



EVEN BEFORE I
WAS BORN I HAD
ASSURANCES.

MOTHER WOULD
SPEAK TO ME EVERY
NIGHT BEFORE WE
SLEPT.

SHE TOLD ME I
WOULD BE NAMED
ARTEMIS.

THAT I WAS DESTINED
FOR GREATNESS--A
WARRIOR WITHOUT PEER.

I WAS TO BE A
BENEVOLENT BUT FIRM
REPRESENTATIVE OF
MY PEOPLE...

...THE CHAMPION OF
THE AMAZONS...

BY HIM OF
MATHOR...

...IT IS
A THING OF
BEAUTY.

EVEN AS LATE AS
MY SIXTEENTH YEAR,
I BELIEVED THOSE
WHISPERED PROMISES.

OOF!

FRZZAT

NOT SO
FAST, MY
CHILD.



NEPHTHYS--?!

NO FAIR, GODDESS! YOU PROMISED ME A WEAPON OF MY OWN!

AND OF COURSE YOU SET YOUR HEART ON THE BOW OF RA--

--CAPABLE OF SHOOTING STARS FROM THE NIGHT SKY.

YOUR YOUTH SHIELDS YOU FROM THE OBVIOUS, ARTEMIS.

A WARRIOR DOES NOT CHOOSE HER WEAPON...

...RATHER IT CHOOSES YOU.

GIVE ME THE BOW.

WE BELONG TOGETHER--I CAN FEEL IT IN MY CORE.

SOME DAY, PERHAPS...

...WHEN THE GODS FEEL YOU HAVE EARNED HER.

NOT A MOMENT BEFORE.

THE ORIGIN OF MY NAME IS GREEK.

BUT THE GODS I WORSHIPPED WERE EGYPTIAN.

AND THAT PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE BEEN MY FIRST CLUE...

...THAT IT WAS
ALL A DAMN
LIE.

TONIGHT.

FIFTEEN MILES OUTSIDE
OF GOTHAM CITY...

I'M JASON
TODD--RED
HOOD.

I STARTED OFF THE NIGHT BY
INFILTRATING BLACK MASK'S
BURGEONING CRIMINAL EMPIRE.

THE ADVANTAGE I HAVE
AS A HIGH PROFILE
CRIMINAL--GOING WHERE
BATMAN NEVER COULD.

TWO HOURS LATER I'M
SQUARING OFF AGAINST
THIS WOMAN WHO
TOGGES STEEL TRAIN
DOORS AROUND LIKE
THEY'RE MADE OF
CARDBOARD.

I DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE AND I
DON'T REALLY
CARE.

IT'S
CLEAR WE
BOTH WANT
THE CONTENTS
OF THIS
TRAIN.

FLAKE
OFF NOW AND
I WON'T SMACK
YOU AROUND FOR
MAKING MY JOB
HARDER THAN
IT ALREADY
WAS.

NOT TO
WORRY, I'M
NOT JUST ANY
WOMAN, I'M FN
AMAZON.

I KNEW IT!
BUT STILL...

I'LL BE
HONEST, I'M
NOT A BIG FAN
OF FIGHTING
WOMEN.

Once Jason Todd was Robin...
until he was killed by the Joker.
He has since risen to become
THE RED HOOD!

DARK TRINITY

PART TWO:

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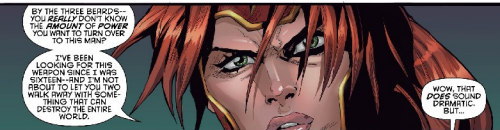
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MY BOSS
BACK THERE,
BLACK
MASK?

HE ASKED
ME TO GRAB
SOME KIND OF
WEAPON ON
THIS TRAIN...

...SO
UNLESS THAT
WEAPON IS YOU,
PLEASE STAND
ASIDE AND WE'LL
BE ON OUR
WAY.



BY THE THREE BEARDS--
YOU *REALLY* DON'T KNOW
THE *AMOUNT* OF *POWER*
YOU WANT TO TURN OVER
TO THIS MAN?

I'VE BEEN
LOOKING FOR THIS
WEAPON SINCE I WAS
SIXTEEN--AND I'M NOT
ABOUT TO LET YOU TWO
WALK AWAY WITH SOME-
THING THAT CAN
DESTROY THE ENTIRE
WORLD.

WOW. THAT
DOES SOUND
DRAMATIC.
BUT...



...I NOTICE YOU'RE
NOT WEARING MAGICAL
BULLET-DEFLECTING
BRACELETS.

SO YOU
DON'T HAVE
A *SAY* IN WHAT
I DO OR DON'T
DO HERE.

BLAM

BLAM
BLAM

BLAM
BLAM

I'M NOT
AIMING TO
KILL HER.

AS IF I
COULD.

BUT THIS
SHOULD GET HER
TO BACK OFF.