Talminen (CG Lesser God of Freedom)
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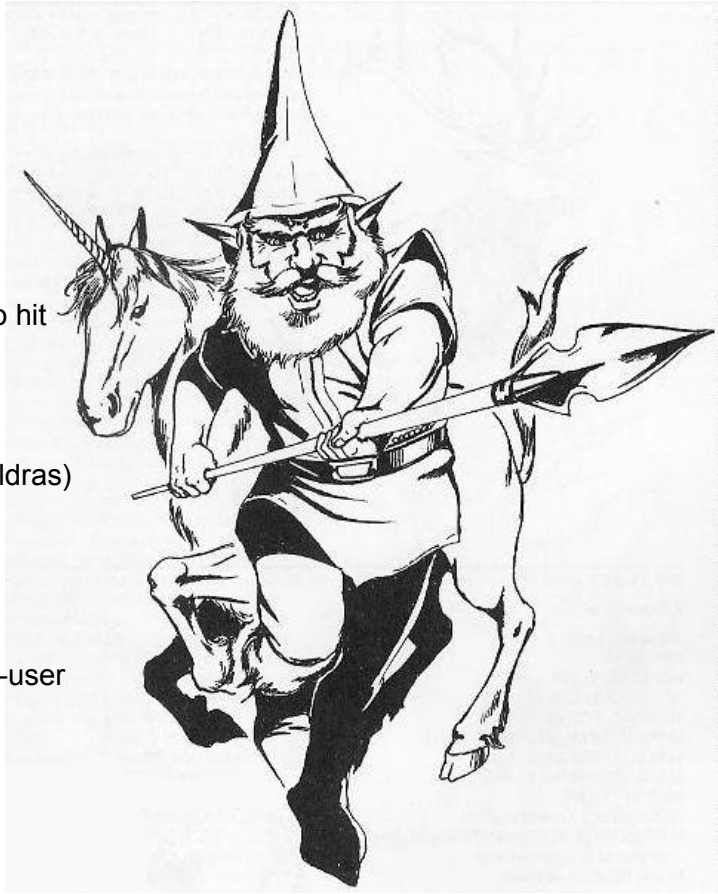

ARMOR CLASS: -1
MOVE: 12"
HIT POINTS: 302
NO. OF ATTACKS: 2
DAMAGE/ATTACK: 3-30 (+10)
SPECIAL ATTACKS: Nil
SPECIAL DEFENSES: + 2 or better weapon to hit
MAGIC RESISTANCE: 30%
SIZE: S (4½' tall)
ALIGNMENT: Chaotic good
WORSHIPERS ALIGNMENT: Chaotic good (uldras)
SYMBOL: The broken thorn
PLANE: Arcadia
CLERIC/DRUID: 10th level druid
FIGHTER: 10th level ranger
MAGIC-USER/ILLUSIONIST: 12th level magic-user
THIEF ASSASSIN: 15th-level thief
MONK/BARD: 3rd-level bard
PSIONIC ABILITY: I
Attack/Defense Modes: All/all
S: 22 (+4, +10)
I: 20
W: 23
D: 20
C: 25
Ch: 19 (25)
Co: 18 (22)
LEVEL/X.P. VALUE: (determine)

Talminen has the same father as Maitak, but a different mother; this mother was an uldric goddess who is now dead. Talminen resembles his brother in many aspects, although Talminen is a bit taller than Maitak and has a beard that is slightly grayer. Both Talminen and Maitak appear to be in their youthful stages.

Talminen's traveling partners are his half-brother Maitak and a unicorn named Anor Speedrunner (who is exceptionally intelligent and is of chaotic good alignment). Anor is AC 1, moves at 18", has 94 hp, does the usual damage inflicted by a normal unicorn, and fights like a 16+ HD monster. Anor only allows Talminen or Maitak ride upon him.

When the orcish gods imprisoned a great uldric lord who had beaten an orcish tribe, Talminen and Maitak went to the Nine Hells to speak on the lord's behalf. "Free him; he has only done what was right," said Talminen. Gruumsh looked down on the little uldric god and sneered.

"What he has done cannot be forgiven. No one defeats my people and lives. He shall be a prisoner for life; nay, he shall be a prisoner even after his death. He shall be a slave for infinity." He-Who-Never Sleeps laughed loudly and long.

"Then, One-Eye, there is nothing else to do," Talminen said, and began tearing down the fence of thorns that imprisoned the uldra. Talminen, Maitak, Anor, and the uldric lord escaped the wrath of Gruumsh because the orcish god was afraid of confronting Aslak, whom he had once fought. (Gruumsh did not actually lose this original confrontation; he was, however, forced to retreat, an action which was very dishonorable. This is one of the reasons why orcs and uldras hate each other with such violence.)

The story of the imprisoned uldra is the main reason Talminen is the patron of freedom; it also explains the symbol of the broken thorn. Talminen wields a magic spear like the one his brother owns. It was also a gift from his father.