

### **HELEN OF TROY'S TRIBUTE.**

'It's nice to be popular, but there are limits. I mean the amount of mayhem caused by my capture doesn't bear thinking about. I'd married Menelaus. They say that, as a woman famed through history for my beauty, I'm supposed to speak in very elevated tones, but I can tell you, I'm just an ordinary girl at heart. This is my story.

Menelaus had hatched this plan to bring me back by getting his men to build a wooden horse. Paris and his mates were stupid enough to fall for it. And to think, Paris called himself 'a great deal-maker'!

Anyway, I'm back with Men now, or Menelaus to give him his full name. But what's life like? Really boring, to be honest. All Men talks about is this new sport, Greek football, and he's absolutely obsessed with Athens United and their performance in the Ionian League. What do I do all day? I just sit here, as these pervy men wander past 'admiring my great beauty'. You know, I'd rather do something else, like becoming a writer, for example.

How many great and loved writers are there who go by the name of Helen? My good time-travelling friend, Dr. Who, has only come up with one. He tells me that she was respected by everyone.

Did she come from Greece? Definitely not. Now, what was the name of that place? I know it begins with a 'W' and it's somewhere north-west of Londinion, as we say in Greek.

Let me tell you this, just as the first syllable of Menelaus' name tells you what a typical man he was, so the first syllable of this person's surname tells you what sort of person she was.

They say she will never be forgotten. I know that to be true.'

**This is the sequel to Homer's Iliad and Odyssey tale of 'Helen of Troy'.**