



## LESSON-4

### PERSEUS AND ANDROMEDA

#### NOTES:

##### SUMMARY:

This lesson is taken from Greek mythology. There once lived a beautiful woman called Cassiopeia in an island near Greece. She boasted she was more beautiful than the sea nymphs. This angered the sea nymphs and they sent a sea serpent to harm the people living in that island.

The people of the island consulted an oracle to ward off the danger. According to him the danger was because of the vanity of Cassiopeia, and to ward the serpent off she must sacrifice her daughter Andromeda to the sea serpent. Against the wishes of her mother the people tied Andromeda on the edge of a cliff overlooking the sea. As the serpent approached and rose above the water to devour Andromeda, Perseus who was flying over saw and dived down to battle the sea serpent. After a long and fierce battle Perseus killed the serpent and rescued Andromeda. Both fell in love and planned to get married.

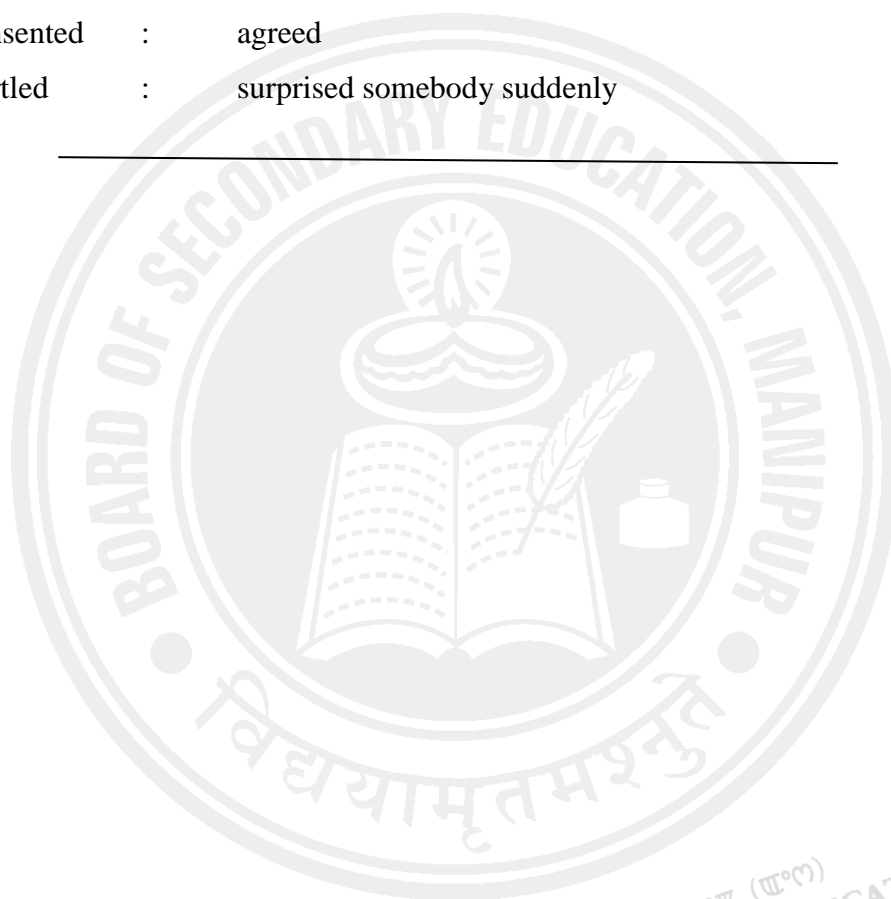
During the marriage festival, an old man whom Andromeda's parents feared came to claim Andromeda as his. As the old man and his band of soldiers approached Andromeda, Perseus took out Gorgon's head from a bag and showed it to the old man who consequently turned into stone. The old man's band of armed soldiers fled the scene. Thus Andromeda and Perseus married and happily lived.



**Word meaning:**

Serpent	:	a large snake
Devour	:	to eat all of something quickly
Dreaded	:	greatly feared
Lashing	:	hitting very hard
Shrieked	:	gave a loud shout
Darted	:	move suddenly and quickly
Consented	:	agreed
Startled	:	surprised somebody suddenly

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