

IT'S NOT POSSIBLE! AEGEUS! HOW DID YOU GET TO OLYMPUS?!

SURPRISED?! YOU SHOULDN'T BE. YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES. BESIDES...

...I DESERVE TO BE HERE EVERY BIT AS MUCH AS YOU DO! GOD BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH MY VEINS, TOO. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US IS THAT I WASN'T BORN WITH A GOLD TIARA ON MY HEAD AND A SILVER SPOON IN MY MOUTH.

I'VE HAD TO SCRAPE AND FIGHT... FOR EVERYTHING... I ALWAYS KNEW I WAS DESTINED FOR SOMETHING BETTER.

WELL, I WON'T BE DENIED ANY LONGER.



IT'S TIME I GOT WHAT I DESERVED.

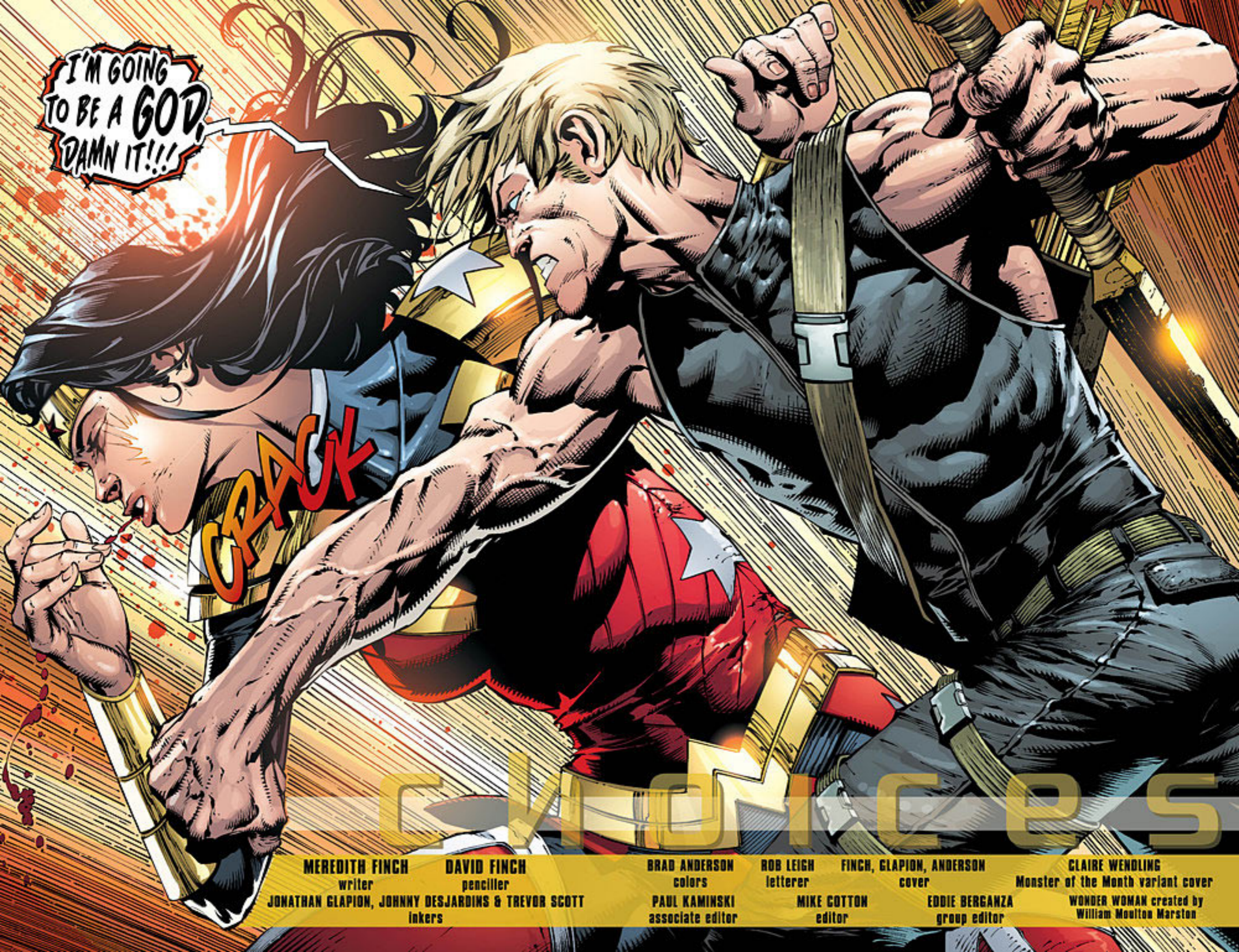


WHAT YOU DESERVE IS A GOOD SMACK IN THE ASS FOR BREAKING INTO MY HOME THAT WAY.

STRIFE! HE'S JUST A BOY. LET ME HANDLE THIS.



JUST A BOY?! HANDLE IT?!!



I'M GOING TO BE A GOD, DAMN IT!!!

CRACK

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AND I GOT MYSELF
A POWER-UP SINCE
WE LAST MET.

TELL ME!
DOES THIS LOOK
LIKE JUST A BOY
TO YOU?!

NO, AEGEUS...
IT DOESN'T. IT LOOKS
LIKE A YOUNG MAN IN
A LOT OF PAIN.

PLEASE...
LET ME HELP
YOU.


SHUT UP! YOU'RE
PATHETIC, JUST LIKE MY
MOTHER. LETTING PEOPLE
WALK ALL OVER YOU, AND
THEN BEGGING THEM
TO DO IT AGAIN.




TELL ME.
DO YOU ENJOY GETTING
SMACKED AROUND AS MUCH
AS HER, TOO? 'CAUSE IT DIDN'T
SEEM TO MATTER HOW OFTEN
DEAR OLD DAD HIT US, SHE
JUST KEPT COMING BACK FOR
MORE. HE'S JUST LUCKY
CANCER KILLED
HIM WHEN IT DID...



...NO ONE'S
EVER GOING TO
PUSH ME AROUND
AGAIN.



AEGEUS! LISTEN TO ME.
NO ONE HERE WANTS TO HURT YOU.
YOU DIDN'T DESERVE WHAT HAPPENED
TO YOU AS A CHILD. BUT YOU HAVE
A CHOICE NOW. YOU CAN CHOOSE
SOMETHING DIFFERENT... SOMETHING
BETTER FOR YOURSELF...



OH, BELIEVE ME...
THAT'S EXACTLY
WHAT I'M DOING...
I'M CHOOSING TO
BECOME A GOD.



THEN
I'M GOING
TO HAVE TO
STOP
YOU...