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PROLOGUE: THE RIVER STYX, THE UNDERWORLD.

IN HINDSIGHT, GETTING SHOT WAS PROBABLY THE BEST THING THAT COULD'VE HAPPENED TO ME.

MM... I MEAN LIFE... WHO NEEDS THE STRESS?

AFTER AWHILE, YOU LEARN TO RELAX.

BESIDES, WHAT ELSE AM I GONNA DO... HANG OUT A WOODEN SIGN THAT READS "GONE FISHIN'"?

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN... SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA TAKE STUFF AS IT COMES. JUST LET YOUR HAIR DOWN AND...

YEAH, I C'N SEE WHERE YOU'RE COMIN' FROM, NEIL...  
TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE. I'VE BEEN KILLED FIVE, MEBBE SIX, TIMES ON THIS JOB, BUT THE RIVER ALWAYS BRINGS ME BACK... EVENTUALLY.

**REVENGE**  
**WICOM**



## THE THIN GOLD LINE

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OF COURSE, MY BETRAYAL ISN'T A VERY ORIGINAL CONCEPT, EITHER.

YOU WILL GUIDE US, CREATURE. DOWN RIVER...TO WITNESS THE RETURN OF OUR GODS. IT HAS BEEN WRITTEN.

NOT IN ANY BOOK OF MINE, IT AIN'T! I CAN'T TAKE YOU ANYWHERE, LADY!! THIS IS IT...WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GOT!!

YOU LIE!!

THERE IS MORE. YOU WILL SHOW IT TO US.

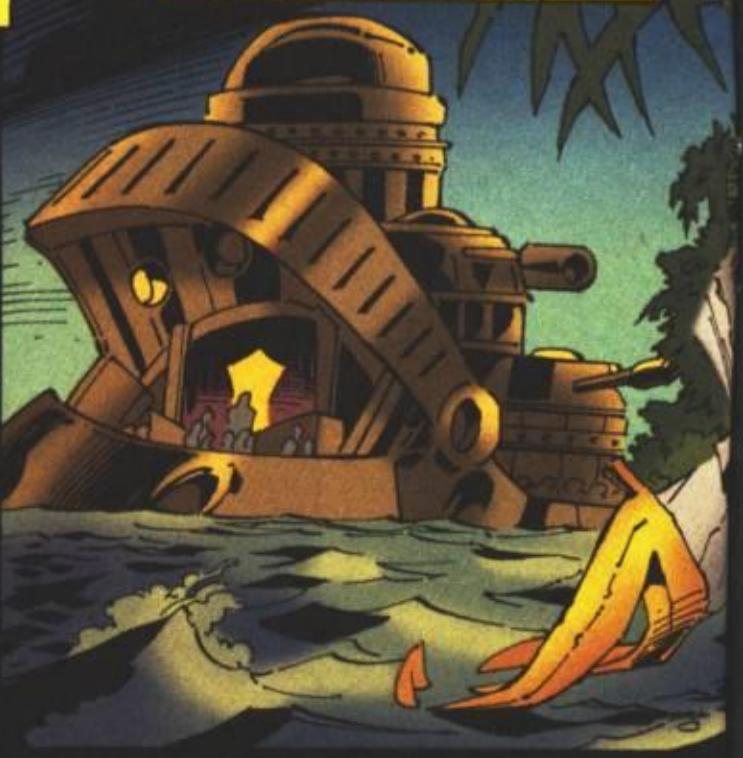
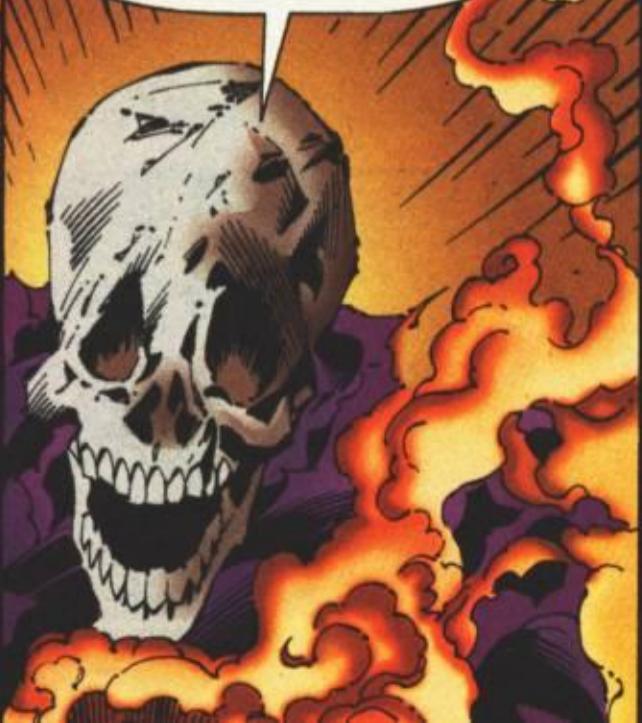
LOOK-- WHATEVER YOU ARE! THE NAME'S CHARON. I FERRY THE DEAD AROUND THE RIVER STYX. IF IT AIN'T DEAD AND IT AIN'T ON THE STYX, I DUNNO IT!!



