



Patametheus' Plight

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1 Prometheus

*The Titan reaches into the Earth, carving out humankind.
The Titan reaches into the Sun, plucks fire from its blinding radiance.
The Titan unites the two.*

A PLIGHT is a $(6.5)^3\text{cm}^3$ cube of porous gray calcium silica hydrates. Protruding from the center one of its faces is a small ridged metal wheel held in place by a metal frame. To one side of the wheel, and revealed by a hole in the frame is an interior chamber, which contains a pipe nearly 2mm in diameter. Inside this pipe, there is a valve, which controls access to a chamber of butane deep with in the cube. To the other side of the wheel is a red plastic leveler, which mimics a set of bellows. Under the wheel sits a piece of flint. Depressing the the side of the wheel and the bellows in turn causes the flint to spark which ignites released gas. Ergo, a PLIGHT is a lighter in a cube of cement.

1.1 The Cement

Torn from the earth, limestone is mixed with silica and brought to the very temperatures of hell. From the ashes, emerge stones named clinker, which are, in turn, ground into a fine powder. This is cement, the most utilized material in the Earth bound world. When combined with water, firm bonds are made, and in the space between, nanoscopic holes remain. Nearly all of these holes are connected in a series of bubbled caverns. Over a brief exothermic curing process, the material sets into a solid foam form.

1.2 The Fire

No one invented fire, but someone certainly invented the lighter.

1.3 The Gift

The PLIGHTS are all gifts. Hence they are, in and of themselves, worthless.

2 Epimetheus

Gifted want; the Titan gives.

Gifted burn the fire; the Titan watches.

Gifted seek fortune and destroy the object; the Titan weeps.

The object is given to another person along with the missive, “When the fire runs out, destroy it. There is a fortune inside.”

2.1 The Desire

2.2 The Destruction

2.3 The Dust

3 Patametheus

The Earth reaches into the Titan, carving out his huamnity.

The Sun reaches into the Titan, plucking out his fire and blinding him.

The Two unravel the Titan.

3.1 The Fame

3.2 The Shame

3.3 The Lane

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ON THE PRESERVATION OF LIFE: THE SETTING OF CEMENT IS AN
EXOTHERMIC PROCESS THAT CAN APPROACH DANGEROUS
TEMPERATURES. WHEN SET WITH THE DIMENSIONS PROVIDED,
THE PROCESS IS SAFE FOR A BIC MINI POCKET LIGHT.