



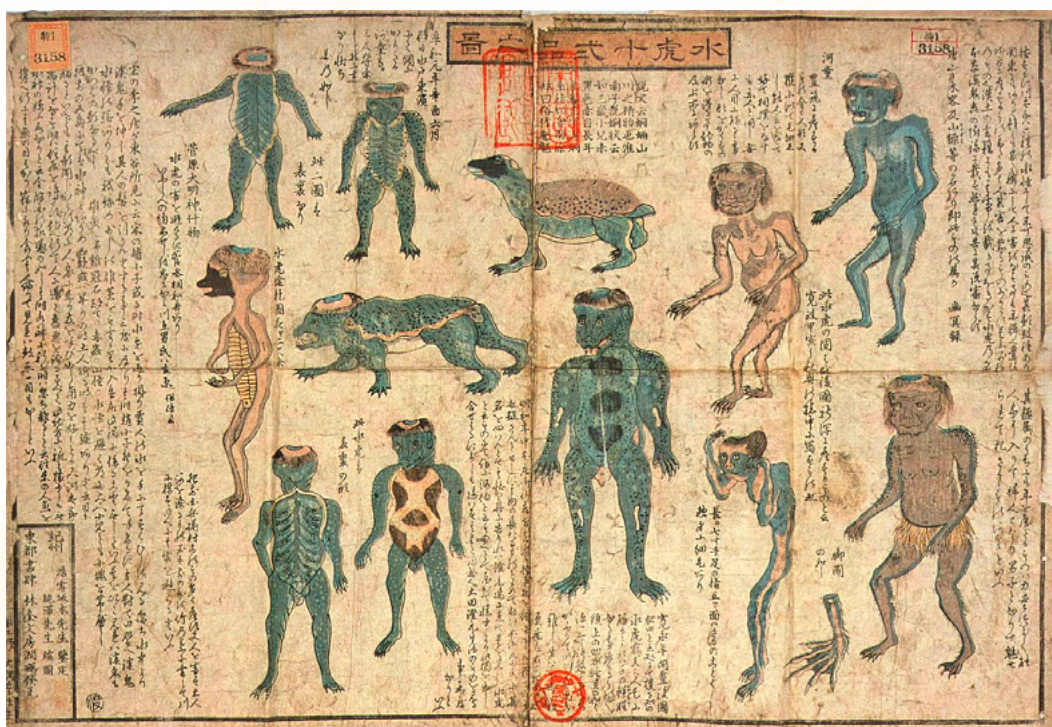
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In the Shinto tradition, the Kappa was considered a genius of water. It is one of the most famous mythological creatures in Japan, and lives in rivers and ponds. They have human form and more or less the height of a child. Its shape is described in different ways, according to sources, some look like monkeys, others have a beak, and even a turtle shell. In general, however, they look like reptiles.

The most characteristic of the kappa is that its skull has a container in the upper part, which must remain full of water at all times, since it is its source of life. If it dries, the kappa dies unless it immediately returns to the river. Precisely a way to kill them is to greet them with a bow. Being so courteous, the kappa can not help but return the greeting, emptying the content of their head.

Their favorite foods are cucumbers and children, and they also like to play jokes on women who bathe in rivers and ponds, hiding their clothes. However, they are also wise and can advise people about medicine or agriculture, asking for cucumbers in return.







Kappa is a creature originating from **JAPAN**

Current population: 126.926.000



**S**hintoism is the native Japanese spirituality, present on the island before the Buddhism penetration in the continent. It corresponds to a peasant society in close relationship with nature, which is endowed with its own spiritual entity as it is populated by the kami, spirits that are sometimes local and sometimes represent natural objects such as the sun or the seasons.

Through rites and magic the Japanese try to influence the forces of nature, the kami, seeking their benevolence. Although Japan is currently an industrialized country with few peasants, and the majority religion is Buddhism, the kami are still present in the culture and popular rituals.