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Gathering of the Gods



ZEUS: I have gathered you here on this holiest of grounds to discuss the fate of a mortal whose actions I sense could have grave implications to all of us here on Mount Olympus.



ATHENA: My lord, my father, it is Kratos of whom you speak. I have been his patron goddess these last 10 years as he has fought to stave off madness and earn our forgiveness.



ARES: The man is a fool. He turned his back on a gift so –



ZEUS: Enough, Ares. I know what he has done. And, might I add, I know why he did it. You should be ashamed.

ATHENA: Ares' actions were brutal, as always, My Lord. My oracles warn me that even now Ares is marshalling his forces to attack and destroy my fair city.

ARES: Athens, so called city of art, city of culture. It is nothing more than a festering pit filled with flabby aristocrats. Athens is a blight on mother Gaia herself! I will destroy your city, my dear sister.

ATHENA: Not if I stop you, my brother.

ZEUS: Enough, both of you. Your childish quibbles are your own, but I do not want this war encroaching on the steps of Mount Olympus. We have other worries. Kratos may very well alter the course of all our destinies.

ATHENA: He is quite insane, my lord. But he is strong.

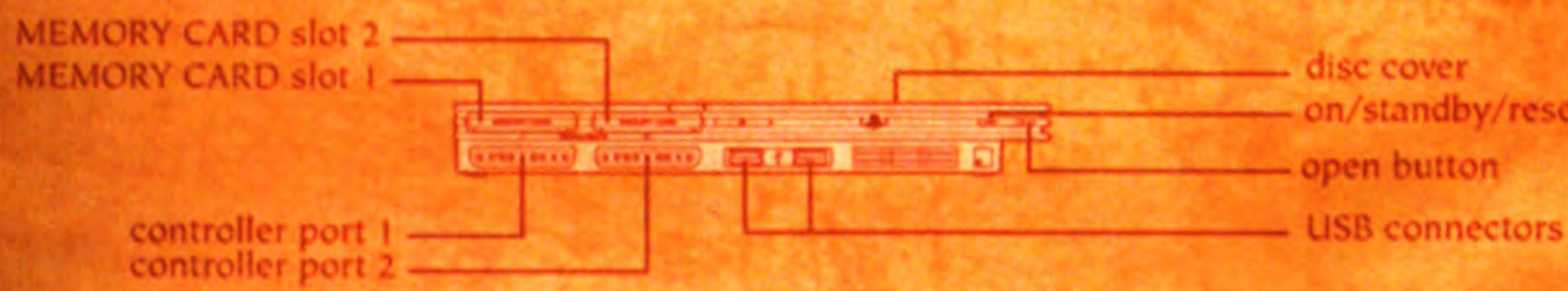
ARES: On that, we can agree.

ZEUS: Yes...he is strong. But one day he may grow too strong for his own good. And for ours.

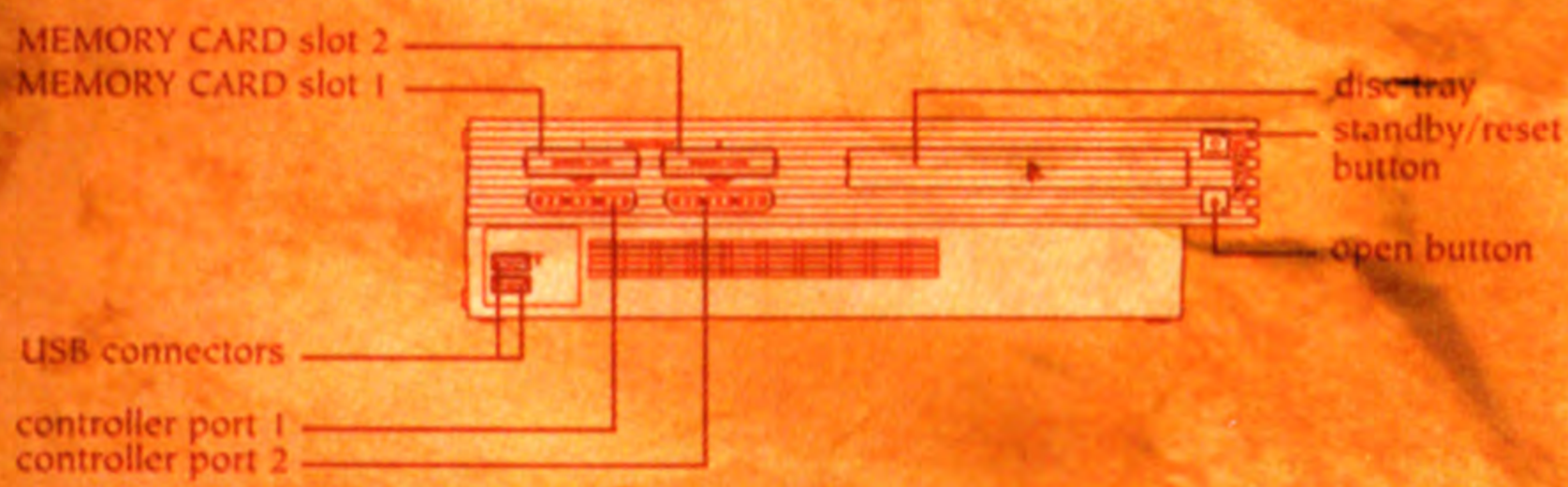


Getting Started

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PlayStation®2 computer entertainment system (original):



