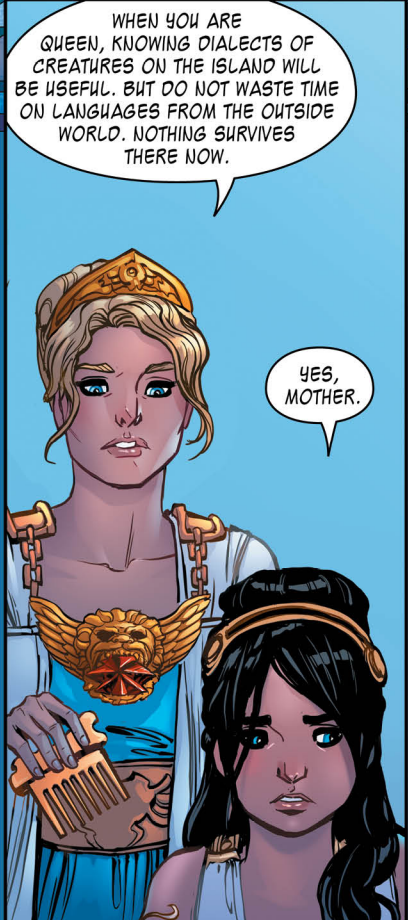




HOW DO YOUR LANGUAGE LESSONS?

ORITHYIA SAYS I LEARN QUICKLY AND WITH EASE, MOTHER. I HAVE LEARNED TO SPEAK SAHTR, ATLANTEAN, CENTAURIAN AND GORGON.

I AM ALSO STUDYING SOME FASCINATING LANGUAGES FOUND IN THE RELIC BOOKS. ONE IS CALLED MANDARIN AND THE OTHER, ENGLISH.



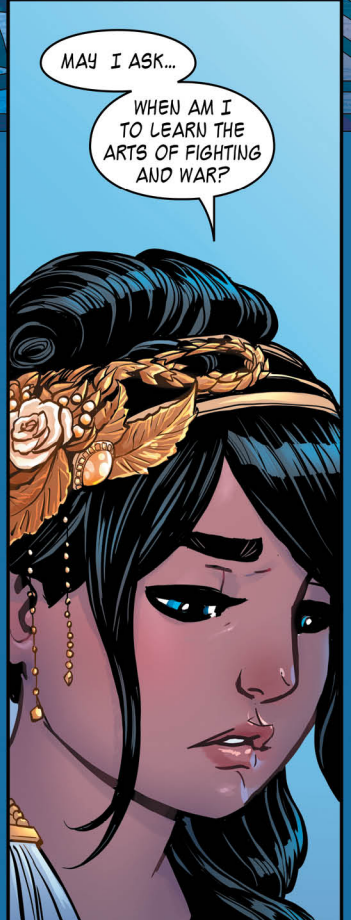
WHEN YOU ARE QUEEN, KNOWING DIALECTS OF CREATURES ON THE ISLAND WILL BE USEFUL. BUT DO NOT WASTE TIME ON LANGUAGES FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD. NOTHING SURVIVES THERE NOW.

YES, MOTHER.



WHICH HAIR ORNAMENT DO YOU PREFER? THE ACORN OR THE CYPRESS?

WHICHEVER YOU PREFER, MOTHER.



MAY I ASK...


WHEN AM I TO LEARN THE ARTS OF FIGHTING AND WAR?



THERE IS NO NEED FOR A PRINCESS TO LEARN SUCH SKILLS.

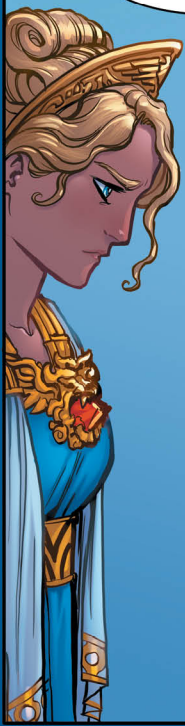
THEMYSIRA IS A PLACE OF PEACE. I HAVE NOT BEEN NECESSARY IN COMBAT SINCE THE DAYS WHEN WE LIVED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD. BACK THEN WE ALL NEEDED TO FIGHT.

WHEN YOU BECOME QUEEN, YOUR FOCUS IS TO BE ELSEWHERE.



BUT THEMYSIRA HAS BECOME BLACKENED...AND SOMETHING DANGEROUS IS GROWING ALL AROUND US. CAN YOU NOT FEEL IT?

