**The Legend of Troy**

There was a city called Troy 3200 years ago. The peaceful but bold people of this city live for long years in peace under the rule of their king “Primos” but the Gods envy of this happiness and they decideto ruin it.One day, Hekabe the wife of the king Priomos has a nightmare. In her dream, flares blow out of her stomach and the smoke of this fire covers all the walls of the castle. Hekaba tells her dream firstly to his king ,and then to the soothsayer.The soothsayer’s comment isn’t very heartwarming. According to her, Hekabe is pregnant and her baby to be born will cause troubles on Troyans in the future. So that ,once the baby opens his eyes into the world ,he has to be killed. Believing this oracle the king entitles a man on the purpose of killing the baby. Afer the birth, the hit man can’t kill the defenceless, newborn baby and drops him into a mountain called IDA. He thinks that the wild animals can somehow kill him. However the baby is found by a shepherd before being found by wild beasts.This little child is Paris who is realy going to make alot of troubles on Troyans. At that time, in the mount Oliympos where the gods live, there is an interesting uproar. Because the fighting goddess Eris isn’t invited to the wedding of the King Peleus and the sea nymph Thetis on the grounds that she leads to disturbance. So he decides to take revenge since she is resentful. Then She leaves a golden apple in middle of the hall with a note written “to the most beautiful girl”. After that, there will be too much discussions on having that golden apple among all the goddesses. At last ,except three big goddessess, the others set back but the goddesses of power Hera and the goddess of intelligence Athena and the goddess af love Aphrodite insist on having the apple. Three of them visit Zeus and ask for his refereeing. Since Zeus doesn’t want to make his daughters resentful, he expresses that he doesn’t understand these kinds of things. His real aim is to send them away off this trouble in Olympos. Because they can cause a disturbance in Olympos. He asserts that a mortal has to be as a referee.

The father of Gods roars. “Go to the mountains which are rich in rivers, and there lives a Troyan Prince called Paris. He is the best at these works.

He sends them away by pointing out Paris, and they come to the zenith of the mountain under the guidance of the God Hermes. At that time, Paris is herding sheep unaware of anything. The reporter God Hermes tells the issue to him and gives “the golden apple”. So, he is going to give the apple to the most beautiful one. But this duty is not that easy. Because, all of them are very beautiful respectively. So the goddesses offer bribe to Paris.

Hera promises power. If he gives the golden apple, he is going to be the most powerful man. Athena promises him to be the most smartest king and commits a victory for a war gone through with Greece. Afrodit promises him the most beautiful woman of the world.

Paris is not so interested in kingdoms.He thinks to have the most beautiful woman and gives the gold apple to Aphrodite. But this causes a conflict and the others start to make plans to ruin Troya. Aphrodite keeps her words and provides him to go to the city Isparta in Greece. Because the most beautiful woman in the World is living there. She is the wife of the king Menelaous and her name is Helen.

