

Siren (n.)

Origin - from the Sirens, whose sweet singing lured sailors to their destruction on the rocks

Definition - dangerous, attractive woman

Example - Russia employed a bilingual siren to spy on the Trump campaign.

How was Odysseus able to hear the song of the sirens without crashing his ship?

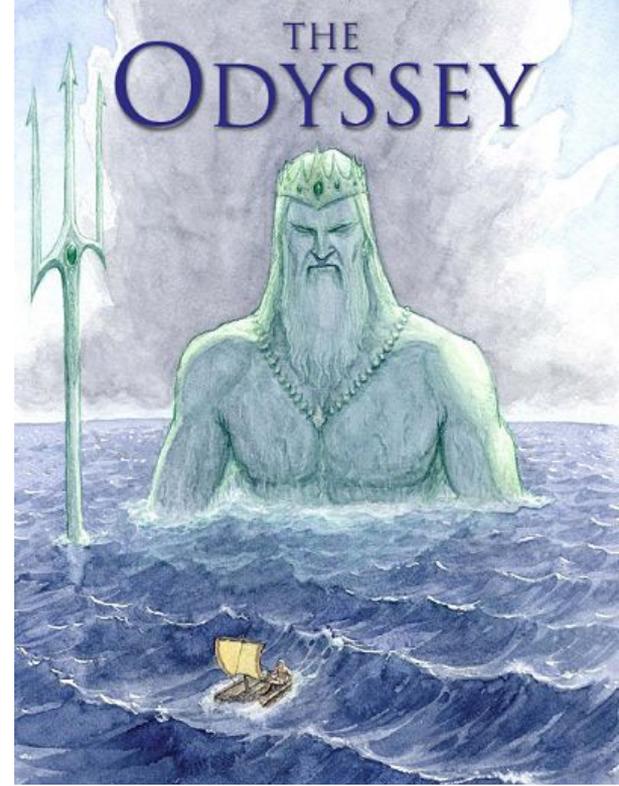


Odyssey (n.)

Origin - from the Odyssey, epic poem dealing with Odysseus' ten years of wandering after the Trojan War

Definition - long series of travels

Example - A travel agent will plan our odyssey to places of interest around the world.



Mentor (n.)

Origin - from Mentor, to whom Odysseus entrusted the education of his son

Definition - 1. wise and trusted advisor

2. tutor; coach

Example - The retiring supervisor decided to stay on for a month as a mentor to her replacement.

