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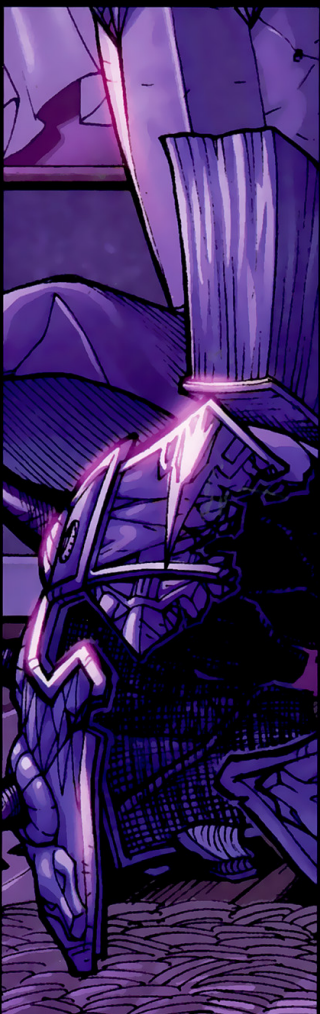
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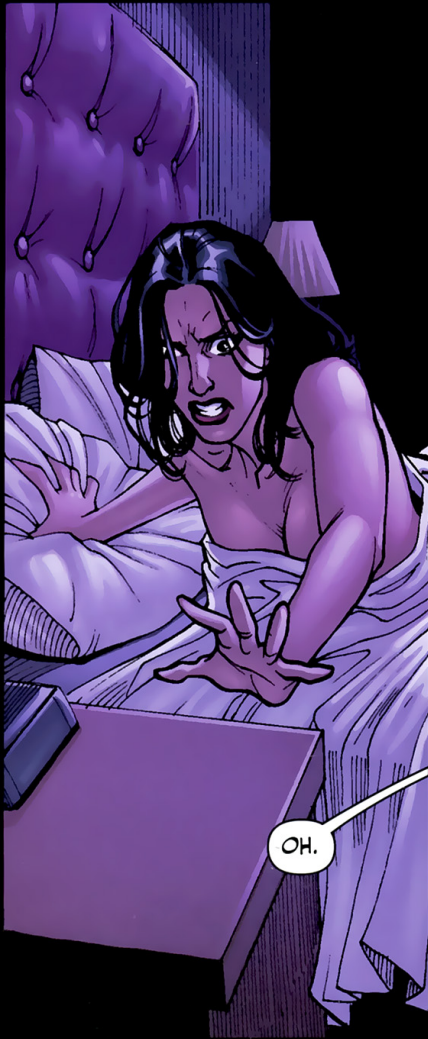




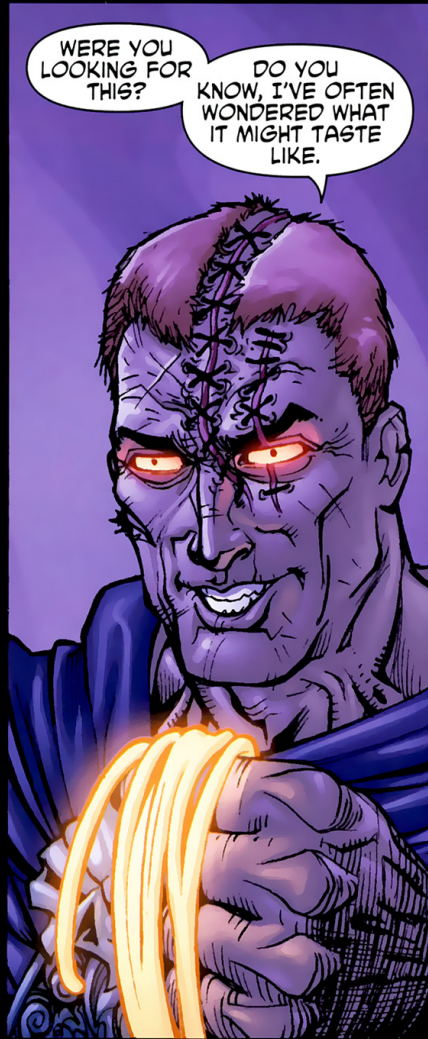
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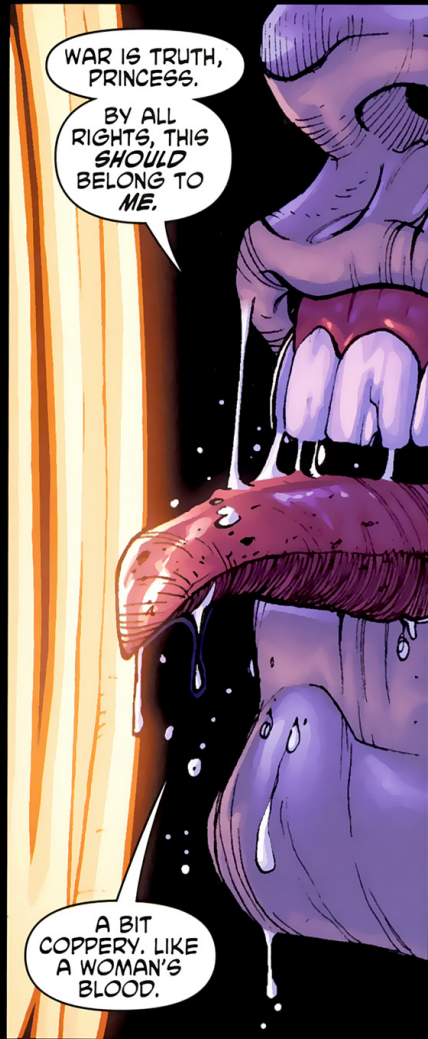


OH.



WERE YOU LOOKING FOR THIS?

DO YOU KNOW, I'VE OFTEN WONDERED WHAT IT MIGHT TASTE LIKE.



WAR IS TRUTH, PRINCESS.

BY ALL RIGHTS, THIS *SHOULD* BELONG TO *ME*.

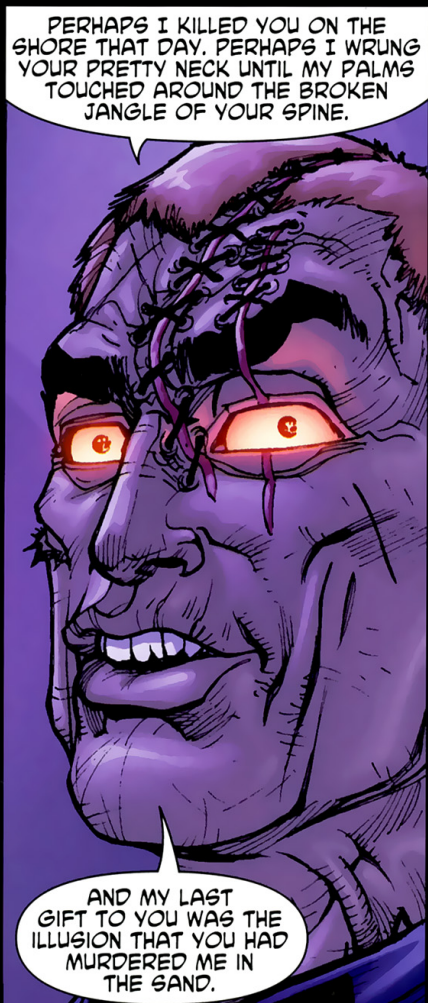
A BIT COPPERY. LIKE A WOMAN'S BLOOD.



I AM DREAMING.

OR I AM.

HAVE YOU GIVEN THAT POSSIBILITY ANY SERIOUS THOUGHT?



PERHAPS I KILLED YOU ON THE SHORE THAT DAY. PERHAPS I WRUNG YOUR PRETTY NECK UNTIL MY PALMS TOUCHED AROUND THE BROKEN JANGLE OF YOUR SPINE.

AND MY LAST GIFT TO YOU WAS THE ILLUSION THAT YOU HAD MURDERED ME IN THE SAND.



NO.

I AM MOST DEFINITELY FALLEN.



I WANT YOU TO CONSIDER, DIANA. I WILL STILL WIN.

YOU WILL DIE IN COMBAT.

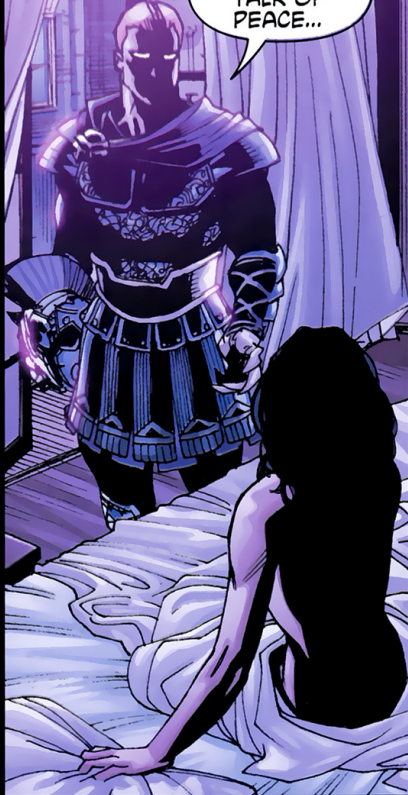
AS WILL MOST OF YOUR "SISTERS." AND YOUR "FRIENDS." EVEN YOUR BRAVE AND FOOLISH GORILLAS, SLEEPING DOWNSTAIRS.



ALL YOUR STRUGGLES. EVERYONE WHO LOVES AND FOLLOWS YOU.

THEY WILL ALL DIE BY MY HAND.

BECAUSE, FOR ALL YOUR TALK OF PEACE...



...IT IS THE GOD OF WAR THAT YOU LOVE AND SERVE BEST.

AND I AM NOT YET DONE WITH YOU, PRINCESS.



ONE OF MY BEST AGENTS UNKNOWINGLY IS BETRAYING YOU AS WE SPEAK.

ACHILLES?

NO. NOT ACHILLES.



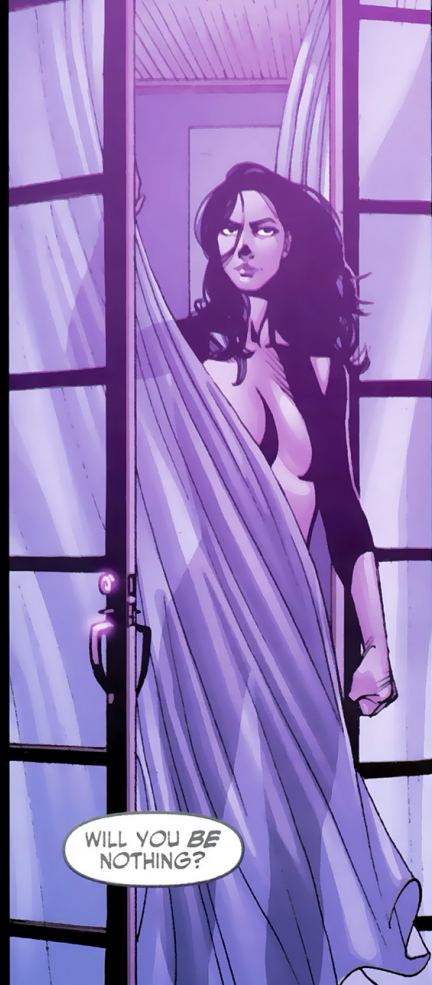
I LEAVE YOU THAT GIFT AS A REMINDER WHOSE PROGENY YOU REALLY ARE.

