

# THE GOLDEN AGE OF EUROPEAN FABLE

## The Celestial Origins of Scorpius, Ophiuchus and Orion



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Upon the  
storm-  
swept  
shores  
of Crete,  
Poseidon,  
Lord of  
the Sea,  
seduces  
Princess  
Euryale,  
a mortal  
daughter  
of King  
Minos



**Their child  
was named  
Orion, the  
Dweller of  
the Mountain,  
- a youth of  
gigantic  
statue who  
grew to  
become a  
legendary  
hunter**



**Upon the  
shores  
of Chios, Orion  
encountered  
Meropé, the  
daughter of  
King Oinopion –  
himself the son  
of Dionysos  
personifying  
the spirit of the  
Grape**

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They agreed that Meropé would be wed to Orion, provided he cleared the island of all its wild beasts on the island.

However, Oinopion had no intention of keeping his sacred promise.



The treacherous king  
plied Orion with  
potent wine and  
once the giant fell  
into a deep slumber,  
Oinopion blinded  
him.

Left in darkness,  
the sightless hunter  
resolved to reach  
Helios, the Sun god,  
hoping his divine rays  
would restore his  
vision.





**Eos (Aurora), the Goddess of the Dawn fell in love with the tragic giant. With her rosy-fingered light, she guided the blind hunter eastward, to her brother, Helios, whose brilliant sunbeams restored Orion's sight.**

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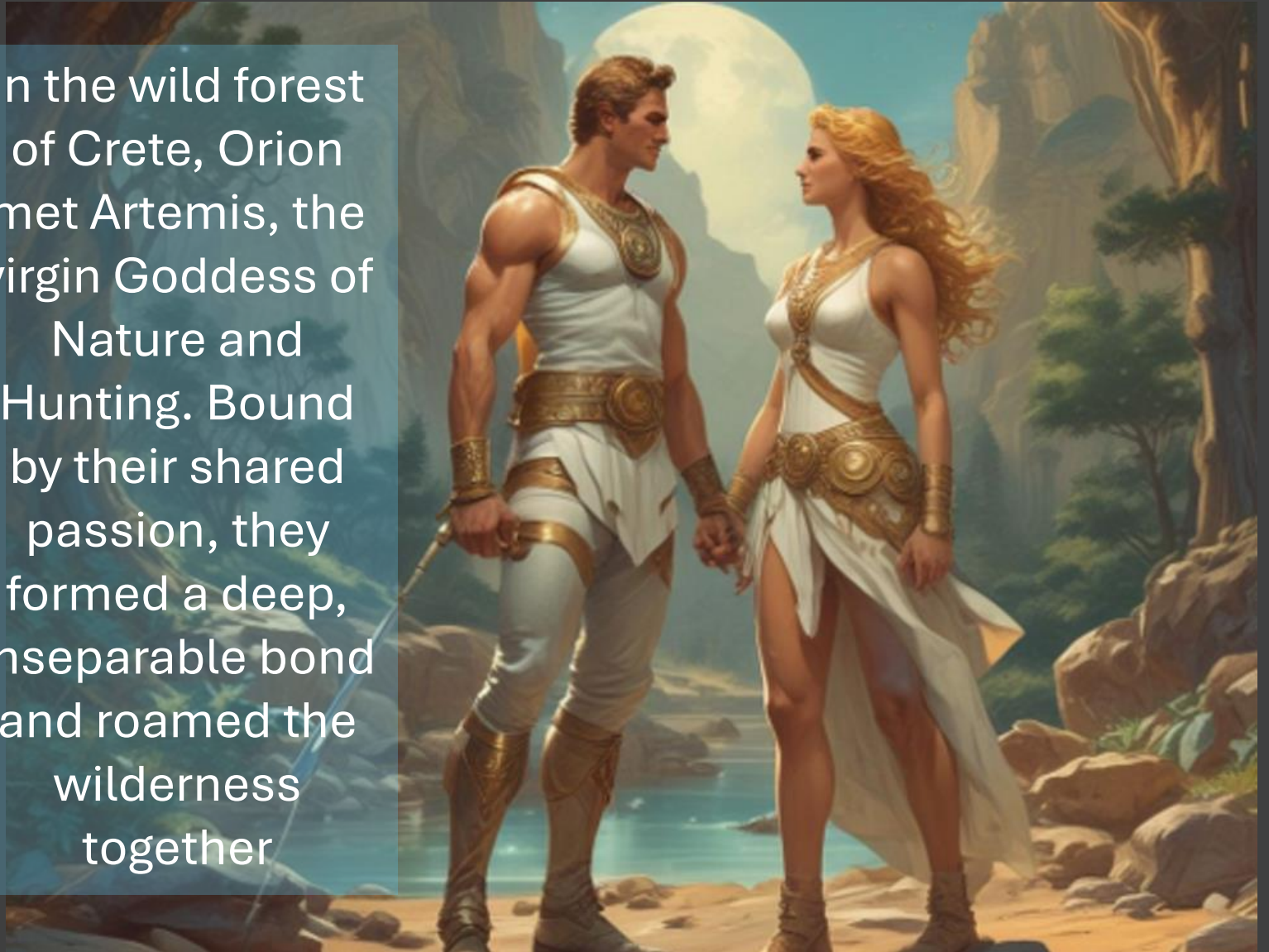


