

DO YOU HAVE A VISUAL, TREVOR?

YEAH, NICHOLSON. SOME TOOK OUT A COUPLE OF ADVANCE PARADEMONS—GUARDS OR STRAYS, I'M GUESSING. WE HAVEN'T REACHED THEIR HIVE...

...BUT OUR INTEL PUTS IT RIGHT AHEAD OF US.

I SWEAR, SAMEER, PUSH INTAE ME AGIN, YOUR SKULL'S GONAE STAY WITH THE BONES ALREADY HERE.

THEN STOP STAGGERING, CHARLIE. ARE YOU DRUNK? AGAIN? KEEP MOVING, COME ON!

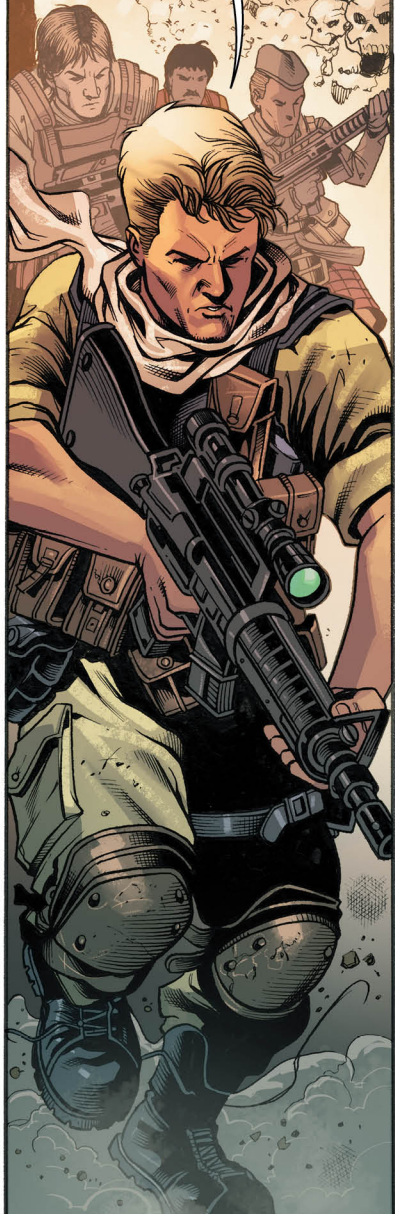


AND WONDER WOMAN?

WHAT ABOUT HER?

DON'T PLAY GAMES, TREVOR, YOU AND THE ODDFELLOWS ARE HER ESCORTS INTO THIS. WHAT'S HER STATUS?

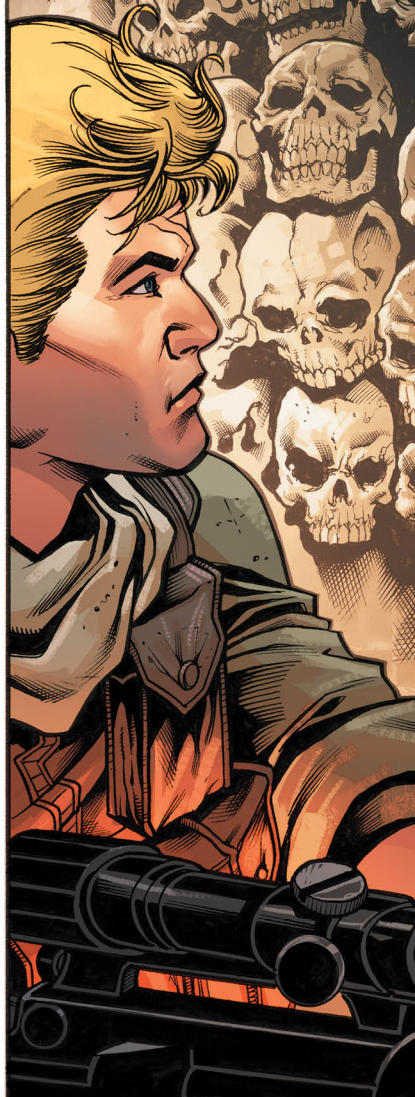
PRETTY MUCH WHAT I EXPECTED. SHE FLEW ON AHEAD.



WHY?

DUMB QUESTION.

THERE WAS A BATTLE AWAITING HER...





"...AND SHE'S A WARRIOR."

WHAT KEPT YOU, STEVE?



YOU HEARD HER, ODDFELLOWS! SPREAD OUT N'SHOOT 'EM DOWN!

COPY THAT.

YE'LL TAK' THE HIGH ROAD AND I'LL TAK' THE LOW ROAD...

CHARLIE, FOR THE LOVE OF--



HOW YOU DOING, ANGEL?

I ADMIT IT ISN'T EASY FIGHTING DARKSEID'S PARADEMONS IN SUCH A CONFINED SPACE, STEVE...

