The story of Mina, a brave Greek soldier

Mina is arriving back home after a successful war. She has promised her family and her small village that she will arrive back home. This Greek soldier – Mina – has been gone from home for many months. Her father, mother, siblings, husband and three children have been waiting for her late arrival home.

After a few days of travelling, Mina and her loyal soldiers have travelled closer back home. Travelling closer and closer back home, she and her crew have angered Poseidon (God of Sea) for destroying his perfect sea by jumping inside and out. They surely didn’t mean to do this. Right? Well this continued for many days of their travel. Poseidon promised to get them back for what they did. What was coming ahead for their journey? Has Poseidon cursed their journey?

Whilst travelling home, an unknown island appears in Mina’s eyesight. Mina stops the ship to search the island for food. She sends two of her soldiers to go and look for food, whilst she looks around the island. Her crew came back with lots of food before she set off to look around. She took all of her crew into a small cave where they found Cyclops – Poseidon’s son. Mina thought this was payback for what they did. She battled Cyclops and won the battle. Further angering the gods, Mina angered Poseidon even more! She harmed the one-eyed monster – Cyclops – who is also Poseidon’s son. She also angered Hades – God of the Underworld – for making too much noise whilst he was sleeping. Will she anger more gods or will the gods take pity of her?

Mina makes her move. She travels ahead with only 18 crewmates left… Although she just has a few of her crew left, nothing stops her from getting back to her kind-hearted, loving family. Her journey continues with no trouble until Poseidon strikes again. He creates a three-headed monster called Cryptorum. This monster hates humans so as soon as Cryptorum sees Mina and her crew, he immediately snatched 9 of her crew! They screamed, “Mina! Please save us!! Help us before we get eaten!’’ Mina looked at them in pity and shock, but there was no way to help them. “Keep rowing.’’ Mina announced wit rears that show sadness. What will happen now? She only has 9 crewmates left. They were her only hope. She and her crew continued rowing in complete silence. Mina didn’t know what to do… What will happen to them? Are they going to arrive home? They continued to row… and row… and row. Complete silence. Sadness and pity in their eyes.

She arrives on an island. Mina has no clue who this island belongs to. Sounds ringing in their ears. One of Mina’s crewmates stated, “What is this beautiful voice? It sounds like angels coming down from the sky singing into my ears!’’ They slowly entered the beautiful, textured building surrounded by colourful flowers. Red. Yellow, blue, green! Too many colours to count. As they entered the building, a pretty lady was wearing an amazing lily-white dress. This unknown lady emerged from behind the curtain. She announced, “Welcome to my palace of dreams. My name is Circe. You travellers must be very hungry! Come inside and eat.’’ Mina and her crew followed Circe inside to her lovely feats. 3 of her crew were amazed and instantly ate as quick as they could. The rest of the 7 (including Mina) have eaten nothing. They didn’t know Circe and they didn’t know what she could do. Circe came back with a stick and an angered face. “You animals! You aren’t true men! You are filthy animals! Run along to my farm before I beat you with my stick!’’ Mina looked at Circe in shock! She asked Circe many times to let them go. After many days without sleeping or eating, she finally agreed and instantly fell asleep where she was. Circe gave 3 of Mina’s men the cure. She gives them a proper meal and lets them set off the next day. “Have a safe journey. I’ve prepared food to take on the way. Before you go, I have to say something.’’ Circe brought Mina to corner where no one will hear her. “First you will face the monster, Chime. This monster makes a ringing noise and duplicates every time humans come. I will give you these ear plugs for you and your crew. Next, you will face a whirlpool monster and a dragon, you will either loose all your men or loose 2. You have to choose one. Please make a wise choice.’’ Circe announced quietly. “Thank you.’’ Mina replied.

She – Mina – and her crew set off and arrived at the first challenge Circe warned her about. “Here guys, plug these in your ears. I will put them on too. Don’t take them off until I give you the signal; a wave. They keep rowing... and rowing… and rowing until arrive at the first challenge. This monster – who is called Chime – makes a lovely noise that makes humans jump towards then, instead of making more lovely noises, they grab you fast and eat you. They pass this horrible, monstrous creature. Mina makes the signal, which is a wave, and they all unplug their ears. She is worrying about the next challenge. She chose to loose 2 mean by the dragon. Secretly, of course. Whilst they arrive at the challenge, the dragon snatches 2 of Mina’s crewmates. “Save us!!!’’ They yelled. Mina looked at the dragon in fear. She walked back and forward shouting, “Keep rowing!’’

They passed the dragon and kept rowing on ahead. Poseidon evaporates up from the water and snatches all of Mina’s crew. She was the only one left… What could she do? She continued rowing with tears shooting down from her eyes. She looked at a land far away that looked familiar. Her eyes were tired and all watery so she couldn’t see it properly. Was this island home…?

Athena – Goddess of Wisdom – saw Mina from high up the sky. She took pity on her and dropped down from the sky. “Who are you…?’’ Mina asked in shock. Athena replied, “I am Athena. Goddess of Wisdom. I’m here to help you arrive home. Just grab onto this rope and throw it when you arrive home.’’ Mina followed the instructions and arrived home! She threw the rope high up in the sky and disguised herself as an old, poor lady. Who will be the first one to recognise her???

THE END!!