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Information Gap

The collage features several cards with the following content:

- Text A (Yellow background):** "The ancient Greeks has many stories about Gods and Goddesses; Kings and Queens; Princes and Princesses. This story is about Perseus, who became King of Seriphos."
- Text B (Orange background):** "The ancient Greeks has many stories about Gods and Goddesses; Kings and Queens; Princes and Princesses. This story is about Perseus, who became King of Seriphos."
- Text C (Green background):** "The ancient Greeks has many stories about Gods and Goddesses; Kings and Queens; Princes and Princesses. This story is about Perseus, who became King of Seriphos."
- Text D (Yellow background):** "Perseus was the son of Zeus, the chief of all the Gods. Perseus asked Zeus for help in capturing a Gorgon's head. Gorgons were monsters who would kill any person. Zeus asked Hermes and Athena to help Perseus. Hermes was the messenger of the Gods and the goddess of wisdom gave Perseus five gifts to help him capture a Gorgon's head. They gave him a shield, a sword, a pair of wings, a magic bag and a magic mirror."
- Text E (Blue background):** "Polidectes wanted to marry Demeter but she did not want to marry him. Demeter was captured by Polidectes, the evil king of the island of Seriphos."
- Text F (Blue background):** "They gave the Gorgon's head. They made him a shield, a sword, a pair of wings, a magic bag and a magic mirror."
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- Text H (Blue background):** "Why was Andromeda crying? Perseus will the sea monster?"
- Text I (Blue background):** "What happened to Andromeda at the end? What present was the most useful and why?"

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Suitable for students aged 8+

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Preparation:

Print out the A4 sheets.

If possible, laminate Text A, Text B and Text C, and cover the pages of the cards with 'clear pvc self adhesive film'. Then cut out the squares to make the cards.

HOW TO PLAY:

Part 1

- Make teams of three or four players.
- One team should be given Text A, one pair should be given Text B and the other pair should be given Text C.
- Ask one member of each team to read the text to the other members.
- Once they have read the text, give each team a questions card and something to write on. The team should answer as many questions as they can, there will be some questions they cannot answer with their specific text.

Part 2

- Join all teams together. They will have to collaborate to each other asking questions and eliciting information, possibly arguing and negotiating, to complete the questions card.
- Once all teams have completed their questions, give them the set of story cards. Place the cards face down in a pile on the table, and ask them to pick a card from the top of the pile, to read it out loud and to place it facing up on the table. They should place the cards in a line in the correct order.

Learning Outcomes:

Students will have gained an understanding of Perseus and the Gorgon, the basic story development and plot. If you have found further learning outcomes please share them by emailing

(You can purchase a professionally printed, sound-enabled version of this activity with pre-cut cards from www.mantralingua.com. Students can use PENpal to record and re-record aurally onto the pages and cards. Recordings can be saved and used for assessment, or shared with other classes and schools via "ShareLINK".)

