

Bringer of Fire



IN ancient times, people considered fire one of the basic elements of the universe, along with water, air, and earth. Fire can be a comforting thing as well as a source of heat and light. Fire can also be dangerous and deadly, racing and leaping like a living thing to consume all in its path.

In mythology, fire appears both as a creative, cleansing force and as a destructive, punishing one.

People in all parts of the world tell myths about fire. Numerous stories explain how people first acquired fire, either through their own daring or as a gift from an animal, god, or hero.

I created the *BRINGER OF FIRE* in the spirit of these many cultural traditions.

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