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Cultural Notes

- Much of what we will discuss is odd by our cultural standards
 - Keep in mind how vastly different the perspective of the relationship of men and women was
- Promiscuity within a married couple was restricted
- Inbreeding among royal lines
 - Common practice for centuries after the Greeks & Romans
 - Idea was to keep the blood lines pure

Terra [Gaia] & Caelus [Uranus]



Cronus & Rhea

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Neptune

Ceres

Pluto

Jupiter

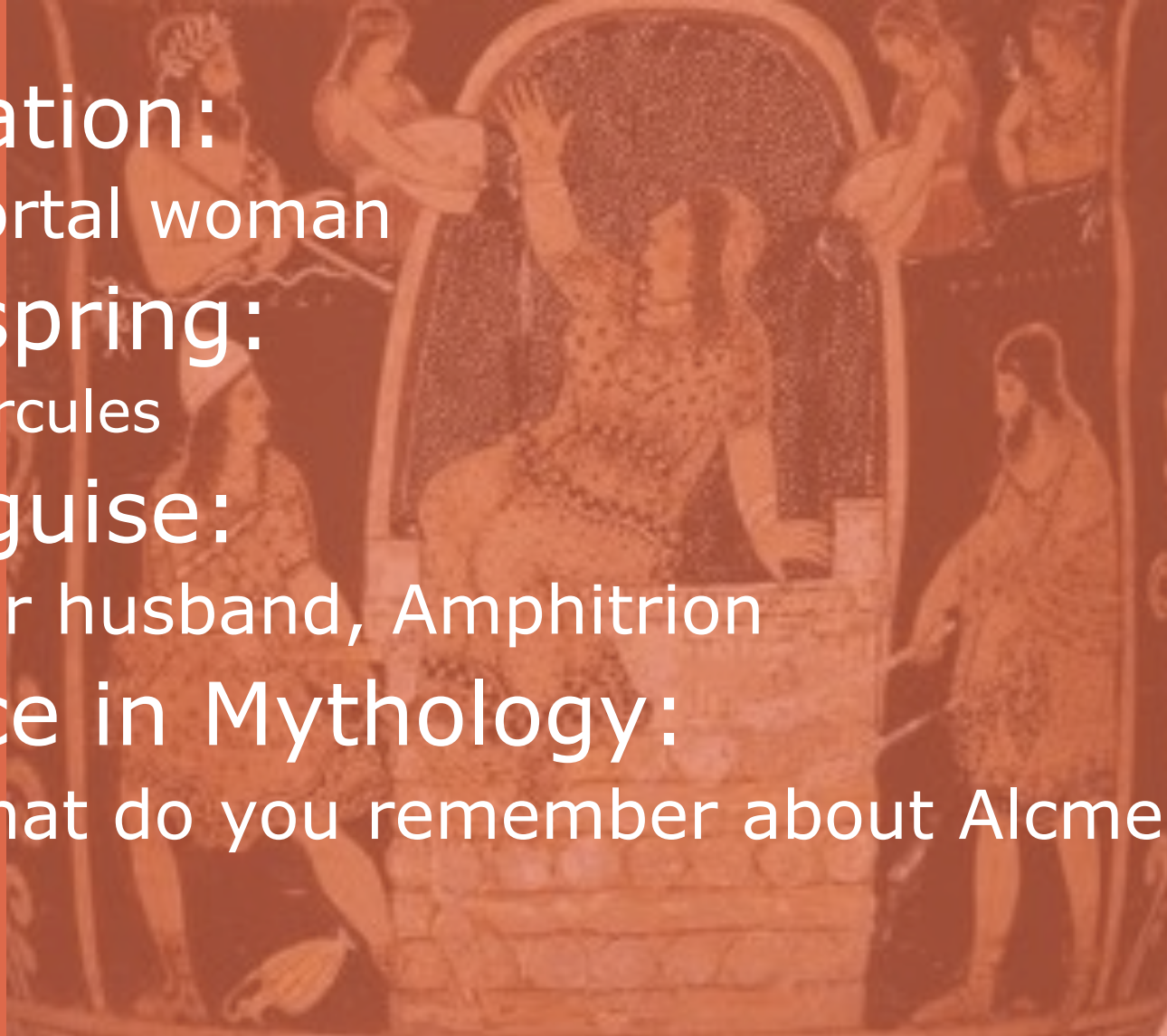
Juno

Vesta

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Alcmene

- Relation:
 - Mortal woman
- Offspring:
 - Hercules
- Disguise:
 - Her husband, Amphitrion
- Place in Mythology:
 - What do you remember about Alcmene?