THEMYSKIRA FALLS, DIANA. AND YOUR MOTHER AND SISTERS, AS WELL.



HIDING HERE WILL NOT SAVE YOUR MOTHER.

WILL YOU DO NOTHING?



WILL YOU BE NOTHING?



IT'S GETTING WORSE.

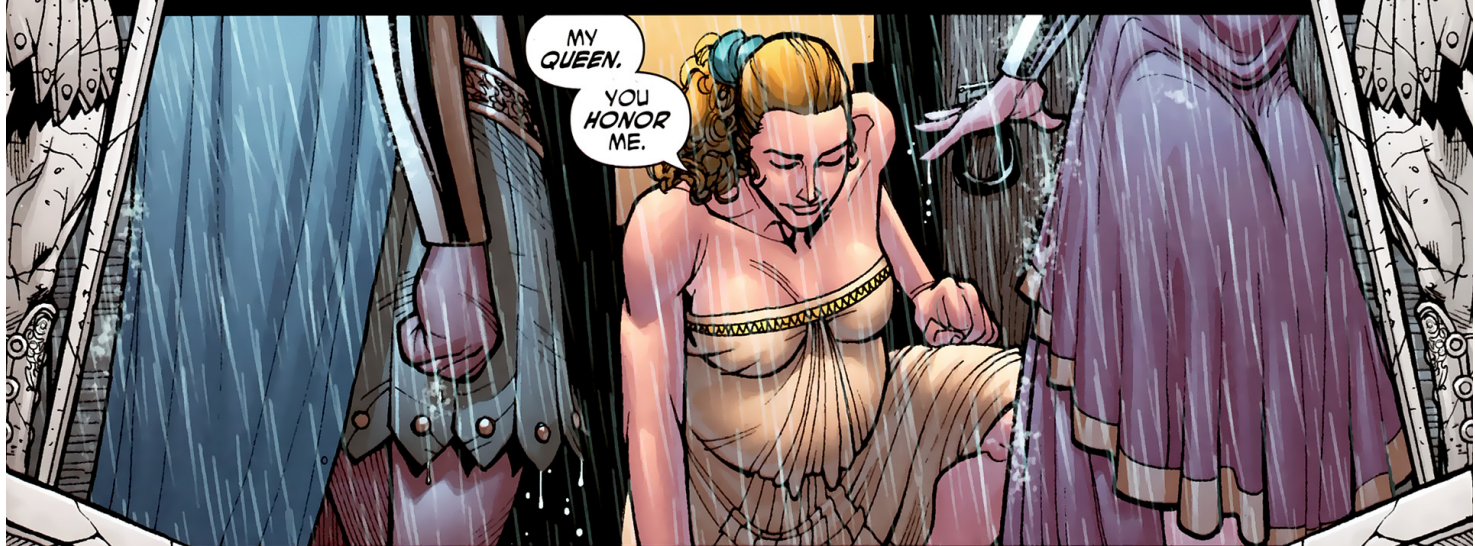


UNSEASONAL STORMS. SINCE THAT PRANCING IDIOT WAS MADE KING--

WE CAN'T BLAME THE WEATHER ON ACHILLES, PHILLIPUS.

I CAN AND WILL, MY QUEEN.

ALKISTIS WAITS INSIDE.



MY QUEEN.

YOU HONOR ME.



PLEASE. STAND. BETTER, SIT.

YOU NEEDN'T BOW TO ME, AND THE...

YES. MY BABY.

I CONFESS I LOVE TO SAY IT.



MAY I...?

I CAN... I THINK I

MY SON IS STRONG.

HE RECOGNIZES



YOUR SON?

HE IS A BOY CHILD.

I KNOW IT.



AND YOU SAY YOU HAVE HAD NO RELATIONS WITH A MAN, NO SEXUAL CONGRESS AT ALL?

NONE, MY QUEEN! I HAVE NEVER... I WOULD NEVER...!

THEN, I'M SORRY, I'M TRYING TO BE DELICATE, BUT... HOW...?



HE IS A GIFT FROM THE GODS.

LIKE OUR DIANA BEFORE HIM.



ZEUS SHOWS HIS DISFAVOR.

HE'S BEEN DOING THAT A LOT LATELY.

AND THE OTHER FOUR MOTHERS-TO-BE, ARE THEIR PREGNANCIES SO ADVANCED?

YES. THE OTHER AMAZONS HAVE SHUNNED THEM. THEY FIND THEM UNSETTLING.



MY QU... HIPPOLYTA!



SHE'S BACK. SHE HAS RETURNED!

OUR WAY WILL BE RESTORED!

PERSEPHONE, SISTER... WHO HAS RETURNED?





THE  
IMPRISONED  
ONES. THEY,  
HIPPOLYTA.



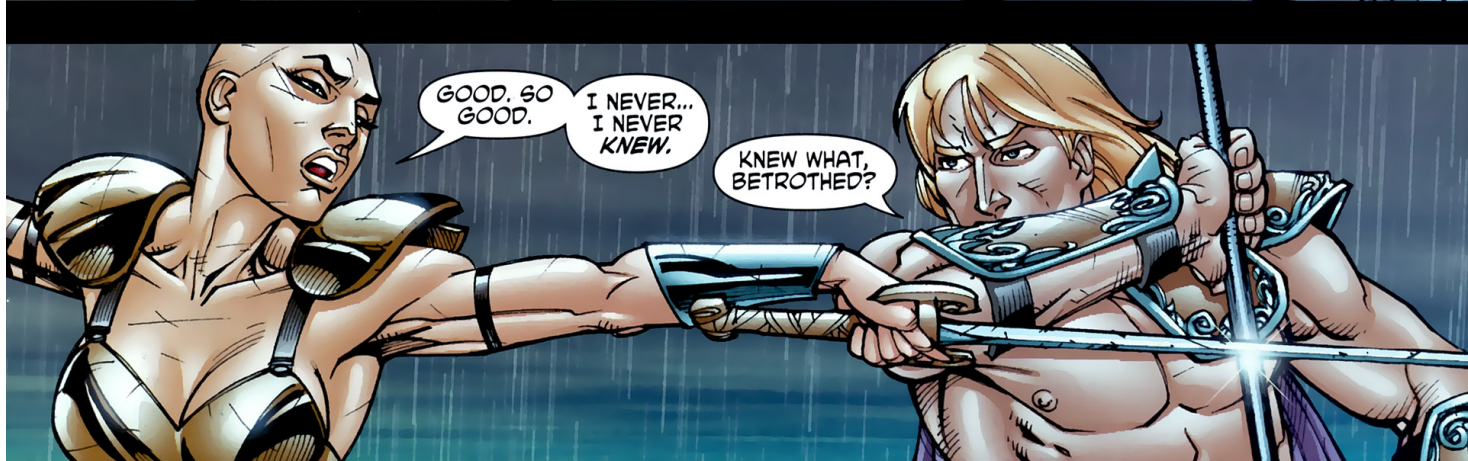
THE  
MISSING  
AMAZONS  
RETURN!

MY  
GREETINGS,  
HIPPOLYTA.

I, ARTEMIS OF  
THE BANA-MIGHDALL,  
ONCE MORE BRING OUR  
DEAD HOME.



GODS.



GOOD. SO GOOD.

I NEVER... I NEVER KNEW.

KNEW WHAT, BETROTHED?



MMMMM.

THAT IT COULD BE LIKE THIS.



IT'S... I DON'T KNOW WHY I WAITED.

AH.

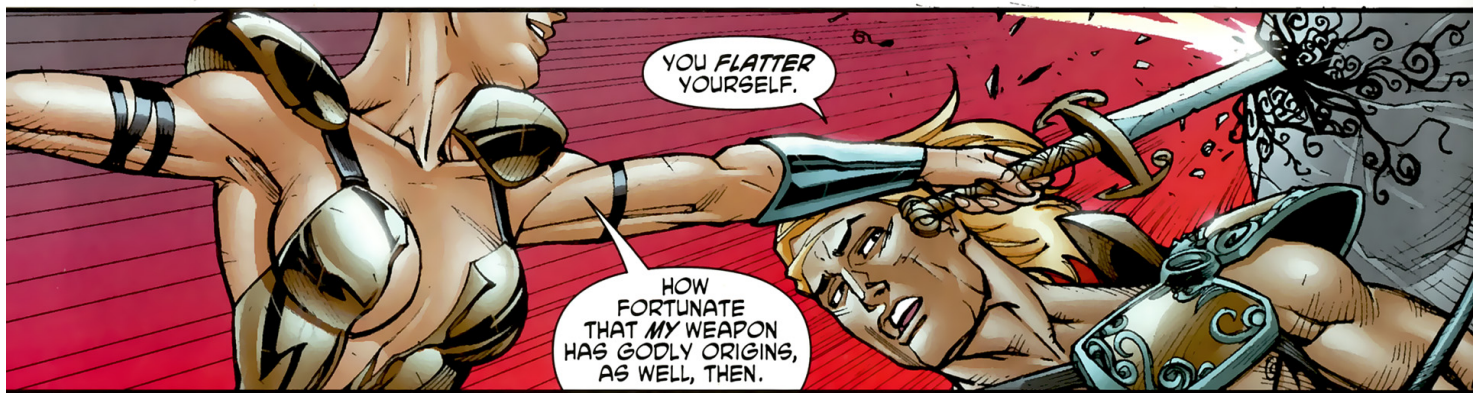
I CONFESS I DO NOT YET UNDERSTAND AMAZON LOVE PLAY.

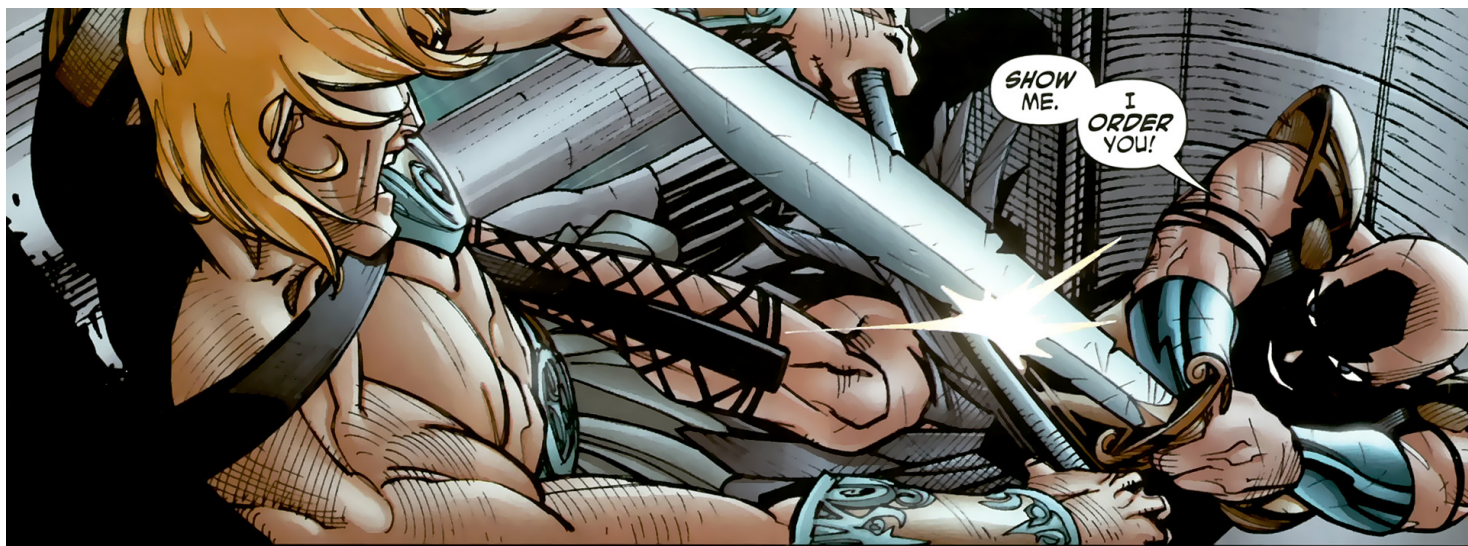


WHEN YOU SPEAK OF LOVE IT MAKES ME NAUSEOUS.

