WONDER WOMAN

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QUEEN HIPPOLYTE's strong voice breaks the silence.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) We were created to guard against the evils of the world. Strong, wise, and compassionate, Hera gave breath to the AMAZON.

PULL BACK TO REVEAL

The metal canyons are a CLOSE UP of the intricate engravings on Hippolyte's AMAZON WARRIOR BRACELETS.

Resplendent in battle armor, Hippolyte's long black hair is pulled tightly into a braided crown around her head. Piercing blue eyes match the light emanating from the CRYSTAL PENDANT hanging around her neck. Her eyes narrow at what lies before her.

PULL BACK FURTHER

THREE THOUSAND AMAZON WARRIORS, all clad in battle armor and bracelets, gather behind Hippolyte with swords, axes, maces, bows and arrows and shields at the ready.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) In ancient days, we lived among Mankind... but Man fears what it cannot control.

PULL BACK ONE LAST TIME

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN, all armed for WAR, advance on the Amazon.

CU OF HIPPOLYTE

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) They sought to take the power of the Amazon -

Hippolyte touches the blue crystal around her neck, then tucks it beneath her armor.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) (CONT'D) - but doing so would have destroyed Man's World.

She erupts in a BATTLE CRY and the Amazon charge forward, meeting the Army of Men head on.

Hippolyte PLUNGES HER SWORD through one man's chest before DRIVING IT into the neck of another man charging her.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) (CONT'D) To protect the world from such devastation we would do anything...

The action is fierce. The Amazon are superior warriors, but the numbers of Man's Army are too great and the Amazon take heavy casualties.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.)(CONT'D) ...even flee.

EXT. AMAZON SHIP - DAY

Pan out from A RED STAR with FOUR SMALL CIRCLES, TWO ON EITHER SIDE, emblazoned on a flag whipping in a stiff wind.

Hippolyte leads twenty enormous AMAZON SHIPS away from land and into the open ocean. Sitting ten to a row, hundreds of Amazon pull on huge oars, propelling the ships forward.

Pull back to reveal AN ARMADA in hot pursuit.

Man's lead ship CATAPULTS FLAMING TAR BALLS onto the Amazon's slowest ship and sets it ablaze.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) We sailed forward without a destination, quided only by our faith.

EXT. MAN'S WARSHIP

A THICK BLACK STORM materializes ahead, engulfing the Amazon ships. Undeterred, the Men sail into the clouds after them.

Lightning strikes Man's lead ship, setting the vessel on fire as waves swell around it. Men dive into the ocean as a wall of water CRUSHES THE SHIP.

EXT. AMAZON SHIP

Hippolyte steels herself at the wheel, braving the enormous waves as the Amazon struggle to hang on.

Clutching the blue crystal around her neck, Hippolyte looks desperately to the heavens and cries out in ANCIENT GREEK -

HIPPOLYTE HERA BOITHO MAS!! (subtitle) HERA, HELP US!! A brilliant WHITE LIGHT PIERCES THE DARKNESS AHEAD, revealing a small gap in the storm. Hippolyte steers her ship towards this HEAVENLY STAR.

EXT. AMAZON SHIP

The Amazon sail out of the storm into calm waters under a brilliant sun.

On the horizon, a lush TROPICAL ISLAND rises to greet them.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) Hera heard our prayers.

Hippolyte looks back as the clouds rejoin, closing the gap and engulfing the Men's ships. The storm rolls back to the open ocean, leaving no trace of itself or the Men behind.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

PAN FROM the ships in the bay up through the island's breathtaking interior; ENORMOUS WATERFALLS and FLOWERING TROPICAL PLANTS SPILL DOWN THE HIGH MOUNTAINS.

HIPPOLYTE (V.O.) THEMYSCIRA has been our home for three thousand years, a place where we could live in peace, hidden from the world of Man.

THE CAMERA rises over the island until dark clouds and lightning once again obscure Themyscira from view.

OPENING CREDITS OVER

A MONTAGE OF MILITARY IMAGERY showing the history of mankind's warfare growing ever deadlier: catapults lead to cannons, spears lead to grenades, muskets to machine guns, horses to tanks, ships to planes-- blueprints of a super jet, then a blinding FLASH with a *hint* of a MUSHROOM CLOUD -

"CLICK"

A CAMERA SHUTTER clicks open and shut.

INT. NAZI BASE - NIGHT

TITLE OVER: 1943 - Germany

STEVE TREVOR (30), a tall, handsome son-of-a-senator-but-madeit-on-his-own American in a Nazi SS disguise, SNAPS PHOTOS of Nazi JET blueprints that look INCREDIBLY ADVANCED for the 1940s. The words "AMERIKA BOMBER" and "FLEISCHER GESELLSCHAFT" appear on the bottom of each design. A wall safe stands open nearby.

Steve flips the page: NEW YORK CITY. The next page: WASHINGTON, D.C. Detailed maps show subway systems and power grids. X's mark targets: THE WHITE HOUSE, THE CAPITOL, THE WAR DEPARTMENT, THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING, POWER PLANTS, ETC.

> STEVE (sotto) They're gonna hit the States.

Outside, SIRENS begin to wail.

INT. NAZI BASE HALLWAY

TWO NAZIS with MACHINE GUNS run down the hall.

CUT TO

STEVE continues snapping pictures as the door handle rattles.

NAZI (O.S.)

Reiss auf!

MACHINE GUN FIRE rips through the lock and Steve dives for cover.

The first Nazi bursts in and Steve drops him with a bullet between the eyes.

He rolls as the other Nazi fires, then comes up and puts his second bullet through that Nazi's heart. He falls dead alongside his companion.

STEVE

Shit.

EXT. NAZI AIRSTRIP

Spotlights scour the grounds as Steve runs along a dark wall, pistol drawn. A jet disappears into a hangar a few hundred yards away. Steve watches TWO NAZI SS AIRMEN close the large sliding hangar doors after it.

STEVE

No way.

INT. COCKPIT

A NAZI LUFTWAFFE PILOT guides the jet to rest in the hangar amid the siren noise. His crewmen rush towards the plane.

NAZI PILOT Raus! Ich komme sofort! (subtitle) Go! I'm right behind you!

EXT. NAZI AIRSTRIP

Twenty feet in front of Steve, the airmen run out of a side door as a searchlight sends him scrambling back into the shadows.

The light moves on and Steve runs forward, only to be SMASHED in the face when the door bursts open again. His gun flies from his hand as he slams to the ground with a BROKEN NOSE.

The NAZI PILOT draws his own pistol but Steve kicks it from his hands as he catapults himself back onto his feet and tackles the Nazi pilot.

They crash to the ground, Steve on top. Steve punches the pilot in the face, then slams the back of his head against the asphalt a few times. The Nazi lies motionless.

Steve jumps up.

STEVE Aufweidersein!

INT. NAZI HANGAR

Steve enters and stops short. The NAZI JET looks more like a Stealth Bomber than a WWII era plane. It's the Amerika Bomber from the blueprints.

Steve sees an open hatch with a ladder and runs to it.

STEVE (sotto) Finally, a little luck.

BANG! A GUNSHOT hits Steve in the shoulder. He jumps inside the jet and pulls the hatch shut behind him.

NAZI PILOT (holding his bleeding head) Mach schnell! Er ist drinnen! (subtitle) Over here! He's in the hangar!

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

Steve jumps in the pilot's seat.

STEVE I knew I should've killed that guy.

He reaches for the controls but stops short, staring blankly at the panel of dials and buttons.

STEVE (CONT'D) Why can't it ever be easy?

CUT TO

FOUR NAZI SOLDIERS run in with machine guns and open fire.

NAZI PILOT Kein schiessen! Schiest nicht! Er kann nicht gehen! (subtitle) Hold your fire! He can't fly it!

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

Steve stares at the foreign controls -

CUT BACK TO THE BLUEPRINTS

Back in the Nazi office, Steve snaps photos of the control panel layout -

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

STEVE Think. Think-think-think-think.

Steve turns the large fuel valve on the floor and presses two ignition buttons to his right -

INT. NAZI HANGAR

As the four Nazis approach from the rear of the jet, an incredible BLAST OF FIRE shoots out the back of the engines.

Their bodies BURST INTO FLAME as they're hurled across the room.

THE JET'S EXHAUST blows out the hangar doors, shattering the glass and blasting the wood to splinters.

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

Steve pivots the jet around for take off.

EXT. NAZI HANGER

THE JET ROCKETS out of the hangar.

EXT. SKIES OVER NAZI BASE

The jet zooms over the Nazi base and an adjoining TRAIN STATION before banking west.

INT. NAZI HANGAR

The Nazi Pilot helplessly watches the jet fly away. An SS officer runs into the hangar behind him.

NAZI PILOT Ruf Fleischer an! Berricht! (subtitle) Contact Fleischer! Tell him what happened!

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER - DAWN

Steve's face and shoulder are a bloody mess. He places his hand on his broken nose and with one deep breath -

SNAP!

- POPS IT BACK INTO PLACE.

STEVE (painfully) Ow.

Steve looks at his navigation panel, its dials and compass spinning endlessly, damaged by the bullets.

He flips on the radio and adjusts the frequency before picking up the mic.

STEVE (CONT'D) Hethel, come in. Hethel, do you read?

Nothing but static. He adjusts the frequency.

STEVE (CONT'D) Station 114, can anybody read me?

A voice with a British accent crackles over the transmitter.

HETHEL (O.S.) Hethel here. Identify yourself. Over.

A smile of relief crosses Steve's face.

STEVE I'll give you two guesses. Over.

HETHEL (O.S.) Is it Shirley Temple?

STEVE You got it. This is the Good Ship Lollipop reporting.

HETHEL (O.S.) Good to hear from you.

Steve settles back into his seat, finally letting himself relax. THE CAMERA PULLS AWAY through the ceiling of the jet -

EXT. SKIES OVER THE OCEAN - MORNING

- and out the top to find the jet riddled with BULLET HOLES. The camera drifts back to reveal the jet is LEAKING FUEL.

CAMERA PULLS further above the jet and picks up speed, now flying ahead on Steve's trajectory, rushing through dark clouds as lightning ripples through them, moving faster and faster until the clouds break, revealing a TROPICAL ISLAND.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA - MORNING

A MAJESTIC CITY hugs the coastline and stretches up into the mountains. It's the same island from before, but now the Amazon's influence is clear.

Its architecture is a mix of GREEK TEMPLES and ELABORATE TOWERS standing watch over gleaming streets. The buildings blend perfectly with the surrounding nature and flowering gardens.

A huge COLISEUM stands in the center of the city, its rim decorated with statues of the Grecian gods.

We descend into a long, street-level tunnel that empties into the arena floor. At the end of the tunnel we see the silhouette of a young woman, DIANA.

She takes a deep breath and places a helmet over her head, obscuring her face before we see it.

We follow her as she enters the sun-drenched coliseum. She wears a BLACK SKIRT of leather strips and a GOLDEN BREASTPLATE with the form of an eagle, wings spread. Her bodice and leather boots are both DARK RED - it's not far from the costume we all know and love. Thousands of Amazon in colorful robes fill the stands. A cheer rises as the red Amazon warrior moves to the center of the ring, where another masked Amazon waits, this one trimmed in DARK GREEN. She is PHILLIPUS.

At the edge of the ring sits a row of seven JUDGES. The center judge stands and the crowd quiets. The Amazon speak in GREEK.

JUDGE Tessera antagonizomai meno eis apofasizo perissoteros dynatos kai arista eis brisko emas adelfi, Galina. Grigora eis mathaino Hera echrisa. (subtitle) Four challengers remain to determine the strongest and best suited to find our sister, Galina. Hera's choice will soon be revealed.

The crowd cheers loudly and breaks into a chant.

CROWD AINOS O HERA! AINOS O HERA! AINOS O HERA!

Panning through the stands, the GREEK chant TURNS INTO ENGLISH -

CROWD (CONT'D) PRAISE HERA! PRAISE HERA! PRAISE HERA!

EXT. QUEEN'S BOX

The camera reaches the Queen's Box where HIPPOLYTE presides. She glances sternly to SOPHIA, a servant, then pointedly turns her gaze to an empty seat next to her. Sophia shrugs.

In English -

JUDGE (O.S.) Your Majesty!

The crowd quiets as QUEEN HIPPOLYTE stands.

In a flowing white gown, she wears the same CRYSTAL PENDANT from the opening but it no longer glows. Her gold crown bears a RUBY STAR bordered by TWO SMALL CIRCLES on each side.

Hippolyte extends her arms towards the arena floor.

HIPPOLYTE Athena's blessing to our warriors. The judge blows the horn and steps back.

JUDGE

Ready!

Each warrior removes a foot-long cylinder from her belt that, with a flick of the wrist, telescopes into a six foot staff.

They strike the staves together and hold them in this "X" position, awaiting the judge.

JUDGE (CONT'D)

Begin!

Both warriors move in a circle, staves locked.

Diana lets loose a BATTLE CRY and SLAMS HER STAFF DOWN, striking Phillipus on the thigh. Phillipus responds with a high swing that DIANA DODGES. The crowd cheers.

Phillipus sweeps Diana's feet out and Diana drops her staff as she lands on her back. Phillipus pounces on the unarmed Diana but Diana catches the staff in mid-air.

Diana thrusts her legs up, throwing Phillipus over her head and RIPPING THE STAFF FROM HER HANDS.

Phillipus rolls onto her feet five yards away and faces the already standing Diana, who throws Phillipus' staff aside.

Diana whips out the LEATHER LASSO on her side, catching Phillipus' wrist and yanking her forward before PUNCHING HER SQUARE IN THE FACE.

Phillipus staggers back, removing a WAR HAMMER from its strap on her back.

Phillipus hits Diana in the chest with the hammer, sending her flying. Phillipus swings the hammer again, but Diana scoops up her staff and blocks the blow with it.

They're locked in battle, their faces inches apart.

PHILLIPUS (quietly) I know it's you, Princess. What do you think you're doing?

DIANA

Winning.

Diana HEAD-BUTTS Phillipus, then brings her staff around and cracks her helmet mid-fall. Phillipus is unconscious before she hits the ground.

A roar of approval erupts from the crowd and a horn bellows as the JUDGE steps into the ring.

JUDGE The winner is Red!

The judge grabs Diana's arm and lifts it high in the air. EPIONE, the chief healer, rushes to tend Phillipus, smearing a blue gel on her temple.

The crowd cheers as Diana walks over to Phillipus, who now sits up with her helmet off. Diana helps her to her feet.

DIANA I learned from the best.

CUT TO

The next two combatants, ARTEMIS (WHITE) and ODIA (BLUE), watch the Red contestant bow before Queen Hippolyte's box from the tunnel entrance. Helmets obscure their identities.

ODIA I know exactly where to find Galina.

ARTEMIS Keep your mouth shut.

JUDGE (O.S.) ...the final two challengers, Blue and White!

ODIA The cheapest brothel in Athens.

Before Artemis can respond Odia enters the ring, waving to the cheering crowd. Seething, Artemis remains behind.

JUDGE (O.S.)

White?

Artemis emerges from the tunnel and stands across from Odia.

JUDGE (CONT'D) The winner of this match will challenge Red in the final.

The judge blows her horn.

JUDGE (CONT'D)

Ready!

Odia begins the pre-fight ritual, placing her staff in the air, but Artemis ignores the etiquette and PLOWS INTO HER.

The crowd gasps in surprise, with a few cheering this aggression.

Odia swings her staff at Artemis, who leaps over it and strikes Odia in the head with her staff.

The two battle until Artemis knocks Odia's staff from her hands.

Artemis throws her own staff aside and challenges Odia in HAND TO HAND COMBAT AS -

The crowd leaps to its feet cheering in approval.

Artemis knocks Odia to the ground and leaps on top of her, RAINING BLOW AFTER BLOW until she finally cracks Odia's mask. By now Odia can no longer fight back. The Judge blows her horn.

> JUDGE (CONT'D) The winner is White!

But Artemis won't stop. The crowd jeers the poor sportsmanship.

The Judge tries to pull Artemis off, but Artemis swats her away and tries to throw another punch. Her fist is intercepted in mid-air. She looks up - Diana's palm holds it in place.

> DIANA The match is over!

Artemis swings at Diana, who ducks the punch and responds with a stomach kick that sends Artemis flying. Artemis leaps to her feet -

HIPPOLYTE (O.S.)

ENOUGH!

The Queen's voice reverberates through the stadium.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) White is disqualified! Remove her from the coliseum! CONTINUED: (4)

JUDGE White is disqualified!

Epione rushes to Odia's aid as -

EXT. QUEEN'S BOX

Hippolyte leans towards Sophia.

HIPPOLYTE (hushed tone) Take her to the throne room. I can see right through that mask.

SOPHIA You and me both.

Sophia starts off.

HIPPOLYTE And find Diana!

CUT TO:

EXT. AMERIKA BOMBER

The fuel bleeding from Steve's jet is down to a trickle and two engines FLAME OUT.

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

STEVE Oh no. No. No.

Steve turns the valve on the floor, trying to get more fuel. Nothing. He grabs the radio.

STEVE (CONT'D) Mayday. Mayday. Hethel, do you copy?

The radio crackles static.

STEVE (CONT'D) Mayday! Hethel, I'm out of fuel, I'm not going to make it!

The radio is silent as -

- lightning flashes and the jet flies into a sudden bank of ROLLING BLACK THUNDERCLOUDS.

CUT TO:

INT. COLISEUM

Diana, her face still masked, kneels before Hippolyte on the coliseum floor.

HIPPOLYTE You have proven yourself the greatest warrior of the Amazon. Now it is your duty to return to Man's World and find Galina.

She signals for her to rise, and Diana obeys.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Remove your helmet and reveal Hera's chosen.

Diana lifts her helmet and for the first time we see her. Barely twenty, she's beautiful, with long black hair and piercing blue eyes just like her mother's -

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D)

Diana!

The crowd responds with a disapproving murmur.

