

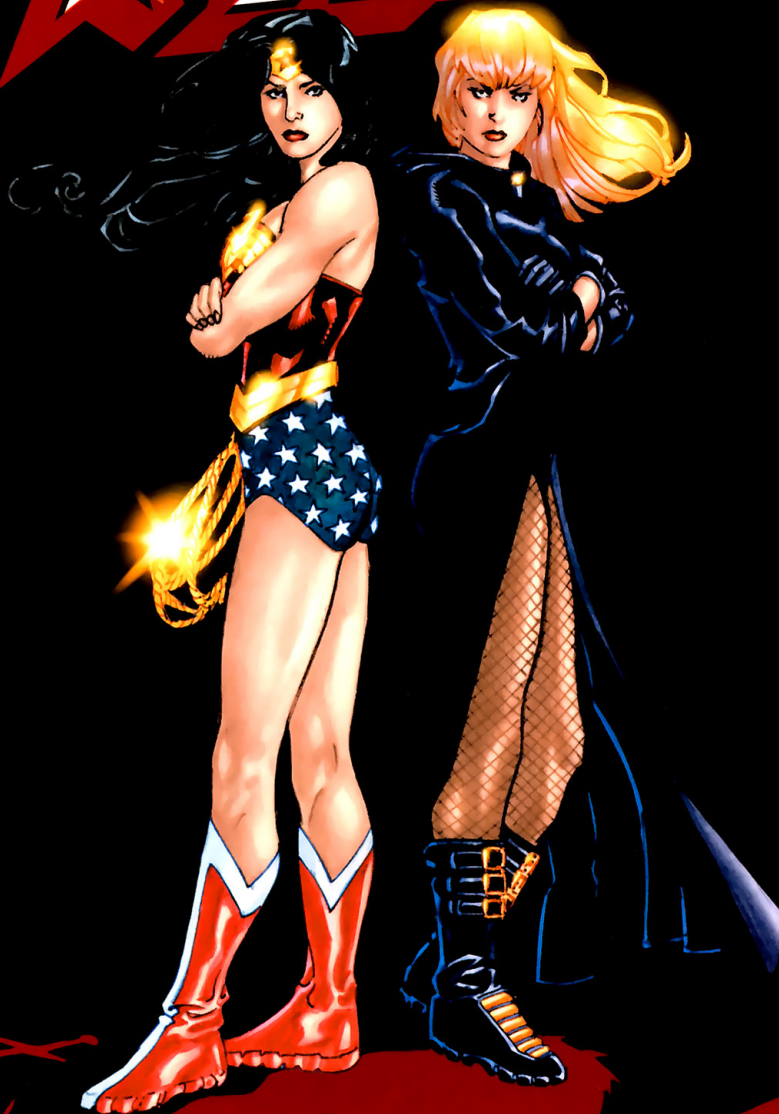


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HUH.
WELL,
THAT'S
A LITTLE
ODD.



YEAH,
THAT'S...
UM...

SHE'S NOT
AN *INEXPENSIVE*
HAPPY MAGIC FUN
SWORDGIRL,
IS SHE?

MY AGENT
SAID THERE
WOULD BE A
LINE OF TOYS.
I HAD NO
IDEA...

9 MIGHT HAVE TO
START PAYING
MORE ATTENTION TO
THE LIKENESS APPROVAL
PROCESS.



I'M AFRAID TO
SEE MINE. IF MY
MOTHER HAD SEEN
THE UNAPPROVED
VARIANT EDITION
COLLECTOR'S RESIN
KIT, SHE'D SLAP
MY FACE.

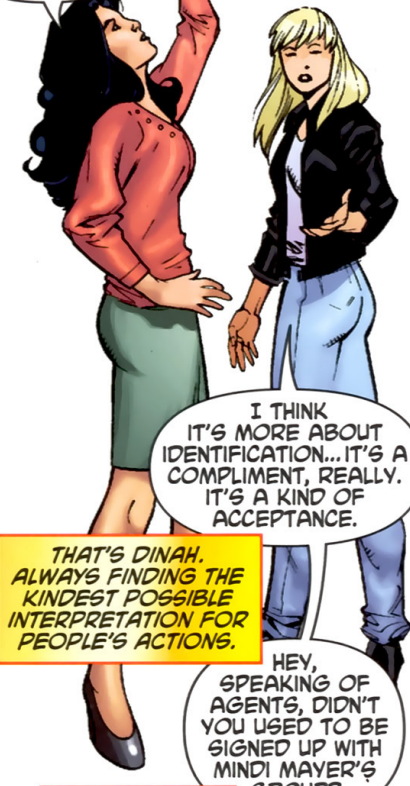
YOU
GOT AN
AGENT,
HUH?

MMM.
THE FUNDS
RAISED GO TO
THE ATHENIAN
WOMEN'S
SHELTERS.

WOW,
THEY HAVE
SO MANY
POWER
GIRLS!

NO!
I CAN'T
IMAGINE
WHY!

I ALWAYS
WONDER, IF
DIFFERENT
CULTURES
ACTUALLY
SEE US
DIFFERENTLY.



I THINK
IT'S MORE ABOUT
IDENTIFICATION...IT'S A
COMPLIMENT, REALLY.
IT'S A KIND OF
ACCEPTANCE.

THAT'S DINAH.
ALWAYS FINDING THE
KINDEST POSSIBLE
INTERPRETATION FOR
PEOPLE'S ACTIONS.

HEY,
SPEAKING OF
AGENTS, DIDN'T
YOU USED TO BE
SIGNED UP WITH
MINDI MAYER'S
GROUP?

IT'S HARD NOT



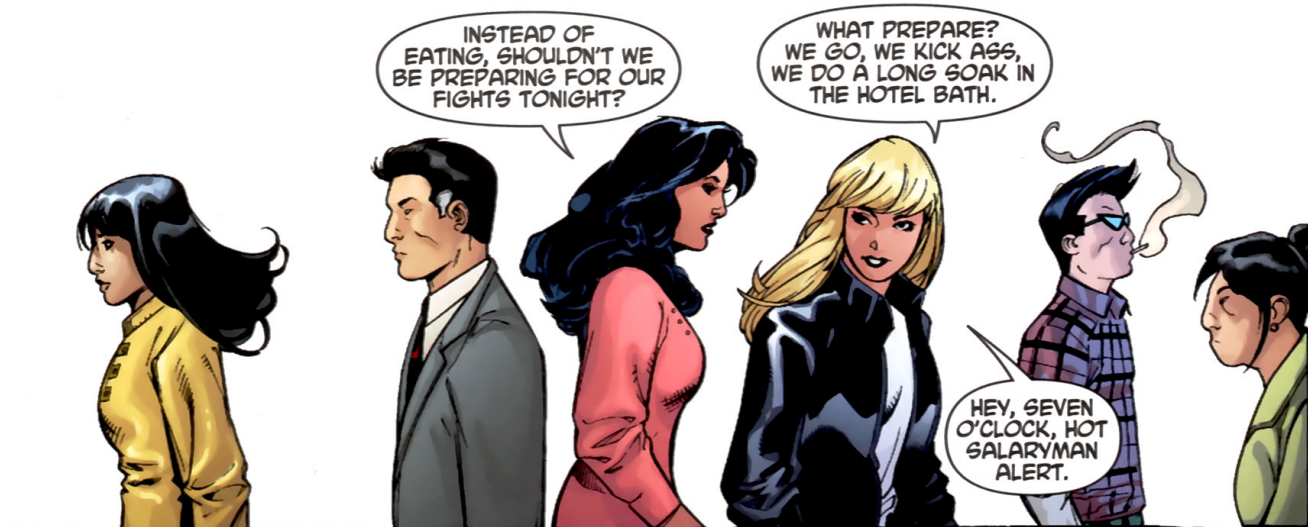
YES.

THAT WAS A
SAD
TIME.

MY FIRST
REAL BRUSH WITH
HOW HARD LIFE CAN
BE HERE, EVEN FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE
EVERYTHING,
SEEMINGLY.

WITHOUT...
WITHOUT ANY
SISTERS TO...
TO WATCH
OVER HER.





INSTEAD OF EATING, SHOULDN'T WE BE PREPARING FOR OUR FIGHTS TONIGHT?

