

# TUOR

TUOR is one of the most renowned ancestors of the Men of Númenor and of the King of the Reunited Kingdom Aragorn Elessar and a great hero of the Third House of Men in the First Age.

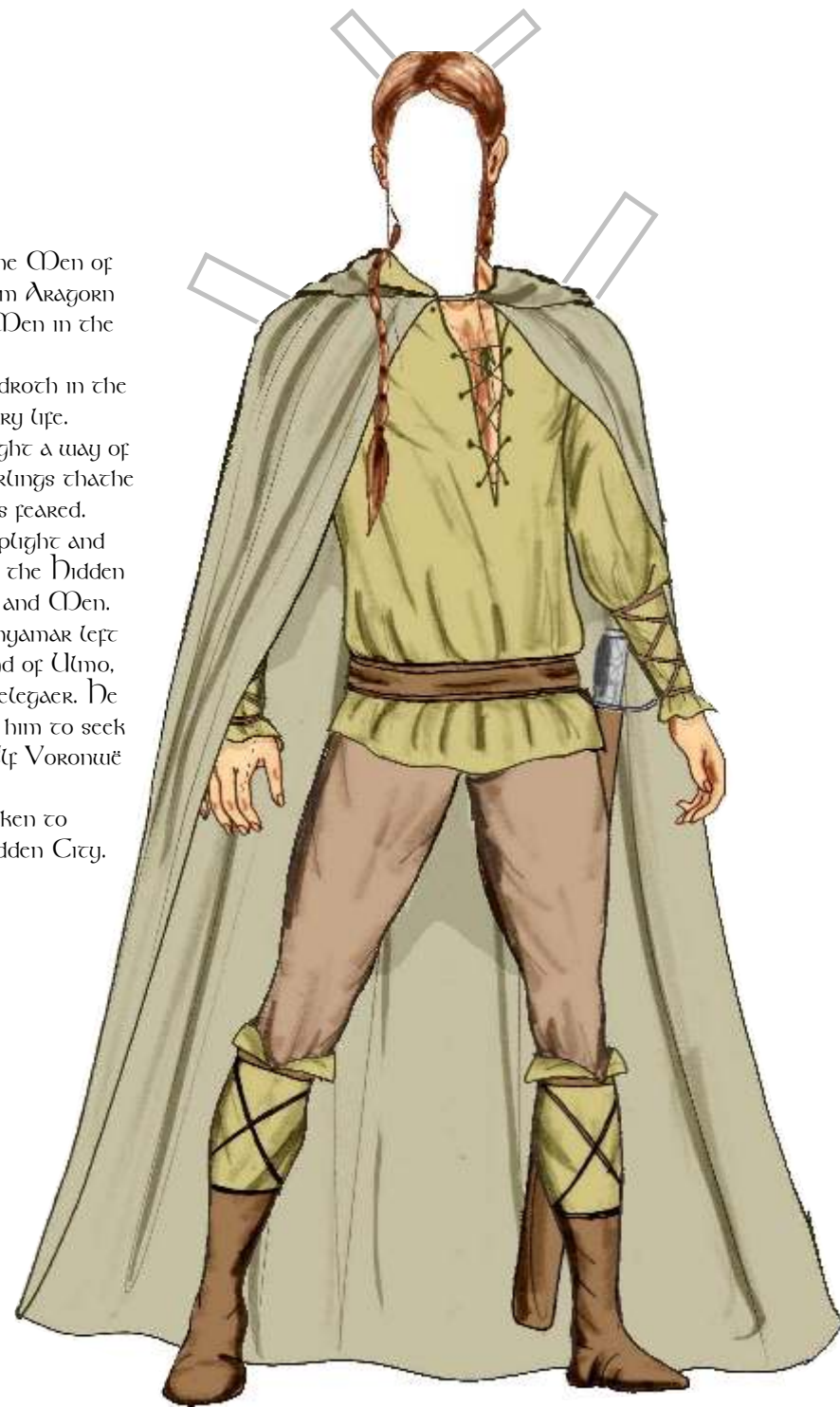
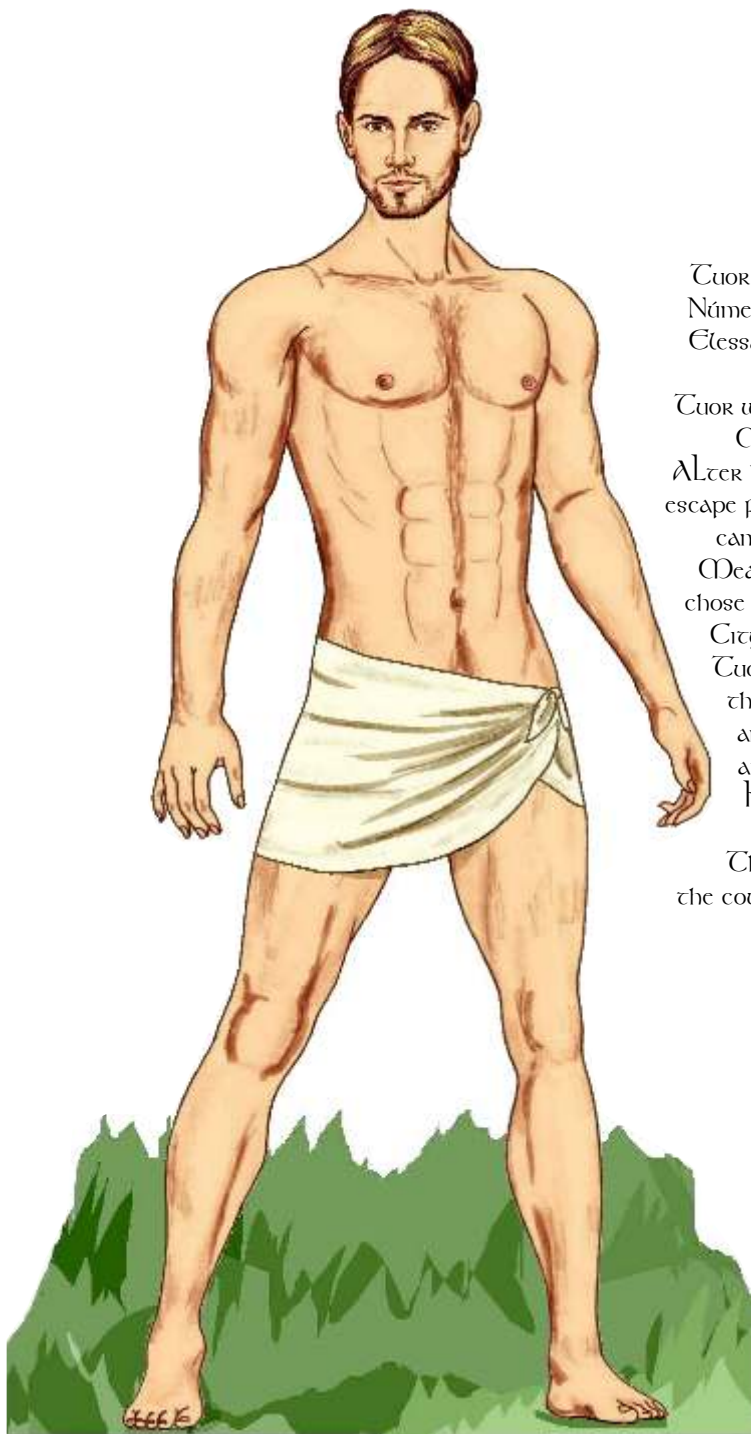
TUOR was fostered by the Elves in the caves of Androth in the Mountains of Mithrim, living a hard and wary life.