DON'T SPOIL THE MOOD, DEFEATED ONE.

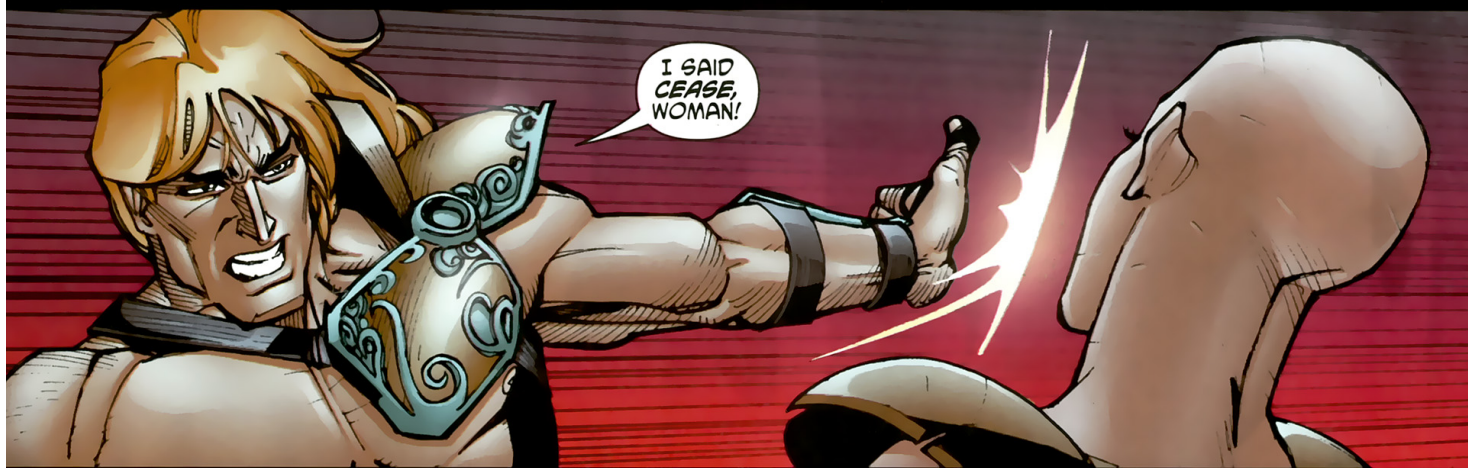
YOU TOY WITH ME. IT WON'T WORK.





SHOW ME.

I ORDER YOU!



I SAID CEASE, WOMAN!



WELL. THERE'S LIFE IN THE LITTLE GOLDEN-HAIRED FELLOW YET.

DID YOU DO AS I TOLD YOU?



I TOLD THE PRINCESS... DIANA. I TOLD HER THAT HIPPOLYTA WOULD SUFFER IF SHE INTERFERED WITH OUR DUTIES AGAIN.

AND SHE--

--RETRACTED, AS YOU SAID. BUT I DON'T BELIEVE IT WILL HOLD HER LONG.

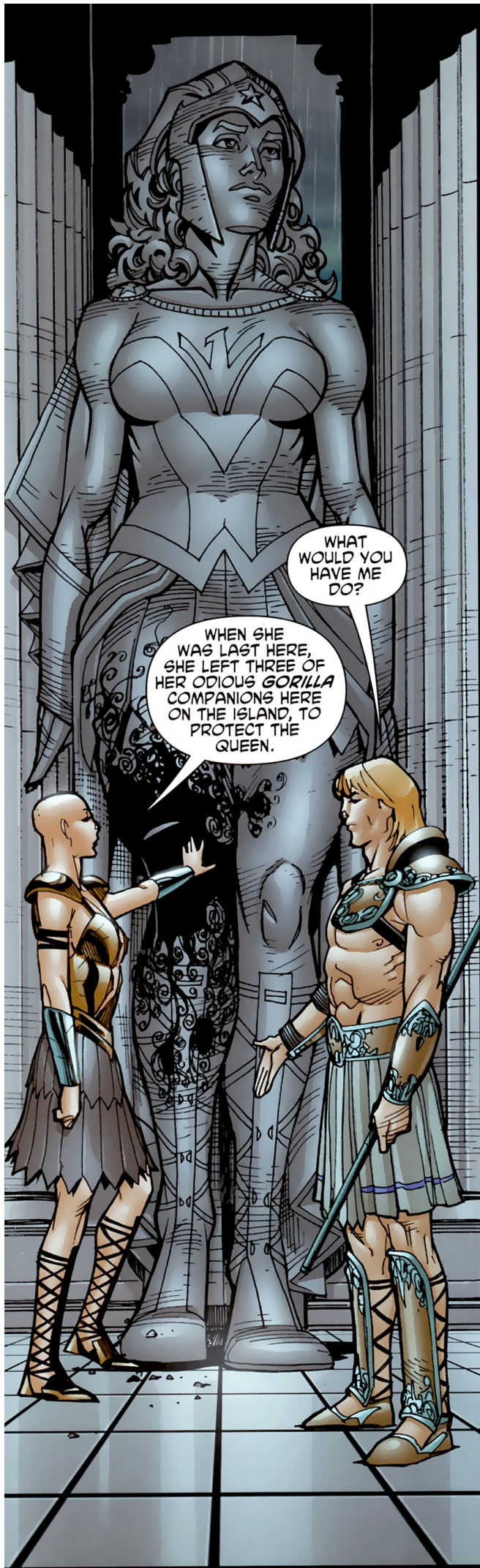
NO.



BECAUSE SHE DOUBTS YOUR METTLE.

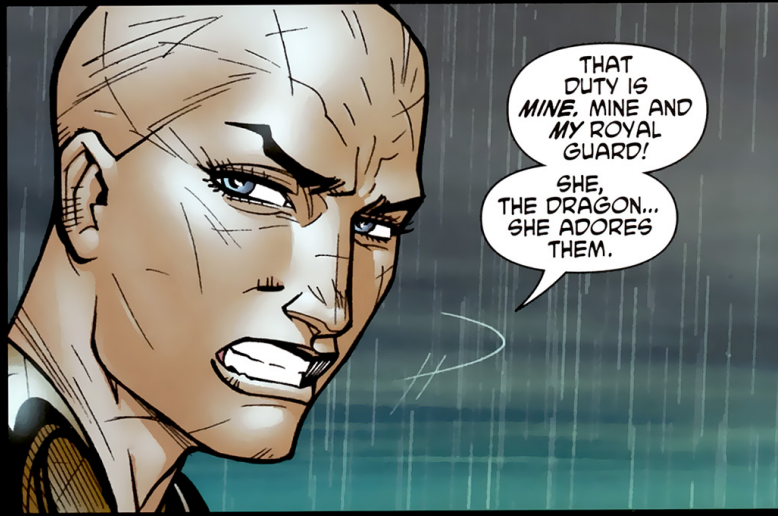
YOU CONFUSE HONOR WITH STRENGTH.

YOU HAVE TO SHOW HER. YOU HAVE TO MAKE HER KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE CONSEQUENCES FOR BREAKING YOUR HASTY TRUCE.



WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO?

WHEN SHE WAS LAST HERE, SHE LEFT THREE OF HER ODIOUS GORILLA COMPANIONS HERE ON THE ISLAND, TO PROTECT THE QUEEN.



THAT DUTY IS MINE, MINE AND MY ROYAL GUARD!

SHE, THE DRAGON... SHE ADORES THEM.



KILL THEM.

MOUNT THEIR SKINS ON THE BEACH FOR HER WELCOME SIGIL.

AND ONE MORE THING.

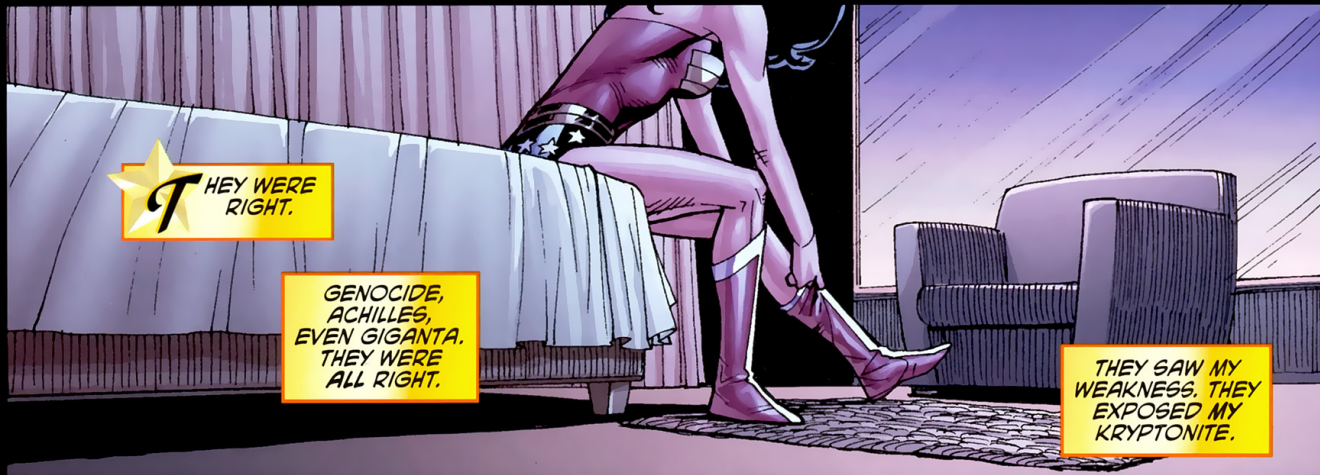


WHAT "ONE MORE THING," OH, MERCIFUL FEMALE SPIRIT?

HIPPOLYTA. TAKE HER. BIND HER.



