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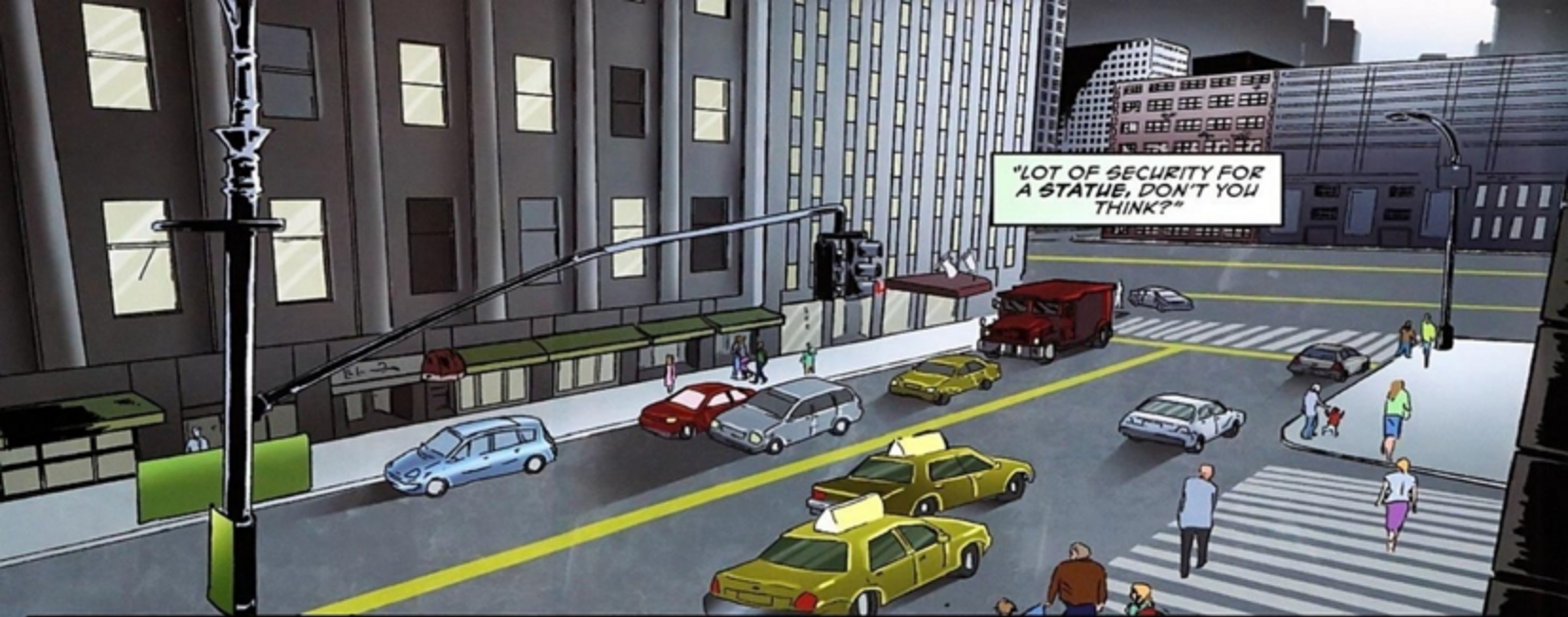
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"LOT OF SECURITY FOR A STATUE, DON'T YOU THINK?"



"LONG AS THEY'RE WILLING TO FORK OUT THE OVERTIME ON THIS I COULD REALLY CARE LESS."

"JUST FOUND OUT MY KID HAS TO GET BRACES. YOU KNOW HOW MUCH THAT SHIT COSTS?"



NOT A CLUE. THAT'S WHY I DON'T HAVE KIDS. SHIT'S EXPENSIVE.

YOU DON'T HAVE A KID BECAUSE NO WOMAN IN HER RIGHT MIND WOULD HAVE SEX WITH YOU.

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

IT MEANS THAT EVERY TIME WE GO OUT AND TRY AND TALK TO GIRLS YOU SCARE THEM ALL AWAY BECAUSE EVERYONE THINKS YOU'RE A SERIAL KILLER.



