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To Jem Yoshioka

An excellent friendship to share a lifetime of stories.



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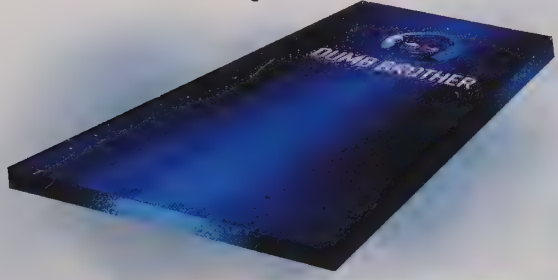
SIGH



Looking out for Persephone is so much harder than I thought it was going to be.

MRRRRR

MRRRRR



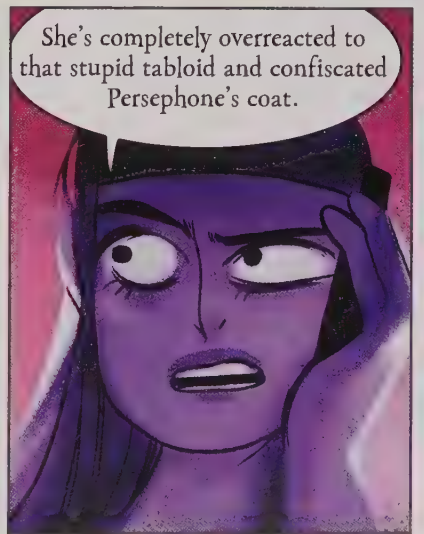
Heyyyyyy.



Hey, are you all right?



Ah, I got chewed out by Hestia yesterday.



She's completely overreacted to that stupid tabloid and confiscated Persephone's coat.



Really?



I mean--  
really?

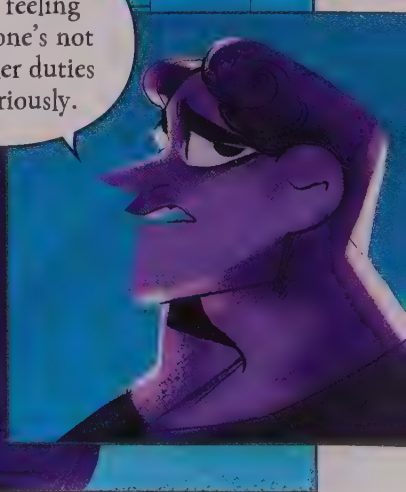


...Maybe she  
was right to  
be angry.



Excuse me?

I just  
get the feeling  
Persephone's not  
taking her duties  
very seriously.



...



Listen, I didn't want to say anything...



...but I was driving by your house yesterday and I saw them together.

W-who?

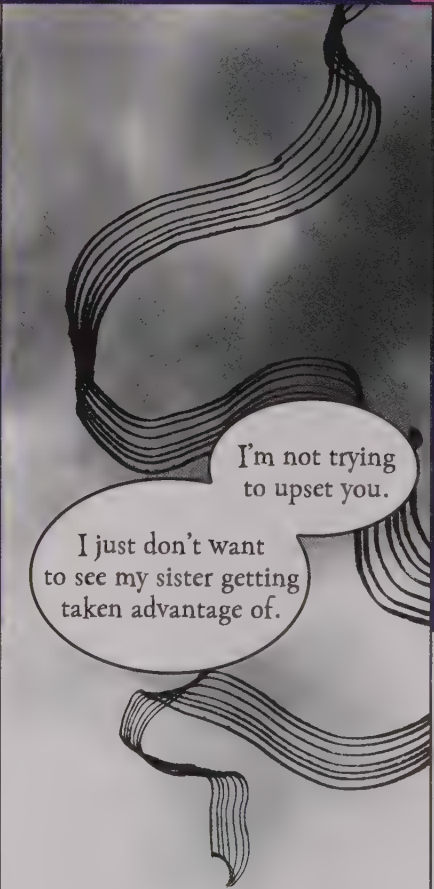


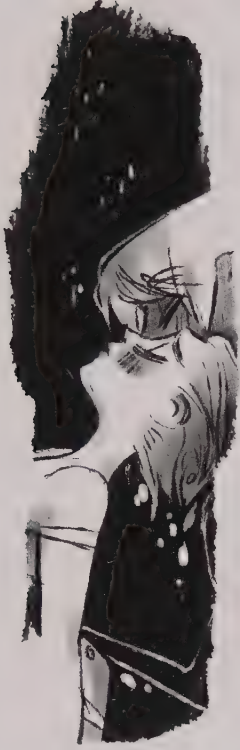
Come on, who do you think? They were all over each other.



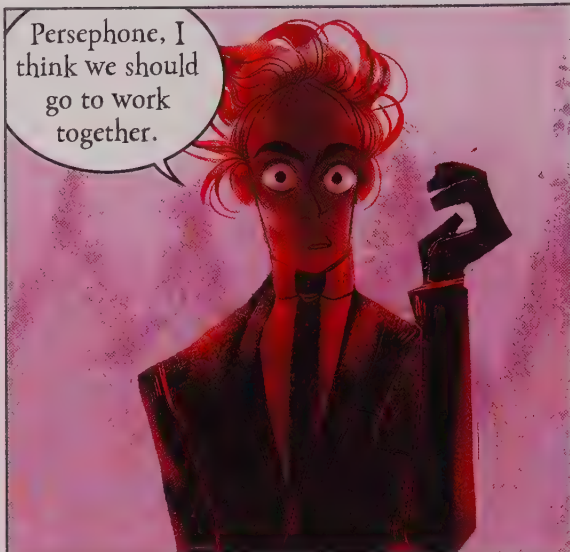
**Dramatic Reenactment**

Are you sure?





## **EPISODE 50: NARK**



Persephone, I think we should go to work together.



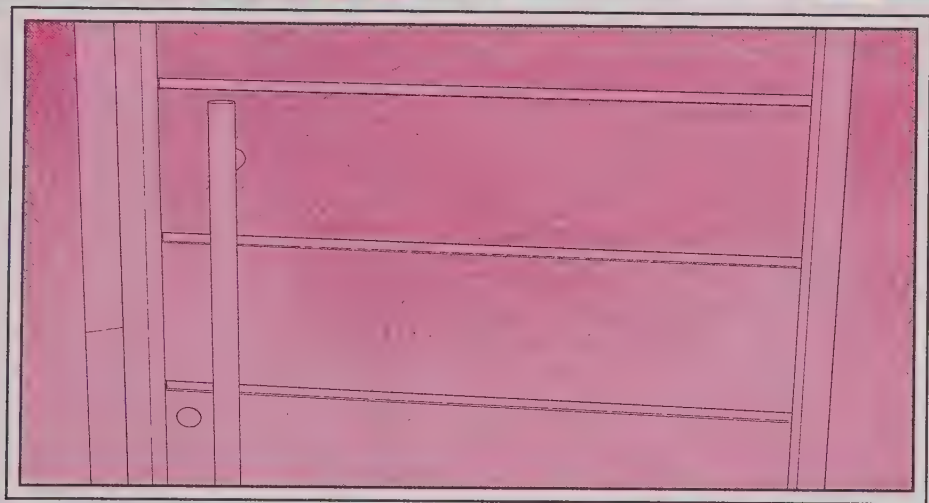
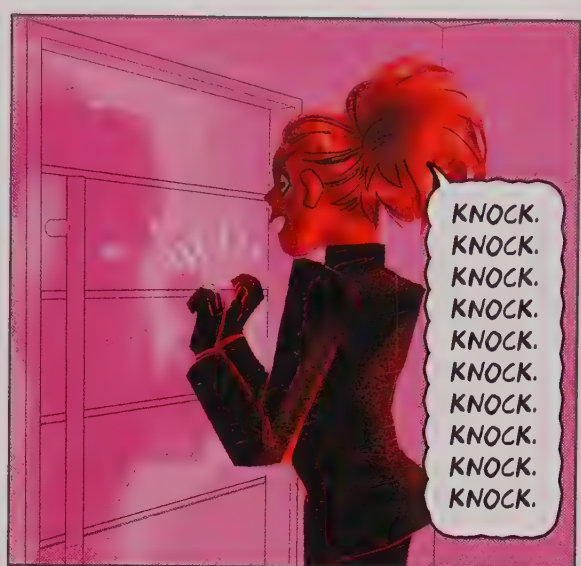
No, that's stupid.



Perse, if you go to work with me, you won't need to pay for a train ticket.



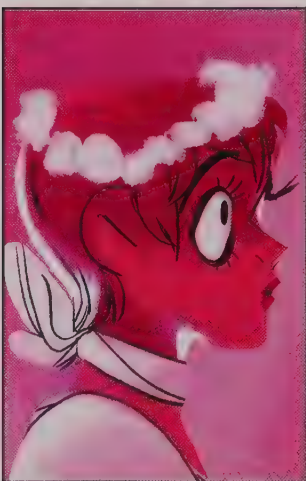
Ugh! That's even worse!



Hello, oh  
Hermes--

PERSEPHONE, I KNOW YOU  
HAVE WORK THIS AFTERNOON,  
AND I ALSO HAVE WORK  
THIS AFTERNOON.

AND I WAS  
THINKING WE  
COULD GO  
TOGETHER.



Oh, really!?  
That would  
be great,  
come on in.



I just need to  
finish geting ready.  
I hope you don't  
mind waiting  
around.





So, how long have you been contracting in the Underworld?

On and off for a few years now.



Apollo doesn't know what he's talking about.

Of course Persephone's taking her commitments seriously.



I have no idea what I'm going to be doing when I get there.



HERMES, WHY ARE YOU HERE!?

Squeal!

What?  
What's happening?



Oh, Artemis, it's fine. Hermes has seen me naked a bunch of times.

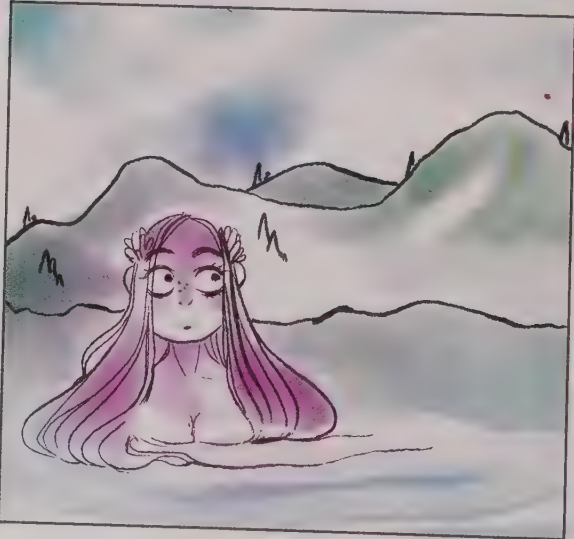
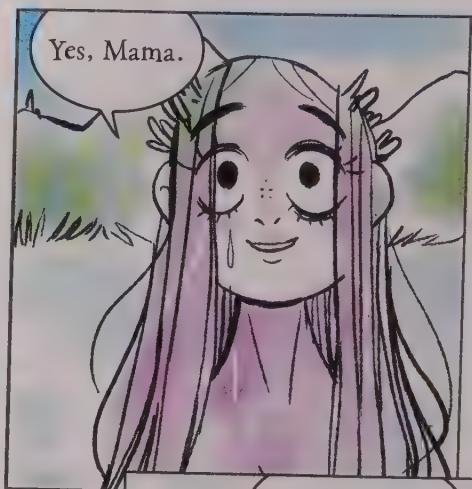
Are you  
having a nice bath,  
my perfect, beautiful  
angel child?

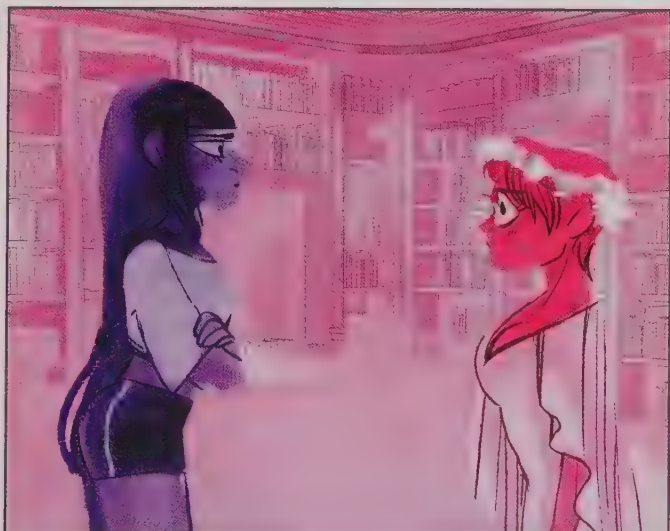
Yes, Mama.

All right, I'll  
see you later.

Haha!  
Sorry about  
that!

GASP!







I need to talk to you about Hades.

I told you already, you don't have anything to worry about--

I know you think he's super fancy, or whatever.



But you need to face the facts.



Those Kings are all the same. They chew you up and spit you out.

But--



I've seen it happen over and over again. I'm serious.



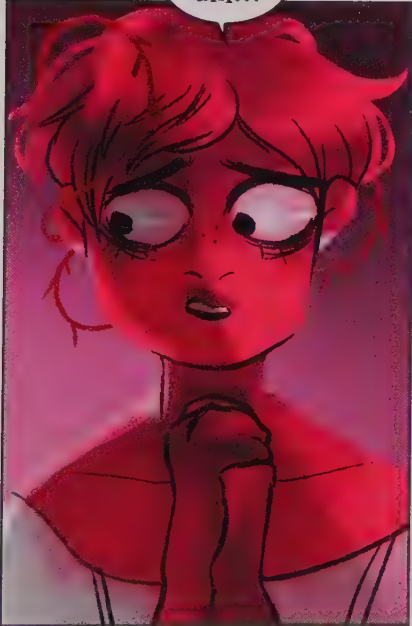
Like I said, you don't have anything to worry about--

Persephone...

I know you were on the phone with him for over 4 hours the other night.



I--  
um...



And now by some coincidence you have a brand-new job in the Underworld.





I'm sticking my neck out for you.

But, lately, I've been getting the feeling you're not taking this arrangement very seriously.

I'm not sure what you're trying to say.

Where is this coming from?



Sigh. Apollo said he saw you and Hades together the other day, and that you were looking pretty chummy.



Apollo?



Apollo saw Hades and me together the other day and thought we looked "pretty chummy."



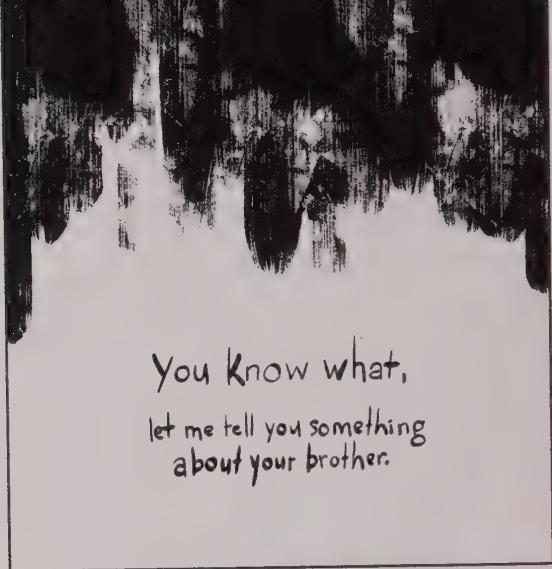
Don't be upset, he's just looking out for you.

And to be honest, I'm a bit concerned as well.



You know what, let me tell you something about your brother.



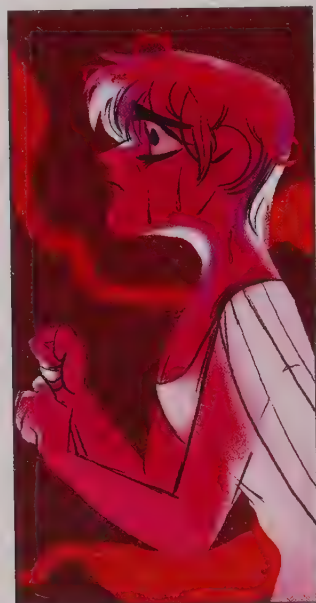


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about your brother.

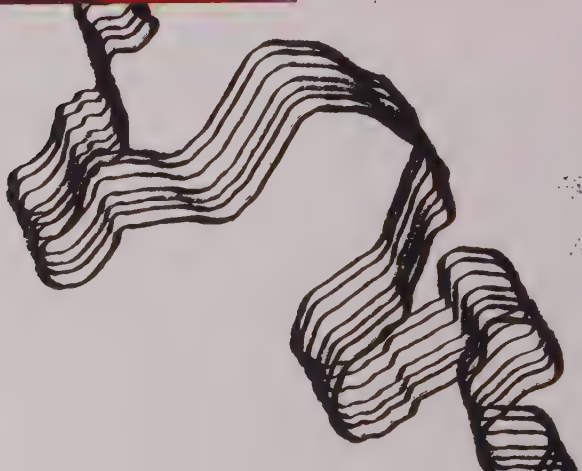


W-what about  
my brother?

What am I  
supposed to tell  
her?



I don't even  
know what to tell  
myself...



I don't want to  
hurt her.

Ah.  
Um.  
Nothing.  
I'm sorry.



W-wait,  
Persephone.



I don't want  
to be late for  
work.

We can talk  
more about this  
later.



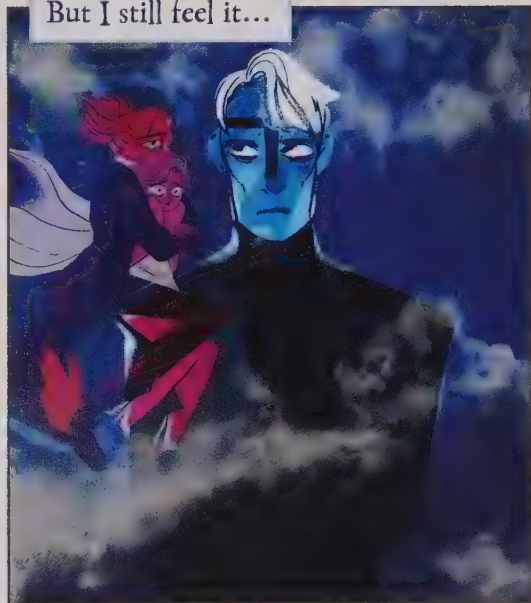


**EPISODE 51: DISTANCE**

I have no right to  
be jealous.



But I still feel it...



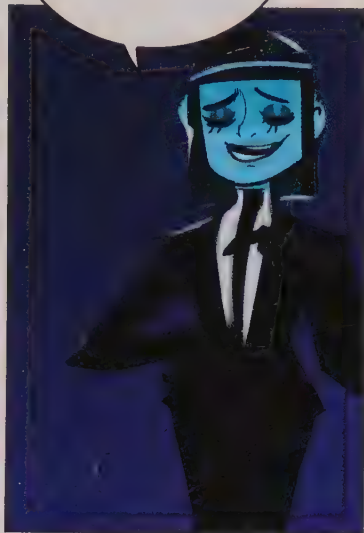


Where is Hades?



I thought I was meeting with him.

Oh, he's caught up in a meeting, so you're stuck with this old gal.



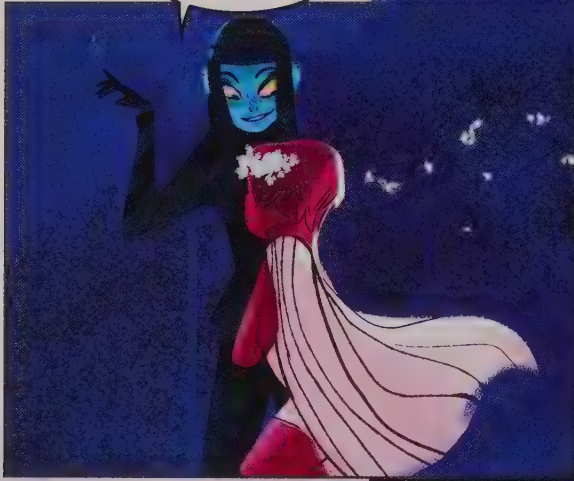
That's fine with me!



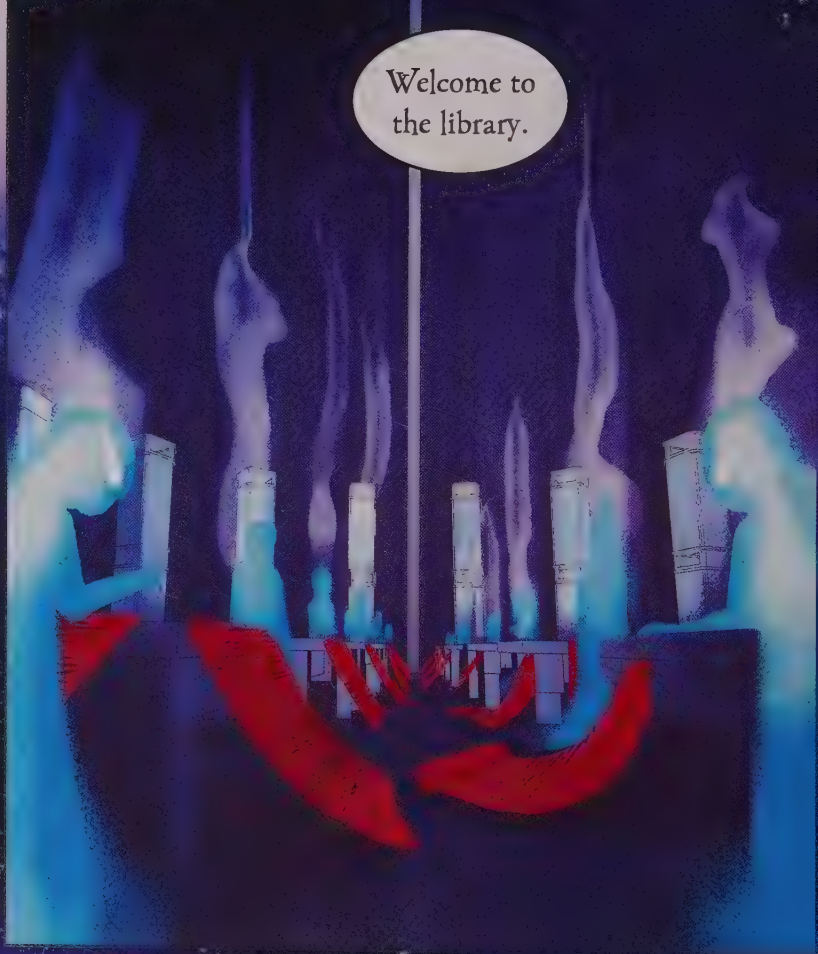
Come on, I'll show you what you'll be doing.



Remember to  
speak quietly.



Welcome to  
the library.





The library?

What are they writing?



They record the lives of every single mortal as they happen.



Each scroll represents one mortal life.



Really?

I know, isn't it amazing?



So, when a mortal is born, new scroll is started.





...What happens when they die?



Well, then the scroll needs to be filed away in the library.



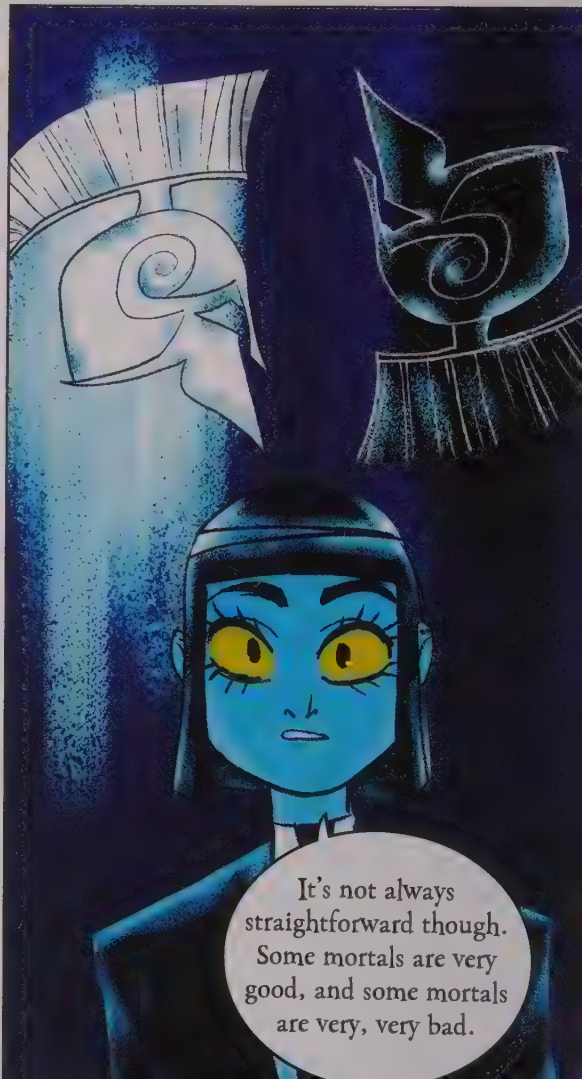
That's where you come in.

M-me?




Most mortals live very unremarkable lives.

So when they become shades they can be retrained for basic labor roles.




It's not always straightforward though. Some mortals are very good, and some mortals are very, very bad.




It goes without saying, death can be complicated.

But everyone should get a fair trial with the King of the Underworld.




But he stole my cow.




No. He stole MY cow!



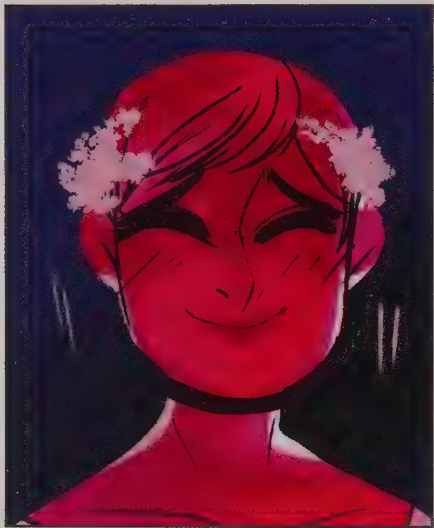
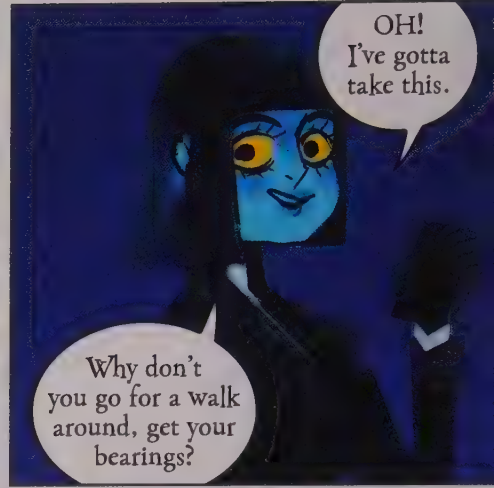
Sweet Zeus.



You'll be assisting Thanatos and Hermes with gathering information for certain trials.



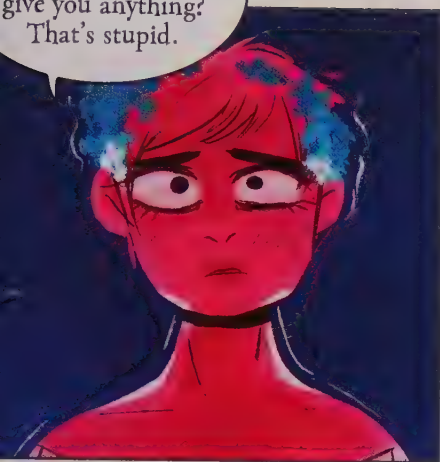
Really? You'd trust me with that?







So, you can give  
me gifts, but I can't  
give you anything?  
That's stupid.



**BING!**



Oh hey!



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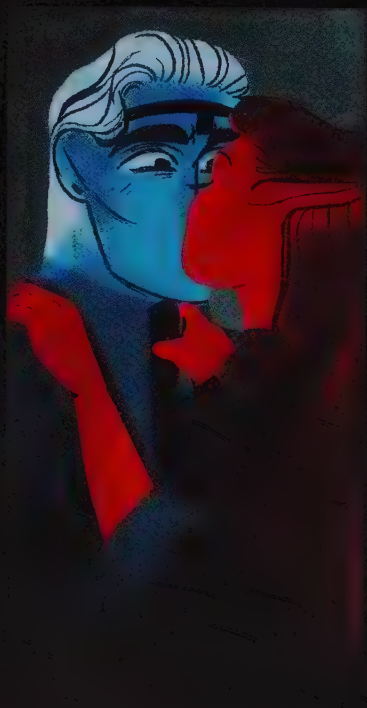
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Not at work,  
please.

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OH!

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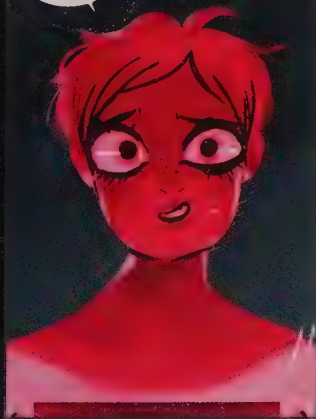


Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't see you there.

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Eh-heh.



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Did you see those updates I made to your calendar?

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Not yet, I've had a very busy morning.

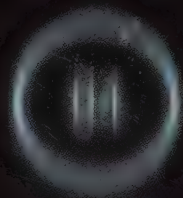


Well. Don't forget to look; it was a nightmare of rearrange.

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BING!



That's me.



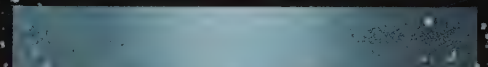
What a cute container!



So homely, like something my mom would have.



Later, Big Blue.



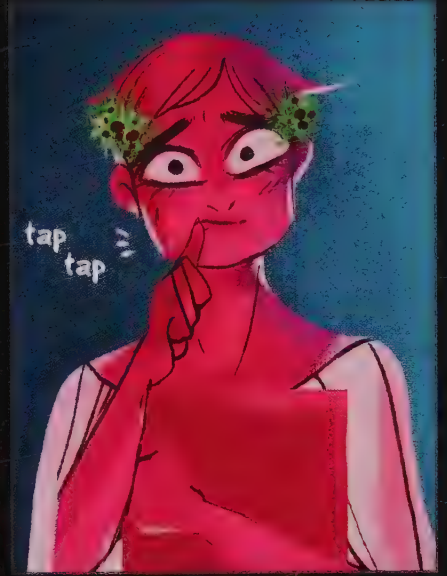


## EPISODE 52: GOING DOWN

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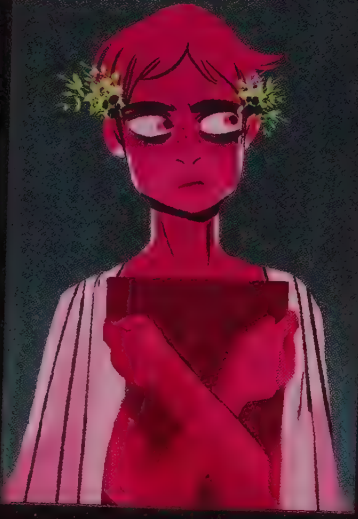
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Of course, he was just humoring me before.



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He doesn't want  
your stupid food.



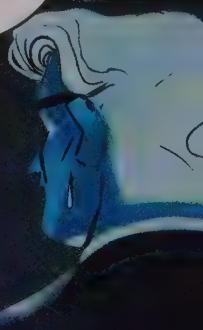
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Dumb village girl.



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You make a  
beautiful couple.  
You must be  
happy.



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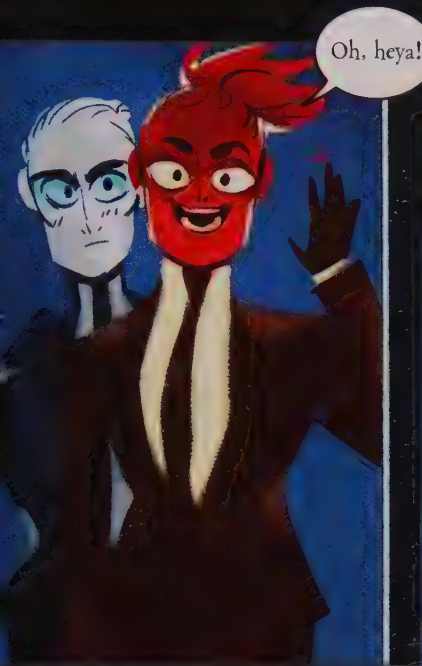


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**BING!**





Oh, heya!

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Hey,  
hey, are you  
all right?

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Just  
first-day  
jitters.  
Heh.

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HMM  
MMM!

So good!