WHAT PREPARE? WE GO, WE KICK ASS, WE DO A LONG SOAK IN THE HOTEL BATH.

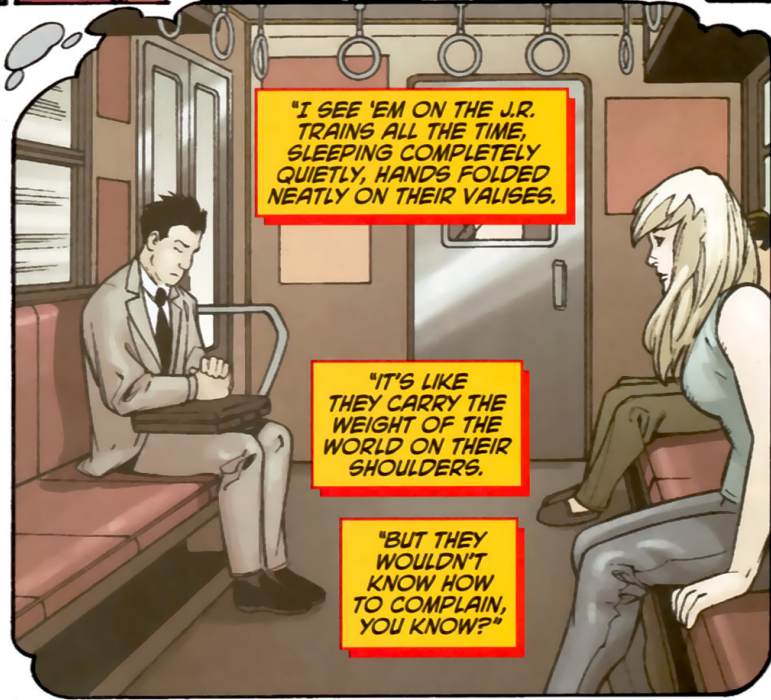
HEY, SEVEN O'CLOCK, HOT SALARYMAN ALERT.



I'M NOT SURE YOU'RE COMMITTED TO THIS MISSION.

I ALWAYS THINK THOSE GUYS HAVE SUCH DIGNITY.

IT'S NICE. IT'S APPEALING.



"I SEE 'EM ON THE J.R. TRAINS ALL THE TIME, SLEEPING COMPLETELY QUIETLY, HANDS FOLDED NEATLY ON THEIR VALISES.

"IT'S LIKE THEY CARRY THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS.

"BUT THEY WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO COMPLAIN, YOU KNOW?"

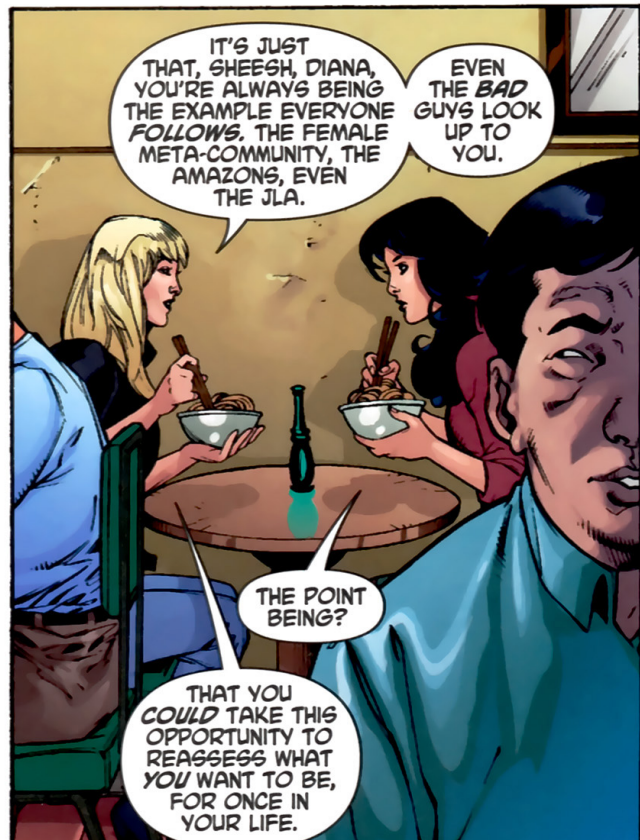


WHY DO I THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A POINT HERE?

OH, NO, ME? NEVER. NUH-UH.

OKAY, I'M TRYING TO MAKE A POINT HERE.

NOODLES WILL HELP. C'MON.



IT'S JUST THAT, SHEESH, DIANA, YOU'RE ALWAYS BEING THE EXAMPLE EVERYONE FOLLOWS. THE FEMALE META-COMMUNITY, THE AMAZONS, EVEN THE JLA.

EVEN THE BAD GUYS LOOK UP TO YOU.

THE POINT BEING?

THAT YOU COULD TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REASSESS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE, FOR ONCE IN YOUR LIFE.



I DON'T THINK I KNOW HOW TO DO THAT.



GIRL, I KNOW YOU DON'T.

THAT'S WHY I'M HERE.

THE SOCIETY STUFF, MEH, THAT'S PRIORITY B, IF I MAY SAY SO.

IT'S NICE.

TO HAVE A FRIEND LIKE DINAH, SOMEONE IN THE "SUPERHERO" COMMUNITY.



SOMEONE WHO HAS A GLIMMER OF UNDERSTANDING.

WHO WANTS NOTHING, WHO DEMANDS NOTHING.

SH-LURP

WHO IS HAPPY JUST TO HELP.

I DON'T THINK I'LL EVER GET USED TO THAT.



HEY, MY ETIQUETTE ISN'T THAT GREAT IN MY OWN COUNTRY. HERE, IT'S GOOD MANNERS!

SO, IT'S SETTLED. WE RESCUE THIS SARGE STEEL GUY, STICK DR. PSYCHO IN ENCLAVE M, AND THEN, MY FRIEND...

... THEN WE FIX YOUR WHOLE LIFE.



AND WHO CAN SAY?

MAYBE HERS IS THE WISEST COUNSEL OF ALL.

OKAY. WE FIX MY WHOLE LIFE. GOOD NOODLES, BY THE WAY.

BEST IN TOKYO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT!

MOU HITOTSU, KUDASAI!!

WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW.

THE NOODLES DID HELP. MAYBE IT IS TIME...

ROUND 2

...**T**O LET LOOSE AND DO SOMETHING THAT I ENJOY.

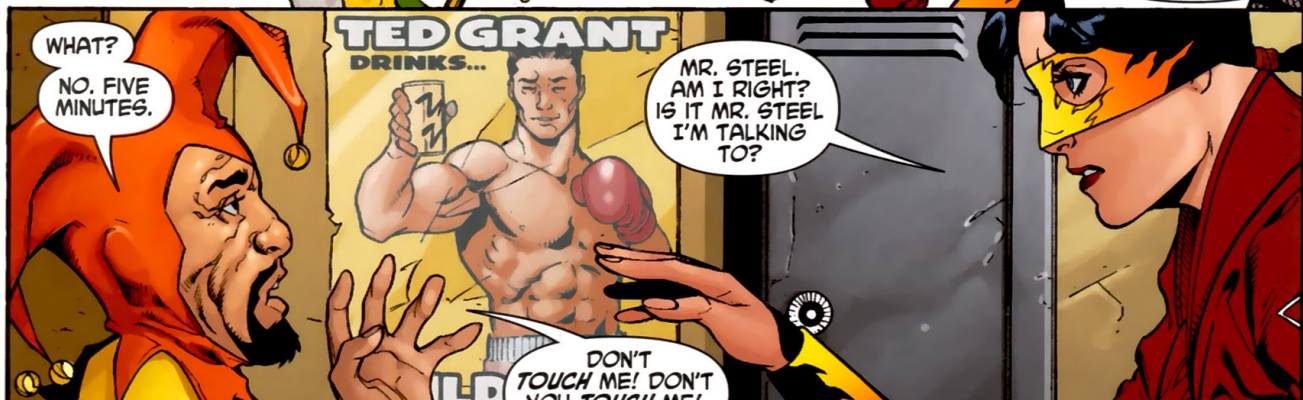
AND OF COURSE, BLACK CANARY ENJOYS HERSELF NO MATTER WHAT SHE'S DOING.

