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In the 19th century, public opinion was keen for children to learn English, and many schools punished children for speaking Welsh, though studies found such methods ineffective. The government did little to promote bilingual education. Grammar schools experienced difficulties and, by the end of the period, secondary education was limited. Dissenter academies and theological colleges offered higher education. (Full article...) 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Smith Ron Taylor Mohammad Kazemi Marita Camacho Quirós Nominate an article June 25 Original rainbow flag 1658 – Anglo-Spanish War: The largest battle ever fought on Jamaica, the three-day Battle of Rio Nuevo, began. 1910 – The United States Congress passed the Mann Act, which prohibited the interstate transport of females for "immoral purposes". 1944 – World War II: U.S. Navy and Royal Navy ships bombarded Cherbourg, France, to support U.S. Army units engaged in the Battle of Cherbourg. 1978 – The rainbow flag (original version pictured) representing gay pride was first flown at the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day parade. 2009 – Singer Michael Jackson died as a result of the combination of drugs in his body. Giovanni Battista Riccioli (d. 1671)Eloísa Díaz (b. 1866)George Michael (b. 1963)Farrah Fawcett (d. 2009) More anniversaries: June 24 June 25 June 26 Archive By email List of days of the year About 1795 Turban Head eagle with original reverse 1797 Turban Head eagle with heraldic eagle reverse The Turban Head eagle was a ten-dollar gold piece, or eagle, struck by the United States Mint from 1795 to 1804. The piece was designed by Robert Scot, and was the first in the eagle series, which continued until the Mint ceased striking gold coins for circulation in 1933. The common name is a misnomer; Liberty does not wear a turban but a cap, believed by some to be a pileus or Liberty cap: her hair twisting around the headgear makes it appear to be a turban. The number of stars on the obverse was initially intended to be equal to the number of states in the Union, but with the number at 16, that idea was abandoned in favor of using 13 stars in honor of the original states. The initial reverse, featuring an eagle with a wreath in its mouth, proved unpopular and was replaced by a heraldic eagle. Increases in the price of gold made it profitable for the coins to be melted down, and in 1804, President Thomas Jefferson ended coinage of eagles; the denomination was not struck again for circulation for more than 30 years. These Turban Head eagles are in the National Numismatic Collection at the National Museum of American History. Coin design credit: United States Mint; photographed by Jaclyn Nash Recently featured: Springbok Geraldine Ulmar Shah Mosque (Isfahan) Archive More featured pictures Community portal – The central hub for editors, with resources, links, tasks, and announcements. Village pump – Forum for discussions about Wikipedia itself, including policies and technical issues. Site news – Sources of news about Wikipedia and the broader Wikimedia movement. Teahouse – Ask basic questions about using or editing Wikipedia. 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Unsourced material may be challenged and removed.Find sources: "1658" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR (January 2016) (Learn how and when to remove this message) Calendar year Years Millennium 2nd millennium Centuries 16th century 17th century 18th century Decades 1630s 1640s 1650s 1660s 1670s Years 1655 1656 1657 1658 1659 1660 1661 vte January 30: Swedish troops cross the frozen waters of the Danish straits on foot in the March Across the Belts 1658 by topic Arts and science Architecture Art Literature Music Science Leaders State leaders Colonial governors Religious leaders Birth and death categories Births – Deaths Establishments and disestablishments categories Establishments – Disestablishments Works category Works vte 1658 in various calendarsGregorian calendar1658MDCLVIIIAb urbe condita2411Armenian calendar1107ԹՎ ՌՃԷAssyrian calendar6408Balinese saka calendar1579–1580Bengali calendar1064–1065Berber calendar2608English Regnal year9 Cha. 2 – 10 Cha. 2(Interregnum)Buddhist calendar2202Burmese calendar1020Byzantine calendar7166–7167Chinese calendar丁酉年 (Fire Rooster)4355 or 4148 — to —戊戌年 (Earth Dog)4356 or 4149Coptic calendar1374–1375Discordian calendar2824Ethiopian calendar1650–1651Hebrew calendar5418–5419Hindu calendars - Vikram Samvat1714–1715 - Shaka Samvat1579–1580 - Kali Yuga4758–4759Holocene calendar11658Igbo calendar658–659Iranian calendar1036–1037Islamic calendar1068–1069Japanese calendarMeireki 4 / Manji 1(万治元年)Javanese calendar1580–1581Julian calendarGregorian minus 10 daysKorean calendar3991Minguo calendar254 before ROC民前254年Nanakshahi calendar190Thai solar calendar2200–2201Tibetan calendar阴火鸡年(female Fire-Rooster)1784 or 1403 or 631 — to —阳土狗年(male Earth-Dog)1785 or 1404 or 632 June 14: Battle of the Dunes 1658 (MDCLVIII) was a common year starting on Tuesday of the Gregorian calendar and a common year starting on Friday of the Julian calendar, the 1658th year of the Common Era (CE) and Anno Domini (AD) designations, the 658th year of the 2nd millennium, the 58th year of the 17th century, and the 9th year of the 1650s decade. As of the start of 1658, the Gregorian calendar was 10 days ahead of the Julian calendar, which remained in localized use until 1923. Calendar year January 13 – Edward Sexby, who had plotted against Oliver Cromwell, dies in the Tower of London.[1] January 30 – The "March Across the Belts" (Tåget över Bält), Sweden's use of winter weather to send troops across the waters of the Danish straits at a time when winter has turned them to ice, begins. Within 17 days, Sweden's King Karl X Gustav leads troops across the ice belts to capture six of Denmark's islands as Swedish territory. February 5 – Prince Muhi al-Din Muhammad, one of the sons of India's Mughal, Emperor Shah Jahan, proclaims himself Emperor after Jahan names Muhi's older brother, Dara Shikoh, as regent, and departs from Aurangabad with troops. February 6 – Swedish troops of Charles X Gustav of Sweden cross The Great Belt in Denmark, over frozen sea.[2] March 8 (February 26 OS) – The peace between Sweden and Denmark-Norway is concluded in Roskilde by the Treaty of Roskilde, under which Denmark is forced to cede significant territory. This leads to Sweden reaching its territorial height during its time as a great power. April 15 – In India, the Battle of Dharmat is fought in the modern-day state of Madhya Pradesh between rival claimants to the throne of the Mughal Empire. Prince Muhi al-Din Muhammad, the son of the Emperor Shah Jahan, leads 30,000 men in a triumph over 22,000 troops led by Jaswant Singh of Marwar and Ratan Singh Rathore. Despite heavy losses, with more than 11,000 casualties, Prince Muhi, who has adopted the name Aurangzeb, continues toward Samugarh and Agra and captures the throne at the end of July. April 16 – In Skåneland, a region recently ceded by Denmark to the Swedish Empire, representatives of the nobility of the provinces of Blekinge, Halland and Scania gather at the Scanian city of Malmö to swear their allegiance to King Charles X Gustav of Sweden. May 1 – Hydriotaphia, Urn Burial and The Garden of Cyrus are published by Thomas Browne in England. May 29 – Aurangzeb wins the Battle of Samugarh as Indian Mughal regent Dara Shikoh makes a last effort to defend the Mughal capital Agra. June 3 – Pope Alexander VII appoints François de Laval vicar apostolic of New France. June 14 – Anglo-Spanish War (1654–60) and Franco-Spanish War (1635–59): In the Battle of the Dunes, a Spanish force attempting to lift a siege of Dunkirk is defeated by the French and English. England is then given Dunkirk, for its assistance in the victory. June 25–27 – In the Battle of Rio Nuevo, part of the Anglo-Spanish War, a Spanish invasion force fails to recapture Jamaica from the English. July 2 – The Siege of Toruń begins in Poland as troops of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth and of Austria seek to recapture the city of Toruń from a garrison of the Swedish Army. Within six months, the Swedish occupiers surrender. July 18 – Prince Leopold of the House of Habsburg, son of the late Ferdinand III, is elected as the new Holy Roman Emperor. July 31 – After Shah Jahan completes the Taj Mahal, his son Aurangzeb deposes him as ruler of the Mughal Empire. July – Šarhūda's Manchu fleet annihilates Onufriy Stepanov's Russian flotilla, on the Amur River. August 1 – The coronation of Leopold I takes place in Frankfurt. August 5 – Just six months after winning territory from Denmark-Norway in war and subsequent treaty, Sweden's King Charles X Gustav declares a second war against Denmark. By August 11, the King's troops have surrounded Denmark's capital, Copenhagen, while the Swedish Navy blocks the harbor to prevent the city from being resupplied, and begins bombardment. August 14 – The League of the Rhine (Rheinische Allianz) is formed by 50 German princes whose cities are on the Rhine river. September 3 – Oliver Cromwell dies and his son Richard assumes his father's position as Lord Protector of England, Scotland and Ireland. September 17 – Portuguese Restoration War: In the Battle of Vilanova, a Spanish army, having crossed the Minho, defeats the Portuguese. October 7 – The Netherlands enters the Dano-Swedish War to come to the rescue of Denmark, sending a 45-ship fleet from Vlie. October 29 – The 45-ship fleet of the Netherlands arrives at Denmark and begins its counterattack on Sweden's army and navy with three squadrons. November 6 – The Mexican Inquisition carries out the execution, by public burning, of 14 men convicted of homosexuality, while another 109 arrested are either released or given less harsh sentences. November 8 (October 29 old style) – The Battle of the Sound takes place between the navies of the Dutch Republic (with 41 warships) and of Sweden (with 45) at the Øresund, a strait between Denmark and Sweden's newly-acquired territory, the former Danish island of Scania. The Dutch Republic is successful at breaking the Swedish Navy's blockade of Copenhagen, and Sweden is forced to retreat, bringing an end to the attempted conquest of Denmark. November 23 – The elaborate funeral of Lord Protector of England Oliver Cromwell (who had died on September 3 and was buried at Westminster Abbey two weeks later) is carried out in London. A little more than two years later (in January 1661), his body will be disinterred and his head severed and placed on a spike. December 11 – Abaza Hasan Pasha, an Ottoman provincial governor who is attempting to depose the Grand Vizier, wins a battle at the Turkish city of Ilgin, defeating loyalist forces led by Murtaza Pasha. The victory is the last for the rebels. Two months later (February 16, 1659) Abaza Hasan is assassinated after being invited to peace negotiations by the loyalists. December 20 – Representatives of the Russian Empire and the Swedish Empire sign the Treaty of Valiesar at the Valiesar Estate near Narva, part of modern-day Estonia. In return for ceasing hostilities between the two empires in the Second Northern War, Russia is allowed to keep captured territories in Livonia (part of modern-day Latvia) for a term of three years. December 25 – Polish and Danish forces defeat a Swedish Army in the Battle of Kolding in Denmark. December 30 – The Siege of Toruń ends almost six months after it started, with Poland recapturing the city from Sweden. Portuguese traders are expelled from Ceylon by Dutch invaders. The Dutch in the Cape Colony start to import slaves from India and South-East Asia (later from Madagascar). Mary of Modena January 9 – Nicolas Coustou, French artist (d. 1733)[3] January 17 – Samson Wertheimer, European rabbi (d. 1724) January 17 – Francis Seymour, 5th Duke of Somerset (d. 1678) February 18 – Charles-Irénée Castel de Saint-Pierre, French writer (d. 1743) March 5 – Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, French explorer (d. 1730) March 8 – Thomas Trevor, 1st Baron Trevor, British Baron (d. 1730) March 23 – Jean-Baptiste Santerre, French painter (d. 1717) March 30 – Muro Kyūsō, Japanese Neo-Confucian scholar (d. 1734) April 11 – James Hamilton, 4th Duke of Hamilton, Scottish peer (d. 1712) April 19 – Johann Wilhelm, Elector Palatine, German noble (d. 1716) April 22 – Giuseppe Torelli, Italian violist, violinist, pedagogue and composer (d. 1709) May 30 – Sir Henry Furnese, 1st Baronet, English merchant and politician (d. 1712) June 10 – John March, Massachusetts businessman, colonel (d. 1712) June 11 – Victor Honoré Janssens, Flemish painter (d. 1736) June 22 – Louis VII, Landgrave of Hesse-Darmstadt (d. 1678) July 10 – Luigi Ferdinando Marsili, Italian soldier and naturalist (d. 1730) July 14 – Camillo Rusconi, Italian artist (d. 1728) July 17 – Diogo de Mendonça Corte-Real, Portuguese politician (d. 1736) July 21 – Alexis Littré, French physician and anatomist (d. 1726) July 25 – Archibald Campbell, 1st Duke of Argyll, Scottish privy councillor (d. 1703) July 28 – Roelof Diodati, Dutch Governor of Mauritius (d. 1723) August 1 – Pierre Joseph Garidel, French botanist (d. 1737) August 5 – Claude Audran III, French painter (d. 1734) August 10 – Susanne Maria von Sandrart, German engraver (d. 1716) August 11 – Sir Justinian Isham, 4th Baronet, English baronet and Member of Parliament (d. 1730) August 16 – Jan Frans van Son, Flemish Baroque painter (d. 1704) August 16 – Ralph Thoresby, British historian (d. 1725) August 18 – Jan František Beckovský, Czech historian (d. 1722) August 22 – John Ernest IV, Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld (d. 1729) August 28 – Honoré Tournély, French theologian (d. 1729) September 1 – Jacques Bernard, French theologian and publicist (d. 1718) September 16 – John Dennis, English dramatist and critic (d. 1734) September 24 – Sir Robert Anstruther, 1st Baronet, Scottish politician (d. 1737) September 30 – Elisabeth Eleonore of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, Duchess consort of Saxe-Meiningen (d. 1729) October 2 – Nicholas Roosevelt (1658–1742), Dutch-American politician (d. 1742) October 5 – Mary of Modena, queen of James II of England (d. 1718) October 11 – Christian Heinrich Postel, German jurist (d. 1705) October 18 – Alexander of Courland, German prince (d. 1686) October 19 – Adolphus Frederick II, Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz (d. 1704) October 21 – Henri de Boulainvilliers, French nobleman (d. 1722) October 24 – Marko Gerbec, Carniolan physician, scientist (d. 1718) November 2 – Baptist Noel (MP), English politician (d. 1690) November 4 – Sulkhan-Saba Orbeliani, Georgian prince, writer, monk and author (d. 1725) November 21 – Johann Gottfried Roesner, Prussian burgomaster (d. 1724) November 27 – Tsarevna Catherine Alekseyevna of Russia, daughter of Tsar Alexis of Russia (d. 1718) November 27 – Hercule-Louis Turinetti, marquis of Prié (d. 1726) December 2 – Sir Thomas Roberts, 4th Baronet, English politician (d. 1706) December 10 – Lancelot Blackburne, Archbishop of York (d. 1743) date unknown – Elizabeth Barry, English actress (d. 1713) John Cleveland Witte Corneliszoon de With January 1 – Caspar Sibelius, Dutch Protestant minister (b. 1590) January 2 – Sir William Armine, 2nd Baronet, English politician (b. 1622) January 7 – Theophilus Eaton, English-born Connecticut colonist (b. 1590) January 13 – Edward Sexby, English Puritan soldier (b. 1616) February 19 – Henry Wilmot, 1st Earl of Rochester (b. 1612) March 25 – Herman IV, Landgrave of Hesse-Rotenburg (b. 1607) February 27 – Adolf Frederick I, Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin (1592–1628 and again 1631–1658) (b. 1588) March 29 – Bertuccio Valiero, Doge of Venice (b. 1596) April 7 – Juan Eusebio Nieremberg, Spanish mystic (b. 1595) April 19 Kirsten Munk, second wife of Christian IV of Denmark (b. 1598) Robert Rich, 2nd Earl of Warwick, English colonial administrator and admiral (b. 1587) April 24 – Francesco Maria Richini, Italian architect (b. 1584) April 29 – John Cleveland, English poet (b. 1613) May 20 – Bartholomew Holzhauser, German priest, visionary and writer of prophecies (b. 1613) June 18 – Louis Cappel, French Protestant churchman and scholar (b. 1585) June 8 – Sir Henry Slingsby, 1st Baronet, English baronet (b. 1602) June 27 – Ercole Gennari, Italian drawer and painter (b. 1597) July 22 – Frederick, Duke of Schleswig-Holstein-Sønderburg-Norburg (b. 1581) August 5 – Gundakar, Prince of Liechtenstein, court official in Vienna (b. 1580) August 6 – Elizabeth Claypole, daughter of Oliver Cromwell (b. 1629) August 19 – Christine of Hesse-Kassel, Duchess of Saxe-Eisenach and Saxe-Coburg (b. 1578) September 3 – Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England, Scotland, and Ireland (b. 1599) September 17 – Kaspar von Barth, German philologist and writer (b. 1587) September 22 – Georg Philipp Harsdörffer, German poet (b. 1607) October 14 – Francesco I d'Este, Duke of Modena, Italian noble (b. 1610) October 23 – Thomas Pride, Parliamentarian general in the English Civil War November 4 – Antoine Le Maistre, French Jansenist (b. 1608) November 6 – Pierre du Ryer, French dramatist (b. 1606) November 7 – Maeda Toshitsune, Japanese warlord (b. 1594) November 8 – Witte de With, Dutch naval officer (b. 1599) November 26 – Duke Francis Henry of Saxe-Lauenburg (b. 1604) November 29 – Margrave Charles Magnus of Baden-Durlach (b. 1621) December 6 – Baltasar Gracián y Morales, Spanish writer (b. 1601) December 15 – Carlo Emanuele Madruzzo, Italian prince-bishop (b. 1599) December 20 – Jean Jannon, French typefounder (b. 1580) Date unknown: Osoet Pegua, Thai businesswoman (b. 1615) ^ "killing". Oxford Reference. Retrieved December 14, 2021. ^ Brems, Hans (June 1970). "Sweden: From Great Power to Welfare State". Journal of Economic Issues. 4 (2, 3). Association for Evolutionary Economics: 1–16. doi:10.1080/00213624.1970.11502941. JSTOR 4224039. A swift and brilliantly conceived march from Holstein across the frozen Danish waters on Copenhagen, by Karl X Gustav in 1658, finally wrests Bohuslin, Sk'ane, and Blekinge from Denmark-Norway. Denmark no longer controls both sides of Oresund, and Swedish power is at its peak. ^ "Nicolas Coustou | French sculptor | Britannica". www.britannica.com. Retrieved December 14, 2021. Retrieved from " 3One hundred years, from 1501 to 1600 This article needs additional citations for verification. Please help improve this article by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed.Find sources: "16th century" – news · newspapers · books · scholar · JSTOR (September 2022) (Learn how and when to remove this message) Millennia 2nd millennium Centuries 15th century 16th century 17th century Timelines 15th century 16th century 17th century State leaders 15th century 16th century 17th century Decades 1500s 1510s 1520s 1530s 1540s 1550s 1560s 1570s 1580s 1590s Categories: Births – Deaths Establishments – Disestablishments vte The world map by the Italian Amerigo Vespucci (from whose name the word America is derived) and Belgian Gerardus Mercator shows (besides the classical continents Europe, Africa, and Asia) the Americas as America sive India Nova', New Guinea, and other islands of Southeast Asia, as well as a hypothetical Arctic continent and a yet undetermined Terra Australis.[1]The 16th century began with the Julian year 1501 (represented by the Roman numerals MDI) and ended with either the Julian or the Gregorian year 1600 (MDC), depending on the reckoning used (the Gregorian calendar introduced a lapse of 10 days in October 1582).[1] The Renaissance in Italy and Europe saw the emergence of important artists, authors and scientists, and led to the foundation of important subjects which include accounting and political science. Copernicus proposed the heliocentric universe, which was met with strong resistance, and Tycho Brahe refuted the theory of celestial spheres through observational measurement of the 1572 appearance of a Milky Way supernova. These events directly challenged the long-held notion of an immutable universe supported by Ptolemy and Aristotle, and led to major revolutions in astronomy and science. Galileo Galilei became a champion of the new sciences, invented the first thermometer and made substantial contributions in the fields of physics and astronomy, becoming a major figure in the Scientific Revolution in Europe. Spain and Portugal colonized large parts of Central and South America, followed by France and England in Northern America and the Lesser Antilles. The Portuguese became the masters of trade between Brazil, the coasts of Africa, and their possessions in the Indies, whereas the Spanish came to dominate the Greater Antilles, Mexico, Peru, and opened trade across the Pacific Ocean, linking the Americas with the Indies. English and French privateers began to practice persistent theft of Spanish and Portuguese treasures. This era of colonialism established mercantilism as the leading school of economic thought, where the economic system was viewed as a zero-sum game in which any gain by one party required a loss by another. The mercantilist doctrine encouraged the many intra-European wars of the period and arguably fueled European expansion and imperialism throughout the world until the 19th century or early 20th century. The Reformation in central and northern Europe gave a major blow to the authority of the papacy and the Catholic Church. In England, the British-Italian Alberico Gentili wrote the first book on public international law and divided secularism from canon law and Catholic theology. European politics became dominated by religious conflicts, with the groundwork for the epochal Thirty Years' War being laid towards the end of the century. In the Middle East, the Ottoman Empire continued to expand, with the sultan taking the title of caliph, while dealing with a resurgent Persia. Iran and Iraq were caught by a major popularity of the Shia sect of Islam under the rule of the Safavid dynasty of warrior-mystics, providing grounds for a Persia independent of the majority-Sunni Muslim world.[2] In the Indian subcontinent, following the defeat of the Delhi Sultanate and Vijayanagara Empire, new powers emerged, the Sur Empire founded by Sher Shah Suri, Deccan sultanates, Rajput states, and the Mughal Empire[3] by Emperor Babur, a direct descendant of Timur and Genghis Khan.[4] His successors Humayun and Akbar, enlarged the empire to include most of South Asia. Japan suffered a severe civil war at this time, known as the Sengoku period, and emerged from it as a unified nation under Toyotomi Hideyoshi. China was ruled by the Ming dynasty, which was becoming increasingly isolationist, coming into conflict with Japan over the control of Korea as well as Japanese pirates. In Africa, Christianity had begun to spread in Central Africa and Southern Africa. Until the Scramble for Africa in the late 19th century, most of Africa was left uncolonized. For timelines of earlier events, see 15th century and Timeline of the Middle Ages. Main article: 1500s Mona Lisa, by Leonardo da Vinci, c. 1503–1506, one of the world's best-known paintings 1501: Michelangelo returns to his native Florence to begin work on the statue David. 1501: Safavid dynasty reunifies Iran and rules over it until 1736. Safavids adopt a Shia branch of Islam.[5] 1501: First Battle of Cannanore between the Third Portuguese Armada and Kingdom of Cochin under João da Nova and Zamorin of Kozhikode's navy marks the beginning of Portuguese conflicts in the Indian Ocean. 1502: First reported African slaves in the New World 1502: The Crimean Khanate sacks Sarai in the Golden Horde, ending its existence. 1503: Spain defeats France at the Battle of Cerignola. Considered to be the first battle in history won by gunpowder small arms. 1503: Leonardo da Vinci begins painting the Mona Lisa and completes it three years later. 1503: Nostradamus is born on either December 14 or December 21. 