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UH-OH...

LEVEL 3
IT AIN'T POSSIBLE! IT CAN'T BE HIM!
HE GOT TOSSED INTO OUTER SPACE!
YEAH, WELL, HE CAUGHT THE FIRST FLIGHT BACK!
KEEP FIRING! KEEP FIRING! THIS MOTHER MUST HAVE A WEAK SPOT SOMEWHERE!
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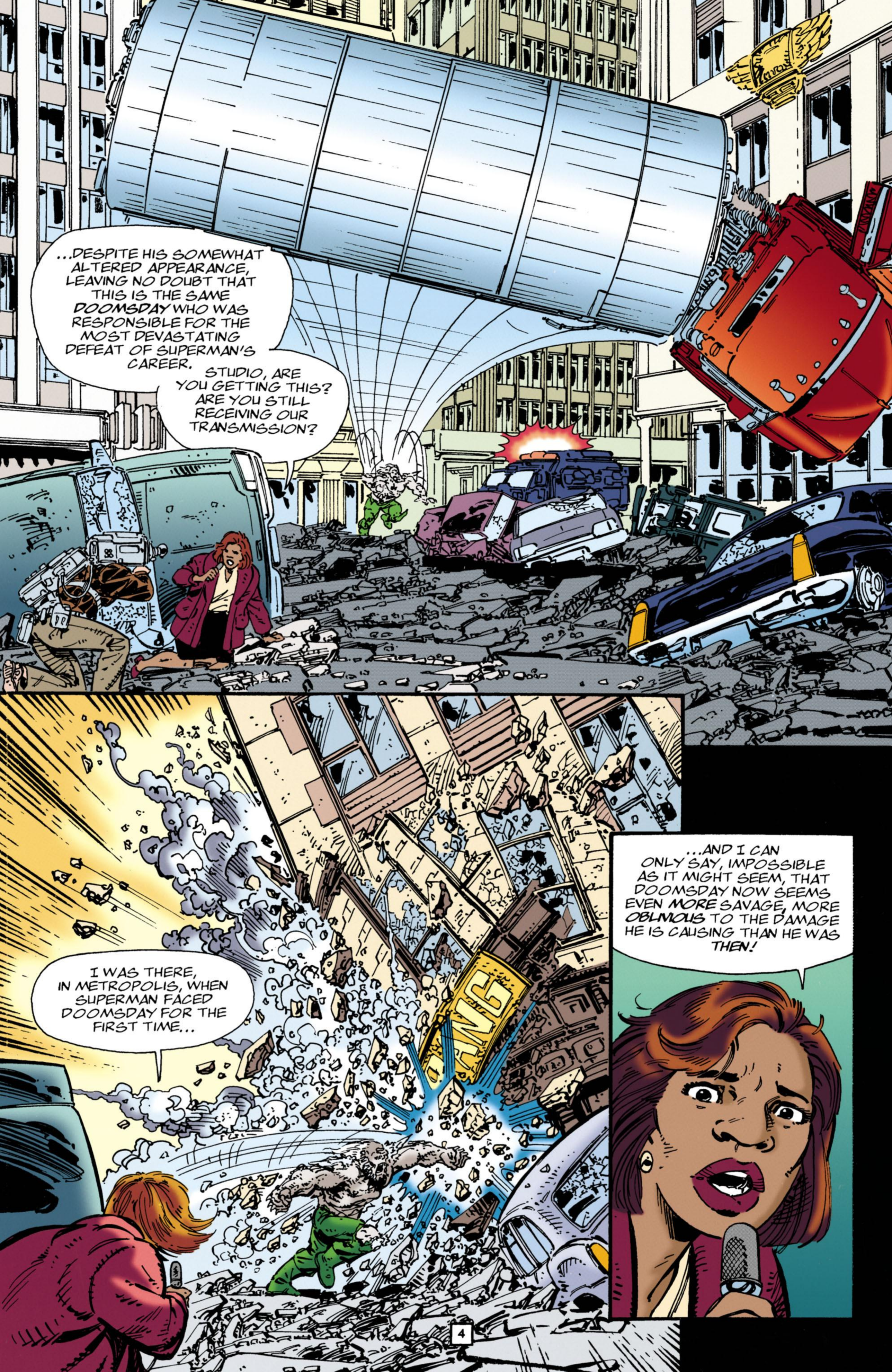
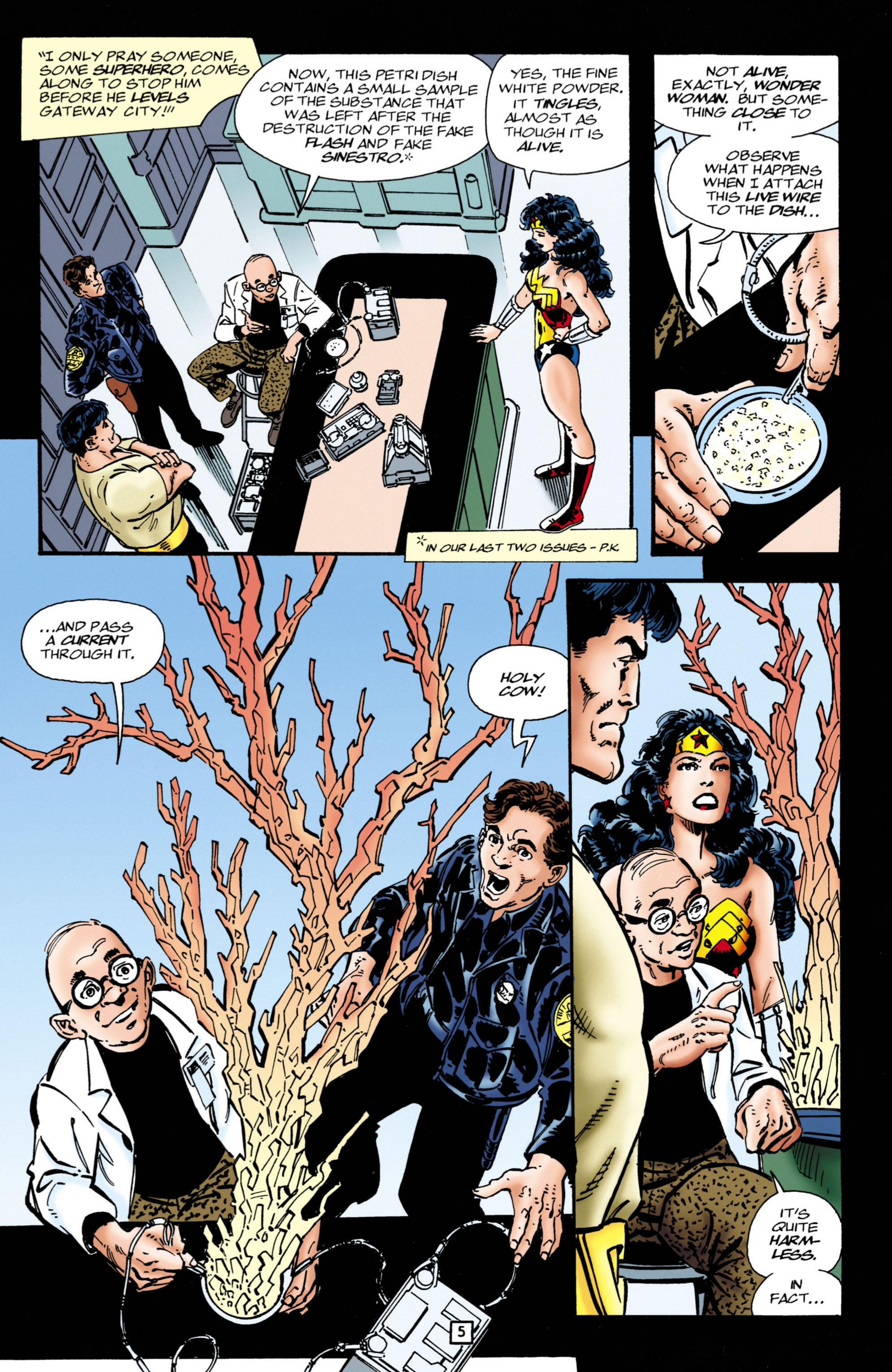