Diana's smile fades when she sees her mother's face.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) I forbade you from partaking in this contest. What are you doing?

DIANA I am the same as anyone else, it was my -

HIPPOLYTE You are still a child.

DIANA

Your Majesty -

Hippolyte struggles to contain her anger and keep her voice low.

HIPPOLYTE

Go to the palace and wait for me.

DIANA Your Majesty!

HIPPOLYTE

NOW!

Diana feels every eye in the stadium stabbing her in the back. Hurt and humiliated, she skulks back down the tunnel leading out of the coliseum.

Hippolyte looks to the judges.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) That leaves Green then?

BOOM!

The SOUND OF A DYING JET splits the air.

Screams erupt as Steve's jet soars a few feet over the coliseum and skims the far side, KNOCKING THE STATUES OFF.

EXT. COLISEUM

The statues CRASH behind Diana as she exits the coliseum and sees the jet drop behind a distant row of buildings.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

Racing towards the crash, Diana reaches the buildings and LEAPS EFFORTLESSLY TWO STORIES onto their roofs.

From this height, she can see the jet a half mile away. It has cut through a forest and rests forty feet up in a stand of sagging trees.

Diana runs along the roof and leaps off, landing in a perfect somersault which puts her right back on her feet, running into the forest.

EXT. FORESTED PARK

A HUGE, DISLODGED WING hangs precariously in the trees directly overhead as Diana approaches.

The canopy above her collapses and the wing crashes down towards Diana. She THROWS UP A PUNCH just before it crushes her, sending the wing flying the other way with a huge DENT in the swastika.

She approaches the jet and sees GERMAN WRITING on its side.

DIANA Jemand? (subtitle) Hello?

The jet lurches in the trees and Steve tumbles out of the cockpit window, saved from falling by one hand grasping a harness strap. Blood and matted hair obscure his face.

STEVE Get away, it's going to fall!

The jet lurches again, almost shaking him loose.

Diana switches to English.

DIANA Let qo! I'll catch you!

STEVE Get out of the way!

The jet lurches again, knocking Steve loose before PLUNGING THROUGH THE BRANCHES BEHIND HIM!

Diana LEAPS INTO THE AIR AND GRABS STEVE IN HER ARMS, landing safely as the jet smashes into the ground behind them.

Barely conscious, Steve looks up at Diana.

STEVE (CONT'D) You saved my life...

Diana's eyes go wide with the realization -

DIANA

A MAN!

She drops Steve to the ground as if he were a snake. He passes out.

HIPPOLYTE (O.S.)

Diana!

Hippolyte and her entourage appear over a ridge, each one gliding on a HOVER CHARIOT, each bottom lined with a shimmering, opalescent metal.

Hippolyte jumps off her chariot and rushes to her daughter.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Are you alright?

DIANA I'm fine. I'm the greatest Amazon warrior, remember?

HIPPOLYTE

A Man!

The Amazon react with disgust to the word.

More Amazon from the coliseum arrive, some examining the wrecked jet and others crowding Diana and Steve.

SENATOR DELIEA How could Man break through The Veil?

SENATOR LEANDRA

Kill it!

SENATOR NORA No, we must question it. His airship resembles Galina's -

DIANA Your Majesty -

SENATOR LEANDRA He must die!

GATHERING AMAZON YES! Bind his wrists! Run a sword through him!

HIPPOLYTE Senators, please! This is not the place for debate. Epione, how long to heal the Man?

Epione kneels next to Steve, inspecting his wounds.

EPIONE He has a broken nose, a piercing through his shoulder, and a concussion. Not long.

HIPPOLYTE Good. Tarah, Luciana, carry him to the Temple of Themis.

The guards don't like it, but they obey.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Move his possessions to the laboratory. SENATOR LEANDRA Your Majesty, such a threat should be dealt with immediately.

HIPPOLYTE It will be dealt with according to law. Assemble the Senate when the Man awakes.

The crowd disperses as two Amazon load Steve into a chariot. Diana follows them.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Diana, ride with me.

DIANA I want to go with the Man.

Hippolyte gives her the "Don't mess with me I'm your mother" look.

Diana responds with a disgruntled sigh.

EXT. HIPPOLYTE'S HOVER CHARIOT

Hippolyte and Diana ride through the magnificent city of Themyscira.

HIPPOLYTE I'm disappointed in you.

DIANA I am sick of being treated like a child.

HIPPOLYTE You are twenty-years old -

DIANA

I'm as strong as anyone else, as I proved today!

HIPPOLYTE

You don't understand what we're dealing with. Galina was sent to ensure that Pandora's Box was safe. When last Man had it, Atlantis was destroyed -

DIANA Oh, Great Hera.

HIPPOLYTE Don't blaspheme. DIANA

How many times do I have to hear this story?

HIPPOLYTE

To you it's just a story. When Man stripped us of our bracelets, we were completely at their mercy. I don't want that to happen to you!

DIANA

That was three thousand years ago! I know as much as anyone about Man's World today. I have listened to their radio waves my whole life. I've learned their languages, studied their news -

HIPPOLYTE You may have knowledge but you lack wisdom.

DIANA No - I - don't.

HIPPOLYTE

And how does disregarding your Queen's wishes today prove that? You embarrassed me, Diana.

DIANA You embarrassed me, mother.

HIPPOLYTE My decision stands. Phillipus is going to Man's World.

DIANA But I beat Phillipus! It's not fair!

HIPPOLYTE

Phillipus is a warrior. She is head of the guard and taught you everything you know about combat. My word is final.

Diana is on the verge of tears as the chariot pulls to a stop in front of the palace.

> HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Go upstairs and have Sophia draw you a bath. You are to stay in your room this evening.

DIANA I'm going to the Senate hearing!

HIPPOLYTE Insolence does not go unpunished. I will decide the rest of your punition when I return from the hearing.

DIANA I hate this island!

Diana hops off the chariot and runs away before Hippolyte can see her cry.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM - DAY

Lining one side of the ornate, high-ceilinged room, open arches overlook gardens and beyond that, the gleaming marble of Themyscira. Marble steps ascend to a GOLDEN THRONE.

Artemis, who looks thirty and still wears her "WHITE" armor minus the helmet, waits for Hippolyte. Her fiery red hair matches her quick temper.

She gives an unceremonious bow as Hippolyte enters.

ARTEMIS

Your Majesty.

HIPPOLYTE

Some conduct for a Senator. What do you think your mother would have thought today?

ARTEMIS Odia spoke ill of her.

HIPPOLYTE

She was goading you. Your temper showed right through your mask.

ARTEMIS

And who are you sending to Man's World?

HIPPOLYTE

Phillipus.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D)

Phillipus? She's dull as a stone. I thought the point was to find Hera's Chosen, not Hippolyte's Chosen.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D)

You disqualified yourself, Artemis. You left me no choice. I have to say I think it's a good thing, however. Your anger would lead you to trouble.

ARTEMIS We'll see. Sometimes trouble finds us.

The Senate Bell tolls.

HIPPOLYTE It is time, Senator. Let us pray to Hera for guidance about the Man.

ARTEMIS Hera is blind to us.

Angry, Artemis leaves Hippolyte, not looking back.

INT. DIANA'S BATH - DAY

Diana reclines in a marble bath-tub, her hair pulled back in a loose bun, her naked shoulders and legs peeking out from the water.

The Senate bell rings in the distance.

SOPHIA (O.S.) So the Man lived. That's a shame.

Sophia kneels by the tub, washing Diana's arm.

DIANA The Senate said whoever wins the tournament gets to go to Man's World, so I should get to go.

SOPHIA Give me your foot.

Diana extends her foot and Sophia scrubs it with a brush.

DIANA Ow. Not so hard.

SOPHIA Hard to believe there's a Man on Themyscira.

DIANA What are they going to do with him?

SOPHIA Mmmm... cut off his head, I should think. DIANA What? SOPHIA Or slit his throat, bind his wrists and spill out his innards. DIANA They are not. SOPHIA Oh yes. DIANA I thought they were speaking in hyperbole. SOPHIA The law says any Man trespassing is to be executed. DIANA They can't do that. He could teach us so much. SOPHIA Give me your other foot.

Diana doesn't.

DIANA Maybe I can stop it.

Sophia snorts.

SOPHIA Hera laughs.

DIANA I am the princess.

SOPHIA Your mother won't even let you go to the hearing. What are you going to do?

DIANA But he could help us find Galina. SOPHIA Man is of no help. There's nothing you can do about it, so you may as well accept it. Now give me that foot.

Diana's thinking.

SOPHIA (CONT'D)

Diana.

DIANA Get the other brush. That one's too rough.

SOPHIA You try my patience.

Sophia gets up and walks out of the bathroom. Diana grabs new clothes from a nearby stool.

INT. TEMPLE OF THEMIS - AFTERNOON

Steve slowly opens his eyes. Things still look a little hazy. Epione approaches.

STEVE Thank God. Did I make it to England?

Epione doesn't reply, instead she wipes a bluish gel off his now healed nose. She looks at his shoulder gunshot wound, which is covered in the same bluish gel.

CU of gunshot wound. Beneath the gel the wound heals at an INCREDIBLE SPEED, leaving no scar.

Steve looks down at the gel and, surprised, reaches up to touch it. For the first time he, and we, realize that his wrists are tied together.

> STEVE (CONT'D) What's going on?

Pan back to reveal that Steve has been stripped of his Nazi uniform and now wears only a toga.

Several Amazon guards surround Epione.

EPIONE Take him to the Senate. Several chariots race through the streets carrying guards and Steve.

Bewildered, he tries to take everything in. He notices Tarah keeps her hand on the front lip of the chariot.

STEVE What is this place?

Luciana hits Steve in the ribs, knocking the wind out of him.

LUCIANA

Quiet!

TARAH Don't hurt him.

INT. SENATE HALL

Two massive doors swing open to reveal an ENORMOUS ROOM with A THOUSAND Amazon gathered. Standing before a row of SENATORS, Hippolyte presides over the gathering.

Tarah and Luciana lead Steve down the aisle to Hippolyte. Luciana strikes Steve in the back of the knee, forcing him to kneel. Tarah gives her a dirty look.

> STEVE Can somebody please tell me what's going on?!

> > HIPPOLYTE

Silence...

The room quiets.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) (to Steve) You will tell us what we want.

Hippolyte slowly removes a GOLDEN ROPE from her robes and approaches Steve, clutching the noose.

Steve tightens up. His training has prepared him for this.

STEVE Torture, is it?

Hippolyte wraps the rope around Steve's shoulders and a strange feeling overpowers him.

HIPPOLYTE Tell us, Man, who are you?

STEVE

Trevor... Steve... Special Foreign Agent, Office of Secret Services, United States Army Air Corps, 0587884.

HIPPOLYTE How did you find us?

STEVE I don't know. I crashed.

A murmur goes through the hall.

HIPPOLYTE How did you come into possession of the airship?

Steve can't believe the words coming out of his mouth.

STEVE I stole it from a Nazi air base.

ARTEMIS

He's a thief! Obviously Man has changed little in three thousand years.

SENATOR NORA Don't you see what's happened? These Men captured Galina and stole our technology.

SENATOR DELIA We have been found!

The room is working itself into an uproar.

HIPPOLYTE Silence in the Senate!

The room quiets again.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Trevor, do you know of our sister Galina?

STEVE

No.

HIPPOLYTE What do you know of the technology used to make your airship?

STEVE

It's a top secret German plane called the America Bomber, a long range jet designed to get from Europe to the States and back without refueling.

A murmur goes through the chamber.

HIPPOLYTE And the source of the technology?

STEVE Nazi scientists.

HIPPOLYTE Do other Men know you have found us?

STEVE

No. Listen, I don't understand what's going on, but I need to get out of here. Millions of lives are at stake.

Another murmur goes through the crowd.

SENATOR LEANDRA Your Majesty, the law is clear. He must die.

STEVE

What?!

HIPPOLYTE He clearly means us no harm, he knows nothing. If Hera allowed him passage, there must be a reason.

ARTEMIS Yes, to warn us that Galina is captured and with her our technology. We must deal with this sternly!

HIPPOLYTE We saw how you deal with things, Artemis.

Steve tries to stand up.

STEVE I have to get back to the Washington!

HIPPOLYTE

Quiet.

Luciana strikes Steve in the back, knocking him back down and shutting him up.

DIANA (O.S.) May I speak?

In the back of the great hall, Diana steps forward. Hippolyte is furious.

HIPPOLYTE The Senate is not an open forum.

Diana speeds ahead, moving toward Steve and Hippolyte.

DIANA We sent Galina to Greece to protect the Box from the Nazis. If this Man fights them, could he not help us find her?

SENATOR LEANDRA We could never risk a Man revealing us.

DIANA That doesn't mean we have to kill him!

HIPPOLYTE Diana, that is quite enough!

The room murmurs agreement.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Sit down, Diana.

Diana sits.

ARTEMIS We must adhere to the law.

HIPPOLYTE

Senators, perhaps the matter is not so light and dark.

ARTEMIS We are in agreement. You are the only one who does not see the clear choice.

HIPPOLYTE Is this true? Is the Senate in agreement?

SENATORS (in unison) Yes. Hippolyte is taken aback, but cannot go against the unanimous Senate.

HIPPOLYTE

It is said.

Hippolyte removes the golden rope from around Steve.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Trevor Steve, the Senate has sentenced you to death.

STEVE You have to let me go!

HIPPOLYTE We will execute him after Phillipus' departure. Hera be with us.

AMAZONS

HERA BE WITH US.

The Amazon rise as the guards lift Steve and remove him from the room.

Diana is the first one out of the Hall.

INT. THRONE ROOM - DUSK

Hippolyte stands with Phillipus near the arches opening to the ROYAL GARDENS. Themyscira's white marble soaks in the setting sun. The city glows in the light.

> HIPPOLYTE A great unrest has grown on the island since Galina's departure. Maybe the old ways are dying.

PHILLIPUS Themyscira is our home. We must keep the Amazon united here.

Diana enters the Royal Gardens unnoticed and hides behind one of the pillars.

HIPPOLYTE Until we can find Galina there will be no unity. Artemis is gaining support in the Senate, and when the people have a will, I cannot sway them. (beat) You must find her, Phillipus.

PHILLIPUS I will, your Majesty.

HIPPOLYTE

I fear I sent Galina into Man's World unprepared. I will not make that mistake with you. You will need help from the Goddesses, as they once gave help to me.

Hippolyte removes a GOLDEN BELT from her waist.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) This is the Belt of Aphrodite. It will allow you to walk in disguise among Men, as she once did.

Hippolyte places it on a marble table beside them.

Next, she removes the GOLDEN ROPE from her robes.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) And you recognize Hestia's Golden Lasso. It is unbreakable and any whom it binds must speak the truth, so far as they know it. Use it wisely.

She places it beside the Golden Belt on the table.

Diana steps out from behind the pillar and walks into the throne room.

DIANA (O.S.) Hello, Mother. Good bout today, Phillipus. I bet you didn't expect to be here when you were revived on the coliseum floor.

PHILLIPUS It's true, I did not.

HIPPOLYTE What are you doing here, Diana?

DIANA May we walk through the garden?

EXT. ROYAL GARDENS - DUSK

The Royal Gardens spill down the mountainside beneath Diana, Hippolyte, and Phillipus.

DIANA

You could have spared the Man with a word. You still can. Even if we disregard the morality, he could help us find Galina.

HIPPOLYTE

Your willingness to trust this Man shows your naiveté.

PHILLIPUS Man wants what we protect.

DIANA I know all this. Pandora's Box destroyed Atlantis and Man's World is fraught with peril. I understand!

HIPPOLYTE No, you don't.

Hippolyte touches the crystal hanging from her neck.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) The crystal is the key. If Man came into possession of both Box and key, it would be catastrophic. We cannot risk discovery.

DIANA But we could use him.

HIPPOLYTE The Senate spoke, and the law is the law. What I personally feel does not matter.

DIANA So when the Senate says we kill the Man, you must carry out their wish, but when the Senate says the champion today goes to Man's World, you can go against it?

Hippolyte knows she's cornered.

DIANA (CONT'D) Mother, I urge you to spare the Man.

HIPPOLYTE I think I've made myself clear, Diana.

DIANA Very well. I suppose we all must do what we feel is right. Diana kisses Hippolyte on the cheek.

DIANA (CONT'D) I'll take my leave. Good night, Phillipus.

PHILLIPUS Good night.

DIANA Goodbye, Mother. I love you.

HIPPOLYTE Good night, Diana.

Diana walks back towards the throne room.

PHILLIPUS She certainly is your daughter.

INT. THRONE ROOM

CU of the Golden Lasso and Belt. Diana's hands snatch them from the table.

EXT. TEMPLE OF THEMIS - NIGHT

Bright moonlight backlights the TEMPLE standing alone on a hillside.

Diana moves quickly up the steps to a set of silver doors bearing the image of the Goddess Themis holding Libra, her scales of justice.

INT. TEMPLE OF THEMIS

Luciana stands watch as Tarah peeks into Steve's cell through a keyhole.

TARAH Why can't we play with him before he's killed?

LUCIANA

Tarah!

TARAH I know, they're disgusting, but...I do miss certain things.

Diana approaches from down the hall. Luciana nudges Tarah who stands up straight, resuming her guard duty.

DIANA I'm here to see the Man.

LUCIANA Get out of here.

Tarah smiles. Diana ignores it.

DIANA I'd like to see the Man.

LUCIANA I said get out of here, Diana.

TARAH Seriously, Diana. Go play somewhere.

DIANA Forgive me, Sisters.

INT. STEVE'S CELL

STEVE hears two loud THUDS from the other side of his door. Then the keys rattle in the lock and Diana enters.

> DIANA Come with me.

INT. THRONE ROOM

Hippolyte and Phillipus go to the table where the Belt and Lasso are missing.

HIPPOLYTE

Diana!

INT. AMAZON LABORATORY - NIGHT

Steve's crumpled plane lies in a giant, hangar-like cave. His clothes lie in a heap on a table beside it.

Steve and Diana enter in a hurry.

