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RED EYES IN THE MORNING...

NEW YORK CITY,
COLUMBUS CIRCLE
AT 59TH STREET
AND EIGHTH AVENUE...

THE STATUARY CELEBRATING
THE QUADRUCENTENNIAL OF
THE ADMIRAL'S OCEAN
VOYAGE WAS ERECTED ON
THE SITE IN 1892.

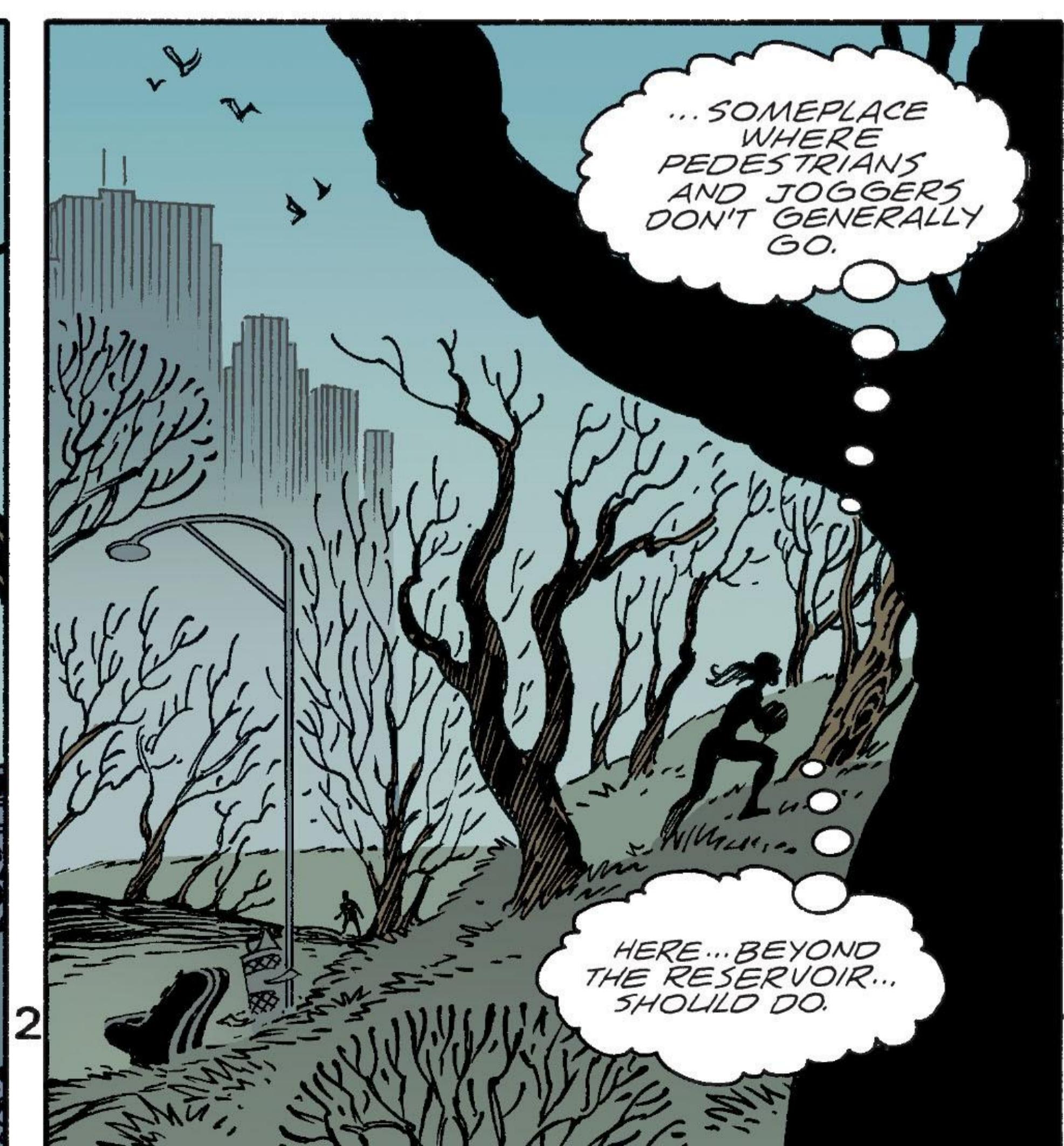
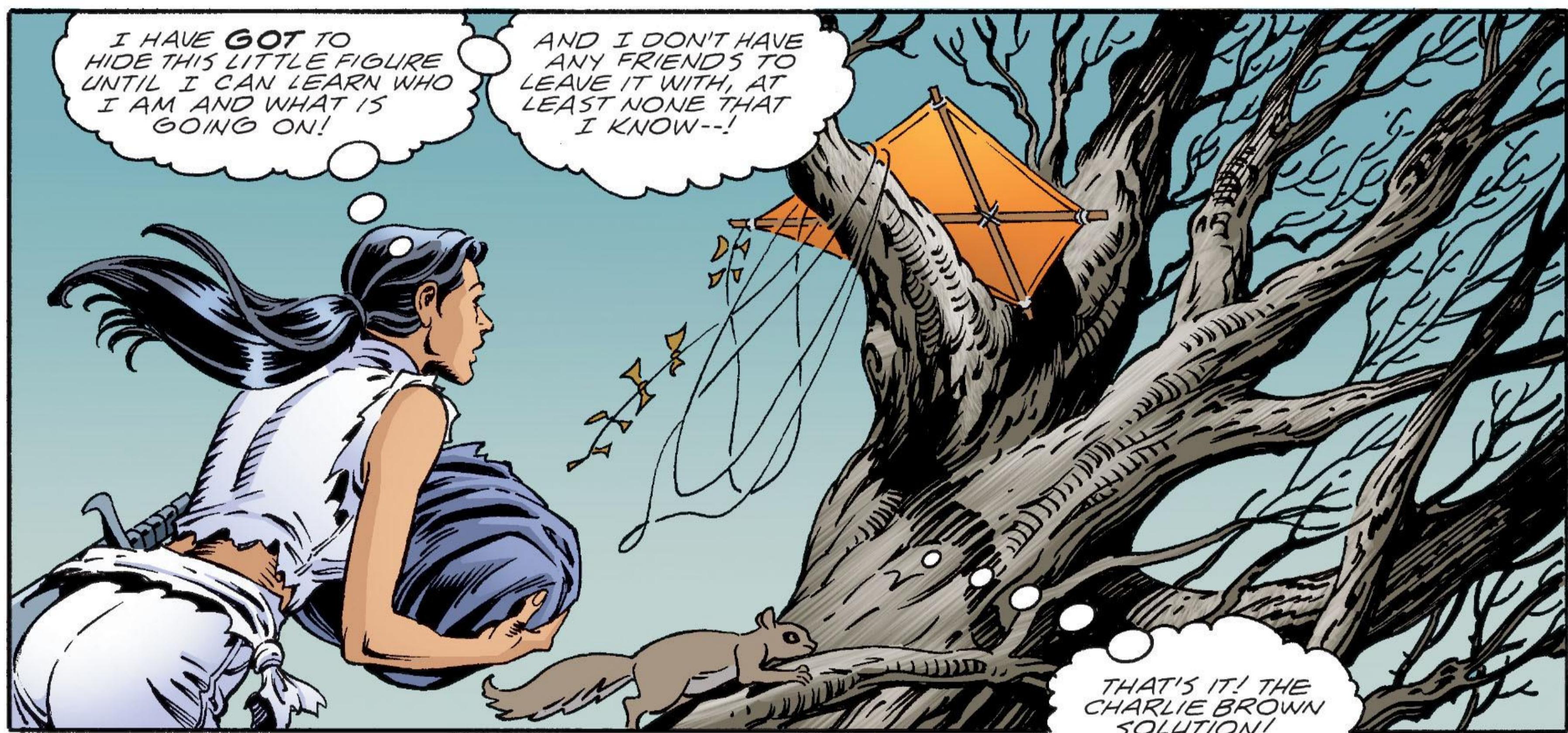
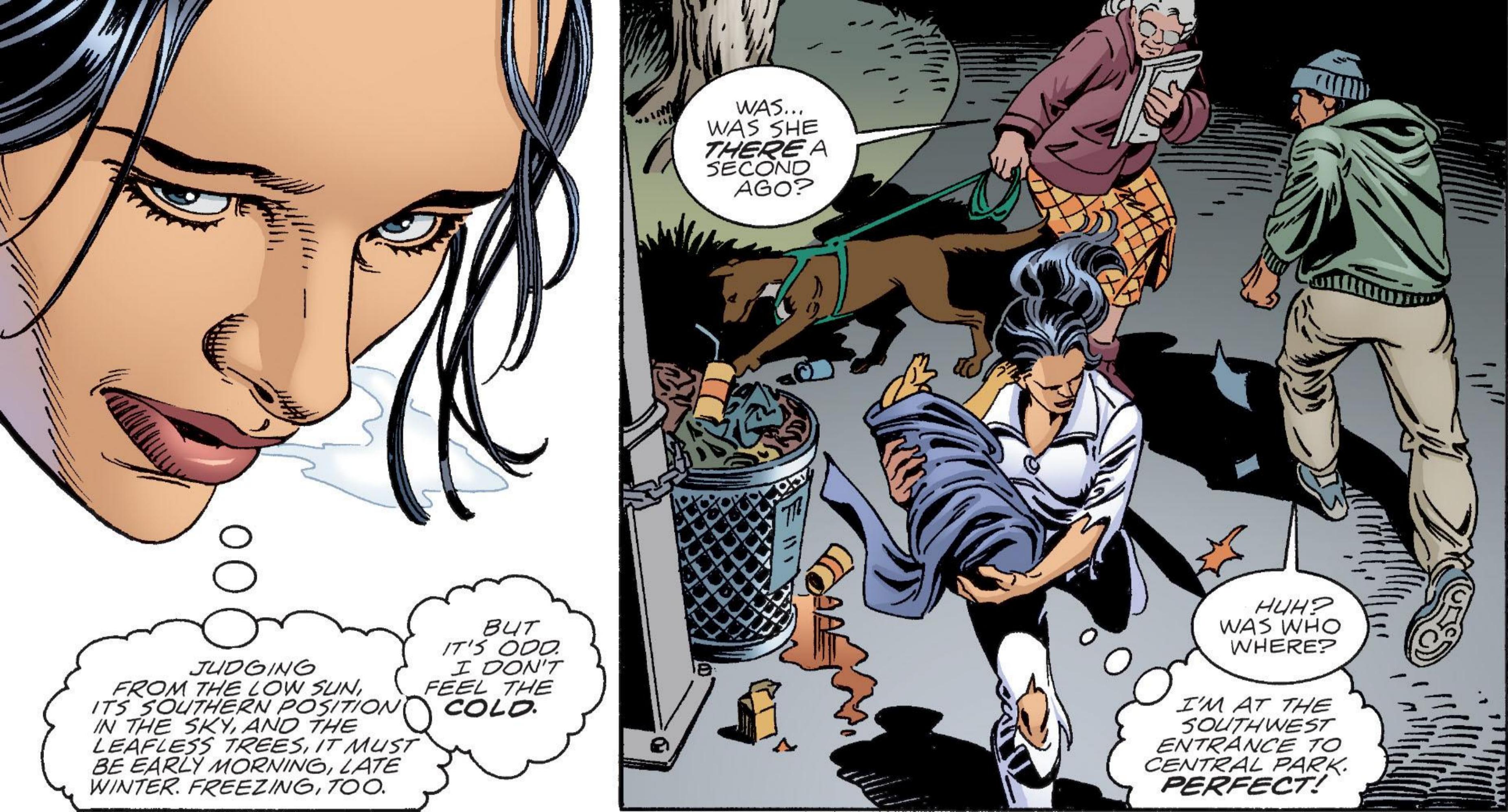
SINCE THEN, ITS MARBLE
EYES HAVE WITNESSED
ALMOST EVERY SIGHT
IMAGINABLE IN THE
PASSING PARADE OF
HUMANITY.

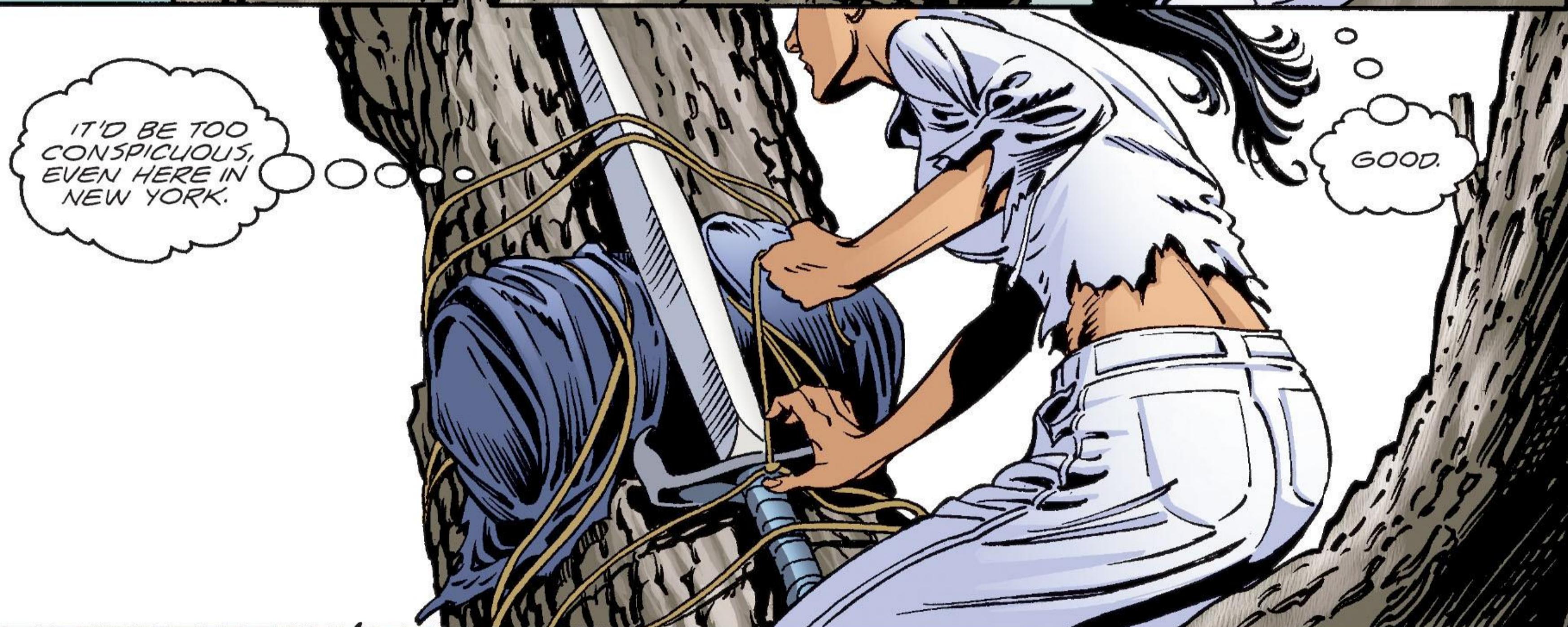
BUT THE GOOD ADMIRAL
HAS NEVER SEEN A YOUNG
WOMAN MATERIALIZING
OUT OF NOWHERE,
ARMED WITH A SWORD
AND CARRYING A SMALL,
SILENT BUNDLE!

