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This must be a secret journal from now on, because what I am about to write cannot be known to anyone except my own self and my heart.

That is, the truth about Ariadne, who fell madly in love with the crazy...many will say brave...Theseus who travelled from Athens to stop the carnage of the Minotaur.

She has left in a ship with him this very night. If her father suspected, it would be the immediate end of both my friend and her crazy hero, for Minos tolerates no opposition to his will.

Forget the fact that my dear friend, only newly found, has lost her mind and run away in the night and I will never see her again, will never get to have the adventures we seemed destined to have.

Forget that it was my own fault that Ariadne could help Theseus escape because I know both my father and his work on the labyrinth so well from watching these many years from the shadows, I devised the perfect solution of helping Theseus find his way back out after slaying the Minotaur and freeing the young Athenian captives.

This is running a bit ahead, and if I am to keep a good record for when I am old and the details no longer stay in their right order, I should step back and start in a more beginning kind of way.

So, then, it is like this...oh I cannot! I am very practical but my heart is so sad that I will tell it as it comes to me and then I will go back and adjust later.

Perhaps because I am my father's daughter and so know about dark and vengeful impulses, I understand why Minos made this whole situation happen in the first place...the Minotaur is a reminder to him that the queen was unfaithful, and he wanted her to feel guilty each time a young bull rider was gored to death.

That he assumes no responsibility for the bizarre situation is, I imagine, due to the fact that rulers... unless they are driven by something other than what drives ordinary men...do not care a drop if it was their folly that started a bad run, it just matters how it ends up.

But about my loss, I cannot be angrier at Minos than at myself, because I am the one who gave my father the brilliant idea of how to get Theseus out of the Labyrinth alive...