

## Joshua Converse

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### Today's Paper

I keep awaiting  
the classified section  
here in Greece  
to read as follows:

“For a good time  
Call Zeus!” Or,  
“Help Wanted:  
King of Thebes,  
riddle-solving skills  
a must.” Or,  
“Medea’s Child Care,  
Enroll Today!”

The Fates, though,  
remain cruel.

I find only  
a headline  
about the hydra.

It reads:

“Thirty Dead. No Hero in Sight.”

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