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# POLÚEIDOS, or : *speichel und wasser*

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*for* Bass Clarinet, Percussions, *and* two Violoncelli

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# FOREWORD

“ . . .  
‘一个无解的圈，总会回到开头。’  
‘别哭。’  
‘好的。’  
. . . ”

- 南亭湿人

## NOTES FOR THE INTERPRETERS

**General:** ① **Dynamics** in this score are effort dynamics, representing the physical force behind an action rather than the sounding dynamic. In the case of the cello and percussions, this corresponds to implement pressure. In the case of the bass clarinet, this corresponds to breath pressure. ② **Playing techniques** apply only to the note to which they are attached. If a technique is to persist for longer than a single note, a hooked, dashed line will span the music as long as the technique is active. ③ **Dashed arrows above the staff** indicate a gradual transition from one technique or tempo to another. ④ **Time signatures whose denominators are not a power of two** are to be understood as a type of metric modulation wherein the pulse shifts to a prolation indicated by the denominator. For example, **1/6** will contain one “sixth” note, which is one-sixth of a whole note, or, a triplet quarter note. When these time signatures are active, tuplet brackets which are open on the right side similarly indicate the prolation of a note alone, rather than the number of beats in the prolation. ⑤ **Blank measures** are to be understood as full-measure rests. ⑥ **Flat glissandi** are sometimes used for the same function as ties. ⑦ After temporary **accidentals**, cancellation marks are printed also in the following measure ( for notes in the same octave ) and, in the same measure, for notes in other octaves, but they are printed again if the same note appears later in the same measure, except if the note is immediately repeated.

**Bass Clarinet:** ① **This score is transposed** so that the written pitch is one major 9th above the sounding pitch. ② **Multiphonics** are indicated with a fingering diagram above the fundamental pitch. ③ **Teeth on reed** is paired with curved lines above the staff which suggest a contour of vibrato. These graphics may be interpreted freely. ④ **Air sound** is notated on a two-line staff wherein the bottom line indicates fingering the B-flat fundamental and the top line indicates fingering the D-flat fundamental. ⑤ **All glissando lines** indicate portamento, as opposed to glissando.

**Percussions:** ① **The percussionist's instruments** are a large lion's roar, a large slit drum, a large frame drum, an ocean drum, a Chinese cymbal, a set of wooden wind chimes, and a set of stone wind chimes. ② **The percussionist's implements** are a pair of drum sticks, a pair of soft rubber mallets, a triangle beater, a bow, and two sponges. ③ **The lion's roar** may be played with a **pizzicato** or **pizz.** direction, indicating to pull the string tight with one hand and pluck it with the other. Without this indication, the lion's roar should be played as normal. ④ **Circular arrow articulations** indicate to draw the implement around the circumference of the instrument within the duration of the articulated note.

**Violoncelli:** ① **Scordatura:** The **fourth string** of the **first cello** should be detuned a major second to **B-flat**. The **first string** of the **first cello** should be detuned to an **E** at a ratio of **3/1** of **A 1**, the pitch of the second cello's fourth string. The **fourth string** of the **second cello** should be detuned a minor third to **A**. The **first string** of the **second cello** should be detuned to an **F** at a ratio of **3/1** of **B-flat 1**, the pitch of the first cello's fourth string. The cellists should not play on the fourth or first strings unless directed. When playing on detuned strings, the pitch is transposed to the physical playing position on the string rather than sounding pitch. ② **Finger pressure** is indicated with note head shape, wherein a **round note head** indicates a fully closed or open string, a **triangular note head** indicates half-pressure, and a **diamond-shaped note head** indicates harmonic pressure. ③ **Artificial harmonics** are notated using a white harmonic note head for the touched harmonic over a round note head for the closed string. ④ **Arrows in the staff** indicate a gradual change from one finger pressure to another. ⑤ **Bow angle** is indicated using degree articulations, wherein **45°** indicates pointing the tip of the bow as far upward as is comfortable, and **-45°** indicates pointing the tip of the bow as far downward as is comfortable. ⑥ **Abbreviations** used in this score are **trem.** for tremolo, **pont.** for sul ponticello, **tast.** for sul tasto, **legno bat.** for col legno battuto, **legno trat.** for col legno tratto, **flaut.** for flautando, **scratch** for scratch tone, and **bridge** for playing directly on the bridge. Abbreviations may be further shortened to their first one, two, or three letters to conserve space, but only if they have appeared in their full form at the beginning of the current phrase.

