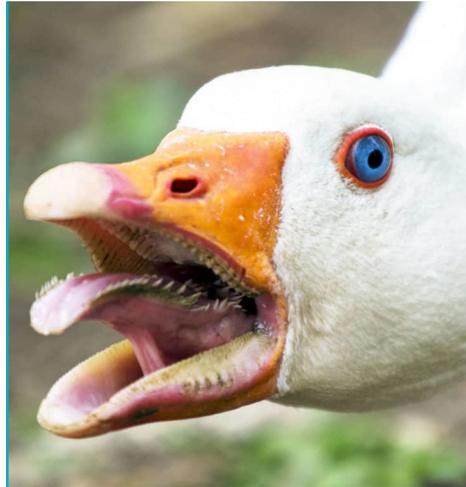


If you're wondering why the Graetrix look so much like geese, there is a reason. Geese are hilariously dangerous. See [JustBirding](#), with explanations, photos and videos of geese attacks. (From that site, below is another strong contender for Graetrix affiliation.)



I won't attempt to explain their territorial aggression, but you will note what looks like teeth in my Graetrix's mouth (which is a [real goose head](#)¹, by the way). The [body](#)² is just as formidable, and high resolution as well. As a backdrop, the [night sky](#)³ is magnificent. Oh, and don't overlook the bonus (highly simplified) cutaway view of The Croly waiting for dinner in the Graetrix's entrails.

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1. From the site ironically titled "Sad and Useless."
2. On Pixabay, the photographer [No_Name13](#) includes a note in German which Google translates as, "Photography has become a passion for us. Life is colorful & we see too many beautiful things to choose a genre - so EVERYTHING will be represented, sometimes one thing, sometimes the OTHER. We hope you enjoy our pictures and look forward to your likes, comments or a small coffee donation. Thank you."
3. Photographed by [marko_aim](#) on Pexels.