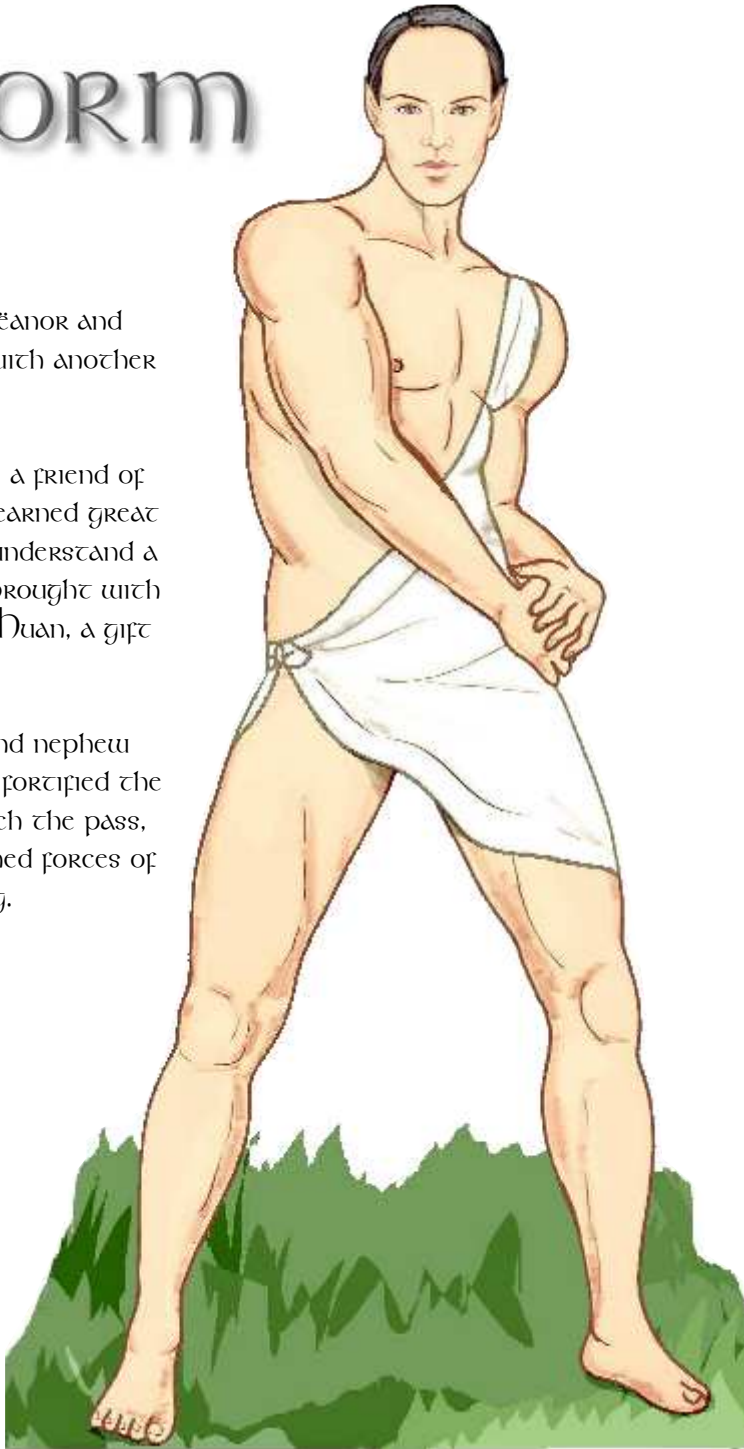


Celegorm

Celegorm was the third son of Æanor and Nerdanel, most closely associated with another brother, Curufin.

He was a great huntsman, and was a friend of the Vala Oromë. From Oromë he learned great skill of birds and beasts, and could understand a number of their languages. He had brought with him from Valinor the great hound Huan, a gift from Oromë.

Celegorm, his brother Curufin, and nephew Celebrimbor settled in Himlad, and fortified the Pass of Aglon. Orcs tried to breach the pass, but were beaten back by the combined forces of Dorthonion and Himring.



Celegorm and Curufin lived in Nargothrond, aiding Finrod in all events and needs of the kingdom, and won a large following because of their activities. The oath and the curse of the Valar poisoned their minds after Beren sought Finrod's help in recovering a Silmaril. They opposed Finrod's mission, and their words caused the people to turn against their cousin.

They captured Lúthien Tinúviel, daughter of King Thingol of Doriath. Celegorm wished to marry her, thus forcing a bond of kinship with Thingol. Celegorm sent messages declaring his intentions to Thingol. Huan, however, broke with his master and helped Lúthien escape. Celegorm and Curufin were driven from Nargothrond after their deeds were revealed.

Celegorm fell in the Second Kinslaying, when the Sons of Fëanor attacked Doriath to seize a Silmaril in the possession of the Elvish King Dior the Beautiful of Doriath. Celegorm had been instrumental in stirring up his other brothers and causing them to assault Doriath. Dior and Celegorm slew each other in the halls of Menegroth.

