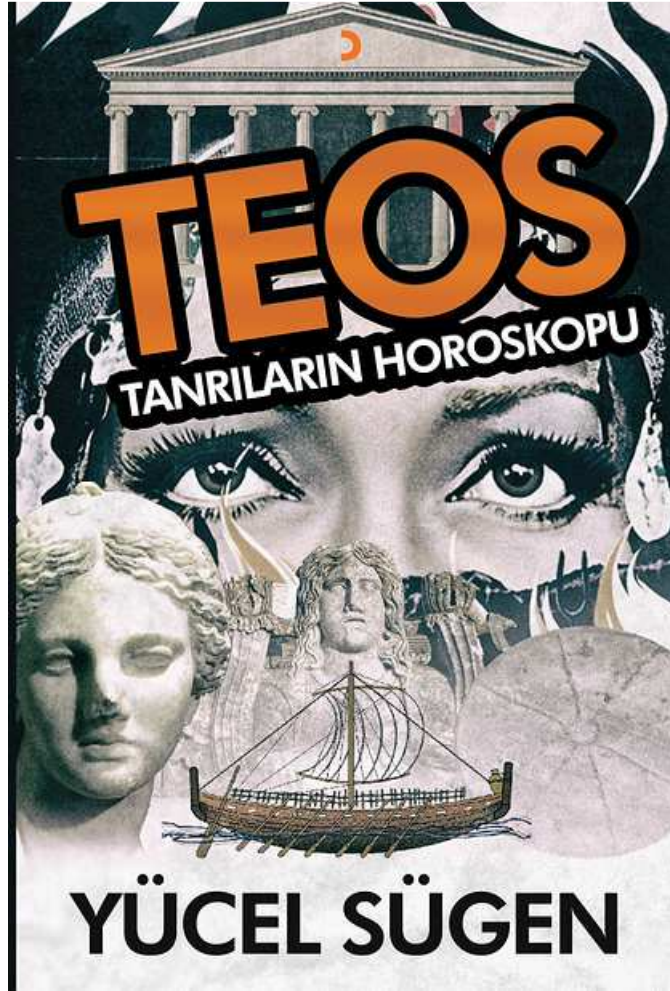


# TEOS - HOROSCOPE OF THE GODS



## Entrance

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## First Chapter

General presentation of the life in Antic Teos and Ionia region around 500 B.C. There are preparations of the play's stage that is going to be represented in that evening. The reader meets the female main character, SELENA. Definition of a Scythian man that was brought to the city in a boat as a slave. The story tells about the major historical events lyrically and mythologically. We learn the truth behind how people of Teos was

saved from Persian invasion. The explanations about city of Teos and Ionian life is based on 20 years of research by the writer.

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At the first chapter, we see the Scythian boy born in Taurica Region at the north of Black sea on the eclipse of the Sun (28th May of 585 B.C.). After his parents were killed he was sold by the desert vandals to the Teos merchants who are on their way in a freighter to Tyras, under Greek occupation. Ship master Teofile takes a great role for him to grow interest in sea&marine during the voyage between Tyras-Teos. On the other hand Scythian boy's mind and character; courage and interest captures the admiration of the shipmaster.when they arrive to Teos ship-owner PROTEUS sends message to ADRAS, their housekeeper in the villa. Suggests them to buy the Scythian kido. Protheus' only son has a dissolute personality that cares about nothing but expensive fancy cloths and his boyfriends and not capable to take the responsibility as an heir and a future-protector of his family and wealth. That is why it is being considered to purchase a slave boy in order to join the family, to be raised and trained properly. Housekeeper Adras purchases the boy and brings to the villa.

## **Second Chapter**

Time to begin a new life for the Scythian slave. Flora from Chios island has lived in a Greek colony with her husband in Taurica and learned Scythian language. They bring the woman who returned to the island after her husband's death as language teacher to the villa. Scythian boy works as a groom for the horses in the villa meanwhile practises Teos dialect. In the Scythian nomad culture the horses bare great importance and the boy is a magnificent rider. He names his favourite horse MANDANE. This same horse is also loved by Proteus' youngest daughter, Selena. Horses become their common interest that initiate their feelings for each other.

Scythian slave, Selena and Myron start trainings in Gymnasium of Teos. He is also a guard for Proteus' children. Teos is ahead of other Ionia cities from in trade, marine and it has a very democratic social structure. Slaves live here generally don't face with any

provocative or bullying manners. Moreover one of the biggest Dionysus festivals, Lenaia is open for the slaves too. There is not many things exists that the slaves can complain about except the Citizen rights. That is why people don't protest because Scythian slave being trained with Proteus' children.

Here we witness the Scythian boy's homeland's religion and religious rituals. After he acquaints with the Ionian religious routines too, he develops a new God and Religion perception. He now comes to like the sea, Hellenistic World's Sea God POSEIDON possesses his interest. As an outcome of good-feeding and his age the female symbols of the world he recently joined fires his sexual instincts. He discovers he is fond of sexuality and women. He arouses by the naked body of Selena's mother ADONIA while she's enjoying in the villa's pool.

After he meets with the prophet MELAMPUS lives in Delphi Island, Teos who is famous in town he learns why his emotions are so supreme and fascinated by women so easily from his horoscope interpretation. Here interpreting the incidents in the story brings out the astrology concept. He conceives there is no quincidence behind the misteries of life. So he believes the destiny puzzle that occupies his thoughts will lead him to experience very important incidents in his life. He is convinced that Teos will play a karmic role in his future. He starts to wait the future that surrounds his soul in a passionate excitement. He senses his life won't be simple and ordinary.

He is astonished by the new order and weird customs he recently witnesses. Especially men having bath all naked together conflicts with the Scythian social customs. But by time the more he concures a warm intencity and spiritual integration with his environment the more popularity he gets from around. Proteus dock located on the canal in the South harbour comes to the scene as a place that will make deep affects in his life. He is fascinated by the ship building. This becomes one of the keystones of his life. He is allowed to work in the dock and he saves all his free time to work here. He fixes an old boat that was left discarded in a corner and manages to make a small sailboat out of it. he starts with bringing food and provisions sail tours and evolves to the coast exploration of around Teos shores & islands. Among all these he continues his progress with web hunting around Delphi Island rocks, investigate and hunt undersea while he is diving in the summertime. He also shares his hunting goods and invests in friendships.

In the DIONYSUS festivals with the spiritual enthusiasm, the glamour of wine and the atmosphere dissolves women from their social oppressions that causes them to block their feminine nature in the daily life fascinates Scythian boy. The fact is he desires to grow an adult at once and to share sexual adventures with light skinned attractive women. His is in a supreme lack of a friend that he can trust and share all his troubles. In such a time he meets a peer named CENON, also a slave in the villa because of his father's dept. So starts their closest, lifetime friendship. Cenon is actually waits for his time to last as a slave to become a Teos citizen again. His biggest dream is to join Olympics and show himself in the Stadion race. Slaves aren't allowed to join these races but he is practising constantly assuming he is going to be able to attend one day. The thought of spending all his strength in the races is keeping him away from women.

Here we acknowledge with Teos and territory around. Seeing the people's character and their way of living. Explanation of the concepts like Panionion Unity and importance of Poseidon temple in Mykale. Whilst the vineyards in the territory states to be very productive, the wine produced of those vineyards is emphasized as very important for Dionysus culture and daily life. The theatre takes a big role in the Dionysus festivals. Scythian slave arouses from their first coincidental physical contact with Myron who has homosexual tendencies during their way home from a play together with Selena.

Scythian boy starts to take sword drills from a retired Spartan soldier at the same time he continues with his education. He keeps working in the dock and villa. One day when he brings material to Delphi Island he visits Prophet Melampus and meets with a 12 years old girl Eirene of Thrace, daughter of Garrison Commander. The affection between them two strenghtens with the influence of Black Sea Territory where home of them both. As he looks for a way to see her again he takes help from Melampus as an astrolog. He tells that he was born during sun eclipse and asks questions about his faith. He learns he will be answered in the future. Scythian boy likes and wants to get intimate with the girl called Eirene who has pretty legs and starts to involve her into his imaginary world !

### **Third Chapter**

Regime in Teos is the rule of the Prytanis and council members who were elected by the elections. Judges (aka. Akhron) stays on duty for limited time are given the highest authority and works as the lawmakers. Whole power of Aristocracy was concentrated in the hands of a single PRYTANĪS (namely Prytanis) who was not only the Prytanis of the

council, but the virtual head of the city , invested with executive power. From this point life in Atina lays as an example for all Ionian towns at the time. In this chapter the regime and the applications of the time is being introduced. Evolution of the tyranny and the reasons for it are shown and the separation of Teos' way of life from the contemporaries is being emphasized. It is a trade and marine town and the delights of life always has the priority. Vanessa, who is most beautiful and rich woman in the Samos Island- where people are tortured in the war of tyranny, is very impressed with Teos freedom and plans to leave her hometown and move here.

Vanessa gets her ship loaded with her valuable property and treasure and leaves Samos Island and makes her way through Teos dock. Here all her property is accompanied with garrison soldiers in the carriers and brought to Proteus villa. The driver of her own carrier is the Scythian boy. While he waits for the ship at the dock he meets with Commander's daughter Eirene and they tend to flirt.

A gorgeous feast takes place in the Proteus Villa in the honour of Vanessa's settlement in Teos. Prytanis of Teos EUMELOS and Judge PHYLAS attends with their wives. In that while the top news is the order for grey veined Africano Luculleum marble from Egypt to MEGARTAS family who owns the marble mines in town and that it was goint to be carried with Proteus ships. Prytanis of Teos Eumelos is after getting his share from the trade and in the same time lays his eyes on the new Teos citizen Vanessa. Proteus on the other hand wants to build a shipment partnership with the young Samosian woman and benefit from her tax immunity for four years. These rich, powerful and elegant people have hundreds of thoughts snake in their minds !

Vanessa is superstitious and under spirituel influences. She hears the fame of Prophet Melampus and decided to visit where she lives, Delphi island. The voyage to the Island is with Scythian boy's boat. They bring many supplies and food with them to the island enough for long for the prophet. While Vanessa and the prophet discuss on the horoscope, Scythian boy starts to chat with Eirene as he meets her accidentally. Vanessa recalls her first relationship under the effect of her excitement. Her first kiss was with a woman who was her relative. So we learn the foundation of her sexual tendencies. The horoscope analysis and other occultism applications affects and devistates her deeply. We observe her life, personality and emotional concussions here. In the meanwhile the Prophet reveals to the Scythian boy wants to learn his future that his destiny will change

according to an incident whereabouts the island. He thinks what may have happen around there that can change his destiny anyway while he brings Vanessa to the South Gate of Teos !

#### **Fourth Chapter**

4th chapter includes the celebrating launch of the new ship produced in Proteus docks and the first sexual experience of the Scythian boy. The celebration in the Poseidon month is also dated on the eclipse. There is rituals that Prophet Melampus and temple sisters attend. The prophet chats with the high society and curious women that ask astrology questions and explains that the justice comes only from sky powers by using interesting examples. "The arrow and the string" takes attention.

Vanessa, owner of the ship enjoys the town chorus and orchestra whilst people are served with wine and honey muffins and the sisters and priests are gathered in the dock to bless her new ship in her new home. Riches are always successful to arrange the colour and sounds of the incidents as they want. Pretty lady in the role of party queen complains to her friends that she can't find a guy of her equal. The preparations in the dock was organised by Captain Teofile who is away from the sea for long and he was planned to be the commander of the ship when she is ready to sail in the springtime. The time of putting a ship's body on the slipway; starting the build and the time of the launch is a topic of the knowers and is a kind of positive time measuring process. That is why Prophet Melampus is the popular person of the celebrations.