I feel like  
you've really  
outdone yourself  
this time.

62

NO!  
None for you,  
lazybones.

61

Mmm,  
that's probably  
a little too harsh.  
Have one.

Okay, two.

60

BING!

AH!  
There you  
are!



59

I was just going over your paperwork and I see you haven't included a copy of your driver's license.



58

Oh, that's because I don't have one.



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Excuse me?



You drove my car!



What do you mean she got to drive your car!?

You won't even let me touch your car--

Does this mean I can borrow your car this afternoon...?

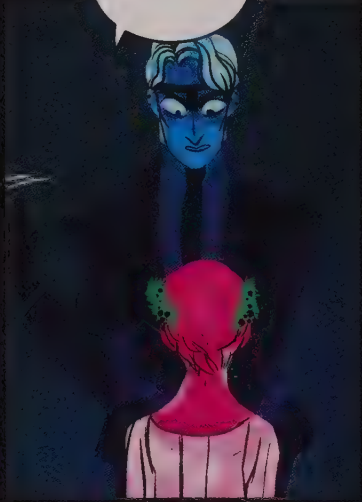


For reasons...



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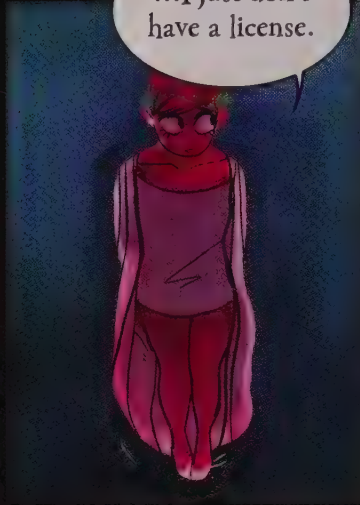
Explain.



52

I-I know how to drive.

...I just don't have a license.



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You can't drive without a license!



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How could I possibly get into trouble with the King of the Underworld as my escort?



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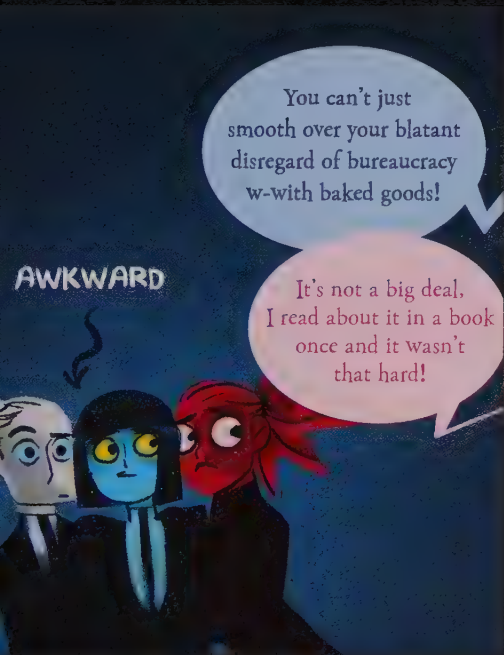


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Here, when you're done being snippy, you can eat that.

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You can't just smooth over your blatant disregard of bureaucracy w-with baked goods!

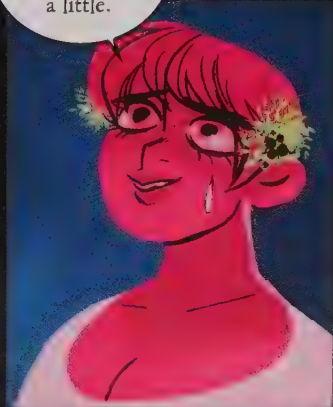
It's not a big deal, I read about it in a book once and it wasn't that hard!

45



You told me you were an excellent driver!

...I may have fudged the truth a little.



44



So I guess  
we're even.

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Ah shit,  
I double-booked  
myself.

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Hades,  
would you please  
guide Persephone  
through the rest  
of the tour?



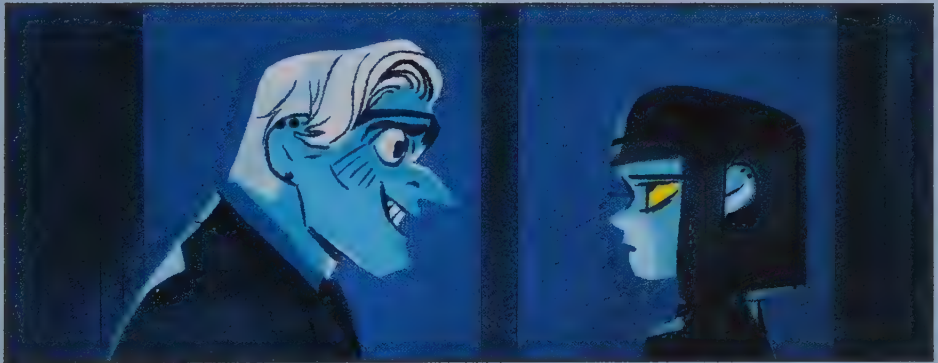
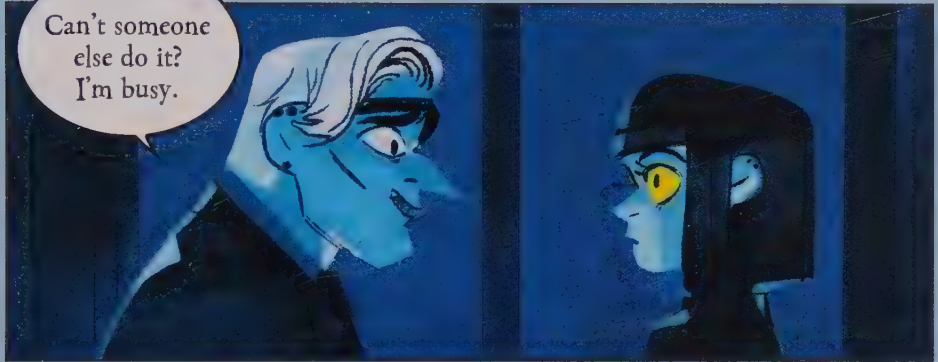
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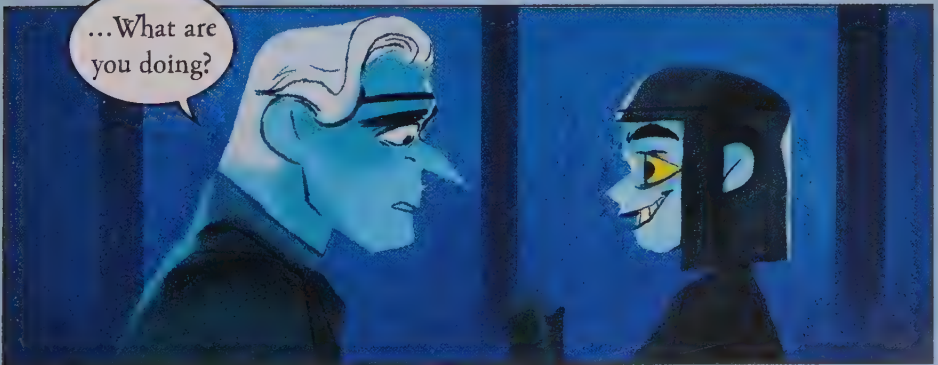
**BING!**

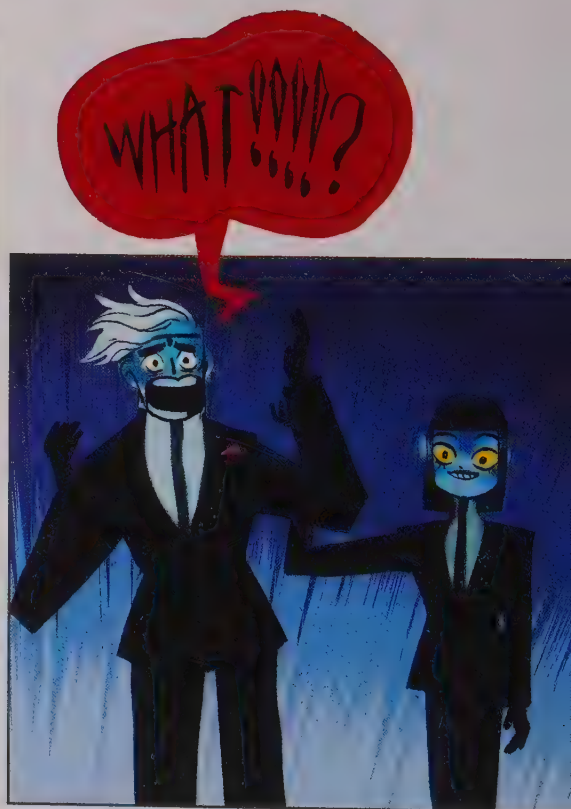


Can't someone  
else do it?  
I'm busy.




...What are  
you doing?








THANK  
YOU  
SO  
MUCH.  
BYE!



She said  
it's fine.



I sincerely  
doubt that.



**EPIISODE 53: THE TOUR (PART I)**



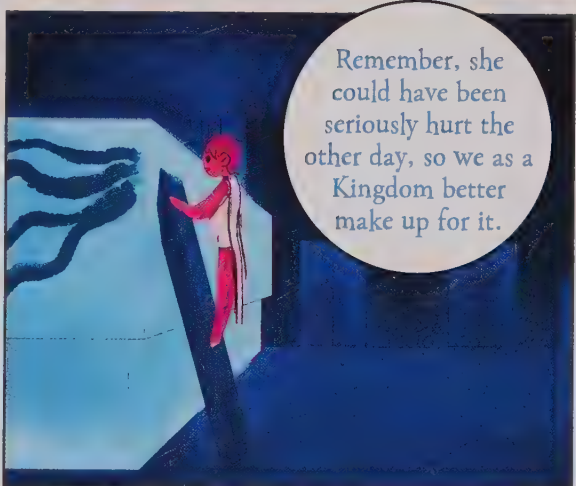
It wouldn't kill you to put your diplomacy cap on.



The optics will be excellent.



Since when did I need excellent optics?



Remember, she could have been seriously hurt the other day, so we as a Kingdom better make up for it.



We need to get to the bottom of that.

I still don't understand how she even got there in the first place.



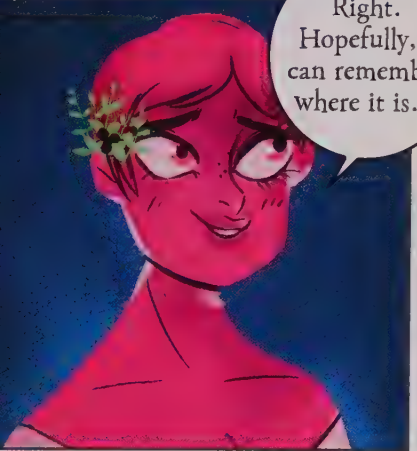
Big hint: why don't you try asking her?



Just remember to stop by the support office and get your photo taken, okay?



Right. Hopefully, I can remember where it is...



I'll see you guys later!!!!



I didn't take you for the matchmaker type.



Ha!  
Nope.





I know  
you're mad  
at me right  
now.

But could  
you please  
walk a little  
slower?



I'm having  
trouble keeping  
up with you.

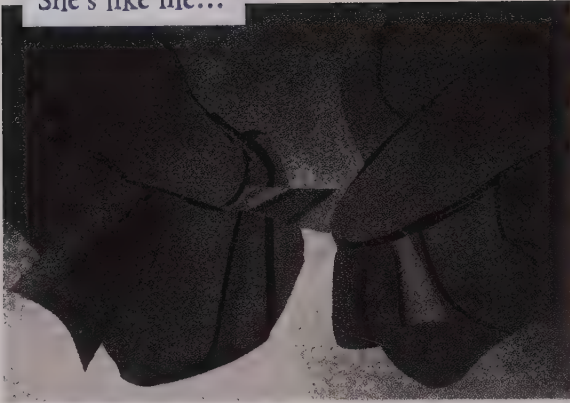


"Internal screaming"





She's like me...



She always catches me off guard.



J-just get your driver's license.







What do you think of tower 1?



No lie, I'm probably going to get lost.

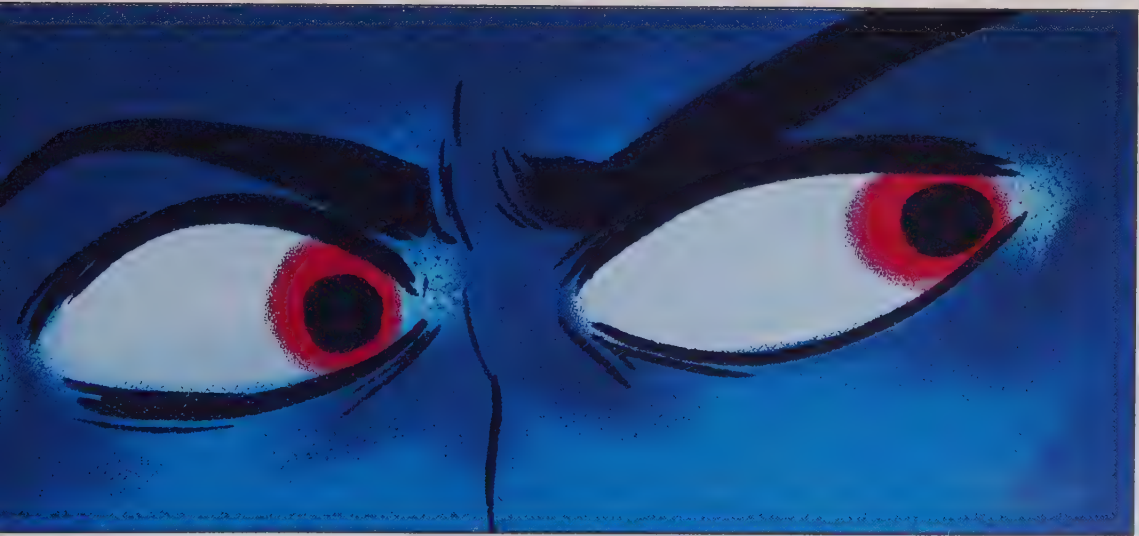
It's a bit of a labyrinth.



You'll get used to it.

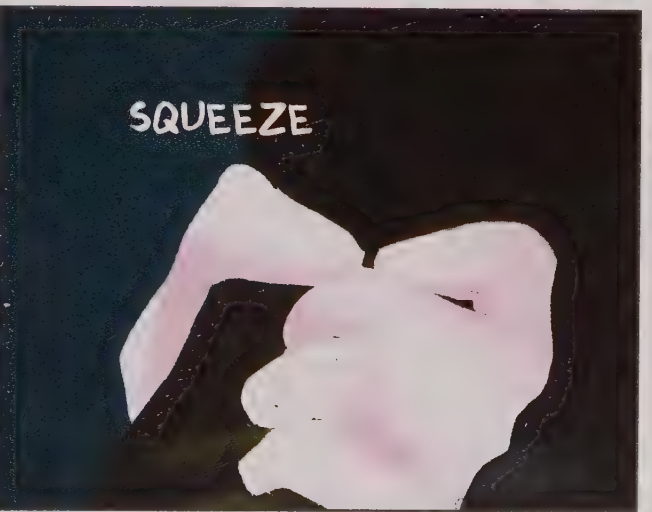


It's just a matter of finding out where you need to be.





**EPISODE 54: THE TOUR (PART 2)**





Got quite a grip, don't ya?



Is she...



...is she angry?

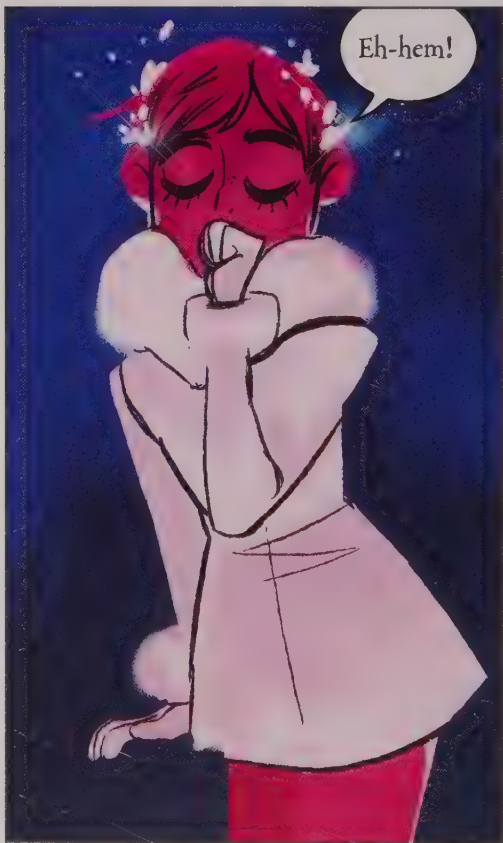


Please don't grab me.

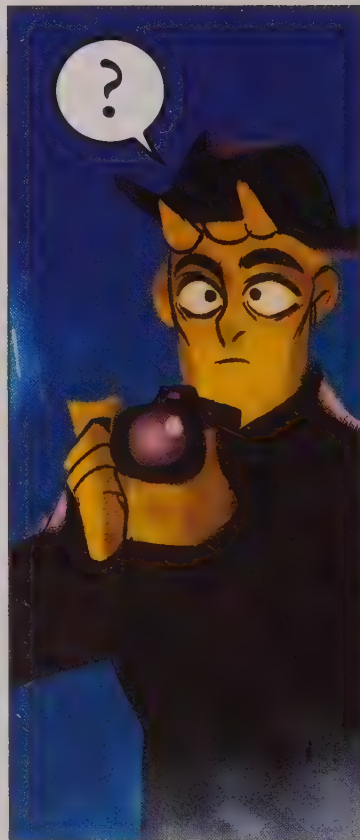


I've been grabbed several times this week, and I don't care for it.











# SNAP







GONE



Weird.



S-sorry!  
The flash  
just made  
me dizzy.

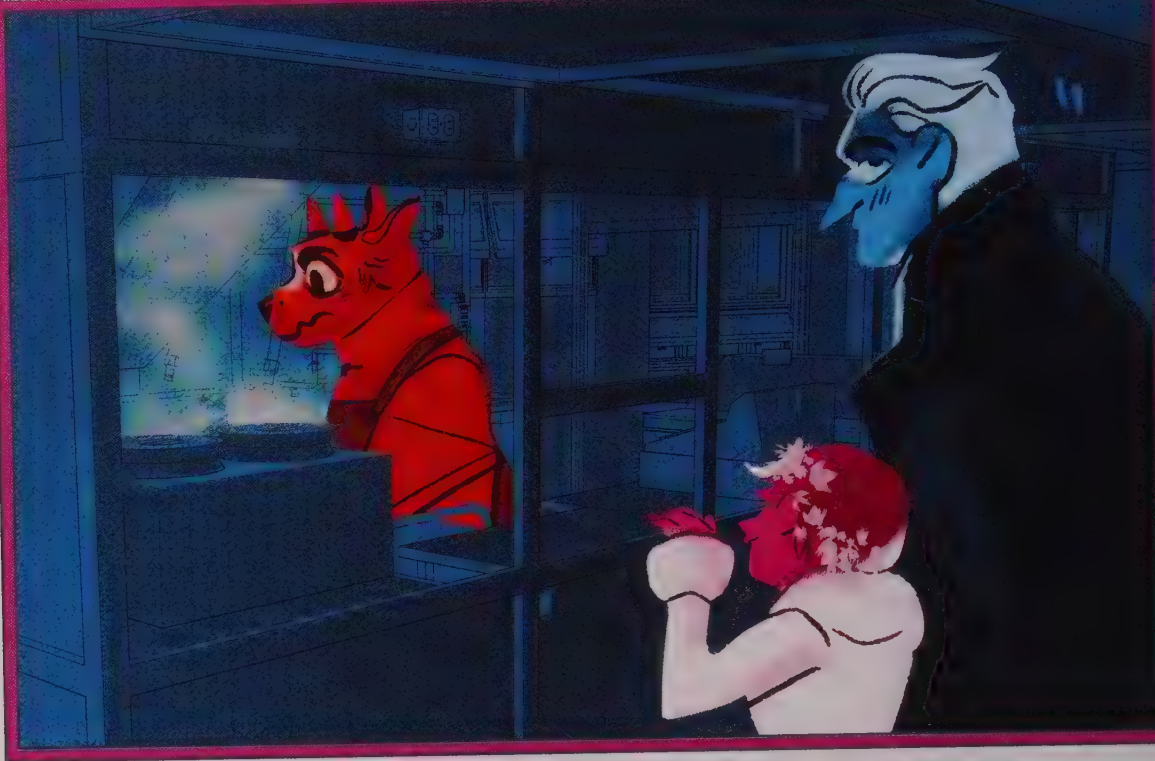


Dizzy?  
Do you  
want to go  
home?



I'm fine. Just  
embarrassed.

Really.





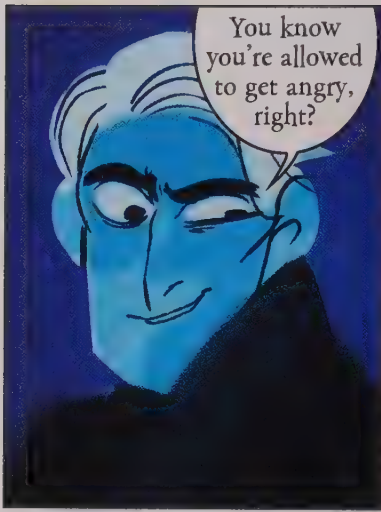
Were you getting angry before?



**GASP!**  
You were angry.



You're enjoying this way too much.





I would have loved to have seen you lay into him.



I'm glad the prospect of my wrath delights you, but I'm not a king--



I can't just do whatever suits me.

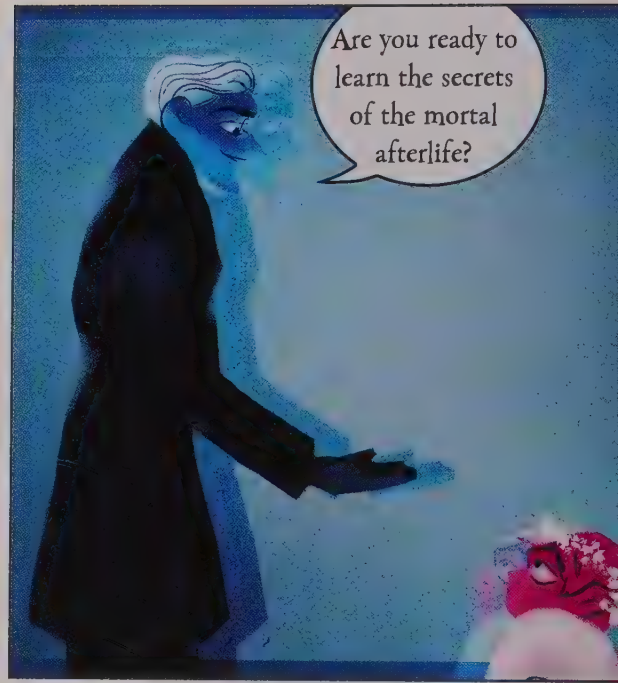


I don't always get to do what I want. But I see your point.





We'd better  
get moving.  
Man, I'm a  
lousy tour  
guide.



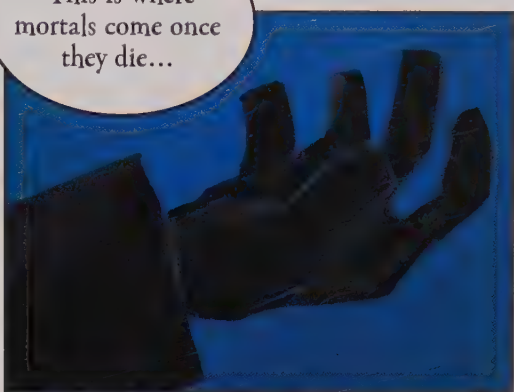
Are you ready  
to learn the secrets  
of the mortal  
afterlife?



Yes, I think  
I'd like that.



Welcome to the gateway from the Mortal Realm to the Underworld.



This is where mortals come once they die...



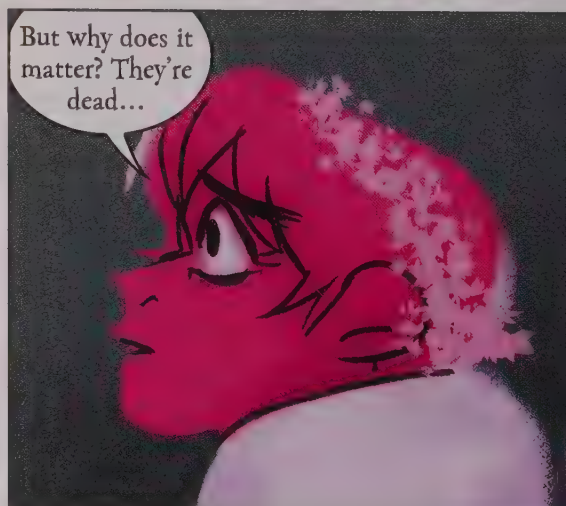
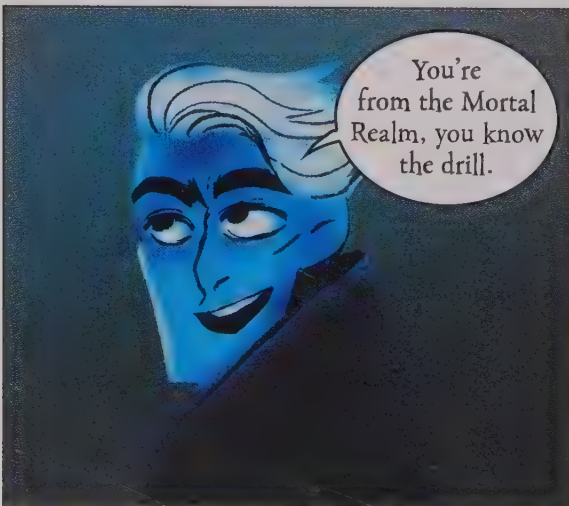
...where they must make their final descent toward judgment.



...



...It looks like a lobby.





Mortals who have recently arrived in the afterlife can be delicate.

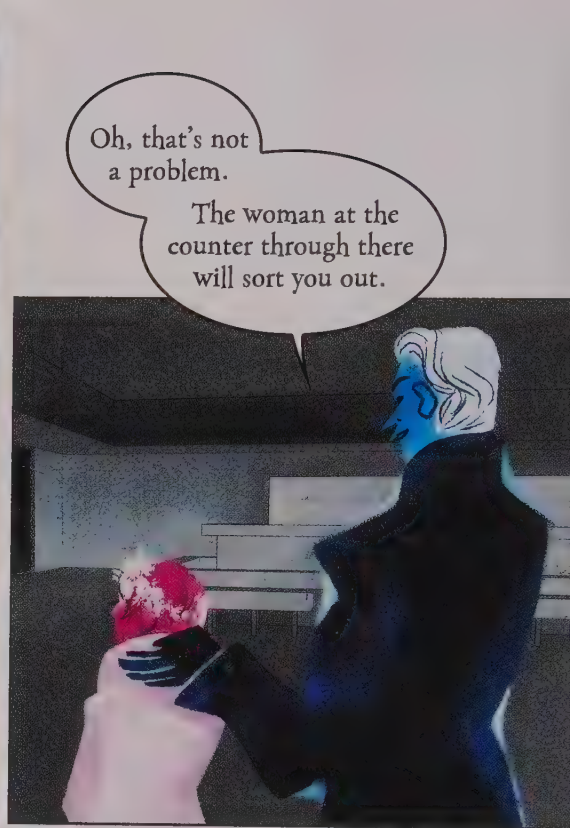
If they see something they don't understand they may become hysterical.



Oh.



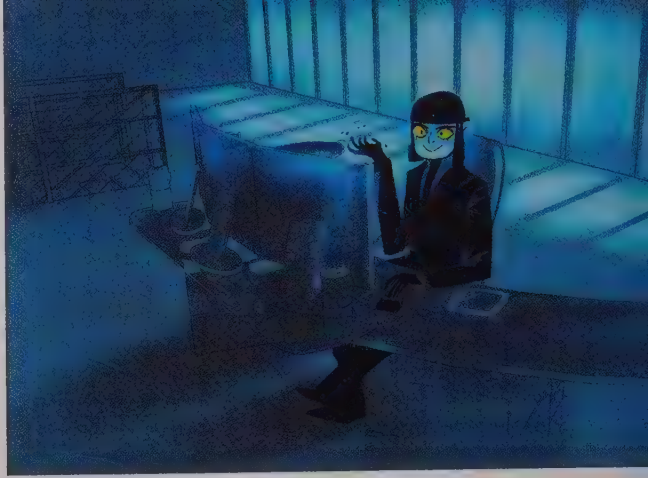
It's better to ease them into it.





**EPISODE 55:** THE TOUR (PART 3)

I kind of  
lied about double-  
booking myself.



I need to get this  
limited edition  
jacket. Only 3 are  
being made.



Oh!  
It's finally  
starting!

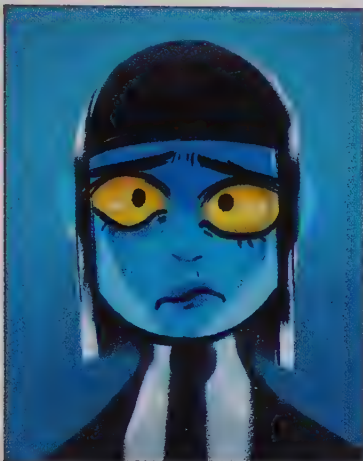


I'M TALKING TO  
HER FIRST.

JUST BECAUSE  
YOU'RE SCREWING  
THE BOSS DOESN'T  
MEAN YOU GET TO  
PUSH IN.

YOU'RE JUST SALTY  
BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT  
GETTING LAID.

Please, Gaia, not the brats.



CAN YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN TO ME WHY THAT LITTLE PINK BIMBO IS NOW EMPLOYED HERE!?



And why does Hades have to show her around?



A-and she's working in the library!?

I'm not finished!



It seems pretty sketchy to me that she not only is suddenly employed here, but also has a coveted position.

Please, Daddy, I want a job I'm totally unqualified for.

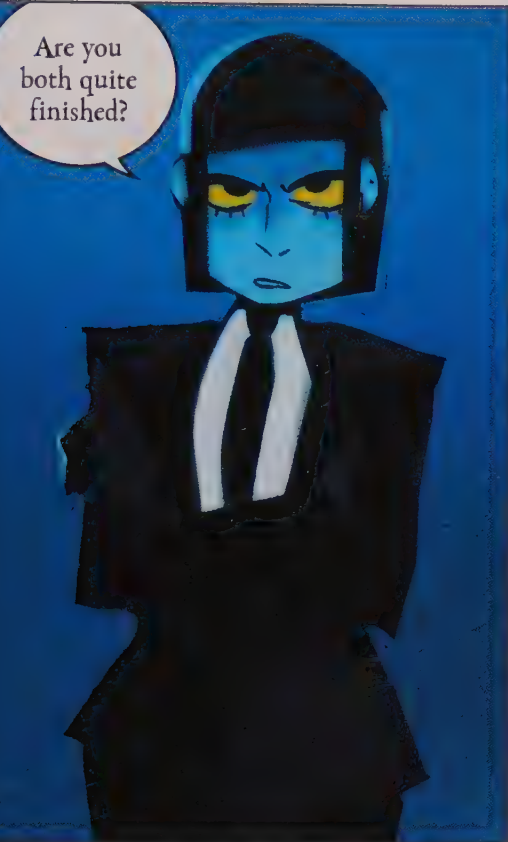
Sure thing, Kitten!




And I hear she was raised in the Mortal Realm.

She's probably no smarter than an entry-level shade.







Are you both quite finished?



Minthe...



Whatever you and Hades do outside work doesn't affect my decision-making process.



I asked Hades to take Persephone on a tour because we need to do damage control after that incident in tower 4.



This is a place  
of work, not a  
high school  
fucking prom.




Got it!


Okay?



Thanatos...



You could at the very least wipe the baklava crumbs off your jacket before you complain about her.

