

= Reptile (Mortal Kombat) =

Reptile is a video game character from the Mortal Kombat fighting game franchise . Created for Midway Games by John Tobias and Ed Boon , Reptile debuted in Mortal Kombat as a hidden boss and appeared in subsequent titles as a playable character , also appearing in the merchandise and other media related to the series .

Reptile is a Raptor , a nearly @-@ extinct bipedal humanoid race of reptilian creatures and loyally serves the series ' recurring villain Shao Kahn in hope that his race will be revived . Reptile has been featured in almost every title in the series under the same pretenses , and until the 2011 reboot , he had yet to be rewarded for his efforts . Critical reception to the character has been positive , with many print and online publications commenting on his evolution since his debut as a hidden character .

= = Conception and history = =

Included in the first game late in the development process , Reptile 's character concept was conceived while Boon was driving back to work from lunch . Noting the success of utilizing a palette swap method for Scorpion and Sub @-@ Zero 's character sprites , he and Tobias decided to include a " super secret hidden feature " in Mortal Kombat , choosing Reptile 's green color as a contrast to Scorpion 's original yellow and Sub @-@ Zero 's blue colors . Developed with the premise of being " a cooler version of Scorpion " , the character 's concept was completed in a single evening . Reptile 's inclusion was intended as a marketing tool for the arcade game : as extreme conditions must be met to encounter Reptile , the designers hoped to rely on word of mouth to spread rumors of the character 's existence . However , the character was not included in the title until version 3 @. @ 0 of the game .

Reptile 's appearance caused fans to speculate that he could be unlocked and used as a controllable character . Boon noted in a later interview that due to the popularity of the rumors surrounding the character , they decided to include Reptile in subsequent installments of the series as a playable fighter .

= = = Design = = =

Reptile was originally depicted as a tall , muscular , light @-@ skinned humanoid . Due to his origin as a palette swap of Scorpion and Sub @-@ Zero , his attire was identical to theirs only colored in green . His clothing consists of pants and boots covering his lower body , along with a black sleeveless shirt and open hood . Green light armor covered his forearms and lower legs , while an open V @-@ shaped green vest protected his torso , extending to a matching small fauld and loincloth . He wears a green facial mask as part of his ninja disguise to conceal his true reptilian nature , however he does remove the mask in @-@ game for his Acid Spit attack or his tongue grab fatality . Reptile stands 6 feet (183 cm) tall , and speaks in a hissing tone .

In Mortal Kombat 4 , Reptile 's appearance became more reptilian , with his head completely uncovered . His hands became clawed , while his feet were now three @-@ toed talons . By Deadly Alliance , Reptile had developed a full reptilian head and tail , with gold and black armor to cover his legs , elbows , shoulders , and belt . Bone spurs extended from the base of his skull down his spine , ending at the tip of his tail , while a similar spur extended from his heel on each foot . Ed Boon described the changes to Reptile 's design over the course of the two games as hinting at him " evolving into a bigger character " , and foreshadowing Onaga controlling his body in Deception .

Reptile 's appearance in Shaolin Monks used an amalgam of his three previous designs , intended by character designer Mark Lappin to portray a classic yet fresh feel for the character . The design incorporated the appearance of his body from Mortal Kombat 4 , his clothing from the original Mortal Kombat , and the look of his feet , hands , and armor from Deadly Alliance . In addition , black strips of cloth wrapped around his forearms , hands , and head , leaving his eyes and mouth exposed . The design was later reused as his primary outfit in Armageddon , with his appearance from Deadly

Alliance serving as his secondary outfit .

= = Appearances = =

= = = In video games = = =

In the original Mortal Kombat , Reptile is a mysterious hidden enemy character , unplayable and with no biography . Hints regarding the conditions of how to unlock the fight against him are conveyed by Reptile randomly appearing prior to other matches . Some of these hints include " Look to La Luna , " " Perfection is the key , " and " Alone is how to find me . " To fight Reptile , the player must get a Double Flawless victory in single player mode on the Pit stage and finish the match off with a fatality . There must also be a silhouette flying past the moon , which will occur every sixth game .