Danae

- **Relation:**
 - Mortal woman
 - Daughter of the King of Argos
- **Offspring:**
 - Perseus
- **Disguise:**
 - Shower of golden rain
- **Place in Mythology:**
 - Danae received prophecy that her son would overthrow her father

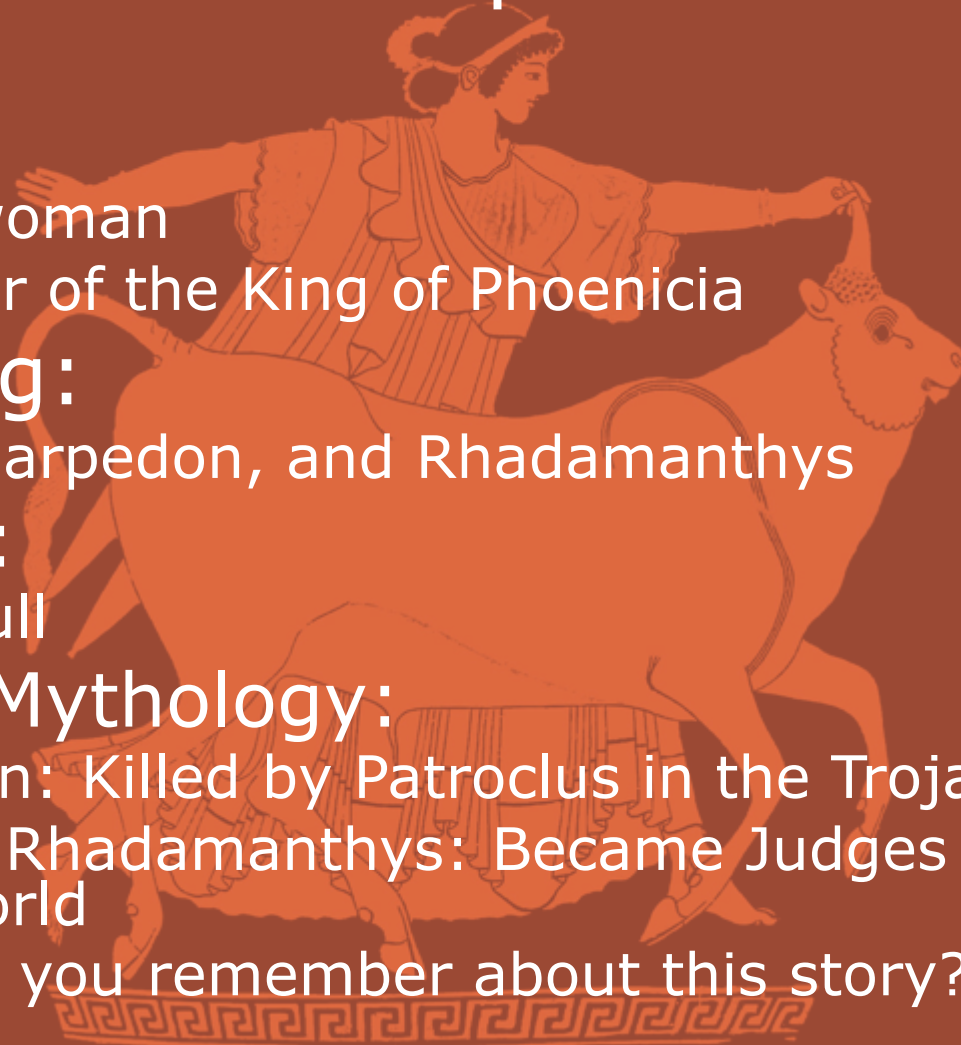


Electra

- Relation:
 - Daughter of Atlas
 - Second cousin to Jupiter
- Offspring:
 - Dardanus
- Place in Mythology:
 - There are no citations of this union
 - Dardanus would grow to become the founder of the royal house of Troy
 - Dardanus = Great-great-great grandfather of Priam