Setting Up Your PlayStation®2 Console

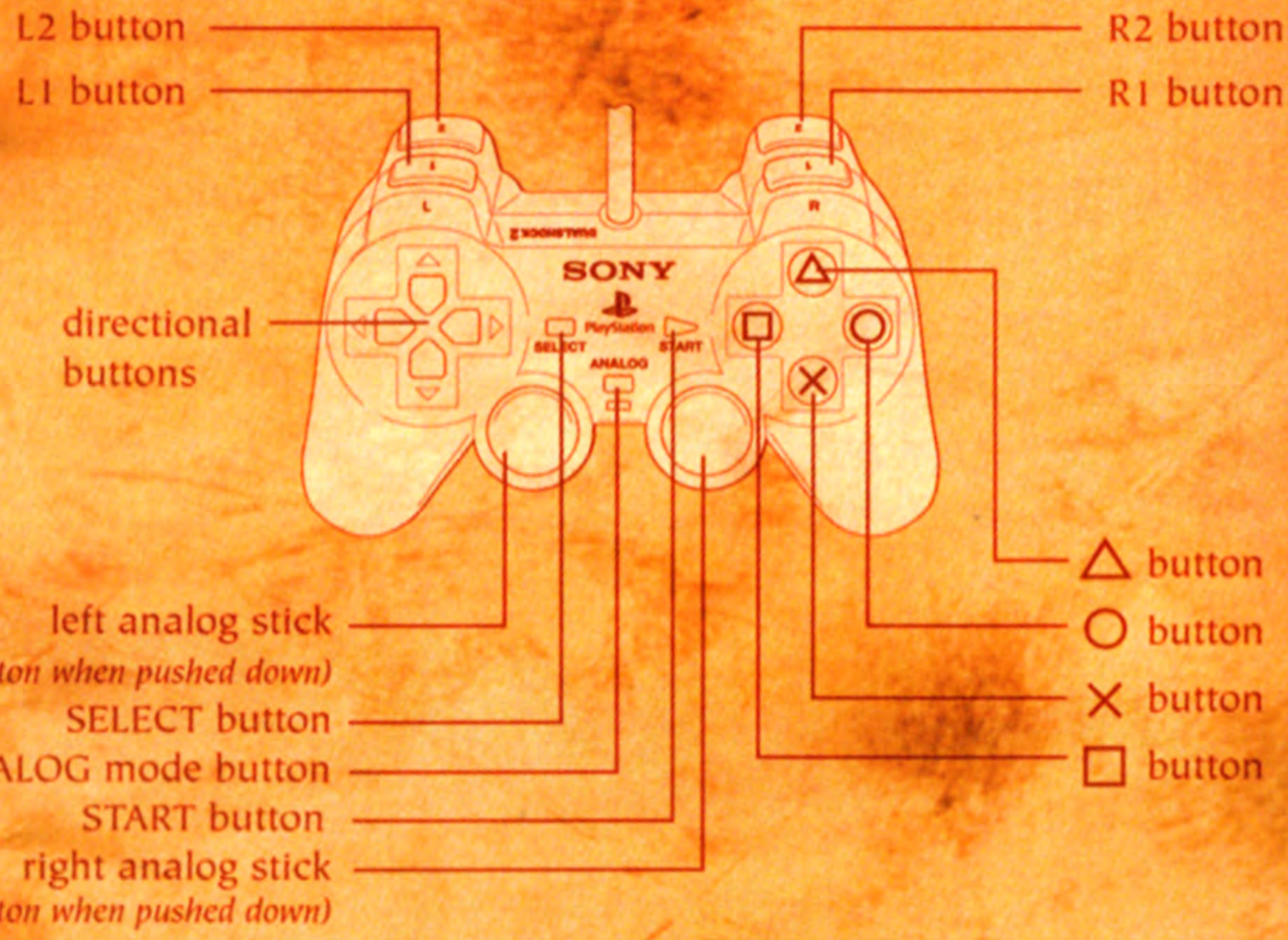
Set up your PlayStation®2 console according to the instructions in the manual. Make sure the MAIN POWER switch (located in the back of the console) is turned ON. Press the RESET button. When the power indicator turns green, press the OPEN ICON button and the disc tray will open. Place the God of War™ disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up. Press the OPEN button again and the disc tray will close. Attach a DUALSHOCK 2 analog controller and other peripherals, as appropriate. Follow on-screen instructions and refer to this manual for information on using the software.

Memory Card (8MB)(for PlayStation®2)

To save game settings and progress, insert a memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation 2) into memory card slot 1 or memory card slot 2 of your PlayStation 2 console. You can load saved game data from any memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation 2) containing previously saved data. NOTE: Unlocked Treasure Content on any memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation 2) inserted into memory card slot 1 or memory card slot 2 is automatically loaded at boot. If the PlayStation 2 console is booted without a memory card (8MB)(for PlayStation 2) containing Unlocked Treasure Content, all Treasure Content will remain locked. All available Unlocked Treasure Content from both memory cards will be saved to the selected memory card whenever the game is saved.

