

DEATH AND LIGHTNING

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Part One

The End?

The two demigods stood there, facing each other. One descended from Hades, King of the Underworld. The other, from the king of the gods himself, Zeus. They knew what they had to do. The question is, Who would strike first?

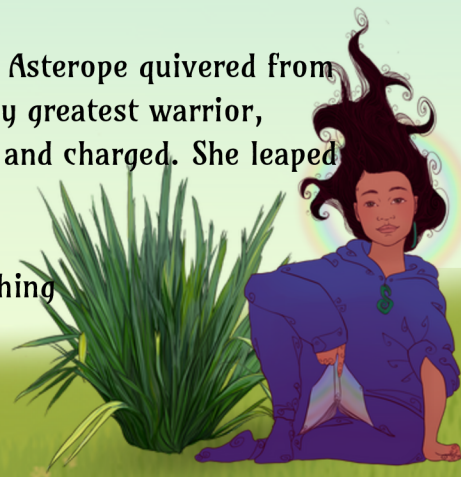
They both stood there silently until a CRASH of lightning hit Asterope, Daughter of Zeus. Her platinum blonde hair started glowing, Blinding white bolts of pure lightning started to swirl around her. At this moment she knew, Her father was here and ready to help. She levitated slightly off the ground and it was almost as if the clouds from her father's domain were creating a mist of sorts to keep her obscured. She stared at Nekros, Son of Hades, waiting to see how he would retaliate.

Nekros stood there, looking quite unfazed at the almost horrifying scene developing in front of him. However, a dark and shadowy form started to crawl up his leg. It kind of looked like a snake but it was longer, this presence slithered up to his neck and coiled around him. Small, wire-like shadows extruded from the main mass and spiralled down his arms and legs and stopped to create rings around his wrists and ankles.

Once this was finished, a rumble could be heard in the distance and a giant crack started to form in the earth beneath their feet.

Green ghost-like forms erupted from the crater in the earth. As they started clawing their way out of the fiery gash under her, Asterope started to knock some of the spirits back with small shocks of lightning. It seemed as though her efforts weren't strong enough to hold them back. The Chartreuse figures started to swirl into one gigantic devilish golem of pure undead energy. The golem charges towards Nekros, Asterope thought she was in the clear. That's when it happened. A booming voice shot through the flaming cavity, the words shook Asterope to her core but it seemed to invigorate Nekros.

It said "TARTUROSIS (Tar-TOO-roh-sis), do NOT harm my child". Asterope quivered from the implication that this voice was Hades himself. "Tarturosis, my greatest warrior, help my child in his fight". Tarturosis turned to look at Asterope and charged. She leaped out of the way, only to look at where she was once standing. A crater full of necrotic energy was pooling where she was just moments before. Her focus was centered on the golem but something in the corner of her eye was moving, and it was moving fast.



Part Two

Necrotic Dive

Nekros had made a dash toward the growing pool of Necrotic energy. He was gaining speed fast. It was almost as if the closer he got to the crater, the faster and stronger he got. He had reached the edge of the crater, but his speed didn't stop; he dove into the acid-like liquid that had fully filled the crater. Asterope stared in shock at the scene she had just witnessed, but that didn't last long.

Tarturosis charged into her and knocked her to the side of the crater. The golem prepared to charge at her again. Before it got its footing, a large storm cloud had started to form around the golem. Once the cloud had fully engulfed the golem, thousands of lightning bolts shot around inside the cloud and through the golem, disintegrating him into golden dust. While the clouds were dissipating, A towering figure was rising out of the crater, which was now almost empty. A large, looming shadow appeared behind Asterope, and as she turned around, she saw something horrific.

A 6 metre tall skeleton monster had risen out of the crater and it was not putting all of its focus onto Asterope. She examined the monstrosity before her, trying to find any weak points along its bony body.

"The joints maybe? Or the ribs?" she thought. Then she noticed something, a humanoid figure inside its skull. "Could it be?" she wondered, but there was no way, right? "No it can't be, it's impossible" she whispered to herself. Unfortunately for her, it was possible. Nekros was inside the skeleton, controlling it. She had now realised that its whole body was made of that Necrotic liquid that had filled the crater just minutes before." How is he still alive?" she wondered, but there was no time for wondering. Right now, her situation was life... or death.



Part Three

The Battle of Lightning and Death

Nekros stomped down on where Asterope was standing, or so he thought. When he moved his skeletal foot from the ground, he didn't see a corpse or even any blood. It was as if she had disappeared completely. Asterope seemingly teleported behind Nekros, and she threw a lightning bolt directly through his skull.

Before he could turn around, he felt a shock flow through his skeletal body and his physical body started to shake inside the skull. Asterope kept pelting the skeletal giant in front of her with lightning bolts. The more she threw, the more Nekros shook. He looked as if he was having a seizure, but that didn't stop Asterope; she kept launching bolts at him.

Her eyes had started glowing white, her platinum hair turned lightning blue with small bolts of pure electricity enveloping her hair. She looked dangerous, and she was full of power. The power had not come from her father but from her own divine essence.

Nekros's form started to shift, his physical form was starting to dissipate. The skeletal form was beginning to give in and it was starting to crumble. All of a sudden, Nekros' body froze. He stopped shaking and he was just still.

This didn't last long however.

After a few seconds, Nekros threw his hands out and the skeleton he was inhabiting turned back into necrotic energy and splashed onto the ground below them. He didn't fall though, his eyes turned a blood red and he darted towards Asterope. It was almost as if he wasn't flying but walking on the air. When he made contact with his opponent, the ground and sky shook. The divine energy that was coursing through them was so powerful that it was causing the nature around them to burst into flames.

This is not good.



Part Four

Godly Intervention

Hades and Zeus had noticed the destruction.

They knew they had to stop this before it turned into a war between the opposing sides. The two gods put a divine border between their kids and they both sent out the same command.

“STOP THIS UNNECESSARY FIGHTING, SAVE YOUR ENERGY FOR THE REAL THREATS”. Once the two demigods heard this they stopped in their tracks. They both tried to stutter out an apology but they couldn’t speak. They both slowly returned to the ground and their divine essence started to waiver.

They had both started to prepare to return to their parents' domains.

But before they could fully leave, a wave of salt water smell washed over them. In the distance they could see a large, glowing being riding in on a gigantic wave of sea water.

As the wave got closer, the figure became easier to see.

Atop the wave was the titan of the sea, Oceanus.

“THAT is your real enemy” Zeus proclaimed.

Both of the demigods prepared themselves and channeled their energy into their power.

With the aid from their parents, they now had to fight a battle that was bigger than they ever could have imagined.

The Battle between the sky, the ground... and the sea.

The End?

