



Medusa

She was the daughter of Phorkys and Keto, the children of Earth and the Ocean. She is mortal. Never a God/Goddess. She was once beautiful, but she was turned into an ugly creature by Athena. Her ugly eyes turn you to stone. Her snake hair was a curse. She was not always like this. Medusa was under a terrible, horrible curse.

The Myth of Medusa

Medusa was a beautiful young women who lived far in the North. The sun did not shine, the clouds were all gone, there was no longer rain. She lived lonely in the darkness. She wondered what it would be like to see sunlight. Being very curious, she asked the Goddess Athena, Goddess of Wisdom and Crafts (Justified War), if she could visit the south to see the sun shine. Athena declined which enraged Medusa. Medusa complained saying the only reason was not aloud to go the south was because Athena was jealous of her beauty. Athena did not allow Medusa to speak to her like this. She punished her by turning her hair into snakes and cursed her by making her one of the ugliest creatures anyone has ever seen. If anyone ever looked into her ugly eyes, they would be turned to stone.

Mortal: a regular, unmagical person

Justified: to be just or right

Enraged: became angry or mad