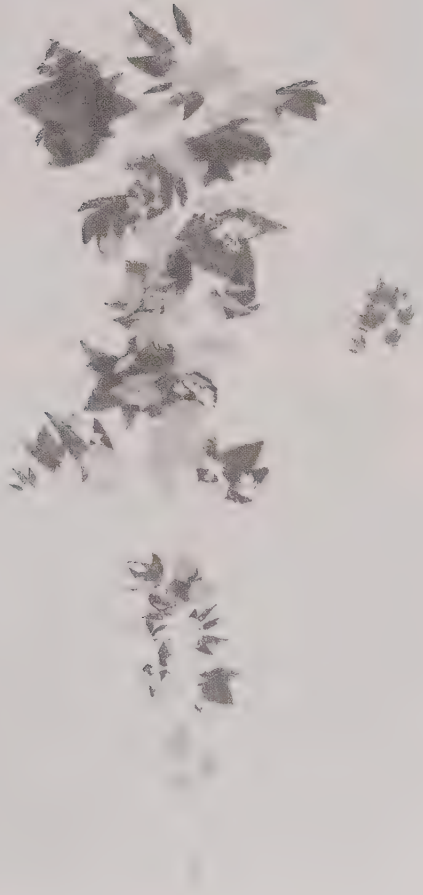


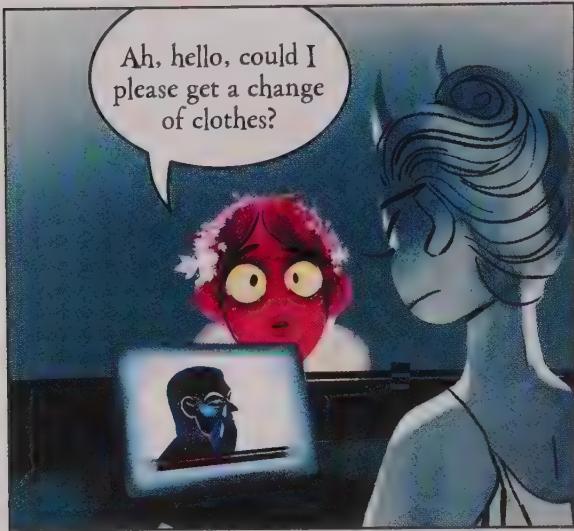
Minthe, you're excused. I need to talk to Thanatos privately.

Fine by me!



Wait!







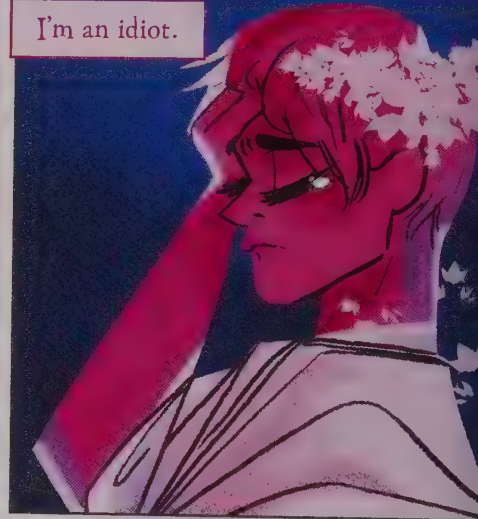
What did I think was going to happen?



I'm not even allowed to date, so why does it matter?



I'm an idiot.



SNIFF.  
SOB.





# SOB!



Minthe  
February 4



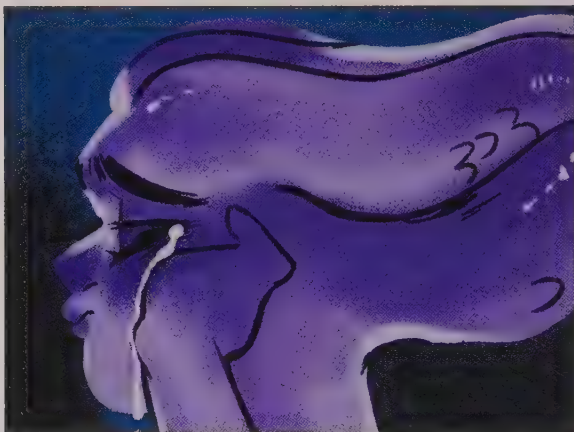
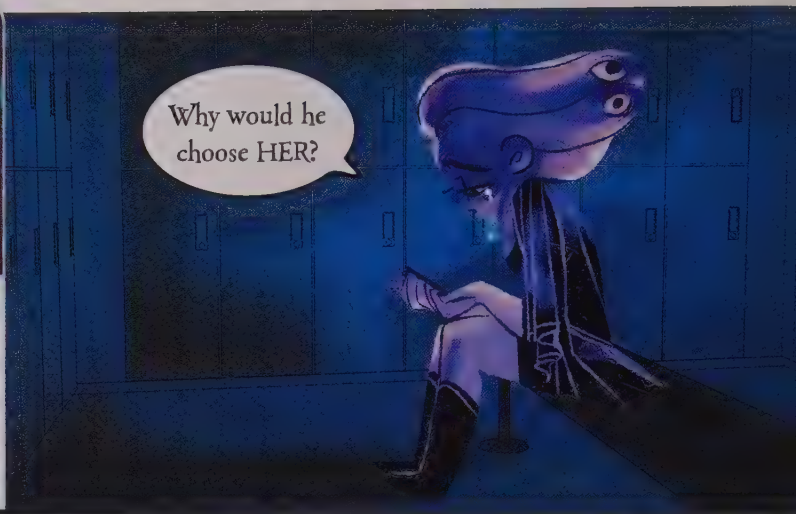
In a relationship with Hades

124 likes

2 Comments



Hades Stop using this website on company time.



Oh, it's her,  
the Goddess from  
the tabloid.



It's stupid. I'm  
embarrassed  
about crying.



I'm  
sure it's not  
stupid!



Sniff.  
The guy I like  
has started  
dating someone  
else.

I found out  
this morning.

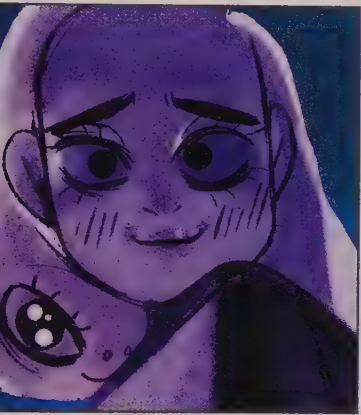
Yup...

That bites  
the big one.

Men are  
complicated...

Yup.

Well, he clearly  
doesn't deserve a  
rare beauty such  
as you.



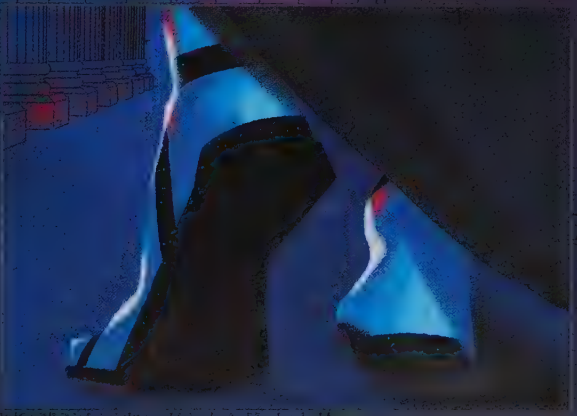


**EPISODE 56: A NEW POINT OF VIEW**

SIGH.  
This is so much  
harder than I  
thought it was  
going to be.



I'm supposed to  
be putting space  
between us.



She makes everything so easy though...



No!

Self-control.

I have self-control.



I'm an all-powerful God...



!!!



I-I've got my shit  
together...



I have a strong handle  
on my impulses!!!

There  
you are!



Look,  
I'm a fury!



I'm here  
to punish  
you! ♪



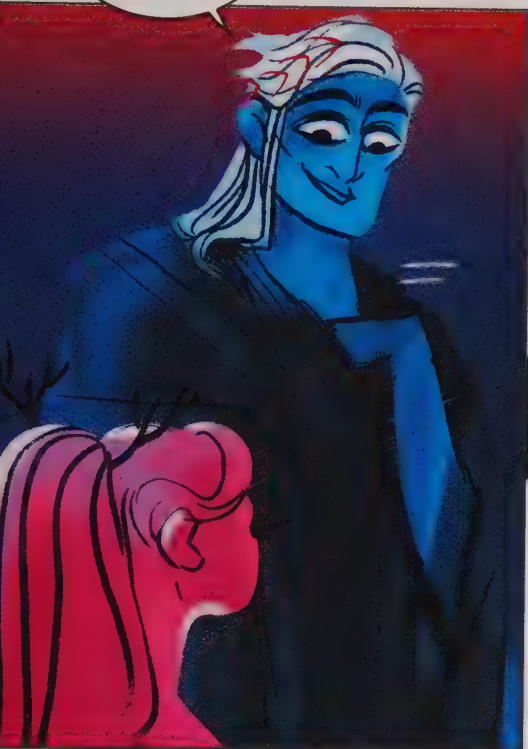
# MASCULINE



# PANIC



Hah,  
nope. I'm the  
mastermind  
behind that  
choice.




I'm afraid "homemade"  
business cards don't  
really fit our corporate  
branding though.



Shade  
Coordinator...









And you're clearly very powerful.


You made a forest in a place where **NOTHING** is meant to live.




Do you really think I'm powerful?



I, for one, find you terrifying.



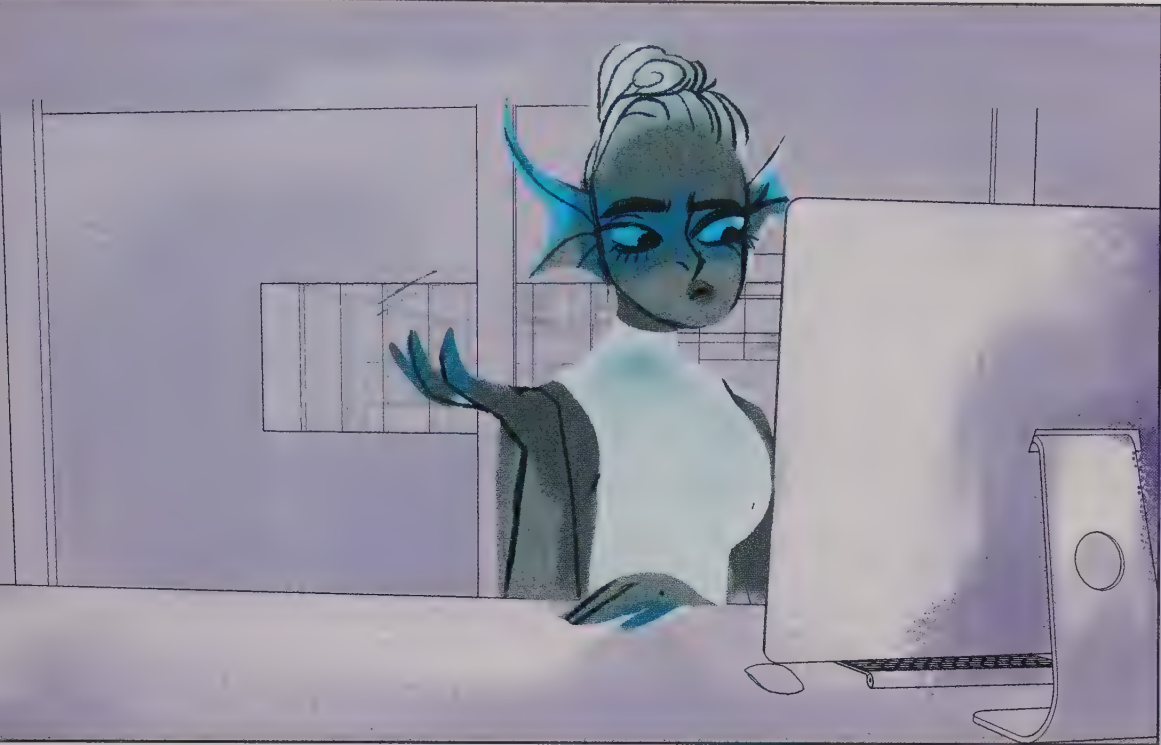
On that note, how are things going with your powers?



Nothing out of the ordinary...



...You're flying.



A nymph in a public relationship with a God!?

 **Minthe**  
February

♥

**In a relationship with Hades**

 124 others 2 Comments

 **Hades**  
Stop using this website on company time.

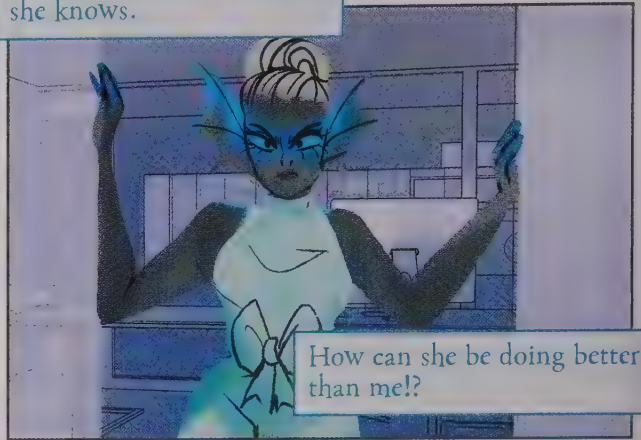
 **Minthe**  
Go fuck yourself 🤔🤔🤔



How the fuck did that tricky slut manage that?



I taught Minthe everything she knows.



How can she be doing better than me!?

I-I need to step up my game.



Crap!



I forgot his family was coming in today.



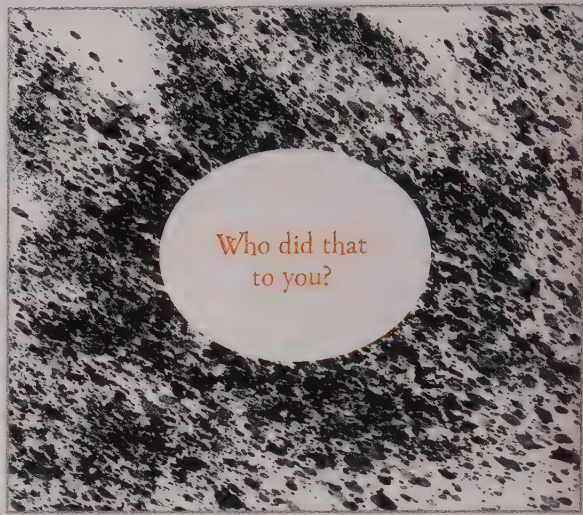
What a perfect family.



I'll have to fix that.

PREVIOUSLY ON  
**LORE OLYMPUS**





I still can't shake the vision from the other day.



My visions aren't always correct.



But they are most of the time.



So who was it?



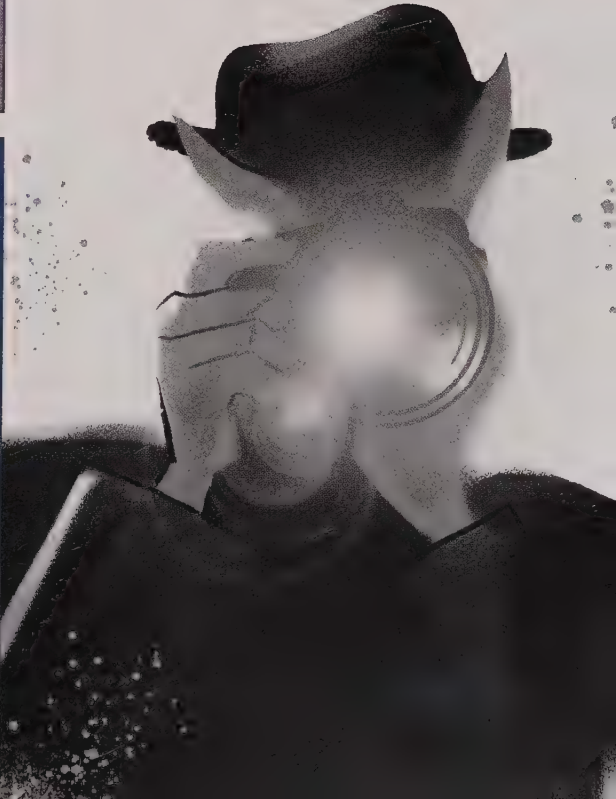
It couldn't have been Hades.



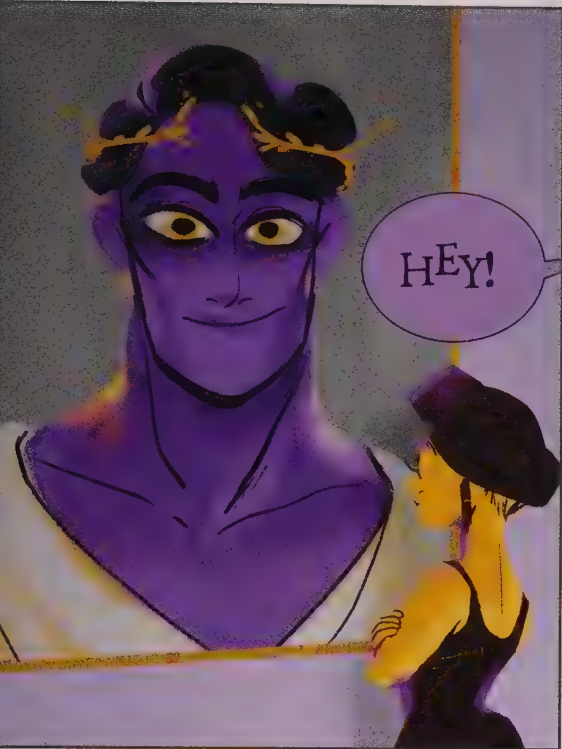
**SNAP**



R-ready!









**EPISODE 57: THE BEACH**

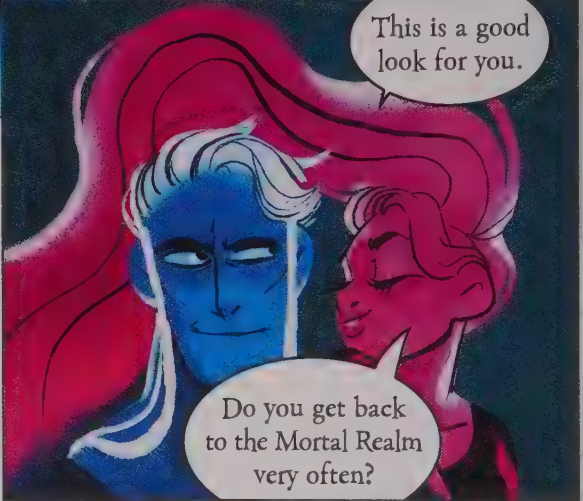




I'm glad I don't have to crane my neck to speak with you anymore!



I like the embroidery on this.



This is a good look for you.

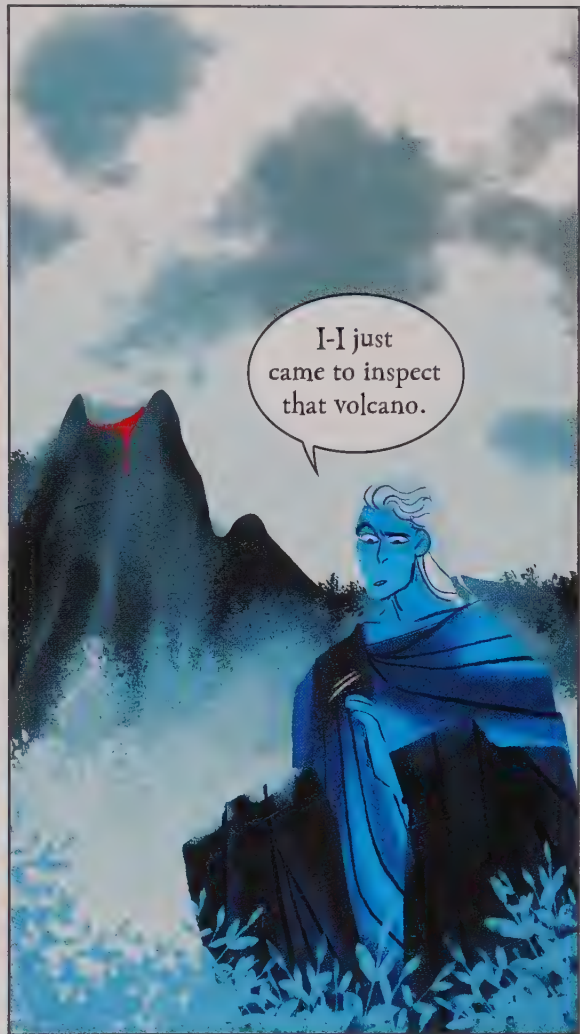
Do you get back to the Mortal Realm very often?




I try to avoid it when I can.




I'm not exactly a fan favorite.



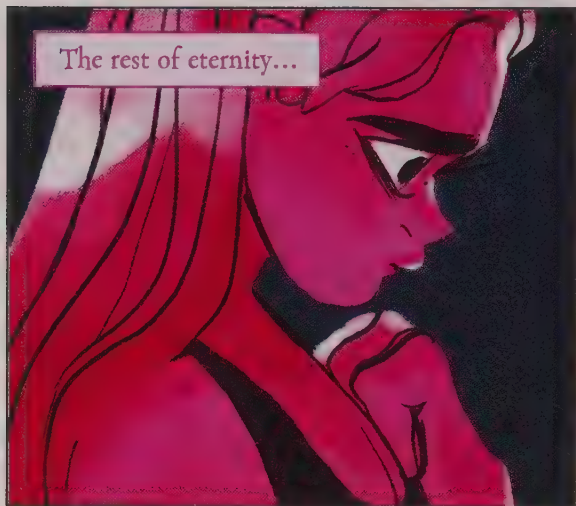


Oh, don't you worry about me.




Mortals might not pray to me or build temples in my name...

But once they die they're all in service to the Underworld for the rest of eternity.



The rest of eternity...



Hey!




GULP



This is it.

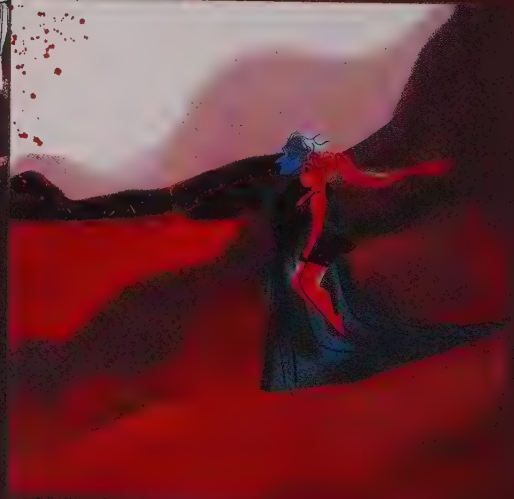
Where the Mortal  
Realm meets the  
afterlife.





We have  
to whisper here  
because the shades  
are new.

We don't  
want to disturb  
them.



That's where Hermes  
and Thanatos bring in  
the new souls.




Who's that  
man on the  
shore?




That's Charon,  
the Ferryman of  
the Dead.




He takes shades  
on his boat for the  
price of a single obol.




What happens  
if they don't have  
money?




Then they have to  
wait on the shores of  
Acheron for 100 years.



Hades,  
that's terrible.



I didn't get rich  
passing out free  
boat rides.



Oh, look,  
it's Styx.



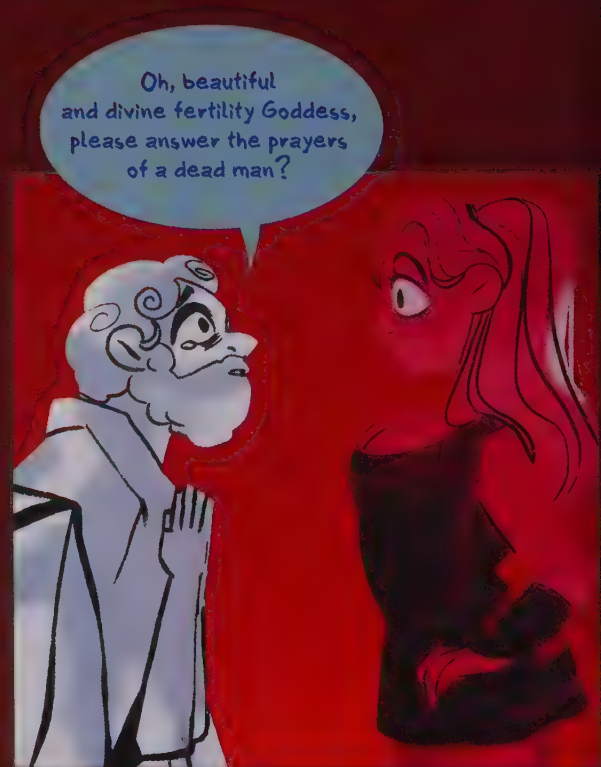
She's the Underworld's most powerful river.


She carries all the boats farther into the Underworld for judgment.




That's where I come in.








I'm not  
a fertility--





Please help  
my family's  
farm grow!



Please,  
divine one,  
bless my son's wife  
with many healthy  
births.

The same  
for my daughter,  
I want her  
marriage to  
go well!



...You might want to  
talk to your mother  
about the whole fertility  
Goddess thing.

What do I think  
of Apollo...?

HHHHH AHHH!

He's hard-  
working.

Handsome.

Talented.





I thought we were done with this.



I know what I felt.



SIGH.  
That may be so, but you don't have any proof.



I-I'm not sure, but I think it was Apo--



Don't complete that statement.



You're not even going to hear me out?





For what? Some upset over a B-grade Goddess from the Mortal Realm that no one's ever heard of?





SPIT!





**EPISODE 58: THE OFFER**

This is where we retrain the shades to do different jobs.



Most of them have the capacity for doing entry-level factory work.



People often expect me to have a fearless army of the undead.

But I prefer the financial benefits of ongoing unpaid labor.





It's probably not my place to say this...



But you don't have anything to be embarrassed about.

There is nothing wrong with being a fertility Goddess--



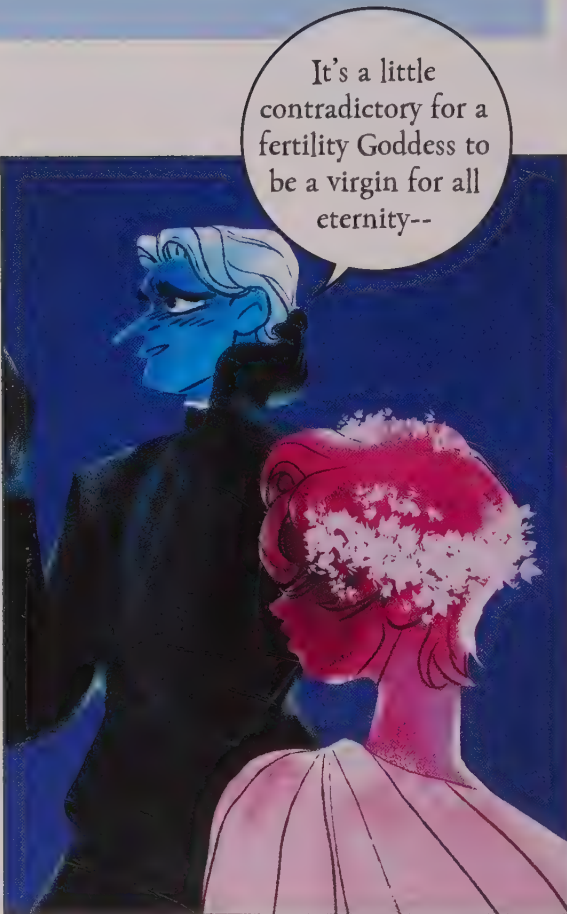
You don't know that's true, the mortals might be wrong.

And why would my mother hide something like that from me?



Maybe she thought she was doing you a favor?





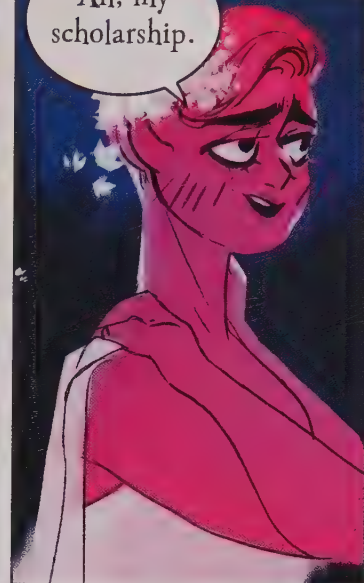
So you know about that, huh?



Sorry!  
It's in your transcript.



Ah, my scholarship.





What I mean to say is...



If being an eternal maiden was a goal for you...



Maybe your mother didn't want to discourage you?

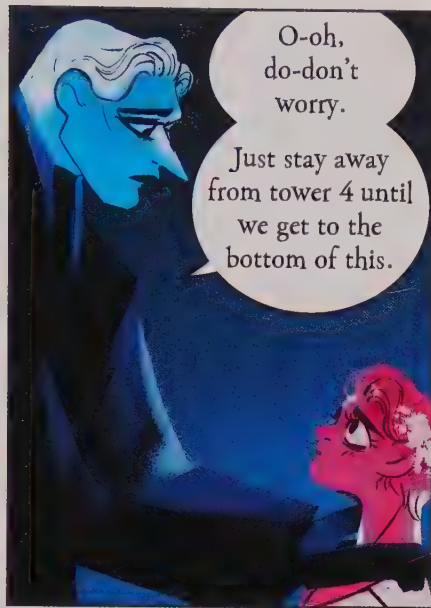
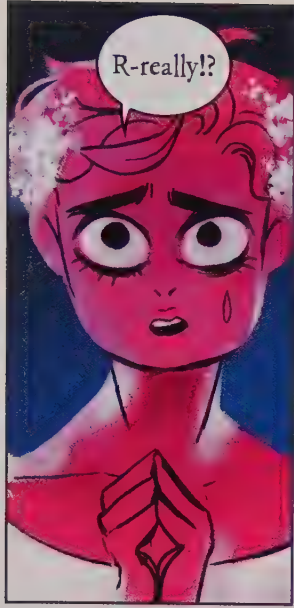


I'm not an authority in regard to fertility Goddesses or vows of celibacy.

You need to talk to your mother.



If you truly are a fertility Goddess, it's dangerous for you to be in certain areas of the Underworld.





I know you're perfectly capable of looking out for yourself.

I-I mean, you've got Artemis and she's pretty scary--



# HESITATE



I-it's fine, go on.




But if you ever feel you're in danger, I would help you.



If-if that's what you wanted.




I kinda do, actually, y-yeah.




I'm sorry, I need to mind my own business--


OH!  
You said yes.



Well, it's just like what it says on my business card.



How will you know it's me?

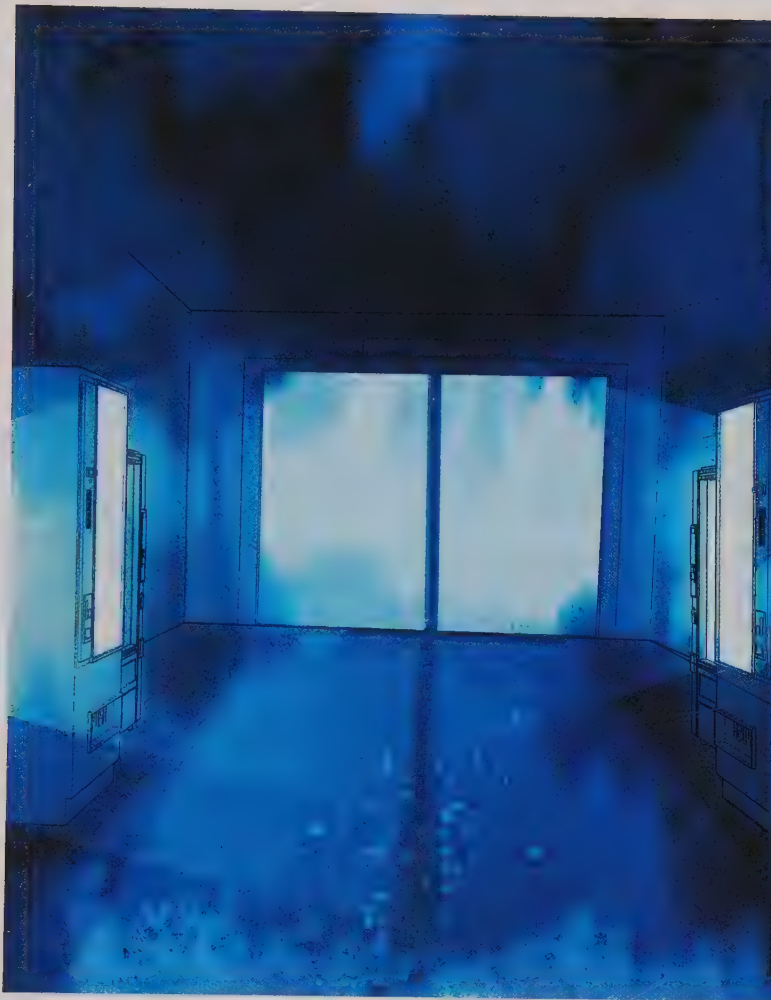


Trust me, I'll always know when it's you.





**EPISODE 59: WHIPLASH**





I just don't need the emotional whiplash.



I'd like to know where I stand with you...



We're f-friends, right?



Yes, o-of course.



