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Gods of mischief and BFFs **Loki**, **Eris**, and **Set** have decided to put their skills for matchmaking and chaos to the ultimate test in this mythology meets *The Bachelor* graphic novel.

Mischief gods, outcasts, and best friends Loki, Eris, and Set create a reality show competition for deities, with an outrageously powerful magical artifact as the prize. Even though the Greek, Norse, and Egyptian pantheons famously don't get along, twelve gods and goddesses join the game. The Chaos Trio tries to keep the show on the rails, presenting challenges, kindling romances, and devising enough twists and turns to keep everyone from guessing what they're really up to: getting these immortals ready to save the world.

## *Length*

304 pages

## *Genre*

Fantasy Comedy

## *Target Audience*

16+

## *Comp Titles*

*Lore Olympus: Volume One* (2021), Rachel Smythe

*Thirsty Mermaids* (2021), Kat Leyh

*The Adventure Zone: The Crystal Kingdom* (2021), the McElroy family and Carey Pietsch

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Artist: Niko Dalcin





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Emma and Niko have worked together on many published projects, as editor and designer respectively. They've joined forces to create their own IP, and since 2018 the two have created more than 150 pages of comic, illustration, and zine content under their partnership Ban/She.

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# *The gods of mischief have gotten bored. And they're about to make it everyone else's problem.*

With Norse, Greek, and Egyptian deities' powers in decline in the modern world, the only thing keeping BFFs Loki, Eris, and Set even a little bit entertained is trashy reality TV, and they can't help but wonder: why should they merely spectate when they could create?

The chaos gods conjure up a production studio and invite an eclectic cast of Norse, Greek, and Egyptian deities to compete for fabulous prizes and maybe even find true love—on camera, of course.

Contestants like cat lady Freya, hot mess Dionysus, and zombie nature god Osiris are bewildered at first but decide to play along. Disastrous dates, dangerous challenges, surprise proposals and midseason twists—all of these and more play out in the Chaos Trio's smash hit reality show. But there's something more important everyone should be worried about: who is watching?





## *Part 1: The Chaos Trio*



# Loki

**Norse Trickster God  
(they/them)**

- Self-proclaimed master of disguises...but has never fooled anyone that wasn't super gullible
- Loves nothing more than a boozy brunch, and will pay for your drinks if you bring quality gossip
- Never met a "low key" joke they liked

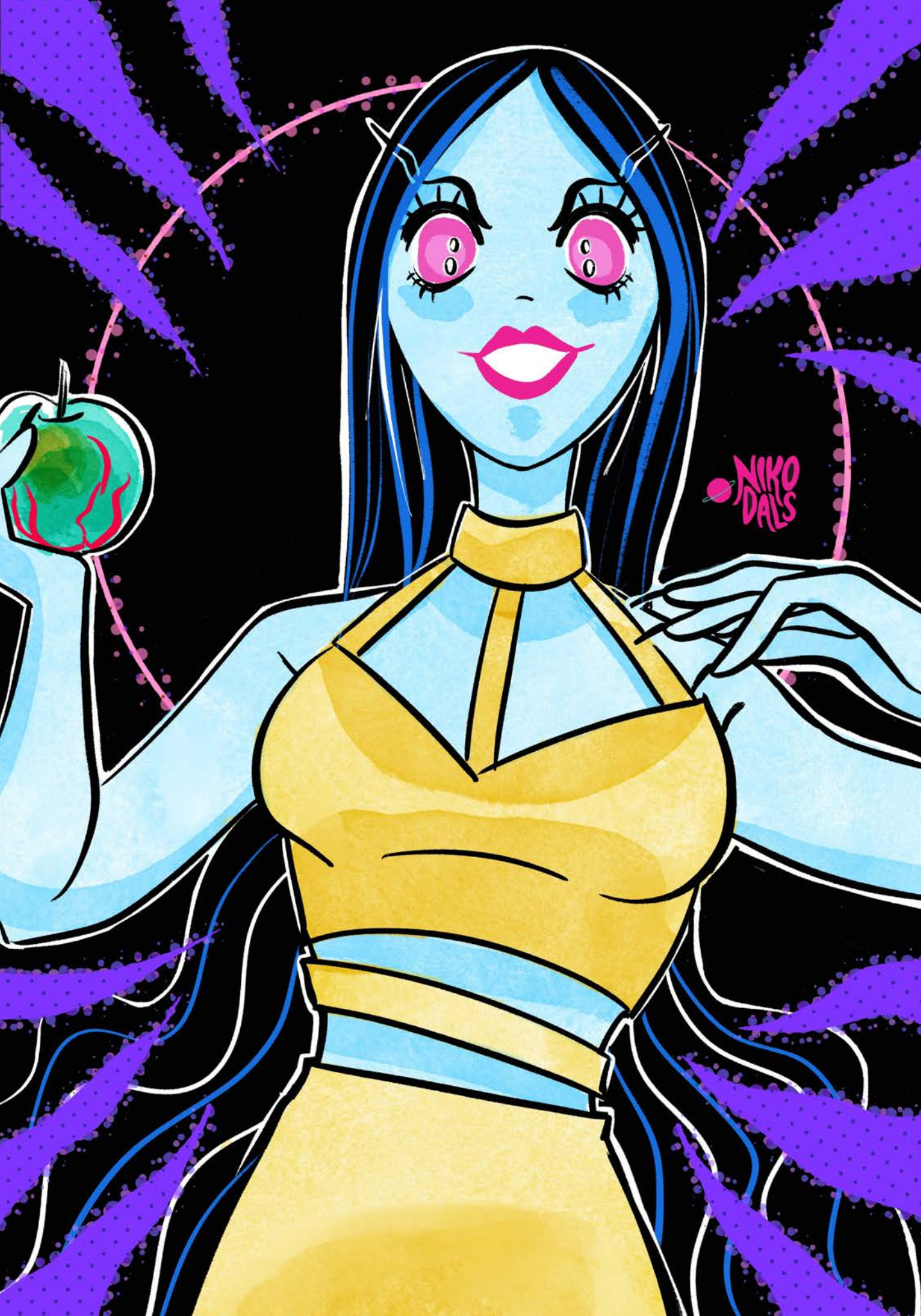
Loki is the black sheep of their pantheon, a legendary mischief maker and a parent to monsters. They appeared seemingly out of nowhere one day but somehow had the right combination of wit and charisma to earn a place among the Norse deities...just about.

