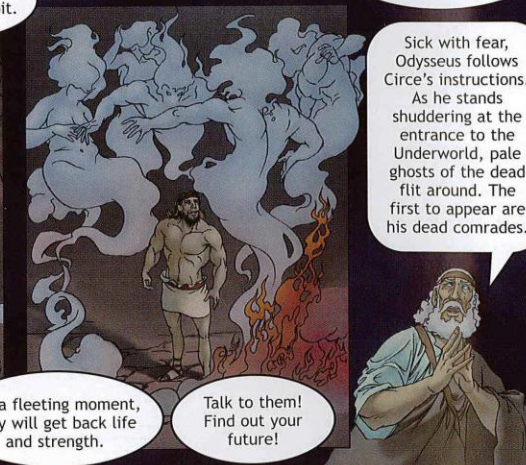
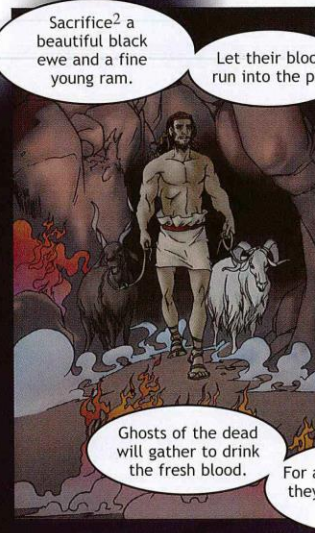
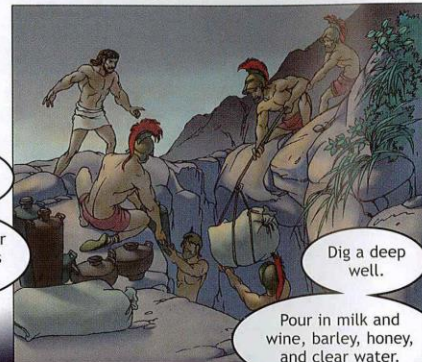
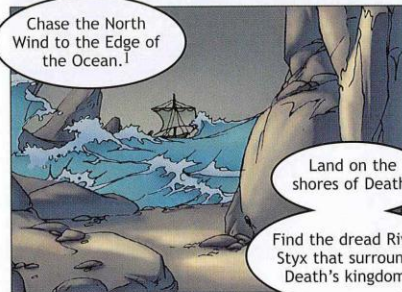
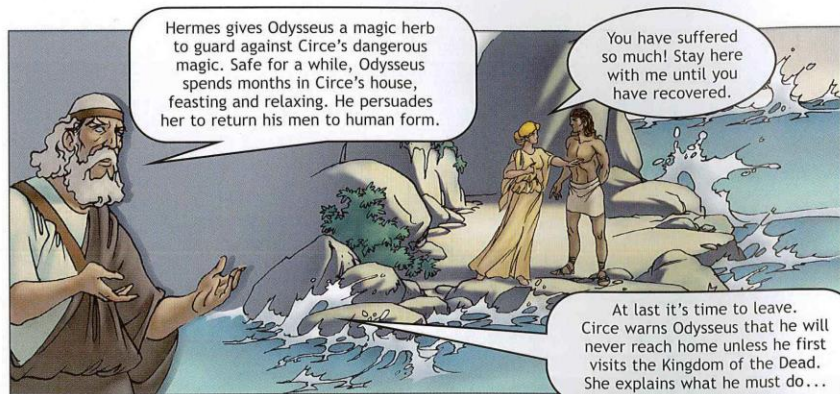


A VISIT TO THE DEAD



1. Ocean: the ancient Greeks believed that the Ocean was a huge river that surrounded the world.
 2. Sacrifice: kill as an offering to the gods or spirits.

Next, Odysseus sees the spirit of Tiresias, a famous Greek seer. Tiresias lived for seven generations—in both male and female bodies! He drinks the blood, then speaks:

Odysseus, man of woe! Poseidon is still angry with you.

Sorrow and suffering lie ahead.

But do not despair!

You WILL reach home one day—

—so long as you don't harm the holy cattle on the Sun God's island.

There's more trouble waiting for you at home.

But be brave. Go on another long journey to sacrifice to the gods.

I must leave home again?

Then, only then, will you be able to live in peace.

Tiresias vanishes, and a pale, sad crowd of ghosts gather 'round—dead heroes hopelessly longing to taste life once more.

Odysseus tries to hug his mother's ghost, but she slips through his fingers.

