

Theseus and the Minotaur

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Minotaur:

Aethra:

King Minos:

Ariadne's BFF:

Theseus:

King Aegeus:

Ariadne:

Ensemble:

Once upon a time a woman named Aethra gave birth to a baby boy. The baby's father was none other than King Aegeus of Athens!

Aethra: It's a boy! What should we name him?

King Aegeus: Theseus is a good name! Well, honey, I gotta go, I've got a kingdom to rule.

Aethra: What!?! You're just going to leave me here with him? I've got to raise him all by myself?

King Aegeus: Yep Baby Doll! But I have a plan. Under this boulder, I'll place my sandals and my sword. When Theseus is strong enough to move this boulder, he is to take the sword and the sandals and come join me in Athens.

Then King Aegeus said goodbye and off he went. Years went by, soon Theseus was seven years old. He was puny little boy. The children in their village teased him.

Ensemble: "You're so weak and puny." "I'm so much better than you."

Theseus was upset, rightly so. He ran to his mother...

Theseus: Mom, all the kids in the village laugh at me; they make fun of me because I'm so small. Why mom, why do tease me?

Aethra: They don't see you for who you are son. You are special.

Theseus: What? I'm special? How am I special?

Mother: Your father is a king. You are the son of King Aegeus of Athens!

Theseus: Really ma?

Mother: Yes! I only speak the truth. When you have grown up and are strong enough, you must move this boulder, get your father's sandals and sword, and go to Athens where he waits for you.

*Theseus began training to gain strength that very day. ***Ensemble hums Rocky theme song.*

Many years later, Theseus had grown into a strong, muscular man. He decided he was strong enough to move the boulder. When he went to move it, the people in the village came to watch him.

Ensemble: You can do it! You can do it, you're our man!

But, He was not able to move the boulder.

Ensemble: Epic fail! You're such a loser.

Theseus: Wait I've got an idea.

He went and got a stick to use as a lever. At last, Theseus moved the boulder!

Ensemble: We never doubted you. We were cheering for you. We were just cheering you on in a rude selfish way.

Now that Theseus had the sword and sandals, he said goodbye to his mother.

Theseus: Bye ma!

Aethra: Don't get killed. Bye son. Now at last he is Dad's problem.

Theseus: I heard that.

*The journey to Athens was a perilous one. It was filled with robbers, thieves and miscreants.
Sign - (No unicorns allowed in this forest.)*

Maura: What's a miscreant?

Sophia: Somebody who does wrong; somebody who behaves in a dishonest, malicious, or otherwise contemptible way.

Maura: Oh hey, that is me!

The miscreants surrounded Theseus. They stopped him and tried to rob him.

Maura: Theseus, give us your money!

Sophia: Yes, give us your money my good man.

Charlotte: Give us your money, or I'll post your picture on line.

Sarah: Give us your money or I'll tickle you to death.

Sophia: Give us your money or we'll find where you live...

Maura: And eat all your food!

Jack: Give us your money, or I will stick my finger up your nose and pick it for you.

Everybody stops, freezes, than say, "EEEEWWWWWwww....."

Theseus: OR, I can **not** give you my money and we can fight instead! I can take you guys down.

Ensemble: (sarcastic laughter) You and what army?

Maura: I've known you since you were seven, you were that puny kid.

Theseus: Not anymore!

Theseus then proceeds to clear the road of all the bad people. (Combat scene)

Finally he arrives in Athens. Word of his heroic battles with the miscreants has traveled ahead of him. A crowd of fan girls are eagerly waiting to meet him.

Fan girl: (Sarah): You're my hero!

Fan girl: (Sophia): Can I have your autograph.

Fan Girl: (Charlotte): Can you sign my notebook filled with your pictures. I took them while you were sleeping.

Fan Girl: (Kiran) You're so strong, you're our hero.

King Aegeus greets his son, now a grown man and is super proud of him.

King Aegeus: I'm glad to see you son. I can see you are so big and strong and have become a hero to the Athenian people. However, we have all these fan girls to deal with now, and I've got bigger worries. Another year has passed by, and again, I have to send 12 boys and girls off to their death to be eaten by the Minotaur who lives in a labyrinth on the island of Crete.

Theseus: Why Pop?

King Aegeus: It's payback to king Minos. We accidently may or may not, kinda, sorta, killed his son and sooo....well accidents happen.

Theseus: Whoa, we killed one person, and they kill us by the dozens?

Fan Girls: Unfair! Unfair! Unfair!

