

APOLLO AND DAPHNE

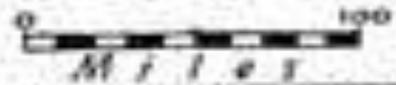


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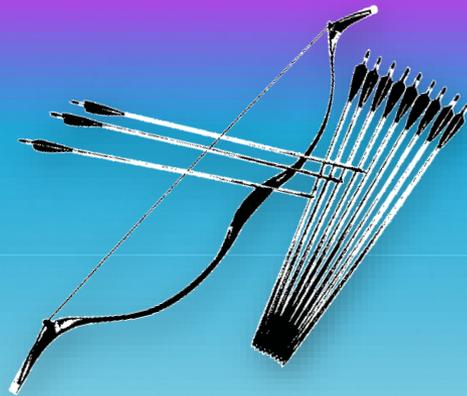




Ancient GREECE



APOLLO, ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND GREAT WARRIORS, MOCKED THE GOD OF LOVE, EROS, FOR USING HIS BOW AND ARROW, BY SAYING, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH POWERFUL WEAPONS, NAUGHTY BOY?" "THAT EQUIPMENT OF YOURS ARE FITTING MY SHOULDERS, WHICH ARE ABLE TO GIVE CERTAIN WOUNDS TO THE WILD ANIMALS, AND TO THE ENEMIES, WHICH RECENTLY KILLED THE SWOLLEN PYTHON WITH COUNTLESS ARROWS, THE PYTHON WHO WAS PRESSING DOWN SO MANY ACRES WITH HIS DISEASE-BEARING STOMACH! YOU WILL BE CONTENT TO PROVOKE SOME LOVES BY YOUR FIRE, NOT TO CLAIM MY HONORS."

