

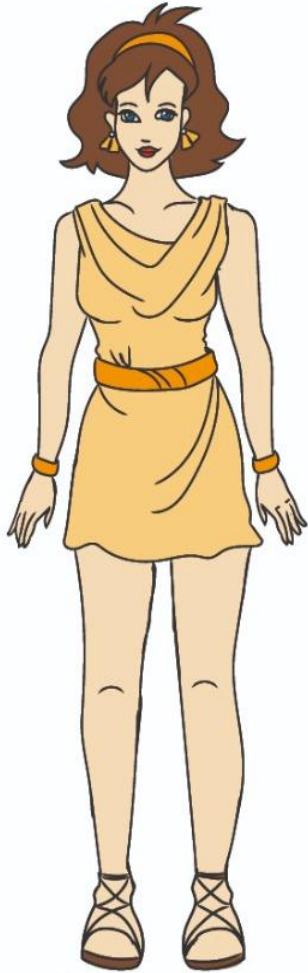
Cloelia's Forest





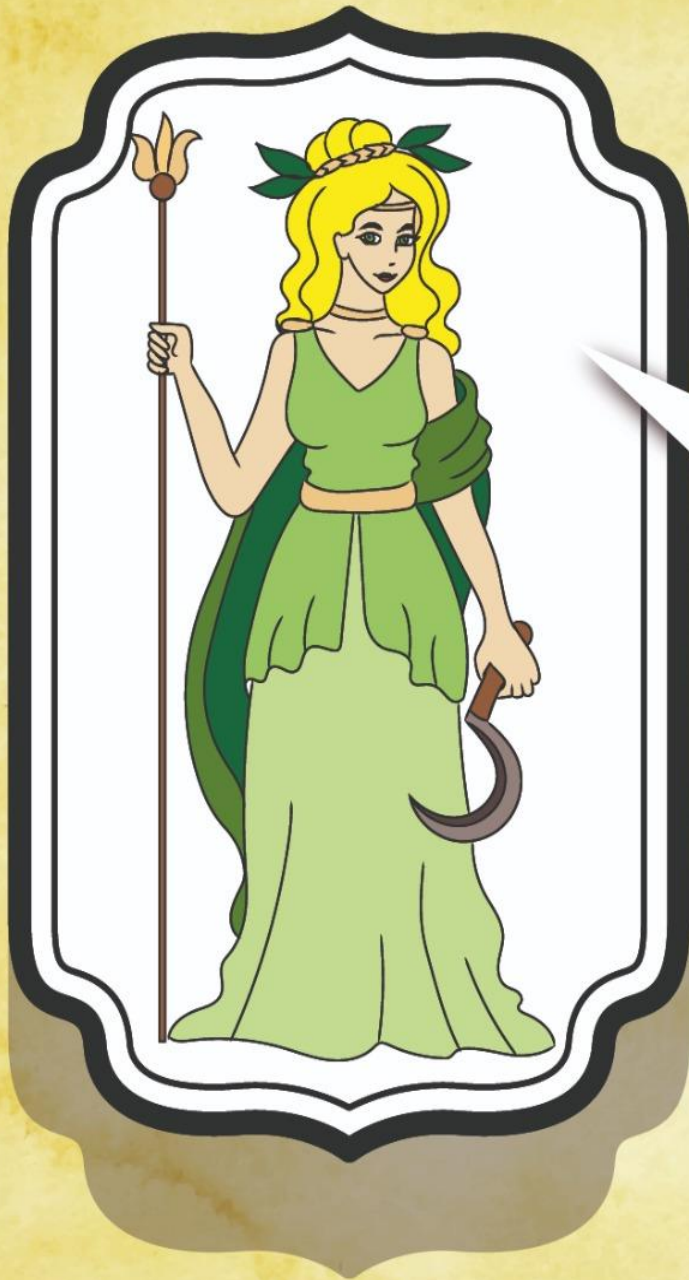
Welcome! I am DIGENES
the famous. I have come
here to tell you a story of
courage, of unity and of
understanding. Listen!

