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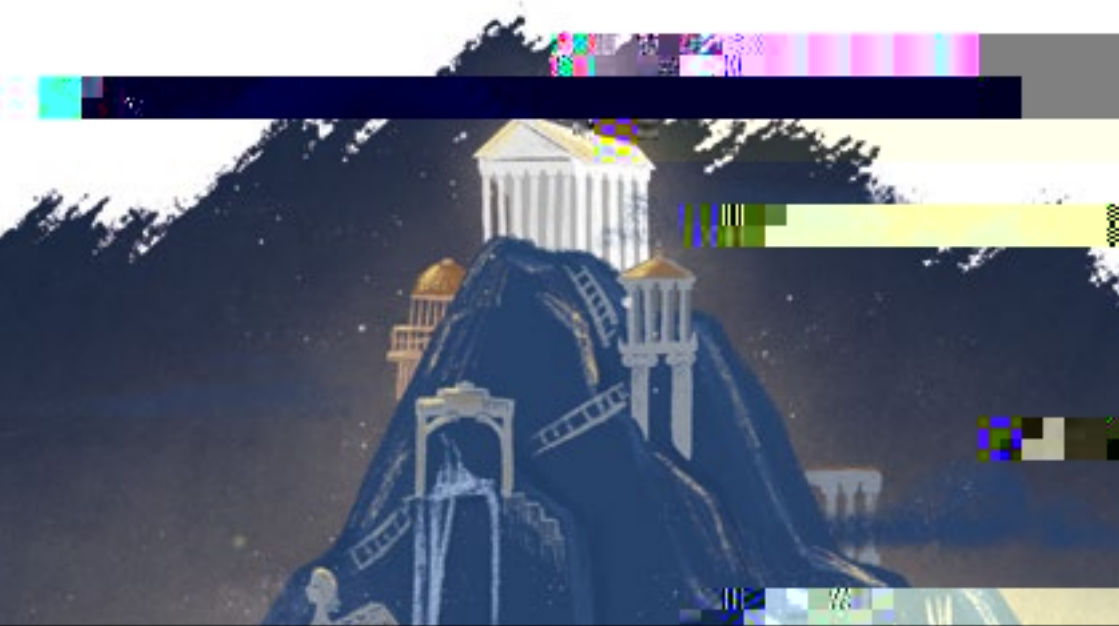
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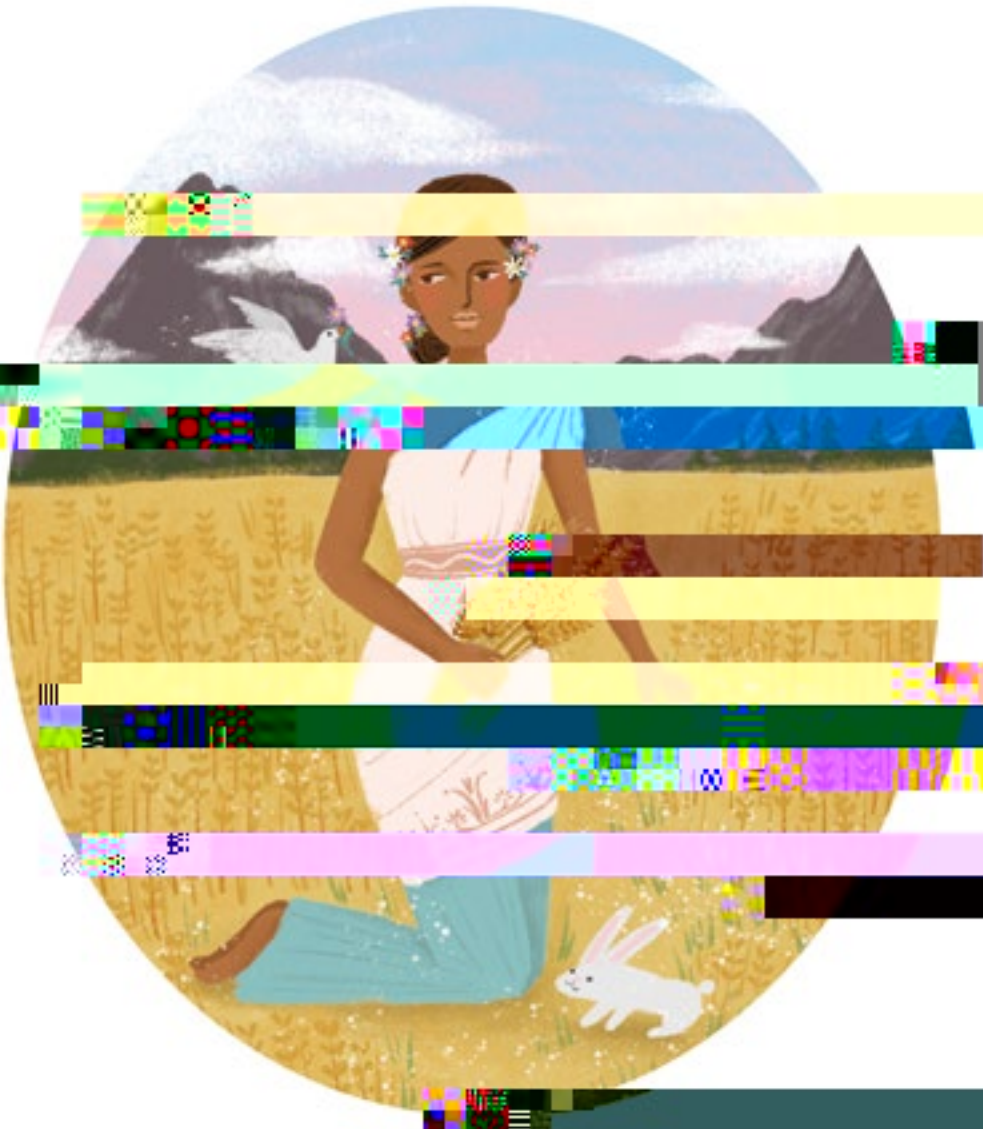
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My name is Lexy, and this is my mother, Demeter. She is the best person ever! She is happy, clever and very pretty. Our home is in a meadow at the bottom of Mount Olympus.



