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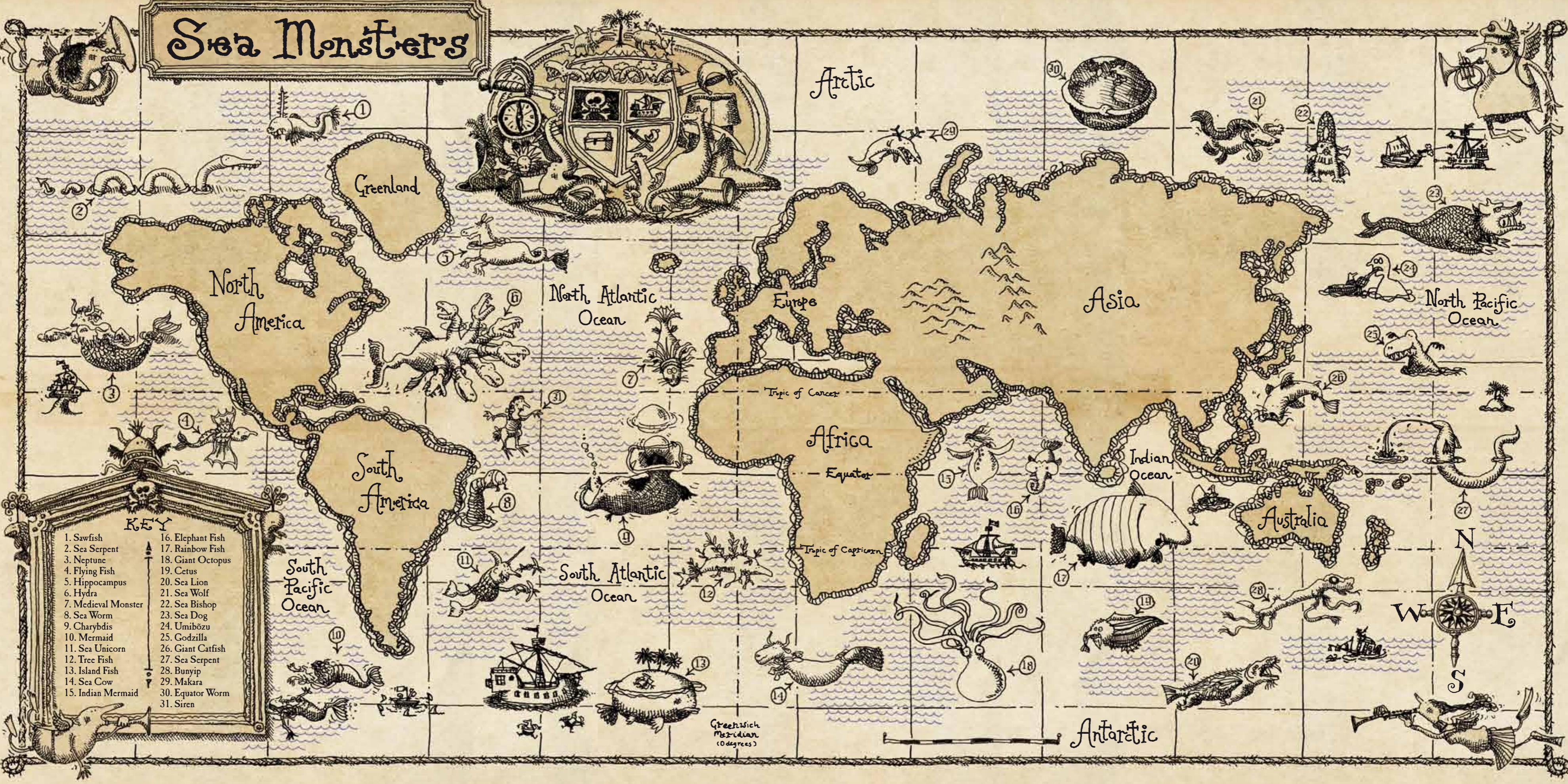
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Seine, Barrel Chucker Finn, Adam
Rackham, Javier the Spaniard & Izzy
& her performing seahorses

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Sea Monsters



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| 1. Sawfish | 16. Elephant Fish |
| 2. Sea Serpent | 17. Rainbow Fish |
| 3. Neptune | 18. Giant Octopus |
| 4. Flying Fish | 19. Cetus |
| 5. Hippocampus | 20. Sea Lion |
| 6. Hydra | 21. Sea Wolf |
| 7. Medieval Monster | 22. Sea Bishop |
| 8. Sea Worm | 23. Sea Dog |
| 9. Charybdis | 24. Umibōzu |
| 10. Mermaid | 25. Godzilla |
| 11. Sea Unicorn | 26. Giant Catfish |
| 12. Tree Fish | 27. Sea Serpent |
| 13. Island Fish | 28. Bunyip |
| 14. Sea Cow | 29. Makara |
| 15. Indian Mermaid | 30. Equator Worm |
| | 31. Siren |

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And So My Story Begins...

It all began some threescore years ago in a small town in the West. I lived with my mother and twenty-six brothers and sisters in a tiny cottage. There was always a lot happening in our busy little town and I would spend all my time down at the harbour watching what went on. I never grew tired of seeing the fishing boats and merchant ships come and go with all their varied cargoes.

The sailors sang hearty songs and would sometimes throw a small part of the day's catch or some other titbit my way. I always wondered what it might be like to live out on the open seas, rolling in the deep.

One night, I noticed a ship arrive very quietly. I watched as the crew tied up and made their way to the pub. I crept along behind them. After seeing how jolly they were, I decided to stow away and go to sea with them.