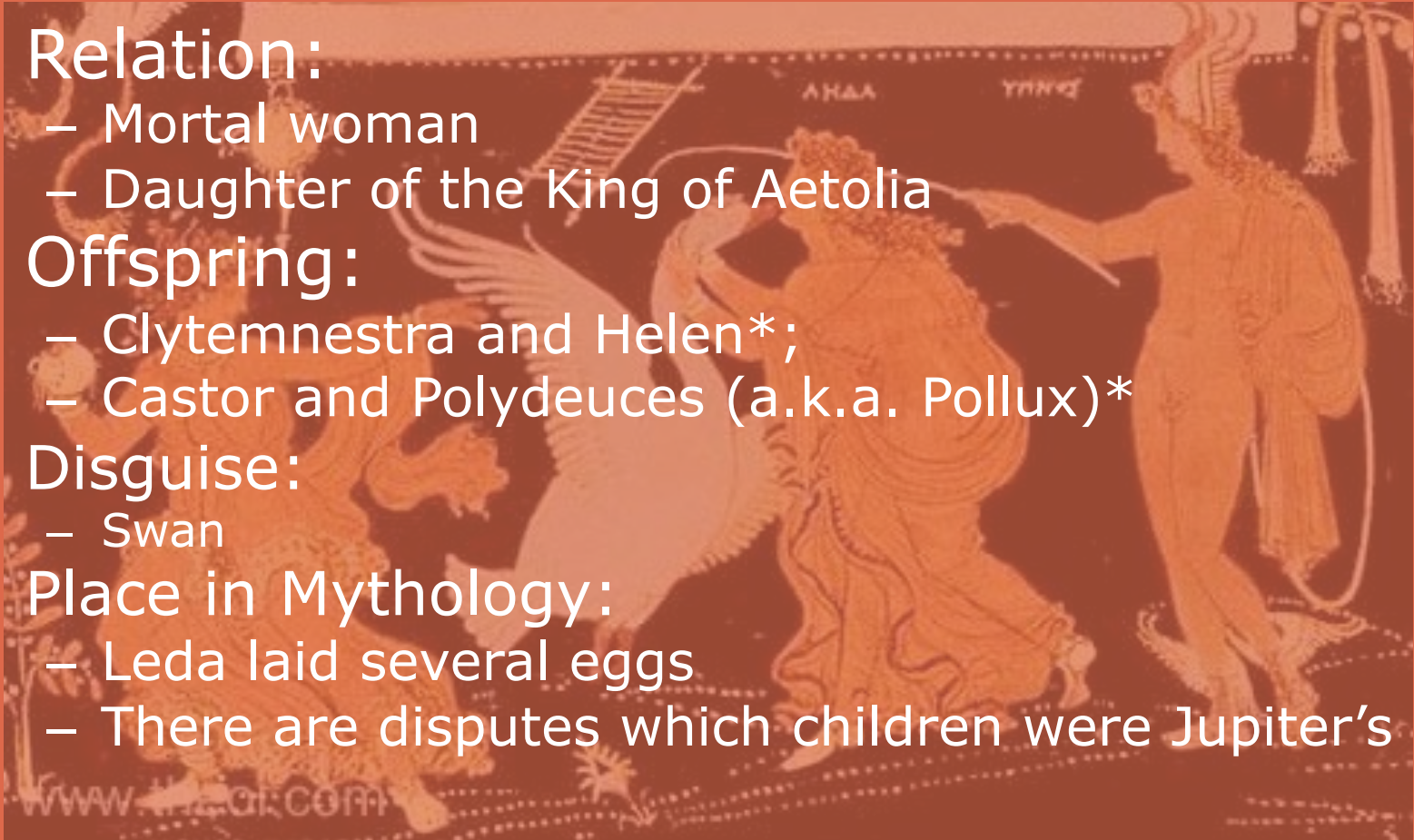
Europa

- Relation:
 - Mortal woman
 - Daughter of the King of Phoenicia
- Offspring:
 - Minos, Sarpedon, and Rhadamanthys
- Disguise:
 - White bull
- Place in Mythology:
 - Sarpedon: Killed by Patroclus in the Trojan War
 - Minos & Rhadamanthys: Became Judges of the Underworld
 - What do you remember about this story?



