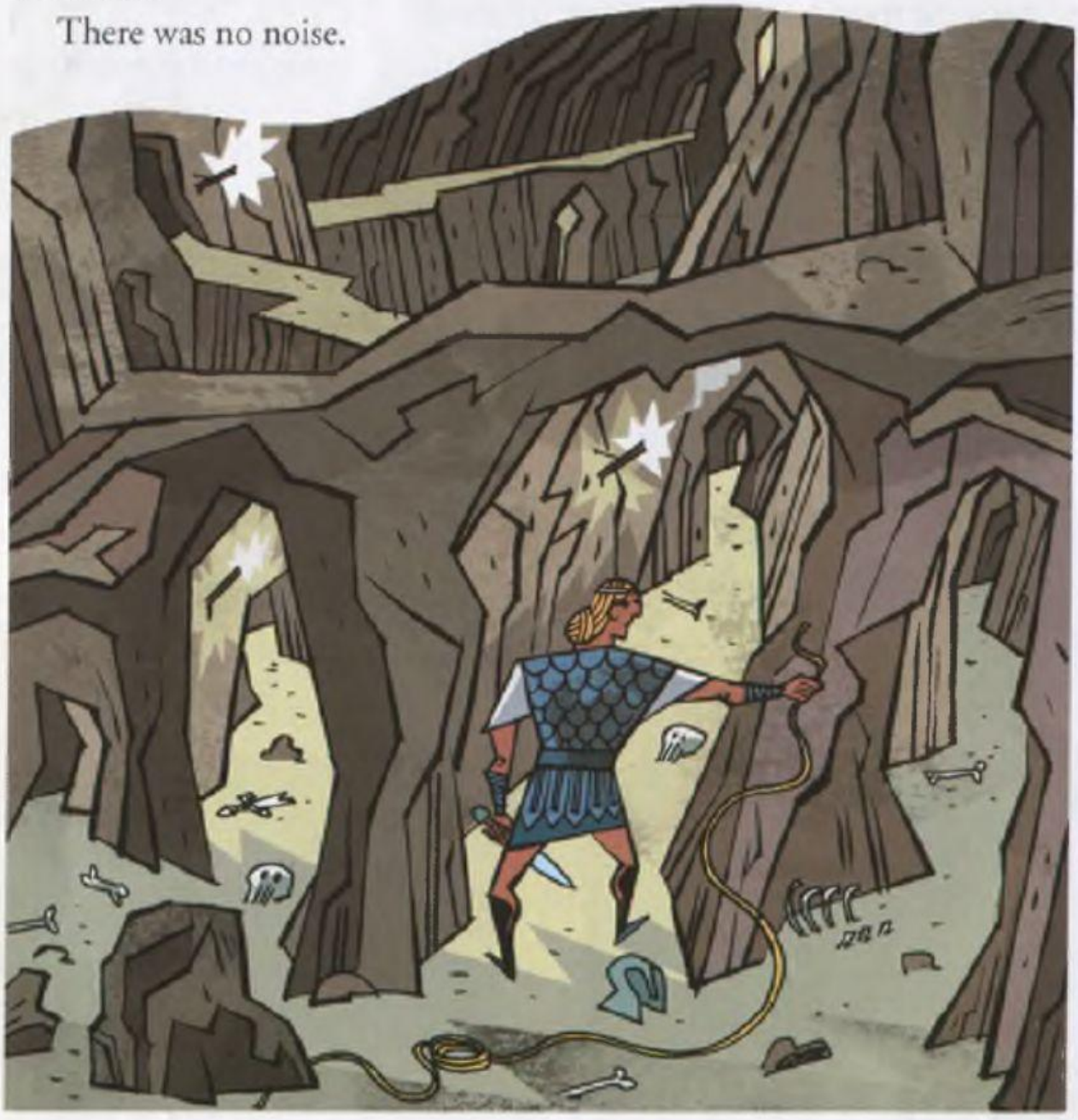
The End of the Minotaur

The Minotaur's eyes opened and it moved quickly. Suddenly, Theseus was on the floor.

Theseus arrived at the door to the Minotaur's maze. It was very dark, but Theseus remembered the string. He started it at the door of the maze. Then he walked slowly into the maze and listened for the Minotaur.

