

A comparison of fictional characters between SMT and the Nasuverse

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Shin Megami Tensei is a Japanese media franchise owned by Atlus and primarily consists of role-playing games, of which most notably includes the spinoff *Persona* series. SMT started in 1987 with the release of the first installment, *Digital Devil Story: Megami Tensei* and is continuing strong until 2021, with *Shin Megami Tensei V*, which is set to release on the Nintendo Switch in November 2021.

The **Nasuverse** is a nickname for all Type-Moon works and is named after the creator, Kinoko Nasu. Type-Moon's most known work is the Fate franchise, which includes several visual novels, animated series and films and games. The franchise begins with the release of *Kara no Kyoukai*, a visual novel released in 1998. Currently, Type-Moon is working on a remake of Fate/EXTRA, Tsukhime ~a piece of blue glass moon~, and Melty Blood:Type Lumina, all set to be released sometime in 2021.

Both of these franchises contain different depictions of mythical and historical figures from several cultures. I wanted to compare how some historical/mythical figures are represented/incorporated between Shin Megami Tensei and Type-Moon.

Special thank you to the [Megami Tensei wiki](#) and the [Type-Moon wiki](#)!!!!

DISCLAIMER: I am far more knowledgeable on the Fate franchise, so I apologize for any possible lack in information for SMT



Shin Megami Tensei V, set to be released in November 2021 on the Nintendo Switch.



Fate/EXTRA Record, the Fate/EXTRA remake set to be released sometime in 2021.

Note: some have several depictions between game installments and ascensions, I will not be including them all.

Figure	Shin Megami Tensei	Type-Moon
Agni Agni is one of the most important of the Hindu and/or Vedic gods, being the god of fire, receiver of sacrifices and the messenger of the gods. (for more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agni)	 SMT DDS	Not an actual servant but is the name of Archer-class servant Arjuna's noble phantasm in Fate/Grand Order: Agni Gandiva: Howl of the Flame God. https://typemoon.fandom.com/wiki/Agni_Gandiva  Arjuna
Baal a western Semitic title that means Master or	In SMT, Baal is referring to Hadad, the Canaanite and Syrian god of rain, fertility, life, agriculture and thunder.	In Type-Moon, Baal is referring to one of the 72 Demon Pillars of the Goetia. He appears in the Fingal Singularity: Solomon in Fate/Grand Order.

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(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hadad>)

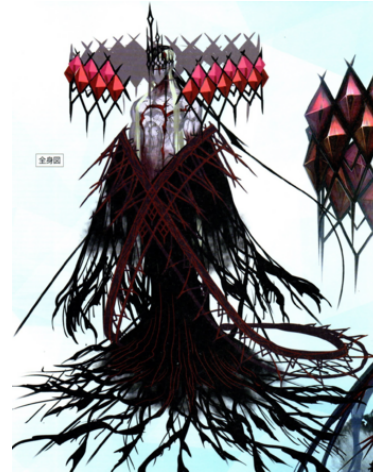


SMT II and Soul Hackers (left to right)



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(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Lesser_Key_of_Solomon)



Form



Pillar (Grand Order)

Basilik

In European bestiaries and legends, a basilisk is a legendary reptile reputed to be king of serpents and said to have the power to cause death with a single glance.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Basilisk>)



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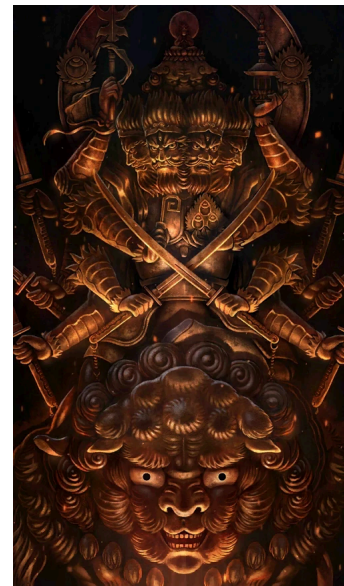
Bishamonten

Bishamonten is one of four figures placed at the corners of the main altar in a Buddhist temple. These figures correspond to the four cardinal directions, with Bishamonten representing the north. Bishamonten is the Japanese name for the Hindu god, Vaiśravaṇa.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org>



Persona 3



Craft Essence, Tohachi

[g/wiki/Vaiṣṛavana](https://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaiṣṛavana))



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Bishamonten in Fate/Grand Order



Nagao Kagetora, a self-proclaimed avatar of Bishamonten (Lancer-class servant in Fate/Grand Order)

Brahma(n)

In Hindu teachings, Brahman is the absolute and highest principle and ultimate reality in the universe. The essence of Brahman is found in all souls. **Brahma** is the creator of the universe and is also referred to as Svayambhu.

