

# **All About Torgo**

#### Who is Torgo?



Who's that guy with the big big knees?

**Torgo** is a character from the movie: *Manos -- The Hands of Fate.* He was a monster(?) who's monstrous feature was oversized knees (see picture on left). In the movie he was a care taker (of sorts) who would "take care of the place while The Master was away." The Master was some kind of evil undead... guy... He would hibernate in a room full of his wives (who also hibernated)...

Torgo would wobble a lot when he walked and while this happened a theme of sorts would play (which you should hear now).

The movie *Manos* was seen in episode 424 of the TV show <u>MST3K</u>. Being considered the worst movie ever seen on the show, the episode was made fairly popular among long time fans. Being the show is about watching bad movies, this is saying a lot. In this way Torgo was made quite popular, in an infamous manner. His character was extreamly obscure, to say the least...



From the man who brought you your lawn fertilizer!

The movie was actually written & directed by Hal Warren, who apparently was a fertalizer salesman. I actually once recieved an e-mail from his son:

Glad to see someone carries my fathers legacy. My dad wrote, directed and stared (as the father, of course) in the movie. Thanx for making my day. Sincerely, Joe Warren

#### I also recently got another email from another Member of the Warren family:

Well along with your email from my step Uncle, you now have an e-mail from the grand-daughter of Hal Warren. Wish my grandfather could have seen all the attention MST3K stirred up about Manos, he really would have loved it. My mom has let me in on a lot of the little secrets from the set of Manos. For instance, Torgo overdosed, but it was probably a suicide, after filming Manos. He was wearing the prosthetic knees backwards. No one noticed until they had already begun filming and rather than go back a reshoot the scenes, my grandfather let him continue wearing the mistake without telling him. It was sort of like having his knees slowly broken each day of shooting and the pain he had to live with afterwards probably was a contributing factor in his suicide. Thanks for making my mother's and my day also. Amanda Connor



The Master has arisen!



Watch out Torgo, The Master does not approve...



Anyone for BBQ'ed Torgo hand?

# Video Clips

These are some video clips from the MST3K episode. If you have downloaded the individual clip I had before, you will find that these are now of much better quality. They are larger, at 320x240. They require Quicktime to be played.



460k



<u>The Master</u> <u>Would Not Approve.</u> **364k** 



Torgo Theme. 416k



There is No Way Out of Here... 520k

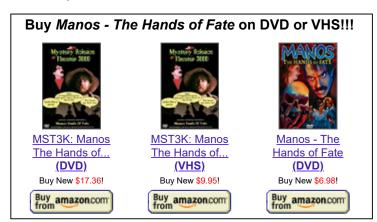
#### Buy Manos - The Hands of Fate

Buy the Mystery Science Theater 3000 episode that started it all: MST3K: Manos - The Hands of Fate on <u>DVD</u> or <u>VHS</u> thru <u>Amazon.com</u>!!!



MST3K Episode #424 Manos - The Hands of Fate

You can even buy the Non-MST3K version of Manos - The Hands of Fate!!!



# The "Haunting" Torgo Theme



This is the theme which plays when Torgo walks.

The Midi isn't the best rendition, but small and simple. The MOD is really good, it acually came directly from the AfterDark Module...

### **Torgo Screensaver**



The Torgo Screen Saver!!! For <u>AfterDark for Mac</u> or <u>Windows</u>. Now avalible for <u>Mac OS X</u>!!!

These are screen savers based on Torgo.

The AfterDark for Mac verson requires AfterDark 2.0 or higher, for the classic Mac. The Windows verson requires pretty much any verson of Windows. **There is now a version made by me for Mac OS X!!!** 

I'm not sure who these are by (except for the Mac OS X version, of corse), there are some credits in the savers themselves. The two versions (AfterDark for Mac & Windows) are symiler, but there are a couple minor differences between them.

You can view technical details about the Mac OS X Screensaver here.

# The Torgo Store



The Torgo Store! Shirts & more at <u>The Torgo Store</u>! You can now get all sorts of merchandise at the Torgo Store!!!

Torgo shirts, hats, stickers, even a Torgo lunch box. All purchases help to support Torgo.org...

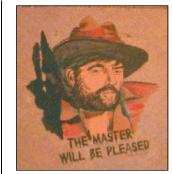
#### **Torgo Shirt**

This is a page that sells a Torgo T-Shirt, among other things.

One of these days I'm gona order one for myself, just because having a Torgo T-Shirt would rule!

Unfortunately the shirt appears to no longer be available. Even more unfortunate, I never bought one while they were available. :(

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The Torgo T-Shirt!!!

#### Me As Torgo



\*I\* Am Torgo!

I'm hoping I can make a symiler shirt and put it on The Torgo Store. Keep your eyes peeled!!!

Halloween 2000 I dressed up as Torgo (picture on right)! I had been planning on doing this for years, last halloween I actually did it. This picture was taken at my work.

Also for the costume I encoded an MP3 with the Torgo theme and put it on my Rio MP3 player. Needing a place to stash the speakers, I placed them in the knees!

# Torgo "TTR" Signature



This is off a forum on http://www.medaverse.com/. The forum covers a lot of games.

