

Special Swords

1. **Narsil:** the sword of Elendil. It shown with the light of the sun and of the moon. It was made by Telchar of Nogrod, and it broke under Elendil as he fell to the death in combat with Sauron. Isildur used the hilt shard of Narsil to cut Sauron's hand and obtain the Ring. Later, in the Third Age, the shards were reforged for Aragorn, the thirty ninth heir of Isildur, and the sword was renamed **Anduril**. Boromir dreams about it in a rhyme: "*Seek for the Sword that was broken, in Imadris it dwells.*" It is also in a lyric of a rhyme that goes with Aragorn's name: "*Renewed shall be the blade that was broken.*"
2. **Anglachel:** the sword made from meteoric iron that Thingol received from Eol and gave to Beleg. It was a sword of great worth because it fell from the heavens as a blazing star. It was able to cleave all earth-delved iron. Anglachel was forged by Eol, the Dark Elf, who gave it to Thingol as a fee. Thingol later gave the black sword to Beleg, Strongbow, as a gift. However, Melian warned him not to take it saying, "*There is malice in this sword. The dark heart of the smith still dwells in it. It will not love the hand it serves, neither will it abide with you long.*" Both things came true. Anglachel ended up being Beleg's demise, and was left with Turin, his murderer and his dear friend. When Anglachel was reforged for Turin, its edges shown with pale fire. Turin named it **Gurthang**, Iron of Death, and he named himself Mormegil, the Black Sword. At the end of Turin's adventures, when he realizes his late love is his sister, he says to Gurthang, "*Hail Gurthang! No lord or loyalty dost thou know, save the hand the wieldth thee. From no blood wilt thou shrink. Wilt thou therefore take Turin Turambar, wilt thou slay me swiftly?*" Then Gurthang actually responds with a cold voice: "*Yea, I will drink thy blood gladly, that so I may forget the blood of Beleg my master, and the blood of Brandir slain unjustly. I will slay thee swiftly.*" And then the black blade took his life.
3. **Anguirel:** Eol's sword made of the same metal as Anglachel. It was stolen from him by his son, Maeglin.
4. **Aranruth:** 'King's Ire,' Thingol's sword. It survived the ruin of Doriath and was possessed by the Kings of Numenor.
5. **Sting:** it was found as a knife in a leather sheath by Bilbo Baggins of the Shire, but proved to be more of a sword for the hobbit. It was in a cave belonging to trolls, full of stolen goods. He knew not the name of the blade when he found it, but after a battle with the great and terrible Spiders of Mirkwood, Bilbo named it 'Sting.' It proved to be a most important and celebrated blade. Bilbo used it throughout his journey to the Lonely Mountain and then gave it to his nephew Frodo, the Ringbearer. Frodo took advantage of Sting's blue gleam that warned him when Orcs were near, and in the end the blade ended up with Frodo's best friend and truest companion, Samwise Gamgee, hobbit of the Shire.
6. **Ocrist:** 'the Goblin Cleaver,' was found in a troll's plunder pile and wielded by the dwarf, Thorin Oakenshield, the last King under the Mountain. This is a very

old sword of the High Elves of the West, Elrond's kin. It was made in Gondolin for the Goblin-wars. It is called 'Biter' by the Goblins.

7. **Glamdring:** 'Foehammer,' was also made by the High Elves of the West and was once worn by the king of Gondolin. It was found in the same pile as Orcrist and became Gandalf's which he used to slay the Lord of the Goblins of the Misty Mountains, in the Third Age. The sword flashes in the dark and burns with a rage that makes it gleam if goblins are about. When it was used to kill the great Goblin Lord, it was bright as a blue flame with delight. The Goblins called Glamdring 'Beater,' and hated it worse than 'Biter.'
8. **Angrist:** 'Iron-Cleaver,' the knife made by Telchar of Nogrod, taken from Curufin by Beren. It hung sheathless by his side and it would cleave iron as if it were green wood. Beren later used it to cut the Silmaril from Morgoth's crown.