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We had now reached the summit of the loftiest crag. For some minutes the old man seemed too much exhausted to speak. You suppose me a very old manâ€”but I am not. It took less than a single day to change these hairs from a jetty black to white, to weaken my limbs, and to unstring my nerves, so that I tremble at the least exertion, and am frightened at a shadow. Do you know I can scarcely look over this little cliff without getting giddy? Nothing would have tempted me to within half a dozen yards of its brink. In truth so deeply was I excited by the perilous position of my companion, that I fell at full length upon the ground, clung to the shrubs around me, and dared not even glance upward at the skyâ€”while I struggled in vain to divest myself of the idea that the very foundations of the mountain were in danger from the fury of the winds. It was long before I could reason myself into sufficient courage to sit up and look out into the distance. The mountain upon whose top we sit is Helseggen, the Cloudy. Now raise yourself up a little higherâ€”hold on to the grass if you feel giddyâ€”soâ€”and look out, beyond the belt of vapor beneath us, into the sea. A panorama more deplorably desolate no human imagination can conceive. To the right and left, as far as the eye could reach, there lay outstretched, like ramparts of the world, lines of horridly black and beetling cliff, whose character of gloom was but the more forcibly illustrated by the surf which reared high up against its white and ghastly crest, howling and shrieking forever. Just opposite the promontory upon whose apex we were placed, and at a distance of some five or six miles out at sea, there was visible a small, bleak-looking island; or, more properly, its position was discernible through the wilderness of surge in which it was enveloped. About two miles nearer the land, arose another of smaller size, hideously craggy and barren, and encompassed at various intervals by a cluster of dark rocks. The appearance of the ocean, in the space between the more distant island and the shore, had something very unusual about it. Although, at the time, so strong a gale was blowing landward that a brig in the remote offing lay to under a double-reefed trysail, and constantly plunged her whole hull out of sight, still there was here nothing like a regular swell, but only a short, quick, angry cross dashing of water in every directionâ€”as well in the teeth of the wind as otherwise. Of foam there was little except in the immediate vicinity of the rocks. The one midway is Moskoe. That a mile to the northward is Ambaaren. These are the true names of the placesâ€”but why it has been thought necessary to name them at all, is more than either you or I can understand. Do you hear anything? Do you see any change in the water? As the old man spoke, I became aware of a loud and gradually increasing sound, like the moaning of a vast herd of buffaloes upon an American prairie; and at the same moment I perceived that what seamen term the chopping character of the ocean beneath us, was rapidly changing into a current which set to the eastward. Even while I gazed, this current acquired a monstrous velocity. Each moment added to its speedâ€”to its headlong impetuosity. In five minutes the whole sea, as far as Vurrgh, was lashed into ungovernable fury; but it was between Moskoe and the coast that the main uproar held its sway. Here the vast bed of the waters, seamed and scarred into a thousand conflicting channels, burst suddenly into phrensied convulsionâ€”heaving, boiling, hissingâ€”gyrating in gigantic and innumerable vortices, and all whirling and plunging on to the eastward with a rapidity which water never elsewhere assumes except in precipitous descents. In a few minutes more, there came over the scene another radical alteration. The general surface grew somewhat more smooth, and the whirlpools, one by one, disappeared, while prodigious streaks of foam became apparent where none had been seen before. These streaks, at length, spreading out to a great distance, and entering into combination, took unto themselves the gyrotory motion of the subsided vortices, and seemed to form the germ of another more vast. Suddenlyâ€”very suddenlyâ€”this assumed a distinct and definite existence, in a circle of more than a mile in diameter. The edge of the whirl was represented by a broad belt of gleaming spray; but no particle of this slipped into the mouth of the terrific funnel, whose interior, as far as the eye could fathom it, was a smooth, shining, and jet-black wall of water, inclined to the horizon at an angle of some forty-five degrees, speeding dizzily round and round with a swaying and sweltering motion, and sending forth to the winds an