Being a shapeshifter and a gifted liar means Loki has a hard time getting people to trust them. Nevermind that they found Thor his hammer, got the walls of Asgard built, and saved the Norse gods and goddesses' lives at least twice as many times as they put them in peril.

Always plotting, always thinking two steps ahead, Loki is usually clever enough to solve everyone's problems but their own. But, hey, it turns out that Eris and Set are not only amazing friends, but great for bouncing schemes off. With those two on their side, Loki's confident that there's nothing, nothing they couldn't predict. That's cute.







# Eris

**Greek Goddess of Strife and Discord**  
(she/they)

- Only **partially** responsible for causing the Trojan War
- The original party crasher—"not on the guest list" is just a challenge, right?
- Treats reality TV like a spectator sport

If you're looking for a tragic backstory, you're not going to find it with Eris.

Born of the Night herself, she was raised to know her worth, and she's never forgotten. If other gods and goddesses can't handle this much mayhem, glamour, and dangerous creativity crammed into one deity, that's their problem.

Okay, so maybe things got a little out of hand with the war in Troy and the Olympians only call on her now when they want some dirty work taken care of. Whatever. Eris has carved her own place outside the Pantheon, found true kindred spirits with Set and Loki, and brings the party wherever she goes.

She doesn't think anything could shock her at this point... which leaves her open to being swept off her feet by a real surprise.



# Set

## Egyptian God of Chaos and Storms (he/him)

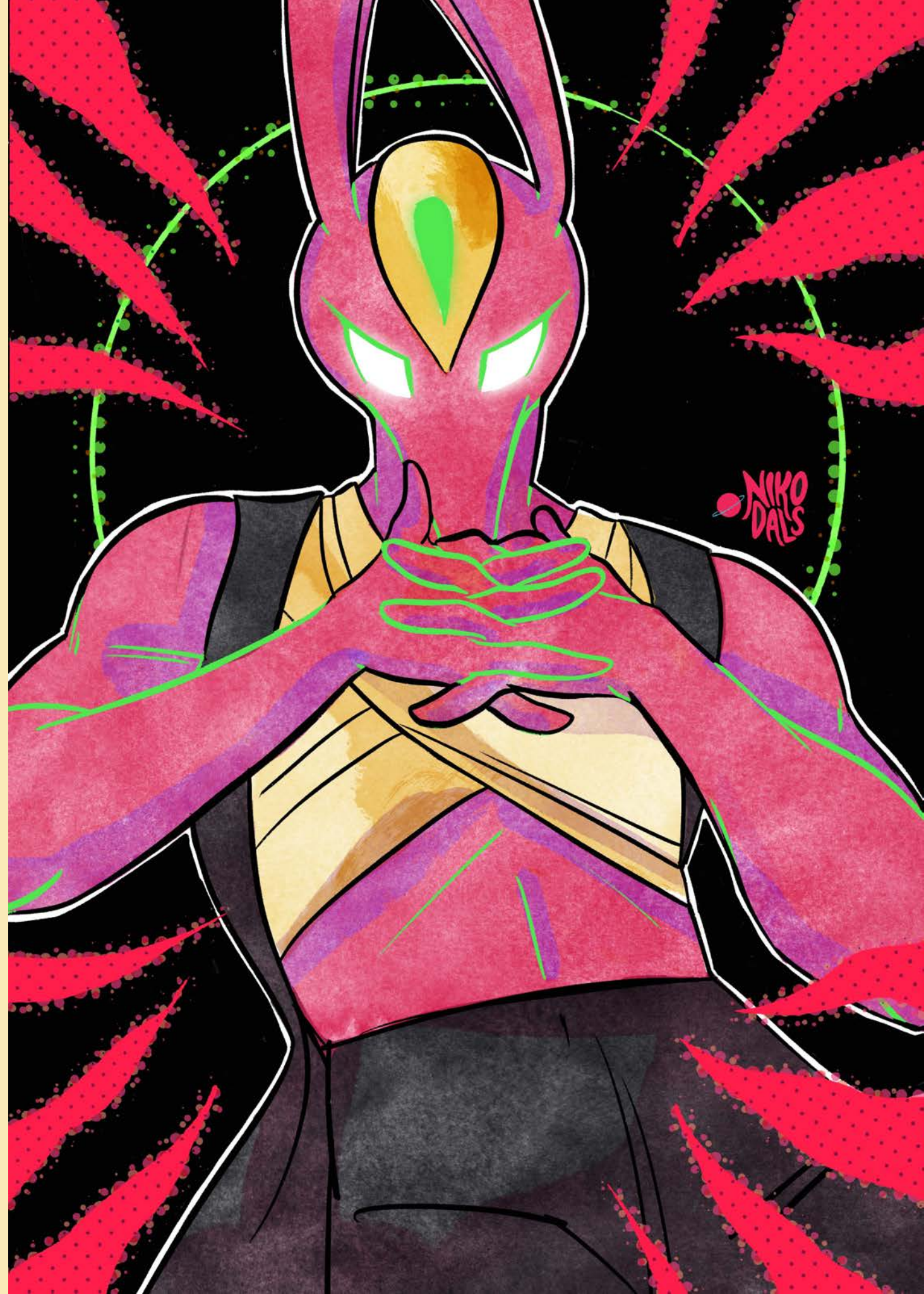
- Not a giraffe, seriously, please stop calling him one
- Strongest of the Egyptian deities and always down to arm wrestle
- Encyclopedic knowledge of reality shows, calls himself a connoisseur of trashy TV

Growing up in his older brother Osiris's shadow, it didn't take long for Set to embrace his role as the god of shadows. Except, he always wanted more. He's bigger, stronger, and smarter than Osiris, and the simple accident of their birth order kept him from being king of Egypt. He's tried countless times to win the throne and nothing has ever worked.

