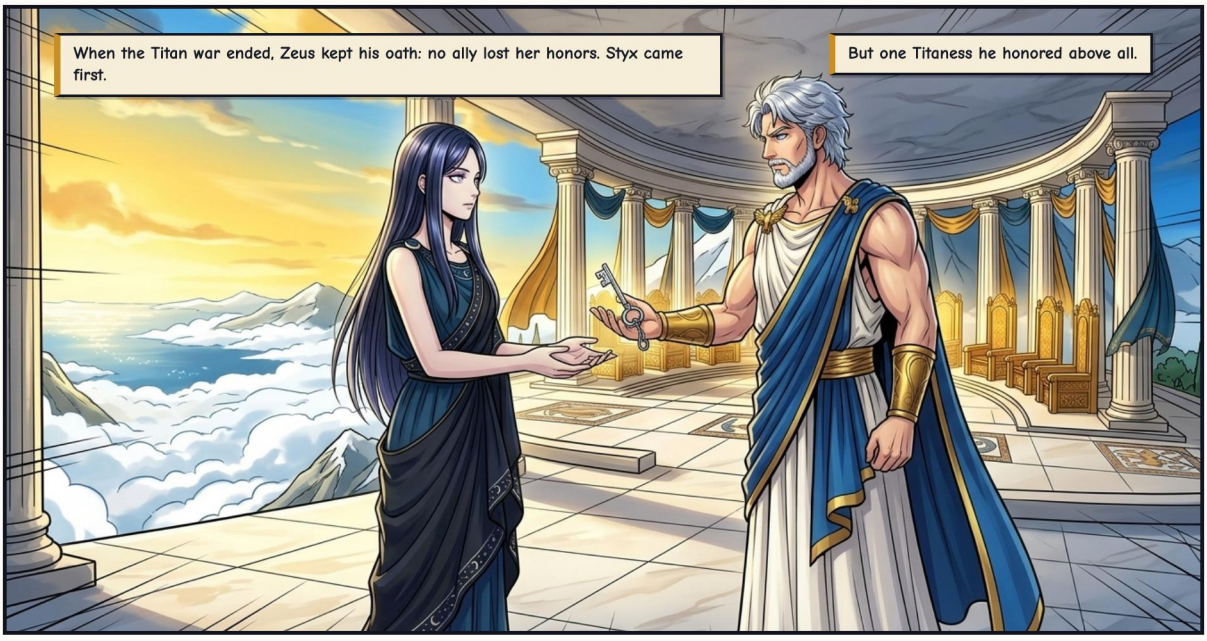
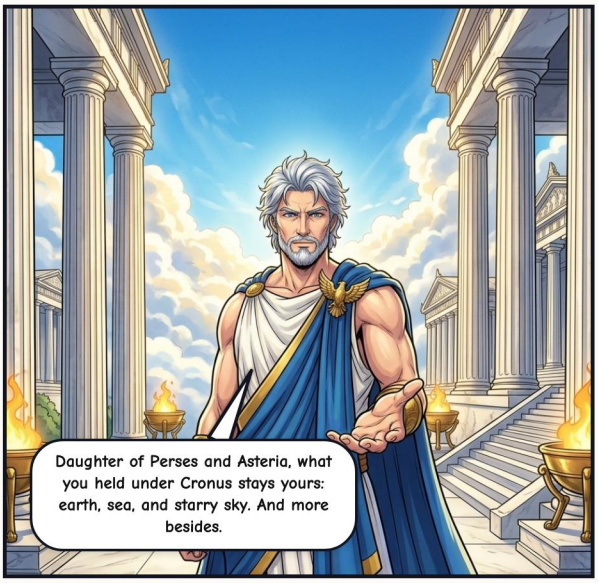
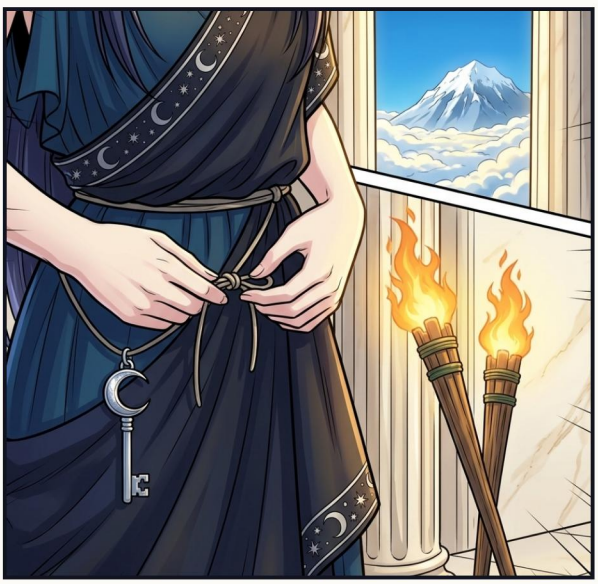