STEVE There are my clothes!

DIANA

Hurry up!

Steve sprints towards the crashed plane and his clothes -

BAM!

His feet fly out from under him as if he were hit in the head by a baseball bat. He lands flat on his back.

STEVE OW! What the hell?!

Diana moves a lever on a panel and A SOLID OPALESCENT JET MATERIALIZES DIRECTLY ABOVE STEVE.

It's made of the same opalescent material used on the hover chariots.

STEVE (CONT'D) Where did that come from?!

Steve scrambles out from under the jet. A door slides open on its side.

DIANA Get your clothes.

Steve grabs his clothes and sees that his SECRET CAMERA is also on the table, opened with the FILM PULLED OUT.

STEVE

Perfect.

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

Hippolyte races through the city on her chariot, followed by guards and Phillipus.

HIPPOLYTE Diana, don't!

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Despite the jet's ability to go invisible, its interior remains fully visible at all times.

Diana and Steve take their seats in a sleek, white cockpit with two seats, no controls and a huge wraparound window. Steve wears his Nazi uniform.

Diana lifts a GOLD TIARA with a RUBY STAR in its center from the only break in the cockpit. It resembles Hippolyte's crown but is shaped to lie flat across the forehead.

She places it on her head and the ruby glows, bringing the jet to life.

A gel-like substance forms a harness around their chests and legs.

STEVE What's happening?

The jet pops vertically into the air, hovering in place.

STEVE (CONT'D)

It hovers?

INT. AMAZON HANGAR BAY

Hippolyte, Phillipus and the guards enter just in time to see the opalescent jet GO INVISIBLE.

HIPPOLYTE DIANA! NO!!

There's a HISSING sound and a sudden wind blows back Hippolyte's hair.

She runs to the cave's mouth and looks out over the cliffside to the ocean, but Diana is gone.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Diana and Steve race from Themyscira, the sky in front them growing brighter and brighter, and with a BLINDING FLASH we -

FADE TO:

INT. BASEMENT - NIGHT

A woman lies gagged on a concrete floor, her blonde hair grimy and matted, her naked wrists BOUND BEHIND HER. A door opens and a shadow crosses her face.

> UNSEEN WOMAN (O.S.) Hungrig? (subtitle) Hungry?

The bound woman nods. A bowl of stew drops in front of her face and shatters on the floor.

A hand takes the woman's gag off and she eats the stew off the floor like a hungry dog.

> UNSEEN WOMAN (O.S.) (CONT'D) Also vo geht dein Kraft jetzt? (subtitle) Where is your power now?

EXT. SKIES OVER THE NORTH ATLANTIC - NIGHT Lightning flashes through a hellacious storm. INT. INVISIBLE JET The tiara's ruby glows. Steve looks around the jet. STEVE Do you know how to get to Washington? DIANA We're not going to Washington. STEVE Where are we going? DIANA To Germany. STEVE Germany?! Then why'd you rescue me? DIANA To help me. STEVE To help you? I thought you were helping me! DIANA You're going to help me in Man's World. Steve looks at Diana, then down to the Golden Lasso hanging off her belt over the side of her seat. STEVE Man's World? You mean planet Earth? DIANA Of course. What's it like there? STEVE You tell me what it's like to live on an island full of beautiful women. DIANA You first.
STEVE

Oh, Man's World is amazing. It has talking animals and fish that walk on land, and everywhere you go people give you chocolate.

Diana's embarrassed.

DIANA

Very funny.

STEVE You don't believe me?

DIANA No. I think you're lying.

STEVE

I'm kidding, there's a difference. Must be fun living on a humorless, bloodthirsty island.

DIANA

Not all Amazon are like that. They were just afraid.

STEVE I was sensing some anger.

DIANA

After you help me find Galina, I'll take you to Washington. I won't kill you.

STEVE Generous offer. What if I don't help you?

DIANA That's not an option.

STEVE Is that so?

He looks back out the front window and Diana smiles smugly, feeling she has the upper hand.

In a flash, Steve WHIPS THE GOLDEN LASSO OFF HER BELT and once around her upper arms and torso.

She struggles against it, but the UNBREAKABLE lasso is already tied behind her.

CONTINUED: (2)

Just as quickly Steve moves around front and wraps it around her wrists as she grabs for him, strapping her wrists together against her legs.

Kneeling before her, Steve looks up triumphantly, face to face with Diana -

WHAM!

Diana head-butts Steve, knocking him back but also knocking her tiara off. The ruby fades out.

EXT. SKIES OVER THE ATLANTIC

The Jet turns visible and starts falling through the clouds.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Diana struggles against the lasso.

Steve sits up, a huge welt bleeding on his forehead. Dazed, he touches the wound and looks at Diana.

DIANA

Untie me!

STEVE How do you fly the jet?

DIANA Untie me or we're going to die!

STEVE Tell me or we will die!

The ocean rushes towards them out the cockpit window.

DIANA Give me the tiara!

Steve grabs the tiara off the floor.

STEVE Okay, now what?

DIANA Put it on me!!

STEVE The tiara flies the plane?

DIANA Put it on me! Steve puts it across his own forehead.

STEVE How does it work?

Diana sees the ocean waves fast approaching.

DIANA JUST FLY!!!

Steve spins around, facing the imminent collision and focuses intensely.

STEVE

Up. Up!

Steve closes his eyes, straining in concentration.

STEVE (CONT'D)

GO UP!

The jet pulls up, pulls up, it's not enough, it doesn't look like they're going to make it -

- it skims the top of the water once... twice... and finally RISES BACK IN THE AIR.

Steve collapses in his seat. Diana struggles, but she can't get free.

STEVE (CONT'D) Unbelievable!

Cut to EXTERIOR SHOT, the Jet banks to the left.

BACK INSIDE -

STEVE (CONT'D) How is this possible?!

Outside, the Jet banks up and hard to the right.

INSIDE -

STEVE (CONT'D) I never imagined -

DIANA Oh be quiet!

STEVE How does this thing work? Diana ignores him. STEVE (CONT'D) How do I look? DIANA Ridiculous. STEVE Look, I have to do something important in Washington. (beat) But after that, if you're good, I'll help you find your friend. I promise.

Diana looks out the window angrily.

DIANA Generous offer.

CUT TO:

EXT. INVISIBLE JET

A coastline comes into view through the stormy weather.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

The STATUE OF LIBERTY materializes out of the low storm off New York City.

Diana can't help but be surprised and a little awestruck by the statue of a toga wearing woman in Man's World.

DIANA Is that an Amazon?

STEVE No, it's the Statue of Liberty.

DIANA A goddess?

STEVE Kind of, I guess. She's Lady Liberty, lifting her torch to light the corners of the world.

Steve concentrates on flying the jet as lightning strikes nearby. They're both a little nervous.

DIANA Storms like this never reach Themyscira.

STEVE That's lucky.

BOOM! THE PLANE IS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

EXT. INVISIBLE JET

A BLUE ENERGY courses over the exterior of the jet, clearly outlining its form. The blue energy fades out, but now the INVISIBLE JET is visible again.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

The blue energy spiderwebs through the inside of the jet.

DIANA

Oh no.

STEVE That's not good, is it?

DIANA No. Untie me.

Steve feels the jet. It seems to be handling fine.

STEVE Nice try. I know somewhere we can land, hopefully without anyone spotting us.

INT. ARMY AIR SQUADRON BASE - DAY

CLOSE UP of a circular RADAR SCREEN. A green BLIP appears.

BASE OPERATOR Sir, we've got an unidentified craft two minutes from the Capitol!

EXT. ARMY AIR SQUADRON BASE

A propellered Army P39 AIRACOBRA screams down the runway and into the sky, followed by another, then another, and another.

INT. AIRACOBRA COCKPIT

The Airacobra PILOT radios in.

AIRACOBRA PILOT Base, we have visual of a bogey headed towards mainland. I've never seen anything like it. BASE OPERATOR (0.S.) Move into escort formation and establish contact.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Diana and Steve see the Airacobras approaching.

STEVE

Oh sh-

DIANA

Shake them!

EXT. SKIES OVER CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Airacobras turn and pull into formation behind the Jet.

INT. AIRACOBRA COCKPIT

The pilot maneuvers his P39 closer to the Jet.

AIRACOBRA PILOT Unknown aircraft, you must follow us in for an immediate landing. Do you read?

No response. He changes radio frequencies.

AIRACOBRA PILOT (CONT'D) Unknown aircraft, you are in violation of U.S. air space. Do you read?

He switches frequencies again.

AIRACOBRA PILOT (CONT'D) Base, bogey does not respond.

BASE OPERATOR (O.S.) You are authorized to take the bird down.

AIRACOBRA PILOT Roger that.

EXT. SKIES OVER CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Airacobras break into attack formation.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Steve sees what's happening.

STEVE They're going to attack! DIANA Give me the tiara! (beat) Steve...

Steve looks at Diana, then back to the Airacobras, then to Diana.

He takes the tiara off and places it on her head.

Her eyes narrow as she looks straight out the window.

EXT. SKIES OVER CHESAPEAKE BAY

The Jet rockets forward, gaining distance from the Airacobras.

INT. AIRACOBRA COCKPIT

The pilot fires his machine guns as the Jet pulls away.

AIRACOBRA PILOT Base, that thing just took off! We're not going to catch it.

BASE OPERATOR (O.S.) What do you mean took off?

AIRACROBRA PILOT I can't keep up. It's heading over Washington!

BASE OPERATOR (O.S.) Roger that. Intercept dispatched.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Diana levels out over D.C. as TWO MORE P39's appear in front of her, firing their guns in an INSANE GAME OF CHICKEN.

STEVE

Watch out!

EXT. THE MALL OF WASHINGTON DC

CIVILIANS mill about the NATIONAL MALL under the gloomy sky, including a field trip of FOURTH GRADERS.

TEACHER The cornerstone of the Washington Monument was laid on July 4, 1848 -

AIR RAID SIRENS scream to life.

The Jet races overhead towards the two Airacobras.

KID 1

Wow!

KID 2

Wow!

TEACHER (screaming) Aaaaaaaaahhh!!!!

EXT. THE MALL OF WASHINGTON

The Jet turns on its side as machine gun fire skims its belly and slips right *between* the two Airacobras, but now it's -

HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT!

INT. WHITE JET

Steve's eyes are as wide as saucers and Diana clenches her jaw as they both press back against their seats.

DIANA Hera, give me strength!

EXT. THE MALL OF WASHINGTON

The Jet veers straight up at a seemingly impossible angle, clears the top of the Washington Monument - and VANISHES.

The fourth graders ERUPT IN CHEERS!

The teacher FAINTS.

INT. AIRACOBRA COCKPIT

The pilot is dumbfounded.

AIRACOBRA PILOT What the hell happened? It disappeared! Base, do you copy that? Bogey has vanished into thin air.

BASE OPERATOR (0.S.) Roger that. It disappeared from our screen as well.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Having safely escaped, they find a spot to land outside the city.

STEVE Can you put it down there?

The plane slows and settles in for a vertical landing.

Diana looks out the window. She did it! She's in Man's World!

Her excited smile disappears as Steve plucks the tiara off her head.

STEVE (CONT'D) I'll hang on to this.

EXT. ARLINGTON CEMETERY - DAY

The sun soaks an empty hillside. Diana and Steve emerge from the jet and the door reseals behind them.

Diana wears Steve's black coat, now stripped of any Nazi emblems. It partially conceals her toga and her wrists still bound by the Golden Lasso.

THOUSANDS OF WHITE CROSSES stretch over the hills of the cemetery as far as the eye can see. Diana takes it in.

DIANA It's beautiful. What is it?

STEVE Arlington Cemetery.

DIANA Cemetery? For bodies?

STEVE Yes. These are men who died fighting for the United States.

DIANA Each cross?

Steve nods.

Diana looks out over the hills of crosses stretching into the distance.

DIANA (CONT'D) So many... (beat) So the stories were true. STEVE What stories?

DIANA

All my life I've heard how Man thirsted for blood, and this is what you build a monument to? The death of your people?

STEVE These people sacrificed their lives so people they'd never meet could be free. They're honored for that sacrifice.

Diana is silent. A large American flag waves in the distance.

STEVE (CONT'D) Those colors bring hope to a lot of

people. You don't know what the Nazis are capable of, do you?

DIANA

The same atrocities all Men are, I imagine. I'm not here to take sides in your war.

STEVE You're going to look for this Galina in the middle of our war.

DIANA

I have to. I have to show them...

STEVE

What?

DIANA

Nothing.

STEVE

Look, I make a living finding hard-tofind-things in dangerous places. I have to take care of some business before I can leave. It won't take long. If you'll wait, I'll come to Germany with you and help you find Galina.

DIANA

Why will you help me?

STEVE You saved my life. CONTINUED: (2)

Steve unties the Golden Lasso from her wrists, setting her free, and hands the tiara back to her.

STEVE (CONT'D) Not all men are evil, Diana.

CUT TO:

INT. PAULA VON GUNTHER'S BEDROOM - DAY

A man rolls off a woman, immediately post-coitus. They're both out of breath.

He is GERBERT FLEISCHER, a Nazi Luftwaffe Colonel and aeronautics engineer with an expensive haircut.

The woman is PAULA VON GUNTHER, whom we met earlier feeding the bound woman.

They speak with German accents.

GERBERT That was fantastic.

Paula pulls on a silk robe and moves to her vanity to fix her hair and makeup.

PAULA

Mm-hmm.

Gerbert grabs his pants off the headboard and pulls out a pack of cigarettes.

PAULA (CONT'D) You know I don't like you smoking in here.

Gerbert lights up anyway.

PAULA (CONT'D)

Put it out.

Gerbert smiles and takes another drag. Paula turns to face him.

PAULA (CONT'D) Put. It. Out.

Gerbert takes one more drag, then snubs it out. Paula takes a stack of papers from her vanity and hands them to him.

> GERBERT What is this?

PAULA

You know what this is! The Grecian authorities are trying to block the Parthenon dig. You said you could get the Fuhrer's signature before I leave tonight.

Gerbert takes the papers and looks them over.

GERBERT Oh yes. I remember now, you wanted that. And I thought you invited me over for a friendly visit.

He picks up his cigarette and relights it. Paula is unhappy, but allows it.

GERBERT (CONT'D) Your solution for the Amerika Bomber fixed our navigation problem. That metal was perfect. The fleet is ready to go, so I'll see you in Athens. I'll bring the papers with me.

PAULA No. I need them signed today while Herr Hitler is in his offices. I've waited six months for this, I cannot wait any more!

GERBERT Come to my send-off at Spottenhof tomorrow night and then we can go to Greece together.

PAULA The equipment is sitting there waiting for me, Gerbert. I'm leaving tonight.

Paula sits on the bed beside him, her robe falling off her shoulder.

PAULA (CONT'D) Don't toy with me.

GERBERT How did you know?

PAULA

What?

GERBERT The Amerika Bomber. How does an archeologist know so much about aviation?

PAULA I told you I don't know a thing.

GERBERT

Didn't you say the technology was from an ancient society, some scrolls you found?

PAULA

Yes, from a dig in Greece last year.

GERBERT

What was the name of the society? I forget.

Paula humors him, but doesn't like it.

PAULA They called themselves the Amazon. A

warrior tribe of women.

GERBERT And it was from these scrolls that you were able to draw the blueprints you've been giving me.

PAULA

Yes and you've made a fortune and you promised in return you'd get my projects through, so now I need those papers signed!

GERBERT

The blueprints gave no indication of how to fix the problem. Where did you get that metal?

PAULA From the dig.

GERBERT Why do I think there's something you're not telling me?

PAULA Because you don't trust anyone.

Paula pulls her robe back over her shoulder.

GERBERT I want to see these scrolls.

PAULA You cannot. They're not here.

Gerbert sets her papers down.

GERBERT I can wait. But I'm not getting these signed until you show me.

A beat. Paula's unsure -

PAULA You wouldn't believe me if I told you. Just trust me, Gerbert.

GERBERT

I'm not so sure I should get these papers signed at all. What's so important about the Parthenon, anyway?

Paula knows she's cornered.

PAULA There are no scrolls. A year ago, in Greece, I met a woman named Galina.

INT. PAULA VON GUNTHER'S OFFICE - DAY

Paula talks to GALINA, the bound woman from the basement, but we do not hear what they say.

PAULA (V.O.) She told me she was an Amazon and that a powerful treasure was hidden beneath the Acropolis. She knew I was an archaeologist and needed my help to retrieve it without anyone's interference. She trusted me. At first I didn't believe her, but she showed me unbelievable feats of strength -

EXT. PARK - DAY

Galina leaps tall buildings and bends a lamppost with her hands.

PAULA (V.O.) - and her airplane. It was an astounding piece of technology. I knew it could be used for the Fatherland. (MORE) PAULA (V.O.) (CONT'D) I told her I would help her with the excavation if she would give me designs for her plane.

INT. PAULA VON GUNTHER'S BEDROOM

PAULA Those are the blueprints I gave you. When you had questions, I went to her.

GERBERT

I want to meet her.

PAULA No. I have her secured.

GERBERT Show me, and I'll get your papers signed.

INT. BASEMENT - NIGHT

CU on a piece of discarded, shredded rope.

Galina is cutting herself loose. She's taken a shard of the broken bowl and cut through her wrist constraints and is furiously working on the ropes binding her legs.

INT. HALLWAY

Paula, now dressed, unlocks a door, Gerbert right behind her in his Luftwaffe uniform.

PAULA Don't speak to her.

GERBERT If she's so strong, how were you able to capture her?

PAULA They're weak when their wrists are bound.

GERBERT How did you bind her wrists?

PAULA Horse tranquilizers.

GERBERT

Hmm.

Gerbert takes out his gun.

PAULA You won't need that.

INT. BASEMENT

Paula opens the door as Galina RUSHES THEM!

Before she can get to Paula, A SHOT RINGS OUT, hitting her in the chest, then - BAM - a quick second in the head.

Galina falls over dead.