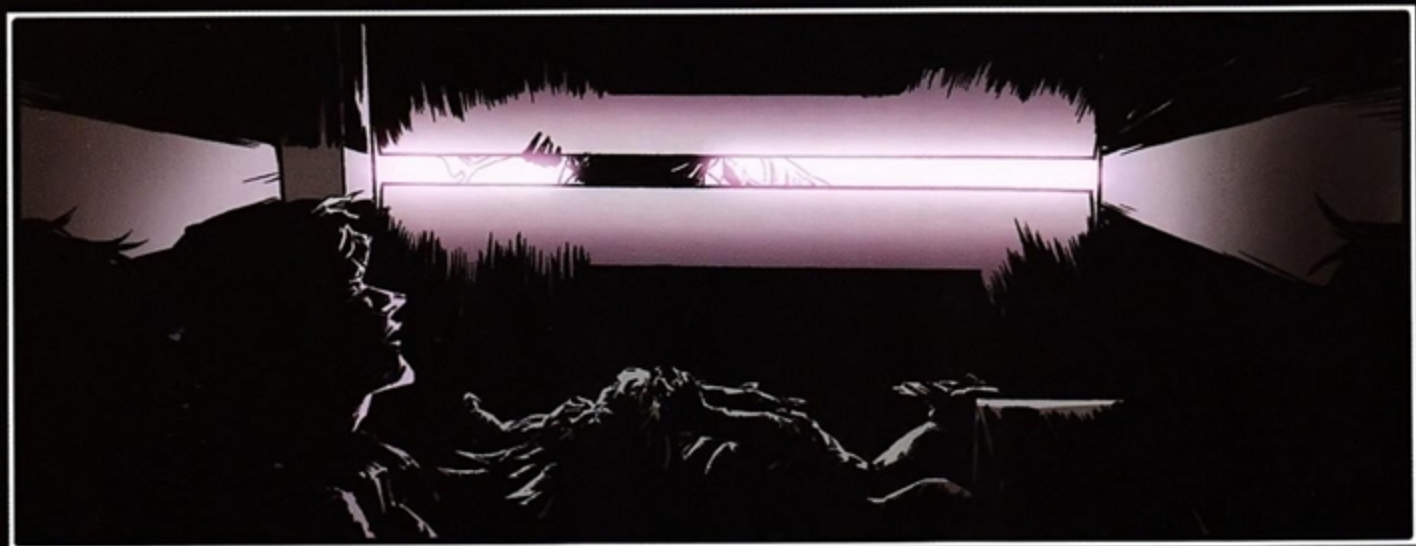
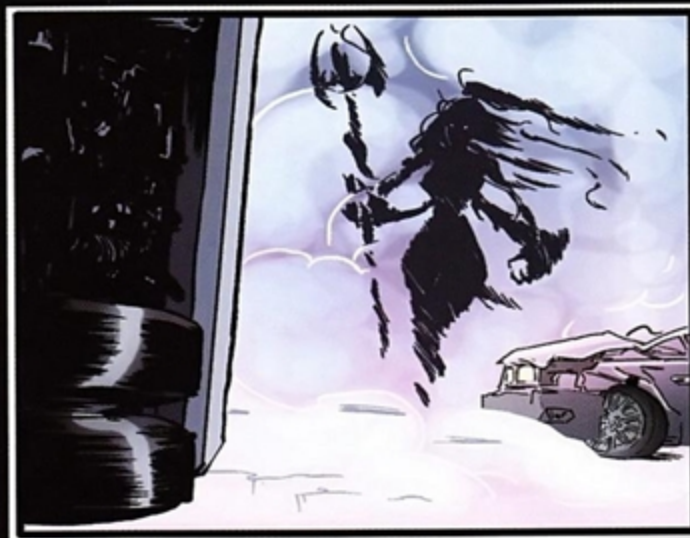
WHATEVER. I GET GIRLS.

HAND DOESN'T COUNT.

BITE ME.

YOU GUYS WANT TO HIT THE BAR AFTER THIS?

SURE, NOT LIKE I HAVE ANYTHING--





Ah,
THERE YOU
ARE.



I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU FOR SOME TIME.



WHY, HELLO THERE.

"SOMEONE IS GOING
TO BE QUITE UPSET
ABOUT LOSING YOU."

COME.

**KNOCK
KNOCK**

HAS IT
ARRIVED YET,
MORRIGAN?

THERE
HAS BEEN A
PROBLEM.

WHAT
PROBLEM?

THE
TRANSPORT
WAS ATTACKED.
THE SHARD WAS
TAKEN.