HECATE
Book VIII · Torchbearer of the Crossroads

ACT I — THE HONORS OF HECATE







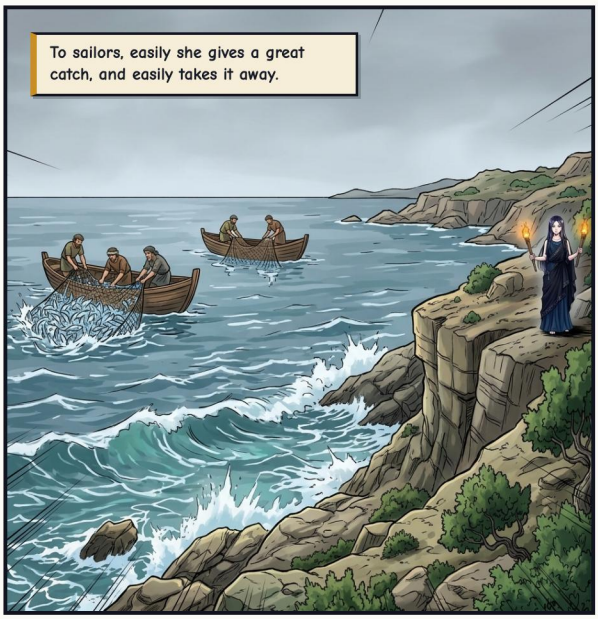


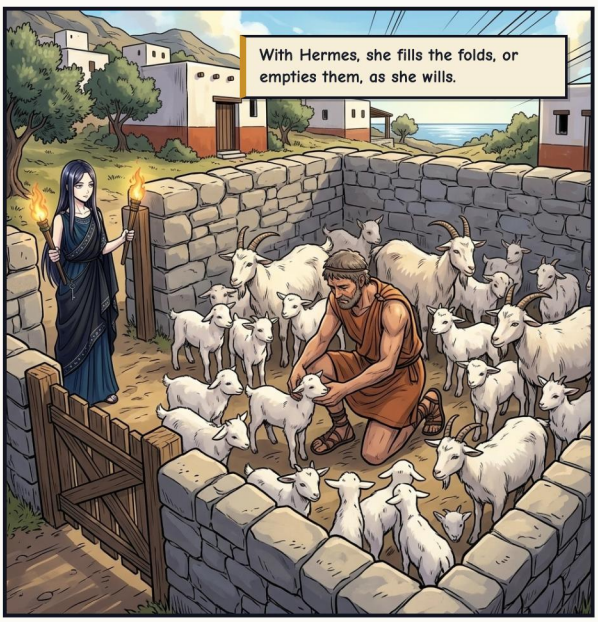


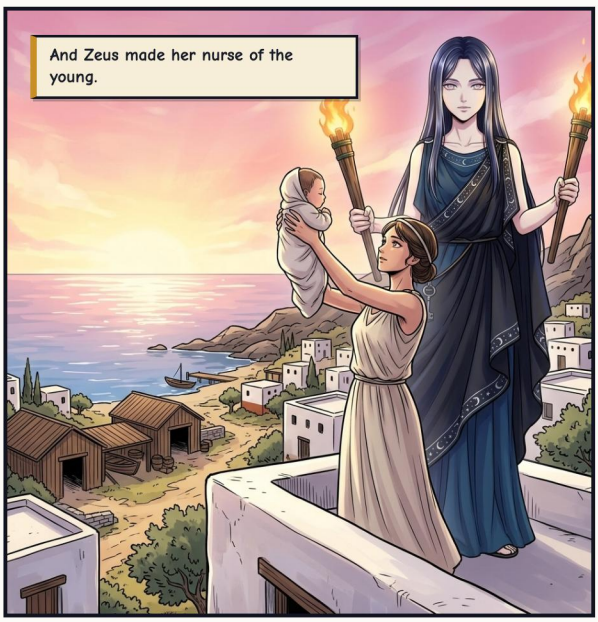

She sits beside kings when they judge.


In war, she gives victory to whom she will.


She stands by athletes, and by horsemen.

