

## *The Story of Daedalus and Icarus*

The intelligence of Daedalus was known far and wide. He was known as the best inventor ever, with a sharp and clever mind. Daedalus and his son Icarus lived and worked in Athens. However, his son Icarus was very clumsy and not interested in inventions.

Despite this, Daedalus would make Icarus work every day, hoping that one day his son would love inventing as much as he did. One day, Daedalus's nephew, Talus, came to work with him and Icarus. To his surprise and horror, Talus was an extraordinarily talented boy and had begun showing traces of being a craftsman far surpassing his uncle's skill.

Daedalus was highly envious of his nephew's proficiency, and he cursed the gods for not giving this ability to his son Icarus. Every day, it seemed to Daedalus that Icarus was getting stupider and stupider while Talus was getting smarter and smarter. This made Daedalus crazy.

One day, Daedalus was very sad and went to the roof of his home to be alone. After a while, his nephew Talus came to visit him. As the two of them sat and watched the birds fly, Talus quickly stood up and got excited. Daedalus knew Talus had gotten a great idea. Talus had figured out the physics behind flight.

To celebrate the discovery, Daedalus picked up his nephew and started jumping around laughing. However, Daedalus got closer and closer to the edge of the roof. Talus stopped laughing and began screaming in fear, but Daedalus could not tell the difference.

Suddenly, Daedalus slipped and let go of Talus. Daedalus watched as his nephew fell to his death. Frightened, Daedalus ran to his bedroom and began packing. Once he had everything, he woke up Icarus, and the two of them escaped the City.

They ended up going to the island of Crete to work for King Minos. Minos needed a maze built to cage a monster, so Icarus was hired to build it. However, after the labyrinth was built, Minos trapped Daedalus and Icarus in it.

Nevertheless, the two escaped out of a secret passage that Daedalus never told Minos about. Now, they had to escape from the island, so Daedalus used his nephew Talus's ideas about flight. For the next day, Daedalus began collecting wax from bees and feathers from birds. Once the wings were built, Daedalus explained to Icarus the rules he needed to follow.

Daedalus told Icarus not to fly too high or the wax in wings would be melted by the sun. Also, he told his son not to fly too low, or the feathers would get wet from the mist and spray from the ocean. Icarus told his father that he fully understood the rules.

However, as the two of them flew away from the island, Icarus forgot his father's rules and flew far up to the son. Just as his father warned him, the wax melted and Icarus fell to the ocean. Daedalus yelled to his son, but it was too late: Icarus was swallowed up by the ocean.