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A GOD OF FIRE AND CRAFTS TRAPS HERA FOR REVENGE

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Reported by: Anni Faucon

Hephaestus, the god of Fire and crafts, got mad and made a chair and sent it to his mother, Hera. When Hera sat on the chair, gold chains shot out of the chair. Try as she might, she could not get out of the chair. This was for revenge against his mother. For, when he was younger his mother had thrown him off of Mount Olympus and he had fallen into the sea. There the sea goddess, Thetis, took care of him in an underwater cave. It was there that Hephaestus learned the art of metalworking and craftsmanship. His foster mother had set shiny jewels in the sea and made them move. We view them today as tropical fish.

Struggling, Hera begged her son for forgiveness. She tried and

tried to convince Hephaestus that throwing him over Mount Olympus was for his own good but there was no way that he would forgive her with such ease. He wanted his place on Mount Olympus. Only then would he except and set his mother free. The Olympian gods agreed that, in return for releasing Hera, Hephaestus would be allowed his throne on mount Olympian. The fight was settled.

In return, he not only sat on his own throne he built 12 new thrones for all twelve Olympian gods. His own masterpiece was made of many fine jewels and metal. It could swivel its arms up and down and move around automatically.

He was modest, helpful, good-natured, and sometimes prone to laughter. He taught mankind to use fire. His symbol was the quail(which

does a limping dance in the spring). He Probably had the symbol of the quail because he was born crippled. He was married to 4 beautiful wives. He had 4 children: Erichtonious, the half-snakeking of Athens, Paleamon, Periphetes, and Ardalus, the inventor of the flute.



WHO PUT OUT THE CHIMERA'S FIRE?

Reported by Blake Rhodes

Ah, ancient Greece, most memorable because Theseus, using figuring and logical thinking, destroyed the Chimera. Let us tell you a little about Theseus. He is a blond-haired, tall, brave, and skinny individual most notable for getting rid of Peripheties, Sinis, Procrusties, and Sciron. He is more resourceful and clever than strong. He is liked by others enough to have a pirate for a friend. He is a very brave man. Theseus once went to the Palace of Hades with the pirate because the pirate wanted to marry Persephone who had been kidnapped.

Because the Chimera, who could speak, threatened to destroy the village in the summer, when it was strongest, Theseus was the perfect man for the job. The Chimera was a creature who had a lion's head, a goat's middle, and a snake's tail, with nothing but molten lava in its stomach. So Theseus set out to the mountains north of the Greek village the Chimera had threatened to destroy. It took Theseus three days to climb the mountains because of his amazing arsenal

of lead weapons was very heavy. The Chimera's cave wasn't too high up because its fire would be put out. Even the Chimera can die if the temperature is cold enough.

Theseus was carrying all that lead because he knew that the lead, upon entering the Chimera's throat, caused the lead to melt. When it entered the stomach, it would melt, killing the Chimera. Theseus was armed with lead rocks, a slingshot, lead arrows, a bow, and a lead spear. When he arrived at the Chimera's cave, He shouted as loud as he could to lure the Chimera out into the open. Then he shot arrows at its mouth. Some went in the mouth, but some missed. Next he shot rocks with his slingshot. Again, some went in, some missed. Now the Chimera was mad. It took a leap at Theseus. There was only one thing wrong. The Chimera landed not on Theseus, but on the spear. It was then that the molten lead went into its stomach. Theseus decided to leave the Chimera where it was.

BIRTH BROADCAST—THE GODDESS OF DAWN

Reported by Cyndia Yu

Congratulations! Many greetings to Eos, the beautiful goddess of Dawn, who just gave birth to an adorable and lovely baby boy.

Yesterday morning, after a grinding operation due to complications, Eos gave birth to a boy named Memnon. Tithonos is the father of Eos's eighth child, after the Winds, the quadruplets with the father Titan Astraios and a numerous amount of shining stars to light up the beautiful night sky with Selene, Eos's sister the Moon.

Having been born from a family of great beauty, Eos is daughter of Theia and Hyperion, and sister to Selene, the Moon,



and Helios, the Sun. But, sadly, Eos has lived a life of great mourning.

