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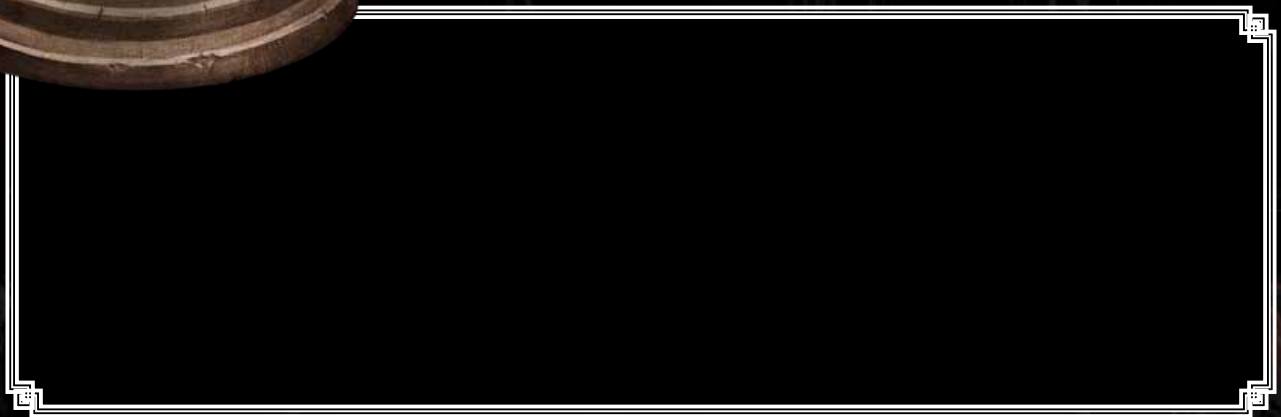
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# PLAYER OPTIONS





# FLAMEKEEPER DOMAIN

## CLERIC

Flame is a kindness in a cold world. Clerics of the Flamekeeper domain know that flame does not only harm, but it also heals. A sect of healers and soothsayers that draw strength from their inner flame, flamekeepers are a dying group of individuals who have lost many of their numbers to the Endless Summer. Flamekeepers wish to reestablish the natural order of the world and return Brennin to the fire.

Level	New Domain Spells
1st	<i>healing word, sanctuary</i>
3rd	<i>calm emotions, continual flame*</i>
5th	<i>clairvoyance, mass healing word</i>
7th	<i>death ward, locate creature</i>
9th	<i>greater restoration, mass cure wounds</i>

\*Produces heat

### BONUS PROFICIENCIES

At 1st level, you gain proficiency with the Medicine skill.

### STOKE INNER FLAME

When you select this domain at 1st level, you gain the ability to radiate warm, healing energy. When you cast one of your domain spells, you and each ally within 30 feet of you regain hit points equal to the level of the spell you cast.

### CHANNEL DIVINITY: ROARING DETERMINATION

Starting at 2nd level, you can use your Channel Divinity to allow allies to withstand even the mightiest blows.

As a reaction when an ally within 30 feet of you is critically hit, you unleash your inner flame and combine it with the inner flame of the struck ally. The critical hit becomes a normal hit. After your ally takes the damage from the triggering attack they gain temporary hit points equal to your cleric level.

### FIRE IN THEIR EYES

At 6th level, you gain darkvision and can see in magical darkness. You also have advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks made to spot hidden creatures.

### DIVINE GUARD

Upon reaching 8th level, as a bonus action you can shroud yourself or an ally within 5 feet of you in the aura of your inner flame. Attacks made against the target of your Divine Guard are made with disadvantage until the end of your next turn.

You can use this feature a number of times per day equal to your Wisdom modifier (minimum 1). You regain any expended uses when you finish a long rest.

### FLAMESOUL

When you reach 17th level, you project an aura of warmth that bolsters your companions. You and all allies within 30 feet gain a +1 bonus to Armor class, immunity to cold damage, and resistance to fire damage. You must be conscious to grant this bonus.



# FATESEALER

## DRUID

Those who have dedicated themselves to following the path of Rhonwen, the Fate-sealers are a sect of primalists who believe that all fates are possible and that some should be sealed away for the betterment of the world. Though their namesake has limited magical abilities, the art of the Fate-sealer druids has developed into a circle all its own. They manipulate the natural world to direct the flow of fate into whichever path they deem appropriate.

### *Manipulate Fate*

Starting at 2nd level when you join this circle, you have learned to read ill omens and blessed boons in your surroundings. When you finish a long rest, roll two d20s and record the numbers rolled. You can replace any attack roll, saving throw, or ability check made by you or a creature that you can see with one of these manipulated rolls. You must choose to do so before the roll, and you can replace a roll in this way only once per turn. Each manipulated roll can be used only once.