Text A

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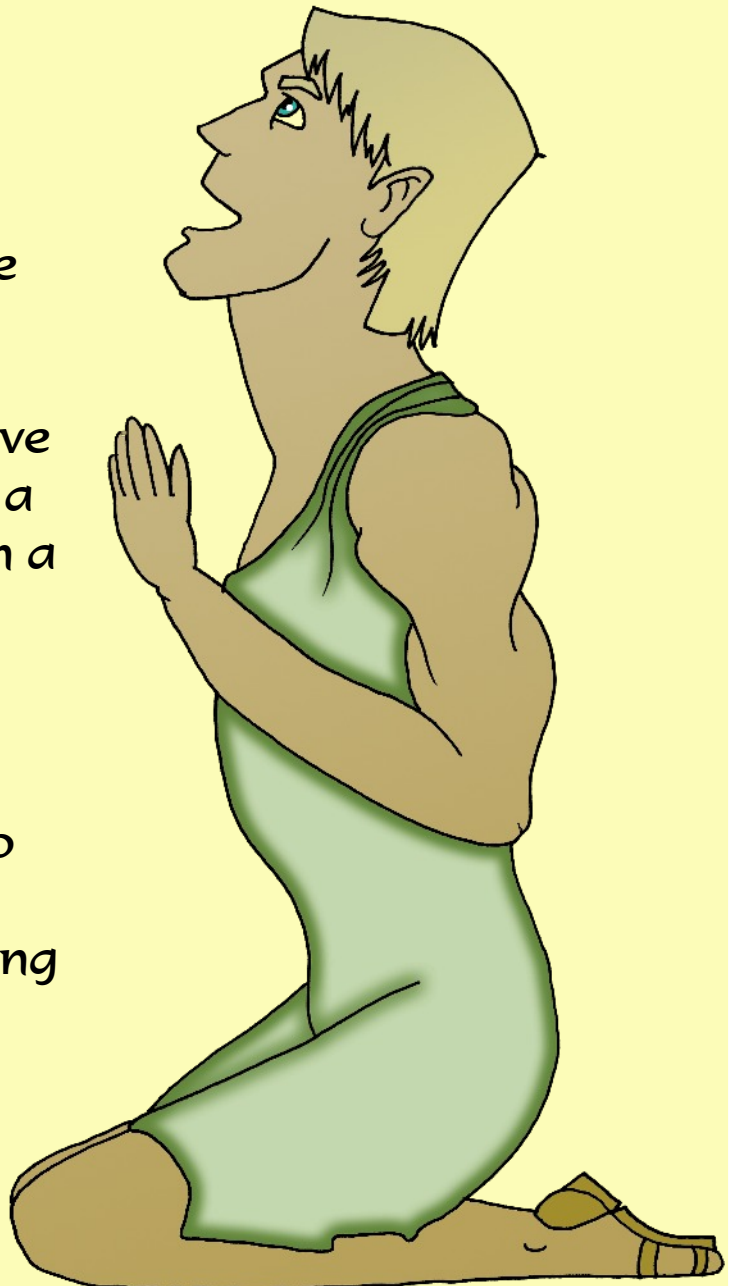
Perseus was the son of Danae, his mother, and Zeus, the chief of the Gods was his father. Danae was captured by Polydectes, the evil king of the island of Seriphos. Polydectes wanted to marry Danae, but she did not want to marry him. Perseus said he would fight Polydectes, but Polydectes said he did not want to fight him. Polydectes said he would not marry Danae if Perseus captured a Gorgon's head. This was very dangerous because anyone who looked at the Gorgon's eyes would turn to stone. Perseus managed to cut off a Gorgon's head and was able to use it to turn Polydectes to stone.



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Text C

The ancient Greeks has many stories about Gods and Goddesses; Kings and Queens; Princes and Princesses. This story is about Perseus, who became King of Seriphos.

Perseus flew to the Gorgons' island. Gorgons were monsters with snakes in their hair. If anyone looked in a Gorgon's eyes they turned to stone. Perseus found a Gorgon called Medusa. Perseus put on his cap so that Medusa could not see him. He cut off Medusa's head with his sickle, and put the head in his shoulder bag. Perseus was flying back to Seriphos when he saw a young woman crying because she was chained to a rock near the sea. The young woman's name was Andromeda. She had been chained to the rock by her evil father. Perseus liked the look of Andromeda and said he would help her. Perseus cut Andromeda free with his sickle. Suddenly a sea monster came to kill Andromeda. Perseus took Medusa's head out of his bag and pointed it at the sea monster. The monster turned to stone. Perseus took Andromeda back to Seriphos and married her and then she became queen.



Perseus and the Gorgon - Questions Card

Who was Perseus' mother and father?

What is a Gorgon?

What presents did Perseus receive?

Who was the evil king?

What happened if you looked into a Gorgon's eyes?

Who gave Perseus the presents and why?

Why was Andromeda crying?

How did Perseus kill the sea monster?

What was the name of the Gorgon that Perseus killed?

What happened to Polydectes in the end?

