



## Legendary Creatures Alphabet #10

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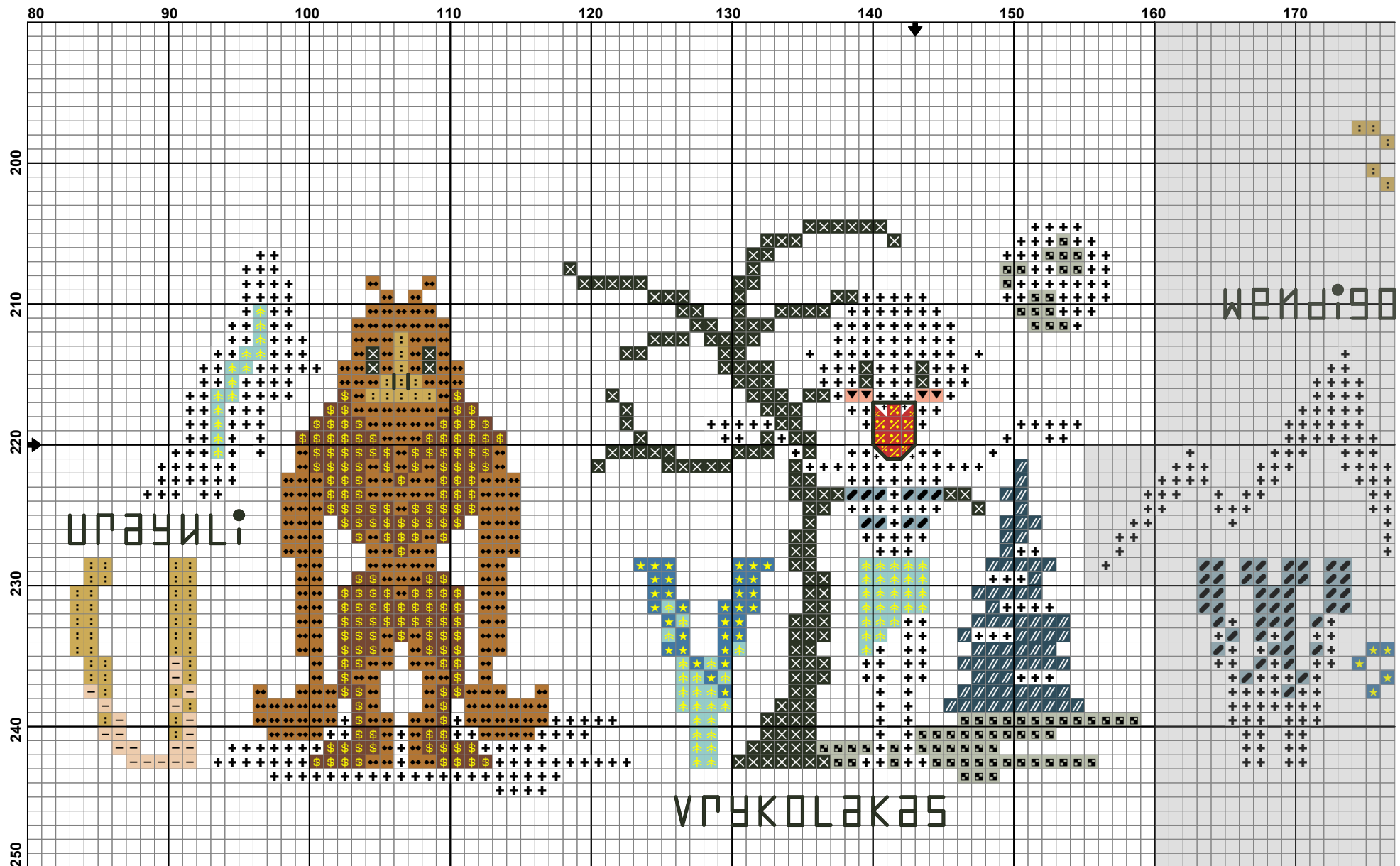
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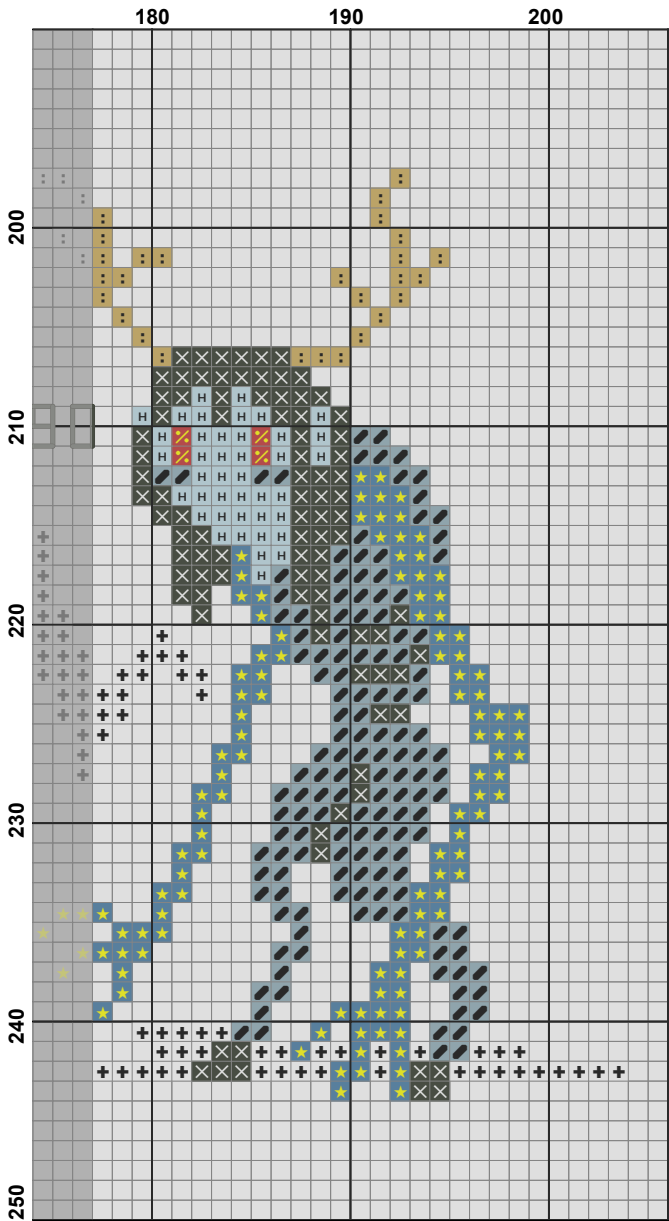
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Stitches: 201x295

