

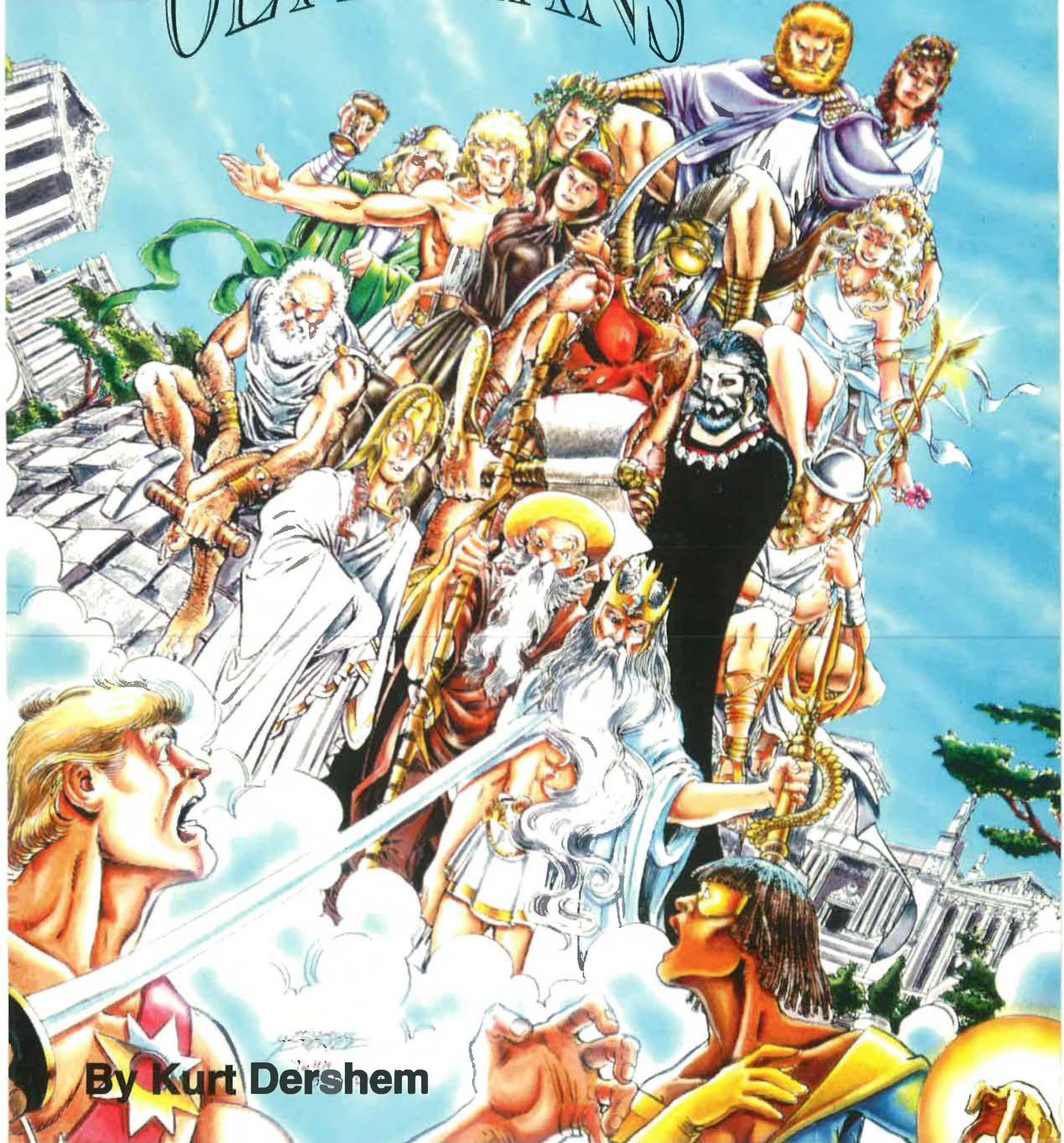


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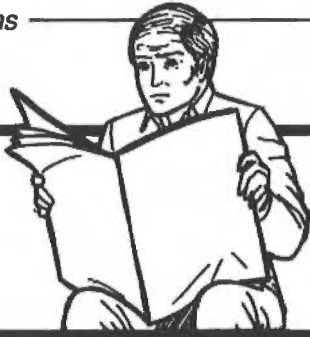
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## INTRODUCTION

What is a myth? The word is derived from the Greek *mythos*, meaning "story" or "words". However, to the ancient Greeks, myths were more than mere stories; they were part of everyday life. Before science and experimentation, men had no way to understand natural phenomena such as thunder and lightning, so they made up myths to explain them. It was easier to say that mighty Zeus hurled his lightning bolts than it was to face the mysteries of the unknown. Zeus could be worshipped and given sacrifices; his wrath could presumably be appeased.