I'D WORRY ABOUT HER, IF SHE DIDN'T SEEM TO HAVE THE GIFT OF SURVIVAL.

I THINK I COULD USE A LITTLE BLACK CANARY EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE, IF I'M BEING HONEST.

SHE DOES KNOW HER WAY AROUND THE IDEA OF FUN.







THE LASSO HAS BEEN UNPREDICTABLE LATELY. SOME OF GENOCIDE'S INFLUENCE YET REMAINS.

BUT AGAINST DR. PSYCHO, WHAT CHOICE DO I HAVE?

WAIT, HANG ON, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS? DIDN'T YOU SAY...

PLEASE, CANARY.



I HAVE TO TRY.

NO, PLEASE. DON'T WANNA. NO.



DIRECTOR STEEL, YOU WERE LOST.



GUHRRR!!



STOP, DIANA, STOP IT!

YOU'RE KILLING HIM!



HATE HATE HATE HATE!



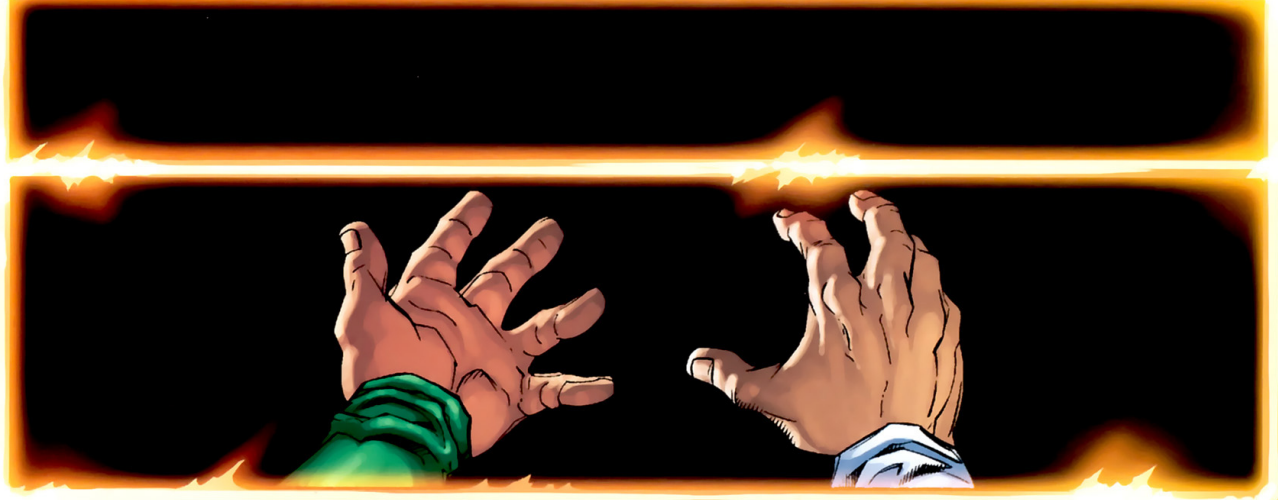
I'LL MAKE YOU STOP, DIANA.

I'M SORRY, YOU GET THE CRY.

YOU WERE LOST.



"WE HAVE FOUND YOU."



I REMEMBER.

LATER.

... OUR RETURNING, REIGNING CHAMPIONS, THE ORPHAN SISTERS! THEY'RE LOVELY, THEY'RE LUSCIOUS, THEY'RE LETHAL!

ONLY ONE FIGHTER TONIGHT?

AND YET, I AM STRANGELY NOT COMFORTED BY THAT BIT OF MATH.

IT'S GONNA WORK, DIANA. WE TAKE THIS GUY OUT, AND FIND THE REAL PSYCHO AND BAM. IT'S SAKE AT SHINJUKU. I'M BUYIN'.

SORRY IF THIS HAS BEEN A LITTLE ROUGHER THAN ANTICIPATED. NORMALLY I FIGHT WRESTLERS OR KRAY MAGA GUYS, NOT SO MUCH ROBOTS AND FISH DUDES.

IT'S AN ARENA.

I HAVE SOME SMALL EXPERIENCE WITH THEM.

AND IN THIS CORNER, WE HAVE THE ENIGMA FROM THE ISLANDS, BRINGING THE PAIN-O FROM THE VOL-CANO...

FEUD!



...AND YOU'RE SURE THIS IS WONDER WOMAN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

I DON'T NEED JUSTICE LEAGUE INTERFERENCE IN THIS OPERATION.



OH, I THINK I CAN SAY WITH SOME AUTHORITY.

I'D RECOGNIZE THOSE THIGHS ANYWHERE.

THANKS AGAIN FOR PUTTING ME UP DURING MY LITTLE BACCHANALIA, ROULETTE, DEAR.

THE TOLERANCES THIS BODY HAS!

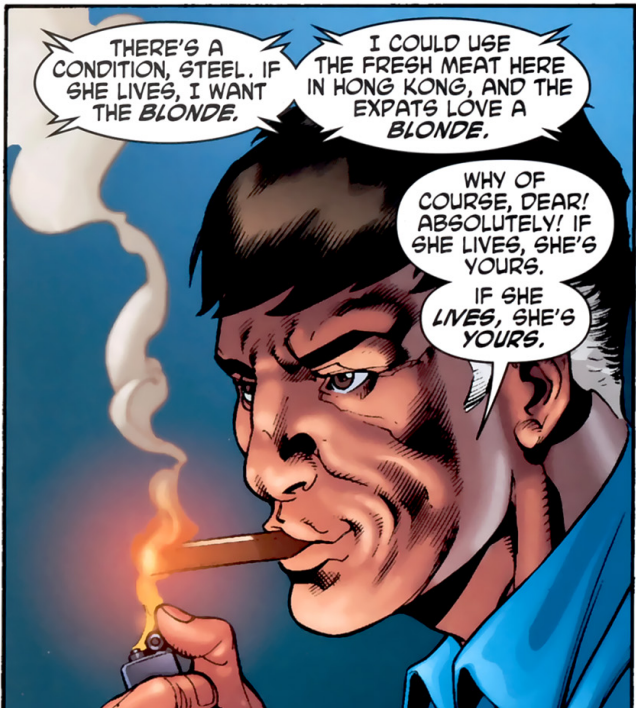


IT'S NOTHING.

DO YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH THE DISPOSAL?

NO, DEAR, BUT THANK YOU. RAN INTO A BIT OF POLYNESIAN LUCK IN THAT REGARD.

I THINK IT'S AMAZON CUTLETS FOR SUPPER TONIGHT!



THERE'S A CONDITION, STEEL. IF SHE LIVES, I WANT THE BLONDE.

I COULD USE THE FRESH MEAT HERE IN HONG KONG, AND THE EXPATS LOVE A BLONDE.

WHY OF COURSE, DEAR! ABSOLUTELY! IF SHE LIVES, SHE'S YOURS.

IF SHE LIVES, SHE'S YOURS.



LET'S ROCK, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

RESPECTFULLY, PERHAPS I SHOULD GO IN FIRST, DINAH.

I WAS JUST THINKIN' THAT. AND HEY, NO WEIRD SURPRISES THIS TIME, ALL RIGHT?

I HAVE A WEAK HEART.

PREVIOUSLY, FIGHTING IVO'S ANDROID, AN ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE CAME FROM MY BRACELETS, SOMEHOW.



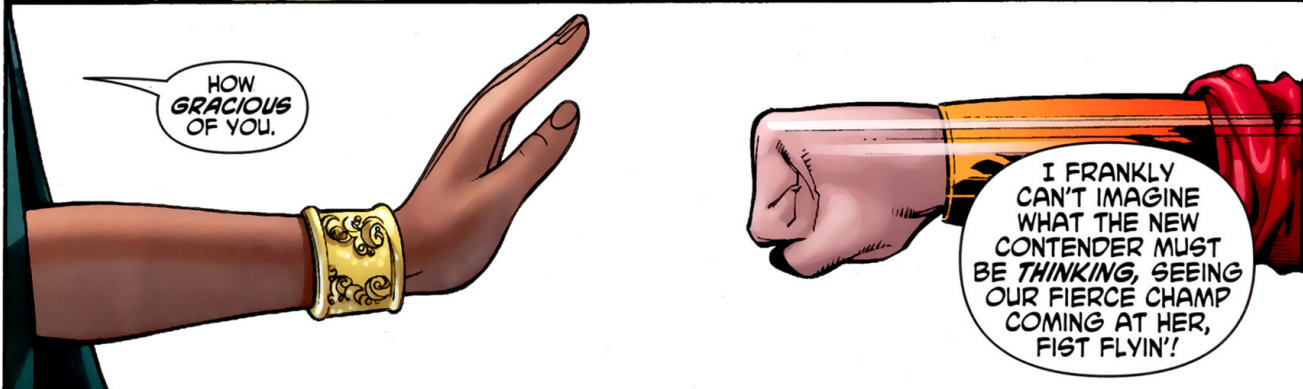
I HAD NO CONTROL OVER ITS POWER. NO IDEA OF ITS ORIGIN.

