

Herodian - Act 2

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Scene 1:

We see a wonderful place—it is someone's apartment and there are people gathered in it. The atmosphere is jovial—there is obviously a very cool party going on. We can hear music in the background—New Age music or something popular. As we examine the crowd we see that they are a group of young people—college students and young professionals. Occasionally we can see what looks like a few college professors mingling but mostly they stay within their own group. This is not a wild party—this is very pleasant. Our attention is now on a small group sitting on and around the center couch. They are having a good time.

Jerry:

(Taking a swig from a bottle of beer.) Like I was saying—this was one critical test—if I had failed it I'd be in big trouble with my financial aid and stuff—hell—I probably wouldn't even be here.

Malinda:

I thought you came here on a full scholarship?

LARRY:

All the more reason to do well—it's only a free ride so long as your grades stay up.

Susan:

I'm glad I don't have to worry about any of that stuff.

Malinda:

Ah—the voice of the upper class—so rich—all they have to do is bribe their daughter's way into what most of us struggle to get into.

Jerry:

Oh—come on, Malinda—that wasn't fair. We are all supposed to be friends and we are supposed to have each other's backs—not be at each other's backs. Besides—she can't help her situation anymore than any of us can help ours—you are born to the parents you are born to.

Susan:

Not unless you are adopted—taken out of the poverty that fate birthed you into and suddenly—your eyes are opened and you realize that there is a whole other world out there. When I was young—I used to wonder—how is it that those people could cling to this world so vividly—well only the rich have thanks to this world—because they get to have everything. While others—like me—like I was before I was adopted—while others seem to be given the dirt of the earth.

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Jerry:

Wowâ looks like someone has had just a little too much to drink. (There is a ring at the front doorâ he gets up and gets it. We can see that it is a special deliveryâ he takes the package.)

(As the party goes on and everyone is having a good timeâ we see that Jerry is curious about the package that he received. He finally decides to open it even though it probably isnâ t addressed to him. As he opens itâ we see a small box that is ornamented with strange mystic symbols. He opens the box after examining it and now we see a strange transformation take place. The party seems to fade away in the background and appearing to him is a tall and beautiful woman. She is nude or scantily cladâ she focuses on him.)

Herodia:

Who has released me from my thousand years of sleep?

Jerry:

Erâ what the hell? Whatâ s going on hereâ one second Iâ m at my party and the next Iâ m standing here with youâ who are you and where the hell am I?

Herodia:

(She studies the man for a moment and then comes to some realization.) What planet is this?

Jerry:

Planet? Yeah right...

Herodia:

(Becoming increasingly annoyed with the man.) My patience for fools is short if not limited. Either tell me what I wish to know or Iâ ll see to it that you never speak again!

Jerry:

Okayâ okay! Whateverâ youâ re on the planet Earth.

Herodia:

Earthâ yesâ yesâ now it all makes sense. Yes thenâ you are the human that freed me so I will grant you one wishâ anything that you want.

Jerry:

Wowâ someone must have slipped me something in my drink...

Herodia:

Is that what you wish?

Jerry:

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What? Oh hell naw! Whether this a some trip or notâ Iâ m not going down some bad trip by not following the rules of the dream. One wish, huh?

Herodia:

Whatever your heart desiresâ it can be great wealth or powerâ most men seek power. Health that will never failâ you can wish to live foreverâ anything...

Jerry:

(He seems to think on it for a long moment then...) Okayâ I want you to marry me and love me foreverâ I want you to be my wife and to be in love with me forever!

Herodia:

(She seriously studies the man.) You can only have one wish.

Jerry:

I just asked for it. You will marry me and love me forever!

Herodia:

That is more than one wish.

Jerry:

Actuallyâ it isnâ t. My wish might contain multiple inferencesâ but it is still all part of the same wish. You marrying me and loving me forever is all part of the same wish.

Herodia:

You canâ t ask for something that involves me.

Jerry:

Actually I can. You seeâ I figure that is how you got into the situation you were in just before I opened the box. You are a genieâ right?

Herodia:

(She laughsâ making him feel kind of stupid.) Iâ m no genieâ actually Iâ m a princessâ daughter of the king of Herodian.

Jerry:

Whatâ s that?

Herodia:

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It hasn't happened yet but my people will one day reveal themselves to your people. They will passively enslave your race by offering to cure all their ailments solve their political problems bring them into the League of Worlds.

Jerry:

But none of this has happened yet why?

Herodia:

Because I've been sent back into the past to groom the right person who will be instrumental in the fall of the human race.

Jerry:

By deception my planet will fall because people will believe what?

Herodia:

Your people are looking for a savior. We will become that savior to your people.

Jerry:

Good Lord! Are you talking about the anti-Christ?

Herodia:

We have studied your world for countless centuries since the beginning of human civilization. The Kingdom of Herodian has an enemy a very powerful enemy. We are at war we will offer your planet salvation at the cost that you form a league with us to fight our common enemy. It is a small price to pay for the benefits that we offer you.

