

Hestia (NG Lesser Goddess of the Hearth)

by Fraser Sherman (from "Following In Their Footsteps", Dragon Magazine #153)

ARMOR CLASS: 0

MOVE: 12"

HIT POINTS: 166

NO. OF ATTACKS: Nil

DAMAGE/ATTACK: Nil

SPECIAL ATTACKS: See below

SPECIAL DEFENSES: See below

MAGIC RESISTANCE: 75%

SIZE: S (5')

ALIGNMENT: Neutral good

WORSHIPER'S ALIGNMENT:

Good, and all those with
homes and families

SYMBOL: Silver flame

PLANE: Prime Material

CLERIC/DRUID: 20th level cleric

FIGHTER: Nil

MAGIC-USER/ILLUSIONIST:

14th level magic-user

THIEF/ASSASSIN: Nil

MONK/BARD: 5th level bard

PSIONIC ABILITY: Nil

Attack/Defense Modes: Nil/nil

S: 16

I: 20

W: 25

D: 19

C: 23

Ch: 20

LEVEL/X.P. VALUE: (determine)

When half-mortal Dionysus was deified and entered Olympus, Zeus decreed that one of the other Olympians would have to step down. Hestia volunteered and now dwells on the Prime Material plane.

The goddess of the hearth is protector and patroness of the home and marriage, though she is a more gentle and affectionate governor of marriage than is Hera. She is skilled at cooking and fire-building, and she appears to be a quiet, motherly type, a quality that accounts for most of her charisma. She is the third virgin goddess, but her clerics, like Athena's, stay chaste only until marriage (which is regarded as an exalted state). At will, Hestia can *Create Food and Water* or cast *Sanctuary* (no saving throw), *ward* (with the effect of any glyph or symbol; no save) or endow someone with up to 50% magic resistance for one turn (this is done to protect only the helpless, never to protect an adventurer or a PC). She uses protective spells



rather than offensive ones wherever possible. As goddess of the hearth, Hestia's symbol is the friendly flame; no one within 100' of her takes any damage from fire.

Her church is a small, quiet one, but it has a loyal flock. Her clerics who go adventuring do so to protect or guard their people, never to gain fame for the church. These clerics tend to be proficient in fire building and cooking.