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## THE SHAOLIN TOURNAMENT FOR MARTIAL ARTS...

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FOR AGES IT WAS A COMPETITION OF HONOR AND GLORY. NOBLE WARRIORS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE WERE INVITED TO TAKE PART, EACH SEEKING TO WIN THE TITLE OF GRAND CHAMPION.



BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO... BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT WAS CORRUPTED BY THE EVIL DEMON SHANG TSUNG, A WARRIOR WHO TOOK NOT ONLY THE LIVES OF HIS OPPONENTS, BUT THEIR VERY SOULS...





WITH THE AID OF HIS PUPIL GORO, A HIDEOUS HALF-HUMAN DRAGON, TSUNG BEGAN A DOMINATION OF THE CONTEST WHICH HAS LASTED FOR CENTURIES. TODAY, 500 YEARS LATER, THE CONTEST BEGINS ANEW AS WARRIORS ONCE AGAIN GATHER TO PARTAKE IN MORTAL KOMBAT.

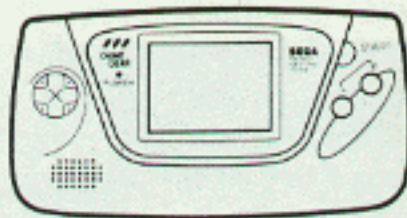


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## LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN!

1. Set up your Sega™ Game Gear™ System as described in its instruction manual. For two-player games, use the Gear to Gear™ Cable (sold separately) to connect the Game Gear units.
2. Make sure the power switch is OFF.
3. Insert your Mortal Kombat® Game Cartridge as described in your Sega™ Game Gear™ manual.
4. Turn the power switch ON. When you see the Mortal Kombat® title screen, press the START BUTTON.





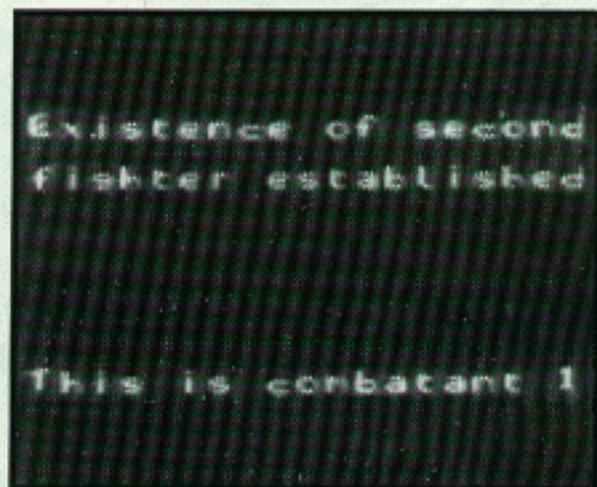
**START** begins a one-player battle for the title of Grand Champion. But first, a fighter must be selected. The "Choose your Fighter" screen has pictures of all the warriors available to a player—Liu Kang, Johnny Cage, Rayden, Scorpion, Sub-Zero, and Sonya Blade. Move the frame onto your desired warrior using the D-BUTTON ARROWS. When your choice is framed, press the 1 BUTTON to select him. Once a fighter has been selected, you will be asked to set the game's difficulty. Use the up and down D-BUTTON ARROWS to mark your choice, then press the 1 BUTTON to select it and begin the game.

Should a second player desire to enter the tournament, he may link his Game Gear™ using the Sega Gear to Gear cable. When both players reach their title screens, the Game Gear units will establish the link, automatically assigning player numbers.



**Note:** If there is a one-player game in progress, the link will not be established until that game has ended and the machine has cycled back to its title screen. To start a two player game immediately, turn both Game Gear units OFF then ON simultaneously. Should the link be severed during a two player game, both machines will reset.

Once the link has been established, pressing his **START BUTTON** begins a one-player game, but the second player may join in at any time by pressing his **START BUTTON**, returning both players to the "Choose Your Fighter" screen, where they again must select their warriors. Should both players choose the same warrior, they will be distinguished by color. The players will then battle one another with the winner continuing onward in the tournament, and the loser's game ending.