Jerry:

So you are from outer space? Some other planet?

Herodia:

Yes and no.

Jerry:

Well which one is it? Either you are or you are not.

Herodia:

I'm from a place just outside of your realm of existence. Yet I am from another world also.

Jerry:

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Iâve heard about that kind of thing in my physics classâ your from a paradoxical-realm. You exist in my world as one form but in another dimension next to mineâ in yet another form.

Herodia:

Very impressiveâ the powers were right to send me to youâ you might not seem like muchâ but you catch on quickly. Not many humans would have understood and accepted the truth so readily. You will become the catalystâ which will involve the means to the joining together of your world and that of the Herodian.

Scene 2:

We see that the party is overâ it is the next day. A few of Jerryâs friends have come by to help him clean up. Howeverâ for the most partâ Jerry is still kind of out of itâ laying on the couch in the middle of the room. Enters Herodia carrying some groceries. She seems to make herself at home putting away thingsâ smiling at the others as if sheâs known them for years. Finally Susan and Larry come over to Jerry.

Susan:

Okayâ we all give upâ who is she?

Jerry:

Whatâ what are you talking about?

Larry:

Who is the hot chick putting away all your groceries?

Jerry:

(He looks up and sees Herodia. He reacts to his feet.) Good Lord! I thought it was all a dream! A bad trip or something. I thought you guys put something mean in my drink and that I was tripping the whole time.

Herodia:

(Smiling and being very nice.) Hey there sleepy headâ I was going to wake you this morning but decided to let you sleep it off. Soâ I went to the store and got some things. Hi, Larry. Hi, Susan.

Larry:

Hiâ you know my name?

Susan:

And you are?

Herodia:

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(She winks at Jerry and smiles back at them.) Iâ€™m Herodiaâ€™s new wife.

(They drag Jerry off to one sideâ€” shock and confusion on their faces.)

Susan:

Do you have something you want to tell us?

Larry:

When did you get married?

Herodia:

(Going about her business and duties pleasantly.) We were married last night!

(They all look over at her.)

Larry:

Godâ€” she is so hot! You dog! I knew you had it in youâ€” but wowâ€” you scored big time!

Susan:

I donâ€™t understandâ€” how could you go out and just get married without telling any of your friends? In factâ€” when did you have the time to do all of this? You were at the party the whole time!

Herodia:

We got married after the party. When everyone went homeâ€” well not everyoneâ€” I stayed.

Susan:

What about Malinda? Sheâ€™s going to be devastated!

Jerry:

Malindaâ€” oh wow...

Herodia:

(Comes to them offering beers.) Who is Malinda, dear? You didnâ€™t tell me about herâ€” was she someone special?

Jerry:

(Finds the couch againâ€” they all follow.) What the hell have I done?

Susan:

Look! If this is some kind of mistakeâ€” you can have the marriage annulledâ€” thereâ€™d be no big deal!

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Herodia:

(Becoming angry.) Are you saying Iâ€™m not good enough for himâ€” are you trying to break us upâ€” because that would be a mistakeâ€” you seeâ€” Iâ€™m married to Jerry and I love himâ€” forever!

Larry:

Okay. Thatâ€™s nice. (Motions for Susan to join him over to the sideâ€” they talk in whispers but we can tell that they are both concerned and confused.)

Jerry:

I thought you were not real.

Herodia:

Jerryâ€” my loveâ€” you are the future of a fantastic new world. A world where there will be no sickness or diseaseâ€” no warsâ€” no famines. Poverty will be wiped off the face of the earth.

Jerry:

Meâ€” Iâ€™m going to be responsible for doing all that? Thatâ€™s insane!

Herodia:

Lookâ€” you could have wished for anythingâ€” I told you soâ€” but you wanted me and you wanted me to love you forever. Soâ€” you have itâ€” we are married and I canâ€™t help but be in love with you! Howeverâ€” your destiny is still the sameâ€” my mission was to make contact and groom the man who will be the catalyst for changeâ€” paving the way for even greater things to come. You are just one person in many who will play a vital role in the creation of a new society. Just imagineâ€” no more sickness or wars.

Jerry:

But the war that the Herodianâ€™s are fightingâ€” that is war.

Herodia:

But that war is against an enemy that you can not imagine. You willâ€” your people will stop fighting amongst themselves and learn to embrace a greater threat to their existence.

Jerry:

I donâ€™t knowâ€” maybe they are rightâ€” maybe I can get this whole thing annulled.

Herodia:

You just donâ€™t get it do you?

Jerry:

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Get what? That Iâ€™m married to my nightmare? Look donâ€™t get me wrongâ€” you are probably the most beautiful woman that Iâ€™ve ever seenâ€” hellâ€” even Larry canâ€™t get over you. Soâ€” that is not itâ€” itâ€™s just that you are not realâ€” I meanâ€” Good Lordâ€” you came out of a funny little box. Wait a minuteâ€” how in the hell did that special delivery guy deliver to me that package in the first placeâ€” if someone else had answered the door...

