

## Poseidon 1 from *The Iliad*, by Homer

Blasphemy!

Injustice!

Disrespect!

These the disloyal Phaecians have committed against me

And the laws of Olympus!

Those sailors of my blessing have pampered Odysseus,

My sworn enemy!

Those fools are proof that ignorant men can't be trusted.

I have taken blows from the greatest foes,

But being betrayed by allies is far worse,

And it makes my blood boil, my temper flare!

To my kingdom of the sea I have brought you gods,

To demand consent to unleash my fury on those awful mariners.

It is the only option, for if I do not, I will lose my respect,

Fall from power, and into the ranks of mortal peasants!

My past of conflict has taught me that men yield only to pain,

And ignore reasoning!

So abandon pity and forgiveness,

Let me attack that Phaecian cutter with might and fury!

Or send me to waste away in Hades!