

THE GREEKS

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STAGE SCRIPT

The Greeks



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Age Group: 6+



No. Characters: 9

Logline:

In a satirical twist on Greek mythology, a group of servants discuss their master's plan to embark on a bizarre quest to reach Zeus—riding a giant dung beetle up to the gods—as they struggle to comprehend his lunacy.

Character List:

- Servant 1
- Servant 2
- Servant 3
- Servant 4
- Servant 5
- Servant 6
- Servant 7
- Servant 8
- Servant 9

Synopsis

In a world echoing the absurdity of classical Greek comedy, a group of servants frantically prepare a meal for their master's peculiar pet—a monstrous dung beetle that only accepts the finest, most revolting delicacies. As they lament their misfortune, they reveal their master Trygaeus' growing obsession: communicating with Zeus.

They discuss his desperate attempts to climb to the heavens, each more ridiculous than the last, until he hatches a new plan—riding his beetle to the gods. Despite their protests, the servants watch in horror (and amusement) as he takes flight off-stage, calling upon Zeus for answers.

Have fun with it!



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The servants enter the stage through various entrances repeating the same chant "hurry hurry, quick, quick" they end up in Greek chorus style formation.

ALL

Hurry hurry, quick quick! Hurry hurry,
quick quick! Hurry hurry, quick quick!

SERVANT 1

Bring the dung-beetle his cake.

SERVANT 2

There it is. Give it to him, and may it kill
him!

ALL

(Cheer!)

SERVANT 3

Hey you scavengers, help me in the
name of the gods, if you don't want to
see me choke.

SERVANT 4

Come on, we need another! Keep on
mixing with all your might.

SERVANT 5

By god, no. I can't stand this awful
stench no longer.

ALL

Ewwwww!

SERVANT 6

We shall find something to help the
smell.

(to the audience)

Maybe, one of you can tell me where I
can find something to block a nose?

SERVANT 7

There is no work more disgusting than
to mix food for a dung-beetle and to
carry it to him.

SERVANT 6

This foul creature acts all high and mighty, refusing to eat unless we present him with a dung cake that's been kneaded for an entire day.

SERVANT 7

What an indecent, stinking, gluttonous beast!

SERVANT 8

I don't know what angry god let this monster loose upon us, but of a certainty it was neither Aphrodite nor the Graces.

SERVANT 9

Who was it then?

SERVANT 1

No doubt Zeus, the God of the Thunderclap.

SERVANT 2

But perhaps some spectator, some beardless youth, will say...

ALL

"What is this? What does the beetle mean?"

SERVANT 2

But now I'm going indoors to fetch the beetle a drink.

SERVANT 3

As for us, we will explain the matter to you all, children, youths, grownups and old men.

SERVANT 4

Our master is mad, not as you are, but with another sort of madness, quite a new kind.