



THE HORSE OF ODYSSEUS WAS SUCCESSFUL IN IT'S DECEPTION. THE SUPRISED CITY OF TROY WAS HELPLESS BEFORE THE INVADING GREEK ARMY.

THE BEAST IN THE FOREST




FEW TROJAN WARRIORS ESCAPED THE BURNING CARNAGE OF THE VENGEFUL GREEKS TANATALUS, THOUGH DAZED AND WOUNDED, STUMBLERED FROM THE DOOMED CITY AND WANDERED INTO THE SHIELDING NIGHT.



TANATALUS' BODY LAY ON THE DEW COVERED GRASS OF THE DARK FOREST WHERE HE HAD TAKEN SHELTER. DIMLY HE HEARD VOICES ... BUT VOICES NOT OF MEN ... FOR TANATALUS HAD WANDERED INTO THE LEGENDARY

FOREST OF THE BEASTS!



AND WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE IS THIS?

HE IS A MAN AND IF WE WISH TO SPARE OURSELVES TROUBLES, WE MUST DESTROY HIM NOW, WHILE HE IS WEAK AND HELPLESS!

THAT IS TRUE! FOR ALL MEN ARE EVIL, AND THIS ONE WILL BRING SORROW TO OUR FOREST!

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ONLY EURYLEDA THE DRYAD,
DARED SPEAK AGAINST
THE CENTAURS.

NO!!! WE CANNOT
HARM AN UNARMED
STRANGER. ARE WE
NOT THE CHOSEN OF
THE GODDESS? DO WE
NOT KNOW
KINDNESS?

I LIKE NOT
THIS MAN'S
LOOKS!



COME, MIERDO!
WE WILL TAKE THIS
MAN TO MY TREE,
AND CARE FOR
HIS WOUNDS

I WILL HELP
YOU, EURYLEDA,
BUT I FEAR
THE SORROWS
THIS MAN
WILL CAUSE.

UNDER THE PATIENT CARE OF
EURYLEDA, TANATALUS GREW
QUICKLY TO STRENGTH.



AND THE QUIET AFFECTION BETWEEN
MAN AND DRYAD BLOSSOMED INTO
PASSIONATE LOVE.



THE CENTAURS QUIETLY
ACCEPTED THE MAN, AND
TANATALUS WAS GRANTED
THE FREEDOM OF THE FOREST.
ALL SAVE MIERDO, THE GOAT
BOY, WERE AT PEACE.

THIS MAN
HAS STOLEN
EURYLEDA'S
AFFECTIONS
FROM ME!



IN THE FEAST OF THE GREAT GODDESS, MIERDO DECIDED HOW TO RID HIMSELF OF THE MAN.



ALL MEN ARE SAID TO BE GREEDY. I WILL PLAY UPON HIS EMOTIONS AND FORCE HIM TO LEAVE THE FOREST.

THE FEAST PROGRESSES WELL, MY FRIEND.

TRUE TOMORROW WE MUST OPEN THE TREASURE VAULT AND BRING FORTH OUR OFFERINGS FOR THE GODDESS.

TREASURE VAULT?



AND SO TANATALUS LEARNED OF THE GREAT TREE.



ALL THE TREASURES OF THE FOREST ARE KEPT WITHIN THAT TREE. WE HAVE RICHES WHICH ARE BEYOND THE DREAMS OF MOST MEN.



HOW HIS EYES SHINE WITH GREED.

THE MAN NOW KNOWS OF OUR TREASURES. HE WILL TRY TO STEAL THEM.

NO! HE WILL NOT HE IS ONE WITH US AND THE FOREST HE WILL NOT ROB HIS BROTHERS.



LET US HOPE YOU ARE RIGHT, EURYLEDA.



EURYLEDA WAS WRONG. LATE THAT NIGHT, AFTER SHE HAD FALLEN ASLEEP, TANATALUS CROPT FROM HIS BED.

IF THESE RICHES ARE GREAT, I CAN RE-BUILD THE GLORY THAT WAS ONCE TROY.

WHAT TRUSTING CREATURES!
THIS TREE HOLDS ALL THEIR
TREASURES, YET IT IS WITH-
OUT LOCKS AND GUARDS



WITH THESE TREASURES I CAN
RAISE AN ARMY! THE DEAD CITY OF
TROY WILL BE AVENGED!

