

THE WORLD'S GREATEST HEROES!



CLEOPATRA The last pharaoh of Egypt!

Poisonous snakes, great sea battles, nasty brothers and beheadings... NG Kids brings you the story of Cleopatra – the great ruler of Ancient Egypt!

Cleopatra was deemed a great beauty in her day (But not while wearing the ceremonial beard!)

Why are these beards so itchy?



She was famed for bathing in asses' milk and killing herself with the bite of an asp. Woe betide any slave that got those two mixed up!



Hurry up with that milk, or your head will be served up on a plate!

Coming your majesty!

Come on you silly little snake! I need more milk!

B-but that's all I've got!

Cleo wasn't even Egyptian! In fact, her dad was a Greek general called Ptolemy. Family tradition insisted all boys were named Ptolemy and all girls Cleopatra – which made family get-togethers very confusing!



You're looking beautiful today, Cleopatra!

Why, thank you!

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SISTER

CLEOPATRA

CLEOPATRA'S DOG, CLEOPATRA

When her dad died, Cleo (aged 18) was left to rule with her 12-year-old brother, Ptolemy. They didn't exactly hit it off...



Boo hoo! I want to play with the soldiers!

You never let me do ANYTHING! I HATE YOU!!

Don't be stupid! They aren't toys!

With a little help from his friends, Ptolemy soon got rid of Cleopatra and was left to rule Egypt all by himself.



Put me down!

Now she's gone, who shall I start a war with?

Desperate to please the Romans, Ptolemy chopped the head off the Roman Caesar's enemy, Pompey.



TA-DAA!

You headcase!

But, Pompey was also Caesar's son-in-law, so Caesar wasn't happy!



After her bro's blunder, Cleopatra returned to impress the Caesar – by being unrolled from a carpet!

How delightful!

Blurgh! I think I'm going to be sick!



Caesar was also knocked out by her supreme intelligence.

"TRIUMVIRATE" on a triple-word score! 148 points!

HMPH!

I win! Woo-hoo!

ANCIENT SCRABBLE

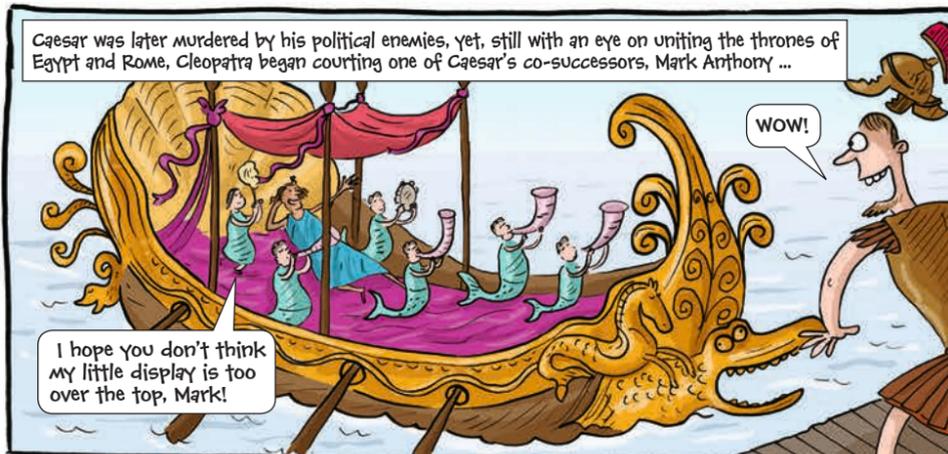


They had a son together, called Caesarion, but Caesar refused to name him as his heir.

Octavian is my only heir!

You're lucky to have any "hair", baldy!

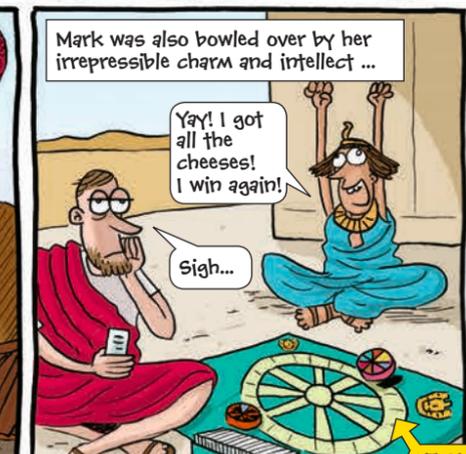
WAAH!



Caesar was later murdered by his political enemies, yet, still with an eye on uniting the thrones of Egypt and Rome, Cleopatra began courting one of Caesar's co-successors, Mark Anthony ...

I hope you don't think my little display is too over the top, Mark!

WOW!



Mark was also bowled over by her irresistible charm and intellect ...

Yay! I got all the cheeses! I win again!

Sigh...

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The two held many lavish parties, each more expensive than the last. Cleo even dissolved a precious pearl in vinegar, then drank it!

BLURRRGH!

GAG!

Mmm... lovely!



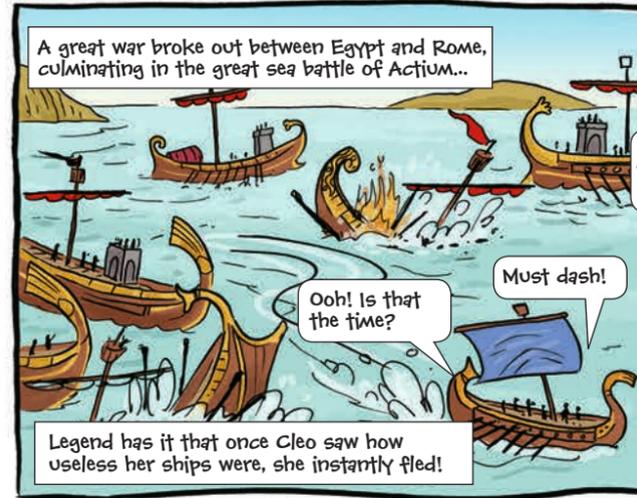
They had three children, and along with Caesarion, they held an extravagant ceremony to carve up the vast areas of Roman land amongst themselves.

We totally rule!



Of course, this infuriated Mark Anthony's co-ruler and Caesar's chosen heir, Octavian!

I'll give them a carve up they'll never forget!



A great war broke out between Egypt and Rome, culminating in the great sea battle of Actium...

Legend has it that once Cleo saw how useless her ships were, she instantly fled!

Ooh! Is that the time?

Must dash!



No one knows for sure how Cleo died. Many believe that, with Egypt lost, she killed herself with the bite of an asp. But she had to poke it first to make it attack!

Come on you dopey snake!

Get angry!

You start all that milking business again and you'll see angry, Cleo!



Her death spelt the end of the pharaohs. It was said that the bite of an asp assured eternal life, which Cleopatra certainly achieved, as her fame still lives on over 2,000 years later!

Hello? I think she's dead!

Can I go home now?