The meadow is wonderful. There are golden bushels of wheat and bright yellow flowers. It smells like sweet syrup as bees fly from flower to flower.



My mother is amazing. She has magical powers! Whenever she brushes a plant with her hand, it grows and grows. She makes flowers bloom and peaches swell.





She grows the golden wheat in the meadows  
and gives me and my friends Bilius Bertus  
Barky lots of yummy, fuzzy peaches.





“ You are not ready for magical powers. You will get them when you are older,” Mother said one night. “ You will go up Mount Olympus and be given magical powers then.”











"We must be stealthy," I said, sneaking with



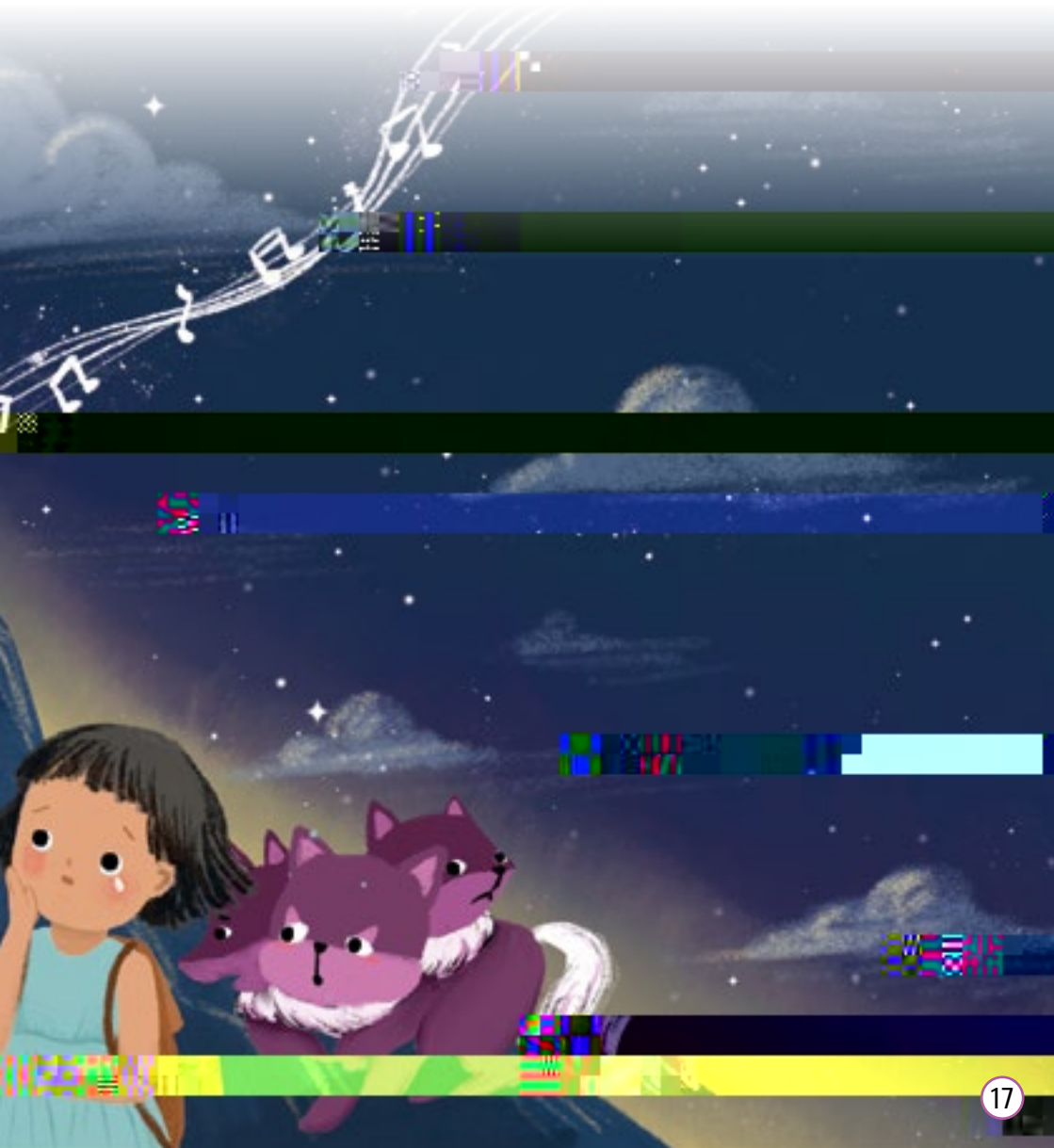
The Sphinx was very scary. She had the head of a lady and the body of a lion. She was also standing right in front of us!







