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Theseus and the Minotaur

A gentle story from Greek mythology





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A Journey to Crete

Long ago in Athens, Theseus heard that young travellers were being sent to Crete and decided to help them. His father, King Aegeus, wished him a safe journey. Theseus and his companions boarded a ship and promised to look after one another. As they sailed across the blue sea, they watched the hills of Crete grow closer.

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Ariadne’s Helpful Thread

At the palace in Crete, Princess Ariadne welcomed Theseus and listened to his plan. She gave him a bright ball of thread. “Tie one end at the entrance,” she said, “and let the thread guide you back.” Theseus thanked her and carefully tied the thread before he and his companions stepped into the winding labyrinth.

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A Kind Meeting

Deep inside the maze, Theseus met the Minotaur. The great creature looked worried, not angry. Theseus spoke gently and learned that the Minotaur had been alone in the labyrinth for a long time. He had lost his way among the twisting paths. Theseus showed him the thread, and the Minotaur agreed to help everyone find the way out.

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Following the Thread

Together, the friends followed the bright thread past stone walls and quiet columns. Soon, sunlight appeared ahead. They stepped out of the labyrinth into a peaceful garden with flowers, an olive tree, and a little fountain. The Minotaur blinked at the warm sunshine and smiled. Ariadne and the companions were glad to be together again.

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A Welcome in Athens

Theseus, Ariadne, the companions, and their new friend sailed safely back to Athens. King Aegeus and the townspeople waited at the harbour with happy waves and warm welcomes. Theseus told them how Ariadne’s thread had helped and how kindness had turned a frightening meeting into a friendship. Everyone celebrated their safe return and the brave journey they had shared.

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