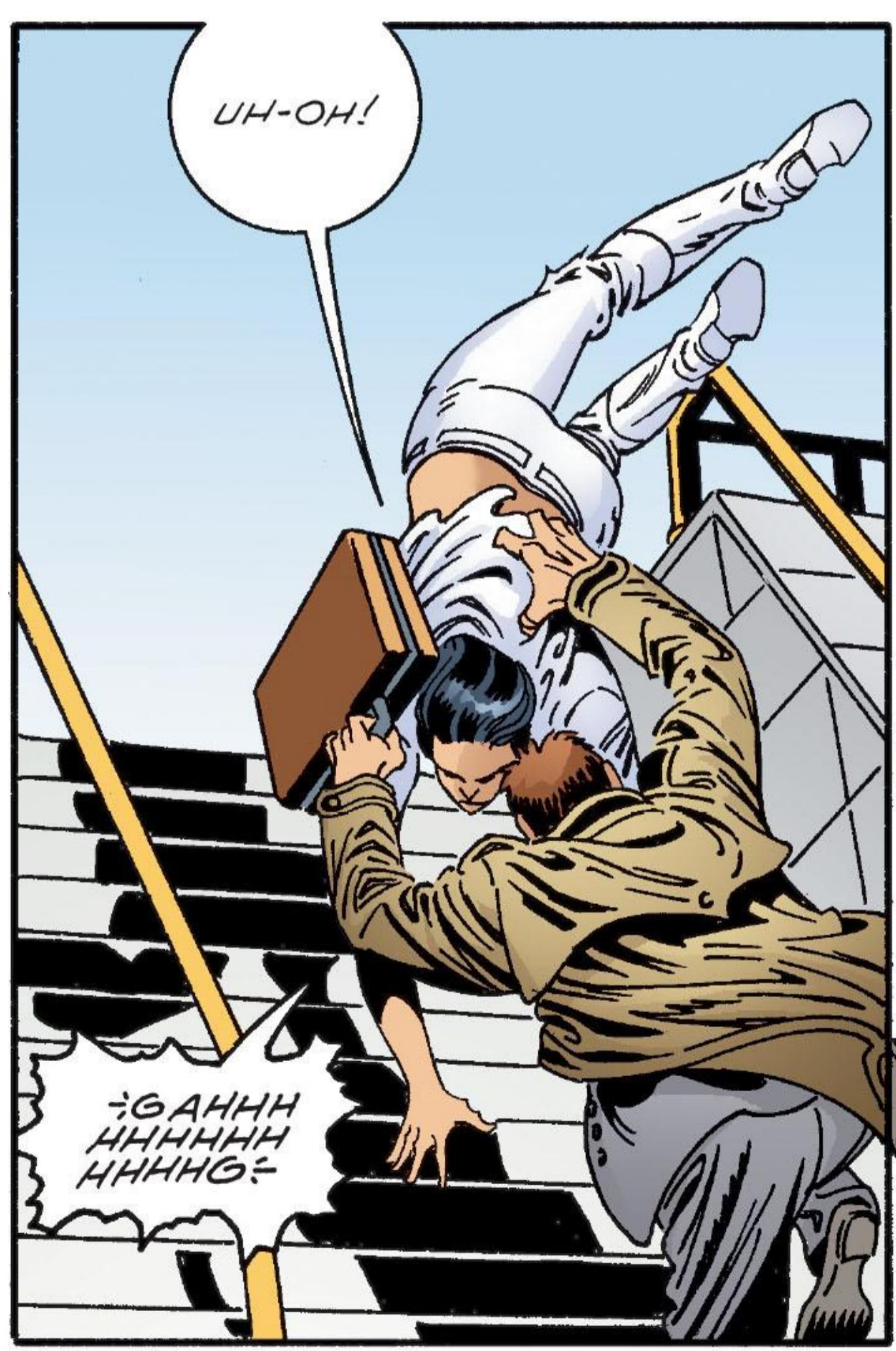
NEITHER HAS
ANYBODY ELSE!

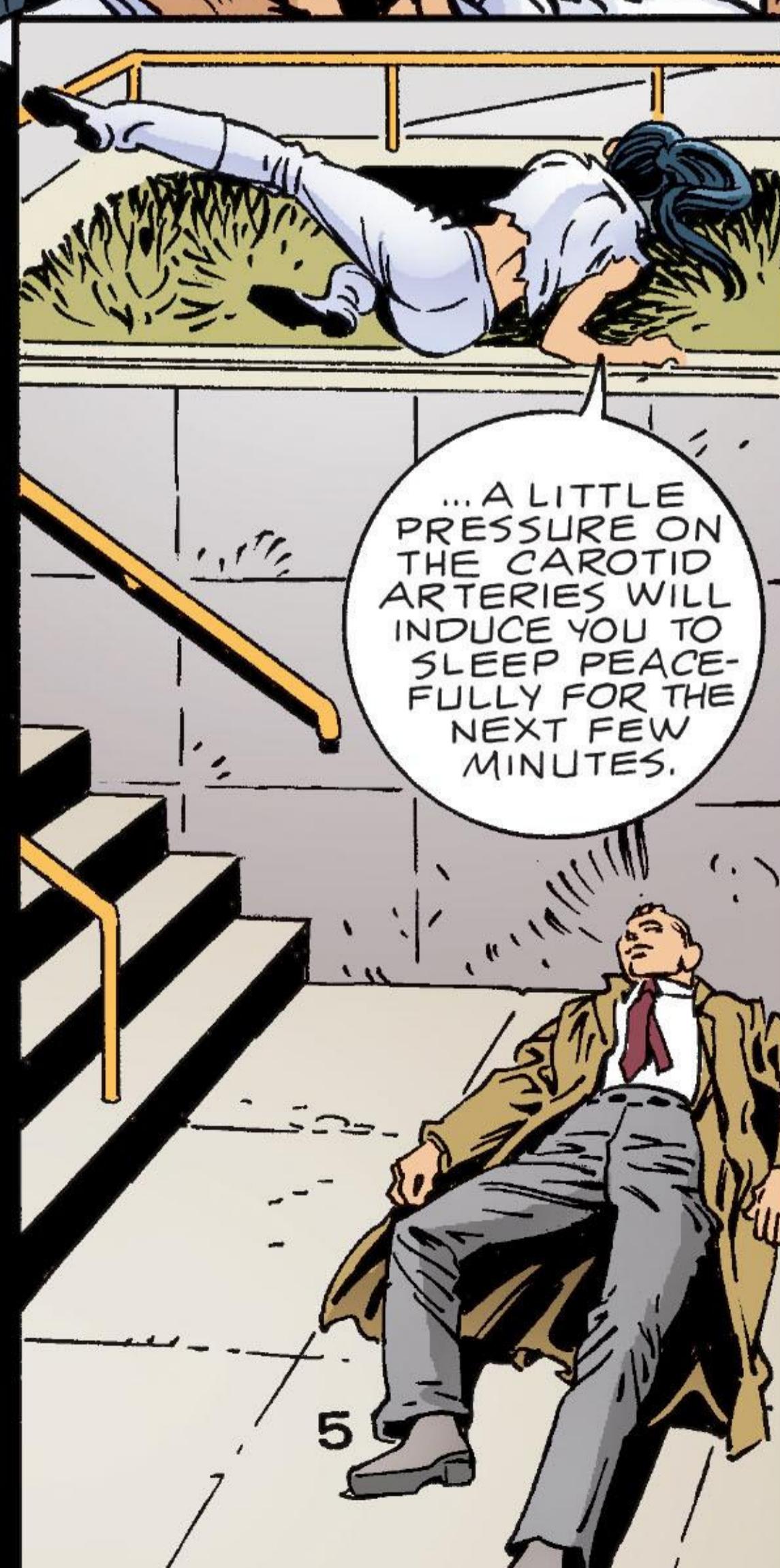
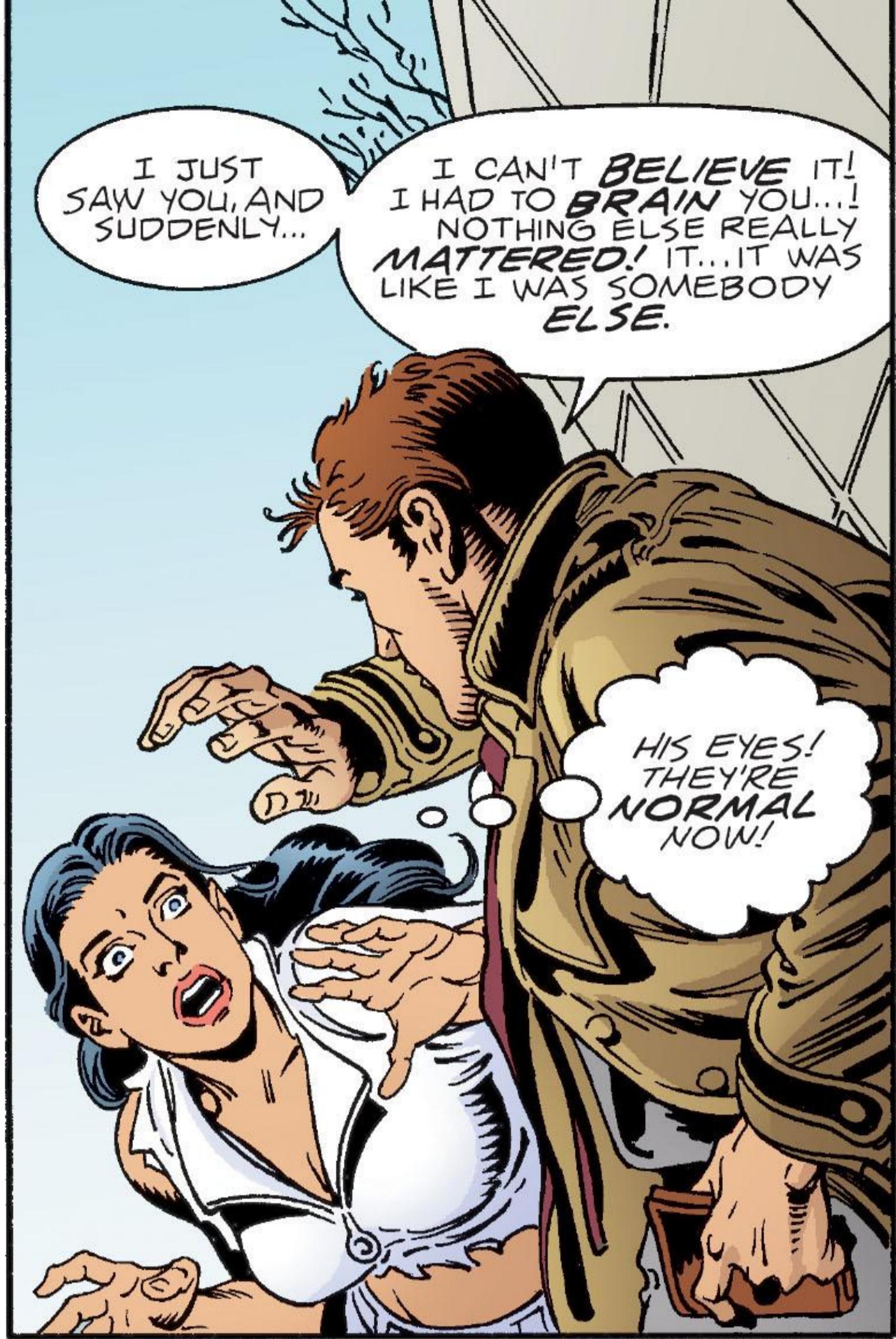
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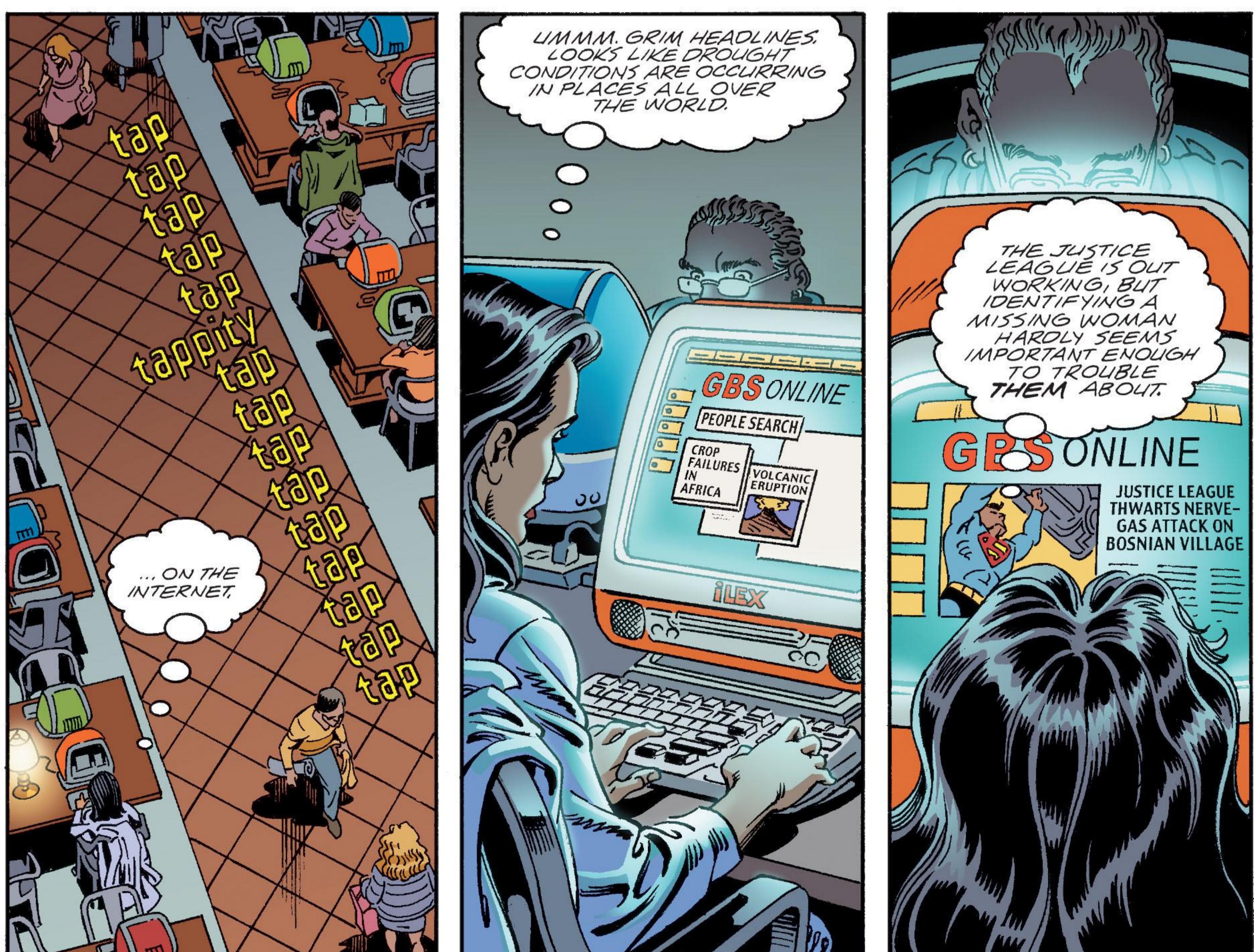
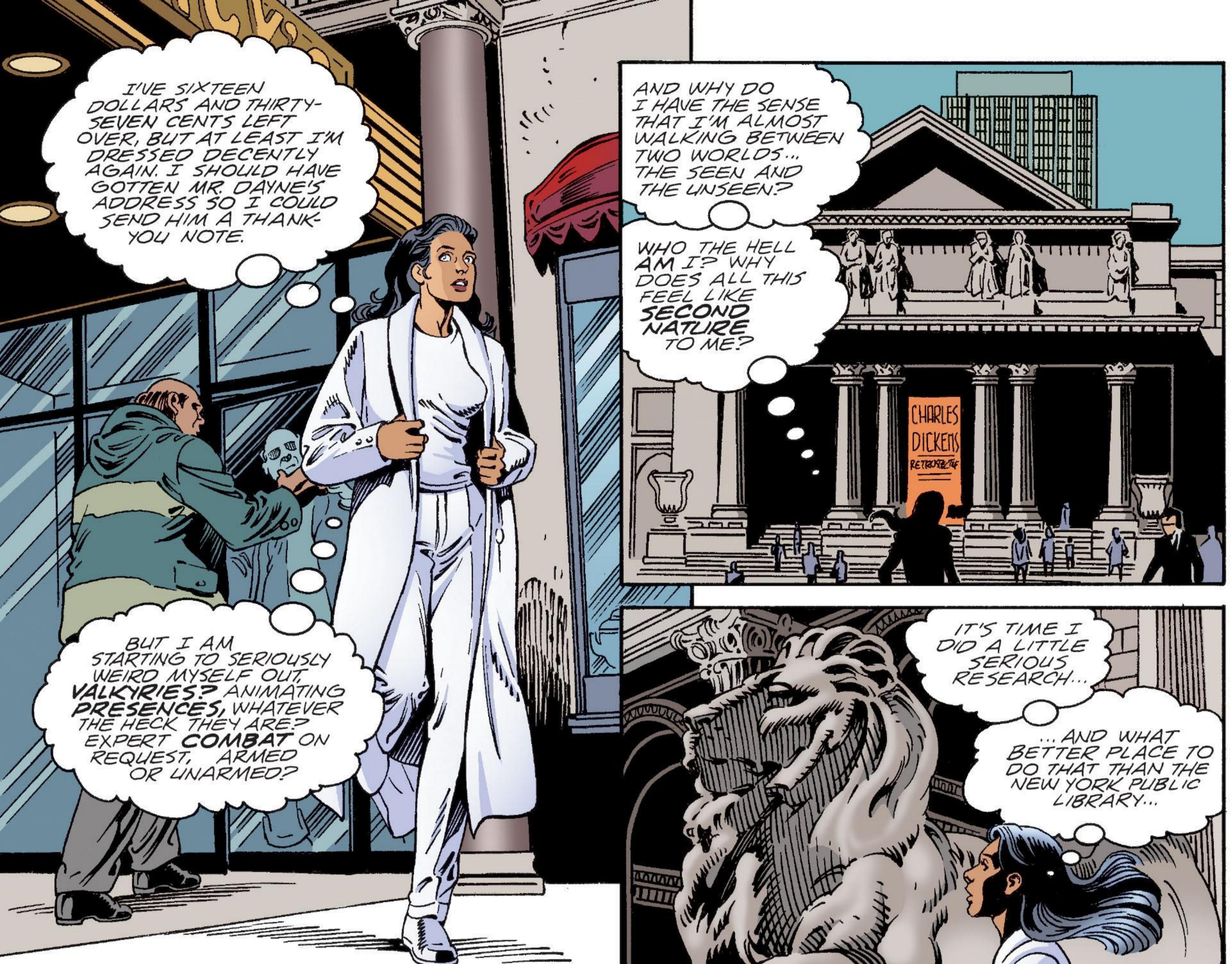
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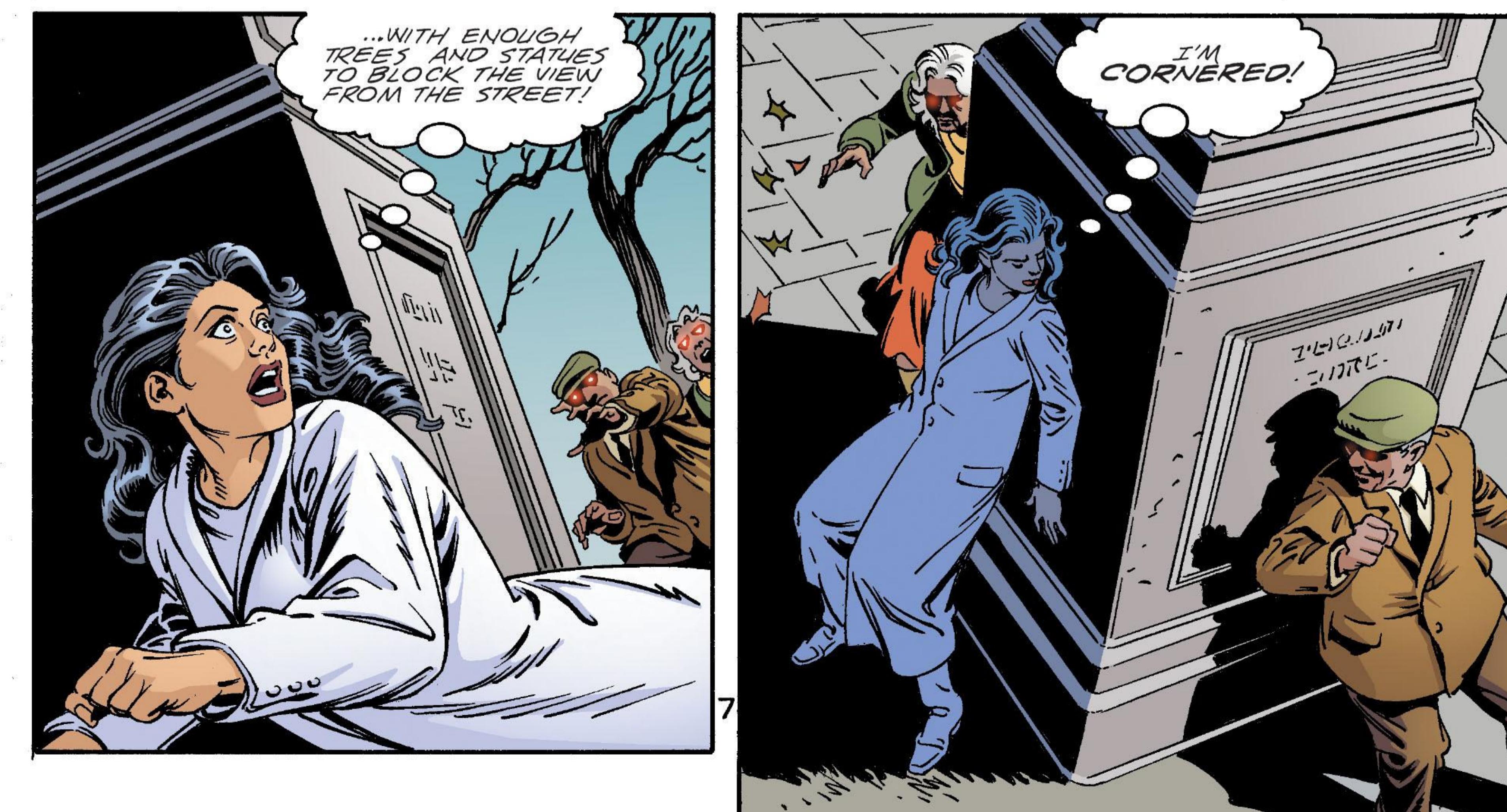
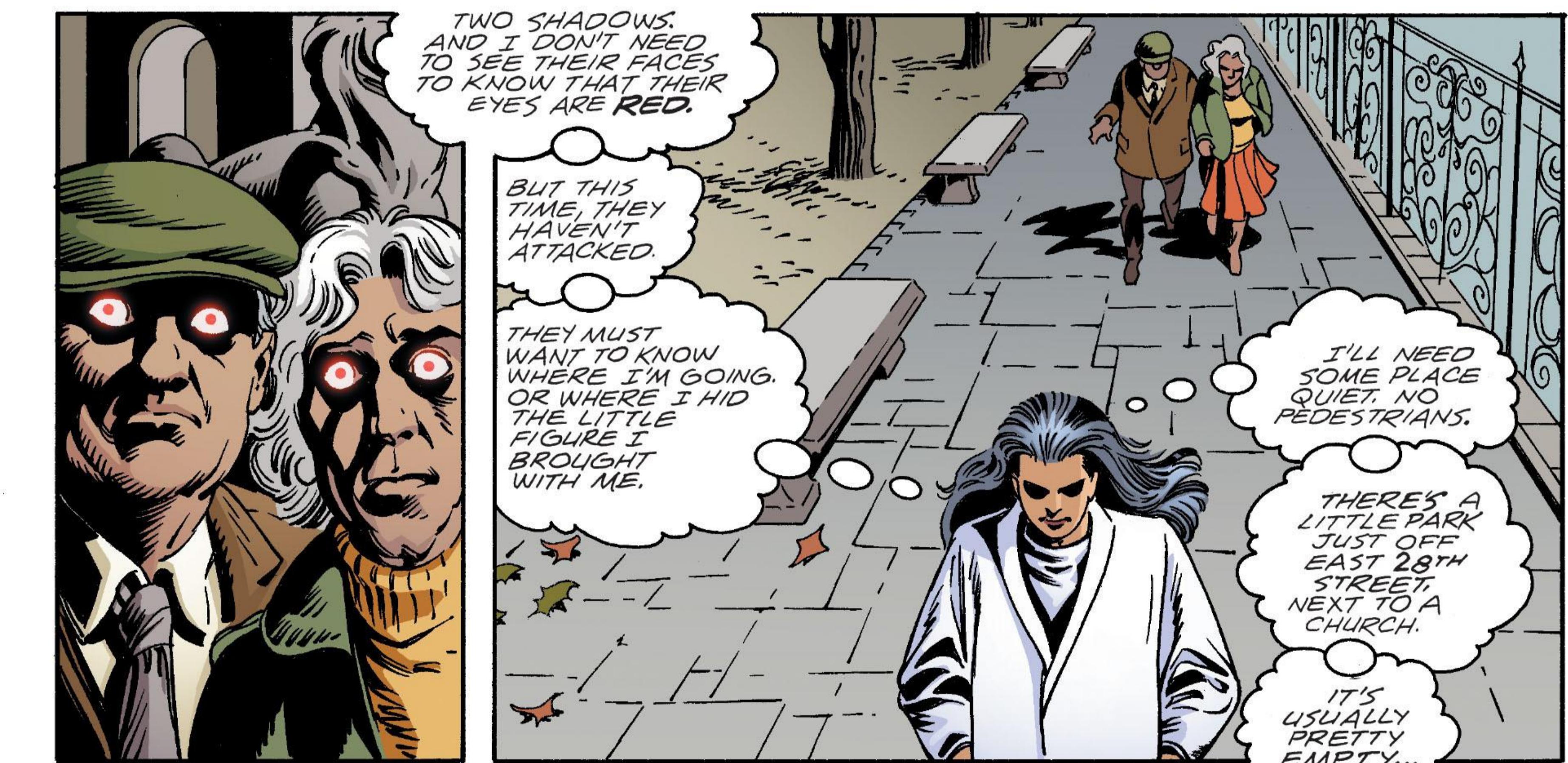
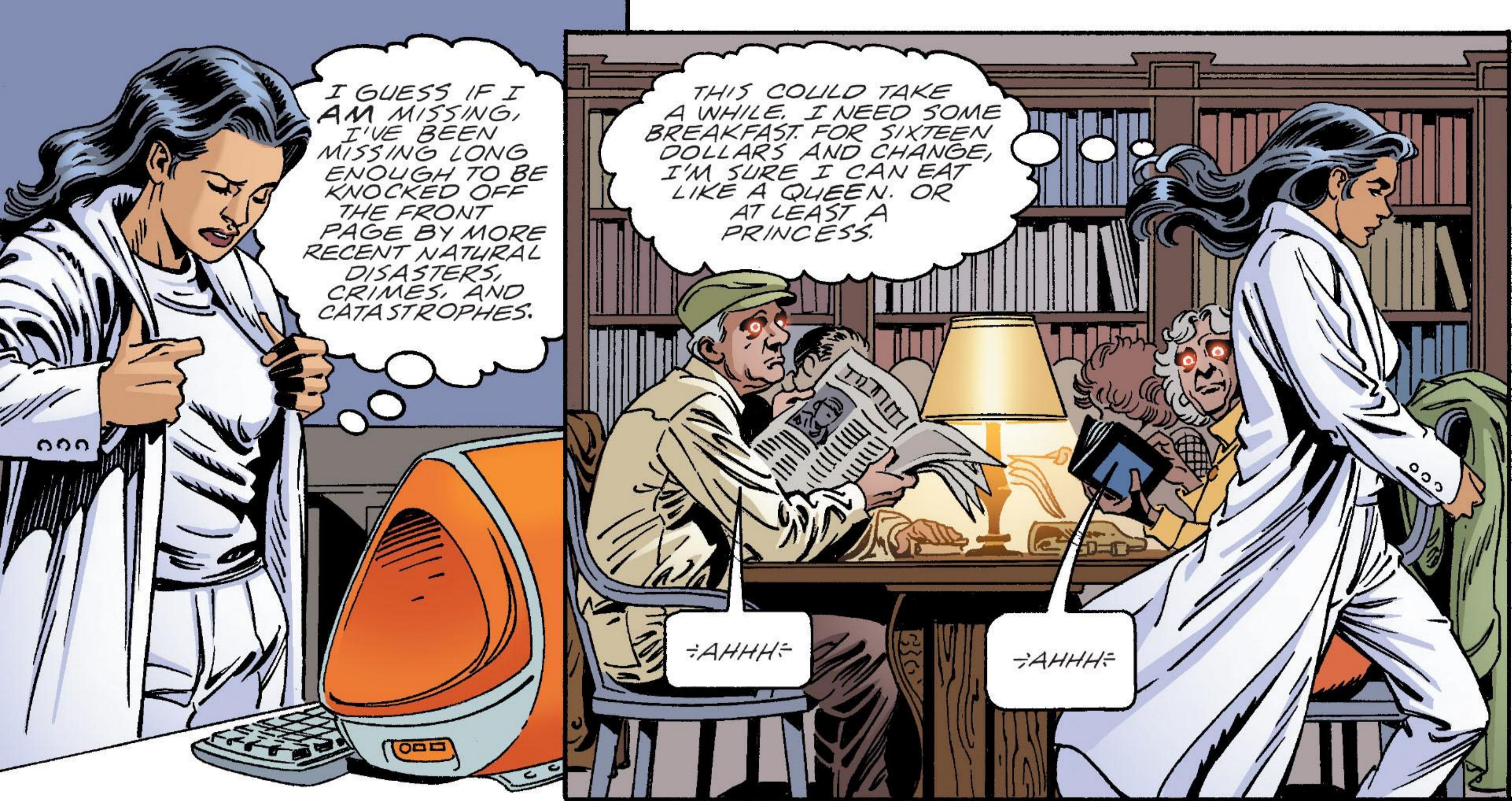






