

Heart of Stone Content Warnings

Content Warnings: Brief descriptions of what you might need to look out for in the chapter

Summaries: The 1-2 sentence recap of what happens in the chapter

Synopses: A short description/speedrun of what happens in the chapter (only the highlights)

Play by Plays: A more thorough breakdown of what happens in the chapter if you want to be more prepared going in or want to skip it but know more about what happened without having too much description.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later: In case you don't feel comfortable reading the chapter and want to skip it, here are the things that will be referenced later so you aren't confused when they come up.

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Chapter 14 - This is the most intense/graphic scene in the book.

Everything up to the  is safe.

Content Warning

Sexual assault, physical assault, rape

Summary

Gorgo returns to the temple, and Poseidon violently attacks her, forcing himself on her. It is implied that he rapes her (not graphically described), and she blacks out.

Synopsis

Gorgo returns to the temple. Poseidon is waiting for her there. When she tries to run away, he pulls feathers out of her wings so she can't fly away.

Poseidon forcibly kisses her and rips her shirt, and Gorgo tries to fight back. She manages to kick him under his chin, but she doesn't manage to get away. In retaliation, Poseidon "throws" her head into the marble floor, cracking her skull. Gorgo's body stops responding to her (due to the head injury and loss of blood from her feathers being pulled out). It's implied (not graphically described) that Poseidon rapes her, and she blacks out.

Play by Play

Gorgo returns to the temple. Poseidon is waiting for her there. He corners her, and when she tries to run away, he rips feathers out of her wings so she can't fly away. This causes her wings to bleed (a lot) and takes her to her knees.

When Poseidon tries to touch her face, Gorgo swats him away, and he grabs her neck (not in a "I'm gonna strangle you" way but in a threatening "I could strangle you if I wanted to" way. Idk if that makes sense—it's clearer in the chapter). Poseidon kisses Gorgo. Gorgo tries to punch him. He catches her arm and bends it backward.

Poseidon forces her to lay back on the floor. He rips her shirt. Gorgo's feet are trapped under her hips, so he pulls them out from under her. Gorgo kicks her heel into his chin and tries to scramble away. Poseidon grabs her ankle and pulls her back to him. He grabs her head and throws it down into the marble floor. Her skull cracks, and she can't get herself to move anymore. It is implied that he rapes her (no graphic descriptions), and she blacks out.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later

"We gods love to collect things—things that are rare and beautiful." - Poseidon

"You have always been mine." - Poseidon

Gorgo's feathers are torn out causing her to scream (although it is silent), Gorgo is forced to lay down against the cold marble courtyard, Gorgo's clothes get ripped, Gorgo's skull gets cracked, Gorgo sees a feather floating in blood before she blacks out.

Poseidon grabs Gorgo's forearm hard enough to cause pain and bruise it.

Poseidon tastes bitter like salt and smells like the ocean.

Chapter 22

Content Warning

Attempted sexual assault

Summary

Three men show up on Sarpedon and chase Gorgo through the forest with the intention of raping her. One of them attempts to but is turned to stone before anything happens.

Synopsis

Gorgo finds three men lurking outside her cave. When they spot her, she runs into the forest, and they chase her. She gets cornered by the cliffs, and one of the men climbs on top of her. But when he touches her, he transforms into a statue. When the other two men draw their weapons, they also turn to stone. Gorgo notices her snakes have woken up, but after she is safe, they fall back asleep. Gorgo is stuck under the statue, but eventually manages to tilt it off of her. She runs back to the cave, finds the knife her father gave her (chapter 1), and barricades the door.

Play by Play

Gorgo finds three men lurking outside her cave. When they spot her, she runs into the forest, and they chase her. She attempts to climb the cliff when they corner her, but one of the men pulls her down. He then climbs on top of her. Gorgo has a flashback and imagines what might happen next. The man moves to take off Gorgo's pants but freezes when he touches her waistband. Gorgo realizes he turned to stone and she is trapped underneath him. The other men draw their swords and approach her. They turn into statues as well. Gorgo notices the snakes have woken up, but they soon fall asleep again. Gorgo manages to tilt the statue off of her and runs back to the cave. When she is moving a chest to barricade the door, she finds the knife her father gave her, which she thought she had lost. With the door barricaded, Gorgo tries to sort through what had happened to her and calm herself.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later

The three men laugh as they chase Gorgo through the forest.

