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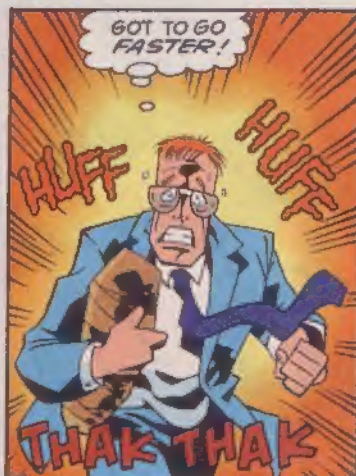
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PLUS: BATMAN VS. POISON IVY!
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"...IT'S THAT
SUPERHERO--

THE ONE CALLED...

**WONDER
WOMAN**

CREATED BY
WILLIAM MOUTON
HARRISON

I'M ALWAYS HAPPY
TO HELP THE COAST GUARD,
BUT RESCUING THOSE
BOATERS HAS MADE
ME LATE!

I HOPE I HAVEN'T
KEPT HELENA WAITING
TOO LONG.

SHE WAS SO
ANXIOUS TO BEGIN
CATALOGUING THE
NEW ACQUISITIONS
THAT ARE ARRIVING
AT THE MUSEUM
TONIGHT!



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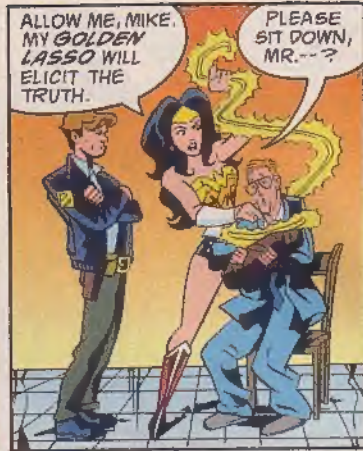
-- SHE WAS AFTER THIS!

YOU MUST PROTECT ME, WONDER WOMAN! I BEG YOU-- DON'T LET HER GET ME!



WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ALL THIS? WHERE'S HELENA SANDSMARK?!

I-I--



ALLOW ME, MIKE. MY GOLDEN LASSO WILL ELICIT THE TRUTH.

PLEASE SIT DOWN, MR.--?

MY NAME IS JACOB WALTERS. I'M IN THE, ER, IMPORT BUSINESS.

... WITH JUST THE OCCASIONAL BIT OF SMUGGLING ON THE SIDE.

I HELPED TO EXPEDITE THE SHIPMENT OF THESE ARTIFACTS FROM THEIR NATIVE LAND.

I RECEIVED A CALL FROM DR. MINERVA. SHE OFFERED ME A HANDSOME SUM SIMPLY FOR INFORMING HER OF THE SHIPMENT'S ARRIVAL.

I AGREED. I SAW NO HARM IN IT. I-I...

... I DIDN'T KNOW. I SWEAR. I DIDN'T KNOW.

"I DELIVERED THE CRATE THIS EVENING. WE HAD JUST OPENED IT WHEN... THAT CREATURE BURST IN."

"DR. SANDSMARK TRIED TO RESIST. IT WAS HOPELESS! BUT WHILE CHEETAH WAS DISTRACTED, I GRABBED THE PACKAGE--"

--AND RAN AWAY."

"I SUPPOSE I THOUGHT I COULD USE THE ARTIFACT TO BUY MY SAFETY-- BUT THEN I REALIZED THAT SHE WAS CERTAIN TO TRACK ME DOWN AND--"

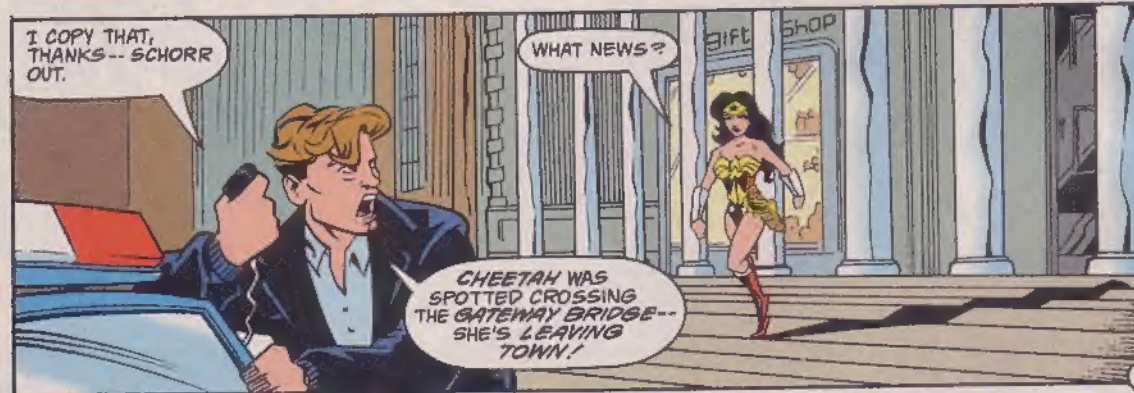
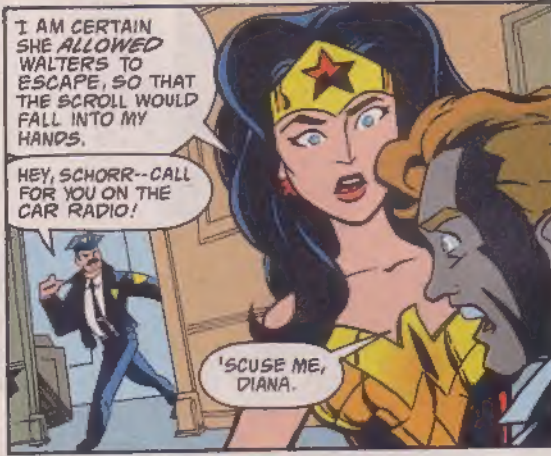
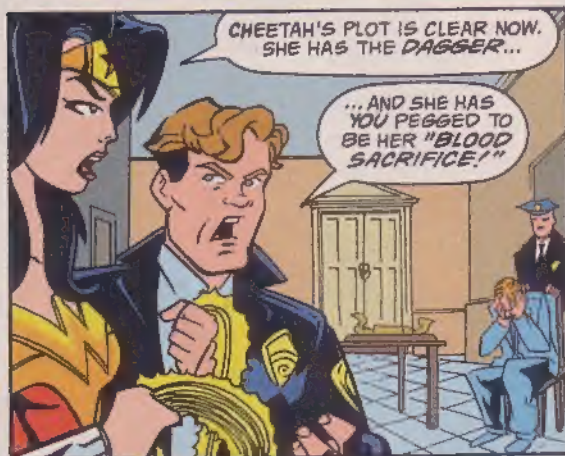
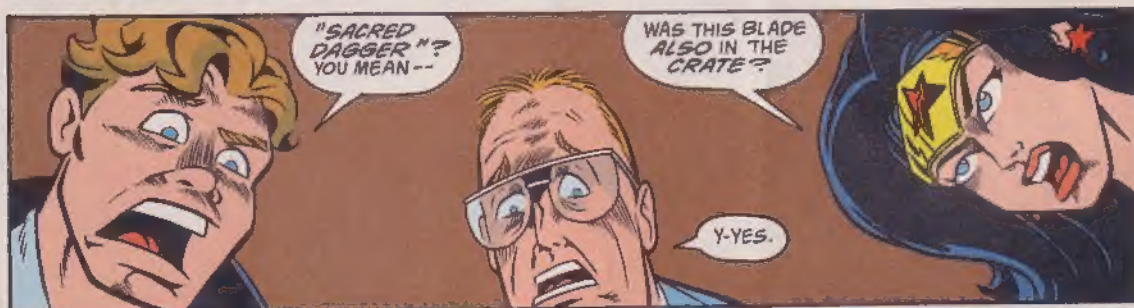
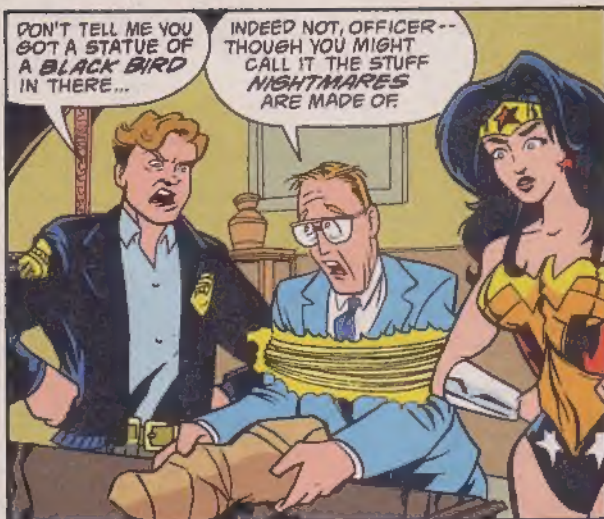
"I-I DON'T THINK SHE'S THE NEGOTIATING TYPE."

