



NETER AARU

STING



The Scarlet needle will quickly attack your nerve center, you'll be paralyzed and you will suffer horribly. But one sting will not kill you, it will take fifteen. The pain to endure will be worse after each bite and you will prefer die. The fifteen stings of scarlet needle attack represent the stars of the Scorpio constellation. The final blow, Antares, in reference to the main star of the constellation, is fatal.



He avoided my attack
so easily !

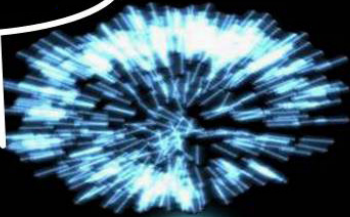
Ha ha ha ! I see it surprises you !



He is though weaker than Akhenaton, how he can avoid so easily my attack.

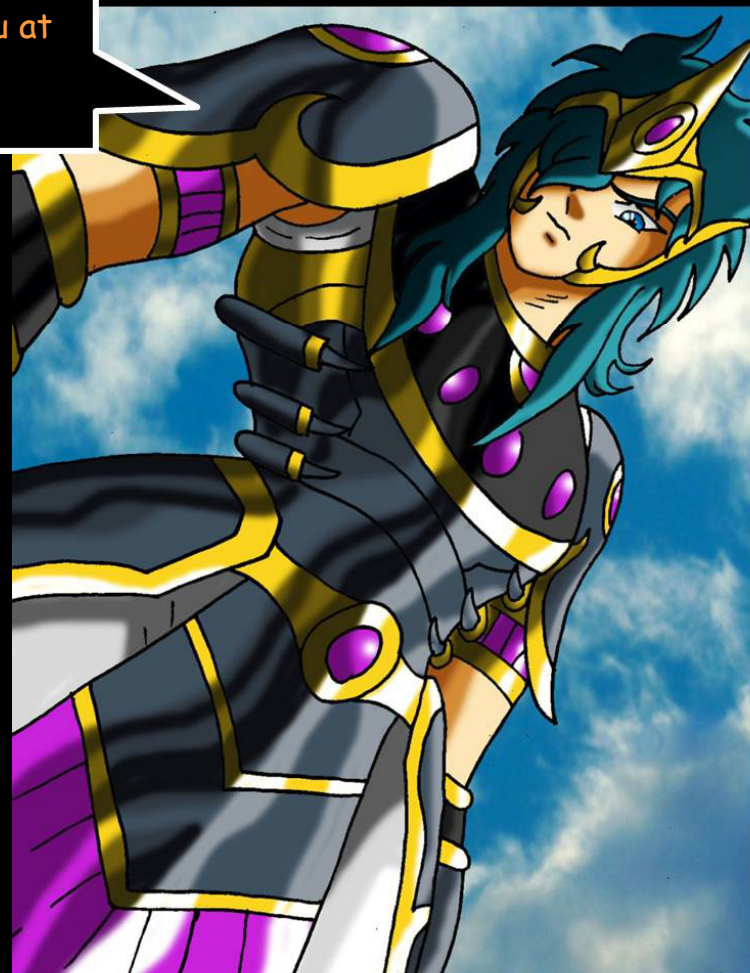
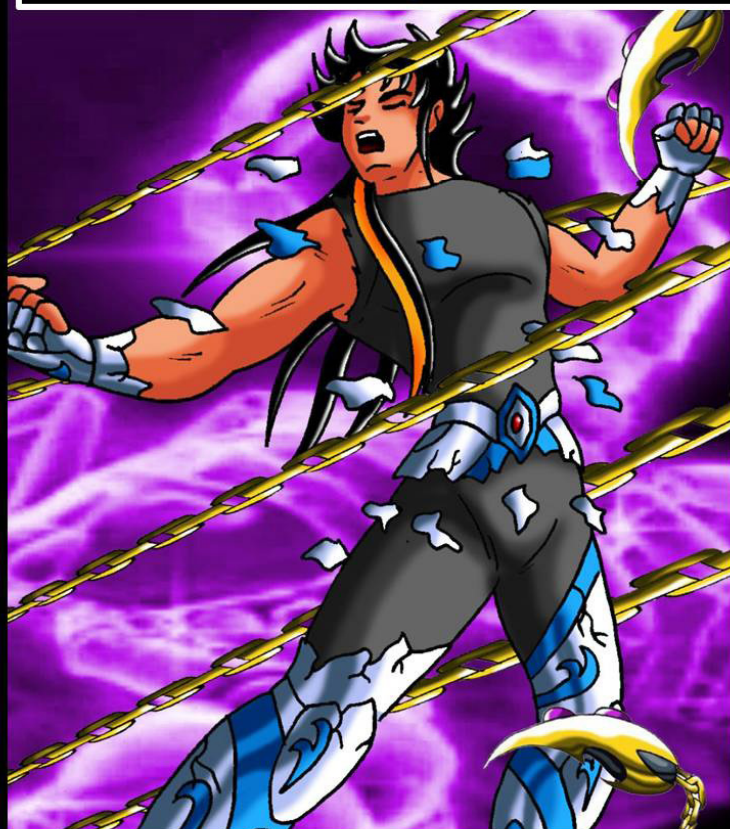


