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To Eunice Yooni Kim,
thank you for noticing me.




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It's late.

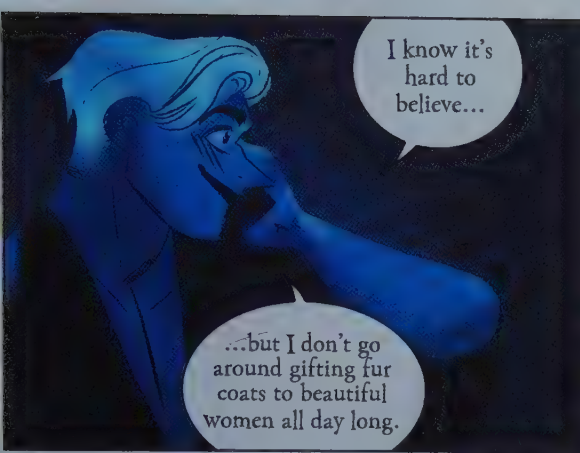
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Y-you called.

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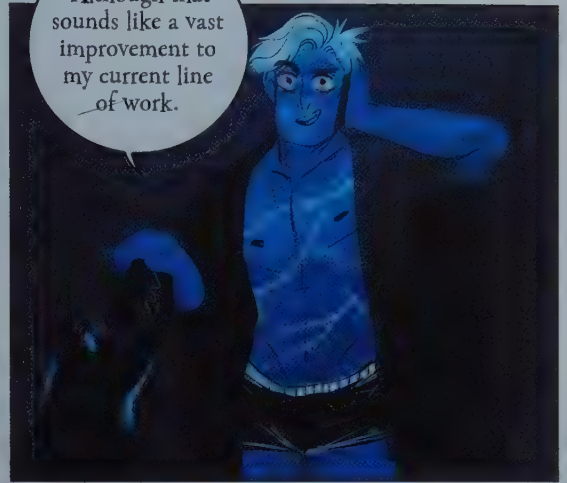
You answered.





I know it's hard to believe...

...but I don't go around gifting fur coats to beautiful women all day long.



Although that sounds like a vast improvement to my current line of work.



You know, you could've just asked.



...



I know.



I'm sorry, Kore.

100 percent.




Maybe
like...

40
percent




SNIFF



Are you--are
you crying?

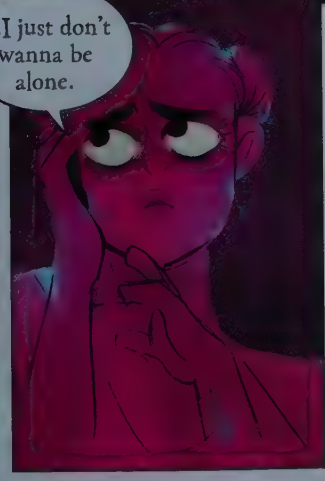
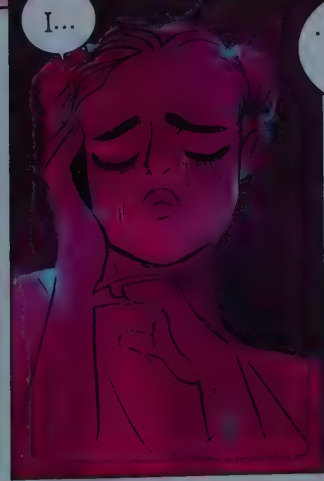
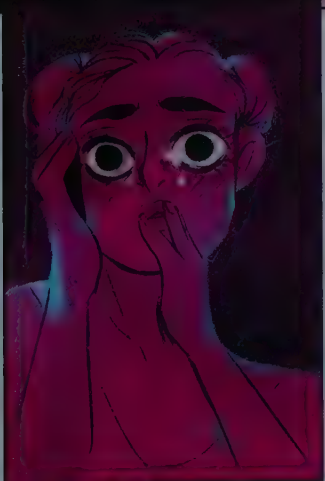
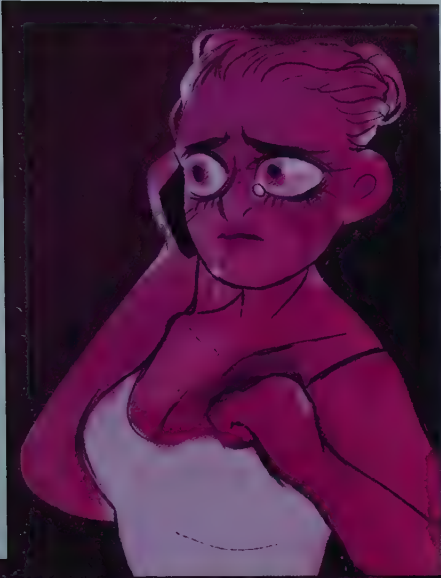


N-no.



I'm the
King of the
Underworld.

I know
crying when
I hear it.

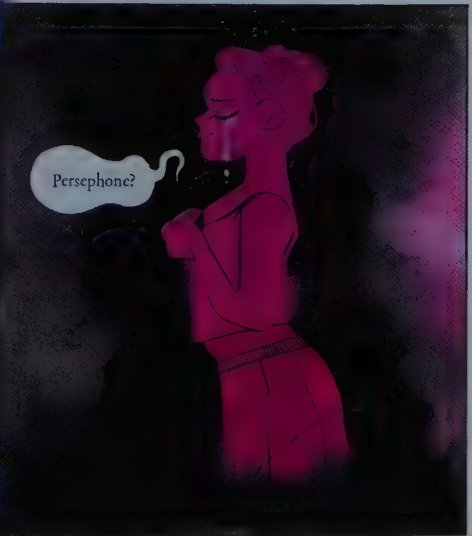
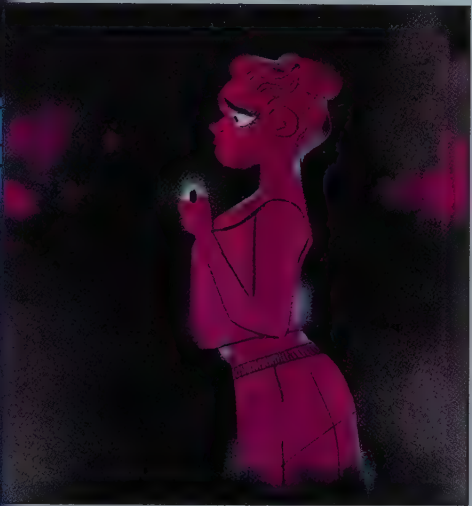




I won't go.



I think
I'm just
homesick.



No.

I think if I went home now, I'd want to stay and not come back.

If it's any consolation, Olympus wears me the fuck out.

So you're not alone.


Really?

Really. Also the coffee there is just terrible.


SNORT

SIGH

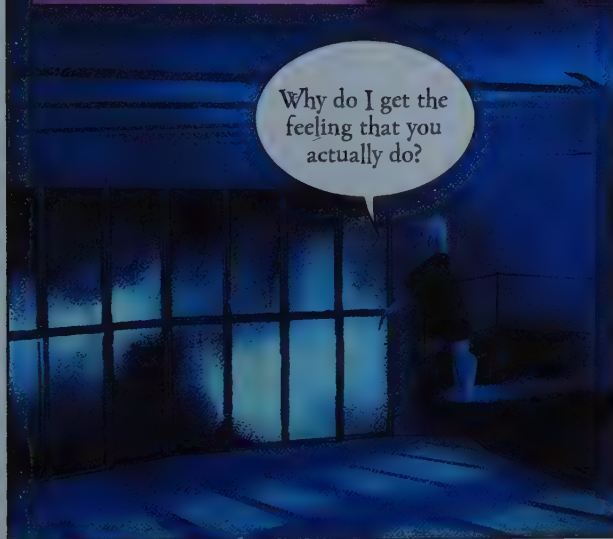
Gods, this is embarrassing.




I've cried in front of you twice now.



I promise I don't cry all the time.



Why do I get the feeling that you actually do?



WHAT DO YOU MEAN!?



YAWN!

Just that you're unhappy.



And I happen to know a lot about being blue.



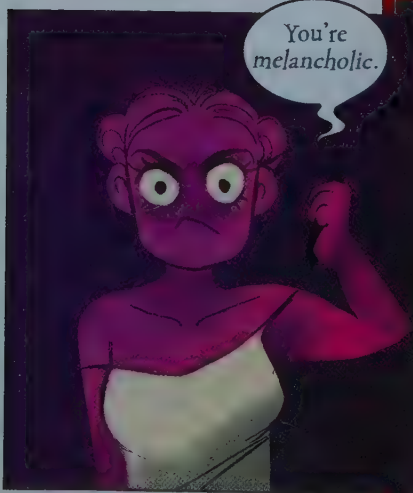
Oh my gods



You're not just run-of-the-mill sad.




You're melancholic.



I AM HAPPY!!!






I'M THE
FRIGGIN'
GODDESS OF
SPRING!

HOW
DARE
YOU!



THROAT CLEAR



It's arrogant
for you to
assume my
emotional
state.



It was.

Stop smiling!



Oh?
How can you tell?



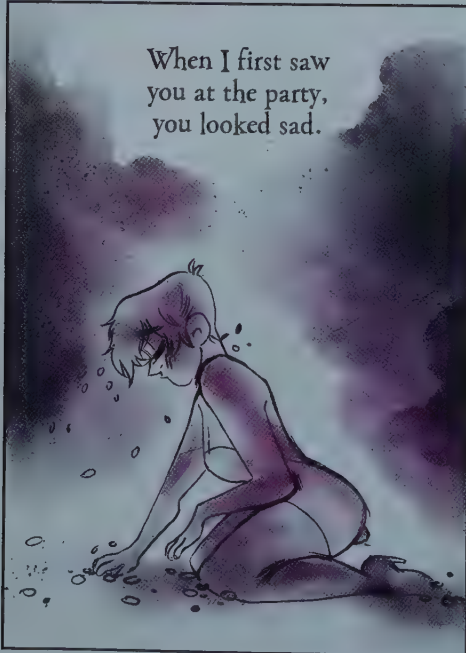
I can hear it in your stupid voice.



Listen, I don't want to make you feel like I'm dissecting you.




When I first saw you at the party, you looked sad.



When I carried you into the house, you felt sad.






And you sound
sad right now.




...?



Persephone?



Persephone?



EPISODE 27: DEAL

Persephone?

Persephone?

I didn't
mean to
upset you,
I'm sorry--

You're
important.

If you stopped,
everyone would
notice.

Me? What do
I have to
contribute?



Flowers and
junk.



My mom could
manage Spring
herself before I
was born.



In fact, she's
doing it for me
right now, so I
can be here.



What does that
say about me and
my role?



If I wasn't here,
everything
would be fine--



Fine is a dirty
four-letter word
that starts with F.

I'm very familiar with Demeter's version of "Spring."

(VERY ORGANIZED)



(NICE AND TIDY)

Spring executed by Demeter is...



...practical and straight to the point.

You could measure it with a ruler.

SNIFF



Admittedly in recent years, I thought Demeter had a midlife crisis.

Spring seemed completely different.

You're quiet today.

Savage and unpredictable.

It's beautiful.

MUNCH
MUNCH

And it's been you all along.

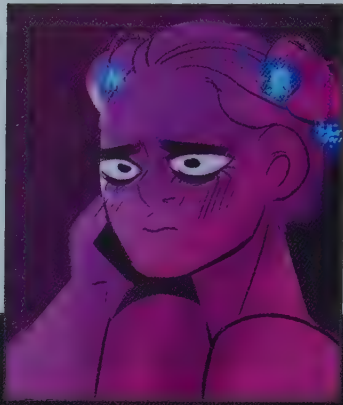
Saying that what you do isn't important...

...is like saying we shouldn't bother learning how to read or write because it doesn't keep us alive.

You're one of the reasons why the mortals see us as Gods and not complete monsters.



Are you making fun of me?



Me?



I would never make fun of you.

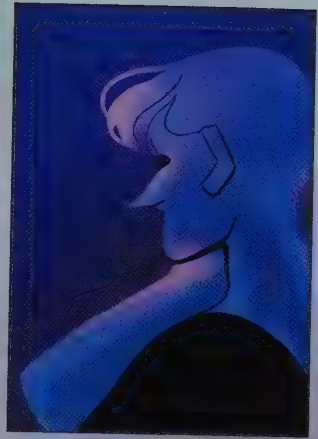
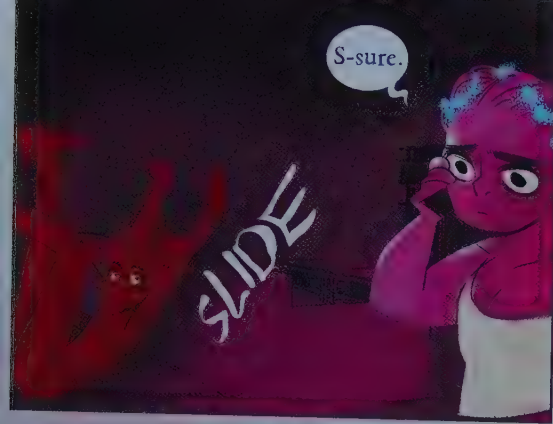
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Better not.



Hades, can I ask you something?



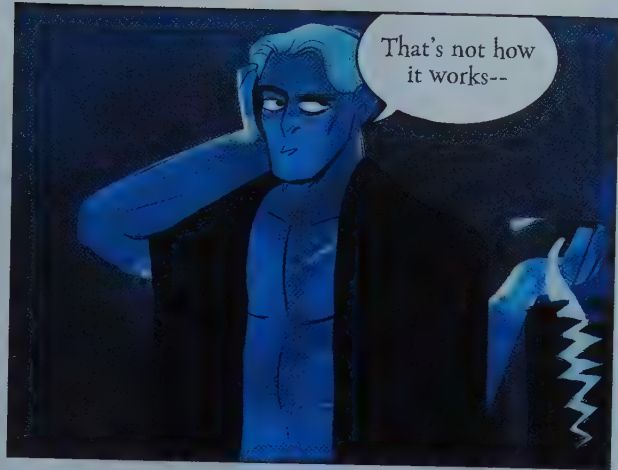




That's not fair!
You know about
my stupid stuff!



That's not how
it works--

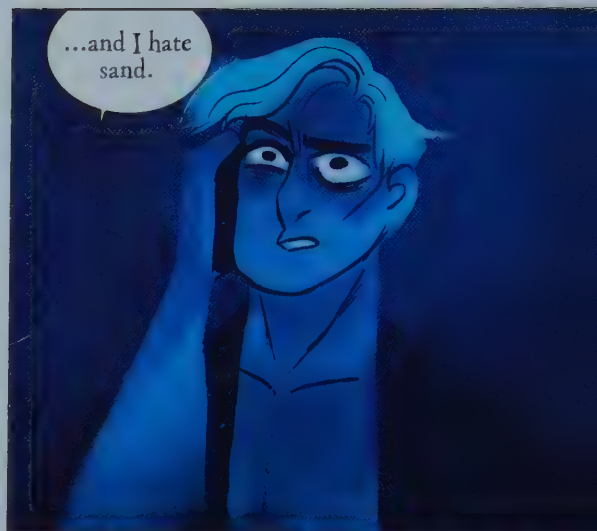



Are you
making a
face?




Sigh



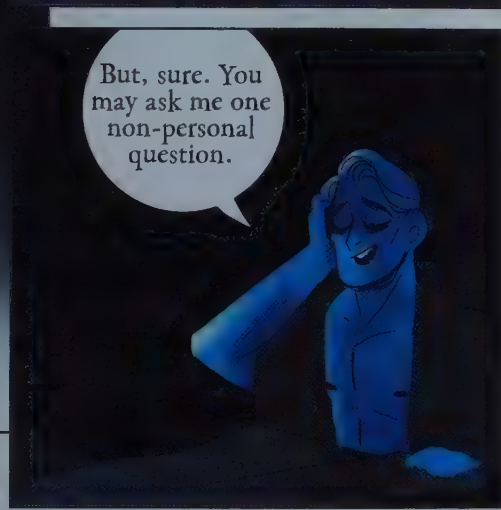





Can I ask another question then?




I don't know, your questions are turning out to be pretty dangerous.



But, sure. You may ask me one non-personal question.




A non-personal question!? But that's not interesting.




Oh? So I'm interesting then?






How about I owe you one personal question about me at any time?



Hmmmm, that is tempting.



Any time, you say?




Yup.



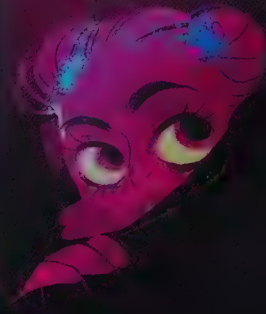
Are you sure?




Y-yup.



It's a deal.




Are you ready for your question?



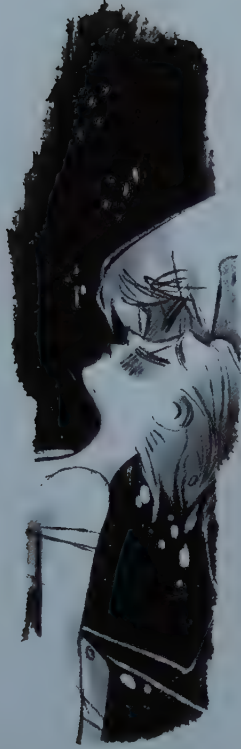
No, but I'm sure you're going to ask it anyway.



Okay.



How come you're not married?



EPISODE 28: AWKWARD SILENCE

It's just...




What I mean
to say is...




Zeus and Poseidon
got married such a
l-long time ago.



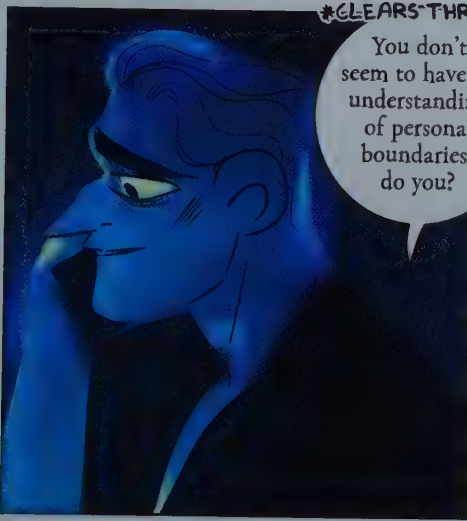


H-how come
you're not
saying
anything?




I had just always
wondered...

CLEARS THROAT




You don't
seem to have an
understanding
of personal
boundaries,
do you?



...You're not
the first one to
mention this.

SIGH



...Do I have to
dignify this
incredibly rude
question with an
answer?



We had a deal!



Okay, okay, settle down.

There wasn't a lot to choose from in the beginning.



Bored

There was Hera, but Zeus liked Hera so she was off-limits.



Then there was
Hestia.



But she took a
vow of celibacy.

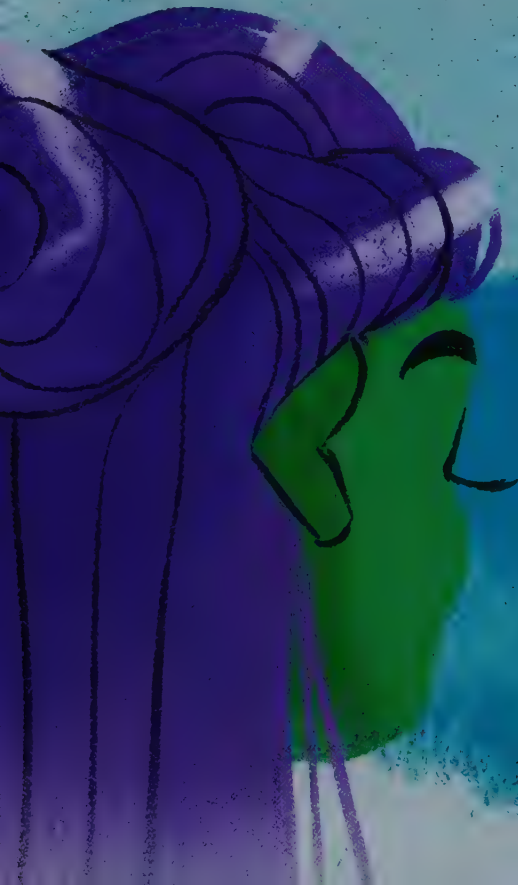


I liked Hestia, but
a wife who's taken
a vow of celibacy
isn't for me.





That left Demeter.



Ever the contrarian...



Who seemed to find it necessary to argue with me about absolutely everything.



WAIT!
WAIT!
WAIT!



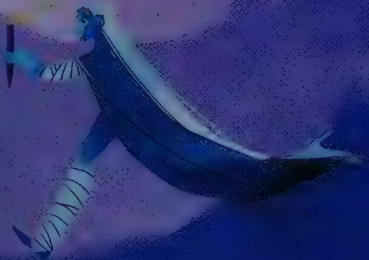


More stories!
Less Mom
stuff.

Okay, okay!



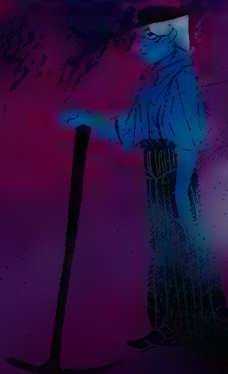
After the war
ended, I was
assigned to the
Underworld.



And the Underworld doesn't
run itself, that's for sure.



It involves a lot of long hours...



Seven-day weeks.



I got really busy and just kinda didn't want to try anymore.





SLAP

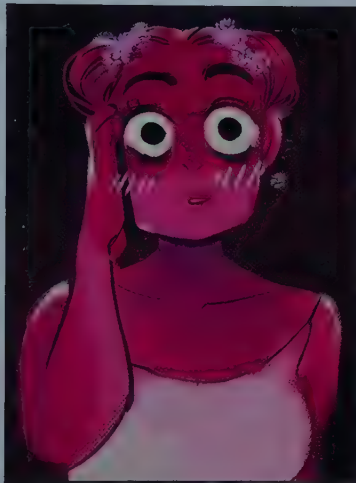


BUT YOU GUYS WORK TOGETHER!



Working with someone doesn't mean you're compatible!

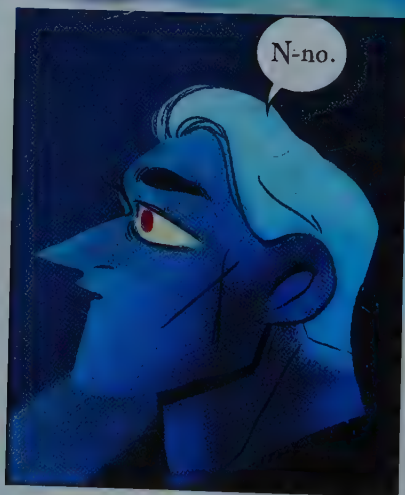
That sounds like something a teenager would say!



Y-yeah!
HAHAHAHA!



So, you're not even seeing someone right now?





Doesn't that sound like fun!?

Mama, this sounds like the opposite of fun.



...I'm not seeing anyone.



RUB
RUB



I must be
keeping
you.



Nah, I'm
normally up
at this time
anyway.



SIGH
Good.



Don't go
telling
everyone
about this.

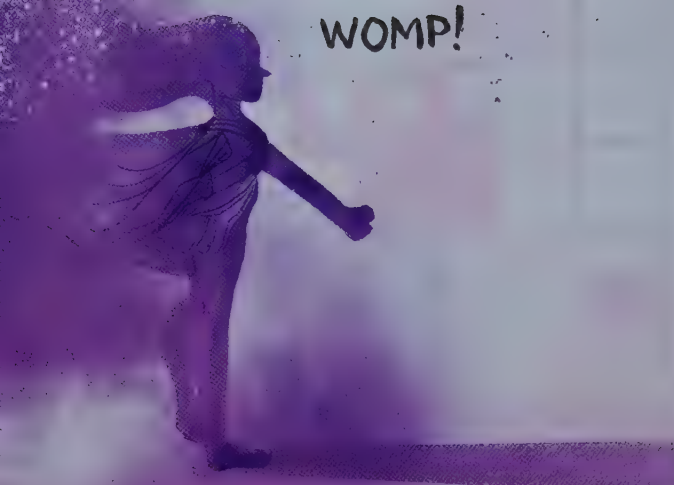
I've got a
reputation to
maintain.



I won't, I
promise.



WOMP!



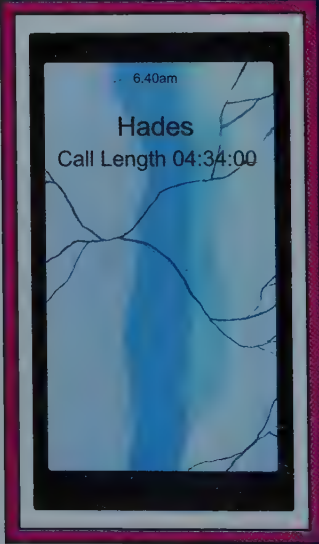
Persephone?



Oh, this is on...



Ugh...



I'm starting to see why Demeter didn't let you have a phone...





No.

No.

No.

TOSS



Hmmm...



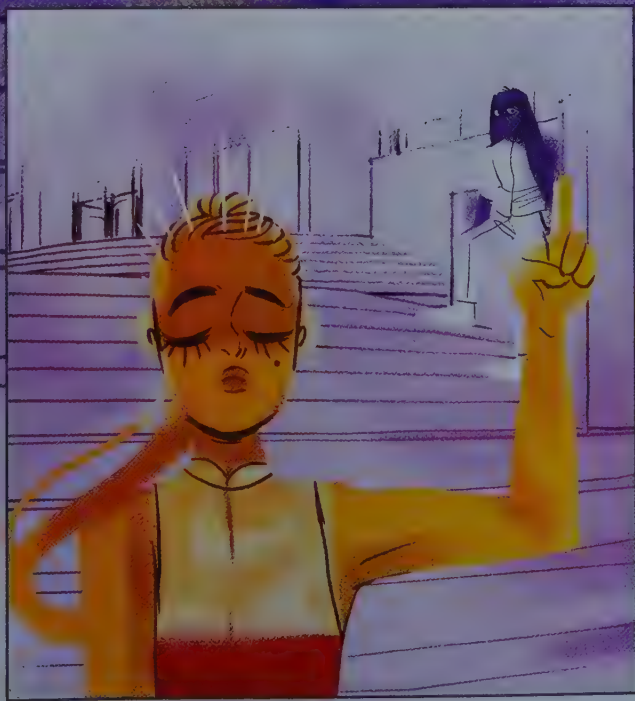
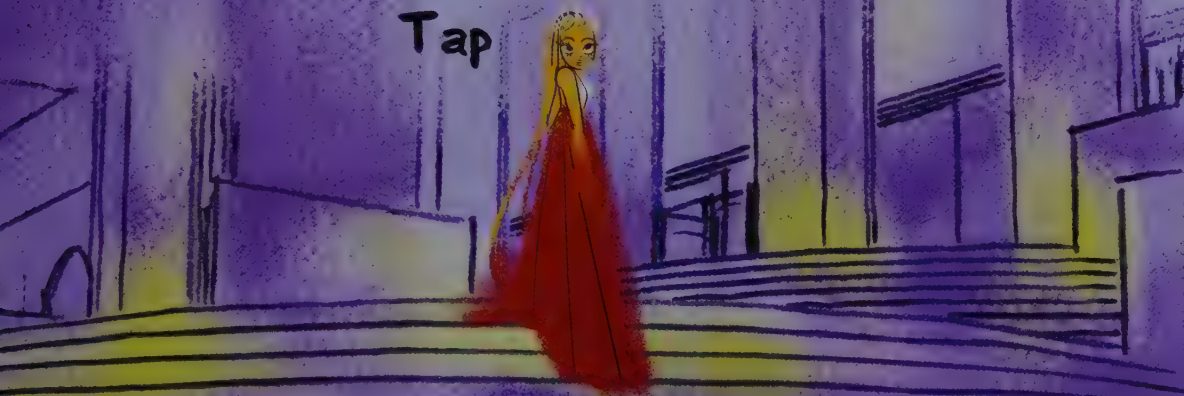
PFFFFT



Tap

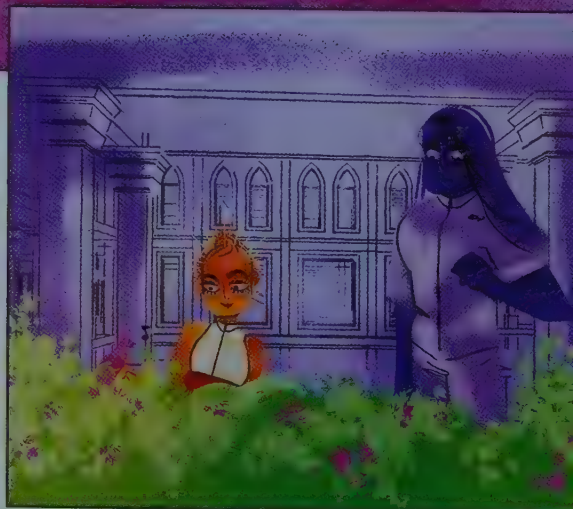
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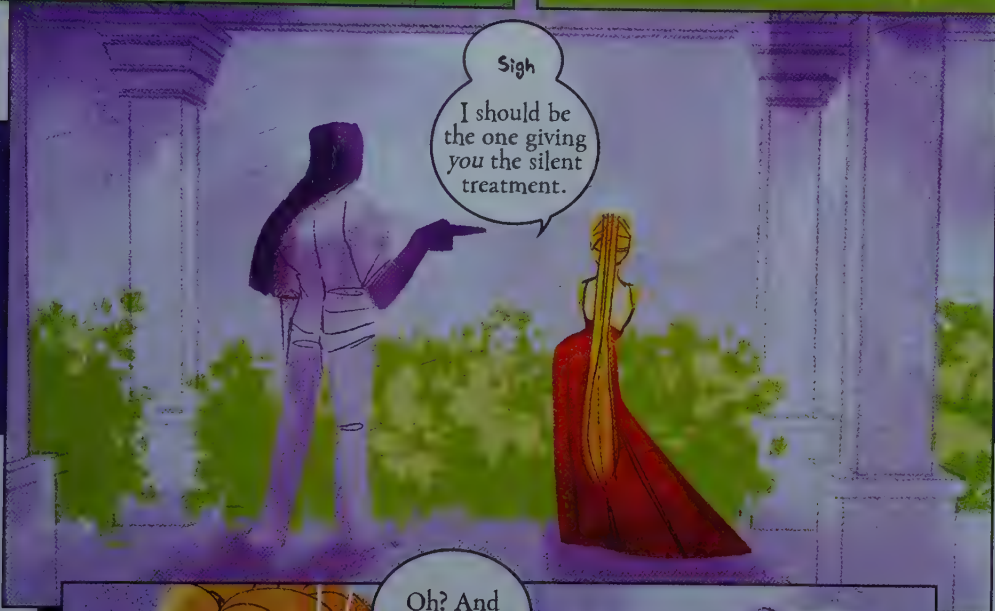
Tap





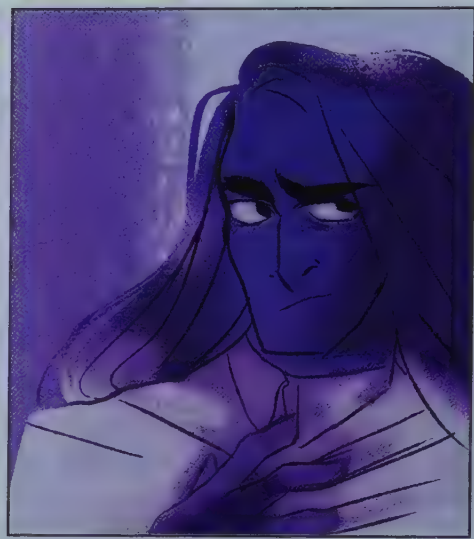
I always love these excellent mornings we share together.



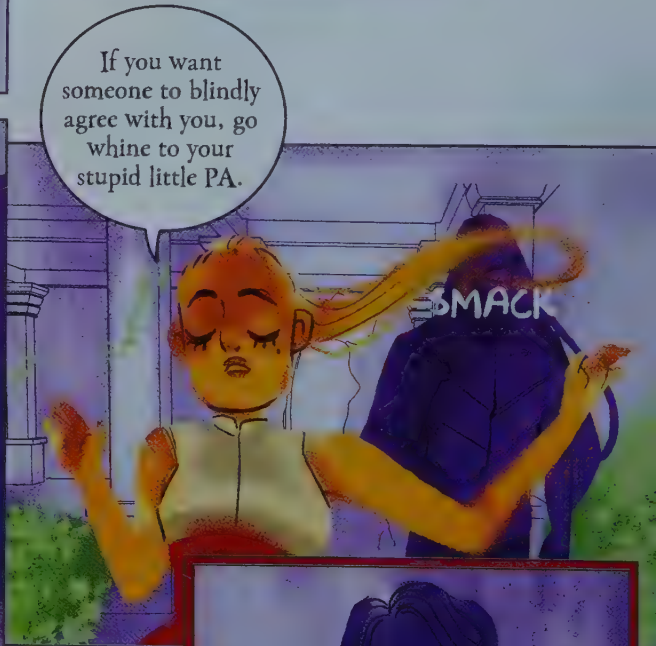




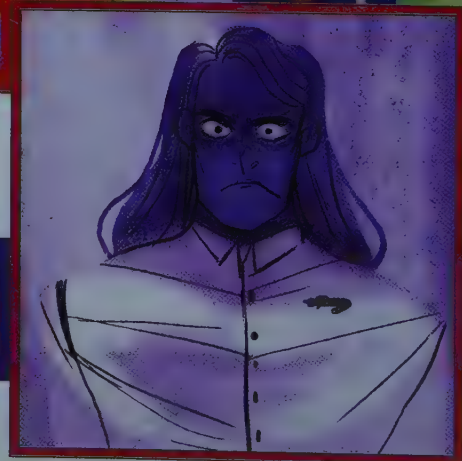
Would it have been so hard for you to take my side?



I know you're upset with me, but did you REALLY have to show Hades that photo?

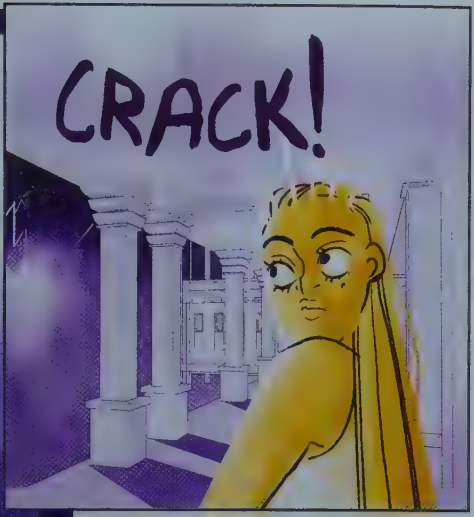


If you want someone to blindly agree with you, go whine to your stupid little PA.





YOU LEAVE
THETIS OUT OF
THIS!



CRACK!



HERA!



I command you to stop!



Dammit.



Please--



Bunny, he likes her. I mean, really likes her.

And he doesn't like anyone.



... What's the harm?

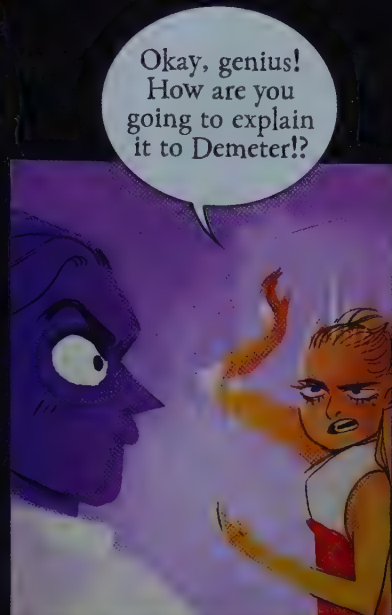


You're joking, right?

The age differ--



Does it really matter!?



Okay, genius! How are you going to explain it to Demeter!?

Hey, Demeter! We traded your daughter for a set of golf clubs.

No takesies backsies!



I was thinking maybe you could talk to her...



I SEE!



So you get all the glory of saying yes...



...and I take the fallout?



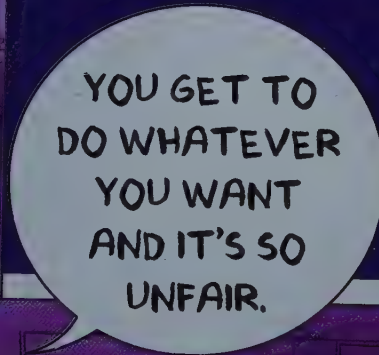
Do you have any idea how frustrating the 3 of you are?

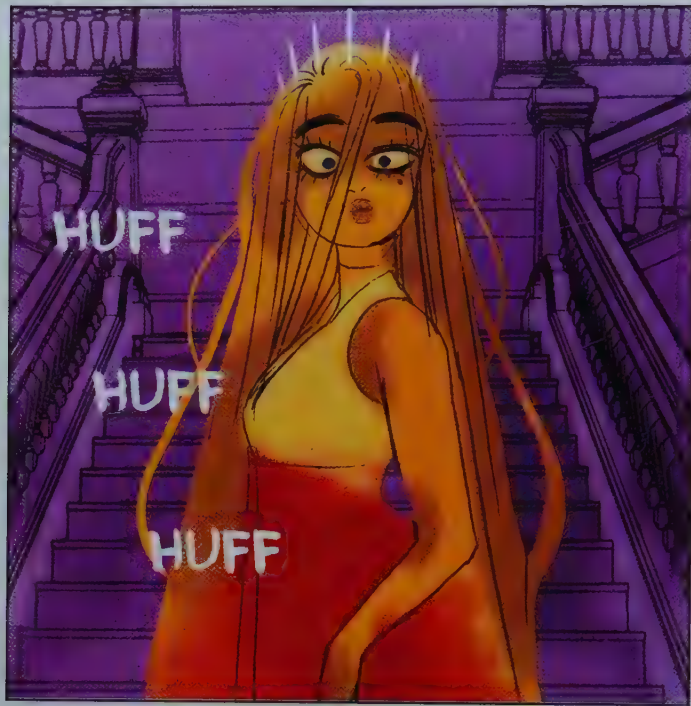


You just do whatever you feel like and don't consider the consequences.



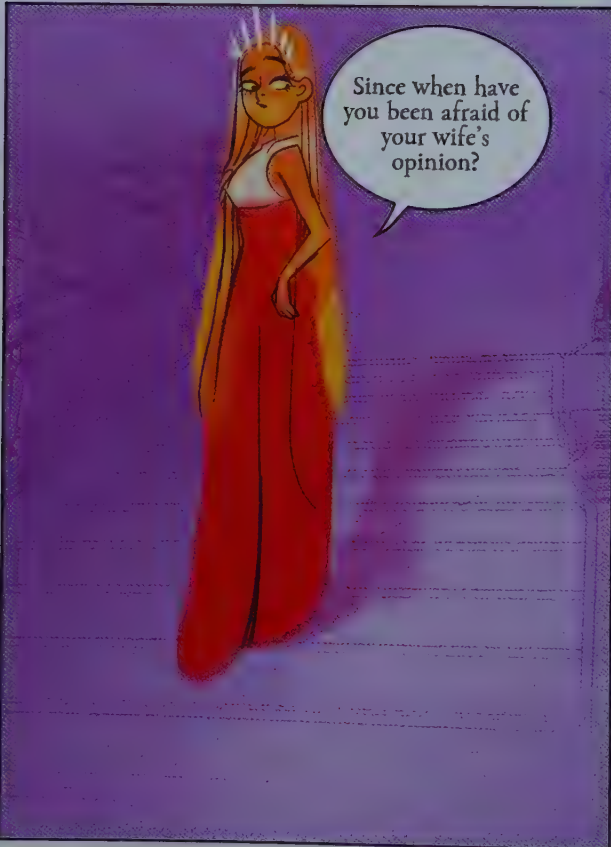
Since when have you been afraid to darken someone's day with something they didn't want to hear?





Sigh

What do you want from me, Zeus?



Since when have you been afraid of your wife's opinion?



I'm going to work.



Stop...

wait...

How will I ever
make it through
the day knowing
you're mad at
me?



Hebe,
what did I tell
you about
lurking?



Lurking is a
pervert's sport.



I made you a
breakfast gin
and tonic,
Mommy.

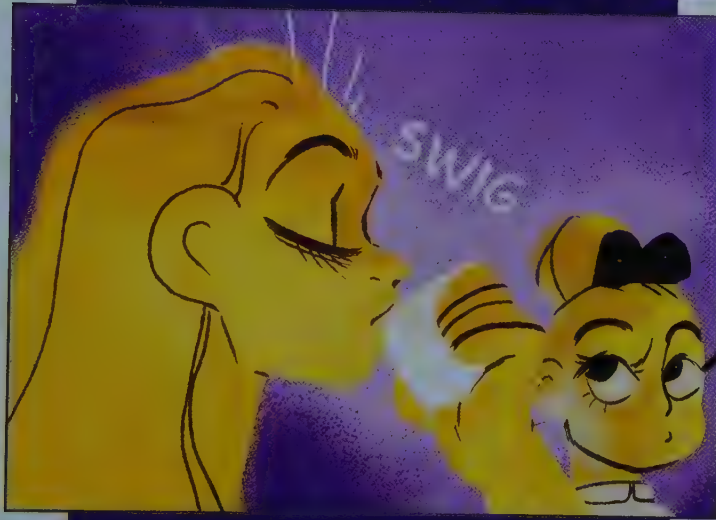


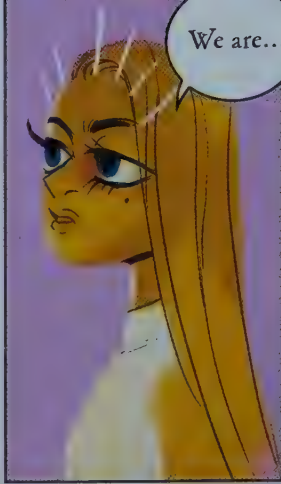
Good timing,
I needed a
drink.



