

# 1. The Mysterious Péiste

A Péiste was a kind of water monster that lived in a loch.

They might look like worms or crawling serpents. They could be very scary. They could get bigger and bigger becoming hideous and horrible as they inflated.

A glimpse of one was supposed to turn you mad with fear or make your face ugly with terror.

Once, stories tell, there was a Péiste in every lake in Ireland but they are all gone now ... or are they?



King Fergus managed to bring back his good looks by defeating the water monster.

He had his magic ear-herbs that allowed him to walk and breathe under the water. They helped him. He also had a sharp sword. Perhaps it was a magic one that he found in 'Land Under Wave'.



Saint Columbkille met a Péiste when he went to Scotland. It was a huge and dangerous creature that wanted to eat him. He persuaded it to go away and leave him alone. He told it never to return to Loch Ness.

Columbkille had a very loud voice and he was very clever with words. Perhaps that helped him to get away. He may have escaped, the beast but some people believe there is still a monster in Loch Ness. What do you think?