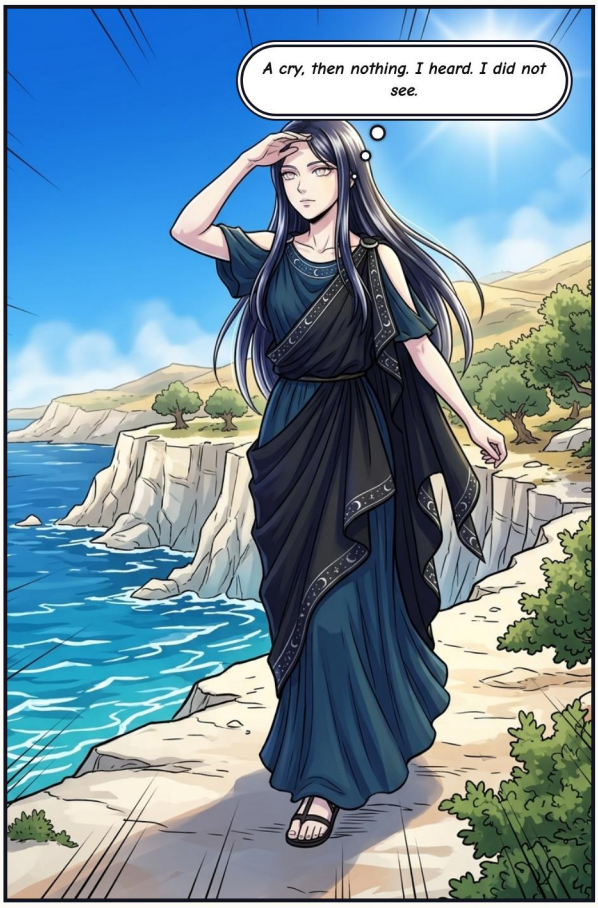

To sailors, easily she gives a great catch, and easily takes it away.


With Hermes, she fills the folds, or empties them, as she wills.


And Zeus made her nurse of the young.