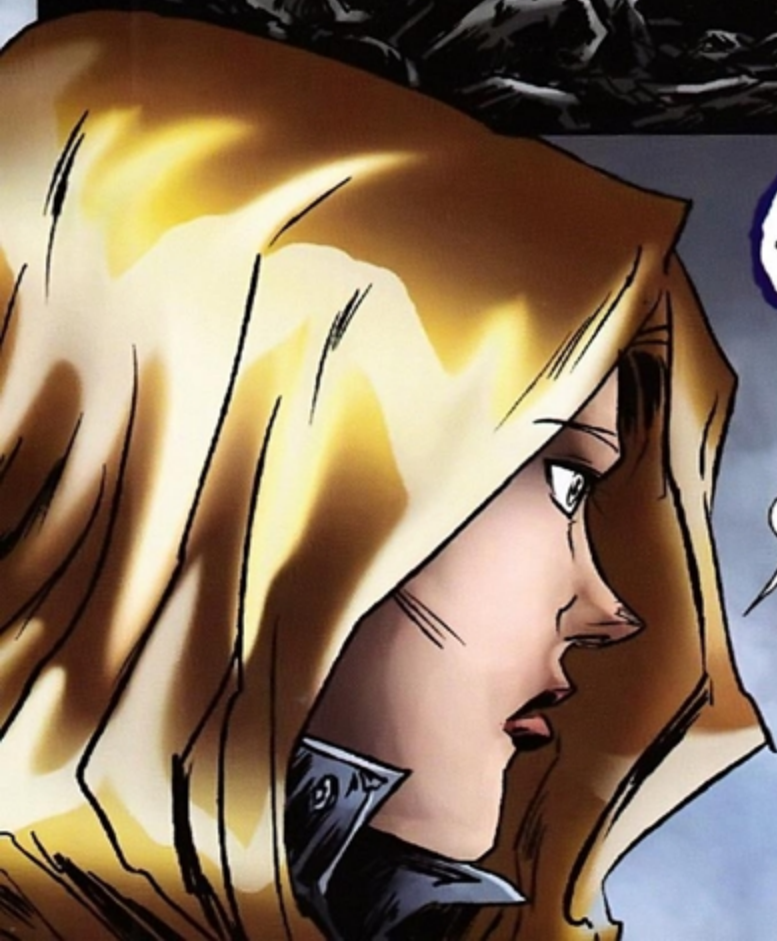
BY
WHOM?

BABA
YAGA.

...
FIND HER.
FIND THE
SHARD.

NOW!





I FEAR
THERE IS VERY
LITTLE **ANY** OF US
CAN DO NOW THAT
THE WHEELS HAVE
BEEN SET INTO
MOTION.

BUT WE
WILL DO WHAT
WE CAN. FOR NOW,
THAT IS ALL WE
CAN DO.

WHAT
CAN I DO?

YOU CAN
LISTEN.



"LONG, LONG AGO A CHILD WAS BORN FROM THE UNION OF TWO INCREDIBLY **POWERFUL** Highborn PARENTS. THIS CHILD WAS **UNLIKE** ANY OTHER CHILD WHO HAD EVER BEEN BORN FROM SUCH A JOINING OF LINEAGE IN THAT HE CAME INTO THIS WORLD **WITHOUT** POWERS OF ANY KIND.

"IN THE REALM OF MYST, CHILDREN ARE **TRAINED** IN THE USE OF THEIR POWERS FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE. THE BOY HAD NONE BUT WAS **LOVED** BY HIS PARENTS NONETHELESS.

"MANY YEARS WOULD PASS AND THE BOY GREW OLDER. HE LIVED WRAPPED IN THE WARM EMBRACE OF THE LOVE FROM ALL THOSE AROUND HIM AND FOR A TIME HE WAS TRULY AS **HAPPY** AS ONE COULD EVER HOPE TO BE.

"FOR A TIME."

"UNTIL HIS DESTINY WOULD FIND HIM AND CHANGE HIS LIFE **FOREVER**."

WHAT!
WHAT HAS
HAPPENED
SON?

"THE BOY'S NAME WAS
HELIOS."

I HURT
THE BUNNY.
I... I DIDN'T
MEAN TO.

I DIDN'T
MEAN TO.

EEEEEEGH

"THAT WAS THE BEGINNING OF HIS **LOVELY** EXISTENCE. AS THE YEARS PASSED HIS POWER CONTINUED TO **GROW**.



"AN INTENSE INTERNAL **FLAME** OVER WHICH HE HAD LITTLE TO NO **CONTROL**.

"WHISPERS OF HIS INABILITY TO CONTROL THE MASSIVE POWERS AT HIS DISPOSAL SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE WHERE HE LIVED AND ALL THOSE WHO CROSSED HIS PATH SHUNNED HIM AS AN **OUTCAST** AND **FREAK** OF NATURE.



"NONE WOULD DARE **SPEAK** THE WORDS EXCEPT THE MOST FOOLHARDY DRUNKARD BUT THE BOY HAD LONG **LEARNED** THE SILENT MEANINGS SPOKEN IN THE STARES OF MAN AND WOMAN ALIKE.



"AS TIME PASSED THE BOY BECAME A YOUNG MAN. HIS HEART GREW **COLD** AND **EMPTY** BUT THE BITTERNESS WITHIN DID NOT TURN HIM TO **EVIL** WAYS. THE DESPAIR THAT FILLED HIM DID **NOT** TURN TO **HATE**.



