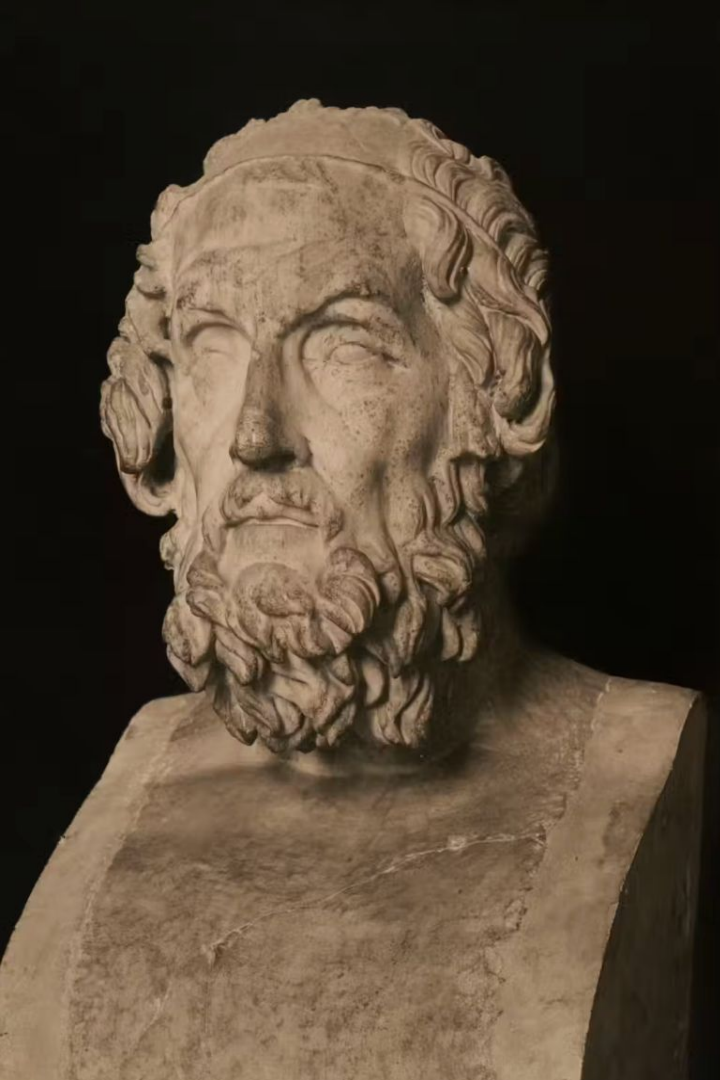


The Myth of Daedalus and Icarus

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Bridge to English





Once upon a time, there lived a **talented engineer**. His name was Daedalus. He used his art to make **buildings** and **temples**. He was probably the finest **architect** of his time.

Glossary

- Talented: 有才华的
- Engineer: 工程师
- Buildings: 建筑物
- Temples: 寺庙
- Architect: 建筑师

King Minos **invited** Daedalus to the beautiful island of **Crete**. The king wanted Daedalus to build a **maze**, the **Labyrinth**, as a home for the king's **beloved pet**, the **Minotaur**. The Minotaur was a **horrible** monster, with the head of a bull on a human body.



Glossary

- Invited: 邀请了
- Crete: 克里特岛, 希腊第一大岛
- Maze, Labyrinth: 迷宫
- Beloved: 心爱的
- Pet: 宠物
- Horrible: 可怕的
- Minotaur: 牛头兽



Crete (克里特岛)

牛头兽



Daedalus was **amazed** by the king's choice of pet, but he still went. Daedalus planned to make the maze a **challenge**, so **complicated** that anyone who entered it would be lost until **rescued**. That way, the king would be happy, the monster would be **contained**, and the people would be **safe**. Daedalus had no **doubt** he could **design** such a maze. He really was a fine architect.



Glossary

- Amazed: 惊讶
- Challenge: 挑战
- Complicated: 复杂的
- Rescued: 营救
- Contained: 被控制
- Safe: 安全的
- Doubt: 疑虑
- Design: 设计

Daedalus brought his young son **Icarus** with him. He was sure the child would **enjoy swimming** and playing with the other children on the island. Both Daedalus and **Icarus** were happy they had come. King Minos was happy with his maze. It was **peaceful** and **pleasant** on the island. Daedalus was in no **hurry** to leave.



Glossary

- Icarus: 伊卡洛斯
- enjoy: 享受
- Swimming: 游泳
- Peaceful: 和平的
- Pleasant: 愉快的
- Hurry: 匆忙

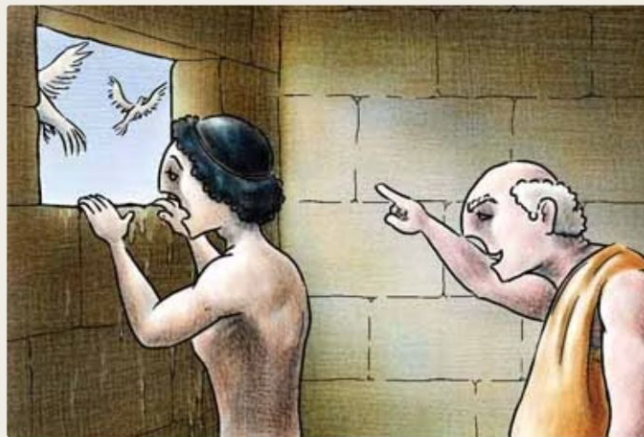


One day, a group of Athenian children **sailed** to the island. The next day, they **sailed safely** away, taking with them the king's lovely **daughter**, and leaving behind them one **dead** Minotaur.