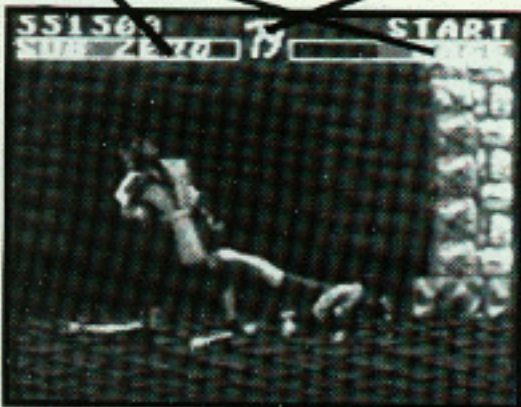




## RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT

The Shaolin Tournament for Martial Arts is more than a simple exhibition. Each of its combatants has been invited for his extraordinary skills, and each in accepting has wagered his very life upon them.

HIT METERS                      TIMER



The tournament's structure as simple as it is ancient—tests all aspects of a warrior, for only the most worthy may earn the title of Grand Champion.

The tournament first tests a warrior's fighting skill by pitting him against each of the tournament's

other challengers. In all Mortal Kombat battles, meters in the upper-left and upper-right corners of the screen measure the health of each warrior. The meters begin each round at full health, but are reduced with each blow taken. The amount of the reduction depends both on the type of hit and whether or not it was blocked. When a warrior's health meter runs out, he is knocked out and the round is awarded to his opponent. Should time run out before either

combatant is knocked out, the warrior with less injury is declared the victor. The first warrior to win two rounds takes the match and moves on to his next opponent.



**NOTE:** If four rounds pass without a match winner, both combatants will be disqualified from the tournament.

An ancient proverb declares a warrior to be his own worst enemy. Another declares his greatest ally to be knowledge of his weaknesses. These maxims are the origin of the tournament's next test, the Mirror Match, where each warrior must face possibly his greatest foe—a doppelganger possessing all of his looks, strength, speed and skill. In order to defeat him, a warrior must demonstrate the one attribute that the doppelganger lacks—wisdom.

Should a warrior survive the Mirror Match, his conditioning is then tested in three grueling Endurance Matches.

The rules of these are similar to the standard matches, but upon defeating an opponent in an Endurance Match, a second warrior enters the fray. To win a round, both opponents must be vanquished before your warrior succumbs to injury even once!



