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# **THE LEGEND OF ACHILLES, KING OF MIRMIDONES...**

**... In a Comic Book.**

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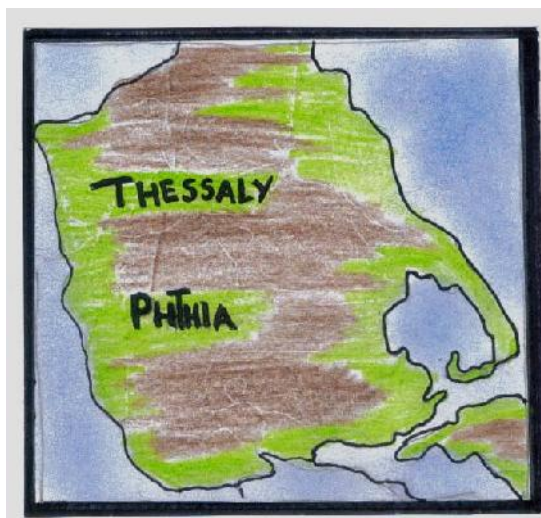
Achilles, the hero of  
Mirwidones



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The story which we will narrate is about Achilles. Achilles was born near our village and is by far the most beloved hero for all the Greek kids. His life and death continues to thrill all children...  
So, let's begin...



Ο Αχιλλεύς γεννήθηκε και έζησε στην αρχαία Φθία για περιοχή της Θεσσαλίας.

Achilles was born and lived in ancient Phthia, an area of Thessaly.

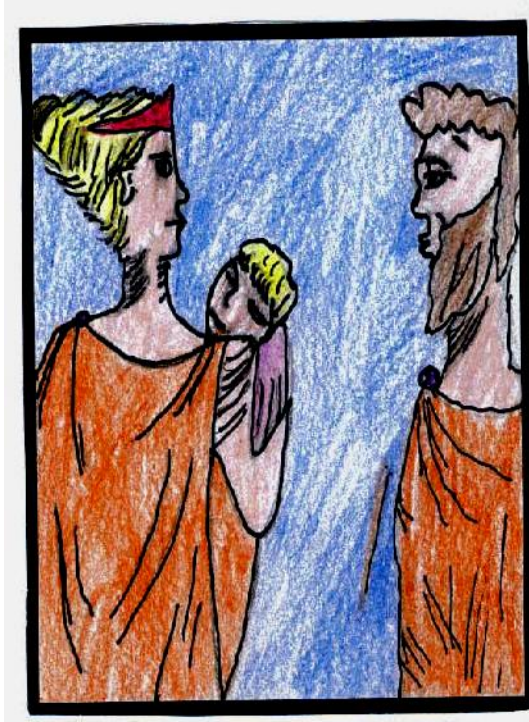
He lived about 12<sup>th</sup> century b.C., the era of the well-known Trojan War, which was conducted because of Troy's Prince Paris-Alexandros' stealing the very beautiful queen Helen of Sparta, compelling all individual and autonomous city-states of Hellas to unite and gather troops in order to bring back beautiful Helen and the dignity of her husband Menelaos, whose brother Agamemnon was the king of Mycenae and general chief of all the Hellenic troops against Troy.

The parents of Achilles were Pileas, a mortal, and Thetis, an immortal, an ordinary phenomenon for Greeks (Hellenes) who used to live literally with their Gods.

Ο Πηλέας βασιλιάς της Φθίας  
παντρεύτηκε την Θέτιδα,  
που ήταν Θεά.  
  
Pileas, the king of Phthia,  
married with Thetis,  
who was a goddess.



And little time later...



Η Θέτιδα και ο Πηλέας  
έφεραν στον κόσμο τον  
Αχιλλέα.

Thetis and Pileas gave  
birth to Achilles.



Thetis was so glad and happy but also worried ...



Η Θέτιδα αγαπούσε πολύ τον Αχιλλέα και ήθελε να τον κάνει άτρωτο.

Thetis loved Achilles very much and wanted to make him invulnerable.

So, after many other attempts which almost would lead baby Achilles to death, she...

