

# ISIS: Dark Goddess



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(Based upon the “Secrets of Isis” series by Filmation.)

## Introduction

Just to get the boring legal stuff out of the way, I do not own Isis or any of the characters written about in here.

Having said that...

What follows is a complete outline for a novel based on *The Secrets of Isis* Saturday morning TV series of the 1970's, which starred Joanna Cameron (seen in the role of Isis in the picture above). Because of time limitations, I will likely not be writing the complete novel. The story ends here, with the outline.

I wrote this for a few reasons. One was simply the outlining exercise. I am still learning how to outline effectively as a writer. When I wrote *Soon Will Come the Light*, and then later when I wrote *Light on the Horizon*, they were both written without an outline. Though I was fortunate to have them both published, I do feel they may have been better if I wasn't working without a net, so to speak. Another reason is because I am a fan of the series. I felt Isis had great potential and I was sad that she never reached it. She had further potential later in the comics, but they were also cancelled before she reached it.

I had always wondered about Rick and Andrea. I am sure I am not the only one who wanted to see them finally get together? Here was an opportunity. Alas, one wasted as you will see, for the story took on a mind of its own and went places I never thought it would go, and places I certainly had no intention of taking it.

But that happens sometimes in writing.

Following the outline is an "author's commentary" for those who want to read it. It will give more insight into where I was coming from when I was writing the story. Keep in mind the commentary was written over a year after the story was.

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## Isis: Dark Goddess

### Chapter 0: Prologue - Origin of Isis

A brief retelling of the origin of Isis.

#### Part I: Ancient Egypt - Serpenotep, Royal Sorcerer, Isis, and Queen Hatshepsut

One day in ancient Egypt, an evil sorcerer named Serpenotep takes over. "*I will rule you as I rule the serpents of the sand!*" he cries to the people of Egypt.

Only one sorcerer dares to rise to oppose him, the royal sorcerer of Queen Hatshepsut. Serpenotep imprisons him and he is powerless against the dark magic of the cell that contains him.

After weeks of imprisonment, a young servant girl named Isis brings him a meal in his prison. Seeing what may be his only chance, the sorcerer gives some of his power to the girl. The sorcerer tells her she will *soar as the falcons soars, run with the speed of gazelles, and command the elements of sky and earth.*

Away from the dark magic of the cell, she is able to free him. Together, they defeat Serpenotep, and Isis continues to use her gifts in the aid of others throughout Egypt.

Many years later with his time drawing near, the royal sorcerer comes to realize the benefit of sharing his powers. So he creates an amulet and gives it to Queen Hatshepsut of Egypt. The Amulet gives her and all of her descendents who follow her the same powers he gave Isis.

The sorcerer fades into obscurity, vowing one day to return to fight evil.

#### Note A: The Origin of Isis

This origin is taken from issue #7 of THE MIGHTY ISIS, from DC Comics (1976). I had pondered writing my own origin, but I decided I wanted to stay with tradition on this one since Isis is not my own created character.

#### Note B: The Royal Sorcerer

It is generally accepted that the ancient sorcerer Shazam gave the original Isis her powers. 2000 years prior, he had given powers of a different sort to Egyptian, Teth Adam, who became the renegade Black Adam. 3000 years after he gave powers to Isis, he gave powers to Billy Batson, making him Captain Marvel.

However, as Isis appears to come from a world where there are not Gods but Elders, and there is no mention of sorcerer Shazam, none of this will be mentioned.

## Part II: Three Thousand Years Later (1972) - Andrea Thomas

Larkspur High School science teacher Andrea Thomas is invited on an archaeological dig in Egypt. Feeling the urge to wander off on her own, she picks a spot she thinks is random and begins to dig.

Uncovering an old box buried deep in the sand by the pyramids, Andrea opens it to find it contains an ancient amulet. Andrea puts it on and the hieroglyphics on the box, inscribed by the Sorcerer himself, are understood:

*"With this amulet, Queen Hatshepsut and her descendents are endowed by the goddess Isis. They will soar as the falcon soars, run with the speed of gazelles, and command the elements of sky and earth."*

Andrea stands up to put the amulet on. Spreading her arms and following the inscriptions, she chants the magic words:

O-MI TEE-AYE ZISS!!!