appalling voice, half shriek, half roar, such as not even the mighty cataract of Niagara ever lifts up in its agony to Heaven. The mountain trembled to its very base, and the rock rocked. I threw myself upon my face, and clung to the scant herbage in an excess of nervous agitation. That of Jonas Ramus, which is perhaps the most circumstantial of any, cannot impart the faintest conception either of the magnificence, or of the horror of the scene—or of the wild bewildering sense of the novel which confounds the beholder. I am not sure from what point of view the writer in question surveyed it, nor at what time; but it could neither have been from the summit of Helseggen, nor during a storm. There are some passages of his description, nevertheless, which may be quoted for their details, although their effect is exceedingly feeble in conveying an impression of the spectacle. When it is flood, the stream runs up the country between Lofoden and Moskoe with a boisterous rapidity; but the roar of its impetuous ebb to the sea is scarce equalled by the loudest and most dreadful cataracts; the noise being heard several leagues off, and the vortices or pits are of such an extent and depth, that if a ship comes within its attraction, it is inevitably absorbed and carried down to the bottom, and there beat to pieces against the rocks; and when the water relaxes, the fragments thereof are thrown up again. But these intervals of tranquility are only at the turn of the ebb and flood, and in calm weather, and last but a quarter of an hour, its violence gradually returning. When the stream is most boisterous, and its fury heightened by a storm, it is dangerous to come within a Norway mile of it. Boats, yachts, and ships have been carried away by not guarding against it before they were within its reach. It likewise happens frequently, that whales come too near the stream, and are overpowered by its violence; and then it is impossible to describe their howlings and bellowings in their fruitless struggles to disengage themselves. A bear once, attempting to swim from Lofoden to Moskoe, was caught by the stream and borne down, while he roared terribly, so as to be heard on shore. Large stocks of firs and pine trees, after being absorbed by the current, rise again broken and torn to such a degree as if bristles grew upon them. This plainly shows the bottom to consist of craggy rocks, among which they are whirled to and fro. This stream is regulated by the flux and reflux of the sea—it being constantly high and low water every six hours. In the year , early in the morning of Sexagesima Sunday, it raged with such noise and impetuosity that the very stones of the houses on the coast fell to the ground. The "forty fathoms" must have reference only to portions of the channel close upon the shore either of Moskoe or Lofoden. Looking down from this pinnacle upon the howling Phlegethon below, I could not help smiling at the simplicity with which the honest Jonas Ramus records, as a matter difficult of belief, the anecdotes of the whales and the bears; for it appeared to me, in fact, a self-evident thing, that the largest ship of the line in existence, coming within the influence of that deadly attraction, could resist it as little as a feather the hurricane, and must disappear bodily and at once. The attempts to account for the phenomenon—some of which, I remember, seemed to me sufficiently plausible in perusal—now wore a very different and unsatisfactory aspect. The idea generally received is that this, as well as three smaller vortices among the Ferroe islands, "have no other cause than the collision of waves rising and falling, at flux and reflux, against a ridge of rocks and shelves, which confines the water so that it precipitates itself like a cataract; and thus the higher the flood rises, the deeper must the fall be, and the natural result of all is a whirlpool or vortex, the prodigious suction of which is sufficiently known by lesser experiments. This opinion, idle in itself, was the one to which, as I gazed, my imagination most readily assented; and, mentioning it to the guide, I was rather surprised to hear him say that, although it was the view almost universally entertained of the subject by the Norwegians, it nevertheless was not his own. As to the former notion he confessed his inability to comprehend it; and here I agreed with him—for, however conclusive on paper, it becomes altogether unintelligible, and even absurd, amid the thunder of the abyss. In all violent eddies at sea there is good fishing, at proper opportunities, if one has only the courage to attempt it; but among the whole of the Lofoden coastmen, we three were the only ones who made a regular business of going out to the islands, as I tell you. The usual grounds are a great way lower down to the southward. There fish can be got at all hours, without much risk, and therefore these places are preferred. The choice spots over here among the rocks, however, not only yield the finest variety, but in far greater abundance; so that we often got in a single day, what the more timid of the craft could not scrape together in a week. In fact, we made it a matter of desperate speculation—the risk of life standing instead of labor, and courage answering for capital. Here we used to remain until nearly time for

