

D'uth'krath

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I lost my boarding ticket. The vessel weighed anchors without me and sank at midnight. Passengers who couldn't escape in the lifeboats, set adrift on the ocean's cold belly. One of the few survivors described how the giant squid ascended from its eternal darkness. It was an obese and repulsive monster. It used its calcareous beak to devour adults and children alike. Others were barely grazed by its bottomless suckers and hopelessly got their blood gangrenous. Just before vanishing into the abyssal waters, the creature gazed upon everyone with its singular eye of aquatic divinity. It did a hideous wink that lasted for hours. The feeling of their souls being taken away would torment them forever.

At dawn, I wished good luck to one of the survivors, and to the other half-dozen of spared passengers and sailors, as they set sail for the giant monster's hunt.