

New Dark Historical Fantasy Retelling - *The Shadow and Scepter* by Shawn McMichael and Timothy Manley



New York City, New York Jun 2, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - New historical fantasy epic blends Greek mythology, dark fantasy, and ancient civilizations in a sweeping adventure of prophecy, divine relics, and immortal enemies.

Readers looking for epic fantasy infused with Greek mythology, ancient civilizations, and relentless action now have a new world to enter with the release of *The Shadow and Scepter* by Shawn McMichael and Timothy Manley. Published by Chartis Media, LLC, the novel launches on **May 19, 2026**, delivering a fast-moving journey through a realm where shattered gods, forgotten kingdoms, and ancient evils threaten everything that remains.

A dark and epic reimagining of the Selene and Endymion Greek myth, told as if ripped from the pages of **Homer's Odyssey**.

Once, the gods went to war. **Selene, the Goddess of the Moon**, was struck down. Her tears fell as

stars across a broken world. The dark one was imprisoned. But not destroyed. **Coruk-Azul**. The one-eyed god of death. His shadow has never left.

Hidden among the remnants of that forgotten age lies the **Scepter of Selene**, a divine relic once capable of maintaining balance between gods and mortals. Now broken into scattered fragments, the scepter has become the center of a brutal race that could reshape the fate of the world.

Endymion, a healer from distant Miletus, never sought glory or war. But after arriving in the Greek colony of Phanagoria at the edge of civilization, Endymion is drawn into a deadly conflict alongside warriors, exiles, and survivors bound together by prophecy, secrets, and survival.

Because something ancient is rising.

Vädumir.

Undying conqueror. Cursed warlord. A tyrant who has outlived kingdoms and buried entire empires beneath blood and ash. For centuries, Vädumir has hunted the fragments of the scepter. No one who has stood in the way has survived.

If the relic is restored, balance may return to a dying world. If it fails, something far worse may awaken beneath the ruins of the gods.

Enter a world where **Homer's Odyssey** meets **The Shadow of the Gods** in a dark Greek epic fantasy where ancient gods, dragons, and an undying vampire warlord collide over a shattered divine relic.

The Shadow and Scepter is a rich historical fantasy epic perfect for readers of Bernard Cornwell, John Gwynne, Joe Abercrombie, and Jay Kristoff. Get your copy and begin your journey into Méhns Móri.

Shawn McMichael and Timothy Manley first developed their love for storytelling as Navy brats growing up on Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. Decades of shared imagination, role-playing adventures, and creative collaboration eventually became *The Shadow and Scepter*, the first novel set within the world of Méhns Móri, a realm inspired by history, myth, and heroic fantasy traditions.

Shawn McMichael draws inspiration from history and mythology, informed by extensive travel across more than thirty countries and a background spanning communications, education, software, and gaming. Timothy Manley, author of multiple science fiction and fantasy works, including the Earthborn Saga, brings years of expertise in world-building and narrative design to the collaboration.

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