slack-water again, when we weighed and made for home. We never set out upon this expedition without a steady side wind for going and coming—one that we felt sure would not fail us before our return—and we seldom made a mis-calculation upon this point. Twice, during six years, we were forced to stay all night at anchor on account of a dead calm, which is a rare thing indeed just about here; and once we had to remain on the grounds nearly a week, starving to death, owing to a gale which blew up shortly after our arrival, and made the channel too boisterous to be thought of. Upon this occasion we should have been driven out to sea in spite of everything, for the whirlpools threw us round and round so violently, that, at length, we fouled our anchor and dragged it if it had not been that we drifted into one of the innumerable cross currents—here to-day and gone to-morrow—which drove us under the lee of Flimen, where, by good luck, we brought up. The wind sometimes was not as strong as we thought it at starting, and then we made rather less way than we could wish, while the current rendered the smack unmanageable. My eldest brother had a son eighteen years old, and I had two stout boys of my own. These would have been of great assistance at such times, in using the sweeps, as well as afterward in fishing—but, somehow, although we ran the risk ourselves, we had not the heart to let the young ones get into the danger—for, after all is said and done, it was a horrible danger, and that is the truth. It was on the tenth day of July, 18—, a day which the people of this part of the world will never forget—for it was one in which blew the most terrible hurricane that ever came out of the heavens. And yet all the morning, and indeed until late in the afternoon, there was a gentle and steady breeze from the south-west, while the sun shone brightly, so that the oldest seaman among us could not have foreseen what was to follow. All at once we were taken aback by a breeze from over Helseggen. This was most unusual—something that had never happened to us before—and I began to feel a little uneasy, without exactly knowing why. We put the boat on the wind, but could make no headway at all for the eddies, and I was upon the point of proposing to return to the anchorage, when, looking astern, we saw the whole horizon covered with a singular copper-colored cloud that rose with the most amazing velocity. This state of things, however, did not last long enough to give us time to think about it. In less than a minute the storm was upon us—in less than two the sky was entirely overcast—and what with this and the driving spray, it became suddenly so dark that we could not see each other in the smack. The oldest seaman in Norway never experienced any thing like it. We had let our sails go by the run before it cleverly took us; but, at the first puff, both our masts went by the board as if they had been sawed off—the mainmast taking with it my youngest brother, who had lashed himself to it for safety. But for this circumstance we should have foundered at once—for we lay entirely buried for some moments. How my elder brother escaped destruction I cannot say, for I never had an opportunity of ascertaining. For my part, as soon as I had let the foresail run, I threw myself flat on deck, with my feet against the narrow gunwale of the bow, and with my hands grasping a ring-bolt near the foot of the fore-mast. It was mere instinct that prompted me to do this—which was undoubtedly the very best thing I could have done—for I was too much flurried to think. When I could stand it no longer I raised myself upon my knees, still keeping hold with my hands, and thus got my head clear. Presently our little boat gave herself a shake, just as a dog does in coming out of the water, and thus rid herself, in some measure, of the seas. I was now trying to get the better of the stupor that had come over me, and to collect my senses so as to see what was to be done, when I felt somebody grasp my arm. I shook from head to foot as if I had had the most violent fit of the ague. I knew what he meant by that one word well enough—I knew what he wished to make me understand. I knew very well that we were doomed, had we been ten times a ninety-gun ship. A singular change, too, had come over the heavens. Around in every direction it was still as black as pitch, but nearly overhead there burst out, all at once, a circular rift of clear sky—as clear as I ever saw—and of a deep bright blue—and through it there blazed forth the full moon with a lustre that I never before knew her to wear. She lit up every thing about us with the greatest distinctness—but, oh God, what a scene it was to light up! I dragged my watch from its fob. It was not going. I glanced at its face by the moonlight, and then burst into tears as I flung it far away into the ocean. Well, so far we had ridden the swells very cleverly; but presently a gigantic sea happened to take us right under the counter, and bore us with it as it rose—up—up—as if into the sky. I would not have believed that any wave could rise so high. And then down we came with a sweep, a slide, and a plunge, that made me feel sick and dizzy, as if I was falling from

some lofty mountain-top in a dream. But while we were up I had thrown a quick glance aroundâ€”and that one glance was all sufficient. I saw our exact position in an instant. If I had not known where we were, and what we had to expect, I should not have recognised the place at all. As it was, I involuntarily closed my eyes in horror. The lids clenched themselves together as if in a spasm. The boat made a sharp half turn to larboard, and then shot off in its new direction like a thunderbolt.

