Arachne and Athena

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Arachne

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- 5 overpraised.I don't need to bea daughter of Zeus.I am alreadythe goddess of silk.
- There can never be another of my ilk, now and forever.Let her keep trying to win at spinning, that creature with no fingers so nimble and clever.
- 15 Behold how she's fallen from her high position!

Athena

- Behold! How she's fallen from her high position so nimble and clever, that creature with no fingers.
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- 5 now and forever.
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 the goddess of silk.
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 a daughter of Zeus.
- 10 I don't need to be overpraised.But that hag is constantly bragging.I'm really not fond of15 competition.
- Arachne was a talented and proud weaver. Athena, goddess of wisdom (and weaving), challenged her to a contest. When Arachne won, Athena was so angry that she changed the girl into a spider.

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