

Callisto, one of Artemis' companions, vowed to remain a virgin for all eternity. Her beauty how ever caught the attention of Zeus. The supreme god fell in love with her and knew that he did n't have a chance, so he devised a plan. To be able to go near Callisto without raising sus picions, Zeus transformed himself into the form of Artemis. Disguised as the goddess, Zeus approached Callisto and began kissing her. Believing it was her mistress, Callisto welcomed the passionate kisses. However, Zeus revealed himself and preceded to rape Callisto, and the n, he vanished in an instant. Callisto was left distressed. Although it was not entirely her fault that she was tricked and raped, Artemis would banish her now that she was no longer a vir gin. She may also be punished by Hera, who is known to be the jealous wife of Zeus. Callisto found out that she was pregnant and was worried that Artemis would notice her growing belly. She hid her pregnancy for as long as she could, but the sharp-eyed goddess soon realized and was enraged. Callisto was punished and turned into a she-bear and began living in the woods as one. Zeus on the other hand rescued their unborn child, who was named Arcas. Unfortunately, on one of Artemis' hunting expeditions, she did not recognize that the bear she killed was her old follower Callisto. Upon learning that Callisto was killed, Zeus took her body and made her into a constellation as the Ursa Major, and when their son, Arcas, died, he became Ursa Minor.