On the winter eclipse when the ship will be launched Jupiter left Scorpio and enter Sagittarian and move along 2 degrees. It was considered as a wonderful cosmic timing and lucky date in the Poseidon festivals. The most important assistant of Captain Teofile is Scythian boy. He told Eirene not to disappear anywhere during the preparations. The skids were lubricated and the boat was lowered into the canal water in the direction of the board and connected by the climbing board. Scythian finishes all his work related to the ship and takes off from the dock with Eirene to the villa for checking the horses and barns there. They get into the villa garden from the northern fence being careful not to be caught by any sight. They start to make love as they enter the room by the barn that he stays. Scythian boy is at the top of sexual hunger and desires for opposite sex. Girl under the affect of sex tells him: "from now on I will meet you at the Dionyssos Festival. And I will ask you to repeat what you did tonight. Beware! In Teos women desires are prior!"

After the celebrations life in Teos turns back to normal. Three youngsters go to school together. Occasionally they buy muffins and share them. Once when they sit on a marble couch by the Theatre Scythian boy helps Selena to collect fig from the tree and her Brother Myron gets very jealous while their skin touch to each other. There is times life brings confusing changes and developments. That is what misterious about the fate and how a great love comes out of hatred or a great love changes into an outh of vengeance.

As Teos regime is in a half-democratic structure and practices Atina laws; Atina is ruled by tyranny of Peisistratos. Prytanis (Arkhon) Eumelos is very dissolute and fond of women. Businessmen bribe him with the most beautiful of the slave women in the ships that arrives to the town.

In Ionia city states Atina Trade Laws and justice system was being practised. When the bankers and the dept/credit system becomes one of the major elements of trading, Marine trade credits are invented. It came out as a very particular credit brand since that marine trade used to have high risks and the credit had very high interest percentages. As new trade areas develop brokerage came in to the scene. It is important to value 50 days after the summer solstice. The weather is convenient for every cruise and to lose even one day is considered as a huge waste. The fortune Vanessa brought to Teos was about 10 talent. To use such big money on brokage is appeared to be a very tempting investment. BLEPAOIS, known with his expertness for banking and banks starts to work for Vanessa. Banker Blepaois was moved from Ephesus to Teos. He was involved with a scandal there and here in Teos he was protected by big politicians for the sake of his money although he has a bad reputation. Prytanis Eumelos has eye on pretty and rich Vanessa dreaming on either her wealth and beauty.

## **Fifth Chapter**

Teos covered by spring green with trees dressed up flowers is like a youngster in his puberty ages. Main purpose is to enjoy life at its edges. During the long winter nights games with knucklebones were being played and jugs of wine were consumed. Now it is to be seen people discharge their energies with music, songs and dances and by running about on the prairie. It was worth to watch among the songs that is sang, girls with plump calfs jumping around with moving ritms and signing to the men they like. When the joy of spring began, Scythian boy whilst he doesn't skip training, works in Villa and the Dock rides around Teos o his favorite horse, Mandane. Once he reaches up to Kyrbissos, the

town located one hour away from the headquarters in the northeast. He wants to see Eirene who is with her father. Young girl took him to the grapeyard with the excuse to show him the vine stocks. They make love lying on the floor in the yards. When the farewell time comes Eirene tells him that her father wants her get married with an officer that works in Smyrna. Scythian boy cannot prevent this marriage no way since he is a slave.

They give the name Palinurus to the new ship and the implementation is completed at spring time. She is planned to do her first cruise to Ephesus. Adonia and Vanessa will be in the ship during the voyage and then turn back to Teos. The cruise will carry plates prepared in Teos marble quarries for Artemis Temple that is being constructed at the time. The cost of this carriage is paid by Vanessa. Scythian boy and runner Cenon join this voyage as part of the crew. After a short journey they reach Ephesus channel at the evening of the same day and they harbor the inner dock with the guidance of harbor pilot. Couriers on horses who were sent ahead by Proteus and Eumelos prepares everything for their arrival. Two pretty ladies are welcome by SIMONEDES of house Pasicles that is called Taracha Villa. They move to their rooms in Taracha Villa and they enjoy the pool in the villa before dinner. After Adonia cleaned and leave Vanessa meets Phoebe, one of the slave girls in the villa. The body shapes of the girl who has a unique beauty triggers the homosexual desires of the woman. She kisses her and falls in love in a very short while.

Whilst the necessary preparations are on process for starting to unload the carriage next day the dark comes and Captain Teofile together with Scythian and Cenon go to a tavern in Agora and dine. Then they visit a famous brothel to have fun with women work there. Next day during the carriage was unloading one of the carriages have an accident and the driver gets hurt. Teofile and the Scythian goes by the incident and Scythian learns what to do in a situation likewise.

In the villa Vanessa notices that Phoebe didn't show up in her room as she's been waiting for her whole night and learns that it is the house owner who prevents the girl to come to her room. So she oaths ot to leave Ephesus without buying the girl she falls in love in one night. a golden key can open any door ! When the ship sails to Teos Phoebe is bought from her owner and now by Vanessa's side.



For years it was told Vanessa paid a fortune for beautiful Phoebe. Moreover there is a joke says Goddess Artemis was uneasy in her new temple and thinks if she was doing wrong because she lives as a virgin. People come to the city after long and difficult voyages and become pilgrim, see this as a miracle of the Goddess and takes the story with them to spread all over Ionia. Even Trojan Helen kidnapped by Paris doesn't devastate people as deeply !

## **Sixth Chapter**

Sixth chapter starts Vanessa visits Prophet Melampus in her Island after she returns to Teos. Main subject of the meeting they did alone was "How did this crossbreed girl made me a love slave within a day, even in the first sight?" Melampus first states Love is the joy play of Gods and questions the attraction and faith between two women by using astrological proofs. She suggests her to protect the girl in the future. It is been discussed Phoebe to be freed from the slavery.

"I do anything for Phoebe. I don't forgive anyone who harms a hair on her head." During the dialog she asks the Prophet the reasons slaves the Gods to love and answer is "to answer this question I need to see the horoscope of the God dear Vanessa !" Vanessa caught by a sudden storm and torrents on her way back to Delphi Island. Her carriage brakes down as she was on the road to her villa and the Scythian boy picks her up to the back of his horse and takes her to the villa. Phoebe is among the others meets them at the gates and doesn't like her loved one to be holding on the Scythian boy on the horse. While Vanessa tells the housekeeper to give money to the Scythian boy in return for his service Phoebe says: "I have seen you coming here hugging him on the back of the horse. You rewarded him enough already..."

Love might be a game to the Gods but it was more like the sharp knife of an executioner or the loop of a hanging tree.

When Teos Prytanis, Eumelos learns Vanessa returns from Teos with a lover and this lover be a crossbreed girl who is beautiful enough to make Gods jealous, he almost fall over the purple mosaics on the floor of the Prytanisial palace. As his pride smashed and disappointed Prytanis decides to make new plans and take action. He wants to do what it takes and revenge painfully now. In the council meeting his proposal for urgent direct taxes was approved. He took from the participants stamped and signed papyrus

rushes. The only work to do is to define the law and write down the amounts. He talks to Banker Blepaois about what Vanessa did. According to Teos Law it is forbidden women to practise usury. Afterwards he consults with Chancelor Phylas and they agree upon

In the time that is stated as "A Dark Day" Vanessa, deceived to come to the Prytanisial Palace and poisoned with a drink to lose her reflexes and the Prytanis rapes young woman. Vanessa, devastated goes back to the villa and hides what happened to her from the woman she loves. She protects her from an action that can get her into trouble. After a while she begins to make revenge plans and she chooses the Scythian boy for her assistance. They meet in the Poseidon cave at the southern cost, out of the City of Teos. She even proposes sex because she feels the boy desires her for a long time but the Scythian boy promises to help her without expecting any return. First step of the plan is to take the files back from Banker Blepaois and to avoid from expatriation of Teos citizenship. Vanessa thins of a name for Scythian Boy after then. She wants to name him THERON. It means "hunter".In the meanwhile Palinurus starts its new voyage under command of Captain Teofile. It takes off to the Greek colony in Egypt Naukretis harbour. When the voyage begins Teofile says to the Scythian boy that a Phoenician ship will arrive to the Proteus Dock for repair. He advices to get close to Phonecians, who are marine experts and collect information. He explains "A Phonecian ship in these times, means a gift from Gods."

Banker Blepaois was very fond of his pleasures. Once a week he leaves Teos to go to the countryside on horse and hunts with his trained hawk that is with him all the time. Scythian planning to ambush him and hurt with an arrow meets with Vanessa in the graveyard out of Teos (tumulus) to let her know of his plans. There is a herbal poison at the top of the arrow that would paralyze the victim. After the Banker is shot when he was riding at the forestland around the Smyrna road and drop down Cenon, awaits out of Teos, takes the sign and runs towards the city at his best like an athlet in the Olympic games. Scythian turns back to the dock and show up to the people around. So during the investigations he will be witnessed in the docks.

After all went very well it is understood that the Banker will be paralyzed in all the rest of his life. Prytanis is looking for the archer by any means necessary. When Thracian girl Eirene returns to Teos he comes to see Scythian boy after festival of Dionysus. In a cold and windy autumn weather mixed with winter he takes the young girl with his sailboat

and takes to the bay at the east of Delphi Island. The relaxation of the festival is still on the air. While they are kissing laid on the pillows spreaded on the wooden ground of the sailboat at anchor, hidden under the dowsed stile protected from the wind, Eirene says that the investigators lay emphasis on retired soldiers at the case of the Banker shot by an arrow. She gives news of her wedding in Smyrna at the summertime after she spends the winter in Teos. In the meanwhile Prytanis's men were struggling very hard to find the archer. Vanessa calls the Scythian boy to the villa and warns him about a possible interrogation. But he is acquitted after it was proven that he was at the docks at that time.

The Phoenician ship that was expected comes to Teos under command of Captain BEDAR and enters to Proteus Harbour. Cenon is paid and freed of slavery by Vanessa after he took a major role on the ambush of the Banker. As he has Teos Citizenship now, there is no obstacles left between him and the Olympic Games. Their friendship that will last for long years with the Scythian is now strengthen even more after he helps him to achive the most important incident of his life.

### **Seventh Chapter**

Seventh chapter starts with the guide captain who sidles the Phoenician ship, telling whoever he meets that how great sailors these guys are based on his own experiences and it continues with the tale of the ship in the dock. Captain Bedar meeting with the dock employees recognises the Scythian boy is talented and smart as soon as they meet. Scythian boy's experiences in the Phoenician ship takes him into a magical world. He catches the details severs it from the ships that he is used to. He starts to imagine how to adapt it to the production of the new ship on the keel. He is after learning Phoenician traditions, habits and methods they've been using in marine.

"I am leaving this weekwnd my friend." Says Cenon to begin. "There is a ship to move from Smyrna to Atina. They'll take me to Atina and I'll spend the winter there. I'll get prepared for the races and complete duties that is given to me. Your friendship gave me this chance here and i'll never forget you..." so Cenon leaves Teos one morning and hits the road. The days passing by fastly starts for Scythian boy after then. He should continue gymnasium and catch up the lessons he missed. Luckily Selena helps him for the lessons he missed by sharing her notes. The older the young girl grows the more beautiful young girl becomes. There is a certain gap between them two that can be felt. He is not even able to see the measure of this gap. What happened to Cenon, that can be called a

miracle is his own achievement and his dearest friend is set to be free. Selena on the other hand is like a kitty shelters under his arms with her innocent look and soft voice. To be the daughter of the most powerful and richest man in Teos cannot make her a different person. After all he would never forget his duty to protect her like a sister. Contrarily Myron with his behaviors and clear looks, never leaves his side but turns into a wild coyote all of a sudden and stables his fire-like burning eyes onto him. He is jealous with him like a lover and doesn't bother to hide it. He would get furious for even her sister approaches and interests to him !

