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The Legend of Marko Kraljevic

There isn't a Serb that doesn't know about Marko Kraljevic.

He was a personification of all great Serbian heroes. The Serbian people described him as a very tall and large man with long dark hair and a long moustache.

He was a very strong and brave man. He was so strong that he could lift an ox or 66 pounds mace on his shoulder. He had an unusual horse. His name was Šarac.

Marko Kraljevic liked to drink wine. When he drank a glass of wine, he drank a half of it and he would leave the other half to Šarac.

There are many theories about his death. One of them is that he was killed in a battle with the Wullachians.

I think he was the biggest Serbian hero who ever lived.

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