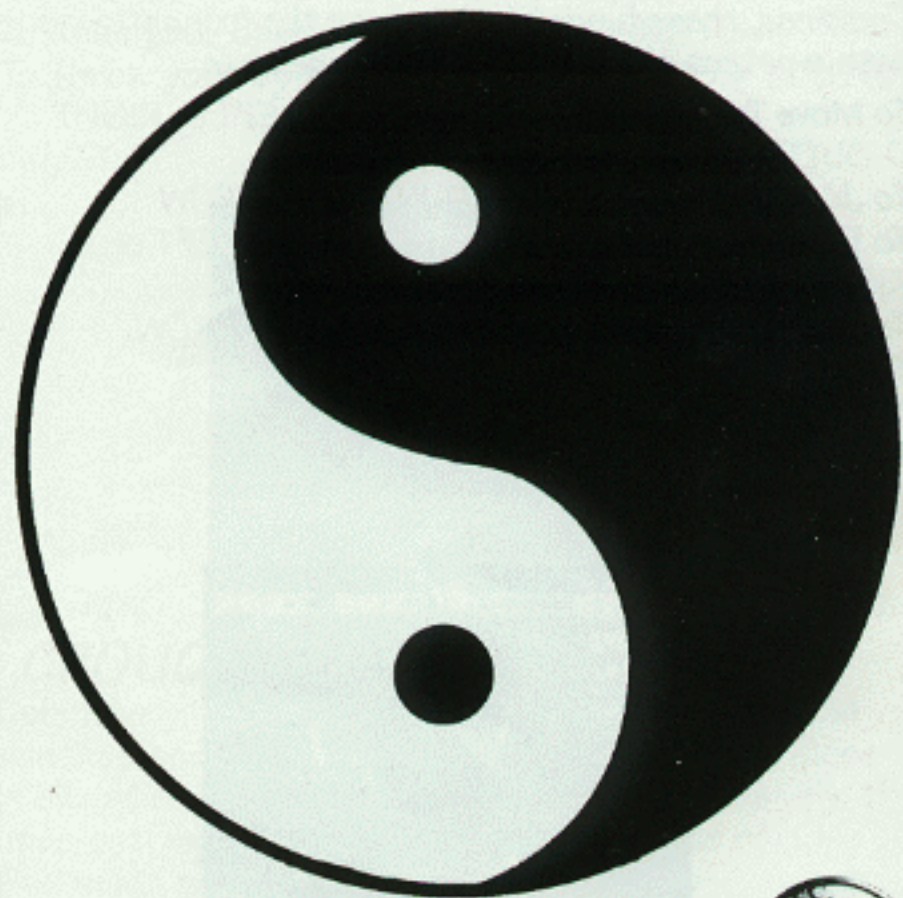




Only when a warrior has succeeded in each of these challenges has he proved himself worthy of meeting the Grand Champion, Goro, in battle. If Goro is defeated, the demon Shang Tsung will enter the contest to oppose you! Defeat him to become the Supreme Mortal Kombat Warrior!

## THE ART OF KOMBAT

Each contestant invited to the Tournament has spent years in practice and meditation to perfect his martial arts skills. Before engaging these warriors in combat, you too should practice the martial arts by meditating on these lessons.





## BASIC MOVES

The best way to begin your training is with the fundamental moves: kicks, punches, crouches, jumps and blocks. These moves may seem trivial compared to powerful and acrobatic moves like flying kicks, but knowing how to stop, avoid or counteract a flying kick can be far more useful than knowing how to land one himself. Combined, these fundamentals form the foundations for both a potent offense and a strong defense.

**To Move Towards or Away:** Press the LEFT or RIGHT D-BUTTON ARROW

**To Jump Up:** Press the UP D-BUTTON ARROW

**To Flip Towards or Away:** Press the UP + LEFT or RIGHT D-BUTTON ARROWS

**To Crouch:** Press the DOWN D-BUTTON ARROW

**To Punch:** Press the 1 BUTTON

**To Kick:** Press the 2 BUTTON

**To Block:** Press the START BUTTON



## WHEN IN CLOSE QUARTERS

Additional moves used in close-in combat situations are the knee, the head blow, and the throw. All three are highly effective, and do not require the full limb extension which is impossible in close quarters. Although these moves are potent, they can only be used when directly adjacent to an opponent.

**To Knee your opponent:** Press the 2 BUTTON

**To Throw your opponent:** Press TOWARDS + 1 BUTTON



## CROUCHING MOVES

Defensively, the crouching moves allow one to avoid punches and aerial weapons, to escape from a close-in situation and to avoid being thrown. Offensively, the uppercut, executed from the crouch, is one of the most powerful weapons in a warrior's arsenal.



**To Crouch With Weight Forward or Back:** Press DOWN + TOWARDS or AWAY D-BUTTON ARROWS

**To Kick Away your opponent:** Press DOWN + 2 BUTTON

**To Uppercut:** Press DOWN + 1 BUTTON

**To Execute a Crouched Block:** Press DOWN + START BUTTON



## SPINNING MOVES

The spin is the key to such moves as the Roundhouse Kick and the Foot Sweep. The Foot Sweep hits your opponent's ankles and knocks him onto his back. The Roundhouse is a spinning kick which strikes your opponent in the face.

