The Nemean Lion

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Chapter I

Foreword

The first of Hercule's twelve labours, set by King Eurystheus (his cousin) was to slay the Nemean lion. According to one version of the myth, the Nemean lion took women as hostages to its lair in a cave near Nemea, luring warriors from nearby towns to save the damsel in distress. After entering the cave, the warrior would see a woman (usually feigning injury) and rush to her side. Once he was close, the woman would turn into a lion and kill the warrior, devouring his remains and giving the bones to Hades.

Hercule wandered the area until he came to the town of Cleonae. There he met a boy who said that if Hercule slew the Nemean lion and returned alive within 30 days, the town would sacrifice a lion to Zeus; but if he did not return within 30 days or he died, the boy would sacrifice himself to Zeus. Another version claims that he met Molorchos, a shepherd who had lost his son to the lion, saying that if he came back within 30 days, a ram would be sacrificed to Zeus. If he did not return within 30 days, it would be sacrificed to the dead Hercule as a mourning offering.

While searching for the lion, Hercule fetched some arrows to use against it, not knowing that its golden fur was impenetrable; when he found the lion and shot at it with his bow, he discovered the fur's protective property when the arrow bounced harmlessly off the creature's thigh. After some time, Hercule made the lion return to his cave. The cave had two entrances, one of which Hercule blocked; he then entered the other. In those dark and close quarters, Hercule stunned the beast with his club and, using his immense strength, strangled it to death. During the fight the lion bit off one of his fingers. Others say that he shot arrows at it, eventually shooting it in the unarmoured mouth.

After slaying the lion, he tried to skin it with a knife from his belt, but failed. He then tried sharpening the knife with a stone and even tried with the stone itself. Finally, Athena, noticing the hero's plight, told Hercule to use one of the lion's own claws to skin the pelt.

When he returned on the thirtieth day carrying the carcass of the lion on his shoulders, King Eurystheus was amazed and terrified. Eurystheus forbade him ever again to enter the city; in future he was to display the fruits of his labours outside the city gates. Eurystheus warned him that the tasks set for him would become increasingly difficult. He then sent Hercule off to complete his next quest, which was to destroy the Lernaean hydra.

Chapter II

Introduction

As Hercules strangling the mighty beast, you are going to have to create a cave and stay in the shadows.

So using vmware you have to create a virtual machine running the latest stable `Debian` release, once this cave is created, to stay in the shadows change the `default ssh port` to the port you deem hidden enough.

Chapter III

Goals

This project aims to give you a brief overlook on Virtual Machines and ssh configurations and connexions.

Chapter IV

General instructions

For this project you're going to have to turn in a shell script that would do all the necessary steps to do the mandatory part.

Your script should be able to run on a freshly installed Virtual Machine and do all the necessary steps to enable you to connect on a different port over ssh.

What you turn in must be executable in a shell on your Virtual Machine.

Chapter V

Mandatory part

Using the MSC you'll have to install VMware on your session.

On VMware, create a Debian Virtual Machine (Why Debian you might ask? well the answer is simple: Because!)

And finally on this Virtual Machine, change the ssh port used by default to a one that you deem worthy enough of your shadow.