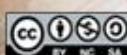




Greek and Roman Mythology

# Ch7 Four Great Adventures

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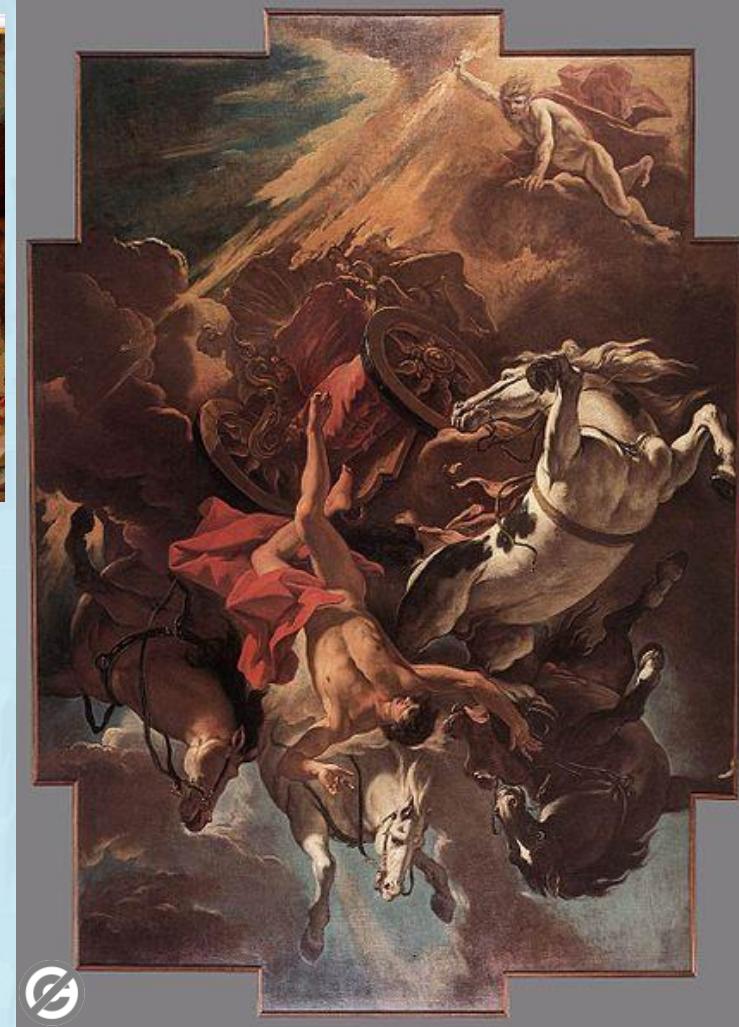
# Phaëton



The Sun God Helios's mortal son.  
He insisted in driving the Sun's chariot.  
However, he couldn't control the horses, causing  
the chariot to burn the mountains, shrink rivers, and  
turn springs into stream.



Having no other choices, Jove seized his thunderbolt and struck Phaëton dead.

