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The Rhinoceros

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Arles, Lisboa

By the King and the Lieutenant general of police, gentlemen and ladies, you are warned that has recently arrived in this town an animal named Rhinoceros.

It was taken in Africa in the province of the Benoue in 1741, by a marine captain, and that captain had it transported from Douala by sea to Holland.

It was only 3 years old when it was taken. It was then 5 feet 7 inches tall, 12 feet long and 12 feet thick.

Since then it became much taller and bigger.

This monster is musk colored.

It has a horn placed on its nose, horn that serves to defend itself.

It runs with surprising lightness.

It can swim and loves diving into the water like a duck.

Its head becomes slightly pointy on the front. Its ears resemble those of a donkey.

Its eyes are excessively small for its size which is enormous.

For food it eats 60 pounds of hay and 20 pounds of bread a day: it drinks 14 buckets of water and beer.

It was weighed in Stouquart in the country of Wirtemberg on the 6th of May 1748, it weighed 5,000 pounds.

This monster must be put in a cage.

It sometimes needs, that is to say when paths are bad, to put up to 20 horses to pull it.

This animal has been seen in every court in Germany where it was admired by all the sovereigns of foreign courts.

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