Just before the great relief of the Mt. Olympus Medical Care nurses (Memnon somehow refused to react to the birth-giving flames, therefore an operation of to place in cold spring water from the fountain of life took place), Eos's carried away, in other words kidnapped lover; Tithonos was granted immortality from the all mighty, strong and powerful Zeus. Sadly, however, Eos did not care to ask for the King of gods to grant Tithonos eternal youth. As the years passed, he aged and, finally, lost all energy in his limbs. Eos, with love and pity, put him in an individual room and shut the shining gates. We can only arrive at a conclusion that he is still there.

Aphrodite fell in love with a beautiful mortal, Anchises, soon to be the father of Aineias. Aphrodite tells us the story of Eos and her abducted lover. We can only infer that Aphrodite is telling the truth.

Memnon is a happy, healthy baby that is

24 inches long and eight pounds. Zeus and Hera, along with the other gods and goddesses on Mt. Olympus, are still deciding the job of this young boy.

Says Zeus, "I believe this young man will make a fine god, no matter what he is assigned. I give many congratulations to Eos for giving us a new inspiring life." Hera agrees, "I have never seen such a charming young soul in such a beautiful baby. I wish him a good life, no matter what he does." Even Odysseus has to admit, "This young spirit brightens up these old minds. I give many congratulations to Eos, also for everything she has given us gods.

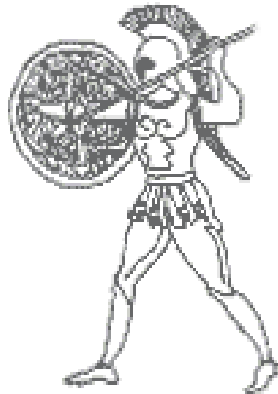
Fast facts:

- ✧ Eos was born on May 1 as her brother Helios had just begun to wake up, thus the phrase, "Born at the crack of Dawn".
- ✧ The Winds are: Boreas (North), Eurus (East), Notus (South) and Zephyros (West). Each was named after the way the wind was blowing when they were born.
- ✧ Another name for Eos is Erigetia.
- ✧ Eosphros was the first star given birth to by Eos, also known as the Dawn star.
- ✧ The son of Kephalos and Eos was Phaethon, who was so lovely that Aphrodite stole him away and kept him as her temple-keeper.

HERMES VS. THE DREADED MINOTAUR

Reported by Sumeet Patwardhan

Just yesterday, Hermes was told to tell a challenge to the Minotaur. Ares was the one who told Hermes the challenge. So Hermes quickly went to the Minotaur's labyrinth. Hermes found the him running around, not knowing where to go. The Minotaur almost hit Hermes with his deadly horns .It was a rumor that If the Minotaur's horns touched you, you would die." Hermes flew out of the way as fast as he could manage. Finally, after a little persuading and "hopping" out of his way, Hermes got the Minotaur to listen. Hermes told the Minotaur what Ares had said. It went a little something like this: "I challenge you to a fight on the battlefield. It will be to the death. So, I look forward to seeing you there unless



you are a coward." Hermes absentmindedly forgot to tell the Minotaur that it was Ares who wanted to challenge him, not he.

So the Minotaur reared up and snorted. Then he said, "Are you ready or not?" Hermes thought to himself, "Huh? What was the Minotaur talking about?" Suddenly he realized. He forgot to tell him that the challenge was from Ares! The Minotaur Charged at Hermes with full force and he got smacked into a labyrinth wall. Next, it was Hermes turn and boy, was he angry! Hermes flew up into the air so the Minotaur couldn't see him. Then, when the Minotaur wasn't looking, he dive bombed right into his body. The Minotaur screamed in agony and then flopped to the ground. Hermes had won!!

OLYMPIANS VS. THE DEMIGODS: A GAME OF BALL OF FOUR BASES

Reported by Carter Pote

The score is 7-7 in the 9th inning and up to plate is Zeus. The pitcher is Artemis. He throws and misses --yep-- he just killed a deer. Well, thats why they call him the hunter. Hermes is on first base. Demeter is on second base, and Hades is playing short-stop. The catcher is Apollo.

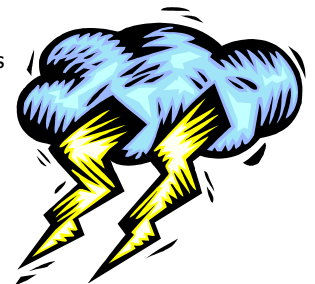
The colliseum is made of fine marble and the weather is stormy, but only goes down 50 feet to protect the crowd. the crowd is populated by Prometheus' mud men and Hephiatos' Machinations.