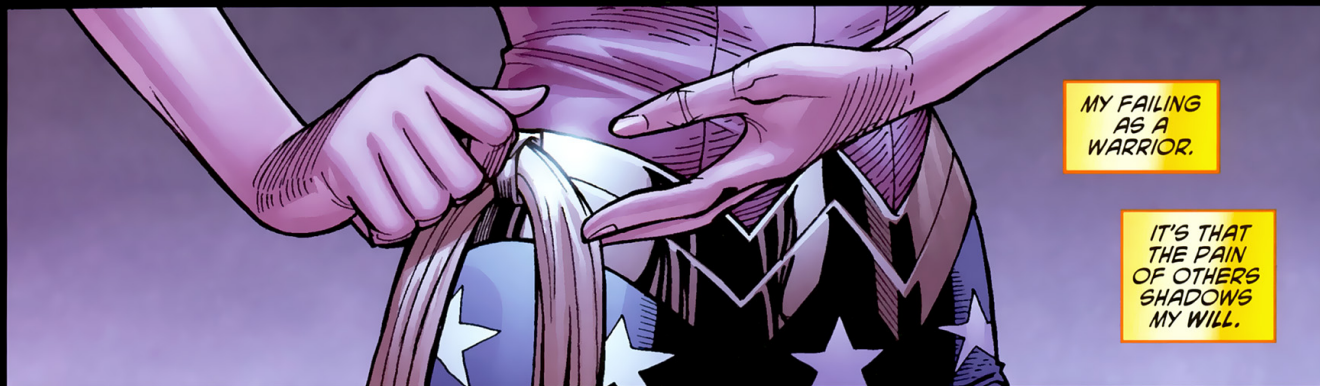
MARK HER.



**T**HEY WERE RIGHT.

GENOCIDE, ACHILLES, EVEN GIGANTA. THEY WERE ALL RIGHT.

THEY SAW MY WEAKNESS. THEY EXPOSED MY KRYPTONITE.



MY FAILING AS A WARRIOR.

IT'S THAT THE PAIN OF OTHERS SHADOWS MY WILL.



I CAN'T BEAR THE PAIN OF INNOCENTS.

BUT BECAUSE OF WHO MY ADVERSARIES ARE, THEY ONLY SEE MY LOVE AS A DEFECT IN THE ARMOR.

AND IT TOOK A LIVING NIGHTMARE TO REMIND ME.



BUT THEY DON'T KNOW IT'S ALSO WHAT GIVES ME MY STRENGTH.

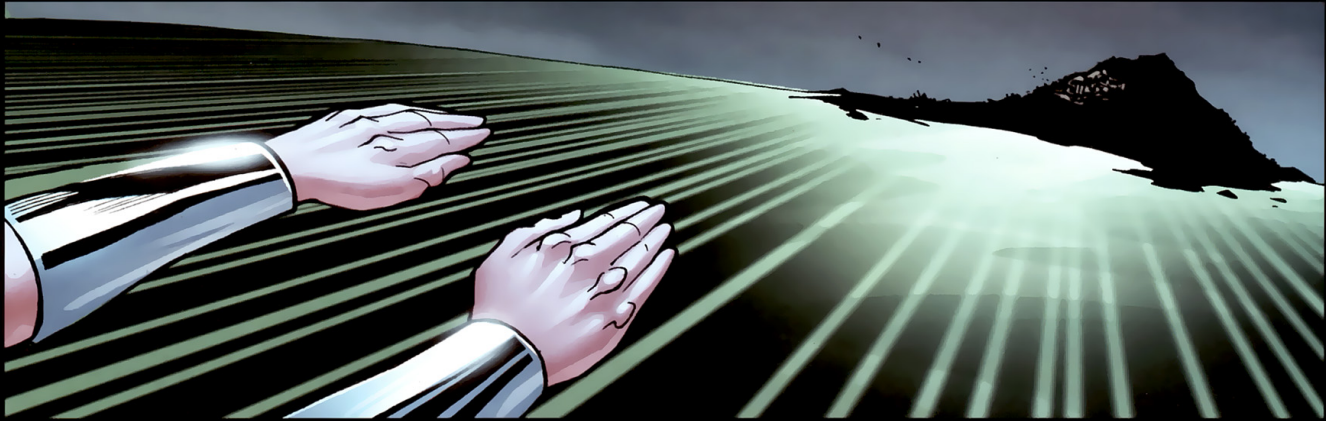


ENOUGH OF ALL THAT. TONIGHT, I WILL SHOW THEM.

**T**ONIGHT I WILL  
INTRODUCE  
THEM TO--

--DIANA  
REASSEMBLED.





SHE COMES.

I HEAR.

SHOULD WE NOT MUSTER OUR FIGHTERS, MY LORD? SHOULD WE NOT GATHER OUR GREATEST WEAPONS?

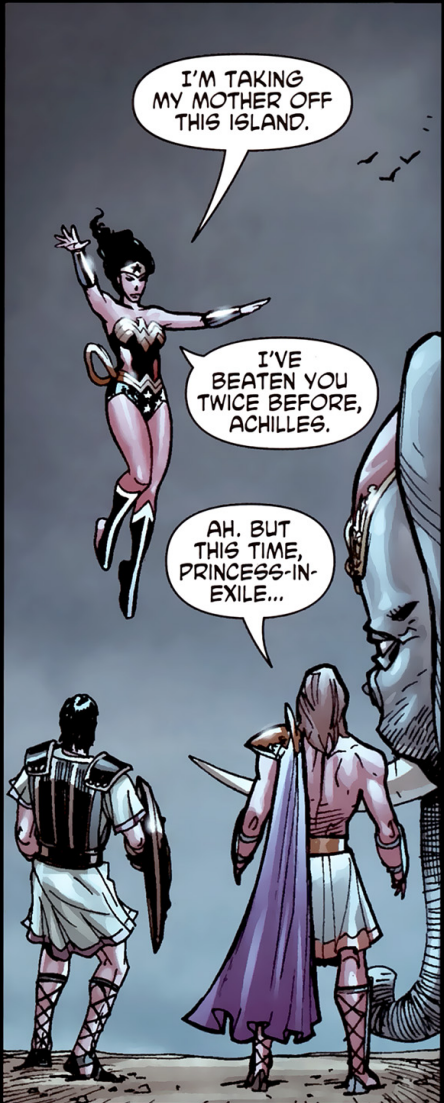
JASON, I ASK YOU, IF WE HAD A THOUSAND THOUSANDS AND EVERY WEAPON ON EARTH...



...WHAT POSSIBLE DIFFERENCE WOULD IT MAKE?

YOU KNOW WHY I'M HERE.

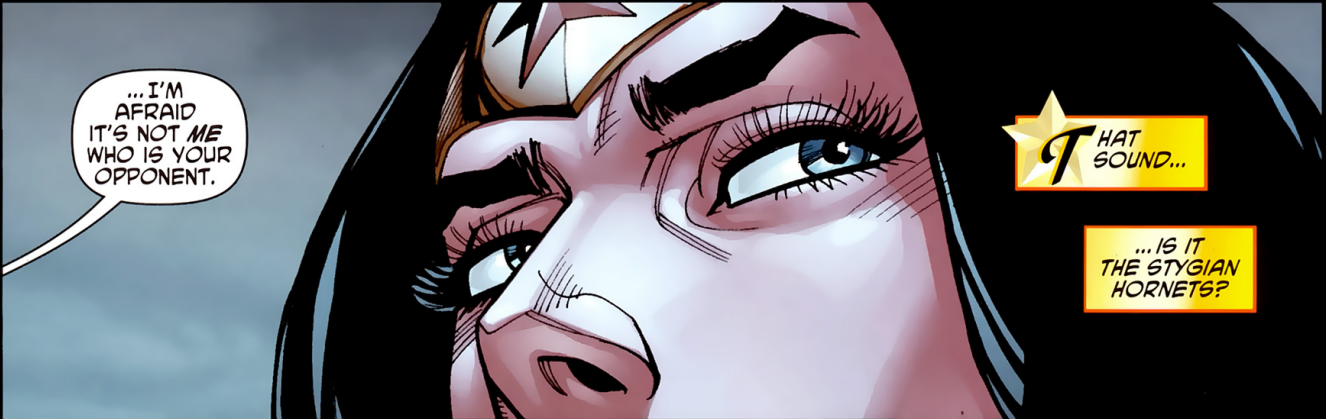
I WAS WRONG TO LET YOUR THREATS SWAY ME.



I'M TAKING MY MOTHER OFF THIS ISLAND.

I'VE BEATEN YOU TWICE BEFORE, ACHILLES.

AH. BUT THIS TIME, PRINCESS-IN-EXILE...

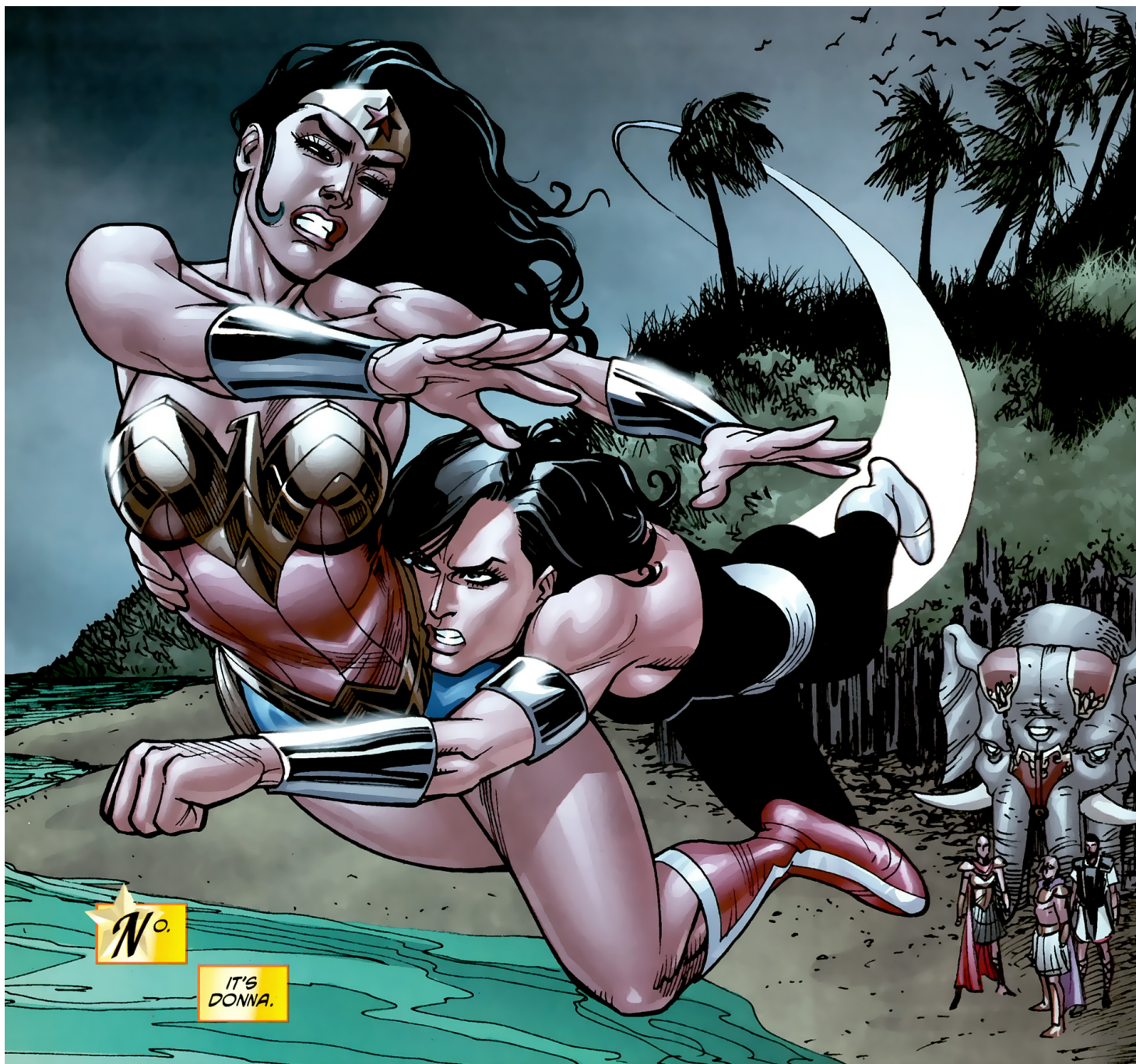


...I'M AFRAID IT'S NOT ME WHO IS YOUR OPPONENT.