I get you're my boss now, and maybe our dynamic has to change a little.



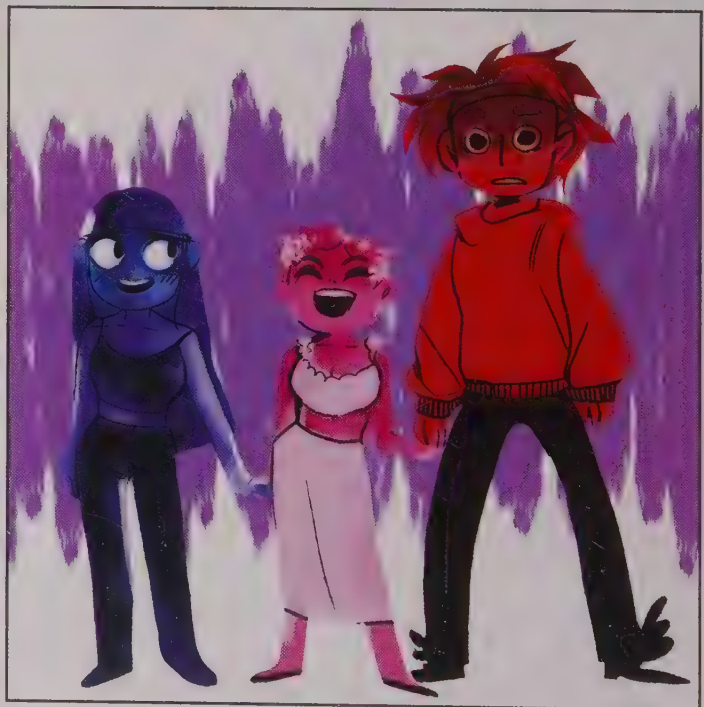
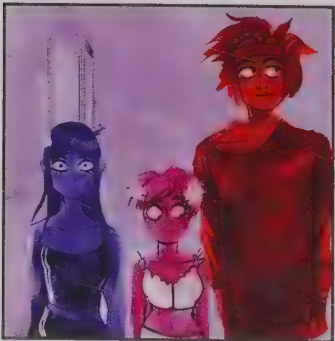
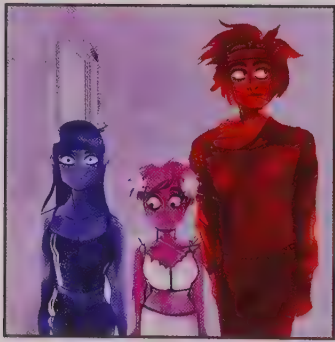
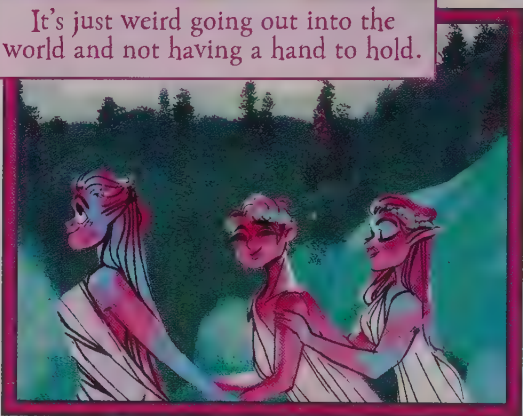
Just let me know what your boundaries are.



I know sometimes I can be a little too friendly...



It's just weird going out into the world and not having a hand to hold.






I'm still getting used to sleeping on my own.



Oh! Not like that!




In the Mortal Realm...



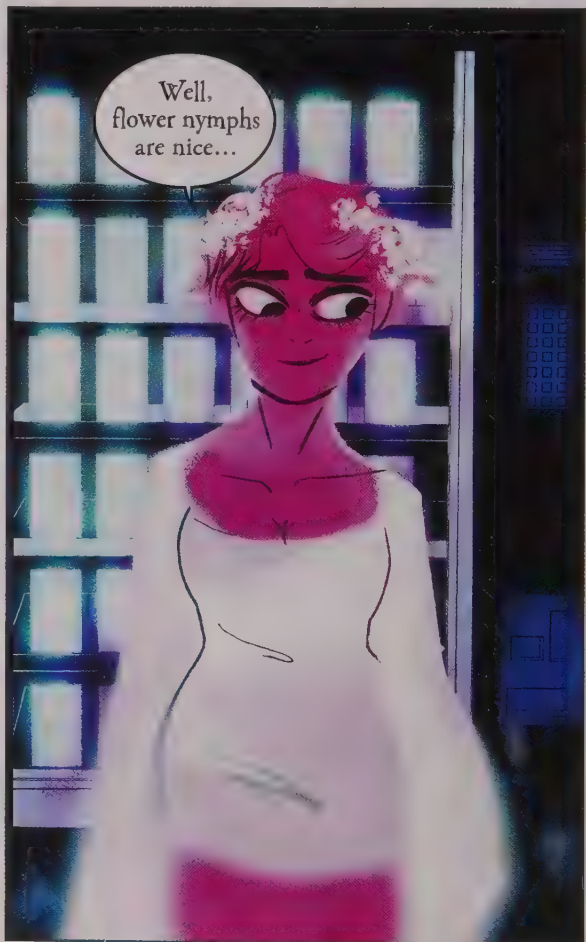
The flower nymphs and I used  
to work all day in the fields.

Afterward, we would  
swim all evening...



...then fall asleep together  
under the stars.











How much time does he need  
to show her around?

They should have  
been back hours ago.



What if she narks on me  
about the bad directions  
I gave her?



I just wanted to send her on a  
wild-goose chase, that's all.



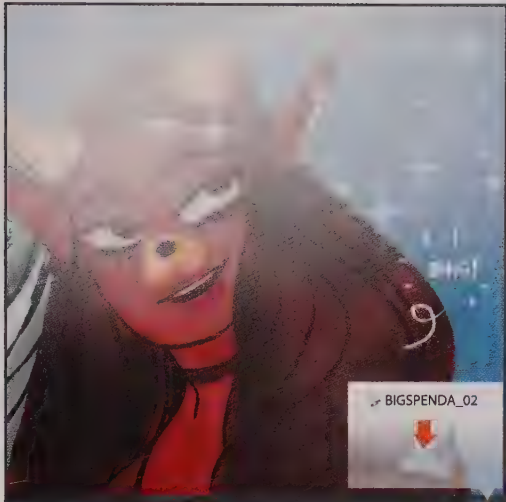
How was I supposed to know  
all those shades would freak out!?



He'll be furious if he finds out.



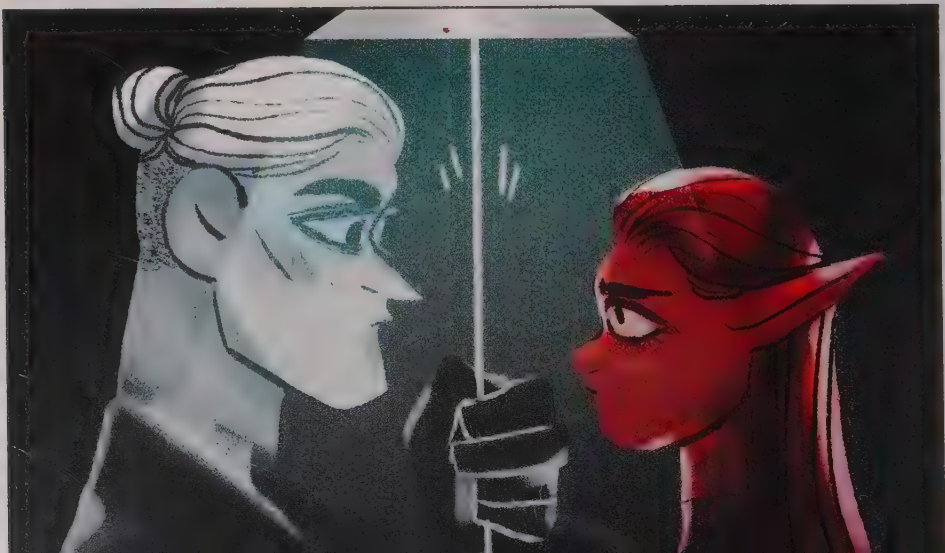
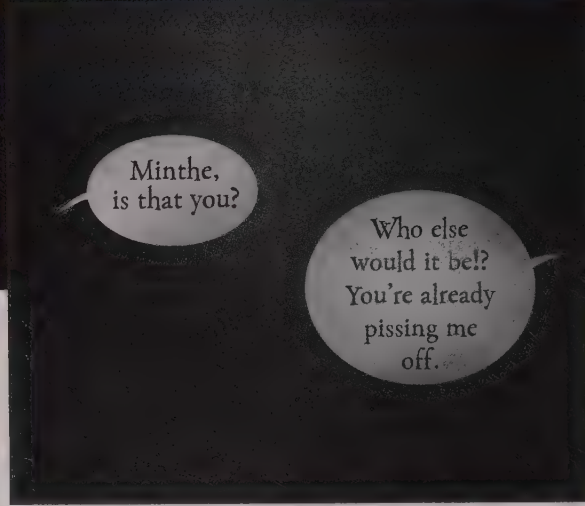
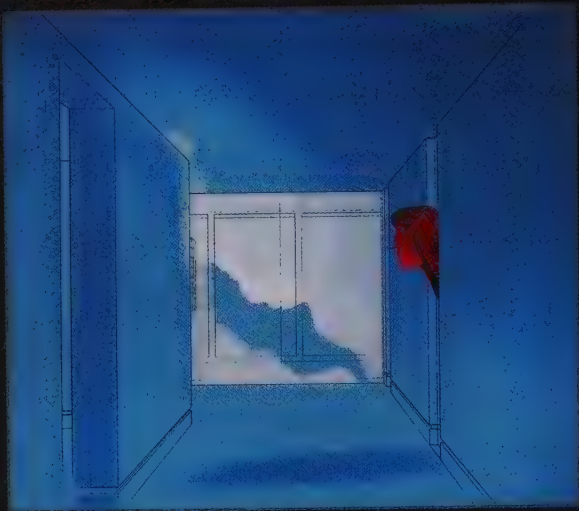
Maybe I should call  
Thetis, she always knows  
what to do...



Argh, I guess I'd better  
deal with this.

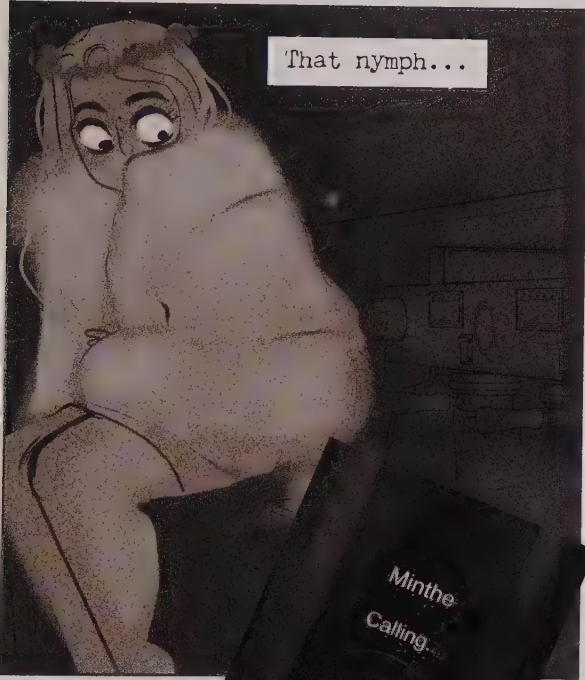
Having a shit day.  
Meet me in the  
tower 1, level 5  
supply closet. ♡



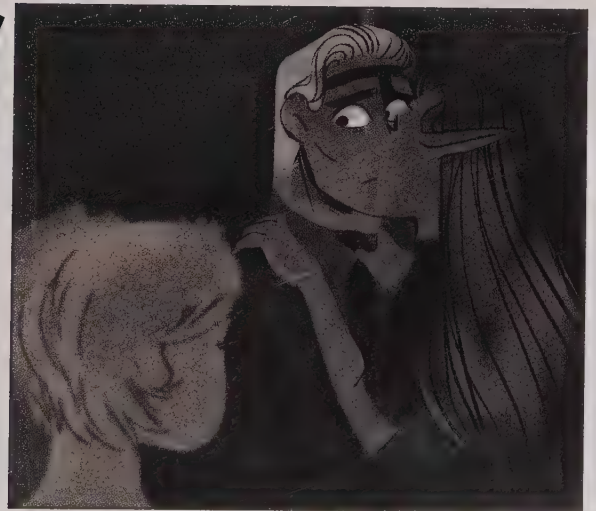




How did  
you end up  
at tower 4?



That nymph...



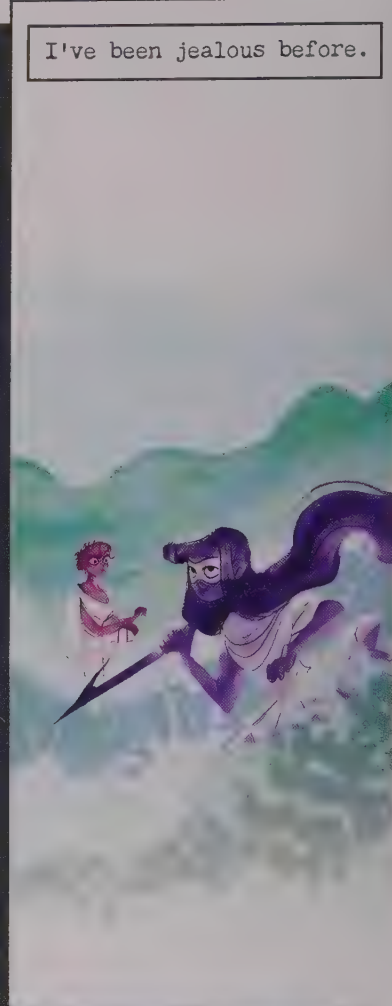
Minthe.



Her name is a  
weighted feeling in  
my chest.



I've been jealous before.



But not like this.



There is venom behind it.



I wonder how long they've known each other.



How did they meet?

Do they go on dates?



Does she own a hair comb identical to the one he gave me?



I want to know, even though each answer would come with a sting.



I could tell him the truth.



Get her in trouble.



Maybe she would  
even get fired.



...Would they break up?



I don't like  
feeling this way.





This place is big... I just got all turned around.



I don't understand why you're lying.



I'd rather leave it for another day...



Fine, whatever.



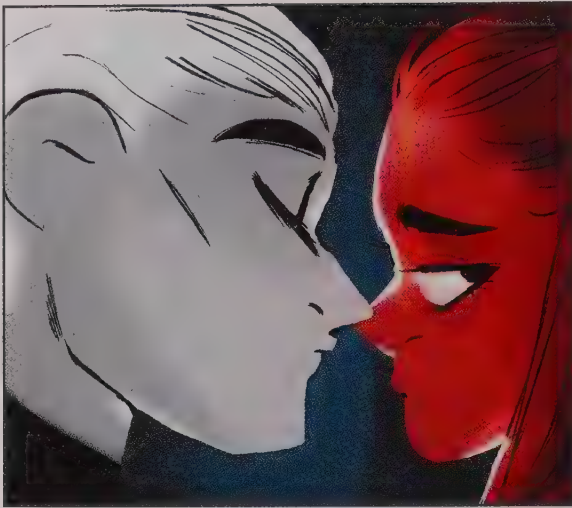
You're just lucky I'm not cashing in my "anytime, any place personal question."



*Thanks!*



**EPIISODE 60:** THAT NYMPH OVER THERE



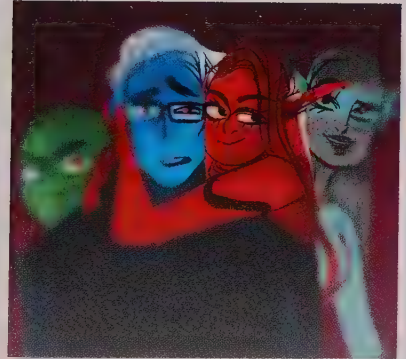
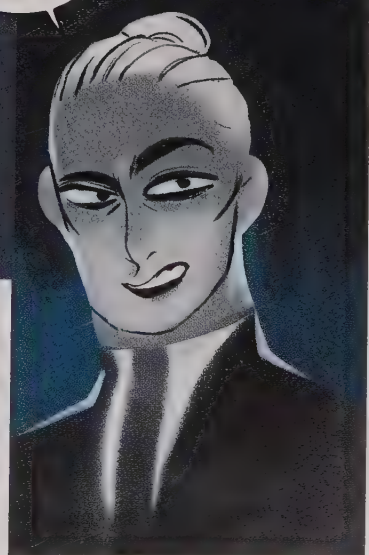
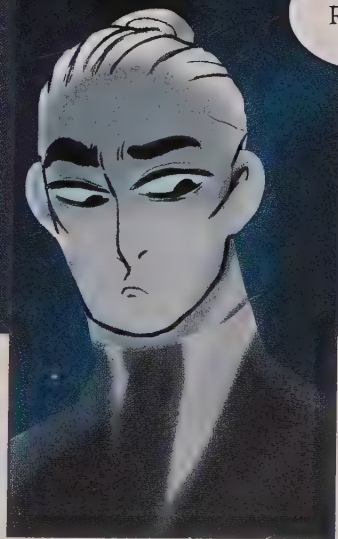
We can't hook up at work anymore...



Look, Hades and I are in a proper committed relationship now.



Really?



Minthe  
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2 Comments

Hades

Stop using this website on company time.

I'm just trying  
to make better life  
choices.



Which includes not  
randomly making out  
with you.



Sorry.



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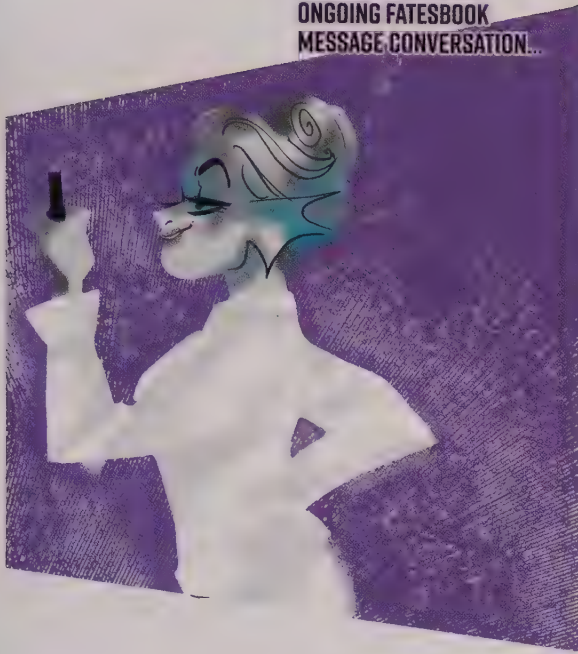


We can  
still do snarky  
chat?

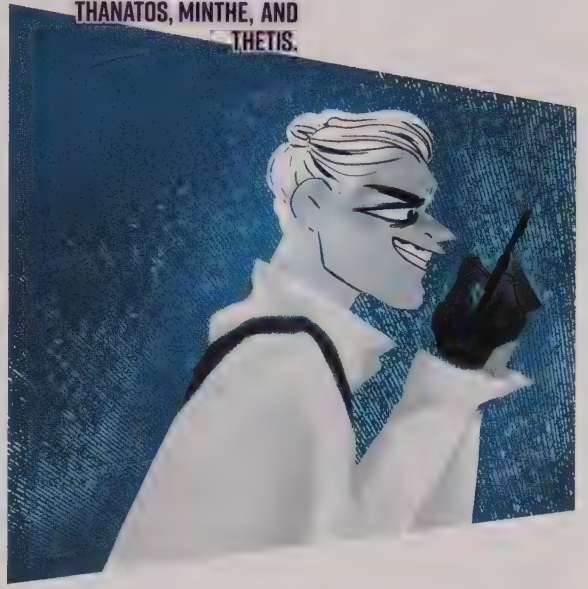


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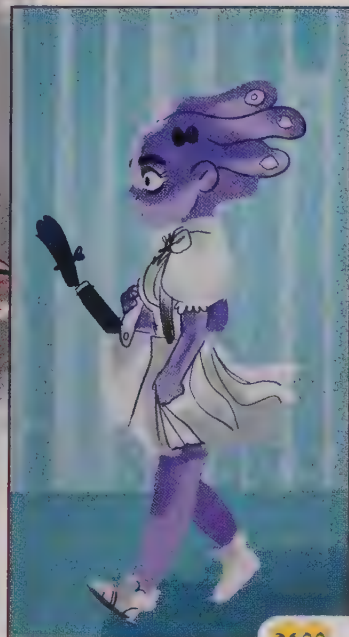
SNARKY CHAT IS AN ONGOING FATESBOOK MESSAGE CONVERSATION...



WHICH IS SHARED BY THANATOS, MINTHE, AND THETIS.



SNARKY CHAT WAS ESTABLISHED APPROXIMATELY 8 MONTHS AGO FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF TALKING SHIT ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.



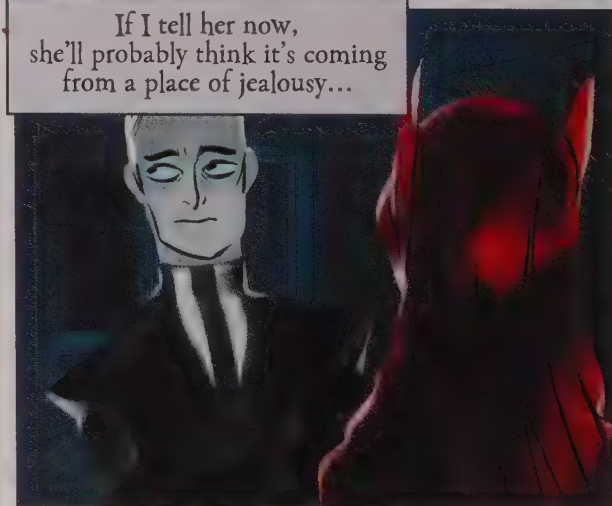
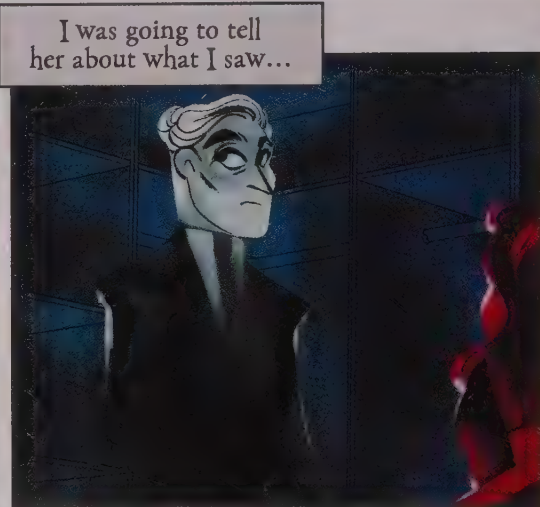
Mimic  
Look at this disaster. 😏

So fucking tragic

Do you think we should tell her?

I wanna know how that bow is staying on.

Hot glue?





Hey, so, we need to do something about Persephone.



SUPPLIES  
GUH!



I'm surprised you're not 10 feet up her ass like everyone else at the moment.



OH, PLEASE!

She's just another poser from Olympus who thinks she's better than the rest of us.



All the special treatment she's getting is ridiculous.



I know, right!?! She's even got Hecate wrapped around her little finger.

I have to wear the punishment shirt all next week because of what I said.



There's something up with her and I can't put my finger on it.

Right?



You take note of anything you think would be useful.

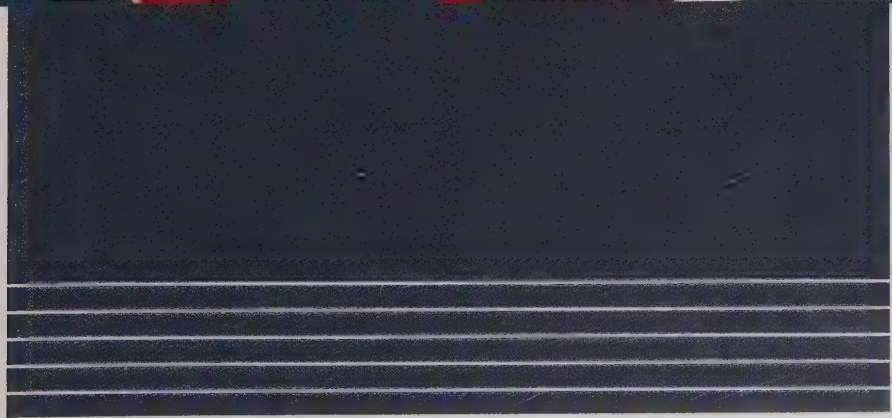


I'll make sure to do some digging.




I hate your stupid little man bun.














I'm so glad I managed to track you down.




I wasn't able to make a reservation at the restaurant that we like for tonight.



So I was thinking we could have dinner at your place.



He's such a good cook. Of course he'll never admit it though.



Has he made you anything before?

Um, no.



What are you doing?

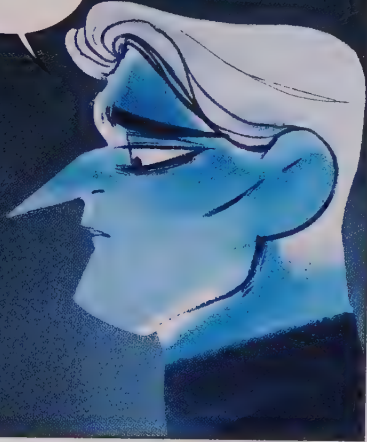
Aww, that's too bad.



I think I might head off now if that's okay?



Y-yeah.

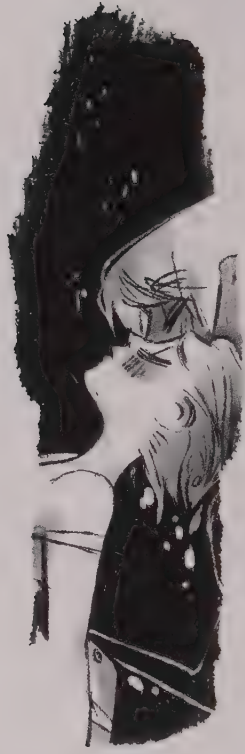




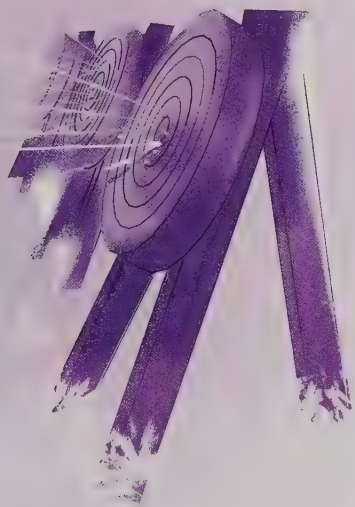
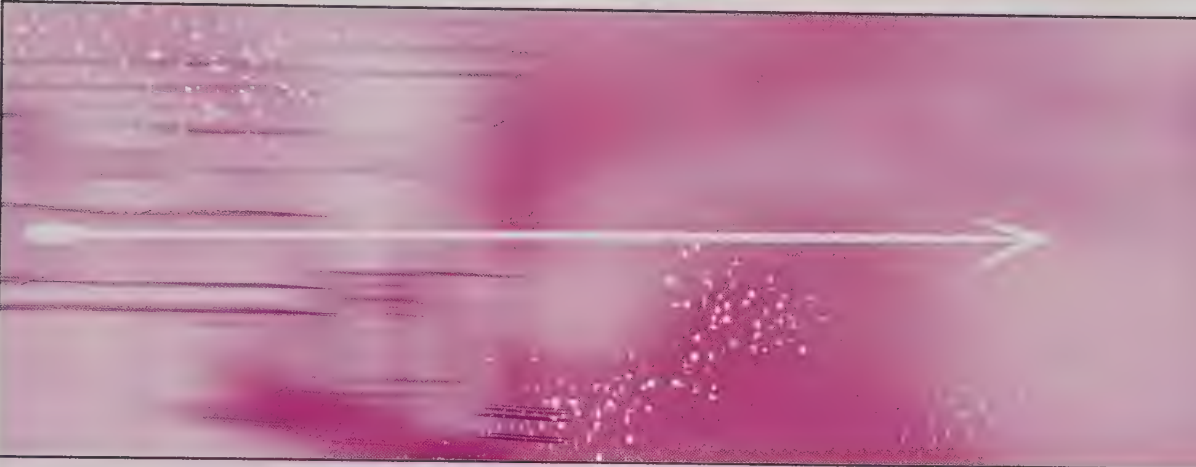






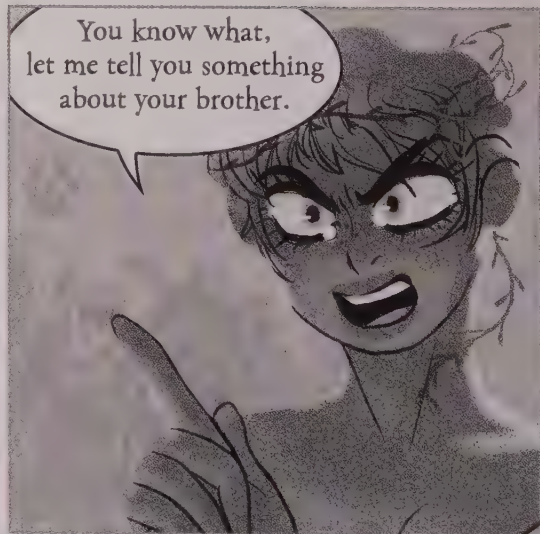
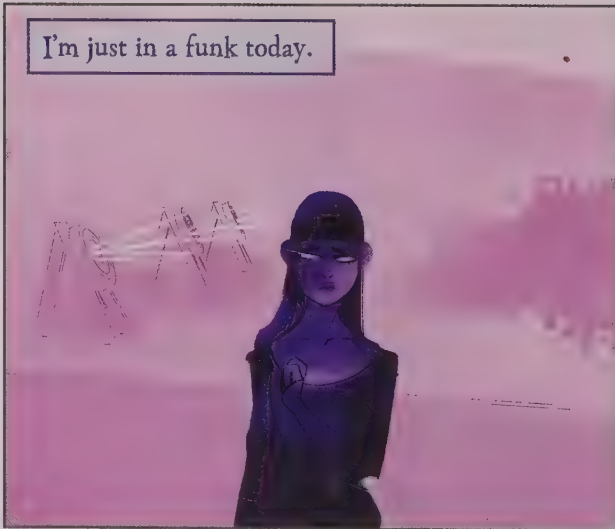


**EPISODE 61: ITTY**





AHHHHHHHHHHH!!!



What is that supposed to mean?

He is pretty annoying...

Maybe she just finds him annoying.

Little tv  
Big twin

MEOW!

MEOW!

MEOW!