When you finish a long rest, you lose any unused manipulated rolls.

### AURA OF PROVIDENCE

Upon reaching 6th level, you produce an aura of fate. When a creature within 100 feet of you is critically hit, you can alter fate as a reaction. By altering fate, you turn the critical hit into a normal hit. You can use this feature a number of times equal to your Wisdom modifier (minimum 1). You regain any expended uses of this ability after you finish a long rest.

### FATE SEALED

At 10th level, you bring death to those who must perish. When a creature that you can see rolls a 15-19 on an attack roll, you can use your reaction to seal the target's fate. The triggering attack is now a critical hit. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a short rest.

### NOT MY DESTINY

Upon reaching 14th level, you become a being of skewed probability. You are immune to critical hits. Additionally, when you would need to make a death saving throw you can instead choose to automatically stabilize.



# TIRITHAL KNIGHT

## FIGHTER

Practiced in the old style, the true and appointed Tirithal Knights have almost all fallen prey to the Summer Madness. However, there are still those who learned under these knights, studied their tomes, or have simply chosen to take the name. Those that call themselves Tirithal Knights are a diverse lot. Some wish to protect Brennin even if that means the destruction of Ember while others want nothing more than to preserve the cycle. The cause of a Tirithal Knight often determines who they throw their lot in with.

### ELITE MARK

When you choose to walk this path at 3rd level, you have learned the basics of the Elite Mark. As a bonus action, you can mark a creature that you can see. This effect ends early if you are incapacitated, you die, if someone else marks the creature, or if you mark another creature.

While it is within 5 feet of you, a creature marked by you has disadvantage on any attack roll that doesn't target you.

Additionally, if a creature marked by you attacks anyone other than you, regardless of their proximity to you, you can expend your reaction to rush towards the marked creature. You can move up to your speed but must end this movement closer to the marked creature. Opportunity attacks made against you during this movement have disadvantage.

### DEFENDER'S STANCE

Upon reaching 7th level, you have learned how to assume the Defender's Stance. You can assume that stance on your turn (no action required). Creatures marked by you that are within 30 feet of you have disadvantage on any attack roll that doesn't target you. This stance lasts for 10 minutes but ends early if you are incapacitated, you die, or you drop the stance.

Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a short rest.

### READY TO SERVE

At 10th level, you have perfected the discipline of a Tirithal Knight. You have advantage on initiative checks.

### REACTIVE CHAMPION

Upon reaching 15th level, your skill at arms allows you exploit weaknesses that others simply could not. You gain an extra reaction each round. This extra reaction can only be used to make opportunity attacks or to use the movement granted by your Elite Mark class feature.

### FINAL BLOW

When you reach 18th level, your dedication to the cause is unparalleled. When you have to make a death saving throw at the start of your turn, you can instead take your full turn. Attacks made during this turn deal an extra 1d6 force damage. Once this turn is over, you make the death saving throw with advantage.

Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.





# OATH OF WINTER

## PALADIN

Maeve is as near to a deity as Ember has but even she has her limits. There are still loyalists to her cause amongst those that remember or have heard about the beauty of winter. These individuals might hold beliefs so powerful that they inadvertently swear the Oath of Winter. Others might directly petition the Fae to receive a direct blessing. All desire nothing more than the death of Brennin and to break the grip of Summer Madness that is strangling the realm.

### Tenets of Winter

Though the exact words and strictures of the Oath of Winter vary, paladins of this oath share these tenets.

- **Regicide.** Brennin has bastardized the natural order and must be burned.
- **Save the Queen.** Maeve must be safely liberated from the Winter Cocoon.
- **Merciful Ends.** Bring those afflicted by the Summer Madness to peace.
- **Heir Apparent.** Find a suitable individual to be the next Summer King.
- **Protect Ember.** The land itself must be protected from those that would exploit it.

### OATH SPELLS

You gain oath spells at the paladin levels listed.

Level	New Oath Spells
3rd	<i>false life, sleep</i>
5th	<i>invisibility, spider climb</i>
9th	<i>bestow curse, slow</i>
13th	<i>banishment, ice storm</i>
17th	<i>cone of cold, teleportation circle</i>

### CHANNEL DIVINITY

When you take this oath at 3rd level, you gain the following two Channel Divinity options.

**Armor of Winter.** When you are hit by an attack that is not a critical hit, you can use your reaction to clad yourself in frozen armor. You halve all of the damage from the triggering attack.

**Frigid Weapon.** As an action, you can imbue one weapon that you are holding with icy energy, using your Channel Divinity. For 1 minute, you add your Charisma modifier to attack rolls made with that weapon (with a minimum bonus of +1). The weapon's attacks can deal its normal damage or cold damage, chosen by you each time you make an attack with the weapon. Creature's struck by the weapon reduce their speed by 5 feet until the end of their next turn. If the weapon is not already magical, it becomes magical for the duration.

