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Intimate Pix and Fax of Comic Stars' Pasts This Month: The Wild World of Wonder Woman

Wonder Woman has come a long way. From out of the destruction of World War II, Wonder Woman has fought her way to the top. Her constant battles against evil have made her the number-one super-heroine in the crimefighting business.

Wonder Woman disappeared from the

ranks of comic book crimefighters for a few years, but she's back. Now, let's return to Paradise Island, home of the Amazons, where an American pilot, Steve Trevor, has crashed. Let's watch as the young princess gives up her royal crown for love and goes where the action is!

WONDER WOMAN Then and Now

IN THE QUEEN'S SOLITUDE, THE SPIRITS OF APHRODITE AND ATHENA, THE GUIDING GODDESSES OF THE AMAZONS, APPEAR AS THOUGH IN A MIST . . .

HIPPOLYTE, WE HAVE COME TO GIVE YOU WARNING. DANGER AGAIN THREATENS THE ENTIRE WORLD. THE GODS HAVE DECREED THAT THIS AMERICAN ARMY OFFICER CRASH ON PARADISE ISLAND. YOU MUST DELIVER HIM BACK TO AMERICA — TO HELP FIGHT THE FORCES OF HATE AND OPPRESSION.

YES, HIPPOLYTE, AMERICAN LIBERTY AND FREEDOM MUST BE PRESERVED! YOU MUST SEND WITH HIM YOUR STRONGEST AND WISEST AMAZON — THE FINEST OF YOUR WONDER WOMEN! — FOR AMERICA, THE LAST CITADEL OF DEMOCRACY, AND OF EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN, NEEDS YOUR HELP!

YES, APHRODITE, YES, ATHENA, I NEED YOUR CALL. I SHALL FIND THE STRONGEST AND WISEST OF THE AMAZONS. SHE SHALL GO FORTH TO FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND FREEDOM AND ALL WOMANKIND!

AND SO THE AMAZON QUEEN PREPARES A TOURNAMENT TO DECIDE WHICH IS THE MOST CAPABLE OF HER SUBJECTS . . .

BUT MOTHER, WHY CAN'T I ENTER INTO THIS TOURNAMENT? SURELY, I HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT —

NO, DAUGHTER, NO! I FORBID YOU TO ENTER THE CONTEST! THE WINNER MUST TAKE THIS MAN BACK TO AMERICA AND NEVER RETURN, AND I COULDN'T BEAR TO HAVE YOU LEAVE ME FOREVER!

IF YOU ARE ALL READY, LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN — AND MAY THE BEST MAIDEN WIN!

THE TESTS BEGIN! FIRST, THE FOOT RACE! A TRAINED DEER SETS THE PACE! AS THE DEER EASILY OUTRUNS THE PACK, SUDDENLY THE SLIM MASKED FIGURE DARTS FORWARD, HER LEGS CHURNING MADLY . . .

AND NOT ONLY CATCHES UP WITH THE DEER — BUT PASSES IT!

AS THE TESTS OF STRENGTH AND ABILITY GO ON THROUGHOUT THE DAY, MORE AND MORE CONTESTANTS DROP OUT WEARILY, UNTIL NUMBER 7, THE MASKED MAIDEN, AND WALA — NUMBER 12 — KEEP WINNING EVENT AFTER EVENT. . . UNTIL EACH HAS WON TEN OF THE BRUCELLING CONTESTS!

AND NOW A DEADLY HUSH BLANKETS THE AUDIENCE. THE QUEEN HAS RISEN . . .

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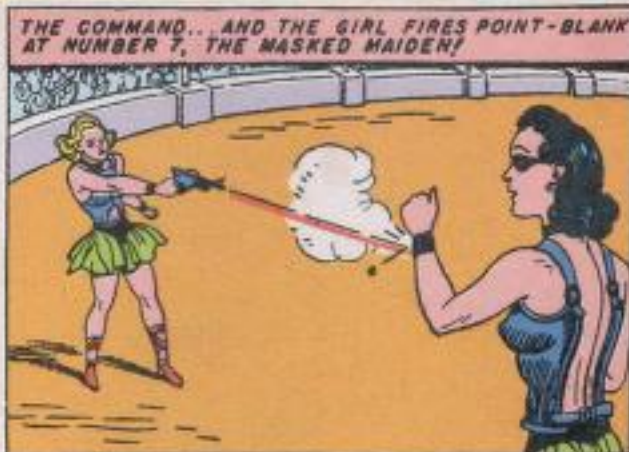
CONTESTANTS 7 AND 12, YOU ARE THE ONLY SURVIVORS OF THE TOURNAMENT! NOW YOU MUST GET READY FOR THE BEST, THE FINAL AND GREATEST TEST OF ALL — BULLETS AND BRACELETS!



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EACH OF YOU WILL SHOOT FIVE TIMES. YOUR OPPONENT MUST CATCH THE BULLETS ON HER BRACELET - OR ELSE EXPECT TO BE WOUNDED! NOW TAKE YOUR PLACES NUMBER 12 WILL SHOOT FIRST.



THE COMMAND... AND THE GIRL FIRES POINT-BLANK AT NUMBER 7, THE MASKED MAIDEN!



