Subject: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by a--d on Tue, 07 Apr 2009 23:49:50 GMT
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I'm trying for some fan fiction, but I was wondering about his probable reactions to these.

Would you be willing to answer these?

Stygian:
How would Stygian react to a request to speak with him alone?

How would Stygian react to someone accusing him of not playing the part of Hades accurately?

How would Stygian react to being thanked for warning "Outcast Corner," that the "New Olympians," among others knew what Eldritch was?

And these would be useful to know before I start the "Bad Role Playing Charge," against him from someone who's supposed to be a fan (Probably minor strength.) of Pluto and Hades. (His Roman and Greek names, I think.)

Pluto:
Did Pluto spend most if not practically all of his time in the Underworld?

What is the Wardstone that's trapping Pluto's beloved?

Is it exclusive to the "Whateley Universe?"

It wasn't in Wikipedia or any of the yahoo searches I tried.

Thanks for any help given.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Nocte on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 00:18:10 GMT

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The Wardstone is the thing keeping most of the Greek Gods imprisoned. Stygian is permanently depressed because HADES is. Hades is permanently depressed because his wife is still trapped behind the Wardstone. It gets to the point where he forgets to eat sometimes.

It seems to be exclusive to Whateley. You have to remember that All Myths Are True...to an extent. (Look at Majestics bitching about how the epic writers got the Greek myths wrong).

So Far, the list of those who managed to escape include;
Zeus (Imperious)
Hera (Majestic)
Aphrodite (Cytherea)
Ares (Counterpoint)
Hades (Stygian)
Hermes (Tracer)
Hephaestus (Knick Knack)
Apollo (Prism)
Artemis (Feral)
Athena (Judicator)

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Anvildude on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 02:32:37 GMT
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So, that would be Persephone who's still trapped? And I'd assume that Demeter is, too, or else there'd be another Olympian depressed.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Nocte on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 02:58:56 GMT
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Persephone is still trapped, as well as Demeter and Dionysis. Poseidon apparently never got trapped, due to sailors worshiping/fearing his wrath.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Anvildude on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 03:04:43 GMT

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No, Posiedon isn't trapped. He just looks like a pirate captain with an octopus for a head now. I bet he's just cursing that movie.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by tensai on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 03:05:57 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by negation on Wed, 08 Apr 2009 05:00:33 GMT
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I thought Hestia has been reborn and is currently attending PS238 under The Rainmaker Program?

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Thanks Nocte.

Sounds like Stygian is the type to listen to someone telling him off because he doesn't particularly care.

Good for letting the fan go through their tirade, don't have to worry about him throwing threats around or going on an ego trip since I doubt he'd believe it worth it.

His shades though...

Do they have personalities yet?

Beyond, defending and trying to cheer him up?

But also bad in a way.

If he doesn't react then it doesn't seem like much of a story.

Perhaps the shades can play most of the reactive portion for his side.

Do they have names?
I remember someone joking about them being needed to get him out of bed and classes, but don't remember which story, where they said it, or what they actually said.

Okay, I'm going to bed and I'll be back in around six hours.

Time now:
12:59a.m. 00:59

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by aester12 on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 06:34:25 GMT
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Didn't Imperious mention at one point that they're still not sure where Majestic put Poseidon and Dionysus? If that's true, I could so see Demeter and Hestia escaping with the other Olympians, but just weren't noticed by them. Or Imperious just doesn't care

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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.

Posted by khade on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 06:40:15 GMT
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I'm guessing he just doesn't care, after all, it's not like they will sleep with him, anyway.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 14:34:33 GMT
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khade wrote on Wed, 27 July 2011 00:40I'm guessing he just doesn't care, after all, it's not like they will sleep with him, anyway.

I believe he does care, because he needs to have the 12 complete for some mystic stuff he wants to do on his way to restoring his position as the Ruler of the Worlds.

As far as I'm aware the wardstone and the rest of it are simply plot devices to explain where the Olympians have been and justify their showing up at Whateley. If they hadn't been locked away and then escaped there wouldn't be any justification for the rest of the plot. As such, there's unlikely to be any backstory behind them. I could be wrong on that, but I doubt it.

Xaltatun

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Posted by Hart on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 15:33:27 GMT
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Heyla, Xaltatun

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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by kd7mvs on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 17:14:23 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 19:12:32 GMT
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Posted by aester12 on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 21:22:29 GMT
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It would seem that Stygian/Hades has replaced Demeter now, as they only care about the missing

males (Poseidon and Dionysus) and I believe someone (maybe Ayla) pointed out that they're supposed to be the twelve Olympians and there are only 10 of them

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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Laudator on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 22:14:32 GMT
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So we know canonically which ones are missing to make up the dodekatheon in the Whateleyverse? 'cos I thought I read that the membership list of that group was somewhat variable in myth/legend.
There definitely need to be a specific dozen, rather than any group of them made up to that number?