PAULA

NOOOO!!

Paula runs over and holds Galina, feeling hopelessly for a pulse.

PAULA (CONT'D) What have you done? She's dead!

GERBERT You said she was dangerous! She was going to attack you.

PAULA It would have been fine! Do you realize what you've done? There's no telling what we could have learned from her.

GERBERT There must be others.

PAULA

You idiot!

GERBERT Well, you got what you needed out of her. (beat) I'll get your papers signed tonight.

EXT. STEVE'S APARTMENT BUILDING - AFTERNOON

A MAN AND HIS SIX YEAR OLD DAUGHTER sit on a bench outside an apartment building, waiting for the bus.

Steve and Diana walk to the front door, but Diana stops at the little girl.

The girl looks over her dad's shoulder and smiles at Diana. Diana smiles back. The girl lifts one hand and waves as the bus pulls up and the man boards with her. Steve holds the door to his building open.

STEVE Are you coming in?

DIANA I've never seen a child before.

STEVE Aww. Let's go.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT BUILDING

Steve and Diana enter a hallway.

Outside his door, Steve removes a small piece of floor molding. He takes a key from behind it and unlocks the door.

DIANA Why do you lock your door?

STEVE Because I want my stuff to be here when I get back. Watch your step.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

Steve's one bedroom apartment is small but neat. Pictures, books, and awards highlight the decor. He flips the lights on.

STEVE Phew. Sorry about the smell, I haven't been home in a while.

DIANA Does that thing on the wall make the lights appear?

STEVE

Yeah.

DIANA What is it?

STEVE A light switch.

She flicks the lights off and on, off and on while he opens a window overlooking the street.

DIANA Does everyone live in such small spaces? STEVE Well, we don't all get to live in a palace.

Steve walks into his bedroom to change clothes

DIANA When are we going to Germany?

STEVE (0.S.) Soon. As soon as I get back.

Diana picks up a picture of Steve in his Air Corps pilot suit, standing beside his father, Senator Trevor, who wears a proud smile.

> DIANA What's this?

Steve returns buttoning a clean shirt.

STEVE A photograph of me at my Air Corps graduation.

DIANA A photograph? Who is this man with you?

STEVE My father.

DIANA Your father.

STEVE I want to ask you something.

Diana doesn't take her eyes off the picture.

DIANA

Yes?

STEVE If there are no men on your island, how did you... I mean...

DIANA

What?

STEVE How were you born? DIANA My mother gave birth to me.

STEVE But who's your father?

DIANA I don't have one.

Diana sets the photo down and picks up another, this one of a six year old Steve and a much younger Senator Trevor, standing in ARLINGTON CEMETERY.

Little Steve clutches a tiny bunch of flowers and looks down to a grave bearing the name MARY TREVOR.

DIANA (CONT'D) Who is this?

STEVE Me and my dad.

DIANA

You? (she looks at the photo) This is that cemetery.

STEVE My mom's buried there. She died in the Great War. She was a translator.

Steve buttons his last button.

STEVE (CONT'D) Alright, I'll be back as soon as I can. The bathroom's in there, the kitchen's in there but I wouldn't touch anything that's not in a sealed can. Stay out of trouble until I get back.

DIANA What am I supposed to do?

Steve's already out the door.

Diana looks back at the light switch. She flips it on, then off, then on, then off...

INT. GENERAL DURGAN'S OFFICE - LATE AFTERNOON

General Durgan, 55, talks into one of five phones on his desk. Heavy-set and graying, he hasn't slept well since the war started.

54.

GENERAL DURGAN I'm telling you it's critical we find Steve Trevor and you're telling me about choppy water? (listens) You realize his father is a United States Senator? I'd hate to tell him you were making excuses instead of finding his son.

One of the other phones rings.

GENERAL DURGAN (CONT'D)

Better!

He slams down the phone and grabs the ringing one.

GENERAL DURGAN (CONT'D)

What?

MISS DOOLITTLE (O.S.) Steve Trevor's here to see you.

EXT. GENERAL DURGAN'S OFFICE ENTRY

The General's secretary, Miss Doolittle, sits at her desk with the phone still at her ear and a cigarette dangling from her mouth.

The door bursts open and General Durgan rushes out.

GENERAL DURGAN Steve Trevor! What the, Hethel said you went down!

STEVE I did. I'm sorry to come to the office, but this is urgent.

GENERAL DURGAN Of course. Come in, come in. Miss Doolittle, hold my calls. (to Steve) What happened?

He and Steve go into his office, Durgan shutting the door behind them.

Miss Doolittle lifts up her phone, unscrews the earpiece and flips a secret switch inside. She puts the phone to her ear and we hear what she hears – $\,$

GENERAL DURGAN (O.S.) (CONT'D) Not a scratch on you! What happened?

STEVE (O.S.) All right listen, this is going to sound crazy but it's the truth.

INT. GENERAL DURGAN'S OFFICE

Durgan perches on the front of his desk, hanging on Steve's every word.

STEVE

The Nazis have a jet called the Amerika Bomber and they're planning to hit New York and DC. Soon, I think.

GENERAL DURGAN

What?!

STEVE

Okay, I know this sounds crazy but - (he takes a deep breath)

- I got pictures of the America Bomber blueprints but I got shot and escaped by stealing one of the America Bombers but ran out of fuel and crashed on this island full of an advanced race of women called Amazons who have healing powers and chariots that fly and they sentenced me to death except Diana busted me out and we escaped in an *invisible* jet that you fly by wearing this metal headpiece that somehow communicates your thoughts to the jet and I flew it back here to warn you that the Germans could hit New York or the Capitol any day!

INT. GENERAL DURGAN'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

Miss Doolittle listens in on the conversation.

GENERAL DURGAN (O.S.) Well where's the proof? Where are the blueprints, you said you got shot -

STEVE (O.S.) The Amazon exposed the film - INT. GENERAL DURGAN'S OFFICE - CONTINUOUS

STEVE - and they put this stuff on the bullet wound that healed it completely.

Steve pulls open his shirt, revealing his perfect shoulder.

STEVE (CONT'D) See? No scar!

GENERAL DURGAN That's not much proof.

STEVE

I still have a good contact with Gerbert Fleischer. He's leaving for Greece tomorrow, I think that's where they're building the jets. Maybe I can go with him as Alexander Weldon, "trusted American financier".

GENERAL DURGAN It's out of the question.

STEVE

Why?

GENERAL DURGAN

Number one, you blew your cover, and number two... I have to be honest, Steve, you sound like you're out of your mind.

STEVE

Diana's in my apartment, you can meet her right now. Just warn the President about the America Bomber.

GENERAL DURGAN Okay, Steve, okay. If you can show me this Amazon, I'll call the President.

CUT TO:

Miss Doolittle nearly jumps out of her seat as General Durgan opens the door and pokes his head out.

GENERAL DURGAN (CONT'D) Miss Doolittle -

She puts the phone back on the receiver as if ending a call.

GENERAL DURGAN (CONT'D) - could you get a couple of MPs to meet me at Steve Trevor's apartment? (whispers) And have them bring Dr. Samuels.

MISS DOOLITTLE Right away General. Don't forget I'm on vacation next week.

The General turns back to Steve.

GENERAL DURGAN Alright, Steve. Show me your Amazon.

EXT. WAR DEPARTMENT

A tall phone booth with an accordion door stands across the street from the War Department. Miss Doolittle hurries across the street and steps inside.

INT. PHONE BOOTH

She closes the door and dials the operator.

MISS DOOLITTLE I need an open line to Switzerland, please, 1309.

OPERATOR (O.S.) One moment.

After a brief clicking noise a swiss operator picks up.

SWISS OPERATOR (O.S.)

Halla -

MISS DOOLITTLE Hochste O Priotat fur Herr Oberst Fleischer en Duetchland! (subtitle) Highest priority for Fleischer in Germany!

SWISS OPERATOR (O.S.) Ze, Heil Hitler.

The call is connected.

GERBERT (O.S.)

Hallo.

MISS DOOLITTLE Herr Fleischer, the spy is here, the one who stole your plane.

GERBERT (0.S.) In Washington? The Americans have the plane?!

MISS DOOLITTLE No. He told the General he crashed on an island full of women called Amazons.

GERBERT (O.S.)

What?

MISS DOOLITTLE (SUBTITLE) The plane was destroyed in the crash.

GERBERT

What did he say about the Amazons?

MISS DOOLITTLE

I couldn't quite understand. The General thinks he has gone insane.

GERBERT

I don't care about the General! What did the spy say about Amazons?

MISS DOOLITTLE

He said they were very strong and one of them is in his apartment right now. Her name is... Diana. He insists on showing this woman to the General. Durgan had me send two MPs and a doctor to meet them at Major Trevor's apartment.

GERBERT

Major Trevor?

MISS DOOLITTLE Major Steve Trevor, the spy.

GERBERT (O.S.)

This Amazon woman, Diana, I want her captured. Send a couple of men over there before anyone else arrives and GET HER!

MISS DOOLITTLE Immediately, Herr Fleischer. GERBERT I want her unharmed. Tell them to use horse tranquilizers if she resists.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT - EVENING

Diana looks out the window as a light rain falls. Across the street, a billboard features the iconic UNCLE SAM, pointing directly at her: I WANT YOU!

She picks up a TIME MAGAZINE with THE STATUE OF LIBERTY on the cover over the title: HOW FAR CAN FREEDOM SHINE?

She flips through it, speed reading an article entitled THE VILLAINY OF HITLER, and then another called WHAT'S WRONG WITH GERMANY?

OUTSIDE THE WINDOW -

- across the street, a BLACK SEDAN pulls to a stop with three MOTORCYCLES behind it.

Diana comes to a picture of a woman dressed in glamorous 40's couture.

She looks at herself in a mirror wearing her white toga. She looks back at a picture in the magazine of a woman in a beautiful red evening gown.

Diana stands up in front of the mirror. She sets the magazine down, taking one last look at the photo.

She touches Aphrodite's Golden Belt and closes her eyes.

Slowly her white toga MELTS into the exact red dress from the photo, her hair the same style, and her thick Amazon bracelets turn into dainty gold chains.

She admires herself before flipping the page to a femme fatale. Her outfit TRANSFORMS to match the new picture. She smiles at herself in the mirror.

She tries another picture: a SECRETARY'S NAVY SKIRT AND JACKET, HER HAIR IN A BUN, AND BLACK RIMMED GLASSES. She wrinkles her nose at her reflection.

The dress morphs into the battle armor she wore in the coliseum.

DIANA

Better...

BOOM!

The front door IS KICKED IN AND FOUR MASKED MEN RUSH INTO THE ROOM!

Two head straight for Diana while a third TRIPS ON THE WAY IN, blocking the fourth.

Diana GRABS ONE BY THE THROAT WHILE SWEEPING THE LEGS OUT FROM UNDER THE OTHER. She hurls the one by his neck into the wall, where he leaves a hefty dent.

She turns to the last two Nazi, only yards from her, as they pull out tranquilizer guns -

BAM! One fires -

BING! Diana instinctively BLOCKS THE SHOT with her AMAZON BRACELET and -

WHACK! The dart DEFLECTS BACK AT THE FOURTH NAZI, hitting him in the chest. He looks down, pulls the dart out and falls over, unconscious.

The first two Nazis get up and draw their Luger pistols.

NAZI THUG 1 Sie ist Amazonfrau! (subtitle) She is the Amazon woman!

DIANA Wie weisst Du von Amazon?! (subtitle) How do you know of the Amazon?!

NAZI THUG 2 Schiesst ihr Bein! (subtitle) Shoot her in the leg!

They fire at her legs and she jumps back, barely missing the bullets. Unfortunately directly behind her is a large window and -

EXT. STEVE'S APARTMENT BUILDING

- Diana CRASHES THROUGH THE WINDOW, falling amidst shattered glass through the air before -

CRASH! She lands on a car parked in the alley below, smashing in the roof.

The three German thugs drag themselves to their feet and walk to the window. They look down and see a large dent in the car below but no Diana.

NAZI THUG 1

Scheisse!

They grab their unconscious comrade and race out the front door.

CUT TO

EXT. ALLEYWAY

Diana lies on the ground next to the car. Having rolled off the far side, she could not be seen from the window above. Banged and bruised, she tries to catch her breath.

EXT. D.C. STREET

The Nazis slump their comrade into the black sedan and jump on their motorcycles.

EXT. ALLEYWAY

THREE MOTORCYCLES roar to life nearby.

Diana lifts her head and sees the three Nazis race past the mouth of the alleyway in front of her.

She pushes herself onto her knees with a look of determination.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

POV through the broken window, Diana races into the street after the Nazis.

STEVE (O.S.) What the hell?!

PAN OVER TO -

Steve rushes into the empty apartment.

STEVE (CONT'D)

Diana!

No reply.

STEVE (O.S.) (CONT'D) The window's broken! She's not here. I don't understand.

GENERAL DURGAN Why don't you just have a seat, Steve? It's all going to be all right.

EXT. D.C. STREETS

Diana races behind the motorcycles as RAIN pounds the deserted city street.

They take a right corner up ahead and she takes a sharp right, leaping onto the rooftop to cut them off.

She jumps past a billboard with Wonder Woman creator DR. WILLIAM MOULTON MARSTON declaring, "LIE DETECTOR tells all! Men prefer Gilette Razors!" - a real ad from the 1940's featuring Marston, who also created the lie detector.

The Nazis take another right and Diana leaps off the edge of the building, landing in the street twenty yards in front of them.

The Nazis slam on their brakes and encircle Diana.

For a moment all is silent except for the motorcycles revving. Diana looks at her opponents.

SHE RACES FOR THE CLOSEST ONE, but he hits the gas and peels away before she can reach him.

The Nazis race around her, slowly tightening their circle so she can't grab any one of them. They pull out their guns.

Diana whips the GOLDEN LASSO from her belt and grips the middle with both hands, allowing the ends to fall to either side.

IN AN AWESOME OVERHEAD SHOT she whips the lasso around her head and the ends RIPPLE OUT LIKE A SHOCK WAVE. Its magic allows it to extend far beyond its normal length until each end catches a Nazi with a loud CRACK.

Diana jerks the lasso back and A GOLD FLARE SHOOTS DOWN ITS LENGTH, instantly retracting and yanking the riders off.

THEY FLY OVER THEIR HANDLEBARS AND COLLIDE WITH EACH OTHER almost directly overhead.

The unmanned cycles CRASH THROUGH A STORE WINDOW.

A ripple runs through the lasso as it rolls back into a perfect coil, which Diana replaces at her side.

She grabs one of the Nazis off the ground and lifts him by his neck off his feet.

DIANA Wie weisst Du von Amazon?! (subtitle) How do you know of the Amazon?!

The Nazi behind her pulls out his tranquilizer gun.

BAM!

PING! With a quick glance behind her Diana deflects the tranquili-

STICK! The Nazi she's holding JABS A TRANQUILIZER IN HER NECK!

Diana drops him and grabs at the needle as she stumbles backwards.

The two Nazis advance on her. She whips her lasso forward. The Nazis duck, thinking it's aimed at them -

Instead, it catches the William Moulton Marston billboard, and she DRAGS IT CRASHING DOWN, FLATTENING THEM.

WHACK! The third Nazi hits Diana IN THE BACK OF THE NECK WITH ANOTHER TRANQUILIZER.

She reaches up and pulls that dart out too.

DIANA'S POV: Her vision blurs badly. The rain is coming down hard. The two flattened Nazis start to get up when -

HOOOOONNNNK!!!

BAM! Diana is HIT BY A CAR!

She FLIES THROUGH THE AIR and CRASHES INTO THE GROUND.

The car's front is smashed in and the terribly shaken DRIVER looks up.

BAM! BAM! The Nazis shoot the driver as they pass the car, advancing on Diana.

Diana looks into the sky and her tiara's ruby flares.

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She pushes herself to her feet and the Nazis fire at her again.

She leaps onto a nearby building but MISSES THE ANGLE AND STUMBLES, grabbing hold of the roof to keep from falling. She drunkenly pulls herself up as she gets hit one more time in the leg.

The Nazis take off after her.

INT. STEVE'S APARTMENT

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK

Steve opens the door to find two MPs and psychiatrist DR. SAMUELS.

DR. SAMUELS Good evening, Major Trevor.

Steve turns to Durgan.

STEVE What is he doing here?

GENERAL DURGAN You just need a little break, that's all. Let them in.

Steve looks at the MPs. They're both about 6'5", 250.

STEVE Do I have a choice?

DR. SAMUELS We all have choices, Major Trevor.

Steve stands back to let them in. The MPs enter, moving Steve back into the apartment, but Dr. Samuels trips on the step-up and GOES FLYING.

His briefcase spills open and a STRAITJACKET slides out. Dr. Samuels quickly tucks it back into the case and gets to his feet.

DR. SAMUELS (CONT'D) Shall we get started?

GENERAL DURGAN Have a seat, Steve.

STEVE Sure. Just give me a minute. On top of the building DIANA struggles to her feet and leans against a wall. Soaking wet, rain streams down her face.

She looks up to see a rectangle of light appear in the sky as the Invisible Jet's door opens above her.

INT. STEVE'S BATHROOM

Steve locks himself in the bathroom.

STEVE Okay, there's gotta be a way out of this. Think, Trevor. Think, think, think.

INT. NAZI SURVEILLANCE CAR - OUTSIDE STEVE'S APARTMENT

The unconscious NAZI wakes up in his car, still very groggy. The rain beats down on the car until -

THE SOUND OF THE RAIN SUDDENLY STOPS... but it's still raining all around on the street...

The driver looks up out the window but sees nothing. He shakes his head, trying to shake off the tranquilizer.

INT. STEVE'S BATHROOM

Steve opens the small bathroom window and looks out. Nothing but pouring rain and a car for four stories.

He turns away from the window, desperate to find some way out of this mess.

DIANA (O.S.)

Steve!

He looks back out the window.