I died of grief when you did not come home.

The ghosts swoop and swirl around Odysseus. So many! Such sad fates!

He meets the glorious King Agamemnon.

Learn from me! Don't trust anyone. I was betrayed and murdered.!

Horror overwhelms him. Shaking, sickened, he races back to his ship.

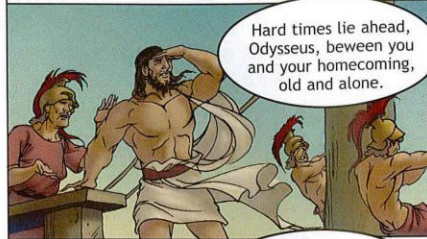
1. betrayed and murdered: When he returned home from the Trojan War, Agamemnon was murdered by his wife Clytemnestra and her lover Aegisthus.

PERILS AT SEA

Odysseus returns to Circe's island one last time. Then it's time to set sail for the unknown again.



Circe has warned Odysseus of the dangers he has to face.

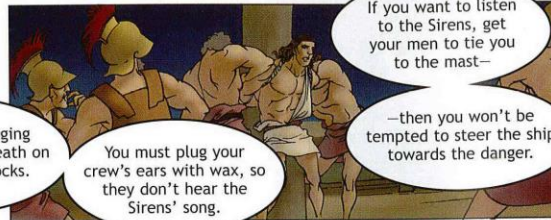


Hard times lie ahead, Odysseus, between you and your homecoming, old and alone.



Beware of the Sirens, half woman, half bird.

Their beautiful singing lures men to their death on the treacherous rocks.



If you want to listen to the Sirens, get your men to tie you to the mast—

—then you won't be tempted to steer the ship towards the danger.

You must plug your crew's ears with wax, so they don't hear the Sirens' song.

The Sirens' lovely music drifts across the waves.



Come to us, glorious Greeks!

Their singing is like dreams, like pearls, like honey!



Noble Odysseus, come to us!

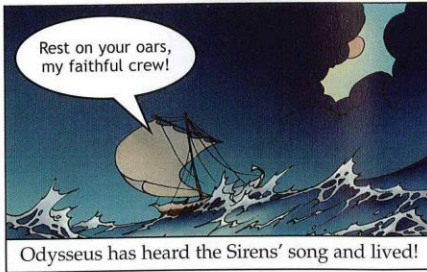
Untie me!



We know of your bravery.

We know the future.

The sailors refuse to set Odysseus free until the ship has sailed out of danger.



Rest on your oars, my faithful crew!

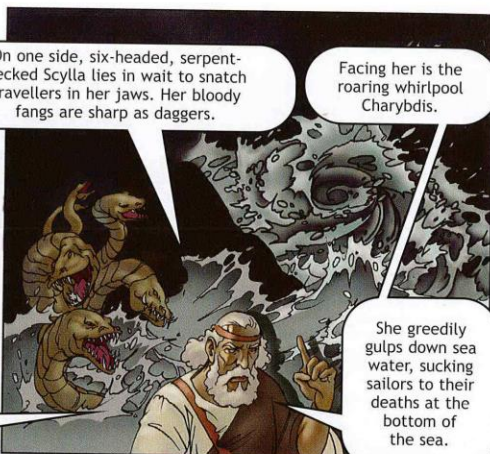
Odysseus has heard the Sirens' song and lived!



Fresh dangers lie ahead.

Zeus help us!

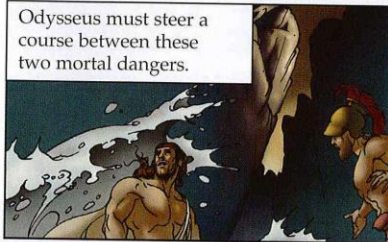
They must pass between jagged rocks and sheer cliffs.



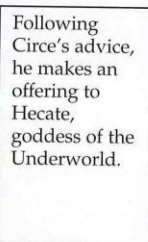
On one side, six-headed, serpent-necked Scylla lies in wait to snatch travellers in her jaws. Her bloody fangs are sharp as daggers.

Facing her is the roaring whirlpool Charybdis.

She greedily gulps down sea water, sucking sailors to their deaths at the bottom of the sea.



Odysseus must steer a course between these two mortal dangers.



Following Circe's advice, he makes an offering to Hecate, goddess of the Underworld.



Where's this monster? Let me fight!

He prepares to do battle...



... but it's hopeless.



Six of his sailors fall victim to Scylla's six heads.