

Monday 21st September

English

Page 22 from Odysseus:

Eventually we heard bleating. A great flock of animals was approaching. Something - perhaps a premonition - made me instruct my men to hide in the darkest part of the cave. A huge herd of sheep and goats entered and gathered near their young.

Then, behind them, we saw a silhouette in the cave mouth. It was the shape of a man, but it was bigger than any man we had ever seen. It was the size of a tall tree. It lumbered in, grabbed the boulder and rolled it to the entrance. Now the only light came from the fire. By the light of the flames we watched the giant milk the female sheep and goats with surprising tenderness and obvious affection. We studied its tusk like teeth and its snout of a nose. In the middle of its forehead was one enormous eye.