**Microtones:** ① **The equally tempered intervals** used in this score are **semi tones**, **quarter tones**, and **eighth tones**. An **inverted flat symbol** indicates a quarter tone flat, and a **sharp symbol with one vertical line** indicates a quarter tone sharp. Any accidental may be altered with an **arrow pointing upward** to indicate an eighth tone sharp, or an **arrow pointing downward** to indicate an eighth tone flat. ② **Justly tuned intervals** are indicated by the use of **Helmholtz-Ellis accidental system** combined with **cent deviations from equal temperament** for use with an electronic tuner. When no example pitch is given with the cent deviation, the mark is a deviation of the nearest "standard" accidental. In the absence of electronic tuners, approximations of these deviations are acceptable. When Helmholtz-Ellis notation is not given, the pitches are to be played as usual. The accidentals for Justly-intoned pitches are always present before the note head.

*to 李惟怡, seer of many visions*



6 11  
8 8

10

b. cl. *f*

perc. *f*

vc. I

vc. II

wide - - - tight wide - - - tight tight - - - wide

*fpp* *pp* *ff* *mp* *mf* *pp* *p* *fff*

11:8 13:12 5:4 13:12 3:2 7:4 11:8 11:7 3:2

tight trem. tast. - - - wide trem. pont.

13:10

8 3

12

b. cl. *p* teeth

perc. *p* 24:19

vc. I *mp* molto tast. - - - molto pont. 13:9

vc. II wide tast. - - - tight pont. tight pont. - - - wide molto tast. 7:6 11:8 11:8 13:12 *f*



$\frac{9}{16} = 94$

$\frac{13}{20}$

$\frac{10}{16} = 70$

17

b. cl.

teeth - - - - -

*p*

perc.

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

*fff*

5:4

vc. I

vc. II

*ppp*

teeth - - - - -

5:4

$\frac{11}{20}$

$\frac{9}{14}$

$\frac{7}{16}$

$\frac{9}{32} = 47$

21

b. cl.

overblow - - - - -

*fff*

perc.

5:4

7:4

vc. I

vc. II

8:5

pizz. - - - - -

Lion's Roar

*p*

8:9

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

*p*

pizz. molto pont.

*p*

6:5

*fff*



26

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

8/32 9/32 14/32 8/32 4/32 = 140 = 94

8:5

mf

3:2

10:7

IV

III

II

I

Scratch III +55

9:5

p

ff

fp

fff

Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets

31

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

8/32 12/32 4/32 15/32 4/8 x5 = 47 = 94

scratch - - - flaut. molto pont. - - - scratch m.p. fl.m.p. - - - scratch

II +41 +51 +37 +33 +51

III +55 +37

legno trat., molto flaut. pont. - - -

7:8

5:4

mp

ff

mf

37 —  $\times 5$  — 15  
 $\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{4}$  18

b. cl.

perc. Chinese Cymbal w/ triangle beater  
*ppp*  
 6:5

ve. I  
 IV, vibrato moltissimo  
 Espressivo 3:2 *ppp* 3:2 *pp* 7:5 3:2 7:6

vc. II

39

b. cl.

perc. w/ bow *fff*  
 w/ triangle beater *pp*  
 3:2

ve. I  
 1/2 scratch  
 7:6 *fff*  
 7:4 3:2 5:3 13:10

vc. II  
 IV, trem. pont.  
*fff*

3 8 = 117  
 10 8 = 94  
 4 8

5/8 ♩ = 70      1/8      8/8 ♩ = 47      2/8 ♩ = 94

(42)

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

w/ triangle beater

w/ bow

legno trat., molto flaut. pont.

IV, vibrato moltissimo - 1/2 scratch -

13:10 ♩   5:4 ♩   3:2 ♩   5:3 ♩   3:2 ♩   7:8 ♩

*p*   *mp*   *mp*   *mp*   *mp*   *mp*

legno trat., molto flaut. pont.

IV, trem. pont.

15/8 ♩ = 47      2/8 ♩ = 94

(46)

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

w/ bow

1/2 scratch

16:15 ♩

11:6 ♩   5:4 ♩   5:6 ♩

IV, trem. pont.

IV, vibrato moltissimo 1/2 scratch

IV, trem. pont.

