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A Book of Beasts

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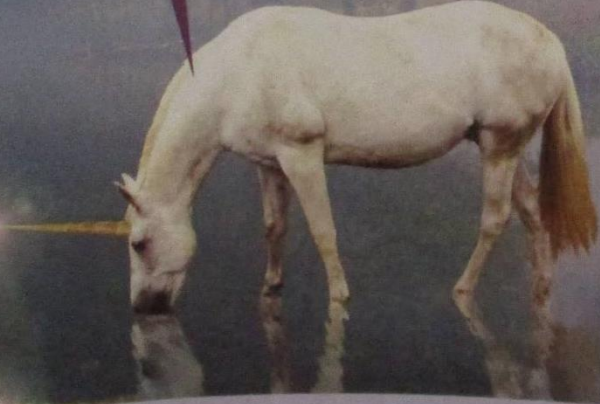
The beasts in this book are all made up. You will never see them in real life – just in paintings, books and films.




sea serpent



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unicorn



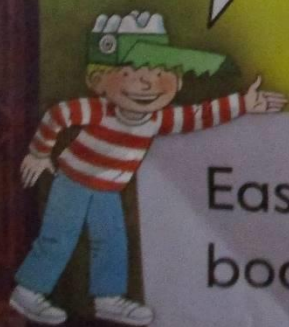
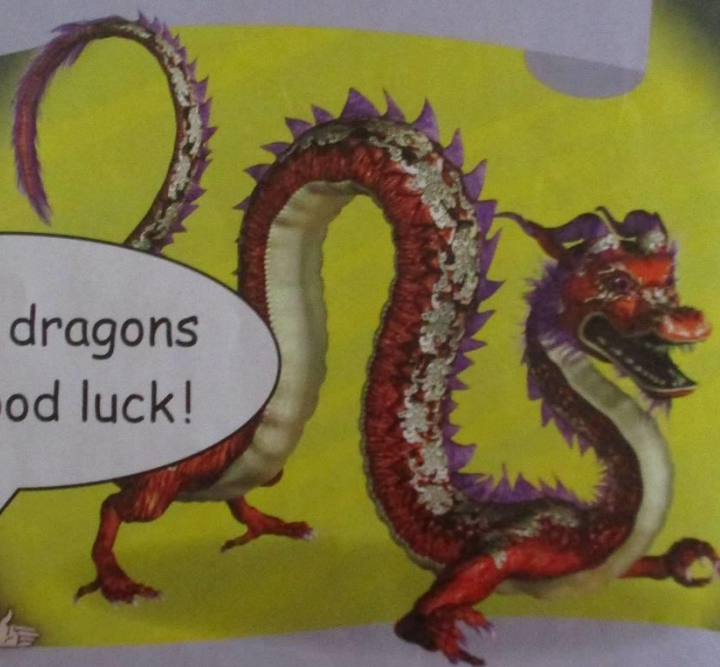
I like unicorns.

But there was a time, long ago, when
people did think they were real!