**To Roundhouse your opponent:** Press AWAY + 2 BUTTON

**To Foot Sweep your opponent:** Press AWAY + DOWN + 2 BUTTON



## AERIAL MOVES

The final moves one should learn are the Aerial moves—the flying punches and kicks. To execute these moves, first jump, either in place or towards one's opponent, then press the attack buttons while in the air. However, unlike most attacks, aerial attacks must be timed properly to land the blow.

**To launch a Flying Punch:** JUMP then press the 1 BUTTON

**To launch a Flying Kick:** JUMP then press the 2 BUTTON





## SPECIAL MOVES

All of the Mortal Kombat warriors possess expert fighting skills—in that respect, they are equal to thousands of other warriors around the globe. What raises them above their peers are the special moves which they have created and perfected. In order to become a superior warrior, skilled enough to win the title of Grand Champion, you too must learn these moves, for these moves, whether special kicks or elemental bolts make the Mortal Kombat warriors the fiercest and most ferocious combatants on Earth. Mastering their special moves will make you the same.

## WISDOM OF THE FIGHTING MONKS

The mind is stronger than the body. Observe fights to learn which moves counteract others, which can be executed faster, and which do the most damage. For example, a crouched block is very quick and will prevent you from being foot swept. Use this type of knowledge to your advantage.

With practice, you can learn combinations of moves which can be executed in sequence. These combinations allow you to hit your opponent several times before he can defend himself, making them an invaluable tool.

One battle plan will not work for every fighter. Since each warrior has different strengths and moves, each should employ a different fighting style. Experiment to discover which strategies are best suited to each fighter.

## JOHNNY CAGE

**REAL NAME:** JOHN CARLTON

**AGE:** 29

**HEIGHT:** 6'1"

**WEIGHT:** 200

**HAIR:** BROWN

**EYES:** BLUE

**LEGAL STATUS:** CITIZEN  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

**KNOWN RELATIVES:**  
ROBERT CARLTON; FATHER,  
ROSE CARLTON; MOTHER,  
REBECCA CARLTON; SISTER,  
CINDY FORD; WIFE  
(DIVORCED)

**BIRTHPLACE:** VENICE,  
CALIFORNIA

**OCCUPATION:** ACTOR





A martial arts superstar trained by great masters from around the world, Cage uses his talents on the big screen. He is currently box office champ, starring in such movies as Dragon Fist and Dragon Fist II, as well as the award-winning Sudden Violence. He entered the tournament purely for the publicity it would generate for him around the world. Despite his seeming shallowness, he is a formidable foe with limber limbs, quick reflexes, and his patented Shadow Kick.

