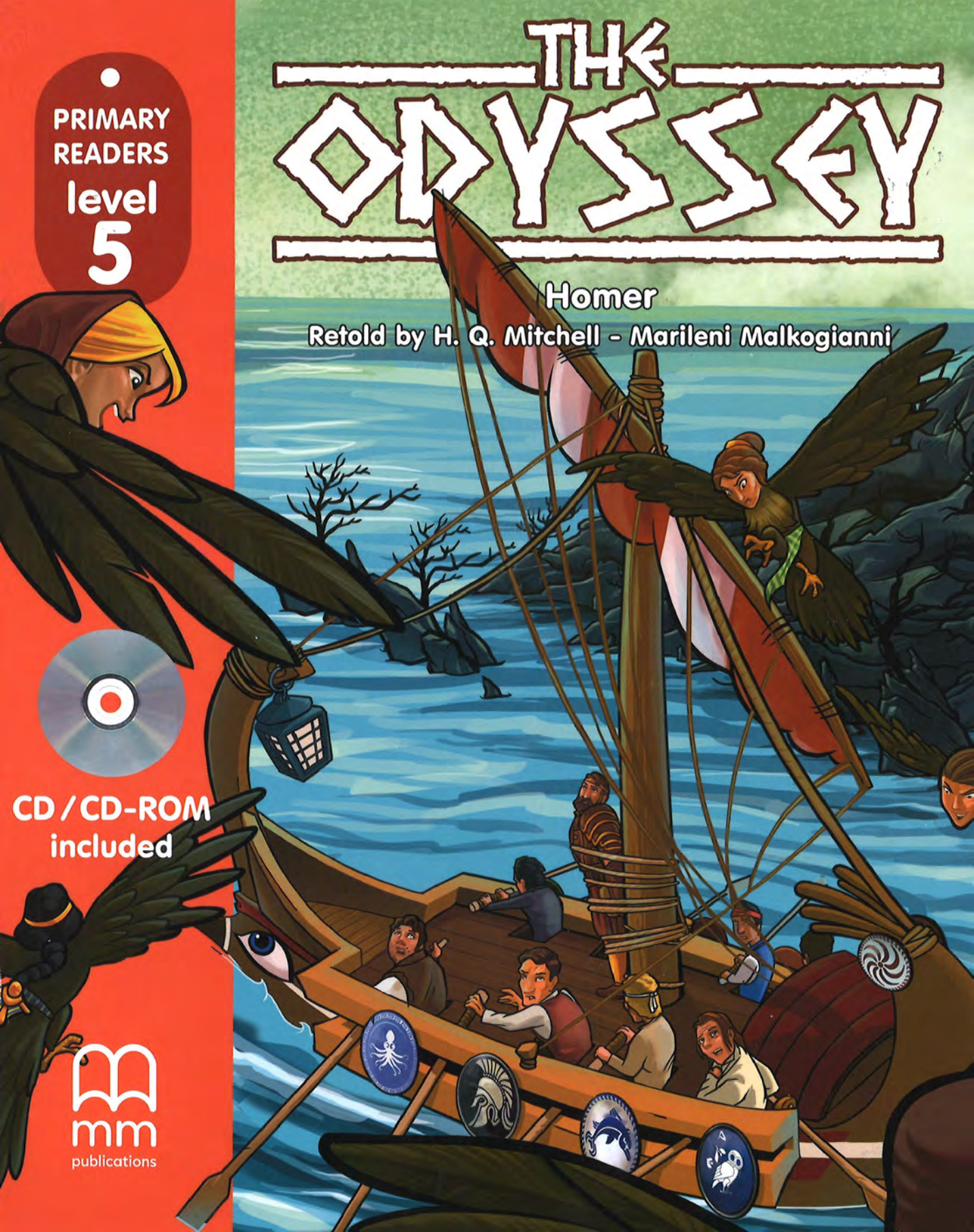
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Odysseus, the king of Ithaca, and his men started their journey home after the Trojan War.

Odysseus: Let's sail back to Ithaca, my friends!

Men: Hurray! Yes, let's go back to Ithaca!

It was going to be a long journey!

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But the weather was bad and a storm soon drove them to an island. It was the island of the Lotus-eaters. The trees were full of delicious-looking fruit. The men were hungry. The people on the island offered Odysseus' men some fruit, and some of the men ate it.

Odysseus: No, don't eat the fruit! You will forget your home – you will forget everything!

But they did not listen...

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Some of the men stayed with the Lotus-eaters while Odysseus and the rest of his men sailed to the island of the Cyclops. The Cyclops were giants with only one eye on their head. They lived in caves and had a lot of sheep.

Odysseus: Look men, there's milk and cheese in here. Let's eat!

But a huge Cyclops soon appeared.

Polyphemus: Hey! I am Polyphemus, and this cave is mine! Who are you and what are you doing here?

Odysseus: I'm… Nobody.

Odysseus didn't tell him his real name.

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Polyphemus rolled a big rock to the entrance of the cave so that Odysseus and his men could not leave. They were very worried. But then Odysseus had an idea. When Polyphemus went to sleep, Odysseus and his shipmates used a large piece of wood to blind the Cyclops. Polyphemus started shouting.

Polyphemus: Aah! Help me!

Other Cyclops: What happened? Who hurt you?

Polyphemus: Nobody! Nobody blinded me.

Other Cyclops: Why are you shouting then?

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Activity Page

1 Label the pictures.



i _ _ _ _ _



g _ _ _ _



c _ _ _



w _ _ _

2 Complete the sentences with words from the text.

1. Odysseus and his men started a (1) _____ back to Ithaca.
2. On the island of the Lotus-eaters some men got (2) _____ and ate some (3) _____.
3. Odysseus lied to the Cyclops about his (4) _____ name and said that his name was (5) _____.
4. Odysseus decided to (6) _____ the Cyclops in order to get out of his cave.

3 Complete the sentences with the names below.

Cyclops	Ithaca	Odysseus	Polyphemus

1. _____ and his men fought in the Trojan War.
2. Odysseus and his men wanted to return to _____.
3. The _____ were giants with only one eye on their head.
4. Odysseus and his men entered _____' cave.

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Activity Page

4 Answer the questions.

1. After which event did Odysseus and his men start their journey back to Ithaca?

_____

2. Why did some of Odysseus' men stay on the island of the Lotus-eaters?

_____

3. Why did Odysseus and his men enter the Cyclops' cave?

_____

4. How did Polyphemus manage to keep Odysseus and his men in his cave?

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5. What did Polyphemus do when Odysseus blinded him?

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5 What will happen next? Answer the questions and discuss.

1. What will Polyphemus do next?
2. Will Odysseus and his men manage to escape? How?