Clouds well above Andrea. Fog and wind ensue. When it abates, Andrea is gone in her place is the goddess Isis. *Dedicated foe of evil. Defender of the weak. Champion of truth and justice.*

And, with only an incantation...

*Oh, zephyr winds  
which blow on high,  
lift me now  
so I can fly.*

...Isis rides the winds once more.

## Chapter 1: Present Day (1975) - Angela In NYC

The story opens with Angela Thomas, Andrea's twin sister from NYC, making plans to visit her sister in California and Larkspur High School.

## Part III: Background on Angela

Angela has not had it as well as Andrea. Whereas Andrea is a successful science teacher (and, unknown to Angela, is also Isis), Angela has gone from job to job, always being fired or quitting because it wasn't working out. It was never her fault, at least in her mind, it is just that she is very unlucky in work. Unknown to Andrea, Angela is hoping she can find a job at the high school.

## Part IV: Preparations

Angela, frustrated over losing her latest job as a waitress, has decided maybe she would have better luck trying somewhere else. As she packs her bags and heads out to the airport, she begins to feel angry at her failure, and resentment towards her successful sister.

## Chapter 2: Larkspur High School

Update: Larkspur.

### Part V: Setting Timeline

"Ya gotta believe," Andrea whispers to herself, which sets this novel as immediately following final episode of *The Secrets of Isis*.

### Part VI: Magic Show Revisited

With Rennie and Ranji finishing the show, school is dismissed for the summer. Rennie runs up to Miss Thomas to tell her that she has been invited by Ranji's parents to spend some time with them this summer. Rick and Andrea are happy for her and approve. Rennie and Ranji drive away in his van as Rick and Andrea wave goodbye.

### Part VII: School's Out for the Summer

As the crowd thins out, Rick and Andrea walk together back to the school. Rick asks Andrea if she would like to go to dinner. Andrea tells him she would love it but she needs to pick her sister at the airport and suggests Rick come along. Rick agrees. Rick and Andrea go to their respective rooms to gather stuff from their desks, each one pondering (not for the first time) the thought of a relationship with the other.

## Chapter 3: Angela Arrives In California

Rick and Andrea meet with Angela.

### Part VIII: Angela's Plane

Aboard the plane, Angela ponders her childhood with Andrea, reflecting how Andrea was always better than her at everything. Andrea got to be a cheerleader, Angela didn't. Andrea got good grades, Angela didn't. Andrea dated cute boys, Angela didn't. Just as the flight attendant is announcing final approach, hydraulics fail the plane goes out of control.

### Part IX: Isis, at Last!

Rick and Andrea approach the airport in Rick's jeep just in time to see the plane appear to have problems. Rick runs inside to see if that is Angela's plane, leaving Andrea free to act. Andrea slips between two trucks, pulls the amulet out so it is facing the sun, and says:

"Oh, Mighty Isis!"

Nature goes through it's gymnastics and Isis appears.

Isis takes to the sky and commands the winds to...

*Oh, Zephyr winds  
on which I stand,  
help this plane now  
softly land.*

...gently right the plane and set it down on the runway. Rick is watching from inside and wonders if it is fair to be considering a relationship with Andrea when he is so in love with Isis.

#### Part X: Return to Andrea's and Back to School

After talking to reporters (who of course wasted no time getting to the airport), Angela was ready to leave. She was feeling better now and less bitter at Andrea, having had her 15 minutes of fame. They load Rick's jeep and head for Andrea's place.

Rick mentions he forgot a few things at the school. Angela suggests they both go get them while she unpacks. Andrea tells Angela she would not be a good host but Angela insists because she plans to sleep for the night anyway.

Rick, Andrea and Angela arrive at Andrea's apartment. Andrea shows Angela to her room. Andrea goes into her room while Rick waits on the couch. Wondering what will happen with Rick at the school, and feeling like she has done her good deed for the day, Andrea places the amulet back in the box on her dresser.