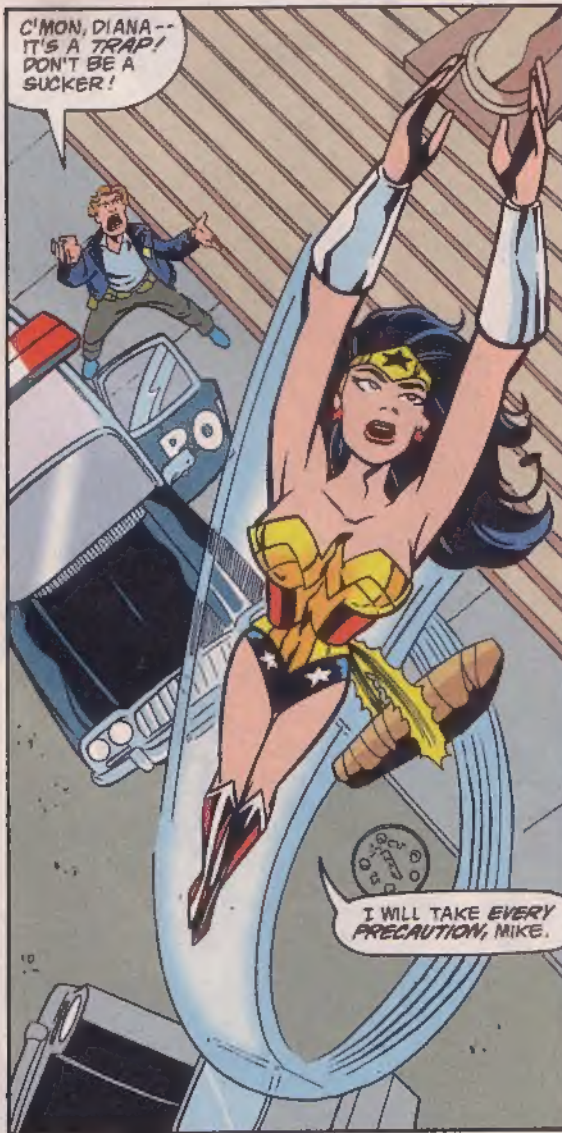
I SAW YOU ARRIVE, SO I CAME BACK. YOU'LL PROTECT ME, WON'T YOU?

YOU RAT! YOU SET UP DR. SANDSMARK, AND LEFT HER TO--

WAIT, MIKE.

WHAT IS IN THE PACKAGE, MR. WALTERS?





"... AND I, TOO, AM OF THE EARTH.
MY MOTHER, HIPPOLYTA, QUEEN
OF THE AMAZONS, FORMED ME
FROM THE CLAY OF THE ISLE
OF THEMYSQIRA.

"MY POWERS, MY VERY LIFE, WERE
GRANTED TO ME BY THE GODS."

"ON THAT MYSTIC ISLAND,
HIDDEN FROM MORTAL VIEW,
I WAS RAISED AS A PRINCESS."

"BUT EVENTUALLY I RELINQUISHED
MY IMMORTALITY AND CAME HERE,
TO THE WORLD OF MEN, AS
AN EMISSARY OF MY PEOPLE."

"I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO
BE OF TWO WORLDS--
YET NOT FULLY AT
HOME IN EITHER."

THE CITY IS NOT CHEETAH'S
HABITAT. BUT HERE--ACROSS
THE BRIDGE--IS A SMALL
PRESERVE OF PRISTINE
NATURE.

