

THE GENESIS OF ZEUS AND THE EUROPEAN IRON AGE



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This story tells the birth of Zeus (Jupiter), the Lord of Lightning and King of the Gods. Zeus is the central figure of Greco-Roman mythology. Alongside the Judeo-Christian value system and Celtic-Germanic traditions, Greco-Roman mythology is the oldest pillar of European culture.

In the beginning, there was only Chaos: the swirling,
primordial matter.

From this
emerged...



... the four
Primordial Entities.

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Mother Earth,
the Night,
the Eternal Darkness
and the Abyss.



Gaia, the beautiful Mother Earth, was all alone.



So, she created a companion for herself: Uranus, the God of the Sky, whom she made the first ruler of the world.

Thus, from the union of Heaven and Earth, the "ambitious ones" were born: 6 male Titans and 6 female Titanesses..

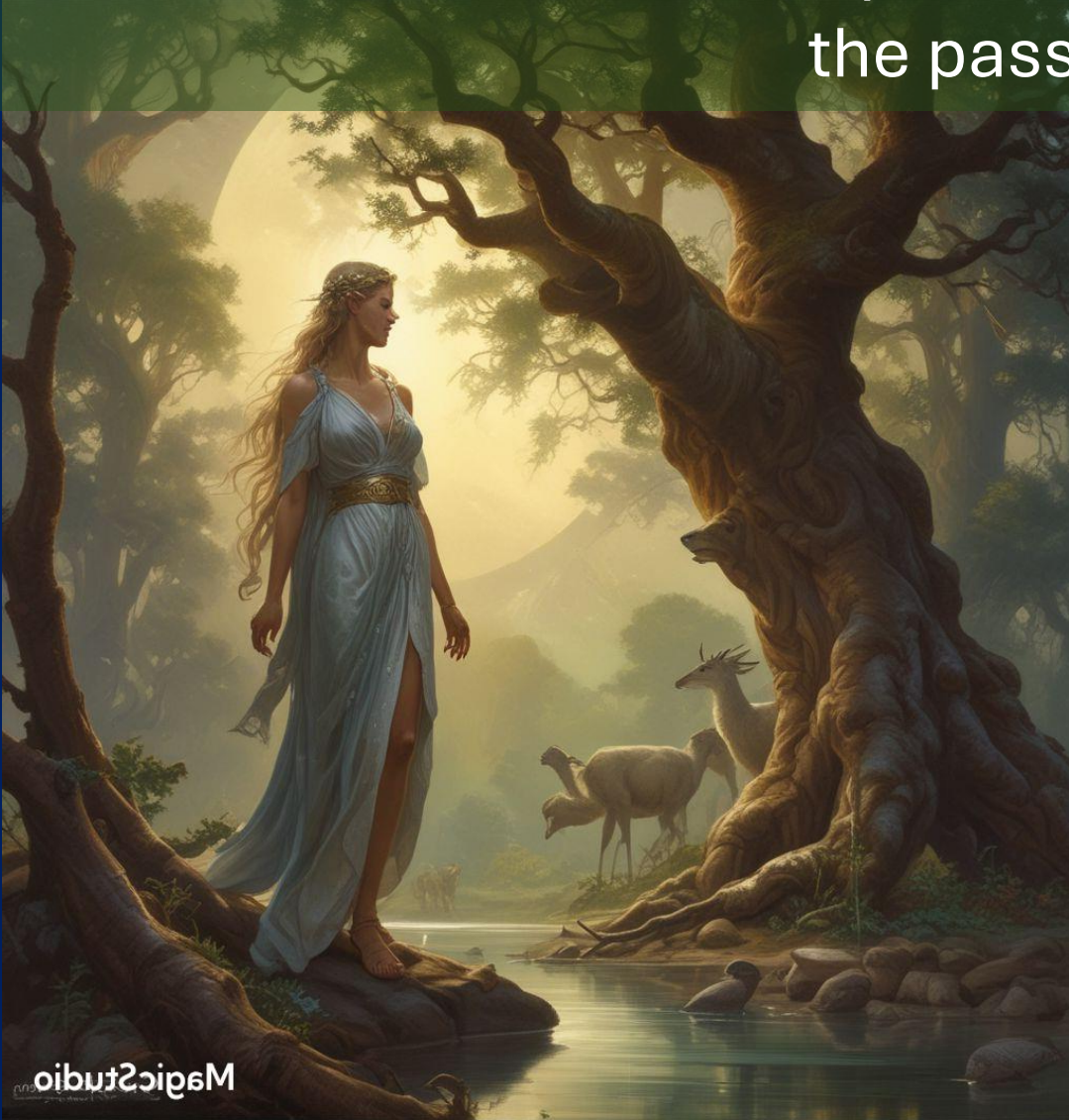


The strongest Titan was Cronus (Saturn), the god of Time. His name is the origin of the words chronology (time sequence) and chronometer (timekeeping device).



Urged by Gaia, Cronus slew his father, Uranus. In the matrilineal societies of the Neolithic and Bronze Ages – under the matriarchy – this was the custom. The alpha female determined the reign of kings.

By the grace of Gaia, Cronus thus became the ruler of the world. He took as his wife one of his younger sisters, Rhea, the most beautiful Titaness – the goddess of the Oak tree, Europe's most valuable timber, uniquely resilient to the passage of time.



Fearing he would suffer his father's fate; Cronus imprisoned his immortal children within Time itself.



These included Hades (Pluto) representing the Underworld, Poseidon (Neptune) the Sea, Hera (Juno) the Family, Demeter (Ceres) the Grain, and Hestia (Vesta) the Home.

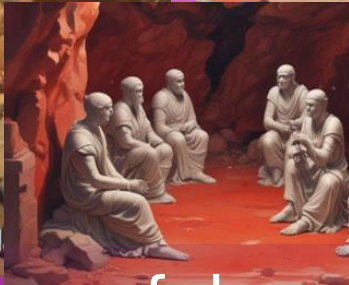




Rhea grew weary of this and resolved to secretly give birth to their youngest, sixth child: Zeus (Jupiter), the God of Lightning, and hide him from Cronus. She journeyed to the island of Crete.