Renowned as the ultimate hunter, Orion relentlessly pursued and slew countless wild beasts across the lands. However, his boastful arrogance deeply angered Gaia, the Earth Mother, who vowed to protect her creatures.





In the wild forest of Crete, Orion met Artemis, the virgin Goddess of Nature and Hunting. Bound by their shared passion, they formed a deep, inseparable bond and roamed the wilderness together



Since Artemis, Zeus's daughter was bound to a sacred vow of eternal virginity by celestial destiny, the gods of Mount Olympus grew deeply concerned.



They realized they had to intervene, seeking a way to prevent the goddess from falling in love and breaking the divine oath.

They warned Gaia,  
Mother Earth, that  
Orion was on the  
verge of  
exterminating all  
wild beasts.

Engaged, Gaia  
conjured an  
indestructible,  
monstrous  
scorpion to hunt  
down and destroy  
the arrogant giant.



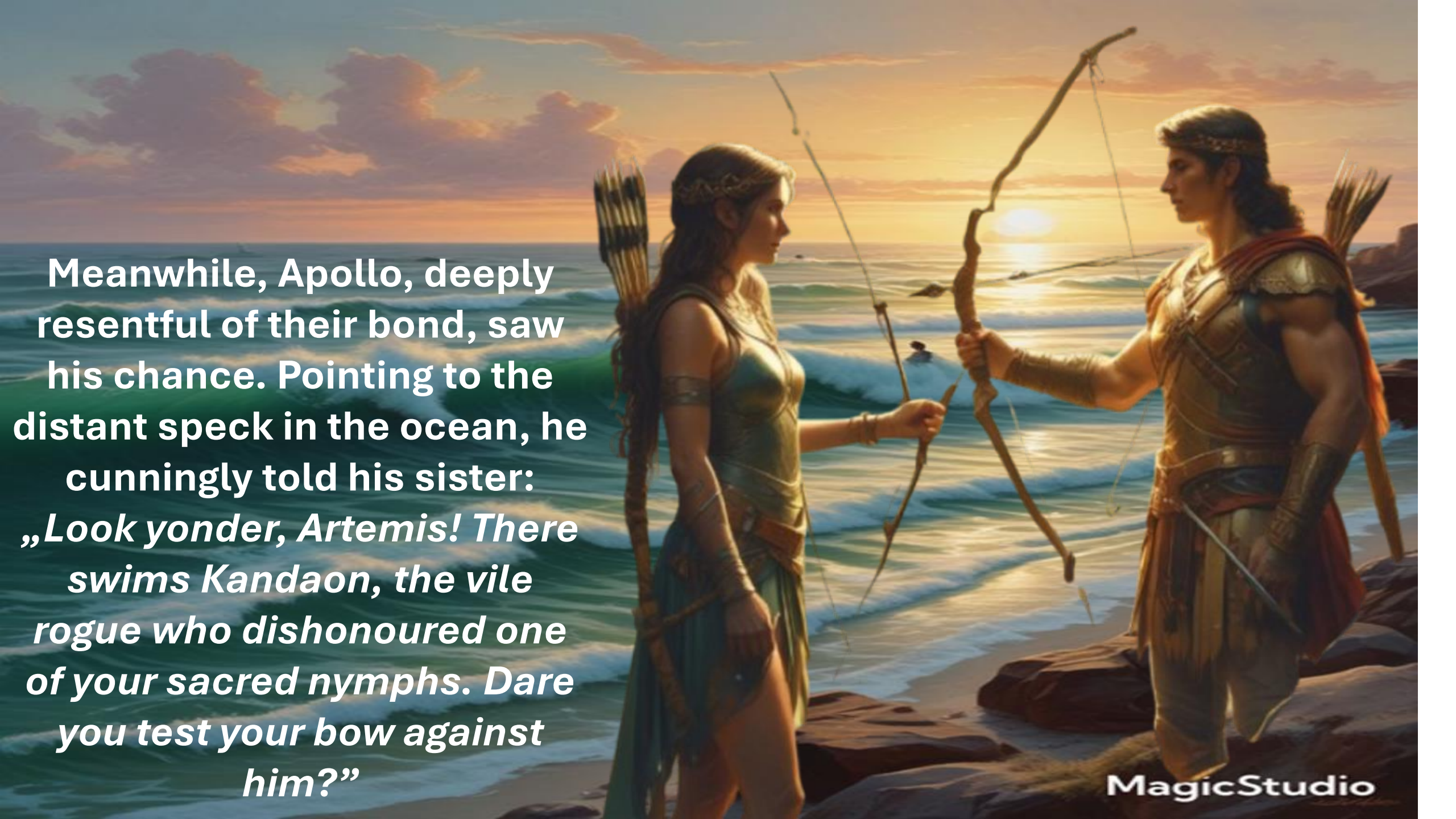
The monstrous  
scorpion relentlessly  
pursued Orion.

Realizing that his  
mortal weapons and  
arrows were entirely  
powerless against its  
divine, impenetrable  
armour, the  
legendary hunter was  
forced to flee.

