

When supersized creatures clash, everyone wins. Except the one who loses.

Tokyo was Godzilla's turf-until 1962, when King Kong crossed the Pacific for an orgy of atomic-dinosaur-on-eighth-wonder mayhem. Audiences went ape. Nothing's better than seeing your favorite megas face off in immortal combat. Unfortunately, the pop culture gods have been noticeably stingy when it comes to this kind of wish fulfillment. Freddy vs. Jason? Meh. We can do better. - Jason Kehe

BOWSER

Enemy of Mario, kidnapper of princesses.

SHARKTOPUS

Half shark. Half octopus. All basic cable.

Why: Evil animals are funny. Not ha-ha funny, more parablefor-bloodthirsty-humans funny. Winner: Bowser. Koopa's law holds that the ease with which turtles beat monsters doubles every two and a half years.

BALROG

Raised from the depths of the mines of Tolkien's Moria by stupid, stupid dwarves.

KRAKEN

Raised from the depths of the sea by Zeus to clash titanically with the demigod Perseus.

Why: Lookit! Big giant monsters! Winner: Balrog. Whips

made of fire are tough to ignore.

DALEK

Robotic tank piloted by a hateful slug, usually aimed at Doctors Who.

M577 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER

Transport for Alienhunting (and -hunted) Colonial Marines.

Why: Armor must be met with armor.

Winner: Dalek. Ray guns beat bullets, and Daleks don't have transaxles to break.

DEATH STAR

It's no moon. It's a space station.

SPACE BATTLE-SHIP YAMATO

Looks like a seagoing ship, but in space.

Why: Planet-killing superlaser versus wave-motion gun. Boom goes the space dynamite. Winner: Death Star. That wavemotion gun takes too long to reboot. Sith happens.

ARAGOG

King of Spiders, would-be Harry Potter nosher.

SHELOB

Queen of Spiders, would-be hobbit gobbler.

Why: The ultimate arms race! Because of all the arms. Winner: Shelob. In spider affairs, the female sometimes eats the male after sex. Queen is triumphant. And disturbing.

CYLON

Highly evolved robot, scourge of Battlestar Galactica.

TERMINATOR

Highly evolved robot, scourge of the future. And sometimes the present.

Why: Robots deserve each other. Frakking toasters.

Winner: Still ongoing. Cylons keep resurrecting; Terminators keep time-traveling back to change the outcome. Everyone is naked.

PLAYLIST: JUGGERNAUTS

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Ghostface Killah. Twelve Reasons to Die

RZA IS DIRECTING, METHOD MAN IS ACTING, GZA IS LECTURING AT HARVARD— BUT GHOST DEINI IS STILL GOING STRONG. THIS MONTH, THE TIRELESS TONY STARKS UNLEASHES HIS 10TH SOLO ALBUM OF GOBSMACKING NON SEQUITURS.

Alternate universes that Marvel Comics' Juggernaut also appears in Earth-982, Earth-1610, Earth-8545, Earth-58163