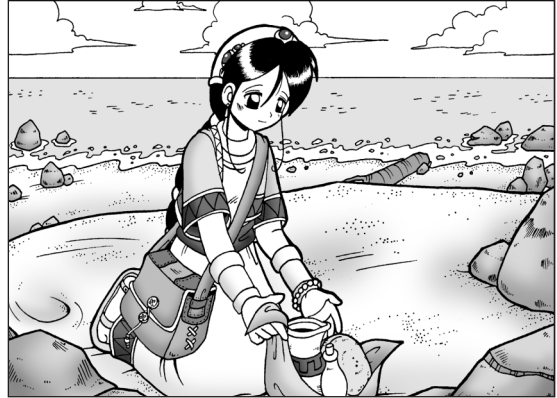


*Chapter
Thirteen:
Marooned*



Vocabulary

sheath
snarled
brimmed
horizon
steadily
smuggler
trader
cargo

Facts and Details: Literal Meaning

1. What does Theseus suggest doing to free the tangled thread?
2. What is Ariadne's response when Theseus demands that she come with him back to the ship?
3. What items are left on the beach?
4. Where does the thread bring Ariadne?
5. What does Ariadne find inside the cave?

What's Going On?: Reading Comprehension

1. Why does Ariadne refuse to leave the thread and go with Theseus?
2. Why might the Greeks aboard the ship refrain from alerting Ariadne that the ship was leaving?
3. How does Theseus try to manipulate Ariadne?
4. Why does the spool become free from the rock? When did this happen in previous chapters? What does it mean?
5. Who left the things Ariadne found on the beach? Was it an accident? What is the significance of the bottle of lotion?

In your own words...

If you were Ariadne, how would you feel about being left alone on the island?
How would you feel about Theseus?

Background and Additional Information

The Roman poet, Ovid, composed a letter from Ariadne, on Naxos, to Theseus. Here is a small portion: "What shall I do? Whither, thus desolate and forsaken, shall I fly? The island lies uncultivated, and affords no prints either of men or cattle. The sea encompasses me. No mariner appears, no ship to bear me through the ambiguous tract. And suppose a ship, companions, and winds were in my power, what could I do? my native country denies access. Even if in a prosperous ship I should traverse the quiet seas, Æolus restraining the murmuring winds, still I should remain an exile. I shall never more behold you, O Crete, planned out into a hundred cities, the isle where infant Jupiter was nursed. I have basely betrayed my father, and his kingdom ruled by just laws, names that must be ever dear to me. For you have I betrayed them, when, anxious lest the victor should be bewildered in the labyrinth, I gave you a clue to guide your uncertain steps: when you deceived me by false protestations, and swore by the dangers from which you had escaped, that, while life remained, we should be inseparably one. We live; and yet, Theseus, I am no longer thine; if indeed an unhappy woman, oppressed by the treachery of a perjured man, can be said to live."

Multidisciplinary Connections

(Social Studies)

Research a nation on the Eastern Mediterranean, such as Egypt, Jordan, Greece or Turkey. Create a poster about the nation and report on population, size, language, culture and import/exports.

Newspaper Activity

Look at the grocery inserts and advertisements from your newspaper. Select 10 things to bring along to the island that will help you survive. Rank order the items from most important to least important and explain your choices.

Skill Builder

Review the chapter and highlight compound and complex sentences.

AUTHOR'S NOTES

Of course, the great cliffhanger of the whole story is the question of whether Ariadne will trust the thread or Theseus, and the literary conceit of the "Magic Thread" was created for this moment. When she promised the prisoner it would never lead her to danger, when it wrapped around her wrist to pull her away from the Minotaur, it foreshadowed this moment. An adult reader will immediately say, "No! Ariadne! Don't listen to him!" But do kids get it? I'd like to hear how your students reacted. Was it obvious to them, too? Or did they debate the point?

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Chapter 13: Answer Key

Facts and Details

1. Cut it with his sword
2. She refuses
3. Korinna's blue scarf, a small water jug, a loaf of flat Greek bread and a small bottle of Minoan skin lotion
4. To a cave
5. Tall clay jars

Reading Comprehension

1. She trusts the thread. It has protected her. Theseus has not demonstrated that she can trust him.
2. Theseus may have ordered them not to or he

3. Theseus tries to manipulate Ariadne by telling her that there are people aboard the ship that do care for him and that do indeed trust him. He tries to manipulate her by making her feel guilty and silly.
4. The spool becomes free while Ariadne sleeps, probably when the ship has left the island. In previous chapters, the thread releases Ariadne only when she is safe from danger.
5. Korinna left them as a gift. She included her scarf so Ariadne would know it was from her, and the lotion is to remember Ariadne's attempt to be kind to the hostages in the prison.