Starting Up

DUALSHOCK®2 ANALOG CONTROLLER CONFIGURATIONS



Starting a New Game and Game Saves

Choose New Game at the Main Menu. Game progress is saved at certain points in the game when activating a Save Altar by pressing R2. When asked if you would like to create a God of War save file, choose Yes and press ✕. God of War has slots for up to four different save files. God of War offers four different difficulty configurations: Mortal = Easy, Hero = Normal, Spartan = Hard and God (Very Hard). Note: God of War must be completed in Mortal, Hero or Spartan Mode to unlock God Mode. If you want to resume a saved game, select Load at the Main Menu and then choose the save file you wish to load.

The Game Screen



Blade Icon



Kratos' Blade Icon can be found in the top left corner of the screen. The Blade Icon contains three separate meters in one — Health, Magic and Orbs — and displays the current Magic you have selected.

Health Meter

The Health Meter is a green bar found inside the Blade Icon. It is refilled by collecting Green Health Orbs from fallen enemies and glowing green chests.

Magic Meter

The Magic Meter is a blue bar found inside the Blade Icon. Collecting Blue Magic Orbs from fallen enemies and glowing blue chests refill it.

Power Up Meter

The Power Up Meter is a red bar found inside the Blade Icon. It is used to power up Kratos' Blades and Magic. Collecting Red Power Up Orbs fills it. They are gained by breaking environmental objects, from fallen enemies, glowing red chests and non-glowing chests.

Magic Selection

Kratos will gain many new and powerful Magic abilities. The Magic Icon can be found on the left side of the Blade Icon and represents the current Magic the player has selected. Use the directional buttons ⬆, ⬇, ⬅ and ➡ to choose from available Magic abilities.

Rage of the Gods Meter



Once the Rage of the Gods is acquired, the Meter located in the bottom right corner of the screen will slowly fill as Kratos fights and defeats his enemies. When completely full, Kratos can temporarily draw upon the Rage of the Gods by pressing L3 + R3 simultaneously. This meter will fill faster as Kratos does bigger attack combos. While in Rage of the Gods mode, Kratos' gains new attacks that do more damage than his normal combat moves.

Controls

Menu Controls

START	Access Menu Screens
SELECT	Pause Game/Options Menu
Left analog stick / directional buttons	Highlight/menu item
✕	Select menu item
△	Previous screen
L1 / R1	Scroll Menu Screens

On Ground Controls

Left analog stick	Walk/Run/Climb
Right analog stick	Evade
✕	Jump
✕ then ✕	Double Jump
□	Normal Attack
△	Heavy Attack
○	Grab enemies
L1	Block (and Parry enemy if attack is blocked at right time)
↑, ↓, ←, →	Select Magic (when acquired)
L2	Use Item/Magic
R2	Action/Interact with world

L3 + R3 (pressed simultaneously)	Rage of the Gods (when Rage Meter is full)
△ (hold)	Launch and follow enemy into the Air
✕ (when launching enemy in air)	Super Jump
○ (when an enemy is in air)	Chain Grab
START	Access Menu Screens
Hold R2 and press ✕ to charge and release	To Kick Objects

In Air Basics

□	Horizontal Attack
△	Vertical Attack
○ (when Kratos and enemy are in air)	Air Grab
L1	Block
Directional buttons ↑, ↓, ←, →	Select Magic (when acquired)
L2	Use Item/Magic
R1	Hercules Stomp
○ (hold)	Rope Swing (when hanging on a rope)

