

MYTHIC CREATURES OF ANCIENT RUSSIA



DOMOVOY
PATRON SPIRIT OF THE HOME,
GUARDS THE DOORWAYS
OF THE HOUSE,
DON'T MAKE THEM ANGRY,
OR THEY WILL CAUSE
HOUSEHOLD TROUBLE



LESHII
WOODLAND SPIRIT WHO
CAN BE AS TALL AS A TREE
OR THE SIZE OF A BLADE OF
GRASS, LURED PEASANTS
INTO THE WOODS AND
MADE THEM PLANT-LIKE



BABA YAGA
A FAMOUS WITCH WHO
RODE IN A FLYING MORTAR
AND PESTLE,
LIVED A MYTHICAL MOVING
HUT SUPPORTED ON TWO
LIVE CHICKEN LEGS



RUSALKA
FEMALE GHOST OF YOUNG
MAIDENS WHO HAD DIED
NEAR OR IN A LAKE,
TRIED TO LURE MEN INTO
THE WATER AND DRAG THEM
DOWN TO THEIR DEATHS



ALKONOST
THE BIRD OF PARADISE,
HEAD OF A WOMAN,
LAY EGGS THAT CALM THE
SEA FOR A WEEK THEN BRING
A STORM, THOSE WHO HEAR HER
VOICE FORGET THEMSELVES



FIREBIRD
A LEGENDARY BEAST,
HAD GLOWING,
FEATHERS,
CAPTURING ONE IS
USUALLY THE TASK OF
YOUNG HEROES



LIKHO
THE EMBODIMENT OF
MISFORTUNE, USUALLY
SHOWN AS A ONE-EYED
HAG DRESSED IN BLACK,
IF YOU ARE TRICKED BY THIS
CREATURE, IT WILL CLING
TO YOUR BACK UNTIL YOU
DROWN YOURSELF IN A
FIT OF MADNESS



VODYANOY
MALE WATER SPIRIT,
PULLED UNWARY
TRAVELERS DOWN TO
A WATERY GRAVE,
LIVES IN A HOUSE
MADE FROM SUNKEN
BOATS,
HUSBAND OF RUSALKA

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