

Devilsbane (The Good Sword)



Long, long ago, after the Kelei/Xonyi wars and when Elves were new to Olere, many wondrous items were created. Elven craftsmen and wizards worked with Kelei craftsmen to create many powerful items, including weapons. Some few items from that time still exist today, items of great power that were able to survive for thousands of years.

It was also during this time that the devils made their first foray onto Olere. They were led by a particularly powerful pit fiend. The devils were able to hide in unpopulated places for a number of months, building up their forces. The devils first revealed themselves by utterly destroying several villages. They were a very powerful force, even for the Elder Elves and the Kelei. At this time many of the common Elves were unskilled at warfare, having very few enemies in the world.

When the Elves and Kelei became aware of the devils, 4 friends decided to work together to end the menace. Hagen, the Kelei warrior and smith, Jastur, the elven wizard, Arvinial, the elven priestess, and Tepurinen the elven ranger brought together their talent and experience. To help them fight the devils, they decided to create 2 items of great power, a sword and a staff, along with lesser items. They called upon the powers of good to help them in their task, and they were answered. Askentar, a great Deva, came to assist them in the making of the weapons. Archons were found to volunteer to dwell within the weapons, to give them additional powers and infuse them with goodness.

After months of hard work, the weapons were complete, and the friends joined the other heroes in the fight. Askentar also joined the companions, as did other creatures of good. Even the combined might of Elven and Kelei heroes did not make this an easy task. After weeks of battling the devils, they were finally cornered in a remote area of Duranglith. Xetik the pit fiend and his strongest devils fought viciously, but were eventually destroyed.

In the fighting, Tepurinen, Arvinial and Askentar were killed, and their bodies maimed beyond saving. Hagen died but was resurrected by grateful priests of Corellan. The others were entombed, along with Devilsbane and some of their other possessions. According to Elven myth, the Heroes are entombed in the Valley of Heroes guarded by loyal archons, and their weapons may be used by any hero worthy enough to lay claim. Legend has it that the Ementuran hero Delrik claimed the sword and used it against Iconos, but the sword returned to the tomb upon his death.

It is impossible to determine the exact powers of Devilsbane. The Elven stories from this time are more concerned with the heroes, rather than their weapons. It is reasonable to assume that this weapon was a longsword, bastard sword, or scimitar, doing damage similar to a devil slaying sword. It most likely had additional powers, as great weapons forged during this time often had multiple beneficial magical effects.

Heroic



This sword has no known origin. The blade is of the Erinelde type common during the 12th Cycle, and the manufacture appears to be from one of the smithies in Lundholm during that time, though no maker's mark nor enchanter's mark is evident. The word 'Heroic' is inscribed along the blade on one side. It appears this was engraved on the blade after it was made, though it is impossible to tell for certain.

Legend has it that this sword has been borne by many great heroes. Some claim it was used by Ormen Ril-Kamon, others say it was Ren's first weapon, and many others have been said to wield it. All of these are most unlikely, though it is possible that Ren bore it early in his career. There is a mention in a diary that one of Galwae's companions used a 'heroic' sword, though nothing else indicates that it is this sword. Torindel the elven hero may have used this sword at one time. Stories say that he found a sword when he was a young elf, just leaving home at the early age of 51, and after

that he went on a series of remarkable adventures for one as young as he. If so, then Torindel may have used this sword when he slew the great Orc bandit chief, and was in turn slain by the same orc's wife.

It is most likely that this sword passed from hand to hand many times. It was recently found in the hoard of a large group of giants in northern Wysh. It showed up at the Gold Blade weapon school, when a warrior brought it in for identification. A psychic reading of the sword revealed a swirling confusion of many images, many faces and places. It is clear that many warriors used this sword, and many died while doing so. In addition, it appears that this sword has been copied multiple times and there are several imitation swords.

The Heroic sword documented here has a singular property. Once per day, it can confer upon the wielder the exact benefits of a potion of Heroism. This power seems to last for 1 turn, and then cannot be used again the same day. Otherwise, the sword is in all respects a +1 longsword.

According to other accounts, there may be a more potent version of this sword, perhaps the original. According to these reports, the original Heroic is a +3 longsword and confers the powers of Super Heroism.