"BECAUSE HE KNEW IT WASN'T THEIR **FAULT**. HIS TOUCH COULD **END** A LIFE AND LIVING WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE WAS ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM FROM TURNING DOWN A **DARK** PATH. AS MUCH AS THE WORLD HAD **TAKEN** FROM HIM HE **ONLY** WISHED TO BE ABLE TO **TOUCH** ANOTHER.

"HE ONLY WISHED TO BE **LOVED**."

"A WISH THAT FATE
WOULD HAPPILY
PROVIDE.

"HELIOS BECAME ENCHANTED
WITH THE WOMAN'S BEAUTY AND
THE LOVE THAT HAD SO LONG
BEEN MISSING FROM HIS HEART
ENVELOPED HIM IN WAYS HE HAD
NEVER FELT BEFORE.

"BUT HELIOS KNEW HE COULD
NOT REVEAL HIMSELF TO HER
FOR FEAR OF DESTROYING
THE VERY THING HE SO
ADORED.


"SO HELIOS SET OUT TO THE
FARTHEST REACHES OF THE
LAND IN HOPES OF FINDING
SOMETHING THAT WOULD
ALLOW HIM TO BE WITH
THIS WOMAN WITH WHOM
HE HAD BECOME SO TAKEN.

"HIS PARENTS HAD GIFTED
HIM WITH A MAGIC CHARIOT
LONG AGO AND WITH IT HE
JOURNEYED TO THE ONE
PLACE IN ALL OF MYST
WHERE THERE MIGHT BE AN
ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM
THAT PLAGUED HIM SO.

"TO THE LAND OF ONE
OF THE LAST REMAINING
FROST GIANTS. THE
KING OF A FALLEN
RACE... YMIR.


"HELIOS HAD LONG
HEARD THE STORIES OF
THE FROST GIANT WHO
DWELLED BEYOND THE
FARTHEST REACHES OF
MYST AND OF THE
MAGICAL BATHING HOLE
THE ICE GIANTS USED TO
HEAL THEIR WOUNDS
FROM BATTLE.

"YMIR, UPON
HEARING HIS TALE,
TOOK PITY ON THE
POOR YOUNG MAN
AND ALLOWED HIM
ACCESS TO THE
FROZEN WATERS."




"THE FOLLOWING DAY HELIOS RETURNED TO THE WOMAN AND PRESENTED HER WITH A *GIFT* UNLIKE ANY SHE HAD A RECEIVED BEFORE.

"A ROSE MADE OF PUREST ICE THAT WOULD NEVER MELT, NEVER WILT, AND WOULD STAY BEAUTIFUL FOR ALL TIME.

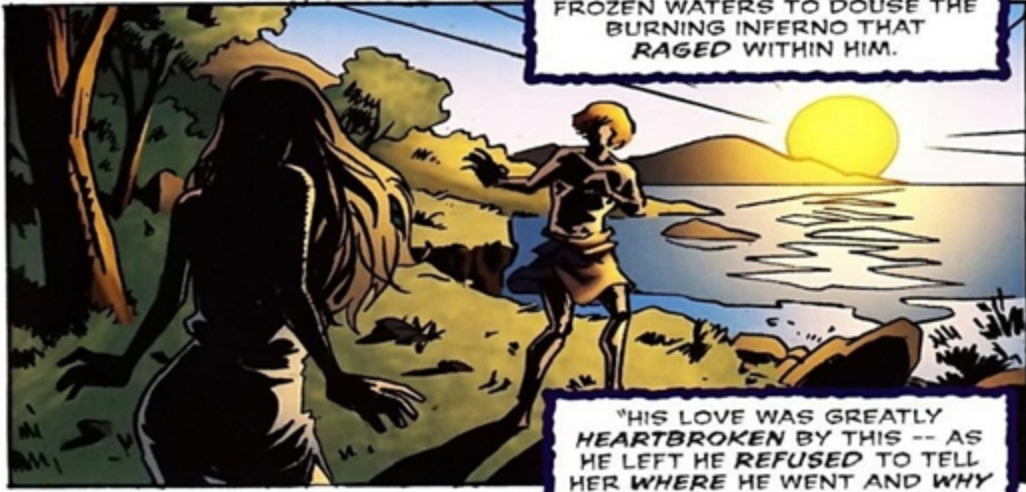


"SENSING HIS PURE AND KIND SPIRIT THE WOMAN GREW TO LOVE HELIOS OVER TIME AND BEFORE LONG THE TWO WERE INSEPARABLE.




"AND FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HIS POWERS BECAME HIS CURSE, HELIOS WAS HAPPY.