And then...Osiris had an affair with Set's wife. Both brothers' marriages are over, and Osiris's ex shunted him off to rule the land of the dead while she takes care of things "upstairs." Set is as powerless as ever, only now he has proof that Osiris was the garbage king Set always said he was.

So...yeah. He's been better.

Thank goodness he has his best friends Loki and Eris. Their friendship means the world to Set, and he'd do anything to protect him. There's only one problem. Eris and Loki haven't told Set about the god they cast on *The Deity Game* in secret: Osiris.





*Part 2: Deity Game Contestants*





## Freya

**Norse Goddess of Beauty and Fertility  
(she/her)**

Freya is the 'It Girl' of the Norse Pantheon: powerful, gorgeous, and irresistibly charming. Not only does this make her an ideal reality show bachelorette, it also makes her the perfect cover identity. "Freya" isn't really Freya at all, but Loki's troublemaker daughter Hel in disguise.



## Hel

**Norse Goddess of Death  
(she/her)**

The reveal no one sees coming, Hel is a troublemaker who can only play the nice girl for so long.

## Dionysus

**Greek God of Wine and Festivity  
(he/they)**

Dionysus is the god of wine, theatre, and revelry. What more could anyone want? But his aloof, party boy exterior is hiding a thoughtful and vulnerable soul. Always classed as an outsider on Olympus, Dionysus is quietly yearning for love and acceptance. But he'd never tell you that.



## Osiris

**Egyptian God of the Dead  
(he/him)**

He was a deadbeat King of Egypt and now he's the slacker King of the Underworld. He recently blew up his marriage, turned into a zombie, and now he's here to compete for untold power on a reality show. What could possibly go wrong?





# Supporting Characters



## Artemis

**Greek Goddess of Wilderness and the Hunt**  
(she/her)

Smart, driven, and extremely competitive, Artemis is here to win. She's studied the reality show formula, and she knows she can navigate the fakery, twists, and bad edits. There's no way she can lose...right?



## Hathor

**Egyptian Goddess of Love**  
(she/her)

The gorgeous and mega-talented Hathor sees *The Deity Game* as just the latest place to prove herself. Her participation doesn't have anything to do with her being the Goddess of Love and perpetually single. Definitely not. No way.



## Balder

**Norse God of Purity**  
(he/him)

Balder grew up pretty sheltered and spoiled, and he's best known for being really, really handsome. He's here to make a name for himself, or at least to earn a nickname other than "sweet lips."



## Hecate

**Greek Goddess of Magic**  
(she/they)

Forget the reality show trappings—mysterious goddess Hecate joined *The Deity Game* for the opportunity to study other gods' powers and perfect a ritual or two.



## Bragi

**Norse God of Poetry**  
(he/him)

Loud, dramatic, and totally clueless, Bragi is sure fellow *The Deity Game* contestants will love to hear his improvised musical odes and all about his new album.



# Supporting Characters



## Hermes

**Greek God of Travel and Thieves  
(he/him)**

Happy-go-lucky and quick witted, Hermes is just here for a good time. And only maybe to steal anything valuable he can get his hands on.



## Skadi

**Norse Goddess of Winter  
(she/her)**

She's a giant, she's athletic and she's a nearly unflappable optimist. Skadi is here for fun and adventure, and not to talk about her recent divorce.



## Sekhmet

**Egyptian Goddess of War  
(she/her)**

Fresh out of anger management classes, Sekhmet is spoiling for some action and the good old fashioned opportunity to throw red wine in someone's face.



