



# *The origin of everything in Greek mythology*



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***Note that there are many versions of the  
Greek myths since most of them were shared  
verbally among locals. Even many written  
reorderings differ from each other!***





# *The Creation of the Universe*

## **Our Galaxy**

When Zeus made Hera breastfeed Heracles in her sleep, the baby boy sucked too hard, and Hera pulled him away. As she did so, milk spilled from her nipple and created our galaxy. This is why it's called the Milky Way!



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## **Earth**

After Chaos, Gaia (Earth) rose. She gave birth to Uranus (Sky), the Ourea (Mountains), and Pontus (Sea). Her and Uranus gave birth to multiple monsters, most famously the Titans, who predated the original Greek Gods.





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## The Gods

There are actually thirteen Gods, but two of them are often swapped with each other, those being Dionysus (God of Wine) and Hestia (Goddess of Hearth/Home)





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## **Humans**

There are, as always, many versions of this myth. After the battle between Titans and Gods, Prometheus, son of a Titan, was spared by Zeus. He was tasked with creating humans, which he made using clay. Along with that, he was the one to give man fire (and pay the eternal price).





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## **Humans (Again)**

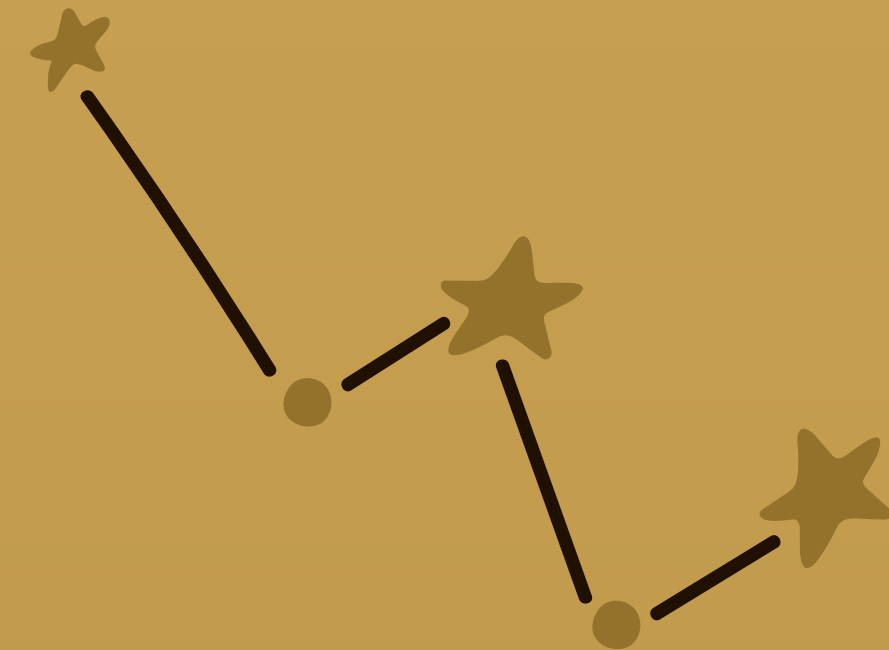
In Plato's 'Symposium', famous comic playwright Aristophanes claims that "humans were originally created with two heads, four hands, and four legs. Zaus, fearing their power, split them into two". Of course, this 'myth' is satirical of the attitude of searching for your 'other half' or 'soulmate'.



# *Name Origins*



Most constellation names originated from Greek myths and even align with astronomy. For example, the constellation of Cassiopeia (mother of Andromeda) appears upside down from time to time. According to the myth, it's due to her disrespect towards the Gods.



Many flowers get their names from the Ancient Greek mythos. Narcissus, the man cursed to obsess over his beauty because he rejected the nymph Echo, got turned into the flower upon his death. Hyacinth, another flower, was a Spartan prince in a love triangle with Apollo and the God of the West Wind. Upon choosing Apollo, the latter killed him with his own discus.



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Animals are common in Greek Mythology. Spiders in Greek got their name from Arachne, a mortal girl who was turned into a spider when Athena realised Arachne was a better weaver than she was. The peacock, also, got the eye pattern on its feathers because they were placed there by Hera. Said eyes once belonged to Argus Panoptes, the giant who saw all.