1504: A period of drought, with famine in all of Spain. 1504: Death of Isabella I of Castile; Joanna of Castile becomes the Queen. 1504: Foundation of the Sultanate of Sennar by Amara Dunqas, in what is modern Sudan 1505: Zhengde Emperor ascends the throne of Ming dynasty. 1505: Martin Luther enters St. Augustine's Monastery at Erfurt, Germany, on 17 July and begins his journey to instigating the Reformation. 1505: Sultan Trenggono builds the first Muslim kingdom in Java, called Demak, in Indonesia. Many other small kingdoms were established in other islands to fight against Portuguese. Each kingdom introduced local language as a way of communication and unity. 1506: Leonardo da Vinci completes the Mona Lisa. 1506: King Afonso I of Kongo wins the battle of Mbanza Kongo, resulting in Catholicism becoming Kongo's state religion.Battle of Cerignola: El Gran Capitan finds the corpse of Louis d'Armagnac, Duke of Nemours 1506: At least two thousand converted Jews are massacred in a Lisbon riot, Portugal. 1506: Christopher Columbus dies in Valladolid, Spain. 1506: Poland is invaded by Tatars from the Crimean Khanate. 1507: The first recorded epidemic of smallpox in the New World on the island of Hispaniola. It devastates the native Taíno population.[6] 1507: Afonso de Albuquerque conquered Hormuz and Muscat, among other bases in the Persian Gulf, taking control of the region at the entrance of the Gulf. 1508: The Christian-Islamic power struggle in Europe and West Asia spills over into the Indian Ocean as Battle of Chaul during the Portuguese-Mamluk War 1508–1512: Michelangelo paints the Sistine Chapel ceiling. 1509: The defeat of joint fleet of the Sultan of Gujarat, the Mamlûk Burji Sultanate of Egypt, and the Zamorin of Calicut with support of the Republic of Venice and the Ottoman Empire in Battle of Diu marks the beginning of Portuguese dominance of the Spice trade and the Indian Ocean. 1509: The Portuguese king sends Diogo Lopes de Sequeira to find Malacca, the eastern terminus of Asian trade. After initially receiving Sequeira, Sultan Mahmud Shah captures and/or kills several of his men and attempts an assault on the four Portuguese ships, which escape.[7] The Javanese fleet is also destroyed in Malacca. 1509: Krishnadevaraya ascends the throne of Vijayanagara Empire. Main article: 1510s Afonso de Albuquerque 1509–1510: The 'great plague' in various parts of Tudor England.[8] 1510: Afonso de Albuquerque of Portugal conquers Goa in India. 1511: Afonso de Albuquerque of Portugal conquers Malacca, the capital of the Sultanate of Malacca in present-day Malaysia. 1512: Copernicus writes Commentariolus, and proclaims the Sun the center of the Solar System. 1512: The southern part (historical core) of the Kingdom of Navarre is invaded by Castile and Aragon. 1512: Qutb Shahi dynasty, founded by Quli Qutb Mulk, rules Golconda Sultanate until 1687. 1512: The first Portuguese exploratory expedition was sent eastward from Malacca (in present-day Malaysia) to search for the 'Spice Islands' (Maluku) led by Francisco Serrão. Serrão is shipwrecked but struggles on to Hitu (northern Ambon) and wins the favour of the local rulers.[9] 1513: Machiavelli writes The Prince, a treatise about political philosophy 1513: The Portuguese mariner Jorge Álvares lands at Macau, China, during the Ming dynasty. 1513: Henry VIII defeats the French at the Battle of the Spurs. 1513: The Battle of Flodden Field in which invading Scots are defeated by Henry VIII's forces. 1513: Sultan Selim I ("The Grim") orders the massacre of Shia Muslims in Anatolia (present-day Turkey). 1513: Vasco Núñez de Balboa, in service of Spain arrives at the Pacific Ocean (which he called Mar del Sur) across the Isthmus of Panama. He was the first European to do so. 1514: The Battle of Orsha halts Muscovy's expansion into Eastern Europe. 1514: Dózsa rebellion (peasant revolt) in Hungary.Martin Luther initiated the Reformation with his Ninety-five Theses in 1517. 1514: The Battle of Chaldiran, the Ottoman Empire gains decisive victory against Safavid dynasty. 1515: Ascension of Francis I of France as King of France following the death of Louis XII. 1515: The Ottoman Empire wrests Eastern Anatolia from the Safavids after the Battle of Chaldiran. 1515: The Ottomans conquer the last beyliks of Anatolia, the Dulkadirs and the Ramadanids. 1516–1517: The Ottomans defeat the Mamluks and gain control of Egypt, Arabia, and the Levant. 1517: The Sweating sickness epidemic in Tudor England.[10] 1517: The Reformation begins when Martin Luther posts his Ninety-five Theses in Saxony. 1518: The Treaty of London was a non-aggression pact between the major European nations. The signatories were Burgundy, France, England, the Holy Roman Empire, the Netherlands, the Papal States and Spain, all of whom agreed not to attack one another and to come to the aid of any that were under attack. 1518: Mir Chakar Khan Rind leaves Baluchistan and settles in Punjab. 1518: Leo Africanus, also known as al-Hasan ibn Muhammad al-Wazzan al-Fasi, an Andalusian Berber diplomat who is best known for his book Descrittione dell'Africa (Description of Africa), is captured by Spanish pirates; he is taken to Rome and presented to Pope Leo X. 1518: The dancing plague of 1518 begins in Strasbourg, lasting for about one month. 1519: Leonardo da Vinci dies of natural causes on May 2.Europe at the time of the accession of Charles V in 1519 1519: Wang Yangming, the Chinese philosopher and governor of Jiangxi province, describes his intent to use the firepower of the fo-lang-ji, a breech-loading Portuguese culverin, in order to suppress the rebellion of Prince Zhu Chenhao. 1519: Barbary pirates led by Hayreddin Barbarossa, a Turk appointed to ruling position in Algiers by the Ottoman Empire, raid Provence and Toulon in southern France. 1519: Death of Emperor Maximilian; Charles I of Austria, Spain, and the Low Countries becomes Emperor of Holy Roman Empire as Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor (ruled until 1556). 1519–1522: Spanish expedition commanded by Magellan and Elcano are the first to Circumnavigate the Earth. 1519–1521: Hernán Cortés leads the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire. 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He was later killed in the Battle of Mactan in central Philippines in the same year. 1521: Jiajing Emperor ascended the throne of Ming dynasty, China. 1521: November, Ferdinand Magellan's expedition reaches Maluku (in present-day Indonesia) and after trade with Ternate returns to Europe with a load of cloves. 1521: Pati Unus leads the invasion of Malacca (in present-day Malaysia) against the Portuguese occupation. Pati Unus was killed in this battle, and was succeeded by his brother, sultan Trenggana. 1522: Rhodes falls to the Ottomans of Suleiman the Magnificent.[11]Sack of Rome of 1527 by Charles V's forces (painting by Johannes Lingelbach) 1522: The Portuguese ally themselves with the rulers of Ternate (in present-day Indonesia) and begin construction of a fort.[9] 1522: August, Luso-Sundanese Treaty signed between Portugal and Sunda Kingdom granted Portuguese permit to build fortress in Sunda Kelapa. 1523: Sweden gains independence from the Kalmar Union. 1523: The Cacao bean is introduced to Spain by Hernán Cortés 1524–1525: German Peasants' War in the Holy Roman Empire. 1524: Giovanni da Verrazzano is the first European to explore the Atlantic coast of North America between South Carolina and Newfoundland. 1524: Ismail I, the founder of Safavid dynasty, dies and Tahmasp I becomes king.Gun-wielding Ottoman Janissaries and defending Knights of Saint John at the siege of Rhodes in 1522, from an Ottoman manuscript 1525: Timurid Empire forces under Babur defeat the Lodi dynasty at the First Battle of Panipat, end of the Delhi Sultanate. 1525: German and Spanish forces defeat France at the Battle of Pavia, Francis I of France is captured. 1526: The Ottomans defeat the Kingdom of Hungary at the Battle of Mohács. 1526: Mughal Empire, founded by Babur. 1527: Sack of Rome with Pope Clement VII escaping and the Swiss Guards defending the Vatican being killed. The sack of the city of Rome considered the end of the Italian Renaissance. 1527: Protestant Reformation begins in Sweden. 1527: The last ruler of Majapahit falls from power. This state (located in present-day Indonesia) was finally extinguished at the hands of the Demak. A large number of courtiers, artisans, priests, and members of the royalty moved east to the island of Bali; however, the power and the seat of government transferred to Demak under the leadership of Pangeran, later Sultan Fatah. 1527: June 22, The Javanese Prince Fatahillah of the Cirebon Sultanate successfully defeated the Portuguese armed forces at the site of the Sunda Kelapa Harbor. The city was then renamed Jayakarta, meaning "a glorious victory." This eventful day came to be acknowledged as Jakarta's Founding Anniversary. 1527: Mughal Empire forces defeat the Rajput led by Rana Sanga of Mewar at the Battle of Khanwa 1529: The Austrians defeat the Ottoman Empire at the siege of Vienna. 1529: Treaty of Zaragoza defined the antimeridian of Tordesillas attributing the Moluccas to Portugal and Philippines to Spain. 1529: Imam Ahmad Gurey defeats the Ethiopian Emperor Dawit II in the Battle of Shimbra Kure, the opening clash of the Ethiopian–Adal War. 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This time Henry VIII is allied with the Emperor, while James V of Scotland and Sultan Suleiman I are allied with the French. 1542: Akbar The Great is born in the Rajput Umarkot Fort 1542: Spanish explorer Ruy López de Villalobos named the island of Samar and Leyte Las Islas Filipinas honoring Philip II of Spain and became the official name of the archipelago. 1543: Ethiopian/Portuguese troops defeat the Adal army led by Imam Ahmad Gurey at the Battle of Wayna Daga; Imam Ahmad Gurey is killed at this battle. 1543: Copernicus publishes his theory that the Earth and the other planets revolve around the Sun 1543: The Nanban trade period begins after Portuguese traders make contact with Japan. 1544: The French defeat an Imperial–Spanish army at the Battle of Ceresole.Scenes of everyday life in Ming China, by Qiu Ying 1544: Battle of the Shirts in Scotland. The Frasers and Macdonalds of Clan Ranald fight over a disputed chiefship; reportedly, 5 Frasers and 8 Macdonalds survive. 1545: Songhai forces sack the Malian capital of Niani 1545: The Council of Trent meets for the first time in Trent (in northern Italy). 1546: Michelangelo Buonarroti is made chief architect of St. Peter's Basilica. 1546: Francis Xavier works among the peoples of Ambon, Ternate and Morotai (Moro) laying the foundations for a permanent mission. (to 1547) 1547: Henry VIII dies in the Palace of Whitehall on 28 January at the age of 55. 1547: Francis I dies in the Château de Rambouillet on 31 March at the age of 52. 1547: Edward VI becomes King of England and Ireland on 28 January and is crowned on 20 February at the age of 9. 1547: Emperor Charles V decisively dismantles the Schmalkaldic League at the Battle of Mühlberg. 1547: Grand Prince Ivan the Terrible is crowned tsar of (All) Russia, thenceforth becoming the first Russian tsar. 1548: Battle of Uedahara: Firearms are used for the first time on the battlefield in Japan, and Takeda Shingen is defeated by Murakami Yoshikiyo. 1548: Askia Daoud, who reigned from 1548 to 1583, establishes public libraries in Timbuktu (in present-day Mali). 1548: The Ming dynasty government of China issues a decree banning all foreign trade and closes down all seaports along the coast; these Hai jin laws came during the Wokou wars with Japanese pirates. 1549: Tomé de Sousa establishes Salvador in Bahia, north-east of Brazil. 1549: Arya Penangsang with the support of his teacher, Sunan Kudus, avenges the death of Raden Kikin by sending an envoy named Rangkud to kill Sunan Prawoto by Keris Kyai Satan Kober (in present-day Indonesia). 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John Caius of Shrewsbury writes the first full contemporary account of the symptoms of the disease. 1551: North African pirates enslave the entire population of the Maltese island Gozo, between 5,000 and 6,000, sending them to Libya. 1552: Russia conquers the Khanate of Kazan in central Asia. 1552: Jesuit China Mission, Francis Xavier dies. 1553: Mary Tudor becomes the first queen regnant of England and restores the Church of England under Papal authority. 1553: The Portuguese found a settlement at Macau. 1554: Missionaries José de Anchieta and Manuel da Nóbrega establishes São Paulo, southeast Brazil. 1554: Princess Elizabeth is imprisoned in the Tower of London upon the orders of Mary I for suspicion of being involved in the Wyatt rebellion. 1555: The Muscovy Company is the first major English joint stock trading company. 1556: Publication in Venice of Delle Navigiationi et Viaggi (terzo volume) by Giovanni Battista Ramusio, secretary of Council of Ten, with plan La Terra de Hochelaga, an illustration of the Hochelaga.[13] 1556: The Shaanxi earthquake in China is history's deadliest known earthquake during the Ming dynasty. 1556: Georgius Agricola, the "Father of Mineralogy", publishes his De re metallica. 1556: Akbar defeats Hemu at the Second battle of Panipat. 1556: Russia conquers the Astrakhan Khanate. 1556–1605: During his reign, Akbar expands the Mughal Empire in a series of conquests (in the Indian subcontinent).Political map of the world in 1556 1556: Mir Chakar Khan Rind captures Delhi with Humayun. 1556: Pomponio Algerio, radical theologian, is executed by boiling in oil as part of the Roman Inquisition. 1557: Habsburg Spain declares bankruptcy. Philip II of Spain had to declare four state bankruptcies in 1557, 1560, 1575 and 1596. 1557: The Portuguese settle in Macau (on the western side of the Pearl River Delta across from present-day Hong Kong). 1557: The Ottomans capture Massawa, all but isolating Ethiopia from the rest of the world. 1558: Elizabeth Tudor becomes Queen Elizabeth I at age 25. 1558–1603: The Elizabethan era is considered the height of the English Renaissance. 1558–1583: Livonian War between Poland, Grand Principality of Lithuania, Sweden, Denmark and Russia. 1558: After 200 years, the Kingdom of England loses Calais to France. 1559: With the Peace of Cateau Cambrésis, the Italian Wars conclude. 1559: Sultan Hairun of Ternate (in present-day Indonesia) protests the Portuguese's Christianisation activities in his lands. Hostilities between Ternate and the Portuguese. 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The fort was rebuilt from more durable materials and the Dominicans commenced the Christianisation of the local population.[12] 1563: Plague outbreak claimed 80,000 people in Elizabethan England. In London alone, over 20,000 people died of the disease. 1564: Galileo Galilei born on February 15 1564: William Shakespeare baptized 26 April 1565: Deccan sultanates defeat the Vijayanagara Empire at the Battle of Talikota. 1565: Mir Chakar Khan Rind dies at aged 97. 1565: Estácio de Sá establishes Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. 1565: The Hospitallers, a Crusading Order, defeat the Ottoman Empire at the siege of Malta (1565). 1565: Miguel López de Legazpi establishes in Cebu the first Spanish settlement in the Philippines starting a period of Spanish colonization that would last over three hundred years. 1565: Spanish navigator Andres de Urdaneta discovers the maritime route from Asia to the Americas across the Pacific Ocean, also known as the tornaviaje. 1565: Royal Exchange is founded by Thomas Gresham. 1566: Suleiman the Magnificent, ruler of the Ottoman Empire, dies on September 7, during the battle of Szigetvar.Siege of Valenciennes during the Dutch War of Independence in 1567 1566–1648: Eighty Years' War between Spain and the Netherlands. 1566: Da le Balle Contrade d'Oriente, composed by Cipriano de Rore. 1567: After 45 years' reign, Jiajing Emperor died in the Forbidden City, Longqing Emperor ascended the throne of Ming dynasty. 1567: Mary, Queen of Scots, is imprisoned by Elizabeth I. 1568: The Transylvanian Diet, under the patronage of the prince John Sigismund Zápolya, the former king of Hungary, inspired by the teachings of Ferenc Dávid, the founder of the Unitarian Church of Transylvania, promulgates the Edict of Torda, the first law of freedom of religion and of conscience in the World. 1568–1571: Morisco Revolt in Spain. 1568–1600: The Azuchi-Momoyama period in Japan. 1568: Hadiwijaya sent his adopted son and son in-law Sutawijaya, who would later become the first ruler of the Mataram dynasty of Indonesia, to kill Arya Penangsang. 1569: Rising of the North in England. 1569: Mercator 1569 world map published by Gerardus Mercator. 1569: The Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth is created with the Union of Lublin which lasts until 1795. 1569: Peace treaty signed by Sultan Hairun of Ternate and Governor Lopez De Mesquita of Portugal. 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Cyprus fell to the Ottoman Turks the following year. 1571: Pope Pius V completes the Holy League as a united front against the Ottoman Turks, responding to the fall of Cyprus to the Ottomans. 1571: The Spanish-led Holy League navy destroys the Ottoman Empire navy at the Battle of Lepanto. 1571: Crimean Tatars attack and sack Moscow, burning everything but the Kremlin. 1571: American Indians kill Spanish missionaries in what would later be Jamestown, Virginia. 1571: Spanish conquistador Miguel López de Legazpi establishes Manila, Philippines as the capital of the Spanish East Indies. 1572: Brielle is taken from Habsburg Spain by Protestant Watergeuzen in the Capture of Brielle, in the Eighty Years' War. 1572: Spanish conquistadores apprehend the last Inca leader Tupak Amaru at Vilcabamba, Peru, and execute him in Cuzco. 1572: Jeanne d'Albret dies aged 43 and is succeeded by Henry of Navarre. 1572: Catherine de' Medici instigates the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre which takes the lives of Protestant leader Gaspard de Coligny and thousands of Huguenots. The violence spreads from Paris to other cities and the countryside. 1572: First edition of the epic The Lusiads of Luís Vaz de Camões, three years after the author returned from the East.[14] 1572: The 9 years old Taizi, Zhu Yijun ascended the throne of Ming dynasty, known as Wanli Emperor. 1573: After heavy losses on both sides the siege of Haarlem ends in a Spanish victory.St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants 1574: in the Eighty Years' War the capital of Zeeland, Middelburg declares for the Protestants. 1574: After a siege of 4 months the siege of Leiden ends in a comprehensive Dutch rebel victory. 1575: Oda Nobunaga finally captures Nagashima fortress. 1575: Following a five-year war, the Ternateans under Sultan Babullah defeated the Portuguese. 1576: Tahmasp I, Safavid shah, dies. 1576: The Battle of Haldighati is fought between the ruler of Mewar, Maharana Pratap and the Mughal Empire's forces under Emperor Akbar led by Raja Man Singh. 1576: Sack of Antwerp by badly paid Spanish soldiers. 1577–1580: Francis Drake circles the world. 1577: Ki Ageng Pemanahan built his palace in Pasargede or Kotagede. 1578: King Sebastian of Portugal is killed at the Battle of Alcazarquivir. 1578: The Portuguese establish a fort on Tidore but the main centre for Portuguese activities in Maluku becomes Ambon.[12] 1578: Sonam Gyatso is conferred the title of Dalai Lama by Tumed Mongol ruler, Altan Khan. Recognised as the reincarnation of two previous Lamas, Sonam Gyatso becomes the third Dalai Lama in the lineage.[15] 1578: Governor-General Francisco de Sande officially declared war against Brunei in 1578, starting the Castilian War of 1578. 1579: The Union of Utrecht unifies the northern Netherlands, a foundation for the later Dutch Republic. 1579: The Union of Arras unifies the southern Netherlands, a foundation for the later states of the Spanish Netherlands, the Austrian Netherlands and Belgium.The Irish Gaelic chieftain's feast, from The Image of Ireland 1579: The British navigator Sir Francis Drake passes through Maluku and transit in Ternate on his circumnavigation of the world. The Portuguese establish a fort on Tidore but the main centre for Portuguese activities in Maluku becomes Ambon.[16] Main article: 1580s The fall of Spanish Armada 1580: Drake's royal reception after his attacks on Spanish possessions influences Philip II of Spain to build up the Spanish Armada. English ships in Spanish harbours are impounded. 1580: Spain unifies with Portugal under Philip II. The struggle for the throne of Portugal ends the Portuguese Empire. The Spanish and Portuguese crowns are united for 60 years, i.e. until 1640. 1580–1587: Nagasaki comes under control of the Jesuits. 1581: Dutch Act of Abjuration, declaring abjuring allegiance to Philip II of Spain. 1581: Bayinnaung dies at the age of 65. 1582: Oda Nobunaga commits seppuku during the Honnō-ji Incident coup by his general, Akechi Mitsuhide. 1582: Pope Gregory XIII issues the Gregorian calendar. The last day of the Julian calendar was Thursday, 4 October 1582 and this was followed by the first day of the Gregorian calendar, Friday, 15 October 1582 1582: Yermak Timofeyevich conquers the Siberia Khanate on behalf of the Stroganovs. 1583: Denmark builds the world's first theme park, Bakken. 1583: Death of Sultan Babullah of Ternate. 1584–1585: After the siege of Antwerp, many of its merchants flee to Amsterdam. According to Luc-Normand Tellier, "At its peak, between 1510 and 1557, Antwerp concentrated about 40% of the world trade...It is estimated that the port of Antwerp was earning the Spanish crown seven times more revenues than the Americas."[17] 1584: Ki Ageng Pemanahan died. Sultan Pajang raised Sutawijaya, son of Ki Ageng Pemanahan as the new ruler in Mataram, titled "Loring Ngabehi Market" (because of his home in the north of the market). 1585: Akbar annexes Kashmir and adds it to the Kabul SubahPortuguese fusta in India from a book by Jan Huygen van Linschoten 1585: Colony at Roanoke founded in North America. 1585–1604: The Anglo-Spanish War is fought on both sides of the Atlantic. 1587: Mary, Queen of Scots is executed by Elizabeth I. 1587: The reign of Abbas I marks the zenith of the Safavid dynasty. 1587: Troops that would invade Pajang Mataram Sultanate storm ravaged the eruption of Mount Merapi. Sutawijaya and his men survived. 1588: Mataram into the kingdom with Sutawijaya as Sultan, titled "Senapati Ingalaga Sayidin Panatagama" means the warlord and cleric Manager Religious Life. 1588: England repulses the Spanish Armada. 1589: Spain repulses the English Armada. 1589: Catherine de' Medici dies at aged 69. 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It then sails east along the north coast of Java losing twelve crew to a Javanese attack at Sidayu and killing a local ruler in Madura.[18] 1597: Romeo and Juliet is published. 1597: Cornelis de Houtman's expedition returns to the Netherlands with enough spices to make a considerable profit.[18] 1598: The Edict of Nantes ends the French Wars of Religion. 1598: Abbas I moves Safavids capital from Qazvin to Isfahan in 1598. 1598–1613: Russia descends into anarchy during the Time of Troubles. 1598: The Portuguese require an armada of 90 ships to put down a Solorese uprising.[12] (to 1599) 1598: More Dutch fleets leave for Indonesia and most are profitable.[18]Edo period screen depicting the Battle of Sekigahara 1598: The province of Santa Fe de Nuevo México is established in Northern New Spain. The region would later become a territory of Mexico, the New Mexico Territory in the United States, and the US State of New Mexico. 1598: Death of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, known as the unifier of Japan. 1599: The Mali Empire is defeated at the Battle of Jenné. 1599: The van Neck expedition returns to Europe. The expedition makes a 400 per cent profit.[18] (to 1600) 1599: March, Leaving Europe the previous year, a fleet of eight ships under Jacob van Neck was the first Dutch fleet to reach the 'Spice Islands' of Maluku.[18] 1600: Giordano Bruno is burned at the stake for heresy in Rome.Siege of Fiľakovo castle during the Long Turkish War 1600: Battle of Sekigahara in Japan. End of the Warring States period and beginning of the Edo period. 1600: The Portuguese win a major naval battle in the bay of Ambon.[19] Later in the year, the Dutch join forces with the local Hituese in an anti-Portuguese alliance, in return for which the Dutch would have the sole right to purchase spices from Hitu.[19] 1600: Elizabeth I grants a charter to the British East India Company beginning the English advance in Asia. 1600: Michael the Brave unifies the three principalities: Wallachia, Moldavia and Transylvania after the Battle of Șelimbăr from 1599. For later events, see Timeline of the 17th century. Polybius' The Histories translated into Italian, English, German and French.[20] Mississippian culture disappears. Medallion rug, variant Star Ushak style, Anatolia (modern Turkey), is made. It is now kept at the Saint Louis Art Museum. 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Battle Cat is He-Man's faithful feline companion, an armored green tiger who carries him into battle. When He-Man is in the form of Prince Adam, Battle Cat is Cringer, the royal pet. Both Cringer and Battle Cat are green with orange stripes, but Battle Cat is much larger and more muscular. In the original 1980s series, Cringer speaks and is afraid of just about everything, hence the name. In The Toys That Made Us, then-marketing VP of Mattel Paul Cleveland recounts the story that while the decision was made for He-Man to have some sort of vehicle, they no longer had the budget to be able to produce one; the decision was then made to repurpose a tiger from the Big Jim toy line.[1] The tiger was, however, not the same scale as the He-Man figure, and compared to He-Man, was about the size of a horse. Cleveland, however, insisted it to be used, even after artist Tony Guerrero made a green version in an attempt to discourage Cleveland, who instead

