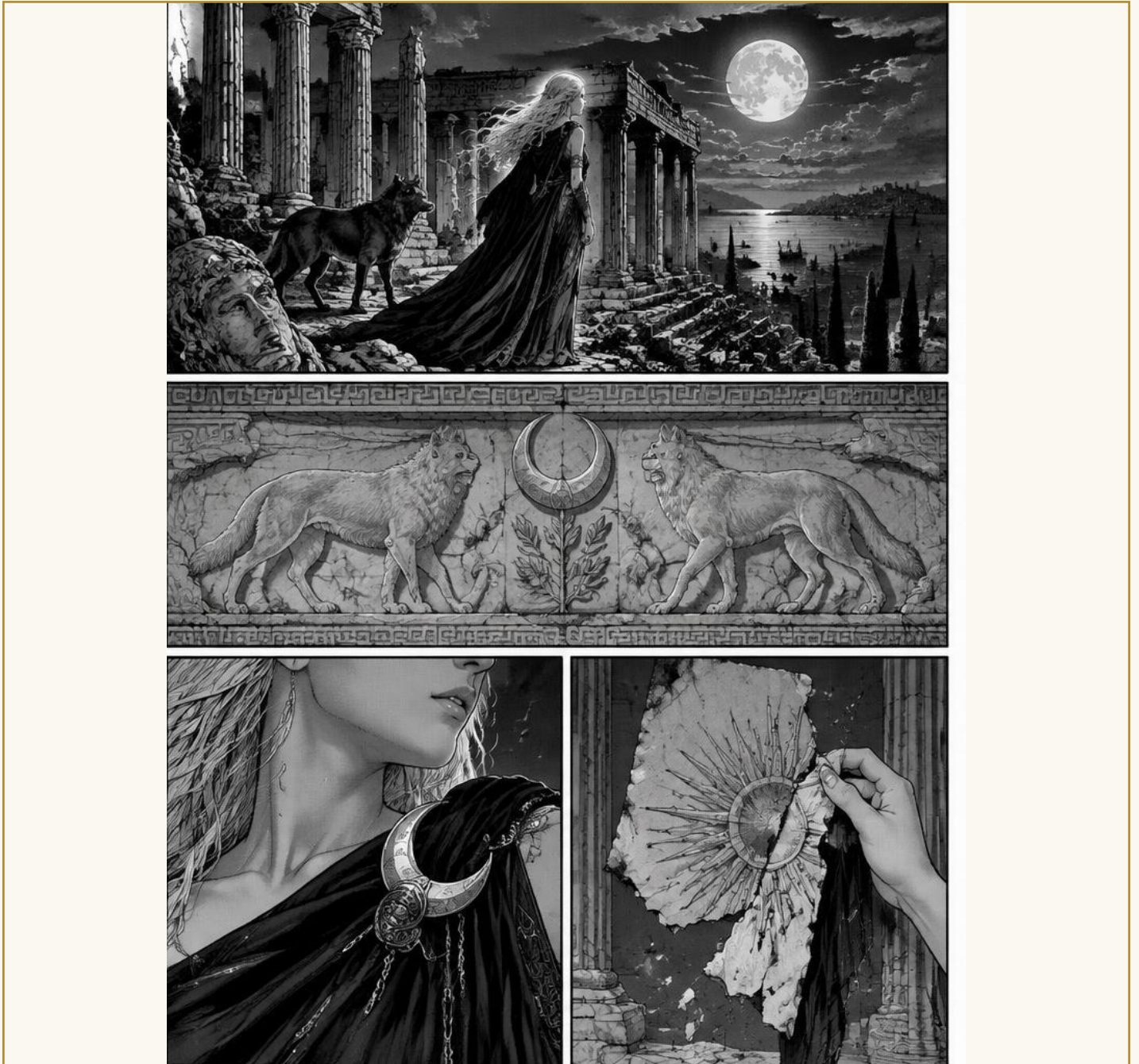


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The Goddess Without a Name

Outside Troy, some wars began without an army.



Moonlight found Vena where the histories refused to look.

Outside Troy, the moon witnessed a war without an army.

VENA You summoned me to erase what you fear.



The old relief named two bloodlines: the radiant and the hidden.

APOLLO

I summoned you to offer mercy.

VENA

Mercy does not arrive with an executioner.



Apollo spoke with the certainty of a sentence already carved in stone.

APOLLO

The hidden bloodline ends tonight.

VENA

Then let the stone remember who refused you.



She crossed the threshold alone, carrying a name the gods would erase.

VENA The sixth vessel will open when the world is ready.

Even the sun stopped at the edge of her hand.