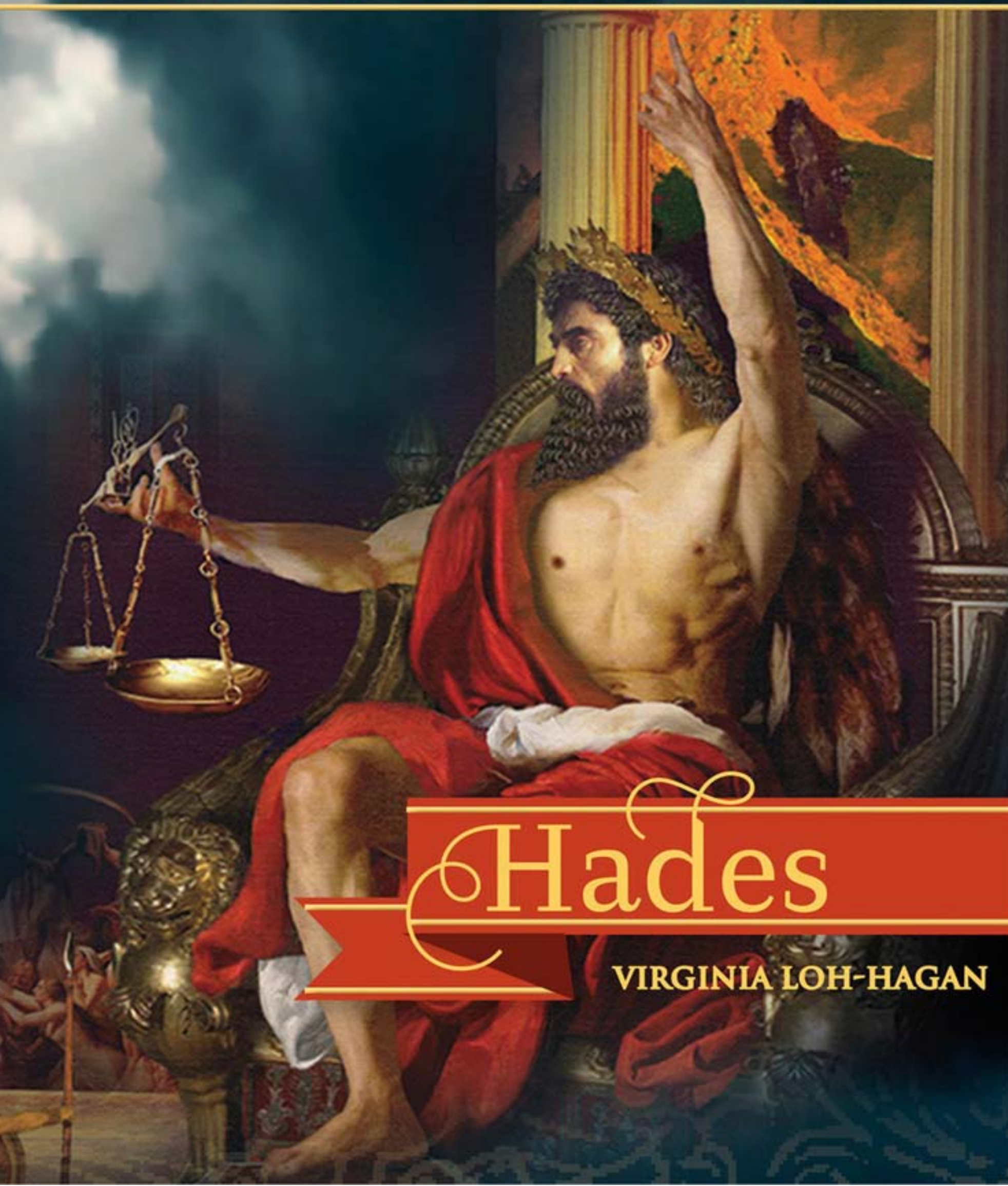


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## CHAPTER 1

# GOD OF THE DEAD

*Who is Hades? How was he born? Who did he marry?*

Hades was a Greek god. He's one of the 12 **Olympians**. These gods ruled all the gods. They lived on Mount Olympus. Mount Olympus is in Greece. It's the highest mountain in Greece.

Hades's parents were Cronus and Rhea. They were **Titans**. Titans were giant gods. They had great strength. They ruled until the Olympians took over.

Cronus was told that a son would take away his power. So, Cronus ate his children. Hades was one of them. Rhea saved one child, Zeus. Later, Zeus came back. He tricked



Cronus. He poisoned him. Cronus threw up Hades and his other children.

Zeus led a war. He fought against the Titans. Zeus, Hades, and their **siblings** won. Siblings mean brothers and sisters.



Hades was one of the most powerful Olympians.







The underworld was a final resting place for souls.

They divided the world into three parts. The three most powerful Olympians ruled them. Zeus was the god of the sky. Poseidon was the god of the seas. Hades was the god of the **underworld**. The underworld was beneath the earth. It was where the dead lived. Souls went there after bodies died.

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