Andrea checks on Angela, who is fast asleep. Andrea leaves Angela the number for the school and she and Rick get in Rick's jeep and drive to the school.

#### Chapter 4: Cindy Lee

Cindy Lee returns to Larkspur.

#### Part XI: Update on Cindy

Cindy graduated and left Larkspur to pursue a career in psychology. She is taking time off from classes to visit Larkspur, Rick, Andrea, and of course Isis. Since leaving Larkspur, Cindy went back to her journals and used that information to write a book called, *Zephyr Winds: Stories of Isis*. This book has done extremely well, causing Cindy to do a round of talk shows. It has also made her a very popular student at the college. Word has gotten back to Cindy that Isis also approves of the book.

### Note C: Cindy Grows Up

Cindy was changed by her time at Larkspur and her experiences with Isis. The jump suit is gone, replaced by designer jeans, belt and t-shirt. Her hair has been cut shorter and she is very pretty. She has also developed the intelligence and esteem that she was still working on at Larkspur.

### Part XII: Cindy's Ticket

Cindy is driving to Larkspur, listening to *Take It Easy* by the Eagles. She sees red lights in her rear view mirror and pulls over. Officer wants to cite her for speeding until he recognizes her from talk shows. Being a fan of Isis, he lets her go with just a warning. Cindy stops at the convenient mart for a large Pepsi and keeps going.

### Chapter 5: Angela Finds the Amulet

Angela accidentally locates Isis amulet.

### Part XIII: Angela Wakes Up

Angela wakes up and gets out of bed as if in a trance. She begins to walk towards Andrea's bedroom. Angela finds Andrea's room and feels drawn into it. She sees the box on the dresser, opens it and finds the amulet. Thinking it is pretty, she feels again compelled to put it on and thus is able to read the heiroglyphics on the box.

### Part XIV: Dark Isis

Realization dawns on Angela that Andrea is secretly Isis.

Feeling rage over the fact that Andrea got the upper hand on her once again, she puts the amulet on and utters the incantation:

O-MI TEE-AYE ZISS!!!

Clouds form in the skies. Thunder roars and lightning strikes as if the skies themselves are angry. Angela in her anger and bitterness becomes a dark version of Isis. She looks identical to Andrea/Isis with tiara, collar and bracelets, except her outfit is black instead of white.

Stepping outside with her new found powers, Dark Isis rides the zephyr winds in search of revenge on Andrea.

## Chapter 6: Cindy Lee Meets with Rick and Andrea

Cindy Lee reunites with her old teachers.

### Part XV: Rick and Andrea, Alone at Larkspur

Rick and Andrea hold hands as they walk into the school. They sit down together on the floor of the hallway and discuss the possibility of a deeper, romantic relationship. Both seem very interested.

### Part XVI: Cindy Lee Arrives at Larkspur

Cindy Lee drives to Larkspur and sees the jeep she recognizes so well. She pulls her car in next to it and runs to the door.

As Rick is talking to Andrea, Andrea sees Cindy racing in past Rick's shoulder. Rick sees the surprised look on Andrea's face and turns to see Cindy. Both Rick and Andrea stand up to greet her as Cindy runs into the girls room.

Rick and Andrea stare at each other. Andrea shrugs her shoulders and follows Cindy into the girls room, leaving Rick to wonder what Cindy is doing in Larkspur.

As Rick is waiting for the girls, the school rattles and Rick follows the noise to Andrea's classroom.

## Chapter 7: Andrea vs. Isis

Andrea meets with Dark Isis

### Part XVII: Could This be Isis?

When Rick arrives, he sees that part of Andrea's classroom is gone. The wall to the outside has fallen. He looks up and sees Isis (or who he believes is Isis) in a new outfit, laughing hysterically.

Andrea and Cindy soon follow. Andrea immediately recognizes Isis as Angela, but is powerless to say or do anything as it will reveal her secret identity to Rick and Cindy.

Dark Isis, seeing Andrea, and discerning the growing relationship between her and Rick, commands the winds to carry the three of them outside. From there, she commands branches of a large tree to hold them close to the trunk so they can't get away.

