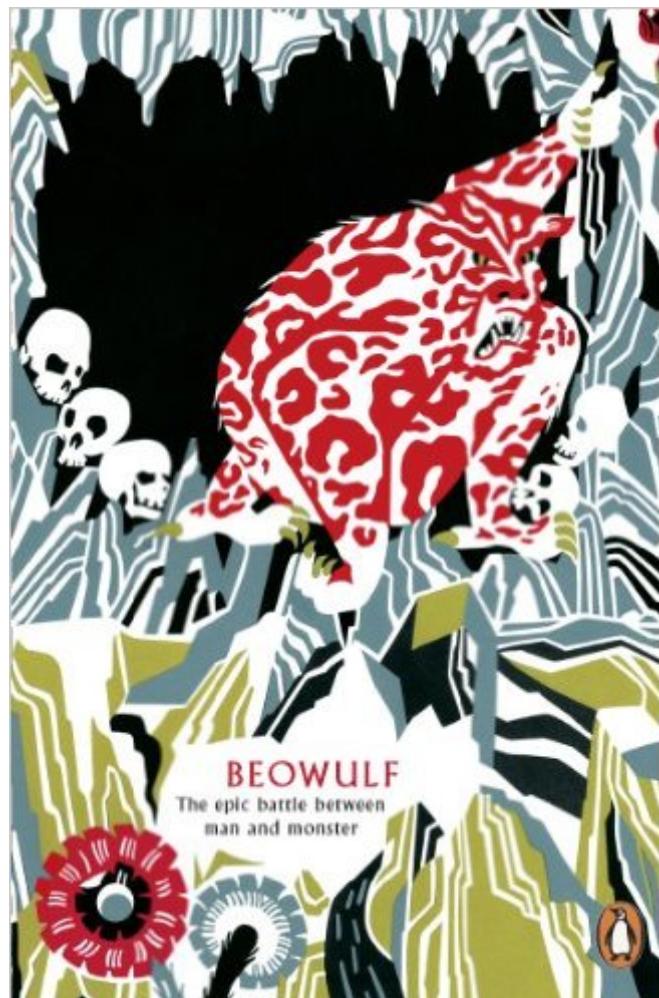


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That's the famous first word of *Beowulf* in this translation by Michael Alexander, first published in

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