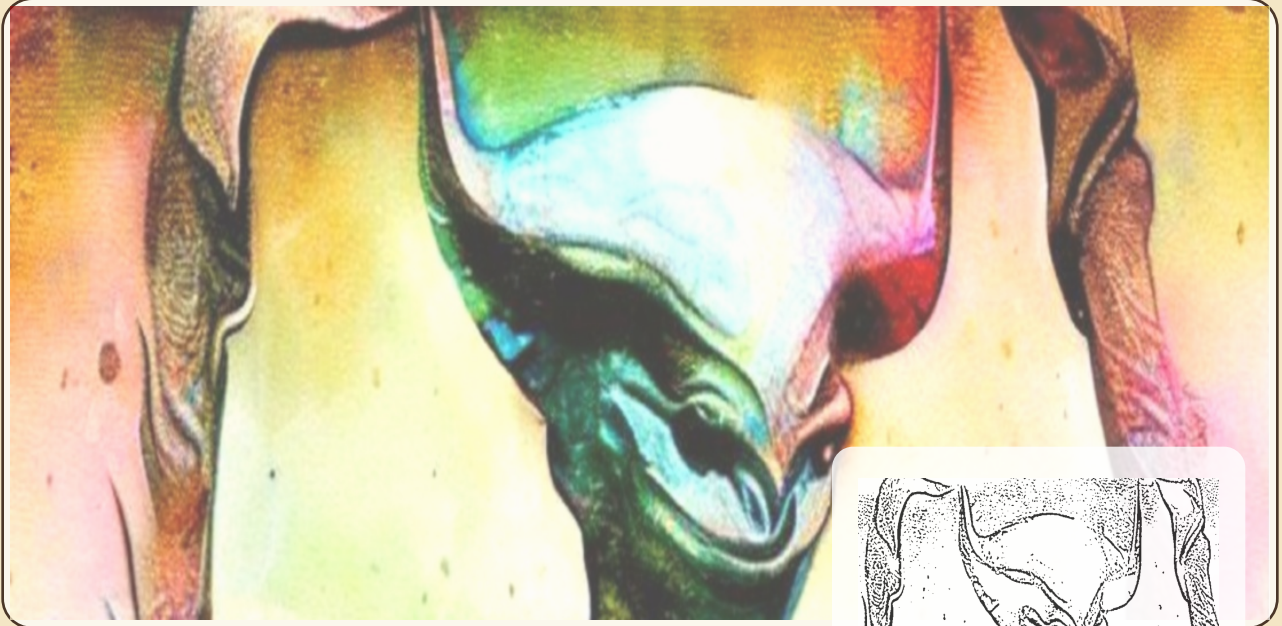


THE AQRABUAMELU OF MOTTISTONE



BLACK-INK FIELD STUDY

MYTHICAL CLASSIFICATION

MESOPOTAMIAN GUARDIAN HYBRID

FILE REFERENCE

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CASE SUMMARY

WHAT ARRIVED IN MOTTISTONE?

A strange visitor emerged from the woods around Mottistone: a powerful human-scorpion hybrid known as an Aqrabuamelu. Its towering body, curved tail and watchful eyes caused instant alarm. Yet the creature did not attack. It watched, listened and tried to join village life.

QUICK FACTS

- Friendly but startling
- Excellent balance
- Skilled with hands and feet
- Keen on sport
- Curious about the Elven
- Victim of bin-related pranks

MYTHOLOGY SNAPSHOT



In ancient Mesopotamian art, scorpion-men combine a human head, arms and torso with a scorpion body or tail. Some examples also have wings or bird-like legs. They are best known as mighty guardians. In the Epic of Gilgamesh, scorpion people guard the entrance to Mount Mashu and the path travelled by the sun.