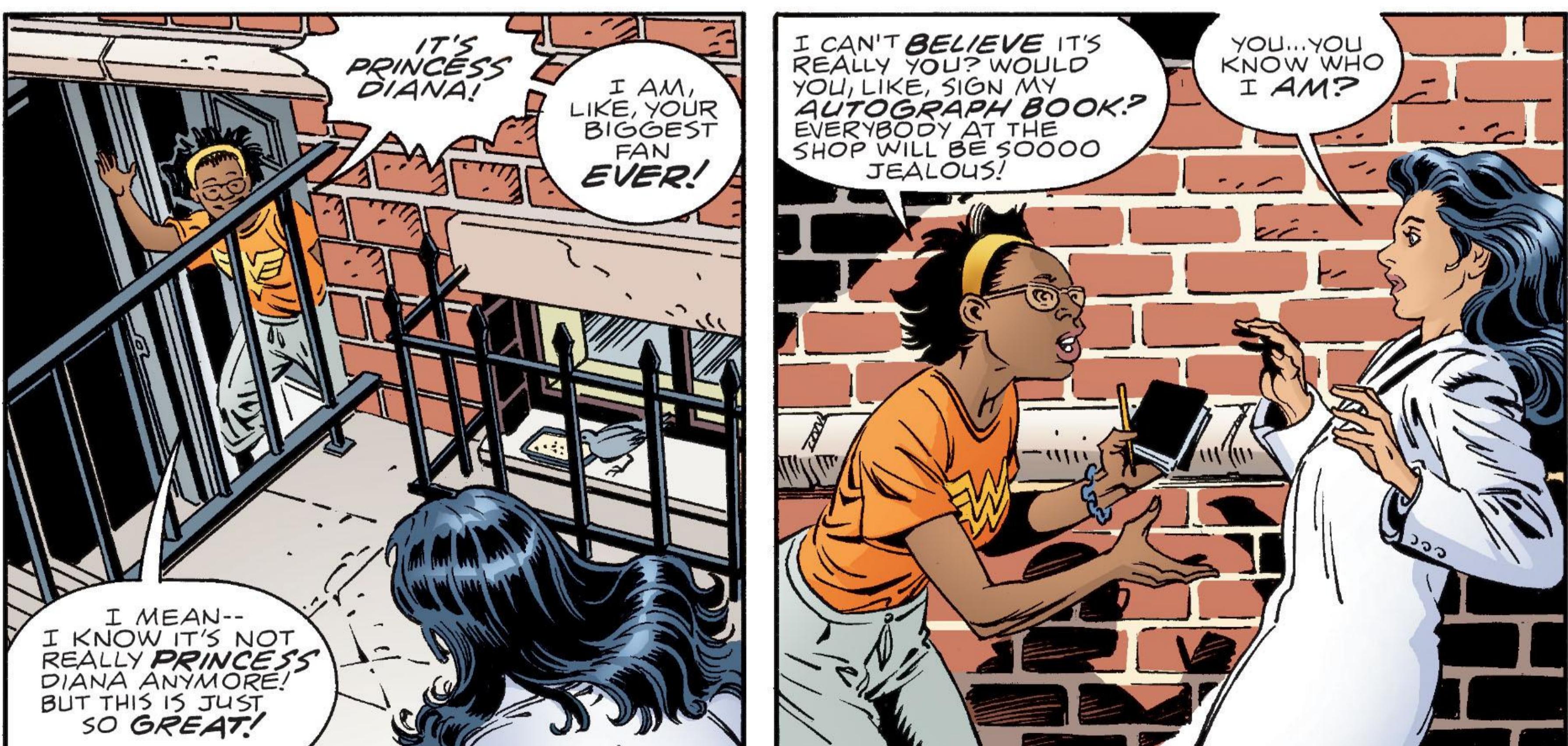
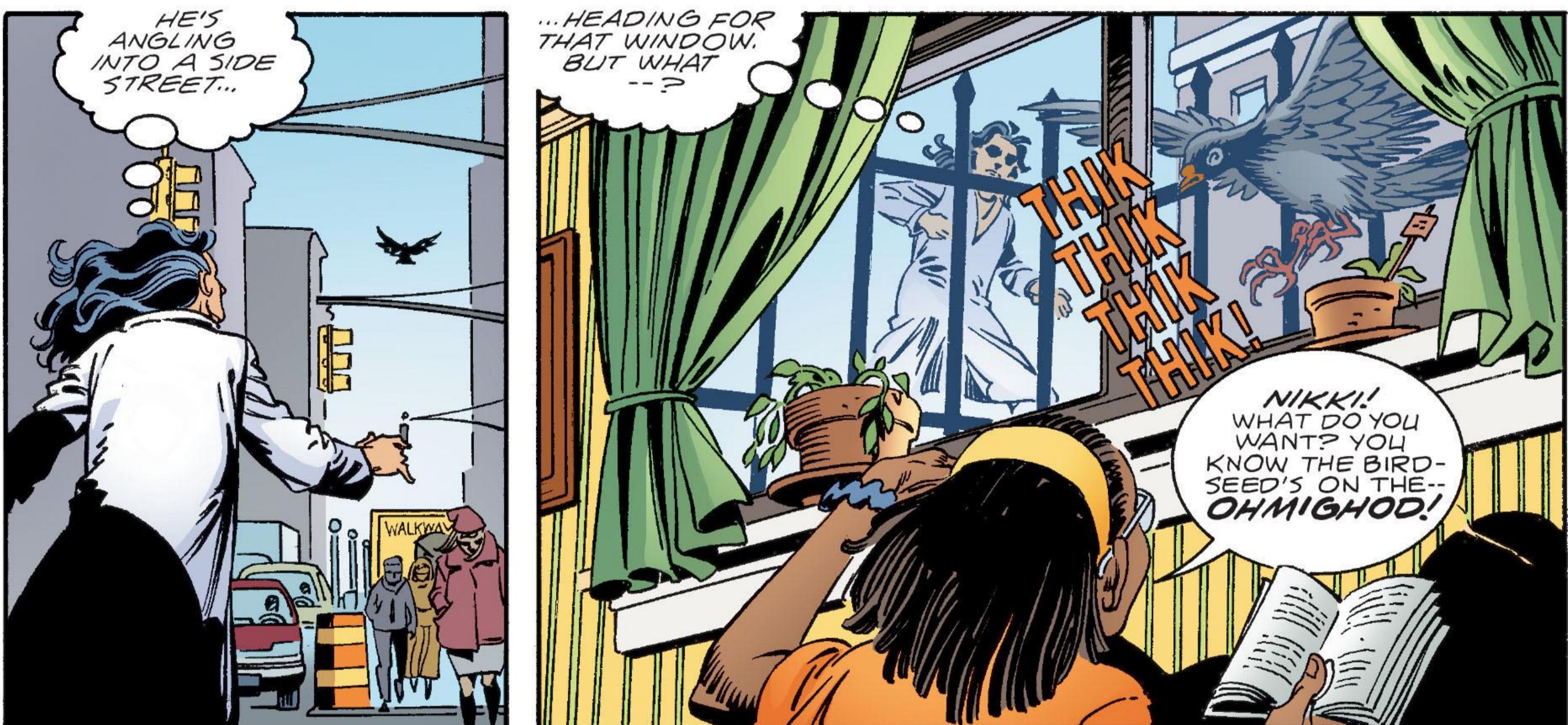