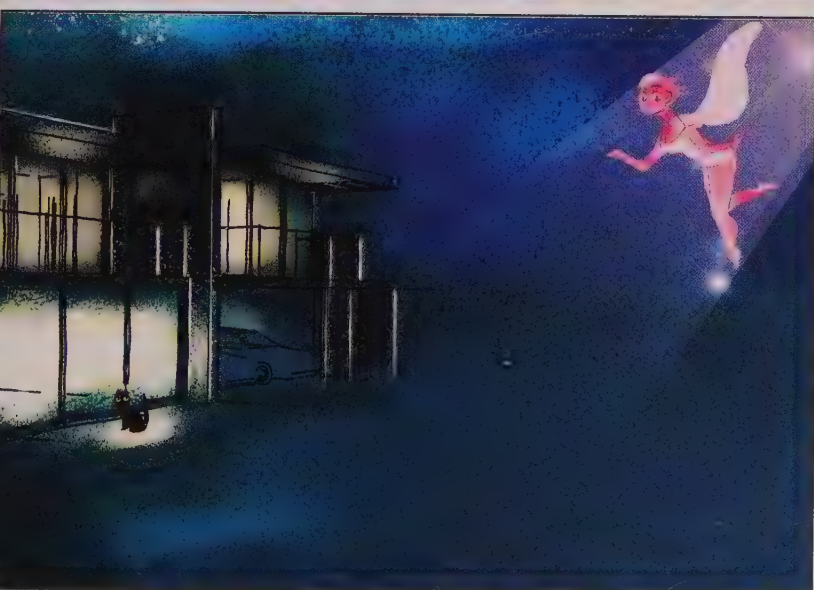
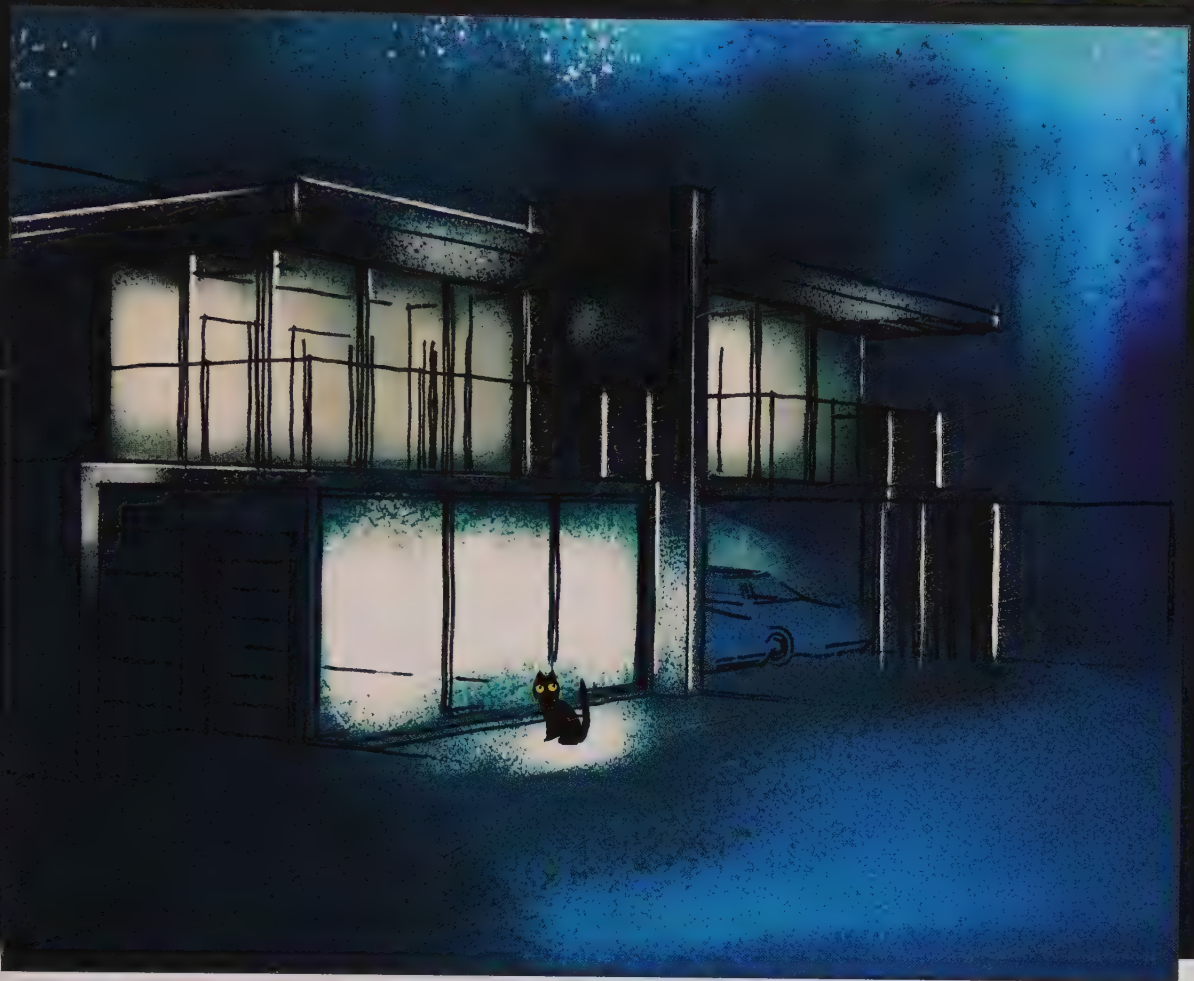
MEW!

I know I shouldn't have yelled at her.

You don't have to use that tone.



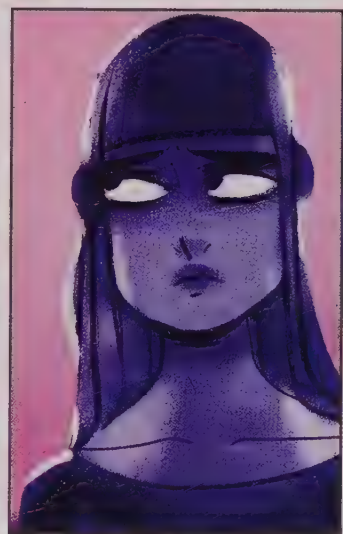






I made this for you.





But it was like she'd already built up a story in her head before she got here.



You know what?



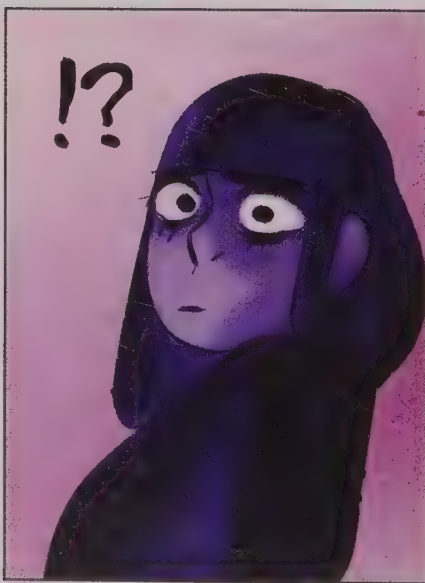
Sigh.  
You're not wrong.



Hestia's kind of a jerk.



!?



Perse, what's wrong?

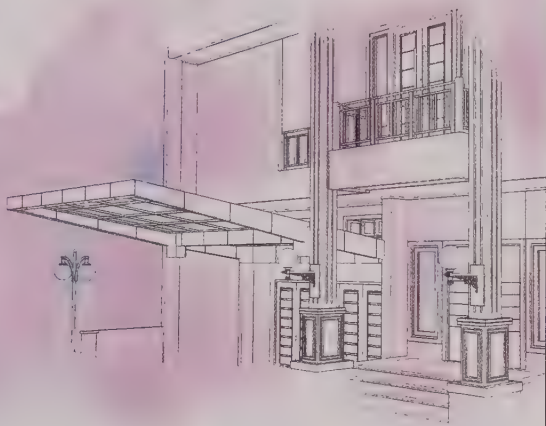






Nooooooooooooo!!!

A LITTLE WHILE AGO



Thank you for joining me for the monthly meeting of the Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood.



I just wanted to kick things off by saying great work on our last fundraiser.

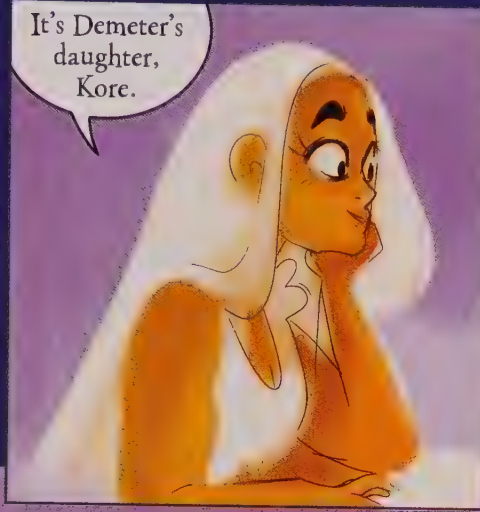


It will go toward the upkeep of many temples in the Mortal Realm.





It's Demeter's  
daughter,  
Kore.



Kore, huh.



I've never heard of her...



**EPISODE 62: DOE**





Are we on schedule  
for this month?



This shipment is set to  
arrive in the Olympus-based  
factories next week.



Everything is  
completely  
on track!

Excellent.  
Just what I  
wanted to  
hear.



Hello, Little Bean!  
Have you finished  
your studies?



My daughter is  
clever; every week  
she gets faster and  
faster at her work.

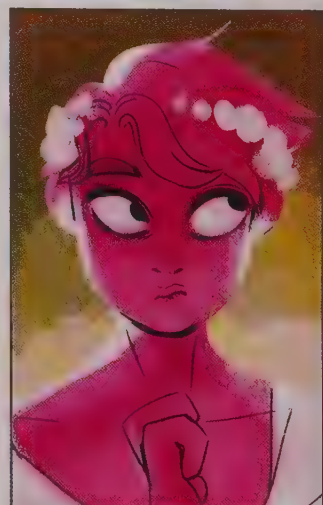
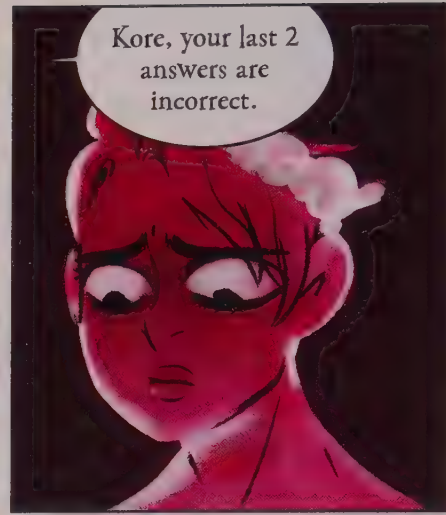


Good,  
good,  
good.



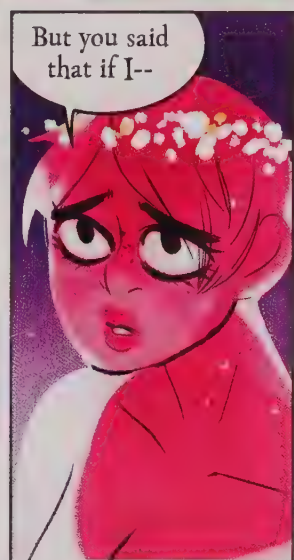
Hold on!

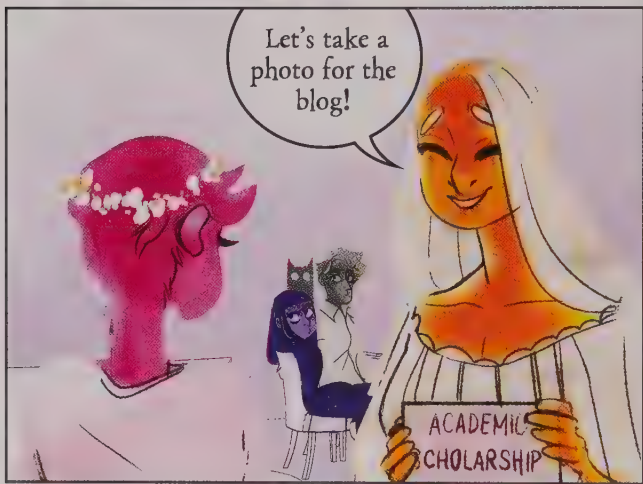




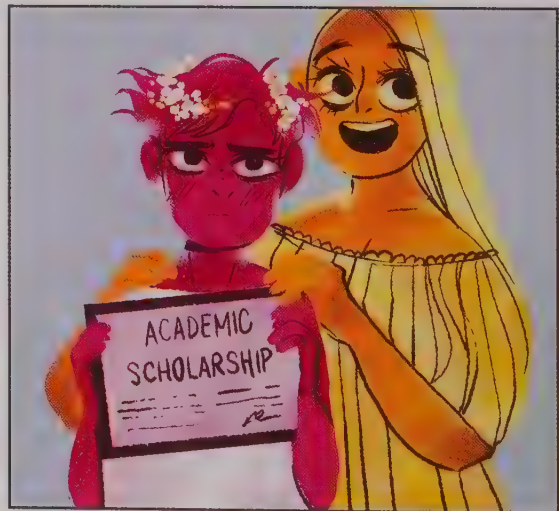








**SNAP!**





They just treat her like a show pony...

Why can't they see that she's miserable?



Don't look at me like that. I don't want to get involved.



F-fine!



DRAAAG!



Kore can live with me in Olympus...



If she wants to.





**EPISODE 63:** HUSH HUSH









# SLAM!

Floom!

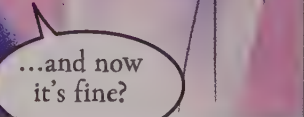
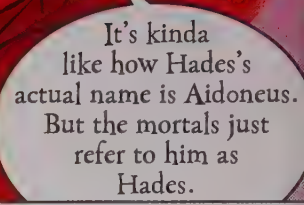
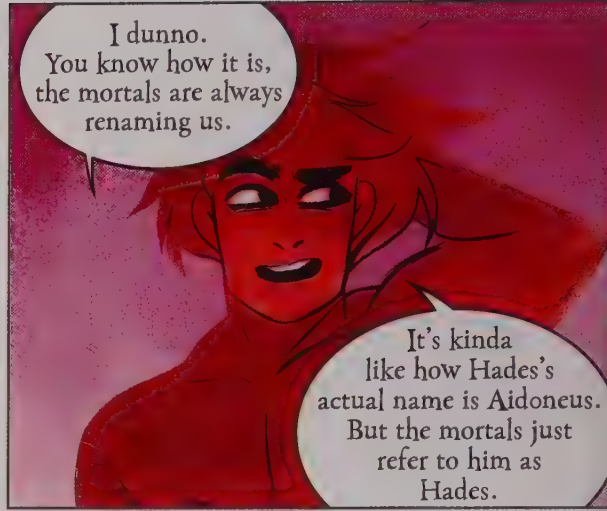


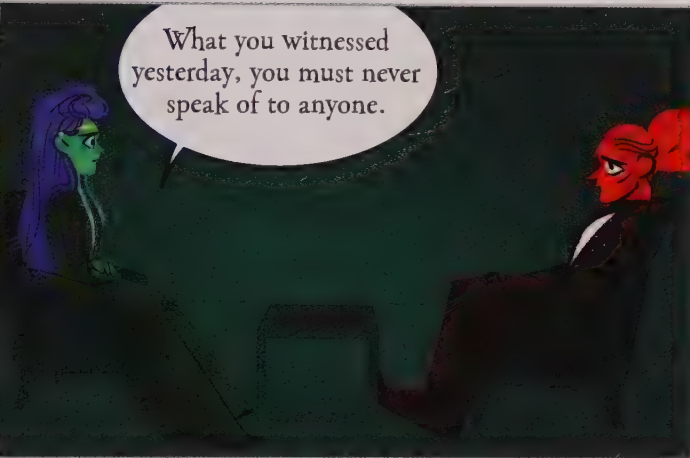
A FEW WEEKS LATER



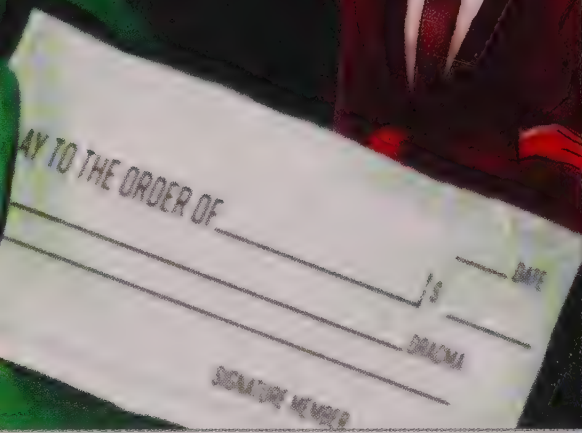




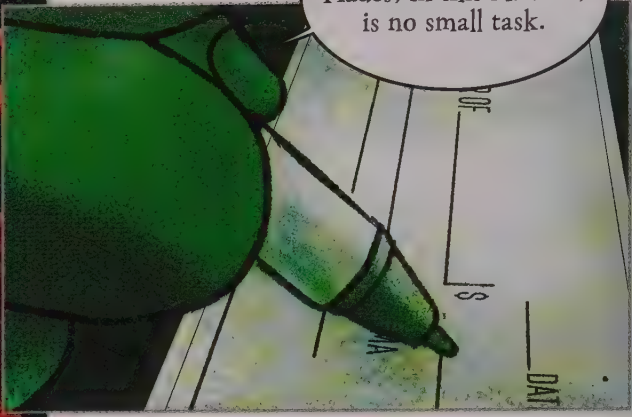




And I appreciate your willingness to "fudge" the records in your role of gathering souls.



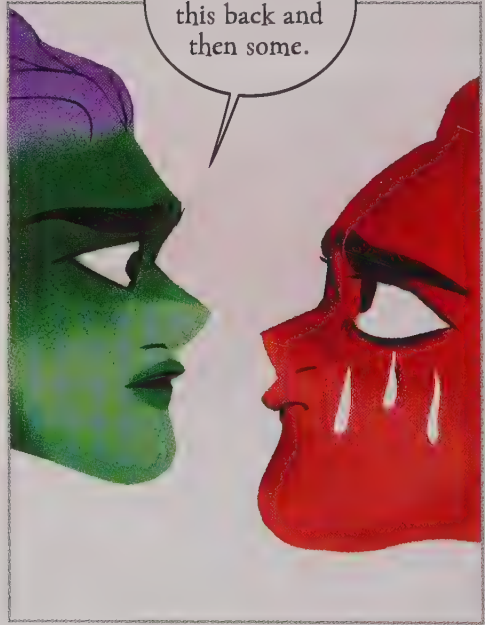
Deceiving Hades, in this manner, is no small task.



But know this.



I'll be wanting this back and then some.



I dunno...



I think  
she just realized  
Kore is getting too  
old to control.



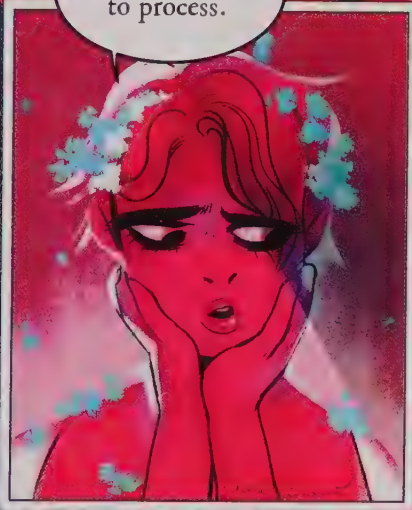


**EPISODE 64: DIMPLES**

I'm so sorry, I know I should have been honest about it.

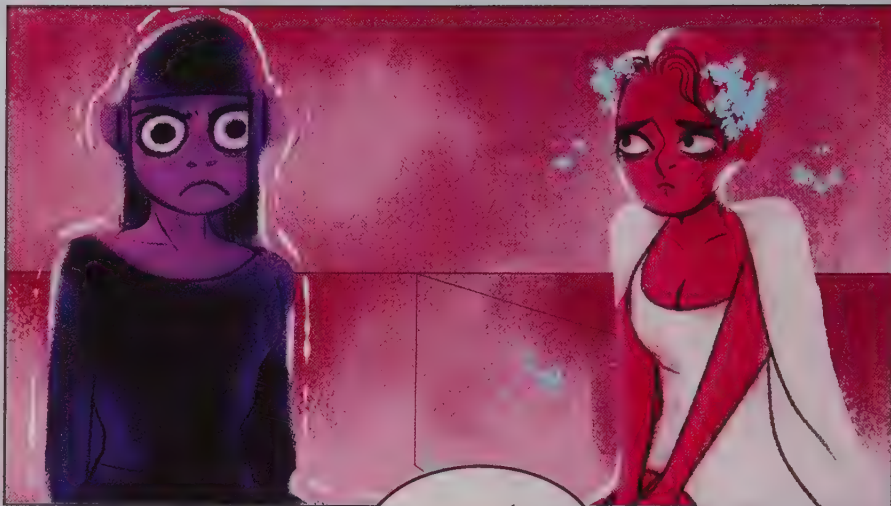


It's been a lot to process.

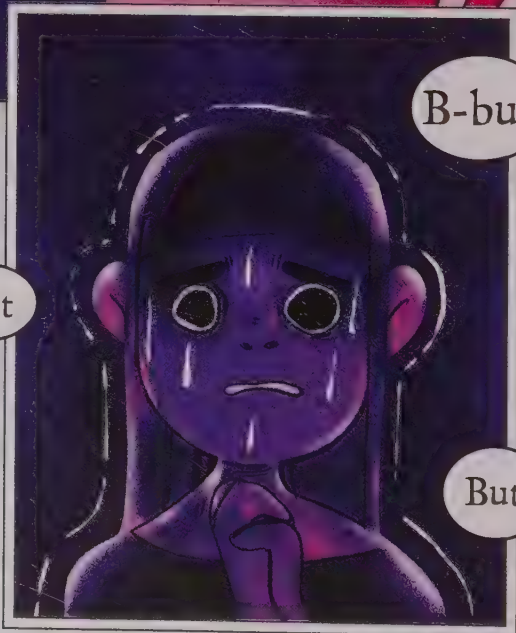


But it would be a lie if I said I didn't have feelings for him.





Say something.  
You're making  
me nervous.



But

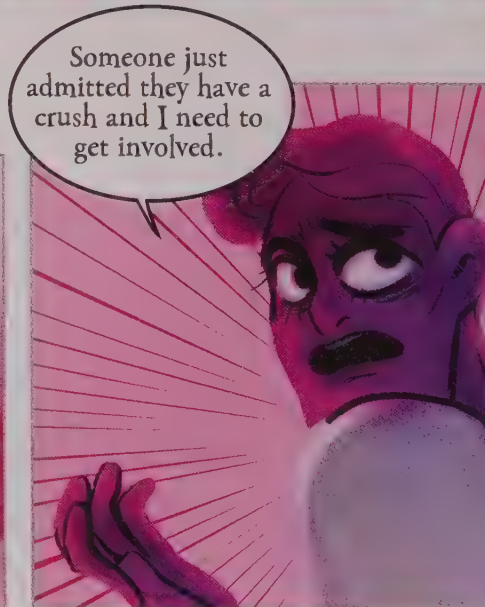
B-but

But











OH!  
Fantastic,  
carry on.



So you've  
got a crush on  
big-ol'-Hades.  
I knew  
it.



Tell me  
all about  
it!!!

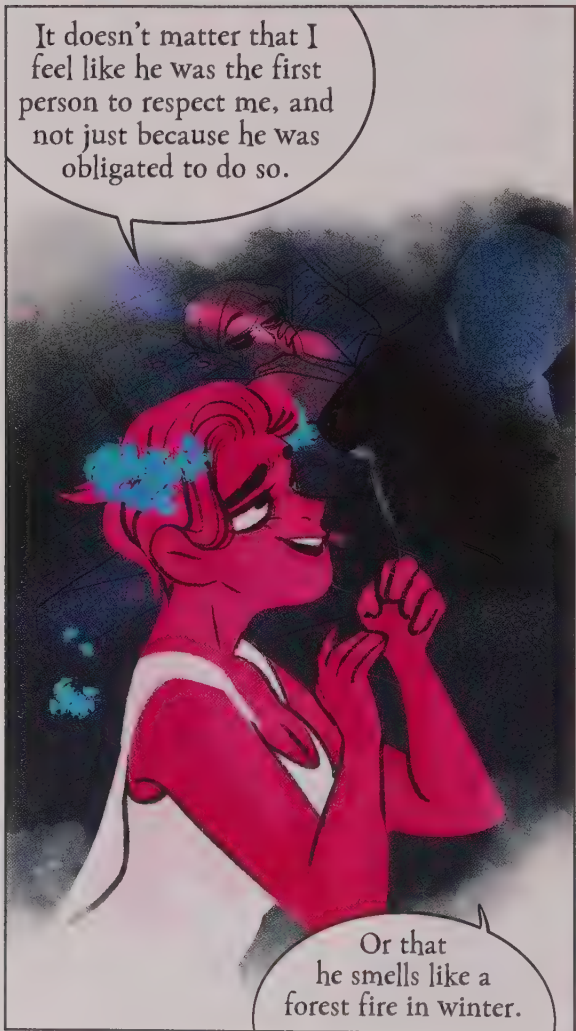
SQUEAK!



Oh, I was planning  
on crushing all my feelings  
deep down inside and  
letting them wither  
over time.



Wither over  
time??



Going backward from knowing that is going to be very difficult, I think.



A-and I convinced myself there was something between us and that maybe he was mine.



But clearly, I'm every bit the child everyone thinks I am and I misread him.





He's  
someone  
else's.



He's  
not mine at  
all...



I FEEL LIKE SUCH A LOSER!

SOB!

Aww, noooo!

I'm a stupid idiot.  
SOB!



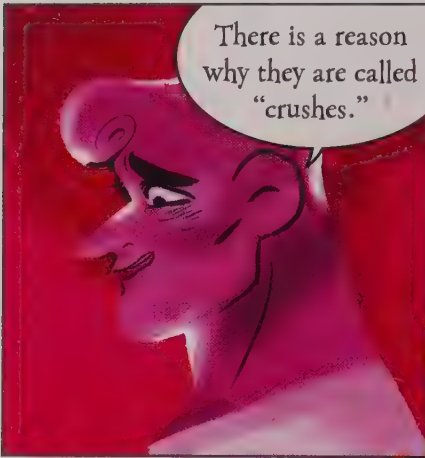
I-I-I made baklava for him.

WHAT!?



And-and-and he didn't want my baklava!


Ouch!




There is a reason  
why they are called  
"crushes."



CONCENTRATED RAGE



THAT SON OF  
A BITCH!



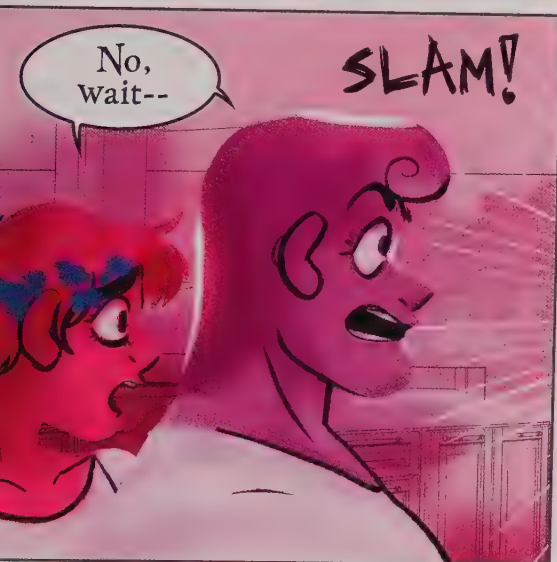
I KNEW IT! ZEUS AND  
HIS BROTHERS ARE NOT  
TO BE TRUSTED!



Hey!  
Where are you  
off to!?



I'M GONNA KEY  
THEIR CARS.



No,  
wait--

**SLAM!**



I don't  
think she's  
coming back.



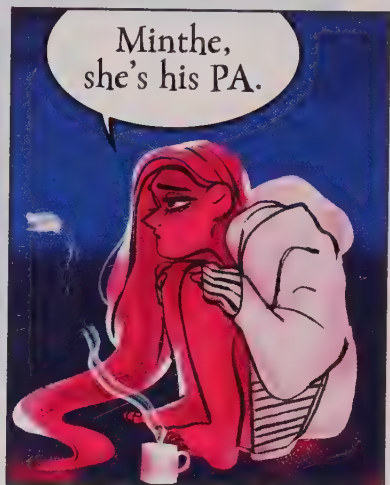
**EPISODE 65: TEA**



You said he's already someone else's.



Who are you talking about?



Minthe, she's his PA.



SPIT!



MINTHE!?



Yes.

Get the fuck out!  
That river nymph!?

Yeah.

Are you sure!?

I-I saw it on that Fatesbook thingy...

SCROLL  
SCROLL  
SCROLL  
SCROLL

Well,  
I'll be damned.

Do you know much about her?



Minthe

In a relationship with Hades

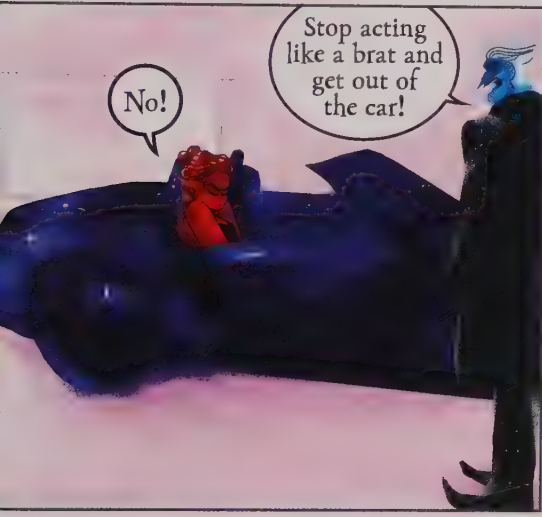


Hades Stop using this website on company time.



They are the ultimate on-again, off-again dumpster fire.

Last time I saw them together, they made such a spectacle.

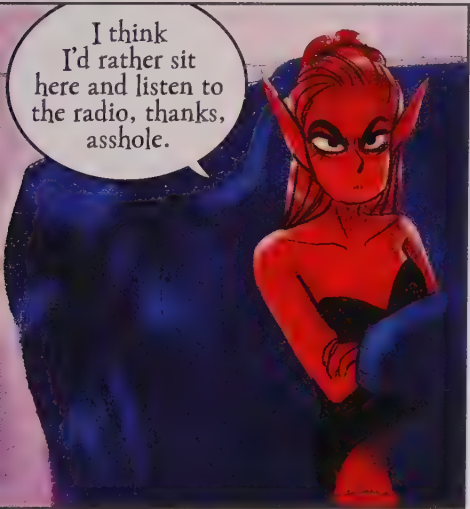


No!

Stop acting like a brat and get out of the car!



Baby, please, get out of the car.



I think I'd rather sit here and listen to the radio, thanks, asshole.



Why don't you just insult my dress some more?

How many times do I have to apologize!?



All I meant was that perhaps your outfit may not be entirely appropriate for a 7-YEAR-OLD'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!



WHY DON'T YOU PICK ALL MY OUTFITS FOR ME FROM NOW ON!?

OHHHH, HERE WE GO!



Man, they're really going at it!



I thought you told him not to bring her!



Yeah, that doesn't really make me feel any better.



I have to go to work and see them together all the time.

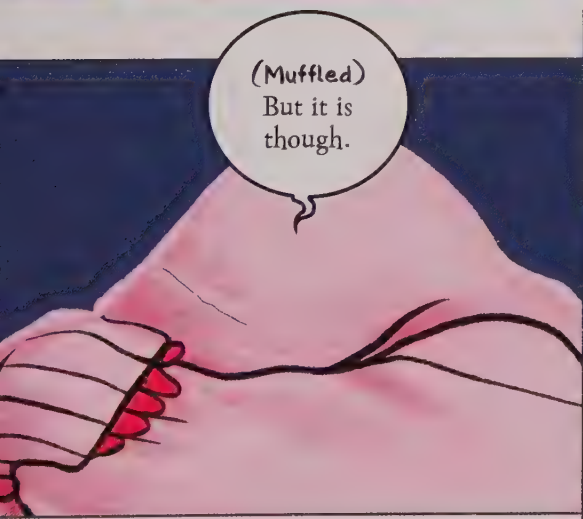


I can't believe I thought he liked me!

TUG



Well, I wouldn't say it's all in your head...



(Muffled)  
But it is though.



Sigh. It's not really my place to say this. But you clearly need a win right now.



Big Idiot Squad



WHAT!?



OH!



He tried to tell me!  
B-but I thought he  
was joking.

I-I said  
something...  
about you putting  
Aphrodite to shame or



OH NO!  
I laughed in  
his face.



I'm sure  
it's fine.



Hey, so,  
I don't mean  
to pry...

But a prerequisite of being a member of TGOEM is being a virgin.



Last time we talked, you were one.



But you're not anymore.



So what happened?



Only my  
mother and me.



We can  
control the sexual  
desires of anyone  
who isn't a  
virgin.



Don't worry.



Hera  
banned us  
from using those  
powers on other  
Gods...



After Zeus  
blamed us for  
his affairs.



So, was it Hades?

How was it?

I need some details, please.

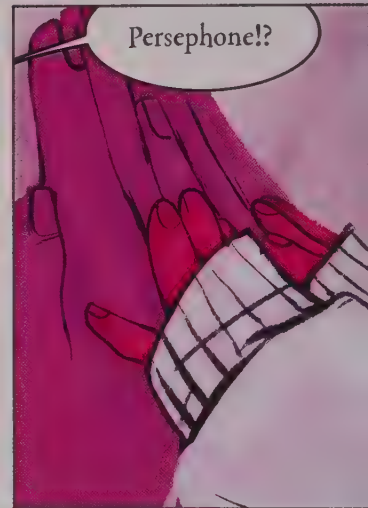
Persephone?

Hey...

H-hey!

Eros.  
I messed up.









You don't just get to nag someone into having sex with you.

That's not how consent works.



You didn't "mess up."

Apollo did.



You really think so?



I know so.



Come on, let's get out of here.