Rick comments that he doesn't understand what's gotten into Isis and Cindy agrees. Andrea sighs to the inevitable and says, "*Guys, there's something I need to tell you...*"



## Chapter 8: Fighting Back

### Held in Captivity

#### Part XVIII: Cindy's Idea

Rick and Cindy look at each other, then back to Andrea. They are surprised and a little insulted that Andrea did not trust them, and Rick mentions that he always suspected but was never able to prove it, even to himself. Andrea apologizes for the deception and explains that she wanted to tell them but feared for their safety.

Dark Isis has gone to wreak havoc on the town of Larkspur to discredit the real Isis, leaving the three of them to discuss the situation. Somewhere in the conversation, Cindy helplessly pulls at the branches holding her and mentions that even the Elders could not get them out of this situation.

This gives Andrea an idea.

#### Part XIX: Andrea Takes Action

Andrea takes another look around for Dark Isis. Not seeing her, she tells Rick and Cindy that she has an idea. She isn't sure it will work, but maybe they can actually contact the Elders.

Rick tells Andrea that the Elders are a legend and Andrea points out that the Elders gave Marvel his powers. Knowing now that Andrea is Isis, he says no more about it. In his own thoughts, he now understands why and how he could love both Andrea and Isis at the same time.

Andrea tells them they need to join hands. There is a struggle and some pain as they all push through the branches to make the connection. Once made, Andrea instructs them all to empty their minds. She gives Rick and Cindy a moment to comply, then utters those words so often spoken by Billy and Mentor:

*Oh Elders; fleet, strong, and wise, appear before our seeking eyes.*

Then everything goes black.

## Chapter 9: Council of the Elders

### Andrea and the Elders

#### Part XX: Andrea Speaks with the Elders

As the fog clears, the three find themselves in the Council of the Elders. Rick and Cindy, no longer bound to the tree, look up to see the six Elders and are too surprised and amazed to say anything. Andrea is about to speak when Solomon interjects that he knows why they have been summoned and that is why he allowed the three's presence in the Council.

Andrea comments that if he allowed presence it must be because he knows how to stop dark Isis.

Solomon confirms and tells Andrea that the only way she can stop her is to remove her tiara. Mercury mentions that she must hurry before things continue to get worse. Andrea acknowledges.

Atlas comments on the strength of Rick and Cindy. Achilles makes mention of their courage and Solomon praises them on their wisdom. They thank the Elders for the praise and then they disappear.

### Part XXI: A Private Word

Andrea asks where they went, Solomon tells Andrea that he needed a private word with her. He tells her that when the tiara is lifted from Dark Isis, all memories of this event, as well as their knowledge of Andrea/Isis, will be erased from their memories. Andrea is grateful.

Solomon also tells Andrea that she and Rick have a great destiny, and that the relationship will come in due time but now is not the appropriate time to pursue it. Therefore all talks regarding the relationship will also be removed from Rick and Cindy once the tiara is removed from Dark Isis.

Andrea asks Solomon how to go about removing the tiara, Solomon tells her the Elders are with her and can grant her temporary power. She needs only "speak the words..."

But he also tells her that the battle with Dark Isis is just the beginning and if she is defeated, it will only lead to a far more difficult battle.

Andrea is about to ask what he means when, once again, everything goes black.

## Chapter 10: Isis vs. Isis

Isis battles Dark Isis

### Part XXII: Andrea Becomes Isis

The fog lifts for all three at the same time as they find themselves bound to the tree once more. Over the horizon, they see Dark Isis coming to check on them. Andrea doesn't waste time. She lets go of their hands and says:

"Oh Mighty Isis!"

Rick and Cindy both witness the amazing transformation of Andrea to Isis.

## Part XXIII: Isis Takes On Isis

Isis commands the tree to let go of them, which it does. The three scatter and Isis takes to the air to do battle with Dark Isis.

Rick and Cindy regroup to discuss how they might assist Isis. Looking up, they see the two Isises are doing battle in the air. Isis has the obvious advantage of experience, which she is putting to good use, yet Dark Isis manages to stay one step ahead.

