

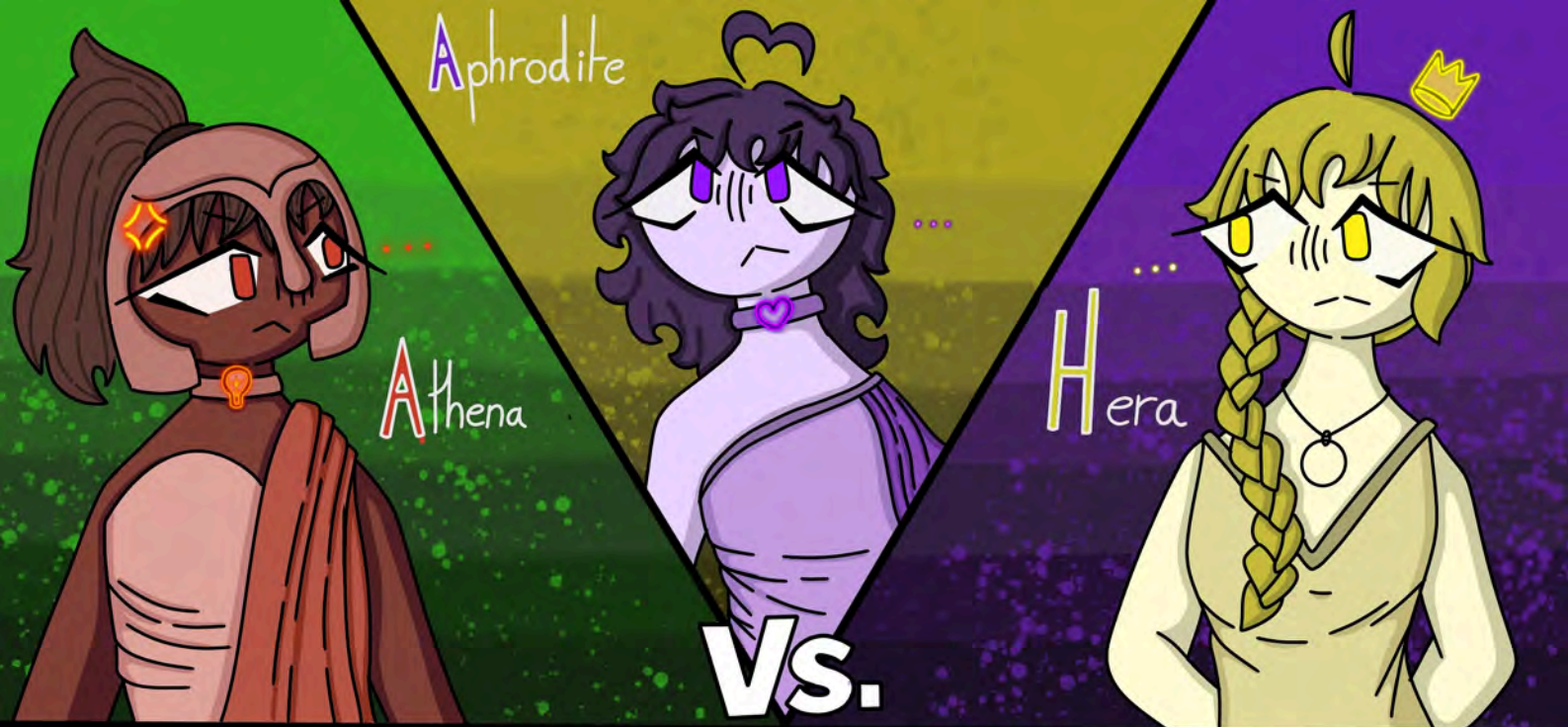
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THE ENTRIES





THE
TROJAN
WAR



Aphrodite

Athena

Hera

Vs.

No one will be able to match your wisdom if you give me the apple.

I will grant you the love of the world's most beautiful maiden, Helen of Sparta.

You will have all of Asia at your feet. Your glory and power will be beyond any other!



Paris must choose which goddess is the fairest and give her the Apple of Discord.



Long ago, all the gods were invited to a party, except Eris, goddess of discord.



Angered at her fellow immortals, Eris began to plot her revenge.



Eris crafted a golden apple and threw it into the crowd.



Three goddesses, Hera, Athena, and Aphrodite, saw the apple and wanted it for it was inscribed with "For the fairest."



They fought over it for decades.



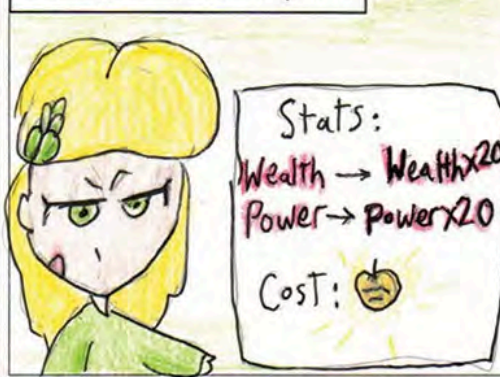
They asked the Prince of Troy, Paris, to decide who should keep the golden apple.



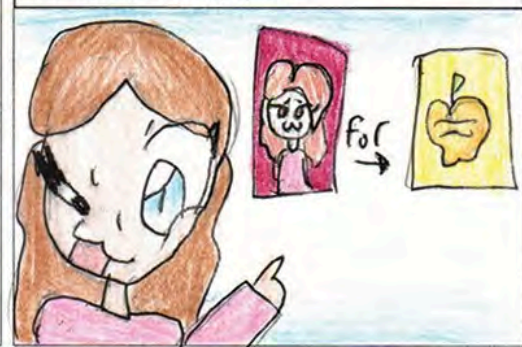
Athena offered wisdom and strength.



Hera offered wealth and power.



Aphrodite offered the most beautiful woman in the world, Helen of Sparta.



Paris chose Aphrodite, even though he was already married.

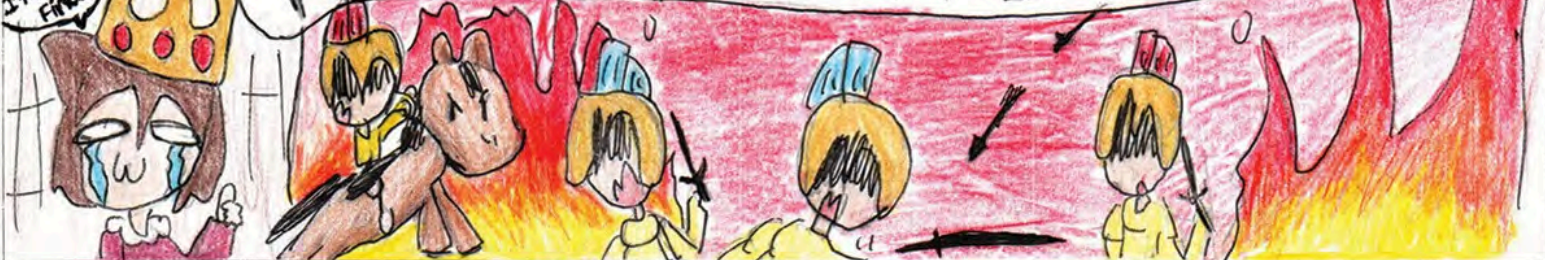


Paris abducted Helen of Sparta, who was married to the King of Sparta, Menelaus.



And thus...

THE TROJAN WAR BEGAN!



THE GOLDEN APPLE OF DISCORD

ON MOUNT OLYMPUS ZEUS INVITED ALL THE GODS AND GODDESSES TO THETIS THE SEA NYMPH'S WEDDING FEAST.



ALL EXCEPT

ERIS, GODDESS OF DISCORD AND CHAOS.

WHEN ERIS FOUND OUT ABOUT THE FEAST, SHE WAS FILLED WITH FURY AND STORMED THROUGH THE DOORS.



CARRYING
A...

GOLDEN APPLE



LABELED "FOR THE FAIREST."

THREE GODDESSES FELT THAT THEY DESERVED THE APPLE.



APHRODITE
GODDESS OF LOVE AND BEAUTY

ATHENA
GODDESS OF WISDOM

HERA
QUEEN OF THE GODS

ZEUS, NOT WANTING TO OFFEND THE GODDESSES, OFFERED THE MORTAL PARIS, TO CHOOSE THE WINNER.



THE GODDESSES BRIBED PARIS

" I'LL MAKE YOU " THE WISEST OF ALL MEN.

" I'LL GIVE YOU THE HAND " OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL MORTAL WOMAN.

" I'LL GIFT YOU ENDLESS " WEALTH AND POWER.

PARIS COULD NOT RESIST APHRODITE'S OFFER




AND HE GAVE


APHRODITE
THE GOLDEN APPLE.

AND SO, ERIS' GOLDEN APPLE OF DISCORD COMMENCED THE TROJAN WAR.

Μῆνιν ἄειδε θεὰ Πηληϊάδεω Ἀχιλῆος οὐλομένην, ἣ μυρὶ Ἀχαιοῖς ἄλγε' ἔθηκε, πολλὰς δ' ἰφθίμους ψυχὰς Ἄϊδι προΐαψεν ἥρωων, αὐτοὺς δὲ ἐλώρια τεύχε' κινέουσιν οἰωνοῖσι τε πᾶσι· Διὸς δ' ἐτελείετο βουλή, ἐξ οὗ δὴ τα πρῶτα διασείσθην ἔρισαντε Ἀργείων τε ἀναξ' ἀνδρῶν καὶ δῖος Ἀχιλλεύς.



AGAMEMNON
 KING OF MYCENAEA
 LEADER OF THE
 ACHAEANS



CHRYSES
 TROJAN PRIEST OF APOLLO
 FATHER OF CHRYSEIS

CHRYSEIS
 DAUGHTER OF CHRYSES
 AGAMEMNON'S
 PRISONER






APOLLO
 GOD OF MUSIC, LIGHT, ARCHERY,
 AND DISEASES

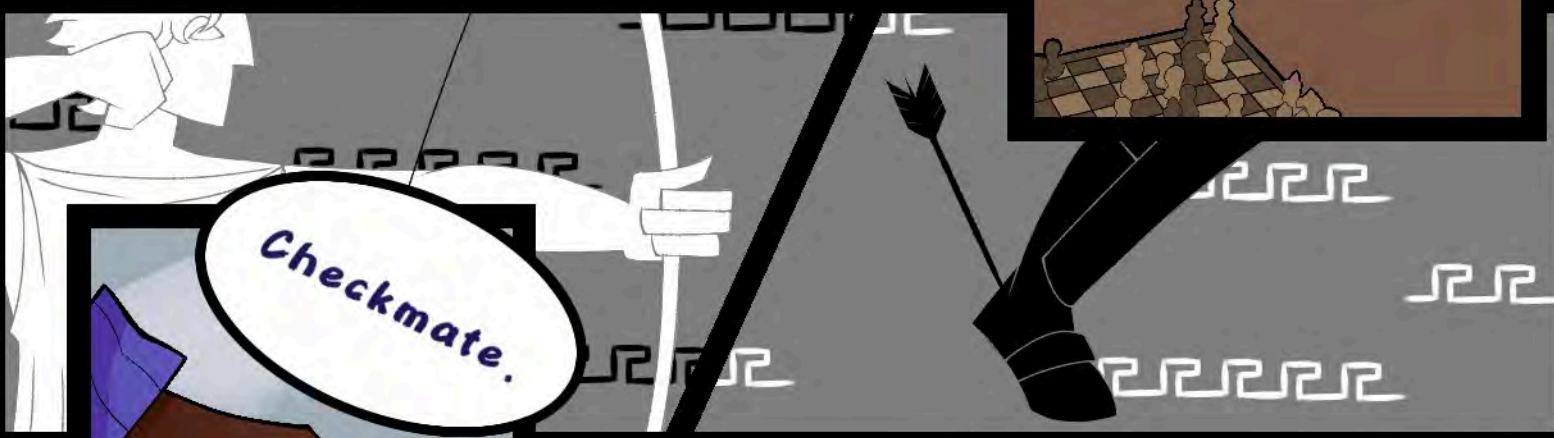





Athena,
your move



Ares, you
should try this!



Checkmate.

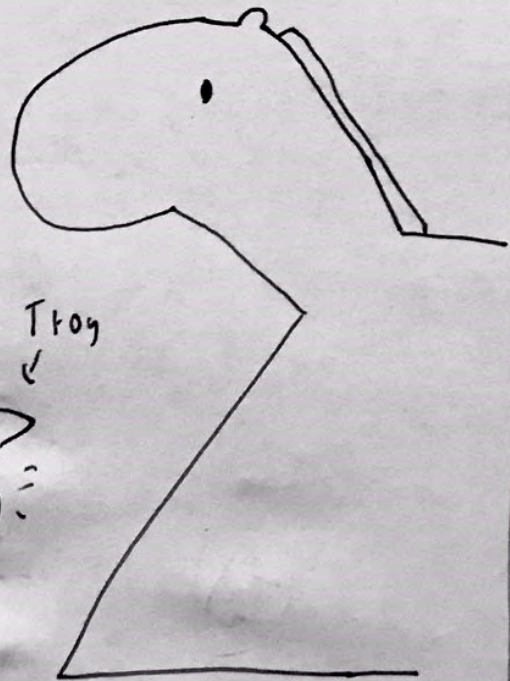


That's gotta
be cheating...



VALERIJA & PARKER

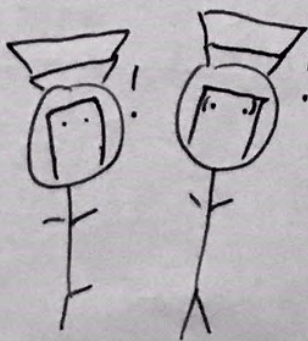
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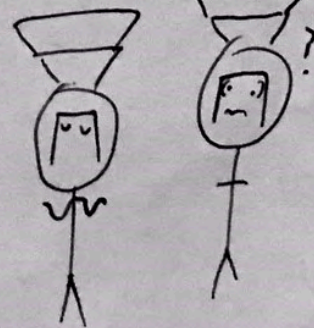
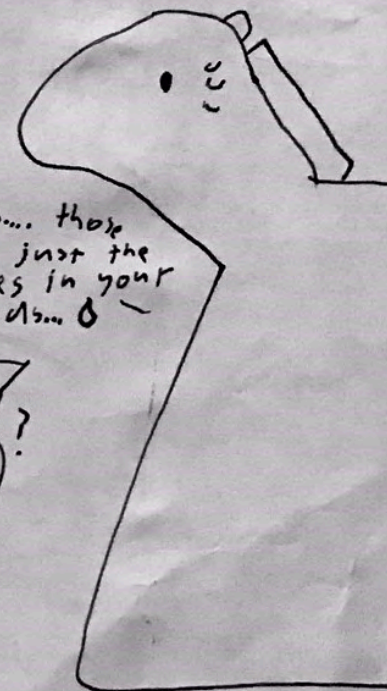
Troy



RUMBLE



Duh... those are just the voices in your heads...



A queen left at home
for ten years



Her husband
at war,
dodging Troy's
spears



But the queen lives a fate
every mother fears



He killed their daughter
as Artemis's
sacrifice



For to start the war,
Her husband paid the gods' price



But as he left home,



He forgot his queen's vice



For with the king's cousin,
she joined the warpath

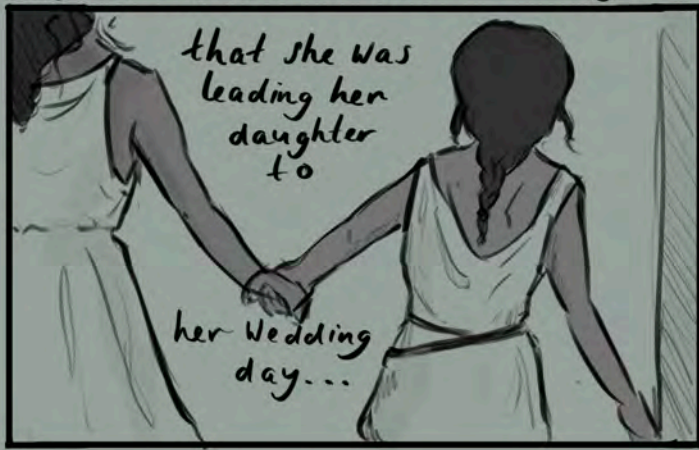
When her husband
returned—
she drew him a bath.



And now the House of Atreus
knows dearly the wrath

Of the
Queen
Clytemnestra

Clytemnestra had thought...



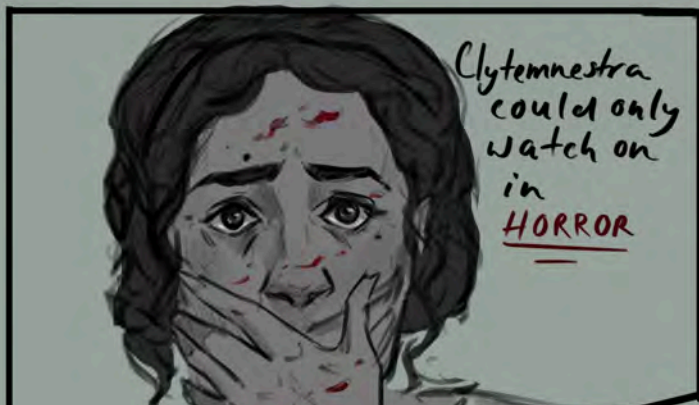
that she was leading her daughter to her wedding day...

But instead it was to her

SLAUGHTER

Her "SACRIFICE"

By her own father's hands



Clytemnestra could only watch on in HORROR

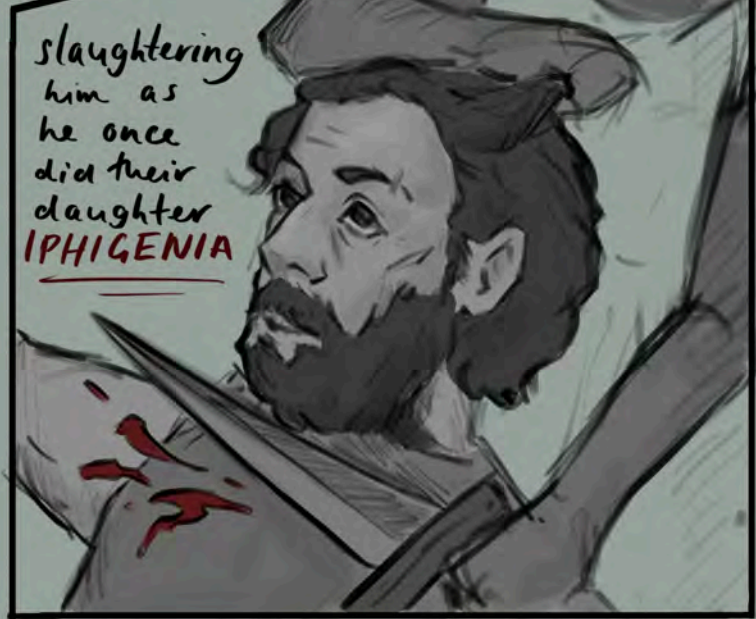
Agamemnon returned home...



UNTIL the war ended and

She could have her REVENGE

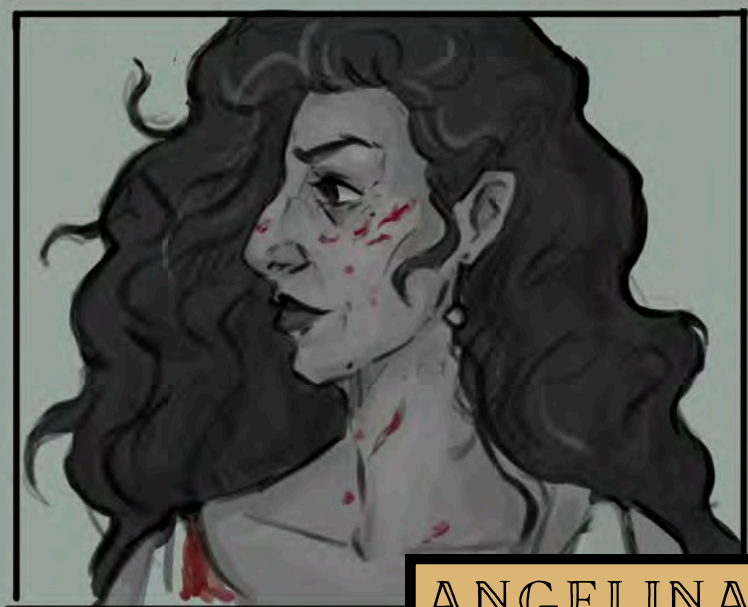
At Last...



slaughtering him as he once did their daughter IPHIGENIA



While Aegisthus, her lover, dealt with the rest of his men





I do not claim
to execute the
Gods' Will,



but Agamemnon
was returned to
me, ALIVE

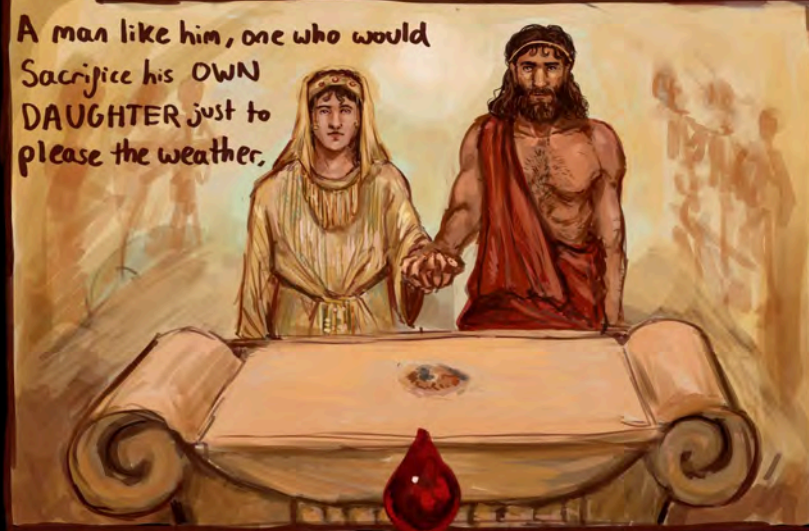
OF THEIR
Volition.

If this wasn't what they had wanted, he
would have died on the plains
of Troy,



where, perhaps,
the blood adorning him
now would not just be his own.

A man like him, one who would
Sacrifice his OWN
DAUGHTER just to
please the weather,



a man who
KILLED and
KILLED amidst
CRIME upon
BLASPHEMOUS
CRIME,



deserved to drink from the
Cup of wrath that he himself had killed.

I simply
brought it
to his lips.



WHEN ALWAYS-MOURNING ELECTRA RECOGNISES HER LONG-AWAITED BROTHER, ORESTES, NEAR THE TOMB OF THEIR MURDERED FATHER, AGAMEMNON...



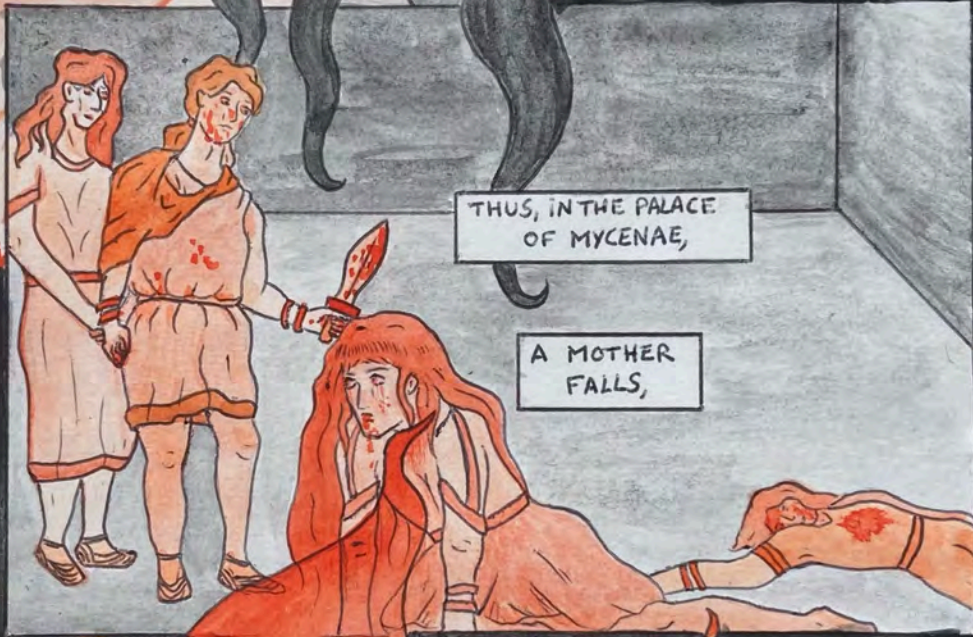
THE SIBLINGS SCHEME AND SOON KILL THE CULPRITS,

THEIR MOTHER CLYTEMNESTRA

AND HER LOVER, AEGISTHUS.

TΑΝΤΑΛΟΣ
ΝΙΟΒΗ
ΠΕΛΟΥ
ΑΤΡΕΥΣ
ΘΥΕΣΤΗΣ
ΠΕΛΟΠΕΙΑ

αίσχροῖς
γὰρ
αἰσχρο
πράγματ'
ἐκδιδάσκειται



THUS, IN THE PALACE OF MYCENAE,

A MOTHER FALLS,

φόνον
δόμοι
πνέουσιν
αἱματοσταγῆ

TO AVENGE A FATHER WHOSE BLOOD STILL

STAINS THE FLOOR.



HIMSELF SLAIN TO REPAIR THE (UN)HOLY SACRIFICE OF HIS FIRST-BORN,

IPHIGENIA.



AND AS THE ERINYES PURSUE ORESTES...

THE GOD APOLLON READIES HIMSELF FOR A TRIAL.



ARACHNE



THIS IS ARACHNE, A VERY TALENTED WEAVER WHO SPUN BEAUTIFUL CLOTHS.



HOWEVER, ARACHNE HAD TOO MUCH PRIDE. SHE WOULD OFTEN BRAG TO OTHERS ABOUT HER WEAVING SKILLS.



THE GODDESS ATHENA EVENTUALLY CAUGHT WIND OF ARACHNE'S SKILL.



THUS, ATHENA CHALLENGED ARACHNE TO A WEAVING CONTEST.



THEY SET THEIR LOOMS UP IN THE SAME ROOM,

AND THEY WOVE FROM EARLY IN THE MORNING TILL LATE IN THE NIGHT.



ATHENA'S CLOTH SHOWED THE GODS TOGETHER IN GREAT POWER AND DIVINITY.

BUT ARACHNE'S CLOTH MADE FUN OF THE GODS, PORTRAYING THEM AS DRUNK AND MESSY.



UPON SEEING THE DISRESPECTFUL CLOTH, ATHENA BECAME FURIOUS.



YOU WANT TO WEAVE? THEN WEAVE!



ARACHNE'S BODY GRADUALLY BEGAN TO LIFT OFF THE GROUND.



HER ARMS AND LEGS GREW LONG AND SKINNY...



TWO EYES TURNED INTO EIGHT...



UNTIL SHE WAS NOTHING BUT A TINY SPIDER AT ATHENA'S FEET.

ARACHNE

ARACHNE WAS A SKILLED
WEAVER



SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS
SO GOOD

I AM A BETTER
WEAVER



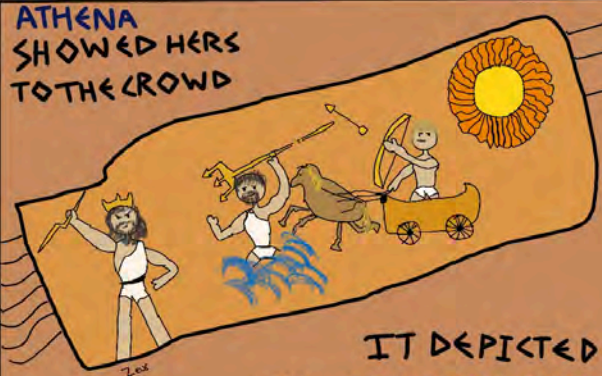
THAT SHE CHALLENGED
ATHENA
TO A WEAVING CONTEST

THE CONTEST
BEGAN



BOTH MADE
TAPESTRIES

ATHENA
SHOWED HERS
TO THE CROWD



IT DEPICTED
THE MAJESTIC GODS

ARACHNE
PRESENTED
HERS

IT DEPICTED
THE GODS'
ROMANTIC
AFFAIRS



IT WAS CLEARLY BETTER

ATHENA WAS
ANGRY



AND TORE THE
PIECE UP!

ARACHNE WAS



HEARTBROKEN

ATHENA EVEN ATTACKED ARACHNE
WITH HER SHUTTLE



ARACHNE WAS UNABLE TO
FACE MORE
TORMENT



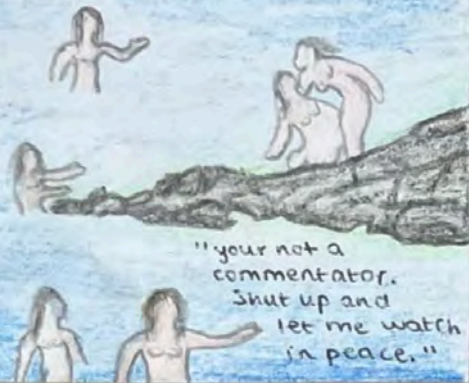
WHEN ATHENA TOOK PITY ON
HER

AND ATHENA TRANSFORMED HER
INTO A...



SO SHE COULD
WEAVE FOREVER

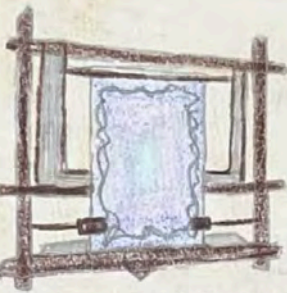
And the competition begins!
Goddess versus girl who will
weave - "



"you're not a
commentator,
Shut up and
let me watch
in peace."



" Oh wow! How gorgeous! "



" Look how well
she showed
our Gods! "

" Pallas has to win! "

" But look at Arachne's! "

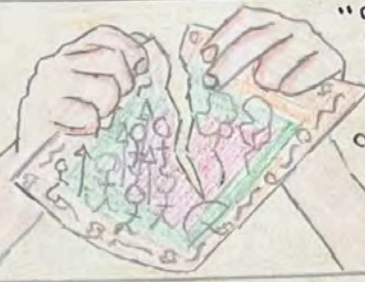
" It's just so
breathtaking "

" It is also the
Gods?
But
their
crimes! "



" What will Pallas do to her
for this? "

" Overcome with
jealousy, the
Goddess tears - "



" Still not a
commentator,
STOP before she
tears you to
shreds. "

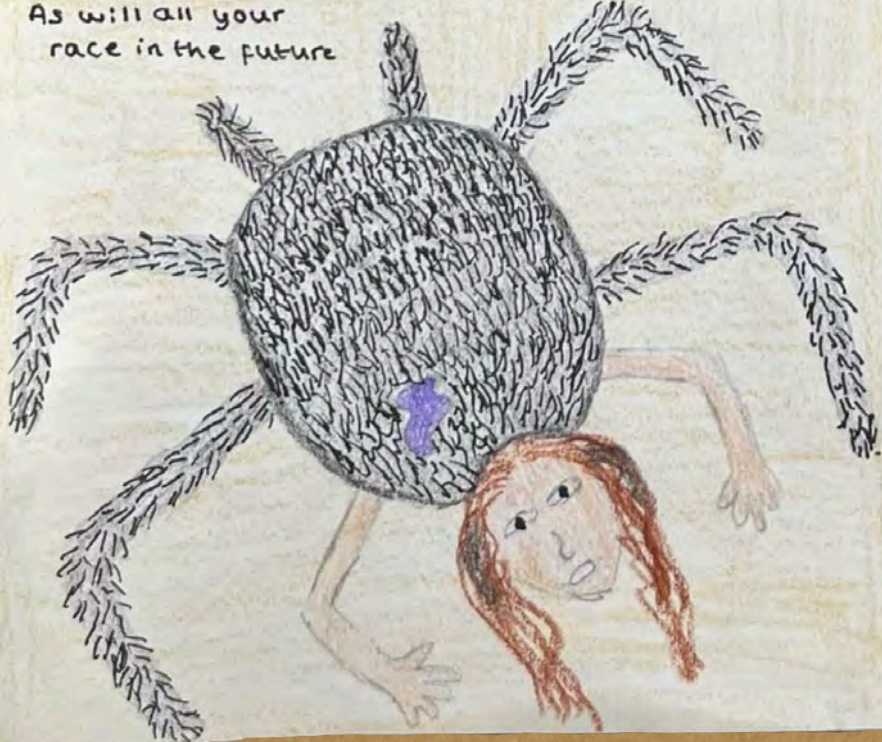
WHACK



No, wicked
girl, you may
live, but
you must
stay
hanging...



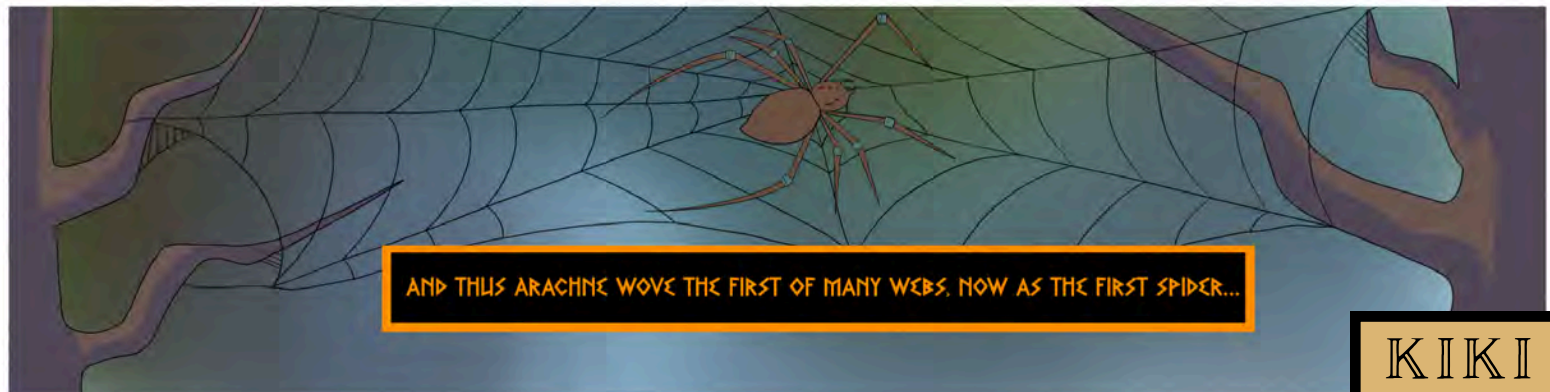
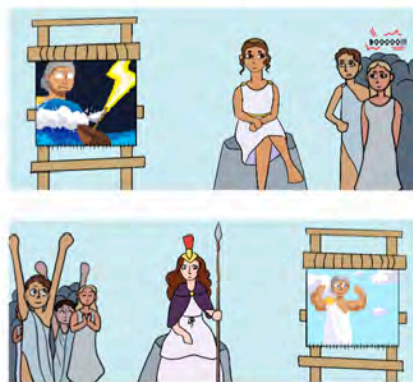
As will all your
race in the future



And so the arachnid
was born
from
Arachne,



all with the talent of weaving
that had marked her
downfall.



Athena and Arachne

No, it is far better than what Athena can do!



Your weaving is excellent. It can't possibly be anything but a gift from Athena.



Noblemen came from all over to buy Arachne's work.

Athena heard Arachne gloat and decided to pay her a visit.



Athena disguised herself as an old woman and went to Arachne's shop.



This is excellent.



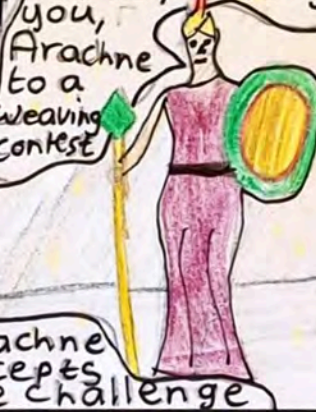
It is better than the work of any God or human. Not even a God would be brave enough to challenge my work.



Athena transforms into her godly form.

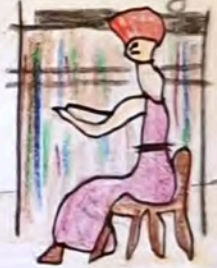
I the Goddess Athena, challenge you, Arachne to a weaving contest.

Arachne accepts the challenge.



The weaving contest begins...

Oh no, Arachne's weaving is better than mine.



I think I can beat Athena.

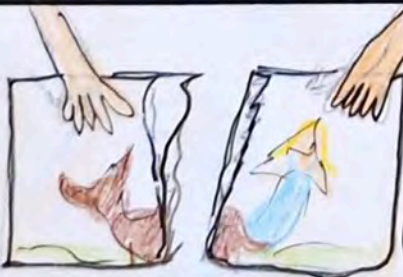


Athena wove her victory over Poseidon at Athens.



Arachne wove Gods deceiving mortals.

No, my work.



Athena was so angry that Arachne was better so she ripped it in half.

You shall never challenge a God.



The End

ARACHNE WAS A VERY SKILLED WEAVER.

I BET I CAN MAKE A BETTER WEAVING THAN ATHENA THE GODDESS OF WEAVING AND SPINNING!



AND OF COURSE, ATHENA WASN'T TOO HAPPY ABOUT THAT.

LET US DO A COMPETITION!

BUT WHAT IF I WIN?

YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THAT WON'T HAPPEN.



AND SHE WAS VERY PROUD ABOUT THIS.

AND SO THEY SAT DOWN AT THE LOOMS AND BEGAN.

SHE CAME DOWN AND STARTED A WEAVING COMPETITION.

ARACHNE WON.



IMPOSSIBLE!!!

ATHENA WAS FURIOUS!

SHE GRABBED ARACHNE'S WEAVING AND RIPPED IT APART.



GRRR!!



OH, NO!!!

GASP!!!

SINCE YOU'RE SO PROUD OF YOUR WEAVING, ALL OF YOUR DESCENDANTS CAN HANG FROM THREADS AND BE SKILLFUL WEAVERS.

AND ARACHNE WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A SPIDER FOREVER.





A YOUNG GIRL CALLED ARACHNE ONCE BOASTED THAT SHE WAS A BETTER WEAVER THAN THE GODDESS ATHENA



THEN ATHENA DISGUISED AS AN OLD WOMAN APPEARED AT THE DOOR, AS SHE HAD HEARD FROM THE CROWD OF ARACHNE'S BOASTS AND HAD COME TO PUNISH ARACHNE FOR HER HUBRIS AS SHE CHALLENGED HER TO A WEAVING CONTEST

ATHENA, ENRAGED BY THE SKILL OF THE YOUNG WEAVER, TORE UP ARACHNE'S TAPESTRY. IN HER DESPAIR, ARACHNE TRIED TO HANG HERSELF, BUT BEFORE SHE DIED, ATHENA CAST A SPELL ON HER AND ARACHNE METAMORPHOSISED INTO THE FIRST SPIDER



ATHENA STITCHED A BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY DEPICTING VARIOUS MORTALS WHO HAD SUFFERED BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THEMSELVES GREATER THAN THE GODS. SHE ENCLOSED THESE IMAGES WITH A GOLDEN BORDER WITH ORNATE OLIVES DRAPED AROUND EACH SCENE. ARACHNE'S TAPESTRY SHOWED THE HORRORS THAT THE GODS HAD INFLICTED ON VARIOUS MORTALS. AND, WITH HER HAIR NOW TURNING WILD AT HER OWN AUBACITY, ARACHNE FINISHED HER TAPESTRY AND WITH A FINAL FLOURISH GESTURED AT ATHENA TO JUDGE HER WORK



ONCE THERE WAS A GIRL NAMED ARACHNE WHO WAS A TALENTED WEAVER... AND BOY DID SHE KNOW IT.



MINERVA HEARD OF ARACHNE'S ARROGANCE AND DECIDED TO DISGUISE HERSELF AS AN OLD WOMAN AND SET ARACHNE STRAIGHT.



AND SO THE CHALLENGE BEGAN...

MINERVA'S BEAUTIFUL TAPESTRY DEPICTED THE OLYMPIC GODS IN ALL THEIR GLORY.



ARACHNE'S DAZZLING TAPESTRY DEPICTED THE GODS IN GLUTTONY AND GREED. NO ONE COULD DENY ITS SUPERIORITY.

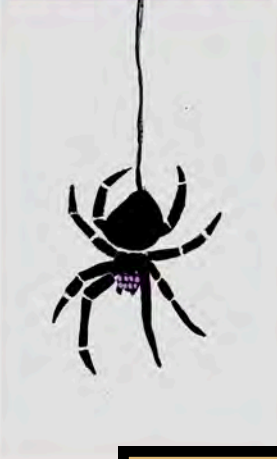


IN HER WRATH, MINERVA TORE ARACHNE'S TAPESTRY TO SHREDS AND BEAT HER.

IN DESPAIR, ARACHNE WENT TO HANG HERSELF.



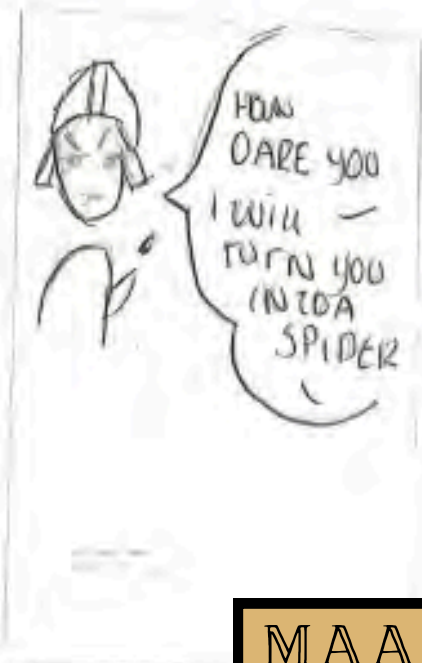
IN PITY, MINERVA LEFT ARACHNE HANGING, ETERNALLY...

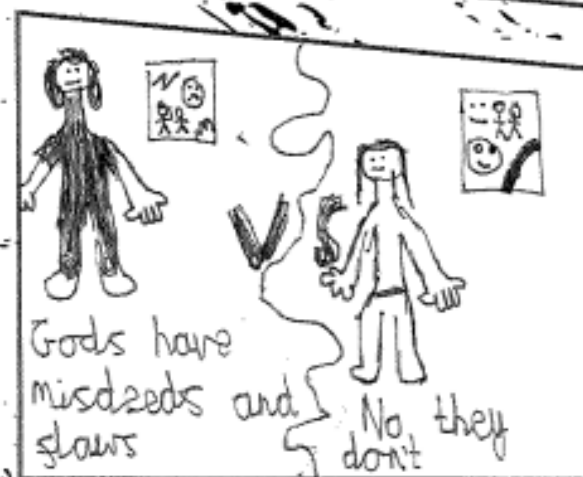
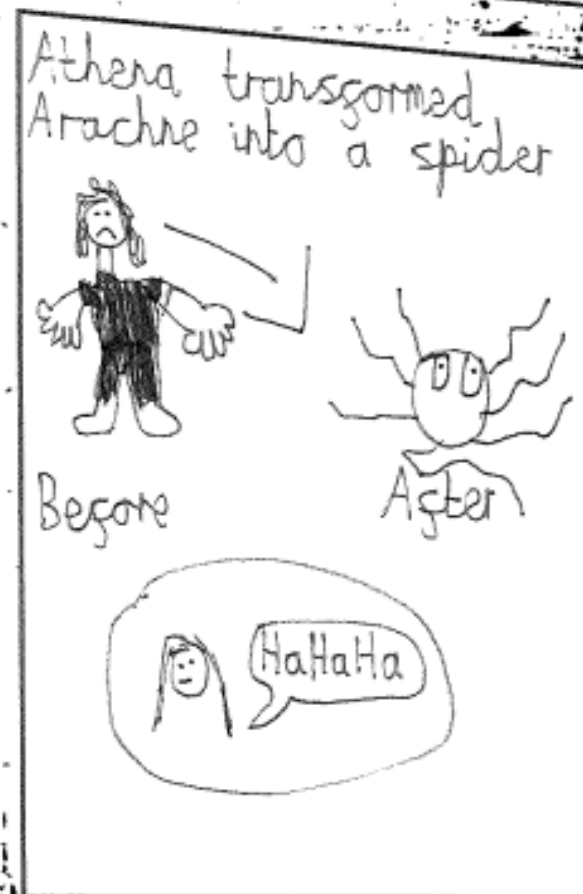
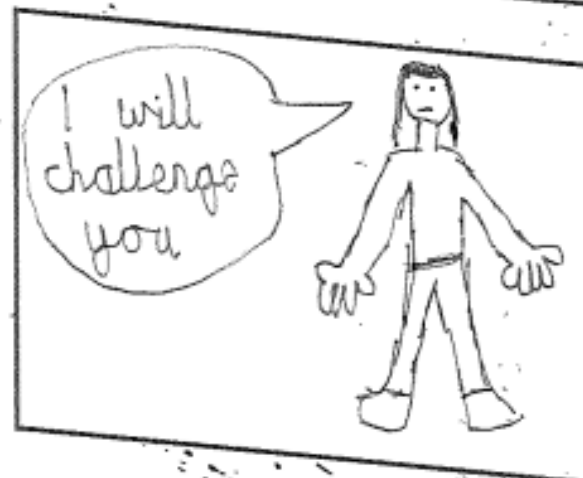
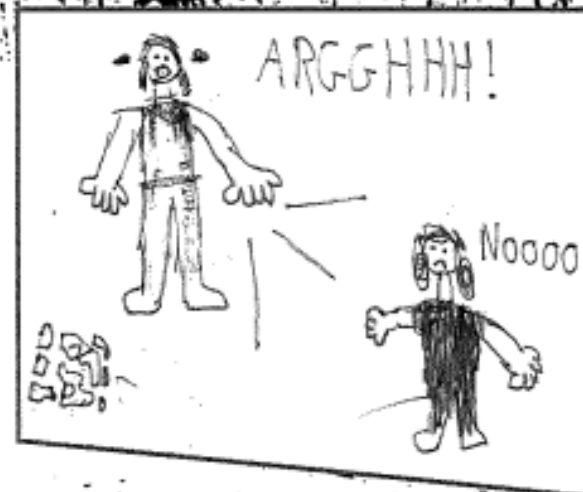



THE TALE OF: ARACHNE




ARACHNE was a brilliant weaver and people would come to watch her. But as her skills grew so did her PRIDE...