The Greek myths are fascinating works of literature that are still important to us in our world today. The *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* are considered to be two of the greatest stories of all time. By reading the myths we can learn about the society of the ancient Greeks in an interesting and enjoyable way.

### WHAT'S INSIDE

Contained within *The Olympians* is a complete history of the Olympian gods, from their extra-dimensional origins to their re-emergence on twentieth century Earth. Also included is a god template and full write-ups (which include Powers, Characteristics, Disadvantages, background, tactics, and current activities) for each major god. Less important gods receive shorter write-ups, and some are merely described.

*The Olympians* also includes short write-ups of important demigods, and detailed descriptions of significant creatures and locations found in Greek mythology. Finally, this book presents the Game Master with a number of scenario ideas.

### HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Although this organization book is designed to introduce the gods of ancient Greek mythology into a GM's campaign, it can be used in a number of different ways. While the GM can choose to accept the book as it's written, taking it in its entirety, he might merely allow certain aspects, perhaps constraining the gods to Olympus. Another interesting possibility is a campaign with player-controlled gods.

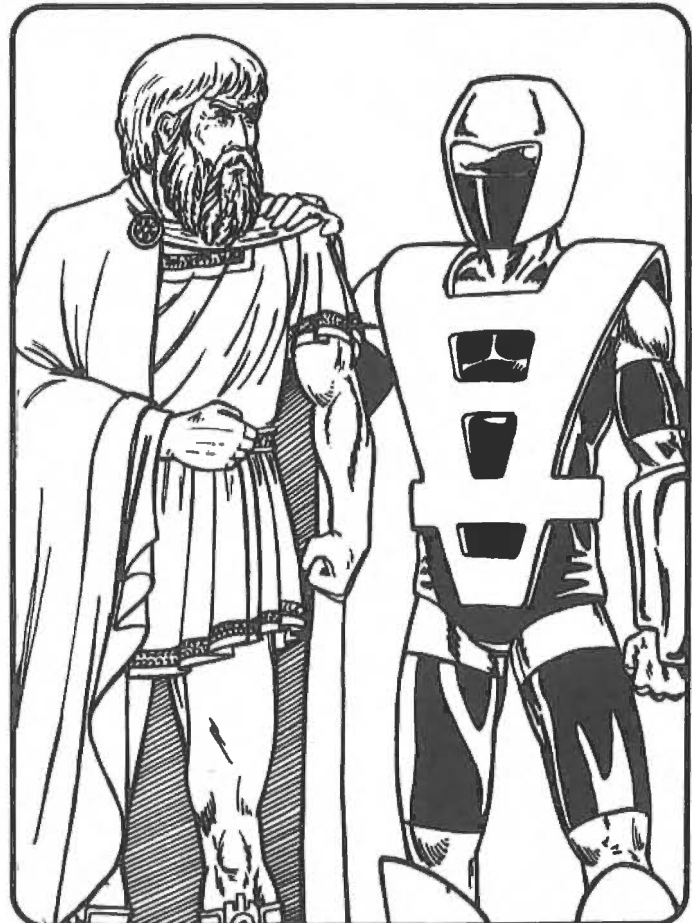
The gods in this book are extremely powerful; any single god is a match for several standard superheroes. This conforms to the treatment of the gods in comic books; any time that the gods are involved in an adventure the stakes are presumably high.

### AUTHOR'S NOTES

This book is not meant to be an exact representation of ancient Greek mythology. If the Gamemaster disagrees with something, he should feel free to alter it however he wishes. Also, it must be made clear that, for the purpose of this book, the Olympians did exist. Therefore, they affected the course of history in the world in which they existed, even though they were, rather obviously, unable to do so in the real world. Additionally, I must stress that this product is not intended to be anti-Christian; the Greek "gods" are not actually divine beings. They are simply fictional extra-dimensional life forms gifted with extraordinary abilities.

It is my hope that this book can bring some of the wonder, magic and imagination of the ancient Greek myths to the game of *Champions*. GMs are encouraged to expand and alter the myths contained in this book to make them their own and perhaps, with their players, forge new legends.

**Kurt Dershem**



# THE OLYMPIANS™

Remember Zeus, Hera, Athena, Apollo, Poseidon, Dionysus — the Gods of Classical Greece, the ancient deities who inspired men to heroic deeds?

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The second war against the Titans was long and difficult. When the gods had finally won, Zeus decided to re-open the portal to Earth. But instead of ancient Classical Greece, the Greek gods emerged into 20th century Earth.

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Is mankind ready for the second arrival of *The Olympians*?

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- Full write-ups for the principle Greek gods, including details on their current activities. Hunt with Artemis, or party with Dionysus! There are also statistics for prominent monsters from Greek myth, including the Cyclops, the Nereids, and the Furies.
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