THAT SOUND...

...IS IT THE STYGIAN HORNETS?

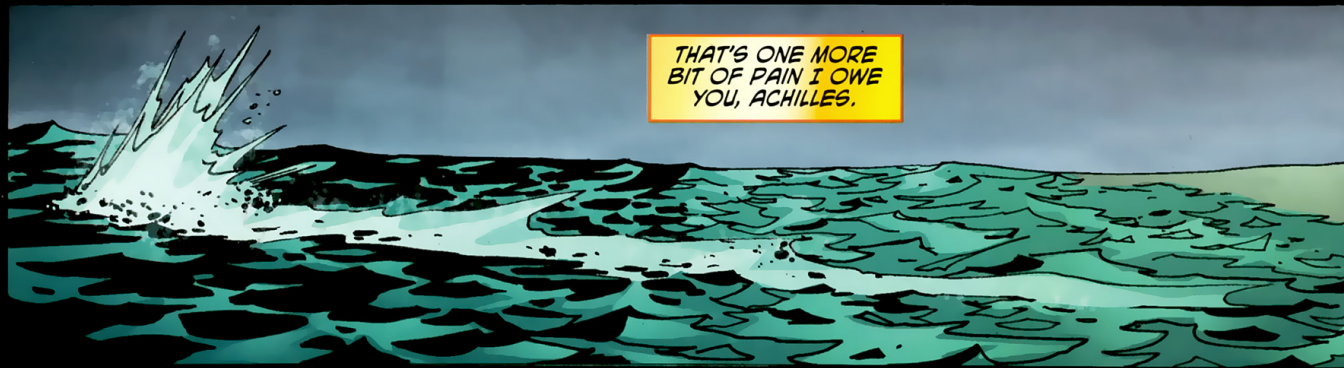




No.

IT'S DONNA.

THAT'S ONE MORE BIT OF PAIN I OWE YOU, ACHILLES.

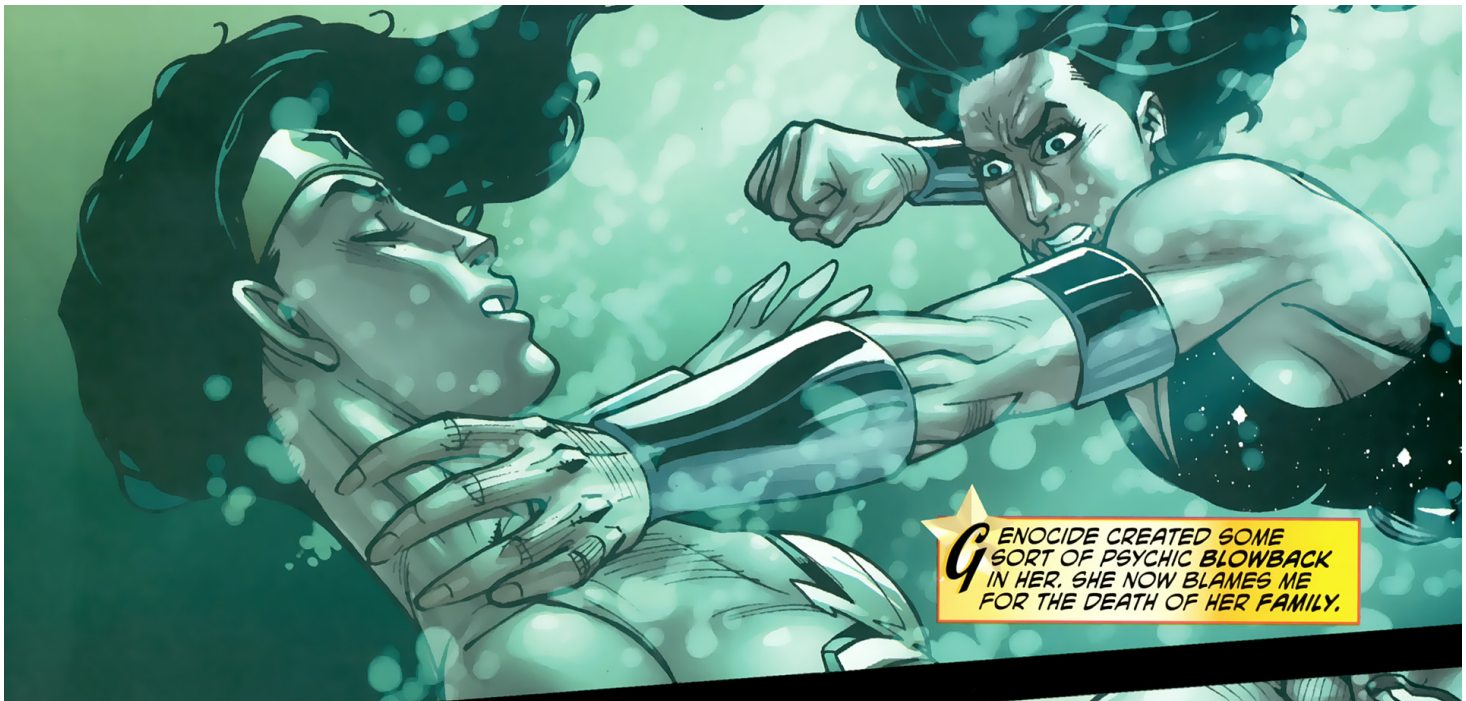


THE SMALLER ONE'S MIND IS DISEASED. IT SEEMS--

--IGNOBLE.

LET THEM KILL EACH OTHER.

IT'S ONLY THE GODS' JUSTICE FOR THEIR ARROGANCE IN BEING BORN AT ALL.



**G** ENOCIDE CREATED SOME SORT OF PSYCHIC BLOWBACK IN HER. SHE NOW BLAMES ME FOR THE DEATH OF HER FAMILY.



OUR LIVES HAVE GROWN APART. SHE'S NO LONGER A CHILD.

SHE...



GREAT HERA!

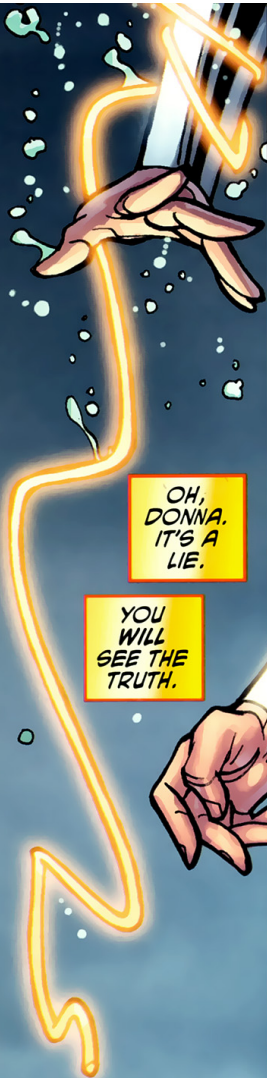


WHAT A WARRIOR SHE'S BECOME!

**T**HROUGH THE PAIN, I AM ODDLY PROUD.



MURDERER!  
TRAITOR!



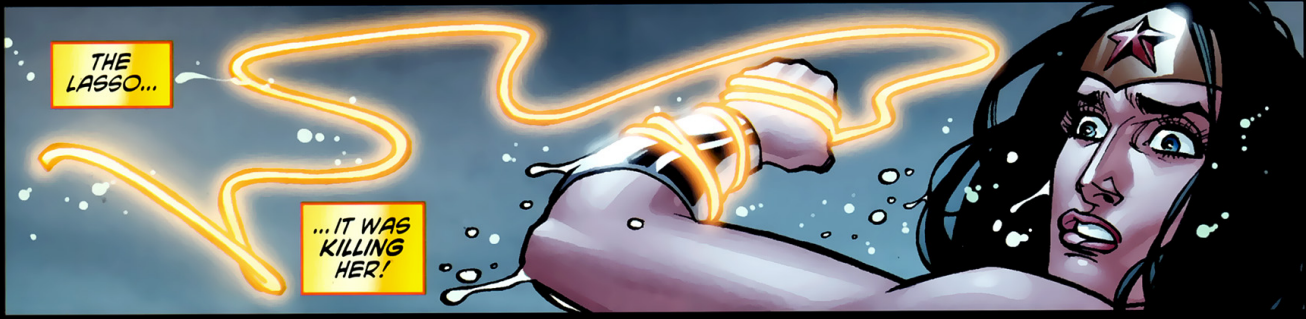
OH, DONNA. IT'S A LIE.

YOU WILL SEE THE TRUTH.



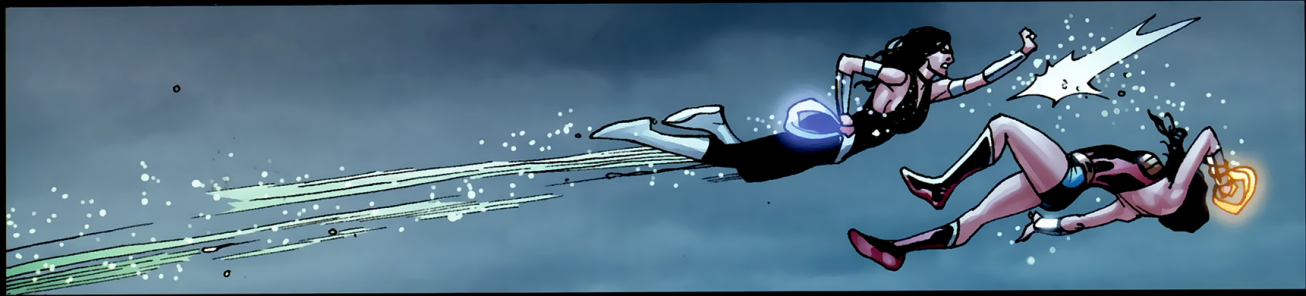
AAARRRHHGH!

WHAT IN NAME OF THE KRAKEN?



THE LAGGO...

...IT WAS KILLING HER!