...DESPITE HIS SOMEWHAT ALTERED APPEARANCE, LEAVING NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS THE SAME DOOMSDAY WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MOST DEVASTATING DEFEAT OF SUPERMAN'S CAREER.
STUDIO, ARE YOU GETTING THIS? ARE YOU STILL RECEIVING OUR TRANSMISSION?
I WAS THERE, IN METROPOLIS, WHEN SUPERMAN FACED DOOMSDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME...
...AND I CAN ONLY SAY, IMPOSSIBLE AS IT MIGHT SEEM, THAT DOOMSDAY NOW SEEMS EVEN MORE SAVAGE, MORE OBLIVIOUS TO THE DAMAGE HE IS CAUSING THAN HE WAS THEN!


"I ONLY PRAY SOMEONE, SOME SUPERHERO, COMES ALONG TO STOP HIM BEFORE HE LEVELS GATEWAY CITY!"
NOW, THIS PETRI DISH CONTAINS A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE SUBSTANCE THAT WAS LEFT AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAKE FLASH AND FAKE SINESTRO.*
YES, THE FINE WHITE POWDER. IT TINGLES, ALMOST AS THOUGH IT IS ALIVE.
NOT ALIVE, EXACTLY, WONDER WOMAN. BUT SOMETHING CLOSE TO IT.
OBSERVE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I ATTACH THIS LIVE WIRE TO THE DISH...
*IN OUR LAST TWO ISSUES - P.K.
...AND PASS A CURRENT THROUGH IT.
HOLY COW!
IT'S QUITE HARMLESS.
IN FACT...
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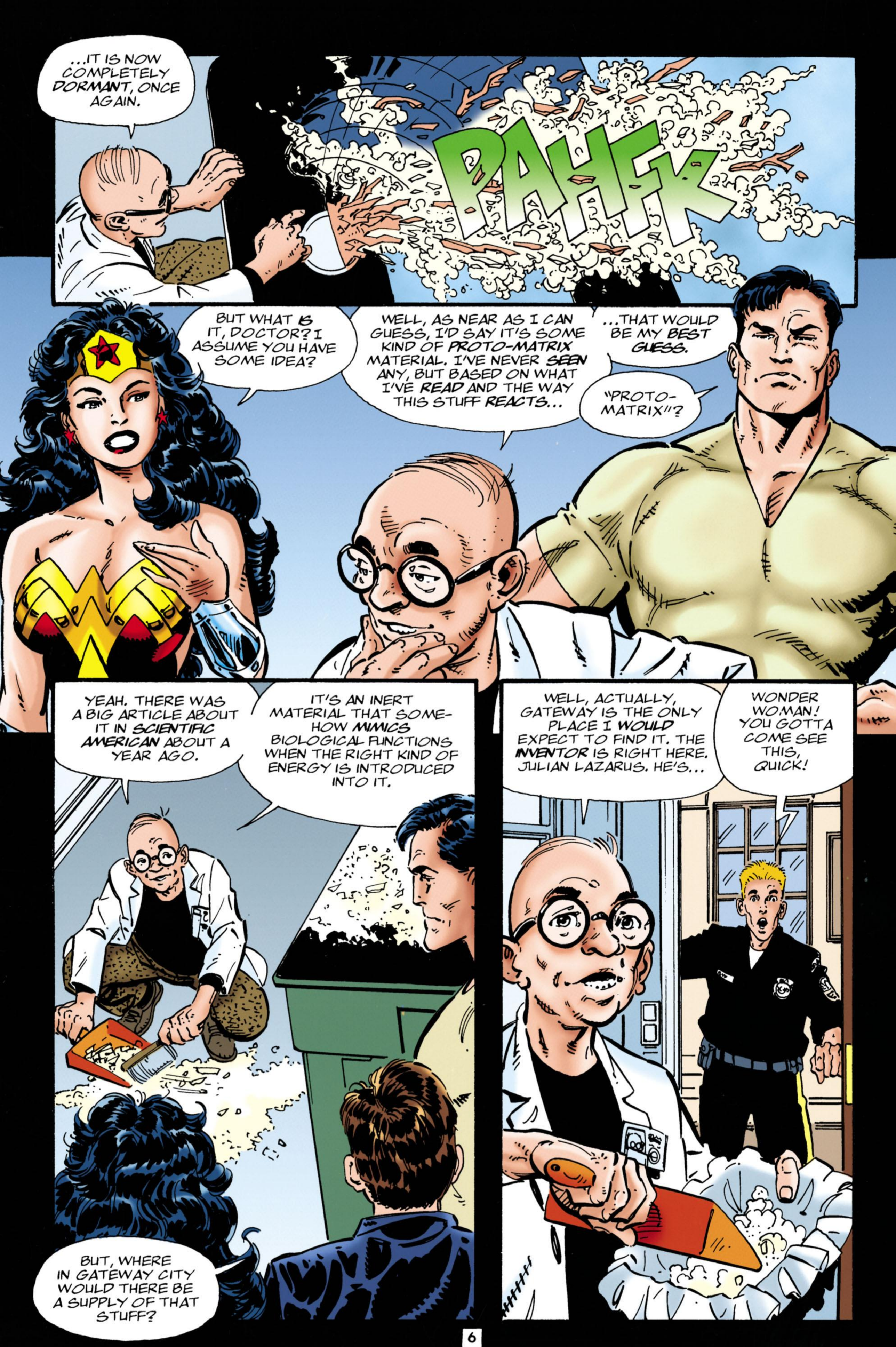
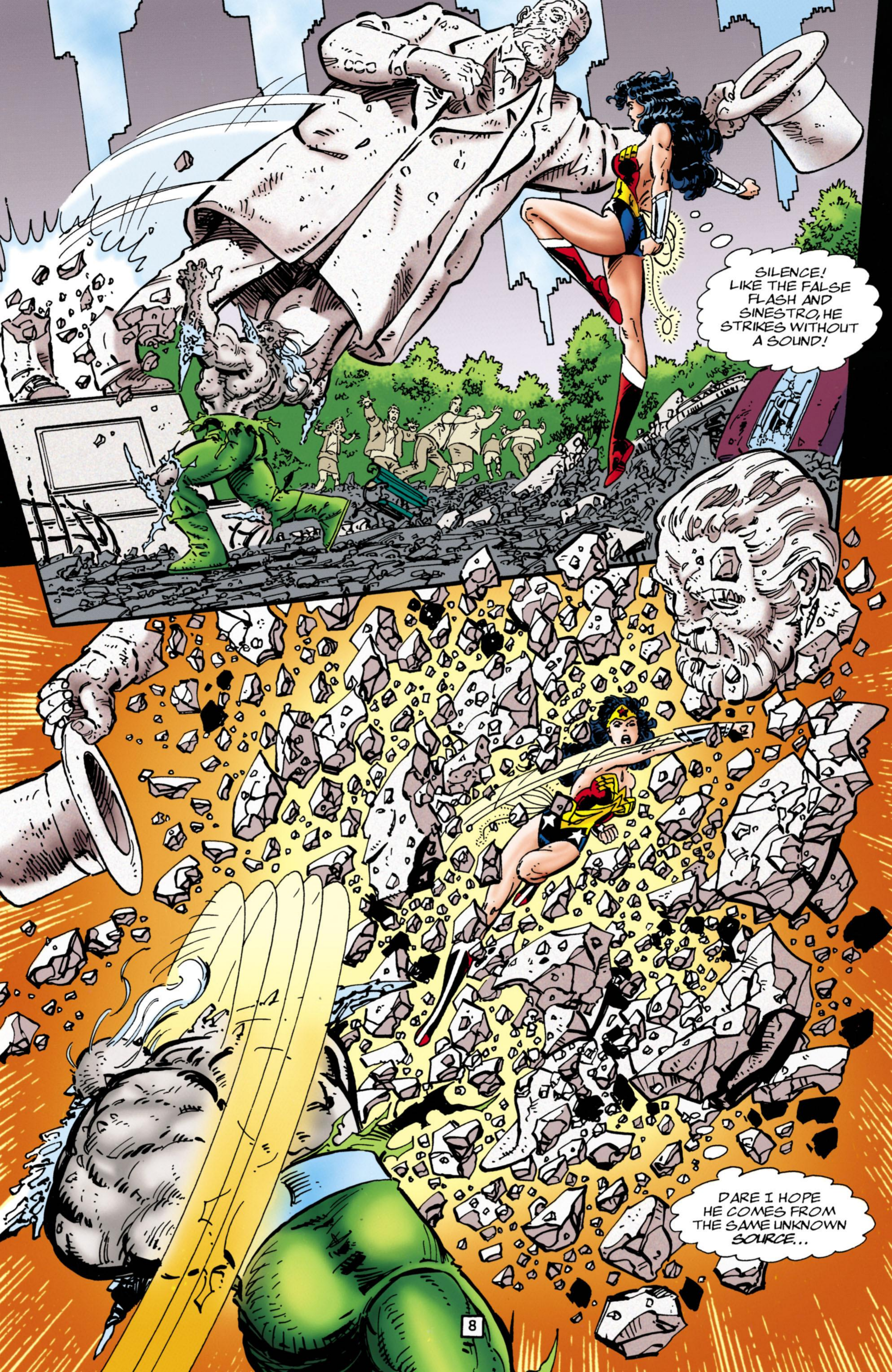
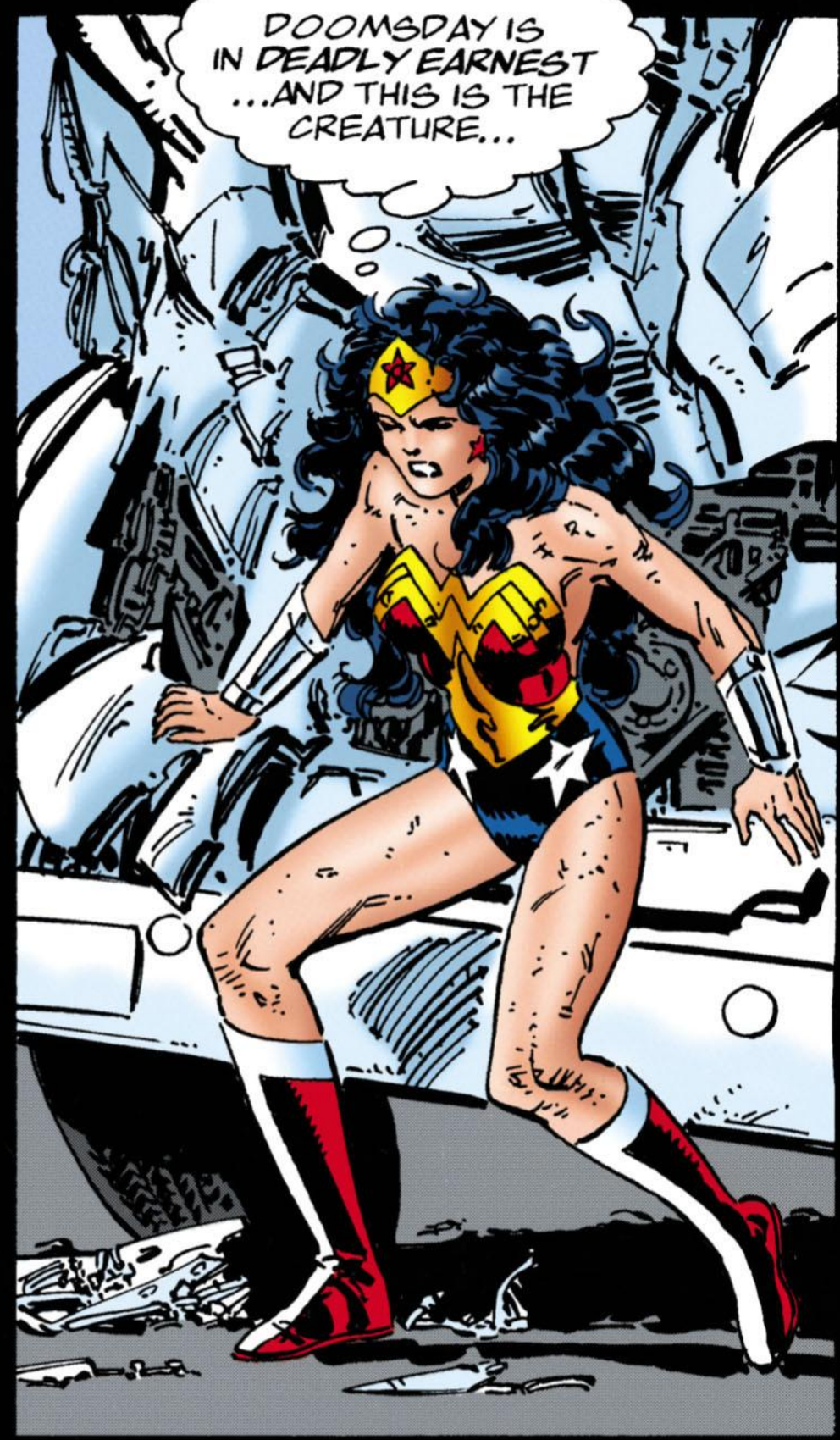

