

Medusa



THE LEGEND OF MEDUSA

TRINACRIA IS THE SYMBOL OF SICILY, WHICH IS REPRESENTED BY MEDUSA'S HEAD WITH THREE LEGS, IN ORDER TO VENERATE HER. THE ANCIENT ROMANS CHANGED THE SNAKES IN HER HEAD INTO EARS OF WHEAT, BECAUSE THEY CONSIDERED THE ISLAND THE BARN'S EMPIRE.

LEGEND STATES THAT MEDUSA WAS ONCE A BEAUTIFUL, AVOWED PRIESTESS OF ATHENA, WHO WAS CURSED FOR BREAKING HER VOW OF CELIBACY. SHE IS NOT CONSIDERED A GODDESS OR OLYMPIAN. WHEN MEDUSA HAD AN AFFAIR WITH THE SEA GOD POSEIDON, ATHENA PUNISHED HER. SHE TURNED MEDUSA INTO A HIDEOUS HAG, MAKING HER HAIR INTO WRITHING SNAKES AND HER SKIN WAS TURNED INTO A GREENISH HUE. ANYONE WHO GAZED AT MEDUSA WAS TURNED INTO A STONE. THE HERO PERSEUS WAS SENT ON A QUEST TO KILL MEDUSA. HE WAS ABLE TO DEFEAT THE GORGON BY LOPPING OFF HER HEAD, AFTER SEEING HER REFLECTION IN HIS HIGHLY POLISHED SHIELD. HE LATER USED HER HEAD AS A WEAPON TO TURN HIS ENEMIES INTO STONES. AN IMAGE OF MEDUSA'S HEAD WAS EITHER PLACED ON ATHENA'S OWN ARMOUR OR SHOWN ON HER SHIELD.



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