





The myth of Icarus and Daedalus

In mythological ancient Greece, soaring above Earth on wings made from wax and feathers. Icarus, the son of Daedalus, defied the laws of both man and nature. Ignoring the warnings of his father, he rose higher and higher. To witnesses on the ground, he looked like a god, and as he peered down ~~from~~ from above, he felt like one too.

But in mythological ancient Greece, the line that separated god from man was absolute and the punishment ~~was~~ for mortals who attempted to cross it was severe. ~~See~~ Such was the case for Icarus and Daedalus. Years before Icarus was born, his father Daedalus was highly regarded as a genius inventor, craftsman and sculptor in his homeland of Athens. He invented carpentry and all the tools used for it. He designed the first ~~bath~~ bathhouse and the first dance floor.

much sculptures so lifelike that Hercules mistook them for
real men. Though skilled and celebrated, Daedalus was
egotistical and jealous. Worried that his nephew was
more skillful craftsman, Daedalus murdered him.

As punishment Daedalus was banished from Athens and
made his way to Crete. Pleased by his storied reputation
Daedalus was welcomed with open arms by Crete's king
Minos. There, acting as the palace technical advisor, Daedalus
~~continued~~ continued to push the boundaries.

For the king's children, he made mechanically animated
toys that ~~seemed~~ seemed alive. He ~~invented~~ ~~the~~ ~~ships~~
must ~~which~~ ~~gave~~ ~~the~~ ~~humans~~ ~~control~~ ~~over~~ ~~the~~ ~~wheel~~
with every creation. Daedalus challenged human limitations
that ~~did~~ ~~so~~ ~~far~~ kept mortals separate from gods. Until finally,
he broke right through.

King Minos's wife, Pasiphaë, had been cursed by the god
Poseidon to fall in love with the king's prized bull.
Under this spell, she asked Daedalus to help her seduce
it. With characteristic audacity, he agreed.

Daedalus constructed a hollow wooden cow so realistic & realistic that it fooled the bull, with Pasiphaë hiding inside Daedalus' creation. She conceived and gave birth to the half-human & half-bull monster. This, of course, enraged the king who blamed Daedalus for enabling such a horrible perversion of natural law.

As punishment, Daedalus was forced to construct an ~~inescapable~~ inescapable labyrinth beneath the palace for the monster. When it was finished, more than imprisoned Daedalus and his only son Icarus

within the top of the tallest tower on the island, where they are to remain for the rest of their lives.

But Daedalus was still a genius inventor. While watching the birds that circled their prison, the means for escape was clear. He and Icarus would fly away as birds or gods can do. Using feathers from the flocks that perched on the tower, and the wax from candles, Daedalus made 2 pairs of wings.

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~~AS~~ AS he snapped the wings & to Icarus
he gave a warning:

Flying too near the ocean will dampen the wings
and make them too heavy to use.

Flying too near the sun, ~~will melt the wax~~ The
heat would melt the wax and the wings would
disintegrate. In either case they surely would die.
Therefore, the key to their escape would be keeping
in the middle.

with the instructions, both men leapt from the tower.

They were the first mortals ever to fly, while Daedalus
stayed carefully to fly to the middle. Icarus
was ~~overwhelmed~~ overwhelmed with the ecstasy of flight
and ~~or~~ overcome with the feeling of divine power
that came with it.

Daedalus could only watch in horror as Icarus ascended higher and higher, powerless to change his sons' dire fate. When the heat from the sun melted the wax on his wings, Icarus fell from the sky.

Just as Daedalus had many times ignored the consequences of defying the natural laws of mortal men in the service of his ego, Icarus was also carried away by his own ~~hubris~~ hubris.

~~In the end both men~~
In the end both men paid for their departure from the path of moderation, dearly. Icarus with his life and Daedalus with his regret.

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