2nd time Rall. -

5 8 16 8 16 3 16 = 94

49 b. cl.  $8:5$   $mp$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$

perc. Wooden Wind Chimes  $8:5$   $mp$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$  Frame Drum w/ sponge (rub)

vc. I  $III + IV$   $+50$   $8:5$   $mp$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$  bridge,  $-45^\circ$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$  legno bat. - - - - -  $mf$  pont. - - - - -  $tast.$

vc. II  $III + IV$   $-31$   $8:5$   $mp$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$  bridge,  $-45^\circ$   $p$   $ppp$   $p$   $ppp$  legno bat. - - - - -  $mf$  pont. - - - - -  $tast.$

54 13 16 = 140 9 16 5 16 8 16

b. cl.  $ppp$   $fff$

perc. Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks  $8:9$   $pp$   $4:5$   $5:4$   $fff$

vc. I  $IV$ , vibrato moltissimo flaut.  $3:2$   $mp$

vc. II wide molto pont. - - - - - tight molto  $tast.$   $11:8$   $13:7$   $p$   $fff$

58

17  
16

4  
16

9  
16

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

1/2 scratch flaut.

9:8 5:3 7:4 7:6

molto tast. - - - - - molto pont.

13:7

*pp*

61

8  
16

9  
16

14  
16

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

pizz. - - - - - Lion's Roar

mp

8:9

p

1/2 scratch

7:6

7:5

13:12

tight pont. - - - - - wide tast.

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

II I III II IV

7:6

*p ff p ff*



8/32 13/32 13/32 ♩ = 94 9/32 8/32 ♩ = 47 8/32

74

b. cl. *ff* *mp* *mp*

perc. *ff* *p* *pp*

vc. I *ff* *pizz. molto pont.* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *p* *ff*

vc. II *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

*pizz. -*  
Lion's Roar

*pizz. molto pont.*

*pizz. molto pont.*

16:11 ♩

12:13 ♩ 8:9 ♩

3:5 ♩ 5:6 ♩

3:4 ♩

16/32 8/32 ♩ = 94 17/32 ♩ = 117 9/32 8/32 ♩ = 47

81

b. cl. *f* *ff* *p* *ppp*

perc. *mf* *f* *p* *ppp*

vc. I *p* *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *p* *ppp*

vc. II *p* *ff* *p* *ff* *p* *ppp*

*pizz. -*  
Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ sponges (rub)

*pizz. molto pont.*

*pizz. molto pont.*

16:13 ♩

11:8 ♩ 16:17 ♩ 8:9 ♩

3:4 ♩ 8:9 ♩

7:6 ♩

bridge, -45°

bridge, -45°

87  $\frac{9}{32}$   $\frac{14}{32}$   $\frac{8}{32}$   $\frac{7}{8}$   $\text{♩} = 140$

b. cl. *p* *ppp* *p* *ppp* teeth

perc. *p* *ppp*

vc. I *p* *ppp*

vc. II *p* *ppp*

Slit Drum w/ sponge ( rub )

bridge, -45°

bridge, -45°

92  $\frac{4}{8}$   $\frac{9}{8}$   $\text{♩} = 94$  16:9

b. cl. *mp* *p*

perc. pizz. - - - - - Lion's Roar *p*

vc. I *p* *ff* 8:5 *p* *p* *ff* *p* 7:4 *ff*

vc. II *p* *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *p* *ff*

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -



8 8 9 8 ♪ = 117

94

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

*mf*

*ppp*

teeth - - - - - J

7:4 *p* 3:5

*p*

14 8

96

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

8:7

*f*

pizz.

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

IV *ff* *p* *p* *ff* *p* *ff* 8:5 IV

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

I *ff* II *p* III *p* IV *ff* III *p* I *ff* III *p*

97

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

*mf*

*p* 8:5 *ff* *p*

*p* *ff* *p*

4/8  $\text{♩} = 70$

98

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

*pp*

teeth



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103

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

8

6

105

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

11

overblow -

7:4

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

7:4

13  
9

106

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

9:8

9:8

12  
8

107

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

$\text{♩} = 94$

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ sponges ( rub )

bridge, -45°

bridge, -45°

12  
16

teeth

15  
16

9  
16

13  
20

♩ = 117

109

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

overflow

5:4

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

5:4

13  
16

16  
14

♩ = 94

112

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

overflow

7:4

teeth

7:4

114

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

17  
18

9:8

9  
10

5:4

116

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

9  
16 = 140

14  
10 = 70

5:4

air

pizz. - - - - -

Lion's Roar

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

pizz. molto pont. - - - - -

7:9

118

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

12

11

11:8

11:8

119

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

15

14

11

12

7:4

3:2

7:4

3:2





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22

♩ = 70

8/16      13/16      11/16

133

b. cl.

perc.

