Slavic Sea Folklore

Birth and Death of Humans and the Earth

Birth of the earth: river of lava to the ocean, Hawai'i' Island.



•The river is a path to the otherworld (the sea).

Boats and Birth/New Life

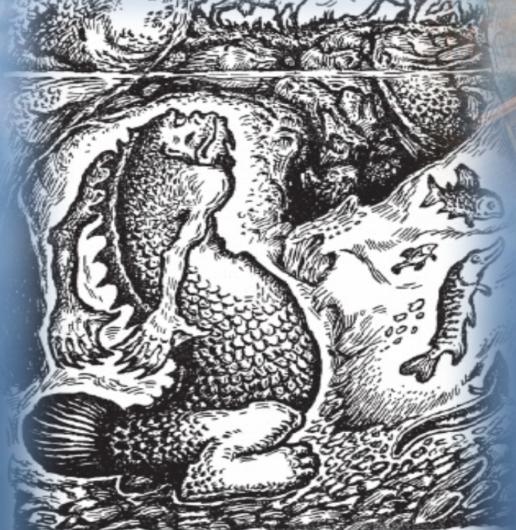


Rocking Boat, Rocking Cradle



•In Eastern Slavic
Proverbs, babies are
brought by water (rain,
marshes, lakes, rivers).

Sadko sails a river to the open sea, where he crosses into the otherwordly sea realm.



he Water Sprite, Gvidon Birolla

Faronika the Fish



"The earth floats on water, and two big fish swim around it. When one of them snubs the earth or hits it with its tail, this causes an earthquake".

 When these fish dive, it will cause the end of the world.

Boats and Death/Funeral Rites



• Just like the Sea Tsar in Sadko, the Slavic Water Sprite of seas, lakes, and rivers creates storms to sink ships, demanding an offering or sacrifice of the man who has angered him.