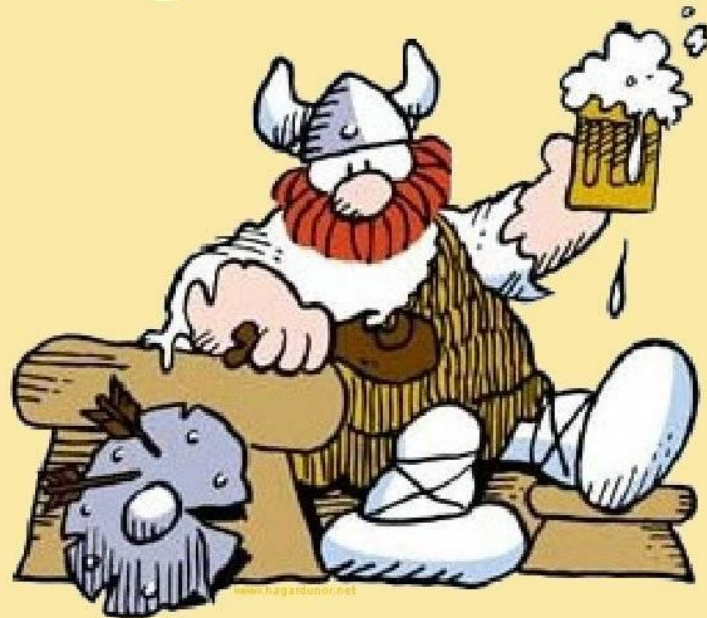


HÄGAR

THE HORRIBLE



Hägar the Horrible

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1. Characters

Hägar

He may look like a fierce warrior, but once you get past the sword and shield, Hägar is illiterate, a loving husband, a devoted father, family man, and a reluctant taxpayer. While he has a voracious appetite for pillaging and plundering, they pale in comparison to his appetite for alcohol and Helga's home-cooked meals. Hägar also hates taking baths; once a year he can be pushed into having one. Hägar's annual bath is the subject of much celebration in the local community. In Spanish-speaking countries his name has been changed to Olafo; the original translator thought Hagar wasn't a recognizable name for the readers, so he changed it to Olafo (Olav), a more typical nordic name. In 2005, Hagar used time-travel to attend Blondie and Dagwood's anniversary party in the comic strip Blondie.

Helga

Hägar's demanding wife. Dressed always in her horned helmet, she is a true Valkyrie, besting the beleaguered Hägar in battles on the home front. She always wants Hägar to take a bath, but he won't. While Hägar may instill terror in the outside world, it's Helga who "wears the skins" in the family. Although she is more than a match for her sword-bearing ruffian husband, she also has a tender side. Helga is a devoted wife and mother, often doing what's best for her family whether they want it or not.

Honi

Hägar and Helga's beautiful daughter — an old maid of 16. Not overly bright, she nonetheless is enduringly sweet. Her metallic blouse would ward off most suitors, but her love for Lute continues unabated.

Lute

A poet and troubadour who can neither rhyme nor sing. Fortunately, Honi is so much in love that she really can't tell the difference.

Hamlet

Hägar's brilliant son, and a mystery to his father. Industrious, clean and studious, Hamlet would rather read than pillage, or make a daisy chain than take up chain mail. Introspective and serious, Hamlet is plagued by Hernia, the local tomboy, who thinks he's dreamy.

Lucky Eddie

He's everything a Viking shouldn't be — not too bright, but very gentle. Totally without chin or aggression and wearing a funnel for a helmet, Lucky Eddie makes the perfect foil for Hägar. And he may be the only man in history to be knocked out by a slowly-descending rainbow.

Kvack

Kvack, the family duck, who, as his name implies, speaks with an accent. In actuality, Kvack is Helga's pet, and usually favors him greatly. Also written Qvack

Snert

Hägar's dog, who's as rumpled and harassed as his owner.

Dr. Zook

Dr. Zook is Hägar's personal physician. He also happens to be a Druid. Because of this he is always seen wearing a hooded cloak. The only part of his face you can see is his nose.

The Tax Collector & The Executioner

This pair travel around in service to the King. The tax collector is a small shrimpy man who wears an uniform that looks almost like a graduation "cap and gown". The executioner is the stereotypical big beefy man. He is masked and carries a huge axe. When they come and visit, you are in trouble because you're either going to be taxed to death or sentenced to it.

Helga's mother

She is the stereotypical mother-in-law. She hates Hagar, but often visits just to see Helga. Hagar only lets her into his home because of his wife. She wears a viking helmet with moose antlers.

Cloyer the Lawyer

An occasional character, he usually appears trying to show Hagar some legal sense, but to no avail.

2. Names in other countries

- * Belgium (Flanders): Hagar de Verschrikkelijke (Dutch for Hagar the Horrible/Terrifying)
- * Colombia: Olafo el Amargado (Spanish for Olaf the Sour)
- * Estonia: Hagar Hirmus (Estonian for Hagar the Dreadful)
- * Finland: Harald Hirmuinen (Finnish for Harald the fearful)
- * France: Hägar Dünor Le Viking (French for Hägar Dunor the Viking, Dünor being a pun for of the north, La Gare du Nord being one of Paris' main train stations)
- * Germany: Hägar der Schreckliche (Germ. for Hägar the Horrible/Terrifying)
- * Norway: Hårek den hardballne (Norwegian for Hårek the hard-balled, but hard-balled has a different meaning in Norwegian)
- * Portuguese Hagar, o Horrível (same meaning as in German)
- * Serbia: Hogar Strašni ((same meaning as in German/Portugese))
- * Sweden: Hagbard Handfaste (Swedish for Hagbard the strong-handed. Hagbard was a legendary scandinavian warrior.)

