

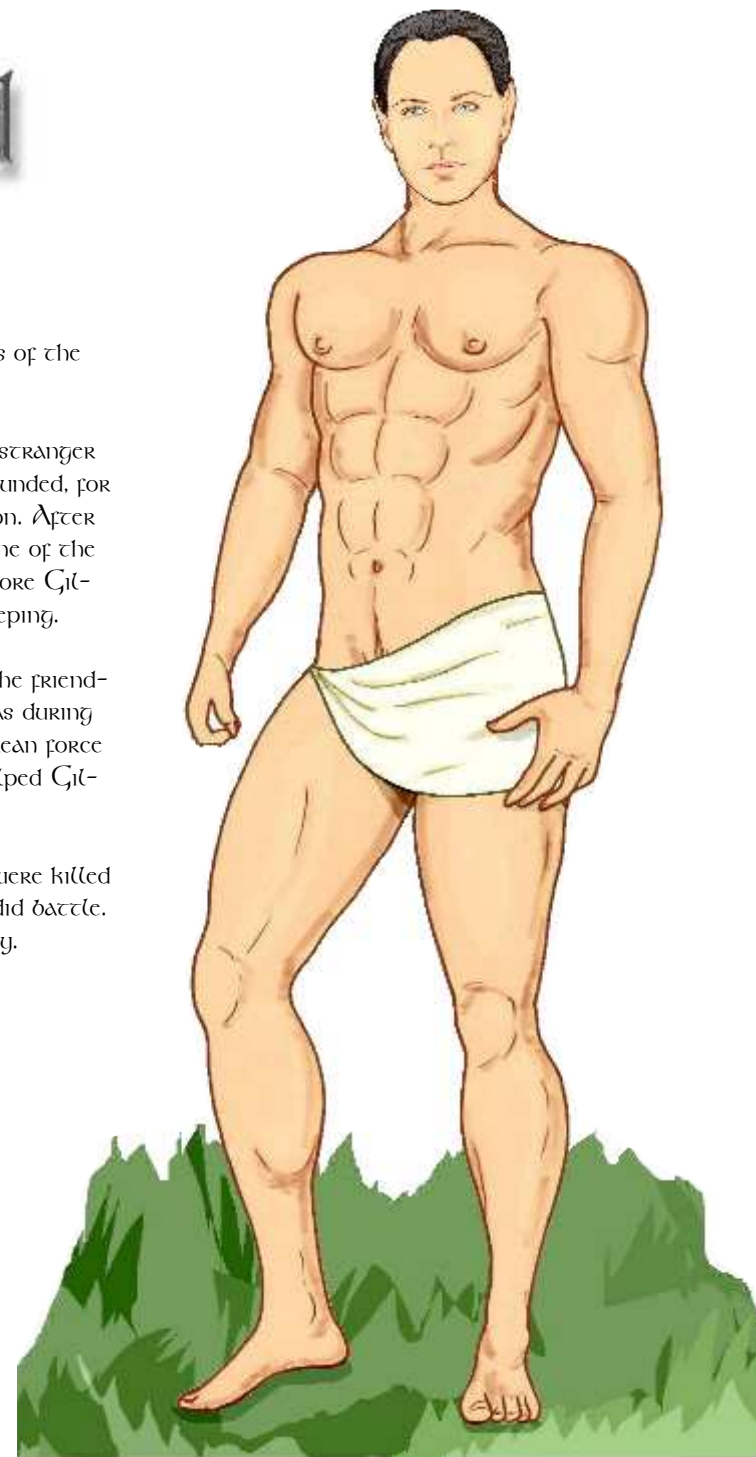
Gil-Galad

Creimon Gil-galad was the last of the High Kings of the Noldor.

Gil-galad was the first of the Eldar to mistrust a stranger calling himself Annatar, and his mistrust was well founded, for it was soon learned that Annatar was in fact Sauron. After Sauron forged the One Ring, Gil-galad was given one of the Three Elven Rings: Vilya, the Ring of Air. Just before Gil-galad's death, Elrond was given Vilya for safekeeping.

During most of the Second Age, Gil-galad enjoyed the friendship of the Númenóreans. This proved very useful as during the War of the Elves and Sauron; a great Númenórean force under the command of their king Tar-Minastir helped Gil-galad destroy Sauron's armies.

At the end of the siege, both Gil-galad and Eärendil were killed when Sauron himself came out from Barad-dûr and did battle. Gil-galad died from the heat of Sauron's body.





Gil-galad's spear was named Arglos or Aeglos.

As with Orodreth who is accounted as his father in Tolkien's most up-to-date writings there is debate about Gil-Galad's parentage as some believe he is the son of Fingon as is stated in The Silmarillion - again you decide for yourself!



"Gil-galad was an Elven-king,
Of him the harpers sadly sing:
the last whose realm was fair and free
between the Mountains and the Sea."