

A lot of pieces went into this scene, obviously. The [background](#)<sup>1</sup> provides an air of serenity, as does the [gentleman](#)<sup>2</sup> who served as template for our visitors. The link for the fabulous jackets our visitors are wearing doesn't work any more, but there are many similar images—here are a couple on [Instagram](#) and [X](#). I found the visitors' serious faces all on Wikimedia Commons—[here](#),<sup>3</sup> [here](#),<sup>4</sup> and [here](#).<sup>5</sup> The crown they're all wearing came from rawpixels [here](#). And there's [Toby](#),<sup>6</sup> one of my favorite kids ever. Finally, the [Komodo dragon foot](#) came from the Cincinnati Zoo via Wikipedia.

Incidentally, I initially tried several AI sites to see if they could help with some of these images. They couldn't. But Google's [ImageFX](#) did come up with the best depiction of Symphorien I've seen yet (below). However, I can't get Google to produce a full-body image of her consistent with this. So I'm back to searches.



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1. Photographed by [Tony Fischer](#) on flickr
2. Photographed by [Mutahir Jamil](#) on Pexels
3. Portrait of a man by Maarten van Heemskerck at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts in Antwerp
4. Portrait of a man by Lorenzo Lotto at Kunsthistorisches Museum
5. Portrait of a man by Raphael at the Galleria Borghese, photographed by Vittoria Garibaldi
6. Photographed by [NothingAhead](#) on Pexels