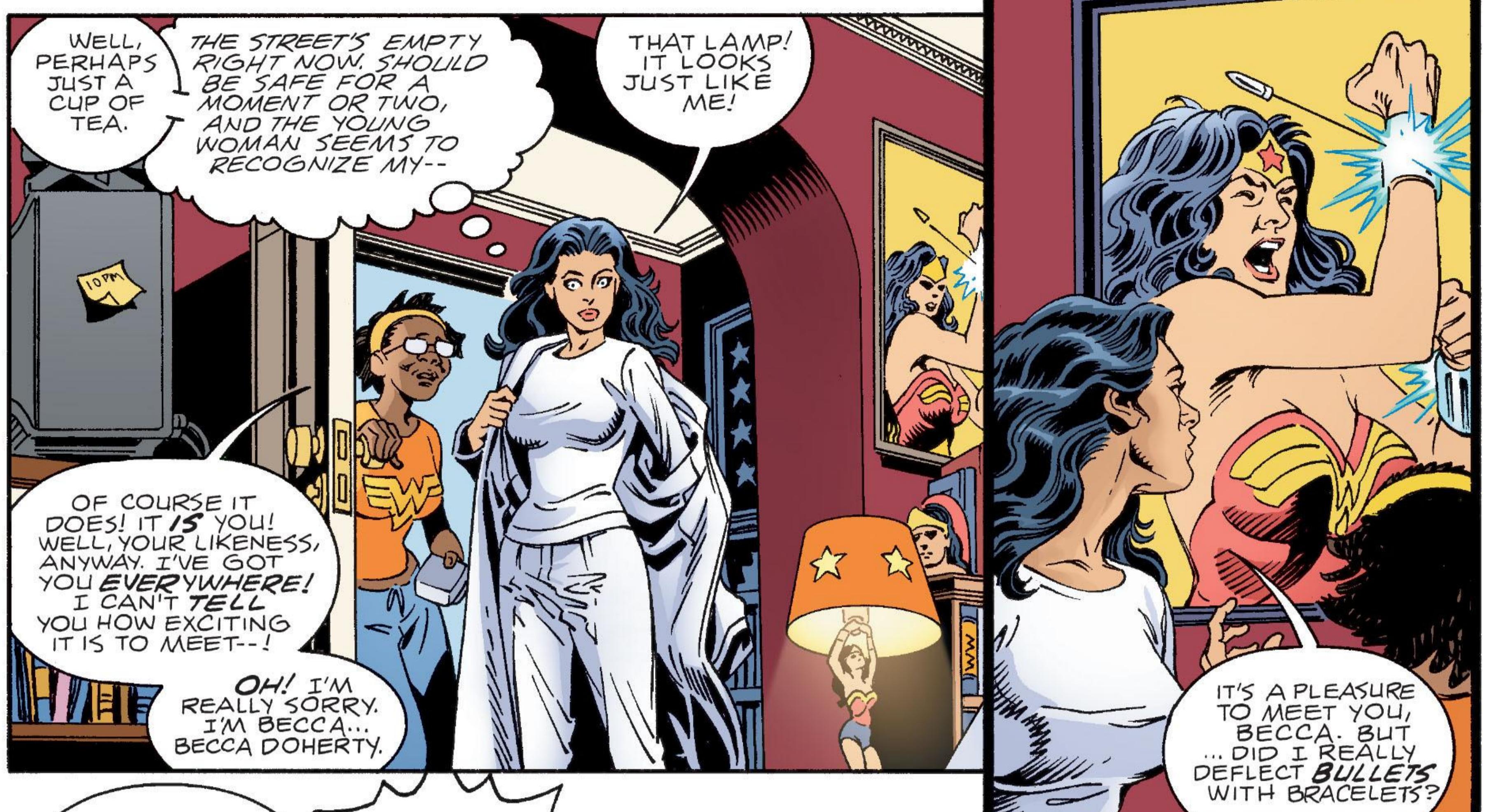








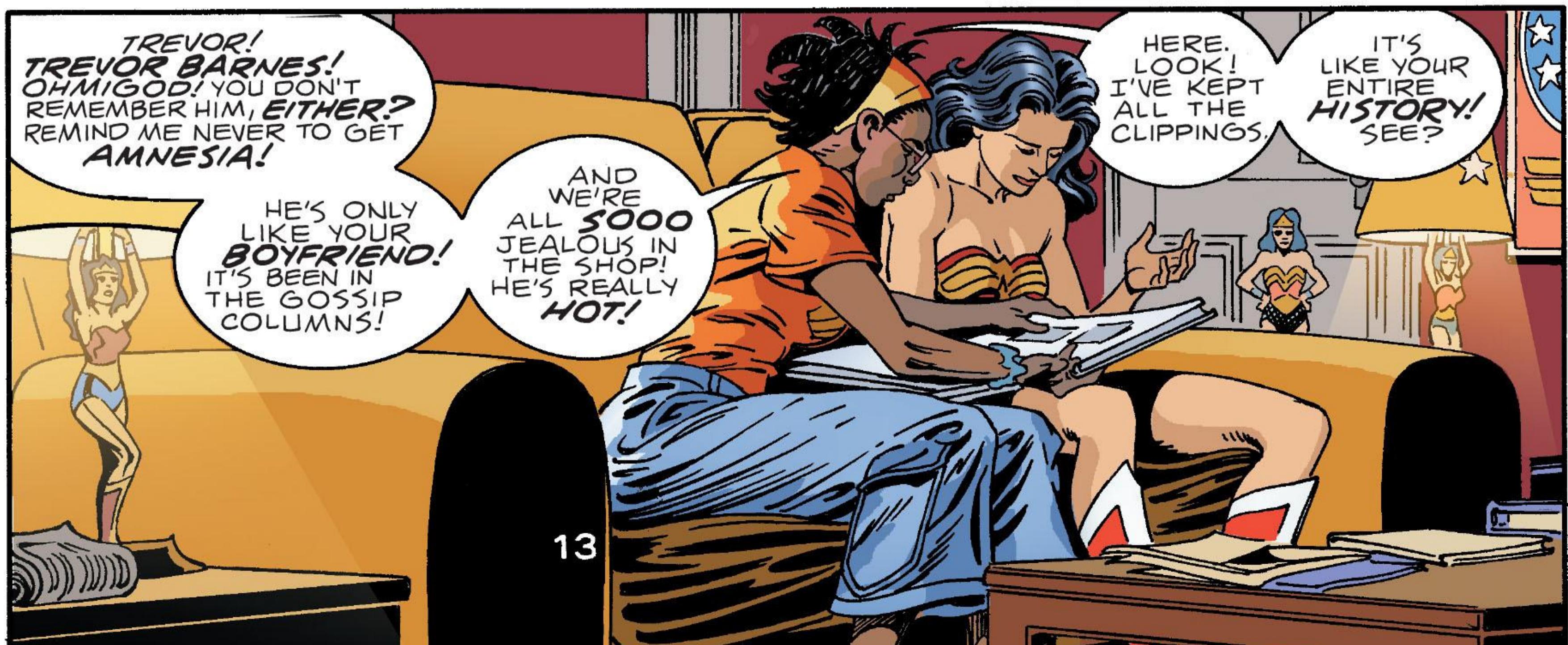




YOU'RE A HERO. A HEROINE! ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROINES EVER! AN AMAZON AMBASSADOR ON A MISSION OF PEACE TO PATRIARCH'S WORLD!







AS DIANA THUMBS THROUGH THE SCRAPS OF PAPER BEFORE HER, IMAGES OF ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE BEGIN TO DRIFT INTO HER THOUGHTS...

...THOUGH WHETHER THEY WERE THE HALF-REMEMBERED SHADOWS OF THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN, OR THE IDLE FANCIES OF A DREAMER...

...SHE IS NOT SURE.

THEMYSIRA, ALSO KNOWN AS "PARADISE ISLAND"... LEGENDARY HOME TO THE AMAZONS, THE RENOWNED FEMALE WARRIOR'S OF ANCIENT GREECE...

...A YOUNG GIRL... HER MOTHER'S PRIDE AND JOY...

...WHOSE GENTLENESS OF TOUCH AND SPIRIT COULD WIN THE DELICATE AFFECTION OF THE DOVE...

THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN ALL THINGS CHANGED...

...AND WHOSE SKILL IN THE MARTIAL ARTS SURPASSED EVEN THAT OF THE GREATEST WARRIOR'S AMONG THE AMAZONS.

...WHEN A DEADLY ENGINE OF WAR FROM BEYOND THE ISLAND'S BOUNDARIES BROUGHT THE POTENTIAL FOR ABSOLUTE DESTRUCTION INTO THAT PEACEFUL LAND.

"TREVOR! IT WAS TREVOR!"

"NO, NO, THAT'S NOT QUITE RIGHT."

"IT WAS ANOTHER TREVOR. STEVE TREVOR."