Meneleos and Helen welcome Paris. The king tells him that he could stay in the palace as long as he wishes. He goes to Girit by trusting him and leaves them alone in the palace. But Paris kidnappes Helen to Troy with the advantage of his absence. On returning from Girit, Meneleos understands his mistake and he wages war on Troya to take back his wife. He calls for help from the kings of Greece by sending them reporters. Because while getting married with Helen, they promise to help if she gets into a trouble. By comminting to their words, they are volunteer to ruinTroya by crossing the seas. The King's brother Agamennon , old Mestor , Ajax Patroklos , all of them are ready. But Odysseus and Akhilles lie low. Odysseus who is the smartest and wisest king of Greece isn’t eager to leave his home and family for a disloyal woman. So he outrages to the reporter inviting him to the camp of army. Both he ploughs the fields and he plants salt instead of seed. But the reporter sent by commander Agamennon is as cunning as him. He grabs his little son and drops him right before the plow. Seeing his son, Odysseus leaves the plow and saves his son. This is the sign of his intelligence which is as sharp as in the past. Unwillingly , he has to join at army. As regards Akhilles , he knows he will die before Troya is plundered and burnt since his mother the sea nymph Thetis tells him before . So he hides in the palace of Lycomedes the King by wearing woman clothes among women. Commanders entitle cunning Odysseus to take out Akhilles . He disguises a peddler and goes to the palace. There are precious jewels in one part of his cloak and guns in Another part. All the girls are interested in ornaments but Akhilles. He is into the guns and swords and Odysseus identifies him. At last, he goes to army wittingly. At last they set off. But this time ,the north wind blowing for days doesn’t cease and let them sail to Troy.The army is desperate. One of the soothsayers tells Arthemis is angry with Akhas because one of Agamennon's soldiers kills his lovely rubbit.So he tells he makes the wind blustered and kept blustering. He says if Agamennon’s daughter Iphiginia is sacrificed , his anger migh cease.This is insufferable for Agamennon . In spite of this , he acknowledges for the sake of victory. Acording to one legend, Iphigimia is sacrificed, and to an another one, instead of Iphigimia a deer sent by Agamennon is the sacrifice. In the Aftermath of this event , the north wind stops and more than a thousand ships bring hundred thousand warriors to Troy. They camp at the shore of strait in Çanakkale. Akhas are very crowded and strong. They attack to the city so many times. But the city is surrounded with walls. Besides Priamos has brave sons to save these holy lands. Hector training the horses is the bravest of all and the commander in-chief. At the same time, communities from Anatolia against Akhas take sides with them and the war takes ten years. During nine years the victory changes sides. Sometimes , Troyans surpass and sometimes Akhas chase Troyans. For a very long time, neither part can achieve a clear superiority . Akhas plunder the premises nearby and kidnap the girls into their tents. After such an event, because of the daughter of priest whom Agamennon has kidnapped, a number of soldiers get sick and die.Then, Agamennon and Akhilles fall out with each other. Akhilles complain about this incident to Zeus and the war stretches into the mount Olympos. Some of the gods support Troyans and the others take their sides with Akhas. Akhilles isn't in the war any more and by the way the war goes on . In spite of his absence , Akhas chaseTroyans to the walls of the city .There happens bloody war near the walls. Priamos the King and the other old Troyans witness the war on the top of a tower.For a moment ,the war stops.

Either parties set back their soldiers. Paris and Menelous come across. They are going to fight alone. If Menelaos wins , he will take back Helen and go back to Isparta. If Paris wins, Helen will stay in Troya. In either case , the war will end up.The offer comes from Paris. Hektor transmits this idea to Akhas and the duel starts.It is Paris shooting the first arrow. Manelous causes it go away with his shirt but it doesn’t hurt him.Then he takes out his sword and hits his iron hat.The sword is broken and falls down. Although Paris has no ornaments , he jumps over him and keeps his face guard. If Aphrodite doesn't get involved , they will drag him into the rows of Greeks . But Aphrodite helps Paris run away to Troy by cutting off the rope.Then Menelaos strives to look for Paris in the rows of Troyans by holding his faceguard in his hands.Indeed , There isn’t anybody to help Paris on Troyans sides. Because he can't fight except shooting his arrows, Troyans hate him. Somehow ,he achieves to run away. But Nobody knows where or how he does. In the aftermath af this event, Agamennon ,the chief of soldiers, addresses to both armies and announces Menelous as winner. So, Troyans has to hand Helen back as decided before. They are ready to give. But the goddess of power Hera and the goddess of intelligence Athena aren't eager to end up the war unless Troya is destroyed.They are unable to bring thimselves after the beauty contest.They cheat the most stupid Troya Pandorus and cause him to hurt Menelaus with an arrow.This is enough to restart the war. Many people die from both parts.The gods and goddesses also fight with each other in the battlefield.Then they complain to each other to Zeus.Then Zeus gets angry. He helps Troyans . After his involving,it reverses.Troyans repel Akhas to their ships.

