

# Othismos

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## Synopsis

The Hoplite General Denda, before the beginning of the battle, which takes place in the dry bed of the Nemea River, wishes to know the fate of his brave warriors. The cause of the battle is the lack of water from the Nemea River. Therefore, not only are the crops at risk, but also the real existence of the population.

Denda has a moment of hesitation on the usefulness of this epic battle and has strong doubts about the future consequences of it. Therefore, he asks the gods to know the future.

In the ancient world, the Greeks have always focused particular attention to the passage of time and have always been attracted by the unknown and the future, trying in every way to know it in advance.

The oracle of Delphi did not predict the future, but "invented" it. Before any important action, the Greeks went to the oracle to ask for a suggestion or an anticipation of the future, to consider whether to carry it out or not. The origins of oracles date back to the dawn of time. At the Greek oracle of Delphi, there was the Omphalos, a carved stone considered to be the navel of the world. The high priestess, the Pythia or Pythoness, predicted the future by inhaling the vapors of the gas that came from the bowels of the earth and chewing laurel leaves (sacred to Apollo). The inhalation of the gas, in addition to the laurel, which if consumed in large quantities can cause drowsiness, therefore induced the prophetess into a state of trance that allowed her to enter into communication with the divine and with parallel universes. The message of the Pythia had a strategic value in the event of war.

Denda's desire was approved by the Gods and the Divinities who built him a space vehicle (vimana) to travel through time.

Denda, without any hesitation, entered this space vehicle that was launched into a very distant future until arriving at our days.

Denda, after the vehicle lands, opens the upper part of the vehicle and slowly exits, finding himself in our sick and degenerated society. After many visions, events, circumstances, experiences and adventures and after a sensational episode with a strong emotional impact (with the Earth Siren - The Ethereal), he will return back to his time, but this time shocked and changed forever.

Once back in his time, he arrives on the battlefield in the middle of the two enemy armed phalanxes.

In front of him, the enemy Hoplite General is waiting with his armed phalanx and with all the hoplites ready to fight.

Without speaking, and after having carefully observed all the warriors of the two armed phalanxes, he meets the enemy Hoplite General who awaits him with a threatening attitude. After a few minutes, he suddenly takes his gaze off the latter and slowly turns his body, slightly inclined and bent, to the opposite side to the shield he is holding in his hand, he gives a small smile and turns with a proud gaze towards his most faithful followers who are still there, ready to fight to the last drop of blood to give their lives without hesitation to their brave commander.

But Denda's most faithful warrior suddenly breaks the deep silence and begins to whisper words among themselves, because they have understood that something has changed and that the battle will no longer take place (at least for that day).

Denda, once he has reassured his brave warriors with his arms outstretched and widened, turns towards the enemy, advancing with confident steps, until he stops in front of him. At this point the enemy Hoplite General, does not want to wait any longer and pulls out his sword (xiphos) with all his strength, trying to strike a mortal blow to Denda, when suddenly one of the Hoplites (in the last row of the armed phalanx) screams and shouts in a desperate way, raising his right hand all wet of water:

"Commander! Commander!

The bed of the Nemea river is no longer dry, but water flows !

Water ! Water ! Water !"

Something strange and magical happened !

Denda immediately begins the narration of what he had seen in this interstellar journey, telling his absolute truth that will change the pre-established order of things and also the final outcome of the war. After his return and well aware of the fact that it is not the destination that is important, but the journey that has given him the opportunity to reflect and meditate deeply, he realizes with bitterness that his existence will no longer be the same as before and will be continually tormented and hindered both by a series of human events and by the overwhelming forces of negative entities.

Denda, however, has finally understood that war is never the right solution to resolve human problems, because all external conflicts always arise from internal conflicts of us.