

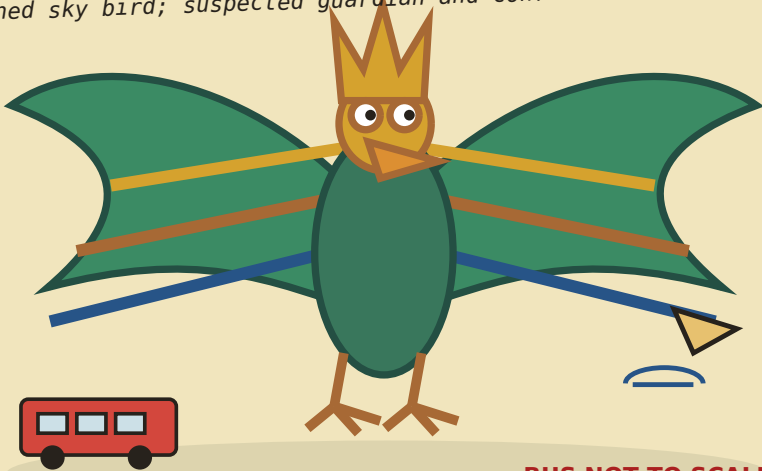
UNVERIFIED CREATURE DOSSIER

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FULL CASE RESTRICTED - PASS REQUIRED

ALLEGED SUBJECT: SHIDE ROC

Colossal crowned sky bird; suspected guardian and confirmed hat problem.



BUS NOT TO SCALE!

coloured in quickly before the next wingbeat took the crayons

LOCAL RUMOURS AND ALLEGED SIGHTINGS

THE VALLEY-SIZED SHADOW

A shadow crossed cottages, a road and allegedly somebody's Tuesday. Witnesses looked up. Their hats looked up slightly faster and continued towards Blackwater.

THE BUS-LIFT RUMOUR

A red bus appeared toy-sized beneath the Roc. One passenger insists the bird checked the timetable before deciding not to carry it to Newport.

THE NICKNAME INCIDENT

A traveller shouted a ridiculous name at the sky. One thunderous wingbeat followed. He landed boots-first in a hay cart and dignity-first in local gossip.

SHIDE SKY DAY

Painted feathers and paper wings filled the field. The Roc circled overhead, possibly approving the art, or possibly checking whether any sandwiches were unsecured.

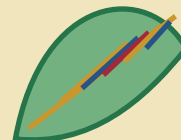


feather + hat + wind gauge = extremely scientific

NOTE:
HOLD HAT
THEN LOOK UP!

FULL CASE RESTRICTED - PASS REQUIRED**ASSUMED CHARACTERISTICS - GUESSWORK***typed from low glances, airborne notes + one surviving crayon*

WINGSPAN	One football field, give or take a corner flag
FEATHERS	Green, bronze and gold in helpful sunlight
CROWN	Regal crest; no evidence of an actual coronation
WINGBEAT	Thunderous; relocates hats, maps and lunch
HOBBY	Guarding the sky and judging paper aeroplanes
TALONS	Bus-lifting strength, allegedly; do not test

SPECULATIVE 'EVIDENCE'*found near Shide; shines like bronze
and tickles like trouble**A. giant feather***B. escaped wind***could be theatre prop; wind refused interview**MEASURED? no. GUESSED? loudly. NOTEBOOK? airborne!***OUTRAGEOUS CLAIMS RECEIVED BY THE PUBLIC DESK**

- o 'One wingbeat moved washing from Shide to Sandown.'*
- o 'The Roc uses local buses as pocket-sized luggage.'*
- o 'A sandwich reached Newport before its owner did.'*
- o 'Its shadow once cancelled an entire afternoon.'*

QUESTIONS THAT REMAIN UNANSWERED**STATUS: ALL OF THEM**

- ☐ Does the Roc know the offside rule for football fields?
- ☐ Was the hay cart landing planned or just excellent luck?
- ☐ Where do all the airborne hats eventually land?
- ☐ Does the Roc prefer crayons, paint or shiny wrappers?
- ☐ Can a bird really carry a bus without exact change?
- ☐ Most importantly, is any of this remotely true?

*hat string sample? investigator is still attached to the evidence***THE FORMAL INVESTIGATION IS RESTRICTED**

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