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The Belly Dancer

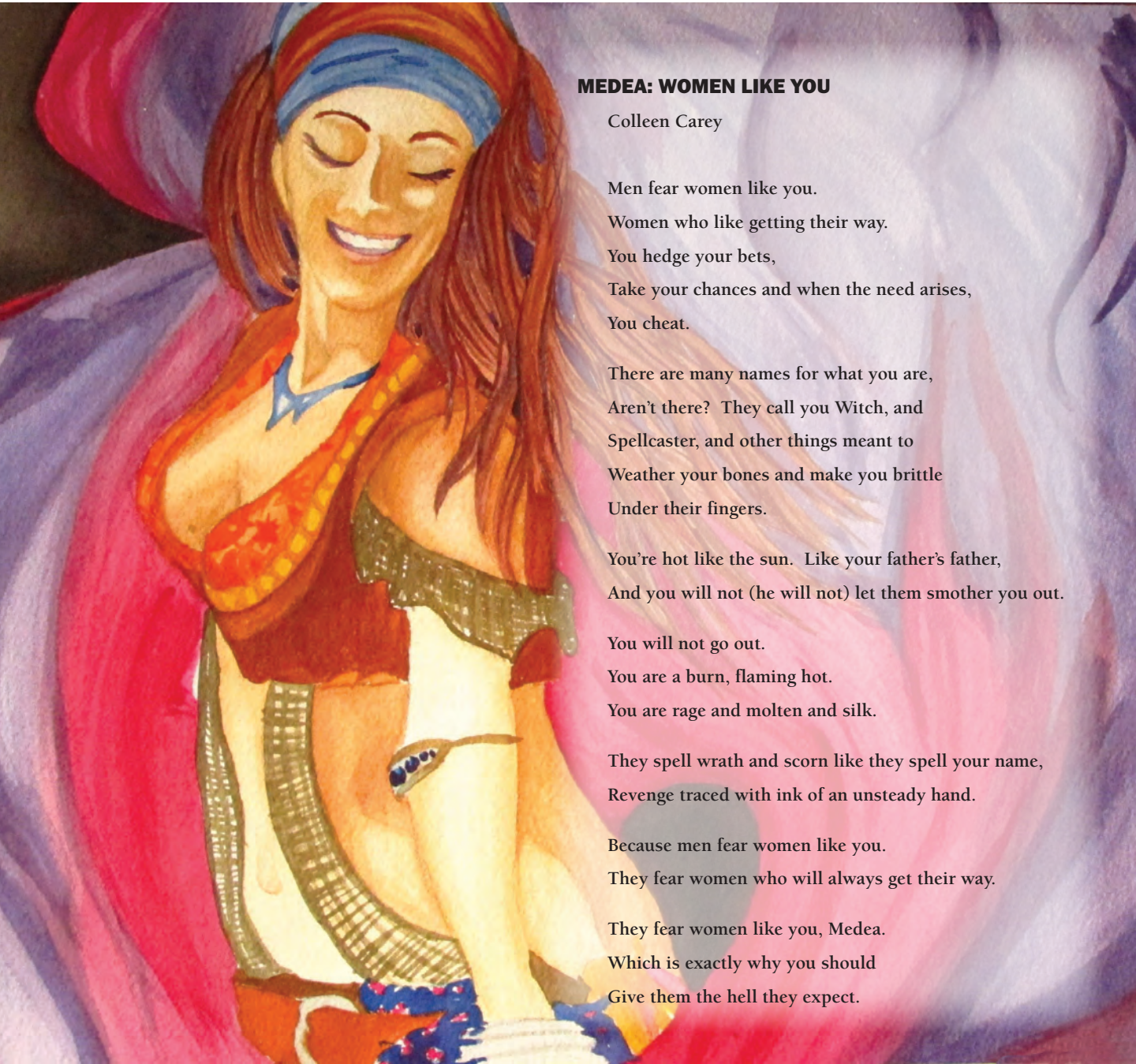
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MEDEA: WOMEN LIKE YOU

Colleen Carey

Men fear women like you.
Women who like getting their way.
You hedge your bets,
Take your chances and when the need arises,
You cheat.

There are many names for what you are,
Aren't there? They call you Witch, and
Spellcaster, and other things meant to
Weather your bones and make you brittle
Under their fingers.

You're hot like the sun. Like your father's father,
And you will not (he will not) let them smother you out.

You will not go out.
You are a burn, flaming hot.
You are rage and molten and silk.

They spell wrath and scorn like they spell your name,
Revenge traced with ink of an unsteady hand.


Because men fear women like you.
They fear women who will always get their way.

They fear women like you, Medea.
Which is exactly why you should
Give them the hell they expect.

THE BELLY DANCER JoJo Rock

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Alexander Connell



In the ox head fell cracking
 The glass of the Atlantic.
 Down it sank waiting to catch hold
 Of my quarry, my prize.
 The line caught and began
 To dredge up my trophy.
 Heaving and pulling, assisting
 Until the glass shattered
 And sprung forth a mighty
 Serpent.
 Shaded and grinding it turned
 To face me, eyes as
 Twin moons, cold.
 Inhaling sulfur and salt to
 Gather strength I raise my hammer
 The end times,
 The world serpent.
 Hemlock dripping from fang,
 Thunder rolling overhead. The
 World,
 Breaks free of its constraints.
 Take what you can,
 Give nothing back.
 The
 End of days is upon us
 Ragnarok has come.