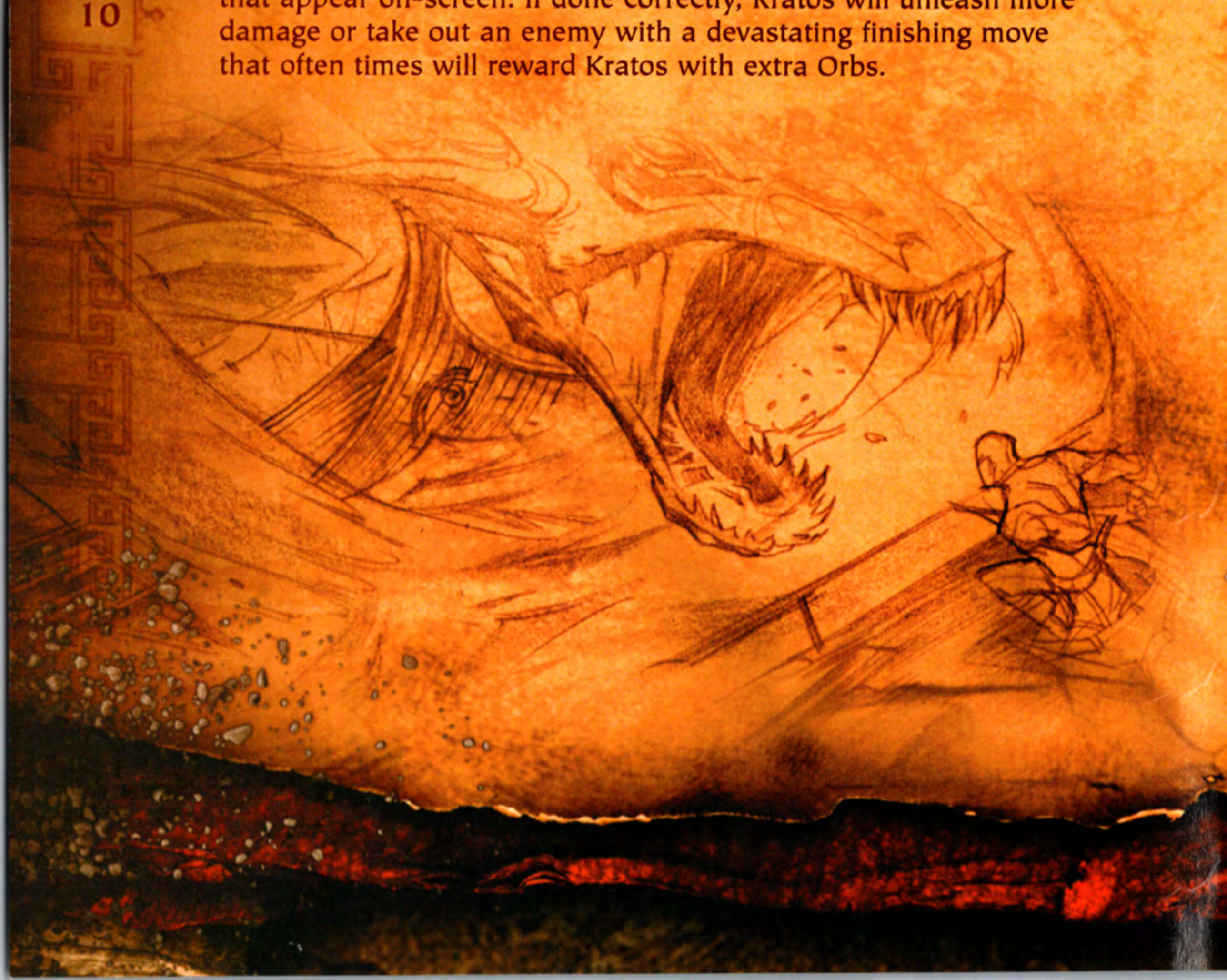
Attacks / Moves

Combos

Kratos can unleash devastating attacks that can be linked together to create a string of combos, capable of creating massive damage. By striking, swinging, and even using the Blades of Chaos to catch and impale his enemies, he can execute both short-range and long-range attacks. Kratos will earn more red orbs for higher numbered combos.

Context Sensitive Attacks

Once an enemy has been damaged enough, a context sensitive button icon will appear over the enemy's head. Press the corresponding button and then time and execute a series of button presses (□, ○, ✕, and △) and/or left analog stick directions that appear on-screen. If done correctly, Kratos will unleash more damage or take out an enemy with a devastating finishing move that often times will reward Kratos with extra Orbs.



Menu Screens

Pressing START during gameplay pauses the game and gives you access to the Menu Screens (Power Up, Moves and Items). Use L1 and R1 to scroll between the screens and ⬆ and ⬇ to highlight an option.

Power Up Menu

Kratos will acquire new abilities, which then can be upgraded by using the Red Orbs he's collected. Select a Weapon or Magic to be powered up and then hold down ⊗ to upgrade. An Orb meter shows how many Red Orbs Kratos has in his inventory and how many are required to power up the Magic or weapon.

Moves Menu

The Moves Menu displays all of the current combos and moves that have been unlocked. At the start of his quest, Kratos will only have a few of these moves, but as he gains new Magic and abilities, the list will grow substantially.

Items Menu

The Items Menu displays the Special Items Kratos has uncovered. These Special Items are cleverly stashed away in chests throughout Greece.



Upgrades

Both Kratos' Blades of Chaos and the Magic abilities can be upgraded by using the Red Orbs he's collected. These can be powered up multiple times, increasing their power and abilities. The Blades of Chaos can be upgraded up to five levels.

Special Items

In addition to Orbs, Kratos can find Special Items that will greatly increase his powers. Of course, items such as these are not easy to come by. Only a true warrior will be able to uncover and collect them all. You can view the Special Items you've acquired by pressing START and using L1 or R1 to scroll to the Items Menu.

Magic

As Magic abilities are acquired, use ⬆, ⬇, ⬅ and ➡ to choose a Magic, and then execute the move or combo required to unleash it.



ZEUS: *Even though I have forbidden the Gods from waging war against each other, our powers are our own to do with as we please. I believe Athena's concern rings true. We must help this mortal stop Ares. But I say it must be done with caution. We can impart these gifts of Olympus to Kratos, but first we must see that he is, indeed, worthy to wield them.*

Poseidon's Rage



Attack multiple foes at once with this powerful gift from lord Poseidon.

L2 . . . . . .Poseidon's Rage

L2 + ○ (tap rapidly) . . . . . .Wrath of Poseidon

Medusa's Gaze

Turn enemies to stone with the head of a Gorgon.

L2 (hold) + □ (hold) . . . . . .Gorgon Torrent

L2 (hold) + △ . . . . . .Gorgon Flash

L2 + ○ (hold) . . . . . .Gorgon Rage

ZEUS' FURY



Attack enemies from a distance using Zeus' powerful thunderbolts.

L2 (hold) + ▢ . . . . . .Zeus' Fury

L2 (hold) + △ (charge then release) . . . . . .Might of Zeus

ARMY OF HADES



Summon the souls of the dead to fight at your side.

