

Odysseus & his men visit Circe

Who are the characters in this story ?

1. **Odysseus** is a brave man in this chapter who does anything possible to help his men.
2. **Circe** is a powerful witch who, with the help of herbs, muttering incantations, or praying to her weird gods, could turn men into animals
3. **Eurylochus** is one of Odysseus' men that didn't go inside the house and went and told Odysseus what happened.
4. **Hermes** is a god that gave Odysseus a herb to preserve him from Circe's curse.

Important Quotes from Chapter 10

"She opened her gleaming doors at once and stepped forth inviting them all in, and in they went, all innocence. Only Eurylochus stayed behind-- he sensed a trap ...into the wicked brew she stirred her wicked drugs."(10.253-259)

"So off they went to their pens,sobbing,squealing as Circe flung them acorns , cornel nuts, and mast ,common fodder for hogs that root and roll in mud."(10.267-270)

Hermes:"Look here is a potent drug.Take it to Circe's halls...She'll mix you a potion,lace the brew with drugs but she'll be powerless to bewitch you,even so this magic herb I give will fight her spells.Now here is your plan of action ,step by step."(10.218-24)

Circe:"Royal son of Laertes,Odysseus, old campaigner ,stay no more in my house against your will,But first another journey calls.You must travel down to the House of Death." (10.537-540)