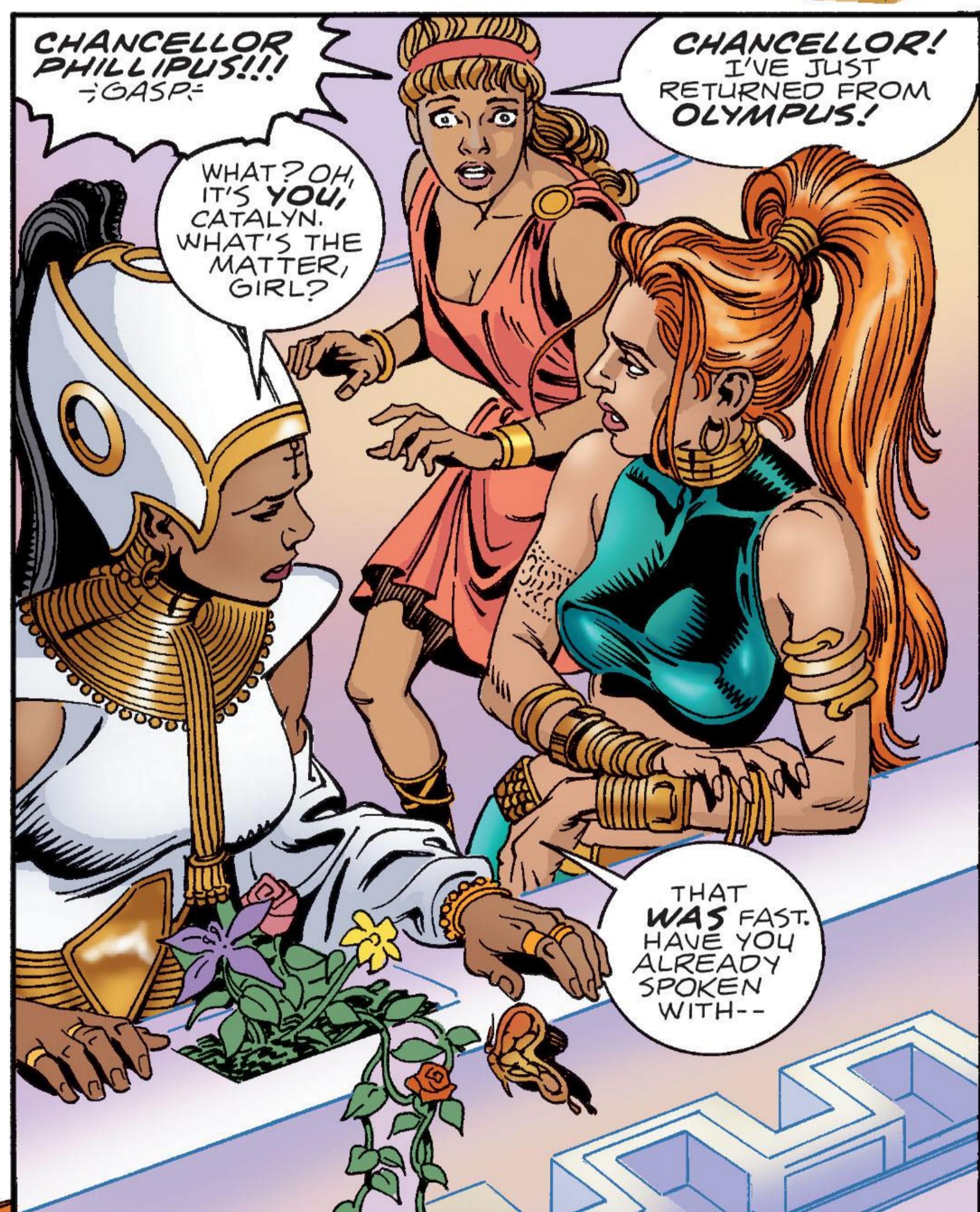
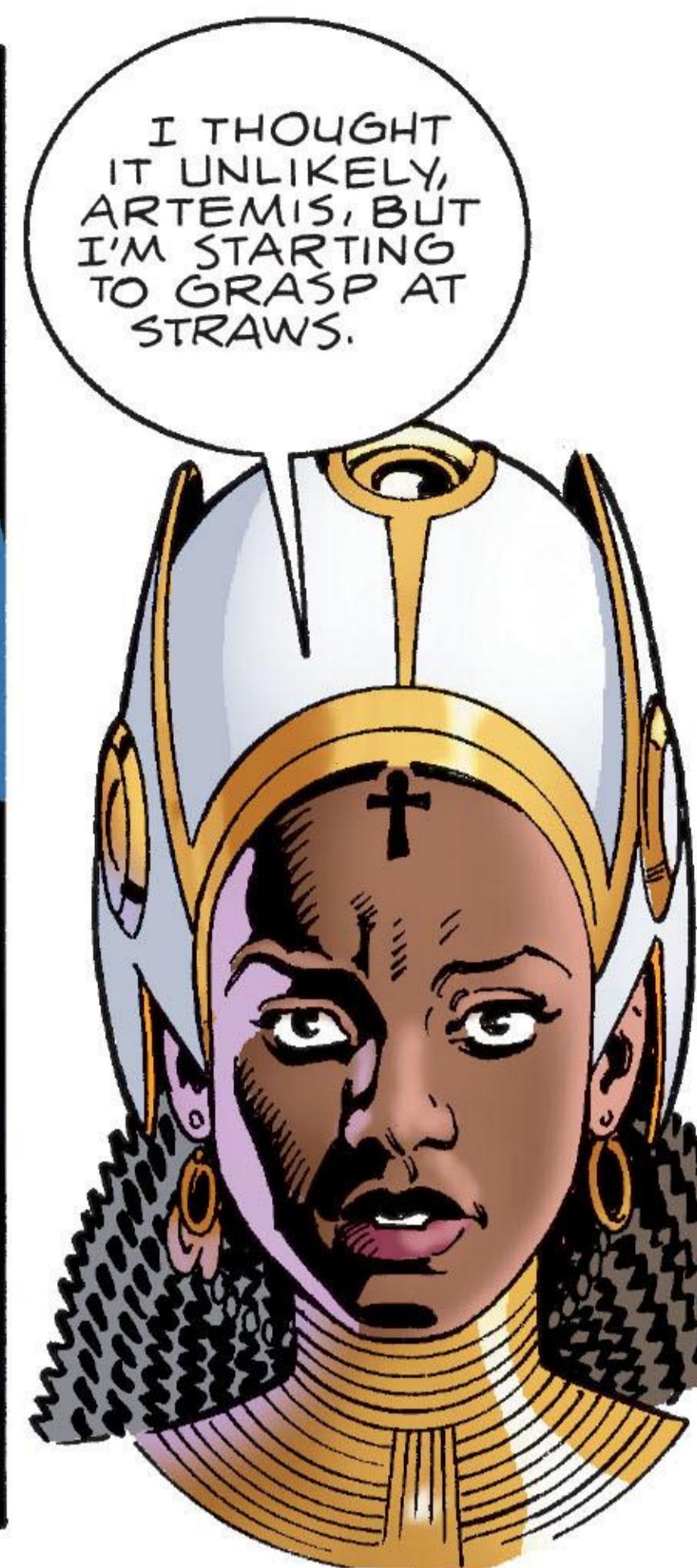
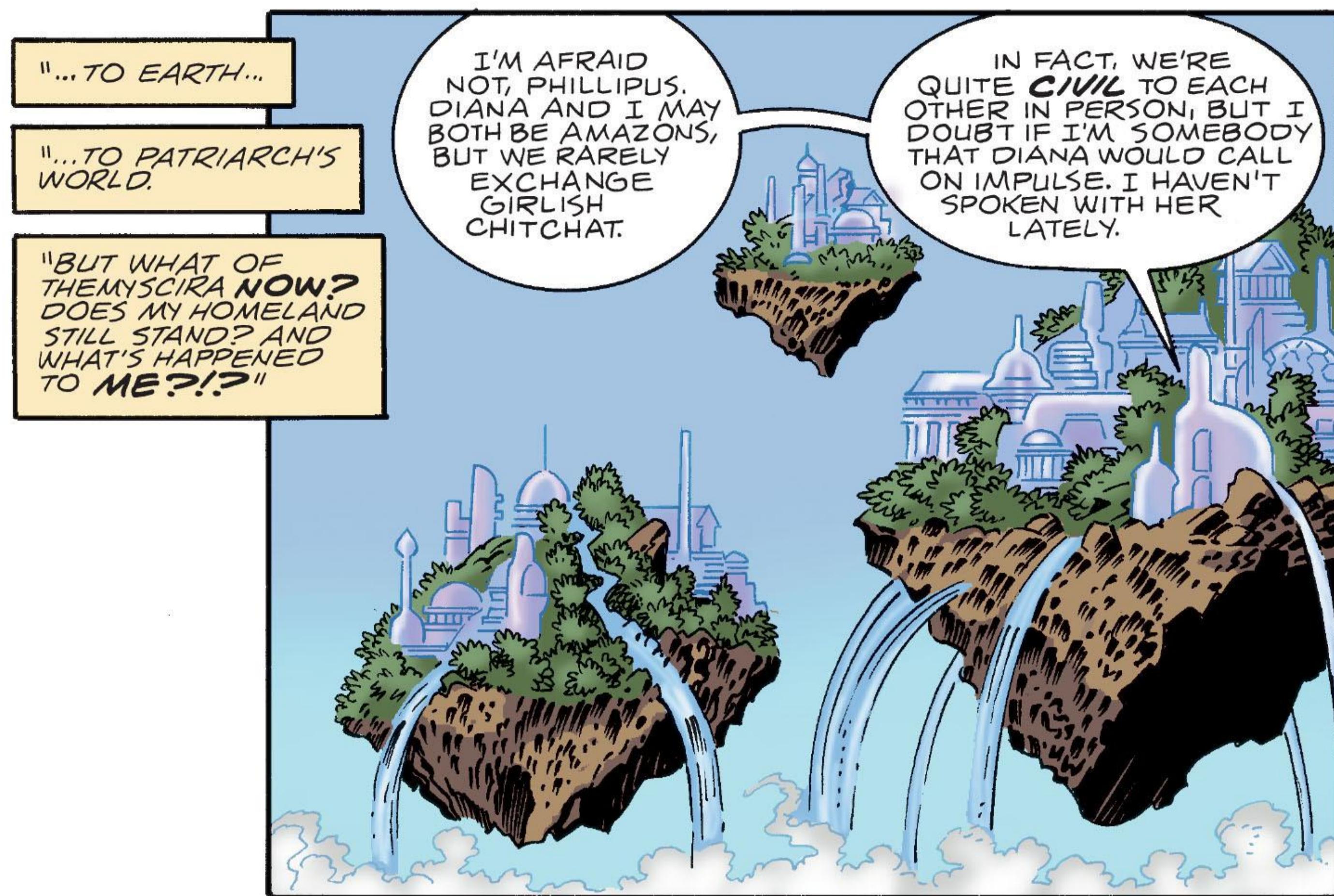
"A GOOD MAN DUPED INTO TRYING TO DESTROY EVERYTHING I HELD DEAR."

"I SAVED HIM AND PREVENTED A NUCLEAR DISASTER..."

"...AND, LEAVING THE ISLAND THAT WAS MY ENTIRE LIFE, I TOOK HIM HOME..."

"...RETURNING WITH HIM TO THAT REALM OF SAVAGE BEAUTY AND TERRIBLE CONFLICT THAT LAY BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF THEMYSIRA..."





INDIA, THE DECCAN PLATEAU...

...A SMALL RURAL FARMING COMMUNITY THAT HAS SURVIVED ON A SUBSISTENCE-LEVEL RICE CROP FOR GENERATIONS...

STILL NO ANSWER?
FOR PETE'S SAKE!!! HOW
COULD THE WHOLE AMAZON
EMBASSY JUST BE
SHUT DOWN?

...BUT IS NOW ONE OF THE MANY VILLAGES RECEIVING LOW-LEVEL TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UNITED NATIONS RURAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

NO. NO. THAT WAS JUST A RHETORICAL QUESTION. THANKS, OPERATOR.

WE'RE HERE MISTER BARNES.

UNTIL RECENTLY, THE OUTPUT OF THE FARMERS HAD BEEN ALMOST DOUBLED.

TODAY, THEY STAND ON THE THRESHOLD OF STARVATION.

NARAYAN, IT IS GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN, MY FRIEND.

WHERE IS DARYL?

I DEEPLY REGRET THAT MR. SOUDER IS NO MORE. HE HAS REENTERED THE CYCLE OF REBIRTH.

WHAT? NONE OF THE REPORTS SAID ANYTHING ABOUT HIS DYING! WHEN DID IT HAPPEN? WHERE'S THE BODY?

THE RAKSHAKAS HAVE RETURNED. HE DEFIED THEM AND THEY TOOK HIM, AS THEY TAKE OUR GRAIN. OUR FIELDS ARE BURNED, OUR LIVES ARE OVER.

YOU MEAN... HE WENT OUT INTO THE PADDIES, AND NO ONE'S SEEN HIM SINCE? NO ONE'S EVEN LOOKED FOR HIM?

