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JUDGMENT
OF THE DAMNED!



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MANHATTAN.



...IT'S AN
OFFER.

DEVASTATION?!

THE FOUR HORSEWOMEN PART I

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BOSTON.

BESS LYNN
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL.

MY PEOPLE LIVE...
A **LONG** TIME. PAST AND
FUTURE ARE **ESPECIALLY**
CONNECTED IN OUR
MINDS.

HISTORY
HELPS THE AMAZONS
BUILD A BETTER
FUTURE...

...IF WE
CAN **LEARN**
FROM IT.

THAT IS WHY I'M HERE TODAY,
WITH THE **PRIVILEGE** OF
SPEAKING TO ALL OF
YOU.

TAKE MY
GRANDMOTHER,
ALCIPPE. SHE WAS
OUR QUEEN.

BUT WHEN SHE NO LONGER
FELT **RESPECTED** BY OUR
GODS, SHE **DEFIED** THEM,
AND **LEFT** OUR ISLAND.



"CHALLENGE POWER?"
THESE TEACHERS CAN'T
GET THESE KIDS TO PUT
SNOW PANTS ON.

NOT **EVERYONE** WILL TAKE
YOUR IDEAS THE SAME WAY. THEY
DON'T HAVE **CONTEXT**. SOME
THEMYSIRAN CONCEPTS...
SHOULD MAYBE **STAY** THERE.



THE PORTAL TO THEMYSIRIA
NOW OPENS **ONLY** FOR THOSE
WITH AMAZON BLOOD.



"...WE CAN **CONTINUE**
THIS CONVERSATION
AT HOME."

AN HOUR LATER.

SO...EVEN
YOU'VE GOT TELLS,
DIANA. **SOMETHING'S**
ON YOUR MIND,
AND IT'S NOT MY
WORLDVIEW.

NOT YOURS.
MINE. THE CLASS
WASN'T THE ONLY
REASON MY **IDEALS**
HAVE BEEN TOP OF
MIND. I'VE BEEN
CONSIDERING
MY...PAST
DECISIONS.

TODAY IS
UNUSUALLY
HARD...
...BECAUSE
IT'S **HELEN PAUL'S**
BIRTHDAY.

*ALL THE WORLD'S
DEADLIEST SECRET
ORGANIZATIONS WERE
ASSIMILATED BY
LEVIATHAN IN **EVENT**
LEVIATHAN. -- PAUL

BECAUSE OF ME.
I SET HER ON
THAT PATH.

I'VE SEEN
SOME **BAD** HOMES.
MAYBE YOU DID
EXACTLY WHAT SHE
NEEDED.

YOU
WAIT TO TELL
KIDS ABOUT
SANTA, RIGHT?





NORWAY.

...AS IF THAT
ISN'T EXACTLY
WHAT I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FOR.





MANHATTAN.

DON'T--DON'T
LET THEM *GET*
US!





...IT MAKES US MONSTERS.



HELP, DONNA!



SO...YOU THINK I'D TURN ON DIANA? YOU KNOW...THAT'S FUNNY. IF SHE WERE HERE RIGHT NOW? SHE'D WANT TO TALK.



BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, I'VE HAD A TOUGH RUN. AND I'VE BEEN WAITING TO GIVE SOME OF IT BACK.

SO WHO'S FIRST?

NORWAY.

HELEN--

IT'S PAULA. THE AMAZONS HAVE A **LOT** TO ANSWER FOR, DIANA. **YOU** ESPECIALLY. BUT OUT OF **RESPECT** FOR OUR PAST...

...WOULD YOU CARE TO **ADMIT** WHAT YOU DID?

WHAT I DID...

"...RESCUING YOU FROM YOUR BIRTH PARENTS..."

"...PLACING YOU IN A LOVING HOME..."

"...SETTING YOU ON A HOPEFUL PATH..."

"...WAS TO SHIELD YOU FROM HATE.*

*SEE THE FULL STORY IN WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL #3.--PAUL

NO MATTER YOUR PAST, YOU WERE MY **SISTER**, LIKE SO MANY.

AND AS I DO FOR THEM, I WANTED ONLY THE **BEST** FOR YOU.

...SISTER?

THEY SAID
YOU WOULDN'T
ADMIT IT.

OF COURSE. WHEN I
TOUCHED THE SPEAR
OF GUDRA, WHEN I
COMMUNED WITH
MY ANCESTORS...

...WHEN I
LEARNED I WAS
THE LAST VON
GUNTHER...IT ALL
MADE SENSE,
FINALLY.

THE
VALKYRIES
WERE MY BLOOD,
BETRAYED BY YOUR
PEOPLE...SO WHY
WOULDN'T
YOU FEAR MY
NAME?

I KNOW
THE STORY OF
THE VALKYRIES. THEY
CAME TO THEMYSIRA
TO CONQUER. THE
AMAZONS DEFENDED
THEMSELVES...BUT
THAT FIGHT IS
OVER.

IS IT?

DO YOU
RENOUNCE YOUR
STATUS AS CHAMPION
OF THE AMAZONS?

NEVER...
NOR DO I
NEED TO.

AND I WILL NOT
RENOUNCE MY
NAME...OR ITS
POWER.

SO
THERE'S
NO CHOICE.
YOU'RE
WRONG,
DIANA.

THIS FIGHT
WILL CONTINUE...



CHAMPION
TO CHAMPION!





I TRUSTED YOU, DIANA! I BUILT MY DAMN LIFE AROUND YOU, AND YOU PLAYED ME FROM MOMENT ONE!

I NEVER WANTED TO HURT YOU, PAULA. THIS DID NOT NEED TO BE A FIGHT.

THAT WOULD'VE BEEN EASIER, WOULDN'T IT? BUT YOU CAN'T ESCAPE THE PAST!

