

Theseus and the Minotaur

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A long time ago, there lived a great, powerful king named Minos whose kingdom was located in Crete. This black-hearted fiend had everything he wanted. Now and then, the foul king sent his navy, which was utterly packed with men, to destroy the sad, little village of the Athens.

With no defences, the king had utterly no idea what to do; thinking desperately, the forever wounded king struck a bargain with king Minos if he would not attack, with his combatants, for nine years he would send seven boys and seven girls to Crete to be devoured by the dreadful, cold-hearted beast, the Minotaur.

At the heart of the maze is where this loathsome beast reigns in terror however the king loved this monster unexpectedly. Amazingly, the king only struck the Athens when he was bored. As he did not really want anything, the deal which he struck meant he did not have to sacrifice his own people to the minotaur. King Minos accepted the deal with glee.

No sooner, the king of the Athens had created a magnificent, strong navy to grapple with Minos's but the king kept his promise. Eventually, it was the king's turn to keep his end of the bargain so everyone in the Athens was crying with despair "Not me!"

The grand prince Theseus knew all about keeping your word. With valiant words Theseus spoke to his father "Send me father, to Crete as the seventh son so I can defeat the Minotaur once and for all."

His father's reaction was incredible "How are you going to defeat this best?! "exclaimed his father. "With the Gods help I will defeat this beast."

His father begged him desperately but it was no use Theseus's mind was made up. No sooner, Theseus was on the big, sturdy ship with the other petrified Athenians; so off to Crete they went.

When the prince and the Athenians arrived, they were greeted by king Minos and his beautiful daughter princess Ariadne. Unusually, she said nothing at all however she narrowed her eyes in a thoughtful manner. Late that night, making sure her father did not know, she wrote a note to Theseus and slipped it under his door. It read:

Dear Theseus,

As you have seen I am an absolutely beautiful and I would like more people to see my beauty. Surely, without my help you will fall victim to him so if I help you kill the Minotaur will you take me to the tiny Athens. Meet me at the labyrinth in one hour if you are interested in this deal.

Yours truly,

Princess Ariadne

Shortly, he had arrived at the entrance to the dreadful maze equipped with a sword. Eventually, the princess arrived with a gigantic ball of wool. She gave him the ball of wool and told him to hide it so when him and the other Athenians entered he could find his way through the dense, tricky maze. With gratitude, Theseus thanked the princess many times.

The next day the Athenians entered the maze, Theseus tied one end of string to the door and went through the walls of alabaster. Finally, Theseus found the heart of the maze and the terrible battle began with Theseus on one side and the Minotaur on the other!

After lots of suffering, Theseus finally killed this monstrous beast! He followed the string back. So, as he promised he took the princess there but on the way the princess made them dock on an island called Naxos where she fell asleep! A multitude of people admired her; With no knowledge of the princess falling asleep they sailed away.

Moral

A deal is a deal.

Blurb

Join Theseus on his adventure as he fights the dreadful minotaur.