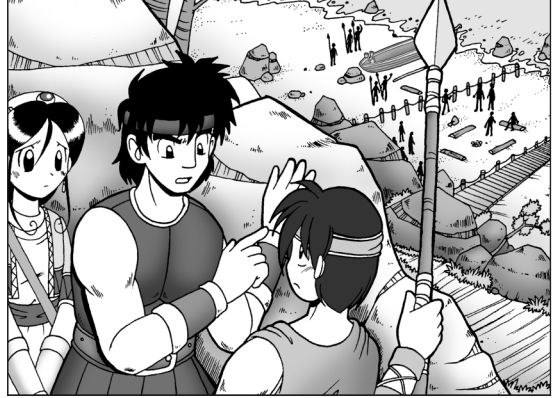


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Chapter Ten: *Escape*



Vocabulary

swiftly

twined

impatient

stress

volunteer

Facts and Details: Literal Meaning

1. Who does Ariadne ask the thread to bring her to see?
2. Who is the first hostage to greet Theseus and Ariadne at the prison?
3. Who does Theseus ask to pretend to spear-fish by the water's edge?
4. Since Ariadne last came to the beach, how has the ship changed?
5. Did Theseus lie to Ariadne about the lives of the hostages?

What's Going On?: Reading Comprehension

1. What does Ariadne realize about Theseus and the Minotaur at the beginning of the chapter?
2. Why does the thread stop tugging at Ariadne's wrist?
3. How does Theseus regard Ariadne?
4. In what way are Tydeus' features important to the mission?
5. What does Ariadne discover about Theseus during her conversation with Korinna?

In your own words...

Do you think it was necessary for Theseus to lie to Ariadne? Why did he lie? How do you think Ariadne feels about being lied to by Theseus? Have you ever been lied to by someone you trusted? How did it make you feel and how did you handle the situation? Do you think there are times when it is all right to lie? Explain your position.

Background and Additional Information

When Theseus chose athletes for his team, he still chose warriors; he just chose warriors who wouldn't need weapons to be effective.

In a pre-industrial society, warfare happened between people, not machines, and physical fitness was a prime requirement for an effective military force. The original Olympic games were based on combat skills: The javelin, racing, archery, boxing, wrestling and hurling the discus were all part of military training. (The modern Olympics began with combat sports, and the pentathlon, winter biathlon and decathlon continue to stress military skills.) Even Pheidippides, who carried the news "Niki!" ("Victory!") from Marathon to Athens, was a common soldier in excellent shape.

In the Odyssey, the Phaeacians honor their mysterious guest with games, and Odysseus is challenged to a bout by their best boxer. His name? Laodamus!

Multidisciplinary Connections

(Social Studies)

In this chapter, Theseus is preparing an attack against the Minoan guards in order to escape. Throughout history, war and battles have been waged for various reasons. Write an essay on the topic of causes for revolution. Name the battle, war or revolt, the leader of the attack and the consequences.

Newspaper Activity

Theseus selected men who were boxers and wrestlers for his mission. Look in the sports section of the newspaper and describe the physical attributes and body types of various athletes (baseball players are lean; weight lifters are bulky). Select at least three athletes as potential members for Theseus' team and explain your choices.

Skill Builder

Review the chapter and list the events in chronological order. Highlight any transitional words used by the author, eg. (finally, next, in addition).

AUTHOR'S NOTES

In this chapter, we get a clearer view of how Theseus planned this operation. Not only do we see him as a military leader, and one with a short temper, but Korinna spells out specifics of how the team was put together and reveals that the Greeks had specifically planned to bring Ariadne into the plot. Korinna is no dewy-eyed romantic, despite earlier suggestions that only girls who box and jump bulls can be heroic. She is a tough, pragmatic woman who knows her contribution to the team. The question is, does Ariadne understand hers?

Chapter 10: Answer Key

Facts and Details

1. Theseus
2. Laodamus
3. Tydeus
4. Steering oar had been repaired
5. Yes

Reading Comprehension

1. She realizes that Theseus must be alive and the Minotaur dead.

2. There is no danger to Ariadne because the Minotaur has been slain by Theseus.
3. Theseus regards Ariadne as a nuisance. He is abrupt and impatient with her.
4. Tydeus is described as looking like a child. This is important because the hostages were supposed to be young, and Tydeus was able to bring his experience as a warrior to the mission because of his youthful look.
5. Ariadne discovers that Theseus has lied to her.