There was no noise.



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Theseus walked and walked in the cold, dark maze. The end of the string was always in his hand.

And then he sees it – the Minotaur! His hand goes to his knife and the string falls to the floor. But his foot hits a small rock. The Minotaur's eyes open at the noise and it moves quickly. Suddenly, Theseus is on the floor.

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But Theseus is young and strong and he has his knife. Again and again, his knife goes into the Minotaur's head. It is a long and difficult fight. But in the end the Minotaur is on the floor.

It is dead.

But it was very dark in the maze. Where was the door? Theseus remembered the string. He walked back to the door and then to the boat – and there were Ariadne and the young Athenians.

'Quickly!' Theseus said. 'The Minotaur is dead. Let's sail for Athens!'



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'Theseus, remember your promise!' Ariadne said. 'Take me with you!'

Theseus, Ariadne and the young Athenians sailed for Athens, but first the boat stopped at the island of Naxos.



'You cannot go to Athens with us,' Theseus said to Ariadne. 'Please get off here.'

'But I want to go to Athens!' Ariadne cried. 'I love you and I want to be your wife!'

'I did not promise you that,' Theseus said. 'You wanted to get away from Crete. You can live here.'

'Theseus, you promised!' Ariadne said. She was very angry. 'Now *you* are going to be very unhappy too.'



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Black Sails, White Sails

'The sails!' Theseus suddenly said. 'Take down the black sails and put up the white sails!'

Theseus and the young Athenians sailed home to Athens. They talked about Theseus's fight with the Minotaur and they were very happy. They did not talk about Ariadne. She was the daughter of King Minos. They did not want her on their boat.

They sailed all day and watched the white dolphins in the sea near the boat. In the evening, the lights of Athens were in front of them. They all smiled.

'The sails!' Theseus suddenly said. 'Take down the black sails and put up the white sails! I promised my father. Do it quickly, or he is not going to know about the Minotaur.'

The white sails went up, but the boat was very near Athens.



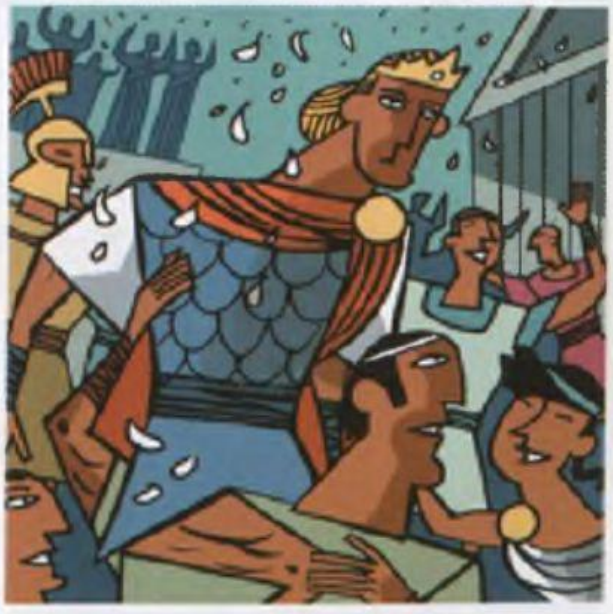
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The same day, King Aegeus was in his garden. He watched the sea. There was the boat! And there were the black sails!

'Oh, Theseus, my son, did the Minotaur kill you?' he cried.