And we have a very special guest this morning.









ALONE



Don't look at me with those sad eyes!



Dammit!



Does my 8-year-old have more emotional intelligence than me?





Have I been unfair to you, old friend?

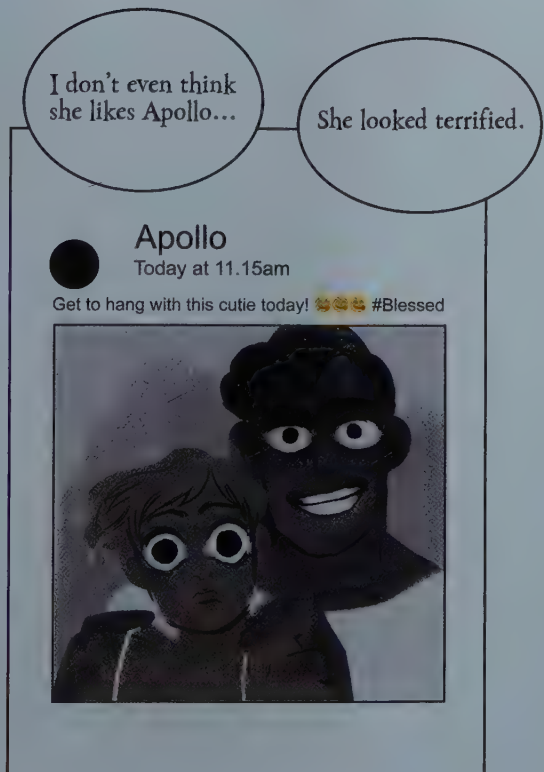


I guess I have neglected him in the marriage department...



I know I shouldn't have shown Hades that picture.

But I can't take that back now.



I don't even think she likes Apollo...

She looked terrified.

Apollo

Today at 11.15am

Get to hang with this cutie today! 🍷🍷🍷 #Blessed

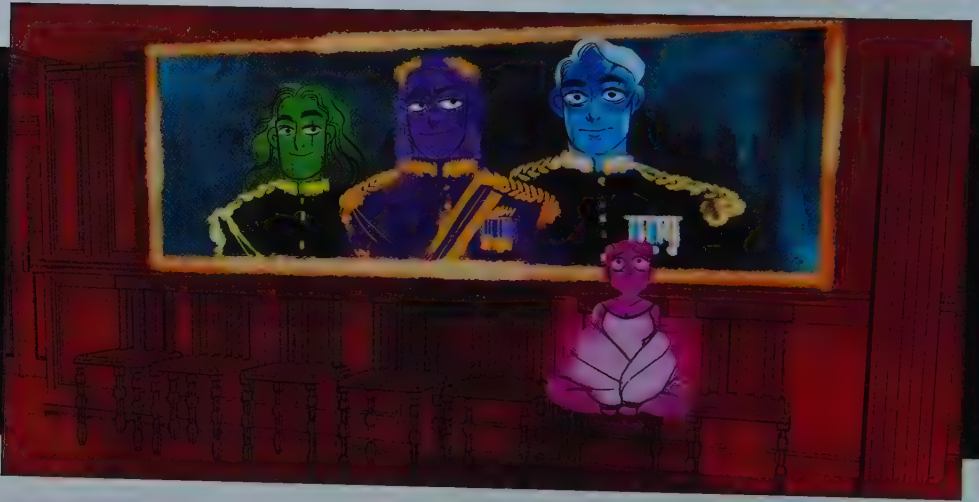


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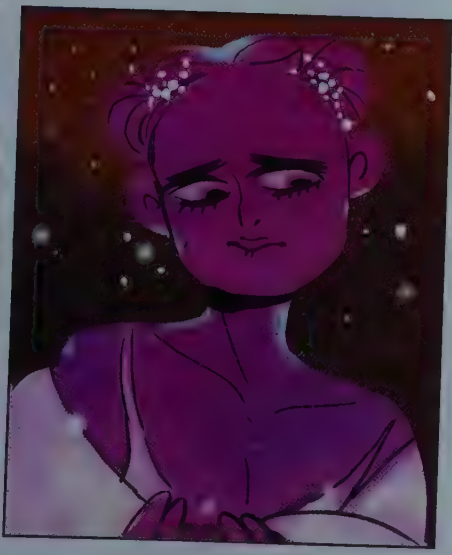
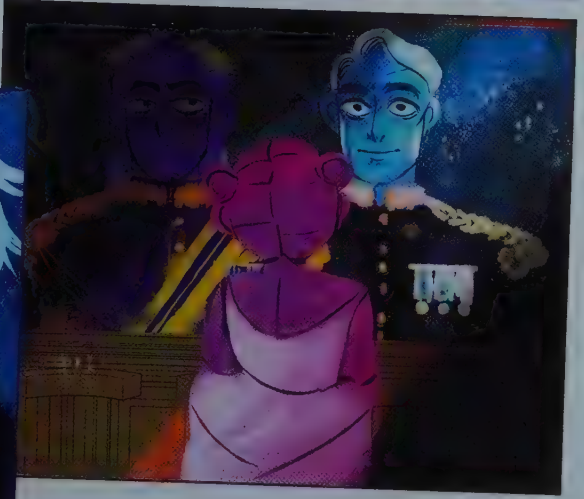


EPISODE 30: HERA INTERFERES





Did you know there is a really dorky portrait of you at Hera's? 🍷



Handsome,
aren't they?

You can hardly
tell they're
assholes.

New outfit




HERA!
I-I-I MEAN,
YOUR
MAJESTY!




UM, I
MEAN, I
GUESS THEY
LOOK
OKAY!






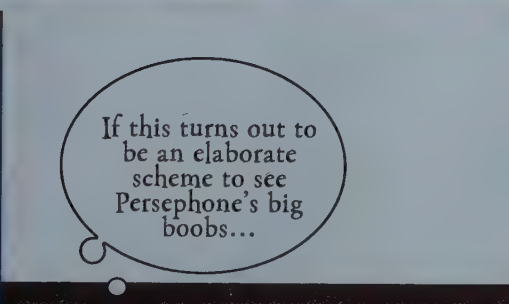
NOT to say that they are ugly, they're still very good-looking!



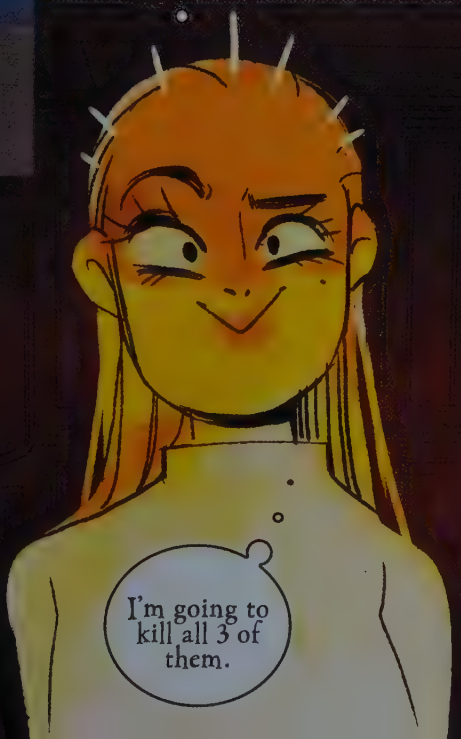
Not that I think your husband is good-looking!!!



Haaa...



If this turns out to be an elaborate scheme to see Persephone's big boobs...



I'm going to kill all 3 of them.



Persephone,
it's been too
long.

Let me
look at
you.



What a lovely
girl you've
become.



Do you know if
your body has
stopped aging
yet?



My mother thinks I
stopped aging early
this year, but it's
hard to tell.



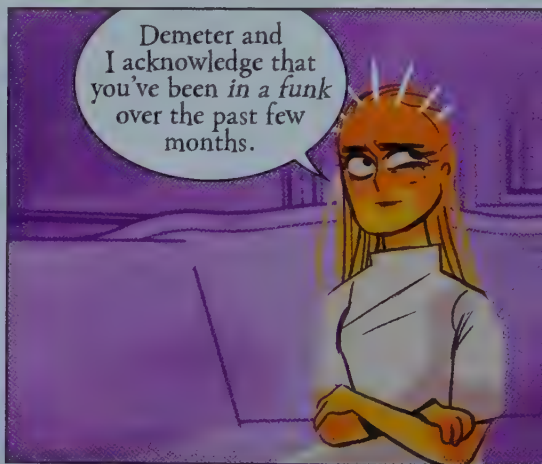
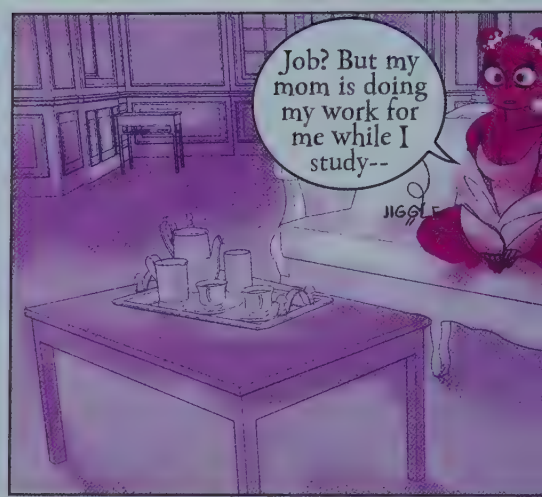
Forever 19,
lucky you.



Haha.
Yeah, I
guess.



Let's get
started.

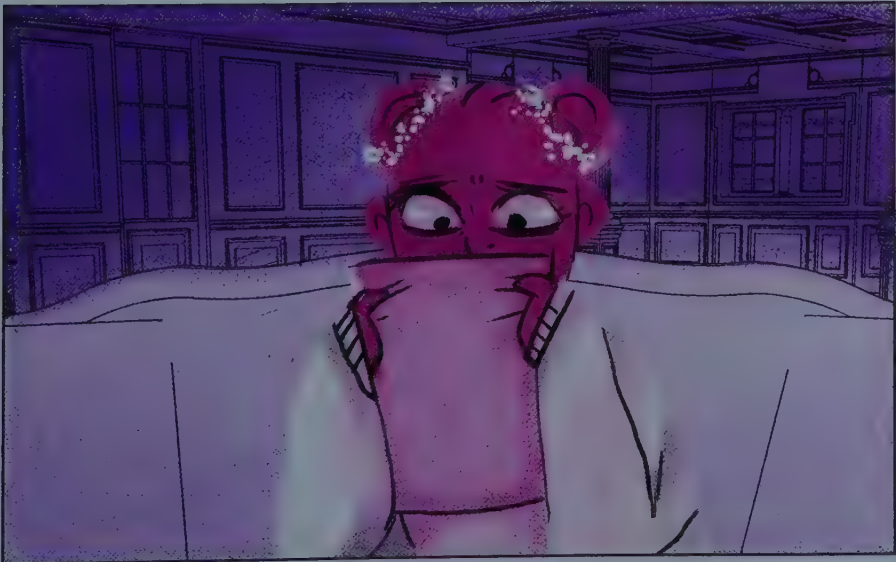


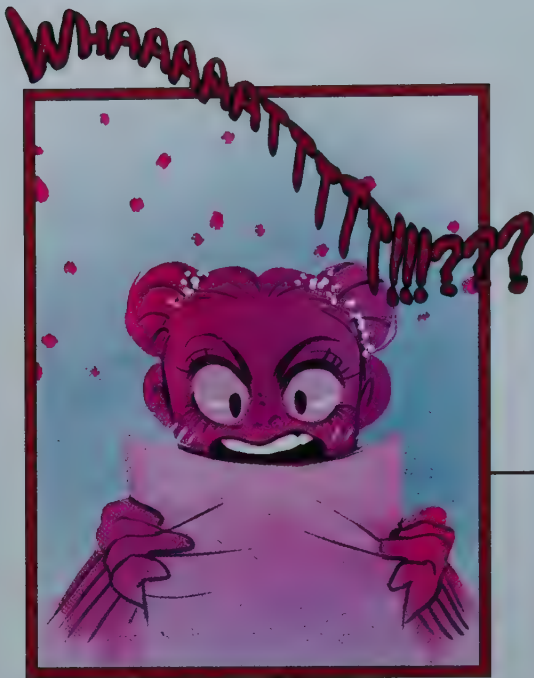
I think you're depressed because you're not challenged.



Not challenged?

Without further ado, here is your assignment.





UNDERWORLD CORP

OLYMPUS TO UNDERWORLD INTERN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

APPLICANT: PERSEPHONE (KORE)

REPORT TO: HADES, GOD/KING OF THE DEAD/UNDERWORLD

LOCATION: UNDERWORLD CORP, TOWER I, LV 99

TIME: ASAP

INTERNSHIP ROLE DESCRIPTION : TO BE DISCUSSED

STATUS: APPROVED BY HERA, QUEEN OF THE GODS

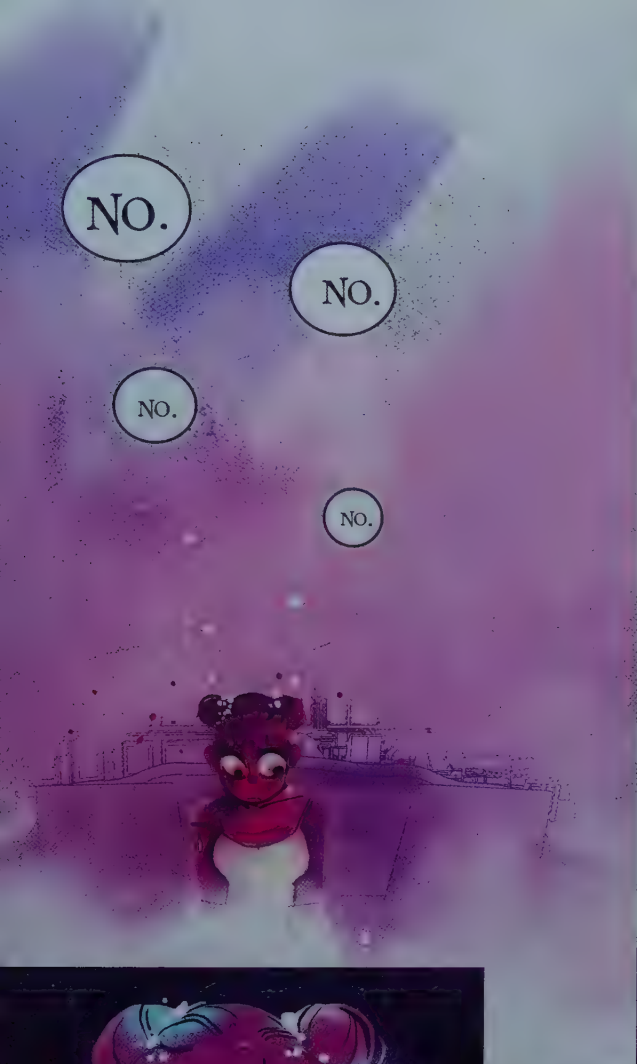
Hera

PLEASE ATTACH PHOTO ID



**Embarrassing
old photo.**







He-- he can't be my boss.

He'll find out that I don't have any skills.



What if he thinks I'm incompetent?



He's going to realize what I am...



A dumb village girl.



EPISODE 31: A TREAT FOR BEING A FOOL



There must be some mistake.



Are you saying I made a mistake?



No, no! I would never!



You have too much confidence in me.



I just don't think I have the transferable skills for this type of work.

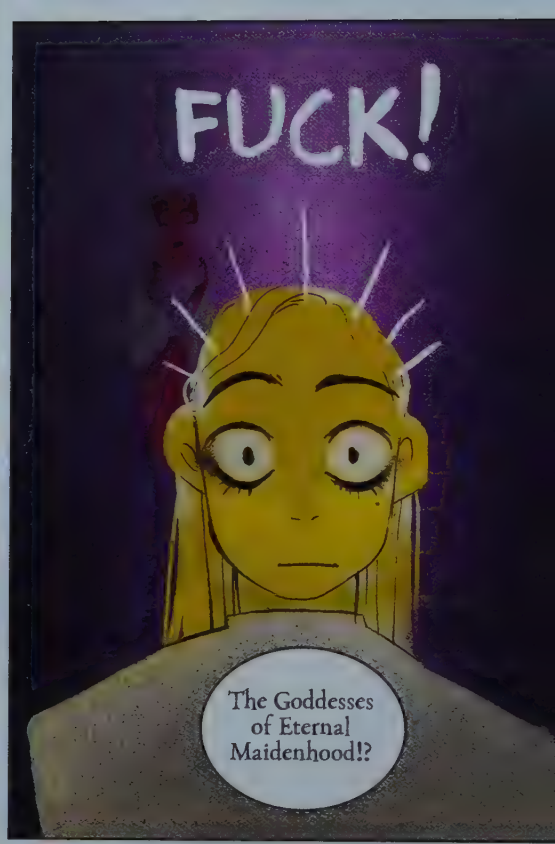


Yeah, I'm sponsored by Hestia and her organization.



Oh, the Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood, how noble...

FUCK!

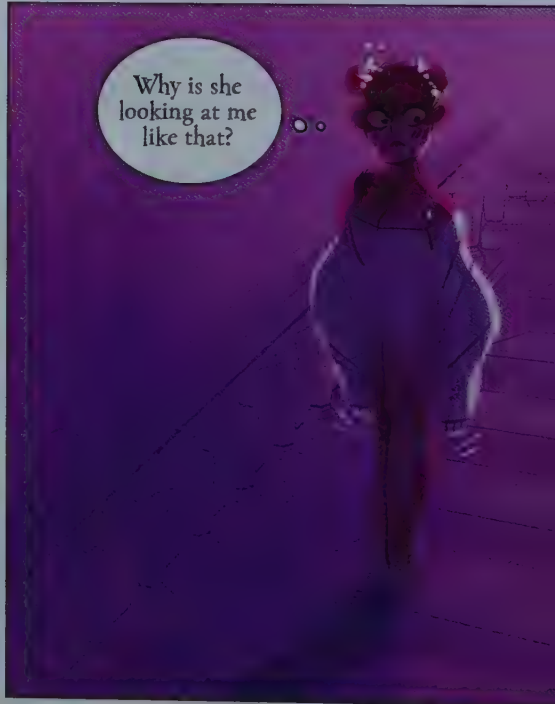


The Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood!?

Darn you, Hestia! You make my job so hard when you get all the goddesses to agree to that lifestyle!



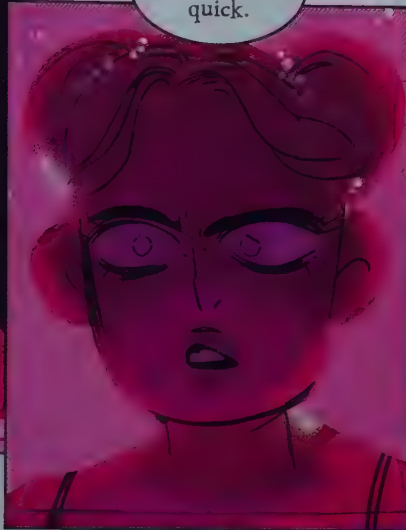
Why is she looking at me like that?



Can she tell!?



Say something, quick.



Mamma--I mean, my mother said that if I wanted to attend university...

I would need to finance my own way there.



I did well with homeschool...

My mother and Hestia were always really enthusiastic about me being a permanent member...



So they awarded me the scholarship.



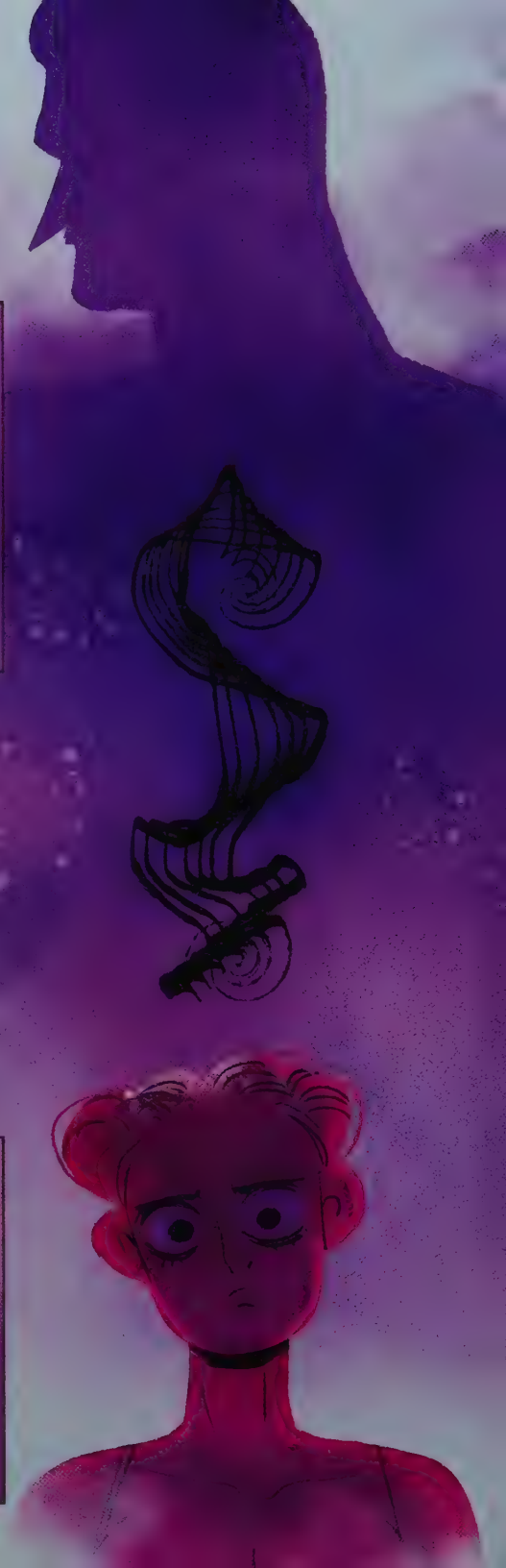
I just need to get high grades in my classes.

Be a good role model...

Do some representative work for them every now and then.

And no sex.

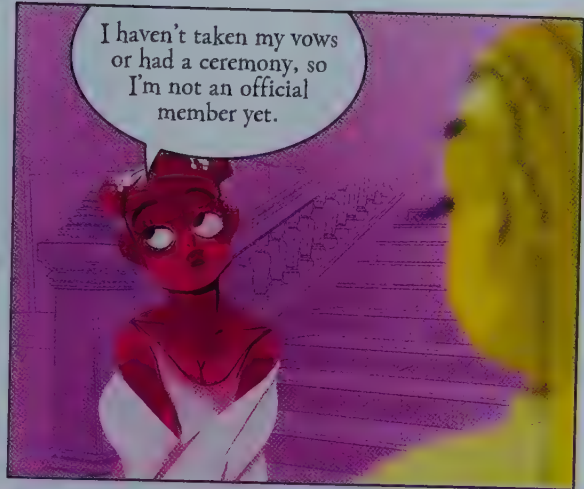
Ever.



Yeah...
there is that.



I haven't taken my vows
or had a ceremony, so
I'm not an official
member yet.



OH PHEW!



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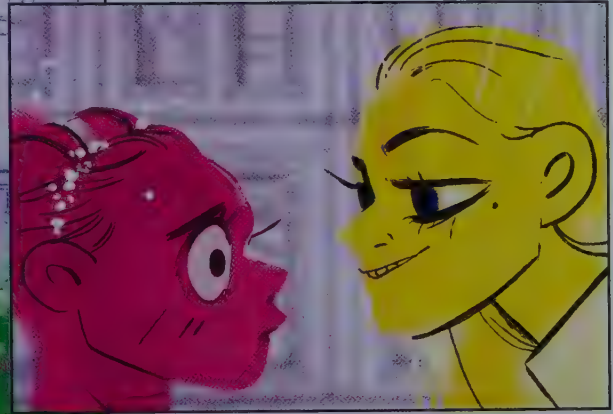
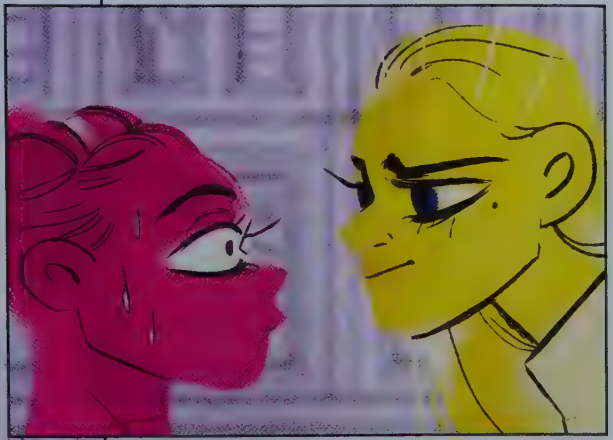
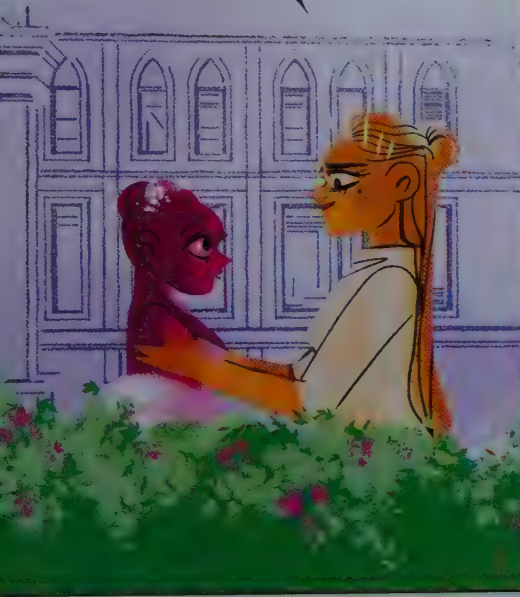


I mean, that's so
interesting, tell me
more!





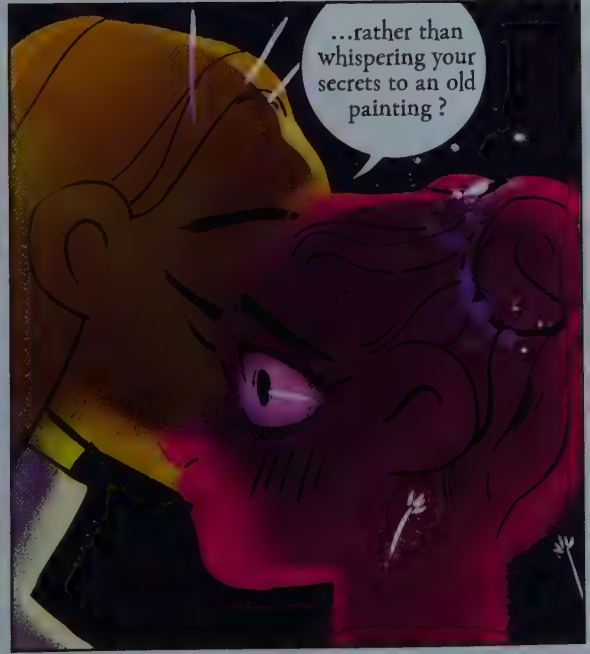
Well, if you ever change your mind, let me know.

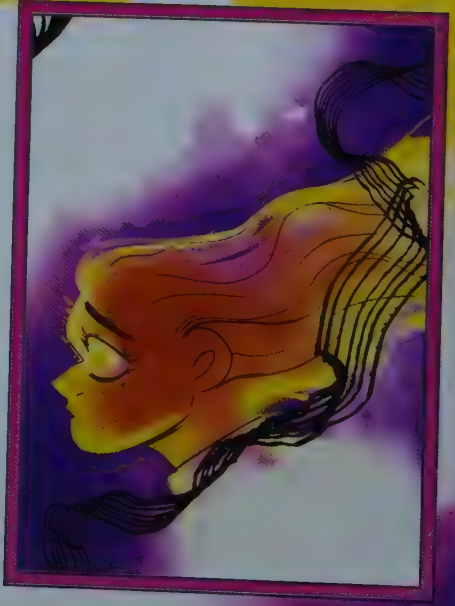


Wouldn't you prefer to speak with him in person...



...rather than whispering your secrets to an old painting?

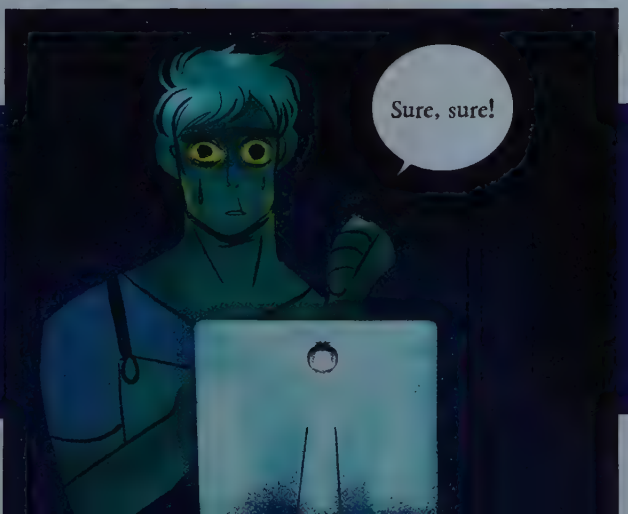








Who did that
to you?







I'm sorry, my lady, but that man is staring at you.



Being me is such a curse.



Oh sweet Gaia...
We need to leave.



What? But we came all the way to the Underworld for this facility--



He's heading this way!



That's Hades!

BUT WHY!? WHO IS HE!?



I might-- Huff

I might have played a prank on Huff

YOU DID WHAT!?



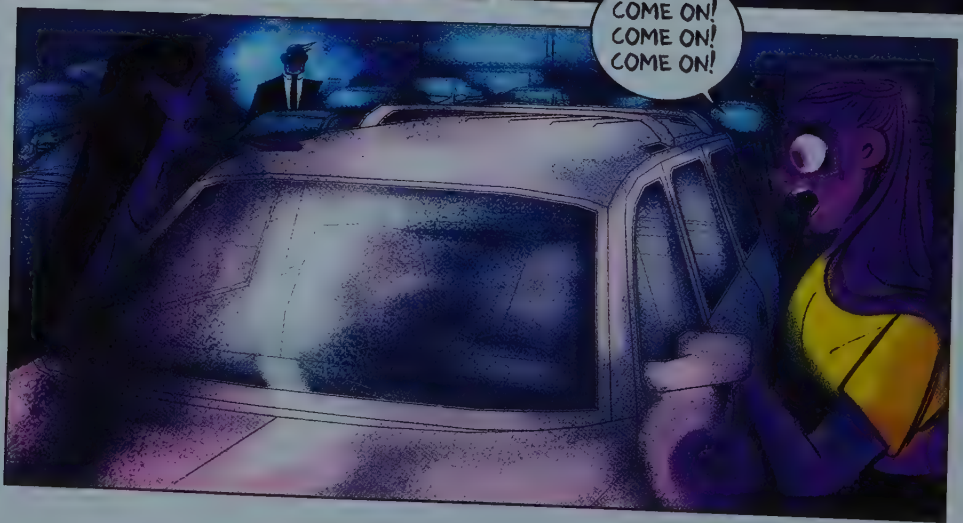
HUFF

HUFF

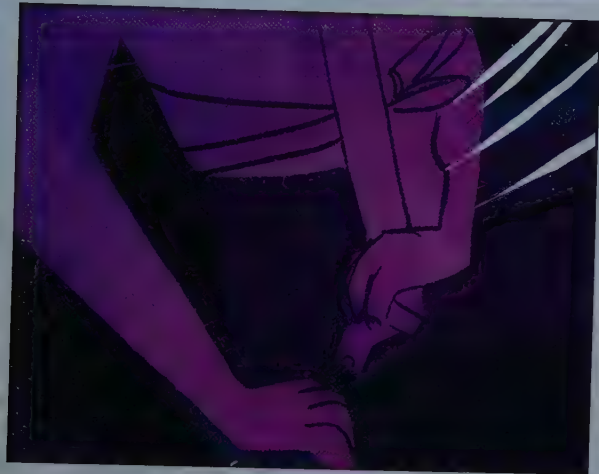
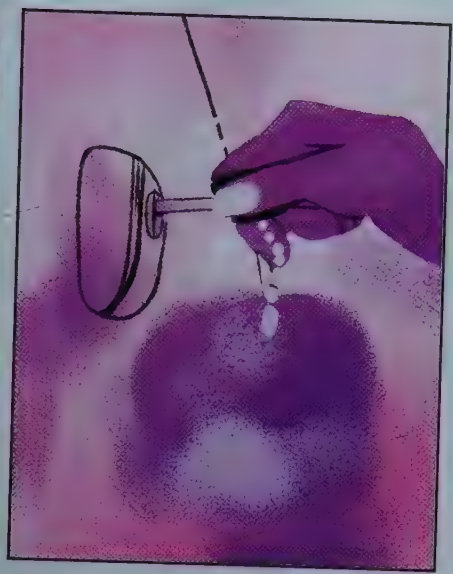
HUFF



I NEED TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOU!!!

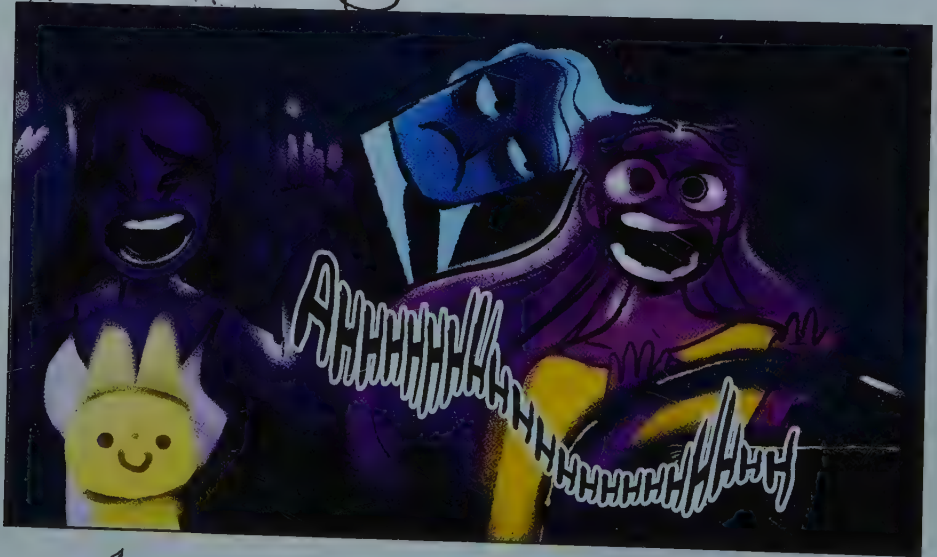


COME ON!
COME ON!
COME ON!





(TOO TALL)

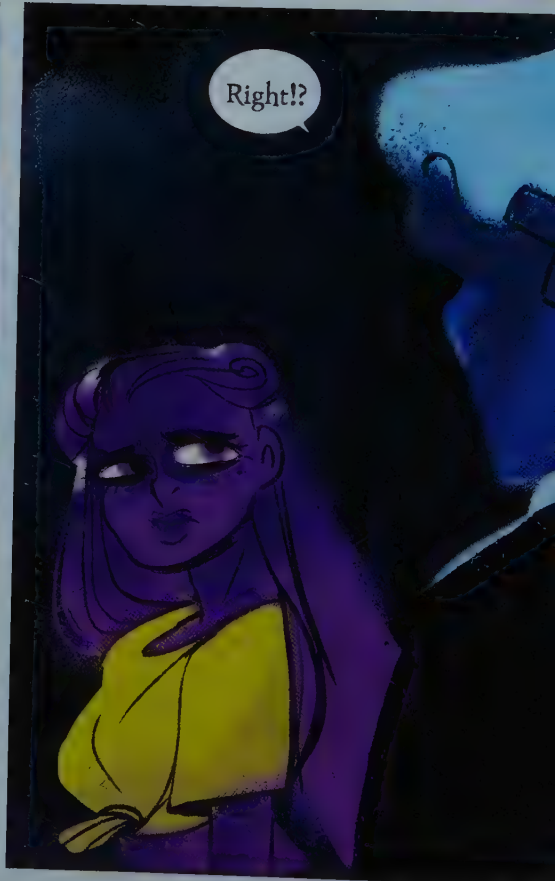
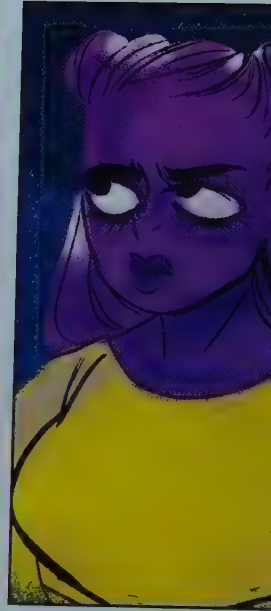


(IS FINE)



EPISODE 32: SMALL

AWKWARD SILENCE





Because of what I said...



You embarrassed me--



No, you embarrassed her.



You have the love of every single mortal being in existence...

...not to mention the majority of Olympus wrapped around your pinky finger.



What does it matter to you what I think?



Come on, Aphrodite... we don't have anything to do with each other.



That's not the point.



You were rude.



You've never done me any favors--

It's about respect!



Respect? HUH!

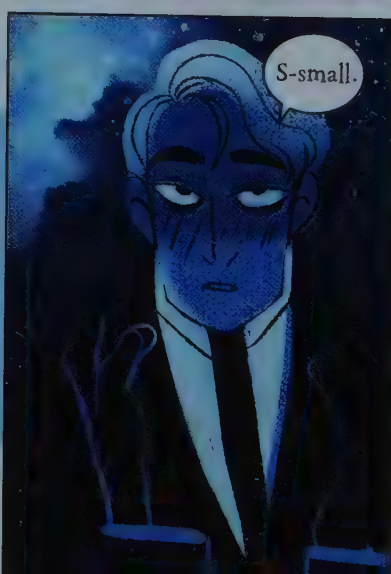
You can barely stand to make eye contact with me half the time.

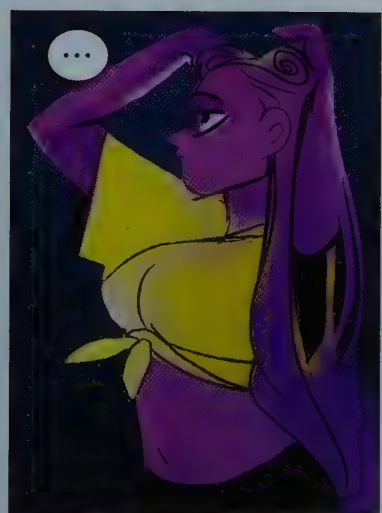


SIGH

Look.







I want you to tell me something.

Did you show her the very best of you?

What do you mean?

CONGRATULATIONS,
YOU'RE DEAD

When she was in your realm...

in your care...

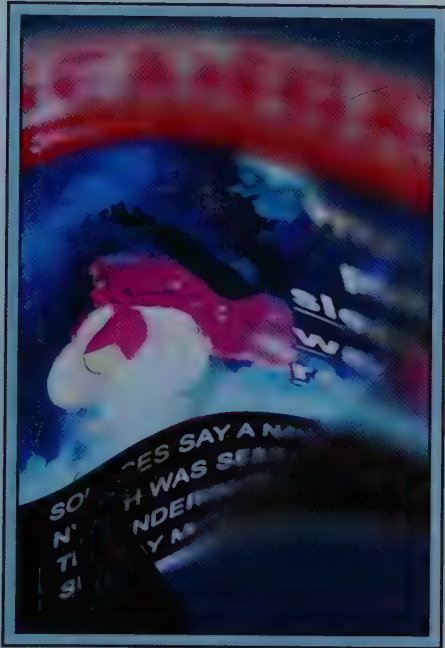
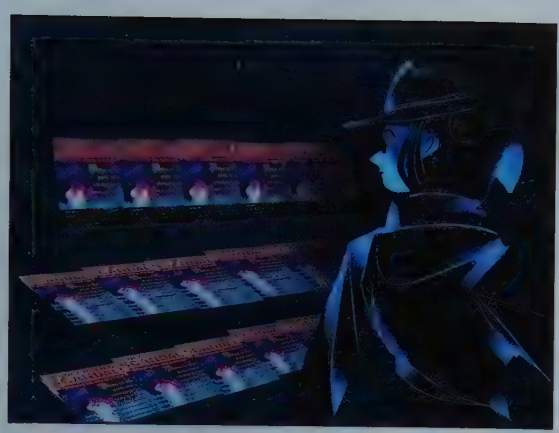
did you show her the best you could be?

