

The sea monster

Along the coast of Greenland there are long stretches of deserted coast, which has never been inhabited and rarely visited by people.

Large areas distant to human settlements are not yet mapped. These are dangerous waters with deep fiords that hide underwater landscapes with a still unknown wildlife.

In a country with such a desolate nature we find a natural breeding ground for experiences of a character that science cannot explain. Even in the first writings on travellers along the coasts of Greenland the supernatural forces play a significant role.

The Norsemen used to put a carved dragon head at the prow of their ships when they start out in combat, and on the old maps from the Middle Ages many sea monsters are illustrated.

The people who designed the maps inserted these creatures in areas that had not been explored yet. Everyone was aware that terrible sea monsters lurked out there.

This day in March, I am on a walk along the stormy rocky coast. The winter storms in February and March have for weeks thrown cascades of ice-cold water over the rocks. The rocks are ice-covered, and suddenly in the dusk I spot this dragon-like sea monster.



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