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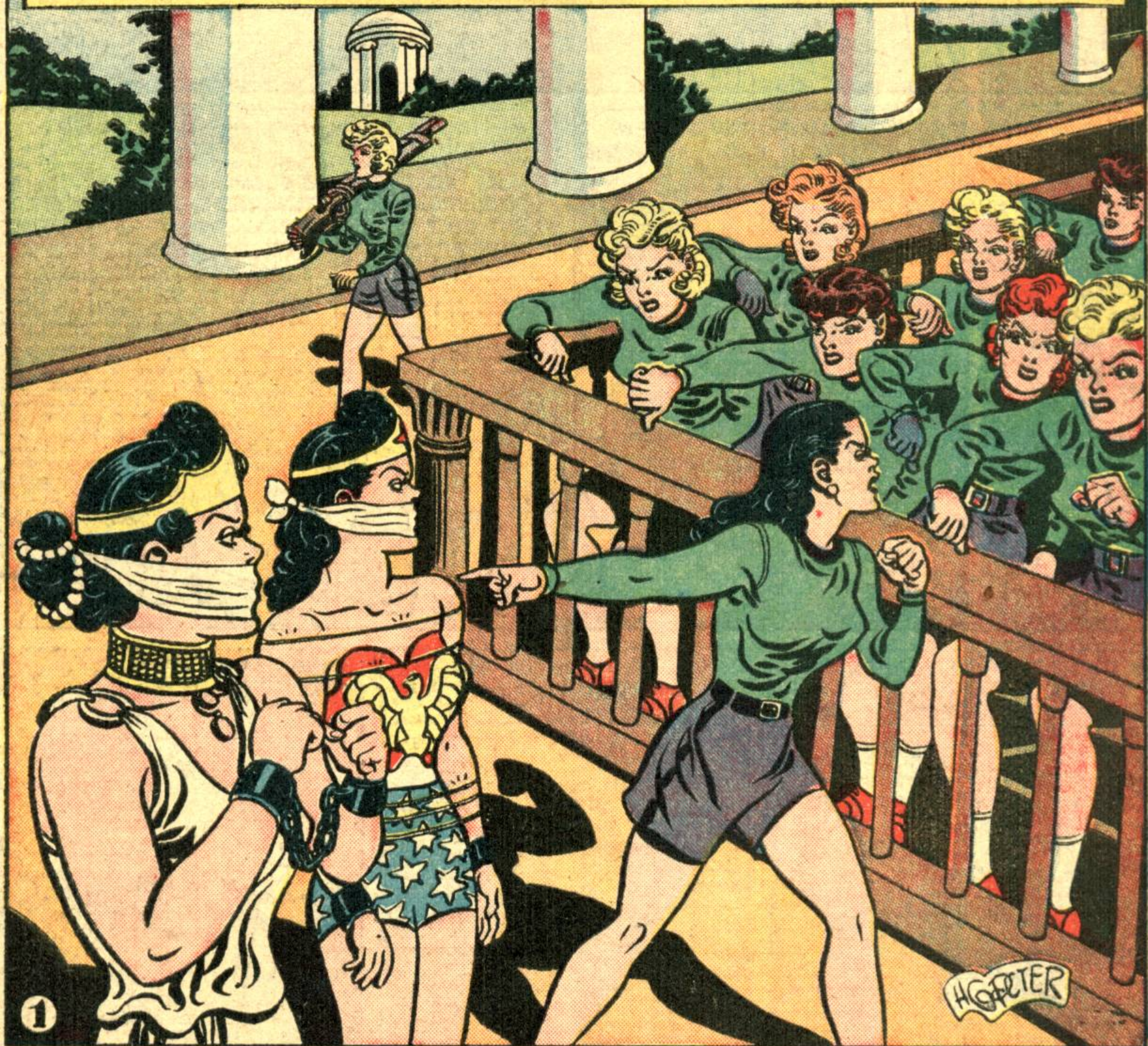
Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

THUMBS DOWN!-- THE ANCIENT ROMAN SIGNAL FOR DEATH IS ONCE AGAIN REPEATED! ONLY THIS TIME THE SCENE IS PARADISE ISLAND, ONCE THE STRONGHOLD OF THE AMAZONS! AND THE CONDEMNED PRISONERS ARE WONDER WOMAN AND QUEEN HIPPOLYTE! HOW WONDER WOMAN—BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY—EXERTS HER AMAZING POWERS TO THE UTMOST TO SAVE THE ISLAND AND ITS IMPRISONED AMAZONS BEFORE THE DEATH SENTENCE IS CARRIED OUT—IS THE THRILLING SCENE OF THIS ASTOUNDING TWO-PART STORY:

"THE FOUR DOOMS"

PART I--PARADISE ISLAND CONDEMNED!



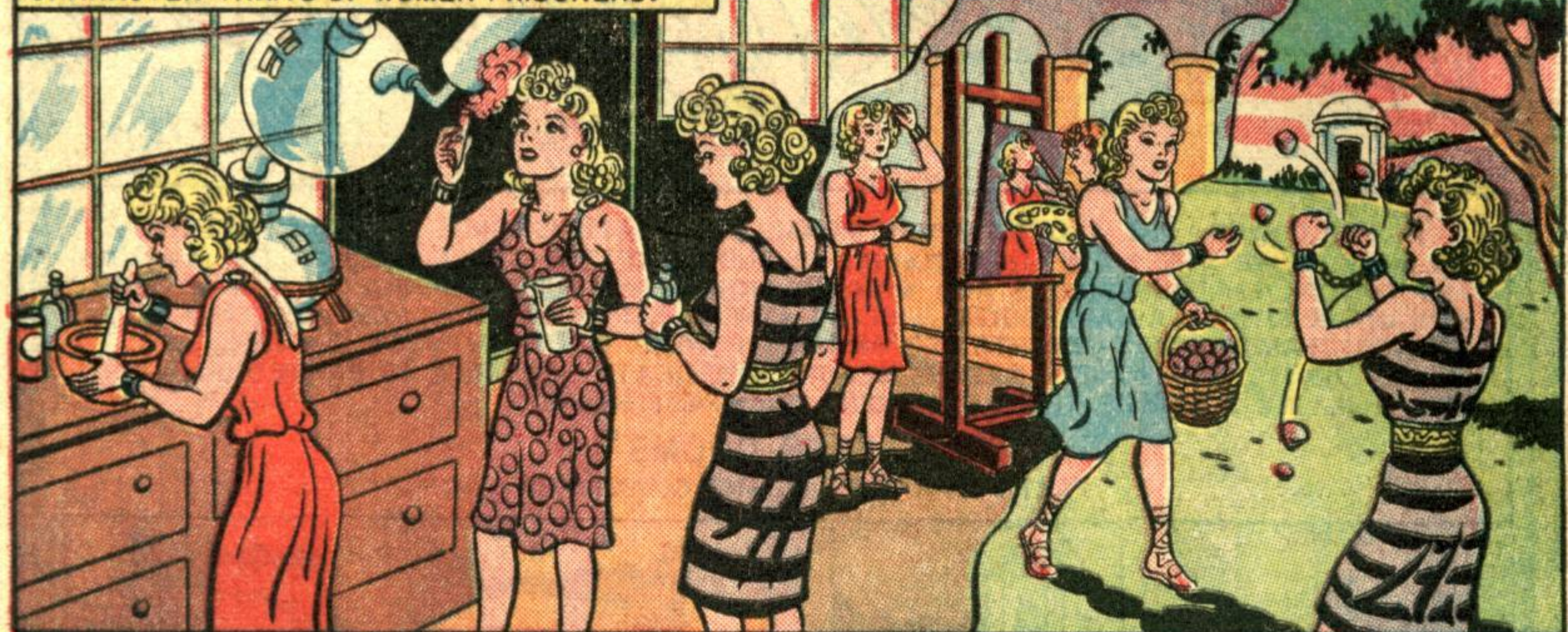
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TRANSFORMATION ISLAND—WHERE AMAZONS TRANSFORM, THROUGH DISCIPLINE AND LOVE, THE BAD CHARACTER TRAITS OF WOMEN PRISONERS.



MALA, IN CHARGE OF THE ISLAND, GREETES A NEW PRISONER FROM THE ISLAND OF CADMEA--

THIS RECORD SAYS YOU USE YOUR BRILLIANT, INVENTIVE MIND TO DO HARM TO OTHERS. YOU WILL LEARN TO SERVE OTHERS, INVENTA!

NEVER!



ARRIVING AT THE WORK-SHOP--

WEARING THIS VENUS GIRDLE WILL MAKE YOU DESIRE TO SUBMIT TO OUR TRAINING. NO ONE CAN UNLOCK IT WITHOUT THIS KEY!

LABORATORY



AS A FEELING OF SURRENDER SURGES THROUGH INVENTA, HER EVIL NATURE ASSERTS ITSELF.

I'LL TRICK THESE GIRLS!

I WILL MAKE A SMALL GIFT FOR YOU LEAVE ME-- SO IT WILL BE A SURPRISE!

GOOD GIRL!



FASHIONING A KEY OF STRANGE DESIGN, INVENTA UNLOCKS THE GIRDLE AND--

THE FOOLS! THEY UNDERESTIMATE MY ABILITY! ONE GLANCE AT THAT KEY-- AND I AM FREE OF THAT FEELING OF SUBMISSION!



LATER--

AT LAST I'VE FORMED MY PLAN TO GET TO PARADISE ISLAND AND DISCOVER WHAT MAGIC THE AMAZONS POSSESS WHICH MAKES THEM INVINCIBLE! ONCE THAT POWER IS IN MY HANDS I'LL TURN IT AGAINST THEM-- AND THE WORLD!



SOON AFTER, INVENTA SELECTS HER ACCOMPLICES.

--THAT'S MY PLAN--
WILL YOU JOIN ME,
TORCHA?

FOR REVENGE!
MALA REFUSES
TO MAKE ME HEAD
CHEMIST HERE--
I'LL MAKE A GAS--

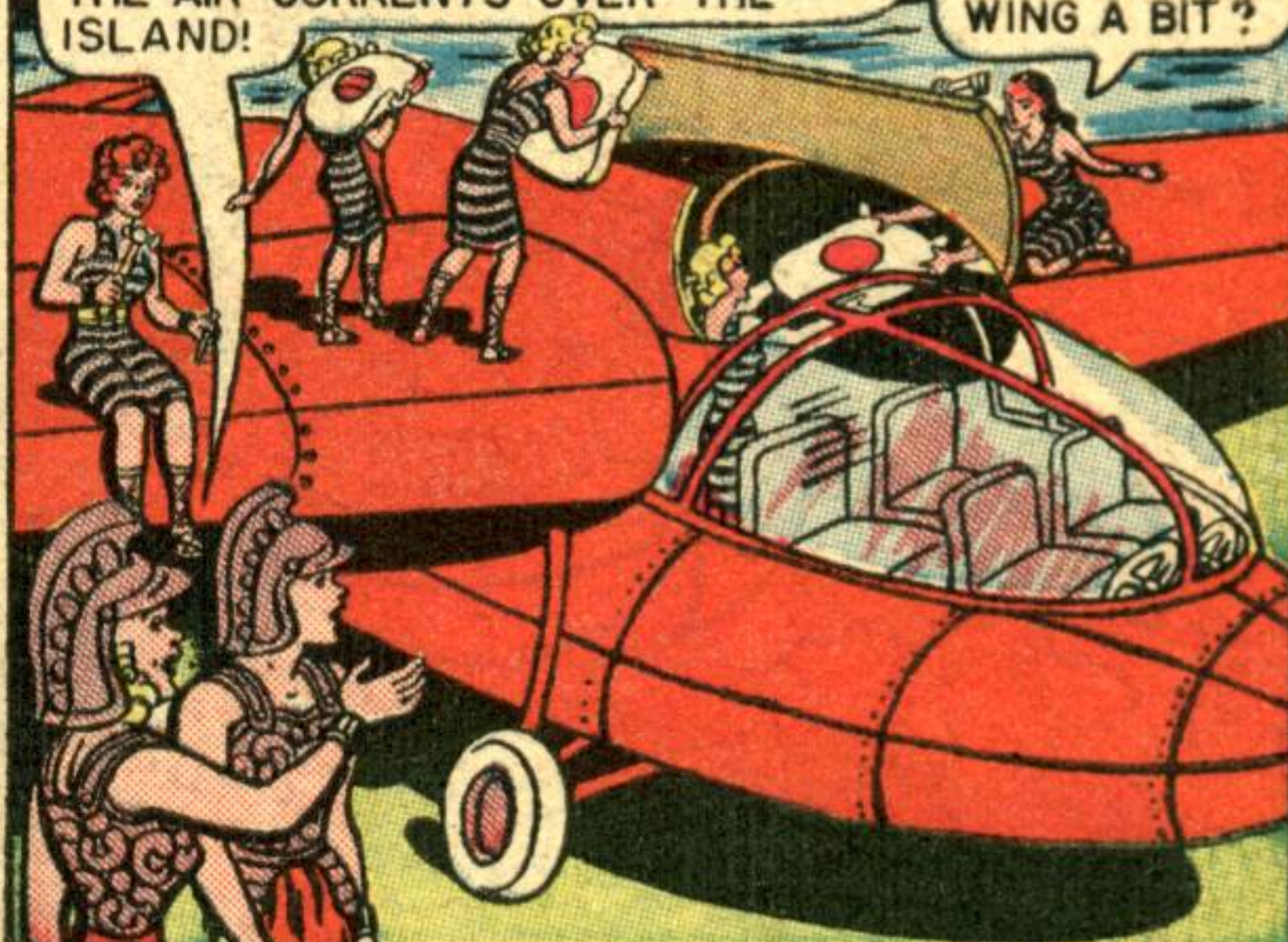
WE'LL HELP YOU!
SINCE YOU UNLOCKED
OUR GIRDLES THEIR
EFFECT IS NOT THE
SAME.



WEEKS LATER--

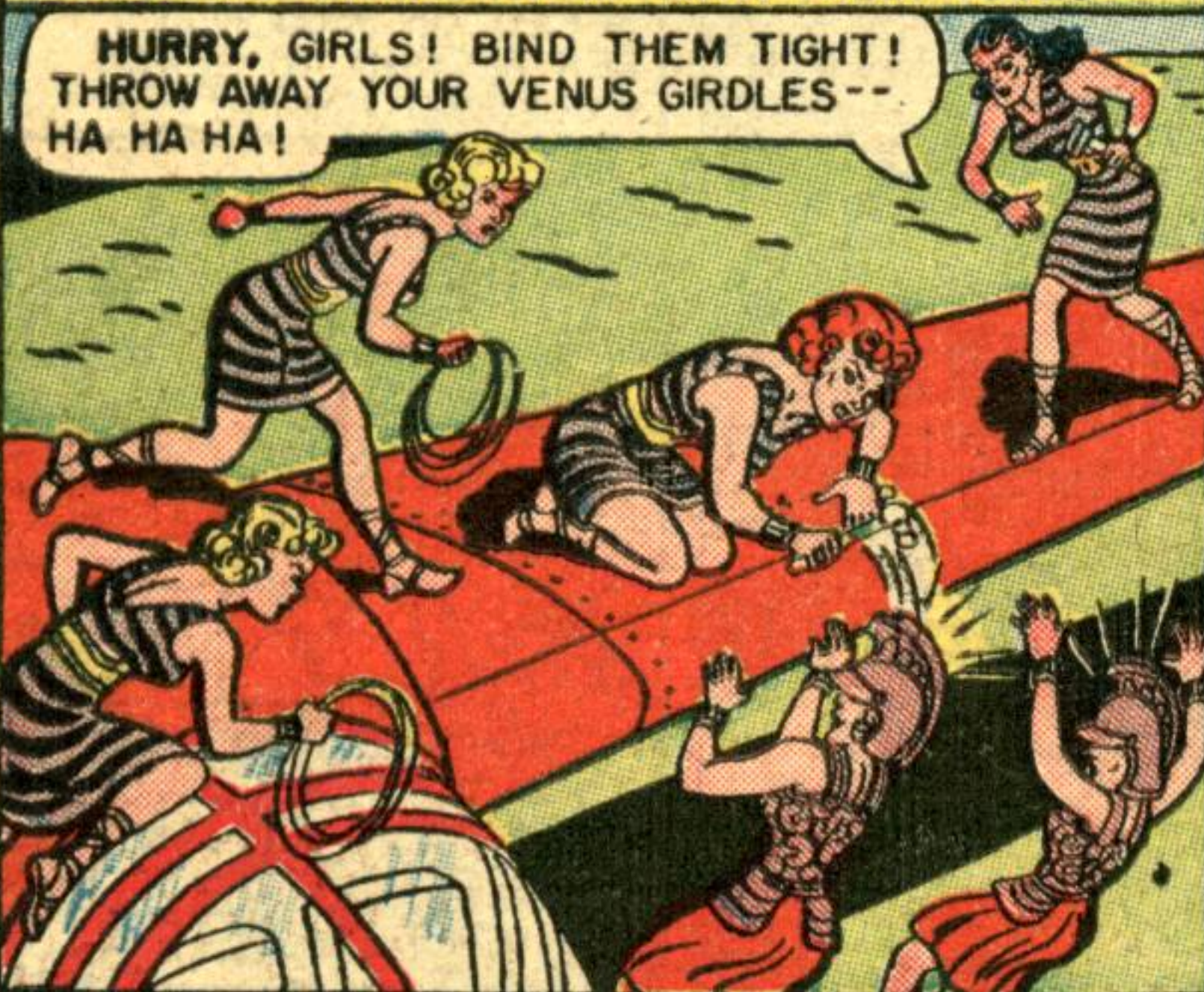
INVENTA DESIGNED A BEAUTIFUL
GLIDER! IT WILL BE FUN RIDING
THE AIR CURRENTS OVER THE
ISLAND!

WILL YOU
GUARDS HELP
US TILT THIS
WING A BIT?



AS THE AMAZONS TILT THE WING, THE REBEL
PRISONERS STRIKE THEM WITH THEIR TOOLS--

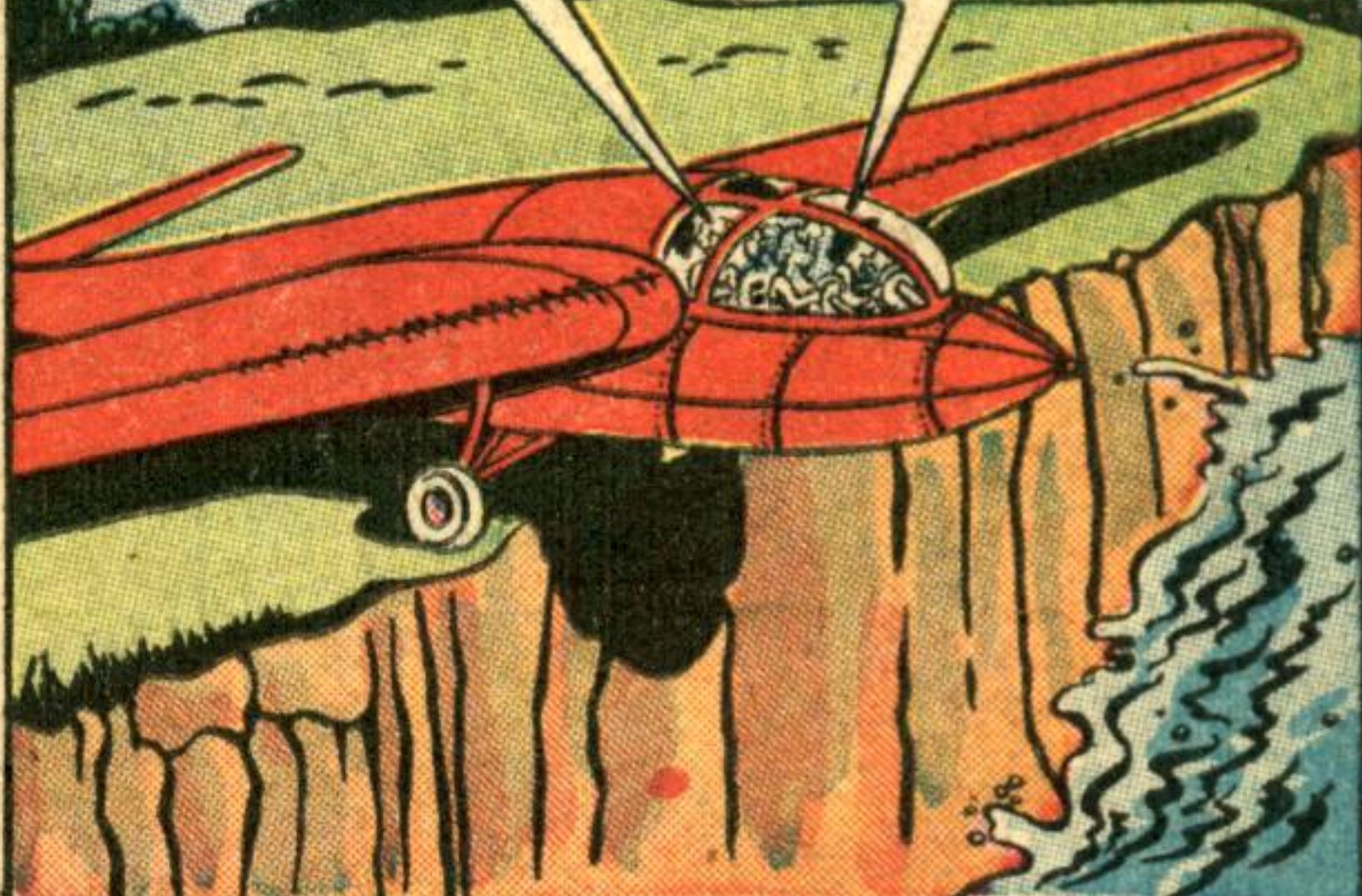
HURRY, GIRLS! BIND THEM TIGHT!
THROW AWAY YOUR VENUS GIRDLES--
HA HA HA!



THE REBELS CARRY THE GLIDER TO A HIGH
CLIFF WHERE--

I NEVER HEARD OF
A GLIDER TAKING OFF
THIS WAY, INVENTA!

IT DOESN'T ORDINARILY!
BUT THE WINDS HERE ARE
QUITE DIFFERENT! I'VE
STUDIED THEM! YOU'LL SEE!



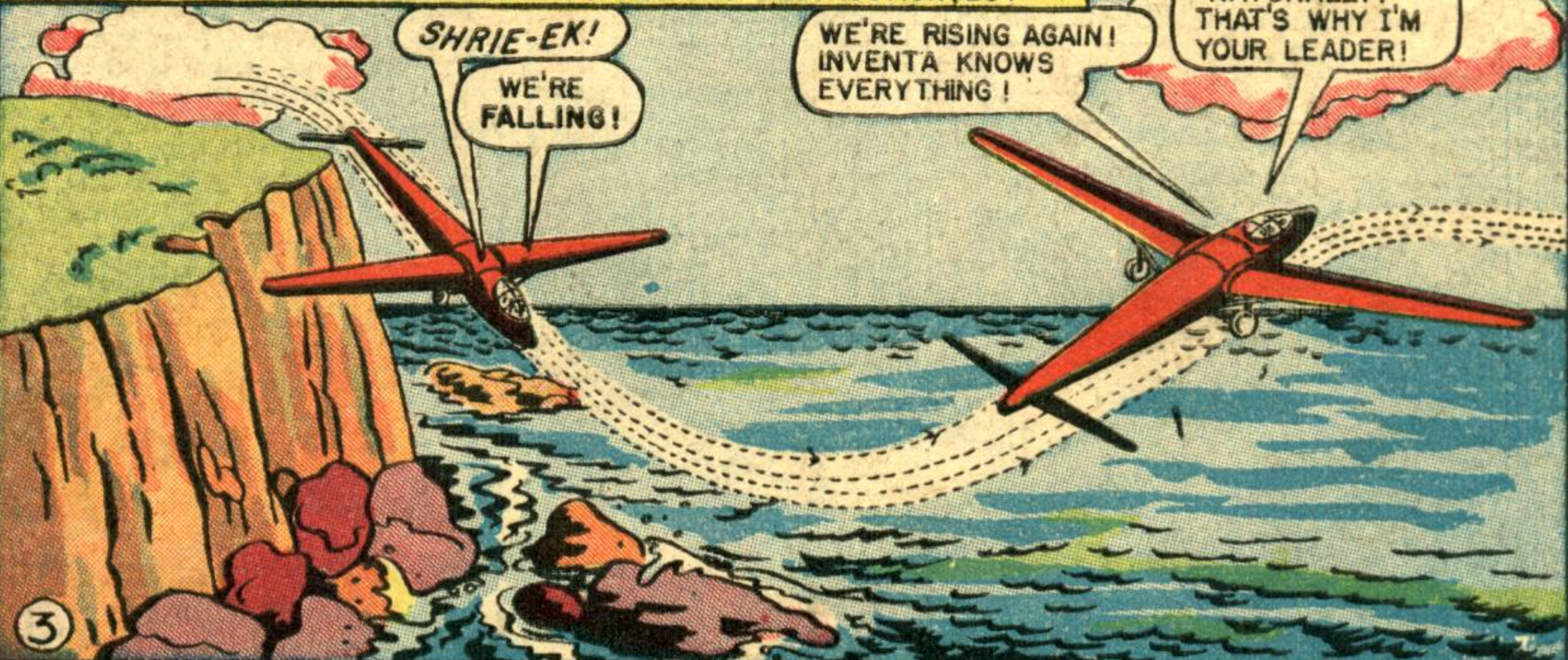
THE GLIDER TIPS OVER THE CLIFF TO SEEMING DESTRUCTION, BUT--

SHRIE-EK!

WE'RE
FALLING!

WE'RE RISING AGAIN!
INVENTA KNOWS
EVERYTHING!

NATURALLY!
THAT'S WHY I'M
YOUR LEADER!



UTILIZING THE AIR CURRENTS, INVENTA PILOTS THE GLIDER OVER THE OCEAN.

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO FIND PARADISE ISLAND, INVENTA? ONLY THE AMAZONS KNOW WHERE IT IS.

IT MUST BE CLOSE TO TRANSFORMATION ISLAND! I'M RELYING ON THE AMAZONS' REPUTATION FOR SPEEDING TO PEOPLE IN DISTRESS-- TO MAKE MY NEXT MOVE SUCCESSFUL!



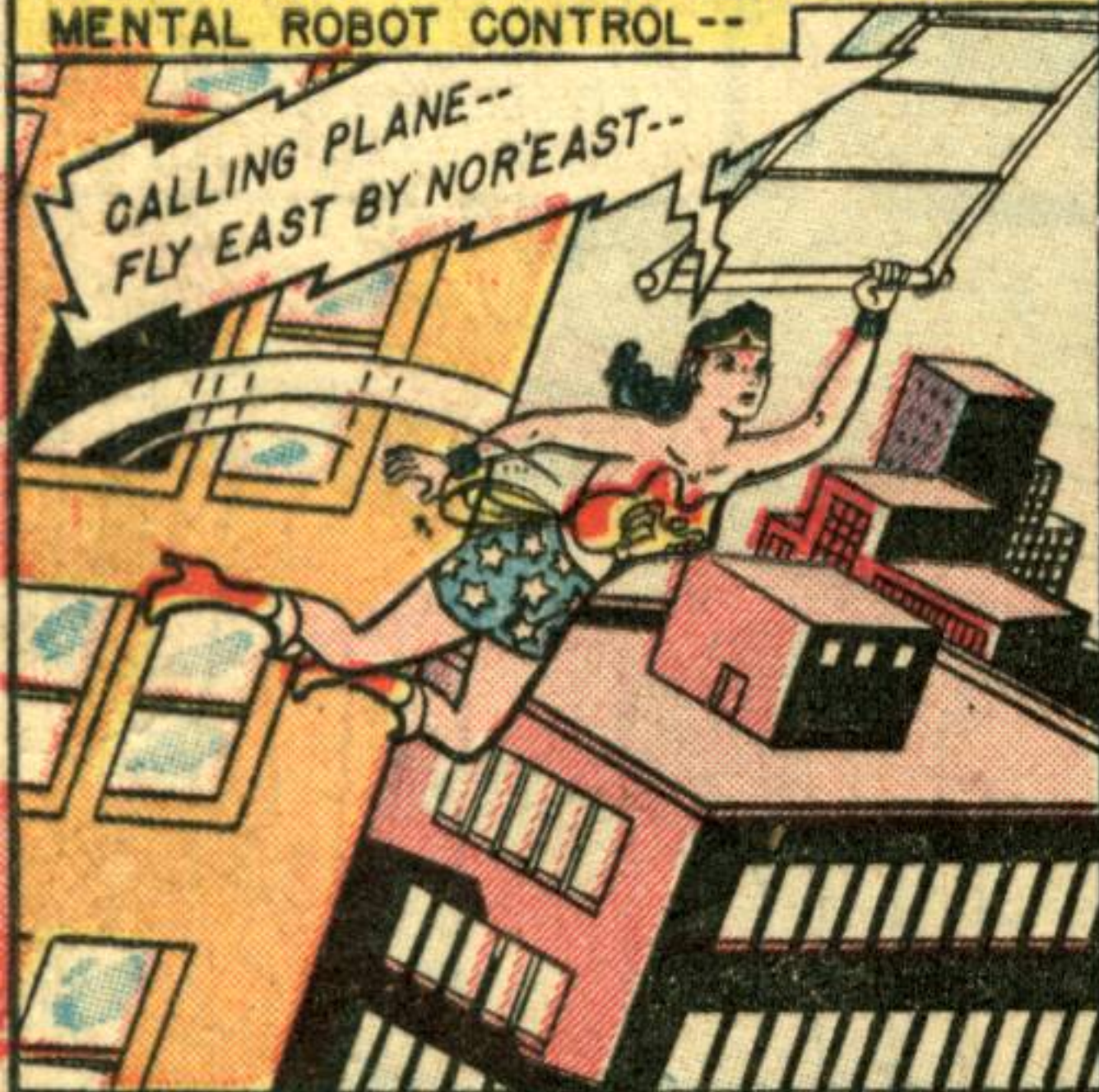
MEANWHILE, AT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, LT. DIANA PRINCE RECEIVES A MENTAL RADIO MESSAGE FROM HER MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE OF THE AMAZONS.

WE ARE STARTING OUR ANNUAL SPORTS GAMES IN A FEW MINUTES, DIANA. WHY NOT VISIT US IF YOU HAVE TIME?

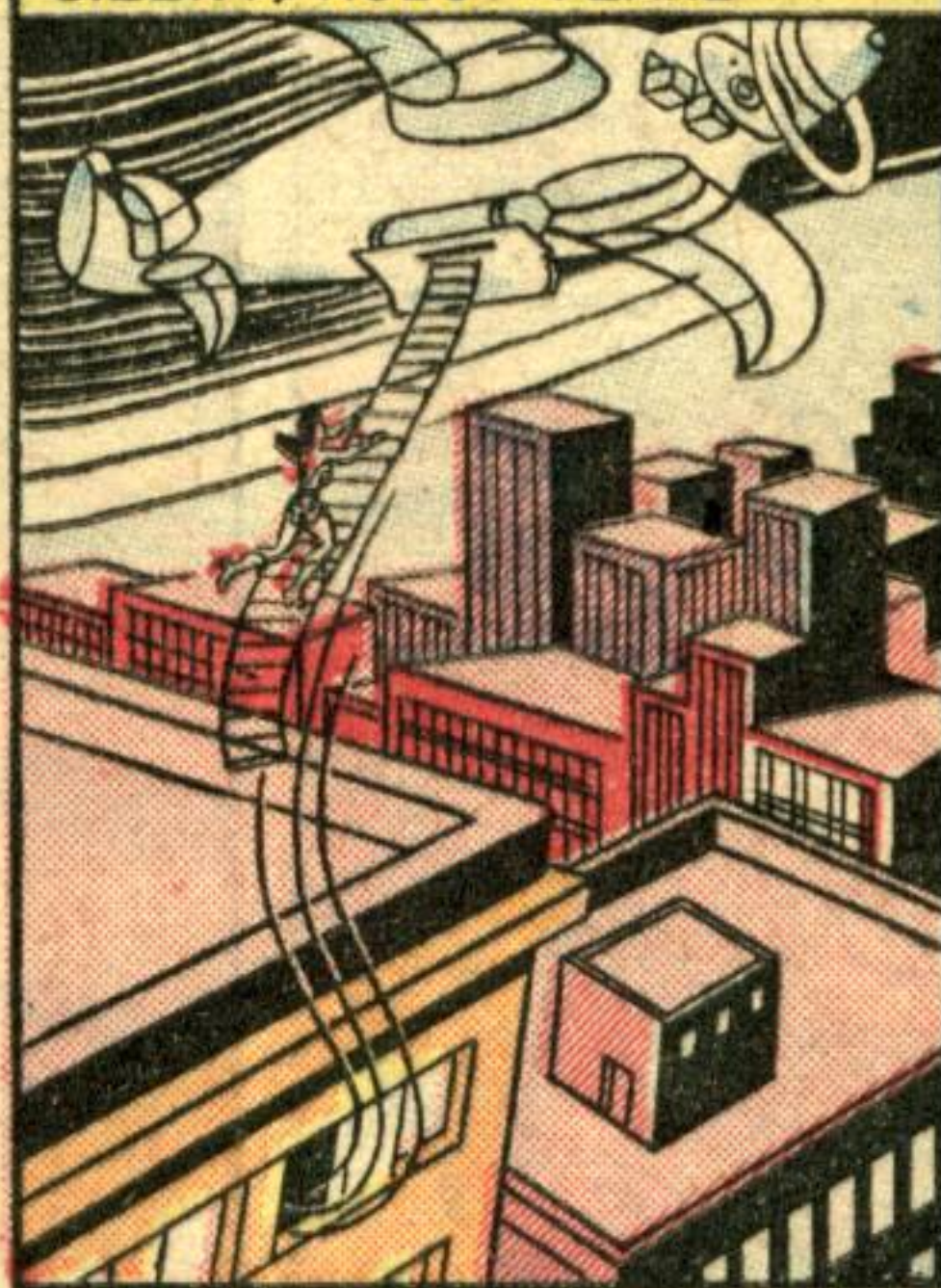


DIANA SWIFTLY CHANGES TO WONDER WOMAN AND CALLS HER PLANE BY MENTAL ROBOT CONTROL--

CALLING PLANE-- FLY EAST BY NOR'EAST--



-- AND FLEETLY BOARDS HER SILENT, ROBOT PLANE --



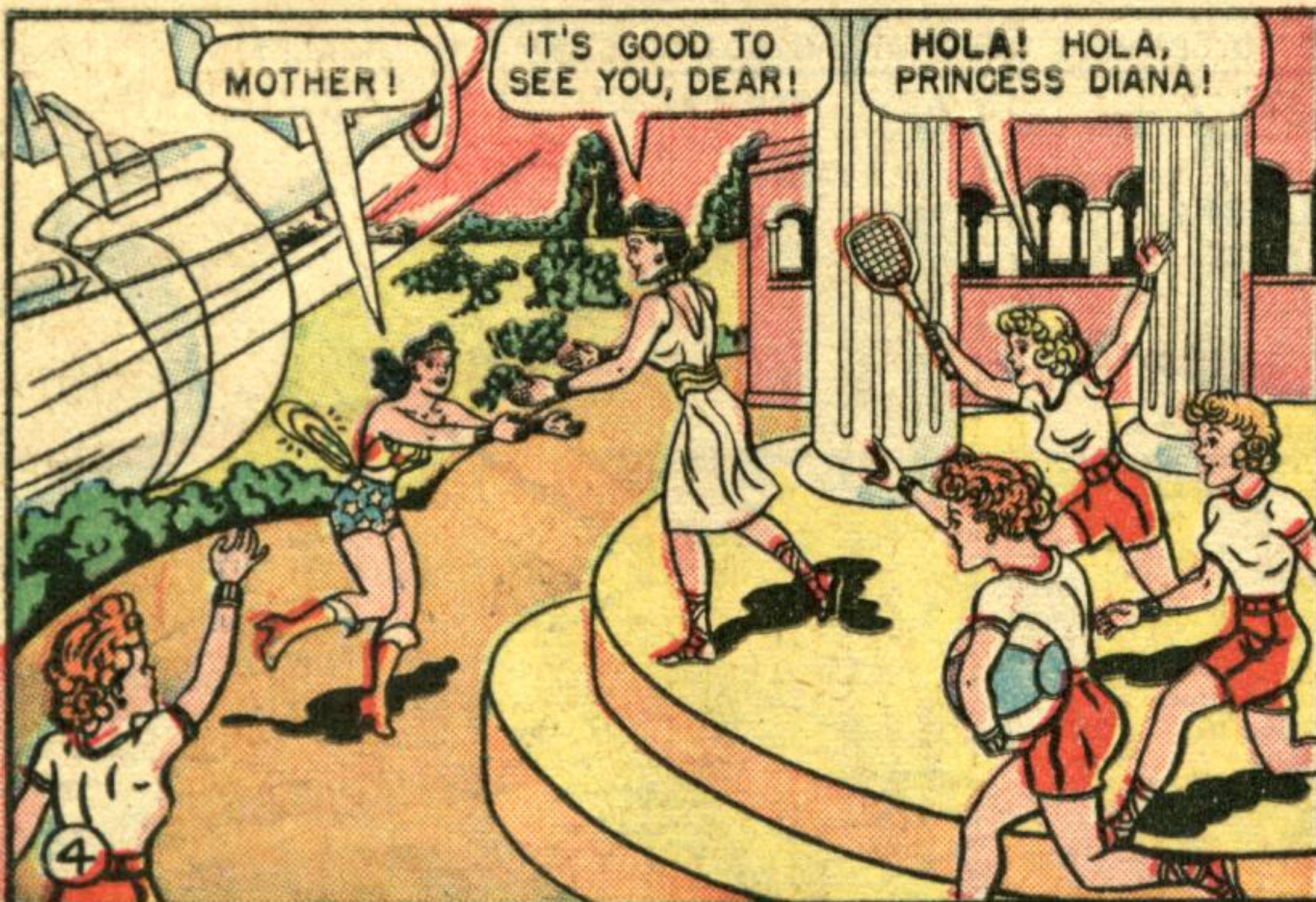
-- WHICH TAKES BUT A FEW MOMENTS AT ITS SPEED OF 3000 MILES PER SECOND TO REACH PARADISE ISLAND!



MOTHER!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU, DEAR!

HOLA! HOLA, PRINCESS DIANA!

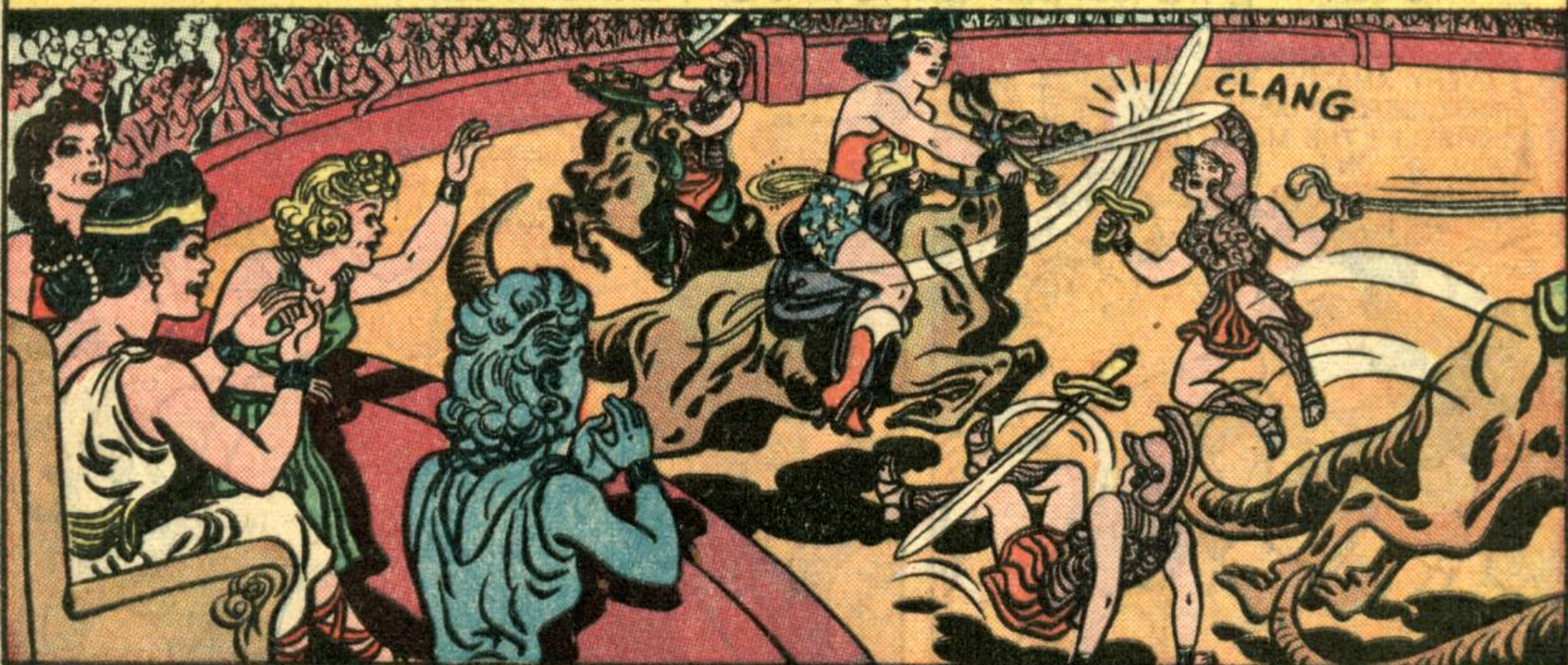


IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I PARTICIPATED IN AMAZON SPORTS, MOTHER, I WONDER IF I'LL STILL BE ABLE TO BEAT THE CHAMPIONS?

WELL, WE WILL SOON FIND OUT!



THE SPORTS BEGIN WITH DUELS ON KANGAS-- THE OPPONENTS SEEKING TO UNSEAT ONE ANOTHER --

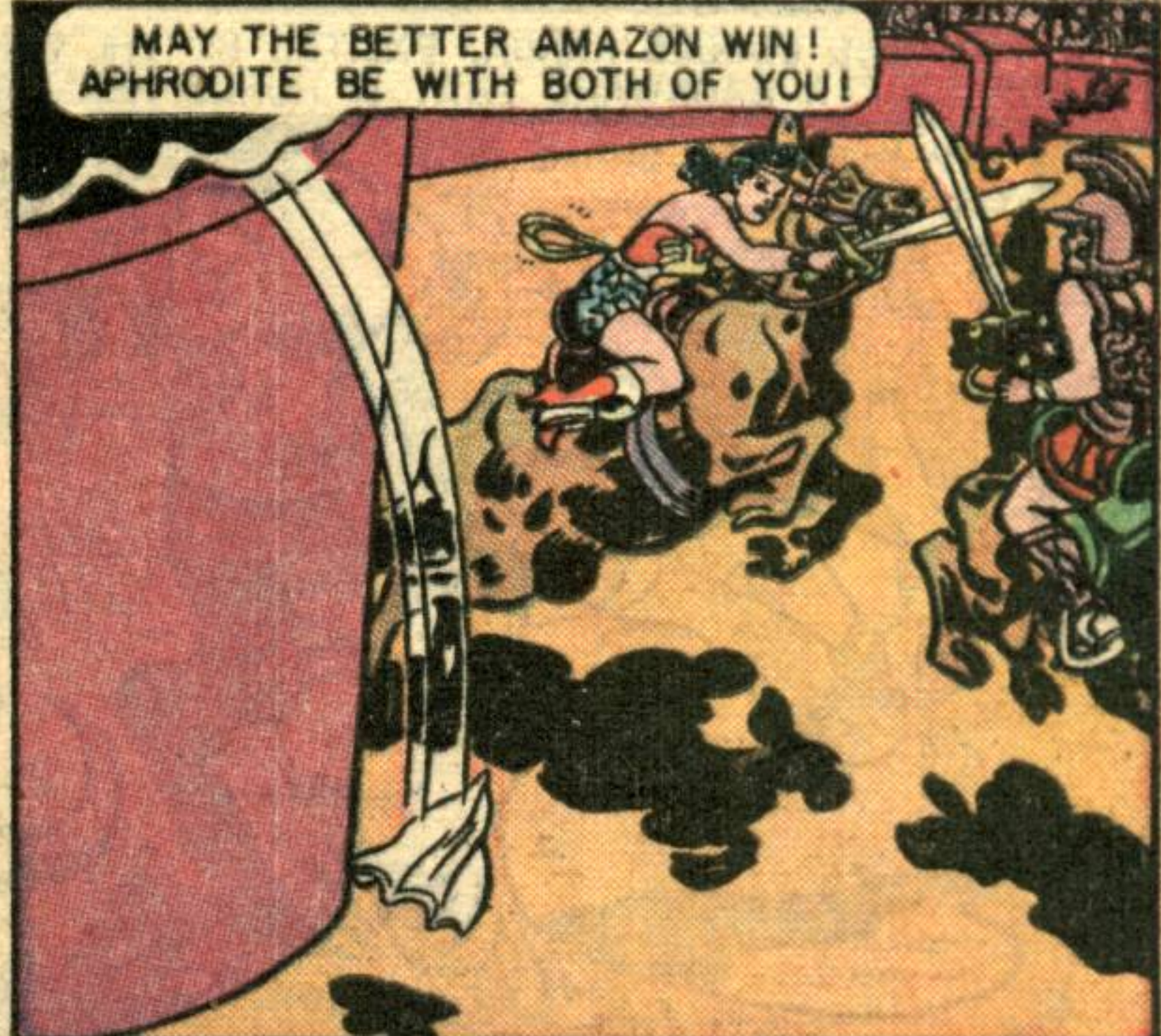


SOON, ONLY WONDER WOMAN AND HERCULA, AN AMAZON CHAMPION, REMAIN UNBEATEN --

WHEN I DROP THIS HANDKERCHIEF, YOU WILL RESUME COMBAT UNTIL ONE OF YOU IS FAIRLY VANQUISHED!