## Thoth

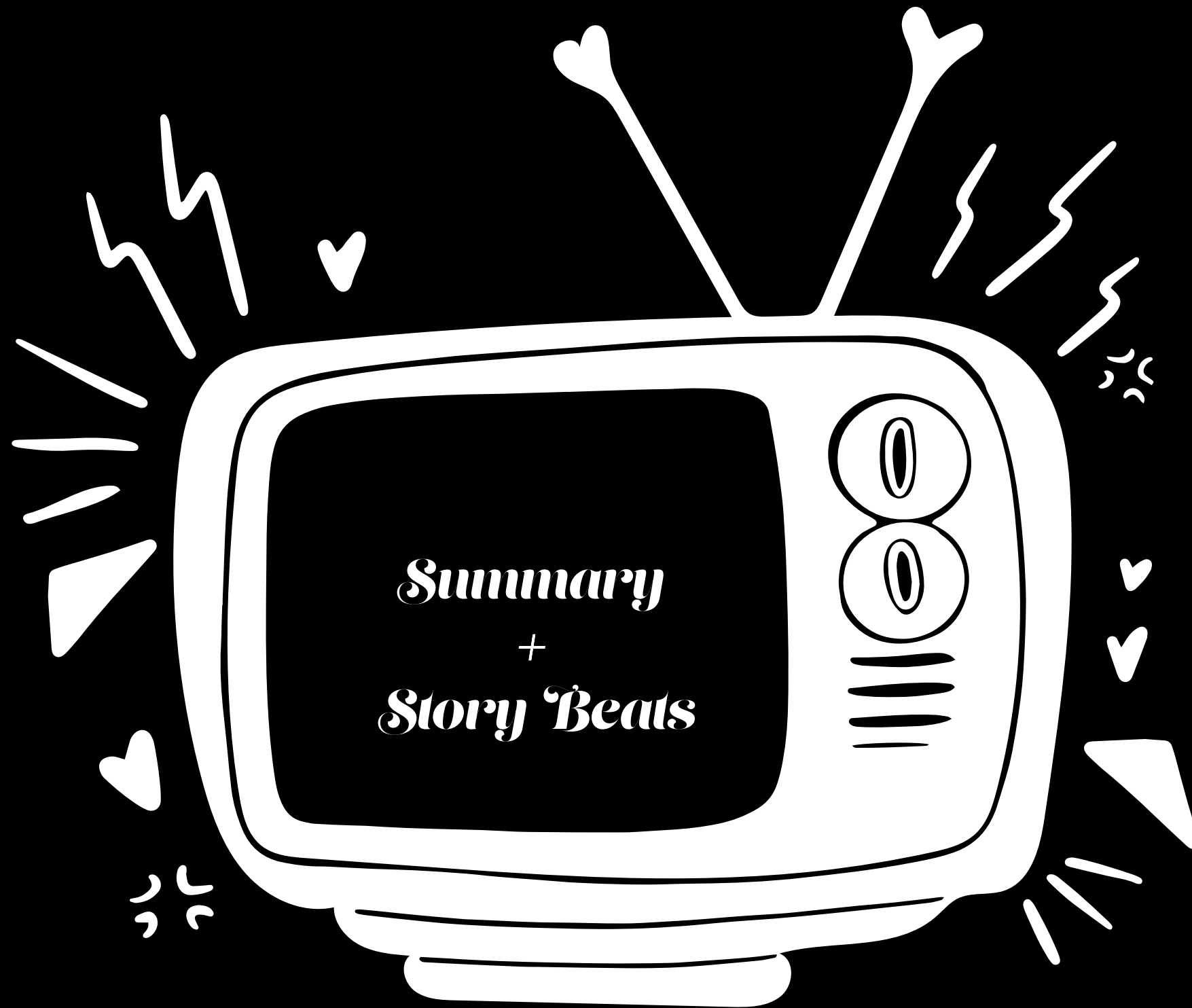
**Egyptian God of Knowledge  
(he/him)**

Shy and nerdy, Thoth is really stepping out of his comfort zone to compete on The Deity Game. But he's the God of Knowledge, and there has to be a lot to learn here, right?

## Tartarus

**Greek Primordial God of the Void  
(he/him)**

God of the Void? They might as well have named him God of Nothing. Tartarus is tired of being nothing. He's hungry for power, and will do anything to get it.



*Summary  
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Story Beats*



# Overview

- Gods of mischief Loki, Set, and Eris are unlikely best friends. The Norse, Egyptian, and Greek pantheons do not get along, to put it mildly. But as chaotic outcasts who are often at odds with their peers, the three have struck up a friendship. And they're really into trashy reality TV.
- All three pantheons of gods are in trouble: their powers are getting weaker. The deities of the world derive their power from mortals knowing their stories, and every year the number of people who know their mythology dwindles.
- In one of their characteristic questionable decisions, Loki, Set and Eris plan to turn their love of reality drama into a solution for the gods' power problem. They're going to make their own show, create new stories, and make sure the world is watching. In doing so, the three hope to revive their reputations, gain a new generation of fans, and see their power return thanks to this modern form of worship.
- Despite unexpected obstacles, the scheme works. Audiences around the world have become enraptured by the drama of *The Deity Game*, and the gods' powers are returning. However, the show has also attracted the attention of three mythical monsters.
- Luckily, the challenges of the show, along with the show's popularity, have brought the gods together and revived their powers enough to fend off the monster by presenting a united front. This was Loki, Eris, and Set's plan all along: bring the three pantheons together to defeat a threat no one group of gods could defeat on their own.
- The deities survive to rule another day—or at least another reality show.



# Act 1

- *The Deity Game* begins! The contestants arrive at an impossibly beautiful mansion and begin introducing themselves. Everything seems relatively okay until a big reveal: none of the pantheons knew that the others would be competing alongside them.
- There's some slight trepidation behind the scenes. The Chaos Trio wants to make an addictive show and come across as charismatic hosts, but not let anyone on to their secret agenda. Can they really pull it all off? But they've made it this far. Loki, Eris, and Set burst into the mansion and announce themselves as hosts.
- The contestants protest. Everyone expected this to just be an internal competition with their own mischief deity presiding. The Chaos Trio calms the situation by reminding them of the contracts (with very fine print) they all signed, and the awe-inspiring grand prize: an immortal golden apple, an extremely rare and powerful treasure.
- Once the contestants agree to continue, the hosts ask them to choose their own partners for the first challenge, with the important stipulation that they must choose someone outside their own pantheon. The contestants begrudgingly agree, only for Loki, Eris, and Set to reveal that if they want to continue in the game, these pairs must work as partners for the rest of the game...and live together as roommates. So ends the premiere.
- *The Deity Game* appears on streaming services as a weekly series, and humans around the world shrug and give it a try.
- The season begins in earnest. Every episode the contestants compete in wild challenge and go on surprise dates. The Chaos Trio judge the deities on who is telling the best story—but the power to eliminate is in the players' hands.
- The show starts gaining traction with audiences. Osiris and Freya are starting to emerge as fan favourites, with Hathor and Dionysus close seconds.
- Now we get a tease of the story's true big bad: three sets of eyes watch a *Deity Game* episode in the darkness. Later we'll understand that the eyes belong to the primordial monsters Fenrir, Apep, and Tartarus.





