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Ulysses and the Sirens

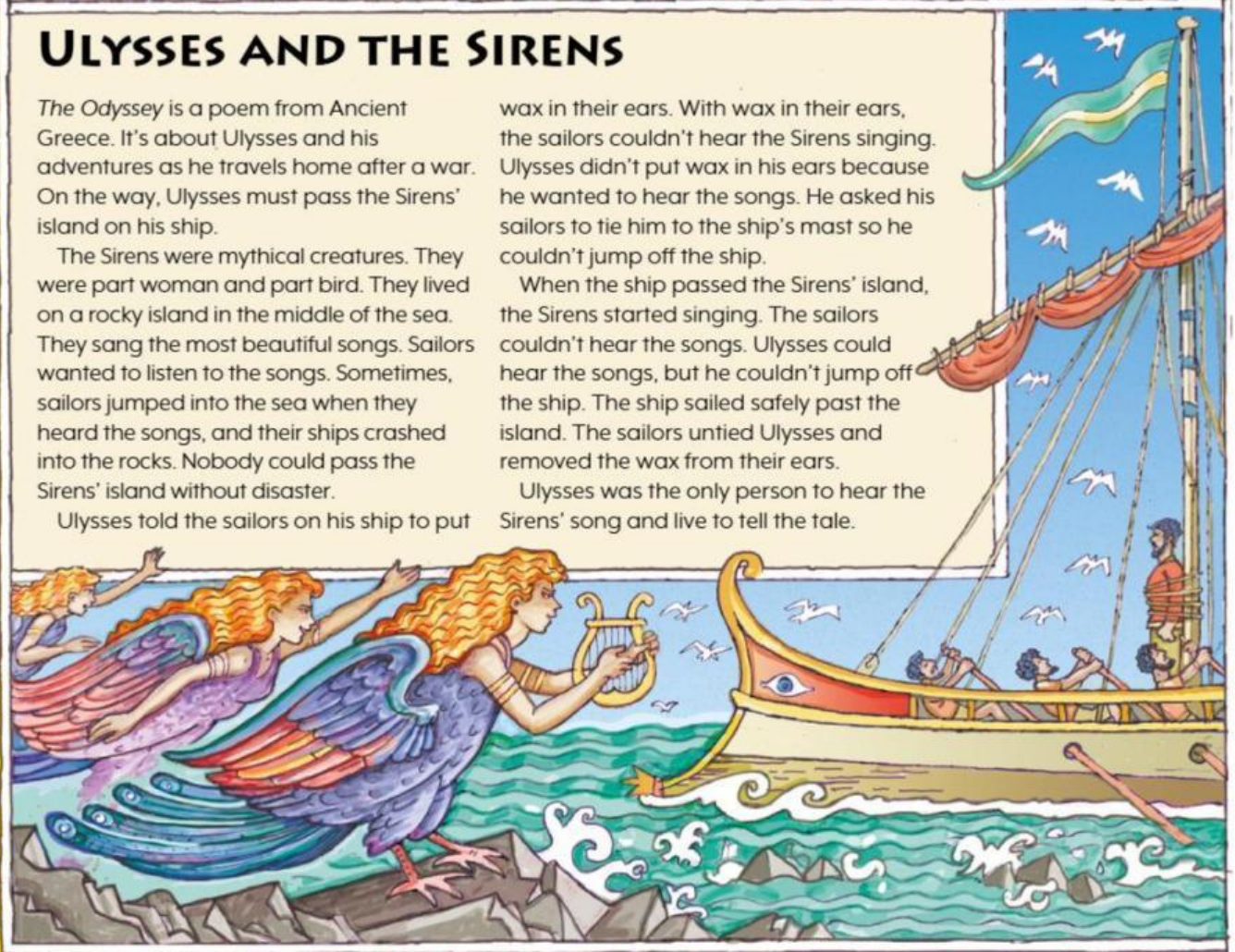
The Odyssey is a poem from Ancient Greece. It's about Ulysses and his adventures as he travels home after a war. On the way, Ulysses must pass the Sirens' island on his ship.

The Sirens were mythical creatures. They were part woman and part bird. They lived on a rocky island in the middle of the sea. They sang the most beautiful songs. Sailors wanted to listen to the songs. Sometimes, sailors jumped into the sea when they heard the songs, and their ships crashed into the rocks. Nobody could pass the Sirens' island without disaster.

Ulysses told the sailors on his ship to put wax in their ears. With wax in their ears, the sailors couldn't hear the Sirens singing. Ulysses didn't put wax in his ears because he wanted to hear the songs. He asked his sailors to tie him to the ship's mast so he couldn't jump off the ship.

When the ship passed the Sirens' island, the Sirens started singing. The sailors couldn't hear the songs. Ulysses could hear the songs, but he couldn't jump off the ship. The ship sailed safely past the island. The sailors untied Ulysses and removed the wax from their ears.

Ulysses was the only person to hear the Sirens' song and live to tell the tale.



Read again and answer the questions.

1. Where did the Sirens live?

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2. What did the Sirens look like?

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3. What happened to some sailors when they heard the songs?

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4. What did Ulysses tell the sailors to put in their ears?

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5. Why didn't Ulysses put wax in his ears?

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