



"SING, O GODDESS..."



...OF A LAND
IN TURMOIL...



"...CRYING OUT
FOR A HERO..."



"...SING OF -
SING OF...TURMOIL..."

"...CRYING OUT."



GABRIELLE, WELCOME. I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

I WASN'T AWARE I HAD A CHOICE.





GABRIELLE,
I'VE TOLD YOU,
I DON'T WANT A
PRISONER.

I WANT YOU,
AS THE BARD OF
ROME -



- TO MAKE THE PEOPLE
LOVE YOU AS YOU STRETCH
YOUR HAND OVER THEM.

WHY'S THAT SO
TERRIBLE? EVEN
YOUR AMAZONS
WERE STRONGER
TOGETHER.

THEY WERE
A COALITION, NOT
SUBSERVIENT TO THE
WILL OF ONE.



SOMETIMES THE WILL OF
ONE IS WHAT'S NECESSARY.
YOUR STORIES ARE FULL OF
THOSE HEROES.

HEROES DON'T
HAVE TO CONQUER
THE PEOPLE THEY
CLAIM TO HELP.

I DON'T WANT WAR.
HELP ME. GIVE ROME A
STORY, SO PEOPLE
WELCOME US.



GABRIELLE,
I'VE GIVEN YOU
DAYS. YOU MUST
DECIDE.

NO POINT
WAITING. XENA
CAN'T SAVE
YOU.

...WHAT?
HOW DO
YOU -



BECAUSE
SHE ALREADY
TRIED.



XENA!



THE BITCH OF ROME AND THE HARPIES, BROUGHT TO HEEL!



SHE STORMED THE CITY A FEW NIGHTS AFTER YOU GOT HERE.

HALF OF ROME SAW HER. I COULDN'T JUST QUIETLY LOCK HER OUT.

I SHOWED WHAT MERCY I COULD.

NOW, AT LEAST, SHE CAN FIGHT FOR HER LIFE.



SHE'S STILL ALIVE. THANK THE GODS.

PERHAPS DON'T CALL ON THE GODS. THEY'RE MOURNING THEIR DEAD. THEY WON'T BE MUCH HELP TO YOU.

LOOK AT HER - HE MUST NOT EVEN HAVE TOLD HER WE WERE CAPTURED.



REALLY? THE EMPEROR BENDING THE TRUTH? I'M SHOCKED.

THE EMPEROR STAGED THIS FIGHT FOR A REASON.

TO TORTURE GABRIELLE, OR TO MAKE HER BEG FOR OUR LIVES - DOESN'T MATTER.

THERE ARE THINGS WE'LL HAVE TO DO, IF THEY MAKE US FIGHT TO THE DEATH.



YES.



YES.



I OBJECT TO BEING STUCK WITH THE HARD WORK. JUST FOR THE RECORD.



WE WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE SALUTE YOU - AUGUSTUS CAESAR, NOW AND HEREAFTER.

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