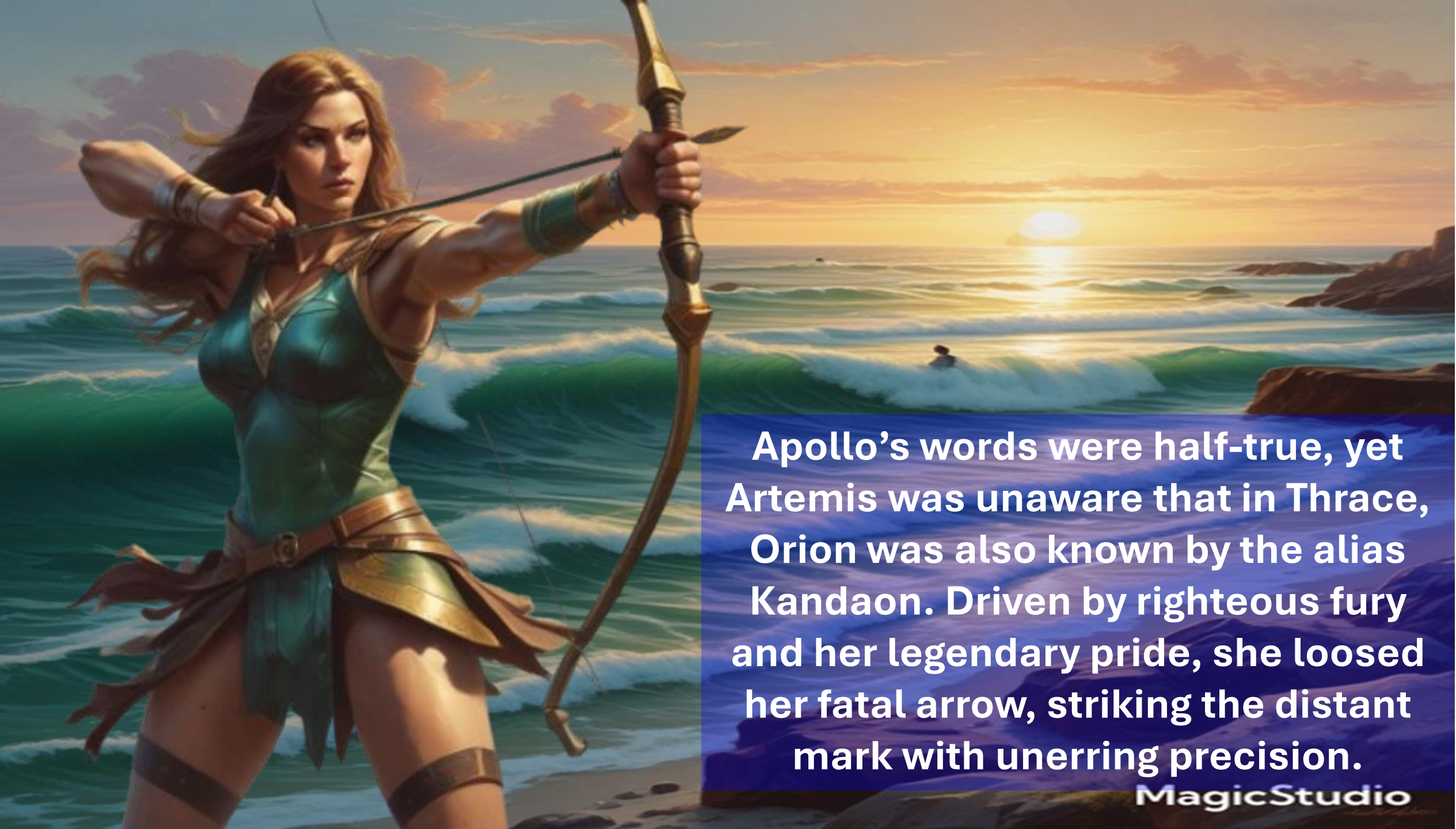




**In a desperate bid to elude the relentless beast, Orion plunged into the waves, wading far out into the deep sea where the creature could not follow.**



Meanwhile, Apollo, deeply  
resentful of their bond, saw  
his chance. Pointing to the  
distant speck in the ocean, he  
cunningly told his sister:  
*„Look yonder, Artemis! There  
swims Kandaon, the vile  
rogue who dishonoured one  
of your sacred nymphs. Dare  
you test your bow against  
him?”*



**Apollo's words were half-true, yet Artemis was unaware that in Thrace, Orion was also known by the alias Kandaon. Driven by righteous fury and her legendary pride, she loosed her fatal arrow, striking the distant mark with unerring precision.**