When the still and withdrawn winter comes to Teos Vanessa seems to be consoled with the love she found in the arms of her beautiful lover and the time past after the horrible incident she experienced. She avoids to come together with Prytanis. During a dinner invitation she can't bare to his presence, leaves early and goes back to villa. Phoebe's been swimming in the pool when she comes and reading by heart a poem of Anakreon who recently become famous at the age of 16. Two women as pretty as to make Gods jealous cuddling to each other with passion and their lips meeting while the tears come down from their cheeks and Vanessa's mournings echoes on the walls and high seiling of the hammam: "I can't live if I lose you, my love"

The most important assistant for an adventurar who wants to see the world from the seas stubbornly is the maps in the locked chests. The sailors pass through to the West from Hercules' columns open to the ocean and on the East to the Erythra (red sea) and sail around Africa must be someone mistical. To achieve all these requires priorly to have a map showing where to go and a sign in the sky telling where it leads more than a courageous heart. Captain Bedar sees there is something else than to collect and sell the information beyond his exited temperament and desire to learn. He wants to fill the gaps of not being Helen with his intellect and courage. He opens his chest and lays onto the table a map drawn on a huge papyrus. This is a world map surrounded by the oceans. Scythian boy starts to collect all the information he needs from the Phoenician Captain that he made friendship with. One day they go to visit Dionysus Temple with Captain Bedar. They meet with Pontiff. So three different religions are being synthesised here.

When Bedar figures our the Scythian boy is after a revenge he says Revenge is a meal best served cold and tries to calm him down. He advices him to revenge by using his head. He tells him about a drug in his home town that makes one mad and drives to

suicide. Scythian boy is exhausted with his tiring works, various methods for revenge plans and his education plan in the same time. One day he opens the subject to Selena. He asks her opinion about dropping down the classes. Selena protests and wants him to continue his education. They wander around Teos on horse in a cold winter day. He likes Selena as she now appears a woman but there is no point of dreaming in a house that he is a slave of !

When Spring comes Phoenician ship completes repair and leaves Teos, meanwhile Captain Teofile comes back from its Egypt expedition. Scythian goes to visit the Prophet to Delphi Island and learns that Eirene gets pregnant right after she gets married and had a baby girl that has serious medical problems. Melampus says she always takes decisions independently by herself and care about neither the stars nor her advices telling her to avoid giving birth !

As Palinurus comes to the dock Scythian boy and Teofile comes together again. Teofile brings some gifts from Egypt. A book of a traveler with drawings and an Egyptian Medical book is among them. Scythian falls into a very different and colourful world, fills with the desire to travel misterious places on the world. He explains his joy with words,

“If you’d find and bring a sack of gold from Egypt, that wouldn’t be this much valuable my Respectful Captain...”

Scythian boy telling him about what he has seen on the Phoenician ship and showing his notes, convinces Teofile. In a meeting held in the dock they take approval from Proteus and changes the design of the new ship “BERENICE” that is being built. For the first time a ship to have captain cabin. The advantages of triangle shaped sails come to surface.

Cenon, comes in fourth in the Stadion race of Atina’s festival and games, Panathenaic achieves an important victory among all those ambitious people racing for fame and money. But this achievement is not enough for a name. Yet still it was a miracle that opens new oportunitites in front of Cenon. He even had a chance to be the son-in-law to a famous family that has political power ! In his letter he writes to his friend in Teos:

“To be only the fourth has changed my life my friend. I can’t even imagine what would happen if i was not late to strike during the start. I am having a proposal every day to choose one of the magnificent girls as a wife and to go into politics. Psistratus is the

tyrant and ruler of Atina. People do what he says. Since that he is the establisher of the games, he is giving some advantages to the people who have talent. He will be my guide from now on the change of my life has started with archery talent of yours. Your prospering arrow shot that graceless man has changed my life too. In a feast I mentioned about your Scythian talent. I have told with the help of your senses in archery you can easily shoot a flying bird. Pisistratus paid a lot of attention and as far as I have heard he will now replace all of his guardian forces with Scythian mercenaries. A magnificent squad gathered of archers is about to come to life. If you can be a free man one day don't forget your chance here. Praying to Gods for your sake."

Vanessa who had oath to terminate Prytanis Eumelos, decides to pour the poison Scythian took from the Phoenician ship into the Prytanis's wine cup. In the meanwhile the Prytanis has a voyage to Milet city. His purpose is to investigate the most powerful and rich country of the time which is ruled by tyranny and search for a path alike for his own. There is a natural event takes place in Teos. At the beginning of Autumn during the harvesting season is considered the season that busy times begin. Grapes collected at the vintage in the Highland appear to be completing their growing process in a different level at night when weather gets cooler and most delicious wines are made out of them. The sweeter the grapes are, the better quality wine is produced. When that year's vine harvesting starts there is weird events comes up in the Teos region. Giant snakes which are attacking to farmers were also fighting with each other and there were snakes found dead of trying to swallow their opponent. It was just like Medusa is risen and came down to Earth to unleash her grudge. There was no escape from Medusa. She curses or turns whoever she sights into stone. Everything is so messed up that it is being told even the wine produced is cursed. After visiting Prophet Melampus the winers' community left the island even more confused. The Prophet interprets the situation with these words: the time that is being lived is not threatened by all these incidents. A monster powerful enough to swallow our civilization will rise up in the future..."

People never forget war of the snakes in Teos when there was the first of the Panathenaic games in Atina. Vanessa fears of being subjected to Medusa's curse. She donates to Athena Temple for prayers and sacrifices.

When the winter comes and it snows soil all around Teos is covered by a white rug. Scythian, Selena and Myron get out of the city at horseback. A weird thing takes place

by the twin lighthouses. Myron gets out of sight behind the hills and when Scythian finds him checking for his horse's hooves before Scythian can figure out what is happening Myron gets his arms around him and kisses him all of a sudden. Scythian notices he soft skinned and smells like a woman. So the first physical intimacy between them is on a cold winter day by the lighthouses. Myron then tells him to forget about it and it won't repeat ever again. Scythian thinks about Selena's matured body like a young woman and knows nothing will ever be the same again !

## **Eighth Chapter**

Prytanis Eumelos makes a plan in the days his soul flames and burns with sexual desires and hatred for Vanessa in the same time. He is going to offer her a choice by using Phoebe, her slave and lover. And this time one night won't be all. She is supposed to agree to get married with the Prytanis and be a part of a threesome Phoebe can also join ! On chapter eight the dramatic part of the story takes place. Prytanis chooses the day when Vanessa attends to a meeting about the new ship in the dock to take action. He summons Phoebe to the Prytanisial Palace. There is no witness to the incident in the palace but the rumour says Phoebe hurts the Prytanis by using a knife she had hidden under textiles she wears. Guards rush into the room in accordance with his screams killed Phoebe with strikes of their swords. Later on Vanessa taking the sad news goes back to her villa and sees her lover's dead body there.

Phoebe's dead body is brought to the house and laid on a bed. Her cherry smelled lips Vanessa kissed only a few hours ago starts to get a purple colour. Her blood is covered almost all over her dress turns it into the colour of weasels. She ordered her servants to clean and sew up the sword cuts and get her ready for the funeral. People were getting ready for the biggest eid that is to start the next day in Teos. Vanessa on the other hand embroidering the coffin of her lover that will put one half of her life under the ground. She blamed herself all through the night "I should have took care of that bastard Prytanis already. Why have I been acted so helpless?"

The funeral crowd come from where the East gate located correspondent to Agora in the midst of the walls and continue as through Reedslake Tmumus area with the songs made out of the poems by Anacreon that recently begins to show his talent as a result of likewise events. It is said that the poet who has seen the girl once in his life is very sad with her death and calling her "the misterious beauty hidden between the walls."

Another fact that comes out after the death of Phoebe is that she has been freed by Vanessa. It was kept as a secret except a few people who know. The Prytanis lost his manhood as a result of his fight with Phoebe. At first he is agreed with the conditions because of the pressure from the advocates of Proteus family and other important people that he is not to join the elections as a candidate again and to resign of his duty.

Vanessa lost her balance for a while after the shocking loss she had. She decides to take a holy trip the aim to recover her mental health again. Her first destinations to be Ephesus and Athena Temple in it; where they first met with Phoebe. Once when they were here she says to her while she was washing her face with the water of the altar: "If you lose me one day in the future, wash your face with the water of this spring and imagine that I am with you. I will be here with you in that moment for real." After Ephesus she goes back to Teos and attend the gathering for launching of the ship named "Berenice". Then she was to go to Atina to visit Zeus Olympus Temple. In the meanwhile the Gods were preparing them a huge surprise, especially for the Scythian slave. It might be Phoebe's wish at the gates of Hades !

Berenice launches to the water with a lean and acrid gathering and attaches in the dock to complete its last touches and needs. They need to take her to the park in Southern harbour for a week because its spot is needed for another urgent repair. It is anchored to a spot close to Delphi Island and for guarding the ship they leave a marine famous with his drunkenness because the minds are all confused during the while. A strong evening wind starts as the evening comes. Because Berenice is empty and have a wide surface that gets effected of winds a lot, she is freed off of the ropes. She is seen that she takes her way towards the rocky area at the South end of Delphi Island. It is almost dark when Scythian sees that while he is back to Teos with his sail boat and he takes quick action to approach and jump on board. It was too late for asking for help because it requires him to go back to town and it means losing more time. He knows the channel between Delphi Island and the little isles at the South of it with his experiences with the fishing webs. He was diving around here many times. He thinks to hold on to a certain direction by using the anchor that sails and sews the head of the craft. The wind on the sails pushes the ship forward. He gets the ship through where he knows is clear. Then he cuts the anchor rope and lets it go, so he passes the channel and reaches to the open sea. Then he takes the ship from the South of the rocky area and makes its way towards Teos bay. He comes very close to the coast where the Tumullus area is located, he harbours with back up anchor.



People in Teos gets shocked because Scythian slave saves the ship. Other marines and Teofile comes on board at night and when they enter to the harbour people cumulates at the coast and starts to applause. What happened is the milestone of his life that Prophet Melampus mentioned about earlier. He is freed by ship owner Proteus. In return of saving the ship he is now to be paid a wage. This achievement brings him some citizenship rights. Now he has a name by law: NELEUS. His fate is written and he decides to be a Captain.

New ship, Berenice is embroidered and ready for the cruise. They are to load the ship with copper mine in order to carry it from Soloi harbour in Cyprus to Atina with Neleus under the command of Captain Teofile. They plan to sustain in Teos after Cyprus and Vanessa will join on board and leave for Atina. Neleus goes to Dionysus Temple to thank for what he has been through. The Pontiff called by the nun welcomes him, says his name is known now and he showed his affection for Teos' soul by stopping by to the temple and blesses him.

During the Cyprus cruise Proteus takes him to the mines in Soloi Harbour. He shows him the miserable life of the saleves working there. He tells to Neleus, shocked at the moment with what he has seen: "I brought you to the mine to make you see the truth. I wanted you to discover the life. What you have lived in Teos wasn't slavery at all. Real slaves are these wretches who works in this mine. Galley slaves in the warships. If they are lucky enough not to die under the collapsed tunnels, the poisoned gases comes off of the mine ruin their lungs in a few years and kill them. Here is a scene that shows one side of life and therefore shows the worth of what we have. Don't forget this day and be thankful to your fortune for what you have my friend."

They come to Teos South harbour after they grab their bags. Same night Neleus joined to a dinner that is held in the Villa of Protheus. The major change in his life after he is done being a Scythian slave was the ease of wandering around the Villa including the private areas. He is now able to enter the hall and talk to Selena easily. He can play with Myron's dog Boreas whilst he sits at the sofa under the arbour of the suumer mansion surrounded by magnificent flowers with the view of Aegea. Small changes that looks simple changes his social life. As he arrives to the villa he sees Selena and Myron are entertaining with some artist, poet and musician friends of theirs and poet Anecron is

among them. He feels he is jealous with young and beautiful Selena from the artists. Singer Pirro is also there and he is after Selena.

