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CHAPTER 1

HAPPY AND SINGLE

Who is Artemis? How was she born? Who is Orion?

Artemis was a Greek goddess. She was one of the 12 **Olympians**. These gods ruled over all of the gods.

Artemis's father was Zeus. Zeus was the king of gods.

Artemis's mother was Leto. Leto was a **Titan** goddess.

Titans were giant gods. Leto was the goddess of motherhood. She was pregnant when Zeus married Hera. This made Hera jealous. Hera forbade Leto to give birth on land. She hunted Leto. Leto landed in Delos. Delos was an island. Leto gave birth there.

Leto gave birth to Artemis first. Then, Artemis helped her mother. Leto gave birth to Apollo. Apollo was Artemis's twin brother. With Artemis's help, Leto felt no pain.

At age 3, Artemis went to see Zeus. She sat on Zeus's lap. She asked for six wishes.



Artemis lived on Mount Olympus. It's the highest mountain in Greece.





Artemis asked Zeus for a bow and arrow.

First, she wanted to be pure. She didn't want to marry. Second, she wanted to have many names. She wanted more names than Apollo. Third, she wanted to bring light to the world. Fourth, she wanted a bow and arrow. She also wanted a short dress. This was so she could hunt. Fifth, she wanted many **maidens**. Maidens are young, pure women. She wanted companions. She wanted servants. Sixth, she wanted to roam the mountains. She wanted to be free.

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