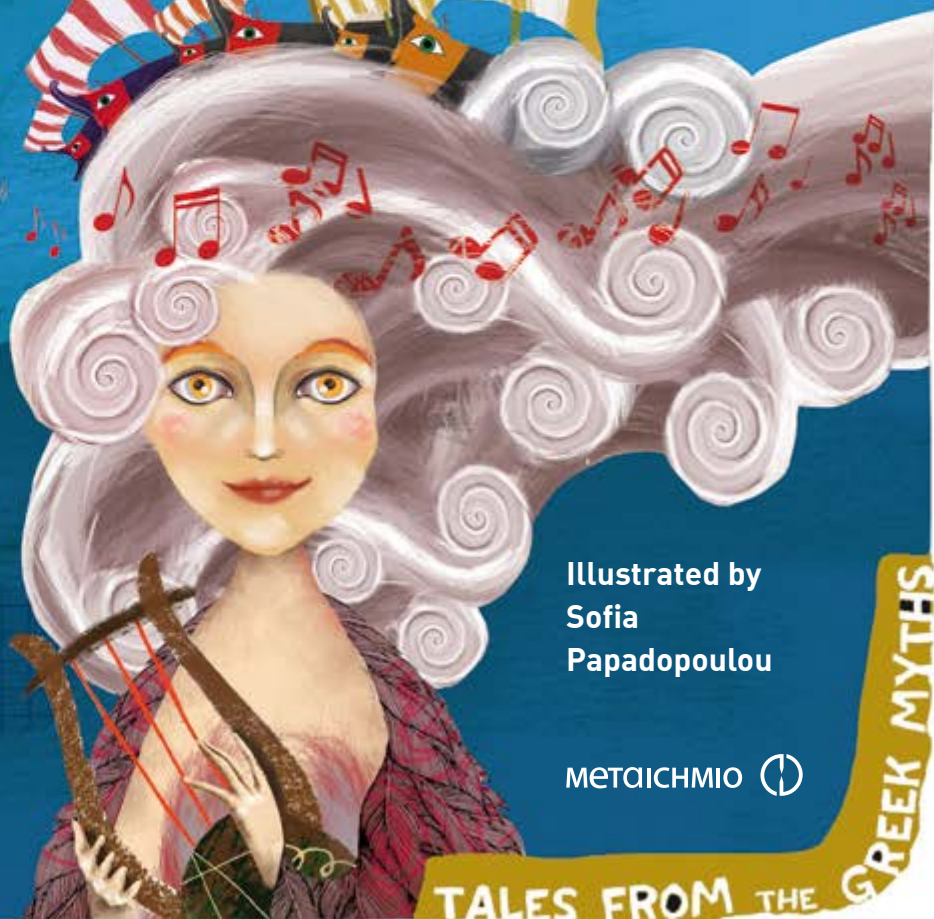


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# The song of the Sirens



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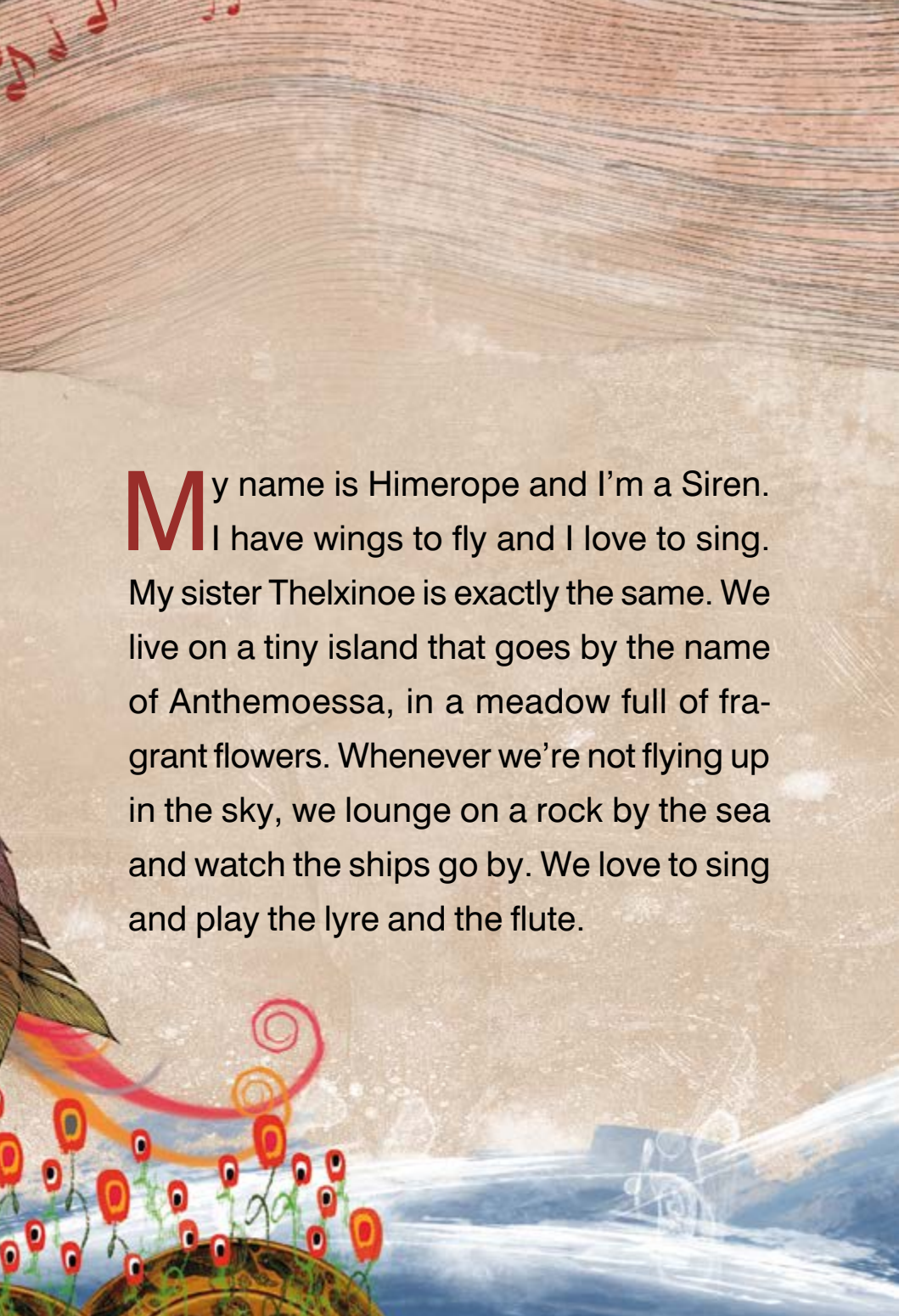
**TALES FROM THE GREEK MYTHS**