What happened to Andromeda at the end?

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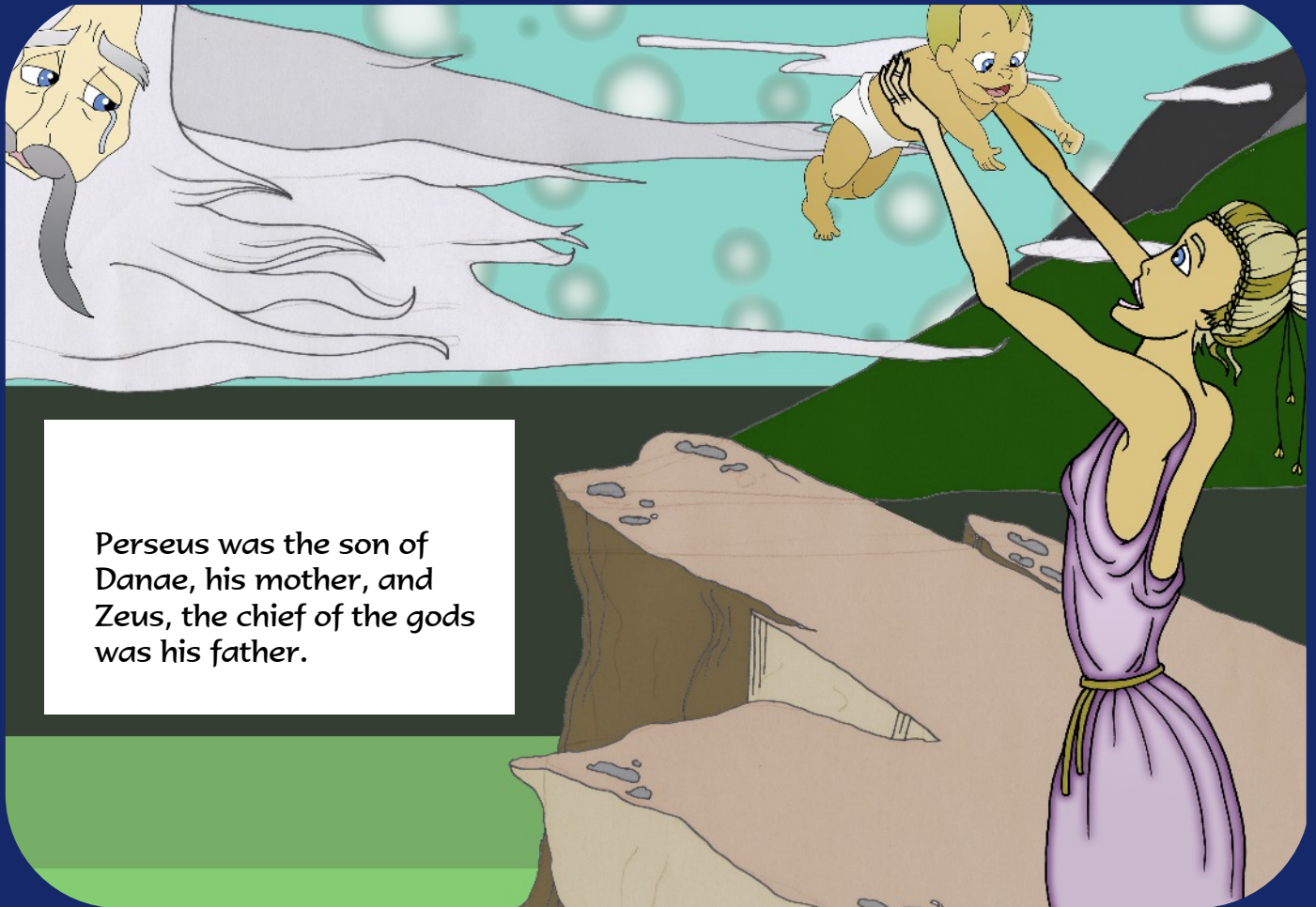
