



7: Prometheus and Pandora

Zeus told the Titan gods Prometheus and his brother Epimetheus to fill the Earth with life. Together they created all the animals that live on Earth.

Zeus then told Prometheus to create a being that could understand language and could speak.

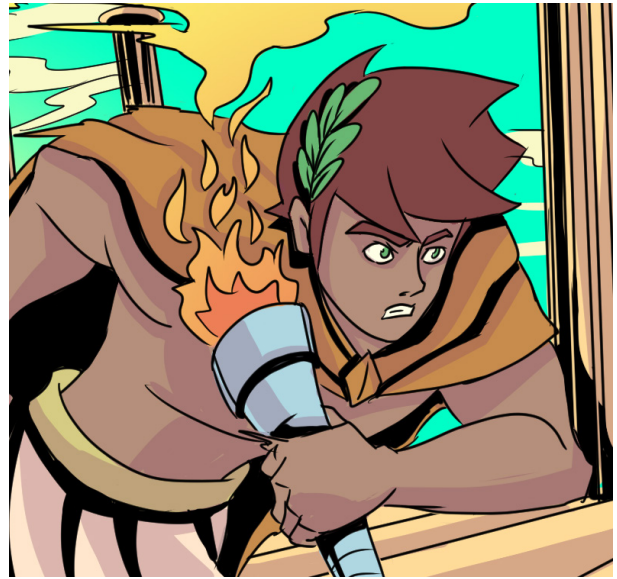
Prometheus moulded men, only men, out of clay, and made them look like the gods.



He wanted them to be able to cook and keep warm. For which they'd need fire.

But Zeus told Prometheus that, under no circumstances was he to give the men fire, because with fire they might be able to challenge the gods.

But Prometheus was determined to help his creation. So he stole fire from the gods and gave it to men.



Zeus was furious! He chained Prometheus to a mountain. Every day an eagle would swoop down and gnaw at his liver and every night he would recover. The pain was endless.

But Zeus didn't stop there. He commanded Hephaestus, the God of fire and sculpture, to create the first woman. Zeus said she should be charming, beautiful and filled with curiosity about all things.



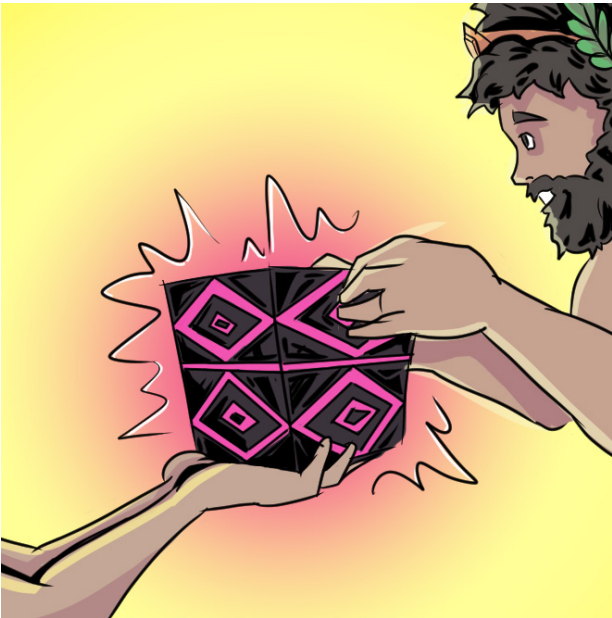


He named her Pandora.

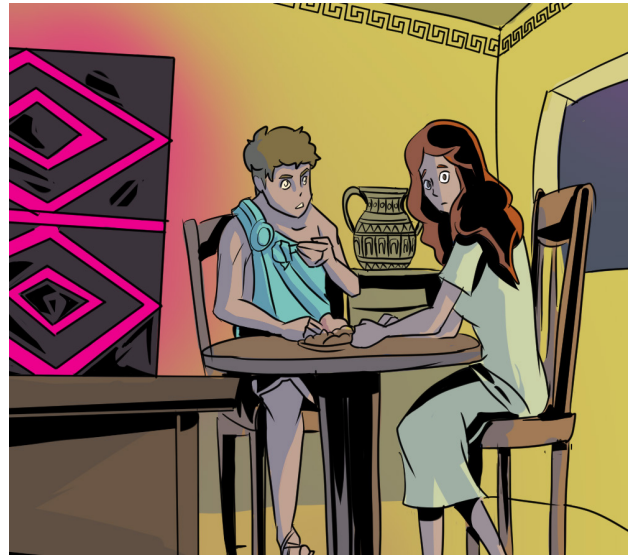
Everyone who met Pandora fell in love with her. And Epimetheus, Prometheus' brother, was no different.



Zeus agreed to let them be married and live on Earth. He gave Pandora a gift of a box. He told her she must never, ever open it.



Epimetheus and Pandora lived a happy life on Earth. But no matter what, Pandora couldn't stop thinking about the box and what might be inside.



One day her curiosity got the better of her, and she opened it.

Big mistake! Many things swarmed out of the box: disease, hunger, disasters and hate flew into the world.



Pandora slammed the box shut, stopping one tiny thing from escaping: hope. So even though the world was now filled with pain and suffering, humans would always have hope to comfort them.