Poseidon was the one who told the men where to find Gorgo.

The three men are turned into stone.

Gorgo's snakes woke up but fell asleep again. Their eyes were glowing yellow.

Chapter 23 - The first 11 paragraphs depict a nightmare. The rest of the chapter is safe.

Content Warning

Nightmare, sexual assault (within nightmare)

Summary

Gorgo has a nightmare where Poseidon shows up, kisses Gorgo, and uses his magic to change the statues back into men.

Synopsis

Gorgo has a nightmare where she is standing in front of the three statutes. Poseidon shows up, touches Gorgo, and kisses her without her consent. He uses his magic to change the statues back into men. The three statues shed their stone casings and charge at Gorgo, which is when she wakes up.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later

The statues in the dream turn back into men.

Chapter 24 - Everything after the first 3 paragraphs is safe.

Content Warning

Attempted assault

Summary

A man shows up on the island. He grabs Gorgo's wrist, and the snakes turn him to stone.

Chapter 26 - Everything up to the is safe.

Content Warning

Physical assault

Summary

Two men show up and attack Gorgo. They take her hostage and stab her, and she ends up turning them to stone.

Synopsis

Gorgo runs into a man in the forest. He tells Gorgo the stories he's heard about her. While she is distracted, another man comes up behind her, puts a bag over her head, and picks her up. Gorgo realizes she can't turn them to stone without being able to see them. Gorgo tries to stab the man who is holding her, but the other man disarms her. He then cuts Gorgo's chest with his sword. Gorgo steals the knife of the man holding her and stabs him in the side. While he is distracted, she pulls the fabric off her head and turns both men to stone, trying not to trap their souls as she does so. Gorgo realizes she won't be able to avoid turning people into stone and concludes she won't be able to make amends with Hermes and the others.

Chapter 38

Content Warning

Immediate aftermath of rape

Summary

Gorgo finds Andromeda in her room and realizes she has just been raped.

Synopsis

Gorgo ends up in a hall after running from the party. She sees a man walk past her and happens across Andromeda's room. She realizes Andromeda has been raped and decides to chase after the man she had seen and turn him to stone. Andromeda asks her to stay, and she does. They burn the bedding and the nightgown Andromeda was wearing, and Gorgo agrees to stay with Andromeda that night.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later

Andromeda was raped (by an unidentified person).

Gorgo and Andromeda burned her bedding and nightgown.

Andromeda asks Gorgo to stay with her.

Chapter 42

Content Warning

Physical assault, attempted murder

Summary

Phineus holds Andromeda hostage and attempts to kill her. Gorgo turns him to stone. The soldiers attack the boys, and Gorgo turns a number of them to stone. Perseus helps Andromeda get free of the statue's grasp. Andromeda decides to come with Perseus to Seriphos.

Synopsis

Phineus holds Andromeda hostage by clamping a hand over her mouth. He and Perseus argue, and Phineus admits that he raped Andromeda. Phineus pulls out his sword, but Gorgo turns him to stone before he can cut Andromeda's throat. Andromeda is stuck in Phineus' grip with a sword held against her throat. The soldiers attack the crew, and Gorgo turns some of the soldiers to stone while the rest flee. Perseus devises a plan to get Andromeda free. While the rest of the boys go to the boat, Perseus and Gorgo help free Andromeda. Andromeda agrees to

go to Seriphos with Perseus, and they all run to the boat when they see more men coming for them.

Things to Know Because They Come Up Later

It's confirmed that Phineus raped Andromeda.

Andromeda was cut on her throat and had to force her way out of a tight hold (which bruises her cheek).

Perseus was cut on his cheek and Alexandros has a wound on his arm. Many of the other boys were wounded as well. One of the boys had to hold back a sword with his bare hands before Gorgo saved him.

Perseus and Andromeda admit they have genuine feelings for each other.

Chapter 55

Content Warning

Pregnancy from rape revealed