CLOELIA the beautiful with shining eyes, blue as the sky and skin like milk, reigned over a land as beautiful as a corner of heaven. There were high mountains, clear lakes and rivers, and lots of forests, and the people were kind and peaceful, and anyone could be accommodated in her castle.



Her friend, DEMETRA, had taught the local people how to cultivate their lands and how to gather their crops.

Dear people, be careful, some plants are useful to us, but they need our care and protection. If you listen to my advice, if you work hard, the harvest will be rich and sufficient for the whole land.





Another friend of CLOELIE'S, JORGUS THE MINER, a hardworking, brave and responsible man, taught her how to extract the riches from the mine.

Dig deep, dig with dignity and you will be able to unearth unsuspected treasures: Salt, coal, gold, precious stones.





CLOELIA had a cousin, KRALI MARKO, a very brave man. He lived in the mountains because he loved the forest and its creatures.



One day, he came to his cousin.



Cousin CLOELIA, I am very worried. I don't know who dared to set fire to some forests in our lands.



Oh dear Krali, who could do such a terrible thing?

I don't know yet, but I will find out!



I wonder who could help us save the forests that are home to so many living things, provide us with clean air and help us live a healthy life, give us food and medicine and protect us from all kinds of natural disasters. They give us the wood with which we build our houses and make a good fire in the winter to keep us warm.






I will ask my friend,
JORGUS, to help us.



And I will talk to **HERCULES**.
He is the protector of the
realm. I'm sure his kind heart
and powers will help us.



Let's talk to DRACULA first, He knows this land very well and will guide us best.



And we set off, all of us, to DRACULA's palace.

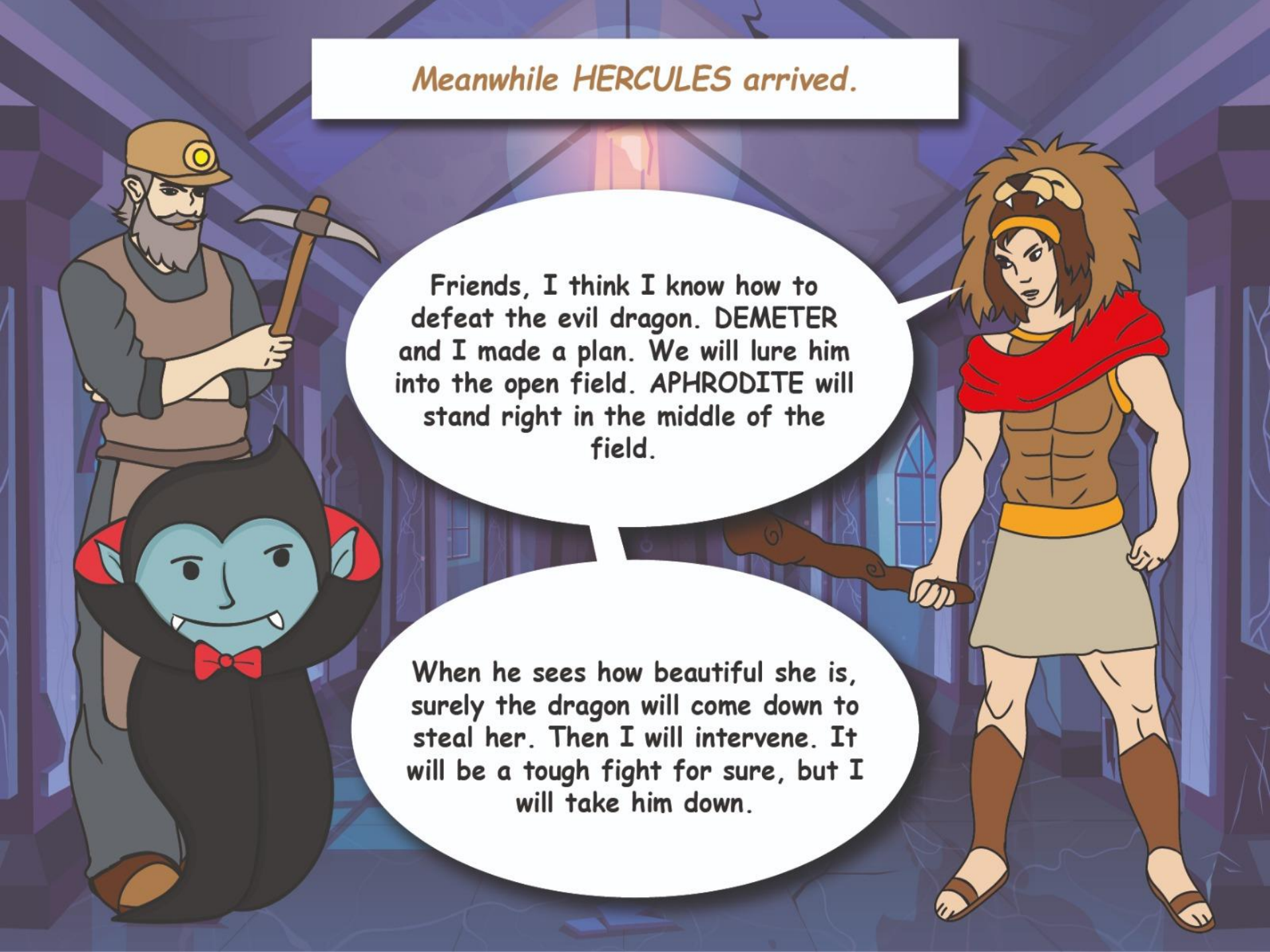
We hadn't even entered well, because he came out to meet us.