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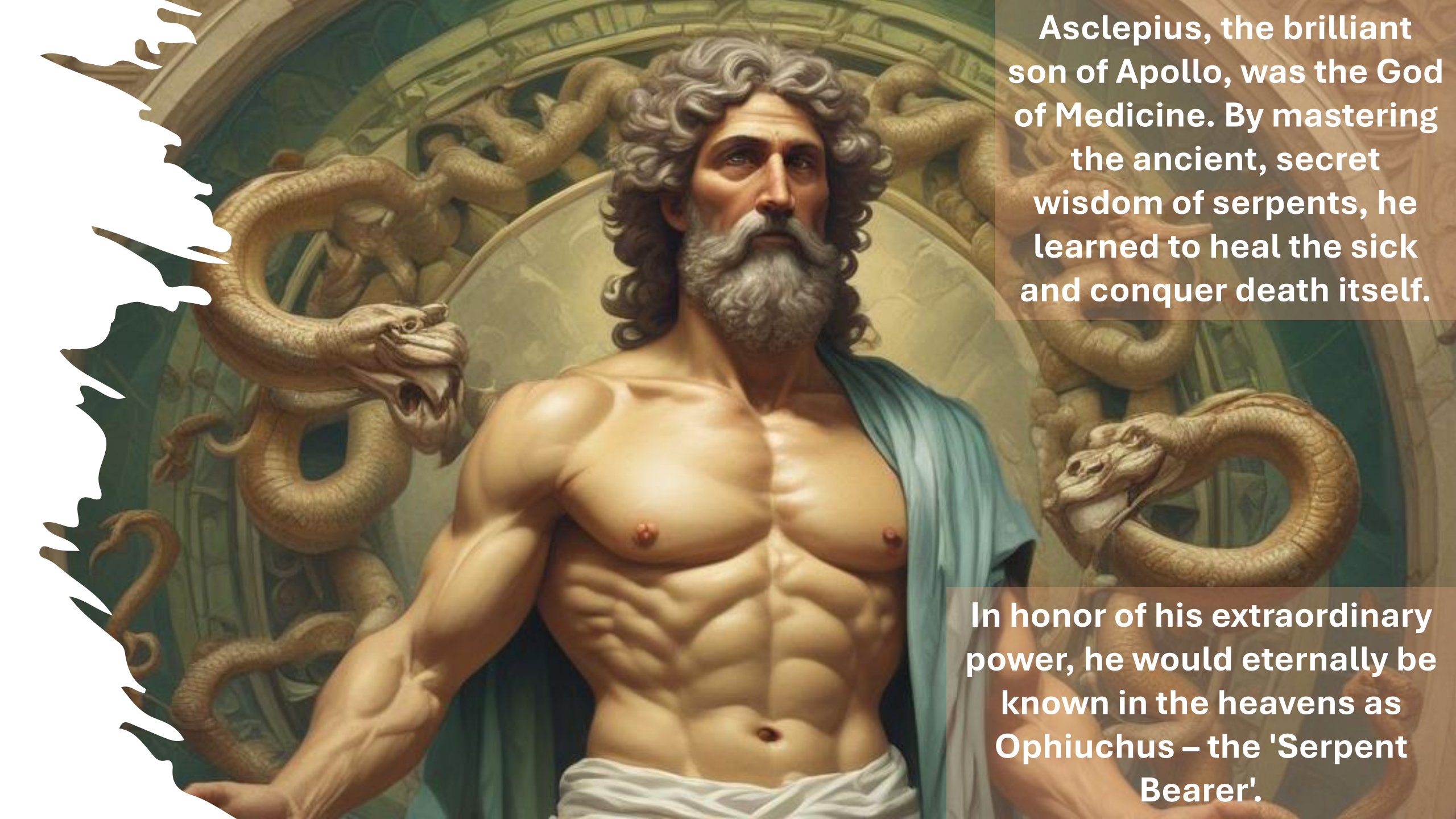
**When the waves  
washed Orion's  
body ashore,  
Artemis realized  
the horrific truth.  
Discovering she  
had slain her  
beloved  
companion, the  
goddess was  
utterly  
inconsolable in  
her grief.**



