

THE MAKO COLLECTION presents

# “Gift From The Gods”

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A GROUP OF THREE GREEK SOLDIERS TRAVEL TOWARDS A LONE ISLAND IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.



WHO ARE THEY?

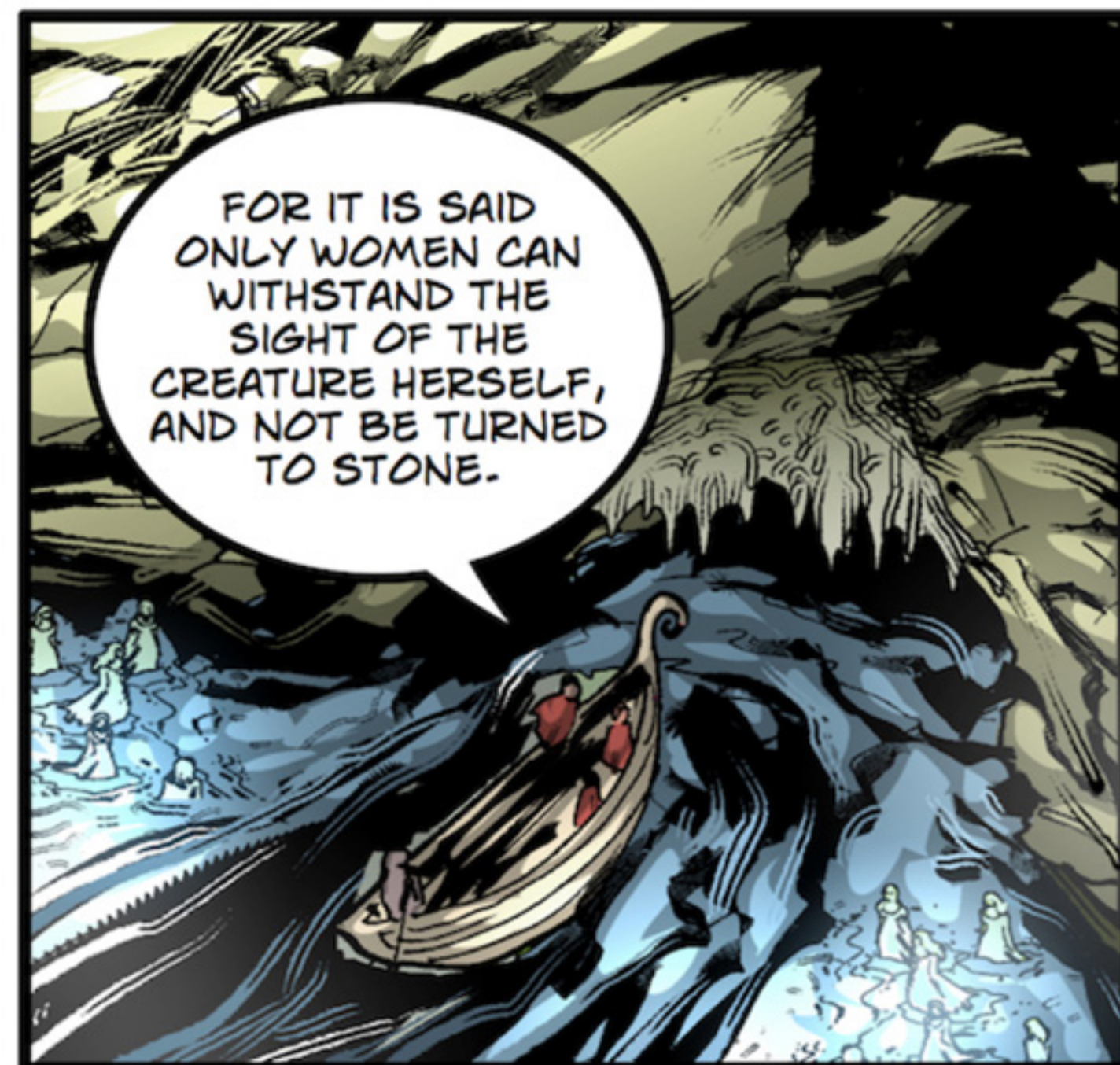
PAY NO HEED TO THEM, PHINEUS. THEIR SORROW WILL TORTURE YOUR SOUL.