ADVENTURES
OF
JASON

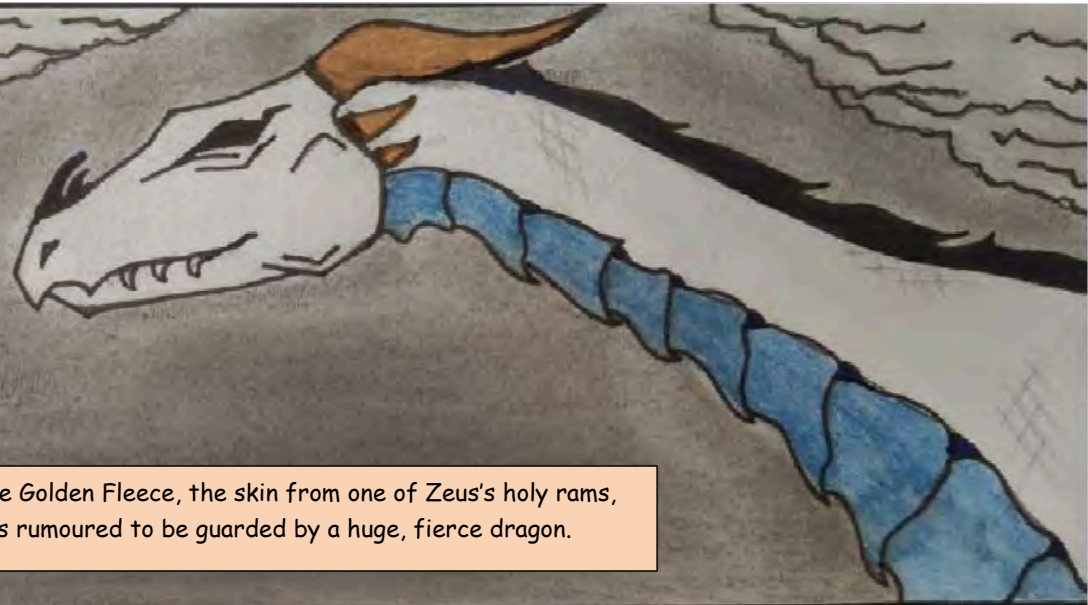


Jason and the Golden Fleece

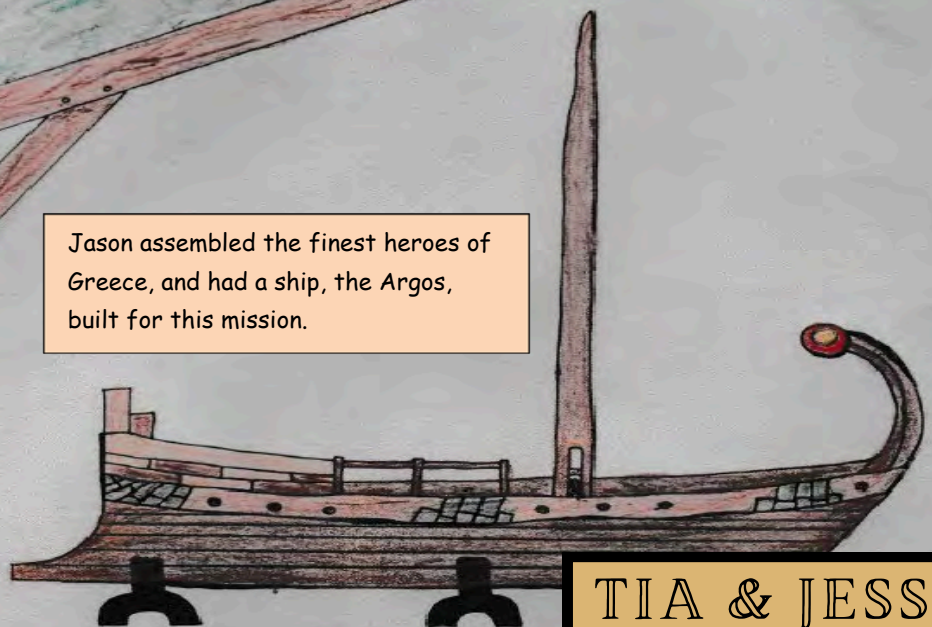
King Pelias believed that Jason is his prophesied murderer, so he sent him on a seemingly impossible mission to retrieve the Golden Fleece so that he would be killed.

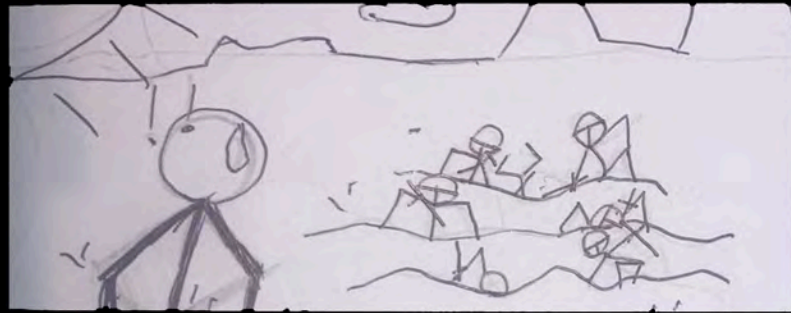
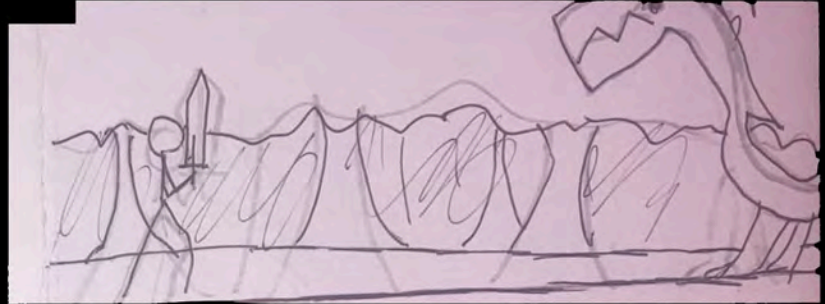
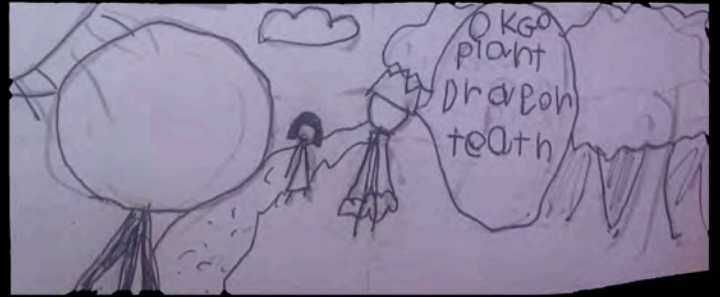
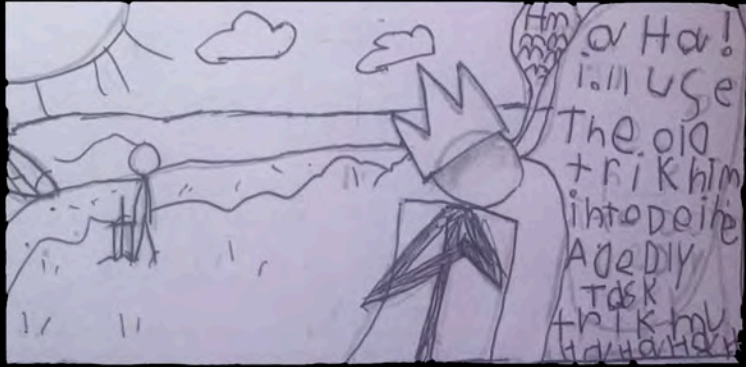
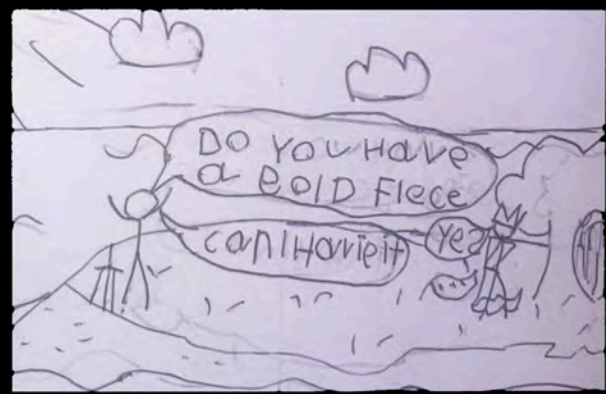
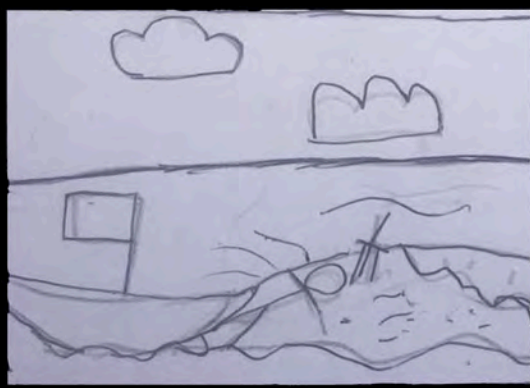
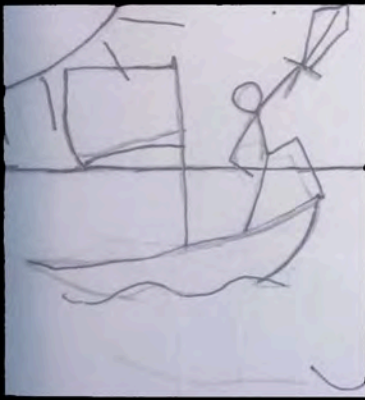




The Golden Fleece, the skin from one of Zeus's holy rams, was rumoured to be guarded by a huge, fierce dragon.



Jason assembled the finest heroes of Greece, and had a ship, the Argos, built for this mission.





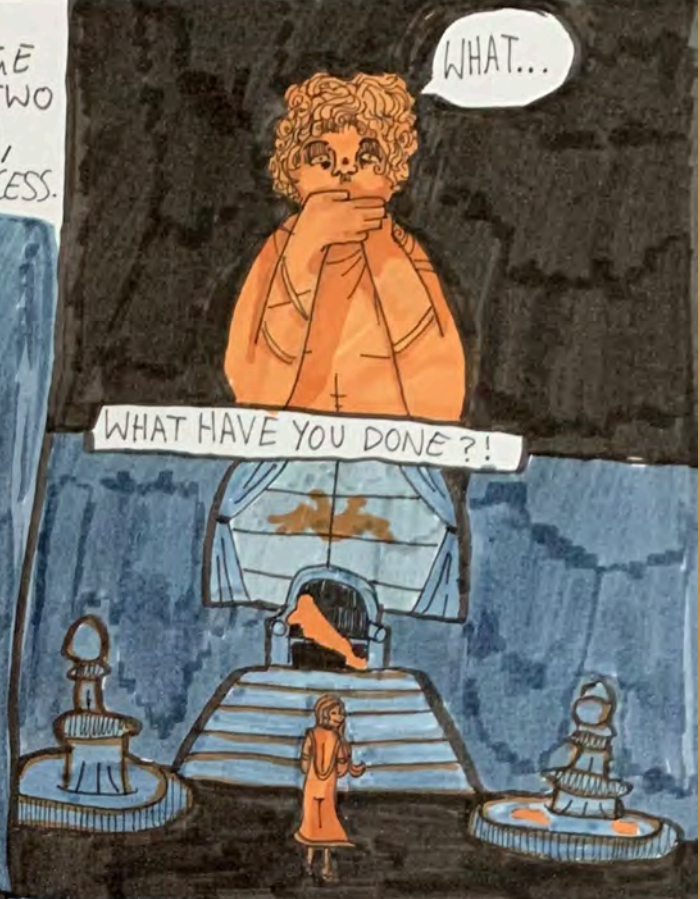


JASON
&
MEDEA

MEDEA HELPED JASON STEAL THE GOLDEN FLEECE FROM HER FATHER AND IN EXCHANGE HE PROMISED TO MARRY HER. THEY HAD TWO SONS. WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT CORINTH, JASON WAS GOING TO MARRY ITS PRINCESS. MEDEA WANTED REVENGE...



MEDEA!



WHAT...

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!



OUR BOYS?!



MY WIFE?!

MEDEA NEEDED AN ESCAPE...

C R A C K

... SO SHE SUMMONED HER FATHER'S GOLDEN DRAGON



ROAR!

CLINK

MEDEA WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!



GOODBYE JASON





UGH!

DESPITE THE CHORUS TRYING TO STOP HER, MEDEA MURDERS HER TWO SONS



GLAUCE WEARS THE DRESS AND DIES, KILLING HER FATHER CREON AS WELL

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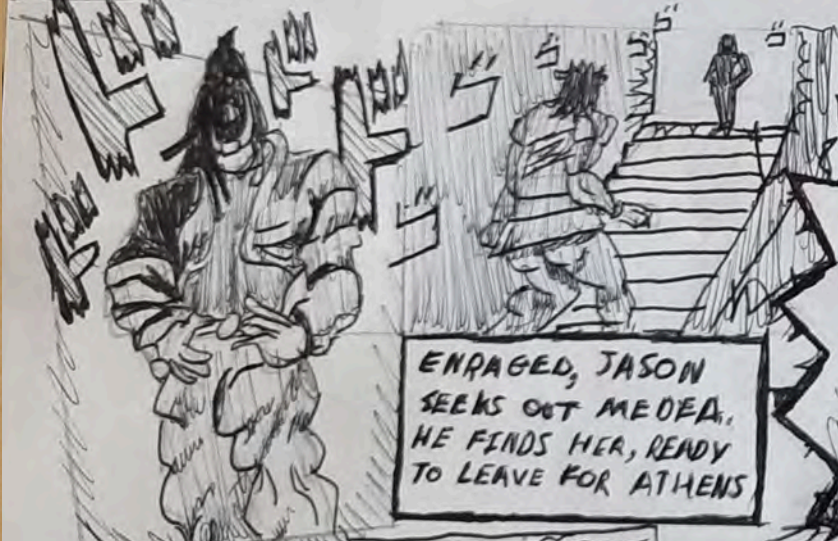


I REJECT MY FEMALE PASSIVITY JASON!!

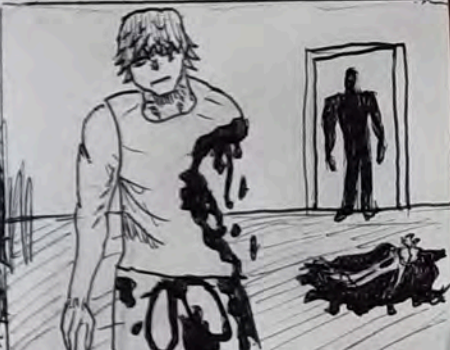
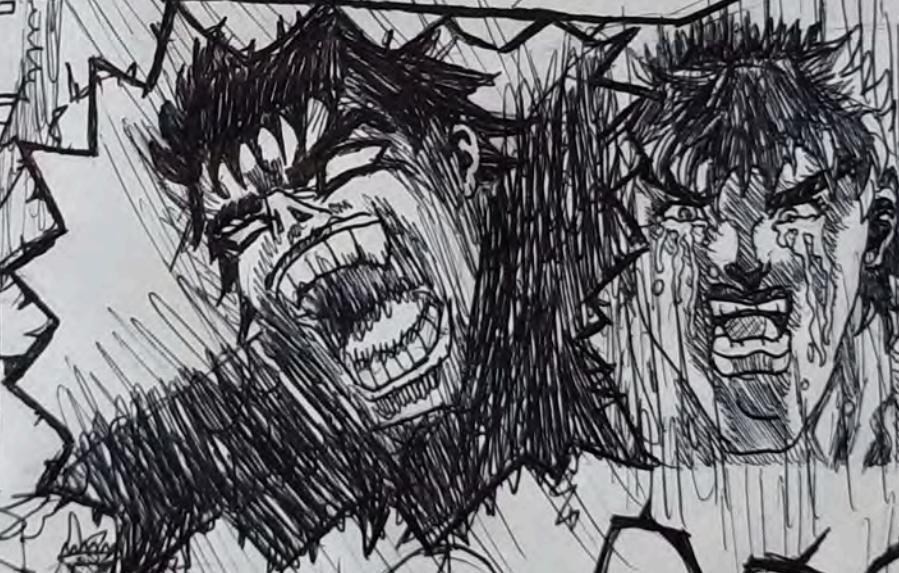
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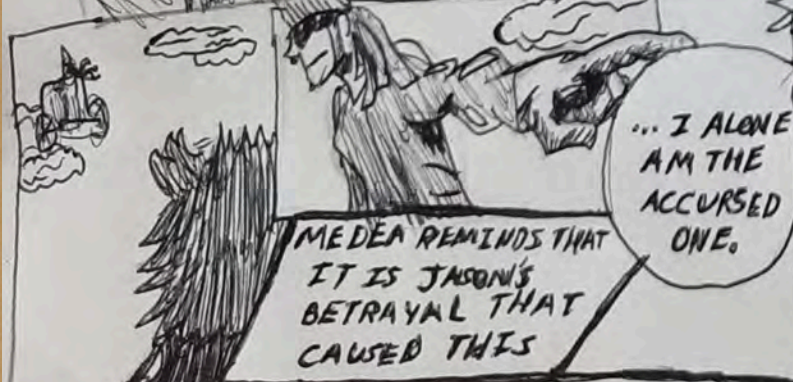
SEEKING A MORE HONOURABLE WIFE THAN A BARBARIAN, THE HERO JASON PLANS TO MARRY GLAUCE OF CORINTH



ENRAGED, JASON SEEKS OUT MEDEA. HE FINDS HER, READY TO LEAVE FOR ATHENS



SHE DECIDES IT IS THE BEST WAY TO ENACT REVENGE ON JASON...




MEDEA REMINDS THAT IT IS JASON'S BETRAYAL THAT CAUSED THIS

... I ALONE AM THE ACCURSED ONE.


THROUGH-OUT THE HEAVENS AND EARTH...

NOOP!

SHE ESCAPES ON HER GRANDFATHER HELIOS'S CHARIOT



PATRONAGE
OF
ATHENS





Ouch

Athena and Posiden both wanted to be patron God of the city Athens. So they held a competition for the best gift to the mortals living in the city.

Crumbles

Posiden produced a spring by striking the ground with his trident, symbolising naval power.



Sprinkle



wind

wooshh

Athena created the olive tree, symbolising peace and prosperity.

The Athenians, under the ruler cecrops, accepted the olive tree and named the city after Athena.



Persian wars

During the Persian wars, Athena's sacred olive tree got burned down.

Run!



Fire!

Attack

!Oh no!

Sizzle Sizzle

The Greeks saw this tree shoot as a way of Athena saying she still has her Mark on the city

An olive shoot started to grow from the stump of the burned tree

Growing

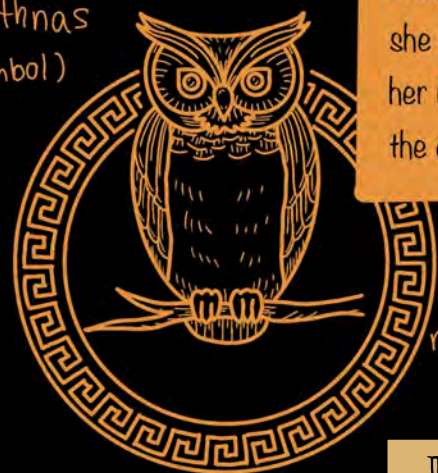


more growing



Still growing

(Athnas Symbol)



(Owl represents wisdom)

Not a problem,
devoted mortals!

Thank you
for protecting
us, Oh
Mighty Zeus!



Every Greek town hoped a
god would protect it but
not all towns had gods
protecting them. Most of
the time, no more than 1
god looked after a town

The History of Athens



Athena and Poseidon saw a
new village and claimed it
as their own to protect. But
the people did not want to
choose between the 2 gods
in the fear of angering them.

By Abhishek Narayanan 8L



Athena understood their concerns
and gave her uncle a
challenge. They each had
to give the town a gift.
The god who gave the
most useful gift won.



Poseidon agreed. He stopped
his ~~trident~~ on the side
of a mountain. Suddenly,
a stream appeared.



The people were very
happy to get a fresh
water source. But after
drinking it, they realised it was salty.



Athena made the first
olive tree and gifted it
to the city. The people
ate the delicious
fruit.

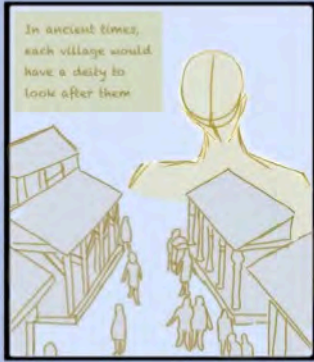


The tree's wood could help
to build homes. The branches
could be used as kindling
for kitchen fires. The
fruits could be eaten or
pressed to release oil.

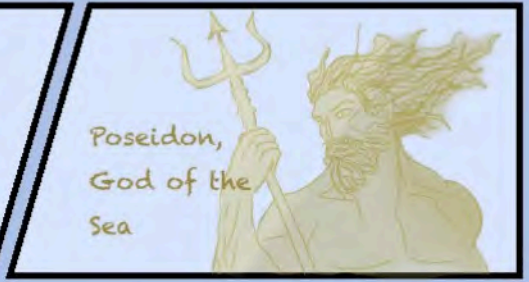


Despite Athena's gift being
more useful, the people
did not want to choose her
and anger Poseidon. But
Poseidon himself said
Athena won. The village
was named Athens after Athena.

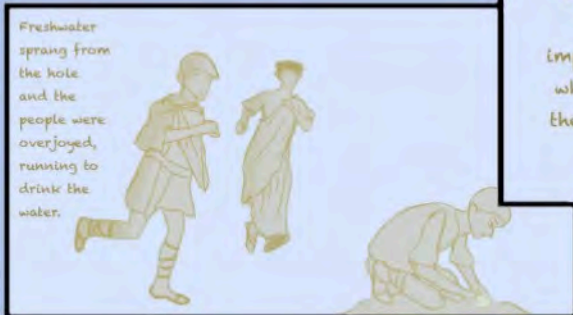
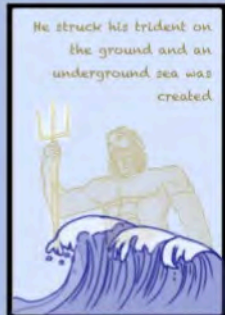
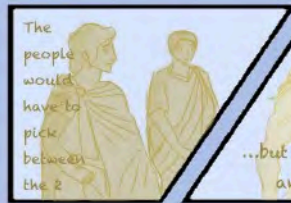
The City of Athens



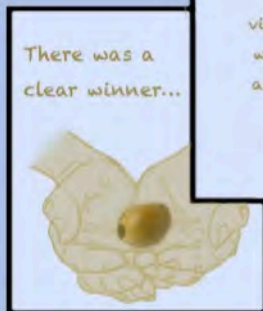
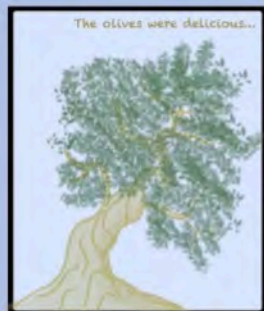
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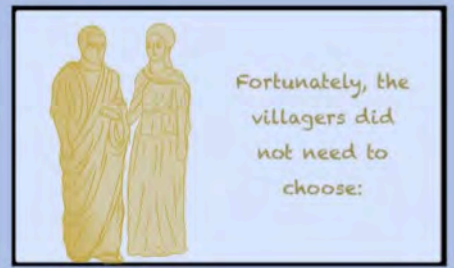
...both claimed the same village



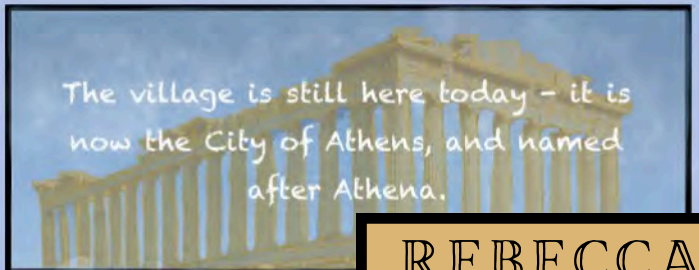
Freshwater was important. But when tasted, the water was salty!



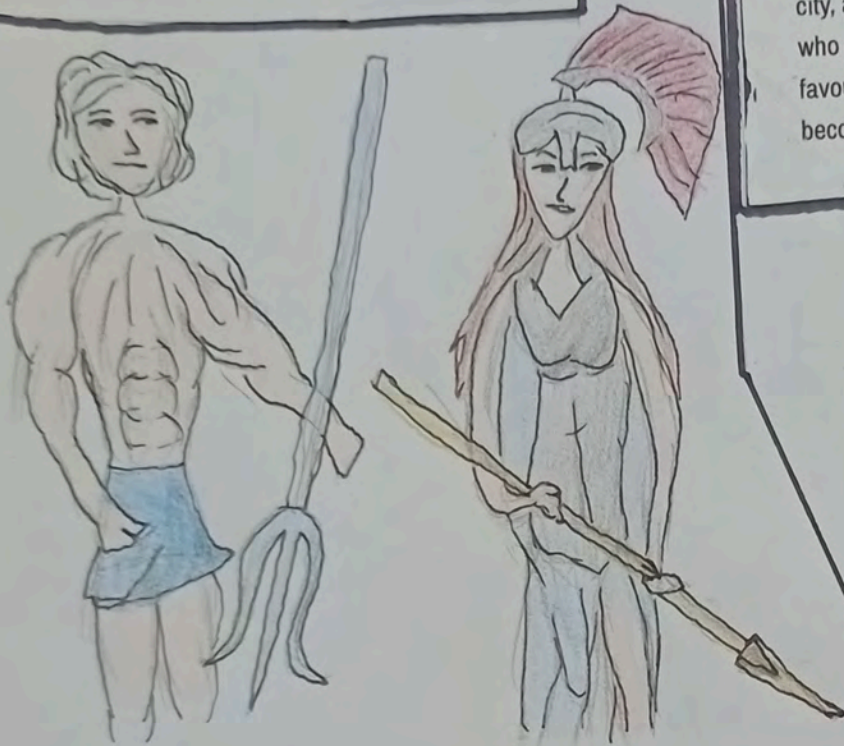
...but the village didn't want to risk angering the mighty Poseidon.



"Yours is a far better gift than mine, my lovely niece. The village is yours!"

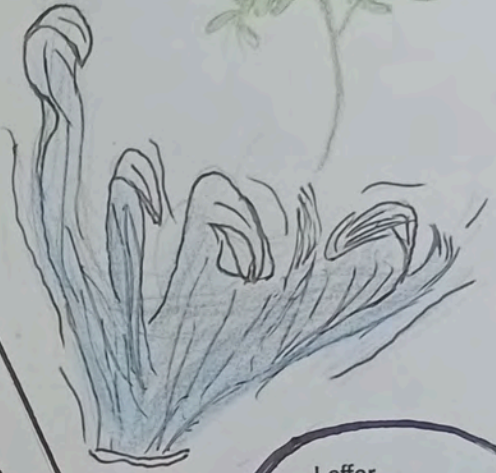


Before being called its modern name, Athens was holding a competition for which god would be the patron. Athena and Poseidon were competing.



They had to each produce a gift to offer the city, and the god who gave the favourite gift would become the patron.

I offer...
An olive tree!



I offer...
A constant supply
of water to avoid
drought!

The people chose Athena's olive tree,
and the city was named Athens after Athena.



We chose Athena!

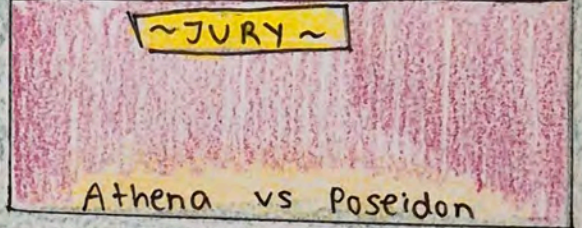
Go find another city
Poseidon - this is
Athens now!



★ THE NAMING OF ATHENS



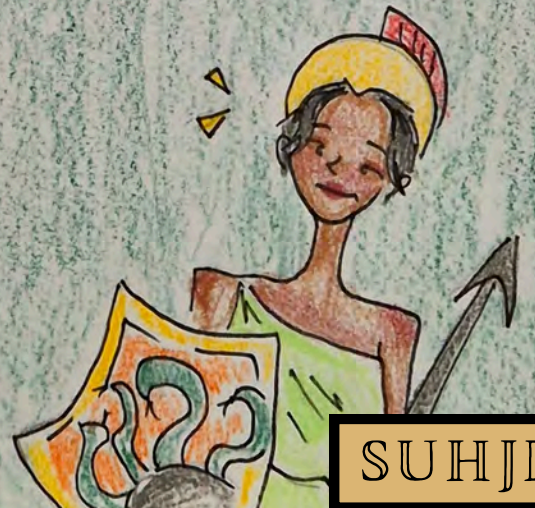
There was a city in Greece that both Athena (goddess of wisdom) and Poseidon (god of sea) wanted to name and protect. They decided to enter themselves into a competition. They called the other olympian gods and the ruler of the city to judge.




Poseidon hit the ground with his trident, bringing sea water. Athena brought olive trees. Zeus told the other gods to decide who should be the winner.




The ruler of the city saw the city was already surrounded by sea water. Therefore, the olives were more useful. He named the city Αθῆνα - Athena.





WANDERINGS
OF
ODYSSEUS





THERE ONCE WAS A KING CALLED ODYSSEUS. HE WAS BRAVE AND WISE, WITH A CREW OF 600 MEN. AFTER A TEN-YEAR WAR, HE SET OUT ON A QUEST TO TRAVEL BACK TO HIS KINGDOM, ITHACA.



ON A SEARCH FOR FOOD, HE STUMBLED UPON A HUNGRY BEAST. IT WAS POLYPHEMUS, THE CYCLOPS. HE FOUGHT THE BEAST, BLINDING IT IN THE PROCESS. POLYPHEMUS WAS FURIOUS, AND PRAYED TO POSEIDON FOR VENGEANCE.

AFTER DEFEATING THE CYCLOPS, ODYSSEUS ENCOUNTERED THE WIND GOD, AEOLUS, WHO GAVE HIM A BAG CONTAINING ALL FOUR WINDS. BUT, AS THEY NEARED HOME, THE OTHER SAILORS OPENED THE BAG WHILE ODYSSEUS WAS ASLEEP, BELIEVING IT TO BE TREASURE, WHICH BLEW THEM FAR AWAY FROM ITHACA.



THE FOUR WINDS BLEW THEM ALL THE WAY TO POSEIDON'S LAIR. POSEIDON GOT HIS REVENGE, AND DESTROYED ALL THE SHIPS BUT ODYSSEUS', KILLING 557 MEN.



THEY SAILED AWAY FROM POSEIDON AND ARRIVED ON THE ISLAND OF CIRCE. SHE WAS A WITCH, WHO TRANSFORMED MANY OF ODYSSEUS' MEN INTO PIGS, BUT THEN SHE PARLEYED WITH ODYSSEUS AND UNDOED HER SPELL.



CIRCE HELPED ODYSSEUS TO GET TO THE UNDERWORLD, SO HE COULD TRY TO FIND THE PROPHET, TIRESIAS.



ODYSSEUS FOUND TIRESIAS, WHO SAID THAT ODYSSEUS AND HIS CREW WOULD ONLY SURVIVE IF THEY AVOIDED KILLING HELIOS' SACRED CATTLE.



AS ODYSSEUS CONTINUED HIS JOURNEY, HE PASSED MANY OTHER MONSTERS, LIKE THE SIRENS...



SCYLLA...

AND CHARYBDIS.



THEN HE SAILED SOME MORE AND CAME TO HELIOS' ISLAND. HIS CREW WERE STARVING BUT THEY KNEW IF THEY ATE HELIOS' SACRED CATTLE THEY WOULD DIE.

EVENTUALLY, HUNGER BECAME TOO GREAT AND ODYSSEUS' MEN KILLED ONE OF HELIOS' CATTLE. HELIOS SENT ZEUS TO SMITE THEM, AND ALL BUT ODYSSEUS WERE KILLED.



ODYSSEUS LEFT HELIOS' ISLAND, BUT SOON ARRIVED AT THE ISLAND OF CALYPSO. THIS ISLAND WAS CURSED SO THAT ODYSSEUS COULD NEVER LEAVE.

ODYSSEUS FINALLY MADE IT BACK HOME, BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM. HIS WIFE, PENELOPE, HAD MANY SUITORS TRYING TO MARRY HER TO TAKE THE CROWN. ODYSSEUS, MADE MORE RUTHLESS BY HIS VOYAGE, SLAUGHTERED THEM ALL.



ATHENA, HOWEVER, HELD A MEETING WITH THE OTHER GODS, AND SHE CONVINCED THEM TO RELEASE ODYSSEUS USING THEIR DIVINE POWERS.

ODYSSEUS WAS FINALLY HOME, WITH NO MORE PROBLEMS. HE REUNITED WITH HIS WIFE AND HIS SON, TELEMACHUS. THE ODYSSEY WAS OVER.



I JUST NEED TO GET HOME TO MY HOMETLAND OF ITHACA, TO REUNITE WITH MY WIFE, PENELOPE

YOU'LL BE FACED WITH A TRICKY CHOICE. YOU'LL NEED TO NAVIGATE THE STRAITS BETWEEN SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS. BE CAREFUL, DOYSSEUS!

SCYLLA IS A SIX-HEADED MONSTER. IF YOU PASSTOO CLOSE SHE'LL TAKE SIX OF YOUR MEN. ON THE OTHER SIDE IS CHARYBDIS - A HUGE WHIRLPOOL MONSTER!

IF YOU STAY AWAY FROM ONE, YOU'LL BE TOO CLOSE TO THE OTHER!

HMM, SO I'M BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE?

YEP!

A APPROACHING SCYLLA'S LAIR...

KEEP ROWING!

SPLASH!

THE SIX MEN WE LOST PAID THE ULTIMATE PRICE, BUT WE WOULD ALL HAVE PAID THE PRICE IF WE'D GONE DOWN THAT WHIRLPOOL!

I'M NOT VERY HAPPY ABOUT THIS!

ZEUS

OR NO! CHARYBDIS!

IF I HANG ON TO THIS BRANCH I'LL BE OK. TOO BAD FOR MY MEN THOUGH.

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS DRAMA. I NEED A REST!

When the men came from the ship and on to the island.

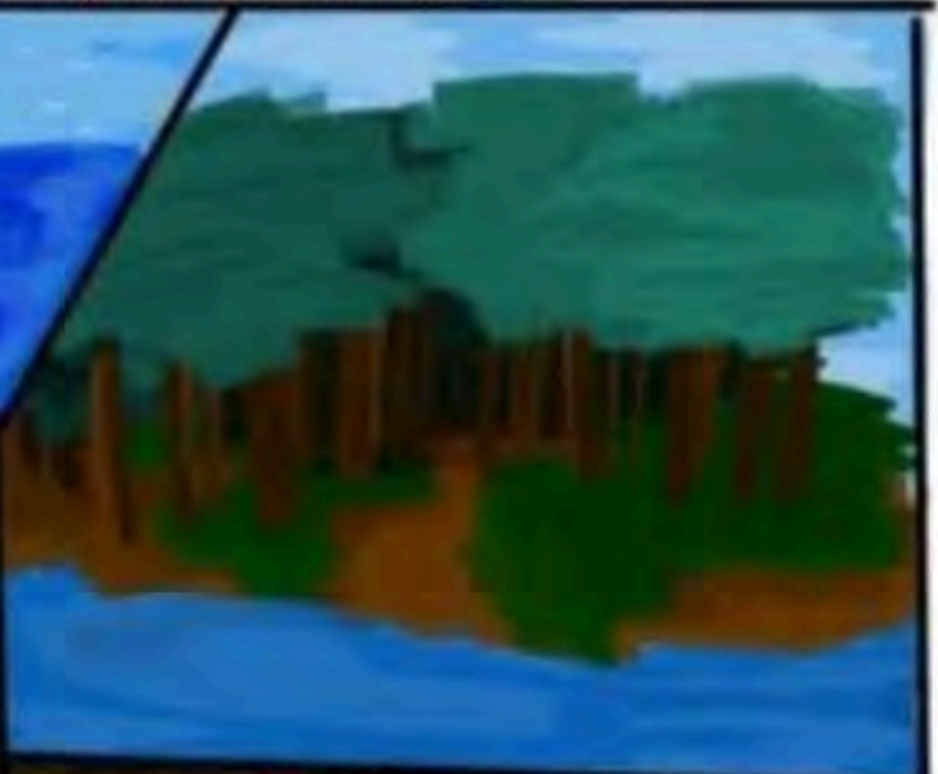


You called to them

you welcomed them in



another lamb to the slaughter



Like clockwork, they came



pigs surrounded the door



They sat so nicely.



So obedient



You smiled brightly

What a wicked woman

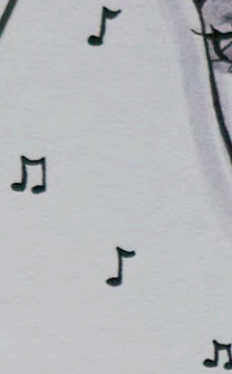
IN A CLEARING IN A FOREST ON AEAEA, THERE WAS A CASTLE SURROUNDED BY PROWLING LIONS AND WOLVES; HOME TO THE GODDESS CIRCE.

DAUGHTER OF THE SUN. ONE DAY, A PARTY OF ODYSSEUS' MEN WHO HAD ARRIVED ON THE ISLAND APPROACH THE PALACE AS INSTRUCTED BY ODYSSEUS.



THEY COULD HEAR CIRCE'S BEAUTIFUL SINGING VOICE FROM INSIDE HER HOME AS SHE WEAVED FABRICS ON HER LOOM.

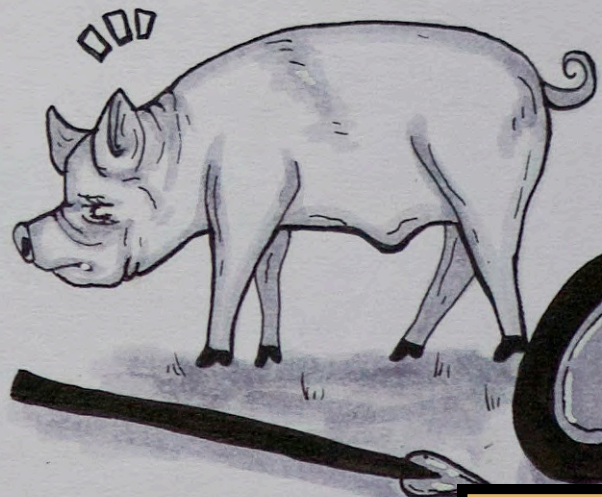
ONCE THEY MADE THEMSELVES KNOWN, THE GODDESS WARMLY WELCOMED THE MEN AND PREPARED THEM FOOD INFUSED WITH SPECIAL MAGIC OF HER OWN.



THEN, THE POWERFUL WITCH CIRCE STRUCK THE MEN WITH HER WAND...



...AND THE MEN TURNED INTO PIGS.



PENELOPE WAS THE WIFE OF ODYSSEUS, AND COMPARED TO MOST COUPLES IN MYTHOLOGY, THEY WEREN'T ACTUALLY TOO BAD



MOST PEOPLE KNOW THAT ODYSSEUS FOUGHT IN THE TROJAN WAR AND IN DOING SO LEFT PENELOPE AND THEIR SON TELEMACHUS



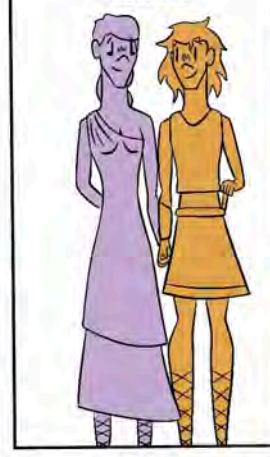
AND MOSTLY, PEOPLE FOLLOWED ODYSSEUS ON HIS QUEST BACK TO ITHACA



BUT WHAT HAPPENED TO PENELOPE AND TELEMACHUS?...



A SURPRISING AMOUNT TO NOT BE COMMON KNOWLEDGE



PENELOPE WAS INSTANTLY SWARMED WHEN THE RUMOUR OF ODYSSEUS'S DEATH SPREAD

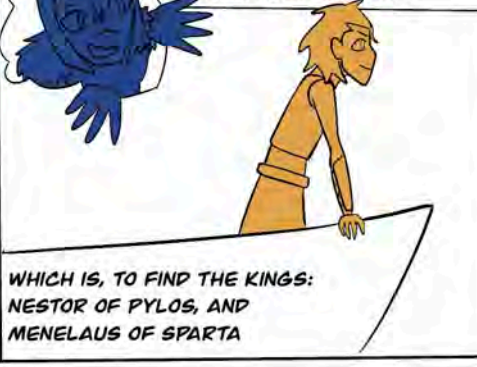


MEANWHILE TELEMACHUS WAS BEING BULLIED BY THE SUITORS



AND WHILE THEY DIDN'T TELL HIM, THEY WERE ALSO CONSPIRING TO KILL HIM

LUCKILY, ATHENA WARNS TELEMACHUS, ALONG WITH TELLING HIM HOW HE CAN START TO LOCATE HIS FATHER



WHICH IS, TO FIND THE KINGS: NESTOR OF PYLOS, AND MENELAUS OF SPARTA

WHO BETWEEN THEM BOTH, PRETTY MUCH EXPOSITION DUMP THE EVENTS OF THE ODYSSEY UP TO THIS POINT.



AT THIS POINT THE SUITORS ARE GETTING REALLY RESTLESS, AND EXPECTING PENELOPE TO PICK A NEW HUSBAND SOON. BOTH BECAUSE PENELOPE IS INCREDIBLY BEAUTIFUL, AND BECAUSE MARRYING HER WOULD MAKE THEM KING



AND IN THE PROCESS PRIVING PENELOPE INSANE

SO SHE MADE A PLAN...



I WILL PICK MY NEW HUSBAND WHEN I AM DONE WITH MY NEWEST TAPESTRY! I KNOW YOU'VE ALL BEEN VERY PATIENT, SO YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER

AND THEY WERE ALL SURPRISINGLY FINE WITH THIS PLAN



SO THEN SHE FINISHED...

AND UNDI...

THE SAME TAPESTRY...

FOR 10 YEARS...

