



Zeus also punished mankind. He ordered the gods to create a beautiful woman.

Her name was Pandora and she was to be married to Prometheus' brother.

Epimetheus, fearful of Zeus, married Pandora at once.



Pandora was vain and self-centred.

She nagged her husband constantly.

She demanded he open a special locked box. Epimetheus refused,

as Prometheus had entrusted the box to his care.



In that box was trapped every known evil and disease.

But her husband's stubbornness made Pandora more determined.

Convinced the box held jewels, she planned to steal it.



One day, while Epimetheus slept,

Pandora stole the box and its key.

Eagerly, she fitted the key into the lock.

It turned, and she lifted the lid...

All at once, every evil and spite flew out, like a swarm of insects, covering Pandora and infesting the earth with pain and sorrow.



Luckily, Prometheus had also locked "hope" in the box, so mankind was saved from total despair. But – thanks to Pandora – life on earth was never quite so joyful again.