

Stop 5 – The Laestrygonians

Back at sea, six days and nights we were becalmed. Then we fetched up in the land of the Laestrygonians. There its daylight around the clock. A shore patrol was dispatched to scout the countryside.

They came upon a husky young girl who directed them to her mother, the queen of those people. She proved to be hideous and huge as a mountain, and her husband was hot for blood. He grabbed the first man, tore him in half and chomped him down. The others made a break for it.

They came screaming back to the shore, followed by the entire clan of Laestrygonians. As the men scrambled to cast off, they were bombarded by boulders pelted from the heights. It was like shooting fish in a barrel. The Laestrygonians smashed ships and men and **gorged** on lumps of Greek.

I'd had the presence of mind to cut away the hawser with my sword, and I urged my men to row for their lives. We made it, the only ship to escape. Our relief was overwhelmed in grief for the comrades left behind.



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- This passage is written in:
 - 1st person
 - 2nd person
 - 3rd person limited
 - 3rd person omniscient
- In the first paragraph, the sentence, "There its daylight around the clock," should be written as:
 - There it's daylight around the clock.
 - Their it's daylight around the clock.
 - They're its daylight around the clock.
 - it is correct as it is.
- In the third paragraph, the statement, "As the men scrambled to cast off, they were bombarded by boulders pelted from the heights," is an example of:
 - simile
 - allusion
 - alliteration
 - dramatic irony
- In the third paragraph, the statement, "It was like shooting fish in a barrel," is an example of:
 - simile
 - allusion
 - alliteration
 - dramatic irony
- In the third paragraph, the word "gorged" means:
 - killed
 - beat
 - yelled at
 - ate
- How many of Odysseus's ships escaped the Laestrygonians?
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
 - 3.1415
 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7
 - 8
 - 1000000
 - 0