Ithaqua

Ithaqua is a being of the cold, the winds, and the North. Most of the time, Ithaqua is simply a wind; in the Arctic, all the winds are Ithaqua. When it chooses to take a form, it's a cloud with two red glowing stars positioned like eyes. It has two webbed "feet" which resemble the parachutes of flying spiders. It floats to transport itself but uses its feet to change direction. The presence of Ithaqua can be detected by the presence of large "footprints."

Ithaqua picks up people and moves them in the direction of True North. As a multidimensional being, Ithaqua's understanding of True North bears only a passing resemblance to the human understanding of same. Ithaqua is capable of traveling through time and the multiverse, and may drop you off in e.g. Carcosa. Victims of Ithaqua are usually frozen to death, although some people survive.

Victims of Ithaqua are usually found clutching something in their hands which they picked up on their adventures. These are generally some kind of magical object. The most common object is medallions, which give you visions of Ithaqua and make you stronger and more durable. However, repeated use of a medallion tends to give you an uncontrollable urge to head (towards the human understanding of) North.

Cults of Ithaqua almost never venerate Ithaqua per se. Instead, they do a sort of Ithaqua lootbox situation, where they put out humans for Ithaqua to pick up in the hopes that he will drop some other humans in their location who will carry magic items. (Particularly before the demographic transition, cults of Ithaqua were particularly likely to sacrifice human babies, since they were likely to die anyway.) In recent years, a cult of Ithaqua has formed which attempts to summon him more often to earth as an innovative means of reversing global warming.

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