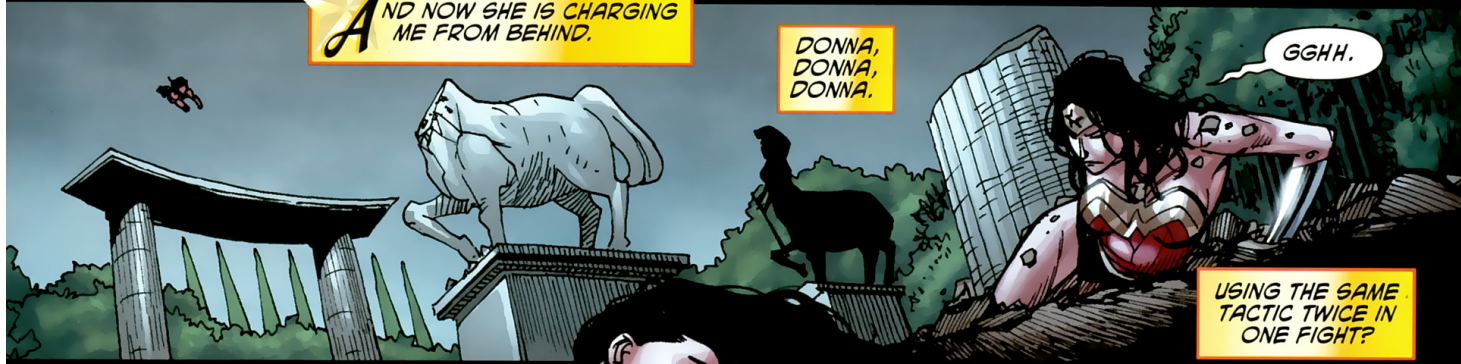


**A**ND NOW SHE IS CHARGING ME FROM BEHIND.

DONNA,  
DONNA,  
DONNA.

GGHH.

USING THE SAME TACTIC TWICE IN ONE FIGHT?

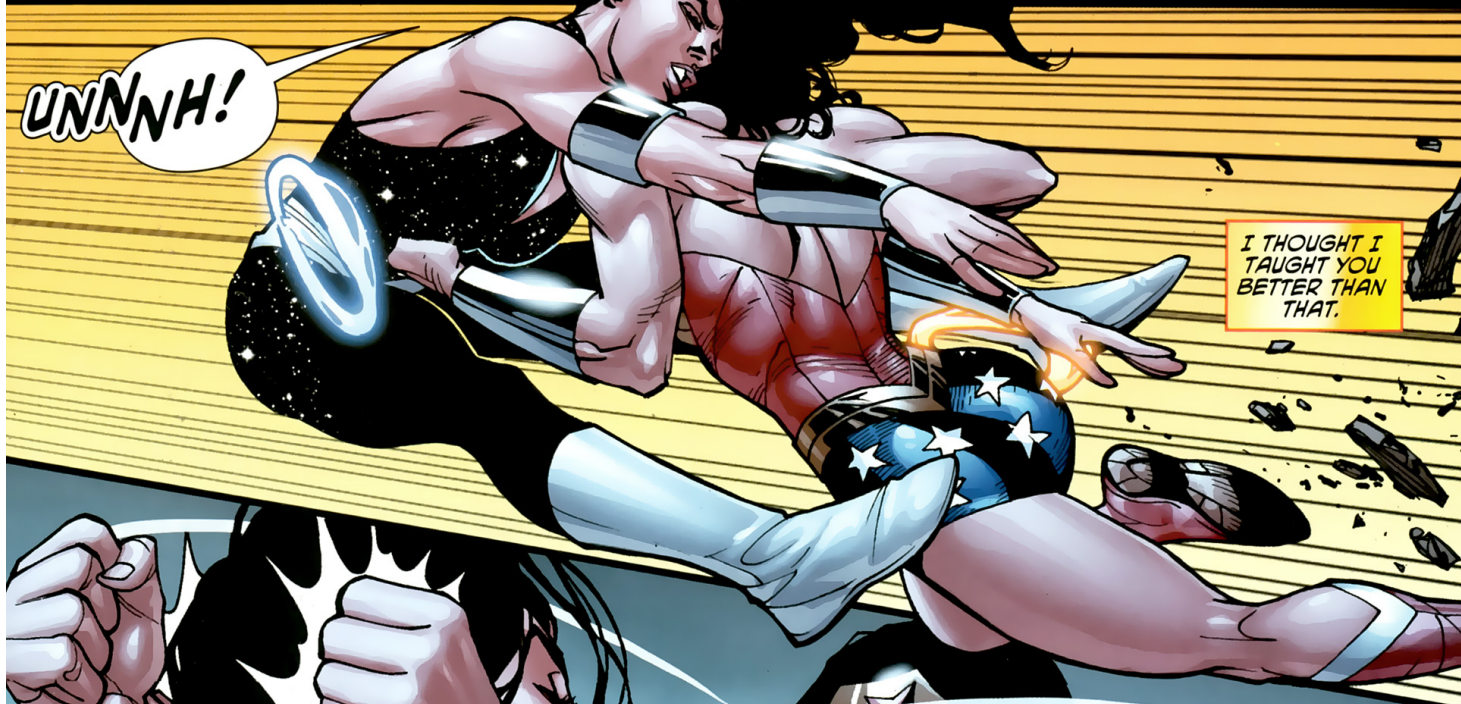


UNNNH!

I THOUGHT I TAUGHT YOU BETTER THAN THAT.

HAVE NO CHOICE.

HAVE TO SUBDUE HER BEFORE I CAN REASON WITH HER.



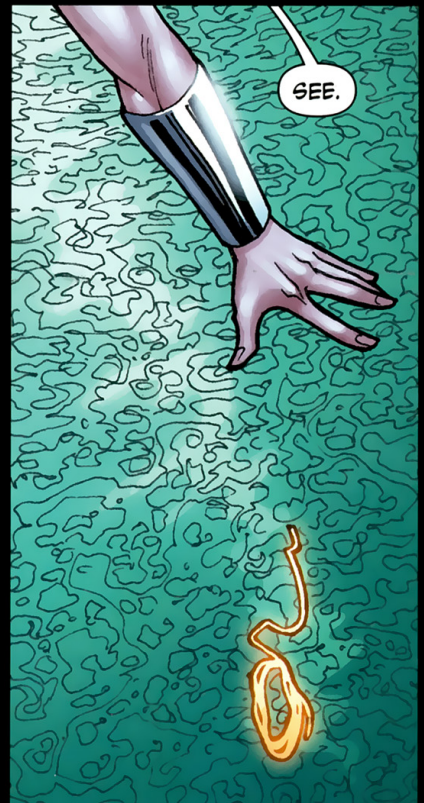
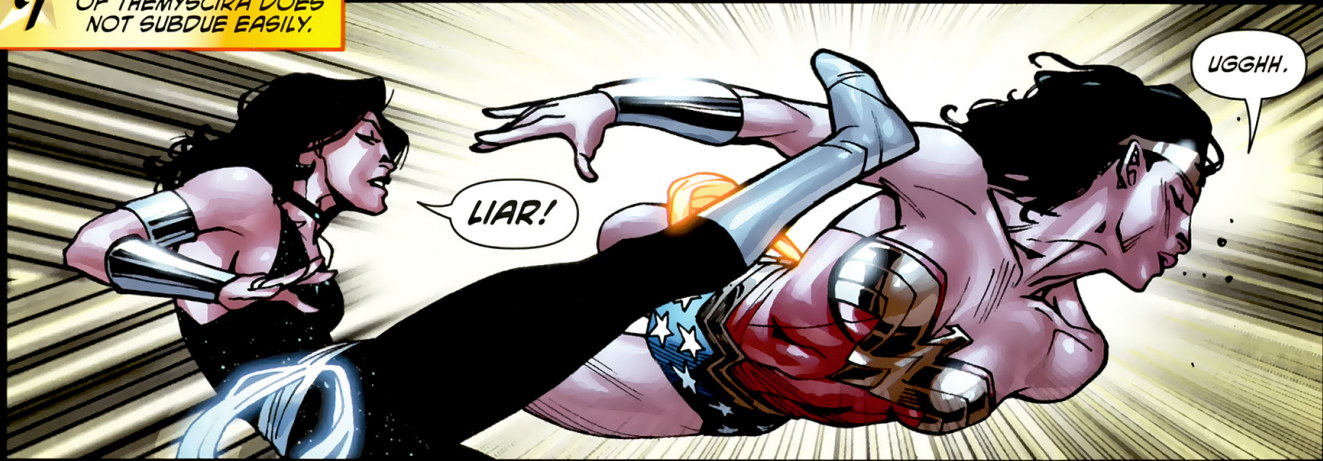
I LOVED TERRY AND THE KIDS, DONNA. I LOVED THEM.

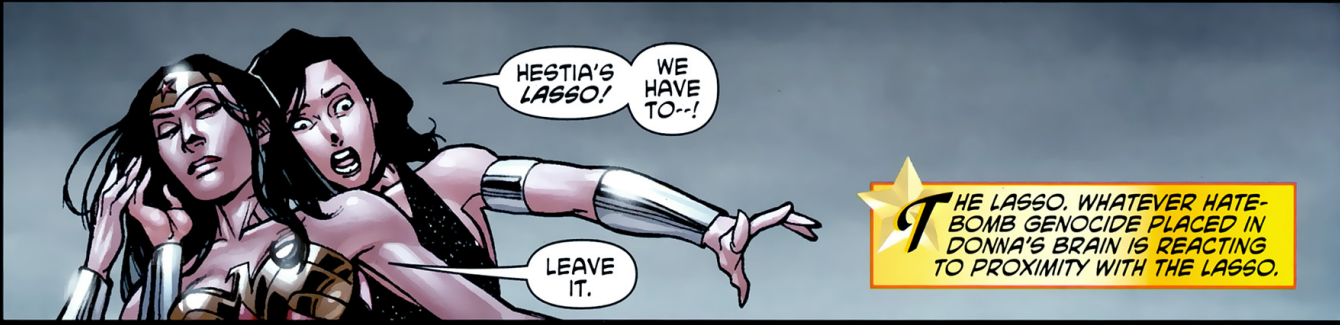
AND I LOVE YOU MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE ON

THE



**T**HE SECOND DAUGHTER OF THEMYSCLIRA DOES NOT SUBDUCE EASILY.

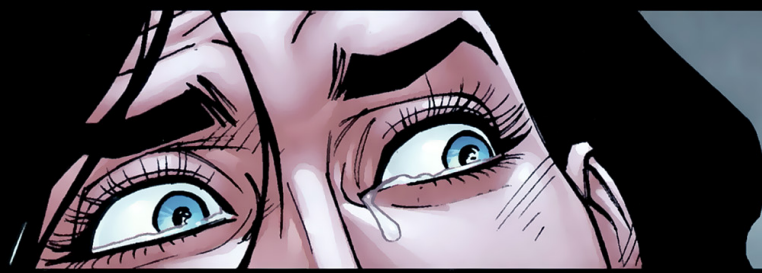




HESTIA'S LASSO! WE HAVE TO--!

LEAVE IT.