EXT. STEVE'S APARTMENT BUILDING

Rain pours everywhere except on the Nazi's car. He gets out with his gun and looks up. Steve is SQUEEZING OUT OF THE SMALL BATHROOM WINDOW.

EXT. STEVE'S BATHROOM WINDOW

Steve stands up on a thin ledge and looks over a dozen feet to Diana, standing in a hole in the sky, holding herself up against the door frame. CONTINUED:

DIANA

Jump!

STEVE I can't jump that far. Come closer!

DIANA I can't get any closer! Hop on the wing and get in.

STEVE

The wing?

Steve sees no wing, just four stories straight down.

STEVE (CONT'D) Turn it on!

The jet becomes slightly visible, parts of it blinking in and out of visibility. Diana is having trouble staying conscious.

Steve goes to step onto the wing and it floats away from the ledge. He almost falls off.

DIANA

Sorry.

STEVE What are you, drunk?

BANG!

A bullet flies into the bathroom window beside Steve, shattering it.

STEVE

Ahhh!

NAZI (O.S.) WAS IST DAS?!! (subtitle) WHAT IS THAT?!!

DIANA I can't hold it, Steve.

From inside the apartment comes a banging on the bathroom door $\-$

GENERAL DURGAN (O.S.) Steve! Steve! Are you all right?

EXT. STEVE'S APARTMENT BUILDING

The Nazi watches as Steve JUMPS OUT FROM THE LEDGE -

and APPEARS TO WALK ON AIR before JUMPING INTO NOTHINGNESS.

NAZI Gott in Himmel! (subtitle) God in Heaven!

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Steve catches Diana as she collapses.

STEVE What's wrong with you?

DIANA They poisoned me. The Nazis know about Galina, Steve. They know...

Diana's POV: her eyes are getting heavy, Steve and the jet are fading out.

STEVE Then it's time we go to Germany.

Her world fades to black and we

FADE TO:

TITLE OVER: BERLIN

THERE'S A KNOCK IN THE DARKNESS. AN EYE SLIT OPENS IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCREEN AND A PAIR OF EYES PEER OUT INTO THE AUDIENCE. THE SLIT CLOSES AGAIN.

EXT. GERMAN ALLEY - NIGHT

Diana and Steve stand before a heavy door in a dark alley. Steve wears a tuxedo with a white dinner jacket.

Diana is in the beautiful red dress from TIME Magazine, with dainty bracelets on each wrist.

Steve pulls the front of Diana's dress down, exposing cleavage. She slaps his hand.

DIANA

Stop it!

STEVE Gerbert's gotta like you if this is going to work, so the more he can see of you the better.

DIANA

Fine.

She pulls her neckline back down barely an inch.

DIANA (CONT'D) I'm scared.

STEVE

Get brave.

The door swings open.

DOORMAN Herr Weldon, es tut mir freud Ihr zu sehen. (subtitle) Herr Weldon, so good to see you.

INT. SPATENHOF CLUB

Music blares as young uniformed Luftwaffe Nazis dance joyously with young Aryan hotties, 1940's style. Drinks are flowing and the dance floor is full. Except for the SWASTIKAS, it looks like a USO function.

STEVE LEADS DIANA BY THE HAND through the crowd.

Men and woman dancing closely, suggestively. One couple make out on the dance floor. Diana's jaw drops.

DIANA I've never seen anything like this!

Steve cuts her a look and whisper-yells at her.

STEVE

(sotto) Get in character!

Steve sees GERBERT, oozing confidence in his Luftwaffe Colonel's uniform and owner of the best seat in the house.

Steve and Diana walk along the edge of the dance floor to Gerbert's table.

DIANA Look at them!

STEVE

Shh!

Gerbert jumps to his feet as Steve and Diana reach his table.

GERBERT

Alexander!

He thinks Steve is Alexander Weldon, a rich American industrialist in league with the Nazis.

STEVE

Gerbert! You sound surprised to see me.

Gerbert hits Steve hard in the shoulder where he was shot. Steve doesn't flinch.

STEVE (CONT'D) Good to see you too.

Gerbert hits him in the other shoulder, EVEN HARDER.

Steve hits Gerbert in the chest and knocks him back.

GERBERT I knew it! I knew it wasn't you!

He hugs Steve.

GERBERT (CONT'D) I didn't think I'd ever see you again!

STEVE It's not the first time you've doubted me.

GERBERT And who is this lovely creature?

STEVE Diana, may I present Gerbert Fleischer, scoundrel extraordinaire. Gerbert, this is my new secretary, Diana Prince.

Gerbert almost does a double take.

Diana?

GERBERT

(beat) Your secretary? You slay me, Alex. I am delighted to make your acquaintance, Miss Prince. DIANA Likewise, Herr Fleischer.

Gerbert kisses Diana's hand.

GERBERT

Please, sit.

Steve makes sure Diana sits next to Gerbert.

UNDER THE TABLE, she wipes Gerbert's kiss off with her napkin.

GERBERT (CONT'D) And to think I thought you might be a spy.

STEVE

A spy?

GERBERT Didn't you hear what happened at the base this week?

STEVE

No.

GERBERT One of the new planes was stolen. The pilot said it was you.

STEVE Me? How would he know me?

GERBERT You remember the the banquet where you met the Führer?

STEVE

Yes.

GERBERT

The man you sat next to was Klaus Werner, the number one pilot in the Luftwaffe. Klaus shot the spy who stole the plane in the shoulder two nights ago, but you have no gunshot wound.

STEVE Yeah, I guess you've got a mystery on your hands.

Gerbert smiles at Steve.
GERBERT (shouting) Champagne fur meine freunde! (subtitle) Champagne for my friends! (to Diana) Tell me how you came into the employ of our dear Alex.

STEVE Careful, Diana. Gerbert's a bad boy. He drinks too much and has no respect for woman.

GERBERT Pay no attention to the man throwing stones in a glass house, Fräulein. May I call you Diana?

DIANA Of course, Herr Fleischer.

She leans in like she has a secret.

DIANA (CONT'D) Can I tell you something?

GERBERT

Of course.

DIANA I like bad boys.

Gerbert's eyebrows raise.

GERBERT Now that's a pleasant surprise.

The drinks arrive and Gerbert toasts.

GERBERT (CONT'D) (to Diana) To beauty newly discovered.

They all drink. Diana coughs.

GERBERT (CONT'D)

Let's dance.

DIANA Oh, Herr Fleischer, I don't know...

Gerbert takes the glass from her.

DIANA (CONT'D) We just met. GERBERT What better way to get acquainted? You don't mind, do you, Alex? STEVE Not at all. Diana cuts Steve a look as Gerbert leads her away. INT. SPATENHOF DANCE FLOOR Diana moves well enough with Gerbert, mimicking the slow dancers around her. GERBERT Tell me, Diana, how do you know Alex? DIANA I'm his secretary. GERBERT That's right, he said that. Do you take... dic-tation? Diana smiles, realizing there's a joke she's not getting. DIANA I do all the normal secretarial things. GERBERT I'll bet you do. So you're American? DIANA Um... yes. GERBERT How long have you been in Germany on this trip? DIANA Just a few days. GERBERT And so you were with Alex two nights ago? DIANA ... yes...

GERBERT Here in Berlin? DIANA

Why are you so interested in my boring schedule? Your life must be very exciting. I bet you have wonderful stories.

GERBERT

Too many to count.

DIANA

Tell me one.

GERBERT There are so many -

DIANA Tell me about the most unusual woman you've ever met.

GERBERT The most unusual woman?

DIANA Yes. Do you ever take women prisoners?

Gerbert smiles slyly as the song winds down.

GERBERT Would you like to be my captive?

Diana bites her lip.

DIANA As long as you don't tie me up.

Gerbert gets a tap on his shoulder.

STEVE May I cut in?

Gerbert isn't happy, but he steps aside.

GERBERT Thank you for the dance, Fräulein. If you ever get tired of working for Alex, I have a position beneath me waiting for you.

DIANA I don't think I will, but thank you, Gerbert. GERBERT

We'll see. Why don't you two come to Greece with me? The whole fleet of new planes is ready, Alex. I could take you for a spin.

A beat -

STEVE Sure, I'd love to see them.

GERBERT That will give us a chance to spend more time together, Diana. Perhaps we can continue our conversation then.

In perfect German -

DIANA Danke sehr, geeherte Herr oberst. Ganz schon. (subtitle) Thank you Gerbert. I'd like that.

Gerbert smiles, charmed by Diana's perfect German.

GERBERT (subtitle) As would I. Until we meet again.

Steve takes Diana in his arms and dances away with her.

DIANA What are you doing? I was just getting to the point.

STEVE Pace yourself, don't be too eager. I tell you what though, you're a natural.

DIANA Why do you say that?

STEVE You had him eating out of your hand by the time I broke in.

She doesn't get it.

DIANA Eating out of my hand? STEVE He likes you. DIANA He was asking where you were when. He suspects you. STEVE I'm good, don't worry about me. DIANA I'll talk to him on the train and find out if he knows anything about Galina.

STEVE If anyone knows anything, it's Gerbert. But be careful with him.

They look into each other's eyes. The slow song ends and the music picks up tempo in a sexy, passionate jazz piece.

DIANA I can't dance like that!

Steve puts his arm around the her waist and pulls her close.

STEVE Just move with me. I'll guide you.

DIANA No, Alex -

Steve guides them across the dance floor and Diana almost falls, stumbling in her heels. Steve catches her and smoothly lifts her as though it's part of the dance, and now they're face to face, inches apart.

Steve reaches up and gently slides a strand of hair off of Diana's face.

STEVE

Trust me.

He begins again, slower this time, and Diana moves with him. Something intuitive takes her over and soon they move as though they were the only two in the room.

The other dancers stop to watch them.

Steve dips Diana as the music stops. He lifts her back up and they look into each other's eyes...

STEVE (CONT'D) I should kiss you.

Diana lifts her head up so their lips are close. She wants this moment to continue, but is too afraid.

She pulls back, embarrassed.

DIANA I'm your secretary.

EXT. TRAIN TRACKS - DAY

The train whistle blows as steam blurs our view of the turning locomotive wheels.

INT. TRAIN - DAY

CU of a thick, luscious, moist wedge of CHOCOLATE CAKE. Diana takes the first bite. She nearly melts.

> DIANA (breathlessly) Great Hera.

She regains her composure, a little embarrassed by her reaction.

DIANA (CONT'D) (to Steve) So this is chocolate?

STEVE You gonna be all right?

Diana and Steve sit across from each other in the dining car as dreary countryside whizzes by outside.

Diana wears the SECRETARY'S OUTFIT with thick-rimmed glasses and her hair pulled back in a bun. She's the complete opposite of the glamor girl from the night before.

Two Nazi SS soldiers sit at the other end of the car. Steve gives a slight smile and a wave. They stare at him. Steve turns and looks behind him.

> STEVE (CONT'D) It's not like Gerbert to miss a meal.

DIANA You said he'd bother me less if I dressed this way. STEVE It's not that. Listen, tomorrow morning we're changing trains at Gerbert's base.

DIANA

So?

STEVE So stay as inconspicuous as possible. I don't want to be seen there.

DIANA

Why not?

Steve looks down at the Nazis. They're absorbed in conversation. Steve leans over and whispers.

STEVE (sotto) That's where I got the jet.

DIANA

What?!

Diana's reaction causes the Nazis to stop and look at them. Steve tries to laugh it off naturally.

> STEVE What? No, that's not what I said!

He's still laughing and the Nazis resume their conversation.

STEVE (CONT'D) You need to know when to exercise self control.

DIANA They might have Galina there. Why didn't you tell me? We could've just flown.

STEVE Because we still need Gerbert's help. (beat) Where is your jet?

DIANA Following us.

Gerbert enters the dining car, followed by six Nazi soldiers.

GERBERT What secrets are you two sharing? STEVE

Gerbert Fleischer, the most unattractive man in the Third Reich. What do you have to do to get a real drink around here?

GERBERT Alex, you remember Klaus Werner.

Steve's eyes betray his surprise as Klaus steps up behind Gerbert.

STEVE Of course -

KLAUS (shouts) Das ist er! Das ist er! (subtitle) That's him! That's him!

Klaus lunges past Gerbert and grabs Steve. Steve shoves him back as the soldiers RAISE THEIR GUNS.

Diana's chocolate cake HITS THE FLOOR.

GERBERT Macht Ende! Zieht mir ihn Schulter. (subtitle) Stop it! Show me his shoulder.

Klaus rips open Steve's shirt exposing -

Nothing. They look at the other shoulder, there is no wound.

STEVE What is going on here, Gerbert? I thought we were going to be in business together.

KLAUS Ich bin sicher, er ist der Spion. (subtitle) I'm certain he's the spy.

GERBERT If he were the spy you shot, he would have a wound.

KLAUS Aber -(subtitle) But -

GERBERT Ruhe! (subtitle) Silence! STEVE Spy? Gerbert, are you kidding me? GERBERT Gehe. Macht uns allein. (subtitle) Leave us alone. Go. (to Steve and Diana) Alex, my apologies. I told him he was mistaken about you and that you were on the train and he went mad. I didn't think you're a spy. You understand. STEVE Alright, so long as we're straight now. GERBERT Of course. He sees Diana's cake on the floor. GERBERT (CONT'D) Diana, your cake! What a horrible waste. My apologies. Let me get you another piece. He heads off to the cafeteria style food line. DIANA Maybe he's not so bad. INT. SLEEPING CAR - NIGHT A small five by ten foot room rattles along. With a small bed and a tiny table, there's barely room to move. The door opens and Gerbert shows Diana her sleeping car.

> GERBERT I think you'll be quite fine here. Alex, you're down the hall.

They disappear down the hall. Diana spots a small box on the bed.

She lifts it and opens the top. CHOCOLATES.

She takes one out, breathes in the aroma, closes her eyes and slips it between her lips,.

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GERBERT (O.S.) (CONT'D) Do you like them?

Diana nearly COUGHS IT UP and whirls around. Gerbert steps towards her and closes the door behind him.

DIANA Where's Alex?

GERBERT Getting settled.

He continues towards her seductively.

DIANA I don't have much, I should make sure he's okay.

She tries to squeeze past, but Gerbert doesn't make room. They're very close together.

GERBERT Alex is fine. There's no hurry.

DIANA You're being silly.

GERBERT Not as silly as I want to be.

He leans into her and -

KNOCK KNOCK

Diana puts a spin move on Gerbert that sends him FALLING ONTO THE BED, but he RIPS THE LAPEL of her jacket as he goes.

Steve walks into the room to see Gerbert on the bed and Diana flustered, with a torn jacket.

DIANA

Steve!

STEVE What's going on here?

Gerbert leans up and props his head on his hand, making himself comfortable.

GERBERT I was just - CONTINUED: (2)

Steve GRABS GERBERT BY THE FRONT OF HIS SHIRT and, in one motion, LIFTS HIM OFF THE BED AND THROWS HIM OUT THE DOOR.

It happened so fast, Steve looks down at Gerbert and realizes what he's done. He extends a hand to help Gerbert up.

STEVE Gerbert, I'm sorry, I -

GERBERT I knew she wasn't your secretary!

To Steve's surprise Gerbert takes his hand and gets up.

GERBERT (CONT'D) She must be some woman indeed. Eh, Alex?

STEVE Yes she's... very special.

Gerbert turns to Diana.

GERBERT My apologies, Miss Prince. I hope I did not offend.

DIANA No, it's fine.

GERBERT Then I'll take my leave.

Gerbert smiles and leaves.

DIANA (to Steve) Why'd you do that? I thought you wanted him to like me.

STEVE Yeah, I do, just... not that much.

An awkward silence.

STEVE (CONT'D) Well, good night. Good work today.

Steve shuts the door as he leaves.

Diana, touched by Steve's efforts to protect her, takes another chocolate.

EXT. NAZI BASE - DAY

The base bustles with activity and is served by a train yard, with tracks heading in both directions.

Diana steps off the train, followed by Steve, Gerbert, and a crowd of SS soldiers. Two armed soldiers remain attentively nearby.

Gerbert grabs one of the scattering soldiers.

GERBERT Diana, this soldier will escort you to the next train. (to soldier) Nach mein Zimmer, sechs und dreizig "deh". (subtitle) Put her in my room, 36D.

SOLDIER Yawohl Herr Oberst. (subtitle) Yes sir.

STEVE Where are we going?

GERBERT I want to show you something.

Diana looks to Steve, who nods. She leaves with the soldier.

GERBERT (CONT'D) (to Steve) Follow me.

EXT. TRAIN TRACKS

The soldier leads Diana across the tracks in the train yard towards the new train, but her heels keep catching in the tracks.

DIANA Ich muss mir halten? (subtitle) Do you mind if we stop?

Diana leans down to take off her shoe, and that's when she sees it.

Diana's POV: A TRAIN PACKED WITH PEOPLE, boxed in like animals, their limbs hanging out between the panels of several train cars.

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM

Gerbert and Steve come around the other side of the new train.

Dozens of soldiers are loading enormous FIREBOMBS into the last four cars on their new train.

STEVE What is this?

GERBERT The American skyscrapers will burn like torches in the night.

EXT. TRAIN TRACKS

Gaunt faces peer out of the narrow openings.

CLOSE ON DIANA, taking it in.

CLOSE ON a FATHER and his CRYING DAUGHTER inside the cattle car.

They look remarkably similar to the father and daughter Diana saw in DC, yet the circumstances couldn't be more different. The father holds his daughter, trying to comfort her.

CLOSE ON DIANA, and you can see it's affecting her.

An SS SOLDIER walks over to the little girl and shakes his gun at her.

SS SOLDIER Schliest maul! Schmutzig Rattechen! (subtitle) Quiet! You filthy little rat!

He smacks the girl's hand with the butt of his rifle and she screams in pain. The father yanks his daughter away from the Nazi.

FATHER Du bist ein Monster, ein Untier! (subtitle) You are a monster!

The Nazi AIMS HIS RIFLE at the father.

SS SOLDIER Diese Jude raus! (subtitle) Get this Jew out!