Herodia:

It had to be youâ€” there was never any doubtâ€” what looks like random events to humans are actually signs of correctionsâ€” beings more powerful than yourselvesâ€” interfering in human events.

Jerry:

Iâ€™m going to have this thing annulled...

Scene 3:

We see a nice parkâ€” plenty of green trees and lovely spaces. People are mulling around and having a good time. A child passes by occasionallyâ€” running and playing. On a park bench is Jerry and Herodiaâ€” they are talking.

Jerry:

This whole thing was a mistake.

Herodia:

Jerry, when you marry and Herodianâ€” you can never undo it.

Jerry:

Never?

Herodia:

It is impossibleâ€” we have a processâ€” a process which insures that the right people marry. Yours and my marriage was planned by the gods.

Jerry:

Literally?

Herodia:

(Smiles and holds him tight.) Yes, sillyâ€” Iâ€™m here to help youâ€” Iâ€™m your companion forever. We were not just married here on Earthâ€” we were also married in my world also. The marriage is binding in more ways than you can imagine. Besidesâ€” Iâ€™m a princessâ€” you lucky bastard! You could have just ended up marrying a commonerâ€” soâ€” how bad can that be?

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Jerry:

Itâs just my friendsâ how can I tell them...

Herodia:

Donât tell them anything that they donât already knowâ besidesâ they wonât believe you anyway. My identity has been sealed. If Iâm investigatedâ I have a pastâ everything.

Jerry:

Your people think of everything.

Herodia:

Noâ not everything. We still have a job to do. Did you ever wonder why your space program seems to have stalledâ gone no whereâ when at firstâ mankind had such hopes and dreams. Did you ever wonder why there is not a wheel within a wheel out thereâ in spaceâ a space station of substance?

Jerry:

Now that you bring it upâ it does seem a little retardedâ that mankind hasnât done more as far as space exploration is concerned.

Herodia:

Thatâs because my people have been in contact with certain heads of state on your planetâ you were not ready yet. We have nothing against your warlike natureâ in factâ it is just because of your inner fighting that we are attracted to youâ but you canât fight amongst yourselves. You need guidanceâ a sense of purposeâ Herodian can give you thatâ by uniting you with countless other civilizationsâ to fight an enemy more fierce than any that you have ever known.

Jerry:

I seeâ so we are just slaves to you and your people.

Herodia:

Donât think of it that way...

Jerry:

Wellâ that is what you said when I first met youâ that we are slavesâ made ready to fight an enemy that we have no bone to pick. All so we can have sickness and diseaseâ poverty and famine eliminated.

Herodia:

And what price would you payâ what price would your people payâ to have those things and more? Just look around youâ imagine a perfect worldâ with a perfect world government. Imagine being friends and allies with a race of beings who share their technology with youâ who know and understand your society and how to get the best things out of it.

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Jerry:

Weâ€™d rather be free!

Herodia:

Freedom is greatly over rated! Without our helpâ€” your planet will be dead in a few decades. Do you want that for your people?

Jerry:

They have a right to decide for themselves.

Herodia:

Damn you are a stubborn race of beings! Iâ€™ll never understand why the Herodian Council decided to allow Earth to become a candidate for the League of Worlds. But what is done is done.

Jerry:

Thatâ€™s itâ€” whatâ€™s done is done? I donâ€™t think so...(Starts to leaveâ€” she pulls him back down.)

What the hell?

Herodia:

I might have to love you because that was your wishâ€” and I might have to be married to you foreverâ€” because thatâ€™s what you wanted. But I donâ€™t have to be nice to your friendsâ€” your loved onesâ€” or anybody else that you care about!

Jerry:

Here it comes! Is that a threatâ€” because there is something you need to know about us Earth folkâ€” we donâ€™t like to be threatened!

Herodia:

It was more of a reminderâ€” you need to understandâ€” Iâ€™m a higher form of being than you areâ€” I just look like a woman to you because thatâ€™s the form I take in this worldâ€” but me compared to a typical Earth womanâ€” there isnâ€™t any comparisonâ€” the form is where it all stops. You have no idea what type of powers I have do you?

Jerry:

Powers?

Herodia:

Lookâ€” you see that man over there. Heâ€™s sickâ€” dyingâ€” he has three days leftâ€” but he donâ€™t know it. (She waves her hands with mystic gestures. The man stands and then falls over dead. A commotion soon incurs.)

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Jerry:

(Heâ s shocked and horrified.) You just killed him! You bitch! You just killed an innocent man!

Herodia:

To make a point. Donâ t fuck with me! Iâ m duty bound to love and protect and be your wife forever. But I can hurt and kill and destroy anything and everything else here on Earth! But if you do what I tell you to doâ we can have fun changing the world. (She smiles and kisses him passionately.) Now lets go home and make love.

Jerry:

My God! You are a demon!

Herodia:

Wellâ yeah! What did you think we were? Imaginary beings that were made up by silly old people long ago. Noâ waitâ they were silly old people. Nowadaysâ we are called aliens from another planet!

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