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Prologue

Το πεπρωμένο φυγείν αδύνατον.
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Present Day

Niko sat up. Awake. The dream couldn't have lasted more than a few seconds, but it was enough to get his heart pumping and adrenaline flowing. After all these years, he was still haunted by occasional dreams of his past. Still, his wakening wasn't violent enough to wake his wife. He looked on her lithe, bronze figure lying with her back to him, then checked the time on his nightstand. 7:00 am. A little early, but he knew he wouldn't be able to go back to sleep. He eased his legs over the side of the bed and got up.

After freshening himself, he went to the kitchen and made himself a pot of coffee. He still needed coffee, American coffee. Well, Illy, anyway. Greek coffee in a demi-tasse cup was for later in the day, after lunch, or perhaps mid-morning. But he still needed that full cup to get him going in the morning.

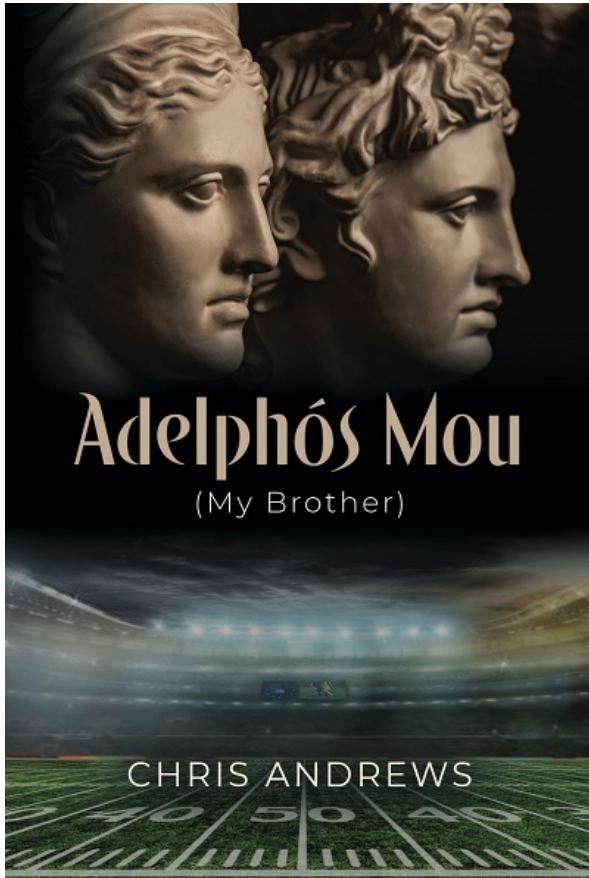
From the veranda outside his kitchen, Niko looked down the slopes of the estate to the gray mist soon to evaporate in the June sun. A faint salty smell tickled his nose. He opened his laptop and began checking stock prices, currency exchange rates, and commodities futures in the Asian markets.

Dust rose as a silver BMW turned into his long driveway. That was unusual this early in the morning. Something was off. Something wrong, maybe. He took a long sip of his coffee, leaned back in his chair, rested his head against the back and closed his eyes.

It was mornings like this that he couldn't help but think how life could have been so, so different.

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