Midjourney

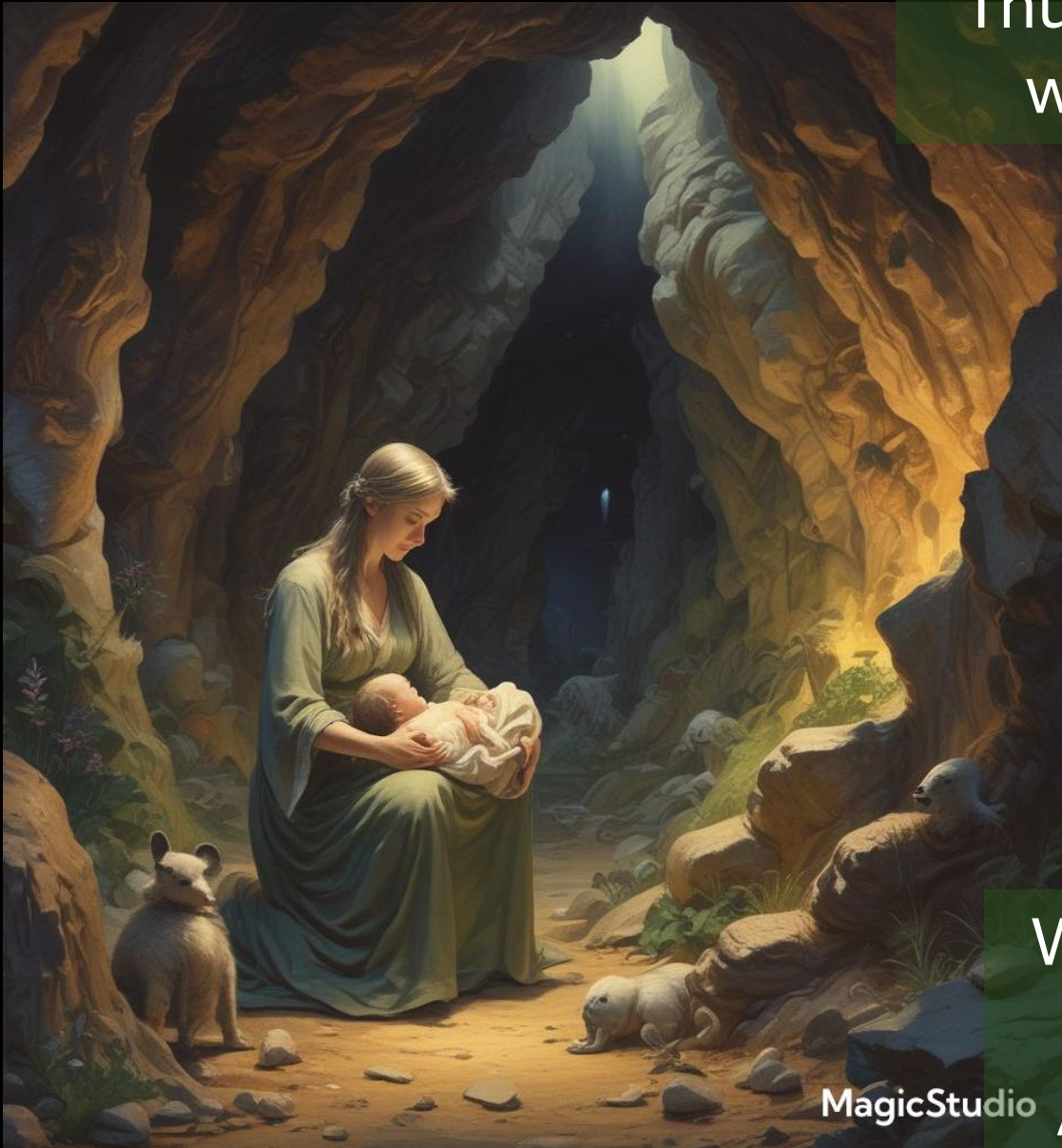
She gave birth to Zeus in the Dictaeon Cave of Crete. In the throes of childbirth, to remain silent, she clawed her fingers deep into the earth of the cave floor.



Since Rhea was a powerful goddess, minor deities were born from the unearthed clay: the Dactyls (the Fingers).

Scythes represents Iron, Akesidas Steel, Acmon the Anvil, Damnameneus the Hammer, and Kelmis the Knife.

Thus, the European Iron Age was born with Zeus – on the island of Crete.



With this, the reign of Gaia also came to an end; the Neolithic and Bronze Age matriarchy was replaced by the patriarchy, which endures to this day.