EVENTUALLY TELEMACHUS REUNITED WITH ODYSSEUS



TELEMACHUS THEN GAVE HIS FATHER A RUN DOWN OF WHAT HAPPENED WHILE HE WAS GONE



ON HIS WAY BACK TO HIS PALACE HE FINDS HIS OLD SWINEHERD WHO DESPITE HIS DISGUISE, SHOWS ODYSSEUS WONDERFUL HOSPITALITY

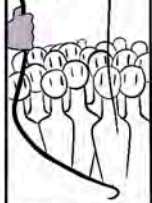


THEN ODYSSEUS BEGAN TOWARDS HIS PALACE



HAD WHEN HE GOT INSIDE PENELOPE WAS ANNOUNCING SOMETHING

WHO EVER COULD STRING ODYSSEUS'S BOW, AND SUCCESSFULLY FIRE IT THROUGH 12 AXE HEADS, WOULD BE HER NEW HUSBAND



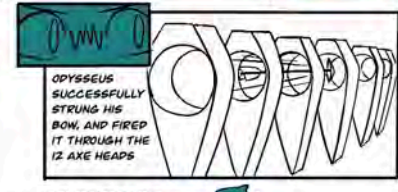
MANY TRIED



AND FAILED



UNTIL



ODYSSEUS SUCCESSFULLY STRUNG HIS BOW, AND FIRED IT THROUGH THE 12 AXE HEADS

THEY STARTED PLANNING HOW TO GET ODYSSEUS BACK TO HIS KINGDOM WITHOUT DRAWING ATTENTION. SO ATHENA DIVINE INTERVENTION'S AND DISGUISES ODYSSEUS AS AN OLD BEGGAR



THEN AFTER HIS VICTORY HIS DISGUISE DROPPED AND ODYSSEUS'S TRUE FORM WAS REVEALED UNFORTUNATELY ALL THE SUITORS TOOK THIS AS THEIR CHANCE TO KILL HIM, AND TAKE PENELOPE AND THE THRONE



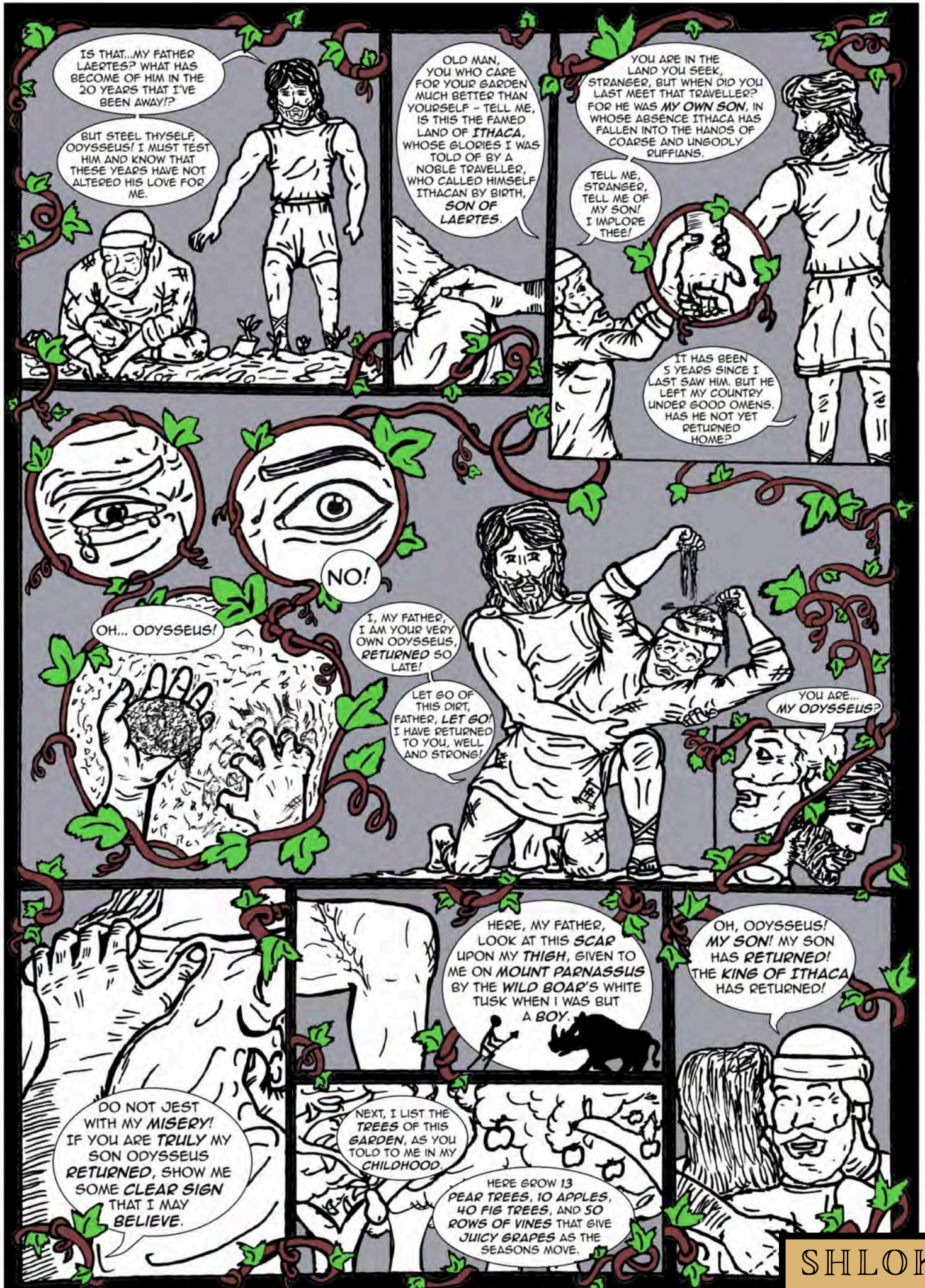
BUT WITH THE HELP OF TELEMACHUS AND HIS OLD SWINEHERD, THEY MANAGED TO KILL ALL THE SUITORS, WHICH IS QUITE VIOLENT.



AND WHILE ON HIS WAY BACK HE GOT HIS ENTIRE CREW KILLED, AND SORT OF CHEATED ON PENELOPE WITH CIRCE, BUT HEY, PENELOPE FORGAVE ALL THAT. AND THEY PROCEEDED TO LIVE A FAIRLY CALM LIFE FOR A GREEK MYTH

THE END

Odysseus - Laertes Reunion



IS THAT...MY FATHER LAERTES? WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM IN THE 20 YEARS THAT I'VE BEEN AWAY!?

BUT STEEL THYSELF, ODYSSEUS! I MUST TEST HIM AND KNOW THAT THESE YEARS HAVE NOT ALTERED HIS LOVE FOR ME.

OLD MAN, YOU WHO CARE FOR YOUR GARDEN MUCH BETTER THAN YOURSELF - TELL ME, IS THIS THE FAMED LAND OF ITHACA, WHOSE GLORIES I WAS TOLD OF BY A NOBLE TRAVELLER, WHO CALLED HIMSELF ITHACAN BY BIRTH, SON OF LAERTES.

YOU ARE IN THE LAND YOU SEEK, STRANGER, BUT WHEN DID YOU LAST MEET THAT TRAVELLER? FOR HE WAS MY OWN SON, IN WHOSE ABSENCE ITHACA HAS FALLEN INTO THE HANDS OF COARSE AND UNGODLY RUFFIANS.

TELL ME, STRANGER, TELL ME OF MY SON! I IMPLORE THEE!

IT HAS BEEN 5 YEARS SINCE I LAST SAW HIM. BUT HE LEFT MY COUNTRY UNDER GOOD OMENS. HAS HE NOT YET RETURNED HOME?

NO!

OH... ODYSSEUS!

I, MY FATHER, I AM YOUR VERY OWN ODYSSEUS, RETURNED SO LATE!

LET GO OF THIS DIRT, FATHER, LET GO! I HAVE RETURNED TO YOU, WELL AND STRONG!

YOU ARE... MY ODYSSEUS?

HERE, MY FATHER, LOOK AT THIS SCAR UPON MY THIGH, GIVEN TO ME ON MOUNT PARNASSUS BY THE WILD BOAR'S WHITE TUSK WHEN I WAS BUT A BOY.

OH, ODYSSEUS! MY SON! MY SON HAS RETURNED! THE KING OF ITHACA HAS RETURNED!

DO NOT JEST WITH MY MISERY! IF YOU ARE TRULY MY SON ODYSSEUS RETURNED, SHOW ME SOME CLEAR SIGN THAT I MAY BELIEVE.

NEXT, I LIST THE TREES OF THIS GARDEN, AS YOU TOLD TO ME IN MY CHILDHOOD.

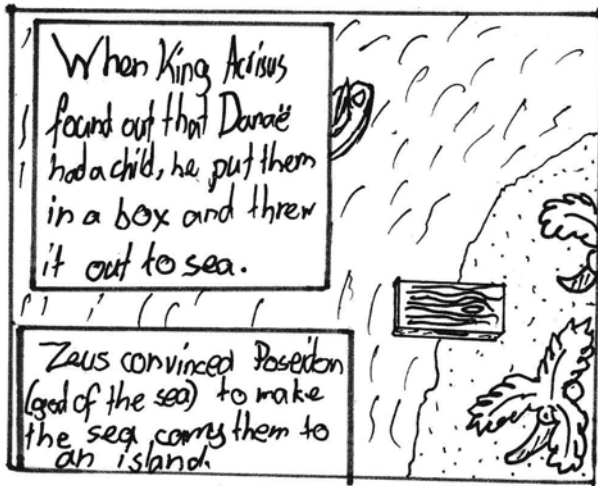
HERE GROW 13 PEAR TREES, 10 APPLES, 40 FIG TREES, AND 50 ROWS OF VINES THAT GIVE JUICY GRAPES AS THE SEASONS MOVE.



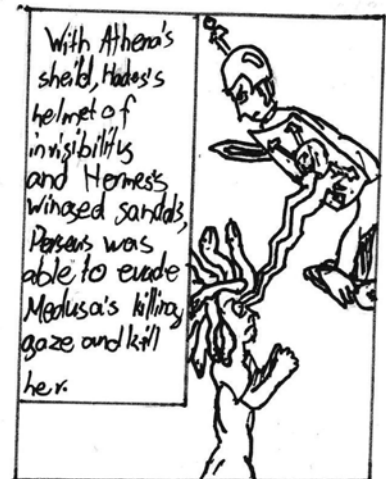
DANAË



Danaë's Story



A few years later, when Danaë's son (Perseus) was already a young man, the Kings of the island (who loved Danaë) agreed not to marry her unless if Perseus would bring him the head of the Gorgon Medusa.



THE END

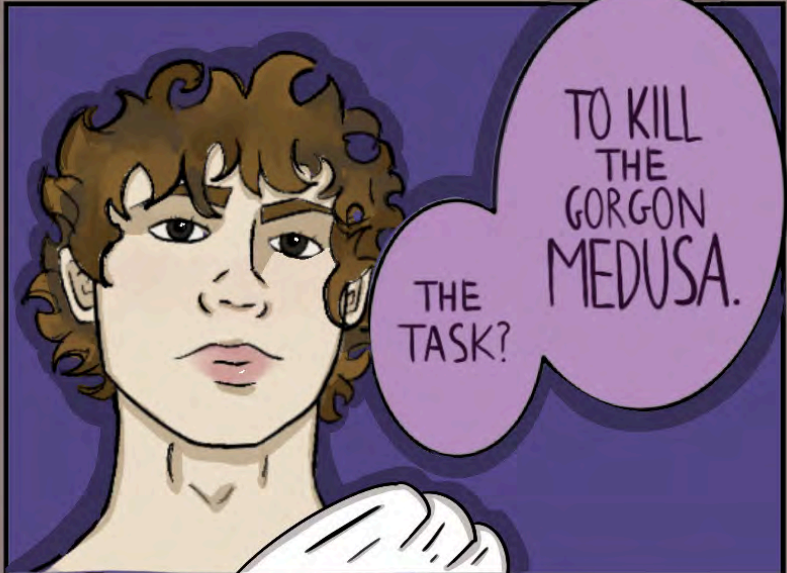


PERSEUS

&

MEDUSA

PERSEUS, DEMIGOD BORN TO ZEUS AND DANAE OF ARGOS, LIVED A BANISHED LIFE WITH HIS MOTHER, WHO HE BECAME VERY PROTECTIVE OF, ESPECIALLY DUE TO HER MANY AGGRESSIVE ADMIRERS. ONE OF THESE WAS THE KING POLYDECTES, WHO PERSEUS DESPISED. SENSING THIS, THE KING OFFERED A DEAL: HE WOULD LET PERSEUS' MOTHER GO IF PERSEUS COMPLETED A SPECIAL TASK. AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK, EVEN.

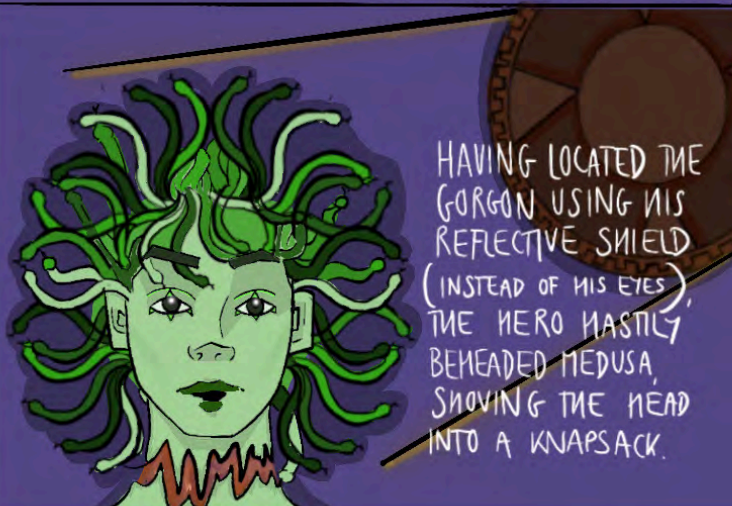


AS PERSEUS EMBARKED ON HIS JOURNEY, WITH A SWORD AND INVISIBILITY HELMET FROM HIS FATHER, HE ENCOUNTERED TWO DEITIES HERMES AND ATHENA.



HERMES GAVE HIM WINGED SANDALS, WHILE ATHENA GAVE HIM HER POLISHED SHIELD AND DIRECTIONS TO THE GRAIAE, WHO WOULD LEAD PERSEUS TO MEDUSA.

KNOWING THAT IF HE LOOKED AT MEDUSA HE WOULD TURN TO STONE, PERSEUS HATCHED A CUNNING PLAN...



HAVING LOCATED THE GORGON USING HIS REFLECTIVE SHIELD (INSTEAD OF HIS EYES), THE HERO HASTILY BEHEADED MEDUSA, SHOVING THE HEAD INTO A KNAPSACK.

HE RETURNED HOME VICTORIOUS, USING THE HEAD OF MEDUSA TO TURN KING POLYDECTES TO STONE, SAVING HIS MOTHER AND HIMSELF.

PERSEUS ΠΕΡΣΕΥΣ

Perseus was born to the God Zeus and the mortal Danae.



One day, King Seriphos said...

Present to me the head of the Gorgon called Medusa!



NO!

Do it or else I'll marry your mother. Bring Medusa's head to me. You will turn to stone if you look at her eyes.



Thanks Hermes

Thanks Hades

Thanks Hephaestus

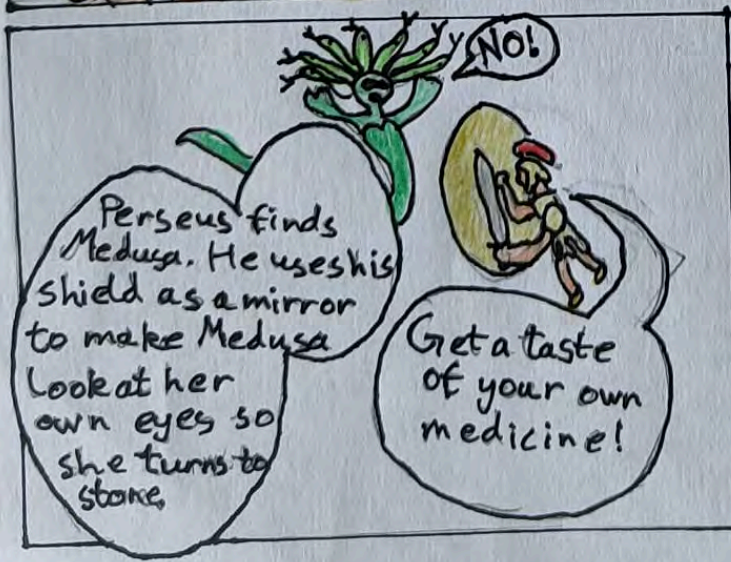
Thank You Athena

For the weapons and supplies



It's a good thing I have winged slippers.

Perseus receives a helmet from Hades; winged slippers from Hermes; a reflective shield from Athena; and a sword from Hephaestus

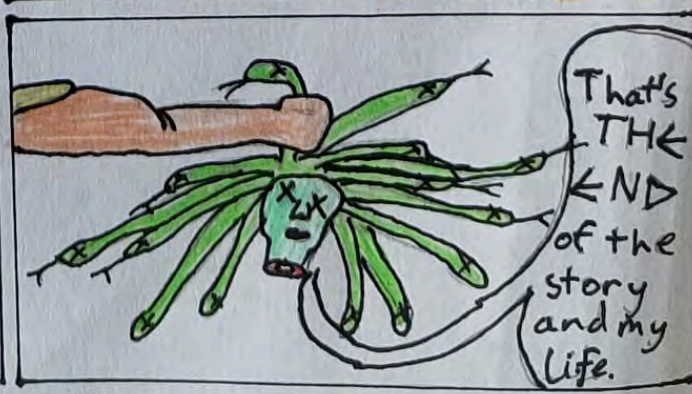


NO!

Perseus finds Medusa. He uses his shield as a mirror to make Medusa look at her own eyes so she turns to stone.

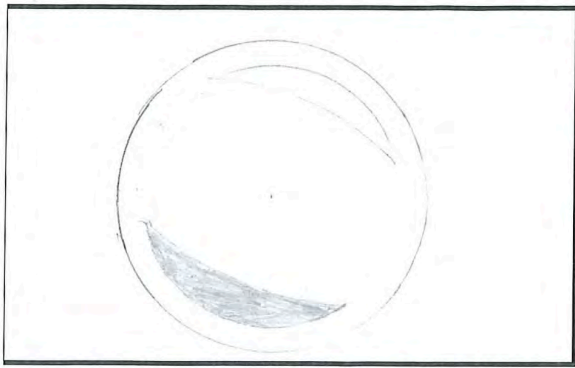
Get a taste of your own medicine!

Medusa died and he returned her head to King Seriphos.

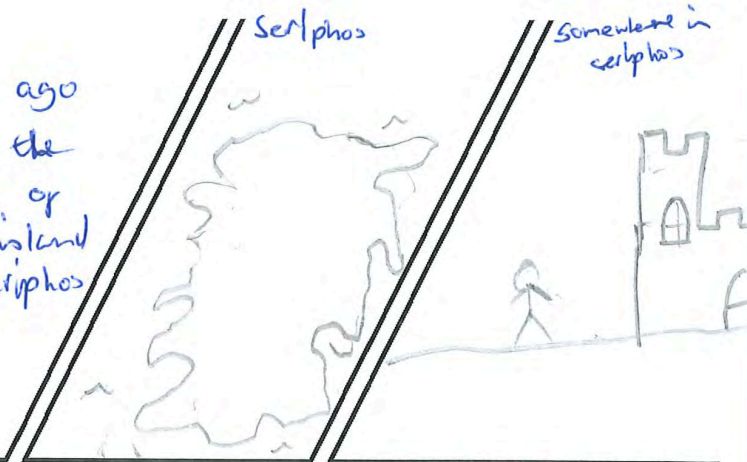


That's THE END of the story and my life.

Perseus & Medusa



Long ago
in the
depths of
the island
of Seriphos



Where's
my
horse?
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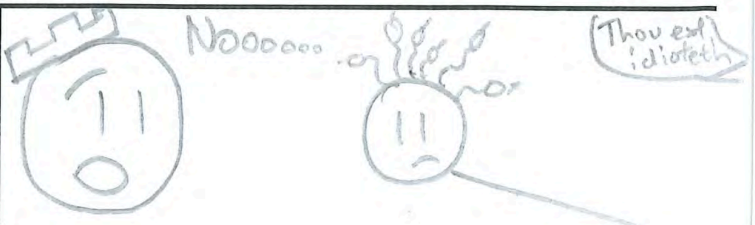
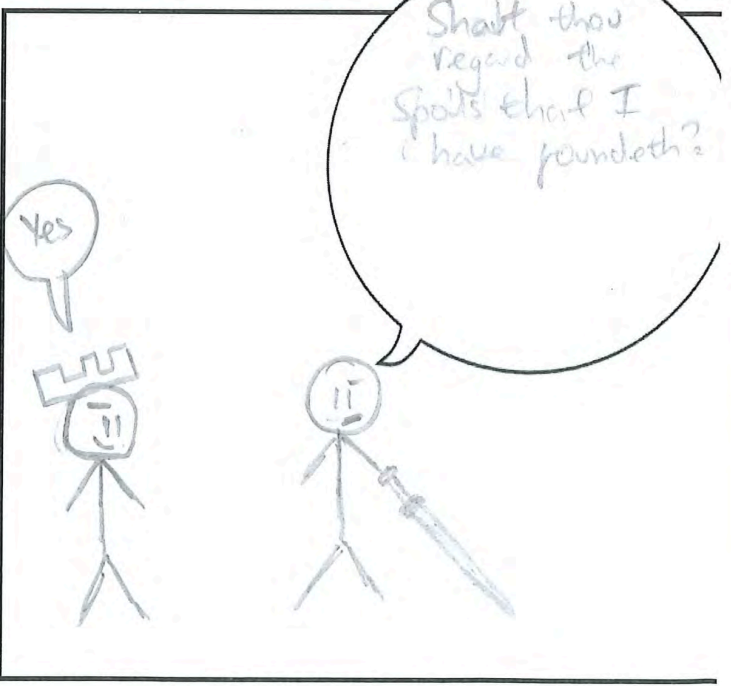
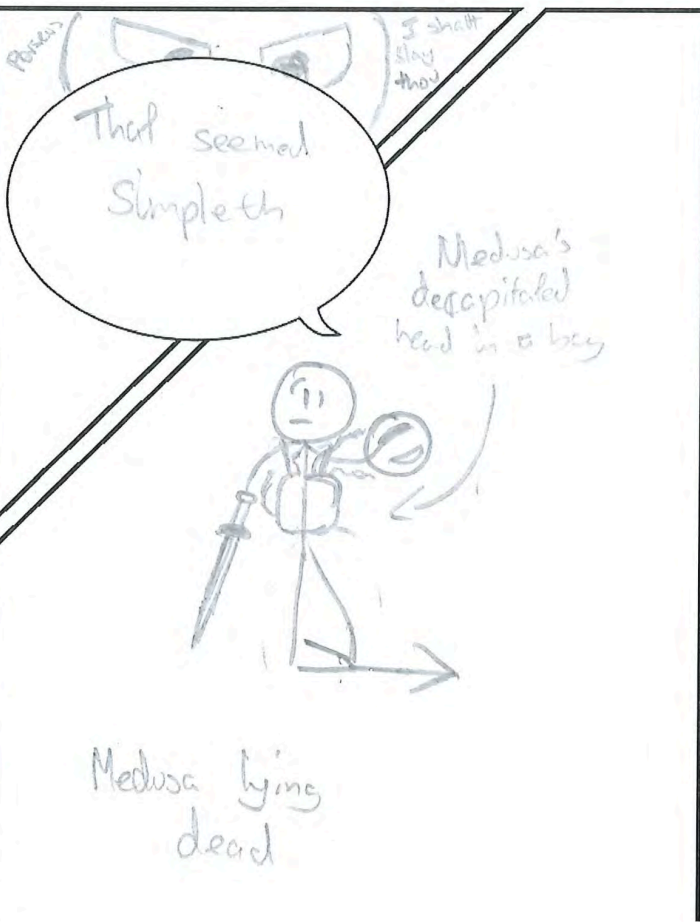
Thou shalt
slay the
monster
Medusa
③



②
I don't have a horse
but I, thee, shall give
anything you
wanteth.

④
noooooo...

A few whiles, a sword and a shield later



MEDUSA VS PERSEUS

A TALE BY THE ANCIENT GREEKS BROUGHT TO THE WORLD OF COMICS.



THANK YOU FOR READING - THE MYSTERY ARTIST

Medusa, a beautiful woman, was born to Phorcys and Ceto along with her siblings, of which she was the only one mortal; Her other brothers and sisters consisting of some fearsome monsters.

Medusa

SCYLLA

One of the most well known figures of Greek myths, Medusa's story with her and Perseus remains legendary. However, the tragedy of which her life before she became the Snake is still widely untold...

ERINACE



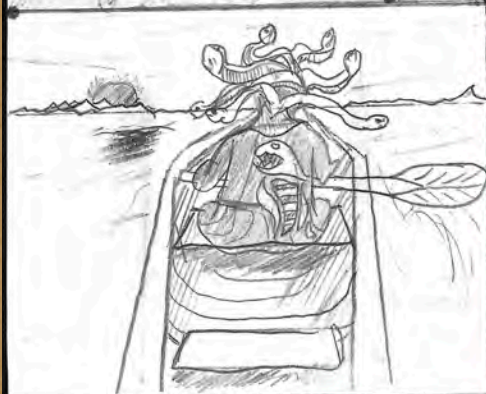
Medusa's charm was so potent that even Poseidon, God of the Sea had fallen infatuated with her.



That night, at the temple of Athena, Medusa unwittingly had received Poseidon's children.



From this act, it enraged Athena and caused her to curse Medusa: Transforming her once cascading hair into a coil of vicious serpent and engraving her gaze with a terrible spell which would grant those who glanced upon her now lost beauty, a rocky death.



Medusa, devastated by this, retreated to a lesser occupied land in hopes of not turning anymore people to stone. And so, she remained, by herself, in the middle & nowhere granting unlucky passers by a terrible death.

But, quite possibly, nothing was more terrible than the lonely fate which she was wrongly subjected to.



The poor dear's
back again, Sir.
Shall I send her in?

Very well.

I DONT KNOW WHAT'S
WRONG WITH ME!

maybe it's my
terrible makeup..

or the horrid noises
I make while I eat

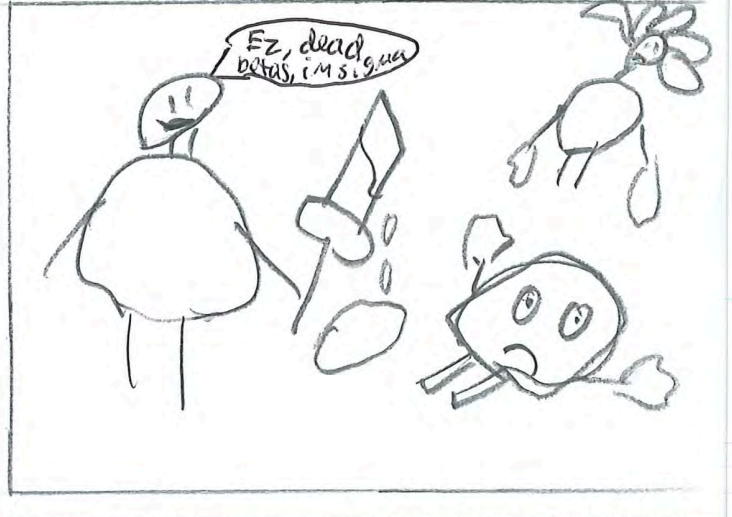
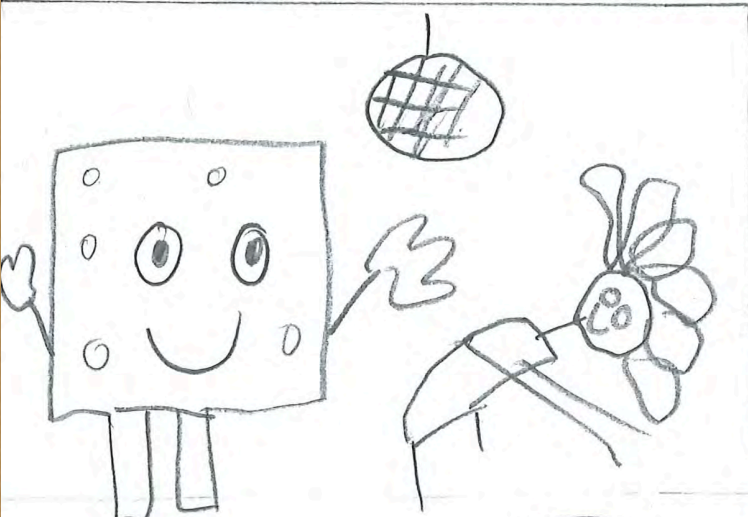
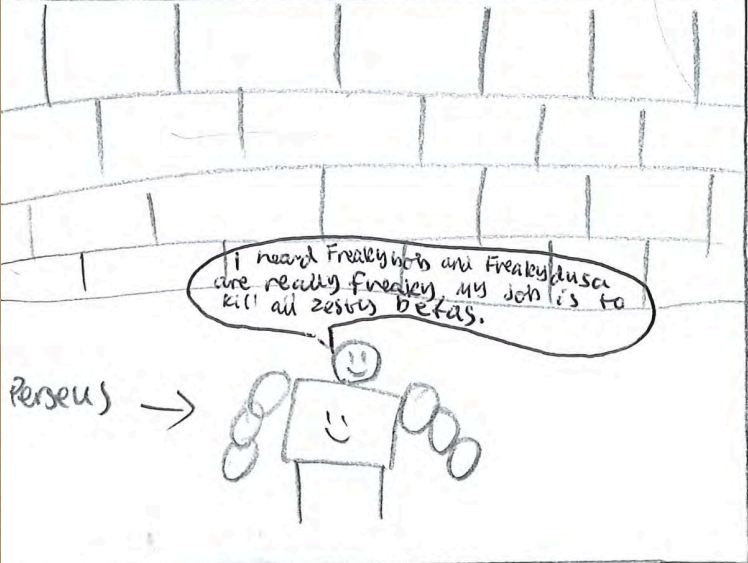
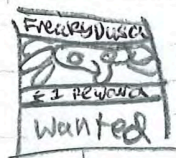
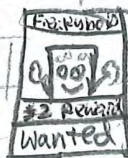
Oh, I don't know what
to do! Men can be so
cold hearted..

Medusa, darling, you need to
give up on this love at first
sight shtick! It's NOT for you!

They have LITERAL hearts of
stone when you're through
with them for crying out loud!

oh yeah..

PERSEUS and MEDUSA

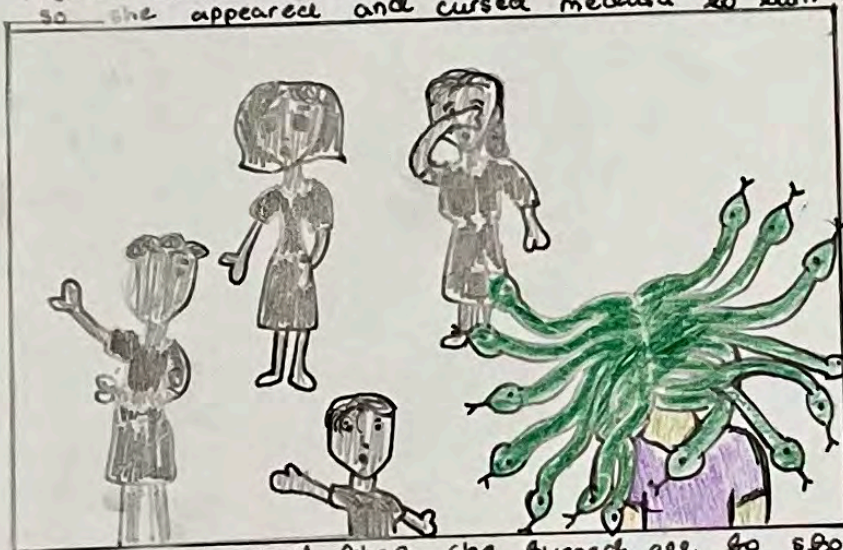




Medusa was a beautiful maiden who was Poseidon's girlfriend, in a storm, they had to take refuge in Athena's temple.



Athena hated Poseidon and didn't want him and Medusa to take refuge there, so she appeared and cursed Medusa to turn everyone who looked at her to stone.



Once she realised that she turned all to stone, she grieved in despair so she left the lake of Sarpedon (near Cisthene) and hid in a cave.



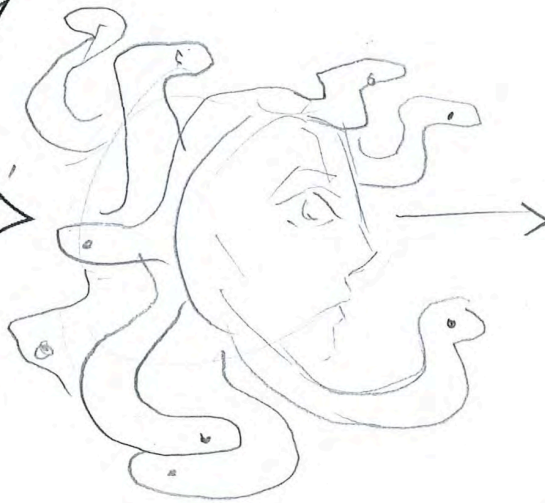
When she got to the cave, she met her sisters: Euryale and Stheno who were also cursed for trying to protect her. They became known as the 3 Gorgons.



"I'M JEALOUS OF HER.
I'LL CURSE HER!"



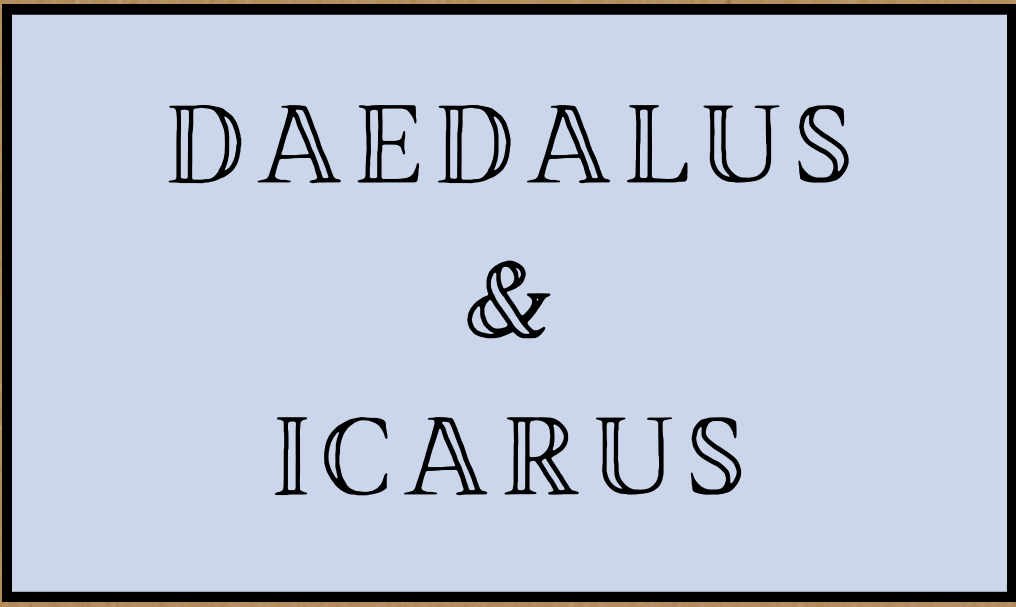

OH NO!
I TURNED
HER TO STONE!
I CAN NEVER
SHOW MY
FACE AGAIN!



"I CAN NEVER SHOW
MY FACE AGAIN!"



"I AM BACK, I NEED
REVENGE!"



DAEDALUS
&
ICARUS

On the island of Crete...

To escape from King Minos, we'll use these wings.

But, Icarus remember to not fly too close to the sun, or else the wax which holds these feathers will melt.

I get it already, Father!
Chuckles

Haha! Look at me, I'm like a bird!

Swoosh

Son, be careful!

I'm fine!

Icarus, you are too close to the sun!

AAAAH!

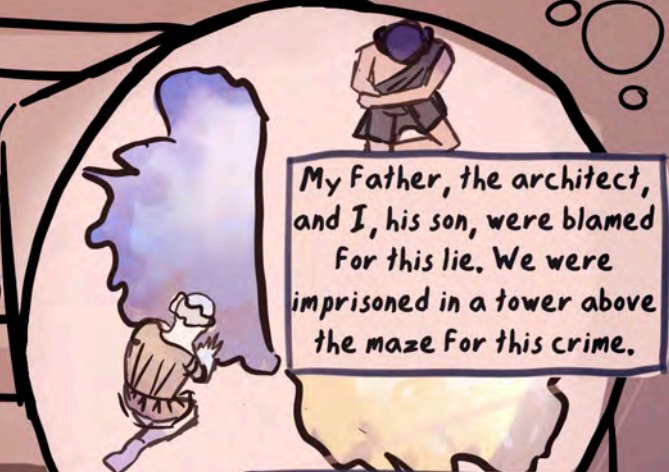
FATHER! THE WAX, IT'S...

NO!!!

In the end, Daedalus was forced to leave his son in the bottom of the ocean.



"The labyrinth was unbeatable" A LIE.

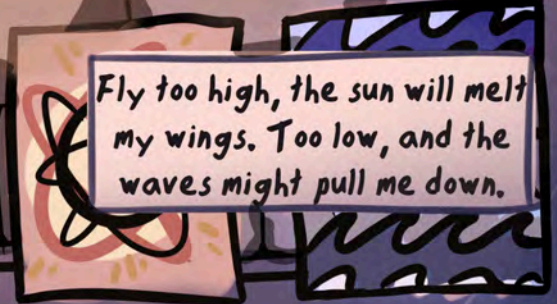


My Father, the architect, and I, his son, were blamed for this lie. We were imprisoned in a tower above the maze for this crime.



And he warned me:

But my Father, ever the genius, constructed wings. Wings of wax, wings of feathers, wings of thread. Wings of FREEDOM.



Fly too high, the sun will melt my wings. Too low, and the waves might pull me down.



ICARUS!!
But I did not listen..

And so I fell.

I will die soon.

I can feel water in my lungs.

I want to be remembered as "Icarus"
But I am just
"The child who flew too close to the sun."

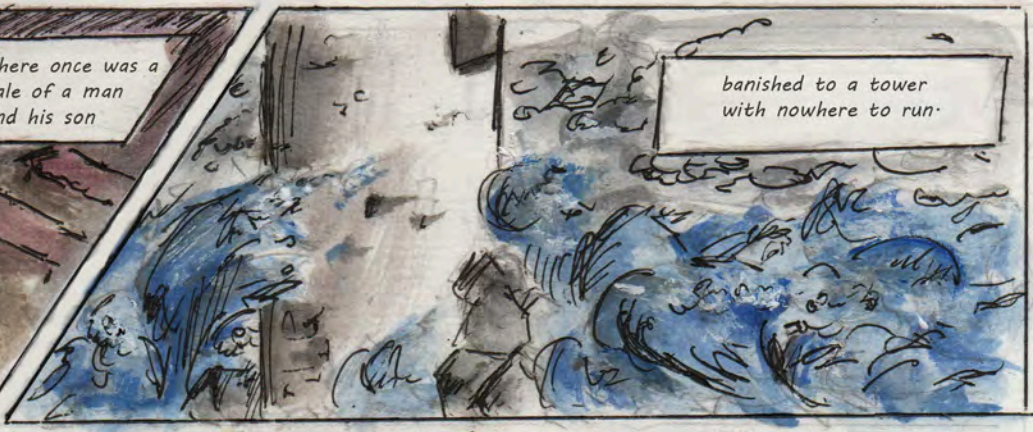


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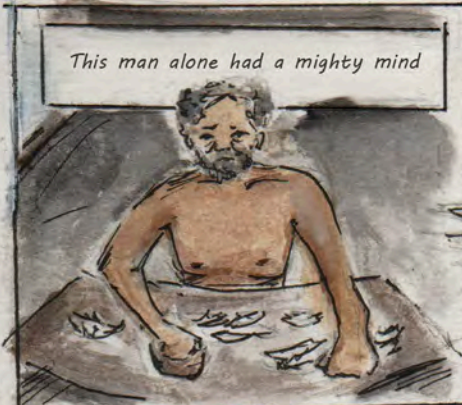
GOODBYE



There once was a tale of a man and his son



banished to a tower with nowhere to run

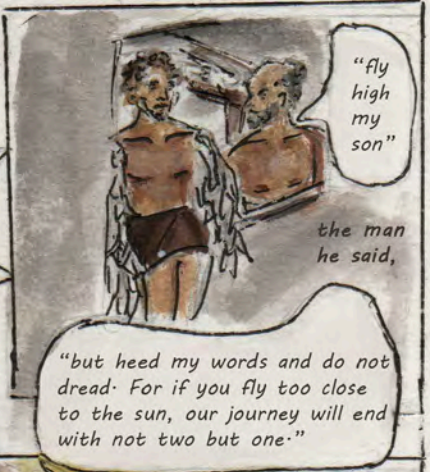


This man alone had a mighty mind



and crafted some

to leave their life behind...



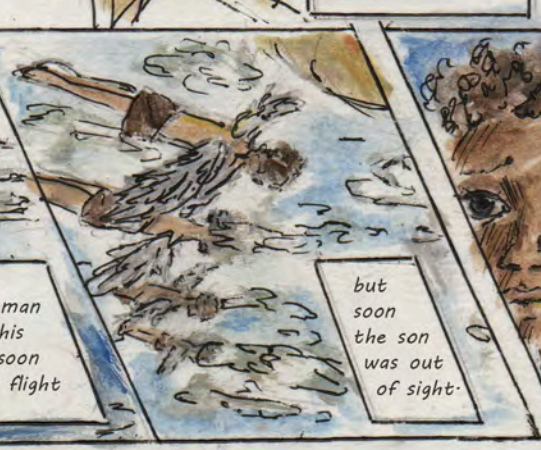
"fly high my son"

the man he said,

"but heed my words and do not dread. For if you fly too close to the sun, our journey will end with not two but one."



The man and his son soon took flight



but soon the son was out of sight.



This young man soon realised



the sun had taken his gift of flight.

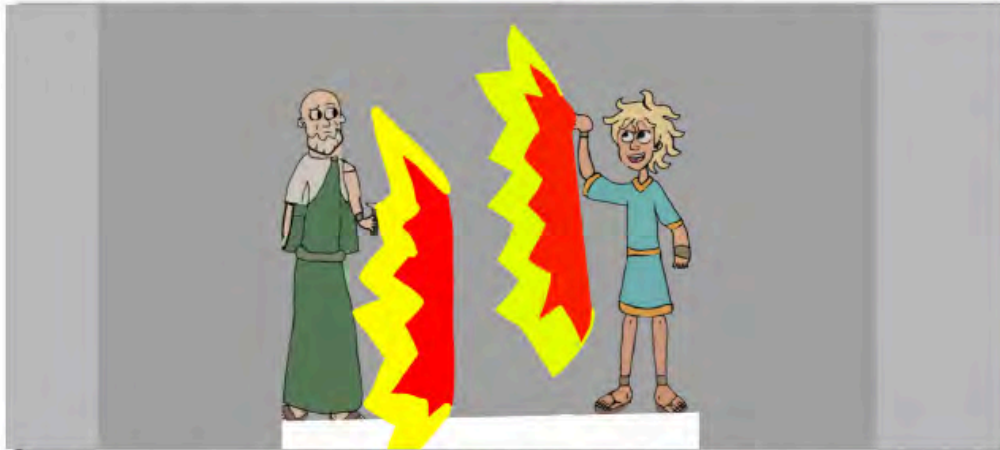


Banished to the land below, his father tried to catch him although



to no avail the son was gone and thus our tale ends with one.

The Flight Of Icarus



In the labyrinth of Crete, Daedalus, a brilliant inventor, crafted wings from feathers and wax for himself and his son, Icarus, to escape their imprisonment by King Minos.



As they prepared to flee, Daedalus gave Icarus a crucial warning.



With a leap of faith, they soared into the sky, leaving the island behind.



Icarus, exhilarated by the freedom and the thrill of flight, began to climb higher and higher.



Ignoring his father's warnings, Icarus flew too close to the scorching sun. The heat melted the wax holding his wings together.



With his wings in ruins, Icarus plummeted from the sky, plunging into the sea below.



Heartbroken, Daedalus watched as his son disappeared beneath the waves, continuing his journey alone



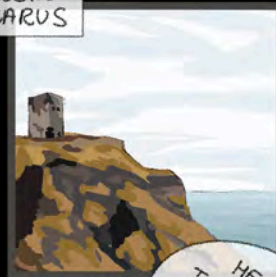
In memory of the boy who dared to fly too high, the sea where Icarus fell was forever named the Icarian Sea.



DAEDALUS WAS THE BRILLIANT INVENTOR,
WHO BUILT THE LABYRINTH FOR KING MINOS,
BUT MINOS WANTED HIS WORK FOR HIMSELF

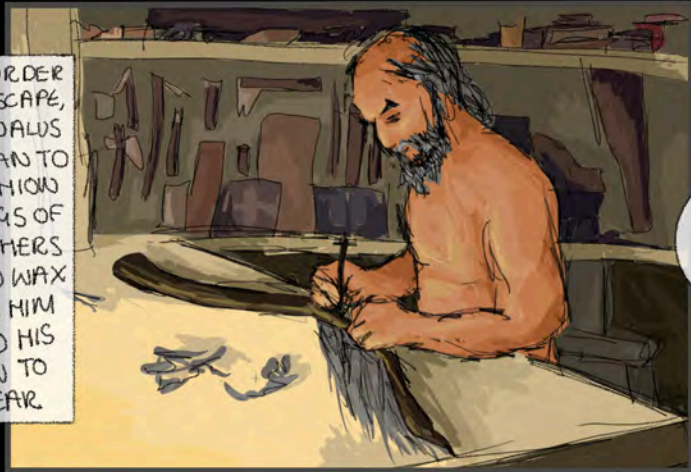


AND LOCKED DAEDALUS IN
PRISON WITH HIS SON, ICARUS



HE PLANNED
TO FLY OFF THE
ISLAND WITH
HIS SON

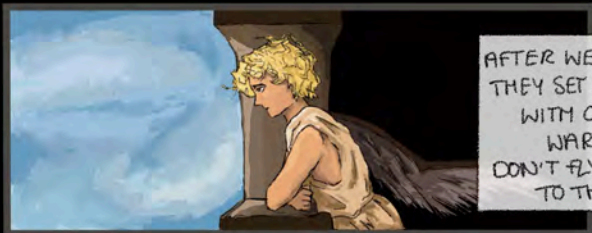
IN ORDER
TO ESCAPE,
DAEDALUS
BEGAN TO
FASHION
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FOR HIM
AND HIS
SON TO WEAR



OVER
THE SEA



LANDING
FAIR AWAY
FROM THEIR
PRISON



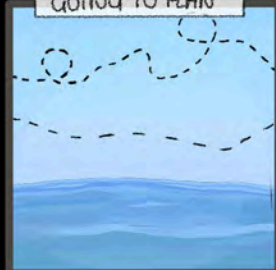
AFTER WEEKS OF WORK,
THEY SET OFF TOGETHER
WITH ONE FINAL
WARNING:
DON'T FLY TOO CLOSE
TO THE SUN



BUT SOON ICARUS
FLEW HIGHER...