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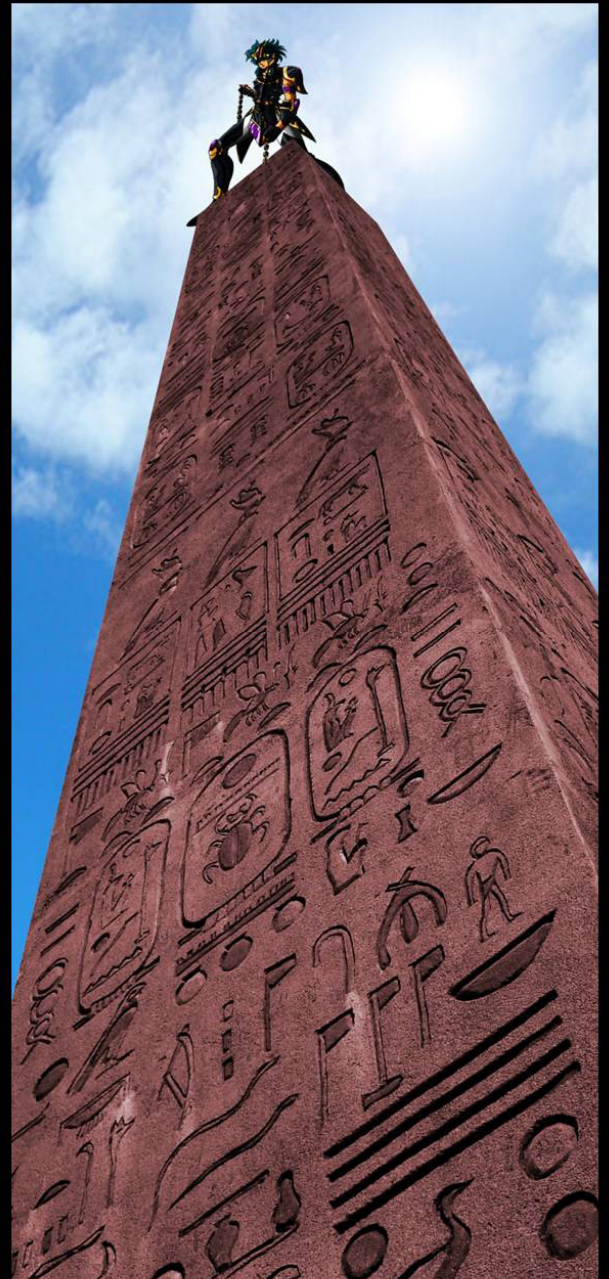
DESERT WHIRL !!

In each of my attacks, I inject the poison of Selket in your blood flow, what will kill you at once slow and painful.





