



Ceryneian Hind

According to Greek legend, this was a female deer with golden antlers and hooves of bronze. Artemis, the god of the hunt, treated it as a sacred animal. No hunter could capture it. It could outrun any arrow. The hero Heracles was challenged to capture the deer as one of the twelve impossible tasks he had to achieve. He had to capture it without hurting it, so as not to offend Artemis. It took Heracles a year, but he finally succeeded in this task.