

# The Challenge

Jonah, a middle-aged builder god, was planning out a new castle for the gods; it would have four floors, three en-suites, a wine cellar and two throne rooms on each floor. As Jonah was sketching out a design, the skies went black, a massive gust of wind came and swept Jonah and the other civilians off their feet, and then they blacked out.

When everyone woke up they were in cells and it was very warm. Some guards came and got them out of their cells and when they got out, they realised where they were in the UNDERWORLD! As they walked up to some doors, they automatically opened, and there was Hades! He was in a big throne, which was red with fire coming out the back. He said, "I have chosen you all to compete in some challenges. If you lose the challenges you will be fed to my Cerberus; if you win the challenges you are free to go." Everyone was petrified; not Jonah though, he wanted to save these people. He stepped up to Hades and said, "Take me, not all these people, I don't want them to get hurt." But Hades didn't listen and put them in a deserted room. Everyone was scared and they didn't know what to do; should they accept their fate or not? The guards came in the room and said, "Hello, the challenge you will be doing today is..... hopscotch. There will be 10 stones, but there's a catch; there's lava under the stones." Everyone gasped; were they really going to be burnt alive?

The floor opened up and 10 stepping stones appeared. Lava fled into the pool below. A gust of heat came into the room. The first contestant was one of the civilians. She threw a rock and it landed on stone number 4. The player hopped, but then she missed a step and fell into the lava, and everyone gasped. Next it was Jonah. He rolled the stone and it landed on number 6. He started hopping; he didn't fall and made it to the other side. Just as the guard was looking away, Jonah got a sword out. He hid and stabbed the guard in his neck. The guard fell to the ground with a big thump. Everyone escaped the Underworld, and Jonah threw a nuclear bomb behind him. Then with a big bang, the Underworld blew up. Everyone gave a loud cheer! Today the castle of the gods has been built and everyone is well and thriving.

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