Leda

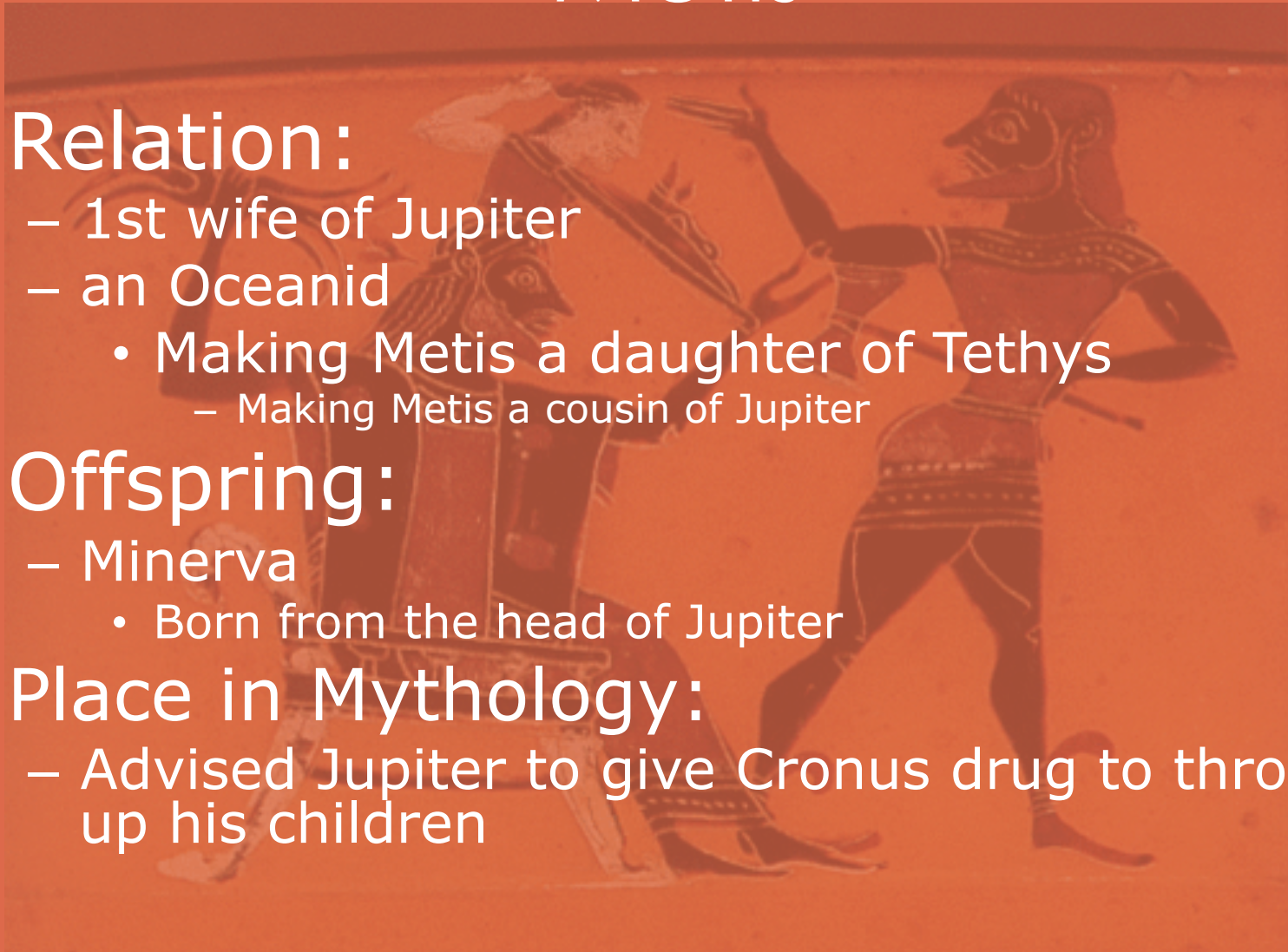
- Relation:
 - Mortal woman
 - Daughter of the King of Aetolia
- Offspring:
 - Clytemnestra and Helen*;
 - Castor and Polydeuces (a.k.a. Pollux)*
- Disguise:
 - Swan
- Place in Mythology:
 - Leda laid several eggs
 - There are disputes which children were Jupiter's