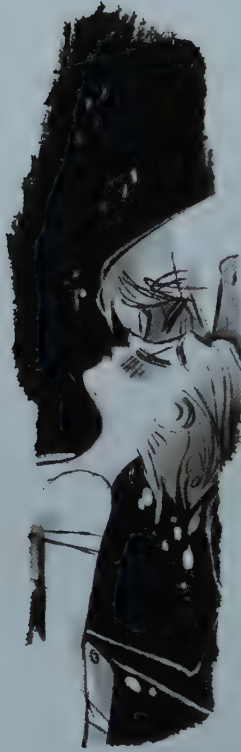






Nah, that's your business. Besides, I'm only interested in the dead ones.



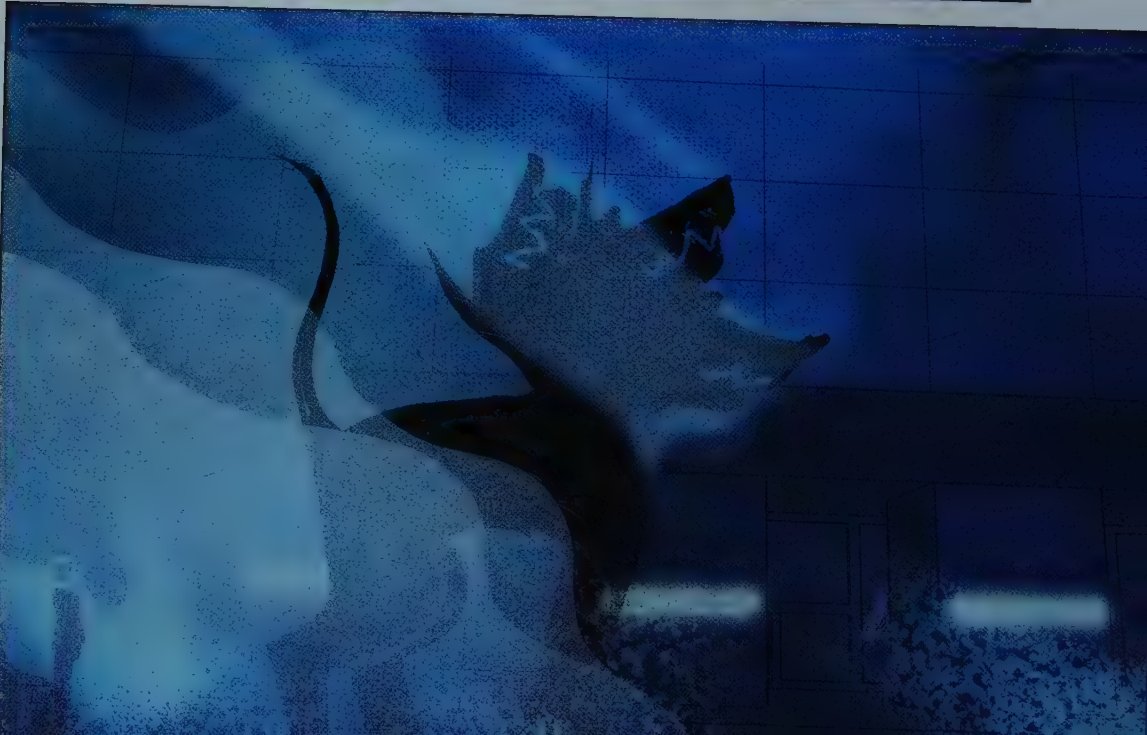
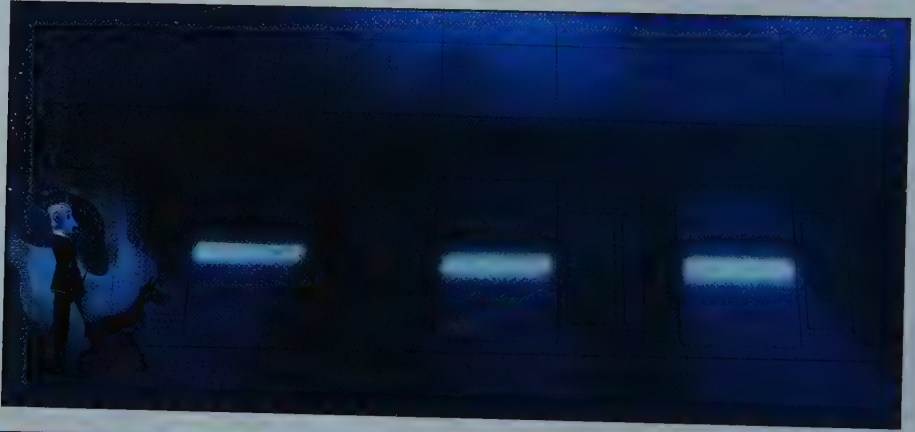


EPISODE 33: YOUR ROYAL MAJESTY



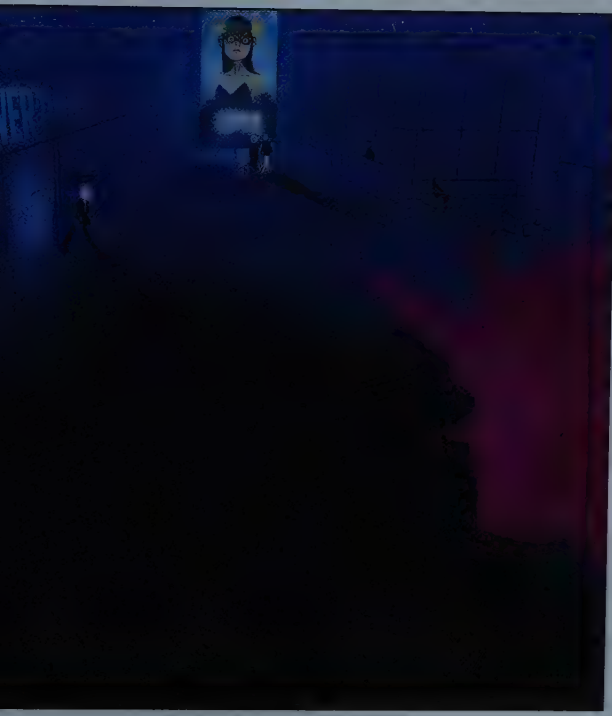
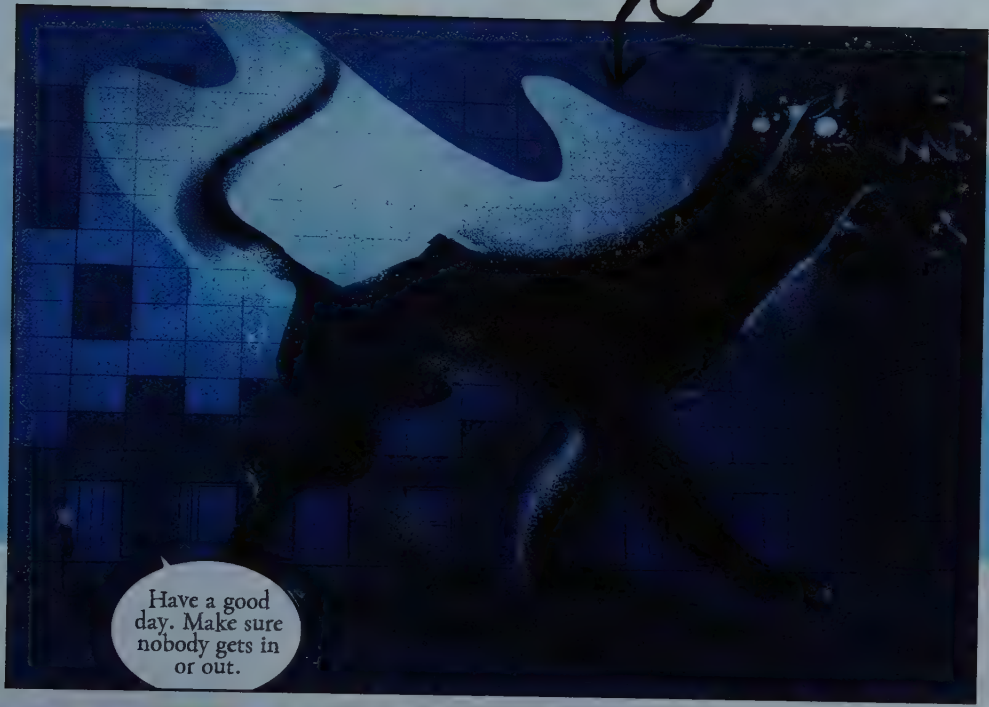
Are you ready?

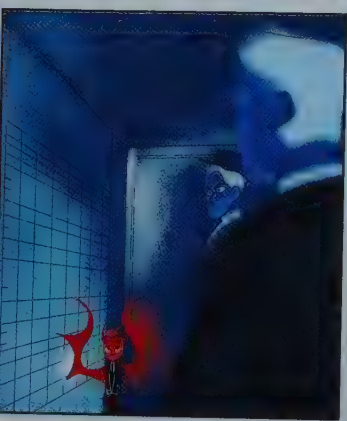




(Self-sufficient.)

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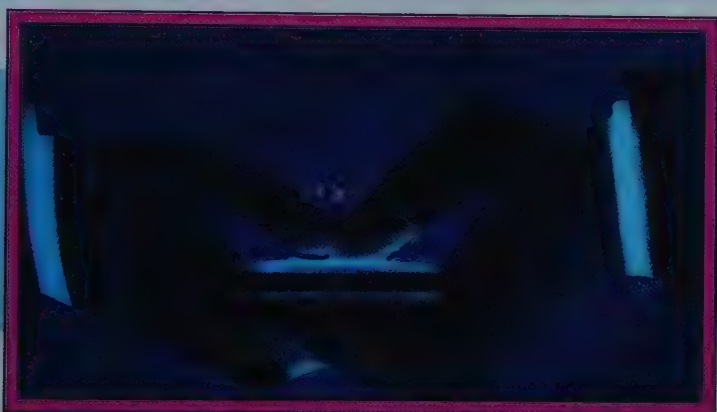
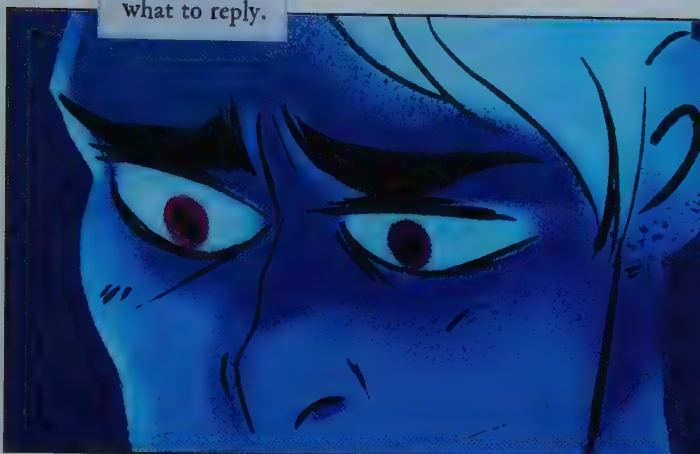






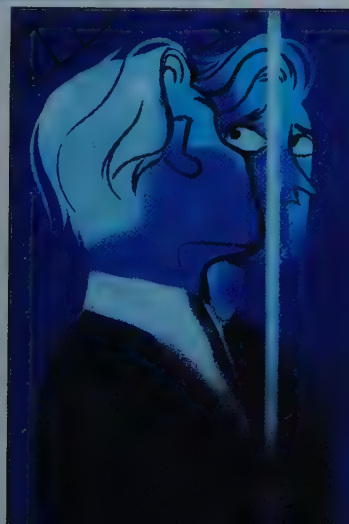
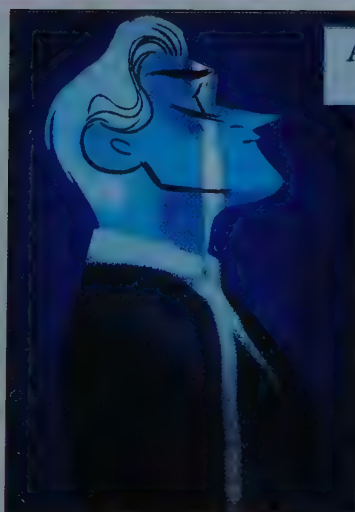
Did you know there is a really
dorky portrait of you at Hera's? 🤪

I don't know
what to reply.



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dorky portrait of you at Hera's? 🤪

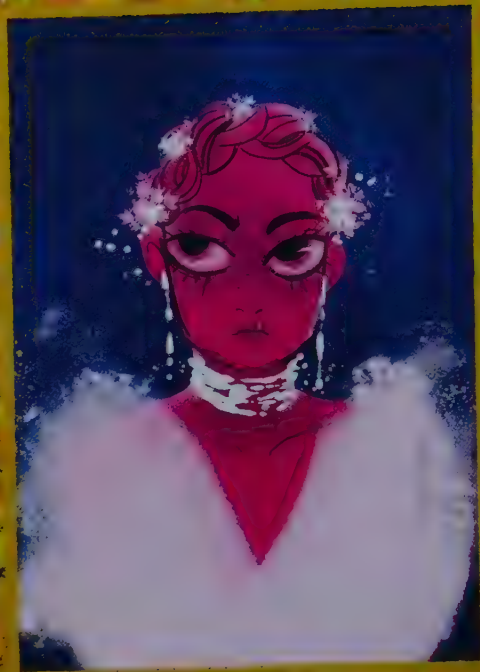
Ah! Don't send her
that, you idiot.



You would make a much better
subject for a painting.



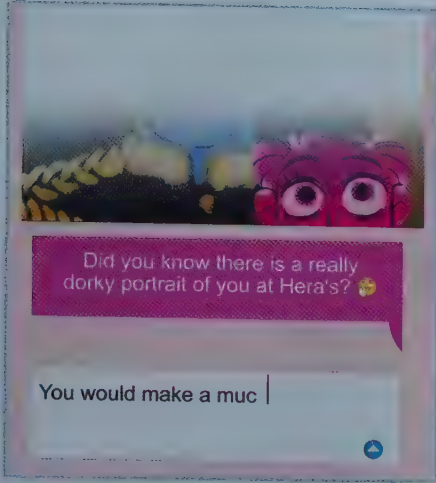
Even a photo of her is
so distracting...

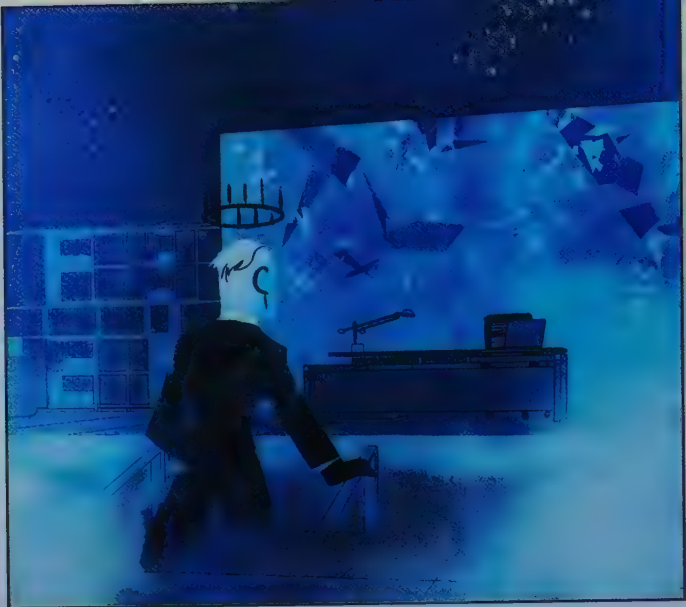
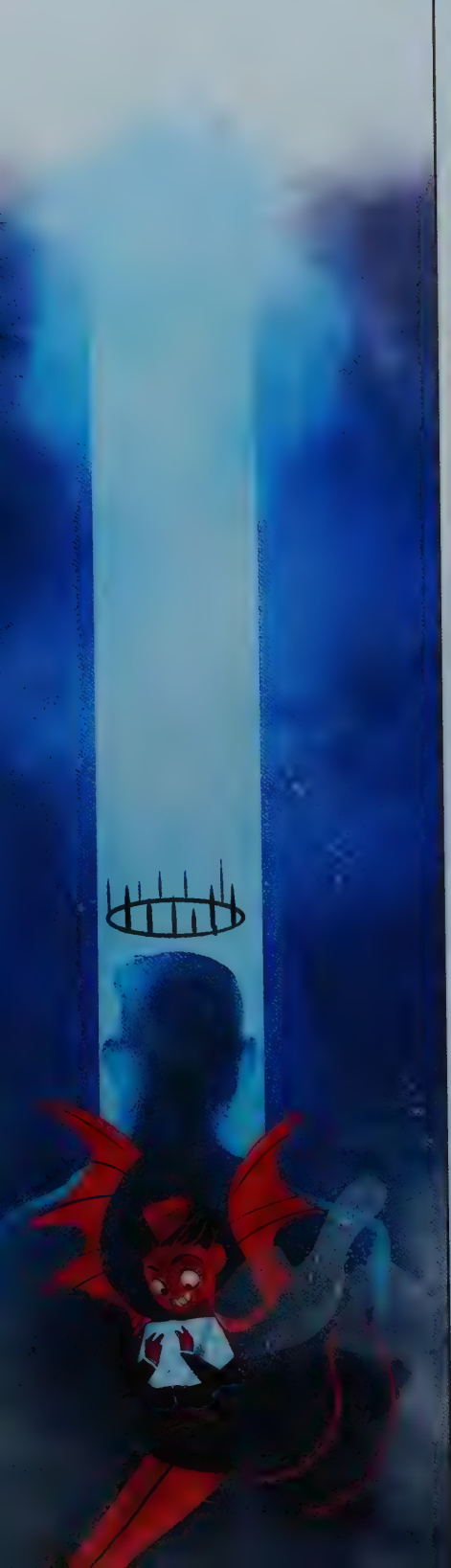


Lucky for me she's all
the way over in Olympus.



Imagine if she was here all
the time? I'd be done for.







Good morning,
Your Royal
Majesty.



I've updated some
meetings in your
calendar... Make sure to take a
look when you're
settled.

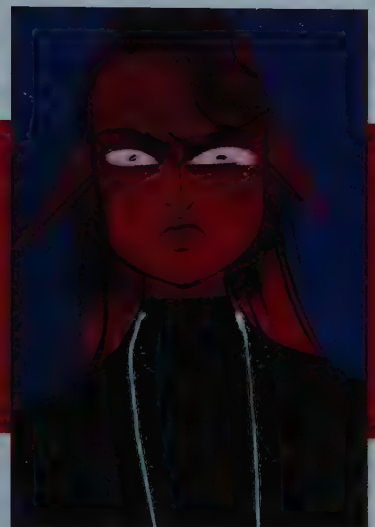
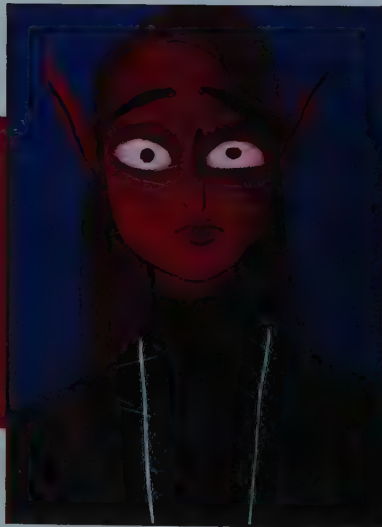


Hello,
Minthe.



Why didn't
you come over
after the
party?

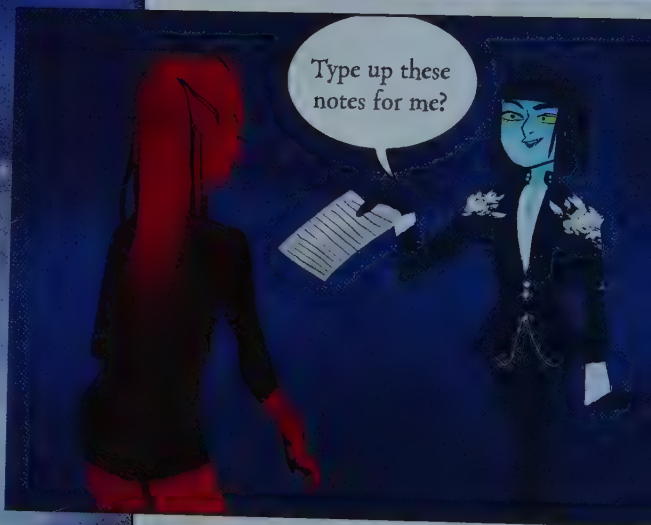






AHEM!!!










SUNDAY MORNING SCANDAL!

Sleeping her way to the top!



Who is the
pink minx
sleazing her
way into the
royal family?

SOURCES SAY A NAMELESS FLOWER
NYMPH WAS SEEN LEAVING THE KING OF
THE UNDERWORLD'S TOWNHOUSE, EARLY
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"When she was in your realm..."



"in your care..."



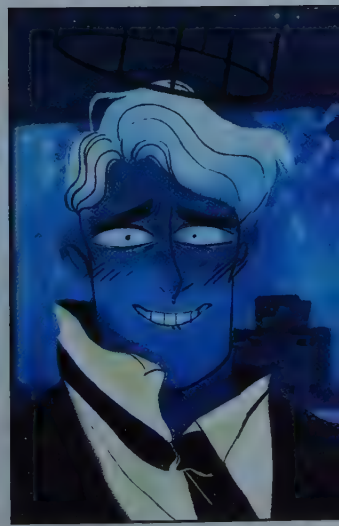
"did you show her the best
you could be?"





I should have been looking
out for her...







I'VE NEVER--

BEEN MORE--



DISAPPOINTED!

...H-Hecate?



SNIFF



Hades, She's 19 years old!



TWITCH

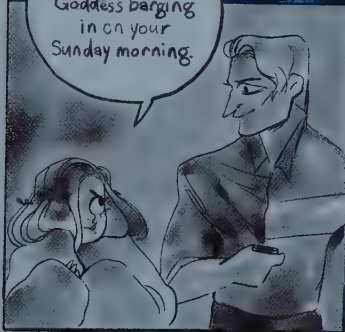




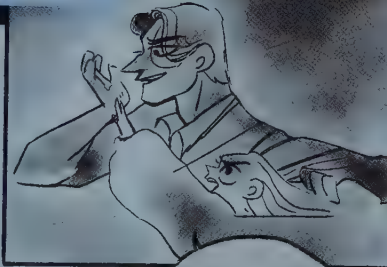
EPISODE 34: MIND THE GAP

SHE'S WHAT!!!???

You don't need some amateur Goddess barging in on your Sunday morning.



...Idiot.



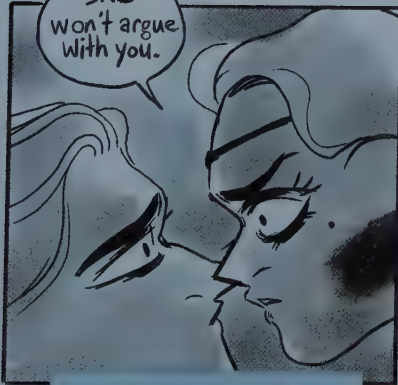
My mother says that making things yourself builds character!

All the clues were there...

I've never had a phone before -



She won't argue with you.



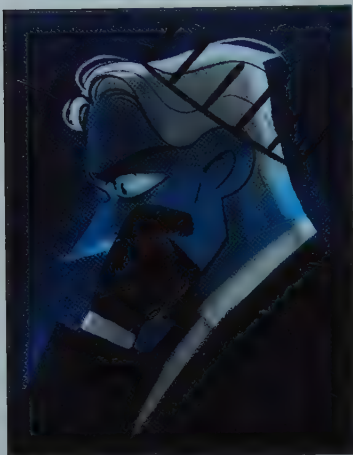
No wonder Hera was so pissed off.

That sounds like something a teenager would say!

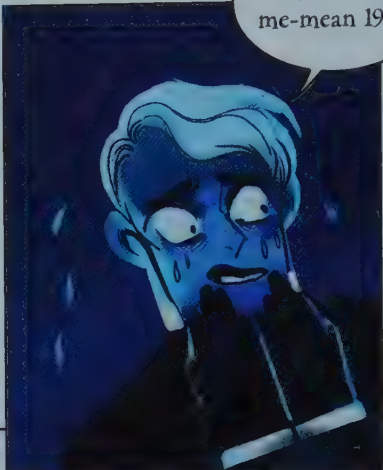


Complete and willful ignorance on my part.

BECAUSE SHE IS
A TEENAGER!



Y-you don't
me-mean 1919?



No, I mean
"actually born
19 years ago"
19!



Cancel all my
meetings, please.



...You really
didn't know?





SIGH



Don't look at me like that.



Let me explain.



Nothing happened. She had too much to drink. She slept in my guest room.

I drove her home in the morning.



TOK!

Would ya stop hitting me??



What have I told you about being discreet!?



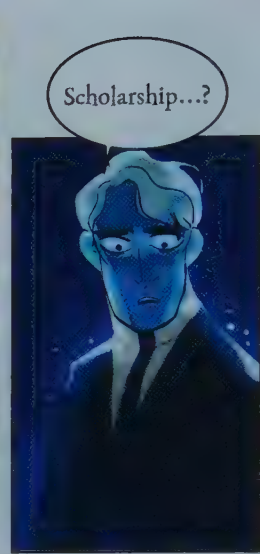
This doesn't affect you in the same way.



You'll get a fucking high five at the watercooler at most.



This could put Persephone's scholarship at risk--



Scholarship...?



Wait!
Do you know her!?



YOU DO!



SIGH
Remember how I took a couple of months off last year to study poisonous plants?

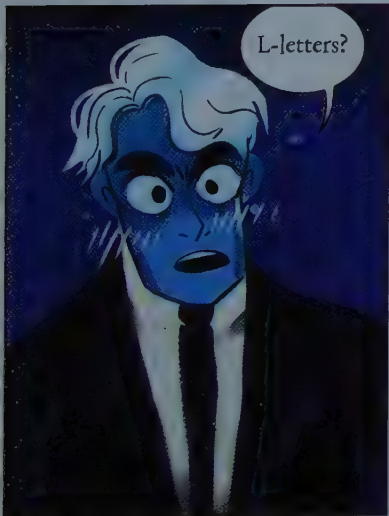
I stayed with Demeter
in the Mortal Realm.



Persephone's been
sending me letters
ever since I left.



L-letters?



Do you still
have them? Can I
please read
them?



GET YOUR SHIT
TOGETHER AND
STOP ACTING LIKE A
CREEP!

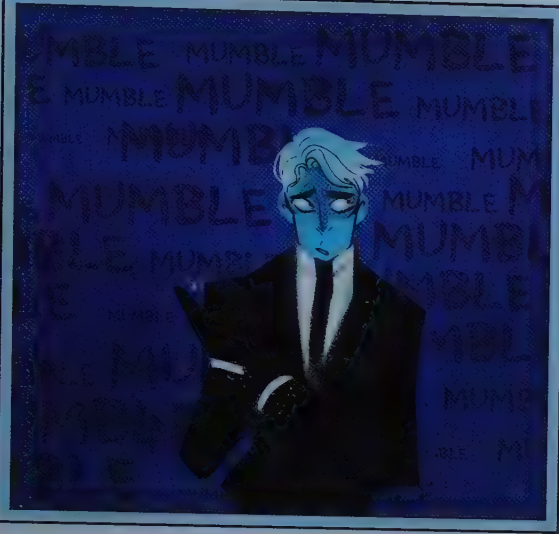
FINE! But can
you at least
tell me if she
has nice
handwriting!?

Flawless cursive.
Excellent spelling
and grammar.

Refresh my
memory.

How old are you
these days?

CHOKE!



2000 and something-ish.



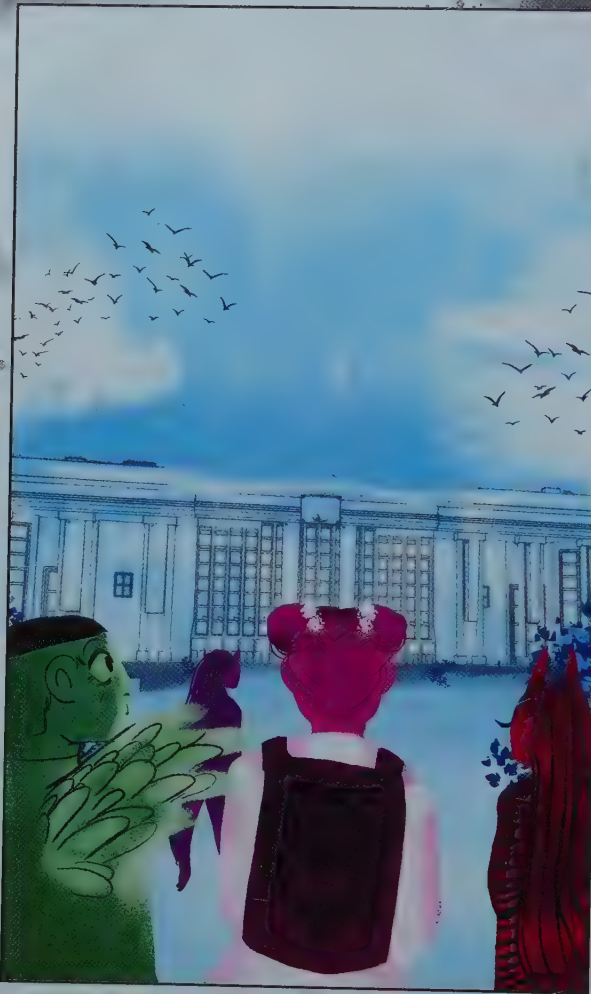
SIGH
What a mess.



Regardless,
something
must be done
about this.



This place is really big...



Did you know there is a really dorky portrait of you at Hera's? 🤪

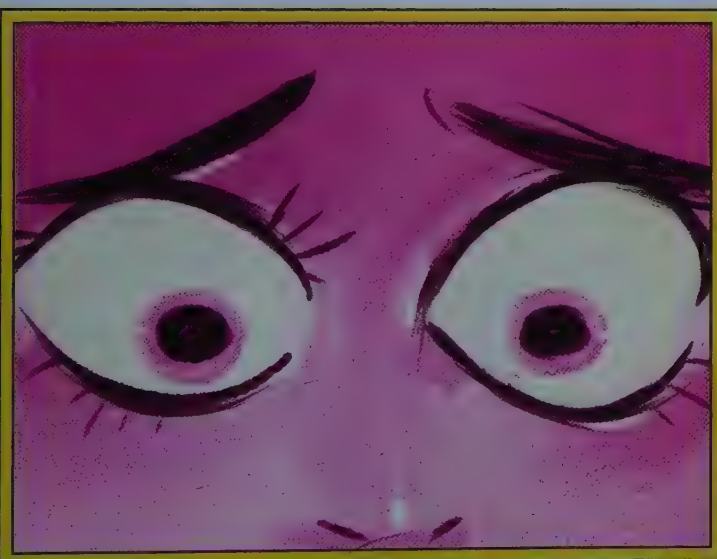
I don't know why Hera insists on keeping those up. I hope Monday is treating you well.



Did you know there is a really dorky portrait of you at Hera's? 🤪

I don't know why Hera insists on keeping those up. I hope Monday is treating you well.

I've got my first class today, I'm really nervous.



Text Notification

Apollo

Hey, how are you?

TURN IT OFF.

JUST TURN IT OFF.



Is that her?

Is that her?

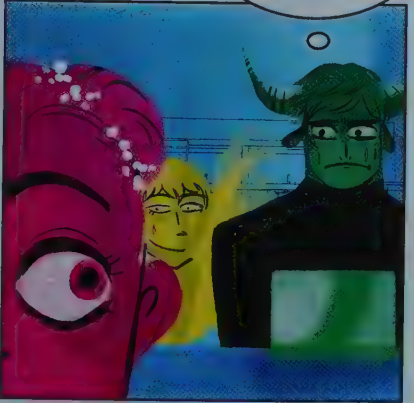
It sure looks like her.



Clearly she is the dark concubine of Hades.

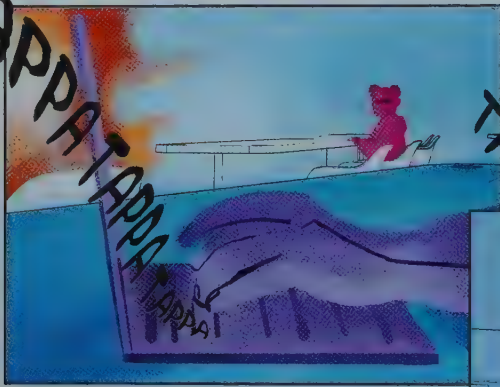
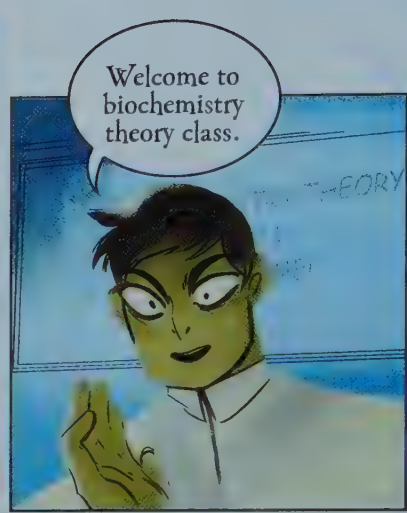
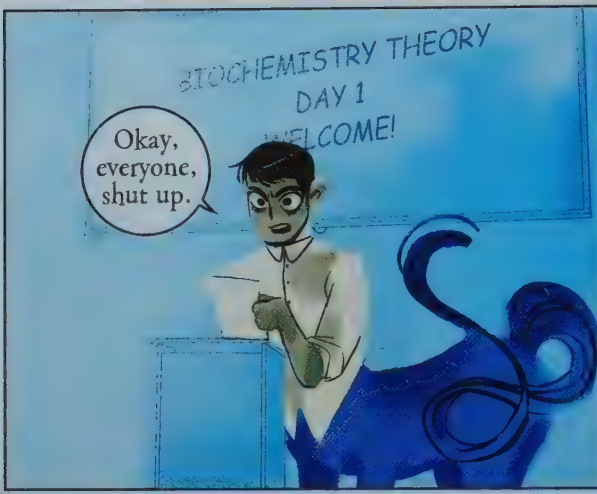
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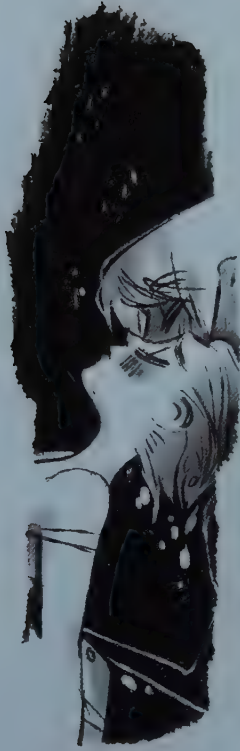
THE UNDERWORLD'S TOWNHOUSE, EARLY SUNDAY MORNING.



She is terrifying.







EPISODE 35: THE MEAL TICKET



You look concerned.



Relax.

You know I can keep a secret.



That was the last time, okay?

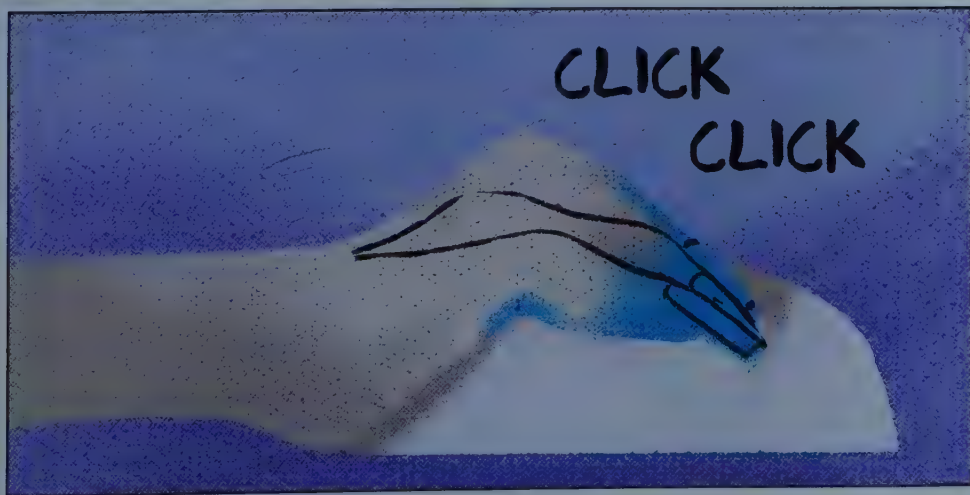
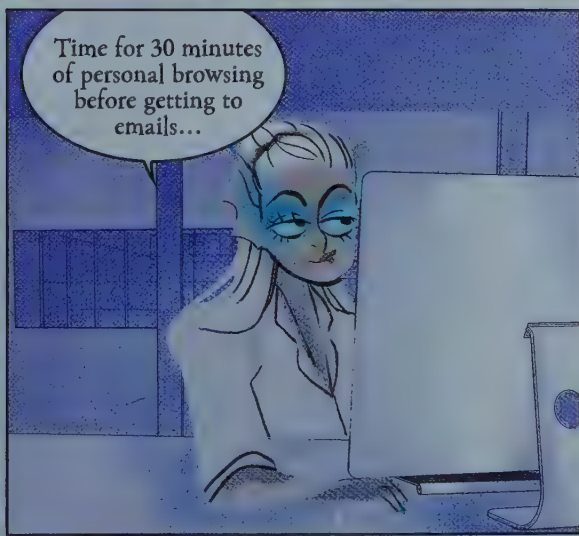
I'm just stressed this morning.



You say that every time.



Don't forget to zip up your fly.



Oh my gods,
this is too
good.

WEEKLY NARK

SLEEPING HER WAY TO THE
TOP!
READ MORE

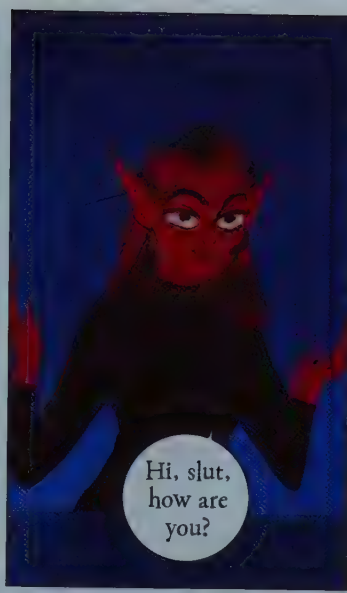


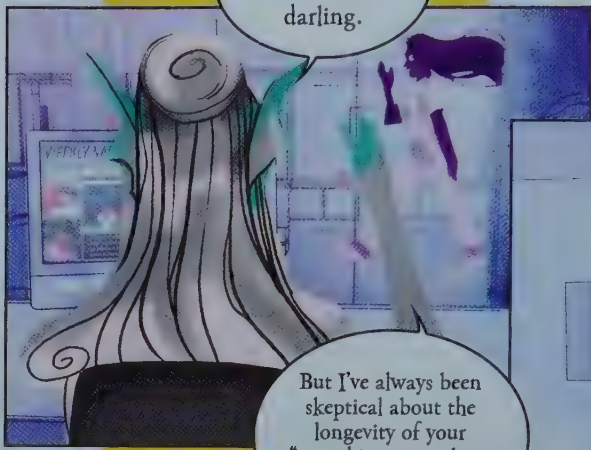
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HEHEHE

TOSS







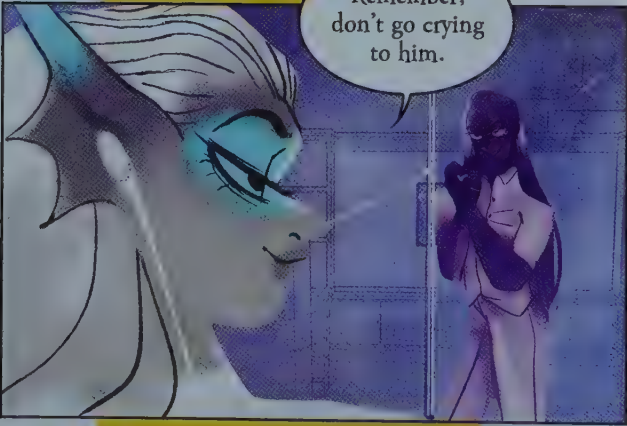
I don't mean to criticize, darling.

But I've always been skeptical about the longevity of your "treat him mean, keep him keen" approach.



You better get your shit together, Minthe.

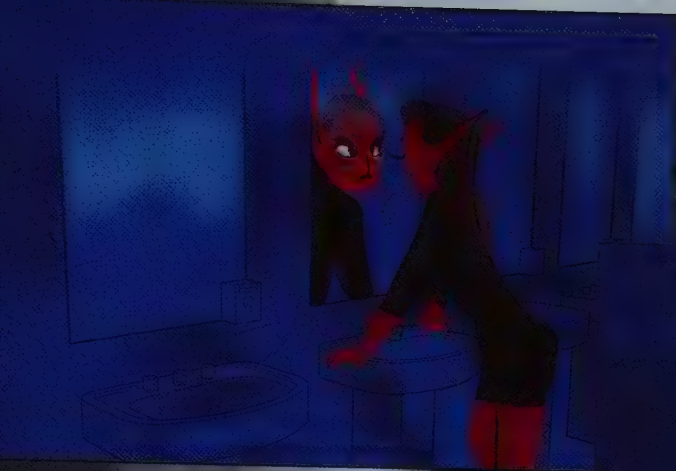
I would hate to see you replaced.



Remember, don't go crying to him.

Crying is for wives.





