

In Book 2 of *The Odyssey*, a council of the Achaeans is convened in Ithaca, where Odysseus's son, Telemachus, calls upon the assembly to address the ongoing issues in the palace caused by the suitors vying for his mother Penelope's hand in marriage. Telemachus speaks out, expressing his frustration with the suitors' disrespectful behavior and their consumption of the family's wealth. He urges the assembly to take action against the suitors, but the council fails to respond with any tangible solutions. Athena, in disguise as Mentos, advises him to set off on a journey to seek information about his father's whereabouts and possibly gain the support of other Greek leaders. Instead, the suitors, led by Antinous, react with mockery and scorn toward Telemachus's plea. Inspired by this counsel, Telemachus prepares for the voyage, determined to take control of his situation and seek justice for the wrongs done to his family.