ACT II — WITNESS IN THE DARK

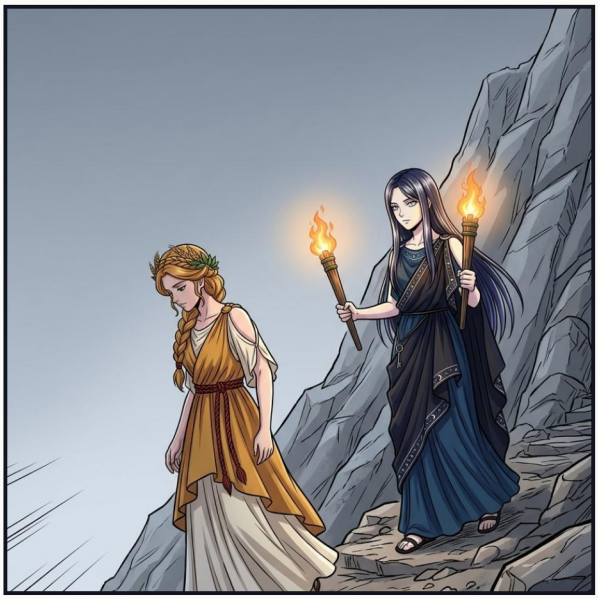


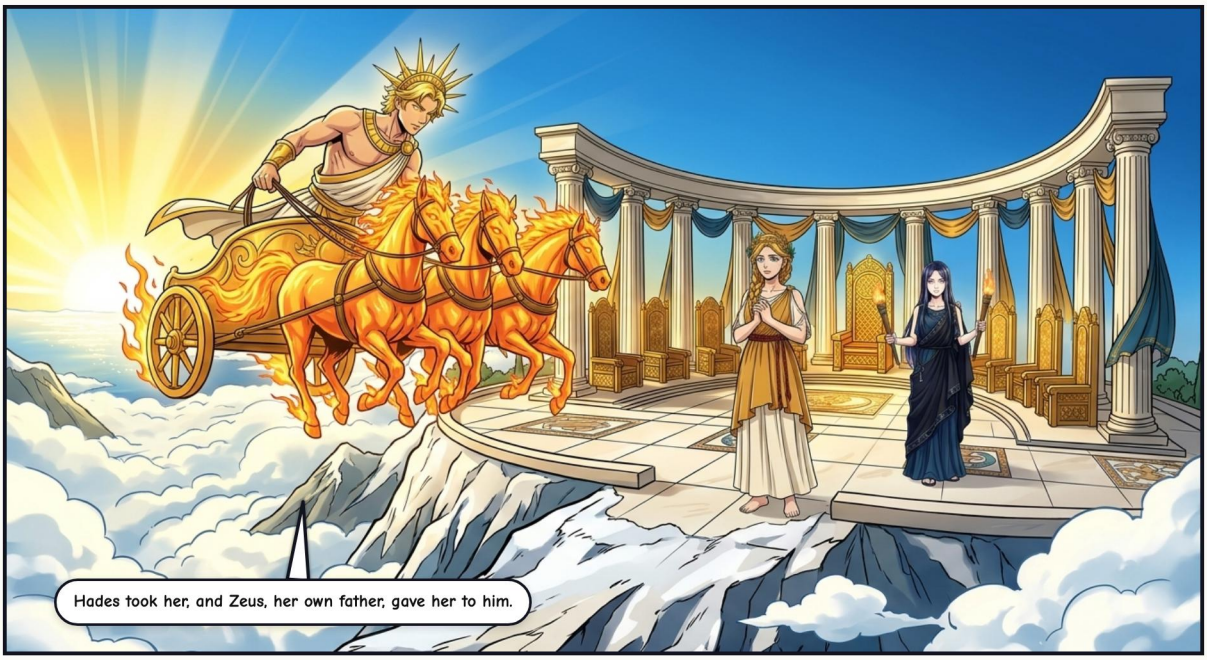


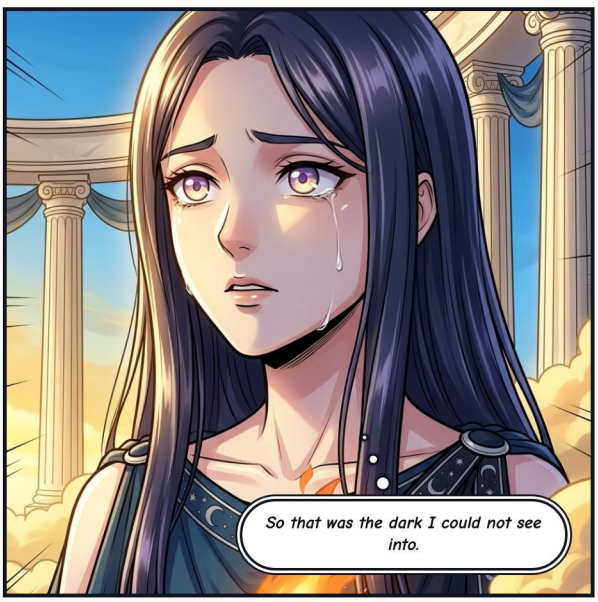




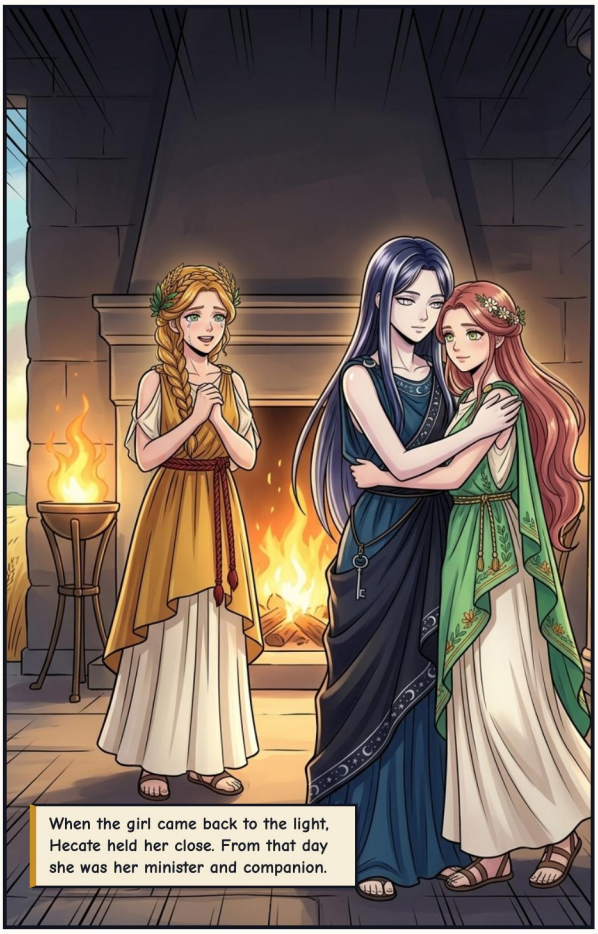

Come with me to Helios. You alone answered when every other god looked away.




Hades took her, and Zeus, her own father, gave her to him.