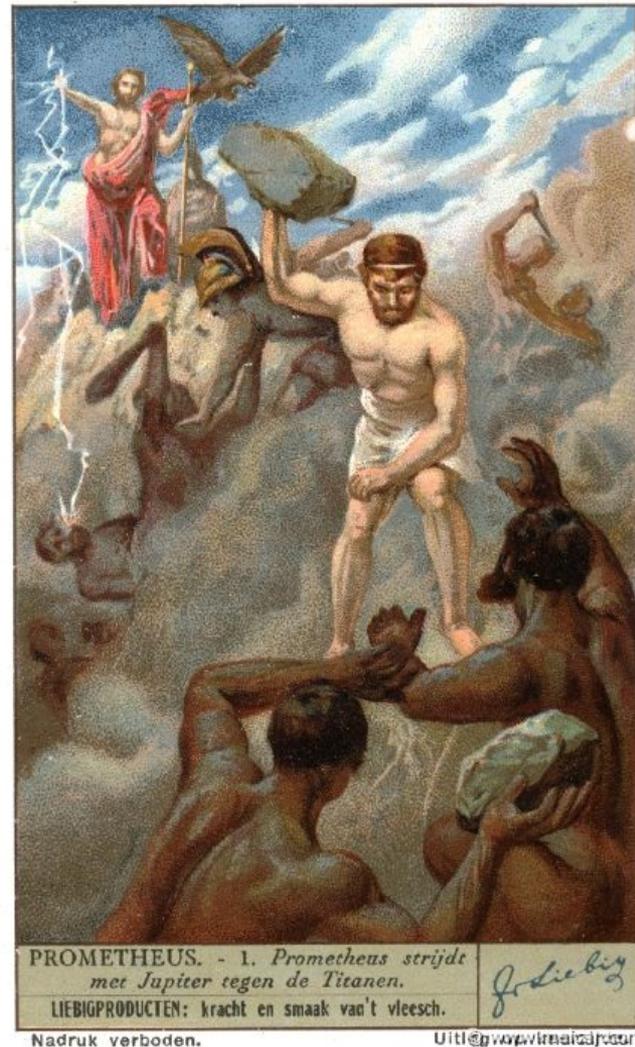


Titanic (adj.)

Origin - from the Titans, lawless, powerful giants defeated by Zeus

Definition - of enormous strength, size, or power

Example - By a titanic effort, our football team defeated both Girl's Latin *and* Blueberry Mansion.



Lethargic (adj.)

Origin - from Lethe, river in Hades whose water caused forgetfulness of the past

Definition - unnaturally drowsy; sluggish; dull

Example - For several hours after the operation, the patient was lethargic.



Where is the river Lethe, and what will happen if you bathe in it?



Iridescent (adj.)

Origin - from Iris, messenger goddess of the rainbow

Definition - having colors like the rainbow

Example - Children enjoy creating iridescent soap bubbles.



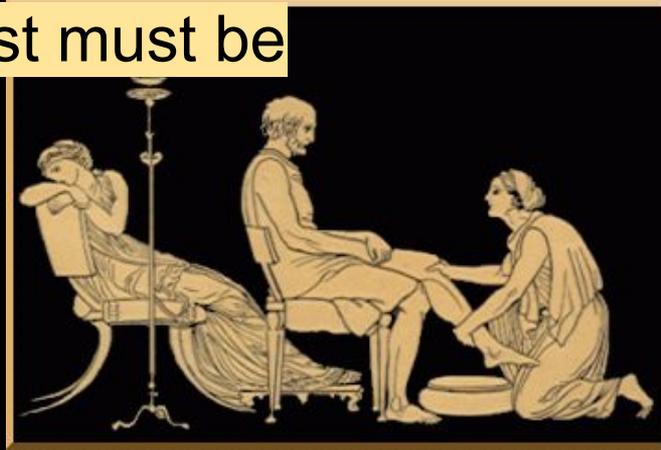
Xenia (n) Origin - in ancient times, people may have thought gods mingled among them.

Definition - Ritualized guest friendship. Xenia consists of two basic rules:

1. The respect from host to guest. The host must be hospitable to the guest. It is not polite to ask questions until the guest has finished the meal provided to them.

2. The respect from guest to host. The guest must be courteous to the host and not be a burden.

Example - The Trojan War resulted from a violation of xenia.



Nemesis (n.)