(for more information:



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Also not an actual servant, but the servant **Karna** calls upon Brahma's name in his Noble Phantasm: Brahmastra.

Link to Karna's Noble Phantasm in Fate/Apocrypha (anime released in 2017)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zQe0d2en0s>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brahma>)



Brahmastra in the Fate/EXTRA CCC Foxtail manga

Cerberus

In Greek mythology, Cerberus, also known as Kerberos, is a monster and pet under Hades that guards the gates of the Greek underworld, the realm of Hades.

(for more information: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cerberus>)



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Chimera

In Greek mythology, Chimera is the offspring of Typhon and Echidna, the mother of beasts, and is the sibling of Cerberus and Orthrus.

(for more information: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chimera_\(mythology\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chimera_(mythology)))



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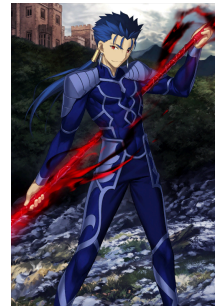
Cu Chulainn

An Irish mythical hero who appears in the stories of the Ulster Cycle, as well as in Scottish and Manx folklore.

(for more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cú_Chulainn)



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Order

Lancer-class servant from Fate/Grand



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Caster-class version (Fate/Grand



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Fenrir

Fenrir, also known as Fenris, Vánagandr or Fenrisulfr, is a giant wolf appearing in Norse mythology and one of three children of Loki and Angraboda.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fenrir>)



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(is part of a greater enemy called Surtr•Fenrir in F/GO)



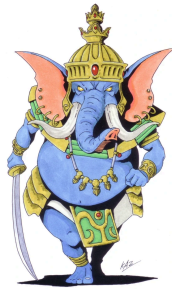
Order

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Ganesha

Ganesha (also called Ganesh or Ganesa) is one of the most worshiped deities in the Hindu pantheon and is known as the Lord of Obstacles, Lord of Beginnings, god of wisdom and intelligence and patron of arts and science.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ganesha>)



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Garuda

Garuda is a large mythical bird or bird-like creature that appears in both Hindu and Buddhist mythology.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Garuda>)



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Gorgon

Gorgon, which means 'dreadful one' or 'terrible', is a female snake-bodied monster originating from Greek lore.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gorgon>)



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Gorgon (enemy) in

Griffin

A griffin, also known as a griffon or a gryphon, is a mythical creature with the body of a lion and the head of an eagle.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Griffin>)

Stylized as *Gryphon* in SMT



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Stylized as *Hippogriff* in F/GO



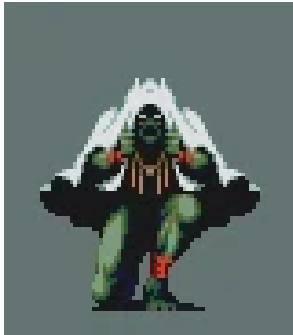
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Ibaraki Doji

Ibaraki Doji was one of five oni who were terrorizing the Kyoto area of Japan, supposedly around the year 900.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ibaraki-dōji>)



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Ifrit

In Arabic mythology, the Efreeti ("strong one") are considered a type of jinn that were typically portrayed as spirits of fire.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ifrit>)



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Order

Fate/Grand

Indra

The Hindu god of war, lightning, thunder, rain, and river flows. He was the most important god in the Vedic religion and he later became a major figure in Hinduism and an important deity in Buddhism.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indra>)



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appears as a cameo in the Fate/Apocrypha manga

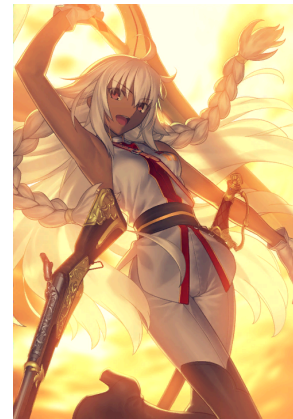
Lakshmi

The goddess of beauty, luck, good fortune and love in Hindu mythology and is also the wife of Vishnu.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lakshmi>)



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Lakshmibai (Saber-class servant in Fate/Grand Order)



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Mahakala

Mahakala is relied upon in all schools of Tibetan Buddhism and is depicted in a number of variations, each with distinctly different qualities and aspects. He is also regarded as the emanation of different beings in different cases, though he is best known as a wrathful manifestation of Avalokiteshvara, the bodhisattva of compassion.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org>



SMT and Persona 4 (left to right)

Not an actual servant but is the name of Ashwatthama's third Noble Phantasm: Mahākāla Shakti: O' Great Time, Revolve this Moment.



