

HERCULES – PART 1

One day, in her _____ in Greece, Princess Alcmene has a _____. She calls the boy Hercules.

"What a big, _____ boy!" say Alcmene's friends when they see him.

"Of course he's big and strong", smiles Alcmene. "His father's _____, king of the gods".

But not everybody likes Hercules. The _____ Hera is looking through the palace window. Hera is Zeus's wife – and she's far from _____.

When I see that boy", says Hera, "I remember his mother, Alcmene. Why does Zeus always run after _____ women? It's not right. I'm his wife! He never thinks of me!"

She leaves Alcmene's palace angrily.

Some nights later, Hera comes back, and she puts two big _____ in Hercules's bed. 'Goodbye, little boy', she laughs.

But when Hera comes back the next morning, Hercules is _____. He has the dead snakes in his hands.

'Grr', cries Hera angrily. You wait. I'm watching you, Hercules. You can't get away from me! '

Later, when Hercules is older, he has many _____. They come to the palace to teach him there. But he's not a very good student. He doesn't find it easy to learn, and he is often _____ when he can't understand things.

In the end, Alcmene sends Hercules away to some hills in the country near Thebes. He feels _____ there. He can run through the trees happily for hours and there are _____ for him to fight. Soon after he arrives, some people come to the hills because they want to take the king of Thebe's cows, but Hercules stops them.

When king Creon of Thebes hears about Hercules, he speaks to his _____.

Megara, he says, Hercules is a good strong young man. Would you like to marry him?

'Yes, father, answers Megara.

So, Creon's men go and speak to Hercules and he comes to Thebes and marries Megara. Soon they have three _____.

Hercules is happy with his beautiful wife and his young sons. But Hera is angry. Alcmene's son is doing well', she says, 'I must change that'