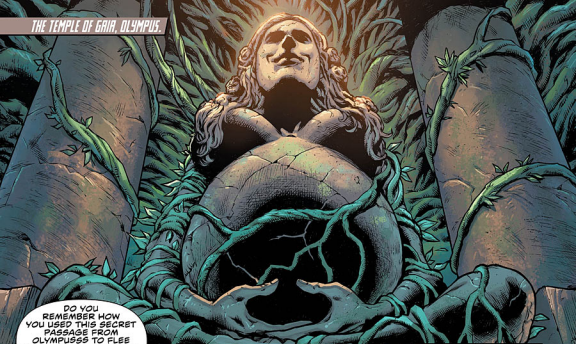
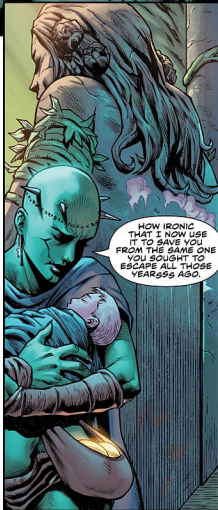


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DO YOU REMEMBER HOW YOU USED THIS SECRET PASSAGE FROM OLYMPUSS TO FLEE THE JEALOUSSS, BITTER SHREW YOU MARRIED, AND SEEK SOLACE IN MY ARMSSS?



HOW IRONIC THAT I NOW USE IT TO SAVE YOU FROM THE SAME ONE YOU SOUGHT TO ESCAPE ALL THOSE YEARSSS AGO.



OH MY DARLING, ZEUSSS. I HAVE BEEN WAITING SO LONG FOR THIS DAY, TO HOLD YOU IN MY ARMSSS AGAIN...



*...ALL MY LIFE, I HAVE FACED PERSECUTION AND HATRED, SIMPLY BECAUSE OF HOW I LOOKED. 'MONSTER,' THEY NAMED ME, AND A MONSTER ISSS WHAT I BECAME.



*BUT YOU, ZEUSSS... YOU WERE THE FIRST TO APPRECIATE ME FOR WHO AND WHAT I WASSSS. YOU CALLED ME BEAUTIFUL.



*YOU PROMISED WE WOULD ALWAYSSS BE TOGETHER, RULING OLYMPUSSS SIDE BY SIDE, FOREVER.



*BUT HERA FOUND OUT ABOUT USSS. AND TO PROTECT ME, YOU WERE FORCED TO RETURN AND BEND YOUR KNEE BEFORE HER.

WITH HERA'SSS ORBSSS NOW IN MY POSSESSION, I HAVE ACCESSSSS TO THE POWER AND MIGHT OF THE UNIVERSE ITSELF. ONCE I HAVE RETURNED YOU TO YOUR FORMER GLORY, I WILL BIND YOUR HEART TO MINE, THEN WE WILL BE TOGETHER...FOREVER.



OH GODS! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO LISTEN TO THIS DELUSIONAL DRIVEL?



ZEUS MAY HAVE BEEN A MISOGYNISTIC WHORE, BUT EVEN *HE* HAD STANDARDS.



I MEAN *REALLY*, DARLING, HAVE YOU LOOKED IN A MIRROR LATELY? YOU'RE POSITIVELY *HIDEOUS*.



ONLY A PATHETIC, DESPERATE FOOL COULD HAVE POSSIBLY BELIEVED THAT ZEUS WANTED ANYTHING MORE FROM YOU THAN YOUR POWER.

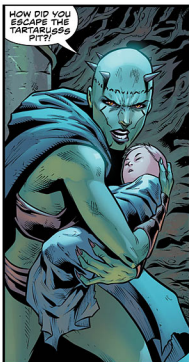
NOT WHEN HE HAD *ME*.



YOU'RE A *MONSTER*. EVEN THE POWER OF GAIA HERSELF ISN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU LOVABLE.



NOW, GIVE ME THE CHILD.



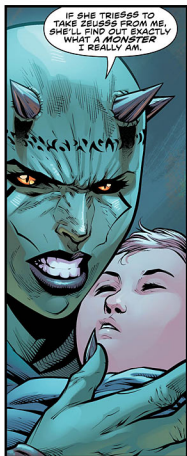
HOW DID YOU
ESCAPE THE
TARTARUSS
PIT?!



DO YOU MEAN WHEN YOU TRIED TO
USE THE SOURCE OF MY POWER
AGAINST ME WHILE YOU SNUCK
ONTO OLYMPUS AND STOLE ZEKE?
I'M AFRAID YOU UNDERESTIMATED
THE TENACITY OF A CERTAIN
AMAZON WARRIOR YOU TRAPPED
ALONG WITH ME.



SHE'S OUT THERE
HUNTING YOU DOWN,
EVEN AS WE SPEAK.
I DON'T THINK MUCH OF
YOUR CHANCES WHEN
SHE FINDS YOU. SHE IS
THE GOD OF WAR, AFTER
ALL, AND SHE REALLY
DOESN'T LIKE IT WHEN
PEOPLE SEEK TO
HARM HER FAMILY.



IF SHE TRIESSS TO
TAKE ZEUSSS FROM ME,
SHE'LL FIND OUT EXACTLY
WHAT A MONSTER
I REALLY AM.



BUT I DON'T
THINK THAT WILL
BE NECESSARY
ONCE I TELL HER
THAT IT WAS YOU
WHO MADE
ZEKE ILL.



YOU COULD TRY,
BUT DIANA LOVES ME. SO
PATHETICALLY DESPERATE
TO BELONG...TO BE PART OF
A FAMILY...SHE'LL BELIEVE
WHATEVER LIE I CHOOSE
TO TELL HER.

HERA?