# Tokoloshe

Some Zulu people are still superstitious when it comes to things like the supposedly fictional *Tokoloshe* - a hairy creature created by a wizard to harm his enemies (also believed to bite off sleeping people's toes).

Although many Zulu villagers claim not to have seen the creature, it is thought that they really DID see one because according to legend, those who see a Tokoloshe must never tell a soul, or the creature will return seeking retribution.

The Tokoloshe is sometimes called upon by people to cause trouble for others and requires a witch doctor to banish him. The Tokoloshe myth is well known and feared in most (especially southern) African countries. Many people place their beds on gallon paint tins or bricks in order to lift them higher off the ground so that the Tokoloshe cannot hide underneath and attack them.

This small hand carving shows what he is supposed to look like!