Artemis pitches, and ball goes 1200 miles per hour. Zeus hits the ball with a lightning bolt on mistake. It's a strike. Next, Artemis throws it up in the air and it keeps going. A ball. Next, he pitches it slow and Zeus hits it. The ball goes near the speed of light. It bounces through the labyrinth, goes straight through the bed of Procrustes, and skipped over the river Styx.

The next pitch was hit and accidentally charged with electricity and went to the skies. It struck a cloud, causing the hydrogen and oxygen molecules to separate, and more elec-

tricity made the hydrogen explode. The explosion of the hydrogen caused a rain of fire that melted Hephiatos' machinations and hard baked the mud-men.

The game was called on account of raining fire, and because the reporter had melted.



PERSEUS BATTLES MEDUSA

Reported by Lubaba Ahmed



Hello young citizens of Athens! Have any of you ever heard of Perseus? Well, yesterday, at the crack of dawn, the ugliest fight (for all I know) between Perseus and Medusa the Gorgon occurred (it was cool, dude). Earlier that night,

Perseus, was out late for he was hunting for a wolf that would be his companion for his journeys. At the same time, Medusa was out searching for something to eat in the forest. Medusa had spotted Perseus and she decided that he would be a tasty meal (that was not cool). She sneaked up behind Perseus and was about to pounce on top of him. Luckily, Perseus saw that coming because he saw her totally

huge shadow around him. (Let's just call Perseus our hero.) Our hero was carrying a sword and he flung the sword at Medusa. The demon caught the sword and using his hands, broke it in two. She flung the pieces at a nearby river and they sunk to the bottom of the river. Now our hero was weaponless. He used his hands and feet to fight. Then all of the sudden Medusa turned and flew over to a tree and started hitting it. Thinking that she was going to throw the tree at him, Perseus ran over to the river and dived in. He swam to the bottom and there he searched for the top half of his sword. He saw a shiny sparkle and swam toward it. He smiled. He had found his sword's top half! He picked it up and took it to shore. Medusa was still pushing the tree so Perseus walked cautiously toward her. Medusa spotted him and picked up the tree; she ran toward our hero with it and she smacked him on the head. Perseus fell to the floor. He put his hand on his head. Then Medusa smacked

him again on the same place and his headache recovered. Our hero jumped up and held his sword up, ready to fight again. Medusa flew right at him and Perseus seized his chance. He slashed his sword at the Gorgon. She ducked and he slashed and she ducked and he slashed and she ducked and he slashed and she ducked and that went on and on and on until our hero finally stuck the sword into Medusa's heart. He then again stuck it into her head. He did this four times and finally, Medusa fell to the ground, dead. Our hero had killed Medusa! But Medusa had two equally monstrous sisters who would be sure to avenge her murder, and they had wings of gold or brass which would bear them in swift pursuit of the killer. We do not know where they are now, but we don't want to see them, that's for sure! And that, my friend, was the coolest fight of the year!

HERCULES AND HADES DUKE IT OUT

Reported by Leen Kaylani

After stopping one of Hades' evil and almost impossible-to-stop plots, Hercules dashed home expecting his mortal mother to be waiting at the door weeping as she always did, and his mortal father standing next to her calming her down. Hercules called out "Mother! Father! I'm home," there was no response, that was odd because usually his mother would come out and hug Hercules extra tight but today she didn't do it so Hercules called out again "Mother! Father! I came back from my dangerous battle with Hades." Still there was no answer. Hercules was really worried, he figured that kidnapping his parents was Hades' revenge for what happened in the underworld and since this was the day that Hades planned to kidnap people and make them live in the underworld. Since Hercules stopped another one of Hades' plots, Hades may have kidnapped his parents.

Quickly, Hercules ran to the underworld but

instead of finding Hades torturing his minions he was slowly reading his "Who to Kidnap" list. "Where are they?" Hercules roared.

"Where are who?" Hades asked unknowingly.

"My parents!" Hercules said.

"Oh them. I don't know, look at my Who to Kidnap list," Hades replied. Hercules did as Hades asked he skimmed through the list looking for his parents' names but could not find them. The hero looked elsewhere for his parents, he looked all over Greece, the home of his real parents, and some other places and in one of those places he found his cousin and told him all about the incident then Hercules' cousin began to chuckle an evil bad guy-like chuckle and said, "Hercules, you may have suspected Hades for kidnapping your parents but you didn't figure out that just because my cousin's a



good guy doesn't mean I can't be a bad guy". Hercules was very disappointed.

