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Mercury and the Sculptor

The god Mercury wanted to know if people still admired him. On an errand from Olympus to Earth, he decided to visit a sculptor's studio. He was disguised as a traveler.

Mercury walked about the studio and looked at many statues. At last he paused in front of a statue of Jupiter. He asked the sculptor, "How much to buy this statue?" The sculptor replied, "It is not in demand. You may have it cheap. One drachma is the price." Mercury laughed. Next he pointed to a statue of Juno and said, "How much do you want for this one?" "A little more," the sculptor answered. Mercury then saw a statue of himself. "Ah," he said, "how much do you want for this fine piece. I see that it is a statue of the messenger of the gods. You must want a high price." "Well," said the sculptor, "I will make a bargain with you. Pay what I ask for the first two statues, and I will give you the statue of Mercury for free."

Moral: You may be sorry if you look for a compliment.

Words to know:

admired

studio

demand

compliment

errand

statues

drachma

bargain

Olympus

paused

messenger

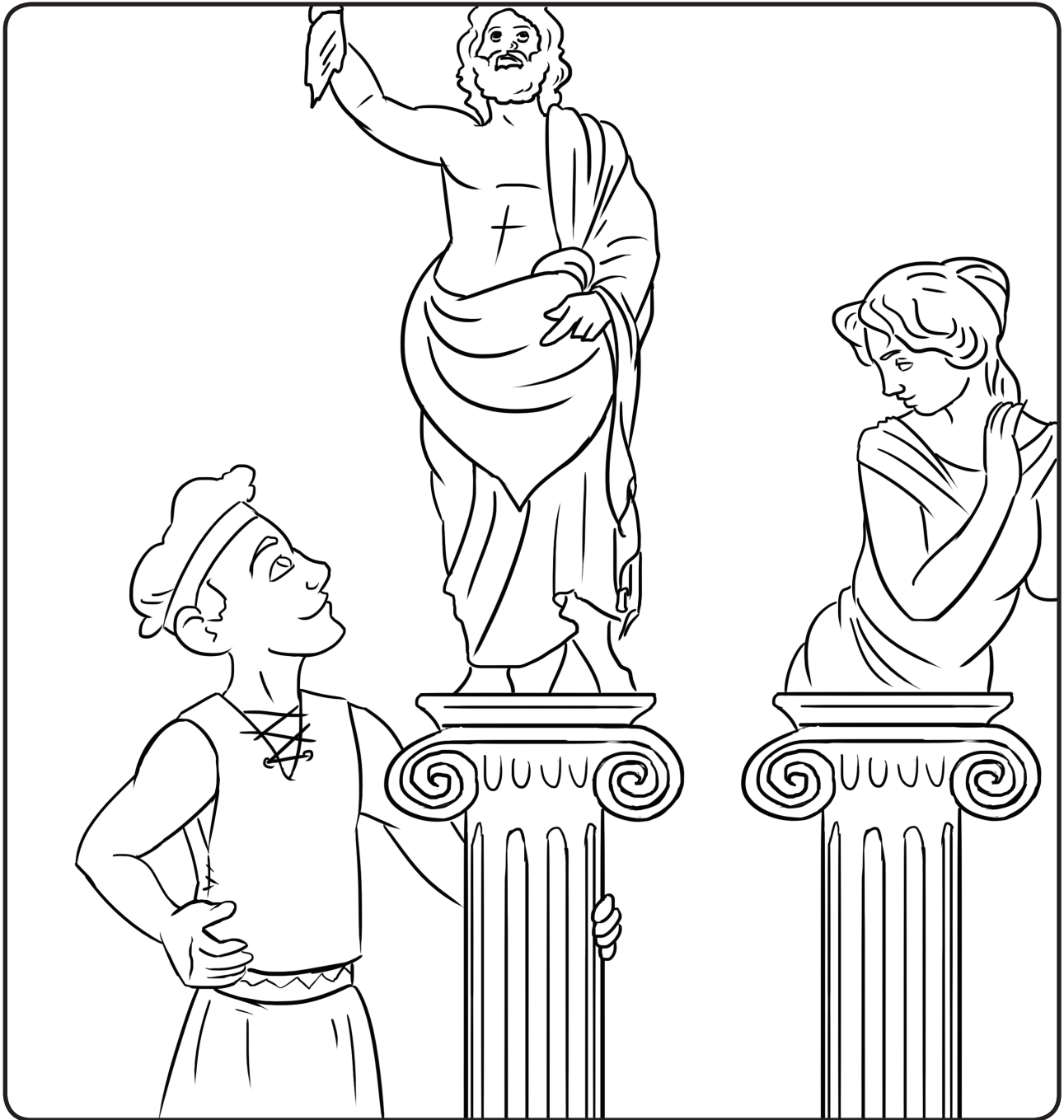
disguised

sculptor

Mercury

Jupiter

Juno



Write a sentence about the picture. Color the picture.

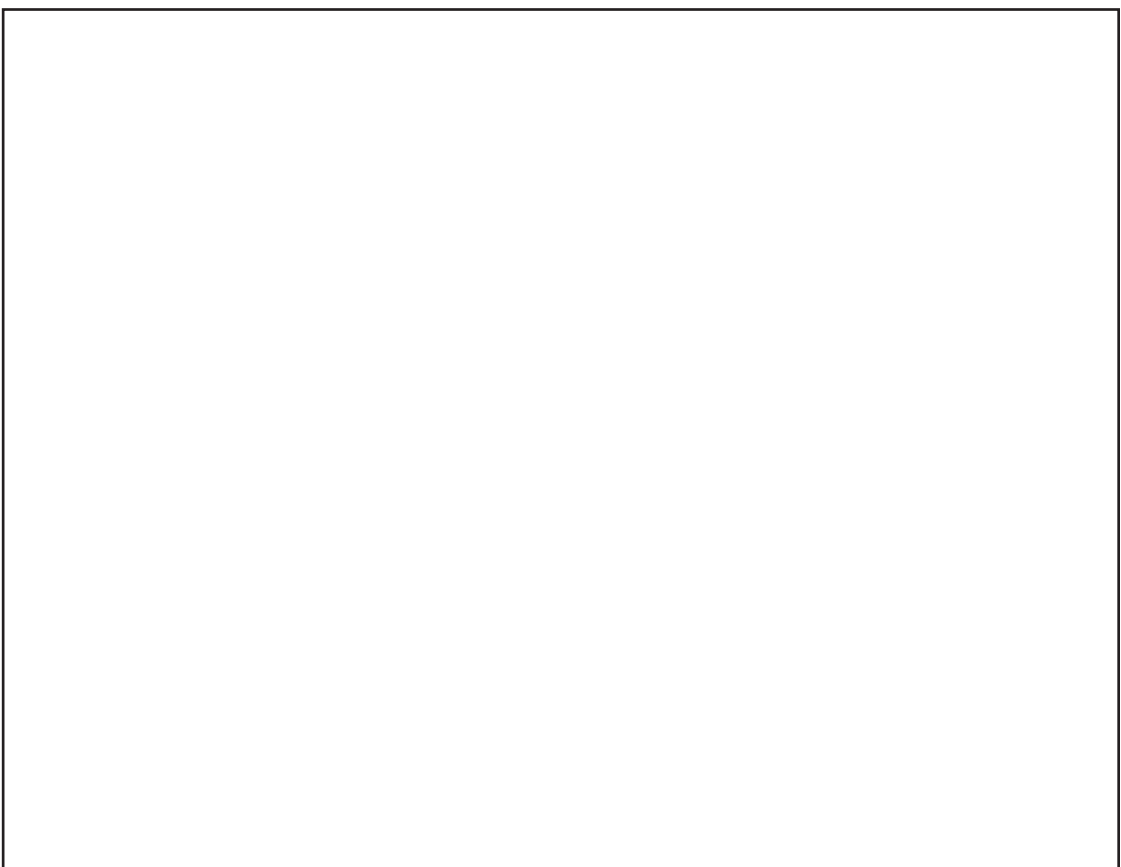
Pretend to be something or someone else. Draw a picture of yourself.

Who are you?

Where are you?

What are you doing?

Why did you choose to be this?



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

How do you feel when someone says something mean to you?

Write an ad for something you would like to sell. Draw a picture of it.

FOR SALE