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! THERE'S MORE...BUT USUALLY, I WOULD NEVER DO THIS.

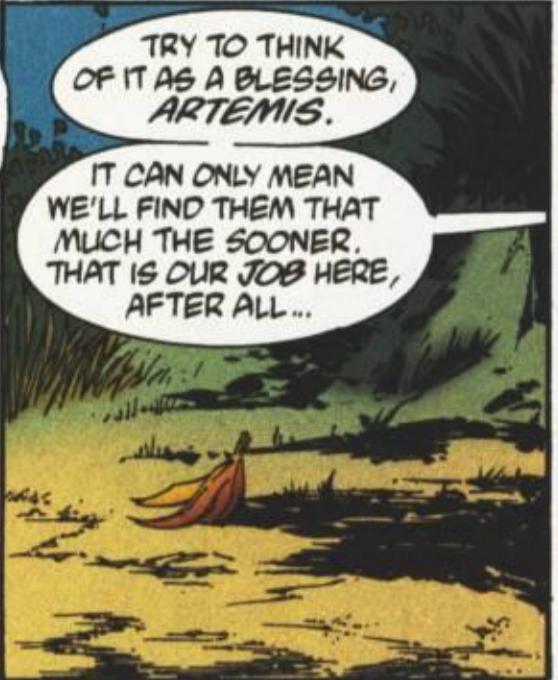
INTIMIDATION. MURDER. DECEPTION.

MY KIND SHOULD BE FINER.





IT APPEARS OUR  
ENEMIES COULDN'T  
BE BOtherED TO  
COVER THEIR TRACKS.  
WE DESERVE BETTER  
THAN THIS, PRINCESS.  
THIS BEHAVIOR  
INSULTS US.



TRY TO THINK  
OF IT AS A BLESSING,  
ARTEMIS.

IT CAN ONLY MEAN  
WE'LL FIND THEM THAT  
MUCH THE SOONER.  
THAT IS OUR JOB HERE,  
AFTER ALL...



YEAH. TO FERRET  
AN ARMY OF GUERRILLA  
APES OUTTA THE BLEEDIN'  
UNDERWORLD.



PATENTLY SO...

TRY TO SEE IT AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE LIFESTYLE WE'VE CHOSEN.

WELL, I'M BEGINNING TO THINK I SHOULD'VE REMAINED AT OXFORD. ENOUGH GETTING IN TOUCH WITH MY AMAZON ROOTS.

AS IT IS, LIVING IN PARADISE IS LIKELY TO BE THE DEATH OF ME.

THE PRICE WE PAY AS THE CHILDREN OF A NEW MYTHOLOGY...

YEAH, WELL... NEVER TOO LATE FOR A REFUND, IS IT?

PRINCESS... I'VE TRACED THEIR DIRECTION!

NOW LET US MOVE QUICKLY. THIS PLACE CONJURES THE MOST UNPLEASANT MEMORIES.

UNDERSTOOD.

I TRUST THIS WILL SUFFICE.

UM, I HATE TO BE A STICKLER, WONDER WOMAN, BUT YOU KNOW THIS THING BREAKS ABOUT THREE DIFFERENT PHYSICAL LAWS. IT CAN'T POSSIBLY EXIST.

BUT IT DOES... NOT THAT IT MATTERS. WHAT'S IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE'S A WORLD UP THERE FIGHTING ITS WAY BACK TO REASON.

AND IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP IT ALONG.

END OF PROLOGUE

REWIND. HOURS EARLIER.  
35° LATITUDE BY 16° LONGITUDE.

IRON EAGLE  
REQUESTS PERMISSION  
TO SPEAK FREELY,  
SIR. OVER.

PERMISSION  
GRANTED, JIMENEZ.  
AND CUT IT OUT WITH  
THAT "IRON EAGLE"  
NONSENSE! WHAT'S  
ON YOUR MIND?

