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Zeus was angry at mankind, so he sent them a woman named Pandora, which means "all-gifts."

Zeus took Pandora to Prometheus' brother, Epimetheus, and offered him Pandora's hand in marriage. Zeus gave Pandora a small box, with a giant lock. He told her never to open it, and had Epimetheus keep the key to the lock.

Pandora wanted to see what was in the box that Zeus gave them, but Epimetheus refused to give her the key. She begged and begged, but he never did. One night, after Epimetheus fell asleep, Pandora stole the key, and opened the box.

Out of the box exploded all the bad things that man didn't know about yet; evil, crime, hate, envy, sickness, worry, and many other terrible things.

Crying, Pandora tried to catch all of these things and put them back, but it was too late. They flew away to mankind far too fast. But while she was crying, one last thing flew from inside the box. It was Hope, which Zeus had put in the box so the evil things wouldn't destroy man. It was beautiful and gave mankind the strength to deal with the evil that had now infected the world.