

Grace

Aim: To write a myth

Rowena's Quest

Many, many suns ago, the villagers of Mount Olympus had to do everything in the frosty cold. This was the fault of the evil King Philius, who had stolen the warm and precious fire crystal. The only problem was that a beast guarded the crystal and nobody knew what this beast looked like or was capable of!

One biting, cold day, (just as the same as all the rest) Zeus called forward his brave, strong and clever niece, Rowena, to achieve something so great that it was almost impossible. Rowena went up to her uncle and asked him what he wanted. He explained that she was to go and retrieve the fire crystal from evil clutches.

Zeus said that Rowena should not be alone on her life-changing journey and handed her three gifts: a phoenix, to protect Rowena when she is most at harm (a phoenix' tears can heal wounds and stop death); a sword to kill the unknown beast; and finally, an invisibility cloak to hide herself when necessary. Zeus waved good-bye smiling, full of faith. Rowena set off, looking back, hoping, praying that she would see the village of Olympus again...

Rowena reached her boat, looking worried. What if she never returned home? Rowena (still a little bit nervous) pushed aside all her worries and bravely stepped into the boat. The phoenix (who Rowena named Fawkles) flew ahead, his feathers flying in the wind. Her heart racing, Rowena pushed away from shore and drifted out to sea.

High winds rose and Rowena rowed as hard as she could using every ounce of her strength. She had to row. The boat was pushed away in every direction, up, down, left, right. Scared, Rowena tried to keep her balance in the small boat. The wind howled and Rowena feared for her life!

After what seemed like an age, Rowena had eventually found what she was looking for- shore. Anxiously, she clambered out of the boat and set off towards the cave, Fawkles by her side. A cave, in the distance, was staring back at Rowena. Just as Rowena was admiring the cave, a blood-curdling roar erupted from the cave. As Rowena stood back, startled, Fawkles edged on, "Let's put on the invisibility cloak, just to be safe!" exclaimed Rowena to Fawkles. He probably couldn't understand. Rowena set off, showing no

fear (inside, however, she felt as cowardly as a mouse!) The monster, which nobody had ever seen, let out more roars.

Heroically, Rowena crept forward to the cave. Inside the cave, blood-curdling roars erupted. Rowena pulled out her shiny, silver sword and raised it dangerously high. Out of the corner of her eye, she spotted the eerie sight of the monster... It had a lion's head, a bear's body, a lion's tail and dragon's wings. Rowena's heart beat faster than possible. Would the monster hear her? Then, she noticed the fire crystal hanging from a piece of wire above the beast's head. Courageously, Rowena stepped right into the centre of the cave. The monster glared all around the cave looking for the source of the noise but realised there was nothing there and went back to patrolling the crystal. Rowena decided to stab the beast's heart. Plunging her sword straight into her monster's heart, the beast roared and fell to the ground. The monster was dead-at last!



Leaping upwards, Rowena reached the crystal and cut it free. She felt a surge of joy leap through her body, as if congratulating her. The phoenix cried on her left arm. She realised her left arm was broken and the Phoenix tears can heal anything! Gratefully, Rowena smiled at Fawkles. She ran towards the boat and sailed out to sea.

In the distance, Rowena spotted Mount Olympus and ferociously rowed towards shore. Finally, she made her way to shore and was greeted with a crowd of smiles and cheers and shouts of roses. From that day on, Mount Olympus was never cold again!