## Act 2

- We go behind the scenes with the Chaos Trio. Their power is growing but not fast enough, so they amp things up with more difficult challenges and even more shocking twists. They're worried but trying not to show it.
- Meanwhile, romances and friendships are starting to blossom despite the intense environment everyone is in. The show moves past the partner stage—now it's every deity for themselves.
- *The Deity Game* fandom heats up, and as it does the deities notice their powers increasing.
- Freya is threatened with elimination and reveals herself to be Hel, the Norse goddess of the underworld and Loki's own daughter. She's bored of running the land of the dead and wants Loki's job for her own. This dramatic reveal keeps her in the running, and captivates Eris's attention.
- The Chaos Trio catches Hermes, God of Thieves, trying to steal the grand prize and eliminate him with suspiciously little fanfare.
- Osiris emerges as the show's villain—he'll lie, manipulate, do whatever it takes to win—and fans start to turn on him.
- Tartarus, Apep, and Fenrir start attacking the magical constructs of *The Deity Game* directly, and the hosts have to use too much of their precious little power to keep up the charade of the show.
- Dionysus is truly falling for Osiris, but Osiris is faking it for the story. Loki, against Set and Eris's advice and wishes, steps in and stops Osiris from completely breaking Dionysus's heart.
- Loki, Eris, and Set begin fighting amongst themselves, which we haven't seen before. It looks like the show is over.



## Act 3

- After a scuffle with the primordial monsters and a heart to heart, and The Chaos Trio reconciles and manages to get the show back on the rails. If these monsters from different pantheons can work together, so can they. We hurtle towards the finale.
- Hecate misses out on a spot in the finale after Osiris sabotages her.
- The finale is a reality TV Frankenstein's monster extravaganza: a reunion special and final showdown in one. All of the eliminated contestants, even Baldr and Hermes, are back and ready to dish the gossip. Meanwhile, finalists Hathor, Dionysus, Hel, and Osiris are preparing for their ultimate challenge.
- All of a sudden, the monsters crash the show.
- The contestants are shocked, and collectively begin to realize that *The Deity Game* was preparing them for this conflict, by encouraging the pantheons to get along.
- Tartarus devours Apep and Fenrir to gain their power. So much for that paragon of teamwork.
- The deities decide to band together, and frontrunner Hathor splits up the golden apple to distribute its power. Except...it's a fake.
- Despite this, it seems Loki, Eris, and Set's gambit has worked. *The Deity Game* is a hit, and the gods and goddesses involved are glowing with power. When they team up, fully shedding pantheon prejudices, they're unstoppable. They defeat Tartarus together and hand him to Hel for punishment.



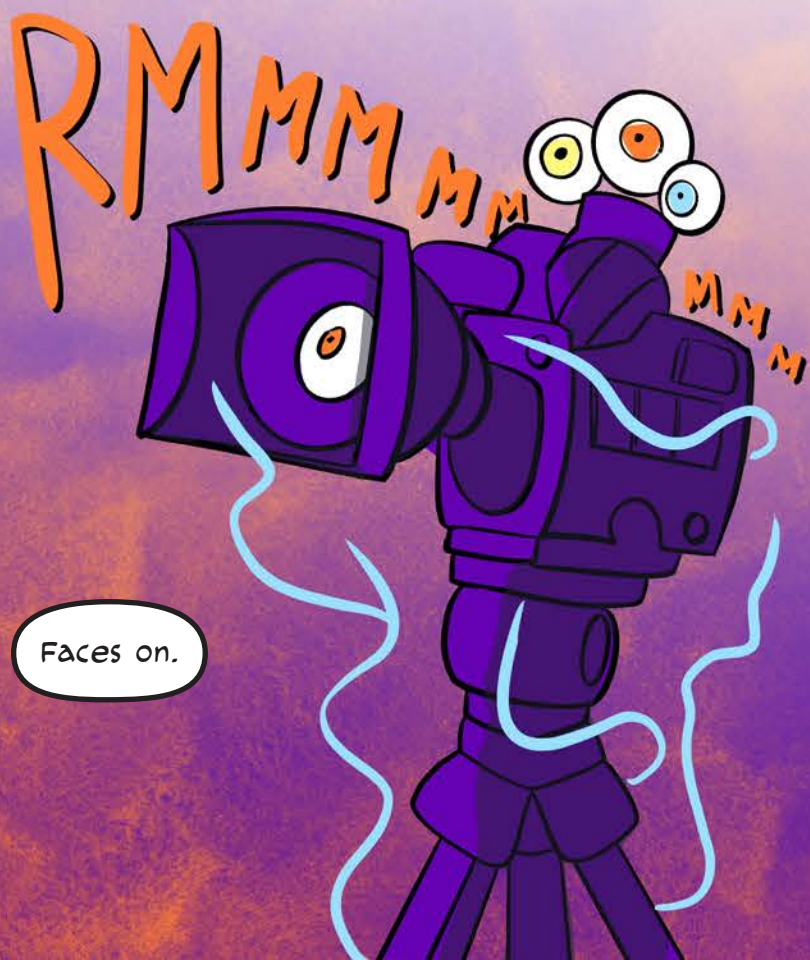
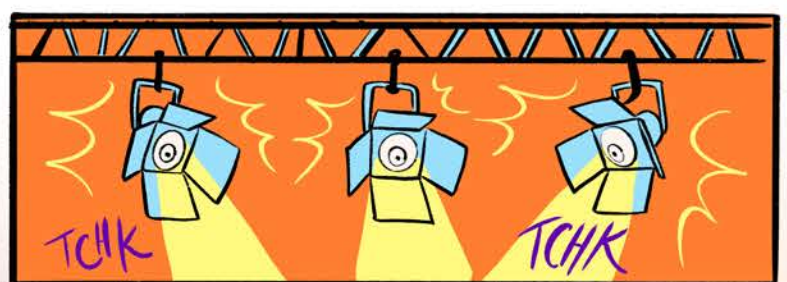
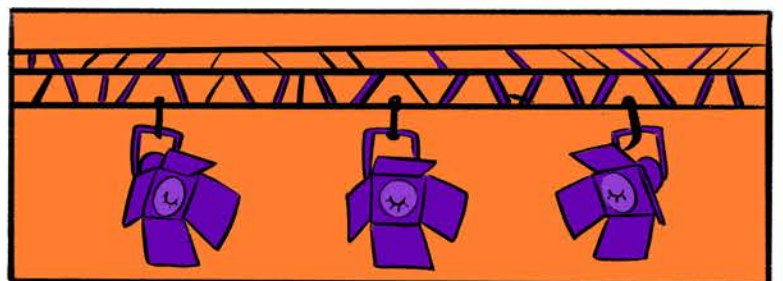


