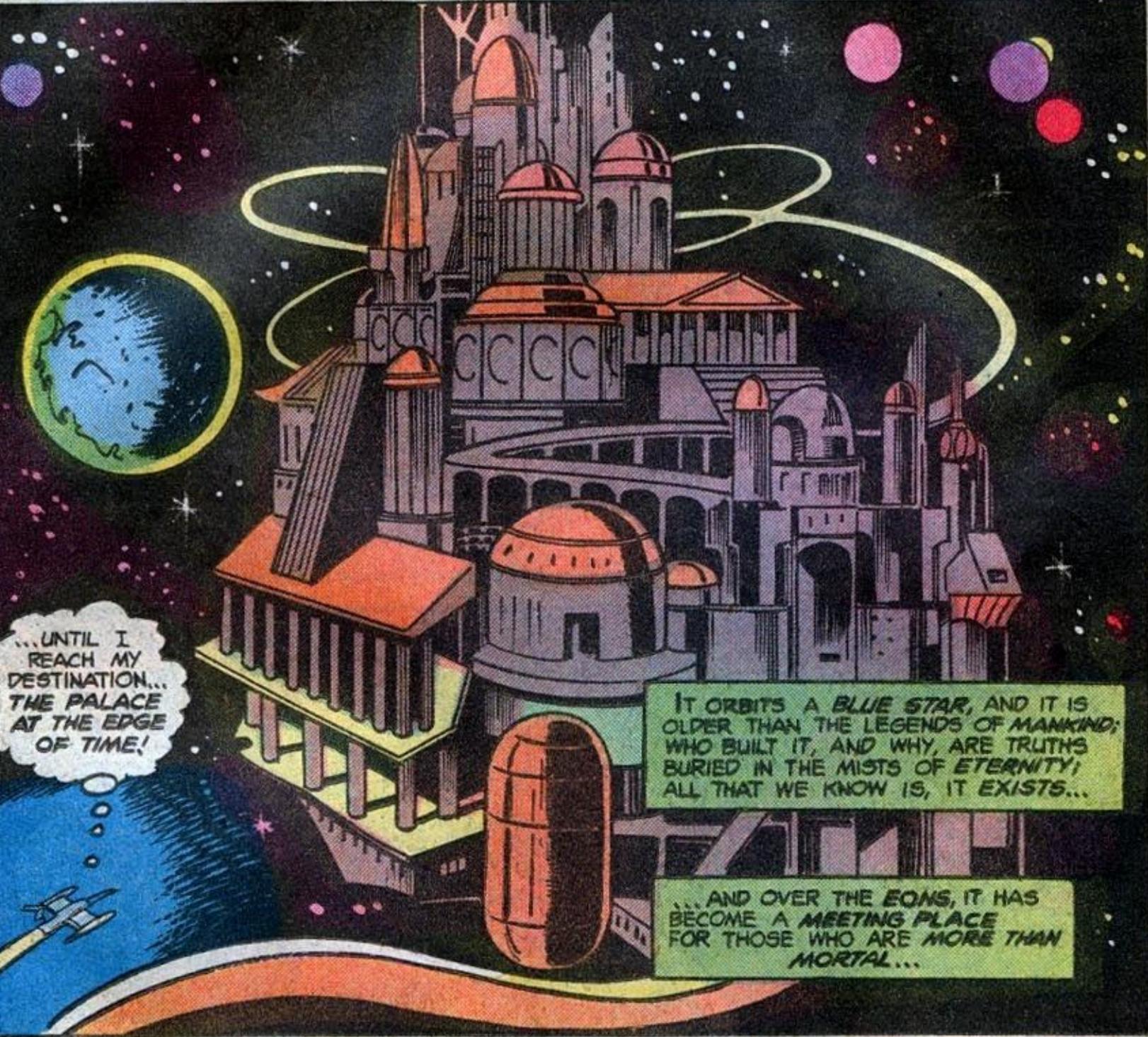
WE ARE THE PROTECTORS OF THE PALACE AT THE EDGE OF TIME! FOR MILLENNIA UNCOUNTED, WE HAVE GUARDED ITS APPROACHES!