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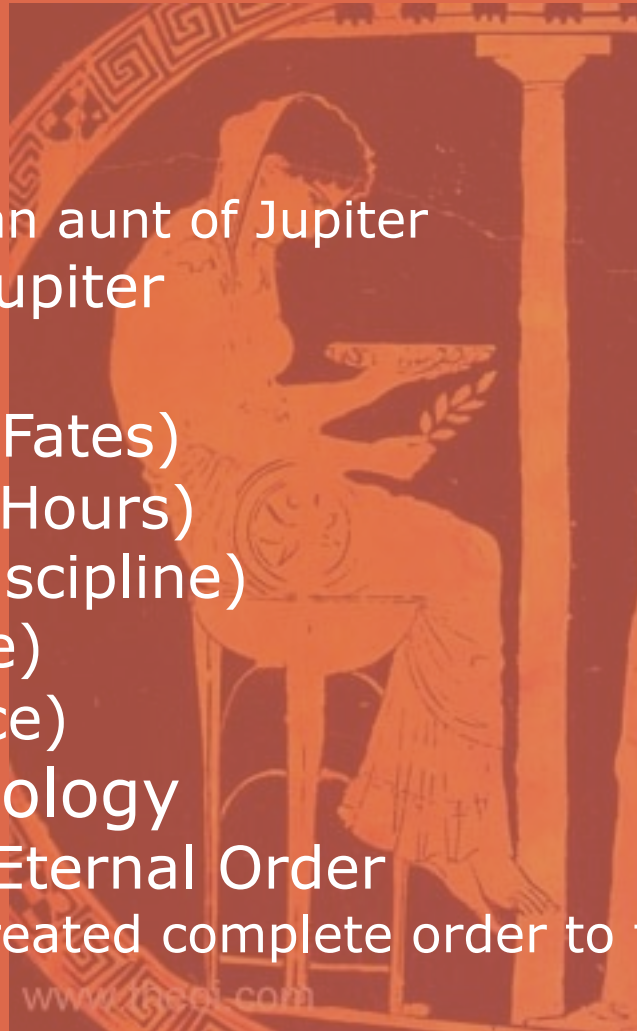
Metis

- **Relation:**
 - 1st wife of Jupiter
 - an Oceanid
 - Making Metis a daughter of Tethys
 - Making Metis a cousin of Jupiter
- **Offspring:**
 - Minerva
 - Born from the head of Jupiter
- **Place in Mythology:**
 - Advised Jupiter to give Cronus drug to throw up his children



Themis

- Relation:
 - A titaness
 - therefore an aunt of Jupiter
 - 2nd wife of Jupiter
- Offspring:
 - Moirai (the Fates)
 - Horae (the Hours)
 - Eunomia (Discipline)
 - Dike (Justice)
 - Eirene (Peace)
- Place in Mythology
 - Goddess of Eternal Order
 - Children created complete order to the universe



