



TELL PRINCESS NARDA THAT AMERICA SAYS YES.



AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH HER MAJESTY, GREAT BRITAIN FEELS IT HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO SURRENDER TO COCKAIGNE'S CONTROL.



I DO NOT FEAR FOR MYSELF...BUT THAT PRINCESS NARDA'S MAGIC MAY BE TURNED AGAINST *ALL* OF AFRICA. WE REGRETFULLY CAPITULATE.



WHAT HE SAID.



MY COUNTRY WILL WREAK **TERRIBLE REVENGE** AGAINST COCKAIGNE AS SOON AS WE GET OUR **BOMBS** WORKING AGAIN...BUT UNTIL THEN, WE WILL PLAY YOUR **FOOLISH GAME!**





SISTER YARARA!
TELL THE GREAT
COBRA THE GOOD
NEWS!

I OBEY.



OH GREAT
NARDA...I
BRING--

DONT TELL
ME...I'M IN
CHARGE
NOW, YES?

I...
YES, YES,
YOU ARE.

TRULY THE
GREAT COBRA
IS ALL-
KNOWING...



PERHAPS, OR
PERHAPS A BLIND
MONKEY IN A MINE
SHAFT AT MIDNIGHT
COULD SEE THAT
ONE COMING.

YES,
CLEOPATRA...

"...EVEN MANDRAKE
AND KARMA CAN'T
STOP ME NOW."

I SPY, WITH
MY LITTLE EYE...
SOMETHING
BEGINNING--

"CELL."

KARMA!
YOU NEVER LET
ME FINISH.





NOT STRIKING THE RIGHT TONE?

I JUST THINK YOUR LEVITY IS INAPPROPRIATE.



THINK OF IT AS... MISDIRECTION FROM OUR TROUBLES.

IS THAT HOW YOU COPE WITH YOUR--WHEN THE COBRA... YOU KNOW, WHEN NARDA...?

YOU CAN SAY IT. "WHEN YOUR MARRIAGE COLLAPSED AROUND YOUR EARS."



NO. NOT REALLY. IN FACT, I THINK IT WOULD BE FAIR TO SAY I DIDN'T REALLY "COPE" AT ALL.

I... JUST **BLAMED MYSELF** FOR EVERYTHING.

SHUT MYSELF AWAY. SENT **LOTHAR** PACKING.

REFUSED TO FACE... **ANYTHING**, MUCH.



I REMEMBER OUR WEDDING. IT SEEMS SO LONG AGO...

THE **WHOLE WORLD** REMEMBERS YOUR WEDDING. NOTHING BEATS A **ROYAL MARRIAGE** TO SELL NEWSPAPERS.



SUCH HAPPINESS. I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT COULDN'T LAST FOREVER.



*NOTHING DOES... EXCEPT ME, APPARENTLY.

*MY EXTENDED YOUTH IS...A SOUVENIR FROM A LIFE OF MAGIC.

*IT EVEN BENEFITS THOSE AROUND ME, AT LEAST A LITTLE...AS I'M SURE LOTHAR HAS TOLD YOU.



*NARDA AND I WERE AGING AT DIFFERENT RATES, BUT THAT NEVER BOTHERED ME. I NEVER THOUGHT IT BOTHERED NARDA, EITHER.

*TURNS OUT IT BOTHERED HER A LOT.



*SHE STARTED LOOKING FOR MAGICAL MEANS TO MAKE HERSELF YOUNG AGAIN. I WARNED HER OF THE DANGERS, BUT SHE WOULDN'T LISTEN.



*WHEN YOUR FACE IS ON STAMPS AND BANKNOTES... I GUESS YOU THINK IT MATTERS MORE. SHE BECAME DESPERATE.

*ONE NIGHT I FOUND OUT JUST HOW DESPERATE.



*I TRIED TO STOP THINGS GOING ANY FURTHER--BUT SHE'D ALREADY READ THE SUMMONING...