I'LL BE CAUTIOUS.

WOULDN'T WANT TO HURT HER.

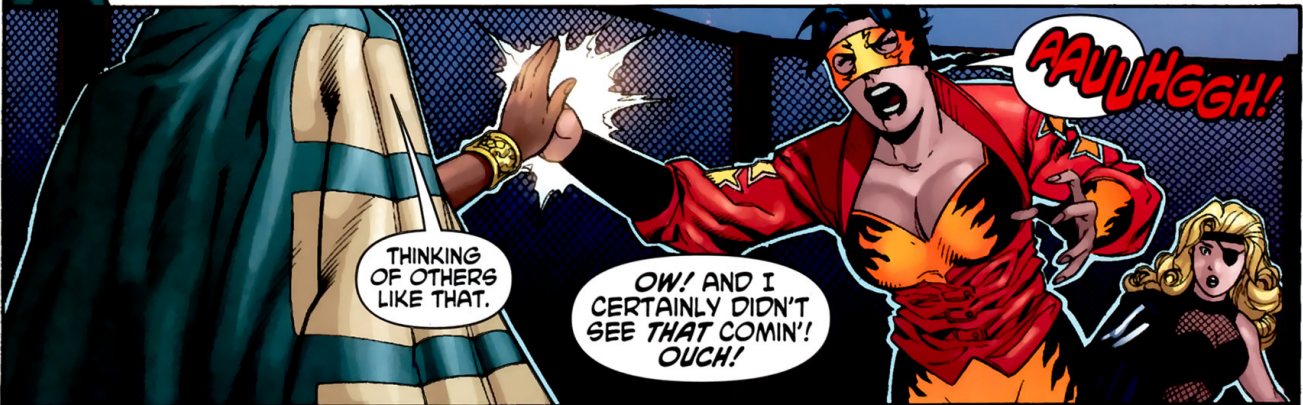
MY APOLOGIES. I'LL TRY TO MAKE THIS QUICK.

AND IT LOOKS LIKE OUR RETURNING CHAMPION IS GOING TO BE THE INITIAL AGGRESSOR IN THIS BATTLE...



HOW GRACIOUS OF YOU.

I FRANKLY CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THE NEW CONTENDER MUST BE THINKING, SEEING OUR FIERCE CHAMP COMING AT HER, FIST FLYIN'!



AAUUHGGH!

THINKING OF OTHERS LIKE THAT.

OW! AND I CERTAINLY DIDN'T SEE THAT COMIN'! OUCH!



GREAT HE... I MEAN...

THE AGONY. ARM IS USELESS NOW!

WHO IS THIS FIGHTER?

THAT'S WHAT YOU DO, YES?

PLACE OTHERS BEFORE YOU. SO I HAVE HEARD, SO THE LEGENDS ATTEST.



NO MORE GAMES.

LADIES AND GENTS, LOOKS LIKE WE MIGHT HAVE A BARN-BURNER GOIN' ON TONIGHT!

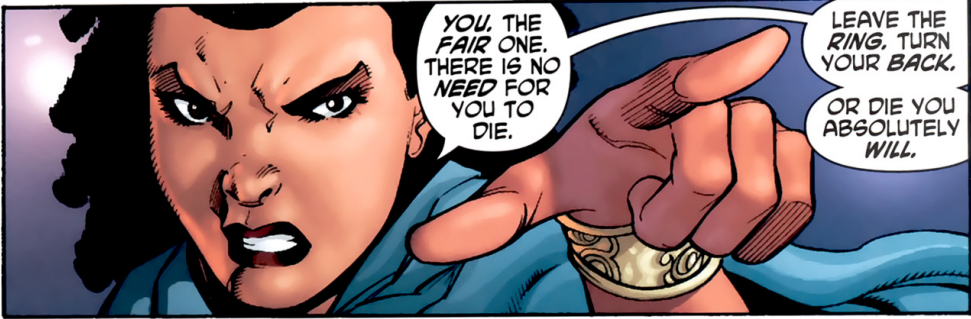


NO MORE MASKS.

UH, OH. I THINK WE MIGHT BE IN THE DEEP STUFF, DIANA.



I KNEW IT. I KNEW IT!



YOU, THE FAIR ONE. THERE IS NO NEED FOR YOU TO DIE.

LEAVE THE RING. TURN YOUR BACK. OR DIE YOU ABSOLUTELY WILL.



YEAH? WELL, LISTEN, DREADLOCKS, I HAVE A PLACE I'M THINKING OF WHERE YOU CAN SHOVE YOUR WARNINGS, AND I DON'T THINK YOU'LL MUCH ENJOY IT!

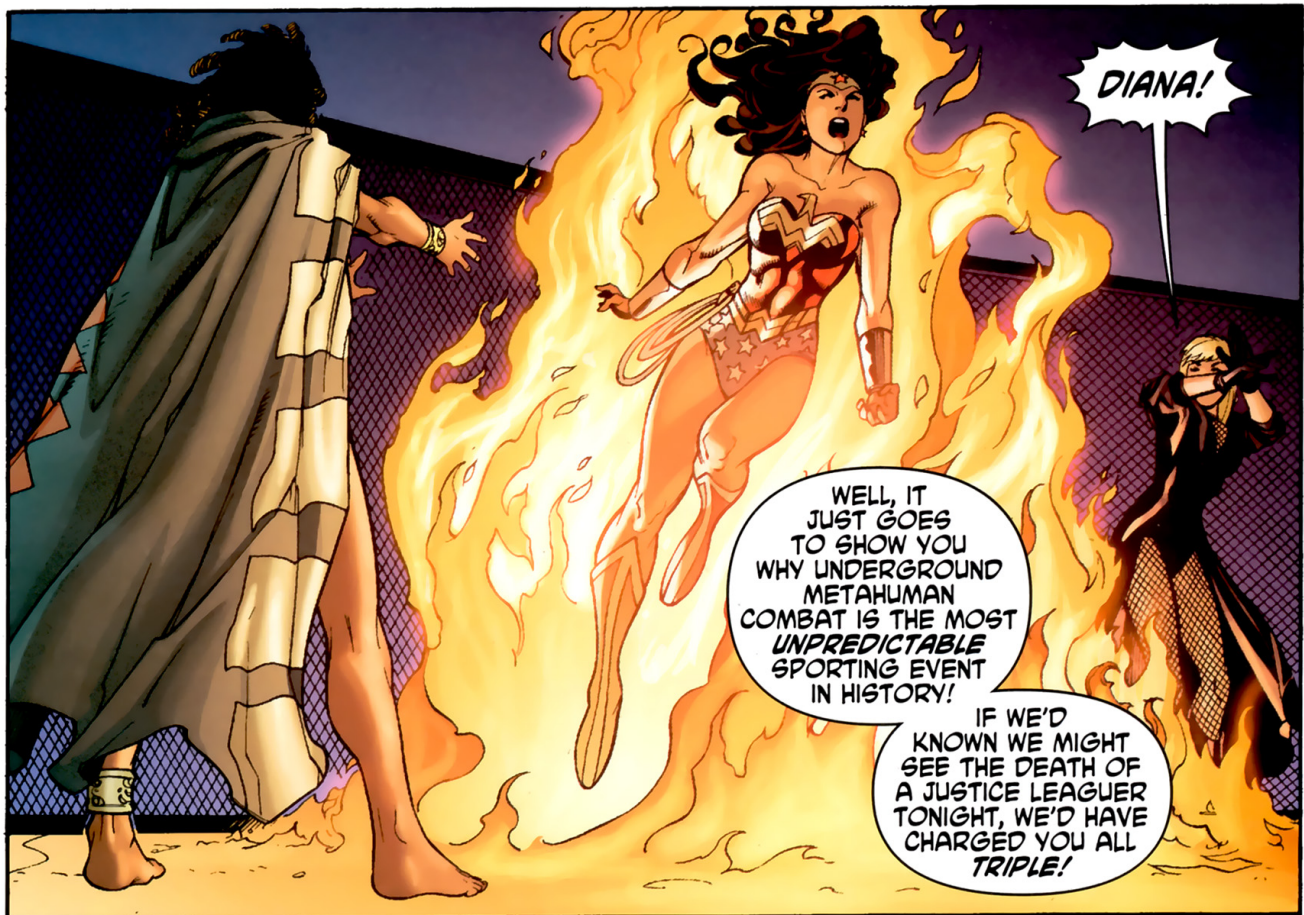
DINAH. SHE'S RIGHT.