You can end this effect on your turn as part of any other action. If you are no longer holding or carrying this weapon, or if you fall unconscious, this effect ends.

### AURA OF PRESERVATION

Beginning at 7th level, you and friendly creatures within 10 feet of you are resistant to cold and fire damage while you are conscious.

At 18th level, the range of this aura increases to 30 feet.

### HIBERNATE

Starting at 15th level, you can refresh your body faster than a normal person. You and a number of other creatures equal to your Charisma modifier (minimum 1) require only 10 minutes to gain the benefits of a short rest, including any features (such as ki) that would be replenished during a short rest's normal duration. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.

### BLIZZARD AURA

Upon reaching 20th level, you can use a bonus action to make your Aura of Preservation a hindering force for creatures of your choice. Those creatures treat your aura as difficult terrain. This effect lasts for 30 minutes or until you dismiss it (no action required).

Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a short rest.

# MIST HUNTER

## RANGER

There are those who enter the mist's surrounding Ember's seas who return. They are not the same person who entered. A mist hunter is a unique individual who coexists alongside the mist in a strange balance of antagonistic action and manipulation. They call upon the mist to aid them but hunt the creatures of the mist. Some say that exposure to the mist alters one's body and there is ample evidence of such things. Do these rangers run the risk of becoming that which they hunt?

### Mist Hunter Spells

Level	Mist Hunter Spells
3rd	<i>fog cloud</i>
5th	<i>misty step</i>
9th	<i>gaseous form</i>
13th	<i>black tentacles*</i> or <i>hallucinatory terrain**</i>
17th	<i>cloudkill**</i> or <i>telekinesis*</i>

\*Aberrant Awakening spell,

\*\*Ranger's Refusal spell

### HAZY EYES

Upon taking this archetype at 3rd level, your eyes have been altered by the fog. You ignore obscurement from mist, smoke, and fog effects.

### FROM THE MIST

Also at 3rd level, you have learned to prey upon fog dwelling creatures. When you hit a creature that is in obscurement related to smoke, mist, or fog, such as the *fog cloud* spell, you deal an extra 1d10 force damage. You can deal this extra damage only once per turn.

### SOLID FOG

At 7th level, when you cast *fog cloud* with a ranger spell slot, the fog cannot be dispersed by wind, including magical wind. Additionally, you can concentrate on one casting of *fog cloud* and one other spell at the same time.

### THE CHOICE

Upon reaching 11th level, the mist hunter must make a choice between resisting the fog's call or succumbing. Choose one of the following options:

**Aberrant Awakening.** You give in to the fog and become something more. You count as an aberrant creature, are immune to mind-reading effects, and are immune to fire damage.

**Ranger's Refusal.** You resist the fog's call. You are immune to the charmed condition, you cannot be scryed upon, and you are resistant to psychic damage.

### SMOKING SHIFT

At 15th level, you can manipulate the mist to reposition yourself. When you take damage, you can use your reaction to teleport to an unoccupied space within 20 feet of you that you can see.