...IT IS NOW COMPLETELY DORMANT, ONCE AGAIN.
PAHFK
BUT WHAT IS IT, DOCTOR? I ASSUME YOU HAVE SOME IDEA?
WELL, AS NEAR AS I CAN GUESS, I'D SAY IT'S SOME KIND OF PROTO-MATRIX MATERIAL. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANY, BUT BASED ON WHAT I'VE READ AND THE WAY THIS STUFF REACTS...
...THAT WOULD BE MY BEST GUESS.
"PROTO-MATRIX"?
YEAH. THERE WAS A BIG ARTICLE ABOUT IT IN SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN ABOUT A YEAR AGO.
IT'S AN INERT MATERIAL THAT SOME-HOW MIMICS BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS WHEN THE RIGHT KIND OF ENERGY IS INTRODUCED INTO IT.
BUT, WHERE IN GATEWAY CITY WOULD THERE BE A SUPPLY OF THAT STUFF?
WELL, ACTUALLY, GATEWAY IS THE ONLY PLACE I WOULD EXPECT TO FIND IT. THE INVENTOR IS RIGHT HERE. JULIAN LAZARUS. HE'S...
WONDER WOMAN! YOU GOTTA COME SEE THIS, QUICK!

KELSEY?? WHAT IN THE NAME OF ..??
ON THE TV. YOU'LL SEE.
THERE!
ZEUS AND HERA PROTECT US!
IT CAN'T BE!!
DOOMSDAY


SILENCE! LIKE THE FALSE FLASH AND SINESTRO, HE STRIKES WITHOUT A SOUND!
DARE I HOPE HE COMES FROM THE SAME UNKNOWN SOURCE...

...AND THAT HE WILL BE AS EASY TO DEFEAT?
OH-HH!!
NOT SINCE I BATTLED SUPERMAN HAVE I SEEN SUCH STRENGTH!
WONG!

BUT MY BATTLE WITH SUPERMAN WAS ALL PLAY-ACTING, AS PART OF A PLAN TO FOIL DARKSEID...*
*IN ACTION 600 P.K.


DOOMSDAY IS IN DEADLY EARNEST ...AND THIS IS THE CREATURE...

LAZARUS
...WHO KILLED SUPERMAN!

WHAT CAN WONDER WOMAN DO AGAINST HIM?
IT... DOESN'T HAVE TO COME TO THAT. IF I CAN JUST REACH KRIS...
REASON WITH HIM...

REASON? HOW CAN YOU "REASON" WITH A COMPUTER PROGRAM??

STOP SAYING THAT! IT'S NOT JUST A COMPUTER PROGRAM! IT'S KRIS! IT'S MY SON!

NO! LAZARUS, PLEASE! FOR GOD'S SAKE, PLEASE! YOU'VE GOT TO SEE THIS FOR WHAT IT REALLY IS! KRIS IS DEAD! YOU'VE USED YOUR VIRTUAL REANIMATOR TO CREATE A DUPLICATE OF HIM IN THE COMPUTER BANKS.

NOT EVEN A TRUE DUPLICATE! SOMETHING BASED ON WHAT YOU REMEMBER KRIS AS BEING, ON WHAT YOU THINK HE SHOULD BE.

AND WHAT I "THINK" HE SHOULD BE IS A DECENT, HONEST, OBEDIENT SON! IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE--AND IT ISN'T--I WILL BE ABLE TO REASON WITH HIM.

KRIS! KRIS, SON, DO YOU HEAR ME? CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

DAD?

THANK GOD! THE COMMUNICATIONS LINK WASN'T DESTROYED WHEN DOOMSDAY BROKE OUT OF THE LAB. YES, KRIS, IT'S ME. IT'S DAD. NOW, LISTEN TO ME, SON.

YOU'VE OVERRIDDEN ALL THE INHIBITORS IN THE V-R SYSTEM. I CAN'T TURN IT OFF. I CAN'T CUT POWER TO THE VIRTUAL CLONE OF DOOMSDAY YOU CREATED. IT KEEPS PULLING MORE AND MORE POWER, GROWING STRONGER, MUTATING...

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, DAD? I'M JUST PLAYING MY VIDEOGAMES. I'M NOT "CREATING" ANYTHING!

NO, SON, NO. LISTEN TO ME. I KNOW THIS WILL BE HARD FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND, BUT YOU ARE CREATING THINGS. THE FLASH. SINESTRO. AND NOW DOOMSDAY.

YOU MADE THESE CREATURES WITH THE V-R SCANNER AND THE PROTO-MATRIX. I KNOW YOU DIDN'T CONSCIOUSLY REALIZE YOU WERE DOING IT, BUT YOU WERE. AND NOW YOU MUST STOP.

BUT... DAD, HOW CAN I BE MAKING THIS STUFF? AND WHERE ARE YOU? WHY CAN'T I SEE YOU?

WHY CAN'T I SEE ANYTHING BUT WHAT DOOMSDAY SEES?

BECAUSE... YOU DON'T HAVE ANY EYES BUT HIS, KRIS. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BODY AT ALL.

KRIS... KRIS... HOW CAN I TELL YOU THIS..?

