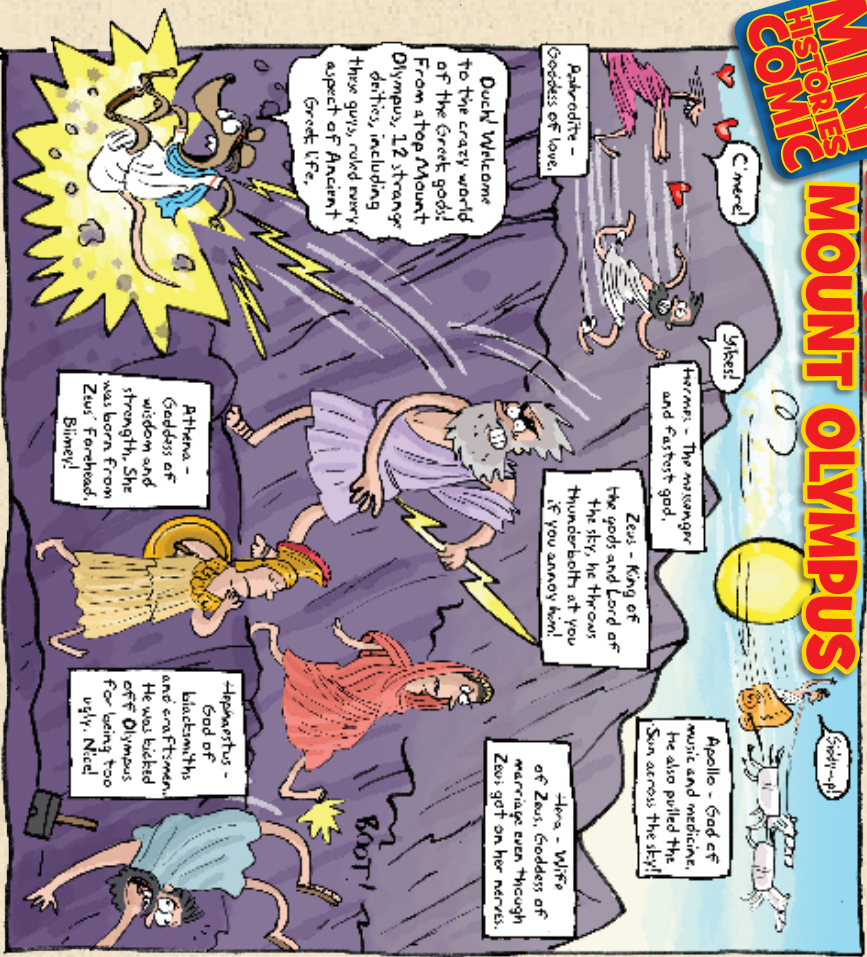


**MOUNT OLYMPUS**



**Cerberus** - Goddess of love.

**Duck** Welcome to the crazy world of the Greek gods! From atop Mount Olympus, 12 strange deities, including these guys, ruled every aspect of Ancient Greek life.

**Hermes** - The messenger and fastest god.

**Zeus** - King of the gods and Lord of the sky, he throws thunderbolts at you if you annoy him!

**Apollo** - God of music and medicine. He also pulled the Sun across the sky!

**Hera** - Wife of Zeus. Goddess of marriage even though Zeus got on her nerves.

**Athena** - Goddess of wisdom and strength. She was born from Zeus' forehead.

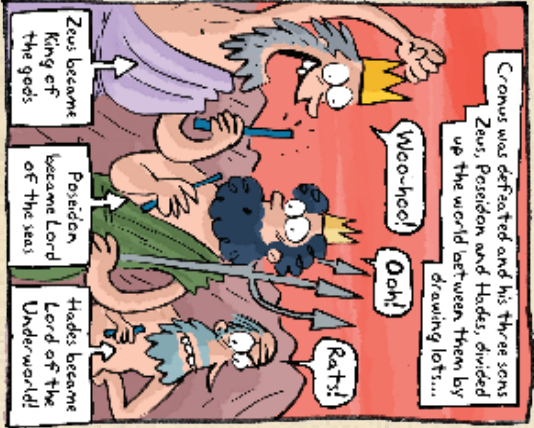
**Hephaestus** - God of blacksmiths and craftsmanship. He was kicked off Olympus for being too ugly. Nice!



The original gods were called Titans, and Cronus was the big daddy! He swallowed his kids so they wouldn't overthrow him!

I love kids! Yum!

His son, Zeus, survived and made Cronus throw up the other children using poison!



Cronus was defeated and his three sons Zeus, Poseidon and Hades, divided up the world between them by drawing lots...

Woo-hoo! Oah! Rats!

Zeus became King of the gods.

Poseidon became Lord of the seas.

Hades became Lord of the Underworld!



As well as being King of the gods and Lord of the skies, Zeus was also a fan of disguises, transforming into animals, birds and piles of gold coins!

Oi! Put me down!



Other demi-god 'heroes' included Theseus, who defeated the Minotaur, and Perseus who vanquished the snake-headed Medusa!

One look in Medusa's eyes and she turned you to stone!

Daaa! Pop!



Zeus fathered many children, including the famous hero Hercules. Half man, half god, Hercules performed 12 tough tasks, including wrestling lions and cleaning out stinky stables!

And when you've finished that, you can do the ironing!



Alongside all the powerful gods and demi-gods were nymphs and lesser gods, representing every part of Greek life - including the wind, streams and trees.

BZZZZ!

Arr! I've upset the god of bees!



Each god could represent many different aspects of the world, including Poseidon, Lord of the seas, who was bizarrely also god of horses. He invented the horse to impress a goddess!

Ta-daa!

Oh, how lovely! Whinee!



But, over the centuries, people began to realize that all these myths and legends may not be true at all!

See you next month!