



## Romulus and Remus



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However, Rhea fell in love with Mars, the Roman God of War and they had twin sons. Rhea had betrayed her promise to her uncle. Amulius was terrified of Mars so he didn't want to kill Rhea. Frantically, Amulius ordered his servant to capture Rhea and throw the twins into the River Tiber. When the servant reached the river bank with the twins, he could not throw them in. Nervously, he placed their basket into the river and let the current carry the basket away.

Eventually, a wolf came across the basket in the river and pulled the babies out to safety. She cared for the twins and protected them from danger. They were named Romulus and Remus.

On day, while the twins were herding their sheep they heard a noise. Intrigued, they went to investigate. They were met by King Amulius' soldiers, who started a fight with the twins. Bravely, the twins fought hard against the soldiers but unfortunately Remus was captured. Romulus gathered his shepherd friends to go and rescue his brother. The King did not recognise the boys, as he believed they were dead. After a battle, Romulus and his friends freed Remus and managed to kill the King in the process.

When the city learned who the boys were, they crowned them as joint kings. Frustrated, the twins turned down the crown as they wanted to found their own city. After searching, Romulus had found the perfect place. "This place is brilliant!" Romulus told his brother. "Let's build on this hill" Romulus announced pointing to Palantine Hill.

"No way," Remus responded. "This hill is better," he told his brother, whilst pointing to a different hill. Not managing to see eye-to-eye, Romulus went on to build a wall around Palatine Hill.

Antagonistically, Remus made fun of the wall and his brother's city. This angered Romulus greatly, and a fight broke out between the brothers. Whilst fighting, Remus was thrown from the wall and died. Now alone, Romulus was free to build his city as he wished. He made himself King and named the city 'Rome' after his own name.

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