



And then  
I was falling.


For how long,  
I knew not.

Where I landed,  
I cared not.

The Curse of  
Hyrkania, at  
long last...

...has fallen  
instead on ME.





And then it is  
quiet and still.

SONJA.

For perhaps  
an eternity.

Perhaps  
more.



SONJA.



SHE-  
DEVIL.



IT'S TIME,  
SONJITA OF THE  
HYRKANIAN  
STEPPEES.

TAKE  
MY HAND.

I...


I CAN'T...  
MY HANDS  
ARE RUIN.



NO.

IN THIS  
REALM, YOU  
ARE HEALED.

WILL YOU  
NOT TAKE  
MY HAND?



WHO  
ARE YOU?

DO YOU  
NOT KNOW?

DO YOU NOT  
RECOGNIZE ME?





I AM  
DEATH,  
SONJA.

THE ALL-  
CONSUMING.

THE MOTHER  
OF OBLIVION.

DO YOU  
NOT KNOW  
ME NOW?

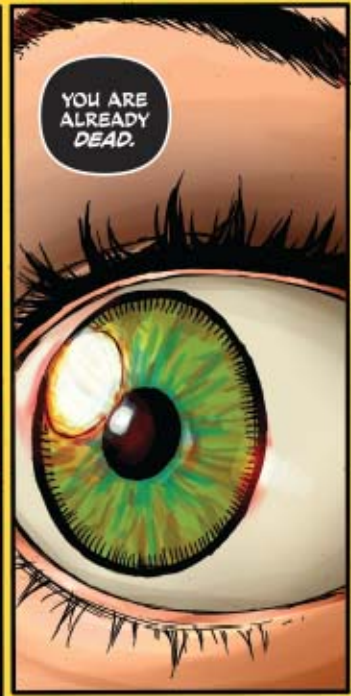


YES, MISTRESS.  
I KNOW YOU.

SO I AM  
DYING, THEN.

NO,  
SONJA.  
NO.

DEAR FAVORITE  
DAUGHTER,  
CHILD OF GRIEF  
AND STEEL.



YOU ARE  
ALREADY  
DEAD.





I SEE.

WELL.

ILL NEWS,  
INDEED, ONE  
SUPPOSES.

IT'S NOT  
AS BAD AS  
ALL THAT,  
DEAR ONE.

I'VE COME  
TO ASK YOU  
TO JOIN MY  
PERSONAL  
GUARD.

IT IS...A RARE  
HONOR I WISH  
TO BESTOW  
UPON YOU.



YOUR...

ARE  
YOU ASKING ME TO  
CONTINUE KILLING, TO  
RETURN TO A BLOOD  
HARVEST IN REALMS  
ETERNAL?

YES. IN GLORIOUS  
DUTY TO THE  
WORMS WHO EAT  
THE FLESH OF THE  
VANQUISHED.



WHAT IS IT  
YOU SEARCH FOR,  
DAUGHTER?

MMM?

OH, ONLY  
MY SWORD,  
MISTRESS.

I HAVE A CHORE  
YET TO FINISH, A  
BIT OF WOOD THAT  
NEEDS CHOPPING.

AND SO I  
MUST DECLINE  
YOUR OFFER.

AND I'LL NEED  
MY SWORD TO  
KILL YOU, QUEEN  
OF EMPTINESS.







SHE'S FIGHTING.

SHE SHOULD BE LONG DEAD. HER WOUNDS ARE BEYOND MY HEALING ARTS.

BUT SHE'S FIGHTING. TO THE END.



FATHER!

THERE'S A FIERCE COMPANY AT THE DOOR OF THE BAR.

THEY...THEY SAY THEY'RE HERE FOR THE DEVIL FOR SONJA!



FRIENDS OF THE SNAKE WIZARD, NO DOUBT, HERE FOR REVENGE.

SHE SAVED US TWICE. I'LL NOT SIT FOR HER BODY TO BE MOLESTED.

BARKEEP. VALAR.

LET ME SPEAK WITH THESE GHOULISH MEN.

I OWE HER THAT.



MY NAME IS HAVAN, TRESPASSERS. THE FIRE MAKER.

AND YOU'LL NOT HAVE OUR LADY.