

Mermaids Greek Mythology

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1 The Little Mermaid

When everyone talks about Mermaid, they probably think about the cute *Little Mermaid* from **Disney** and **Hans Christian Andersen** that probably everyone watched when they were young (I assumed you were born in 1900s).

In the movie [3], it was the story of a little mermaid who fell in love with a prince that she rescued on the sea. She decided to trade her voice in exchange for a pair of legs to walk on land and tried to meet him. In the end they both succeeded and married each other and lived a happy life (Classic Disney movie lol).

On the other hand, in the original story written by Andersen (and other variations of the story) [1], the little mermaid witnessed the prince marrying another princess in an arranged marriage, and died by dissolving into sea foam.

2 Greek Mythology

Portrayed as a sexual, predatory and half-woman, half-fish creature hoping to eat sailors, like in the classic scene of **Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides**, where the pirates are surrounded by mermaids wanting to eat them, and the mermaids are seen as treasures to the pirates.

Known as the sirens in the Greek mythology, the mermaid will use her beauty, sing these beautiful songs and sit on rocks calling for anyone in the sea who dares to approach her, and she will in turn devour him.

The idea of beauty on the outside but with dangerous and cunning motive inside is just mesmerizing and fascinating at the same time isn't it?

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