

Monkey King

The Monkey King is a popular trickster myth in China. The story combines Chinese fables, fairy tales, legends, and popular beliefs. The Monkey King is wise and skillful, but is also vain and rebellious.



Headwear: The Monkey King, a Chinese folk hero, has magical hair which he can use in times of need. In one story, he turns his hair into sleep insects to put people to sleep. In another, he turns his hair into shields to stop enemy arrows. His face paint shows that he is the king of the monkeys.

Body: Chinese stories of the Monkey King tell that he is ordered to guard the Peach Garden. The legends also tell that he got his gold-tipped stick from the Dragon King.

Legs: These are the legs of the Chinese folk hero, the Monkey King.

FACT: The legend tells that the Monkey King was born from a rock and has magical powers. He can leap great distances, shrink and turn into any object he wishes.