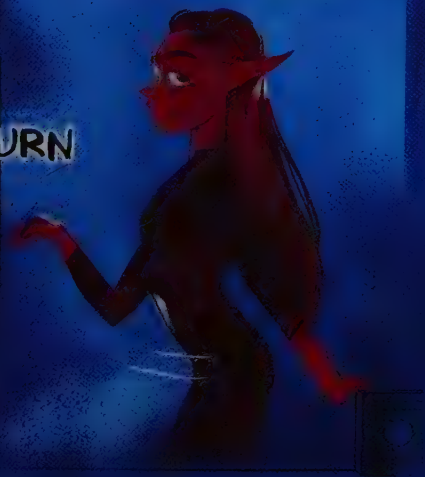
Who is she?

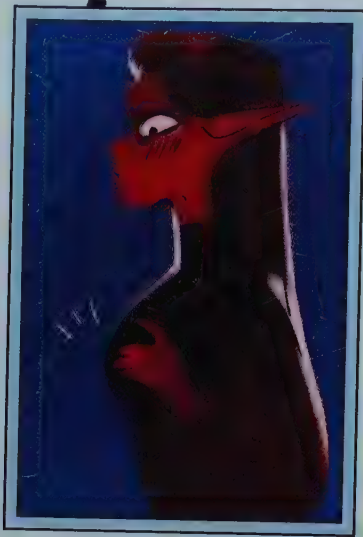


Sigh

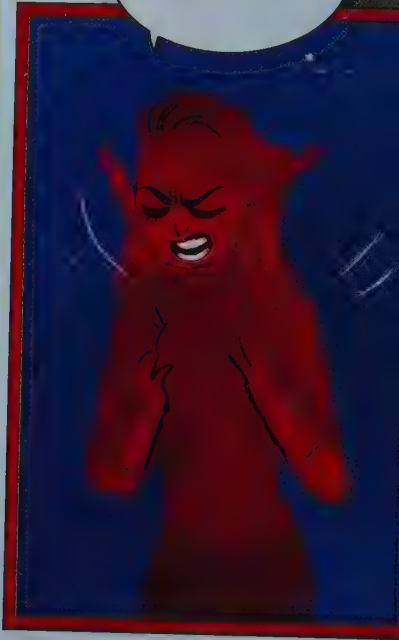


TURN





SHE'S NOT
EVEN HIS TYPE!

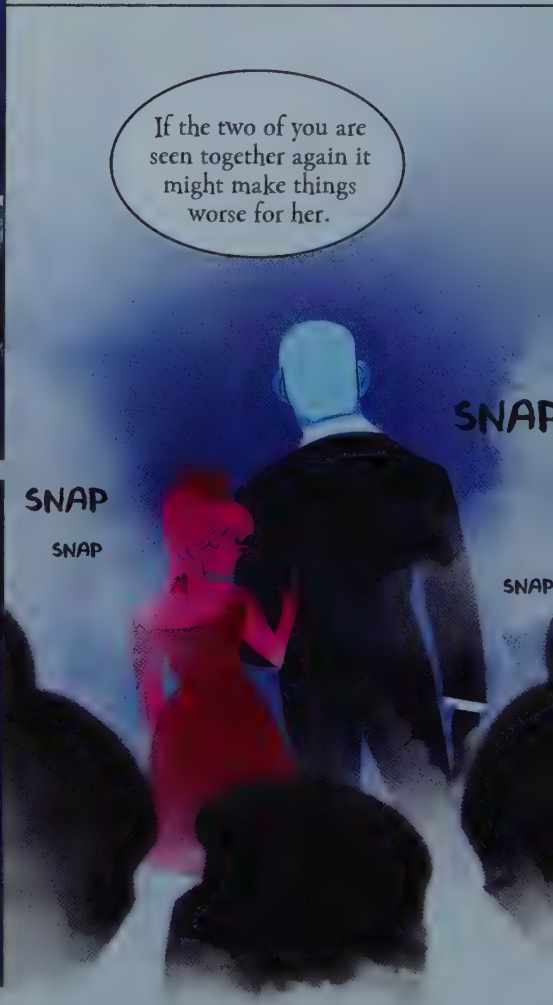
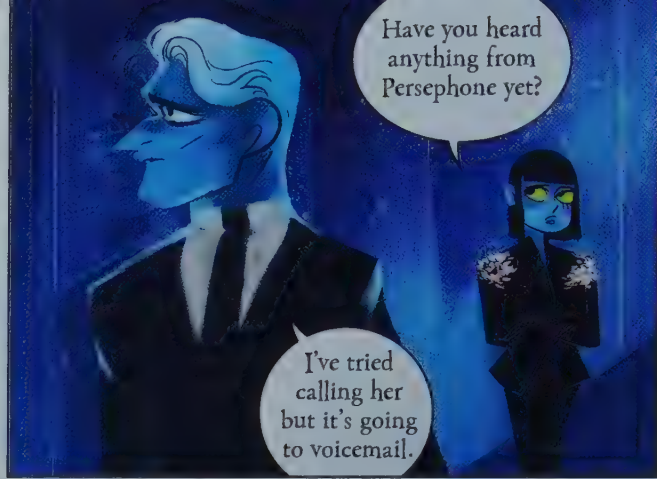
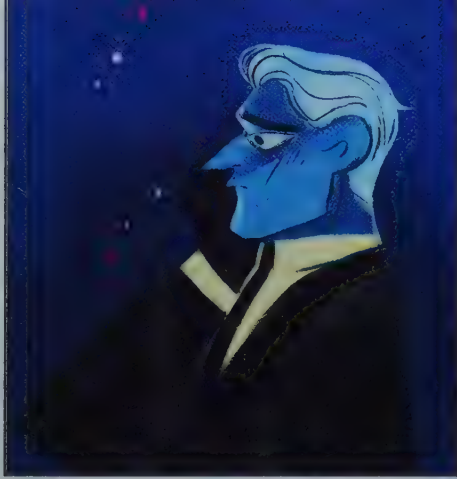


Artemis,
do I start
talking now?

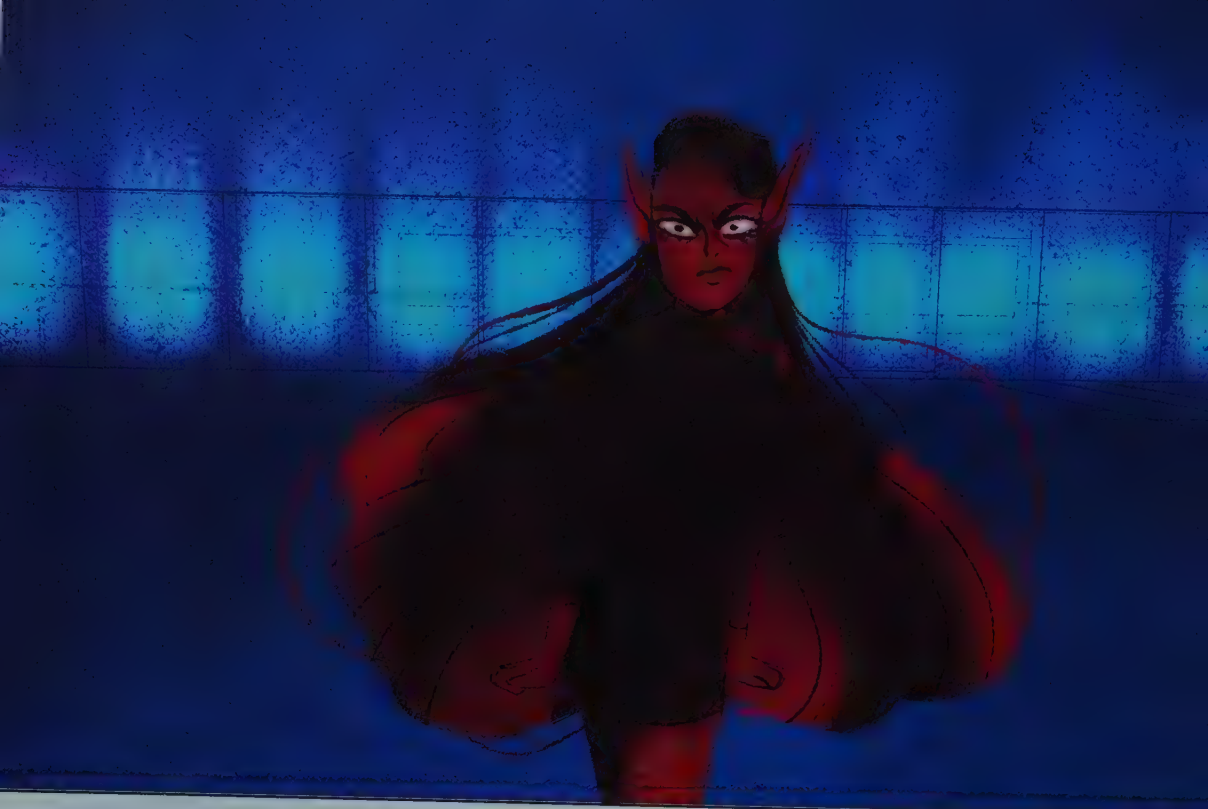
Yes! It's already
recording.

*OH! Oops! Hello, Ko-- I mean,
Persephone here! I'm sorry,
I can't take your call right now.*

*Please leave a message
and I'll get back to you
as soon as I can.*

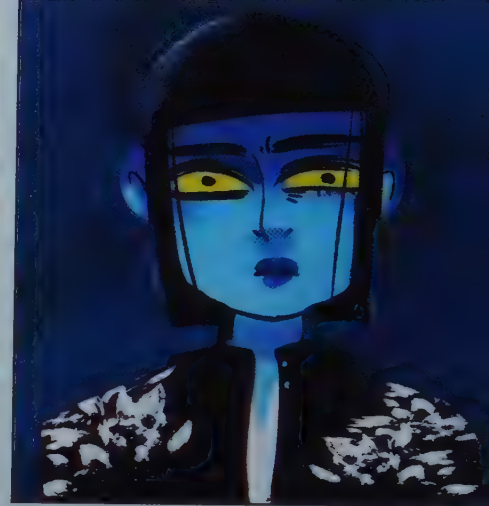




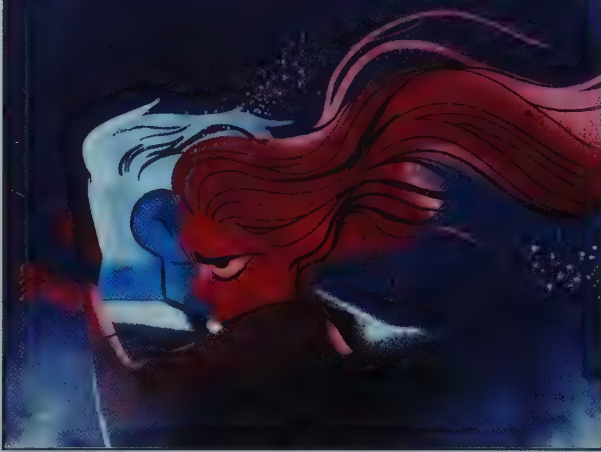




EPISODE 36: SMARTY PANTS

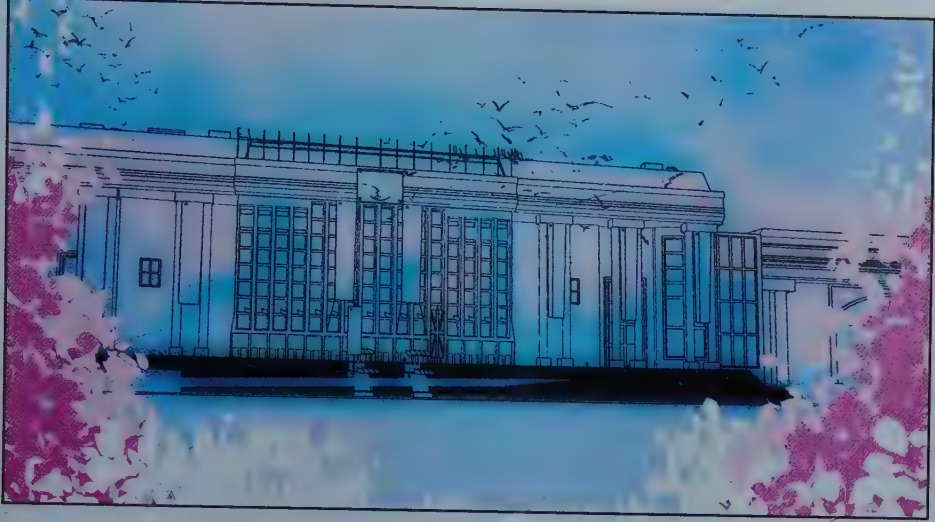








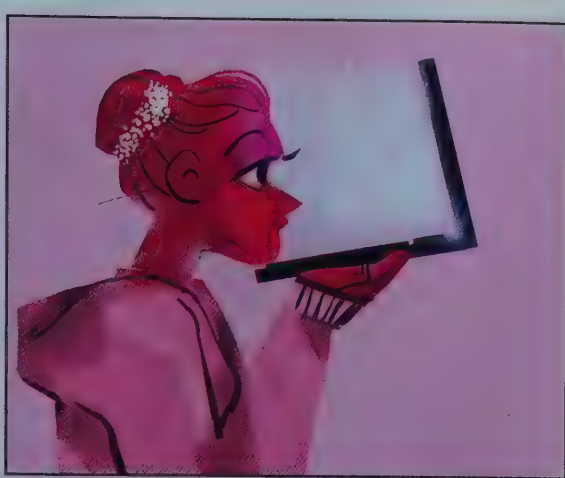
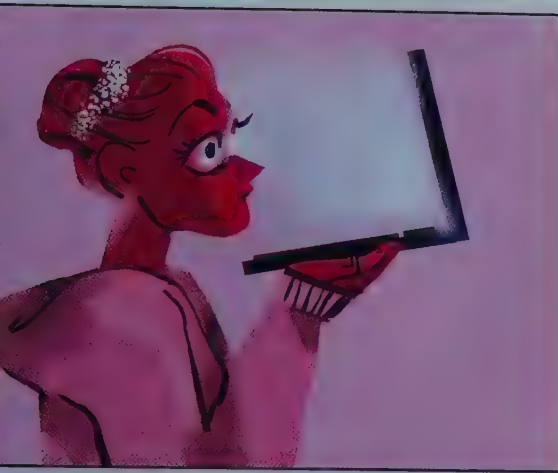






She probably does unspeakable things with the Unseen One.





This is a photo of my friend and me.

But a lot of those other statements are not true.



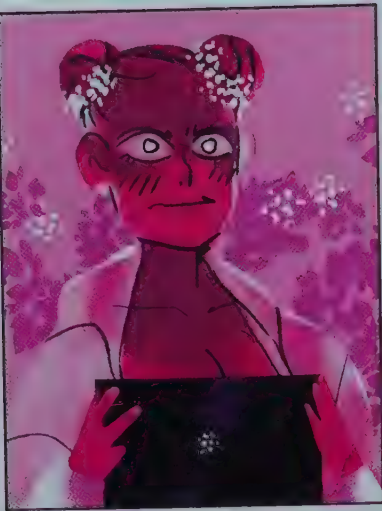
They must have terrible sources. *ha* How embarrassing for them.



I'm not sure how one "sleeps their way to the top." Sounds pretty lazy to me.



They mean you had sex with him.



I'm just gonna close this.



Persephone.



Great work.



But I wouldn't expect anything less from a goddess.

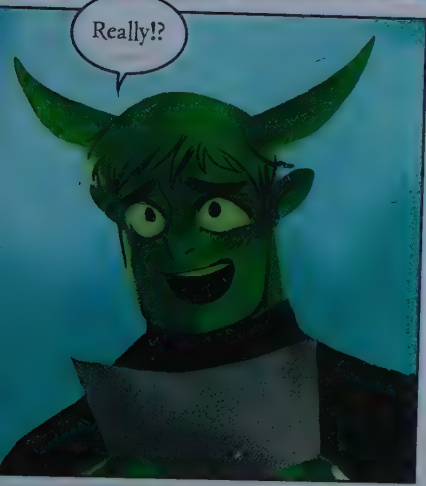


You're a goddess!?! Amazing!



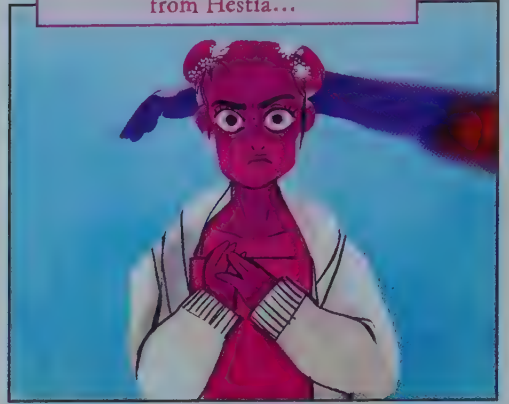
You would have noticed it right away if you weren't so dense.

Barely a passing mark.

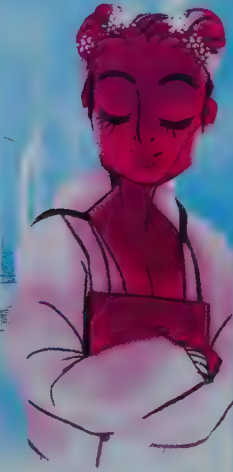


Phew, that wasn't so bad.

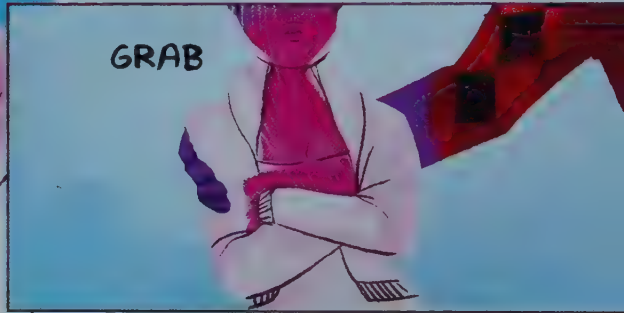
I'm going to get a massive lecture from Hestia...



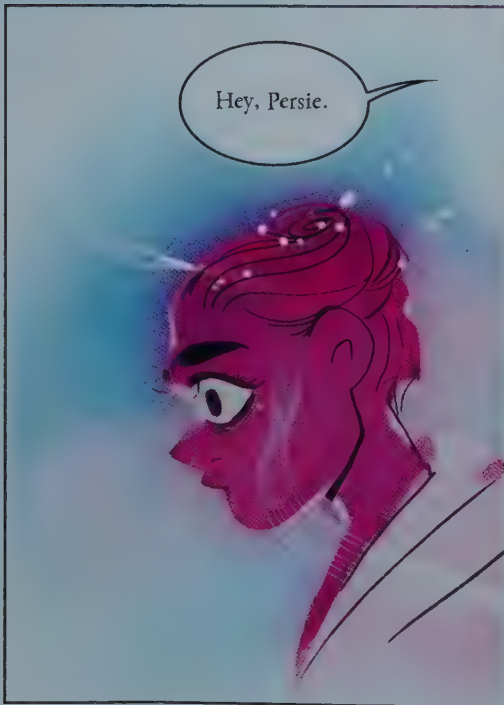
I'm not sure what I'm going to do about that article, though.



GRAB



Hey, Persie.



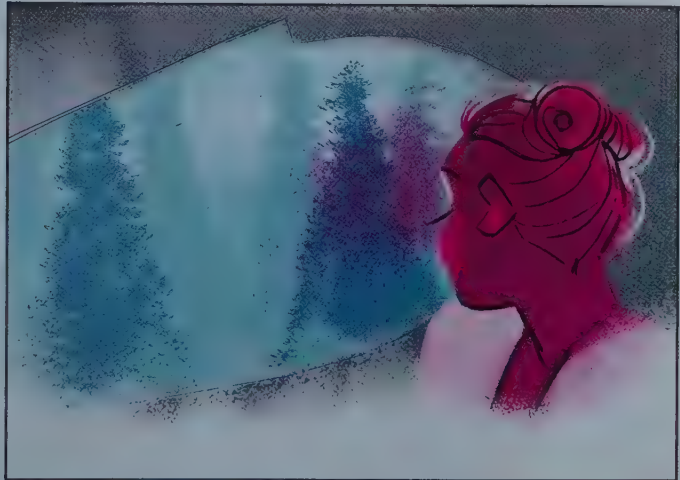
Surprise! I came to pick you up from class!



Artemis told me
you'd be finished
around this time.



I texted you, but
you didn't text me
back.



...You don't seem
very surprised.



Hello, is anyone
at home in there?







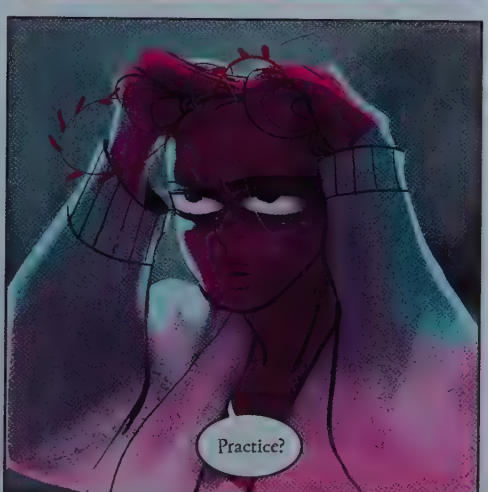
O-of course you did.



I was tired and I don't think I was in the right head space, I--



You need to relax. Look, we just need to practice.



Practice?



Artemis isn't going to be back at your place for another hour or so.

I was thinking--



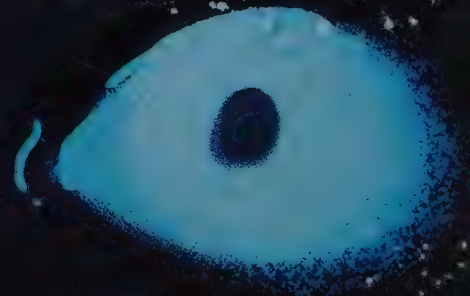
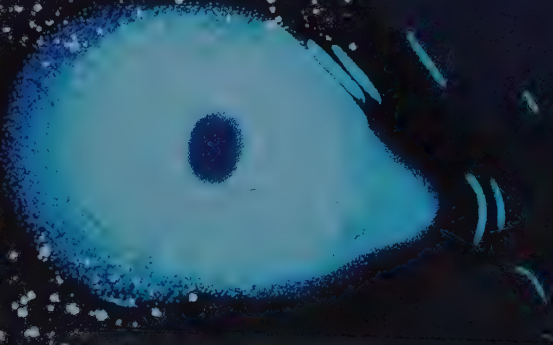


STOP THIS
CAR!



You've got to
be joking...

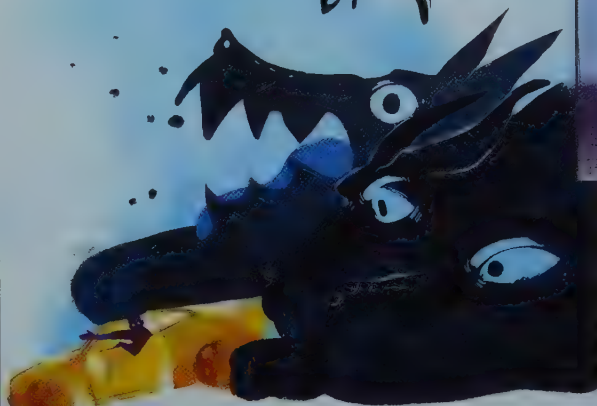
GROWL





EPISODE 37: A PRINCE IN DARK VELVET

BARK!
BARK!
BARK! BARK!
BARK!



FUCK!

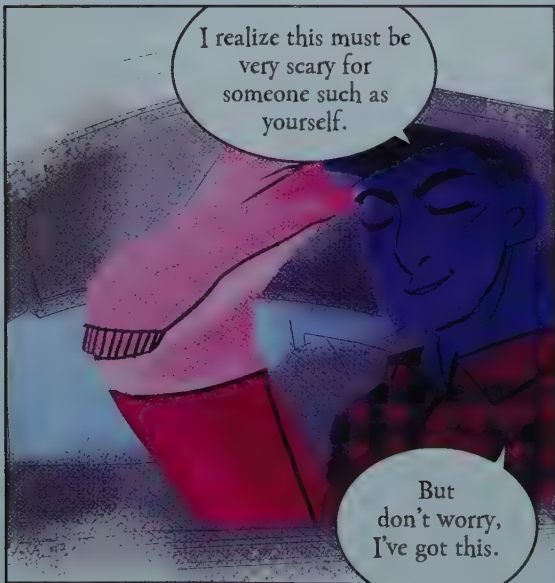
Stay in the car
until I work out
how to handle
this.



WHIMPER



I realize this must be
very scary for
someone such as
yourself.



But
don't worry,
I've got this.



What are you doing!?



Come here.



I know it's hard...

But you need to calm down.









I'm not very hungry, so you can have my lunch.



Here.

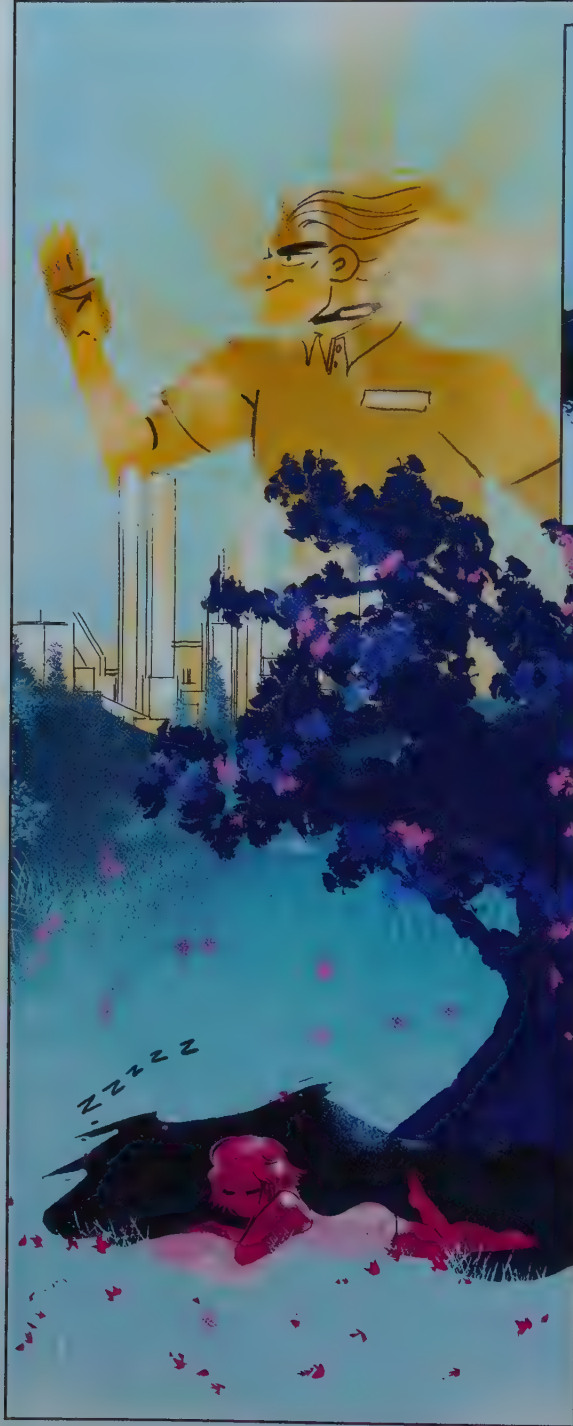


MUNCH
MUNCH

Next time Hades gives you a time-out, you can just hang out with me instead.



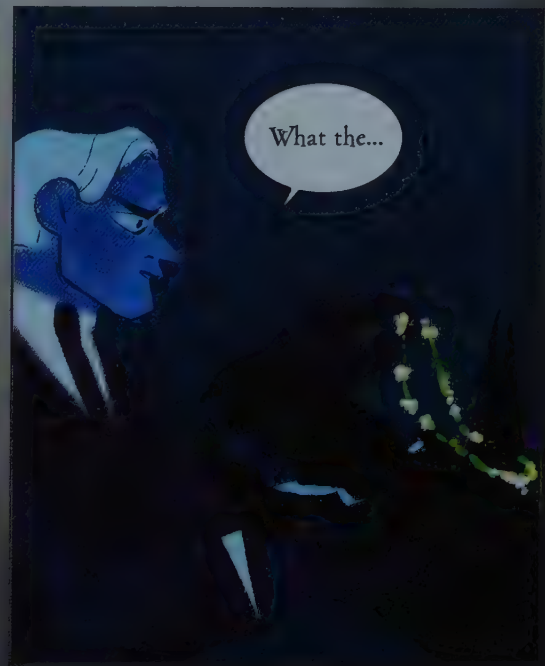
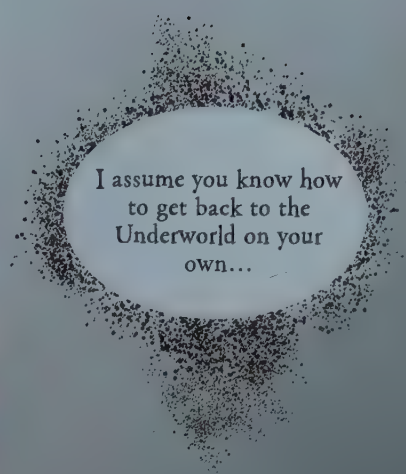
I'm just going to read over my notes but you're welcome to sit with me.



This one has the best processor. But this one comes with a pink cover.

See?

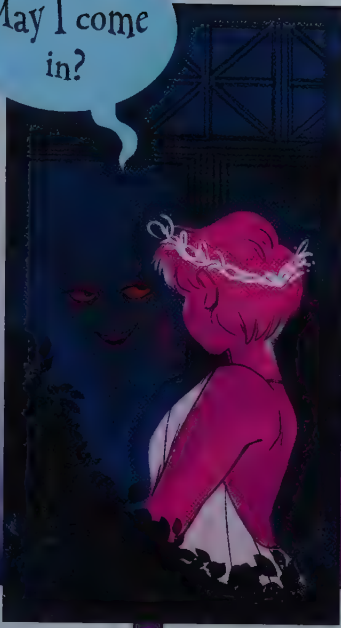




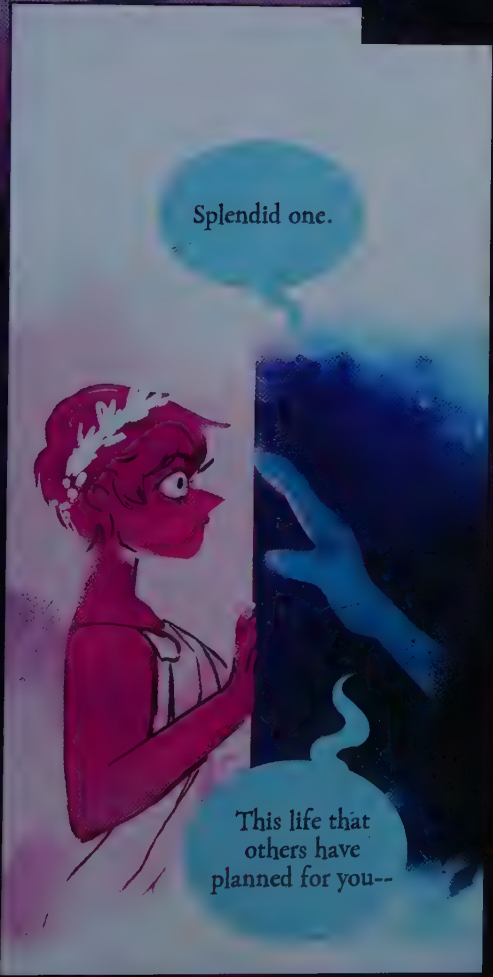




May I come in?

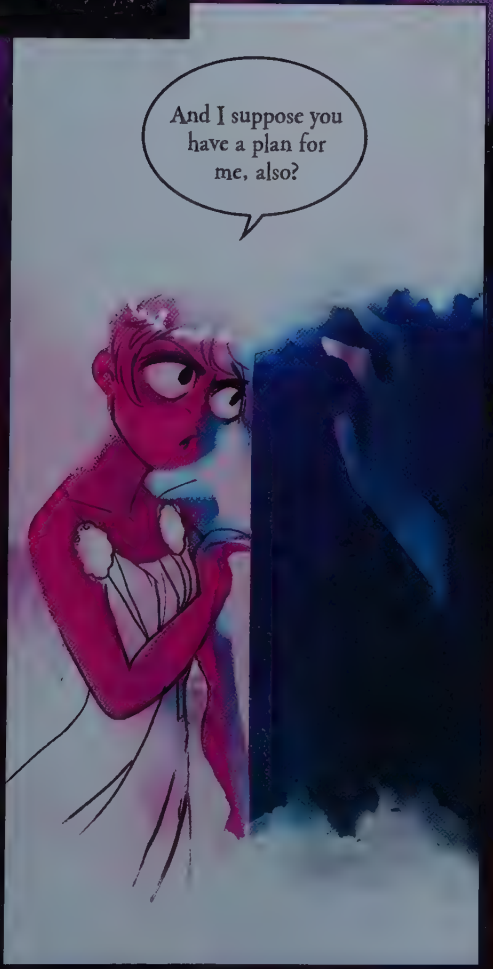


Certainly not. But you may continue to lurk.



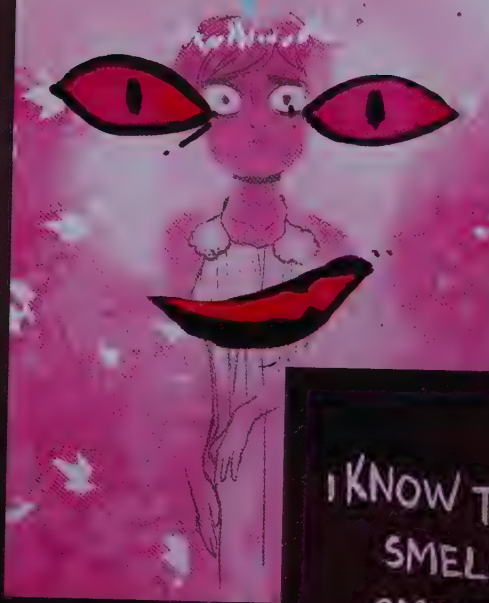
Splendid one.

This life that others have planned for you--

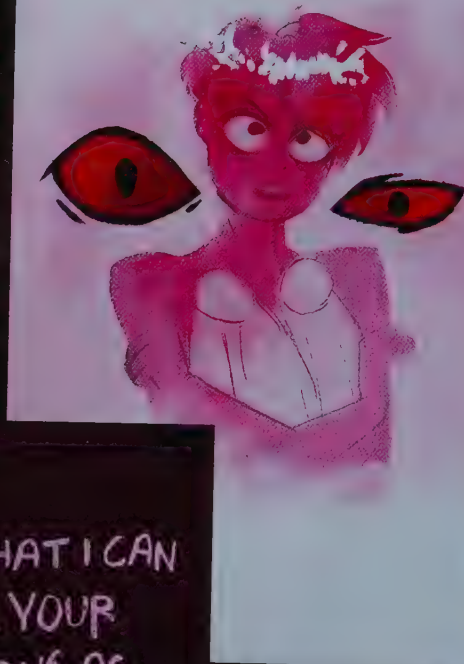


And I suppose you have a plan for me, also?

Why do you pretend to be sustained by a meek life?



What do you know of me?



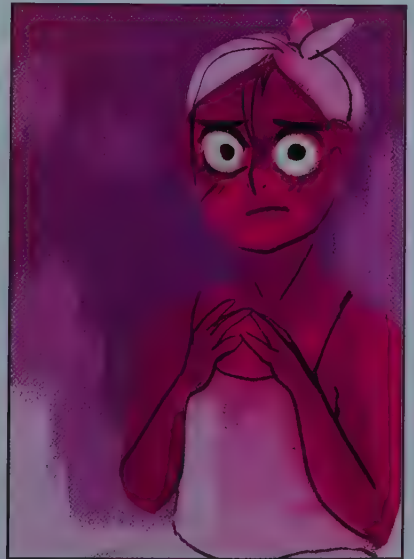
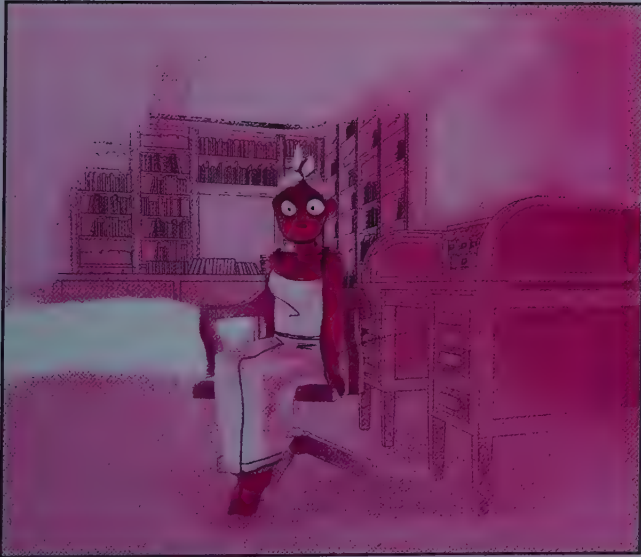
I KNOW THAT I CAN
SMELL YOUR
AMBITIONS AS
THEY ROT AT
YOUR FEET.





Another dream.

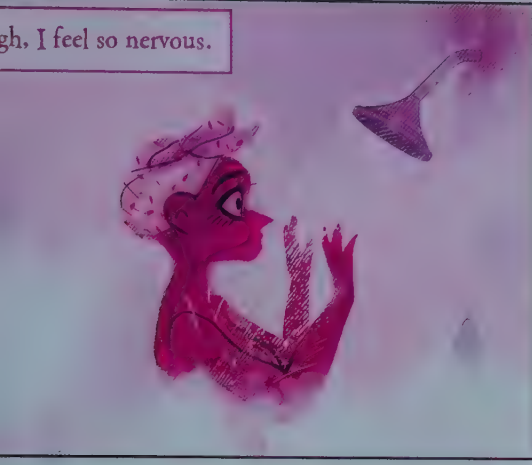
...What was that about?



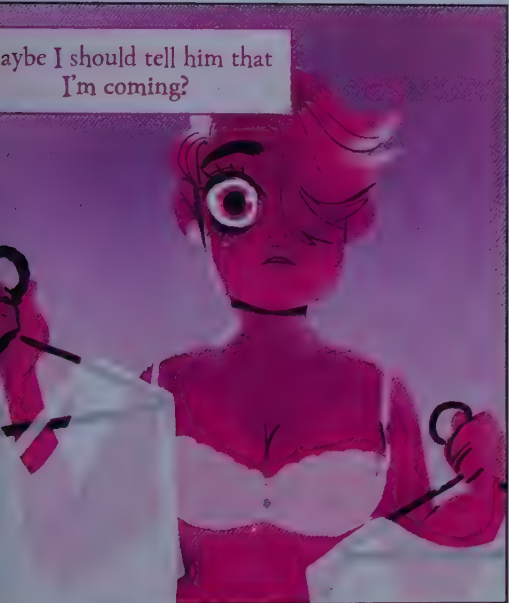


EPIISODE 38: MEETING READY

ugh, I feel so nervous.



It's fine, it's only Hades.



Maybe I should tell him that I'm coming?

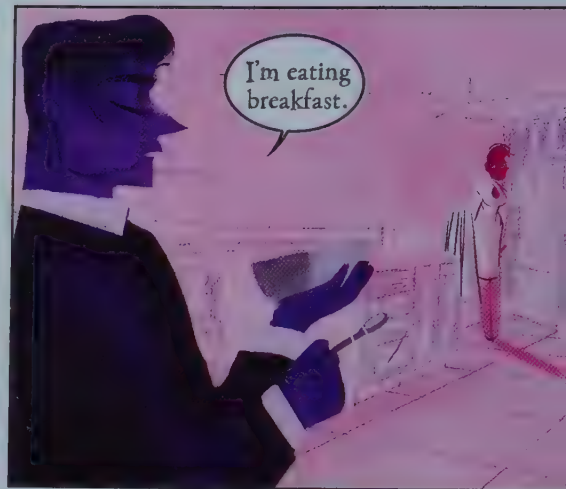


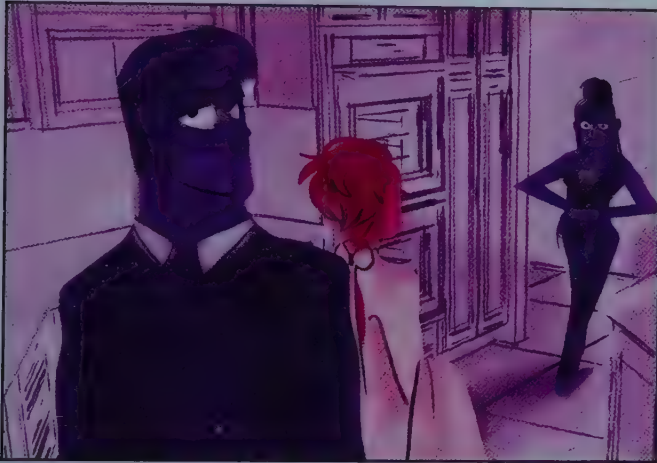
I don't really want to turn my phone back on.

I can't imagine how Apollo took yesterday.



