

Spectre Main Protagonist

SPECTRE

SPECTRE ("Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion") is a fictional organisation featured in the James Bond novels - SPECTRE ("Special Executive for Counter-intelligence, Terrorism, Revenge and Extortion") is a fictional organisation featured in the James Bond novels by Ian Fleming, as well as films and video games based in the same universe. Led by criminal mastermind Ernst Stavro Blofeld, SPECTRE first formally appeared in the novel *Thunderball* (1961) and in the film *Dr. No* (1962). The international organisation is not aligned with any nation or political ideology, enabling the later Bond books and Bond films to be regarded as somewhat apolitical. The presence of former Gestapo members in the organization can be considered as a sign of Fleming's warnings about Nazi fugitives after the Second World War, as first detailed in the novel *Moonraker* (1955). In the novels, SPECTRE begins as a small group of criminals, but in the films it is depicted as a vast international organisation with its own SPECTRE Island training base capable of replacing the Soviet SMERSH.

Spectre

Spectres, the main protagonists of the animated TV series *Star Wars Rebels* Spectre (musician), alias of producer and rapper Skiz Fernando The Spectre - Spectre, specter or the spectre may refer to:

Ernst Stavro Blofeld

agent James Bond. Blofeld is head of the global criminal organisation SPECTRE and is commonly referred to by the codename Number 1 within this organisation - Ernst Stavro Blofeld is a fictional supervillain in the James Bond series of novels and films, created by Ian Fleming. A criminal mastermind with aspirations of world domination, he is the archenemy of British MI6 agent James Bond. Blofeld is head of the global criminal organisation SPECTRE and is commonly referred to by the codename Number 1 within this organisation. The character was originally written by Fleming as a physically massive and powerfully built man, standing around 6 ft 3 in (1.91 m) and weighing 20 stone (280 lb; 130 kg), who had become flabby with a huge belly.

The most recurring antagonist in the franchise, Blofeld appears or is heard in three novels: *Thunderball*, *On Her Majesty's Secret Service*; and *You Only Live Twice*; as well as eight films from Eon Productions: *From Russia with Love* (1963), *Thunderball* (1965), *You Only Live Twice* (1967), *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* (1969), *Diamonds Are Forever* (1971), possibly *For Your Eyes Only* (1981; the pre-title sequence of which shows an unnamed character resembling Blofeld fall to his death), *Spectre* (2015) and *No Time to Die* (2021). The latter two films are set in a rebooted continuity, which started with *Casino Royale* (2006). Blofeld also appears in *Never Say Never Again* (1983), a remake of *Thunderball* that was not produced by Eon.

Blofeld has been played on-screen by Donald Pleasence, Telly Savalas, Charles Gray, Max von Sydow and Christoph Waltz, among others. It was initially a convention of the films not to show Blofeld's face, only a close-up of his hands stroking his white, blue-eyed Persian cat. His face is revealed in *You Only Live Twice* when he introduces himself to Bond for the first time in person.

Many of Blofeld's characteristics have become tropes in popular fiction, representing the stock character of the criminal mastermind, with the stroking of his white cat often retained as a parodic allusion to Blofeld's character. This can be seen parodied in the *Austin Powers* film series with the character of Dr. Evil and his

cat Mr. Bigglesworth, or in the animations Inspector Gadget, with the character of Dr. Claw and his pet M.A.D. Cat, Danger Mouse, with the character of Baron Silas Greenback, and Wallace & Gromit: Vengeance Most Fowl, where Feathers McGraw strokes a white seal pup.

Zhong Kui

Consort Yang's sash and the emperor's flute. At that moment, a far larger spectre burst in—hair dishevelled, beard bristling, visage stern, clad in a blue - Zhong Kui (Chinese: 钟馗; pinyin: Zhōng Kuí) is a Taoist deity in Chinese mythology, traditionally regarded as a vanquisher of ghosts and evil beings. He is depicted as a large man with a big black beard, bulging eyes, and a wrathful expression. Zhong Kui is able to command 80,000 demons to do his bidding and is often associated with the five bats of fortune. Worship and iconography of Zhong Kui later spread to other East Asian countries.

In art, Zhong Kui is a frequent subject in paintings and crafts, and his image is often painted on household gates as a guardian spirit as well as in places of business where high-value goods are involved. He is also commonly portrayed in popular media.

