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NOW.

I HAVE A
SECRET.

WELL, NOT
JUST ONE.

BUT THEY'RE ALL
TIED TOGETHER.

NEWER
SECRETS.



OLDER
SECRETS.



SECRETS SO
MANY HAD DIED
TO PROTECT.

TOO MANY WERE
PEOPLE I LOVED.



THE SEVEN
SECRETS.

WORDS, WONDERS,
WEAPONS, AND
WORSE, WITH THE
POWER TO CHANGE
THE WORLD...



THREE MONTHS AGO:

THE LONG ABANDONED BROMPTON STREET SUBWAY STATION.

THE HIDDEN LONDON BASE OF THE ORDER OF THE SEVEN.

SECRETS HAVE POWER.

POWER TO ILLUMINATE...

WHAT IS THAT?

...AND TO KEEP IN THE DARK.

FIRE.



POWER TO DIVIDE.

**BANG
BANG
BANG**

STAY TOGETHER.
STAY TOGETHER!

POWER TO UNITE.



SOME SECRETS MUST BE REVEALED...



...OTHERS MUST BE PROTECTED.

TAKE THE CASE!!!



WARS HAD BEEN FOUGHT OVER THE SEVEN. KINGDOMS HAD FALLEN.

PEOPLE SPENT LIFETIMES TRYING TO OBTAIN THEM.

PEOPLE *WASTED* LIFETIMES TRYING TO OBTAIN THEM.

BECAUSE THE SEVEN SECRETS WERE *UNOBTAINABLE.*

EACH WAS GUARDED BY A KEEPER AND A HOLDER.

GET OUT OF HERE, EVA!

HIGHLY TRAINED PROTECTORS.

YOU'LL BE BEHIND ME?

I'LL BE BEHIND YOU.

DON'T MAKE ME COME BACK FOR YOU, SIGURD. YOU'RE ALWAYS SO EMBARRASSED BY RESCUES.

GO!

**BANG
BANG**

THEY'D DEVOTED THEIR LIVES TO ENSURING THE SECRETS NEVER FELL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.



THE WRONG HANDS HAD ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN THE SEVEN SECRETS FOR AN AGE.



HEY!



CRUNCH



HNG.

THD

FOR AN AGE, THEY HAD BEEN SAFE.

BUT IT IS A
NEW AGE.



**BANG
BANG
BANG**

**RNN
N
NN**



I NEED GREEN
LIGHTS BETWEEN
HERE AND
PICCADILLY.

GOT
IT.





OPERATOR.

CONFIRMATION?

FIFTEEN YEARS EARLIER.

SIGURD.

I'M PREGNANT.

I KNOW A LOT ABOUT SECRETS.

OH.

YOU'RE SURE?

I HAVE A HUMAN INSIDE ME. IT'S NOTICEABLE.

WELL...

@#%.

YEAH.
@#%.

YOU SEE, I WAS A SECRET BEFORE I WAS BORN.

ME.



MY PARENTS KEPT ME A SECRET AS LONG AS THEY COULD.

BUT SOME THINGS CAN'T STAY HIDDEN FOREVER.



TAJANA WAS THE KEEPER OF THE FIRST SECRET, AND THE HEAD OF THE SEVEN.

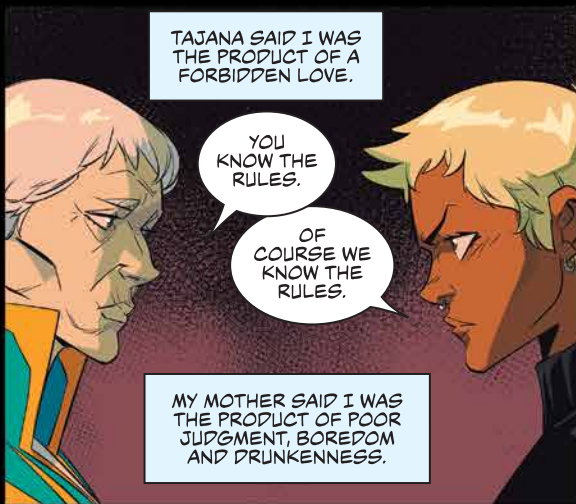
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WHO KNOWS?



