

Athena from *The Iliad*, by Homer

It is not as if Poseidon is honor-bound to persecute Odysseus.
Can he not entertain himself harassing someone else?
Poseidon did not care much about Polyphemus.
He merely cares about his pride.
Because he was able to overpower a possible descendant of his is no reason
For Poseidon to stop Odysseus from returning home.
How long must he torture Odysseus before he is satisfied?
Can you not do something?
You are his brother and the ruler of all of the gods.
Surely the will of your daughter, a goddess,
Should take precedence over Poseidon's ego trip,
Over an insult to a man-eating creature!
However, I did not come here to complain.
I came to ask you to help poor Odysseus.
You sit up here in Mount Olympus watching his agony,
And yet, you do nothing to help him.
Can you try to make your brother see
What an amazing person Odysseus is?
He has so many of my own traits;
Wisdom, cunning, courage.
Surely, a man of his talents should not waste his days
Sitting on an island weeping.
I cannot stop Poseidon alone.
I do not have enough power,
But if you help Odysseus,
He is sure to get home safely.
Will you help Odysseus, please?