

## PART - II

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#### Ephialtes : A Justified Villian.

Ephialtes from the movie 300 is a villain whose actions are understandable. He betrayed Leonidas which resulted in the defeat of Sparta. It was shown in the movie that Spartans were born warriors, and all the disabled newborns were killed.

Ephialtes was born with an abnormal body, but his parents saved him by fleeing Sparta. He trained all his life to become a soldier so that he could become a Spartan soldier. He

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finally met Leonidas, begging him to fight for him against Persia - so that he could earn his father's armour. But Leonidas rejected him. To the author, Leonidas's rejection was unjustified. Disharted, he joined the Persian army. The king offered him riches, but all he wanted was a uniform. He was not greedy. And he never betrayed Sparta, they were the ones who rejected him.

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