THESE
REDWOODS
ARE AMONG THE
MOST ANCIENT
LIVING THINGS
ON EARTH--



"--SURELY THIS IS WHERE I WILL FIND HER."

FIRE BURN BRIGHT-- BRIGHT AS THE GLITTERING EYE OF NEPHTHOS!

DOWNH--



SO--DE SLEEPER WAKES!

WH--WHO ARE YOU? WHAT AM I DOING H--

THAT DAGGER--THE BLADE OF NEPHTHOS! YOU'RE PREPARING A SACRIFICE!



CORRECT, DOCTOR. BUT DE CEREMONY CANNOT BEGIN UNTIL WE HAVE DE SACRED SCROLL AS WELL!



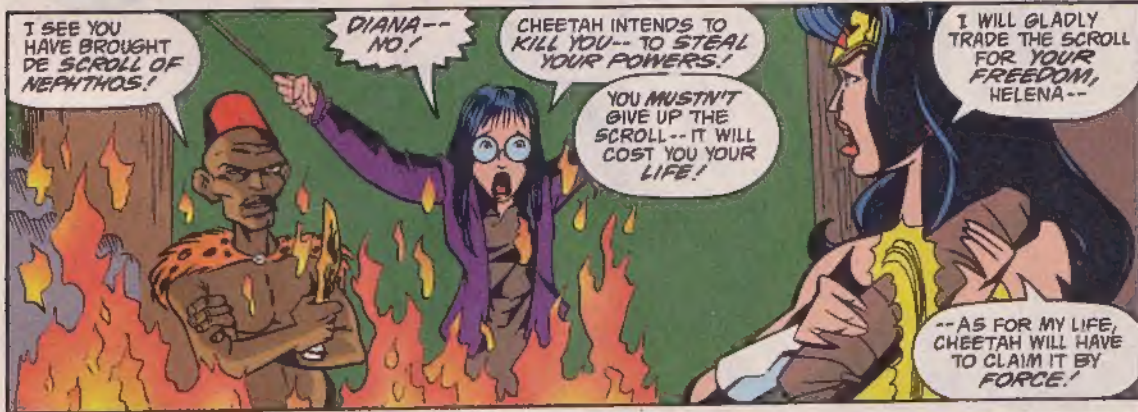
THESE ARE PRICELESS CULTURAL ARTIFACTS! YOU CAN'T--

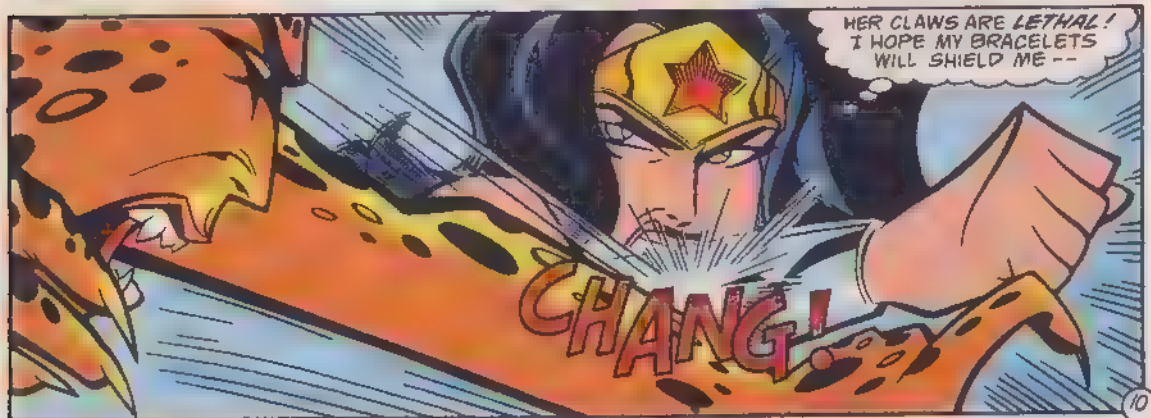
INDEED I CAN. BUT DO NOT FEAR-- YOU ARE NOT DE INTENDED VICTIM. NOR WILL I WIELD DE BLADE.

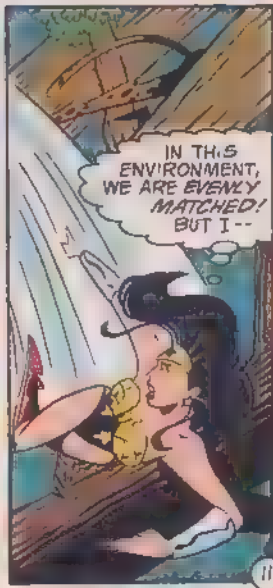
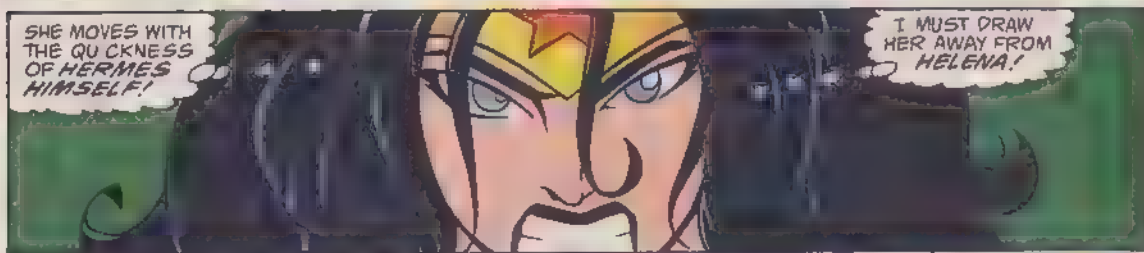
DAT IS FOR MY MISTRESS, BARBARA MINERVA. THROUGH DIS CEREMONY, SHE WILL ABSORB DE LIFE FORCE OF SOMEONE FAR MORE POWERFUL DAN YOU--

