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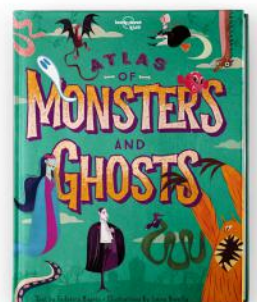
Where: The Mato Grosso do Sul jungle in Brazil

Characteristics: This monster looks like a huge, hairy sloth but it is definitely not as friendly. In fact, it has a large mouth full of tapered teeth, and long arms with sharp claws. Thanks to its terrible smell and ear-splitting cries, it can be identified from pretty far away. Strange but true: it only has one eye and it's quite large.

How to beat it: Its fur is bulletproof and there are no weapons that can kill it. Instead, focus on its eye. If you're able to blind it – even temporarily by throwing dirt in it – that'll give you enough time to escape or set a snare. Although, trapping it will only work if you have a stomach strong enough to deal with its terrible smell. . . .



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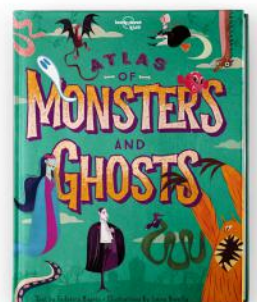
LEMISH

Where: Patagonia

Characteristics: If you see a Lemish, don't hide in your house. This kind of aquatic tiger has a bad reputation for destroying homes.



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LA LLORONA

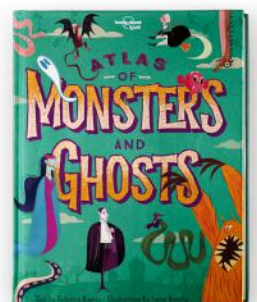
Where: Near bodies of water throughout Central and South America.

Characteristics: This ghost looks like a young woman floating in the air or through the waters of a river. What is most frightening about this spectral figure is the noise she makes – a shriek that could make your blood run cold.

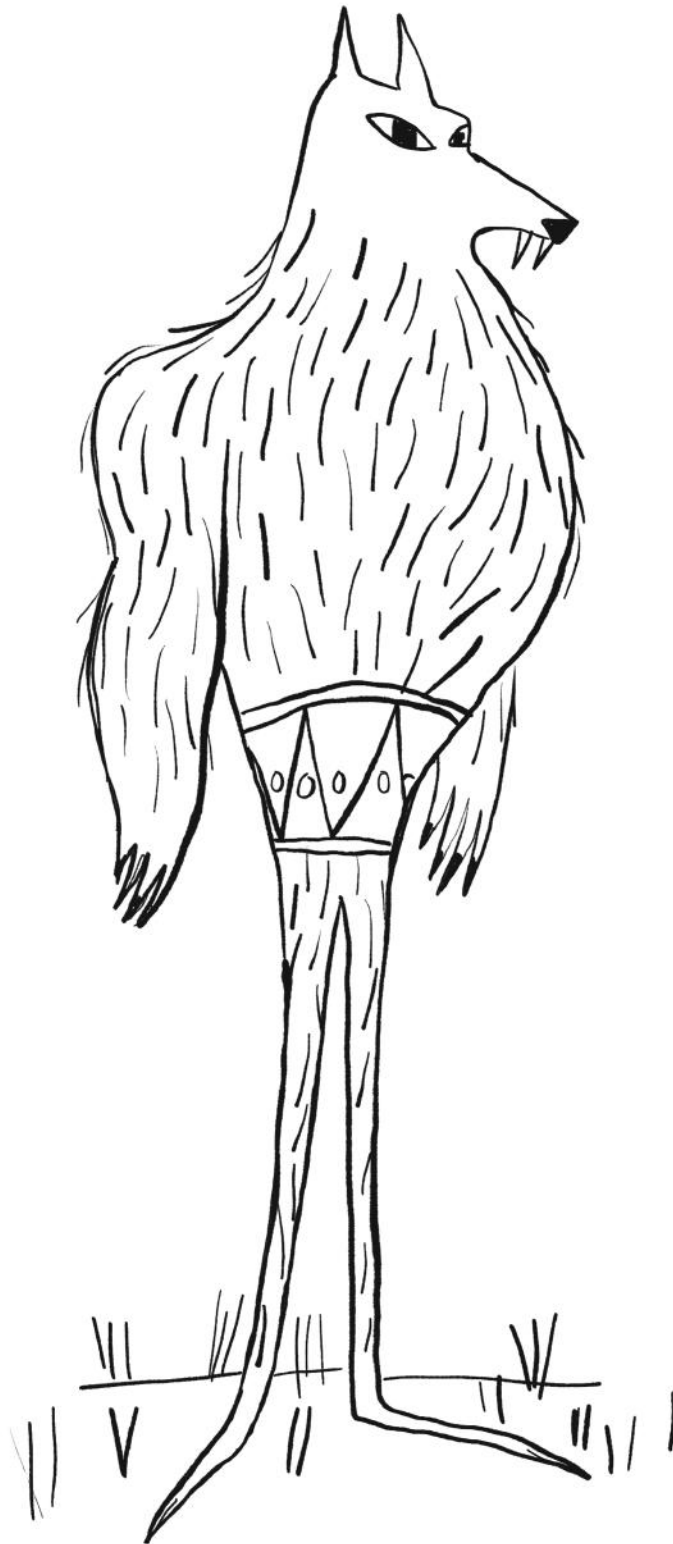
How to beat it: One thing to do is block out her terrifying cries – so maybe try some headphones with loud music! Even better, since her ghostliness comes from her suffering during life, you could try giving her a warm, comforting hug. But there's just one problem... she has no actual body to hug! Try some sweets, maybe. Everyone likes sweets.