BE WARNED, CREATURE-- NONE MAY PASS!





NOW TO COMPLETE
MY JOURNEY... ONLY
A FEW MILLION
MILES MORE TO FLY...



...FOR EVEN THE GODS HAVE NEED OF A PLACE TO CONVENE, TO DECIDE THE RUNNING OF A UNIVERSE MAN THINKS HIMSELF MASTER OF...



IT'S SIMPLY...
FANTASTIC!
THIS STRUCTURE
IS THE SIZE OF
A SMALL
PLANET...

...BUT
TODAY IS
THE FIRST
DAY I
EVER
HEARD
OF SUCH A
PLACE...

...AS
THOUGH
IT WERE
A SECRET
KNOWN
ONLY TO
THE GODS
THEMSELVES!

THE AMAZON PRINCESS ENTERS THE PALACE, AND WALKS FOR SEEMING MILES... BEFORE COMING UPON A CHAMBER THAT SHE KNOWS INSTINCTIVELY TO BE THE COUNCIL HALL OF THE GODS...

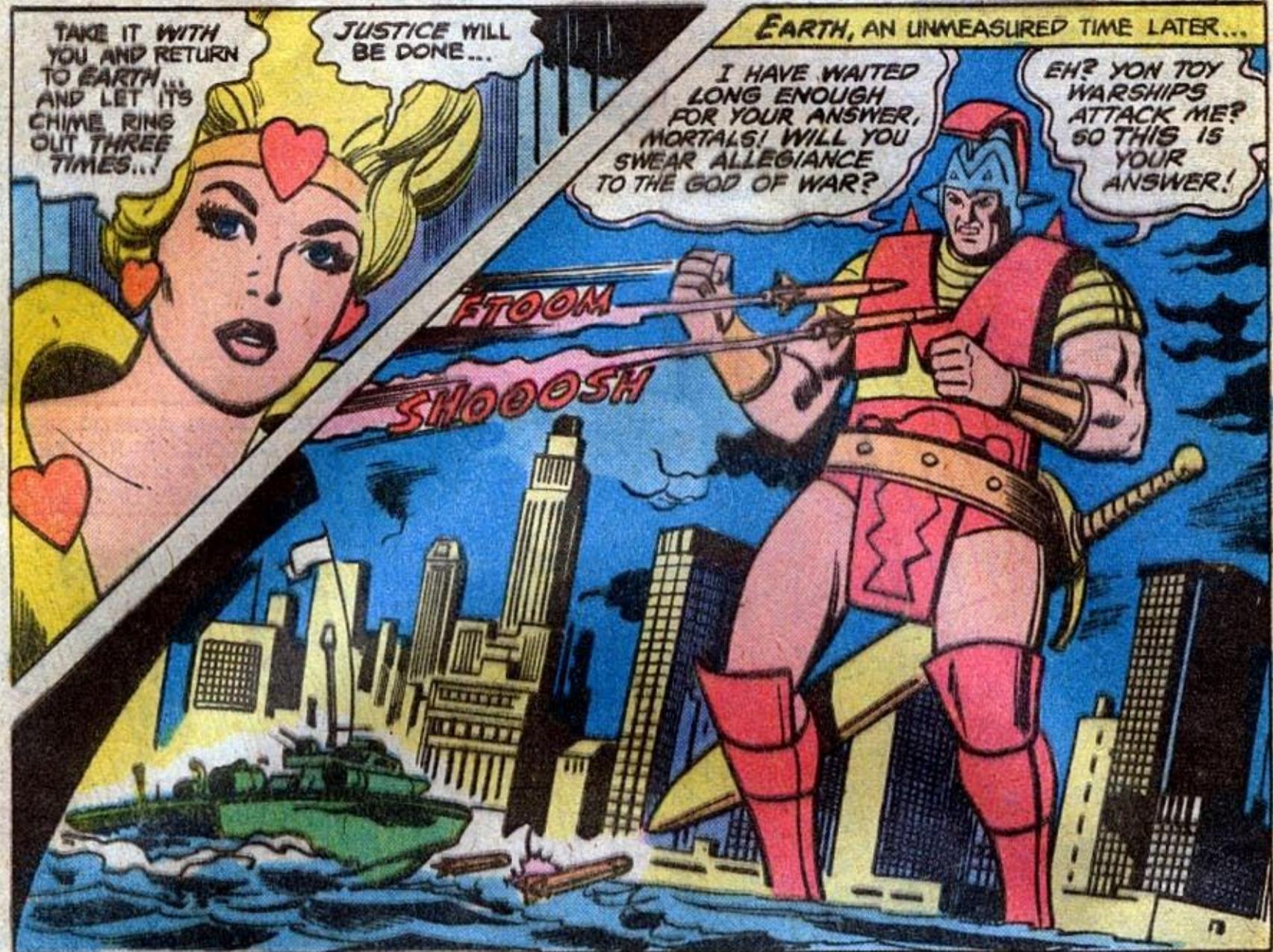
GREAT HERA! ALL THE ANCIENT GODS ARE HERE... THE TITANS... YMIR... EVEN THE AZTEC GOD QUETZALCOATL...