The ship can take off barely after a week. In the meanwhile Neleus attends the Graduation ceremony in the Gymnasium. Myron tries to make up his mind in order to decide for Atina or Milet to continue his education. His father expects him to stay in Teos and help him with his works. Berenice leaves the harbour and approaches to the docks of Pire, a harbour of Atina. Vanessa leaves the ship and heads on to spend the night with her rich friends' villa. When he can take some days off with the permission of the Captain he meets with young woman and joins her visits. They go to Zeus, Olympus Temple together. It may seem like a dream to visit the most famous and mystical Zeus Temple in the world with Vanessa. It makes Neleus proud and bothered in the same time to have all eyed on themwhile he's walking along with the most beautiful woman of the time. It is a torture in fact to be side by side with a woman he desires a lot but cannot even attempt to capture ! He makes a wish in Zeus Temple avoiding to be seen by Vanessa that insists him to make a wish. "Zeus, the Great, there is one thing I wish from you. I wish Selena to be mine all along my life from now on."

Then he takes Vanessa to her Athenian friends and leaves to meet with his friend in Agora as they made the appointment and have a heart-to-heart conversation whilst dining. When he asks Cenon how he changes so much, he answers: "There are two important things here my friend. First is to have a smart and witty mind. One should be like a philosopher, I mean. The second is to have a statue-like body that shows the pain your body had as biceps and muscles. Women are very fond of these two features. In Atina everything is dominated by women. It wouldn't be possible even to breath without their blessings and permission..."

Neleus returns to the ship as soon as he leaves Cenon with a mind full of dilemma. He wants Selena but desires Vanessa. The most beautiful woman in the world is right by him but he is on his own in his bed again dreaming !

## **Ninth Chapter**

At the begining of the chapter it is told the fairwell of Cenon and Neleus on the board of Berenice. Two friends says goodbye without knowing when they will see each other the next time. He could see his friend if he steps by the Pire harbour as a marine.

After two days voyage the ship arrives to Teos Southern Harbour. The ship is rented for carrying wine from Milet to the Blacksea Colony. To investigate the Education possibilities Myron is to come to Milet too. Because of the people of Karya and South Mediteranian together looks more charming. When they are sitting alone under the arbour in the villa Neleus makes a proposal to Selena. He proposes to go to a place together that he calls the paradise. After Selena accepts his proposal he tells they shall go the next they right after he finishes his works at the ship with the sailboat.

When they left the South Harbour with the sailboat through the bay it was only the beginning of the first half of the day. The day was getting warmer and making it visible from the wet heat wave all throught the surface of the sea while they leave Delphi Island behing. In the field around town of Lebedos located in the Teos' South the underground spring waters come to surface at the coast and makes the sight of incredible natural wonders. One of the hot water veins was coming out at a sea cave by the coast. Neleus discovers the cave that nobody knows, and dreams to share this paradise whie he is been lying in the hot spring water that mixes with the cold sea water. As soon as they come to the entrance of the cave Neleus takes off his clothes and dives into the water. He calls the girl into the water. Young girl jumps into the water with her clothes. The water is warm in the cave. He takes Selena onto a rock shallow enough to sit above the water and they sit together on it. All of a sudden Neleus made a move to trigger a major change in the flow of his life as if this is a cosmic supernatural touch of the universe. She grabs her from her waist and kisses her. It was so long that cut his breath as he is been keeping his tongue in her mouth. When their lips seperate like a marathone runner he is barely able to say: "I love you Selena.. Would you marry me". Something very unexpected happens and she states that she wants to marry him if her family accepts it. This is a life's biggest turn and cornerstone. On their way back they step by Delphi Island and visit Prophet Melampus together. After they tell him their plan to get married and their ages are 15 and 20 the Prophet man suggests them not to open their purpose to anyone yet. When they leave the Delphi Island there is a coversaiton between Neleus and the Prophet as : "Dear Melamphus once you have mentioned about the Horoscope of the God. You said I will see it one day. Can you guide me more on this?" "Your path that you have choosen is already taking you there Neleus. When you go up the stairs of the Apollon Temple you will see the Horoscope of the God at the ground." "which Apollon Temple are you talking about?" "The one in Didyma Neleus..."

Just before the Milet cruise starts Neleus gets called and goes to Vanessa's Villa. They discuss the Prytanis Eumelos issue there. During that while he feels that he can have the most beautiful woman of the world in case he promises to take her revenge but he holds himself as he thinks about the times he spent with Selena and remembers the promise he took from her.

When Myron and Neleus reach to the city at the Milet war where they anchor to reach to the dock they lay on their beds on board and watch the stars. One night Neleus wakes up with the wet lips of Myron attached to his. Neleus started to think about how he is going to deal with such a problem after he gets married with Selena. Then the next morning the daily works of the ship starts. In the afternoon after work Teofile takes these two friends to the tavern in Agora. In the West Agora when they have fun and dine Myron gets social with a group of people from Karya. After he comes back to the ship he goes out again with a Karian young man that comes after him. When Neleus learns about it from the watchman in the morning he gets shocked.

Neleus asks for permission to go to the Apollon Temple located in Didyma is convinced to take Neleus with him as per the Captain suggests. Myron complies to come with the condition he takes his friends who he met in the tavern in Milet with them. They choose one of the Taverns located on the hill at the north of the Temple. The owner of the place is Ms. CACIA who is a friend of Myron's new friends. She is also a Tracian nomad so they have a fine friendship connection with the Scythian boy. As she learns Neleus comes to the Apollon Temple with an aspiration of curiosity and trial, the wise woman speaks like an arrow off of its string "where you should head to is Labranda my brother.."

"Labranda located in the 12 km Northeast of Mylasa on one of the high hills, is one of the most important and most known sacred area of the region. It is possible to reach there through a road starts from the city walls and then goes by the woods. In Labranda there is a crevice which claimed to be parted into two by Zeus a little bit upward of the sacred area. A mortal goes there in the time the Moon makes a right angle to Jupiter can benefit Zeus' power and able to see the reality. Then there is nothing left for that mortal to learn from the knowers. If you ask me my brother you should definitely go to Labranda when you can. I advice you to visit Zeus' sacred house."

Neleus' mind is busy with the horoscopes that is said to be in Apollon Temple, he thanks to the owner of the tavern. But Labranda now is an epitaph stuck in him. When

Neleus is looking around among thousands of other visitors in the Temple garden he takes attention of a priest. They start to talk. Priest shows him the horoscopes he is been looking for is at the ground of the entrance floor of the Apollon Temple. Horoscopes are carved into the marble in the style of Oktotopos or Dominion that is made of 8 houses. As he looks at the empty faces of the horoscopes with the dissapointment of not being able to find he is looking for, the Priest suggests him to write his question down and hand it over to the knower nuns and wait for the answer.

“I don’t think I will take an answer that can setisfy me. Questions like “Is there soul and where it goes after death?” and answers doesn’t satisfy me. Even the answer to such a question if the God exists can be pointless and absurd to me. What I want to learn is in this life that can be considered as short, how can i change and fix myself and people around me?”

In the Temple garden Neleus finds Myron in front of the marble statue of Medusa’s head gathers his other fellow travellers from the tavern, rents a coach and they go back to Milet. As they enter to the city Myron leaves to entertain with his new friends. Myron doesn’t show up the next day too. Teofile and Neleus goes to a famous brothel in the city after dinner and make love to women, they’ve picked. They plan to see a play in the Theaters before they leave the city. There is a play influenced by the tragic life of Arion who is considered as the father of Greek tragedy.

They load their ship and leave Milet, when they reach Teos South harbour they anchor to leave Myron here and to take their needs for cruise. Neleus reaches the coast by the boat brings the goods and meets with Selena in an empty agency room. Two lovers hugs and smells each other longingly.

“You are going to your home town. I don’t know what I would do if you want to stay there, if something gets into your mind Neleus? Now you are a free man with a profession. There will be lots of pretty women come to your way who would like to seize you...”

Before his BlackSea voyage Neleus explains he will be a Captain when he is back and tells he will think about Selena everyday he lives.

## **Tenth Chapter**

After Berenice leaves from Teos filling her sails with the concordant summer winds Neleus felt a terrible neusiance in a few days. He loved this job and living on an endless blue but because his only friend is a deep lonesome and not have a woman's scent fill up his bed at night was tiring his soul. Moreover having Selena's image come up in front of his eyes everywhere he goes, since she attached to his life now and he is in love with her, was giving him a true happiness but in the same time trying his patience. The main theme of this chapter can be summarized with the saying " There is loneliness lies above the seas."

Voyage comes peacefully and under good weather conditions to the Byzantion bosphorus, then struggles with a norther and they anchor at Katangeion bay to wait until the weather calms down. On the 3rd they when the wind turns to southwest the get on the way again towards Euxine Sea (Black Sea). Until they reach Odessos harbour even the scent of the wind comes from where he had born is severe. He fills up with longing for his mother.

Odessos is a bright entertaining city with a small harbour. The taverns by the coast are the last destination of the day for marines, fishermen, farmers and prostitutes that wants to taste the famous wines at night. The cosmopolite pile of people from various lands are singing songs that even the language is ineligible and says goodbye only to the ones who succeed to stay on feet with a woman arm in arm. He meets with a beautiful woman from northern steppes who comes on board and invite the sailers to the entertainments during they unload the goods from the ship. When he goes to her tavern at night the robbers drugs him. He loses consciousness and Zoya takes him to her home. He lies 3 days unconscious there. He goes back to his ship as soon as he wakes up. He has to wait for a while in the ship to get back his health again. After he gets well one night they go to Zoya's tavern again with Captain Teofile and woman proposes him to come to her house to spend the night together. He thanks her for the proposal and says he has to go back to his ship and kisses her goodbye. In a few days they complete loading the ship and sail for Black Sea. The voyage starts towards Milet city. On the way they were to step by in Teos and provide some needs.

An interesting development takes place as they are gathering their needs in Teos. Myron comes to the ship and states that he will go to the Milet city. Neleus learns the ship will be taken to the docks for the winter after Milet voyage and dreams about the whole

winter season that he will be able to spend with Selena. Myron joins to the voyage for Milet made Neleus happy from a different angle. He could do that Labranda visit with him. He had many friends and a wide social environment in Miletus. He decided to be very careful about his relationship with him since one day when he gets married with Selena they are to be close relatives.

They approached the closest dock to the barn located at the West of South Agora gate for unloading the carriages. It was very far from their previous spot. It is located some place that can be considered close to Athena Temple and the Stadium. He needs to make Labranda visit when Captain Teofile is on board and as he has opportunity. Neleus could not leave his ship and take off for such a long trip while he was commanding. Myron meets his old friends when they are dining in Agora. They plan to make this long trip with a guide on horses by the help of Ms. Cacia in Didyma.

In a sunny October day with a balanced heat at dawn they leave with a carriage comes to the harbour and go to Didyma first. Ms. Cacia welcomes him with a happy smile. "It looks like you took my advice and decided to go to Labranda my dear child. I hope this decision of yours will be beneficial for you.." 3 horsemen hits the road from Didyma. They pass by Mylasa and reach the beginning of the sacred road ends up in Labranda. There is a crevice at the top of the sacred area. Their guide points at it and starts to explain: "Sir, this is the mountain parted into two by Zeus here. It is told that there is the breath of the God which changes people and makes them strong. Look, the waters come down from the mountain gather in a pool. This is one of the old cities of Karya. Zeus Temple is being built where it is believed to be sacred. In positive times of the planets, the ones that stand in the middle of the circle rounded by the stones and ask Zeus for power become mysteriously successful. As a matter of fact I may say this is a difficult but short way of destroying an enemy."