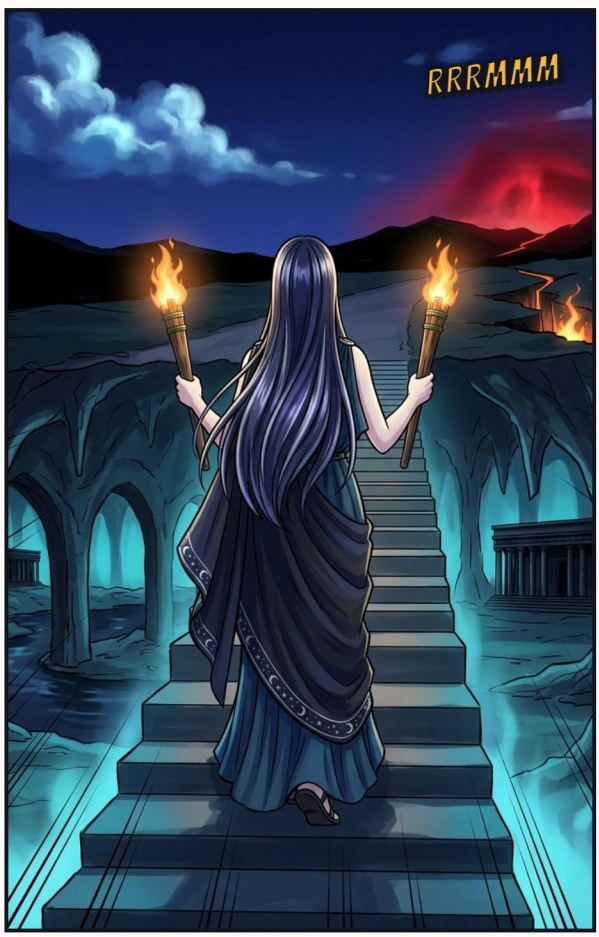

So that was the dark I could not see into.


Demeter turned her back on the gods. Hecate could not bring the girl home. She could only keep a light burning.


When the girl came back to the light, Hecate held her close. From that day she was her minister and companion.


When the leaves turned, Hecate went down with her, lighting every step.


You lit my way up in spring. Walk me down now, every autumn.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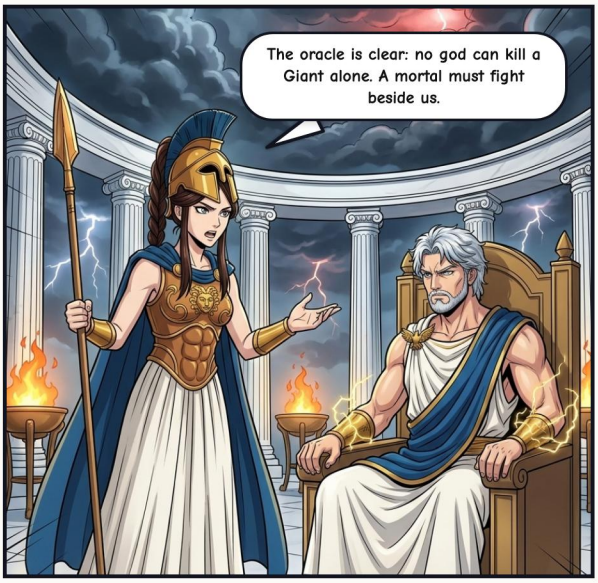
ACT III — THE FLAMES OF PHLEGRA

