

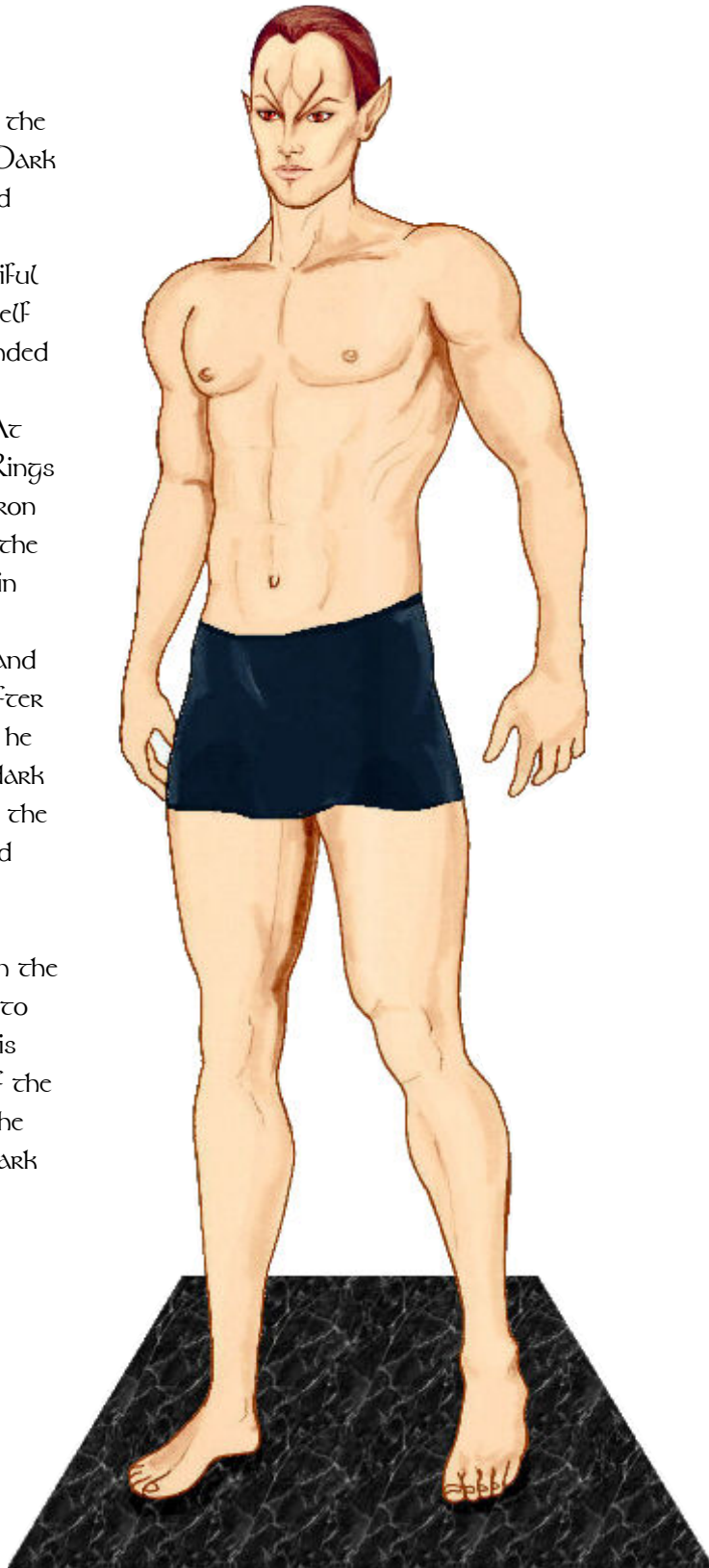
Sauron

Sauron was originally a maia of Aulë the Smith but was soon subverted by the Dark Lord Melkor and thereafter served Morgoth faithfully.

In the second age he assumed a beautiful appearance by deceit and called himself Annatar, "the Lord of Gifts", he befriended the Elvish smiths of Eregion, and counselled them in arts and magic. At Sauron's behest the Elves forged the Rings of Power but unknown to them, Sauron had secretly forged a master Ring in the fires of the volcano Mount Doom in Mordor.

In the beginning he likely wore a fair and noble seeming most of the time, but after switching his allegiance to Morgoth he frequently took the appearance of a dark and terrible shadow. Sauron also took the form of a vampire and also assumed several other forms when attempting to escape.

After the destruction of his fair form in the fall of Númenor, Sauron was unable to take a pleasing appearance or veil his power again. Thereafter, at the end of the Second Age and again in the Third, he always took the shape of a terrible dark lord.



A maiar of Aulë



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As Annatar



In vampire Form



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