**T**HE LASSO. WHATEVER HATE-BOMB GENOCIDE PLACED IN DONNA'S BRAIN IS REACTING TO PROXIMITY WITH THE LASSO.

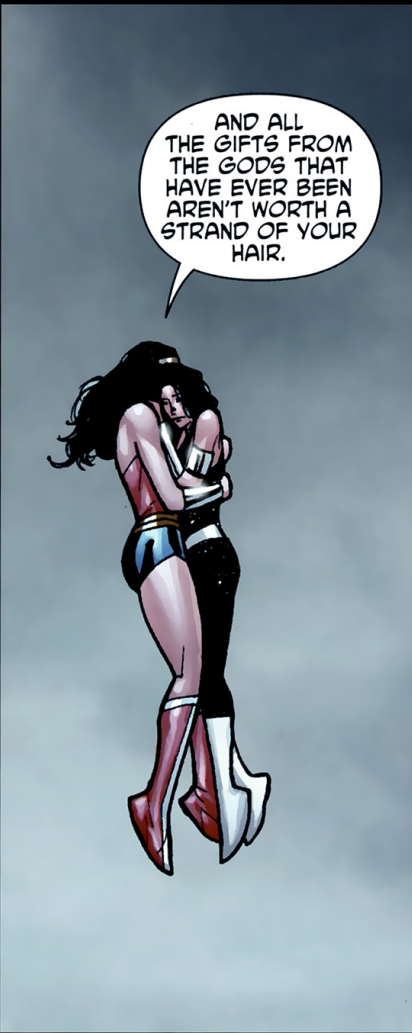


I... YOU'D GIVE UP THE LASSO, THE POWER OF ALL TRUTH... FOR ME?

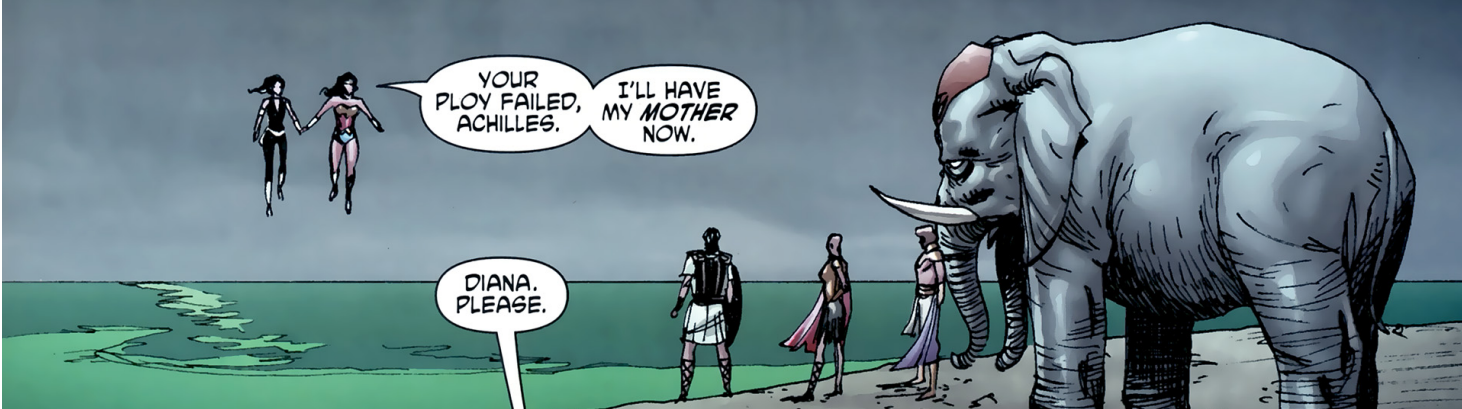


IT IS A GLORIOUS THING. BUT IT IS STILL A POSSESSION.

YOU ARE MY SISTER.



AND ALL THE GIFTS FROM THE GODS THAT HAVE EVER BEEN AREN'T WORTH A STRAND OF YOUR HAIR.



YOUR PLOY FAILED, ACHILLES. I'LL HAVE MY MOTHER NOW.

DIANA. PLEASE.



DIANA. IF YOU TRULY LOVE ME, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND MY CHOICE HERE.

ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE BELIEVED IN FAITH AND DUTY.

MANY AMAZONS HAVE DIED DEFENDING THIS ISLAND.

TOO MANY AMAZONS.

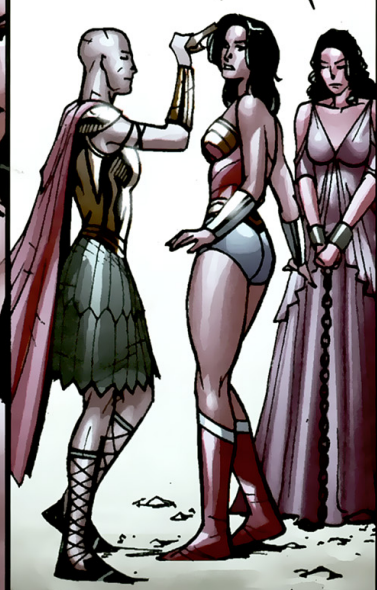
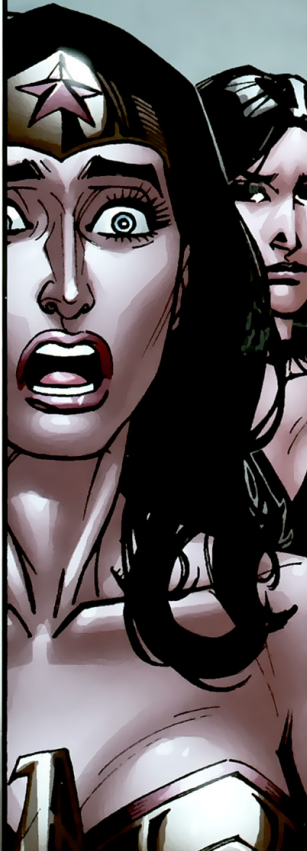
IF MY DISCOMFORT, IF MY IMPRISONMENT, IF MY EXECUTION HOLDS OUR PEOPLE TOGETHER...  
...IT IS ONLY SMALL REPAYMENT FOR THE BLOOD SPILLED IN MY NAME.

SURRENDER YOUR BRACERS AND THE GIRDLER, DRAGON.  
YOUR TIME OF POISONING OUR PEOPLE IS OVER.

WHAT? ARE YOU INSANE?  
DIANA. PLEASE. ARE WE MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR SISTERS' SURVIVAL?

THIS IS MADNESS. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE THE QUEEN HERE!  
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND. ACHILLES WAS CHOSEN KING BY THE GODS, AND THIS MORNING, HE MARRIED ALKYONE.

THIS IS HER ISLAND NOW.



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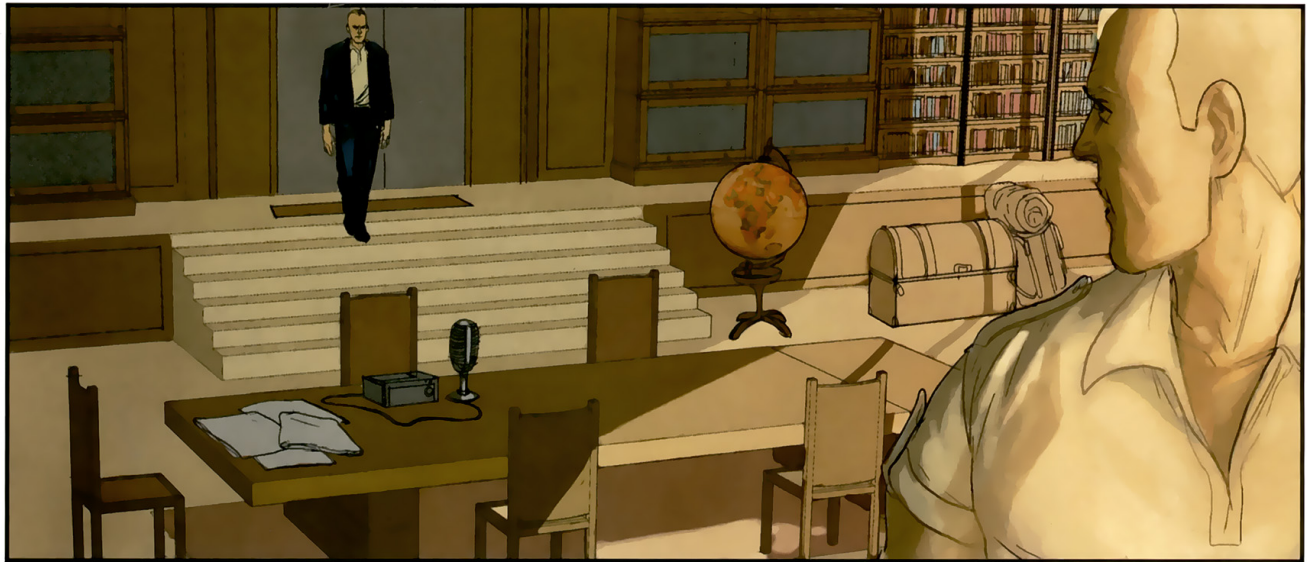