AT FIRST
EVERYTHING WAS
GOING TO PLAN



AND HIGHER...

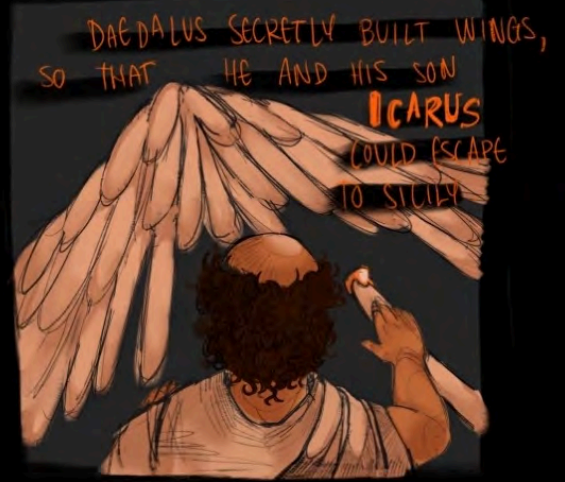
AND HIGHER...



UNTIL THE SUN MELTED THE WAX HOLDING
HIS WINGS TOGETHER AND HE FELL FROM THE SKY



WHEN THE KING
TURNED AGAINST DAE DALUS
AND IMPRISONED HIM...



DAE DALUS SECRETLY BUILT WINGS,
SO THAT HE AND HIS SON
ICARUS
COULD ESCAPE
TO SICILY



DAE DALUS WARNED ICARUS
NOT TO FLY TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN
BECAUSE THE WAX KEEPING HIS WINGS TOGETHER
COULD **MELT**.



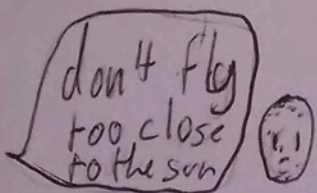
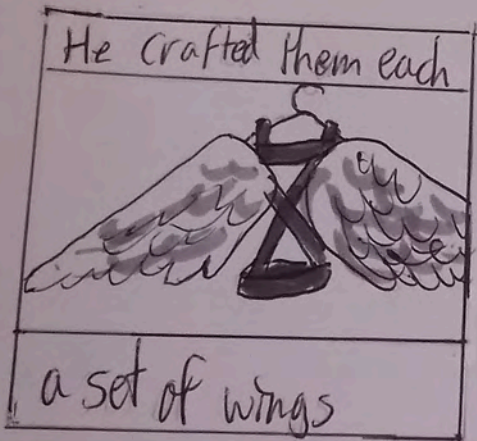
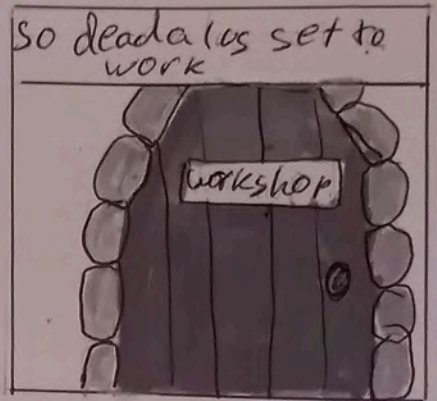
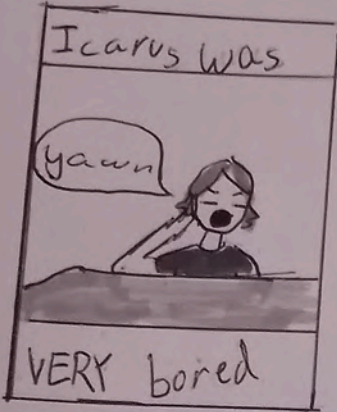
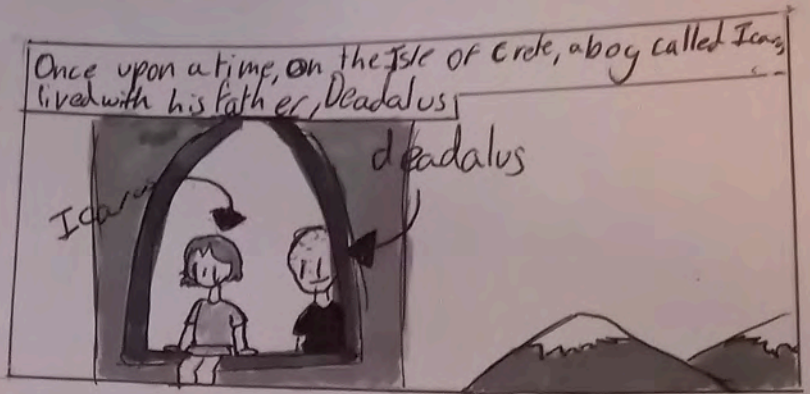
ICARUS GOT TOO
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AMBITIONS, AND FLEW
FAR TOO CLOSE TO THE
SUN...

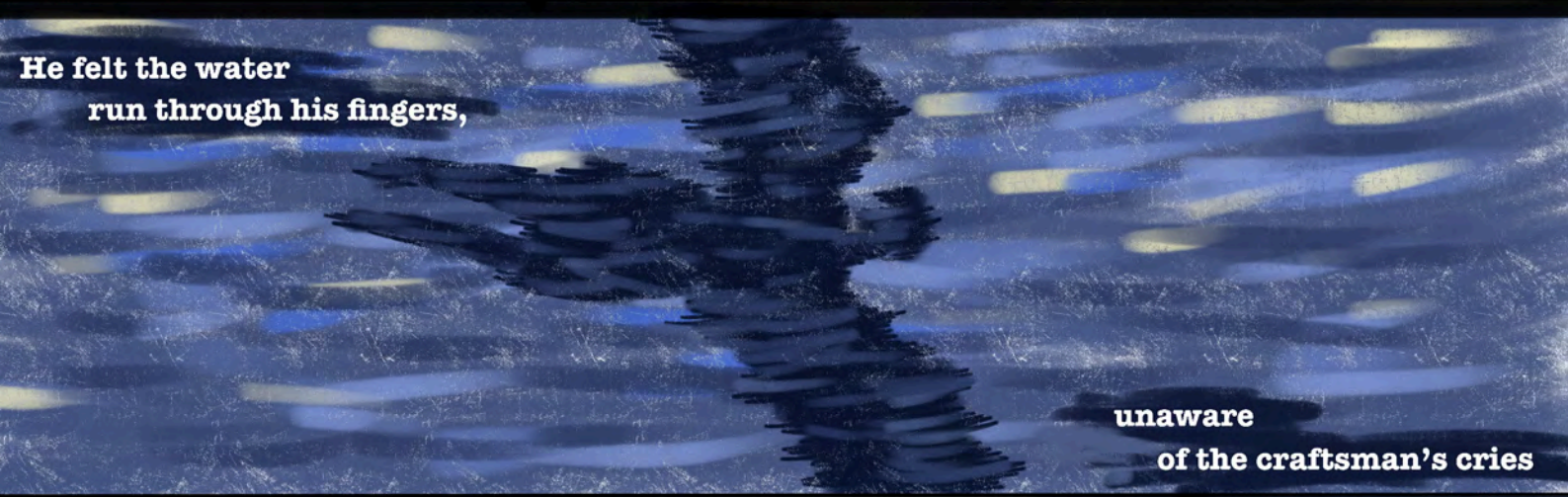


AS HE
SOUR
THE WAX HOLDING
HIS WINGS TOGETHER
MELTED.



AND ICARUS
FELL
DOWN
INTO THE
SEA...





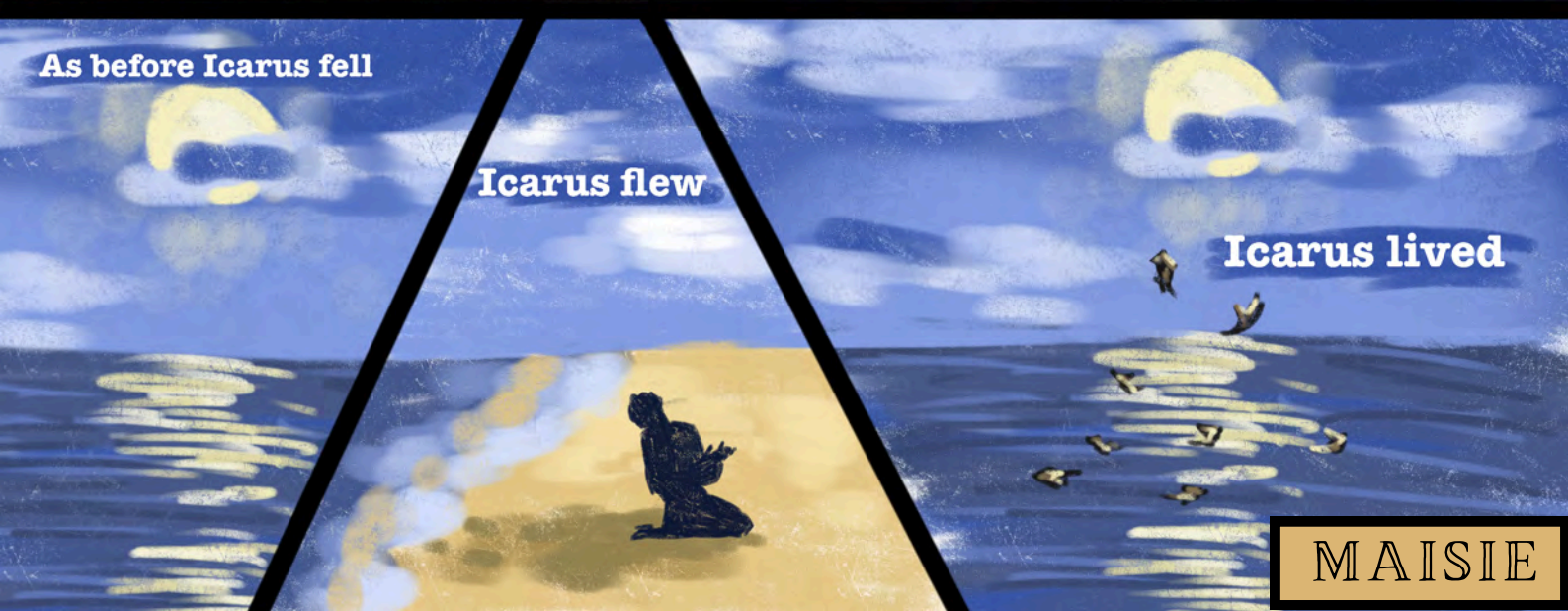
He felt the water
run through his fingers,

unaware
of the craftsman's cries



He felt the sun
Kiss his skin,

Unaware
Of the craftsman's begging



As before Icarus fell

Icarus flew

Icarus lived

Daedalus and his son Icarus were imprisoned by King Minos, who had discovered that Daedalus had aided Theseus to escape the labyrinth and slay the minotaur. Fearing he would reveal the secrets of the labyrinth, the King trapped Daedalus (and his son) in the labyrinth.



To escape, Daedalus creates two sets of wings, each made from feathers, wax and branches of osier wood. They planned to fly to Sicily, as the King controlled all of the ships.

Daedalus had warned his son not to fly too close to the sun or the wax would melt, and not too close to the sea or the water would soak the feathers and weigh them down. However...



...Icarus did not listen. His overambition urged him to fly as close to the sun as possible, ignoring his father's advice.



And before he knew it...



...his wings fell apart as the wax melted, causing him to fall from the sky and drown in the ocean below.



This...

...was The Fall of Icarus

"Never regret thy fall, O Icarus of the fearless flight,
For the greatest tragedy of them all, is to never feel the burning light." -Oscar Wilde.

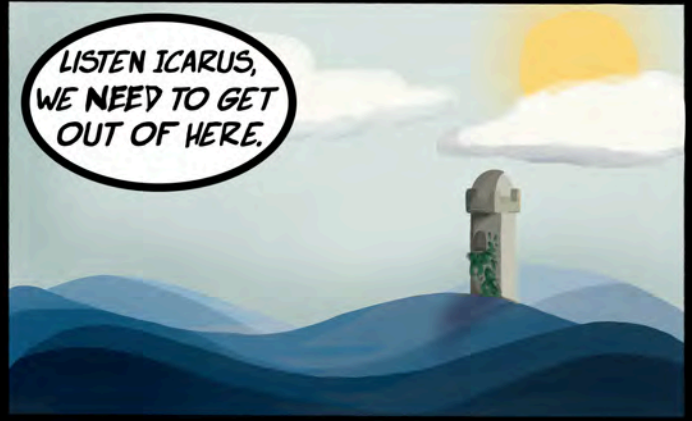
DAEDALUS



ICARUS



LISTEN ICARUS,
WE NEED TO GET
OUT OF HERE.



JUST DON'T FLY
TOO CLOSE TO THE
SUN - THE WAX
WILL MELT.

OR FLY TOO
LOW - THE WATER WILL
WET THE FEATHERS.



I'VE MADE THESE WINGS
OF FEATHER AND WAX.
THEY'LL LET US FLY AWAY.



BUT OF COURSE
...



YOU JUST HAD TO FLY
...



TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN.



OLIVIA & DWITI







TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN



OR THE SEA...



AND YOU'D FALL.



THEY BOTH WERE A SIGHT TO BEHOLD



BUT ICARUS DIDN'T LISTEN TO HIS FATHER

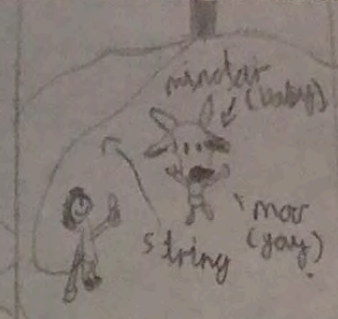
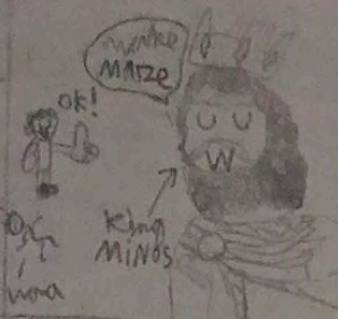
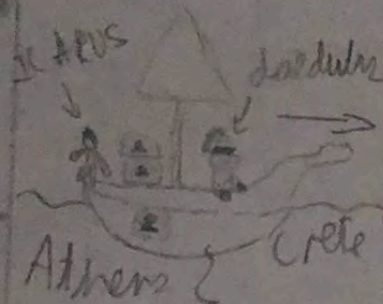


HE FLEW TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN...

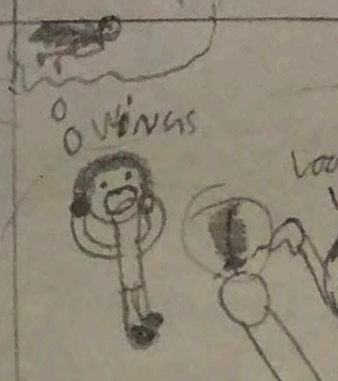
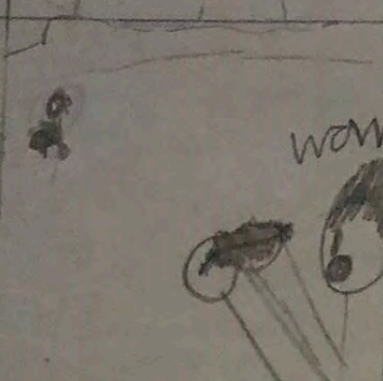
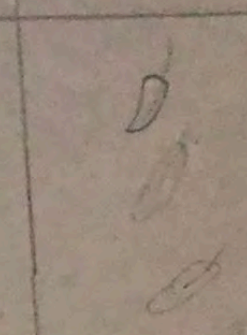
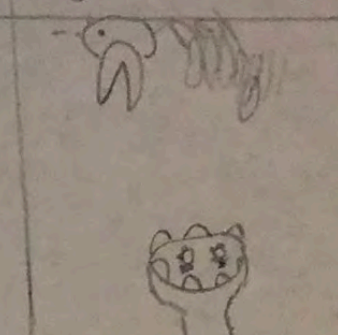
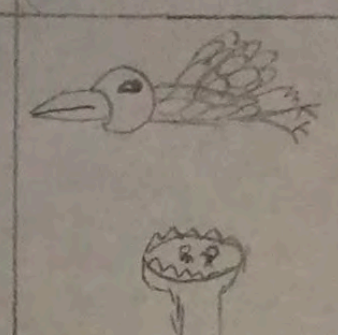
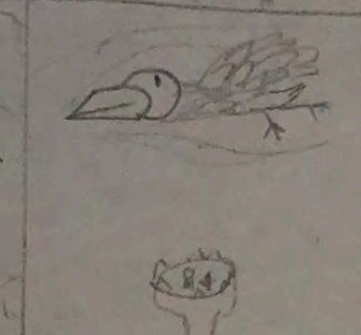
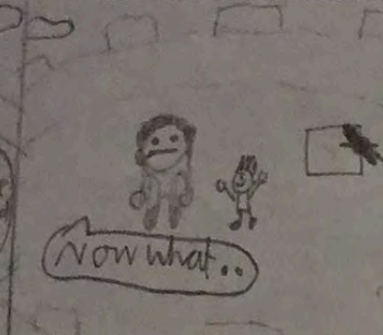
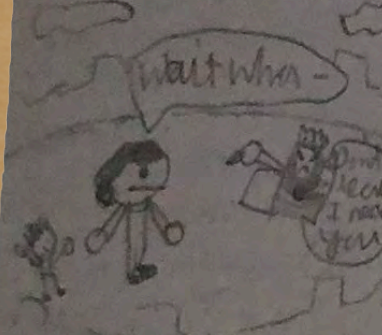
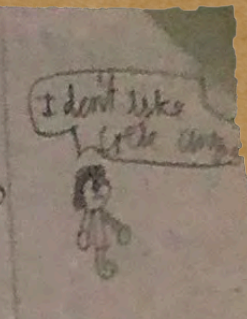


AND HE FELL.

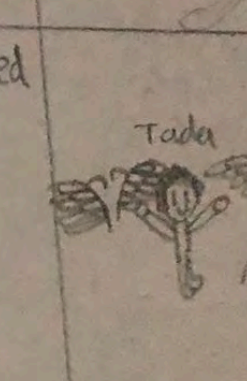
ICARUS AND DAEDULUS



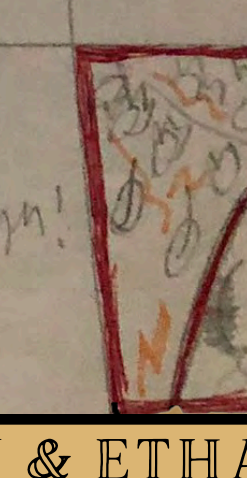
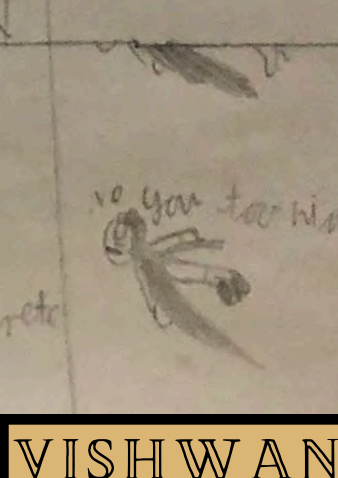
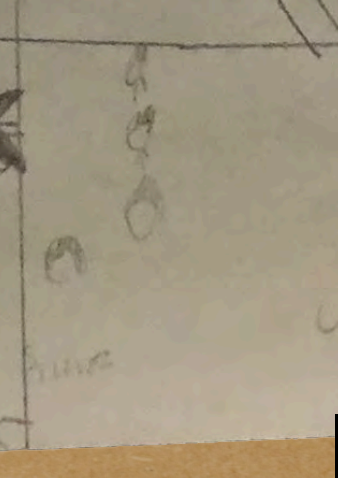
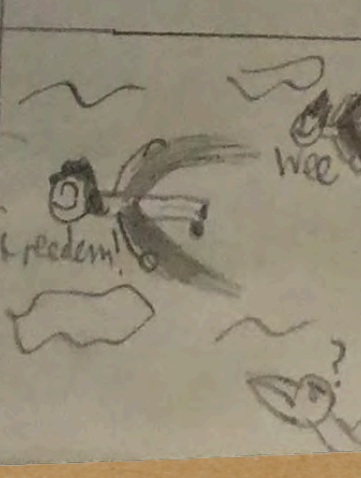
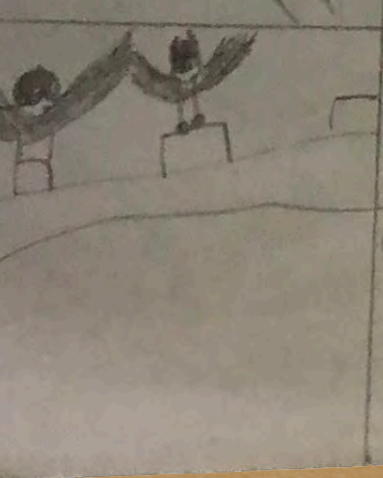
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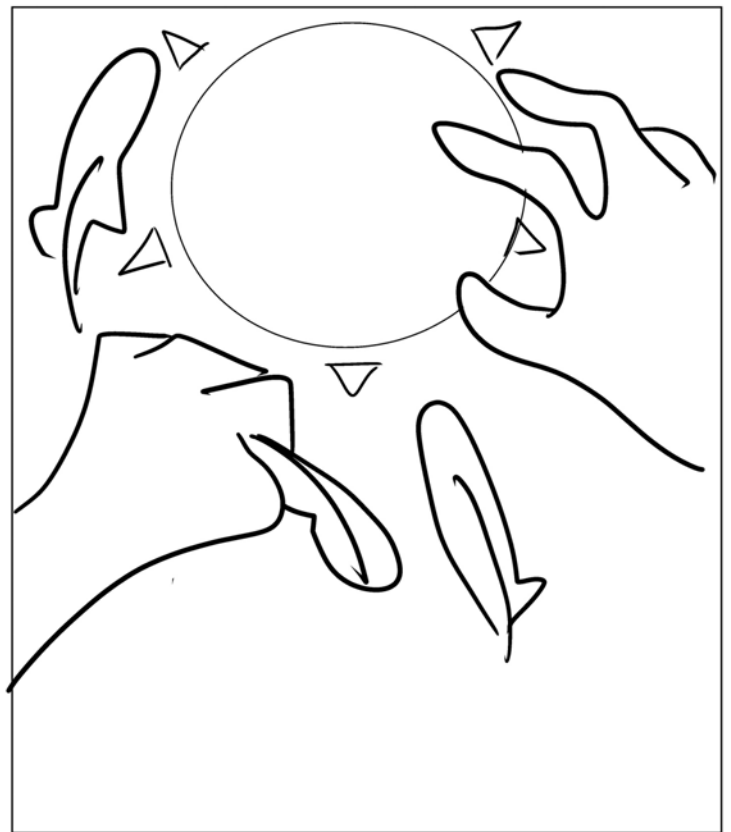
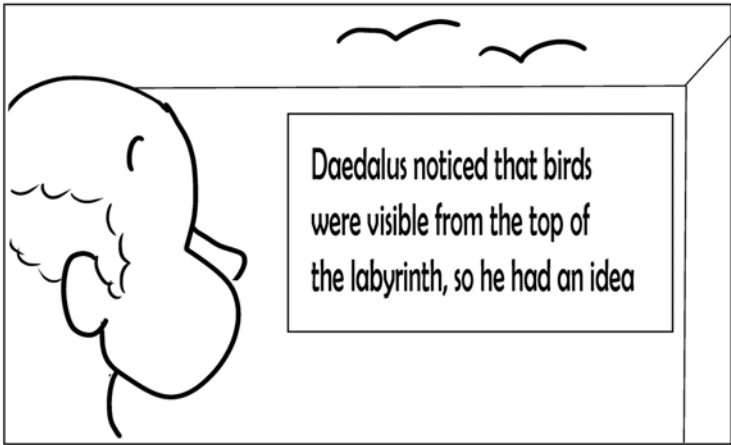
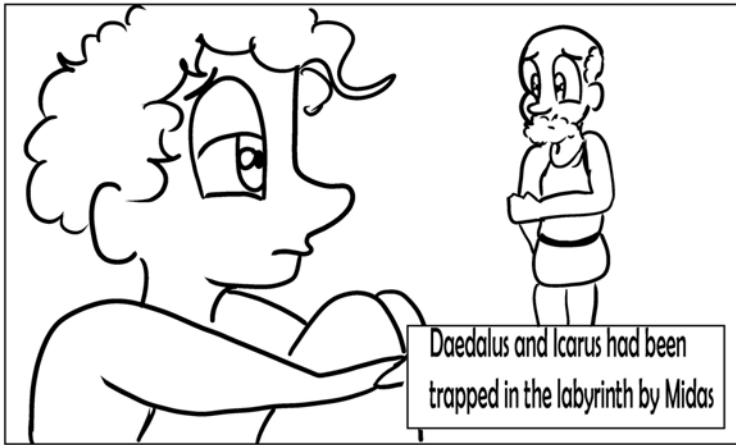


A FEW hundred Feathers Collected Later...



1. Not too close to sea
 2. not too close to son
 3. Follow where I go
- not listen





DAEDALUS AND IKARUS

MINOS, KING OF CRETE COMMISSIONED THE BUILDER DAEDALUS TO BUILD A PALACE TO CONFIN THE MINOTAU. MINOS WAS FASCINATED BY THE BEAUTY OF HIS BUILDING SO MUCH SO THAT HE FEARED THAT DAEDALUS MIGHT DESIGN PALACES FOR OTHER KINGS. TO AVOID THIS HE DECIDED TO LOCK HIM UP TOGETHER WITH HIS SON IKARUS INSIDE THE LABYRINTH SO AS TO KEEP IT JUST FOR HIM.



DON'T SAY THAT FATHER

WHAT WILL WE DO HERE?



WHEN DAEDALUS SAW THE BIRDS FLYING HE CAME UP WITH AN IDEA TO ESCAPE: HE WOULD BUILD WINGS OUT OF WAX AND FEATHERS. HE AND HIS SON WOULD SOON BE FREE.

THEY FLY OUT OF THE LABYRINTH AND ESCAPE MINOS'S ARMY. DAEDALUS WARNS IKARUS NOT TO FLY NEAR THE SUN BECAUSE HIS WINGS WOULD MELT.

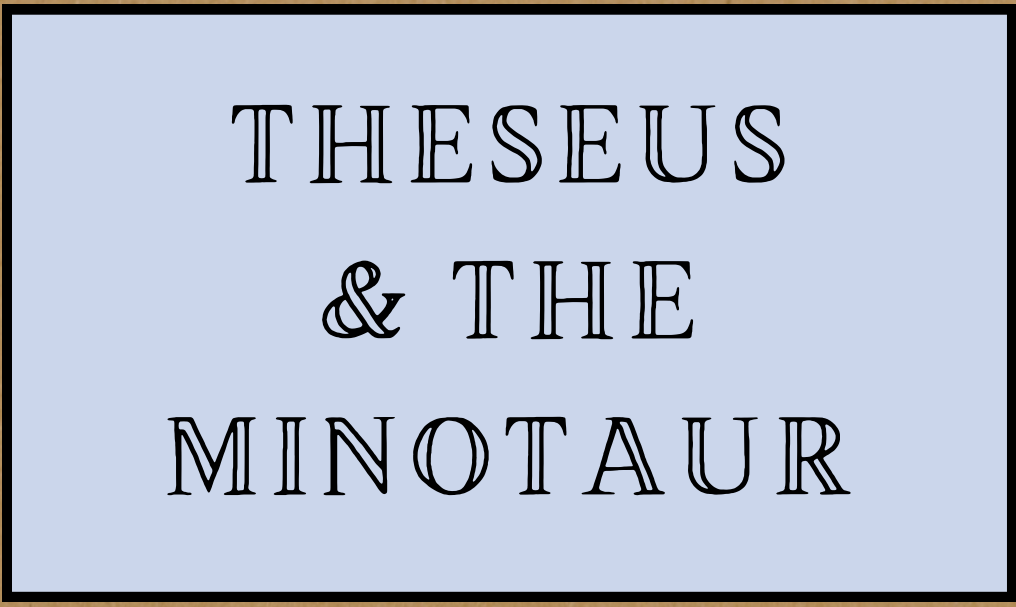

BUT IKARUS DIDN'T LISTEN TO HIM SO HE FLEW TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN AND HIS WINGS STARTED TO MELT



DON'T GO TOO CLOSE TO THE SUN



by V.M. MANZINI



THESEUS
& THE
MINOTAUR

ONCE UPON A TIME...

ON CRETE, QUEEN PASIPHAE HAD A SON



WAAAA

HE HAD THE BODY OF A MAN AND THE HEAD OF A BULL



THE MINOTAUR

WHO KING MINOS HAD TRAPPED INSIDE A LABYRINTH



HE DEMANDED THAT 7 GIRLS AND 7 BOYS BE SENT FROM ATHENS TO BE EATEN BY THE MINOTAUR



SLAY THE MINOTAUR

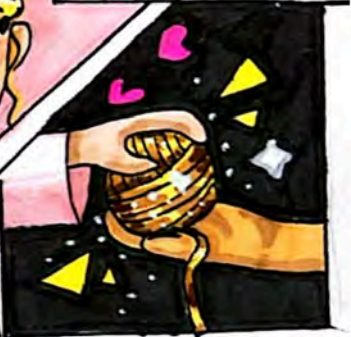


MINOS'S DAUGHTER ARIADNE FELL IN LOVE WITH THESEUS

THE HERO THESEUS VOLUNTEERED TO BE PART OF THE SACRIFICE SO HE COULD...

ONCE THEY ARRIVED...

AND GAVE HIM A BALL OF THREAD TO HELP HIM



THESEUS SLAYED THE MINOTAUR ...

AND FOLLOWED THE THREAD BACK THE WAY HE CAME IN ORDER TO ESCAPE



BUT THESEUS ABANDONED ARIADNE ON THE ISLAND OF NAXOS,



BYEE

THESEUS AND ARIADNE LEFT CRETE

CLAIMING TO BE IN LOVE WITH SOMEONE ELSE.

UPON HIS ARRIVAL TO ATHENS ...



THESEUS FORGOT TO RAISE WHITE SAILS TO SHOW THAT HE WAS ALIVE.

HIS FATHER, KING AEGEAS, SAW THE BLACK SAILS AND THOUGHT HIS SON HAD DIED IN HIS ATTEMPT TO KILL THE MINOTAUR



SO HE KILLED HIMSELF IN HIS GRIEF



THE END

THESEUS AND THE MINOTAUR



King Minos was the king of Crete. He was angry and enjoyed attacking the city of Athens.

King Aggeus, who was the king of Athens wanted to stop the attacks so he struck a deal with Minos. In return for peace, Aggeus would send over seven girls and seven boys to be offered to King

Minos's terrifying beast -

THE MINOTAUR.

Theseus was fed up. Minos had been telling Athens what to do for nine years now and, tomorrow, 14 more children would be shipped off to meet the Minotaur. He went over the plan in his head and knocked on the door of his father's family study.



Before Aggeus could even stand up to meet his son, Theseus had started talking.

"This deal with Minos has gone on for too long." He also said that families are terrified that their children will be picked next. So, he had a plan, tomorrow when the boat came, I will take the place of one of the boys and defeat the Minotaur!



Aggeus was shocked! He knew that the Minotaur was fierce



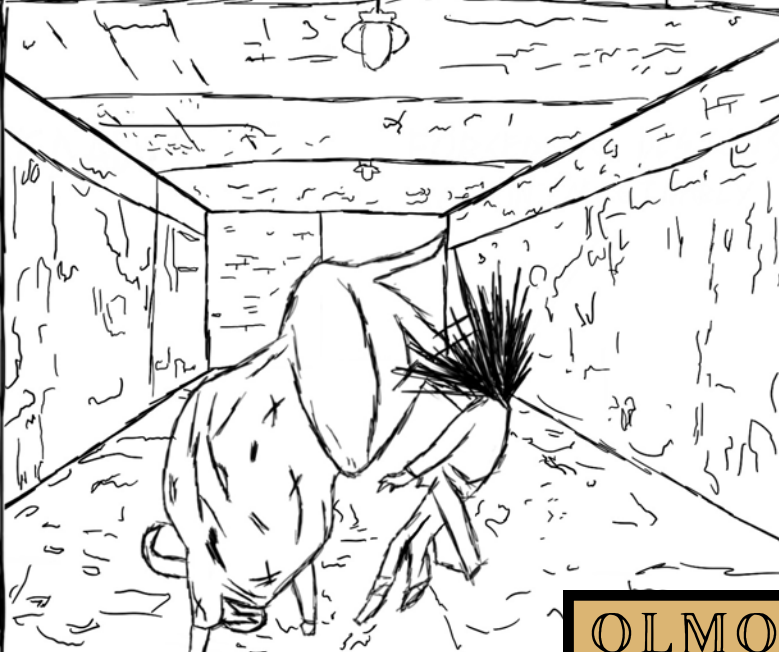
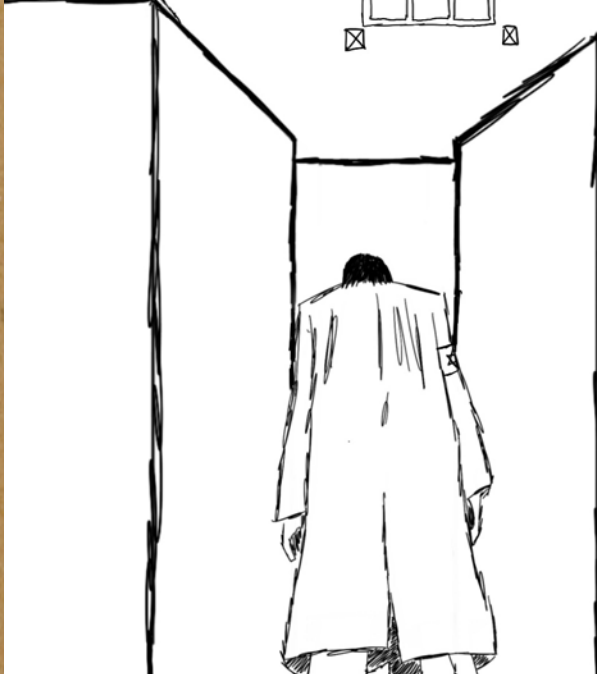
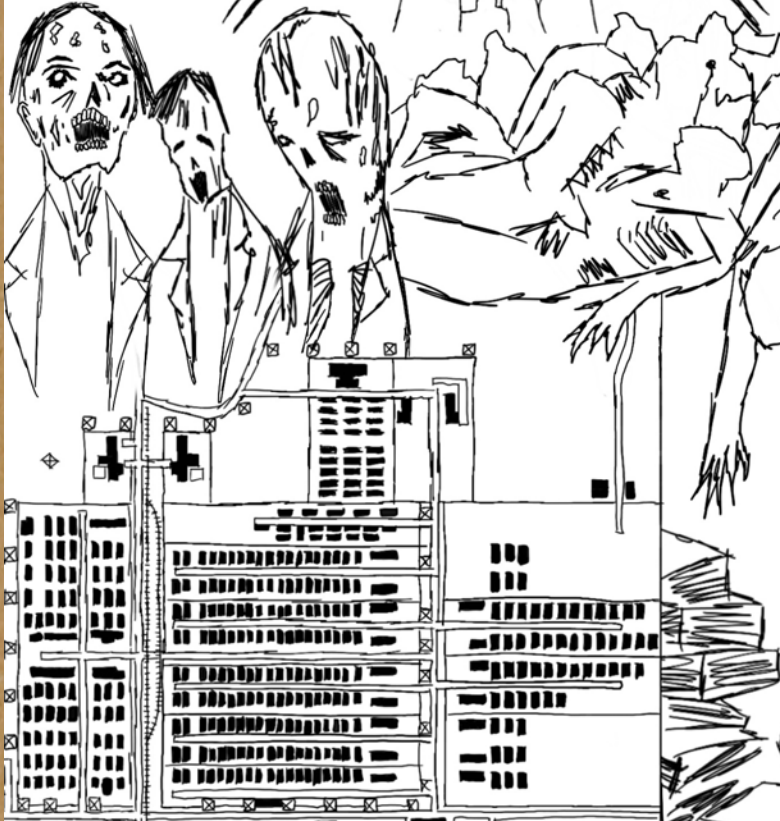
Later that day, Theseus climbed into the ship alongside 13 shivering children. When the boat arrived, they were met by Minos's daughter

ARBEIT MACHT FREI

SO MANY INNOCENT
PEOPLE ARE
DEAD



FORCED TO DESIGN
SOMETHING SO UNIMAGINABLY
CRAUEL



Long ago in Ancient Greece the city of Athens was forced to give seven maidens and seven youths by the King of Crete...



These tributes were given to a horrific beast. The Minotaur.



The ferocious Minotaur had the head of a bull and the body of a man and resided in the Labyrinth. A maze made by genius inventor Daedalus, which escape from was nearly impossible.

This was until the recently discovered prince of Athens Theseus decided he would slay the Minotaur and become a tribute.

And guided by the Cretan princess Ariadne, who fell in love with him, Theseus navigated the Labyrinth, defeated the Minotaur, and emerged victorious.





ARIADNE

OMUSES, SING OF ARIADNE,
THE CRETAN PRINCESS WHO
AWAKES ON THE SANDS AL-
ONE. WHERE IS HER LOVER?
HER PRINCE? HER SAVIOUR?

THE ONE WHO FOUGHT
HER MONSTER HALF-
BROTHER IN THE
LABYRINTH, WHO SAVED
THE YOUNG ATHENIANS,
WHO PROMISED HER LOVE.

NAXOS

THESEUS IS NO-
WHERE TO BE
SEEN ON THE
ISLAND ON
WHICH THEY
WERE RESTING

BUT WHEN SHE
LAY EYES ON
HIM, SHE RE-
ALISES IN
SHOCK THAT
SHE HAD BEEN
A FOOL. HER
HEART HAD BEEN
BRIMMING WITH
LOVE FROM HIS
PROMISES BUT
NOW IT IS
HOLLOW.

SHE CAN DO NOTHI-
NG BUT STARE...

SHE WATCHES
THESEUS' SW-
IFTSHIPS
SAIL AWAY
AS SHE IS
HELPLESSLY
ABANDONED

"MAY NO WOMEN
NOW BELIEVE A
MAN WHEN HE
MAKES A PROMISE.

MAY NO WOMAN
HOPE THE WORDS
OF HER MAN ARE
TRUE." - CATULLUS



KING
MIDAS

Midas' Touch

1



Midas, a King in Asia Minor, ruled the land of Phrygia. He lived in a luxury castle, was very rich and had a beautiful daughter.

2



Despite all his great fortunes, Midas knew his true happiness was provided by gold.

3



Dionysus and a satyr named Silenus were travelling through Midas' kingdom. Midas invited them to his grand palace for a few days.

In return for his great kindness Dionysus promised to satisfy any wish. Midas wished:

I hope that everything I touch becomes gold!

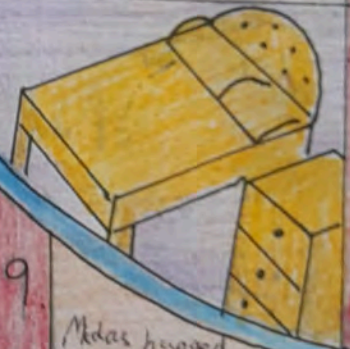
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Dionysus warned the king to think about his decision, but Midas was certain. Midas believed a blessing had fallen upon him.

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The next day, Midas, who was excited, reached out to his small table. It immediately turned gold. Midas started to cough anything he could find. Soon his entire bedroom was gold.



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Filled with joy, Midas tried to smell the fragrance of a rose, however it turned to gold before he could even begin to sniff. Worried, Midas hugged his daughter, she turned into a golden statue! Realising his fate, Midas prayed for the end of his curse.



Dionysus told Midas to dean his hands in the river of Pactolus. Gold flowed away into the river as he washed them. His blessing had been removed.

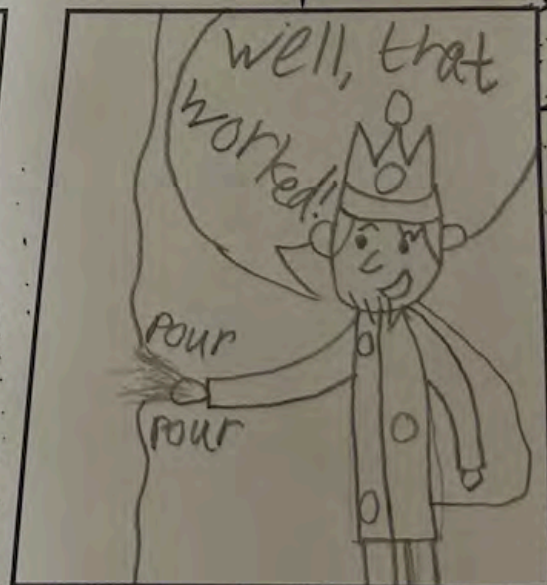
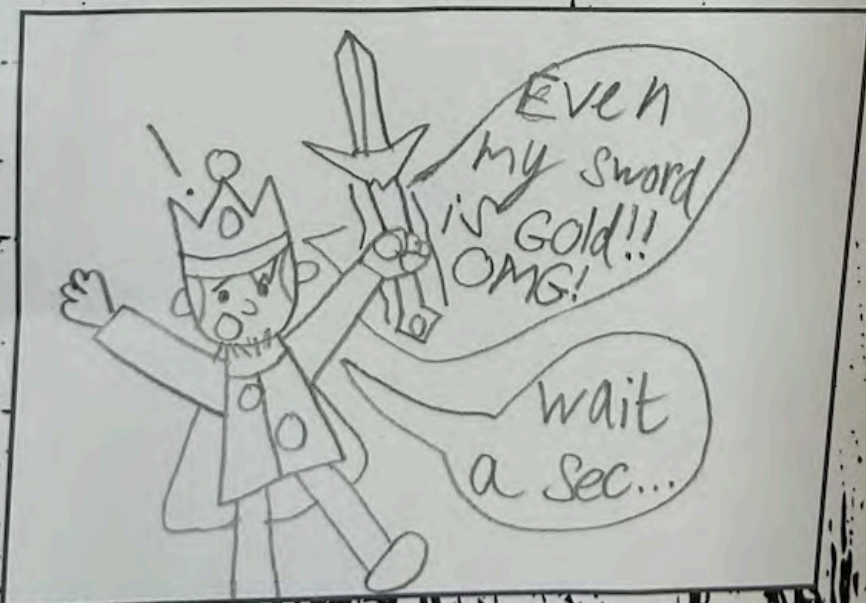
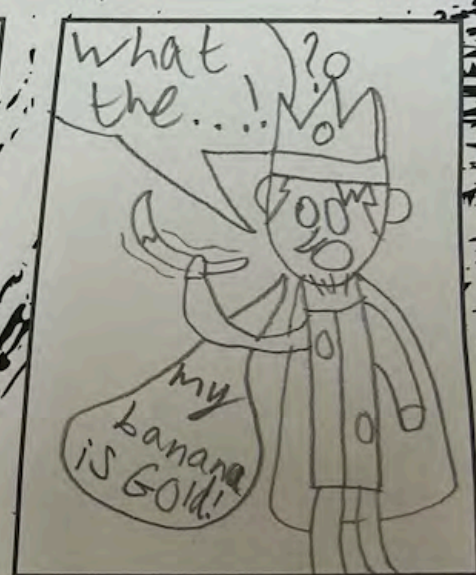
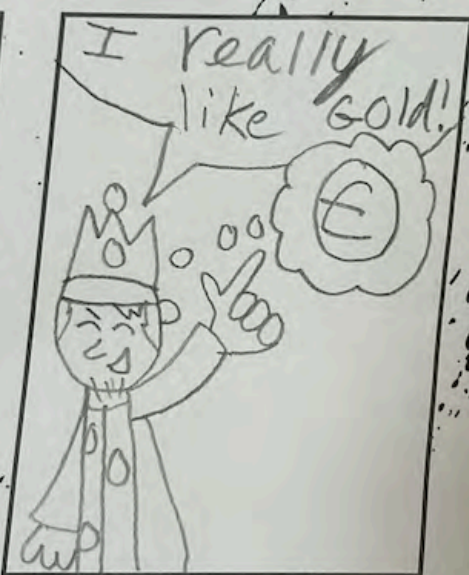
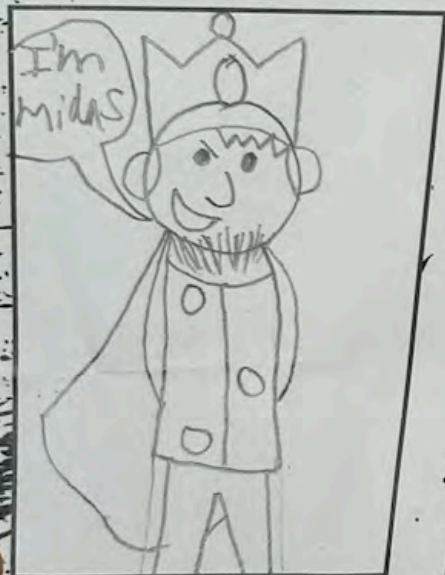
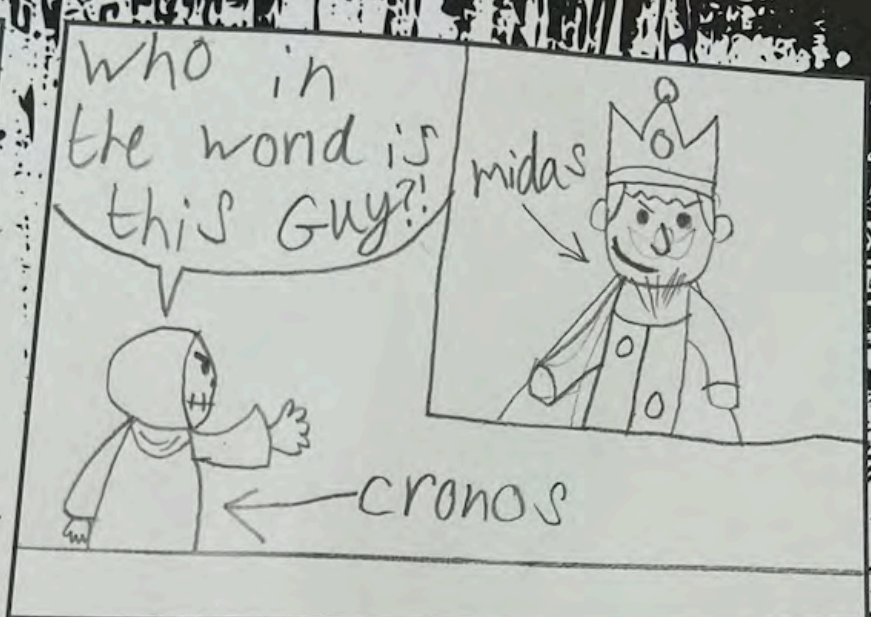
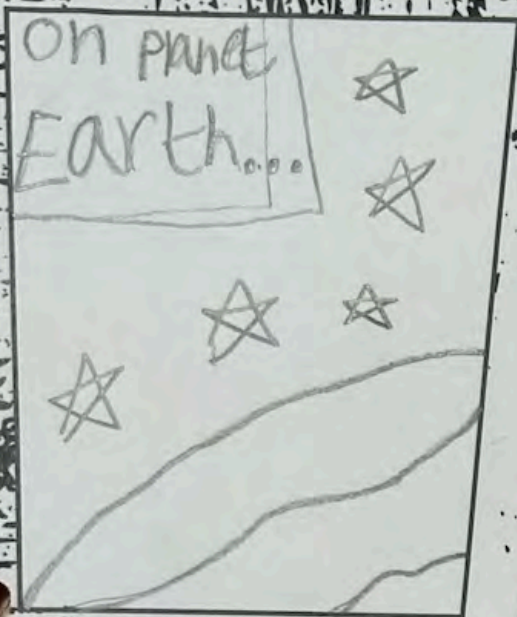
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Midas hugged his rehumanised daughter gratefully. Since then Midas was a much more generous person and his people led prosperous lives. When Midas died, the people mourned for their beloved king.