...BUT IT'S A ROAD I'VE BEEN DOWN BEFORE, SO--

# CHILDREN OF THE GODS

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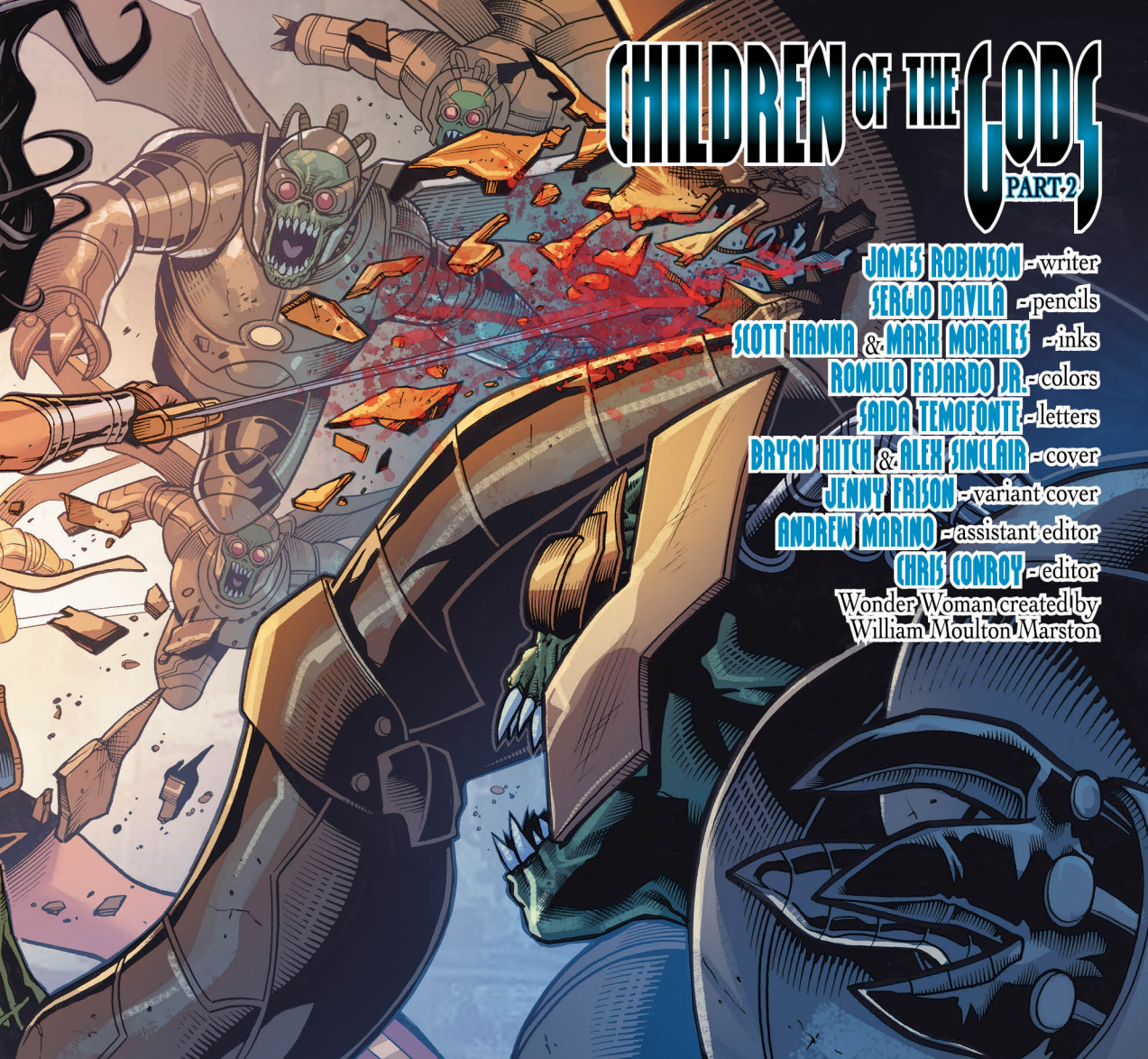
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SO, COLONEL TREVOR...

...HOW DOES IT FEEL COMING BACK WITH A.R.G.U.S.?

JUST TEMPORARILY, DR. PERIL. I'M NAVY NOW, SO FOR ONE THING--IF YOU SAY MY RANK, IT'S MASTER CHIEF.

I NEVER DID UNDERSTAND WHY YOU TRANSFERRED OVER.

AND YOU DON'T NEED TO. LET'S JUST SAY I WANTED A SIMPLER LIFE.



