

MARIUS AND THE VEGGIE ZOMBIES

This particular mythological story is about Kylmästian Demi-God Marius, son of Poseidon. Marius' mother was the daughter of a fisherman, during her childhood, they lived on the Northern coastline and she spent her days helping out her father. As a teenager she did not have much free time for a romantic love life.

One day, his mother, not yet a mother then, was railing in fresh fish on the shoreline, when a enormous wave caught her. Luckily Poseidon, God of the Sea noticed her in this unusual large wave, and he freed her, saving her from drowning. This resulted in a passionate affair that lasted just for a short while. Nine months after, Marius was born.

Marius, being the son of a God, was blessed with powers he did not know he held. Powers Marius could only use on a night of a full moon. His mother was fearing for the safety of his child with powers and decided to get away from the sea, moving to the remote woodlands.

Marius inherited special powers of his father but did not know that, as his mother raised him to be just an ordinary Kylmästian. He grew to be a handsome young man, but like his mother, he did not find love right away.

After a severe Wintertime, his mother fell ill and on her deathbed, Marius found out who his father was and learned about his blessing.

Marius did not know what mystical powers he possessed, so he had to go and try out quite a lot. Until he found out he could turn every herb and plant, into a powerful potion.

He was a natural, of course, and quickly found his way around every little hick up, solving everything with a potion. He cracked the code for a strength potion to nourish his mother back to health, but she was too weak to drink it. So like traditional saunas, he let it evaporate on hot stones inside her hot room. This way she breathed it in and woke up with all the strength back.

His mother, no longer suffering, spent the rest of her days content and healthy. But Marius was less fortunate, knowing he was healthy, he still felt so alone. No girl had ever shown interest in him, he even fantasised about making a magic potion to let the prettiest girl in town, Lucinda fall for him. But with his faint little heart, he did not go through with that thought. It would be cruel to force love upon a human being.

Thus he thought about creating a human to spend the rest of his days with. He looked around, and laid his eyes on what surrounded him: spine trees! He could turn a tree into a human being!

After weeks of experimenting he finally found THE MAGICAL LOVE POTION. He was absolutely ready to turn the old tree he grew up with in his backyard, into his girlfriend. The night was ready, Marius was ready, the love potion was ready. Or so he thought, because the moon was not yet full. After a good gulp of love potion for the roots, his backyard tree turned into this beautiful young lady. They immediately fell in love and spent some happy couple of weeks together.

All went according to plan. Until the night of the full moon... That night, she lost all interests in him, she would go out hastily, to explore the forest.

What he didn't know, was that he created a veggie zombie, every tree she came across, she bit into, turning those trees into veggie zombies as well.

All the spine trees, gone, transformed into tree-like ladies on this particular full moon.

The day after, when the full moon was gone, the veggie zombies turned back into normal girls. So after that first full moon, Kylmästo had lost 1.000 trees and gained 1.000 girls in one single night. This was not good for the inhabitants, oxygen was getting awfully low, with so many more people needing to breathe. Life got difficult for Kylmästo without trees to breathe. Marius did not know what to do with her, he had not only created one veggie zombie whom he fell in love with, he let her create a thousand more.

Since the North of Kylmästo was freezing all year round, the 'girls' adapted to survive the cold climate and they could not stand heat. Marius had only until the next full moon to create a potion, strong enough to turn the 1.000 veggie zombies back to spine trees.

To save the country, he had to find all 1.000 girls and try to get the reversed potion to work on all of them, on a full moon. This was harder than he'd ever image his live would be. He thought about the method on how he used the potion to save his mother's live, evaporation on hot stones and tried exactly that on the next full moon night.

He dug pits, made fires and covered them with stones all over the forest. Next thing, he poured his herb-blend potion over the rocks, letting the torrid magical fumes waltz through the bleak woodlands.

Every single veggie zombie inhaled the herbs and instantly grew their roots back into the soil.

Marius, lost his girlfriend, but saved the world from his own selfish mistakes.

From there on out, he stopped using his powers for his own good, and started making potions for the better of his country.

This story tells the tale of Marius, who greedily took what he had for granted.

To this day, we still pour his potions over sizzling sauna stones.

The tradition is to keep away the veggie zombies and to honour the change from selfishness to selflessness.