

GUARD, WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE KINGDOM?

I HEARD OTHERS SAY KING ARTHUR DISCOVERED SOMETHING THE OTHER DAY-- PLEASE, TELL ME OF THIS!

YOU'RE NOT THE ROYAL ADVISOR ANYMORE, VULKO.

TRAITORS WHO LIE TO START WARS ARE NOT KEPT IN THE LOOP.

I BEG YOU...

NO NEED. LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE GOING TO FIND OUT FIRST-HAND.

WHAT? IS SOMEONE COMING?

CRUNCH!

AH!!

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR, VULKO.

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ARTHUR, SPEAK TO ME-- WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

ATLANNA'S TOMB? WHO REMOVED THE--

I DID.



TAKE A GOOD LOOK, VULKO. SHE'S NOT IN THERE!

SHE NEVER WAS!

NO!!



YOU TOLD ME SHE WAS ASSASSINATED! YOU SAID YOU SAW IT HAPPEN!

I DID, ARTHUR, I SWEAR IT!



I KNOW YOU HAVE NO REASON TO TRUST ME, BUT I WAS LOYAL TO YOUR MOTHER. HER DEATH WAS THE DARKEST DAY OF MY LIFE!



WELL?



HE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.



HIS MIND IS CLEAR. HE BELIEVES THE STORY HE TELLS. IT'S WHAT HE SAW.

I FIGURED THIS COULDN'T BE THAT EASY.

AN... ALIEN?

TO THE REST OF THIS WORLD, YOU SEEM ALIEN, SIR.

I AM ADOPTING YOUR DORSAL GILLS TO ADAPT.

J'ONN J'ONZZ IS FROM MARS.

AND A TELEPATH--THE PERFECT PERSON TO HELP FIGURE OUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED THAT DAY.

TULA, PLEASE TAKE VULKO TO THE NAUTILA THEATRE. WE'LL BE THERE SOON.

YOU CAN ALSO TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, I KNOW THAT LOOK FROM MERA.

IF I CAN SPEAK FREELY?

THIS IS THE THIRD OUTSIDER YOU'VE BROUGHT IN, AND THE FIRST TWO HAVE ALREADY TURNED OUR WORLD UPSIDE DOWN.

HE IS FAR MORE DANGEROUS. I BELIEVE THEY CALL HIM THE MARTIAN MANHUNTER.



PERHAPS I SHOULD SHIFT BACK TO AN ATLANTEAN FORM TO MAKE EVERYONE MORE COMFORTABLE.

NO NEED. I WANT ATLANTIS TO GET USED TO INTERACTING WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLE.

MANKIND IS COMING UNDERSEA NOW. THAT WON'T STOP-- THEY NEED TO PREPARE.



I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO COME DOWN HERE. YOU KNEW THE HIDDEN REALM WOULD BE THE PERFECT BAIT TO LURE ME.

I'M NOT THE KIND OF TELEPATH YOU ARE, BUT YEAH, IT'S OBVIOUS.



SHARING THIS INFORMATION ISN'T MY FIRST CHOICE, BUT REAL SECRETS HAVE A COST.

I THINK I'M A GOOD ENOUGH JUDGE OF CHARACTER THAT I WON'T REGRET IT.



THE TRADEOFFS KINGS MUST EMBRACE. BUT MY INTEREST ISN'T ABOUT MYSTERIES OF THE WORLD THIS TIME.

I HAVE LONG WONDERED... WHAT IF I'D BEEN BROUGHT DOWN HERE WHEN I FIRST CAME TO EARTH.



WOULD I HAVE BEEN MORE WELCOMED AS AN ATLANTEAN?

YOU'D PROBABLY LIKE THE LACK OF FIRE.

GUESTS, THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT LANDMARK OF ATLANTIS--EVEN BEFORE THE INCIDENT WITH THE QUEEN.