[g/wiki/Mahakala](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mahakala))

Manticore

The Manticore, is a big, legendary creature of ancient Greek and Persian myths that preferred to eat humans.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manticore>)



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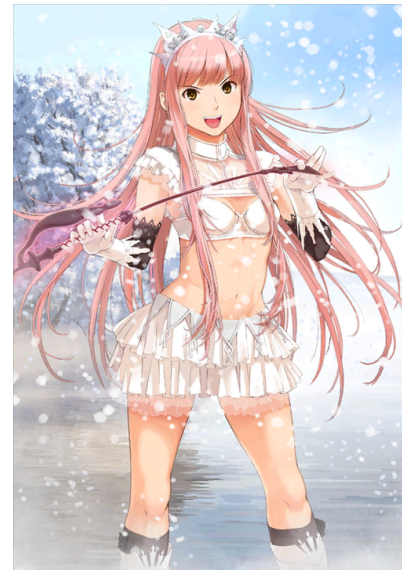
Medb

Mab, also known as Medb or Meive, is the queen of Connacht.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Medb>)



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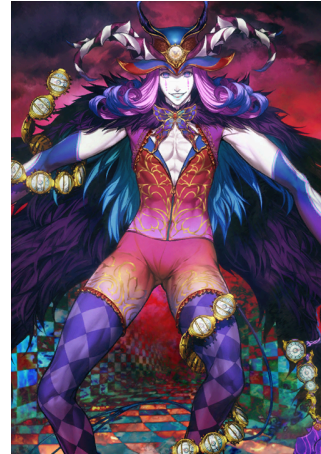
Mephisto/Mephistopheles

Mephistopheles is the demon associated with the Faust legend (German folklore).

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mephistopheles>
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Minotaur

The Minotaur, also known as Minotauros, is a beast of Greek myth, part bull and part man.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Minotaur>
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Naga Raja

Naga Raja are the many kings of nagas with many stories involving them in Hindu mythology.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nagaraja>)

Stylized as Raja Naga in SMT and Persona 5



Persona 5



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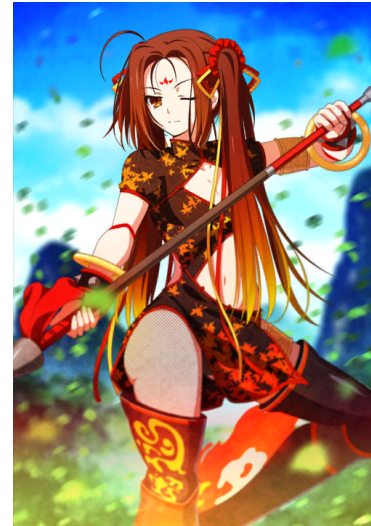
Nezha

According to Fengshen Yanyi (封神演義), Nezha was born during the Shang Dynasty in a military fortress at Chentang Pass.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nezha>)



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Nue

A legendary monster in Japanese mythology. Nue has the head of a monkey, the arms and legs of a tiger, body of a raccoon dog and a snake for a tail.

(for more information: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nue>)



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Orochi

Yamata no Orochi is an eight-headed and eight-tailed serpent dragon with an enormous body reaches across eight valleys and eight hills that appears in Japanese lore.

(for more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yamata_no_Orochi)



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(Arthur) Pendragon
Pendragon (British) or Pen Draig (Celtic) is of English lore, meaning "head or chief dragon," and is referred to several individuals: Ambrosius Aurelianus, Uther, King Arthur and Maelgwn Gwynedd.



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Quetzalcoatl
Quetzalcoatl is an Aztec sky and creator god along with representing the Sun, the element air, wind, and learning.