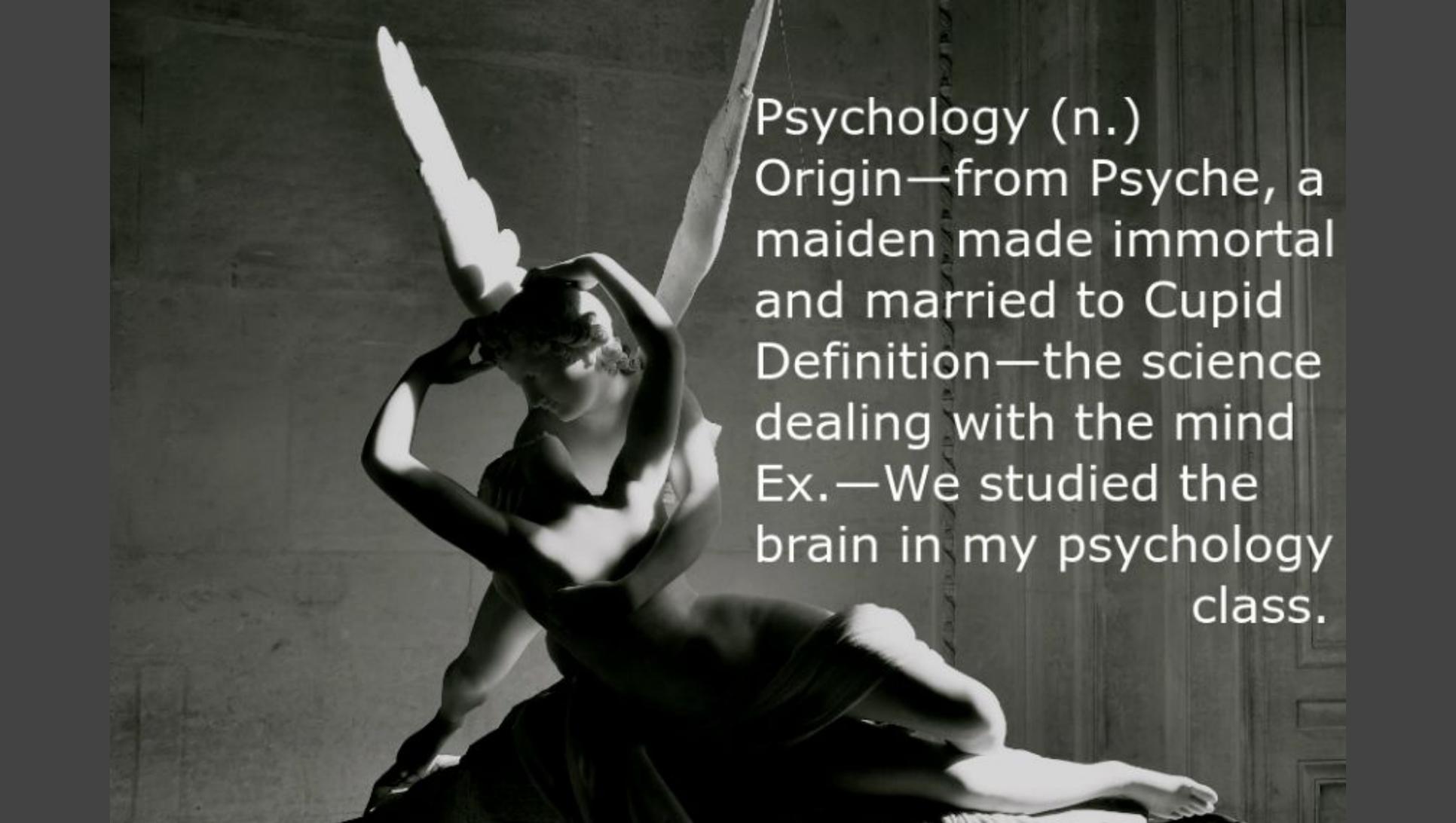
Origin—from Nemesis, goddess of vengeance

Definition—1. due punishment for evil deeds.

2. one who inflicts such punishment

Ex.—Napoleon
crushed many
opponents but
Wellington was
his nemesis.





Psychology (n.)