As Rick and Cindy watch from below, Dark Isis finally sees an opening and utters a command...

*Sister, do not  
make a sound.  
Just fall quickly  
to the ground!*

...to drop Isis to the ground. Realizing she is going down, Isis quickly wraps her arms around Dark Isis and they plummet to the earth together.

Rick and Cindy watch in horror as they both hit the ground. They run to them, only to find the two Isises fighting on the ground, seemingly unaffected by the fall. As they roll around on the ground, Cindy tells Rick she can't take any more of this and sneaks behind them to remove the tiara of Dark Isis. Rick warns her not to for fear she will be hurt, but Cindy doesn't listen.

Cindy reaches in to remove the tiara in the middle of the fight. There is a bright flash of light and Rick and Cindy fall unconscious as the memories of recent events are taken from them by the Elders. Dark Isis is dazed and unable to move. The tiara in Cindy's hand morphs back into Andrea's amulet. Isis sees Dark Isis begin to morph back into Angela. Knowing that Rick and Cindy are under safely under the watch and influence of the Elders, she takes her amulet in her left hand, Angela in her right, and takes to the sky, away from the scene of battle.

## Chapter 11: Isis, Angela, and Serpenotep

Angela Gives Up Dark Isis

### Part XXIV: Isis Talks to Angela

Landing in a clearing, Isis gently puts Angela on the ground. Angela stirs awake to see Isis with a look of concern. She asks Isis what happened. Isis is pondering how to answer when suddenly Angela passes out again and a ghostly Serpenotep arises from the form of Angela on the ground.

## Part XXV: Isis and Serpenotep

Isis barely has time to remember Serpenotep before he attacks her. In this initial attack, Isis drops the amulet in the clearing. As she goes flying over the trees from the attack, she is contacted from her former self in Egypt, who reminds her of who Serpenotep is.

### Note D: Isis and her Original Self

This contact from her original self in Egypt also comes from Isis #7, where Serpenotep took over Rick Mason's body because Rick was stupid enough to utter an incantation that allowed Serpenotep to get into him.

## Part XXVI: Flashback to Egypt

As Isis manages to land safely, her memories are flooded of the days that she and the sorcerer originally fought Serpenotep in Egypt. Isis comes to understand that it was only the combined power of herself and the sorcerer that were able to defeat him and as she flies back to Serpenotep and Angela, she wonders how she is going to defeat him alone. She also understands now what Solomon said when he mentioned the "more difficult battle."

## Part XXVII: Serpenotep and Angela

Meanwhile, Angela awakens to see Serpenotep standing over her. She screams at the sight of this evil man in ancient Egyptian clothing. She asks him who he is between screams and Serpenotep fires an energy blast from his hand that undoes what the Elders did to Angela, causing her to remember everything, even how it felt when Serpenotep was inside her and possessing her.

## Part XXVIII: Serpenotep and Isis

As Isis races back to take on Serpenotep, Angela tells her that he is the one responsible for the problem with the plane and for her recent behavior. Isis, of course, had already figured this out and was trying to find a way to stop him.

Isis moves to attack Serpenotep but finds she is no match for his power as he once again sends her flying over the trees.

As Angela turns away from the sight of her sister being defeated, her eyes happen to fall upon the amulet that Isis dropped.

## Chapter 12: Isis, Serpenotep, and Isis

Angela Becomes Light Isis.

## Part XXIX: Angela Finds the Amulet

Serpenotep, who has forgotten Angela, takes off after Isis. Angela reaches over and grabs the amulet. She puts it on, and says:

Oh, Mighty Isis!

This time, without the evil influence of Serpenotep inside her, the amulet reacts normally and Angela becomes identical to Isis, complete with white tunic.

### Part XXX: Defeat of Serpenotep

Serpenotep follows Isis through the trees and Light Isis follows Serpenotep. Isis gets off the ground to grab his wrists. As Serpenotep struggles to free himself, Light Isis comes from behind and chants:

*Serpenotep,  
so hard to beat,  
give up your fight  
and taste defeat!*

Thus ends the short-lived revival of Serpenotep, who deeply regrets giving Angela back her memories.