But you also must know
by order of Merenhor,
I've followed you since
your arrival to the Arch
of Khnum where I
observed your fight
against Akhenaton.





So, that's why you can predict my every move.



Ha ha ha, you know that a technique can't be effective if it was seen on several occasions.

DEADLY STING !!







Master Lesath...

Among all apprentices
saints of Milos' island,
you are those who have
been the most valiant...



One of you will be my successor as Gold saint
and guardian of the Scorpio temple but before
deciding between you, I am going to teach you
an ultimate technique.





200 years ago, there was a legendary warrior who managed to raise the power of the scarlet needle to its maximum level...

A rare disease boiled its blood beyond the normal limit, which permitted him to develop an attack he called "Scarlet Needle Katakeo".



However, the temperature variations provoked on the opponent also echoed on the one who executed, causing his death too...



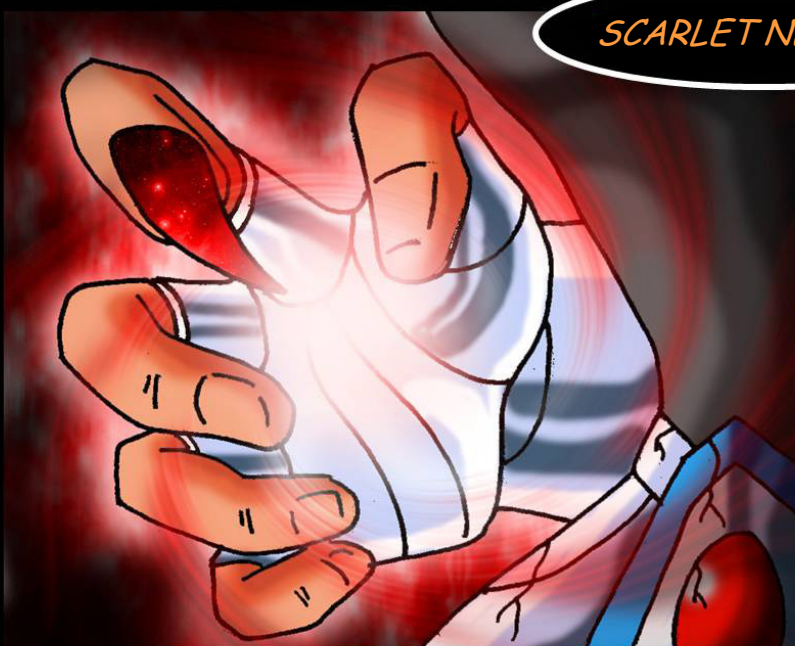
His predecessors tried to imitate this supreme technique...



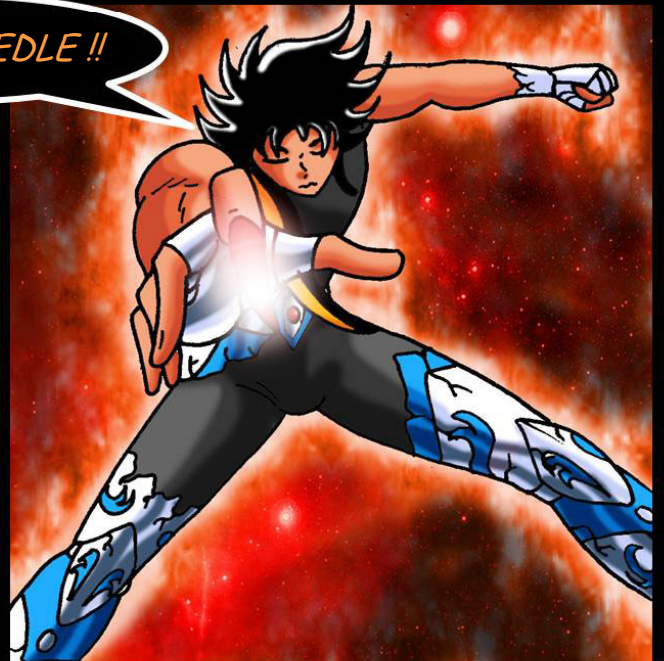
I'm not an exception and for this reason you must not use this attack, excepted if you have not other choice to sacrifice you.

