



I AM NOT AFRAID

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33 AGGEE MUSE
You'd prefer, what? 33

34 RAINBOW MUSE
Dance fight. 34

Rainbow squeals and pirouettes into action.

35 BEDIA MUSE
If I knew we were attending a 35
dance, I would have wore my heels.

36 (to Aggee)
Keep the beastie at bay, huh, I 36
need to consult my spell book. See
what's on the menu.

Aggee grins madly at Helios.

37 AGGEE MUSE
I got your flank, flank steak. 37

He CHAN LEAPS into combat, intercepting the charging beast.

The Helios Avatar lowers its horns, attempts to gore the
monk, but misses just as Aggee leaps clear.

38 AGGEE MUSE (CONT'D)
Is that it, that your best shot? 38

Helios stands frozen, mouth agape, awed by the spectacle.

The M&M Crew are slick and affective fighting force,
augmented boldly by Helios' fertile imagination.

39 BEDIA MUSE
Helios, you like fire, right? That 39
was called out in our pre-mission
briefing.

40 HELIOS
No. I hate, I hate fire. 40

41 BEDIA MUSE
Oh, too bad. I'm afraid this 41
situation calls for fire.

42 HELIOS
No. No fire. 42

Too late. The sorceress hurls a CHROMATIC FIRE ORB.

Helios Avatar swiftly backhands the flying orb with his axe,
returning serve, sending it exploding at Bedia's feet.

60 BEDIA MUSE (CONT'D) 60
 Aggee, remember. If you kill him,
 he can't kill you. Don't change
 the script.

61 RAINBOW MUSE 61
 We're in Hades, he'll find a mouth
 to jump into.

The Helios Avatar performs embarrassing *shame damage* open palm slap to Aggee's chest driving him to the ground.

Aggee refocuses the kinetic energy Aikido style, performs a kip-up, bouncing back straight into the Minotaur's face and headbutts him violently.

62 AGGEE MUSE 62
 This is Helios World and you
 weren't invited to this lavish do.

The HELIOS AVATAR ROARS SAVAGELY.

Aggee mimics him, roaring back. ITS A ROAR FACEOFF.

CUT TO:

SAME TIME - WORLDS AWAY ON CHALDEA PRIME

Helios' friends barely maintain order as wind and spirits try to disrupt Helios.

Bedia continues the chanting unabated while Aggee and Rainbow struggle to maintain salt and flame against the supernatural wind.

63 RAINBOW 63
 Something is very angry with
 Helios.

BACK IN HADES, IN THE PIT OF HELIOS' MIND

Rainbow recovers from her embarrassing dance dismount and throws a *special spell* at her former dance partner.

TASHA'S LAUGHTER.

TASHA'S HIDEOUS LAUGHTER.

TASHA'S UNCONTROLLABLE HIDEOUS LAUGHTER.

TASHA'S—

Rainbow turns, hands on hips, stares into the camera.

81 BEDIA MUSE 81
 Not for lack of trying on someone's
 part.

 We hear shuffling.

82 HELIOS 82
 Owe! You're kicking me. Stop
 pushing.

83 AGGEE MUSE 83
 That wasn't me.

 We hear a SPLASH OF WATER and a LOW GROAN.

84 HELIOS 84
 There is something alive in here.

85 RAINBOW MUSE 85
 We're in Hades, nothing is alive in
 here.

86 AGGEE MUSE 86
 I'm alive... I think.

87 HELIOS 87
 Wait. I see something. Do you see
 what I see?

88 BEDIA MUSE 88
 Depends upon what you see.

89 HELIOS 89
 I have darkvision and I can't see
 shit.

90 AGGEE MUSE 90
 I can't see shit either, and I have
 true sight.

91 RAINBOW MUSE 91
 I have lucanor's miraculous sight.

92 BEDIA MUSE 92
 I have god sight. I can see
 between the tapestries of worlds.
 Gaze across the astral, the
 ethereal and into the shadow realm.

93 HELIOS 93
 Nevermind.

 Helios sniffs.

Beneath the water, something oddly alien sweeps fast past the
gravers, causing them all to leap in fear.

103 AGGEE MUSE
 Is it... faux Helios, again? 103

104 BEDIA MUSE
 It's a foe alright, but not that 104
 kind of faux, you know?

Bedia crouches into a low wand dueling stance. Then casts
FIRE BOLTS rapidly every which way.

Spectacular explosions of fire erupt wherever she points, but
doing little perceived damage--more bark than bite.

105 RAINBOW MUSE
 What's the point in that? 105

106 BEDIA MUSE
 A preemptive strike at the heart of 106
 fear, yes?

107 AGGEE MUSE
 No. You're just gonna run out of 107
 spells.

Bedia winks at her companion muses.

108 BEDIA MUSE
 (whispers)
 It's okay, my arsenal is endless. 108
 Helios doesn't understand
 spellcraft.

A ridged back from that of a prehistoric swamp creature arcs,
pushing above the surface ten-foot distance, and then
disappears again.

