

Then he came to the land of the Cyclopes, where he was trapped in the cave of Polyphemus

After Polyphemus had eaten six of his men, Odysseus told him that his name was Nobody

Odysseus blinded Polyphemus with a stake, and when the other Cyclopes came to see what was the matter, Polyphemus said that Nobody was harming him

In the morning, Odysseus and his remaining men escaped under the bellies of Polyphemus' sheep

Odysseus sailed away, and Polyphemus asked his father Poseidon to put a curse on him

Odysseus came to the island of Aeolus, the king of the winds

Aeolus gave Odysseus a bag in which every wind was trapped apart from the one he needed to blow him home to Ithaca

Odysseus' men thought that the bag contained gold, and opened it while Odysseus was asleep – and they were promptly blown back to the island of Aeolus

Odysseus then came to the land of the Laestrygonians, where almost all his men were eaten and all but his own ship destroyed

Then he came to the island where the enchantress Circe lived

A band of men, led by Eurylochus, were turned by Circe into pigs

Odysseus, helped by Hermes and a magic plant, moly, turned the men back into humans

Circe advised Odysseus to visit the Underworld and consult Tiresias, the prophet

Tiresias warned Odysseus of the dangers ahead, and told him not to harm the cattle of the Sun

Odysseus sailed past the Sirens, having told his men to put wax in their ears and to tie him to the mast

They then sailed past Scylla and Charybdis

They then landed on the island of the sun god, where Odysseus warned his men not to harm the cattle

Odysseus' men however ate some of the cattle, and when they sailed on, Zeus destroyed their ship with a massive storm – only Odysseus himself survived

Odysseus was washed up on the island of Calypso where he spent seven years

Eventually he sailed to the land of the Phaeacians where he was well received and sent on to his own home of Ithaca

When Odysseus arrived in Ithaca, he found that his wife Penelope had been besieged by suitors, all keen to marry her