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This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. The damsel in distress theme featured in the stories of the ancient Greeks. Greek mythology , while featuring a large retinue of competent goddesses , also contains helpless maidens threatened with sacrifice. The hero Perseus slew the beast, saving Andromeda. Andromeda in her plight, chained naked to a rock, became a favorite theme of later painters. This theme of the Princess and dragon is also pursued in the myth of St George. Another early example of a damsel in distress is Sita in the ancient Indian epic Ramayana. In the epic, Sita is kidnapped by the villain Ravana and taken to Lanka. Her husband Rama goes on a quest to rescue her, with the help of the monkey-god Hanuman. Post-classical history[edit] European fairy tales frequently feature damsels in distress. Evil witches trapped Rapunzel in a tower, cursed the princess to die in " Snow White ", and put Sleeping Beauty into a magical sleep. The damsel in distress was an archetypal character of medieval romances, where typically she was rescued from imprisonment in a tower of a castle by a knight-errant. The theme also entered the official hagiography of the Catholic Church – most famously in the story of Saint George who saved a princess from being devoured by a dragon. Reprising her medieval role, the damsel in distress is a staple character of Gothic literature , where she is typically incarcerated in a castle or monastery and menaced by a sadistic nobleman, or members of the religious orders. The perils faced by this Gothic heroine were taken to an extreme by the Marquis de Sade in Justine , who exposed the erotic subtext which lay beneath the damsel-in-distress scenario. According to the philosopher Schopenhauer: The great Goethe has given us a distinct and visible description of this denial of the will, brought about by great misfortune and by the despair of all deliverance, in his immortal masterpiece Faust, in the story of the sufferings of Gretchen. I know of no other description in poetry. It is true that many tragedies bring their violently willing heroes ultimately to this point of complete resignation, and then the will-to-live and its phenomenon usually end at the same time. But no description known to me brings to us the essential point of that conversion so distinctly and so free from everything extraneous as the one mentioned in Faust The World as Will and Representation , Vol. According to Michael Booth in his classic study English Melodrama the Victorian stage melodrama featured a limited number of stock characters: Often the good but not very clever hero is duped by a scheming villain, who has eyes on the damsel in distress until fate intervenes to ensure the triumph of good over evil. Here we find the heroine tied to a railway track, burning buildings, and explosions. Sawmills were another stereotypical danger of the industrial age, as recorded in a popular song from a later era: And then he grabbed her and then He tied her up and then He turned on the bandsaw and then, and then! Particularly, the Imperial German conquest and occupation of Belgium was commonly referred to as The Rape of Belgium - effectively making British and French soldiers into knights bent on saving that rape victim. This was expressed explicitly in the lyrics of Keep the Home Fires Burning mentioning British boys as having gone to help a "Nation in Distress". A form of entertainment in which the damsel-in-distress emerged as a stereotype at this time was stage magic. Noted illusion designer and historian Jim Steinmeyer identifies the beginning of this phenomenon as coinciding with the introduction of the " sawing a woman in half " illusion. In magician P. Selbit became the first to present such an act to the public. Since the days of Robert-Houdin , both men and women were used as the subjects for magic illusions". The trauma of war had helped to desensitise the public to violence and the emancipation of women had changed attitudes to them. Audiences were tiring of older, more genteel forms of magic. It took something shocking, such as the horrific productions of the Grand Guignol theatre, to cause a sensation in this age. Imperiled heroines in need of rescue were a frequent occurrence in black-and-white film serials made by studios such as Columbia Pictures , Mascot Pictures , Republic Pictures , and Universal Studios , and in the s, 40s and early 50s. These serials sometimes drew inspiration for their characters and plots from adventure novels and comic books. Notable examples include the character Nyoka the Jungle Girl , whom Edgar Rice Burroughs created for comic books and who was later adapted into a serial heroine in Republic productions such as Perils of

