



Heracles' wife:
Is this the only story
that can be told?

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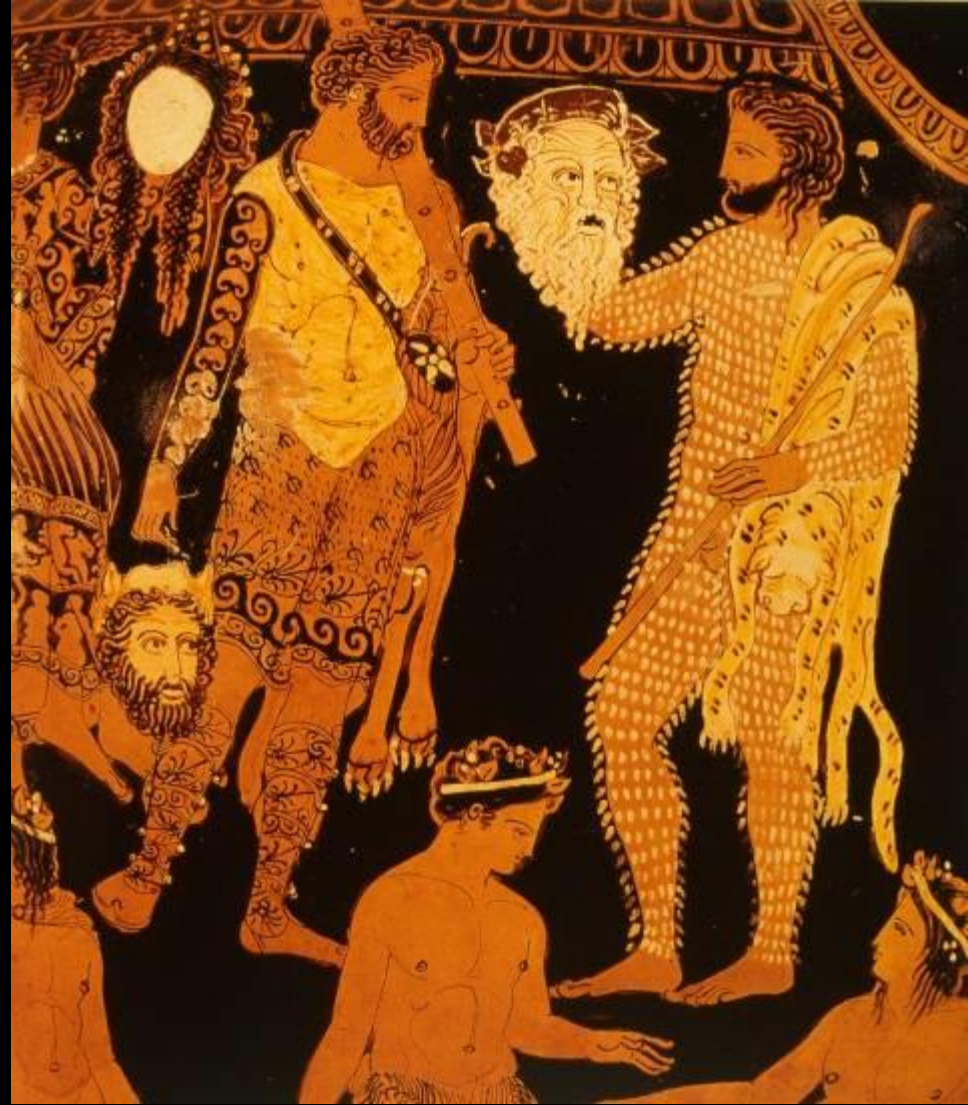
Disney's *Hercules* (1997), with
'Meg', 'Pegasus' and
'Philoctetes' the satyr...

The 'madness of
Heracles'.

Cf. Euripides' play
Heracles (c.420
BC)?

South Italian red-
figure vase, c.340
BC (Madrid).