L2 . . . . . .Summon the Army of Hades

BLADE OF ARTEMIS



Equip this ancient blade to dismember your enemies at close range.

L1 (hold) + R1 (hold) .....Summon and Sheath Sword

L1 (hold) + ✕ .....Wrath of Artemis

L1 (hold) + □ .....Revenge of Artemis

L1 (hold) + △ (hold) .....Ascension of Artemis

L1 (hold) + ○ .....Retribution of Artemis

SUICIDE BLUFFS

TEMPLE OF THE ORACLE

ATHENS

AEGEAN SEA

HADES

OLYMPUS

ZEUS MOUNTAIN

DESERT OF LOST SOULS

PANDORA'S TEMPLE

Map of Athens



ZEUS: It is with heavy heart I look down on Athens and bear witness to my son's destruction. The city is on the edge of ruin and I fear the oracle's prophecy is true... only a mortal can save it from falling. Even now, Ares crushes its buildings underfoot, unleashing the beasts of the underworld upon its citizens. If this pale skinned mortal is to save my daughter's city, he must fight his way through its streets and find the Temple of the Oracle. It is there that he will learn the only way to kill a god.





Map of Desert



ZEUS: The path through the Desert of Lost Souls is for fools, and one that can only lead to death and misery for those seeking the reward at its end. If the fierce winds and choking sands do not strip the flesh off the bones of those foolish enough to crawl across its vast dunes, the lure of the terrible Sirens, whose hypnotic song cannot be ignored, will surely lead them to a gruesome demise. Only true warriors with the strength and fortitude to follow their call will reach the other side unscathed. If this mortal Kratos can complete such a task, he will find the Horns of Pandora, which have the power to summon a Titan.



Map of Pandora



ZEUS: *It seems like a cruel fate, but my father Kronos deserves far worse. Once the ruler of the mighty Titans, it was I who dethroned him and seized the power for myself. As punishment, I commanded him to wander the desert endlessly, the massive Temple of Pandora chained atop his back. Inside this cursed temple, a weapon powerful enough to kill a god. Is it possible that Kratos can overcome these deadly obstacles and foul beasts and retrieve it? Could he succeed where no other mortal could? Athena has chosen well, no doubt. Perhaps Athens will survive after all.*