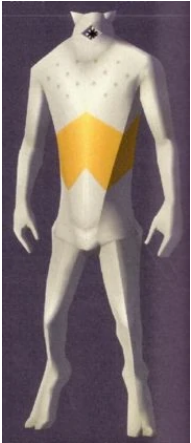
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Ravana Ravana appears in the Ramayana as the demon-king of Lanka and the principal antagonist of Rama. (for more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ravana)	 SMT	Not an actual servant, but is included in servant Rama's (see Vishnu) epic: Ramayana. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ramayana)
Saraswati The goddess of knowledge, music and the arts in Hindu mythology. (for more information: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saraswati)	(known as Sarasvati in SMT)	<i>Not an actual servant but is the name of Meltlillith's Noble Phantasm (Saraswati Meltout: Benzaiten's Five-String Biwa) in Fate/Grand Order.</i> Link to Meltlillith's Noble Phantasm animation in Fate/Grand Order: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVkOpYM52hc

[g/wiki/Saraswati\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saraswati)



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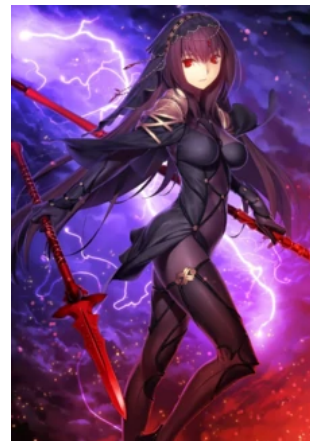
Scathach

Scathach ("Shadowy") also known as "The Shadowy One," is a legendary figure in the Ulster Cycle of Irish mythology.

(for more information: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scáthach>)



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Senko/Kitsune

Senko is a term referring to a specific rank of kitsune. Senko means divine fox.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kitsune>)



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Tamamo-no-Mae represented
as a Fox Goddess in Fate/Grand Order

Shuten Doji

Shuten-douji is an Oni, often called the leader of all oni in the mountains, for he is the most infamous and the strongest.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shuten-dōji>)



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Sphinx

A Sphinx (Sphinxes or Sphinges) is a mythological creature that originated in Egypt, and was later imported to Greece, with the word "sphinx" itself being of Greek origin.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sphinx>)



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Order

Fate/Grand

Talos

Talos, in Greek myth, is an automaton forged of bronze, who protected the island of Crete from trespassers

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Talos>)



Devil Children

Is also servant Europa's Noble Phantasm in Fate/Grand Order.



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Tamamo

Tamamo-no-Mae, or simply Tamano, is a 9-tailed, golden-furred kyūbi-no-kitsune ('nine tailed fox' - a fox that gains spiritual and ghostly powers is a kitsune. (also known as **Senko**)

(for more information: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamamo-no-Mae>)



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(also mentioned in **Senko**)



Tamamo-no-Mae from
Fate/Grand Order



Tamamo Nine in the
Nasuverse
(includes: Tamamo-No-Mae, Tamamo Cat, Tamamo Vitch, Tamamo Gucci, Tamamo Velmo, Tamamo no Hime, Tamamo no Aria and two unknown names)

Tiamat

Tiamat, also known as Ummu-Hubur, is the Babylonian personification of salt water and primordial chaos.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tiamat>)



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Unicorn/Bicorn

An unicorn is a legendary holy creature. Though the modern popular image of the unicorn is sometimes that of a horse differing only in the horn on its forehead, the traditional unicorn also has a billy-goat beard, a lion's tail and cloven hooves; these distinguish it from a horse.



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(Bicorn in F/GO)



Order

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Vishnu

One of the primary gods in the Hindu pantheon. He is the protector and preserver of the universe.

(more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vishnu>)



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Not an actual servant, but Vishnu Bhujia (偉大なる者の腕ヴィシュヌ・バージュ) is the Noble Phantasm of Rama.

Link to animated version of Rama's Noble Phantasm in Fate/Grand Order (mobile game):

https://youtu.be/SxO1E_kWCL4?t=85



Rama



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Vritra

Vritra the Enveloper is both an Asura and a dragon. He is the embodiment of drought and the chief-enemy of Indra.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vritra>)



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Werewolf

A werewolf, also known as a lycanthrope or a werwolf, is a mythological or folkloric human with the ability to shapeshift into a wolf or an anthropomorphic wolf-like creature.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werewolf>)



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Saber, Lancer and Assassin Werewolves in Fate/Grand Order

Wyvern

A wyvern was a winged creature, mainly as a sub-species of dragons, that appears in European medieval legend. Wyverns were an often used symbol in heraldry of noble families.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wyvern>)



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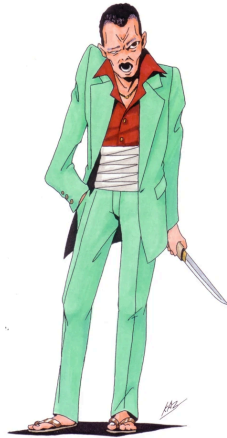
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Yakuza

Yakuza or Gokudou (極道*)? is a well-known crime syndicate in Japan, very similar to the Italian Mafia.

(for more information:
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yakuza>)



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