

Beowulf: the film vs. the text

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Throughout time, many stories have been altered to suit a particular time period. Often times a film's adaptation is much different than text adaptations while the two can also be very similar. Over the p of hundreds of years there have been multiple interpretations of Beowulf detailing the similarities and differences between the 2007 film and the various text versions. The portrayal of both King Hrothgar's and Grendel's appearance and personalities are different in the film than in the text.

In the motion picture version, he was portrayed as being an unstable alcoholic. This quote from the film demonstrates this, " I want mead! Give me some mead, my queen" (Beowulf: Top Ten Quotes)! In the film King Hrothgar is also portrayed as being a disgrace to his wife, in the written version on the other hand he was portrayed as a noble and mighty king who was adored by all his loyal subjects. ' They said that of all the kings upon the earth he was the man most gracious and fair-minded, kindest to his people and keenest to win fame" (Beowulf: Top Ten Quotes).

In the movie, there was mention of an affair that King Hrothgar had. This quote from the film exposes the queen's pain as she discovers the affair, " How could I ever lay with you, knowing you laid with her" (Beowulf: Top Ten Quotes)? In the text edition there is no evidence of any affair. In the picture Grendel had a very apathetic appearance. In the written material he was personified as an enormous monster that is feared by ? Hamilton 2 all of Herot. This quote demonstrates his tormenting of the people by Grendel. There have been many great men who have come, but in the morning there was nothing left but blood on the floor, and the ventures, and the walls" (Memorable Quotes for Beowulf (2007)). In the film Grendel had the ability to

speak and he was sensitive to light and sound. The way details and events were explained was different in one of the two versions. In the film for example, King Hrothgar commitssuicide, there is no evidence in the text supporting this.

The film implies that Beowulf takes interest in the queen, while in the text there is no evidence of any romantic interest among them. This line from the film shows Beowulf's interest, " Me It's not me he wants, my queen" (Memorable Quotes for Beowulf (2007))? The film states that Beowulf not only had an affair with Grendel's Mother but also had a child with her. In the movie Beowulf marries the queen after Hrothgar's death and eventually cheats on her similar to how Hrothgar did.

The text details a tower that was dedicated to Beowulf after his demise; however the film eludes any mention of a tower. Wiglaf was crowned king before Beowulf's demise in the movie but the text insinuates that the crowning occurred after his death. The battles were illustrated differently in both variations. For instance " The Battle with Grendel's Mother" never transpired; instead she had a child with Beowulf. In " The Battle with Grendel", the film insinuates that the men were awake when Grendel attacked and he also attacked numerous men.

In the text on the hand, the men were asleep when he attacked and he only attacked Wiglaf. In " The Battle with The Dragon" viewers learned that he was actually Beowulf's son. Throughout time there have been multiple analyses of Beowulf detailing the similarities and differences between the 2007 film and the various text translations. There are a wide range of differences in the film versus the text. These differences range from

something as little as the appearances of main characters to the depiction of major events and details.