

Tiberius

Hagar meets son

Philos sat in a cell carrying on a mild conversation with father, *who could do nothing but listen.*

“You understand father, you are not fit to be king. You are only a head,” and with that Philos lifted daddy up by the hair staring at it.

Bits of pink fungus dropped onto his sandals, *very careless.*

Hagar had taught his son well to be self centred and selfish.

“I remember father how you left me to my own devices as a boy.....you weren’t interested in me,” and Philos put the head back in its container, “I was needing your affection and got none. How I examined myself in mirrors asking myself ‘Am I ugly?’ Was that why you ignored me?

But it was not, you couldn’t be bothered that is all,” Philos dropping a purple scorpion into the container.

It landed on Hagar’s head.

And poor Hagar grimaced waiting for the sting.

“So I found friends, found them willing to please me for they knew I was your son. I used them, bedded your general’s children.....and,” Hagar felt sick, his son was a lady.

Then I took their wives. I was putting my hate for you into them, to poison them against you.

Then I became a man and was glad I could ride into battle.

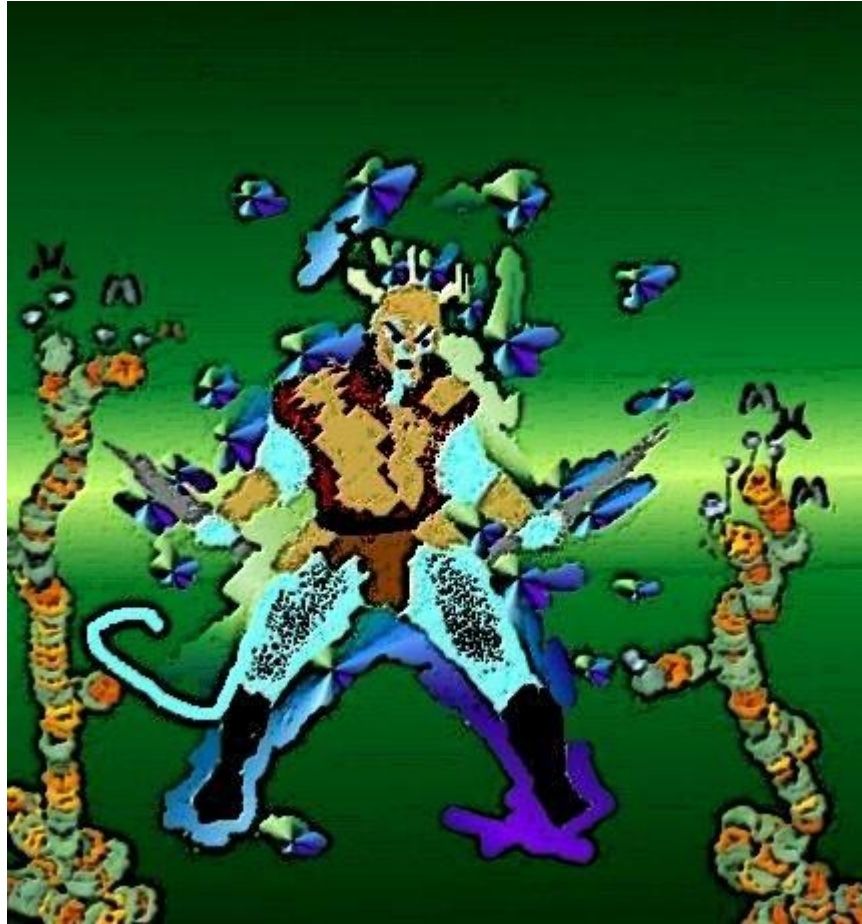


Illustration 168: Philos was indeed a warrior.

Killing people was another outlet for my hate father,” and Philos seeing the scorpion being idle poked it with a dagger.

“Daddy I really tried hard to love you but you never returned my attention. I didn't exist, you hated me before I learned to walk didn't you daddy?” And Philos flicked the insect off the hair so that it fell on its back in front of Hagar.

“And now you have given my kingdom to that human Tiberius, damn you daddy,” and Philos turned the insect over so that it attacked the dagger in a frenzy.

“Don’t worry daddy plenty of venom for you,” and Hagar regretted ever lusting for Ino to make Philos; what goes round comes round and Hagar realised this truth but a *'bite'* late?

“Without you I am King Philos; the Emperor Woo told me he will make me King of Tagget and be glad of my friendship,” and Philos watched the purple scorpion sink its sting into Hagar’s chin.

“Goodbye daddy and Philos turned off the light and shut the door. Never knowing that his father was already dead. Hagar had become a carrier for a virus that attacked the venom inside him destroying it.

And the head lived and Hagar wished for a body to seek vengeance on the maggot called Philos.

Two hours later Wayne Haslam landed on Planet Tagget.

And god Woo injected sugar and water into Philos telling him it was the vaccine against the any viruses and it was not, it was a code to break down his immune system against the original virus.

King Philos didn’t have long left at playing king; *oh politics is so exciting?*