Glossary

- Sailed: 航行
- Safely: 安全地
- Daughter: 女儿
- Dead: 死的

King Minos was **beside himself with grief**. He did not believe anyone could have entered the maze and **escape** alive without help from someone, most probably help from the man who had **designed** the maze in the first place. (Actually, the children did have help, and not from Daedalus). King Minos **punished** the **innocent** Daedalus by keeping Daedalus and his young son Icarus **prisoners** on the island of Crete.



Glossary

- Beside himself with grief: 悲痛欲绝
- Escape: 逃脱
- Designed: 设计
- Punished: 惩罚
- Innocent: 无辜的
- Prisoners: 囚犯

Daedalus tried to think of ways to **escape**. One day, Daedalus **noticed** birds flying **overhead**. It gave him an idea. **Wings**. He needed wings. Daedalus began to **gather** all the bird **feathers** he could find. He **glued** them together with **wax**. When two pairs of wings were ready, he **warned** his young son not to fly too close to the sun or the wax would **melt**.

Glossary

- Escape: 逃脱
- Noticed: 注意到
- Overhead: 头顶上
- Wings: 翅膀
- Gather: 收集
- Feathers: 羽毛
- Glued: 粘合
- Wax: 蜡
- Warned: 警告
- Melt: 融化



Daedalus **fastened** the wings to their arms. They **flapped** their wings and took to the sky. They left the island of Crete far behind them. Water **sparkled beneath** them as far as they could see. The sky was blue. The **breeze** was **brisk**. It was **glorious**!



Glossary

- Fastened: 系好
- Flapped: 拍打
- Sparkled: 闪耀
- Beneath: 在...下面
- Breeze: 微风
- Brisk: 轻快的
- Glorious: 光荣的

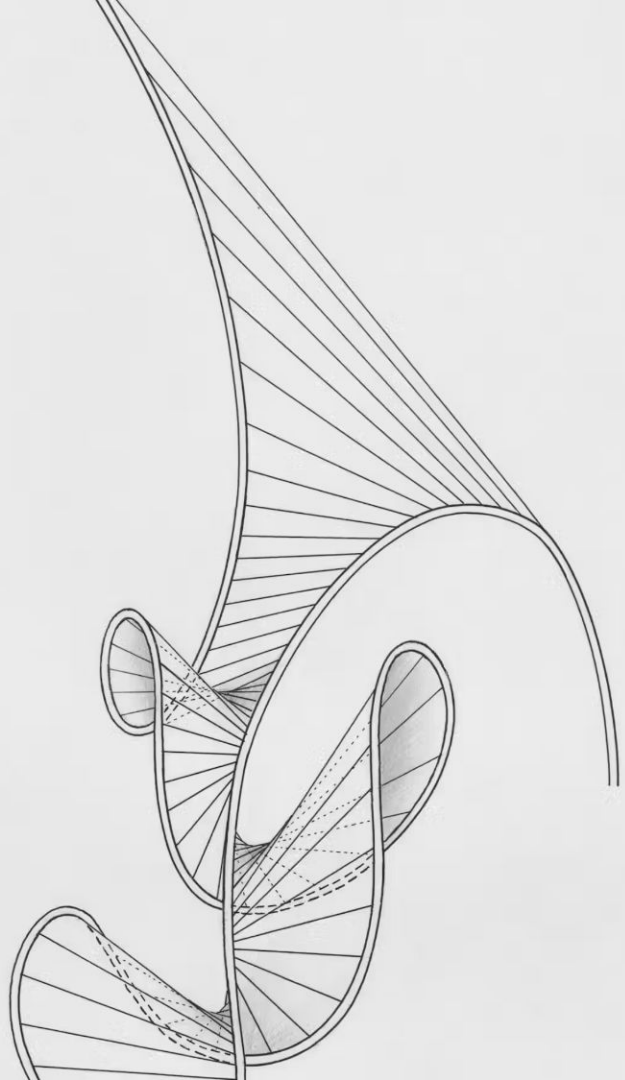




- ☐ Icarus flew **higher** and **higher**, faster and faster. He felt so free, so powerful. "I can fly as high as the gods," he said. He flew so high that before he knew what was happening, the sun had begun to **melt** the wax on his wings. Icarus felt himself **falling**. He flapped his arms faster and faster. But it was no use. Poor Icarus **plunged** into the water and **drowned**.

☐ Glossary

- Higher: 更高
- Melt: 融化
- Falling: 坠落
- Plunged: 投入
- Drowned: 淹死



Questions

- Who was Daedalus, and what was he famous for?
Daedalus 是谁，他以什么闻名于世？
- What warning did Daedalus give Icarus about flying?
Daedalus在Icarus飞行前给予了什么警告？
- Was King Minos's punishment of Daedalus fair? Why or why not?
Minos国王对Daedalus的惩罚是否公正？为什么？
- Why do you think Icarus ignored his father's warning?
在你看来，伊卡洛斯为什么会无视父亲的警告？
- What lesson can we learn from the story of Daedalus and Icarus?
从Daedalus与Icarus的故事中，我们能吸取什么样的教训？