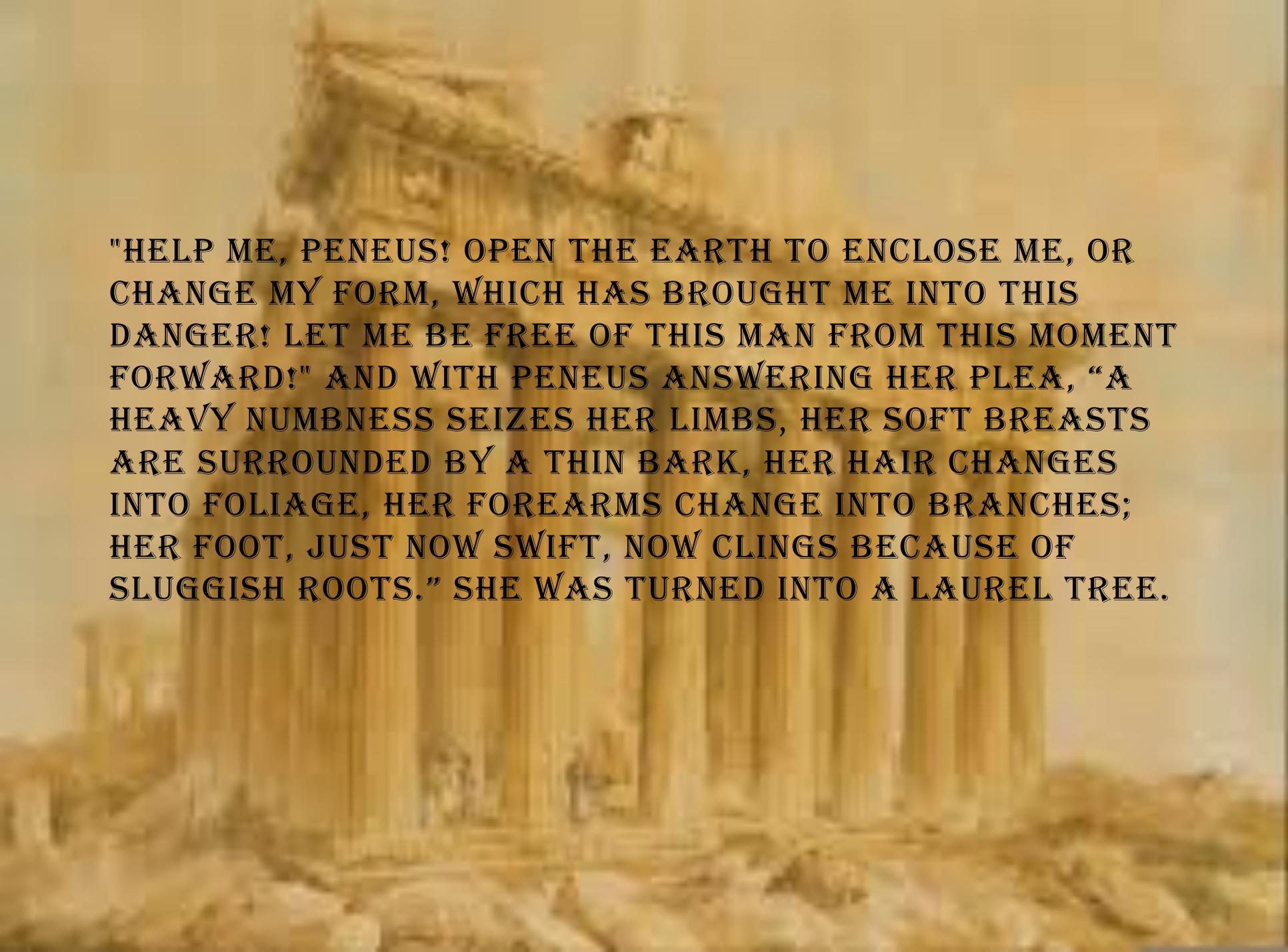


THEN EROS PREPARED TWO ARROWS: ONE OF GOLD AND ONE OF LEAD. HE SHOT APOLLO WITH THE GOLD ARROW, INSTILLING IN THE GOD A PASSIONATE LOVE FOR THE NYMPH DAPHNE. THEN HE SHOT DAPHNE WITH THE LEAD ARROW, INSTILLING IN HER A HATRED FOR APOLLO. APOLLO TOOK AFTER HER SISTER, ARTEMIS. DAPHNE HAD SPURNED HER MANY POTENTIAL LOVERS, PREFERRING INSTEAD WOODLAND SPORTS AND EXPLORING THE FOREST DUE TO HER IDENTITY AS AN "AEMULA PHOEBES", SHE HAD DEDICATED HERSELF TO PERPETUAL VIRGINITY. HER FATHER, THE RIVER GOD PENEUS, DEMANDED THAT SHE GET MARRIED AND GIVE HIM GRANDCHILDREN.



SHE HOWEVER, PLEADED WITH HER FATHER TO REMAIN UNMARRIED AS SHE HAD SWORN TO DO SO. AFTER A WHILE HER FATHER AGREED. APOLLO FOLLOWED DAPHNE CONTINUOUSLY, BEGGING HER TO STAY, BUT SHE CONTINUED HER FIGHT AGAINST HIM. THEY WERE ALSO MATCHED IN THE RACE UNTIL EROS INTERVENED HELPING APOLLO CATCH UP TO DAPHNE. WHEN SHE REALISED WHAT HAD HAPPENED SHE CALLED HER FATHER FOR HELP!!!





"HELP ME, PENEUS! OPEN THE EARTH TO ENCLOSE ME, OR CHANGE MY FORM, WHICH HAS BROUGHT ME INTO THIS DANGER! LET ME BE FREE OF THIS MAN FROM THIS MOMENT FORWARD!" AND WITH PENEUS ANSWERING HER PLEA, "A HEAVY NUMBNESS SEIZES HER LIMBS, HER SOFT BREASTS ARE SURROUNDED BY A THIN BARK, HER HAIR CHANGES INTO FOLIAGE, HER FOREARMS CHANGE INTO BRANCHES; HER FOOT, JUST NOW SWIFT, NOW CLINGS BECAUSE OF SLUGGISH ROOTS." SHE WAS TURNED INTO A LAUREL TREE.





IN SPITE OF DAPHNE'S REJECTION, APOLLO PROMISES THAT HE WILL LOVE HER FOREVER. HE SAID: "ALWAYS MY HAIR WILL HAVE YOU, MY LYRES WILL HAVE YOU, MY QUIVERS WILL HAVE YOU, LAUREL TREE. YOU WILL BE PRESENT TO TWO LATIN PLACES, WHEN THE HAPPY VOICE WILL SING A TRIUMPH AND THEY WILL VISIT THE GREAT CEREMONIES AT THE CAPITOLINE HILL."

some of the heroes :

EROS

APOLLO

CUPID

PENEUS

DAPHNE



This myth presents us with a sometimes tragic side to “love” because we learn that we cannot force somebody to love us. Loving somebody is a personal choice and, unfortunately, is not always mutual between two people. In other words, sometimes love can cause problems and sadness to the person who loves but who does not receive the same feelings from the person he or she cares about.



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