"BUT WITH THAT HAPPINESS CAME A PRICE. AS THE SUN SET EACH NIGHT HELIOS WOULD BE FORCED TO RETURN TO THE FROZEN WATERS TO DOUSE THE BURNING INFERNO THAT RAGED WITHIN HIM.



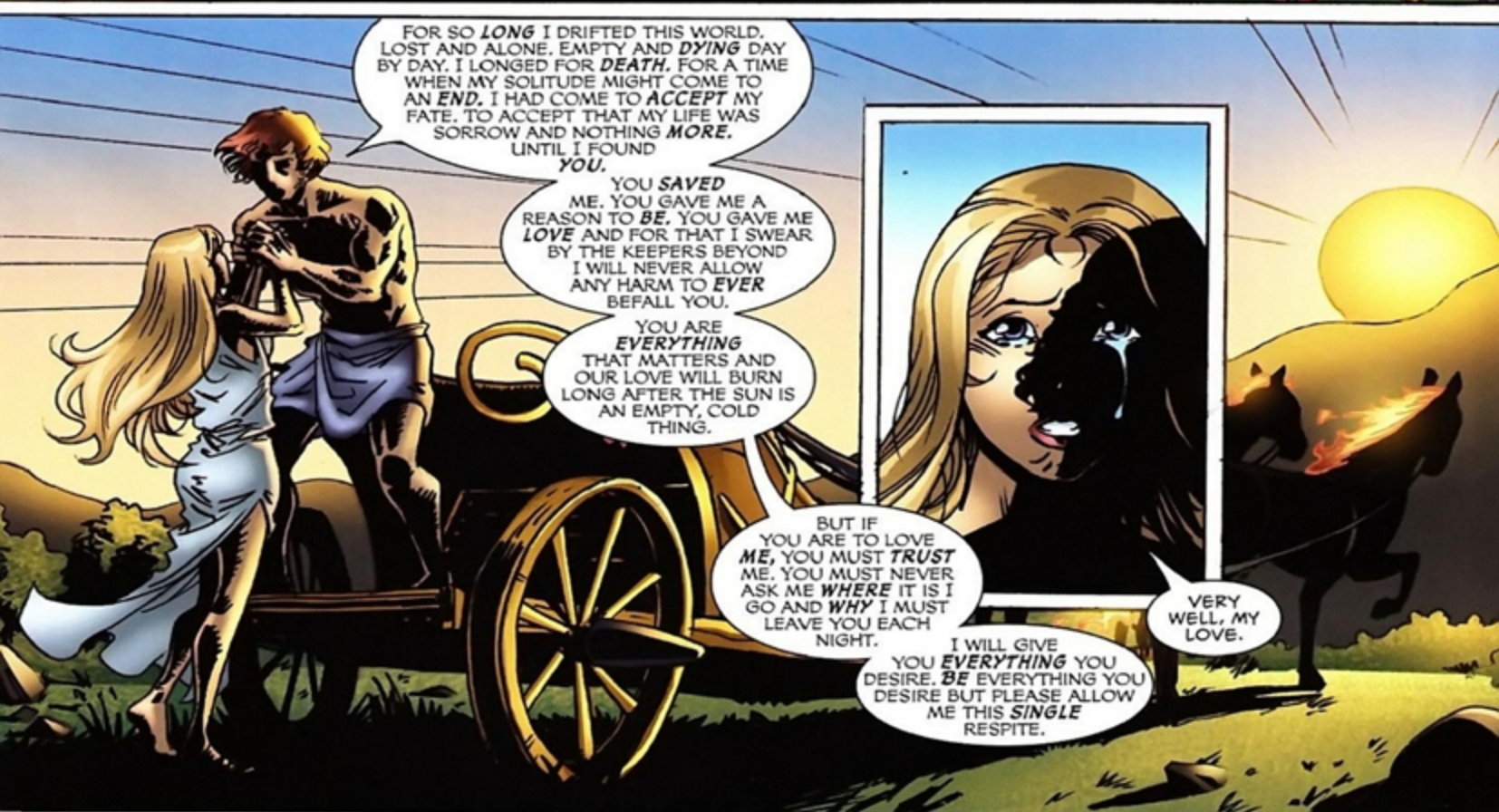
"HIS LOVE WAS GREATLY HEARTBROKEN BY THIS -- AS HE LEFT HE REFUSED TO TELL HER WHERE HE WENT AND WHY HE WAS FORCED TO LEAVE HER EACH AND EVERY NIGHT.



"AND ALTHOUGH HIS HEART ACHED TO DO SO, HE KNEW HE COULD NEVER REVEAL THE TRUTH OF HIS AFFLICTION AND RISK LOSING THE ONE WHO HAD COME TO BE HIS WORLD."



"BUT EVEN WITH THE SECRET BETWEEN THEM SHE REFUSED TO ABANDON THEIR LOVE SO GREAT HAD IT BECOME."



