

Calliope Kyrdi

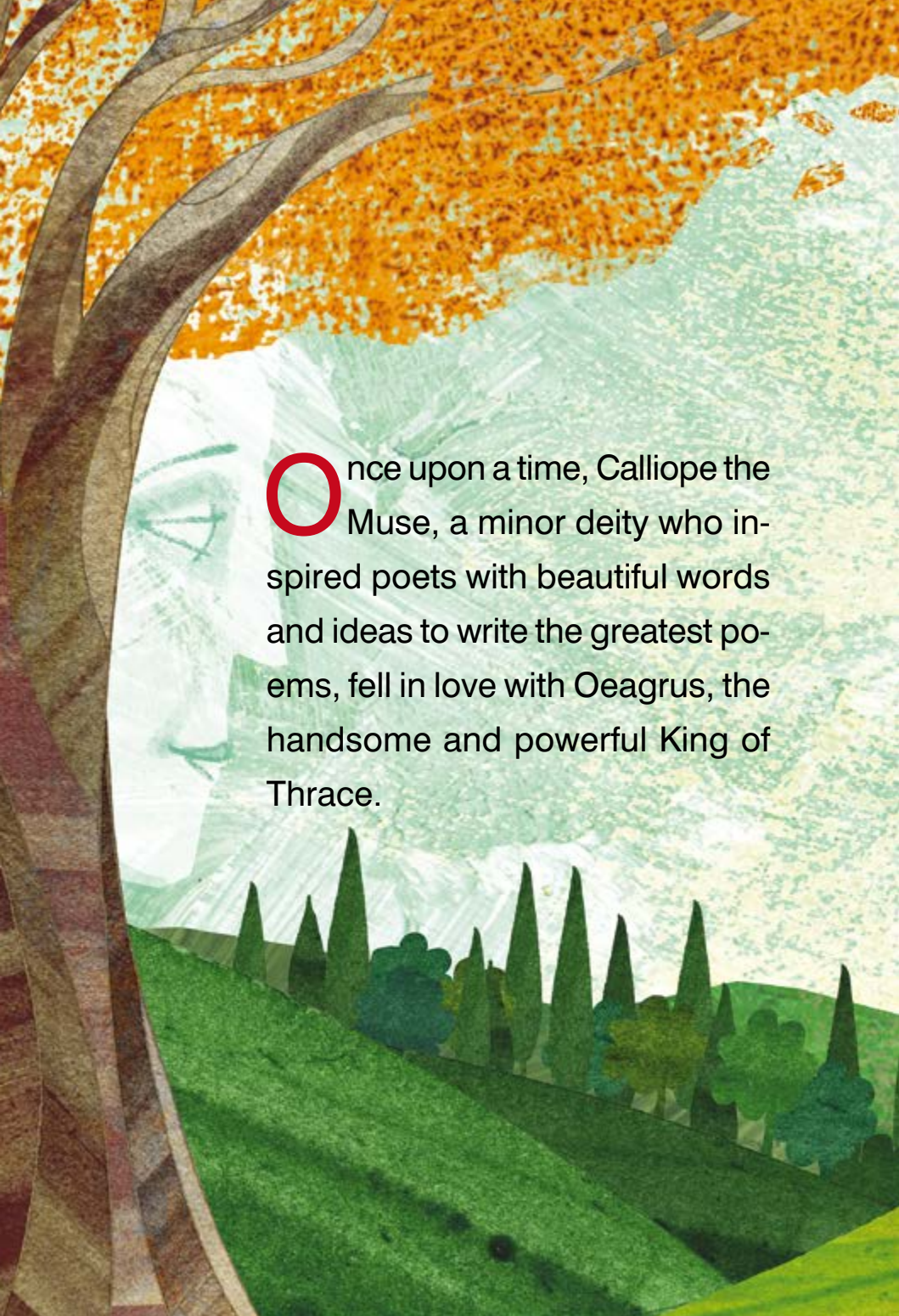
# Orpheus and Eurydice

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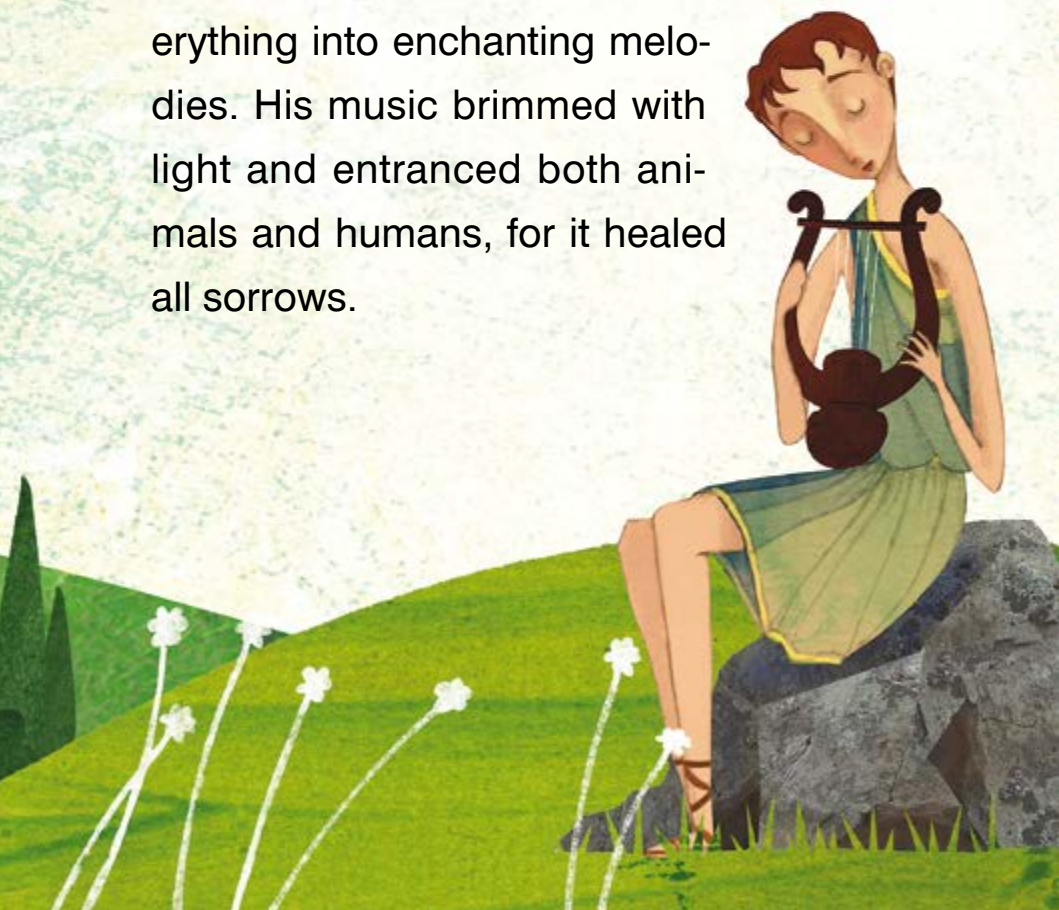
GREEK MYTHS



Once upon a time, Calliope the Muse, a minor deity who inspired poets with beautiful words and ideas to write the greatest poems, fell in love with Oeagrus, the handsome and powerful King of Thrace.

They had a love child, Orpheus, who grew up in the leafy forests and evergreen mountains of Thrace.

Now Orpheus was a child blessed by the Fates with many gifts and talents. He listened to the wind, the waves, the rustling leaves, the birdsong, and all the secret sounds of nature and turned everything into enchanting melodies. His music brimmed with light and entranced both animals and humans, for it healed all sorrows.






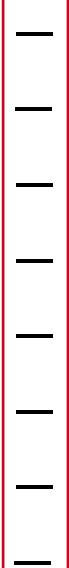
## WORD GAME

► Fill in the missing words and the name of Orpheus's mother will appear vertically.

1. Oeagrus was king of ...
2. The name of the Underworld.
3. The one who gave Orpheus the lyre.
4. Orpheus helped the Argonauts retrieve the Golden ...
5. Orpheus's sweetheart was called...
6. The name of the ferryman of the dead.
7. Pluto's wife was called...
8. This god showed Euridice and Orpheus the way out of the Underworld.



**ANSWERS:** 1. THRACE, 2. HADES, 3. APOLLO  
4. FLEECE, 5. EURIDICE, 6. CHARON  
7. PERSEPHONE, 8. HERMES

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### THINK ABOUT THIS...

Calliope was one of the nine Muses, that is one of the nine inspirational deities that protected the arts and letters. Calliope was the Muse of epic poetry, meaning songs and poems that praised the valiant deeds of heroes and warriors.

### The other Muses were:

Clio, Euterpe, Erato, Melpomene, Polyhymnia, Terpsichore, Thalia, and Urania.

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The world was born out of love, and it was out of love that it almost perished. Not just once. At the dawn of time, the love that gods and mortals felt for each other was so strong and powerful that it could defy the laws of nature. Such was the love Orpheus felt for his sweetheart Euridice, who died an untimely death. So he ventured to the world of the dead to bring her back, his only weapons being his music and his deep yearning for her.

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