

Great Greek Mythology Creatures



GORGONS



- THE GORGONES (or Gorgons) were three powerful, winged [daemons](#) named Medousa (Medusa), Sthenno and Euryale.
- Of the three sisters only Medousa was mortal
- .. When he fell upon Medousa and decapitated her, two creatures sprang forth from the wound - the winged horse [Pegasus](#) and the giant Khrysaor. Perseus fled with the monster's head in a sack, and with her two angry sisters following close upon his heels.
- terrifying female creature. It derives from the Greek word **gorgós**, which means "dreadful."
- While descriptions of Gorgons vary across Greek literature, the term commonly refers to any of three sisters who had hair of living, venomous snakes, and a horrifying gaze that turned those who beheld it to stone.
- [Stheno](#) (the mighty)
- [Euryale](#) (the far-springer), and
- [Medusa](#) (the queen),
- the daughters of the sea-god [Phorcys](#) and of [Keto](#).



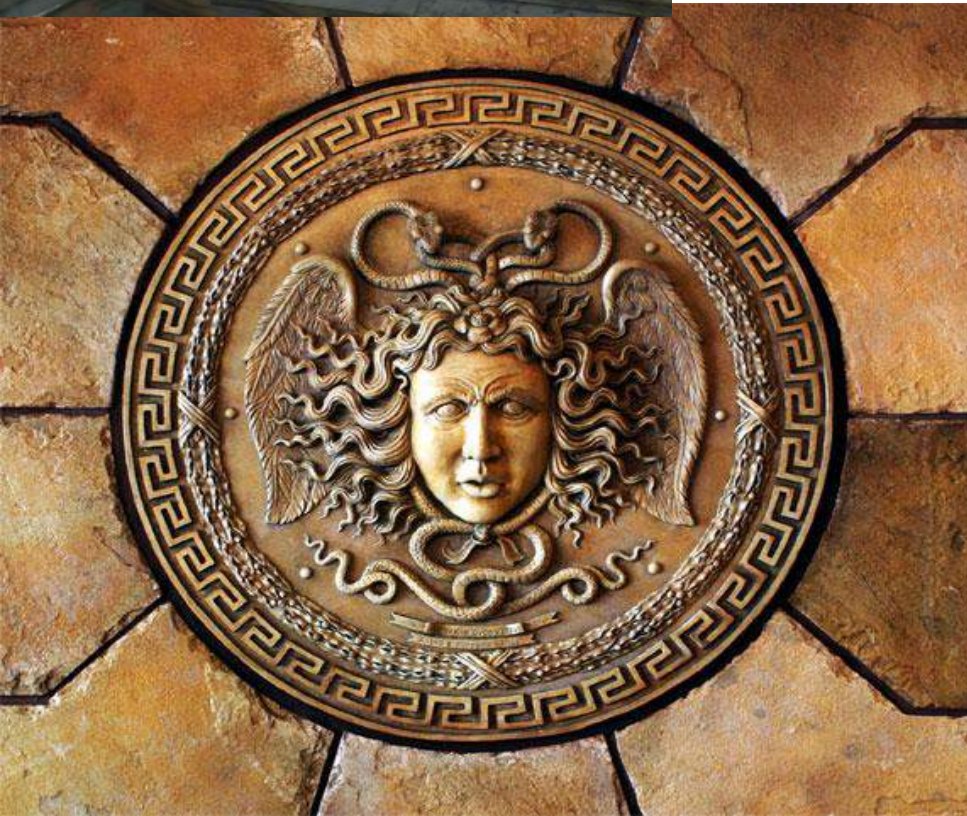
- Medusa, originally a beautiful young woman whose crowning glory was her magnificent long hair, was desired and courted by many suitors. Yet before she could be betrothed to a husband, Poseidon (Neptune) found her worshipping in the temple of Athena (Minerva) and ravished her.
- Athena was outraged at her sacred temple being violated, and punished Medusa by turning her beautiful tresses into snakes and giving her the destructive power to turn anyone who looked directly at her into stone.