YOU AND THE AMAZONS ARE GOING TO FEEL EVERY VON GUNTHER DEATH!

YOU'RE INVOKING A LIE! THE VALKYRIE VENDETTA IS NOTHING BUT WOUNDED EGO! FAILED SUPREMACY!

YOUR FAMILY HAS BEEN FORCING THIS CONFLICT! I KNEW THAT...

...AND WANTED BETTER FOR YOU!

YOU'RE **SO SURE** OF YOURSELF!
WHY? BECAUSE YOU'VE BEEN
TAUGHT THE AMAZONS ARE
HONORABLE?

SHLURK

IF YOU WERE **REALLY**
INTERESTED IN THE
TRUTH...

...YOU WOULDN'T BE SO
QUICK TO TRUST WHAT
YOU'RE **TOLD**.

THAT'S WHAT YOUR
OWN LIES TAUGHT ME,
THE **HARD** WAY.

SLUNK

THE AMAZONS...
ARE **NOT** WITHOUT
FAULT. NOR AM I.

I DID WHAT
I DID...BUT **THIS** IS
NOT THE SOLUTION.

...AND
THEY ALL
HATE AMAZONS.
EVERY ONE OF
THEM. NOT
JUST **YOU**.

YOU KNOW WHAT
THIS LASSO MEANS...
SO **HEAR ME**. THE
AMAZONS DID **NOT**
STRIKE FIRST AGAINST
THE VALKYRIES.

DO YOU
REALLY KNOW
THAT?

"OF COURSE
YOUR PEOPLE
WOULD FRAME
THEMSELVES AS
THE VICTIMS."

"BUT YOU ONLY
HAVE STORIES
AS PROOF."

"THANKS TO THE
SPEAR... I LIVED
THE MOMENT AS
IF I WAS THERE."

"...BUT THE
AMAZONS
WANTED
BLOOD."

"WAS IT JEALOUSY?
WERE THE AMAZONS
AFRAID TO FACE
WARRIORS WHO'D
NEVER BEEN
CONQUERED?"

"GUDRA LED
A CREW OF
VALKYRIE
EXPLORERS."

"THEY HAPPENED UPON
THEMYSCIRA, SEEKING
ONLY KNOWLEDGE..."

"WHATEVER THE
REASON... MY PEOPLE
WERE CUT DOWN."

EVERY
AMAZON LEARNS OF
GUDRA'S ATTACK. IT IS
A CAUTIONARY TALE
ABOUT TRUSTING
OUTSIDERS.

I WILL NOT
APOLOGIZE
FOR THE AMAZON
DEFENSE... BUT I AM
SORRY FOR HIDING
IT FROM YOU, AND
SORRY FOR THE PAIN
IT CAUSED YOUR
FAMILY.

SORRY? AFTER
CENTURIES... YOU THINK
THAT STILL MEANS
SOMETHING?

THIS LASSO ONLY PROVES YOU'RE SAYING WHAT YOU **THINK** IS TRUE.

BUT YOU COULD BE RETELLING AN **OLD LIE**. YOU **WANT** TO BELIEVE THE AMAZONS ARE **ABOVE** SUCH AN ATTACK...



"...BUT ARE THEY **TRULY SO ABOVE SAVAGERY?**"

"HAVE THEY NEVER **TURNED** ON EACH OTHER? HAVE THEY NEVER ACTED WITHOUT **HONOR?***"

"DO YOU **TRULY** BELIEVE SOMETHING MUST BE **TRUE** SIMPLY BECAUSE EVERYONE KEEPS REPEATING IT?!"

"**A WHOLE CULTURE** CAN BE BUILT ON A **LIE**...IF THE LIE IS **STRONG ENOUGH.***"

*THEY DID! IN WONDER WOMAN #75.
-- PAUL

*IT COULD! IN WONDER WOMAN #754. -- PAUL



ISN'T IT POSSIBLE... THAT THE **AMAZON** VERSION OF HISTORY IS A LIE?

I ...
BELIEVE IT
IS NOT.

I DO.
BUT...
YES. IT'S
POSSIBLE.



GOOD. SO AS A **BIG FAN** OF TRUTH...

DEET

...YOU'D UNDERSTAND HOW THAT LIE WOULD DISPLEASE ME.

AND IT'S FUNNY. ONCE I KNEW HOW YOU'D MANGLED MY LIFE, IT WAS EASY TO FIND OTHERS YOU'D RUINED.

THE BEST INTENTIONS, DIANA. BUT OUTCOMES MATTER. DEVASTATION, ARMAGEDDON...ALL MY HORSEWOMEN WANT PAYBACK.



AS YOU CAN SEE, GENOCIDE ADVANCES ON THEMYSCIRA'S PORTAL... CRUSHING EVERYTHING IN HER PATH.



MANY WILL DIE IN BOSTON UNLESS YOU HELP THEM.

YOU'VE GOT A CHOICE TO MAKE, DIANA.



EARTH DOESN'T NEED TO BE CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE. IT'S SIMPLE. BETRAY YOUR PEOPLE, LET ME IN... AND SPARE BOSTON.

AND LOOSE THAT CREATURE ON MY SISTERS? I WILL NEVER--

WOULDN'T YOU? DOESN'T WONDER WOMAN SAVE LIVES?

YEARS
AGO, YOU
DROPPED ME
INTO A FAKE
LIFE.

YOU DIDN'T
ASK. YOU JUST
DECIDED MY FATE.
STILL, I THINK I'LL GIVE
YOU SLIGHTLY MORE
TIME TO DECIDE
BOSTON'S...

WILL 33
SECONDS BE
ENOUGH?

NEXT:
WILL TWO WORLDS
FACE GENOCIDE?