Mercury and the woodman by Iris Heras







Axe



Grief



the stream



Stretched out his hand

DIAGRAM

A woodman was cutting down a tree and his axe fell into the water

Mercury appeared, dived into the river bringing up two axes: one golden and one silver

The woodman said: they're not mine

Mercury brought up the missing axe and gave him the two axes as a

The Woodman told the story to his companions, one of these wanted one golden axe

present

So he went and did the same as his partner

When Mercury showed him the golden axe he said: that's mine, that's mine

Mercury was so angry at his dishonesty that declined to give him the golden axe

And also refused to recover for him the axe he had let fall into the stream

Honesty is the best policy.