FOR SO LONG I DRIFTED THIS WORLD, LOST AND ALONE. EMPTY AND DYING DAY BY DAY. I LONGED FOR DEATH. FOR A TIME WHEN MY SOLITUDE MIGHT COME TO AN END. I HAD COME TO ACCEPT MY FATE. TO ACCEPT THAT MY LIFE WAS SORROW AND NOTHING MORE. UNTIL I FOUND YOU.

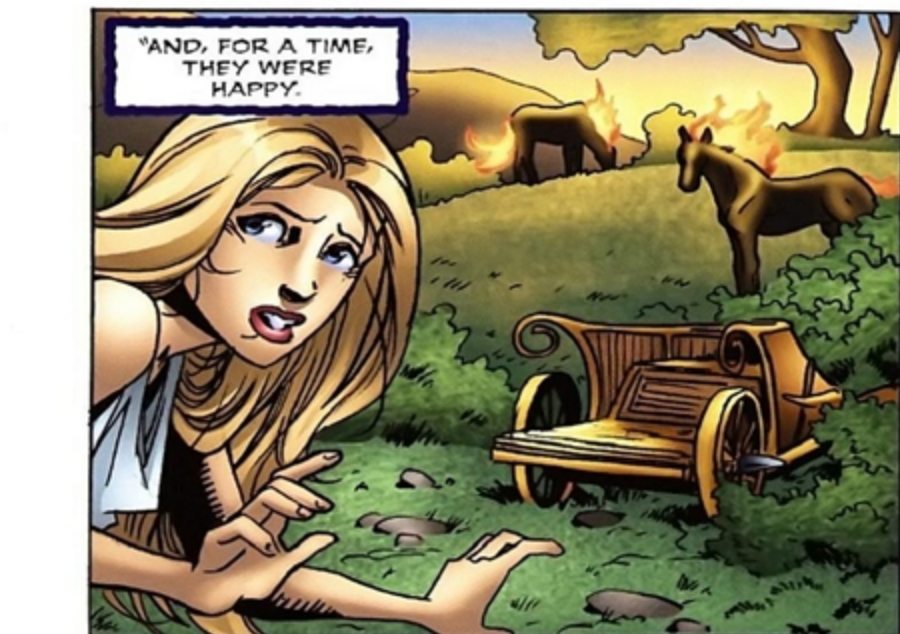
YOU SAVED ME. YOU GAVE ME A REASON TO BE. YOU GAVE ME LOVE AND FOR THAT I SWEAR BY THE KEEPERS BEYOND I WILL NEVER ALLOW ANY HARM TO EVER BEFALL YOU.

YOU ARE EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS AND OUR LOVE WILL BURN LONG AFTER THE SUN IS AN EMPTY, COLD THING.

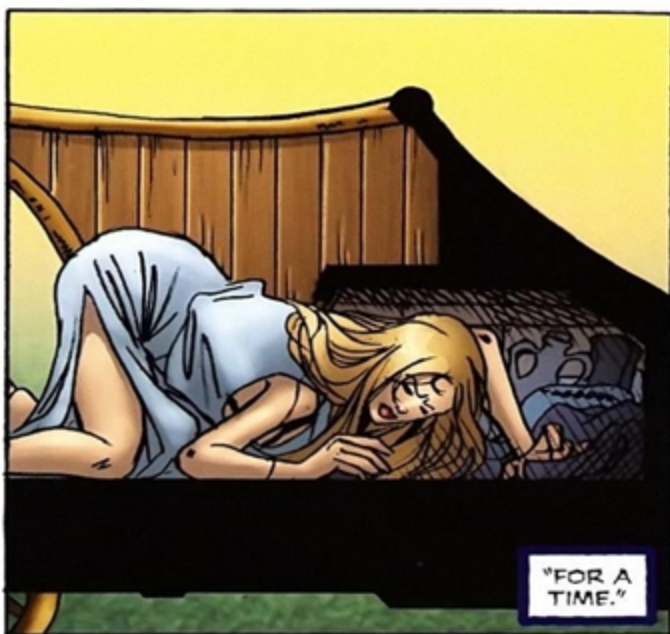
BUT IF YOU ARE TO LOVE ME, YOU MUST TRUST ME. YOU MUST NEVER ASK ME WHERE IT IS I GO AND WHY I MUST LEAVE YOU EACH NIGHT.

I WILL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU DESIRE. BE EVERYTHING YOU DESIRE BUT PLEASE ALLOW ME THIS SINGLE RESPITE.

VERY WELL, MY LOVE.



"AND, FOR A TIME, THEY WERE HAPPY."



"FOR A TIME."



