

## • CLEOPATRA •

Once upon a time, a pharaoh \_\_\_\_\_ (die) and \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) his kingdom to his ten-year-old son, Ptolemy XIII and to his nineteen-year old daughter Cleopatra VII.

Ptolemy and Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (have) different ideas on how to rule the country. When Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (know) that her life \_\_\_\_\_ (be) in danger, she \_\_\_\_\_ (run) to Syria.

Julius Caesar \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) about the civil war in Egypt so he \_\_\_\_\_ (travel) to Alexandria, to help the pharaohs find an agreement. "If only I \_\_\_\_\_ (can) meet Caesar before my brother", Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (think) "I am a better pharaoh than my brother". The problem \_\_\_\_\_ (be) that the guards would have blocked her at the entrance but Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very clever. She \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) her servants to roll her up inside a carpet and to take her to Caesar's rooms. Impressed by her courage, Caesar \_\_\_\_\_ (restore) Cleopatra to the throne. They \_\_\_\_\_ (get) married and \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a son. Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to Rome with her husband but then Caesar was killed, so she \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to Egypt.

The new Roman leader, Marc Antony, \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to meet this strong Egyptian queen. She arrived on a golden barge, surrounded by jewels. It \_\_\_\_\_ (be) love at first sight.

Cleopatra and Marc Antony \_\_\_\_\_ (be) inseparable. They \_\_\_\_\_ (have) three children and \_\_\_\_\_ (love) each other to the end of their lives.

When Cleopatra \_\_\_\_\_ (die), the Egyptian Empire \_\_\_\_\_ (end) with her. She \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the last pharaoh to rule Ancient Egypt.