THIS WHOLE APE  
THING, COMMANDER.  
IT'S GOTTA BE  
BOGUS, RIGHT?

GOLD  
DIGGER

DON'T ASK  
ME, JIMENEZ.  
MY SCREEN'S  
GOIN' BANANAS  
DOWN HERE. MUST  
BE SOMETHIN'...

BANANAS. VERY  
FUNNY. I'M TELLIN'  
YOU WE GOT...

HOLY!!!

USS JESSICA WEST  
CVN 101X

SKA-BOOM

WE'VE LOST  
JIMENEZ--  
WAIT!  
WAIT! WE'VE  
GOT CHATTER  
OVER THE LINE...  
CAN BARELY  
MAKE IT OUT!  
SOUNDS  
LIKE...

"... SOUNDS LIKE  
LAUGHTER."

JESSICA  
WEST  
CVN 101X

WE'RE ONLY  
GOING TO  
MAKE  
THEM MAD...

XWOL

DID YOU SAY  
SOMETHING,  
SPECIALIST  
LUK-NUTT?

THERE'S SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT ON  
THAT KEEN SIMIAN  
MIND OF YOURS?

N-NOTHING,  
MISTRESS. JUST  
WAVING OFF A FEW  
FLIES...NOT THAT  
YOU'D KNOW  
ABOUT SUCH  
THINGS.

NO. I  
WOULDN'T.

I LIE WITH EVERY BREATH,  
DECEPTION HAVING BECOME  
MY MOST BASIC INSTINCT.

OUR ADVANCE ON  
PARADISE ISLAND  
PROCEEDS ACCORD-  
ING TO SCHEDULE,  
I PRAY?

AHEAD OF,  
ACTUALLY. WE'LL  
CLEAR THE  
DISPLACEMENT  
HORIZON ANY  
MOMENT NOW.

PERFECT.

ONCE THE "TARTARUS  
GATE" IS BREACHED, THE  
OUTER WORLD WILL  
SHUDDER AT WHAT I'LL HAVE  
WROUGHT. EVEN SIMIAN  
SCARLET WILL BE  
CAUGHT UNAWARES.

DOESN'T  
THAT SOUND JUST  
LOVELY?

THEN AGAIN,  
NO ONE EVER SAID  
BEING A HERETIC  
WOULD BE EASY.

UM...YES, WELL, "UNAWARES"  
DOESN'T BEGIN TO DESCRIBE  
IT. I'M CERTAIN THE GODS WILL  
BE SMILING UPON US, MISTRESS,  
AS THE HUMANS SAY...

...A LITTLE  
FAITH CAN MOVE  
MOUNTAINS.

PRAISE  
THE LORDS OF  
TWILIGHT AND  
SHADOW!

AMEN.

IT TOOK TIME TO  
GROW INTO THE ROLE.

TIME SPENT IN ABU-GITA'S  
HAREM, ENDURING THE  
HORRORS OF HER BED  
CHAMBER, LED ME TO  
IMAGINE THAT MY ONLY  
PORTAL TO SALVATION...

...LAY AT THE  
END OF A FRESH,  
STRONG VINE.

THANKFULLY,  
I FOUND A  
BETTER OPTION.

OBSERVE.

THE ATTACK  
BEGINS ON THE  
FAR SIDE OF THE  
ISLAND. THERE'S A  
SMALL, FERAL  
POPULATION WHICH  
WE'LL MANIPLU-  
LATE TO OUR  
ADVANTAGE.

A RELATIVELY  
SIMPLE  
OPERATION.

ANOTHER LIE.

A CULTURE RICH IN ART AND PHILOSOPHY, AMAZON CIVILIZATION HAS WITHSTOOD THE WRATH OF APOKOLIPS.

I DOUBT A FEW STRANGE APES WILL IMPRESS THEM.

ONCE WE'VE BREACHED THE GATE, WE'LL PROCEED INTO MYTH-SPACE VIA THE RIVER STYX.

FROM THERE, WE'LL NAVIGATE A COURSE ALONG THE TRIBUTARIES TO THE LUR-NILE AND, FROM THERE, TOWARDS THE GANGES AND THE HOME OF OUR GODS...

...THE RAKSHASAS.

THE POOR SHE-CREATURE HAS NO IDEA.

THE SUCCESS OF SIMIAN SCARLET'S PLAN RESTS ON THE MORPHOGENETIC RESONATOR.