I know why you came, I also learned the terrible news about the burned forests. I'm afraid the fire will reach my palate. Right now go, JORGUS, and see who the doer is!

Magnificent DRACULA, before I came to you, I walked, I spied, and I learned from the TREASURER SKARBEEK, he who has the power to foresee dangers, that a huge dragon, known as DRAGON WAWEL. He told me that WAWEL is evil and can fly above the clouds, even become invisible. They saw WAWEL breathing fire over the green forests.



Meanwhile HERCULES arrived.



Friends, I think I know how to defeat the evil dragon. DEMETER and I made a plan. We will lure him into the open field. APHRODITE will stand right in the middle of the field.

When he sees how beautiful she is, surely the dragon will come down to steal her. Then I will intervene. It will be a tough fight for sure, but I will take him down.

Indeed DRAGON WAWEL was struck down by HERCULES. Everyone was clamoring for justice.


DRAGON WAWEL, why did you destroy our forests, why did you kill the animals and burn our shelters?

Forgiveness, Great DRACULA! I apologize to you all! Everyone says I'm bad. But you get along so well and no one loves me because I'm ugly and have a body covered in scales and spit fire. But I don't always do that. Only when I'm upset. And...now I was angry.

You will be severely punished!




Throughout the trial, APHRODITE sat quietly and watched the accusations against WAWEL. Then she got up, went before the people and spoke to them.



Dear people, don't judge in a hurry! We easily do harm. Of course DRAGON WAWEL's actions are serious, but it's also our fault that we didn't show him more friendship.

I believe that if we help him to make himself useful, if we show him a little understanding and teach him how to behave in our community, everything would go on in peace, quiet and harmony.
What do you say, WAWEL?



Oh, how pleased I would be, APHRODITE! And I also know how I could be of use. I would work in a blacksmith shop. That way you will have fire assured. And I will work hard so that you will forgive me for all the wrongs.

Well, if everyone agrees, I, DRACULA, declare myself satisfied. And that's why I'm inviting you right now to the palace garden, let's throw a party like never before. Let the music play!



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