

The Shiftbogger



When Meptang was transformed from G'chud to biped—the better to blend in with Earthpersons as he surveilled the planet in preparation for the invasion—he feared the loss of his G'chudity, whose nine billion-year-long heritage he naturally revered. Why, he might not even recognize another of his species were he to meet one on the fleek (i.e., “street”)! But he needn't have worried. From an array of G'chuds reposing atop the conkawood (“village resting surface”), he instantly spotted his mom and dad. Unfortunately, the transformee didn't know his own new strength and, while shiftboggling (“affectionately hugging”) them, he accidentally throttled the pair into permanent non-existence. Griefsticken, Meptang absent-mindedly over-shiftboggled the rest of the conkawoodees, inadvertently wiping out the entire invasion force!