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by kd7mvs on Wed, 27 Jul 2011 23:05:40 GMT
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Hmm. I'd been commenting on Hart's comment in a vacuum, not thinking of the New Olympians in specific, but one might note how much use of the New Olympians Diane, J.G., and E.E. have made, and not find it unbelievable that they may have expanded the back story from what

Lilliandra had created. We know that Diane does this type of thing, don't anyone try to convince me she doesn't.

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Posted by khade on Thu, 28 Jul 2011 04:25:17 GMT
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Posted by kd7mvs on Thu, 28 Jul 2011 13:12:43 GMT
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So. Poseidon and Dionysius are the last of the Twelve.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Thu, 28 Jul 2011 13:33:59 GMT
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The first mention that there were two more that escaped and are missing is in There's an Angel in Dickinson Cottage, part 2.

Angel 2.3
"Exactly," Imperious said. "Remember that thrice-bedamned golden apple? If we all go after her in a mob, it'll be that mess all over again. We'll expose ourselves completely fighting over that altar, and it doesn't take a Python to see that some third party will probably take her over our battered bodies. No. In order for us to resume our rightful place in the Cosmos, we must take that altar as the Dodekatheon, the Twelve of Olympus. The Foreigner managed to seal us up because we

were too busy competing with each other in trifles. That's NOT going to happen this time! This time, we operate as the Twelve Gods of Olympus."

"Which is far more easily said than done," Majestic purred. "Especially seeing as how there are only TEN of us."

"And ONE of them is Poseidon, your own brother, father," Judicator pointed out. "Not that I've any clue as to where Dionysius got to."

"WHAT! DID! YOU! THINK! YOU! WERE! DOING!" Zeus raged in the voice of thunder that echoed through the chamber.

"I thought- no, I knew that I was winning," Ares said calmly. "I knew that mother and dear little Athena were going to pussyfoot around like they always do, and they were going to waste time being all subtle and trying to make nice-nice with the altar-girl. I just did the simple, obvious thing."

"We need to take the Altar as a UNITY!" Hera said in a way that suggested that she thought that he was a little boy who needed things spelled out to him.

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Xaltatun

Edit: I messed up Rich's name. Fixed.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Odin on Fri, 29 Jul 2011 17:30:04 GMT
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I'd bet on Poseidon being on an island in the Pacific and probably a surfer or fisherman (or both).

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by khade on Sat, 30 Jul 2011 04:35:02 GMT
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Maybe Poseidon is Rip.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Sat, 30 Jul 2011 12:19:39 GMT
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Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Avatard on Sat, 30 Jul 2011 18:56:20 GMT
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Xaltatun

Hell, TK will be helping them as allies instead of enemies for a change. It would be awesome to see though.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.

Posted by Sir Lee on Sun, 31 Jul 2011 02:51:03 GMT
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khade wrote on Sat, 30 July 2011 01:35Maybe Poseidon is Rip.

Well, maybe not Rip, but if Poseidon (or for that matter, Dionysus) got reincarnated as a girl, s/he might not have contacted the other New Olympians out of sheer embarrassment.

Of course, we have a previous case of one of the Twelve reincarnating in a body of the "wrong" gender -- Feral. And somehow, Artemis got her way on the end: the body turned female.

But... I don't think that it's a given that the Poseidon or Dionysus will have the same "way out." Artemis is pretty much DEFINED as "virgin goddess" -- she simply COULDN'T exist as a male. It would be an almost direct contradiction of her basic concept.

Now, Dionysus as a party girl, I don't think it would be much of a problem, concept-wise.

Poseidon as a beach bunny is more problematic. He was quite associated with power and virility -- stallions and bulls and such. But in the end, his main "concept" is the sea, and he could keep it as Queen of the Seas.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by khade on Sun, 31 Jul 2011 03:48:47 GMT
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Both would be very fun, I'd like to see fanfics, unfortunately, I'm just not capable of doing party animals or beach bums at this time, got no frame of reference.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by bergy on Sun, 31 Jul 2011 23:39:51 GMT
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Odin wrote on Fri, 29 July 2011 10:30I'd bet on Poseidon being on an island in the Pacific and probably a surfer or fisherman (or both).

Or he could be running with a herd of wild Mustangs. Remember, Poseidon was also the patron god of horses and probably also a few other things that most people forget.

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Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 00:14:33 GMT
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True, Poseidon was a horse god before the proto-Greeks migrated to the shores and turned him into the god of the oceans.

Pan is of Dionysus' retinue. A missing horse god and a satyr. Hmmmm...

