Long, long ago, in Ancient Greece, there lived a strong, brave and handsome soldier named Apollo. Apollo had a kind, strong and beautiful wife named Athena. One morning, Apollo woke up and Athena was gone. Apollo questioned himself “Where could she have gone?” After a bit of time, Apollo knew exactly who had kidnapped Athena. It was a person who had tried to take her away from Apollo for the last 5 years. It was the evil, old King Minos he would have taken her to his palace in Crete. He had put Athena into a dungeon where it was guarded by his favourite pet the - Cerberus.

The Cerberus was a beast with the head of a dragon, the body of a lion and a serpent for a tail. The ferocious creature had three fire breathing, venom hissing heads and a body that was covered in rough, coarse fur. It was the type of fur that you would find on a rough and scratchy woolly jumper. In each of its heads were sets of teeth that could demolish any living creature in an instant. Many beloved heroes who are still known to this very day, were demolished by the Cerberus, suffering the worst possible deaths in the process. Although Apollo was a strong and brave man, he did not know how to kill this awful monster. Apollo’s father (David) told him “travel to Mount Olympus where the twelve gods live and talk to the great Greek God, Zeus. He is the only person who can help you now”.

While travelling to Mount Olympus, Apollo went through dry baron lands, climbed high mountains and sailed the great sea. Whilst at sea, Poseidon caused a huge storm that rocked the boat from side to side, it was extremely difficult to navigate. All of a sudden, Pegasus came to save Apollo from Poseidon’s wrath. “Where shall I take you?” demanded Pegasus. “To Mount Olympus, please” declared Apollo. During their flight, Apollo was made aware by Pegasus, that there was one way to defeat the Cerberus. Although the Cerberus was a strong and fierce creature, it had one and only one, weakness. Its body was filled with poisonous blood, if Apollo could pierce the heart the blood will spill onto the monster’s skin and it would die the most agonising of deaths.

Finally, Apollo reached the whereabouts of Mount Olympus where Zeus and the other eleven Gods lived. Zeus handed Apollo four gifts with which he could use to defeat the monster: an invisibility cloak so that he would not spotted by the beast, a sword to pierce the monster’s heart, a shield that no living creature or item could penetrate and a pair of flying shoes to reach high places and move around quickly. Then, Zeus told Apollo that he must travel to King Minos’s palace on the island of Crete to save his beautiful wife and prevent her from becoming the Cerberus’s next victim. To get there, Apollo would have to ride once more on Pegasus’s back. He would take him immediately to the palace.

In not time at all Apollo descended into the grounds of the palace. He crept through dingy tunnels and edged closer to the evil monster’s lair. Apollo got down on the ground where he slid along on his stomach like a snake, trying desperately, not to be seen by the beast. In an instant he heard the serpent tail hissing, he prepared himself with his shield and armour, holding his sword aloft. Apollo charged at the Cerberus.

The evil monster roared, and its fiery breath surrounded Apollo with venom hissing in the air and dropping down all around him. He held up his shield and ran in every direction trying to confuse the monster. With one huge effort, Apollo ran forward and plunged his sword into the beast’s foul heart. The Cerberus let out a huge shriek which was so loud that it momentarily deafened Apollo. The monster was finished at last.

Apollo was able to swiftly rescue Athena, but he knew that he had annoyed Poseidon. How long would he be able to keep her safe before facing Poseidon’s wrath?