When Iasus had a daughter instead of the son he wanted, in his anger he had the baby exposed on the mountain to die; but she was found and brought up by a she-bear, and learned to wrestle and fight and run faster than the wild animals themselves. Eventually Iasius claimed her back in the hope that she might at least bring him a son-in-law. Milanion had fallen in love with the girl, now called Atalanta, and determined to win her for his bride; and Venus, the goddess of love decided to help him…

Iasius Atalantam in matrimonium dare voluit, sed Atalana nubere noluit. Tandem 'vir' inquit, 'qui celerius quam eto currit, me in matrimonium ducere potest.'

Multi iuvenes igitur com Atalanta certaverunt, sed Atalanta omnes superavit. Venus tamen puellis, quae amorem spernunt, non favet. Itaque, ubi Milansion venit, Venus ei auxilium dedit; tria poma aurea ei commodavit.


In matrimonium dare/ducere: give/take in marriage, marry
Nubere: be married, marry
Spernere: scorn
Pomum: apple
Commodore: lend
Consisto: stop
Praeterire: pass