

CHAPTER FOUR

THE SILVER ARM

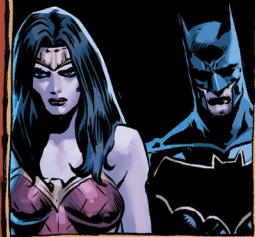
IT WAS AN
ENTIRELY
UNPROVOKED
ATTACK ON
THESE GOOD
FOMORIANS...



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...BY THESE
COMPLETE
STRANGERS TO
OUR LANDS!



WE NEED AN END
TO THIS HIGHLY IRREGULAR
"INVESTIGATION," AND
FOMORIAN MARITAL LAW
SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED
IMMEDIATELY!

PEACE MUST
BE RESTORED IN
TIR NA NÓG!

I FIND IT
TELLING, CAPTAIN FURF,
THAT YOU FRAME YOUR
PROPOSED OCCUPATION
OF ALL TIR NA NÓG AS A
DIPLOMATIC INTERVENTION
FOR THE PURPOSES OF
PEACE!

COURT OF THE DÉ DANANN.



THESE FOMORIAN
WARRIORS CLAIM
THEY WERE SET UPON
BY YOURSELF AND
THE KNIGHT.

IS THIS
SO, LADY
DIANA?

WE'RE
WASTING
TIME
HERE...

BATMAN,
PLEASE...

LORD
CERNUNNOS,
MY COLLEAGUE
DISCOVERED THEY
WERE FOLLOWING
US UNDER A SPELL
OF INVISIBILITY.

HE ATTEMPTED
TO QUESTION THEM
ABOUT THE RECENT
VIOLENT RAIDS ON
THE VILLAGES OF TIR
NA NÓG. THEY
OBJECTED, AND
ATTACKED US.



WE DEFENDED OURSELVES, BUT LEFT THEM COMPLETELY UNHARMED, AS YOU CAN SEE...

THEY SAID WE KILLED KING ELATHA!

MAGGIE'S RIGHT! THEY HAD IT COMING!

YOU SPIED UPON THEM? AND THEN YOU ATTACKED THEM?

CAPTAIN FURF ORDERED US TO...
...AND THEN... WE WERE PROVOKED!

FOMORIANS ACCUSE THE DÉ DANANN OF MURDERING THEIR KING ON MEAGER EVIDENCE.

WHY?

TO FRAME THE DÉ DANANN FOR THE MURDER AND FOMENT UNREST, PERHAPS?

IT IS CLEAR THIS ACCUSATION IS PURELY A TACTIC TO END OUR INVESTIGATION.

WE LEARNED THAT THE KING NEVER PARTOOK IN THE VILLAGE RAIDS, BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF HE INSTIGATED THEM, AND IF SO, WHY?

WE WISH TO VISIT HER LADYSHIP, QUEEN ETHNÉ, WIDOW OF KING ELATHA, TO FIND OUT MORE.

A REASONABLE REQUEST.

GRANTED!

TO CAPTAIN FURF AND ALL OTHERS WHO MIGHT SEEK TO HINDER-- REMEMBER: THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE AT MY BEHEST, TO DISCOVER WHO MURDERED YOUR KING, AND TO HELP US BUILD A LASTING PEACE HERE.

DO NOT WASTE MY TIME FURTHER!

IRISH QUARTER, GOTHAM CITY.

"a PEARL-PALE,
HIGH-BORN LADY,
WHO RODE ON A
HORSE WITH A BRIDLE
OF FINDRINNY..."

...and LIKE a
SUNSET WERE HER LIPS,
a SCORCHING SUNSET
ON DOOMED
SHIPS..."

"...a CITRON COLOUR
BLOOMED IN HER HAIR,
BUT DOWN TO HER FEET
WHITE VESTURE
FLOWED..."

"...and WITH THE
GLIMMERING CRIMSON
GLOWED OF MANY a
FIGURED EMBROIDERY;
and IT WAS BOUND WITH
a PEARL-PALE SHELL
THAT WAVERED LIKE
THE SUMMER
SCREAMS..."

"...as HER
SOFT BOSOM
ROSE and
FELL..."

THE DAGDA'S KEEP,
TIR NA NÓG.

"...I'LL SEE YOU
SOON ENOUGH,
MY ETERNAL
LOVE!"

THIS IS
ETHNÉ'S
CASTLE?

INDEED. I EXPECT
YOU'LL FEEL QUITE
AT HOME HERE IN
GOTHAM-BY-THE-
SEA?





WELCOME
TO MY HOME,
PRINCESS, SIR
KNIGHT.

MY LADY
ETHNE, I AM
SO SORRY FOR
YOUR LOSS.

I HEARD IT
WAS POISON--
HEMLOCK, OR
SOME SUCH...

...NOT HOW A
TRUE WARRIOR
WOULD WISH TO
END HIS DAYS,
AND HE WAS THE
BEST OF US.



FORGIVE ME,
MY LADY. I DO
NOT BELIEVE THE
DE DANANN BOY
POISONED YOUR
HUSBAND...

IT'S TRUE,
YOUR HIGHNESS.
I KNOW BEYOND
DOUBT HE DID
NOT.

MY GOLDEN
PERFECT PROVIDED
EVIDENCE ENOUGH.
IT REVEALS ONLY
TRUTH.

GO ON.

ACCORDING TO KING
MCCOOL, YOUR
HUSBAND WAS AT THE
DE DANANN COURT TO
NEGOTIATE **PEACE**
TERMS.

WE KNOW HE DID
NOT PARTAKE IN THE
FOMORIAN RAIDS ON
THE VILLAGES--
BUT HE DID NOT
CONDEMN THEM
EITHER.

CERNUNNOS WAS
LEFT TO KEEP ORDER.
CAPTAIN FURF CALLS
FOR **TOTAL FOMORIAN**
RULE...

SO MANY
CONTRADICTIONS.

BUT
WHAT DID
THE KING,
ELATHA,
REALLY
WANT?