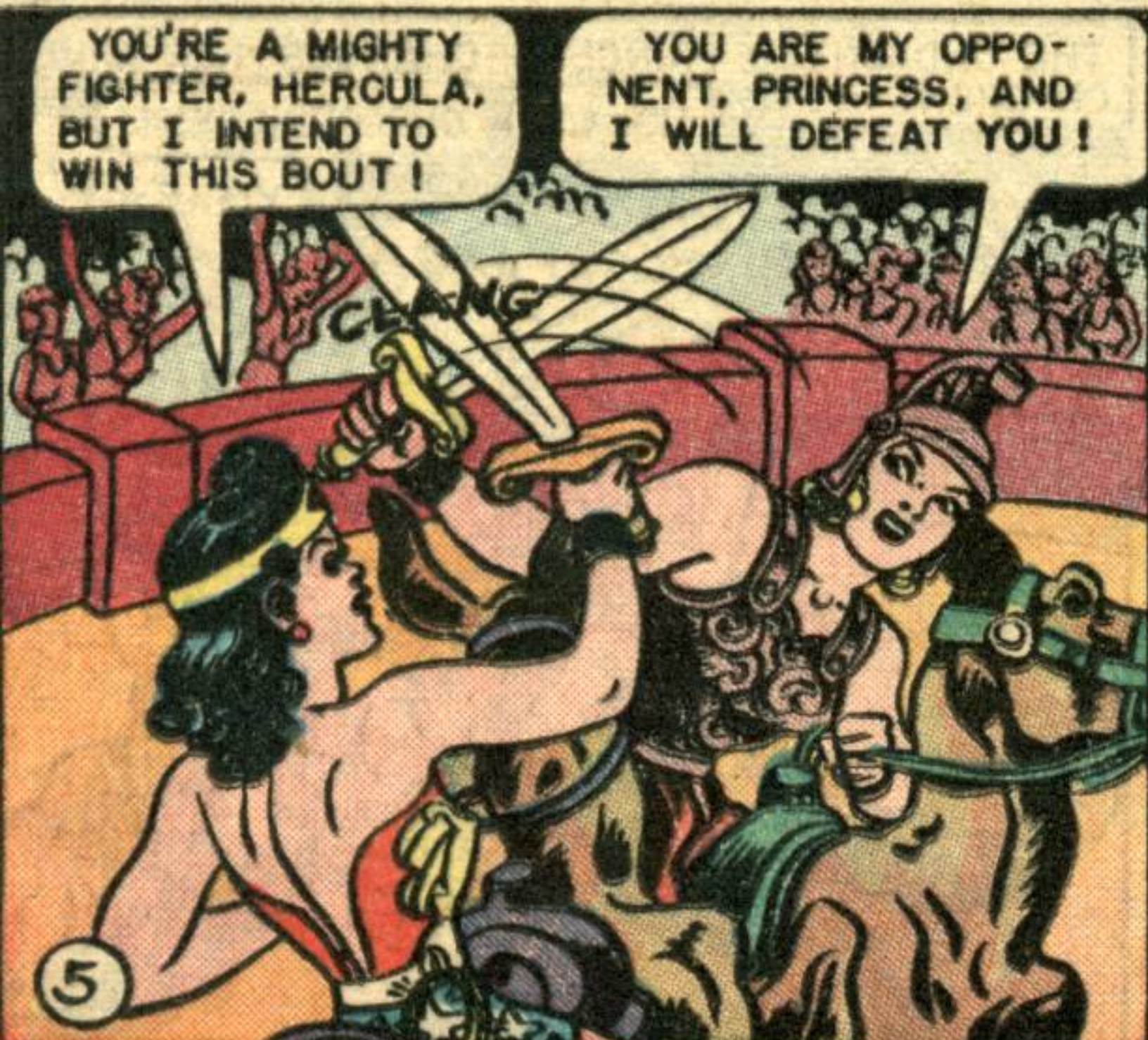


MAY THE BETTER AMAZON WIN! APHRODITE BE WITH BOTH OF YOU!



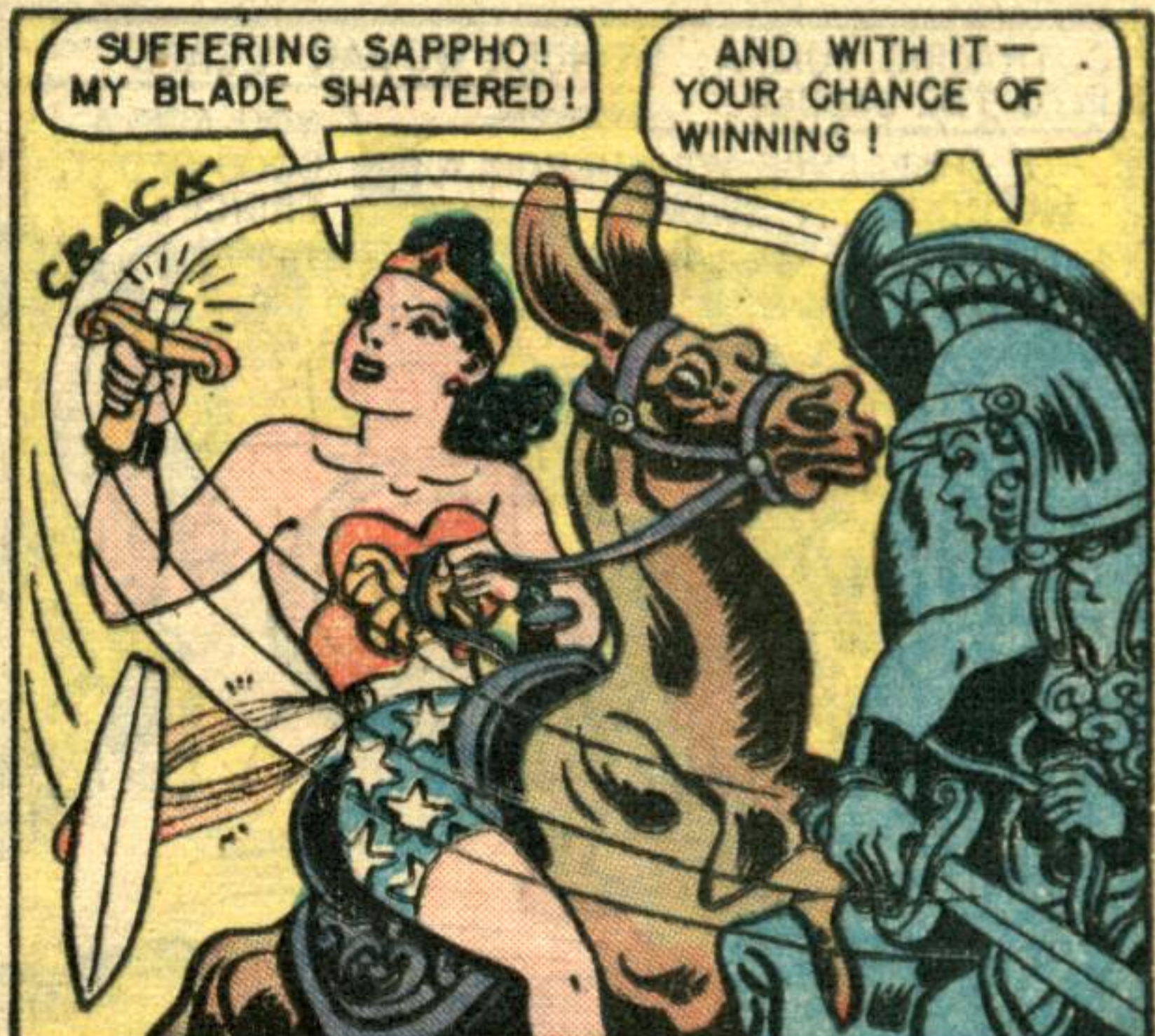
YOU'RE A MIGHTY FIGHTER, HERCULA, BUT I INTEND TO WIN THIS BOUT!

YOU ARE MY OPPONENT, PRINCESS, AND I WILL DEFEAT YOU!



SUFFERING SAPPHO! MY BLADE SHATTERED!

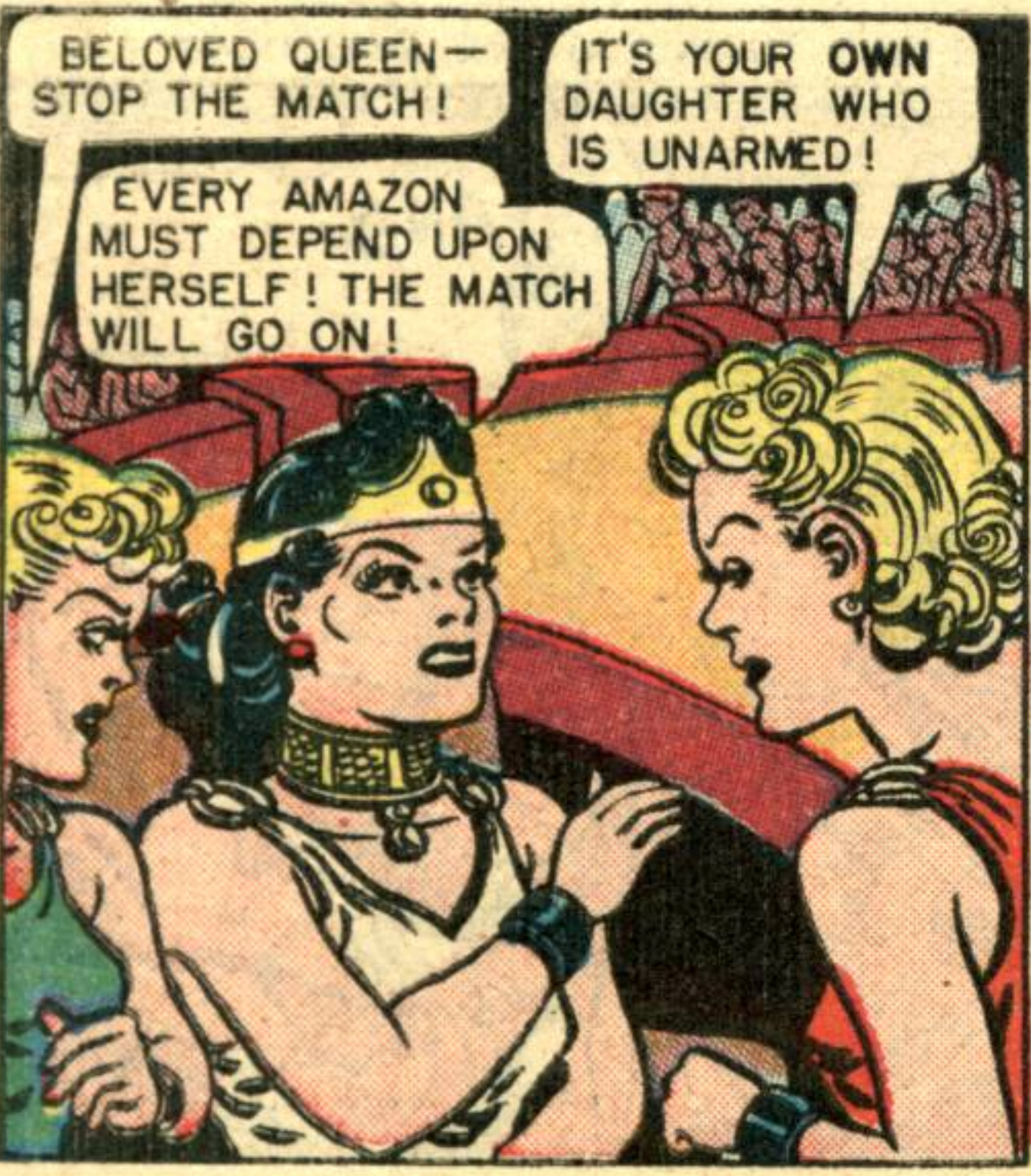
AND WITH IT -- YOUR CHANCE OF WINNING!



BELOVED QUEEN—
STOP THE MATCH!

IT'S YOUR OWN
DAUGHTER WHO
IS UNARMED!

EVERY AMAZON
MUST DEPEND UPON
HERSELF! THE MATCH
WILL GO ON!

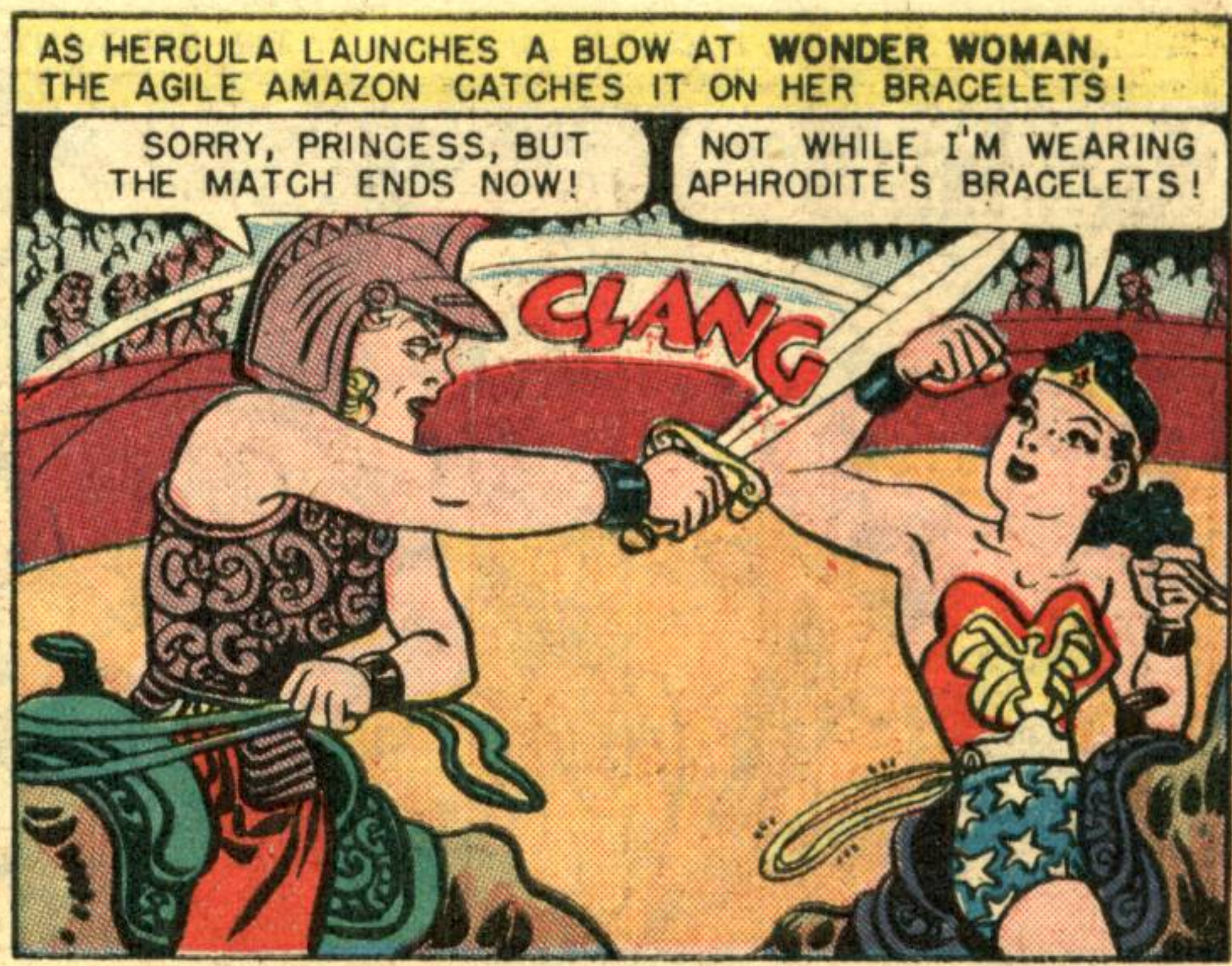
A close-up of Queen Hippolyta and Princess Diana. Hippolyta, on the left, wears a white Amazon tunic with a gold collar and a headband. Diana, on the right, wears a red dress. They are both looking at each other with expressions of concern and determination.

AS HERCULA LAUNCHES A BLOW AT WONDER WOMAN,
THE AGILE AMAZON CATCHES IT ON HER BRACELETS!

CLANG

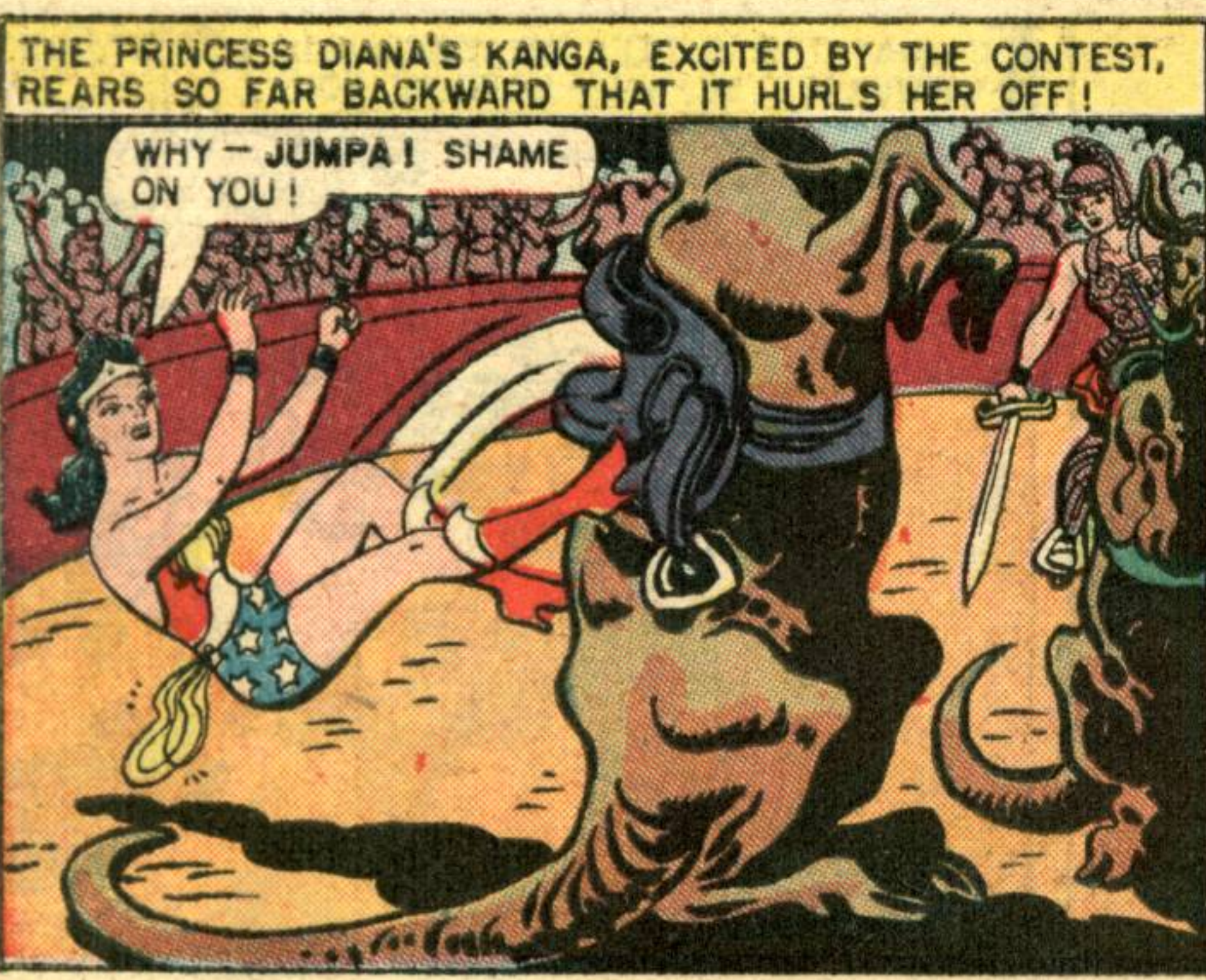
SORRY, PRINCESS, BUT
THE MATCH ENDS NOW!

NOT WHILE I'M WEARING
APHRODITE'S BRACELETS!

Wonder Woman, in her iconic red and blue costume with a yellow eagle emblem, is shown blocking a sword blow from Hercula. Hercula, a muscular man in a red and green tunic, is lunging at her. The sound effect 'CLANG' is written in large red letters between them. Diana is in the background, looking on.

THE PRINCESS DIANA'S KANGA, EXCITED BY THE CONTEST,
REARS SO FAR BACKWARD THAT IT HURLS HER OFF!

WHY—JUMPA! SHAME
ON YOU!

Princess Diana is shown being thrown from her kanga (a large, horned Amazon creature) into the air. The kanga is rearing up, and Diana is flying through the air. A crowd of Amazons is visible in the background, some shouting.

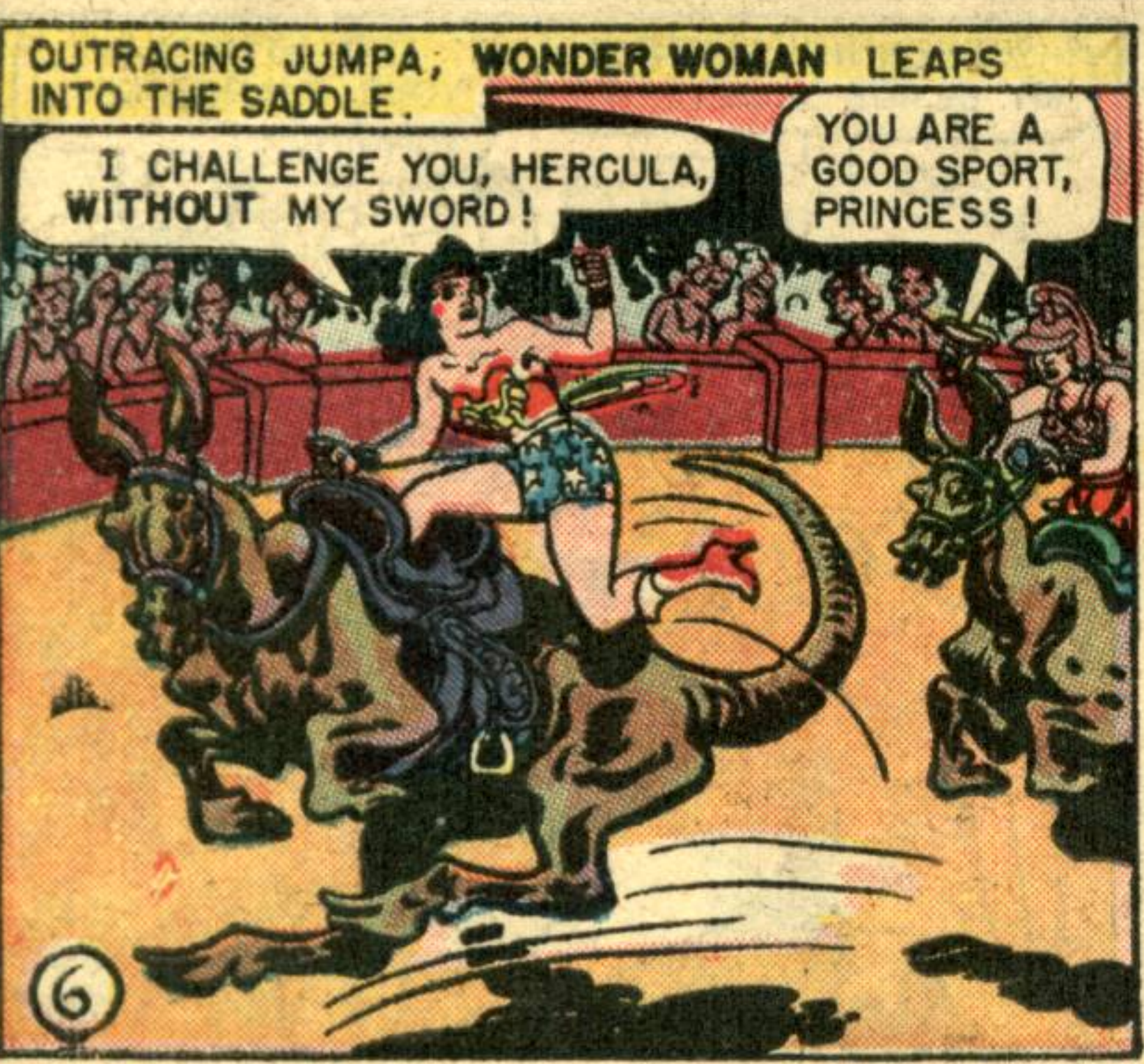
THE AMAZON ALIGHTS ON HER FEET---

Wonder Woman is shown landing on her feet, looking up at the kanga that threw her. She is in a dynamic pose, with one leg forward and arms slightly out. The crowd in the background is cheering.

OUTRACING JUMPA, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS
INTO THE SADDLE.

I CHALLENGE YOU, HERCULA,
WITHOUT MY SWORD!

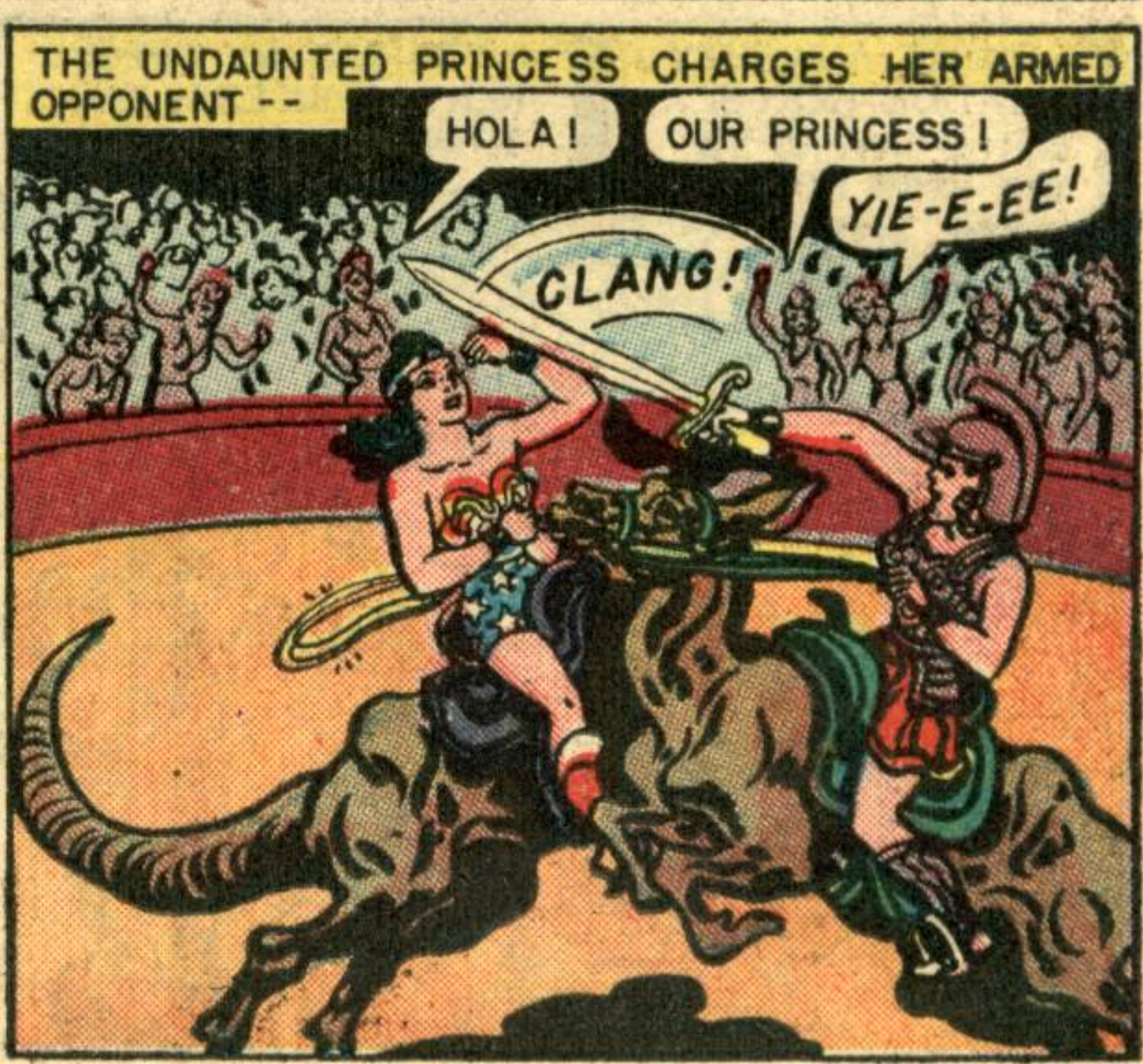
YOU ARE A
GOOD SPORT,
PRINCESS!

Wonder Woman is shown leaping into the saddle of her kanga. She is in a dynamic pose, with one leg forward and arms slightly out. The kanga is running, and a crowd of Amazons is visible in the background.

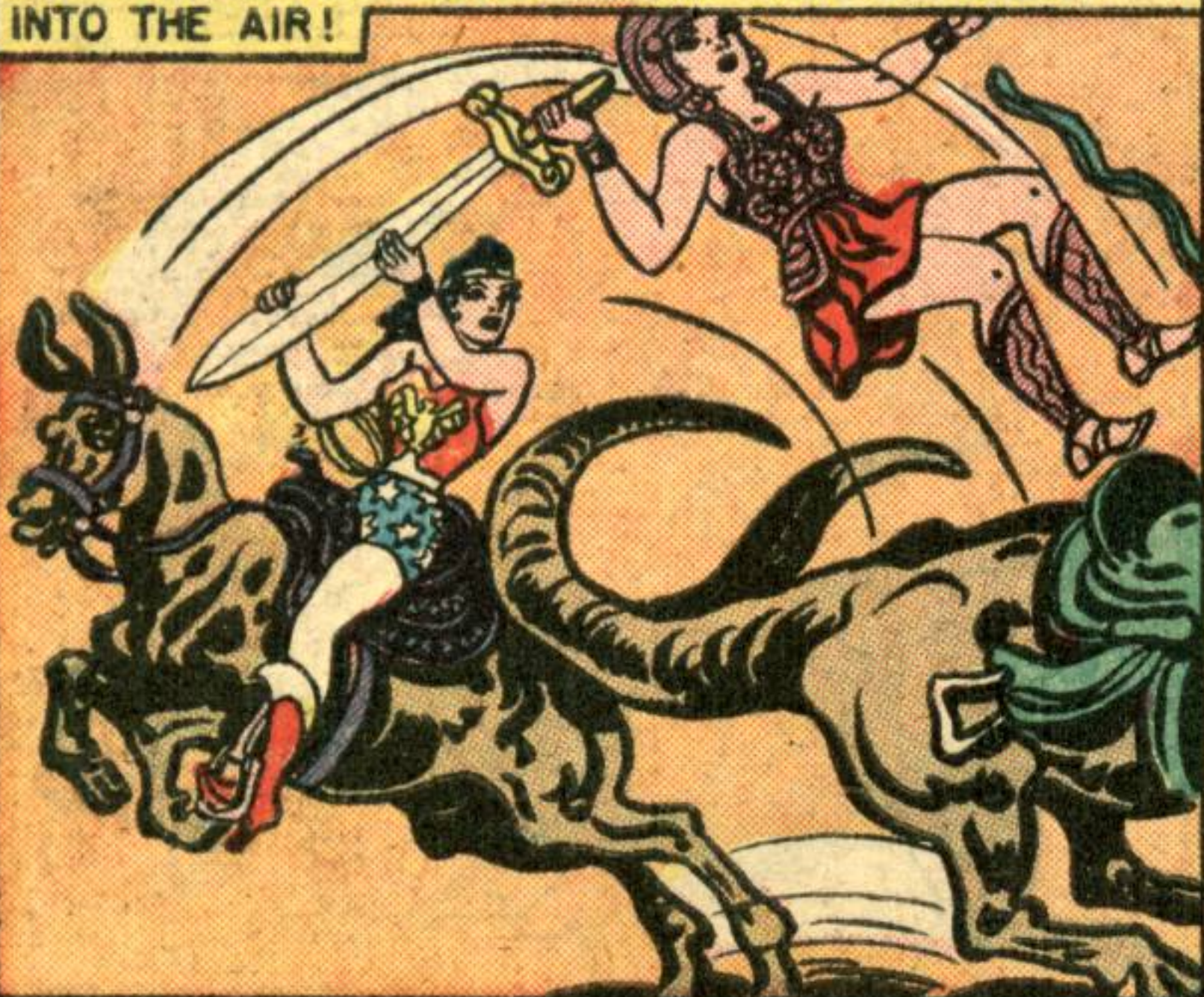
THE UNDAUNTED PRINCESS CHARGES HER ARMED
OPPONENT --

CLANG!

HOLA! OUR PRINCESS!
YIE-E-EE!

Wonder Woman is shown fighting Hercula on her kanga. She is in a dynamic pose, with one leg forward and arms slightly out. Hercula is lunging at her with a sword. The sound effect 'CLANG!' is written in large letters between them. A crowd of Amazons is visible in the background, some shouting.

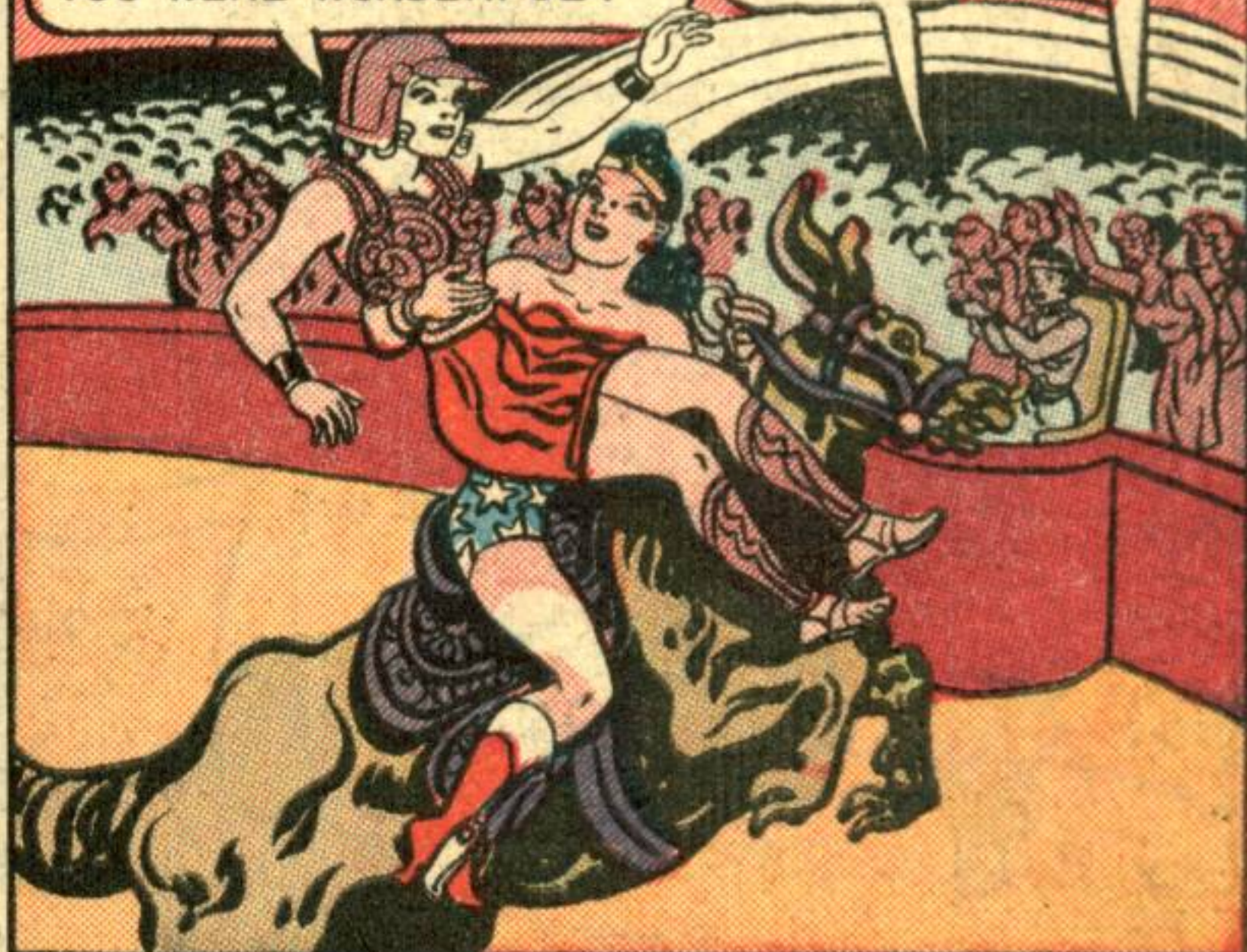
WITH HER BARE HANDS, WONDER WOMAN USES THE SWORD AS A LEVER TO FLIP HER OPPONENT INTO THE AIR!



WHIRLING HER KANGA--

YOU HAVE DEFEATED ME! YOU WERE WONDERFUL!

HAIL TO OUR PRINCESS! SHE HAS WON FAIRLY!



MEANWHILE -- ABOARD THE GIANT GLIDER --

INVENTA! YOU'RE DIVING INTO THE WATER!

NATURALLY! WE CAN'T BE RESCUED UNLESS WE'RE WRECKED!



DO YOU REALLY HAVE TO WRECK THE GLIDER?

WE CAN'T FAKE IT! IT MUST BE REAL! OTHERWISE WE'LL NEVER FOOL THE AMAZONS!



AT THE LAST MOMENT INVENTA LESSENS THE IMPACT OF THE DIVE BY A "PANGAKE" LANDING.

INVENTA! WHAT IF THE AMAZONS DON'T FIND US?

THEY WILL!



AS THE ESCAPED PRISONERS CLING TO THE FLOATING WRECKAGE --

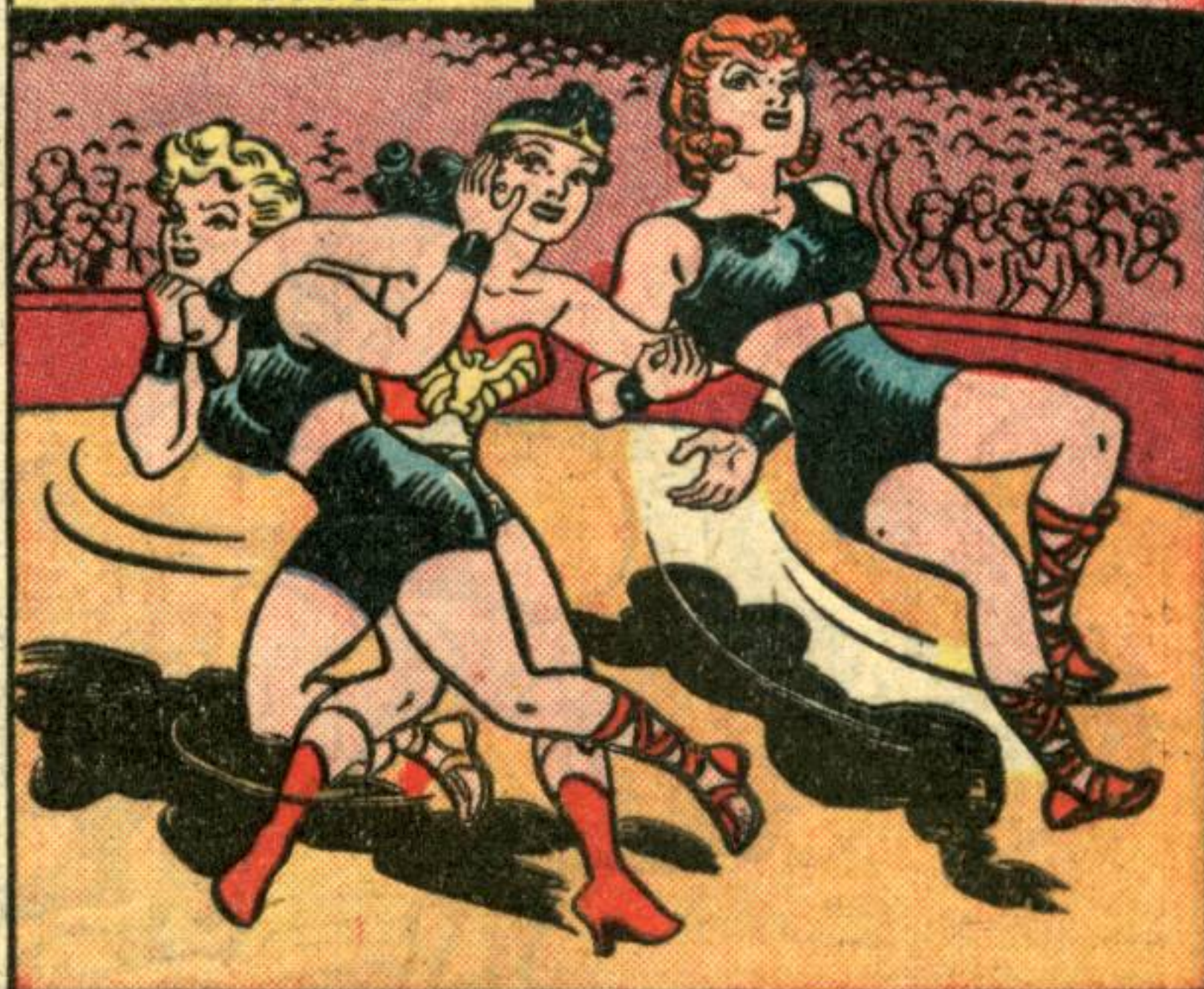
THIS ROCKET DISTRESS SIGNAL, ONE OF THE MANY INSTRUMENTS I INVENTED FOR THIS ESCAPE, WILL BE SEEN BY THE AMAZONS!



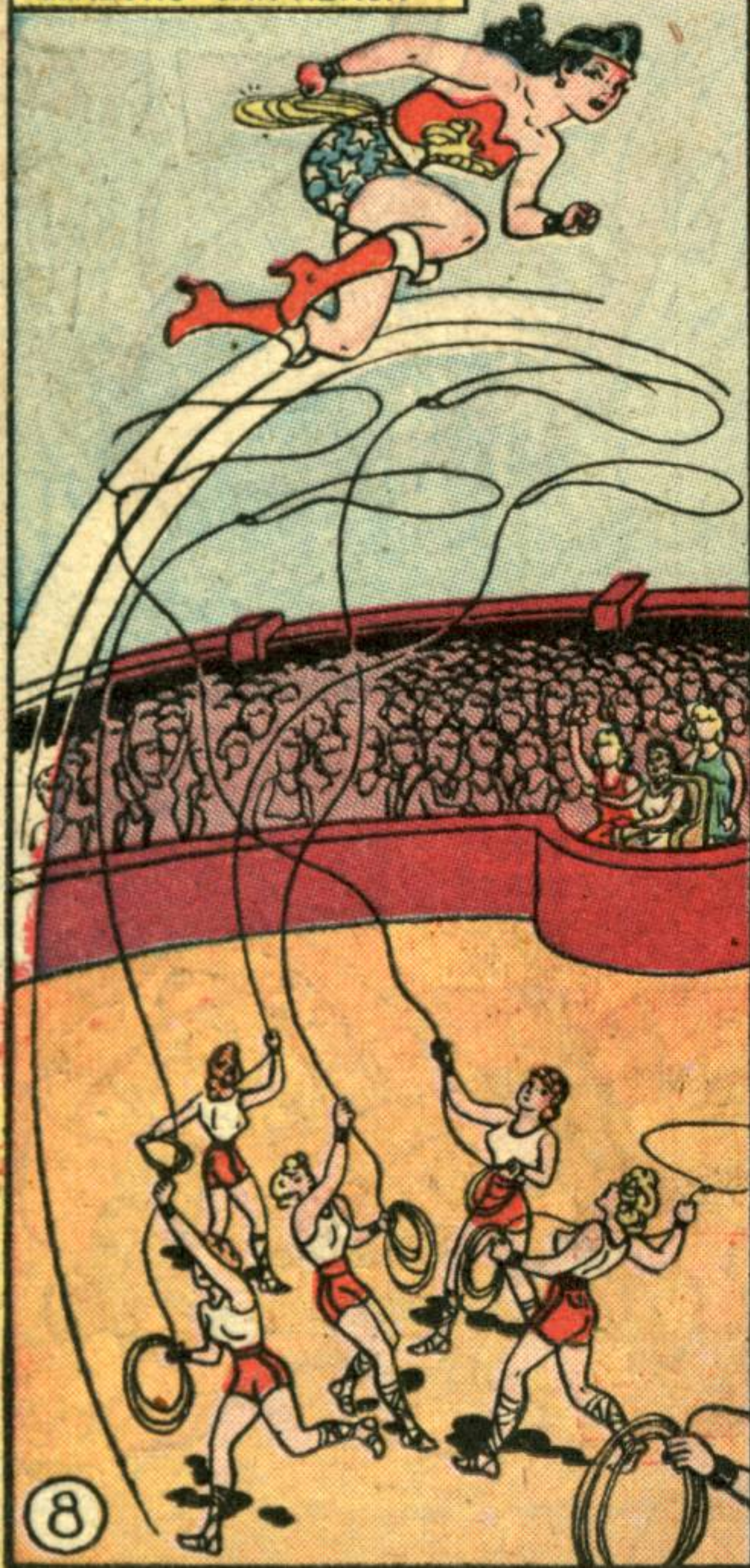
AS THE GAMES CONTINUE, THE AMAZON MAID PERFORMS INCREDIBLE FEATS WITH THE GRACEFUL EASE WHICH HAS EARNED FOR HER THE TITLE BY WHICH SHE IS KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE SOLAR SYSTEM-- WUNDER WOMAN!



IN WRESTLING, SHE OVERCOMES TWO CHAMPIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY--



IN THE HIGH JUMP ROPING CONTEST, THE BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS LEAPS HIGHER THAN THE LASSOES OF THE AMAZONS CAN REACH--



--AND IN THE GAME OF NETS AND FORFEITS, PRINCESS DIANA ASTOUNDS HER COMPETITORS!



AS THE AMAZONS HAIL THE VICTORIOUS WUNDER WOMAN--

HOLA, PRINCESS!