Η Θέτιδα βούτηξε τον Αχιλλέα στα νερά της λίμνης Στυγας για να τον κάνει άτρωτο. Όμως, τον κράτησε από τη φτέρνα και το μέρος εκείνο ήταν τρωτό.

Thetis put Achilles into the waters of lake Stygia, in order to make him invulnerable. But, she held him from the heel and that spot remained vulnerable.





She almost had achieved her goal... But, remember,  
the heel was still vulnerable...

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Later on, when Achilles grew enough...



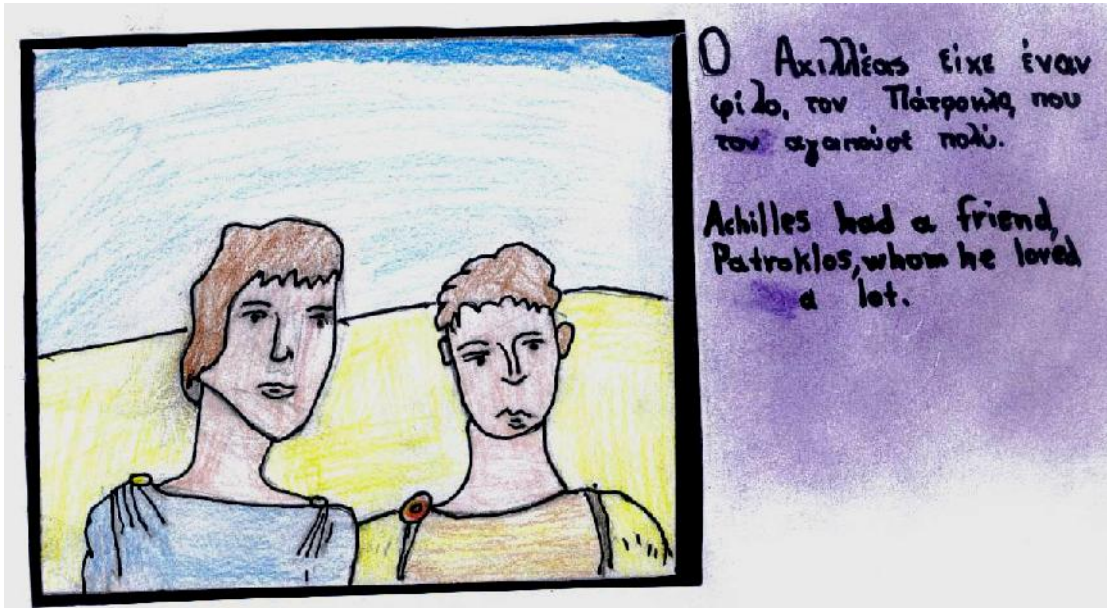
Ο Πηλίας δίνει τον μικρό  
Αχιλλέα στον κένταυρο Χείρωνα  
για να τον εκπαιδεύσει.

Pileas is giving young Achilles  
to centaur Heiron to train him.

Centaurs used to live on mount Pilion and were weird  
creatures, half horse-half man.



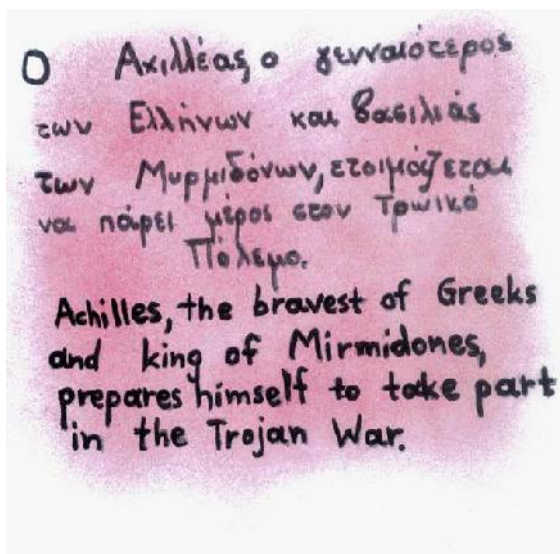
When Achilles grew more...



And some day...

couriers came to Phthia, telling the bad news and calling Achilles to join the rest of the Hellenes to war Troy in order to bring back the Queen Helen and punish ungrateful prince of Troy Paris-Alexandros.

