

MY ADVICE, GREAT KING, IS TO KEEP THIS THOAS ALIVE. HOLD HIM IN RESERVE, READY TO BE EXCHANGED FOR SOME TROJAN PRINCE OR ALLIED KING WHOSE RANSOM WE CAN'T OTHERWISE AFFORD.

YES, ANTEOR, YOU'RE RIGHT...YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT WHEN I CAN STILL SEE HERAKLES'S ARROW STRIKING MY FATHER'S CHEST--MY FATHER'S BLOOD SOAKING HIS ROBES--I WANT REVENGE!

BUT YOU'RE RIGHT, ANTEOR--PRACTICAL AS ALWAYS. AND ANYWAY, THOAS IS ONLY A NEPHEW OF HERAKLES BY MARRIAGE. THERE ARE CLOSER RELATIVES OF HERAKLES OUT ON THAT BATTLEFIELD. I CAN WAIT FOR MORE SATISFYING REVENGE.

I'VE DECIDED.

THOUGH THE ACHAEANS WILL LIKELY SAY THAT WE'VE SPARED THIS THOAS BECAUSE WE FEAR THEIR ANGER, WE'LL HOLD HIM FOR EXCHANGE.

EXCHANGE IS AN EXCELLENT REASON, FATHER. I WISH IT HAD COME SOONER AND WE'D EXCHANGED HELEN FOR HESIONE.

BY MY COUNT, WE'VE SINCE LOST ONE IN EVERY TEN TROJAN MEN--ONE TENTH OF ALL OUR THOUSANDS. HELEN HAS COST US DEAR.

HEKTOR, YOU KNOW THIS WAR CONCERNS MORE THAN HELEN. IT CONCERNS THE GLORY OF TROY AND THE HONOR OF A KING AS GREAT AS OUR FATHER. HOW CAN YOU WEIGH THAT HONOR AGAINST LIVES THAT WILL BE LOST ANYWAY?

GLORY AND HONOR ARE FINE THINGS, TROILUS, BUT GREAT AFFAIRS NEED REASON, TOO.

REASON, HELENUS? HOW DOES REASON APPLY?

NO! TROY IS COMMITTED TO KEEPING HELEN NO MATTER WHAT. ANY TURN FROM THAT WOULD DISHONOR US ALL. WE ARE TROJANS! WE MUST BE TRUE!

DO YOU RETURN ROBES TO THE MERCHANT WHEN THEY'RE SOILED? ISN'T THAT REASONABLE? DO YOU THROW GOOD MEAT TO THE DOGS BECAUSE YOU'RE FULL?

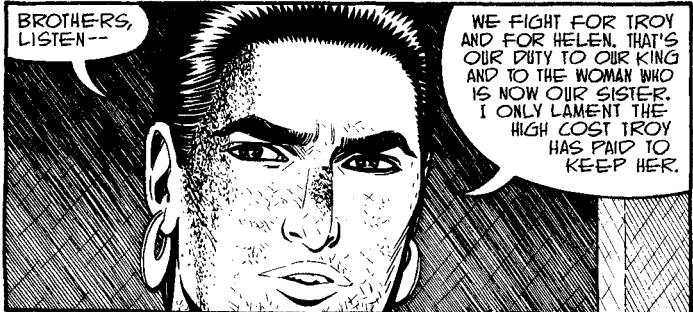


THAT'S RIGHT, TROJANS! IF WE LET HELEN GO, ALL THE TROJAN LIVES LOST FOR HER SAKE WOULD BE WORTH NOTHING! FOR THEIR SAKE'S, AND FOR OURS, WE MUST KEEP HER.



EASY TALK, COMING FROM YOU, PARIS--THE ONE WITH ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF KEEPING HELEN.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I---



BROTHERS, LISTEN--

WE FIGHT FOR TROY AND FOR HELEN. THAT'S OUR DUTY TO OUR KING AND TO THE WOMAN WHO IS NOW OUR SISTER. I ONLY LAMENT THE HIGH COST TROY HAS PAID TO KEEP HER.

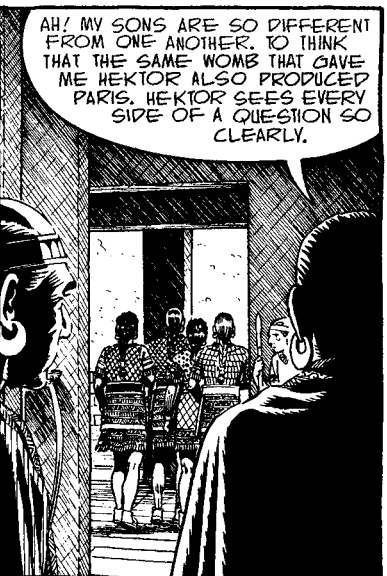


WAIT! WHEN I BROUGHT HER TO TROY, DID THE ACHAEANS OFFER OUR OLD AUNT HE-SIONE IN EXCHANGE? NO! THEY LAUNCHED OVER A THOUSAND SHIPS TO GET HELEN BACK!

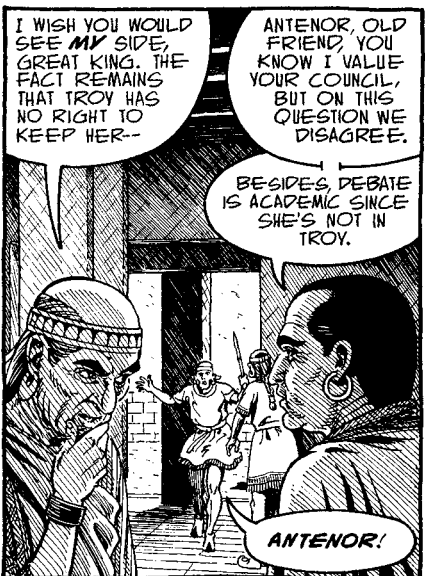
NOW EVERY DAY ACHAEANS DIE BENEATH OUR SPEARS AS EASILY AS TROJANS DIE BENEATH THEIRS. HOW CAN YOU QUESTION HER WORTH WHEN SO MANY ARE READY TO PAY SO MUCH?



ENOUGH TALKING IN CIRCLES! IT'S TIME TO ACT LIKE SONS OF PRIAM--LET'S RETURN TO BATTLE.



AH! MY SONS ARE SO DIFFERENT FROM ONE ANOTHER. TO THINK THAT THE SAME WOMB THAT GAVE ME HEKTOR ALSO PRODUCED PARIS. HEKTOR SEES EVERY SIDE OF A QUESTION SO CLEARLY.



I WISH YOU WOULD SEE MY SIDE, GREAT KING. THE FACT REMAINS THAT TROY HAS NO RIGHT TO KEEP HER--

ANTENOR, OLD FRIEND, YOU KNOW I VALUE YOUR COUNCIL, BUT ON THIS QUESTION WE DISAGREE.

BESIDES, DEBATE IS ACADEMIC SINCE SHE'S NOT IN TROY.

ANTENOR!



ANTENOR! YOUR SON DANUS IS FALLEN. YOUR OTHER SONS ARE BRINGING HIM INTO THE CITY!