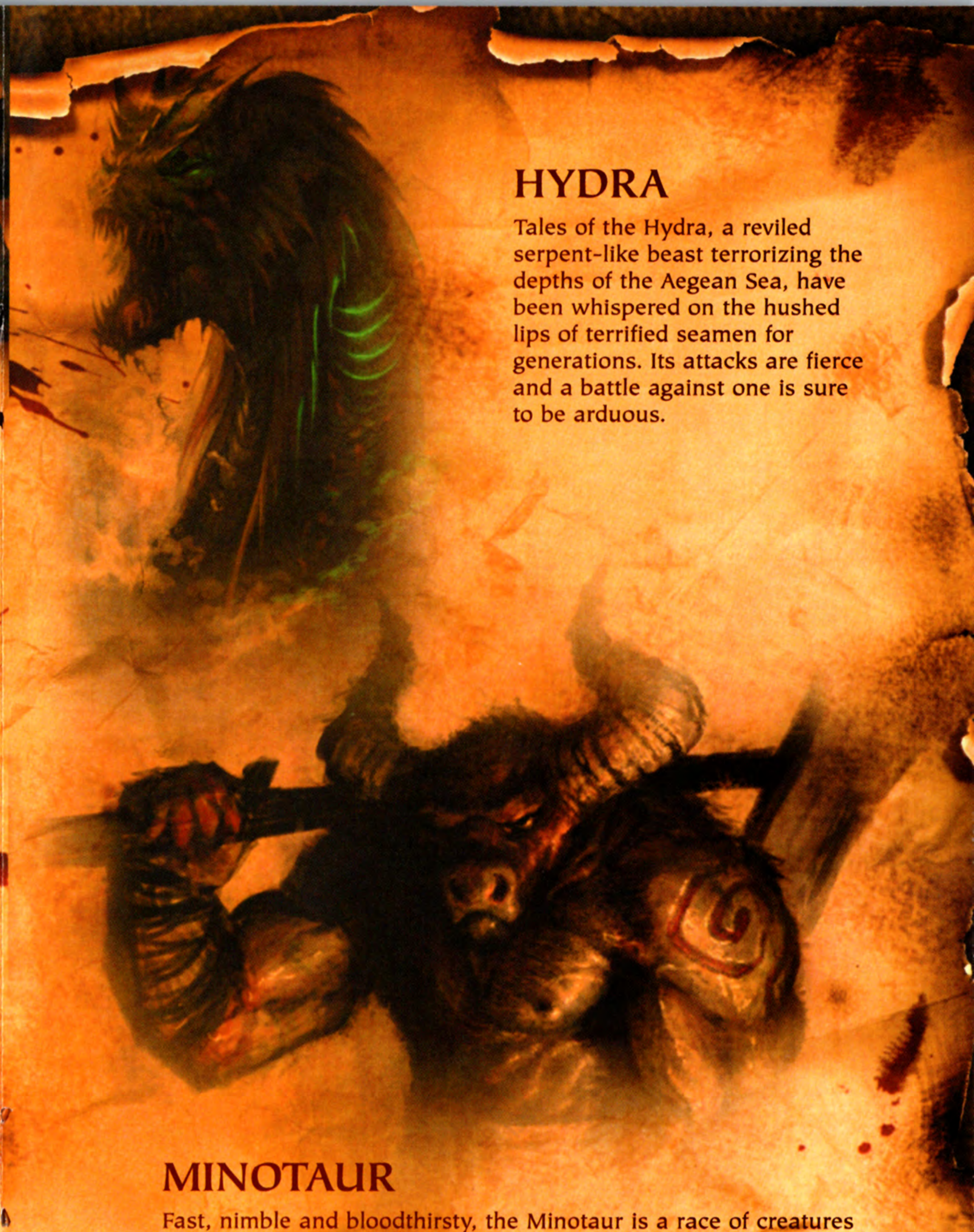
Beasts of the Ancient World



ARES: Beasts, creatures, legions of undead. I have plundered them all beneath Hades' very nose and have unleashed them upon Greece. I do not doubt Kratos possesses great strength and brutality, as I am the one who unleashed the black depths of his soul, but if the gods really believe he can stave off the hordes of evil that I have unleashed, then they are greater fools than I ever imagined.

UNDEAD LEGIONNAIRES

Once proud warriors, Ares reanimated these wretched souls trained in the art of war. They will attempt to divide and conquer, surrounding their prey and attacking from all sides in quick, devastating strikes. Grabbing these enemies with ◉ and then rapidly pressing ◉ will leach Orbs from their rotting bodies.



HYDRA

Tales of the Hydra, a reviled serpent-like beast terrorizing the depths of the Aegean Sea, have been whispered on the hushed lips of terrified seamen for generations. Its attacks are fierce and a battle against one is sure to be arduous.

MINOTAUR

Fast, nimble and bloodthirsty, the Minotaur is a race of creatures that are half-man and half-bull. It is said that once weakened, knocking them to the ground when ◉ appears and then rapidly tapping ◉ will cleave their heads in two.

Cyclops

Huge one-eyed behemoths with a penchant for human flesh, these lumbering beasts helped build Mount Olympus for the Gods. Possessing thick hides, huge weapons and battle-worn skin, the Cyclops are almost invulnerable, but their weakness lies in their one large eye, hit ◉ when it appears above the beast's head to gain lots of experience orbs.



Harpies

These disgusting bird-like creatures are in the service of Ares. They have the heads of grotesque maidens and possess long claws and faces pale with hunger. Agile and airborne, their swift attacks and lithe flying bodies make them a difficult target while in the air. Grabbing them with ◉ will kill them with one hit BUT will give Kratos no experience.

Gorgons

Once beautiful young women with long, silky hair, they were punished for their infidelity by Athena and transformed into hideous serpent-like monsters. Their beautiful hair was twisted into nests of hissing snakes and their stares could turn any living thing that looked upon them instantly into stone. If one could manage to decapitate Medusa, the queen of the Gorgons, her severed head gives him the ability to turn any other monsters into stone. Engaging a Gorgon when it is weakened by pressing ◉ and then correctly executing the left analog stick movements will provide magic-giving Blue Orbs.



Wraiths

Ares reclaimed these corpses as part of his undead army and have sent them out to serve his will. These foul beasts are equipped with razor sharp claws with which they use to burrow under the ground and then launch an attack when their enemy's guard is down. They are strong, no doubt, but they can be easily grabbed and thrown to the ground.



Sirens

The Sirens were transported to the Desert of Lost Souls where their beautiful songs lured those seeking Pandora's Box. It is said that, by locating and killing three of these magical creatures, the path to the Temple of Pandora will be revealed.

Cerberus Dogs

These three-headed, dragon tailed dogs freely roam the Temple. In addition to their razor sharp teeth, and fiery projectiles these filthy creatures can vomit up small puppies that, if given the opportunity, will quickly develop into full-grown beasts.



CENTAURS

Half man, half horse, these savage creatures are much more beast than human. They possess the strength and intellect of both races.

SATYRS

Like the Centaurs, the Satyrs are a mixed breed of creature and man. They are strong, quick and nimble, which makes them ideal for close combat. By grabbing them with ◉ and then rapidly pressing ◉, it's possible to engage them in a battle of strength.

Relics of the Ancient World

Orbs

These Orbs come in three different colors: Red, Green and Blue – each serving a distinct purpose. Red Orbs are Power Up Orbs, which can be used to upgrade Kratos' weapons and Magic abilities.

Red Orbs can be found by destroying environmental objects, from fallen enemies, opening glowing red chests and non-glowing chests.

Green Orbs are Health Orbs and will refill Kratos' Health Meter. Green Orbs can be gained by killing enemies and opening glowing green chests.

