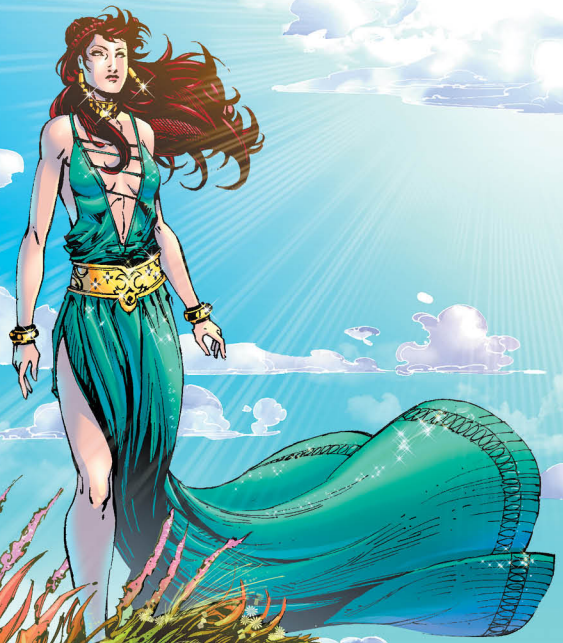


The Ancient Past

"IT IS SAID IN LEGEND THAT CIRCE IS THE MOST **BEAUTIFUL** WOMAN WHO HAS EVER LIVED.

"SHE, POWERED BY IMMEASURABLE MAGIC, INFLUENCED THE WORLD OF MEN FROM AFAR.

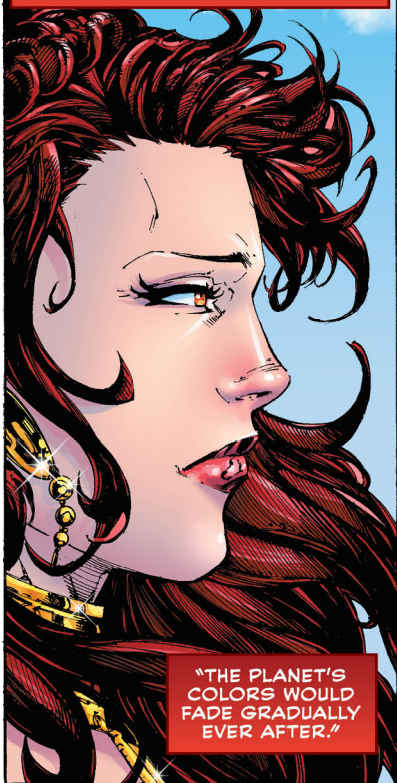
"SHE WAS MIGHTY, INDEED...



"...BUT SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY, CIRCE LOST HER VERY SOUL.

"AND NO MATTER HOW MANY SPELLS SHE CAST THEREAFTER, HOW HARD SHE SEARCHED, SHE COULD NOT REGAIN IT.

"SHE ACHIEVED THE **PINNACLE** THIS WORLD COULD OFFER IN THE SECOND CENTURY B.C., OVER TWO THOUSAND YEARS AGO.



"THE PLANET'S COLORS WOULD FADE GRADUALLY EVER AFTER."

MY LOVE...

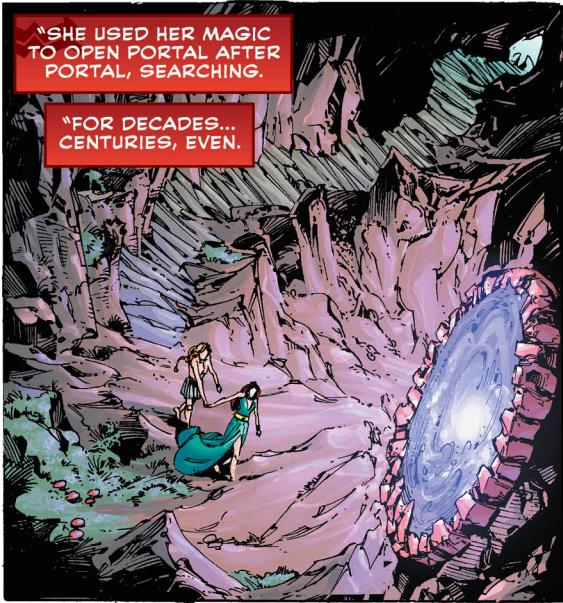


"SHE WAS EMPTY.

"NO MATTER WHAT NEW BEAUTY WAS OFFERED.

"AND SHE SWORE TO REGAIN THAT WHICH SHE HAD LOST..."





"SHE USED HER MAGIC TO OPEN PORTAL AFTER PORTAL, SEARCHING.

"FOR DECADES... CENTURIES, EVEN.



"SHE KNEW THAT SOMEWHERE OUT THERE, A PORTAL EXISTED THAT WOULD OFFER HER SOUL BACK TO HER.