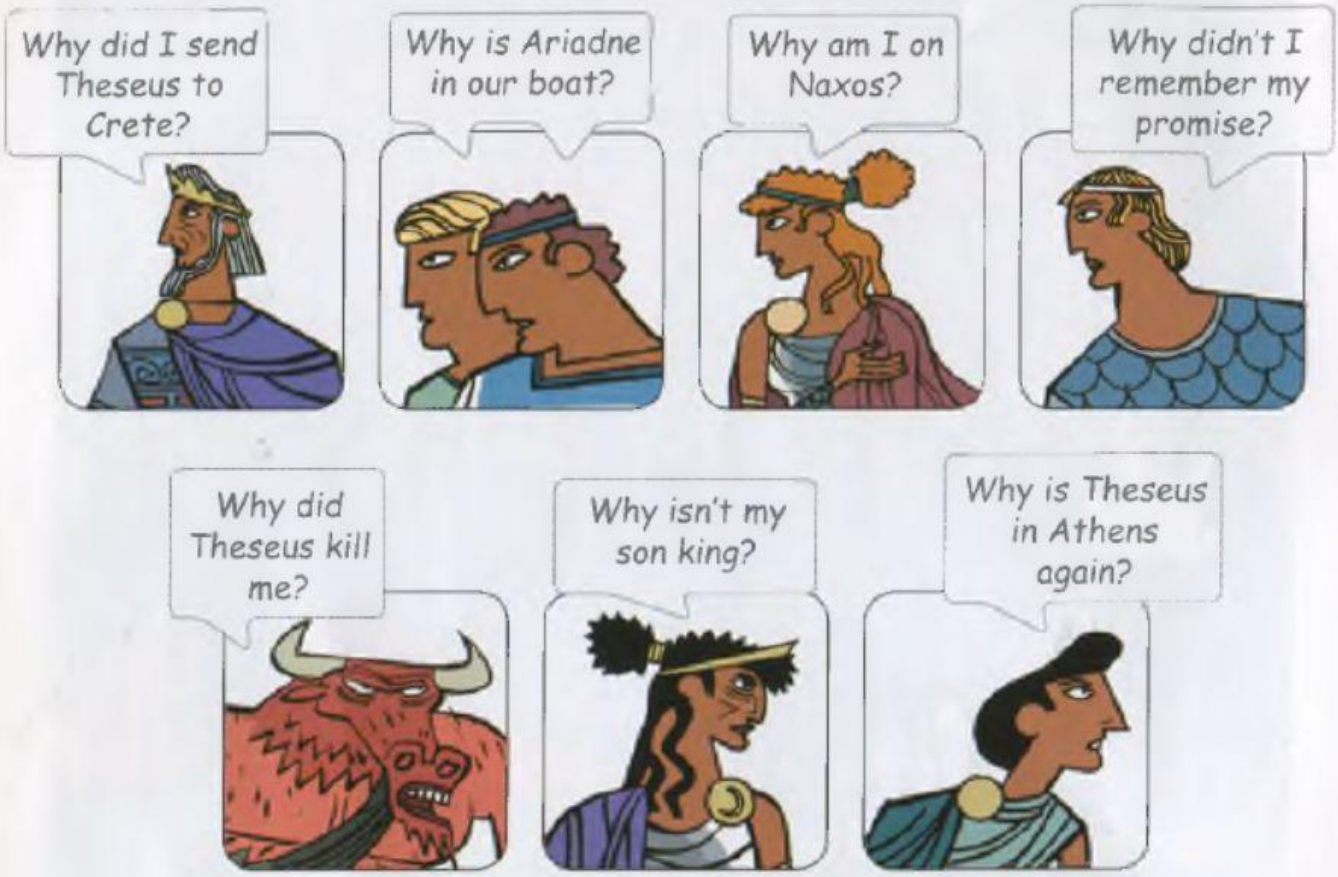
A short time later, Aegeus was dead.



Theseus and his boat arrived in Athens. The people of Athens were happy because their children were home again. But they were very unhappy about the old king. Theseus was unhappy too. He was the killer of the Minotaur and the new King of Athens – but he cried for his father.

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Work with a friend. Ask and answer these questions.



Write about it

You are Ariadne. Now you live on Naxos. Are you angry? Do you have questions? Write a letter to Theseus.

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1 **Answer the questions.**

1 Who did Theseus make a promise to?

2 What was the promise?

3 Did he do it?

4 What do you think? Was he right?

2 **Who is right? Why? Read the words and talk to your friends.**

A Promises are not important. They're only words.

B You make a promise, then you do it.

C Some promises are important. Some promises are not.

3 **Who do we make promises to? And what do we say? Look at these pictures. Write the promises.**



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4 **Are you an angry person? Do you get up late? Do you watch TV for a long time every evening? Now is the time! Be a new person! Write your promises in the box. Here are some words for your promises.**

angry	early	late	well	cry	fight	hit	make	money

get a job	start work	watch TV	visit	go for a run

THE NEW ME!

I'm not going to get angry with people

5 **Now talk to your friends about your promises. In one week, look again at a friend's promises. Did he/she do well?**

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