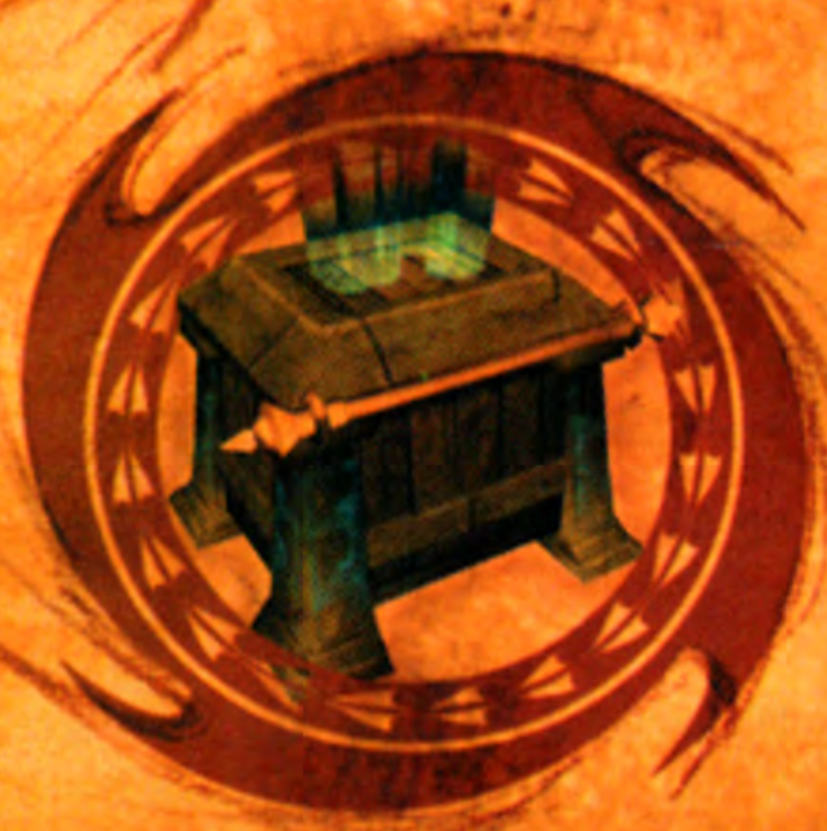
Blue Orbs are Magic Orbs and refill Kratos' Magic Meter. Blue Orbs can be collected off of fallen enemies, as well as from glowing blue chests.



Chests

Throughout his quest, Kratos will often find chests – some of which are cleverly hidden within the environment. These chests hold a variety of useful items that will surely aid the warrior in his quest. To open a chest, stand in front of it and press and hold R2.





Save Altar

A glowing ray of light from the gods will provide a vessel from which Kratos will be able to save his progress. Any time you come across one of these Save Altars, step into the light and press R2 to save your game.





Gorgon Eyes

Gorgon's Eyes are imbued with mysterious life giving properties. It is said that by collecting six eyes from a Gorgon, your Health Meter will increase one level.

Phoenix Feathers

The magical feathers of the mythical phoenix have the power to grant their owner enhanced magic. It is said that by collecting six of them, your Magic Meter will increase by one level.





Poseidon's Trident

The Trident of Lord Poseidon. Once found, Kratos will be able to swim and breathe underwater. To swim up, hold △, to swim down, hold □ and to dash with a speed burst, hold R1 to charge and then release.

Hades' Shield

One of two shields used by the gods in the war against the Titans, when used in conjunction with a second shield, Hades' shield holds the power to grant passage deeper into Pandora's Temple. Beware of traps that may befall those who attempt to take it.





Zeus' Shield

The second of two shields used by the gods in the war against the Titans, Zeus' shield, when set within its place of honor along another, will grant passage deeper into Pandora's Temple.

Muse Keys

The Muses are the daughters of Zeus. As the goddesses of music, poetry, the arts, and science, the Muses embodied the more civilized aspects of human existence. Only two of the Muse keys exist in the world. If uncovered, they may lead their owner to untold riches.





Necklace of Hera

A beautiful piece of jewelry only befit for a god. Hidden deep inside the Temple of Pandora, when found and used in conjunction with a second necklace, its powers may reveal new paths.

Necklace of Aphrodite

A second necklace hidden inside the Temple of Pandora. When paired with it's sister, this mysterious trinket may help its owner continue his quest.





Nyads

They are known to preside over bodies of fresh-water. Kiss these daughters of Poseidon when you encounter them, if you can catch them.

People of the Ancient World

Athena: There are other roles in this tragedy that must be filled. These players will face danger, love, redemption and, ultimately death. It is unfortunate, but it is the will of the gods and it must be so.



Oracle of Athens

The Oracle of Athens resides in a great temple inside the city walls. Bearer of light and truth, she possesses knowledge of a weapon powerful enough to kill a god.



The Body Burner

The first to attempt to uncover the treasures of Pandora, this poor soul was punished by the gods for his failure. His curse is to forever watch over the entrance, opening its gates for those foolish enough to follow in his footsteps, and then throwing their dead bodies on its pyre.



The Gravedigger of Athens

This strange, senile old man can be found digging a grave for Kratos in Athens. For a peasant, he seems to know much about the Spartan warrior.

Wife of Kratos

The young and beautiful wife of the Spartan warrior, when all else feared and worshipped him, she was the only one to brave his fury.

Daughter of Kratos

Kratos' only child, loves her father yet is afraid of his fury and rage.

The Villiage Oracle

This oracle watches over a temple in a small farming village on the outskirts of Athens. The temple, built to offer prayers to Athena, holds something forbidden to Kratos.

Architect of the Temple of Pandora

Loyal subject and architect of the gods, the Architect and his two sons dedicated their lives to building Pandora's Temple. It is said that he may still be alive inside its walls, still trying to appease the gods who abandoned him years ago.