Hercules and his cousin fought a fierce battle but of course, as always, Hercules won. When the battle finished Hercules set his parents free and all went well except one thing... Hercules forgot to set free the kidnapped people but Hercules was sometimes forgetful so he forgot that Hades was going to kidnap anyone and anyways he didn't have time for that because he was busy with an angry mob.

PERSEUS DEFEATS MEDUSA IN A BATTLE OF LIFE AND DEATH!

Reported by Michelle Stephens

Yesterday evening Perseus was in the lair of Medusa. He was standing there ready to slay. It woke up, almost killing him with its killing gaze. Perseus attacked, but was not able to for Medusa moved. It whipped its tail at him but he was too fast for Medusa. He attacked again but missed for he could not stare at the head of Medusa. Medusa was furious and attacked him with its claw. It brushed Perseus's back. That was more than a scratch though; it peeled off most of the skin on his back. He realized that the old fashioned way would never work. He put on his helmet of in-



visibility and winged sandals. Now Medusa could not see him. He flew to where Medusa's sister was sleeping, and jumped on. Medusa's sister, Medecta woke up angrily. Perseus drove Medecta into Medusa's neck. The blow wasn't fatal, but it did hurt her. He drew his sword, and cut Medusa's head off. He also stabbed Medecta in the neck, but it didn't kill her because she was immortal. He flew out of her lair with Medusa's head. "I needed Medusa's head to give to Polydectes so that he would leave my mother alone" Perseus told us after the battle.

A NEW LEADER, A NEW BEGINNING

Reported by Jean Juang

Yesterday at noon, Zeus's bloody battle with his father, Kronos, started suddenly. This was a complete surprise for Kronos since he thought that he had swallowed Zeus at infancy, as he had done with Zeus's his five siblings. Zeus had been saved by his mother and raised secretly in a damp, musty, old castle for twenty years.

The whole process of battle had been carefully plotted by Zeus and his allies. To earn his rightful title as king of all gods, Zeus



ambushed Kronos while he was out hunting for boars in the dense forest. Before leaping out on top of his father, who was wolfing down his lunch, Zeus was seen hiding behind a large leafy bush. When Kronos was attacked by Zeus, he jumped in surprise. Kronos managed to grab his hunting spear, which was covered with dark brown soil and cakes of dried boar blood, and attempted a very feeble stab. Taking advantage of his opponent's dazed state, Zeus smashed Kronos's face with a strong, tough fist. Being younger and more agile, Zeus ducked under his father and started tugging on his hair. Kronos came to senses and tried to push Zeus down. But Zeus staggered backward and Kronos pounced on him. The two started rolling on the ground and was soon enclosed in a cloud of dry dust. Kronos tried constantly to push Zeus away, but Zeus pinned him to the ground. Kronos wriggled free of Zeus's grip, but Zeus picked him up. Then, Zeus threw his father down, bruising many parts of his father body.

With every blow from his father, Zeus's face was getting redder and darker. After a sudden violent punch from Kronos, Zeus's anger boiled over, like over boiled water in a kettle. He pounced on his father as a cat

would do when she was catching a mouse. After beating Kronos violently with a thick wooden club, Zeus kicked his stomach, and then causing Kronos to regurgitate Zeus's grown, undigested siblings- Demeter, Hades, Hestia, Hera and Poseidon - and a rock. After being beaten violently with a thick wooden club and kicked in his stomach, Kronos started to regurgitate Zeus's grown, undigested siblings- Demeter, Hades, Hestia, Hera and Poseidon.

When the night was blanketing the earth and the stars were twinkling merrily in the lap of Grandmother Darkness, the aged god was weakened to the point that he could not even walk. So, he surrendered. Zeus only had a few minor scratches and bruises throughout his body, unlike his father, who was caked with dried blood and covered with scabs. As a matter of fact, he was almost dead! Many consider him very fortunate not to have heard Saint Peter blow his horn anytime soon.

Finally, all the gods in the Council are unanimous to the fact that Zeus should be the new leader. Two seconds after hearing the decision, Zeus sent his father to Tartaros. Long live the new leader!

THE ENCOUNTER

Reported by Sonia Fan

She was the goddess of war. She had been talking peacefully with Artemis, when a loud ROOOOAR ripped the peaceful air like a piece of paper. The thundering of hoofs was heard in the ears of the gods, goddess, and people upon the earth. Hearing the sound of the roar, Artemis noted it was a Minotaur.

