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HIGH LIGHTS OF HISTORY

Chapter 37—The Rise of Sparta.

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IN THE SOUTH OF GREECE LIES THE PENINSULA WHICH IN ANCIENT TIMES WAS CALLED THE PELLOPONNESUS. THE PENINSULA WAS ONCE INHABITED BY A PEOPLE, THE HERACLAIDAE, WHO CLAIMED TO BE DESCENDED FROM HERCULES. LATER, THE PENINSULA WAS INVADDED BY THE IONIANS WHO DROVE THE HERACLAIDAE FAR NORTHWARD INTO THESSALY AND MADE THEM PROMISE NOT TO TRY TO COME BACK FOR A HUNDRED YEARS.

THE HERACLAIDAE MADE ALLIES OF THE POWERFUL DORIAN TRIBES IN THE NORTH. THEN, WHEN THE HUNDRED YEARS' TRUCE ENDED, THEY RENewed THE STRUGGLE AND DROVE OUT THE IONIANS. THE DORIANS SETTLED IN THE RECAPTURED LANDS.

SCATTERED BY THEIR ENEMIES, SOME OF THE VANQUISHED MIGRATED TO ASIA MINOR WHERE THEY FOUNDED A NEW LAND THEY NAMED IONIA. OTHERS FLED TO ATHENS AND BEGGED CODRUS, THE ATHENIAN KING TO MAKE WAR ON THE SPARTANS, THE STRONGEST DORIAN TRIBE.

CODRUS CONSENTED AND GATHERING AN ARMY MARCHED AGAINST THE SPARTANS. BEFORE THE BATTLE, HE CONSULTED AN ORACLE AND WAS TOLD THAT THE ARMY WHOSE LEADER WAS KILLED WOULD BE VICTORIOUS.

UNDAAUNTED BY THIS PROPHECY AND DETERMINED THAT HIS ARMY SHOULD WIN, CODRUS LAID ASIDE HIS FINE ARMOR AND PUT ON THE DRESS OF A COMMON SOLDIER.

WHEN, WHEN THE BATTLE BEGAN, HE DASHED INTO THE THICKEST OF THE FRAY AND WAS SOON STRUCK DOWN. STIRRED BY THEIR LEADER'S SACRIFICE, THE ATHENIAN SOLDIERS FOUGHT HARD AND ROUTED THE ENEMY.

AFTER THE BATTLE THE BODY OF THE HEROIC CODRUS WAS BORNE TO ATHENS WHERE SHOUTS OF JOY OVER THE VICTORY MINGLED WITH LAMENTATIONS FOR THE FALLEN LEADER.

IN SPITE OF THEIR DEFEAT BY THE ATHENIANS, THE SPARTANS HELD THE LANDS THEY HAD REGAINED. THEIR COUNTRY, LACONIA, BECAME THE MOST POWERFUL IN THE PELLOPONNESUS AND THEIR CAPITAL, SPARTA (OR LACEDAEMON), THE GREATEST CITY.

THE OLD INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTRY WHO HAD NOT BORNE ARMS AGAINST THE SPARTANS WERE ALLOWED TO REMAIN ON THEIR FARMS BUT WERE REQUIRED TO RAISE FOOD FOR THE CONQUERORS.

THOSE WHO HAD FOUGHT DESPERATELY AGAINST THE INVADERS AND BEEN MADE PRISONERS BECAME SLAVES AND WERE TREATED WITH GREAT CRUELTY. THEY WERE KNOWN AS "HELOTS."

WITH PLENTY OF SLAVES TO DO ALL THE WORK FOR THEM, THE SPARTANS CAME TO DESPISE LABOR OF ANY KIND, AND DEVOTED THEIR TIME TO SPORTS, FIGHTING AND POLITICS.

SHORTLY AFTER THE CONQUEST, THE SPARTAN KING ARISTODEMUS DIED AND LEFT THE THRONE TO HIS TWIN SONS. FOR MANY YEARS THERE WERE TWO KINGS REIGNING AT THE SAME TIME IN SPARTA.

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BY ROBERT L. DICKEY



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Squeezed in the Arms of the Law

by Robinson



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Helpful Lem

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