Pandora and the Box

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Pandora was the first woman created by the gods. Zeus gave her a box, which she was not to open, but she did, letting loose all the evils in the world. Only hope remained inside.

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