

# MYTHIC CREATURES OF ANCIENT RUSSIA



**DOMOVOY**  
Patron Spirit of the Home,  
Guards the Doorways  
of the House,  
Don't Make Them Angry,  
Or They Will Cause  
Household Trouble



**LESHII**  
Woodland Spirit Who  
Can Be as Tall as a Tree  
or the Size of a Blade of  
Grass, Lured Peasants  
Into the Woods and  
Made Them Plant-like



**BABA YAGA**  
A Famous Witch Who  
Rode in a Flying Mortar  
and Pestle,  
Lived a Mythical Moving  
Hut Supported on Two  
Live Chicken Legs



**RUSALKA**  
Female Ghost of Young  
Maidens Who Had Died  
Near or in a Lake,  
Tried to Lure Men into  
the Water and Drag Them  
Down to Their Deaths



**ALKONOST**  
The Bird of Paradise,  
Head of a Woman,  
Lay Eggs That Calm the  
Sea For a Week Then Bring  
A Storm, Those Who Hear her  
Voice Forget Themselves



**FIREBIRD**  
A Legendary Beast  
That Had Glowing,  
Fiery Feathers,  
Capturing One is  
Usually the Task of  
Young Heroes



**LIKHO**  
The Embodiment of  
Misfortune, Usually  
Shown as a One-Eyed  
Hag Dressed n Black,  
If You Are Tricked By This  
Creature, It Will Cling  
To Your Back until You  
Drown Yourself in a  
Fit of Madness



**VODYANOY**  
Male Water Spirit,  
Pulled Unwary  
Travelers Down to  
a Watery Grave,  
Lives in a House  
Made from Sunken  
Boats,  
Husband of Rusalka