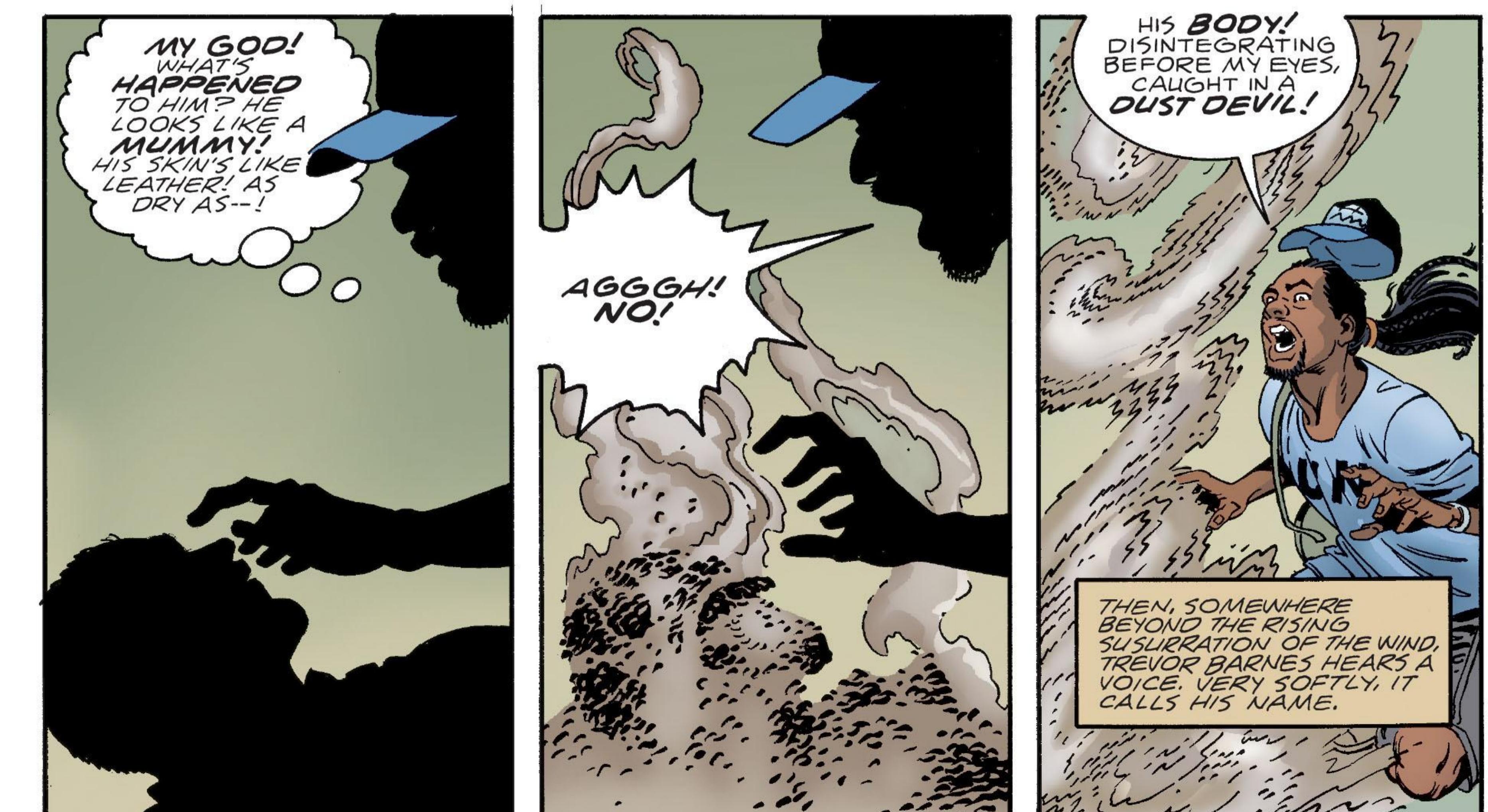
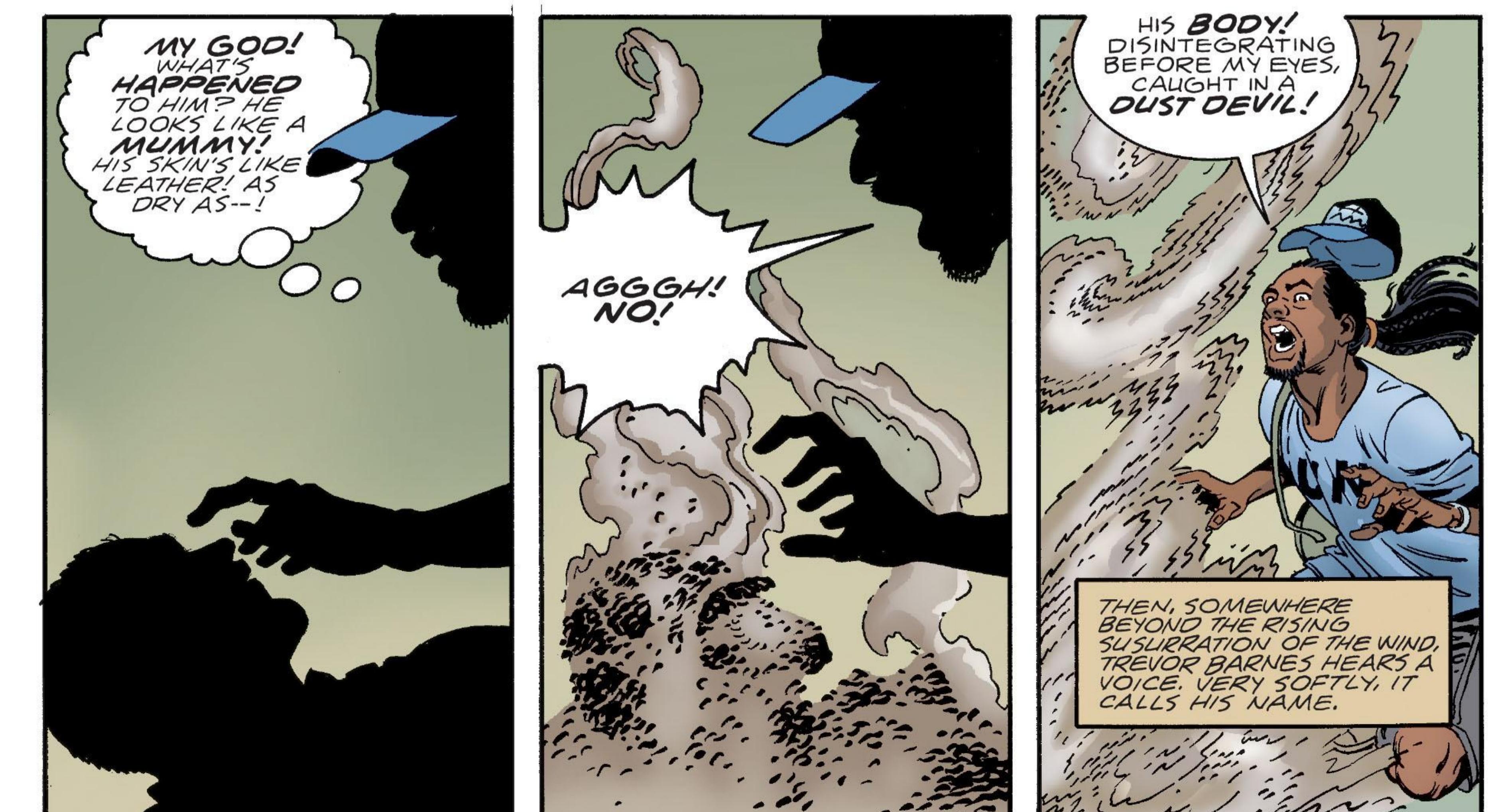
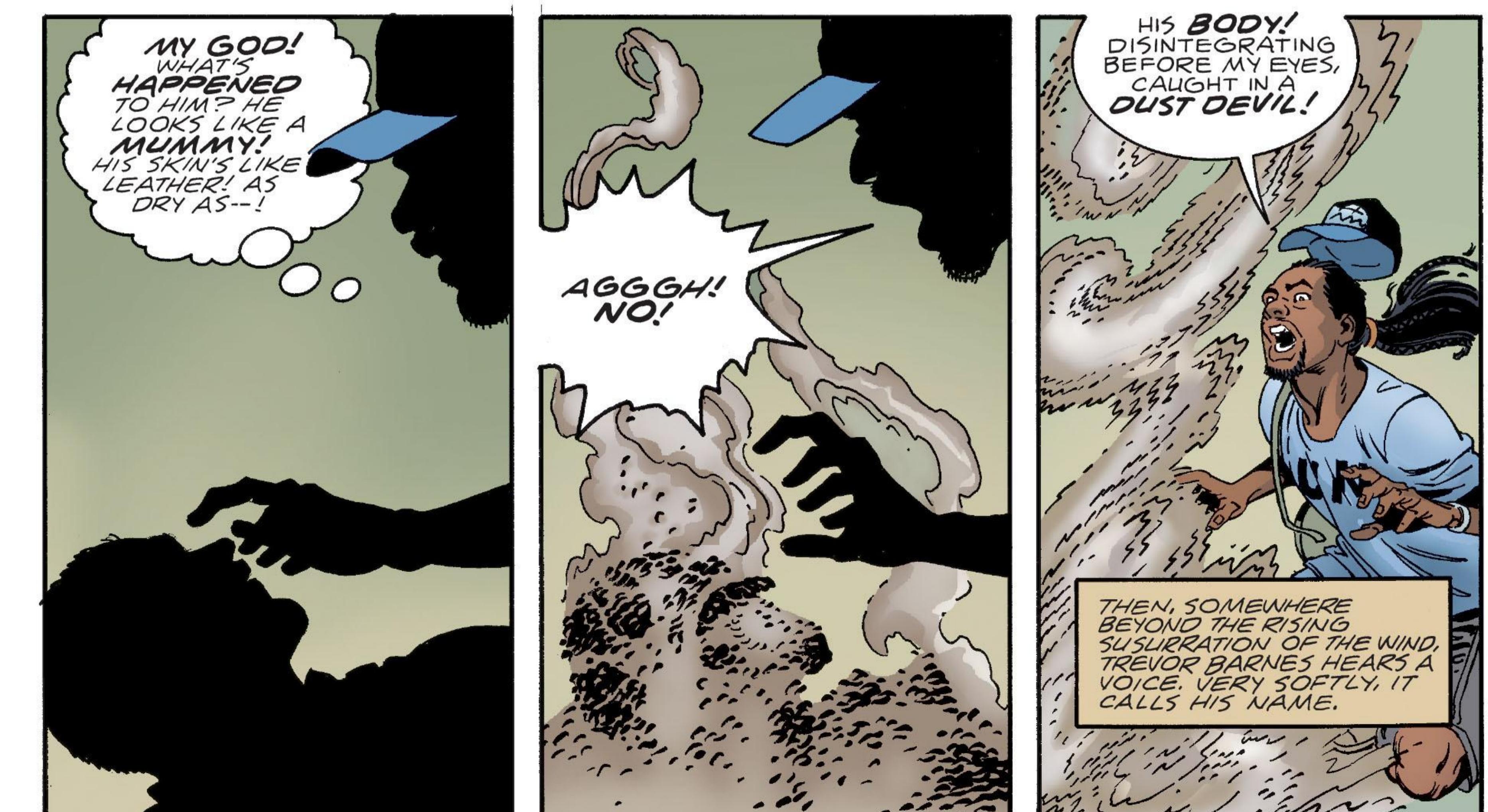
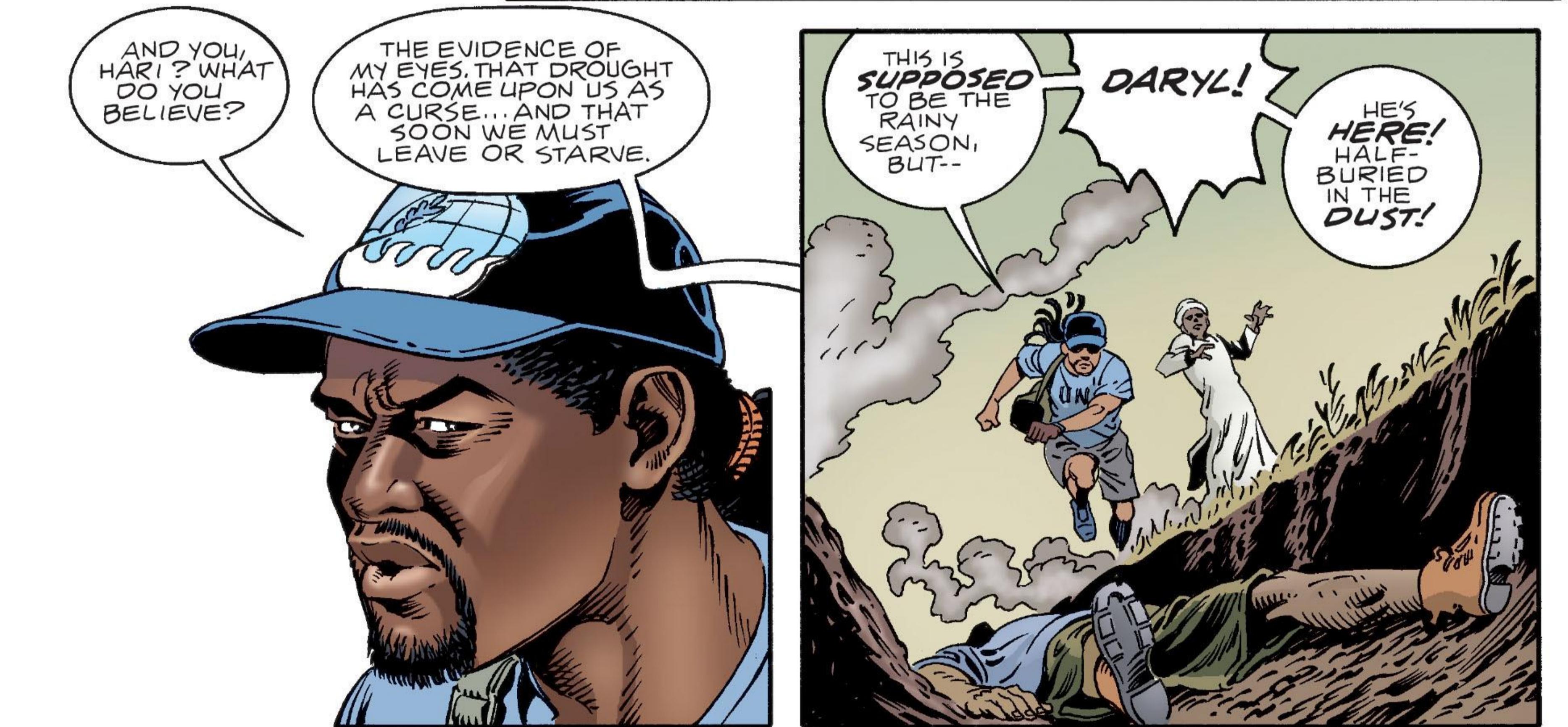
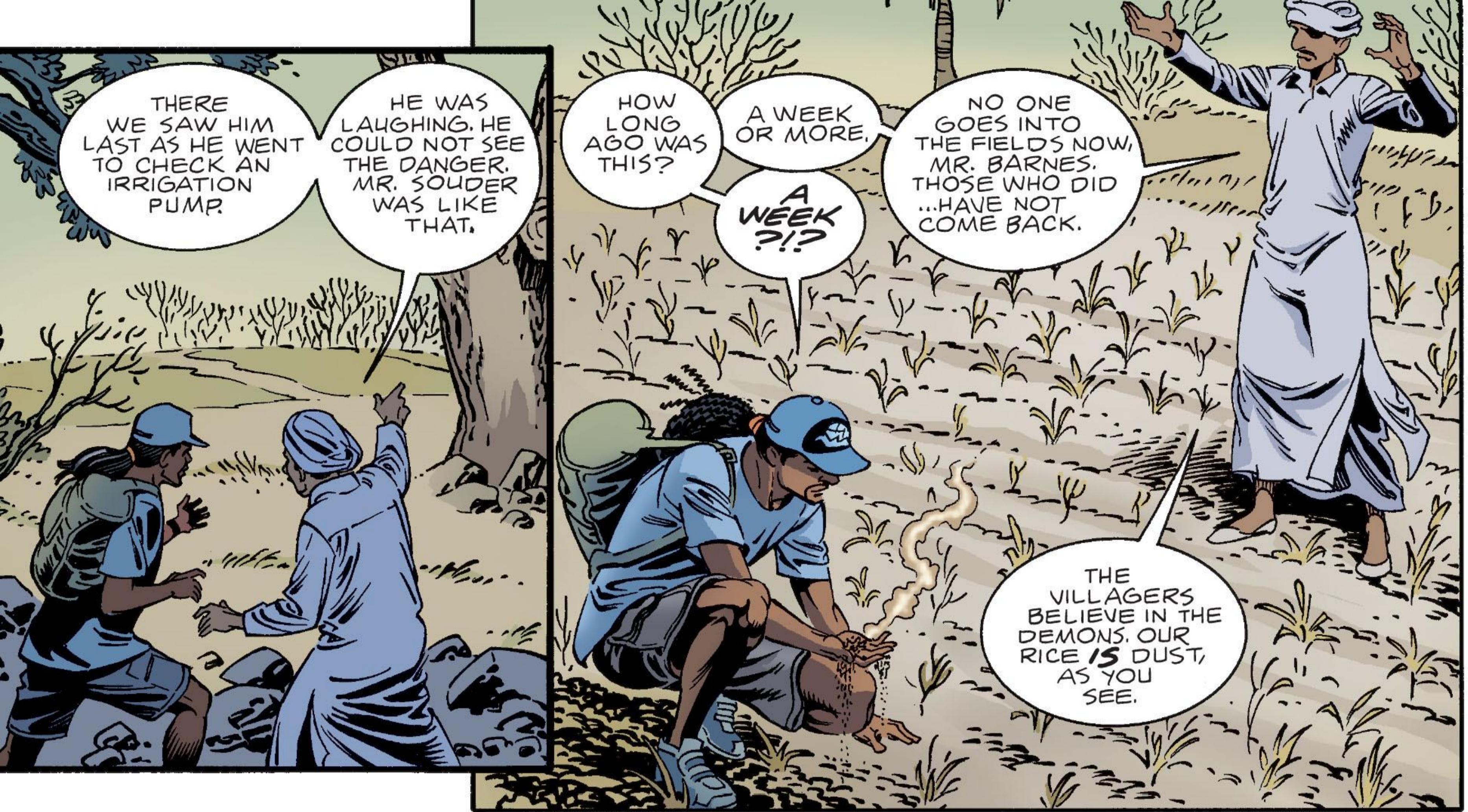
IT WOULD DO NO GOOD. I DO NOT FEAR THE LEGENDARY DEMONS, MR. BARNES, BUT I AM CAUTIOUS.

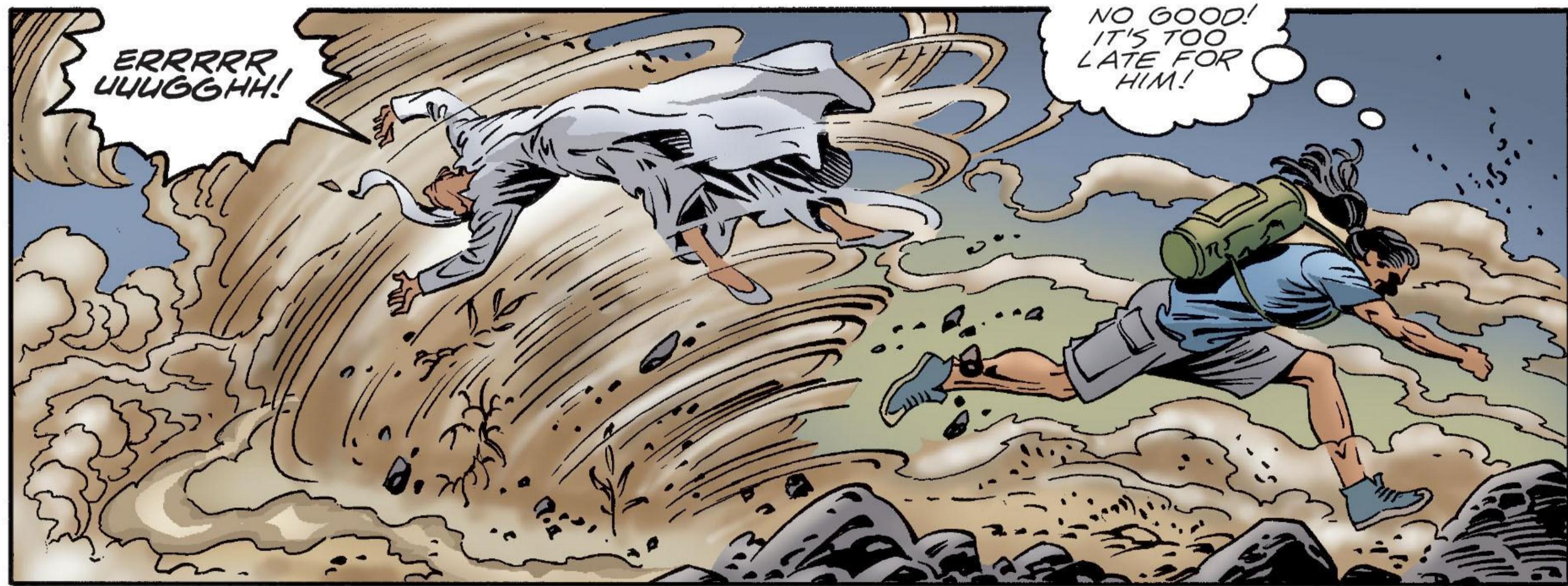
STILL, I WILL SHOW YOU WHERE MR. SOUDER WAS SEEN LAST.