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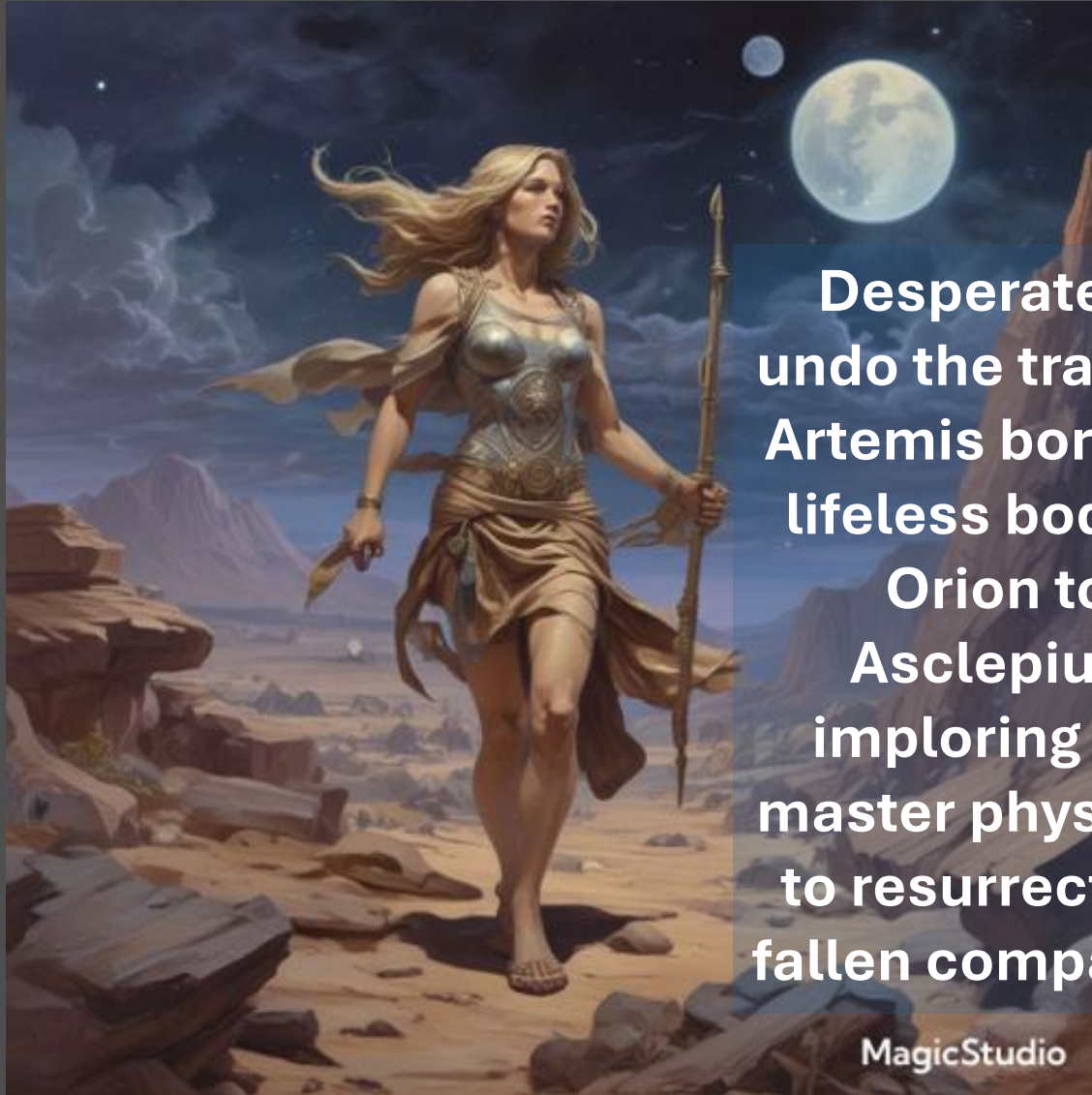