approved of the color change and suggested putting a saddle on it, which resulted in Battle Cat's final design.[2] In the 2002 series, Cringer occasionally meows like a kitten, but also shows bravery from time to time, including rescuing Prince Adam from falling to his death in Snake Mountain ("Council of Evil"). Battle Cat's rescue of Queen Marlena ("Of Machines and Men"), based on knowledge only Cringer would have, causes Marlena to wonder about Battle Cat's identity. Battle Cat also appears in the tower defense game Bloons TD 6 as a power which can only be obtained in a bundle or in a quest by the name of "By the Power of Battle Cat!".[3] Cringer and Battle Cat are voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series, Stephen Root in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and David Kaye in the 2021 series. Buzz-Off is a humanoid bee, established in the Filmation series as the leader of a tribe of Bee People. The 2002 series develops this further, giving Buzz-Off's people a name – the Andreenids – and establishing Buzz-Off as the captain of the defense force of their kingdom of Andreenos, in the Mystic Mountains. He is considered a newcomer to the Masters of the Universe by Ram Man and, while loyal to the defenders of Eternia, is equally loyal to his Queen, at times using his free time to fetch honey berries for her. Buzz-Off has a distrustful nature and tends to hold grudges, but his camaraderie with Stratos paved the way for peace between the peoples of Andreenos and Avion. Buzz-Off is voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series and Brian Dobson in the 2002 series. Buzz-Off was voted 1st out of 7 in the 7 Stupidest He-Man Characters by Total Film.[4] Clamp Champ is a Heroic Warrior who wields a large handheld grabbing device as his primary weapon.[5] He was the only black character to have an action figure in the vintage toy line. Several black characters (such as Zodak and Dekker) have since been released in the 200X and Classics toy lines. The character was planned for usage in the 2002 series as a replacement for Man-At-Arms who is turned into a Snake-Man, but the cartoon was cancelled before he could be featured in it. Clamp-Champ made his TV debut in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Clamp Champ's real name is Raenius. He started out as King Randor's bodyguard before becoming the new Man-At-Arms after Duncan was turned into a Snake Man. Clamp-Champ is voiced by Method Man in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Extendar is a mechanized being and Master of Extension. He did not have an animated form because his figure was made after the end of the Filmation cartoon, but was featured in the Masters of the Universe comics instead. Extendar was an Eternian who was captured and turned into a cyborg against his will by Hordak, only to escape before he could be brainwashed into serving his captor. He vowed to free his friend from Hordak's mind control. The figure came with a red trapezoidal-shaped shield which unfolded, doubling in size. The Masters of the Universe Classics toyline introduced Extendar as a knight who was captured by Hordak and thrown into the experimental matrix which grafted cybernetic parts to him. Fisto is an extra-strong warrior with a metal right hand.[6][7] In the original series, he was the caretaker of a forest and was hesitant to join in the conflict against Skeletor. He was later appraised by both his fellow Eternians and an alien race as second in strength only to He-Man. In the 2002 series, he is the last to join the Masters of the Universe and is revealed to be Man-At-Arms' older brother, to Teela's surprise. The brothers became estranged during the Great Unrest, when Fisto allegedly deserted Randor's forces. Fisto came to the aid of He-Man and the Masters, using his giant fist to free them from the rocks that had entrapped them in a cave-in ("Web of Evil"). This act shattered his hand, which Man-At-Arms replaced with a larger, metallic hand.[8] The 2002 figure was packaged as "Battle Fist" due to a conflict of copyrighted name with another toy line, but the character was still called Fisto in the animated series. Fisto did not have the classic action figure's purple sword in the cartoon or the new toyline. Fisto is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Mark Acheson in the 2002 series, and by Ralph Garman in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Fisto will be portray by Jóhannes Haukur Jóhannesson in the live action 2026 reboot.[9] Stridor is Fisto's heroic armored war horse and faithful companion.[10] He made one appearance in the Filmation cartoon series in the episode "Origin of the Sorceress", in which he was a mechanical war horse built by Man-At-Arms who later developed consciousness and an animal nature, leading Man-At-Arms to release him into the wild. Stridor's toy was available packaged with Fisto, as well as separately, and much of Mattel's box art depicted the character of Fisto riding atop Stridor. Gwildor is a dwarf-like Thenurian and inventor of the Cosmic Key.[11] He debuted in the Masters of the Universe movie where Evil-Lyn tricked him into giving her the Cosmic Key so that Skeletor can invade Castle Grayskull. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Gwildor's kind was called the Vejulian Gwitthrol Trolls that come from Tundaria. He attended Grimhammer University in Eternos and studied under many of Eternia's great inventors, archaeologists, and magicians. It was in a small village in Pelleezeea where Gwildor invented the Cosmic Key. Gwildor is portrayed by Billy Barty in the 1980s live-action movie and voiced by Ted Biaselli in Masters of the Universe: Revolution. Main article: He-Man He-Man is "the most powerful man in the universe" and in most media he is the alter-ego of Prince Adam. He is armed with a power harness that enhances his strength, the Sword of Power, a battle axe, and a shield. Early media, such as the minicomics packaged with the original run of action figures, also depicts him carrying a knife. He-Man possesses superhuman strength and is capable of performing incredible feats, such as lifting heavy objects such as boulders and buildings, breaking solid rock with his fists, as well as having the advantage over just about any opponent. He is a formidable warrior, although he usually prefers to avoid conflict. He-Man is a strong upholder of moral justice and is regarded by the people of Eternia as their greatest hero. In the original minicomics, He-Man was a wandering barbarian hailing from a jungle tribe. However, both the DC comics and the cartoon series He-Man and the Masters of the Universe portrayed him as the alter ego of the young Prince Adam, heir-apparent to the throne of Eternia, and most media since have followed suit. Prince Adam is the son of King Randor and Queen Marlena of Eternia, and is viewed by many as fun-loving, lazy, and cowardly. This is merely an act to keep people from suspecting that he is also He-Man. The 2002 cartoon revealed that Adam was carefree and reckless in his younger days, before he accepted his destiny. Prince Adam was given the Sword of Power by The Sorceress of Castle Grayskull, and when he lifts the sword and says "By the Power of Grayskull... I Have the Power!" he is magically transformed into He-Man, defender of Eternia. Man-At-Arms, Orko, and the Sorceress are the only characters who share in the knowledge of Adam's secret, although it was heavily implied in the episode,The Rainbow Warrior that Queen Marlena knew as well. In the He-Man and She-Ra The Secret of the Sword movie (which is directly in sequential continuity with the original He-Man and The Masters of The Universe animated series) Prince Adam/He-Man discovers that he has a long lost twin sister, Princess Adora, who was abducted from Eternia as an infant by the evil warlock/warlord Hordak and his then apprentice Skeletor. After He-Man rescues Adora from brainwashed service to the Evil Horde, she receives her own magical sword and becomes She-Ra. Depending on his transformation to He-Man, at times he is also armed with plate armor, a battle axe, a shield, or deadly snake pinchers. In the 1980s series, Prince Adam and He-Man are almost identically drawn, the difference being that Adam has lighter blonde hair and paler skin, while He-Man has bronzed skin and more golden hair. In Masters of the Universe vs. The Snakemen, which features a teenaged Adam, he is much shorter and slender than his alter-ego, with blonde eyebrows and pants (versus 1980s Prince Adam's tights). He speaks with a higher tone of voice and often comes across as a clueless adolescent. He-Man, however, has black eyebrows, is much taller, and is far more muscular, as his transformation to He-Man later in the series (starting with "Council of Evil") shows. His voice is deeper, he is wise, and his age in indeterminate (mid 20s to mid 30s in appearance).[12] Prince Adam and He-Man are voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series, Cam Clarke in the 2002 series, Chris Wood in Masters of the Universe: Revelation with Dee Bradley Baker providing the voice of his savage appearance, and Yuri Lowenthal in the 2021 series. In the 1990s series, Prince Adam was voiced by Doug Parker while He-Man is voiced by Garry Chalk. In the 1980s live-action movie, He-Man was portrayed by Dolph Lundgren. King Randor is the ruler of Eternia, son of King Miro, husband to Queen Marlena, and father of Prince Adam and Princess Adora. In the original animated series, King Randor is chiefly shown wearing his crown and royal robes, presiding over dinners, and shaking his head over Adam's supposed laziness and Orko's apparent ineptitude. In the episode "Prince Adam No More", he demonstrates battle abilities when he helps He-Man fight off Skeletor's flying robots as they escape from Snake Mountain, mentioning his "strong left hook" from his warrior years. In the He-Man and She-Ra The Secret of the Sword movie, he threatens to tear Snake Mountain to the ground in order to rescue Princess Adora after Skeletor and Hordak abduct her a second time. In the 2002 series, the character of King Randor was significantly redesigned in appearance and personality, presented as more of a full-time warrior king. Physically, he is tall, muscular, and compelling, somewhat Viking-like in appearance. He is introduced during the Great Unrest as a captain who, with comrades including Man-At-Arms, is defending Eternia from evil. After battling and mortally wounding the usurper Keldor, Captain Randor is informed by the Council of Elders that he will rule Eternia as king and, that in the times of future trouble, a hero will appear to assist him in defending the land. Throughout the 2002 series, Randor is shown to be a wise, just, and involved ruler of Eternia, presiding over peace talks with other peoples, forming a ruling council, and, at times, battling the forces of evil alongside He-Man and the Masters. As in the original series, he expresses frequent disappointment over Prince Adam's apparent lack of responsibility. Like the Sorceress, he too had his figure released belatedly in the toy line (in its closure rather than its opening). King Randor is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series (including in the He-Man and She-Ra The Secret of the Sword movie and in their primetime Christmas Special), Michael Donovan in the 2002 series, Diedrich Bader in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Fred Tatasciore in the 2021 series. King Randor will be making making his live action debut in the 2026 reboot portrayed by James Purefoy.[13] Man-At-Arms is He-Man's closest ally, originally packaged in the Mattel toy line as the 'Heroic Master of Weapons'. He is Teela's adoptive father and is the inventor of most of the weaponry and vehicles used by the Heroic Warriors.[14] The original minicomics depicted him as the latest in a long family line of great warriors and inventors, who uses the material resources at his disposal to aid He-Man. The cartoon series He-Man and the Masters of the Universe by Filmation portrayed him as the Man-At-Arms to King Randor and Queen Marlena of Eternia, who holds residency at the Royal Palace, where his workshop is based. Since Man-At-Arms is actually a title, not a name, the character is also known as Duncan. This portrayal has been adopted by most subsequent versions of the franchise. The cartoon portrayed Man-At-Arms as a mentor to Prince Adam, and as such he was one of the few people aware that Prince Adam and He-Man were one and the same. In the He-Man and She-Ra The Secret of the Sword movie, it is revealed that Man-At-Arms' heroic intrusion on Hordak's abduction of an infant Princess Adora prevented the villain from also abducting Prince Adam.[15] Mark Taylor spoke on the creation of the character stating, "I based it on the Spanish Conquistadors. I always wondered how those suckers had the nerve to do the things they did. They had to be ballsy beyond belief! Mattel's marketing team was really on me to incorporate lots of technology, since Star Wars was still so popular. So I told them I could put high-tech gear on Man-At-Arms. I'd just read Piers Anthony's classic science-fiction novel Sos the Rope, about a character who goes into a wasteland where a superior civilization had once lived. And he digs down and brings out their technology, which gives him a huge advantage over everyone else! So Man-At-Arms does that too."[16] The live action movie's portrayal of Man-At-Arms was similar to that of the cartoon, although he seemed to be a seasoned war veteran and possibly the biological father of Teela rather than adopted. The 2002 cartoon series' portrayal of the character was mostly consistent with that of Filmation. The show also reveals that Man-At-Arms served as one of King Randor's chief supporters back during the Great Unrest, before the Council of Elders informed then-Captain Randor that his destiny was to be King of Eternia. Man-At-Arms designs and builds weapons and other technology for the royal family; he also helps train the Royal Guard, Teela, Prince Adam, and the other Masters of the Universe. In the 2002 series, Man-At-Arms sports a short topknot, and the armor on his left arm transforms into a different built-in weapons and tools. This newer Man-At-Arms is also older, more grizzled, and has more of a military bearing than the original 1980s version. The original Man-At-Arms action figure comes with a club, but the character was rarely ever seen with it in the cartoon. The figure did not have the moustache seen on the character in the cartoon. In the 2021 series, Man-At-Arms is depicted as a friend of Teela.[15] Man-At-Arms was voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series, Garry Chalk in the 2002 series, Liam Cunningham in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Antony Del Rio in the 2021 series. In the 1980s live action movie, he is portrayed by Jon Cypher. In the upcoming 2026 movie he will be portrayed by Idris Elba.[17] Man-E-Faces is a multi-faced Heroic Warrior, with the ability to change his faces from a human face to a monster face to a robot face.[5] His physical abilities mirror the face he wears.[18] Man-E-Faces, at times called "Manny" by his fellow Masters, had a prodigious career as an actor prior to his transformation. He is also a master of disguise. [19] His strongest persona, Man-E-Monster, was also his weakest, because as a monster he could initially be controlled by Beast Man. He enjoys playing the Eternian version of chess; Man-At-Arms built Roboto originally to serve as a gaming partner for Man-E-Faces. The figure came with a gun but it was not used in the cartoon.[20] Man-E-Faces is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Paul Dobson in the 2002 series, and Stephen Fry in the 2021 series. Mekaneck is the Heroic Warrior with a telescoping mechanical neck that enables him to serve as a spy and do reconnaissance.[21] Man-At-Arms is the one who gave him his extending prosthetic neck, although in the 2002 series this is never discussed; Man-At-Arms is only shown repairing kinks and damage to Mekaneck's neck. In the 2002 series, Mekaneck occasionally feels useless and wishes he had better superpowers than just an extending neck. This leads him to unknowingly retrieve Count Marzo's power amulet, in the vain hope that he'd be granted better abilities. He-Man and the other Masters finally convince Mekaneck of his worth.[20] Only the figure came with the club, he did not have this in the 1980s cartoon. However, he did use it in the 2002 series. Mekaneck also had a son by the name of Philip. Mekaneck is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series and Gabe Khouth in the 2002 series. CBR voted Mekaneck 10th worst He-Man toy.[22] The heroic Meteorbs are members of the Rock People who can transform from meteors into animal forms. They appear among Stonedar and Rokkon in the Star Comics (Comet Cat only appeared in one episode of the Filmation cartoons). They are portrayed as pets rather than equal members of the heroic warriors. Cometroid – Can transform from meteorb to robot. Astrolion – Heroic lion with amazing brute strength. Comet Cat – Heroic panther and the fastest of the Meteorbs. Appears in one episode of She-Ra. Tuskor – Heroic mammoth who busts force fields with tusks. Ty-Grrr – Heroic tiger Meteorb. Moss Man (real name Kreann'ot n'Horosh) is a plant-based hero and master of camouflage who can manipulate plant matter, causing flowers to grow but also causing tidal waves of moss and vegetation.[5][23] In the 2002 series, Moss Man is a quiet pastoral type who resides in the Eternian forests. Although invited to join the Masters of the Universe by He-Man, Moss Man chooses to retain his position as the guardian of Eternia's flora but agrees to help the Masters whenever he can. His assistance proves pivotal in "Council of Evil" and in other episodes. The Moss Man figure came with a pine-like scent, textured fur-like moss, and was formed from the same mold as Beast Man.[24] His teeth were painted flat like a plant eater, but you could still see the unpainted Beast Man fangs. In the 1980s cartoon, he only has two appearances because the cartoon was drawing to a close by the time his figure was released. The club (figure's accessory) did not appear in the cartoon, in which he was portrayed as very peaceful. Moss Man is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, John Payne in the 2002 series. Moss Man has a cameo in the opening episode of Masters of the Universe: Revelations voiced by Alan Oppenheimer (Who voiced Skeletor and Man-at-Arms in the original series). When Moss Man is killed Skeletor remarks that his death 'smells like pine'.[25] Comic Book Resources listed the character as part of He-Man: 15 Most Powerful Masters of the Universe.[26] CBR voted Moss Man 7th worst He-Man toy.[22] Cracked thought poorly of Moss Man.[27] Moss Man was voted 2nd out 7 in the 7 Stupidest He-Man Characters by Total Film.[28] Orko[29] is a magician from the parallel world of Trolla. Orko's magical abilities vary, depending on his location. On Eternia, Orko's magic doesn't work properly and his spells frequently backfire with humorous results, while in contrast on his homeworld of Trolla he is a master magician. Orko's attempts at helpfulness often end up causing only more trouble for the Masters and the royal family; however, in the 2002 series, his magic is much more controlled and successful, in several instances saving the day. The newer series attributes Orko's occasional ineptitude to the loss of his magic wand while saving 10-year-old Prince Adam upon arriving in Eternia. In the original series, he also saved young Prince Adam's life upon his arrival in Eternia, although he lost his magical amulet in the process. The reason why Trollan magic does not work well on Eternia was explained in "Dawn of Dragoon," in which Trolla is portrayed as a backwards world, where tree roots extend to the sky and leaves are in the ground, and Prince Adam had to recite his magic spell backwards to become He-Man. Orko moves around by levitating.[30] He was depicted as able to walk, but only on a few occasions in which he was rendered unable to float. Orko's face is concealed by a floppy hat and heavy scarf; according to tradition, members of his people only show their visage to their one true love (in Orko's case, Dree-Elle). He-Man describes Trollan face showing as "like getting engaged." Orko is one of the few beings on Eternia who know that Prince Adam is He-Man.[31] In the She-ra series, Orko evinces a crush on She-ra. Orko is also the main catalyst of the central action in the He-Man and She-Ra Christmas special. Orko was originally supposed to appear in the 1987 live-action "Masters of the Universe" theatrical film, but his design was too complex for the studio to produce in live action with its limited budget. Instead the character of Gwildor (played by Billy Barty) was created for the film to replace Orko and provide the comic relief.[32] Frederick S. Clarke explains that Gwildor was "reportedly a stand-in for Orko...In the series, Orko has no feet or legs and is always seen floating or flying, a difficult concept to film live."[33] In Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Orko remains behind and sacrifices himself to hold Scare Glow off while the rest of the group escape.[34] In the following episode "The Forge at the Forrest Forever", the group of heroes mourn the death of their friend Orko and a gravestone is seen with his name on it.[35] The showrunner Kevin Smith described the decision to kill the character as a way to create compelling drama from a weak character who was seen by the writers as unpopular.[36] A reviewer for CBR praised the decision, saying the redemption arc brought depth to what had previously been the series' worst character.