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NOTE: English equivalent is underneath the Greek word(s).

In this passage, Astyages, the Persian king, tries to persuade his daughter Mandane to leave her son Cyrus with him.

- 1 ἔπει δὲ ἡ Μανδάνη παρεσκευάζετο ὡς ἀπιούσα πάλιν
2 πρὸς τὸν ἄνδρα, ἐδεῖτο αὐτῆς ὁ Ἀστυάγης καταλιπεῖν
husband
3 τὸν Κῦρον. ἡ δὲ ἀπεκρίνατο ὅτι βούλοιτο μὲν ἅπαντα
4 τῷ πατρὶ χαρίζεσθαι, ἄκοντα μέντοι τὸν παῖδα χαλεπὸν
to oblige
5 εἶναι νομίζειν καταλιπεῖν.
6 ἔνθα δὲ ὁ Ἀστυάγης λέγει πρὸς τὸν Κῦρον, “ ὦ παῖ,
7 ἦν μένης παρ’ ἐμοί, πρῶτον μὲν τῆς παρ’ ἐμὲ εἰσόδου
8 σοι οὐ Σάκας ἄρξει, ἀλλ’ ὅποτε βούλῃ εἰσιέναι ὡς ἐμέ,
Sakas (a bodyguard) to
9 ἐπὶ σοὶ ἔσται. καὶ χάριν σοι εἴσομαι ὅσῳ ἂν πλεονάκῃς
more frequently
10 εἰσίσῃς ὡς ἐμέ. ἔπειτα δὲ ἵπποις τοῖς ἐμοῖς χρήσει καὶ
to
11 ἄλλοις ὅπόσοις ἂν βούλῃ, καὶ ὅποτε ἀπίης, ἔχων
12 ἄπει οὐς ἂν αὐτὸς ἐθέλῃς. ἔπειτα δὲ ἐν τῷ δεῖπνῳ
feast
13 ἐπὶ τὸ μετρίως σοι δοκοῦν ἔχειν ὅποιαν βούλει ὁδὸν
moderately, temperately
14 πορεύσει. ἔπειτα τά τε νῦν ἐν τῷ παραδείσῳ θηρία
hunting grounds
15 δίδωμί σοι καὶ ἄλλα παντοδαπὰ συλλέξω, ἃ σὺ ἐπειδὴν
of every kind συλλέγω: to collect

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- 16 τάχιστα ἵππεύειν μάθης, διώξει, καὶ τοξεύων καὶ
ἵππεύω: to ride horses διώκω: to hunt τοξεύω: to hunt with bows and arrows
- 17 ἀκοντίζων καταβαλεῖς ὥσπερ οἱ μεγάλοι ἄνδρες. καὶ
ἀκοντίζω: to hunt with a javelin
- 18 παῖδας δέ σοι ἐγὼ συμπαίστορας παρέξω, καὶ ἄλλα
playmates παρέχω: to supply, provide
- 19 ὅποσα ἂν βούλῃ λέγων πρὸς ἐμὲ οὐκ ἀτυχήσεις.”
ἀτυχέω: to fail at getting
- 20 ἐπεὶ ταῦτα εἶπεν ὁ Ἀστυάγης, ἡ μήτηρ διηρώτα
- 21 τὸν Κῦρον πότερον βούλοιτο μένειν ἢ ἀπιέναι. ὁ δὲ
- 22 οὐκ ἐμέλλησεν, ἀλλὰ ταχὺ εἶπεν ὅτι μένειν βούλοιτο.
- 23 ἐπερωτηθεὶς δὲ πάλιν ὑπὸ τῆς μητρὸς διὰ τί, εἰπεῖν
ἐπερωτάω: to ask
- 24 λέγεται, “ ὅτι οἴκοι μὲν τῶν ἡλίκων καὶ εἰμὶ καὶ δοκῶ
companions
- 25 κράτιστος εἶναι, ὦ μητερ, καὶ ἀκοντίζων καὶ τοξεύων,
ἀκοντίζω: to hunt with a spear τοξεύω: to hunt with bows and arrows
- 26 ἐνταῦθα δὲ οἶδ’ ὅτι ἵππεύων ἥττων εἰμὶ τῶν ἡλίκων.”
ἵππεύω: to ride horses those of the same age