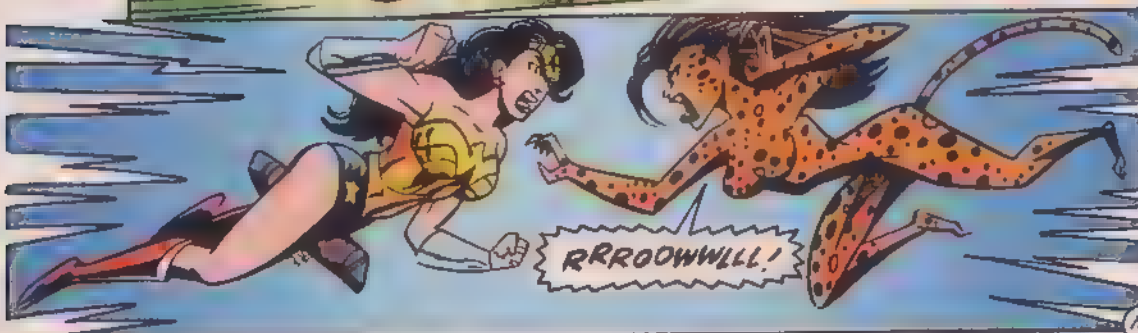
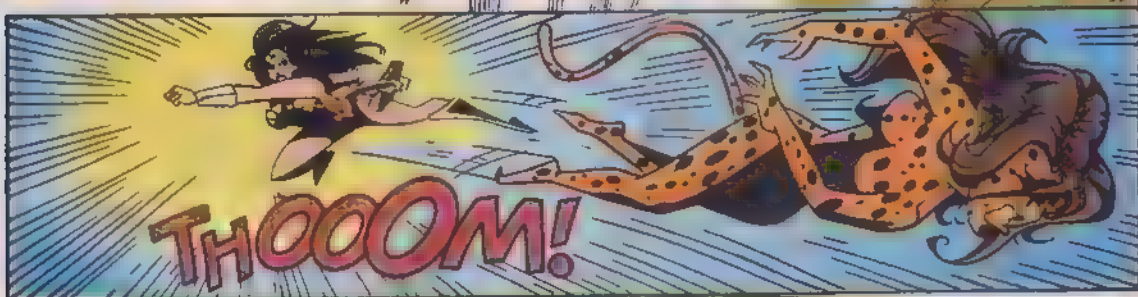
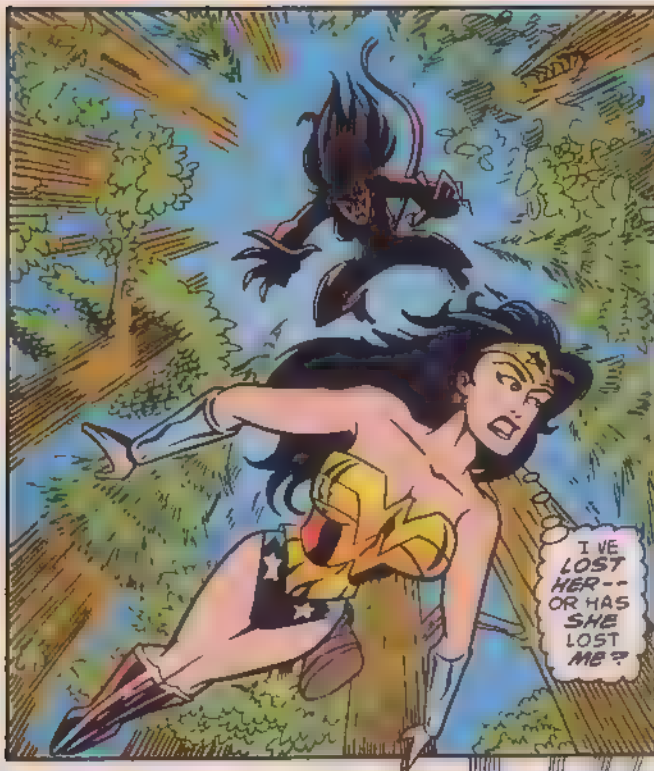


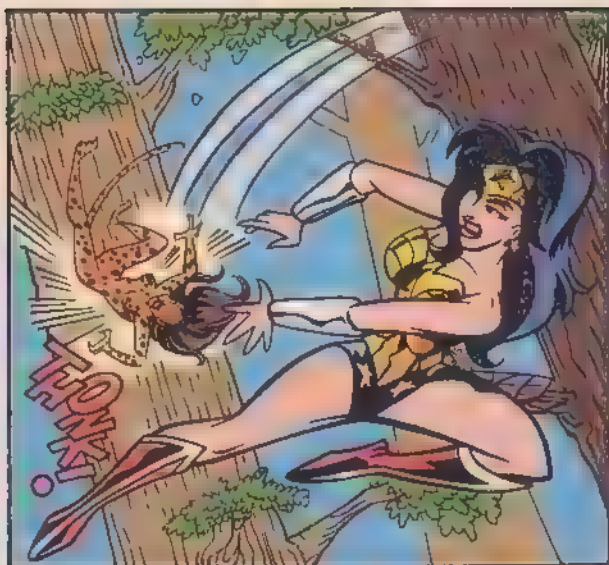
I BELIEVE YOU ARE REFERRING TO ME.











SHE IS PREPARING TO SPRING! I MUST BE READY FOR HER TO --



NO! SHE IS RETURNING TO HELENA!



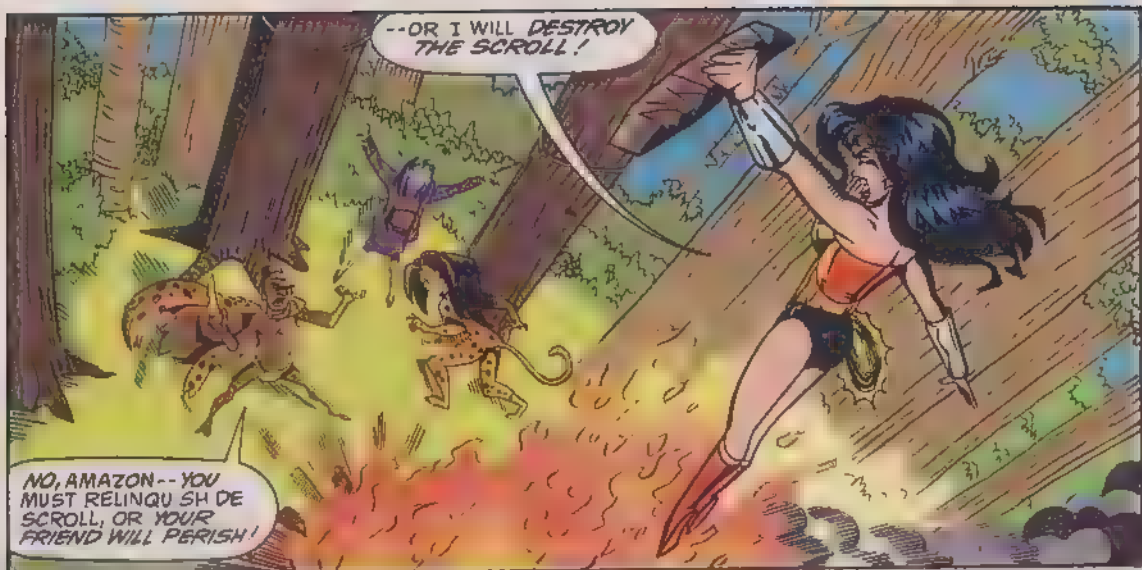
MAY ATHENA CURSE ME FOR A FOOL! I SHOULD HAVE EXPECTED SUCH A TACTIC!