A DEVICE WHICH TRANSFORMS BASELINE HUMANS INTO APES BY ALTERING FIELDS OF PROBABILITY. A SIMPLE PROCEDURE. THE VARIATION IN OUR RESONANCE IS SMALL.

BUT WONDER WOMAN, THE AMAZON PRINCESS, WAS SCULPTED OUT OF CLAY AND DOES NOT QUALIFY AS A BASELINE HUMAN.

HER MORPHIC RESONANCES ARE UNIQUE, UNPREDICTABLE... AND SHE HAS MANY FRIENDS.

ANY METAHUMANS WE TRANSFORM WILL REVERT BACK.









DIANA...  
HOW DO YOU  
FEEL? THE DANGER  
SEEMS TO HAVE  
PASSED.

IT SEEMS MY BODY  
SHED THE MORPHOGENETIC  
EFFECT. BELIEVE ME, IT FELT  
WORSE THAN IT LOOKED,  
BUT THE ALARM...

EEE:



--RECEIVING,  
PRINCESS?  
GORILLA  
ASSAULT!

PARADISE  
ISLAND REQUIRES  
ASSISTANCE!

NO!!

HOLD  
THE LINE,  
SHIM'TAR.

PROMISE YOU WON'T  
CALL ME THAT, HIPPOLYTA,  
AND I'LL DO MY BEST. YOU  
HAVE MY WORD.



I DON'T UNDER-  
STAND! THIS SHOULD'VE  
BEEN IMPOSSIBLE!

FIRE!!





THE WARRIORSES OF GORILLA CITY NEED TO BE TAUGHT A LESSON. IF THAT REQUIRES A DESCENT INTO THE UNDERWORLD, THEN SO BE IT!



IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER...THIS IS JUST A FIELD TEST.

I COULDN'T GET ANYTHING HIGH-TECH TO WORK. IT FORCED ME TO IMPROVISE...WITH MAGIC.

HALF THE TIME, I'VE NO IDEA WHAT THIS TIN SUIT WILL DO!

THEN TAKE IT OFF!

THE GORILLAS HAVE BREACHED "DOOM'S DOORWAY." THERE MUST BE A REASON WHY.



THE RIVER STYX.

WHAT IS THIS--"APOCALYPSE NOW"? I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY MINED THE RIVER.

I RECOGNIZE THE MORPHOGENETIC TECHNOLOGY. WE'LL WANT TO BE CAREFUL... THESE DEVICES COULD TRANSFORM US INTO APES...OR WORSE.

ARTEMIS... YOU SPENT TIME IN THE UNDERWORLD. WHERE ARE WE?

ON THE PERIMETER OF A MYTH OLDER THAN OUR OWN.



NO...IT'S ACTUALLY QUITE BEAUTIFUL.



PREPARE.

NICE  
KNOWING YOU,  
TUGGO.

OF ALL METAHUMANS, RESEARCH  
ON DIANA OF THEMYSCIRIA PROVED  
THE MOST ILLUMINATING. AMONG  
THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES, IT IS  
SHE WHO SETS THE STANDARD.

A POWERFUL WARRIOR, IT IS  
NOT HER PHYSICAL STRENGTH  
WHICH DEFINES HER.

RATHER, IT IS HER  
EMBODIMENT OF THE  
ABSOLUTE TRUTH  
THAT MAKES HER  
WHAT SHE IS...

AN  
IRRESISTIBLE  
FORCE.



I'LL TELL YOU:  
GRODD HAD  
THE RIGHT  
IDEA.

FEW THINGS ARE MORE  
RIDICULOUS THAN A HUMAN IN  
ONE OF THOSE GARISH OUTFITS.  
FOR THAT ALONE, WE SHOULD  
WIPE THEM FROM THE FACE  
OF THE EARTH!



I'LL BE  
CERTAIN TO PASS  
ALONG YOUR FEELINGS  
TO THE FLASH  
NEXT TIME I  
SEE HIM.







GLORY TO  
ABU-GITA!

NO!!



STAY BACK! I'LL  
HANDLE THIS!







LETTING YOURSELVES  
BE AMBUSHED... WHAT  
WERE YOU THINKING?

THESE CREATURES  
SHOULD NEVER HAVE  
BEEN ALLOWED TO COME  
THIS FAR... THERE  
ARE RULES.

I SHOULD THINK THAT YOU, IF  
ANYONE, WOULD REMEMBER  
SUCH THINGS... ANTOPE.