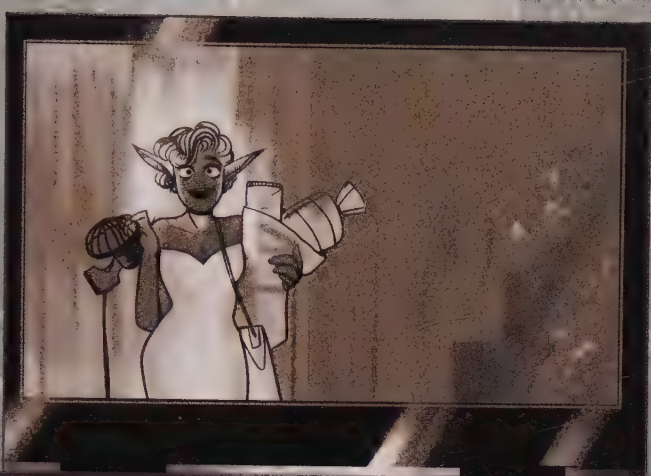


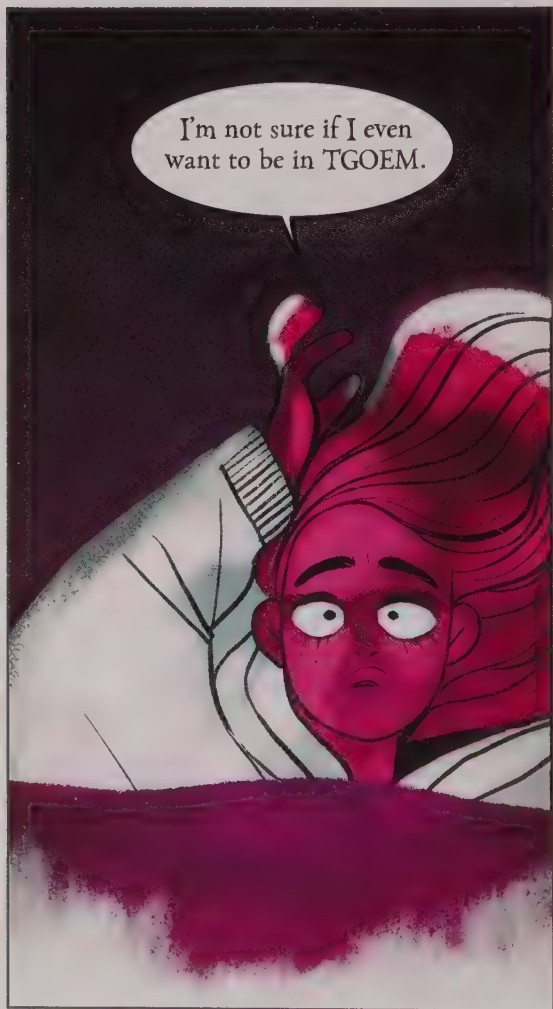
We could go to my house?

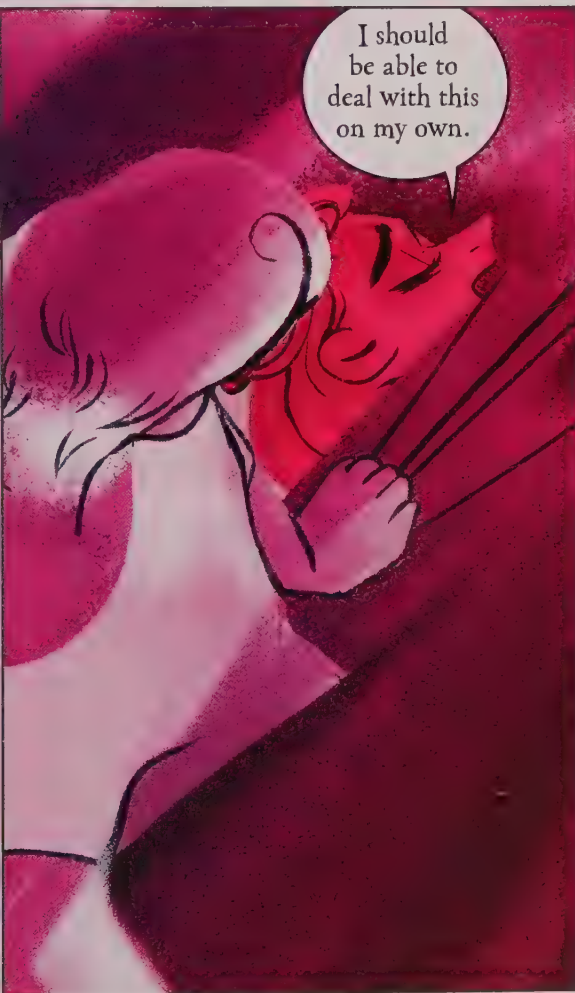





**EPI**SO**D**E 66: HERE











You promise you won't tell anyone?

A real promise?




I don't know, Persephone. He shouldn't be able to get away with this.

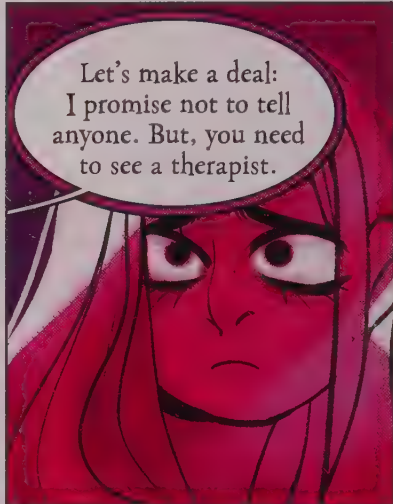
You should tell Zeus, you should tell a lot of people... You should tell Artemis.



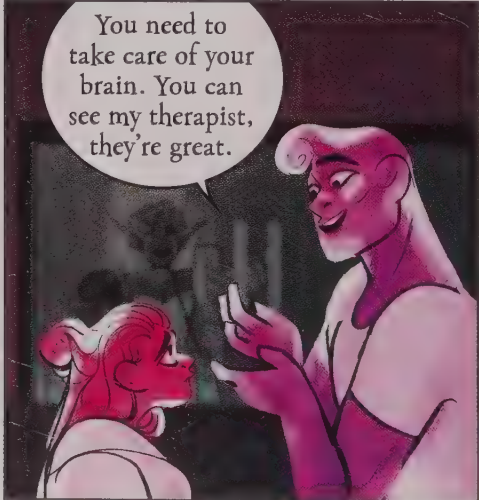
How can I though? I'm just not up to it.




Sorry, I don't want to push you to do things you're not comfortable doing.



Let's make a deal: I promise not to tell anyone. But, you need to see a therapist.



You need to take care of your brain. You can see my therapist, they're great.



When you're ready, I'll be right there.



It's been a long time since I slept all night.



Artemis:

It turns out Poseidon doesn't have a car.  
Unrelated, I adopted this wolf.



Apollo:

Hey, can we talk soon?

Delete.

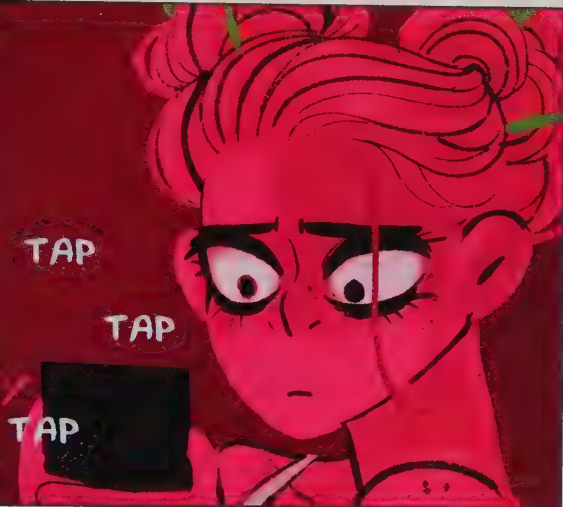


Hades!



The baklava was good. I regret sharing  
the majority of my portion with Hermes.





**Kore:**

**If you play your cards right,  
I'll make you some more.**

Hades:

Let's hope I'm better at cards  
than I am at chess.



Are you  
my brother's  
girlfriend!?



I'M NOT  
FLIRTING WITH  
MY BOSS!!!

OH!  
You scared  
me.

No,  
I'm just  
his friend.



Oh... do you  
want to see  
my hamster?



Storge,  
leave Persephone  
alone.

Come have  
breakfast.





## **EPISODE 67:** SIBLINGS



Wow!



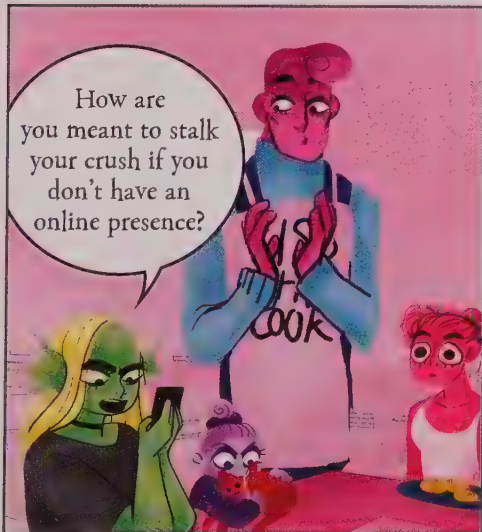
Oh, you should have kicked my lazy butt out of bed. I could have helped.



It's fine, you were pretty out of it.







What's your email?



And squish your  
boobs together.

Amateurs  
everywhere,  
I swear.

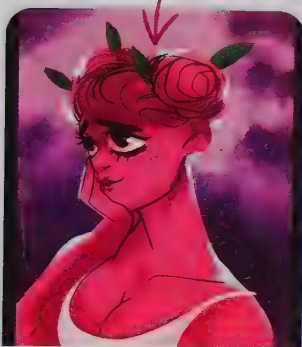


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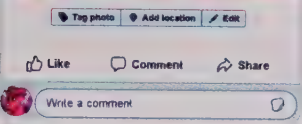
She's  
not  
wrong.



(Looking wistful.)



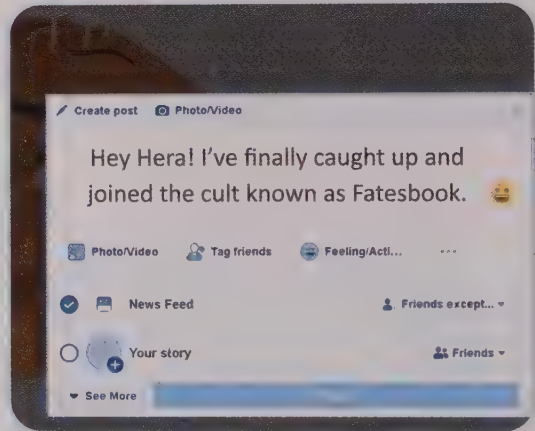
Good, good.  
Now you need  
some friends.



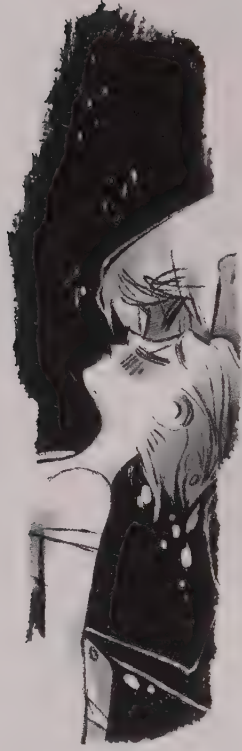
You want  
Hades to friend  
request you.

TAP!  
TAP!  
TAP!

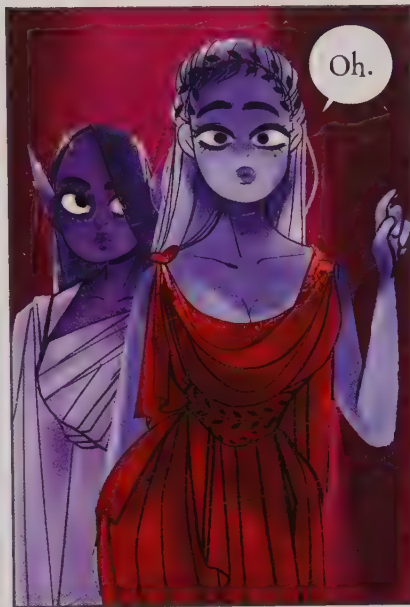




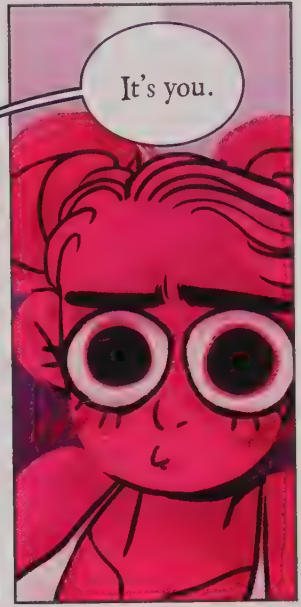




**EPISODE 68: MA'AM**



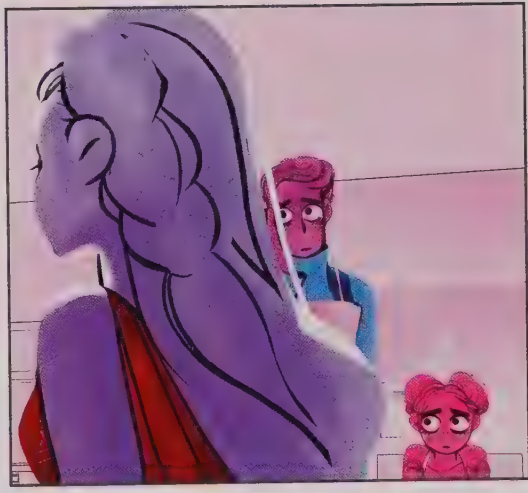
Oh.



It's you.

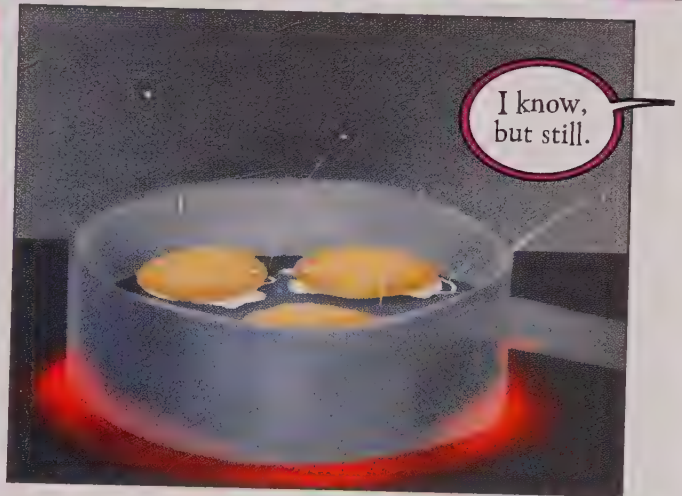



...Y-you have a lovely home, ma'am.  
A-and your whole family has been very welcoming--



Gimme those, you're probably doing it wrong.









Ah, but, Ma, he gets hurt all the time, and everything always works out.



Coffee?




You! You're bringing down the vibe with your mopey face.



So, what's up your ass?

**MA!  
BE NICE!**



Someone step in your flower patch?

No, ma'am.



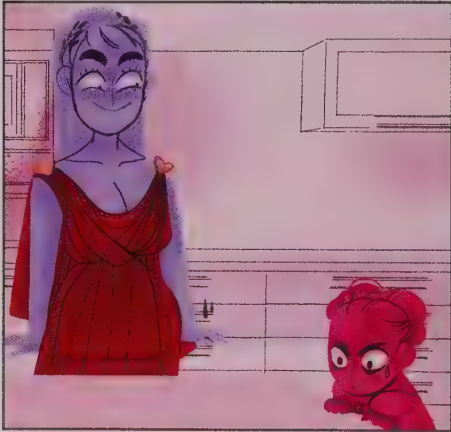
**SQUEAK!**

Nope!



You're transparent as all get-out.

Now, I wonder who it could be...



It's Hades!

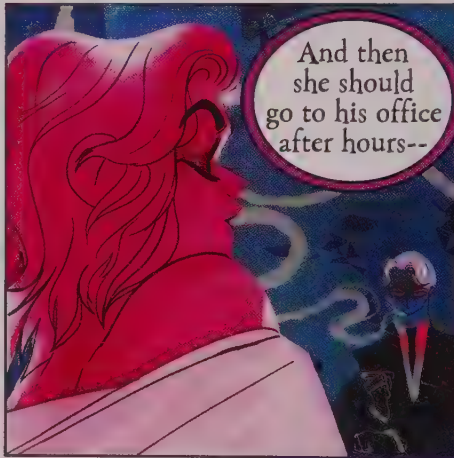
It's not Hades!



You've been in town, what, one week? Two weeks tops. He's, like, the only man you know.









NYPHS DO NOT TAKE GODS FROM US!



But how do you know about Minthe--



LETTING THAT NYMPH TAKE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT IS AN EMBARRASSMENT TO OUR KIND!



S-sorry!

Stop being so passive, it's annoying!

**NOW GET OUT!**



Since you're leaving, I'll come with you.



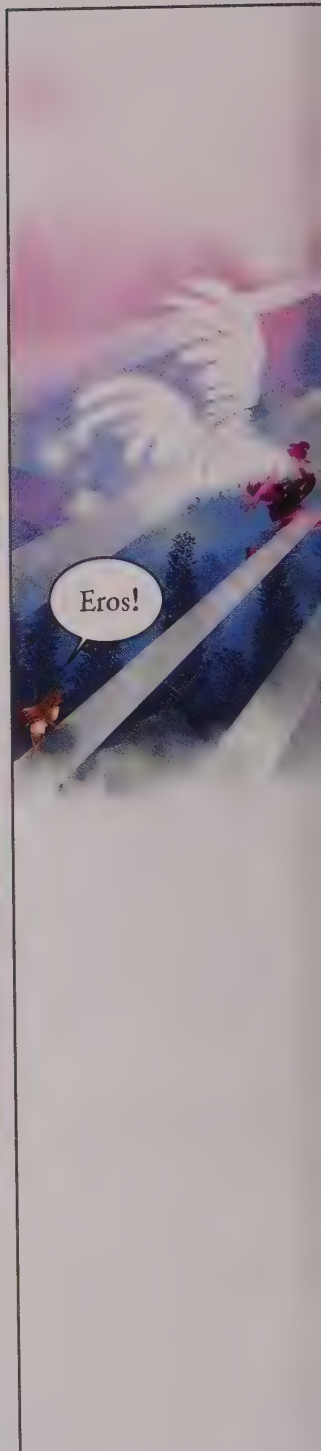
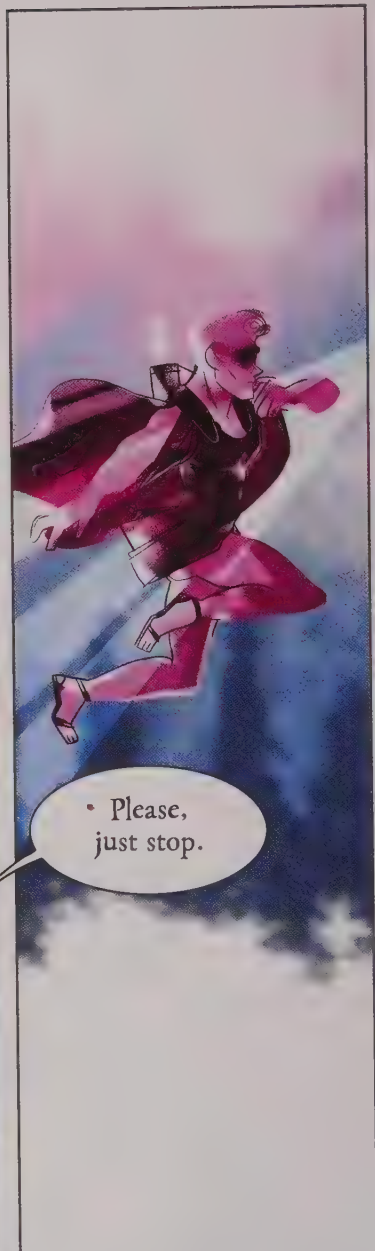
And don't tell anyone I was nice to you.

Wait, you were being nice to me?

# SLAM!



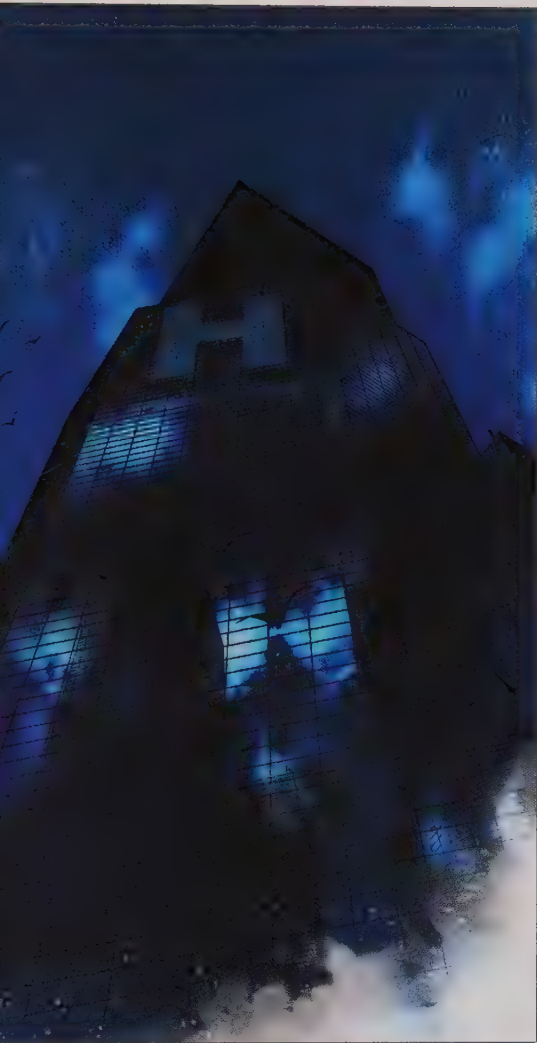






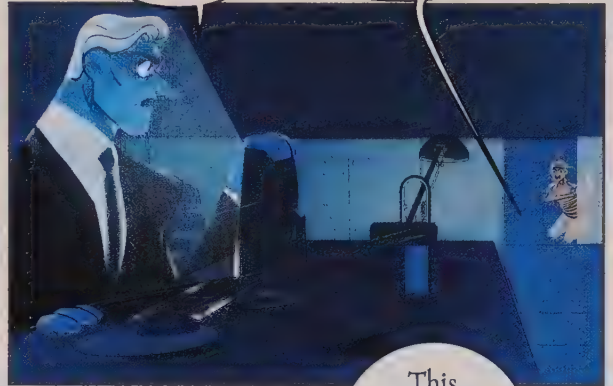


**EPISODE 69: GHOSTED**

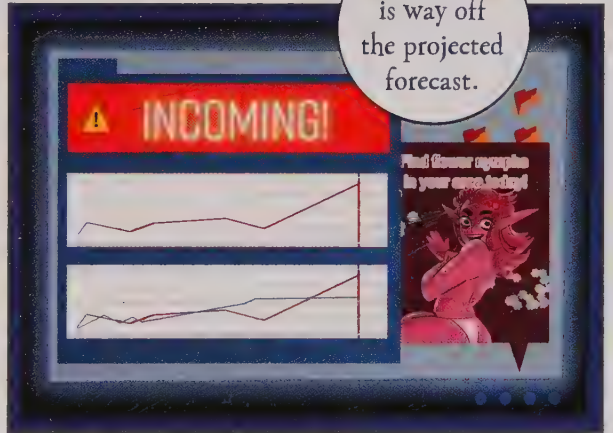


Hey, Boss, there's been a significant influx of souls today. It's mayhem on the beach.

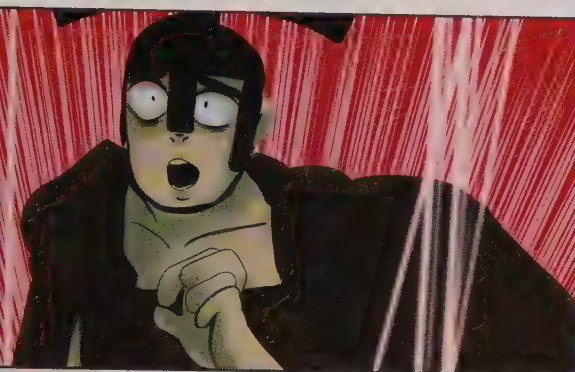
What?

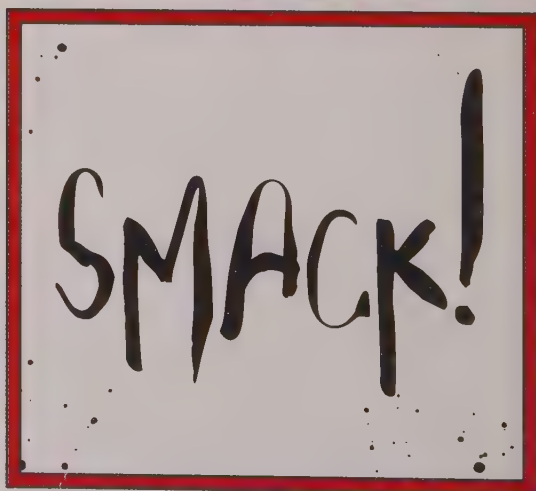


This is way off the projected forecast.



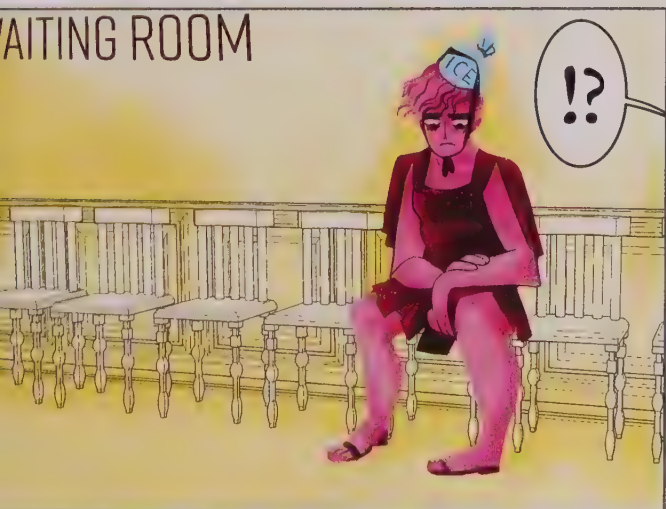








WAITING ROOM





I'm sorry, Ma.

I don't know what came over me.



Zeus is ready to see you now.



**THUNDER**  
(IT'S GOOD)



Would someone please tell me what's going on!?

Well, it would seem Eros has a little bit more of his father's spirit than we thought.



He killed 30 mortals this morning, and he doesn't have a permit for such an act of wrath.



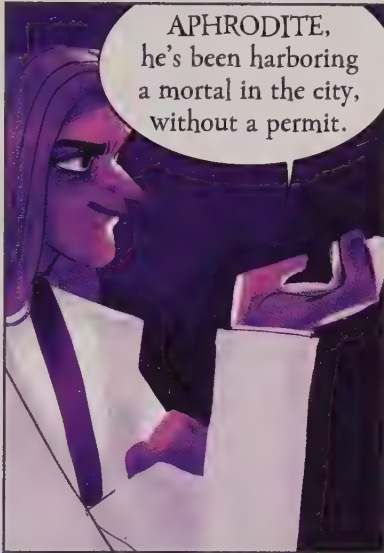
Big deal, you know we can make more mortals!



Artemis and Apollo did something similar a while ago, and I don't recall them getting reprimanded.



APHRODITE, he's been harboring a mortal in the city, without a permit.



I believe you are already familiar with Psyche...



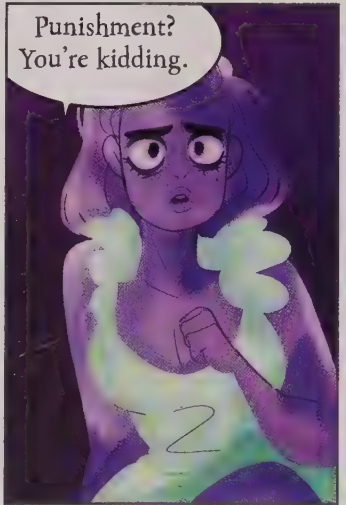
Playing favorites as usual? Why am I not surprised--

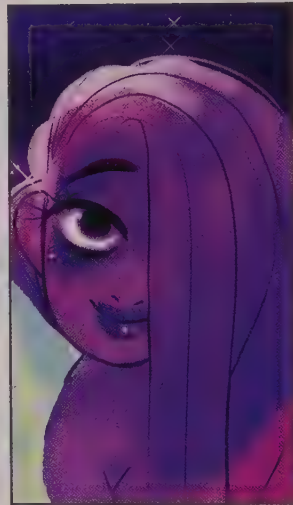
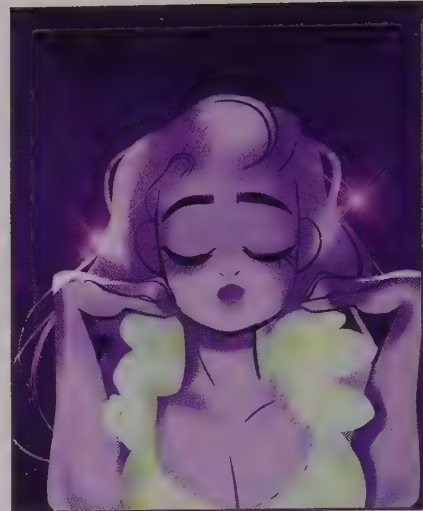
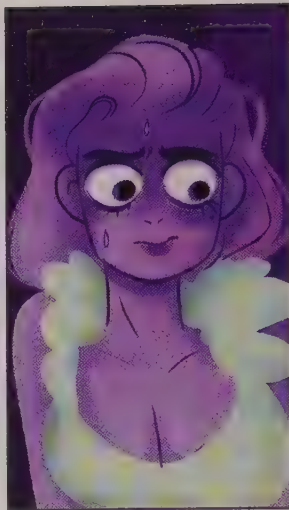


Now, let's discuss your punishment--



Punishment? You're kidding.









So that's why you moved out.



This is why I'm paying for your apartment?



Why you've been avoiding me...



Lying to me.



I always let you do what you want, be what you want, spend time with who you want.

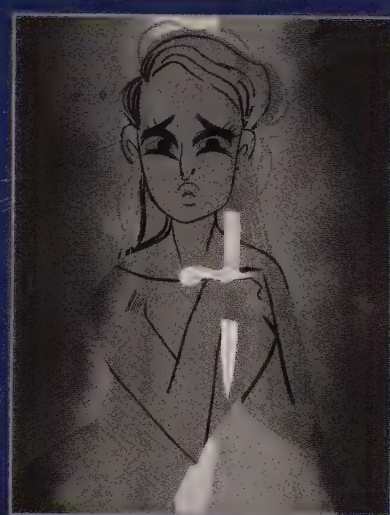
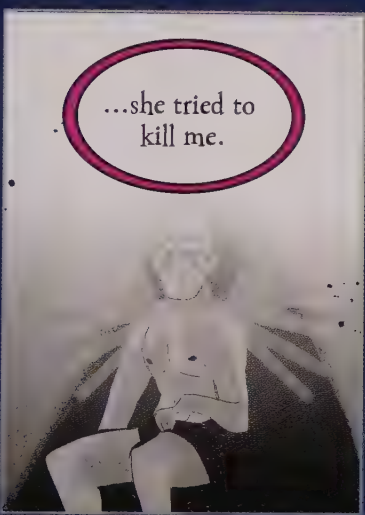
And this is how you treat me?

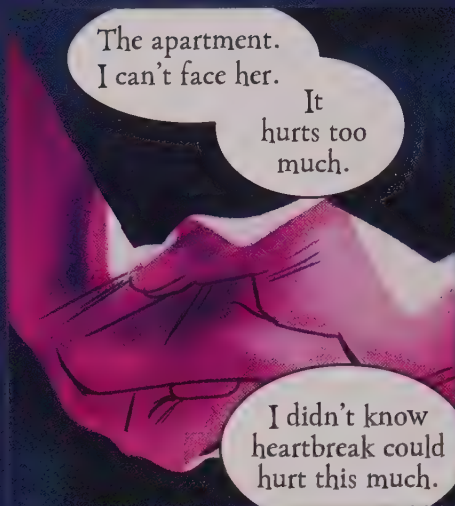


You've been shacking up with Psyche this whole time.



It's hard to explain...





The apartment.  
I can't face her.

It  
hurts too  
much.

I didn't know  
heartbreak could  
hurt this much.



Is this how  
mortals feel when  
we play our games  
with them?