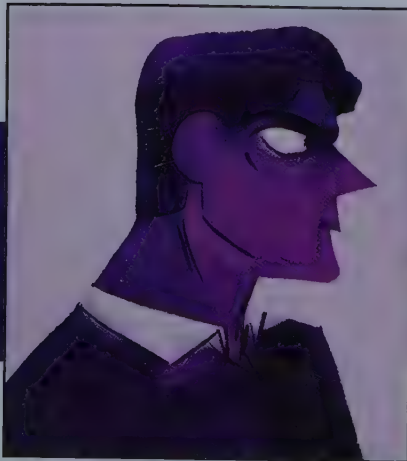
Why is he always here!?

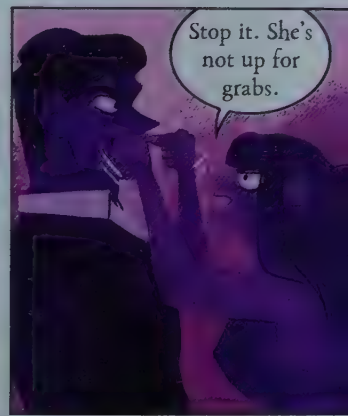




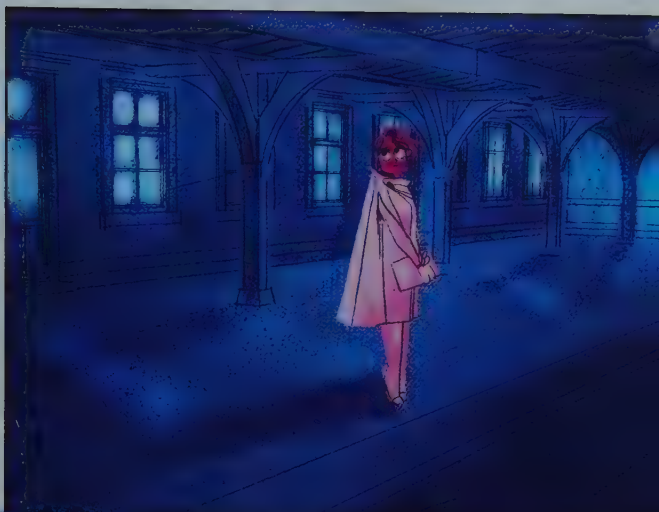
АНННННН!



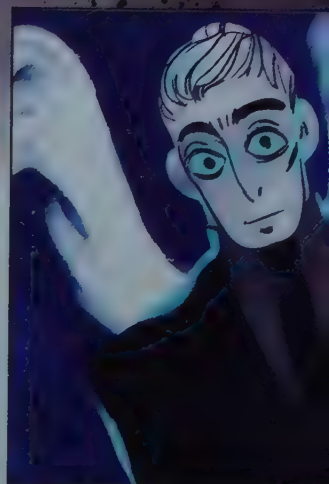
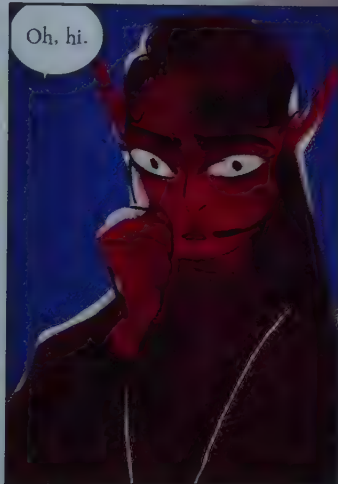
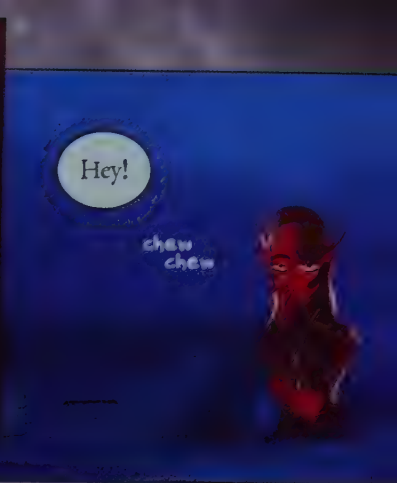
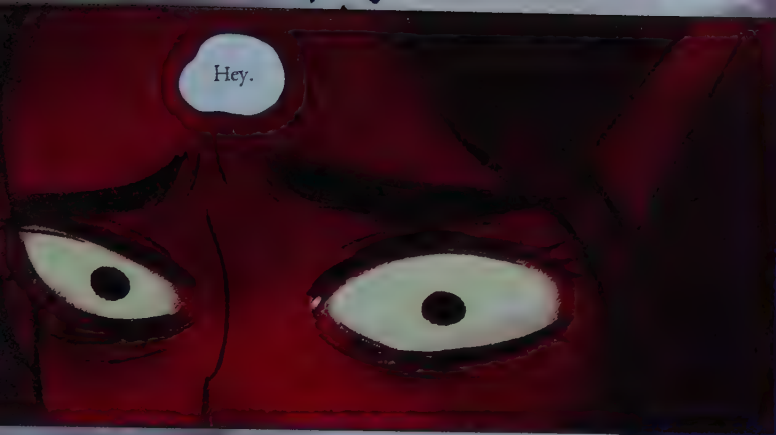


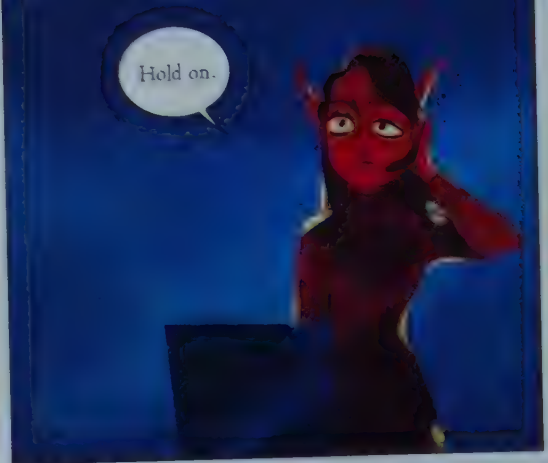






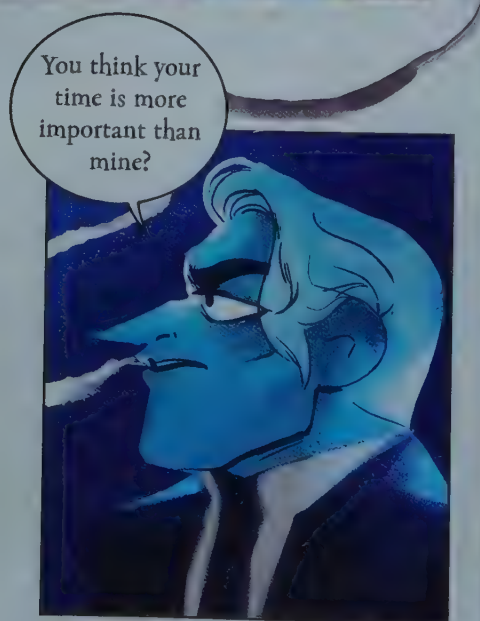
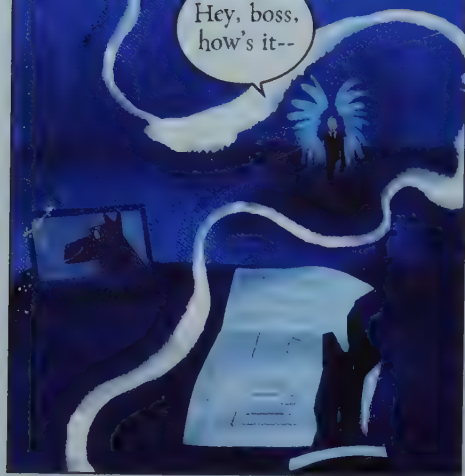








EPISODE 39: TOWER 4





Take a seat.

I read over the proposal for your salary review.



I contracted Hermes to help you with your workload!



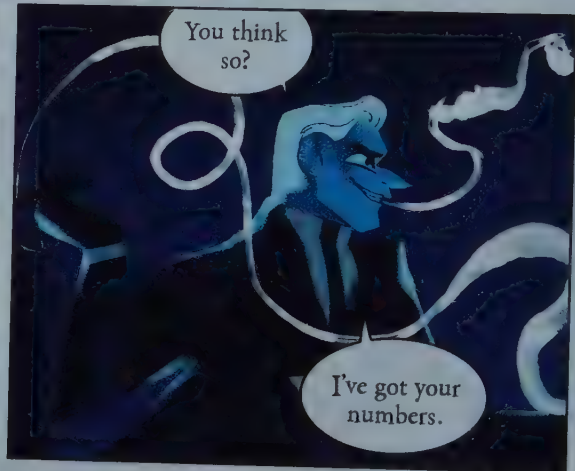
YOU'VE BEEN LETTING YOUR PRODUCTIVITY SLIP EVER SINCE HE STARTED!



COUGH
COUGH



THAT'S
BULLSHIT!



You think
so?

I've got your
numbers.



R-really?



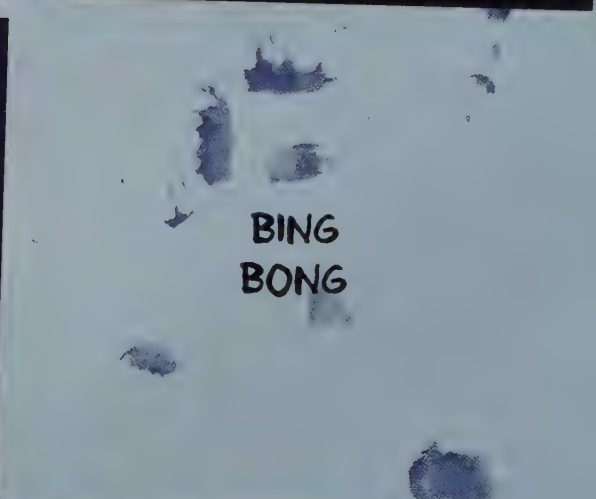
Let's go through
them...

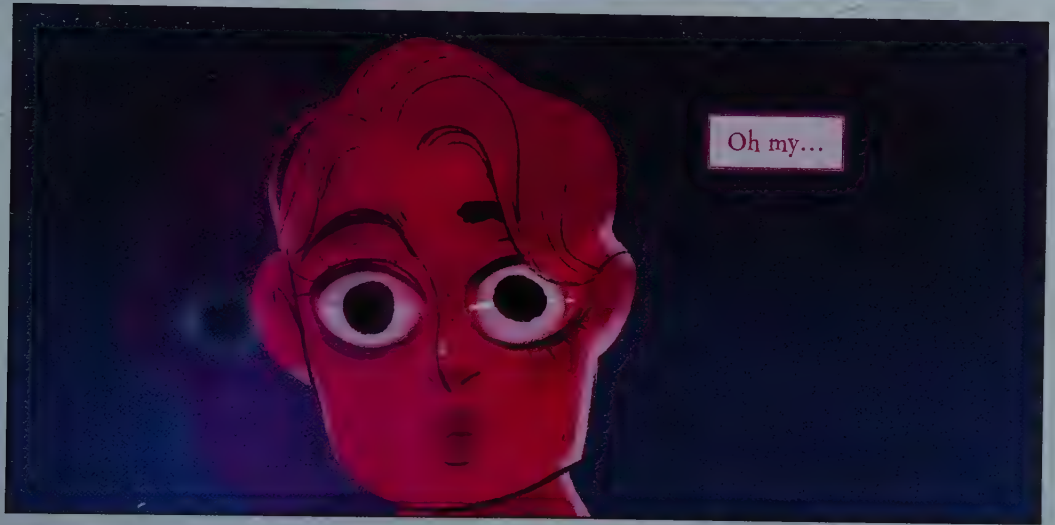
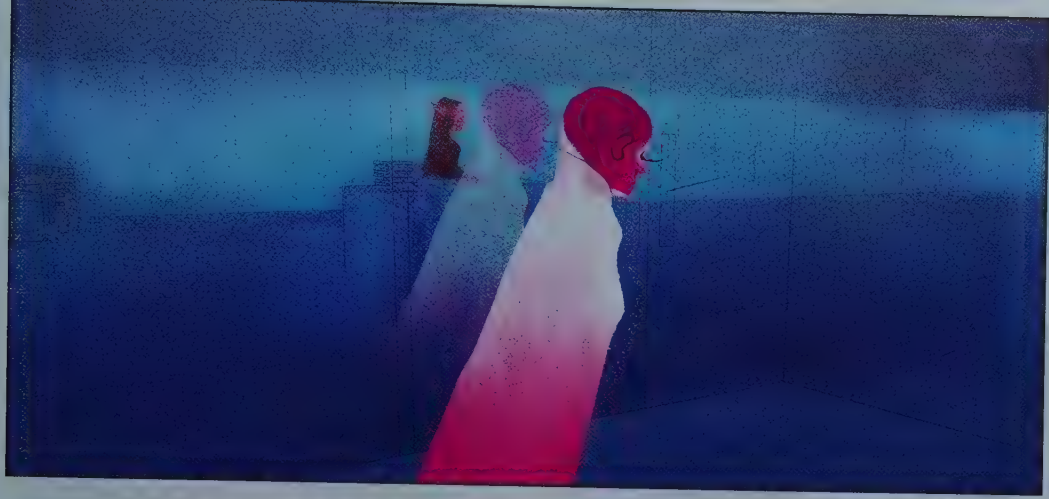
Whoa!

It's so big!

Here we go...









Other door!

RATTLE



Wait...

Is that the girl from the article?!



What is she doing here?



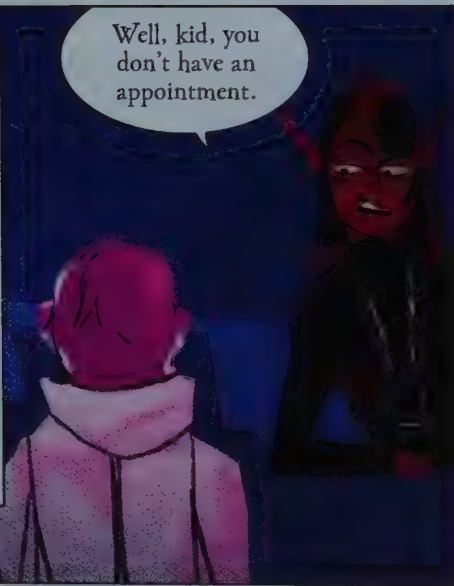
Um hello, I'm supposed to meet with Hades.



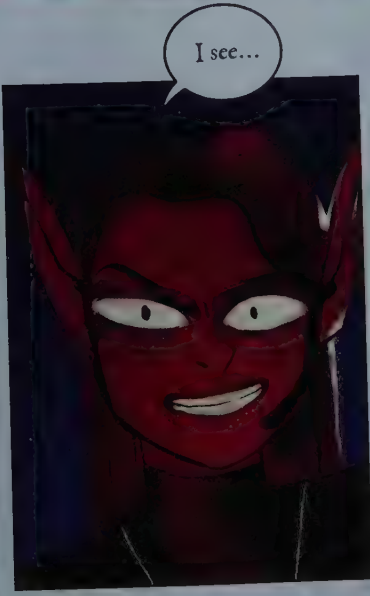
And you are?



My name's Persephone.



Well, kid, you don't have an appointment.



Okay, so he's probably doing the rounds right about now.



If you head to this location, you should be able to catch him.



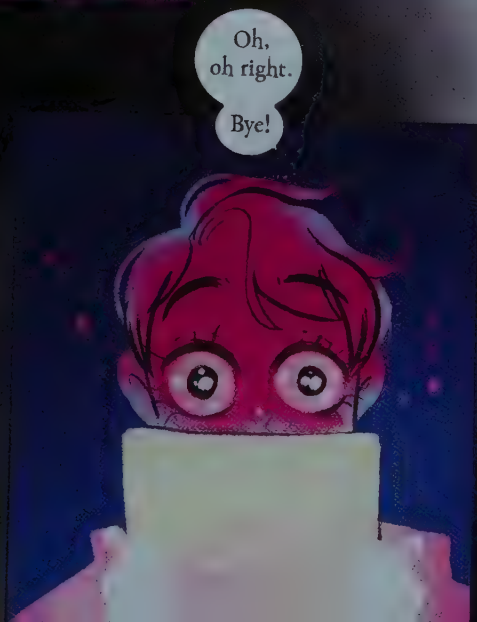
Really?
Thank you.



Ya better hurry.



Oh,
oh right.
Bye!



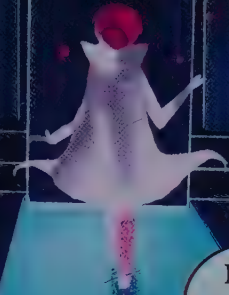
Hehe



It's so much colder here.

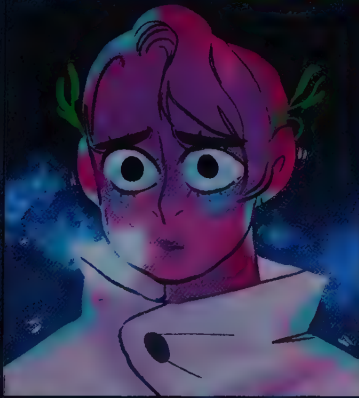


RESTRICTED ACCESS



It says restricted access...

B-but if that lady said to come here I'm sure it's fi-fine.





Hello?

...Hades?





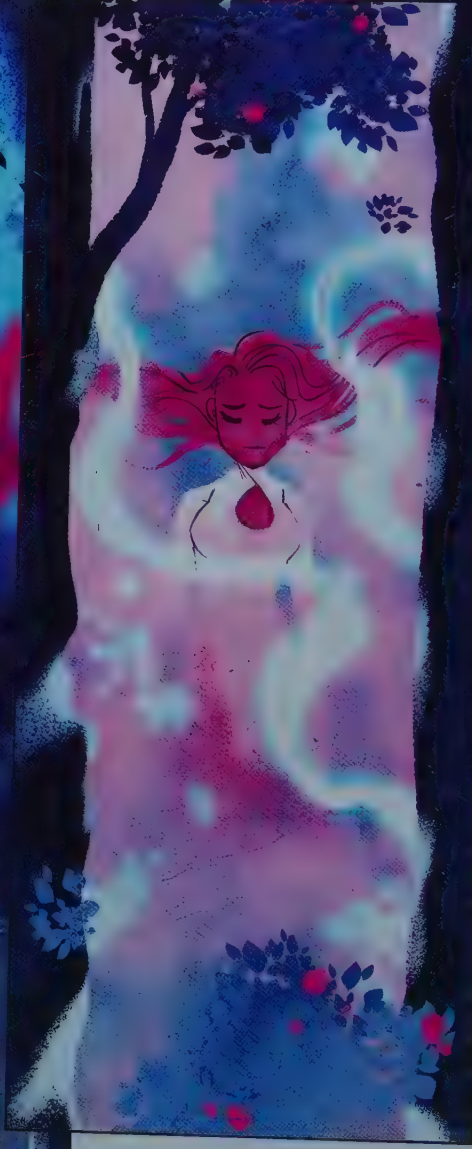
TEAR!



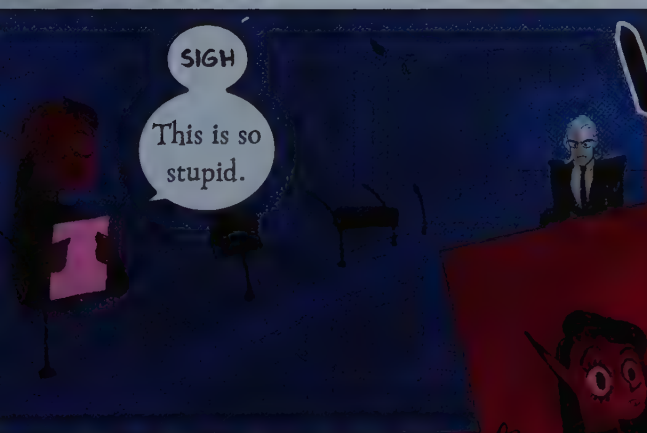
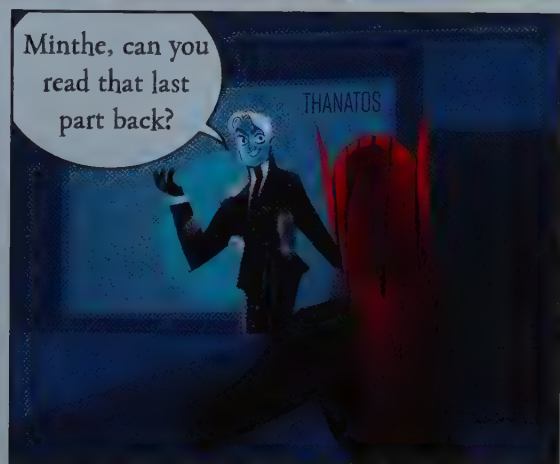
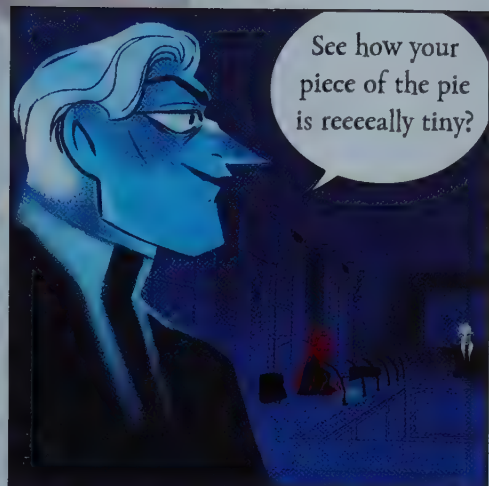
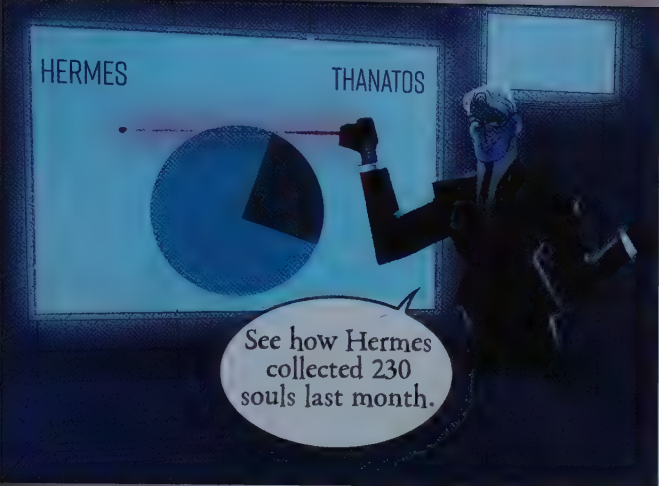


This better work.





Hopefully I can hide
from them.



WHOOOP!

WHOOOP!

WHOOOP!

THERE'S BEEN A SECURITY BREACH IN TARTARUS!

HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE!?

I'LL PUT ON THE LIVE FEED!

THEN WE'LL KNOW IF IT'S A FALSE ALARM!

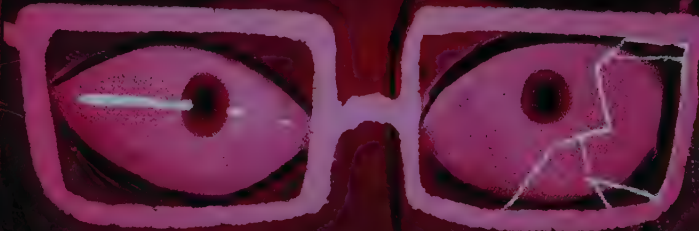
GOOD IDEA!

WHOOOP!

WHOOOP!

WHOOOP!

WHOOOP!

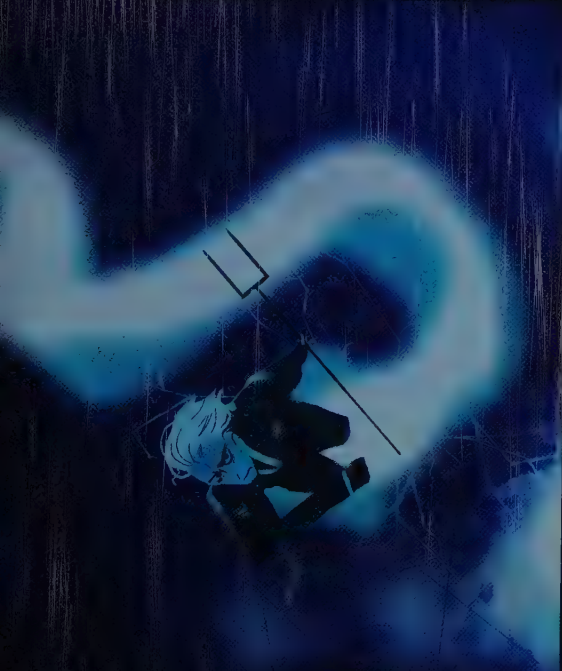




EPIISODE 40: HIDE AND SNEAK

CRASH!

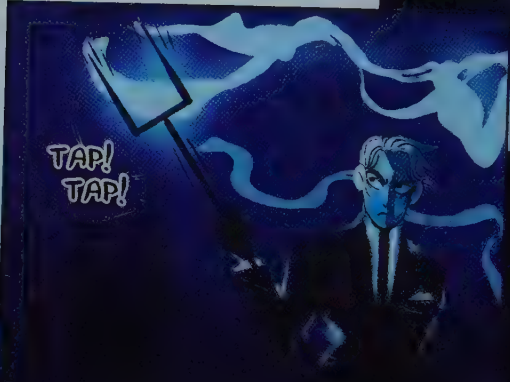






Κορε!?

RATTLE
RATTLE



TAP!
TAP!



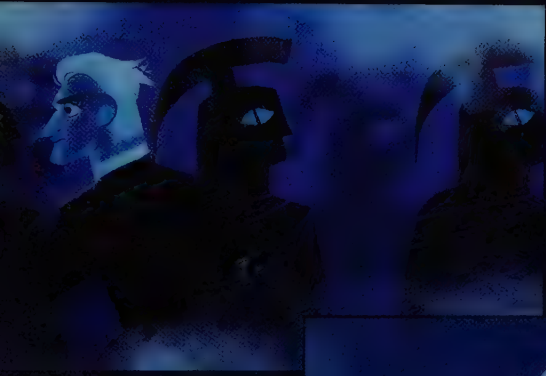
VRRRRRRRRRR

Συγκαλείσθε.

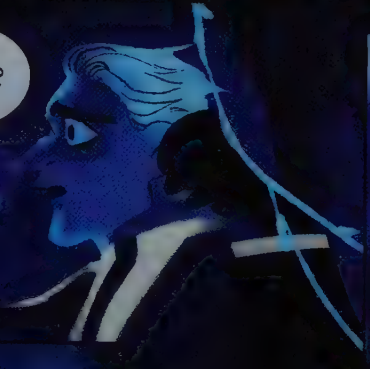


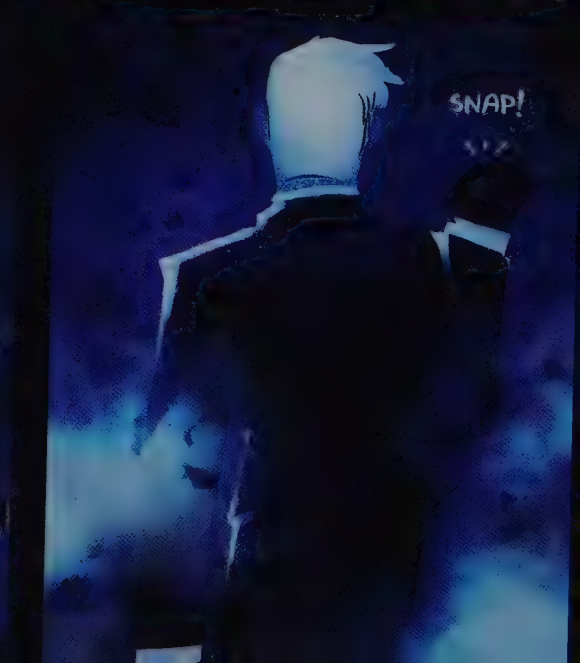


Now don't move.



Kore!?







HUFF
Hades.
HUFF
I'm so sorry--
HUFF



Hades.
Kore.



You're not hurt, are you?



I'm okay.
I'm okay.

I just--



W-what are you doing?



I don't want you to see me cry again.



It's just been a rough couple of days, ya know?



I messed up big time.

Kore...



This isn't your fault.

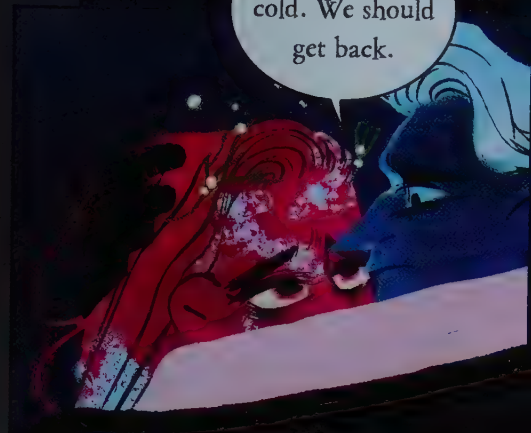
It's mine.



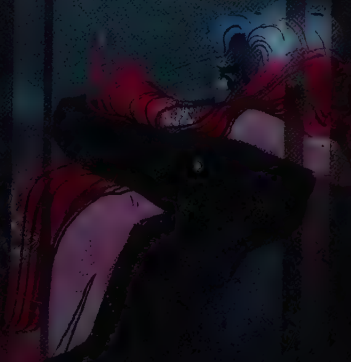




You're really cold. We should get back.



Hey.



W-what about you?

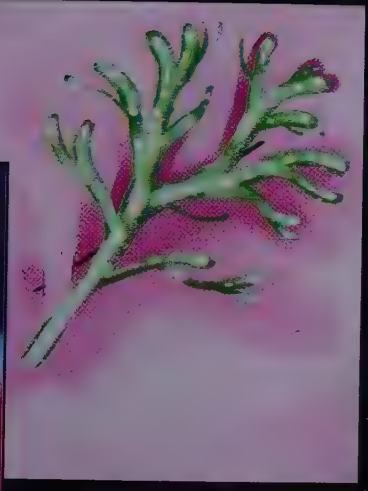






I can reimburse you for the coat.

...But it's got a brooch my mom gave me.



And I had some paperwork with me...



If I get someone else to find those things...

will you stop worrying and come back to the office?





Where are you going?



Back to the main entrance...



I thought we could take the scenic route.





EPISODE 41: RETURN OF THE PRINCESS



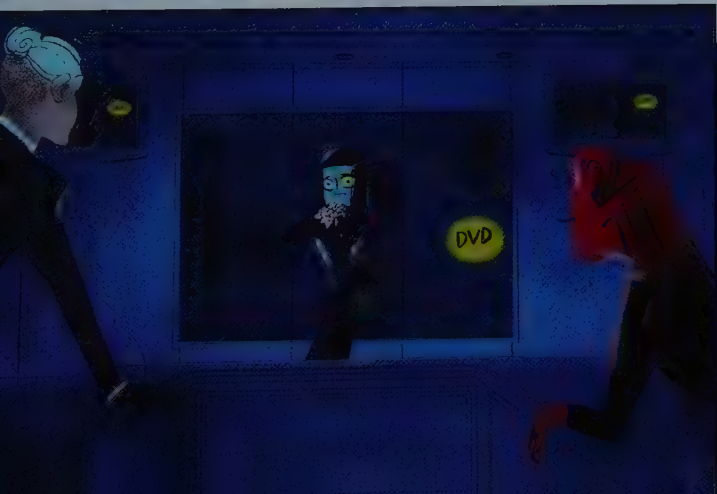
What are they--



OH!

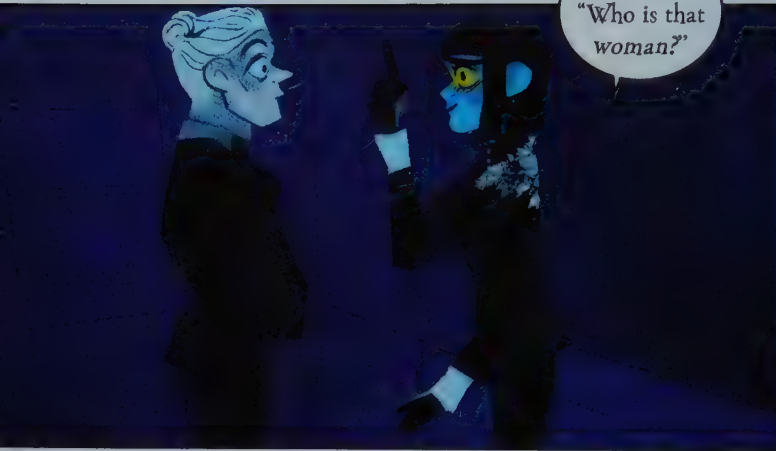


EVERYTHING IS FINE. EVERYONE, PLEASE GET BACK TO WORK.



W-who was that girl?





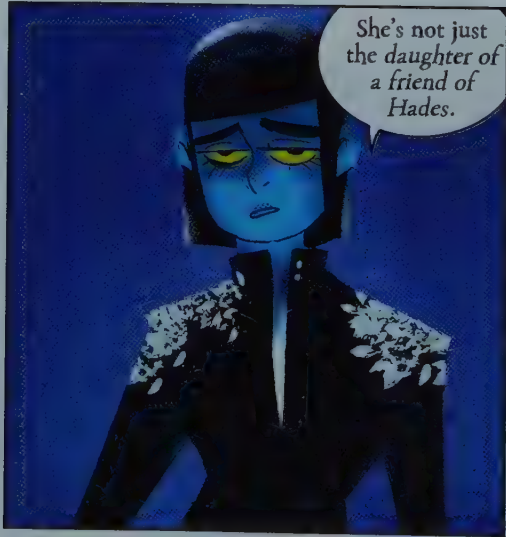
You mean, "Who is that woman?"



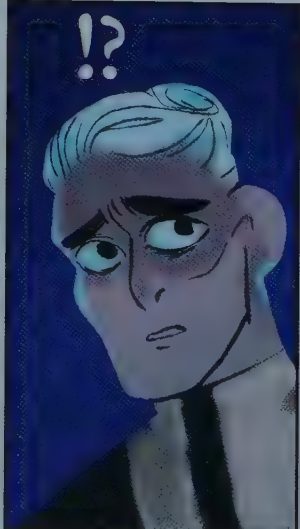
I may have cut in front of her at the station this morning.



She's the daughter of a friend of Hades.



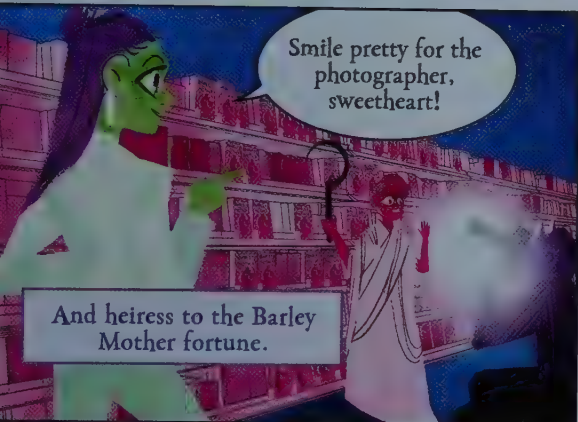
She's not just the daughter of a friend of Hades.



She's a descendant of
the 6 Traitors Dynasty.



She's the only daughter of Demeter.

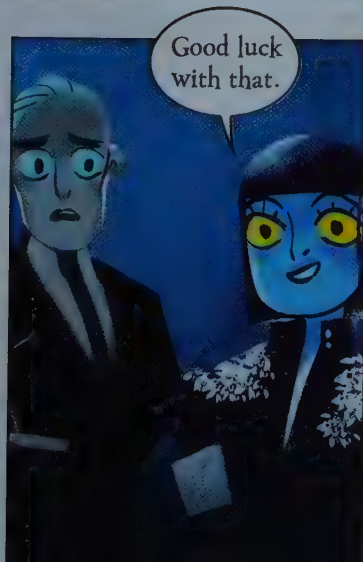


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Mother fortune.

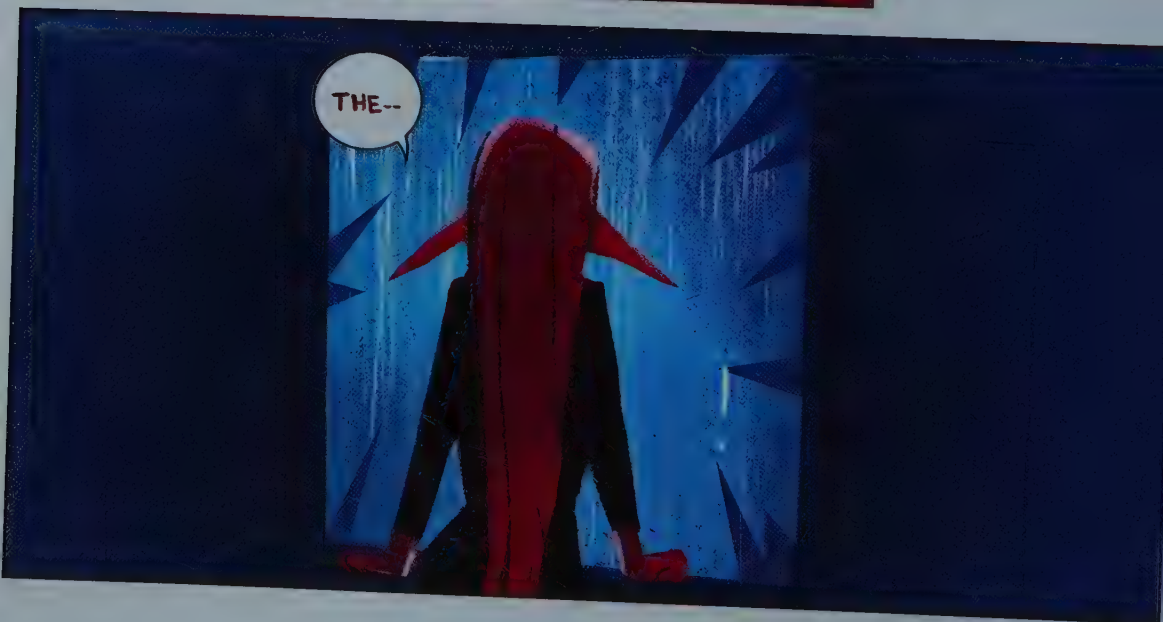
Her net worth is huge.



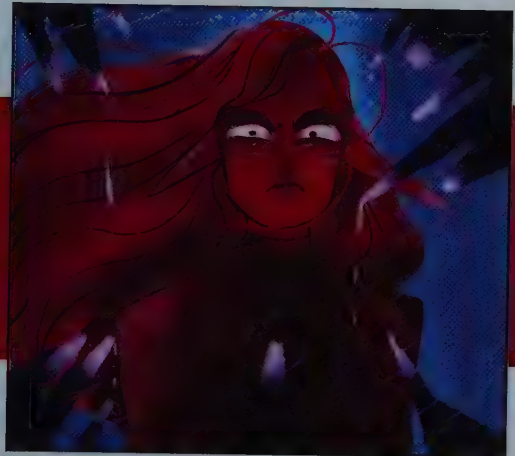
... And you cut in
front of her at the
station.



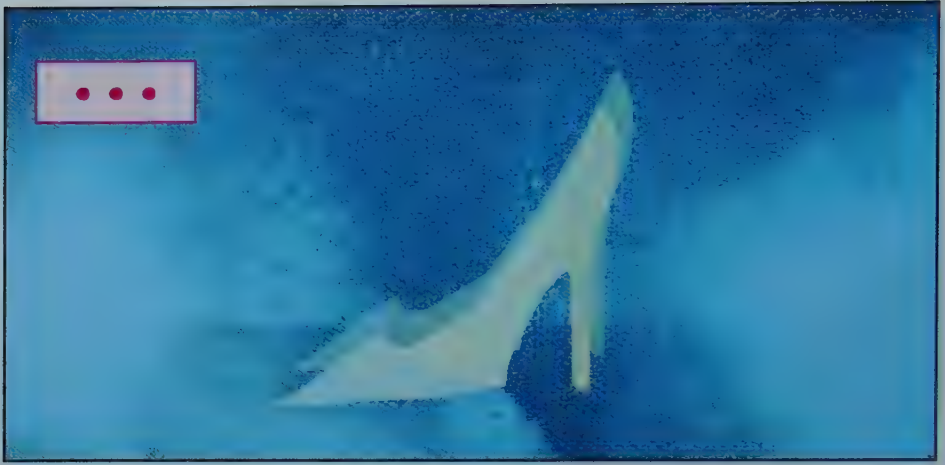
Good luck
with that.



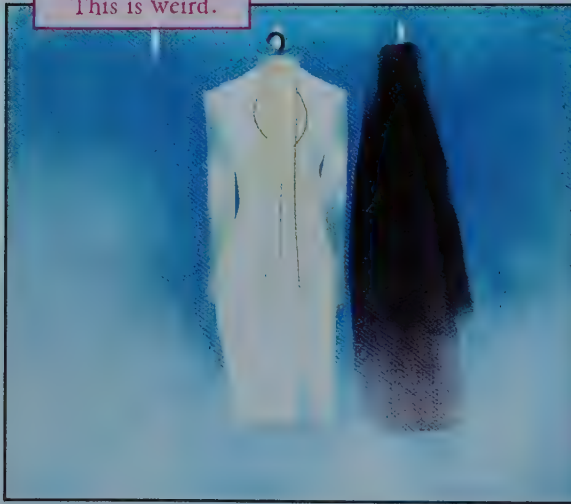
FUCK!?



