

BRITANNIA™

IN THE YEAR 60 A.D., THE ROMAN EMPIRE, UNDER THE RULE OF NERO, STRETCHES FROM JUDEA IN THE SOUTH TO A WILD NORTHERN COUNTRY CALLED BRITANNIA. A MYSTERIOUS GROUP OF WOMEN CALLED THE VESTAL VIRGINS - PRIESTESSES TO THE GODDESS VESTA - WIELD TREMENDOUS SPIRITUAL POWER - MORE THAN ALMOST ANY MAN IN THIS WORLD.



THE VESTALS SEND A CENTURION, ANTONIUS AXIA, TO THE WILDS OF ETRUSCA TO RESCUE ONE OF THEIR OWN, WHO HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED BY DEMON-WORSHIPPING CULTISTS. EVEN THOUGH AXIA WAS SUCCESSFUL, THE ENCOUNTER WITH THE MONSTER LEFT HIS MIND CRACKED.

THE VESTALS REHABILITATE ANTONIUS, PERFORMING SACRED RITUALS AND ALLOWING HIM TO READ THEIR CODEX — WRITINGS THAT OFFER REASONS FOR WHY MEN DO WHAT THEY DO. CAUSE, EFFECT, AND MOTIVE, CENTURIES BEFORE MODERN PSYCHOLOGY.

EMPEROR NERO DISPATCHES ANTONIUS TO BRITANNIA TO DETERMINE WHO OR WHAT IS KILLING ROMAN SOLDIERS IN THIS FARAWAY TERRITORY. BIZARRE RUMORS OF DEMONIC RITUALS AND STRANGE CREATURES PLAGUING THE CENTURIONS HAVE REACHED ROME, AND NERO WANTS ANSWERS. WHILE IN BRITANNIA, ANTONIUS MEETS A LOCAL SPIRITUAL PRACTITIONER NAMED BODMALL. SHE VISITS HIS QUARTERS ONE NIGHT, BUT THINGS ARE NOT AS THEY APPEAR...



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SISTER?



OLD SISTER?
WIFE OF NO MAN,
KEEPER OF THE
WAYS...

WHAT DO
YOU WANT,
CHILD?



OLD
S-SISTER...
THERE IS A
DEVIL.



I KNOW IT.
HE COMES FROM
THE DARKSIDE... AND
NOW... HE RESTS IN
THE DARK WOOD.
HIS ROD POLLUTES
OUR LAND...

THERE IS...
THERE'S ALSO
A ROMAN, WITHOUT
MY HELP...
HE'LL DIE.

WHY
DO YOU CARE
ABOUT A ROMAN,
CHILD?



THEY
RAPE AND
THEY
KILL...

NOT
ANTONIUS.
HE IS A GOOD
MAN, AND...

...AND HE
HAS THE SISTER WYRD.
HOW CAN THIS BE, WHEN
HE IS JUST A ROMAN?



THESE ARE NEW TIMES,
TIMES OF MEN AND THEIR
HARD WEAPONS.

BUT IN OLD DAYS,
IT WAS A SISTER WORLD.
WE TRAVELLED FAR, WE
KEPT THE FIRE.

THE
FIRE?



THE TIMELESS
FIRE, WE KNEW
THE HEALING.

TEACH ME
SOME OF THIS
HEALING.



FOR A MAN
TO HAVE THE
GIFTS OF WYRD
IS A RARE THING.
THIS ROMAN OF
YOURS...



"...HE MUST BE
SPECIAL INDEED."

YOU HAVE
SPILLED GOOD
ROMAN BLOOD,
DETECTOR.

NO, PREFECT,
THEIR BLOOD HAD
BEEN TAINTED BY
YOUR DEVIL.

MY REPORT
WILL HOLD YOU
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THEIR DEATHS.



NERO
WILL NEVER
SEE YOUR
DAMNED
REPORT!





"...OF COURSE I'M COMING WITH YOU."

LET'S GET THIS STRAIGHT. YOU LAD WITH THIS BOOMALL GIRL, THEN SHE TURNED INTO A MONSTER AND ATTACKED YOU?

EXACTLY.

AND YOU WANT TO FIND HER AGAIN?



WAIT.

BY MARG...



THE ENTIRE VILLAGE, SURELY THE WORK OF THAT DEMON.

OR BOMMANG POLLUTED BY HIM.

SEE? SEE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?