Hector turns into a real hero leading his army. Agamennon and Akhas strive to persuade Akhilles to fight a battle again. Troyans are as close to set fire in ships. Akhilles hands in his own armour to his bestfriend, Petraklos. But Petraklos is killed by Hector. Although Akhilles is aware of his fate, he decides to wage on with Hector in order to take revenge. He is looking for hector everywhere. Firstly, Troyans are repelled, then he approaches angrily to the walls. Troyans open the city gates and take the warriors inside of the city. But there is only Hector standing outside, in front of the walls. Hector starts to tremble seeing the shining sword of Akhilleus. He starts to run away. After chasing him three times around the walls, Hector screws up his courage and stands against Akhilleus . He shoots his arrow and hits his armour from the very middle. But he can’t bore it. He attaches on Akhilles by drawing his sword. Later, Akhilles stabs with his long lance from his neck. Tumbling down on his dying breath, he begs Akhilleus his body to be handed in his family. But iron hearted Akhilleus can’t calm down and he drops the head of the corpse binding his feet into the buggy. He drags him many times in front of the walls. He doesn’t have the corpse cremated and tells he is going to toss the body to dogs. Especially Zeus is angry with this impudence. Zeus encourages Priamos to go into the camp of Akhilles. He begs for his body by bringing valuable gifts near him. By calming down, he decides to give the dead body to exchange for he gifts. After the cremation of the body, the war starts over. Akhilleus is enthusiastic about the war. But perhaps, this is going to be his last roaring. He chases all Troyans in front of him. When he comes close to walls, he is shot with a poisonous arrow which Paris has thrown. Ajax takes his dead body to the battlefield. The death of Akhilleus causes a new disturbance among commanders. The right of having armour is given to Odyseus as a result of a secret poll.

Ajax commits suicide by jumping over his own sword with the feeling of humiliation. Dying of these two heroes successively discourages Akhas. The victory is improbable. But they don’t have any intention to give up. The younger son of Akhilleus kills Paris. But his death isn’t a big loss for Troyans. He has already plagued Troyans. They still protect their power. The walls of the city stand on as unharmed. To end up this war, there is no way except taking the soldiers into the city and ruining it insidely. How are they going to do that?

The wisest of Akhas, cunning Odysseus comes up with an idea of making a wooden horse. It is going to be big and hollow and capable of taking o lot of soldiers in it. Odysseus and other ranked commanders are going to hide within the horse, the others will sail into the sea and conceal in their ships off Tenedos. If the wheels come off, they will hide in a place where Troyans can’t find them. But if it goes all accordingly to the plan, they will wait for a sign to conquer the city. There will be a soldier at the back from Akhas to sustain the plan. The duty of this soldier is to convince Troyans to take the wooden horse into the city. It goes like planned as before.

One morning, Troyans wake up with great confusion. Everywhere is silent. The noisy camp is empty now and the ships have gone away. There is a wooden horse in front of the west gate. It is huge. It seems that Akhas give up and admit the defeat. But where does the horse come from? While asking this question themselves, Simon ,at the back of the camp, comes up. Troyans take Simon to the King Priamos by grabbing him. Simon, who is a great actor, cries, weeps and tells he hates Greeks. He explains like this:

Akhas sacrificed the daughter of King Agamennon to stop the north wind preventing ships to sail. To turn back, I was picked up as a sacrifice. They were going to sacrifice me. Everything was ready. But when it was night, I hid into a marsh and watched the ships go away. Every person believed in this story Simon made up. Because he was acting well. The second and striking part of the story was like this:

The wooden horse is made as a present to the goddess Athena. The reason of its being huge is to prevent Troyans to take it from narrow city gates. Akhas’ expectations are to set fire on this horse. So that they are going to draw Athena’s hatred on Troya. If Troyans take the horse into the city and save it, the grace of the goddess is going to head to Troyans. Everybody believes in this story made up wisely except Laokoon who is a priest in Troya and Hector’s sister Kassandra. The priest warns them to be careful about Greeks presenting gifts. He tells the horse to be burnt. Nobody believes in him. Troyans drag the horse into their city without hesitating. The war going on ten years is over. Finally the peace is all over the field. Troyans celebrate it with funny activities.

At midnight, the soldiers within the horse come out of it one by one and kill the guardians and open the gates. The army of Akhas appoach to the walls of city. They set fire on the city silently. Troyans jumping out of their homes to extinguish the fire are stabbed into swords unaware of what is going on. This is not war, it is like butchery. Troyans come closer to the end even if they resist for a while. The son of Akhilleus is killed in front of old Priamos and his wife. That horrible night when Troya is burnt throuthout, Helen goes back to her old husband. Menelaos accepts her with pleasure. Next day while sailing into the sea altogether, the only thing remaining one of the most haughty cities is only the ruins burning innerly.

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