### Part XXXI: Rick and Cindy

Rick and Cindy, having woken up and observed the battle, finally make their way to join Isis. Their memories having been partially erased, they wonder how there can be two Isises. Isis tells them Light Isis is her sister. Rick wonders how he is going to be able to tell them apart because they look so much alike.

Light Isis tells Rick that there is truly only one Isis, and it is her sister. Isis and Light Isis hug.

## Chapter 13: Epilogue

New Teacher?

### Part XXXII: Getting Back to Normal.

Cindy has visited and returned to college. Light Isis has reversed the damage done to Andrea's classroom. Rennie has returned from Ranji's and has learned a few magic tricks that she is all too happy to show Rick and Andrea. Things are getting back to normal.

Dr. Barnes walks into Lab 104 to introduce Andrea's new teaching assistant to the class. Someone mentions they look a lot alike and Andrea tells her they are twins. The class wonders what they are going to call her since the name "Miss Thomas" is already taken.

After class, Rick comes to Andrea's room and tells her that they never did have dinner together and asks her if she would like to join him. Andrea agrees.

"I'm glad we're friends, Rick," says Andrea.

"Me too, Andrea," says Rick.

They walk out of the school hand in hand, both silently wishing they could be more than friends.

THE END.

## Isis: Dark Goddess - Author's Commentary

Following are a few notes regarding the *making of* the outline.

### Prologue:

I wanted to start the story by reminding people of the origin of Isis. This was difficult to do because very little of her origin is known from the series. Far more is known from the DC comics. The origin of the comics does not really match the origin of the series, but since it was more complete, I decided to go with it anyway, despite the fact that it may be a less than desirable telling for some people.

I considered adding my own twist to the origin, but, as Isis does not belong to me, I felt that might not be appropriate. Maybe some day I will get brave and go over that part again.

### Chapter One:

Though it was never mentioned in the series that Andrea had a twin sister, it was also never mentioned that she did *not*. Certainly a twin would also be one of the *descendants endowed by the goddess Isis*. One of the points of this story was to give the powers of Isis to someone else, and this was a way to do that. I also wanted conflict with the powers. I decided here that maybe Angela was not quite as happy or successful in life as her sister had been. Of course in the long run this wouldn't do, because no sister of Andrea Thomas is going to be so petty. But this was resolved later in the story.

### Chapter Two:

Here is where we establish the timeline of the story. When the series ended, it was right after the magic show at Larkspur High. I figured that would as good of a place as any to being the story. For those wondering what happened after the show, well, now you know.

Regarding Rennie: I am sure it is just a matter of personal preference, but I just happened to like Cindy Lee more than I liked Rennie Carol. So the next thing to do was to go back to the foundation and bring Cindy back. To do that, I had to have some reason Rennie would not be available. I did consider having both of them in the story, but I felt that might clutter things a bit.

There did seem to be something going on with Rennie and Ranji under the surface on the show, so I decided to take that a step further and let the two of them "get to know each other" better. This also had possibilities as far as a sequel, should I ever get around to writing one.

It always bothered me that Rick Mason was too chicken to ever go after Andrea. We all know how much he wanted to. I thought maybe what with school being out and both of their obligations fulfilled for the time being, that perhaps he would feel comfortable exploring this possibility. This was another reason I wanted to write this story, was to see what would happen if Rick and Andrea ever got together.

As stated in the introduction, the story took off in a different direction all on it's own and went someplace totally different than what I had intended. But I think I like this way better anyway.

### **Chapter Three:**

The chapter begins with Angela stewing over how lucky her sister has been in life, and her anger at having to go to that same sister for help. This sets the foundation for what is to come later in the story.

Here we are in chapter three and still no sign of Isis. Why is this? Because I wanted at least part of the story to be character driven. The series was not so much about Isis as it was about a school teacher who just lucks onto a magic amulet. So the story is not about Isis, it is about Andrea, who happens to also be Isis.

Still, as Isis is a part of Andrea, we need her at some point, so here she is. As the plane comes in to land, disaster strikes, creating a need for Isis. Here we see the angst in Rick as he struggles with his emotions. How can he so love two different people?

