

Greek Creation Myth: The Sins of the Father

(As the scene opens the “stage” is dark and no actors can be seen. The narrator’s voice is heard from off stage)

MS (as Narrator): Long long ago, a few years before Mr. Poch was born, nothing existed but chaos. It was a teacher’s nightmare. Many eons passed and finally a giant bird Nyx, with black wings, was born from the chaotic swirls of the heavens.

(BP emerges as the giant bird and acts out the events as MS narrates)

Nyx soon laid a golden egg and for ages she sat upon this egg *(both look at their watches and wait impatiently for a few seconds)*.

Finally, the egg began to hatch. The egg spit in two and from it Eros, the god of love, was born.

(From the “egg” BP pulls a picture of George W. Bush marked EROS from the egg. Both MS and BP look at it in disbelief and then simultaneously shrug)

One half of the eggs shell rose into the air and became the sky, while the other half turned over and became the earth below. Eros named the sky Uranus and the earth he named Gaia.

(The two parts of the shell, consisting of card board cut outs, are turned to reveal Boy and Girl Brat dolls)

Eros then set the mood for love.

(MS plays “Moulan Rouge” love song. BP Makes dolls kiss)

Uranus and Gaia had many children. The first born were the three hundred-handed, fifty headed giants, followed by the three Cyclopes.

(MS enters as the doctor carrying six little bundles. BP looks at the bundles first with adoration, but once he sees the hideous creatures wrapped in the blankets. He screams takes them and throws them in the trash can which is labeled “earthly prison”)

MS: Uranus was frightened of his first born children and so he sent them to earth where they were locked in a cavernous dungeon unable to escape. Gaia never forgave her husband for the loss of her first children and began plotting against him, biding her time to strike.

BP: Gaia eventually gave birth to the 13 Titans. One day she gathered all her children together and told them of the fate of their older brothers, and that she wanted revenge against Uranus for his cruelty. None of her children would help her save one: Cronus, youngest of the Titans.

MS: *(Playing the Part of Gaia)* Son, here is a blade. When your father goes to sleep tonight I want you to... make sure he sleeps in “piece...es.” Know what I’m saying?

BP: Hey Ma, don't worry about it... Pop will be swimming with the fishes before you can say bada-bing.

(BP goes to the Ken doll and "cuts" it into pieces. He tosses the pieces to different parts of the stage)

BP: *(as narrator)* Cronus took his father's place as lord of the sky, but refused Gaia's wish to have her first born children released from their earthly prison. Gaia was furious and made a prophecy that one day Cronus would be dethroned by one of his own children. Cronus, forgetting his mothers words, married the titan named Rhea. They soon had their first child. The first Goddess.

(BP playing Cronus)

BP: Wow! I'm going to be a father... I wish they would hurry up in there... I'm starving.

(BP looks off stage toward the "birthing room," pantomimes that he has been called for, and returns with a bundled up baby in his arms)

BP: Ah isn't she cute... She has my hair!

MS: *(As prophesy)* One of your own children will dethrone you, just as you have done to your father.

BP: Oh no! What should I do! I must stop the prophesy, but I'm so hungry... I... *(Looks at child in a "new light")* hmm. Two birds... one stone. *(swallows baby)*. Strangely satisfying.

MS: This cycle continued with Cronus' and five more of his children. Each child at her birth was devoured by her father at their birth. Cronus remained god of the sky and believed that his reign would go on forever... Rhea and Gaia had other plans.

(as Rhea)

The next child I bear I will have in secret and leave it with Gaia. She will raise the child and I will fool Cronus by replacing the child with a rock wrapped in blankets. He eats so fast he'll never know the difference.

BP: It came to pass just as Rhea had planned and under the care of Gaia, Cronus' son, Zeus grew to adulthood. He decided to seek revenge against his cruel father.

(MS enters as the disguised Zeus)

BP: I am thirsty! You *(pointing to Zeus)*, bring me a tasty beverage!

MS: As you wish

(hands Cronus a "Titan Soda." Cronus chugs the soda)

BP: Thanks... hey who are you anyway? If your are one of those pesky newspaper solicitors I... *(holds stomach in pain)* Ohh... I must have drunk too fast... I...oh... excuse me *(goes to garbage can looking sick)* hey look! All my children were alive in there... And I thought it was just heartburn.

MS: *(removing disguise)* I am your son Zeus, I have poisoned your drink so I might free my brothers and sisters from your wrath. Now that we are together we shall over throw you and I shall become god of the sky.

BP: Oh yeah! Well my brothers and sisters are bigger than your brothers and sisters... and they will beat you up.

MS: I have also freed Gaia's first born children from their prison and they will fight on the side of the gods. Prepare to meet your doom father!

(Pulls out a lightning bolt and stabs Cronus with it)

BP: Oh no! I'm melting melting! What a world what a world! *(dies)*

Once the titans had been defeated they were placed in the earthly prison and were guarded by the Giants and Cyclopes forevermore. I became god of the sky and my brothers and sisters became gods over other worldly and heavenly realms. Thus began the reign of the Greek Pantheon of gods!

(Exeunt)