



GUARDIANS' CHAMBER

Shift has ended and still no sign of Arachne.

Quite glad to be away from the shield, as that creepy-crawly thing kept appearing and trying to come towards me. I've never seen one before, but I don't like it.

Hopefully Arachne will turn up again tomorrow.



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ATHENA'S TEMPLE, GUARDING SHIELD

The WORST thing has happened.

Is there a word that means WORSE THAN WORST? MOST WORSTISOME?

The MOST WORSTISOME thing has happened!
I arrived at work this morning, still concerned
that I hadn't seen Arachne. THEN I noticed that
creepy-crawly thing had returned to my area



and spun some kind of silvery-thread-type thing that came out of its bottom! Totally disgusting. I didn't want to get close to it (it's really gross), but as I looked, I realized that the threads seemed to say something. They said:

Eh? No! Surely I was imagining things.

This horrible skittery beastie is my best friend?

I looked at EIGHT-LEGGED Arachne and

asked what had happened. Had Athena not liked her embroidery? Creepy Arachne started to move again...



So that's what you call this type of creature - a "SPIDER"? I guess they're a thing now. The gods are always doing that - creating new things without telling us.

I don't want to be a weirdo whose best friend is a creepy spider (no offence, Arachne!). I thought Athena would love to see Arachne's craftwork. Arachne was her biggest fan, after all. How wrong was I? Athena's generally quite cool (I mean, look at her, she totally rocks that helmet -

But woe betide anyone who gets on the

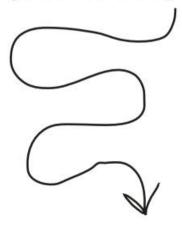
who else could carry that off?). -





Athena has done this awful thing to Arachne OVER A PIECE OF SEWING, and there's nothing I can do about it. I can't think of a worse punishment. Being turned into a mega-creepy thing with eight legs is the most awful fate anyone could suffer - EVER. I think Arachne is incredible for trying to put a brave face on it (although, to be fair, I can't actually see her face, just a furry blob and quite a few eyes) but all I can do is just be a good little human and carry on like nothing has happened. I'm so angry.

In fact, writing this down is **not** helping my anger. Maybe some scream scribbling will help...







No. That's not helping at all. AND - worse still - I'm entirely to blame. I showed Athena her work. It's all MY FAULT. I'm going to have to do something - but what?