In Mortal Kombat II , Reptile returns as a playable character and a member of a reptilian race called Raptors , who were pulled into Outworld and enslaved by Shao Kahn . Promised the revival of his people in turn for his loyalty , Reptile serves Kahn as Shang Tsung 's bodyguard . He was chosen to assist Jade in order to kill Kitana during the events of Ultimate Mortal Kombat 3 , he is defeated and exiled , but reappears in Mortal Kombat 4 as Shinnok 's minion . By Deadly Alliance , Reptile returns to Kahn 's service . He overhears Shang Tsung plotting to kill Kahn , but en route to warn his master , he meets a female vampire who offers knowledge of his race . Reptile pledges his loyalties to her , though eventually realizes she is merely using him and sets out to kill her . Instead of the vampire he finds Onaga 's dragon egg instead , which transforms Reptile into Onaga 's avatar , leading to the events of Deception and ending with his defeat at the game 's conclusion . Separated from Onaga as a result , Reptile returns in Mortal Kombat : Armageddon . In Konquest mode in Armageddon , he appears in the Red Dragon lair commanding Daegon 's dragon Caro to close the portal but refused . Taven battles Reptile in combat and emerges victorious .

Reptile also appears in Mortal Kombat : Shaolin Monks , appearing in the game 's opening sequence and later as a boss . During development , producer Shaun Himmerick noted that Reptile was included in the game because the character was one of Himmerick 's favorite in the series . Originally included in NBA Jam Tournament Edition alongside other Mortal Kombat characters as an unlockable player , he was eventually removed from later versions of the game at the request of the NBA .

Reptile reappears in the 2011 Mortal Kombat video game , retelling his role from the first tournaments . Not only as a playable character , but also includes a recreation of the original hidden battle at the bottom of the pit , in his original green ninja alternate outfit . In addition to this , he is seen in cyborg version during a match in the new " Challenge Tower " , as he puts on the cyborg costume of a " Unit 5 " .

In Mortal Kombat X (2015) , Reptile follows Kotal Kahn and helps bring about Mileena 's removal from the throne .

= = = Gameplay = = =

As a secret character in the first Mortal Kombat , Reptile features a hybrid of Sub Zero 's and Scorpion 's attacks , such as the former 's freezing projectile and the latter 's harpoon . When made a playable character for later installments , his moves were changed completely . His " Forceball " attack creates an energy ball from his hands , while his " Acid Spit " attack produces a higher , faster projectile . Reptile can slide towards the opponent , or turn invisible for a brief period of time or until hit . Later titles in the series modify these moves , such as splitting the Forceball attack into slow and fast variants , or remove moves in favor of different attacks , only to return them in the next installment .

Reptile 's Fatalities in Mortal Kombat II consist of revealing his reptilian face in order to devour the opponent 's head , or turning invisible and severing the opponent 's torso . Later finishing moves

expand upon the concept , ranging from regurgitating acid upon the opponent to leaping upon their body and gnawing the flesh from their skulls . In a series retrospective , the Mortal Kombat development team named Reptile 's finishers as some of their favorites from the series .

= = = In other media = = =

Reptile appears as a minor character in several of Malibu Comics ' Mortal Kombat comic book series released in 1995 , debuting in the Goro : Prince of Pain miniseries as a member of a team led by Kitana to find the missing Goro , later appearing in the Battlewave miniseries hypnotizing Sonya Blade into wanting to marry Shao Kahn , and in several one @-@ shots , such as Kitana and Mileena . He also appears in comics published by Midway for Mortal Kombat II and Mortal Kombat 4 , based on his role in each title . In the comics , Reptile speaks in the same hissing tone as he does in the games . A paperback novel written by C. Dean Anderson entitled Mortal Kombat : Reptile 's World was released in 1996 . Written for junior readers , the book described the past of Reptile 's fictional race through the eyes of other series characters .