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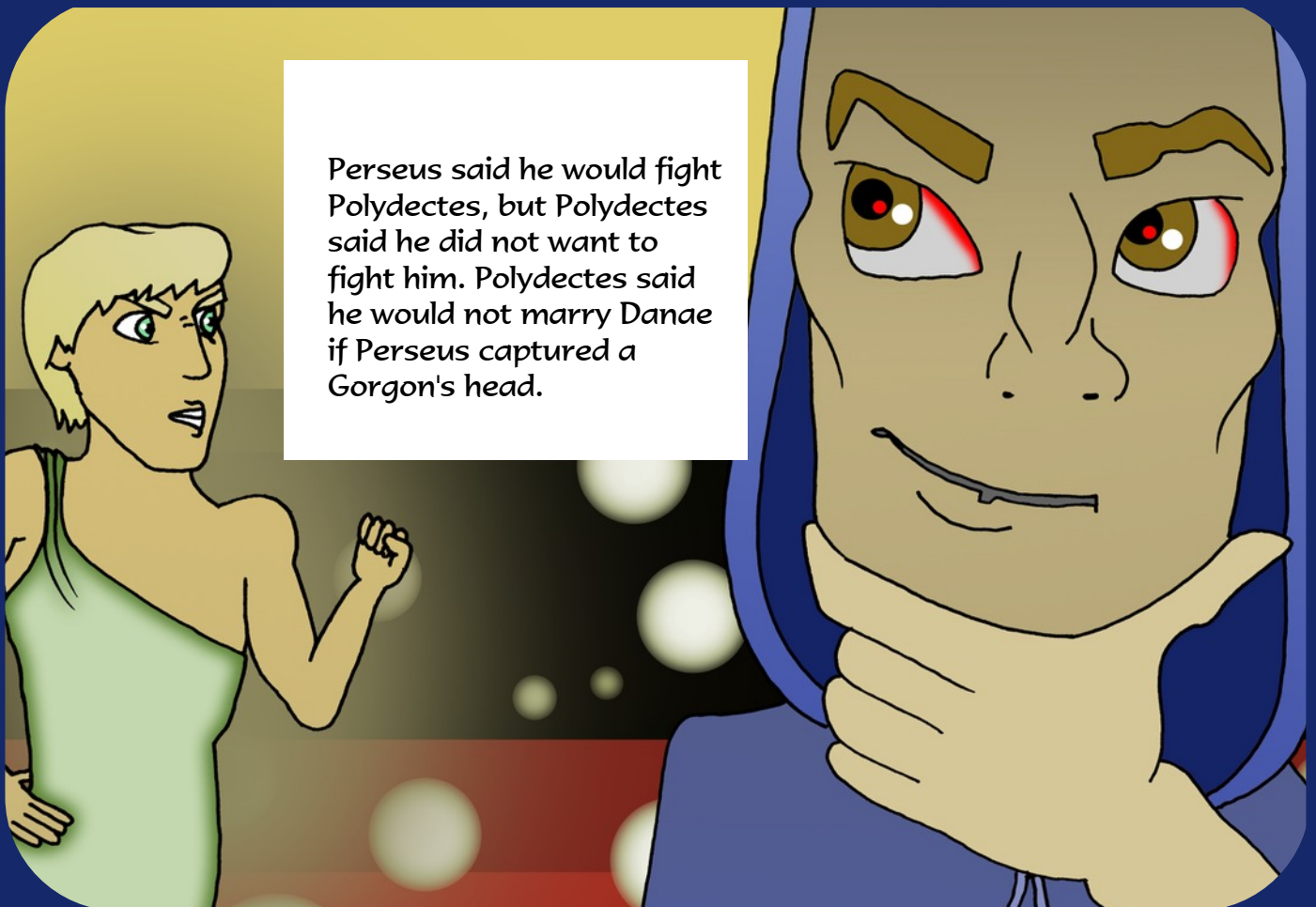
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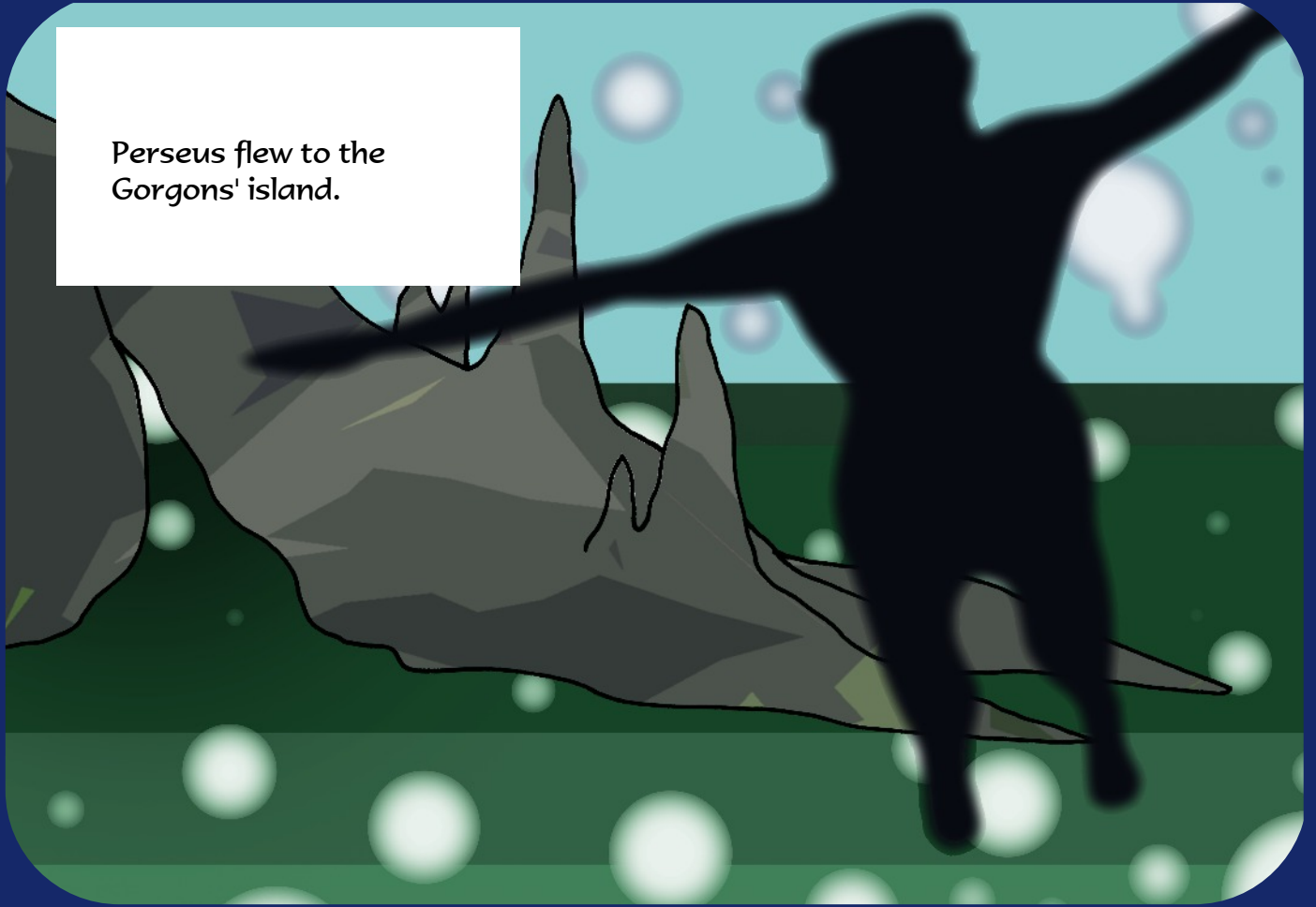
