**Apollo and the Niphus**

Long, long ago, in Ancient Greek times there lived a courageous, brave and strong man named Apollo. Apollo’s wife Alice, had been kidnapped by King Milo where she was guarded in a maze by a threatening beast.

Named Niphus, this fantastically threatening beast had 10 red laser eyes, 5 stretching arms, 9 scrambling legs and a head of an alligator! Thousands of men and women had tried to destroy this vicious beast but all had been burnt to death by its fiery breath. Apollo was a very strong and brave man but how would he defeat this beast?

“ Leave to see Zuma only she will know what to do.” Said Apollo’s Grandpa from around the corner.

So, Apollo set off for Mount Olympus where Zuma would be. He walked over sandy deserted deserts and climbed tall hills until he finally got there! Waiting for him there was Zuma, she gave Apollo 3 objects to help him on his quest to defeat the Niphus the gifts were: One invisibility cloak, shoes of swiftness and an unbelievably sharp sword! This annoyed Poneth Spirit of the Ocean because Apollo had asked Zuma not her!

While on his journey across the warm Ocean Poneth made a storm and rocked Apollo’s boat! Then, Apollo remembered his shoes! He could fly to where Alice was! He had reached his destiny!

Along a tall, damp alley he could just make out the palace where his beloved Alice would be. If he made a run for it he could get there unnoticed, but no… he couldn’t… the beast was there… right there in front of him…

The Niphus was still but ready. Was this creature breathing or not… maybe it was even being clever but Apollo was a brave man he knew he could win! Its tale swayed from side to side, Its red bulging eyes staired at Apollo, Apollo looked back with sweat pouring down his neck.

Curiously, the beast stood up on Its scaly legs. It’s sword like hands chopped through the rusty smelling air. Then, the Niphus opened its huge alligator mouth, showing its poisonous tongue about to begin his feast. Now is my chance Apollo thought. Apollo took a deep breath, as it might be his last, and ran as fast as he could and pierced the beasts’ tongue.

It screamed like a woman being attacked and fell to ground with a THUMP! Finally, it was killed. Would it ever come back?