109 HELIOS
 We are not alone. 109

110 RAINBOW MUSE
 It's okay, Helios. Don't be 110
 afraid, we wont abandon you.

111 AGGEE MUSE
 Should I attack it? 111

112 BEDIA MUSE
 Wait your turn to die, Aggee. 112
 First, let me see if I can arouse
 it with my foreplay spellplay.

121 BEDIA MUSE
The bog wouldn't burn, so I 121
thought, hmmm, maybe electrify.

122 RAINBOW MUSE
And us-- 122

123 HELIOS
I know water is an excellent 123
conductor of electricity, Bedia.
Never stand in water during a
lighting storm, my Pa used to say.

124 BEDIA MUSE
Well, shit. 124

The SHOCK however, did have it's desired affect on the bog spirit. It breeches, revealing it's full true nature--

A PLANT CROCODILE UNHOLY UNION.

The crocodilian, a METAPHYSICAL CONCEPT OF FEAR, is lizard-like with stubby snout, long tail, and short limbs--tree limbs that is.

125 BOG SPIRIT
FACE YOUR FEARS! 125

The creature bolts directly at Helios, its long tail thrashing violently.

AGGEE LEAPS--

coming down on the abomination, in an effort to subdue, exerting every ounce of strength in a massive bear hug.

The crocodile goes into a DEATH ROLL, taking Aggee with him, thrashing the monk mercilessly.

126 BEDIA MUSE
Aggee is a true blessing and gift 126
from the gods.

127 HELIOS
With a terminal death wish. 127

Rainbow leaps off of Helios' shoulder and flings her magical chakrum.

128 RAINBOW MUSE
Chakram chakra! 128

	HELIOS	
152	No, we don't. That's a popular misconception. My people hate labyrinths.	152
	RAINBOW MUSE	
153	Really? Do tell.	153
	HELIOS	
154	Hello? Prison. Confined to wondering around lost in the dark forever, like this bloody hole.	154
	RAINBOW MUSE	
155	Huh? There you go, you learn something new everyday.	155
	BEDIA MUSE	
156	Where to now?	156
	AGGEE MUSE	
157	Act three. We face the crucible.	157
	HELIOS	
158	Uh-uh, there is no we, I'm going it, alone.	158
	RAINBOW MUSE	
159	Is that wise?	159
	BEDIA MUSE	
160	Are you quite certain?	160
	HELIOS	
161	Yes, I have to face my own fears, alone. I can't stand behind you my whole life. I'm tired of being afraid.	161
	AGGEE MUSE	
162	I'll cover your flank, buddy.	162
	HELIOS	
163	No. I appreciate it. I must go alone.	163

ON CUE, as if someone had read Helios' mind--

The TAPESTRY OF DARKNESS pulls back like a theatrical curtain revealing--

EXT. THE TINDERBOX - DAY

INSERT TITLE CARD: ACT THREE

Helios stands on the edge of an angry active volcano.

ON HELIOS -- A FORTRESS OF COURAGE.

Heroic music swells as reddish orange glow of superheated lava illuminates his determined defiant features.

He steps close to the edge, hooves on the brink--

HELIOS

(sotto)

164 Whew. It's hotter than I remember. 164

AGGEE MUSE (O.S.)

165 No shit, it's the Tinderbox? Not 165
exactly your favorite place.

Helios spins to find the M&M Crew.

HELIOS

166 What are you doing here? 166

RAINBOW MUSE

167 We said, we wouldn't abandon you. 167

AGGEE MUSE

168 Come away from the ledge, Helios. 168

Bedia leans out looking into the crater. She nudges a rock with her toe sending it falling... slowly into the lava.

BEDIA MUSE

169 You fall in there, forget about any 169
healing spell saving you.

RAINBOW MUSE

170 Lava is the hottest kind of fire. 170
You hate--

HELIOS

171 --Fire. I know. 171

(face softens)

172 You are my friends. I appreciate 172
what you're doing, I do, but I must
do this alone. I must.

RAINBOW MUSE

173 You insist? 173

HELIOS

182 *I will not live in fear.* 182

Together the two try to keep Helios subdued, but the minotaur is bucking like a bronco and much too strong for the pair.

A hoof kicks wide disrupting the protective salt line.

RAINBOW

183 *Fix the salt.* 183

Aggee pours more salt, but loses his leverage on Helios.

The big man's hand flails and almost knocks over a--

AGGEE

(pointing)

184 *CANDLE!* 184

Rainbow quickly puts it to rights, before it falls.

The demon inside Helios is more than what they can contain.

RAINBOW

185 *Bedia?* 185

Bedia just shrugs and continues to chat, afraid to stop.

Helios almost sits up--

AGGEE

186 *We're losing him.* 186

SOMETHING LARGE lands on Helios' chest pinning him. It's--

SNAGGLE.

The Gekkon's weight and downward pressure is sufficient to keep their friend from doing any more harm.

SNAGGLE

187 *Fodder.* 187

IN THE TINDERBOX CRATER, Helios is mid-death plunge.

All the planar constants are function normally, including gravity propelling him at terminal velocity.

He falls fast and true, straight at the spark, like one of Bedia's *Favored by the Gods* fire spells.

HELIOS

188 *I. AM. Not afraid.* 188