YOU'RE THE FIRST PERSON WE'VE TOLD.



TAJANA SAID I WAS THE PRODUCT OF A FORBIDDEN LOVE.

YOU KNOW THE RULES.

OF COURSE WE KNOW THE RULES.

MY MOTHER SAID I WAS THE PRODUCT OF POOR JUDGMENT, BOREDOM AND DRUNKENNESS.



THE COUNCIL WILL HAVE TO BE NOTIFIED. THERE WILL BE A HEARING. THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE OUTCOME FOR THE CHILD.

YOUR FATE IS...LESS CERTAIN.



EVA, SIGURD.

I'M SORRY.

THERE WAS A HEARING.



THERE WAS NO WIGGLE ROOM IN THE RULES, SO IT WAS THE KIND OF HEARING THAT COULD HAVE BEEN AN EMAIL, BUT SOME PEOPLE NEED AN EXCUSE TO WEAR CLOAKS.

WE DO NOT DO THIS TO PUNISH. WE DO THIS TO PROTECT.



THERE CAN BE NOTHING COMPETING FOR YOUR SERVICE.

THERE CAN BE NOTHING GREATER IN YOUR HEARTS THAN THE SECRET YOU KEEP AND HOLD.

AND SO, IT FALLS TO THIS COUNCIL TO--



YEAH, HOLD UP.



TAJANA, YOU CAN'T JUST...

AND YET, LOOK AT ME, *JUSTING*.





WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

BOTH OF YOU HAVE GIVEN... A LOT.

YOU DESERVE HAPPINESS. I'M OFFERING YOU SOMETHING MOST DON'T GET. A CHOICE.



MOST DON'T GET? YOU'RE SAYING THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE?

WALK AWAY FROM YOUR SECRET.

WHAT?

GIVE UP YOUR ROLES AS HOLDER AND KEEPER. YOU WOULD HAVE TO REMAIN WITH US. BUT YOU COULD START A FAMILY.

FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS, WE'VE FORCED PEOPLE TOGETHER INTO AN INCREDIBLY INTENSE ARRANGEMENT.

OF COURSE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.



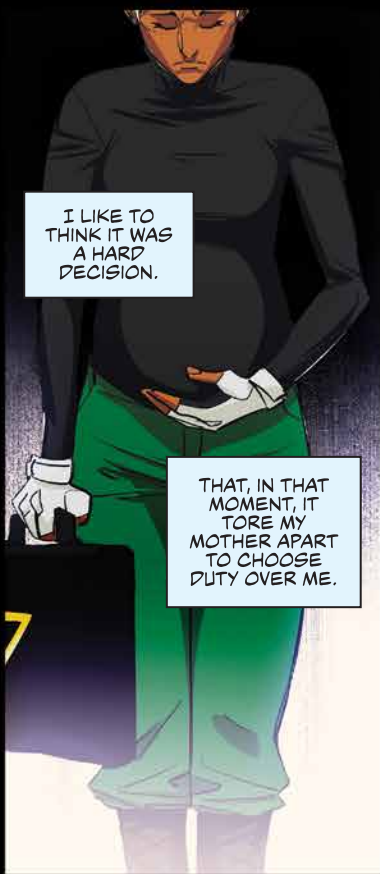
I...

NO.



WE MADE A PROMISE.

OKAY, BUT THE TWO OF YOU ALSO MADE A BABY.



I LIKE TO THINK IT WAS A HARD DECISION.

THAT, IN THAT MOMENT, IT TORE MY MOTHER APART TO CHOOSE DUTY OVER ME.



BUT MY MOTHER AND FATHER WERE LOYAL.



OUR FIRST AND ONLY DUTY IS TO THE SECRET.

THEY WERE GOOD SOLDIERS.