Athena suggested that she take care of the beast. Artemis agreed. "I'm not *that* greedy." She said after the encounter. It became a quote of hers later on, when similar happenings occurred. Athena rose to meet the beast. She knew it would be dangerous, but since she was a goddess, and immortal, she could not die, so her fear had not been disturbed. As for Artemis, she retreated to a safe corner where she could watch the battle in safety. Though she was like Athena, she did not want anything to happen to herself.

The Minotaur charged toward Athena. She raised her shield and drew her sword. With horns toward Athena, the beast

charged. As it neared she Athena raised her sword to bring down with great power and force. She rose into the air and floated there in a position that had her most of her body facing downward. When the Minotaur's neck was directly under her she brought her sword down. It sliced through the Minotaur's neck like a knife slicing through fat.

The head fell to the floor with a loud THUMP!! Artemis went forward to congratulate her friend on her victory and to resume their talk with Athena. Zeus came forward also. He was there to congratulate Athena for killing the beast with such calmness. A feat hard to accomplish for a mortal, who would have trembled and fled. Athena resumed her talk with Artemis. But instead of their former subject, they talked about how the Minotaur could have gotten into Olympus. They later confronted Zeus about this matter. He stroked his beard thoughtfully and told them it must have been sent up. But overall, he did not know. "That was a very nonnerve-racking battle." Was what Athena later said. It later became a popular saying for her after many later victories.



Who: Artemis

What: An Encounter with a Minotaur.

Where: In Olympus.

When: When the goddess Artemis was with the goddess Athena.

Why: Because a Minotaur interrupted the talk in between Artemis and Athena.

How: A Minotaur had somehow gotten up to Olympus.

JASON ... DEAD

Reported by Beau Sitton

Yesterday, Monday afternoon at 2:31 p.m. Jason was defeated by Hercules. This tragic story all started over a fight about who had bigger muscles. As you can see now Hercules proved not only his muscles were bigger but also that he was stronger than Jason.

Hercules proclaims, "We were sitting down at a restaurant watching a Football game. As they watched the Jotunhiem's wide receiver Loki trot into the end zone for a touchdown, they noticed his muscular arms."

Jason spattered afterwards, "In an instant, Hercules had leaped on the table and was hollering that he himself had bigger arms than Loki."

News reporters raced to the battlegrounds as they heard the loud voice of Hercules. They heard the following through their hearing horns and saw the following through their rolled up pieces of paper. Out of nowhere Jason crashed into Hercules knocking him off the table. Jason claiming he had the biggest muscles in the world, took an arrow to his huge bicep. As you can guess the arrow was from angry Hercules. Well the fight went on with broken glasses of milk, knives thrown, and arrows shot. The cause of Jason's terri-



ble death was a knife right through the temple in his head. Bleeding fiercely, he fell to the ground defeated by Hercules. The funeral is scheduled for Friday at the restaurant at 5:00 p.m.

We interviewed Jason's sad parents after the horrible battle.

This is what they had to say, "We think Hercules is a very bad man and he will not be invited to the funeral. This would have never happened if that terrible man didn't stand on the table like a goof. We will never blame our wonderful son for his death but will remain to blame Hercules."

We will always remember Jason as he lies in our hearts. We are incredibly sorry that marvelous Jason had to die but everyone has to go sometime.

HERCULES TERMINATES THE MALEVOLENT MONSTER

Reported by Jillian Berk



Yesterday afternoon, the nine-headed monster, Hydra, entered the small little town of Cynan. "Doomed... Doomed!" you could hear the people screaming. This town thought that they were never going to see the light of day again. Then from out of nowhere Hercules arrived. It was predicted to be a close battle. Hercules is loved by people all over, for bravery, strength, and his unbelievable will to win! Everybody asked themselves if one man could save the day.

As the battle begin, Hydra grabbed Hercules legs and badly injured them. This frightened the townspeople. What were these people going to do with out someone to fight for them? The hope subsided, but Hercules was not going

to give up. He believed that this was his duty. He would not let this town be destroyed. This paid off. Though it was a horribly tough and battle, one last hit finished it off. Hercules won! He saved the little town Cynan. The day was saved. Nine-Headed monster guts were splattered everywhere, though a sigh of relief roamed throughout the town. It was safe once again. The monster was to be disposed of immediately and everything turned out fine because of the heroic man Hercules. Hercules, when interviewed after said that he didn't do it for the fame, but because he knew it was the right thing to do. He also says that he will try his best to continue on with these good deeds. And so this town, happy and safe, will continue on with their lives, knowing that they have someone watching over them.