ONCE AGAIN I AM COMPELLED TO ACTION THAT WAS NEVER PART OF MY ORIGINAL PLAN!

ONCE AGAIN I MUST GO TO WONDER WOMAN'S **AID**, LEST SHE **PERISH** IN BATTLE BEFORE SHE HAS SERVED **MY** PURPOSE.

THERE! SHE IS HOLDING HER OWN AGAINST THE MONSTER...

...BUT SHE IS BOUND BY HER **AMAZON CODE** TO FIGHT FAIRLY.

FORTUNATELY, I AM IN NO WAY SO RESTRICTED!
POW
"UH OH..."
KRAM

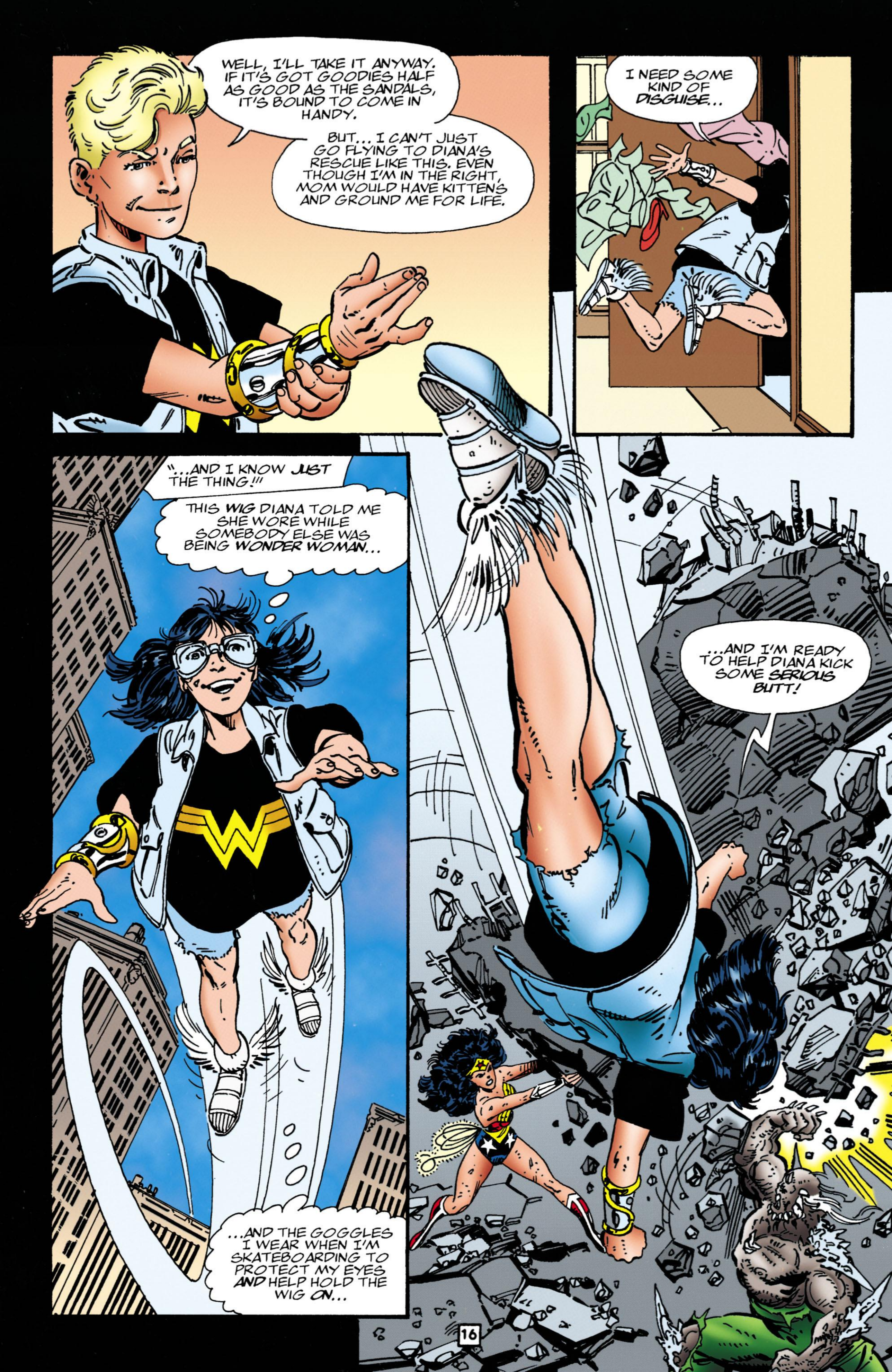
DIANA'S IN BIG TROUBLE! THAT CHAMPION GUY DIDN'T EVEN GO ONE ROUND WITH BIG D!
YES, SIR, YES. I KNOW SHE WORKS FOR ME, BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO. SHE ONLY LECTURES AT THE MUSEUM, I CAN'T TELL HER WHAT TO DO WITH HER... SUPERHEROING.
LIVE
MOM! COME ON! WE GOTTA GO HELP DIANA!
YES, SIR, I'M REASONABLY SURE SHE WON'T TAKE THIS FIGHT ANYWHERE NEAR THE MUSEUM. NO, NOT LIKE THE LAST TIME, NO.
CASSIE, PLEASE! I'M TRYING TO TALK TO THE CHAIRMAN!
MOM'S TOO HUNG UP ON HER JOB. AND THERE'S NOTHING SHE COULD DO, ANYWAY.
BUT THERE'S MAYBE SOMETHING I CAN DO!
IT ALL DEPENDS ON WHETHER DIANA LEFT HER DOOR UNLOCKED LIKE SHE USUALLY DOES.