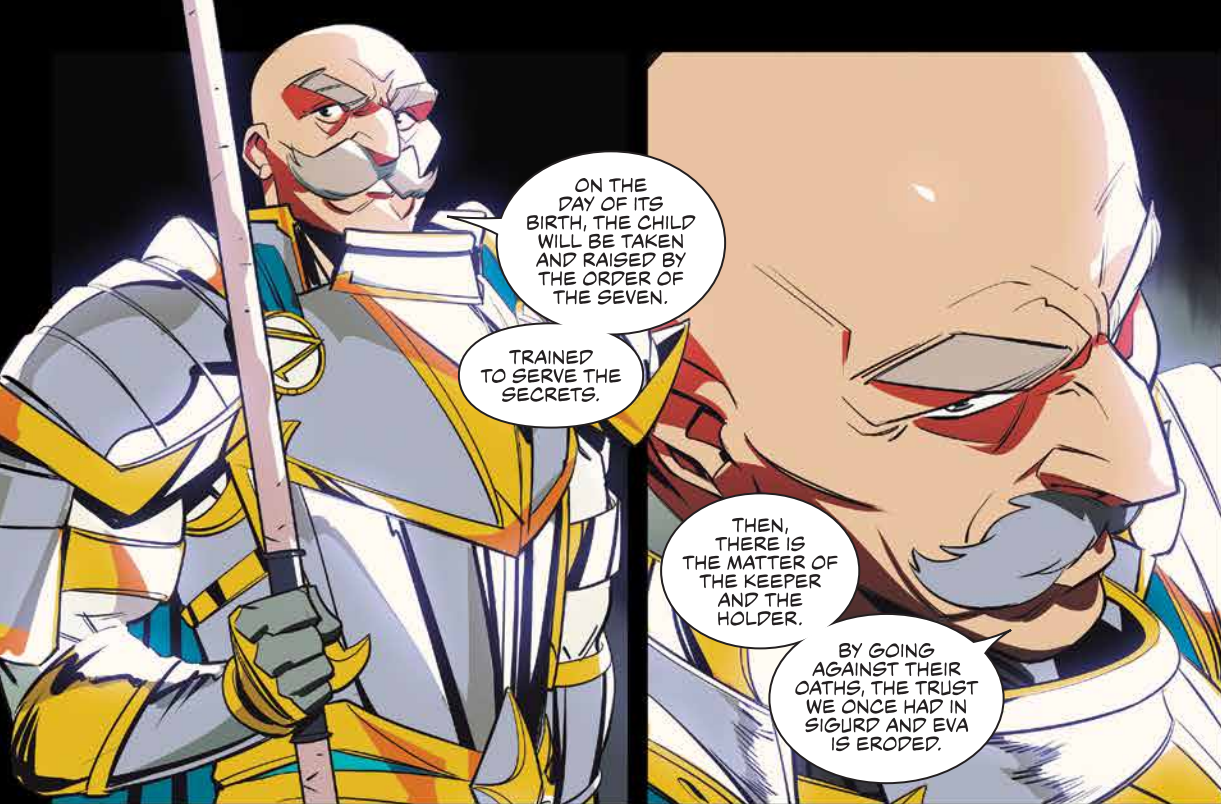


VERY WELL.



CARRY ON, GARETH.

YOU HAVE THE BIG STICK.



ON THE DAY OF ITS BIRTH, THE CHILD WILL BE TAKEN AND RAISED BY THE ORDER OF THE SEVEN.

TRAINED TO SERVE THE SECRETS.

THEN, THERE IS THE MATTER OF THE KEEPER AND THE HOLDER.

BY GOING AGAINST THEIR OATHS, THE TRUST WE ONCE HAD IN SIGURD AND EVA IS ERODED.



OH, GARETH! THEY'RE GIVING UP THEIR CHILD. THERE IS NOTHING GREATER THEY COULD SACRIFICE TO PROVE THEIR LOYALTY.

A VOTE MUST BE TAKEN.