[37] Orko is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Gabe Khouth in the 2002 series, Griffin Newman in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Tom Kenny (as "Ork-0") and Wallace Shawn (as "Orko the Great") in the 2021 series. Priscilla Kiehnle Warner believed that Orko's face was depicted as "[r]ounded eyes in a darkened space" in order to "indicate innocence".[38] Ram Man is a stocky warrior with poor verbal skills whose chief method of attack/defense involves using his head as a battering ram.[39] He is unswervingly loyal to the people of Eternia, at times questioning the loyalty of newer Heroic Warriors such as Buzz-Off. However, he is also a bit naive and gullible.[40] His lack of intelligence is often played for humor. The moral in "House of Shokoti, Part I" was considered so obvious that Ram Man delivered a lesson about not trying to imitate his human battering ram practices, noting both his heavy armor and his nature as a fictional character. In the original cartoon series, Ram Man is rather short, whereas in the 2002 series he is very large, one of the tallest heroes. He wears an armored helmet in both series, although in the 2002 series he is shown to remove it at times, displaying his short-cropped blonde hair and metal skull cap. He did not use the action figure's axe in the cartoon. In the 2021 series, there is a genderbent version of Ram-Man called Ram-Ma'am who is the identity of Adam's best friend Krass'tine. Ram Man is voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series, Scott McNeil in the 2002 series, Danny Trejo in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Judy Alice Lee in the 2021 series. Ram Man will be making making his live action debut in the 2026 reboot portrayed by Jon Xue Zhang.[13] In 2011, BBC Online reported that performer Jamie Moakes was trying to create "a new commodity, one to replace gold, silver and copper", by buying as many Ram Man figures as possible.[41] Ram Man was voted No.9 in The 10 Most Unfortunate Masters Of The Universe Toys by Io9.[42] Ram Man was voted No.12 in The 12 Coolest Masters of the Universe Action Features by Topless Robot.[43] Ram Man was voted by Mania.com as the fourth most Crazy Masters of the Universe Figures.[40] CBR voted Ram-Man 14th worst He-Man toy.[22] Roboto is a robot Heroic Warrior.[44] He was introduced into the Masters of the Universe toy line in 1985. His first appearance is in the Mattel mini-comic "The Battle of Roboto", in which he is built by Man-At-Arms, who gives him a cybernetically-enhanced heart, which enables him to feel human emotions and interact with his comrades as a human rather than as a machine.[45] He was an exceptionally brave fighter, even to the point of taking on Hordak in single combat in one issue. Given that the accompanying cartoon series was drawing to a close at the time his action figure was released, Roboto only makes one appearance in the cartoon, but unlike most other figures released at this time, Roboto was lucky enough to get a whole episode written around him. This episode, "Happy Birthday Roboto" features a radically different origin story for him, in which he was a space explorer from the alien world of Robotica, who crash-landed on Eternia. Initially wrecked by the crash, he was repaired and restored by Man-At-Arms.[46] In the 2002 version, he was designed and built by Man-At-Arms as a chess-playing robot, who upgrades his body and his knowledge database into that of a fighter in order to assist in the defense of the Eternian palace. Roboto is seen as an unwanted and unskilled pest by Teela, the Captain of the Guards, until Roboto sacrifices himself to protect the Masters of the Universe. Man-At-Arms rebuilds him, and Roboto is finally accepted by Teela.[44] Roboto's mechanical nature helps He-Man in overcoming the Serpent Ring's evil magic, him being a machine did not get possessed by King Hiss's magic. Roboto is the only character (especially released as his figure at the same time he debuts in the cartoon) to appear only once in the 1980s cartoon because the cartoon was about to end when Mattel released his figure. Similar to Trap Jaw's figure, the right arm of the original action figure had interchangeable attachments, which included an axe, laser gun, and claw. Rotating the figure's waist causes gears in his torso to spin, as well as open and close his mouth, which typically hung open when the figure was packaged, but stayed firmly shut in the show unless he was speaking. Roboto is voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series, Michael Donovan in the 2002 series, and Justin Long in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Roboto has gotten some positive reception from critics. Comic Book Resources voted 13th best out of 15 Best He-Man Toys.[10] Gizmodo ranked Roboto 21st best toy in Masters of the Universe.[47] Rio Blast is an Eternian gunslinger with weapons hidden in his body.[40] He was never seen in the 1980s cartoon because it came to a close before the release of his figure. "Colonel Blast", inspired by prototypes of this character, did appear on She-Ra: Princess of Power. In the Marvel comic, he was frequently shown eating cayenne peppers. Rio Blast was voted No.5 in The 10 Most Unfortunate Masters Of The Universe Toys by Io9.[42] Rio Blast was voted 1st out 7 in the 7 Stupidest He-Man Characters by Total Film.[48] In the Masters of the Universe toyline, Rio Blast was the sole survivor of a group of heroic explorers on a starband near Eternia and became the "law" of that last frontier. When a meteorb brought him to Eternia, he sided with He-Man in his battle against Skeletor's forces. The Rock People (also known as the Comet Warriors) are allies of He-Man and She-Ra. Both only appeared in the She-Ra cartoon, since the He-Man cartoon stopped production by the time their figures were released. They came from the planet Geolon which was destroyed by Horde Prime. Rokkon – A heroic young rock being who can turn into a boulder for defense.[49] He appears in multiple MOTU comic books and in the She-Ra cartoon. Stonedar – A rock being who can turn into a meteor for defense. He appears in multiple MOTU comic books and in the She-Ra cartoon, Stonedar is the leader of the Comet Warriors.[5] Granita – A rock being and the sister of Rokkon. She didn't get her own action figure until the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Rotar is the Master of Hyper-Spin.[40] He was a guard at the Royal Palace of Eternia until one of the battles against Skeletor's Evil Warriors left him injured. Man-At-Arms saved him with one of his latest inventions called the Gyro Machine. Rotar mostly goes up against Twistoid in battle. His figure was made after the end of the 1980s Filmation cartoon so he did not appear in animation. In the Masters of the Universe Classics storyline, Rotar's real name is Runar. The Sorceress (real name Teela Na) is the mystic guardian of Castle Grayskull. She acts as a conduit to the surging energies that dwell within the walls of Castle Grayskull. She can only temporarily access them, as it is shown to overwhelm her when exerting the power for long periods of time. Her powers include; telepathy, telekinesis, clairvoyance, teleportation, large scale energy barriers, mystics bolts, illusion projection and can polymorph. She can also create portals to various worlds, dimensions and even across time. It is she who bestows on Prince Adam the power to become He-Man. With Grayskulls magic focused by the power sword, He-Man has inexhaustible access to Grayskulls power. In the original animated series, the Sorceress cannot leave the castle for long periods of time unless she utilizes the “Crystal of Ala-nah”. It allows her to use the power of Grayskull and remain in her true-form temporarily. Once the crystal is exhausted, her link to Grayskull diminishes and she will revert to her falcon form, Zoar. In The Secret of the Sword movie, which sequentially follows season two of the original animated series (in a unified continuity), it is the Sorceress who sends He-Man on the quest to find and rescue his long lost twin sister Princess Adora (who later becomes She-Ra). In the 2002 series, the Sorceress is far from powerless outside Castle Grayskull in her human form, as she demonstrates when she magically defends a village against an evil warlord. The 2002 series also portrays the Sorceress as more capable and more involved with the goings-on of Eternia. Unlike the 1980s Sorceress, who mainly sent psychic calls for help to He-Man, the 2002 Sorceress is more of a defender herself, physically and magically protecting Castle Grayskull and the power of the Elders contained within. The Sorceress is also the mother of Teela, who is destined to inherit her place, although Teela does not know this initially. In the 2002 incarnation, the Sorceress' connection to Teela is alluded to early on in the series. The Sorceress herself is quite different in appearance from her 80s version. The 1980s version features a woman in a white feathered leotard with a falcon-shaped feathered headdress and wings. In the 2002 version, the Sorceress is much more Egyptian in appearance, with a headdress resembling the Egyptian god Horus, an armored bodice, skirt, bare arms, jewelry, and a magical staff. It is disclosed that the Sorceress is just one in a line of Sorceresses whose duty it is to protect the secrets of Castle Grayskull. In the 2013–2014 DC Comics ongoing series, the Sorceress of Grayskull is captured and imprisoned by Skeletor. Loyal to the end, she refuses to talk or eat until an impatient Skeletor kills her before engaging his nephew Adam/He-Man in a battle outside Castle Grayskull where his Havoc staff is broken and his jaw shattered by He-Man, before being knocked into the pit between Grayskull and the Evergreen Forest. Skeletor is presumed dead, but Adam/He-Man knows this might not be true. A memorial service is held in the Sorceress' honor in Eternos City following the battle at Grayskull. Her 1987 action figure was released belatedly, as the toyline was about to end. The Sorceress character originated at Mattel, but the action figure is based on her Filmation cartoon design. The Sorceress of Castle Grayskull was voiced by Linda Gary in the 1980s series, Venus Terzo in the 1990s series, Nicole Oliver in the 2002 series, Susan Eisenberg in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Kimberly Brooks in the 2021 series. In the 1980s live-action film, the Sorceress is portrayed by Christina Pickles, and will be portrayed by Morena Baccarin in the live action 2026 reboot.[9] Comic Book Resources listed the character at ninth place in "He-Man: 15 Most Powerful Masters of the Universe": "The Sorceress is best known as the bird-headed chick who gave He-Man his magical sword and armor that gave him his powers, but she's a lot more than that. [...] she has magic powers that rival almost anyone else on Eternia".[50] Main article: She-Ra She-Ra is introduced in the animated movie The Secret of the Sword (a same continuity, direct extension of the original He-Man and the Masters of the Universe Filmation cartoon) as Force Captain Adora, who was an agent of the Evil Horde that rules the planet Etheria. She discovers that she is the long-lost twin sister of Prince Adam (AKA He-Man) and the princess of Eternia, having been stolen by the Horde's leader, Hordak, as a baby. She is granted the Sword of Protection, which parallels He-Man's Sword of Power, gaining the power to transform into She-Ra, her secret identity. For more details on She-Ra related characters (including the members of the Evil Horde) who play a role in the larger Masters of The Universe mythos, see * List of She-Ra: Princess of Power and She-Ra and the Princesses of Power characters . Stratos is one of the Heroic Warriors.[51] He has the power of flight and energy projection, and is the leader of a race of birdpeople who inhabit the airborne city of Avion, high in the Mystic Mountains. He appeared regularly in early episodes of the 1980s cartoon series by Filmation, and the season 2 episode "Betrayal of Stratos" explained that Stratos and his people gained their power of flight from the Egg of Avion, a sacred relic of his kingdom. The 2002 cartoon series by Mike Young Productions portrayed Stratos as a long-serving member of the Masters and seemingly one of the older members of their ranks. Stratos and his race featured prominently in the episode "Sky War" which revealed that Avion has had clashes with the people of Andreenos (the bee people) but, thanks to Stratos and the Andreenid captain Buzz-off working together as Masters of the Universe, there is now peace between the two peoples. No origin was ever given for Stratos in either of the two cartoons, but a comic produced by MV Creations to accompany the 2002 series revealed that his entire race was flightless until a magical staff gave them wings and the power of flight. The people of Avion use rocket packs for increased speed and navigation. During battle, they also carry rocket launchers and bombs. In the 1980s series, Stratos sported just a few feathers on his arms and flew Superman style, with his arms straight ahead. In the 2002 series, Stratos was redrawn to have full wings and a little more heft to his frame. Stratos is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Scott McNeil (who gave Stratos an accented inflection that seems to blend Sean Connery with Patrick Stewart) in the 2002 series, and Zeno Robinson in the 2021 series. Stratos will appear in the Live Action He-Man movie. In the film, he will be nicknamed the "Angel of Death," and will rule over the Sky Guards of the Iron Gate Prison.[52] Snout Spout is a heroic firefighter with a metal elephant-shaped head, who can squirt water out of his trunk.[40] He appears in the She-Ra cartoon and in several He-Man comic books as an Eternian warrior. In several of his She-Ra appearances, he is called by the figure's prototype name Hose Nose. He only appears in the She-Ra cartoon because the original He-Man cartoon stopped production by the time his figure was released. Of course, one episode mentioned that he was a friend of He-Man. He more closely resembled the action figure in his "Snout Spout" appearance than he did in his "Hose Nose" appearance. A planned episode of She-Ra was to include Snout Spout's kind called Hosers, but it was scrapped. His figure came with a fireman's axe (he did not have this in the cartoon). In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Jaxton was an Etherian peasant who was one of three gladiators captured by Hordak and thrown into the experimental matrix which grafted cybernetic parts to him. He later escaped to Eternia and sided with He-Man. Snout Spout is voiced by George DiCenzo in the 1980s cartoon. Sy-Klone (real name Dash-Shel) is a Heroic Warrior with the power of hyper-spin. He can generate whirlwinds and fly by spinning his torso and arms. He was only shown twice in the 1980s series because his figure was released before the cartoon's closure. The figure came with a yellow shield (which is absent in the cartoon). In the 2002 continuity, Sy-Klone was recast as a mystic guardian of the Legacy Stones and the last defender of Anwat Gar, the Tibetan-Japanese-style temple that housed these stones. After destroying the stones, He-Man invited Sy-Klone to become a Master of the Universe. Sy-Klone's look resembles that of a stylized samurai. He tends to speak in proverbs, which irritates Teela from time to time. He is very lawful and righteous in nature.[53] In the 2014 DC Comics ongoing series continuity, Sy-Klone was of the Gar race. Other Gar like him were still very much active during the period when King Grayskull lived. Sy-Klone is voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series and John Payne in the 2002 series. Teela is the Captain of the Royal Guard and Man-At-Arms' adopted daughter. The original minicomics depicted Teela as a "warrior goddess" rescued from Skeletor by He-Man, whom she then supplied with his armour and weaponry. This portrayal of the character was abandoned for the Filmation cartoon series, which portrayed her as the daughter of the Sorceress and an unnamed and apparently deceased father, although she was unaware of her true heritage. The episode "Teela's Quest" revealed that Man-At-Arms had raised her from infancy at the Sorceress' behest. Teela is very outspoken and opinionated, at times disregarding direct orders from her father or being left to deal with the consequences for her disobedience. One of her duties is to teach combat skills to Prince Adam. She frequently berates him for his careless and worry-free attitude, but is fond of him nonetheless. She secretly admires He-Man and wishes Prince Adam could be more like him, unaware that the two are one and the same. Episodes such as "Teela's Quest" and "Teela's Triumph" explained that someday Teela will be made aware of the secrets of Grayskull and succeed her mother as the Castle's guardian, although her destiny must be kept secret from her until the right time comes. The 2002 cartoon series followed much the same portrayal although the character seemed slightly younger, portrayed as an ambitious and headstrong teenager. In several episodes of this series she came much closer to suspecting the dual identity of Prince Adam and He-Man than she ever did in the 1980s series. The 2008 toyline Masters of the Universe Classics has a storyline that combines elements of previous canons with new material, creating a new continuity. This version of Teela is a clone of the Sorceress (as in the early minicomics), is depicted with both red and blonde hair, and would one day take over from her mother as the new Sorceress. Years later, she became the wife of King He-Man and they had a son- the second He-Ro, Dare. In the 2013–2014 ongoing DC Comics series, Teela is betrothed to Adam, unbeknownst to her and Adam. Later, during a battle through Subternia to bring back her mother, the deceased Sorceress of Grayskull, Teela overshoots a jump intended to take out King Hiss and is engulfed in a mystical flame. Dead to her friends for mere seconds, she is reborn as the new Sorceress of Grayskull. Teela was voiced in the 1980s series by Linda Gary, Cathy Weseluck in the 1990s series, Lisa Ann Beley in the 2002 series, Sarah Michelle Gellar in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Melissa Benoist in Masters of the Universe: Revolution, and Kimberly Brooks in the 2021 series. In the 1980s live-action film, Teela is portrayed by Chelsea Field. In the upcoming reboot, she will be play by Camila Mendes. Tytus was a heroic giant warlord with long blonde hair, who aided He-Ro in Preternia. His weapon of choice is an unusual hollowed-out "capture hammer", which he uses to grab his enemies. In the Masters of the Universe Classics, Tytus came from Perpetua which he had to leave when the dinosaurs there developed strange techno parts. Upon meeting He-Ro, Tytus aided him against the Horde and the Snake Men. During the First Ultimate Battle Ground, Tytus fell in battle when he sacrificed his life to stop Megator. Zodac is a Cosmic Enforcer. Much confusion has arisen over the character's true allegiance due to conflicting portrayals in different media.[54] The original 1980s toy line marketed Zodac as a 'Cosmic Enforcer' among the villains. However, the DC Comics and the Filmation cartoon series indicated that the character strives to maintain a neutral standpoint, helping both good and evil sides in their times of need while leaning more towards the cause of justice. He appeared in three episodes of the Filmation cartoon series, most prominently in "The Search" in which he was seen to put He-Man to the test of retrieving the mystical object known as the Starseed, which could give its holder power over the whole universe. A twist at the end of the episode revealed that Zodac had also informed Skeletor about the Starseed, so that He-Man would be given the chance to retrieve it from him and be tested to find out whether he could overcome the lust for power. Several other media in the 1980s, such as the UK Ladybird books, pictured Zodac as a thoroughly evil character, a generic member of Skeletor's henchmen. In the cartoon, he did not have the chest hair the figure had, nor did he have the action figure's gun. Also, the figure had clawed hands and feet, while the cartoon version wore gloves. The 2002 cartoon series gave a radically different portrayal of the character. Again he was not officially allied with either the heroic or evil forces, but rather than being a universal mediator between both sides he was portrayed as an ancient and mystical warrior who followed his own sense of right and wrong, without much regard for others. He was introduced in the season 1 episode "Snake Pit" as a warrior who had helped defeat the Snake Men in ancient times and held a centuries-long grudge against King Hiss after the latter killed and ate his brother. In season 2, he was called upon to stop the Snake Men after they were unleashed on present-day Eternia, but in a shock twist it was revealed it was Zodak himself who allowed the Snake Men to be freed, purely so he could exact his own revenge on King Hiss. Although the character's sense of morality was highly questionable in this series, he ended up being treated as the ultimate hero of the season, defeating King Hiss all by himself in the series' penultimate episode "Awaken the Serpent". Also unlike many throughout the series run, Zodak is amongst the very few who knew of Adam's true identity as He-Man from the beginning. The character was packaged as 'Zodak' in the contemporary toy line and his appearance was significantly altered- for reasons of racial diversity he was black-skinned rather than Caucasian, and had a somewhat tribal appearance, with white tribal markings on his arms. He wielded a staff, unlike the original Zodac who carried a laser gun. Mark Taylor spoke on the creation of the character stating,"Zodac was all about flying. He was the air wing. I was influenced by Flash Gordon and the flying Vikings."