**Dream Interpretation**

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| **Part of Penelope’s Dream (Book XIX, p.296)** | **Your interpretation** |
| The twenty geese |  |
| The geese feed on grains of wheat and drink from the water trough |  |
| The great eagle with crooked beak |  |
| The eagle comes down from the mountain |  |
| The eagle breaks the geese’s necks |  |
| Penelope begins to weep and cry out |  |
| Fair-haired Achaian women gather around Penelope |  |
| The eagle comes back and sits on the roof |  |
| The eagle speaks in a human voice and translates the dream |  |

Now connect the parts of your interpretation into one cohesive narrative. Write your interpretation on the back of this sheet from the p.o.v. of one of the characters from the *Odyssey* we’ve met so far (i.e. the style of your writing should demonstrate your knowledge of that character’s personality and their way of speaking).

Possible characters: Odysseus, Polyphemus, Phaiakians, Aeolus (the guy who gave Odysseus the bag of winds), Elpeanor (drunk guy who falls off the roof), Antiklea (Odysseus’ mom), Agamemnon (guy murdered by his sluttish wife), Telemachos, Eurykleia, Penelope, etc.

**Sample:**

Character: Circe

Interpretation:

“Well obviously the “twenty geese” were men who are tamed and domesticated. Women use food and wine to control men with their excellent baking skills—as we all know, the best way to a man’s heart is through his stomach—as clearly seen by “the grains of wheat and drink from the water trough.” These men are perfectly happy being cared for and controlled by women. Then, an untamed man, in the form of the “great eagle with crooked beak,” pushes his way into paradise. This man is lonely, angry, and savage, and, quite frankly, ugly (“crooked beak”? hello), as the “eagle comes down from the mountain,” and lacks comfort or a home without a woman to take care of him. Without a woman’s love (and guidance), this untamed man is wild and can’t control his violent and animalistic masculine impulses, and “the eagle breaks the geese’s necks.” When Penelope “begins to weep and cry out,” this shows how women use emotions and men’s perception that they are weak and need protecting to actually control them, as all women do, based on how the “Fair-haired Achaian women gather around Penelope.” The untamed man/eagle believes he is superior and “sits on the roof,” as men falsely believe they rule the home, and the eagle then tries to mansplain things, as all men do, speaking in a “human voice” and translating the dream. But, obviously, that’s ridiculous. Men’s voice, power, and authority is all an illusion.”

**Your Dream Interpretation:**

Character:

Interpretation: