

The Screeching Snallygaster

Chapter 1

There was once a boy named Archeysam. He lived in Germany with his family. One day he was walking with his friend, or maybe even his best friend, Tenny. They were walking down the street from school when they saw some kind of bird in the sky. "Wait a minute is this an ordinary bird in the sky?" said Archeysam.

They looked closer. It was carrying something in its claws. "Wow, look how big the bird is in that bird's claws!" said Tenny.

But Archeysam looked closer. "The thing in his claws has feet," he said. "It's a dead *person*!" Archeysam yelled. The bird or something else looked like a little dragon. It had feathers, and scales with ghostly black eyes and a shiny yellow beak and legs. It also had sharp, shiny, and pointy teeth, with some tentacles hanging out of its beak. Then the dragon bird heard something and it dove and flew at Archeysam and Tenny. They ran as fast as they could.

Chapter 2

Finally, they got to the house, and told Archeysam's mom. He told his mom this. "I-it was li-li-ke a-a dragon bird with tentacles in his beak," he said. His mom didn't say anything, she just froze and stared at him. She said, "My dad, Tyrano, saw something like that. A long time ago. He went to fly in the helicopter one day, and he suddenly saw what looked like a dragon. It swooped down and started devouring a cow. Then it saw him, and attacked the helicopter. Then the dragon kicked the helicopter down the cliff. He jumped up from the helicopter as it was falling to the cliff. He was sure he broke his toe when he landed on the cliff. He climbed up the cliff as it crumbled below him. Then when he got to the top of the cliff, he saw...a flock of snallygasters!"

Archeysam asked, "wait, what's a snallygaster?!"

"It's what you saw. It's a legend. About a monstrous dragon here in Germany, that hunted people and their livestock."

"Ohhh gosh," said Archeysam. Tenny was shocked with horror. Then his mom went back to the story.

"When Tyrano, your grandpa, got to the top, a great sound wave crumbled the other side of the cliff and there were so many vibrations, that the snallygasters fell down the cliff. He was sure they were dead or had died. The big sound wave knocked him down too. Then there was an explosion. The explosion was fire blaze orange. It got closer to him. Right before it hit



him, in the explosion, there was ghostly pointed white eyes, on a scaled, furry head, with antlers sticking out of his head, with a scaly, furry body, with dragon's wings and sharp pointed teeth. Then the explosion hit him and knocked him out. The explosion must have gotten the creature too."

Archeysam asked, "was that creature another snallygaster?"

His mom replied, "I think it sounds more like a Piasa Bird. There was a legend about it as well, from America, but it could be here too. It eats fish, and hunts people. It tried to scare and haunt people and had magic, along with venomous teeth. But I don't think they like fire."

Archeysam had a headache from all this news. He asked his mom, "well, what happened to grandpa?"

"In a couple of days the police found him and they took him to the hospital. But then as the story goes, the snallygasters, who must have lived, showed up on their way to

the hospital, and attacked them and knocked them off the cliff. They were never seen again." His mom finished the story, and was very sad.

"That's the story of what happened to grandpa?" Archeysam asked.

His mom said, "yes." She then said to them, "I am worried. I have a warning for you. They might be coming for you too now. Be careful. They're still out there. Maybe with a Piasa bird too."

Chapter 3

When Archeysam went to bed that night he had bad dreams of Piasa Birds and snallygasters attacking him. He was in school fighting a snallygaster and a Piasa Bird with a magic metal sword, but he could not see who won the fight. When he woke up, he felt scared, because he could feel that something was coming.

When he went to school the next day, he sat in his classroom. He saw there was a crack in the window. Then he saw it. A yellow claw with strong black talons. A snallygaster cracked through the window. Everybody in his class was silent and looked horrified. Until the monster roared a loud roar. Everyone shouted, screamed, yelled, and ran out the door. Archeysam was the only one left. He knew that they were coming for him, and he would have to face them.

Then there was a loud BOOM! CRASH! SMASH! STOMP! BAM! CRACK! A giant monster figure crashed through the school. The snallygaster and the Piasa Bird were there!

He saw something shining golden, and silver, and shiny. He went over to the crack on the school floor where it was. It was a sword. He grabbed the sword out the crevice. Then the



snallygaster roared and attacked. Archeysam grabbed a giant brick and slapped it on the snallygaster's head. This made the monster super angry. Then the snallygaster bit Archeysam's knee. It bled down his leg. He was injured badly. But he would be okay. He waved the sword at the snallygaster but the snallygaster dodged it. He swung the sword, and it roared at him again.

Archeysam then had an idea. He said, "Hey Piasa Bird, want a sword? It's right hereee!" He waved the sword close to the snallygaster. That's when the giant claw of the Piasa bird swiped at the sword. Archeysam moved it quickly. The Piasa Bird hit the snallygaster with its sharp, pointed and curved talons. This killed the snallygaster! It worked!

The Piasa Bird was so furious that it swiped again at Archeysam with its sharp talons and nearly sliced his leg off! But then Archeysam remembered that Piasa Birds hate fire. He found some wood and started rubbing it against each other as fast as he could. The Piasa Bird roared so loud it shook the school. Right before the Piasa bird was about to attack again, the wood shot into flames, and he threw the burning wood at the Piasa Bird. It gave a mighty roar. It was so loud it hurt his wound more. The wood hit the Piasa Bird and it caught on fire. Then the Piasa bird exploded into flame smithereens.

He went to the hospital to get better and heal. After he got better, he went back to school, and everyone cheered for Archeysam. He saved the day, he defeated the snallygaster and the Piasa bird, but he had a feeling there would be a next cryptid to come find him in the future. THE END.