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A) Heroes should need help during their journey because some of the miracles need to achieve to advance their goals cannot occur without assistance. For example, Odysseus would have been eternally trapped with Calypso without Zeus telling Hermes to intervene to release Odysseus. Another example would be Telemachus' attempts to find his father. Without the hospitality and information provided by the king of Pylos and the royalty of Sparta, Telemachus would have no leads as to whether his father was alive and where he could be.  
B)A hero's vulnerabilities make his/her success more admirable. A wimp who becomes a motivated adventurer has done much more growth. For example, Telemachus had lacked the necessary motivation to attempt to drive out the suitors and search for his father. However, with the words Athena imparted upon Telemachus, he finds the motivation within himself to deliver a speech to the assembly and the suitors, even crying about it in public. He also finds the motivation to set out in search of his father.  
C) There is a difference between the help you ask for and the help that someone provides without you knowing. When you ask for help, you are letting them know you are in need of help and will react upon it. This may result in refusal, but when it does not, the help comes off as fulfillment of a request, which may feel like giving pity or showing sympathy. When someone provides help without knowing, they come off as a kind and caring person, and the help is more sincere. For example, in Book 6, Odysseus asks Nausicca and her maids for help by carving out an eloquent request. Before that request, Nausicca and her maids were practically cowering in fear. Nestor's help for Telemachus also comes off as more sincere. Nestor heard that Telemachus was looking for his father, so he offered his own son to drive Telemachus to Sparta after remembering how desperate the suitor situation was back at Ithaca.