He accepted the invitation, of course...



Really, Achilles took part in the war with his warriors, the bold Mirmidones, and he was the bravest of all the Hellenes. Trojans were very afraid of him and his bravery.

But, some day, after a victorious battle out of the walls of Troy Achilles captured a woman, Vrisiida.



Ο Αγαμέμνωνας, αρχηγός των Ελλήνων στην εκστρατεία κατά της Τροίας, θέλησε να πάρει απ' τον Αχιλλέα τη Βρисиδα. Ο Αχιλλέας θυμήσε και σταμάτησε να πολεμά.

Agamemnon, the chief of Greeks during the campaign against Troy, wanted to take Vrisiida\* from Achilles. He got very angry and stopped fighting.

\* Vrisiida, was a slave woman.

Agamemnon managed to take what he wanted, but Achilles got into his tent and stopped fighting. Trojans began to take advantage of his absence and to defeat Hellenes. The losses were dramatically large. But, Achilles was firm as well as Agamemnon.



But, his beloved friend Patroklos couldn't bear it...  
He went into Achilles' tent and begged him to fight,  
but nothing done. Then, he thought something like a  
trick!

He would fight wearing Achilles' panoply and weapons!  
That would be the same. Trojans would be terrified  
and be defeated!

And that's what was done!!! Trojans were very  
terrified, seeing again "Achilles" to fight. From this  
miserable position Hector, the successor of the  
throne of Troy and brother of Paris-Alexandros, was  
the one to take action to fight with "Achilles".

Hector was also a very brave warrior...

So...



When the dead body of Patroklos was carried into the camp of the Hellenes...



Ο Αχιλλεύς θρήνησε  
το θάνατο του  
Πάτροκλου.

Achilles lamented for  
Patroklos' death.



...and he swore to fight with Hector and kill him!



So, after the funeral of Patroklos.... Achilles was ready again, full of hatred and fury, to do what he swore to...

The fight was very furious between the two men. These two were the bravest warriors of their armies respectively...

But, at the end, the result was predetermined on behalf of Achilles, who, let's not forget, was almost invulnerable and immortal in a way...



Ο Αχιλλεύς μονομαχεί  
με του Έκτορα και τον  
σκοτώνει.

Achilles fights with  
Hector and kills him.

And after that...

Ο Αχιλλεύς, πολύ αγριμένος, περιφέρει το πτώμα του Έκτορα γύρω από τα τείχη της Τροίας.

Achilles, infuriated, pulls Hector's corpse around the walls of Troy.



All the Trojan people, Hector's father and king of Troy Priamos and his wife Andromachi with their baby son in her arms were watching this inhuman spectacle, all of them full of terror and grief for their brave prince Hector and his inglorious death.



Afterwards, Achilles carried the dead body of Hector into the camp of the Hellenes and out of his tent. And .....