THAT LITTLE



This is weird.



It's good to be warm again, though.



My chest feels really tight.

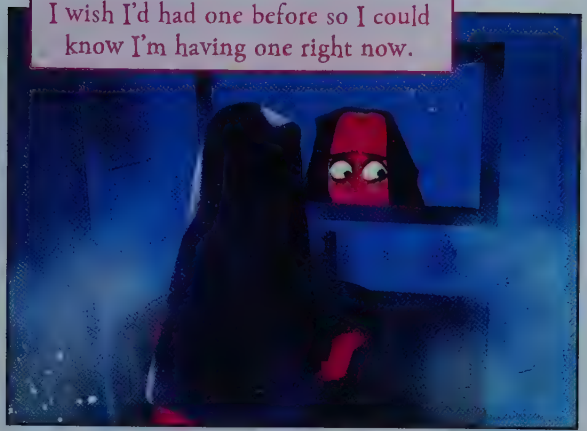


Maybe Eros was right?

Is this what having a crush feels like?



I wish I'd had one before so I could know I'm having one right now.



I guess it's okay not to know.



For now, I can just enjoy looking at his dorky face.



**KNOCK
KNOCK**



I'm f-fine, thank you!



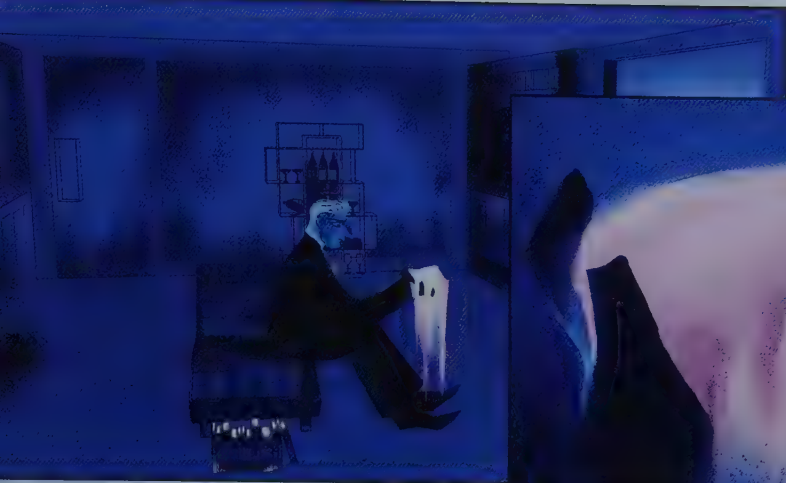
Okay... You're just kinda accident prone.

Heh

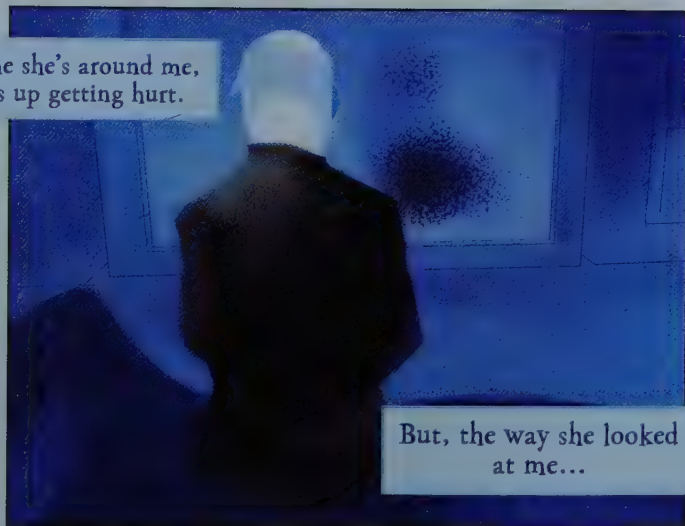




EPISODE 42: THE WAY SHE LOOKED AT ME



Every time she's around me,
she ends up getting hurt.

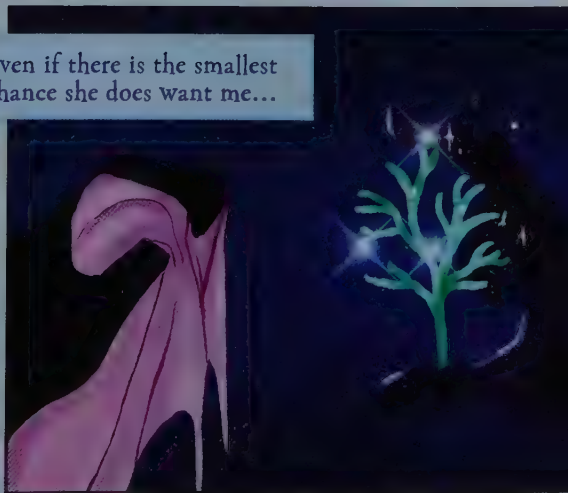


But, the way she looked
at me...

No, don't be an idiot.



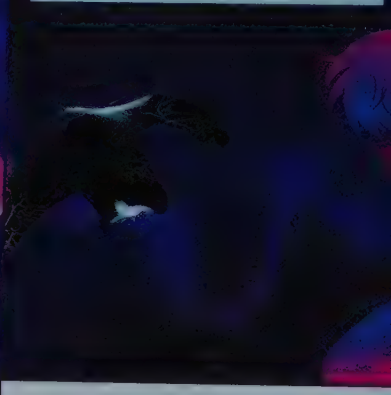
Even if there is the smallest
chance she does want me...



...she's still too young, and I'm still a complete mess.

I don't want to ruin her with my emotional bullshit. It wouldn't be fair.

The sooner she can get away from me, the better.



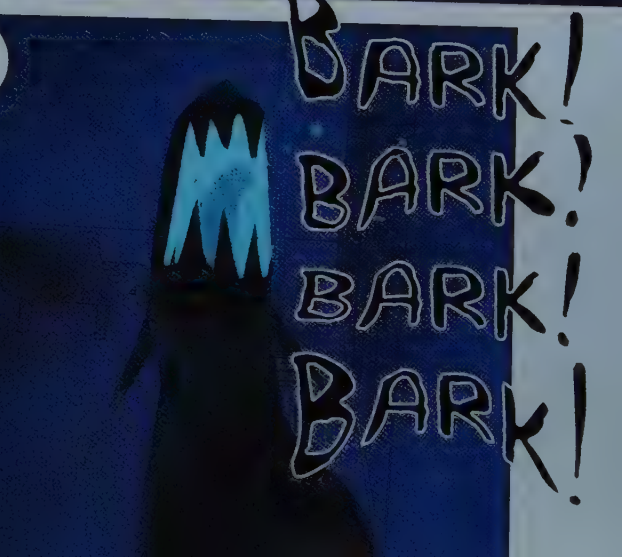
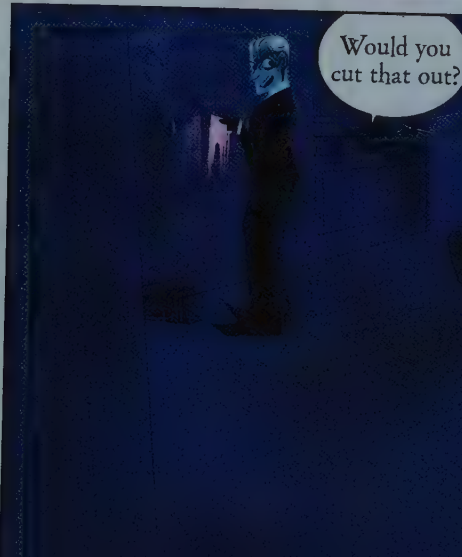
Um, excuse me, don't you have a gateway to guard?

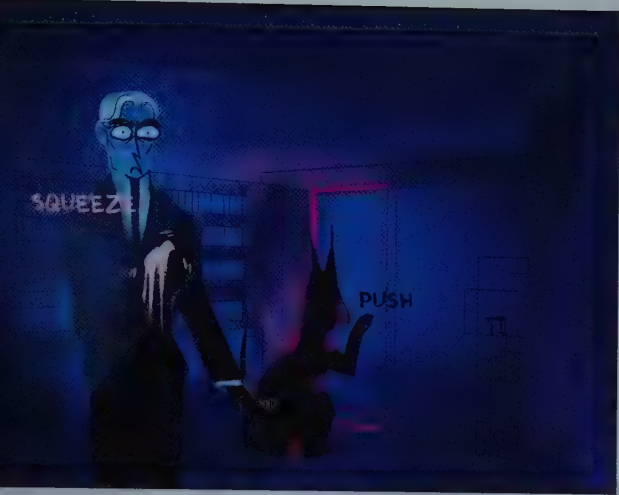
I see I'm old news, huh?



Would you cut that out?

BARK!
BARK!
BARK!
BARK!



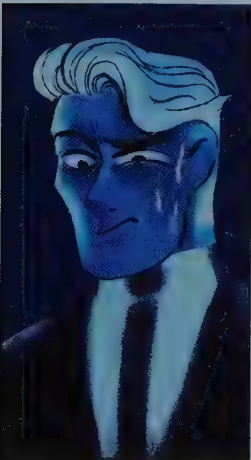


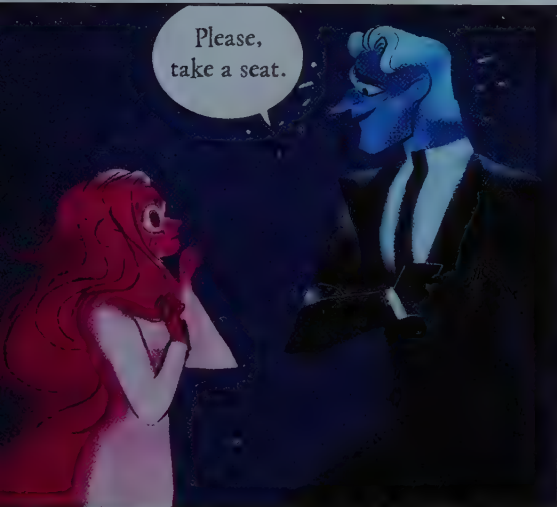


With all the commotion, I didn't even notice what she was wearing.

INTERNAL MOANING

MORE INTERNAL MOANING







I thought you could use this for your hair.



I'm not sure if should have something like this...

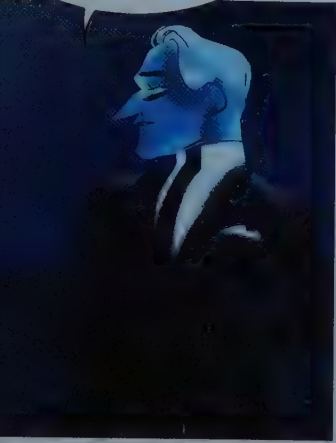


Come on.
It's the least I can do after what happened this morning.



What was that place?
W-who were those creatures?

That was Tartarus. It's where we keep the more problematic shades.



Typically, the ones you came across are dormant.



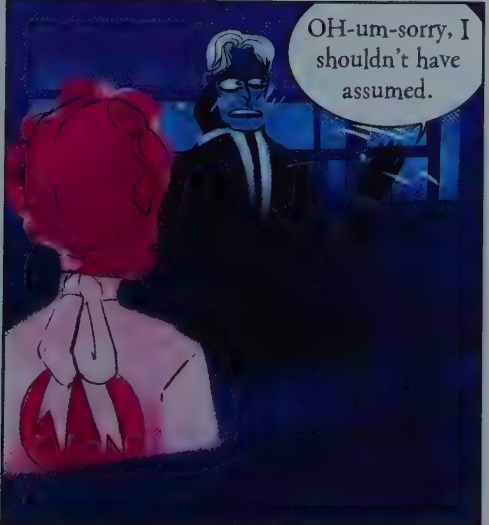
But they felt threatened by you since they're dead...



and you're a fertility goddess.



WHOA there, pal. I'm no fertility goddess!



OH-um-sorry, I shouldn't have assumed.

If I were a fertility goddess, my mother would have told me.

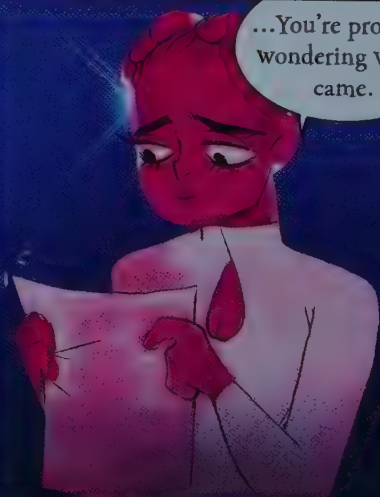


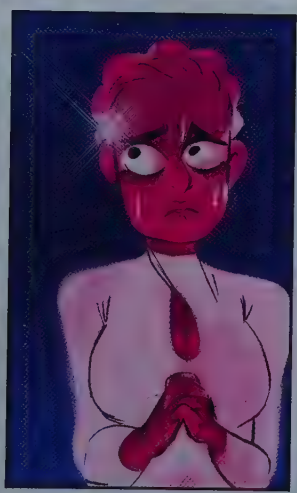
R-right, right, of course.

My mistake

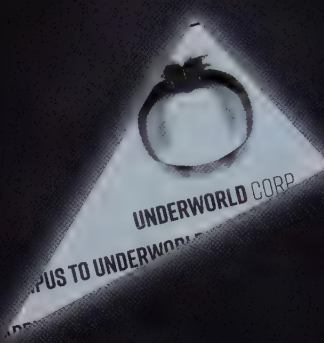


...You're probably wondering why I came.





No...



No!

US TO UNDERWORLD CORP
APPLICANT: PERSEPHONE (KOR)E
REPORT TO: HADES, GOD/KING OF THE DEAD/UNDERWORLD
LOCATION: UNDERWORLD CORP, TOWER I, LV 99
TIME: ASAP
INTERNSHIP ROLE: P
STATUS: P

OH N-NO, NO!

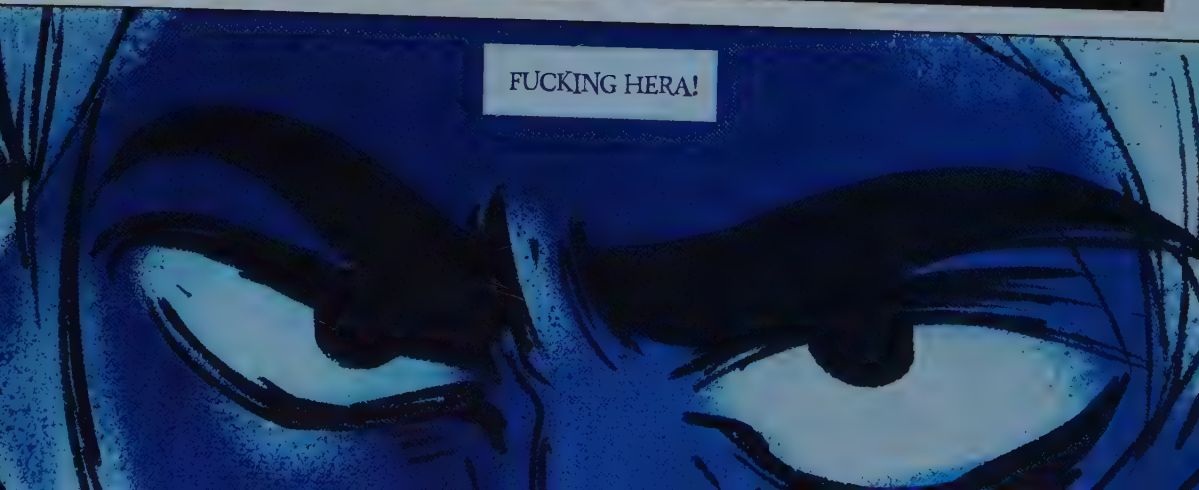


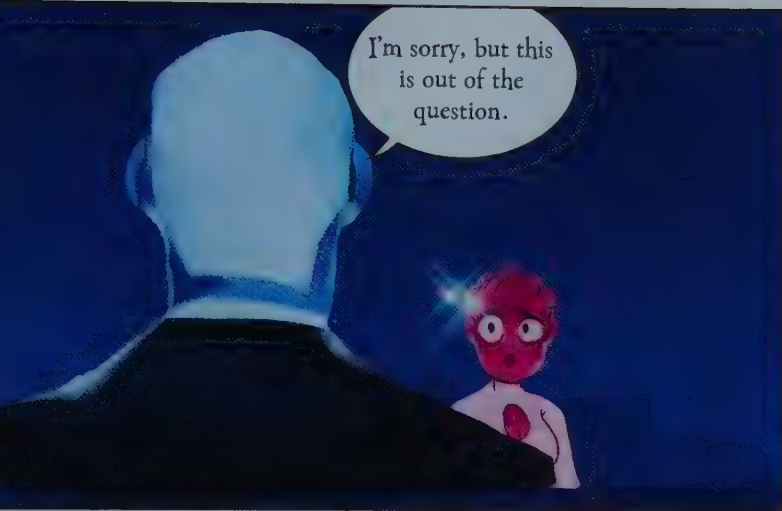
Who is responsible for this!?

STATUS: APPROVED BY HERA, QUEEN OF THE GODS

Hera.

FUCKING HERA!





I'm sorry, but this is out of the question.



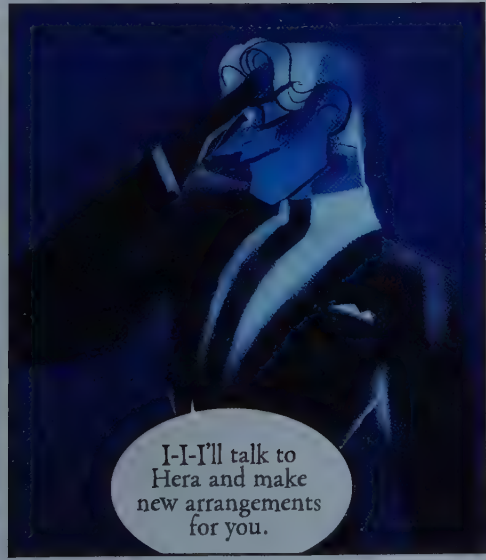
What!?!
B-but why?



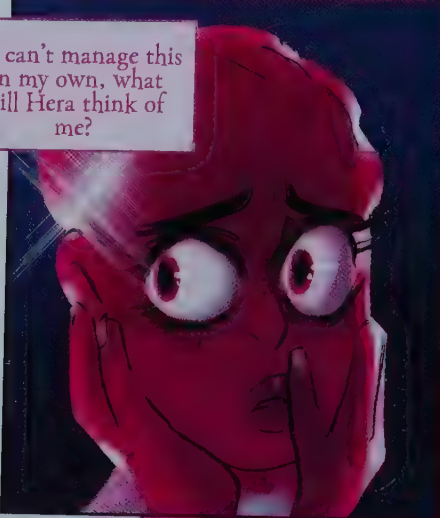
You were here for all of 2 seconds, and you were nearly strangled.




But that wasn't my fault! I--



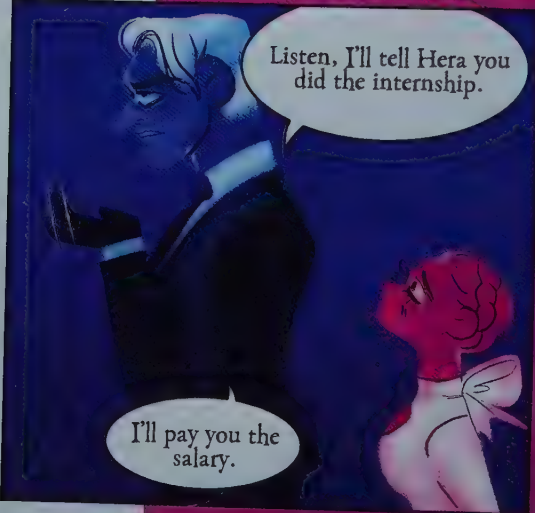
I-I'll talk to Hera and make new arrangements for you.



If I can't manage this on my own, what will Hera think of me?

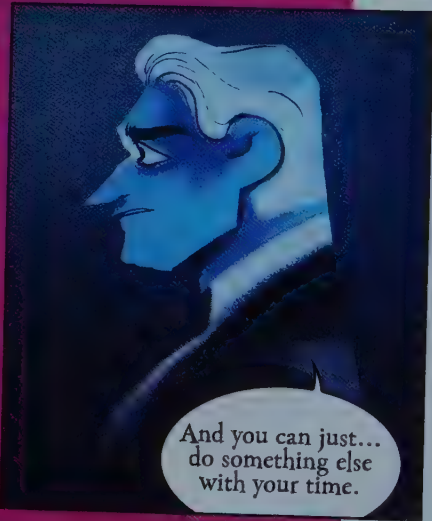


No, but I need *this* job.




Listen, I'll tell Hera you did the internship.

I'll pay you the salary.



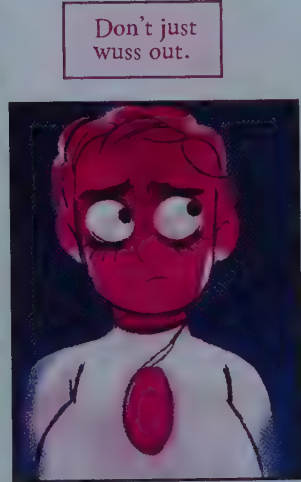
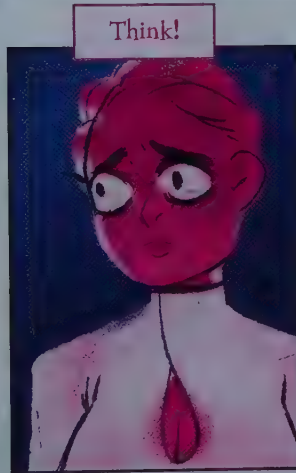
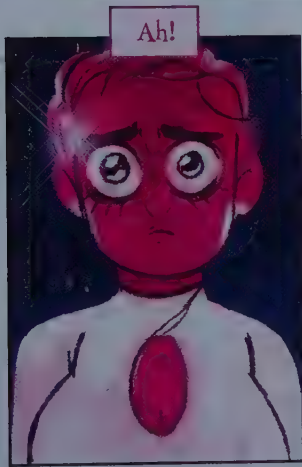
And you can just... do something else with your time.



I can't just not do the work.



CLICK





You play, right?



If I lose, I'll take no for an answer.



If I win, y-you have to give me a job.

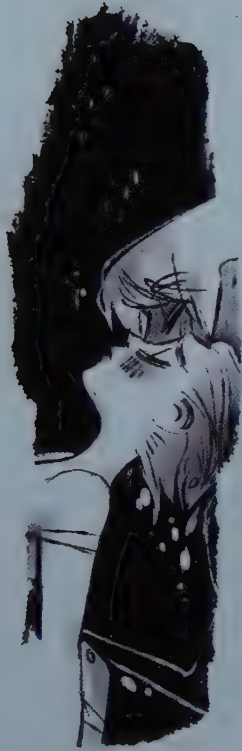


Did you forget I'm King here?

This isn't negotiable.



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EPISODE 43: THE WAGER

If we do this,
do you promise
to accept the
outcome?



Yup!

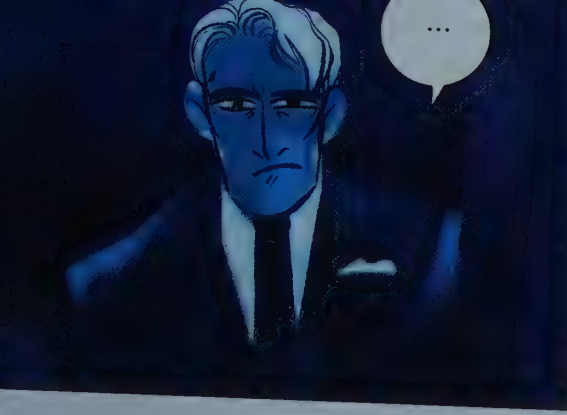


Are you
sure?



Yup!







Nah.

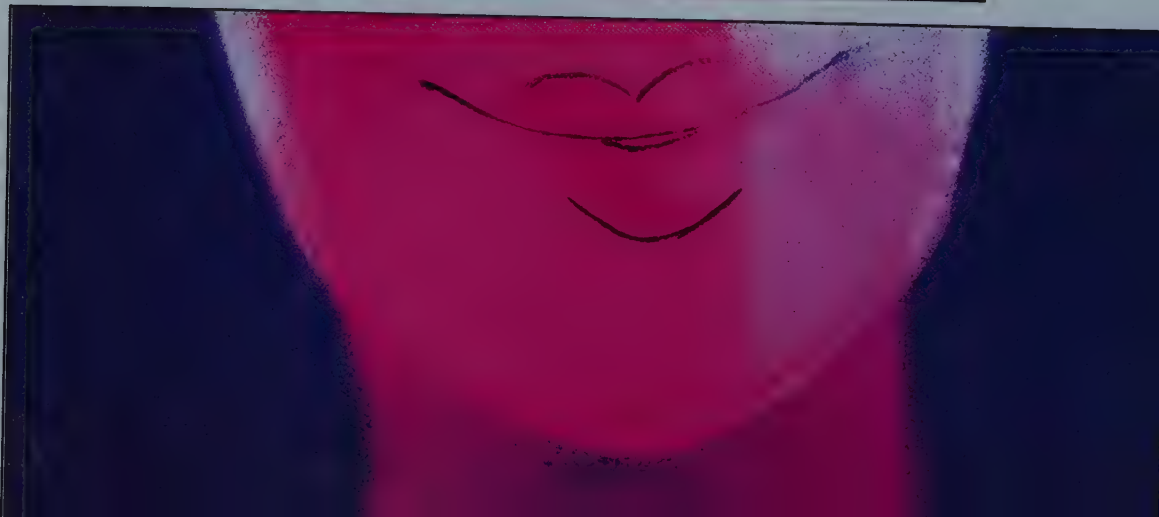
Do you want a practice round?

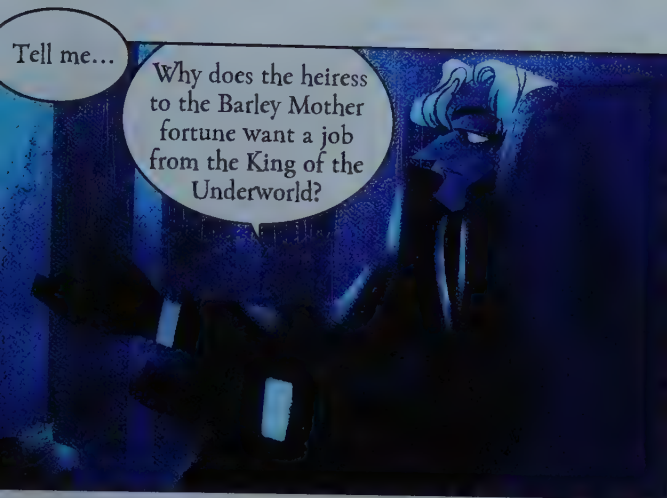


You want me to go over the rules?



No, I think I've got it.







I mean, what a cute little castle that is!!!



My mother says it's better if I learn how to make my own way.

And I don't disagree.



Don't get me wrong, I love her very much.

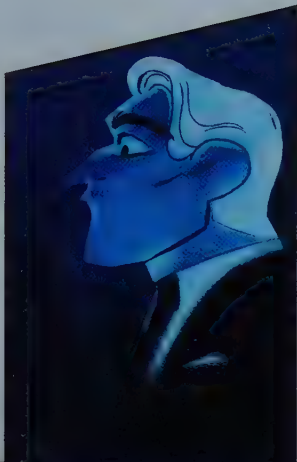


And living away from her is terrifying.



But I'm also excited to be my own person.

I don't want to be known as Demeter's daughter.



I want to be Persephone.



That's checkmate.



You-you hustled me!

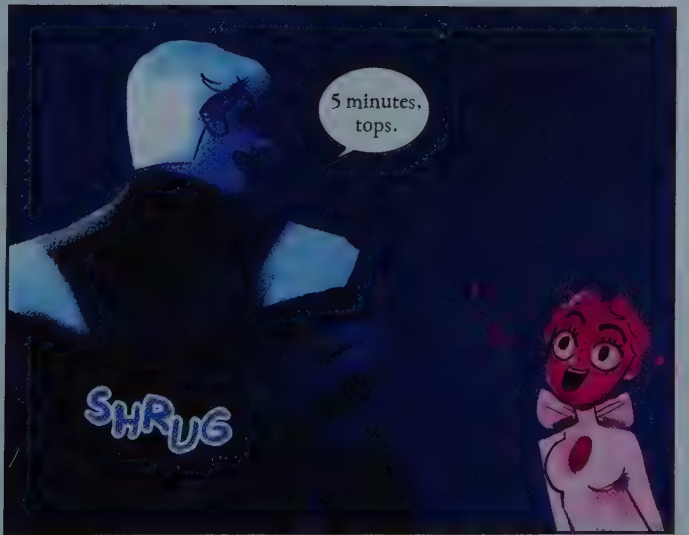


Serves you right for underestimating me!!!



HOP♥

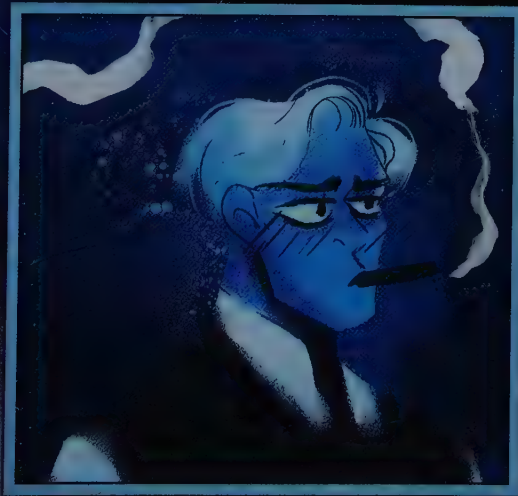










I'm in trouble.



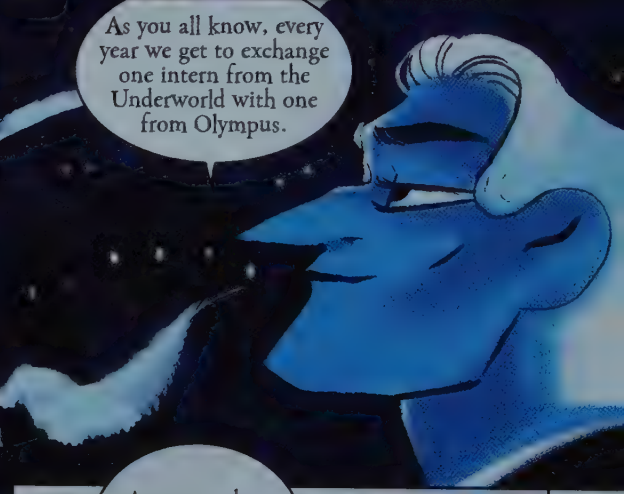
I'm in *a lot* of trouble.

A man with light-colored hair, wearing a dark suit and tie, is speaking into a microphone. The background is dark with glowing, wavy lines of light.


Thank you all for joining me for this impromptu announcement.

A group of five diverse characters are shown from the chest up. From left to right: a red-skinned character with a large eye, a purple-skinned character with horns, a woman with white curly hair, a green-skinned character with pointed ears, and an orange-skinned character with pointed ears. They are all looking towards the speaker.

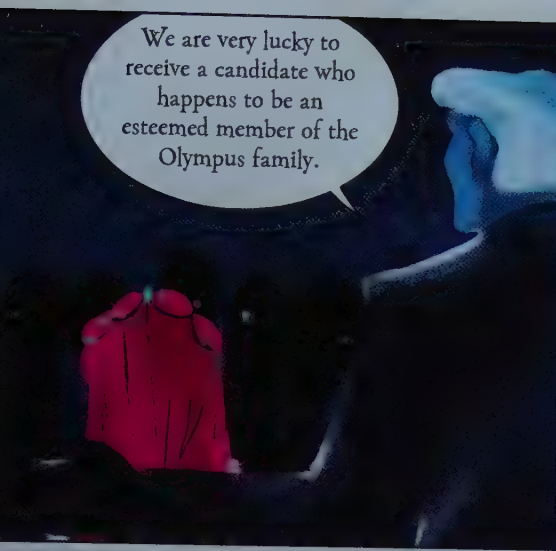
I'm sure some of you are itching to head home.

A close-up profile of the man in the suit, looking towards the right. He has a slight smile and is looking at the group of characters.

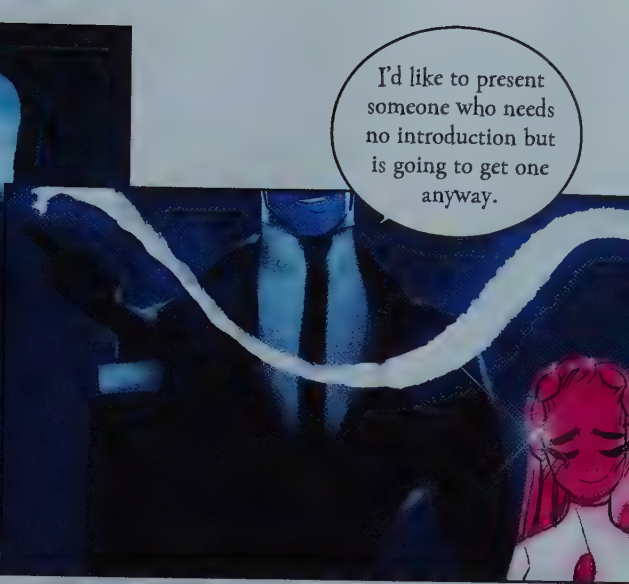
As you all know, every year we get to exchange one intern from the Underworld with one from Olympus.

A close-up of a hand in a dark suit sleeve holding a microphone. The background is dark with some light effects.


A gesture that helps build unity between the two realms.



We are very lucky to receive a candidate who happens to be an esteemed member of the Olympus family.



I'd like to present someone who needs no introduction but is going to get one anyway.



Give a warm welcome to our newest intern, Persephone, the Goddess of Spring.




CLAP CLAP



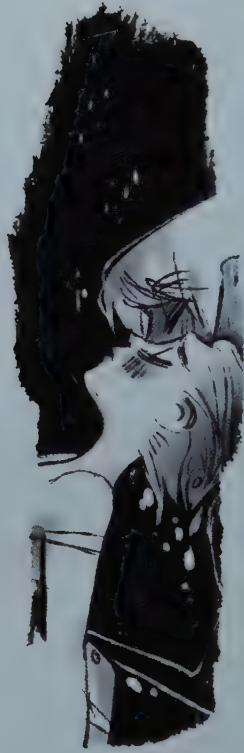
CLAP CLAP



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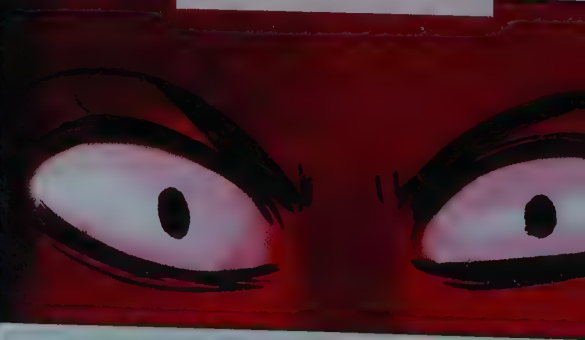
Since when did interns receive all staff, formal introductions?



EPISODE 44: SOFT



...She hasn't told on me yet?









Thanks for giving me a ride home.



It's fine, I like driving.



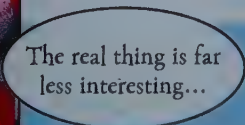
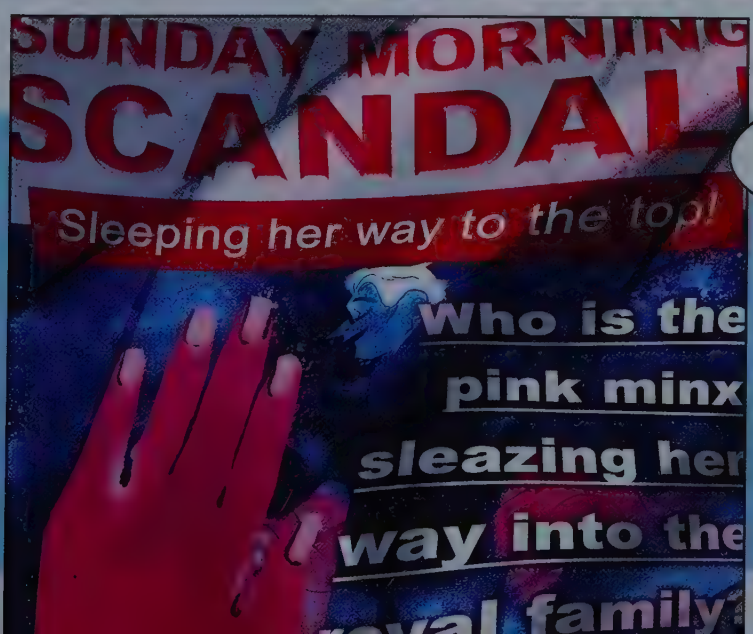
There is something I have to talk to you about.

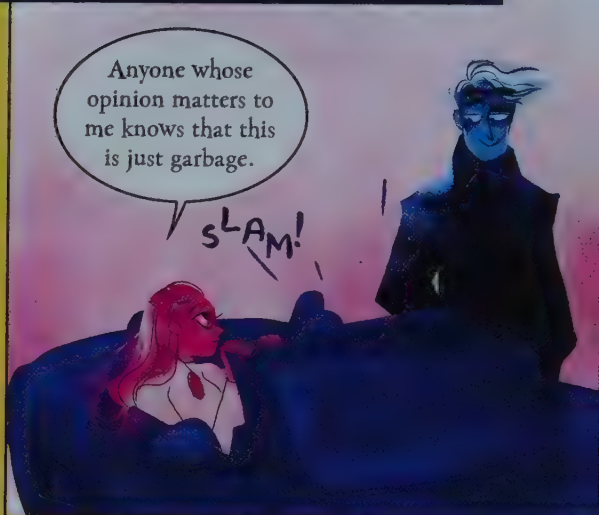


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DIG



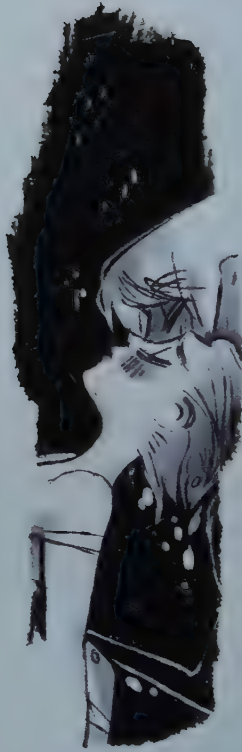
It's really common for these vultures to follow my family and me around...



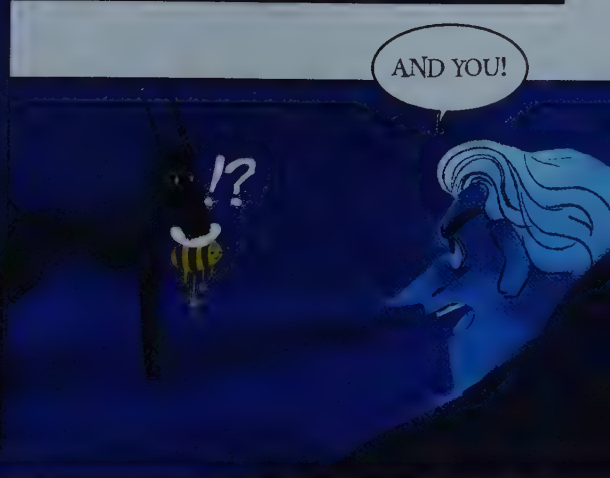
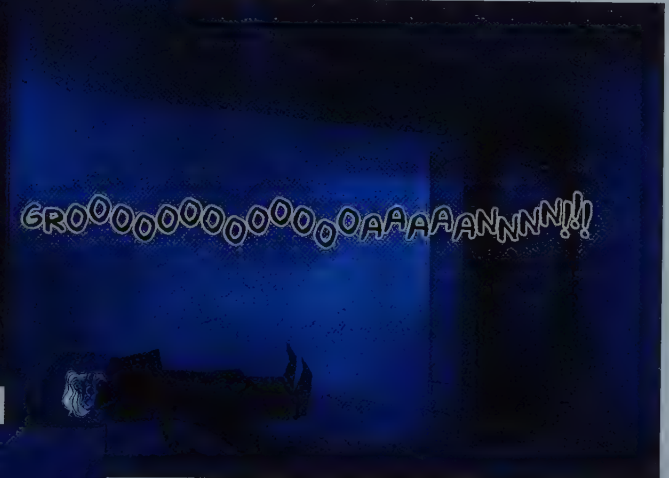
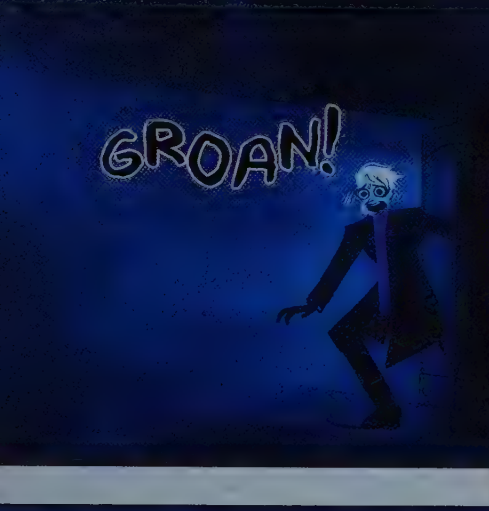
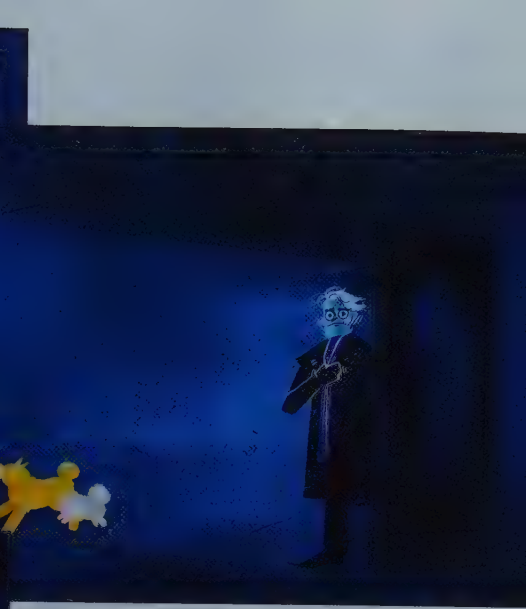




Don't forget...
that you're my girl.