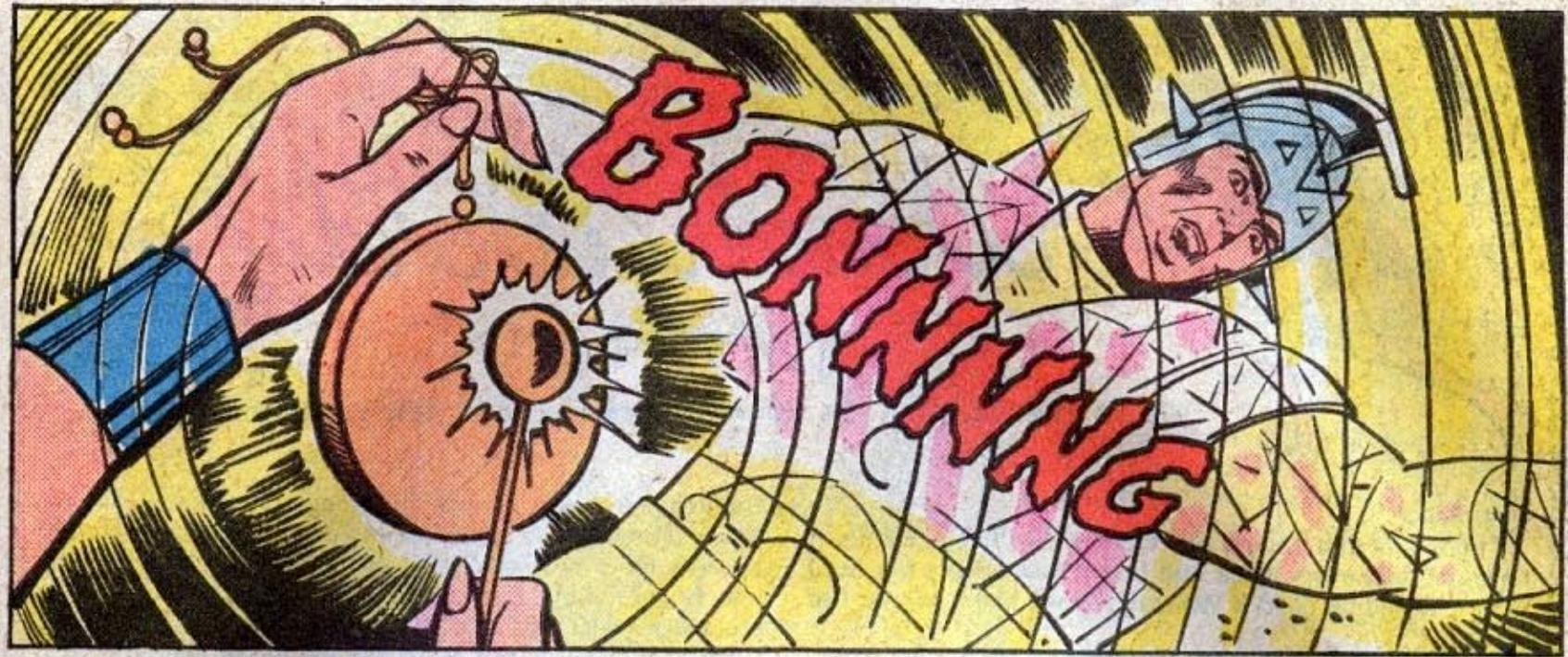
...BUT THEY'RE SO STILL... SO UNMOVING...

