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Chapter 1 Flight of Terror

It is just past noon. The woods are **dark.**Tall trees block the sun. Moss covers logs and rocks. There are strange noises. A hawk screeches. Water gurgles. Branches snap.



A girl appears in a clearing. She is running. Vines trip her. The girl falls on sharp stones. They cut her skin. Still she gets back up. Her **life** depends on it.

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The girl thinks back. The man led her into these woods. She trusted him. Then he drew out a knife. His eyes grew dark. He was going to kill her. But something made him stop. "Run!" he yelled.



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- A Grimm Tale 🛂

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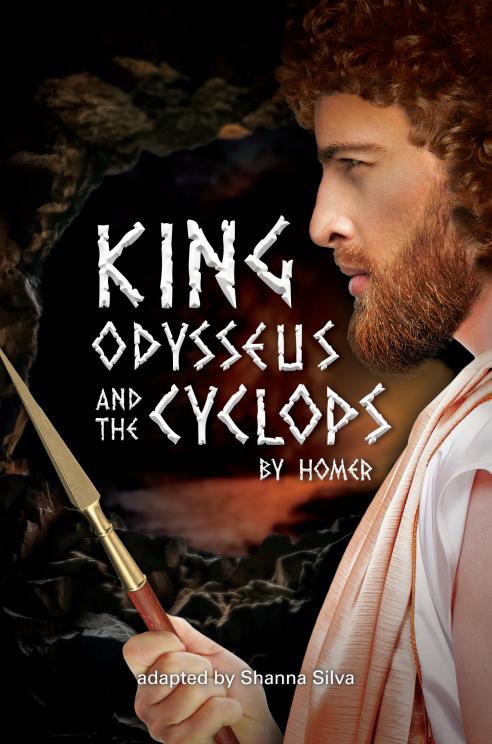
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Chapter 1

King Odysseus was the leader of Ithaca.

This was an island in ancient Greece. The king won the **Trojan War.** Then he and his army raided other lands.

The men took whatever they wanted. Their ships were packed with slaves, animals, and gold.

King Odysseus and the Cyclops

Storms blew the king's ships around. The sea was angry. Soldiers were afraid. But soon the waters calmed. The storms ended. Land appeared past the dark clouds.

The ships got closer to an island. Its beauty surprised the men. There were green fields

and mountains. Fruit and wheat grew.

Animals wandered. The island was rich with resources.

After rough seas, the invaders wanted to be on land. They needed rest. The island seemed **warm and inviting.**

King Odysseus and the Cyclops

Next to the first island was a smaller one.

Trees grew on the hills. A herd of wild goats wandered. No people were in sight. It was a **perfect spot** to rest.

The sailors guided their ships to the shore. After lowering the sails, everyone slept on the beach.

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