YES!
NOW IF SHE HASN'T MOVED THAT CASE...

PERFECT! OH, MAN, DIANA'S GODS MUST BE LOOKIN' OVER MY SHOULDER TODAY!

I WASN'T TOO GREAT WITH THE SANDALS OF HERMES WHEN DIANA LET ME TRY THEM OUT THE OTHER DAY...*
...BUT I'M SURE I KNOW WHAT I WAS DOING WRONG THEN.
*IN WONDER WOMAN #109 - PAUL

ALL RIGHT! I'M ALREADY WAY AHEAD JUST BY BEING ABLE TO STAND IN THE AIR AND NOT BOUNCE OFF THE CEILING.
BUT WHAT'S THAT ARMBAND THING? DIANA DIDN'T TELL ME ANYTHING ABOUT THAT.


WELL, I'LL TAKE IT ANYWAY. IF IT'S GOT GOODIES HALF AS GOOD AS THE SANDALS, IT'S BOUND TO COME IN HANDY.
BUT... I CAN'T JUST GO FLYING TO DIANA'S RESCUE LIKE THIS. EVEN THOUGH I'M IN THE RIGHT, MOM WOULD HAVE KITTENS AND GROUND ME FOR LIFE.
I NEED SOME KIND OF DISGUISE...
"...AND I KNOW JUST THE THING!"
THIS WIG DIANA TOLD ME SHE WORE WHILE SOMEBODY ELSE WAS BEING WONDER WOMAN...
...AND THE GOGGLES I WEAR WHEN I'M SKATEBOARDING TO PROTECT MY EYES AND HELP HOLD THE WIG ON...
...AND I'M READY TO HELP DIANA KICK SOME SERIOUS BUTT!

NYAH NYAH! HEY, YA BIG UGLY! LET'S SEE YOU TRY AND GET A PIECE OF ME!
WHO..?
CASSANDRA?!?
DON'T CALL ME THAT, DIANA! PEOPLE MIGHT HEAR YOU!
CALL ME... WONDER GIRL!!

WAM
NO!!!
CASSIE!
OH, NO! OH, NO, NO NO!!
SHE IS ALIVE, BUT ONLY THANKS TO THE GAUNTLET OF ATLAS MULTIPLYING HER STRENGTH AND STAMINA TENFOLD. SHE...
DIANA

PAUL + ROBIN
LINGH!!
GIFTED BY THE GODS OF OLYMPUS WITH NEARLY UNEQUALED POWER...
...PRINCESS DIANA OF THEMYSCIRA IS THOUGHT BY MUCH OF THE WORLD TO BE INDESTRUCTIBLE...

AND WHILE IT IS TRUE SHE HAS MORE RESISTANCE TO INJURY THAN ANY OTHER MORTAL...
...AS THE WORLD AROUND HER FADES INTO BLOOD-RED OBLIVION...
SOLID STYLE
PETRA
...WE MAY BE SAFE IN ASSUMING DIANA'S LAST THOUGHT IS OF JUST HOW DEFENSELESS SHE IS...

...AGAINST A FORCE THAT ONCE KILLED SUPERMAN...!!!
...TO BE CONCLUDED!
SPECIAL THANKS TO ANNA MARIA COOL FOR HER HELP IN FINDING THE LOOK FOR OUR NEW WONDER GIRL.