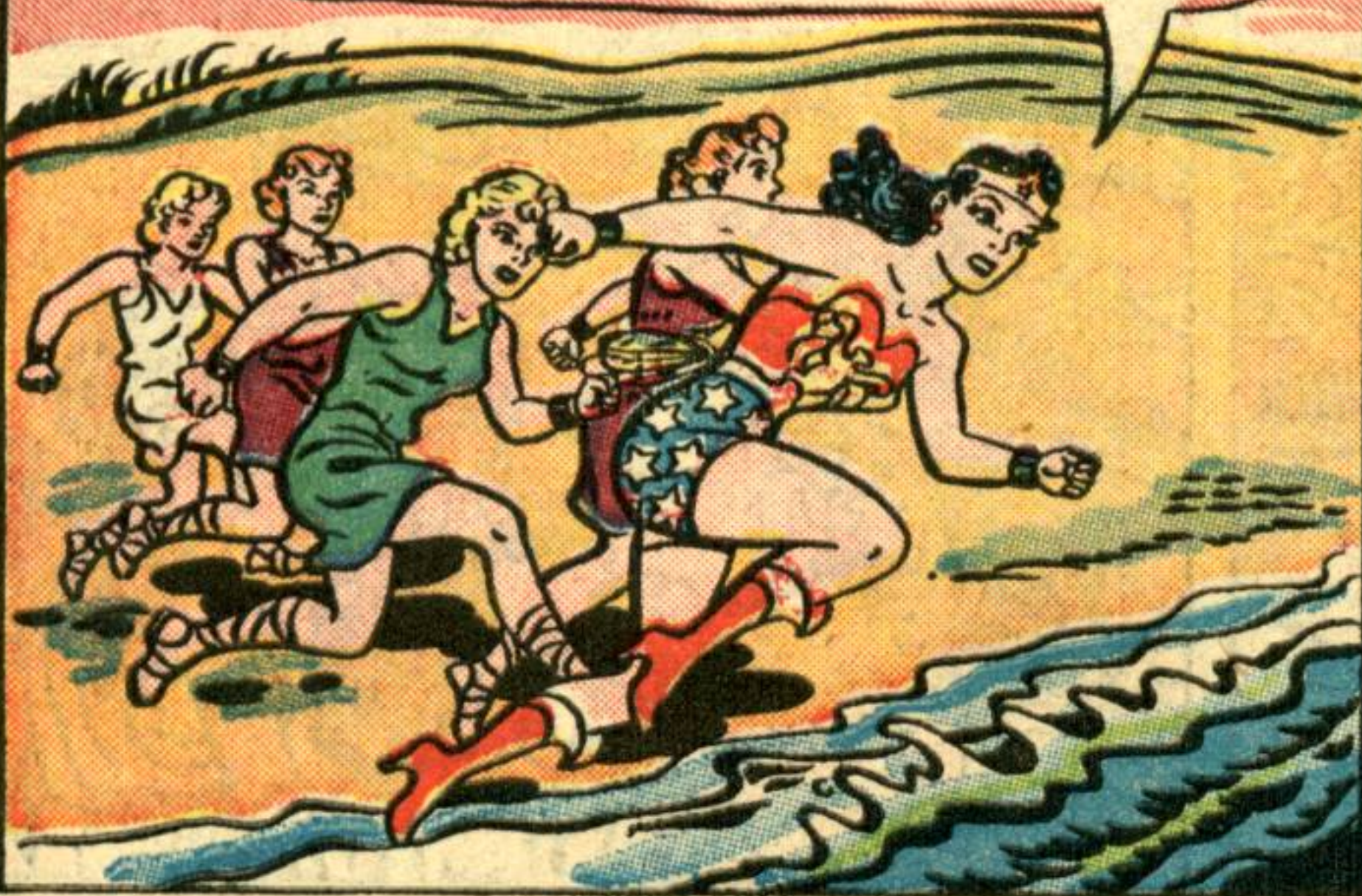
ROCKET DISTRESS SIGNAL SIGHTED FAR OUT AT SEA!

FOLLOW ME, AMAZONS!



WONDER WOMAN RACES IN ADVANCE OF THE RESCUE PARTY--

MERCIFUL MINERVA! WE MUST REACH THOSE POOR PEOPLE BEFORE THEY DROWN!



SWIMMING MANY MILES AT GREAT SPEED, WONDER WOMAN SIGHTS THE WRECKED GLIDER.

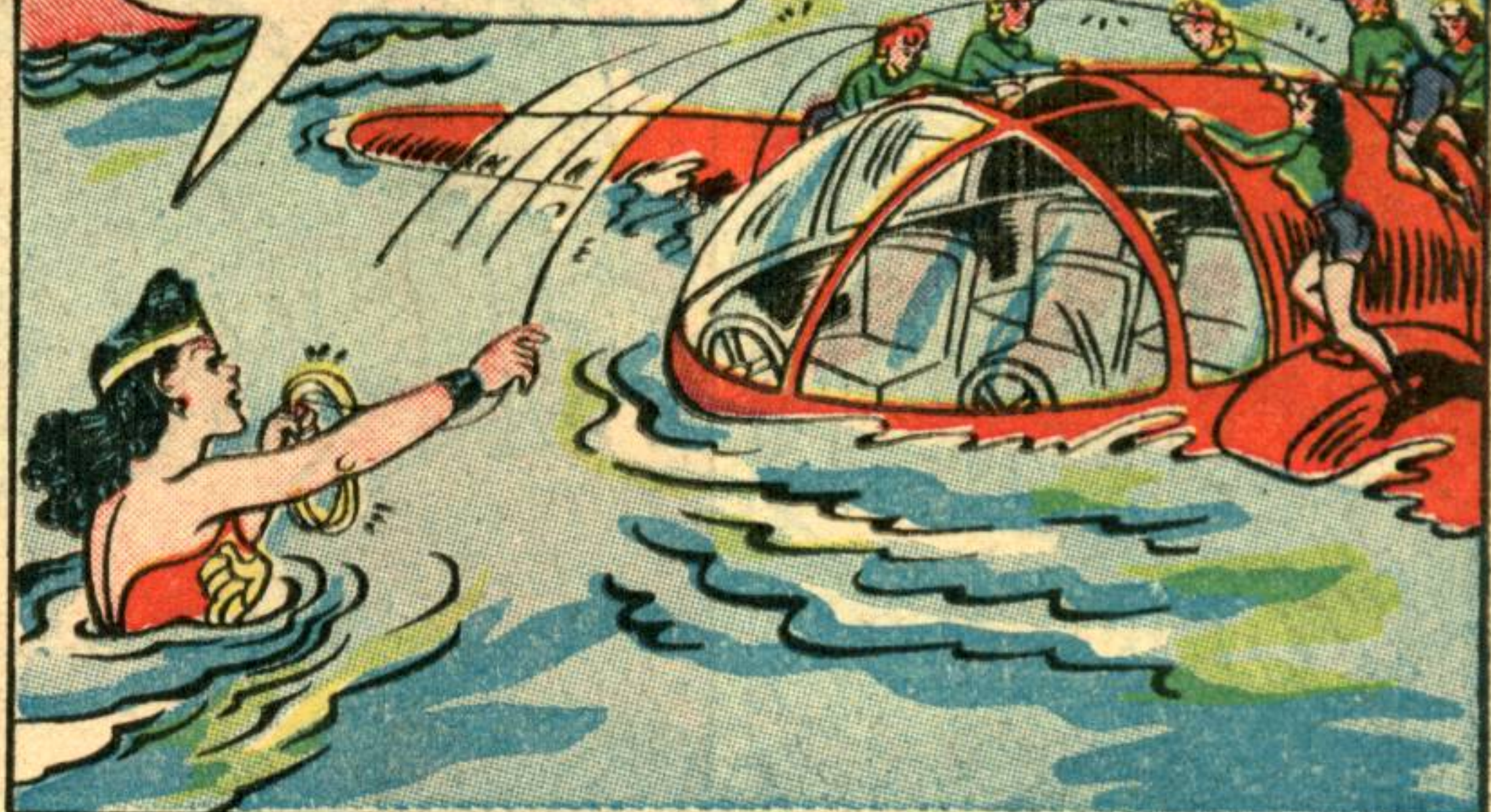
THANK APHRODITE-- THEY'RE ALL WOMEN! I WONDER WHAT THEY ARE DOING OUT HERE?



WONDER WOMAN! WE THOUGHT WE WERE LOST! WE ARE ACTRESSES ON LOCATION! OUR GLIDER UNEXPECTEDLY CATAPULTED OFF OUR SHIP-- WE CRASHED-- DRIFTED-- UNTIL NOW!



IT'S JUST LIKE A MOVIE COMPANY TO GET INTO TROUBLE LIKE THIS! IT WILL BE A SIMPLE MATTER TO LASSO THE GLIDER AND TOW THEM ALL TO PARADISE ISLAND!



A MOMENT LATER WONDER WOMAN SWIFTLY STARTS HER RETURN TRIP.

I'M GLAD THERE ARE NO MEN WITH THEM! BY APHRODITE'S LAW, WE LOSE OUR ETERNAL YOUTH IF A MAN SETS FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND!



WE STRIKE AS SOON AS WE LAND!
WE'RE SURE TO BE RECOGNIZED! BUT IT WILL
BE TOO LATE FOR THEM TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT
IT THEN. THE SIGNAL WILL BE—DOWN WITH
THE AMAZONS!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER--

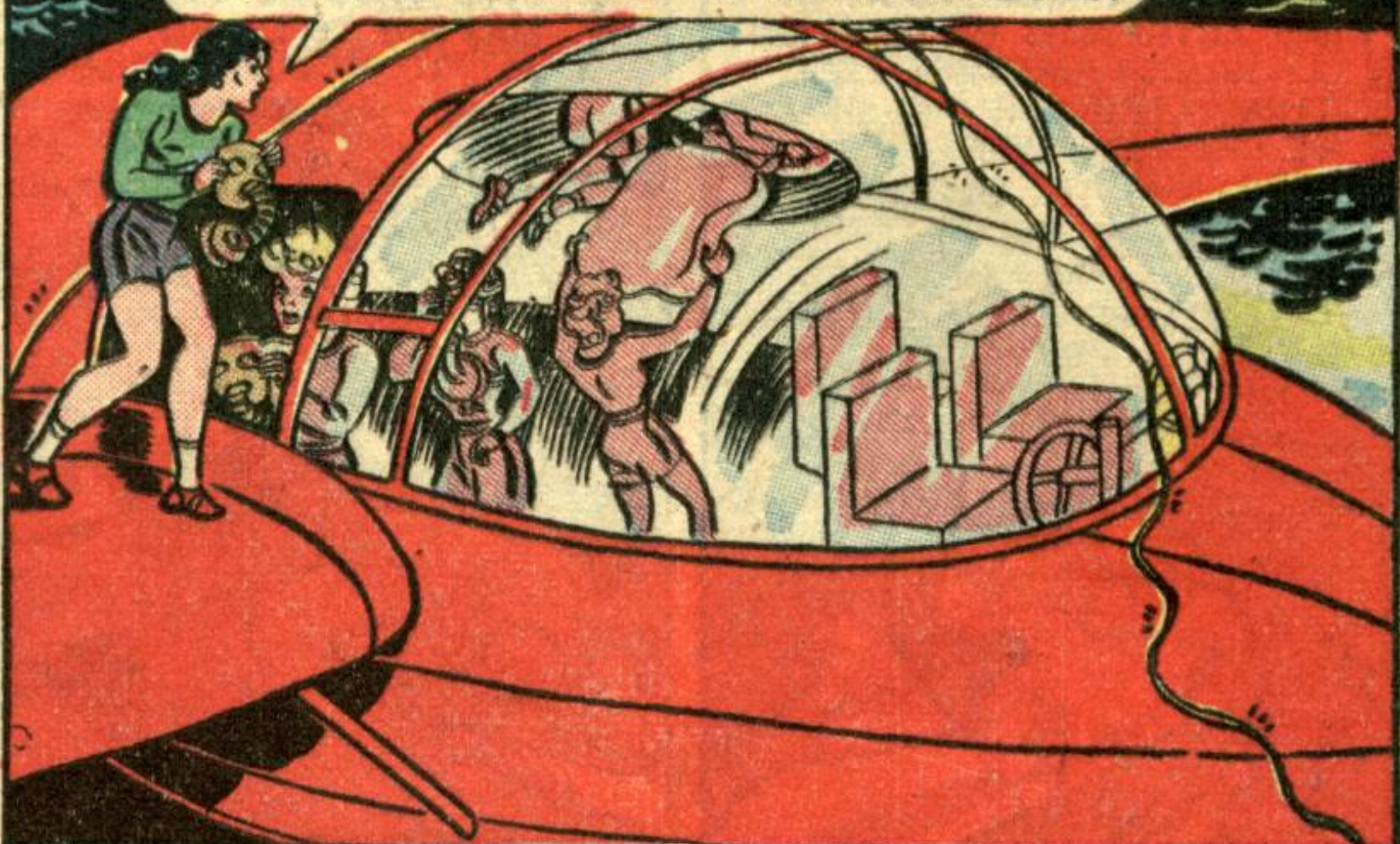
HERE ARE THE PEOPLE IN DISTRESS,
MOTHER! ALL WOMEN! THAT'S WHY I
BROUGHT THEM DIRECTLY HERE!



GREAT HERA! IT'S INVENTA!
WITH PRISONERS FROM TRANS-
FORMATION ISLAND! RECAPTURE
THEM, AMAZONS!



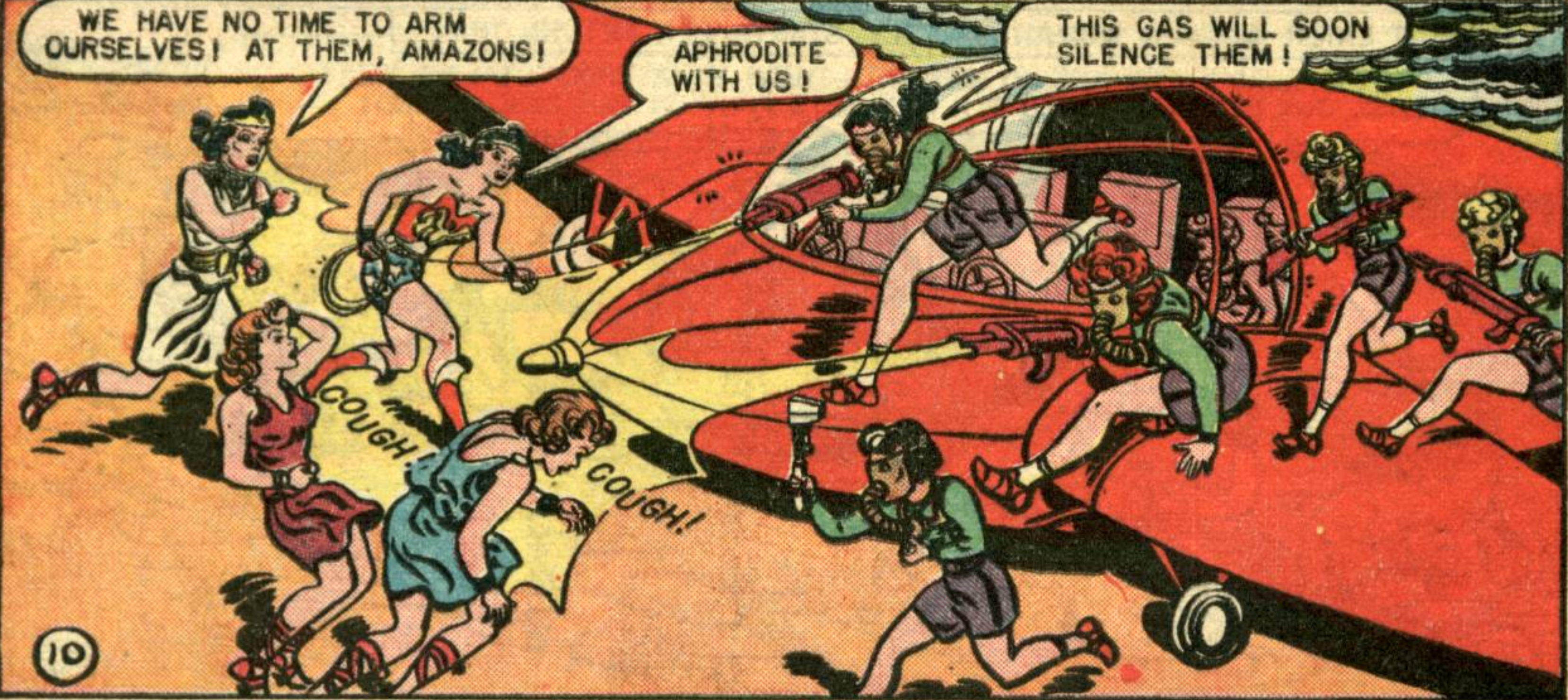
HURRY! PUT ON YOUR GAS MASKS!
HERE THEY COME! DOWN WITH THE AMAZONS!



WE HAVE NO TIME TO ARM
OURSELVES! AT THEM, AMAZONS!

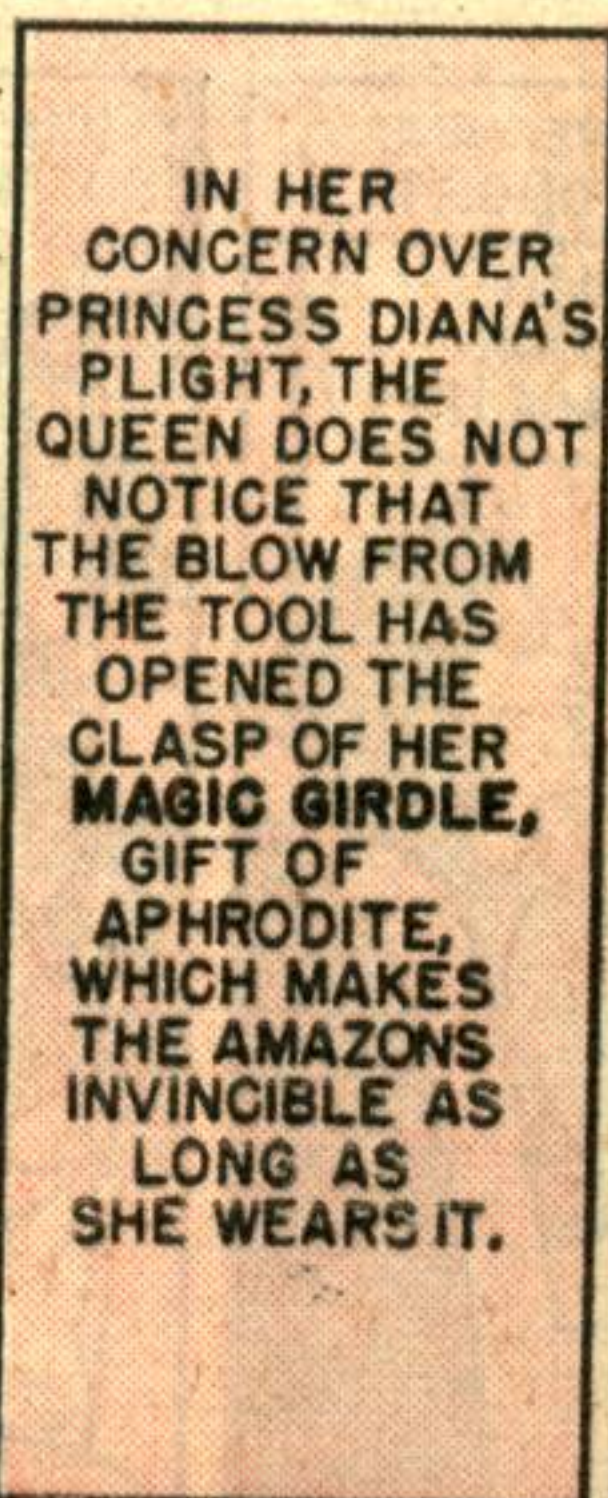
APHRODITE
WITH US!

THIS GAS WILL SOON
SILENCE THEM!





OH-OH! DIANA DIDN'T UNTIE THE LASSO! I MUST HELP HER!



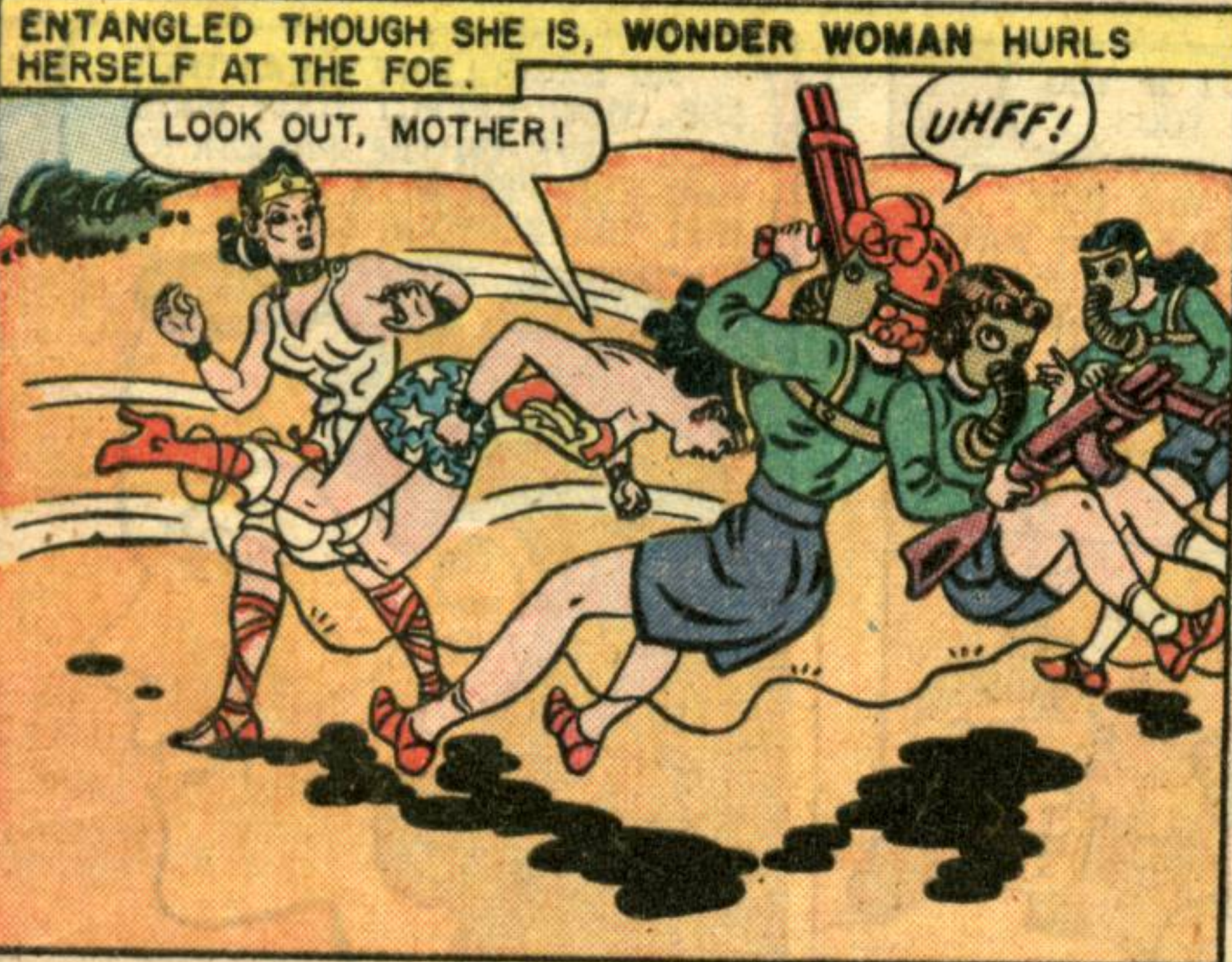
IN HER CONCERN OVER PRINCESS DIANA'S PLIGHT, THE QUEEN DOES NOT NOTICE THAT THE BLOW FROM THE TOOL HAS OPENED THE CLASP OF HER MAGIC GIRDLE, GIFT OF APHRODITE, WHICH MAKES THE AMAZONS INVINCIBLE AS LONG AS SHE WEARS IT.



DON'T STOP FOR ME, MOTHER!

I'LL HAVE YOU UP IN A MOMENT, DIANA!

I WON'T GIVE YOU THAT FREE MOMENT, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE!



ENTANGLED THOUGH SHE IS, WONDER WOMAN HURLS HERSELF AT THE FOE.

LOOK OUT, MOTHER!

UHFF!



WEAKENED BY THE GAS, THE AMAZON PRINCESS SUCCUMBS TO A TREACHEROUS BLOW--

THIS WILL STOP YOU!



THE GAS ALSO HAS ITS EFFECT ON QUEEN HIPPOLYTE AND THE OTHER AMAZONS WHO FIGHT BRAVELY BUT ULTIMATELY FALL--

IT'S AMAZING HOW LONG THEY FOUGHT-- WITHOUT WEAPONS-- OR GAS MASKS!

BUT THE FIGHT IS AT AN END!



PARADISE ISLAND IS OURS!

INVENTA TAKES OVER QUEEN HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE AND HAS THE CAPTIVE QUEEN AND HER DAUGHTER BROUGHT TO HER--

I WANT THOSE MAGIC DEVICES WHICH ENABLE YOU AMAZONS TO PERFORM YOUR INCREDIBLE FEATS OF STRENGTH AND AGILITY!

THERE IS NO MAGIC IN OUR FEATS!

ANYONE WHO SUBMITS TO LOVING AUTHORITY AS WE DO, MAY POSSESS THE SAME QUALITIES OF STRENGTH AND AGILITY!

YOU CAN'T DECEIVE ME! IT IS MAGIC! IF YOU WON'T REVEAL IT TO ME -- I'LL FORCE YOU!

BLIND FURY, SUCH AS YOU'RE DISPLAYING, CAN HARM ONLY YOU, INVENTA!

WHY DON'T YOU GIVE OUR WAYS OF DISCIPLINE AND LOVE A TRIAL?

AN EXCELLENT IDEA! WE'LL SEE WHAT EFFECT YOUR WAYS WILL HAVE ON THE PRISONERS WHO ESCAPED WITH ME! THEY WILL DECIDE YOUR CASE!

INVENTA TREACHEROUSLY GAGS HER PRISONERS SO THEY ARE UNABLE TO SPEAK IN THEIR OWN BEHALF AND --

LADIES OF THE JURY! THE PRISONERS CONDEMN THEMSELVES BY THEIR SILENCE! WHAT PUNISHMENT DO YOU DECREE?

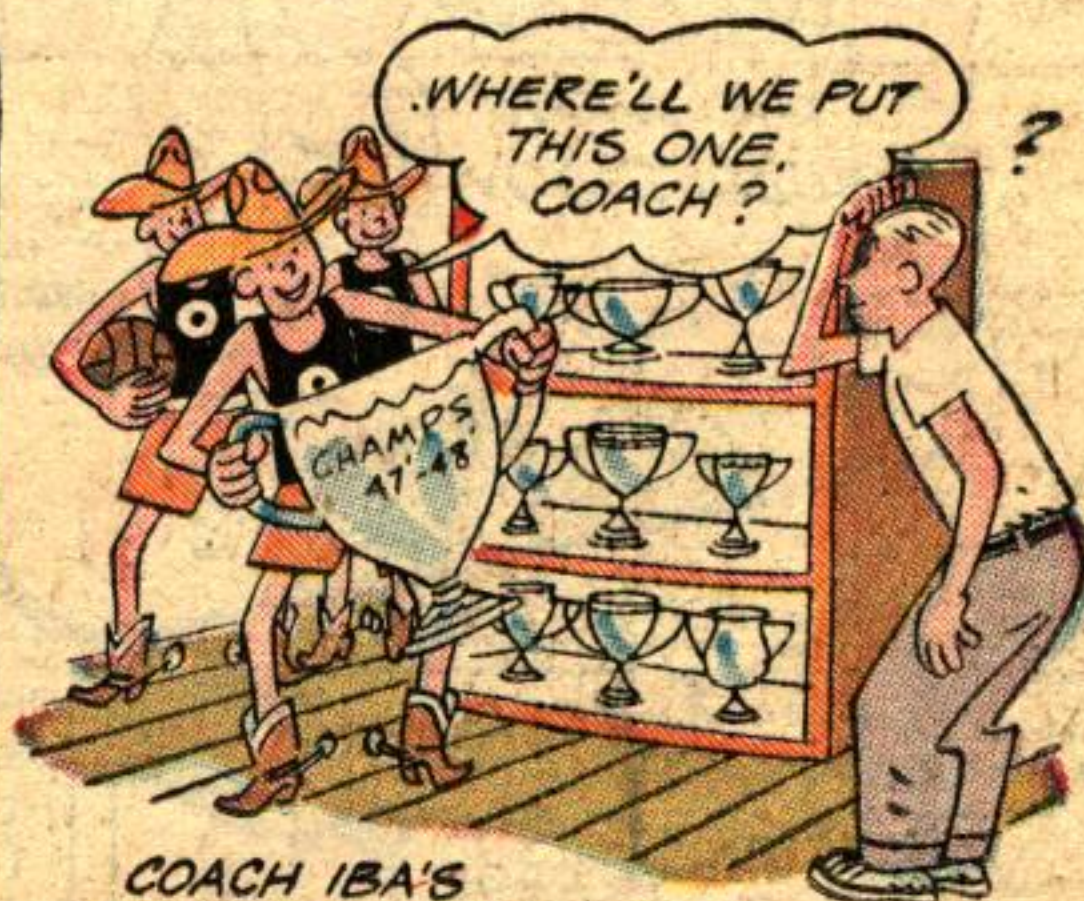
FLY THEM TO THE ISLAND OF CADMEA FOR DEATH BY THE FOUR DOOMS!

WONDER WOMAN! YOU WILL BE FIRST TO MEET THE FOUR DOOMS! THE DOOM OF THE ROLLING STONE -- THE DOOM OF THE BLINDING MIRRORS -- THE DOOM OF THE LABYRINTH -- AND THE DOOM OF THE DRAGON'S TEETH!

THE FINAL PART OF THIS STORY STARTS ON THE 3RD PAGE FOLLOWING

Henry IBA

CHAMPION
BASKETBALL
COACH OF
OKLAHOMA
A.&M.



COACH IBA'S COWBOYS GALLOPED THROUGH '47-'48 SEASON WITH 27 VICTORIES AGAINST ONLY 4 LOSSES TO WIN THE MISSOURI VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP FOR 11TH TIME IN 14 YEARS.



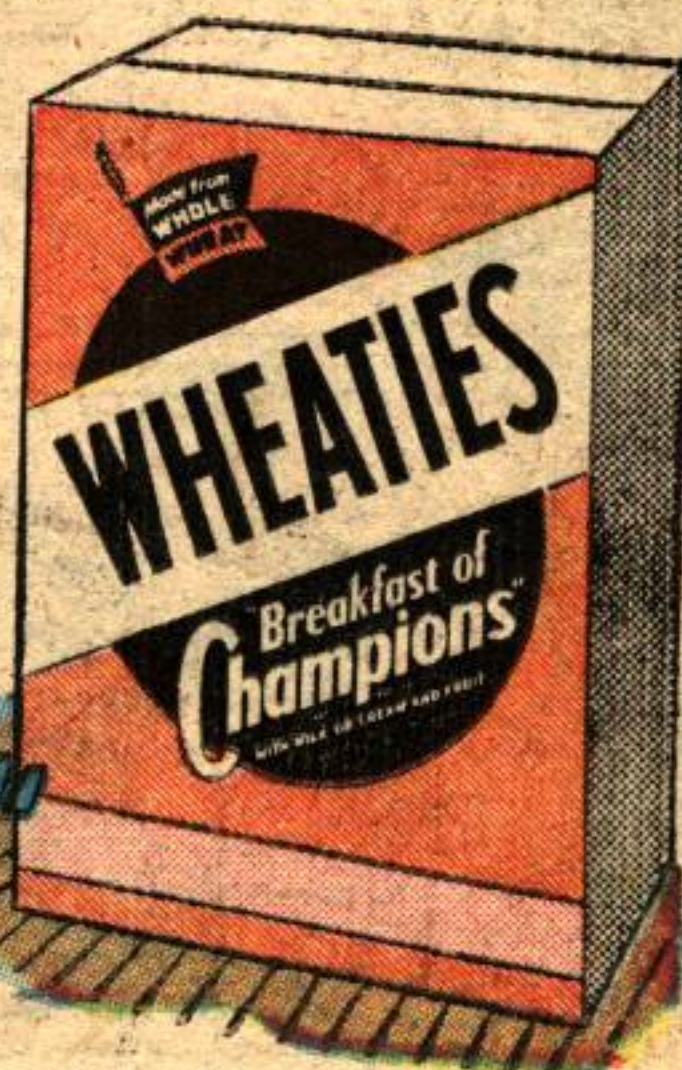
FAMOUS FOR THEIR SLOW, DELIBERATE STYLE OF PLAY, HANK IBA'S AGGIES COMBINE AIR-TIGHT DEFENSIVE TACTICS WITH CLEVER SHARP SHOOTING. HIS AMAZING LIFETIME VICTORY AVERAGE (.811), RANKS HENRY IBA AMONG BASKETBALL'S ALL-TIME COACHING GREATS.

SEE THAT THEY GET PLENTY OF THESE FIRST.



"I LIKE TO SEE MY BOYS TAKE IN THREE SQUARE MEALS EVERY DAY," SAYS COACH IBA. "AND IF YOU ASK ME--THAT FIRST MEAL SHOULD INCLUDE A LARGE HELPING OF MILK, FRUIT, AND WHEATIES, 'BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS'! THERE'S A DISH THAT PACKS PLENTY OF REAL HE-MAN NOURISHMENT."

WHEATIES
"BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS"
WITH MILK AND FRUIT



Bazooka

THE ATOM
BUBBLE BOY

Bazooka
THE ATOM BUBBLE GUN

GETS THE
BIRD!

LOOK, BAZOOKA, IT'S
DEEJAY SMITH-THE
MOVIE ACTRESS. ISN'T
SHE BEAUTIFUL?

I'LL SAY! WHAT'S
SHE GOT
IN THE
CAGE?

THAT'S PAT,
HER PARROT.
HE TALKS
AND HE
PLAYS IN
ALL HER
PICTURES.

HEY! THE
PARROT'S
OUT OF
THE CAGE.
HE'S
FLYING
OFF!

OH, BAZOOKA-
DEEJAY NEEDS
HER PARROT AT
THE STUDIO!!

I'VE GOT MY
BAZOOKA BUBBLE
GUM OUT
ALREADY. I'LL
HAVE TO ACT
FAST!

LOOK, THAT BOY
IS FLYING. MAYBE
HE'LL CATCH
PAT!

IT'S BAZOOKA
THE ATOM
BUBBLE
BOY!

WHAT A BUBBLE!
WHAT A
BOY!

I'VE GOT YOU, PAT.
NOW AKOOZAB AND
DOWN WE GO!

YOU'RE WONDERFUL,
BAZOOKA!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK
YOU. WILL YOU BOTH COME
TO SEE MY MOVIE WITH ME?

**BAZOOKA
BAZOOKA**
THE ATOM
BUBBLE GUM
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BOY!

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

KNOWING THE AMAZONS ARE IMMORTAL AS LONG AS THEY REMAIN ON PARADISE ISLAND, THE CUNNING INVENTA, USING AMAZON PLANES, FLIES HER CAPTIVES TO HER ISLAND HOME — THE ISLE OF CADMEA — WHERE INGENIOUS DEVICES AWAIT A NEW VICTIM'S TRIALS! HERE WONDER WOMAN IS FORCED TO UNDERGO THE UNKNOWN PERILS OF THE FOUR DOOMS! WHAT THE OUTCOME WILL BE THE REST OF THIS AMAZING STORY WILL REVEAL -- IN PART 2 OF THE FOUR DOOMS --

"THE TITANIC TRIALS!"

WONDER WOMAN! YOUR FIRST TRIAL IS THE DOOM OF THE ROLLING STONE! IF YOU FAIL TO ROLL THE STONE TO THE VERY TOP OF THE HILL, YOUR MOTHER AND ALL THE AMAZON PRISONERS WILL BE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY! IF YOU SUCCEED, THEIR LIVES WILL BE SPARED UNTIL YOU MEET THE SECOND DOOM! BEGIN!



AS THE DAUNTLESS AMAZON MAID ROLLS THE HUGE STONE UP THE STEEP HILL WITH EASE--

THIS STONE ISN'T SO VERY HEAVY FOR AN AMAZON! WHY WOULD THEY CALL THIS A STUNT FOR ME TO DO?



IF THE REST OF INVENTA'S DOOMS ARE AS EASY AS THIS ONE, MOTHER AND THE AMAZONS WILL BE QUITE SAFE UNTIL I CAN PLAN A WAY OUT OF THIS TRAP!



AMONG THE WATCHING THROG--

LOOK! **WONDER WOMAN** IS ROLLING THAT STONE TO THE TOP OF THE HILL AS IF IT WERE A PEBBLE!

BUT SHE HASN'T REACHED THE TOP, TORCHA! AND SHE WON'T!



I'LL MAKE SURE OF THAT! HA, HAI!



A MOMENT LATER, NEAR THE TOP OF THE HILL--

ANOTHER FEW FEET AND I'VE REACHED THE TOP--SUFFERING SAPPHO! --WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?



AT THE FOOT OF THE HILL--

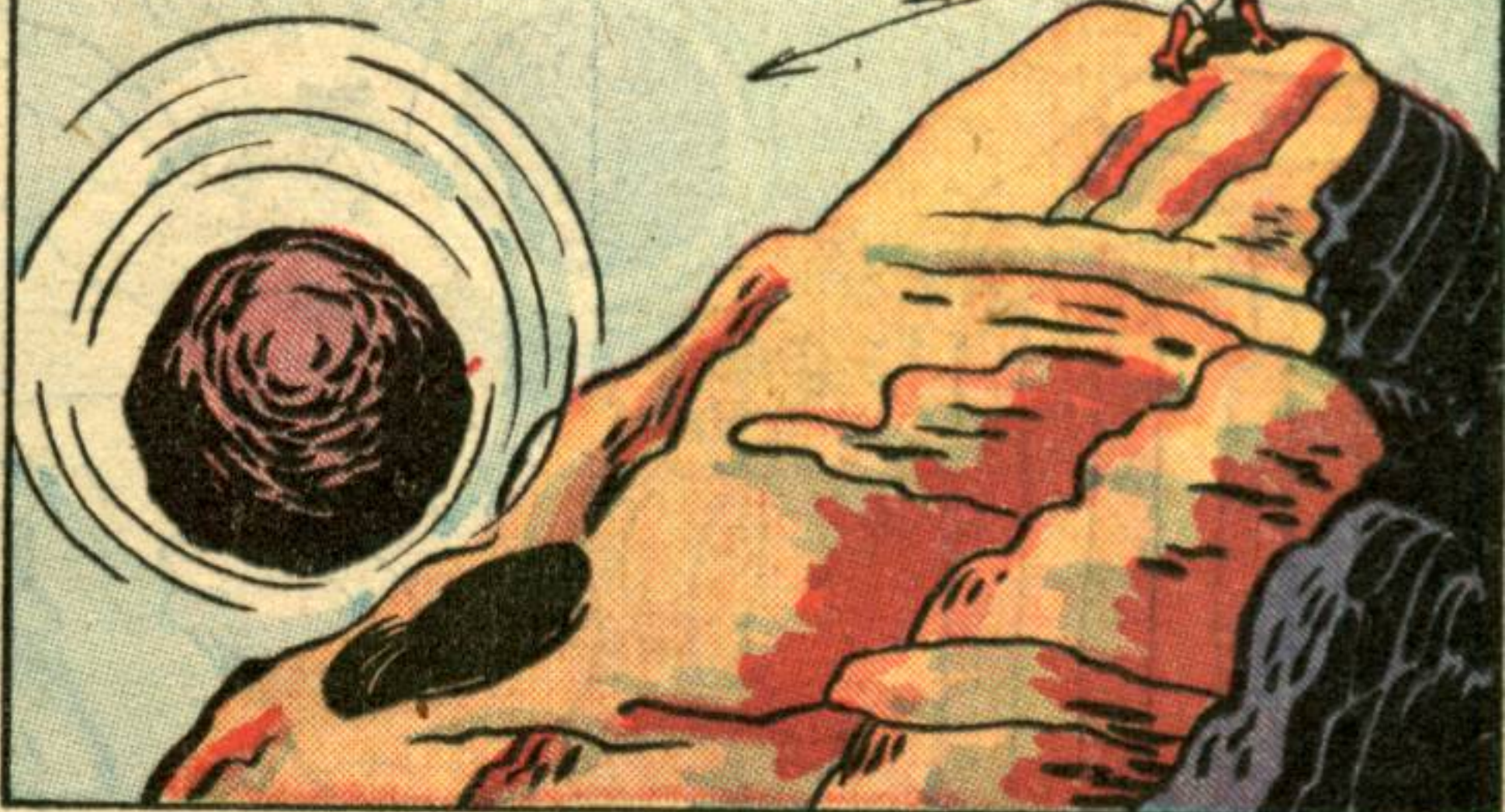
GREAT HERA!
I CAN'T BELIEVE
MY EYES!

THEN LOOK AGAIN,
QUEEN! YOUR
WONDER WOMAN
HAS FAILED YOU!



AND AT THE TOP--

THE STONE ROLLED OUT OF MY
GRASP AS IF SOMEONE HAD
PULLED IT!



I MUST STOP IT BEFORE IT REACHES
THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL--OR THE LIVES
OF MOTHER AND THE AMAZONS WILL BE
FORFEITED!



THE FLEET-FOOTED PRINCESS RACES AHEAD
OF THE ROLLING STONE AND STOPS IT JUST IN
TIME!



AGAIN THE AMAZON MAID SPEEDS UP THE HILL
WITH THE HUGE STONE--

I'VE GOT TO MAKE CERTAIN THIS
TIME THAT I DON'T LET GO OF THE STONE
UNTIL I'VE ROLLED IT TO THE VERY TOP!



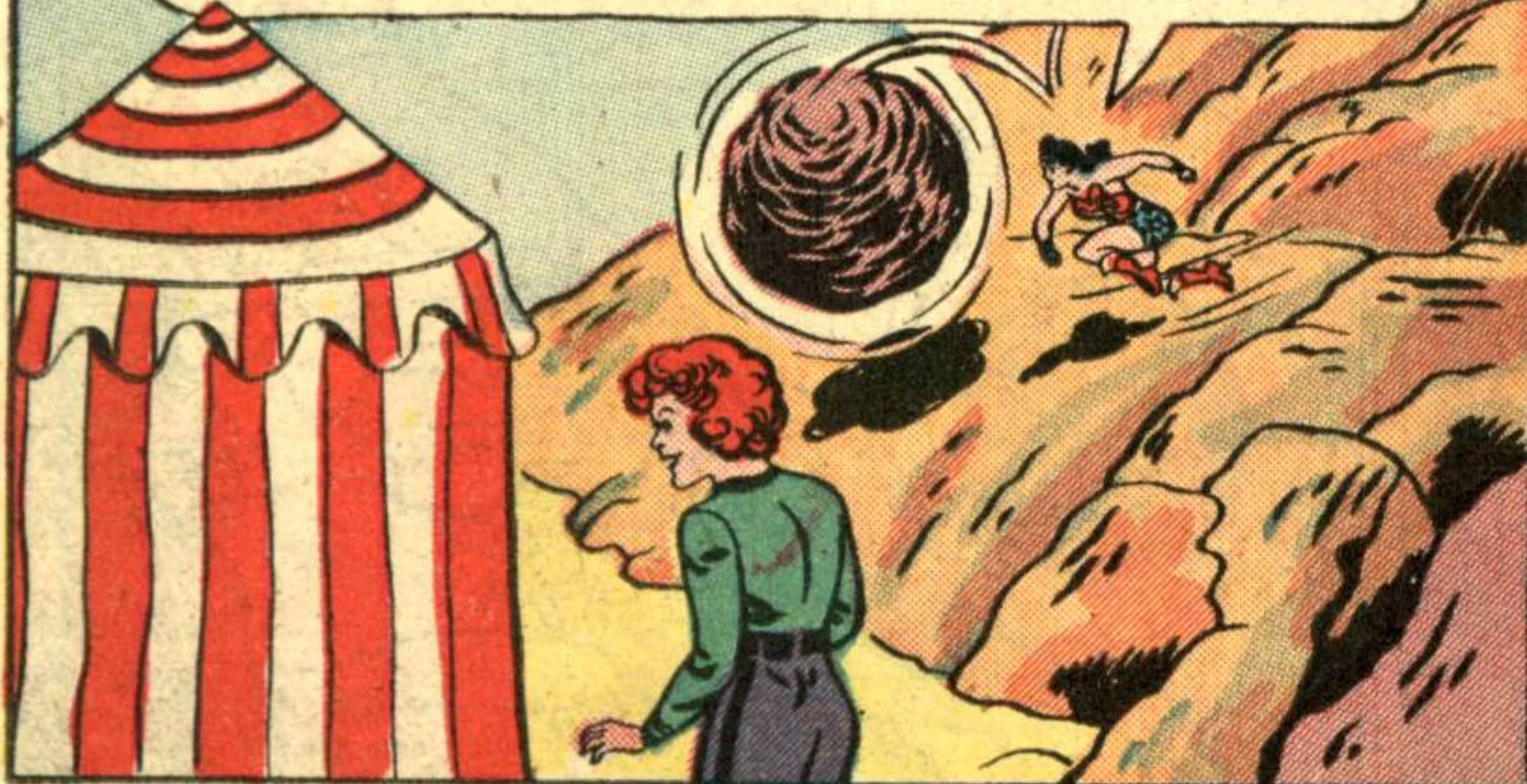
AND AGAIN, JUST AS WONDER WOMAN NEARS
THE TOP OF THE HILL--

IT'S ROLLED
DOWN AGAIN!



SUDDENLY—THE KEEN-WITTED AMAZON MAID SOLVES THE MYSTERY BEHIND THE **FIRST DOOM!**

I DIDN'T LET GO OF THE ROLLING STONE!
IT WAS TORN OUT OF MY GRASP--PROBABLY BY A
POWERFUL MAGNET! THE STONE MUST CONTAIN METAL!



THE STONE IS ROLLING TOWARD THAT TENT--JUST AS IT DID BEFORE! THE MAGNETIC DEVICE MUST BE CONCEALED IN THE TENT! YES, THERE'S INVENTA JUST LEAVING IT, WITH A BIG SMILE!



IN FRONT OF THE TENT--

HA HA! YOU WERE RIGHT, INVENTA! THAT ELECTRIC MAGNET YOU HID IN THE TENT WILL PREVENT **WONDER WOMAN** FROM EVER ROLLING THE STONE UP TO THE TOP OF THE HILL!

WONDER WOMAN IS BEATEN! PREPARE TO EXECUTE THE AMAZONS!



SUDDENLY --

INVENTA --LOOK!

WHAT DOES **WONDER WOMAN** THINK SHE'S DOING?

