

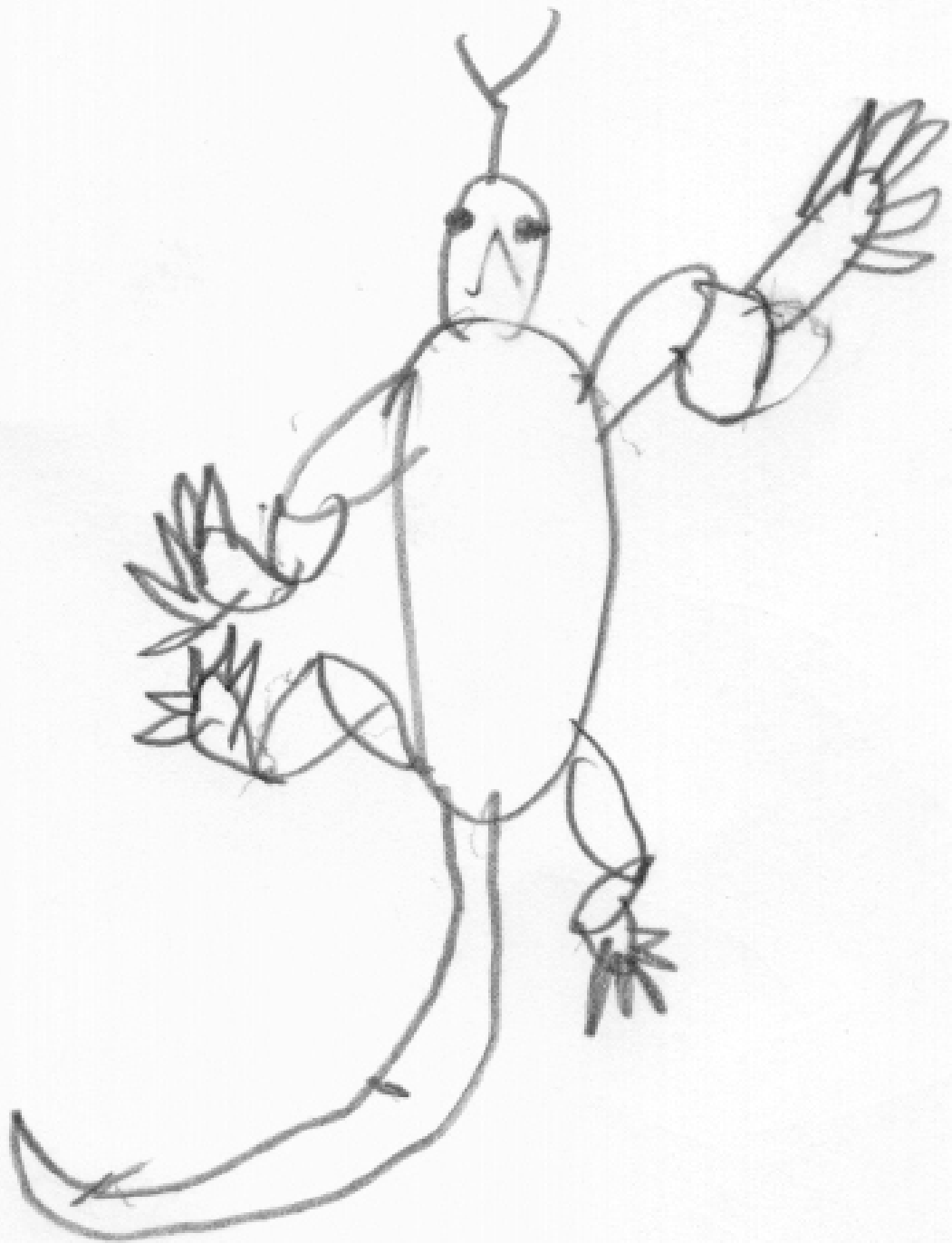
# The Komodo Safari

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# Introduction

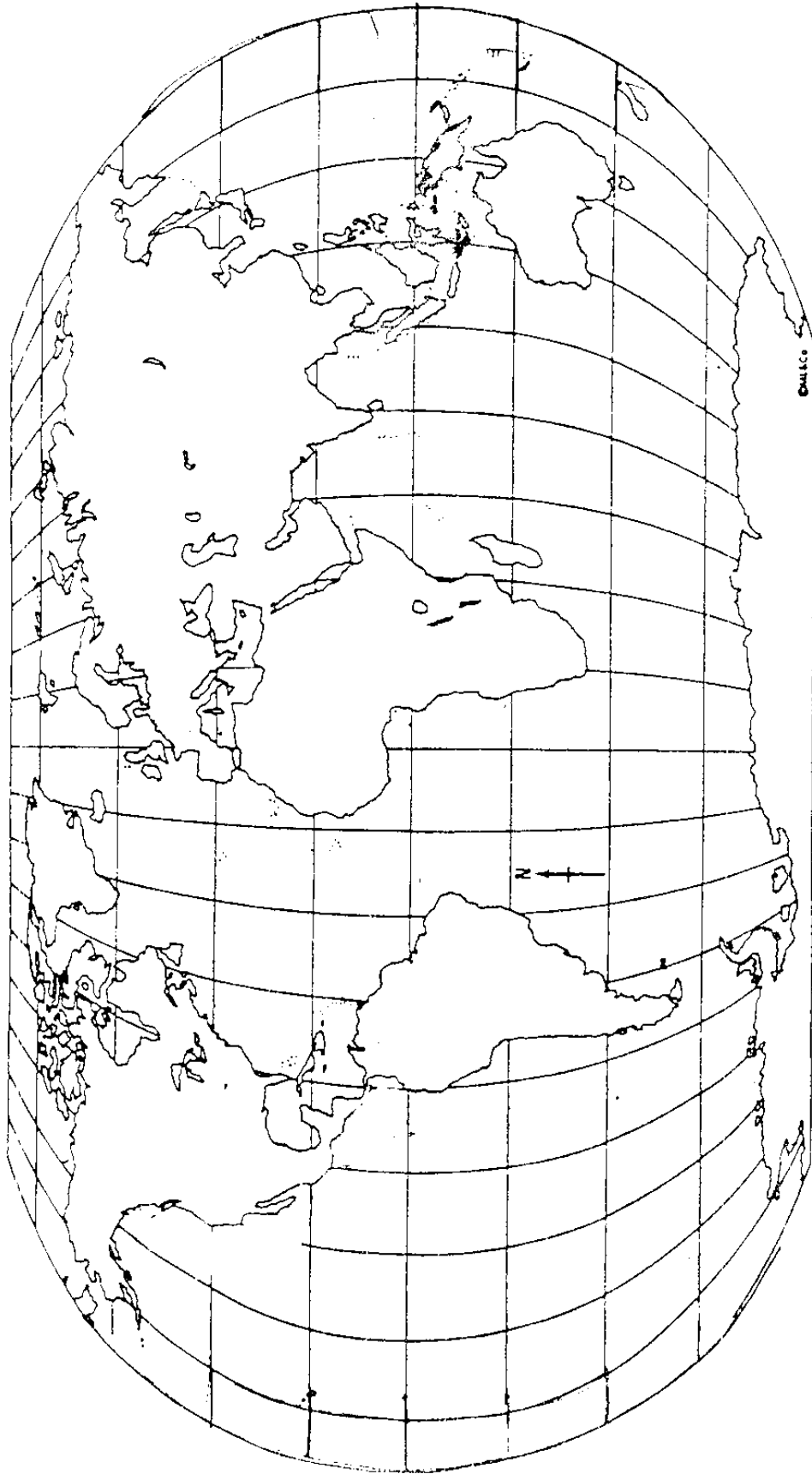
I will research the Komodo dragon, the only known dragon in the world! This animal is worthy of my study because it's rare. I wonder where it lives and if it has any rivals. I hope it's population grows.



## Characteristics

For starters, we know that the Komodo is a reptile. Fun Fact: Its bite is deadly because of bad breath! The monitor lizard has extra mouth organs for scents. Its arms and legs are powerful and its scales are thick. The tail is worse than a rock in tripping terms. Fun Fact: Babies are killed by adults! They're 10 feet long and weigh 300 lbs. They're

blackish, run at 8 mph, and  
have sharp teeth.



# Habitat

The Komodo wakes up in his underground cave in Indonesia. They dig it themselves! Fun Fact: It has limited range so don't move to Indonesia! It walks around and basks in the sun. It smells nature.

## Behavior

The Komodo finds its walking meal and kills it. The Komodo is at the top of the food chain in any environment. He goes at slow speeds but its speeds are useful. It smells all and sees well. The babies should stay away from birds and pigs.

Dogs will eat them too. The babies climb trees for protection. They are solitary animals unless they are mating



or eating. Mothers lay eggs June through September, they lay up to 15-30 eggs. They hatch 7 or 8 months later. Komodo dragons are very good swimmers. The young raise themselves. They will live up to 35 years in captivity.



## Eating

The Komodo is a carnivore. It will eat meat dead or alive!

