THE GORGONS weren’t always like they are now. Medusa, the youngest of the three sisters, used to be a BEAUTY. As lovely as a rose, and a priestess of Athena. They aren’t supposed to get married, but Medusa FELL IN LOVE with Poseidon. Silly, if you ask me. The sea god’s idea of a garden is a smelly clump of seaweed! Anyway, Athena was furious when she found out. As a punishment, she turned Medusa into an ugly hag. Her locks of hair became snakes. Anyone who met her gaze turned to stone.

I was sent to slay her. I escaped death by looking at her reflection in a shiny shield. Mind you, I was a lot younger back then. Now I’d rather use my sickle to trim the lawn than lop off a gorgon’s head!

THE GORGON GAME!

You need 10-20 players all sitting in a circle. Choose one player to be Perseus, who has to leave the room while another player is chosen to play Medusa. Medusa tries to turn everyone into STATUES by winking at them. Be sneaky - don’t let Perseus catch you! Perseus has to work out which player is Medusa and stop her before she turns everyone into statues.

If Medusa winks at you, count to three then slowly turn into a statue. Choose a dramatic pose or make creepy noises like your body is turning to stone.

Perseus can stop Medusa by guessing who she is. Perseus, when you think you’ve found Medusa, point to them and shout something heroic, then make a chopping motion with an invisible sword to lop off her head. Be careful. You only get THREE GUESSES and you might accidentally lop off the wrong head!

If Perseus runs out of guesses then Medusa wins, but if Perseus identifies the real Medusa then he wins and everyone is safe. PLAY AGAIN but change who is Medusa and Perseus!