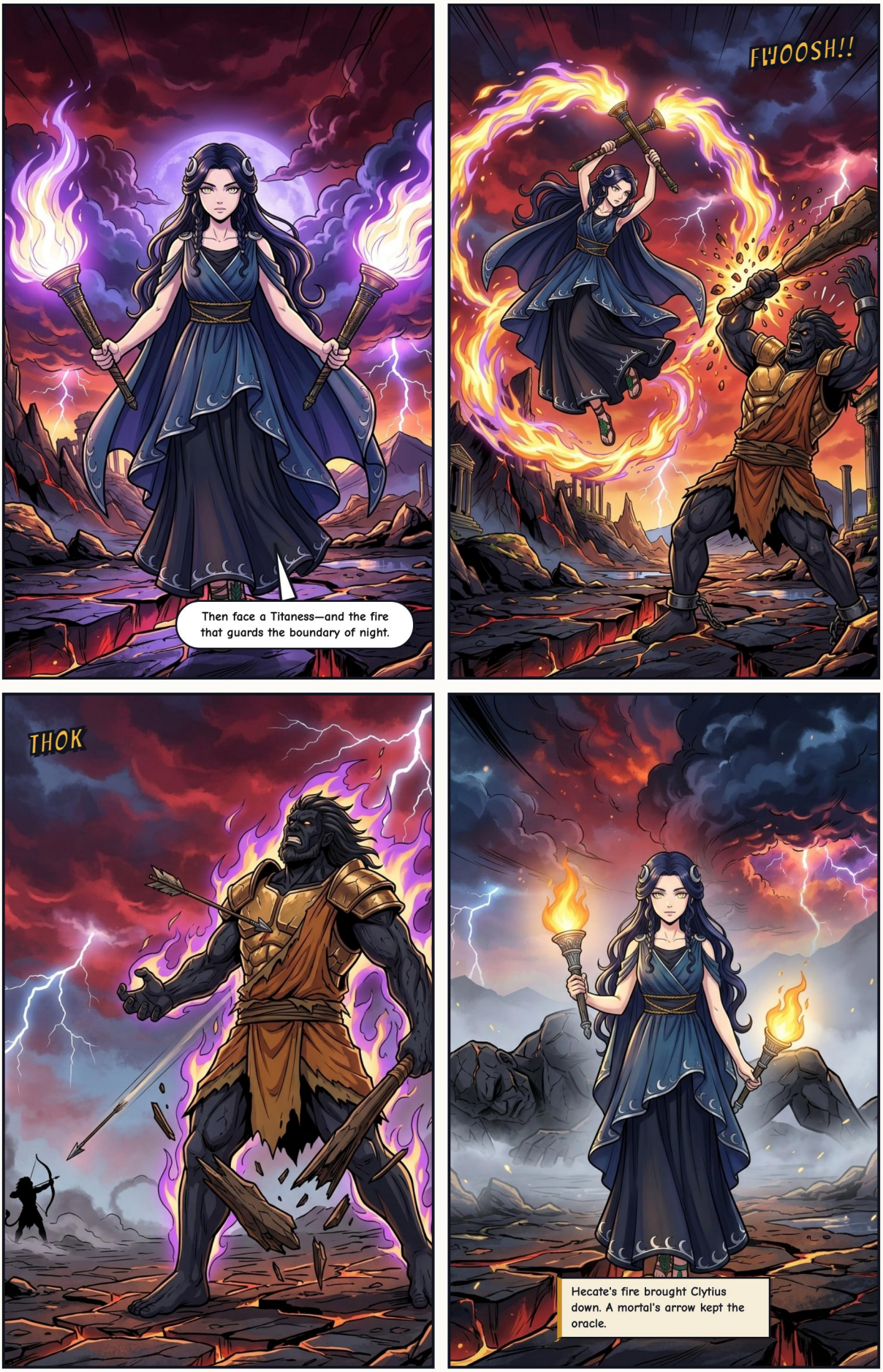




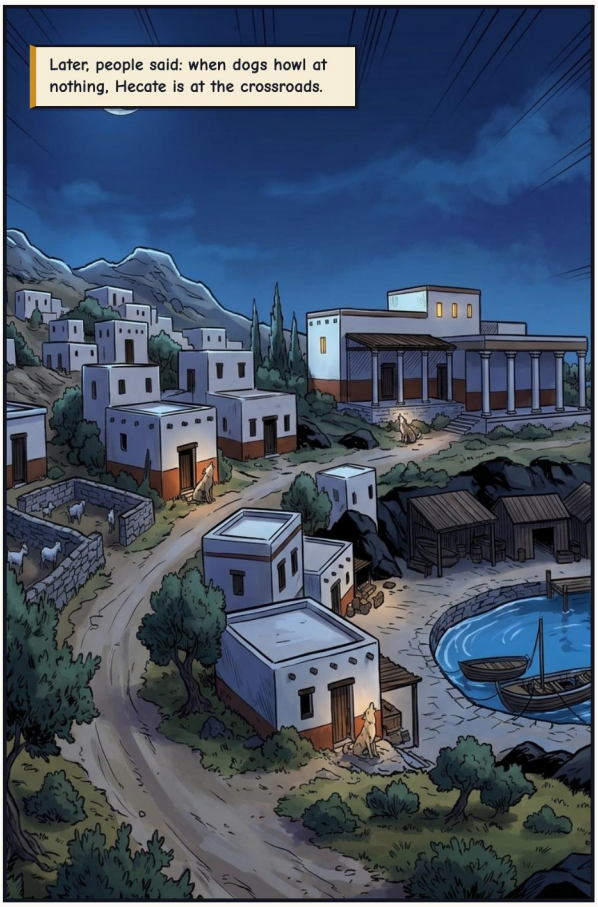




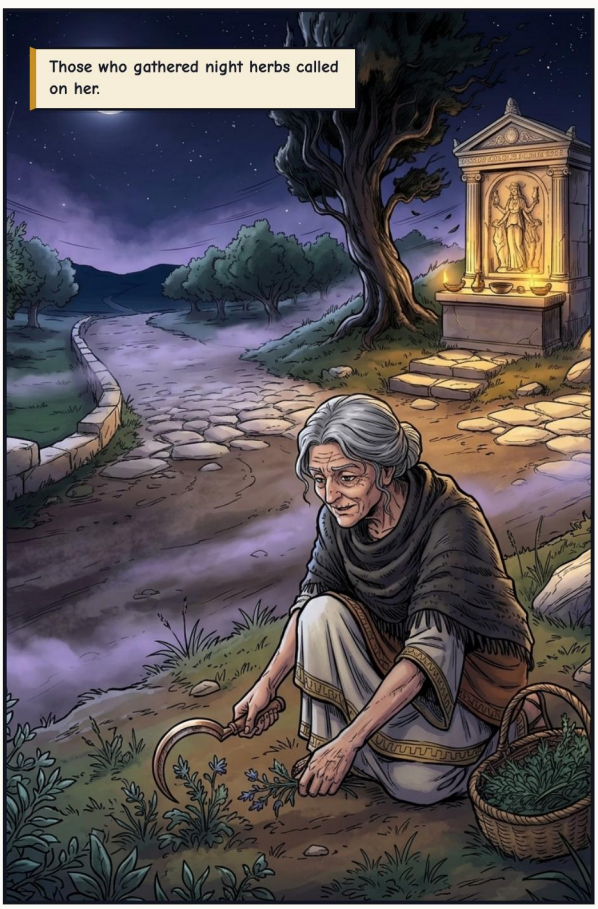


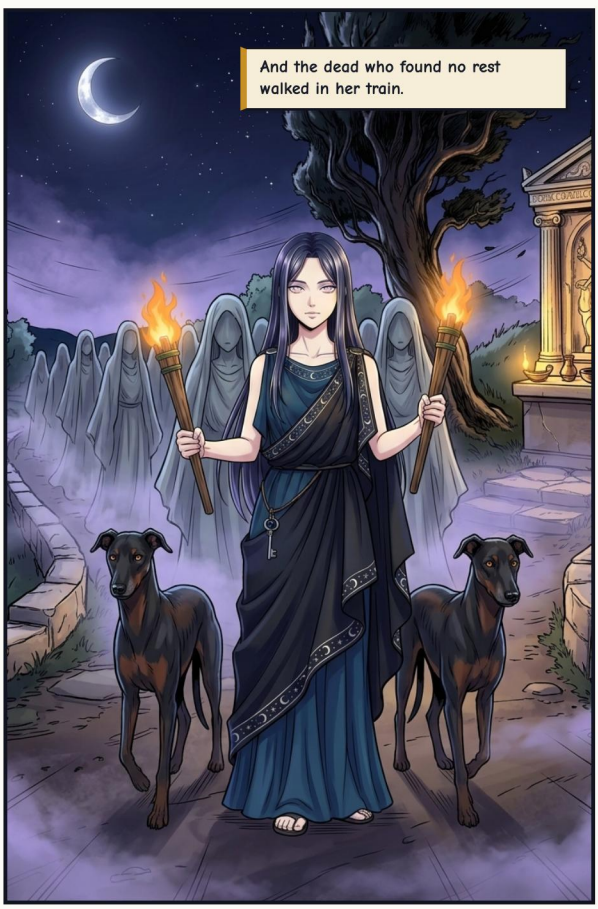

Then face a Titaness—and the fire that guards the boundary of night.
FWOOSH!!
THOK
Hecate's fire brought Clytius down. A mortal's arrow kept the oracle.