OH! SHE'S BACK! DOES THIS MEAN THAT DIANA IS --



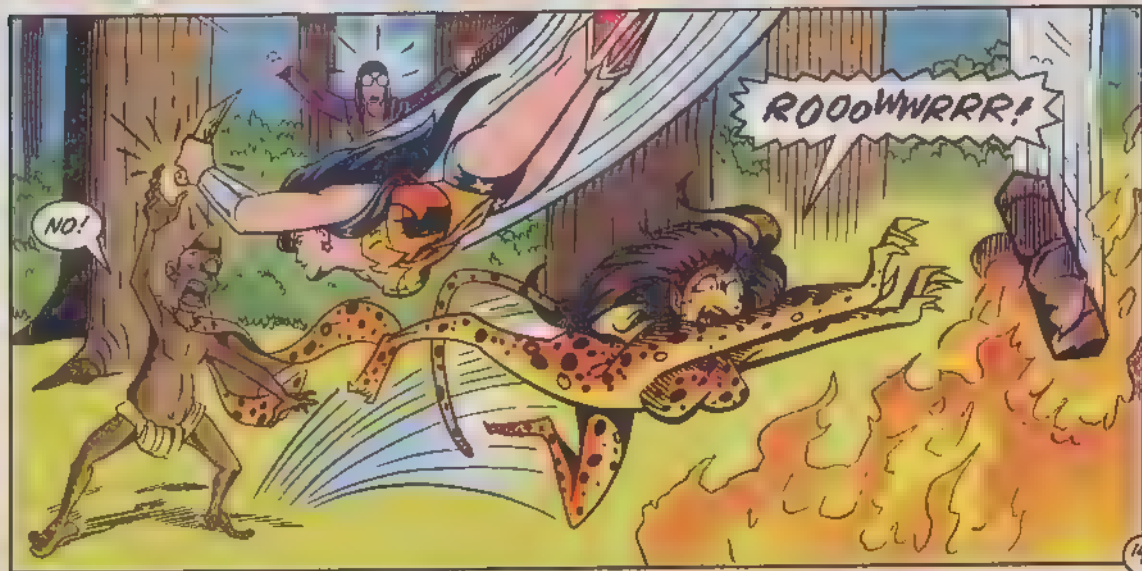
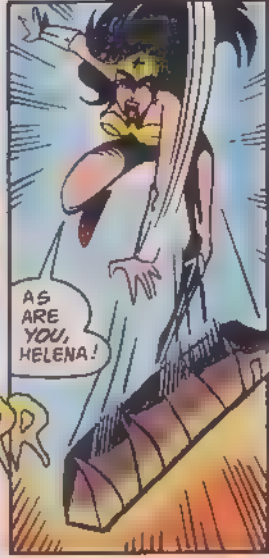
STAY YOUR HAND, BARBARA MINERVA--



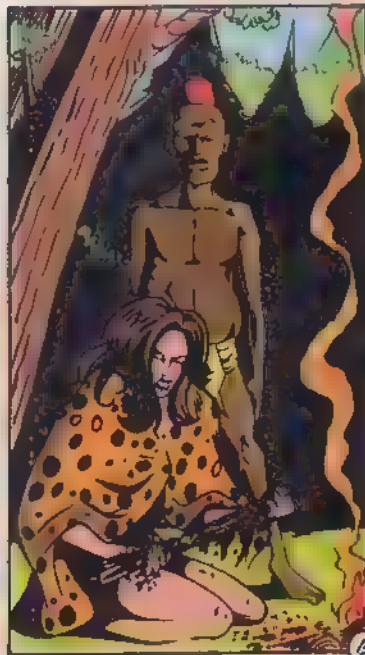
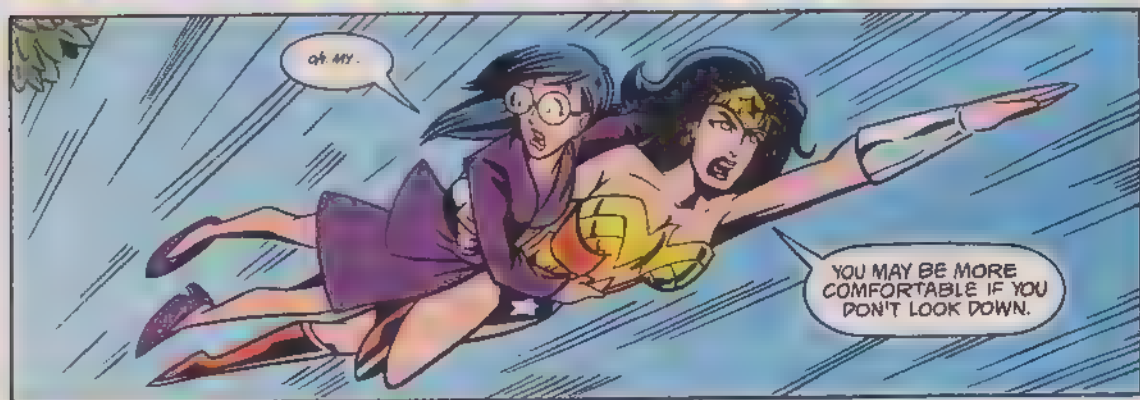
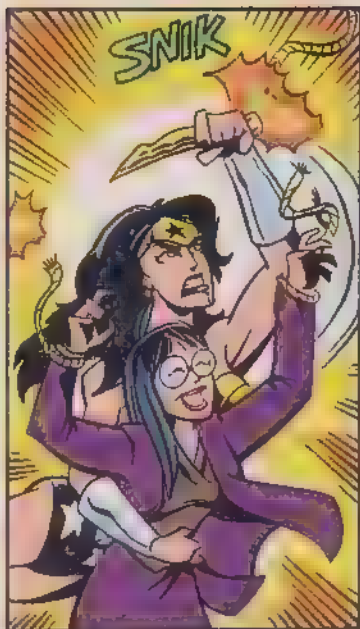
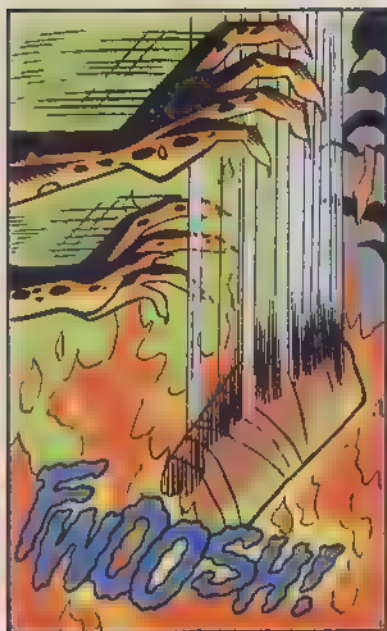
NO, AMAZON-- YOU MUST RELINQUISH THE SCROLL, OR YOUR FRIEND WILL PERISH!

