The Korak by Joseph Pearce

Long, long, long ago in ancient Sparta. Lived a strong, handsome man named Apollo. Apollo had a wife called Athena. But one day she was kidnaped by the evil king Solomon. Athena was guarded by the Korak.

The Korak had the head, wings, and talons of an eagle. The Korak looked like a bird but it was a man that was cursed by the king of Athens. Once he chopped his arm off for failing to kill Leonidas. The Korak was the king’s slave and had been for many years. The name Korak means flying man.

Apollo needed to save his wife Athena. He travelled to the king of Sparta Leonidas. Leonidas gave him a big spear, tips were made of gold. He also gave him a big Spartan shield and gold armour. Apollo was about to leave until, Leonidas said “It needs to be enchanted by Zeus to be able to kill the Korak and get your wife back!” He explained.

Apollo travelled to the Mediterranean Sea. While at sea, Hades led the titans out to kill Apollo, but before they could attack Pegasus grabbed Apollo and threw him on his back and headed to Mount Olympus. When they reached the temple of the 12 gods, he begged for Zeus to enchant his weapons. Zeus came and enchanted his weapons and lent him Pegasus. Apollo left to get his wife back. One day later they reached the castle that Athena was in.

Pegasus dropped Apollo on a tree. Jumping from the tree, he could hear cries and screams of pain. He could hear his heart pumping as if it wanted to escape his chest. He could see smoke coming from the castle, until he herd beating wings he turned around and saw nothing, he pulled his sword out and saw the reflection of the Korak, it jumped from the tree and flew towards Apollo . The Korak tried to grab Apollo, but just missed. Apollo turned around but the monster was gone it must have been his imagination.

A few minutes later, he reached the gate of the palace thinking he had succeeded but the Korak swooped in and scratched Apollo to stop him from reaching the gate. The moment the Korak scratched Apollo he stabbed his spear into him, the monster fell to the floor. Apollo walked to finish the monster off but it shot it’s fiery flames at Apollo. He fell backwards trying to block the fire. He ran forward and stabbed the monster again. And killed him.