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Meet the Characters



Mephalonius

A famous ancient Greek poet.



A Farmer

An ancient Greek lemon farmer.



Hypotheticus

An ancient Greek inventor.



Athenia

Hypotheticus's ancient Greek daughter.

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Dear Reader

Imagine what our world would be like if we'd found out how to use electricity thousands of years ago. Here's a fun story about an ancient Greek inventor and his daughter, who may well have had the brightest idea ever!

Quentin Flynn
Author

Spakalis



1. Hypotheticus and Athenia's house
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1 Chapter Alpha

I am Mephalonius, the most famous poet in Greece. I write my poetry under an olive tree.

In spring, I can be inspired by the white flower buds overhead.

In summer, I can daydream in the shade of an olive tree's silvery green leaves.

In autumn, I can snooze against its gnarled and twisted trunk.

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The Famous Olive Diamante of Mephalonius

Olives
Warm, plentiful
Inspiring, dreaming, snoozing
Petals, breeze, fruit, leaves
Ripening, darkening, softening
Shiny, purple
Pip.

But in winter, that's when the trouble starts.

Olives! Hundreds of them!

At first, they drop off the branches, one at a time – usually when you've just thought of a great word to rhyme with "Hercules".

The Sadly Incomplete Limerick of Mephalonius

There once was a man called Hercules
Who looked like he had …

Splat! Oh dear!

By the time you've wiped the purple olive stain off your robe, you've forgotten what the word was!



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