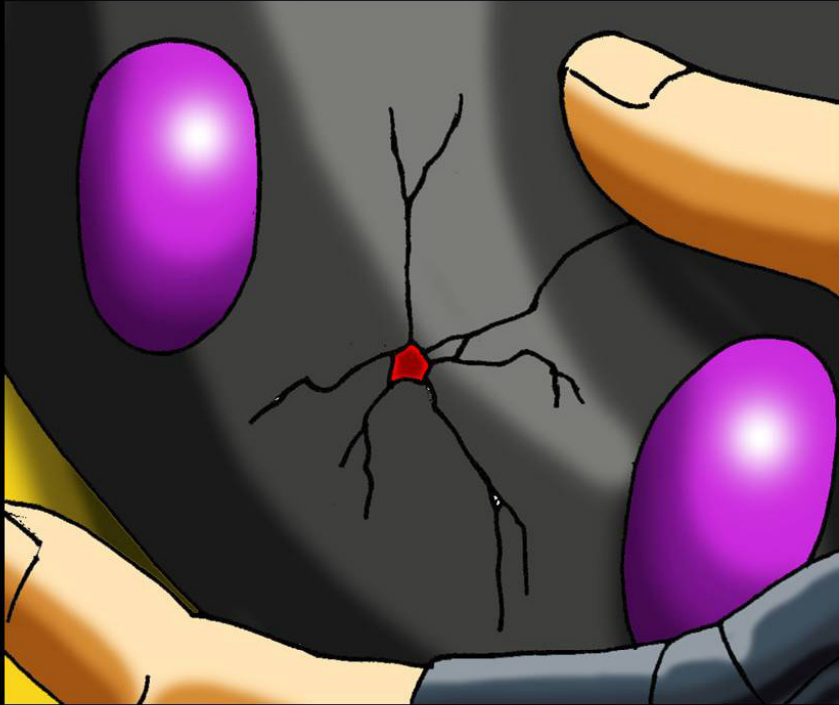
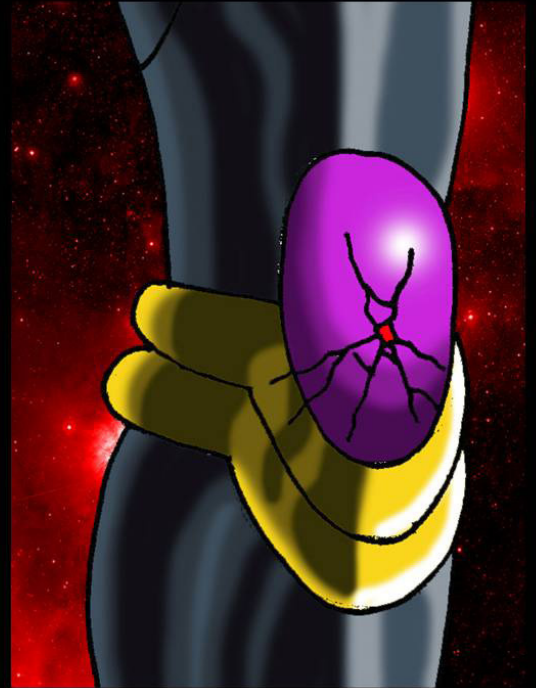


Whatever you'll try, this place will be your tomb !



SCARLET NEEDLE !!



