

Hercules

Characters:

Narrator: Hercules was half man and half god. His mother was human. But his father, Zeus, was the king of all the gods.

Narrator 2: Hercules had a very special gift. He had super strength just like his father, Zeus! Because Hercules was only half god, he could not live on Mt. Olympus with his father. He had to live on Earth.

Narrator 3: Hera and King Eury were both very jealous of Hercules. They were both very sneaky and wanted to trick Hercules into dying.

Hera: King Eury...Hercules is becoming more impatient each day. He will not stop asking if he can live on Mt. Olympus with Zeus! I am growing tired of him asking nearly every day!

King Eury: Yes, this is becoming a nuisance.... I know! I have a plan that will get rid of Hercules altogether. Let's give him some impossible tasks to do. We will tell him if he does them all, he will get to live on Mt. Olympus. We will make them so hard, he may even die doing them and then we will never have to see him and his muscles again!

Hera: Yes! Excellent idea! Let's begin planning the tasks right away!!!! And let's give him twelve. He probably will not even get past the first three! (villainous laughter)

Next Day:

Hercules: I have finally gotten my wish. The tasks set before me are very dangerous. But I am strong and I will try my very best. I will finally get my wish to live on Mt. Olympus with my father Zeus!! It will be well worth it!

Next Day:

Hercules moves through the forest looking carefully for the dangerous lion he was to slay. Sword in hand and ready.

Hercules: I have been searching for the strongest and smartest lion for days. Many hunters have tried to kill this Lion and failed. I am very patient....I will make this trap here and trick the lion into it with some meat I have....what was that sound?

Lion: Aha! You have entered my part of the woods! Prepare to be a delicious meal for me and my lion cubs!

Hercules: That sounds like a good idea, but I have something better to offer you. I have meat from the gods. If you eat it, it will make you even stronger. I will trade you this meat for my life.

Lion: (thinks about it)..Very well. You better not be tricking me!

Lion goes to eat the meat, falls into the snare and Hercules defeats him. Carries him back to Hera and King Eury.

SONG: Lion Sleeps Tonight

Hercules: Now for my new task. That one was pretty easy. I must go to the swamp and find the hideous beast called the hydra. I have heard of this beast! It has nine heads. It will not be easy, but I think Apollo can help me with this task. I will ask Zeus if I can speak with him.

Next day

Hercules: Apollo, I am coming to you to ask if I may have the fire of the gods to help me defeat the great beast of the swamp.

Apollo: Normally I guard this fire very closely Hercules, but since you are the son of Zeus, I will give you just a small amount to complete your task. Take this torch and use it on the heads of the Hydra. Farewell and good luck!

Hercules: Thank you great Apollo. I am very grateful for this gift.

Hercules goes to the swamp and fights the hydra with the fire of the gods. He takes one head back to King Eury and Hera. When he arrives at the castle with the head, the couple is shocked! They look at each other and tell Hercules his next task.

Next day

Hercules: My next task seems very easy...I must find a dangerous wild boar and bring it back to the castle alive. I have heard it is very large.

Hercules is looking everywhere and finally comes upon the large boar grazing in a meadow.

Hercules: There it is!!!

Boar: I know you have been sent here to bring me back to the castle. You will never catch me, ever!!!!!! I am the fastest boar in the world. (Sing-The Boar went over the Mountain during the chase)

Hercules begins to run after the boar. After several days, the boar lays down exhausted and Hercules is able to get it back to the palace before it awakes. King Eury and Hera are totally surprised and give Hercules his next task.

Six months later

Narrator 1: It is six months later. Hercules had been trying with all his speed and wit to catch the special stag of Artemis, goddess of the hunt. She had gotten word that Hercules was after her precious stag and would stop at NOTHING to protect it.

Artemis is sitting in a field with her stag with the golden antlers.

Artemis: Oh, I am the luckiest goddess to have this beautiful stag. Hercules will never capture my precious stag! Not in a million years! I will leave you here briefly while I go to hunt. Stay right here.

Artemis leaves, as soon as she is gone, Hercules sneaks up behind the stag and ties him to a tree with a golden rope.

Hercules: Now that Artemis has left you here, I can finally capture you!

Hercules jumps on the stag

Hercules: I will tie you here with this golden rope to prove I have captured you finally! I will go and tell the King and Hera my task is complete!

Artemis returns and discovers that Hercules has tied up her precious stag

Artemis: Just where do you think you are going with my precious stag????

Hercules: King Eury and Hera have given me tasks to complete, and catching your stag was one of them. What are you going to do to me?

