

THE MYTH OF THE MINOTAUR  
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There once was a king called Minos,  
Who ruled an island known as Crete.  
He was the meanest, cruellest king  
That you could ever meet.

King Minos had a pet monster,  
A man with the head of a bull.  
This monster liked to eat people,  
Its hunger was insatiable.

The scary creature had a name,  
It was known as the "minotaur".  
It had sharp teeth that could bite you,  
And big pointy horns that could gore.



The monster lived in the labyrinth,  
A huge maze of long corridors.  
King Minos kept it locked up there  
Behind big strong oak doors.

But every now and then, the king  
Would give the minotaur a treat.  
He'd put some people in the maze  
For the monster to eat.

One day, a hero, Theseus,  
A very brave young man,  
Decided to end the killings,  
And came up with a plan.

He offered to be sacrificed  
To the monster with the bull's head  
But he did not plan to be killed,  
His plan was to kill it instead.