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by oljak.eru on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 00:33:04 GMT
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Hey, I know where they are! They're stabled over in Dunwich.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 15:42:42 GMT
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XaltatunOfAcheron wrote on Thu, 28 July 2011 07:33

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I just checked the Font of All Knowledge. It says that there were a lot of variations in who was included in the 12, but the canonical mix doesn't include Pluto/Hades because he didn't spend

most of his time on Olympus. It does include Demeter, though. Other sources include Hestia, which may be what Ayla is thinking of.

On the other hand, wouldn't it be amusing if the missing gods weren't Poseidon and Dionysus but were Demeter and Hestia? If Demeter is one of them, I'd look for someone in Chicago associated with her temple there.

Just a sec. Demeter has a temple in Chicago?

Toggle Spoiler
The Chicago Board of Trade. What else do you call a building with a statue of a goddess on top that deals with matters having to do with that goddess? I'd think Ayla would find that too obvious to bother mentioning.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Odin on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 16:02:26 GMT
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well if Poseidon is now a horse that would make him harder to find and might even increase his power. Bast seems to have had no problems retaining power as goddess of cats.
Maybe they should be looking for a student or other mutant with equine GSD?

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Cockle on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 16:48:48 GMT
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All the New Olympians seem to have forms appropriate to their ancient roots, including Artemis/Feral. So it doesn't seem likely to me that the missing ones would be all that different. Their divine nature would seem to over-ride the merely physical form of their hosts.

It doesn't seem too unlikely that one finding themself seperated from the group might seek out a different path - several of the ones we do know about aren't too interested in Imperious' plots. However, Poseidon was one of the heavy hitters, second only to Zeus I'd say, and although I could see him wanting to be cut-loose from his brother I can't see him retiring. He'd surely be more likely to seek out power on his own.

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Poseidon, Dionysus and Demeter almost certainly still have their power base. The god of the sea may not be worshiped in quite the same manner, but anyone who lives or works near the ocean is quite well aware of its power. People still get drunk and throw wild parties, and there's still lots of agriculture around. Heck, Demeter/Ceres has an actual temple in Chicago, although that's not what it's called.

The other one that's been mentioned, Hestia, might be in trouble because it's likely that Mary has taken over that slot in people's minds.

The other ones? Nobody thinks of Zeus as being the god of rulers and politicians, or Hera as being the goddess of home, marriage and the hearth. They've got their work cut out to get more worshipers.

Xaltatun

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Sir Lee on Mon, 01 Aug 2011 18:44:58 GMT
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Posted by Odin on Tue, 02 Aug 2011 14:46:47 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Sir Lee on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 04:49:33 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Avatard on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 05:05:10 GMT
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Wasn't it said in story that Tracer and Cytherea were the closest to their old power levels?

Ah... found it:Tracer's Wiki PageOf all of the Olympians, Mercury and Venus are the closest to their old power levels due to absorbing the emotions from their various partners.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Gore17 on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 05:08:35 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by XaltatunOfAcheron on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 20:12:00 GMT
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The New Olympians are a bit of a puzzle because they're still somewhat of a work in progress. They were introduced as part of Feral's origin story, Wild Times, which still hasn't been published officially. The original Wiki entry had one page for the entire group, which was split by an industrious fan who didn't quite get that original canon seed information should be kept as close to the way we got it as possible. Consequently, we don't have the original page any more.

The first excerpt is here: http://crystalhall.org/chboards3/index.php?t=msg&goto=34 2&srch=Wild+Times#msg_342

And the second here:

http://crystalhall.org/chboards3/index.php?t=msg&goto=99 4&srch=Wild+Times#msg_994

Both of them have lots of formatting problems due to earlier forum problems.

Xaltatun

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Posted by kd7mvs on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 22:11:37 GMT
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The formatting is easily taken care of, change the character encoding to Western and they read just fine! Detailed instructions on the List of Canon Stories page of the wiki, at the Teasers section.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by ShinZed on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 22:14:47 GMT
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Posted by kd7mvs on Thu, 04 Aug 2011 23:11:40 GMT
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No idea. Her last post was in 2006, her last visit in 2008, last knowledge was she was serving on the Essex, at least the email addy on her profile is for that ship. Whether she'd still be on the Essex three years down the line, I've no idea.

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Posted by Anvildude on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 05:30:50 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by dshadowwolf on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 12:25:15 GMT
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According to Dr. Benders Mythos Guide, Poseidon is one form of the Elder God Nodens. So I don't think Poseidon is "missing" per-se as much as "never really was part of the inner circle" or something like that :)

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by beyogi on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 14:05:07 GMT
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Well if you go by temples and actual worship it's obvious who is the most powerful god of the greko roman pantheon.
It's Justicia. Every court is her temple.

She's the only real god of those.

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Posted by Anvildude on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 16:00:32 GMT
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Posted by Avatard on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 16:14:48 GMT
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I would actually guess that these are creatures that feed off of the energy of those certain spheres, not that they are the direct personification of those.