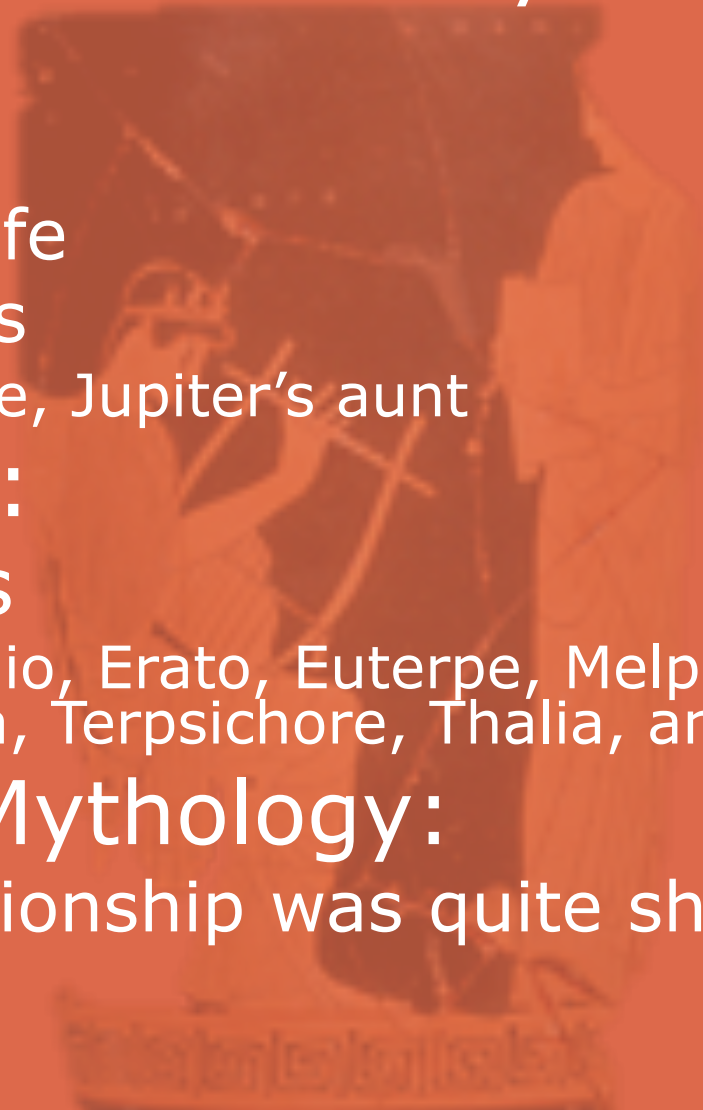
Eurynome



- Relation:
 - The 3rd wife
 - Daughter of Oceanus and Tethys
 - therefore, cousin of Jupiter
 - Wife of Ophion (a Titan)
 - Sister of Jupiter's first wife, Metis
- Offspring:
 - The Graces (Charities)
 - Aglaia, Euphrosyne, and Thalia
 - Personification of grace, beauty, friendship and artistic inspiration
- Place in Mythology:
 - Along with Thetis (mother of Achilles) saved Hephaestus and raised him for 9 years