List of Watchmen characters

Watchmen focuses on six main characters: the Comedian, Doctor Manhattan, Nite Owl II, Ozymandias, Rorschach, and the Silk Spectre II. These characters were - Watchmen is a twelve-issue comic book limited series created by Alan Moore, Dave Gibbons, and John Higgins, published by DC Comics in 1986 and 1987. Watchmen focuses on six main characters: the Comedian, Doctor Manhattan, Nite Owl II, Ozymandias, Rorschach, and the Silk Spectre II. These characters were originally based on the Mighty Crusaders and then reworked in an unsolicited proposal to fit superhero properties DC had acquired from Charlton Comics in the early 1980s. Moore later based the team's predecessors, the Minutemen, on the Mighty Crusaders. Since the publisher planned to integrate Charlton's superheroes into the main DC Universe and the script would have made many of them unusable for future stories, series writer Alan Moore eventually agreed to create original characters. Moore wished the main characters to present six radically opposing ways to perceive the world, and to give readers of the story the privilege of determining which one was most morally comprehensible.

The protagonists of Watchmen were reused in the prequel series Before Watchmen, which also gave backstories to several minor characters from the original graphic novel, and introduced new characters.

Later on, several Watchmen characters reappeared in the limited series Doomsday Clock, bringing them into the main DC Universe.

The television series Watchmen is set in the same canon as the limited series, taking place in 2019 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Madame Xanadu

Nightmare. There were several requests to reprint it in letter columns of The Spectre, but they were refused because that issue gave little background as to - Madame Xanadu (Nimue Inwudu) is a fictional character published by DC Comics. The character is identified with Nimue, the sorceress from Arthurian mythology made popular by Sir Thomas Malory's Le Morte d'Arthur.

Jeryl Prescott portrays Xanadu in the television series Swamp Thing.

Wuchang: Fallen Feathers

2025. The Night & White Pack, comprising two costume sets (Night Spectre and White Spectre), a weapon (Vermillion War Club), and a skill upgrade item, was - Wuchang: Fallen Feathers is a 2025 Soulslike action role-playing game developed by Leenzee and published by 505 Games. The player assumes the role of Bai Wuchang, a female pirate, who navigates the supernatural horrors stemming from the mysterious Feathering Disease. Set in an alternate history representation of Shu during the late Ming dynasty, the story explores a region ravaged by war and plague.

Wuchang: Fallen Feathers was released for PlayStation 5, Windows, and Xbox Series X/S on 24 July 2025.

List of films featuring surveillance

ISSN 0971-8257. Retrieved 2025-03-24. Rosenberg, Alyssa (November 14, 2015). "Spectre of surveillance". Winnipeg Free Press. Retrieved November 15, 2015. Kammerer - There is a significant body of films that feature surveillance as a theme or as a plot arc. These are a number of these films produced in the United States and other countries.

Phantom Stranger

with the Spectre, as the two forces often come into conflict. He was responsible for gathering a group of mystic heroes to combat the Spectre, when its - The Phantom Stranger is a superhero appearing in American comic books published by DC Comics, of unspecified paranormal origins, who battles mysterious and occult forces, sometimes under their Vertigo imprint. The character first appeared in an eponymous comics anthology published in August/September 1952.

The Phantom Stranger made his first live-action appearance in the 2019 DC Universe television series *Swamp Thing*, portrayed by Macon Blair. Additionally, Kevin Conroy, D. B. Woodside, and Peter Serafinowicz have voiced the character in animation.

Thunderball (novel)

centres on the theft of a pair of nuclear weapons by the crime organisation SPECTRE and the subsequent attempted blackmail of the Western powers for their - Thunderball is the ninth book and the eighth novel in Ian Fleming's James Bond series. It was published in the UK by Jonathan Cape on 27 March 1961. The first novelisation of an unfilmed James Bond screenplay, it was born from a collaboration by five people: Ian Fleming, Kevin McClory, Jack Whittingham, Ivar Bryce and Ernest Cuneo. The first edition was published under Fleming's name, after which a legal case brought against him by McClory and Whittingham led to them being given writing credits.

The story centres on the theft of a pair of nuclear weapons by the crime organisation SPECTRE and the subsequent attempted blackmail of the Western powers for their return. James Bond of the Secret Service travels to the Bahamas to work with his friend Felix Leiter, who had been seconded back into the CIA for the investigation. Thunderball introduces SPECTRE's leader Ernst Stavro Blofeld, in the first of three appearances in Bond novels, with *On Her Majesty's Secret Service* and *You Only Live Twice*; the three novels are now known as the "Blofeld trilogy".

Thunderball has been adapted four times: once in comic-strip format for the Daily Express newspaper, twice for the cinema and once for the radio. The Daily Express strip was cut short on the order of its owner, Lord Beaverbrook, after Ian Fleming signed an agreement with The Sunday Times to publish a short story. On screen, Thunderball was released in 1965 as the fourth film in the Eon Productions series, with Sean Connery

as James Bond. The second adaptation, Never Say Never Again, was released as an independent production in 1983 also starring Connery as Bond; it was produced by McClory. BBC Radio 4 aired an adaptation in December 2016, in which Toby Stephens played Bond.

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