## *Denouement*

- Hel and Eris get together, to Loki's extreme dismay.
- Hathor rejects Set's romantic advances, but offers to be his friend. Set realizes that her friendship is what he truly needs.
- Loki and Dionysus confess their feelings for one another.
- Osiris gets a Bachelor-style spin-off show.
- *The Deity Game* gets renewed for Season 2.







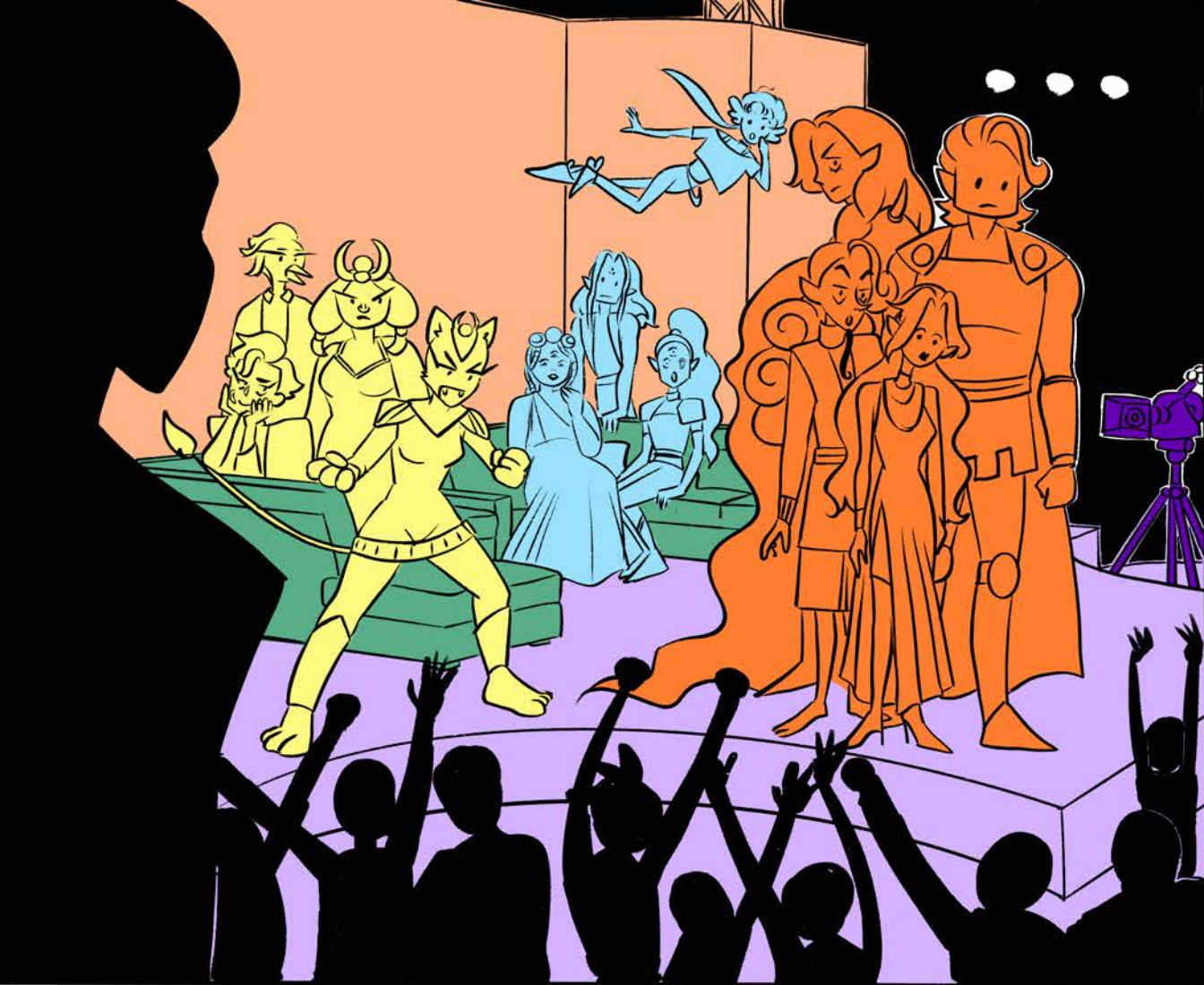




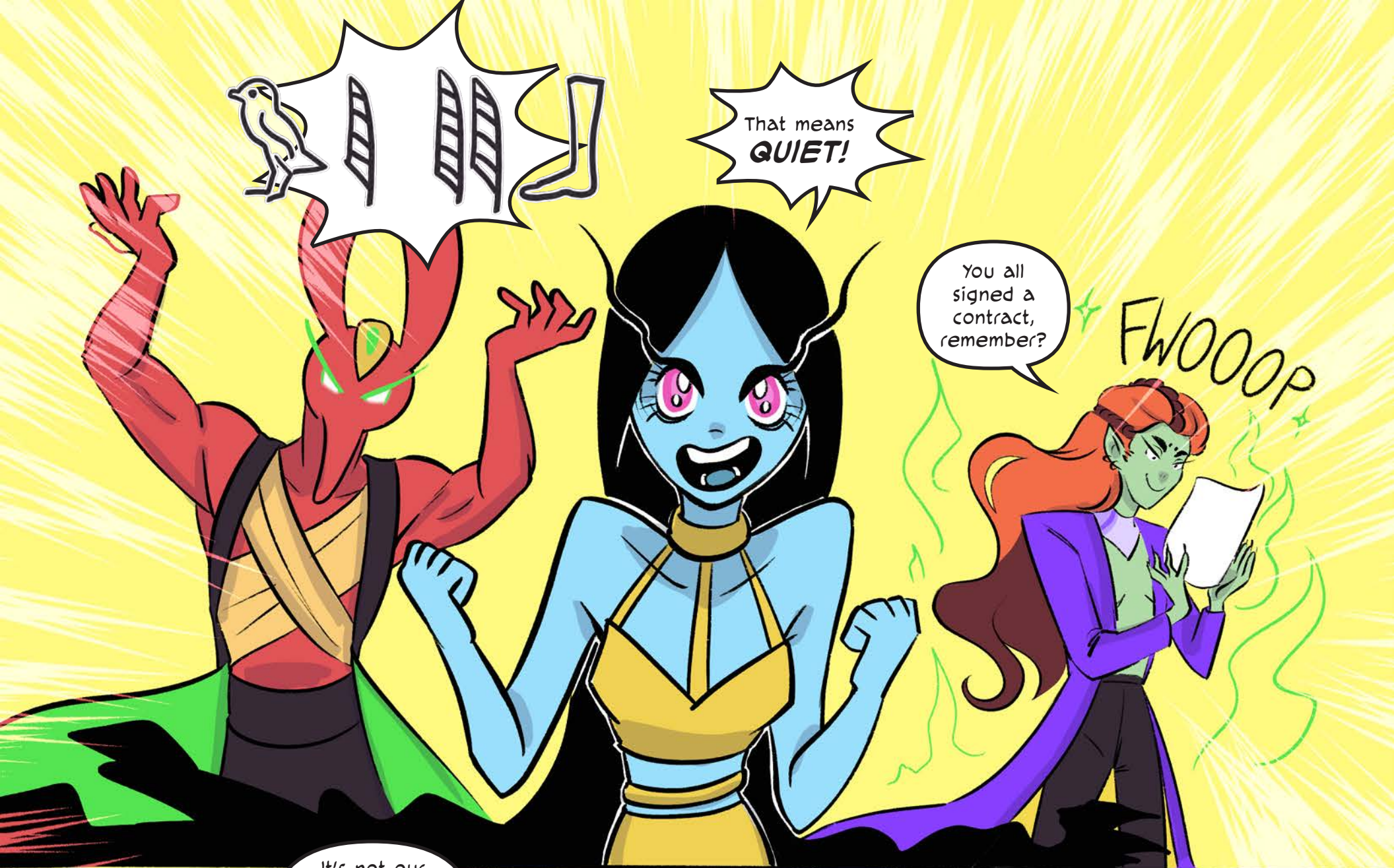
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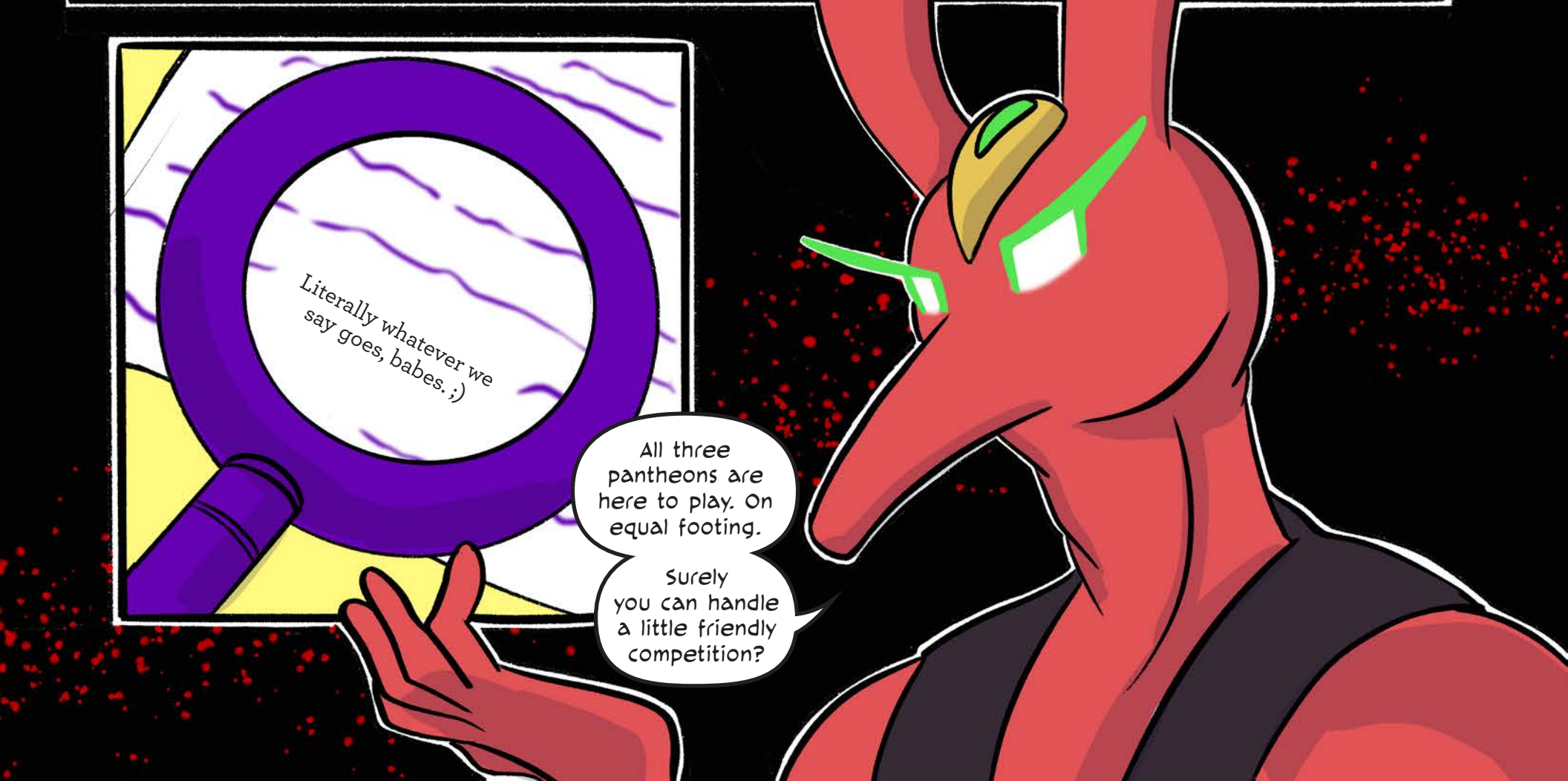