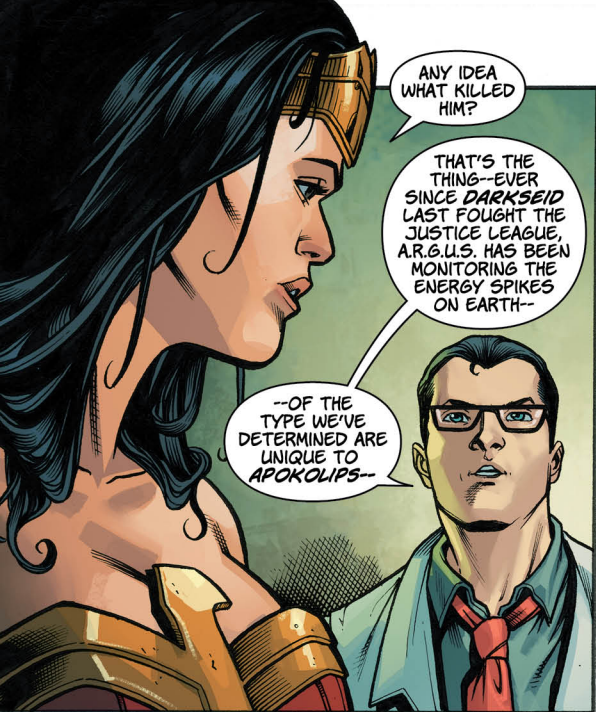
WELL THERE'S NOTHING SIMPLE ABOUT THIS...

...A DEAD GOD--

--HERCULES, NO LESS.

WHAT IN HELL HAPPENED? DID YOU KNOW HIM, DIANA?

ONLY BY... REPUTATION.



ANY IDEA WHAT KILLED HIM?

THAT'S THE THING--EVER SINCE DARKSEID LAST FOUGHT THE JUSTICE LEAGUE, A.R.G.U.S. HAS BEEN MONITORING THE ENERGY SPIKES ON EARTH--

--OF THE TYPE WE'VE DETERMINED ARE UNIQUE TO APOKOLIPS--

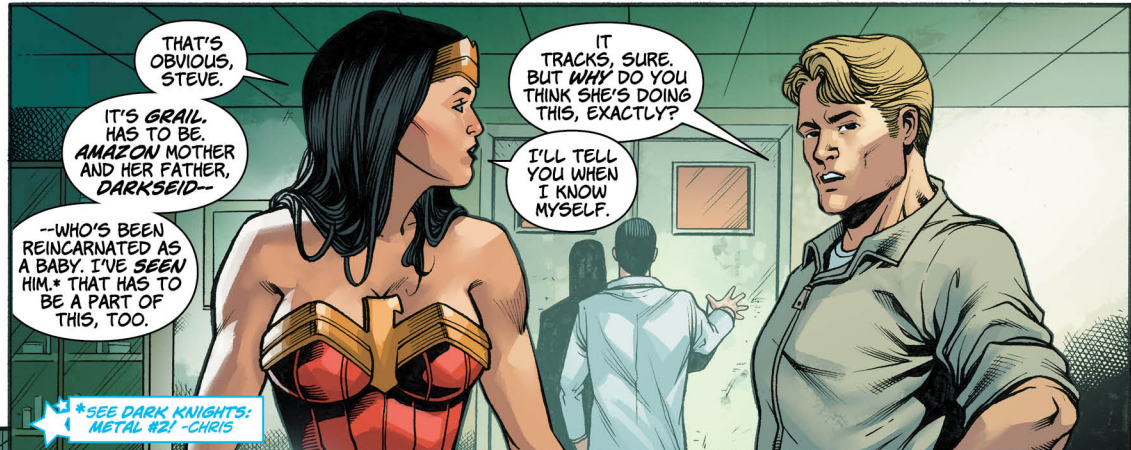


--HOPEFULLY FOREWARNING US OF ANOTHER ATTACK LIKE BEFORE.

I UNDERSTAND, DR. PERIL, BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?

SIMPLY THAT HERCULES' BODY AND THE AREA AROUND WHERE HE WAS FOUND WERE RIFE WITH THAT ENERGY.

GREEK LEGENDS AND APOKOLIPS, HUH? SO WHAT'S THE LINK?



THAT'S OBVIOUS, STEVE.

IT'S GRAIL. HAS TO BE. AMAZON MOTHER AND HER FATHER, DARKSEID--

--WHO'S BEEN REINCARNATED AS A BABY. I'VE SEEN HIM.\* THAT HAS TO BE A PART OF THIS, TOO.

IT TRACKS, SURE. BUT WHY DO YOU THINK SHE'S DOING THIS, EXACTLY?

I'LL TELL YOU WHEN I KNOW MYSELF.

\*SEE DARK KNIGHTS: METAL #2! -CHRIS



THIS MAY SHED SOME LIGHT...

...THE SITE OF HERCULES' DEMISE WASN'T THE FIRST SUCH LOCATION...