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## DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

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A VOICE FROM SPACE.

CHORUS OF SPIRITS.

ELOHIM.

IMMANUEL.

JOVE.

APOLLO.

BRAHMA.

ORMUZD.

AHRIMAN.

ODIN.

BAAL.

PERUN.

MANITO.

MAN.

THE SEA.

THE MOUNTAINS.

THE RIVERS.

THE TREES.

THE SERPENTS.

THE WOLVES.

THE CAVERNS.

THE ROCKS.



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### SCENE I.

*The high table-land of Pamere. Midnight. The distant snow-peaks of the Himalayas, the Hindoo-Koosh, and the Kuen-Lün shining in the moonlight. At first, silence; then, slowly and indistinctly,*

#### THE ROCKS.

WE scarcely change, though wind and rain and  
thunder

Blow, beat, and fall, for many a thousand years ;  
And yet we miss the dread, the ignorant wonder,  
The dark, stern being, born of human fears.  
The stains of blood, upon our bases sprinkled,  
Are washed away ; the fires no longer flame :  
The stars behold our foreheads still unwrinkled ;  
We were, and are, but Man is not the same.

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### THE CAVERNS.

With murmurs, vibrations,  
With rustlings and whispers,  
And voices of darkness,

We breathe as of old.

Through the roots of the mountains,  
Under beds of the rivers,

We wander and deepen

In silence and cold.

But the language of terror,  
Foreboding, or promise,  
The mystical secrets

That made us sublime,

Have died in our keeping :

Our speech is confusion :

We mark but the empty

Rotations of Time.