HYDRA DEFEATED

Reported by Clare McClernon

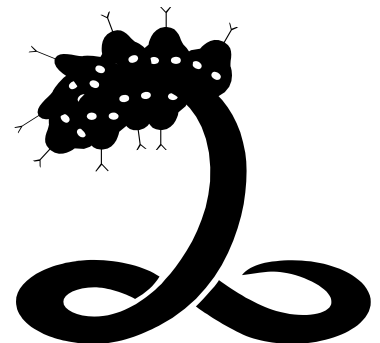
From the murky waters of the swamps near a place called Lerna, Hydra was going to rise up and terrorize us. Hydra wasn't easy prey, for one of the nine heads was immortal and therefore indestructible. Hercules wanted to kill the nine-headed snake, and he set off to hunt the nine-headed menace. But he did not go alone; his trusty nephew, Iolaus, was by his side. Iolaus accompanied him on many of his labors. So, the pair drove their chariot to Lerna and by the springs of Amynone, they discovered the lair of the loathsome hydra.

First, Hercules lured Hydra from the

safety of its den by shooting flaming arrows at it. Once Hydra emerged, Hercules seized it. The monster was not so easily overcome, though, for it wound one of its coils around Hercules' foot and made it impossible for Hercules to escape. Hercules attacked the many heads of the Hydra with his club, but as soon as he smashed one head, two more would burst forth in its place! To make matters worse, Hydra had a friend of its own: a huge crab. The crab then, began biting at Hercules' trapped foot. Quickly disposing of this nuisance, a swift bash of his club, Hercules called on Iolaus to help him out of this tricky situation.

Each time Hercules bashed one of the Hydra's heads, Iolaus held a torch to the headless tendons of the neck. The flames

prevented the growth of replacement heads, and finally, Hercules had the better of the beast. He had removed and destroyed the eight mortal heads and then Hercules chopped off the ninth.



THESEUS—A MAN'S MAN

Reported by Stephanie Allen

Good afternoon Arizona! I'm Stephanie Allen with your Greek news report. Probably everyone has heard about Theseus's adventure. Right? Well, if you haven't, just listen up. Theseus grew up not knowing who his father was. His mom had just told him that it was time to tell him about his father. But, there was a catch - he had to figure out who his father was by going on a small quest. His mother took him out to the woods and led him to a very large rock. She told him that his father had left something there for his son to find when he was old enough, and strong enough to lift the rock. To get strong enough to lift this enormous rock, Theseus trained hard. He did 300 push-ups, ran five miles, lifted weights weighing 150 pounds, and did 500 sit-ups every day for two weeks. Then he was ready. This teen now had the strength, ability, and body of a warrior. After a long time of preparing to lift the rock, Theseus was ready, and lifted the rock with ease. Theseus retrieved the special gift that his father left for him. Everyone has



wondered what has been under such a heavy boulder. Well, we have the answer. Under the rock there was none other than... a sword and coins. Theseus then knew that his father was none other than King Aegeus of Athens. Theseus then told his mother that he was determined to meet his father in person, and that he would walk to Athens. His mother told him that he should go by sea

because he would meet horrible people who do terrible things if he went by foot. Theseus refused, and headed for his father's palace. I tell you; sometimes boys just don't listen to their mothers!

On his way there, Theseus encountered many bad people who tried to kill him: Periphetes, Sinis, Sciron and

Procrustes. He used his resourcefulness to kill each of them in the way that they killed others.

After battling many villains on the way, Theseus finally made it to Athens. When

Theseus arrived, the people of Athens treated him to a hero's welcome because of his ridding the highway of monsters. He was invited to the palace to be honored for killing all of the villains. When he finally had the chance to meet King Aegeus, he did not reveal his identity. With his father was a lady who was his father's new wife, Medea. Medea was very threatened by Theseus because she was concerned he would take her son's place as heir to the throne. She convinced the king that this stranger was a threat to his kingdom, and convinced him to poison his guest's wine. But, just before Theseus drank the glass, he took out his sword to cut his meat. Theseus's father immediately recognized that Theseus had the sword he had put under the rock for his son to find. King Aegeus's son had found him! Theseus was then put in line for the crown right behind his father. Unfortunately, Medea was so mad, that she dashed out of the castle and rode away in a cart pulled by dragons. Theseus still remains in Athens with his father and his mother, who remarried, and is continuing to do helpful things for the world.