Can I move  
back home?

Sigh.  
Of course.



I'm going  
to deal with this for you,  
but you have to help  
me out no matter  
what I ask, okay?



I mean it.

"You  
jump."

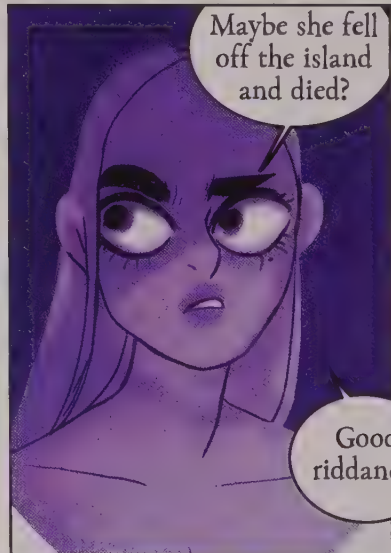
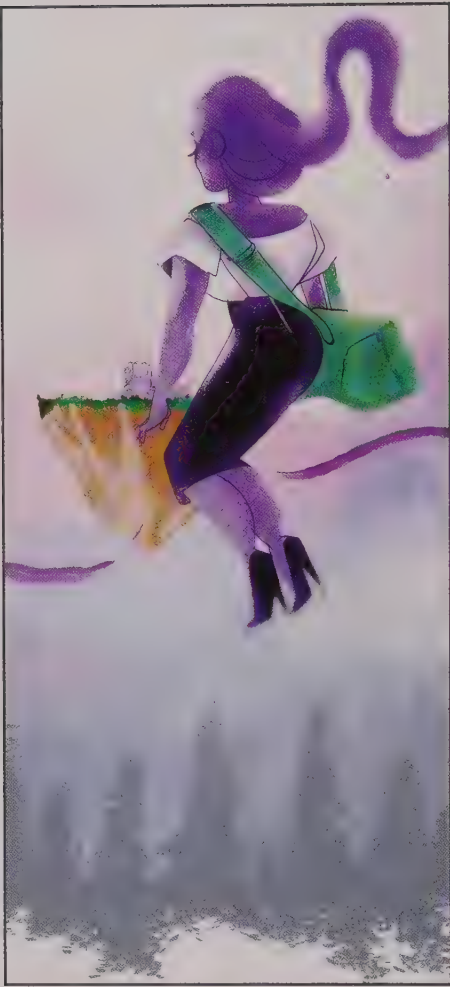


"How high?"

Got it.



**EPISODE 70: MA-IN-LAW**











I was engaged to a really old man of my father's choosing.



Eros brought me here to escape.

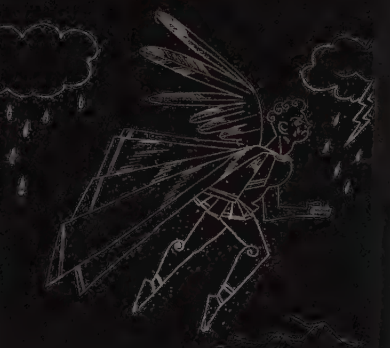


But hid his identity from me.

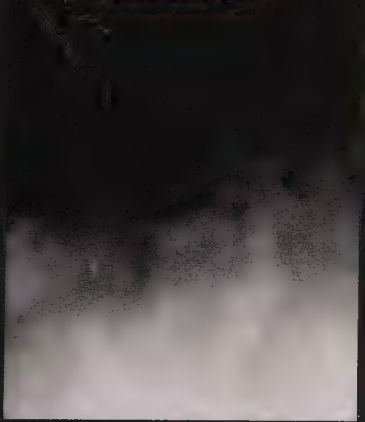


Nothing was adding up, and my sisters convinced me he was an evil wizard.

So I tried to stab him but it turned out he's a God.



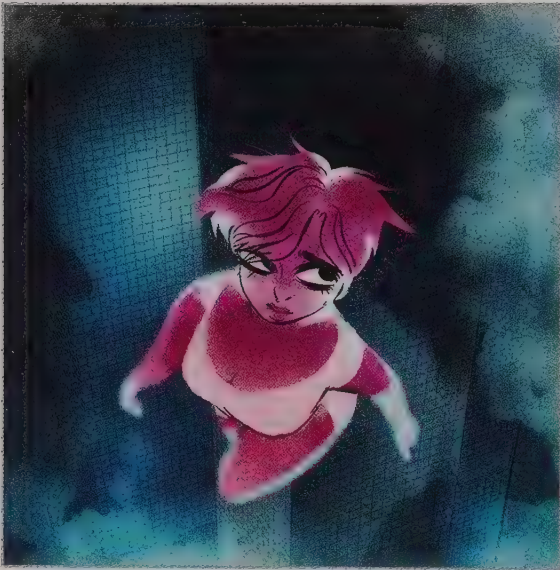
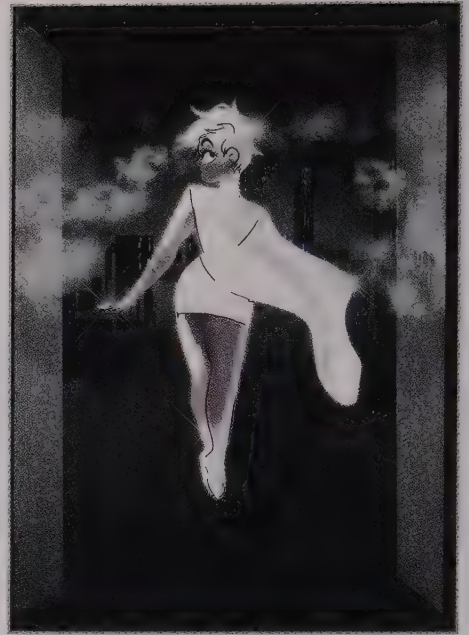
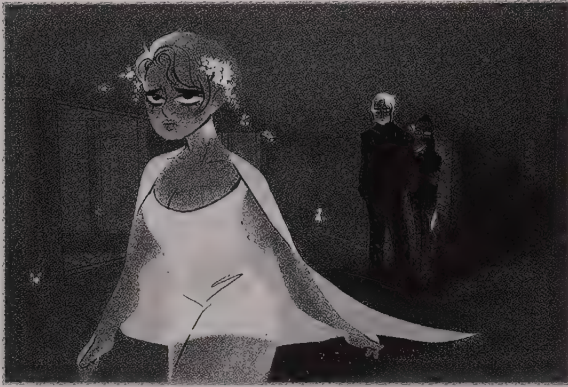
... Then he got really mad and left.



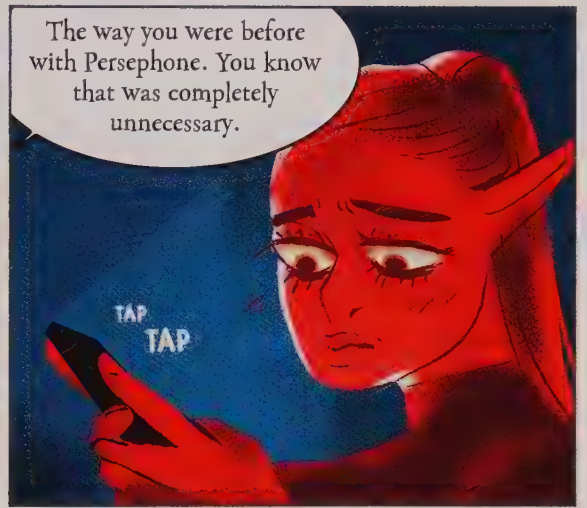




# PREVIOUSLY ON LORE OLYMPUS



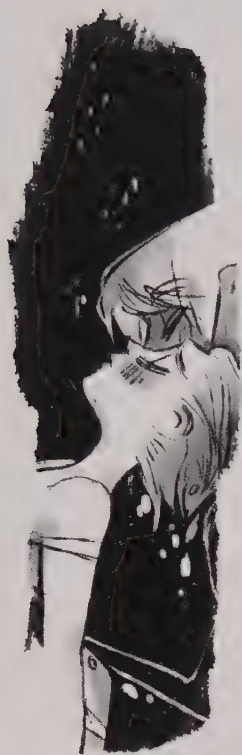
AND NOW...





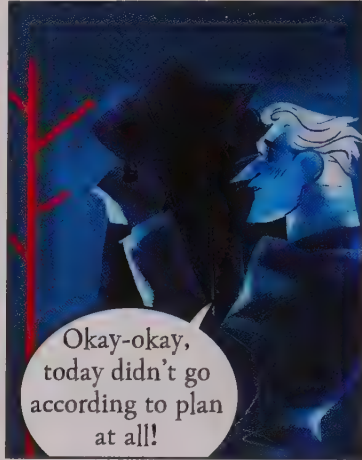




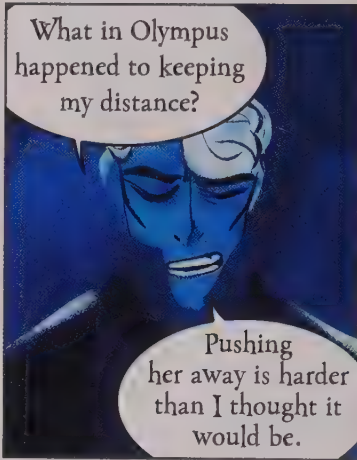


**EPISODE 71: LET DOWN**

6:30 P.M.



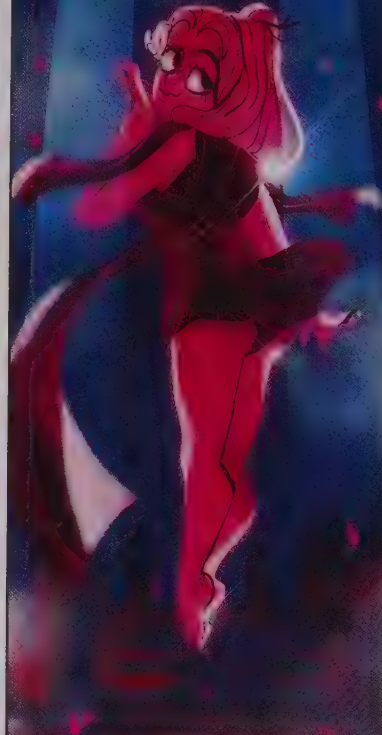
Okay-okay,  
today didn't go  
according to plan  
at all!



What in Olympus  
happened to keeping  
my distance?

Pushing  
her away is harder  
than I thought it  
would be.

That little minx!



Does she know she's  
torturing me!?

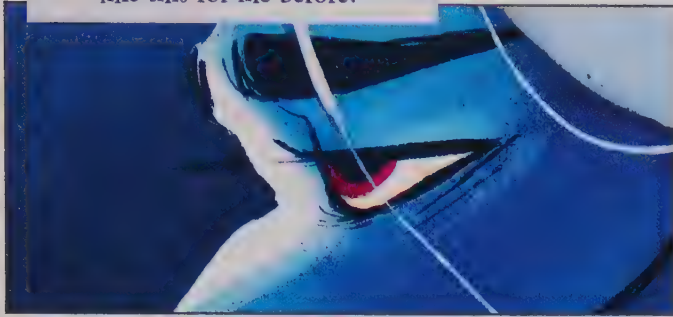
Probably not, because  
she's a well-adjusted  
individual...



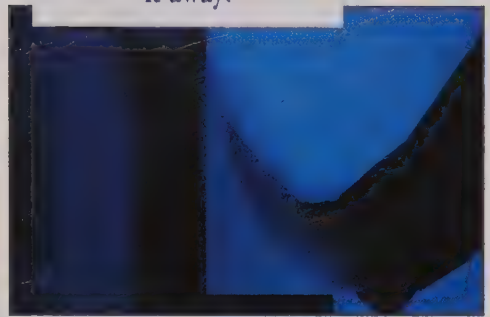
...unlike me.



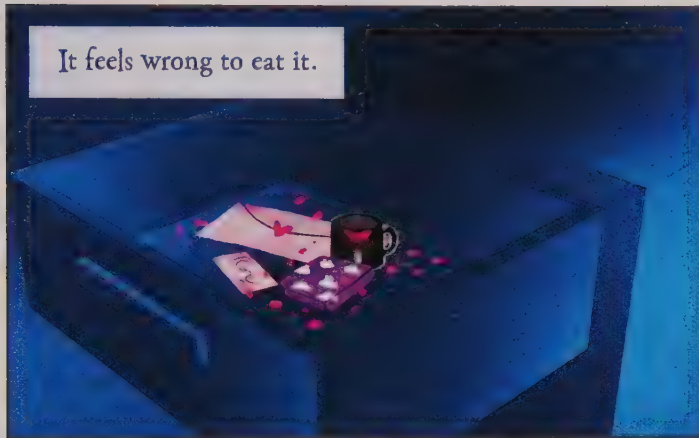
Nobody's ever made something like this for me before.



It feels wrong to throw it away.



It feels wrong to eat it.



6:50 P.M.

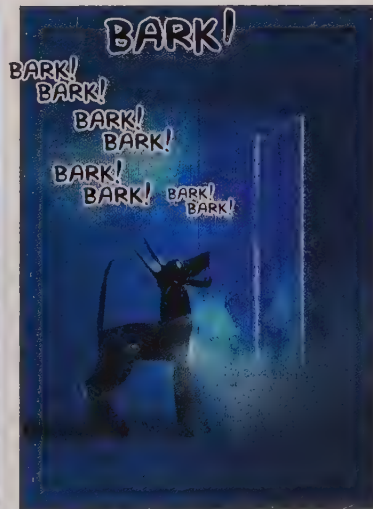
Hey, Tadpole, did you want me to pick you up later?



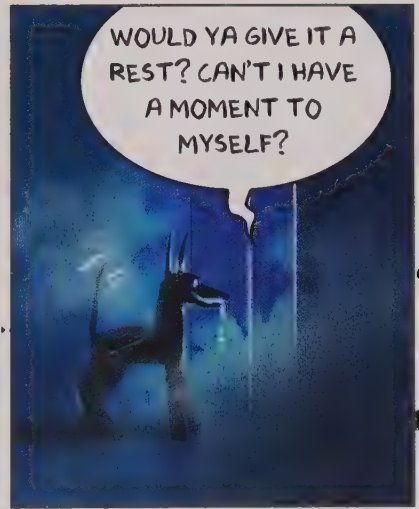
Guess I'd better get ready.



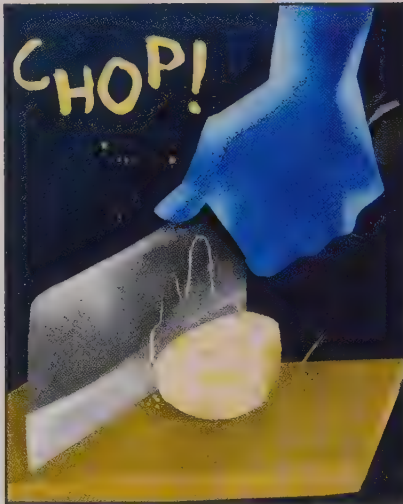
**BARK!**  
**BARK!**



WOULD YA GIVE IT A REST? CAN'T I HAVE A MOMENT TO MYSELF?



7:10 P.M

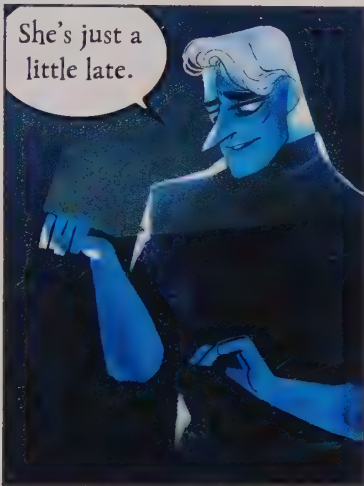




8:15 P.M.



8:40 P.M.



She's just a little late.

Hey, did I get the time for this wrong?

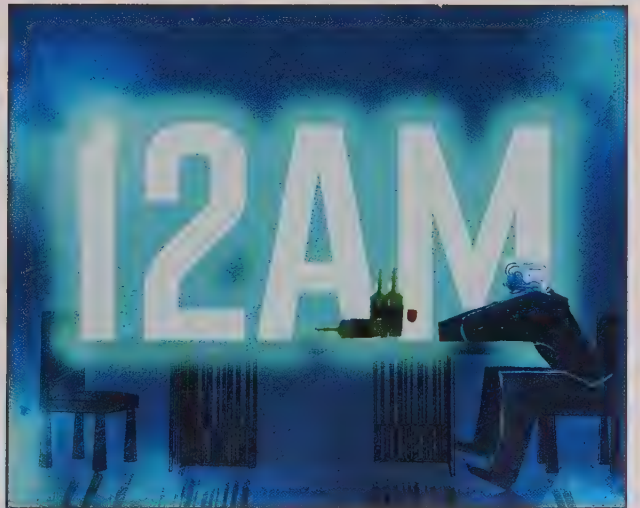


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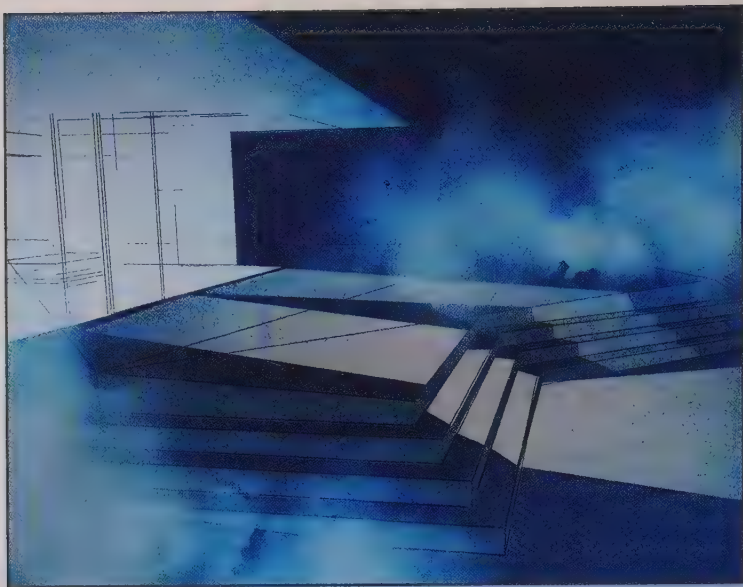


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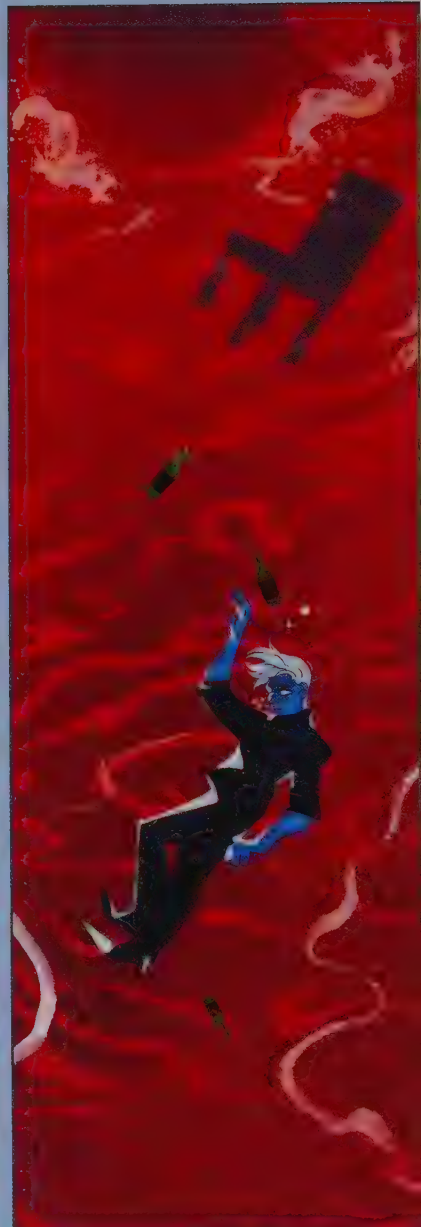
**SEEN**



12AM



I've spent entire lifetimes outrunning  
that deep feeling of loneliness.





However, tonight it's completely inescapable.



OF COURSE SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE AROUND YOU.

YOU'RE JUST LIKE ME.



**GASP!**



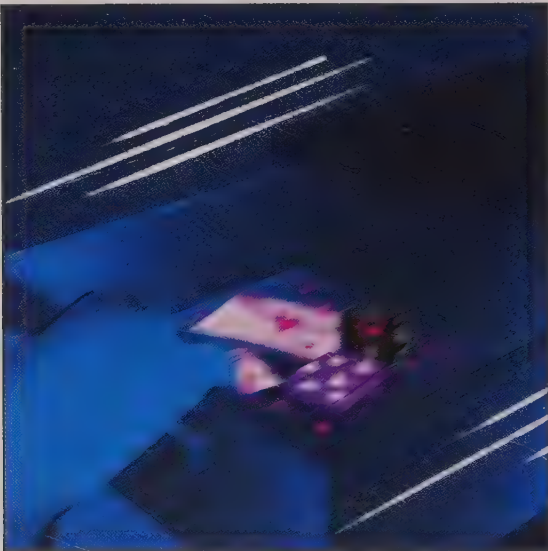
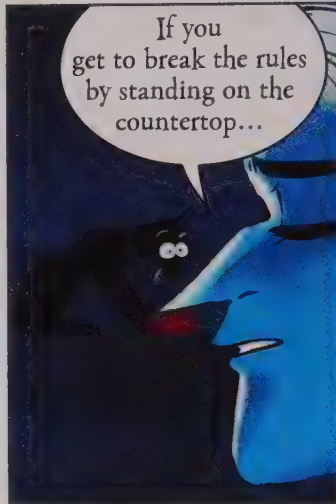
How long was I asleep?

My head hurts...



That explains a lot.

EMPTY



# PREVIOUSLY ON LORE OLYMPUS



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

I'm going to eat  
this baklava, and then I'm going  
to read this letter that isn't  
addressed to me.



Dear Hecate...

How is everything? I'm sorry you had to cut your visit with us short, I miss your company very much.



I'm so sorry Mother was mad about your surprise guest. She just doesn't want men on the property because of me.



I hope the King of the Underworld didn't have too nasty of a hangover.

WHAT!???



MEN ON THE  
PROPERTY!???

KING OF THE  
UNDERWORLD!???

THAT'S  
M-M-ME!!!



Does this mean we met  
before the party???



BUT I DON'T  
REMEMBER!!!!!!?



TURN!



Somehow this  
is your fault.

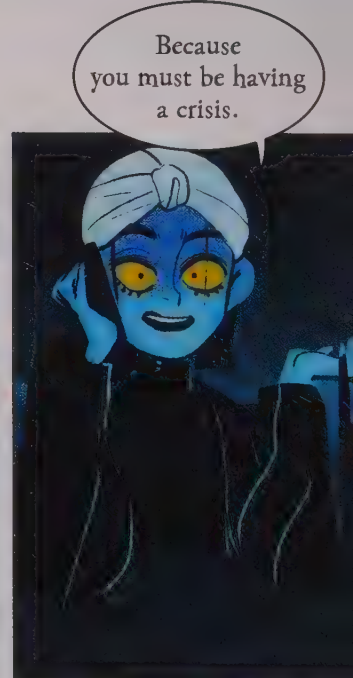
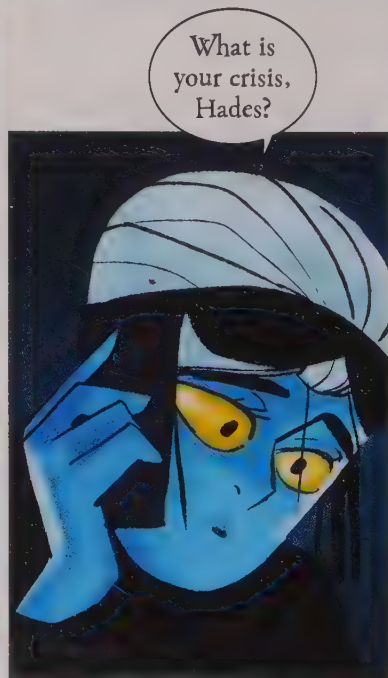
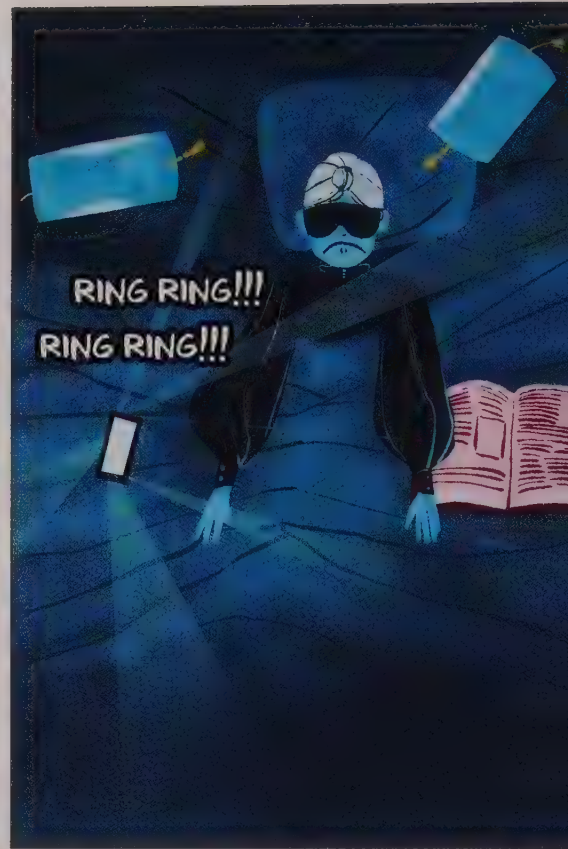


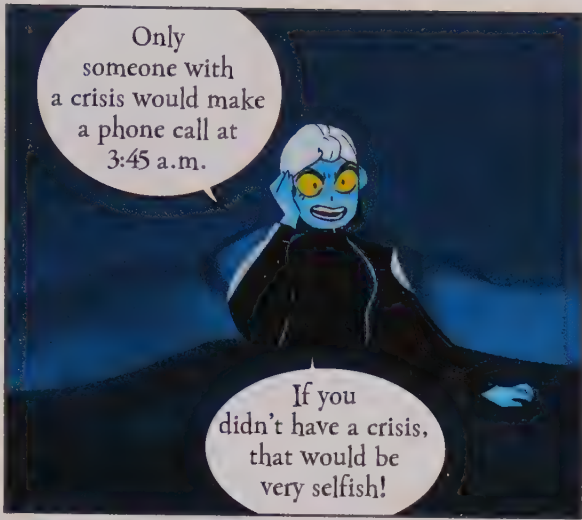
Hecate must  
know something.

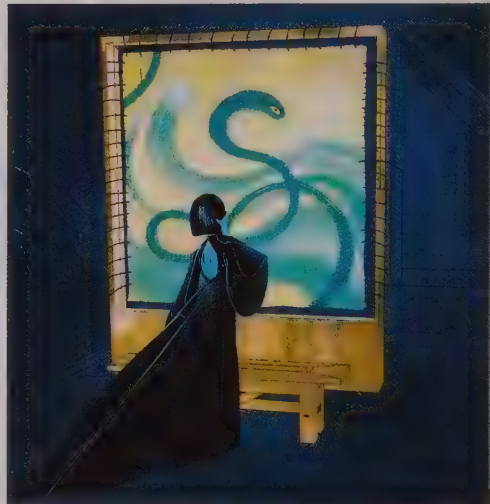
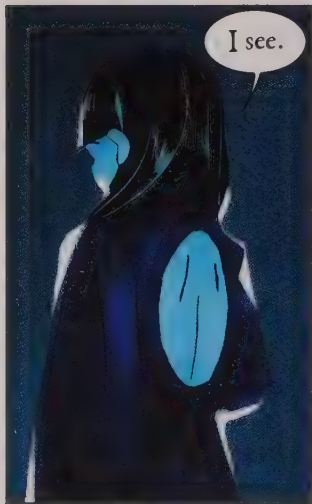




**EPISODE 72: DEAR HECATE**





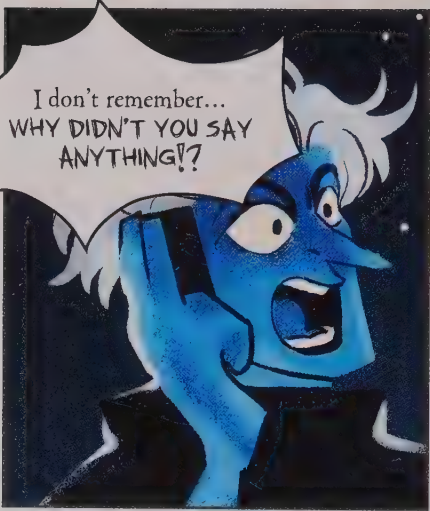
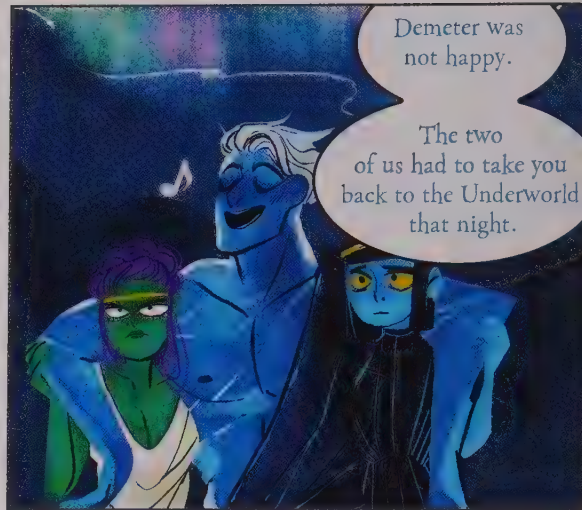


Remember how I took a couple of months off last year to study poisonous plants, and I stayed with Demeter and Persephone in the Mortal Realm?

You'd be amazed at what can be achieved with deadly nightshade--

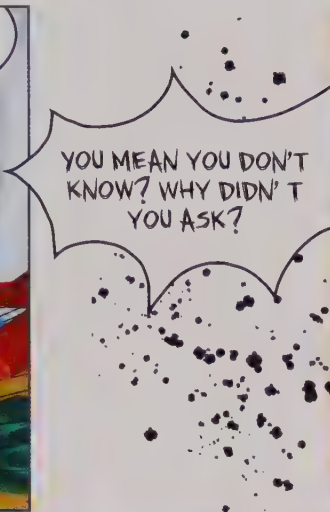
Yeah, plants, super interesting-- get to the Persephone part.



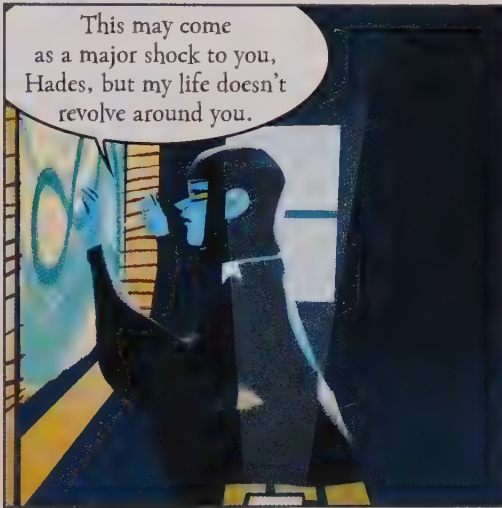




Guess she must have snuck a peek?



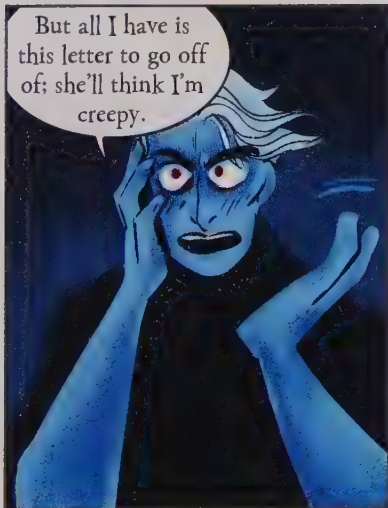
YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW? WHY DIDN' T YOU ASK?



This may come as a major shock to you, Hades, but my life doesn't revolve around you.



Just ask her.