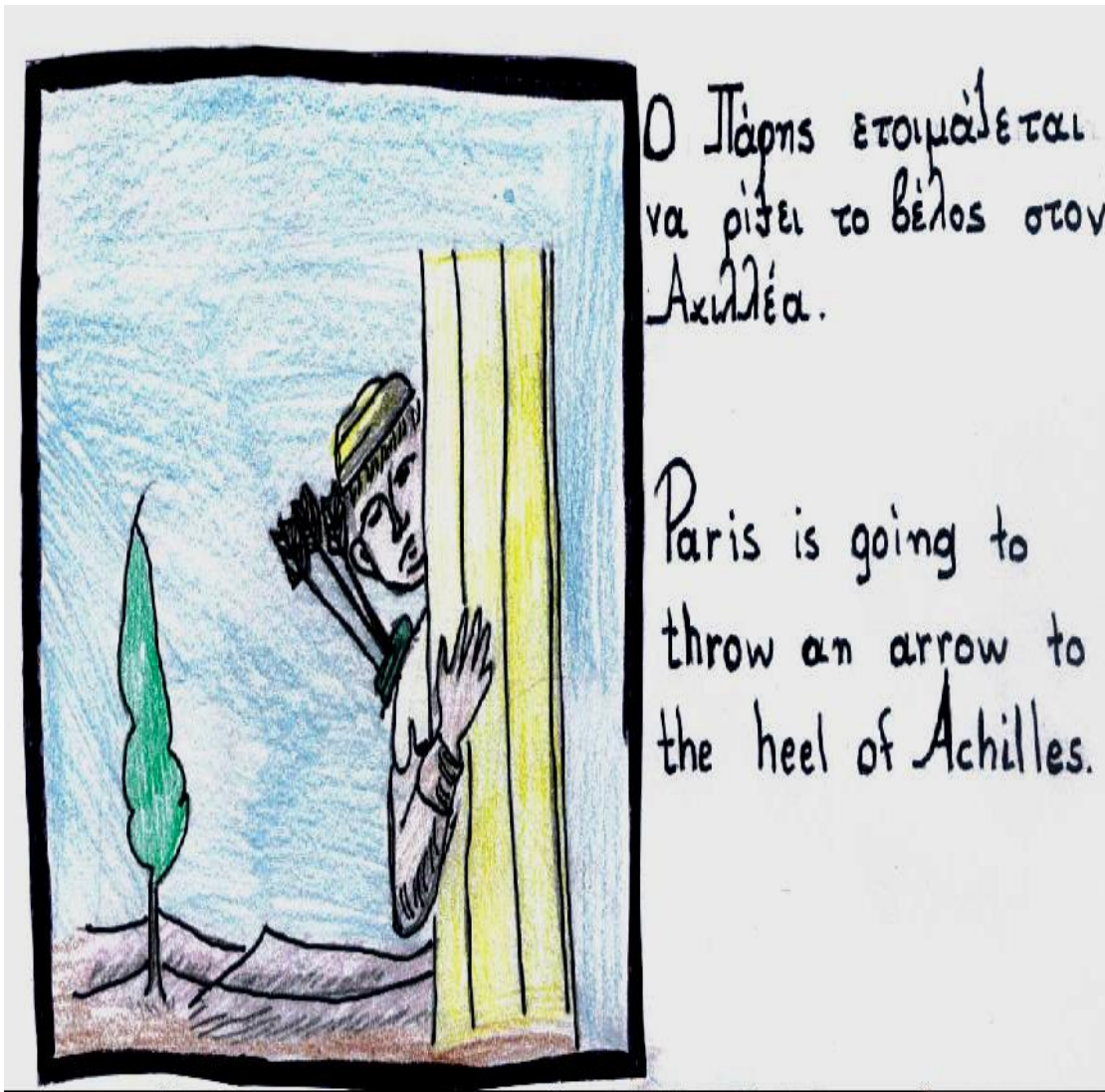


Ο Πριάμος, ο βασιλιάς της Τροίας,  
παρακάλεσε τον Αχιλλέα να του δώσει  
το σώμα του νεκρού γιου του, Έκτορα  
για να το κηδέψει.

Priamos, the king of Troy, begged  
Achilles to give him the body  
of his dead son Hector, in order to  
bury it.

The war continued more savage and fierce. No army could win.

Then, Apollon, the God of Light and Music and helper of the Trojans, revealed the secret of Achilles to Paris-Alexandros, who sought to find a chance to kill Achilles...



And some day he did it...





Ο Πάρις σκοτώνει τον  
Αχιλλέα με ένα βέλος στη  
φτέρνα.

Paris is killing Achilles  
with an arrow to  
his heel.

The Hellenes experienced a very strong feeling of grief and sadness after that... They had lost their bravest warrior and the war was still uncertain...  
The funeral of Achilles took place in the camp ...

Η κηδεία του Αχιλλέα.  
Achilles' funeral.



... and they continued to fight till the conquest of Troy, which in the end was conquered thanks to Ulysses' Trojan Horse and was completely destroyed...

**The end**



This is a collaborative work done by the pupils of  
the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade of our School.



Zina



Krystallia



Marianna



Anastasia



Christina



Tzortzina



Evelina



Yiorgos

And???



Dimitris

There are some other guys as well, but they refused to be taken a photo, so we thought to put a photo of the whole class, that is .....





**Goodbye to all!!!**