Aphrodite should be able to "feed" off of the love and lust of the students around her, but when she was a god (note the little 'g') she had a power level OVER 9000! (sorry, couldn't resist :oops:). She just needs time to gather power again, she has only been alive for about 16 years.

Same with Hermes. He is not only the god of messages, but of thieves. And if I remember my Batman right they are a "superstitious and cowardly lot". If your "praying to Posiedon in one form or another" is right then the same would apply to Hermes.

Oh, on his wiki page:Hermes' wikipedia pageHermes is the great messenger of the gods in Greek mythology and a guide to the Underworld. Hermes was born on Mount Cyllene in Arcadia. An Olympian god, he is also the patron of boundaries and of the travelers who cross them, of shepherds and cowherds, of the cunning of thieves, of orators and wit, of literature and poets, of athletics and sports, of weights and measures, of invention, and of commerce in general. His symbols include the tortoise, the rooster, the winged sandals, the winged hat, and the caduceus. Look at the two bolded spheres of power. Those alone would give him a MAJOR boost over Zeus. Hell, Zeus should probably be the weakest of the New Olympians.

Zeus' wikipedia pageHe is the god of sky and thunder in Greek mythology.
Seriously, thats it. Science stole those from him in the minds of humans long ago.

Also, I am seriously hoping that Hera listens to Ayla and starts focusing on the 'marriage' portion of her powers.

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Posted by Diane Castle on Sat, 27 Aug 2011 19:35:26 GMT
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Nashville, TN. I think it is within bicycling distance of Heather's place.

It's the one with the *completed* statue of Athena Parthenos, which Alan Lequire designed and sculpted.

Diane the Nashvillian

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by chrisbuyer on Sun, 08 Jan 2012 00:02:31 GMT
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XaltatunOfAcheron wrote on Thu, 28 July 2011 06:33khade wrote on Wed, 27 July 2011 22:25I don't think Poseidon is one of the ones that escaped, so they don't know exactly where he is, but he is far too powerful to need an avatar still, which would allow Hestia to still be one of the 12 that escaped.

The first mention that there were two more that escaped and are missing is in There's an Angel in Dickinson Cottage, part 2.

Angel 2.3
"Exactly," Imperious said. "Remember that thrice-bedamned golden apple? If we all go after her in a mob, it'll be that mess all over again. We'll expose ourselves completely fighting over that altar, and it doesn't take a Python to see that some third party will probably take her over our battered bodies. No. In order for us to resume our rightful place in the Cosmos, we must take that altar as the Dodekatheon, the Twelve of Olympus. The Foreigner managed to seal us up because we were too busy competing with each other in trifles. That's NOT going to happen this time! This time, we operate as the Twelve Gods of Olympus."

"Which is far more easily said than done," Majestic purred. "Especially seeing as how there are only TEN of us."

"And ONE of them is Poseidon, your own brother, father," Judicator pointed out. "Not that I've any clue as to where Dionysius got to."

"WHAT! DID! YOU! THINK! YOU! WERE! DOING!" Zeus raged in the voice of thunder that echoed through the chamber.

"I thought- no, I knew that I was winning," Ares said calmly. "I knew that mother and dear little Athena were going to pussyfoot around like they always do, and they were going to waste time being all subtle and trying to make nice-nice with the altar-girl. I just did the simple, obvious thing."

"We need to take the Altar as a UNITY!" Hera said in a way that suggested that she thought that he was a little boy who needed things spelled out to him.

"NO, we don't need to take the Altar-girl at ALL," Ares said snidely. "You see? You overcomplicated everything from the get-go, just like you did with this 'reincarnate in the bodies of children' idiocy. And THEN you went and FORGOT where you sent Poseidon and Dionysius!

The other major reference is in Straight from the Squirrel's Mouth, part 10, where Ayla and Rich (Apollo) are talking on the plane. Ayla is the one who's looking for Hestia, and Rich doesn't bother to correct her that Hestia isn't part of the mix.

Xaltatun

Edit: I messed up Rich's name. Fixed.

This quote from the story above:

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Posted by czaanum on Sun, 08 Jan 2012 09:28:06 GMT
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Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Sojiro on Sun, 08 Jan 2012 14:43:41 GMT
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Only thing we have to that effect was someone dissing the idea of reborn Olympians saying that you could easily find candidates, pointing out that any of the Dylans could be a match for Dionysus.

Subject: Re: Question: Stygian and Pluto.
Posted by Sir Lee on Sun, 08 Jan 2012 17:24:37 GMT
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czaanum wrote on Sun, 08 January 2012 07:28The thrice bedamned golden apple..., what's Eris up to then these days? Still trapped?

Well, she never was one of the Twelve Olympians. But it was probably a bit hit on Imperious' ego to find out that she has a religion of her own...