THE ULTIMATE TEST OF SPEED OF BOTH EYE AND MOVEMENT! NO.7'S BRACELETS BECOME SILVER FLASHES OF STREAKING LIGHT AS THEY PARRY THE DEATH-THRUSTS OF THE HURLING BULLETS!



NO.7 PASSES THE TEST UNSCATHED! NOW IT IS HER TURN TO FIRE. HER OPPONENT'S FAST — BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH!

UGH!
MY SHOULDER!



THE WINNER... CONTESTANT NO.7 — THE MASKED MAIDEN!

YOU MAY REMOVE YOUR MASK, NUMBER 7! I WANT TO SEE THE FACE OF THE STRONGEST AND MOST AGILE OF ALL THE AMAZONS

DAUGHTER!
YOU!



I KNEW IT — I FELT IT! I THOUGHT PERHAPS - WELL, IT'S TOO LATE NOW! YOU'VE WON AND I'M PROUD OF YOU! IN AMERICA YOU'LL INDEED BE A 'WONDER WOMAN', FOR I HAVE TAUGHT YOU WELL! AND LET YOURSELF BE KNOWN AS DIANA, AFTER YOUR GODMOTHER, THE GODDESS OF THE MOON! AND HERE IS A GOSTUME I HAVE DESIGNED TO BE USED BY THE WINNER, TO WEAR IN AMERICA.

WHY MOTHER, IT'S LOVELY!

AND SO DIANA, THE WONDER WOMAN, GIVING UP HER HERITAGE, AND HER RIGHT TO ETERNAL LIFE, LEAVES PARADISE ISLAND TO TAKE THE MAN SHE LOVES BACK TO AMERICA — THE LAND SHE LEARNS TO LOVE AND PROTECT, AND ADOPTS AS HER OWN!



THE END

THE WHAT, WHERE, WHY, AND WHEN OF WONDER WOMAN



1. Where did Wonder Woman come from?

Wonder Woman came from Paradise Island, an uncharted isle hidden beneath iridescent clouds in the middle of the ocean.

She was a princess, the daughter of the Amazon queen, who ruled over the all-woman population.



2. What are her superpowers?

Wonder Woman is 100 times as strong as the best athletes in the world. She can move with great speed and agility. Once she outran a car going over 60 miles-per-hour. And she can fly by gliding on air currents.



3. What special equipment does she use?

Her magic bracelets, which can deflect bullets, make her nearly invulnerable. She flies a transparent plane, which appears to be invisible to the normal eye. It can fly as fast as 3000 mph. Her magic lasso has the power to make any person tied with it tell the truth and follow any order, even if it is one given by a criminal. Wonder Woman's clothes have been treated with a special substance that allow Diana Prince to change into her Wonder Woman uniform by merely spinning the lasso around her.



4. How can Wonder Woman be made helpless?

If she is tied by any man, she loses her powers until she is let loose. Her magic lasso can be used against her, as it has been in the past. The only place Wonder Woman can be hit to render her unconscious is the back of her head.



5. How did she get her secret identity, Diana Prince?

One day while she was waiting for Steve to recover, she met a young army nurse crying outside the hospital. Her name was Diana Prince. Her future husband had just gotten a job in South America, but could not afford to bring her there. Wonder Woman gave her the money she had earned on stage and she took her job as Steve's nurse and took the woman's name.



6. What was Wonder Woman doing on stage?

Right after she brought Steve to the hospital, she foiled a bank robbery. A showman named Al Kale saw her deflecting the criminals' bul-

lets off her magic bracelets. He offered her a chance to do it on stage. She needed money, so she accepted. As soon as she learned that Steve had recovered, however, she quit.



7. What happened to Steve?

A few years ago he was being held captive by a woman villain, Dr. Cyber. At the time Wonder Woman had temporarily lost her powers, so she couldn't save him. Steve preferred to give up his own life rather than help Dr. Cyber lure Wonder Woman to her doom.



8. Who knows her secret identity?

All the members of the Justice League of America know Wonder Woman is also Diana Prince. Her mother, the Amazon Queen, knows too. The only other person in the world who could know is the real Diana Prince, but she is in South America, unaware of Wonder Woman's exploits.



9. How did she hook up with the Justice League of America?

Wonder Woman was one of the original members of the JLA. When she lost her powers fighting Dr. Cyber, she had to leave the JLA. Now her actions are being monitored by different members of the League to see if she can be readmitted.



10. Where did she get her uniform?

Her mother gave her the first one, which included a skirt. It was, and still is, red, white, and blue to show her allegiance to freedom and democracy. Later she changed to shorts when a skirt proved to be too clumsy for crimefighting.



11. Who are her enemies?

Anyone who is on the side of evil is a potential enemy. Wonder Woman has fought some very strange enemies in the past such as the Seal Men and Dr. Psycho, a twisted scientist. Her most powerful enemies are Mars, the god of war, and the Duke of Deception.



12. Has Wonder Woman ever killed anyone?

It is against her code of ethics to kill anyone. She only will use violence in self-defense, and force when she has no other means to defeat an enemy. Her philosophy is: the better you can fight, the less you have to.