THEY WERE MORTAL WOMEN, WHOM TRIED TO ENTER THE LAIR. A CURSE PREVENTS ANY HUMAN FEMALE FROM ENTERING OR LEAVING.



FOR IT IS SAID ONLY WOMEN CAN WITHSTAND THE SIGHT OF THE CREATURE HERSELF, AND NOT BE TURNED TO STONE.



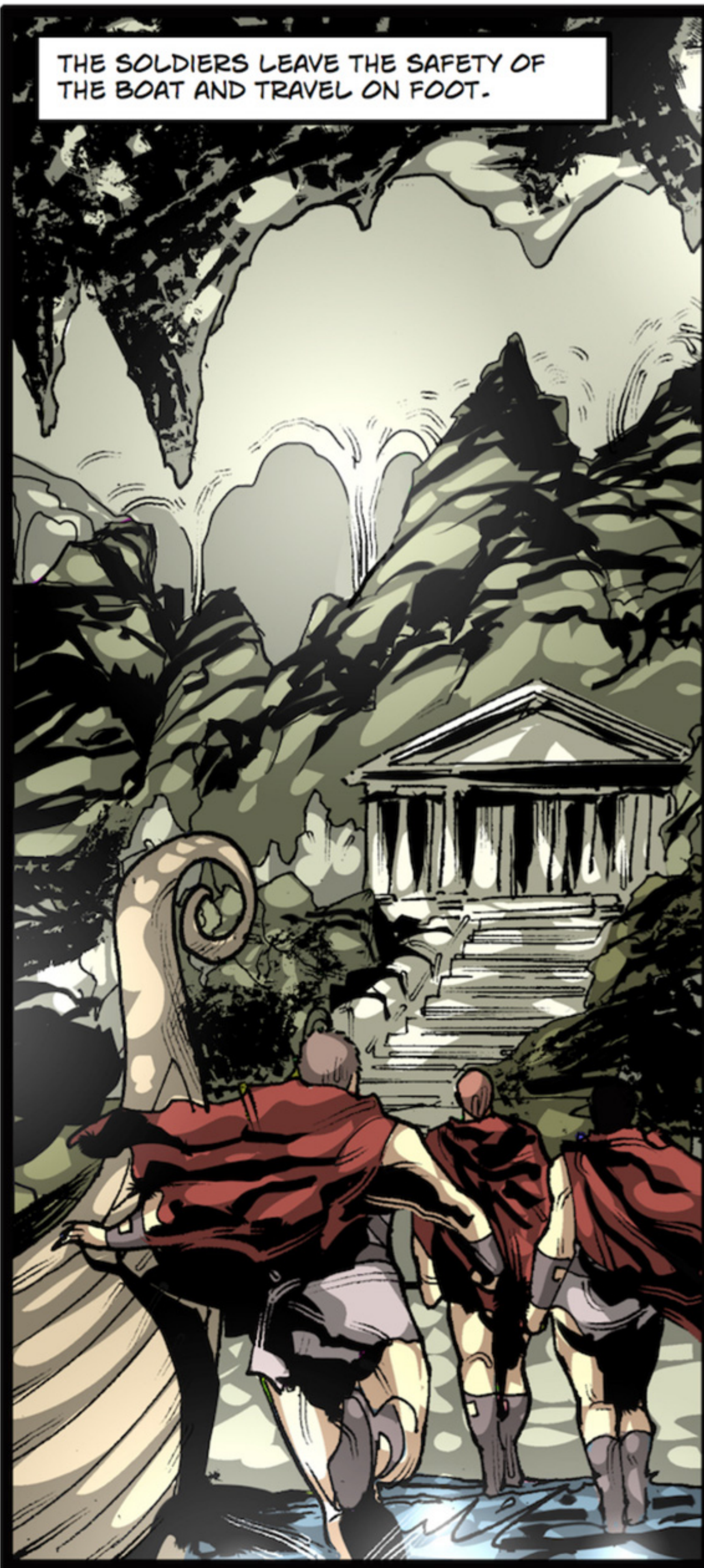
INSIDE A LARGE CAVERN RESTS AN OLD STONE TEMPLE.





THIS IS WHERE OUR JOURNEY ENDS.