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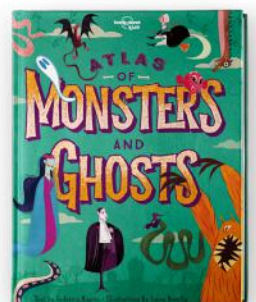
JÉ ROUGE

Where: Haiti

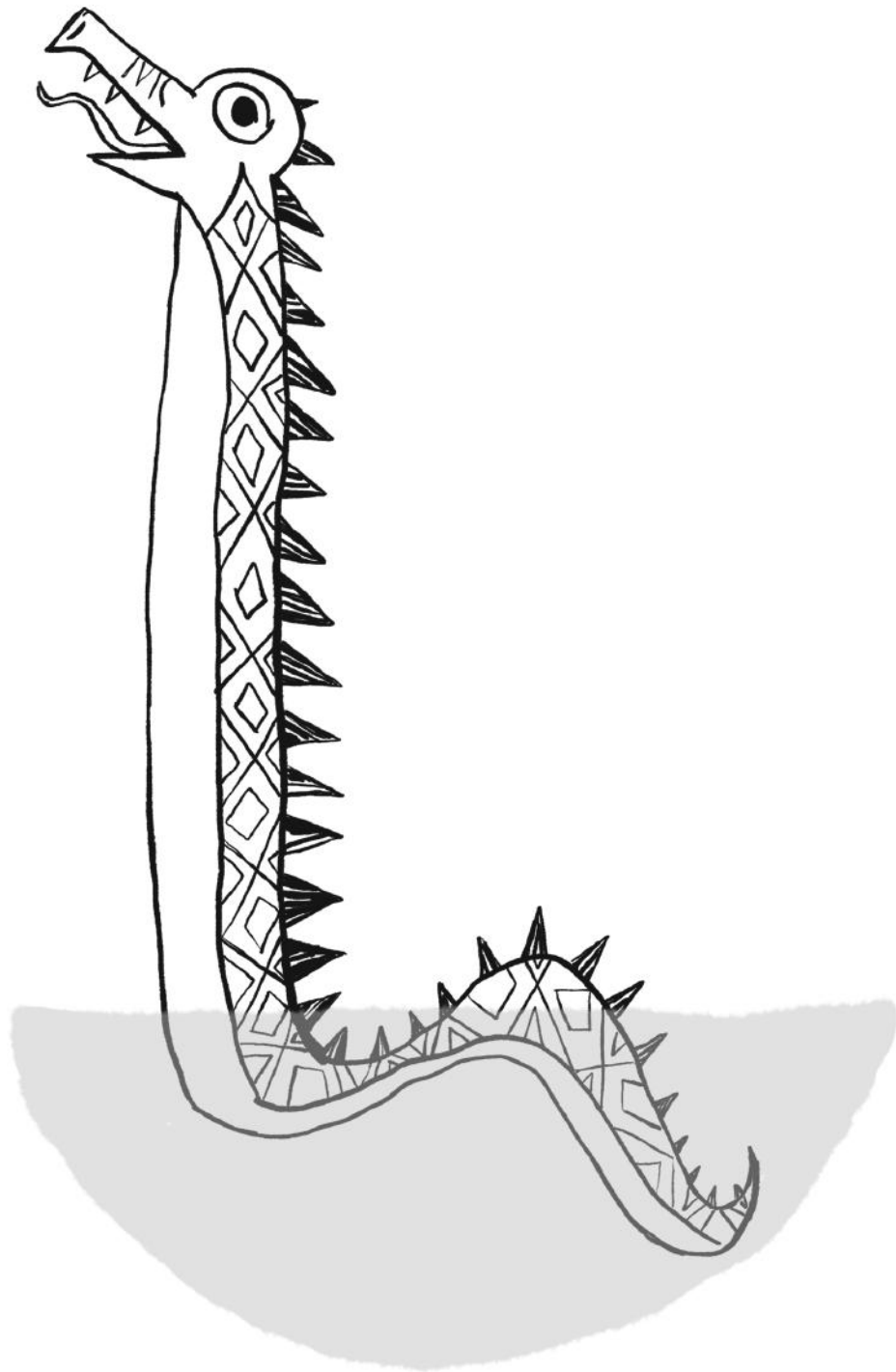
Characteristics: Beware of the Jé-rouge! This half werewolf half vampire is famed for being particularly fierce.



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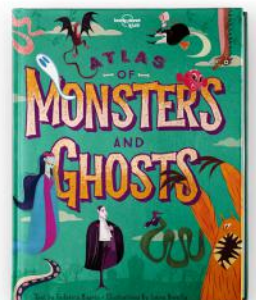
NAHUELITO

