





LOUISVILLE,
KENTUCKY.



WHAT IS
IT YOU WANT
TO KNOW?



YOU
KNOW WHAT
I WANT!

THEY'RE IN
LONDON.



DID THEY
FIND **ED
BROOKS**?
IS HE WITH
THEM?



NO, ED IS DEAD.
AS ARE HECTOR AND
WATTA. HOWEVER,
THEY'VE GAINED
A COMPANION
OR TWO.





WHAT'S ALL THAT BUSINESS?

THEY'RE DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO LOCH NESS AND THE SO-CALLED MONSTER THAT INHABITS IT.



MORE MONSTERS?! I THOUGHT WE WAS GOIN' AFTER THE NUT THAT KIDNAPPED CALLAHAN?!

LET ME OUT. I'LL TAKE MY CHANCES IN ENGLAND AND AMERICA, WHERE I'M WANTED FOR MURDER!



WE DON'T KNOW IT'S A MONSTER. I BELIEVE THIS IS JUST ANOTHER CASE OF MANKIND'S INABILITY OR UNWILLINGNESS TO UNDERSTAND THOSE OF US WITH BIOLOGICAL CURIOSITIES.

SO YOU RECKON IT'S A DE-FORMED BABY SOME MAMA THREW IN THAT POND?

*SEE BILLY THE KID'S OLD TIMEY ODDITIES AND THE GHASTLY FIEND OF LONDON.



IT'S A LOCH.

YOU FANCY TYPES SURE LIKE TO COME UP WITH A LOT OF JACKASS WORDS TO DESCRIBE THINGS SO AS TO MAKE US LOWLY PEOPLE SEEM STUPID.

IF IT AIN'T AN OCEAN OR A LAKE, AND IT'S TOO BIG TO BE A CRICK, IT'S A POND.




I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE MONSTER!

YEAH, TELL US ABOUT THAT DE-FORMED POND BABY.

YEAH, WE LIKES A GOOD HORROR TALE!

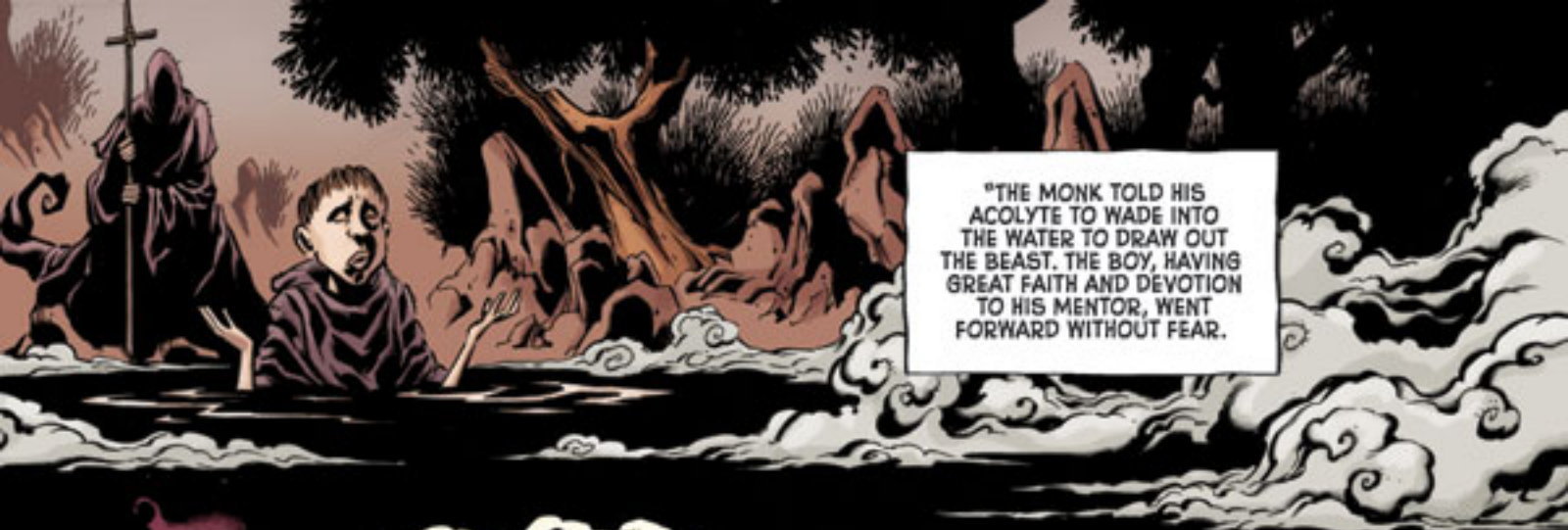
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!



WELL, I DOUBT THESE STORIES ARE VERY RELIABLE, BUT THE FIRST ACCOUNT DATES BACK TO THE SIXTH CENTURY.

*SAINT COLUMBA, AN IRISH MONK, AND HIS DISCIPLE ENCOUNTERED A GROUP OF LOCAL PAGANS BURYING TWO OF THEIR OWN ALONG THE LOCH'S BANK.

*THE PAGANS EXPLAINED THAT THE DEAD MAN AND HIS SON HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY A WATER SERPENT.



"THE MONK TOLD HIS ACOLYTE TO WADE INTO THE WATER TO DRAW OUT THE BEAST. THE BOY, HAVING GREAT FAITH AND DEVOTION TO HIS MENTOR, WENT FORWARD WITHOUT FEAR.



"THE BEAST CONSUMED HIM.

"TO VANQUISH THE CREATURE, THE LORD GRANTED THE MONK THE STRENGTH OF IRON.



"THE BATTLE IS SAID TO HAVE TAKEN TO THE CLOUDS, WHERE IT CAUSED THUNDER AND LIGHTNING TO RAIN DOWN ON THE EARTH FOR TWO DAYS.



"FINALLY THE BEAST WAS ABLE TO GET ITS JAWS AROUND ONE OF THE MONK'S ARMS, AND SWALLOWED IT WHOLE.

"BUT THE LORD'S STRENGTH HAD MADE THE HOLY MAN'S BONES SANCTIFIED, AND THE BEAST COULD NOT WITHSTAND THEM.



"THEY BURNED HIM, AND HE VOMITED THEM UP IN FIRE BEFORE FLEEING BACK INTO THE LOCH.



"FROM THAT DAY FORTH, THE MONK STOOD WATCH OVER THE LOCH AND KEPT THE EVIL AT BAY.



"WHEN HE DIED, HIS FOLLOWERS MADE FIVE DAGGERS FROM THE BONES OF HIS REMAINING HAND, A SWORD FROM HIS FEMUR, AND A LANTERN FROM HIS SKULL SO THAT THEY COULD USE THE POWER IN HIS BONES TO CONTINUE HIS VIGIL."





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