

THE MESILLA FILES

CASE FILE NO. 6

The Scorpion King

Case Number: MF-006

Classification: Extreme Threat Assessment

Status: Active Investigation

First Recorded: Unknown (Earliest References Predate 1890)

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CASE SUMMARY

No figure inspires more fear in the records of the Old Desert than **The Scorpion King**.

Its name appears in journals, campfire stories, expedition notes, and whispered conversations dating back more than a century.

What—or who—the Scorpion King truly is remains unknown.

Descriptions vary wildly.

Yet one fact remains remarkably consistent:

No one who claimed to have encountered the Scorpion King ever spoke of it lightly.

WHAT IS THE SCORPION KING?

Researchers have identified three primary descriptions found throughout the archives.

Theory One: A Man

Some witnesses believed the Scorpion King was once human—a powerful leader who vanished into the Old Desert generations ago and somehow survived.

Theory Two: Half Man, Half Scorpion

Others described a terrifying creature with the intelligence of a man and the body of an enormous scorpion.

These accounts often claim the creature commands other desert predators.

Theory Three: A Giant Desert Scorpion

The oldest stories describe nothing human at all.

Instead, they tell of an immense scorpion unlike any known species—ancient, intelligent, and the unquestioned ruler of the Old Desert.

No description has ever been verified.

WHAT WE KNOW

Despite conflicting eyewitness accounts, investigators have found several points of agreement.

- The Scorpion King is believed to rule the Old Desert.
 - It is regarded as exceptionally powerful.
 - Witnesses consistently describe it as merciless.
 - Travelers entering its territory are said to disappear without explanation.
 - Local stories portray it as a guardian of something hidden beyond the desert.
 - Fear of the Scorpion King has persisted across generations.
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HISTORICAL RECORDS

1894

A ranch hand refused to cross a dry basin after discovering unusually large tracks.

He reportedly stated,

"That ground belongs to the King."

1902

Father Miguel Serrano documented local warnings against traveling into certain desert regions after sunset.

His journal referenced only:

"The King watches."

1936

Sheriff Tomas Ortega interviewed two prospectors who independently described hearing an enormous clicking sound beneath the sand.

Neither continued their expedition.

1957

Howard H. Hunter recorded several interviews with longtime desert residents.

Although each witness described the Scorpion King differently, every one insisted it was real.

1968

Theodore Ray Mercer encountered multiple ranchers who refused to discuss the subject on record.

Several ended the conversation by saying,

"If you respect the desert, you'll never have to meet him."

THEORIES

Researchers continue evaluating several possibilities.

- A forgotten Indigenous legend.
- A symbolic guardian used in oral tradition.
- An undiscovered desert species.
- A psychological explanation tied to fear and isolation.
- A creature associated with the Old Desert.
- A title held by different individuals over time.

At present, no theory has been confirmed.

RELATED CASES

Possible connections continue to emerge between the Scorpion King and:

- **Case File No. 3 – The Mesilla Veil**
 - **Case File No. 4 – The Lost Expedition of Captain Elias Voss**
 - **Case File No. 5 – The Enclosure**
 - Reports involving the Old Desert.
 - Unexplained disappearances.
 - Ancient symbols found in remote desert regions.
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PERSONS OF INTEREST

- Captain Elias Voss
- Father Miguel Serrano
- Sheriff Tomas Ortega
- Howard H. Hunter
- Theodore Ray Mercer
- Dr. Thadius Malone

Each encountered stories involving the Scorpion King during separate investigations.

CURRENT INVESTIGATION

The TRC Research Center is comparing more than one hundred years of reports to determine:

- Why do descriptions differ so dramatically?
- Why do all witnesses agree on its extraordinary power?

- Is the Scorpion King a single entity, a title, or a legend?
- Does it protect the Old Desert—or something hidden beyond it?
- Why does nearly every account warn outsiders not to seek it?

These questions remain unanswered.

DYLAN'S NOTES

"The Scorpion King may be the most intimidating figure in all of The Mesilla Files. Some people describe a man. Others swear it was a creature unlike anything they've ever seen. Maybe both stories grew from the same source. Or maybe neither is completely accurate. What fascinates me isn't what people claim they saw—it's how many people, separated by decades and with no connection to one another, all warned about the same thing. Whatever the truth is, one message echoes through the archives: if you enter the Old Desert, do so with respect."

— Dylan Carrillo

CASE STATUS

OPEN

The TRC Research Center welcomes historical journals, family stories, maps, photographs, or documented accounts relating to the Scorpion King or unexplained events in the Old Desert.

Every submission is preserved, compared with existing records, and evaluated as part of the ongoing investigation.

TRC Research Center

Collect Everything. Verify What You Can. Question Everything Else.

The records have been preserved. The investigation continues.