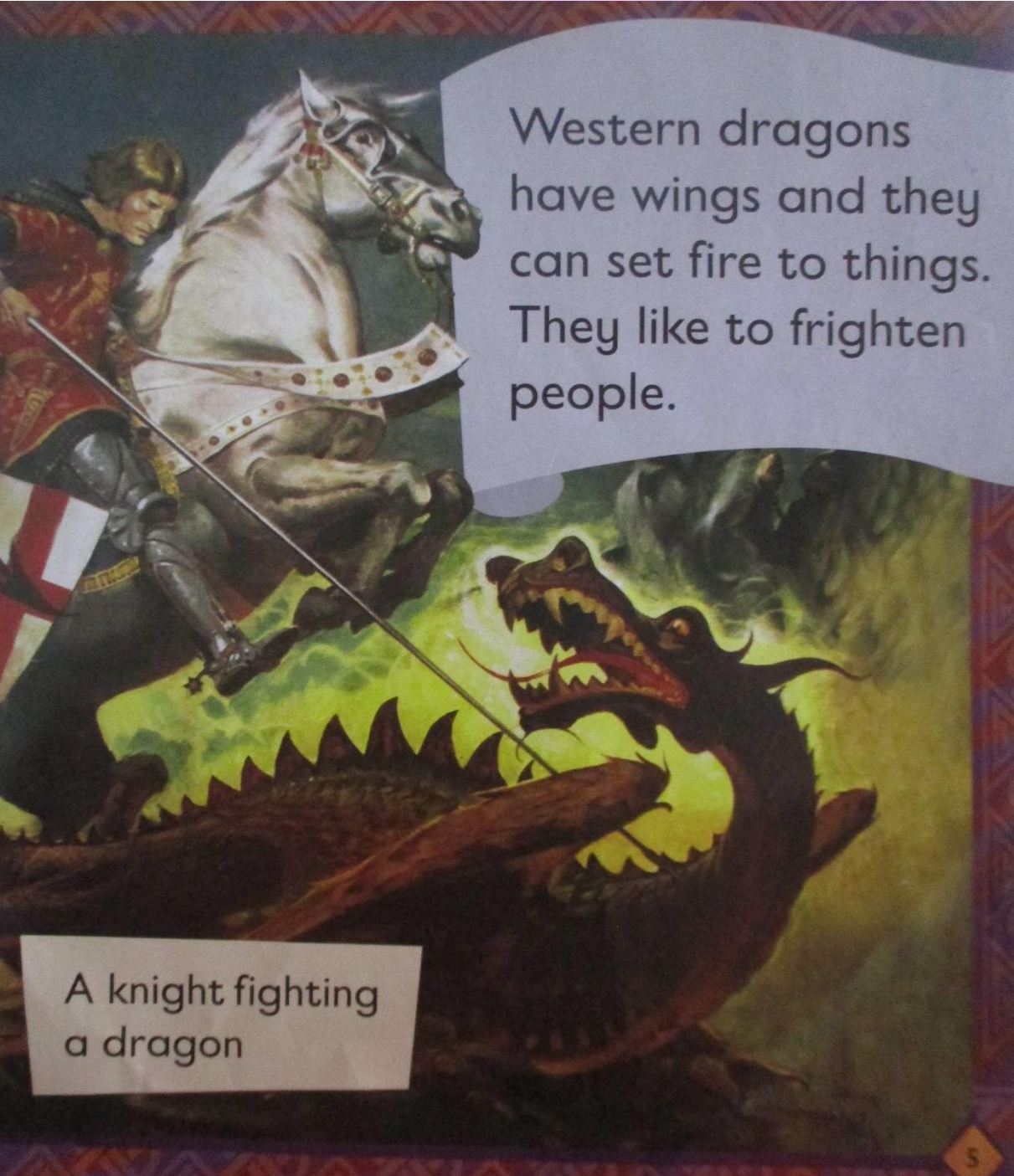
Dragons

Dragons come in different shapes and sizes.

Eastern dragons bring good luck!



Eastern dragons have a long body like a snake. They can be good and treat people well.

A medieval-style illustration of a knight in armor riding a white horse, attacking a large, dark dragon with a spear. The knight is on the left, leaning forward, while the dragon is on the right, breathing fire. The background is a dark, stormy sky. The entire scene is framed by a decorative border.

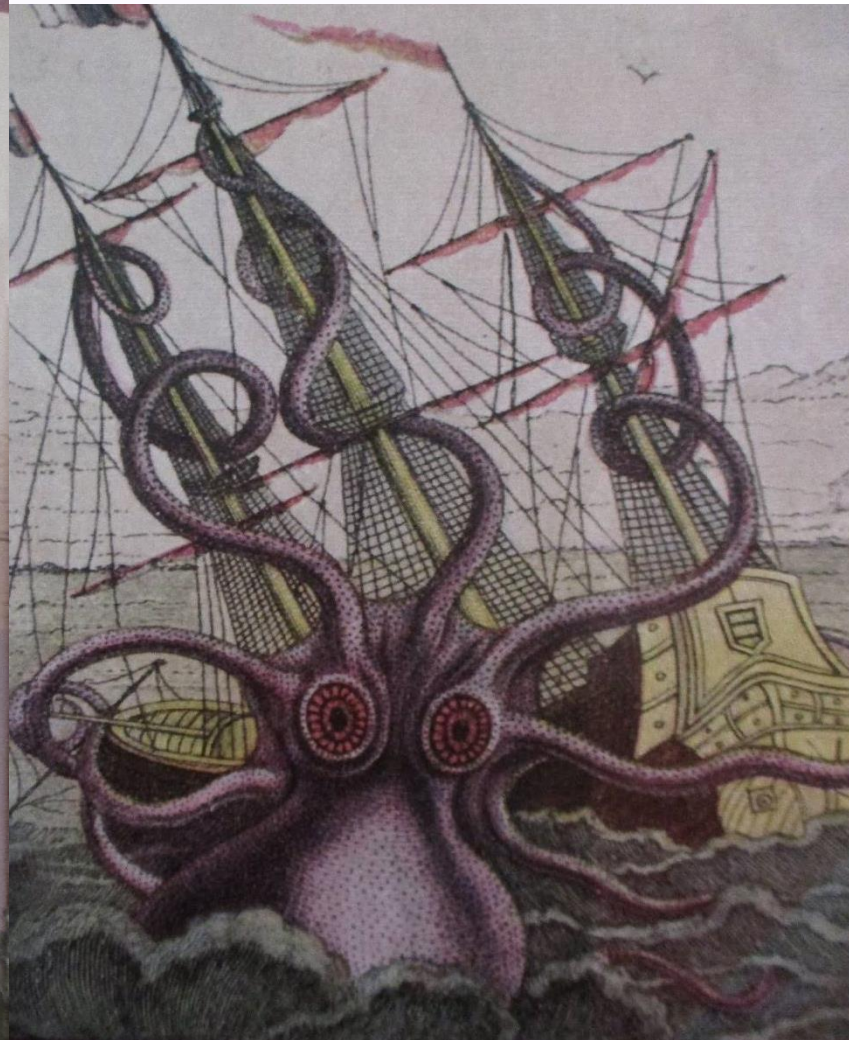
Western dragons
have wings and they
can set fire to things.
They like to frighten
people.