Gods

ATHENA



Athena is the daughter of Zeus. She is a fierce and brave warrior, but only fights when her city is in peril from outside enemies. She is the goddess of the city of Athens and is the embodiment of wisdom, reason, and purity.

POSEIDON



Second only in eminence to his brother, Zeus, Poseidon is the ruler of the Seas. Carrying a trident with which he can shake and shatter whatever he pleases, Poseidon can bring the rage of the ocean down upon those who anger him.

ZEUS



The supreme ruler of the Gods, Zeus reigns over the sky, while his brothers Poseidon and Hades rule the Seas and underworld. As lord of the sky and rain, Zeus wields deadly thunderbolts, which he can hurl at those who displease him.



ARES

The God of War, Ares is the son of Zeus and Hera, both of whom detest him. Considered murderous and bloodstained, Ares is also a coward and will find and manipulate others to do his bidding.



ARTEMIS

Apollo's twin sister and daughter of Zeus, Artemis is one of the three maiden goddesses of Olympus. As overseer of the wilderness, the hunt and wild animals, Artemis protects them fiercely using her giant blade.



APHRODITE

Daughter of Zeus, Aphrodite is the goddess of love and beauty. Filled with light and love, Aphrodite possesses the power to steal away the hearts of gods and mortals alike.



HADES

The underworld is hidden in the earth — a joyless place where the dead slowly fade into nothingness. It is the kingdom of the dead and ruled over by Hades, brother of Zeus and god of the underworld. Hades is a greedy god who is greatly concerned with increasing his subjects.

Treasures of Olympus

Unlocked at Beginning of God of War

The Making of God of War
Learn how God of War went from single idea to finished game.
Press ⊗ to play.

God of War Trailers (both Original Teaser and Magic Teaser)
Internet trailers used to introduce God of War.
Press ⊗ to play Trailer 1.
Press □ to play Trailer 2.

Defeat the Game on Mortal/Hero/Spartan mode

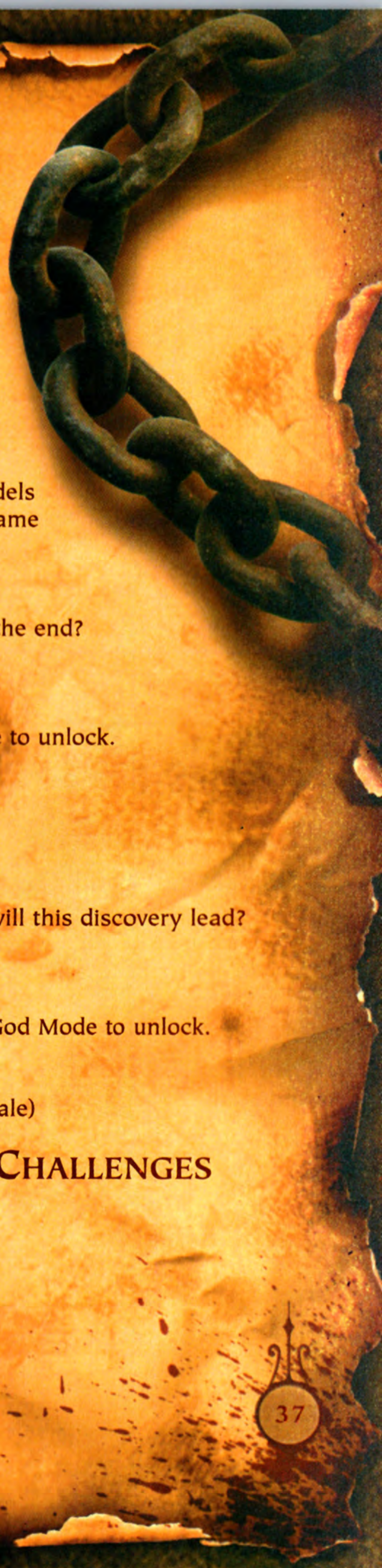
Credits
The Creative Team behind God of War. Beat the game to unlock.

Deleted Levels
See levels that were cut from God of War. Beat the game to unlock.

Heroic Possibilities
See the evolution of Kratos. Beat the game to unlock.

Visions of Ancient Greece
See how the levels of God of War were designed.
Beat the game to unlock.

Monsters of Myth
See how the monsters of God of War were designed.
Beat the game to unlock.



The Birth of the Beast
Discover a secret from Kratos' past. Could this be his next adventure? Beat the game to unlock.

God Mode
The most difficult version of God of War. Advanced players only. Beat the game to unlock

Character Graveyard
Visit the Character Graveyard and see 3D models that did not make it into the game. Beat the game to unlock.

Challenge of the Gods
10 Rooms, 10 challenges. Can you make it to the end? Beat the game to unlock.

In-Game Movies
Watch All the In-Game Movies. Beat the game to unlock.

Defeat the Game on Spartan mode (only)

A Secret Revealed
Discover the secret of Kratos' family. Where will this discovery lead? Beat God Mode to unlock.

The Fate of the Titan
What has become of Kronos the Titan? Beat God Mode to unlock.

Secret Message 1
(beat the game on God Mode - God Mode Finale)

Defeat the God of War Challenges

Additional Costumes
New costumes for Kratos.
Beat the Challenge of the Gods to unlock.

Secret Message 2
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