

MY NAME IS LARKA,
BUT ONCE I WAS
CALLED DEJAH
THORIS.


I HAVE BEEN
BETRAYED, EXILED BY
MY OWN PEOPLE.

BUT IT'S NOT
REVENGE I FIND
MYSELF SEEKING...
IT IS TRUTH.

A MEMORY HAS BEEN
AWAKENED INSIDE ME...A
SECRET FROM MY PAST
THAT HAS SHAKEN MY
VERY SENSE OF IDENTITY.

HERE, AMONG
THE COMMON
PEOPLE, I WILL
FIND THE TRUTH.

AND NOTHING
WILL STAND IN
MY WAY.




LONG HAVE I RULED FROM THE SPIRES OF HELIUM, FAR FROM THE STRUGGLES OF THE COMMON PEOPLE.

THOUGH I'VE STRIVED TO BE A JUST RULER, THERE IS MUCH FOR ME TO LEARN HERE, AMONG THE PEOPLE.




I'M BEGINNING TO REALIZE THAT I KNOW SO VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE KINGDOMS I CLAIM TO COMMAND.

YOU, GIRL!




AH, YES. I CAN SEE IT IN YOUR EYES... YOU HAVE NO SECRETS FROM ME.

YOU THINK YOU HAVE THEM FOOLED, BUT I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU... PRINCESS.



HUSH, WOMAN! I CANNOT BE EXPOSED, AND IF IT'S RECOMPENSE YOU SEEK, I ASSURE YOU I CAN DELIVER.



COME, COME. I HAVE MUCH TO TEACH YOU, AND VERY LITTLE TIME.

GREAT ISSUES, WHAT HAVE I GOTTEN MYSELF INTO...?



I MEAN YOU NO HARM, PRINCESS. I RECEIVED WORD OF YOUR PASSING FROM AN OLD FRIEND.

IT SEEMS I HAVE MORE ALLIES IN BARSOOM THAN I THOUGHT.

AND EVEN MORE ENEMIES. YOU MUST BE CAREFUL.



YOU ARE CERTAINLY LOST, BUT I WILL DO MY BEST TO GUIDE YOU.

I AM GRATEFUL, BUT I NEED TO FIND **ANSWERS**, NOT RETREAT INTO HUTS.

AH, YES... A WOMAN OF ACTION, THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE.



TELL ME, CHILD... HOW CAN YOU SEEK ANSWERS IF YOU DON'T KNOW THE PROPER QUESTIONS?

THE TRUTH IS ELUSIVE, IT SCURRIES INTO DARK CORNERS. YOU MUST FIND A LIGHT.

WHAT IS IT YOU SEEK, PRINCESS?



I HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT MY TRUE LINEAGE HAS BEEN KEPT FROM ME. THAT I'VE BEEN LIVING A LIE.



PLEASE! IF YOU KNOW SOMETHING OF MY PAST, I BEG YOU TELL ME! I'LL GIVE ANYTHING!



DO NOT BE TOO EAGER TO SURRENDER ALL THAT YOU ARE, DEJAH THORIS.

BUT I WILL DO MY BEST TO SHAKE LOOSE THE SECRETS WITHIN YOU.

THIS TEA IS AN OLD FAMILY RECIPE...IT HELPS SHOW WHAT NEEDS TO BE SEEN.



RELAX YOUR MIND, CHILD.

LET THE IMAGES COME FORWARD. THEY WILL GUIDE YOU, SHOW YOU WHERE YOU HAVE BEEN...AND WHERE YOU ARE GOING.

I...I CAN SEE IT ALL! THE IMAGES...THEY MOVE SO FAST, LIKE GHOSTS!

M'rkassa

UNGH! ENOUGH, IT'S TOO MUCH!

CALM YOURSELF, CHILD. REFLECT ON WHAT YOU'VE SEEN. WHAT HAVE THE VISIONS SHOWN YOU?



I COULD BARELY MAKE IT OUT, BUT... I SAW IT. THE PLACE I SEEK...I HEARD A WHISPER...

"I SEEK...
M'RKASSA!"

HURRY ON
THROUGH, THE
DAYLIGHT WON'T
LAST FOREVER!

C'MON, WE'RE BEHIND
SCHEDULE! WE'VE GOT
A BIG SHIPMENT
FROM HELIUM--

EXCUSE
ME, SIR.

LADY,
CAN'T YOU
SEE I'M
BUSY
HERE?

I APOLOGIZE
FOR THE INTERRUPTION,
BUT I SEEK TRANSIT.
I'M WILLING TO PAY.
GENEROUSLY.

TELL ME--CAN
YOU TAKE ME TO
M'RKASSA?

I'D BE
HAPPY TO
TAKE YOUR
MONEY, BUT
AIN'T NO ONE
GOING TO
M'RKASSA.

YOU'D BEST
TAKE A
LOOK
AT A MAP.

THAT THERE
CITY'S LONG
BEEN OUTSIDE
OUR TRADE
ROUTES.

AIN'T NO PRICE
THAT'LL GET A WAGON
OUT THERE. WHOLE AREA
IS A WARZONE WITH REDS
AND GREENS TEARIN'
EACH OTHER APART.

ONLY WAY YOU'D
EVER GET TO M'RKASSA
IS IF YOU JOINED THE DAMN
MILITIA, AND TRUST ME--NO ONE
IN THEIR RIGHT MIND WOULD
WANNA DO THAT.