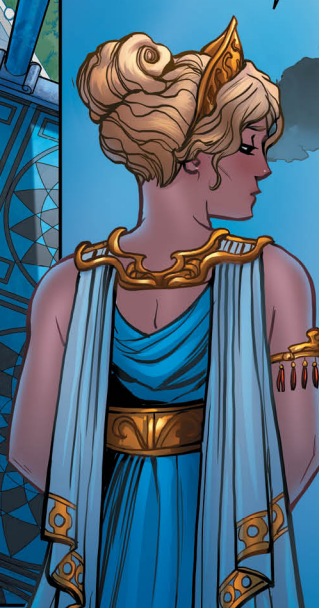
DIANA, I FEEL NO SUCH THING--



PLEASE, MOTHER. I WANT TO LEARN HOW TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE. IF THIS DANGER BREACHES OUR WALLS, I WANT TO BE READY!



DIANA, EVEN IF THERE WAS SOMETHING ENDANGERING US, WE HAVE GUARDS WHO ARE TRAINED IN THE ARTS OF BATTLE WHO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE.

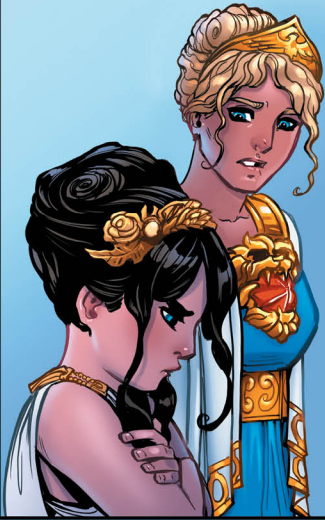


BUT *YOU* ARE TO BE A QUEEN LEARNED IN SUBJECTS THAT CAN HELP CONTINUE THE RULE OF OUR PEACEFUL WAY OF LIFE.

I DO NOT SEE HOW RESEARCHING THE GARDENS OF DEMETER AND THE RIDICULOUS, DRUNKEN EXPLOITS OF DIONYSUS WOULD HELP ME IF AN ENEMY WERE TO BREACH OUR WALLS.



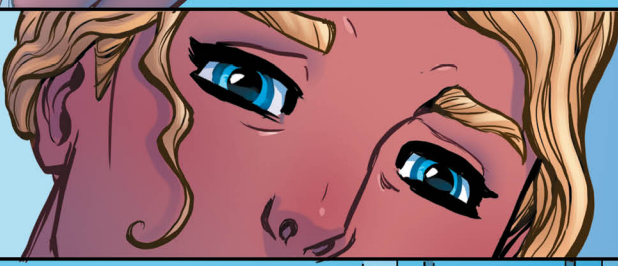
DIANA! YOU MUST NOT SPEAK NEGATIVELY OF THE GODS. THEY HAVE GIVEN US THIS CITY OF PEACE TO ABIDE IN ETERNALLY--



-- IF WE ETERNALLY DO AS THEY COMMAND.

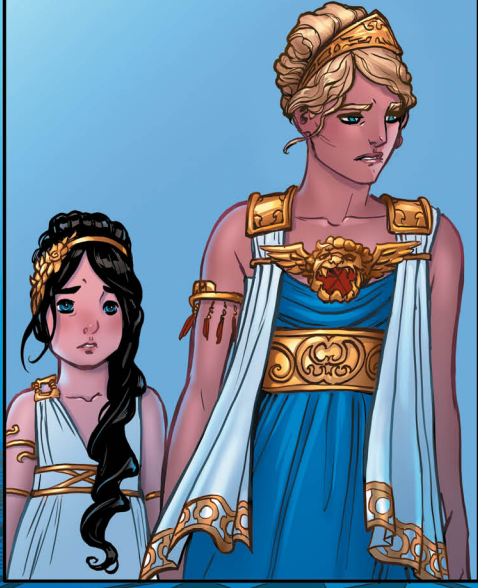
-- AND ONCE THEY HAVE SEEN WHAT A FINE HEIR YOU HAVE BECOME, *THEY* WILL BE THE ONES TO GRANT YOU THE GIFT OF IMMORTALITY, SO YOU MUST NOT INSUL--

YOU DO NOT *KNOW* IF THEY WILL GRANT ME ETERNAL LIFE LIKE THEY DID FOR YOU! BESIDES...



...WHAT IF I DO NOT *WISH* TO BECOME IMMORTAL?

OUR TIME IS OVER. YOU ARE EXCUSED, DIANA. PLEASE ARRIVE HERE THE SAME TIME TOMORROW.



YES, MOTHER.