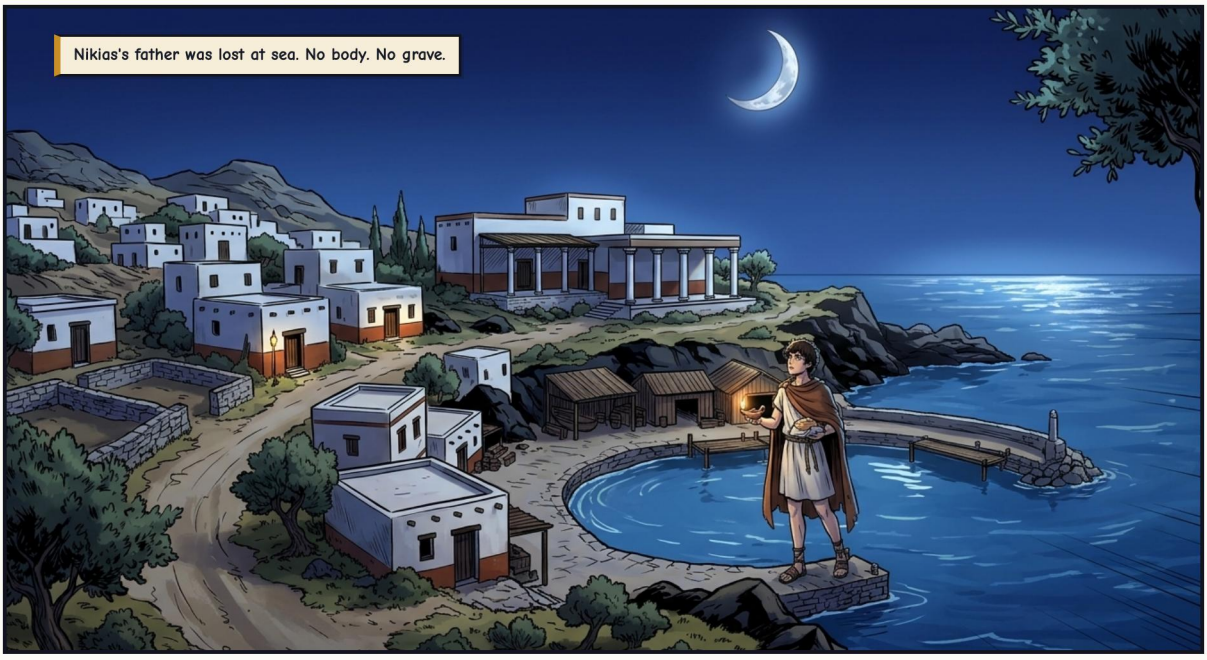
ACT IV — WHERE THREE ROADS MEET

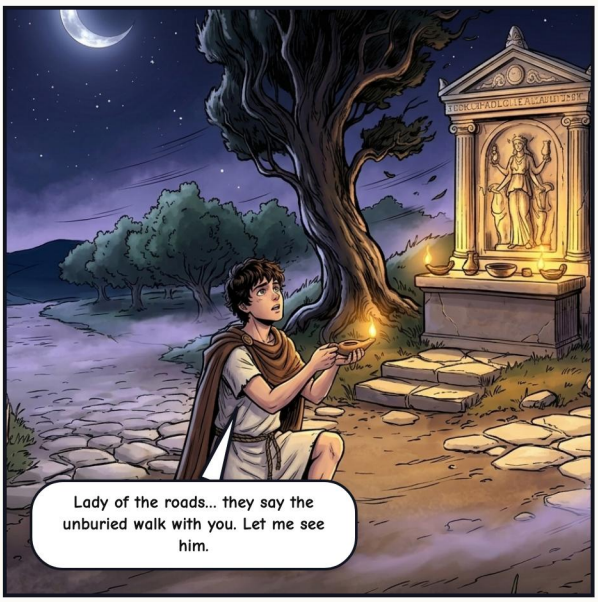






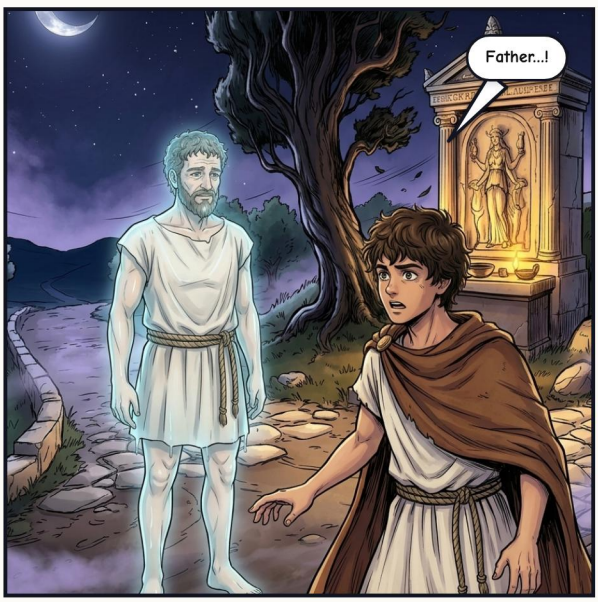



Nikias's father was lost at sea. No body. No grave.


Lady of the roads... they say the unburied walk with you. Let me see him.



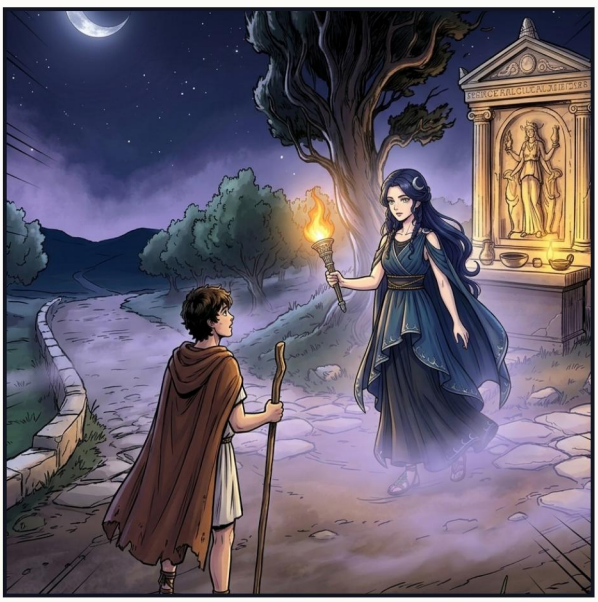

Choose your road.


Father...!











EPILOGUE — KEEPER OF THREE ROADS









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