Approx. size (for the stitched area only):

14 count Aida: 36,5 x 53,5 cm - 14.4 x 21.1 in

16 count Aida: 31,9 x 46,8 cm - 12.6 x 18.4 in

18 count Aida: 28,4 x 41,6 cm - 11.2 x 16.4 in

## Cross Stitch

X	WDW	DMC	Color
		310	Black
	2266 - Turkish Red	349	Coral-DK
	2339 - Blue Bonnet	517	Wedgewood-DK
	2131 - Aqua	598	Turquoise-LT
		648	Beaver Gray-LT
		729	Old Gold-MD
		754	Peach-LT
		932	Antique Blue-LT
		3341	Apricot
		3750	Antique Blue-VY DK
		3826	Golden Brown
	1267 - Kris' Bon Bon	3857	Rosewood-DK
		B5200	Snow White

## Back Stitch

Back	DMC	Anchor	Color
	310	403	Black

## French Knot

FK	DMC	Anchor	Color
	310	403	Black



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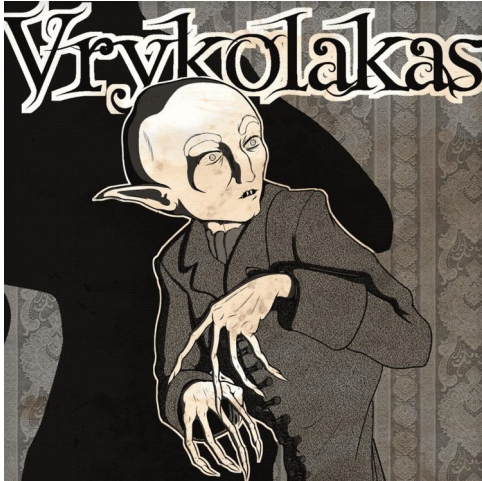
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## Vrykolakas (Greece and Slavic countries)

Image: Vrykolakas in a Deviantart illustration by Richten

The vrykolakas (Greek βρυκόλακας, pronounced [vri'kolakas]), also called vorvolakas or vouroulakas, is a harmful undead creature in Greek folklore. It has similarities to many different legendary creatures, but is generally equated with the vampire of the folklore of the neighbouring Slavic countries. While the two are very similar, blood-drinking is only marginally associated with the vrykolakas.

The Greeks traditionally believed that a person could become a vrykolakas after death due to a sacrilegious way of life, an excommunication, a burial in unconsecrated ground, or eating the meat of a sheep which had been wounded by a wolf or a werewolf.

Some believed that a werewolf itself could become a powerful vampire after being killed, and would retain the wolf-like fangs, hairy palms, and glowing eyes it formerly possessed.

The bodies of vrykolakas have the same distinctive characteristics as the bodies of vampires in Balkan folklore. They do not decay; instead, they swell and may even attain a "drum-like" form, being very large, they have a ruddy complexion, and are, according to one account, "fresh and gorged with new blood". People with red hair and gray eyes at this time in history were thought to be vampires according to accounts near the region of modern Serbia. The activities of the vrykolakas are nearly always harmful, verging from merely leaving their grave and "roaming about", through engaging in poltergeist-like activity, and up to causing epidemics in the community. Among other things, the creature is believed to knock on the doors of houses and call out the name of the residents. If it gets no reply the first time, it will pass without causing any harm. If someone does answer the door, he or she will die a few days later and become another vrykolakas. For this reason, there is a superstition present in certain Greek villages that one should not answer a door until the second knock.