Nyoka Additional classic damsels in that mold were Jane Porter , in both the novel and movie versions of Tarzan , and Ann Darrow, as played by Fay Wray in the movie King Kong , in one of the most iconic instances. As journalist Andrew Erish has noted: Frequently cited examples of a damsel in distress in comics include Lois Lane , who was eternally getting into trouble and needing to be rescued by Superman , and Olive Oyl , who was in a near-constant state of kidnap , requiring her to be saved by Popeye. Hopps ; invites prospective recruits to symbolically save a "damsel in distress" from the monstrous Germans. Damsels in distress have been cited as an example of differential treatment of genders in literature, film, and works of art. Feminist criticism of art, film , and literature has often examined gender-oriented characterisation and plot, including the common "damsel in distress" trope, as perpetrating regressive and patronizing myths about women. These theories suggest that within the underlying story arc of every hero is found an episode known as the ordeal , where the character is almost destroyed. By surviving fear, danger, or torture the hero proves he or she has special qualities and ultimately emerges re-invented to progress to ultimate victory. Within this theory the empowered "damsel" can be a female hero rendered powerless and imperilled during her heroic ordeal but who ultimately emerges as a strong figure who claims victory; yet the male and female versions of such ordeal and empowerment still differ at a fundamental level, in that when there is a character doing the rescuing sometimes referred to as "help unlooked for" , he is almost invariably male. Romania as a helpless "damsel in distress" threatened by the brutal Imperial Germany , in a French World War I caricature Empowered damsel[edit] Examples can be found in films that date back to the early days of movie making. One of the films most often associated with the stereotype of the damsel in distress, The Perils of Pauline , in fact provides at least a partial counterexample, in that Pauline, as played by Pearl White , is a strong character who decides against early marriage in favour of seeking adventure and becoming an author. Despite common belief, the film does not feature scenes with Pauline tied to a railroad track and threatened by a buzzsaw, although such scenes were incorporated into later re-creations and were also featured in other films made in the period around Academic Ben Singer has contested the idea that these "serial-queen melodramas" were male fantasies and has observed that they were marketed heavily at women. Empowered damsels were a feature of the serials made in the s and s by studios such as Republic Pictures. The "cliffhanger" scenes at the end of episodes provide many examples of female heroines bound and helpless and facing fiendish death traps. But those heroines, as played by actresses such as Linda Stirling and Kay Aldridge , were often strong, assertive women who ultimately played an active part in vanquishing the villains. Soon, Smith himself needs rescuing and barely escapes with his life. The damsel in distress theme is also very prominent in The Spy Who Loved Me , where the story is told in the first person by the young woman Vivienne Michel , who is threatened with imminent rape by thugs when Bond kills them and claims her as his reward. The female spy Emma Peel in the s British television series The Avengers was often seen in "damsel in distress" situations. The character and her reactions, as portrayed by actress Diana Rigg , differentiated these scenes from other movie and television scenarios where women were similarly imperilled as pure victims or pawns in the plot. The serial heroines and Emma Peel are cited as providing inspiration for the creators of strong heroines in more recent times. The film Sherlock Holmes includes a classical damsel in distress episode, where Irene Adler played by Rachel McAdams is helplessly bound to a conveyor belt in an industrial slaughterhouse, and is saved from being sawn in half by a chainsaw; yet in other episodes of the same film Adler is strong and assertive – for example, overcoming with contemptuous ease two thugs who sought to rob her and robbing them instead. In the final scene of the Walt Disney Pictures film Enchanted the traditional roles are reversed when male protagonist Robert Patrick Dempsey is captured by Queen Narissa Susan Sarandon in her dragon form. In the film adaptation Frozen , Gerda and Kai are substituted with the sisters Anna and Elsa respectively. In video games[edit] See also: Gender representation in video games and Women and video games External image Amiibo figurine of Princess Peach as she appeared in Super Mario Odyssey, in which Peach is portrayed in her recurring role of the damsel in distress. In computer and video games, female characters are often cast in the role of the damsel in distress, with their rescue being the objective of the game. In the game the hero was Mario, and the objective of the game was to rescue a young princess named Peach. Peach was depicted as having a pink dress and blond hair. The princess was kidnapped and trapped in a castle by the

villain Bowser, who is depicted as a turtle. Princess Peach appears in 15 of the main Super Mario games and is kidnapped in 13 of them. Zelda became playable in some later games of the Legend of Zelda series or had the pattern altered. Gibson of GameSpy called Daphne "the epitome" as an example of the trope.

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