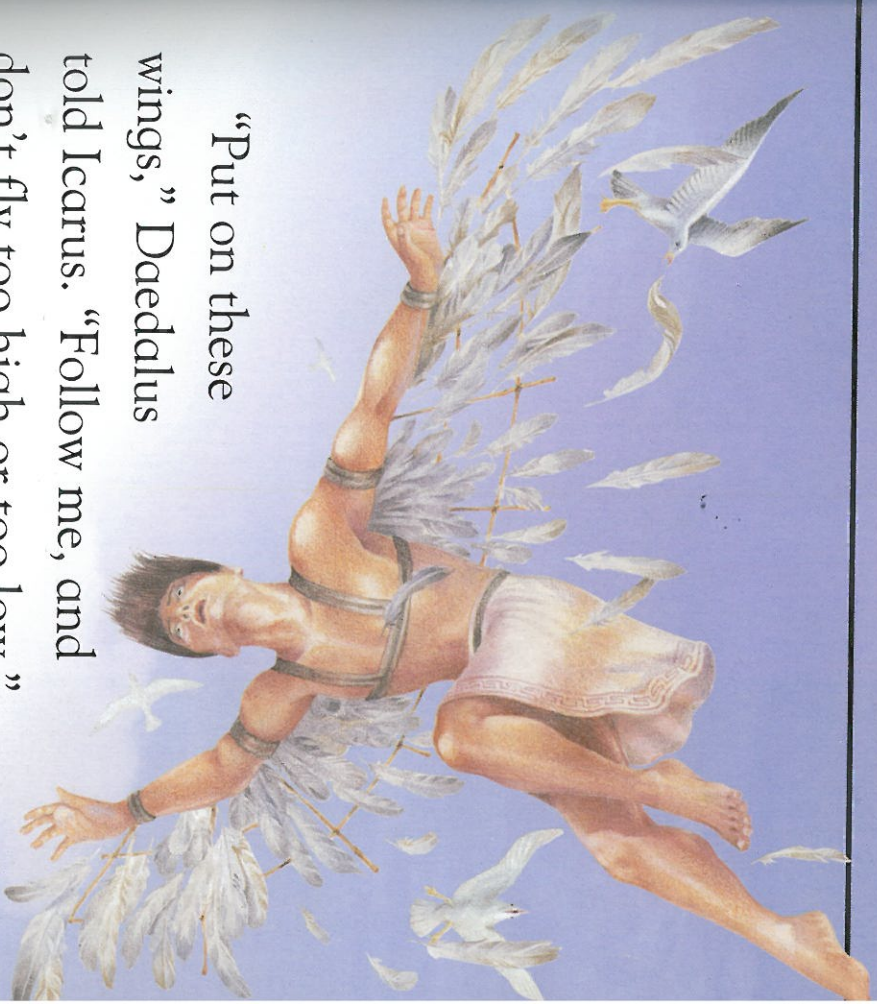
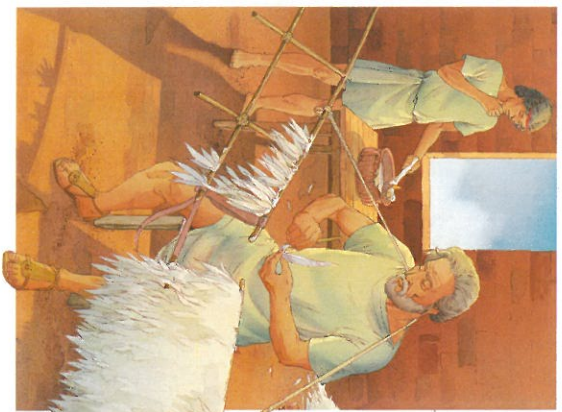


The fall of Icarus

King Minos was furious that Theseus had succeeded in defeating the Minotaur. He put the inventor of the labyrinth, Daedalus, and his lazy son, Icarus, into prison. Daedalus started planning how to escape.

He collected feathers from passing birds and made two pairs of wings by threading the feathers together and sealing them with wax from their

candles. Finally, they were ready to escape.



“Put on these wings,” Daedalus told Icarus. “Follow me, and don’t fly too high or too low.”

They both took flight over the sea. Icarus was careful at first, but then soared upward, feeling free like a bird. The sun’s heat then melted his wings and he tumbled to his death.

When Daedalus looked back for his son, he could see only feathers floating on the water. ❖