Hercules was the greatest hero in Greece. He is the son of Zeus and a mortal, Alcmena. He was the strongest man on Earth, and had a lot of self confidence. No one could defeat him. He had very strong emotions, and would often become very angry. When he did get very angry, he hurt people without realizing it. Whenever he did this, he would punish himself because he felt so bad. Out of all the gods in Greek Mythology, he spent the most time trying to right his wrongs.

Hercules's mother also had another child, Iphicles. He had a different father though. Before Hercules and Iphicles had turned one year old, the goddess Hera had tried to kill Hercules. One night, after their mother had put them to bed in their crib, two snakes slithered into the room. Iphicles woke up scared and started to scream. Hercules was not scared though. Even as a baby he had super-human strength. He grabbed both snakes, and started to twist their bodies. Before their mother and Iphicles's father could come into the room, Hercules had killed the snakes. After this, everyone knew that he was destined for greatness. He did many great things during his life, and he is known as a hero.