

Two Kings

Minos! King of Crete!
Controls the Mediterranean Sea
No Athenian will ever defeat
The King of the Cretan dynasty.

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The keeper of the fearsome Minotaur
Locked within the Labyrinth
Half Man, half bull and carnivore.

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Is sending seven sons of Greece
And sending seven daughters too
When annual sacrifice is due.

The Labyrinth will be their jail
Escape will be to no avail
For in its maze-like corridor
Roams the dreadful Minotaur.

Aegeus, King of Athens
Killed Minos's son in a battle of war
But now the peace is so dearly bought
For Minos has the Minotaur.

Aegeus, King of Athens
Lives in fear of the bleakest day
When these fourteen for the sacrifice
Are chosen and then cast away.

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