Thelxinoe

Himerope

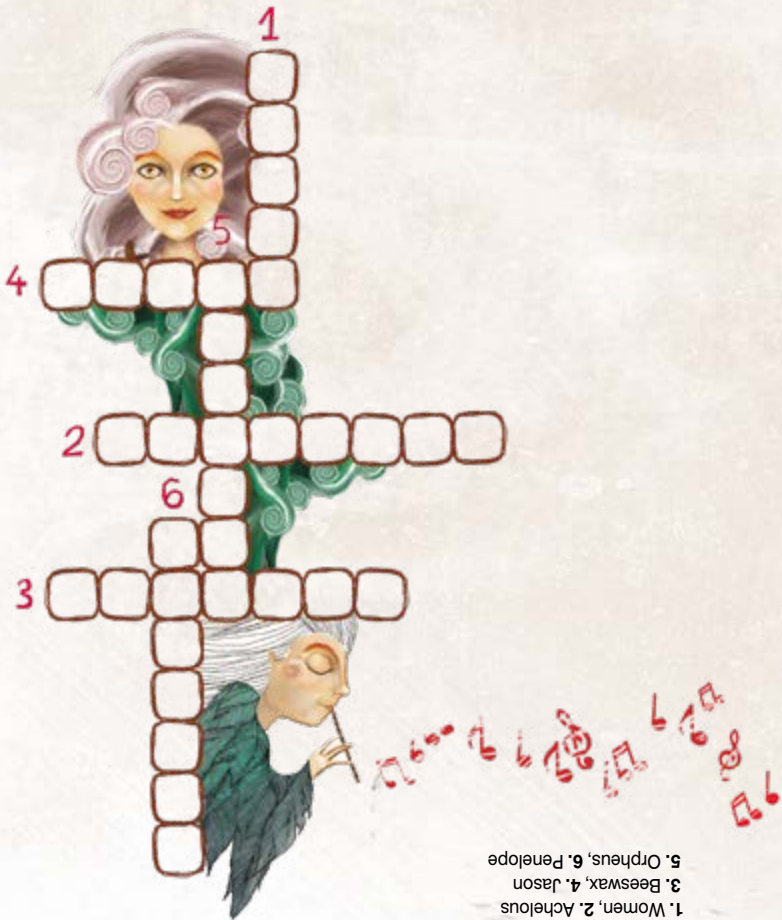




**M**y name is Himerope and I'm a Siren.  
I have wings to fly and I love to sing.  
My sister Thelxinoe is exactly the same. We  
live on a tiny island that goes by the name  
of Anthemoessa, in a meadow full of fra-  
grant flowers. Whenever we're not flying up  
in the sky, we lounge on a rock by the sea  
and watch the ships go by. We love to sing  
and play the lyre and the flute.

## CROSSWORD

1. The Sirens were half birds of prey and half...
2. The name of the Sirens' father.
3. What Odysseus used to save his shipmates.
4. The leader of the Argonauts.
5. His music saved the Argonauts.
6. Odysseus's wife.



**ANSWERS:**  
1. Women, 2. Achelous  
3. Beeswax, 4. Jason  
5. Orpheus, 6. Penelope

► Do you know of any other mythical or fictional creatures that are either winged or can make dangerous sounds?

- Scary creatures in Irish mythology.
- An X-Man with a sonic scream in Marvel Comics.
- In the *Harry Potter* book series, creatures that are inhumanely beautiful and very destructive.

1. In Irish mythology, **Banshees** were legendary female ghosts who were said to possess a powerful cry and herald death.
2. In Marvel Comics, one of the X-Men is an Irish mutant called **Banshee**, who possesses a sonic scream that is capable of harming his enemies' ears.
3. The **Veela** are the team mascots of the Bulgarian National Quidditch team and are portrayed as very attractive women. Like the Sirens, Veela music and dance has the power to cloud people's minds and make them want to do insane and self-destructive things. When the Veela get angry they transform into beings with heads like birds, with beaks and scaly wings.





Educational  
material included

The monsters from Greek mythology speak out for themselves. Do not be afraid of them. They want you to get to know them. The Sirens sing beautiful mesmerising songs. Anyone who happens to listen to their song loses their minds; they forget their homes and their loved ones, and from then on only wish to remain on the Sirens' island, listening to their plaintive music.

*This series offers a new reading of the ancient Greek myths. They are not old, worn-out stories, but gripping tales of timeless human adventures, containing all the fears and joys that have marked and continue to mark the human soul.*

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