Queen of the Underworld

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Tell me the story of how
Persephone, Kore, the maiden,
who wandered innocently
through the valley,
picking the most beautiful flowers,
didn't scream when Hades
appeared from the depths of Hell
and grabbed her for himself
because she wasn't scared.
Tell me that she cloaked
herself in darkness,
trained the hellhounds
for her lapdogs,
and the cliffs of Hell
still bear the scars
from where she
clawed her way out just
to tell Demeter that
winter is her favorite season
because her worth does not
hinge on the fertility of the harvest.
I want to know that
Persephone ate the entire pomegranate
and spat the seeds in Hades’ face
when he tried to touch her.