Artemis: Nothing! You are the son of Zeus! I am very upset with King Eury. I am going to find him and punish him! He will be sorry!!!

The next day

Hercules: My next task is to rid the island of some pesky birds who are very scary! They are dropping their sharp feathers on people and hurting them! I will get rid of them immediately. I will go to Athena the goddess of war and ask her if I may borrow her shield to protect me from their sharp feathers and pointy sharp beaks.

Hercules travels to Mt. Olympus to see Athena.

Athena: Well, Hercules, what brings you to Mt. Olympus?

Hercules: Athena goddess of war and wisdom, I am here to ask for your help in defeating the Stymphalian birds. They are causing great pain to the mortals and I must rid the island of them.

Athena: Very well, Hercules. I admire your desire to help keep the people of the land safe. I will lend you my shield to help protect you from those naughty birds. I will also give you my special poison arrows to help you defeat them for good. Be safe Hercules!

Hercules: Thank you great Athena!

Hercules arrives in the forest with his shield in hand. He draws his bow and gets the poison arrows ready. Suddenly the birds appear and begin squaking like crazy. Hercules draws his bow

and defeats the birds in spite of all the feathers they are raining down on him.

Hercules gathers some feathers to bring back to Hera and King Eury. He puts them in his pack.

The next day

Hercules: Unbelievable!! Hera and King Eury think that I will give up, even though they have given me the worst task yet. I have to go in and clean the filthy royal stables of the palace. Hundreds of cows sleep in these stables. It is a REAL MESS in there!

Going into the stables Hercules thinks for a minute...

Hercules: I will go to Poseidon, the god of the waters, and ask him for help. He will surely be able to assist me with water to clean this horrible mess!

The ocean shore Hercules is summoning Poseidon

Poseidon: Hercules!! I have not seen you since you were a small boy! What can I do for you?

Hercules: Poseidon, I am asking for your help in getting a great deal of water to be channeled into the stables of the palace. I am supposed to clean the stables, and while I am very strong, I need your help with the water. If you send it my way, I can use my strength to direct the water into each stable.

Poseidon: I like the way you want to care for the land animals. I will help you with this task, and I shall also leave enough water for the animals to have fresh, clean water each day.

Hercules: Thank you great Poseidon. The animals will be so happy and they thank you too.

Poseidon: Go to the stables Hercules, and wait there, I will blow a strong east wind and send my waters to the stables. You can use your strength to direct the water to clean each stable.

Hercules goes to the palace and waits for Poseidon to send his waters. The waters come and he cleans the stables, the animals come back and are very happy to find all the stables sparkling clean and fresh water for them to drink.

Hercules: Now that task is finished, I am sure that I will be allowed to finally go to Mt. Olympus!

The next day—Hercules tired from capturing the bull from his latest task..

Hercules: I know that Hera and King Eury will not stop giving me tasks until I am defeated. I will never give up! I will complete every task they give me until I am living on Mt. Olympus with my father Zeus! Now that I have stopped that awful snowy bull from causing mischief all over the island, I will

go and ask if I can finally have all my dreams come true! I am going to start packing for Mt. Olympus immediately. They should let me go now. I have proved myself worthy.

Hera enters

Hera: Not so fast Hercules! You have a few more tasks left before you can prove that you are strong enough to live with the gods on Mt. Olympus!!

Hercules: I will do it! Name anything. You won't get rid of me that quickly.

Hera: Very well. There are some strong women warriors that own a special golden belt. I want that belt for my own. You are to get that belt for me and bring it back here!

Hercules travels to a far part of the island and finds the women warriors

Amazon Queen: Greetings Hercules, what brings you to our part of the island?

Hercules: I have come to ask for the special golden belt which is a symbol of your powerful army.

Amazon Queen: Well, Hercules, it is an important symbol of our people. But I can ask Hephaestus to make a new one...but you have to make a promise to me. You must promise to fight on our side if a war ever breaks out and forever be a friend to us.

Hercules: Done, and done!

Amazon Queen hands Hercules the golden belt, but her warriors think he is trying to hurt their queen and attack him! During the fight, Hercules was able to get the golden belt and escape.

Song: He's got the Golden Belt

Next day

Hercules: I am getting so excited to be getting closer to living out my dream. I can feel myself getting closer and closer to making my home on Mt. Olympus. King Eury and Hera think they can tire me out, but that will never happen! My next task won't be easy, but, I know I will find a way. I need to call upon Hades. He will help me.