Neleus enters into the circular chosen area rounded by big stones and turned his arms facing the godly image he imagined to be sitting in his throne at the hill in front of him and closed his eyes. In fact he didn't know what to say. If he'd pray to whom and how? Would this pray really help? He thinks accordingly. If all these people are coming here to climb one of the hardest hills in the world he says to himself for sure they must have taken a result. What harm would it make since I am here already? At last he mutters to himself "Zeus the Great, here I am and wishing you to protect me too from now on."

They hit the road again as it starts to turn to dark and they reach Didyma at night. Ms. Cacia gets the table ready with all the meals she prepared for them. After the dinner they rent a carrier and return to Milet through the sacred road. When they are on their way Myron lays his arms around him and doesn't give him a break. After the unloading of the goods completes Myron says he will stay in Milet city. Nobody can change his mind. At the beginning of the Autumn Neleus is to be in Teos again nearby the woman he loves. While Ship owner Proteus looks pale and still like he is ill as he meets the ship. Neleus loads a carriage with the gifts he bought from Milet and the ones Myron sent for his sister. When he reaches to the villa Selena waits him in the midst of the flowers at the camellia. After dinner they are left alone and make love. Selena feels bad because her father is sick.

Neleus starts his work at the dock, one they he goes to visit his Prophet friend in Delphi Island. "Do you know, at last I have seen the horoscope of God in Didyma. They are carved to the marble at the entrance of the Apollon Temple. They are right in front of the harsh sight of Medusa..." Then they speak about the illness of Neleus. Melampus studies the transit planets of his daughter's horoscope, states he saw Proteus in a great danger. Now that Proteus' health is not good Prytanis Proteus changed his mind and suspends his decision for laying down his office. Commander Carsis is going to go to Smyrna to his daughter Eirene who had a disabled child and leave his office to be replaced by someone known by his closeness to the Prytanis, so it was obvious that the Prytanis don't give up his plans to be a Tyrant. In the second Dionysos rural festival on December Neleus knowing the Prytanis will be after all the women spreaded around makes a plan to end up the issue for good. He will leave the city on horse in order to pick Myron up from Milet and comes back on foot among the crowds comes to attend the festival and enter to the city.

Neleus leaves his horse in the barn of his friend Evfimi who lives out of the city in his sovereign house and returns to Teos in the morning of the festival day. He hides close to the Prytanisial Palace without being seen, waits for Eumelos who will go after women. Women carrying manhood organ, fallus in front of them moves towards the hills at the North singing and screaming hysterically. Neleus takes his bow that he has hidden earlier and poisoned arrow and follows the Prytanis. Neleus draws his bow and when Prytanis chooses a woman, dragged behind the enthusiastic crowd, seizes her after throwing her under the bushes he shoots Eumelos on his hip. Woman gets away escaping. He throws his bow and arrow that he took off of the Presiden't hip to a well and gets out of the city



walls through the gates fastly. He runs to the garden of Evfimi. Takes his horse out of the barn. He uses the paths at the hills for not being seen by anyone and moves away from Teos towards Milet.

Vanessa suspects it is Neleus' work after she hears the Prytanis's death story. Phoebe's soul shall have been eased after her revenge is taken in an hardest and most miserable way. But under these circumstances she is now owed to Neleus.

### **On Birinci Bölüm**

Neleus, after hitting Teos' dissolute Prytanis on the previous chapter, reaches to Milet on horse and meets with Myron at where he stays on the new chapter. After they stay in Milet for a while they leave for Teos on their horses. After they spend one night in Ephesus, they have a break just before they reach home in Lebedos and meet with a group of merchant come from Teos. Merchants give them the news about the death of the Prytanis. So that Neleus returns to the city with a relieved mind. They visit Phoebe's grave as they passes by Kalamitou Limni, Tumulus area. They leave a bunch of yellow flowers they picked up on their way here onto the grave. He believes now her damaged soul is healed.

Life in Teos appears to be changed after the curiel and pervert Prytanis's death. People are more cheerful and happy. Young people and artists gathered under the arbour in villa are reading poems with the music. Poet Anacreon is about to become famous with his poems. Neleus sinks into the works in the dock and Berenice, being built in a different structure, has a kabin on deck and its hardware gets maintenance. When its season starts, the first voyage is going to be Egypt. This cruise is scheduled to be a sort of test and when he returns he is going to take the exams for Captainship certificate. Another important purpose of the cruise is to buy a famous medicine from Egypt for Proteus' illness. Neleus is adviced to operate his savings and he gives a signed paper that authorizes Proteus about it to the Marine Business accountant. Neleus is called to Vanessa's villa and he is investigated for his role on the incident by Vanessa. Neleus notices Vanessa is ready to be with him as a reward but yet he prevents his biggest dream to come true saying he was in Milet in that while. He is worried he will consider this as a stupidity in the future !

Their most important mission during the Egypt voyage is to find the plant called Astragalus suggested by the doctors. The medicine made from the roots of the plant that is said to be carried to Egypt by camel trains from a far away country with line-eyed people in the deeps of Asia is known very effective against incurable diseases. It is told the powder produced by drying the roots of the plant that grows at foothills of high mountains can get a man stand from his deathbed. Moreover Paraoh became a father in his sixties by using this medicine ! During this voyage Neleus feels his biggest dream is sparked.

“Egypt is the country of my dreams. There is so many things I wonder and want to learn in there, a very old civilization and a country never experienced hunger. I would like to travel to south on River Nile for days. I want to see inside of the Pyramids, breath the air in there...”

The harbour they will enter in Egypt is in a city called Naukratis, established in Nile Delta and under the dominion of Greek residents. The time of Paraoh Amasis is a time of wealth and abundance that had no match before. It is considered the golden age for Greeks works and lives there. Most famous person of Naukratis seaport is a Thracian woman with an epic beauty called RHODOPIS. They were telling she is a very expensive prostitute and noone can lay a hand on her without paying a fortune. Neleus learns the medicine they are after is very hard to find from a doctor and his daughter in the harbour and it is being sold to old men by Rhodopis with very high prices in her brothel. While they are unloading the marble blocks from the ship he becomes friend with the representative of the buyers, XENOS. With him he has a chance to enter the brothel. They go to the famous pink house together on an evening. Walls around the house is surrounded bougainvillea flowers in the colour of vermilion. He is accepted to the house thanks to Xenos. He sees the famous woman enters the room in the middle of the night is an extremely beautiful prostitute. When she understands why he is here, she makes a proposal to him. If she is sexually saitsfied after they sleep together and says “Time stop, how beautiful you are” then she shall give an agreeable amount of the medicine to him; but if the contrary happens and she is not satisfied then her fee shall be paid. It costs as much the sum of Neleus’ one year salary.

Rhodopis gives up at the end of plenty times of love makings one after another until the first light of the next day as she was going to tell her fiends “In my house that sells love, I bought the most expensive pleasure of my life !”

He is attracted of Sitamun who he met in Egypt shows his interest o women. The reason for it is a special planet settlement in his horoscope. When they anchored in Southern harbour as they return to Teos they notice the bay is full of war ships in trireme style. They anchor where close to Delphi Island. Captain and Neleus go to Melampus for dinner. They learn the warships are here because of a conflict between Lidia and Milet; and Paninion unity decides to support Milet. Since the harbour is full of warships, they are informed that they will be taken to the dock in Northern Harbour in the morning. After they approached Neleus talks with Adras comes to visit the ship and asks for Selena but he takes a strange response. He heads to the villa in curiosity in the afternoon. The guardian soldier at the gate of the villa treats him like a stranger. He calls for a servant and asks to find Myron. Finally he meets with Myron as they sit together in the camellia.

As per Myron tells him Selena opens the marriage plans to her brother and asks him to help her talking to their father. His brother reacted badly to marriage decision and grabbed her by her shoulders and tell “Are you going to let him use us both my dear sister? Is there noone else left in Teos than the one pleases your brother as his lover?” The result of this conversation leads to a dead end. Myron treatens to kick him out of the villa is needed.

They start to unload the carriages of Berenice. Ship owner Proteus meets with Captain Teofile and states Scythian man to have his Captainship Certificate and become the Captain in Berenice after one more cruise. Neleus goes to visit Prophet Melampus. He tells they split up with Selena. Predictor explain that it is related to what happened to the convergence between the transit Saturn and the natal Venus in her horoscope. According to the prophet one thing to do is waiting time to be a cure and write a letter to the loved one that explains all these before the their bonding gets cold and keep going. Herewith the letter Neleus wrote to his lover.

## **Twelfth Chapter**

When Berenice opens its silver sails shining under the morning light through Egypt route from Teos; Neleus, leaving his last hope that can sooth his broken soul back in the docks, watches the people at the coast saying goodbye to them with wet eyes. Chapter opens in the ship starts its voyage with its broken-hearted marine and take its way towards Egypt. In the meanwhile Selena regreting what she has done decides to take more role in the social life to be able to ease her pain and fill up the her empty heart. She applies to join

the art trainings and activities that will soon be starting in Teos. Her soul is in joy while she leaves the Government Palace. Her heart overjoys with the news from assistants of famous painter Eksekias that a famous ceramic master will stay in Teos and accept students. She wants to go back home at once and share her plans with her family. The sketch she plans to draw for Neleus is supposed to be a proof for showing how loyal her soul is to her man.

Berenice has to spend the winter in Egypt. In Teos Aeitos, a man known by his roughness becomes Prytanis. It is being spoken that just like the an Eagle which is the meaning of his name, he carries his hunt at high for a while then drops it to let it rupture. Proteus hires a Paidonomos who worked in Sparta earlier to get Myron under control while Neleus is away for cruise. Paidonomos is someone assists a child on his/her education in every kind of subject and responsible for his/her growth means the end of free days of Myron. Selena opposes her brother and declares she will get married with the man she loves otherwise she will kill herself. Selena meets with Vanessa in her villa and tells her what happened between them two with Neleus. She takes her oath for help.

In this shaky time of his life Neleus has the opportunity to stay in Egypt for a long time and makes travels to console himself. He goes down Nile to visit Pyramids in Giza step, sleeps surrounded by rugs at night in freezing cold. There is an unbelievably complicated kosmos system in front of him. He wouldn't know the magic of the order under the administration of the universe but great Pyramid was showing human is an error in the mystical order. The ship that unloads its carriage and loads again for Milet brings him to the mysterious city again. Captain Teofile takes Neleus into the entertainment world to save him since his face reflect his heartache. He spends a night with the prettiest woman of the brothel. After unloading they pass to Cyprus Island and load for Atina. After Atina they take the ship to Teos in order to overwinter. Ship crew is happy for being back at home at last after almost a year. Only Neleus is under dark clouds of memory. A servant comes to the ship, notifies him that Vanessa invites him for dinner. Actually this is what Vanessa thought of to bring two young people together. At the saloon of the villa Selena and Neleus comes together and dark clouds disappear. House owner lets the lovers stay alone and their love flames up again.

Myron goes to the harbour and meets Neleus on board and says he is sorry for what happened. In fact he misses Neleus and the best solution to keep him around is to

get him married with Selena. During the wedding preparations Neleus can still hear the words of Prophet Melampus: "*Poet Hesiodos tells these for marriage my friend: the biggest gift for a man in this life is to have a good wife; worst sorrow is to have a bad one.*" Prophet calculates the best day to marry for them according to the astrological facts. It is first week of January. So they marry with an marvelous wedding. In their wedding night Neleus stays in Selena's bedroom in the villa. He is to live his entire life here.

Neleus spends almost the whole winter in bed to get her wife pregnant. In every single time he visits the Prophet as he learns she is not. Melampus smiles to his problem. He tells not to worry, it is up to Jupiter transit. He says it is written on his faith that he will have a boy then a girl.

His ship is about to start its cruise in order to load carriage in Miletus. Selena asks her father Proteus' permission to join the cruise. They take a guard soldier as her family insists. In the meanwhile Neleus takes his Captainship certificate and become the Captain of the ship. Teofile will accompany him during his first Cruise as a Captain, then leave at Teos on the way back.

