

“The Victory Shall Be Justice!” (Athena)

Monologue from the play *No More Trojan Wennen* by Justy DeForest

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Character: Athena, Olympian Godde of Wisdom and Patron of the Greeks

Setting: Above the ramparts of the ruined palace of Ancient Troy

Background: *After the fall of Troy, Athena assures Apollo, Godde of Reason and Patron of the Trojans, that the Greeks shall pay for their war crimes against the Trojan Wennen.*

ATHENA

Father Zeus agrees with you, Phoebus.

The Greeks will pay for their war crimes against the Trojans, but...

He has left their punishment to *me*.

You would strike with the swiftness of Hermes
and smite every Greek with the light bolt of Zeus.

Of course, you believe that is what they deserve.

Oh, Apollo, one who cannot think *reasonably* cannot act *wisely*. —

You are too close to those who have been wronged.

I, too, heard Agamemnon’s ultimatum yesterday.

What did you expect him to say? — The Greeks sail for home tomorrow.

Did you really think that he would willing leave the rest of the Trojan Wennen behind
because a seventy-year old widowed queen refuses to surrender them?

The Greeks have many admirable qualities,
but their treatment of femeles is not among them.

Honestly, there have been times when I have felt like smiting these men, myself!

Someday, Bright One, if your reason rises to the level of wisdom,
you will understand why I do not.

Oh Agamemnon! Agamemnon! Your scorpion venom is deadly, indeed.

Your downfall, to assume there is but *one* scorpion in the sands!

Trust me, Apollo. Before the sun sets on this day,
it will be the *Trojans* who pronounce ultimatums.

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