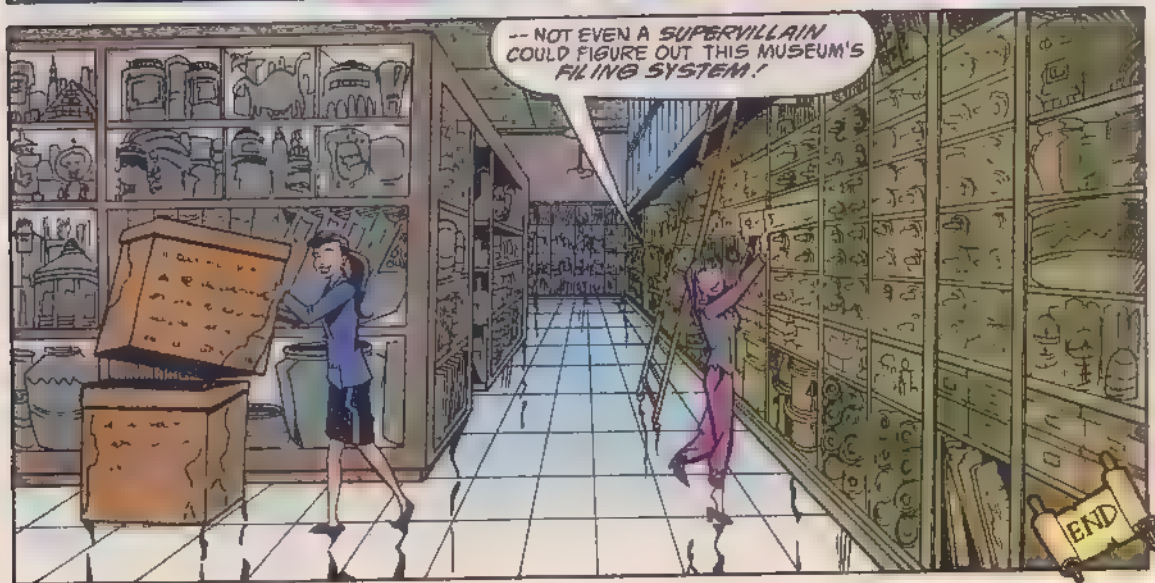
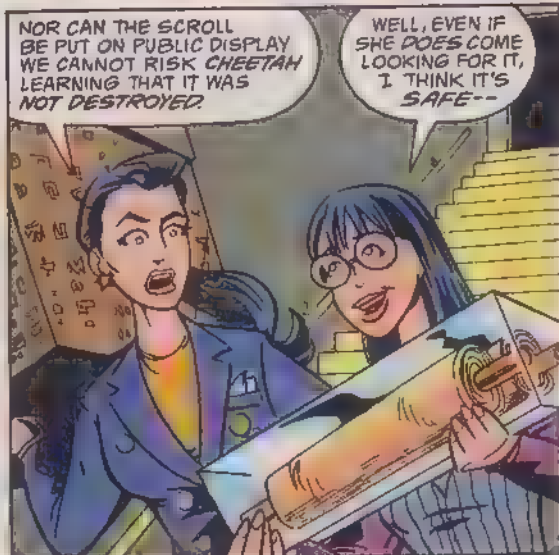
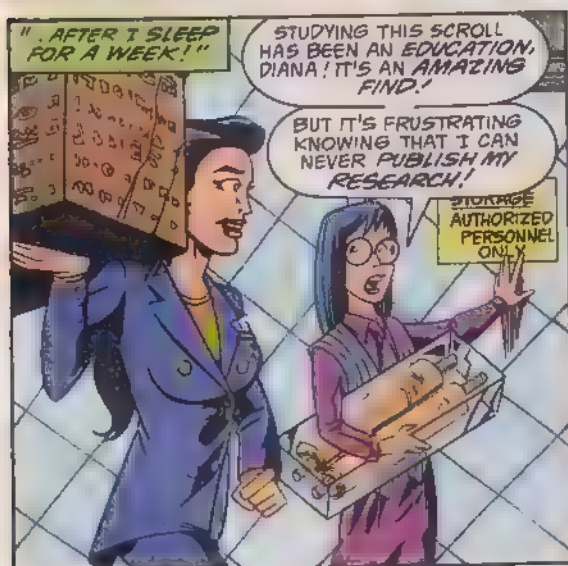
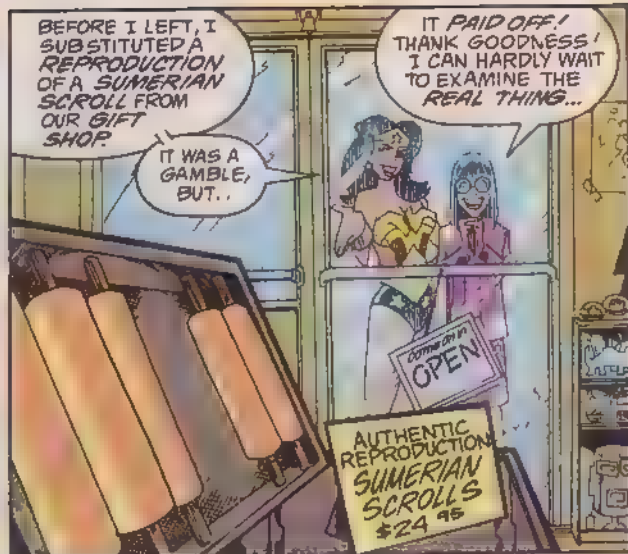
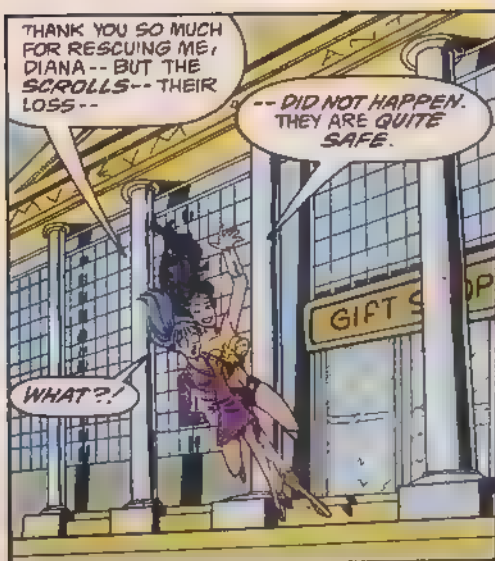