All three pantheons are here to play. On equal footing.

Surely you can handle a little friendly competition?








Yeah, I need that apple.

**OSIRIS**  
Egyptian God of the Dead  
(he/him)

Is Eris single?

**ARTEMIS**  
Greek Goddess of Wilderness and the Hunt  
(she/her)





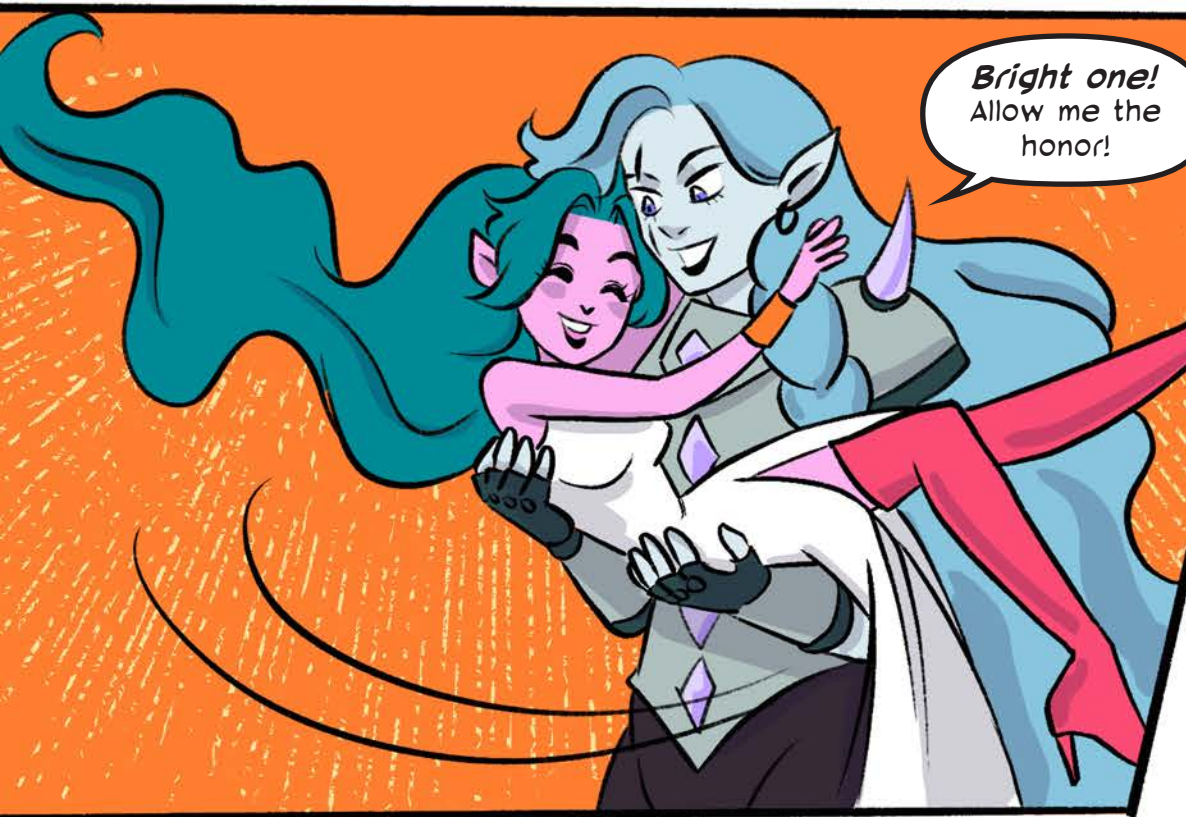
Golden apple--untold power, no strings. I don't need to tell any of you what that's worth these days.

So. Why don't we begin--

Let's get this party started!

...Choose a partner for your first challenge.





You have to choose a  
partner *outside* your  
pantheon.