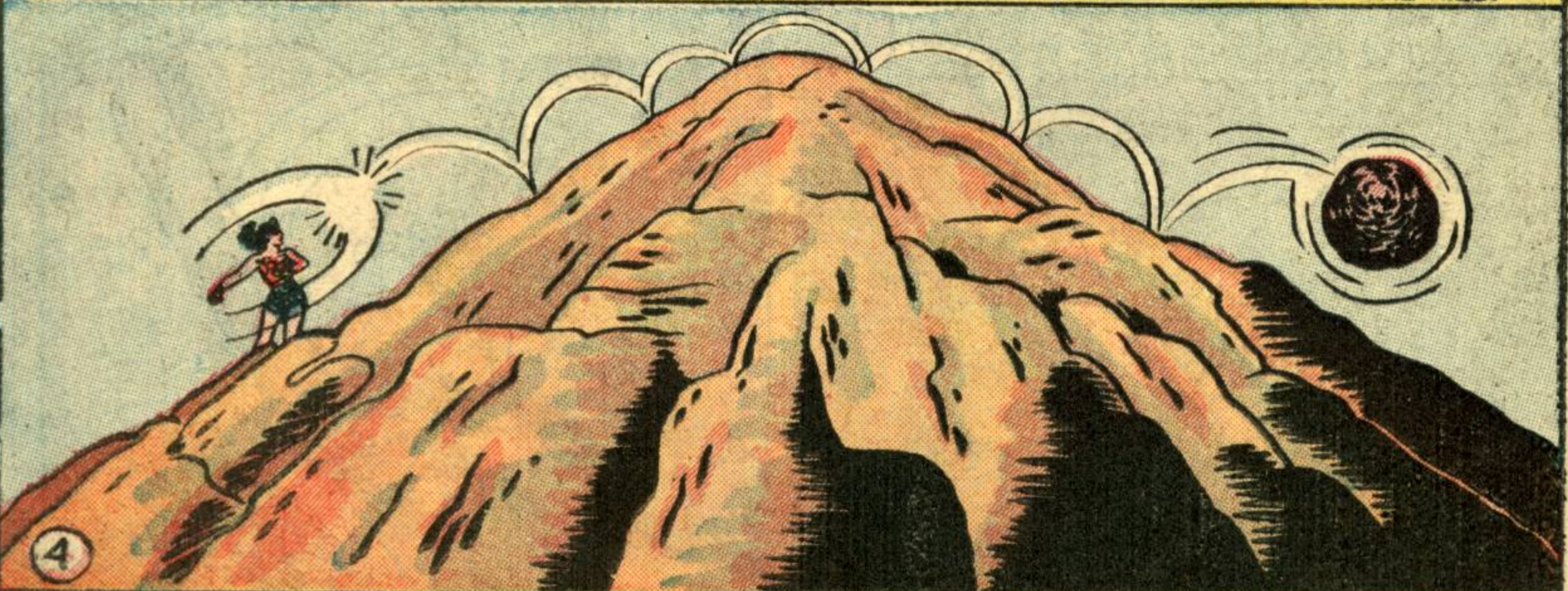


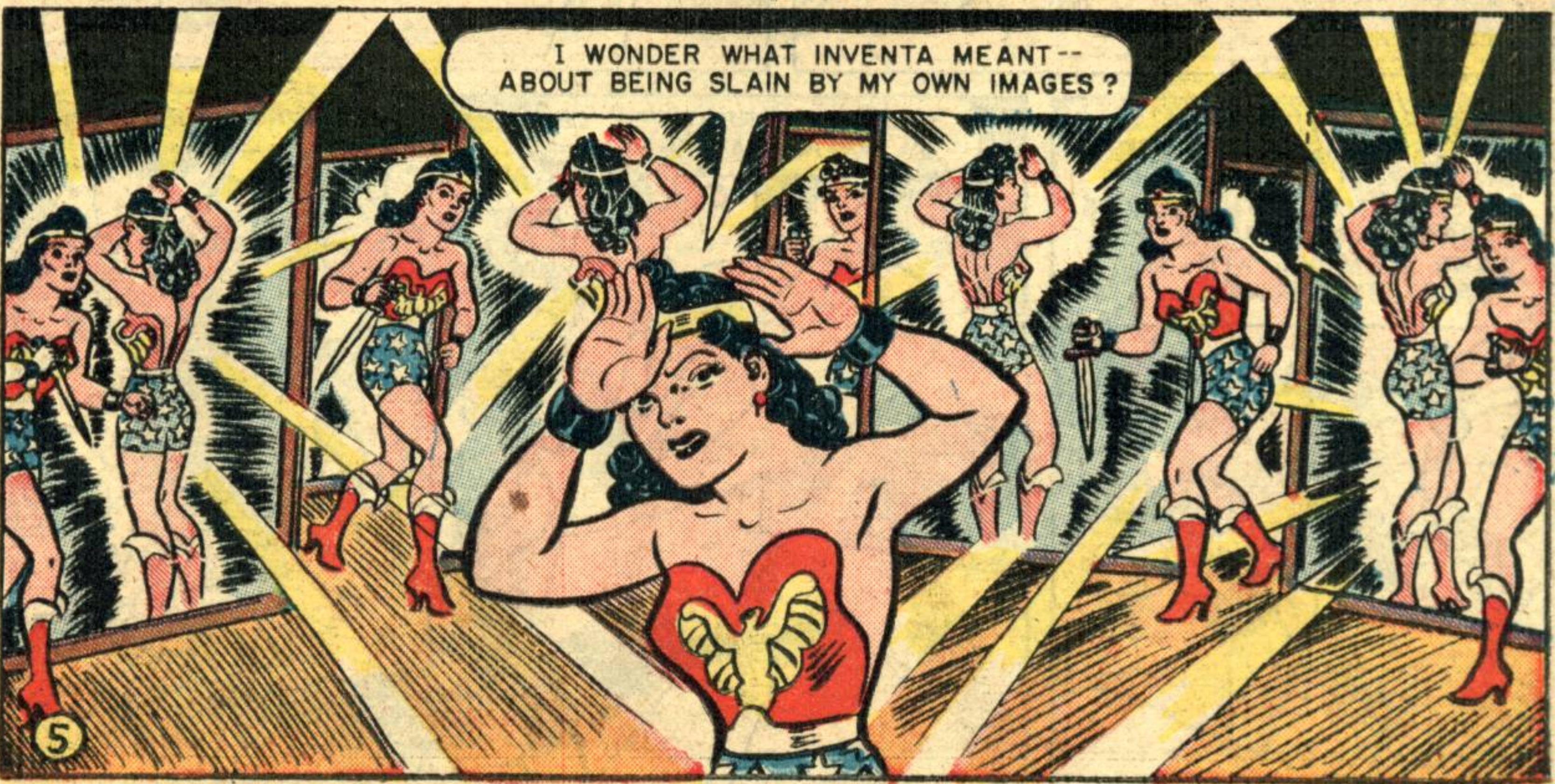
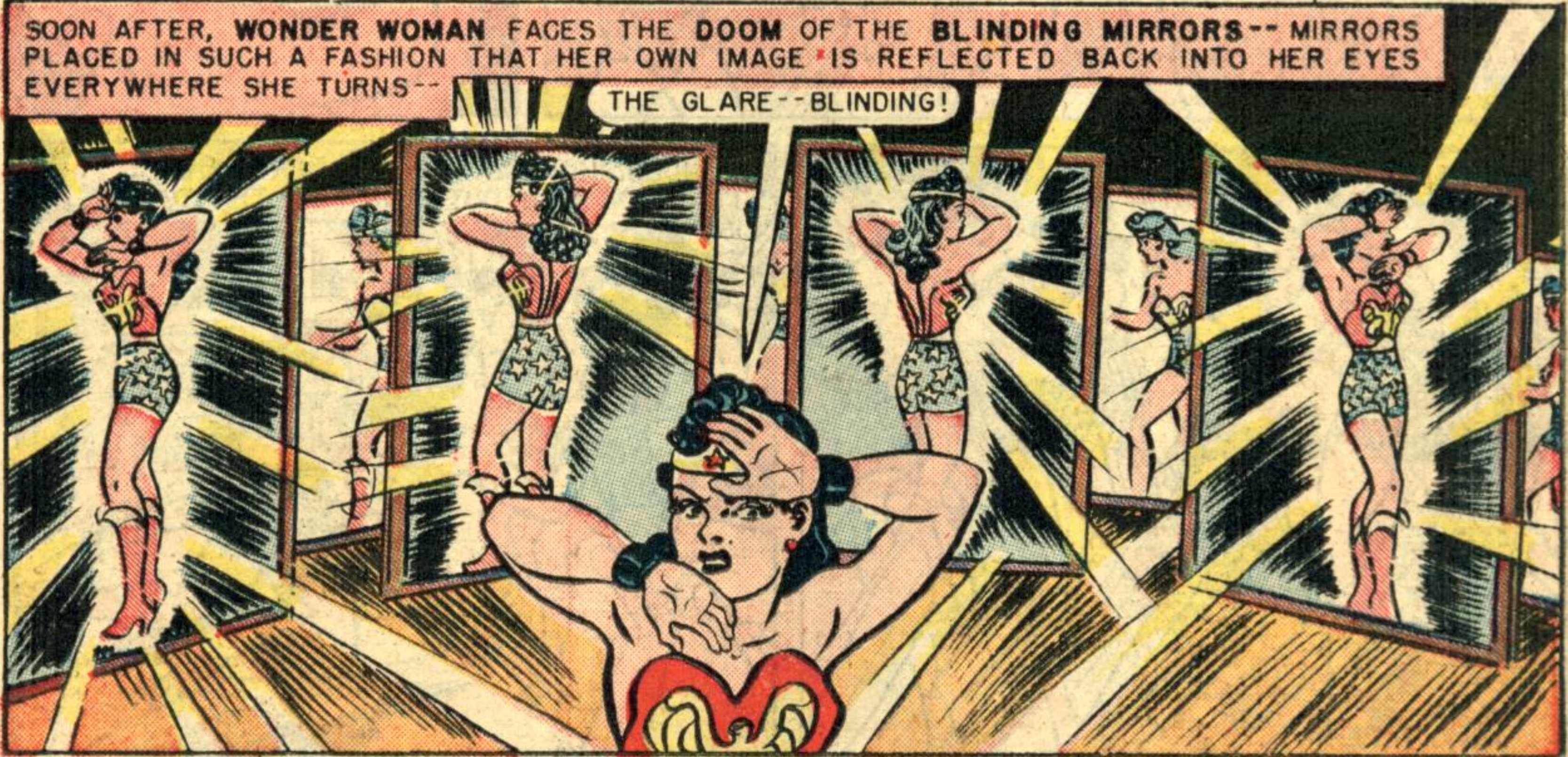
BUT THE ALLURING AMAZON'S PLAN HAD BEEN CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT IN THE FEW MOMENTS IT HAD TAKEN HER TO OUTRACE THE ROLLING STONE AND NOW --

THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO ROLL A STONE UPHILL!



BEFORE INVENTA HAS TIME TO GET BACK INTO THE TENT AND TURN ON THE MAGNET, THE SMASHING BLOW DELIVERED BY THE IMPERMEABLE AMAZON METAL OF **WONDER WOMAN'S** BRACELET SENDS THE HUGE STONE SPINNING AT LIGHTNING SPEED OVER THE TOP OF THE HILL!

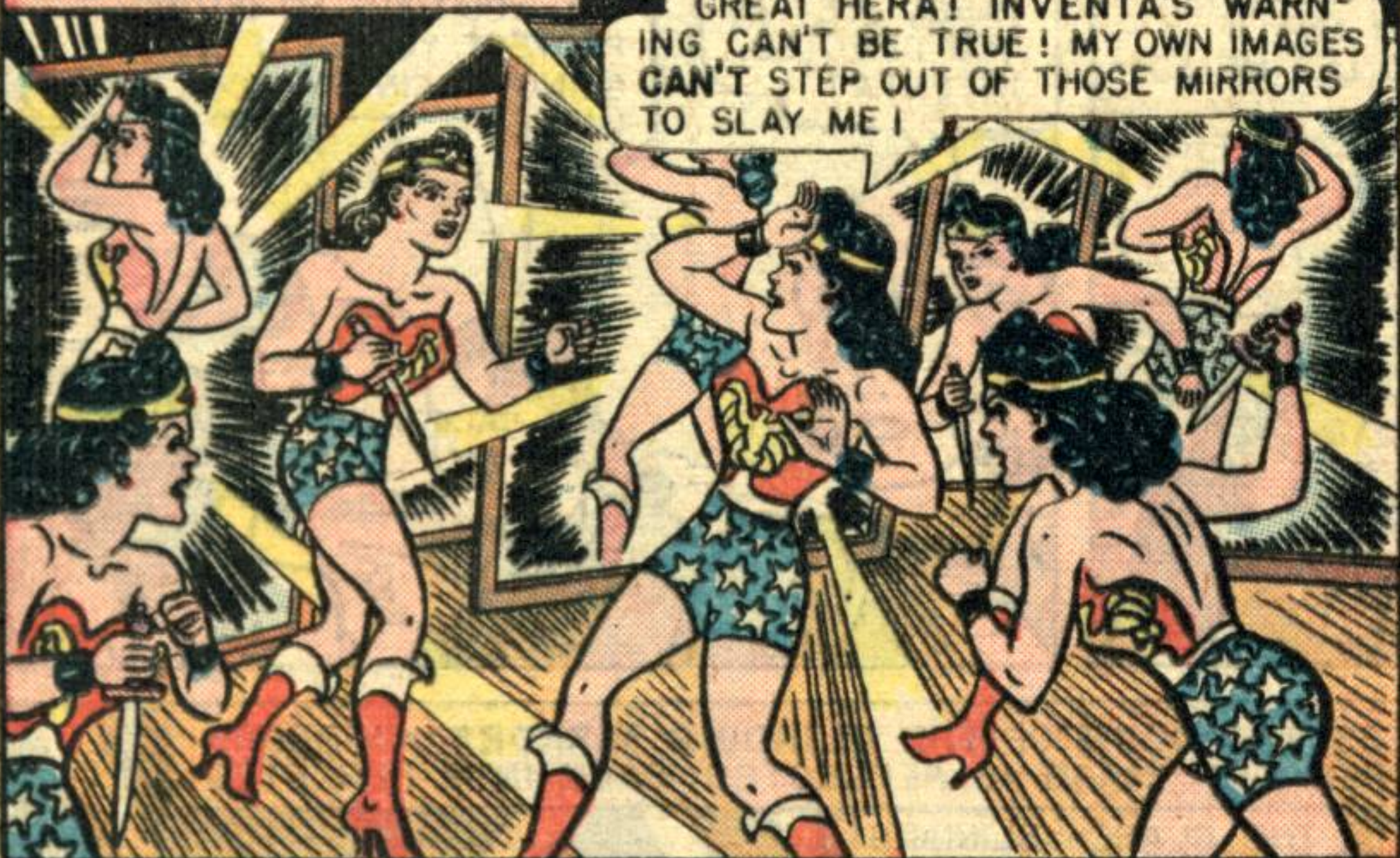




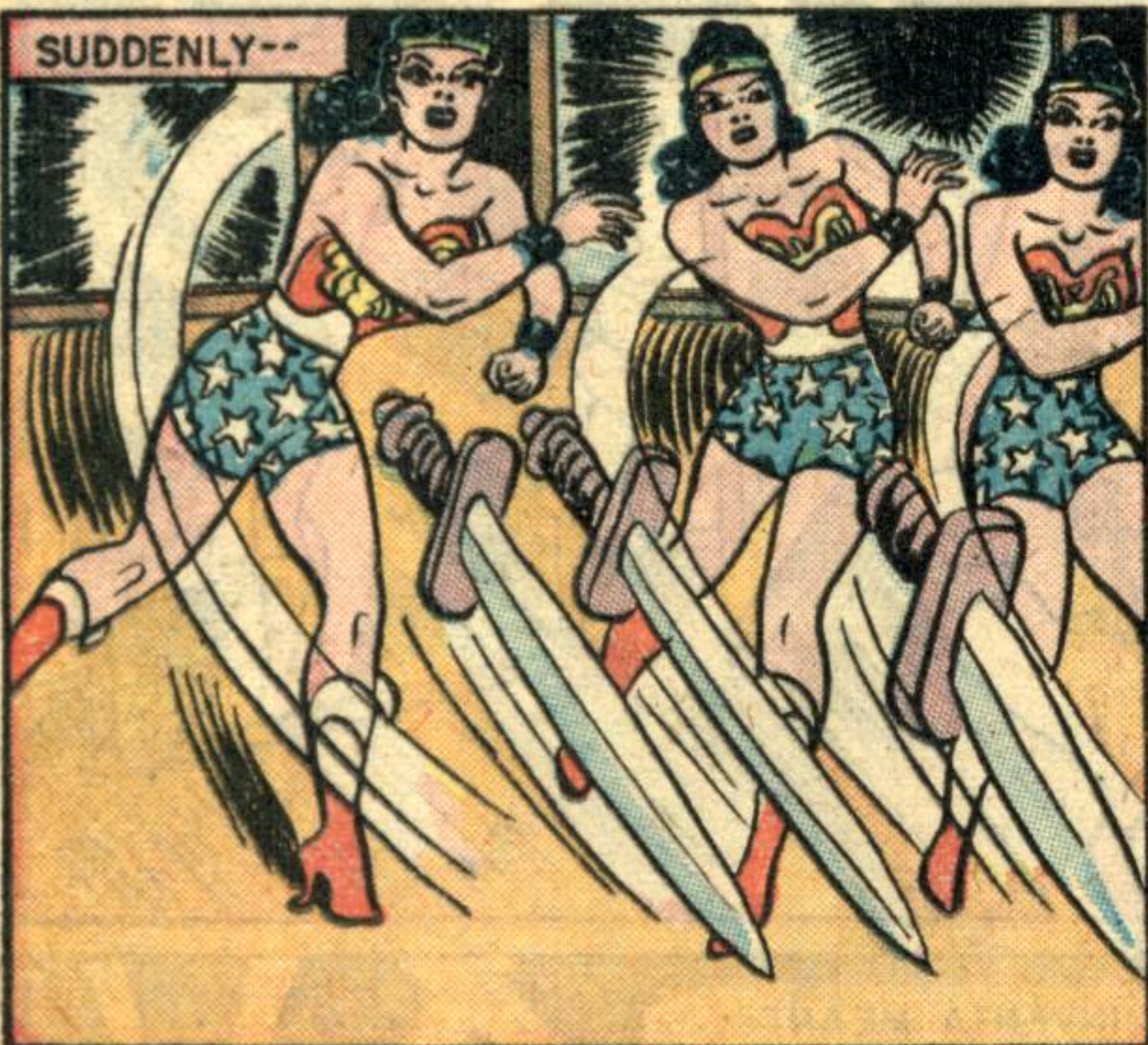
AS THE BEAUTIFUL AMAZON FIGHTS AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF THE BLINDING MIRRORS--

GREAT HERA! INVENTA'S WARNING CAN'T BE TRUE! MY OWN IMAGES CAN'T STEP OUT OF THOSE MIRRORS TO SLAY ME!

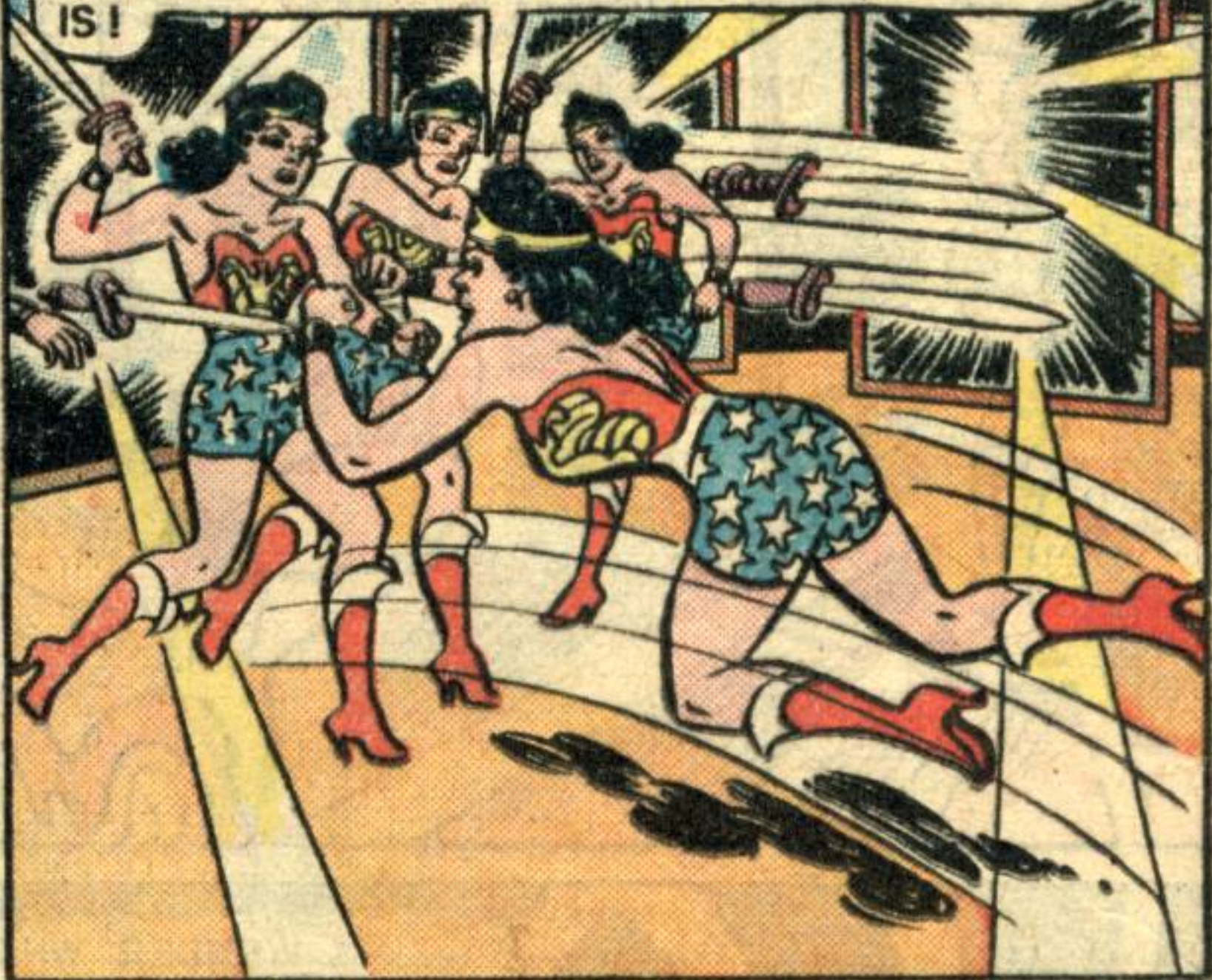
CAN THIS BE A MIRAGE-- OR A HYPNOTIC SUGGESTION --WITH WHICH INVENTA PLANNED TO CONFUSE ME?



SUDDENLY--



INDECISION CANNOT CONQUER A THREAT! I'LL SOON FIND OUT HOW REAL THIS DANGER IS!



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A LITTLE GAME OF DAGGERS-AND-BRACELETS TO CLEAR UP ONE'S MIND! THE SOUNDS THESE DAGGERS MAKE AS I WARD THEM OFF WITH MY BRACELETS ARE REAL--



-- AND SO ARE THOSE OF MY IMPERSONATORS!

WE SURRENDER!

HELP!



A MOMENT LATER WONDER WOMAN BREAKS THROUGH THE CIRCLE OF BLINDING MIRRORS--

OUR PRINCESS HAS OVERCOME THE SECOND DOOM!

APHRODITE BE PRAISED!

SILENCE!

This panel shows Wonder Woman in her iconic red, white, and blue costume with a star on her chest, running through a chaotic scene of broken mirrors. She is being pursued by several Amazons in red and blue outfits. One Amazon is holding a red blaster. In the background, two other Amazons are watching. The scene is set in a room with a yellow floor and white walls.

THAT AMAZON SUCCEEDED AGAIN, INVENTA! WHY TAKE CHANCES? LET ME EXECUTE HER AT ONCE!

AND ADMIT DEFEAT TO OUR OWN WOMEN? NO, TORCHA! SHE CAN'T WIN! I'VE THOUGHT OF EVERYTHING! HAVE PATIENCE!

This panel shows two Amazons, Inventa and Torcha, in green tops and grey skirts. Inventa has red curly hair and Torcha has dark hair. They are standing and talking. Inventa is gesturing with her hands while speaking.

HERE ARE SEVERAL SLIGHTLY DAMAGED "IMAGES", INVENTA! THEY WERE LEFT OVER FROM THE DOOM OF THE BLINDING MIRRORS! I'M READY TO MEET THE THIRD DOOM!

YOU'LL FIND THE DOOM OF THE LABYRINTH VERY INTERESTING, WONDER WOMAN!

This panel shows Wonder Woman running through a labyrinth. She is holding a shield and a lasso. She is being followed by several Amazons. The labyrinth is made of yellow walls and has a yellow floor. There are some broken mirrors on the floor.

ONCE YOU'RE PLACED IN ITS MAZE OF TUNNELS—ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS FIND THE ONLY EXIT! YOU'LL FIND MANY FALSE ONES! IF YOU'RE NOT OUT IN 60 SECONDS A LIGHT WILL FLASH--WHICH WILL SIGNAL FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE AMAZONS!

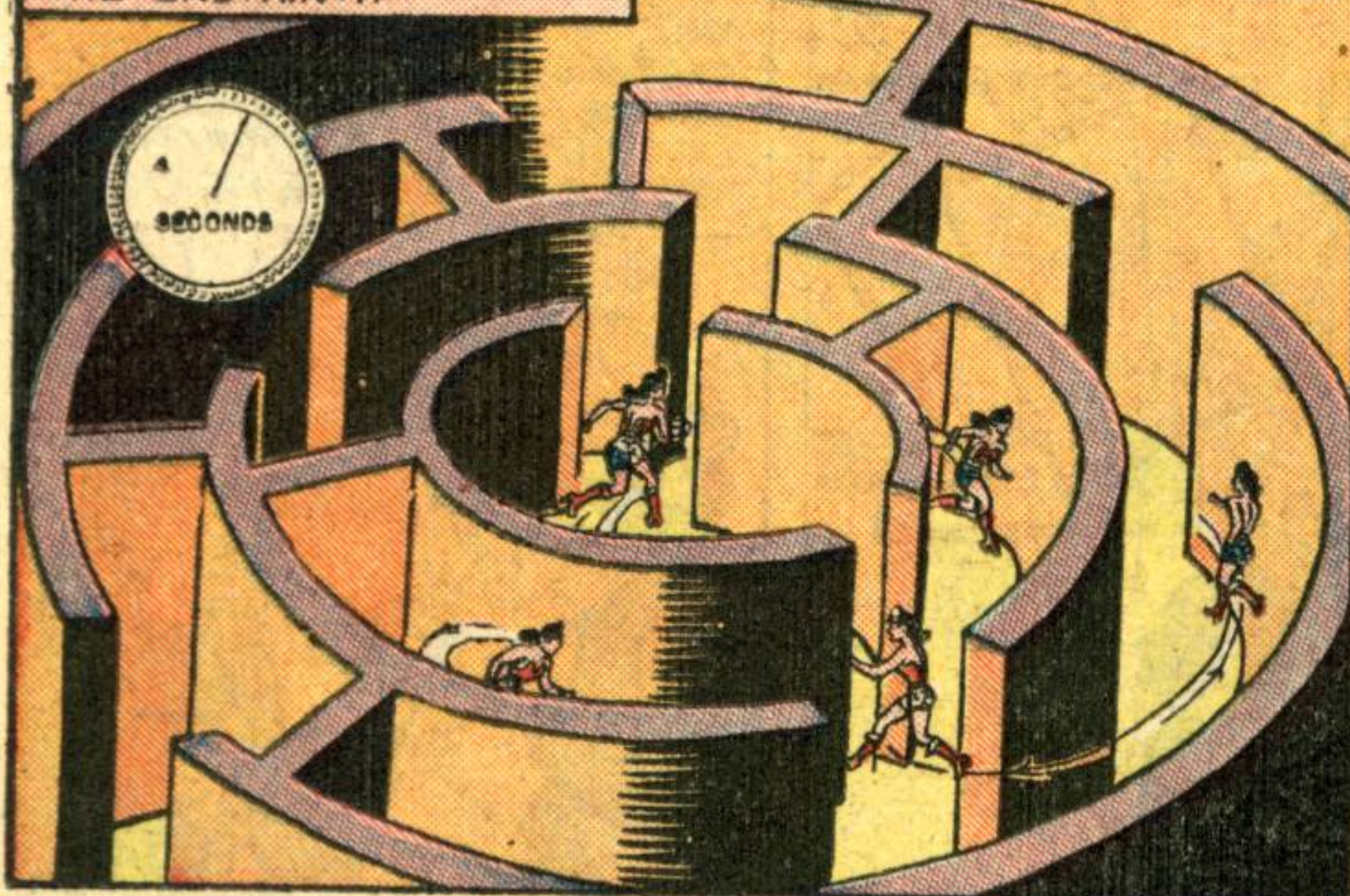
This panel shows Wonder Woman and an Amazon, Inventa, in conversation. Wonder Woman is wearing her red, white, and blue costume with a star on her chest. Inventa is wearing a green top and grey skirt. They are standing in a room with a yellow floor and white walls.

SOON AFTER, WONDER WOMAN IS PLACED IN THE DOOM OF THE LABYRINTH, WHERE A SINGLE LOST SECOND MAY MEAN DEATH!

This panel shows Wonder Woman in the labyrinth. She is standing in a yellow corridor, looking towards a small figure in the distance. The labyrinth is made of yellow walls and has a yellow floor. There is a sign that says "EXIT" with an arrow pointing left.

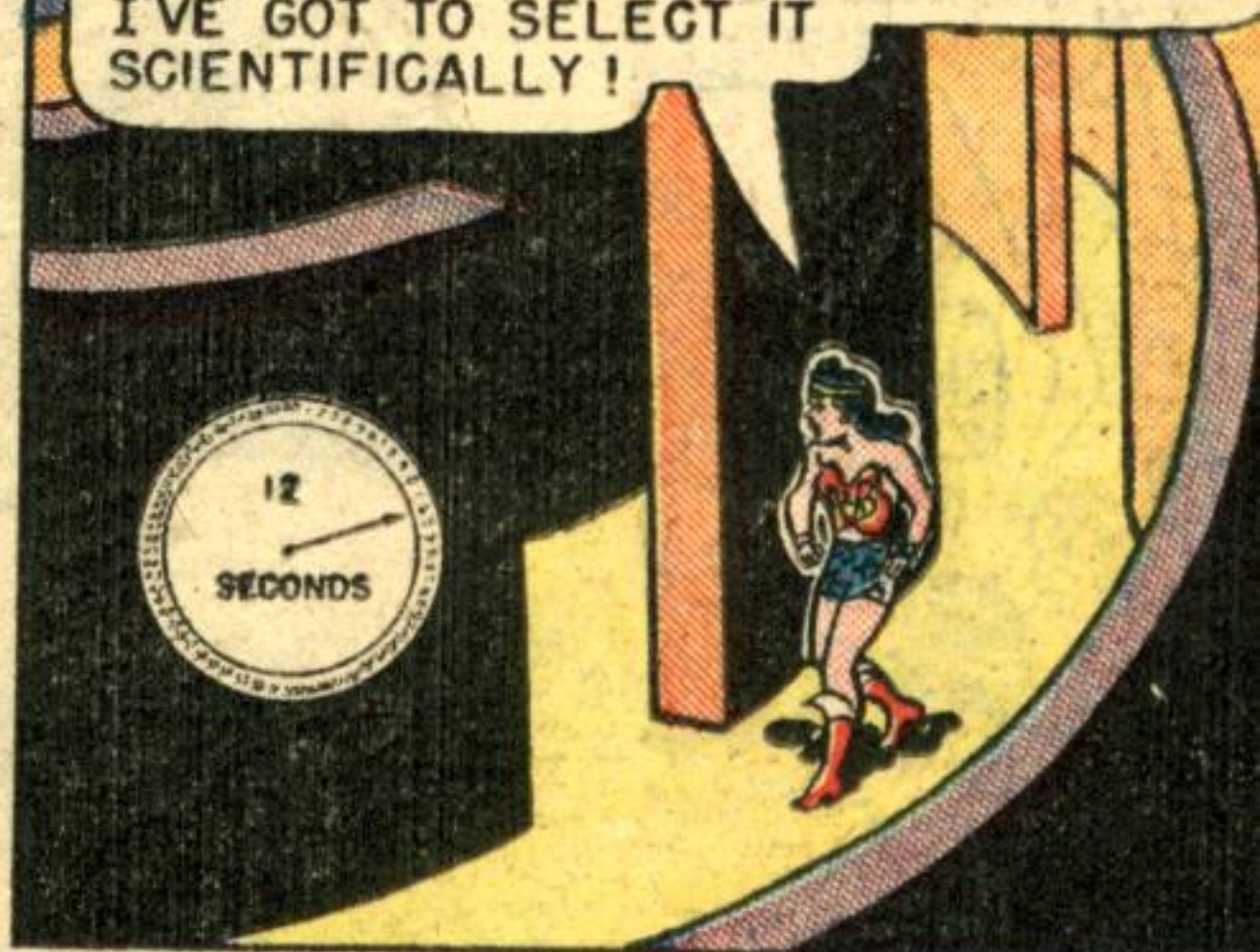
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A FEW PRECIOUS SECONDS PASS AS THE AMAZON MAID RACES THROUGH THE BAFFLING TWISTS AND TURNS OF THE LABYRINTH--



--SUDDENLY-- SHE STOPS--

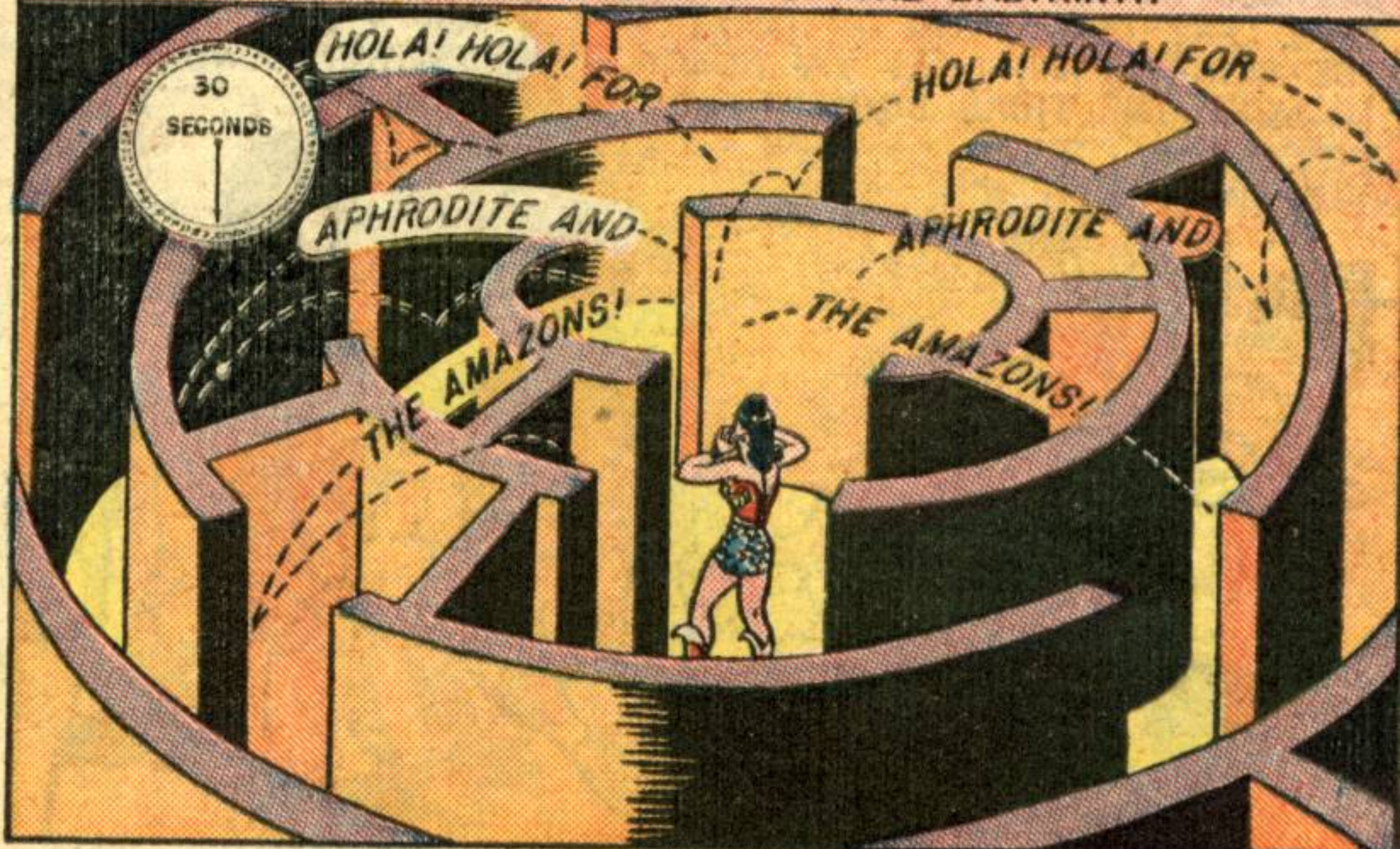
MERE SPEED IS USELESS! THERE'S ONLY ONE SPEED FASTER THAN TIME--THE SPEED OF THOUGHT! INSTEAD OF WASTING TIME RACING THROUGH THE LABYRINTH UNTIL I FIND THE RIGHT EXIT--I'VE GOT TO SELECT IT SCIENTIFICALLY!



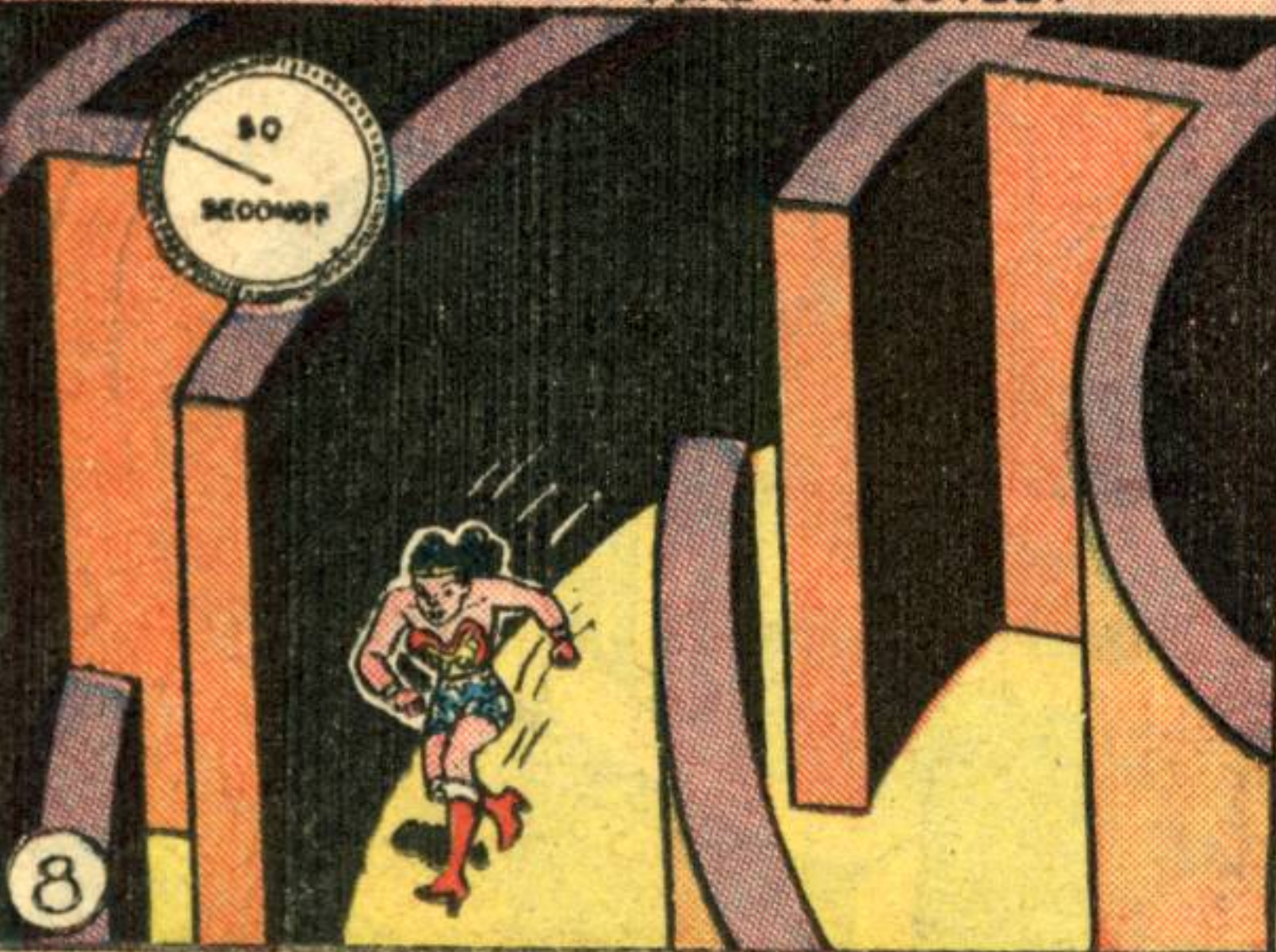
BY HERA! I HAVE IT! HOLA! HOLA! FOR APHRODITE AND THE AMAZONS! FOR APH---



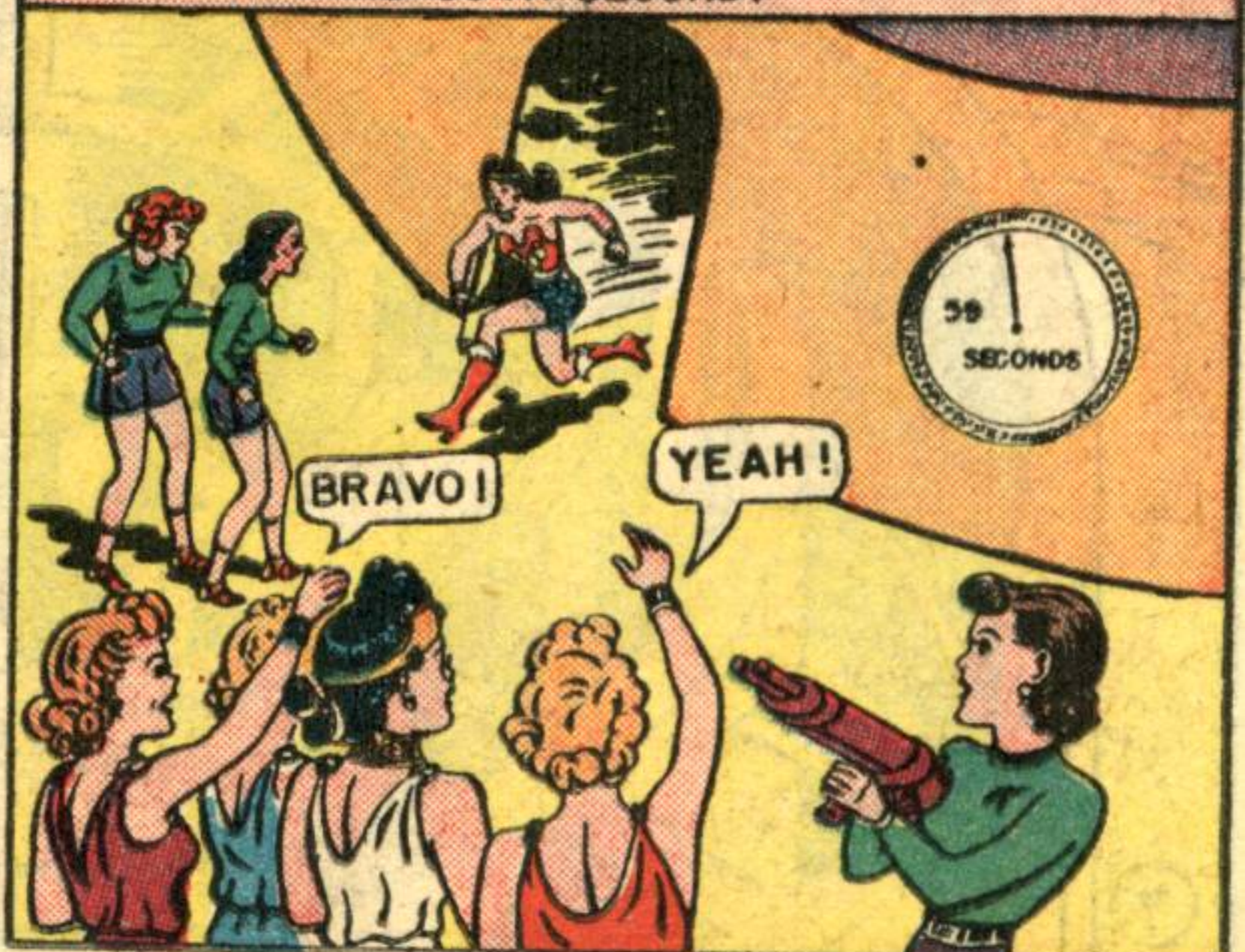
AS THE VIBRATIONS FROM WONDER WOMAN'S VOICE BOUNCE BACK FROM ALL THE BLIND ALLEYS OF THE LABYRINTH--



--THE AMAZINGLY DEVELOPED KEEN HEARING SENSE OF THE AMAZON ENABLES HER TO TRACE THE SINGLE CORRIDOR THROUGH WHICH THE VIBRATIONS HAD FOUND AN OUTLET--



--AND THUS BY INCREDIBLY QUICK THINKING, SHE FINDS THE ONLY EXIT OUT OF THE LABYRINTH--AT THE 59TH SECOND!



FINALLY, WONDER WOMAN FACES THE DOOM OF THE DRAGON'S TEETH!

THIS FIELD IS SOWN WITH DRAGON'S TEETH. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS RUN ACROSS IT. BE CAREFUL, WONDER WOMAN! IF YOU STEP ON ANY ONE OF THE TEETH--IT IS LIABLE TO BITE YOU!

HA HA!