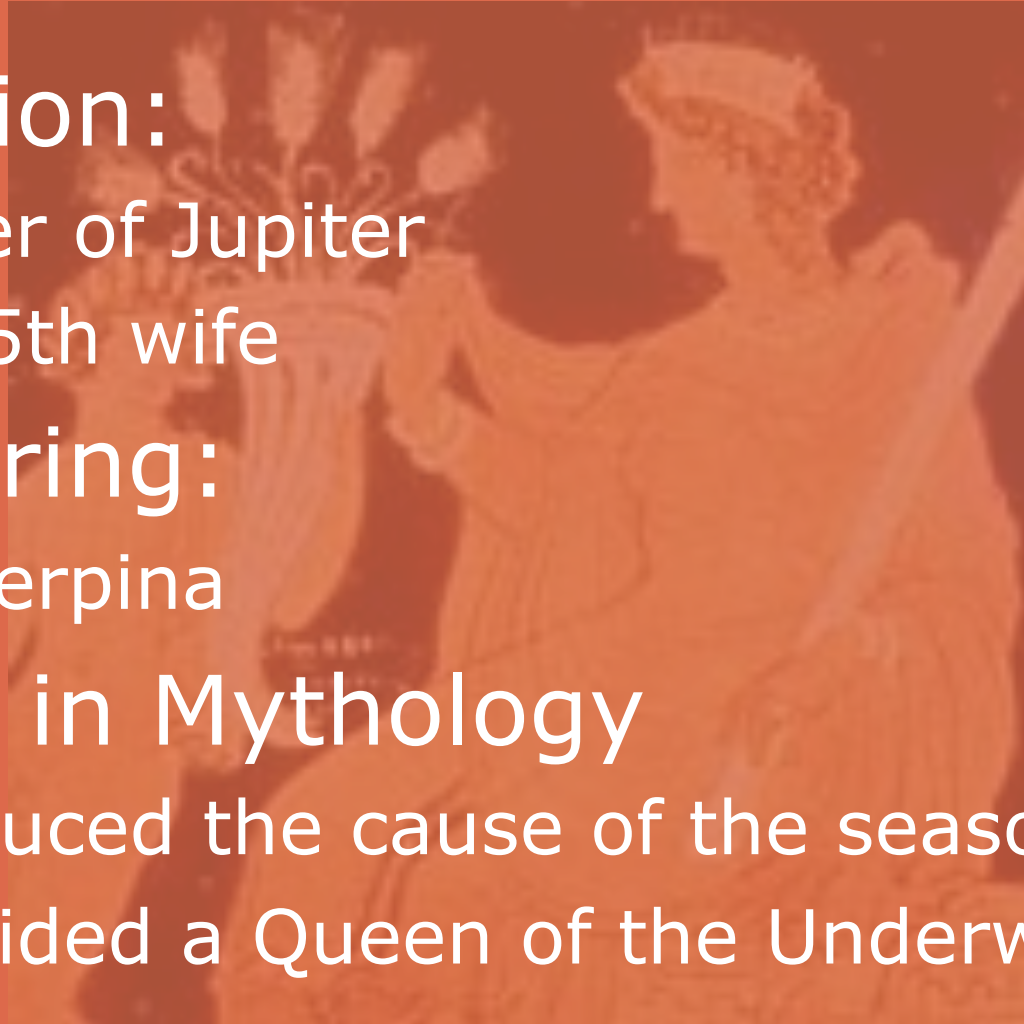
Mnemosyne

- Relation:
 - the 4th wife
 - a Titaness
 - therefore, Jupiter's aunt
- Offspring:
- The Muses
 - Calliope, Clio, Erato, Euterpe, Melpomene, Polyhymnia, Terpsichore, Thalia, and Urania
- Place in Mythology:
 - This relationship was quite short, only 9 days



Ceres

- Relation:
 - Sister of Jupiter
 - the 5th wife
- Offspring:
 - Proserpina
- Place in Mythology
 - Produced the cause of the seasons
 - Provided a Queen of the Underworld



Latona

- **Relation:**
 - the 6th wife
 - Daughter of Titans Coeus & Phoebe
 - Therefore another cousin of Jupiter
- **Offspring:**
 - Apollo
 - Diana
- **Place in Mythology:**
 - Following this affair, he settled down with Juno
 - Short run-in with Niobe
 - Constantly at ends with Juno



Juno

- Relation:
 - Sister of Jupiter
 - the 7th (and final) wife
- Offspring:
 - Mars
 - Hebe
 - Vulcan
- Place in Mythology:
 - Permanent wife of Jupiter
 - Had to be tricked; cuckoo drenched in rain
 - She matches him in power
 - Were together throughout stories

