ISLE OF WIGHT FOLLIES - RESTRICTED CASE FILE

THE SHIDE ROC

COLOSSAL SKY GUARDIAN FILE

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION: TITANIC IRIDESCENT RAPTOR

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F.O.L.L.I.E.S. REF: SHI-ROC-21

RESTRICTED CASE BRIEF

LOOK UP - HOLD ONTO YOUR HAT

CREATURE	Roc - colossal crowned sky bird
PRIMARY HOME	Shide and the downland south of Newport
WINGSPAN	Approximately one football field
KNOWN CLUES	Iridescent feather, gust lines, giant shadow
SPECIAL POWERS	Immense lift, keen sight and thunderous wingbeats
CASE STATUS	Respected sky guardian; safe distance required

THE F.O.L.L.I.E.S. BRIEF

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A shadow the size of a playing field. A feather like polished bronze. A village learning that respect is stronger than shouting.



FIELD RULE

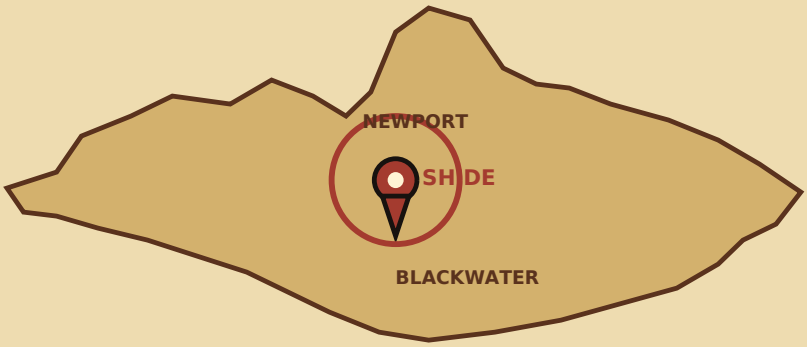
Give the Roc room, secure loose hats and choose respectful words.

EVIDENCE WALL

SHIDE SKY-WATCH BOARD

CHALK SAMPLE

WIND GAUGE



ISLAND LOCATOR - SHIDE CIRCLED



GIANT FEATHER

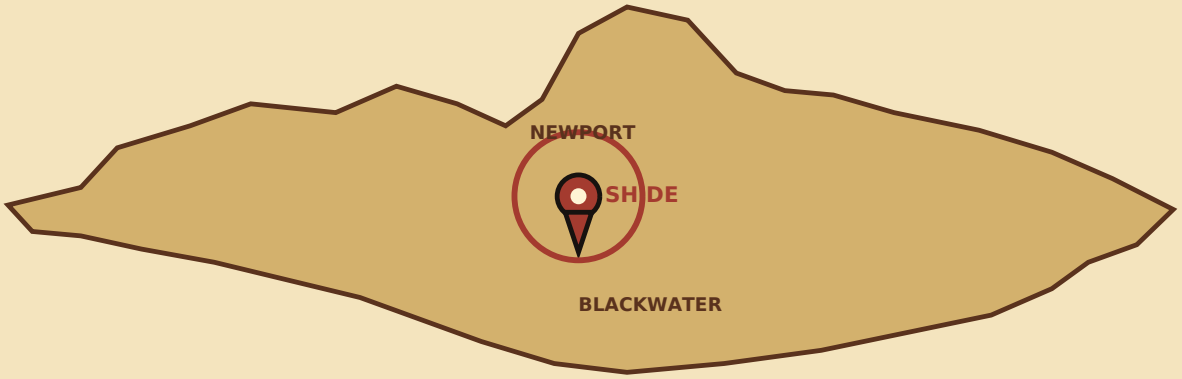
BUS SCALE

Professor Follies pinned a feather, wind notes and a bus silhouette beside the map. Shide is circled just south-east of Newport, close to the River Medina valley.

