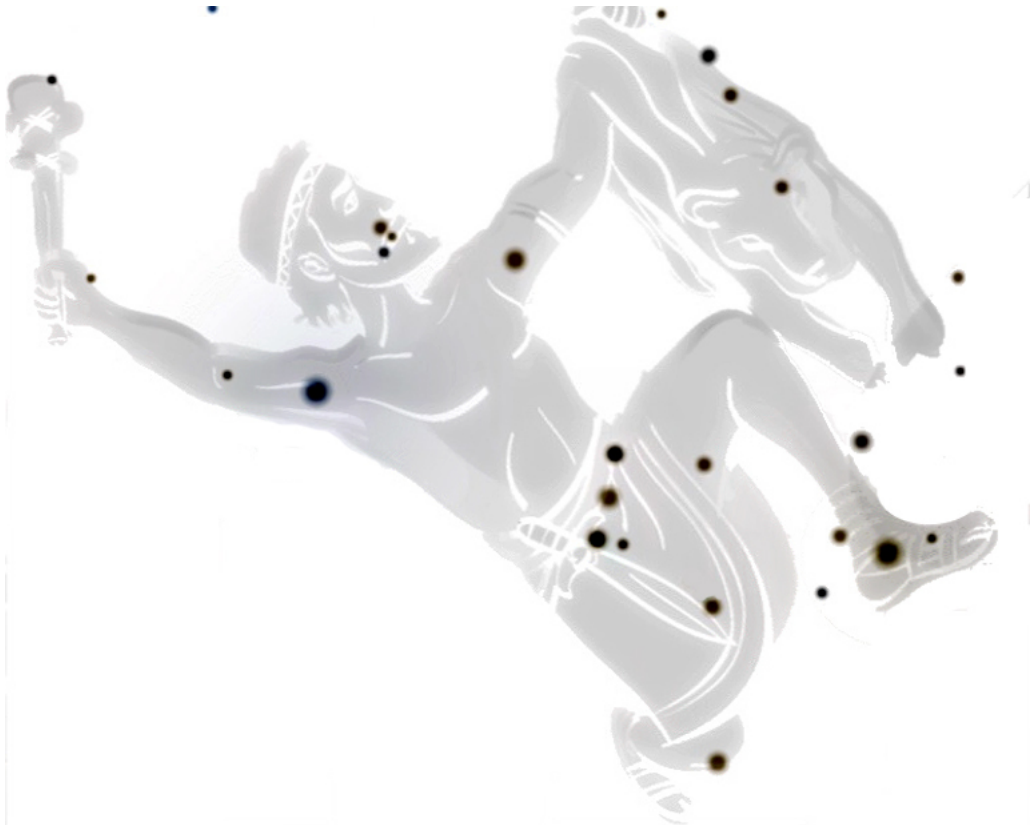


Hunter (Orion)



Once upon a time... there was a giant and brave hunter, Orion, who was at the service of the hunting goddess, Artemis. One day, he boasted that he could kill any animal and would be able to exterminate all the animals on Earth. The goddess Gaia, protector of the Earth, did not like what Orion said and sent a scorpion to kill him. After his death, Zeus allowed Orion to stay forever in the skies at Artemis' request. However, Zeus kept the scorpion and its victim always apart, and for this reason, the two constellations never appear at the same time in the sky. The hunter figures in the celestial sphere holding a shield in his left hand and a club in his right hand. Accompanying him are his two hunting dogs (greater dog and smaller dog), as well as the hare, his game.

The modern constellation of the Hunter (Orion)