Origin—from Psyche, a maiden made immortal and married to Cupid

Definition—the science dealing with the mind

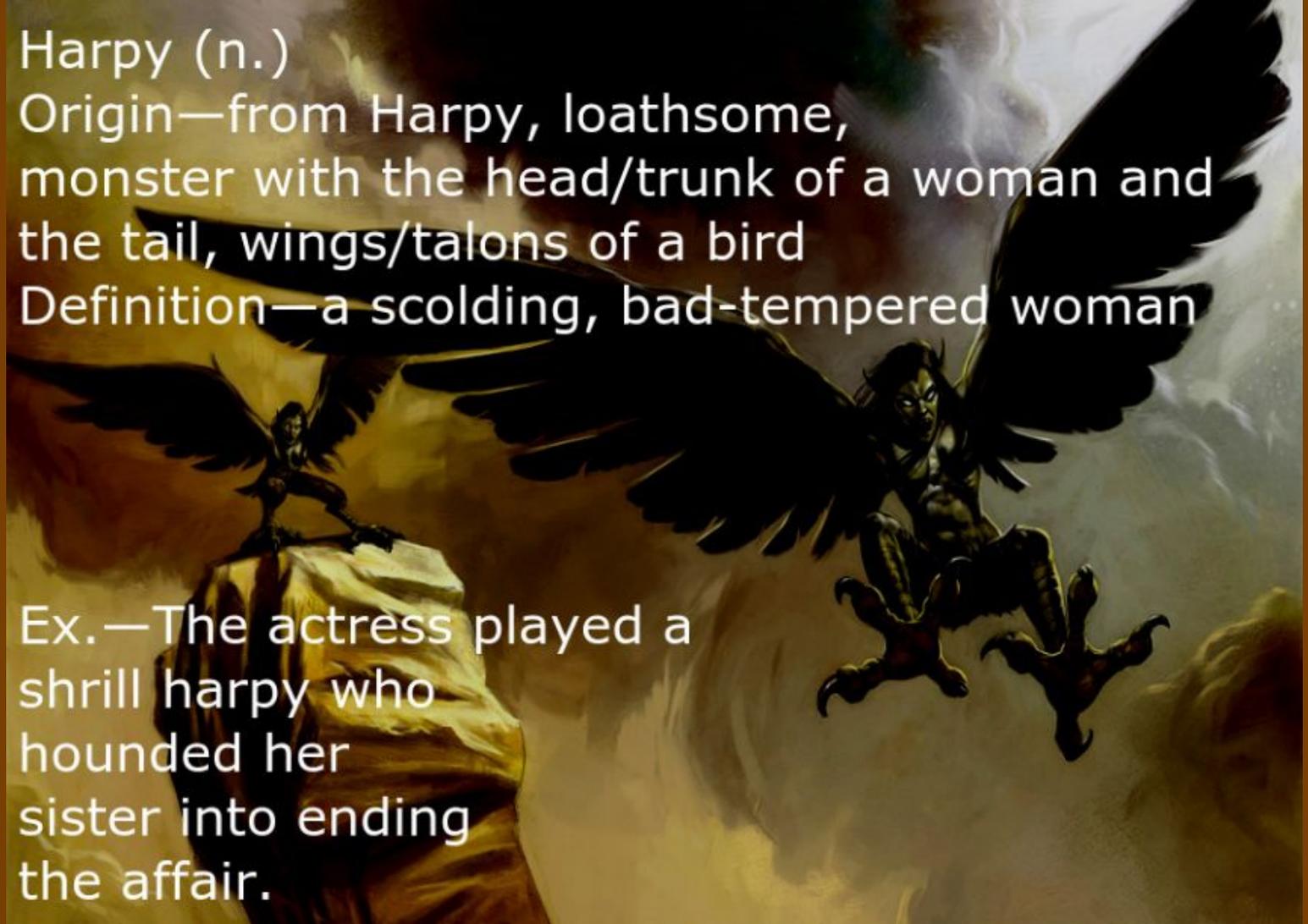
Ex.—We studied the brain in my psychology class.

Harpy (n.)

Origin—from Harpy, loathsome, monster with the head/trunk of a woman and the tail, wings/talons of a bird

Definition—a scolding, bad-tempered woman

Ex.—The actress played a shrill harpy who hounded her sister into ending the affair.



Fury (n.)

Origin—from the Furies, three terrible winged goddesses with serpentine hair, who punish unavenged crimes

Definition—violent anger; rage

Ex.—Jacob erupted in fury when Sam accused him of lying.



Insomnia (n.)

Origin—from Somnus, god of sleep

(prefix in- meaning not, lacking, or the opposite)

Definition—the inability to sleep

Ex.—She suffers
from insomnia
and is extremely
tired all day.

