

5. Superheroes!

The king, or queen had a group of elite warriors to keep the country safe and secure.

They were great athletes and had competitions like Olympic champions today. They loved to show off with feats like doing somersaults on and off fast moving chariots or pale vaulting with their spears, juggling and tightrope walking.

Sometimes they had magic weapons, perhaps spears or talking swords. Sometimes they had superhero strength or speed.



Here comes Cú Chulainn. He is very young but he has super-speed, super strength, and a marvellous spear called the Gae Bolg. When he gets mad his face turns red, his eyes stick out and his hair shines like fire and sticks up like a hedgehog!

Here comes Scathach. She is a famous warrior. She taught Cú Chulainn and lots of other heroes all his special superhero feats. She was a famous poet as well.



Here comes Finn MacCumhail. He leads a whole band of famous heroes with special powers. One of them even grows a sheep's fleece on his back! Finn loves adventures but often gets into trouble. Once he and 13 of his friends got dragged off to a land under the waves on the back of a huge and very ugly horse. Finn becomes so famous, people think he must be a giant.

Here comes Queen Mebh. She is the famous warrior queen of Connacht. She fought a great battle for the Donn Cuailnge, a marvellous brown bull.