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

SHADOW KICK— AWAY, TOWARDS, KICK

**FINISHING MOVE:**



**LIU KANG**

**AGE:** 24

**HEIGHT:** 5'10"

**WEIGHT:** 185

**HAIR:** BLACK

**EYES:** BROWN

**LEGAL STATUS:**

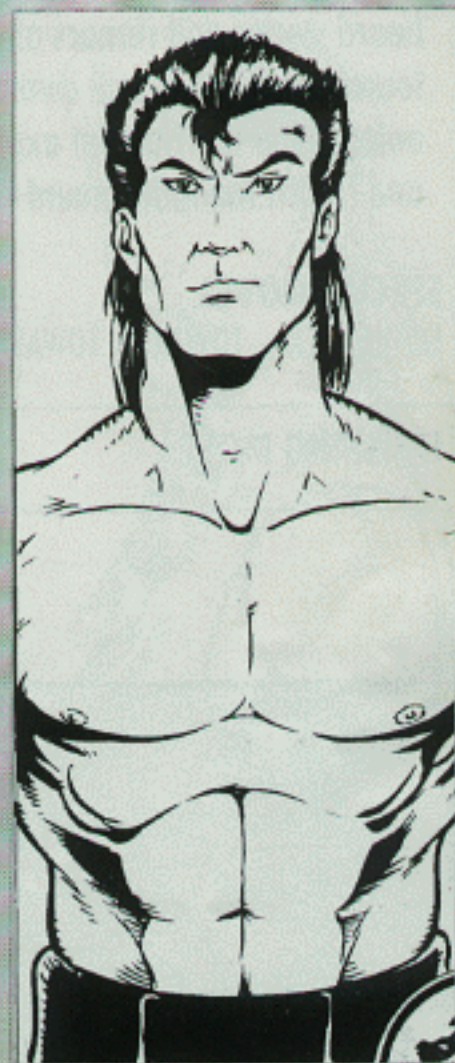
CITIZEN OF THE PEOPLES  
REPUBLIC OF CHINA

**KNOWN RELATIVES:**

LEE KANG; FATHER  
(DECEASED); LIN KANG;  
MOTHER (DECEASED);  
CHOW KANG, BROTHER  
(WHEREABOUTS  
UNKNOWN)

**BIRTHPLACE:** HONAN  
PROVINCE, CHINA

**OCCUPATION:**  
SHAOLIN MONK,  
FISHERMAN





Once a member of the super-secret White Lotus Society, Liu Kang left the organization in order to represent all Shaolin temples at the tournament. Through his entire life he has heard stories and rumors about Shang Tsung's martial arts tournament. He is well aware of the evil behind it, and has entered the tournament expressly to defeat Shang Tsung and return the tournament to its noble origins.

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

FLYING KICK—TOWARDS, TOWARDS, KICK

**FINISHING MOVE:**



**SONYA BLADE**

**AGE:** 26

**HEIGHT:** 5'10"

**WEIGHT:** 140

**HAIR:** BROWN

**EYES:** BLUE

**LEGAL STATUS:** CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**KNOWN RELATIVES:** MAJOR HERMAN BLADE; FATHER, ERICA BLADE; MOTHER, DANIEL BLADE; TWIN BROTHER, (DECEASED)

**BIRTHPLACE:** AUSTIN, TEXAS

**OCCUPATION:** LIEUTENANT IN THE U.S. ARMY, MEMBER OF A SPECIAL PARA-MILITARY FORCE.





Sonya Blade is a member of a top special forces unit. Her team was hot on the trail of Kano's Black Dragon. Her unit followed Kano to an uncharted island, but were ambushed by Shang Tsung's personal army. Tsung forced Sonya into the tournament by holding her comrades hostage. Now, not only does her own life rest on her performance, but those of her companions as well!

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

LEG GRAB— DOWN + PUNCH + KICK

**FINISHING MOVE:**



**RAYDEN**

**AGE:** ETERNAL

**HEIGHT:** 7'

**WEIGHT:** 350

**HAIR:** BLACK

**EYES:** NONE

**LEGAL STATUS:**  
MYSTIC— DOES NOT  
APPLY

**KNOWN RELATIVES:**  
NONE

**OCCUPATION:**  
WARRIOR





The name Rayden is actually that of a mystical warrior who lives among the thunder clouds. It is rumored that he received a personal invitation from Shang Tsung himself and took the form of a human to compete in the tournament. His elemental powers make him a dangerous foe from both the land and the air.

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

FLYING THUNDERBOLT—  
AWAY, AWAY, TOWARDS

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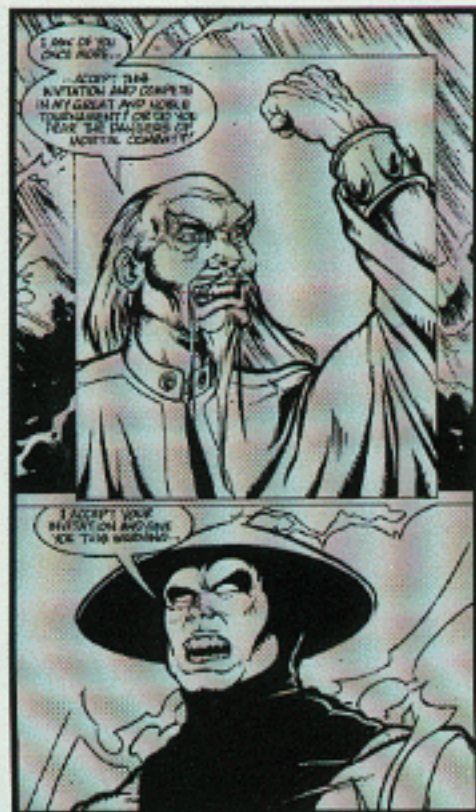
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**FINISHING MOVE:**