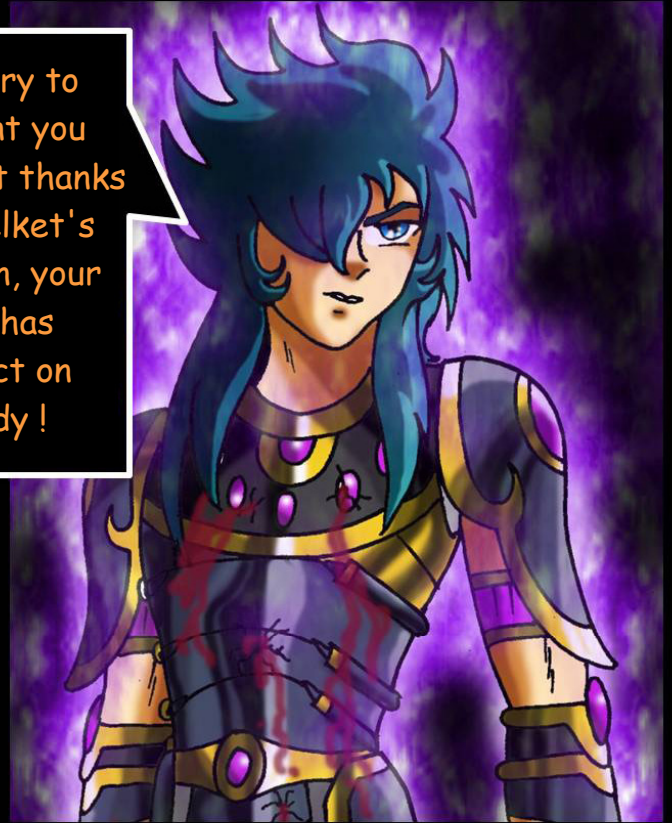




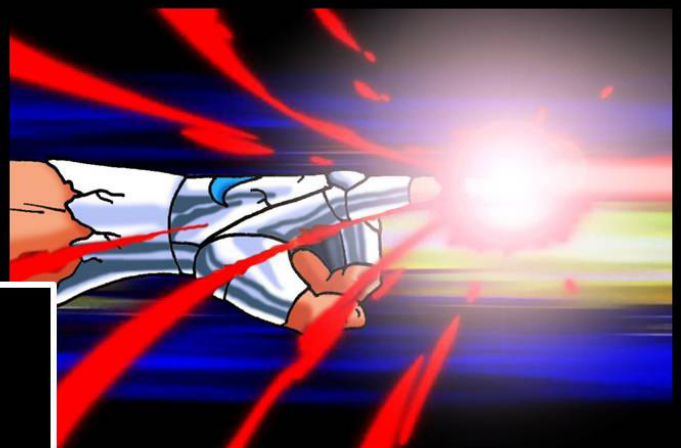
Ha ha ha ha !



I am sorry to disappoint you Admiral but thanks to the Selket's protection, your poison has no effect on my body !



Master, I am sorry to disappoint you but I believe that it's time for me to face my destiny. Brigitte, Mothallah, soon we'll be together.





SCARLET NEEDLE KATAKEO !!

My Master was right, this technique combined with the venom of Selket is too much for my heart, my body has already begun to waste away. I'm sorry Athena, I failed, I only hope that the Bronze saints will complete this mission successfully.





Who is it and what he's doing to Oliver ?



He's the Highest Priest of Osiris' Sanctuary and he's trying to escape with Oliver, which means that this young man is...



Damned old fool, I will take care of you !

But before that, I'll do it with these disturbing vermins...

Menkaura, I don't know from which side you are now but I don't want you or someone else interrupt my fight against Seth.

Don't worry Jabu, Ban and me are going to care for the High Priest and his soldiers.



Menkaura

What do you know about this High Priest ? What kind of threat will we have to face ?



I asked the same question in the past to one of Neter and his answer stunned me.

95 years ago, the High Priest was a young archaeologist called Khen-t-anub, and one of his expeditions in the desert brought him to an ancient grave which was believed to be legendary, the great pyramid of Osiris.





Inside the pyramid, many members of this expedition perished, falling into various traps placed inside the building. Some of them survived and arrived in a strange room where they found an urn.