...THERE'S FATHER ZEUS... JUST LIKE THE OTHERS...

WONDER WOMAN APPROACHES THE PALE, MOTIONLESS FIGURE, AND SUDDENLY A GREAT REALIZATION COMES UPON HER...







THREE TIMES THE GONG OF JUSTICE SOUNDS ITS UNEARTHLY CHIME--ONCE, TO DESTROY WAR, AND TWICE, TO REMOVE ALL MEMORY OF THESE EVENTS FROM THE MINDS OF MEN AND WOMEN...



AND THRIE, TO RETURN EVERYTHING TO THE WAY IT WAS...



THREE TIMES, THE GONG CHIMES, AND THEN THERE IS SILENCE.

SOON AFTER, ON A CERTAIN ROOFTOP IN GREENWICH VILLAGE...

YOU TAKE THE GONG, APHRODITE--IT'S TOO GREAT A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE HELD BY MORTAL HANDS.

I SUPPOSE THAT'S WHY ITS CREATORS KEPT IT IN THE PALACE, PRINCESS.

AND THERE, I SHALL RETURN IT.



I WISH I COULD HAVE LOST MY MEMORY, GODDESS, AS EASILY AS THEY LOST THEIRS.

I'LL NEVER FORGET THE WAY THEY TURNED ON ME, FOR ONE TRANSGRESSION...

HUMANITY IS WEAK, DIANA.
'TIS WHAT MAKES THEM... HUMAN.
HAVE PATIENCE.

I'LL TRY,
APHRODITE.
I WILL TRY.

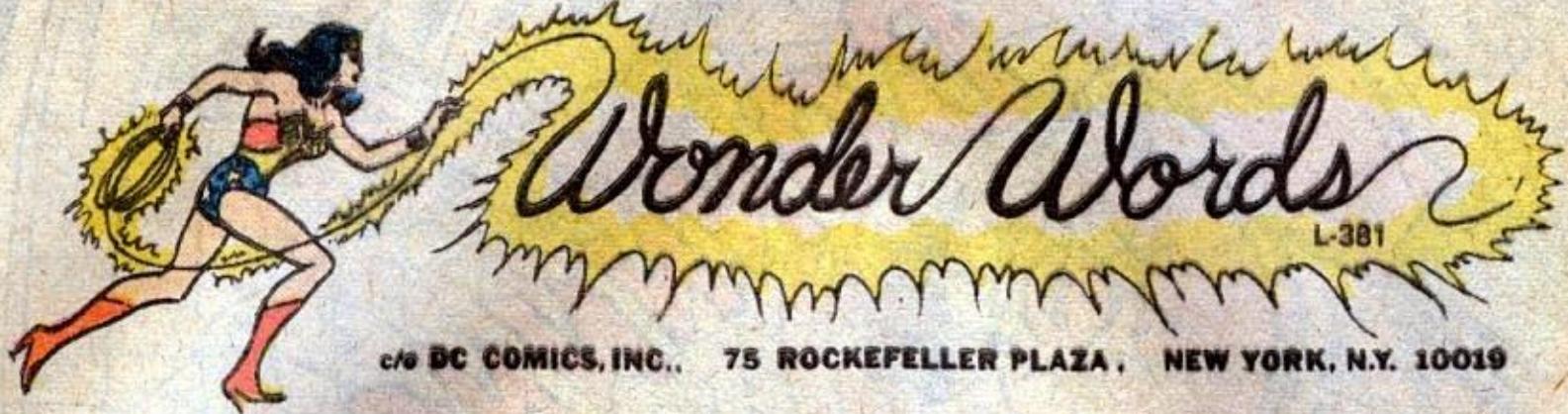
ONE FINAL NOTE: IN A BUILDING ON MADISON AVENUE, OUTSIDE THE OFFICES OF MARKHAM, MENDITZ & MONROE, INC., A POPULAR PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM...



