**Apollo and the Minotaur**

Long ago, in ancient Greece, lived a brave and strong man named Apollo. One day, his beautiful sister was kidnaped by the most evil king in the land who wanted every single person in the village to be his slave. King Minos wanted Athena, Apollo’s sister, to be his slave but before he made her his slave, he hid her in a cave which was guarded by his favourite pet- the Minotaur.

The Minotaur was a terrifying beast which ate any living thing in its reach. Its arms and legs were like basketballs stacked on top of each other but covered in fur. Every time the Minotaur took a step, the metal hoop around its nose would jump up and down. With a big nose, the Minotaur could easily smell a human from a mile away.

“ You must travel to Mount Olympus and beg Zeus for any possible help,” exclaimed Apollo’s father. So Apollo set off to find Zeus.

After a while, Apollo finally reached Mount Olympus. He shouted for Zeus so loud that the birds on the tree flew away. Zeus appeared out of nowhere and looked at Apollo from head toe.

“ What do you want?” Said Zeus.

“ Help! I need you to help me destroy the Minotaur,” Apollo begged

“ Fine but you owe me one,” murmured Zeus grumpily. Zeus then gave Apollo a sharp sword, an invisibility cloak, a strong shield and a pair of flying shoes.

Even though the Minotaur is a strong beast, he isn’t very clever. He usually runs very fast and tries to head but his enemy. If you try to piece his heart, he will die an agonising death,” explained Zeus. Apollo then thanked Zeus and set off to save Athena.

Whilst at sea, a huge storm put Apollo in danger. Without warning, Poseidon had made the storm to try to sink Apollo’s boat. You see, Poseidon and Zeus envied each other and Poseidon was angry at Apollo because he asked Zeus for help and not him. With the boat rocking from side to side, Apollo decided it was too dangerous to remain on the boat. Then, he remembered his flying shoes and his invisibility cloak. He could fly to safety without Poseidon  knowing he had left the boat. Apollo pulled on his flying shoes and his cloak, jumped off the boat, and flew to the cave where Athena was. But as a result, Poseidon saw Apollo put his cloak and flying shoes on and ended the storm. He would deal with Apollo another day.

Finally, he was there! Through the twisted maze in the cave, Apollo knew Athena needed help but he also knew that the Minotaur was guarding her. He walked on some more until the shadow of a huge beast came into view.

Ready in a fighting position, the monster spotted Apollo who was examining the beast. Suddenly, the Minotaur ran towards Apollo. Just before the Minotaur tried to head but him, Apollo leaped to the left. It banged its head so hard that the ceiling crumbled. The Minotaur tried again but this time Apollo had his sword aloft. Then, when he was out of the way, he plunged his sword deep into the Minotaur’s heart.

The Minotaur let out a horrible scream and fell to the floor with a bump. The monster was dead at last.

Apollo was able to save Athena but knew he had annoyed Poseidon and he also had to give Zeus a gift for helping him destroy the Minotaur. How long would Poseidon be angry at Apollo?

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