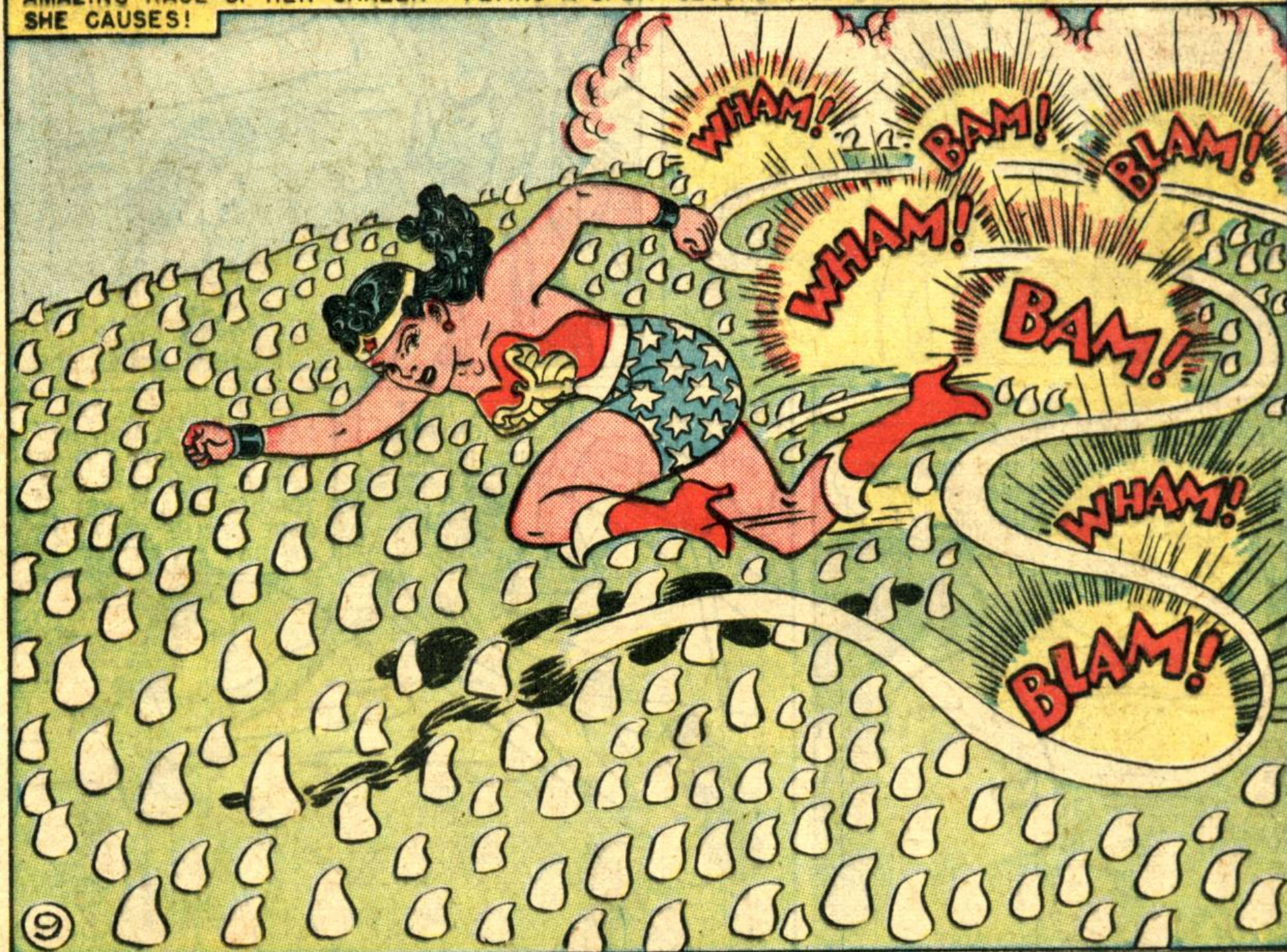


AS THE AMAZON PRINCESS STARTS ACROSS THE FIELD SHE STEPS ON ONE OF THE TEETH AND--

HAMMERS OF HEPHESTUS! THOSE DRAGON TEETH ARE REALLY BOOBY TRAPS--WIRED TO EXPLODE ON CONTACT!



ALIGHTING AGILELY ON HER FEET AGAIN, THE FLEET-FOOTED AMAZON BEGINS THE MOST AMAZING RACE OF HER CAREER--FLYING A SPLIT-SECOND AHEAD OF THE EXPLOSIONS SHE CAUSES!



A MOMENT LATER--

YOU'RE NOT SO SMART AFTER ALL, INVENTA! **WONDER WOMAN** WON! SHE DEFEATED THE **FOURTH DOOM!** WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

ADD A **FIFTH DOOM!** WATCH!

INVENTA-- I HAVE WON BY YOUR OWN RULES! AND-- **MERCIFUL MINERVA!** MY **MAGIC LASSO!** I AM COMPELLED TO OBEY YOU-- BY **APHRODITE'S LAW!**

THE FIENDISH INVENTA FERRETS OUT THE ONE MEANS OF DESTROYING ALL HAPPINESS ON PARADISE ISLAND--

KNEEL, CAPTIVE, AND TELL ME, IS IT TRUE THAT BY **APHRODITE'S LAW** YOU AMAZONS LOSE YOUR ETERNAL YOUTH AND BEAUTY IF A MAN SETS FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND?

YES, INVENTA!

-- AND COMMANDS **WONDER WOMAN**, HERSELF, TO DECREE ITS DOOM!

I COMMAND YOU, **WONDER WOMAN**, TO SUMMON YOUR ROBOT PLANE AND DIRECT IT TO FLY TORCHA TO ARMY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS. TORCHA WILL MEET US AT **PARADISE ISLAND** WITH **COL. STEVE TREVOR!**

THE HELPLESS PRINCESS OBEYS INVENTA'S COMMAND.

IF STEVE LANDS, WE AMAZONS ARE LOST! BUT BOUND BY MY **MAGIC LASSO**, I MUST OBEY!

CALLING PLANE-- FLY 15° NORTH AND LAND--

FLY EAST BY SOUTHEAST--

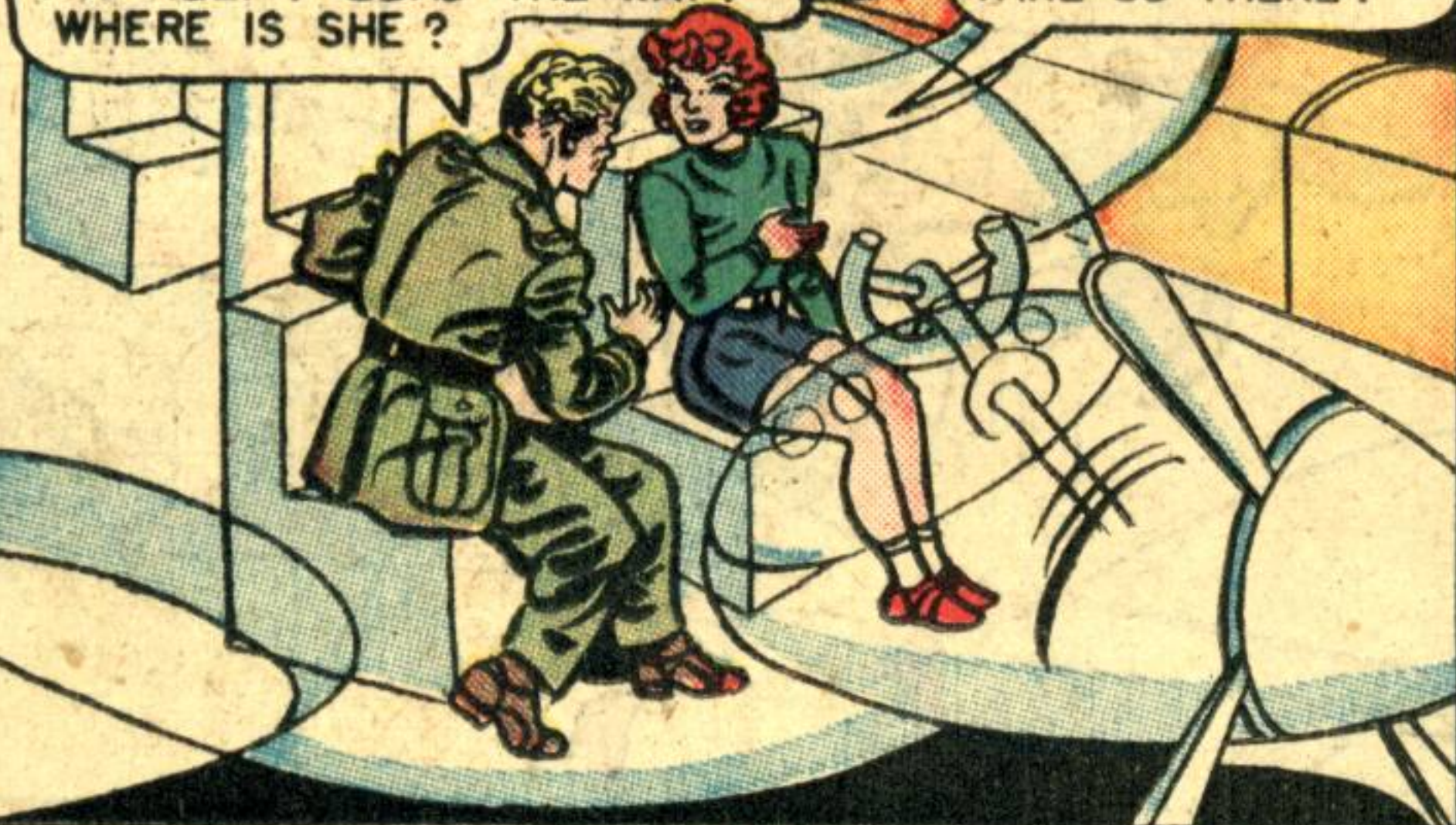
I'LL MEET YOU ON PARADISE ISLAND!

WHEN **COL. TREVOR** SEES YOUR PLANE, HE WON'T SUSPECT A TRAP! AFTER THEY TAKE OFF, TORCHA WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST! HA HA!

UNDER WONDER WOMAN'S COMMAND, HER 3000 MILES PER MINUTE PLANE REACHES MILITARY INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS SHORTLY AND--

GREAT GUNS! YOU SAY **WONDER WOMAN** IS IN DISTRESS--NEEDS MY HELP? LEAD THE WAY! WHERE IS SHE?

PARADISE ISLAND, COL. TREVOR! HER PLANE WILL SOON TAKE US THERE!



PARADISE ISLAND? NOW I KNOW YOU'RE A FRAUD! **WONDER WOMAN** WOULD NEVER WANT ANY MAN TO SET FOOT ON PARADISE ISLAND! IT WOULD MEAN--



--THE END OF ALL THE AMAZONS' ETERNAL YOUTH AND BEAUTY--
UHN-N!

QUICK THINKING, COL. TREVOR! BUT YOU'RE TOO LATE TO STOP US NOW!

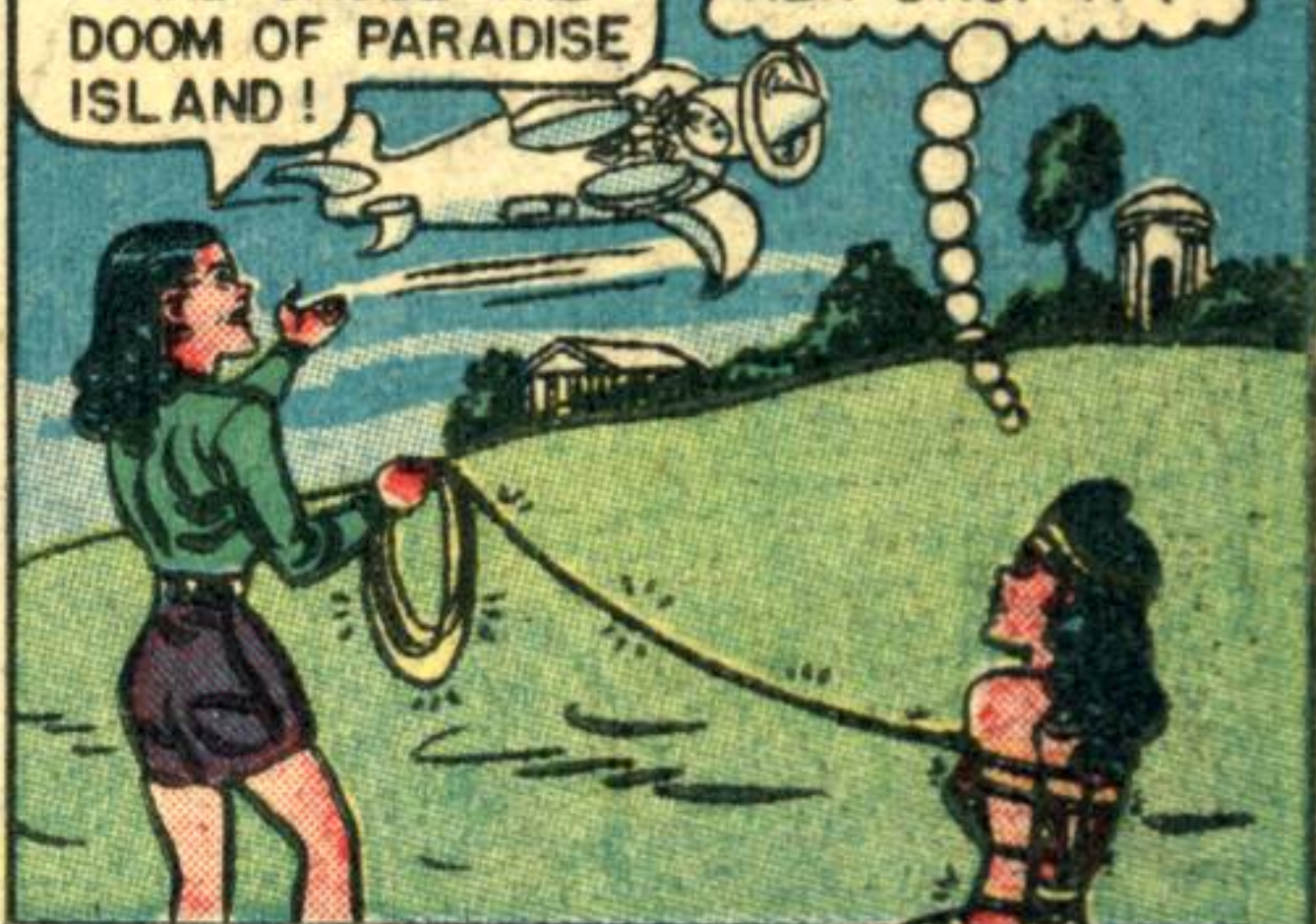
WHAM!



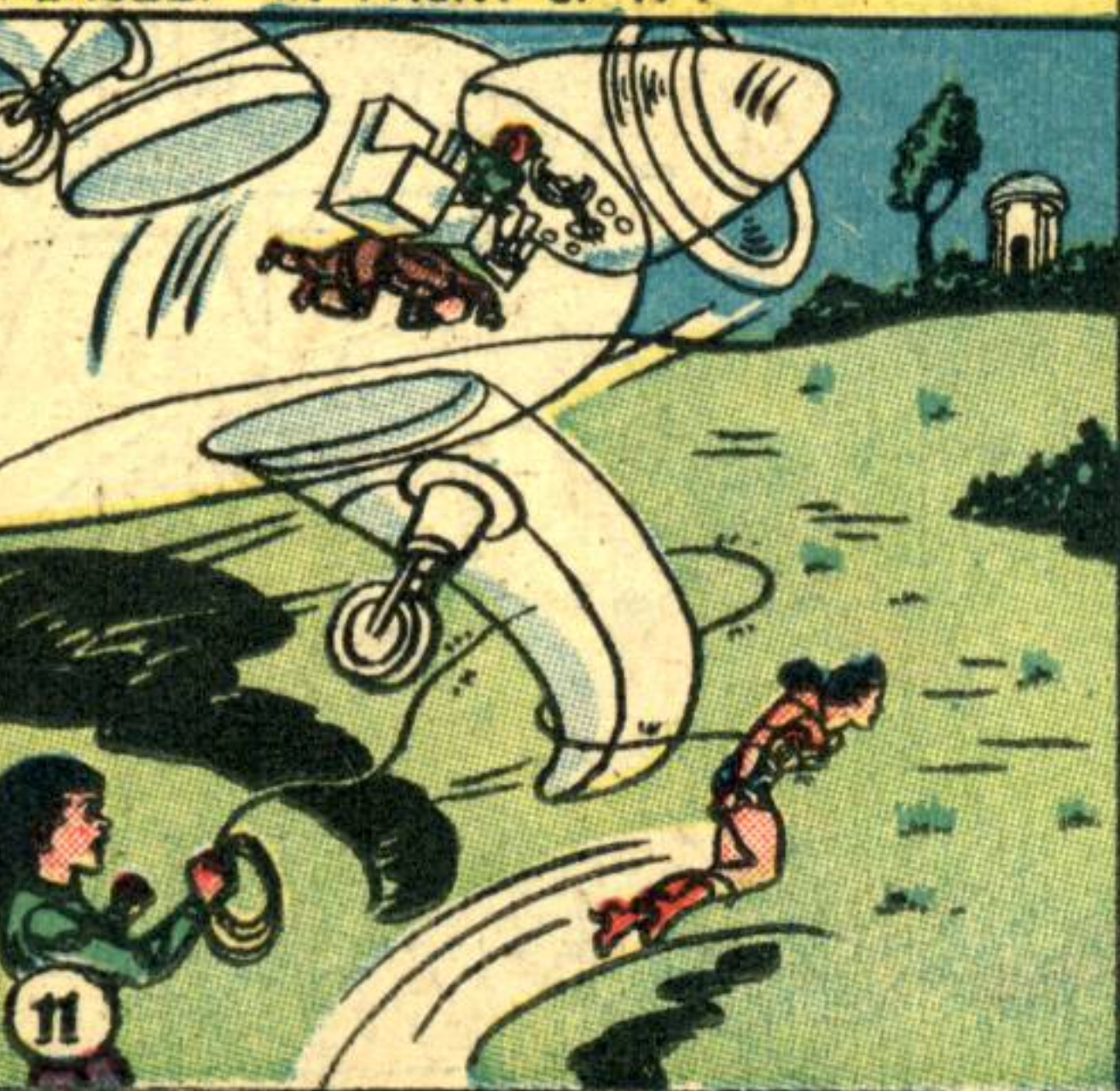
SOON AFTER, AT PARADISE ISLAND--

THERE'S YOUR PLANE, **WONDER WOMAN**, WITH COL. TREVOR ABOARD! NOW COMMAND IT TO LAND--AND CAUSE THE DOOM OF PARADISE ISLAND!

I MUST OBEY INVENTA AS LONG AS SHE HOLDS THE LASSO--BUT I SEE A WAY OF MAKING HER DROP IT!

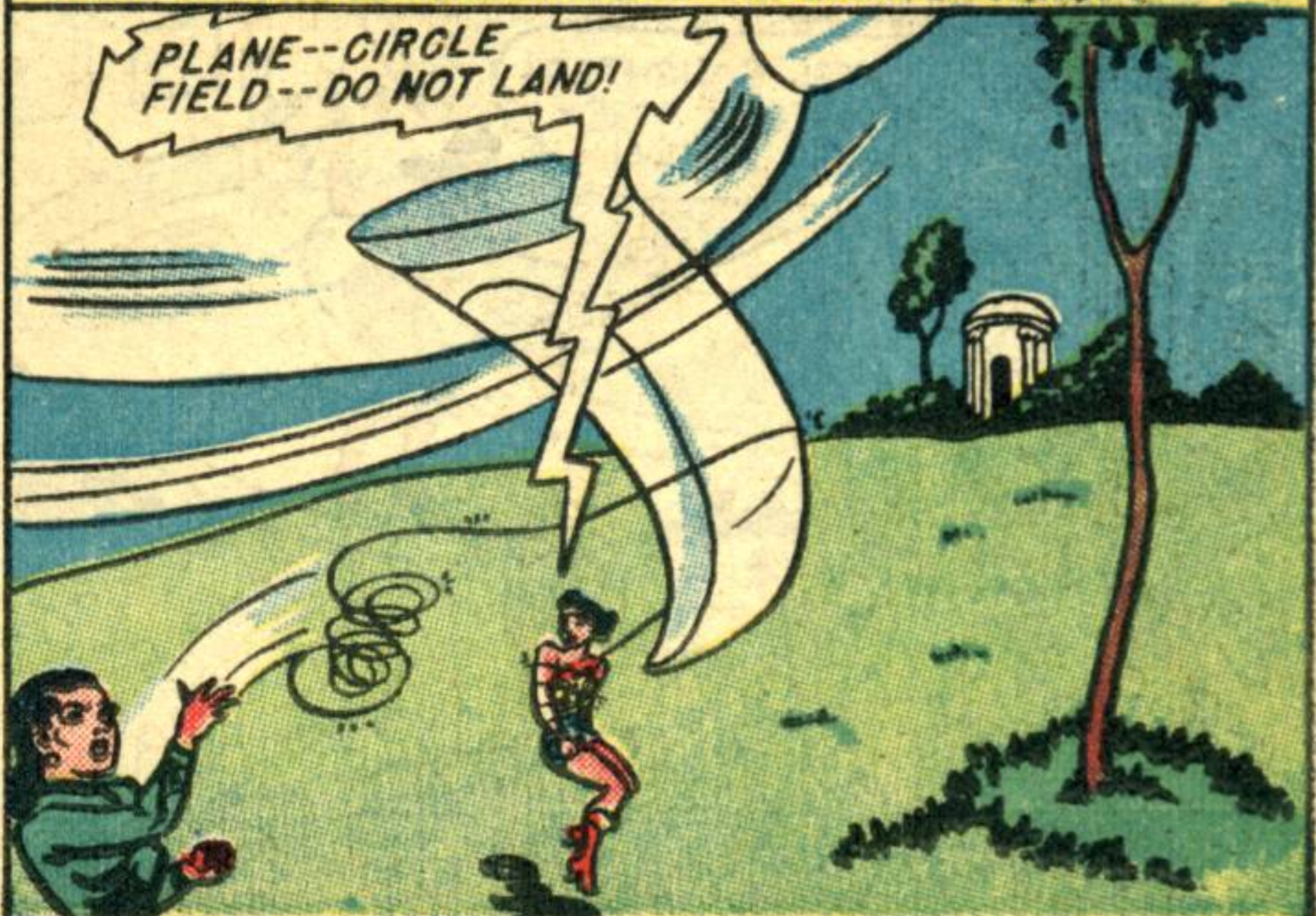


JUST AS HER PLANE IS ABOUT TO LAND, THE AGILE AMAZON SWIFTLY HURLS HERSELF IN FRONT OF IT!



AS THE DAUNTLESS MAID HAD ANTICIPATED, THE PLANE'S WING TIP HURLS HER FREE OF INVENTA'S GRASP!

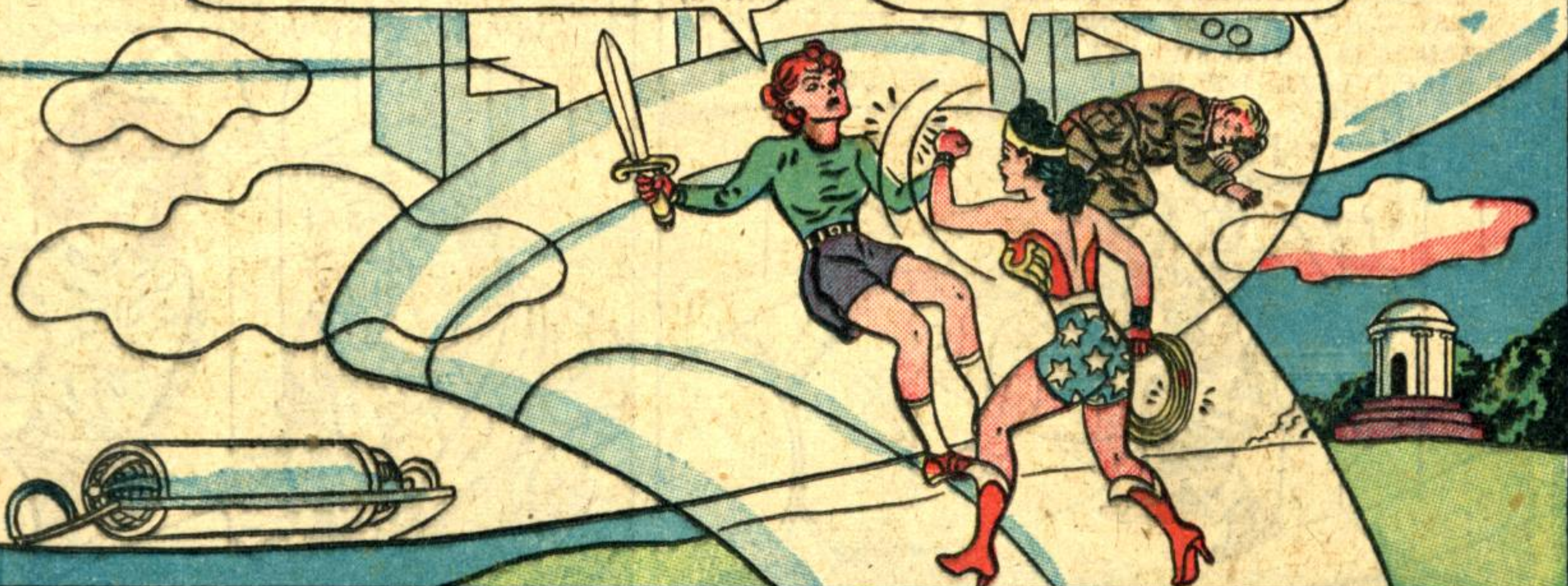
PLANE--CIRCLE FIELD--DO NOT LAND!



AS THE PLANE SWOOPS UNDER HER, WONDER WOMAN LEAPS ABOARD, TO BE MET BY A FURIOUS TORCHA--

IF INVENTA HAD LISTENED TO ME SHE WOULD HAVE LET ME--UHNN-N!

WE'LL HEAR ABOUT THAT LATER--ON TRANSFORMATION ISLAND!



SECURING TORCHA TO THE WING, THE AMAZON LASSES THE FLEEING REBEL PRISONERS--

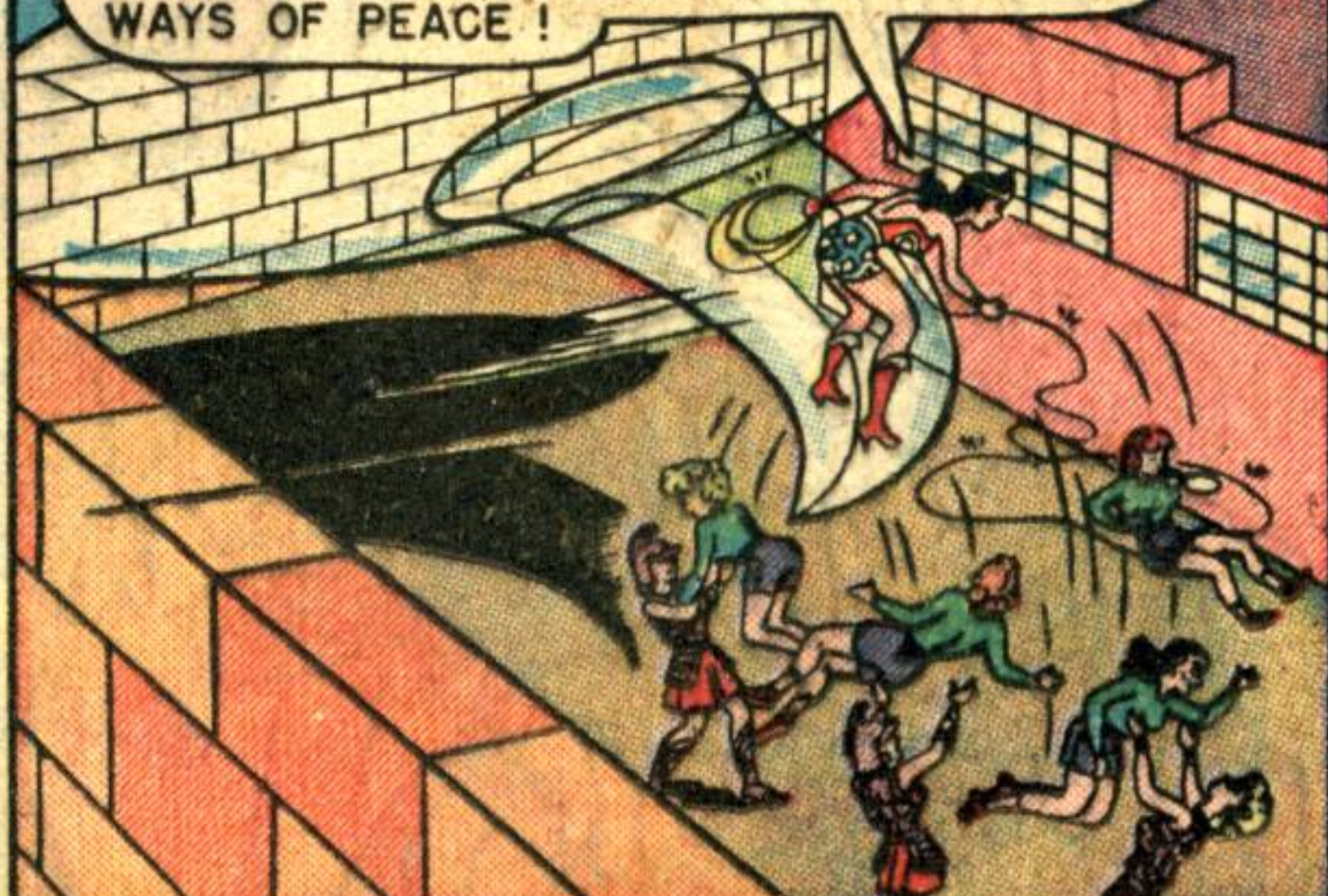
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO BEAT THE AMAZONS! FLEE!

WONDER WOMAN IS INVINCIBLE!



A FEW MOMENTS LATER, THE PRISONERS ARE RETURNED TO TRANSFORMATION ISLAND--

HERE ARE THE ESCAPED PRISONERS, MALA! PATIENCE, DISCIPLINE, AND LOVE WILL WIN THEM OVER TO OUR AMAZON WAYS OF PEACE!

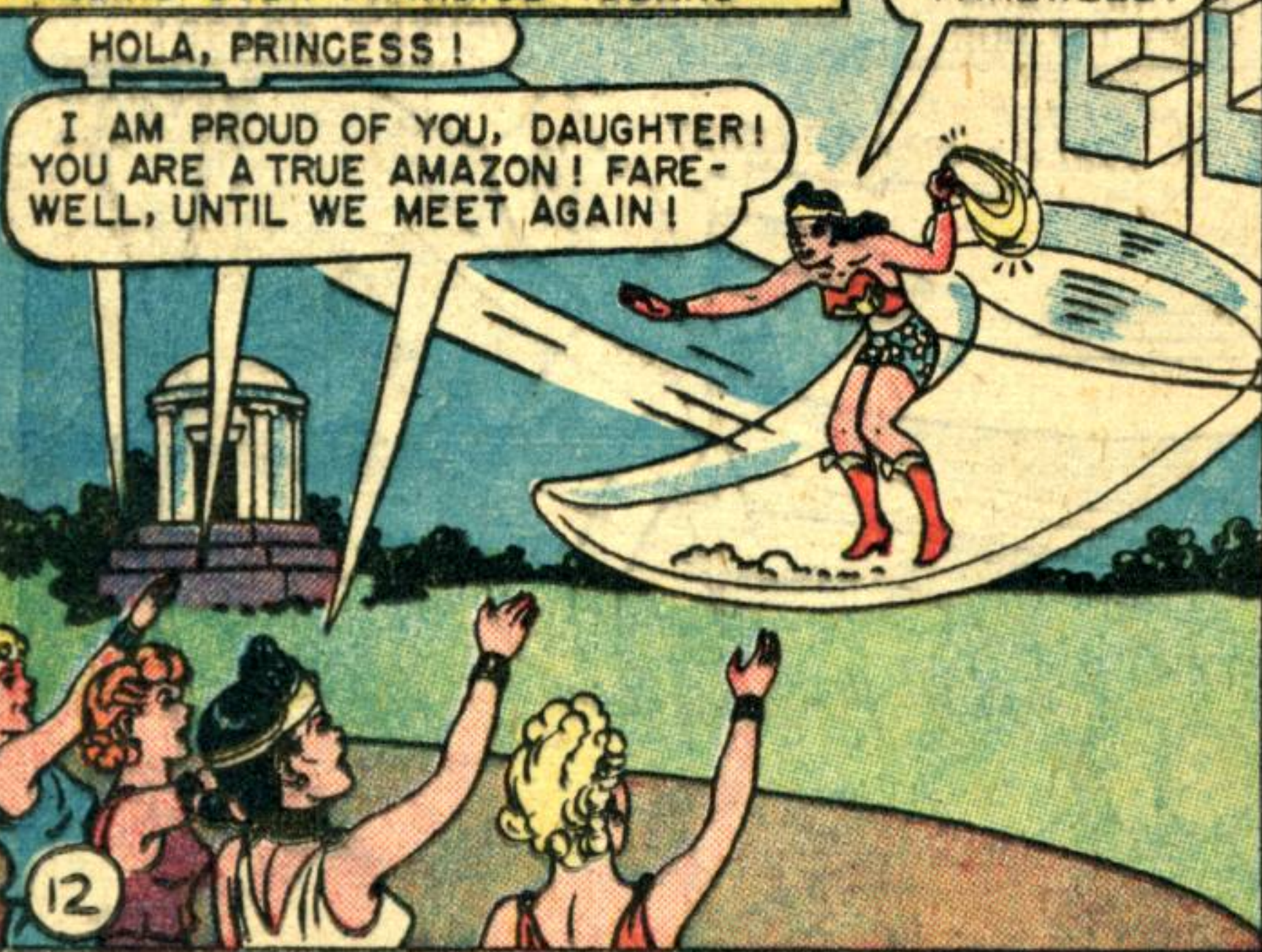


PASSING OVER PARADISE ISLAND--

HOLA, PRINCESS!

I AM PROUD OF YOU, DAUGHTER! YOU ARE A TRUE AMAZON! FAREWELL, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN!

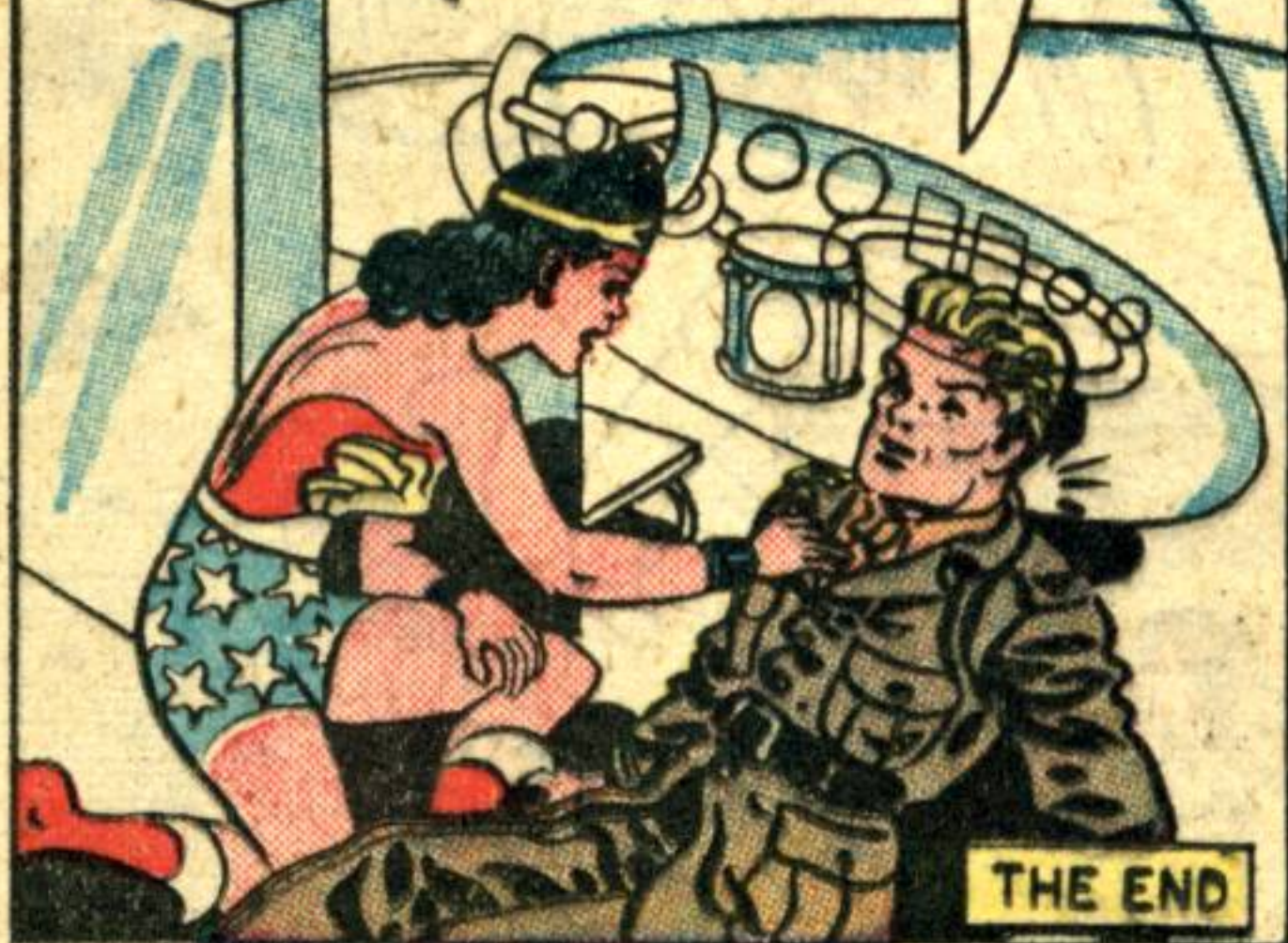
FAREWELL!



EN ROUTE BACK TO AMERICA--

HOW DO YOU FEEL, STEVE?

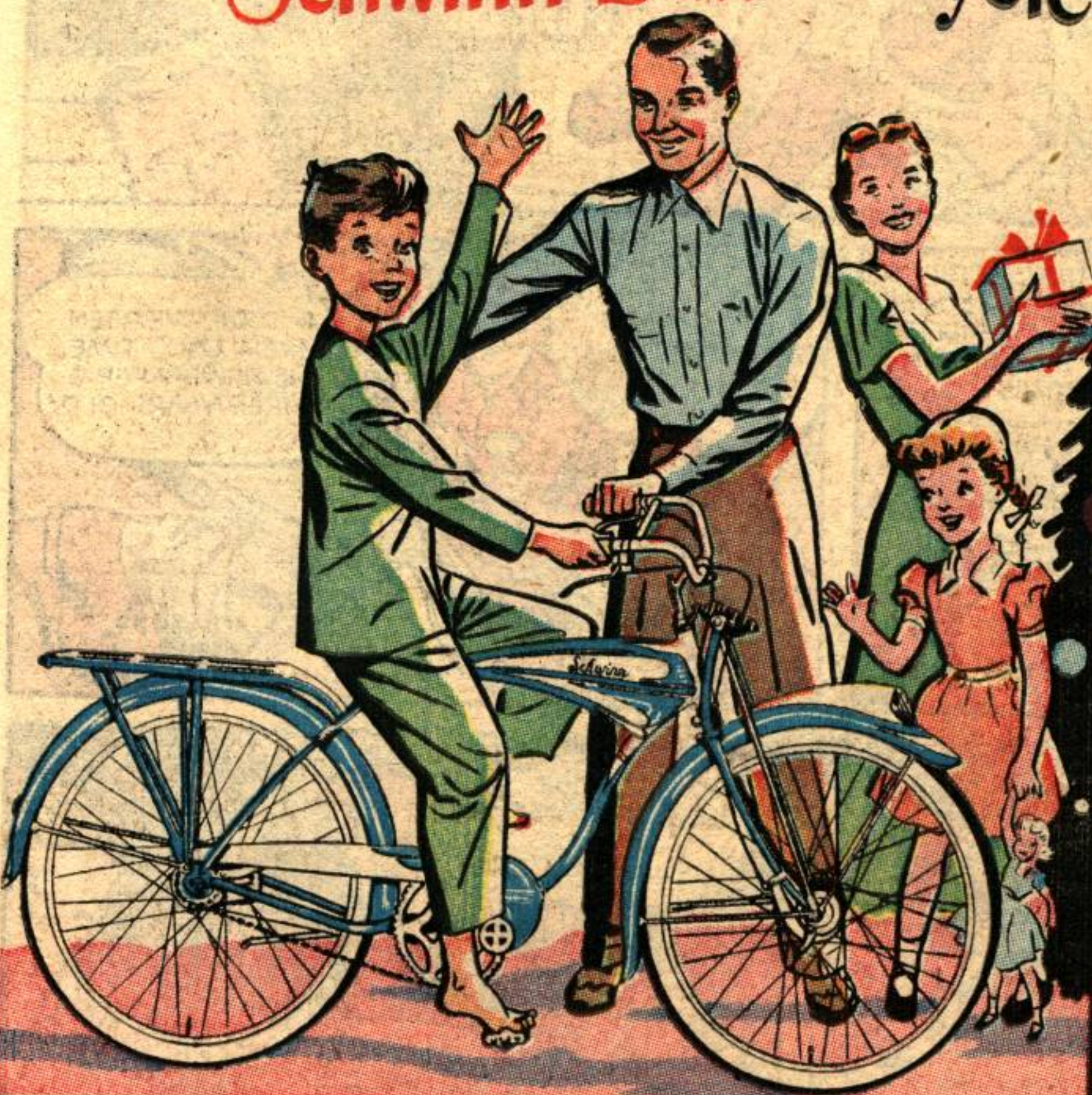
AS IF I'M DREAMING. BUT AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE, BEAUTIFUL, DON'T WAKE ME UP!



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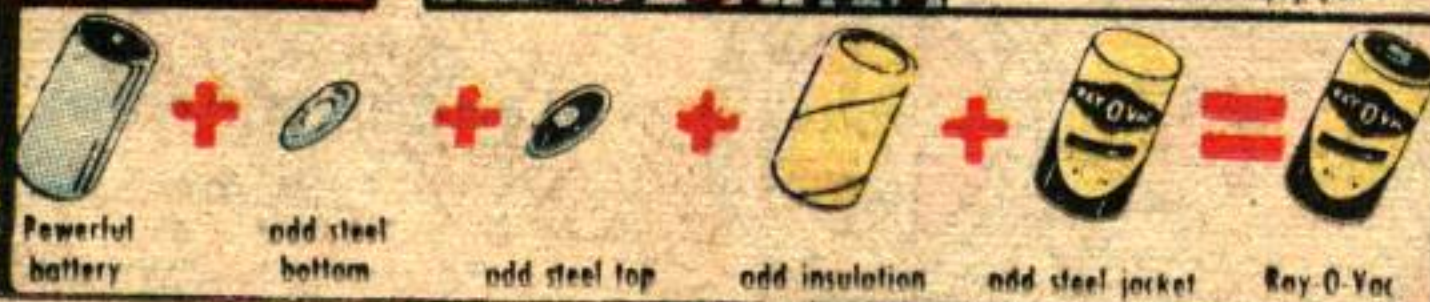
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Wonder Women of History

ANNIE JUMP CANNON

(1863 - 1941)

HER CAREER WAS FULLY AS GLITTERING AS THE FAR-OFF SUBJECTS SHE STUDIED FOR SO MANY YEARS. THIS GREAT SCIENTIST IDENTIFIED AND CLASSIFIED MORE STARS THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD!



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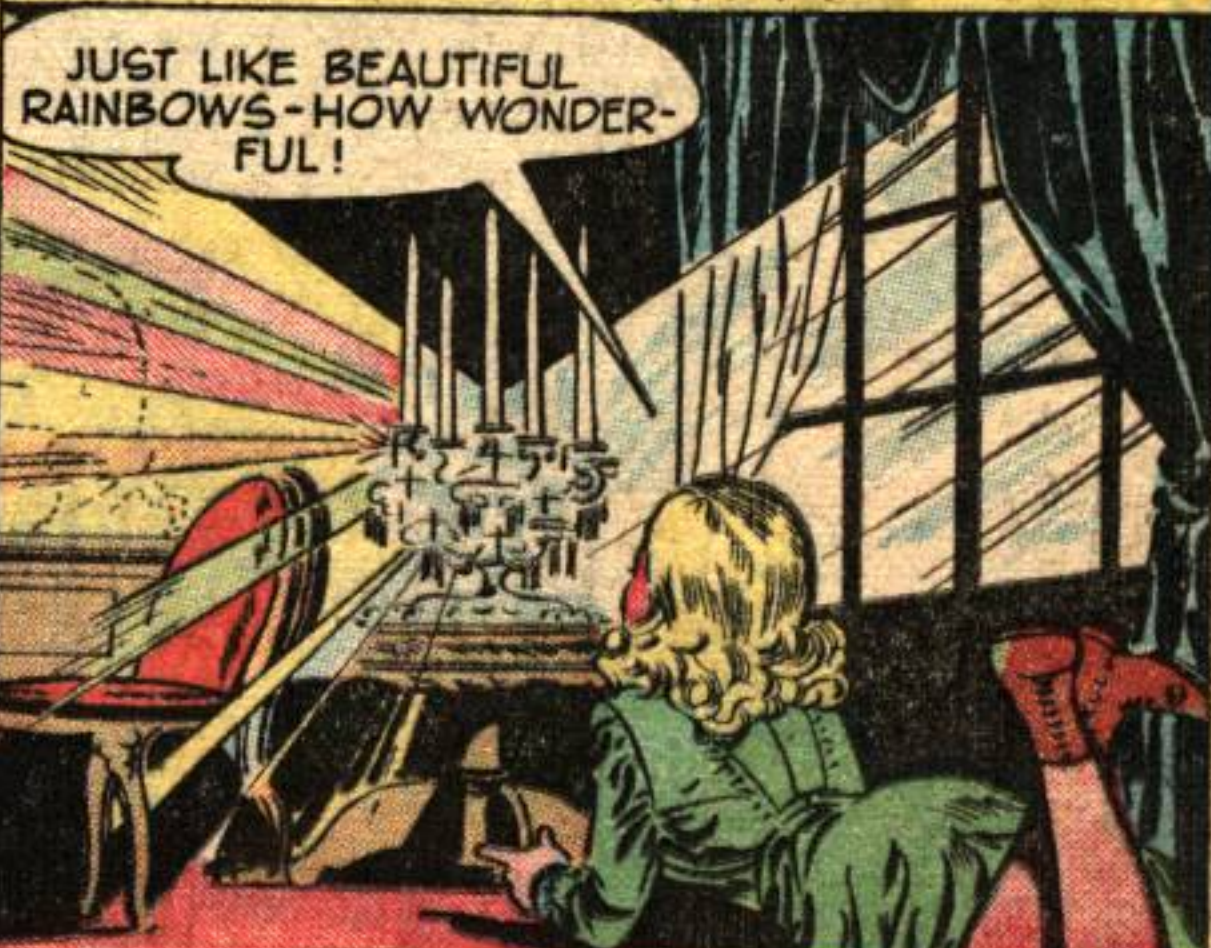
AS A CHILD, ANNIE WAS CAPTIVATED BY THE STARS. SHE WOULD STUDY CRUDE CHARTS IN THE ATTIC BY THE HOUR...

THERE'LL BE BIGGER AND BETTER CHARTS SOME DAY. MAYBE I'LL HELP MAKE THEM...

