

## **Summary of Ulysses Chap 3 - The Lotus-Eaters**

Ulysses and his crew landed on Lybia, called 'The land where Morpheus plays.' Morpheus was the god of sleep, and he asked Persephone to make a black and blue lotus flower with one red petal. The red petal was for dreams, and Morpheus was fascinated in dreams. Morpheus planted the lotus flowers in Lybia, where it was always warm. The sweet smelling lotus flowers made people sleep when they ate them, and Morpheus read the people's dreams while they slept. Ulysses' men ate the flowers and instantly fell asleep. Morpheus saw them dreaming horrible nightmares of the Trojan War and mixed pleasant dreams. However, he didn't mix good dreams for Ulysses because his dreams must be his. Ulysses dreamed of monsters, and when he woke, he knew that the dreams were predictions. He was almost overpowered by the urge to eat the lotus flowers when he awoke, but he strained himself and brought all his sleeping men back to the ships. Then they sailed away.