INVESTIGATOR NOTE

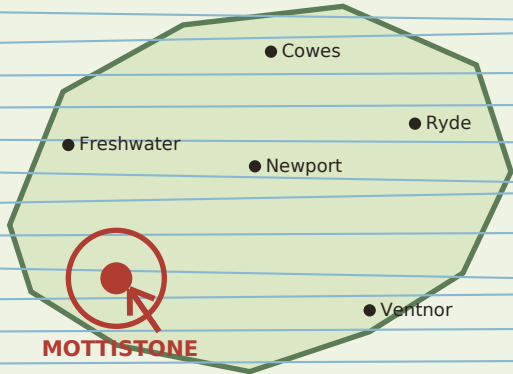
The Mottistone creature appears gentler than its ancient relatives, but it shares their watchfulness, strength and protective instincts.



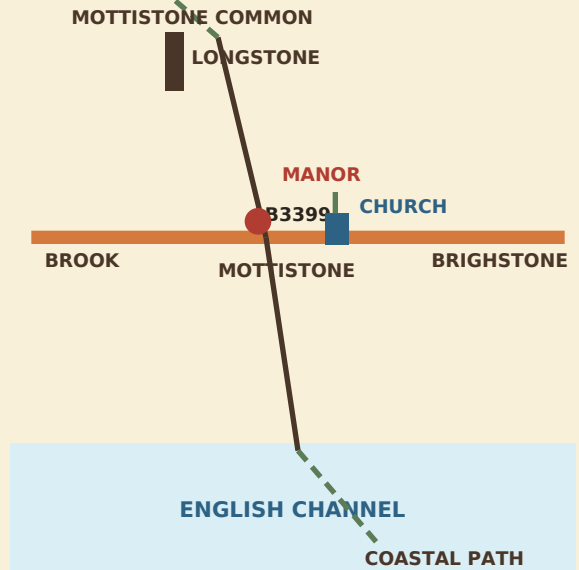
LOCATION BOARD

A wider island map and a closer look at the Mottistone investigation area.

ISLE OF WIGHT



ZOOMED INVESTIGATION AREA



GEOGRAPHICAL FINDINGS

- 1 Mottistone lies between Brook and Brighstone on the B3399.
- 2 The manor and gardens sit in a sheltered valley beneath the downs.
- 3 The wider estate stretches from the chalk downs towards the sea.
- 4 Nearby landmarks include Mottistone Common and the ancient Longstone.
- 5 Best place for a mysterious arrival? The wooded paths around the estate.



A STRANGE ARRIVAL

VILLAGE DRAMA

Mottistone was peaceful, green and full of history. Then a tall shape stepped from the woods near the manor. It had a muscular human body, powerful arms and a scorpion tail curled high behind it. Villagers froze. Someone at the Village Inn whispered, 'That is either the strangest visitor we have ever seen, or the worst costume in Island history.'

FIRST IMPRESSION: alarming



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The Aqrabuamelu did not chase anyone or lash out with its tail. It watched from the edge of the village, studying the houses, gardens and people. Its careful movements suggested curiosity rather than aggression.

**"Fear arrived first.
Curiosity followed."**



CREATURE PROFILE



ANATOMY STUDY



- 1 Horned or armoured brow
- 2 Human hands and torso
- 3 Scorpion tail held high
- 4 Human feet for sport