AFTER he lived for years as an outlaw, but ever sought a way of escape from Dor-lómin; he slew many of the Easterlings that he came upon during his journeys, and his name was feared.

Meanwhile Ulmo, Vala of Waters, heard of his plight and chose TUOR to bear a message to Turgon, Lord of the Hidden City of Gondolin, and give a hope for the Elves and Men.

TUOR found arms and armour in the ruins of Vingamar left there centuries ago by Turgon at the command of Ulmo, and then met Ulmo himself at the coast of Belegaer. He appointed TUOR to be his messenger and told him to seek King Turgon in Gondolin, and sent him an Elf Voronwë to guide him.

They were admitted, but Turgon did not hearken to the counsel of Ulmo and would not forsake the Hidden City.





Tuor finds the arms and armour in the ruins of Vingamar and is given a cloak by Ulmo.



TUOR protects his young son from  
Mæglin in the fall of Gondolin



Eventually Tuor weds Turgon's beautiful daughter, Idril Celebrendal. Their only child was Eärendil the Mariner. During the sack of the city Tuor defended his wife and son from Orcs and Mæglin, and slew him. With a remnant of the people of Gondolin he escaped by Idril's secret way. At last they reached Nan-tathren and the Mouths of Sirion. Tuor eventually felt the longing for the Sea, and built the ship Eärramë. The Mouths of Sirion were now ruled by Eärendil and Ewing, but Tuor sailed to the West with Idril, and it was a tradition under the Eldar and Edain that they arrived in Valinor, bypassing the Ban of the Valar, and that Tuor alone of Men was counted as Elven kindred, still living there now. In a letter Tolkien indicated that Tuor's "conversion" was allowed by Eru Ilúvatar as a unique exception, just like Lúthien's assumption of a mortal fate.