

The Golden Apples of the Hesperides

For his eleventh Labor, Herakles was charged with stealing three golden apples from the sacred grove of Hera. These apples were a wedding present from Hera to Zeus and were heavily guarded. Ladon, a monster with one hundred heads, coiled himself around the trunk of the apple tree. The apples were also protected by the Hesperides, the daughters of the Titan Atlas who held the earth and sky on his shoulders.

