

### Tolkien's Characters and Their Evil Counterparts

In *The Hobbit*, *The Lord of the Rings*, and *The Silmarillion* many of the characters of good and evil share similar characteristics and there is even references in the books that some of the characters are in fact evil versions of the good ones, this is a list of some of the characters and their evil counterparts.

#### Good character

**Elves:** They were the firstborn children of Illuvatar and appear in all three works. They are a very graceful, and magical people who prefer the forest as surroundings and are accomplished warriors

**Dwarves:** They also appear in all three works. They are of shorter stature than elves but are taller than Hobbits, they are also characterized by very long beards. They are a race that mainly prefers mountains and rocky surroundings

**Ents:** They appear in *Lord of the Rings*, and could be described as walking trees. They live in the forest and have been around for a very long time, they are definitely the strongest character and are capable of lifting very large stones

**Great Eagles:** These are the characters that are always seeming to come to the rescue, they are similar to the eagles we have today. But are many times larger, capable of carrying a human in their talons.

#### Evil counterpart

**Orcs:** These are the hideous creatures created by Melkor, they are fierce warriors and were created and bred to be the slaves of Melkor. In the *Silmarillion* there is a passage that says they were created in resemblance of elves

**Goblins:** These characters appear only in *The Hobbit*. There is no reference in the text that they are made from dwarves. But since they are of the same height and also live mainly in mountains we can assume that they are meant to be the evil version of Dwarves.

**Trolls:** These are large hideous creatures, and are very strong like their counterparts. In the *Lord of the Rings* one of the Ents says that Sauron made the trolls in imitation of the Ents.

**Dragons:** Again there are no references in the text that say that Dragons were created from Eagles, yet they share similar characteristics, such as enormous size and the ability to fly, we can again assume that they are the Eagles evil counterpart.