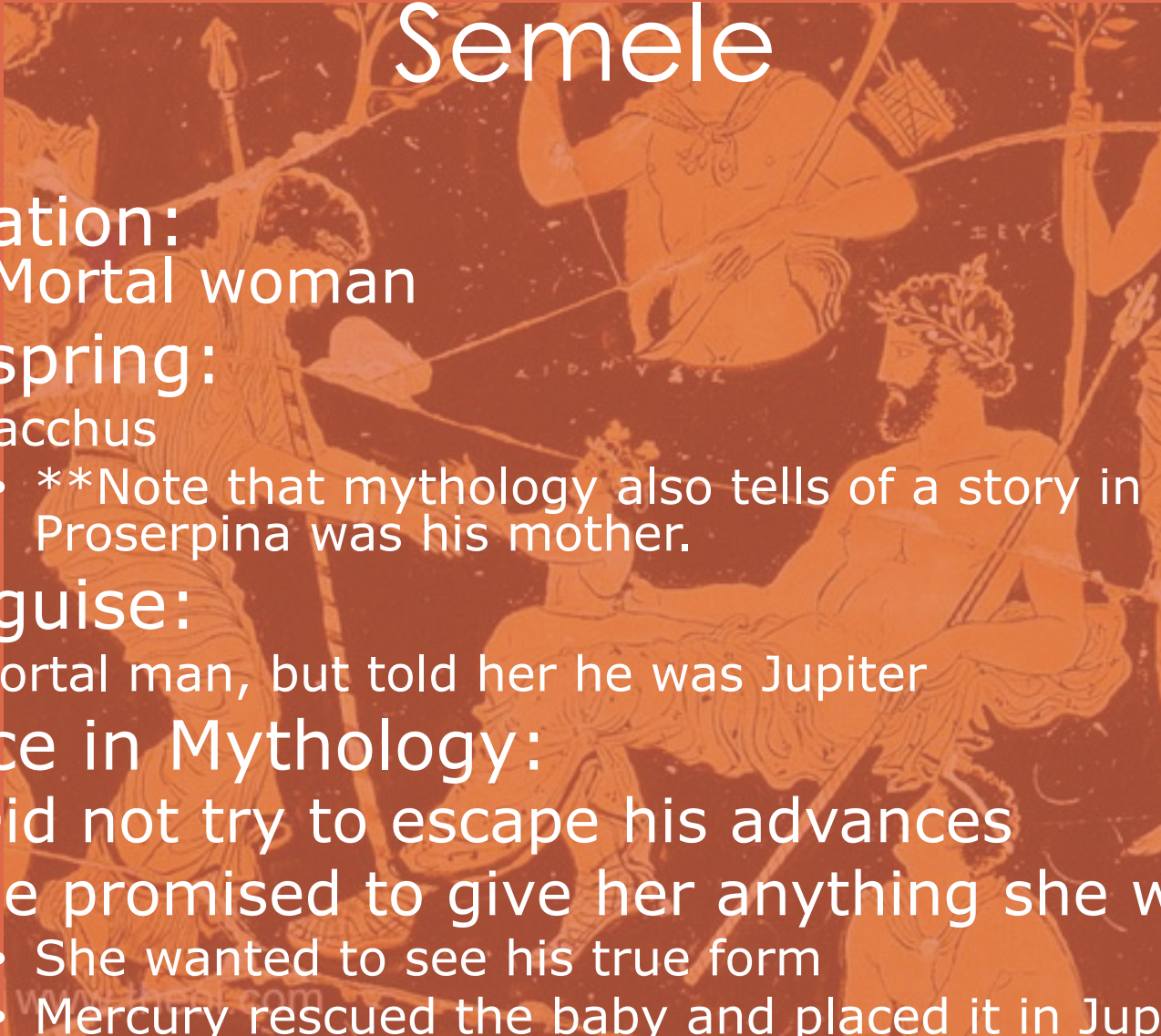
Dione



- Relation:
 - an Oceanid
 - Making Dione a daughter of Tethys
 - Making Dione a cousin of Jupiter
- Offspring:
 - Venus
- **N.B.: There are several myths surrounding the origins of Venus

Semele

- Relation:
 - Mortal woman
- Offspring:
 - Bacchus
 - **Note that mythology also tells of a story in which Proserpina was his mother.
- Disguise:
 - Mortal man, but told her he was Jupiter
- Place in Mythology:
 - Did not try to escape his advances
 - He promised to give her anything she wanted
 - She wanted to see his true form
 - Mercury rescued the baby and placed it in Jupiter's thigh



Maia

- **Relation:**
 - Eldest daughter of the Pleiades (see the Muses)
 - Also the most beautiful
 - Also Jupiter's cousin
- **Offspring:**
 - Mercury
 - Origin of the lyre (tortoise shell)
- **Place in Mythology:**
 - Jupiter often snuck away from Juno
 - One of the few lovers of Jupiter who never suffered the wrath of Juno
 - Also raised Arcas after his mother Callisto was turned into a bear

What causes most problems in Greek Mythology

