SPOUSAL SUPPORT

meager heart of mine, survivor of a coldest winter, i curse you to the depths, the void, sweet tartarus.

a trick of my own making.

queen Persephone awaits, raw beating heart so cruelly translated into loving body.

my loving body corrupted at the hands of Aphrodite, caught in a trap of her own deceit, casting in her anger the cruelest wish.

the mirror cracks upon my wayward glance.

Aphrodite will not meet the glance of her own, even as glass shards fall from her fingers. forever accursed sliver of man assigned to her and laid unclaimed.

wretched father, bearer of weights, lord of all lords, i curse you to the bed of Hera - will she accept?

into a whirlpool of your own making.

the gift given to all godly offspring the terror of being able to leave without a trace.

corrupted spouse, shared fears, ever distant, your hand flexes around my heart, the shock felt throughout the earthen land.



from the desk of the editor

Mercury goes retrograde at approx. 8:15am on October 31st, aka Halloween, aka All Saints' Eve. Typically attributed with mishaps in the realm of communication and technology, another important thing to keep in mind is that the veil between the spirit realm and waking world is especially thin at this time of year. Traditionally during Dia de Los Muertos and Allhallowtide the dead are honored and revisited through rituals, ofrendas and grave visitation. Regardless of the position of the planets, care should always be taken when attempting outreach with the deceased. Especially with Mercury going retrograde just so, the stakes feel pretty high in terms of error versus success. Let your freak flag fly during the spookiest time of the year, but remember, the spirits bite back.



Handful - Father

Walking on a String - Matt Berninger ft. Phoebe Bridgers

Thinning - Snail Mail

Bags - Clairo

Sweet Talker - The Pink Slips

Think of Me - The Veronicas

Venice Bitch - Lana Del Rey

Fire Dept - Jaden

Happy Together - Gerard Way ft. Ray Toro Flirting With Her - Sir Babygirl New Love - Backstreet Boys