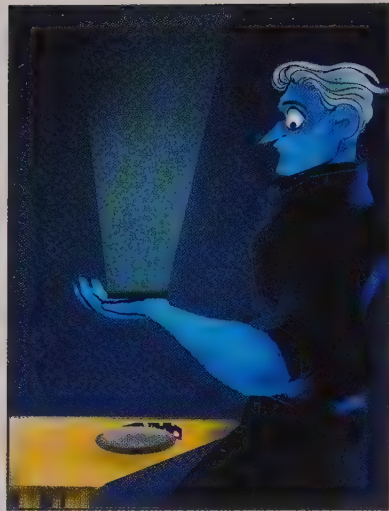
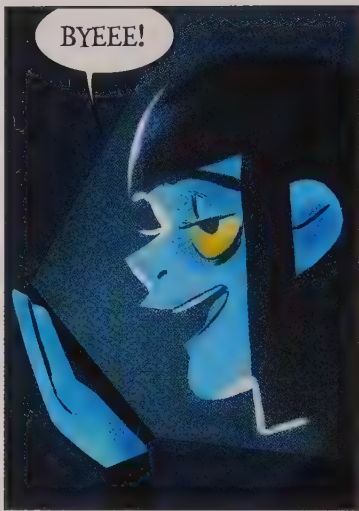
But all I have is this letter to go off of; she'll think I'm creepy.



Why don't you ask the Fates the next time you're at work. They should be able to fill in the blanks.



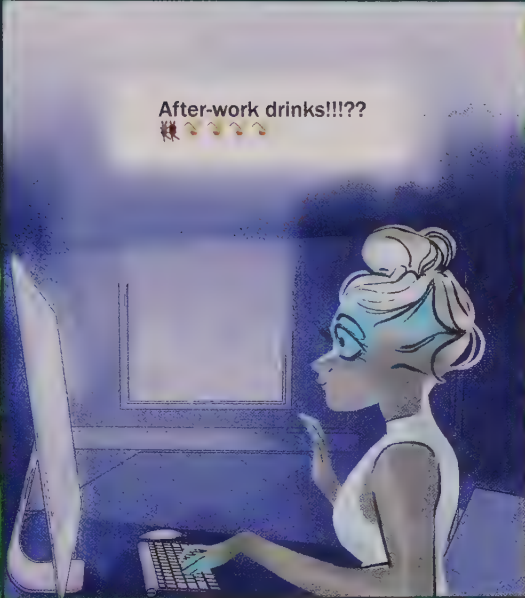
But--



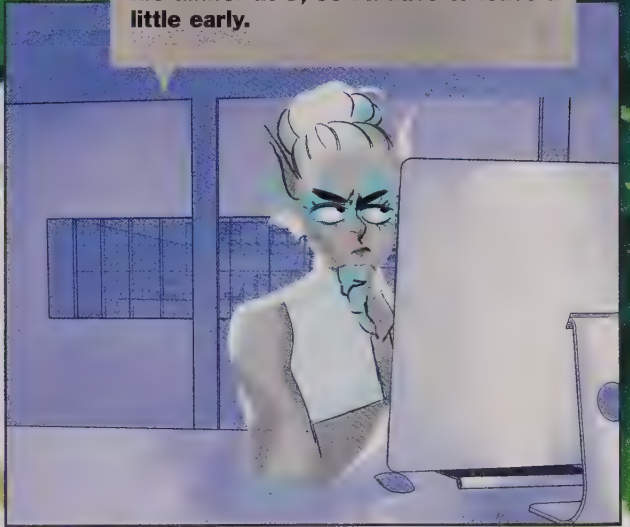
...what else is she hiding?

# EARLIER ON

After-work drinks!!!!?  
🍷🍷🍷🍷



Drinks sound good! Hades is making me dinner at 8, so I'll have to leave a little early.



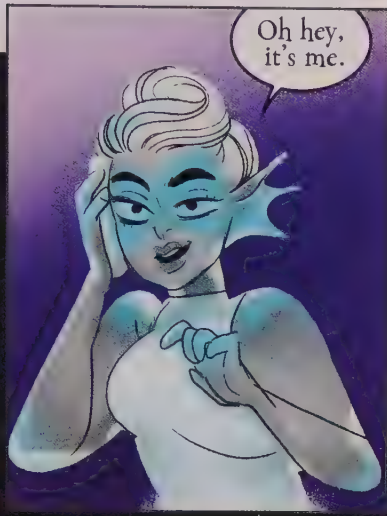
SIGH!





Old cow.  
Gods!

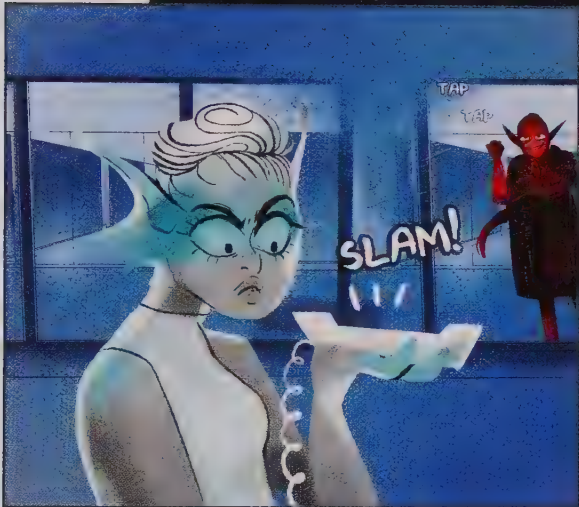




Oh hey,  
it's me.



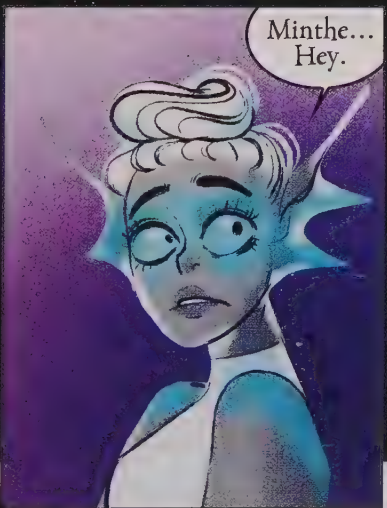
How many  
times have I told you!?  
Do NOT call me  
at home!



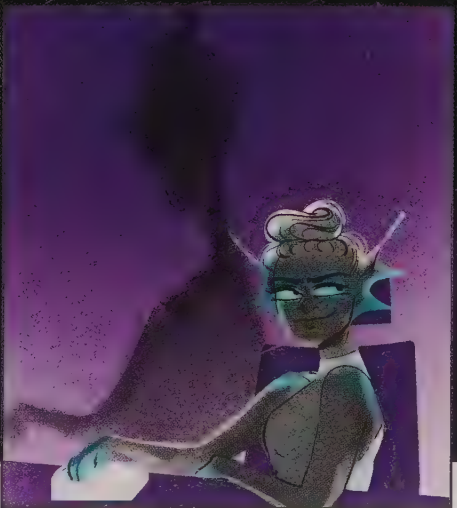
SLAM!



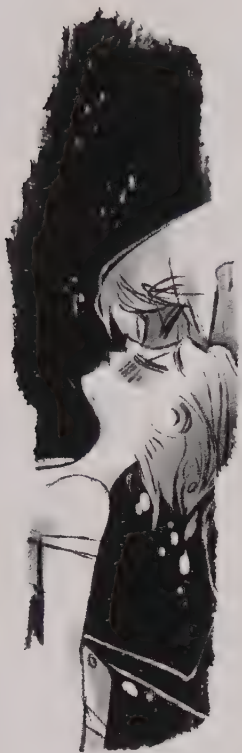
There you are!  
Are you ready  
to go?



Minthe...  
Hey.







**EPISODE 73: BFF**

\*WHISPERING\*





So,  
Hades.

You two  
are official  
now.



Well, I guess  
I overreacted about  
Persephone.



I had this  
embarrassing  
meltdown.

Hades  
was really good  
about it.




I just  
had to admit that  
Persephone set me off,  
and that I cared for him  
more than I realized.




I thought  
he would be  
frustrated.


But he  
was really keen about  
us trying a closed  
relationship.



Zeus would never do that for me...



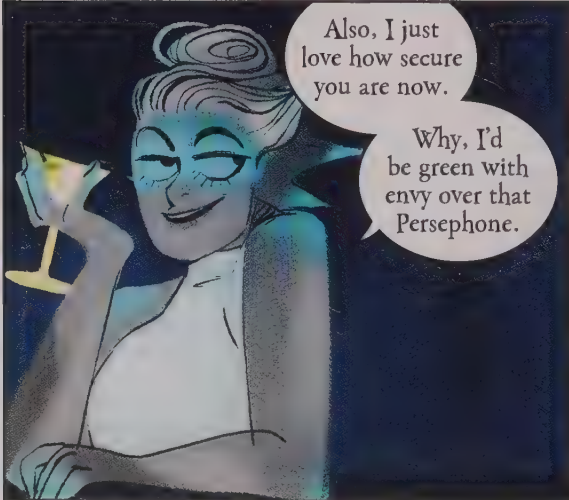
Aw, I'm so proud of you...



...for making such a serious commitment.




GULP  
GULP  
GULP



Also, I just love how secure you are now.

Why, I'd be green with envy over that Persephone.



Such good breeding, and her ears are so little and cute.

Would you ever consider having work done?



The Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood  
*Live a life devoted to the service of others.*

HOME LATEST NEWS ABOUT APP

NEWEST RECIPIENT OF THE TGOEM  
 ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP.

She is part of The Goddesses of Eternal Maidenhood--

!!!





We haven't even picked a candidate from Olympus yet.

Clearly, Hades set things up so they can be in close proximity!



Blah, blah, blah.



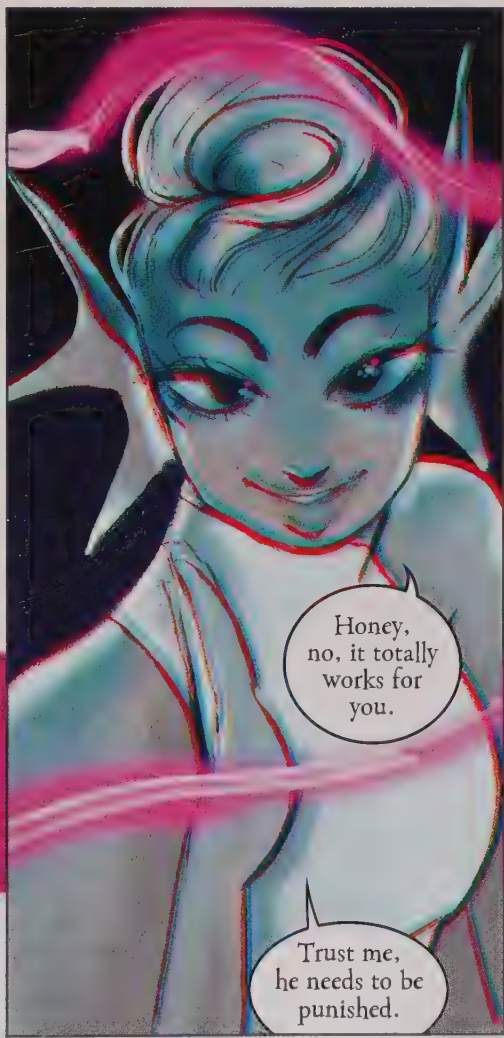
\*HIC\*  
Oh no!  
\*HIC\*

W-w-what should I do?

Good friend, do NOT text him back.



B-but y-you told me my "Treat 'em mean, keep 'em keen" approach was stupid.



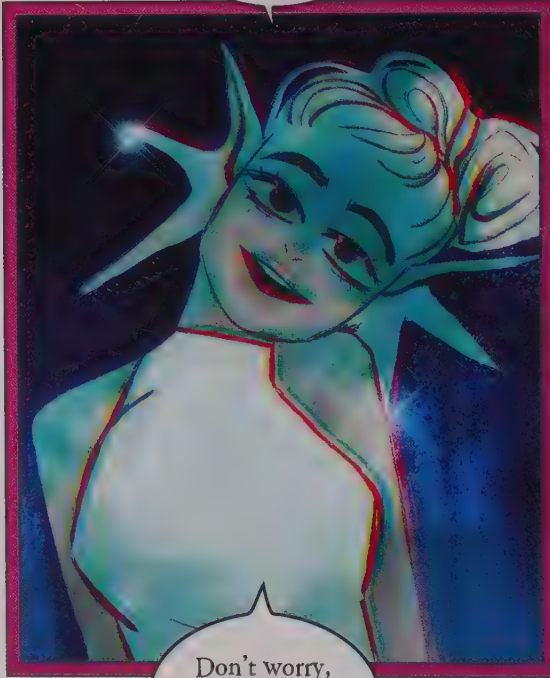
Honey, no, it totally works for you.

Trust me, he needs to be punished.



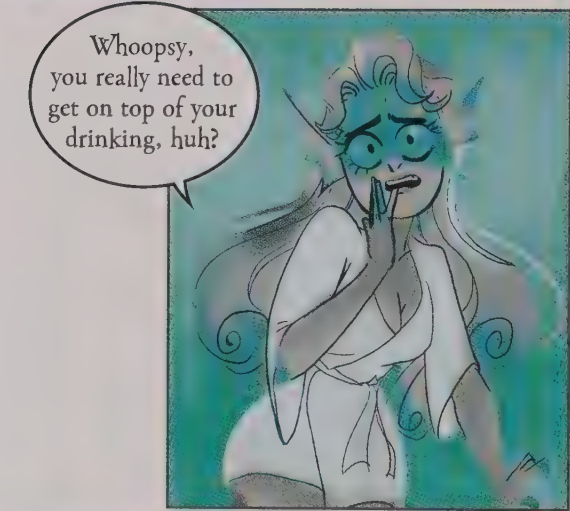
\*HIC\*  
H-he did spend a lot  
of t-time with her  
this afternoon.

See?  
Completely  
necessary.



Don't worry,  
relax, have  
another drink.







**EPISODE 74:** I THINK IT SUITS YOU





Friend Requests

Find Friends Settings



Hermes Official BOI

Confirm

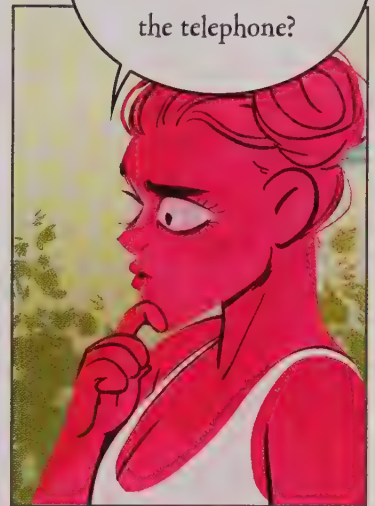
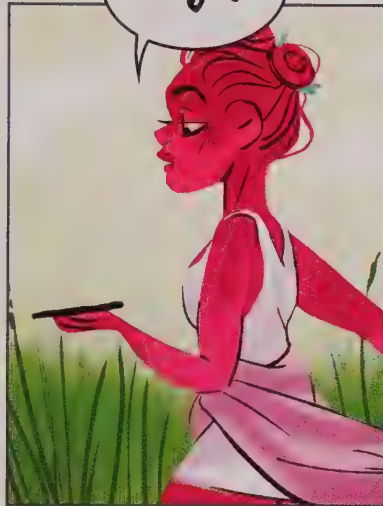
Delete

We're friends...

So it would be completely natural if I c-c-called Hades on the telephone?

Sigh!

Sugar snaps!  
It's just Hermes.



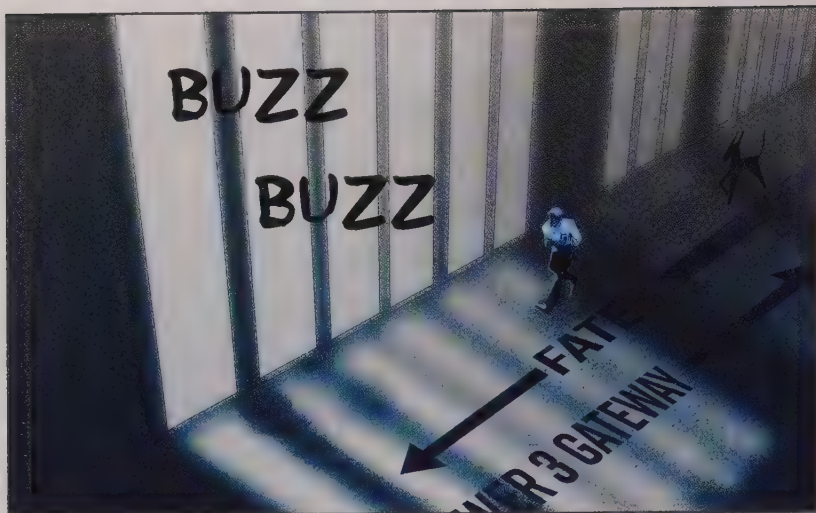
There is nothing in the rules that says I can't talk to him...



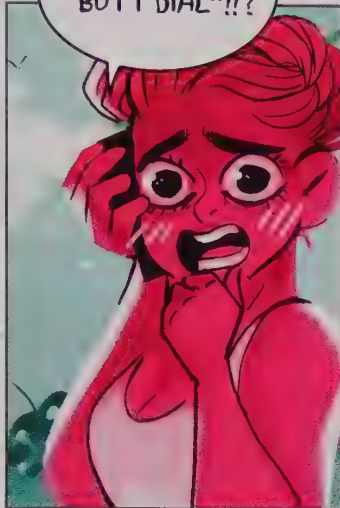
It's just talking. Nothing sneaky 'bout talkin'...

Here goes nothing!





WHAT'S A  
"BUTT DIAL"!!?



IT'S A MODERN  
COLLOQUIALISM FOR  
CALLING SOMEONE BY  
MISTAKE!



Excuse me,  
I'm just getting  
another call.



Don't go  
anywhere.

I won't!

Minthe  
Calling...



Salutations,  
Hades here. I'm indisposed.

You know what to do!

**BEEEEEEEEEEEP**

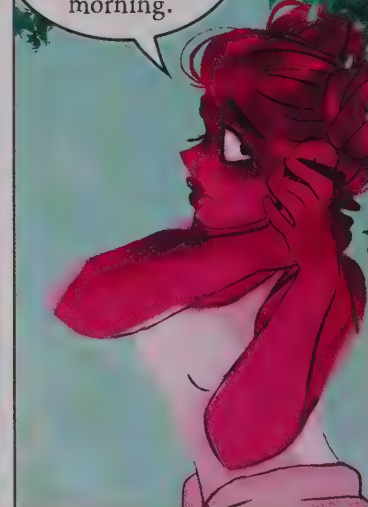


Back!

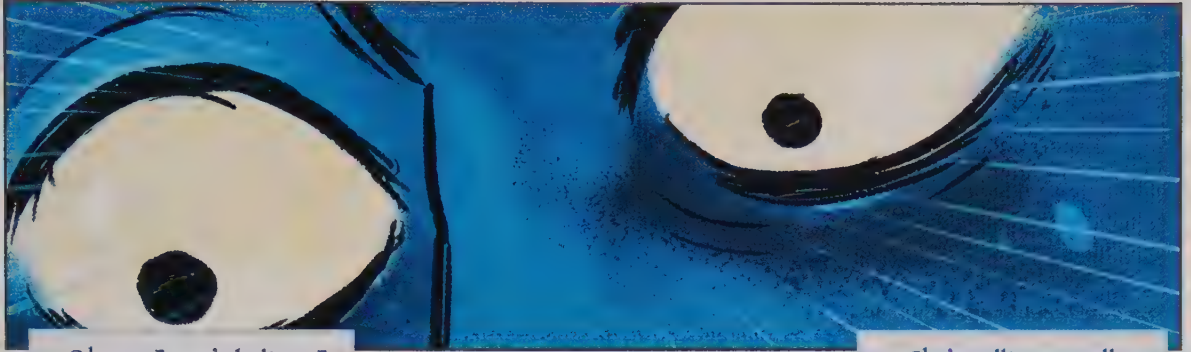
You're not  
scheduled for work  
today, so you can't be  
calling in sick.

What can I  
do for you?

It's just...  
you messaged  
me at 4 in the  
morning.



# YOU IDIOT!



Oh no, I can't believe I didn't consider the time when I messaged her!

She probably thinks I'm a huge loser.

She's calling to tell me she's doesn't want to come here anymore.



Gulp

Maybe Zeus paid her to be nice to me all this time?

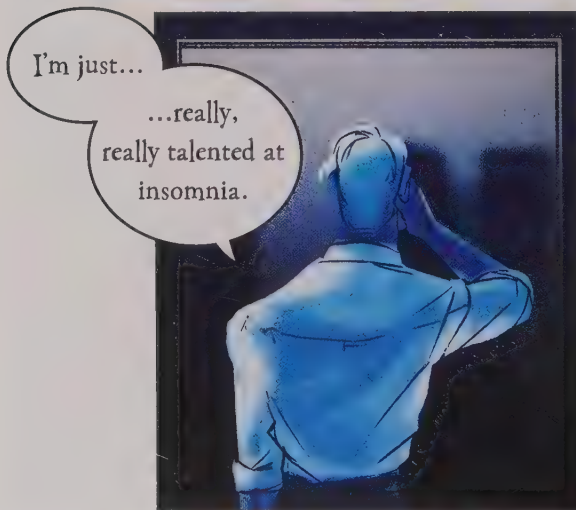
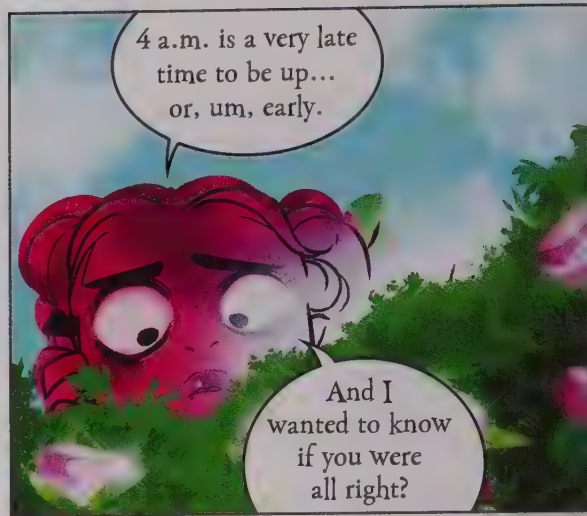


Listen, Ko-Persephone, I'm sorry--



Are you all right?

Fizz!





Sleeping is overrated.

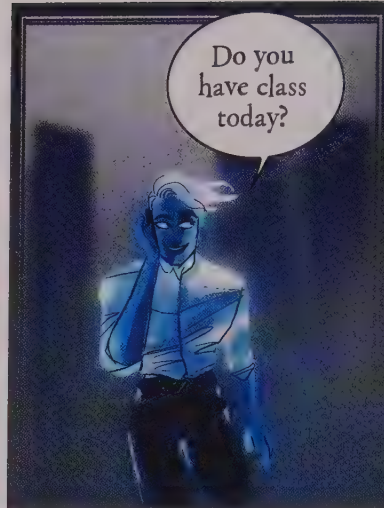
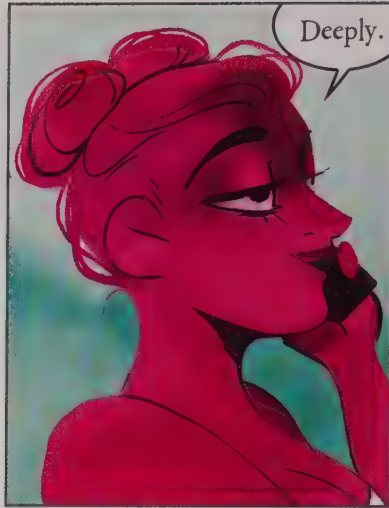
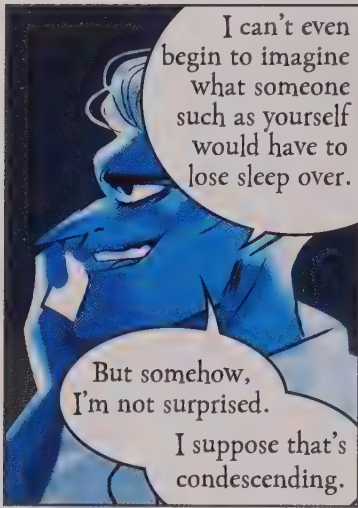
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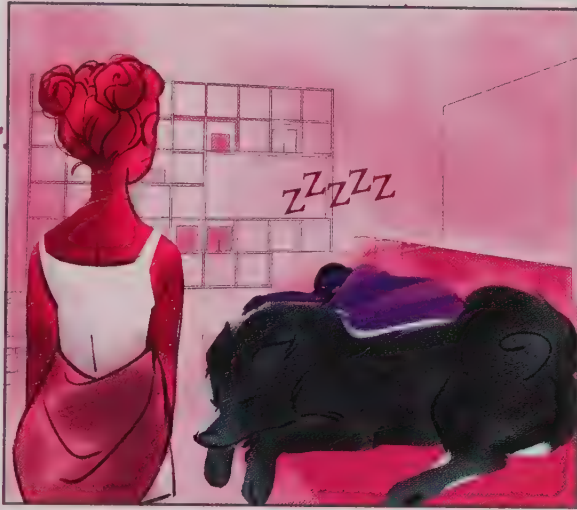


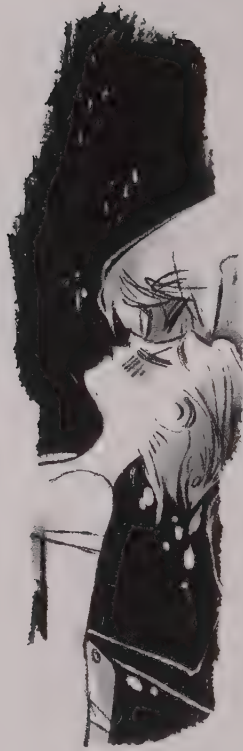
It's not that weird.

I've always struggled with sleeping, too.

So, yeah.







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(Clearly added in by Hades.)

# YESTERDAY





The internship runs  
for 6 months...

UNDERWORLD CORP INTERNSHIP  
BOOKLET

March reading

BUDGET

...and  
the scholarship  
is 15,000 drachma.

If I'm really  
careful with  
my saving, I  
could pay the  
scholarship  
back!

Chirp?

I know it doesn't  
fix everything, but  
it's a start.

OH,  
LOOK!!!

UNDERWORLD CORP  
**JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE**  
(PERMANENT/FULL-TIME)  
INTERNS WHO EXCEED EXPECTATIONS  
DURING THEIR INTERNSHIP  
WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF  
PERMANENT AND FULL-TIME  
JOB OPPORTUNITIES.

Maybe if I work  
really, really hard,  
Hades might give  
me a j-job...

If I had a job,  
then I would have my  
own money.

I could  
get my own  
place.



And I  
could do whatever  
I wanted.



I could  
get my ears  
pierced...

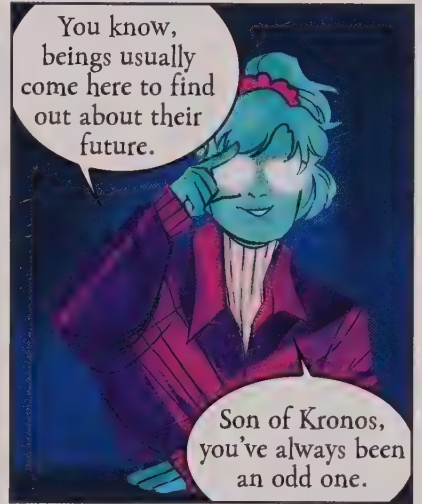
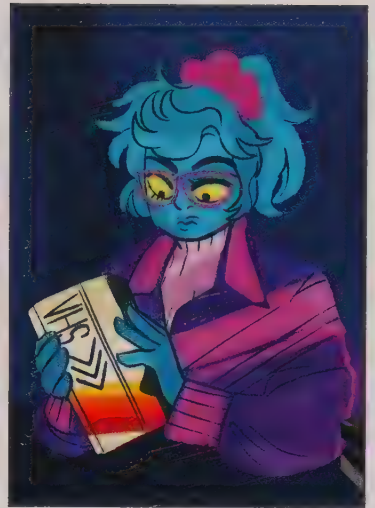


...even  
go on a  
date.

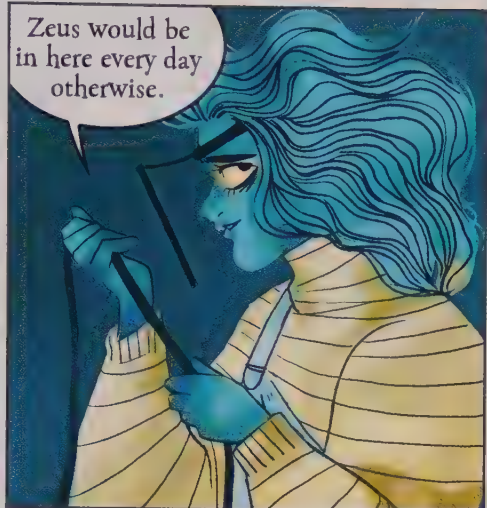
Maybe  
that's a touch  
ambitious.



**GULP!**







Zeus would be in here every day otherwise.



Touché--



I think we could make an exception for Aidoneus.



But, sister!



Now, now. Aidoneus doesn't annoy us often.



He doesn't have his brother's voyeuristic spirit.

Surely he's earned a pass.



Perhaps he could bring us some of that wine?







PLAY ▶

PLAY ▶

PLAY ▶

PLAY ▶

PLAY ▶

PLAY ▶

If it were up to me, I would create an endless number of chapters featuring Hades and Persephone aimlessly wandering the streets of the Underworld together.

There are still many elements of the Underworld that I wish I had time to share, but I must balance my desire for worldbuilding with the largely character-driven story.

I hope you enjoy this bonus chapter, in which Hades and Persephone experience some of the everyday nature of the Underworld.

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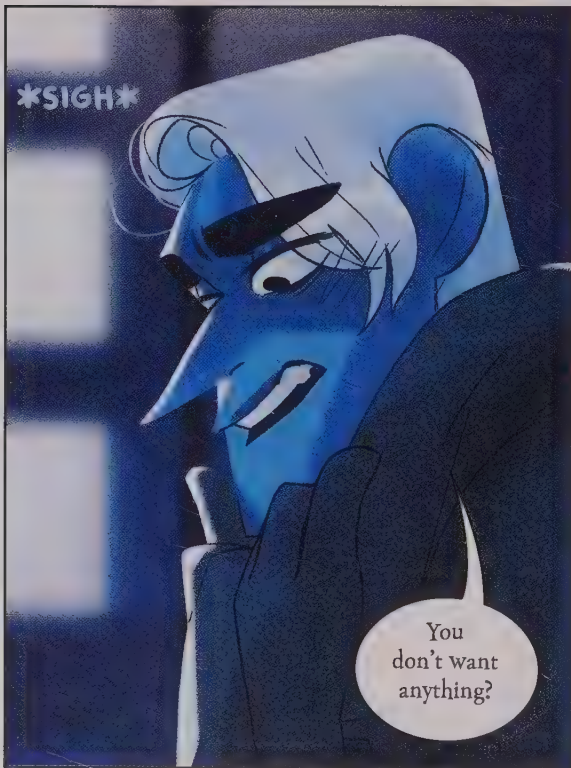
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What now?

B&BAR



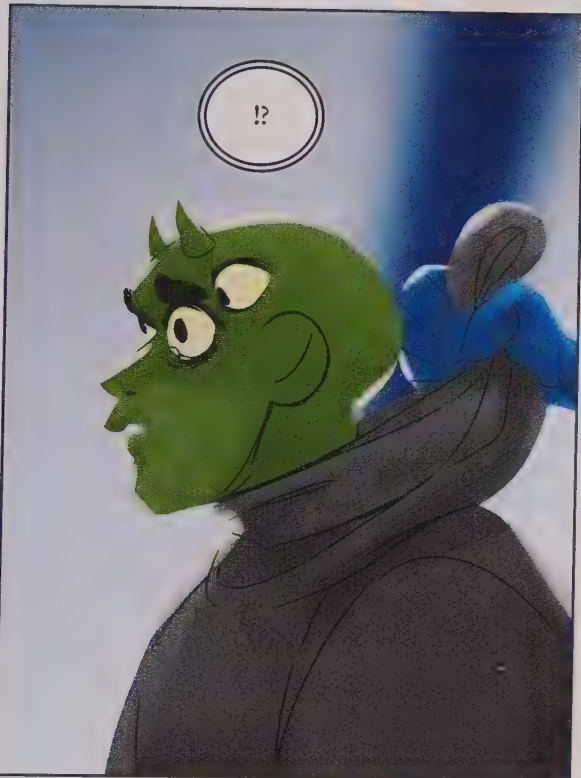












\*TOSS\*



Here.



Eh,  
where will that  
man go?



Free aerial  
day trip.

Aw.





Ever considered  
law school as  
an option?



Oh, my mother  
would kill me if  
I dropped out of  
my courses.



That's a shame.  
I can tell you've got  
a killer inside.







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