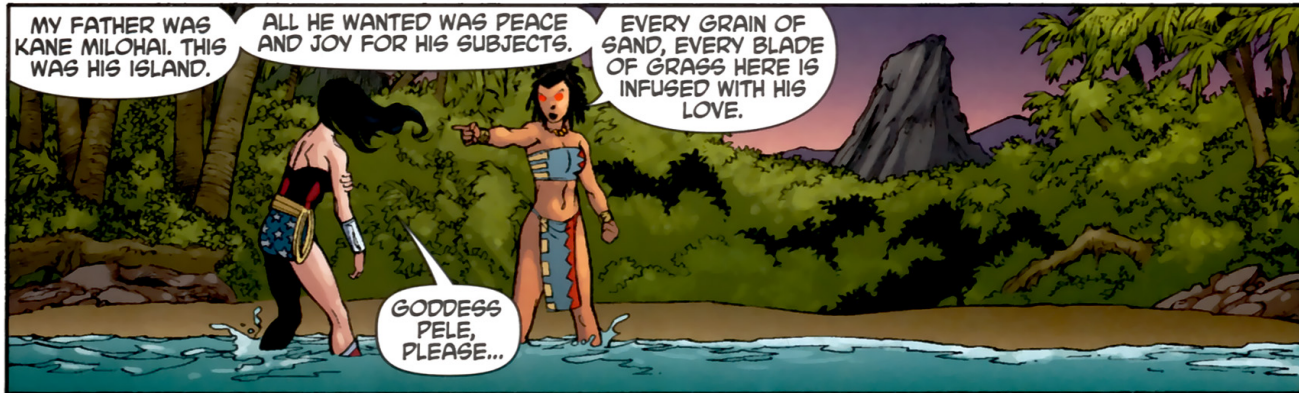
PLEASE. FOR ME.



SISTER, I THINK I KNOW WHAT THIS IS ABOUT.

I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.



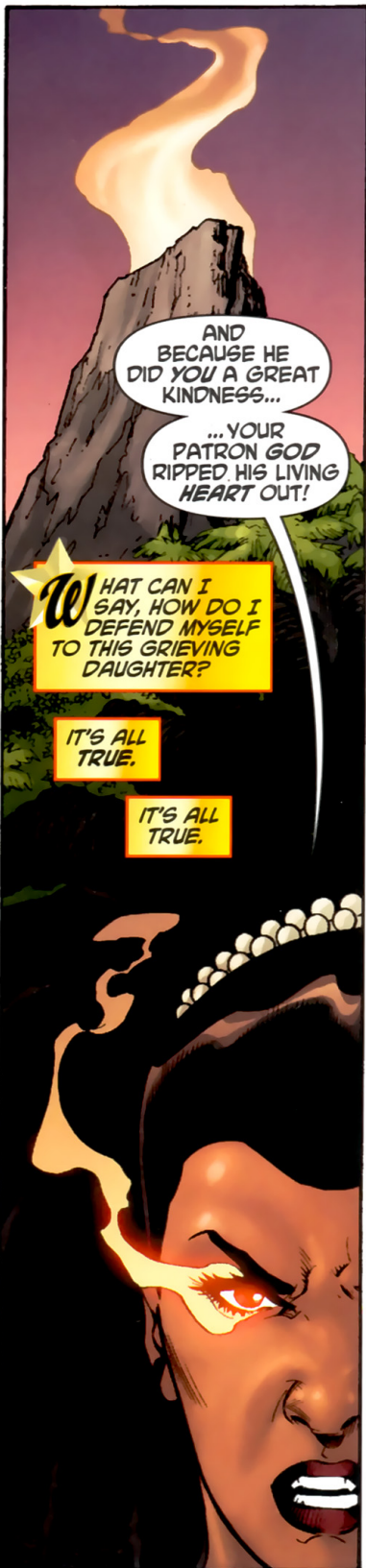


MY FATHER WAS KANE MILOHAI. THIS WAS HIS ISLAND.

ALL HE WANTED WAS PEACE AND JOY FOR HIS SUBJECTS.

EVERY GRAIN OF SAND, EVERY BLADE OF GRASS HERE IS INFUSED WITH HIS LOVE.

GODDESS PELE, PLEASE...



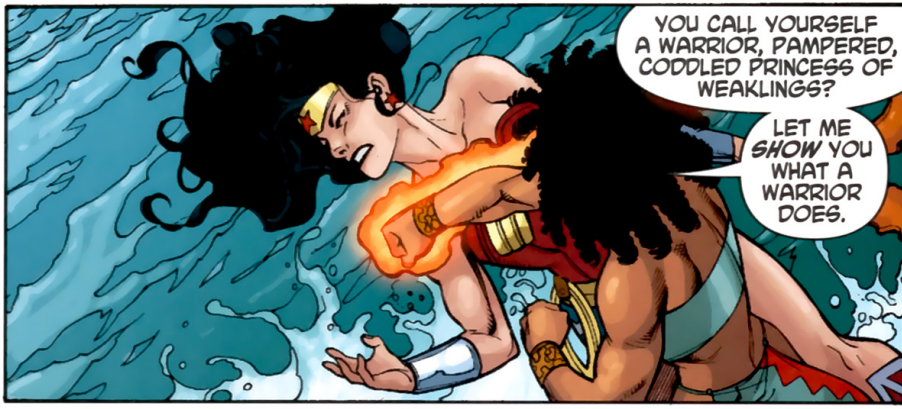
AND BECAUSE HE DID YOU A GREAT KINDNESS...

...YOUR PATRON GOD RIPPED HIS LIVING HEART OUT!

WHAT CAN I SAY, HOW DO I DEFEND MYSELF TO THIS GRIEVING DAUGHTER?

IT'S ALL TRUE.

IT'S ALL TRUE.

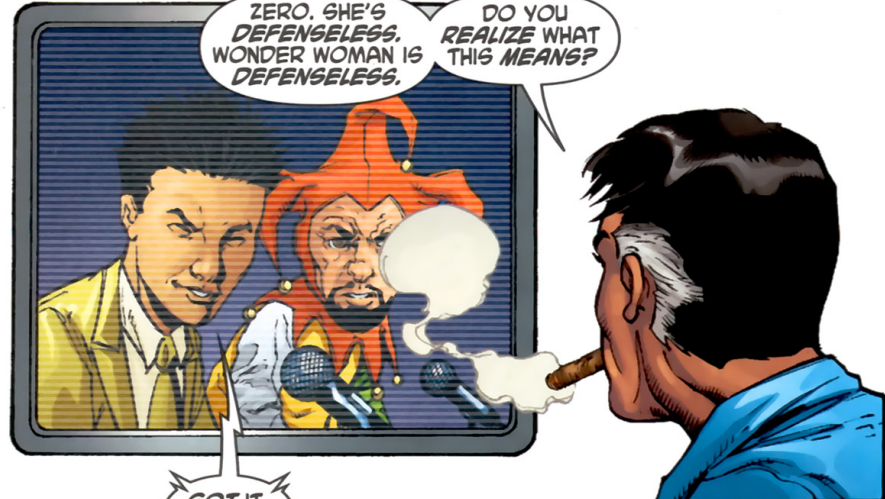


YOU CALL YOURSELF A WARRIOR, PAMPERED, CODDLED PRINCESS OF WEAKLINGS?

LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT A WARRIOR DOES.



LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT WAR CAN DO!



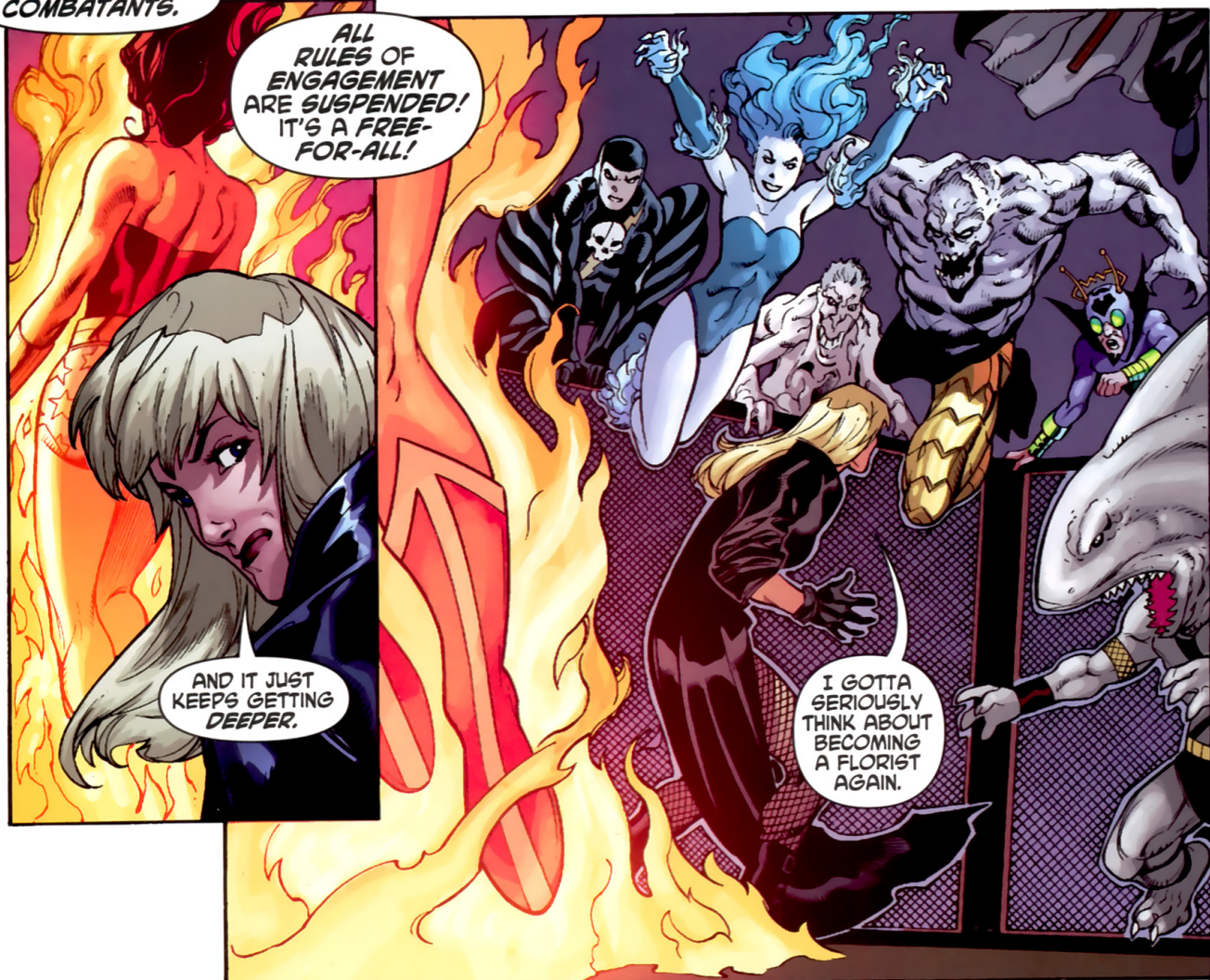
ZERO. SHE'S DEFENSELESS. WONDER WOMAN IS DEFENSELESS.

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS?

GOT IT, BOSS.

MESSAGE TO ALL COMBATANTS.

ALL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE SUSPENDED! IT'S A FREE-FOR-ALL!



AND IT JUST KEEPS GETTING DEEPER.

I GOTTA SERIOUSLY THINK ABOUT BECOMING A FLORIST AGAIN.



ALL RIGHT, LOSERS. TAKE YOUR SHOT.

THE WATER YOU CRINGE IN. IT HELD A BILLION POTENTIAL WORLDS IN EVERY DROP.

WITHOUT MY FATHER, THEY'VE ALL GONE BLACK.

HE HITS... HARDER THAN KAL.

EVERY TOUCH IS LIKE A FULL SWING FROM THOR'S HAMMER.



YOU KILLED ALL GOODNESS IN MY WORLD!

UNNGGH!



YOU NEVER THOUGHT ONCE ABOUT MY FATHER!

AND YOU MOURN, YOU SHOW YOUR GRIEF, BY FIGHTING IN COSTUMES FOR PENNIES AND APPLAUSE!

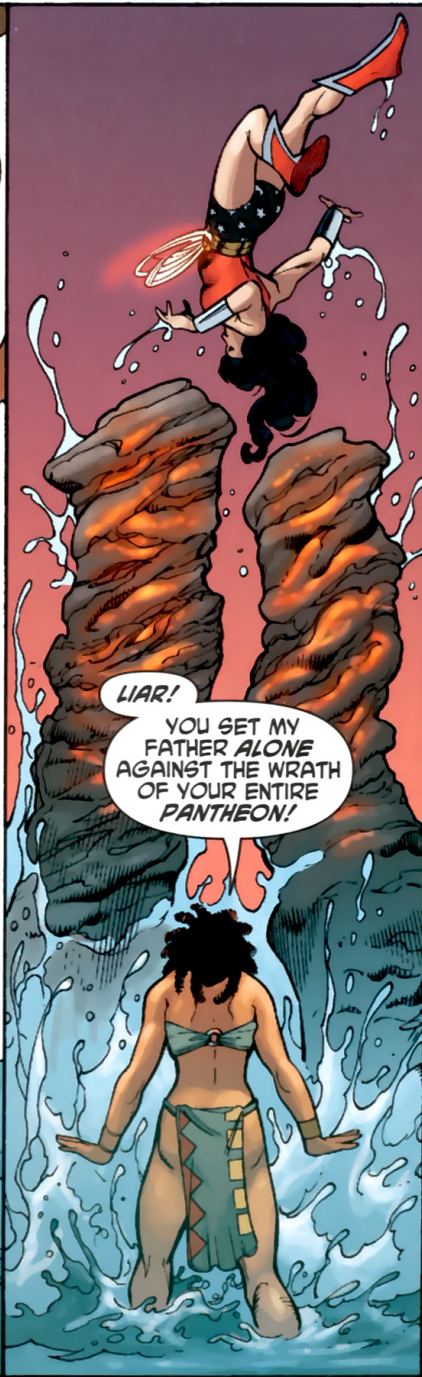
YOU SHAME EVERYTHING THAT HE WAS!

I HAVE FOUGHT EVERY KIND OF CREATURE, CONSTRUCT AND ALIEN IMAGINABLE.

