Pandora’s Box

**List of Characters:**

Narrator Zeus

Pandora Hope Demons/Everyone

Narrator: One of the Greek Gods named Prometheus had given humans fire. This made Zeus ANGRY!

Zeus: I am so angry! Now that humans have fire, they can do anything. They might even become as powerful as the gods! I must make a plan.

Narrator: Zeus did come up with a plan. He decided to make Pandora. Athena breathed life into her. All the other gods brought her gifts like generosity, kindness, and purity.

Zeus: (Laughing wickedly) I’ll give her a gift, too. I give her the gift of curiosity!

Narrator: Zeus sent the beautiful and kind Pandora to live with the humans. She married Epimetheus.

Zeus: Pandora, for your wedding present, I give you this beautiful box. You must promise me, however, that you will never, NEVER open it.

Pandora: I promise! Thank you for the gift!

Narrator: No one but Zeus knew what was inside the box. Inside the box were all the cruel spirits of the world… famine, disease, despair, hatred, jealousy and many more.

Demons: Pandora, Pandora! Open the box and let us out!

Pandora: No! I will not listen to the voices coming from the box. I will not open the lid!

Narrator: Pandora wanted to be obedient so she moved the box to the farthest corner of the room.

Demons: Pandora, Pandora! Open the box and let us out!

Pandora: No! I will not listen to the voices coming from the box. I will not open the lid!

Narrator: Pandora wanted to be obedient so she covered the box with a blanket.

Demons: Pandora, Pandora! Open the box and let us out!

Pandora: No! I will not listen to the voices coming from the box. I will not open the lid!

Narrator: Pandora wanted to be obedient so she moved the box to the attic.

Demons: Pandora, Pandora! Open the box and let us out!

Pandora: No! I will not listen to the voices coming from the box. I will not open the lid!

Narrator: Pandora wanted to be obedient so she dug a hole outside and buried the box.

Demons: Pandora, Pandora! Open the box and let us out!

Pandora: I can’t keep the box closed. I am so curious!

Narrator: Pandora couldn’t reign in her curiosity anymore. She dug up the box and opened the lid. When she did all the cruel spirits escaped. Out came famine. Out came disease. Out came hatred. Out came jealousy. Out came despair.

Pandora: Oh no! What did I do?! What did I do?!

Narrator: Pandora quickly shut the lid to the box but all the cruel spirits had already left.

Zeus: What Pandora didn’t realize was that I had also placed Hope in the box. I’m not that cruel, afterall. There is always hope, and Hope is still in the box.

Hope: Pandora, Pandora! Let me out!

Pandora: How do I know you’re not deceipt – lying to me.

Hope: Pandora you know my voice already because I live inside your heart, too.

Narrator: Pandora trusted her heart and opened the box. Hope flew out of the box and visited the hearts of men.

Zeus: Humans have been able to hold on to hope in order to survive the troubles Pandora released from the box. Hope keeps humans optimistic and always looking on the bright side.

Everyone: Hope allows us to believe that no matter how bad today is, tomorrow will be better.