"SHE HAD LOVED HIM MORE THAN THE AIR SHE BREATHED BUT EVEN THAT WAS NOT ENOUGH TO QUELL THE CURIOSITY THAT SEARED AT HER SOUL."



"AND IT WAS THAT VERY LOVE THAT LEFT HIM BLIND TO WHAT SHE HAD ALWAYS SEEN."



"THAT ALL THE LOVE IN THE WORLD IS NOTHING WITHOUT TRUST."



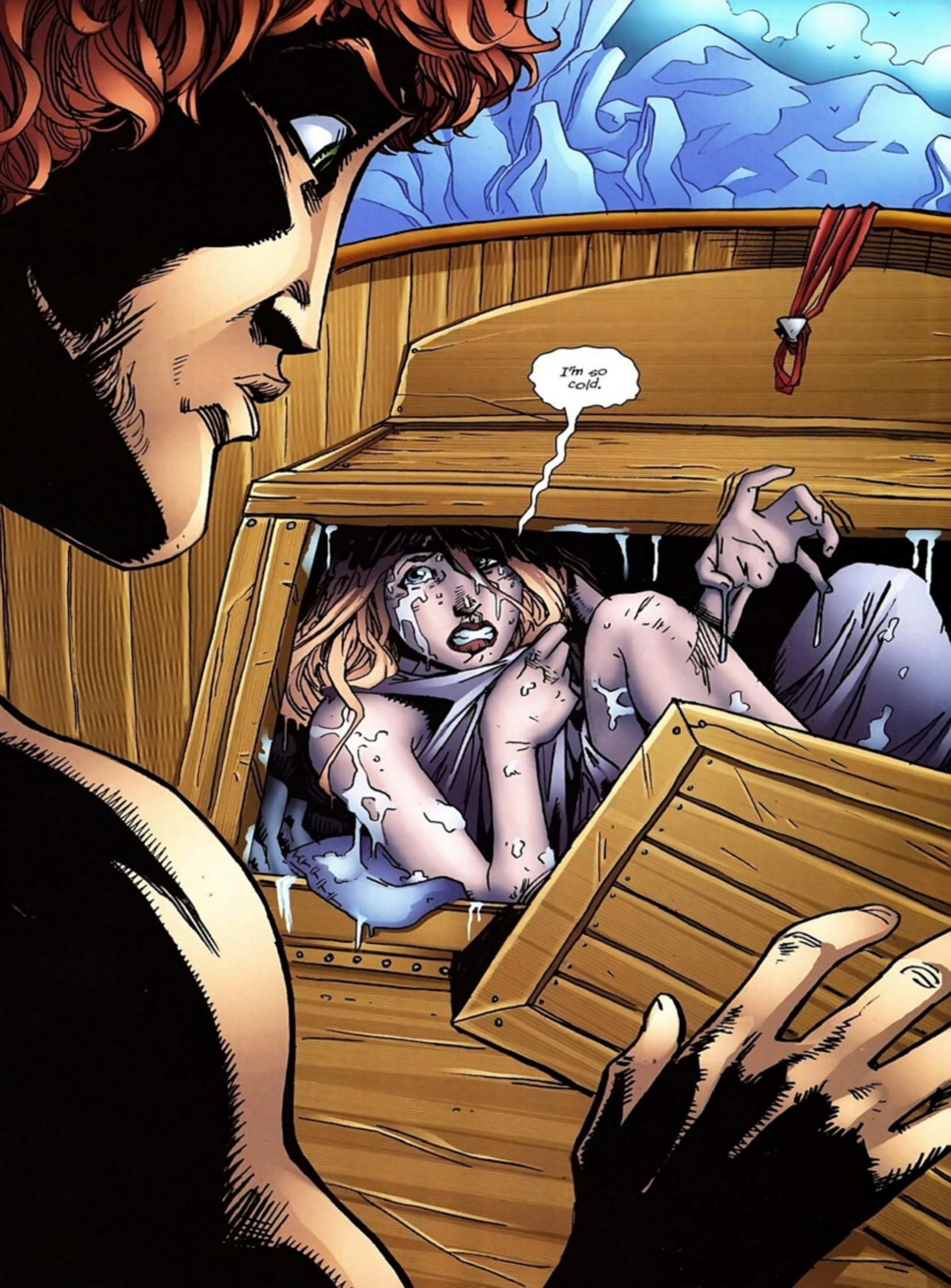
"THAT NOTHING CHIPS AWAY AT TRUST MORE THAN A SECRET."

"AND ONCE THAT TRUST IS GONE..."



