

# Beware of Sleeping 'Gators

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Legend goes, a long time ago, back in medieval times; the times of magic.  
A dark plague covered the countryside from towns to villages.  
Many people became sick and many weakened and died from this plague.  
The plague came shortly after earlier explorers sailed back from unknown lands.

Other people blamed it on black magic brought on by evil witches.  
There was only one witch in the village - evil in her magic - called Corinne.  
She wanted to let the people know the plague did not come from the witches.  
Corinne spoke out to the town and village people; "We did not cast this plague on you!"

She was shortly after chased away as the people stoned her, shouting at her.  
Corinne now wanted to prove that she did not cast the plague and seek a cure for it.  
Back in her own hut, Corinne came up with an idea for a cure of the plague.  
Going to a pond she took a baby 'gator, sleeping innocently, back to her hut.

By reading the stars she knew that a solar eclipse would happen on the morrow.  
Corinne cast a spell on this baby gator to turn it and all the 'gators in the countryside  
into dragons to eat all the rats and bugs that came the sailing ships.  
Next day came when the solar eclipse happened, it indeed, turned all the 'gators into dragons.

The sky was filled with dragons, terrorizing the people throughout the land.  
The dragons were eating everything until the next full moon then they became 'gators again.  
Corinne, scared at what she done, went into hiding also forgetting her spell.  
Many centuries went by and some say this tale of dragons is only a myth.

What supernatural power does a sleeping 'gator have only Corinne Knows?  
Maybe it's the power of the solar eclipse... or nature itself.  
Beware of sleeping 'gators, as they may change in their sleep, into dragons.

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