He can love them both because they are the same person. Only he doesn't know that. One of the major themes of the novel would be Rick's private, emotional struggle loving both Andrea and Isis.

After the plane is saved and Angela gets some attention, she is feeling better. Rick and Andrea take her to Andrea's home and Rick mentions he "forgot" some things at the school. Whether he truly forgot them or whether it was just an excuse to be alone with Andrea, well, that may be up to the reader to decide. With Rick Mason, it really could go either way. However, if he was hoping for some quality time along with Andrea, he is about to be sorely disappointed.

### **Chapter Four:**

Those who missed Cindy Lee (like I did) will be glad to see her back. Cindy always seemed kind of vulnerable in the series, and I wanted to keep that image of her going to some extent. But I also wanted to give her the respect she deserves.



So I had her be successful after she left Larkspur. She certainly did have some interesting adventures with Isis, and I can see her taking those memories and jotting them down. I also wanted her to maintain that curious youth thing she had going, so I had her be a successful writer, while at the same time, get pulled over for speeding to show her younger side.

It wasn't that she was speeding on purpose mind you, she was just excited about seeing her friends again and she was caught up in the music. (NO WAY was I going to have her listen to heavy metal or rap. I just don't see Cindy doing anything like that.)

### **Chapter Five:**

At this point we have pretty much laid as much of the foundation as we can, so it is time to get into the story proper. To do this, Angela has to get a hold of the amulet.

If Andrea and Angela are twins, it is logical they would look somewhat alike. So I had to have a way to tell them apart. The whole black/white thing is a bit on the tacky side, I admit, but it does get the point across. It also leaves room for an interesting change later in the story.

For now, though, black reigns as Angela seeks revenge on Andrea for something that is totally not Andrea's fault.

### **Chapter Six:**

Things are looking good for Rick. It seems Andrea is reciprocating his advances. But of course that doesn't last long. They are interrupted twice. The first is, if anything, a welcome interruption. Even at this tender moment, they would have to be happy to see their old friend, Cindy. You will recall Cindy just had a large Pepsi, and was now feeling the repercussions of that decision.

I also put that bit in because if there is one thing you don't want while you are attending to such business, it has to be the building coming under attack and falling apart. There really isn't much you can do about it in that situation. Rick, feeling manly because of his recent success with Andrea, bravely runs straight on into trouble at the end of the chapter.

### **Chapter Seven:**

It is natural that Rick would think this is Isis. After all, he has no idea that Andrea is Isis (despite all the hints she dropped at him during the series), so how would he know otherwise? As far as he is concerned, Isis has gone off the deep end. Angela, now with the powers of a goddess, is easily able to discern the growing feelings between her sister and Rick. This gives her a perfect opportunity to begin her demented revenge. So she ties them up together and goes off to wreak havoc in the name of Isis.

Andrea has at last run out of options. If there is anyway out of this, she will need help of her friends. To get that help, she will need to come clean. So, at the end of the chapter, she tells them (finally) the secrets of Isis.

### **Chapter Eight:**

To say that Rick and Cindy are “*a little surprised and insulted that Andrea did not trust them*” would be an understatement. This would have been explored in greater detail in the novel.

Of course there is no reason to bring Cindy back if she doesn't play any part in the story, so naturally I wanted her to be the one who came up with the idea (even if it was accidental) that would ultimately go on to resolve this situation. Andrea jumps at the chance and instructs Rick and Cindy on what to do. She speaks the words (“*Oh Elders, fleet and strong and wise...*”) and adventure awaits in the next chapter as the three prisoners enter the Council of the Elders.

### **Chapter Nine:**

Once in the Council, Rick and Cindy are overwhelmed to be in the presence of greatness. The elders go through the usual Shazam/Isis bits, and then tell the three the way to stop Dark Isis, which is by removing the tiara. Presumably, this would be a weakness of Andrea, too, and that may be explored at some point. Meanwhile, I had the problem here of how to get things back to “normal” with Rick and Cindy. I can't leave them knowing the secret of Isis, and this is where the story moved ahead on its own. I wanted to further explore the Rick/Andrea relationship, but the best way I found to erase the memories was to also erase the memories of the relationship.