ESTIMATED HEIGHT about 6 feet

TEMPERAMENT playful and sociable

REPORTED SOUND low rumble, then laughter

SPECIAL SKILL remarkable balance

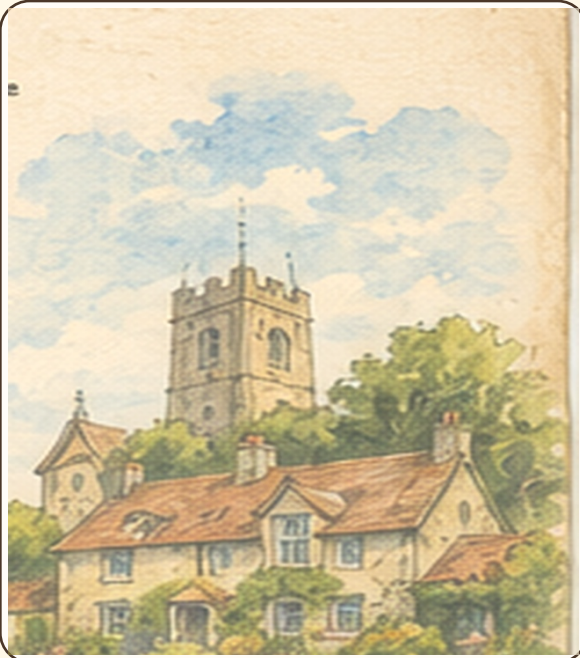
ANCIENT EVIDENCE

Museum objects from ancient Mesopotamia show scorpion-men with a human upper body and a curved scorpion tail. Some wear horned head-dresses, some have wings, and some balance on bird-like legs. Their role is usually that of a guardian rather than a mindless monster.

CASE THEORY

Mottistone may have acquired an ancient guardian with a modern hobby list.

THE FAIR, THE SCONE AND THE FIRST FRIEND



MOTTISTONE VILLAGE FAIR



MARTHA BLYTHE STEPS FORWARD

The fair gave the visitor a chance to show good intentions. With its tail curled safely behind it, the Agrabuamelu tried apple bobbing and retrieved apples with astonishing precision. The crowd laughed, then applauded. A creature that could win the apple-bobbing contest was difficult to treat as a complete menace.

Villager Martha Blythe offered the creature a warm scone. 'You are quite the showstopper,' she said. The Agrabuamelu accepted it carefully and promised to fit in one event at a time. That small act of kindness became the beginning of a genuine friendship.

Evidence item 43-C: one missing scone, presumed eaten.

SCORPION-MAN SPORTS DAY



SPORTING RECORD

FOOTBALL quick feet

BASKETBALL strong hands

TAIL USE balance only

TEAMWORK improving

CELEBRATION enthusiastic

FOULS mostly accidental

MATCH REPORT

On the village green, the Aqrabuamelu discovered football. Its human feet moved the ball while its tail acted like a counterweight. Soon afterwards it tried basketball, using its hands to dribble and shoot. A dramatic dunk convinced the village that the creature was not merely trying to fit in. It was becoming part of the team.



TAIL-BALANCE THEORY

MORE THAN AN APPEARANCE

JOHN MILLAR ASKS THE AWKWARD QUESTION

John Millar finally asked where the creature's unusual name came from. The Aqrabuamelu answered that it was an ancient name from its homeland, describing a being with both human and scorpion traits. 'My appearance is part of who I am,' it explained, 'but it does not define all of me.'

Actions and kindness reveal more than a frightening outline.



MEETING IN THE WOODS

THE ELVEN RESPONSE

The Aqrabuamelu was fascinated by the Elven living in the nearby woods. Their leader, Elowen, was cautious at first. The creature spoke honestly: it wanted to understand the land and connect with those who shared it. Elowen recognised sincerity rather than danger and welcomed the newcomer.

FIELD NOTE

Respectful curiosity opened a door that strength could not.

THE GREAT WHEELIE-BIN FEUD

EVIDENCE 43-J1

Coloured feathers found inside the Agrabuamelu's bin. No sensible explanation.

EVIDENCE 43-J2

Three unexploded water balloons. One suspiciously shaped like the Jersey Devil.

WITNESS NOTE

A small red creature was seen laughing behind a hedge.

CREATURE RESPONSE

"Why do you persist with these tricks?" asked the Agrabuamelu, while removing feathers from a recycling box.

