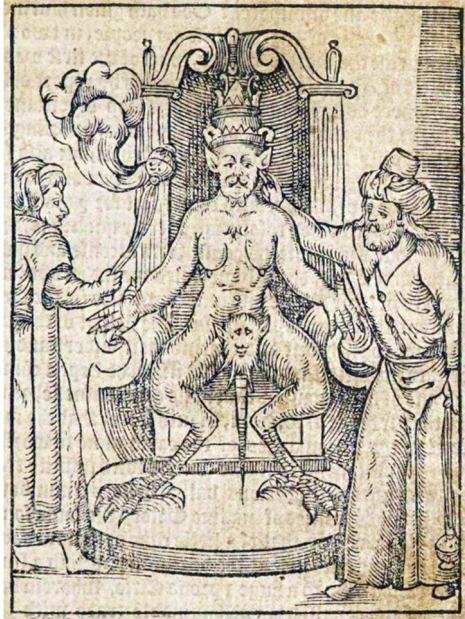


“Prodigies of Nature”

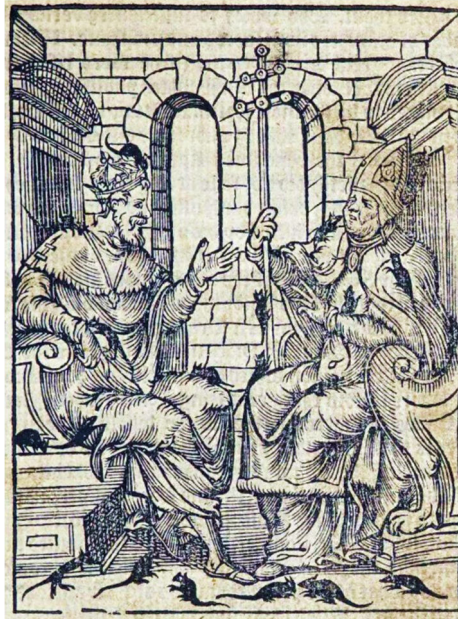
E. Fenton, *Certaine Secrete wonders of Nature, containing a description of sundry strange things, seming monstrous in our eyes and iudgement, bicause we are not priiue to the reasons of them* (London: Henry Bynneman, 1569).



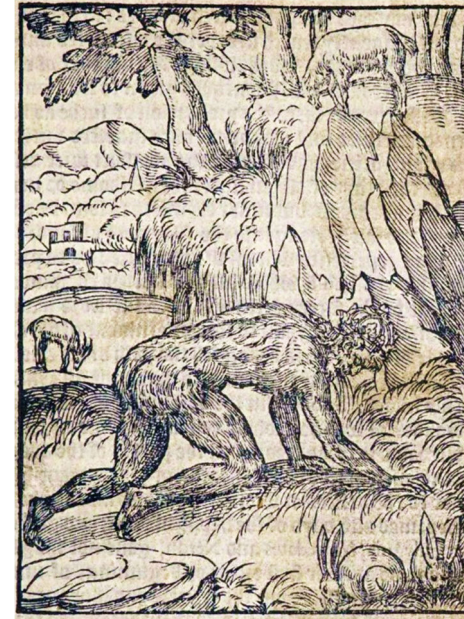
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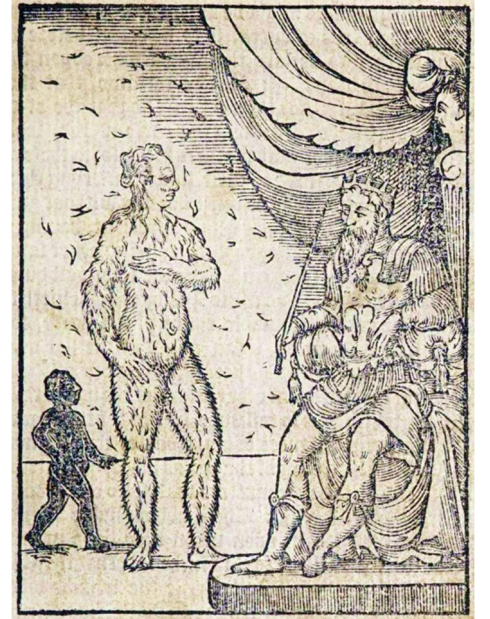
ch. 2: *Wonders and aduertisements of God sent upon the Citie of Ierusalem, to prouoke them to repentaunce.*