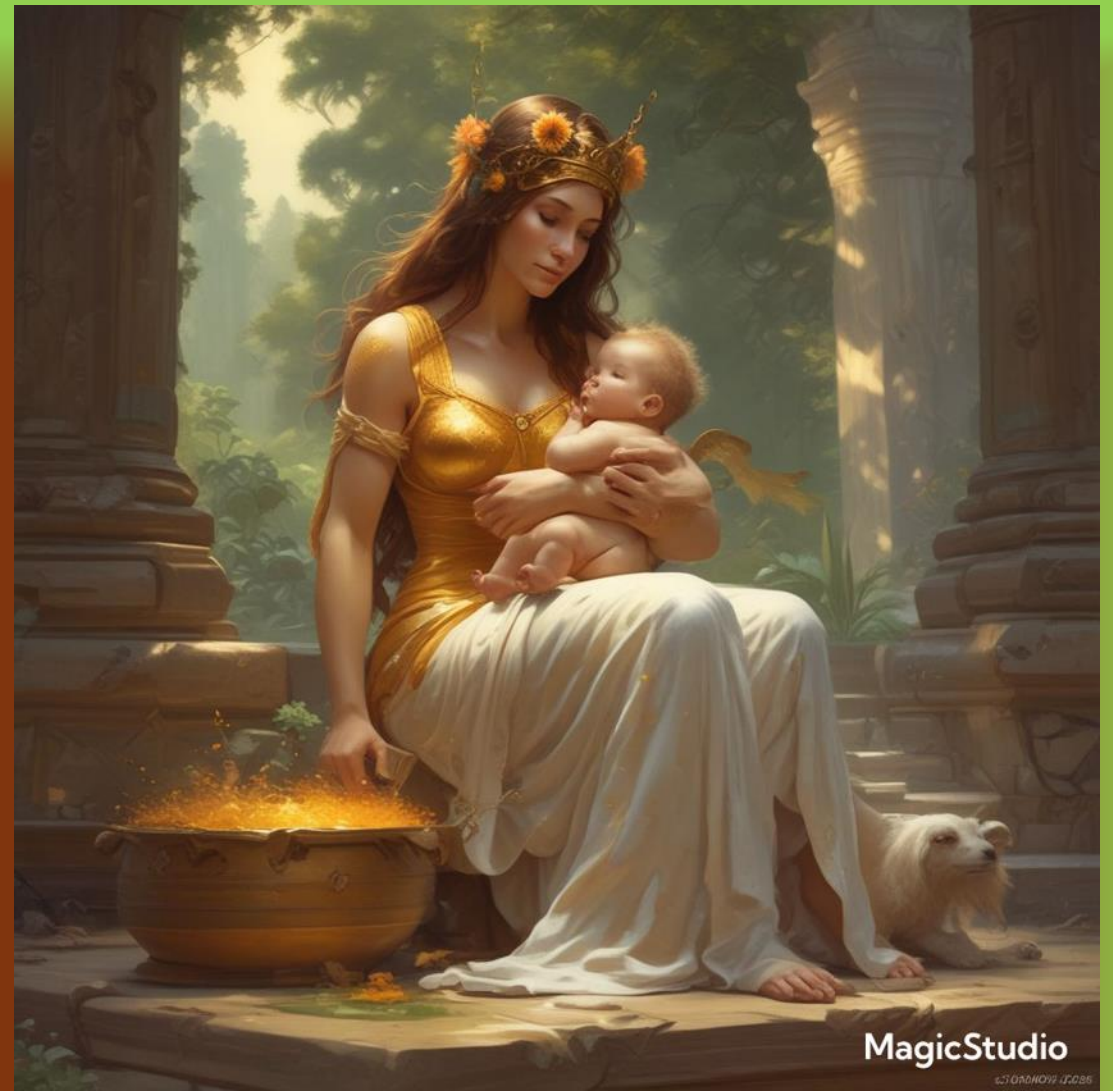


"Where is the sixth child? You cannot hide him from me, neither in heaven nor on earth!" roared Cronus at Rhea, the Titaness of the Oak tree.

Yet, no matter how hard he searched, he could find him nowhere between heaven and earth. Ever since, this expression has been deeply embedded in European culture: to search for something "high and low" (literally: "across heaven and earth").



For Rhea had hung Zeus's cradle from the branch of a great oak tree: thus, it was neither in heaven nor on earth ...



Zeus was nurtured by two nymphs: Amalthea, the goat-nymph, with milk; and Adrastea, the honey-nymph, with honey. Today, the two moons orbiting closest to the planet Jupiter (Zeus) are named after them.



