

The Odyssey

The Lotus-Eaters or Three Dudes Get High and Bad Things Happen

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Based upon Homer's "The Odyssey"

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EXT. THE HOMER-DAY

There's some light rainfall on the sea. Odysseus stands at the wheel, spinning it like mad.

ODYSSEUS
(yelling)
Stand strong men! We'll make it
through!

Barypos stands calmly next to him, holding an umbrella over his head.

EXT. COURTYARD-DAY

Odysseus and Alcinous walk side by side through the courtyard. They reach a fountain in the middle. Odysseus absently swirls his hand through the water.

ODYSSEUS
In all my years at sea, I've never
seen a storm so big.

Alcinous looks down at his reflection. Odysseus swipes his hand through the reflection, getting water all over Alcinous.

ODYSSEUS
We were BLOWN off course!

ALCINOUS
(annoyed)
Seems to happen to you quite often.

EXT. LOTUS ISLAND-DAY

The Odysseans walk up the shore to where a group of LOTUS-EATERS lie around on the beach, completely stoned.

LOTUS-EATER 1
Yo, dude. Look. It's like, new
dudes, yeah?

LOTUS-EATER 2
Bruh.

Odysseus approaches.

ODYSSEUS
Hello comrades!

Etusias comes up behind them.

ETESIAS
Murder?

Odysseus wrinkles his nose.

ODYSSEUS

Nah. My arms are tired from steering.

ETESIAS

(Disappointed)

Ok.

LOTUS-EATER 1

Welcome to the island,
Murder-dudes.

ODYSSEUS

Are you okay?

LOTUS-EATER 2

Totally, bruh. Take a chill pill.

He holds out a lotus flower.

ODYSSEUS

What's this?

LOTUS-EATER 1

Lotus flower, dude. Eat it.

Odysseus looks at the flower, suspicious.

EXT. COURTYARD-DAY

Odysseus and Alcinous sit on a bench.

ODYSSEUS

Right as I was about to eat it,
Barypos snatched it. Lucky for me
too.

EXT. LOTUS ISLAND-DAY

Odysseus looks around and spots Barypos.

ODYSSEUS

Barypos. You can eat it.

Barypos approaches equally suspicious.

BARYPOS

I wouldn't trust it, sir. It looks
like poison.

Odysseus glares at Barypos.

ODYSSEUS

I order you.

Barypos sighs, takes the flower, and eats it.

QUICK FLASH TO:

Alcinous sits on his throne.

ALCINOUS
Don't do flowers, kids.

CUT BACK TO:

EXT. LOTUS ISLAND-DAY

Barypos lays against the sand, a happy grin on his face.

Etesias darts forward to take another flower from the Lotus-Eaters, as does Lathyros.

Odysseus does a quick look around the island. He returns to the group.

ODYSSEUS
I'm BORED. Let's go.

The three guys shake their heads.

BARYPOS
Naw, dude. This place is excellent.

ODYSSEUS
Weren't you the one super ready to go home?

BARYPOS
Home? Pshaw. Who needs home bruh?

ETESIAS
Bad vibes, bruh.

LATHYROS
Very bad, dude.

ODYSSEUS
Okay. Yeah no.

Cut to:

EXT. THE HOMER-DAY

Some of the Odysseans pull the three men, bound and struggling, aboard the ship.

ODYSSEUS
Set sail for more interesting waters!

EXT. COURTYARD-DAY

ODYSSEUS
I feared that the rest of my men would, uh, be, uh, eviled by the flowers. Yeah. So I saved them all by leaving.

ALCINOUS
(skeptical)
Honestly I should think YOU would
have wanted to stay.

ODYSSEUS
(feigned offense)
Never!

ALCINOUS
(standing)
I must admit. I'm curious to see
what happens next.

Odysseus stands and struts to the other side of the
courtyard.

ODYSSEUS
Well, let me tell you!

The End.