



EVEN BEFORE I DIED
AND CAME BACK...

...I LEARNED THAT
SOMETIMES YOU CHOOSE
YOUR PARTNERS--

--AND SOMETIMES
THEY CHOOSE YOU.

BIZARRO HERE IS A
PERFECT EXAMPLE.

IT WOULD NEVER OCCUR TO
ME IN A MILLION YEARS TO
TEAM UP WITH AN ERSATZ
SUPERMAN CLONE--

--LET ALONE AN
AMAZON WITH A CHIP
ON HER SHOULDER
THE SIZE OF DENVER.

BUT HERE WE ARE, ON OUR
WAY TO THE LAST PLACE ON
EARTH I WANT TO GO...



GURAC--
A COUNTRY
IN FLAMES!

MORE LIKE
"GURAC--WHERE
I WAS MURDERED
BY THE JOKER."

BUT THERE WERE
NO HEADLINES.

NO EVENING
NEWSCASTS.

BUT THIS
ISN'T MY
STORY.

NOT
ENTIRELY.

THIS IS
JACK RYDER WITH
GNN NEWS--BRINGING YOU
SHOCKING FOOTAGE FROM
THE GURACI CITY OF KYKYESH,
WHERE A HUGE EXPLOSION
IN THE CITY'S CENTER HAS
LEFT HUNDREDS DEAD
AND THOUSANDS MORE
DISPLACED.

RUBBLE
AND DUST ARE
ALL THAT'S LEFT OF
THIS ONCE-FLOURISHING
CITY, WHICH WAS ALSO
HOME TO THE POLITICAL
OPPOSITION OF SUPREME
LEADER GENERAL
AHMED HEINLE.

WHO IS ARTEMIS?

PART ONE: GHOSTS OF THE DAMNED

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JUST ME
IN A PINE
BOX.

BURIED IN
SECRET.

--REFUGEES
FROM K'KYESH AND
ITS NEIGHBORING
CITIES ARE ATTEMPTING
TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY
BY THE THOUSANDS,
CAUSING TENSIONS
WITH NEIGHBORING
COUNTRIES TO
ERUPT.

BY THE
GODDESSES.

THE UNITED
NATIONS HAS
CALLED FOR GENERAL
HEINLE TO CONFIRM
THE EXISTENCE OF THIS
UNIDENTIFIED WEAPON
OF MASS DESTRUCTION
THAT HAS CAUSED SO
MUCH DEVASTATION
AND TERROR.

IT IS ONLY
"UNIDENTIFIED"
TO SOMEONE WHO
HAS NEVER
WITNESSED FIRST-
HAND--

--THE
POWER OF
THE BOW
OF RA.

BLACK
MASK SAID HE
SOLD THE BOW
TO SOMEONE IN
QURAC... YOU THINK
THIS GENERAL
HEINLE IS THE
BUYER?

IT'S HER STORY,
ARTEMIS.

ONE OF THE FEW PEOPLE IN THE
WORLD WHO COULD GET ME TO
RETURN TO THIS PLACE...



NOT THAT SHE NEEDS TO KNOW THAT RIGHT NOW.

THIS ISN'T SOME BIOLOGICAL WEAPON.

IT'S NOT THE RESULT OF SOMETHING CREATED BY ANYTHING AS SIMPLE AS "MAN."

SHE'S SEEN DEATH HERE, TOO.



I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR THE BOW FOR OVER A YEAR...

...EVER SINCE SOMEONE STOLE IT FROM THE FORGE OF NYPHYST.

THE TRAIL HAD GROWN COLD UNTIL TWO WEEKS AGO.



THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE.

I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN USE THE BOW, JASON.

ONLY A SHIM'TAR CAN WIELD ITS POWER.

RIGHT...

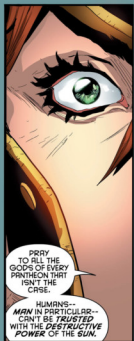
...AND YOU HAD TO KILL THE LAST ONE, AKILA.



"MAGIC" ISN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE, ARTEMIS.

WITH AS MANY RESOURCES AS HE HAS...

...MAYBE GENERAL HEINLE FOUND A WAY TO USE IT.



PRAY TO ALL THE GODS OF EVERY PANTHEON THAT ISN'T THE CASE.

HUMANS-- MAN IN PARTICULAR-- CAN'T BE TRUSTED WITH THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE SUN.



OUR ENTIRE LIVES--AKILA AND I STUDIED **HARD** TO ONE DAY ASSUME THE ROLE OF DEFENDER OF OUR PEOPLE-- THE SHIM'TAR.

EVEN THOUGH I WANTED IT MORE THAN ANYTHING, THE GODS CHOSE **HER**--

*--BECAUSE OF HER INDOMITABLE WILL AND GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT.

*BUT EVEN WITH A **LIFETIME OF TRAINING**...



*...MY BELOVED SISTER WAS CORRUPTED BY THE **BOW OF RA**.

*IN HER **HEART** SHE BELIEVED SHE WAS DOING THE RIGHT THING--

*--BUT IN THE END SHE WAS DRIVEN INSANE BY ITS POWER.



*IT FELL UPON ME TO...END THAT MADNESS.

*TO THINK OF THAT POWER IN THE HANDS OF ANOTHER...?



...IT WOULD MEAN... I **FAILED** HER, JASON.

THAT'S SOMETHING I COULDN'T BEAR--