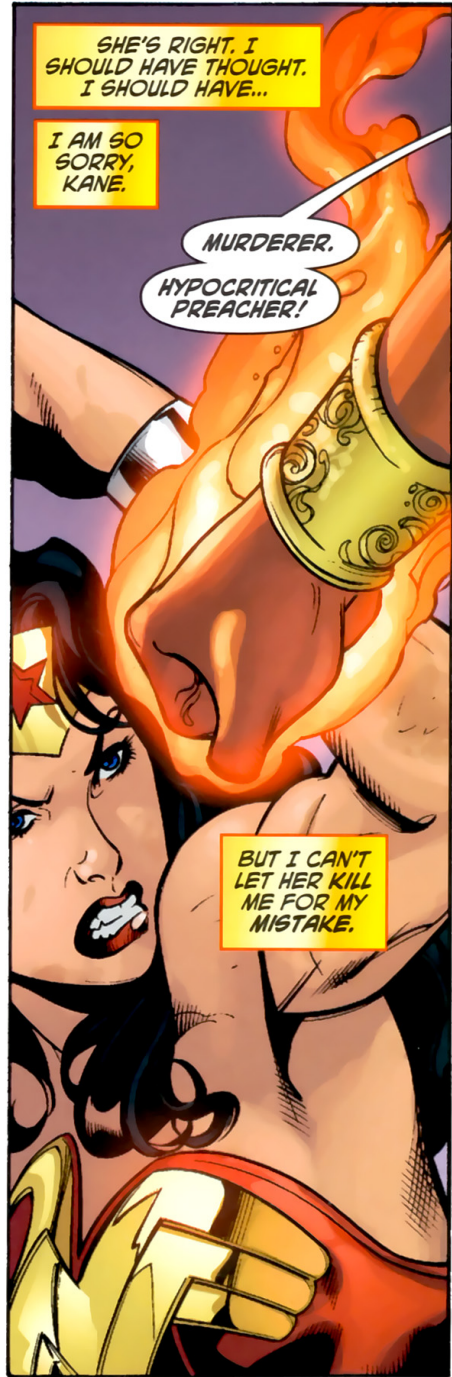


BUT OF THEM ALL, A DAUGHTER'S TEARS MIGHT BE THE MOST IMPOSSIBLE, THE MOST HORRIFYING.

PELE. GODDESS. I DIDN'T KNOW. I HAVE RENOUNCED ZEUS FOREVER FOR HIS CRIME.



LIAR! YOU GET MY FATHER ALONE AGAINST THE WRATH OF YOUR ENTIRE PANTHEON!



SHE'S RIGHT. I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT. I SHOULD HAVE...

I AM SO SORRY, KANE.

MURDERER. HYPOCRITICAL PREACHER!

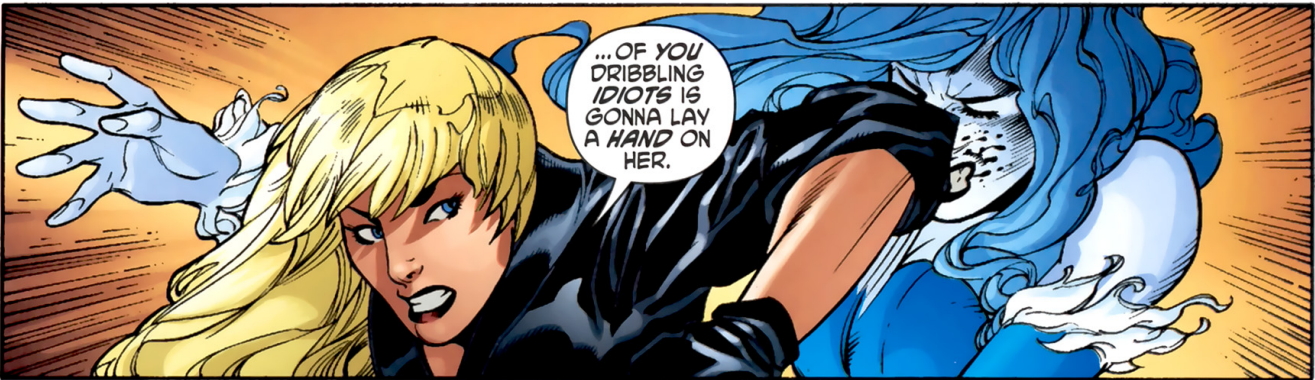
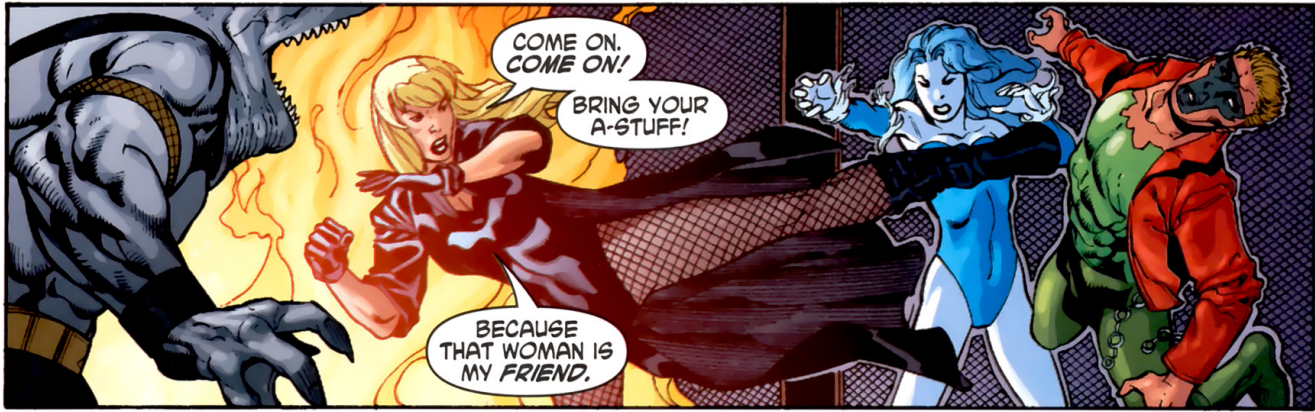
BUT I CAN'T LET HER KILL ME FOR MY MISTAKE.



AND THAT MEANS I FIGHT THE GOD OF VIOLENCE HERSELF.

STAND DOWN, MISTRESS.

I WILL FIGHT BACK.





OPINIONS?
I HAVE
PLENTY,
MISTER
ZERO.

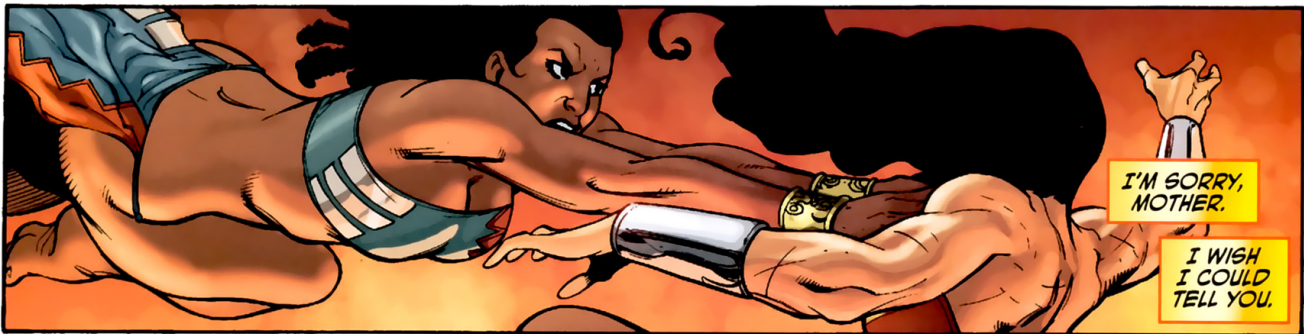


THE
LEAST YOU
CAN DO IS
DIE.
IF YOU
HAD ANY
FEELINGS FOR
MY FATHER, AS
YOU CLAIM!

NNNNN!

T
OO
STRONG.

SHE'S
TOO STRONG
BY MILES.



I'M SORRY,
MOTHER.

I WISH
I COULD
TELL YOU.

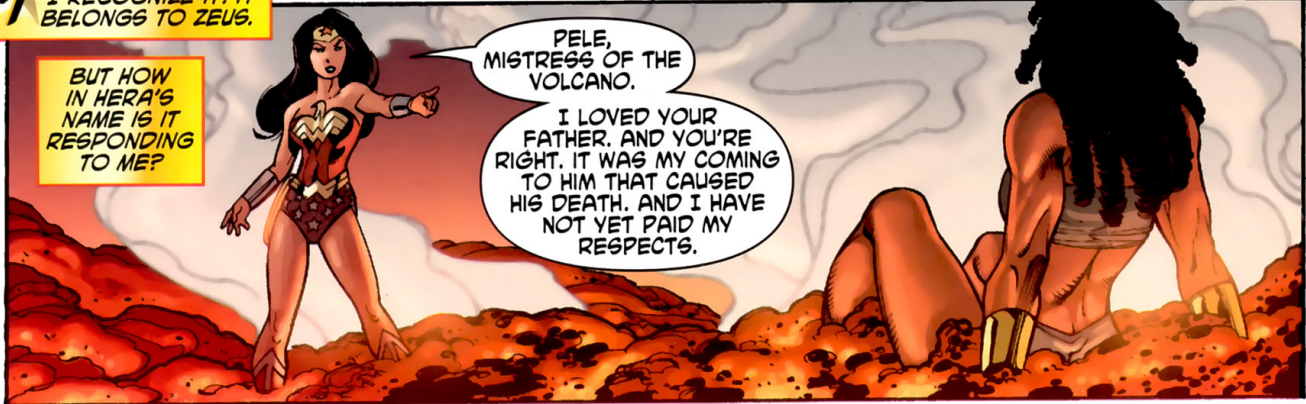


BURN.
MY GRIEF
MAKES THE
WORLD DARK,
BUT YOUR DEATH
WILL BRING
THE LIGHT
AGAIN.