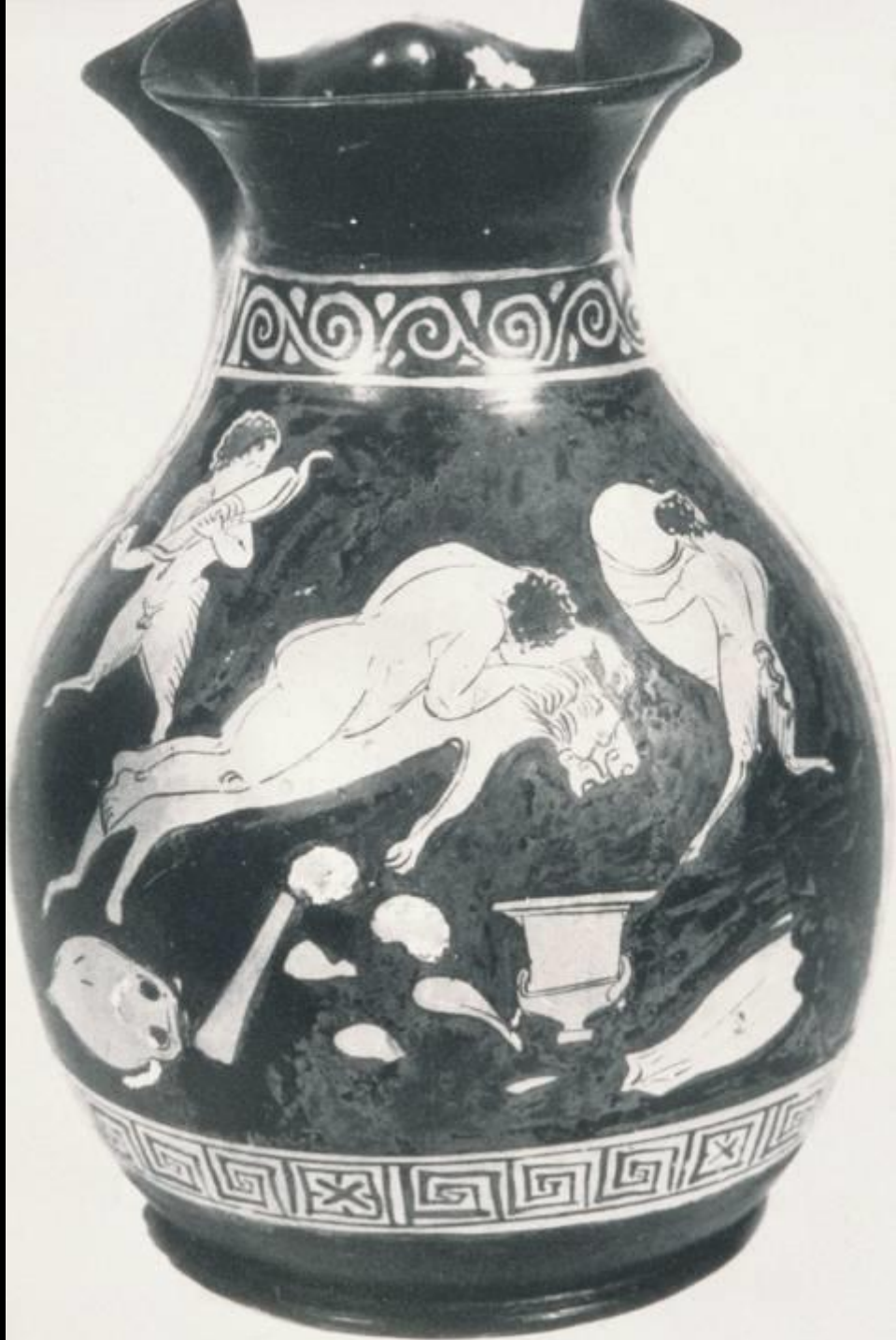




Actors in costume for a satyr play (possibly *Omphale*). Attic red-figure vase, c.410 BC (Naples).

The comic
Heracles.

South Italian red-
figure vase, c.390
BC.





Heracles fights the river-god Acheloos.
Attic red-figure vase, c.500 BC (London).

Catalogue of Women (fr. 25.20-5 MW):

Deianeira... did a terrible thing, greatly deluded in her mind, when she sprinkled poison on the tunic and gave it to the herald Lichas to take, and he gave it to lord Heracles, son of Amphitryon, sacker of cities; on receiving it, death's end came quickly upon him, and he died and came to the mournful house of Hades.



Deianeira
and
Nessos.

Relief
decoration
on bronze
shield-
band from
Argos,
c.500 BC.

Heracles
kills
Nessos.

Attic
black-
figure
vase,
c.620
BC
(Athens
NM).





Heracles,
Deianeira
and Nessos.

Attic red-
figure vase,
c.400 BC
(Boston).



Heracles at
the feast of
King Eurytos
of Oichalia,
waited on by
Iole.

Corinthian
vase, c.600
BC (Paris).



Heracles competes against Eurytos and sons for Iole. Drawing from Attic black-figure vase c.500 BC (Madrid).



Heracles
receives
the
poisoned
tunic?

Attic red-
figure
vase,
c.420 BC
(London)

Heracles on
the pyre,
hands bow
and quiver to
Philoctetes.

Attic red-
figure vase,
c.460 BC
(New York).



Heracles ascends
from the pyre.

Attic red-figure
vase, c.410 BC
(Munich).





Heracles feasting (*above*) and
marrying Hebe (*left*) on Olympos.

Red-figure side of Attic bilingual
vase, c.530 BC (London) and Attic
red-figure vase, c.360 BC
(Philadelphia)