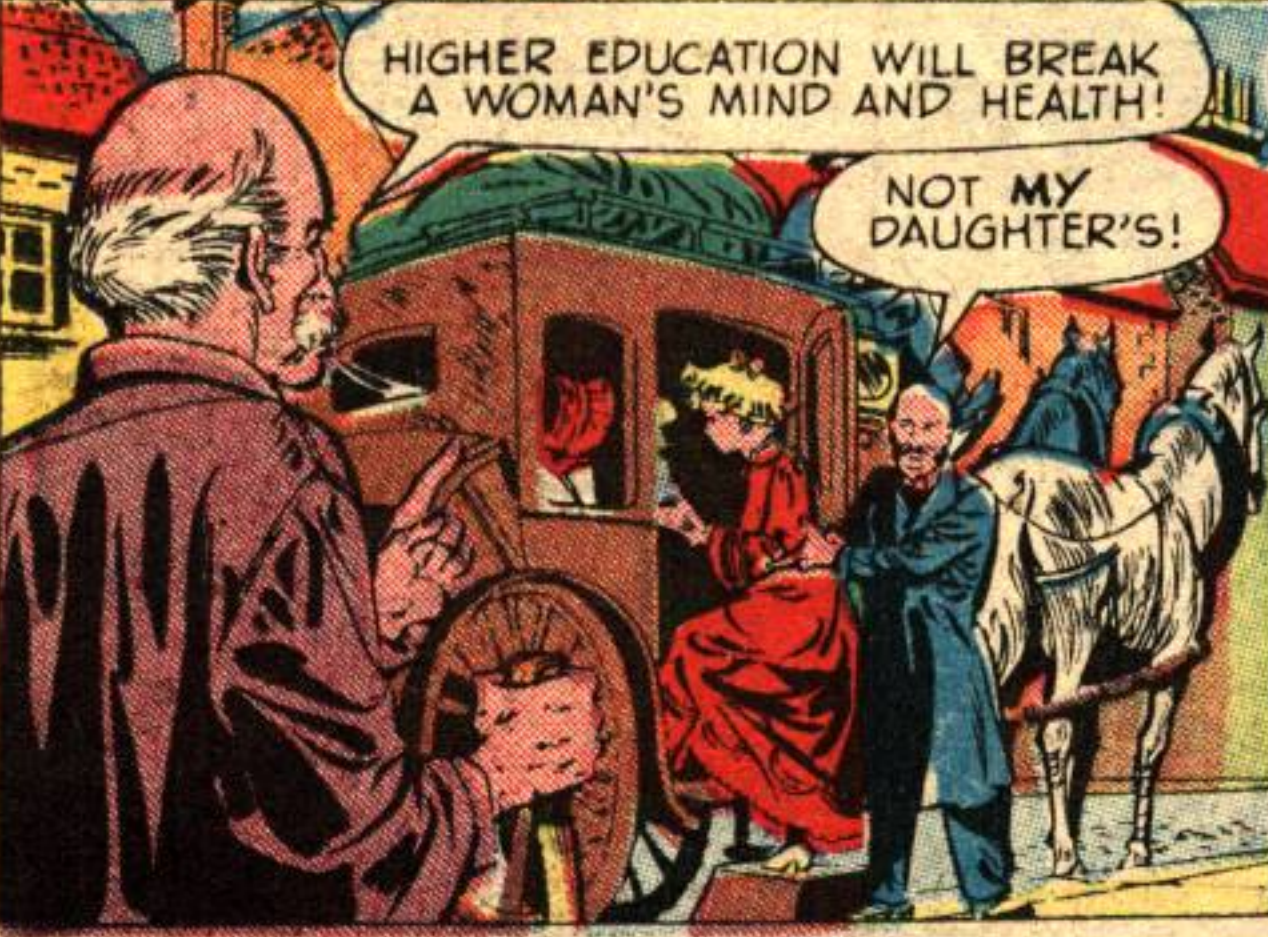


HER FASCINATION WITH LIGHT CAST BY PRISMS BEGAN EARLY. IT WAS THE BASIS OF HER FUTURE WORK IN CLASSIFYING STARS THROUGH THEIR SPECTRA...

JUST LIKE BEAUTIFUL RAINBOWS-HOW WONDERFUL!



AT SIXTEEN AND A HALF SHE PERSUADED HER FATHER TO LET HER ATTEND WELLESLEY COLLEGE. THE NEIGHBORS WERE HORRIFIED - - -



HIGHER EDUCATION WILL BREAK A WOMAN'S MIND AND HEALTH!

NOT MY DAUGHTER'S!

YEARS LATER SHE WAS MADE AN ASSISTANT IN THE HARVARD OBSERVATORY. . .

YOU WILL CLASSIFY THE STAR-SPECTRUMS WHICH OCCUR WHEN A STAR'S LIGHT PASSES THROUGH A PRISM AT THE END OF A TELESCOPE.



SHE BECAME QUITE DEAF, BUT HER ENTHUSIASM NEVER SLACKENED. . .



SEEMS TO ME, ANNIE, THAT YOU WORK WITH STREAKS OF LIGHT.

I HEARD THAT! NO, NOT STREAKS OF LIGHT- BUT GATEWAYS TO WONDERFUL NEW WORLDS!

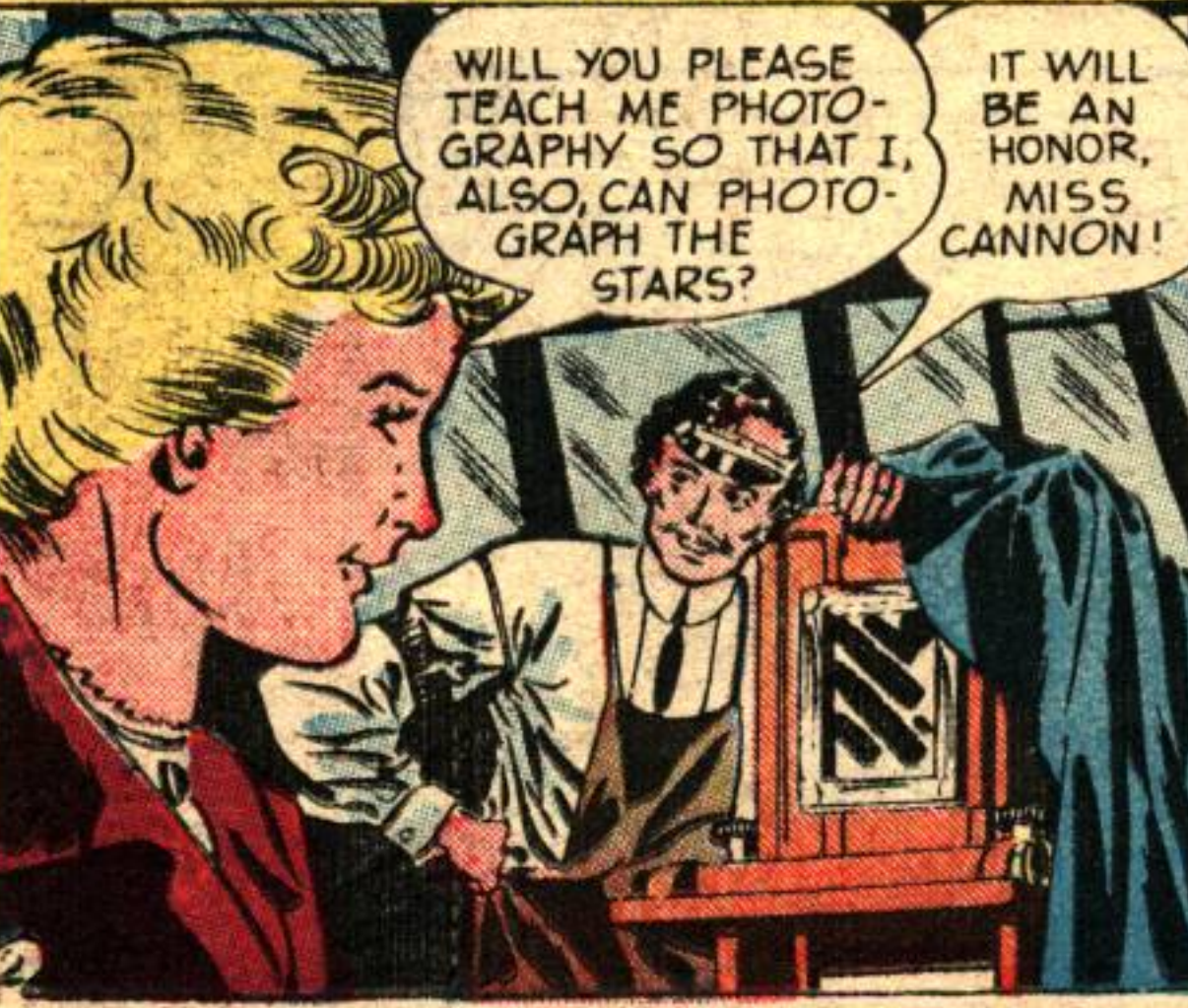
HER LOVE FOR HER WORK WAS ONLY EXCEEDED BY HER LOVE OF CHILDREN. . .



CAN I PLEASE CALL YOU AUNTY ANNIE, TOO?

WHY NOT-- ALL MY OTHER LITTLE FRIENDS, DO!

WORKING A GREAT DEAL FROM PHOTOGRAPHS GAVE HER AN IDEA. . .



WILL YOU PLEASE TEACH ME PHOTOGRAPHY SO THAT I, ALSO, CAN PHOTOGRAPH THE STARS?

IT WILL BE AN HONOR, MISS CANNON!

YEARS DID NOT DIM HER PLEASURE IN HER WORK. . .



DO YOU REALIZE THAT YOU'VE ALREADY CLASSIFIED OVER TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND STARS!

I FEEL MANY MORE THOUSANDS STILL CALLING TO ME.

DISTINGUISHED SCIENTISTS VISITED HER TO LEARN HER METHODS. . .

AMAZING RESULTS! YOU BRING NOT ONLY A GIFTED EYE, BUT A UNIQUELY GIFTED MIND TO YOUR STUDIES OF THE HEAVENS!

HOW VERY KIND!

SHE RECEIVED THE FIRST HONORARY DEGREE IN SCIENCE EVER AWARDED TO A WOMAN BY ENGLAND'S OXFORD UNIVERSITY..

YOU'VE CATALOGUED NEARLY **FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND** STARS ACCORDING TO THEIR SPECTRAL TYPES! IT STAGGERS THE IMAGINATION!

CLAP!
CLAP!
CLAP!

THE DIRECTOR OF THE HARVARD OBSERVATORY HAD THIS TO SAY OF HER. . .

YOU CAN QUOTE ME AS SAYING THAT DOCTOR CANNON'S CONTRIBUTIONS MAKE A STRUCTURE THAT PROBABLY WILL NEVER BE DUPLICATED IN KIND OR EXTENT BY A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL!

ASTRONOMERS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD STILL COME TO HARVARD TO STUDY HER CATALOGUED WORK..

ANNIE JUMP CANNON'S CAREER WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY MANY IMPORTANT HONORS. . .

FIRST GOLD MEDAL EVER AWARDED A WOMAN BY AMERICA'S NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE.

ONE OF ONLY SIX PEOPLE EVER MADE HONORARY MEMBERS OF ENGLAND'S ROYAL ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY.

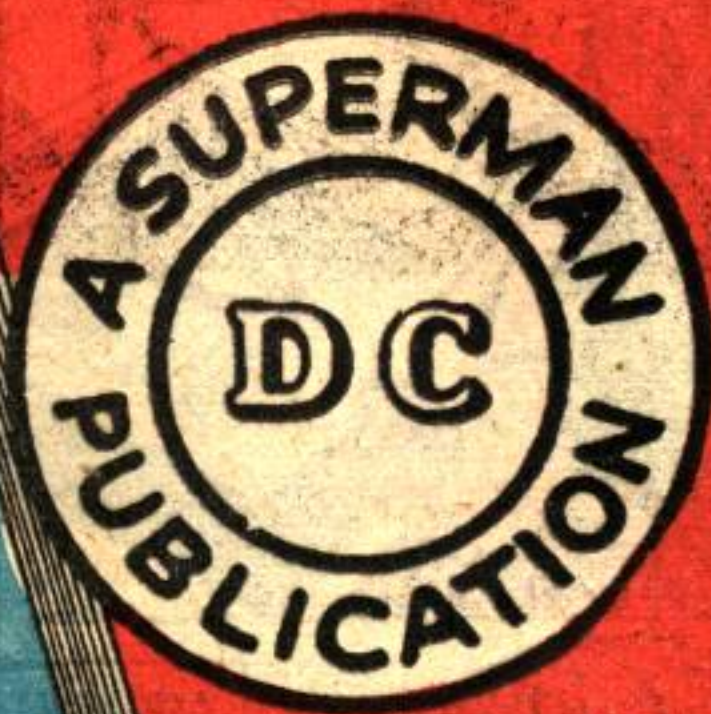
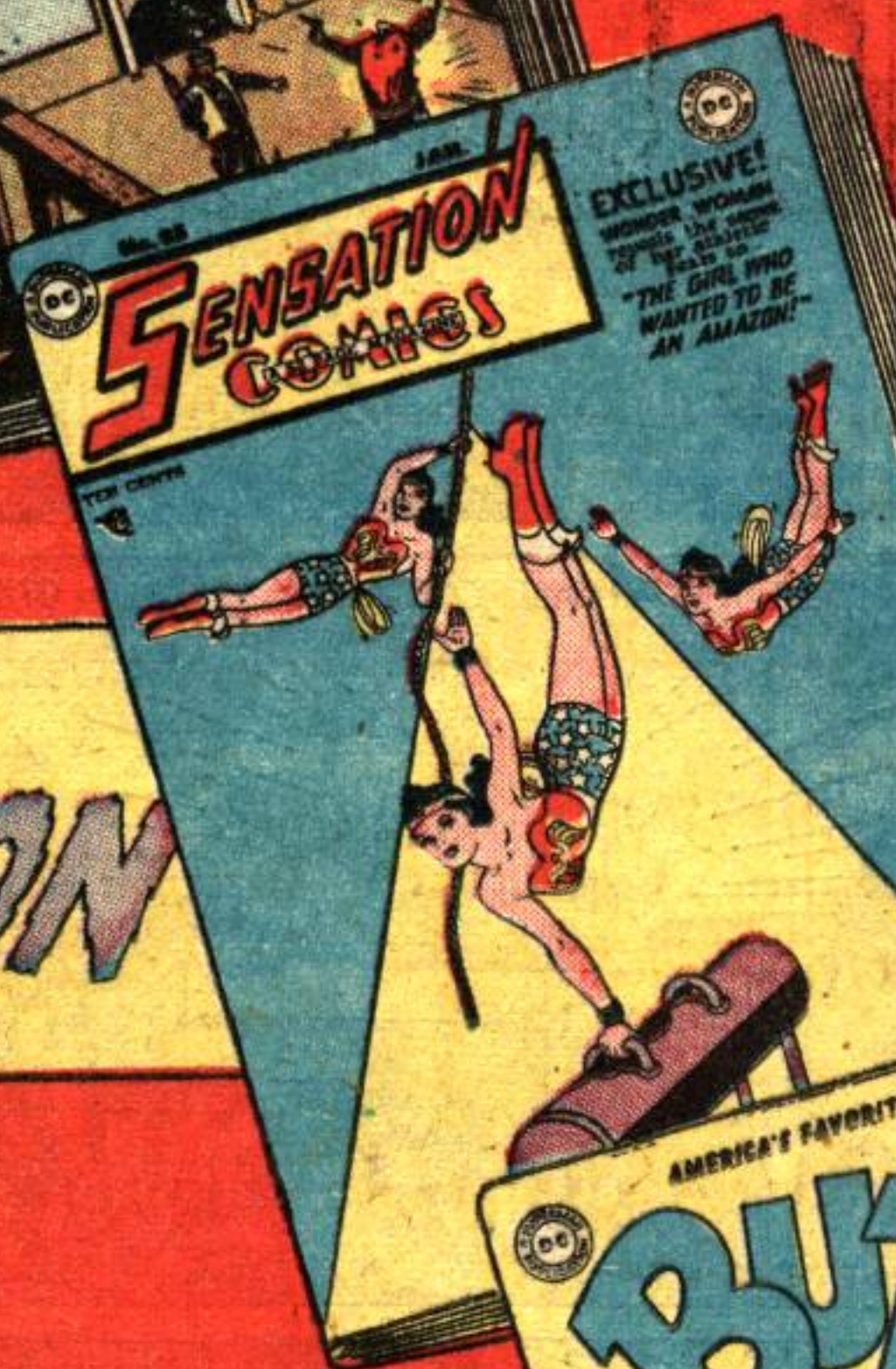
ANOTHER HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM HOLLAND'S UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

THIS WONDER WOMAN OF SCIENCE CREATED A REPUTATION FOR HERSELF THAT WAS THE JOY OF MEN AND WOMEN ALIKE. A PURE SCIENTIST OF THE LOFTIEST ORDER, SHE WAS ALSO A HUMAN BEING OF THE FINEST TYPE.

Diana Prince
WONDER WOMAN



FOR WESTERN



FOR ACTION

FOR TEEN AGE



FOR THE BEST IN ALL COMICS
LOOK FOR THE
SUPERMAN D.C. SYMBOL!



THE situation was highly desperate. Antigonus, the Macedonian, was besieging the ancient city of Rhodes with a fleet and forty thousand men.

This was more than the entire population of the trading post, within whose walls lay untold riches of rare spices and rarer metals.

Again and again the forces of the marauding Macedonians were thrown back with heavy losses by the brave defenders of Rhodes. But these latter were suffering their own losses, and well knew that the unequal contest could have but one outcome.

Still they fought on. Old and young labored to fill the ever widening breaches in the walls that surrounded the city. Earth was ripped from the ground, and when arrows pierced the sod, temple stones were forced into the chinks.

Catapults, used with devilish cunning by the invaders, lofted masses of jagged metal into groups of the fighting men of Rhodes. Burning oil added to the terrors they had to endure. Women, children, and men alike cut off their hair so that the bowmen of Rhodes would have a sufficient amount of strings to take the places of those that snapped with repeated usage.

Then, one day when all seemed lost, a great shout rent the air. A lookout reported a second great fleet entering the harbor of Rhodes.

It was a joyful shout, for the new ships were recognizable as *Egyptian* vessels. This was a nation friendly to Rhodes. In fact, the fleet had been sent because Ptolemy of Egypt had heard of the grave plight of his good neighbors.

Hemmed in between Egyptian war-

rriors and the redoubled efforts of the Rhodes fighting men, Antigonos the Macedonian was put to rout. Scattered far and wide, his remaining forces fled helter skelter to safety.

And now the people of Rhodes determined to set up a mighty statue of the sun god in gratitude for their deliverance. It was to be set up in their harbor, the statue's arm outstretched in blessing.

Fittingly enough, the metal used was from the very engines of war that Antigonos had used to batter away at the city. These captured bronze-monsters that had hurt the city would now serve the better purpose of blessing.

Chares of Lindus was in charge of its design and construction. Many men labored mightily from 292 to 280 B.C. before the majestic figure graced the harbor of Rhodes.

It was 105 feet high, beautifully proportioned, made in sections raised piece by piece into position. A spiral-staircase wound within the body up to the eyes, where beacon fires for ships were lighted at night.

A glory to behold, its benevolent pose by day and friendly flares at night made it one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

Then came grief. In 224 B.C. an earthquake felled and shattered the great statue. At once men decided that the sun god must be rebuilt to its former eminence. Greek and Egyptian engineers joined forces with the builders of Rhodes.

Theirs was to be heartbreaking work. Shattered sections would be remelted and recast. Then these sections would be rejoined . . . only to collapse of their own weight.

Over and over these gallant men tried to reconstruct the Colossus, but none had the art and cunning of Chares of Lindus. Their repeated efforts only resulted in as many failures.

Finally, in 672 A.D., the continuous attempts at rebuilding were halted for all time. Arab mercenaries conquered the proud city of Rhodes. They sold the broken Colossus as old metal, 900 camel loads of bronze, all that remained of one of the marvels of the world.

And so, forever lost to the eyes of Man, is one of the earliest—and finest—engineering achievements of civilization, the Colossus of Rhodes.

What makes its loss doubly felt is that, in its design and background, it can be said to have been *the first Statue of Liberty*.

—Charles King

Wonder Woman

By CHARLES MOULTON

WITHIN 24 HOURS, WHOLE BUSLOADS OF PEOPLE HAVE DISAPPEARED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY--CARRYING AS PASSENGERS COAL MINERS, FARMERS, CIRCUS STRONG MEN, AND ARMY RECRUITS! THE FBI AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ARE STUMPED FOR CLUES! BUT WONDER WOMAN--BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE, WISE AS ATHENA, STRONGER THAN HERCULES, AND SWIFTER THAN MERCURY-- USES HER STRENGTH AND WITS TO THE UTMOST AND SUCCEEDS, NOT ONLY IN SOLVING THE MYSTERY OF THE DISAPPEARING PASSENGERS, BUT ALSO IN SAVING THE EARTH FROM DESTRUCTION WHEN SHE SOLVES THE MYSTERY OF--

"THE MENACE OF MURKTON!"



MC PETER

AT INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS, COL. STEVE TREVOR CONFERS WITH DIANA (WONDER WOMAN) PRINCE .

--AND NOW THE LATEST DISAPPEAR-
ANCE IS THIS BUSLOAD
OF ARMY RECRUITS!

GOODNESS! COAL MINERS,
FARMERS, CIRCUS STRONG
MEN, AND NOW SOLDIERS!
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT,
STEVE?



I CAN'T SEEM TO
FIGURE IT OUT! BY
THE WAY, WHERE'S
WONDER WOMAN?

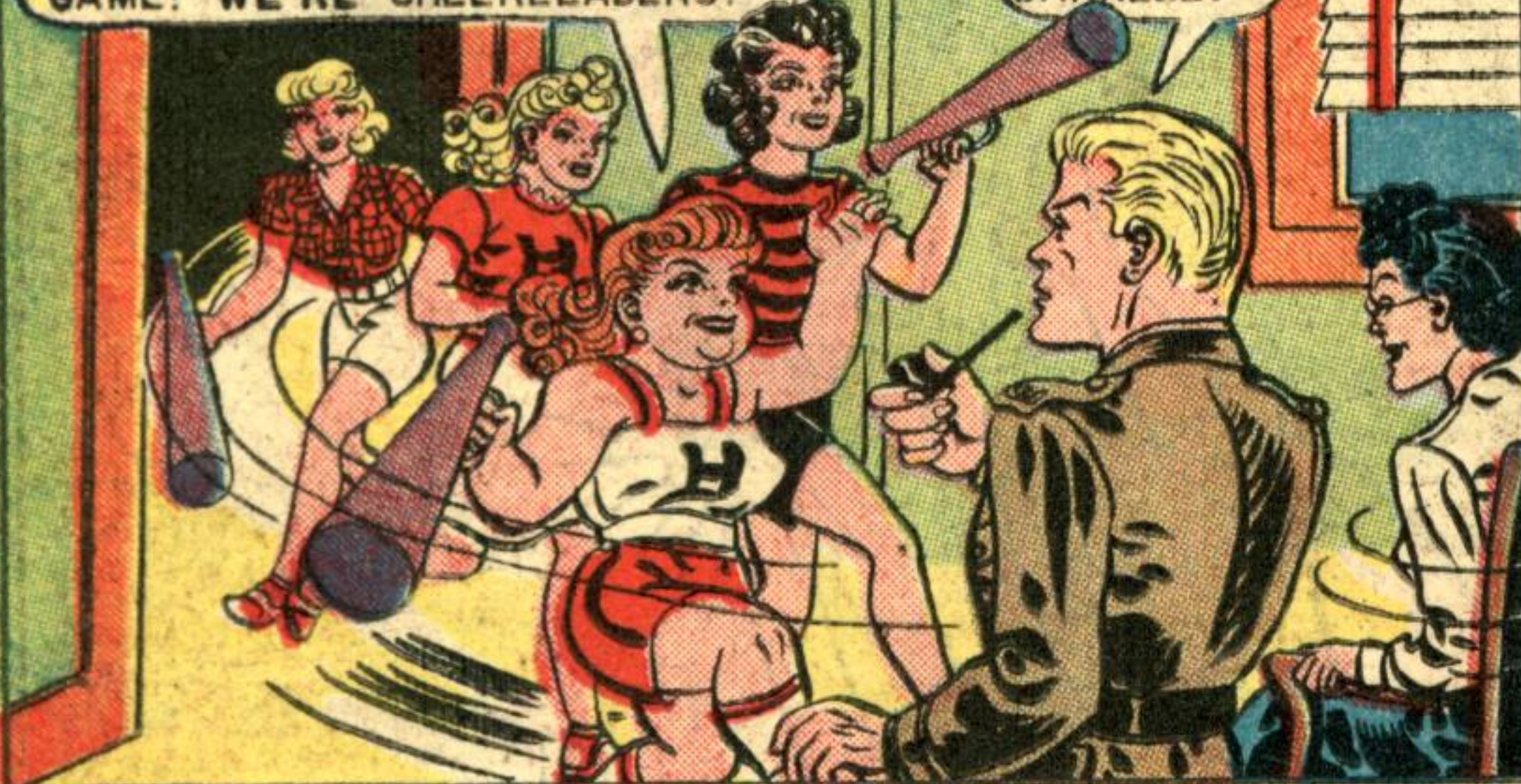
WHY--ER--AH,
SHE OUGHT TO BE
HERE PRETTY
SOON--



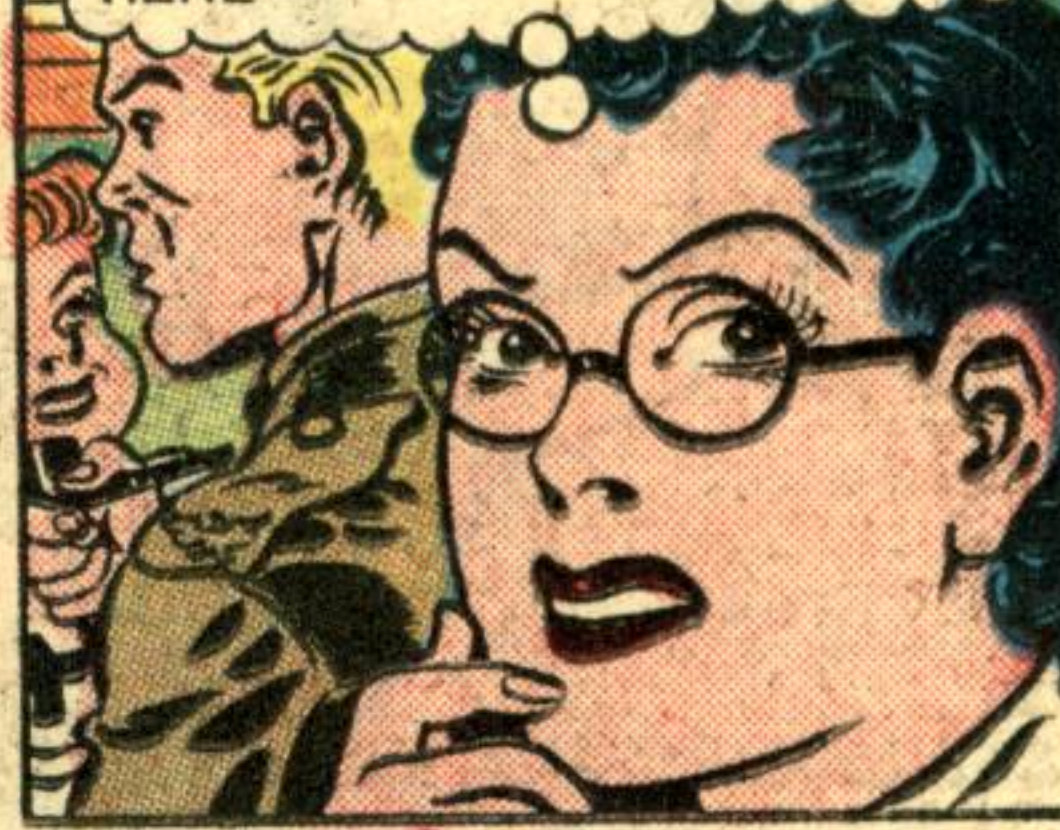
AT THAT MOMENT, THE HOLLIDAY COLLEGE GIRLS ARRIVE--

HI, FOLKS! C'MON WITH US IF YOU
WANT TO TAKE A BUS RIDE WITH THE
TEAM TO THE STARVARD-TRINCETON
GAME! WE'RE CHEERLEADERS!

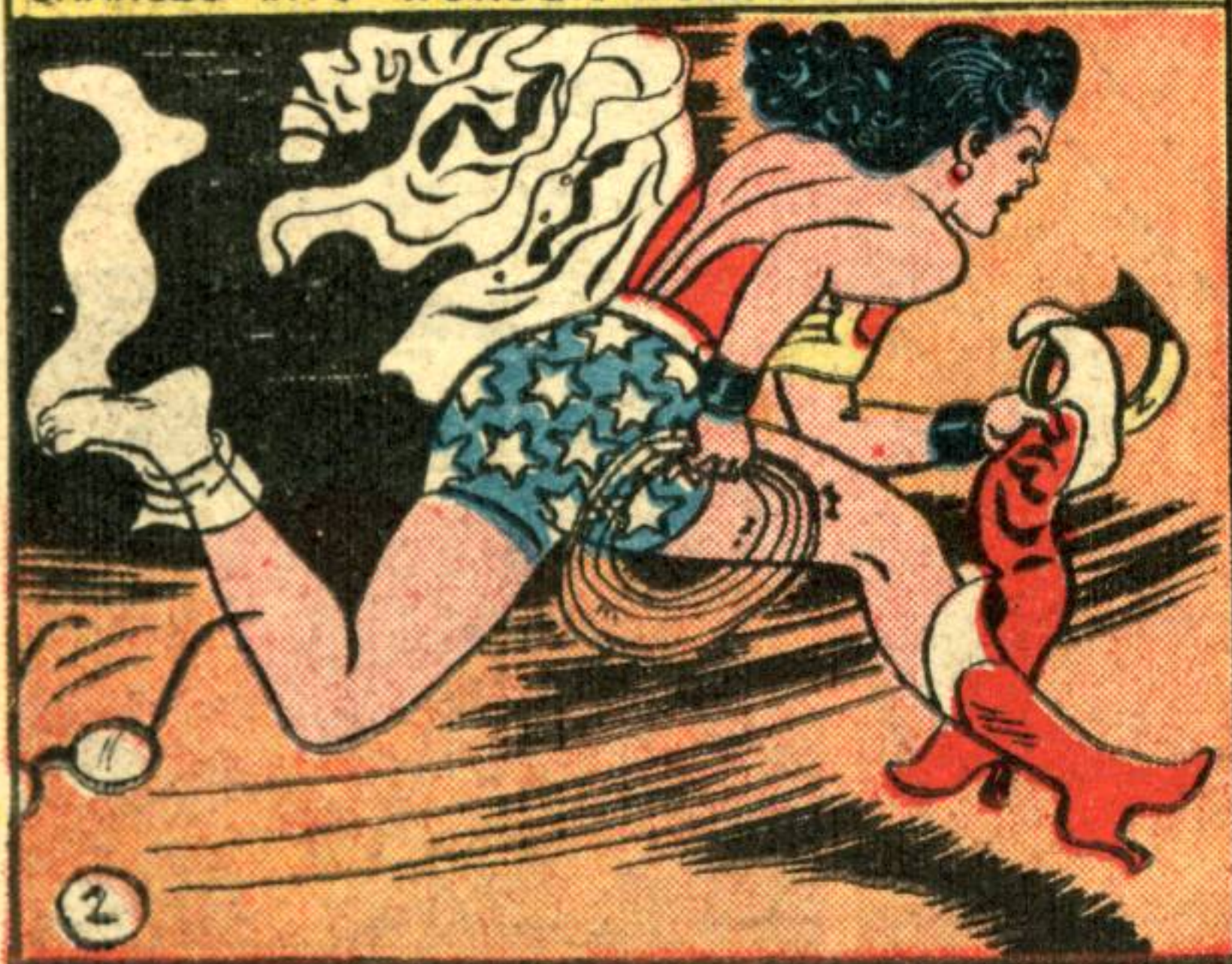
SORRY, ETTA. I'M
WORKING ON A TOUGH
CASE FOR GENERAL
DARNELL.



HMMM. THE ONE THING ALL
THE MISSING BUSES HAD IN
COMMON WAS THAT THEY
CARRIED **STRONG MEN**! THIS
BUSLOAD OF FOOTBALL PLAY-
ERS MIGHT LEAD TO SOME-
THING! I CAN'T CONVINCE
STEVE, AS DIANA, THAT HE
SHOULD GO WITH ETTA, BUT
IF **WONDER WOMAN** WERE
HERE--



RACING TO THE NEXT ROOM WITH SUCH SPEED
THAT SHE IS UNNOTICED, DIANA QUICKLY
CHANGES INTO **WONDER WOMAN**.

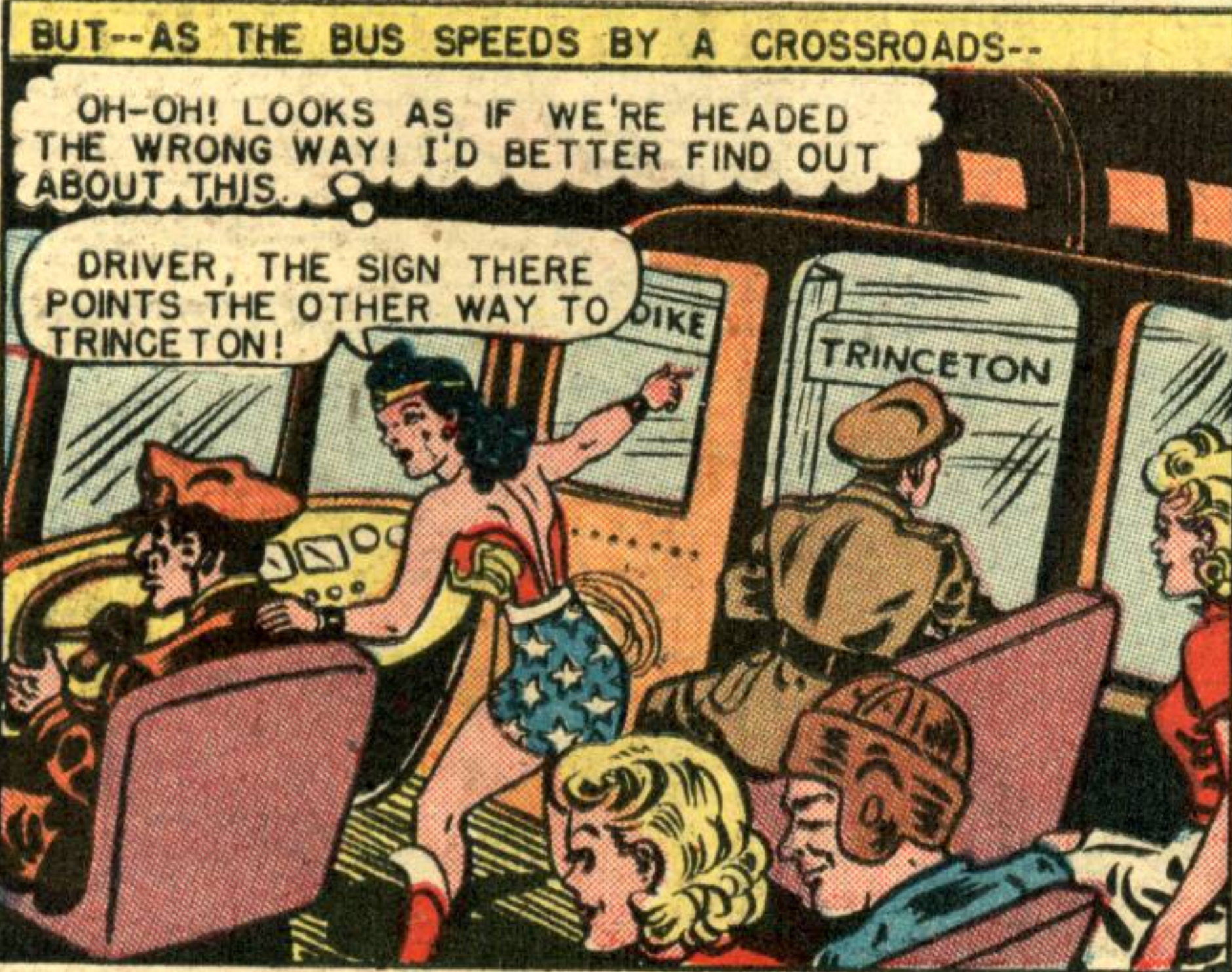
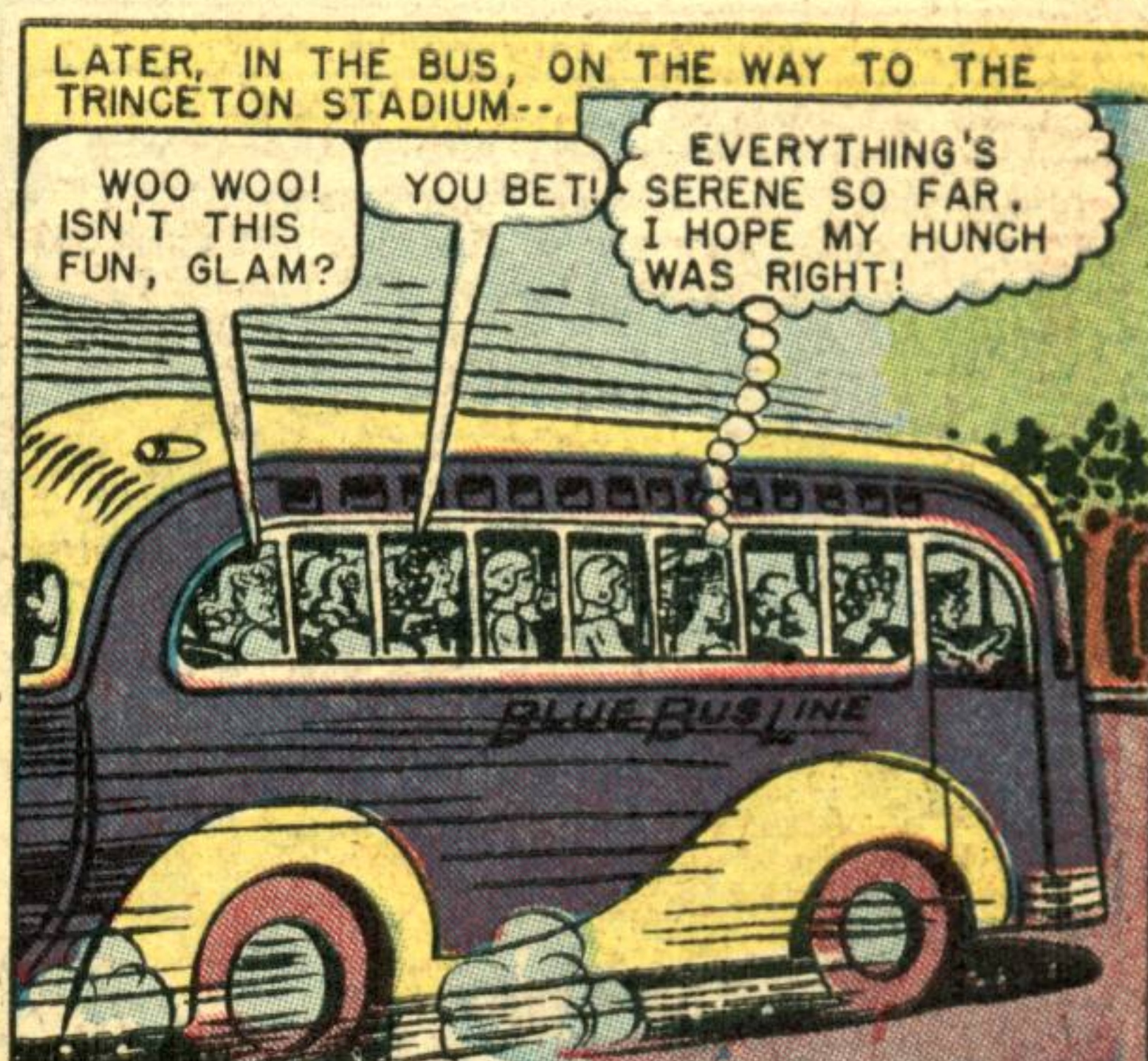


ANGEL!

GOODY GUMDROPS! **WONDER
WOMAN**! YOU GOING WITH US TO
THE FOOTBALL GAME?

OF COURSE!
WHEN DO WE
START?





A MOMENT LATER THE BUS HALTS AND...

CAPTAIN UMBER REPORTING TO QUEEN PALLIDA! THE EARTHIANs ARE IN OUR POWER AND AWAIT YOUR COMMAND!

GOOD! PROCEED AS USUAL INTO THE CAVERN!

I MUST PRETEND I'M ASLEEP TOO — TO SOLVE THIS MYSTERY!

AS THE BUS MOVES SLOWLY ON...

GREETINGS, EARTHIANs! BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPERIOR STRENGTH YOU HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO PERFORM A NOBLE TASK UPON THE PLANET MURKTON! AT MY COMMAND YOU WILL EMERGE SINGLE FILE FROM YOUR CONVEYANCE AND JOIN THE OTHER SELECTED ONES! MARCH!

AT THE QUEEN'S COMMAND--

THE DRIVER THINKS I'M HYPNOTIZED TOO- JUST LIKE THE REST!

THE OTHER MISSING BUSSES! SO THIS IS WHERE THEY ALL DISAPPEARED TO! THE PASSENGERS MUST BE AROUND SOMEWHERE!

WONDER WOMAN HIDES BEHIND THE BUS DOOR.

IF I CAN ONLY HOLD OUT AGAINST THIS WEAKENING GAS LONG ENOUGH TO RESCUE STEVE AND ETTA AND THE REST! OH-OH- HERE COMES THE DRIVER!

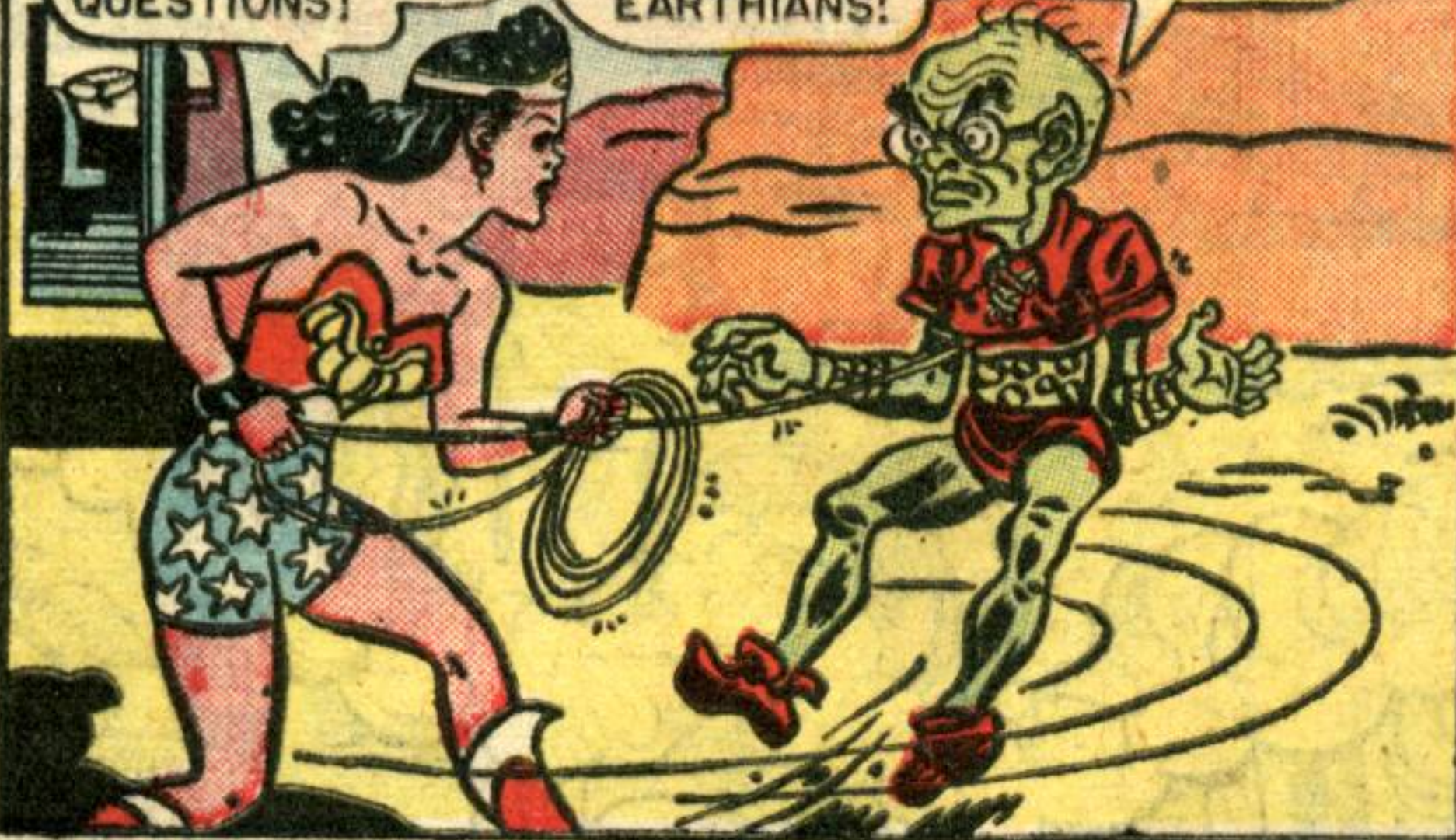
WHAT'S HE UP TO? GREAT HERA! HE SEEMS TO BE STEPPING OUT OF A COMPLETE DISGUISE - LIKE - LIKE A SNAKE SHEDDING ITS SKIN!



THE AMAZON CAPTURES THE STRANGE CREATURE WITH HER MAGIC LASSO.

THERE! NOW YOU'RE GOING TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS!

WHAT? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT YOU ARE IMMUNE TO MESMEROGEN, OUR MURKTON ATMOSPHERIC GAS WHICH HYPNOTIZES ALL EARTHIANs!



NEVER MIND THAT! TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!

I HAVE SWORN ON MY LIFE NOT TO REVEAL OUR MISSION-- BUT SOMETHING COMPELS ME TO OBEY!



BECAUSE EARTH LIES BETWEEN OUR PLANET AND THE SUN, MURKTON IS DEPRIVED OF SUNLIGHT. THIS CAUSES PHYSICAL WEAKNESS IN US MURKTONIANS! WE HAVE PREPARED A GIANT BOMB TO DESTROY THE EARTH SO WE MAY ENJOY THE SUN AGAIN! BUT----



--TO BRING THE BOMB INTO POSITION REQUIRES A GREATER STRENGTH THAN WE POSSESS. WE COULD CREATE A MACHINE TO DO IT--BUT WE HAVEN'T THE TIME! THAT'S WHY WE KIDNAPPED YOUR STRONG MEN!