MORAL The moral of this myth is to be grateful for all one's fortunes and self-reflection is important as with too much greed negative consequences will fall upon you swiftly.





Dionysus (god of wine/theatre)
grants him (Midas)
a wish.



Food... turn to
gold...



He cries...



Bed turns to gold...



puts hands
in
water
to remove
gold
wish.



Wishes touch to turn
into gold!



Daughter turns to
gold...





Dionysus thanks Midas for helping his satyr. In return Dionysus offers to grant him a wish.





Dionysus granted Midas the ability to turn things into gold via touch...

...but this backfired as Midas was no longer able to eat...




...nor touch his daughter.




please Dionysus take back my horrible curse

King Midas pleaded for Dionysus to brake his orle power now curse after thining his daughter to gold



Luckily for Midas the waters washed away his powers



Many years ago, there was a king called Hides. He wanted to be the most powerful in the world; he wanted everyone to envy him.

Ronak Patel →



What are you doing???

I'm lost! If you mistake my foolishness I shall tell you tales!



Let me make empty become gold!



As he washed himself in the river, his daughter went back to normal. HAPPILY EVER AFTER!



ARTEMIS
&
ACTAEON



AGIAGON



AFTER A TIRING HUNT ON MOUNT CITHAERON, ACTAEON PURSUED ONE LAST DEER.



HE FOUND A CAVE WHERE ARTEMIS WAS BATHING.



ENRAGED AT HIS INTRUSION, ARTEMIS SPLASHED WATER AT HIM.



MESMERISED, HE COULDN'T LOOK AWAY.



ACTAEON AGONISINGLY TURNED INTO A STAG.



HE FLED, CALLING FOR HIS DOGS.



THE DOGS HEARD HIM... BUT DIDN'T RECOGNISE ACTAEON AND KILLED HIM



ARTEMIS

hello I am Artemis, Goddess of the hunt and the wilderness.



One day I was bathing with my nymphs...



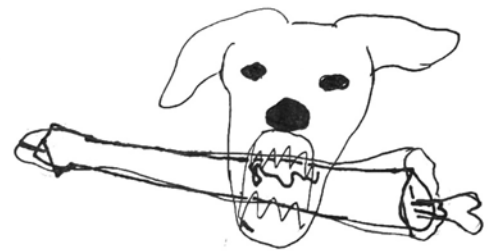
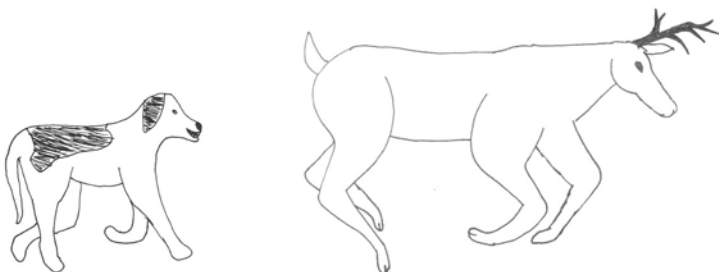
There was a hunter walking in the forest, his name was Actaeon



When I noticed that Actaeon had seen me bathing, I was furious and turned him into a stag!



Actaeon's own hunting dogs chased him down and mauled him to death...



THE
END



PHAETHON



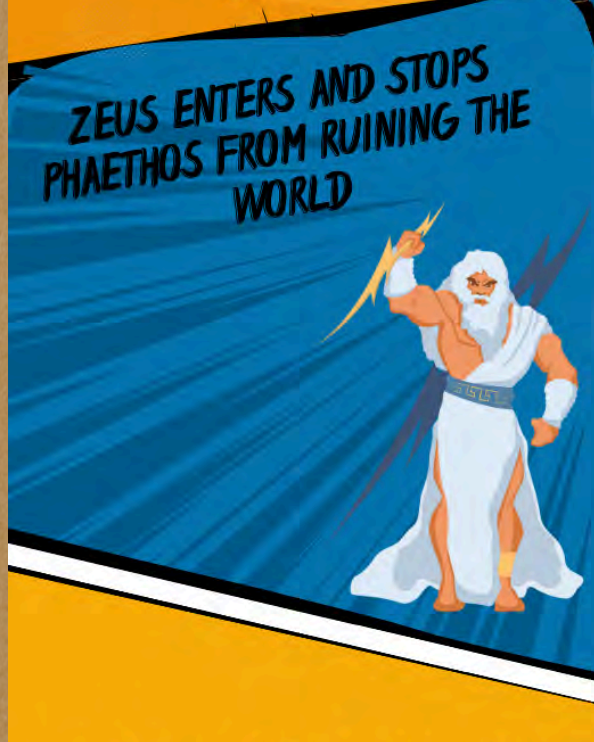


LONG AGO, THE SUN GOD HELIOS DROVE HIS GOLDEN CHARIOT ACROSS THE SKY EACH DAY, BRINGING LIGHT AND WARMTH TO THE WORLD



HIS SON PHAETHON REALLY WANTED TO DRIVE THE CHARIOT AND CONVINCED HELIOS TO LET HIM DRIVE.

PHAETHOS STARTED DRIVING THE CHARIOT REALLY AGGRESIVELY SETTING FORESTS ABLAZE AND DRYING UP RIVERS



ZEUS ENTERS AND STOPS PHAETHOS FROM RUINING THE WORLD



THE CHARIOT AND PHAETHOS FALL AND THE CHARIOT BREAKS

THE TALE OF HELIOS AND THE LOST SUN CHARIOT TEACHES US ABOUT THE BALANCE BETWEEN AMBITION AND RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE ENDURING LOVE BETWEEN FAMILY MEMBERS. IT IS A TIMELESS MYTH THAT REMINDS US OF THE DELICATE BALANCE THAT KEEPS OUR WORLD IN HARMONY.

ONCE THERE WAS A GOD NAMED HELIOS IT WAS HIS JOB TO DRIVE THE SUN CHARIOT ACROSS THE SKY EACH DAY TO KEEP THE EARTH WARM BUT HAVING THIS JOB MEANT HE DID NOT HAVE MUCH TIME FOR HIS SON: PHAETHON.



MY DADS AGOD!
I DONT BELIEVE YOU!

BUT THIS DID NOT STOP PHAETHON FROM BRAGGING ABOUT HIS DAD!

PHAETHON WAS FURIOUS NOBODY WOULD BELIEVE THAT HIS FATHER WAS A GOD SO HE SET OUT TO FIND HIS FATHER AND PROVE THEM ALL WRONG.

I'll PROVE HIM WRONG!

WHEN HE FOUND HIS FATHER HE ASKED HELIOS IF HE COULD RIDE IN HIS CHARIOT FOR A DAY TO SHOW EVERYBODY THAT HIS FATHER WAS REALLY A GOD.

CAN I? PLEEEASE

FINE BUT I MUST WARN YOU IT'S DANGEROUS YEAH YEAH I'LL BE FINE

EVERYTHING WENT FINE UNTIL PHAETHON SPOTTED HIS VILLAGE HE YANKED ON THE HORSES REINS TO MAKE THEM GO DOWN THE HORSES STARTLED BY THIS PROMPTED TOWARDS THE EARTH SETTING EVERYTHING ALIGHT



ZEUS HAPPENED TO GLANCE DOWN FROM OLYMPUS JUST AT THAT MOMENT SEEING THE CHAOS HE STRUCK PHAETHON DOWN WITH ONE OF HIS LIGHTNING BOLTS PUTTING AN END TO THE FOOLISH BOY FOREVER.



DONT LET YOUR SON DRIVE THE SUN

PHAETHON BEGGED HIS FATHER TO LET HIM DRIVE

HELIOS AGREED... WITHOUT THINKING

BECAUSE HELIOS CLEARLY HAD A DEATH WISH FOR HIS SON, LETTING HIM DRIVE A BLAZING CHARIOT....

PHAETHON WAS THE SON OF THE SUN GOD, HELIOS. EVERY DAY, HELIOS WOULD DRIVE HIS SUN CHARIOT.



PHAETHON CLEARLY HADNT REALISED HE WAS BURNING STUFF

UP IN MOUNT OLYMPUS



! WHAT ON EARTH?! WHAT WAS HELIOS? EVEN THINKING?! THAT CHILD IS A DANGER TO THE CITY AND POPULATION!!



HERA, FETCH ME ONE OF MY LIGHTNING BOLTS. I'M GONNA TO STRIKE THE BOY DOWN BEFORE HE CAUSES TOO MUCH TROUBLE STILL, IT'LL BE A TERRIBLE LOSS.

ZEUS TOOK HIS BOLT AND AIMED.....



AAAHH!!

AND HE DIED.



DOWN IN THE UNDERWORLD...

WELCOME TO THE FIELDS OF PUNISHMENT, KID. NOW, TAKE THIS PLATE. WE'RE GONNA RUN THROUGH YOUR DRIVERS TEST AS YOUR PUNISHMENT. AND YOU WILL NEVER COMPLETE IT, EVEN IF IT KILLS ME. AND I'M IMMORTAL!

THIS TEACHES US THAT YOU MUST NEVER LET YOUR CHILD DRIVE A GIANT, TWO-TON FLAMING BALL OF GAS. IT DOESNT MATTER IF IT WINS YOU BEST-GODLY-DAD-OF-THE-YEAR-AWARD, IT'S NOT WORTH THE RISK.



PROMETHEUS



TASKED WITH CREATION, I MADE YOU



INTRIGUED, ATHENA BESTOWED ON YOU THE BREATHE OF LIFE.



AND I FEARED WHAT HE MIGHT DO TO SUCH A CREATURE.



ZEUS MOCKED YOUR LIKENESS TO THE GODS



ANGERED BY YOUR NATURES, HE SHROUDED YOU IN DARKNESS, AS HE WOULD.



YOU HAD DONE NO WRONG, AND SO I STOLE A SPARK OF THE GODS FIRE

WITH IT, I TAUGHT YOU IT ALL ITS GIFTS. AND THOSE OF THE WORLDS AND HEAVENS.



SOME CAME TO USE IT TO CARE FOR THEMSELVES AND OTHERS

...AND OTHERS CAME TO USE IT TO REVILE THE GODS.

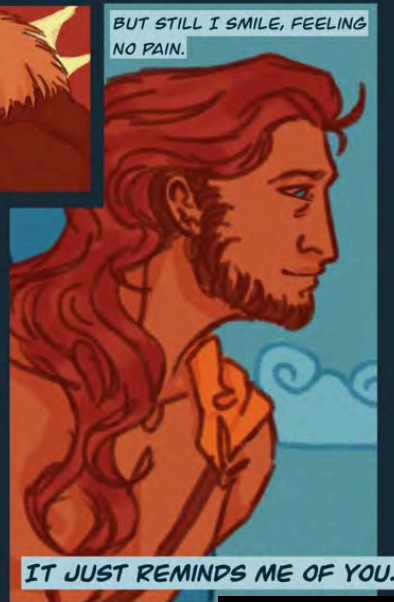
AND, AS THE HARBINGER OF THIS DISOBEDIENCE, ZEUS SOUGHT TO PUNISH ME.



SO, FOR ALL OF TIME, I SUFFER AN ENDLESS CYCLE OF DESTRUCTION AND REBIRTH



BUT STILL I SMILE, FEELING NO PAIN.

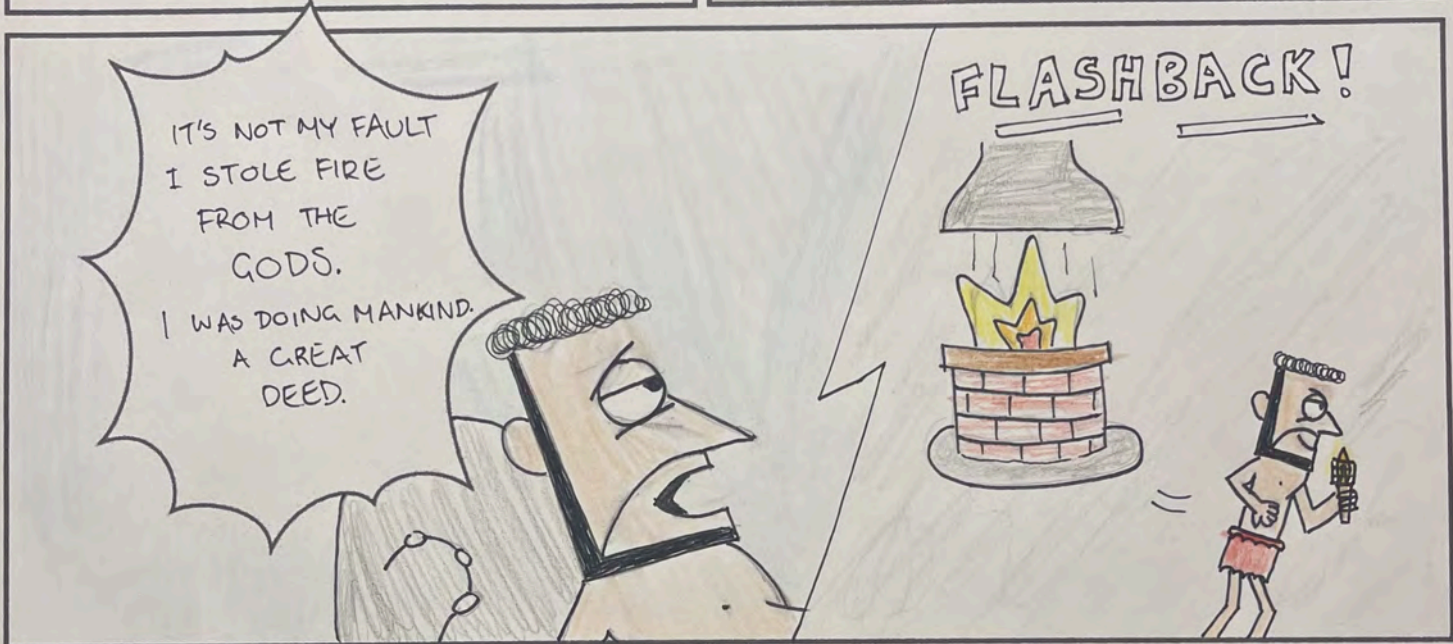


IT JUST REMINDS ME OF YOU.

PROMETHEUS AND THE THEFT OF FIRE



ONE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON...



BACK AT HOME...

THE END.

THE
BRINGER
OF
FIRE

PROMETHEUS

PROMETHEUS
A Titan



AND JUICY MEAT FOR MEN

SO ZEUS
WITHHELD
FIRE

FROM Humanity

BUT PROMETHEUS
WOULD STEAL IT BACK!

Tricking
Zeus
into taking
fatty bones
for gods



Hephaestus' workshop



AND
RETURNED
IT TO THE
PEOPLE


RESTORING Humanity

VENGEANCE IS
CRUEL


BUT
forever
FOR



NICOLE



PUNISHMENTS
OF THE
GODS



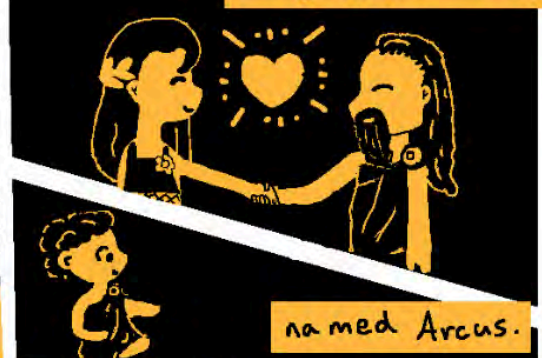
CALLISTO

Once upon a time, Princess Callisto was one of those pretty girls...



... who was loved by Zeus. ⚡

They had a son



named Arcus.

But Zeus' wife Hera was jealous



So she turned Callisto into a bear!



Poor Callisto was chased into the woods



where in the shadows she watched her son grow up

One day when Arcus was hunting, he met his mother. (As a bear of course)



Callisto was going to give Arcus a hug but Arcus thought the bear was going to attack.



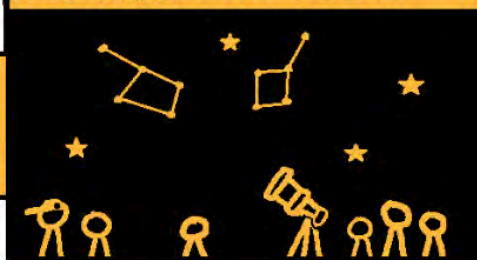
Zeus was like 'oh no' and was panicking



so he threw them both into the sky

Known as Ursa Major (Callisto) and Ursa Minor (Arcus)

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THE END

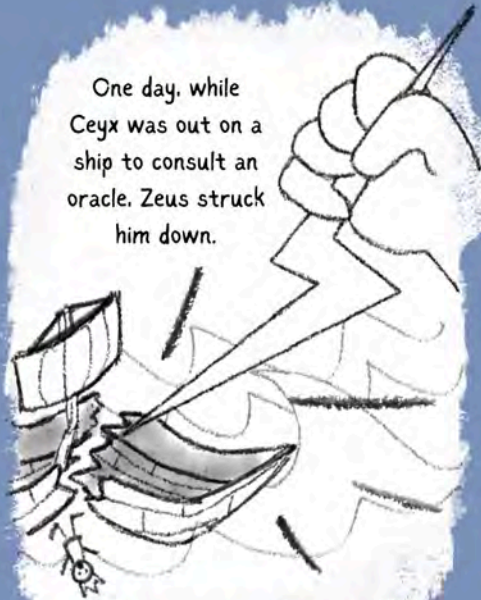
There once was a king named Ceyx and a queen named Alcyone.



They were such a happy couple that they nicknamed each other:



One day, while Ceyx was out on a ship to consult an oracle, Zeus struck him down.



Morpheus, the god of dreams, appeared to Alcyone and told her of her husband's death.



Unfortunately, the real Zeus and Hera heard about this, and they were not happy.

However, the gods took pity, transforming Alcyone and Ceyx into the first kingfishers, named after Alcyone.



Overcome with grief, Alcyone threw herself over a cliff into the sea.



alcyone birds.

SOPHOCLES' OEDIPUS TYRANNUS

Long ago there was born a man called Oedipus. You could say he was fated.



One day he went to the oracle of Delphi, where he received a prophecy that he'd kill his Father and marry his Mother.

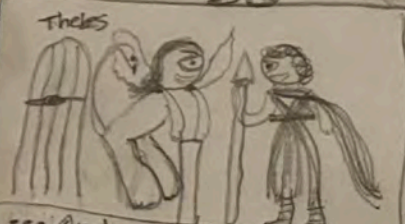


Scared lest this prophecy should come to pass, he fled Corinth, leaving behind his supposed Parents the King and Queen of Corinth.



On his journey, he killed an old man at the crossroads...

Desperate, Oedipus sent Creon, Jocasta's brother to the Oracle of Delphi. He came back with ominous news: Laius' murderer must be brought to justice.



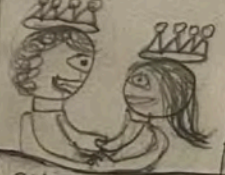
Furious, the Sphinx killed itself and Oedipus entered Thebes.



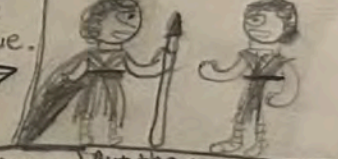
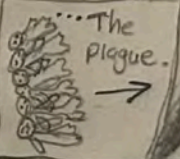
Grateful that Oedipus had defeated the Sphinx, and with Laius' (their King) sudden and mysterious murder, the people of Thebes made Oedipus King. Accordingly, he married Jocasta, former wife of Laius.

...And solved the Sphinx's riddle at the gates of Thebes.

...And solved the Sphinx's riddle at the gates of Thebes.



All was well until...



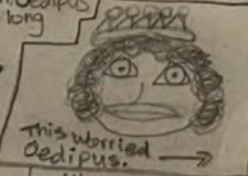
Oedipus vowed he would do whatever it takes to find Laius' murderer.



He then sent for the blind prophet Tiresias, who told him something shocking: Oedipus is the murderer! Outraged, Oedipus accused Creon of putting Tiresias up to this and insulted Tiresias. After all, he's blind, what does he really know?



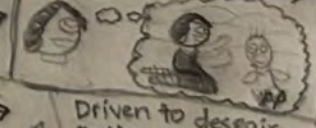
Nevertheless, he questioned Jocasta of Laius' death. She told him Laius was killed at the crossroads on his way to Thebes. Eerie! Similar to an old man Oedipus killed long ago.



Just then a messenger arrived with some unexpected news: Polybus, King of Corinth is dead! Oedipus was relieved. Now he can't kill his father, so the prophecy must be false!



But the messenger had more news: Polybus wasn't Oedipus' father. Turns out a shepherd found Oedipus on Mount Cithaeron, his ankles pierced together. That shepherd gave Oedipus to that same messenger who gave him to the King and Queen of Corinth.



Oedipus demanded the shepherd be brought to him immediately, yet the horrible had begun to take shape in Jocasta's mind. She begged him to let this alone.



But to no avail. In despair, Jocasta fled the room.

Meanwhile, the shepherd entered the room and the truth was known: Oedipus was actually the son of Laius and Jocasta. When he was born, there was a prophecy that he'd kill his father and marry his mother, so Jocasta gave him to the shepherd to kill. But the shepherd took pity on him and he lived. Thus, Oedipus.



With this revelation Oedipus finally realized the truth. He rushed to find Jocasta, but it was too late...



...Jocasta had hung herself.



Driven to despair, Oedipus gouged his eyes out. The old man he killed long ago at the crossroads was, indeed, his father, and Jocasta, his wife, was, actually his mother. By trying to avoid the prophecy, he just brought it about.



you could say he was fated.



THAT SLY SISYPHUS, THAT TYRANNICAL KING. VIOLATING SACRED LAWS OF

OVERSTEPPING BOUNDARIES,

ΣΣΣΣΣ



BODIES LEFT BEHIND.



UNVEILING **ΣΣΣΣΣ** SECRETS

(HIDDEN AEGINA - NOW ASOPUS FINDS HER.)



INCITING **ΣΣΣΣΣ** WRATH



HE TWICE CHEATED

DEATH

CHAINED HADES



WORLD TURNED **UPSIDE DOWN**

NOW HE ROLLS HIS ROCK UP... WATCHES AS IT COMES BACK DOWN...



HOW FRUITLESS
HOW FUTILE
HOW



Abstrd



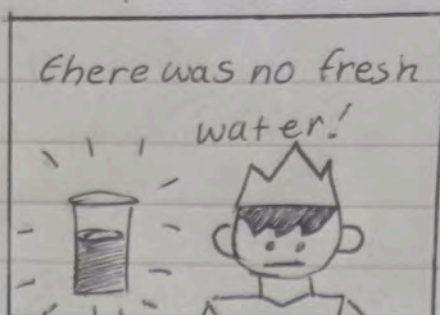
KING

Sisyphus and the golden coin



Sisyphus

There was once a very clever King

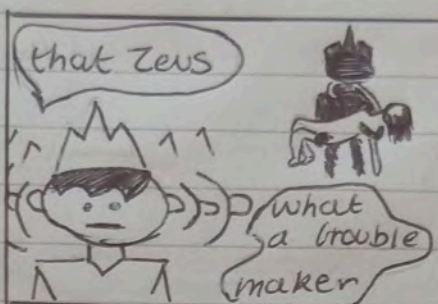


There was no fresh water!

The King had a problem though...



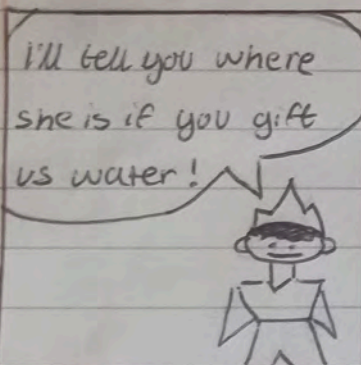
Then as he was thinking...



He saw Zeus fly over River with a beautiful Spirit



Then Asopus flew by...

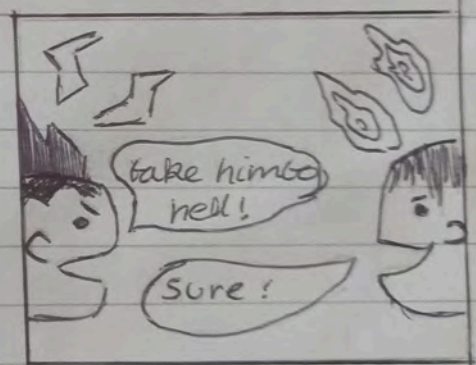


I'll tell you where she is if you gift us water!

So Sisyphus made a deal...



but then Zeus found out!



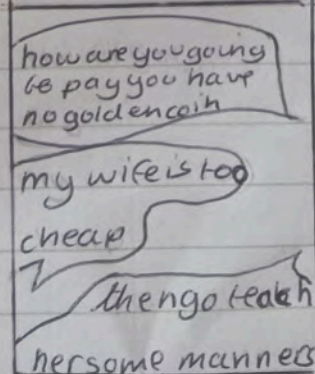
take him to hell!

Sure!

Zeus tells Hades to take Sisyphus to hell



and tells his wife to not give him a golden coin when he dies

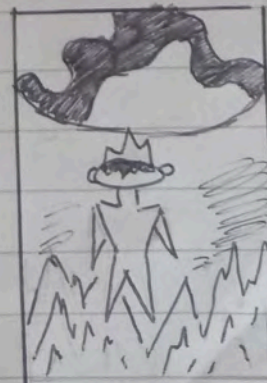


how are you going to pay you have no golden coin

my wife is too cheap

then go teach her some manners

Hades finds out and sends him back to earth



so Sisyphus goes back

and that's the story of a King that was so smart he tricked a God

THE END



There was once an evil king called Sisyphus, who committed lots of crimes, such as murder and betraying the Gods...

To punish him, Hades forced Sisyphus to roll a huge boulder endlessly up a steep hill.



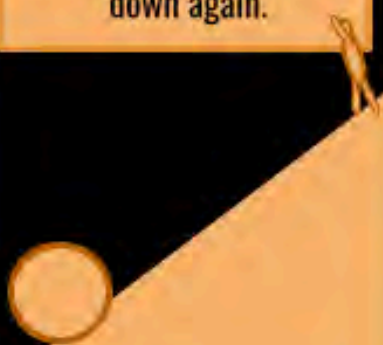
But the boulder was enchanted...



So whenever Sisyphus reached the top,



It rolled all the way back down again.



And so, Sisyphus spent the rest of eternity rolling the same boulder up the same hill,



Over, and over, and over again.

The Story of Sisyphus

THE TALE OF TANTALUS



Tantalus was one of the MANY sons of Zeus - King of the Gods. But even so, it came as a shock when his Father invited himself to dinner...
...and brought the other Gods with him.

Dinner at your place, Socklock. Serve what you want.
- Zeus

No food in Greece could please the Gods!
DAD!

WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

When deciding what to feed his guests, Tantalus chose what was most precious to him: HIS SON.

Erm...

Stir until the guilt fades.

5 Hours Later...

After the Gods had arrived for dinner.

Knowing that my son is the most precious thing to me, obviously the Gods will be beyond honoured by this feast!

DINNER IS SERVED!

What's in it?

GUESS.

Soon, a bowl of Tantalus' stew was served to every God, all of them wondering what was in it. But, after each of them raising their spoons and taking a bite, they realised...

TANTALUS!

HONOUR UP!

You shall be punished, son!

Tantalus was suspended between a lake and a fruit tree - neither of which he could reach. To pay for his son's death, he'll starve forever.

Then the Gods resurrected his son. But they made his shoulder out of ivory.

Because the real one was eaten by a dog.

Story of Thelyphron

From Sagrae Thessalae

Thelyphron, a poor student, takes on a dangerous job protecting a corpse from the witches of Thessaly overnight



However, while struggling to stay awake, Thelyphron is put to sleep by a mysterious weasel



after awakening...



I am Zatchlas, a famous prophet from Egypt, and I shall bring this corpse back to life so that he may tell the truth of his wife

The corpse that Thelyphron was guarding has been awoken by the prophet in order to explain his death



My new wife poisoned me in order to steal my money for her and her true lover



and...

That man over there, my guard, shares my name



Therefore, the witches that he guarded me from, mistook us



and removed his nose and ears instead of mine



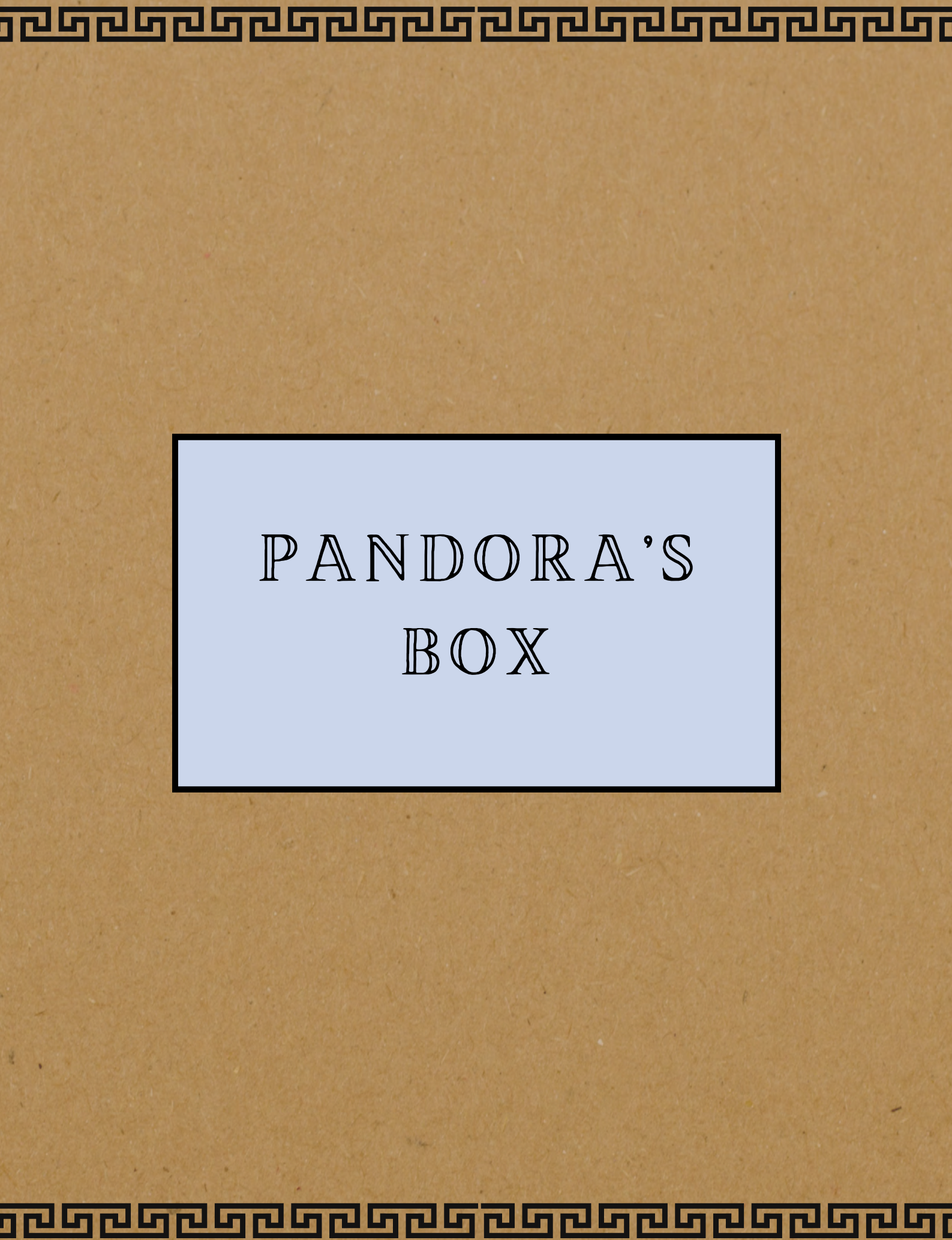
Thelyphron could not have returned home with these injuries



So he covered his shame with let down hair and linen patches

END

JACOB



PANDORA'S
BOX

One day Pandora was created



She was sculpted by Hephaestus



Later she got married



And as a wedding gift, Zeus gave Pandora a box. He told her to NEVER open it.



She agreed and thanked him



O K A Y



But time past and she was curious.. she felt the box calling to her...

"Open me..."
"Ooopen me!"



She gave in



She opened the box



Out flew everything bad... EVER

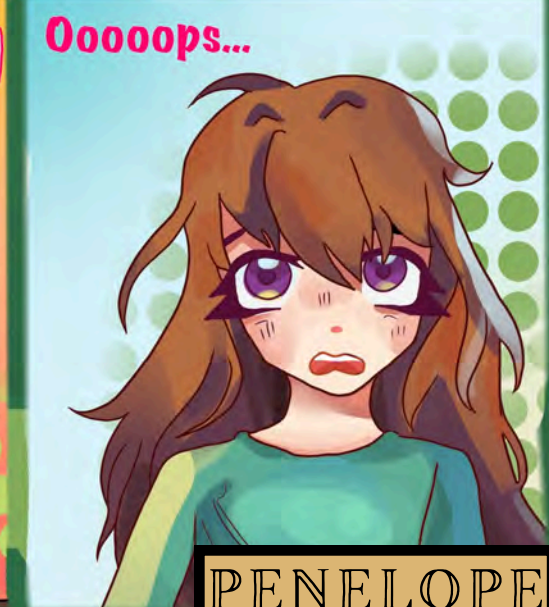


She quickly closed the box

SLAM



Oooooops...



PENELOPE

When Pandora was created Zeus gave her the gift of Curiosity and a box she was forbidden to open.

she loved life!



Open me



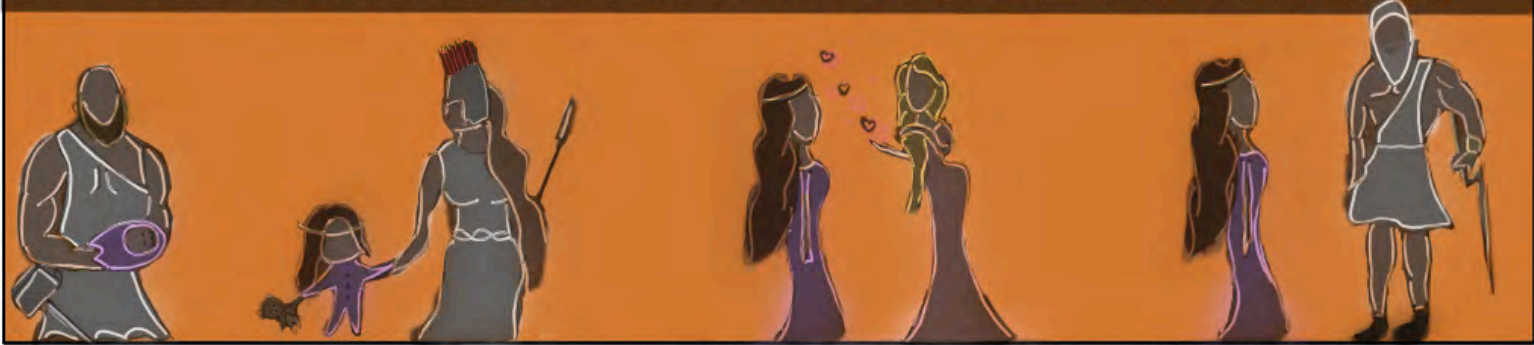
But after a while she had a strong temptation to open the box. Almost as if voices were calling her!

Pandora couldn't take it any more she had to open the box. At one crack of the lid it burst open releasing all of the evils that Zeus had created and stuffed away. They would destroy the world.

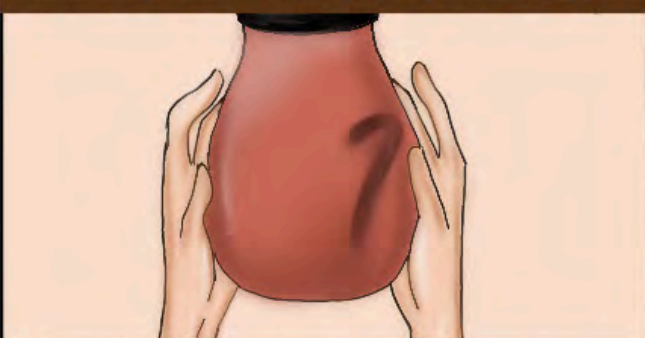
She practically closed the lid. She could still hear whispers but they were different. When she reopened the box a bright light arose and fluttered away. The myth of Pandora's box shows how a single simple action could cause endless complication or trouble to arise.



ONCE UPON A TIME, ZEUS ASKED HEPHAESTUS TO CREATE THE FIRST WOMAN OUT OF CLAY. EACH GOD AND GODDESS BLESSED HER WITH BEAUTY AND TALENT. HER NAME WAS PANDORA...



SHE RECEIVED A SPECIAL PITHOS FROM ZEUS...



WHICH WAS HIS SECRET WEAPON TO PUNISH MEN FOR USING FIRE.

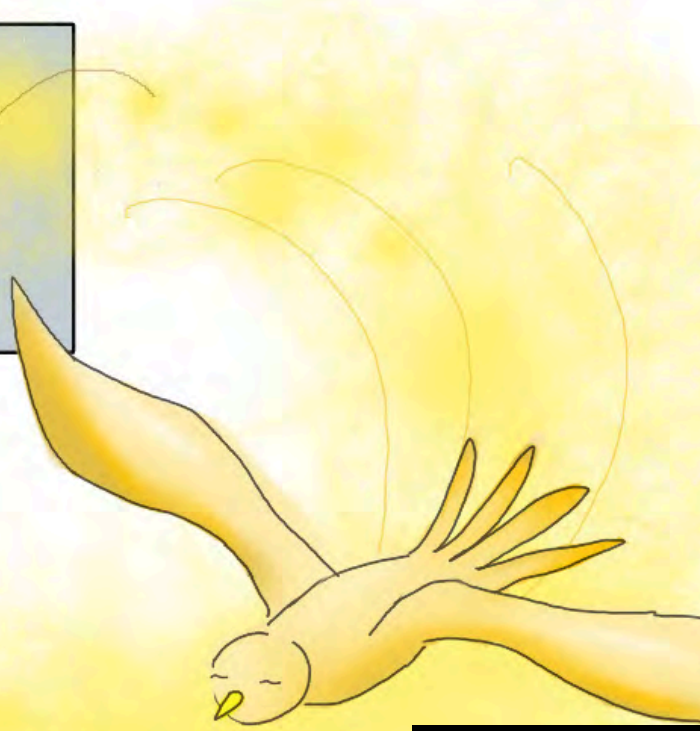
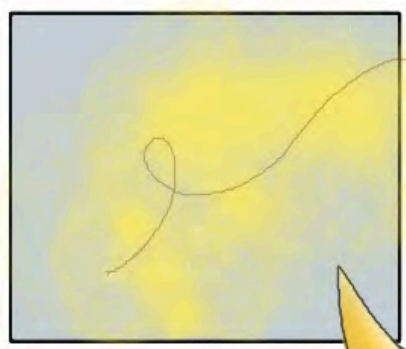


HER CURIOSITY GOT THE BEST OF HER...

AND SHE RELEASED FAMINE, DISEASE, AND SIN TO PLAUGE MANKIND



HOWEVER...



HOPE WAS ALSO THERE.

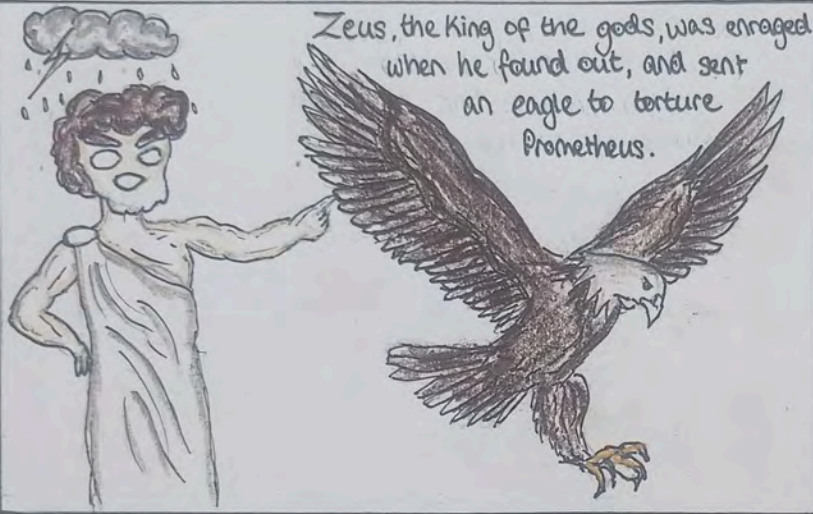
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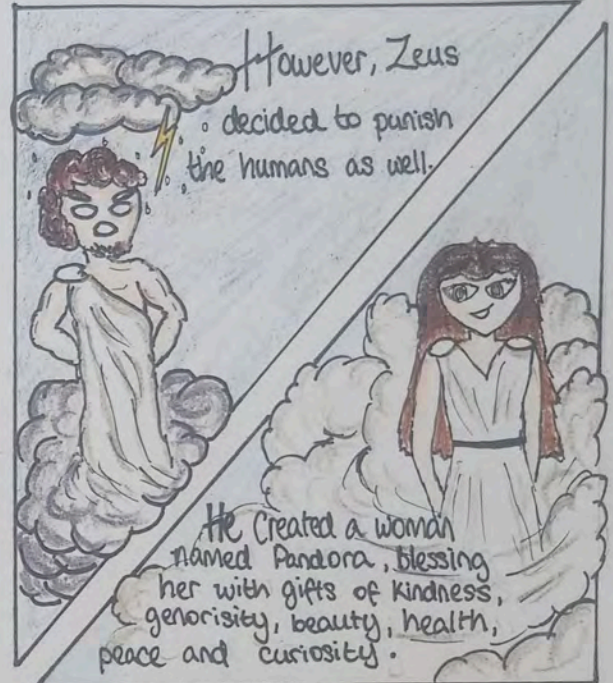
Once, only the gods had access to fire.



Prometheus, a Titan, pined the humans, and stole fire for them.



Zeus, the King of the gods, was enraged when he found out, and sent an eagle to torture Prometheus.



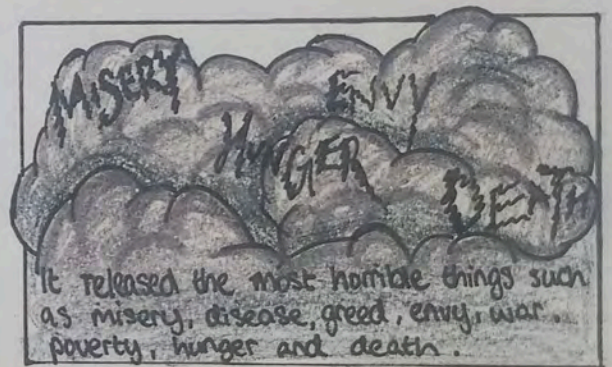
However, Zeus decided to punish the humans as well.