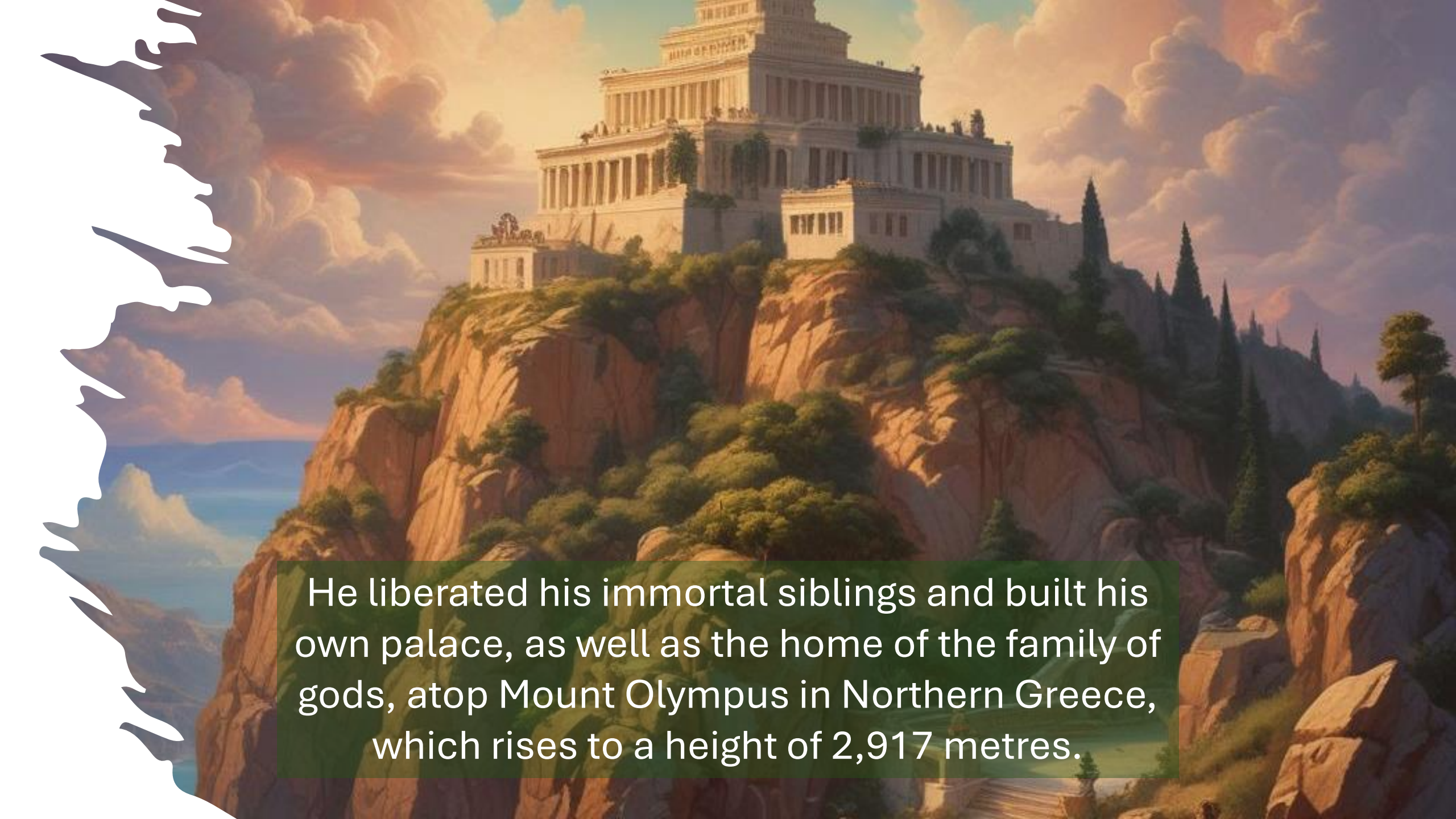
Whenever the infant Zeus cried, two armed nymphs would dance, striking their bronze shields with their spears to drown out the sound of his weeping, lest Cronus should hear it.

Thus grew Zeus on the island of Crete, until he became a powerful young god, wielding the immense force of lightning.



He fought his father, the Titan Cronus, and defeated him. He conquered Time itself, banishing him to Tartarus, and thereby made both the gods and the souls of men immortal.





He liberated his immortal siblings and built his own palace, as well as the home of the family of gods, atop Mount Olympus in Northern Greece, which rises to a height of 2,917 metres.