[55] Due to the radical difference between the 2002 version of Zodac and his 1980s counterpart, the current Masters of the Universe Classics adult collector's toy line has split him into two separate characters. The first of these is 'Zodac' (real name Zodac Zur) who is the Cosmic Enforcer as in the 1980s media, while the second is 'Zodak' (real name Kar-Tor), a student of the former who took his name and appearance and dedicated himself to fighting the Snake Men. In the 2013 ongoing series from DC Comics, Zodac was given a new and completely different backstory; he is now known as Cosmic Enforcer 097-427-09, Second Platoon out of Overkill Battalion 657, but he's also the half-brother of Hordak and the son of Horde Prime. He is killed and his body absorbed by Hordak one million years before the birth of Adam of the House of Miro. Zodac made an appearance in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Zodac was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1983 series, Christopher Judge in the 2002 series, and Jeffrey Combs in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. King D'vann Grayskull is an ancestor of He-Man and She-Ra who ruled Eternia and resided in Castle Grayskull ages before He-Man's time. His wife was the sorceress Veena. During the time of King D'Vann, the Snake People, led by King Hiss, were a threat, as was Hordak. Hordak defeated the forces of King Hiss and was set to challenge Grayskull. A magic Oracle (who, like Orko, hailed from Trolla) revealed to Grayskull that he already had the power within him to defeat Hordak. Mortally wounded in the battle, Grayskull instructed his comrades and advisors to use his power to keep the peace on Eternia and that, one day, a hero would come to help in that endeavor. As he died, Veena promised to protect the power that resided in Grayskull to the best of her abilities and, when she was no longer capable, that she would find one to take her place. Grayskull's immense power rose from his corpse, imbued his sword with power, then surrounded his comrades, who were magically transformed into the beings known as the Council of Elders. King Grayskull was drawn to resemble He-Man, although a more barbaric, Viking-style He-Man. King Grayskull was originally designed by the Four Horsemen to be an older He-Man. King Grayskull's action figure was released as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. In addition, there was an action figure called Spirit of Grayskull where the bio mentions that King Grayskull's ghost still resides in Castle Grayskull and helps the Sorceress of Castle Grayskull protect it. King Grayskull was voiced by Cam Clarke in the 2002 series, Dennis Haysbert in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Alan Oppenheimer in the 2021 series. Queen Veena Grayskull is married to King Grayskull one of Adam and Adora's ancestors. She is a sorceress with similar powers to the later Sorceress of Castle Grayskull where she wears bird-like attire, leg guards, and is always barefoot. When King Grayskull died, Queen Veena promised to protect the power that resided in Grayskull to the best of her abilities and, when she was no longer capable, that she would find one to take her place. In addition, she has taken on Sharella as her apprentice where Sharella became the Goddess of Castle Grayskull. Queen Veena Grayskull was voiced by Nicole Oliver in the 2002 series. Battle cat is a green lion named Cringer who is the pet of King Grayskull and serves a role that would later be served by Cringer. When empowered by King Grayskull's powers, Cringer becomes Battle Cat He-Ro was the most powerful wizard in the universe and a heroic cosmic warrior. He was the protagonist of the "Powers of Grayskull" prequel that was never released. He led the forces of Eternia against the forces of King Hiss and the Snake Men. His alter ego in "The Powers of Grayskull" line was going to be a young man named Gray, mirroring the Adam/He-Man dual identity. Uttering the magic words "By the power of good, I strive for peace!" would transform Gray into He-Ro. According to his 2009 action figures' packaging biography, his real name is Ro and he was infected with a techno-organic virus by the Horde Supreme during an epic battle and sent through a vortex to the magic planet of Eternia, where he was healed by Eldor. Out of gratitude, he fought with King Grayskull, eventually bequeathing his magic sword to King Grayskull upon his heroic death. He-Ro was voiced by Phil LaMarr in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. In 1996, a prequel TV series was proposed featuring the character alongside a proposed "Son of He-Man" TV series that featured a different He-Ro.[56][57][58] Eldor was a great wizard and sage who was He-Ro's mentor in Preternia and the guardian of The Book of Living Spells. The original action figure was created but not produced. Only prototype pictures exist. In 2014, Mattel finally released a Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Eldor. His bio stated that he found "Gray" in a crater affected by a techno virus where Eldor healed him with a mystic pool. To repay Eldor, "Gray" became his student and they fought against the Snake Men. After the death of King Grayskull, the Power of the Universe was transferred from the Sword of Power to the Council of Elders, who hid it deep within his castle. Knowing the full sword was the key to channeling the power again, they split it in two to prevent it from falling into the hands of evil. For five thousand years, they waited for a worthy heir to be born. During this time their spirit guide, the creature known as The Goddess of Eternia, trained secret heroic guardians to keep the two halves of the sword separated. Many of these brave warriors took the name "He-Man" in honor of the sword they protected giving birth to many different legends of the protector of Eternia. The Goddess is a translucent green repaint of the Masters of the Universe Classics Teela action figure. She is based on an early version of the Sorceress, as she appeared in the minicomic "He-Man and the Power Sword". This figure is notorious among collectors for its poor quality plastic, which is prone to breakage. The character's "real name", Sharella, originates from the short-lived Masters of the Universe spin-off line "The Powers of Grayskull", where she was intended to be a tribal chieftess who would have helped Eldor raise Gray (aka He-Ro) and guided him in his battles against the Snake Men. While the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline used the name Sharella for the Goddess of Castle Grayskull, it was also mentioned that she started out as an apprentice to Queen Grayskull. One hundred years before Prince Adam was born, Wun-Dar, a warrior from deep in the savage underground city of Tundaria, rescued a young woman who turned out to be the Goddess of Eternia. Providing him with cosmic battle armor and a sophisticated ray gun that could tap into almost unlimited power, the Goddess tasked Wun-Dar to protect both halves of the sword of He and keep them apart so as not to fall into the hands of evil. Like many warriors before him, Wun-Dar became known as "The He-Man", battling in a savage way to keep evil from obtaining the key to the great power hidden inside the long-forgotten Castle Grayskull. The character Wun-Dar was created for the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, with an action figure available exclusively to customers who purchased the monthly (2010) subscription. This figure is based on "Savage He-Man", an extremely rare action figure of unknown origins, which is a brown-haired repaint of the original 1982 He-Man. It is commonly believed among the fan community to be a promotional item associated with Wonder Bread, but no documentation has as yet been found to prove the theory. Mattel named the Classics figure "Wun-Dar" to pay homage to the myth, as well as including a small plastic loaf of bread accessory with the toy. Wun-Dar made his TV debut in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Wun-Dar is voiced by Jay Tavare in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Fearless Photog In 1986, Mattel held a contest for children to send in designs for new characters.[59] 44,000 people submitted their designs.[60] Five finalists were chosen, and more than 150,000 people then voted for their favorite.[59] Then 12-year-old Nathan Bitner entered the contest with Fearless Photog, eventually winning.[61] Nathan was awarded a scholarship for 100,000 dollars, plus a five-day trip to Disneyland.[62][59] Despite the contest's premise however, Fearless Photog never went into production.[63] Fearless Photog is a heroic warrior with a robotic camera-shaped head. He has the ability to "focus in" on his enemies and drain their strength. His chest plate displays silhouettes of his defeated enemies.[60] In 2011, Mattel revealed that Fearless Photog would finally receive a figure as the first entry in their six-figure Masters of the Universe Classics 30th Anniversary series.[64][63] His bio depicts him as an apprentice to Gwildor who invented the Photog Emulator which got him a spot in the Masters of the Universe. During the Second Ultimate Battleground, Fearless Photog defeated Clawful and Whiplash. Queen Marlena is the Queen of Eternia and mother of the twins Prince Adam and Princess Adora.[65] Both the original cartoon series and the 2002 series show her as suspecting her son is He-Man. In the 1980s series, Marlena Glenn is an astronaut from Earth, Boise Idaho. Her ship crash-landed on Eternia. In the 1980s series, Queen Marlena is portrayed wearing a crown and long gown and not doing much other than attending dinners with her husband King Randor. However, in the episode "The Rainbow Warrior", her skills as both a pilot and a leader are shown in great detail. Later in that episode it is hinted that Queen Marlena also knows her son is He-Man. This is later confirmed on the Classics toy's biography card. Queen Marlena in the 2002 series also wears a gown and crown, but unlike her previous incarnation, offers counsel to her husband and goes on diplomatic missions around Eternia. She is also able to fight with a knife and blaster to defend herself as seen when she is stalked by Kobra Khan and Tung Lashor. Unlike her husband King Randor, she did not have a toy made of her until the Masters of the Universe Classics line in 2011, which packaged her as both the royal queen and the space captain.[66] Queen Marlena was voiced by Linda Gary in the 1980s series, Jay Scheimer in a few episodes of the 1980s series,[67] Nicole Oliver in the 2002 series, and Alicia Silverstone in Masters of the Universe: Revelation.[68] Queen Marlena will be making making her live action debut in the 2026 reboot portrayed by Charlotte Riley. This is a version where Marlena take her son Adam from Eternia to her home planet Earth and teaches him of how to be a Earth human.[13] The Eternian Palace Guards are made up of the bravest and noblest warriors in the Light Hemisphere of Eternia. They serve as the soldiers of King Randor and are led by Teela and Man-At-Arms. There was a two pack of the generic Palace Guards in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. First appearing in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Sky High is a former Eternian Palace Guard named Darid who is an ace test pilot that assisted in Man-At-Arms' inventions. While defending Eternos from the skies, Darid took up the name Sky High and helped Man-At-Arms to upgrade the Jet Sleds and Wind Raiders for faster acceleration and smoother landings. Hawke is a female member of the Bird People. In the 80s series, her greed was taken advantage of by Skeletor where she framed Stratos for a sabotage and got him banished from Avion. When she stole the Egg of Avion, Skeletor double-crossed her and had Whiplash imprison her in a cage. After Skeletor was defeated and Stratos was cleared of all charges, Hawke was placed on punishment detail. In the 2002 series, Hawke is a warrior that is loyal to Stratos. She later was present with the Avionian representatives who are members of King Randor's council. Hawke got an action figure in 2017 Masters of the Universe classics wave.[69] Her bio states that she was a healer from Calgary until she met Stratos who saved her from the attacking Torgs and they fell in love. When Delora got badly injured after recovering the Egg of Avion and the Emerald Staff of Avion from Skeletor, Stratos and Hawke used its powers which healed her and granted the Avionians the power of flight. Hawke was voiced by Kathleen Barr in the 2002 TV series. Kittrina is a cat-like warrior who appeared in the 1980s series and is a member of the Cat Folk race that lived in the Vine Jungle. As an agent of King Paw, Kittrina was angered that the people of Eternos City was intruding on their Temple of the Cat. She helped He-Man and Teela recover a Cat Folk statue that Webstor stole as part of Skeletor's plot to free the Grimalkin demon from its statue form. Afterwards, Kittrina plans to improve the relationship between the humans and the Cat Folk after being infatuated by Battle Cat. Kittrina later got an action figure in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Kittrina was voiced by Linda Gary in the 1980s series. First appearing the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Slamurai is a heroic white-clad ninja from the planet Bashido and an enemy of Ninjor. John Spector is a former palace guard who eventually became known as The Mighty Spector, a time-traveling spy in a purple "vortex suit" and member of the Time Agents. Reporting to King He-Man in the not-to-distant future, he travels around in a hovercraft he calls the "Spectormobile". Created exclusively for the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Sir Laser-Lot is a knight in an enchanted blue armor wielding a laser sword, shield, and mace. Designed by Geoff Johns and sculpted by the Four Horsemen, Sir Laser-Lot was created exclusively for the Classics toyline. He was the mightiest of King Grayskull's knights on Preternia. He-Man had Sir Laser-Lot brought to the present to serve as the King's new Man-at-Arms so that he can train the King's son Dare and the Royal Guards in ancient battle techniques. Dekker (voiced by Blu Mankuma) was originally a mercenary from the Dunes of Doom who sided with King Miro during the Great Unrest. When working for King Miro, Dekker trained the palace guards and met Duncan who Dekker took on as an apprentice. Dekker later retired to life as a fisherman on Orkos Island and had passed his Man-At-Arms title to Duncan. He does occasionally help the Masters of the Universe in their fight against the forces of evil. Dekker was created for the 2002 cartoon series and was eventually made into an action figure in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline which revealed his full history. Castle Grayskullman was created for the Masters of the Universe Classics by lifelong MOTU enthusiast Daniel Benedict[70] after winning the 30th Anniversary "Create-A-Character" contest. The action figure's swords are based upon the original Castle Grayskull playset's flag symbols and his shield is based upon the emblem on the Castle's Jawbridge. During the Second Ultimate Battleground, Hordak and King Hiss' grand army pressed in against the allied heroes of Eternia. Reaching out through the Orb of Power that is hidden deep inside Castle Grayskull, He-Man and Teela (who is the new Sorceress of Castle Grayskull) used an unrepeatable spell to call upon the Powers of Grayskull and infuse life into the very walls of the castle itself. Rising from the castle's hidden Chamber of Defense, Castle Grayskullman marched into battle swinging his dual swords of power where he helped to turn the tide. Lord Dactys (voiced by Richard Newman in the 2002 series) is the leader of the bat-like Speleans and an old friend of King Randor. The Speleans and the Caligars have been in a feud ever since they found their homes destroyed following the Great Unrest where they helped Miro. In "To Walk with Dragons," Lord Dactys becomes a member of King Randor's council. During the threat of King Hiss, Lord Dactys and Ceratus settled their differences. He later gained an action figure in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, with his name incorrectly spelled as Lord Dactus. Exclusive to the 2002 series, Ceratus (voiced by Brian Dobson) is the leader of the Caligars. He has issues with his younger brother Whiplash who betrayed their kind to Skeletor. At one point, Prince Adam mistook one of the Caligars as Whiplash which angered him. The Caligars and the Speleans have been in a feud ever since they found their homes destroyed following the Great Unrest where they helped Miro. During the threat of King Hiss, Ceratus and Lord Dactys put aside their differences. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Ceratus is due for release in 2015. His bio also mentioned that he joined King Randor's council and assisted in the Second Ultimate Battle Ground. Exclusive to the 2002 series, Chief Carnivus (voiced by Paul Dobson) is the lion-like warrior chief of the Qadians, a tribe of cat-people. While originally neutral, he agrees with Prince Adam and Teela to side with King Randor and He-Man in the fights against Skeletor. In "To Walk with Dragons," Chief Carnivus becomes a member of King Randor's council. He later gained an action figure in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline where his full name is Carnivus Fervelius III. The Kulatak Elder (voiced by Campbell Lane in the first appearance, Michael Donovan in the second appearance) is the elderly leader of the snow monster-like Kulataks which were at first thought to be mythical and is exclusive to the 2002 series. In "To Walk with Dragons," the Kulatak Elder becomes a member of King Randor's council. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of the character named King Chooblah was released. Created for the original He-Man cartoon, Lizard Man (voiced by Lou Scheimer) is a lizard man. He is shorter than most of his battle comrades with speed and agility as his main attributes. He did not have a toy made of him[71] until 2015 when he was included in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline which revealed that his real name is Gayn. Lizard Man's bio states that he has dealt with discrimination due to his genetic connections to the Snake Men. Exclusive to the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Oo-Larr is a jungle He-Man based on He-Man from early minicomics.[72] In Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Adam transforms into Savage He-Man (vocal effects provided by Dee Bradley Baker) who is inspired by Oo-Larr when he channeled the transformation without the sword.[73][74] First appearing in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Plasmar is a warrior who saw his fellow warriors and his family slain by the Horde and the Snake Men during the Battle of Xarkoran. Absorbing the powers of the Gem of Tomadge, he gained the ability to gain plasma-blast energy. He fought the Snake Men Warriors that he hunted down and even wore their hides. Plasmar was later found by his old friend Clamp Champ where he sided with He-Man. Exclusive to the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Vikor is the "He-Man of the North." Sometime after King Grayskull's death, a Viking-like warrior from the north named Vikor was chosen by the Goddess of Castle Grayskull to help protect the Sword of He as Eternia awaits a true heir to be born. Some of his known heroics involved fighting the remaining Snake Men and defending the Valley of Gnarl from the Fighting Foe Men. Vikor's legends will never be forgotten in the great archives of Eternia. Vikor made his TV debut in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Vikor is voiced by Adam Gifford in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. He-Man has several allies who are independent of the Heroic Warriors. Although they only occasionally assist He-Man (and only when it suits their purposes), they are considered heroic characters nonetheless. Granamyr (voiced by John Erwin) is the oldest and wisest of the dragons of Darksmoke, an ancient dragon kingdom on Eternia. Granamyr greatly distrusts humans after a great war between the dragons and humans centuries ago, but he strongly respects He-Man, who convinces him there is still some hope for humankind. Granamyr would appear in a few more episodes of the original Filmation era He-Man cartoon, including in one episode of She-Ra: Princess of Power. Granamyr is one of the most powerful magic users on Eternia and apparently possesses such extraordinary power that even Skeletor dares not challenge him. He did not have a toy made of him in the vintage era. As of December 2012, he has now been included in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline.[75] Granmyr was voiced by John Erwin in the 1985 series and by John De Lancie in Masters of the Universe: Revolution. Created for the 2002 cartoon series, the Faceless One (voiced by Richard Newman) is an ancient ruler of the former city of Zalesia, which now lies in ruins. In the comic adaption of MoTU, it is revealed that said mystic was once an Elder on the Council of Wisdom. But when his daughter was stolen from his kingdom by the Snake Men, his former compatriots turned their backs on him due to breaking their cardinal law against siring a family. In return for the safety of his progeny, King Hiss would demand a means of awakening and controlling an ancient God Beast cast in the form of Snake Mountain from the timeless wizard. The fallen king would oblige, but felt incredible guilt at the horror that followed after Serpos was unleashed upon Eternia. As punishment for betraying the world to the Snake Men, the other Elders cursed him with immortality and mystically imprisoned him within the boundaries of his devastated fiefdom, which had been annihilated in the snake deity's wake. Thousands of years later, he often offers his help or implores the aid of He-Man to atone for past misdeeds, but can only exist outside Zalesia in an intangible ghost-like state. The mysterious child of the Faceless One is later revealed to be Evil-Lyn herself. An action figure of the Faceless One was released in 2011 as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline where his bio was revealed. Originally appearing in a comic book, Procrustus is an immortal giant with four arms who resides at the very centre of Eternia, holding the planet itself together with his mystical strength ever since Hordak tried to use the Spell of Separation to get to the Starseed within. A toy of Procrustus was released in 2012 as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Strobo is a Cosmic Enforcer who appears in a comic book. He has a mirror built into his chest and possesses light-reflecting powers. His design was based on a mixture of parts from existing characters- Sy-Klone's body, Zodac's head, and King Randor's cape. A Masters of the Universe Classics action figure of him was released in 2013. Lieutenant Andra is a prominent female character in the Star Comics. However, she did appear to have aligned with Faker in "Injustice vs. Masters of the Universe" comic series. She appears in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, voiced by Tiffany Smith.[76][77] King Miro (voiced by Lou Scheimer) is King Randor's father and the grandfather of Prince Adam and Princess Adora. Legend has it in the 1980s series that King Miro disappeared for many years, held captive by the evil Enchantress. Restored to Eternia, he is taken to Etheria by Prince Adam to meet Adam's sister Adora. In the 2002 series, Miro was the Captain of the Guards that served the Elders where he had a part in the apprehension of Count Marzo. King Miro has been married twice; his first wife was a member of the blue-skinned humanoid race known as Gar. She gave Miro his first-born son, a half-Gar named Keldor, Randor's half-brother. Keldor eventually became the evil Skeletor. Dree Elle (voiced by Linda Gary) is a female Trollan and Orko's girlfriend. Unlike Orko himself, she did not have a toy made of her until the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline where she was packaged with Montork. Yukkers (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) is the mischievous brother of Dree-Elle. Wears a trucker cap and sports a "Y" on the front of his garment. Montork (voiced by Lou Scheimer) is Orko's uncle from Trolla, who resembles Orko, but has a beard and glasses, No toy of Uncle Montork was ever made until the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline where he was packaged with Dree Elle. His fellow Trollans, Snoob and Yukkers, did not have toys made of them either. Kol Darr (voiced by John Erwin) is a gladiator-like warrior and ally of He-Man. He flies around on Shadow Master, an armored flying horse with the ability to blend into any shadow. Starchild (voiced by Linda Gary) is a beautiful young girl, apparently between six and seven years old. She has blonde hair and blue eyes, and she wears an outfit which resembles a red one-piece bathing suit with a yellow star and white boots. She has incredible magical powers, which she describes as feelings. Said powers cause a glow to appear around those she loves; the Starchild can use this "glow" to defend herself from those who would exploit her abilities for selfish ends, as in the Filmation episode "The Starchild" when the Tree People and the Cave Dwellers wanted custody of her. She also appears in the Larry DiTillio episode "Bargain with Evil", in which she combines her energy with that of another sorceress to open an inter-dimensional gateway. Melaktha (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) is the royal archaeologist, a muscular, bearded, dark-skinned intellectual who was created by writer Larry DiTillio to add more racial diversity to the original cartoon. He first appears in "House of Shokoti" parts 1 and 2. Melaktha has not been released as a toy. Scrollos is a mysterious character who served as the narrator of the UK comics, Scrollos also helped observe and protect Eternia from extraterrestrial threats (much like the Marvel Comics character Uatu the Watcher). He resides in a spaceship with a large crew of robots. None of these characters had toys made of them. Detective Hugh Lubic (portrayed by James Tolkan) – Detective Lubic is a tough detective from the 1987 movie. In the film's climax, he is accidentally transported to Eternia by the Cosmic Key and ends up battling Skeletor's forces alongside He-Man and his friends. Celebrated for his deed, he later remains on Eternia, similar to He-Man's mother Queen Marlena Glenn. Julie Winston (portrayed by Courteney Cox) – Julie is a young girl who assists He-Man in regaining the Cosmic Key. Julie's parents were killed in a plane crash, leaving her orphaned and suffering from survivors guilt as she feels responsible for having taken that flight. By the end of the film, Gwildor sends Julie and Kevin back to before her parents died. Kevin Corrigan (portrayed by Robert Duncan McNeill) – Kevin is Julie's boyfriend, an aspiring young musician who initially mistakes the Cosmic Key as a synthesizer. Beast Man makes his debut in Mattel's illustrated books as a follower of Skeletor. As the toyline expanded, he stayed at Skeletor's side. Beast Man is a mandrill-faced humanoid with orange and red fur, who can telepathically summon wild creatures of Eternia to aid Skeletor's schemes.