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**SUB-ZERO**

**REAL NAME:** UNKNOWN

**AGE:** 32

**HEIGHT:** 6'2"

**WEIGHT:** 210

**HAIR:** BLACK

**EYES:** BROWN

**LEGAL STATUS:** NONE.  
HOWEVER, HE RESIDES  
SOMEWHERE IN CHINA

**KNOWN RELATIVES:**  
NONE

**BIRTHPLACE:** UNKNOWN

**OCCUPATION:** LIFE LONG  
MEMBER OF THE LIN KUEI,  
A RARE CLAN OF CHINESE  
NINJA-TYPE ASSASSINS





The actual name and origin of this warrior is unknown. However, based on his uniform, it is believed he belongs to the Lin Kuei, a legendary clan of Chinese "ninjas" functioning as an assassin. As his name implies, he has mastered the element of cold. His deep freeze leaves an opponent at his mercy, a dangerous situation, for Sub-Zero possesses none.

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

DEEP FREEZE— DOWN, TOWARDS, PUNCH

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**FINISHING MOVE:**

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**SCORPION**

**REAL NAME:** UNKNOWN

**AGE:** 32

**HEIGHT:** 6'2"

**WEIGHT:** 210

**HAIR:** BLACK

**EYES:** VARIES

**LEGAL STATUS:** SCORPION IS A REINCARNATED SPECTER AND HAS NO LEGAL STATUS.

**KNOWN RELATIVES:** WIFE AND CHILD IN A FORMER LIFE

**BIRTHPLACE:** IN FORMER LIFE— UNKNOWN  
AS SCORPION— UNKNOWN

**OCCUPATION:** IN FORMER LIFE— UNKNOWN

AS SCORPION— REVENGE



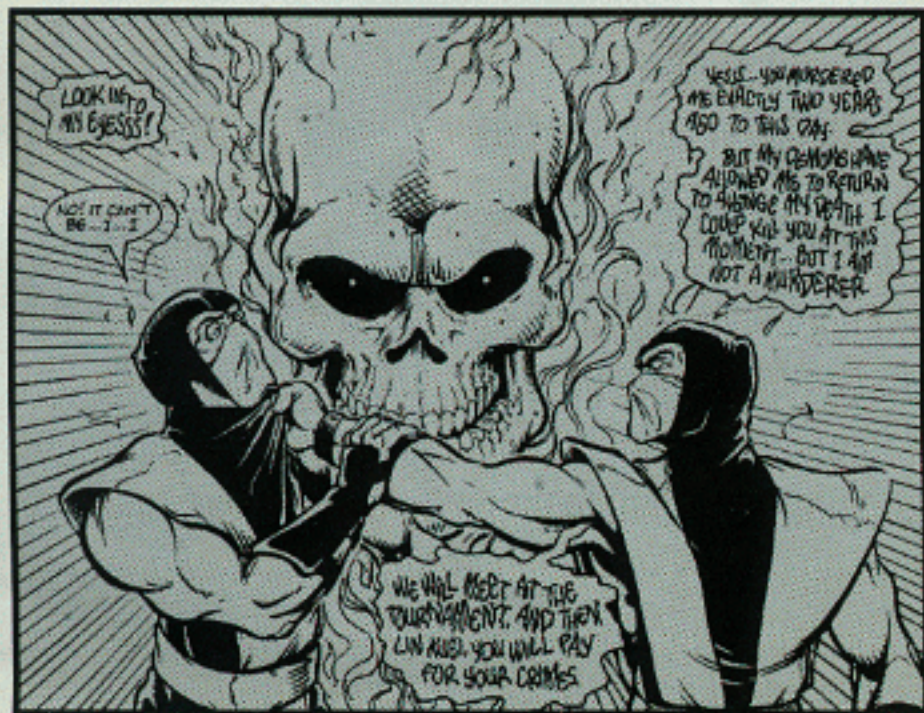