Theseus: I will volunteer to kill the Minotaur and stop this.

Fangirls: Nooo, nooo, noo!!!

King Aegeus: I don't want you to go, but if you can get this problem out of my hair, that would be like, awesome. I will look for your return each day. If you survive, put up a white sail on your boat. But if you die, have your men leave the black sail up. No pressure, but I'll kill myself if you die.

Theseus: Oh yeah I can do that, of course papa. I'll remember about the sails, I promise.

King Aegeus, gave his son a hug goodbye, and said...

King Aegeus: Stay alive and remember about the sails okay, that's important.

Theseus waved goodbye and sailed off in his boat.

Fangirls: (Sophia) I'll plan our marriage while you are gone.

Fangirls: (Maura) No I'm marrying him, not you. Yoo-hoo! Theseus, do you want white flowers or red at our wedding?

Fangirls: (Sarah throws bouquet) Bye-bye now!

After days at sea, Theseus arrived at the Island of Crete. He traveled across the land to Knossos where Minos lived in his palace. King Minos knew Theseus was coming and was waiting with his guards to capture him. Beside King Minos is Ariadne, his daughter. She falls in love at first sight with Theseus.

Ariadne: My dream boy! I've heard of all about you. Your picture is my wall paper.

BFF: He's not that cute.

Ariadne: Can I get selfie with you?

BFF: Do you really, seriously want a selfie with him? Where are you from? The new age?

Theseus wanted to slay the king, but that was not his goal. He had to let King Minos capture him and throw him in the labyrinth where his destiny awaited in the form of the Minotaur! Ariadne did not want him to die, so she decided to help him.

Ariadne: Listen you are going to get killed if I don't help you. Here take this twine and this sword. Tie the twine to the door of the labyrinth. Unravel it as you go through the corridors and stairways. After you slay the Minotaur with this sword, follow the twine back out of the labyrinth so you don't get lost.

Ariadne gives Theseus a hug and says,

Ariadne: Good Luck, you're going to need it.

Then, Theseus enters the dark, murky, putrid smelling labyrinth. It is full of the dead, rotting bones of Athenians eaten by the Minotaur.

Theseus: Oh Snap! That's a lot of dead bodies. It smells like rotten, boiling cabbage in here.

Theseus looks and listens for the Minotaur. Soon, he hears the beast's mighty snorts and bellows. They are coming closer and closer. Suddenly from around the corner comes the hulking monster.

Minotaur: Bellows in rage at the sight of Theseus.

Theseus: (Calmly speaks) Wait, wait, before we fight can I take a selfie with you?

Minotaur: Ah...okay, sure.

They pose for the photo. Then,

Theseus: Time to die bull!

It is an epic battle! Theseus' dodges the Minotaur's horns! The Minotaur lunges away from the thrusts of the sword, but he too large, too slow...and he is fatally wounded. He begins to die... And die..., and die..., and die...,

Ensemble dead: Okay, okay enough already, we got the idea, just die....

Theseus has finally killed the Minotaur!!! Phew! He follows the twine back outside the labyrinth to find Ariadne waiting for his safe return.

Ariadne: I thought I'd never see you again. I thought you were going to die for sure. But you didn't, so now we can get married and live happily ever after.

Theseus: Oh bother. I'll get back to you on that.

Ariadne: Boy, you sure are in trouble with my Dad. He is going to flip his lid when he finds out you killed the Minotaur. And I helped you, so that means I'm in trouble too.

Theseus: Well, I guess I'll have to take you with me when I leave Crete then.

So, Theseus took Ariadne with him, reluctantly. On the way back to Athens, they stopped off at the Island of Naxos where Ariadne decided take a nap. While she was sleeping, Theseus quietly boarded his boat and left her behind!

Ariadne: I can't believe he left me here all by myself. My true love as left me.

But never fear, the God Dionysus saw her and knew she was a good catch for a wife, so he married her. Meanwhile, Theseus was back on the boat. As he neared Athens he said,

Theseus: I can't wait to tell papa that I killed the Minotaur.

*He forgot all about changing the sail on the boat to white, so when his father saw his boat from the cliff, he would know that Theseus was alive. That he had survived his battle with the Minotaur. Instead, King Aegeus saw the black sails, and thought 'Theseus was dead!' **Da-da-da-dum!!!** In his grief, he threw himself off the cliff, and into the sea that has since been called the Aegean Sea.*

Theseus: Oh man!!! I forgot to change the sail! Oh well, on the bright side, now I get to be king! That's not too bad.