However, you will note Solomon's cryptic comments about the destiny, which was placed in there in case I ever wanted to write a sequel. That line from Solomon leaves the story wide open for a sequel.

In typical Elder fashion, Solomon mentions trouble ahead, but he does not elaborate, leaving Andrea to figure it out for herself.

But at least he gave her a clue as to how to get to Dark Isis.

### **Chapter Ten:**

The moment comes that everyone has been waiting for. Rick and Cindy are witness to Andrea transforming into Isis! Andrea can act safely because the Elders are giving her temporary Isis powers, and also Rick and Cindy will remember none of this later on.

Cindy has kept some of her rebel streak, so when Rick tells her to stay out of the fight, she ignores him and pulls the tiara off anyway. (Yay, Cindy!) Cindy Lee may be the true heroine of this story.

### **Chapter Eleven:**

Andrea and Angela need to talk. (Duh!) But before much can be said, it is revealed what Solomon meant about how "If she is defeated, it will only lead to a far more difficult battle. Difficult, indeed! For her battle is not against Angela, but against Serpenotop himself!

Isis struggles to remember, she has some vague, shadowy memories of the goings-on back then, but much of her memory is lost to time. Her former self, sensing the danger from where she is, comes from the past comes to remind her of the danger of Serpenotop. This would have been an interesting dialogue in the novel.

Serpenotop, a being of pure evil, tortures Angela by making her remember everything. Even how she felt when he was inside of her.

Then we discover that Angela is not an angry or jealous person after all. Rather it was Serpenotop controlling her emotions that caused this, all in a grand plan to get his revenge on Isis. Maybe it was thousands of years later, but he will not be denied!

Isis, now knowing the true power of Serpenotop, moves to protect her friends, her city, her world. She is easily defeated by the superior power of this being. But, unknown to him, Angela happens to spy the amulet as it sits on the ground, temporarily forgotten.

I did this because I wanted Angela to have an opportunity for redemption. I felt that was important to the story.

### **Chapter Twelve:**

Now that she has been separated from Serpenotop, we see that Angela is not really bad at all. In fact, she only wants to help her sister where before she wanted to hurt her. And, without Serpenotop, Angela transforms into a "Light Isis".

Though Serpenotop is strong enough to handle one Isis, he cannot handle the power of two. This battle would have been drawn out and dramatic in the novel. One of the things that makes me sad about not writing it is that I won't be able to write this scene. It would have been fun.

Rick and Cindy awaken upon the defeat of Serpenotop and the elders erase their memories of recent events. So of course there is much confusion now about the dual Isis, even though they were aware of it not long before.

Light Isis tells them they won't be seeing much of her anymore, and that there is only one true Isis. This is just one more thing to add to the mystery of Isis in the minds of Rick and Cindy, as if there wasn't enough already.

**Epilogue:**

Now we wind down. Cindy Lee has had her visit and has returned to school. (I really wanted to leave her at Larkspur, but I just couldn't find a way to that I was happy with.) At the end of the story, Andrea gets a new assistant, her sister, who has moved to Larkspur to start a new, and hopefully productive life.

What was the class going to call her? Well, I had a few ideas, but I really haven't worked that out yet.

Class is over and Rick and Andrea walk out hand in hand, both wishing they could be more than friends. Andrea knows someday they will. Rick can only hope, and go back to his fearful, passive, ways.

I have many ideas for a sequel to this. One idea I have is to explore the spiritual and religious aspects of Isis. I would like the local Christian community to get up in arms about a false goddess (As in the title, "Isis: False Goddess") in their midst. True, this has already been done with Wonder Woman (and very nicely, too, by John Byrne), but I think I can put a different take on it. I want to write a message of religious tolerance, which I feel is very much lacking in the fundamentalist community.

Hopefully I will have the time and/or the inclination to write it someday, and I will also be able to sew some more loose threads from this story. Until then, may you happily ride the zephyr winds!

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