

~~MELPOMENE~~

~~Xanadu? The gift so grand that none of us truly knows what it is?~~

~~KIRA~~

~~Zeus tells me he will be sending a sign. And now I must go and inspire great work!~~

~~(she stops as she is about to exit)~~

~~It is a peculiar thing about these mortals. They all know they will die, yet they are determined to create something. The "human spirit" it is termed. It makes me feel... feel... oh Erato what is the word for which I search? You know, when something is so grand and so earnest yet ultimately so preposterous that one has to laugh. What does one call that?~~

~~ERATO~~

~~Andrew Lloyd Webber?~~

~~KIRA~~

~~There we are! The human spirit gives me great feelings of Andrew Lloyd Webber. Ah well, the mortal termed Sonny Malone approaches, away I fly!~~

~~(she skates off)~~

~~EUTERPE~~

~~Sweet sisters of inspiration!~~

~~MUSES~~

~~Let us attend to our various charges!~~

~~(all are gone except Melpomene and Calliope)~~

MELPOMENE

Calliope, hasten hither.

CALLIOPE

I'm already hither.

MELPOMENE

I crave a word with you. I need not tell you, as first born, I was entitled to the position of leader of the muses.

CALLIOPE

And yet Zeus did not grant thusly. What gives?

MELPOMENE

I did lay down with Achelous.

CALLIOPE

The river god?

MELPOMENE

He was a river god, and he was a rambling man. And he my baby daddy. He left me with four daughters, Molpe, Peisonoe, Aglaope, Thelxiepeia—

CALLIOPE

Like a Jennifer or a Susan would have killed you?

MELPOMENE

Ahh, my daughters, for years I instructed them in the lute and the flute. And now they sit by the seaside singing and playing and luring sailors to their rocky deaths. Yes, my daughters, the Sirens.

CALLIOPE

The sirens?

MELPOMENE

They never call!

CALLIOPE

And Zeus did not grant you the leader position, because he felt you would be too busy with your children. So he gave the role to Clio.

MELPOMENE

Apparently, there is no success nor joy for you nor I! And now Clio is to be granted Xanadu.

#3 – Evil Woman

Would that I were a god, I would smite her!

CALLIOPE

Oh sister, sister, you are so – what's the expression I'm looking for? You're a –

(Melpomene sings "EVIL WOMAN")

~~MELPOMENE~~

~~EE VIL WOMAN, EE EVIL WOMAN
EE VIL WOMAN EE VIL WOMAN
ROLLED IN FROM ANOTHER TOWN,
HIT SOME GOLD TOO HOT TO SETTLE DOWN,
BUT A FOOL AND HIS MONEY SOON GO SEPARATE WAYS,
AND YOU FOUND A FOOL LYIN' IN A DAZE,~~

~~MELPOMENE & CALLIOPE~~

~~HA, HA~~

~~MELPOMENE~~

~~WOMAN WHAT YOU GONNA DO,~~

~~(MELPOMENE)~~

~~YOU DESTROYED ALL THE VIRTUES THAT THE LORD GAVE YOU,
IT'S SO GOOD THAT YOU'RE FEELING PAIN,
BUT YOU BETTER GET YOUR FACE ON BOARD THE VERY NEXT TRAIN.~~

~~CALLIOPE & MELPOMENE~~

~~HEY! E EVIL WOMAN,
E EVIL WOMAN,
E EVIL WOMAN,~~

~~CALLIOPE~~

~~YOU'RE AN EVIL WOMAN~~

MELPOMENE

EVIL WOMAN!

(speaking)

I know what let's do.

CALLIOPE

What let's?

MELPOMENE

What let's use our muse powers and place a curse upon our sister, that she falls in love with this mortal.

~~CALLIOPE & MELPOMENE~~

~~*(singing)*~~

~~HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY~~

CALLIOPE

What a glorious prank! We shall do this curse and she shall be in love, and by Zeus's decree, be put to death!!

(The sisters cackle)

~~CALLIOPE & MELPOMENE~~

~~*(singing)*~~

~~HEY, HEY, HEY, HEY.~~

MELPOMENE

(speaking)

Oh my daughter sirens, come join your mother and Aunt in mean-spirited melody!

(Euterpe, Terpsicore, Erato and Thalia enter as the four SIRENS: MOLPE, PEISONOE, AGLAOPE and THELXIEPEIA. They join the their evil mother and aunt in song)