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Eco Comics has announced that it is bringing the legendary Green Knight to its range of comic books and graphic novels.

The Green Knight first appeared in the famous 14th-century medieval Arthurian tale, *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. In it, he confronted King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table.

He is also notable as he appears to have been highly influential on J.R.R. Tolkien, who translated an edition of the fantasy story before going on to write *The Hobbit* and *The Lord of the Rings*.

The character will make his comic book debut in the series featuring the publisher's other legendary green character, the leafy-headed Green Man.

Writer Chris Bunting explains: "The Green Knight is pure comic book fare. He is a powerful giant green knight, and seems barking mad. He makes the ideal foil for the Green Man.

"Does any association remain with King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table? You will have to keep reading to find out.

"Expect a visually stunning Green Knight, yet one that is respectful to how he was originally intended. A character that clearly inspired J. R. R. Tolkien deserves nothing less."

The character will join other famous faces at the award-winning 'green' publisher, including, among others: Dracula, Robin Hood, Green Man, Dick Turpin, Englishman, and Mr. T.

Eco Comics sees the Green Knight as a perfect fit to this roster, especially as many scholars consider *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* as the world's first eco-poem. He will go on to play a prominent role in the publisher's plans.

Exclusive Green Knight preview art is available on the publisher's blog blog.mohawkmedia.co.uk, and the character's own dedicated Facebook page facebook.com/official.GreenKnight

The Green Man comic book, featuring the Green Knight, is available now from www.mohawkmedia.co.uk/ecocomics

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To order the **Green Man** comic book, or for the free preview edition: www.mohawkmedia.co.uk/ecocomics

- Review copies, images and interviews available: please email [editor AT mohawkmedia. co. uk

ABOUT THE GREEN KNIGHT:The medieval poem tells how the Green Knight appeared in Camelot at King Arthur's Round Table and challenged the knights. Arthur's nephew, Sir Gawain, accepted the challenge in place of the king, and was later put to the test at the knight's hideout, the Green Chapel.

J. R. R. Tolkien handled the character in 1925, and even went on to write an original King Arthur tale not long after. A number of elements from the poem appear to have influenced the author's own fantasy books.

ABOUT ECO COMICS:The award-winning comic book and graphic novel publishing arm of Mohawk Media is committed to producing the most environmentally-friendly and entertaining stories possible. All titles are paperless, not "webcomics" or print titles which are later turned digital. Eco Comics regularly attains international press coverage, and recently featured on national television (Channel 4).

Some of the publisher's 'green' titles include **Dracula vs. Robin Hood vs. Jekyll & Hyde; Tough Guy;** and official mascot of Eco Comics, **the Green Man.**

Further information: blog.mohawkmedia.co.uk/about-eco-comics

ABOUT THE AUTHOR AND ARTIST:Chris Bunting is recognised for making literary and cultural giants accessible to a new generation, while simultaneously pleasing established fans. Such legendary names on his CV include Dracula, Action Man, Robin Hood, Mr. T, and Jekyll & Hyde. He is also responsible for many original titles and is currently writing his first novel.

Artist John-Paul Howard, a relative newcomer on the comic book scene, has quickly progressed to high-profile graphic novels and commercial illustration. However, it is the Green Man comic book that sees him illustrate his first legendary characters.