[30] He was frequently portrayed as a buffoon who could not do much correctly. The whip that accompanied the action figure rarely appeared in the 1980s cartoon but was frequently used in the 2002 incarnation as Beast Man's way of controlling the animals he summoned to do his bidding. The design of Beast Man was based on the 1973 Big Jim figure named the "real action gorilla"[78] In the 1987 film, Beast Man is featured as one of Skeletor's minions where Evil-Lyn listed him as "The Beast Man." He does not speak, but his sounds are translated by Karg. In the 2002 series, Beast Man is far more ferocious and more of a threat to the heroes. He is a skilled fighter and often comes to the rescue of Skeletor and his fellow Evil Warriors, using his griffins as their most frequent means of transportation. The Masters of the Universe Classics revealed that his real name was Raqquill Rqazz who came from the race of Beast Men who was banished from his home in the Vine Jungle for his evil deeds and allied with Keldor. Beast Man was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series, Scott McNeil in the 2002 series, Kevin Michael Richardson in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Trevor Devall in the 2021 series. In the 1987 live action movie, Beast Man was performed by Tony Carroll. Beast Man will appear in another live action He-Man movie. In the film, he's a savage and powerful foe and will bring a little something different to the table: he’s a shapeshifter with the ability to turn into any type of beast, making him a useful spy for Skeletor as well as a formidable fighter.[52] Comic Book Resources list the character as part of He-Man: 15 Most Powerful Masters of the Universe.[79] Beast man was rated the 2nd most useless character.[80] Blade is a master swordsman and bounty hunter with an eyepatch and has a shenandoah but no hair. His swordsmanship can rival He-Man's. He appears in the 1987 movie, the mini-comics and the Marvel comics. Originally Tri-Klops was going to appear in the movie instead. Like Tri-Klops, his toy is sometimes mistaken for a Heroic Warrior due to his human appearance. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Blade started out as a pirate from the Kylax System who was transported to Eternia by Skeletor. He agreed to help Skeletor at the right price. He was portrayed by Anthony De Longis in the 1987 live-action film. Blast-Attak is a robotic warrior built as a walking time bomb. After a set period of time, he will explode and cause immense damage before reforming, unharmed. He did not appear in the cartoon because it ended before his figure was released. There is some debate over which faction he belongs to, as the Mattel style guide and the original toy packaging state that he is an Evil Warrior of Skeletor, whilst some comics depict him as a member of the Snake Men serving King Hiss. The Masters of the Universe Classics toyline designates him as a Snake Man when he was summoned to Eternia by Skeletor's light spell and stolen from him by the Snake Men. Clawful is a giant anthropomorphic crab with claws similar to a fiddler crab. Whereas the figure has swarthy skin and its boots are dark blue, he has all red skin and yellow boots in the cartoon. In the 2002 series, Clawful is strong but has a childlike mentality and isn't very clever. Despite his constant blunders, it seems he is the only Master of Evil whom Evil-Lyn is fond of. In one episode, we encounter more members of his race who are more intelligent than Clawful. They can communicate with each other via long distances using the clicking of their pincers as if it was morse code. Clawful was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s cartoon and Scott McNeil in the 2002 series. Main article: Evil-Lyn Evil-Lyn is a malevolent sorceress, whose powers seem to be second only to Skeletor's. Exceptionally cunning, she's merely in Skeletor's ranks to suit her own ends. In the original series, she was not reliant on wands and other objects to generate her magic, although she has used such artifacts as the Shaping Staff to supplement her spectacular innate powers on a few occasions. She evinced shades of goodness in one or two episodes, such as 'The Witch and the Warrior', but her nature is essentially fiendish. There was nothing romantic in her relationship with Skeletor in the original Filmation series, unlike subsequent versions. Although her primary affiliation was with Skeletor,

she would also venture out on her own and assist other dark lords such as Dark-Dream and Gorgon on occasion. She seemed to be the only one of Skeletor's evil warriors with the courage to raise her voice at him and chastise him.[30] The original figure has yellow skin, although she is depicted in both animated series as having a Caucasian flesh tone (though the 2002 incarnation has a greenish tint to it). In "The Witch and the Warrior," she removes her helmet for the only time in the series because of extreme heat, and has closely cut white hair. In an earlier episode she appeared to the Widgets as a blonde, but she was specifically using a magic spell to alter her appearance, even though she wore her usual clothing. In the 2002 series, much more of Evil-Lyn's background is revealed, including the fact that her father, known as The Faceless One, is a powerful sorcerer who despairs of his daughter's choice to follow Skeletor. Although Evil-Lyn is shown to have her own agenda, she still maintains some loyalty to her bloodline ("The things I do for family", she mutters as she rescues the Ram's Stone from the abyss). Her first meeting with Keldor shows her as a young woman with collar-length white hair who is physically attracted to the man who would become Skeletor ("I like what I see," she purrs at Keldor). Later in the series, her hair is shown to be close cropped. This version of Evil-Lyn relied heavily on her magical staff to cast her spells. Without it, her powers were significantly diminished. Evil-Lyn was voiced by Linda Gary in the 1980s series, Kathleen Barr in the 2002 series, Lena Headey in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Grey DeLisle in the 2021 series. In the live action movie, she is portrayed by Meg Foster. These Meteorbs are renegade members of the Rock People who can transform from meteors to animal forms. They are portrayed as pets rather than equal members of the Evil Warriors. Rhinorb – An evil rhinoceros with a horrible ramming horn. Orbear – An evil grizzly bear who bashes enemies with his claws. Gore-Illa – An evil ape with monstrous muscle power. Dinosorb – An evil Brontosaurus who stomps his feet to start earthquakes. Appears in one episode of She-Ra. Crocobite – An evil crocodile with crushing jaws. Faker is an evil robot duplicate of He-Man, created by Skeletor.[5] The toy version is done in blue with red hair and orange torso armor with the backstory that he is a robot duplicate that did not work out. In one annual, he is a deformed clone. However, in his sole appearance in the cartoon, Faker is a magical creation, identical to He-Man apart from glowing eyes and odd intonation.[81] In Masters of the Universe: Revelations, Faker partakes in the attack on Castle Grayskull and is sliced in half by Man-At-Arms' laser.[25] Faker was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series. Jitsu appeared only once as a supporting character in "The Dragon Invasion" episode in 1983. The character's name in the script is Chopper, although he is not named on-screen. His role in this episode is to accompany Skeletor in an invasion of Castle Grayskull. He has only one line and aside from a brief display of his karate-chopping abilities, has no character development.[10] The character appeared in the minicomic stories Hordak: The Ruthless Leader's Revenge! and Mantenna and the Menace of the Evil Horde! The character was not used in the 2002 franchise relaunch, though was included in Series 6 of NECA's Masters of the Universe mini-statue line, and came with a pack-in figurine of Odiphus, which had originally been planned for release in 2005. Other variations with Jitsu from his animated and figure counterparts – the figure has a full goatee beard but, in the cartoon, he only has a Fu Manchu moustache and, whereas the figure has very brown skin, he is a bit whiter in the cartoon (his boots are even not black in the cartoon unlike those of the figure). Also, the Samurai sword that came with the figure was not included with the character in the cartoon. Jitsu was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s cartoon. Night Stalker appears only in original mini-books. Some versions depict it as Jitsu's evil robotic steed while other versions describe it as the "reincarnation" of the heroic Stridor. The original toyline paired the robot horse with Jitsu, making the duo the evil counterparts of Stridor and Fisto. Mer-Man is a fish-man who controls sea life, often depicted as the ruler of Eternia's undersea kingdom. The original action figure had unpainted gloves and boots, unlike the cartoon. The sword he used in the cartoon is different to the "fishbone" sword that the figure came with.[82] According to designer Mark Taylor, Mer-Man's design was based on Bernie Wrighston's rendition of DC Comics character Swamp Thing.[83] Originally, Mer-Man was slated to appear the live-action movie, but Mattel would not allow the filmmakers to kill off a character they had created. So, the filmmakers had to create Saurod. In the 2002 action figure and Matty Collector action figure Mer-Man comes with a sword and a trident. In "Search for the VHO," he uses the trident on He-Man. In the Masters of the Universe Classics storyline, Mer-Man ruled the undersea realms of Eternia until his kingdom was destroyed by rival ocean clans causing him to side with Skeletor. In Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Mer-Man and his fellow Aquatican warriors attacked Teela's group during their quest to restore Eternia's magic. He was shown to have a closed right eye with a scar over it. Mer-Man voiced his disdain that Evil-Lyn did not bother to conquer Eternia while leaving the oceans to him. With help from Man-At-Arms, Teela's group defeated Mer-Man and his warriors where he was intimidated to let them pass. Mer-Man is voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series, Scott McNeil in the 2002 series, Kevin Conroy in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and George Takei in the 2021 series. Comic Book Resources listed the character as part of He-Man: 15 Most Powerful Masters of the Universe.[26] Ninjor is a ninja warrior who works for Skeletor. He was never featured in the cartoon because his figure was released after it ended. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline where he was also called "Ninja Warrior," Ninjor came from another world when he was summoned by Skeletor to help defeat the Heroic Warriors until there was nobody else to help He-Man. What Skeletor doesn't know is that Ninjor secretly works for Horde Prime in order to find Skeletor's weak points and how to exploit them. Ninjor was mentioned in Slamurai's bio where he is an enemy of Slamurai. Saurod is a reptilian who can emit sparks out of his mouth. He is featured in the 1987 movie assisting Blade, Beast Man, and Karg into retrieving the Cosmic Key. Saurod is vaporized by Skeletor as penalty for the group's failure. He does not speak in the movie and his name is pronounced by Evil-Lyn as "Saraad". His action figure has been the source of controversy with claims that it should not be given to a very young child because the sparks that come out of his mouth are a potential fire hazard. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Saurod's bio identifies him as C'Ngrel Chouluth, a Klybian Lizard Man from the planet Draphnos who rode a meteor shower to Eternia after escaping from Prison Starr. As one of the three reptilian species that were spliced with Snake Man DNA, Saurod became an enemy of King Hiss and sided with Skeletor. It was stated that during the Second Ultimate Battleground, Saurod slew Sssqueeze and Snake Face. Saurod also tried to steal the Cosmic Key from Gwildor to go back in time to prevent the dilution of his species. Saurod was performed by Pons Maar in the 1987 live-action film. Scare Glow is a skeleton ghost warrior, who seems to have a solid but translucent body, and whose bones emit a strong glow which can intimidate even the bravest opponents. He wears a long purple cape, and there is a small crack on the forehead of his cranium.[84] He carries a scythe, which is often called the 'Scythe of Doom'. Scare Glow was introduced into the toy line in 1987.[85] His action figure is notable for its 'glow-in-the-dark' special feature, the 'bones' glowing when positioned in a dark space.[86] Labeled as the "Evil Ghost of Skeletor", he refers to himself as the Ghost of Skeletor in the mini comic, Scare Glow was packaged with the mini-comic "The Search for Keldor".[87] In this comic he is summoned to Eternia by Skeletor using a magic spell to call forth the most evil beings of space and time, although it is never stated which time period or dimension Scare Glow originates from. He is sent out with Ninjor on a mission to attack the Heroic Warriors with the power of his glow. He uses the glow to overpower Prince Adam, evoking in him so much fear that he is even too scared to change into He-Man. However, he is ousted from Adam's path by Clamp Champ, giving Adam the time to change into He-Man and subsequently defeat him. It has become one of the most sought after and hardest to find figures by fans. Scare Glow was one of the last figures released. As fewer figures were selling by this late stage, less were produced, making it rarer as a result. On auction sites such as eBay, loose figures have been sold for as much as $100 and the mint condition never opened package Scare Glow has been sold as high as $1,200 USD. The last version issued with the glow in the dark Halberd accessory (versus the more common Halberd made of non-glowing green plastic) is the rarest and hardest-to-find version of this figure. Because he is one of the last figures to be released in Mattel's toy line, Scare Glow never appeared in the accompanying Filmation cartoon series, which had been discontinued by this time, and his appearances throughout all media are minimal. He has a major appearance in the story "Enter the Ninjor" in issue #11 of the UK Adventure Magazine, which gives him an origin as a being of pure light energy, created by Skeletor in his own image. Invisible in the light, but not in the dark, he is sent out with Ninjor to mount a series of silent, unseen attacks on He-Man and Fisto as they explore Viper Tower. His origin as a magical creation of Skeletor is taken from a promotional card provided by Mattel to the publishers of various story media. A similar story of Scare Glow coming from another dimension summoned by Skeletor is told in an issue of Marvel's Star Comics, Masters of the Universe series. Although he is not featured in the 2002 relaunch of the Masters of the Universe franchise, Scare Glow is used in the comic series from MV Creations. He appears in a special Halloween comic "The Power of Fear" that was given away free at the 2003 Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (CAAF) fundraiser, and sold in comic shops to raise additional donations to the CAAF. The story features Scare Glow as a character from another dimension who is summoned by Skeletor to use his powers against the Masters. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Scare Glow is a shifty bounty hunter named Nul who tried to obtain the secrets of Castle Grayskull. In death, his spirit was cursed and banished to the dimension of Infinita until a magical spell of light cast by Skeletor freed him. While being provided with a scythe, Nul became Scare Glow and allied with Skeletor. In Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Scare Glow ruled a part of Eternia's underworld.[88] Scare Glow was voiced by Tony Todd in Masters of the Universe: Revelation and Masters of the Universe: Revolution.[89] Screeech is a barbaric bird that spies for Skeletor. In the 1983 cartoon, Screeech is robotic. It is replaced by a bird-like levitating device called a Doomseeker in the 2002 series which is used by Tri-Klops to increase the range of his vision-powers and spy on the Heroic Warriors. Main article: Skeletor Skeletor is the main antagonist of He-Man.[90] In the original illustrated books and in the Filmation series, Skeletor is an evil demon from another dimension. A later Mattel minicomic implies that he was once Keldor, brother of King Randor, which was in fact intended. The 2002 series and related materials confirm that Skeletor was once a blue-skinned man named Keldor, though the series itself established no familial connection prior to its cancellation, his connection to Randor was heavily implied. The later DVD releases of the series featured bios, confirming ultimately that the shows' creators conceived of Keldor as Randor's half-brother. The only main difference between Skeletor in the cartoon and on the figure is there is no green on his face in the cartoon, nor red glow in his eyes, unlike that of the figure. The original Skeletor figures wore boots designed for clawed feet. This feature was omitted in Skeletor and a number of other evil warriors in the Filmation series. Later, he was depicted with ordinary human feet with long, pointed claws on them. Skeletor was voiced by Alan Oppenheimer in the 1980s series (recycling the voice he used for Ming the Merciless in Filmation's previous series Flash Gordon), Campbell Lane in the 1990s series, Brian Dobson voice-matching Tim Curry in the 2002 series, Mark Hamill in Masters of the Universe: Revelation and Masters of the Universe: Revolution, and Benjamin Diskin in the 2021 series. In the 1987 live-action movie, Skeletor is portrayed by Frank Langella. Panthor is Skeletor's evil feline companion, a giant purple panther creature called a Dilynx who serves as an evil counterpart to Battle Cat.[91] He would usually be seen by his master's side in his lair or carrying Skeletor into battle against He-Man and Battle Cat. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Panthor was a cub by the time an exiled Keldor found him and Panthor had remained loyal to Keldor ever since. Spikor is a humanoid covered in spikes, and he has a trident for a left arm.[92] He serves as Skeletor's blacksmith. Spikor was not featured prominently in the cartoon because his figure was released when the cartoon was drawing to a close and in the cartoon, did not use the club that came with the figure. In the cartoon, Spikor had normal arms in some episodes and the trident for his left arm in other episodes. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Spikor was originally a blacksmith from Nordling named Kleffton who was fused with an enchanted suit of armor and a mystical trident when he tried to steal a sacred scroll from Nordling's high priests. After being banished, Kleffton was found by Skeletor who used his blacksmith skills to forge weapons. Spikor was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series and by Phil LaMarr in Masters of the Universe: Revelations. NOTE: Spikor was voted No.10 in The 10 Most Unfortunate Masters Of The Universe Toys by Io9.[42] Stinkor is an anthropomorphic skunk with magical control over his own stench.[24] His action figure used the same mold as Mer-Man, wore the same mold of armor as Mekaneck, and actually smelled of patchouli oil, one of only three scented toys Mattel produced (the others being Moss Man and also Perfuma from the She-Ra line).[5] Stinkor was first introduced in 1985 as an action figure from the He-Man and the Masters of the Universe toyline and came packaged with a mini-comic entitled The Stench of Evil!. The Stinkor action figure had a semi-foul scent, giving it the distinction of being one of the few toys whose "action feature" was an odor. The Stinkor action figure was created by Mattel by re-using the mold of another villain in the Masters of the Universe line Mer-Man. The only differences between the Mer-Man and Stinkor action figures were that Stinkor was painted black and white, had different chest armor and was chemically treated with patchouli oil to smell musky.[93] Stinkor was presented to Lou Scheimer and other staff at Filmation for inclusion in the original Masters of the Universe cartoon series, but his questionable superpower kept him from ever making an appearance on television. According to Filmation staff, when the description of Stinkor was read out at a meeting of the story editors, all of them burst out laughing and vowed never to use Stinkor in any episode script.[94] In the 2002 version, Stinkor was once a Pelezean named Odiphus who romanticized the lives of outlaws. The Sorceress tells that, in the time of the Great Unrest, Odiphus betrayed his people to Prahvus in the hopes of being accepted into the evil warlord's gang. Upon the warlord's defeat by the Sorceress, Odiphus was captured and about to be executed. The Sorceress intervened and Odiphus' life was spared, although he was exiled and retains a grudge against his people. His first appearance is in the Eternian prison, gleeful over Kobra Khan's escape, although he is not named at that time. Through serendipity, an explosion he caused while meddling in Tri-Klops' lab fulfilled his dream of joining Skeletor's organization. The resulting mutations caused the furry creature to gain height, muscle, and the ability to speak in a humanoid manner. His stench is so awful (even to himself, but especially to Eternia's dragons) that a special armored suit was created for him to keep the smell as under control as possible. Some stink still escapes the suit, causing Skeletor and the other evil warriors to cover their noses and to treat Stinkor politely in order to get him out of the room as efficiently as possible.[95][96] Stinkor was voiced by Brian Drummond in the 2002 series and Jason Mewes in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Stinkor was voted No. 30 in The 36 Worst Action Figures From Iconic Toy Lines by Cracked.[97] Stinkor was voted No.7 in The 12 Coolest Masters of the Universe Action Features by Topless Robot.[43] CBR voted Stinkor 6th worst He-Man toy.[22] Trap Jaw is a weapons expert and cyborg with a metal jaw, which can bite through anything.