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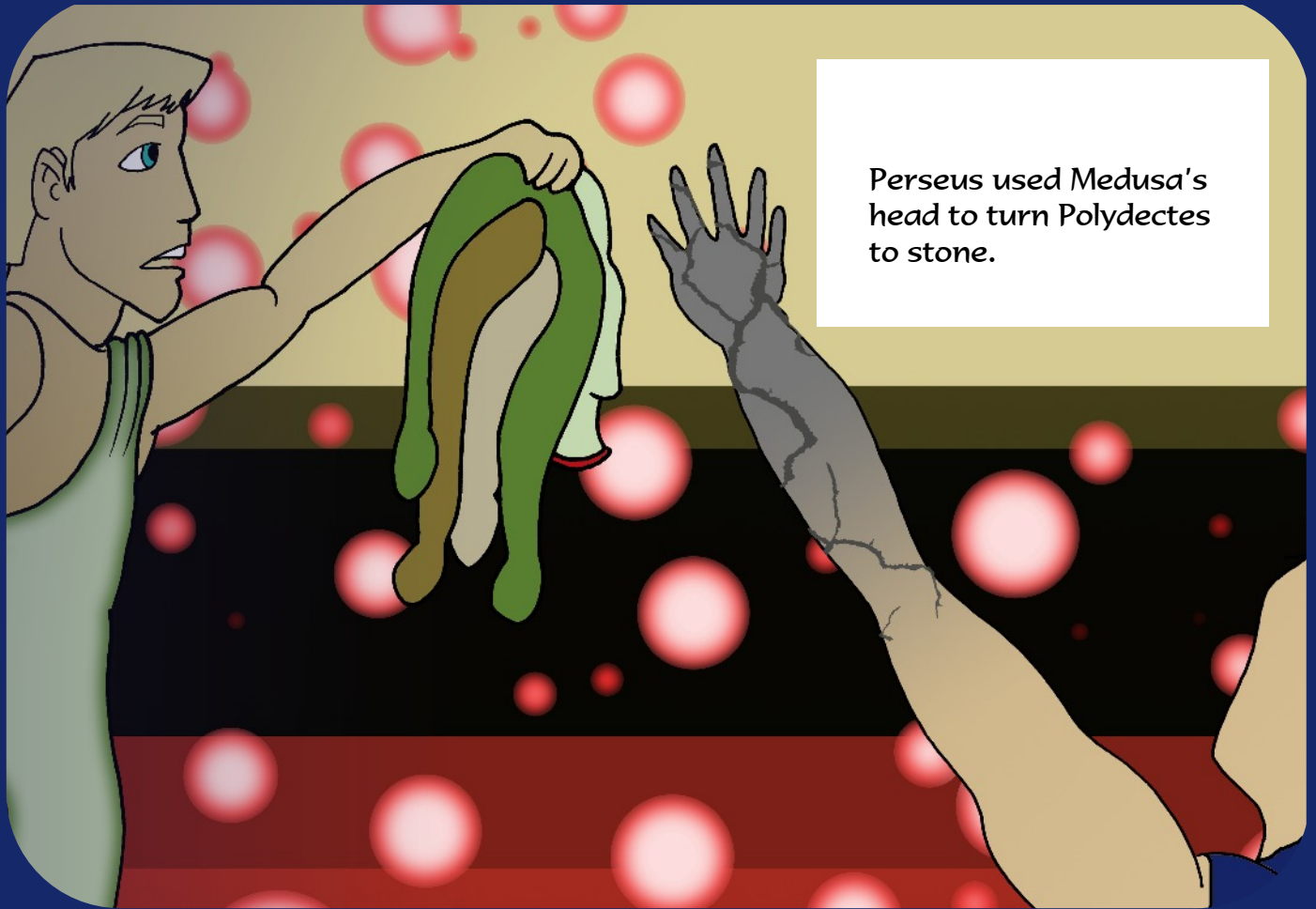
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