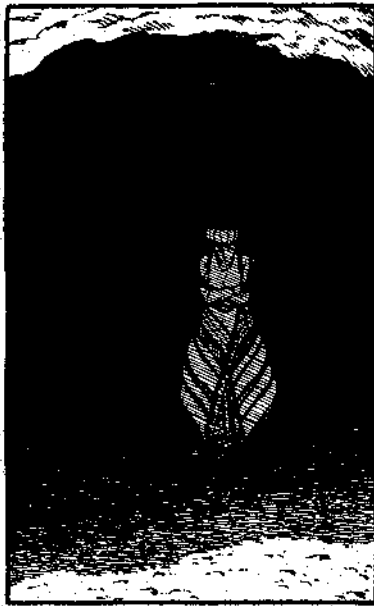


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SISTERS,
I MUST
GO.

THETIS -- IS
SOMETHING
WRONG?

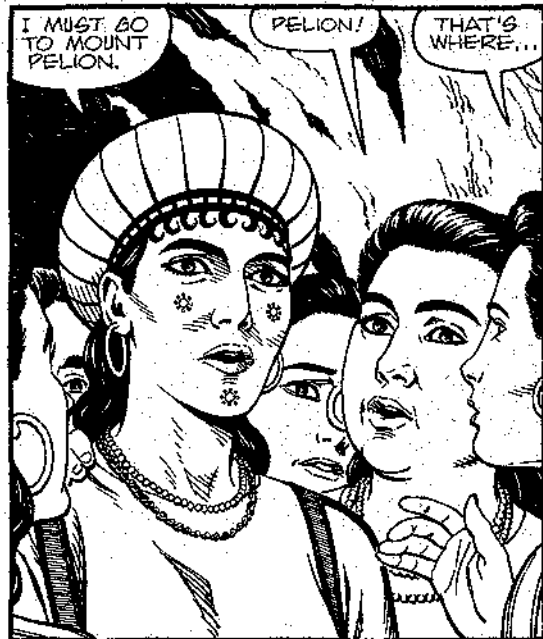
GO WHERE,
THETIS?



I'VE HAD A
VISION.

A VISION?

NOT A PLEASANT
ONE, I GATHER.



I MUST GO
TO MOUNT
PELION.

PELION!

THAT'S
WHERE...



THE MISTAKE OF MY LIFE WAS MARRYING PELEUS.

HOW DID I EVER IMAGINE A DAUGHTER OF OCEAN COULD LONG REMAIN WIFE TO A MORTAL-- EVEN A MORTAL KING?



BUT THE ONE GOOD THING THAT CAME OF IT--MY SON--MY BEAUTIFUL BOY--THE FOOLISH MAN GRABBED HIS TINY HEEL AND TORE HIM FROM MY ARMS BEFORE THE GODS' BLESSING WAS COMPLETE...



PELEUS, YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE DONE--YOU SENTENCED MY CHILD TO DEATH!



I TRIED TO LEAVE ALL THAT BEHIND IN PHTHIA--TRIED TO FORGET--BUT IT'S APPROACHING, THE DEATH THAT WILL TAKE MY SON--AND MANY OTHERS--DEATH UPON DEATH UPON DEATH--

THETIS-- STOP!

WHAT AN AWFUL VISION!



I DIDN'T ACTUALLY SEE DEATH--



I SAW A SHIP SAILING FAR OUT ON THE WATER--TOO FAR TO TURN BACK. IT CARRIES A MAN--A BOY, REALLY--WHO BURNS WITH A FLAME THAT WILL CONSUME ALL HE TOUCHES. A WOMAN RIDES WITH HIM. SHE IS PROUD AND BEAUTIFUL...

...BUT WHERE SHE TREADS, DEATH FOLLOWS.