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM

Steve watches the last of the firebombs being loaded on the train.

GERBERT Tomorrow night, we strike America on her own soil.

STEVE Where's the fleet?

Gerbert's face lights up at someone approaching behind Steve.

GERBERT Ahh, Elsa! You've made it just in time!

Steve turns around and we see that it's -

MISS DOOLITTLE!

She looks at Steve.

MISS DOOLITTLE The American spy! That's him! That's Steve Trevor!

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM

Three Nazis pull the father from the train and push him to the edge of the platform.

NAZI Abnutz ein Kugel? Er ist bald eine Leiche. (subtitle) Do we waste a bullet? He's practically a corpse.

One of the Nazis laughs and lifts his gun, AIMING DIRECTLY AT THE FATHER'S HEAD.

CLOSE ON DIANA as the little girl screams hysterically.

GIRL Papa! Mein Papa! Instinctively Diana JUMPS FORWARD, SPINNING through the air and with a GOLDEN FLASH -

BOOM! WONDER WOMAN lands between the Nazi and the father!

Wonder Woman's outfit is a combination of her Amazon battle gear and the American flag, the costume we all know as Wonder Woman but slightly more combat ready. SHE LOOKS HOT.

The Nazi fires his gun -

PING! The bullet deflects off Wonder Woman's bracelet and hits the Nazis hand. He drops the gun to the ground.

WONDER WOMAN

FREE THEM!!

The Nazis stare in amazement for one moment before Wonder Woman RIPS THE SIDE OFF THE TRAIN CAR AND HURLS IT AT THEM.

Prisoners stream out.

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM

Three Nazis grab Steve from behind as they hear the commotion on the other side of the train.

GERBERT Stelle "Major Trevor" ins wagen und bind ihn fest. (subtitle) Put "Major Trevor" in the train and strap him down.

Gerbert and several Nazis climb up a ladder onto the train's roof to see what's happening.

EXT. TRAIN PLATFORM

A group of Nazis OPEN FIRE as the swarming prisoners hit the deck.

Wonder Woman DEFLECTS THE MACHINE GUN FIRE BACK AT THE SHOOTERS, who drop like flies.

The remaining Nazis freeze, unsure what to do.

Quick as a flash, Wonder Woman WHIPS HER LASSO at a pile of nearby railroad ties.

She YANKS the railroad ties through the air, SPINNING THEM LIKE TOPS. The individual ties spin apart and -

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ONE - TWO - THREE - FOUR - FIVE -

TAKE DOWN FIVE SOLDIERS RUNNING AT HER.

Wonder Woman runs to the next car and TEARS THAT DOOR OFF, releasing more prisoners.

She throws the train door through the air like a giant frisbee into the legs of a water tower and -

CRASH! The water tower collapses, CRUSHING ANOTHER GROUP OF SOLDIERS AND FLOODING THE STATION. The platform is in chaos when MACHINE GUN FIRE RIPS THROUGH THE AIR -

GERBERT (O.S.)

Diana!

Wonder Woman looks up to see Gerbert standing atop the train with a machine gun in hand.

GERBERT (CONT'D) Soldaten! Bereit jeder Jude zu schiessen-(subtitle) Soldiers! Prepare to shoot all of them -

Nazis all around the platform aim their rifles at the unarmed Jews. The crowd hits the ground and suddenly the platform is silent.

WONDER WOMAN Gerbert, no!

GERBERT Bereit halt! (subtitle) Hold your fire! (to Wonder Woman in English) You can't stop all of us at once, Diana. How many of these people do you want to see die?

WONDER WOMAN

None.

Gerbert jumps off the train and makes his way to Wonder Woman.

GERBERT Soldaten! Wenn sie mir besturmt, schlacht alle! (subtitle) Soldiers! If she attacks me, slaughter everyone! Once upon her -

GERBERT (CONT'D) Hello Fräulein.

He leans in and whispers in her ear -

GERBERT (CONT'D) You look stunning.

He takes a step back.

GERBERT (CONT'D) So you are the other Amazon I've heard about.

WONDER WOMAN You know where Galina is?

GERBERT

Yes.

WONDER WOMAN

Tell me.

GERBERT All in good time. I have learned a thing or two about your kind. Hold out your hands.

Wonder Woman does as she is told. Gerbert removes her bracelets.

CUT TO:

EXT. ACROPOLIS - DAY

CU of a thick metal chain hoisting a 5 TON MARBLE BLOCK out of the base of the PARTHENON.

Paula Von Gunther walks over to the edge of the newly formed hole while workmen jump down and attach the chain to the next block.

A man runs up behind her.

MAN Baroness Von Gunther! A call for you.

INT. PAULA'S OFFICE

The excavation in the Parthenon can be seen through a huge window behind her desk.

Paula walks in and picks up the receiver.

PAULA

Yes?

GERBERT (O.S.) Paula, my dear, my lovely -

PAULA Why are you calling me?

GERBERT Don't play hard to get, you'll be in my arms soon enough.

Paula scoffs at him.

PAULA Don't expect any special goodbye from me.

GERBERT Oh, you'll think otherwise when I get there.

PAULA What do you want, Gerbert?

PAULA (CONT'D) Oh, it's not what I want. It's what I've got that you want.

PAULA (CONT'D) I don't have time for games.

GERBERT Well, if you don't want her, I guess I'll just kill her.

PAULA What are you talking about? Who are you going to kill?

GERBERT This... Amazon.

He has Paula's undivided attention now.

PAULA

What?

GERBERT I captured an Amazon for you.

PAULA How do you know she's an Amazon? GERBERT But if you don't want her... PAULA How do you know?!! GERBERT She has the strength of about ten men, she comes from an island, and she's looking for Galina. PAULA What's her name? GERBERT Diana. PAULA Diana?! ... where is she now? GERBERT I have her tied up, wrists bound, just like you said. PAULA Gerbert, if you bring her to me tonight, on top of the Acropolis, I will -GERBERT You'll what? PAULA What ever you want. GERBERT See you tonight. Paula hangs up the phone. She sits at her desk and thinks for a long moment. She opens a drawer with a secret safe inside and removes

INT. TRAIN

CU of Wonder Woman's naked wrists bound behind her as the moving train jostles her.

She is tied to a wooden chair with A ROPE.

GALINA'S AMAZON BRACELETS AND TIARA.

Steve hangs from the ceiling by the GOLDEN LASSO, which binds his wrists above his head, loops over a pipe in the ceiling, and is tied to a rail on the floor.

Gerbert puts on a pair of BRASS KNUCKLES. To the Nazi soldiers -

GERBERT Macht dieser nicht Heidenspass? (subtitle) Don't these make great fun?

The Nazis laugh.

NAZI ONE Sicher. Ya.

NAZI TWO

Ya.

STEVE

No.

Gerbert walks over to Steve.

GERBERT You hurt my feelings, Alex. (WHAM - punches Steve in the gut) Steve. (WHAM - punches him in the face)

STEVE

Whichever.

GERBERT All this time I thought we were friends.

WONDER WOMAN Leave him alone!

GERBERT

We'll get to you soon enough, my dear.

STEVE

Let Diana go, she has nothing to do with us.

Gerbert laughs.

GERBERT

I know someone who wants to meet her very badly.

STEVE You wouldn't stand a chance against her.

GERBERT

Oh really?

Gerbert walks over to Wonder Woman.

GERBERT (CONT'D) On the dance floor, you asked me about my most unusual prisoner. I have your answer. You know what I'm going to say, don't you?

She doesn't want to think it -

WONDER WOMAN

Not Galina...

Gerbert plays coy.

GERBERT

Was that her name? I cut her tongue out before we exchanged pleasantries. I did find out, however, that there's quite a treasure buried beneath the Acropolis. It's being excavated even as we speak, to the glory of the Third Reich.

Wonder Woman is speechless, crushed...

GERBERT (CONT'D) Look at her response, Alex! She knows her friend is dead. Still think I can't handle an Amazon?

He knees Steve in the groin.

STEVE

AAIIGGHHH!!

Wonder Woman struggles against her rope, but with her wrists bound, she is powerless.

GERBERT I'm afraid you've put me in a very bad position, Steve. Gerbert pulls a knife from his belt and puts it to Steve's throat. Hanging from the ceiling, Steve can barely talk but he hasn't lost his sense of humor -

STEVE I see your point.

GERBERT Now, what happened to my jet?

Steve cannot fight the Golden Lasso's power -

STEVE I crashed it on the Amazon island.

GERBERT

That's funny, because there are no uncharted islands in that part of the Atlantic. Now what happened to the jet?

STEVE

I told you -

Gerbert presses the knife to Steve's throat. A few drops of blood run down his neck.

GERBERT You had better start talking, Major Trevor, or you'll never talk again.

WONDER WOMAN (O.S.) I know what happened.

Gerbert turns to Wonder Woman.

GERBERT The beautiful and dangerous Diana. An exciting combination in a woman.

WONDER WOMAN

Steve Trevor crashed on our island. The plane contained our technology. My people sent me to find out how he obtained it.

STEVE Diana, don't say another -

WONDER WOMAN They wanted to execute him but I knew we could use him.

Gerbert doesn't believe her.

GERBERT You were using him.

WONDER WOMAN

Americans are weak. I was sent as an emissary to the most powerful nation in Man's World.

Gerbert takes the knife away from Steve's throat.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) How far could you go with a woman like me at your side? One who could break your enemies in two with one hand.

GERBERT You... propose an alliance?

WONDER WOMAN

Yes.

GERBERT It would take more than that. What is buried beneath the Acropolis?

WONDER WOMAN Free me, and I'll tell you everything.

GERBERT If you were by my side - a beautiful, strong Aryan... (beat) How do I know I can trust you?

WONDER WOMAN Look into my eyes. You'll see if I'm lying to you.

Gerbert moves closer to Wonder Woman's face. She looks beautiful and inviting.

GERBERT You are so... very...

WHAM! Wonder Woman HEAD BUTTS Gerbert. He crumples to the floor, unconscious.

WONDER WOMAN I think I've figured out men's weakness.

The two Nazis rush forward.

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Steve USES HIS LEGS TO CATCH ONE OF THE NAZIS AROUND THE NECK and chokes him.

Wonder Woman tips her chair over and shoves off the wall with her feet, sliding directly in the feet of the second Nazi, TRIPPING HIM.

He hits the floor facing Wonder Woman's feet and -

WHACK! She kicks him in the face and knocks him out.

The Nazi that Steve is choking with his legs punches over his head, pounding Steve's stomach over and over again.

STEVE

Hurry!

Wonder Woman turns and kicks the rail holding the other end of the Golden Lasso.

She kicks it once. Nothing. With her wrists bound, she's only as strong as a mortal. She kicks it again, REALLY HARD -

WONDER WOMAN

OW!

She grimaces in pain.

Steve takes another punch right to the gut -

STEVE

Please hurry.

Wonder Woman uses both feet and WHAM!

She kicks the rail and the Lasso slips off, releasing Steve who falls to the ground in a heap with the Nazi.

Steve grabs the Nazi's head and SNAP, KILLS HIM.

He grabs Gerbert's knife off the floor and quickly cuts Wonder Woman free.

She coils up her Lasso and puts on her Bracelets.

Furious, Wonder Woman lifts Gerbert by the throat and gives him a good shake to wake him up.

WONDER WOMAN You killed Galina!

BAM! Wonder Woman SLAMS Gerbert through the side of the train car.

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Gerbert is now fully awake as she holds him outside the train, the ground rushing by beneath him.

His dangling feet are inches from being pulled into the train's wheels.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) I'll kill you! GERBERT

(choking) Diana -

WONDER WOMAN Where is her body?

GERBERT

Pau -

She lowers him a little too far and his shoelaces catch between the wheels and the track, RIPPING HIS SHOES OFF HIS FEET!

GERBERT (CONT'D) PAULA! She's at the Acropolis! She did it, she tricked Galina!

Wonder Woman squeezes his neck, Gerbert gulps for air, his face turning purple.

Her eyes narrow, one little move and she can kill him ...

But she can't. She's not a killer. She pulls Gerbert back inside.

WONDER WOMAN You will pay for this.

STEVE

We should go.

A group of Nazis burst in through the door. Wonder Woman hurls Gerbert at them, knocking them down.

She leaps through the hole in the wall and grabs the roof's edge, swinging up and landing on the roof. She sticks her hand down and grabs Steve's wrist.

EXT. TRAIN ROOF

Wonder Woman pulls Steve onto the roof. Fifty foot oaks border them on one side and a sheer cliff drops away on the other. Eight feet above top of the last train car, a Nazi AA soldier mans a Flakvierling 38, a 360-degree anti-aircraft gun with EXPLODING BULLETS. He's facing the other way.

WONDER WOMAN We've got to get to the Acropolis.

STEVE Nice outfit. I thought you weren't going to take sides.

WONDER WOMAN

Well I did.

NAZI SOLDIERS APPEAR in front of Wonder Woman and Steve and OPEN FIRE. Wonder Woman deflects the bullets, but Steve FALLS OFF THE TRAIN AND HURTLES DOWN INTO THE CANYON.

Quick as a whip Wonder Woman flings her Golden Lasso out, CATCHING HIS WRIST.

She yanks on the Lasso, pulling Steve up so fast he almost flies over...

He's holding onto the side of the train with one hand and the Lasso in the other...

The train rapidly approaches a suspension bridge traversing a THREE HUNDRED FOOT DEEP CANYON.

The Flakvierling 38 swivels around to fire.

BAM! BAM!

Wonder Woman instinctively puts her bracelets up to block, but these are EXPLODING BULLETS AND -

BOOM!

THE BULLETS DETONATE AGAINST HER BRACELETS, BLASTING HER BACKWARD OVER THE TRAIN.

WHACK! SHE SLAMS INTO ONE OF THE STEEL BEAMS supporting the top of the bridge.

BAM! BAM!

The Flakvierling 38 fires at her again, but she falls back down on top of the train as the bullets EXPLODE, DESTROYING THE SUPPORT BEAMS -

BOOM! The bridge breaks in two, half dropping into the canyon with the back half of the train still on it.

INT. TRAIN

Gerbert and the Nazi soldiers are thrown forward.

EXT. TRAIN ROOF

With a sickening screech, the back three train cars RIP off the crumbling track and dangle over the canyon below, sending the Nazis on the roof plummeting to their deaths.

Wonder Woman runs to the back of the last car still on the track, which teeters at a 45 degree angle over the edge. She looks down into the abyss and sees -

Steve swinging over the 300 foot canyon, held up by the GOLDEN LASSO, which is tangled with the train wheels -

WONDER WOMAN

Steve!

The Nazi in the Flakvierling 38 hangs on and fires straight up at her.

Wonder Woman's eyes go wide as it slams into the AMMO CAR SHE'S STANDING ON -

KAAAA - BOOM!!!

THE TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION CATAPULTS WONDER WOMAN OFF THE ROOF!

She FLIES BACK ACROSS THE CHASM, CRASHING INTO the cliff face and cracking the rock before tumbling onto a ledge below. Large rocks rain down on her.

STEVE pulls himself up onto a car as a fourth is pulled back off the tracks.

CUT TO:

Gerbert sticks his head out the train window and sees the back of the train going over.

GERBERT Lass ihn frei oder sie ziehen uns in der Klamm! (subtitle) Cut them loose or they'll drag us into the gorge!

EXT. TRAIN

Another car tilts further over the edge before giving. Several weapons crates and soldiers fall out the back. FIREBOMBS DETONATE ON IMPACT in the canyon floor.

CUT TO:

Gerbert screams at soldiers pulling at the LARGE PIN connecting their car to the others.

KLAUS Macht es frei! Schnell! Schnell! (subtitle) Undo it! Now! Now!

CUT TO:

STEVE climbs up the side as the train lurches again. He's almost to the bridge railing, he's reaching for it -

CUT TO:

POP! THE PIN snaps free and the back cars plummet into the canyon.

EXT. CLIFF

Unable to see Steve, Wonder Woman watches in horror as the train falls.

WONDER WOMAN

NOO!!!

THE TRAIN SLAMS INTO THE CANYON FLOOR, SENDING AN ENORMOUS FIREBALL INTO THE SKY.

WONDER WOMAN

(sotto) Steve...

EXT. BRIDGE UNDERHANG

Out of view, Steve hangs on for dear life. A smile spreads across his face as he pulls himself up.

Gerbert appears above him, cocks his gun and points it at Steve.

Steve's smile fades.

EXT. CLIFF LEDGE - AFTERNOON

What survived of the train disappears beyond the bridge.

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Wonder Woman stands on the cliff's ledge, looking at the debris below. The air in front of her shimmers, and a door opens. She climbs into the INVISIBLE JET.

EXT. CANYON FLOOR

Wonder Woman walks amid the smoldering wreckage. Nothing remains but fire and ash.

Wiping away tears, she sees something glint in the sunlight.

She lifts the GOLDEN LASSO from the ashes, the only thing to survive the inferno. She opens her palm and watches the ash blow away, leaving the Golden Lasso unscathed.

She drops to her knees.

WONDER WOMAN Hera, what have I done? What am I doing?

EXT. ACROPOLIS - NIGHT

Large spotlights illuminate a huge crane hoisting the last marble block out of the Parthenon floor. A staircase leads down into the Acropolis.

Paula is the first to walk down the steps and see the newly uncovered door. She wears a large SATCHEL diagonally across her shoulder.

The workmen and several Nazis crowd behind. She whirls on them.

PAULA Give me some room!

They scatter back up the stairs, and Paula turns her attention back to the door. It's engraved with ancient text.

PAULA (CONT'D) (sotto) The Well of Souls...

GERBERT (O.S.)

My dear.

Gerbert pushes through the workers with Steve and two Nazi guards in tow.

GERBERT (CONT'D) I couldn't leave without saying goodbye. PAULA Gerbert! You're just in time -(she doesn't see Diana) Where is she?

GERBERT Aren't you glad to see me?

PAULA Where is the Amazon?

GERBERT There was an accident. She escaped.

PAULA Where are her bracelets?