THD



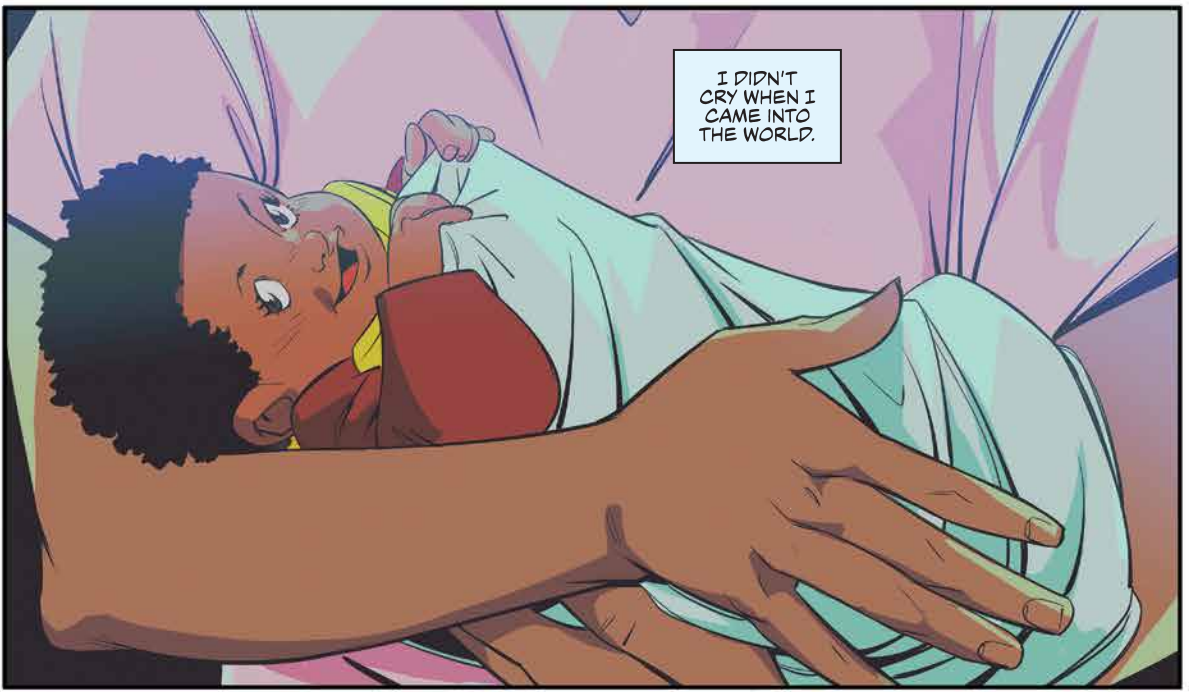
A VOTE WAS TAKEN. IT WAS CLOSE.

BUT MY MOTHER AND FATHER KEPT THEIR JOBS.



SURPRISINGLY, TAJANA VOTED FOR MY PARENTS TO BE REMOVED.

WHICH, I GUESS, MAKES SENSE IN HINDSIGHT.



I DIDN'T
CRY WHEN I
CAME INTO
THE WORLD.



A FULL HEAD OF
HAIR. FIVE POUNDS,
TWO OUNCES.

DO YOU
WANT TO SAY
GOODBYE?

A SMALL
BABY...



NO.

...IMMEDIATELY
DISCARDED.

SORRY. THAT'S A BIT
MELODRAMATIC.



GIRL OR BOY?



A BOY, SIGURD.

HE'S BEAUTIFUL.

I THINK HE HAS YOUR EYES.

DO YOU WANT TO GIVE HIM ANYTHING ELSE?



CASPAR.

HIS NAME IS CASPAR.

SIGURD NAMED ME. I DIDN'T KNOW THIS UNTIL AFTER HE... WELL, I DIDN'T KNOW.

IT MEANS A TREASURED SECRET.

I'D CYNICALLY SAY IT'S BECAUSE MY FATHER LACKED IMAGINATION. BUT I KNOW BETTER NOW.



EVA?

DON'T.

DON'T SAY ANYTHING.



NOW.



SIGURD!



I'M
HERE.

MY FATHER
WASN'T WHO
I THOUGHT
HE WAS.

I DIDN'T
THINK HE
CARED
ABOUT ME
AT ALL.



MEETING POINT
BUCKINGHAM
FIVE.



I CAN'T
MEET YOU.
I'M
SORRY.

WHAT?
OF COURSE
YOU CAN.
RUN.

I
CAN'T.

I THOUGHT COLD
AND DISTANT WAS
JUST HIS DEFAULT
SETTING.



I HAVE
SOME PRETTY
SIZEABLE
HOLES IN ME.


I NEVER KNEW HE
HAD A SENSE OF
HUMOR. I CAN'T
REMEMBER SEEING
HIM SMILE.



FINE. I
GUESS I'LL
JUST HAVE TO
RESCUE YOU
AGAIN.