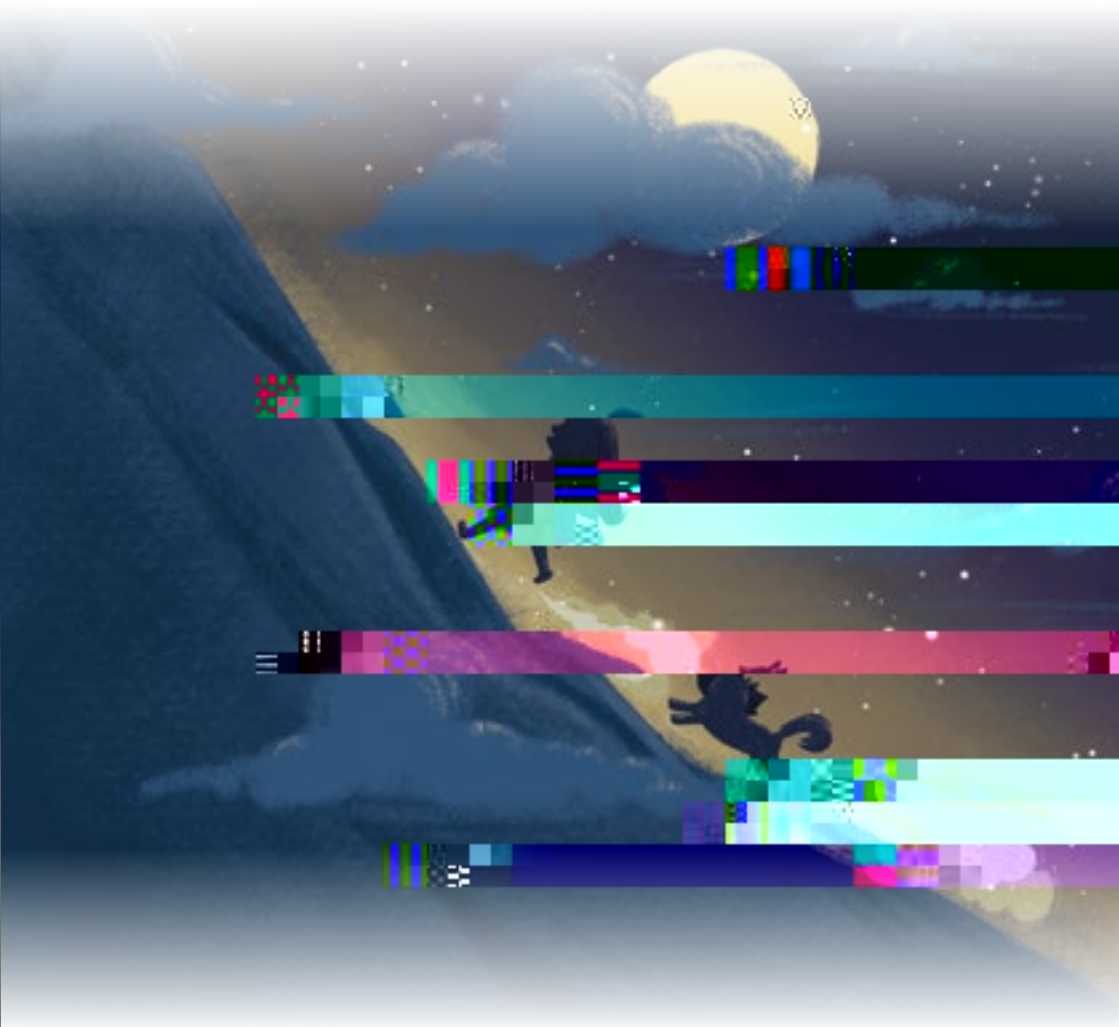
“Around flowers, I am buzzy,  
I am tiny and very fuzzy.  
Black and yellow are my stripes,  
Now say it Lexy, what am I?”



“ Use your head, Lexy,” said Bilius.  
“ I’m thinking... What has stripes and is  
buzzy... I’ve got it! It’s a fuzzy, buzzy bee!”  
I said.



“Correct! You may pass. Tread up the mountain...” the Sphinx said, moving out of the way.



We sprinted up the mountain trail. Dust went flying from our feet.

We kept running until... SLAM! Bilius Bertus Barky crashed into a giant three-headed dog at the second gate.

"Where do you sly creatures think you are going?" said one of the heads.



“ We are trying to get to the top of Mount Olympus so I can get magical powers,” I said.  
“ You cannot get past us!” said another head.