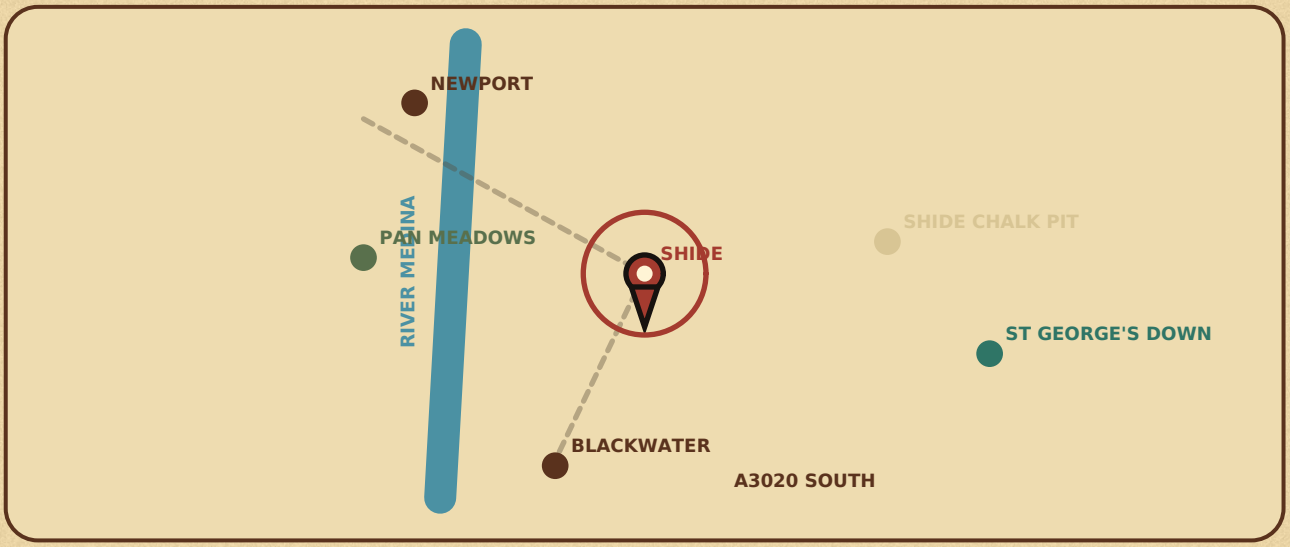
The local zoom marks the chalk pit, Pan Meadows, Blackwater and St George's Down. Those landmarks help pass holders describe where the Roc was seen.

GEOGRAPHY VERIFIED

ISLAND LOCATOR + SHIDE INSET



FULL ISLAND: SHIDE SITS JUST SOUTH-EAST OF NEWPORT



LOCAL CHECK: Shide lies beside Newport and east of the River Medina. Shide Chalk Pit is to the east; Blackwater lies south along the A3020 corridor.

CREATURE CLASSIFICATION

WHAT MAKES A ROC?

1

COLOSSAL WINGS

A shadow can cross several fields at once.

2

CROWNED HEAD

Horn-like feathers form a regal crest.

3

IRIDESCENT PLUMAGE

Green, bronze and gold flash in sunlight.

4

MIGHTY TALONS

Powerful enough to lift enormous loads.

CLASSIFICATION: Titanic aerial guardian with extreme wind and lift capability.

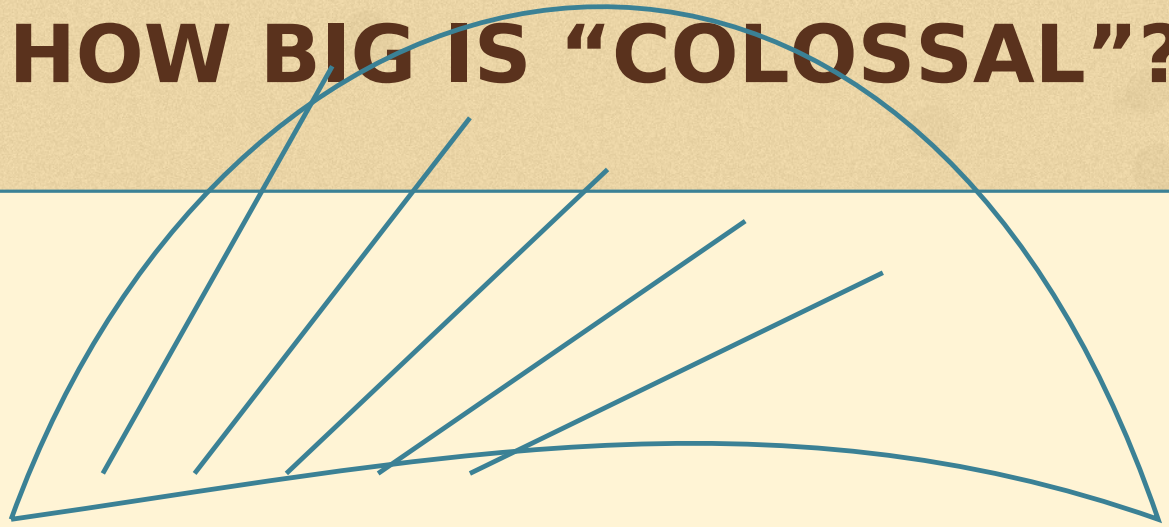


A moving shadow crossed the cottages, the road and half the valley. Then the Roc swept into view.

