

Passage 7.

There I made a fool of him. He thought he'd tied me up,
 But he never laid his hand on me—he only fed himself on hope.
 In the stable, where he planned to jail me, he came upon a bull,
 And it was this he bound up, hoof and leg. He was panting fiercely
 As he tied the knots, biting his lips, sweat streaming down his body.
 I was very near; I sat peacefully and watched. That was when
 Bacchus came, shook down the house, and raised the flames
 Over his mother's tomb. When the king caught sight of that,
 He thought his house was on fire, ran up and down,
 Told all his slaves to bring water from the river. What a waste
 Of time! Then he let that job go because he thought I had escaped,
 So he grabbed his black sword and ran indoors. Now,
 The Thunderer – this is only how he appeared to me – I think
 He formed an image of me in the courtyard for _____
 To attack; he rushed up slicing clean air, trying to cut me down.

- a) Identify the author and title of this work.
- b) Who is speaking? [Hint: the speaker is in disguise].
- c) Whose name should go in the blank? [Hint: this character is also referred to as "the king" and "him" throughout the passage].

2. The following passage comes from Book 4 of Apollonius' *Jason and the Golden Fleece*.

When the young girl had thought this all over in her mind, her heart was wracked by violent waves of bitter pain. Straightaway she called [him] aside, away from his companions, and when they were far from the others she addressed these words of lamentation to his face: "What, son of Aison, is this plan you have devised about me? Has your success made you completely forgetful? Do you care nothing for all you said when hard pressed by necessity? Where are your oaths by Zeus, protector of suppliants? Where have all the sweet promises gone? It was these which made me abandon my homeland, the reputation of my house, and even my parents, everything which was important to me! This is not how I should have behaved—from shameless desire!"

- 2a) Who is the speaker?
- 2b) Whom is the speaker addressing? (hint: who is the son of Aison?)
- 2c) To what plan is the speaker referring? (in other words, what is the speaker worried about here?)
- 2d) Briefly comment on the oaths to which the speaker refers; that is, briefly discuss the implications that this oath had for both the speaker and the addressee.

d) Why has “the king” tried to imprison the speaker of this passage?

e) BRIEFLY describe how the speaker gets revenge upon “the king” at the end of this work.