He created a woman named Pandora, blessing her with gifts of kindness, generosity, beauty, health, peace and curiosity.



Pandora married Epimetheus, Prometheus' brother, and as a wedding gift, the gods gave her a box.

Created to be curious, Pandora couldn't help but open the box.

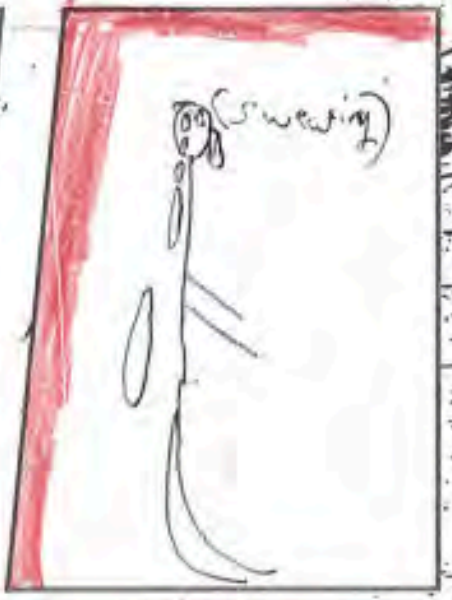


It released the most horrible things such as misery, disease, greed, envy, war, poverty, hunger and death.

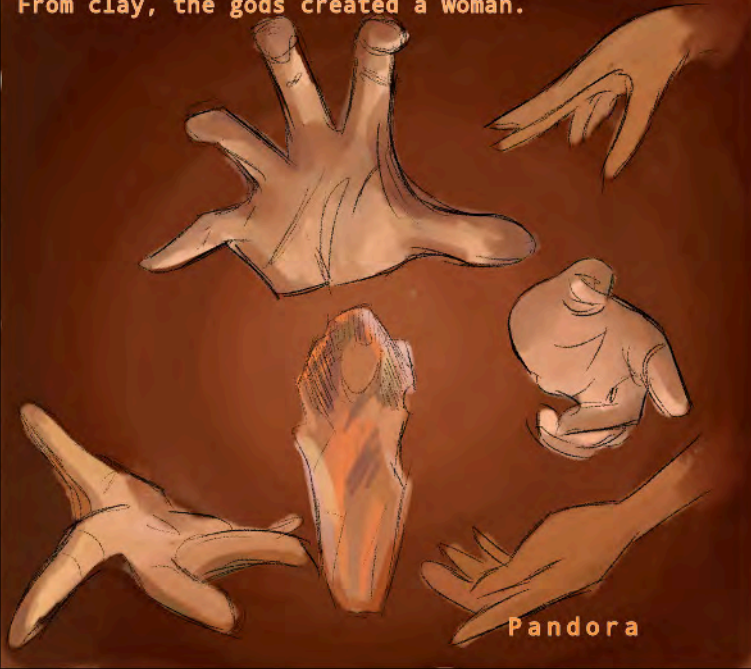
But at the bottom of the box one thing remained

HOPE

A flickering glow of hope for humanity to survive the misery released.



From clay, the gods created a woman.

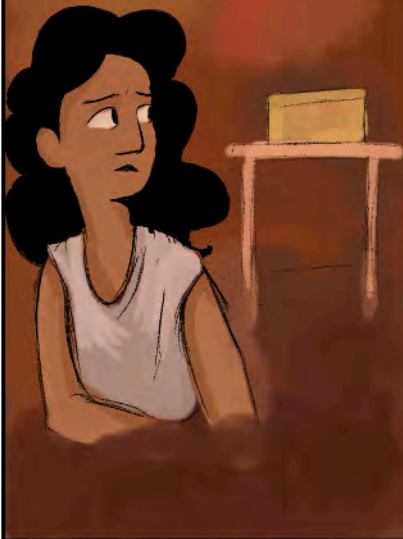


Pandora

She was given a box and was told to never open it.



But the gods had made her curious.
Each day, the box tempted her.



One day, she gave in.



Pandora opened the box...



and evil entered the world.



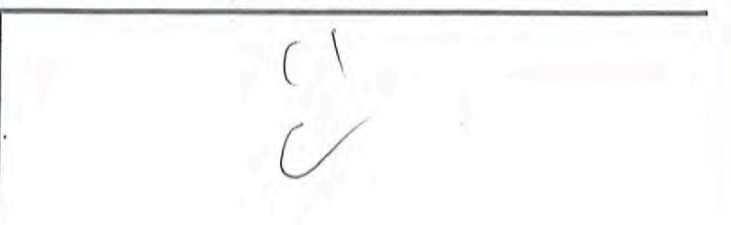
Only hope remains in the box.

SOPHIA

Pandora's Box

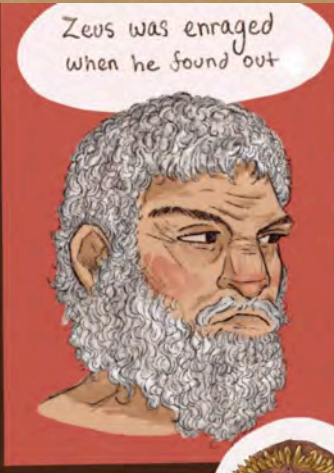


Pandora is compelled by the box





In a time long ago, Prometheus gifted mankind with **FIRE**



Zeus was enraged when he found out



... so he punished Prometheus by sending an eagle to peck at his liver every day



he wasn't finished yet, so he commissioned Athena and Hephaestus to create a woman

Aphrodite blessed her with the gift of seduction, and Hermes with the ability to deceive



the woman's name was **Pandora**



It wasn't long before Epimetheus, Prometheus' brother, fell in love with her



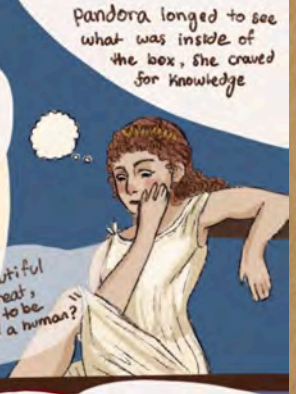
Prometheus attempted to warn his brother, but he was too lovestruck

"Why, then Zeus should punish me more often, because Pandora is by far the most ethereal being I have ever seen!"



when they got married, Pandora came with a dowry including a mysterious box with strict instructions saying: **DO NOT OPEN**

"What astonishingly beautiful treasure would be so great, it would not be worthy to be looked at with the eyes of a human?"



Pandora longed to see what was inside of the box, she craved for knowledge



one day, she decided that she could no longer resist the temptation

"Just one peek inside, and then I can rid my mind of this forever."



The first crack of the lid released awful anger and aura into the atmosphere

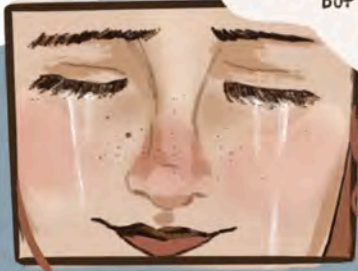
Pandora attempted to trap the evil spirits, but wept in realization that she'd released peril into the mortal world



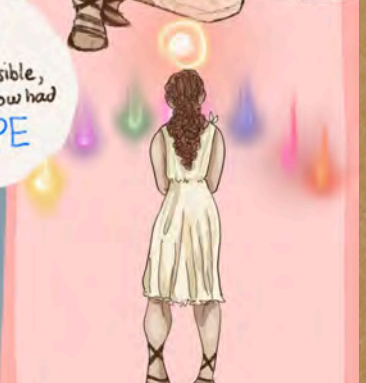
Suddenly, a calm, soft whisper came from the box, Pandora opened the box for a second time and a beam of warm light glowed from the cracks of the box

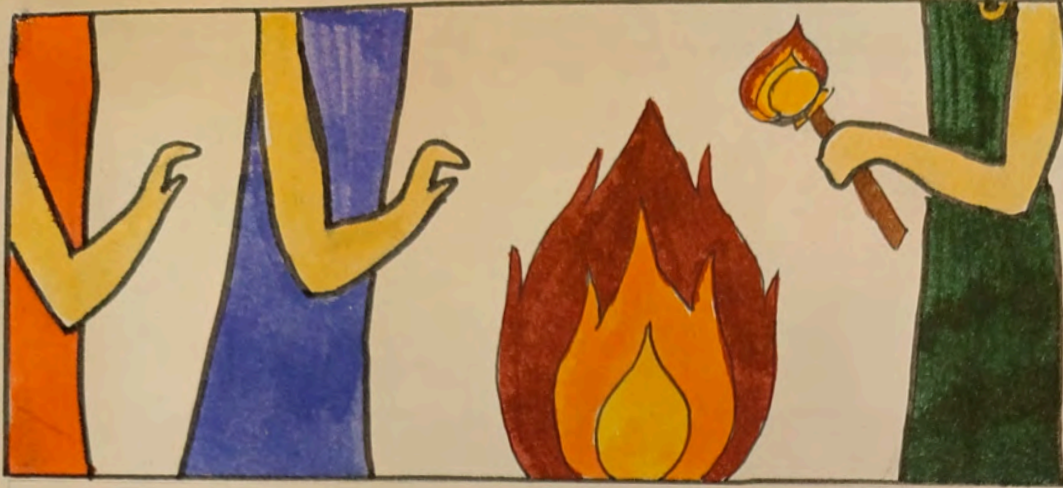


Pandora sighed as a wave of comfort and relief rushed through her blood



Her worries melted away through her tears, she knew her actions were irreversible, but she now had **HOPE**





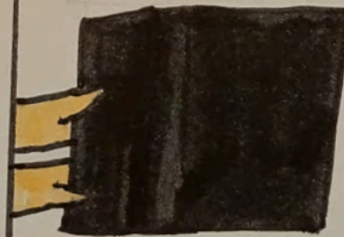
After Prometheus taught how to make fire to humans,



Zeus got angry

And he was going to make Prometheus and humans pay.

So he called Pandora, the first ever mortal woman



and he gave her a box

And told her to never open it...



But she couldn't resist opening it. And when she opened it, all the wars and evil broke out into the world.

~ pandora's box - a comic strip ~

In Olympus, Zeus, the god of the sky, was sulking. His brothers and sisters had no CLUE what was going on!!

One day he told them "Prometheus has given fire to the humans! how DARE he!!!"

→ Prometheus - COME GET FIRE!

the rest were in shock.

- diosynus god of wine
- nera queen of gods
- poseidon god of the sea
- twins, apollo and artemis
- ares, god of war
- couple, "faithful", aphrodite and hephaestus
- athena and hermes

all made a plan - one that no-one could resist

Zeus ordered hephaestus to make the first woman

out of soil and water.

each god gave her a gift

athena gave her wisdom

aphrodite gave her beauty

and so on...

her name was Pandora

but she was curious

Zeus sent her to earth where she got married to Epithemus, Prometheus's brother

Zeus sent them a gift, one that should NEVER BE OPENED

Pandora didn't listen (obviously)

disease, pain, sad

Zeus had his revenge

Out came all of the ugly things in life - diseases, sickness, death... and mankind was ruined.

but one thing remained in the jar

HOPE

A world without
Pain or Suffering,



Pandora was
the first woman
alive.



- Pandora was given many gifts
 - beauty from Aphrodite
 - wisdom of Athena and musical talent from Apollo.
- ★
Zeus gave Pandora the magic box

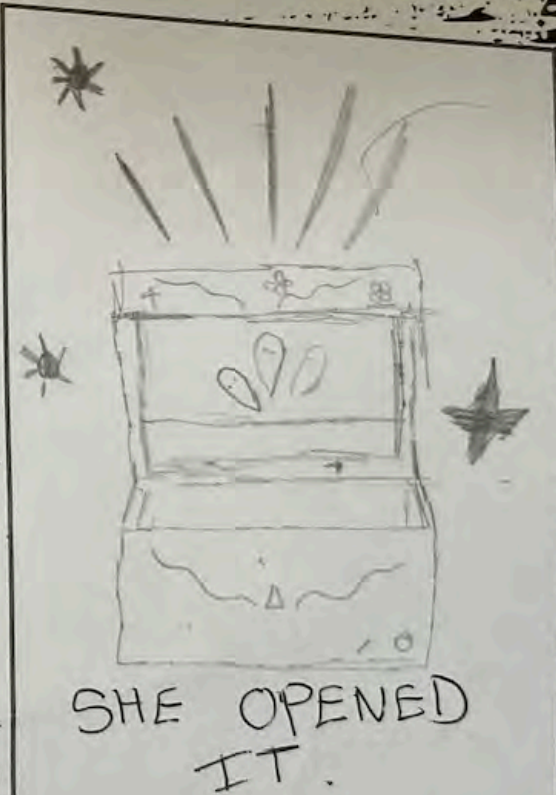


★ Zeus told her ★

to NOT
open
the
box



Pandora didn't listen to Zeus.
This happened.





HEROES
&
MONSTERS

THERE ONCE WAS A YOUNG NOBODY



AND A GREAT BEAST...

AND THEY FOUGHT FOR THE BEAST'S CROWN.



THE BEAST WAS STRONG.



BUT HE WAS STRONGER.



NOBODY

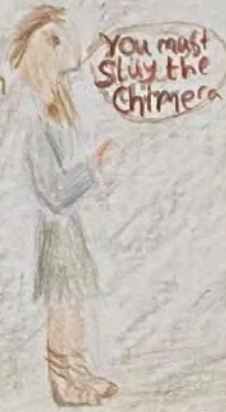
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MORE.

AND THE HERO REJOICED.

KATHERINE

King Iobates has sent Bellerophon to kill the terrifying Chimera.



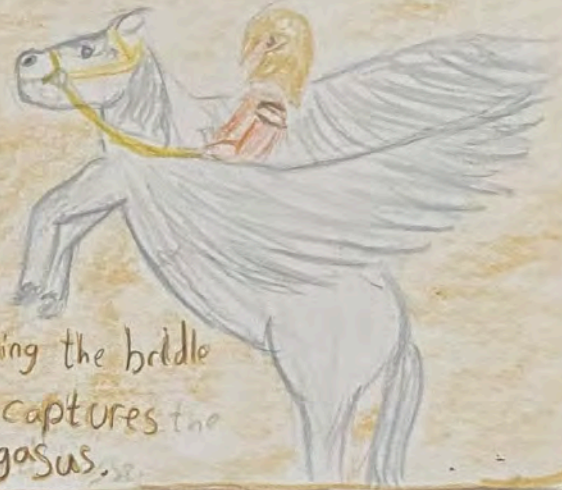
Bellerophon sleeps at a temple and is visited in a dream by Athena.



He wakes to find a golden bridle from the goddess.

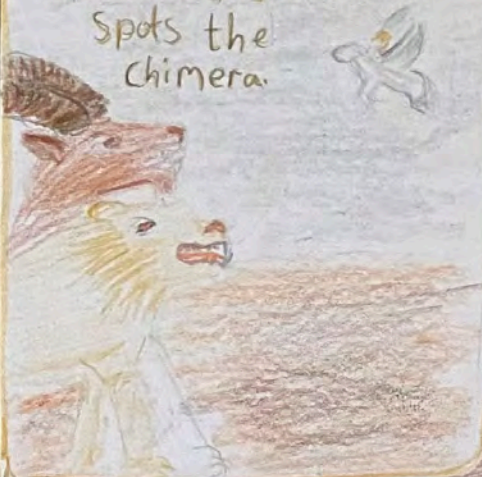


On his way Bellerophon comes across the beautiful winged horse Pegasus.

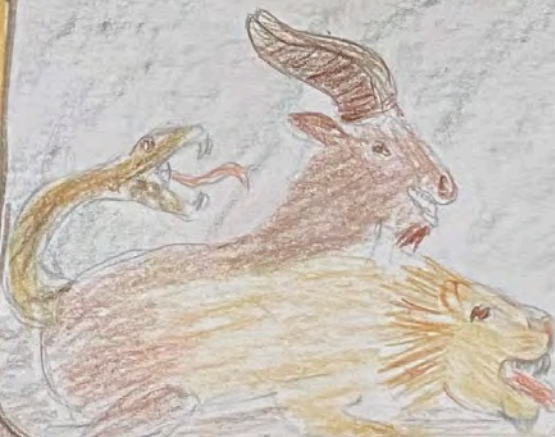


Using the bridle he captures the Pegasus.

While flying Bellerophon spots the Chimera.



After much fighting...

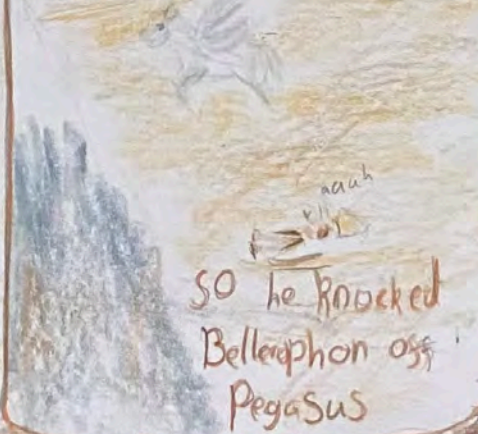


Bellerophon finally kills the monster.

With a humeral ed dead Bellerophon decided he deserved to live with the god.



This angered Zeus King of the gods.



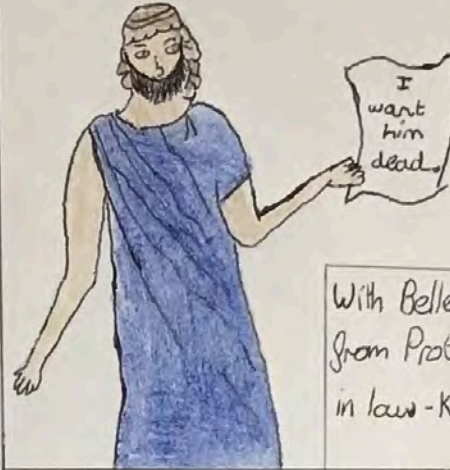
so he knocked Bellerophon off Pegasus

From then on whenever Zeus wanted to create a storm Pegasus brought the lightning.



BELLEROPHON and PEGASUS

A valiant prince, Bellerophon, was sent to stay with the King of Lycia by King Proteus, a vengeful ruler.



With Bellerophon arrived a letter from Proteus requesting his father-in-law - King of Lycia - to kill him.

So he sent Bellerophon on an impossible quest to kill the deadly Chimera - a fire breathing beast with a head of a lion, body of a goat and tail of a snake.



Bellerophon accepted the challenge and set out on his mission the next day. On his path he came across a wise old man named Polygeidos who told him he needed Pegasus for a victory over the Chimera. However, nobody had ever ridden Pegasus before.



As he slept in the temple, the goddess Athena approached him and gifted him a golden bridle to tame Pegasus.



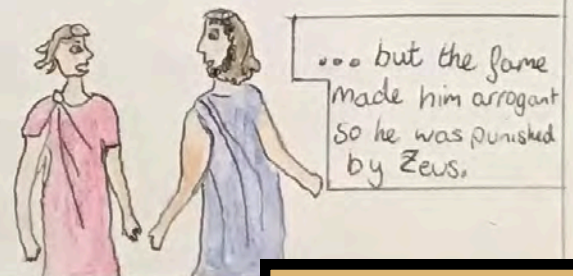
After journeying to the mountains, Bellerophon saw Pegasus drinking by the river. Swiftly he threw the bridle over his head. He mounted the horse and rode to where the Chimera lived.



After spotting the Chimera, he attached lead to the spear tip and hurled it down the Chimera's throat. The Chimera's fiery breath melted the lead and it suffocated.



Bellerophon victoriously returned to the King and everyone praised his name.



When Europa was kidnapped by Zeus, Cadmus her brother was tasked with finding her?



... but he got distracted and founded a city instead



At first, whenever he sent his men out for water they ended up dead.



He checked the river and there was a giant Serpent!



So he killed it.

Some time later...

Cadmus had a family and was living comfortably as King of Thebes



He'd even married Harmonia: daughter of Aphrodite and Ares.



Not everything was well and good with Cadmus, though. He was cursed.



So he went to the Oracle who told him the serpent he had killed was super sacred.

And so if the Gods liked that serpent so much maybe I should wish to be one!





Oh! My poor husband! I wish I could join you.



Once the Gods answered her prayer, they lived on in...





THE LABOURS
OF
HERCULES

A long time ago in Ancient Greece... the demigod Hercules was tasked with twelve labours by King Eurystheus to redeem himself.



He Killed Lions...



neigh

stole horses...

got a shiny belt.



But nothing compared to his impossible final task, to bring Cerberus to the overworld.



So Hercules hops down to the river Styx and with the help of Mestia gets across.

cerberus: the three headed guard dog of the underworld.



But first he had to ask Hades permission.



whose a good boy.

so then he used the power of tuming rubs and hugs to bring Cerberus to the overworld.



When he brought Cerberus back he was freed of all his tasks.

What am i supposed to do with this thing?

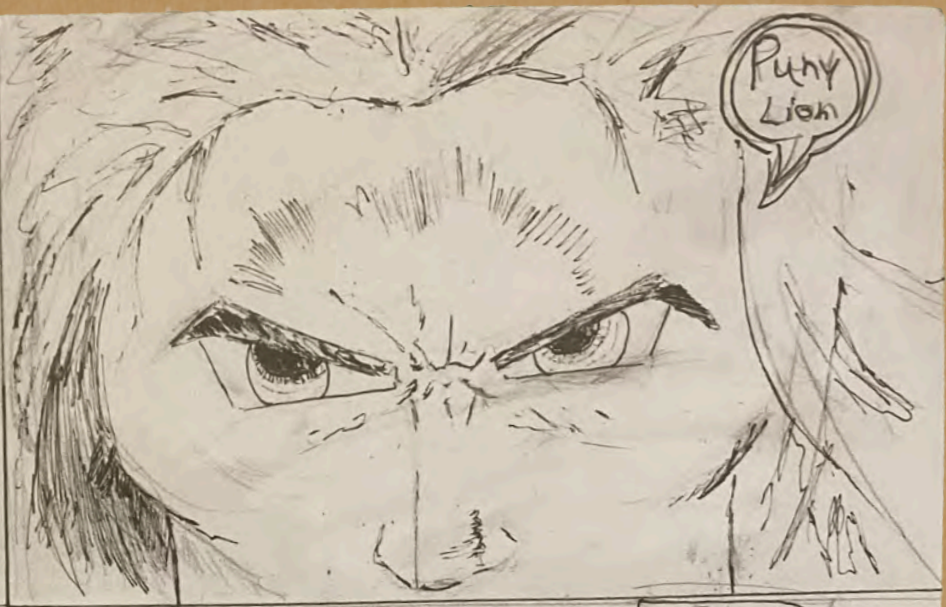
Now he could live happily for all eternity right?



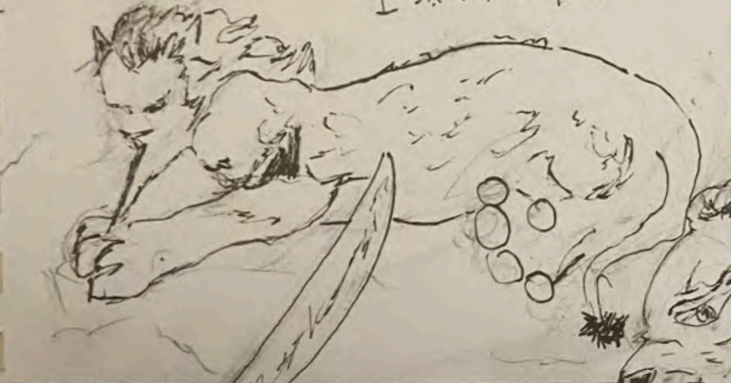
The taming of the nemean Lion

Hercules arrived at Nemea

Puny Lion



I Shall Kill you



Ahmed Ahmed

AHMED

Bring me the Nemean Lion



The Lion could not be killed with the arrows.



Only the strength of Hercules could kill the Lion.



But the Lion was still conscious.



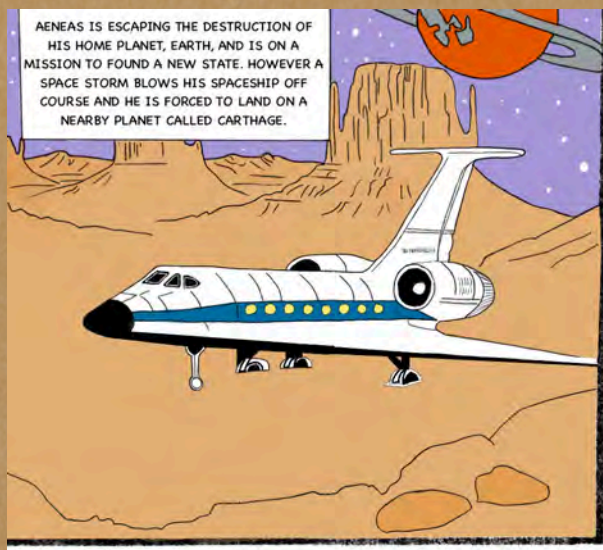
Now Hercules wears the coat of the lion.





TRAGIC
LOVE
STORIES

AENEAS IS ESCAPING THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS HOME PLANET, EARTH, AND IS ON A MISSION TO FOUND A NEW STATE. HOWEVER A SPACE STORM BLOWS HIS SPACESHIP OFF COURSE AND HE IS FORCED TO LAND ON A NEARBY PLANET CALLED CARTHAGE.



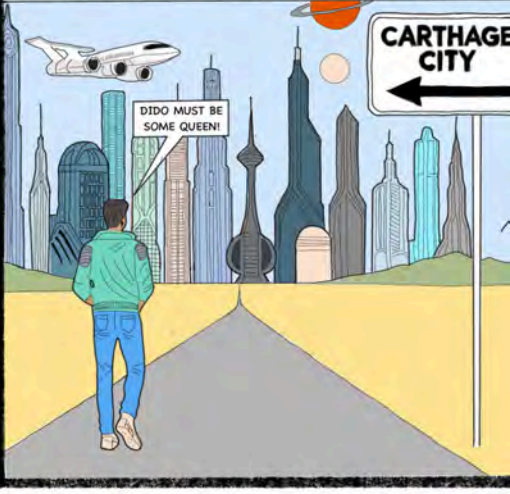
LATER, VENUS COMES TO AENEAS DISGUISED AS A POOR OLD WOMAN.



SEEK OUT DIDO, QUEEN OF THE CARTHAGINIANS.

THANK YOU!

AS HE APPROACHES CARTHAGE CITY, AENEAS IS SHROUDED IN A CLOUD SENT BY VENUS TO ENSURE HE STAYS UNNOTICED. HE IS AWESTRUCK AT THE CITY'S SPLENDOR.



DIDO MUST BE SOME QUEEN!

AENEAS ENTERS DIDO'S COURT, TAKING SHAPE IN FRONT OF HER. DIDO IS IMPRESSED BY AENEAS' APPEARANCE AND INVITES HIM TO JOIN HER AT HER FEAST.



I AM AENEAS, SON OF ANCHISES.

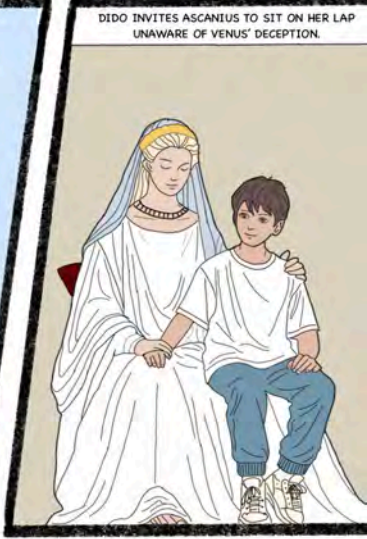
WHO ARE YOU, STRANGER? WHAT HAS BROUGHT YOU TO MY PLANET?

MEANWHILE IN HEAVEN, VENUS SCHEMES TO MAKE DIDO FALL IN LOVE WITH AENEAS.

DISGUISE YOURSELF AS AENEAS' SON ASCANIUS, MY DEAR CUPID, AND WEAVE A WEB OF LOVE AROUND DIDO.



DIDO INVITES ASCANIUS TO SIT ON HER LAP UNAWARE OF VENUS' DECEPTION.



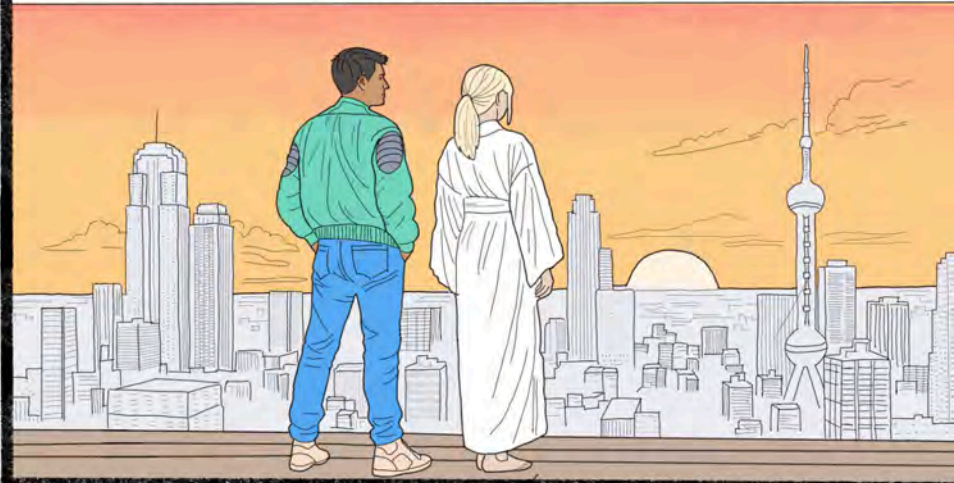
NOW THAT YOU HAVE FILLED YOUR STOMACH, TELL ME YOUR STORY.

I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING SO THAT YOU WON'T BE IN ANY DOUBT ABOUT MY PREDICAMENT.

AT THE FEAST, AENEAS BEGINS TO TELL HIS STORY. DIDO IS SOON CAPTIVATED BY AENEAS' ELOQUENCE AS VENUS' MAGIC BEGINS TO WORK.



VENUS AND JUNO CONSPIRE, ENSURING DIDO AND AENEAS SPEND FURTHER TIME TOGETHER AFTER THE FEAST. WHILE OVERLOOKING THE CITY, THEIR FEELINGS GROW AND THEY CONFESS THEIR LOVE. HOWEVER, THEIR LOVE DOES NOT COME WITHOUT A COST AS DIDO BEGINS TO NEGLECT HER BELOVED KINGDOM...



JUPITER SOON LEARNS OF THE AFFAIR. IN HIS FURY, HE INSTRUCTS MERCURY TO INTERVENE.

JUPITER HAS SENT ME TO REMIND YOU OF YOUR MISSION TO ESTABLISH A COLONY ON ANOTHER PLANET WHICH YOU SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN. YOU MUST NOT STAY IN CARTHAGE ANY LONGER.



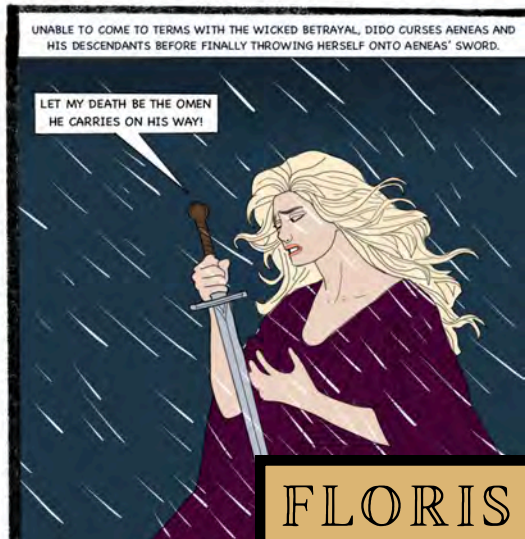
DESPITE BEING CONFRONTED BY DIDO, AENEAS FOLLOWS JUPITER'S INSTRUCTIONS AND ABANDONS CARTHAGE. HE FURTHER VIOLATES DIDO'S HOSPITALITY BY STEALING HER SPACESHIP.

O MERCILESS! HAD BUT AENEAS NEVER TOUCHED THE FACE OF THIS PLANET!



UNABLE TO COME TO TERMS WITH THE WICKED BETRAYAL, DIDO CURSES AENEAS AND HIS DESCENDANTS BEFORE FINALLY THROWING HERSELF ONTO AENEAS' SWORD.

LET MY DEATH BE THE OMEN HE CARRIES ON HIS WAY!



FLORIS

Althaea and King Oeneus had a son called Melegar



7 days after his birth the fates appeared and predicted he would be...



BRAVE

NOBEL

But the last one warned that he would die as soon as one of the sticks in the hearth completely burned



Scared Althaea pulled the stick from the hearth and hid it away



Melegar grew up STRONG



Becoming the youngest Argonaut

When he returned

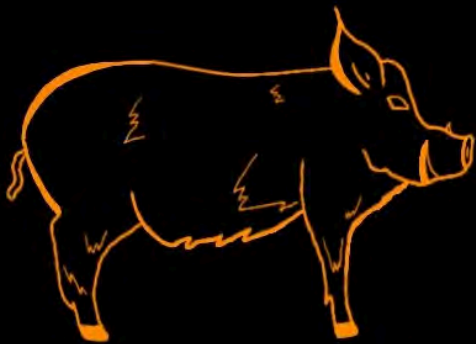


He married Cleopatra

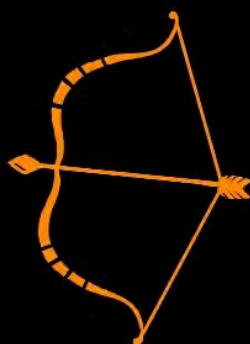
But a mistake from his father caused Artemis to unleash a



FEARSOME boar

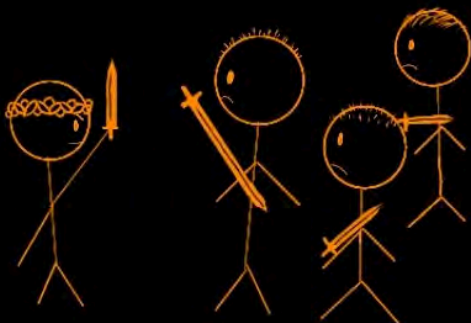


Working with Atlanta and his uncles they managed to slay the boar



Melegar awarded the boar's skin to Atlanta because she drew first blood

This enraged his uncles due to him awarding the prize to a woman



A quarrel ensued and Melegar killed his uncles

Althaea was enraged and devastated by the death of her brothers



So she retrieved the stick and...



Causing Melegar to die

Zeus & Hermes were once strolling through town in mortal disguise.



They searched for hospitality ...

... But were turned away at every door.



The couple accepted the gods into their home, showing infinite kindness.

Until they encountered a poor elderly couple: Old Philemon and his wife, Baucis.



While they offered the little food they had...



... They noticed the wine bowl miraculously refilling.



In an attempt to please their guests, the old couple tried to butcher their last remaining goose...



... But the bird escaped their feeble grasps.

Ordering the couple to stop, the gods revealed their identities. They told Philemon and Baucis to escape to the mountains, whilst the disrespectful neighbours were punished.



Suddenly, the town flooded, submerging every house except that of the couple.



*It also transformed into a temple!



The gods then offered to grant any wish the couple desired, so Philemon and Baucis asked to serve in the temple for the rest of their time.

They wished to die at the same moment, so neither would have to mourn.

Therefore, when their long lives of love and charity finally came to their close, Philemon and Baucis transformed into trees, their branches forever intertwined.





Pan was determined to have the beautiful woman.

One day, the God Pan spotted a wandering nymph named Syrinx.



But she rejected him and fled, the greedy God chasing her.



They ran for many hours.



Syrinx, unable to out run him, begged the river nymphs to save her...

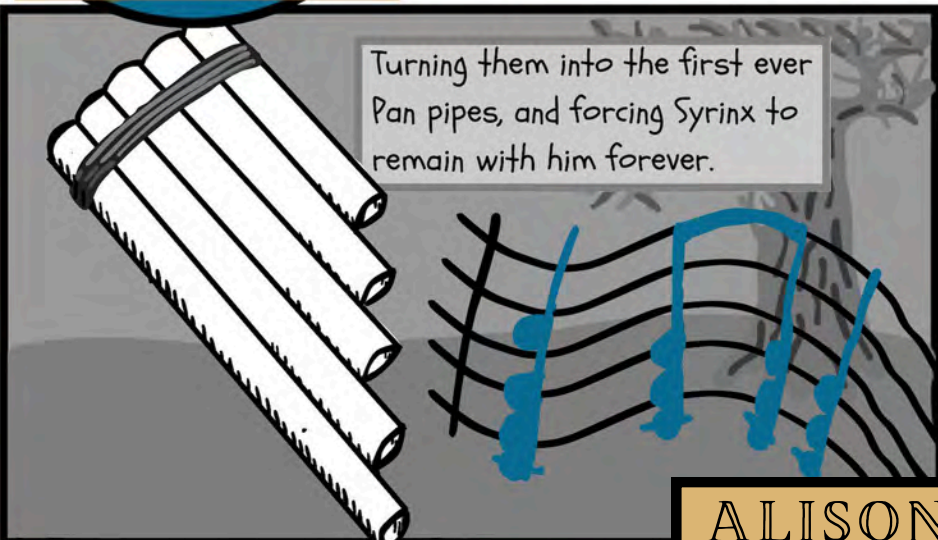
...and they agreed, turning her into reeds.




Angry at being denied a thing he desired...




...Pan cut down the reeds.



Turning them into the first ever Pan pipes, and forcing Syrinx to remain with him forever.



EROS
&
PSYCHE

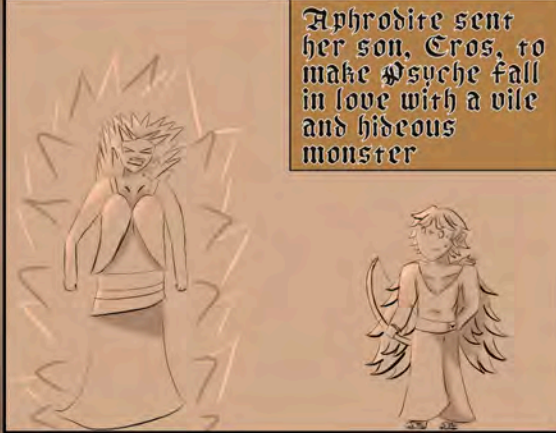


Cros & Psyche

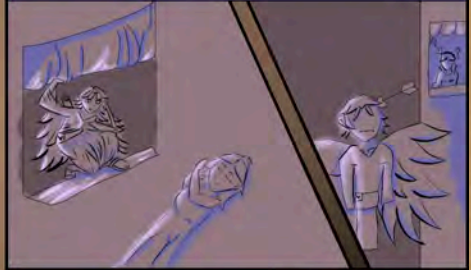
Psyche was the daughter of a King and Queen of an unknown kingdom. She was praised for being as beautiful as Aphrodite. This led to Aphrodite hating her as Psyche was being worshipped rather than the goddess.



Aphrodite sent her son, Cros, to make Psyche fall in love with a vile and hideous monster.



Cros did as he was asked and touched Psyche with one of his arrows. Psyche suddenly awoke despite being unable to see Cros because he was invisible. Cros accidentally wounded himself with his own arrow and fell in love with her.

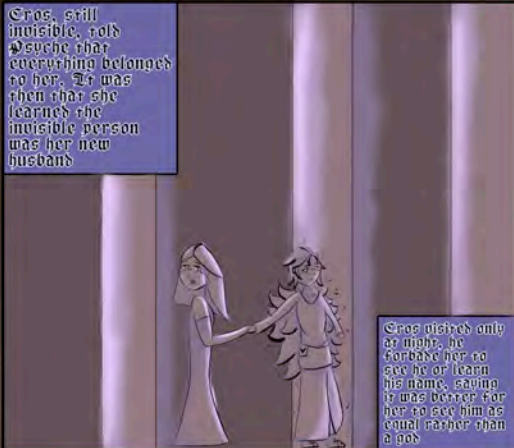


Cros, still invisible, told Psyche that everything belonged to her. It was then that she learned the invisible person was her new husband.



The King & Queen went to the Oracle of Delphi which said, 'Take your daughter will marry a beast, even the Gods Fear, take her to one taller than a spire in the kingdom.'

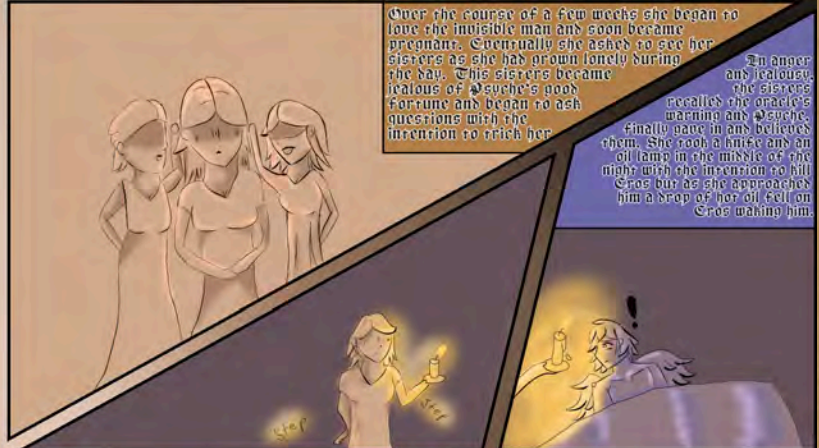
Psyche was taken to the rock spire and waited but the beast didn't come and Zephyrus, god of the west wind, raised her name to a large palace of gems and gold.



Cros picked only at night, he forbade her to see or learn his name, saying it was better for her to see him as equal rather than a god.

Over the course of a few weeks she began to love the invisible man and soon became pregnant. Eventually she asked to see her sisters as she had grown lonely during the day. This sisters became jealous of Psyche's good fortune and began to ask questions with the intention to trick her.

An angry and jealous, the sisters recalled the oracle's warning and Psyche, finally gave in and believed them. She took a knife and an oil lamp in the middle of the night with the intention to kill Cros but as she approached him a drop of her oil fell on Cros waking him.



Feeling betrayed by his wife, Cros flew off and the palace vanished with him. Psyche then found herself in a field near where her sisters lived. She told her sisters what happened and they pretended to be saddened by the news.

The sisters plotted to convince Cros to take one of them to be his wife. The two then threw themselves off the spire intending for Zephyrus to catch them and take them to the palace but her ignored them so they fell to their deaths.

By this point, Cros had completely healed from his injury and took flight to find Psyche. When he found her he gently awoke her with one of his arrows and took her to Aphrodite before going to Zeus to plea his case. Zeus agreed to help Cros if he helped Zeus the next time he saw a beautiful maiden. Zeus warned Aphrodite to never bring harm to Psyche again.

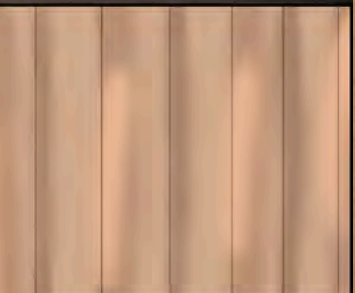


Aphrodite learned while tending to Cros' injuries that Psyche had betrayed him she set Psyche an 'impossible' task when she came and begged for forgiveness. The first task was to sort a pile of grains, barley, wheat, beans and poppy seeds into barrels by the evening. She wept at the impossible task and a colony of ants sorted the pile in time. Aphrodite was furious and set a new task.

Aphrodite ordered Psyche to collect golden fleece from a pack of violent rams. Psyche planned on drowning herself rather than being killed by the rams. The river god, Porphyrus, told her not to pollute his holy waters with her pitiful death and instructed her to wait until the weather was cooler so the rams were calmer. She passed the test and Aphrodite set her another.