EPISODE 45: CRUSHED





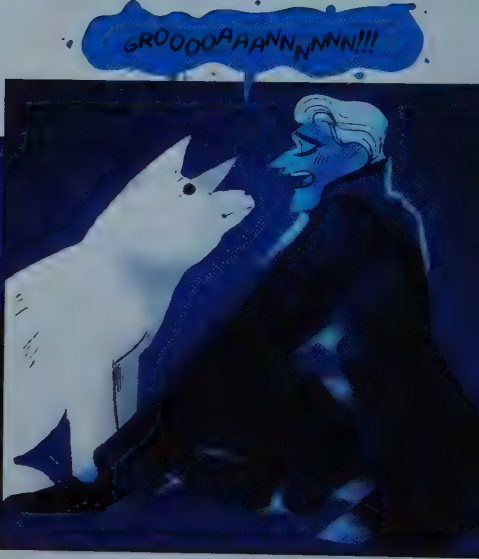
You made me glimpse her in her underthings.



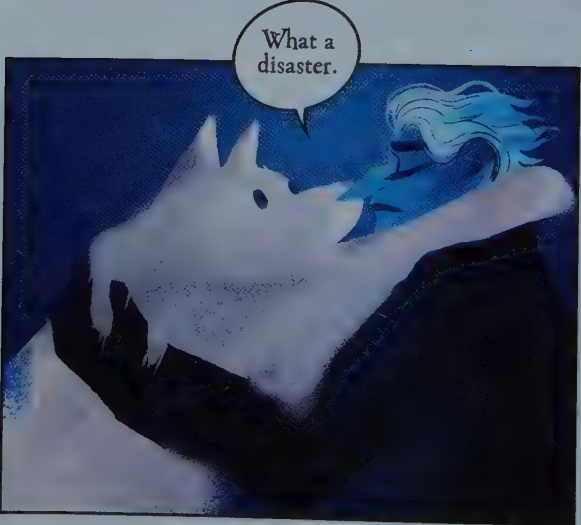
Underthings.



YO-YOU'RE GROUNDED!
DOG GROUNDED!




GROOOAAANNNN!!!



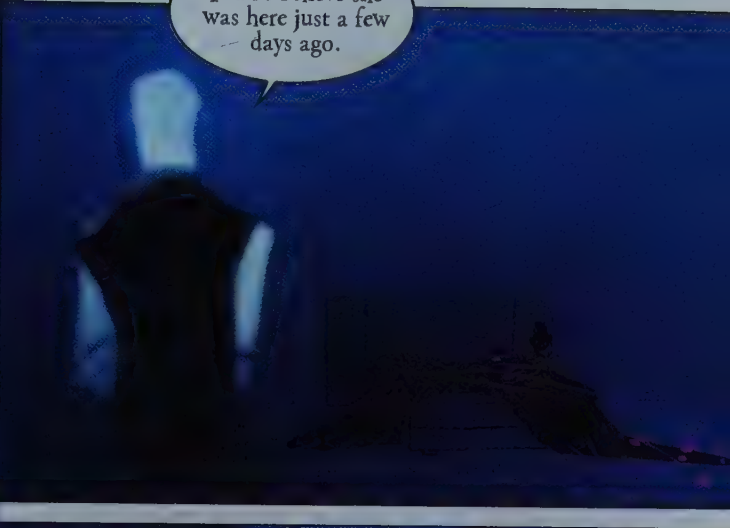
What a disaster.




I don't want to have these feelings. I want to go back to last week!




I wasn't "good," but
at the very least I
wasn't this confused.




I can't believe she
was here just a few
days ago.



Okay, okay,
okay.



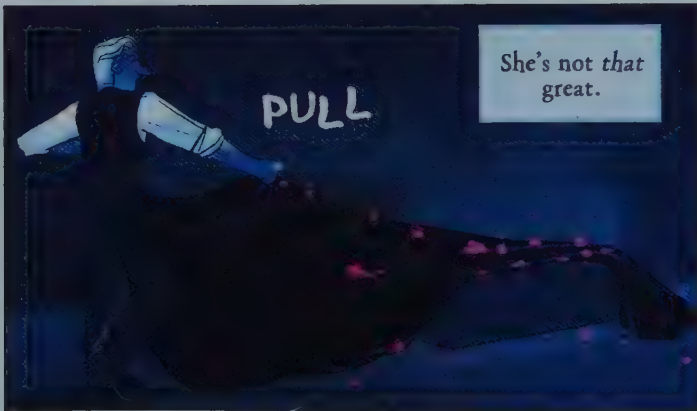
I'm an immortal being
with unspeakable powers
and immeasurable reach.



It's not that bad.
It's really not.



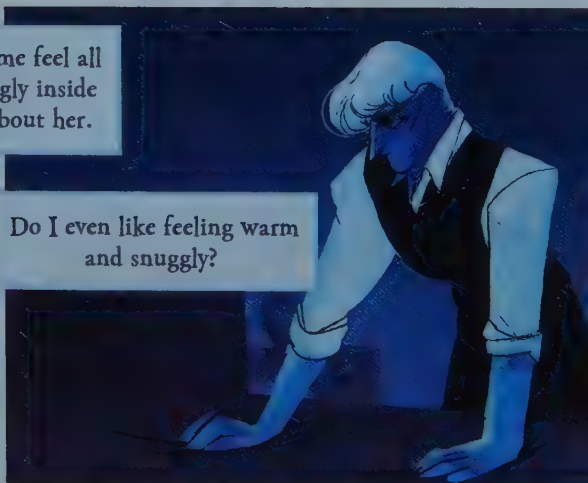
Surely I can control
my feelings and
maintain my dignity.



She's not that
great.

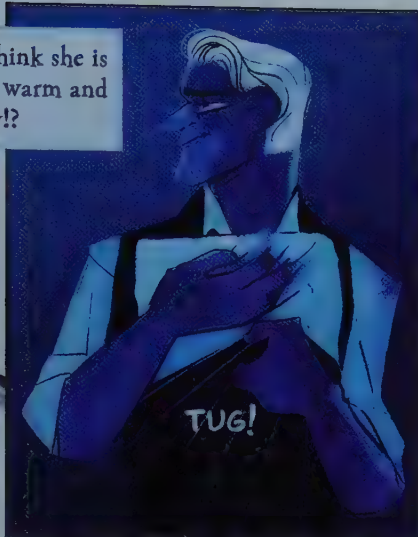


She just makes me feel all
warm and snuggly inside
when I think about her.

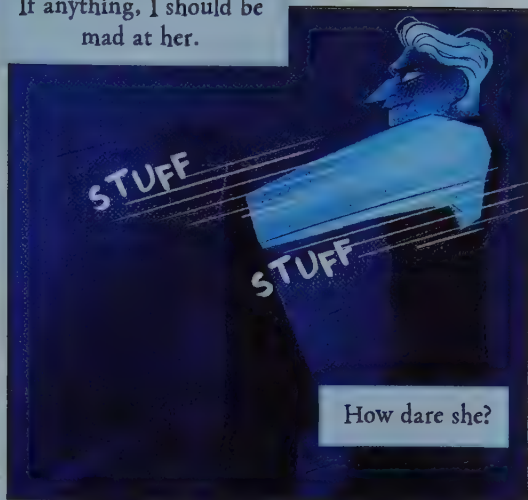


Do I even like feeling warm
and snuggly?

Who does she think she is making me feel warm and snuggly!?



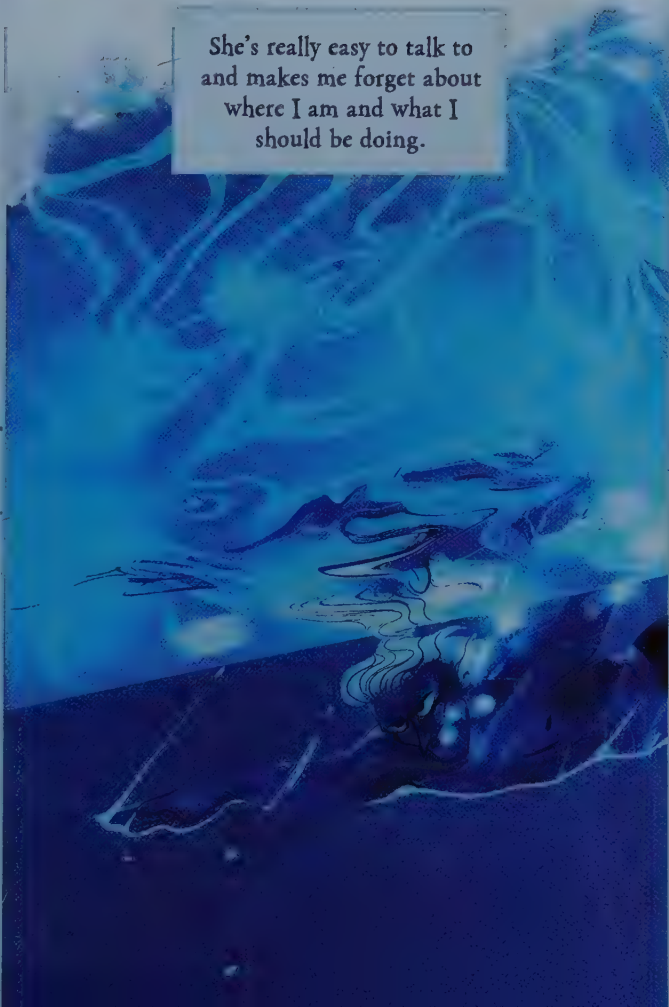
If anything, I should be mad at her.




And yet...



She's really easy to talk to and makes me forget about where I am and what I should be doing.






She doesn't seem to give a crap about our social structure, so she's not afraid of me.

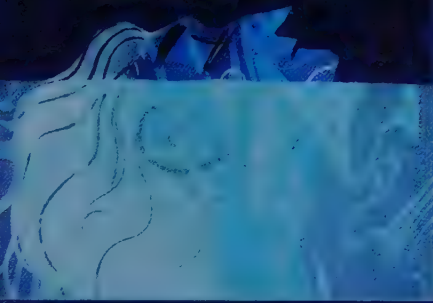


Which is refreshing.



I thought that I was okay with getting the stink eye from 90 percent of the population.

But I'm not?



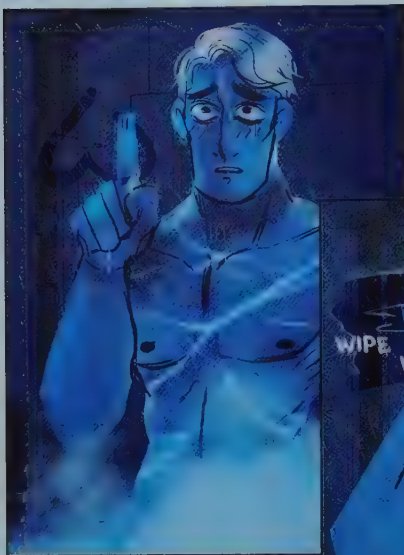
I thought I understood myself.



Maybe I don't.



Her ass even looks like an upside down heart.



GAH!



Why is Hera doing this to me? It must be some elaborate joke at my expense.

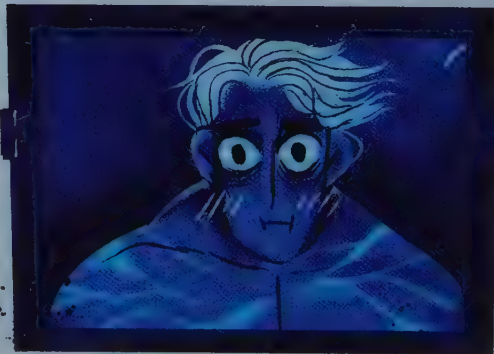
Your sexual frustration is so entertaining!



I can't be a 2000-year-old man with a crush on a 19-year-old.



Okay, I'm going to stop having a crush on her in:



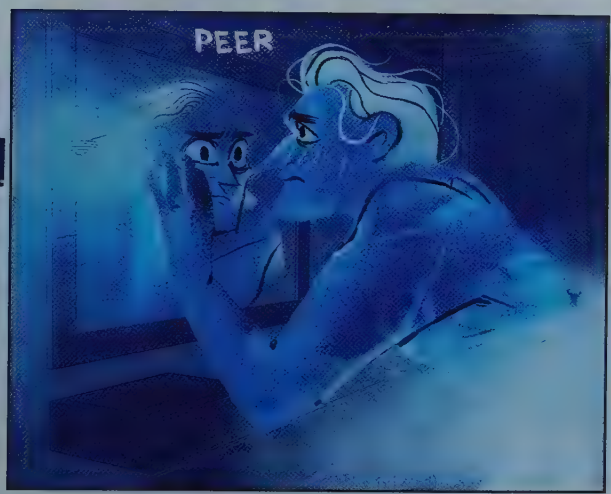
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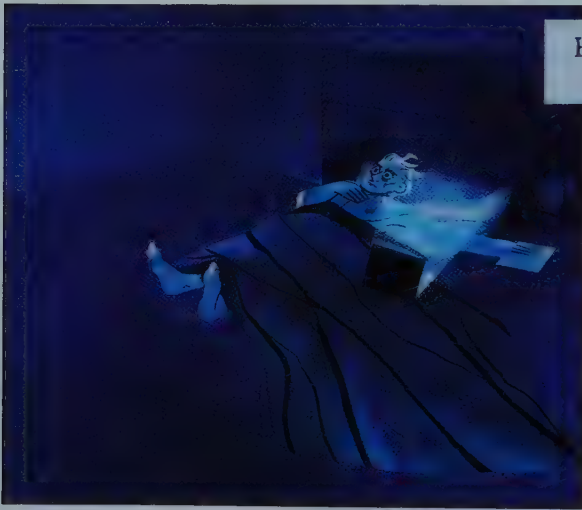


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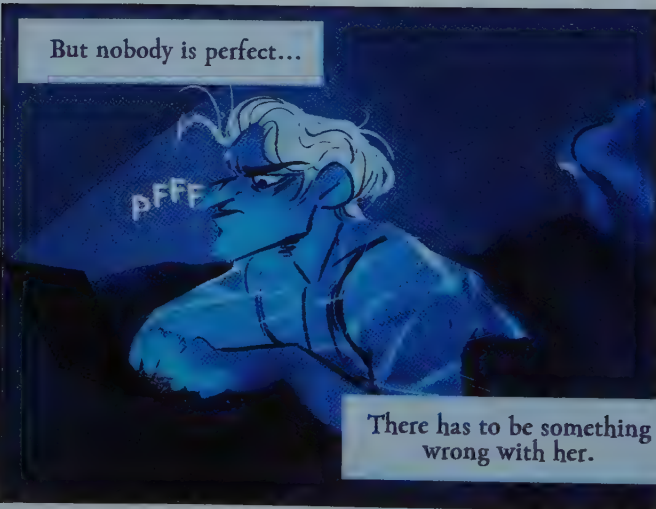


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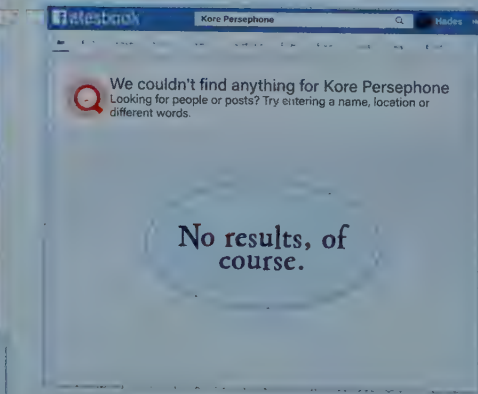


How do I stop this? She's basically perfect.



But nobody is perfect...

There has to be something wrong with her.



Facebook Kore Persephone



We couldn't find anything for Kore Persephone
Looking for people or posts? Try entering a name, location or different words.

No results, of course.



✓ OVERALL WINNER CHESS OLYMPUS CHAMPIONSHIP, 3 TIMES RUNNING



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I'm feeling blessed

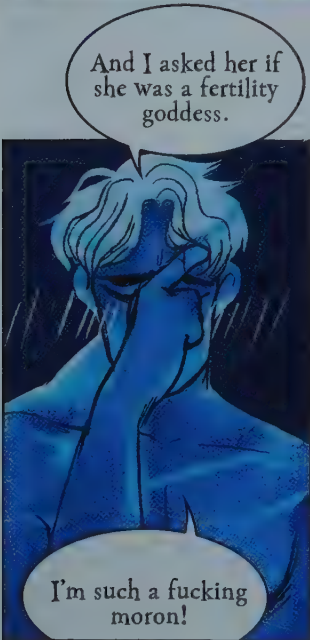
Oracle offered in: Latin



The Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood

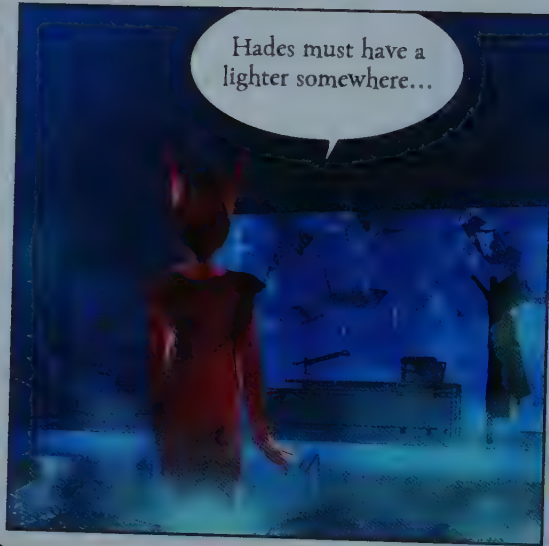
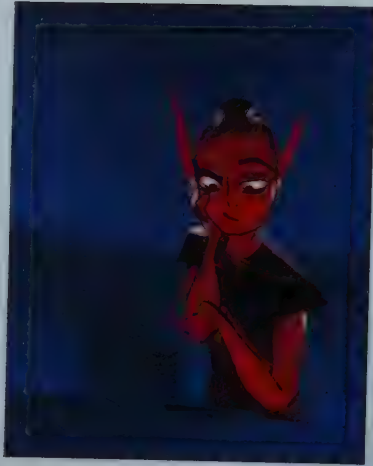


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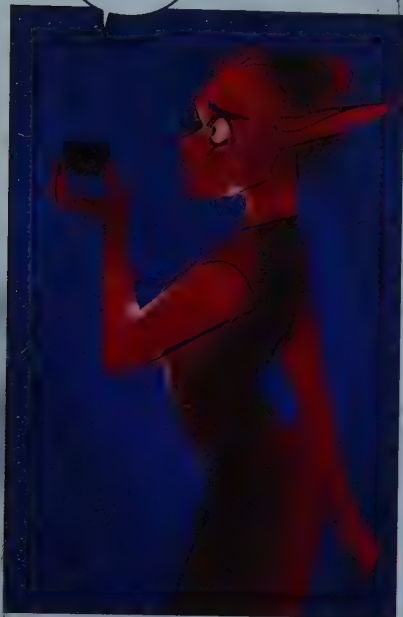




4 DAYS AGO!
(THE DAY OF THE PARTY)



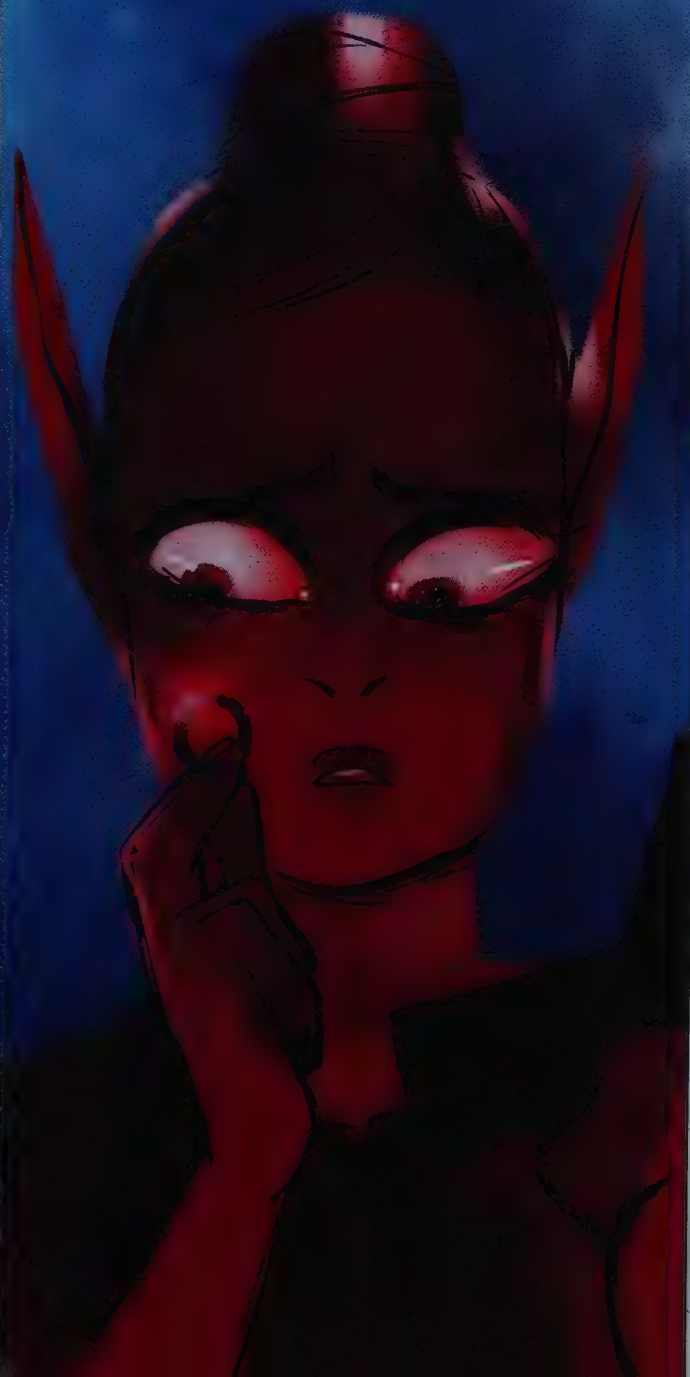
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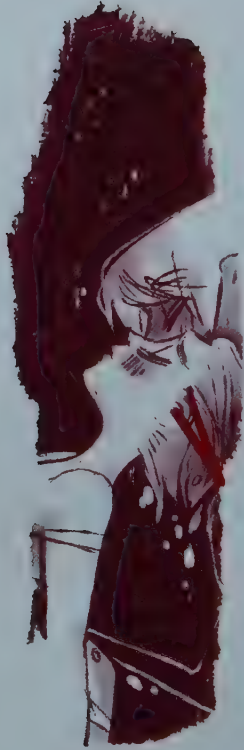


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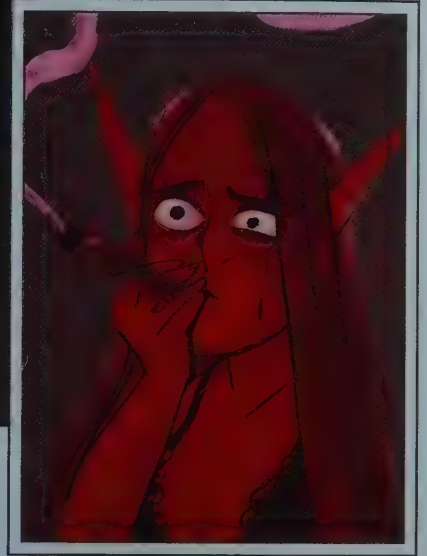
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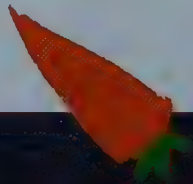




EPISODE 46: RED RAW



Why is he doing this?



*Zeus & Hera cordially invite you to
The 1500th Panathenaea!*

*Where: 467 Diqantomachy Crescent
When: 3pm*

This occasion is for 15 months

We both agreed that neither of us are relationship material.



This is getting way out of hand.

We're not even in a public relationship on Fatesbook!

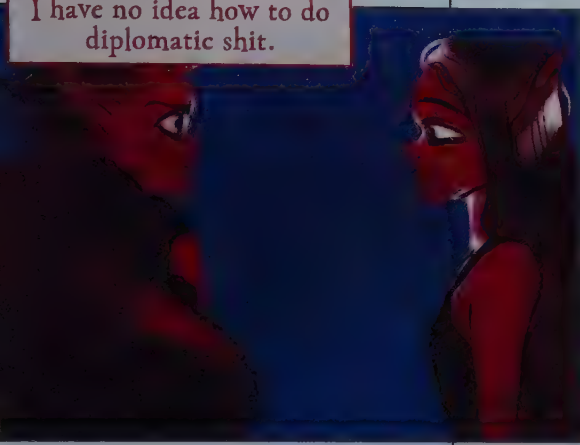
How can he be considering marriage!?



I can't be queen.

It's too much pressure.

I have no idea how to do diplomatic shit.



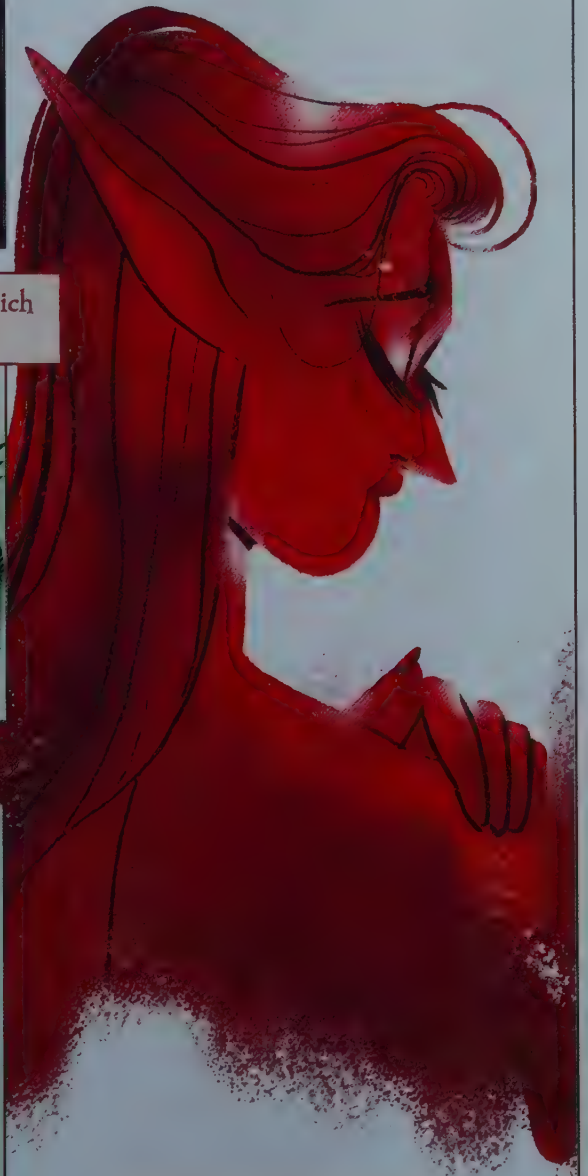
I still can't work out which one is the salad fork!



I don't need Hera reminding me that I'm trash at every single family event.



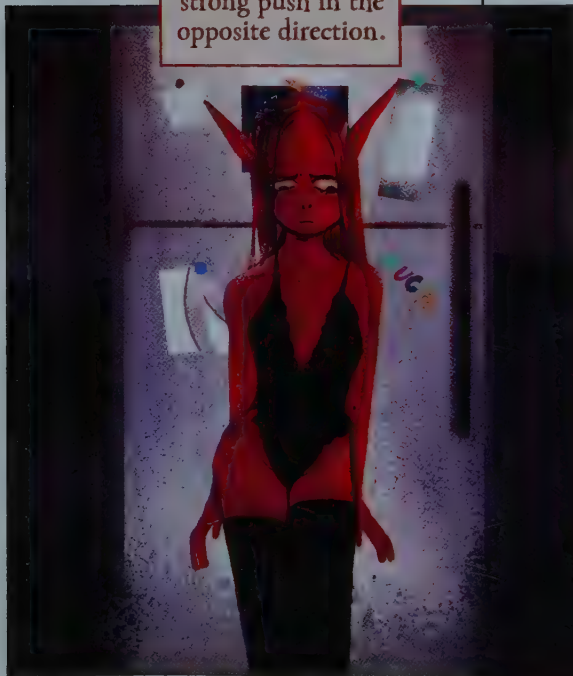
I know I'm trash already.



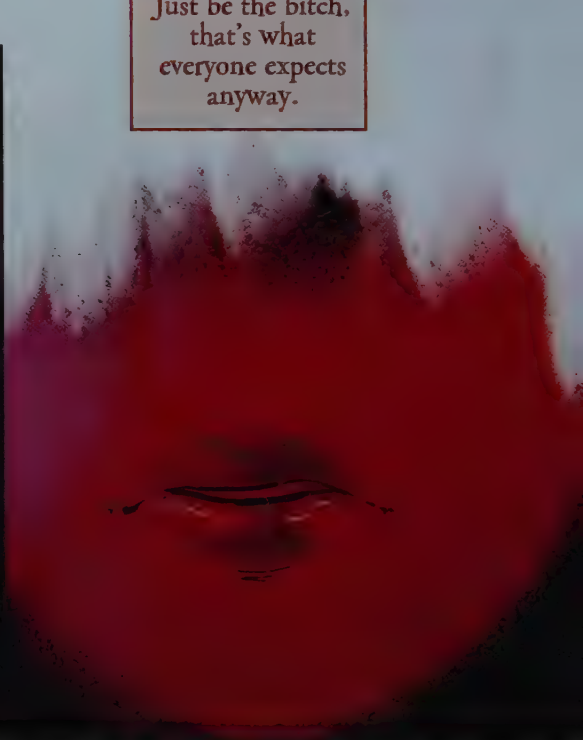
How do I fix this?



He just needs a strong push in the opposite direction.



Just be the bitch, that's what everyone expects anyway.



PRESENT DAY

Finally home!

BARLEY MOTHER



BARLEY MOTHER



WHAT IN THE FUCK IS HAPPENING!?

BARLEY MOTHER

SHAKE

SHAKE



Did they actually sleep together?

Sliding into your man's DM



GASP



I DON'T CARE!
I DON'T CARE!
I DON'T CARE!



It's not like we're exclusive. He's not my boyfriend or anything.

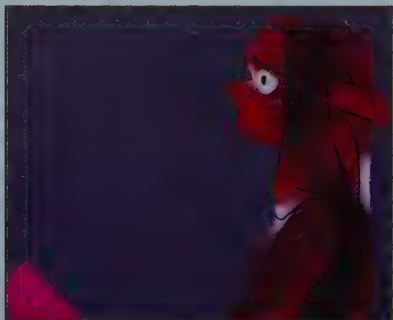


I didn't want to marry him, why do I care!?

Why do I feel jealous?



...Don't panic, even if he starts dating her, it doesn't mean what we have is over.



Unless...



Maybe she'll want all of him to herself.

And maybe he'd like that...



I - I KNOW I
MESSED UP WITH
THE PARTY. OKAY!

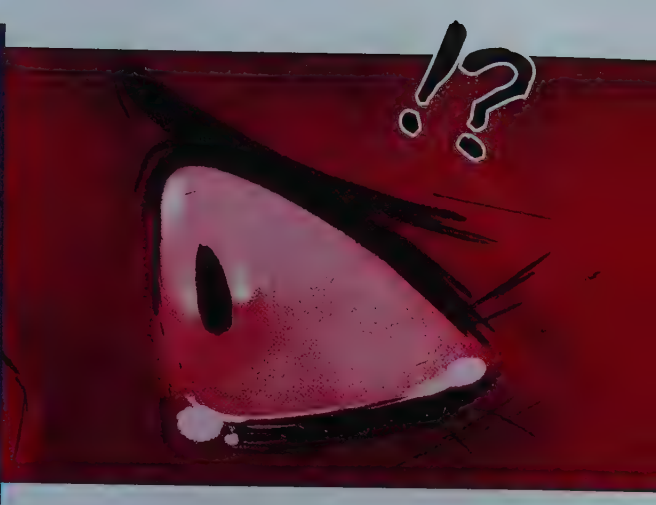
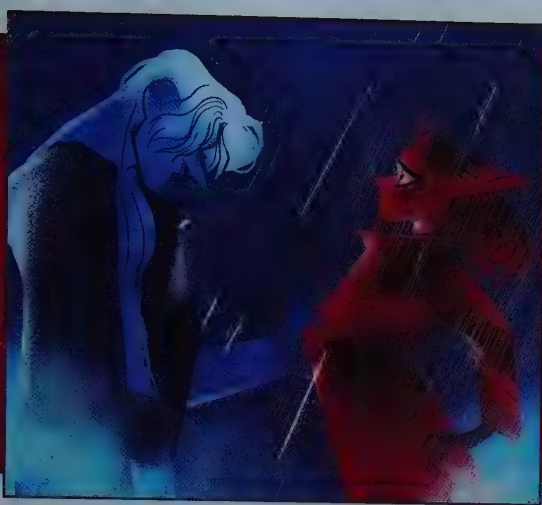
It's just a lot of
pressure, you
know!?

SOB
This is your
fault to begin
with...

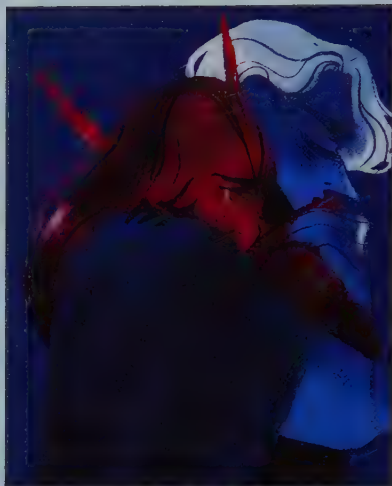
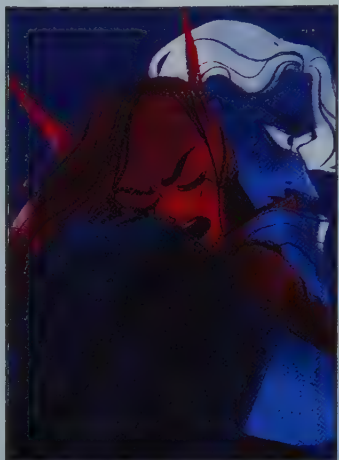
You think I'm
better than I
actually am.

GODS!

I don't
even know
why I'm here!



HUFF
HUFF
HUFF



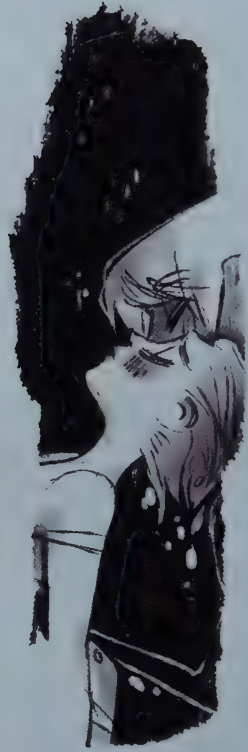


Why aren't you saying anything!?

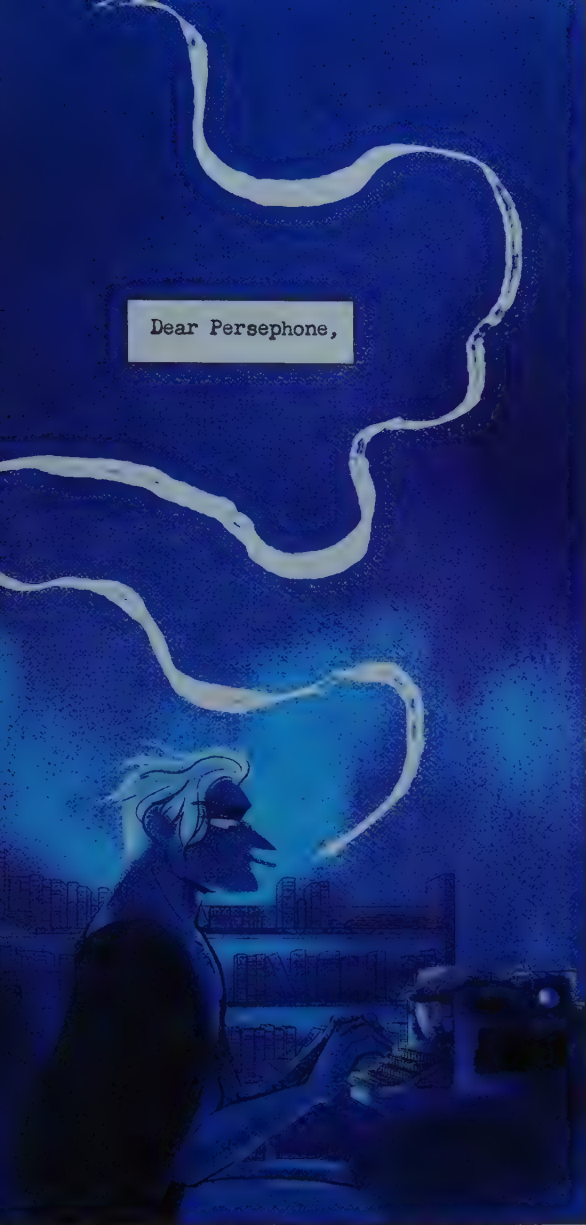
Say something!



Minthe...



EPISODE 47: NEEDED

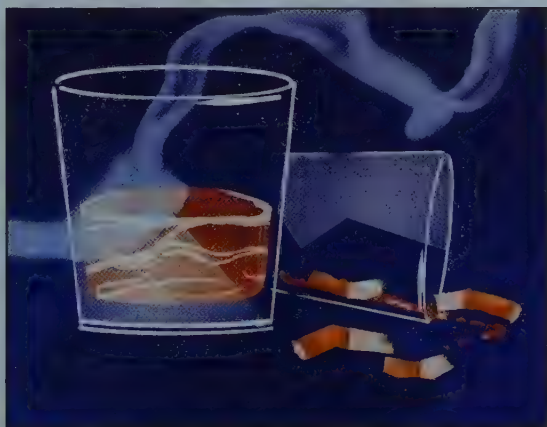


Dear Persephone,

My therapist assigned me
the exercise of writing
letters of what I would
hypothetically tell others
about what I'm feeling.

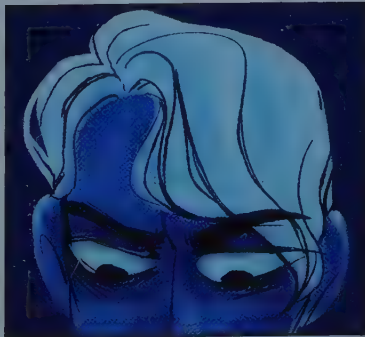



Apparently doing this
will help me
"UNPACK MY EMOTIONS AND GAIN
A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF
MYSELF."



Gods, why do I pay that hack?

Luckily I never have to show
anybody these letters so I
guess it doesn't hurt to try.






This feels ridiculous to admit, given that I've only known you for 4 days.

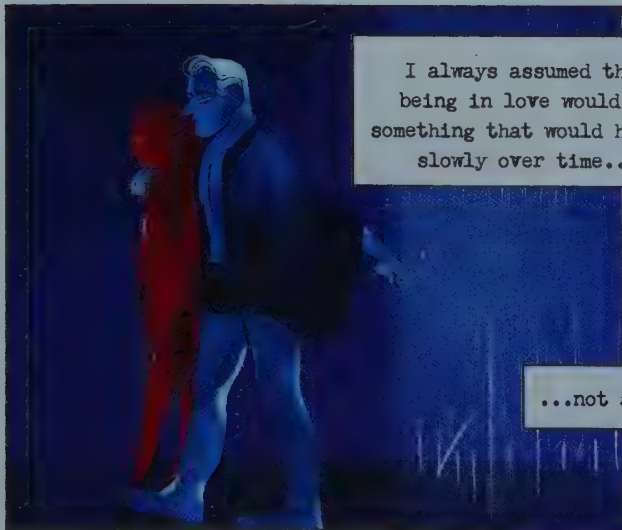


But...


I have feelings for you.