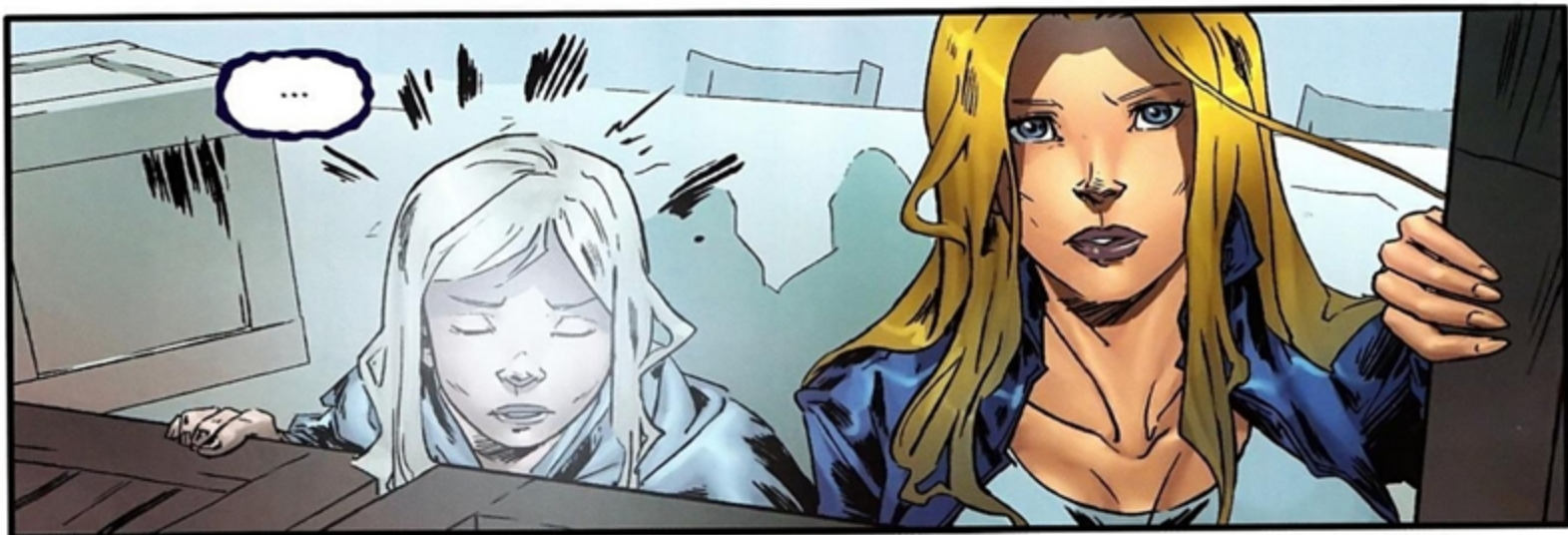
"IT ALWAYS LEAVES US..."

Helios?



I'm so cold.









"WE HAVE MUCH
BIGGER FISH TO
FRY."

ELSEWHERE.

THE WORLD IS A COLD PLACE
THAT HE KNOWS VERY WELL.
ONCE UPON A TIME THE
CREATURE HAD A NAME.

EDWARD
PEIRCE.

NOW HE IS ONLY THE BEAST.
A BEAST IN SEARCH OF A
MOMENT'S RESPIRE. ONE
THAT FATE WILL SOON
HAPPILY PROVIDE.

BUT FATE AND CHANCE ARE REALLY THINGS OF
FICTION. IF ONE WATCHES CLOSELY ENOUGH
ONE CAN SEE THE CYCLES AND PATTERNS THAT
MAKE UP THE EXISTENCE AROUND US. ONE CAN
SEE THAT EVERYTHING HAPPENS FOR
A REASON...

...AND WHERE
ONE STORY MAY
END...

...IT IS ONLY THE
BEGINNING OF
ANOTHER.

I'VE ALWAYS LOVED
COMING TO THIS
PLACE.



FOR AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER IT'S ALWAYS BEEN A PLACE THAT HAS BROUGHT ME JOY AND PEACE.



PEACE THAT I CAN OFFER YOU...



MY BEAUTIFUL BEAST.

TO BE CONTINUED...

COMING NEXT MONTH...



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AS THE RACE TO RECRUIT THE FALSEBLOODS ON EARTH BEGINS TO HEAT UP, BABA YAGA AND THE SEA WITCH JOIN FORCES IN ORDER TO UNLEASH A POWERFUL BEING WHO WILL NOT ONLY TIP THE BALANCE IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE FORCES OF GOOD AND EVIL BUT MAY VERY WELL THREATEN ALL LIFE ON EARTH. IT IS A BEING KNOWN ONLY AS HELIOS. FEATURING THE VERY FIRST APPEARANCE OF A BRAND NEW VILLAIN WHOSE EXISTENCE WILL CHANGE THE GRIMM UNIVERSE FOREVER.

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