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Mythology

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Per Zeus' Uncontrollable Urges, Yet Another Greek Hero was Born

If Hera had a therapist or a divorce attorney for every time her dear ole husband Zeus cheated on her, she would put Oprah Winfrey to shame, and nearly all of Greece and Mount Olympus's problems would be solved. However, being king of the gods, Zeus spends almost all of Greek Mythology raping, assaulting, and impregnating women, all in a day's work and in complex ways, whilst committing more to his art of infidelity than to his wife. However, after an innocent and beautiful lady by the name of Danae, was locked up in a bronze house by her cowardly father, Acrisius of Argos, whom the Oracle of Delphi had prophesized his grandson would kill him. Naturally, being a gorgeous woman who could not defend herself, Zeus visited her in the form of a gold shower, to which our Greek Hero, Perseus, was born. Perseus, who was of the male specimen because no way in Hades would the Greeks give birth to a meaningful and impactful demi-god who was anything but a man, qualifies as a true Greek Hero by definition due to his divine ancestry, and intervention, courage to save a damsel in distress who conveniently becomes his love interest, and his ability to trick and deceive his enemies and cut off their heads.

Perseus grows up on an island with a lovely man named Dictys, and his evil brother Polydectes, who falls in love and plans to marry Danae, even though he hates Perseus. Perseus, who is simply a broke boy, is brainstorming a wedding gift for his mother and Polydectes, to which he remembers his future step-father's desire for the head of the Gorgon, Medusa. Athena,

who had not already screwed Medusa over enough, and Hermes, enter the picture magically, as gods do, and gifted Perseus with an invisible helmet and knowledge of The Three Gray Women and their shared eyeball, as well as how he could trick the women into telling him where Medusa resides. After successfully figuring out the exact island Medusa minds her own business on, Hermes gifts Perseus flying shoes and “a sword to attack Medusa” and “could not be bent or broken by the Gorgon’s scales”, a gift which Pursues humbly accepts (202). Athena, the Goddess of Wisdom, gifts Pursues a polished bronze shield, which he later uses to watch Medusa without looking in her eyes and cutting off her head.

Now, because killing Medusa was just a warm-up for this Greek Hero, on his stroll back to his quaint island, he stops in Ethiopia, where he finds “a lovely maiden had been given up to be devoured by a horrible sea serpent”, and being that this maiden was beautiful, Perseus could not let her die (206-07). The maiden, later to be revealed as Andromeda, was being sacrificed to a sea serpent by her evil mother. Andromeda is tied up to a rocky ledge by the sea before Persues saves her from the sea serpent by, as he did Medusa, cutting off his head. In the Greek myth, *Perseus*, protagonist Perseus reinstates the foundation of what it truly means to be a Greek Hero with the help of the gods, his wit and intelligence, and saving a beautiful maiden in trouble along the way.