### **Thirteenth Chapter**

Neleus came to Milet harbour earlier in various times before and every time he behaves with his explorer soul since he was not responsible with the ship ! Captain Teofile told him you learn what responsibility is only when you are responsible. Now he understands what he meant. Eventhough Teofile is with him, he wasn't involving in his business. He watches from a certain distance. They anchor at the harbour of Milet at the south of the city's theatre building. Close friends of Proteus family invite them to dinner. Newly wed couple plans to spend their first night in a famous restaurant in Agora. It is time for festivals in Milet city for the walk marching on the sacred road to the Apollon Temple in Didyma. There was magnificent entertainings was organised in the Agora square. They turn back to the ship after they had fun. They spend everyday in the harbour with feasts and invitations. One night they meet with Ms. Cacia, also there because of the festival in their friend's house. Labranda visit that she advised is being spoken, questioned if that helped him for being a Captain and to marry the woman he loves.

“This is what I think. What is faith, is our lives in the hand of Gods? Who designs the future drawn in the horoscope? Recently when we visited Athena Temple with Selena, we saw the horoscopes carved on the ground. As for Labranda, I think affirmatively.”

“It is natural that there is a mystical power. People pointing these kind of places by sensing them. In the horoscopes that reflects future there is natural signs sailors would know. Sumerian, Babilonian, Assyrian wise people who has seen them tried to solve their meaning. In the Dominion horoscope made of eight houses actually means eight winds. Life charts are different from each other in the wheel of faith just as West wind is different than the South wind, my friends. One of them will come out as a warrior, other sculptor and other will become a trader for instance. In a turn it will give a healthy, joyful day; on another turn it will submit illness and sorrow. Assyrians made hundreds of future explanation for combinations of Moon (Sin), Sun (Shamash) and Venus (Ishtar).”

They get invited to a play in Milet Theatre that will be played by Athenian artists. Mis. Cacia smiles “Who would tell the beauty of the world and life if there wasn’t poets?”

It takes a month in Milet to load the wine carried in amphoras binded with rope and hay bale into Berenice. There is a long voyage ahead of them until the Black Sea colony that they will unload. On their way back when they were staying in Teos Southern harbour Selena and Teofile leaves the ship.

It must to be the longings that causes the marine’s love last long. Neleus experienced if a marine starts his voyage thinking as a person enters into a dark unknown he will be under spiritual pressures from its first day. He shall have find new occupations that will calm his soul after he fell apart with his lover until the day they come together again. He discovers it is reading and writing. He now can realize the importance of the books came from Egypt.

Neleus understands how calming and restful it is to sail with Teofile as he takes his first cruise alone. To have someone experienced to talk increases the burden of the cruise into half. To overcome this emptiness it would be helpful to choose a talented and smart sailer to train him as a helmsman and then giving him more responsible jobs. There is a 17 years old young man whose family is marine and originally from Samos then moved to Teos. MINOS is just like the meaning of his name suits to be a relative of God Zeus ! To train this young man and educate him will take a part of his time.

Berenice reaches to Taurica (Chersonesos) harbour of one of the colonies in the Black Sea to unload its carriage after 10 days, at the evening of June 15. At the harbour of Taurica it takes 15 days to unload the amphoras filled with wine, load them to vehicles and move to warehouses. Then it took around two weeks to load the ship with barlet in the baskets after it is taken to the dock inside the barn. They leaves the dock in a hot day at the midst of July, aside the mole through the South route towards Black Sea. The next point will be Patras, an important port of Achaea region. They will sail then to Meditarrenian moving around the Laconia coasts, sail through North passing by the fars of Zakintos Island. He will sail in Adria, the bay where Kefonia Island is located in.

During the Patras voyage they are caught by the storm at the south of Messenia. He gets through the danger of his ship to crash as a resut of a huge fortune and talent at the coast of Koroni. What he lives here is a milestone in his marine life. They don't meet any other challange until Patras. Neleus spending his break times wandering the temples and taverns counts the days to go back to his country and dear wife, Selena at once.

The sunset in Patras is marvelous. Sun, goes down onto the Islands at West embroiders the horizon with thousands of colours and shows how the weather will be in the next day. Kefalonia Island at the entrance of the bay is like an earthly heaven If the sun goes down at the hills of the island like a poppy field that means there will be storm next day. As soon as the evening breeze starts to surround the hill he sits on a table watches Arthemis Temple that is easily recognisable among all the other buildings and remembers to raise a toss for the Goddess. He sits and watches the statue of the hunting Goddess, swore to stay as a virgin in her temple for a long time and imagines the artist chose Selena as a model as he is carving it off of the marble. In times the moonlight shines upon the night from between the clouds if he is by his ship's rudder he would call her "Dear virgin goddess, send me to the dream of my wife sleeping in her bed far far away from me. I want to kiss her, smell her and hold her..."

To unload its carriage and be ready for the new cruise in Patras tales until the midst of August. By the time there is only a few months left until the season closes in the sea trade ship owner representatives notifies that the carriage of Berenice's last cruise before it comes back to Teos is empty amphoras. The cases produced in Samos Island, in the famous amphora production facility in Aegea region are very famous in wine transportation.

The voyage from Patras to Samos Island is 500 miles and would take a week at most considering helpful winds from North to South. Ship will stay in the island for 15 days for loading so that will return to Teos at the midst of September and close the sea trade season.

To meet with new pleasures in addition to wander around Samos Island like a passionate lover can be considered for Neleus as unforgivable experiences in terms of life's beauties. The ones that give the name "Nectar of God" to island's famous wine **Ariousios** cannot possibly be able to think this delicious which comes from the vineyards located at the foothills of *Pelinneon Mountain* wine to be famous in all over Mediterranean !

He is surrounded by a glowing joy while he is leaving the wide and glamorous harbour of Samos Island in the morning of September 15th. There is only hours left before he reaches to Teos in the end. He was returning from a cruise that can be considered successful and authorities were to note for his first captainship. He is been checking everywhere for not leaving a disorder anywhere in sight. There is now a wingman in the ship of his, sailor Minos. He wants him at the wheel while they are approaching to Teos. Teofile is among the joyful people welcoming the ship and the crew at the coast. When Captain holds Neleus as now his colleague whispers he is very close to be a father to his ear. After Neleus gets his works done he goes to the villa and holds his pregnant wife. He learns she will have birth in 5 months. They spend a wonderful night. Next day Myron says not to worry about his sister's pregnancy and he can visit his room anytime he wants !

Neleus finds the opportunity to go to Delphi Island and visit the Prophet barely after 3 days. He brings Teofile with him and they dine together with meals of sea food. "Dear Melampus, as you know now my wife Selena will give birth in February if Gods allow. I would like to know what sky tells about it..."

"Next year there will be a very interesting and rare cosmic event in the sky will take place. Let me put it as it may repeat again after 3000 years later !" He asks how they could arrange such a great time. "Next year all the planets will line up in the same house in the horoscope. It may take thousands of years this to be happen again. I think this will be a unique celestial sign."



“We can say it should be considered even only with the Horoscope of God. There will many people born in the year anyway. They are all are mortal. I am not saying they will be Gods. Although we will see very important events that will change the world in the time line form now on. Our world, lives and faiths will change. Your child will have a role in all these.” Statements of the Prophet shakes him deeply. He could never forget his last sentence: “there is no other judge more stable, wise and experienced than pangs of conscience my friends.”

Berenice is unloaded benched for meintenance in the docks. One day ship owner Proteus asks his son-in-law asks his plans for the future. Neleus states he embraces the works that will keep him on the seas. His father-in-law says he will approve his choice and asks him to pay attention for his son Myron. He expects the kid to concern for his family reputation. After this Myron settles down and becomes someone more coherent with his family.

On Wednesday, 19th of February when Neleus leads to the crew at the docks while new ship’s wheel is being assembled, a courier from the villa informs him that his wife gave birth to a son. Many visiters fill up the house to celebrate the birth. While Selena is still in her birth bed Myron comes to her room and proposes Neleus to sleep together. Neleus denies this, he tells to him that even Vanessa is crazy for him and he can take her in his ed whenever he wants.

Neleus calculates the time his son is conceived, finds out it is during the Milet cruise. So they name their first child as Forbes Miletus. Their happy life continues as time passes by. Miletus is trained the best way as he grows. He is beautiful, healthy and impish loved by everyone.

In the spring time Neleus joins the trial cruise of the new ship then leaving the works in the docks to Captain Poteus gets ready for the cruise. At the morning he will leave the house he makes love to Selena and tries to fill with it since he is going to be without woman for a while. He watches his son sleeping in his bed early in the morning, kisses his sweated forehead and cheeks. He cuts and takes a bunch of his curly hair shining like gold. He is to load the mine slag in the Cyprus Island and bring it to Atina, then load grain in the Greek colonies in Black Sea to unload them in Rhodos Island. The interesting event during the voyage is that he met his old friend Cenon in Atina. Cenon

becomes an important politician in Atina, takes care of the athletes come to Atina from Ionia for the Olympics. He gets married and has two children. They talk about old days dining on an evening in Agora. World of politics was complicated too. Soon the leader of one of the important countries is to change. It is said that Lidia king Alyattes is about to die and last for even a year. His son Crezus is to replace him.

In the Autumn, in the Halikarnossos harbour that he entered for sheltering a storm on his way from Rhodos to Teos there is a Lidian ship. It was a half trade half war ship. It was equipped as a trireme boat. At the head of the ship there was a bronze spur scaring whom looks at it. a soldier comes from the ship in a sandal gives the notice of their commander Amiral to buy olive oil for victualing needs. Neleus gives a huge amphora filled with oil without asking for return. Soldiers comes to their ship again and invites him to their ship for dinner. Neleus accepts and goes to Lidian war ship with a sandal in the evening. He learns amiral SANDANÍS has a crew of 200 people, an excellent Karian rooted cook amongst them. They have a perfect dinner and during their conversation he takes information about Krezus, new owner of the Lidian Throne from first hand. After then Kings that show up in the milestone of his life will take role in his faith too. In the meanwhile in his ship weighs anchor to Teos he thinks about his pretty wife Selena who he'll soon be meeting.

#### **Fourteenth Chapter**

As discussed in the political world Lidian King Alyattes is deceased and his son Krezus takes his place. It was wealthy and rich days of Lidian history. As soon as the race for more wealth takes speed between the Ionian City States the disease of worshipping the gold that makes people greedy and triggers them, starts to spread everywhere. Peasants living humbly in the East with a population that grows unlimitedly will covet and dream about the fortune of rich nations in the West. It can't be seen as a coincidence that the time when Persian kingdom becomes a nightmare for the future of Western civilizaiton is in the same time when Lidia lives its golden days. The happinesses that the golden age brings overflows through everything from the clothings to the furnitures in the houses and makes a visual feast. As long as the good years of life open the doors to comfort, wealth and entertainment it is believed that it will go on the same way forever. Although there are many poor people without any hope for the future share the same time. If the riches are not powerful it will give birth to chaotic times that will last for very long.

Life of Neleus continues with dazzling successes and enrichment compatible with the time. He has an begrudged life in Teos. He lives as a member of a respectable family with his beautiful wife and lovely son. But the Gods don't let this mortal to lead a life of pleasure forever ! Neleus leaves for the Egypt cruise 5 years after his first child's birth when Selena is pregnant again. According to his calculations the birth is going to happen in November after the sea trade season is over. According to this he plans to be in Teos returning with his ship from the cruise. But his calculations didn't match and he has to spend the winter in Egypt. The birth takes place on Tuesday 12th of November. A healthy baby girl is born. Neleus consents to make a winter cruise by sailing by the coast, escaping from the storms, anchoring in Pamphylia, Lycia and Caria bays when he has to and reaches to Teos at the end of November after his long and hard cruise. When he sees his child in their bed room for the first time she is sleeping deeply in her basket. He has the opportunity to observe her for a long while. It is like a miracle to be able to complete the voyage in one piece. He put up with everything for this little faced, flat eyed creature with minion fists. He is been waited for naming the child. He named her "PHILANA" he is going to call her child as "Leda Philana". After the birth of second child Selena tells him he shouldn't leave for cruises anymore. She says "I want to see you in our bed when I wake up..."