Lion's Roar

vc. I

vc. II

wide - - - - - tight

11:8      13:12

13:12      5:4      13:12      f      mp      13:8      7:6      5:4      mp      7:6      mp < fff

13:8      5:3      p      f      p

3:2      13:7      f

♩ = 94

6/16      13/16      9/16

136

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

wide tast. - - - - - tight pont.

3:2      13:8      p      7:4      fp      11:8      fffmf      fff      mp      33:20      fff

5:3      fp      13:10      mp      3:2      13:7      fp      fff

wide tast. - - - - - tight pont.

13:9      p      fff

11 13 16 17  
40 28 24 32 = 47

140

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

overblow

5:4

7:4

16:29

5:4

3:2

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

Accel. 14 12 15 11 13  
32 32 32 32 32

145

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

16:29

117

Rall.

pizz.

Lion's Roar

6:7

14:15

10:11

12:13

pizz. molto pont.

13:15

7:11

15:13

5:6



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157

b. cl.

perc.

ve. I

ve. II

159

b. cl.

perc.

ve. I

ve. II

$\text{♩} = 140$



168  $\frac{8}{16}$  ♩ = 70  $\frac{12}{16}$   $\frac{15}{16}$  16:23 ♩

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

IV, trem. pont. - - - - -

171  $\frac{8}{16}$   $\frac{6}{16}$   $\frac{8}{16}$  ♩ = 47  $\frac{11}{16}$  ♩ = 94

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

IV, vibrato moltissimo flaut. - - - - - 1/2 scratch - - - - - 1

w/ triangle beater

w/ bow

pp

fff

ppp

p

pp

p

fff

6:7 ♩



175  $\frac{6}{16} = 47$   $\frac{8}{16}$   $\Delta \frac{13}{16} = 70$

b. cl.

perc.

w/ triangle beater

19:16

pp

6:7

IV, vibrato moltissimo - flaut. - - - 1/2 scratch - - - flaut.

11:9

pp

IV, trem. pont. - - -

ff

179  $\frac{11}{32} = 47$   $\frac{13}{32}$   $\frac{11}{32}$   $\frac{13}{32}$

b. cl.

perc.

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ sponges

p

ppp

p

ppp

p

ppp

p

ppp

bridge, -45°

bridge, -45°

f

f



191  $\text{♩} = 117$

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

193

b. cl.

perc.

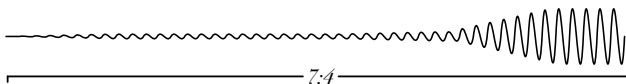
vc. I

vc. II



9  
10

15  
14  
♩ = 140



201

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

IV, vibrato moltissimo  
scratch

flaut.

teeth

7:4

5:4

5:4

7:4

ppp

13  
16

×4

14  
32  
♩ = 117

15  
32

203

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

pizz. molto pont. - II

IV

legno bat. -

legno bat. -

legno bat. -

6:5

11:13

24:29

8:7

16:15

mp

mf

f

p

13 16 13 13  
32 32 32 32

♩ = 70

206

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

pizz. -  
Lion's Roar

Chinese Cymbal w/ bow

tight tast. - - - - - wide pont. wide - - - tight pont. - - - - - molto tast. wide - - - tight

11:8 13:10 5:3 13:8 6:5 13:12 7:4 33:20

ff p f p f

pont. - - - tast. - - - - - molto pont. IV, trem. pont. - - -

13:8 13:12

ff mp p f

17 14 15 13 16  
32 32 32 32 32

♩ = 47

211

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

legno -  
bat. ( no horizontal motion ) -  
molto pont. - - - - - molto tast. molto tast. molto pont. molto pont.

14:17 32:29 14:13 5:8

pp f

216

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

13/32 17/32 14/32 15/32

tr. (full bows as possible)

14:15 9:7 16:15

molto pont.

molto tast.

mp

220

b. cl.

perc.

vc. I

vc. II

13/32 = 140 16/32 = 94 16/32 17/32 × 5 1/4

Frame Drum + Slit Drum w/ drum sticks

Chinese Cymbal w/ bow

8:13 7:4 5:4

12:13

IV, vibrato moltissimo - 1/2 scratch

tast. - - - pont.

