

• 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.