GERBERT She took them.

PAULA So you don't have them.

Gerbert hangs his head in shame.

PAULA (CONT'D) You're quite useless, Gerbert.

GERBERT Don't worry, she's coming here for you. She wants to know where Galina is.

PAULA Well, I'll show her.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Wonder Woman banks the jet towards a clear side of the Acropolis and sees the fleet of Amerika Bombers lined up by a small runway. She pulls the jet around to land.

EXT. PARTHENON - NIGHT

Wonder Woman walks into the ruins of the now dark and silent Parthenon.

The spotlights BLAZE TO LIFE, all pointing at her. She is blinded by the light.

PAULA (O.S.) Hello Diana. WONDER WOMAN

Who's there?

Paula walks forward, illuminated from behind by a spotlight, Wonder Woman can't make her out at first, and then -

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D)

Galina!

PAULA/GALINA (sotto) Praise Hera, you're here just in time! Diana, you must do everything I say if we are to escape back to Themyscira.

She turns away from Wonder Woman and shouts into the light.

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PAULA/GALINA (CONT'D)
Kommt heraus.
(subtitle)
Come out.
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WONDER WOMAN

But Galina -

PAULA/GALINA Don't call me that here. I'm in disguise among these Men. We can go home tonight if you follow me.

Gerbert and two Nazis bring a gagged Steve out of the shadows with guns at his head.

WONDER WOMAN

STEVE!

She starts towards him, but Galina holds her back.

GALINA Diana, you must trust me.

WONDER WOMAN What are they doing with him?

GALINA They're going to kill him unless you do as I say.

Gerbert approaches.

GERBERT What's going on? GALINA Gerbert, she will help us. Bring Major Trevor down, but please don't hurt him. Diana and I will go first.

INT. CATACOMBS BENEATH THE ACROPOLIS

The sound of CRACKING STONE breaks the stillness. A sliver of light sneaks into the cavern.

A MASSIVE STONE DOOR PEELS AWAY as Wonder Woman forces it open. Wonder Woman enters first.

The innards of the Acropolis resemble a mixture of Egyptian tombs and Parisian catacombs.

A ghostly wind rushes from the depth of the catacombs, blowing out the lanterns and short-circuiting the electric lights and spotlights outside, causing them to EXPLODE.

The Nazis unsuccessfully attempt to relight their electric lamps. They relight the gas lanterns, an eerie fire-light their only guide.

CUT TO:

DEEPER IN THE CATACOMBS they pass ancient Amazon tombs with stone engravings depicting ancient Amazonian life and war.

At last they come to the bottom, a cavernous room carved deep beneath the Acropolis.

In the center lies PANDORA'S CHAMBER, a huge pentagonal stone box, fifteen feet to a side, fifteen feet tall.

Carved into the side facing them is the now familiar five sided star with two circles on either side.

WONDER WOMAN Is this... Pandora's Chamber?

Galina reverently approaches the giant star and places her hand on it.

GALINA

Yes child.

Wonder Woman looks nervously at the MEN in the room. She approaches Galina, speaking quietly so no one else can hear.

WONDER WOMAN What are you doing? Why are we here with all these Men? GALINA You're not afraid of them, are you?

WONDER WOMAN

That's not -

GALINA

They're too dumb to know anything, and they're no match for us should anything happen. Now let's get Pandora's Box and return to the island.

WONDER WOMAN No! The Box and key must never be united-

GALINA What are you - didn't your mother tell you of the plan?

Wonder Woman looks at her blankly.

GALINA (CONT'D)

I've infiltrated Man's fiercest army and they are weak-minded and short-sighted. We are taking Pandora's Box back to Themyscira and then we shall <u>all</u> return to Man's World as conquering Queens. How could it be that your mother did not tell you?

Suddenly realizing -

WONDER WOMAN

Oh no, she didn't want me to come... I stole the airship and came here against her wishes, I received no instructions at all - !

GALINA

(Exasperated)

This is exactly why Hippolyte didn't want you to come and now you're here getting in the way of the mission. Come. Put your bracelets in the lock.

Wonder Woman looks at the men uncertainly, then slides her arms into the holes on the left side as Galina does on the right side.

CU INSIDE LOCK - The Amazon Bracelet's INTRICATE ENGRAVINGS are in fact KEYS that fit perfectly into these ancient LOCKS.

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The door unlocks with a deafening CLAP OF THUNDER. Dust and small rocks shake loose from the ceiling.

The Nazis watch nervously as Wonder Woman and Galina remove their arms from the keyholes. Their Amazon bracelets are held in the locks, leaving their wrists naked.

Pandora's Chamber cracks open a half foot revealing -

Darkness.

GALINA (CONT'D) Give her a lantern.

WONDER WOMAN

Why me?

GALINA Because I said. Go.

Gerbert comes forward and holds out his lantern.

GERBERT Do as she says.

Wonder Woman looks back to Galina. She means it.

She takes the lantern, steps inside Pandora's Chamber and vanishes in shadow.

INT. PANDORA'S CHAMBER

Eerie silence in a dark so thick you cannot see the light from the door. Wonder Woman holds up the lantern.

In four of the five corners stands a ten foot STATUE of an ancient Goddesses: DEMETER, APHRODITE, ATHENA and HESTIA. WONDER WOMAN stands in the fifth corner.

She holds up the lantern to Athena's face. The light reflects off her CLOSED STONE EYES.

A CRYSTAL SPHERE a foot in diameter, smooth with cracks and lines criss-crossing through it, rests on a STONE PEDESTAL in the middle of the room.

> WONDER WOMAN Pandora's Box.

JUST OUTSIDE THE CHAMBER -

Paula whispers in Gerbert's ear.

PAULA/GALINA

If she doesn't cooperate, take it out on the American.

BACK INSIDE -

WONDER WOMAN LIFTS PANDORA'S BOX FROM ITS PEDESTAL.

The crystal GLOWS FROM WITHIN, changing color in her hands to a rich blue, the same color as Hippolyte's PENDANT.

The light illuminates her face, her deep blue eyes reflecting the power of the orb.

She runs her fingers over it, finding a deep hole where a shard of the crystal is missing. Suddenly -

- fainter than a whisper -

VOICE

No...

Wonder Woman looks up at Athena - HER STONE EYES ARE OPEN. So are the other goddesses'...

Wonder Woman holds the CRYSTAL BALL uncertainly, all eyes upon her.

INT. CATACOMBS

Wonder Woman emerges with Pandora's Box.

GALINA Give it to me, Diana.

Wonder Woman holds it out and Galina reaches for it. Galina's hands tremble as she's about to take hold of it...

... but Wonder Woman glimpses something ugly in her eyes...

WONDER WOMAN

Wait.

She pulls Pandora's Box back.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) The last thing my mother told me before I left was about Atlantis and how we should never reunite the Box and the key -

GALINA Give it to me! Wonder Woman takes a step back -

WONDER WOMAN If there was a secret plan, why was she still talking about keeping them separate?

GALINA Gerbert!

Gerbert whips out his short, nasty looking blade. In one flick of his wrist, he STABS STEVE IN THE STOMACH.

Steve screams in pain, but the soldiers hold him up so he doesn't buckle over.

WONDER WOMAN

Steve!

Galina pounces on the distracted Wonder Woman, SNATCHING PANDORA'S BOX out of her hands.

Before Wonder Woman knows what's happening, Galina kicks her in the crotch and FAST AS LIGHTNING sidekicks her in the chest, SENDING WONDER WOMAN HURTLING BACK INTO PANDORA'S CHAMBER.

Then she grabs Steve with one hand and HURLS HIM INTO THE CHAMBER before grabbing her bracelets out of the locks.

The STONE DOOR SLAMS SHUT.

And just like that, it's over. The room is quiet, Gerbert and the two Nazi soldiers amazed at what just happened.

Galina sticks Pandora's Box into her satchel and puts on her bracelets. She TAKES DIANA'S TOO, putting them in her bag.

GERBERT How - that was... incredible...

Galina has just dropped Paula like a bad habit.

The truth of the matter dawns on Gerbert -

GERBERT (CONT'D) Wait just a minute. Are you - no, it's not possible... You are Galina?

He goes to her.
GERBERT (CONT'D) You are! I knew you were different, special! You are the purest race of all. Oh Paula, with you by my side -

WHACK! She knocks him away with her free hand, sending him FLYING INTO THE WALL.

The Nazi soldiers point their guns at Galina.

GERBERT (CONT'D) No, leave her alo-

Before Gerbert can finish, Galina is on top of the soldiers. She spins around in and kicks one in the lower back, snapping him in half.

As he falls she grabs the Luger pistol from his hand and punches the other Nazis in the face, smashing her fist right into his head with a loud CRACK!

> GERBERT (CONT'D) Darling, you're magnificent. There's no limit to how far we can go.

GALINA Yes Gerbert, it would have been fun... but I don't need a man.

BANG!

SHE PUTS A BULLET RIGHT BETWEEN GERBERT'S EYES. HE STARES AT HER FOR ONE MOMENT, THEN FALLS OVER DEAD.

Galina takes Pandora's Box from her bag, caressing it like she might a child. In her hands, it turns a sickly red...

INT. PANDORA'S CHAMBER

Wonder Woman holds Steve across her lap. She places her hand on his bloody chest, trying to stop the bleeding.

She leans down, close to his face.

WONDER WOMAN Stay with me, Steve.

A tear falls as Steve's eyes roll shut.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) Don't leave me. EXT. SKIES OVER THE ACROPOLIS

Dozens of Amerika Bombers race down a runway and leap into the sky.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

Galina puts her tiara on and the ruby flares as her jet lifts off, flying behind the fleet of Amerika Bombers.

INT. PANDORA'S CHAMBER

Wonder Woman's eyes are closed, her head lowered near Steve, she's nearly out of hope.

WONDER WOMAN

I've failed...

The soft lantern glow on her face brightens.

Diana opens her eyes and the STATUES HAVE COME TO LIFE, standing over her.

Pandora's Chamber no longer exists, the space around her blue like the sky.

Wearing white flowing robes, DIANA's alone with the four goddesses, who have COME TO LIFE.

HESTIA You have opened a path to destruction, Princess of the Amazon.

Diana falls to her knees.

DIANA I'm sorry. I wanted... to do so many things. I wasn't ready. I failed everyone.

ATHENA You have not yet failed, Diana.

DIANA How can you say that? I am lost.

APHRODITE You are not lost for we have not abandoned our child.Hippolyte longed to be with child, and we granted her wish, yet we had a larger plan in mind.

THE CAMERA FINALLY REACHES -

HIPPOLYTE, kneeling, alone on a beach. Before her rests a BABY SCULPTED FROM SAND.

APHRODITE (V.O.) (CONT'D) Your mother created you from the sands of Themyscira.

Hippolyte gently runs her fingers along the baby's sand face.

APHRODITE (CONT'D) But we gave you life.

Hippolyte lifts the baby Diana and SHE BECOMES AS REAL AS ANY BABY.

DEMETER (V.O.) You are not an Amazon, you are not a mortal and you are not a God. Many bloods flow within you, Diana. You are truly... unique.

Close up of Hippolyte kissing the baby FADES TO -

PANDORA'S CHAMBER

- AND Wonder Woman's face reflecting the dim lamp light.

HESTIA (V.O.) Strength will always be yours, for one's greatest power lies in their will, not in their body.

The four statues are back in their corners, EYES CLOSED.

Diana looks at her hands. Blood stains slowly spread across her palms and fingers.

WONDER WOMAN'S hands are covered with Steve's blood.

Steve's eyes flutter. He is alive, barely.

WONDER WOMAN

Steve?

She lays him on the floor.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) I'm going to get us out of here.

She goes to the door and pushes with all her might. It doesn't budge.

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She lets out her warriors cry and strikes the door with both fists. It echoes loudly in the chamber.

Wonder Woman looks around at the Goddesses statues.

WONDER WOMAN (CONT'D) A little help would be nice...

She turns and looks at the statues. There's something she's missing, she can't quite figure it out. Four statues, each in her own corner...

IT HITS HER.

She takes the Golden Lasso and drapes it around Aphrodite, then quickly does the same to each of the other statues, connecting them with the Lasso.

In the middle of the room by the stone pedestal, Wonder Woman takes the two ends of the Lasso and pulls them together with ALL HER MIGHT, trying to PULL THE STATUES DOWN...

She's getting nowhere, she digs her heels in, pulling on the Lasso, harder, harder...

AND SUDDENLY THE SOUND OF CRACKING STONE SPLITS THE AIR!

Wonder Woman CRIES OUT, still pulling, it's not enough, she puts her foot against the STONE PEDESTAL for leverage -

MORE STONE CRACKING -

She CRIES OUT AGAIN and puts her other foot against the stone pedestal as well and now she's PARALLEL TO THE FLOOR, every muscle straining, pulling on the Lasso, pushing against the Pedestal...

She CRIES OUT ONE FINAL TIME -

AND THE STONE PEDESTAL EXPLODES! WONDER WOMAN GOES FLYING! And the FOUR STONE GODDESSES COME TUMBLING DOWN!

The entire Chamber collapses on itself and Wonder Woman leaps to Steve, covering him with her body to protect him from the FALLING STONE...

EXT. PANDORA'S CHAMBER

LARGE STONE RUBBLE LIES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROOM, IT RUMBLES AND THEN WONDER WOMAN STANDS UP WITH STEVE.

EXT. SKIES OVER ATLANTIC - NIGHT

Dozens of AMERIKA BOMBERS head over the ocean.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

The ruby in Galina's tiara begins flashing.

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER NAVIGATION SYSTEM

Metal tubing in the navigation system shimmers into opalescence, then GOES INVISIBLE.

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

KLAUS WERNER, the lead Nazi pilot, looks to his control panel as his direction begins to turn sharply south.

He tries to turn the jet back west, but does not have control of it.

KLAUS

Was ist das?!

He looks out his window to see the rest of the fleet turning sharply with him.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

Galina watches the Amerika Bombers all turning towards her.

EXT. SKIES OVER THE ATLANTIC

Now under Galina's control, the Amerika Bombers follow her towards Themyscira.

EXT. ACROPOLIS

Wonder Woman emerges into the Parthenon carrying an unconscious Steve. Rain pours on her face as she looks to the sky and her ruby flares.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

Hippolyte looks towards the ocean as THICK BLACK STORM CLOUDS roll toward the island, the imposing clouds of THE VEIL.

Massive lightning strikes the turbulent water just off shore.

CLOSE ON HIPPOLYTE

HIPPOLYTE Man is coming! Wonder Woman rockets towards Themyscira. She looks at Steve, who sags unconscious in the passenger's seat.

WONDER WOMAN Hold on, Steve.

EXT. SKIES OVER THE ATLANTIC

The Nazi fleet flies into the thick clouds of The Veil.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

Galina flies in front of the fleet. A brilliant golden flash envelopes her jet.

EXT. SKIES OVER THE ATLANTIC

All of the planes following Galina disappear one by one in the same golden flash as they enter the thunderhead.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

Hippolyte, Phillipus, Artemis, and the rest of the Amazon look to the sky over the ocean as first one, then dozens of golden flashes light up the dark clouds.

Hippolyte realizes what is happening.

HIPPOLYTE It's an attack! Board the chariots! Meet them before they reach the island!

HUNDREDS OF AMAZON RACE FOR THEIR CHARIOTS, grabbing armor and weapons along the way. Battle cries erupt as chariots race towards the incoming jets.

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

The chariots meet the Amerika Bombers in the air and open fire with energy-charged arrows.

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

NAZI PILOT Zum Teufel was geht?! (subtitle) What the hell is going on?!

INT. AMERIKA BOMBER

Klaus radios his fleet.

KLAUS Feuer schnell! Verfecht der Luftflotte! (subtitle) Open fire! Defend the fleet!

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

The Nazi jets erupt in a barrage of machine gun fire. The bullets deflect off the chariots, but many Amazon are hit. Their chariots and bodies fall into the ocean below.

Amazon archers fire ENERGY-CHARGED ARROWS at the jets and slice straight through the metal, an entire wing falls off and the jet spins out of control.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

The out of control jet SLAMS into a temple in the hills.

Hippolyte turns to Phillipus.

HIPPOLYTE We must all join the battle!

PHILLIPUS They could have Pandora's Box. You must stay safe and protect the key.

HIPPOLYTE They don't know I carry it around my neck. I can defend it where I stand -

She knows it's a weak argument.

PHILLIPUS Your Majesty, please go back to the palace. We will join the battle.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

Moving alone around the back of the island, Galina has a clear view of the battle. Her tiara FLASHES AGAIN, the same way as when she turned the fleet south.

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

The fleet moves en masse to a lower altitude -

INT. NAZI COCKPIT

Klaus Werner fights against the descent pulling the handle thing back, trying to gain altitude...

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

As the Nazi jets are destroyed the pilots PARACHUTE OUT.

Amazon chariots race between the paratroopers, firing arrows into them. GUNFIRE FILLS THE AIR as some of the paratroopers SHOOT BACK.

A chariot CATCHES THE TOP OF A PARACHUTE -

The chariot takes the Nazi on a wild ride before he COLLIDES with another paratrooper and the two of them SPIN TO THEIR DEATHS BELOW.

INT. GALINA'S INVISIBLE JET

Galina lands at the Queen's Palace and grabs her satchel. A plane CRASHES AND EXPLODES NEARBY, blowing her back and knocking the tiara off her head, which disappears over a ledge.

As the tiara disappears, Galina's jet appears.

INT. NAZI COCKPIT

Klaus Werner is preparing to eject when suddenly HE REGAINS CONTROL OF THE PLANE.

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

Wonder Woman's jet appears in a FLASH OF GOLDEN ENERGY.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Wonder Woman sees the sky like a swarm of angry bees as chariots and planes chase each other.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

Galina gets off the jet, satchel in hand. Artemis runs to her.

ARTEMIS

Mother!

Artemis rushes to her and they embrace.

GALINA Daughter, our time has come.

ARTEMIS Did you bring it? Galina shows her Pandora's Box.