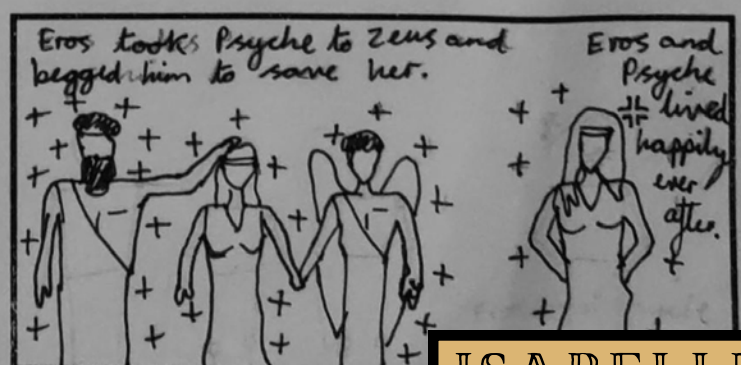
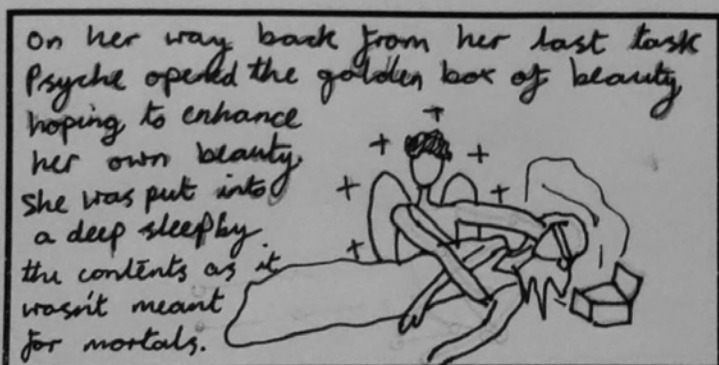
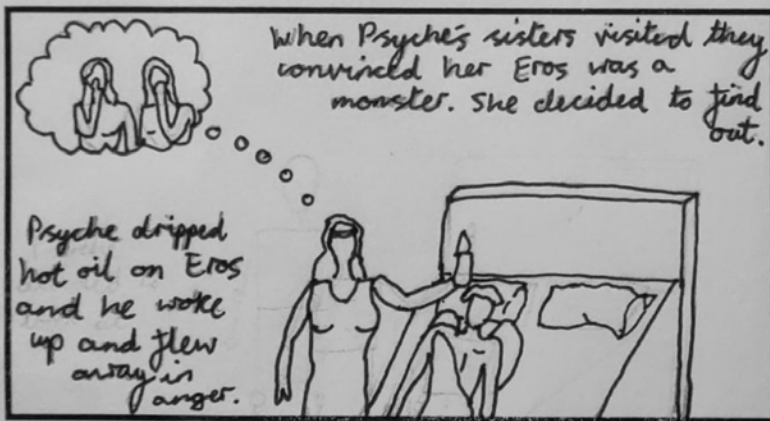
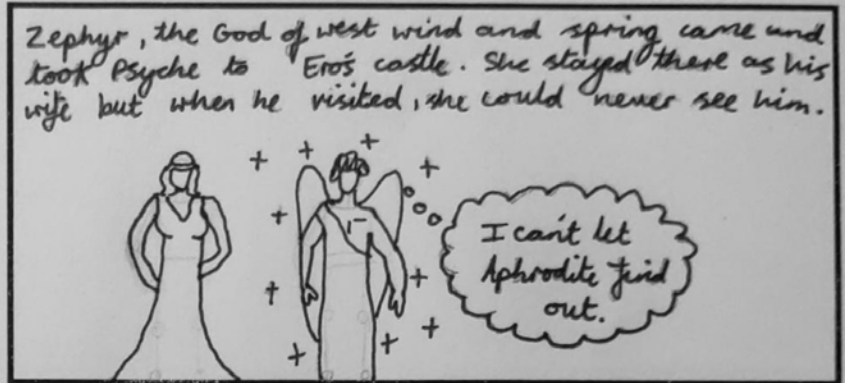
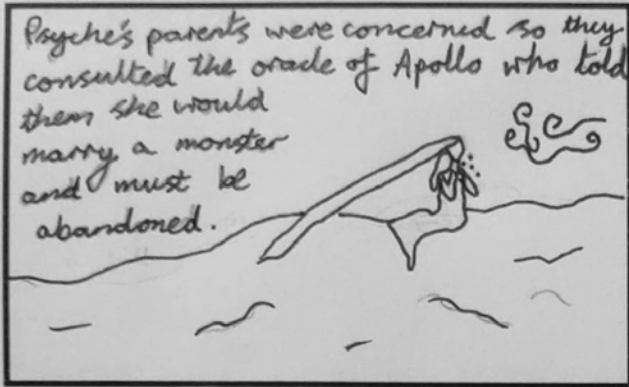
Aphrodite asked Psyche to gather the black waters from the river Styx in a crystal cup the goddess gave her. Stealing to the river meant climbing a treacherous cliff that risked her life. This time Zeus sent his eagle to retrieve water from her in the cup so she passed the third task.

Finally, Aphrodite asked Psyche to collect some of Persephone's beauty in a box, she tried to take her life again but was helped and she got to the Underworld. Persephone filled the box with her beauty but when Psyche opened it it put her into a deep slumber.



Psyche was given the drink of the gods, ambrosia, which made her immortal. Psyche and Cros married and Psyche became known as Goddess of the soul.





ONCE, THERE LIVED A GIRL NAMED PSYCHE

WHO LOVED A HUSBAND WHOSE FACE SHE SWORE NOT TO SEE.

UNTIL ONE NIGHT, DRIVEN TO SUSPICION BY HER JEALOUS SISTERS' MONSTROUS TALES,

SHE DECIDED TO GO CHECK AND LAY REST TO HER SUSPICIONS

BUT WHAT SHE FOUND

WAS NEITHER A HEDEOUS MAN,

NOR A MONSTER,

BUT THE GOD OF LOVE, EROS.

ALAS! A DROP OF HOT LAR!

AND EROS, HEARTBROKEN BY PSYCHE'S BETRAYAL

LEFT.

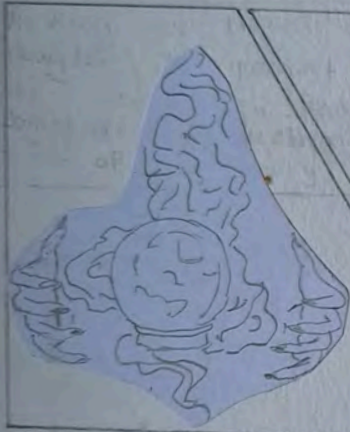
Eros + Psyche

A King was blessed with 3 beautiful daughters. The youngest (Psyche) was the most beautiful. People thought she must be a goddess no mortal could look like that. Some even compared her to Aphrodite (goddess of love + beauty).

Aphrodite wasn't happy. So she asked Eros (Cupid) to make her fall in love with an ugly creature.



Unfortunately, Eros was shot by one of his own arrows and fell in love with Psyche. Now he couldn't make her fall in love with something ugly. However, Psyche was having her own problems - No one would marry her, so she visited the oracle of Delphi...



The prophecies of Apollo declared Psyche would marry a monster. She was brought to a mountain to be sacrificed to it.



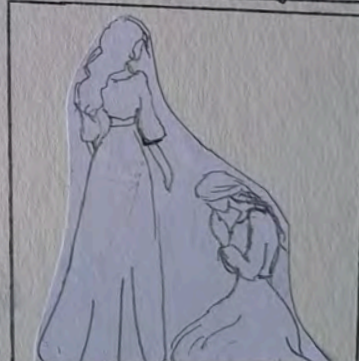
Psyche was swept away by the wind god Zephyrus. He took her to the most beautiful place she had seen. She immediately fell in love and she somehow knew her husband would return at night. Psyche never thought of him as a monster, even though she never saw him. However, she began to feel lonely and asked if she could see her sisters.



She was granted this wish, but was warned by her husband to not be influenced by them. Psyche was so glad to see them, but her sisters grew jealous of her fortune - their husbands could never afford this luxury. They started asking her lots of questions about her husband - how did she know he wasn't a monster?

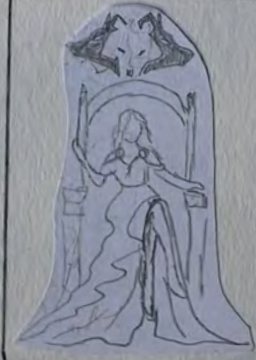


Psyche went to pray to Aphrodite for Eros to return. Aphrodite was angry, but said she would help Psyche if she could prove she was a good wife.



Aphrodite, wanting Psyche to fail, set her the task of separating a massive pile of grain into separate piles by the following morning. Psyche was determined to be reunited with Eros, so began her impossible task. Some ants took pity on her and helped her separate the grain. The next morning Aphrodite was furious and made Psyche do another task...

Aphrodite took Psyche to the river Styx and told her to collect a bottle of water from it. The surrounding rocks were slippery and steep - only a bird could reach it. Psyche, however, an eagle appeared and helped her. Aphrodite wasn't happy. She said that Psyche wouldn't be able to collect the water with our help. She gave Psyche one more chance - she had to get Persephone, queen of the dead, to drink her beauty into a box. Psyche traveled to the underworld and with the help of Charon, she managed to get Persephone...



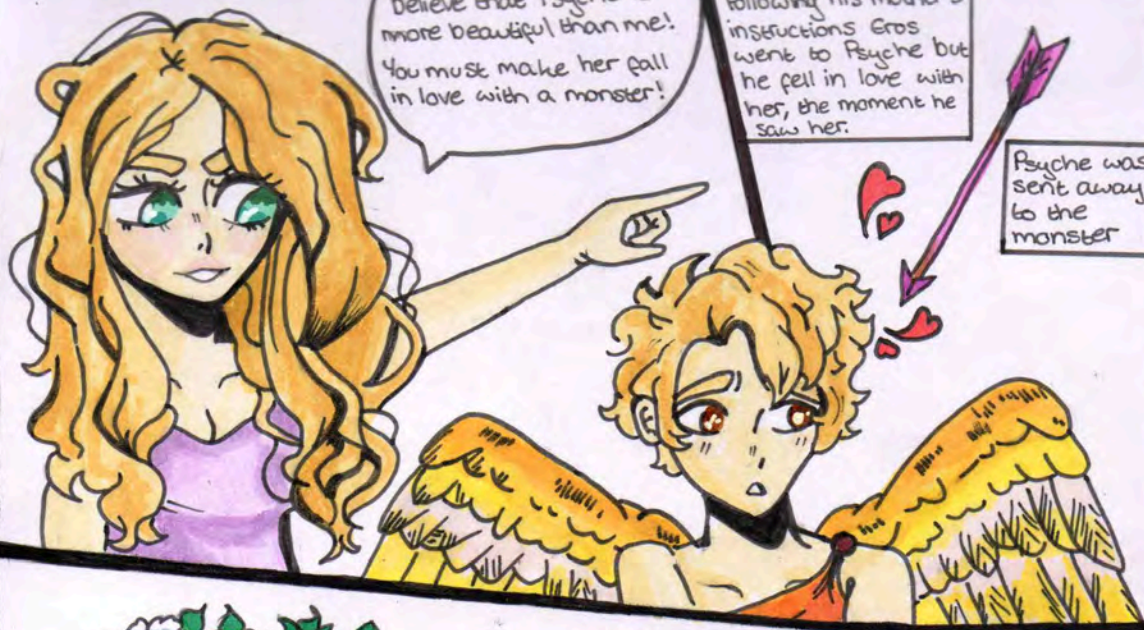
Aphrodite was extremely angry and said that Psyche wasn't worthy of Eros and she would keep Psyche as her slave. The gods, who had been watching Psyche's suffering, sent Hermes, the messenger god, to speak to Eros. Eros was furious about his wife's suffering and came to her rescue. Psyche and Eros were reunited and, as a wedding gift, made Psyche a goddess.



Eros, the mortals believe that Psyche is more beautiful than me! You must make her fall in love with a monster!

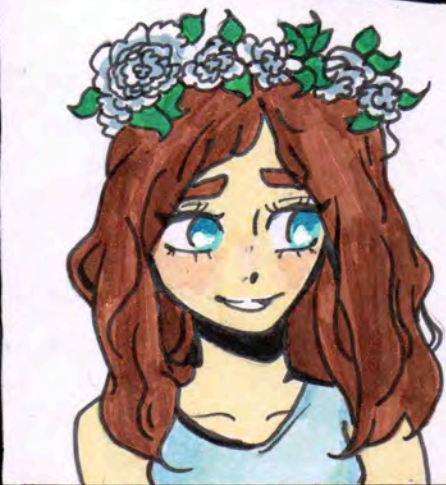
Following his mother's instructions Eros went to Psyche but he fell in love with her, the moment he saw her.

Psyche was sent away to the monster



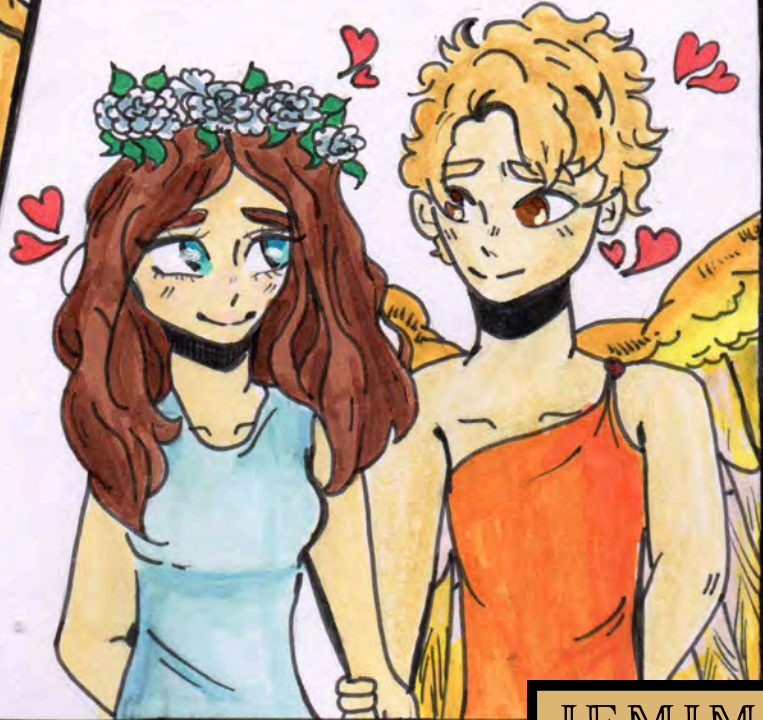
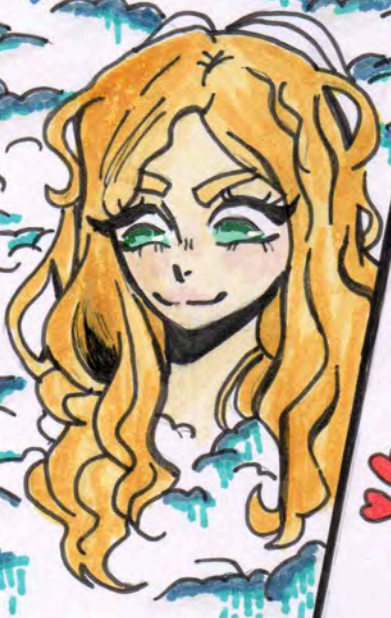
My love, you will live with me in my villa. However, you cannot look upon me in my true form.

Psyche ignored the monster's warning and discovered it was the god, Eros, who ran away feeling betrayed.



In the end, Psyche and Eros were married on Mount Olympus. Psyche became the goddess of the soul.

Psyche to win my son's love back you must complete four tasks. You will sort pieces of grain into separate piles, collect golden wool from the golden sheep. Then you must collect water from the river Styx, finally you must collect Persephone beauty.



Once there was a woman called Psyche.

She was known far and wide for her beauty

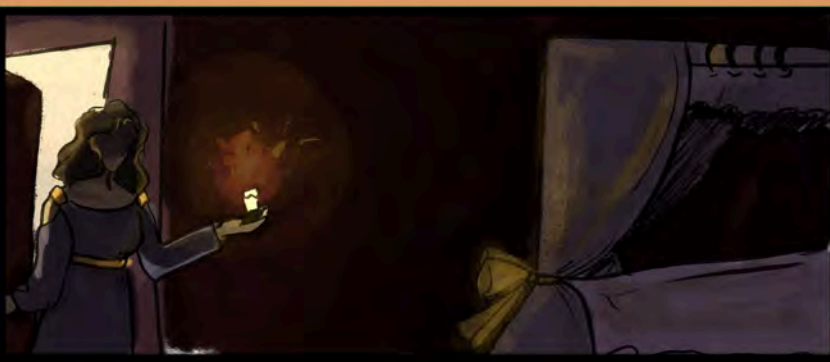


However, she was married to a man she had never seen the face of.



her Sisters, jealous of her, told her the man was a monster planing on killing her

It was lord Eros, son of beauty and war. Who loved her.



they advised her to kill him before he decided to kill her. Psyche trusted her sister's had her best interest at heart. So with a candle in hand, she set off to their bedroom.



She lifted the candle and saw not a monster but beauty. She cried of joy.



As she cried out in joy, she did not realise the wax of her candle dripping. Causing the boiling hot liquid to fall on Lord Eros and wake him in fright.



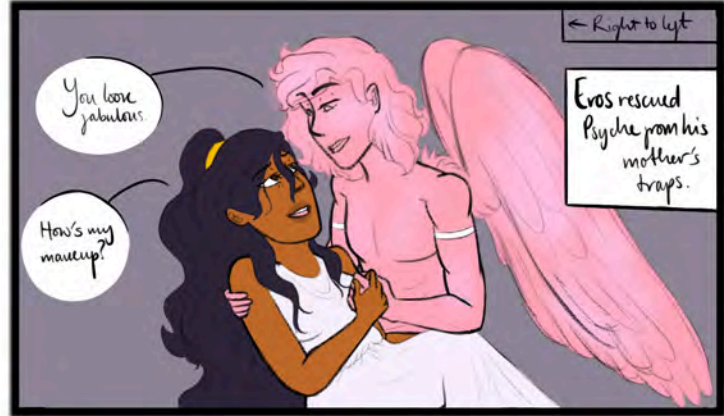
Eros, out of fear, flew away back to his mother on Olympus while Psyche tried to call him back.



Aphrodite, who already disliked Psyche, was furious that she did this. And decided that Psyche must earn back Eros's love.



The two told Zeus Aphrodite was going to be a grandmother after flying to Olympus.

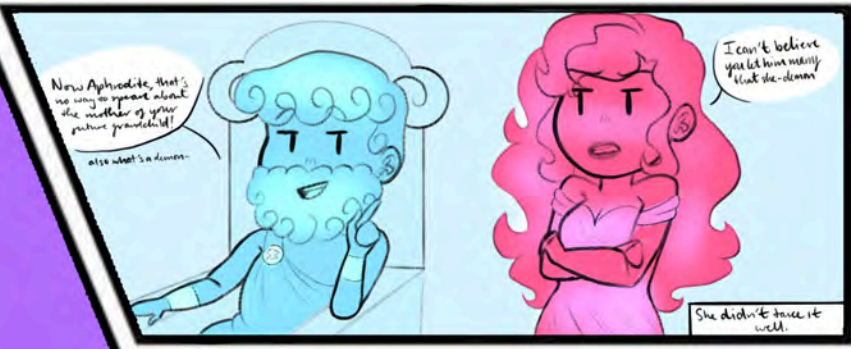


You love jabblers.

How's my mauup!

< Right to left

Eros rescued Psyche from his mother's traps.



Now Aphrodite, that's no way to speak about the mother of your future grandchild! also what's a demon-

I can't believe you let him nearly kill the demon!

She didn't force it well.

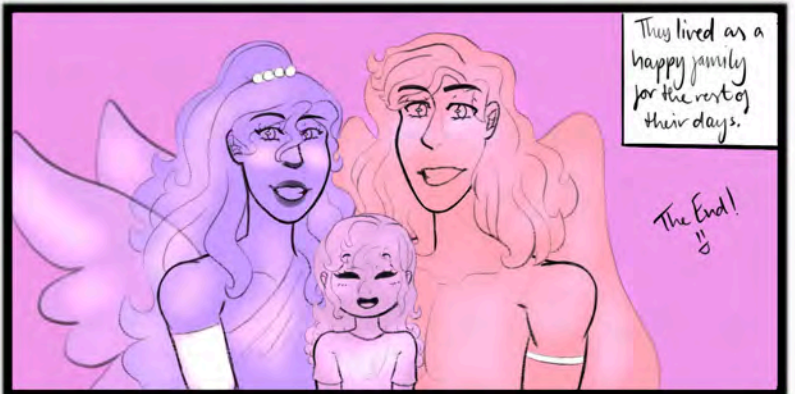


Psyche drank some ambrosia to become a goddess...



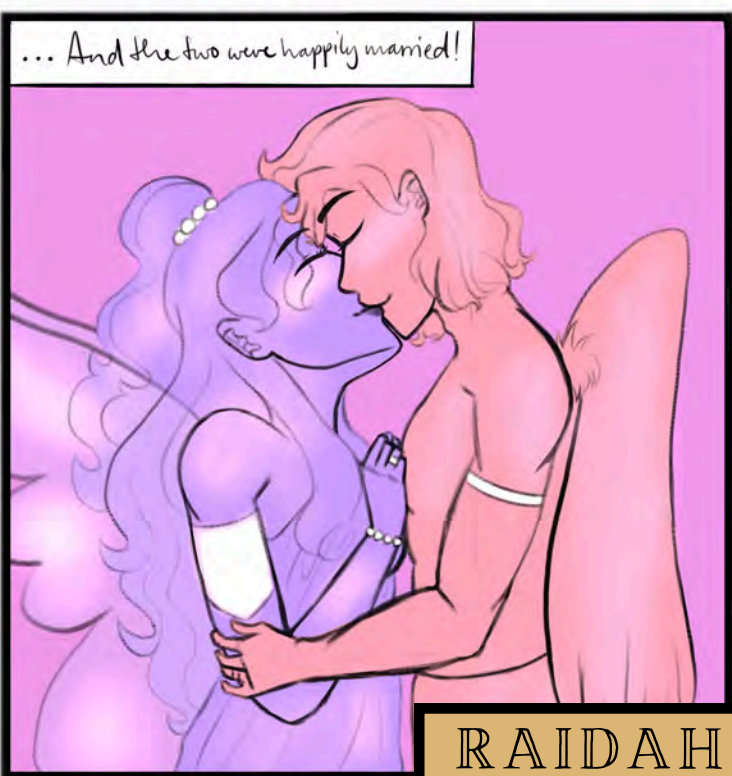
They thus had their daughter:

Hedone



They lived as a happy family for the rest of their days.

The End!



... And the two were happily married!



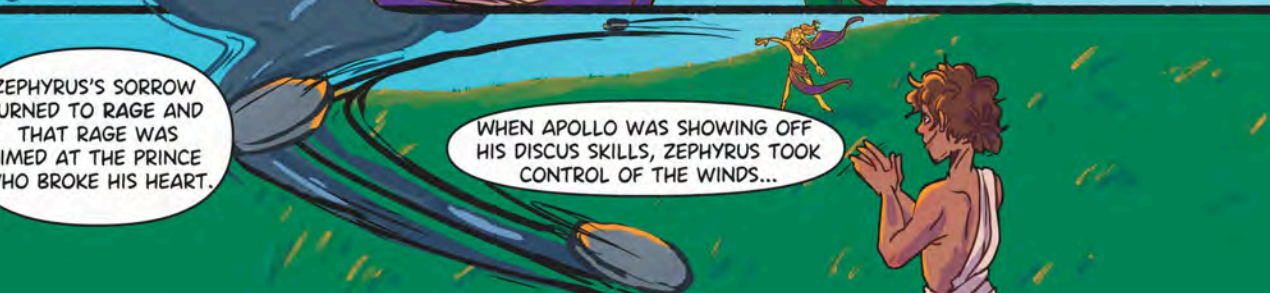
HYACINTHUS






APOLLO FELL IN LOVE WITH HYACINTHUS, A PRINCE OF SPARTA.

THE SUN GOD WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO LOVED THE PRINCE. BUT HYACINTHUS CHOSE APOLLO AND NOT THE WIND GOD, ZEPHYRUS.



ZEPHYRUS'S SORROW TURNED TO RAGE AND THAT RAGE WAS AIMED AT THE PRINCE WHO BROKE HIS HEART.

WHEN APOLLO WAS SHOWING OFF HIS DISCUS SKILLS, ZEPHYRUS TOOK CONTROL OF THE WINDS...



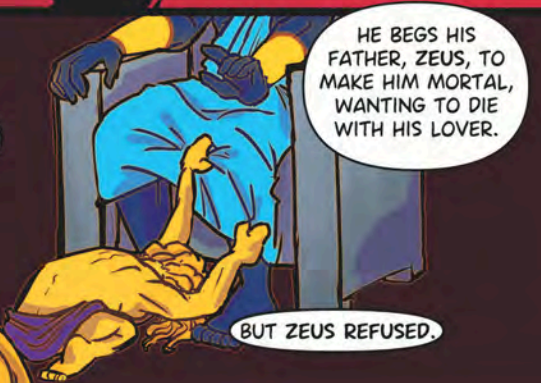
...HE REVERSED THE DISCUS PATH AND HIT HIM DIRECTLY ON THE FOREHEAD.

KILLING HIM INSTANTLY.



APOLLO BLAMED HIMSELF, UNAWARE OF THE WIND GODS INTERFERENCE...


A HYACINTH.



HE BEGS HIS FATHER, ZEUS, TO MAKE HIM MORTAL, WANTING TO DIE WITH HIS LOVER.

...IN HIS GRIEF APOLLO TURNED HIS LOVER INTO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER IN ALL OF GREECE.

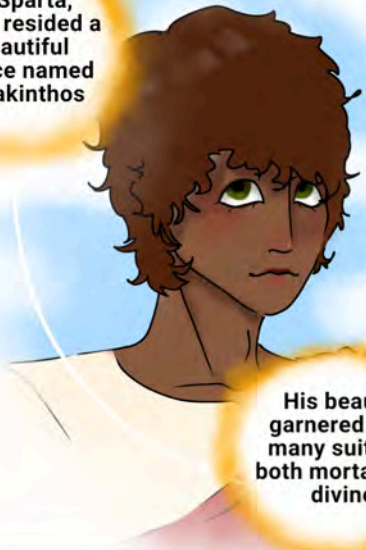
BUT ZEUS REFUSED.



WHILE APOLLO GOES ON TO HAVE MANY LOVERS OVER THE CENTURIES...

...FELLOW GODS AND MORTALS WHISPER THAT AFTER HYACINTHUS DIED HE NEVER TRULY FELL IN LOVE AGAIN.

In Sparta, there resided a beautiful prince named Hyakinthos



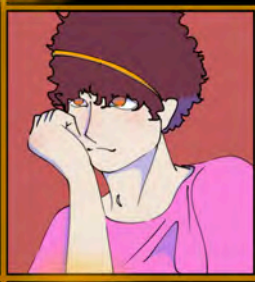
Thamyris: a mortal musician

Boreas: god of the North wind

Apollo: God of the sun

Zephyrus: god of the West wind

His beauty garnered him many suitors, both mortal and divine



he chose Apollo, god of the sun

some were less normal about this

than others

after much deliberation



one day, as the two played discus together



Zephyrus decided something had to be done about his jealousy

as Hyakinthos threw the discus up to the clouds,

Zephyrus cast a wind to blow it right back

Whoops!

while the Prince was on the verge of death, Apollo did all he could to keep him alive

with the last resort being to make him into a flower

marked with the sounds of tears upon its petals

THE END



HARRIET

OH, MY GLORIOUS PRINCE

MAY YOU ETERNALLY BLESS
THIS GOD

WITH YOUR RADIANT PRESENCE?

WOON 'T YOU
PUSH AWAY
THE STARS FOR ME

AND HOLD ME FROM THE HEAVENS?

MARGARET

APOLLO & HYACINTHIUS

ONE DAY

APOLLO FELL IN LOVE WITH THE PRINCE OF SPARTAN.

LOVE QUICKLY BLOSSOMED BETWEEN THE TWO. YEARNING TURNED INTO INFATUATION, AS BOTH MORTAL AND GOD BASKED IN EACH OTHER'S PRESENCE WHILE DAYS WHISK BY.

HYACINTHIUS

BUT LOVE COULD NOT PREVAIL OVER TRAGEDY THAT RULED OVER APOLLO'S FORMER LOVERS.

IN A GAME OF DISCUS, APOLLO THREW THE DISC THAT PIERCED THROUGH OLYMPUS.

HYACINTHIUS CHASED AFTER IT AND WHEN IT LANDED...

UNAWARE,

THE DISC REBOUNDED.

NO HEALING POWER COULD CURE THE LOSS OF HIS LOVER. APOLLO WEPT ON TOP OF HYACINTHIUS' BODY AS FLOWERS BLOOMED BENEATH HIM, PAINTING THE SOUNDS OF HIS CRIES.

FOREVER A REMINDER OF HIS LOVER

HYACINTHIUS

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MU & FREE

The "Myth" of Hyacinthus and Apollo



Apollo was the Sun god....



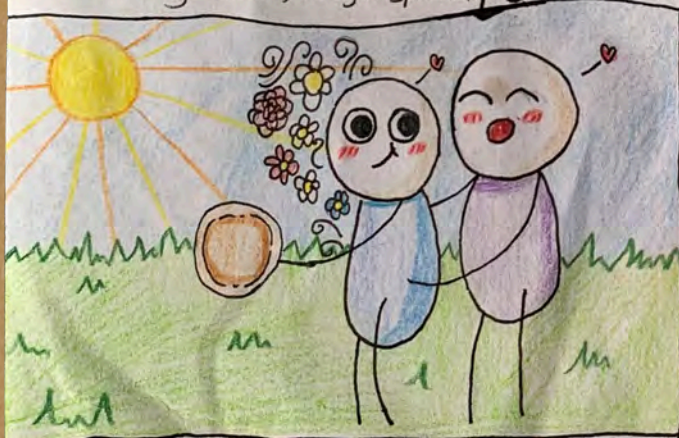
... and hyacinthus was a Spartan.



Hyacinthus was so beautiful he caught the attention of Apollo



They Soon Fell in love!



One sunny day when Apollo was teaching hyacinthus the discus....



The wind coincidentally changed and the discus hit hyacinthus killing him.



Apollo was devastated



In memory of his love Apollo Planted a flower and named it hyacinth

The End

EVEN THE MOST DIVINE DEITY LOSES CONTROL OF HIS POWERS...

KING MAGNES' SON, HYACINTHUS, WAS THE MOST HANDSOME YOUTH IN ALL OF SPARTA.

EVEN WITHOUT THE ARROW OF CUPID, HIS BEAUTY TUGGED THE HEARTSTRINGS OF APOLLO, GOD OF THE SUN, MUSIC, AND MEDICINE.

FROM FRIENDS, TO INTERESTS, TO LOVERS,

THE TWO FELL DEEP IN ROMANCE

HOWEVER... ZEPHYRUS, GOD OF THE WEST WIND, ALSO HELD ARDENT ADMIRATION FOR HYACINTHUS

JEALOUS THAT HE IS, HE OATHED TO SEPARATE THE INAMORATOS

SO, IN A HEATED ROUND OF DISCUS BETWEEN THE LOVERS, WHEN APOLLO WAS READY TO UNLEASH HIS FULL POWER TO AWE HYACINTHUS,

ZEPHRUS DIRECTS THE WIND TO STEER ASTRAY THE SOARING DISCUS...



KILLING HYCINTHUS IN AN INSTANCE

SHOCKED, APOLLO TRIED EVERY MEDICINE AND HERB, BUT FAILED TO RE-OPEN THE EYES OF HIS BELOVED.

GRIEVED AND ANGUISHED,

APOLLO TURNED THE HYCINTHUS' BODY INTO FIELDS OF BLOOMING VIOLET BLOSSOMS

EACH PETAL MOURNING, AND SOBBING FOR FORGIVENESS.



ECHO
&
NARCISSUS



Echo and Narcissus

Sixteen years went by, and already the son of Cephus was changing each day, from a lily-like youth into comely manhood. Regions of lustful men and beves of beautiful girls desired him—most notable of these suitors was the nymph Echo. Echo was, then, still a body, but with a voice that was not her own...



But her love persisted, and steadily grew with the pain of rejection. Wretched and sleepless with anguish, she started to waste away... Her skin grew dry and shrivelled, the lovely bloom of her flesh lost all of its moisture, nothing remained, but voice and bones— then, only voice, for her bones were transformed to stone.

scorned and shamed, with burning cheeks, Echo fled.

Of Narcissus' many scorned lovers, one soon cursed him to fall in love and never reach his desire.

AS STILL AS A STATUE OF PARIAN MARBLE...

WITH TWIN STARS FOR EYES...

RIPPLING CURLS, LIKE THOSE OF APOLLO... AND SKIN LIKE HIS SUN...

AND AN IVORY NECK...

Now, both suitor and sweetheart, taper and fire, Narcissus faded as yellow wax melts in a gentle flame, he was slowly consumed by the fire inside him.

He had found his truest love.



Narcissus and Echo

Once there lived a beautiful man named Narcissus. All the nymphs who saw him were struck with love for him yet he rejected ~~him~~ all.



A particular one of said nymphs was Echo, cursed by the great Hero to always have the last word but never to speak first.

And yet she was still determined to speak her feelings to Narcissus.



CLENCH

So she set out

But when she approached him

Again! One of you nymphs trying for my heart? Give up and go away.



AWAY

and so they cursed him...

CRACK!

Oh how to rely! How could I that I miss such a beauty like myself...

to look his own reflecting...

OUR NARCISSUS

Narcissus was loved by all



mortals, nymphs, and gods alike

But he had
a problem



what -



he could love no one else

Until one day...

By a lake



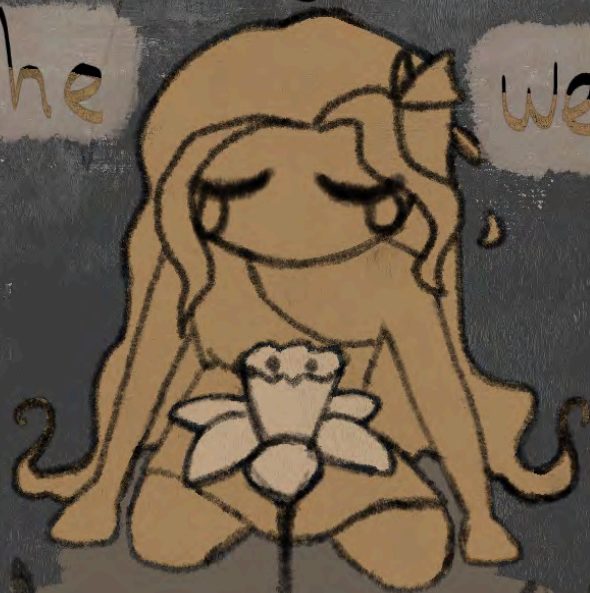
he found



my
true
love ♡

But when he realised
it was merely his reflection

he wept



and a narcissus bloomed
in his place

There is someone I can never have

Is this the punishment I was fated?



...fated?

Or did I bring this upon myself?



...myself?

Such beauty I reach out for



...for

It's always just out of my grasp



...grasp

I stare and wait



...wait

Longing

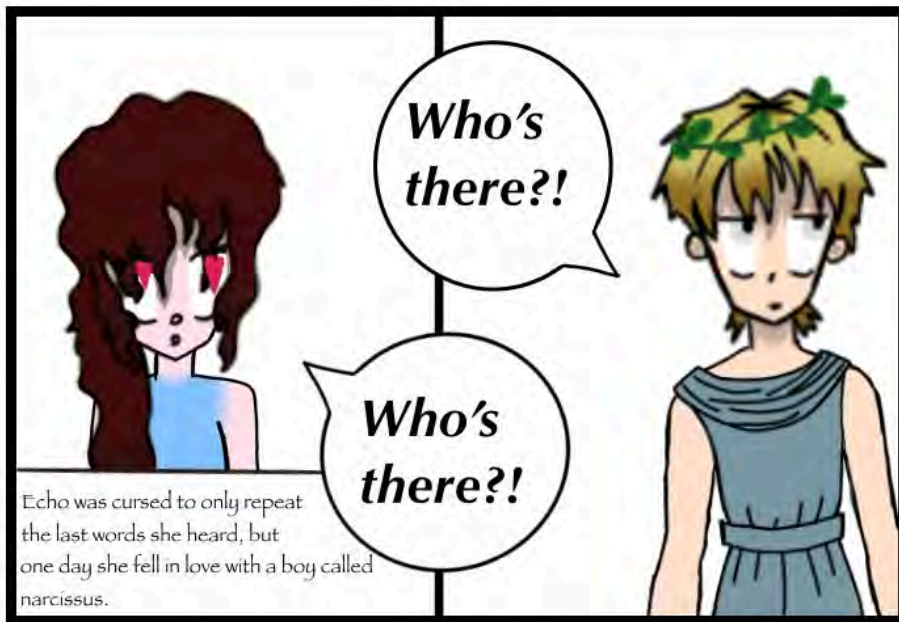


...longing

As I wither away



...away



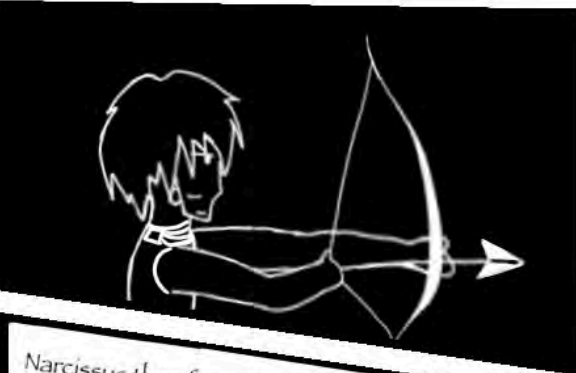
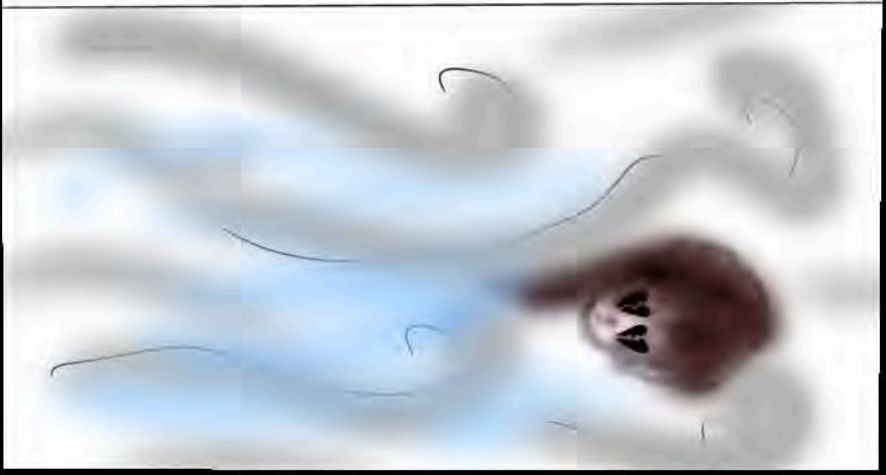
Echo was cursed to only repeat the last words she heard, but one day she fell in love with a boy called narcissus.



But narcissus was vain and conceited and instantly rejected echo's love for him

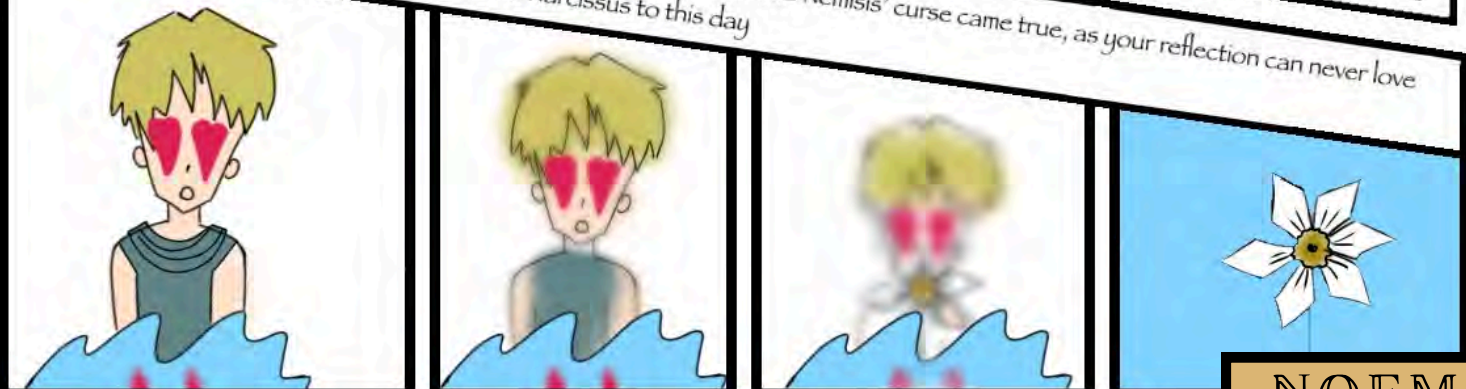
And so cursed Narcissus to never be loved by the one he loved...

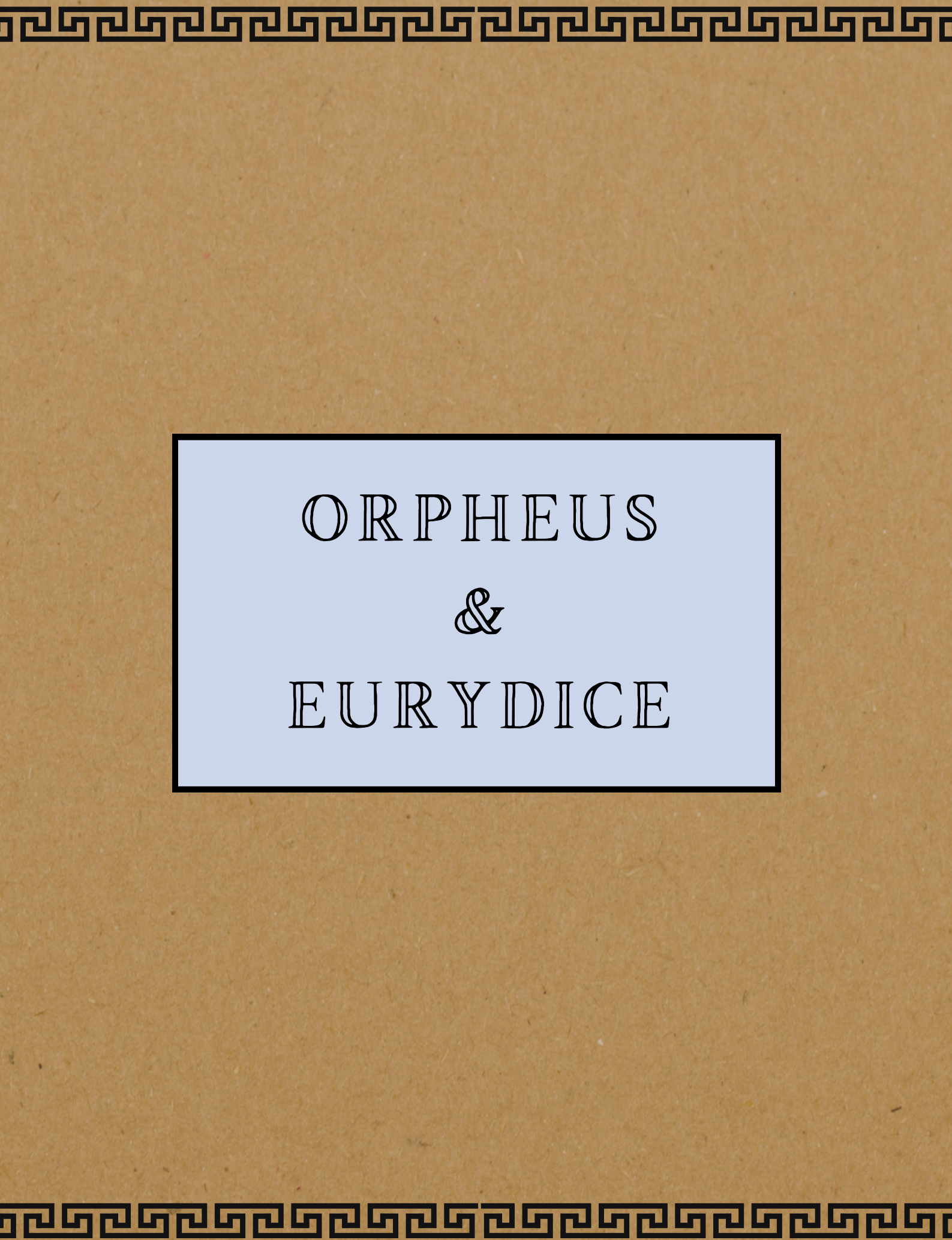
Echo was heartbroken and faded away, but Nemesis, the goddess of revenge, saw her pain



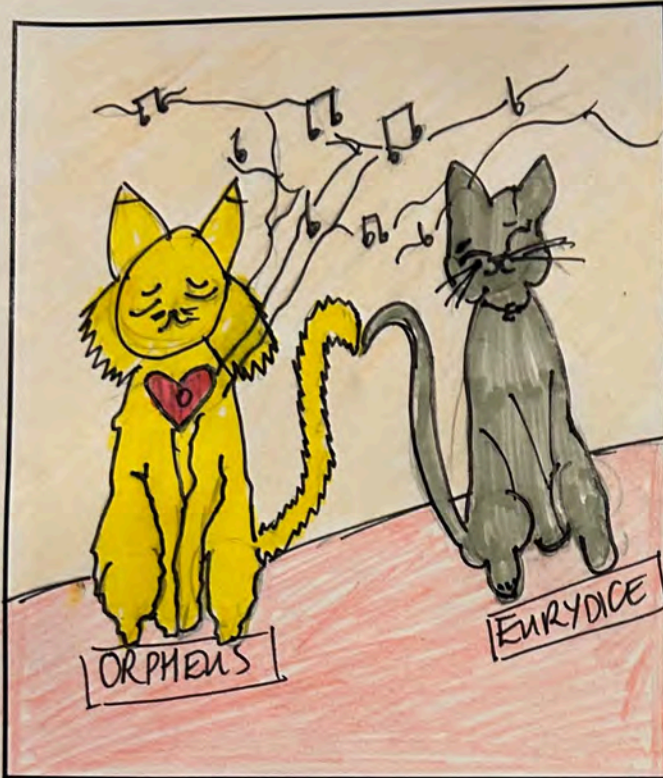
Clueless, Narcissus continued wandering around, but he soon grew thirsty

Narcissus then found himself too in love, in love with his reflection, and so Nemesis' curse came true, as your reflection can never love you back, and he faded into the flower we call a Narcissus to this day





ORPHEUS
&
EURYDICE



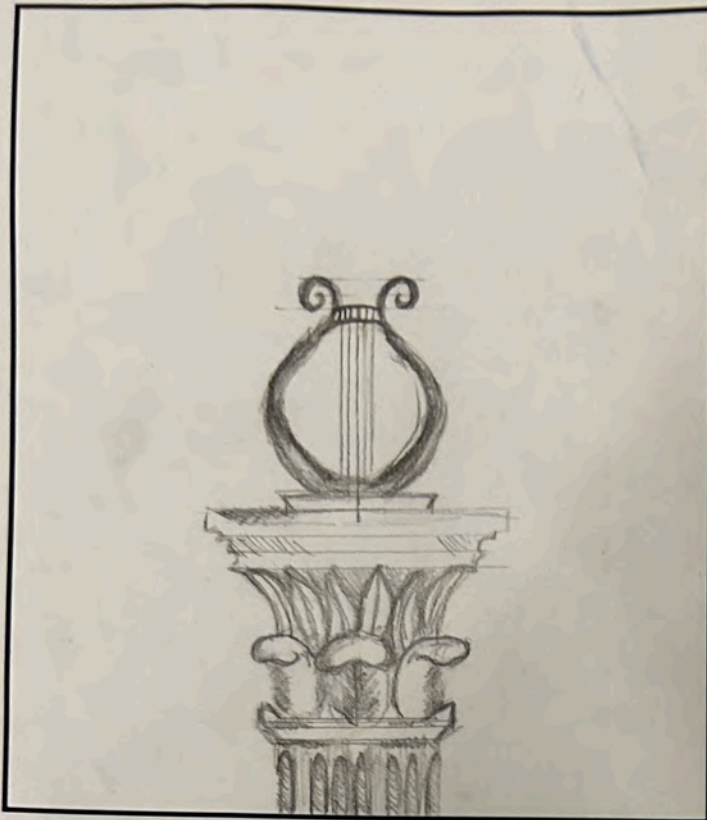
ORPHEUS AND EURYDICE FALL IN LOVE AND HE PLAYS HIS SWEET MELODIES.