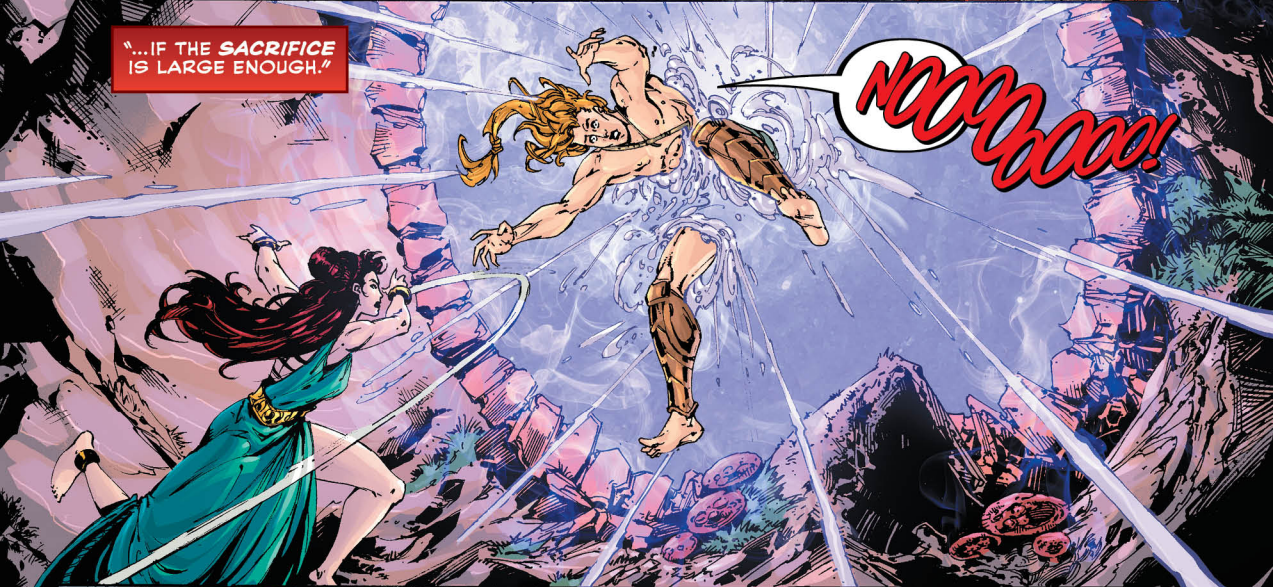
"SHE JUST HAD TO FIND IT.



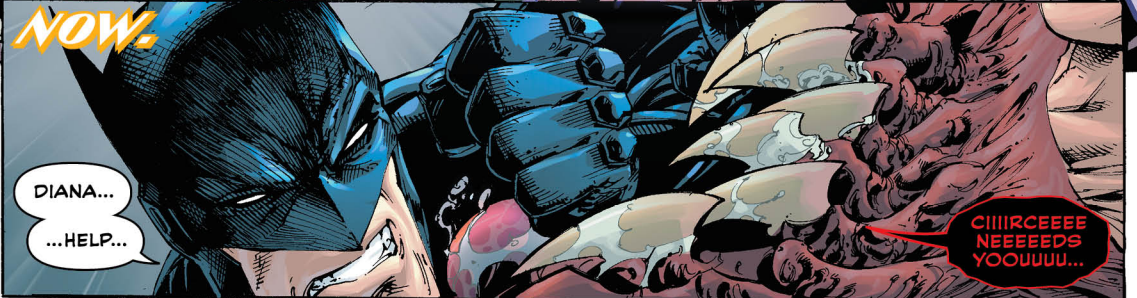
"SHE WANTED WHAT SHE COULD NOT HAVE VIA CORPOREAL MEANS.

"BUT MAGIC CAN BREAK ANY BARRIER EVENTUALLY...

"...IF THE SACRIFICE IS LARGE ENOUGH."



NOOOOOO!!!



DIANA...
...HELP...

CHIIIRCEEEEEE
NEEEEDDS
YOOUUUU...



SUPERMAN...

...NNNNN...

...THIS IS NOT YOU...HEAR ME NOW...OF ALL OF US, THIS IS NOT YOU...

YOU'RE RIGHT, DIANA.

HERA...

WISSSSSS!

IT'SSSSSS NOT HIM.

RRRRRR

AH!

YOU CAN FIGHT THIS, TOO, BOSTON BRAND. IT'S NOT REALLY YOU WHO POSSESSES SUPERMAN. IT'S THE PANDORA PITS, WHATEVER'S IN THEM...

YOU THREE SHALL BE THE SSSSSACRIFICE THE PITSSSS DESSSIRE.

YESSSS. I HAVE SSSSSUPERMANN. YOU HAVE WONDER WOMAN...THE TWO MOST POWERFULL OF THE TRINITY...

REALLY?



YOU DON'T HAVE ME!

ZZZZ SHHHHHH

DARK DESTINY PART THREE

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CONSTANTINE WAS SUPPOSED TO **SAVE** DEADMAN, NOT ALLOW HIM TO POSSESS **SUPERMAN** AND TURN HIM AGAINST US.

CONSTANTINE FAILED. OR RAN.
WE NEED A WAY TO FIND THE PANDORA PITS SO WE CAN STOP CIRCE AND RESTORE OUR FRIENDS.



YOU'RE THE WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE. SOLVE THIS.

MAGIC ISN'T MY...

IF IT'S YOUR IQ AGAINST MAGIC, I KNOW WHERE MY MONEY IS.



I NEED **SCIENCE**. THE BATCAVE. I NEED SOMETHING... SOMEONE... TO EXAMINE...

USE RED HOOD.

YOU CAN'T TAKE ON KAL, DEADMAN AND BIZARRO. THE DEMONS WILL ATTACK THE CITY...



GO.
GOTHAM IS UNDER MY PROTECTION.



THE PITSSS...
...SHALL HAVE...THEIR FEAST...
...ON ALL THE MORTALLL SSSSOULS OF THISSSSS WORLD...



DO YOU SEE THIS LINE, DEMONS?

IT IS A LINE THAT YOU WILL NOT CROSS.