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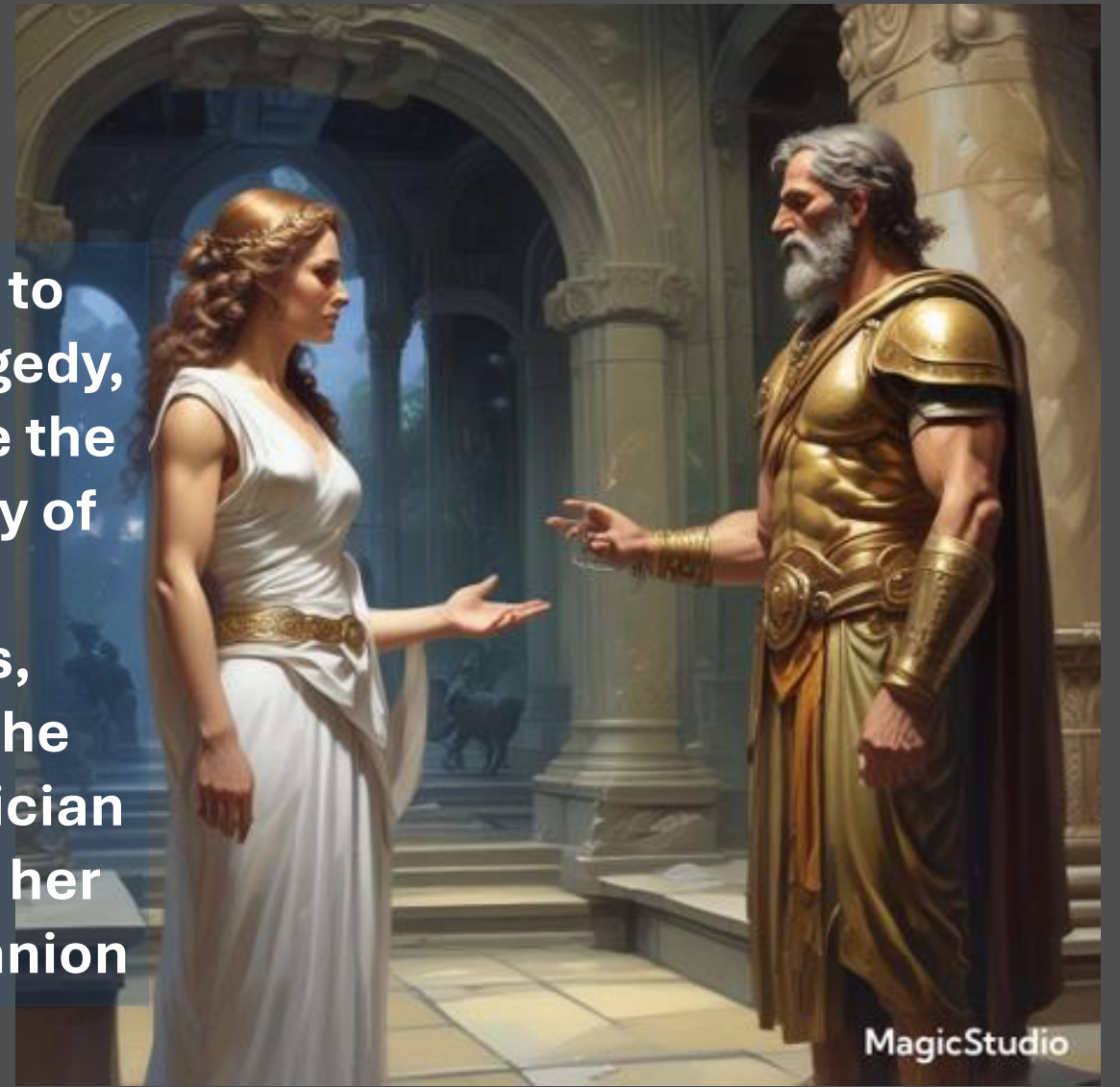
Asclepius, the brilliant son of Apollo, was the God of Medicine. By mastering the ancient, secret wisdom of serpents, he learned to heal the sick and conquer death itself.

In honor of his extraordinary power, he would eternally be known in the heavens as Ophiuchus – the 'Serpent Bearer'.



**Desperate to  
undo the tragedy,  
Artemis bore the  
lifeless body of  
Orion to  
Asclepius,  
imploring the  
master physician  
to resurrect her  
fallen companion**

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Seeing that the sacred boundaries between life and death were violated by the resurrection of a mortal, Zeus grew outraged.

To preserve the cosmic order, the King of Gods struck down Asclepius with a fatal thunderbolt.





**To soothe her inconsolable grief, Zeus permitted Artemis to place the souls of the fallen into the night sky, transforming their mortal drama into an eternal cosmic dance.**

**Thus, she created three magnificent constellations: Ophiuchus (the Serpent Bearer), Scorpius, and her beloved hunter, Orion, forever chasing one another across the heavens.**