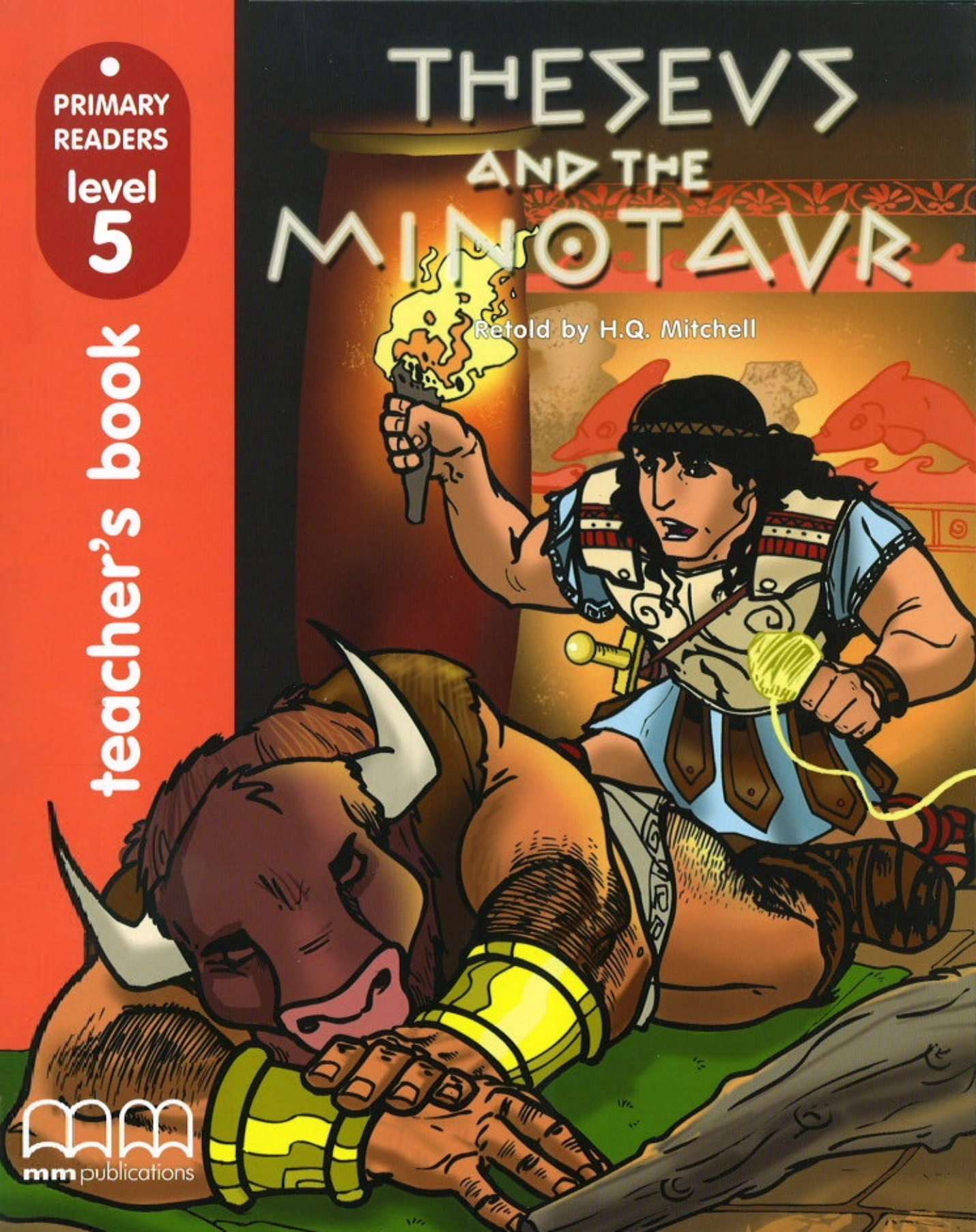
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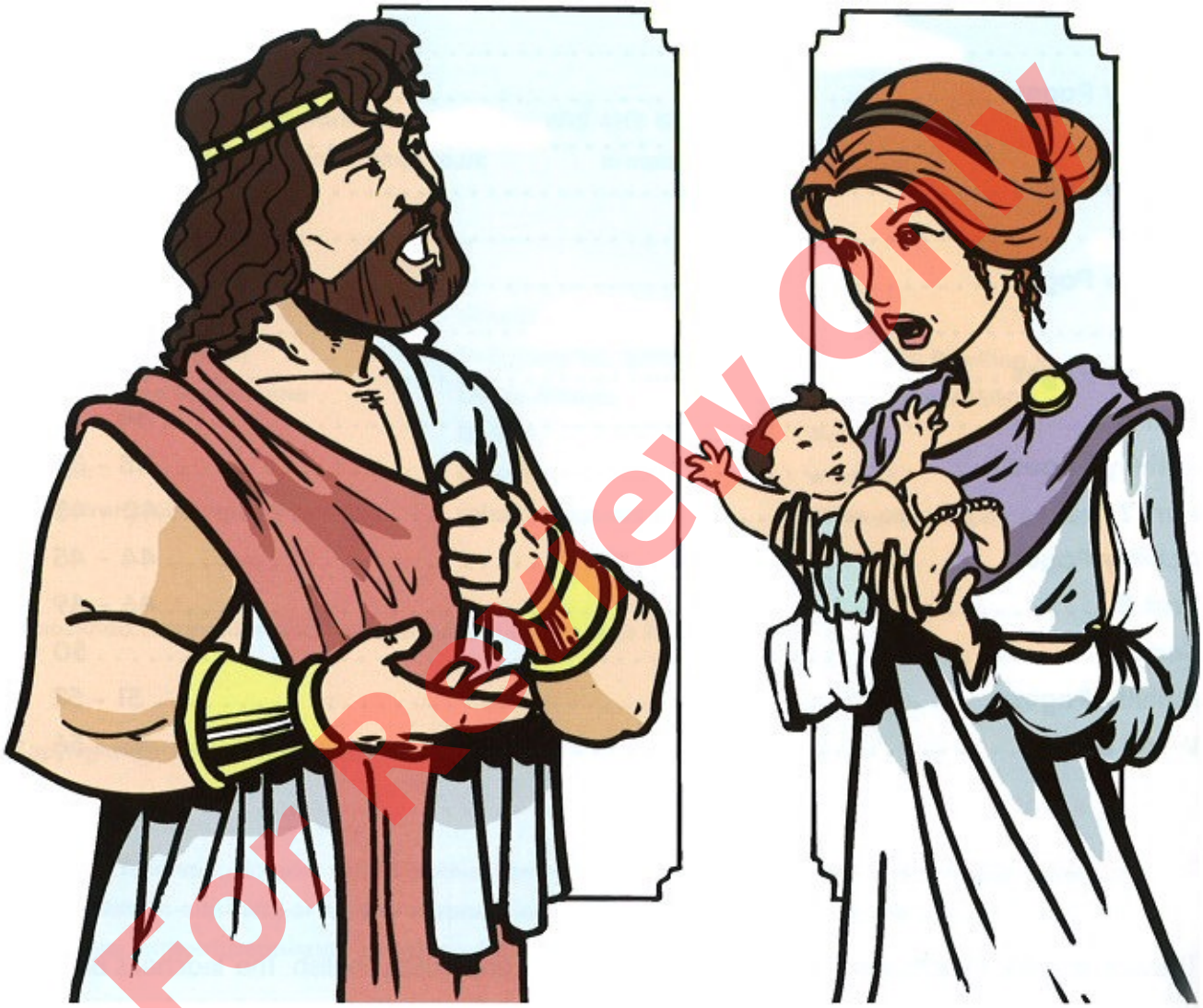
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Theseus and the Minotaur is available in both American and British English. The Teacher's Book is written in American English. Where appropriate, the British English **(BrE)** equivalent of certain words and phrases appears in brackets.