NO. ANTOPE  
WAS MY AUNT.  
I'M DIANA--  
DAUGHTER OF  
HIPPOLYTA.

AND  
DON'T BLAME MY  
COMPANIONS...  
ANY FAULT  
HERE WAS  
CERTAINLY  
MINE.

DAUGHTER...?

I SUPPOSE THAT'S  
POSSIBLE. I WAS A FRIEND  
TO YOUR AUNT AND MOTHER BOTH  
BUT IT'S BEEN... SOME TIME SINCE  
I'VE SEEN ANOTHER  
AMAZON.

I DON'T...

A TOURNAMENT  
WAS CALLED... A WORTHY  
CHAMPION NEEDED TO GUARD  
THE TARTARUS GATE FROM  
THE INSIDE. I WON THE HONOR  
AND HAVE PATROLLED THESE  
FARAWAY BORDERS  
EVER SINCE.

I AM CALLED  
NU'BIA.

THIS  
IS GETTING  
ODDER...

EXCUSE ME, PRINCESS  
WONDER WOMAN. BUT...  
COULD YOU TIE ME UP  
NOW, PLEASE?

I'VE A  
CONFESSTION  
TO MAKE.

"...THE BAD GUY  
ALWAYS SLIPS UP."

AHHHHKKKKK

HEY, ABU-GITA!! DON'T GET COCKY.  
I'VE SEEN A LOT OF WICKED PLANS  
IN MY DAY, AND IN THE END THEY ALL  
WENT SOUR. WANNA KNOW WHY?

IT'S  
SIMPLE,  
REALLY.

THESE  
IS NOTHINGS  
LEFT BUT AN  
ENDING TO  
WHAT HAS COME  
BEFORE.  
AND THE  
BEGINNING...  
OF A DARKER TIME  
AHEAD.

HUSH.

HEY, GUYS...  
I'M SERIOUS!  
MY THERAPIST  
SAID TO AVOID  
EXECUTIONS  
WHENEVER  
POSSIBLE--  
ESPECIALLY  
MY OWN.

WAASN'T PULLING HIS  
WEIGHT ON THURSDAY  
NIGHTS. NOT THAT  
I BLAME HIM.

IT'S BOOCO.  
MM. THINK  
WHO'S

UNDER THE  
HOOD?

THIS JOKE  
ISN'T FUNNY  
ANYMORE!

THE TEMPLE OF  
THE RAKSHASAS.



TYPICALLY, I WOULDN'T DESCRIBE MYSELF AS AN EMOTIONAL APE. NEUROTIC, PERHAPS, IN A PRIVATE MOMENT, I CAN ADMIT TO THAT.

WHAT HAPPENED THERE IN THE RUINS WENT BEYOND FEAR.

FEAR OF META-HUMANS, FEAR OF THE BOMB. THESE ARE THINGS BOTH HUMAN AND APE ALIKE CAN APPRECIATE. THIS WAS A DIFFERENT THING. PRIMAL...

THE  
RAKSHASAS  
HAVE COME  
HOME!!

ATTACK!!!

AS I WATCHED THE DARKNESS FLOW LIKE A FOUL LIQUID FROM AN OPEN VEIN, ALL I COULD DO WAS SHUDDER. EVERY FIBER OF MY PRIMITIVE SOUL TELLING ME TO RUN... RUN SCREAMING... BACK INTO THE TREES.

THEN I  
LOOKED  
AT HER AND  
THINGS  
CHANGED.

SUCH IS THE  
NATURE OF  
A PURE THING.



A GOLDEN MEAN  
AGAINST WHICH ALL  
OF US MUST BE  
MEASURED.



YEAH...  
NOW THAT'S  
WHAT I'M TALKIN'  
ABOUT.

IN THE  
ELEVENTH  
HOUR, IT'S  
ALWAYS THE  
SAME.

LISTEN TO  
ME: YOUR ENTIRE  
FAITH IS BASED  
ON A LIE.

A FALLACY  
WHICH IT IS  
HIGH TIME YOU  
SURRENDER.

A SINGLE  
BULLET  
OF TRUTH.

I RESPECT  
THAT EVERY CULTURE  
HAS ITS OWN PRACTICES,  
BUT LOOK AROUND YOU...  
THIS IS THE CENTER OF  
HINDU MYTHOLOGY. THE  
RAKSHASAS ARE PART  
OF THIS WORLD...

BUT WHAT PURPOSE  
COULD YOUR RACE HAVE  
HERE? HOW IS IT THAT  
THESE DEMONS BECAME  
A PART OF YOUR  
MYTHOLOGY?