A VILLAINOUS PLOT! MURKTON IS ENTITLED TO THE SUN, BUT NOT BY DESTROYING THE EARTH!



BUT THE STRANGE GAS WHICH WONDER WOMAN HAS BEEN RESISTING SO STRENUOUSLY IS BECOMING TOO MUCH EVEN FOR HER--

I-----



A MOMENT LATER--

TIE HER AND TAKE HER TO QUEEN PALLIDA. HEH-HEH! NOT DESTROY THE EARTH? HAH! WE MUST HAVE THE SUN! AND WE WILL HAVE IT!

OH, APHRODITE, HELP ME!



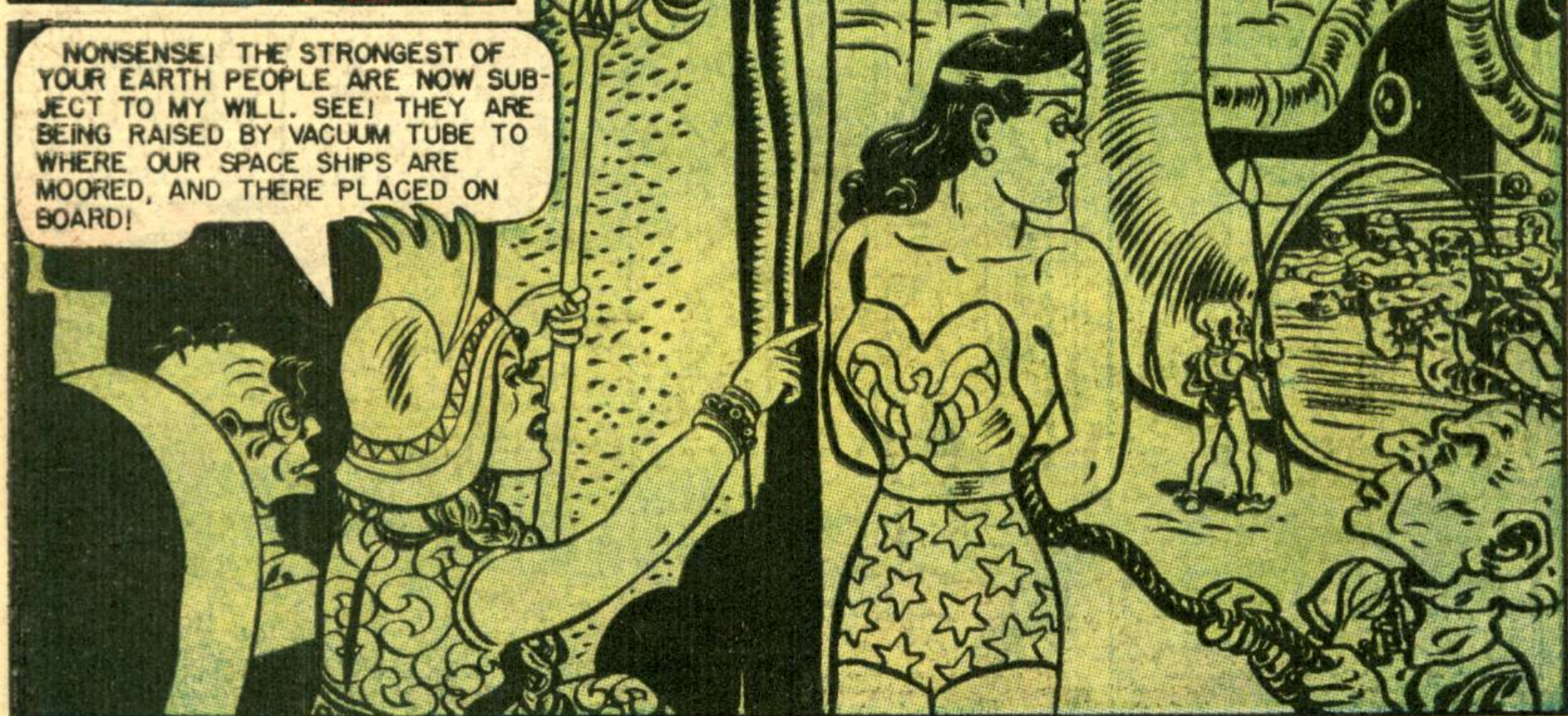
WONDER WOMAN IS TAKEN TO
QUEEN PALLIDA.

SO—THIS IS THE
ONE WHO DISCOVERED
OUR PLOT?

YOU---
WILL--NEVER
SUCCEED---



NONSENSE! THE STRONGEST OF
YOUR EARTH PEOPLE ARE NOW SUB-
JECT TO MY WILL. SEE! THEY ARE
BEING RAISED BY VACUUM TUBE TO
WHERE OUR SPACE SHIPS ARE
MOORED, AND THERE PLACED ON
BOARD!

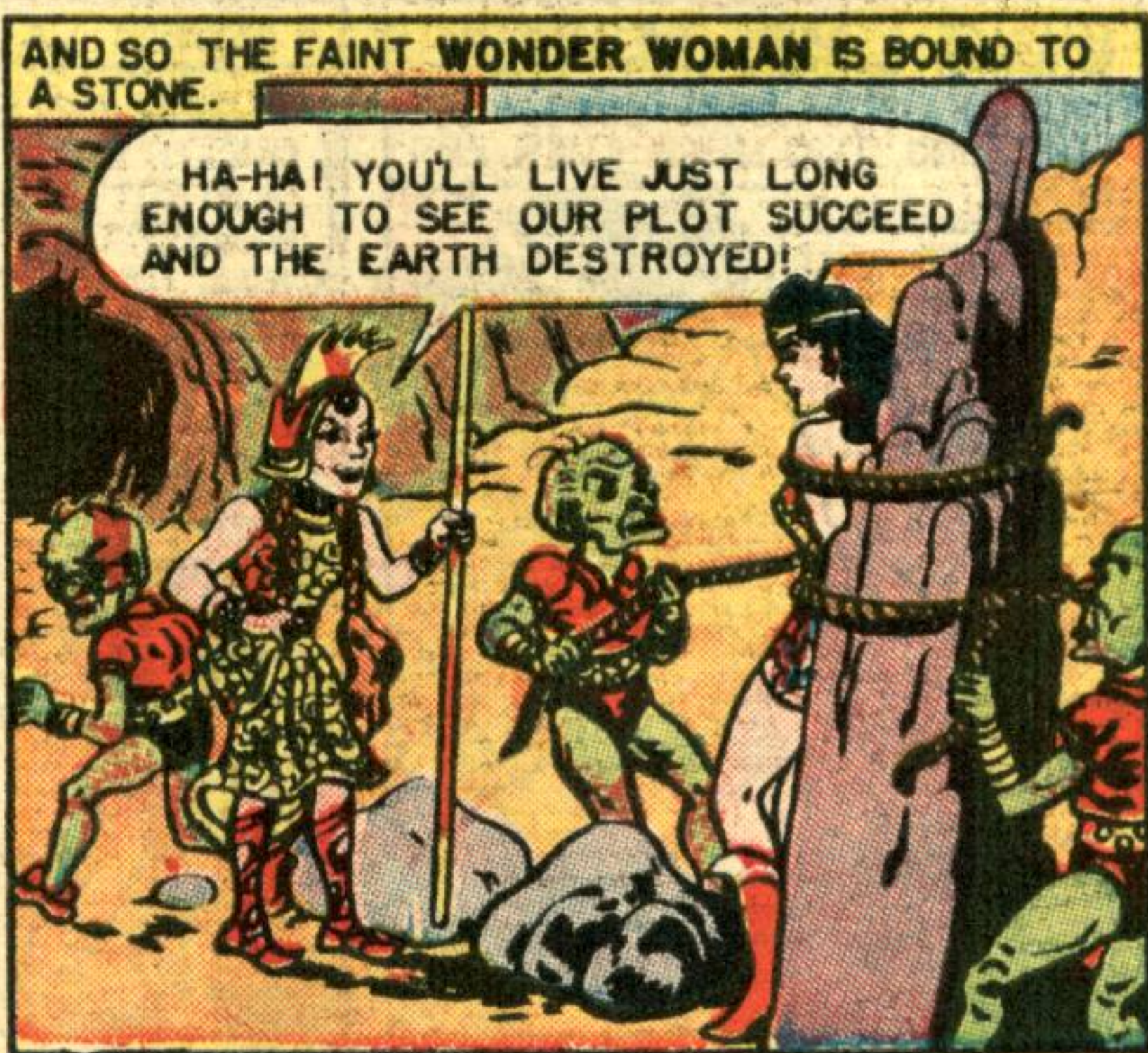


BECAUSE YOU HAVE RESISTED BECOMING
HYPNOTIZED AS THEY ARE—YOUR FATE WILL
BE ALL THE MORE TERRIBLE! YOU WILL BE
LEFT HERE TO BECOME WEAKER AND WEAKER
UNTIL AT LAST YOU ARE LIFELESS!



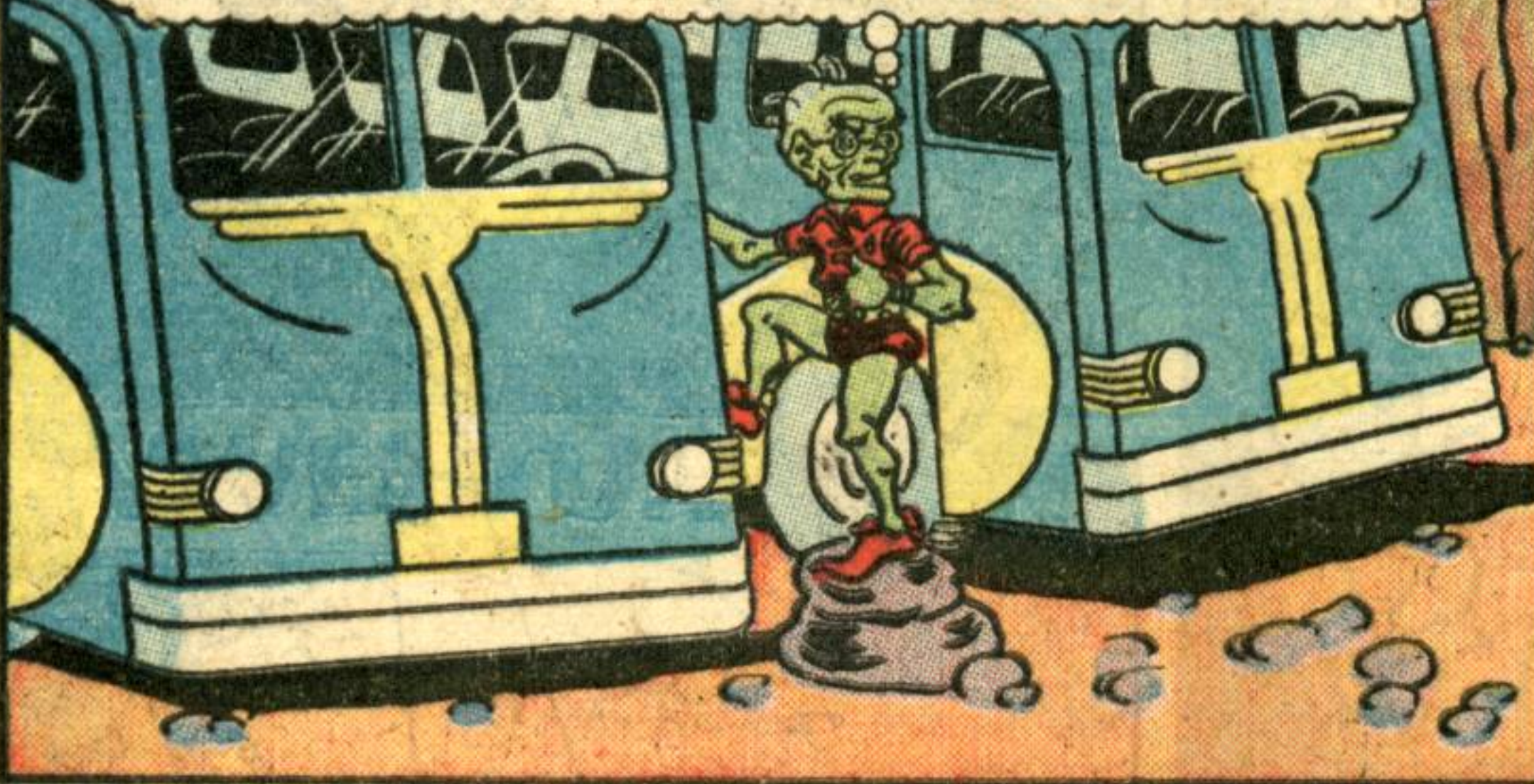
AND SO THE FAINT WONDER WOMAN IS BOUND TO
A STONE.

HA-HA! YOU'LL LIVE JUST LONG
ENOUGH TO SEE OUR PLOT SUCCEED
AND THE EARTH DESTROYED!



MEANWHILE, THE MURKTONIAN WHOM WONDER WOMAN HAD LASSEED PLOTS REVENGE ON THE HELPLESS AMAZON--

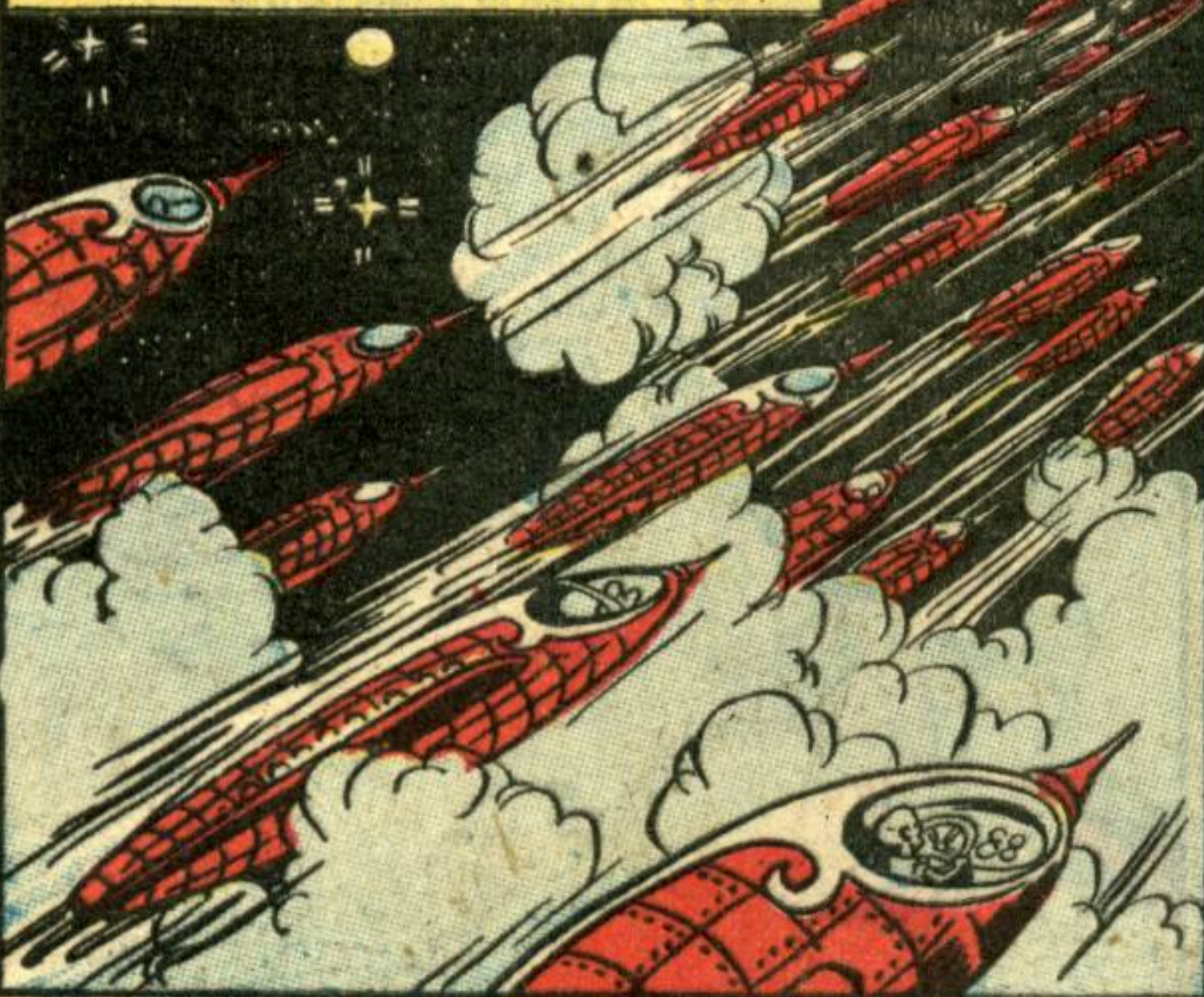
--- AND I'LL MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T GET OUT OF HERE! I'LL PAY HER BACK FOR MAKING ME TALK! I'LL JUST RELEASE THESE BRAKES AND THEN--HEH-HEH!



FAREWELL, HELPLESS ONE! IT WON'T TAKE LONG! HA-HA-HA!

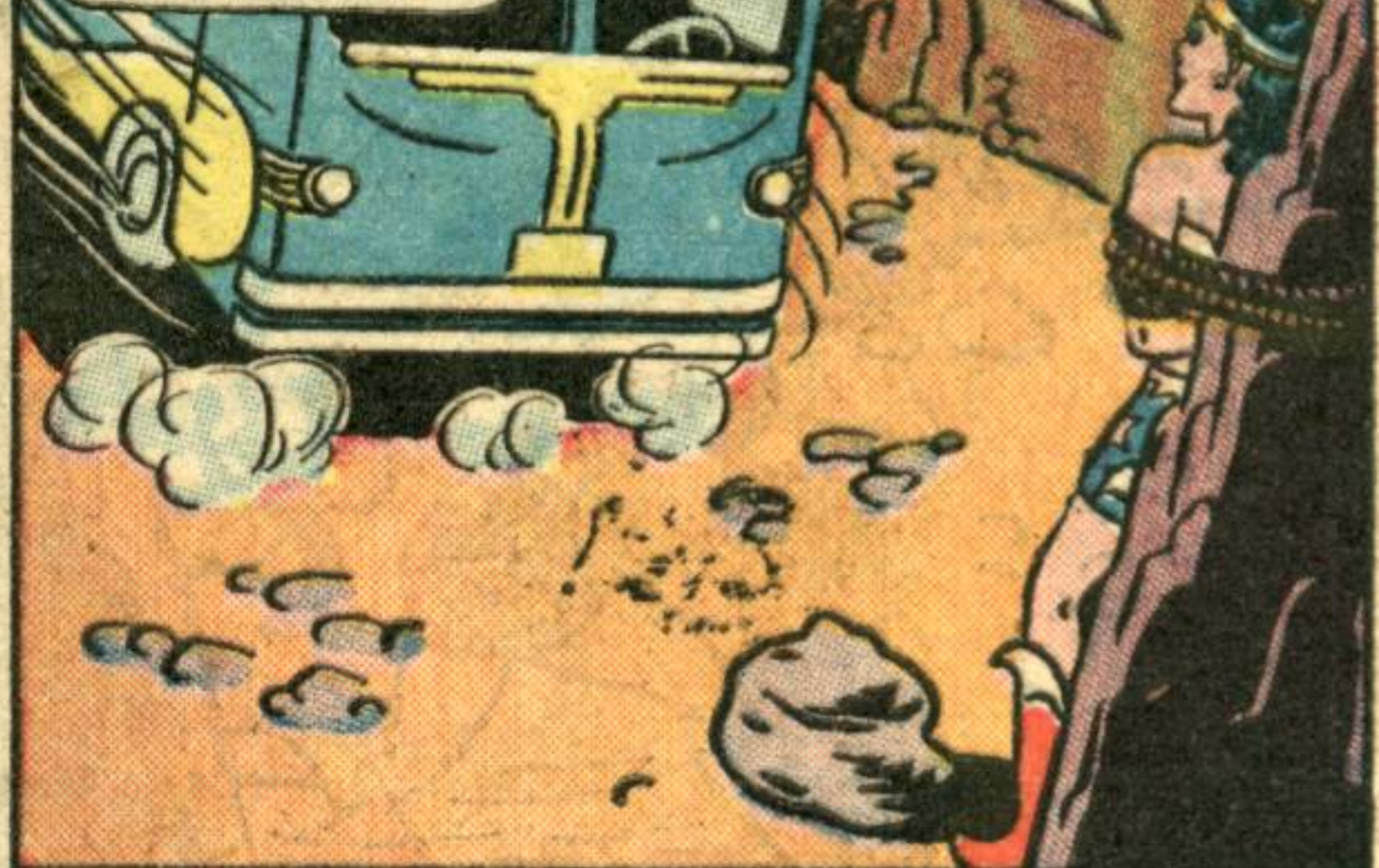


AS THE MURKTON SPACE SHIPS BEAR AWAY THEIR CARGO OF EARTHIAN--



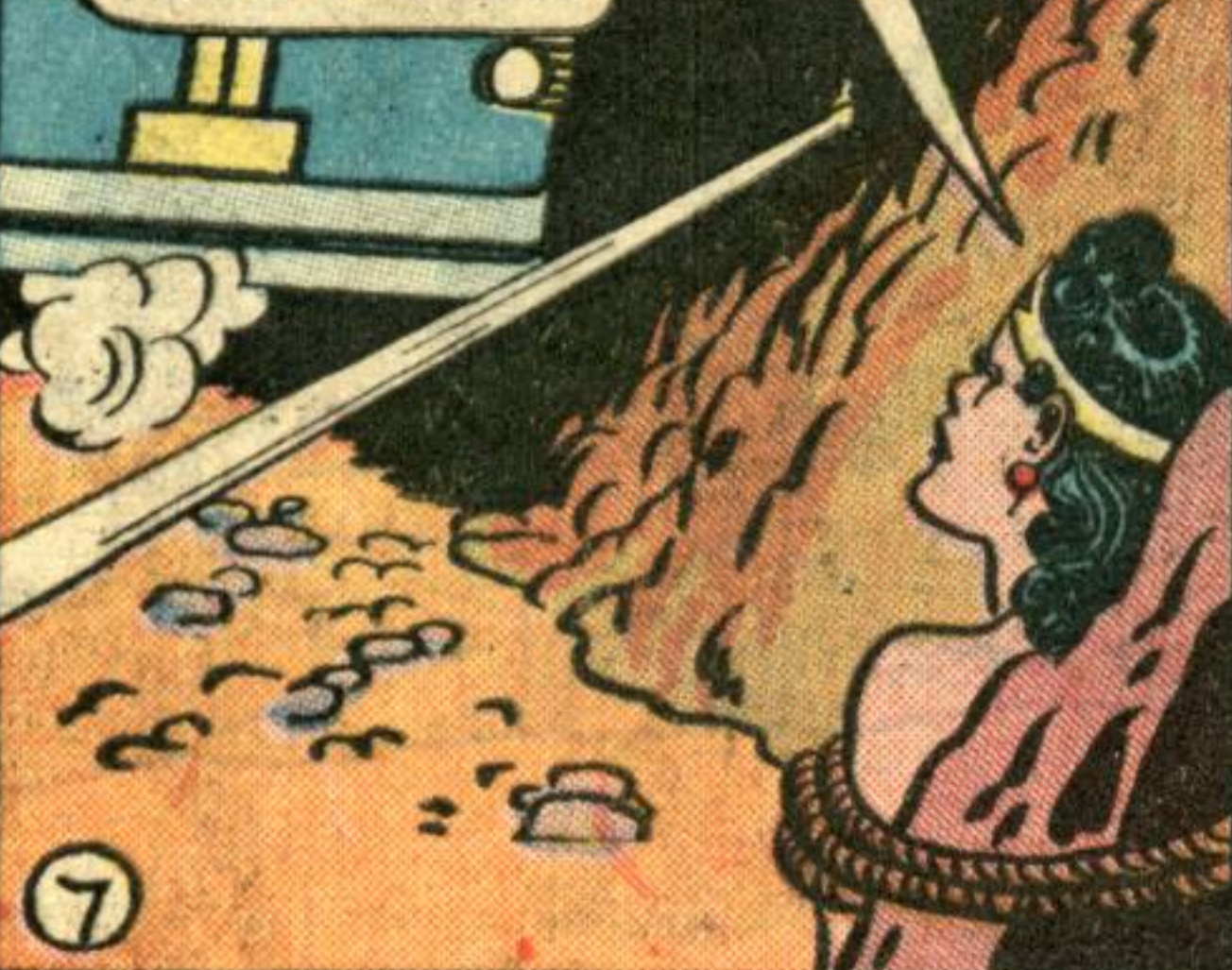
BACK IN THE CAVERN, WONDER WOMAN FACES ALMOST CERTAIN DOOM.

GREAT APHRODITE! THAT BUS IS HEADING RIGHT TOWARD ME! IF I ONLY HAD SOME GOOD AIR TO RESTORE MY STRENGTH!

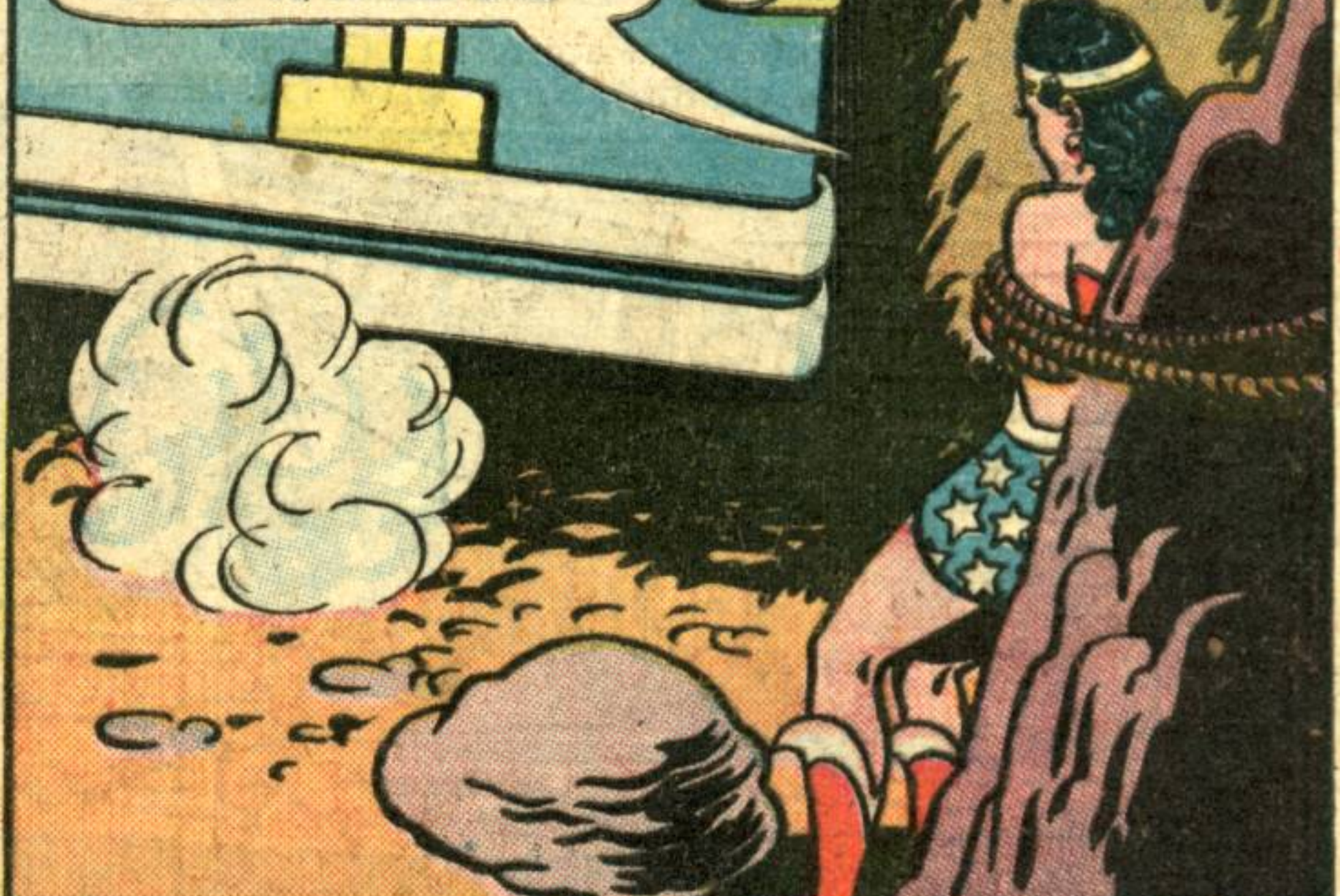


GLANCING ABOUT, THE AMAZON MAID'S KEEN EYESIGHT DETECTS A PINPOINT OF LIGHT IN THE FAR WALL.

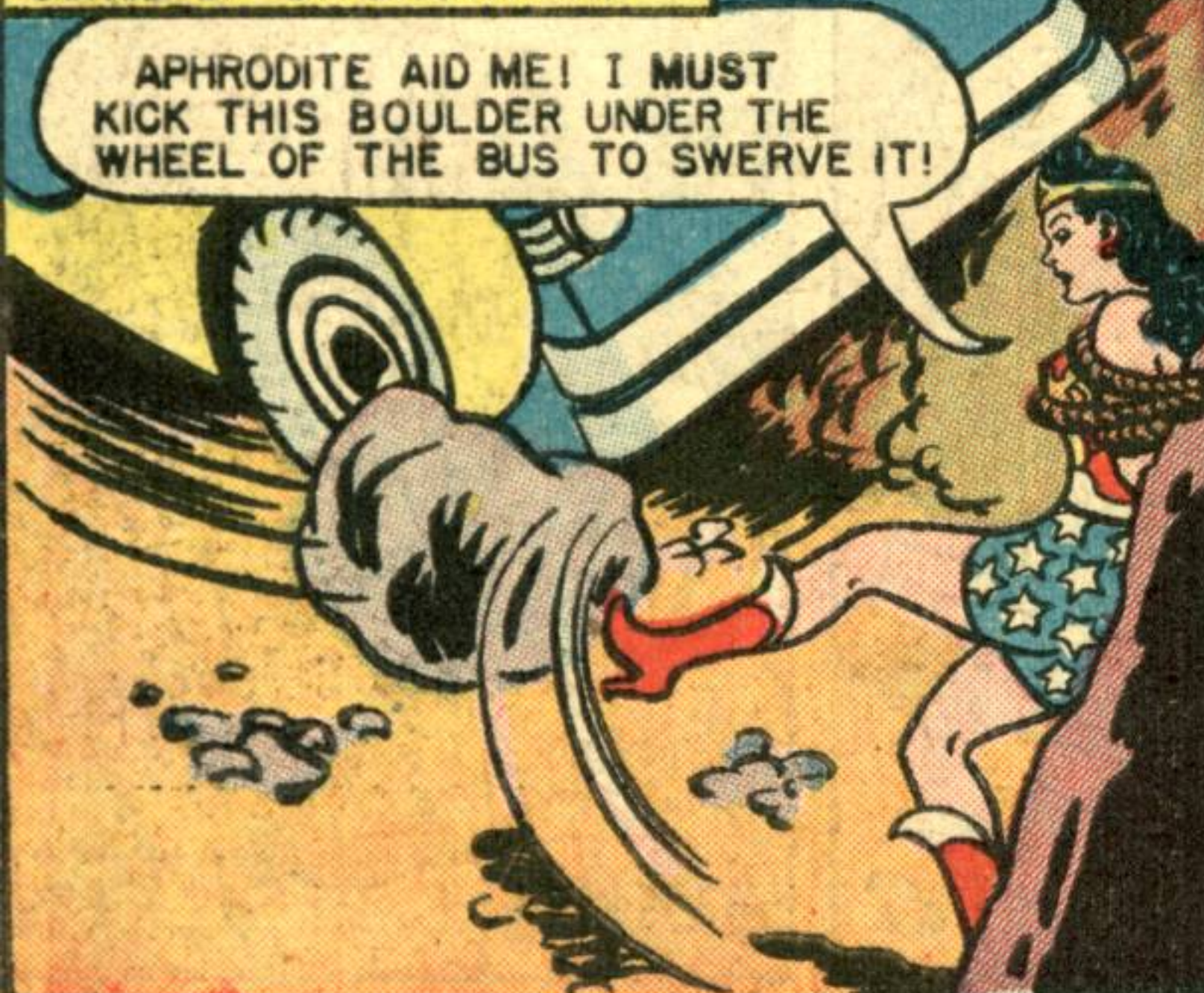
THAT WALL MUST BE THIN! THERE IS DAYLIGHT AND PURE AIR!



BUT THERE'S NO WAY TO GET TO IT BEFORE --

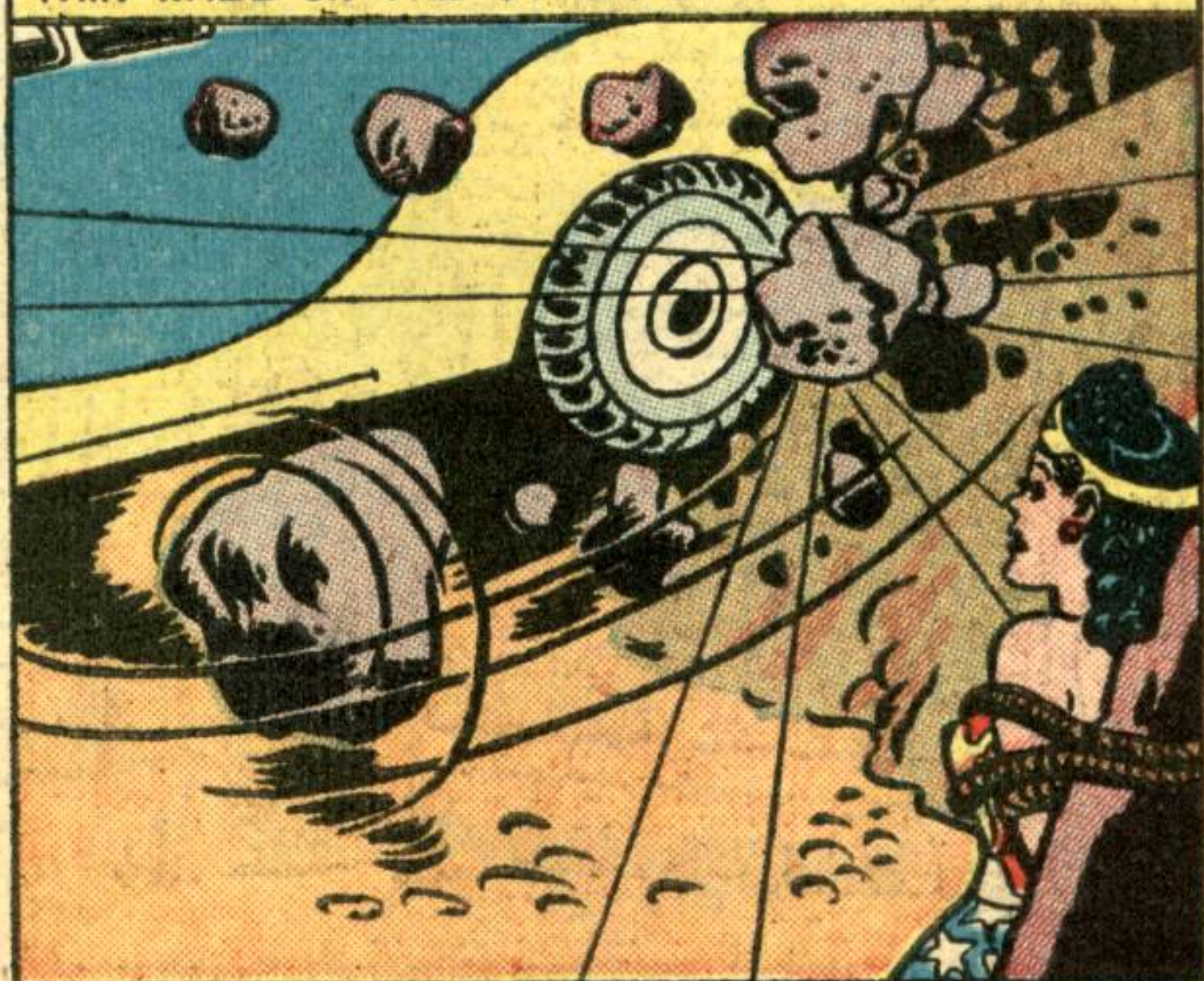


SUDDENLY, THE AMAZON MAID SUMMONS HER FINAL OUNCE OF STRENGTH AND--



APHRODITE AID ME! I MUST KICK THIS BOULDER UNDER THE WHEEL OF THE BUS TO SWERVE IT!

DETOURED, THE BUS SMASHES THROUGH THE THIN WALL ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE CAVE!

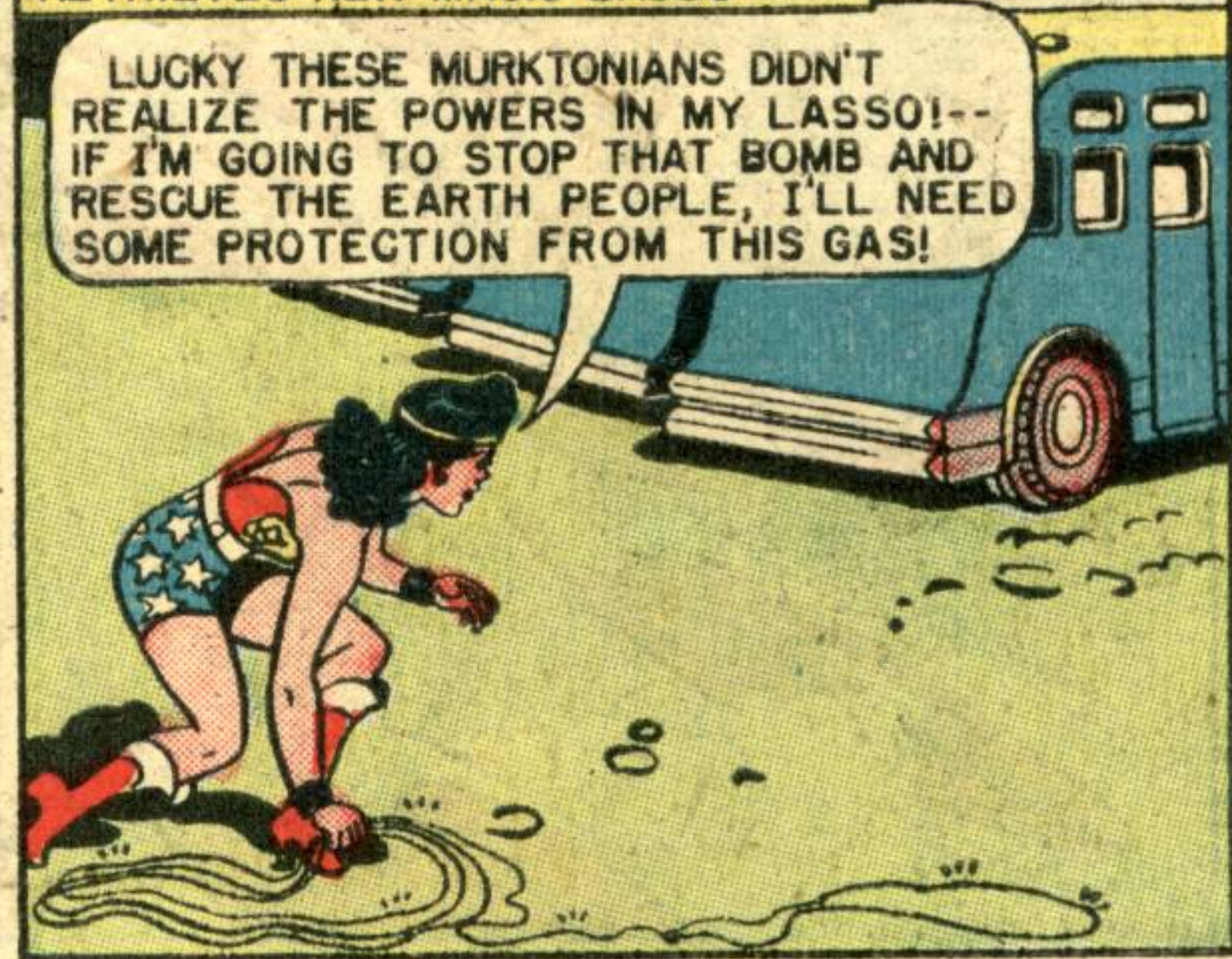


AS THE FRESH AIR FILLS THE CAVERN, THE MIGHTY MAID RECOVERS HER STRENGTH AND--



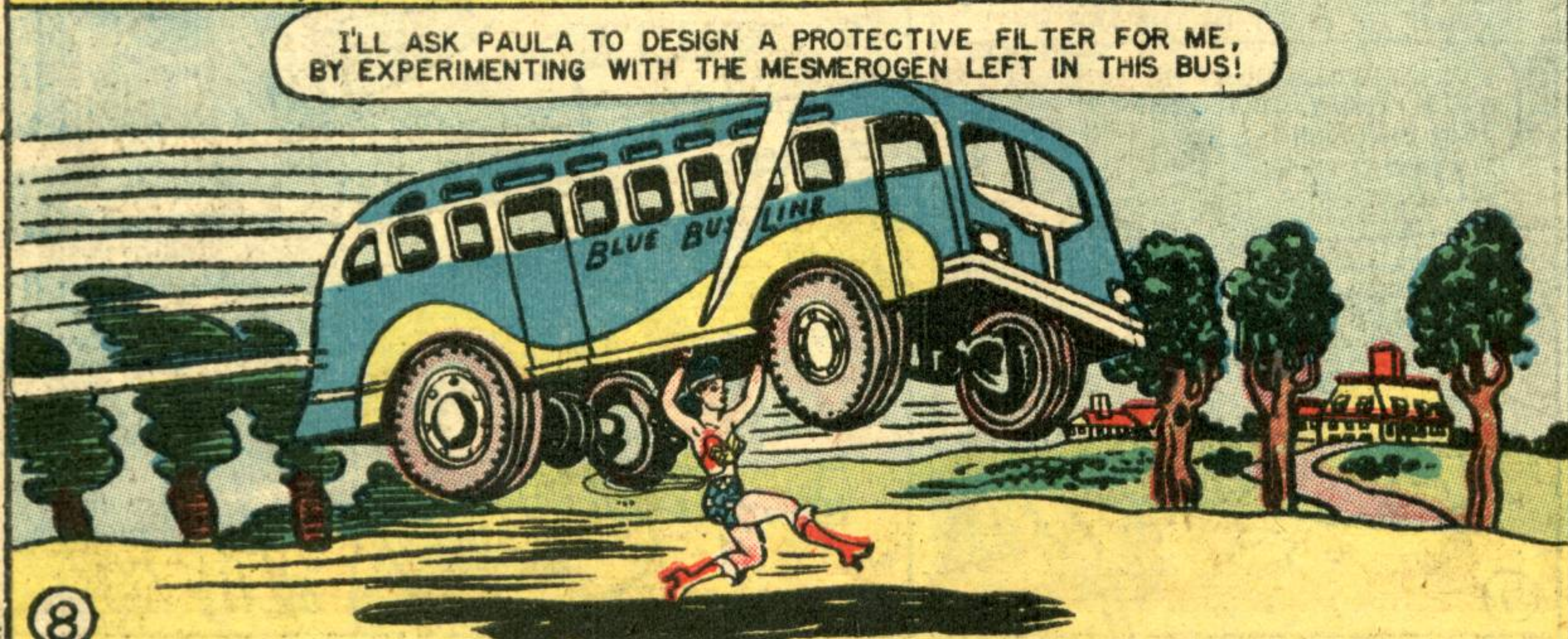
AT LAST! NOW TO FIND MY LASSO AND GET OUT OF HERE!

ARRIVING AT THE PLACE WHERE THE ABANDONED BUSES ARE PARKED, WONDER WOMAN RETRIEVES HER MAGIC LASSO--



LUCKY THESE MURKTONIANS DIDN'T REALIZE THE POWERS IN MY LASSO!-- IF I'M GOING TO STOP THAT BOMB AND RESCUE THE EARTH PEOPLE, I'LL NEED SOME PROTECTION FROM THIS GAS!

A MOMENT LATER, THE FLEET AMAZON IS ON HER WAY--

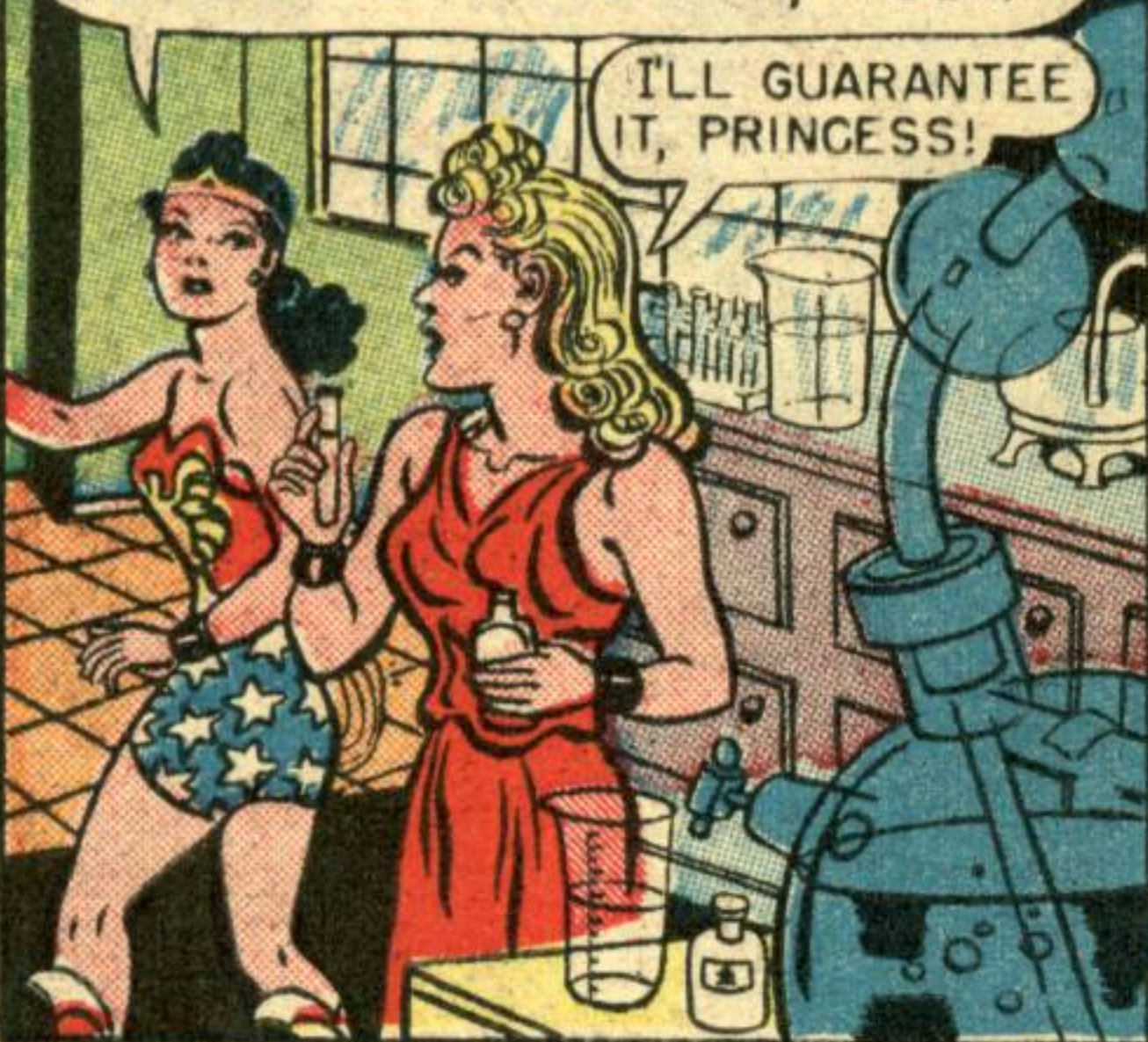


I'LL ASK PAULA TO DESIGN A PROTECTIVE FILTER FOR ME, BY EXPERIMENTING WITH THE MESMEROGEN LEFT IN THIS BUS!