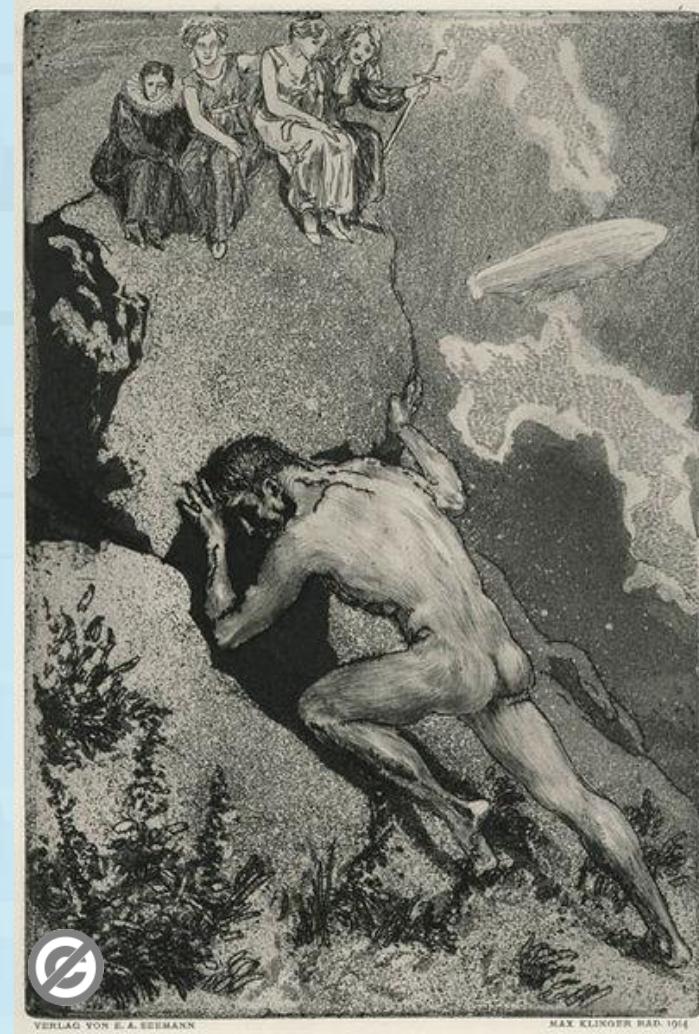


The Fall of Phaëton

Sisyphus was punished to forever try to roll a stone uphill because he once betrayed a secret of Zeus.

Glaucus was the son of Sisyphus. He made gods furious because he fed his horses human flesh.

Bellerophon was said to be Glaucus' son.



Sisyphus rolling the stone

With Athena's assistance (golden bridle), Bellerophon got to tame Pegasus, a marvelous horse which had sprung from Gorgon's blood when Perseus killed her.





With Pegasus, Bellerophon accomplished many tasks King Proetus gave him.

Finally, Proetus was impressed by Bellerophon's courage and good fortune, marrying his daughter to Bellerophon.

# Bellerophon on Pegasus killing the Chimaera



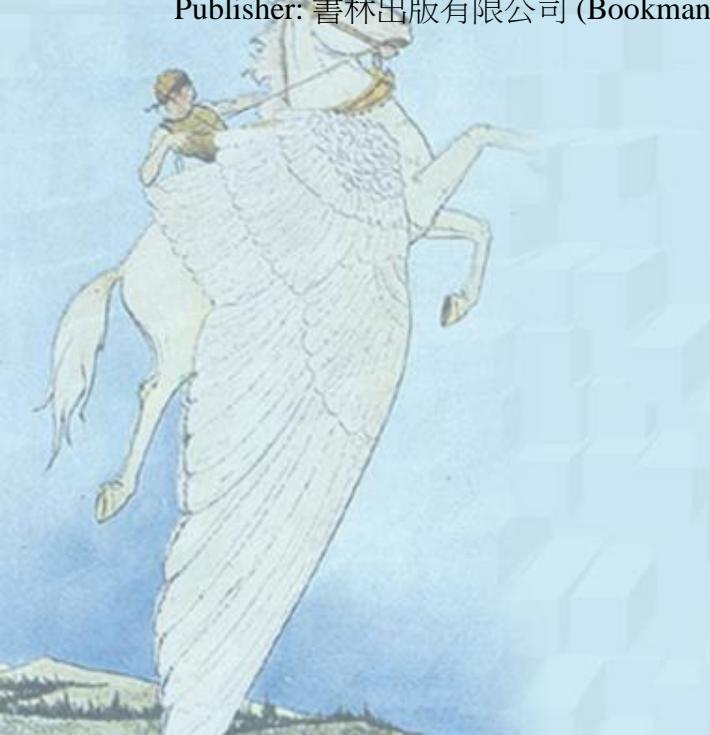
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Bellerophon's eager ambition and his great success led him to think "thoughts too great for man." He tried to ride Pegasus up to Olympus, believing he could get a place there with the immortals.



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Pegasus refused to take Bellerophon. He was hated by all gods and was banished to wander alone until his death.

It was Zeus that provided Pegasus shelter in the heavenly stalls of Olympus and took care of it.



# Otus and Ephialtes

These twin brothers were giants, sons of Poseidon.  
They wanted to prove themselves the gods' superiors.  
Once they even imprisoned Ares.  
Zeus got ready to kill the twins but Poseidon came to  
beg for their lives.



# Otus and Ephialtes, Ares in chains

Ephialtes was in love with Artemis. The twin brothers thought it interesting to capture Artemis. However, they mistakenly killed each other under Artemis's trick.



# Daedalus

Daedalus was the architect who had contrived the Labyrinth for the Minotaur in Crete.

King Minos wanted to kill him. Daedalus, therefore, built wings for his son (Icarus) and himself.



However, Icarus flew too high, and too close to the sun that his wings melted. While Daedalus flew safely to Sicily, Icarus fell and died in the sea.

Daedalus was kindly received by the King. Minos came to Sicily to seize Daedalus but was slain in the contest.



# Q & A

1. Please identify each image with its corresponding story.

A.



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C.



# Q & A

2. How to define an adventure? What are the features of an adventure? How are the adventures in Western literature different from those in the Eastern literature? Please provide examples.



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