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GOOSEBARK

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CERBERUS



THE GRIFFIN



Cyclops



CRACKEN

- Cracken is the adopted son of Poseidon, and under Poseidon's control.
- A favorite of Zeus
- Patron of hurricanes
- Cracken, who was formerly the monster of the sea released by Poseidon to ruin cities and areas
- Whenever Cracken gets angered by other gods, or mortals, he unleashes his power, and casts a hurricane to the area where he wants destruction.
- Cracken can destroy any area with his hurricanes, and the devastating power

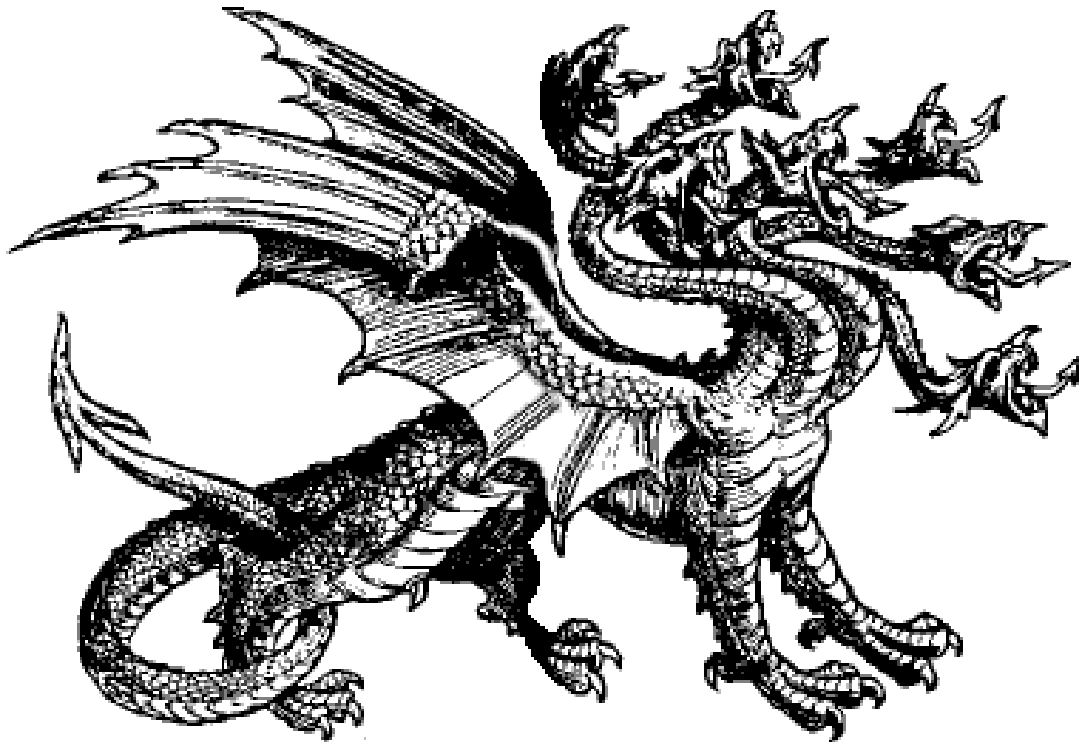


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- Cracken was given the chance to become a god.
- Just before Zeus made his decision, Hades, who doesn't like Cracken, showed Zeus the Loch Ness Monster to get her to become a God.
- In the end Cracken, who was favored by Zeus **became the first monster to become a god.**
- In addition to becoming a god, Zeus turned Cracken into **human form**, and gave him the power to change appearances, like the other gods.
- Cracken is known the best for his destruction of New Orleans when he summoned **Hurricane Katrina.**
- Cracken wanted to have Artemis as his wife, but Hades would not allow this to happen, and the two had a large fight over this. The fight became larger when Artemis married Hades for a day, and that is when Hurricane Katrina arrived over New Orleans. This terrible issue led to Artemis marrying Cracken in the end, and divorcing Hades, so the hurricane died down and stopped.



HYDRA



MINOTAUR



- The god, **Poseidon**, sent **King Minos**, King of Crete, a perfect white bull. This bull was meant to be a sacrifice to him.
- However, **King Minos** valued the animal too much to use it as a sacrificial victim.
- Poseidon punished King Minos by making Queen Paiphae, Minos's wife, fall passionately in love with the bull. She had no choice but submit to her lust for the animal.
- The result of this union was the birth of a monster, which was half man and half bull. He was referred to the Minotaur, or the bull of Minos.