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Vampires One of the Fallen While vampires and the were kin clans are two very different subsets of humanity, they share something of a common origin theme with their Abrahamic religious counterparts: Who and where these events happened are lost to prehistory, but the basic story remains the same. While this being has never been identified as the Christian Devil, the name has stuck and those who took the bargain became known collectively as the Fallen. There are differences between the bargains the Fallen made and those in the morality tales of the Devil. While this could have a multitude of variations the two surviving variations of the Fallen make up the were kin and vampires of the modern age. Vampires One of gift offered the Fallen was that of true immortality. They would never age, heal any wound as long as life existed in the world. As long as there was a blade of grass or even a microbe, they would survive. In a world of seven billion humans and countless other species of plants and animals, the immortality of these beings is assured. At some point in the distant past, however, it was discovered that a corrupted version of this gift could be passed on to others through the transmission of blood. In living humans it could heal anything short of mortal wounds. Those beyond help become vampires. The process converting the body into the vampire state takes seven days. During this time, both body and brain are repurposed in order to function in a vampiric state. The need for blood takes the place of several base functions; most significantly hunger and mating. There are vampires who drink blood from animals such as cows, goats, or pigs, but this practice is looked upon as strange, though very few vampires will state that openly for there are powerful members of the Arcana who follow the practice. It is safe to say that vampires, like their human and were kin counterparts, vary in their abilities. All vampires possess superior speed, agility, strength and durability, along with near instantaneous healing. Only four methods will permanently destroy a vampire: Vampiric skin is tear resistant and reacts similar to Kevlar when dealing with normal projectiles at medium and long ranges, though vampires are not immune to soft tissue damage caused by hydro static shock. Such damage would heal quickly, unless massive in scope, which could theoretically tax the healing ability, debilitating a vampire for a few moments. Wounds that would either penetrate skin or bruise heal withing moments. In the age of technology high powered rifles with large caliber bullets, tracer rounds, or hollow point rounds specifically prepared with chemical compounds that burn on contact with oxygen are favored by those who are brave enough or stupid enough to hunt vampires. Bone breakage does not heal instantaneously, due to the more complex structure of bone tissue. Small fractures may take minutes. Major breaks may take hours or even days depending on the severity of the break. Shattered bones may take weeks to heal, without other complications. While vampires shrug off various physical trauma with apparent ease, fire and direct sunlight can be fatal. For unknown reasons the light must be natural, not man made UV light. UV lamps will be uncomfortable for a vampire but will do damage, much like indirect sunlight. Vampires burn more quickly than humans, what would be a first degree burn on a human being might be a second or even third degree on a vampire. Burns, either by fire or sunlight, heal even more slowly than they do on humans as well. Depending on severity and size of the burn it could take weeks to months to heal. Certain objects of faith, depending on their creation may damage or drive back vampires. True consecrated ground will discomfort or even injure vampires with they stay too long, though there are rumors of a few who have some resistance of even immunity to such things. However, the average holy symbol bought at a religious boutique or a jewelry store will have no effect on a vampire, unless the person wearing it has absolute faith in what the symbol represents. So they take on larger variations of the predator forms they mimic. There are three strange exceptions to this. Vampires who can turn into bats, ravens or crows conform to the normal size of those animals. Extra sensory abilities and the more mystical powers associate with vampires: A young vampire who is closer to the Fallen of that bloodline may be stronger than an elder who is not. It is generally taken that elders are more powerful, but there have been cases of young vampires taking on powerful elders and surviving or even winning partially because the power of blood was of a purer strain. Notable Vampires of Magister as of the String:

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