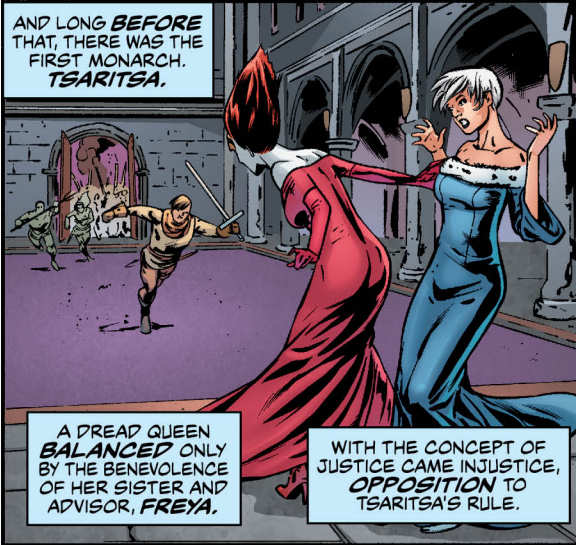


## THE DAWN OF HISTORY.

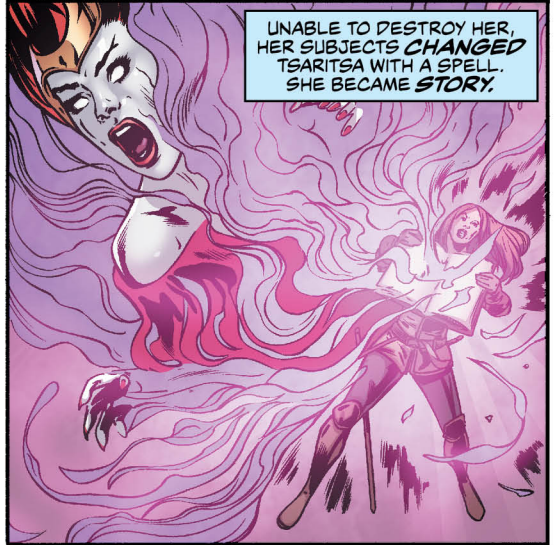


LONG BEFORE WE STARTED WRITING THINGS DOWN, THERE WAS FOLKLORE.

AND LONG BEFORE THAT, THERE WAS THE FIRST MONARCH. TSARITSA.



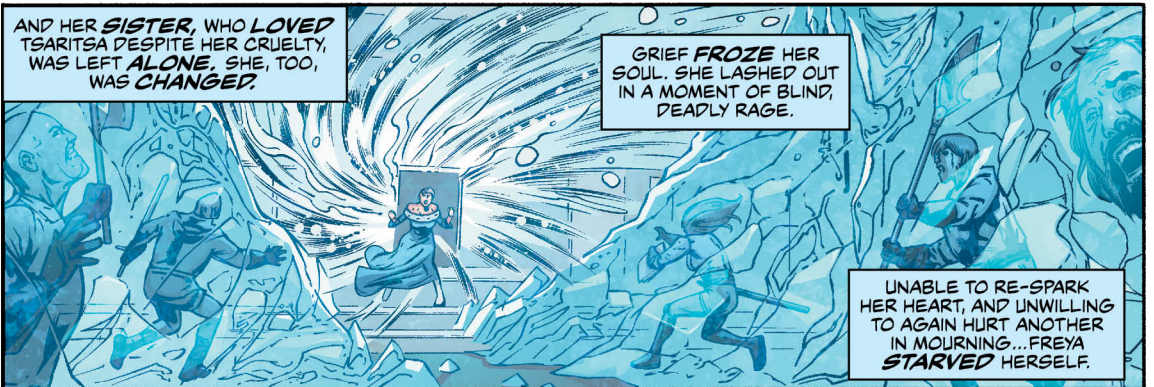
UNABLE TO DESTROY HER, HER SUBJECTS CHANGED TSARITSA WITH A SPELL. SHE BECAME STORY.



A DREAD QUEEN BALANCED ONLY BY THE BENEVOLENCE OF HER SISTER AND ADVISOR, FREYA.

WITH THE CONCEPT OF JUSTICE CAME INJUSTICE, OPPOSITION TO TSARITSA'S RULE.

AND HER SISTER, WHO LOVED TSARITSA DESPITE HER CRUELTY, WAS LEFT ALONE. SHE, TOO, WAS CHANGED.



GRIEF FROZE HER SOUL. SHE LASHED OUT IN A MOMENT OF BLIND, DEADLY RAGE.

UNABLE TO RE-SPARK HER HEART, AND UNWILLING TO AGAIN HURT ANOTHER IN MOURNING...FREYA STARVED HERSELF.

IMPRISONED, TSARITSA SWORE TO HONOR HER SISTER. SHE'D RETURN AND RULE FREYA'S WAY.



STILL, SHE BLAMED MORTALS FOR FREYA'S DEATH. THE QUEEN VOWED VENGEANCE.



...AND SHE'S GETTING HER WISH.

**HAPPY HARBOR,  
RHODE ISLAND.**

YOU **MORTALS** LIVE IN A HOLY SITE! HERE THE GOD OF SUPERHEROES FIRST TOUCHED EARTH! HERE YOUR HEROES GATHERED TO PROTECT YOU...

AND HERE...THEY **FELL.**

MY NAME IS **CAITLIN SNOW.**  
KILLER FROST.

AN ACCIDENT LEFT ME WITH THE SAME FUTURE AS FREYA: **FEED OFF THE HEAT OF LIVING THINGS...**

...OR **DIE.**  
TSARITSA SHOWED ME SO IN A DREAM.

TSARITSA SAW FREYA IN ME, AND A **SECOND CHANCE** TO SAVE HER. SHE OFFERED TO **CURE** ME WITH A WISH.







TO STOP THE PAIN  
I WOULD INEVITABLY  
CAUSE...I **TOOK** IT.

SHE USED ME AS A  
**DOORWAY** TO THE  
MORTAL WORLD, ON  
TOWARD A HIGHER  
REALM.

THERE WE WOULD **RULE**  
OVER **MORTAL THOUGHT**.  
MAKE PEOPLE **BETTER**,  
AS FREYA SAW THEM.

SHE DIDN'T  
MENTION THE **COST**.  
SHE **TERRIFIES**  
PEOPLE TO GROW  
**STRONGER**.

THE JUSTICE  
LEAGUE FOUGHT,  
BUT IT DIDN'T MATTER.  
I WATCHED VIXEN  
JUST...VAPORIZE.

I **TRIED** TO  
SAVE PEOPLE  
FROM MYSELF..

# DEADLY FABLE PART TWO

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...AND DOOMED THEM IN THE PROCESS.

**CITY OF VANITY.**

WHEN'S THE LAST TIME YOU SLEPT, AZTEK?

YOU SAYING YOU CARE?

THIS ISN'T GETTING BETTER. EVERY TIME WE STOP AN ATTACK, THERE'RE TWO MORE.

I TOLD YOU TEZCATLIPOCA'S STRONG IN VANITY, RAY.

LOOK AT THE SKIES... THIS ISN'T JUST A GOD ONLY YOU CAN SEE.

DOESN'T MEAN HE'S NOT REAL.

YOU WERE RIGHT. I MOVED TOO FAST WITH THE JLA. I WASN'T READY...

...BUT I DON'T KNOW, NAYELI. YOU SAID IT YOURSELF. I CAN MOVE AT LIGHT SPEED, BE PLACES IN SECONDS...

I'M NEEDED HERE. STILL, I KNOW YOU CAN FEEL IT...