MINOTAUR

- King Minos then tried to hide this horrible creature in a vast and convoluted maze - the **labyrinth**.
- Every nine years, seven maidens and seven young men from Athens were offered to appease the appetite of the monster.
- The Greek hero, **Theseus** volunteered to go to Crete in place of one of the seven youths. Once in Crete, assisted by the beautiful princess , Ariadne, whom he agreed to marry if she helped him, Theseus killed the Minotaur



ASSIGNMENT

1. Create your own unique, Mythical Beast
2. Either draw a picture of it or create it from different pictures from magazines or clip art
3. Develop the creatures biography

BIOGRAPHY

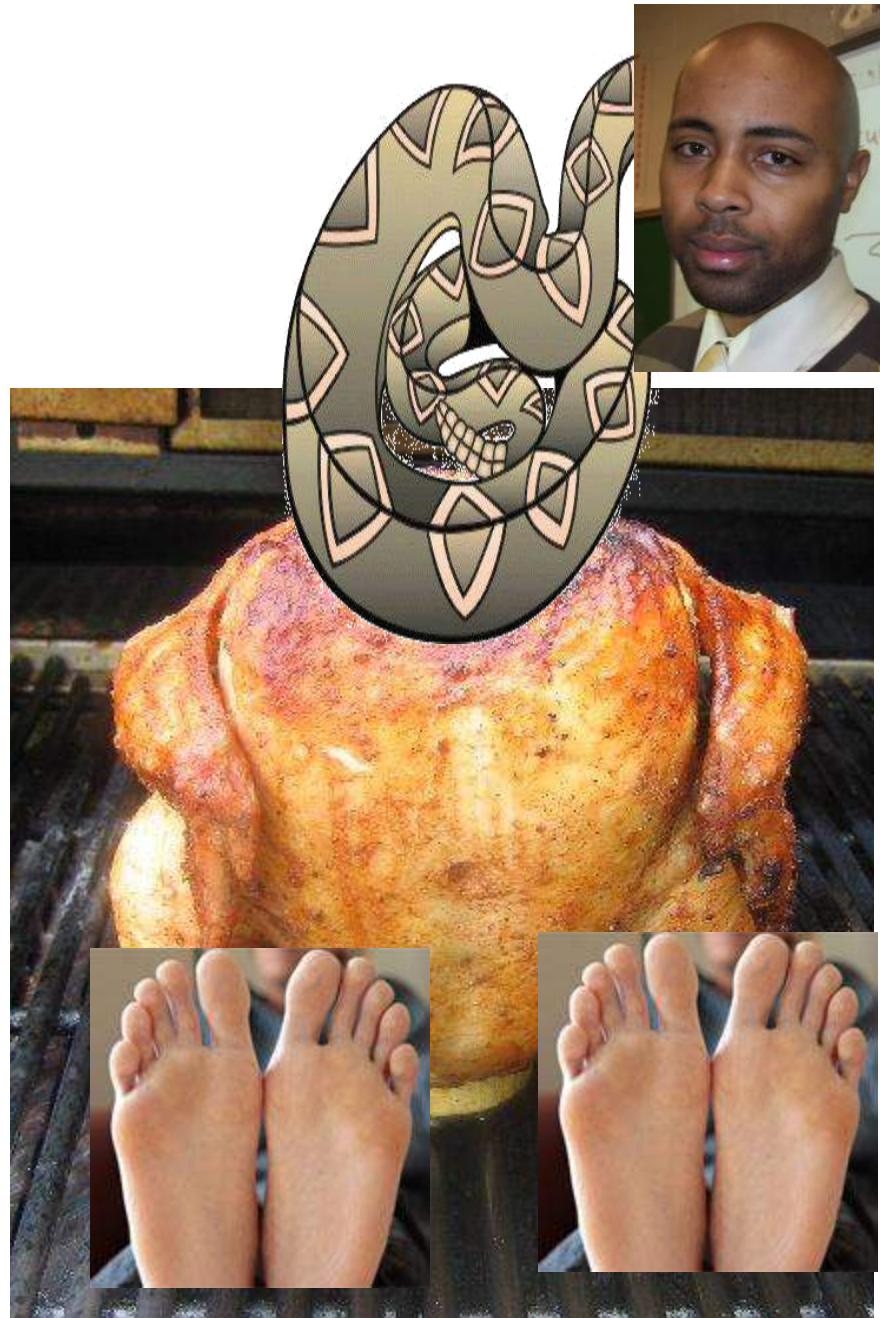
- What does it look like?
- How did it come to be? (i.e. born, created)
- Who are its parents?
- Where does it live?
- What is its purpose?
- What is the creature's story?
- Does it have special powers, needs, or purpose?

MATHOPOLIS

• *He was once a handsome teacher but was changed to this hideous monster by the Goddesses of Math Wisdom, Krisant-tybry & Harrisea because his students failed the math CRCT .*

• *Guardian of the Mega Math Maze. Great treasure of knowledge awaits in the middle of the maze, if you can make it there.*

• *Navigate this maze by solving his math riddles*



WHAT MYTHICAL CREATURE ARE YOU?

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