

2 To be read after *Latin for Reading L. 24*

A young man with one shoe

Pelias, worried that Jason will return and claim his heritage, sends for advice to Delphi. There the Pythia, a medium inspired by Apollo, gives advice in the form of oracles, which are not always easy to interpret.

Proprium est timēre cui nocuimus. Brevi tempore Peliās amicum quendam misit Delphos ad consulendum orāculum Apollinis, quia scivit patrem Jasonis a se ex regno expulsum esse. Respondit Pythia haec, "Nullum est in praesentia periculum. At si quem vidēs ad regiam venientem uno cum calceō, is tibi periculo esse potest, et eum timere debēs."

Paucos post annos Peliās, qui sacrificium facere voluit, nuntios in omnes partes Graeciae dimisit, et certam diem conveniendi constituit. Die constituta magnus hominum numerus undique ex agris convenit. In his fuit Jason, qui a Chirone in Thessaliam rediit. Dum iter facit, calceum alterum in flumine amisit. Itaque altero pede nudo advēnit. Quem ubi Peliās vidit, magno timore affectus in regionem longinquam mittere constituit.

Vocabulary

adveniō, -venire, -venī, -ventum come to, arrive
afficiō, afficere, affeci, affectum affect
altero pede nudo this phrase is an ablative absolute representing a linking kernel: **alter pes nudus est calceus, i m.** shoe
num,
consulō +acc. to ask somebody for advice
conveniō, -venire, venī, -ventum come together
Delphos adverbial accusative, see LFR p. 117
dimittō, -mittere, -misi, -missum send forth
longinquus a um distant, a long way away
nuntius, -i m. messenger
orāculum, -i n. oracle

pars, partis f. part
praesentia, -ae f. present time
quidam quaedam quoddam a certain man/woman/thing
quis quae quod after si, nisi,
nē, does not mean who?, what?, but is equivalent of **aliquis, aliqua, aliquod** somebody+thing.
regia, -ae f. palace
sacrificium, -i n. sacrifice
undique adv. from all sides