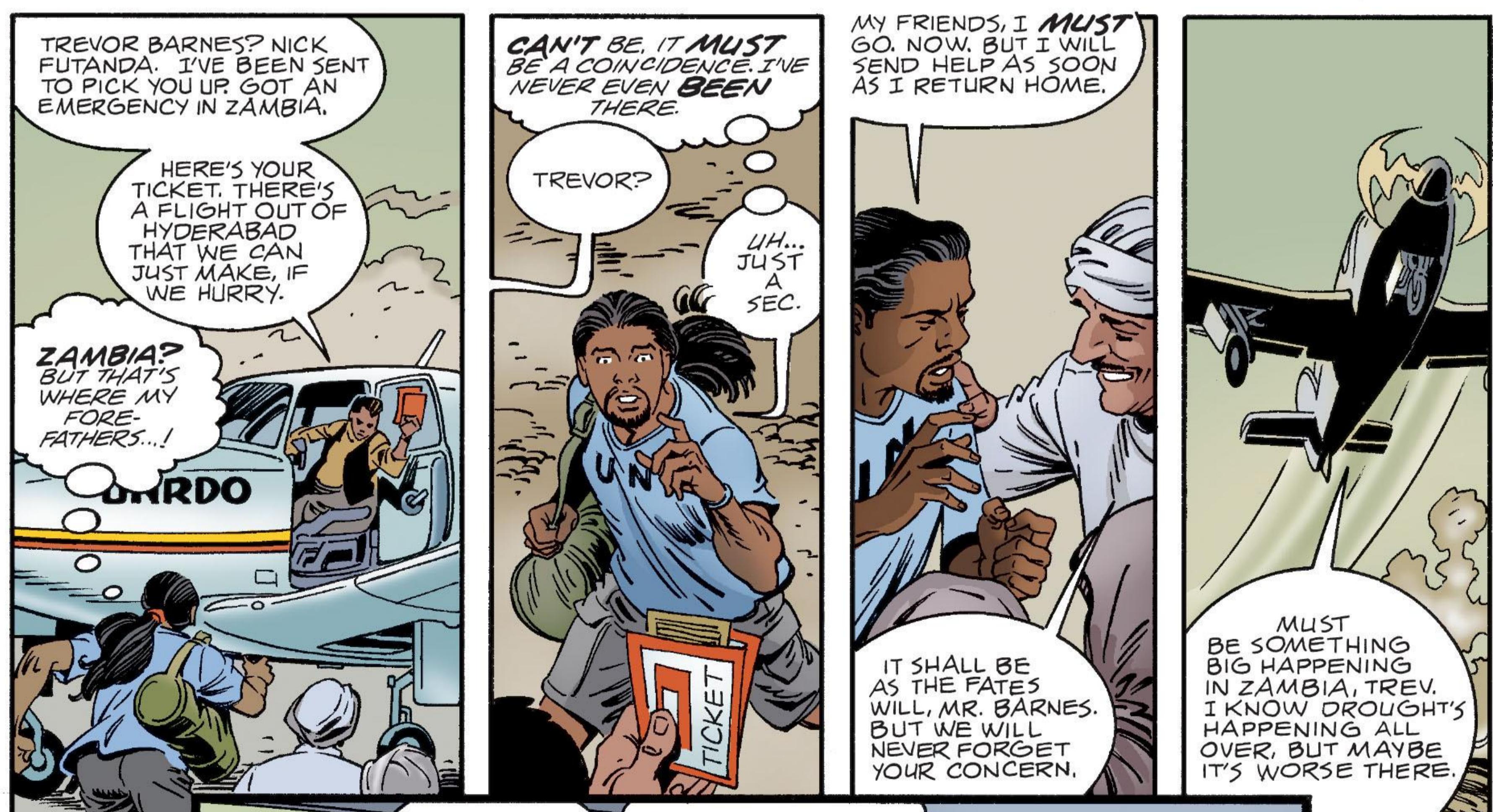
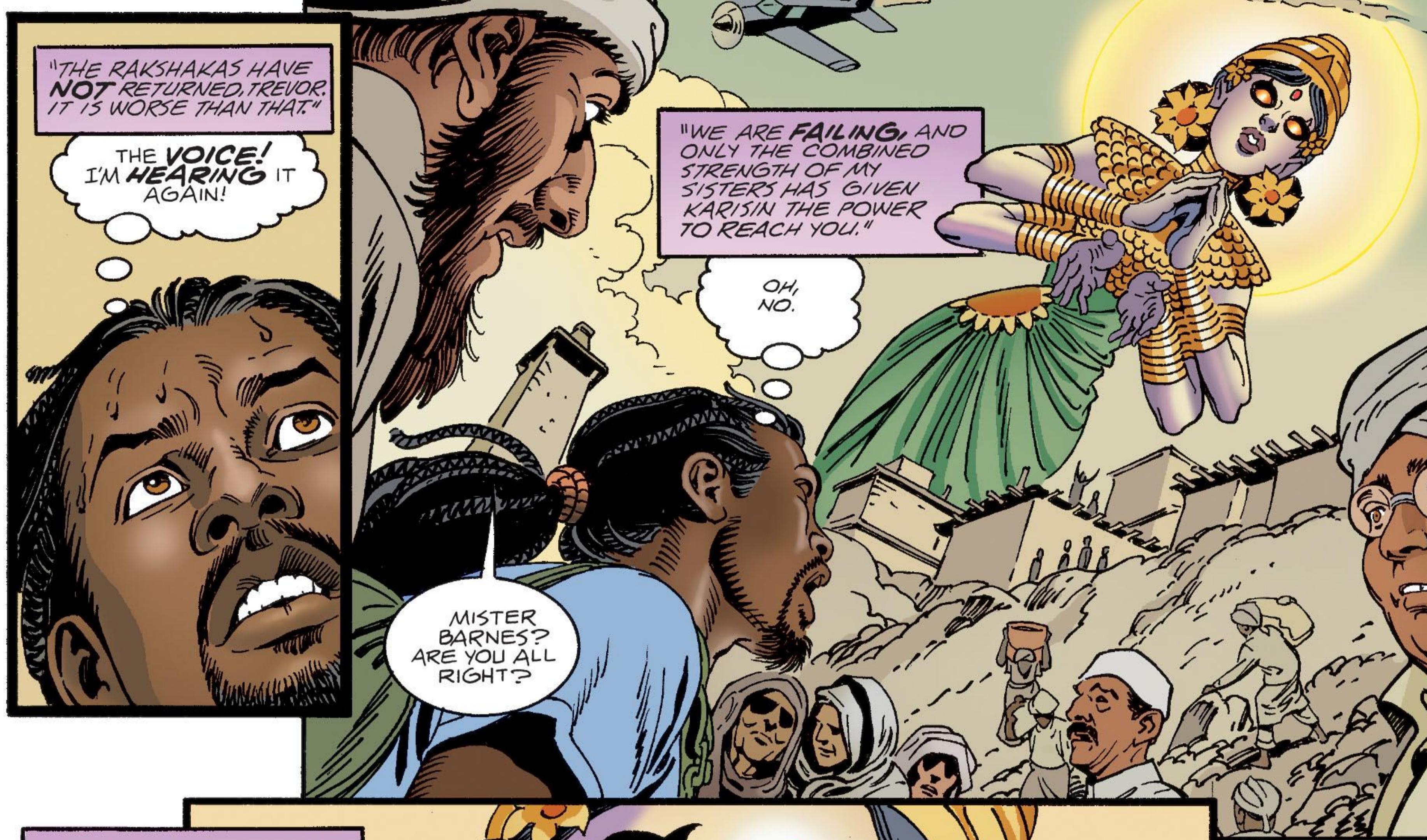
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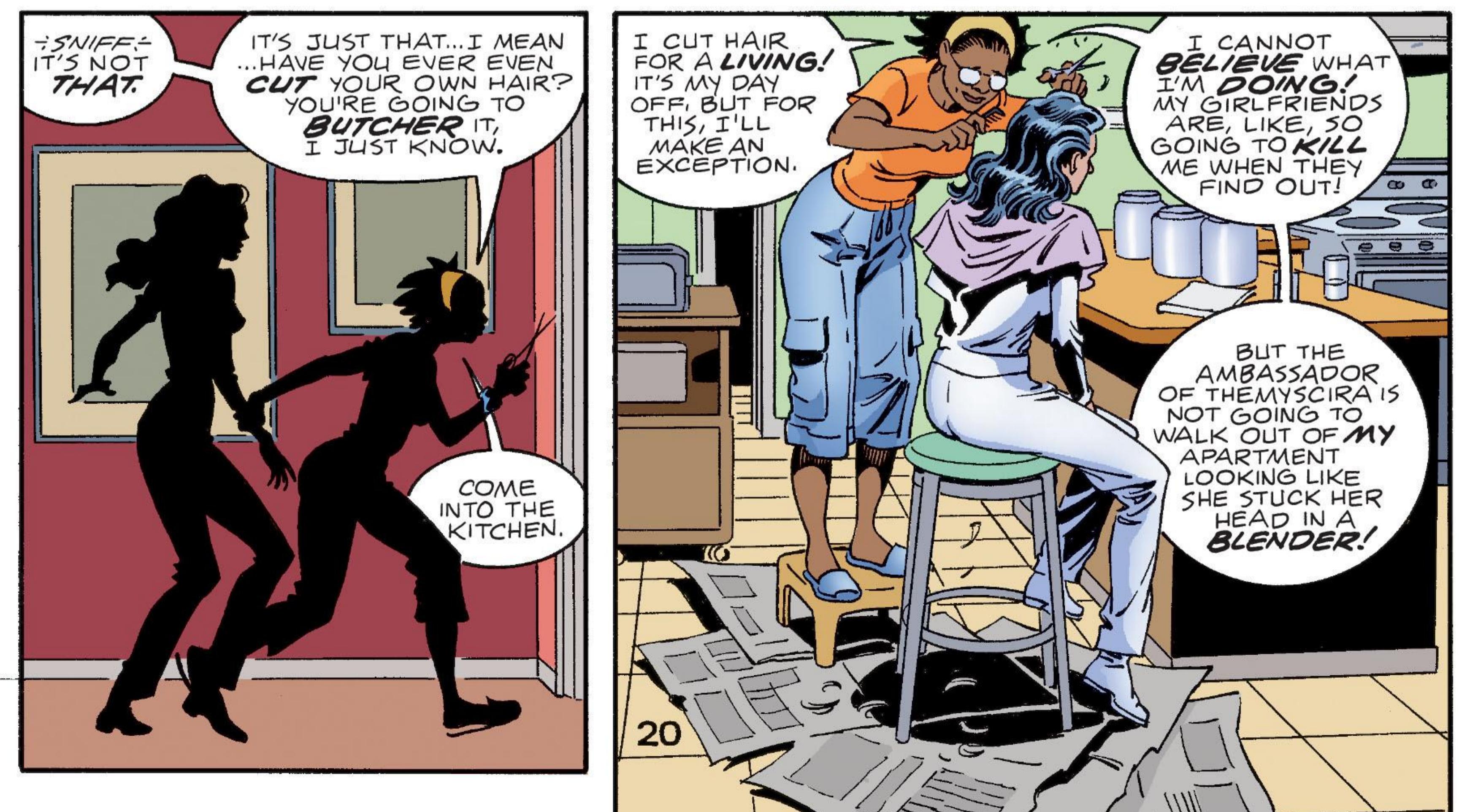
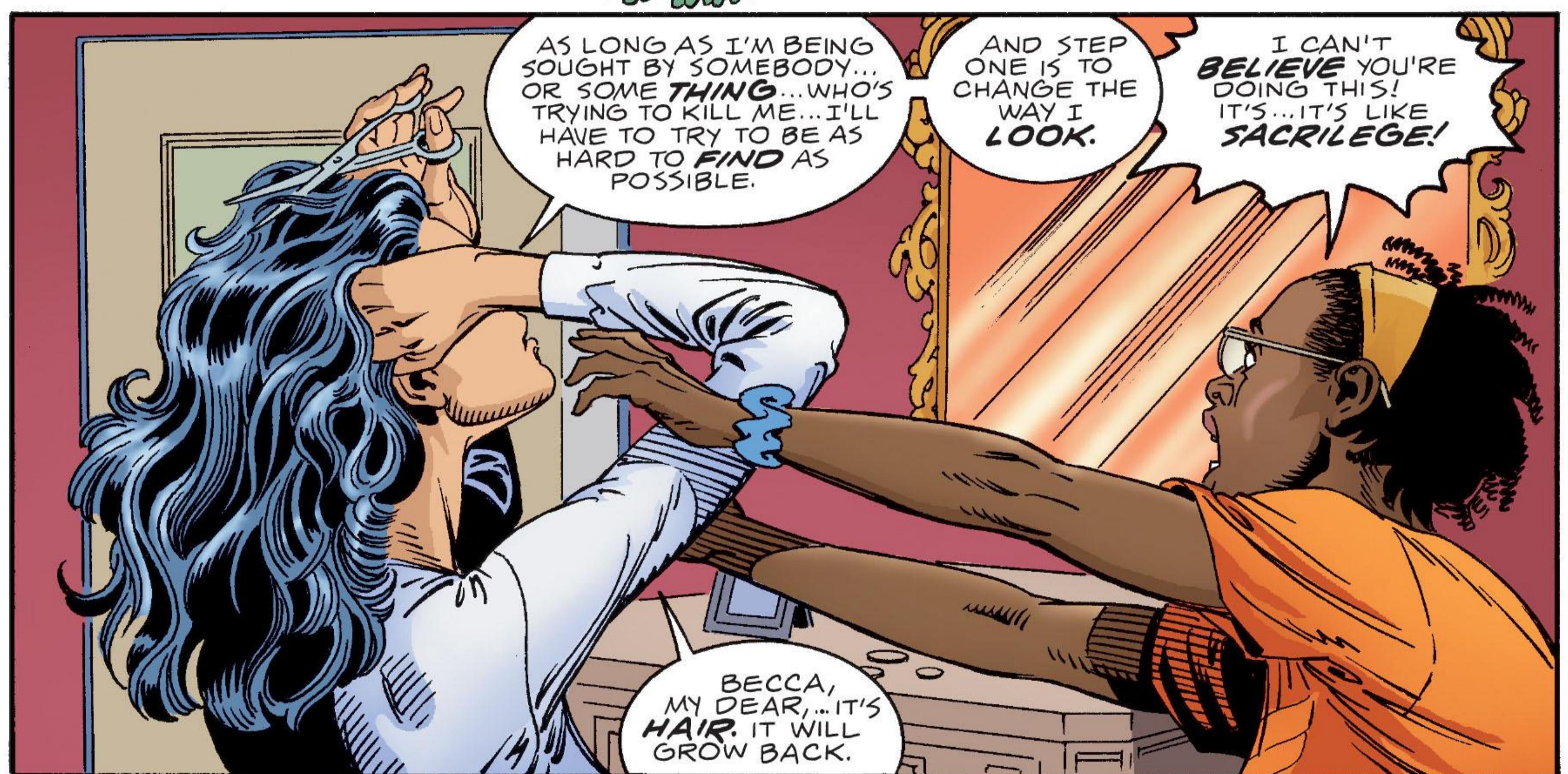
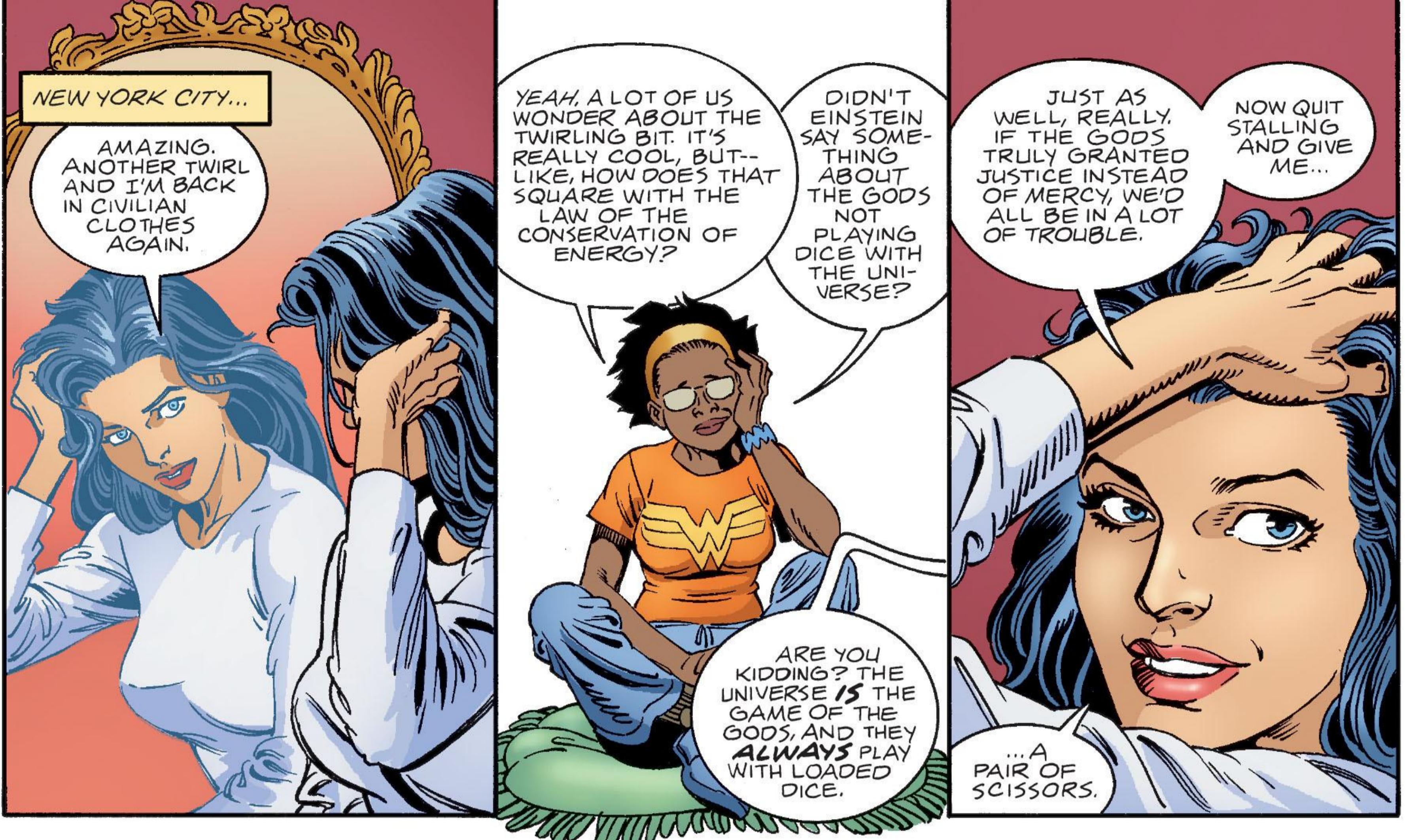
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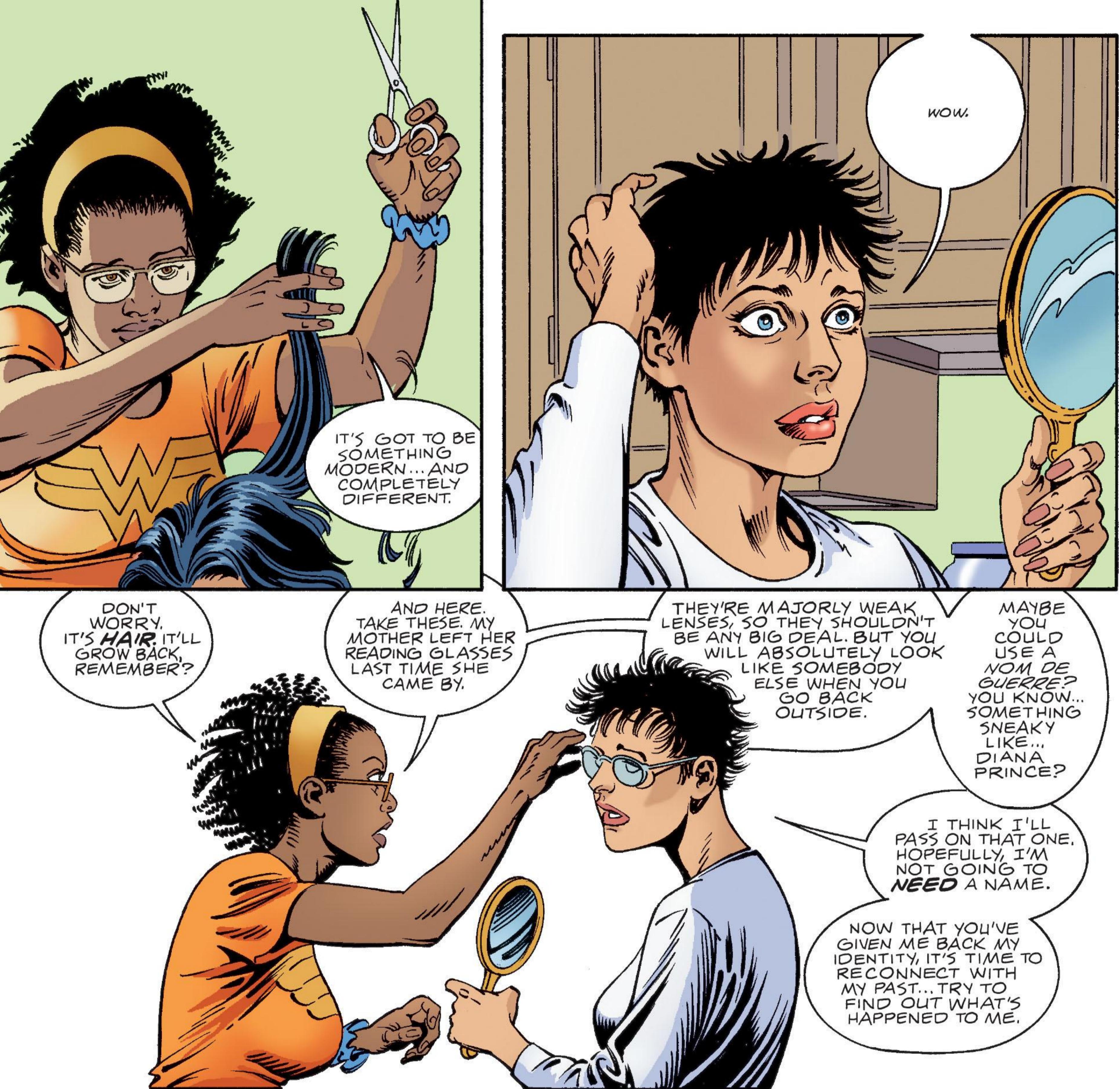
IT IS MADNESS TO GO INTO THE FIELDS NOW. THEY ARE DOOMED.