CERBERUS DEFEATED

Reported by Sam McClernan

The twelfth and final labor was the most dangerous for Hercules. Eurystheus ordered Hercules to go to the Underworld and kidnap Cerberus (Kerberos). Eurystheus must have been sure Hercules would not succeed at this impossible task!

Cerberus was a vicious beast that guarded the entrance to Hades and kept the living from entering the world of the dead. According to Apollodorus, Cerberus was a strange mixture of creatures; he had three heads of dogs, a dragon or serpent for a tail, and heads of snakes all over his back. Hesiod, though, says that Cerberus had fifty heads and ate raw flesh.

Before making the long trip to the Underworld, Hercules decided that he should take some precautions. This was, after all, a journey from which no one had ever returned. Hercules knew that once in the kingdom of Hades, he might not be allowed to leave and live again. Hercules went to Eleusis and saw Eumolpus, a priest who began what are known as the Eleusinian Mysteries. The mysteries are sacred religious rites which celebrate the myth of Demeter and her daughter Persephone. After the hero met a few

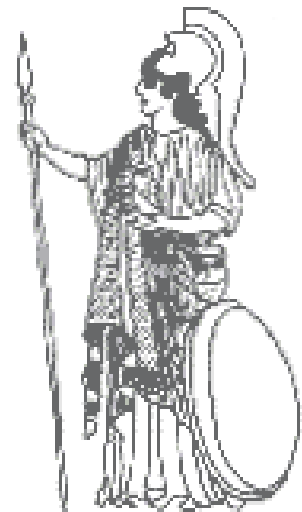
conditions of membership, Eumolpus let Hercules into the mysteries.

Hercules went to a place called Taenarum in Laconia. Through a deep, rocky cave, Hercules made his way down to the Underworld. He encountered monsters, heroes, and ghosts as he made his way through Hades. He even

joined in a wrestling contest! Then, finally, he found Pluto and asked the god for Cerberus. The lord of the Underworld replied that Hercules could indeed take Cerberus with him, but only if he overpowered the beast with nothing more than his own strength.

Hercules set off to find Cerberus with no weapons. Near the gates of Acheron, one of the five rivers of the Underworld, Hercules encountered Cerberus. Courageously, the hero threw his strong arms around the beast, perhaps grasping all three heads at once, and wrestled Cerberus into submission. The dragon in the tail of the fierce flesh-eating guard dog bit Hercules, but that didn't stop Hercules. Cerberus had to submit to the force of the hero, and Hercules brought Cerberus to Eurystheus. Unlike other monsters that

crossed the path of the legendary hero, Cerberus was returned safely to Hades, where he started guarding the gateway to the Underworld again. Presumably, Hercules inflicted no lasting damage on Cerberus, except, of course, the wound to his pride!



HERKALES WIN BATTLE

Reported by Hannah Shanken

Yesterday, Herkales was pronounced winner at the all-championship. He was given a gold trophy, and engraved on it was his name. For several years, he and Cyclops have been fighting over the gold metal. After Hercules had poked Cyclops' eye, he has been out to get Herkales. It was then stated in a rulebook that anyone who declares war must defeat the other, or else (the punishment is too great to be written down.) After this battle, Hercules broke his arm, scraped a knee, and injured his back. However, that doesn't even begin to tell what has happened to Cyclops. He lost his eye while trapping Herkales inside it.

Herkales jammed his elbow right into the eye, and soon enough, Cyclops was wailing

and literally cried his eyes out. Cyclops is now on his way to the county of Boola-Boola, and is now being sentenced to ten years of being tied to a large pole while others throw many tomatoes at him. It has been said all over town that Herkales is a g-d, and he planned on winning and had all the other g-ds and goddesses had helped him in a scheme. Others, however, are proud and relieved of the disappearance of Cyclops.

A woman from Taka, Greece stated, "My, my, that Herkales is one of a kind. When he was younger, he couldn't control his strength, but now he uses it to help our society." Once again, our town sleeps peacefully.

"I think there's nothing better than the good feeling you get when you help others," quoted Hercules after the battle.



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