

Bringer of Coffee



There is an ancient legend that speaks of Kaldi, an Ethiopian goat-herd, discovering that when his flock nibbled on the bright red berries of a certain bush they became more energetic. Seeing this, he chewed on the fruit himself. His exhilaration prompted him to bring the berries to a monk in a nearby monastery, but the monk disapproved of their use and threw them into a fire, from which an enticing aroma billowed. The roasted beans were quickly raked from the embers, ground up, and dissolved in hot water, yielding the world's first cup of coffee.

I created *BRINGER OF COFFEE* out of a sense of whimsy and my own experiences with the energetic elixir.

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