ONE DAY, TRAGEDY STRIKES! EURYDICE WAS BITTEN BY A SNAKE AND DIED IMMEDIATELY. IN SORROW, ORPHEUS PLAYS ANOTHER TUNE TO CEBERUS.

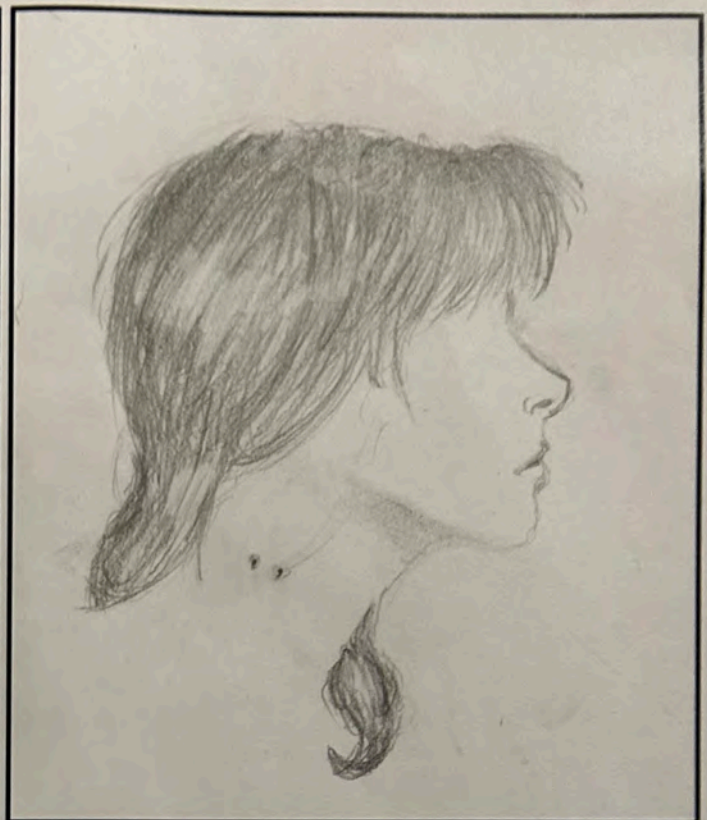


CEBERUS LEAD HIM TO HADES. EVEN HADES LOVED HIS MUSIC AND THEY MADE A DEAL. IF ORPHEUS CAN MAKE IT BACK TO EARTH WITHOUT LOOKING BACK, EURYDICE CAN COME WITH HIM.

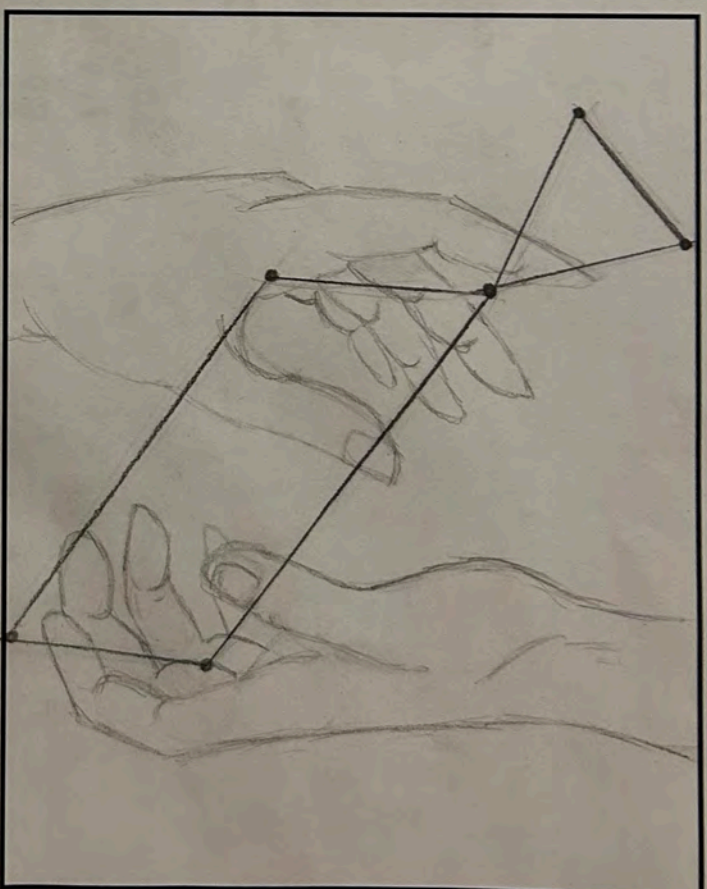
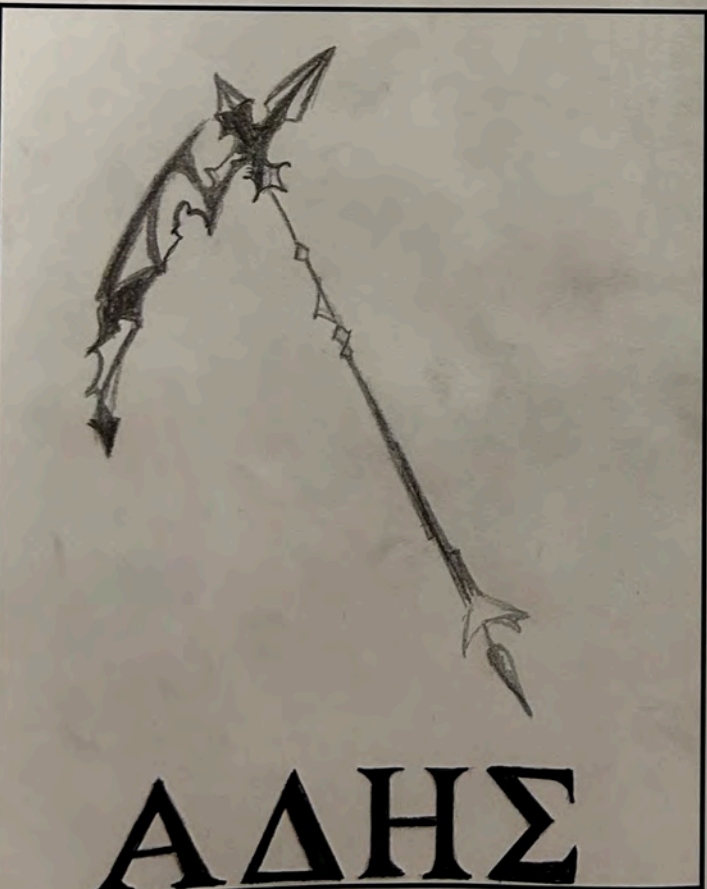
ORPHEUS GOES THROUGH THE ENTIRE UNDERWORLD ONLY FOR HIM TO TURN BACK... AND SEE EURYDICE DRAGGED BACK TO THE UNDERWORLD!



ORPHEUS THE BARD WAS GIFTED A LYRE BY THE GOD APOLLO AND HIS BEAUTIFUL MELODIES WERE SAID TO BE IRRESISTABLE.



ORPHEUS MARRIED THE BEAUTIFUL AND GRACEFUL EURYDICE. HOWEVER, HYMEN PREDICTED THAT THEIR HAPPINESS WOULD BE SHORTLIVED. SOON AFTER, A SNAKE BITE ...KILLED HER.



HEARTBROKEN, ORPHEUS FELT HE COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT HER. HE PLEADED WITH HADES AND HIS MUSIC PERSUADED THE GODS TO ALLOW EURYDICE TO RETURN TO EARTH. WITH THE CONDITION, ORPHEUS MUST NOT LOOK BACK.

AT FIRST, ORPHEUS HELD HIS FAITH, BUT RIGHT AT THE END, HE FALTERED. EURYDICE HAD BEEN SILENTLY FOLLOWING HIM BUT WAS SENT BACK, FLEEING TO THE SHADES BELOW. THEIR STORY IS IMMORTALISED IN THE STARS.



DON'T LOOK BACK



Orpheus was a musician, and a pretty good one at that. His lyre melodies could melt the strongest of hearts, and bring tears anyone who heard his beautiful song.



However, Orpheus was a lonely soul, so, as you can imagine, when he met a gorgeous, smart dancer by the name of Eurydice, he fell deeply in love with her and they married in no time.



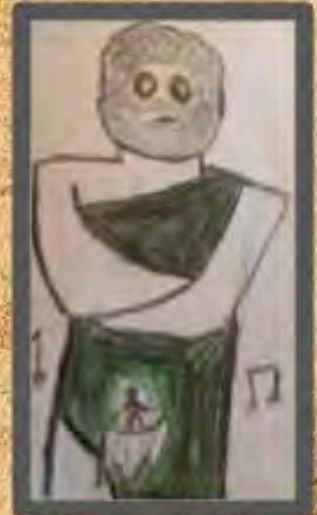
A lover while away, Eurydice was dancing in the forest, alone. Soon, a snakebit her, it's sharp dagger-like teeth sinking into her soft skin. Venom now coursing through her veins, she died on the spot.



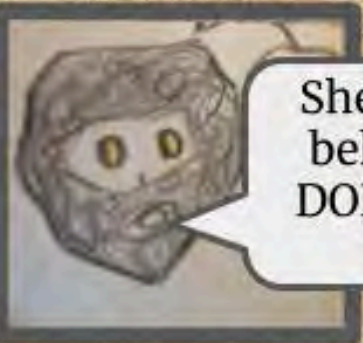
After hearing the news, Orpheus was heartbroken. He'd lose the only woman he could ever love. Orpheus was haunted by memories of her, playing over like a broken record. He would do anything to get her back. Anything.



One day, Orpheus began to use his music to descend to the afterlife to see Hades and get Eurydice, his only love, back. He passed by ghosts and ghouls, spirits of the unknown in his descent. Even Cerberus, three headed beast guarding the underworld couldn't help but fall in love with his hypnotic rhythm.



He was then presented himself in front of Hades himself, ruler of the underworld, who would bend for no one. Well, he thought that he could bend for no one. Until he heard the gentle plucking of Orpheus' lyre, so moving and beautiful that it managed to melt more hard Hades in one song.



She'll follow behind you.
DON'T LOOK BACK.





Every step was painful. Orpheus couldn't bear not seeing his love any longer. As Orpheus approached the exit, he began to doubt that the gods had been truthful. Had they fooled him? He needed to know. Quickly, he pressed round his shoulder only to see his wife being dragged back to the underworld. He looked back. He failed. Orpheus failed. Now his wife, the only woman he could ever love was... gone. Forever.



From now on, the only songs that graced his lyre were mourning songs.

The End





BIRTH
OF THE
GODS

ZEUS SWALLOWED HIS WIFE METIS, PREGNANT WITH A DAUGHTER, TO PREVENT ANY BIRTH THAT COULD FOLLOW..



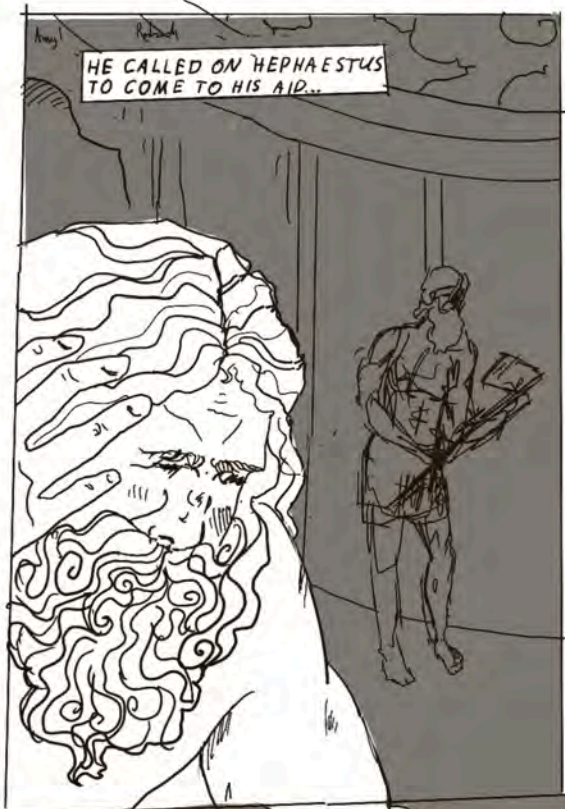
BUT ZEUS HADNT RECKONED ON THE PAIN OF SUCH A CHILD BIRTH..



THE HEADACHE WAS TOO MUCH TO BARE



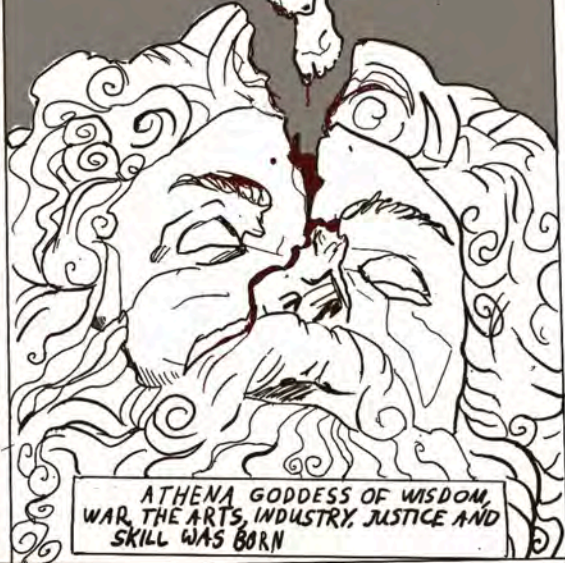
HE CALLED ON HEPHAESTUS TO COME TO HIS AID...

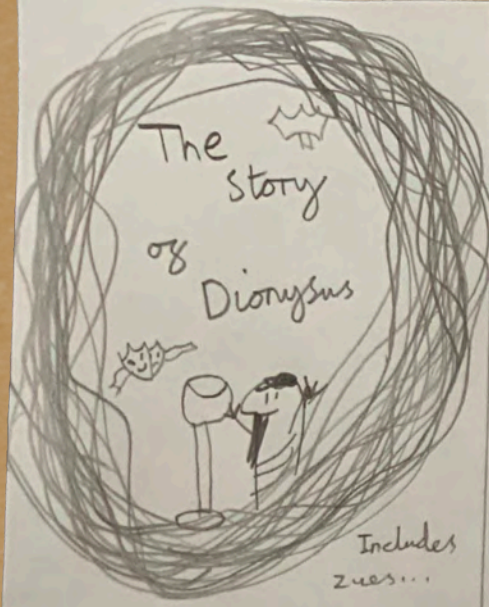


HEPHAESTUS TOOK ONE SWING WITH HIS GREAT AXE...



ATHENA GODDESS OF WISDOM, WAR, THE ARTS, INDUSTRY, JUSTICE AND SKILL WAS BORN



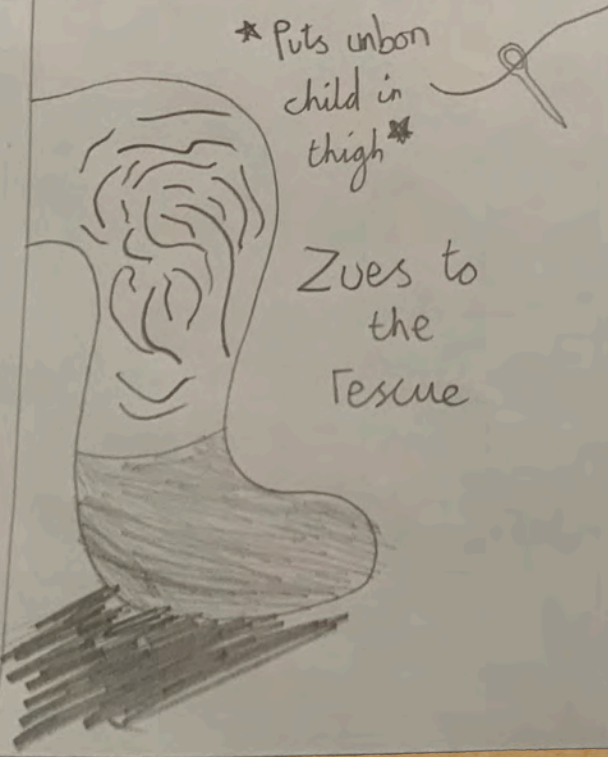
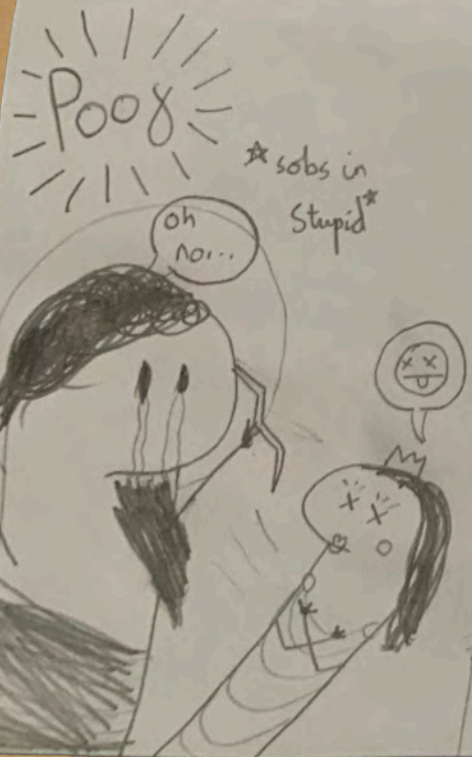


Includes Zues... of course

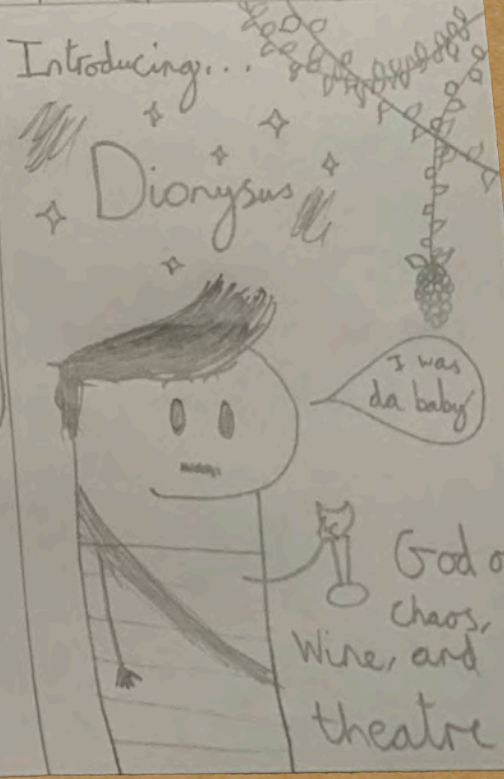
On earth



A old lady says you aren't Zues. So Prove it!



On Mount Olympus, Some years later...



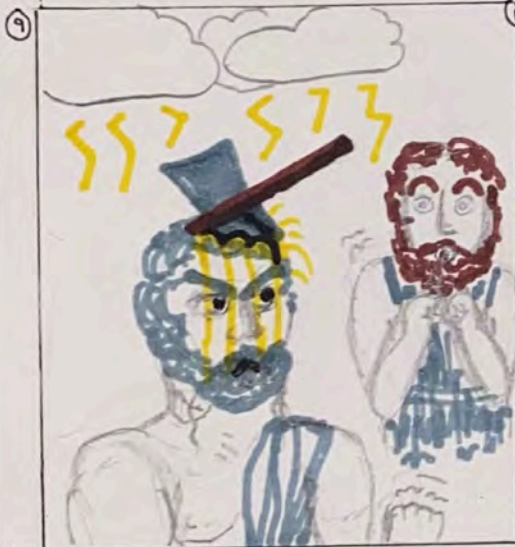


② On Mount Olympus, where all the gods lived,

④ This was no ordinary headache. The origin of this headache differs in myth: some say it was random, others say it was a result of Zeus eating his pregnant lover, Metis, whole! (Due to a prophecy that the child would overthrow him)



⑤ His idea involved Hephaestus...



⑩ And hit Zeus in the head. But suddenly:



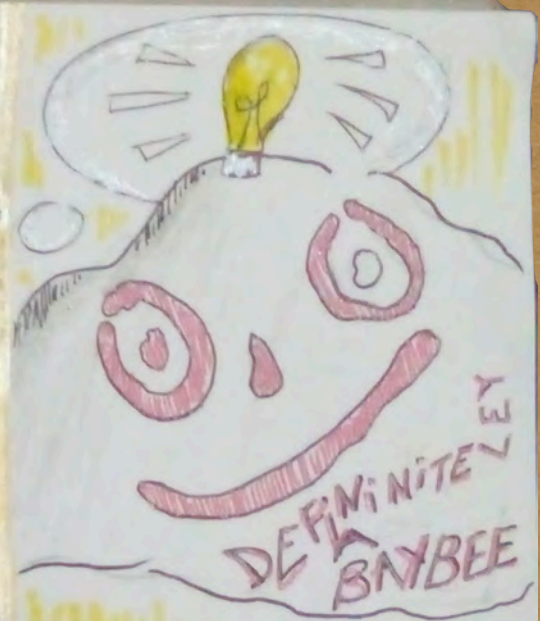
(As seen on the East Pediment of the Parthenon)

KRONOS

I'm feeling PECKISH



4 consumed children later



~~Not Zeus~~

tee hee



! !?



Dementer. Hera.3



Hestia. Posidon.



HERMES



One day, Hermes went on a stroll.



And found Apollo's cattle.



Home time moos!



MEANWHILE

Apollo found his cows missing!



With a very compelling clue...



to the culprit...

HERMES!

BETHAN

In the days when the Gods lived on the earth, Hermes, the messenger of Zeus, is taking a stroll on Mount Olympus.



The sun is already high in the sky when Hermes suddenly hears snakes hissing in a thicket "syrigma, syrigma, syrigma*!"



He approaches. After pushing aside a few branches, he sees two snakes fighting to the death.



He brandishes his laurel wand and the two snakes immediately stop.



Calmly, as if hypnotized, the two snakes coil themselves around his wand, while their tails intertwine.



* hissing of the serpent in Greek.

Hermes extends his laurel wand towards the sun surrounded by the two intertwined serpents: The caduceus.





THE
FATES

THE THREE MOIRAI, THE WEAVERS OF FATE. THEY ARE THE SISTERS WHO GUIDE THE THREADS OF LIFE AND DEATH ALONG THE GREAT LOOM.



THE SPINNER, CREATOR OF THE THREAD.



THE DRAWER OF LOTS, MEASURES THE LENGTH OF THE THREAD.



THE INEVITABLE, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEVERING OF THE LINE.



THEY APPEAR IN MANY

FORMS



IN MANY LOCATIONS



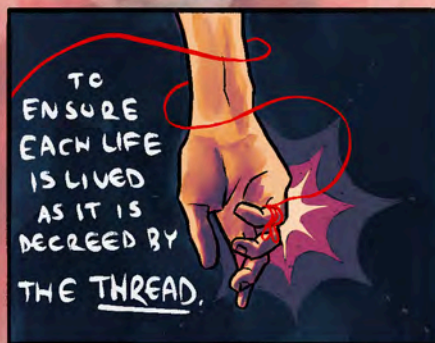
THOUGH ALWAYS AS THREE



THEY ARE WATCHING



WAITING



TO ENSURE EACH LIFE IS LIVED AS IT IS DECREED BY THE THREAD.



SNIP



The Moirai, also known as the Three Sisters of Fate, had the power to decide the fate of humans and gods. They knew each person's final choices and decisions, despite them having their own free will.



The youngest sister, Clotho ('the Spinner'), spun the thread of each person's life with her spindle.



The middle sister, Lachesis ('the Allotter'), measured the thread of life with her rod, and decided how many and what trials a person would face in their lifetime.



The oldest sister, Atropos ('the Inflexible One'), cut the thread of life with her shears, therefore determining how a person would die.



Once the thread was cut, the soul was sent to the Underworld to be judged.



PERSEPHONE

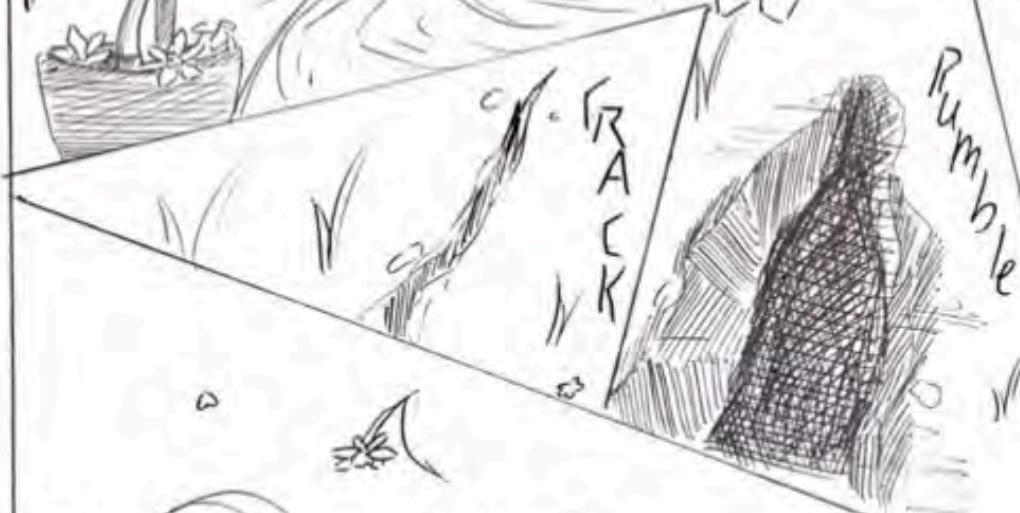
Picking flowers and dealt the
cards that sickened the fates

Oh poor Persephone...

How does it feel for
death to hold you?



One day, Persephone was out picking flowers



Hades emerged from a crack in the ground, before sweeping Persephone up into his arms.



Hades had fallen head over heels for Persephone.

There was once a kind, young goddess named Kore,



Whom her mother, Demeter, loved very much



She taught Kore to be the goddess of spring

But Kore, as any regular teenager does,

She craved independence



One night, as she cavorted around the forests of Ancient Greece,

And revenge is what she would get.



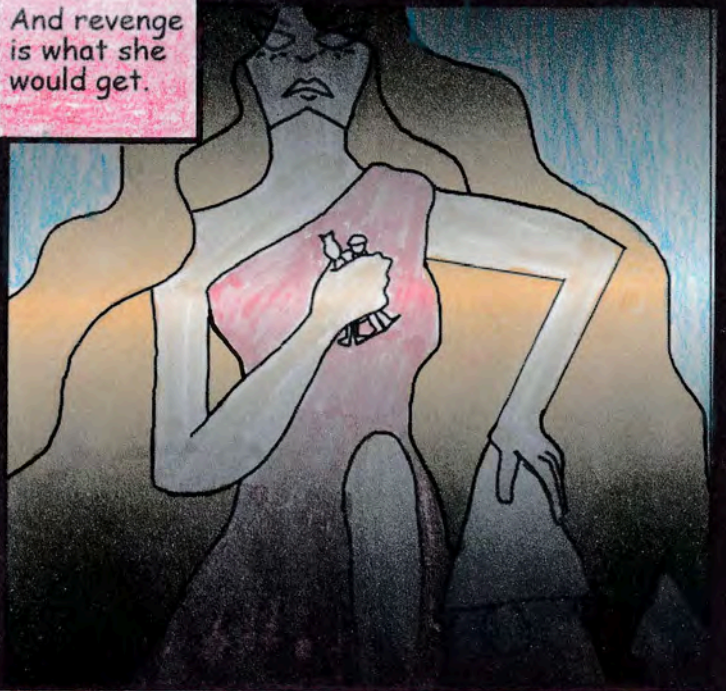
she found the flowers she worked so hard on trashed and ruined

She was angry.

Livid, even,



She wanted revenge.



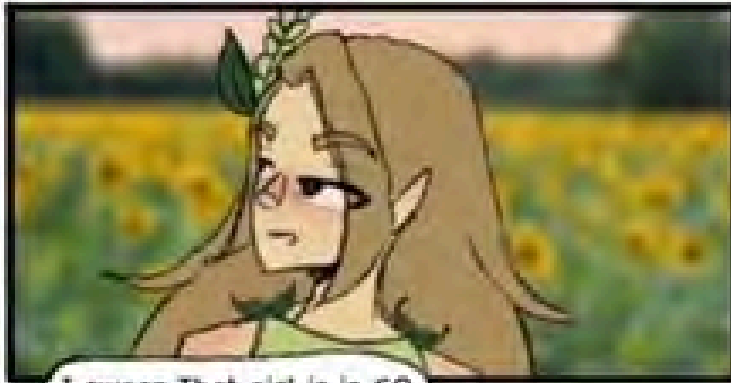
This is how Persephone, bringer of destruction, got her iconic name

Hades & Persephone were starting to lose hope.

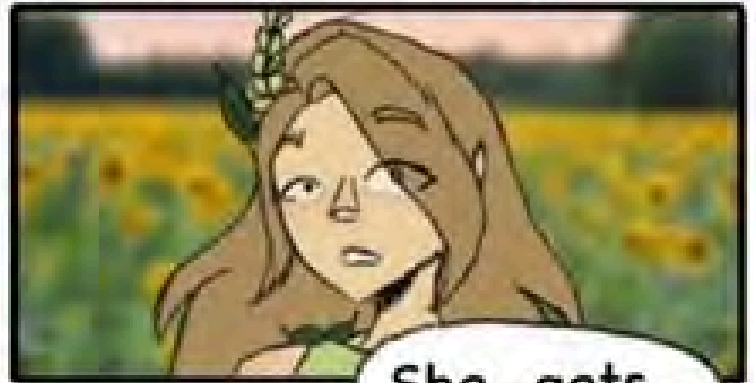
Until, Hades remembered a law.



An ancient law that involved the food of the dead



I swear. That girl is in SO MUCH trouble when...



She...gets...

HOME?!



I already am.

Once upon a time in a field of eternal spring, Persephone, daughter of Demeter, was picking flowers...

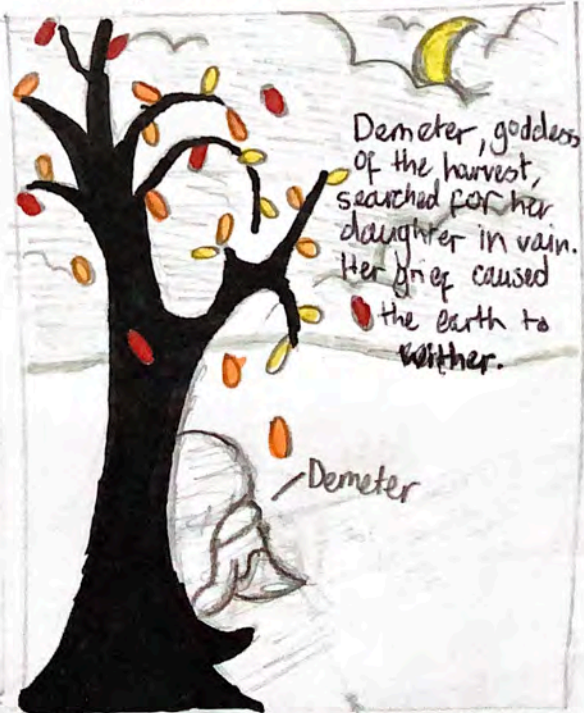


When suddenly the earth split open -
CRACK!



-and Hades, god of the underworld, emerged!

Persephone was taken to the underworld to be Hades' queen:



Demeter, goddess of the harvest, searched for her daughter in vain. Her grief caused the earth to wither.



Zeus, seeing the suffering on earth, intervened and ordered Hades to return Persephone.



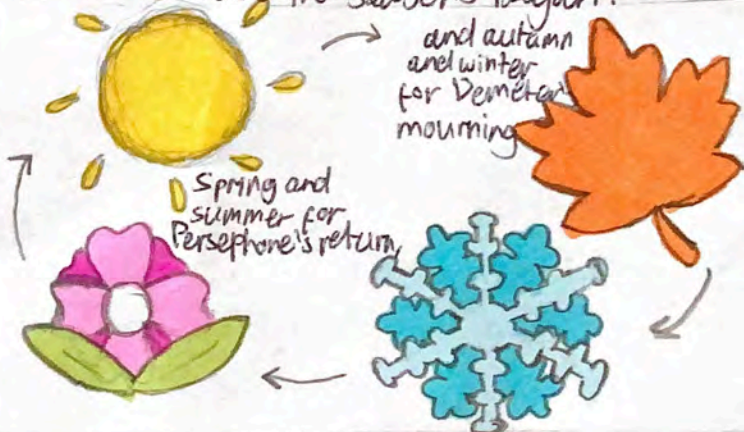
Before she left, Hades tricked Persephone into eating a pomegranate seed.

Since she had eaten the food of the underworld, Persephone was bound to return. A compromise was reached:



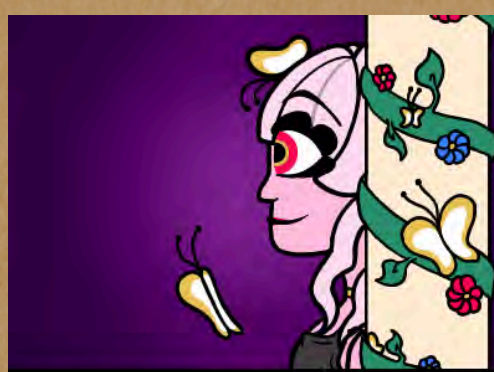
She would spend half the year with her mother, and half with Hades.

And so the seasons began:



and autumn and winter for Demeter's mourning

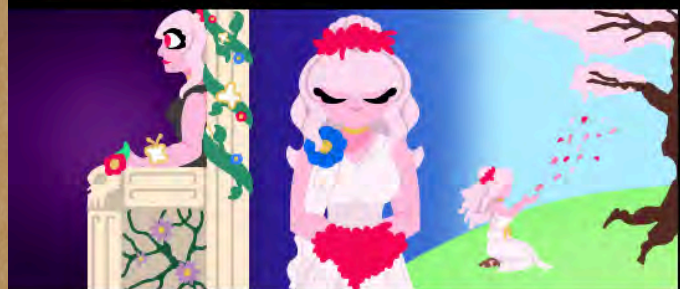
Spring and summer for Persephone's return



*Sitting here with my husband,
Hades King of the Underworld*



*Being by his side as his Queen, I've come to not mind this place of
Darkness and Death*



*Spending 6 months down here and 6
months on Olympus fulfilling my duties can
be tiring, but it's a necessary sacrifice to
please the Gods*



I still remember the day we met...



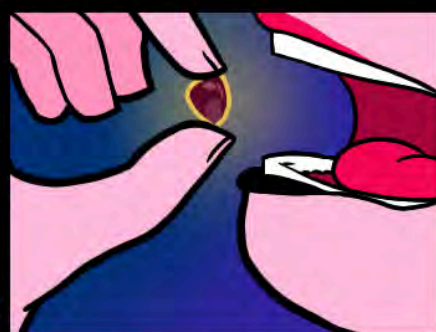
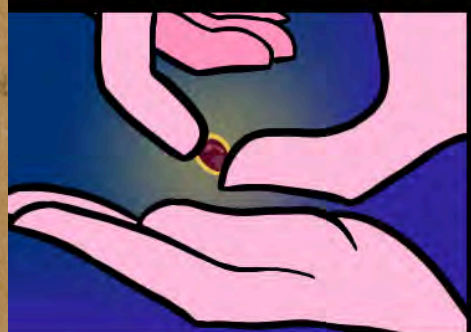
*... when he whisked me away
to show me his domain*



*He offered me his hand and a chance to be by his side as the
Underworld's QUEEN*



*He offered me a few pomegranate seeds, and I knew what
I had to do next. And to believe that all it took was...*



... ONE...

... LITTLE...



... BITE

CHARLOTTE

Persephone, daughter of Demeter was collecting flowers

when she was kidnapped!

by Hades, Lord of the underworld

Helios, the sun watched the crime and told Demeter

She demanded her daughter be returned

But Persephone in the underworld had eaten six pomegranate seeds

in despair Demeter made all the worlds plants wither

and was condemned to stay in the underworld six months of the year



Hades God of the dead

was lonely



then he saw Persephone...



& he took her

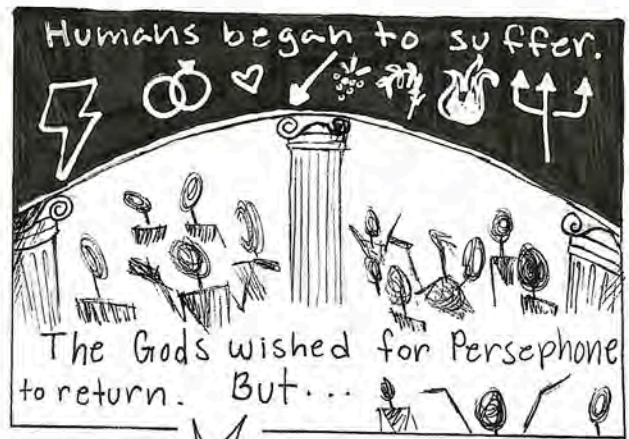
to the underworld.



Her mother was

heartbroken.

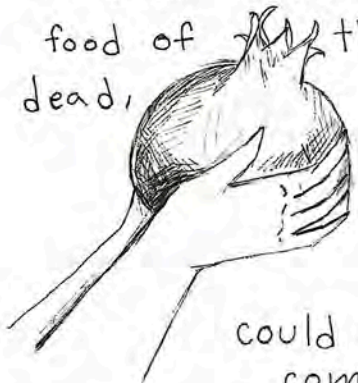
As goddess of the harvest she let the earth die



Humans began to suffer.

The Gods wished for Persephone to return. But...

She had eaten the food of the dead,



could not come back.



Persephone ate 6 Pomegranate seeds, so



a deal was made.

she has to remain



for 6 months



each year



In the Underworld,



& return above for the rest.



She is Goddess of Spring

& Queen at Hades' side.

This is an explanation for changing seasons...



Hades is in love with Persephone and asks to marry her. However, Demeter says no.



One day, Persephone was picking a narcissus.



Demeter was very upset when she heard this.



Suddenly, Hades appeared and took her down to the Underworld.



When Hades heard of this, he made up a scheme to make Persephone stay.

Zeus knew he couldn't upset either god, so he decided they would share Persephone.



Demeter went to Zeus to tell him, and said that, if Persephone wanted to come back, she could.



He gave her a pomegranate, which made her love Hades. She then chose to stay.



She would stay with Demeter for six months, and stay for the other six with Hades. This is how winter occurs, as Demeter gets mad at Hades.



Come on now, not scared of a pomegranate are you, Persephone?



No harm in one small bite, is there? I mean, it's only a measly pomegranate...



No-one had warned Persephone of the consequences of eating in the underworld.

Why should they? She was a child of flowers, of life, and had no business in the land of the dead.



What's the worst that can happen? It's just a fruit after all

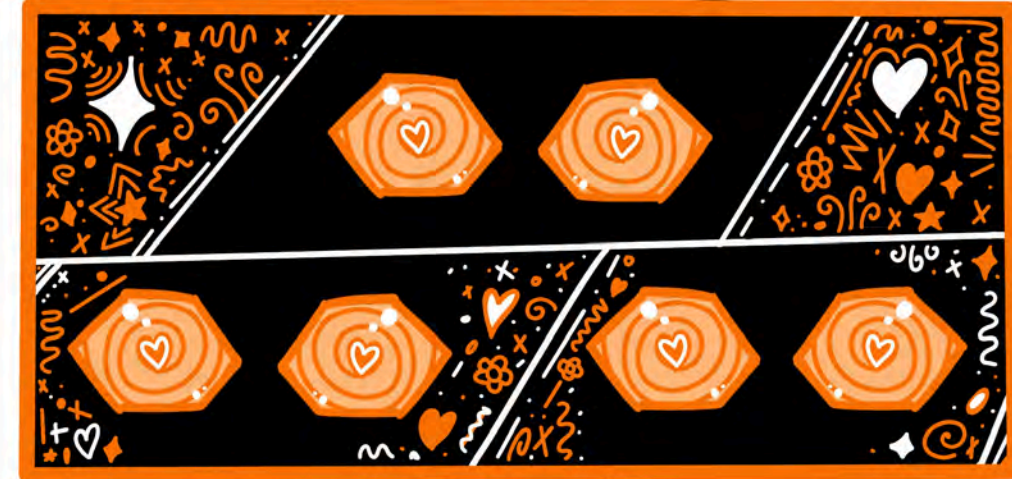


Hades had no sympathy.

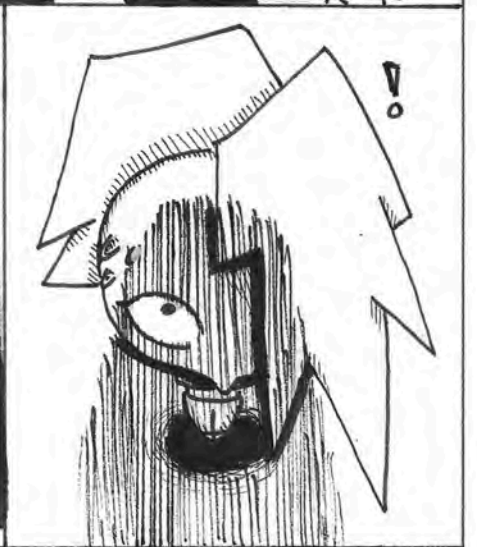
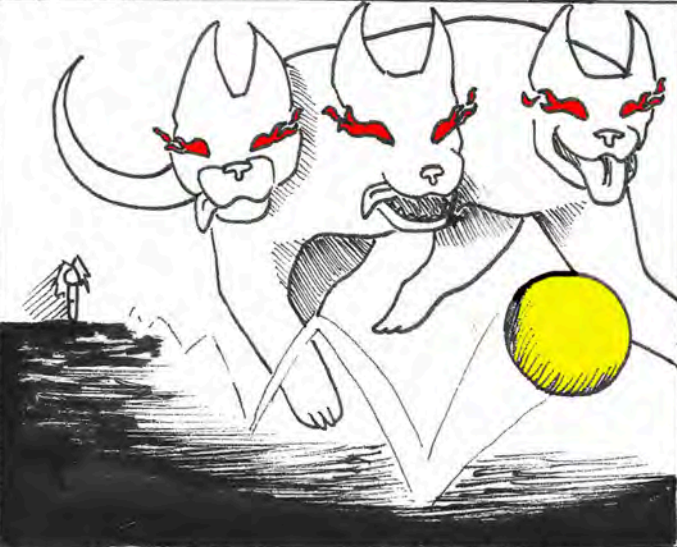
His silver tongue had tricked poor Persephone, for he was a beautiful, yet lonely, monster.



THE
UNDERWORLD



Cerberus, the hound of Hades, guard of the gates of the Underworld, preventing anyone who dares escape.



Greetings and welcome back to Hades' Kitchen, the underworld's top rated cooking show!

Today we will be having a duel with the upcoming chef Arachne against the God of wisdom herself, Athenal



Recently, Arachne's matched the culinary ranks of the gods, but still claims she can do better than them.



The challenge starts now!

Of course Athena wouldn't take such claims lightly, and challenges Arachne to this duel!



Arachne's Dish: Horiatiki Salad



Athena's Dish: Kleftiko

FIVE MINUTES LEFT!



But of course this is a competition so I will now announce the victor. It was a very close match but the winner is...

ARACHNE!

Both of the meals are quite impressive!

Athena's dish was very fancy with amazing presentation, and Arachne's dish looks more simple yet the taste is superb



Oh no no! I cannot accept this! Arachne must have bribed Hades, that cheater! But no matter--



Let's give her a sweet little prize she *deserves*.

I've got a great game show idea for you Hades!



Arachne or CAKE?

*"Arachne or Cake" is a reference to the 2020 phenomenon "real or cake" internet craze, tying into Arachne's transformation in a culinary context.