A knight fighting
a dragon

Krakens

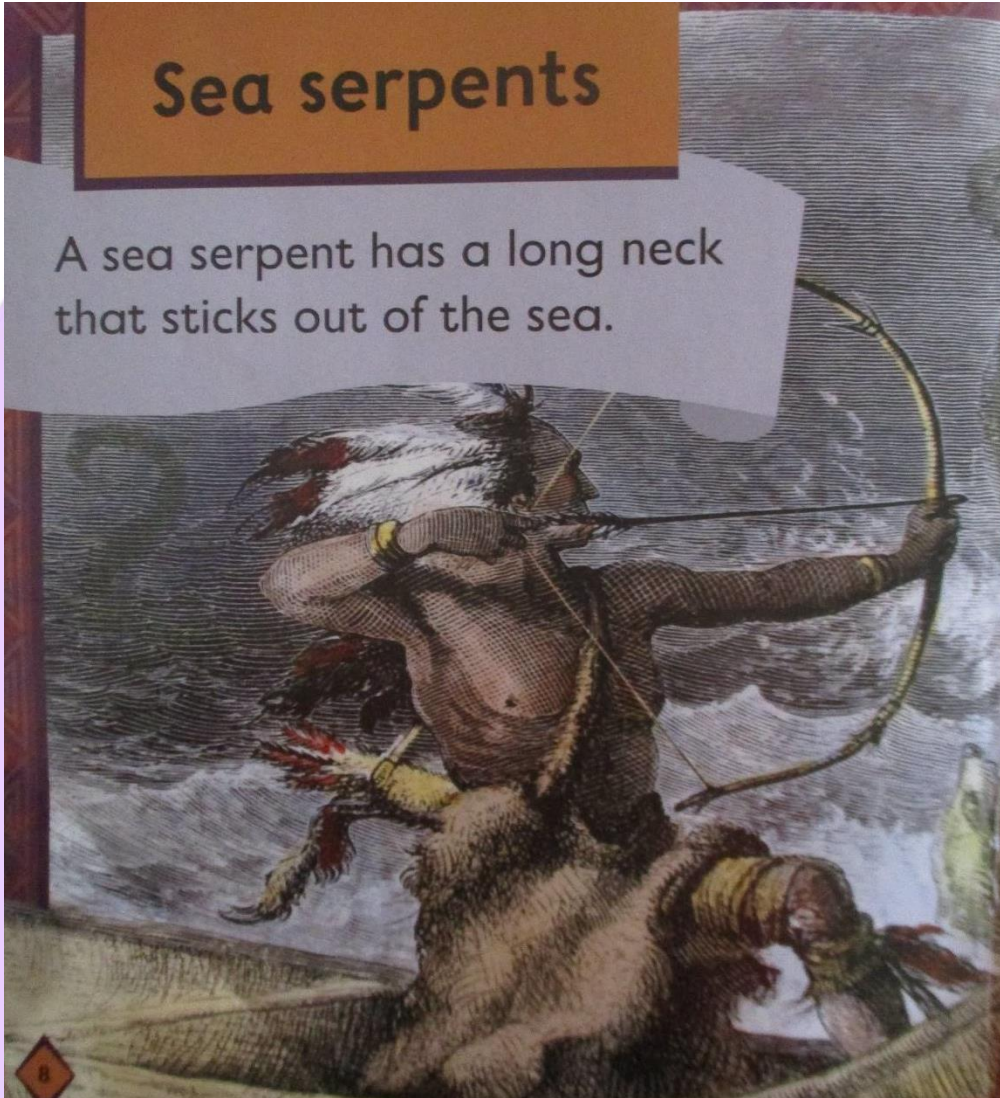
A kraken looks like a very big squid.
Its home is deep down in the sea.