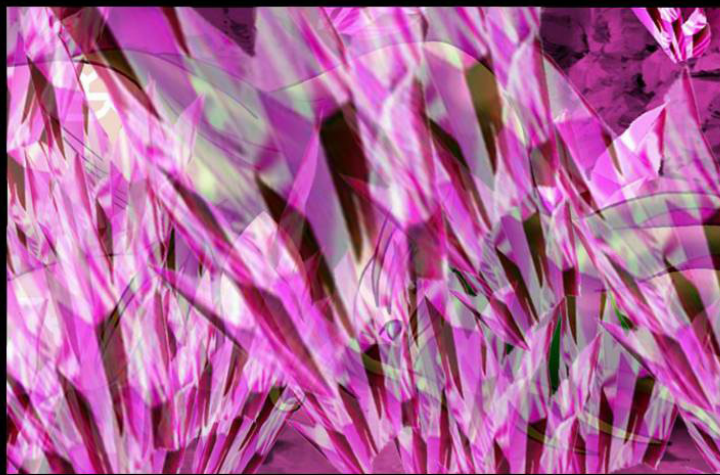


You, who delivered me from my sleep, will be rewarded, my lands will be yours and soon I'll take up my place. But it'll takes several decades before I return to this world and in the meanwhile, I charge to you to rebuild the temples of my kingdom and protect them until the arrival of the 12 Neter Aaru. You will be my Deans and you, Khen-t-anub, you will be the High Priest of all the Egyptian empire, people will have to obey you until the reincarnations of Isis and me.



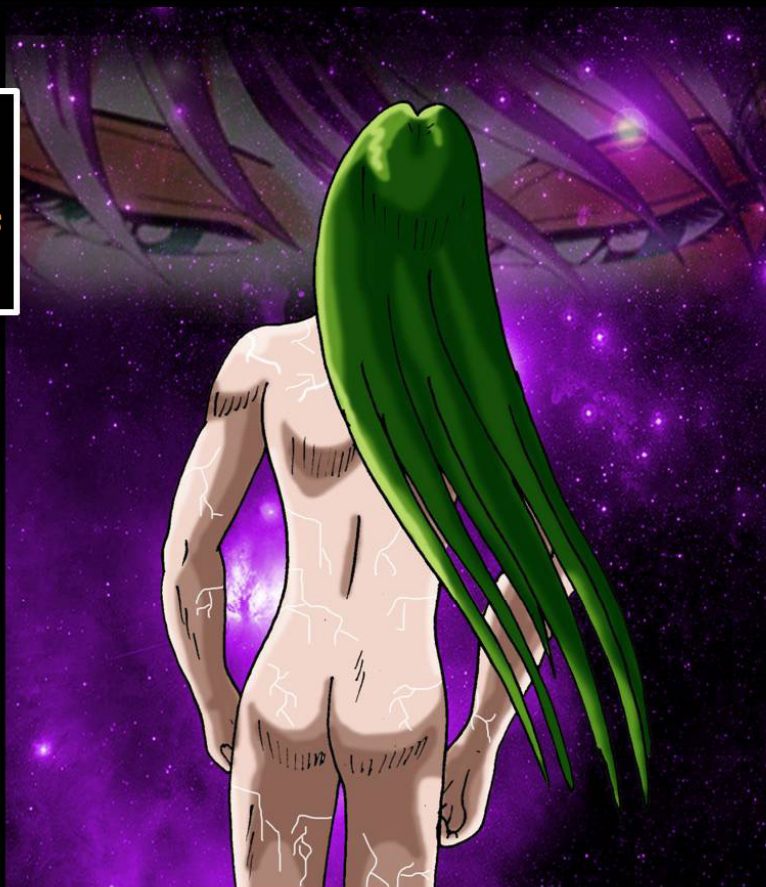
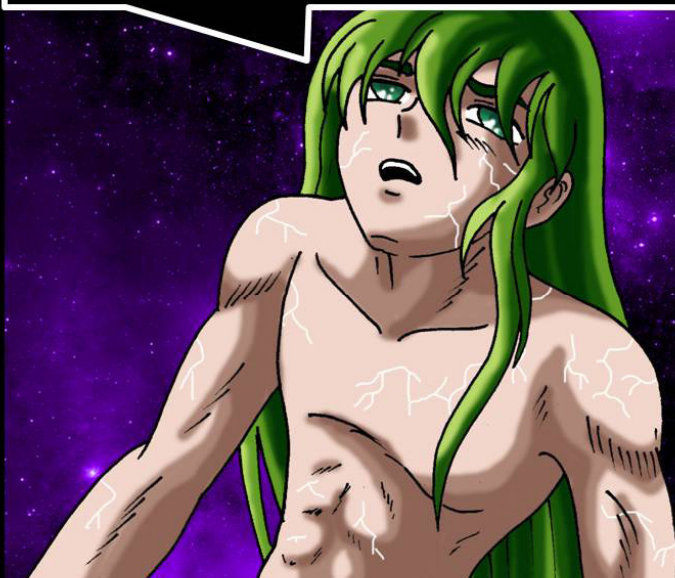
The surviving explorers became the first
Deans and it's one on them who told me
this story.