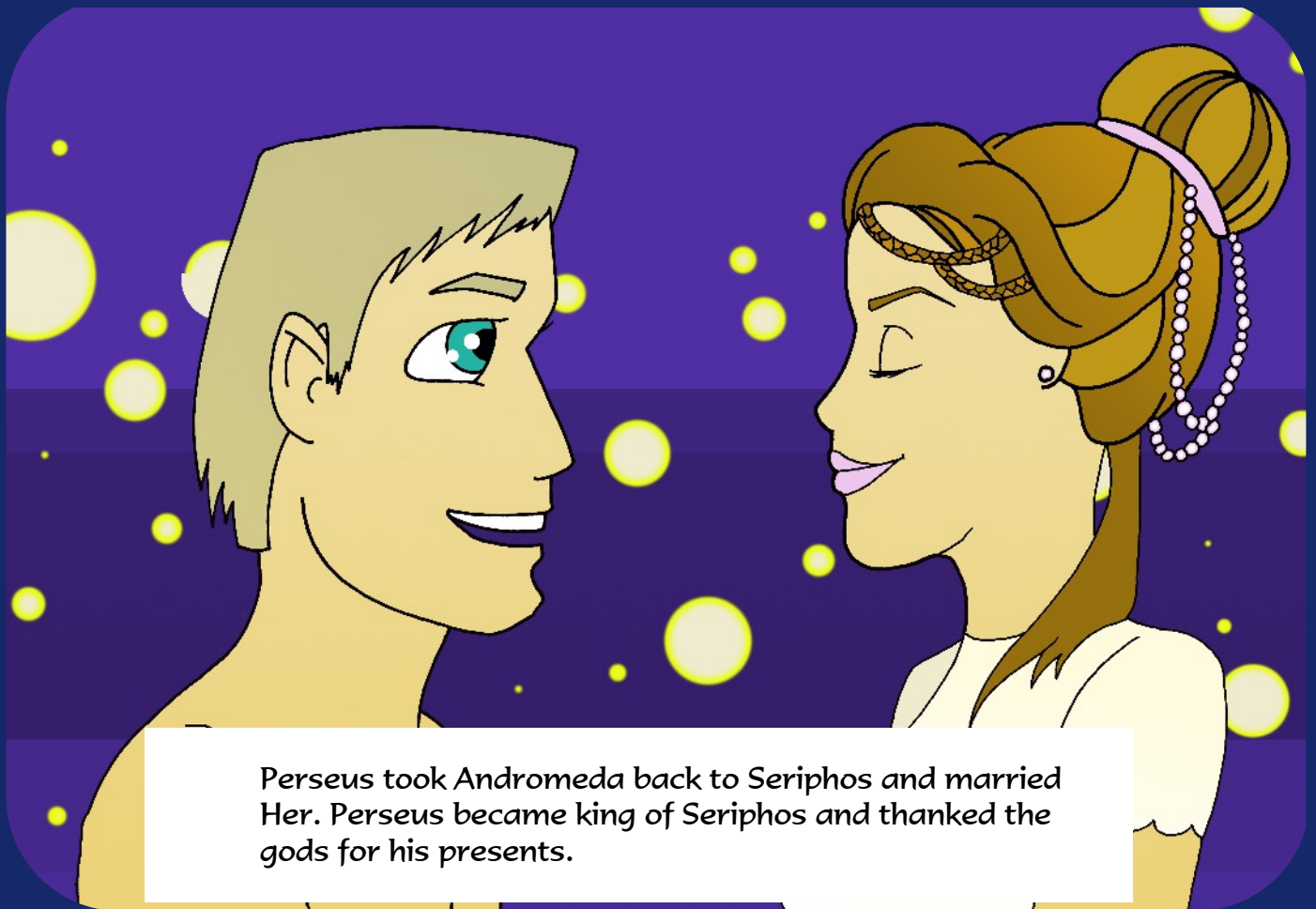
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Perseus used Medusa's head to turn Polydectes to stone.



Perseus took Andromeda back to Seriphos and married Her. Perseus became king of Seriphos and thanked the gods for his presents.