I haven't been in love before.



I always assumed that being in love would be something that would happen slowly over time...



...not all at once.

The thing is,

I don't really know you.



I don't know what your
favorite food is or the top
ten things you hate.



I don't know if you're a
morning person or if you like
sleeping in for hours...

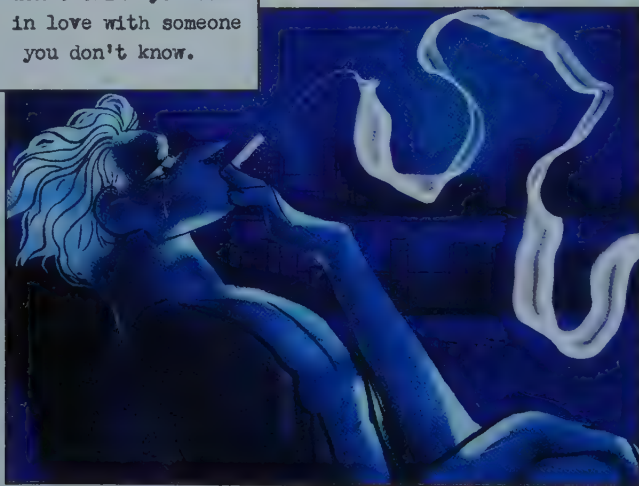


Love isn't something I know
a lot about...



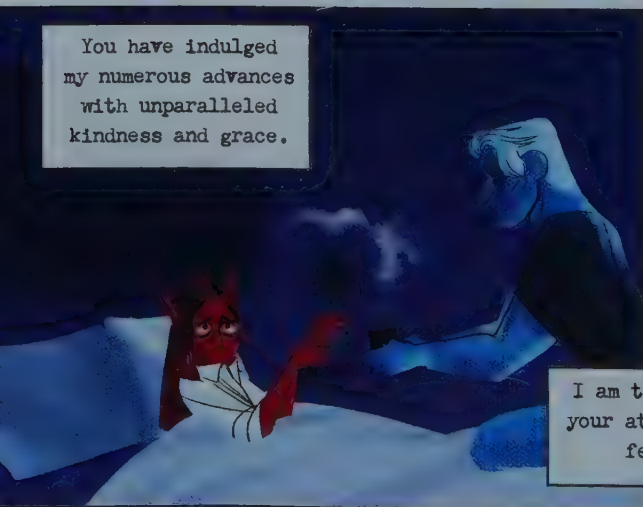
But I believe I should understand you much more than I currently do before claiming to be in love with you.

I don't think you can be in love with someone you don't know.

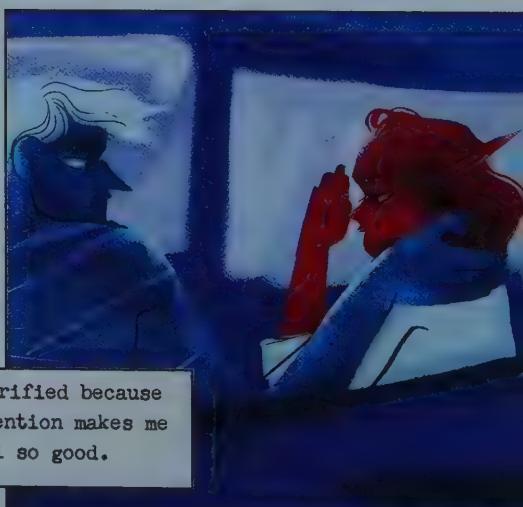


I'm just infatuated with you.

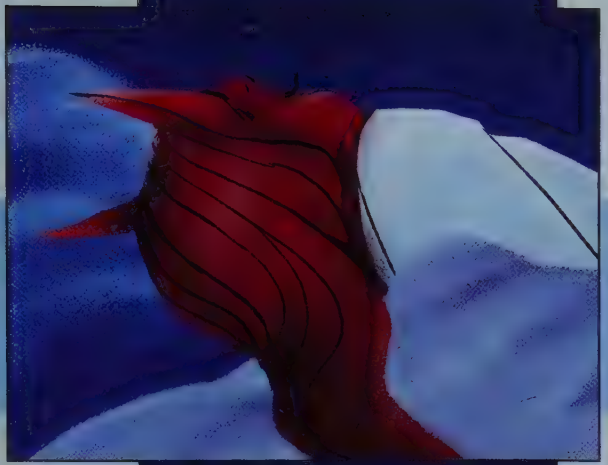
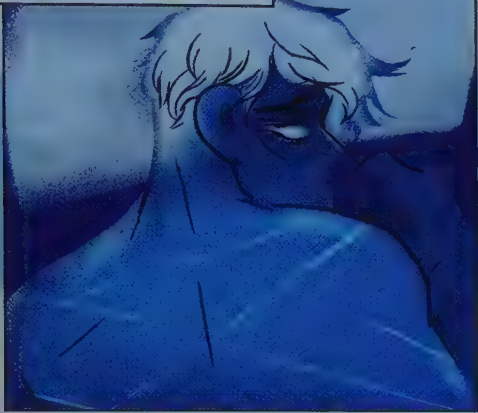
You have indulged my numerous advances with unparalleled kindness and grace.



I am terrified because your attention makes me feel so good.



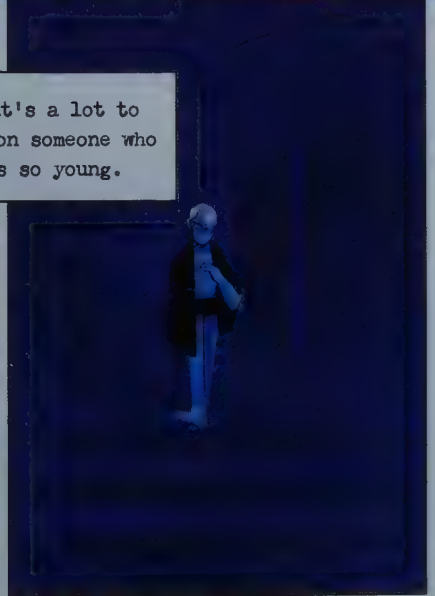
The concept of not being able to feel that way again is devastating.



I have a lot of shame in regard to feeling like this about you.



That's a lot to put on someone who is so young.

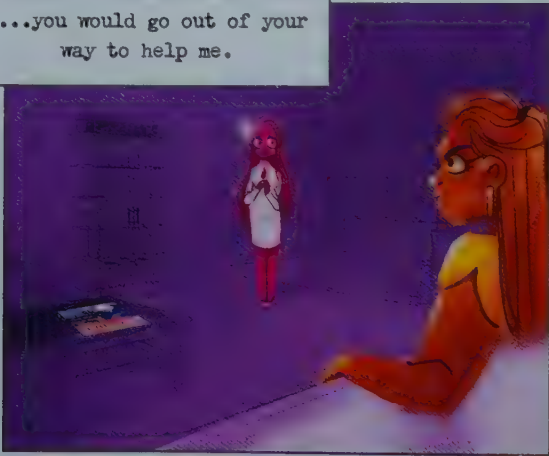


It goes without saying, I have a lot of baggage.

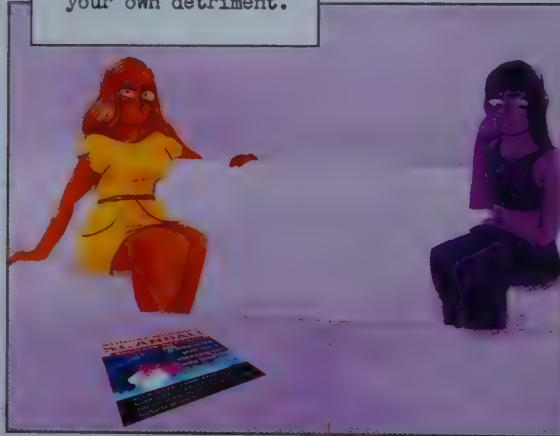
I get the feeling that if we were friends...



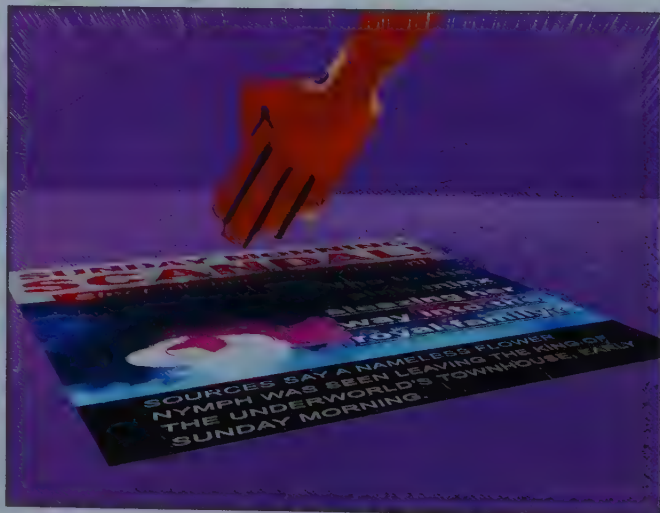
...you would go out of your way to help me.



Even if it was to your own detriment.



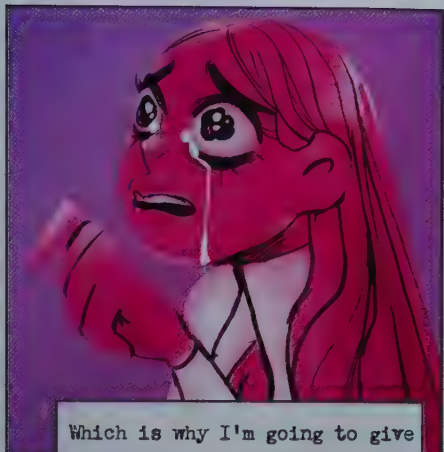
I wouldn't want that for you.



The best gift I can give you is to put some space between us.



Which is why I'm going to give Minthe and me a chance to be in a proper relationship.



I don't know if I want her or if I just feel guilty.



The difference between you and her is that she needs me.



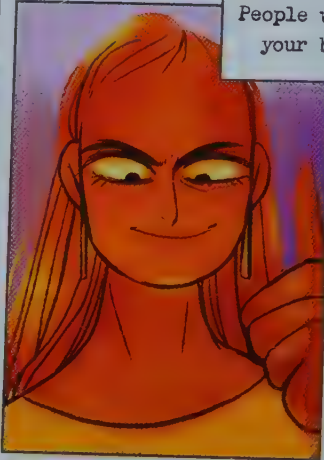
But you don't.



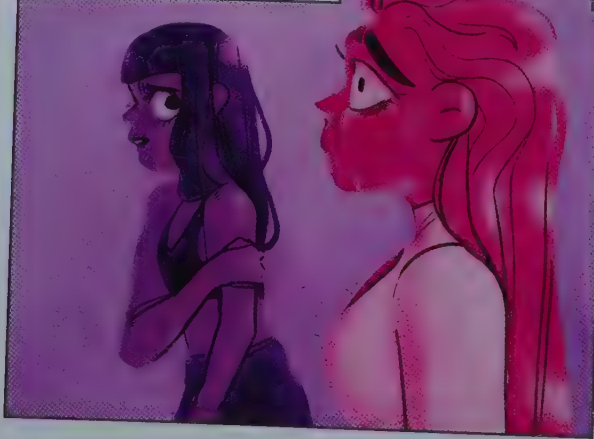
You have your own community.



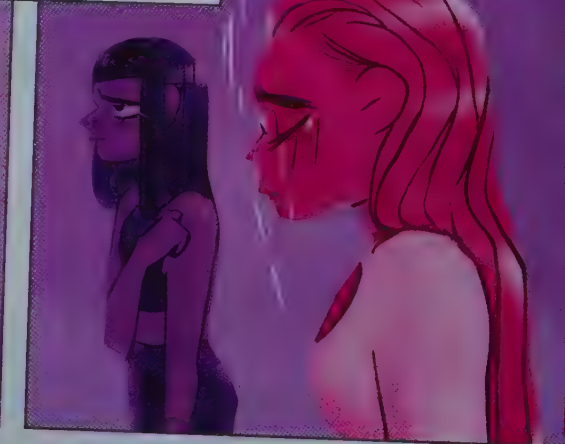
People who care for you and have your best interests in mind.



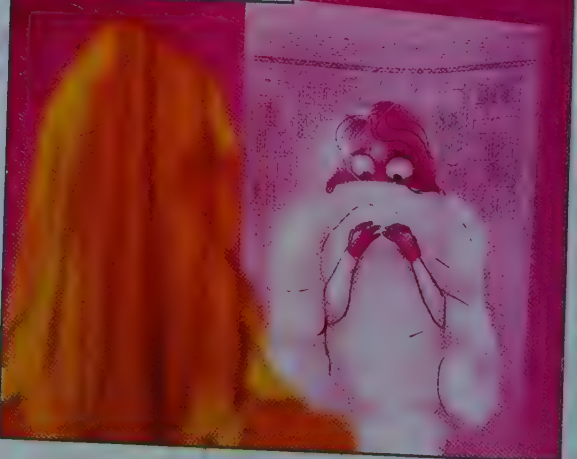
You have your own goals...



Your own life.



I said that you were melancholic.



This is still the case,
but I can tell that you're
tough as well.



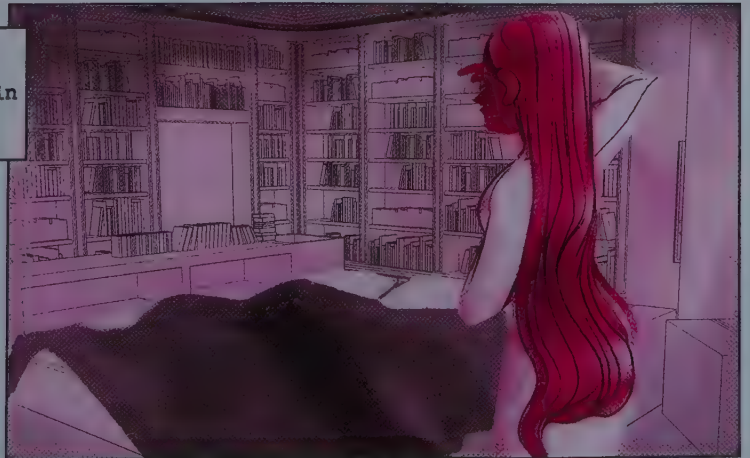
If you're the daughter
of Demeter, you'll be
tough.



I wish I could empty
a drawer in my dresser
for you.



Or buy you a
toothbrush to keep in
my bathroom.



The truth is, every time
we have something to do
with each other...



it ends up hurting you.

Ultimately, you're better
off if I limit my contact
with you.



Which will be hard, since
I'm your boss now.

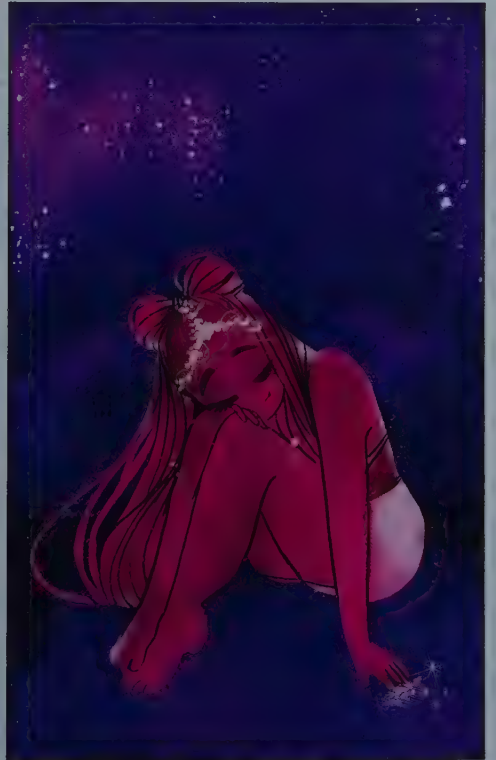


But I'll try my
best to keep you safe in
my own way.

All the best,
Hades.



PS: How does a goddess go
from being called Kore to
Persephone?

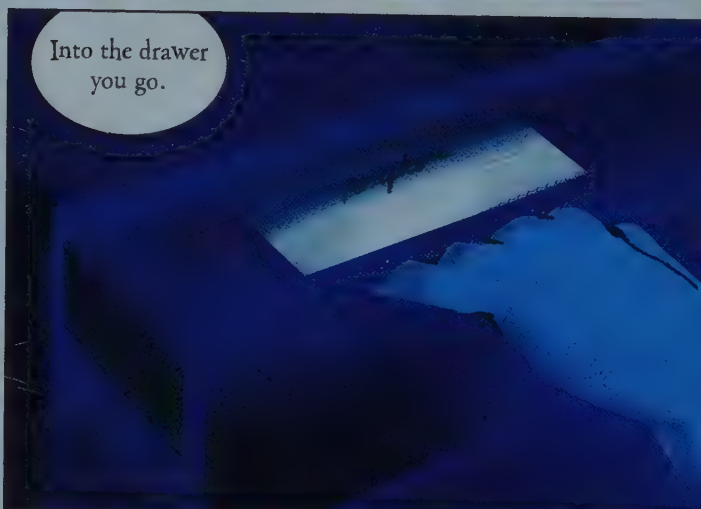




I still feel like garbage!!!



That's what I get for trusting my therapist.



Into the drawer you go.

I think
it's about
time I dealt
with this.



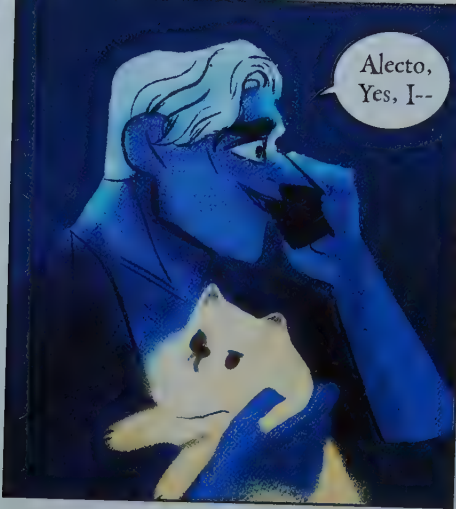
Nobody slights the
Goddess of Spring and
gets away with it.



Hey, boss!

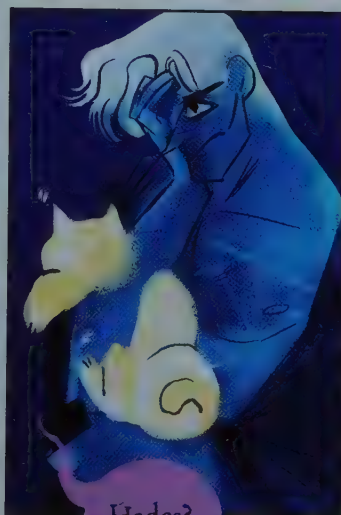


It's been a while.





SHHHHHHHHHHHH!



Hades?



2 WEEKS AGO.



Damn,
that's unsavory.



Fine,
you can
rough 'em
up a little.

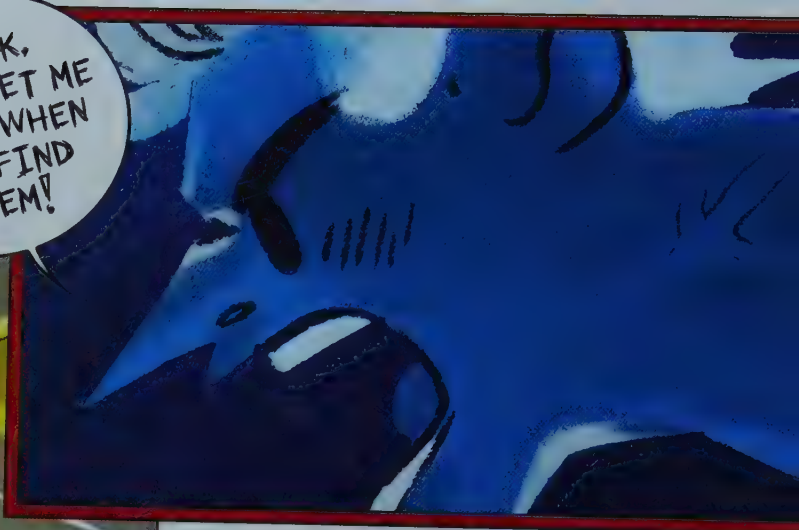


I'm sending you
something.



I want you to
find out who
took that photo.

LOOK,
JUST LET ME
KNOW WHEN
YOU FIND
THEM!



I don't
look old...



I look
distinguished.



Ruff!





EPISODE 48: SSSSS

UGH,
THIS IS SO
BORING!

Oh, come on,
it's not so
bad.

You're only
saying that
'cause you're
not paying
attention.

I AM,
it's called
multitasking.

You've
been quiet
today.

She's
sulking.

I am
not!

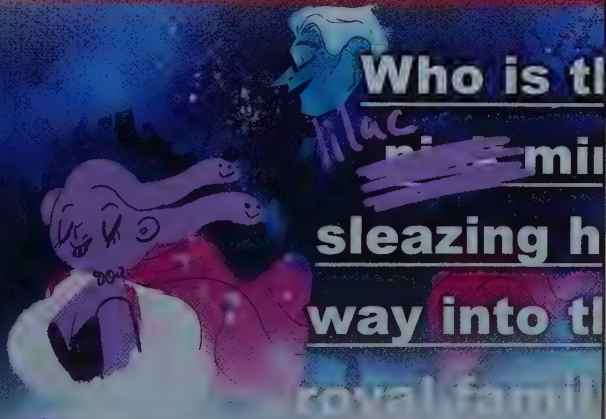
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SOB!

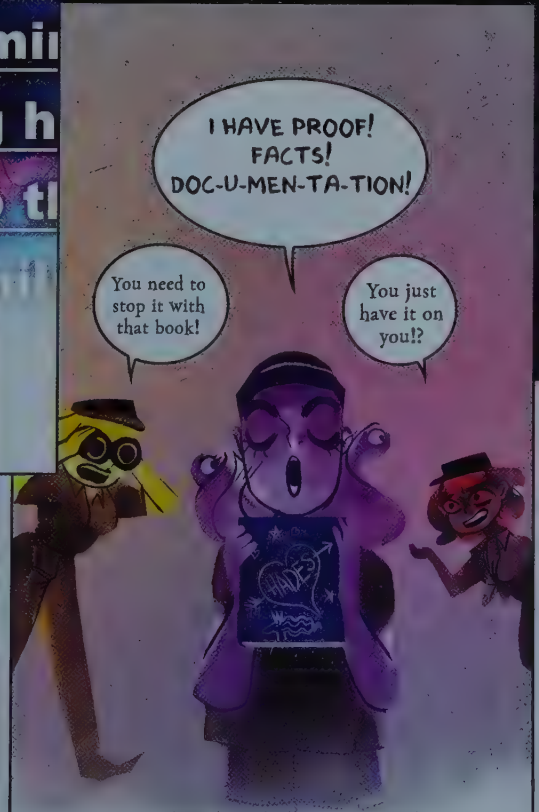


IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME!

Sleeping her way to the top



Who is the
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sleazing h
way into th
royal family



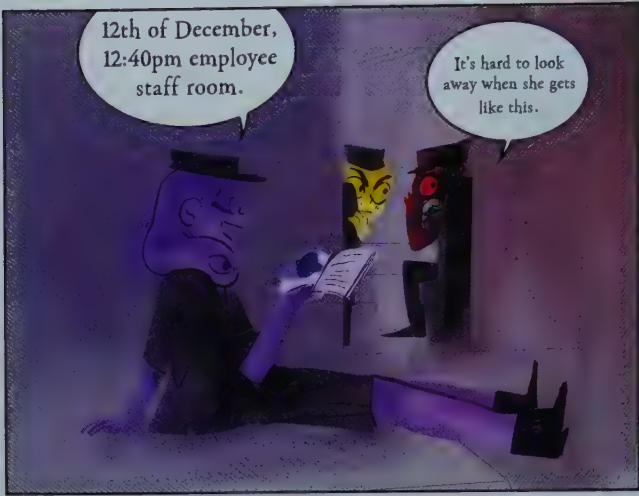
I HAVE PROOF!
FACTS!
DOC-U-MEN-TA-TION!

You need to stop it with that book!

You just have it on you!?



I'm sorry, but I just don't think Hades is into you.



12th of December,
12:40pm employee
staff room.

It's hard to look
away when she gets
like this.



Good morning.



Oh, silly me.
Good
afternoon!



Okay then...

Hhssssss



August 25th. 3pm.
Tower 1 elevator.





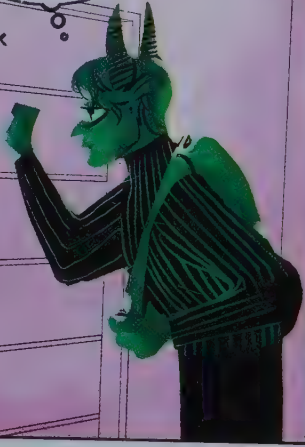
Just rough 'im
up a little.





But I hate
confrontation.

Knock
Knock



CLICK





Hey, Tori!
Are you ready to
study!?



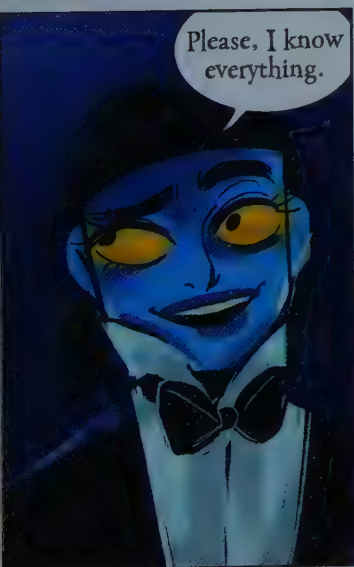
Um.



Yup.



EPISODE 49: EYE FOR AN EYE





Are you?



WAIT.

I thought you didn't approve of Persephone...



...a-and I I mean me



SIGH

I was upset when I thought you used my young friend for casual sex.

Can you blame me?

BEEP. BEEP.



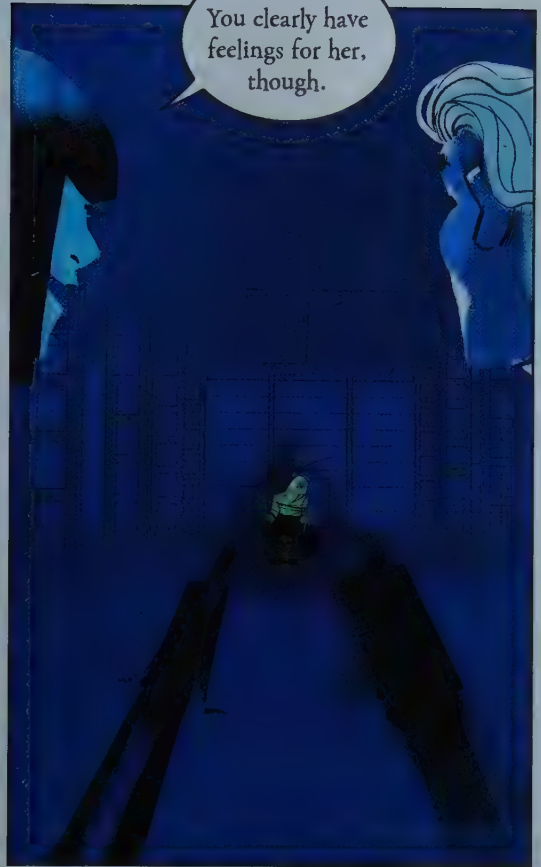
No.

I don't want to interfere.

You're a big boy who's capable of making big-boy choices.



You clearly have feelings for her, though.



Is-is it really obvious?

MRFF!



You're wearing a pink pocket square.



Do you think I made the wrong choice?



Oh, honey, I've got no idea.

MRRRRF!



Just remember that it's okay to stop and take a breath.



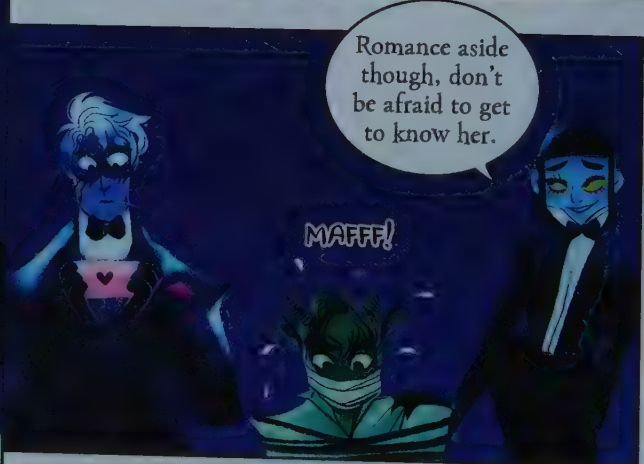
I want you to have this.

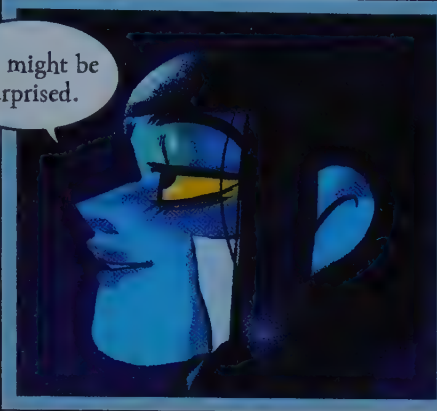


To Hecate
From Persephone


Romance aside though, don't be afraid to get to know her.

MAFFF!






You might be surprised.




I'm not sure if that's a good idea...



Give it some time, yeah?

Like I said, it's okay to take a breath.

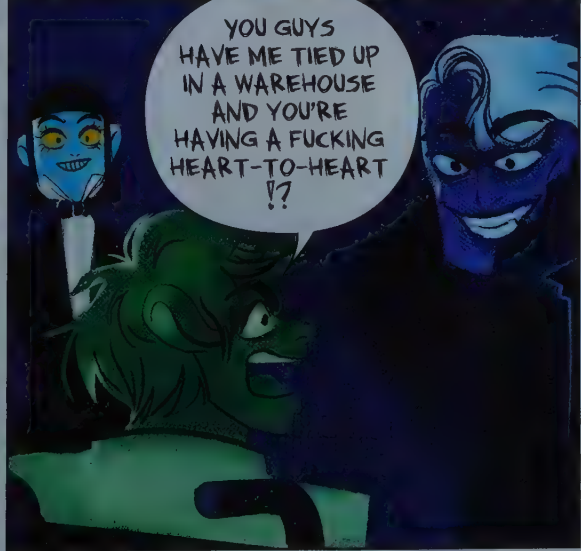


All right.



GASP!

YANK



YOU GUYS HAVE ME TIED UP IN A WAREHOUSE AND YOU'RE HAVING A FUCKING HEART-TO-HEART !?



Shall we get started?

Sure!



Salutations, I'm Hecate.

My client and I would like to speak with you in regard to your crimes against the Underworld.



C-crimes!?



NUMBER 1.
Defamation of character.



I don't know if you realize this, but that nymph isn't a nymph, she's a goddess.

Not only that, she's one of the Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood.



So your garbage-shaped publication could be rather damaging for her.

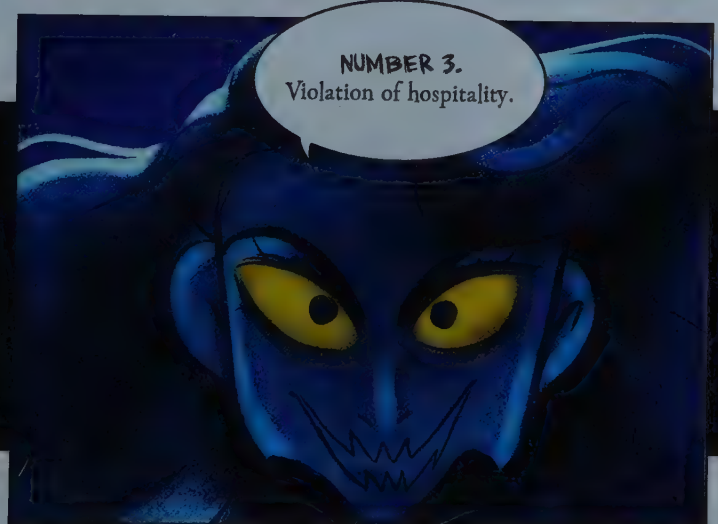
NUMBER 2.
Trespassing.




You had the gall to
come onto MY private
property and gaze
upon her with your
beady little eyes.



NUMBER 3.
Violation of hospitality.





She was a guest in my realm, under my protection.

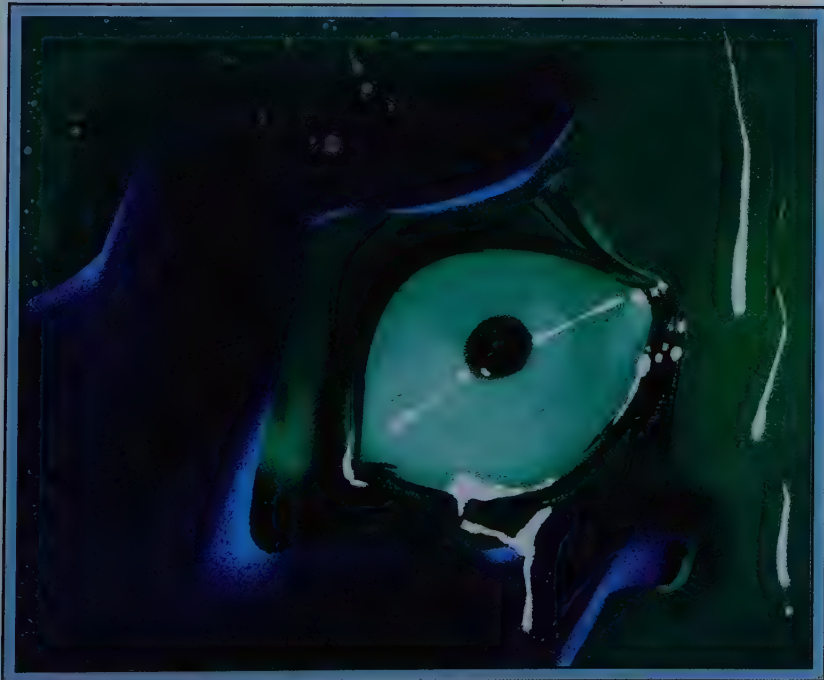
This being the case, under clause 1-b of the Olympus/Underworld peace treaty, my client can punish you as he sees fit.

LET ME GET A GOOD LOOK AT YOU.

PLEASE, STOP! I'M SORRY!



...an eye
for an eye.



This chapter takes place before Persephone's coat was confiscated by Hestia.

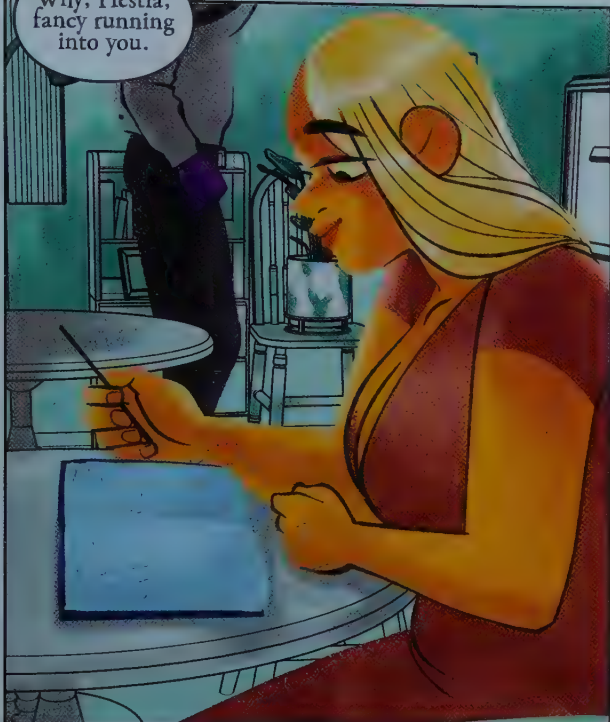
I was initially planning to include this, but I was unable to structure in the concept at the time. In some ways I think that contextualizing Hestia's seemingly cruel behavior takes away from the emotional impact of episode 47, "Needed," which to this day, is one of my favorite pieces of work.

With all that being said, part of me still really wants the readers of *Lore Olympus* to know this missing part of the story.

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Why, Hestia, fancy running into you.



Apollo! What a lovely surprise!



I feel like it's been forever since I've seen you.



How have you been?

Very well, thank you.

I've been working on fundraising for my community center project.

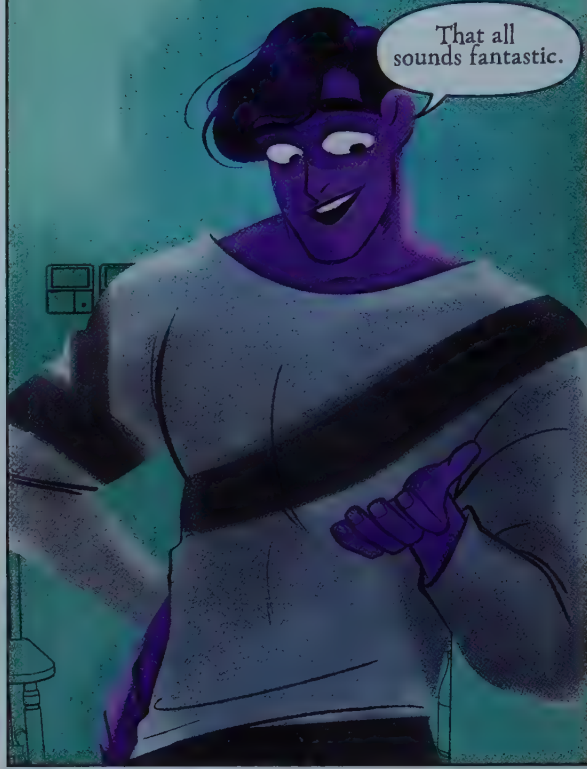


It's all coming together. There will be spaces to rent for events.

And a range of free classes--



That all sounds fantastic.

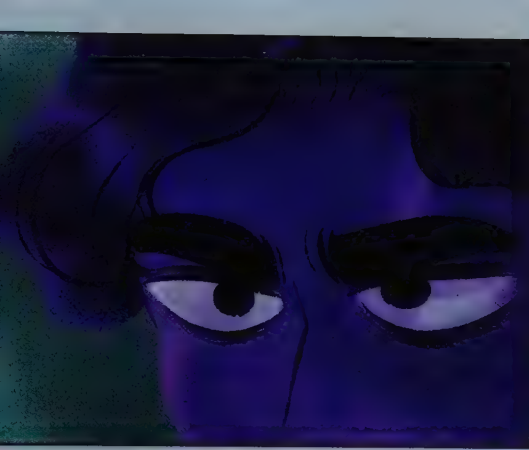


And we've got a new initiate to the group, which is great to finally get the ball rolling.



Persephone will make such a great addition.





I know that
Persephone went
home with Hades after
Zeus's big party
the other night.



She--she
spent the night at
Hades's house!?



Yeah...
and he gave her
a fur coat.

She was very braggadocious about it afterward as well.



The whole thing seemed pretty disrespectful to me, if I'm honest.



Crap.



That doesn't really sound like her...



I'm just telling you what I saw.



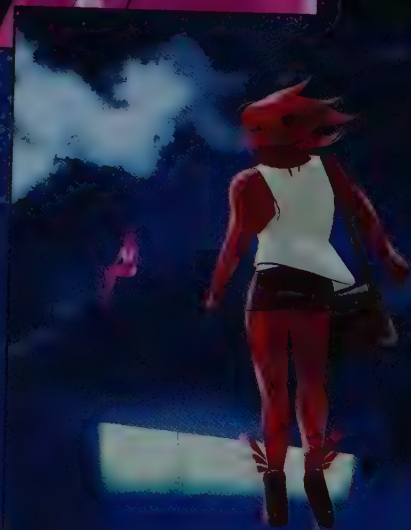
If you want her to respect you, you might need to try a heavier hand.




This place
is hard work.




Hey!






I wasn't expecting to see a goddess on a roof!





What are you doing?

Oh, just having some alone time.

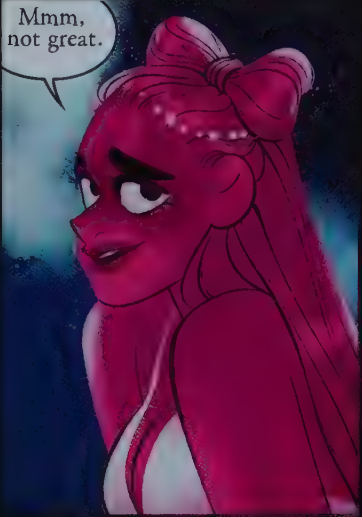


Is that my cue to take a hike?

Nah, it's fine.




How are you this wonderful evening?




Mmm,
not great.




Whhhhaaat?



Ah, I just
got chewed out
by Hestia, and she
confiscated my coat.



I have no
idea how she found
out about Hades in
the first place and how
she got all those ideas!



Artemis swears
up and down that
she didn't say anything,
but how else could
Hestia have known?



Nah, Artemis isn't a snitch like that.



Yeah, you're right.



You'll get used to it.

What?



The Olympus rumor mill.



...Gotcha.

Everything
is going to
be okay.




I hope so.



Can I
interest you in
a warm soda?

Sigh
Sure.





Where were
you keeping
these?

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