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There may not be snakes writhing in a monstrous wig
Nor scales like iron plates
Though it may not have the eyes to catch my gaze
This beast can still petrify

Like a dark Athena it is birthed
From within my skull it emerges
Filling my head with leaden fire
Suffusing my limbs with weighted ice

Like a Gorgon it has a weakness
Though it lacks eyes or senses
Take heed from great Perseus
The only defense is reflection

Straighten out bent logic and twisted context
It is not the hero, it is the monster
And monsters do not rule their myths
Monsters are slain and left behind