

Theseus and the Minotaur

Scene 1

(King Aegeus sits looking sad in his chair.)

Theseus: Why are you sad dad?

Aegeus: It's that time again. *(sighs)*

T: What time?

A: Time to send the children to the Minotaur.

T: You mean we have to send 7 boys and 7 girls to King Minos to stop him attacking us again?

A: Yes.

T: I'll go!

A: No - you are my only son!

T: I will go because I am the best hero ever from Athens. I'm going to kill that Minotaur!

Scene 2

(The boat is loaded up with 6 boys and Theseus along with 7 girls. They put up a black sail. King Aegeus is there to wave them off.)

King A: *(shouting)* Don't forget to change the sail if you survive!

T: Of course I won't forget - I am a hero!

(They set sail.)

(After a while.)

Child A: I'm going to be sick!

Child B: Land at last!

(They get out of the boat and King Minos is there to meet them.)

King Minos: Aha! the victims are here. *(they hear roaring in the background.)*

My pet Minotaur is feeling hungry!

Theseus: I will go first and sort him out.

KM: Of course, you can go first, but you won't survive. It's that way.

Guards, take them away!

Scene 3

(The terrified children and Theseus are in a dark dungeon. They are scared. Suddenly -)

Ariadne: Psst!

T: Did you hear a snake?

A: Psst! Over here!

T: Who are you?

A: I'm Ariadne, the King's daughter. Here have this sword to kill the Minotaur.

T: Thanks - Minotaur here I come!

A: Wait, there's more, you need this.

T: Some string?

A: It's a big maze, you will get lost otherwise.

T: Thanks - you will make a good wife for someone one day.

A: *(whispers to herself)* Oh, he loves me!

(Theseus sets off with his sword and string, winding his way around the labyrinth. He can hear roaring from the Minotaur.)

(He finds the Minotaur, they fight, eventually, the Minotaur dies.)

(Theseus returns, winding the string behind him.)

T: You can have your string and sword back.

A: Oh Theseus, you are so brave and clever, take me with you. Maybe now we can get married!

T: Er, I suppose so.

Scene 4

(They get back in the boat, putting up the black sail.)

Child A: I feel sick.

Ariadne: Let's stop at that island. I will get him something to drink.

(They stop at the island. Ariadne gets off the boat.)

Child B: I don't like her, let's go

Theseus: Good idea, I don't want to marry her anyway.

(They sail home.)

Ariadne: Wait for me!

Theseus: Sail faster!

(King Aegeus is watching from a cliff.)

King A: Oh no, the sail is black, Theseus must be dead. Aaaaaaaaaaaah!

(falls on to the floor)

(The ship arrives.)

Theseus: *(sadly)* Oh no, I forgot to change the sail! Dad, what have you done?

Narrator: Theseus ruled wisely for many years and called the sea the Aegean Sea in memory of his dad.

The end.