Like Sub-Zero, Scorpion's true name and origin are not known. It is believed, however, that he is a fallen ninja granted the opportunity to avenge his death, at the hands of the Lin Kuei. He has been given a new body and a uniform which mocks the Lin Kuei's with its cowardly yellow color.

**SPECIAL MOVES:**

HARPOON— AWAY, AWAY, PUNCH

**FINISHING MOVE:**



**GORO**

**AGE:** 2000

**HEIGHT:** 8'2"

**WEIGHT:** 550

**HAIR:** BLACK

**EYES:** RED

**LEGAL STATUS:**

EARTH— NONE

**OUTWORLD—** PRINCE

OF KUATAN

**KNOWN RELATIVES:**

KING GORBAK; FATHER,  
QUEEN MAI; MOTHER,  
GORO ALSO HAS 7 WIVES

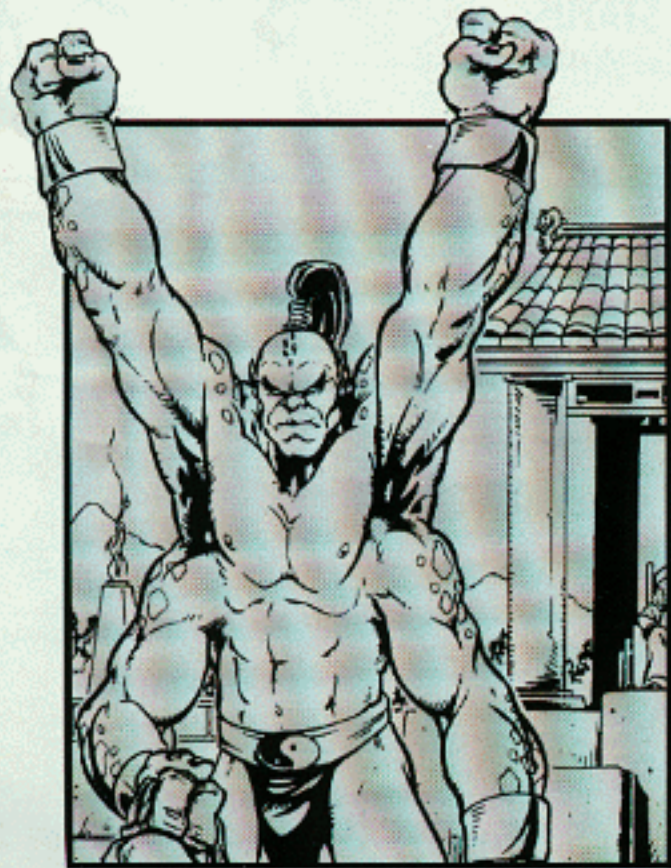
**BIRTHPLACE:** KUATAN,  
4TH ASTRAL PLANE OF  
SHOKAN, REALM OF THE  
OUTWORLD.

**OCCUPATION:** PRINCE  
OF KUATAN, RULER  
SUPREME OF SHOKAN'S  
ARMIES.





A 2000 year old half-human dragon, Goro remains undefeated for the past 500 years. He won the title of Grand Champion by defeating Kung Lao, a Shaolin fighting monk. It was during this period that the tournament fell into Shang Tsung's hands and was corrupted. Goro possesses both massive strength and great agility. None who have fought him have reported any weaknesses. In fact, none who have opposed him have survived!









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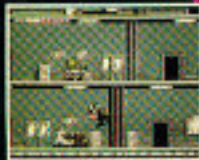
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