[98][99] In the mini-comic originally packaged with Trap Jaw, "The Menace of Trap Jaw," he is a villain from another dimension that Skeletor invades in an attempt to enter Castle Grayskull. While Skeletor attempts to weaken the Castle's defenses, Trap Jaw, who is being pursued by authorities, slams into Skeletor and knocks him back through the dimensional portal to Eternia. Back on Eternia, Trap Jaw emerges from the Castle connected to its power by a magical cord. Both He-Man and Skeletor attempt to defeat Trap Jaw, but eventually realize that they must join their halves of the power sword to be strong enough to sever the magical cord connecting Trap Jaw to the Castle. The comic ends with Skeletor carrying the unconscious Trap Jaw back to Snake Mountain where he will become one of his minions. Trap Jaw's origin is very different in the 2002 franchise. Originally a minion of Keldor's named Kronis, he became dissatisfied with his lords new regime when Keldor had been disfigured then remade after they're failed usurpation of the Council of Elders by his Evil Horde. Falling out of favor because of this the warmonger was then cast out into the wastes of their domain but would vow revenge on his ex-liege. Doing so by gathering all the brigand factions situated within the Dark Hemisphere to lead a raid upon Snake Mountain. An assault which ended in disaster as Keldor; now going by the moniker of Skeletor had become more powerful than ever, easily decimating Kronis' army. The fatal bout with his former lord left Kronis hideously disfigured; nevertheless, Skeletor pressed him into his service as a subject of ridicule. Skeletor had Kronis' body rebuilt into a cybernetic augment by replacing his damaged humanoid right arm and lower jaw with mechanical parts (off screen). Now going by the name Trap Jaw, the evil warrior would patiently serve for another chance at taking out his hated master. Later, the cartoon demonstrates that the more metal he eats the stronger he becomes, and one episode focuses on a quest to eat the strongest chemical element in Eternia called Eternium (which was forged and guarded by a group of subterranean dwellers called the Kulatuks). He is defeated by getting tricked into eating a special alloy named Deterninum that weakens him. Both cartoon series depict Trap Jaw as bold but coarse. In the 1980s cartoon, his helmet, mantrap mouth, robotic arm and legs are cerise but his robotic arm and legs were black on the original figure; the figure's helmet and mantrap mouth are recolored purplish red. Whereas he had loads of arm attachments in the cartoon (again, most were colored cerise in the cartoon), the figure only came with three (claw, gun and hook) [these were also black]. His belt did not have the skull and crossbones (Jolly Roger) in the cartoon; this was only on the figure's belt. The figure had yellow eyes whereas he had normal eyes in the cartoon. Trap Jaw was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Paul Dobson in the 2002 series, Diedrich Bader in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Roger Craig Smith in the 2021 series. Trap Jaw will appear in the upcoming live-action He-Man movie portrayed by Sam C. Wilson.[52][100] NOTE: Trap Jaw was voted No. 8 in The 14 Least Masterful Masters of the Universe by Io9.[5] Tri-Klops is an interdimensional bounty hunter and swordsman who can see in any direction.[101] His eyes, which are on a rotating visor around his head, have different abilities in different versions; one common ability is the power to see through solid objects. He is also able to see in the dark and over long distances with his Night-vision and Dista-vision eyes. Tri-Klops wears the "Gammavision" ever since he was blinded in an accident. In both the 1983 and 2002 cartoons, his eyes can also shoot energy bolts, although this is not commonly used in other material. A well-known classic villain of the MOTU line, Tri-Klops was one of Skeletor's chief henchmen, stoic and obedient, and was frequently featured in the Filmation cartoon.[102] The 2002 version depicts him as Skeletor's irritable inventor, with some cybernetic features to his appearance. According to the book Mastering the Universe "Tri-Klops was a good guy" (p. 120) [Roger Sweet may have meant he was originally supposed to be good; ultimately the toyline and all media depicted him as an Evil Warrior]. The original toy's product subtitle carried on all packaging and advertisements was "Evil & sees everything". Tri-Klops has brown hair in the cartoon (the figure has black hair), the visor helmet has different shapes of eyes (square, circle and triangle) [all white and red] in the cartoon but, on the figure, one eye is light blue, one eye is white & red (green on the 200X and Classics figures), and one is a dark red; the edges of his armor aren't as jagged in the cartoon unlike that of the figure, his boots are reddish-brown instead of black in the cartoon (only the figure's boots are black) and he did not wield the long sword in the cartoon (the sword only came with the figure). In Masters of the Universe: Revelation, Tri-Klops took part in Skeletor's large scale attack on Castle Grayskull, leading a group of Skelcons while flying one-man War-Sleds. Tri-Klops appeared to be enjoying himself, until his vehicle was shot down by Man-At-Arms and the Royal Guard who arrived to join the battle flying on their Sky-Sleds. Some time later after magic had all but left Eternia and Skeletor and He-Man were thought to be dead, Tri-Klops took advantage of the situation by condemning magic altogether and became a leader in the cult of Motherboard. Ironically, Tri-Klops used one of the few remaining magic items left on the planet to perform the ritual miracles of Motherboard. During this ceremony, Tri-Klops would catch electronic looking water that sprang from a large altar inside Snake Mountain in a magic goblet and force his followers to drink it. By doing so, they would instantly transform into cyborgs, with various limbs being replaced by mechanical weapons. In the 2021 series, Tri-Klops is a surveillance and retrieval drone built by Kronis. Tri-Klops was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Paul Dobson in the 2002 series, Henry Rollins in Masters of the Universe: Revelation, and Kevin Smith in the 2021 series. In the upcoming 2026 movie, Tri-Klops will be portrayed by Kojo Attah.[100] Twistoid is a robotic minion of Skeletor. Skeletor stole the blueprints for the machine Man-At-Arms used to create Rotar and used the machine to create Twistoid. He and Rotar are rivals.[40] Twistoid did not appear in the cartoon because it ceased production before his figure's debut.[5] Twistoid was voted by Mania.com as the seventh most Crazy Masters of the Universe Figures.[40] In the Masters of the Universe Classics storyline, Twistoid was depicted as a purely robotic energy robot Two Bad is an Evil Warrior strategist with two heads that constantly argue among themselves.[103] The UK comics name the two heads "Blue Face" and "Yellow Band". The early figures had a more fully rounded back on the torso, but then the figures were released with more of a flattened back. He was never featured prominently in the 1980s cartoon because it was drawing to a close by the time his figure was released. However, his only prominent appearance in the 1980s cartoon was "Capture the Comet Keeper". This is because he was the replacement character in the episode working for Skeletor at Snake Mountain for Beast Man and Trap Jaw, who were going to feature in the episode, but Robert Lamb asked Arthur Nadel to replace them with Two Bad to make Mattel's newest figure releases more prominent in the cartoon. The shield included with the figure did not appear in the cartoon. In the 2002 version, they were originally two rival bounty hunters named Tuvar and Baddhra who bickered constantly. They were both highly recommended to Skeletor by Whiplash. Tuvar and Baddhra were magically fused into one being by Skeletor after they failed to work together in destroying He-Man. Both sides blamed each other for their predicament. Two Bad becomes one (or two) of Skeletor's Evil Warriors and appears throughout the remainder of the series among Skeletor's henchmen. At one point, they tried to find a spell of separation from a man that Stinkor knew which was not the type of separation that they were hoping for as that spell nearly separated Eternia. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, the spell that was used on them by Skeletor was an unrepeatable spell. In the 2021 series, Tuvar and Baddhra were first seen as members of King Randor's palace guards. Two Bad was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series, Brian Drummond and Mark Gibbon in the 2002 series, and Yuri Lowenthal and Fred Tatasciore in the 2021 series. CBR voted Two bad 12th worst He-Man toy.[22] Whiplash is an alligator-like creature whose tail is a formidable weapon. He is one of Skeletors' Evil Warriors. He did not have the toy's spear in the cartoon (this only came with the figure) and, like Mer-Man and Tri-Klops, the character was initially planned to be a Heroic Warrior. In the 2002 cartoon, he is the younger brother of King Ceratus and betrayed his kind when he sided with Skeletor. This series revealed that he and King Ceratus are Caligars. Whiplash was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series and Garry Chalk in the 2002 series. Webstor is a blue-skinned creature with the abilities of a spider. A two-bit thief who resembles a goblin with a grappling hook in the 1980s series. In the 1980s cartoon, he never used the rifle included with the figure. In the 2002 version, he is an Arachna, a spider-like race that are enemies of the Andreenids. He can spin webs, has spider-like legs sprouting from his back, and multiple eyes to make him more spider-like in this show. Webstor initially serves as part of Skeletor's Council of Evil, and is the only one not to abandon him. Webstor is beaten to near-death in his own lair by the Snake Men in "Web of Evil" so they may steal his ambrosia-enriched eggs. The Masters find his defeated body on the ground as he tells them what happened. Webstor was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series, Brian Dobson in the 2002 series, and Dee Bradley Baker in the 2021 series. NOTE: Webstor was voted No.3 in The 12 Coolest Masters of the Universe Action Features by Topless Robot.[104] The Mutant Warrior was the only all-new toy-made character from the 2002 toyline until the appearance of the King Grayskull figure. It is a skeleton monster, with a hollow chest which can be filled with slime. It was included with the Mutant Slime Pit playset. Exclusive to the Classics toyline, Gygor is a super-strong gorilla-like creature with yellow fur and green skin who is the Lord of the Vine Jungle. Shortly after the Great Unrest and Keldor's forces being driven behind the Mystic Wall. Gygor led an army of Beast Men in a series of raids against the long forgotten Castle Grayskull, believing the many tales of its great and mysterious power. It was only through the combined powers of Oo-Larr and the Goddess that Gygor was defeated and placed in a state of suspended animation. Eventually, Hordak returned to Eternia and Gygor was freed by Evil-Lyn in her attempt to bolster Skeletor's forces against the new Horde army. His toy is based on an unproduced prototype from the vintage Masters toyline. "Icer" redirects here. For other uses, see ICER (disambiguation). Originating in the Filmation cartoon, Icer is Skeletor's northern agent who can freeze someone and dissolve into water to get under tight spots. His only cartoon appearance involved him raiding an arctic base to steal an invention that was guarded there. Icer does not like heat. Icer did not have a toy made of him until the collector-centric Masters of the Universe Classics series. Icer was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series. Originating in the Filmation cartoon, Fang Man is a dragonoid who appeared in one episode "The Time Corridor". He has power to control dragon-like creatures called Dragosaurs. He was left in the past with Tri-Klops and was never seen in another episode again, yet Tri-klops was. Some sources state that he is a Snake Man known as Fang-Shu. He is possibly the prototype of Kobra Khan of the Snake Men, who was released as a figure as he can squirt mist from his mouth. He did not have a toy made of him until the Collector-centric Masters of the Universe Classics series which stated that he was evolved from an ancient Dragosaur species and confirmed that Fang Man was left in the past. The bio for that toy also states that Fang Man resides with his ancestors on Dragosaur Isle awaiting the return of Skeletor. Fang Man was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series. Originating in the Filmation cartoon, Batros is an anthropomorphic bat who resides on the dark side of Eternia. He has helped Skeletor out, although he is generally an independent villain and will not officially ally himself with any evil team. He did not have a toy made of him, until the Masters of the Universe Classics line. The symbol over his chest straps strongly resembles the Horde's red bat-winged insignia. That and the fact that an origin episode for the Sorceress featuring 3 aliens wearing Horde uniforms and flying in Horde ships leads many to assume that he may have been one of several teasers for the upcoming She-Ra: Princess of Power series. Batros was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series. Originating in the Filmation cartoon, Strongarm is a cyborg with a long metal right arm with strength that can rival He-Man's. He only appeared in "She Demon of Phantos." Strongarm did not have a toy made of him until the Collector-centric Masters of the Universe Classics series where he was referred to as "Strong-Or." His bio in that toyline stated that Strongarm was originally Dalmus Fu, a photanium mines worker on Phantos who lost his right arm and parts of his face when a mechanical press folder malfunctioned. After being banished from Phantos by Queen Elmora for the photanium thefts where he used some of them to build a new face and right arm, he sided with Skeletor. Strongarm was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series. A fire-breathing dragon man with flame weapons, Draego-Man is one of Skeletor's newest Evil Warriors. After being shunned by Granamyr, Draego-Man sided with the people of Eternia. After the Truce of the Three Towers, Draego-Man became so disgusted with the humans that he chose to isolate himself within the Caverns of Rakash. Many millenniums later, Draego-Man came out of hiding where he sided with Skeletor in his plot to enslave the dragons and use them in the Evil Warriors' attack on the Royal Palace of Eternia. Exclusive to the MOTU Classics toyline, he is also the only entirely new character that the Four Horsemen have created for Masters of the Universe.[105] Originated in the Golden books, Goat Man is as an ally of Beast Man. According to his 2014 Classics action figure packaging, Goat Man is Klacky, a member of the G'hoat Men from the Northern Mountains where his kind are one of the only intelligent upright races that is susceptible to the hypnotic powers of Beast Man. Like most of his species, Klacky was captured by the rulers of the Vine Jungle and simply called "Goat Man" by his beastly masters. Eventually, he found himself in the service of Beast Man and was forced to serve in the Second Ultimate Battle. Here, he was severely wounded by Buzz-Off and left at the foot of Central Tower. Crawling inside, Goat Man fell into a time portal and was transported to the future arriving on Eternia when King He-Man ruled the land and his son Dare wielded the Power Sword. Forced to serve an aging Beast Man in this new time, Goat Man is forever following whatever evil orders he is given. Goat Man is voiced by Kevin Smith in Masters of the Universe: Revelation. Goat Man will make his live action debut in the upcoming 2026 movie portrayed by Hafthor Bjornsson.[100] Debuting in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, the Anti-Eternia He-Man is a He-Man from an alternate Eternia called Anti-Eternia where he is a villain. Using the World Converter, Skeletor summoned Anti-Eternia He-Man to Eternia. Also known as Robot Knights, Skeletor used dozens of these floating mechanical minions to bolster his Evil Warriors. Their claw-like hands could spin like saw blades, but they were no match for the might of He-Man. Created for the Filmation cartoon, a set of three Hover Robots action figures were released in 2015 as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Karg (portrayed by Robert Towers) is a half-human, half-bat minion of Skeletor with a hook for a left hand. Karg commands Skeletor's Robot Centurions. He appeared in the 1987 live-action movie in a role that was originally intended for Trap Jaw. Karg gained an action figure in 2018 as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. His bio states that Karg is Skeletor's interrogator at Snake Mountain and is served by the Mintoran cyborg Minox. In addition, Karg also works as a bounty hunter and has developed a liking for Lieutenant Andra of the Eternian Royal Guard. Created for the 1987 live-action film, none of these characters had toys made of them. Robot Centurions – A group of robots that serve as Skeletor's foot soldiers in the 1987 live-action movie. Comtechs – Comtechs are a group of computer technicians who serve Skeletor. They only appear in the live action movie and were not referred to by name nor credited. A character who may or may not be a Comtech appears in the 2003 comic "Icons of Evil: Tri-Klops." The Horde is a fictional intergalactic organization of supervillainous monsters, robots, and sorcerers on Etheria who occupy the land on behalf of their leader, Horde Prime. The Fright Zone serves as their base of operations, with connections on both Etheria and Eternia. While the mysterious Horde Prime is the supreme ruler of the Evil Horde, the technomancer Hordak is its operational commander, and the former mentor of Skeletor. For a list of other Horde members, such as Catra, Grizzlor and Shadow Weaver, see: List of She-Ra: Princess of Power and She-Ra and the Princesses of Power characters Hordak (Hor-dak) is Skeletor's old master, She-Ra's archenemy,[106][29] and the Horde's ruthless cyborg commander who conquered most of the planet Etheria. According to most story media, Skeletor betrayed Hordak and trapped him in "another dimension" before beginning his own conquest of the planet Eternia. Hordak, not to be outdone, then returned with a vengeance to take over Eternia for himself.[107] In this series, he rules the planet of Etheria with an army of Horde Troopers, most of whom wear a red bat symbol on their chests to convey their allegiance.[108][109] He is the brother of Horde Prime. In the 1980s cartoon series, Hordak is a cyborg who can alter his shape, most often into that of a rocket to make a quick get-away. In the Masters of the Universe comics Hordak also tries to conquer Eternia, making him a frequent adversary of both He-Man and Skeletor. Hordak is notoriously short-tempered, often abusing his minions (Mantenna in particular, with Hordak constantly sending him down a trap door in his throne room). Despite being evil, Hordak has a sense of humor. However, in the 2002 series Hordak wished to rule over all of Eternia. After he and his minions defeated the Snake Men, Hordak turned his attention to Castle Grayskull and launched an attack against it. He was defeated by King Grayskull, who banished Hordak and his forces to the Abyss and entrapped them in a dimension within. Somehow, ages later, Hordak became Skeletor's master, despite the dimensional differences. Hordak saves Keldor's life after he is mortally injured battling Randor; in saving his life, Hordak transformed Keldor into Skeletor and told him there would one day be a price to pay for Hordak's assistance. Later in the series, Evil-Lyn and Count Marzo attempt to release Hordak from his dimensional prison. Unlike his former pupil Skeletor, Hordak prefers to place his reliance on science and technology, rather than magic. He suffered no fools and expected the highest standards of excellence from his minions, rewarding them when they succeeded and punishing them severely when they failed. Hordak serves as the main antagonist for the first four seasons of the 2018 reboot She-Ra and the Princesses of Power.[110] He also makes a cameo appearance in the 2021 He-Man and the Masters of the Universe as Evilyn's father. His face is a pale flesh color on the figure but pure white in the cartoon. Initially, the figure did not have the left cannon arm as he did in the cartoon. The figure just had two normal arms. However, later variants of Hordak gave him a variety of cyborg-like mechanical gimmicks, reminiscent of the shape-changing powers he displayed in the 1980s cartoon. Hordak is voiced by George DiCenzo in the 1980s series, Colin Murdock in the 2002 He-Man series, Keston John in the 2018 She-Ra series, and Keith David in the 2021 He-Man series. In February 2017, Comic Book Resources ranked the character third among "Eternia's 15 Mightiest Villains".[111] The Snake Men are another evil faction, who sought to conquer Eternia in its ancient past, and after centuries of imprisonment are brought to the present with a vengeance.[112][113] The Masters of the Universe Classics toyline states that the Snake Men were created from the DNA splicing of three cold-blooded alien races (like the Klybian Lizard Men) and were bred by the Unnamed One. First appearing in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Fang-Or is a vicious Snake Man who can regrow his fangs after launching them like knives in battle. He became a mechanical expert after assisting the Snake Man form of Man-At-Arms where he built the Rattle Trap for King Hiss. Ruler of the Snake Men, King Hiss can shed his human-like "skin" to become a twisting mass of five headed Hydra/Shesha-like snakes from the waist up.[114] In the 2002 series, The Sorceress describes King Hiss as wielding magic as great of that of the Elders. King Hiss was defeated by Hordak and his minions in the times of King Grayskull. Ages later, King Hiss and his henchmen were sealed away beneath Snake Mountain (which Hiss built) by Zodak, to be released during the reign of King Randor by Kobra Khan, General Rattlor, and Evil-Lyn. In the unproduced Episode 40 of the 2002 series, his name is spelled "King Hsss." The new 2002 version is his belated cartoon appearance as he never appeared in the original 1980s cartoon as it ceased production by the time Mattel released his figure. King Hiss appeared in the game He-Man: The Most Powerful Game in the Universe.[115] King Hiss was voiced by Brian Dobson in the 2002 series. King Hiss was voted No. 11 in The 14 Least Masterful Masters of the Universe by Io9.[5] Comic Book Resources listed the character as part of He-Man: 15 Most Powerful Masters of the Universe.[26] IGN recommended that King Hsss be a character introduced into any potential Masters of the Universee movie franchise.[116] King Hsss was voted 7th out 7 in the 7 Stupidest He-Man Characters by Total Film.[117] Kobra Khan[118] is a cobra-type Snake Man whose character pre-dates the introduction of the Snake Men. He appears as one of Skeletor's Evil Warriors in the He-Man and the Masters of the Universe animated series, in which he sprays a sleeping gas, and on one occasion, is shown to have stretchable arms similar to the Sssqueeze character. In the series, the gas came from vents in his hood, which he kept down any time he was not using this ability. The action figure and minicomics portrayed the character spraying this gas from his mouth. The toy had a mechanism that converted water to vapor similar to many kinds of spray bottles. In the 2002 animated series, he instead sprays acid. The cunning and silver-tongued Kobra Khan is fanatically devoted to King Hiss at the expense of loyalty to his erstwhile allies, earning him resentment. He freed General Rattlor in his first attempt to release his monarch. The other Snake Men would often try to get Kobra Khan to prove himself to be a true Snake-Man by eating a human. In the event that someone is hit in the eyes with Kobra Khan's acid attack, a special spray can be used to counter it. In the Mattel mini-comics and UK comics, Kobra Khan shares a dual-allegiance to Skeletor and King Hiss. Kobra Khan was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series and Scott McNeil in the 2002 series. Kobra Khan was voted No.5 in The 12 Coolest Masters of the Universe Action Features by Topless Robot.