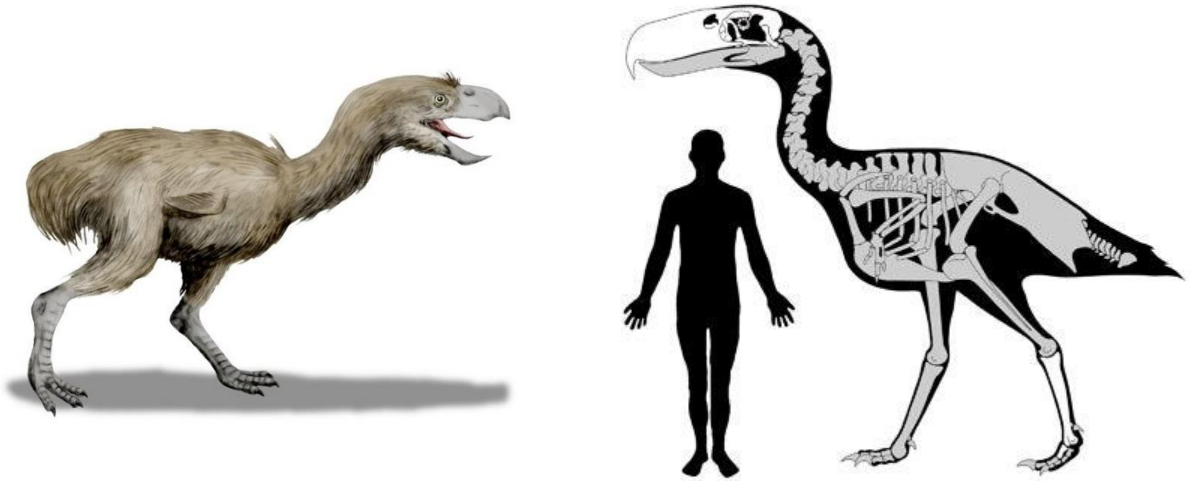


The Scariest Animals in History

scary = frightening; horrifying

A. Terror Bird



About 60 million years ago, huge birds lived in South America. They couldn't fly, but they could run faster than a horse! Scientists call them "terror birds" because they were very fierce hunters. They caught and killed animals with their beaks. The largest were more than 3 meters tall. These birds all died out about two million years ago. Their only modern relatives are also fierce hunters, but they're much smaller—only about 80 cm tall.

terror = fear

huge = very big = immense

can => could

science = علم، دانش

scientist = دانشمند

fierce = violent and wild

catch => caught

beak = منقار

die out = become extinct

extinct = منقرض

B. Supercroc



Crocodiles are the largest **reptiles** in the world today – and perhaps the scariest too. Some are 5 meters long and weigh about 1,000 kg. But between 100 million and 90 million years ago, a different kind of crocodile **existed** – and it was much bigger! It was 12 meters long and weighed about 8,000 kg. That's longer and heavier than a bus! Scientists called it 'Supercroc' when they found the **fossils** in the Sahara Desert in Africa. The supercroc lived in rivers – the Sahara was not a desert at that time. It caught other animals with its mouth and pulled them into the water. There, it used its 132 teeth to kill and eat them.

super = very big, very strong

- supercroc = ابرتمساح
- superpower = ابرقدرت
- superman = ابرانسان

perhaps = maybe

scary = frightening, horrifying

exist = be = وجود داشتن

A different kind of crocodile existed. = There was a different kind of crocodile on earth.

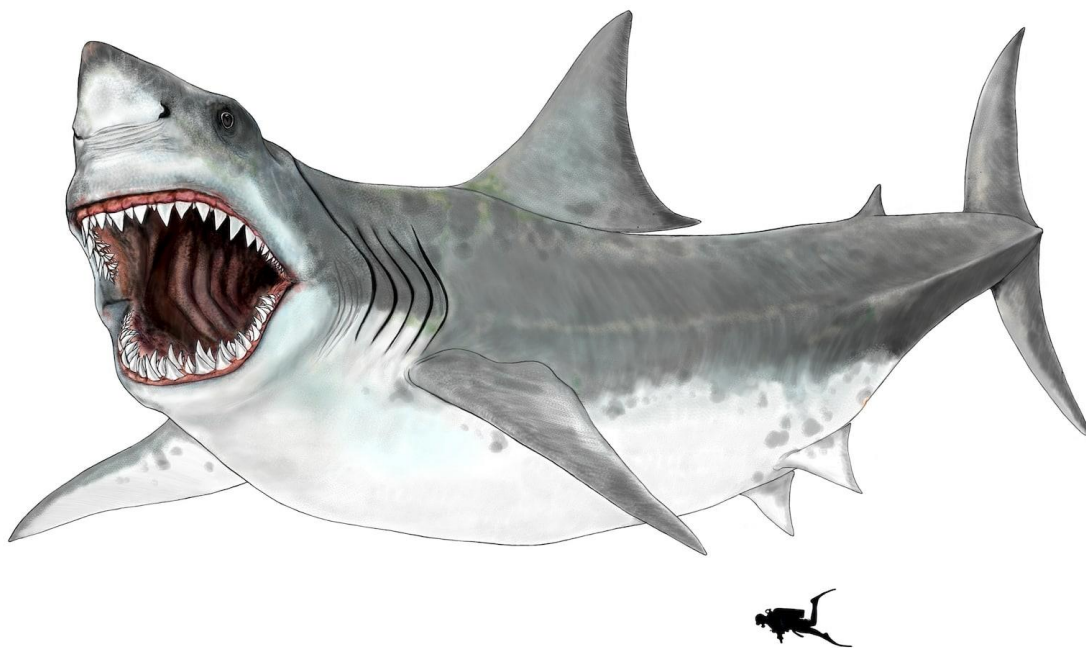
kg = kilogram(s)

8000 kg = 8 tons

heavy # light

catch => caught

C. Megalodon



Perhaps the scariest of all the **ancient** animals was the megalodon. It looked like a shark, but it was bigger. The largest shark today is the whale shark, and it's about 12 meters long. Scientists believe the megalodon was about 20 meters long. Its mouth was big enough to eat a rhino, but the megalodon **hunted** other large sea creatures like whales. They first appeared 25 million years ago, and for 23 million years, they were the fiercest hunters in the ocean. Luckily for swimmers and surfers, the megalodon **died out** two million years ago.

ancient = very old = باستانی

believe = think

believe = باور داشتن، اعتقاد داشتن

creatures = مخلوقات، جانداران

like = such as = مانند

whale = نهنگ

luckily = fortunately = خوشبختانه

surfer = موجسوار

surfing = موجسواری