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THE SOLDIERS LEAVE THE SAFETY OF THE BOAT AND TRAVEL ON FOOT.



THE ODDS ARE NOT WITH US, ACONTEUS. WE HAVE SPENT TOO MANY DAYS TRAVELING HERE AND LOST TOO MANY MEN.



WE MADE A VOW TO SAVE THE PRINCESS ANDROMEDA. WE ARE SWORN TO GIVE OUR LIVES FOR HER. STAY HERE WHILE I SCOUT AHEAD.



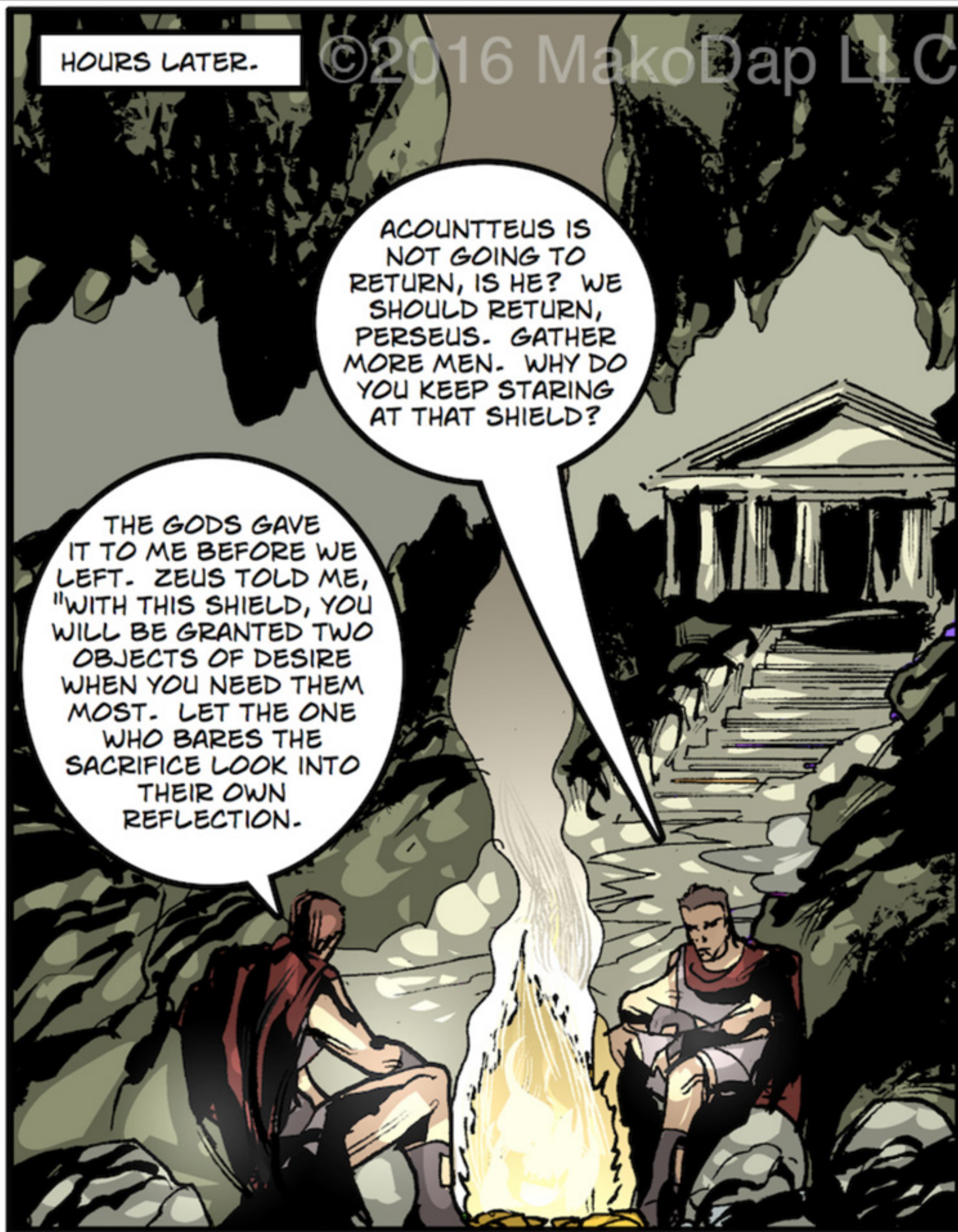
ACONTEUS RUNS UP THE STAIRS AND OUT OF SIGHT.