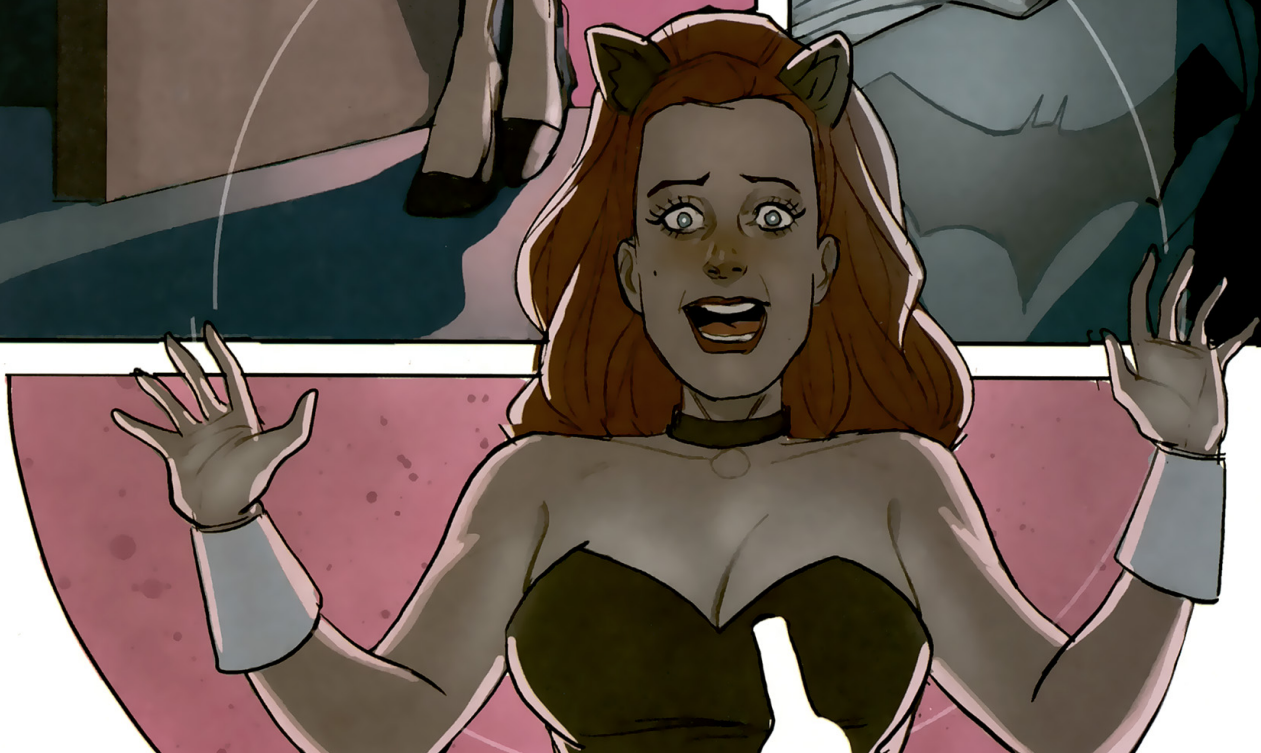
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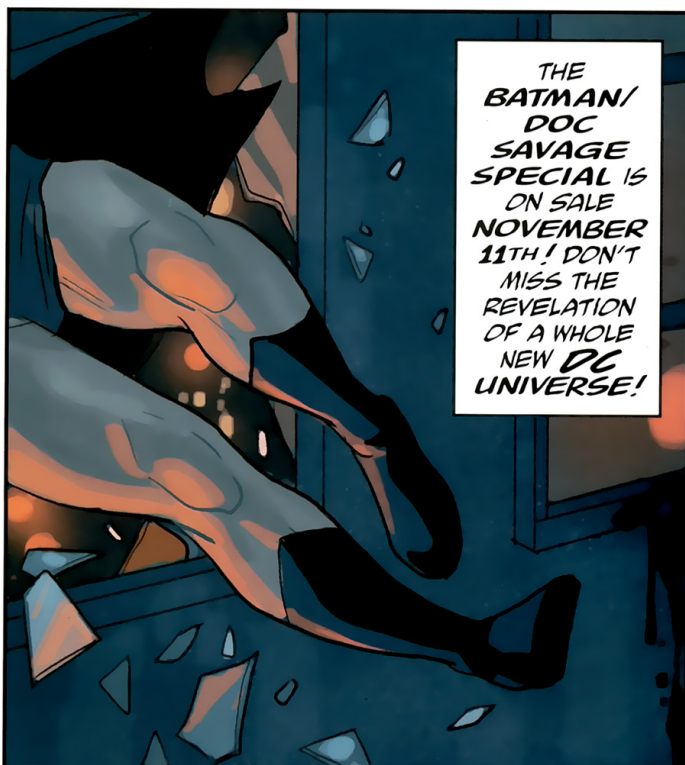
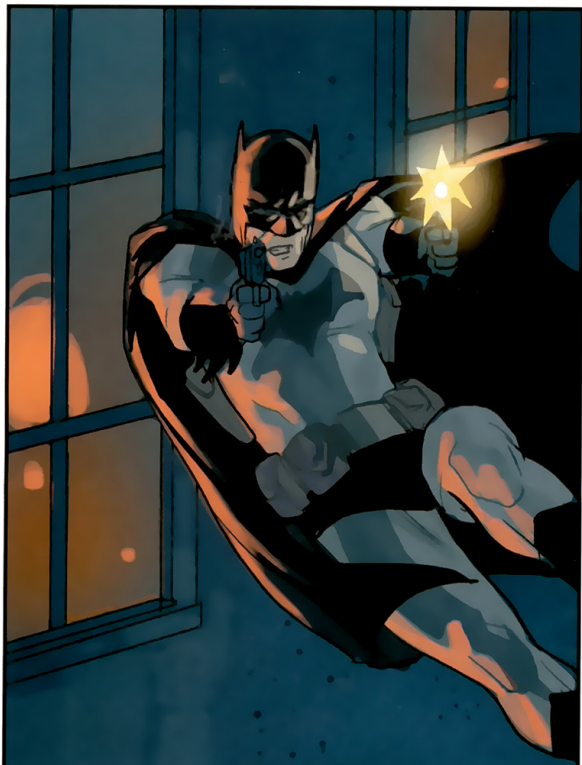
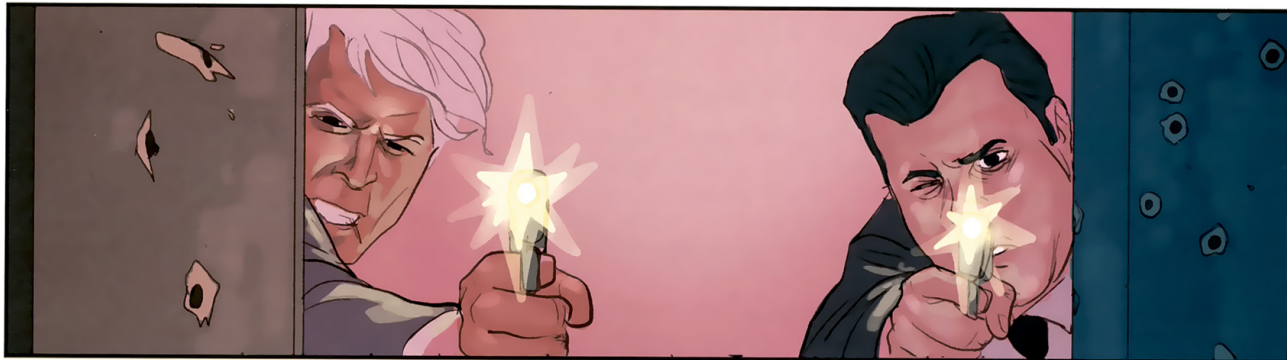
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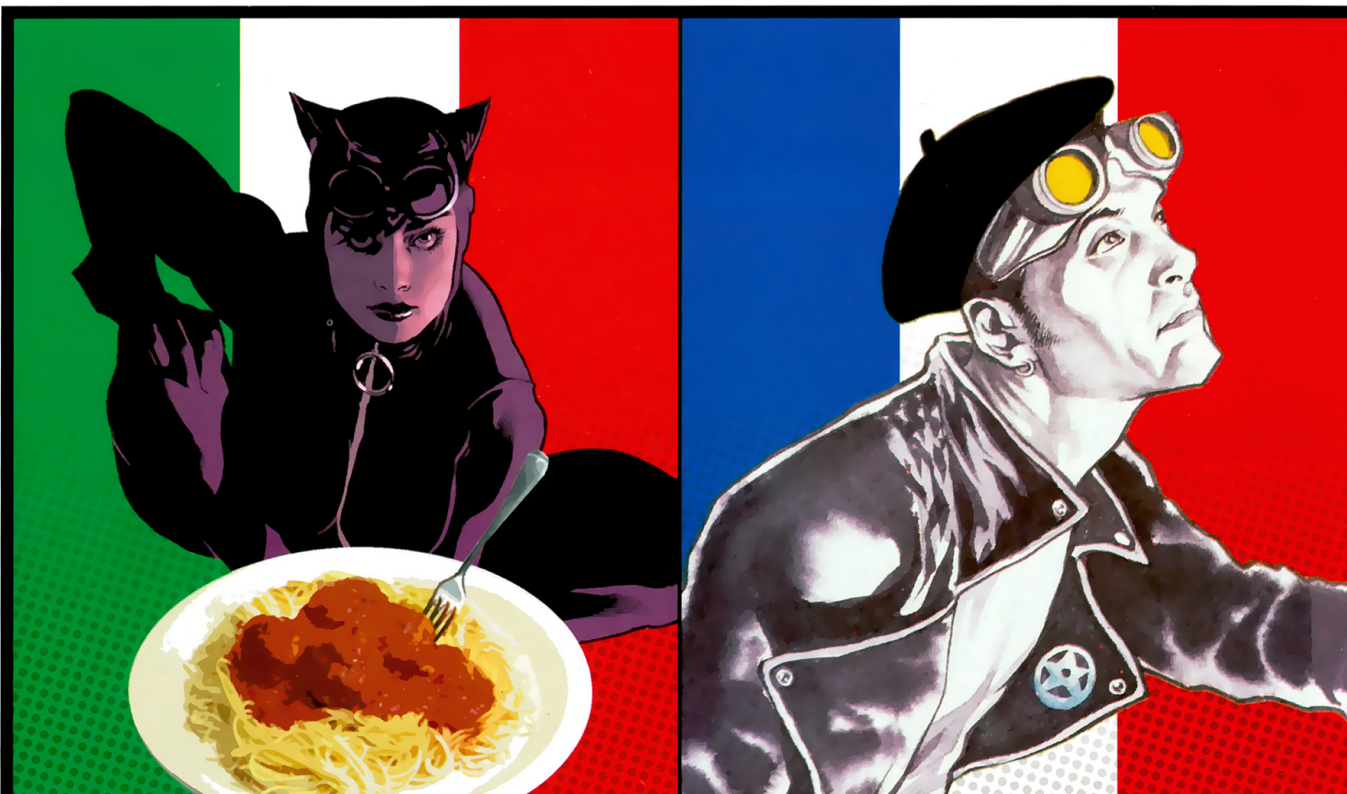








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11TH! DON'T  
MISS THE  
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OF A WHOLE  
NEW DC  
UNIVERSE!



## AS IT IS MY TURN, HONOR AND DUTY TO DELIVER A MEMORABLE DC NATION,

I would like to approach this task in a peculiar manner. As you all know, we have so many exciting projects to discuss that I don't even know where to begin, and the fact is that I don't want to reveal too much! That's why I came up with another interesting path to follow that will make my words harder for you to understand. Thus, I will transform myself into the multilingual African Deity Orumnila for a couple of paragraphs, and will discuss some of these projects in other languages. Yes! Sounds like fun, doesn't it?

Ready?

Vous êtes prêt? Avez-vous un dictionnaire multilingue proche de vous? Très bien! Je commence par écrire en français, la langue la plus belle. Je voudrais vous parler d'une nuit noire, la plus noire de toutes les nuits, quand des anneaux noirs provoquent l'enfer dans l'univers des super-héros. Il y avait une fois un super-héro, son nom: l'Homme des Étoiles. Après la mort de Ted Knight, Starman s'est incarné plusieurs fois. Je suis donc heureuse d'annoncer que l'une de ces incarnations sera de retour dans l'univers de DC. Mais cette fois, il y aura quelque chose d'étrange et de terrifiant! Notre ami se conduira d'une façon bizarre et aura un rendez-vous peu agréable avec une vieille amie irlandaise et avec un personnage obscur à la fois. Cette nouvelle histoire de Starman sera écrite par la main magique de **James Robinson**, qui connaît parfaitement l'univers de l'Homme des Étoiles.

E con l'italiano, come va la cavate? Meglio di me? Può darsi; tuttavia, essendo la mia lingua madre, mi sento in dovere di onorare la patria degli spaghetti e degli imperatori romani e di annoiarvi scrivendo in quello che alla maggior parte di voi potrebbe sembrare Latin gibberish. A proposito di "Notti piu' oscure"... Sono sempre entusiasta all'idea di leggere una storia dall'intreccio solido e originale e penso proprio che questo sia uno di quei fortunati esempi. Si da' il caso, infatti, che una nuova avventura avente come protagonista Catwoman e in qualche modo associata ad una "notte buia," sia in procinto di essere immortalata su carta da **Fabian Nicieza**. Questa volta la nostra felina preferita si trovera' alle prese con un vecchio nemico che ostenta da sempre una passione poco ortodossa per artefatti generalmente usati a scopo protettivo od ornamentale.

How do you like them apples? Shouldn't we play U.N. more often? It's fun! Thank you for your patience! Dzai jian!

Simona

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