--OR, PERHAPS, BETWEEN CHEETAH AND BARBARA MINERVA!



ROOOOWRRR!





AFTER THE MURDER OF HIS PARENTS, YOUNG BRUCE WAYNE DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO AVENGING THEIR DEATHS. NOW HE WAGES WAR AGAINST GOTHAM CITY'S CRIMINALS AS BATMAN, THE DARK KNIGHT! FEW OF HIS FOES ARE AS BEAUTIFUL OR AS INSANE AS THE DEADLY MISTRESS OF PLANTS AND TOXINS — POISON IVY!

CRUISE TO BATMAN IN NIGHTMARE

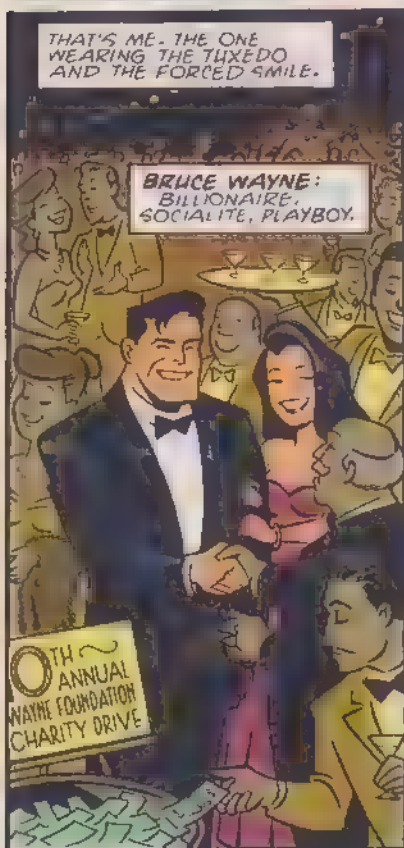
ANOTHER NIGHT, ANOTHER COSTUME PARTY.

ON GOES THE MASK, THE SUIT, AND ALL THE ACCESSORIES NEEDED TO MAKE THE ILLUSION COMPLETE.



THAT'S ME. THE ONE WEARING THE TUXEDO AND THE FORCED SMILE.

BRUCE WAYNE: BILLIONAIRE, SOCIALITE, PLAYBOY.



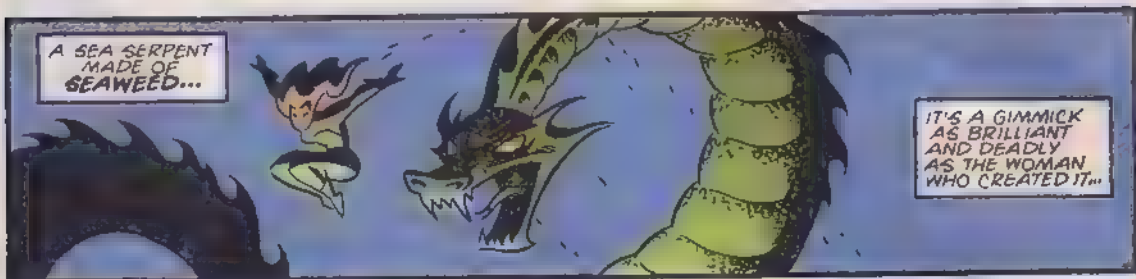
LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE NEEDING THE OTHER COSTUME

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A SEA SERPENT
MADE OF
SEAWEED...

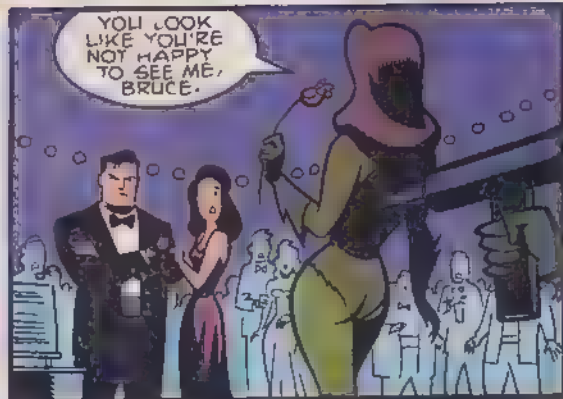
IT'S A GIMMICK
AS BRILLIANT
AND DEADLY
AS THE WOMAN
WHO CREATED IT...



