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Bestiary Annex
Some Few Late Additions to
The Book of Imaginary Beings
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Bewilderbeeste

First sighted in 1983 on *Teddy Boys Don't Knit*, the next-to-last LP by ex-Bonzo Dog (and notable English eccentric) Vivian Stanshall, this creature has no definite shape and only a conjectural existence.

Chupacabra

The name literally translating from Spanish as “goat sucker,” these fierce, razor-toothed creatures began to turn up all over the planet after the first one was spotted in Puerto Rico in 1990. Such critters are well-known to us from a thousand gaudy paperbacks and tabloid news stories spreading the terrible, wonderful news about Bigfoot, hot-rodding aliens, the Loch Ness Monster; even the Dover Demon, a truly ugly piece of cryptozoology seen lumbering around Dover, Delaware by teenagers over two nights in 1977. A hairless, swollen-headed quadruped about the size of a large dog, this Demon bulks poodle-like alongside the Chupacabra. Though skeptics swear the thing is little more than a mangy- if steroid - coyote, the sum of what we know about this beast suggests something more ursine, with reptilian skin, sharp fangs, jagged spines along the length of the back, as well as an accompanying sulfurous odor and strength enough to bound up to six meters like a kangaroo. They're suspected of half the unexplained goat killings from Maine to the Pampas, though their tastes take in cattle, sheep and even turkeys, with each animal drained of blood through a triangle of neat puncture wounds found on the desiccated carcass. Dead chupacabra are on display in two places in Texas and scholars on two continents continue to pour over scattered widely scattered chunks of the mutant predator's DNA. What little we do know suggests the creatures can die from poisoning or being struck by automobiles