HOURS LATER.

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THE GODS GAVE IT TO ME BEFORE WE LEFT. ZEUS TOLD ME, "WITH THIS SHIELD, YOU WILL BE GRANTED TWO OBJECTS OF DESIRE WHEN YOU NEED THEM MOST. LET THE ONE WHO BARES THE SACRIFICE LOOK INTO THEIR OWN REFLECTION."

ACONTEUS IS NOT GOING TO RETURN, IS HE? WE SHOULD RETURN, PERSEUS. GATHER MORE MEN. WHY DO YOU KEEP STARING AT THAT SHIELD?



PERSEUS TURNS THE SHIELD AROUND...



AS PHINEUS LOOKS AT HIS REFLECTION.



WHAT IS HAPPENING TO ME? MUST STOP IT!



DON'T FIGHT IT PHINEUS. LET THE CHANGE TAKE PLACE OR IT WILL KILL YOU.

YOU'RE RIGHT. THE PAIN IS SLOWING.



I WANT MY BODY TO CHANGE. YES! MORE! THIS FEELS SO AMAZING!



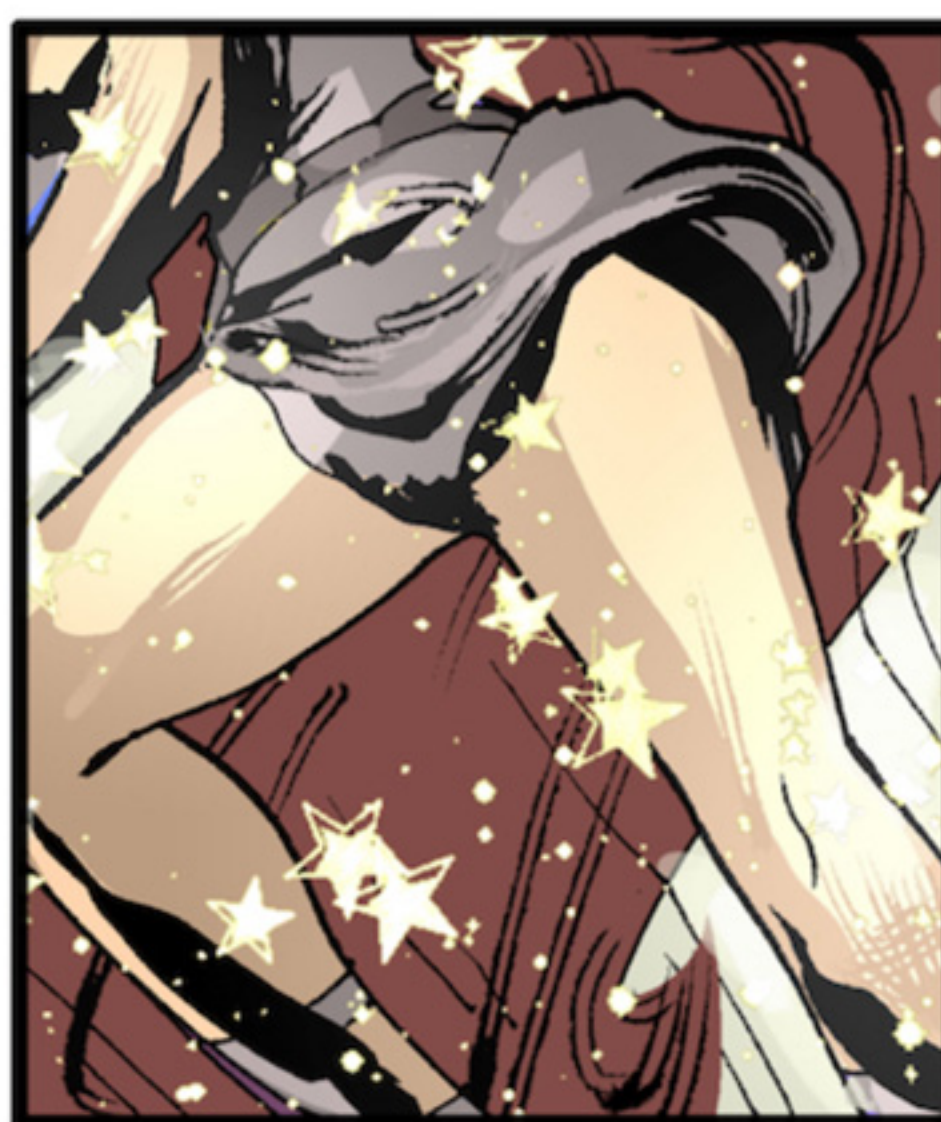
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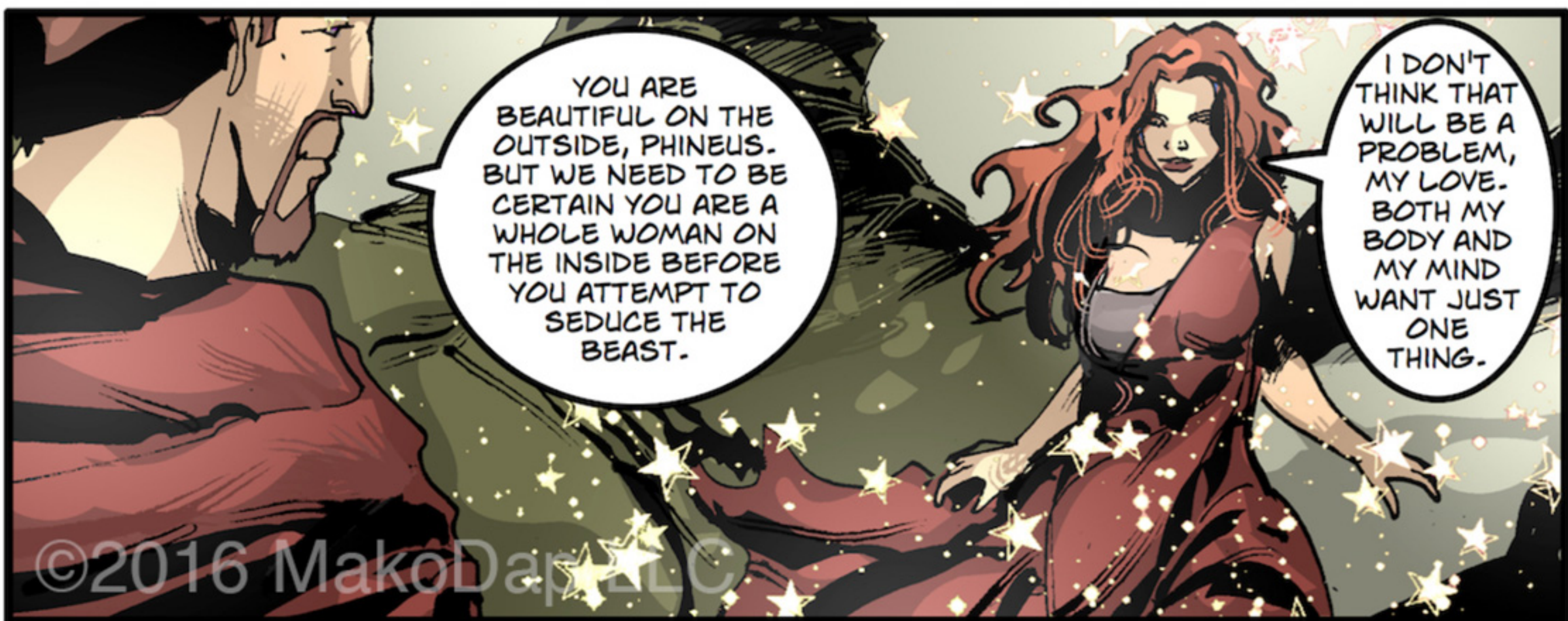
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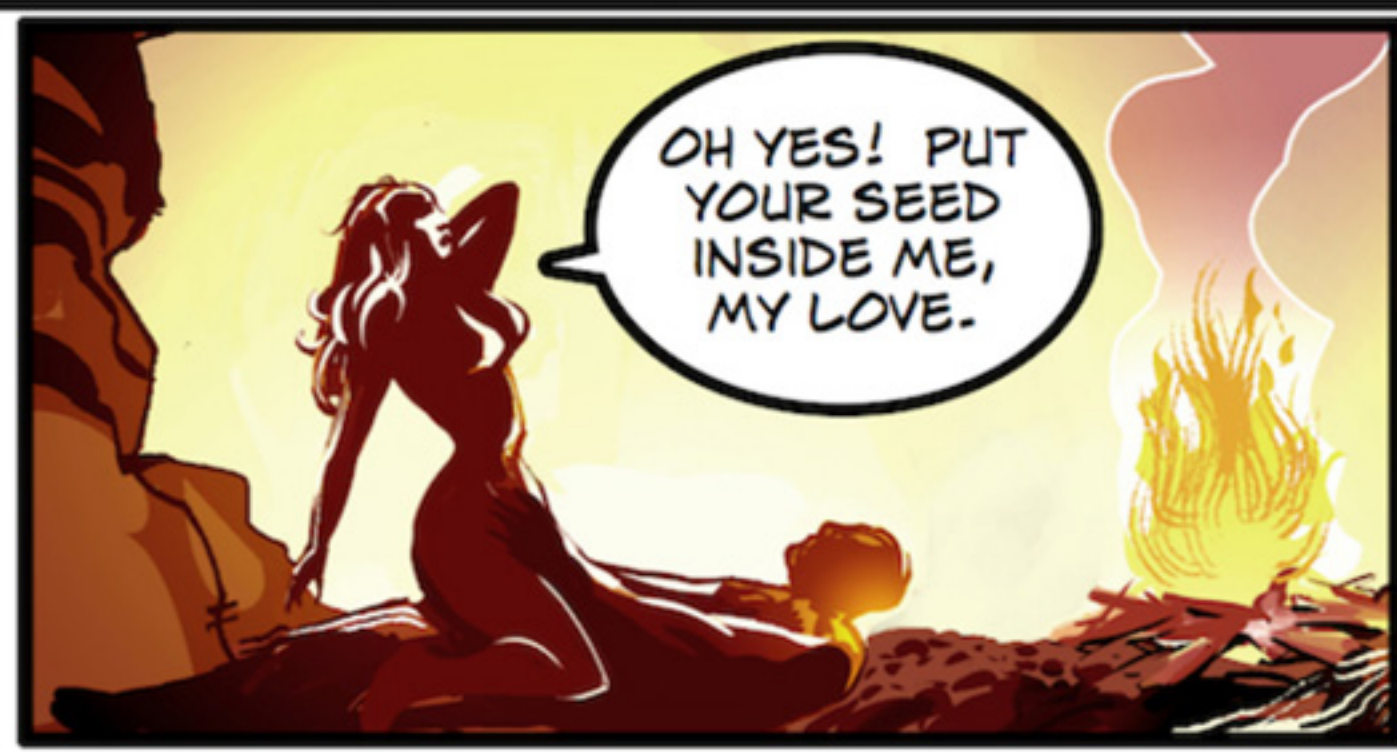


OH PERSEUS, I LOVE BEING A GIRL.



YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL ON THE OUTSIDE, PHINEUS. BUT WE NEED TO BE CERTAIN YOU ARE A WHOLE WOMAN ON THE INSIDE BEFORE YOU ATTEMPT TO SEDUCE THE BEAST.

I DON'T THINK THAT WILL BE A PROBLEM, MY LOVE. BOTH MY BODY AND MY MIND WANT JUST ONE THING.





SUDDENLY PHINEUS IS SURROUND BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE A MASSIVE SNAKE.



YOU ARE A CHARMING YOUNG THING. AND VERY LOVELY ON THE EYES. I HAVE NOT KNOWN THE TOUCH OF ANOTHER HUMAN FEMALE IN A VERY LONG TIME.

MY BODY IS ALL YOURS MY LADY.



ARE YOU HERE TO PLEASE ME OR KILL ME?



IT WOULD PLEASE ME GREATLY MY LADY, IF YOU WERE TO TAKE ME. I AM YOURS.

BUT YOUR SCENT... YOU ARE WITH CHILD AND AN IMPOSTER!



DIE BEAST!



NOW WE CAN GO.

I'M AFRAID NOT YET.