GALINA We'll be leaving Themyscira forever.

ARTEMIS Did Diana find you?

Galina pulls out Diana's bracelets.

ARTEMIS (CONT'D) She's dead?

GALINA Man has killed her. I must tell Hippolyte.

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

A PLANE SPINNING OUT OF CONTROL HITS A CHARIOT. The Amazon falls through the air until another Amazon swoops by and GRABS HER HAND.

The rescuing chariot comes within ten feet of the ground and lets the hanging Amazon go, who tumbles safely to her feet.

Nazi paratroopers begin to land but Amazon attack them before they can get their parachutes unhooked.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

Hippolyte stands alone near her throne. Her pendant begins to glow.

HIPPOLYTE (sotto) Pandora...

Galina and Artemis enter from the Gardens.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D)

Galina!

Hippolyte runs down the stairs to her sister and throws her arms around her.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) You're back! Praise Hera! I thought we'd lost you!

Suddenly the pendent turns from blue to the dark, red/black of the Box. Hippolyte knows it is very near.

She looks at Galina.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) What have you brought upon us, my sister?

GALINA It's Diana who brought these Men upon us. She revealed everything. How could you send her?

HIPPOLYTE What happened? Where is she?

Galina produces Diana's bracelets. Hippolyte looks at them in horror.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D)

What?

GALINA

I'm sorry.

This is more than Hippolyte can take. She takes the bracelets from Galina, holding them preciously.

GALINA (CONT'D) They had Pandora's Box, then they killed her and took her airship. It led them to the island. Luckily, I was able to get the Box away from them.

She removes PANDORA'S BOX from the satchel. It now glows a sick black/red, its frozen fire churning within the crystal.

GALINA (CONT'D) Man is upon our shores, but I say we take the fight to their world. We have been prisoners on this island too long, Hippolyte. It is time for our return.

HIPPOLYTE How did she die?

Galina was not ready for this -

GALINA They... bound her wrists and... Hippolyte, it's too terrible to say.

Three Nazi paratroopers land in the gardens outside.

GALINA (CONT'D) Artemis, keep them from here! Artemis runs outside into the Royal Gardens.

EXT. QUEEN'S PALACE

Wonder Woman's jet lands beside Galina's.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Wonder Woman affectionately touches Steve's face. He's unconscious.

WONDER WOMAN I'll bring help, Steve. Hold on.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

As Wonder Woman runs from the jet a hover chariot sets down with Epione and a wounded Amazon.

WONDER WOMAN

Epione!

EPIONE

Diana!

WONDER WOMAN Steve Trevor is on the jet. He's going to die if we don't help him.

EPIONE

The Man?

WONDER WOMAN Please, please help him for me!

EPIONE

I will.

Wonder Woman runs into the palace.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

Galina stares at the key hanging from Hippolyte's neck.

GALINA Hippolyte, it is our time. Let us avenge Diana's death. Let her be the last Amazon to die at the hands of Man!

HIPPOLYTE I cannot think about this right now!

GALINA

The one man who discovered my identity fell to his knees and worshiped me like a goddess! All we have to do is open Pandora's Box in Man's World and when the dust settles, we will rule.

HIPPOLYTE

We must protect the island. Hera would have shown us if there was another way. This is not the way to do it, Galina.

GALINA Your reign is over, Sister. You have kept us prisoners for too long.

Galina puts Pandora's Box back in the satchel.

GALINA (CONT'D) You're unfit to protect the key.

Hippolyte backs away from Galina, up the steps to her throne, and to the same sword from the prologue.

HIPPOLYTE You wish to be Queen?

Galina starts up the steps towards her.

GALINA Give me the key.

Hippolyte lifts her sword.

HIPPOLYTE Another step and you will leave me no choice.

Galina pulls out her gun.

BANG!

Galina shoots Hippolyte in the arm. She drops her sword, which clanks down the stairs.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) Do you seek to kill your sister?

GALINA Just give me the key. INT. INVISIBLE JET

Epione examines Steve's wound. It has the blue salve over it but he's weak. He opens his eyes.

STEVE What's happening?

EPIONE Stay here, if you're seen you'll be killed. I must attend the wounded.

Epione exits the jet. Steve pushes himself up and screams at the pain. He looks out the door as Epione helps the wounded Amazon out of the chariot.

Behind them Nazi firebombs blast away the island hillsides. The city is in flames.

Steve's POV: THE EMPTY HOVER CHARIOT. A dead Nazi with a MACHINE GUN lies nearby.

EXT. ROYAL GARDENS

The sky battle rages over the gardens. A jet crashes into a nearby temple and EXPLODES.

Wonder Woman rushes through the Gardens and runs smack into Artemis.

ARTEMIS Diana! You're alive!

WONDER WOMAN Surprised? Did you know of your mother's plan?

Artemis cuts her off before she reaches the throne room.

ARTEMIS You can't go in there!

WONDER WOMAN Try and stop me!

ARTEMIS

I'll show you the greatest Amazon warrior-

Wonder Woman grabs Artemis and THROWS HER INTO THE THRONE ROOM.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

Artemis crashes into the throne room and Wonder Woman strides in after her.

HIPPOLYTE Diana! You're alive!

WONDER WOMAN

Mother!

Wonder Woman rushes to Hippolyte and embraces her. Hippolyte turns to Galina.

HIPPOLYTE My baby...

(to Galina) You said she was dead.

WONDER WOMAN She told me you had a secret plan to reunite the key with the box and left me for dead!

Galina rushes Hippolyte and RIPS THE PENDANT FROM HER NECK.

Wonder Woman punches Galina SQUARE IN THE FACE.

Galina falls back, clutching the pendant, but Pandora's Box rolls down the stairs and ACROSS THE THRONE ROOM.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

Steve picks up the MACHINE GUN and limps onto the hover chariot. He puts his hand on the front in the way he saw the Amazon do it. Nothing.

He closes his eyes. Nothing. The chariot won't fly. He gives it a kick with his wounded leg and then screams at the pain.

The hover chariot ROCKETS into the air with Steve unable to gain control.

INT. THRONE ROOM

Wonder Woman, Galina, and Artemis all take off after Pandora's Box in a MAD SPRINT.

Wonder Woman is the first to it, and grabs it.

GALINA Give it to me!

WONDER WOMAN

Mother, catch!

Wonder Woman THROWS THE BALL TO HIPPOLYTE, still at the top of the stairs near the throne. She catches it as -

Galina, Hippolyte's pendant in her hand, RUSHES UP THE STAIRS. Hippolyte sets Pandora's Box on the throne and CHARGES THE CHARGING GALINA.

They meet halfway up the staircase and CLASH, TUMBLING BACK DOWN TOGETHER.

Hippolyte and Galina hit the floor at the foot of the stairs and Hippolyte cries out in pain.

HIPPOLYTE

AHHH!

Galina jumps up. Hippolyte lays on her back, a pool of blood growing across the pristine marble. The crystal shard sticks out of her chest over her heart.

WONDER WOMAN MOTHER! NO!!

Wonder Woman rushes to Hippolyte as Galina grabs hold of the shard and RIPS IT FROM HIPPOLYTE'S CHEST.

HIPPOLYTE

AHHHHH!

Wonder Woman reaches them and drops down to her knees at her mother's side.

WONDER WOMAN Mother, no! This is my fault!

Galina runs up the stairs to the throne, where Pandora's Box sits.

In Galina's hand, the pendant glows brighter, it starts to shake -

Galina gets to the throne, where she picks up the Box and SITS with it in her lap, the pendant in her hand.

GALINA As it should be.

The CRYSTAL SHARD, THE KEY, glows even brighter, it starts to shake, to smoke...

GALINA (CONT'D)

Ow!

Galina drops the crystal shard and it -

GETS SUCKED INTO PANDORA'S BOX, SLIDING RIGHT INTO THE CRACK AND COMPLETING THE SPHERE!

PANDORA'S BOX changes to a dark black. The swirling inferno stops and becomes a solid marble, like frozen hell-fire before shrinking in what could be a miniature super-nova.

Inside the Box there is a small – BOOM – muffled by the hardened exterior, and then –

- an eerie stillness envelopes them.

Galina screams as Pandora's Box flares. The orb slides off her lap, searing her skin with it.

It hits the ground in front of the throne and shatters into three pieces revealing a TINY DROP OF A BLACK, TAR-LIKE SUBSTANCE inside.

CU of the tar OOZING TOWARDS THE GROUND and dripping off one of the pieces. It hits the floor and soaks in instantly, disappearing.

THE GROUND SUDDENLY QUAKES, THROWING EVERYBODY TO THE FLOOR.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

TEMPLES CRUMBLE AS THE CITY SHAKES. Amazon and Nazis scurry as gaping cracks split open the city streets.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

A huge tremor sends the Royal Gardens and exterior walls of the throne room crashing down the mountainside.

Half the room is left wide open to the high mountain at the center of Themyscira and the battle raging in the sky -

KAAAAAA-BOOOOOOOM! The ENTIRE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN EXPLODES IN A VOLCANIC ERUPTION!

INT. NAZI COCKPIT

Klaus Werner has Tarah and Luciana in his sights. He speaks into his radio -

KLAUS Sturmt ihn an! (subtitle) Attack those two!

EXT. SKIES OVER THEMYSCIRA

Klaus' plane sprays machine gun fire at Luciana and Tarah's chariots as -

ENORMOUS PLUMES OF MOLTEN LAVA SHOOT INTO THE NIGHT SKY.

Steve flies directly at Klaus' plane and into harm's way. KLAUS veers away from Tarah and Luciana to go after Steve.

Steve races over the city with Klaus gaining on him until A STREAM OF THE ERUPTING LAVA barely misses Steve and ENGULFS KLAUS' PLANE behind him.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

HUGE MOLTEN ROCKS CRASH INTO THE TEMPLES AND STREETS.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

Another tremor splits the room in two, leaving Artemis and Galina on one section near the throne and Wonder Woman and Hippolyte at the bottom of the stairs.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

MASSES OF LAVA flow into the ocean and the water rushes away, nearly DOUBLING THE ISLAND'S SIZE.

Dozens of lightning bolts strike the newly exposed sand, illuminating a MASSIVE TSUNAMI building beyond it.

INT. THRONE ROOM

Wonder Woman kneels next to her dying mother.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

THE ENCIRCLING TSUNAMI rushes up the shores, leveling forest and city on all sides.

Sheer inland cliffs take the brunt of the impact, allowing the upper half of the city to remain intact.

INT. HIPPOLYTE'S THRONE ROOM

As the wave hits, another tremor rips the room further apart. Lava spews up between the sections and a MOLTEN CHASM OPENS UP BELOW.

The half of the room with Hippolyte and Wonder Woman DROPS TWENTY FEET.

THE PIECES OF PANDORA'S BOX SLIDE CLOSE TO THEM.

Wonder Woman puts her face close to Hippolyte's.

WONDER WOMAN Don't let go, Mother!

HIPPOLYTE Diana, you must lead the Amazon...

GALINA

N0000!

Suddenly GALINA LANDS ON THEIR LEDGE WITH THE THRONE HOISTED OVER HER HEAD WHEN -

ARTEMIS SCREAMS!

The rock under Artemis crumbles as she FALLS AND LANDS ON HER STOMACH, SLIDING BACK TOWARDS THE MOLTEN CHASM below, clutching helplessly at nothing.

ARTEMIS

Mother, help me!

To Wonder Woman, ignoring her daughter -

GALINA You're not one of us!

Galina SLAMS THE THRONE DOWN in an effort to SMASH WONDER WOMAN!

Wonder Woman catches the base of it before it can smash her. Galina tries to force Wonder Woman over the edge and into the lava below...

Wonder Woman sees Artemis slipping over the edge and frees one hand, whipping her Lasso around Artemis' wrist so that -

Artemis dangles over the fiery chasm! The lava belches up far below, threatening to engulf her when -

- the ground beneath Wonder Woman and Galina CRUMBLES AND THEY BOTH GO OVER THE OTHER EDGE!

Wonder Woman is caught by her Golden Lasso. Weighted by Artemis on the other side, Wonder Woman manages to hold onto a leg of the throne, with Galina clutching the other end.

Dangling above the lava, Galina's eyes lock with Wonder Woman's.

GALINA (CONT'D) You shall not lead the Amazon as long as my blood still flows.

A lava bubble belches up, SPLATTERING GALINA. She screams before falling into the lava.

WONDER WOMAN Galina, no!

She's gone. Wonder Woman lets go of the throne as well and it plummets to a fiery end.

Wonder Woman grasps her Lasso and climbs back up out of the chasm, then pulls Artemis up from the other end.

ARTEMIS

Mother?

WONDER WOMAN She's gone. I'm sorry, Artemis.

Artemis runs over and looks down into the river of lava where the throne slowly sinks.

Wonder Woman lifts the three pieces of Pandora's Box but an incredible BURNING ENERGY keeps them apart -

She tries to force them together, but a harsh, red wind erupts from between them, BLASTING her hair back and making her skin BURN RED.

Artemis watches the last of the throne sink beneath the lava.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

An enormous second tidal wave rises far out in the ocean.

INT. THRONE ROOM

The pieces WILL NOT GO. Wonder Woman has one hope -

- in a flash she WRAPS HER GOLDEN LASSO AROUND THE THREE PIECES.

The force of the pieces pushes outwards against the unbreakable Lasso as Wonder Woman uses all her strength to close the noose and force the pieces together.

CLOSE UP OF WONDER WOMAN'S FACE. THE BURNING WIND SEARS HER SKIN. IT'S KILLING HER.

WONDER WOMAN HERA, HELP ME!

AN ENORMOUS BLAST ERUPTS AS THE PIECES COME TOGETHER.

Wonder Woman is blown away from Pandora's Box, skidding across the ground on her back -

EVERYTHING FREEZES AND GOES SILENT.

Wonder Woman's charred, LIFELESS BODY lies crippled from the blast.

Spewing lava is frozen in mid-air, the tidal wave rushing up the shores stands still, massive trees and temple debris locked within the water.

Artemis stands like a statue, staring down at Galina's grave.

Pandora's Box floats in mid-air, held closed by the unbreakable Golden Lasso at the exact spot Wonder Woman brought the pieces together.

Slowly, Diana pushes herself up. She wears a flowing Amazon gown and shows NO TRACE of the explosion.

She looks down at HER BODY, still lying on the ground.

She turns around as the room behind her melts away like wax, revealing an enormous -

BLACK CAVERN

- with a RED RIVER flowing into its depths. It is the RIVER STYX, entrance to HADES, Greek underworld of the dead.

A SMALL BOAT made of HUMAN BONES makes its way to the shore near Diana.

Black robes and ragged cloth shroud the driver, CHARON. One skeletal hand holds the boat's rudder, a human leg bone.

He extends his other hand to Diana, inviting her to join him in the afterworld. Diana hesitates a moment before reaching out for his hand...

Just before their fingers touch, A HEAVENLY STAR grows into a BLINDING GOLDEN LIGHT.

HERA APPEARS BEFORE DIANA in flowing golden robes and waves Charon away. He pushes off from the shore and sails the ferry back into Hades.

Diana falls to her knees and a tear rolls down her face.

Hera gently lifts Diana's face.

HERA My child, why do you weep?

DIANA I've lost everything.

HERA No, there is a strength that no one can take from you.

DIANA

Норе...

Hera smiles.

HERA Men are capable of both tremendous good and horrible evil. One's fate exists within his or her own choices. You must lead the fight for Men's minds, Princess of Truth, and their minds will lead them to Peace.

DIANA smiles and closes her eyes. Hera's hand drifts out of view.

CU Diana's face as she opens her eyes...

EXT. THEMYSCIRA - DAY

DIANA FLOATS ON HER BACK IN THE HEALING WATERS OF THEMYSCIRA BAY.

Her long hair and robes floating around her, Diana looks up to Hippolyte, who smiles and holds her head.

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A dozen Amazon, including Phillipus and Epione, stand in the waters around Diana, their long, colorful robes flowing in the ocean tide.

Diana stands and embraces her mother. After a long moment, Hippolyte breaks the hug and turns Diana around.

STEVE stands in the water next to them. Diana throws her arms around him and the Amazon applaud.

Artemis stands on the shores, watching hatefully. A group of Senators stands behind her.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA - DAY

The ruined city is being rebuilt. The first completed structure is an enormous temple in honor of Hera.

INT. HERA'S TEMPLE

Diana kneels before Hippolyte.

DIANA The new Pandora's Chamber is complete.

HIPPOLYTE Excellent. It will remain locked under the island forever.

An awkward pause.

DIANA I must leave, mother.

HIPPOLYTE I know, my child. It is time for our message to be taken back to the World of Man.

Hippolyte removes her Queen's bracelets.

HIPPOLYTE (CONT'D) You must wear these bracelets with pride, my daughter. Take them and know that my love is always with you.

As Hippolyte places her bracelets on Diana, a tear falls down Diana's cheek.

DIANA I will, mother. I love you. Hippolyte and Diana embrace one last time, and Hippolyte kisses Diana's cheek just as she did when she was a baby.

HIPPOLYTE Remember that in a world of ordinary mortals, you truly are a Wonder Woman.

INT. INVISIBLE JET - DAY

Diana and Steve prepare for take off.

EXT. THEMYSCIRA

The Invisible Jet flies past the familiar city under reconstruction, then continues faster and faster up into the clouds.

From this view, you can see the island has been drastically reshaped in the eruption.

A NEW, SECOND CITY is being built near a newly exposed beach on the far side of the island.

INT. INVISIBLE JET

Themyscira disappears behind them.

STEVE I hope you've learned something from this whole experience.

DIANA

Like what?

Steve takes Diana's hand.

STEVE Like men aren't all bad.

Diana smiles.

DIANA Maybe. But I've still got a thing or two to teach you, Steve Trevor.

DIANA LEANS OVER AND KISSES STEVE!

They hold the kiss as the sky gets brighter and brighter and with a BLINDING FLASH WE -

FADE OUT.