Its green, bronze and gold feathers flashed above Shide. A tiny bus rolled beneath it, looking no bigger than a toy. Nobody needed a ruler to know this bird was enormous.

SCALE ASSESSMENT

HOW BIG IS “COLOSSAL”?



WINGSPAN: ABOUT ONE FOOTBALL FIELD

1

LOCAL BUS Small enough to lift in legend.

2

ELEPHANT A legendary heavyweight comparison.

3

GYMNASIUM Definitely not carry-on luggage.

Scale comparisons are clues, not invitations. Never ask a Roc for a lift.

ONE WINGBEAT, MANY EFFECTS



HATS

Become airborne.

TREES

Rustle and bow.

PONDS

Ripple in rings.

PAPERS

Begin their own migration.

FIELD NOTE: Secure notebooks before looking skyward.

EVIDENCE 02: THE CARELESS NICKNAME



A traveller ignored every warning and shouted a silly nickname at the sky. The Roc answered with one thunderous wingbeat.

Hats flew. Washing danced. The traveller landed safely in a hay cart, boots first and pride last. Shide learned that humour works best when everyone finds it funny.

PASS-HOLDER PROTOCOL

THE FOUR RULES OF ROC RESPECT

1

GIVE SPACE

Stay outside the Roc's flight path.

2

SECURE LOOSE THINGS

Hats, maps and sandwiches included.

3

SPEAK POLITELY

No teasing names or shouted challenges.

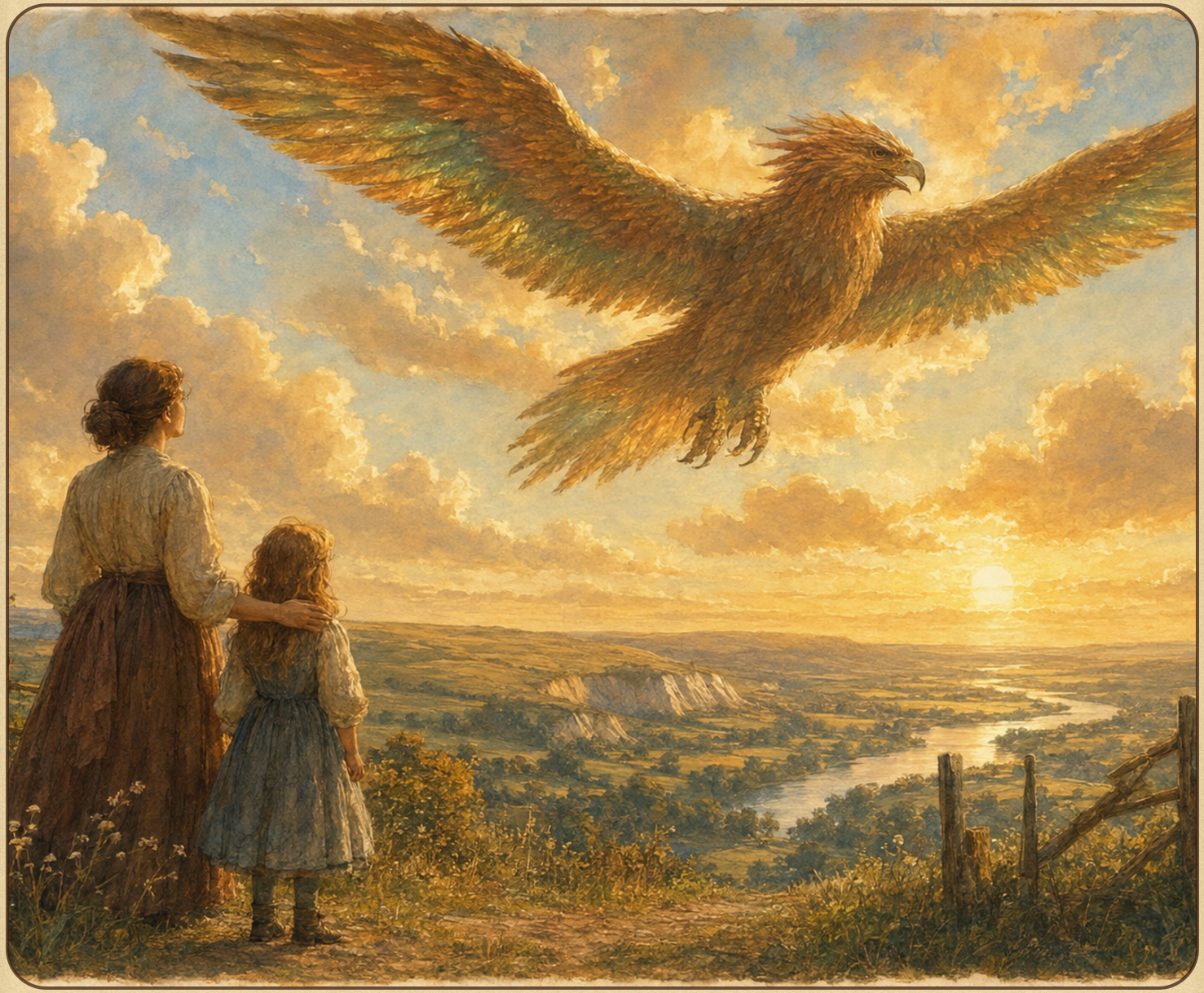
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WATCH FROM SAFETY