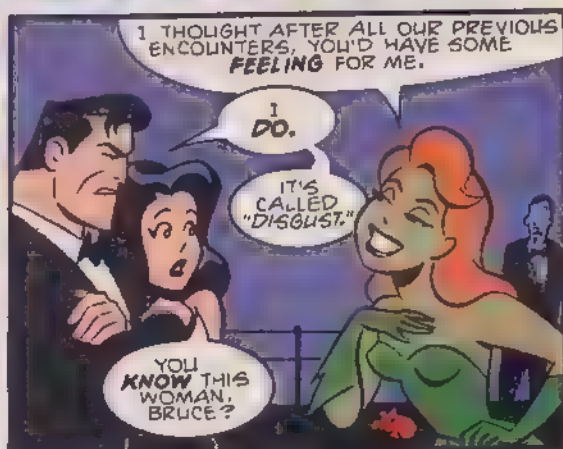
**POISON
IVY!**

HER FREAKISH
BODY CHEMISTRY
CREATES KISSES
THAT CAN
HYPNOTIZE A
MAN - OR
KILL HIM.

OVER THE YEARS,
I'VE SURVIVED
BOTH. SO FAR.



YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'RE
NOT HAPPY
TO SEE ME,
BRUCE.

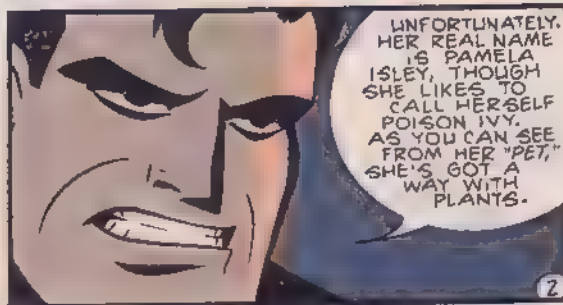


I THOUGHT AFTER ALL OUR PREVIOUS
ENCOUNTERS, YOU'D HAVE SOME
FEELING FOR ME.

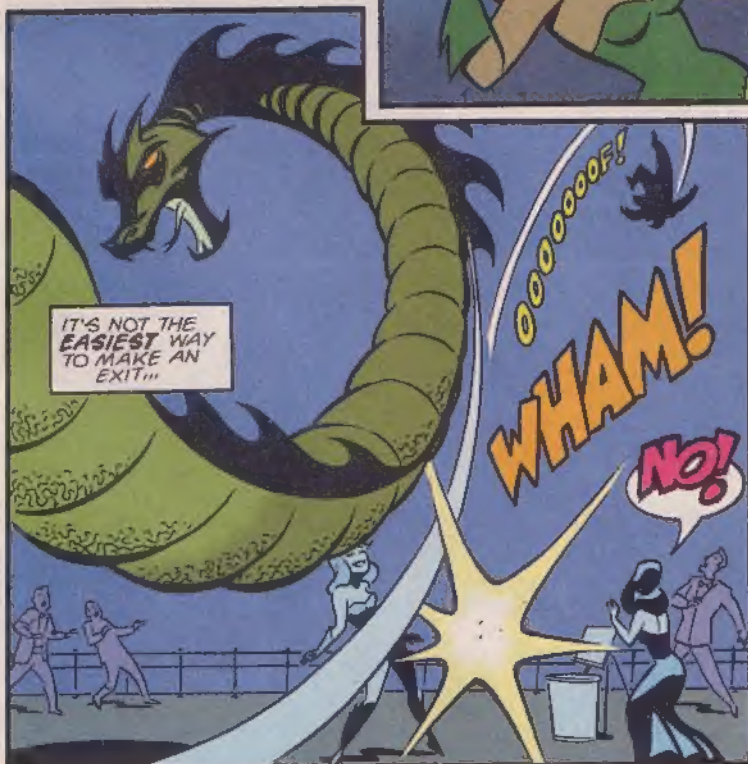
I
DO.

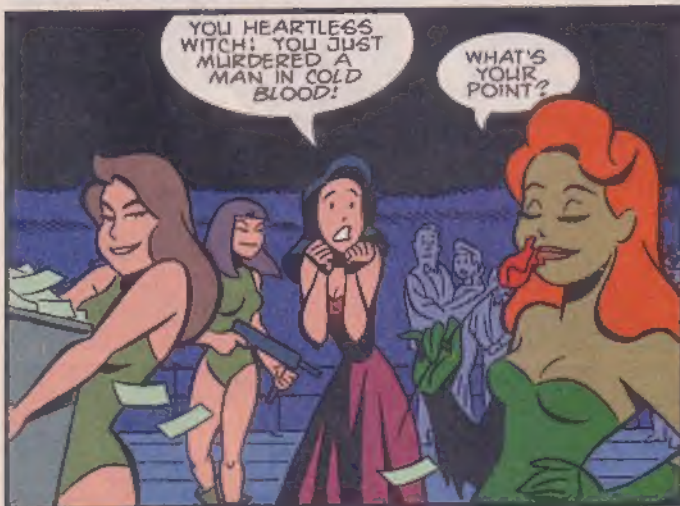
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CALLED
"DISGUST."

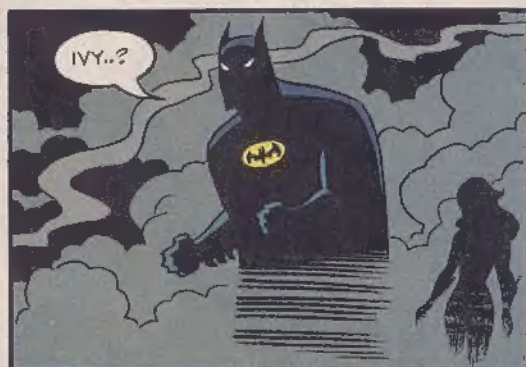
YOU
KNOW THIS
WOMAN,
BRUCE?



UNFORTUNATELY,
HER REAL NAME
IS PAMELA
ISLEY, THOUGH
SHE LIKES TO
CALL HERSELF
POISON IVY.
AS YOU CAN SEE
FROM HER "PET,"
SHE'S GOT A
WAY WITH
PLANTS.







SHE KISSES ME AND THE TOXINS IN HER BLOODSTREAM SET MY BRAIN ON FIRE.