Where: Argentina

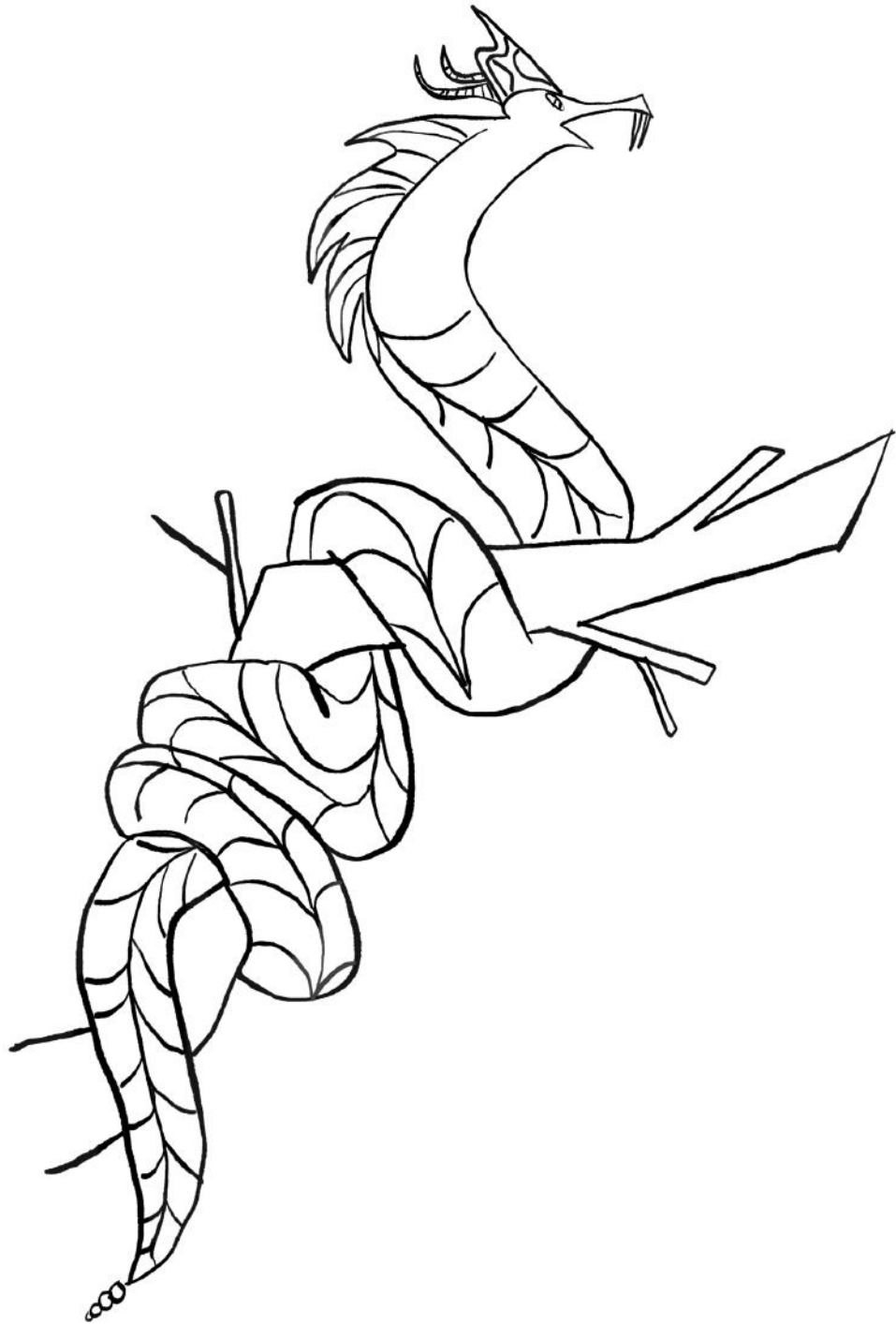
Characteristics: If you sail on the waters of Lake Nahuel Huapi, keep an eye out. You may see the prickly spine of the Nahuelito, a powerful monster that's an oversized mix between a fish and a snake.



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SUGURIJU

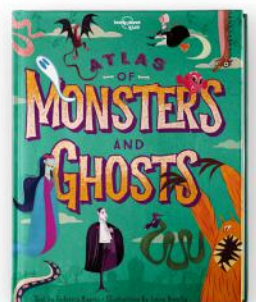
Where: The Amazon rainforest

Characteristics: It looks like a snake, but is much, much larger. The one spotted in Nueva Tacna, in Peru, was over 40 metres long and 4 metres wide. Just think, that's bigger than 20 men! It eats anything it can find and hunts by wrapping itself around its prey and strangling it, just like a boa constrictor!

How to beat it: This monster is particularly difficult to beat. Since it's enormous and very strong, wrestling it with your bare hands may be fatal for you. So what can you do? Focus on your speed. Its heft makes it slow, so try to escape its grasp quickly. If you do have to fight it, the best thing to do is to find a large, sharp stick. If you can paralyse it at the neck just below its jaw, it won't be able to harm you!



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