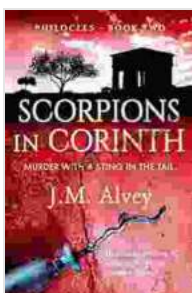


# Scorpions in Corinth: Philocles' Encounter with the Ancient Arachnid

Scorpions are one of the oldest and most fascinating creatures on the planet. With their distinctive appearance and venomous sting, they have captured the imagination of humans for centuries. In ancient Greece, scorpions were often associated with the underworld and were considered to be a symbol of death and danger.

One of the most famous stories about scorpions in ancient Greece is the tale of Philocles, a young man who was stung by a scorpion while sleeping. This story is told by the Greek philosopher Plutarch in his book "Moralia."



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According to Plutarch, Philocles was a young man who lived in the city of Corinth. One night, as he was sleeping, he was stung by a scorpion. The sting was so painful that Philocles awoke in agony. He called for help, and his servants rushed to his aid.

The servants tried to remove the scorpion, but it was no use. The scorpion's venom had already spread throughout Philocles' body. Philocles began to experience severe pain and swelling. He also began to vomit and have seizures.

The servants were terrified. They knew that Philocles was dying. They sent for a doctor, but it was too late. Philocles died a few hours later.

The story of Philocles' death is a tragic one. It is a reminder of the dangers that lurked in the ancient world. Scorpions were just one of many creatures that could kill a person with a single sting or bite.

In addition to the story of Philocles, there are many other stories about scorpions in ancient Greek mythology. In one story, the goddess Artemis is said to have created scorpions to punish a giant named Orion. In another story, the hero Hercules is said to have killed a giant scorpion that was terrorizing the city of Argos.

Scorpions continue to be a part of Greek culture today. They are often featured in art and literature. They are also used as a symbol of death and danger.

## **The Scorpion's Sting**

Scorpions are venomous creatures. Their sting is painful and can be fatal. The venom of a scorpion is a neurotoxin. This means that it attacks the nervous system. The venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, seizures, and paralysis.

The severity of a scorpion's sting depends on a number of factors, including the species of scorpion, the amount of venom injected, and the victim's age and health. Children and the elderly are more likely to experience severe symptoms from a scorpion sting.

If you are stung by a scorpion, it is important to seek medical attention immediately. Treatment for a scorpion sting typically includes pain medication, antibiotics, and antivenom.

## **Preventing Scorpion Stings**

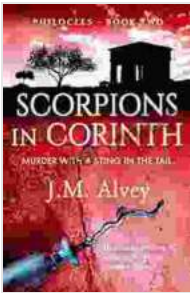
There are a number of things you can do to prevent being stung by a scorpion:

- Wear shoes and gloves when working in areas where scorpions are known to live.
- Be careful when turning over rocks or logs.
- Avoid walking barefoot in areas where scorpions are known to live.
- Keep your home and yard free of debris.
- Seal any cracks or holes in your home's foundation.
- Use insect repellent containing DEET.

By following these tips, you can help to reduce your risk of being stung by a scorpion.

Scorpions are fascinating creatures, but they can also be dangerous. It is important to be aware of the risks of scorpion stings and to take steps to

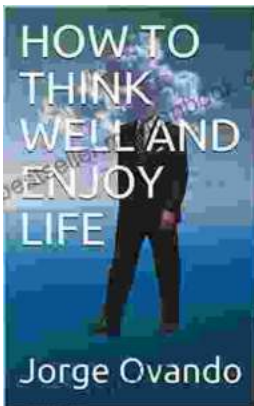
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