GUESS IT'S JUST BOREDOM. THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH THIS ADVERTISING GAME.

NOTHING... BUT NOTHING... EVER HAPPENS!





Dear Editor,

I think that you should put Wonder Girl in the comics. I have not read every issue and I am a new comic fan, but I think it would be good if Wonder Woman had a partner like Wonder Girl.

I like your stories and drawings very much. By the way, I sure hope that the artists of Superman don't make him so fat. I saw the movie "Superman" and he was cute and a little skinnier. I sure hope that Wonder Woman grows more popular, like the male super-heroes. And I think you should add more powers to her.

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For reasons strictly editorial, Wonder Girl hasn't appeared in any books since the Teen Titans, but maybe one of our writers would like to use her in an up-coming story. The idea is in the hopper... You know, Wonder Woman is as popular as many of the male super-heroes already, which just goes to show: Never underestimate the powers of a Wonder Woman. (Incidentally, we don't know if the rumours are true, but some people say that Superman is already on a diet.)—NR

Dear Wonder People,

Thank Hera! At last, back to the city! Please keep Diana there this time. She belongs to New York, and New York belongs to her. After all, being an astronaut-in-training must certainly be an exciting job, but not quite so much as being a super-heroine (the super-heroine) in New York City! Houston and Mike Bailey were really the only points I didn't like about Di's new job. (Why does she have to keep falling in love anyway?) I'm glad he turned out to be a baddie, but wasn't it a blow to his ego that he was only the 'ten'?

About Wonder Woman... is Morgan Tracy going to realize how much the U.N. needs her, and give her an important job? Nah, too pat. Maybe he'll get fired, and she can have his job!

(I hope nobody over in DC has any images of Steve Trevor lurking in his mind. Whatever you do, don't—repeat—don't resurrect him.)

Anyway, I really did like #256 and I'm awfully glad Di's back in town.

N. Levine

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What Morgan Tracy has in mind for Wonder Woman only time and our editors will tell.—NR

Dear Wonder Editor,

When I first saw the cover of issue 257 I thought, Oh no, Godzilla's battling Wonder Woman! Thank Hera that was not the case. Despite a few (very few) faulty covers, I'm glad to say that Wonder Woman is my favourite comic. I have been buying it since 227 and have seen it go through a lot of changes. When, last issue (256), Wonder Woman decided to go back to the U.N. I wasn't too pleased with the idea, but so far everything is cool. I think the art is super, so keep Delbo and Colletta under lock and key. I also like what Paul Levitz is doing for the Amazing Amazon in the writing department. At times he shows sheer genius.

I only have one complaint—though the stories are all great, all the plot is crammed into one issue. These stories deserve more development. I will admit the sub-plots are interesting though. I can hardly wait to see Diana solve her problems. I feel that with all the new stories and sub-plots Wonder Woman should reach the top of the charts! I have confidence in you guys, so don't let me down. A team-up comic? By all means yes! The advent of SENSATION COMICS is long overdo. For starters I would like to see Wonder Woman team up with Mary Marvel (they share some of the same goddesses). Also Supergirl, Isis, Batgirl, and Black Canary AND of course any one of the galaxy of male super stars.

Your Faithful reader,

Jeff Turner

Pinconning, MI

We're getting a lot of response to the idea of a Wonder Woman team-up mag, Jeff, and all of it favorable so far. If you haven't written to let us know what you think of the idea, please do! See you next month!—Nellie Cooke

**NOW
ON SALE!**