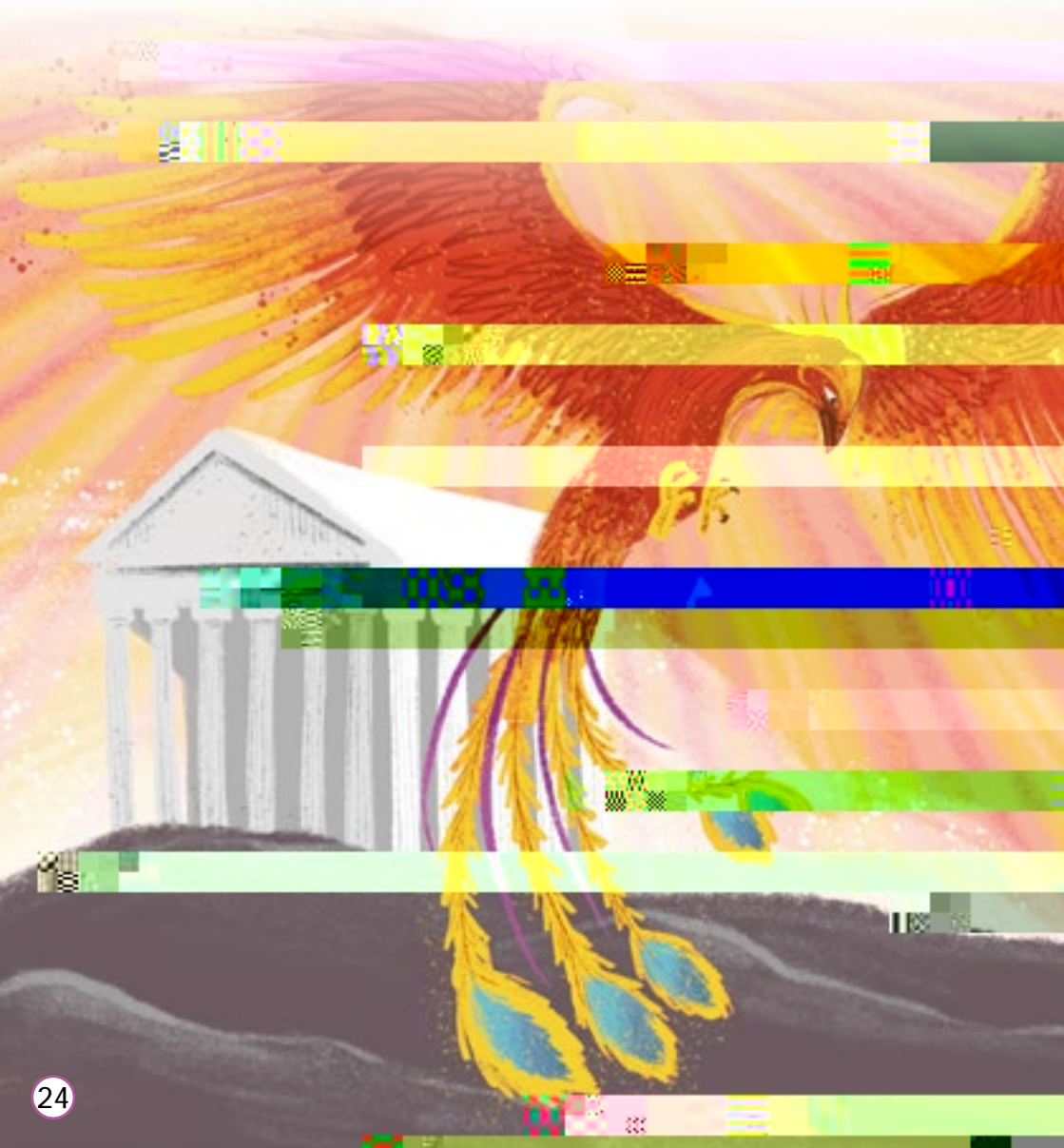


It worked! We were on the three-headed dog's back, zooming up Mount Olympus. We got higher and higher. The clouds whizzed past and I gazed at the meadow below.





The three-headed dog dropped us off at the last gate. We were so close to the top of Mount Olympus. But a mighty creature stood in front of us.



“ I wish to go to the top of Mount Olympus!”  
I yelled.

“ Hello, Lexy. You are too young to get a  
magical power,” said the mighty creature.



“Lexy? Lexy!” came an angry cry. It was Mother.

“Mother! I’m sorry! I wanted to get magical powers and grow things just like you!” I said.





Mother showed me how to plant things in the meadow. She gave me tiny seeds. I watered them and after a few days, they began to grow.



I do not have magical powers like Mother. But, with a bit of hard work, I can grow my own flowers, plants and fuzzy, syrupy peaches.



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1. What is the name of the mountain?
2. What are Demeter's magical powers?
3. What was the answer to the Sphinx's song?
  - (a) A three-headed dog
  - (b) A slimy toad
  - (c) A fuzzy, buzzy bee
4. How would you have passed the three-headed dog?
5. Why did Lexy want to go to the top of the mountain?  
Do you think she was right to try and go?