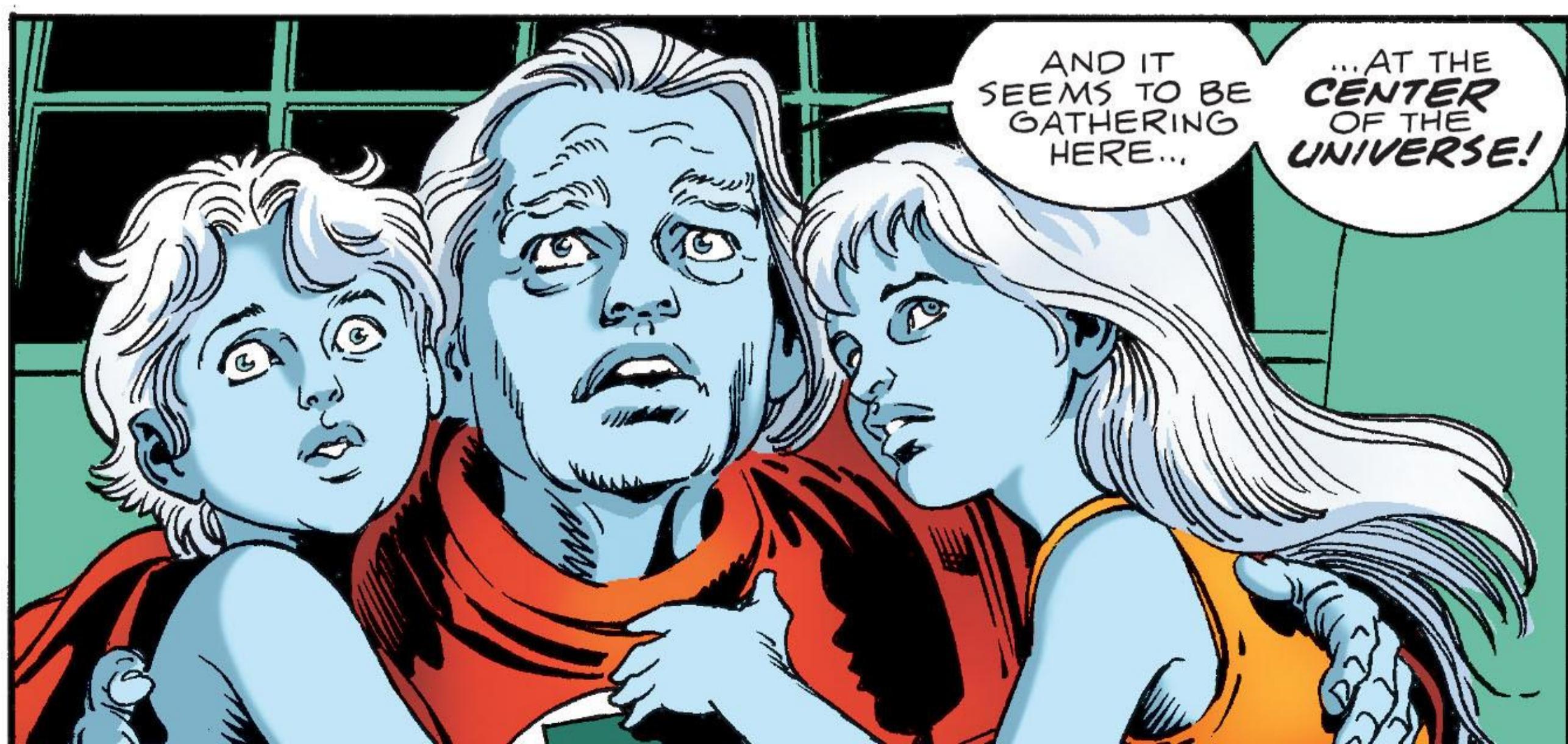
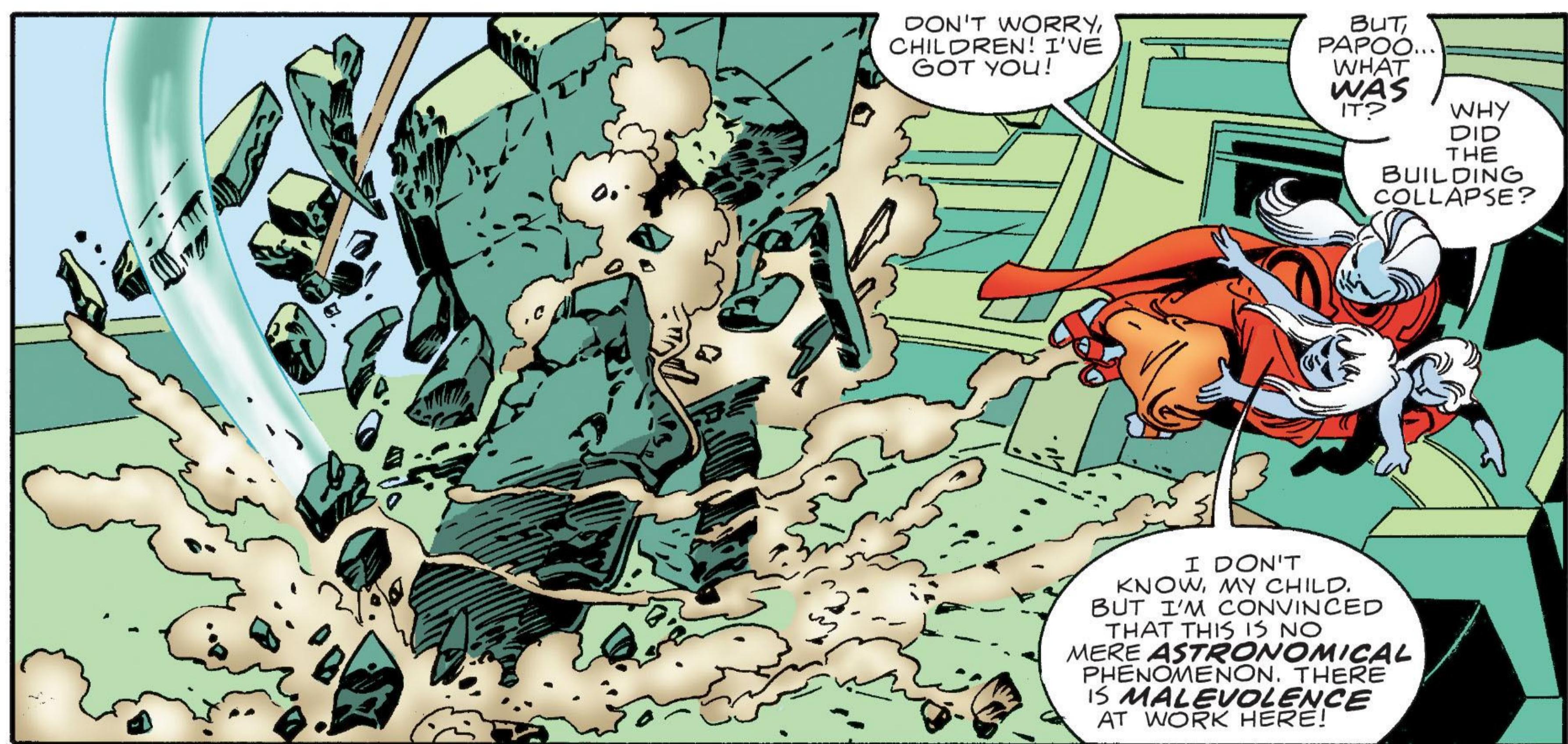
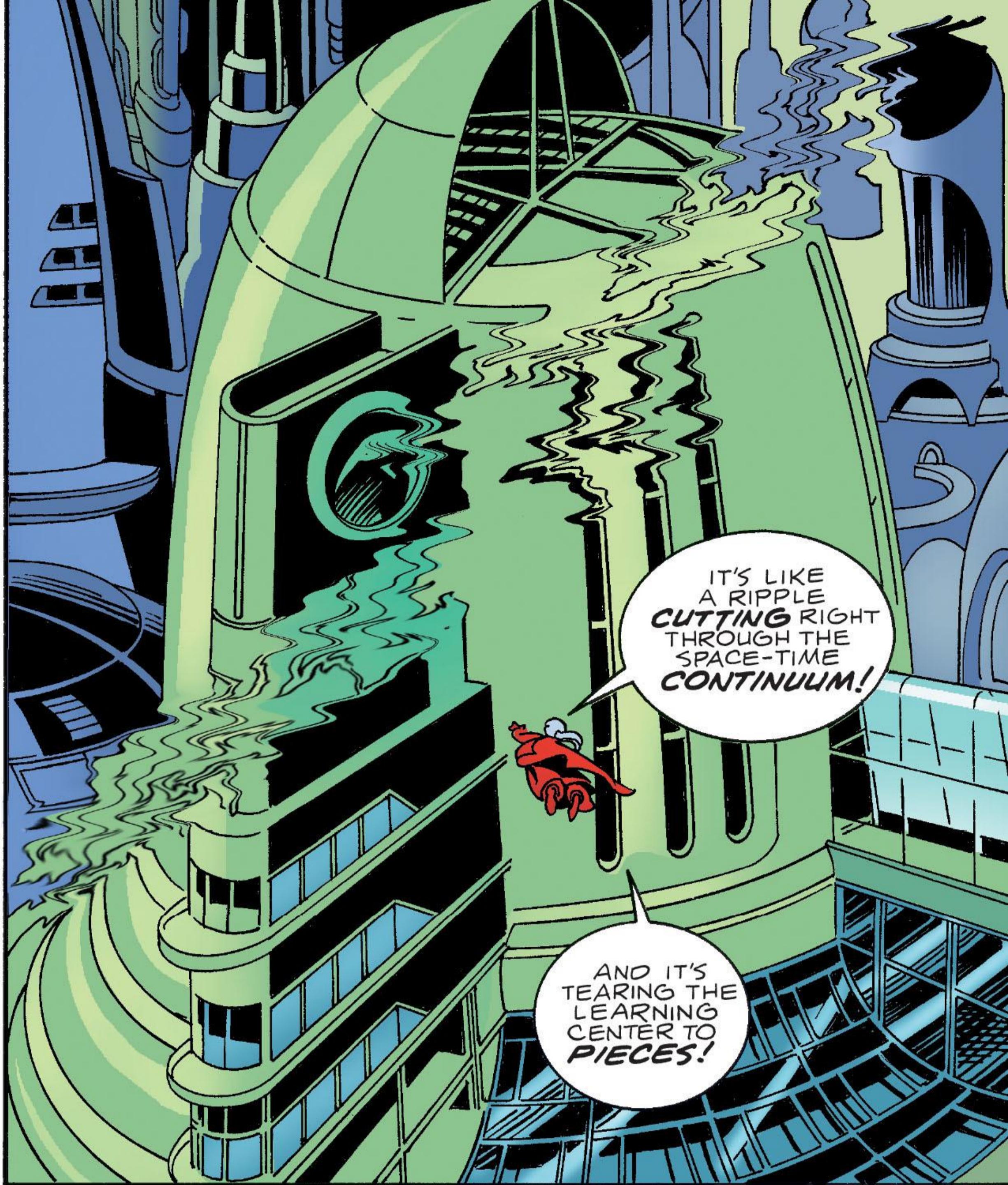












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DEITIES AND DEMONS...!

In which Diana returns home to a paradise of statues ... and we learn that sleeping dogs do not, in fact, lie!

IN THIRTY!