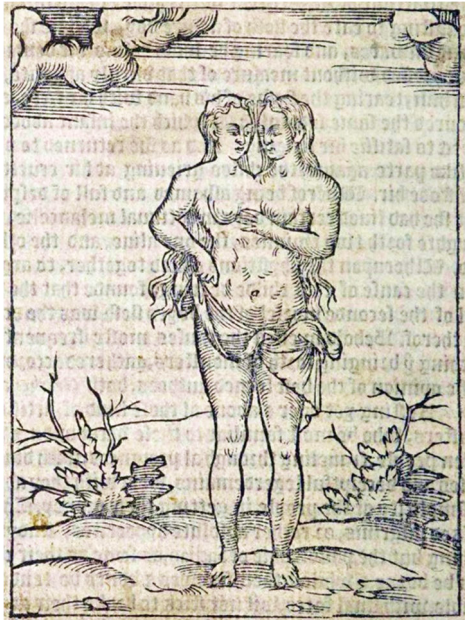
ch. 3: *The wonderful death of sundry Kinges, Princes, Byshops, Emperoures and Monarques.*



ch. 4: *A wonder of a monstros King, wherein is shewed in what perill they be which commaunde...*



ch. 5: *Of the bringing forth of Monsters, and the cause of their generations.*



ch. 6: *The generall causes of the generation of Monsters, with many notable Historie touching the same.*



ch. 7: *A wonderful and horrible monster of our tyme... whether Diuels can engender and use the workes of Nature.*



ch. 8: *Sundry sortes of lightnings, with wonderfull thunders and tempestes happening in our time...*



ch. 9: *A wonderfull Historie of a man in our time, which washed his face and handes in skalding Leade.*



ch. 10: *Wonderfull Historie of the Iewes.*

ch. 11: *Floudes and wonderfull Inundations of Waters*

ch. 12: *The wonderful death of Plinie...*

ch. 13: *Wonders of certaine horrible earthquakes... with a deceit of Sathan*

ch. 14: *Wonders of two bodies knitte together, like two graftes in the tronke of a tree...*

ch. 15: *A Historie of a Monster, wherof S. Hierome maketh mention...*

ch. 16: *A wonderfull discourse of precious stones, their nature and proprietie...*

ch. 17: *Wonders of certaine Princesses, being committed to the flames uniuistly accused, who were delivered by vertue of their innocencie.*

ch. 18: *A wonderfull historie of sundry straunge Fishes, monsters, Mermaydes, and other huge creatures, founde and bredde in the sea.*

ch. 19: *Wonders of Dogges whiche dyd eate Christians.*

ch. 20: *A wonderfull historie of diuers figures, Comets, Dragons, and flames, which appeared in heauen to the terrour of the people...*

ch. 21: *A wonderfull Historie of Flames of fyre, which haue sprong out of the heades of diuers men.*

ch. 22: *A Historie very notable of Prodigious Loues.*

ch. 23: *A wonderfull Historie of a Monster, out of whose bellie issued another man, all whole, reseruyng the head.*

ch. 24: *Notable histories of many Plants, with their proprietes and vertues...*

ch. 27: *A wonderfull history of a monster seene by Celius Rhodiginus.*

ch. 28: *A Monster on liue, whose intrailles and interiour parts were to be seene naked and uncouered.*

ch. 29: *An historie of a prodigious Dogge, which engendered of a Beare and a Mastife bitche...*

ch. 30: *A ... historie of certaine women which have brought forth a great number of children.*

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nine more
chapters...



This wicked secte of the Jewes hath from time to time so much disquieted and molested our Christian publike weale, that the Historians of our time haue attainted the in their writing of sondrie misdemeanours and abuses in luying, that whosoever shall reade their cruell blasphemies & abominable execrations which they continually publishe and set forth againste Jesus Christ the Saviour of all the worlde, in a certaine booke
(common

common in their Sinagoges) which they call Talmud, will iudge the same a cause sufficient, to exile & abandon them out of all the Prouinces and places where Chryste is to be honozed. For like as these poze people blinded and led in the myst of errour, haue not only gone about to defame the name of our Saviour by their wrytings, but also that whiche is worse, they haue moste shamefully trauailed, to extirpe and blot out the remembrance of him for euer. Euen so in the yeare a thousand, a hundred and foure scoze, and in the raigne of king Philip, these wicked people in the despite of the passion of Jesus Chryste, vpon good Friday, when they iudged that the Christians were most occupied in celebrating that day, they inclosed them selues yearly in a caue, where hauing stolne a yong chylde, they whipte him, crounyng him with thoznes, makyng him to drinke gall, and in the end crucified him vpon a crosse, continuing in this sort of cruel doings, till the Lozde grudging greatly with the death of so many poze innocents, suffred them as thieues to be taken with the dede, and after he had caused them to be examined and tormented for the same, they confessed that they had vsed this many yeres before, murdering a great number of infantes in this sort, wherof king Philip being ascertained, caused them not only to be chased from his realme, but also boyled of them, to the number of. lxxx. in a hot burning caudron. After that king Philip seing him selfe oppzessed with warres, and wantyng money to maintaine the same, for a better supplie of hys necessitie, he (for a summe of money payd to him in hande by the said Jewes, for their outragious liuing) licenced them to returne & trauail into France. But euen as vices be chained togither, drawing one another, so these wicked people yet smellyng of this first iniurie which they had receyued, determined and fully resoluued amongst them selues, to extirp at one instant the name of Christians, destroying the all by popson: And for a further helpe in these their wic-

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