GAAAUUK!

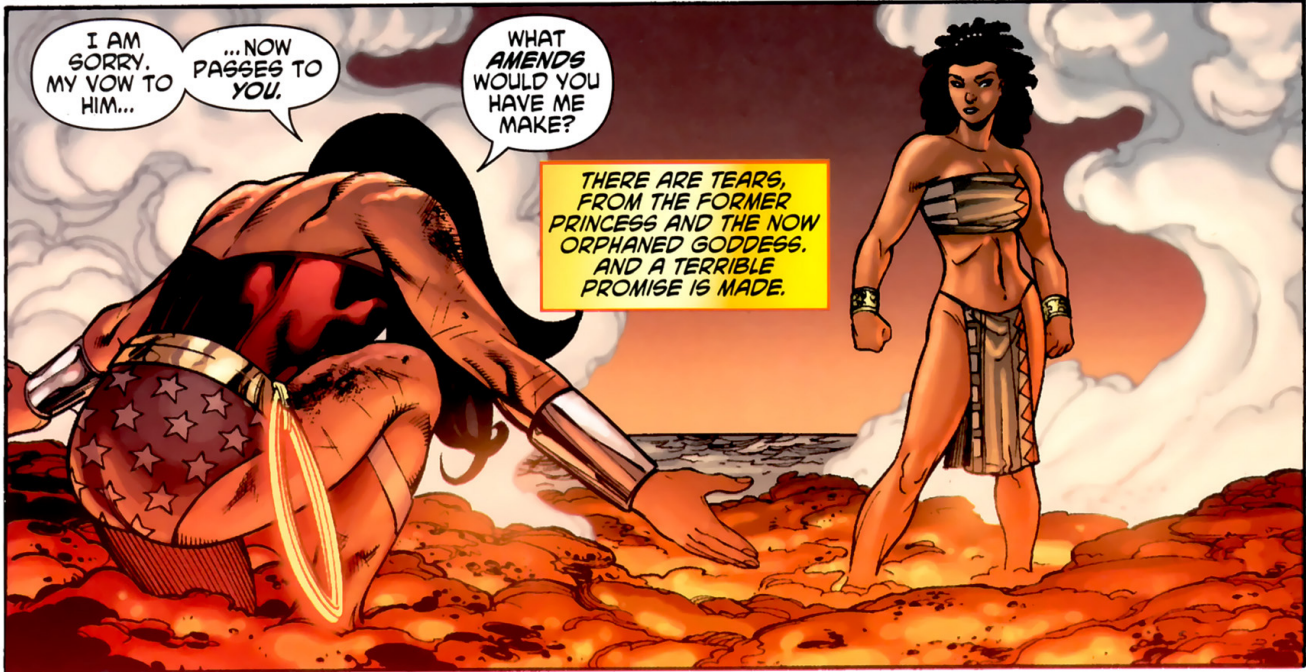
THE LIGHTNING,
I RECOGNIZE IT. IT
BELONGS TO ZEUS.



BUT HOW
IN HERA'S
NAME IS IT
RESPONDING
TO ME?

PELE,
MISTRESS OF THE
VOLCANO.

I LOVED YOUR
FATHER. AND YOU'RE
RIGHT. IT WAS MY COMING
TO HIM THAT CAUSED
HIS DEATH. AND I HAVE
NOT YET PAID MY
RESPECTS.



I AM
SORRY,
MY VOW TO
HIM...

...NOW
PASSES TO
YOU.

WHAT
AMENDS
WOULD YOU
HAVE ME
MAKE?

THERE ARE TEARS,
FROM THE FORMER
PRINCESS AND THE NOW
ORPHANED GODDESS.
AND A TERRIBLE
PROMISE IS MADE.



AND THEN I AM
RETURNED.

BAD
MOON RISING,
TIME TO
GET OUTTA
DODGE.



YOU'RE
NOT GOING
ANYWHERE,
PSYCHO.



THE FOUR OF
US ARE GONNA
HAVE A LOOOONG
TALK ABOUT IDENTITY
THEFT, YOU SICK
LITTLE CREEP.

UNLESS
OF COURSE,
YOU'D LIKE TO
FIND OUT WHAT
THIS SCEPTER
TASTES
LIKE?

FIGHTING A
GOD. FIGHTING
A MADMAN.

THESE ARE
THINGS I KNOW
I AM CAPABLE

BUT WHAT I HAVE TO DO TONIGHT WILL REQUIRE A DIFFERENT KIND OF COURAGE ENTIRELY.

AND FRIENDSHIPS WITH BLONDE MARTIAL ARTISTS NOTWITHSTANDING, I HAVE TO RIDE THIS PART OF THE WHIRLWIND ALONE.

TOM, HAVE YOU BEEN WAITING LONG?

NO, PRINCESS.

WELL, KINDA.

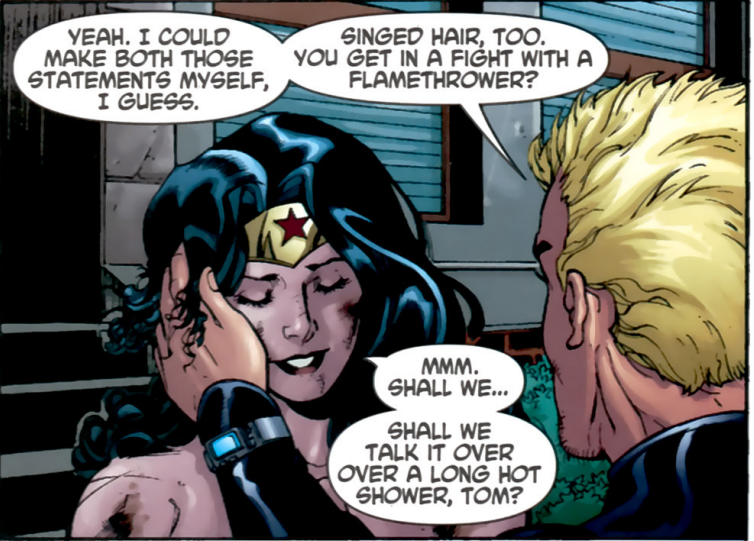


I'LL BE HONEST, DIANA. YOU'VE LOOKED BETTER.

YOU OKAY?

I'M TENDER ALL OVER, ACTUALLY.

I NEED SOME TIME TO HEAL.



YEAH. I COULD MAKE BOTH THOSE STATEMENTS MYSELF, I GUESS.

SINGED HAIR, TOO. YOU GET IN A FIGHT WITH A FLAMETHROWER?

MMM. SHALL WE...

SHALL WE TALK IT OVER OVER A LONG HOT SHOWER, TOM?



THE OFFER OF THE CENTURY.

THE GODDESS AND THE SHMOE. AND DOES THE SHMOE EVER SHOW A LICK OF SENSE AND TAKE THE OFFER?

HE DOES NOT.

TOM, LISTEN, I NEED TO EXPLAIN. I NEED TO APOLOGIZE.



ME FIRST, PRINCESS.

I NEED YOU TO TAKE THIS BACK, PLEASE.

I'M SORRY.



WHATEVER THIS WAS BETWEEN US...WHATEVER IT WAS GOING TO BE...

WHATEVER IT COULD HAVE BEEN...


IT'S OVER.

"On Vacation!
Be Back Soon!"



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