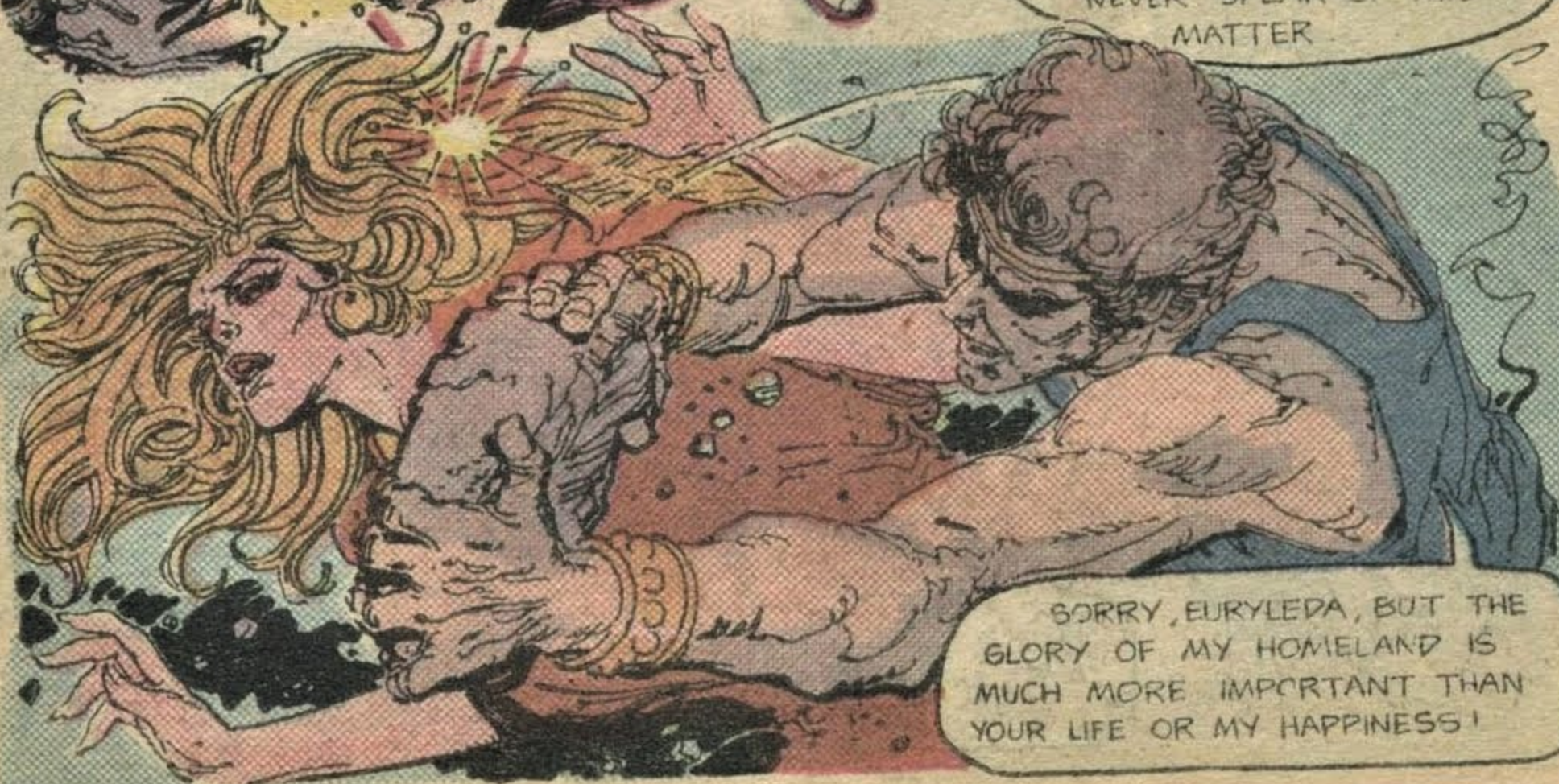


WHO IS THAT?
WHO STANDS
BEFORE ME?

IT IS I, EURYLEDA.
TANATALUS, YOU HAVE
BETRAYED BOTH ME
AND YOUR BROTHERS
OF THE FOREST



LET US RETURN TO MY
TREE BEFORE YOU ARE SEEN.
PROMISE YOU WILL NEVER
RETURN HERE, AND I WILL
NEVER SPEAK OF THIS
MATTER



SORRY, EURYLEDA, BUT THE
GLORY OF MY HOMETLAND IS
MUCH MORE IMPORTANT THAN
YOUR LIFE OR MY HAPPINESS!



A SHAME TO WASTE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN PITY OUR VALUES WERE SO DIFFERENT. I MUST TRY TO REMEMBER HER WHEN I'M KING.

BUT TAN-
ATALUS
WOULD NEVER
BE A KING.
THE BODY OF
EURYLEDA
HAD BEEN
DISCOVERED.



GO NO FURTHER,
TROJAN!



THE CENTAURS!!



PLEASE DON'T
HURT ME. I
MEANT NO HARM



YOU HAVE MURDERED
OUR SISTER. YOU HAVE
STOLEN OUR TREASURE.
FOR THIS YOU MUST
DIE. RUN, MAN! SEE
IF YOU CAN REACH
THE FOREST'S EDGE.
WE WILL RACE YOU
FOR YOUR LIFE.

THE RACE DID NOT LAST
LONG. THE CENTAURS
QUICKLY GAINED UPON THE
MAN. THEY LEFT HIS TRAM-
PLED BODY TO FEED THE
MAGGOTS.

COME, WE MUST
BURY OUR
SISTER.



AND WHAT
OF MIERDO,
THE JEALOUS
GOAT BOY?
HE SPENT
THE LONG
NIGHT IN
VIGIL OVER
EURYLEDA'S
RESTING
PLACE ...

BUT IN THE MORNING, MIERDO
COULD NOT BE FOUND.



THE END