e.g. colored [BrE coloured]



Many, many years ago, in Ancient Greece, there lived a young boy called Theseus. Theseus was the son of Aegeus, the king of Athens, and Aethra, the daughter of the king of Troezen. King Aegeus had a lot of enemies in Athens.

Aegeus : You won't be safe in Athens. You must stay here, in Troezen.

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It was time for Aegeus to return to Athens. The day before he left Troezen, he buried his sword and sandals under a heavy rock. He told Aethra to take Theseus to the rock on his sixteenth birthday.

Aegeus: Only my son will be able to move this rock. Tell him to put on the sandals, take the sword and come to Athens to meet me. Remember, Aethra, nobody must know who he really is. My enemies are very dangerous.

Aethra: Don't worry, Aegeus. Our son will be safe here.

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Theseus grew up and became a strong and handsome young man. On his sixteenth birthday, Aethra took him to the rock. Theseus moved the rock easily and found his father's sword and sandals. Aethra was very proud of her son.

Aethra: Now you must go to Athens and meet your father, King Aegeus. But be careful, Theseus, the road to Athens is very dangerous.

Theseus: Don't worry about me, Mother. I am not afraid.



Theseus traveled [BrE travelled] for many days. On his way, he saved people from dangerous robbers. People welcomed him like a hero everywhere. By the time Theseus arrived in Athens, everybody was talking about him.

Athenians: Here comes Theseus, our hero!

Theseus: My journey is over. Take me to see the King.

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Activity Page

1 Label the pictures.



s w o r d



s a n d a l s



r o c k



r o a d

2 Complete the sentences and do the crossword.

1. Aethra was very (1) p r o u d of her son.
2. The road to Athens was very (2) d a n g e r o u s .
3. Aethra was the (3) d a u g h t e r of the King of Troezen.
4. Aegeus had a lot of (4) e n e m i e s in Athens.
5. Theseus was a (5) h a n d s o m e young man.
6. Aethra and Theseus stayed in Troezen because it was (6) s a f e there.
7. Theseus saved people from (7) r o b b e r s .



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