They have a bot modeled after Torgo, with this image as his signature. And everybody loves the game TTR...

#### **Torgo Figure**

This picture was sent to me, I have to say its amazingly done!!!

The figure was created by: Mark Murch & Mike Haney, and "Kai Kleer mixed some paint..."

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Torgo Action Figure!!!

### Torgo3 - Outwar Character

This is the page for my outwar character, "Torgo3". Please <u>click the link</u> so my character gets stronger!

Torgo Outwar Character

#### **Torgo Links**

- <u>Mystery Science Theater 3000: Manos The Hands of Fate (1993)</u> Daily Reviews' review of the MST3K episode!
- <u>Manos, The Hands Of Fertilizer</u>
   A detailed discription of the Movie & MST3K Episode
- MST3UK: Experiment #424 Manos: The Hands of Fate Gives a synapsis of the episode.
- MST Fridays!

"Because nerds have to do something Friday night." An episode synopsis and review.

- Film Underground MANOS: The Hands Of Fate
   A review of the movie. Mirrored on my website because the page no longer exists on the "fu" server.
- <u>Ay Yi Yi, Los Manos Son Peligrosos!</u> Another Manos review...
- <u>Secrets of El Paso Torgo and the Burning Lands?</u> A little background behind Manos.
- <u>424 Manos: Hands of Fate Other Reviews</u> Manos reviews pulled off of Microfilm.
- <u>CONVENTIONCON '96</u> Pics from an MST3K Conventioncon. A large number of cosumes come from Manos!!!
- MST3K.ORG: Images from 424: Manos: the Hands of Fate

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MST3K.ORG: Sounds from 424: Manos: the Hands of Fate	arob	100 AND
Contains sounds from the episode.	Books	
"MANOS" THE HANDS OF FATE PERSONALITY TEST	amazon	.com.
A test to determine which character you are most like. Giving fully		Click Her
honest answers, I bet you can guess who I was most like!!!		
<ul> <li>TORGO 4 - Manos the Hands of Fate: The Final Fight</li> </ul>		<u>The Mystery</u> Science Thea
A Torgo game for DOS!!! The Master would approve! Well, at least if	cover	Wea Corp
Torgo lost		New \$52.16!
<ul> <li><u>Cleverly Named MST3K Page</u></li> </ul>	States-	Mystery Science
Info about re-occuring MST3K characters. And yes, Torgo is one of		Theater
them!!!	10% off	Michael J. Nelson New \$17.96!
<ul> <li>File Information (torgo.zip) - Speedy 3D Files Library</li> </ul>	00	
Quake MOD to change Quake Zombies into Torgos!!!		Mystery Science
Baby Names - Torgo	cover	Theater Peter Graves
Can't decide what to name your baby? How about Torgo!!! This gives a		New \$17.96! Used \$8.99!
synapsis of the meaning of the name		
<u>MtG:MST3K Expansion Set Black Card: Torgo's Pizza Delivery</u>	cover	Mystery Science Theater
A Torgo expansion card for Magic, The Gathering!		Jerry Warren New \$17.96!
<u>Torgo (By: Olly8224)</u> Another Torgo CCG Card		Mystery Science
MANOS: The Pizza of Fate	_	Theater
Manos Pizza! Yes, apparently Torgo CAN deliver your pizza!!!	cover	Andrew V. McLaglen
<ul> <li>The Top 100 Movie Monsters of All Time: #88 - Torgo</li> </ul>		New \$17.96! Used \$9.75!
Don't think Torgo is a monster, or possibly that good of a monster? Then		
how do you explain this?!!	Participant Property and	Mystery Science
<u>My Name Is Torgo</u>	and the	Theater Michael J. Nelson
A song Torgo should sing!!!	10% off	New \$17.96!
<u>Personal Torgo Lyrics Page</u>		
Lyrics to that hit song, Your Own Personal Torgo!!!		
I Think, Therefore I Am Torgo		
A poem by Torgo!!!		May Change) v Information
<ul> <li>DIRK (The Fundamental Interconnectedness of All Things) [torgo]</li> </ul>		
Find out how Torgo relates to any thing else in the universe!!!		
<u>BBspot - Top 11 Rejected Movie-Based Video Game Ideas</u>		
Manos at number 10. Someone at work sent me this. I thanked him but I		
believe he thought I was being sarcastic. I was serious, thanks!!!		
<u>RATMM Hall Of Fame</u>		

About John Renolds - The actor who played Torgo. • John Reynolds (I) Some details about John Reynolds, the actor who played Torgo...

The Golden Torgo Award!



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I applied for this award once many, many years ago. After all, what good is a Torgo site without a Golden Torgo? However, I never got a response

I re-applied for it (as it appeared to be under new management), and low and behold I won!!!

This is a great honor, and I would like to thank Hal Warren, along with all the members of the cast and crew. I'd also like to thank the city of El Paso, and Judge Colbert Coldwell, who's ranch was used for the film. Most of all I would like to thank John Renolds, without whom none of this would be possible! Your memory will continue to live on John!!!

# Torgo's Ring O' MST3K



