

## VOYAGES AND EXPLORATIONS

This monster makes horrible noises in this island, which the savages call the Gougou; and when they speak of it, it is with unutterable fear, and several have assured me that they have seen him. Even the above-mentioned *Sieur Prevert* from *St. Malo* told me that, while going in search of mines, as mentioned in the preceding chapter, he passed so near the haunt of this terrible beast, that he and all those on board his vessel heard strange hissings from the noise she<sup>2</sup> made, and that the savages with him told him it was the same creature, and that they were so afraid that they hid themselves wherever they could, for fear that she would come and carry them off. What makes me believe what they say is the fact that all the savages in general fear her, and tell such strange things of her that, if I were to record all they say of her, it would be considered as idle tales, but I hold that this is the dwelling-place of some devil that torments them in the manner described. This is what I have learned about this Gougou.]

1 Before we departed from *Tadousac*, to returne into France, one of the *Sagamos* of the *Mountayners* named *Bechourat*,

<sup>2</sup>This change of gender follows the original.