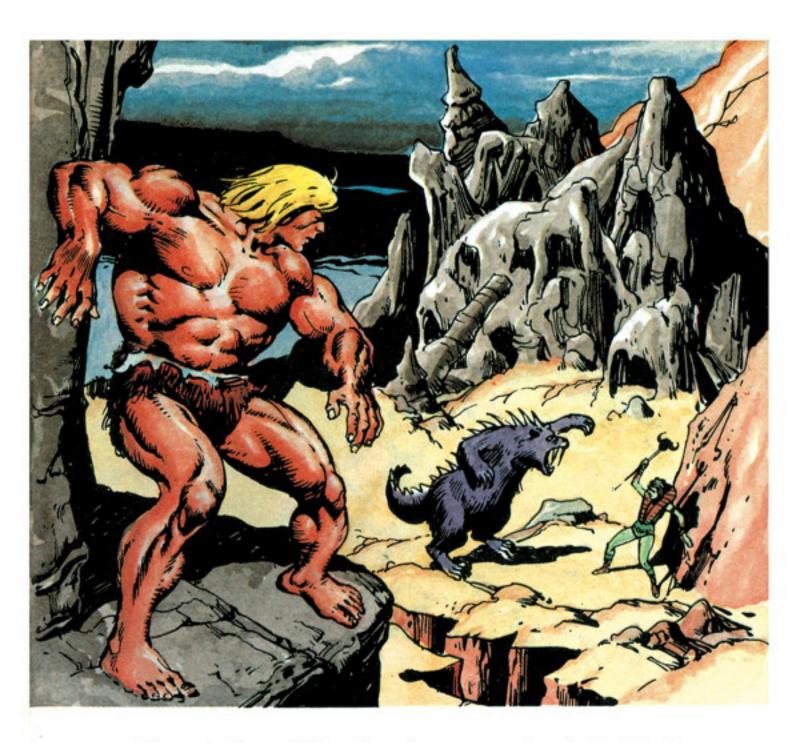


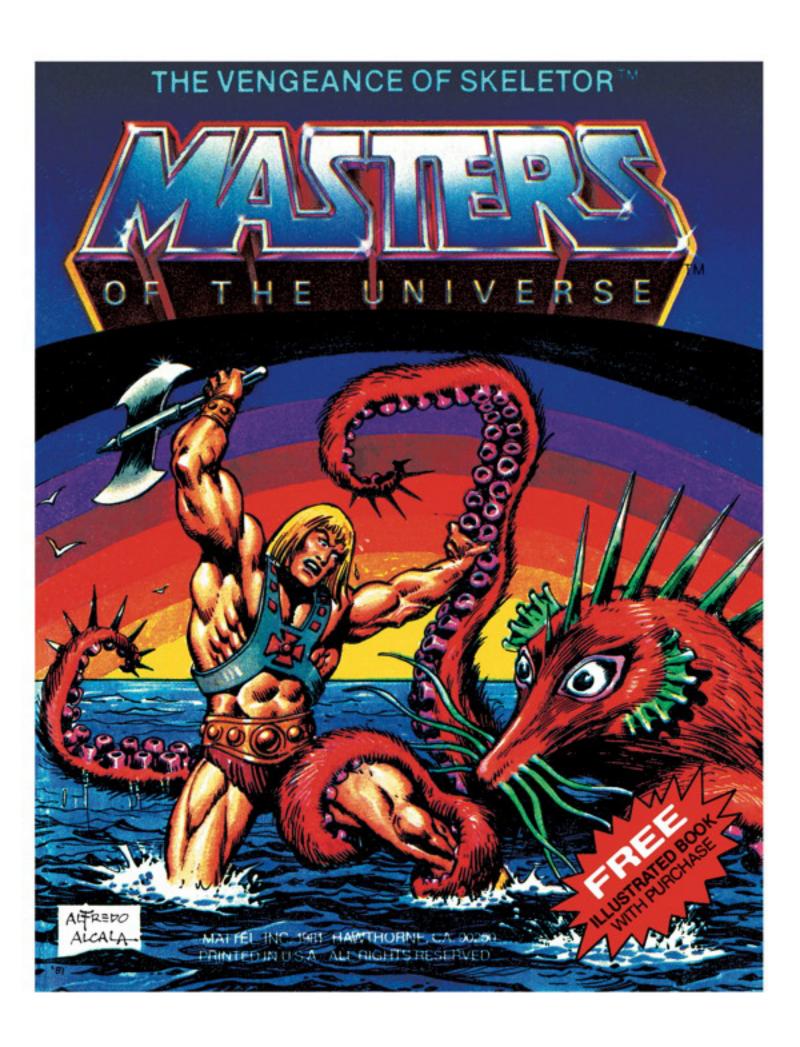
A mighty figure stood at the edge of the jungle that had, until this day, always been his home. *He-Man*, the tribe's greatest warrior, waved his farewell. He might have preferred to stay, but he had a noble mission to accomplish.

"Evil forces exist on our planet Eternia," He-Man told his people. "They seek to control the legendary Castle Grayskull, a place of wonders. If we are to know a lasting peace, I must go out and battle those forces. Farewell."



The outside world had long been a mystery to He-Man's tribe, although they had heard the fantastic tales about the mysterious Castle Grayskull. He-Man was the first of his people to trudge these craggy cliffs and quake-torn valleys. His homeland was already in the distant mists when he heard the cry for help.

Gazing into the valley, He-Man saw that his courage and jungle-bred strength were already needed!





Of all the beings of the planet Eternia, none was as evil as skull-faced Skeletor. There was no good in him.

He stood defiantly on the rim of an active volcano, and using his energy-blade, he dared to fight with the light-ning that flashed about him. The hatred in his heart was as searing as the volcano's belching smoke.

"I thirst for vengeance!" Skeletor shouted, as the sky responded with a loud crash of thunder.



Skeletor's mind was tormented by hated images. "It is because of He-Man that I have, time and time again, suffered shameful defeat!" he roared. "I would have succeeded in my attempt to rule this planet if not for him and his noble companions-in-battle."

As he spoke, *Skeletor* also thought of *Teela*, the beautiful warrior-goddess, and of armored *Man-At-Arms*, the master of all weapons.



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