NO!



I'M NOT JUST
LEAVING YOU
TO--

YOUR
PRIORITY
IS THE
SECRET.

I CAN
GET YOU.
TOGETHER,
WE CAN--



NO. EVA,
LISTEN...



"...AMON IS
HERE."



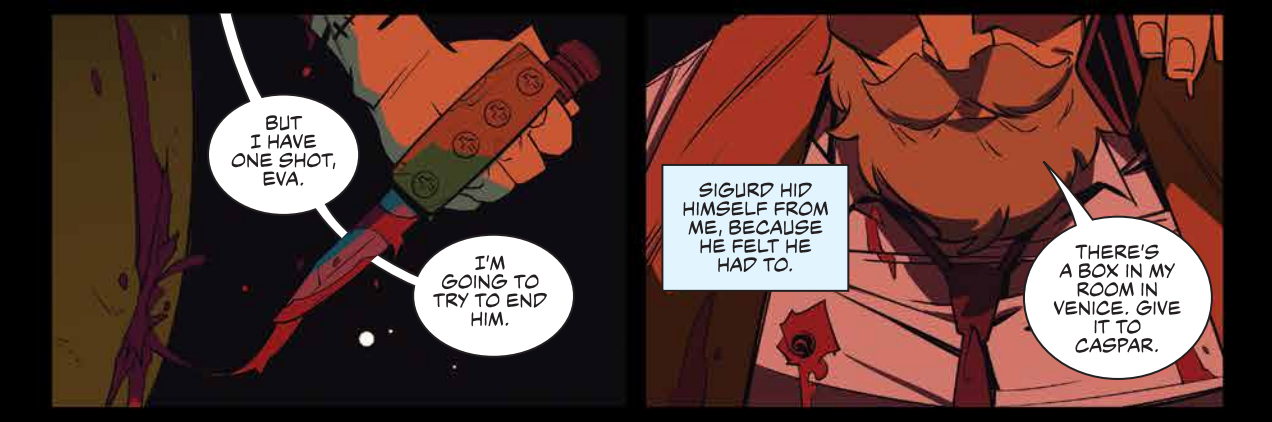
HE'S
IN THE
OPEN?

YES. AND
HE CANNOT GET
HIS HANDS ON
OUR CASE. YOU
HAVE TO LEAVE
ME.



BUT
I HAVE
ONE SHOT,
EVA.

I'M
GOING TO
TRY TO END
HIM.



SIGURD HID
HIMSELF FROM
ME, BECAUSE
HE FELT HE
HAD TO.

THERE'S
A BOX IN MY
ROOM IN
VENICE. GIVE
IT TO
CASPAR.



I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT HE WAS FIGHTING FOR.

PROTECT HIM.

I WILL.



I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HE GAVE.

AND NEVER TELL HIM THE TRUTH.

I...

YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?



YES.

PROMISE ME.

I PROMISE.



AND... TELL HIM I LOVED HIM.

EVEN THOUGH I WASN'T ALLOWED TO.

WHAT HE LOST.



I COULDN'T
SEE HE HAD
A HEART.

ARGH!

SHLK



@#%&!

HOLD
HIM!



OW!
DAMN IT!



YOU WERE ALWAYS TOO GOOD AT THIS, SIGURD.
WHERE'S YOUR SECRET?

LONG GONE.



I WON'T INSULT YOU BY ASKING WHERE OR BY TORTURING YOU. I KNOW YOU WON'T BREAK. IT WILL JUST BE A WASTE OF TIME FOR BOTH OF US. AND I HOLD NO ILL-FEELING FOR YOU, PERSONALLY.

WHICH, YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT, IS PRETTY BIG OF ME, CONSIDERING THE STABBING.




ALSO, I ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING I NEED TO KNOW.

HOW... HOW DID YOU FIND US?



YOU WERE BETRAYED.
BY WHOM?

OH, THAT WILL HAVE TO STAY *MY* SECRET.



IT FELT TO
OTHERS TO TELL
ME EVERYTHING
I MISSED ABOUT
MY DAD.

I WISH HE WAS
ABLE TO TELL ME
HIMSELF.

TO BE CONTINUED...