LATER AT PAULA'S SECRET LABORATORY--

I MUST GO IMMEDIATELY TO PARADISE ISLAND! WILL THE FILTER BE READY ON MY RETURN, PAULA?

I'LL GUARANTEE IT, PRINCESS!



SUMMONING HER INVISIBLE PLANE, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS TO PARADISE ISLAND, HOME OF THE AMAZONS, WHERE HER MOTHER, QUEEN HIPPOLYTE GREETS HER!

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE, MY DEAR! WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE?

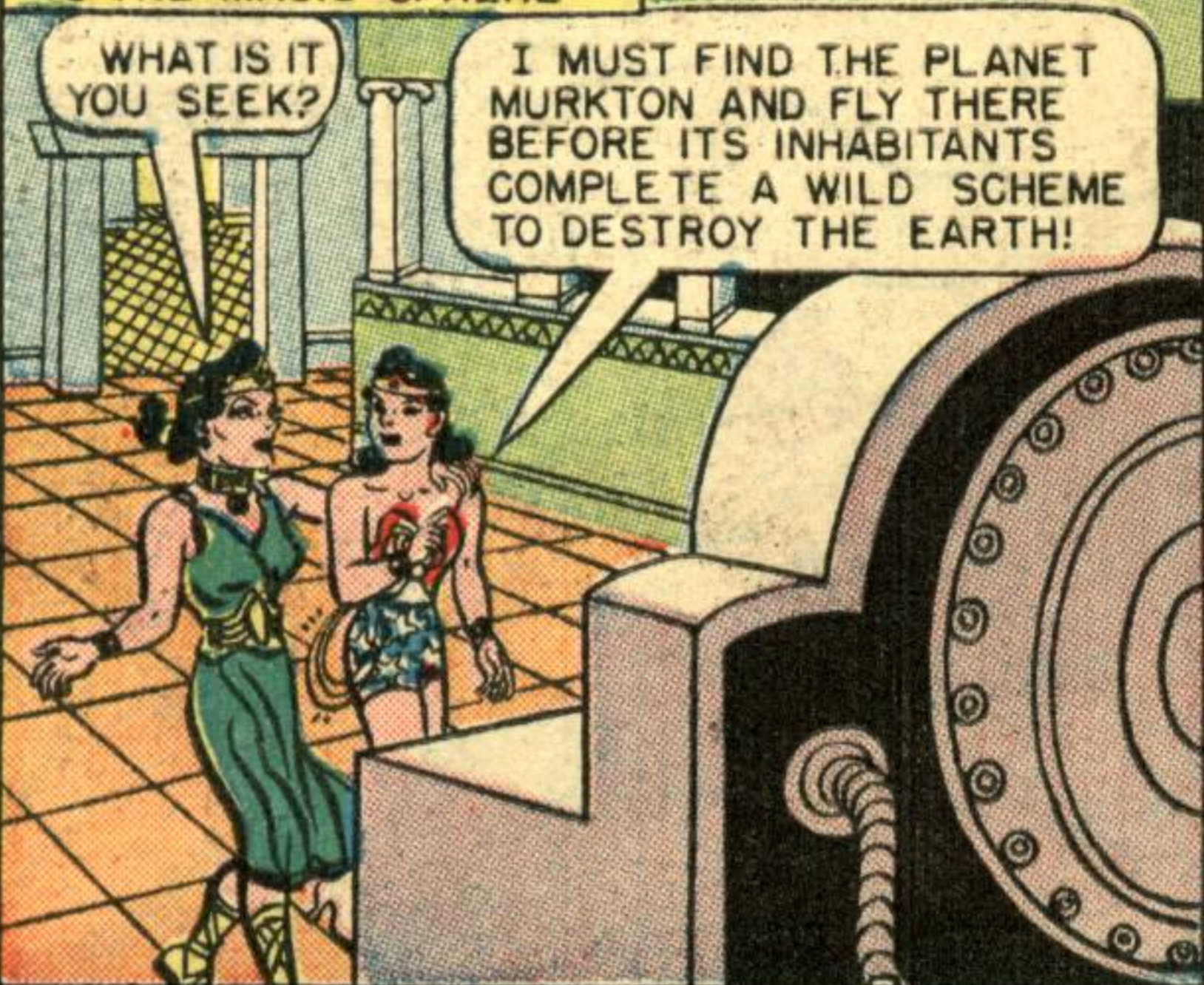
AN EMERGENCY, MOTHER! WILL YOU TAKE ME TO THE MAGIC SPHERE?



WONDER WOMAN AND HER MOTHER HASTEN TO THE MAGIC SPHERE--

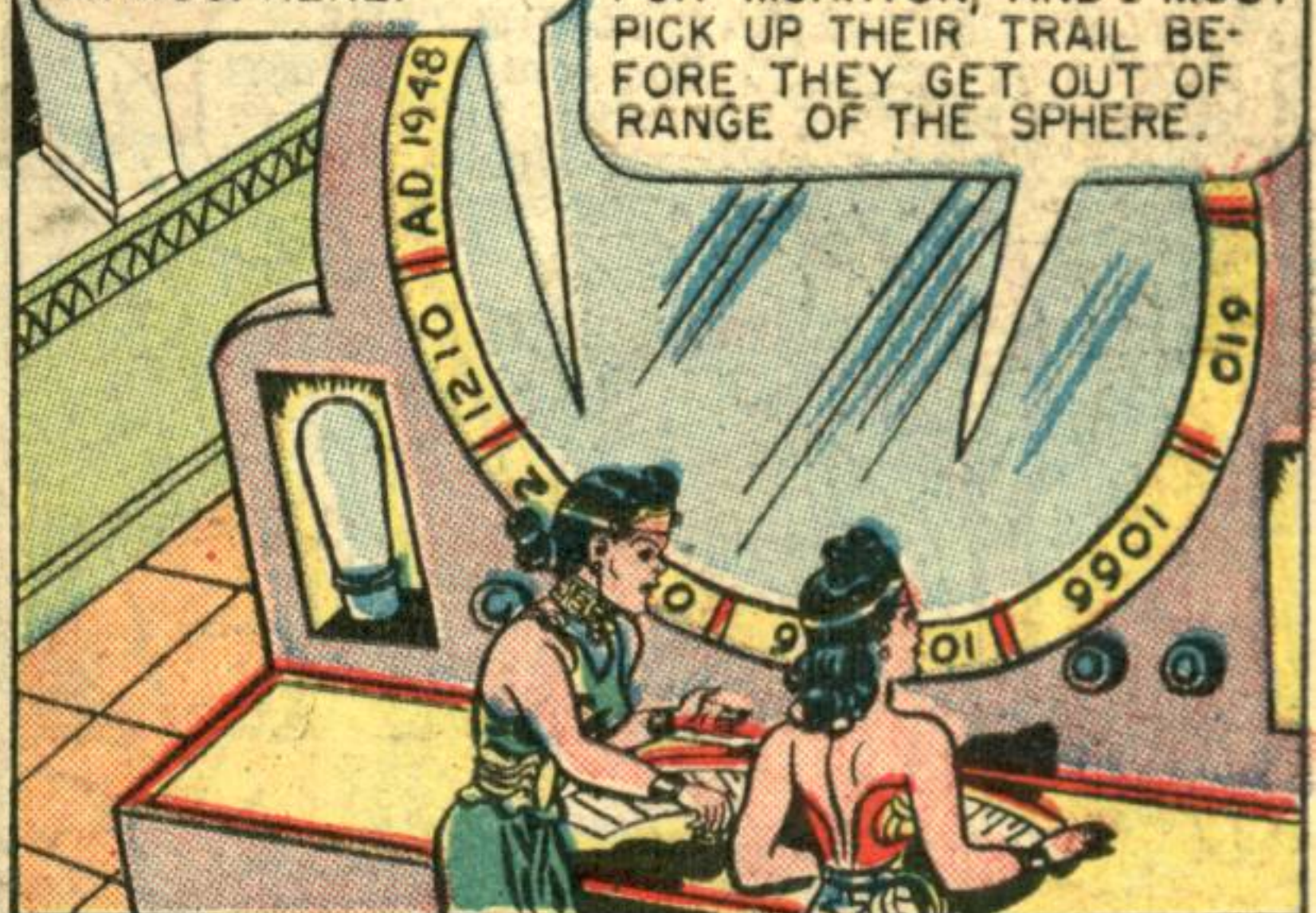
WHAT IS IT YOU SEEK?

I MUST FIND THE PLANET MURKTON AND FLY THERE BEFORE ITS INHABITANTS COMPLETE A WILD SCHEME TO DESTROY THE EARTH!



BUT YOU KNOW THE SPHERE ONLY SHOWS OBJECTS WITHIN THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!

I KNOW, MOTHER, BUT A FLEET OF SHIPS CONTAINING KIDNAPPED EARTH PEOPLE RECENTLY LEFT FOR MURKTON, AND I MUST PICK UP THEIR TRAIL BEFORE THEY GET OUT OF RANGE OF THE SPHERE.



THERE THEY ARE! THANK APHRODITE! NOW I CAN TRACE THEIR COURSE! THE ADDED WEIGHT OF THEIR HEAVY CAPTIVES MUST HAVE SLOWED THEIR FLIGHT! FAREWELL, MOTHER! I'M AFRAID I MUST LEAVE IMMEDIATELY!

APHRODITE BE WITH YOU!



HAVING PICKED UP THE PROTECTIVE FILTER FROM PAULA, **WONDER WOMAN** HEADS FOR MURKTON AT TOP SPEED.

I'LL SOON SEE WHAT QUEEN PALLIDA IS UP TO!



SUDDENLY, **WONDER WOMAN'S** PLANE, SPEEDING AT 3,000 MILES PER MINUTE, BECOMES ENVELOPED IN A THICK, BLACK, CLOUD-LIKE ATMOSPHERE.

GREAT HERA! WHAT IS THIS? I CAN'T BE ON MURKTON YET! WHY, I'M BARELY OUT OF THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE! OH-OH, MY PLANE IS LOSING SPEED!

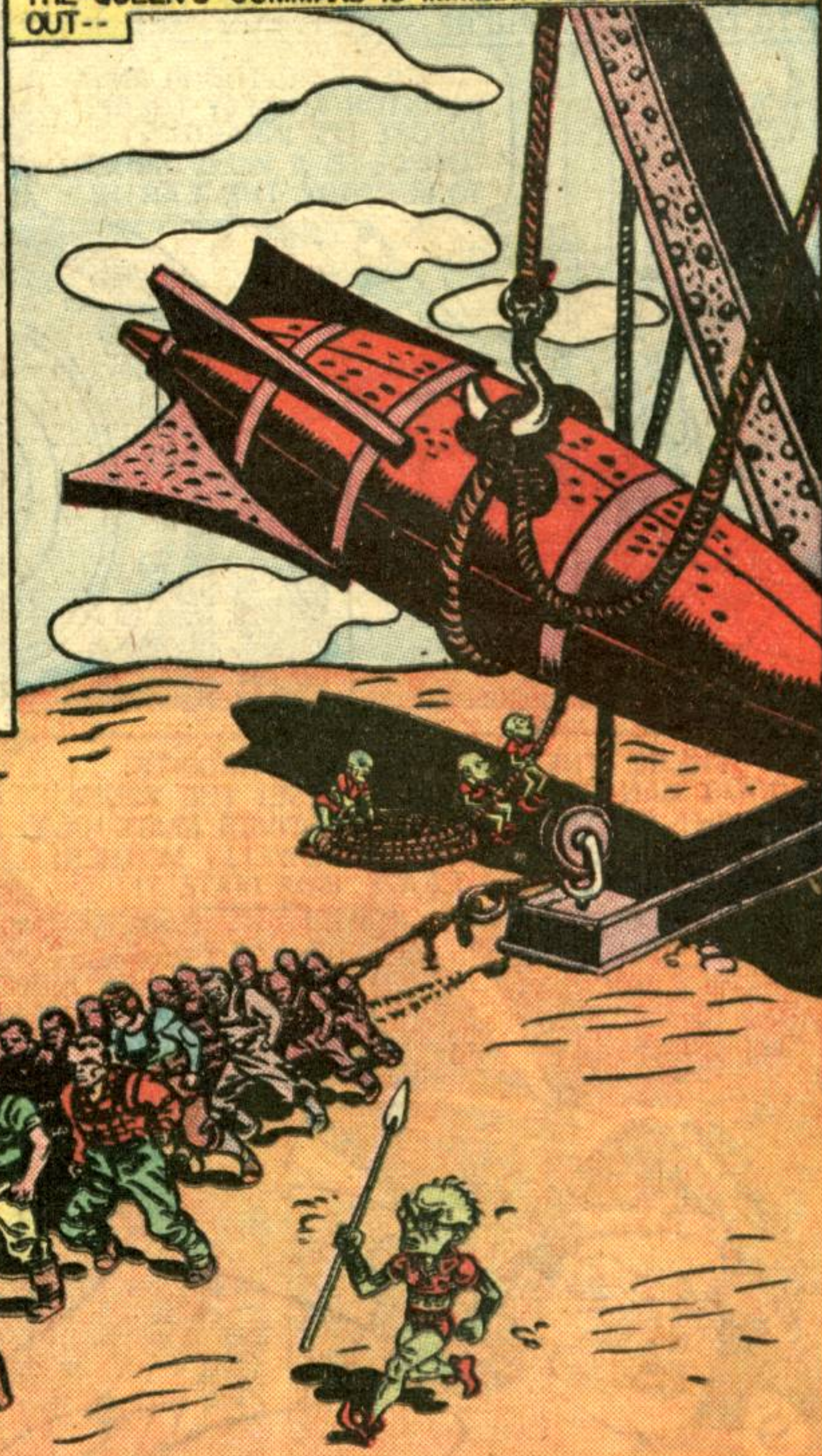


MEANWHILE, ON THE PLANET MURKTON, QUEEN PALLIDA AND HER SUBJECTS HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE PREPARING TO COMPLETE THEIR WICKED SCHEME.

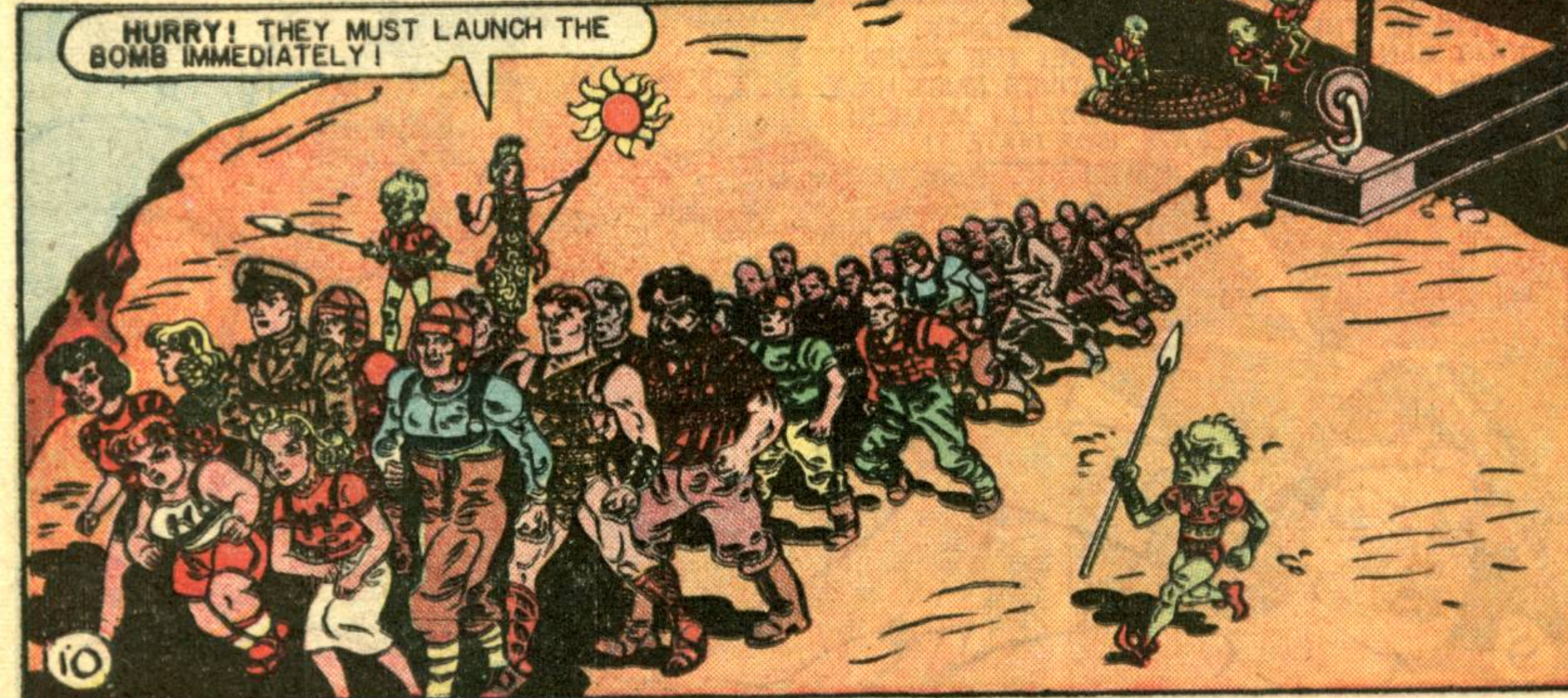
TAKE THE CAPTIVES TO THE CLIFF AND CHAIN THEM TO THE GIANT PULLEY! WE HAVE NO TIME TO LOSE! WE ARE LOSING STRENGTH MOMENTARILY!



THE QUEEN'S COMMAND IS IMMEDIATELY CARRIED OUT--



HURRY! THEY MUST LAUNCH THE BOMB IMMEDIATELY!



MEANWHILE -- IN THE BLACK CLOUD --

I SIMPLY MUST GET THE PLANE OUT OF THIS MASSIVE CLOUD-- OR I'LL NEVER REACH MURKTON IN TIME!



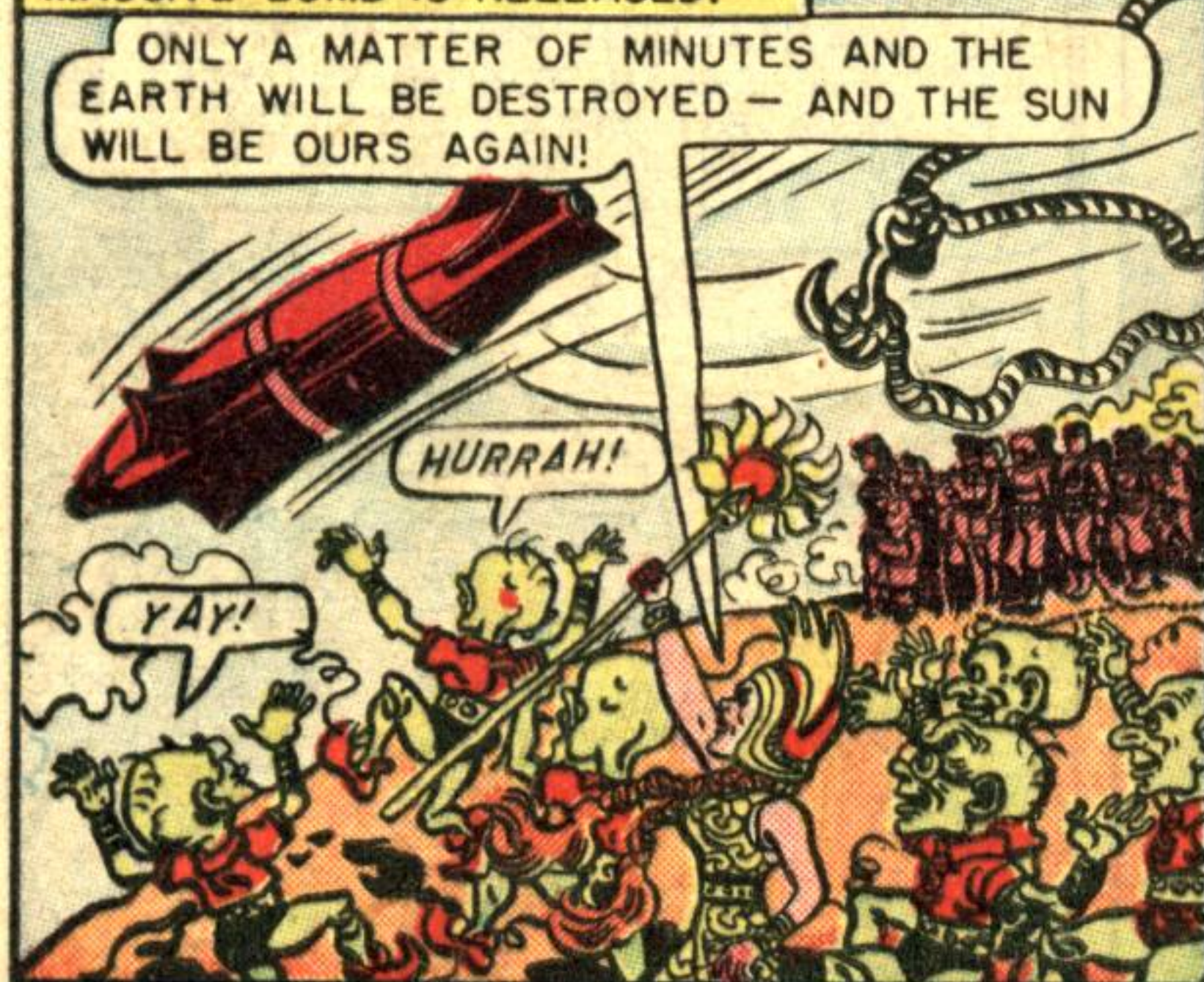
FINALLY -- WITH A MIGHTY EFFORT, WONDER WOMAN PULLS HER PLANE OUT OF THE CLOUD AND CONTINUES ON HER WAY!

THANK APHRODITE! I'M OUT OF IT! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A GIANT CLOUD MASS! HMMM--I WONDER! WELL, THERE'S NO TIME NOW--



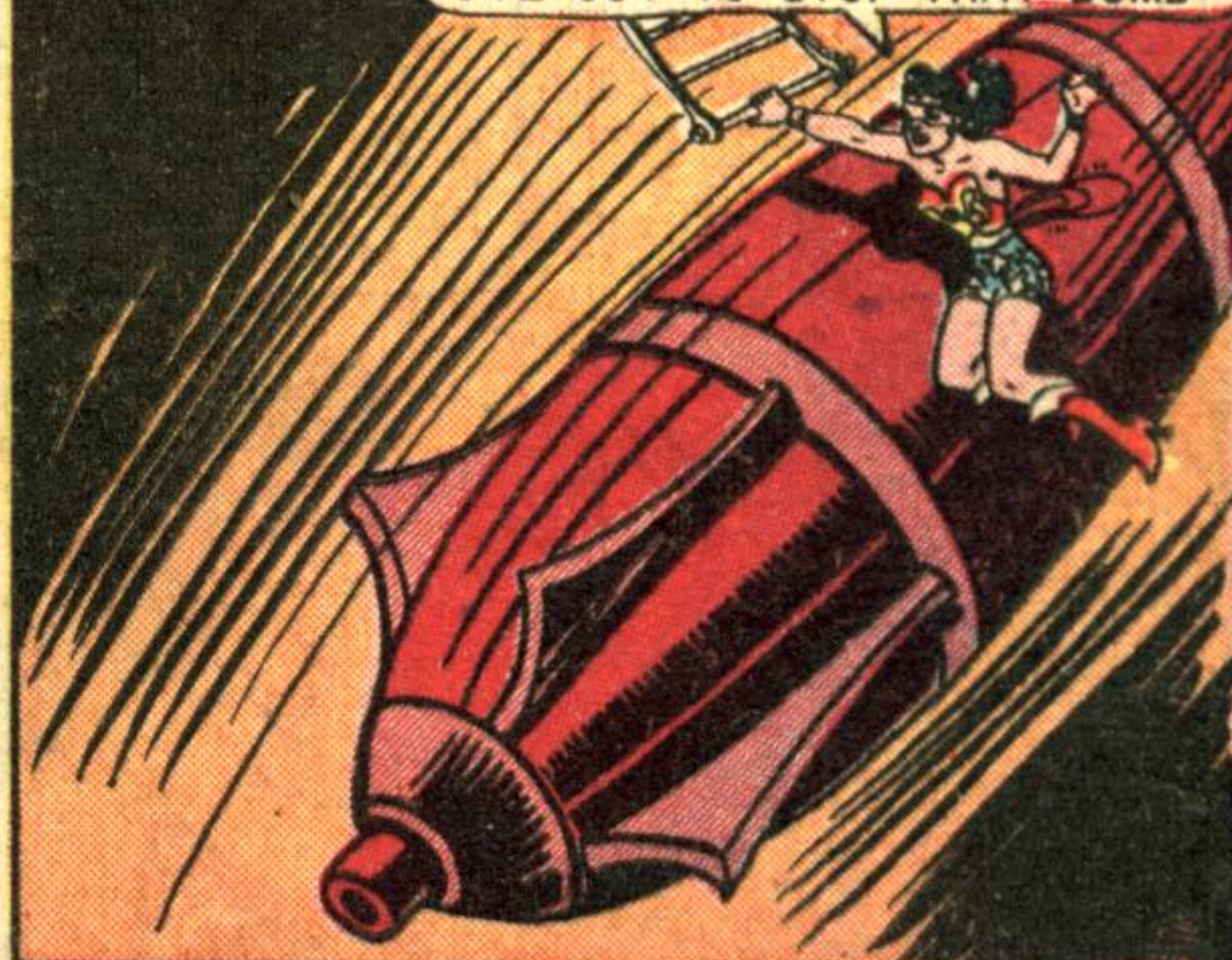
A FEW MOMENTS LATER, ON MURKTON THE MASSIVE BOMB IS RELEASED!

ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES AND THE EARTH WILL BE DESTROYED -- AND THE SUN WILL BE OURS AGAIN!



BUT JUST THEN, WONDER WOMAN SPEEDS INTO SIGHT AND --

I'VE GOT TO STOP THAT BOMB--



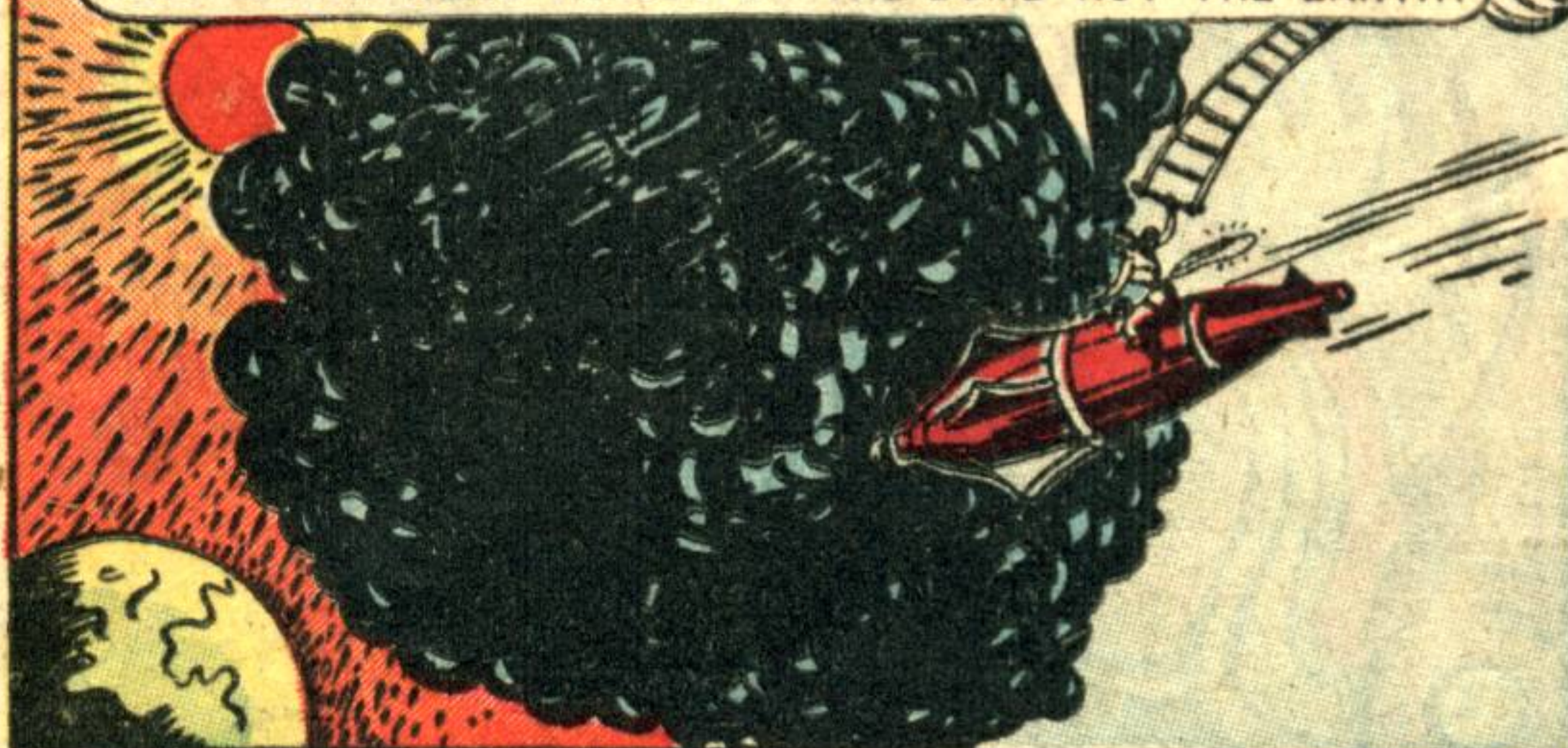
WONDER WOMAN JUMPS ASTRIDE THE BOMB--

--FROM HITTING THE EARTH OR ANY OTHER PLANET!

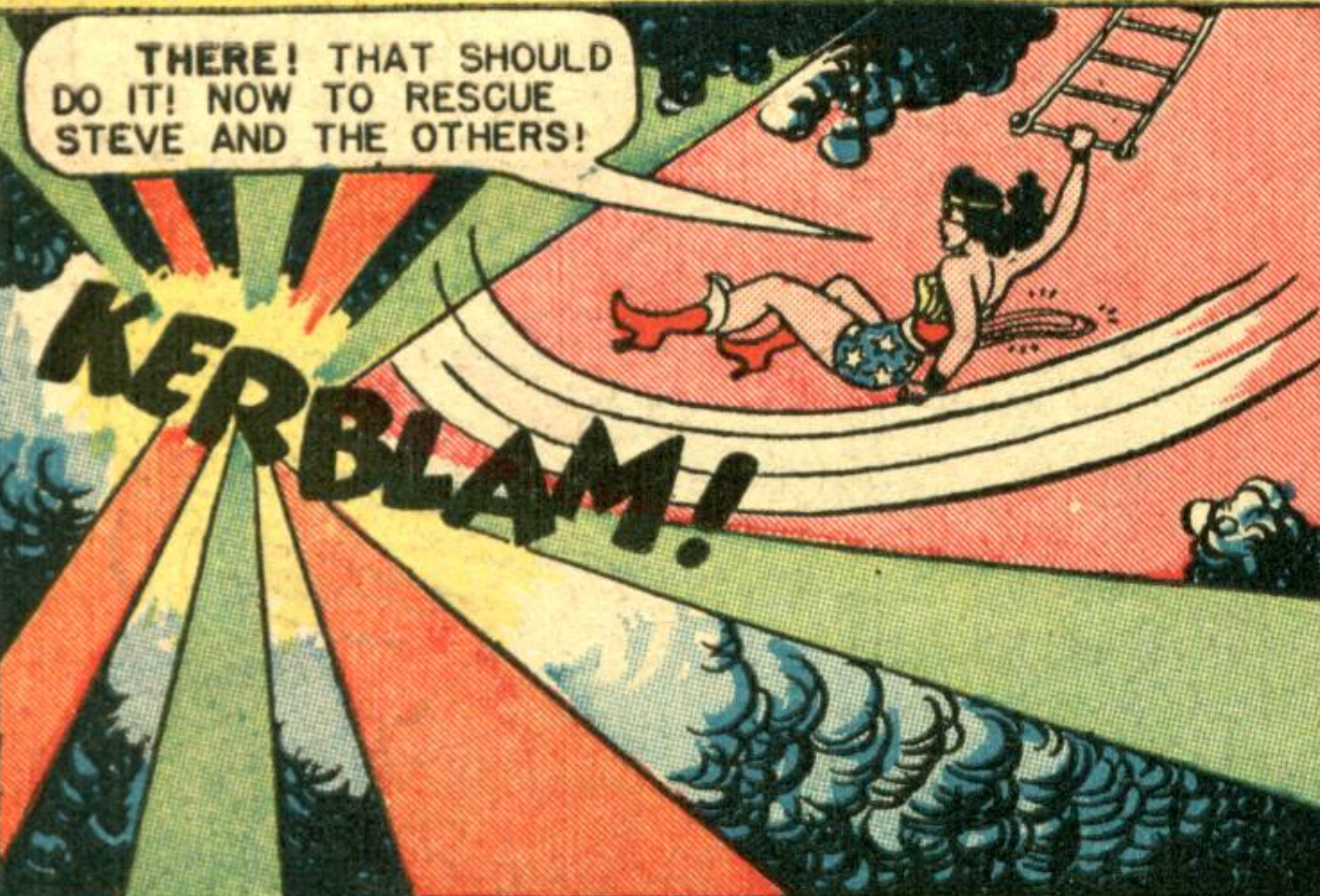


DIRECTING HER INVISIBLE PLANE BY MENTAL ROBOT CONTROL, THE DARING AMAZON GUIDES THE BOMB AWAY FROM THE EARTH AND DIRECTLY TOWARD A DARK SPOT JUST TO ONE SIDE OF IT.

IF MY HUNCH IS RIGHT, THOSE MURKTON SCIENTISTS WERE A LITTLE OFF IN THEIR CALCULATIONS! AND THAT BLACK MASS IS THE REAL TARGET OF THE BOMB--NOT THE EARTH!



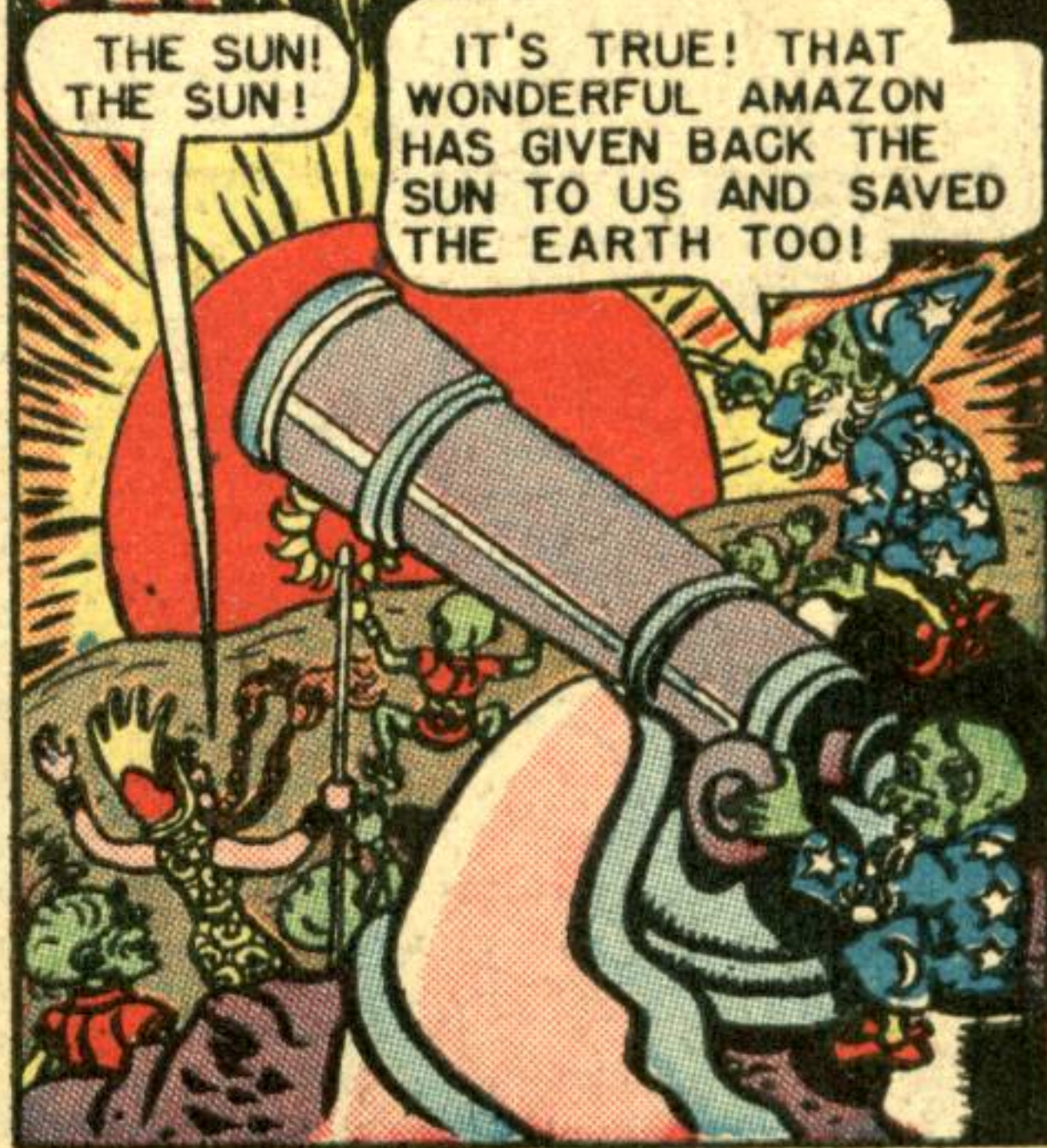
WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, WONDER WOMAN KICKS THE BOMB AT THE CLOUD MASS JUST AS IT EXPLODES!



THERE! THAT SHOULD DO IT! NOW TO RESCUE STEVE AND THE OTHERS!

KERBLAM!

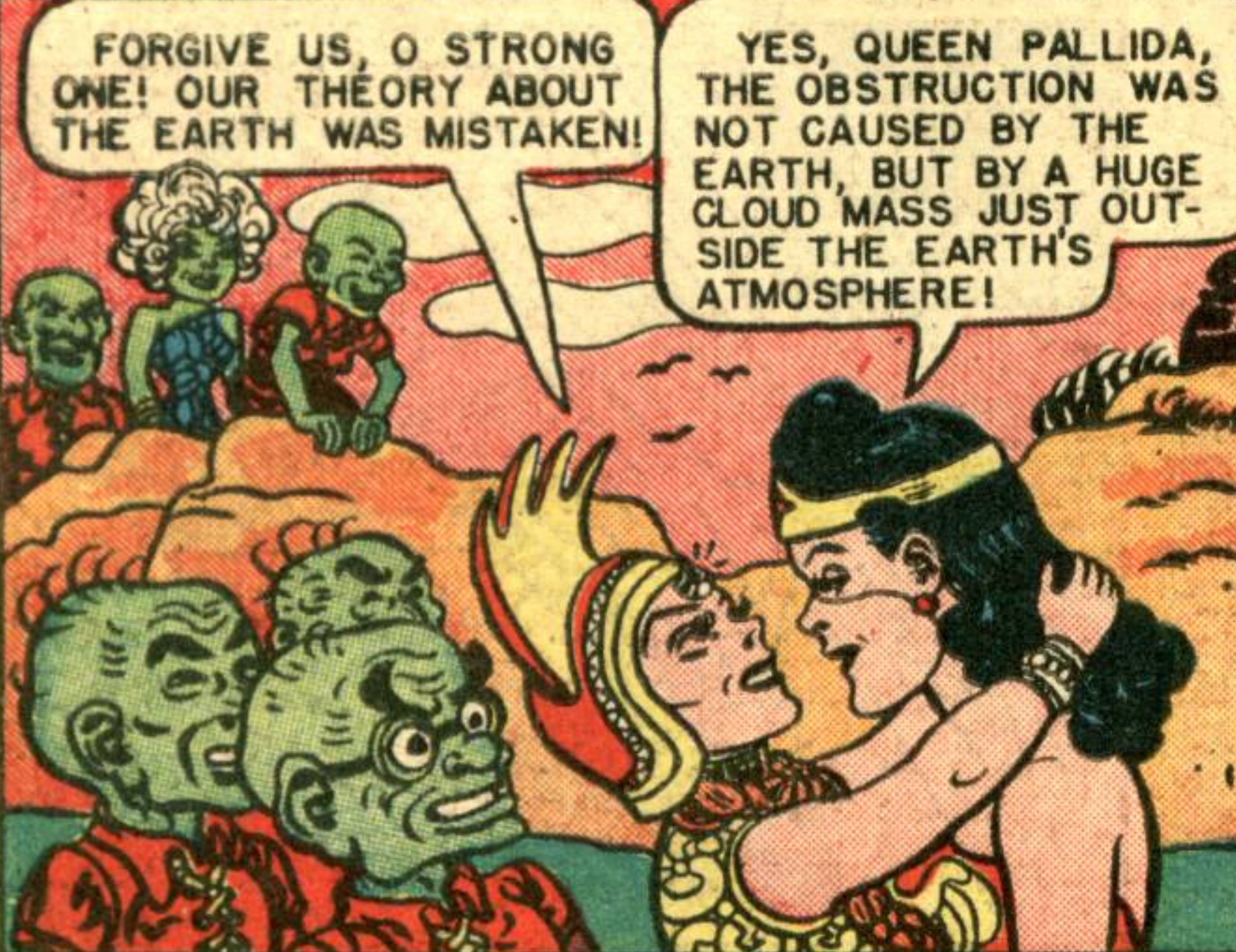
MEANWHILE, BACK AT MURKTON--



THE SUN!
THE SUN!

IT'S TRUE! THAT WONDERFUL AMAZON HAS GIVEN BACK THE SUN TO US AND SAVED THE EARTH TOO!

AND SO WHEN WONDER WOMAN ARRIVES--



FORGIVE US, O STRONG ONE! OUR THEORY ABOUT THE EARTH WAS MISTAKEN!

YES, QUEEN PALLIDA, THE OBSTRUCTION WAS NOT CAUSED BY THE EARTH, BUT BY A HUGE CLOUD MASS JUST OUTSIDE THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE!

THE MASS TRAVELED WITH THE EARTH BECAUSE OF ITS NEARNESS TO ITS GRAVITATIONAL PULL! WHEN YOU LEFT THE EARTH, YOU DID NOT MEET THE MASS. BUT WHEN I LEFT, THE EARTH'S ROTATION HAD BROUGHT IT DIRECTLY IN MY WAY!



THE SUN HAS DISSOLVED THE MESMEROGEN SO THE EARTHIAN'S ARE NO LONGER HYPNOTIZED! AND YOU CAN NOW TAKE OFF YOUR MASK!



BEAUTIFUL! YOU'VE SAVED US AGAIN!

ARE WE GLAD TO SEE YOU! WOO WOO!

THANK YOU, WONDER WOMAN, FOR GIVING US THE SUN, AND FOR SHOWING US THAT THERE IS ALWAYS A WAY TO GET WHAT WE NEED WITHOUT HARMING OTHERS!



YES, QUEEN PALLIDA! LOVE TRIUMPHS BY BRINGING GOOD TO EVERYONE!

THE END

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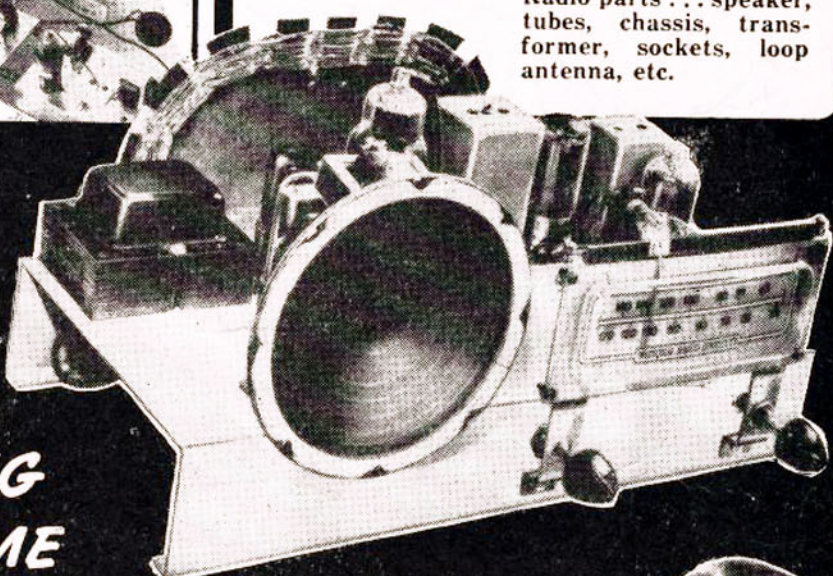
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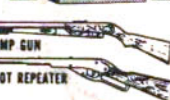
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