13:7

pp

mf > mp





236

b. cl.  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{5}{12}$   $\frac{1}{2}$

teeth -  $mf$  -  $ff$  overblow -  $mf$  - teeth -  $mf$

perc. Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets  $mf$  Lion's Roar  $mf$  Frame + Slit w/ sticks  $ff$  Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets  $mf$

vc. I IV, vibrato moltissimo -  $mf$  7:5  $mf$  legno bat.  $mf$  II +37 3:2  $mf$  IV, vibrato moltissimo -  $ff$  7:5

vc. II wide molto pont. - tight tast.  $ff$  3:2  $mf$  molto pont. - scratch - flaut. III +55 3:2  $mf$  IV, trem. pont. - 12:8  $mf$  wide molto pont. - tight tast.  $mf$  3:2

240

b. cl.  $\frac{3}{2}$

teeth -  $pp$  0.5"  $mf$  teeth -  $p$  1.5"

perc. Wood + Stone Wind Chimes  $pp$  0.5"  $mf$  Wood + Stone Wind Chimes  $p$  1.5"

vc. I I + II -  $pp$  0.5"  $mf$  7:5  $mf$  7:5  $mf$  7:5  $p$  1.5" IV, vibrato moltissimo - 1/2 scratch +4

vc. II III + IV -  $pp$  0.5"  $ff$  3:2  $ff$  3:2  $ff$  3:2  $p$  1.5" wide m.p. - tight t. -31

243

b. cl.

3/4

ff teeth

mp

3"

3/8

perc.

Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets

Wood + Stone Wind Chimes

Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets

vc. I

IV, vibrato moltissimo - 1/2 scratch -

mf

7:5

mp

3"

mf

5:3

vc. II

wide m.p. - - - - - tight t.

mf

3:2

3:2

mp

3"

mf

3"

III + IV - - - - - molto tast. - - - - -

-31

wide m.p. - - - - - tight t.

mp

3"

mf

3"

246

b. cl.

X

8

mp

7"

16

3

perc.

Wood + Stone Wind Chimes

Slit Drum w/ rubber mallets

vc. I

I + II - - - - - tast. - - - - -

+4

mp

7"

p

IV, vibrato moltissimo 1/2 scratch -

p

vc. II

III + IV - - - - - tast. - - - - -

-31

wide m.p. - - - - - tight t.

mp

7"

p

**248** **A** **X** **X** **rearticulations cresc. dal niente**  $\times 7$

b. cl.  $G^{+41}$   $8^-$   $F\sharp^{+49}$

perc. **Wood + Stone Wind Chimes**

vc. I  $I + II^-$   $molto\ pont.$   $III + IV^-$   $tast.$   $+4$

vc. II  $III + IV^-$   $molto\ pont.$   $I + II^-$   $tast.$   $-31$   $-12$

**250** **X** **X** **marcato rearticulations**

b. cl.  $E\flat^{+42}$   $8^-$

perc.  $f$

vc. I  $+50$

vc. II  $III + IV^-$   $-31$

4/8  $\text{♩} = 47$  6/8 6/8

251  $\text{Eb} + 42$

b. cl.  $10:8$  *mp* teeth - - - - - J

perc. Ocean Drum *p*

vc. I  $+50$   $-8:5$   $\text{J}$

vc. II  $-31$  legno trat., molto flaut. pont. - - - - -  $8:5$   $\text{J}$  *mp*

4/8 X X

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## AFTERWORD

When Glaukos, the prince of Crete, went missing, the king and queen were told by the Oracle of Delphi that the person to find their son would be the one who could compose the best simile on the hide of the newborn calf of the king's herd. The seer, **Polúeidos**, observed the similarity of the changing color of the calf's fur to the ripening of the mulberry, and so was tasked with finding the prince.

Polúeidos divined that Glaukos would be found dead at the bottom of a barrel of honey, where he had fallen in while attempting to dip his finger for a taste. When the prince was found, the queen was enraged at the seer for returning their son dead. She ordered he be sealed in the crypt with Glaukos, and not released until he produced the boy, alive.

Hours into his imprisonment, Polúeidos saw a snake on the body of the prince, so threw it on the ground, crushing its head with his heel. Following, another snake saw its dead kin, and rushed out of the crypt to return with an herb which, when chewed and spat into the mouth of the dead snake, brought it back to life. Polúeidos, recognizing the herb, demanded of the guards that it be brought to him, and upon chewing it and spitting it into Glaukos' mouth, the prince arose.

The queen refused to allow Polúeidos to return to his home in Corinth until he had taught her son all of his occult knowledge. After many years of instruction, the seer had taught Glaukos everything, and so was ready to go home. Before his departure, at the dock, Polúeidos offered Glaukos a final lesson, wherein he spat in the mouth of the prince. As the prince swallowed the fluid, watching the seer's ship float over the horizon, he realized that all of the knowledge he had gained from Polúeidos' tutelage was vanishing from his mind.