Reptile later appears in the 1995 film Mortal Kombat as a bipedal lizard , camouflaging himself until found by Liu Kang . After being thrown into a statue , Reptile transforms into a human @-@ looking ninja and battles Liu Kang , but is defeated and then crushed after reverting to his original form . Reptile 's lizard form was rendered with the use of computer @-@ generated imagery , while the character 's human form is portrayed by Keith Cooke , clothed similar to Scorpion and Sub @-@ Zero in the film , but green and with a fanged open mouth imprinted on his face mask . Originally not included in the movie , Reptile was added in response to focus groups being unimpressed with the original fights in the film . Actor Robin Shou (Liu Kang) and director Paul Anderson noted that neither knew what Reptile 's lizard form would look like until after filming , making the pre @-@ fight sequence difficult to shoot .

The 1998 television series Mortal Kombat : Konquest features Reptile in his human form , portrayed by Jon Valera . Commander of Shao Kahn 's Raptors , he betrays Kahn and forms an alliance with Kreeya to share dominion over Kahn 's domain and serve as one of her mates , only to be killed later during an ambush by Shao Kahn 's priests . A similar character named Komodai appears in the animated Mortal Kombat series ' third episode , leading an attack with other Raptors . Voiced by Josh Blyden , he is defeated and sent back to Outworld .

Reptile featured in director Kevin Tancharoen 's 2010 short film Mortal Kombat : Rebirth , a grittier , more realistic take on the MK canon . He was played by Richard Dorton and depicted therein as a cannibalistic criminal who eats his victims ' heads after killing them . While not an inhuman ninja , the character suffers from a real @-@ life disease known as Harlequin @-@ type ichthyosis , giving him patchy scale @-@ like skin and eyes that are grown inward . Reptile was the only character from the film who did not carry over into Tancharoen 's Mortal Kombat : Legacy web series .

Skrillex released the single Reptile 's Theme , referring to the Mortal Kombat character and sampling from the game , in a compilation album titled Mortal Kombat : Songs Inspired by the Warriors .

= = = Merchandise and promotion = = =

A Reptile action figure was released by Hasbro as part of a G.I. Joe line of toys , packaged with the series @-@ themed vehicle for the topline . The figure comes with a katana and grappling hook . Another action figure to promote Shaolin Monks was released in 2006 by Jazwares . Fully posable , it includes an alternate head , detachable tongue and a large @-@ bladed scimitar . He was one of many MK characters depicted on 2 @.@ 5 " x 3 @.@ 5 " collectible magnets released by Ata @-@ Boy Wholesale in 2011 . Reptile also featured prominently in the introduction sequence of Mortal Kombat 4 , portions of which were used in a television commercial to promote the game .

= = Reception = =

The character has been well received by critics . GameSpot said that Reptile gives the series " an air of mystery " due to the circumstances behind his first appearance , while CraveOnline listed the battle against him in Mortal Kombat as the fourth greatest event in video gaming . UGO.com ranked him eleventh in their list of top Mortal Kombat characters , stating that his exclusivity as a hidden character in the original game made him an " arcade legend " and set the tone for secrets in future titles in the series , and adding , " future games would feature even more hidden enemies and complicated ways of accessing them , but the first was still the best . " He was also fifth in Game Revolution 's list of top " old school " Mortal Kombat characters " , praised for his introduction in Mortal Kombat and his changes in the sequel . IGN listed him as a character they would like to see as downloadable content for Mortal Kombat vs. DC Universe , noting " It 's just not (a Mortal Kombat) game without a bevy of palette @-@ swapped ninjas ... and our vote goes to Reptile , " adding that while the character would be a " pain in the ass to fight sometimes " , his inclusion would be " a blessing to have on your side . " He was also featured in the 2008 MSN article about the ten greatest Easter eggs in gaming . In 2010 UGO , included him on the list of the 25 coolest hidden characters in video gaming . ScrewAttack placed Reptile at ninth place on their list of top Mortal Kombat characters , commenting that anyone who got to fight him in the original Mortal Kombat became a local legend and getting to play as him and turn invisible in Mortal Kombat II was " icing on the cake " . In UGO Networks ' 2012 list of the top Mortal Kombat characters , Reptile placed as sixth , stating that he is the best hidden character in the series . Cheat Code Central included him in the 2012 list of top ten hidden characters in fighting games at number two .