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Passage 1

The speaker reminds the Athenians of the story of their ancestral king Kodros, who, when an oracle encouraged the Peloponnesians to attack Athens, sacrificed his life and saved his city.

Just as our city is the most ancient, so have our ancestors surpassed all others in virtue.

Κόδρου γὰρ βασιλεύοντος, τοῖς Πελοποννησίοις ἔδοξε στρατεύειν ἐπὶ τὴν πόλιν ήμῶν. καὶ πρῶτον μὲν εἰς Δελφοὺς ἀποστείλαντες ήρώτων τὸν θεὸν εἰ λήψονται τὰς 'Αθήνας' ἀποκρινομένου δὲ τοῦ θεοῦ ὅτι τὴν πόλιν αἰρήσουσιν έὰν μὴ τὸν βασιλέα τὸν Αθηναίων ἀποκτείνωσιν, ἐστράτευον ἐπὶ τὰς Αθήνας. ίερεὺς δέ τις πυθόμενος τὸ χρηστήριον λάθρα ἐξήγγειλε τοῖς 'Αθηναίοις. οί δὲ πρόγονοι ἡμῶν, οὐ λιπόντες τὴν χώραν, οὔτε τὴν πατρίδα οὔτε τὰ ίερὰ τοῖς πολεμίοις παρέδοσαν, ἀλλ' ὀλίγοι ὄντες ἐπολιορκοῦντο. καὶ οὕτως ἦσαν ἀνδρεῖοι οἱ τότε βασιλεύοντες ὥστε ἡροῦντο ἀποθνήσκειν ὑπὲρ τῆς τῶν ἀρχομένων σωτηρίας μᾶλλον ἢ ζῆν. λέγουσι γοῦν ὅτι ὁ Κόδρος λαβών πτωχοῦ² στολὴν³ ἵνα έξαπατήση τοὺς πολεμίους, φρύγανα⁴ συνέλεγε πρὸ τῆς πόλεως προσελθόντων δ' αὐτῷ δυοίν ἀνδρῶν ἐκ τοῦ στρατοπέδου, τὸν ἔτερον αὐτῶν ἀπέκτεινε, ὁ δὲ καταλελειμμένος, νομίσας πτωχὸν² εἶναι, ἀπέκτεινε τὸν Κόδρον, καὶ οἱ μὲν ᾿Αθηναῖοι κήρυκα πέμψαντες ήτησαν αὐτοὺς δοῦναι τὸν βασιλέα θάψαι, λέγοντες αὐτοῖς ἄπαντα. οἱ δὲ Πελοποννήσιοι τοῦτον μὲν ἀπέδοσαν, γνόντες δ' ὡς οὐκέτι δύνανται τὴν χώραν λαβεῖν ἀπεχώρησαν.

Adapted from Lycurgus, Against Leocrates 84-87

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Names

 $\dot{\delta}$ Κόδρος Kodros $\dot{\Delta}$ Ελφοί Delphi

Words

 1 ἀποστ ϵ λλω I send an embassy 2 ὁ πτωχός, -οῦ beggar 3 ἡ στολή, -ῆς clothes 4 τὰ φρύγανα, -ων firewood

Passage 2

Cyrus warns his men about the long journey ahead, on which they will not be able to live off the land. In particular, they will not find any wine on the journey and so must now get used to doing without it.

Since the majority agreed with him that it was necessary to march against the enemy as soon as possible, and no one opposed him, Cyrus began to speak as follows:

"ὧ σύμμαχοι, τὰ ὅπλα οἶς δεῖ χρῆσθαι παρεσκεύασται. ἐγὼ γὰρ εὑρίσκω τὴν ὁδόν πλέον ἢ πεντεκαίδεκα ἡμερῶν ἐσομένην, ἐν ἡ οὐδὲν εὑρήσομεν τῶν ἐπιτηδείων. παρασκευάζεσθαι οὖν χρὴ σῖτον μὲν ἱκανόν ἄνευ γὰρ τούτου οὖτε μάχεσθαι οὖτε ζῆν δυναίμεθ ἄν οἴνου δὲ μικρόν τι μόνον δεῖ ἔχειν, ἵνα μηδὲν κακὸν πάθωμεν ὕστερον ὑδροποτοῦντες¹ πολλὴ γὰρ τῆς ὁδοῦ ἔσται ἄοινος. ἵνα οὖν μὴ ἐξαίφνης νόσοις πίπτωμεν, ἄοινοι γενόμενοι, ὧδε χρὴ ποιεῖν σὺν τῷ σίτῳ νῦν εὐθὺς ἀρχώμεθα πίνειν ὕδωρ τοῦτο γὰρ ἤδη ποιοῦντες οὐ πολὸ πεισόμεθα."

Adapted from Xenophon, Cyropaedia 6.2.25-27

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Words

¹ὑδροποτέω

I drink water

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