WHAT?!??!

WHAT I  
OFFER YOU IS  
THE TRUTH: NO  
ONE CAN LIE WHEN  
IN CONTACT WITH  
THE LASSO OF  
TRUTH.

NOT  
EVEN  
ME.

I ASKED  
A QUESTION...  
WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO KNOW THE  
ANSWER?

TELL HER  
LUKK-NUTT.  
THE PRIESTESS  
DESERVES TO  
KNOW.

I'VE BEEN LYING SO LONG, THE LASO WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD BE CERTAIN I WOULD TELL... THE ENTIRE TRUTH.

THE TERRIBLE TRUTH.

"MY FIRST STEPS TOWARDS HERESY WERE TAKEN WHILE RECOVERING FROM A BROKEN LEG; MONITORING HUMAN CULTURE ON A HOMEMADE LAPTOP.

"THERE MIGHT'VE BEEN A FLAW IN THE CATHODE RAY OR, PERHAPS, IT WAS THE ISOLATION. WHATEVER THE REASON, LEFT TO MY OWN DEVICES, I BEGAN TO NOTICE ... DISCREPANCIES IN OUR HISTORY.

"GORILLA CITY CULTURE IS ONLY ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD, AND YET IT MAKES CLAIMS TO AN ANCIENT HERO, GROGAMESH, FROM A TALE OLDER THAN THE PYRAMIDS.

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN HOW YOUR MACHINES WERE ABLE TO WORK ON PARADISE ISLAND OR WHY YOU WERE ABLE TO GET THIS FAR.

"OUR ENTIRE HISTORY IS FRAUGHT WITH SUCH CONTRADICTIONS. I BEGAN TO SEARCH FOR TRUTH.

"AND DISCOVERED THAT OUR TECHNOLOGY IS COBBLED TOGETHER FROM THE WRITINGS OF JULES VERNE AND H.G. WELLS...

"...OUR FAITH FROM THE WORKS OF H.P. LOVECRAFT."

THE TRUTH IS, MISTRESS: OUR CULTURE IS ONLY A CRACKED REFLECTION OF HUMAN SOCIETY.

A BAD JOKE.

I DON'T KNOW. I WAS ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN WE'D FAIL.

I THINK I UNDERSTAND.



BOTH GORILLA GRODD AND  
SOLOVAR POSSESS PSIONIC ABILITIES...  
PERHAPS YOU'VE NEVER THOUGHT TO  
TO TEST THE REST OF THE  
POPULACE.

I BELIEVE YOUR PEOPLE POSSESS  
A KIND OF GROUP "FORCE-OF-MIND," ONE  
FOCUSED BY YOUR BELIEF... IT'S THAT  
FAITH WHICH ALLOWED YOU TO PENETRATE  
THE GREEK UNDERWORLD.



THE TRUTH,  
PRIESTESS ABU-GITA...  
IS THAT, IF NOT FOR YOUR  
BELIEF IN A COLOSSAL  
LIE, YOU WOULDN'T  
EVEN BE HERE.

IT'S...  
IMPOSSIBLE.

NO...



Nooooooo!



GOOD  
RIDDANCE AND  
G'NIGHT.



YOU CAN LEARN A LOT ABOUT A CULTURE FROM ITS STORIES.



WHAT SOME PEOPLE WILL DO FOR LOVE.



I IMAGINE ABU-GITA LIKELY HAD A LESS THAN GLORIOUS RETURN TO PARADISE ISLAND. I FEEL SORRY FOR HER...

ALMOST.



IN THE END, I WAS RIGHT. WE ONLY MADE THEM MAD.



AFTER ALL, IT ISN'T SAFE TO CROSS THE BORDERS OF A MYTHOLOGY...



FIRST RULE IS:  
THE GOOD GUYS  
ALWAYS WIN.

THE SECOND: THERE'S NO  
SUBSTITUTE FOR THE ABSOLUTE  
TRUTH. HEROES AND GODS  
WILL SACRIFICE ANYTHING FOR IT.

EVEN IF IT BRINGS THE  
WORLD CRASHING DOWN  
AROUND THEIR EARS.

I ADMIRE THAT.

AND HOPE THAT I MIGHT,  
SOMEDAY, INHERIT SUCH A NOBLE  
ROLE FROM MY KIND.

AND GUIDE THEM  
ON THEIR WAY TO A  
FINER TOMORROW.

end