

## HADES CITY

THE GLOVES WERE OFF. ARTEMIS JOINED ME AND HIS FORMER RIVAL, APOLLO. WE INVADIED HADES'S TERRITORY.

SHE HAD TO ANSWER FOR THE MURDER OF HEPHAESTUS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE RESURRECTION CHAMBERS.







WE CAME PREPARED FOR WAR, BUT  
HADES'S FORCES DIDN'T LOB A  
SINGLE MISSILE OR LAUNCH A SHIP  
IN THEIR DEFENSE.

I HAD HOPED THE DARKNESS THREAT  
WOULD UNITE US AGAINST THIS COMMON  
ENEMY, BUT IT SEEMS THE GREATEST  
THREAT TO UNITY OR PEACE...IS US.

SHIELD IS DOWN, NO  
SIGN OF ANY  
RESISTANCE.



MAYBE IMMORTALITY  
WASN'T SUCH A  
GREAT IDEA.

HADES CITY, THIS IS  
APHRODITE IX. YOU WILL  
SURRENDER IMMEDIATELY  
OR SUFFER THE  
CONSEQUENCES.

WE SURRENDER...PLEASE DON'T  
FIRE. HADES IX...SHE'S DEAD, HER  
CLONES ARE ALL DEAD AND THE  
RESURRECTION CHAMBER WAS  
DESTROYED AS WELL.

PREPARE  
FOR OUR  
LANDING.

WE'RE GLAD  
YOU'RE HERE.

WE DON'T KNOW  
WHAT TO DO.

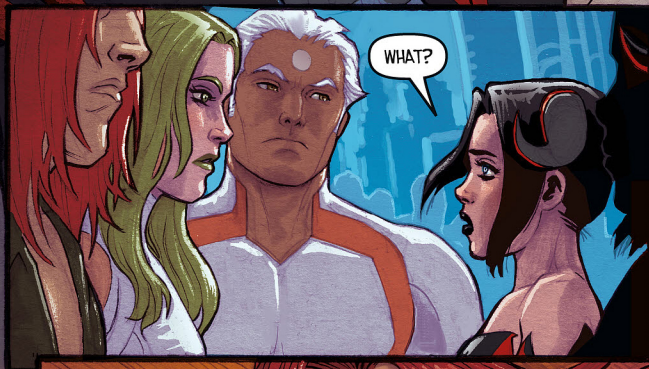




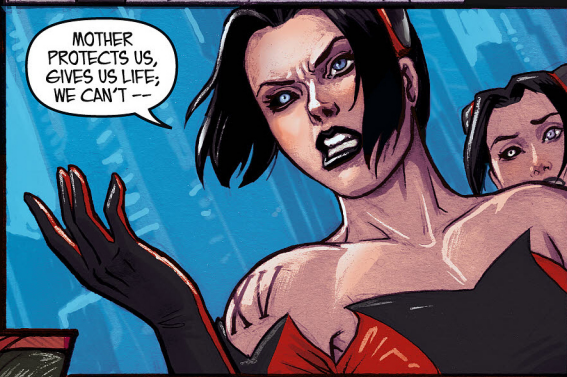
HOW DO YOU  
KNOW HADES IX  
IS DEAD?

MOTHER  
TOLD US.

YOU WILL  
IMMEDIATELY SEVER  
ALL DISTRICT  
COMMUNICATIONS  
WITH SANCTUARY XIII.  
MOTHER ISN'T TO BE  
TRUSTED.



WHAT?



MOTHER  
PROTECTS US,  
GIVES US LIFE;  
WE CAN'T --



KNOW YOUR  
PLACE.



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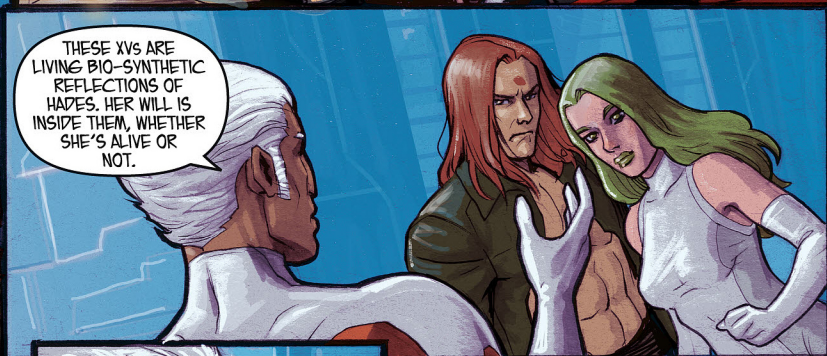




PLEASE...  
PLEASE DON'T  
KILL ME.



ARTEMIS,  
THIS WON'T HELP  
ANYTHING.



