

Creator Stories: Knuckles

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Knuckles, once the guardian of the Master Emerald, needs to find his true destiny. But what is that destiny?

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Ultimo's note: There are a few Echidnan words here. This is because there is no equivalent in English. To help, I've put these words in ***bold italics***. I will explain their meaning very soon.

The echidna deflected the laser beam of his sword's shiny blade. He charged at the hedgehog, roaring, with the sword raised above his head. The hedgehog quickly dodged, but not before the gun in his hand was struck, and smashed onto the ground. The hedgehog drew his war axe. It seemed puny and insignificant compared to the echidna's massive two hander. The echidna snarled.

He run up the side of the pipe, and went all the way round. The hedgehog was so suprised at the hedgehog trick the echidna had pulled that he just watched as the echidna swung his blade, cleaving the hedgehog in half. Knuckles removed his helm. His fair *Elsar* face was troubled. He hated fighting hedgehogs in these pipes. It took too long to kill one. Out in the open, they could pull no tricks and the king's sword he weilded or his powerful fists would make short work of them. But in these tunnels... Knuckles snarled. They had killed many brave echidna warriors, and gas mask clad Terrorizers who were echidna elite warriors were killed too. Knuckles walked on, trying not to think about his friend Streak, who was killed by a hedgehog axe in tunnels like these.

"Ok, let's get down their and help the sun king!" said the Guardian. The echidnas all cheered in agreement. They dug a hole in the ground with the claws on their knuckles. Before long, they clattered into the tunnel below.

Knuckles heard the sounds of digging above him, and quickly dived out of the way. A large platoon of fine echidna warriors tumbled down from above. The guardian flew in. He knelt before Knuckles.

"Your majesty." he said.

"Arise," Knuckles said "*Elsan!* We are the sun people! We shall triumph over the hedgehog resistance!

By our blades, we shall destroy these heretics!" The echidnas cheered. They drew their blades. The

warriors had curved Echidnan shortswords, and the terrorisers had massive chansaws incorporated into

a longsword. Knuckles wirlled round, and charged. He was the sun king, and no mortal man was stronger than him!

The charge made short work of remaining resistance troops. They ran through the tunnels, swinging

their blades at any hostile that came in range. They tore round a corner, then the charge stopped. Knuckles was gaping at the leaders of the resistance in disbelief...

Why is Knuckles in disbelief? What has he seen? Find out in the next episode...