Daphne... Daphne... like flowers at the end of winter and the arrival of spring... you must bring back to life your forces from the deepest of you and illuminate your cosmo, quite as the nature which return to life and these sleepy forests becoming radiant again.

I feel... I listen... I perceive, an incomparable warmth... the one that embraces me when I'm in danger... the one that encourages and offers me its protection...



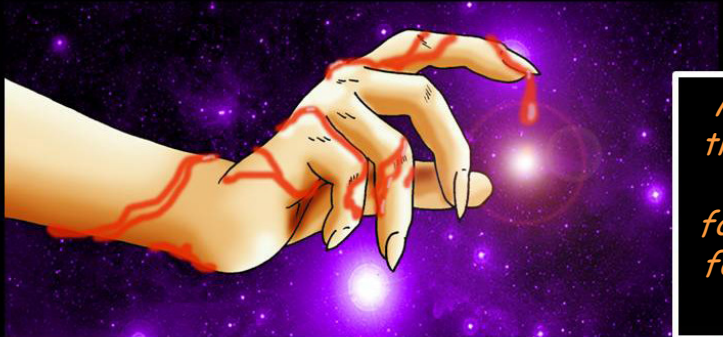
Get up my son... You're not arrived at the end of your trip, your engagement to Athena is still alive, as the spark of your cosmo... Make it burn and follow the fate that Moirae weave for you, for this planet, and for its guardian, Athena.



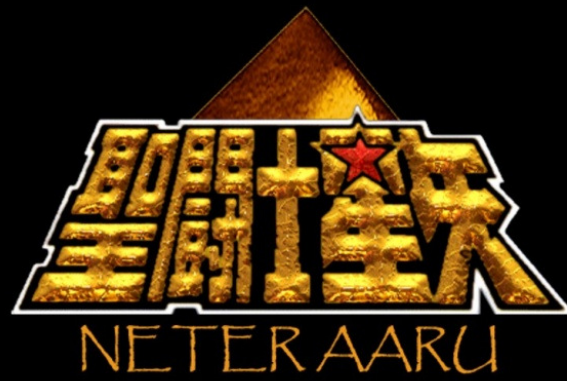
Mother Demeter... I understand you... I feel your presence close to me... and your words are like rose petals which look after my wounds and strength my soul... You're right, this alliance, my allegiance toward Athena is intact... but I'm in a state I never felt before...



My beloved son... your essence is still full of life, this is just an illusion from what you must escape... You have to wake up and complete your mission, for all humans who rely on you, for life, for nature, for me, for Athena and for the latent divine spirit within you !



Your words will be fulfilled mother... I will recover the balance of the Sanctuary because I'm the regent of forests and the precognition.



Chapter 11

Sting

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