As he decided to stay in Teos he lams Berenice over to Captain Teofile. He thinks the happiest person for this development must be Myron. Meanwhile Kingdom of Lidia grows wealthier. On the other hand at East Kyros gets the throne and dreaming about capturing the whole world. For numbers of centuries the peoples were to mess and fire would take place.

In the house of Proteus under the influence of Sparta as there is a rush for celebrating the victory of Spartan athletes in the Olympics leader of the house famous ship owner deceases. Neleus jumps over his horse from the docks reaches to villa and holds his crying wife. While he is staring at his father-in-law lying on the bed as if he is sleeping Myron enters the room screaming and yelling like a crazy person. Selena reacts and humiliates her bother who made his father suffer as he lives. Proteus is buried with a huge flashy ceremony. Since there is 3 women his daughter Selena, his wife Adonia and partner Vanessa so beautiful that almost can resurrect the deads in the graveyard come together the ceremony becomes one of the unforgiven events of the year !

His sword is given to his grandson Miletus according to his will. Neleus wants to have a statue Selena and Myron together on the same effigy for a long time by a famous sculptor. One day he opens the subject to Vanessa. Nice lady tells him she will get him meet with Samian sculptor Theodorus. The sculptor lose his home because of the earthquake causes a huge destruction in Samos. Neleus comes to the Island give the letter of Vanessa to him and gives his quotation. The sculptor in need of money for a new home comes to Teos and settles down to the villa. He makes a wonderful piece that he used Selena's and Myron's heads half to half. One face of the effigy is Selena; the other is Myron.

Lidian King sends delegates and gifts to consult to famous prophecy centers about starting a war against Persian king that keeps extending his land. In the meanwhile Teos succeeds and enriches in the manner of trade and marine. The Prophets answers the Lidian King as an empire will end. The Persian and Lidian forces meets around Pteria and the war begins. But the victory is uncertain. Lidian army backs to Sardes. King Krezus sends the mercenaries to home thinking to gather them back in the Spring time. This is an opportunity that Persian king looks for. He attacks the weakened Lidian capital and captures the city in 14 days. So that an empire ends !

That Sardes is captured and its people are made slaves makes the effect of earthquake in Ionia states. As the news of Sardes is down reaches to Teos Neleus is returned to his work as everybody else. His Prophet friend Melampus is not optimistic about the future. And yet he isn't into politics thinking his days are limited because he is very old. Neleus is about at the end of his 39 years old when Sardes falls. The questions spinning around his head is pointing out the time they are living will bring disasters and cause nonesuch enrichment in the same time. Instead of carrying loads and earning limited freight charges; facing dangers and earning fortunes of risky businesses out of adventures is considered as the faith of the wars. Actually he has no interests on money. He is sensing faith will bring him some opportunities in a time causes big changes, devastates the world. He is been teaching to his son Forbes Miletus to shoot arrows. His son is talented. He sees he has talents coming from Scythian roots. In the year Sardes captured by Persians his son is 15 years old. He is so handsome and solid that impresses people.

After Persians take off Lidia and settle in Sardes, Ionia states start to send delegates and try to make truce. Neleus also joins the Teos team. King Kyros is accepting the committees and humiliates them. His plan is to capture whole Ionia. In a time like this Teos committee is called. Kyros pushed them the same way asking where were they earlier. Neleus comes one step forward and explains they don't like to fight but they are interested in trades and marine. In this while Amiral Sandanis leaves the service of Lidian king recently and joins to the Persian side. He recognises Neleus. He calms the king down. Kyros states he will share his decision later. At the night of the same day Sandanis sends someone to invite Neleus for dinner to his villa in Sardes. That night Neleus sees Lidian girls become odalisque and boys share the same faith. A similar faith approaches to all of the Ionian states. Sandanis tells to Scythian man that he will call for his help one day in the future. The next morning Teos committee leaves for their home. After Persian King goes back to his home a revolt rises against fo the Persian army in Sardes. Amiral Sandalis plans to have a talented marine who knows around very well with them during the revolt in case there is a misfortunate event occur. If they lose the war a ship will take them to Atina or a Greek city in Attica.

At the beginning of the Spring, a courier comes to Teos to meet with Neleus bringing a message from Sandanis and an important amount of golden Lidia coins. In his message asks the money to be used for the needs of the voyage and him to come to Kyme harbour with Lidian Amiral ship. Neleus hesitates thinking about the reaction of Selena and the children. Then he deceides to take off and gets Berenice ready. That Persian king is being returning to home with his army makes him believe there is no danger for Teos. His wife doesn't protest with her usual soft manner. It is Myron who reacts the most and wants him not to go.

The riot completes its first week between the the rivals who hired mercenaries with a part of Lidian treasure that they captured and Persian forces that withdrew to the inner castle of Sardes. As Neleus waits by the harbour he learns from the courier who came from the rivals in Sardes that Amiral Sandanis will send the Lidian treasure that was collected by rival Paktyes in a few days. Two days after men of Sandanis bring Lidian treasure to the ship. Gold is hidden into the divisionsmade at the bilges of the ship store. One day Neleus leaves with a small sail with his share of gold early in the morning and goes to one of the islands out of the Kyme bay. His marine Minos accompanies him. They bury the gold to the Island and return back to the ship in the harbour with the sail again.

The next day rivals escape and shelters to Kyme city. Persian governor Mazares sends his men and asks them to give away the rivals. King Kyros learns what happened via his perfectly built mail web and sends his order by courier. Rival Paktyes to be arrested and the himself will sentence his punishment. Neleus takes Paktyes shelters the ship, Amiral Sandanis and his close men to the ship and leaves the harbour.

Berenice with Paktyes and Amiral Sandanis leaves Lesbos Island and heads to Samos. It is a big advantage for Neleus that there is not even one ship in Aegean Sea that belongs to Persians during that while. Amiral Sandanis talks to Paktyes and convinces him to shelter in the Athena Temple in Samos Island. Someone who shelters in a Greek Temple would never be handed in to the enemy. Berenice is to leave and wait at the Erythrai harbour at the other side of Samos. In a few days the money that Persians pay in Samos Island must have wipe out the century years old traditions or the fear of Gods off of the mind of people, they take Paktyes out of the temple dragging. They take their money by delivering the outlaw to Persian spies. Amiral Sandanis has the news in a short while and lets the Captain know that they should leave the harbour right away in the manner of a wasted person without any hope. Amiral wants them to leave towards Atina since it is the only place they can't reach after they learn everything torturing to the caught rival.

Sardes governor Mazares dies suddenly as soon as he starts cleaning out Ionia. King Kyros assigns a Med rooted noble General Harpagos instead of him as the Governor. Ones who want to explain how cruel and savage this man is gives and incredible event as an example. Harpagos gets the son of a man he gets angry with died and boiled in the oven. They make the poor guy eat it at the evening feast. When he wants to learn what meat it is they show him the head of his son. In the meanwhile Berenice approaches to Pire harbour of Atina, some sailors want to go back to their home. A Milet ship is found to bring the sailors to Teos. Among all the Ionian states Milet is the only one which could have an agreement with the Persians so their ship can be considered as safe. Neleus sends out a letter to his wife Selena via the sailors. He writes the ship will stay in Pire for repair. In fact for a safe trip the ship needs to be installed as a Milet ship and have the papers filled out so. He knows very well the Persians would never forgive a Teos Captain that carry off the Lidian treasure. They have an important new in the Atina days. Persians surrounds Phocaea to capture but the people of it decides and proceeds to leave with their ships instead of surrender.

Berenice sails to Aegean Sea from Pire with its new sail installation, new colour and new name on the day of Wednesday, July 15th. Ship's new name becomes "Agape", means "love". The Captain of it is going to the love of his life. The fake papers were arranged showing it is belong to a famous merchant of Milet. Cenon, close friend of Neleus and in Atina his right-hand watches the ship leaving the dock, going with its sails filling up with the wind with a heavy heart and wet eyes and thinks "I hope this time the luck will be on your side my friend..."

### Fifteenth Chapter

Persian Governer and General Harpagos stays in Smyrna and gets his army ready for Ionia conquest. He knows the mistakes done during the conquest of Phocaea and doing anything to comminate people who lives in the lands they consider to conquer. People who persists and causes Persian losses are tortured in a way that can never be forgotten. At last during Anthesteria (flower feast) in the most glamorous Dionysus festival while the most mature wines are tasted, at the entertainment times that rites are organised he sees that Ionia people are unable to protect their very beds let alone their city. As an Eastern person from Zarathustra religion with only one god he finds Greek's arguing Gods meaningless. People who merely surrounds without questioning and gives all of owned fortune to Persians may have a chance to live.

It takes until the end of June to leave Smyrna and move towards South. Persian army plans to capture the small villages located in the rugged terrain between Teos and Smyrna especially the Kyrbissos Castle hosting the garrison protects Teos. When Teos is captured the people are to be tortured. Thereson is to learn where they buried their gold, money, **jewelries** and other valuable objects they own. They need to find the man they are looking for when the city is captured. To capture the man played the main role for stealing the Lidian treasure is a life and death issue for Herpagos. He hates the people of Ionia.

People of Teos are in a very bad mood emotionally. The news that Phosaea leaves no morale. To organise massive entertainments, plays to gather them together may be the cure for some hope. As soon as this idea is suggested the Prytanis and the city management take action at once and invites the artist of Milet who are considered the best group of the time. Since the character of Teos people is marine and trade rooted and never knew nationalist feelings until now. Now the poems trigger the soul of poets and plays makes them rejoice. The popular person becomes pointed among the young people

is Forbes Miletus. The lyrics of the song that chorus sings before the play in the Theatre belongs to Anekron. Forbes Miletus and his sister Philana join the chorus and walk with the Miletian artists. In the city life the prior question people ask to Miletus is when his father Neleus will be back. Prophet Melampus is shocked because of the messed up situation of the world.

Teofile passes a file to Miletus while he is preparing his horse inder to leave the docks and go to villa and asks him to take the files for the sale of the new ship to Vanessa. Miletus sees extraordinary scenes and soldiers on his way and as he arrives to Vanessa's villa he learns that the Persian army is about to reach in fronts of Teos. The city gates are getting closed and Teos ships in both of the harbours are being sent to Myonnesos. The bravery of two hundred soldiers in the Castle of Kyrbissos denying to surround and fight is unforgivable. Harpagos is able to capture the castle barely after five days. He gives orders to kill everyone including the ones injured and collapse the castle down. To tie an injured soldier to his horse after horrible tortures and send him to the gates of Teos is intended to terrify the people. Prophet Melampus who lives in Delphi Island is taken and brought to the castle in the walls for the Persian danger.

On the day Persian army surrounds the castle of garrison people of Teos understands the disaster that is approaching and lapse into a deep silence. The ones live such a night are as destroyed as they were never before. The members of the club established by the young people recently are going to one door to another to call everyone for the meeting will be held in the evening. Teos people pays attention since the leader of this event is Forbes Miletus, son of Neleus. Vanessa decides to help the youngsters. She gives everyone, men and women that work for her under the service of Miletus. Miletus makes a speech in theatre and explains what kind of a danger they are facing. On the Thursday, 2nd of July, Persian army of ten thousand warriors under the command of General Harpagos appears at the noon. At the flat land facing the Delphi Island by the twin lighthouses in the length of 2 kilometers and depth of 1 kilometer area Persian army settles. Harpagos is to stay in his tent close to the twin lighthouses at the North of the island, on a hill at the West of it.