The Komodo finds food almost anywhere! It runs up and bites its prey. These animals definitely don't have good table manners and will eat anytime. Fun Fact: They will eat humans! Some will eat so much food that they can't move.

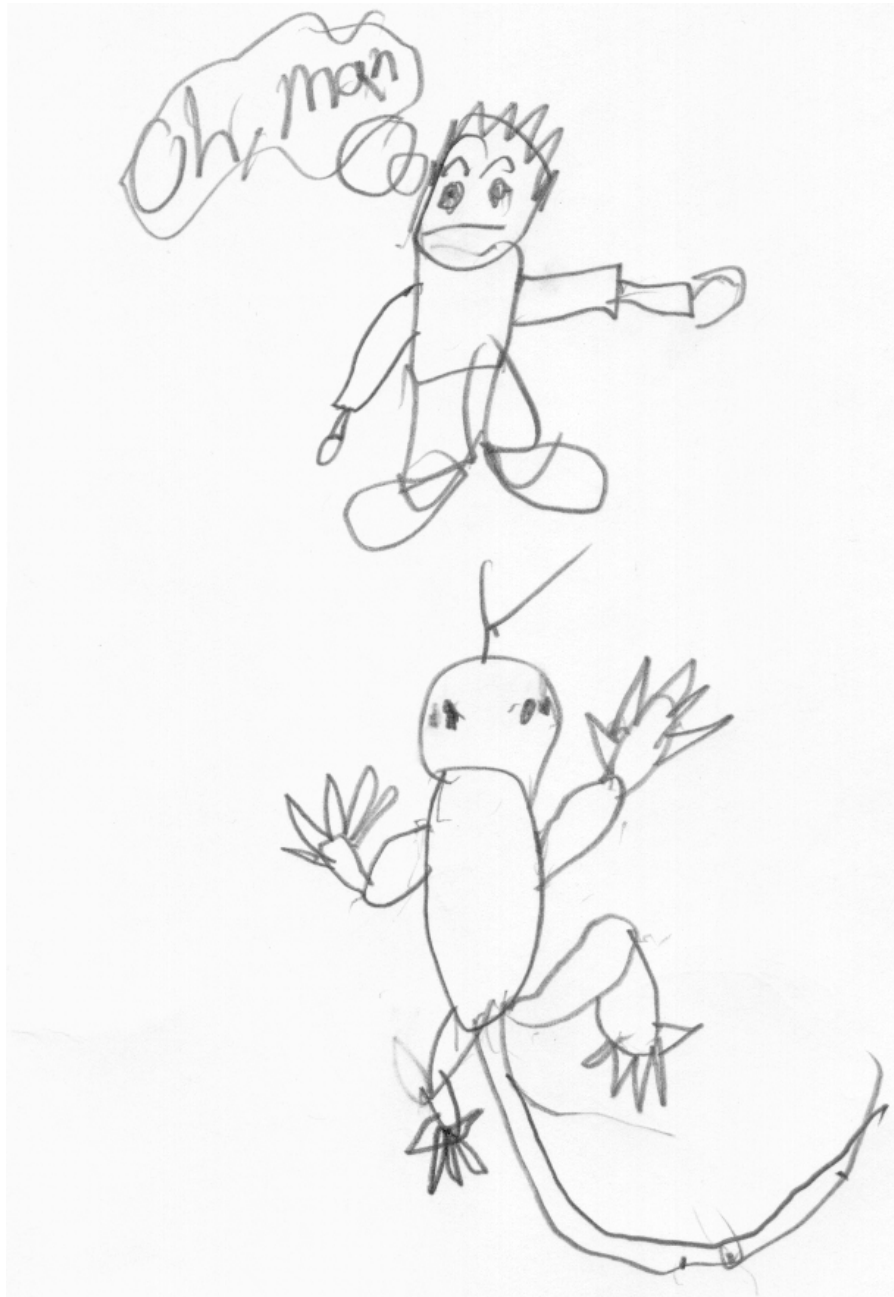
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## Relationship to Man

The Komodo is non-game but they used to be hunted. Fun Fact: Tourists saved the Komodo! Its home is being destroyed and its favorite food is being poached. The population is growing and we want the land. The Komodo attracts tourists which are good for the economy. The government of Indonesia made the island a wilderness area to

protect the Komodo. Fun Fact:  
There is a computer monitor  
called Komodo.



## Conclusion

I learned a lot about the Komodo dragon. I didn't know Komodo dragons' beds were underground! I'm glad its laws of protection are worth it! I love this animal dearly. I will not let it become extinct!

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