It sleeps on the seabed, but it swims
to the top to feed. It eats fish.
But look out – it can grab ships too!

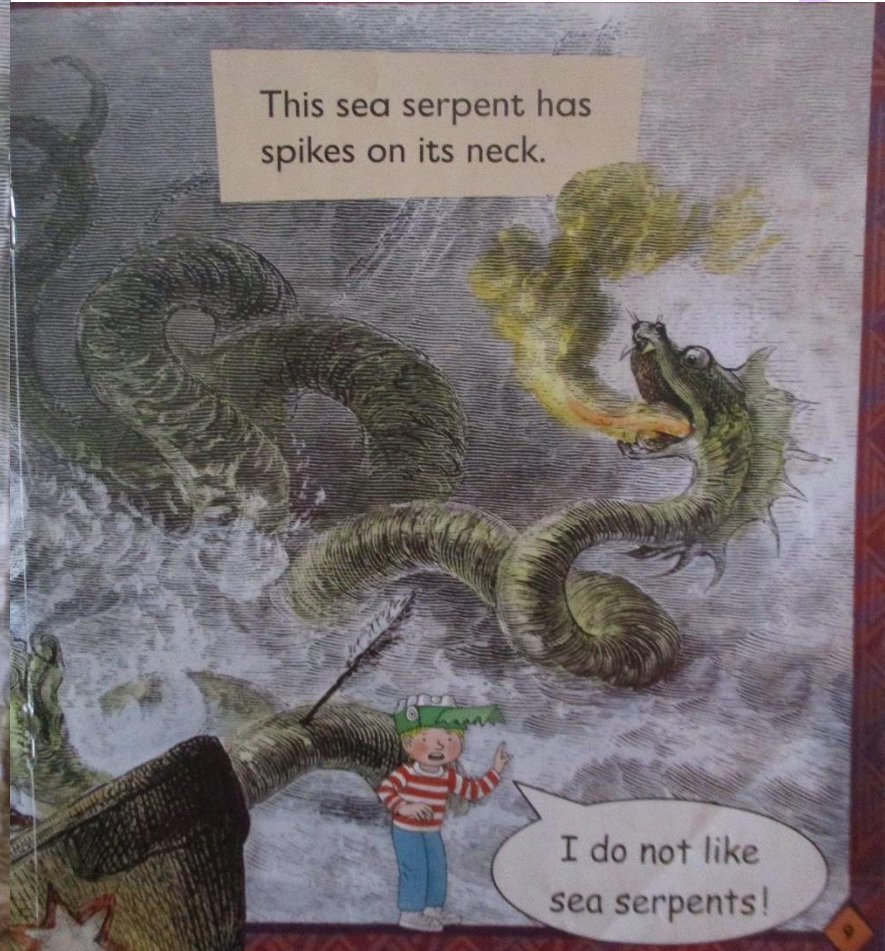


Sea serpents

A sea serpent has a long neck that sticks out of the sea.



This sea serpent has spikes on its neck.



Rocs

A roc has a big sharp beak.
It has sharp talons on its feet.
One roc's egg is as big as a
hundred hen's eggs!

It is so strong it can lift
an elephant in its talons.

talons

Basilisks

Basilisks have wings like a bat and a tail like a snake.

Basilisks are very small –
but don't let them see you!

Griffins

A griffin has a body like a lion –
and a beak and wings, too!
Griffins nest high up on rocky cliffs.

They like to put
gold in their nests.

Which beast
do you like
best?

Use the text to help you answer these questions. Remember to be a Rocket Retriever or a Crimson Clue Hunter.

1. Which dragons can set fire to things?

Eastern dragons

Western dragons

2. Where does a Kraken live?

3. What does a Kraken eat?

4. Find and record two features of a roc.

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5. How big is a roc's egg?

6. What animal is a Griffin's body like?

lion

tiger

jaguar

7. What do Griffins like to put in their nests?

8. Where does a Griffin nest?

9. Which beast do you like best? Why?