## Urayuli (Alaska)

Image: Urayuli sighting reconstruction

Urayuli, or "Hairy Men", are a mythical race of creatures that live in the woodland areas of southwestern Alaska. Stories of the Urayuli describe them as standing 10 feet tall with long shaggy fur and luminescent eyes. They are said to emit a high pitch cry, resembling that of a loon. Their long, lanky arms have been described as reaching down to their ankles.

Rumored to live in the forests near the area of Lake Iliamna, the Urayuli are said to be peaceful creatures, unlike the Kushtaka of Southeastern Alaska.

It is said the Urayuli are transformed children who become lost in the woods at night. It is possible that this tale was started to keep children indoors at night.



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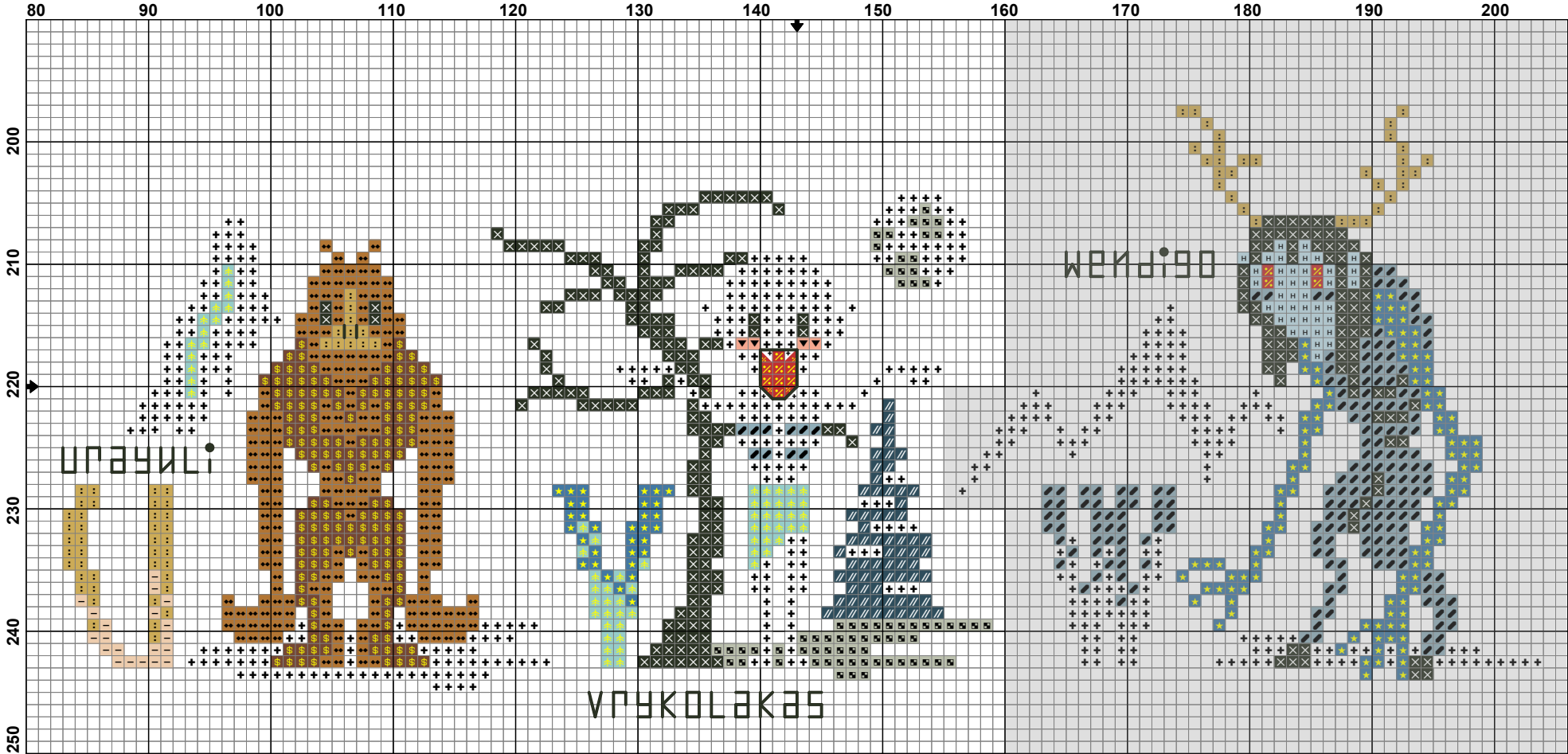


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