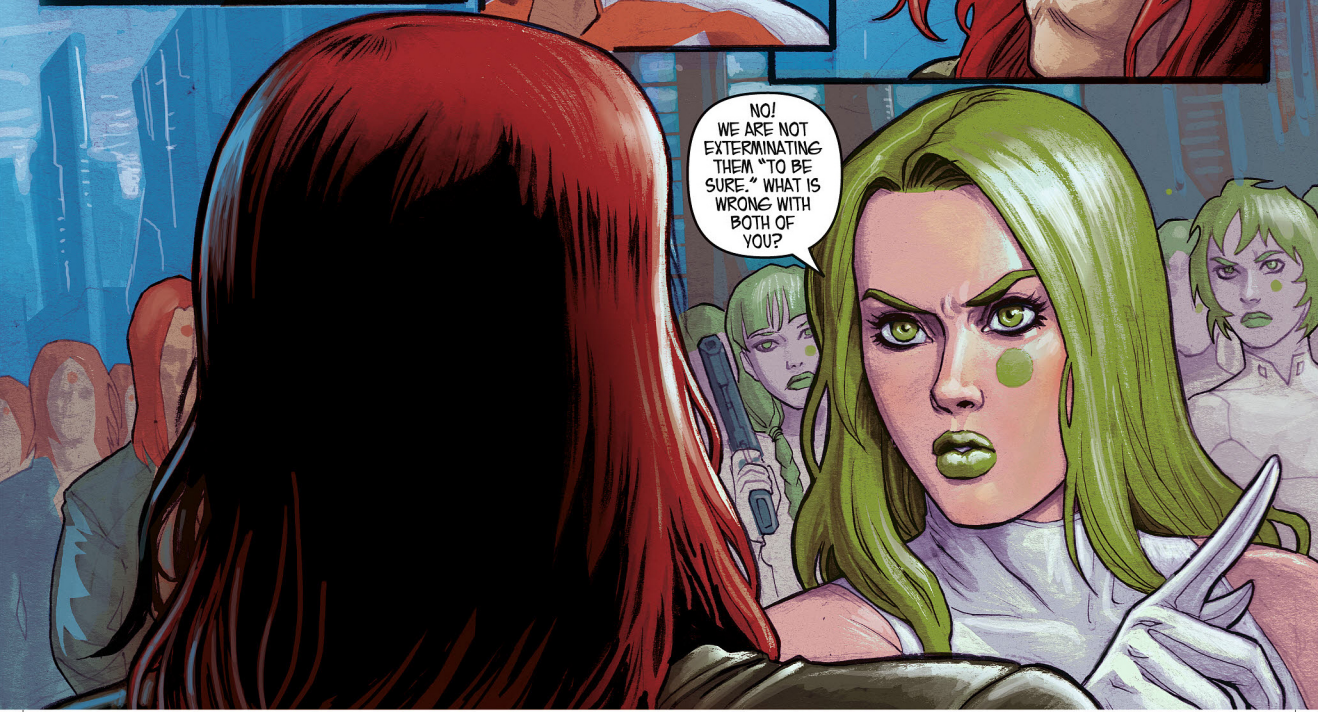
THESE XVS ARE  
LIVING BIO-SYNTHETIC  
REFLECTIONS OF  
HADES. HER WILL IS  
INSIDE THEM, WHETHER  
SHE'S ALIVE OR  
NOT.



THIS COULD  
ALL BE SOME  
PLOY.



THEN  
DESTROY  
THEM. IT'S  
THE ONLY  
WAY TO BE  
SURE.



NO!  
WE ARE NOT  
EXTERMINATING  
THEM "TO BE  
SURE." WHAT IS  
WRONG WITH  
BOTH OF  
YOU?



# HADES IX RESURRECTION CHAMBER

WE IXS ARE A FAMILY. AND LIKE  
FAMILIES, WE FIGHT EACH OTHER.

BUT TIMES HAVE  
CHANGED. WE USED  
TO FIGHT TO WIN.  
NOW WE FIGHT  
TO KILL.

STRUCTURAL  
DAMAGE TO THE  
CHAMBER IS  
SEVERE...LIKE THE  
REST OF OURS.  
I CAN FIX IT,  
BUT IT'S GOING  
TO TAKE SOME  
TIME.

I DON'T GET WHY  
SHE'D TAKE OUT HER  
OWN CHAMBER, UNLESS  
SHE HAS ANOTHER ONE  
SOMEWHERE.

KEEP LOOKING  
AROUND, MAYBE  
WE'LL FIND  
ANSWERS UP HERE.

EXECUTOR  
CHRONOS, HAVE  
YOU FOUND  
ANYTHING?

I AM NO LONGER  
**EXECUTOR**. NOT  
FOR A LONG TIME.

YES.  
I HAVE FOUND  
SOMETHING.

A RECORDING  
OF HERMES'S DEATH,  
IT SEEMS.

THAT'S NOT  
HERMES, THAT'S  
VELOCITY.