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The legends from my country

Todorci-the cruel riders

Mysterious and cruel riders that people call <Todorci> are the most frightening and most dangerous of all creatures living in Serbia. They are also called <The riders of the night>. They show up rarely, but they are very dangerous during one week in the spring, The St. Todor week.

Todorci are seen on white horses, with white robes and large swords. They are not really riding, their body is grown to their horse. They are always riding in front of their leader called <The Great Todor>. They destroy everything that comes in their way. They are often followed by their dogs.

You can defend yourself from them only by hiding or by onions. Todorci were in Serbia long before Southern Slovenians and continued to live through history.

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