[119] Comic Book Resources listed the character as He-Man: Eternia's 15 Mightiest Villains.[120] Kobra Khan was ranked the 5th smartest Masters of the Universe Villain by Screen Rant.[121] Comic Book Resources listed the character as He-Man: Eternia's 15 Mightiest Villains.[120] First appearing in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Gr'asp is a viper-type Snake Man with a crushing crab-like claw for a right-hand who is a master strategist. He was originally an elite general of the Unnamed One until he escapes from the Nameless Dimension. After forming an alliance with Horde Prime, he persuaded him to destroy the Kaydex Crystal that kept the Unnamed One trapped in the Nameless Dimension. It was Lord Gr'asp that persuaded Hordak and King Hiss to work together. Megator was a green giant from Preternia. The original toy was one of the few releases in The Powers of Grayskull spin-off line. It was only sold in Italy. His modern Masters of the Universe Classics action figure packaging states that he originally served Hordak during Preternian times and was resurrected by King Hiss after his death to serve the Snake Men in the modern day.[122] One of King Hiss' generals, Rattlor is a rattlesnake-type Snake Man who possesses an extending neck and rattling tail. He appears in the She-Ra: Princess of Power animated series as a member of the Horde, as the He-Man cartoon series ended when his figure was made. In the 2002 animated series, Rattlor is presented as the General of the Snake Men army trying to release their leader, King Hiss. He was released by Kobra Khan but later recaptured and held in the Eternian prison. Gen. Rattlor nursed a grudge against Kobra Khan for being left to this fate, escaping only by outwitting Roboto. He retains a primordial fear of mongooses. Rattlor was voiced by Lou Scheimer in the 1980s series and Richard Newman in the 2002 series. Snake Face is a gorgon-type Snake Man. Snakes extend from his face, chest and shoulders to "petrify" opponents (just like Medusa of Greek mythology). He only appears in the 1980s comics and 2002 animated series because the original animated series had ended by the time his figure was released. During the return of the Snake Men, Snake Face was beaten by He-Man who used his shield as a mirror and turned Snake Face's power back on him, turning him to stone.[123] The petrified Snake Face is seen later in the Eternian prison. In the episode 40 comic "Captured," it is shown that Snake Men can recover from even mortal injuries when they are in total darkness, as both the stone Snake Face and the decapitated King Hiss were taken to Snake Mountain where Skeletor's minion Beast Man inadvertently allowed King Hiss to heal himself. This implies that Snake Face too would eventually have been restored to normal. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Snake Face gained his petrifying abilities from the Great Black Wizard with his abilities impressing King Hiss enough to recruit him into his army as part of the Snake Men's inner circle. Snake Face was voiced by Paul Dobson in the 2002 version. Sssqueeze is an anaconda-type Snake Man who possesses long snake-like arms.[124] He only appears in the 2002 version of the cartoon because the original 1980s cartoon ended when his figure was released. In the 2002 series, the palms of his hands became snake-like heads when Sssqueeze's arms are extended. Sssqueezes is sometimes called Tanglor in certain media, which was his original prototype name. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Sssqueeze serves as one of King Hiss' chief lieutenants. Sssqueeze was voiced by Brian Dobson in the 2002 series. NOTE: Sssqueeze was No.9 in 10 Weird Masters Of The Universe Action Figures From The 1980s.[125] First appearing the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Terroar is a sound being from Melodian who was exiled for his evil deeds. When the spacecraft containing him crashed into Eternia's Ice Mountains, he was inert for a millennia until a skirmish between the Evil Warriors, the Horde, and the Snake Men freed them. Terroar systematically assimilated the characteristics of their warriors where he assumed a purple-skinned hybrid appearance where he has the head of Whiplash, the extending neck, torso, left arm, and tail of Rattlor, the right arm and shoulder of Trap Jaw, and the legs and boots of Mosquitor. The Evil Warriors, the Horde, and the Snake Men confronted Terroar who unleashed his devastating roar that brought them to their knees. King Hiss became impressed with Terroar's talents and prevented Quick Flick from slaying him. Lord Gr'asp later found Terroar in the Ice Valley of Death. Upon remembering King Hiss' kindness, Terroar sided with the Snake Men. Plasmor, Slamurai, and Strobo later discovered that Terroar had a weakness to prolonged light exposure. Tung Lashor is a python-type Snake Man who possesses a super-long extending tongue. He appears in the She-Ra: Princess of Power animated series as a member of the Horde. In the episode Gateway to Trouble, he works with Skeletor and Modulok to make the gate maker. The original He-Man cartoon had ceased production when his figure was released. In the 2002 animated series Masters of the Universe vs. The Snakemen, Tung Lashor is a member of the Snake Men. A recurring gag in the 2002 series is that Tung Lashor's tongue would occasionally get cut off and grow back by the next appearance. In the 2018 animated series She-Ra and the Princesses of Power, Tung Lashor is leader of the Crimson Wasteland Snake Men before he was defeated by Catra who left him in quicksand and took his men.[126] In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Tung Lashor is depicted as having venom on this tongue. Tung Lashor was voiced by George DiCenzo in the 1980s series, Michael Donovan in the 2002 series, and Jake Eberle in She-Ra and the Princesses of Power. In addition to his key lieutenants, King Hiss also has a huge army of slithering minions willing to do his bidding. The 2002 series featured the full force of the Snake Men and two action figures based on these generic warriors (one yellow, one orange) were released in 2012 for Mattel's Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. First appearing in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, the Snake Troopers are the results of some Snake Men Warriors that were with Lord Gr'asp being subjected to Horde World science where they were lobotomized, turned into cyborgs, and hooked up to the central computer brain of the Horde Troopers. The Snake Troopers were used in Lord Gr'asp's plans to have the Snake Men partner up with the Horde. Hydron is an undersea commander and the captain of Starship Eternia. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Hydron was released in 2014. Flipshot is a space pilot from the cloud city of Levitan. He is also known as Icarius in the toyline. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Icarius was released in 2011. Mara is an assistant of Master Sebrian, ambassador of the planet Primus, and eventually becomes the leader of the Galactimytes. She has her hair in a long braid, with a spiked metal ball at the end which she uses as a weapon. A prototype action figure was created but not put into production. In 2015, a new figure of Mara was released as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. Mara of Primus also appears to have been the inspiration for the Mara character in the 2018 She-Ra and the Princesses of Power series, although no official link between the characters has yet been made. Flogg is the leader of the Evil Mutants of Denebria. Flogg is a military commander of the Mutant Armada which he commands from the Mutant Mothership. Skeletor forges an alliance with Flogg where Skeletor will help him take over Primus in exchange for Flogg helping to destroy He-Man. By the end of the series, Flogg surrenders and ends up signing a peace treaty between Primus and Denebria. He is also called Brakk in the toyline's European release. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Flogg was released in 2014. Slush Head is an incompetent amphibious mutant with cybernetic tentacles. He serves as Flogg's second-in-command and the co-pilot of the Mutant Mothership. Slush Head comes from the Quagmi Swamp, a place on Denebria that most other Mutants find disgusting because of its deadly creatures and foul stench. In the toyline, he is also called Kalamarr. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Slush Head was released in 2012. He is also the only mutant who is married. Optikk is a cyborg with a single giant eyeball for a head. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Optikk was released in 2010. Karatti is a green-skinned mutant with deadly martial arts skills who is often paired with Hoove. A Masters of the Universe Classics figure of Karatti was released in 2013. Skeletor, Hordak, and King Hiss are not the only threats to Eternia. There are many independent and freelance villains who have made their own attempts at threatening the peace on Eternia. Count Marzo is a powerful sorcerer who has lived for thousands of years with no greater desire than to become King of Eternia. He concocts his evil schemes more subtly than most villains and often entices children, into aiding his plots. He was never made as a figure in the 1980s. In the 1980s series, Count Marzo first appeared in "The Once and Future Duke" where he reverted Teela's friend David (who is also Count Marzo's nephew) to a child and wiped his memory to keep him from becoming Duke of Athra. In addition, he is served by Chimera. He-Man was able to defeat Count Marzo. In "The Eternia Flower," Count Marzo tricks Jahno into giving him an Eternian Flower which he uses to turn Jahno's friends against him and gather an army of children. After the Wolfbats he unleashed on He-Man are defeated, Count Marzo and Chimera flee to their home planet of Eronia to continue mass-producing the Eternian Flower. He-Man thwarted their plans and defeated them. In "Search for a Son," Mekaneck learns that Count Marzo had rescued his son Philip from a storm in the forest. Count Marzo manipulates Mekaneck into leading King Randor and Queen Marlena to an oasis where he captures them. He-Man defeats Count Marzo and Chimera, but they get away. In the 2002 series, Count Marzo is a barbaric wizard with an Eastern European accent. His powers come from a magenta crystal that makes up his amulet. Deprived of his powers and affected by the magic of the Council of Elders, he becomes a hunched and wizened peasant. Several times in the 2002 series, Marzo's amulet is taken away from him, only to be returned later. Marzo aids Evil-Lyn with her plan to restore Hordak in exchange for his amulet, which Evil-Lyn possesses. This plot was thwarted by He-Man, though Count Marzo escapes. A toy was released in 2010 based on his newer design as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline.[127] His bio lists him as a 5th degree wizard from the Dunes of Doom and led the warriors of the Dark Hemisphere in fighting the armies of Miro. Count Marzo was listed in the bios of Nepthu and Prahvus where they had connections with him. In addition, Count Marzo was the one who created the Shadow Beasts as revealed in its toy bio. Comic Book Resources listed the character as He-Man: Eternia's 15 Mightiest Villains.[120] Comic Book Resources voted Count Marzo 7th Most Useless He-Man Characters To Ever Appear On-Screen.[128] Count Marzo was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series and Michael Donovan in the 2002 series. Evilseed is an evil plant man who can control plants. In the 1980s series, He-Man and Skeletor team up to stop him. In the 2002 series, he is an evil rival to Moss Man who was imprisoned in the Root Cellar by Moss Man until the day when Evilseed tricked Orko. An action figure based on the 2002 version of Evilseed was released in 2015 as part of the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline. His bio states that he was created by Moss Man and went rogue. Evilseed was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series and Don Brown in the 2002 series. Prahvus was an evil grey-skinned warlord with horns and blue tattoo-like markings. He only appeared in the 2002 series, attempting to conquer Eternia during a time known as the Great Unrest. He had many weapons and an entire army of his own. On one of these plots, he attacked Pelezia upon being brought there by Odiphus. Prahvus was defeated by the Sorceress of Castle Grayskull, sometime before she gave birth to Teela. The creators of the cartoon confirmed that had there been a third season, Prahvus would have returned as a member of The Horde. In the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline, Prahvus' bio mentioned that he was originally imprisoned in a magical lamp until he was freed by Count Marzo to help fight Miro during the Great Unrest. He was defeated by Keldor who imprisoned him in the magical lamp again. Decades later, Hordak found the magical lamp containing Prahvus where two of his minions freed him and he was enthralled by Hordak's chief witch. Shokoti is an extremely powerful undead sorceress who resides in the Sands of Time. She only appears once in the entire Masters of the Universe cartoon series, but is noteworthy due to the fact that she nearly defeats He-Man. She has a rather demonic appearance, with a horned headdress, jet-black hair, pale bluish skin and black, lifeless eyes. Her sole episode, "The House of Shokoti, part 2", is considered one of the darkest episodes in the series. In 2013, a figure of Shokoti along with one of her Darklings were made into toy form in the Masters of the Universe Classics line. Shokoti was voiced by Linda Gary in the 1980s series. The evil sorcerer Nepthu originally appeared in the Filmation episode "Temple of The Sun". He was released in action figure form in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline in 2013. His bio mentioned that he used to work for Count Marzo until he was transformed into a helpless man. Nepthu later sided with King Hiss during the Second Ultimate Battle Ground. Geldor is a barbarian who appeared in the minicomic "The Secret Liquid of Life". A fan favourite, he was voted into the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline as the 2013 Fan's Choice action figure. An evil rabbit-man motivated purely by greed, Plundor first appeared in the Filmation cartoon. He conquered the planet Trannis with his army of robots, turning its lush environment into a wasteland, all because he wanted to plunder its natural resources for profit. A Plundor action figure was released in the Masters of the Universe Classics toyline in 2013. Plundor was voiced by John Erwin in the 1980s series. Lodar is the main villain of the minicomic "Slave City" which said minicomic was an adaptation of an episode of the TV series titled "A Tale of Two Cities". The main difference between both versions is the change of villains. He later got a toy in the Masters of the Univers Classics toyline. Aran and Oona (voiced by Lou Scheimer and Linda Gary) – Aran and Una are two travelers who resemble Native Americans. They request to join Skeletor, hoping to increase their power. He tests them by requiring that they bring him the masks of power from the City of the Ancients. Instead, the pair wear the masks to harness the power for themselves and are transformed into the personas of the evil King Deemos and Queen Terella, the last rulers of the city. Upon being possessed by the masks, they attempt to recover the Sword of the Ancients. The sword declares it was destined to merge with He-Man's Sword of Power, thus thwarting Deemos and Terella. Aran and Una are then freed from the king and queen's control with the merging of the Sword of Ancients. Azrog (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – An evil wizard from Trolla. Chimera (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Count Marzo's monstrous sidekick. He can teleport anywhere and summon Wolf Bats by doing a high-pitched howl. Creeping Horak – The Creeping Horak (also referred to as simply the Horak) is an evil black blob that grows inside of a building until all of the air is squeezed out, suffocating its victims. It appears in the episode "The Curse of the Spellstone". In ancient times, the Creeping Horak was the worst punishment. Long ago, the Horak was used to punish criminals. They would be locked in their houses and the Horak would grow over it until all of the air was squeezed out. When Evil-Lyn has the villagers bring it to her in the small, blue box that the Horak is contained in, an elder villager begs her to not use it because it is "too terrible". Damon – Damon is an evil wizard who appears in the DC Comics MOTU mini-series. He wants to have the secrets of Castle Grayskull before Skeletor, and tries to manipulate him, but Skeletor confronts and kills him. Dragoon (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Dragoon is a fire-breathing dragonoid creature who allies with Skeletor and is sent to threaten Orko's homeworld. He captures many of the Trollans (with the exception of Dree Elle, who travels to Eternia seeking Orko's help) and drains them of their energy. While fighting He-Man, Dragoon falls into the Bottomless Hole of Trolla, but is rescued by He-Man. Dragoon seems surprised that He-Man would save the life of an enemy, but He-Man tells him, "I may be your enemy, but you're not mine". Realizing the error of his ways, Dragoon decides that saving lives is better and thanks He-Man as he walks away. Although does not make a return appearance in the series, his character model was reused for the Dark One in the She-Ra episode "Into the Dark Dimension" with some alterations (namely his colouring and height). Darkdream (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Darkdream is a mysterious, ghost-like creature with the power to disturb people's dreams and induce terrifying hallucinations. Enchantress – The Enchantress is an evil counterpart to The Sorceress, who for years held Adam's grandfather King Miro as her prisoner. Evil Giants – A trio of three giants that appeared in the 2002 series. Azdar (voiced by Richard Newman) – A purple-skinned giant who appeared in the 2002 series. Buzz-Off made enemies with him. Belzar (voiced by Brian Drummond) – A green-skinned giant who appeared in the 2002 series. Chadzar (voiced by Mark Acheson) – A red-skinned giant who appeared in the 2002 series. Game Master (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – The Game Master is a space-faring gladiator who travels the galaxies recruiting great warriors to fight for amusement in his arena. Game Master's Spy – The Game Master's pet creature that looks like a small anteater with bird-like wings. It served as a spy for the Game Master and sent it to see if He-Man was a worthy opponent for him. General Tartaran (voiced by Lou Scheimer) – A goblin from the planet Venatar who is the leader of an army of goblins and an ally of Skeletor. Jarvan (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Jarvan is an evil sorcerer from the episode "A Friend in Need" who is previously imprisoned by He-Man, but escapes to wreak havoc once again. He uses a potion containing a powerful drug to achieve his evil aims. Jarvan is later recaptured by He-Man and although he swears revenge, he is sent back to the prison mines never to return. King Von (voiced by Lou Scheimer) – The ruler of the cave-dwelling Torgs. Kothos (voiced by John Erwin) – Kothos is an evil wizard who travels around Eternia in his floating palace. He is turned into a sand-slug by Evil-Lyn, but later reverts to his human form and returns with a vengeance. In that episode "Revenge is Never Sweet", he turns to good and decides to use his magic to help others after He-Man saves his floating castle form destruction at the hands of a vengeful Evil-Lyn. He did not have a toy made of him. Maddok (voiced by John Erwin) – A villain who took control of the animals at the animal sanctuary in order to replace Beast Man in Skeletor's Evil Warriors. Monteeg (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – A deceptive-looking creature that once helped Skeletor overthrow King Archibald. He abducted different mighty warriors from across space and time to do his bidding. Negator (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Negator is a computer whiz hell-bent on attaining great power for himself. He did not have a toy made of him. Not to be confused with Megator. Nerbs – The hooded robed servants of Negator. Ollo (voiced by John Erwin) – The head of the Ape Clan that allied with Skeletor at the time when Skeletor traveled to Eternia's past. Sh'Gora (voiced by John Erwin) – Sh'Gora is a powerful eons old evil entity, summoned by Skeletor and Evil-Lyn, who immediately lost control of it and were imprisoned in crystal. This caused Whiplash to beg He-Man for his help in deal with Sh'Gora. Sh'Gora proved powerful enough to force entry into Grayskull and subdue the Sorceress. It also absorbs the life force or mystical energies of his victims. It was only defeated when the magics of both the evil and the good (Skeletor + Evil-Lyn + the Sorceress) combined for a common goal, which was the only way to open a gateway back to Sh'Gora's dimension and imprison him there. It did not have a toy made of it. Shadowing (voiced by Lou Scheimer) – Shadowing (pronounced as Shadow Wing) is a malevolent and powerful dragon from Darksmoke. He was banished into the Realm of Demons by Granamyr centuries ago, but is freed from his imprisonment by an Eternian wizard named Zem, who wants Shadowing to help him take revenge on He-Man. Shadowing turns Zem into a frog for his arrogance and proceeds to attack Darksmoke, only to be soundly defeated and sent back to the Realm of Demons by Granamyr's vastly superior power. Slavemaster (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – The Slavemaster is an intergalactic crime boss who travels the universe capturing slaves from across the galaxies. Jawbreaker (voiced by John Erwin) – Slave Master's colossal robot servant. Space Pirates – The Space Pirates only appear in one episode in the 1980s series. Captain Sticky Fingers (voiced by John Erwin) – Leader of the Space Pirates. Batty (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – Captain Sticky Fingers' pet. Frogman (voiced by Erika Scheimer) – A humanoid frog who is a member of the Space Pirates. Hisser (voiced by Alan Oppenheimer) – A reptilian man who is a member of the Space Pirates. Lavaman (voiced by Lou Scheimer) – A lava man who is a member of the Space Pirates. Leo (voiced by Lou Scheimer) – A humanoid lion who is a member of the Space Pirates. Tracker – A creature that is owned by the Space Pirates who use it to sniff out whoever they are pursuing. Spydra (voiced by Linda Gary) – An evil witch with ties to Azrog. Tavor (voiced by John Erwin) – An evil wizard who alongside Evil-Lyn worked with Darkdream. Toy Maker (voiced by John Erwin) – The Toy Maker is a toymaker who can make dangerous toys. He helps Skeletor until he double-crosses him. He helps He-Man deactivate three of his toys. List of She-Ra: Princess of Power and She-Ra and the Princesses of Power characters Reptilian conspiracy theory — Robert E. Howard's 1929 short story "The Shadow Kingdom" from Weird Tales magazine is the origin of both the sword and sorcery subgenre of fantasy fiction and the conspiracy theory concerning a hidden species of advanced reptilian beings disguised among us while covertly controlling the levers of power, which has been a recurring theme in fiction and conspiracy since the story's publication. It was Howard's stories that inspired Masters of the Universe.

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