

Beowulf built a boat that was broad and strong. Over the roaring sea he sailed with his fourteen warriors. All day and night they rowed. Their oars cut the waves like swords. They went swift as an arrow to help King Hrothgar.

Beowulf and his men dragged their boat ashore. One of Hrothgar's soldiers took the Geats to meet the King. Beowulf bowed before King Hrothgar.

'I am Beowulf, Prince of the Geats,' said Beowulf. 'I heard of your suffering and I have come to help you.'

Hrothgar stared at Beowulf and his fourteen men. 'None of my soldiers can fight the monster. How can so few of you help us?'

'I have a plan,' said Beowulf. 'Listen ...'

