



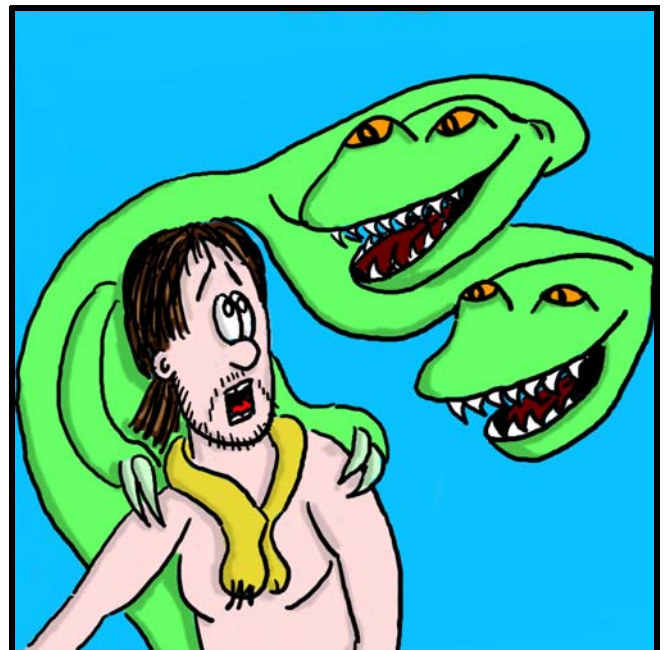
Eurystheus set Heracles his second task. He told Heracles to go and kill the Lernean Hydra.



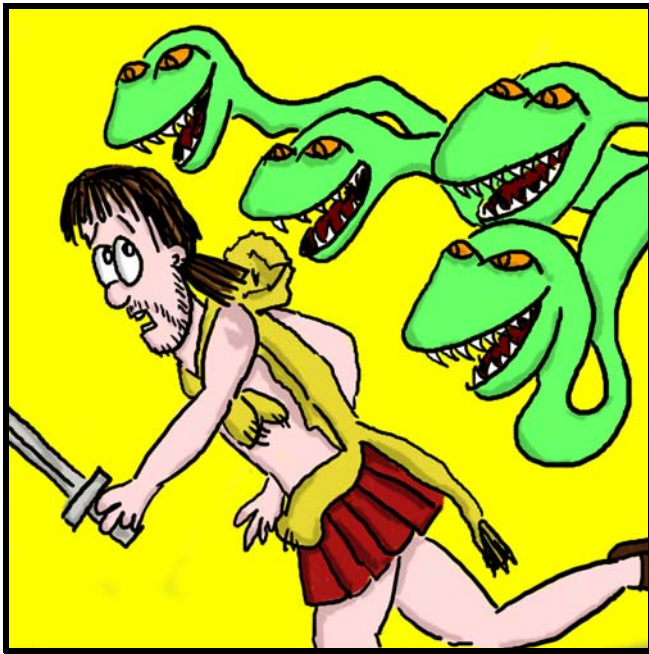
Heracles and his nephew Iolaus went to the cave where the hydra lived.



Heracles surprised the hydra and chopped off its head with his sword.



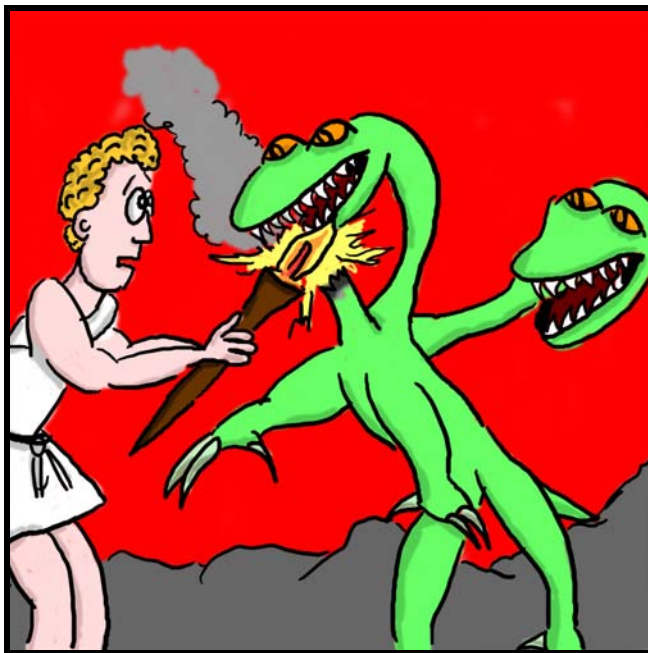
However the hydra didn't die. It grew two heads to replace the one that was lost!



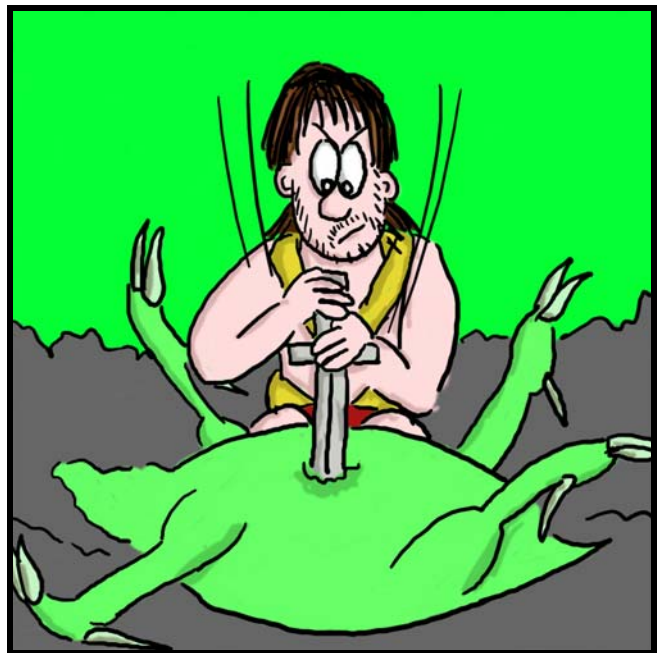
Heracles kept on chopping off the hydra's heads. Every time he chopped one off two more grew!



Heracles had an idea. Each time he sliced off a head...



...Iolaus used a torch to burn the hydra's neck so the head wouldn't grow back.



Eventually the hydra was left without any heads and it was a simple task for Heracles to kill it.