

# Odyssey book 16 summary



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1Telemachus finds Eumaeus' hut; finds Eumaeus talking with stranger (Odysseus)2Eumaeus recounts Odysseus' story; suggests Odysseus stay w/ Telemachus in his Ithican palace3Telemachus afraid of what suitors might do to them; Eumaeus goes to palace alone; tells Penelope her son has returned4Odysseus and Telemachus alone in hut; Athena appears; calls Odysseus outside and removes his disguise5Odysseus sees his long-lost son; Telemachus can't believe his eyes; both embrace and weep emotionally6Odysseus recounts trip with Phaeacians; begins plotting overthrow of suitors7Odysseus formulates plan to launch surprise attack from within palace; Odysseus will enter as disguised beggar; Telemachus will hide in palace's extra rooms where suitors cannot reach them; Then Odysseus and Telemachus will seize suitors' arms and kill them8Before Eumaeus can give Penelope news of Telemachus' return, the messenger from the ship arrives; messenger informs entire palace of Telemachus' return9Suitors bummed out b/c their plot has failed; huddle outside to plan next move10Antinous recommends killing Telemachus before he can call another suitors assembly; Amphinomus persuades others to wait for a sign from the gods before doing anything so rash11Penelope finds Antinous in palace; denounces him for the plot against her son (plot was revealed by Medon in book 4)12Eurymachus calms Penelope down with his lies and false concern for safety of Telemachus

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