Swashbucklers, Brutes, and Muscular Christians

The Remasculinization of American Literature and Culture (1875-1925)

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Rogue: Swashbuckler. You focus your training on the art of the blade, relying on speed, elegance, and charm in equal parts. While some warriors are brutes clad in heavy armor, your method of fighting looks almost like a performance. Duelists and pirates typically belong to this archetype. A Swashbuckler excels in single combat, and can fight with two weapons while safely darting away from an opponent. Source: Xanathar's Guide to Everything. Fancy Footwork. When you choose this archetype at 3rd level, you learn how to land a strike and then slip away without reprisal. During your turn, if you make a melee attack against a creature, that creature can't make opportunity attacks against you for the rest of your turn. Rakish Audacity. Muscle Meets Mechanical Monster - Steampumped 4. Feb 10, 2021. Leather Lady, the steampunk strongwoman, returns to battle a technological nightmare - the legendary Loch Ness Monster! Will Nessie chew her up and spit her out, or is Leather Lady about to do the monster mash? Synopsis: Super-strong â€œLeather Ladyâ€ Lucy Strang has set out to rescue her beloved James from the Jet Men who kidnapped him. Thankfully, James left her a clue that leads her to a cave in Wickâ€™s Bay, Scotland, where people even poorer than those she normally helps hold the secret to the Jet Men. But what will happen when Lucy gets swallowed by the Jet Menâ€™s Loch Ness Monster? The swashbuckler is the most rigidly conventionalized of all the subgenres of the Adventure genre, and one with close affinities to the Historical Fiction â€” Furthermore, the Superhero genre, partially inspired by Zorro itself, continues the Swashbuckler tradition in a usually contemporary setting with SF/Fantasy elements that can incorporate any genre with as much character and/or moral complexity as the artists desire. Compare with Wuxia, the genre's East Asian counterpart.