

PEGASUS THE WONDER HORSE

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THE CHARACTERS:

Bellerophon: handsome and arrogant hero

Proteus: King of Corinth

Chimaera: Monster with head of lion and tail of snake, breathes fire, destroys land, very frightening

Minerva: Goddess of Wisdom and War

Pegasus: Wonder horse with wings, son of Medusa and Poseidon

Jupiter: Chief of all the Gods, God of the Sky

This play is set in ancient Greece.

Bellerophon, a handsome but arrogant hero, quarrels with Proteus, the King of Corinth.

Bellerophon (*in an arrogant voice*): What a silly king you are! You let your wife charm me! Do you really think I love her? No, I would never love someone else's wife!

Proteus: You offended my wife, Bellerophon! That's what she says, anyway!
And I trust her more than you!

Bellerophon: You foolish king, not knowing what your wife was doing behind your back!

At this point Proteus jumps up in anger and draws his sword. Bellerophon, who is much younger and stronger, throws Proteus to the ground and holds his sword to his throat. Immediately the king's guard springs into action, overpowering Bellerophon and knocking him out.

Bellerophon wakes up in a cell. After days without food and drink King Proteus visits him.

Proteus (*shouting and laughing*): Look how weak you are now! And you thought you were strong! (*He whispers smiling*) Here's a little secret for you: I will only let you go if you bring me a little present, a present which would make me very happy!

(*Shouting*) I WANT THE MONSTER CHIMAERA, BUT NOT ALIVE! You have to know, she is a horrible little pussy cat. She has the head of a lion, the body of a goat and the tail is a snake. Don't make the puss angry, or she will incinerate you with her fiery breath! Or she might strangle you with her strong tail. Ha, ha, ha.....

Bellerophon (*calmly*): Very well - I will find Chimaera and kill her. Nothing is impossible for me!

Bellerophon gets his shield and spear and sets off into the forest. After hours of walking he lies down to sleep. That night he has a dream in which a lovely lady appears. It is in fact the Goddess Minerva, Goddess of War and Wisdom. She whispers into his ear:

Minerva: I want to help you. Here is a golden bridle. It belongs to a horse, not an ordinary horse, oh no! It is a horse that can fly! It has wings! It will help you. You will find it in front of you as you wake up. His name is Pegasus, but.....just call him Peggy and he will do whatever you want!

Sure enough, as Bellerophon awakes, there is a beautiful white , winged horse.

Bellerophon: Hello, horsey! Come, little Peggy, here is your bridle. Let's go and find that monster.

Bellerophon mounts Pegasus and flies into the morning sun. Very soon he catches sight of Chimaera. He swoopes down, chokes its fiery breath with lead and with his knife cuts off its lion's head and the snake tail.

Bellerophon (in excitement): Peggy, you were wonderful! Let's fly up to Mount Olympus and party with the Gods! I think, you and me, Peggy, together we are as strong as Jupiter and deserve to live on Mount Olympus!

Jupiter, high up on the mountain of the Gods gets very angry at hearing this and, in his rage, he sends a gadfly to sting Pegasus. Bellerophon is thrown from his horse and plummets to earth.

This is the sad end of the arrogant Bellerophon and the lovely horse Pegasus.