

SOME DAYS AGO,
NEAR EPHEBUS.

XENA, I'M SURE
THEY'RE ALL RIGHT.
GABRIELLE -

GABRIELLE LEFT,
WHICH MEANS SHE
DOESN'T THINK SHE'LL
BE ALL RIGHT, AND IS
TRYING TO KEEP
ME OUT OF IT.

YOU'RE PLAYING
INTO ROME'S HANDS
IF YOU GO!

I DON'T
EXPECT ANY
OF YOU TO
FACE ROME.
YOU'RE
PROTECTING
PEOPLE
HERE.

BUT IF YOU
THINK GUILT WILL
KEEP ME HERE,
WHEN GABRIELLE'S
OUT THERE...

YOU WANTED
TO CHECK ROME'S
POWER?

GABRIELLE'S
ABOUT TO DIE FOR IT.
I'M JUST MAKING SURE
SHE DOESN'T DO IT
ALONE.

...YOU'LL BE
DISAPPOINTED.



WELL, I CAN HARDLY LET YOU GO ALONE, STEPMOTHER.



IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE I HIT A ROMAN PROPERLY.



FAHIMA, NO - !

DAUGHTER--!



FAHIMA, YOU CAN'T - ROME WANTS HARPIS DEAD.

AND GABRIELLE AND XENA SAVED US FROM IT.

I PAY MY DEBTS.



I'LL PAY IT. THEY SAVED ME, TOO.

YOU'RE YOUNG YET, AND PEOPLE NEED YOU HERE.



APPARENTLY MORE THAN I EXPECTED.

WELL, IF IT GETS YOU TO STAY...



I'LL GO WITH YOU.

YOU PLEDGED YOURSELF TO YOUR PEOPLE BEFORE YOU EVER DID TO ME, SEYMA. STAY. FIGHT.



SKY SAVE YOU, CHILD.

IF I LIVE, I'LL SEE YOU SOON.



GOOD JOURNEY, XENA. I'LL PRAY YOU FIND THE QUEEN OF THE AMAZONS.

TAKE CARE, CHILAPA.

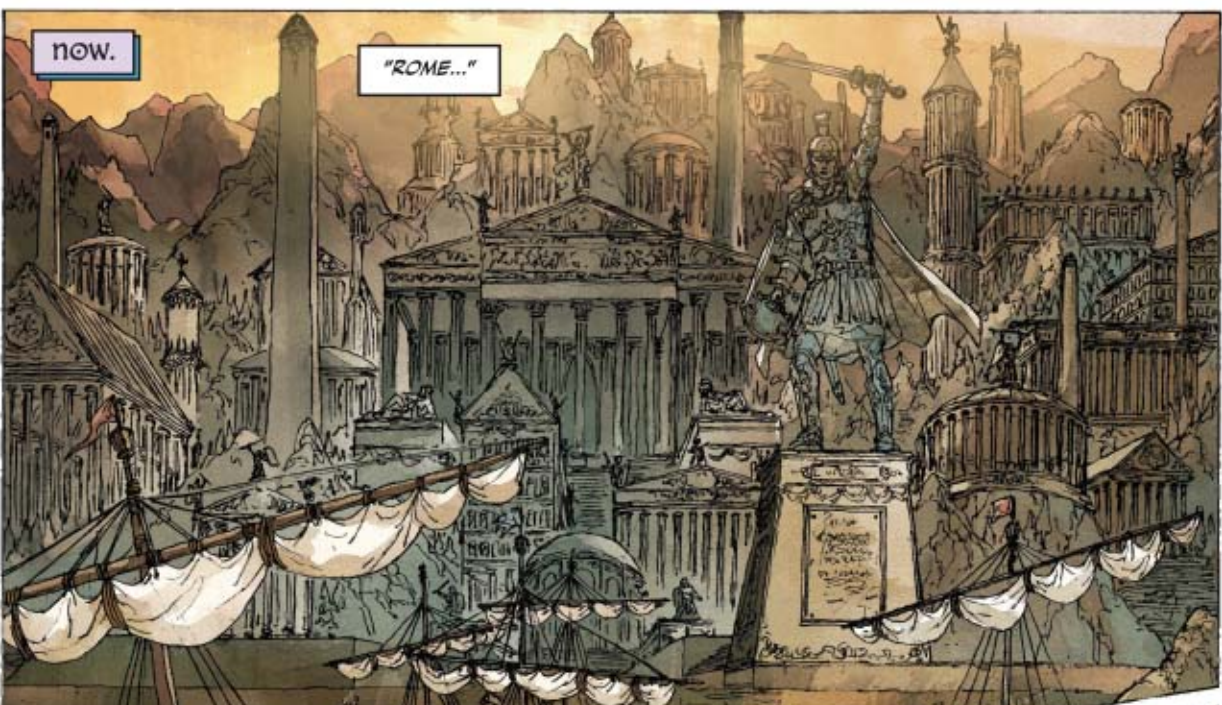


DON'T ASK ME TO THROW THE BONES FOR THIS.

IF THEY'RE NOT COMING HOME, I DON'T WANT TO KNOW.

now.

"ROME..."



...MAKES YOU WANT TO CONQUER SOMETHING, DOESN'T IT?


YOU'RE PROVOKING ME A LOT FOR A GUY WHO'S MORTAL NOW, ARES.

WE'RE HEADING INTO CERTAIN DEATH. LEAST YOU CAN DO IS LET ME REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES.



WHY DID YOU COME WITH ME, IF MY CHANCES ARE SO BAD?

WELL, YOU'RE A FOOL, GABRIELLE, BUT YOU SURE GO DOWN SWINGING.



IT'S SO TIRING, ALWAYS WINNING FIGHTS. WATCHING YOU LOSE IS REFRESHING.

UH HUH.



SO - GET PAST THE GUARDS, ATTACK HIM INSIDE?

I LIKE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN MY ABILITIES, BUT THIS IS PUSHING IT.

NO FIGHTING, ARES.



I'M GOING TO TALK TO AUGUSTUS, AND HOPE HE SEES REASON.

...AND YOU THINK HE'S GOING TO JUST LISTEN? OH, THROW ME IN TARTARUS.



WELL, I - AH, OF COURSE.



I'M HERE TO SEE CAESAR AUGUSTUS.

TELL HIM GABRIELLE MUST SPEAK WITH HIM, PLEASE.

THE EMPEROR DOESN'T ADMIT BEGGARS.



THEN I'LL WAIT UNTIL HE DOES.

I'M SURE HE'LL SURPRISE ME.