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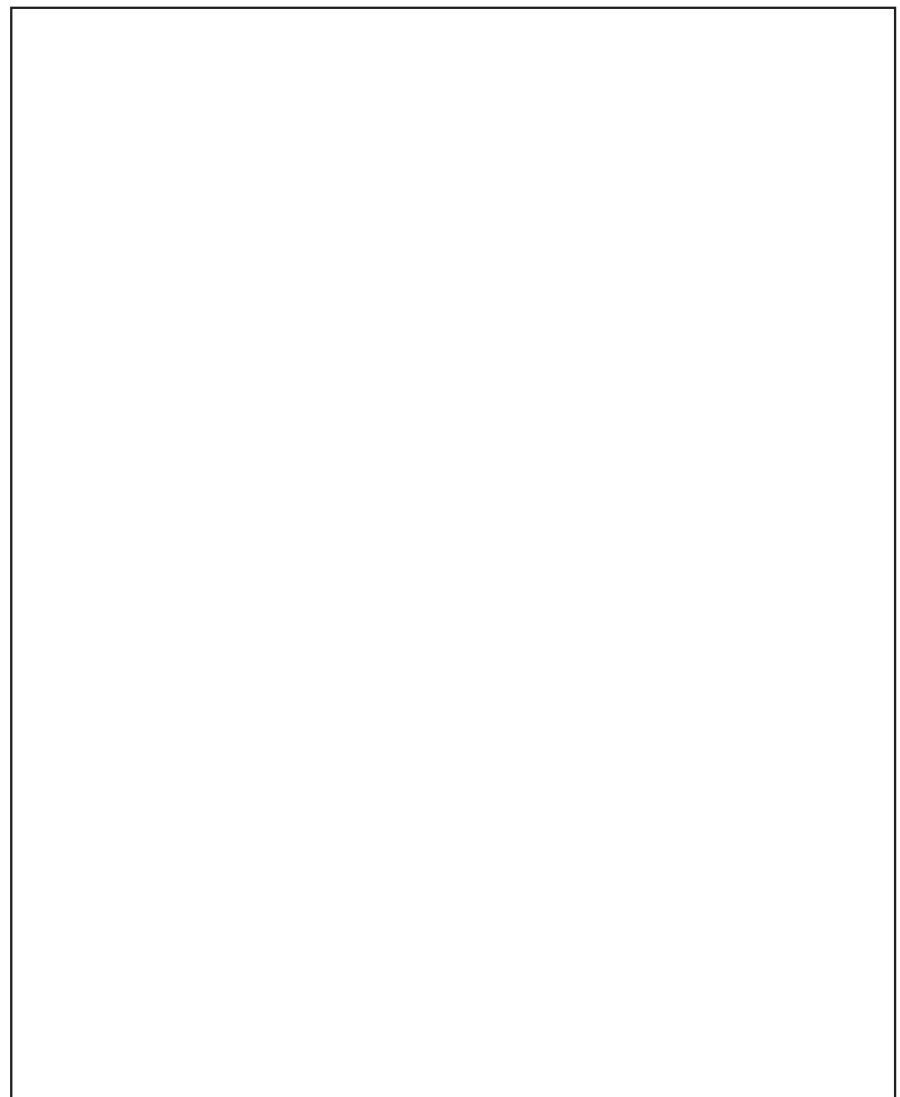
Sea Monster Details from *Qvivirae Regnv* [...]

Sea-faring European nations in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries knew the world was not flat, and that their ships would not fall off the horizon. However, there were still plenty of maritime dangers – real and imagined – for sailors to worry about! During this period known as the **Age of Exploration**, sailors’ reports of whales and other ocean-dwelling animals, mixed with centuries of folklore about the sea, captured the imagination of European **cartographers**. These map makers often added creatures to their maps to make them more visually appealing, and to fill otherwise empty spaces.

These “sea monsters” are from *Qvivirae Regnv, cum alijs verfus Borea*, a map in the GLO Archives. Created in 1593 by Cornelis De Jode, a Dutch cartographer, it is written in Latin and is thought to be the earliest printed map of the west coast of North America.



Details from GLO Map #93833



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