Next day in the Underworld:

Hades: Well, Hercules, it has been a very long time. Why have you traveled to the underworld?

Hercules: I need some special food from the underworld, to feed to the hideous monster, Geryon. Everyone knows that if you eat the fruit of the underworld, you must stay there. I must trick him into eating the food of the underworld and send him here so that I may rescue his cows from his awful pasture. I will return them safely to the island to live in my sparkling stables in the palace.

Hades: I will give you the gift of the pommegranite with the golden seeds. I was saving this for Persephone....but I can grow another. This way, when Geryon is here, I will put him to work tending my own pastures. Hercules, that is a great idea!

Hercules: Thank you very much, Hades. I will have him here in no time!

Hades hands Hercules the golden pommegranites, and visits Geryon. He finds him in the pasture among all his cows keeping watch.

Geryon: WHO IS THERE???

Hercules wearing a cloak and carrying a box

Hercules: I am here to deliver a special gift for you from Mt. Olympus!!!

Geryon: A gift???? For moi????

Tears the box open

Geryon: Fruit of the month club????? I have always wanted to get fruit every month! I must start eating right away so I can prepare for my next delivery in a month!!!

Geryon eating furiously begins to get sleepy....

Geryon: I am getting soo sleepy.....soooo...
sleepy.....sleepy...zzzzz

Hercules throws off his cloak and captures the cows

Hercules: Now I will take these cows back to my palace so they can live out their lives in my sparkling stables.

Next month:

Hercules is looking over a large scroll. He is studying it carefully.

Hercules: Defeat the birds, check. Hmm mm...check....check....bring the olden belt back...check. Hmmm mmmm.....get the stag...check...capture the man eating horses of King Diomedes.....hmmmm yes, the man eating horses were gentle indeed, getting them to follow me, easy! It was King Diomedes that suffered an awful end when his horses turned against him. Now those beasts have been tamed and are living alongside the Geryon cows. I am getting quite a farm here at the palace. It will be sad to leave them all when I go to Mt. Olympus. Next on the list is a task I have been waiting a long time for. It won't be easy, but I will do it like all the other.

Hercules arrives at the garden of Atlas

Atlas: Hercules!! Greetings! It has been a long time since I have had any visitors! What brings you here to the far corners of the earth?

Hercules: I have come to ask you for some of your golden apples that grow in your magic garden good sir.

Atlas thinking for a minute

Atlas: Of course you may have them. But only I can harvest them. Please do me just one favor. You are strong, so I know you will be able to hold this earth for moment while I go to climb this tree and get them.

Hercules: Of course!

Atlas hands Hercules the Earth, goes to retrieve the apples and returns

Atlas: Ha ha!! Now you are going to hold the Earth forever! Finally, I have been relieved!!! I am free! I am free!! I

Hercules: Ok Atlas, if I must. But if I am going to do this forever, will you let me have just one big stretch? I will hold the apples while I stretch.

Atlas: Well, that seems reasonable.

Hercules hands Atlas back the earth

Hercules: aha! You're it!!

Hercules runs away with the golden apples having tricked Atlas into holding the world again.

Back at the Palace. He presents the king with the golden apples. King Eury gives Hercules his final task.

King Eury: You have done very well Hercules. Now for your last and final task. You must bring the dog of Hades back

here. Hades loves his three headed dog and it will not be easy to separate the two. Beware!!!

Hercules: OK King Eury, I shall complete this last task and bring Cerebrus back here.

Hercules in the underworld

Hades: Hercules, you have returned, what is it now?

Hercules: Well, I have something to ask. It is a pretty big favor. May I bring that sweet pup of yours out an about for a walk around the palace? Pretty please?

Hades: Well, since you sent that wonderful hideous Geryon my way, I guess I owe you one. He has been really caring for my beasts of the field. Sure, but make sure he is back before too long!! I will miss my beloved pup!!!!

Hercules: Of course!!! I am most grateful for your kindness.

Cerebrus: Woof! Woof! Woof! (all his heads bark)

Back at the palace Hercules gives Cerebrus a big hug which quiets him down and makes him go to sleep.

Hercules: Well here I am ALL my tasks completed. My bags are packed and I am ready to take the Mt. Olympus Express. Hey where did everyone go????

Hercules looks everywhere..

Zeus enters

Zeus: Hercules, you have completed the twelve tasks you were given. You have proven you are worthy to come up and live with me on Mt. Olympus. Let's go son. You shall forever live in the clouds with the other gods and goddesses.