Melampus is exhausted and tells these when he meets with Teofile: "don't you forget Miletus, son of Neleus. It might be possible to win the life itself in return to lose money, house, land, ship and the comforts of life."



On 15th of July there is no one new other than Teosian rooted marines in the crew of Neleus' ship with the new name Argos. Their route is passing by the gate at the North of Mykonos Island with a mild North wind they face from the boardside. To stay on this route away from the coasts far enough not to be at the sight of the islands. New route is determined through the South end of Ikarya Island. Then they anchor in a small bay that is secured from a chance of storm at the South of the island. In the meanwhile Teos is surrounded by Persian army. Neleus only thinks about reaching Teos without meeting a ship at the enemy's side or pirates that can do anything for money.

General Harpagos encamps on the flat area at the East of Teos city is not rushing thinking he is very close to capturing the city. He accepts the peace committee comes from Teos under such a mood. He states to the committee who is ready to discuss the peace terms: "The victors has the right to do anything they want. I am not going to make a pact or anything with you. Teos will be committed to me and I will pass to my new target after I get what I want and punish the criminals..." as teos committee wants to return to discuss these terms Harpagos says if he loses one single soldier he will sell all the people in the slave market.

On Friday 3rd of July at the the noon time in Teos people gathers in front of the Theatre building. During the conversations it is obvious that Miletus really has the abilities of a leader. He is against of surround and explains his plan: "Our plan my friends should be shortly like this: "when Teos won't yield, Persians will surround and try to pass the walls by using the wooden towers they brought with them. A delaying tactic will take place. Without causing any injury nor getting them angry wait for the right moment. Our ships are waiting by Myonnesos. We will name a day and arrange the ships to come to the harbour area that we will evacuate the city. There is a secret tunnel comes until the midst of the way. Our ancestors built it centuries ago foreseeing such a day. Every family will be able to take their valuable objects, jewelry and money with them to the ship. The weakest point of the Persians is they don't have even a boat. Marine Teos shall give these monsters such a lesson, the history will be written about it..."

General Harpagos has his men sent and ask when they will get the city. It is said the treasure that will be given to Persians is being gathered to gain some time. In this while Melampus deceases in his room at the castle. It is decided that he will bury in Agora after a magnificent ceremony. His last words will be written on his epitaph: "**Teosians, not**

**I have chosen the darkness to farewell to you as the time comes. Since there is no cure for madness as long as you live, we will meet again in a more luminous world.”**

General Harpagos sends courier again to ask for news, he is said that they've lost an important person and they are preparing for the funeral. So that Harpagos gets furious and order for surrounding the city. Their tactic is building sets of land by using wooden towers reach the wall levels and entering to the city. In the meanwhile as a result of voting it is agreed Teos people to go to Abdera in Tracia within the ships. When the city is abandoned to keep the effigy that was made by Neleus unharmed Selena has it buried under the ground of flowers in the camellia. Outside of the walls as the land piles cumulate by Persians keep raising date of escape is named, at the night of Thursday, 30th of July there is crescent. There is a strong wind from the North. So the to leave Teos is decided. After the dark comes at night people are to reach the ships through the secret tunnel starting from inside the walls right through the Apollon Temple at the South. Teosian ships coming from the South of Myonnesos Island starts to get people on the vessel which berths forward ashore. Teofile commands the first ship ahead. Vanessa, Adonia and her daughter Philana gets into this ship. Miletus is left at the coast as organiser. Next morning General Harpagos and his soldiers make to get into the empty city. Myron is among a small number of people stays in the city. Harpagos takes the revenge of the defeat by burning the villa of Neleus. He gets the house burned that Myron stays.

Neleus at the anchor in a small bay of Ikeria Island and cannot move because of the pirate ships. Goes to Evidilos harbour at the North of the Island with a few men of his. He learns Teos is surrounded by Persians. At the night of August 2nd they leave Ikeria Island. Goes through the Teos route, ties the ship at coast in a bay around Airia against of Northern harbour. He starts to look for a way to get into the city taking Minos with him. There is Persian soldiers everywhere. Minos enters the city from the sewage tunnels of Dionysus Temple, throws ropes down the walls in the West side. Neleus climbs the walls with the help of this rope goes to the collapsed villa in the dark of the night. As he is searching around he sees the effigy of Selena that was buried but then found by Persians and left in a corner.

He meets with Myron after a while. He learns Teos people escaped with ships and sail towards Abdera. Neleus gets very happy that his family is rescued, tells Myron to go with him. Myron says he need to grab something he has hidden at the hill of Acropolis, so

they climb to the temple. There they come across with a platoon of Persian around a giant fire, as they are doing their own rituals. Myron yells at the Persian soldiers and tells they will have a great award if they capture and take Neleus to General. Neleus starts to shoot Persian soldiers with his arrows. As he is about to take his sword down on Myron's head he holds himself and starts to run down to escape. He takes Minos and effigy from the villa and they run to walls at the West. They try to get outside by using the rope they left. As Minos succeeds and Neleus is about to step on the soil, he is injured by a Persian arrow from his shoulder. They run to reach for the sandal they left in front of the Apollon cave at the South. With the help of strong winds they can get away and reach to their ship waiting in the bay. Neleus is exhausted because of the wound. Minos takes the command and they leave. They head to North through the coast line.

There is a bay named Mesta after passing through the first prominence in the West coast of Hios that is protected of all the winds. They head to there, take off the main sail and anchor somewhere close to the coast by the help of the paddlers. Neleus suspects the Persian arrow to be poisoned. He is delirious all night. Three days passes and since there is no sign of recovery it is decided to leave the island. It is needed to arrive in a familiar Ionian city and find a doctor. Considering the last situation it is decided to go to the Ionian harbour Klazomenai at the West end of the bay of Smyrna. They weigh anchor at the afternoon get out of the bay and move through the route. The order is spoiled in the Smyrna Region by the freebooters from different nations came with the Persian army. A fear dominates everywhere that wasn't seen alike until that day. It is started to discussing that leaving their homes is safer before even the Persian army begins to strike to the Ionian States.

There is a big island that is left on the West side whilst moving forward to South after entering to Smyrna bay from between Phoacea and Khersonesos peninsula. Its name is Drymoussa and one fo the places that had many immigrants since for long. Neleus regains consciousness for a short while and asks where they are. "The people of Klazomenai process olives and make olive oil very well. Except it we can't find anyone who can help me there. Most of them must have left their homes and escaped already anyway..." he says the harbour they are headed will make no use and wants to anchor Southern coast of Drymoussa Island. This new development makes sailors happy too. They are very afraid of being seized by Persians. After a while they come to the sandy

coast at the South of the island and they fasten the ship with mooring ropes to the trees by the sea. Where they find is full of fish.

Big majority of the island locals are escaped to various places because of the fear of Persian. They find an old but wise woman called Alcina in the island. She comes to the ship when she learns the Captain is wounded. After she checks out the shoulder of Neleus she shares her opinion: "The wound had gangraina. This part is darkened and its skin is dying. We used to see these kind of things very often after wars. The wound starts to smell bad by time."

That night Neleus eats some soup and bread and sleeps without even moving after his wound is wrapped with medicines and closed; had drugs with opium to ease his pain. Alcina advices him to drink lots of water to help his body get rid of the poison. It is heard he keeps talking as he sleeps. He swings his hand to the hallow as if he wants to hit the ghosts. In his sleep he dreams three little girls by the head of his bed. He cannot recognise the faces because of the light coming from behind of them. He is been striking to hold them but when his hands dives into the hallucinations and causing it spread in the form of clourful stars.

Next day Neleus speaks exhausted and hardly and declares his will with a low voice and in a despaired mood: "My friends, I think my time to leave you is close. Minos bury me under the trees in the East coast of the Island. I want to watch the dawn every morning. I salute my friends in the ships passes by the bay. Let Selena's effigy between my arms in my grave. Straighten the ground on my grave so that there will be nothing left to indicates its place..."

Locals, especially Alcina want to leave for Abdera with the ship, Captain Neleus allows them and give directions to Minos. He thinks lying on the bed on board: "If they would give me my life back, I would try not to be so fond of woman. I would try to live with Selena and grow old with her."

On the morning of Wednesdayi 12th of August Neleus is found dead on the deck of board that he sits all night because it is cool there. His eyes are open and staring to the North. There is a wry smile on his face just life saying goodbye to life.

Same day they carry him to the grave where he described at the East coast of the island on the mattress they made by stretching canvas between two spears. Neleus is laid

in the grave they digged. Selena's effigy is put between his arms. Covered with canvas. The grave filled with land. The ground is straightened. Minos made the last speech: "We will never forget you dear Neleus, honourable Captain of all seas. Your soul is free now. You can go anywhere you want, dear friend, good person. Rest in peace..."

### The END



The characters in the story and the names of ones involved to the incidents in the work are as below

- 1) SELENA : Female Protagonist. Childhood friend of Scythian slave and then his wife.
- 2) PIRRO : Actor who is in love with Selena
- 3) PROTEUS : Ship owner – Merchant – Bussinessman. Father of Selena and Myron
- 4) NELEUS : Protagonist (The name of the Scythian slave after he is freed.)
- 5) ADRAS : Old housekeeper of Proteus villa. Freed slave.
- 6) MELAMPUS : The prophet lives in Delpi Island, Teos (Astrologer)
- 7) MYRON : Brother of Selena.
- 8) TEOFÍLE : Ship Captain. Responsible in the fleet of Proteus. The person who brought Scythian slave
- 9) ALÍX : Helmsman and Captain in the ship
- 10) PAKURU : Egyptian cook in the ship
- 11) CÍRÍO : Deputy of housekeeper Adras
- 12) PAKTYAS : Lidian citizen who stole the Lidian treasure from Persians
- 13) KROÍSOS : Last King of Lidia
- 14) MANDANE : A favourite mare in the barn of villa
- 15) MAGUS : Scythian shaman

- 16) ADONĪA : Wife of ship owner Proteus. Beautiful woman of Teos. Mother of Selena and Myron
- 17) FLORA : A linguist teacher brought for Scythian slave from Samos
- 18) CENON : Teos citizen who used to be a slave, freed before he attends Olympic race
- 19) EĪRENE : Thracian girl. Daughter of Teos Garrison Commander
- 20) CARSĪS : Thracian soldier Father of Eirene. Garrison Commander
- 21) VANESSA : The most beautiful woman of time who moves from Samos to Teos. Partner of ship owner to-be
- 22) LARĪSSE : Wife of the Prytanis of Teos
- 23) EUMELOS : Teos Prytanis (Arkhon)
- 24) PHYLAS : Judge
- 25) MEGARTAS : Owner of Teos marble mines
- 26) BLEPAOĪS : Banker
- 27) PHOEBE : African rooted slave girl who lives in Ephesus. Bought and brought to Teos by Vanessa
- 28) SĪMONĪDES : Vanessa's friend from Ephesus
- 29) PASĪCLES : Rich farm owner from Ephesus – Grain producer
- 30) AKAKĪOS : Wine Merchant
- 31) THERON : The name Vanessa gave to the Scythian boy
- 32) XENOS : Samosian architect who lives in Egypt
- 33) BEDAR : The Captain of Phoenician ship which is repaired in Teos
- 34) ANACREON : Famous Teosian poet from the same time
- 35) BOREAS : Myron's dog in villa
- 36) EVFĪMĪ : Teosian peasant owns a house with a garden by the Smyrna road

- 37) CACIA : Owner of the tavern in Didyma across the Apollon Temple
- 38) AETIOS : The person chosen to be Teos Prytanis
- 39) MINOS : Helmsman in the ship that Neleus is Captain
- 40) SANDANIS : Lidian amiral. Then at the service of Persian King Kyros
- 41) FORBES MILETUS : First child of Selena and Neleus (boy)
- 42) PHILANA : Second child of Selena and Neleus (girl)



Plan of the TEOS