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The scar of Odysseus

375 wash your feet. But circumspect Penelope, daughter
 of Ikarion told me to do it, nor am I unwilling.
 380 So I shall wash your feet, both for the sake of Penelope. Gods don't
 but also for yourself, since the heart is stirred within me
 by sorrows; but come, attend to me and the word I tell you.
 There have been many hard-traveling strangers who have come here,
 but I say I have never seen one as like as you are
 to Odysseus, both as to your feet, and voice and appearance.
 Then resourceful Odysseus spoke in turn and answered her:
 385 'So all say, old dame, who with their eyes have looked on
 the two of us. They say we two are very similar
 each to each, as you yourself have noticed and tell me.'

390 So he spoke, and the old woman took up the shining basin
 she used for foot washing, and poured in a great deal of water, the cold
 first, and then she added the hot to it. Now Odysseus
 was sitting close to the fire, but suddenly turned to the dark side;
 for presently he thought in his heart that, as she handled him,
 she might be aware of his scar, and all his story might come out.
 She came up close and washed her lord, and at once she recognized
 that scar, which once the boar with his white tusk had inflicted
 on him, when he went to Parnassos, to Autolykos and his children.
 395 This was his mother's noble father, who surpassed all men
 in thievery and the art of the oath, and the god Hermes
 himself had endowed him, for he had pleased him by burning the thigh
 bones.

400 of lambs and kids, and the god freely gave him his favor.
 Autolykos came once to the rich country of Ithaka,
 and found that a child there was newly born to his daughter;
 and, as he finished his evening meal, Eurykleia laid him
 upon his very knees, and spoke him a word and named him:
 'Autolykos, now find yourself that name you will bestow
 on your own child's dear child, for you have prayed much to have him.'

405 Then Autolykos spoke to her and gave her an answer:
 'My son-in-law and daughter, give him the name I tell you;
 since I have come to this place distasteful to many, women
 and men alike on the prospering earth, so let him be given
 the name Odysseus, that is distasteful. Then when he grows up,
 and comes to the great house of his mother's line, and Parnassos,
 410 where there are possessions that are called mine, I will give him

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freely of these to make him happy, and send him back to you.
 This was why Odysseus came, so that he would give him
 glorious presents. Autolykos and the sons of Autolykos
 greeted him with clasping of hands and words of endearment
 and Amphithea, his mother's mother, embraced Odysseus,
 and kissed his head and kissed too his beautiful shining
 eyes. Autolykos gave his glorious sons the order
 to make ready the dinner, and they listened to his urging.
 415 Presently they brought in an ox, a male, five years old.
 They skinned the victim and put it in order, and butchered the carcass
 and cut the meat expertly into small pieces, and spitted the morsels
 and roasted all carefully, and shared out the portions.
 420 So, for the whole length of the day until the sun's setting,
 they feasted, nor was any man's hunger denied a fair portion,
 but when the sun went down and the sacred darkness came over,
 then they went to their beds and took the blessing of slumber.

425 But when the young Dawn showed again with her rosy fingers,
 they went out on their way to the hunt, the dogs and the peoples
 these sons of Autolykos, and with them noble Odysseus
 went. They came to the steep mountain, named Parnassos
 Parnassos, and soon they were up in the wintry firs. At this time
 430 the sun had just begun to strike on the lowlands, rising
 out of the quiet water and the deep stream of the Ocean.
 The hunters came to a wooded valley, and on ahead of them
 ran the dogs, casting about for the tracks, and behind them
 the sons of Autolykos and with them noble Odysseus
 went close behind the hounds, shaking his spear far-shading
 Now there, inside that thick of the bush, was the lair of a great boar;
 Neither could the shining sun ever strike through with his rays, nor
 could the rain pass all the way through it, so close together
 445 The thudding made by the feet of men and dogs came to him
 as they closed on him in the hunt, and against them he from his woodland
 stood up to face them close. The first of all was Odysseus,
 who swept in, holding high in his heavy hand the long spear,
 and furious to stab, but too quick for him the boar drove
 over the knee, and with his tusk gashed much of the flesh.

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