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Manticore

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The manticore or mantichore (Latin: mantichor?s; reconstructed Old Persian: *martyahv?rah; Modern Persian: ??????? mard-khar) is a legendary creature from ancient Persian mythology, similar to the Egyptian sphinx that proliferated in Western European medieval art as well. It has the face of a human, the body of a lion, and the tail of a scorpion or a tail covered in venomous spines similar to porcupine quills. There are some accounts that the spines can be launched like arrows. It eats its victims whole, using its three rows of teeth, and leaves no bones behind. Other accounts also have it sporting the wings of a dragon.

Lists of fictional species

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Siren (mythology)

of the Medieval Bestiary". Getty Museum. Retrieved 2022-09-06. Compare Northumberland bestiary (Getty MS 100) (olim Alnwick bestiary, Alnwick Castle MS

In Greek mythology, sirens (Ancient Greek: singular: ??????, Seir?n; plural: ???????, Seirênes) are female humanlike beings with alluring voices; they appear in a scene in the Odyssey in which Odysseus saves his crew's lives. Roman poets place them on some small islands called Sirenum Scopuli. In some later, rationalized traditions, the literal geography of the "flowery" island of Anthemoessa, or Anthemusa, is fixed: sometimes on Cape Pelorum and at others in the islands known as the Sirenuse, near Paestum, or in Capreae. All such locations were surrounded by cliffs and rocks.

Sirens continued to be used as a symbol of the dangerous temptation embodied by women regularly throughout Christian art of the medieval era. "Siren" can also be used as a slang term for a woman considered both very attractive and dangerous.

Bestiary (disambiguation)

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Bestiary (Hail Mary Mallon album), 2014

Bestiary!, a 1985 anthology of fantasy short stories

Bestiary, a 2020 novel by K-Ming Chang

The Bestiary, a 1998 supplement for the role-playing setting Dragonlance: Fifth Age

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