Use binoculars from firm ground.

Respect is not fear. It is paying attention to another creature's space and power.

WITNESS ACCOUNT: EMILY AT SUNSET



Emily watched from the field edge, safely beside her mother. “What would it feel like to fly so freely?” she wondered.

The Roc caught the last sunlight and turned the clouds to bronze. Emily did not move closer. Wonder, she discovered, does not require recklessness.

DECISION PATH

COURAGE OR RECKLESSNESS?

SEE A GIANT SHADOW

Pause and find safe ground.

WANT A CLOSER LOOK

Use binoculars; do not chase.

HEAR A WARNING

Listen before acting.

FEEL CURIOUS

Write, draw and ask thoughtful questions.

Brave explorers notice risk, make a plan and keep their curiosity.

COMMUNITY RESPONSE: SHIDE SKY DAY



Shide painted feathers, built paper wings and filled field notebooks with careful observations.

The Roc circled high above the inland valley. Art turned anxiety into curiosity, while binoculars and clear boundaries kept the celebration sensible.

COMMUNITY AGREEMENT

THE SHIDE SKY PACT

VILLAGERS

Keep paths clear and voices respectful.

ROC

Keeps its talons away from roofs and buses.

SKY-WATCHERS

Record sightings from safe places.

STORYTELLERS

Pass on wonder without exaggerating danger.

A guardian is not a pet. Friendship still needs distance, choice and boundaries.

CASE DEVELOPMENT

FROM ALARM TO AWE

1

SHADOW

The village first noticed size and danger.

2

KNOWLEDGE

Field notes revealed patterns and boundaries.

3

RESPECT

People changed how they watched and spoke.

4

INSPIRATION

The Roc became a symbol of bold imagination.

Understanding did not make the Roc smaller. It made the village wiser.

FINAL RECORD: THE STORY TAKES FLIGHT



Years later, Emily became a storyteller. Children leaned closer as wing-shaped shadows danced beside the fire.

Outside, the Roc crossed the twilight above Shide. Inside, its story carried courage, respect and curiosity into another generation.

PROFESSOR FOLLIES ASKS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Which clue best proves the Roc is enormous?



2. Was the traveller brave, reckless or simply very noisy?

3. Why can respect be stronger than fear?

4. What would you secure before a giant wingbeat?

5. How did Emily turn wonder into something useful?

6. What would you paint on a Shide sky banner?

Professor Follies says: Curiosity grows wings when it is paired with good judgement.

RESTRICTED FILE CLOSED

The Shide Roc

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If a shadow crosses Shide and your hat begins to wobble, find firm ground, look up carefully and give the sky plenty of room.

PASS HOLDERS' CASE MATERIAL

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