JERSEY DEVIL REPLY

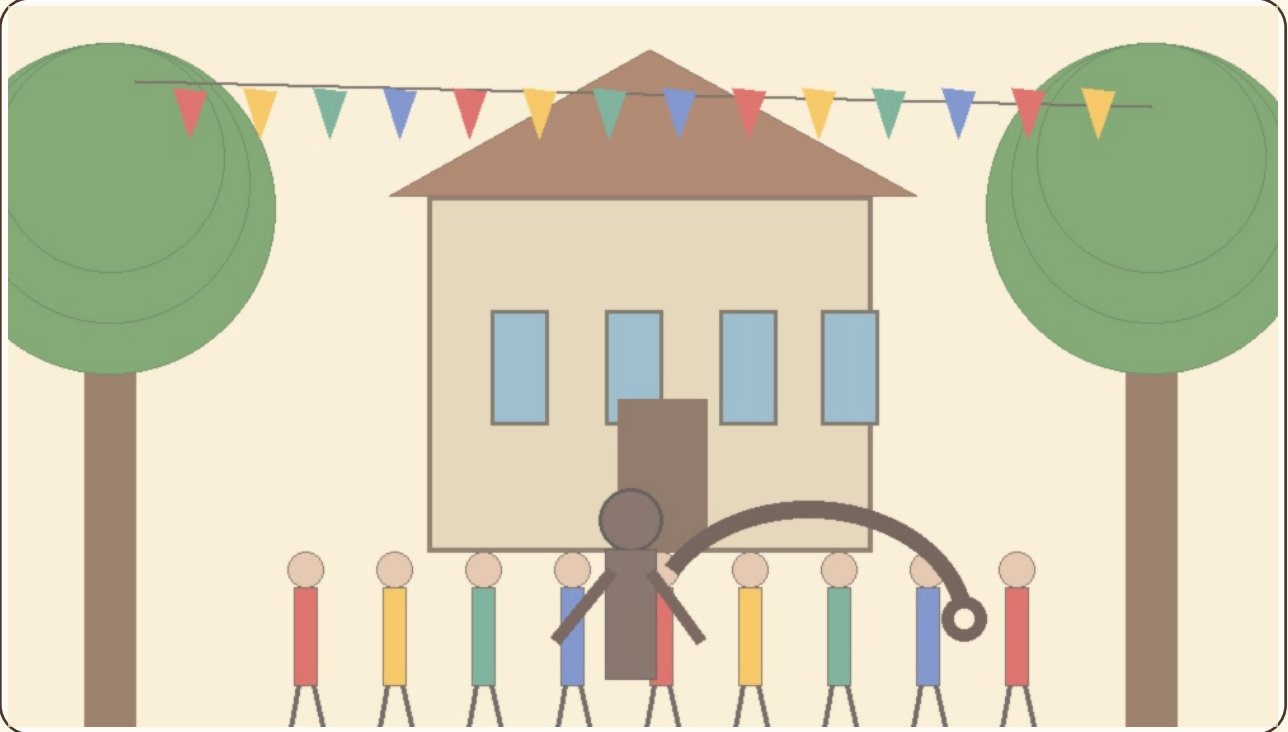
"Because it is fun, and you are an easy target." Investigators describe this as a weak defence.

CURRENT THEORY

The feud was irritating rather than dangerous. Both creatures needed a better use for their energy.



A TRUCE AT THE HARVEST FESTIVAL



A BETTER ENDING

When the feud reached Mottistone village square, the villagers asked both creatures to stop and listen. The Aqrabuamelu and the Jersey Devil agreed to work together rather than keep arguing over bins. At the Harvest Festival in the manor gardens, villagers, Elven and creatures celebrated side by side.

**The village stopped asking, "What is it?"
and began asking, "What can it contribute?"**

FINAL FINDING: DIVERSITY + KINDNESS + TEAMWORK = A STRONGER VILLAGE

PROFESSOR FOLLIES ASKS...



1

Which clue first suggested that the Aqrabuamelu was friendly?

2

Would you trust a scorpion tail during a football match? Explain your answer.

3

Why did Martha Blythe's scone matter more than a long speech?

4

What did Elowen notice that frightened villagers missed?

5

Was the Jersey Devil merely mischievous, or was it also lonely?

YOUR INVESTIGATION SKETCH

Draw one object that would convince you the Aqrabuamelu had visited Mottistone.

EVIDENCE LABEL

What is it?

Where found?

Why important?



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CASE FILE 43 CLOSED... FOR NOW

The Aqrabuamelu remains in the Mottistone area, where it is believed to enjoy village events, woodland walks and any sport involving a ball. Its tail should still be treated with respect, although no deliberate sting has been recorded.

Look beyond the outline. Investigate the actions.

SECRET ARCHIVE DETAIL

One witness claims the creature now keeps emergency scones beside the football. This remains unverified, but oddly believable.

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