

While Theseus—the Greek hero—was sailing to Crete, as a Tribute for King Minos and the Minotaur, the monster had a dream. Ariadne, the one person who get near the beast, tried to calm him.

As the children of Athens arrived at Crete, Theseus stepped off the boat but refused to bow to Ariadne. He was, after all, the son of a king as she was the daughter of a king.

Ariadne sensed there was something special about this Tribute.

When she discovered his true identity, she gave Theseus a key. That key would help him to achieve his objective (to kill the Minotaur).

Ariadne also gave Theseus a roll of twine. That twine would help him to find his way out of the Labyrinth.

Why did Ariadne help this Athenian Tribute? Because she had fallen in love with Theseus—at first sight—and wanted to break the curse.

Would she, and he, be able to accomplish which no one, before them, had been able to do?

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The series was created by Jim Henson (creator of The Muppets) and developed by Anthony Minghella. It originally aired in 1988. The series ended after the second season. "Theseus and the Minotaur" is from the last season.

This clip features:

Director - John Madden

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Producer - Duncan Kenworthy

Michael Gambon - The Storyteller

Brian Henson - The Storyteller's Dog

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