# TIDE WALKER

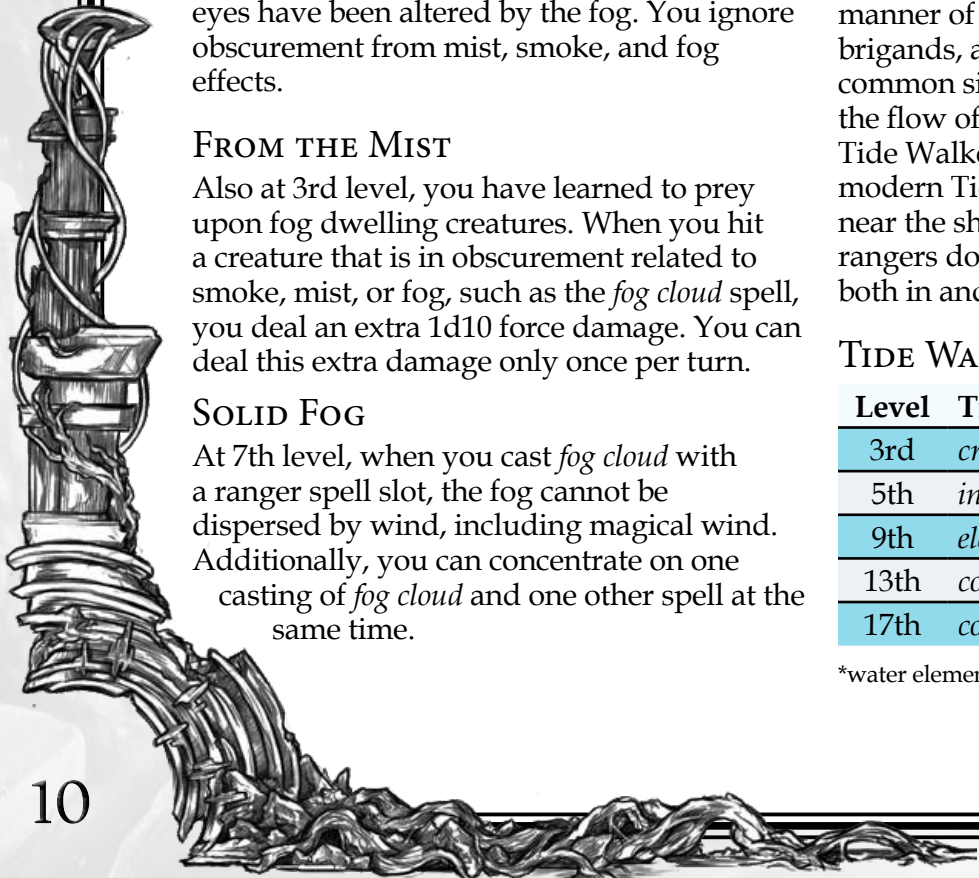
## RANGER

The shores of Ember are dangerous places and serve as the hunting grounds of all manner of beast. Monstrous crustaceans, brigands, and monsters from the mist are all common sights. Tide Walkers have mastered the flow of battle in the surf and sand. Many Tide Walkers once served Ember's navy but modern Tide Walkers arose from the villages near the shore that needed protection. These rangers do battle with all manner of beast, both in and out of the water.

### TIDE WALKER SPELLS

Level	Tide Walker Spells
3rd	<i>create or destroy water</i>
5th	<i>invisibility</i>
9th	<i>elemental weapon</i>
13th	<i>control water</i>
17th	<i>conjure elemental</i>

\*water elementals only



## OCEANBORN

Upon taking this archetype at 3rd level, you realize the legacy of the Tide Hunter. You gain a swim speed of 30 feet and can breathe underwater.

## AQUEOUS STRIKE

Also at 3rd level, you can clad your weapon in watery magic. When you hit a creature with a weapon attack, you can use your bonus action to deal an additional 1d8 damage and shove the creature 5 feet backward. Additionally, if you are touching a body of water or it is raining, you can choose to teleport 5 feet into an unoccupied area that the water is also touching.

## SAND STRIDER

At 7th level, you have learned to fight on even the most unsteady ground. You ignore difficult terrain relating to water and sand, including magical difficult terrain.

## PISCINE SKIRMISH

Upon reaching 11th level, you have studied the elegant strikes and trashing of aquatic creatures. If you move 10 feet before making an attack, the attack deals an extra 1d6 force damage.

## RED SKY

At 15th level, you have learned to alter the sky itself. You can cast control weather. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.

## HEIR BLOODLINE

### SORCERER

You are a true heir to the royal bloodline of Ember. At a point in the past, whether distant or near, you have a direct relative of the royal family. The auspices of this relation are up to you, but you share blood with King Brennin and could, potentially, replace him as the Summer King. Do you wish for such a thing? Are you aware of your eligibility? These are all but some of the many choices that a sorcerer of the Heir Bloodline must ask themselves.

## HEIR'S AIR

You carry yourself with a dignity rarely found in this world. At 1st level, you gain proficiency in either Persuasion or Intimidate. Additionally, your proficiency bonus with that skill is doubled.

## TALES ARE TOLD

One day they will sing songs about you. Your knowledge of what bards and minstrels look for in their epics has given you an insight into their magic. At 1st level, you add a cantrip and 1st level spell from the bard's spell list to your lists of cantrips and spells known.

## AID TO SERFS

Beginning at 6th level, you gain the ability to bestow a part of your dictum to your followers. On your turn, you can spend 2 Sorcery Points to grant an ally that can hear you advantage on their next roll. You can use this feature only once per round.

## BITE NOT THE HAND

At 14th level, within 30 feet of you makes an attack roll against you, you can use your reaction to divert the attack, provided that another creature is within the attack's range. The attacker must make a Wisdom saving throw against your sorcerer spell save DC. On a failed save, the attacker must target the creature that is closest to it, not including you or itself. If multiple creatures are closest, the attacker chooses which one to target. On a successful save, you can't use this feature on the attacker again until you finish a long rest.

You must choose to use this feature before knowing whether the attack hits or misses. Creatures that are immune to being frightened are immune to this effect.

## LORD'S COMMAND

Upon reaching 18th level, you gain the ability to direct and empower the strikes of your allies. As an action, you may spend 6 Sorcery Points to allow up to 5 allies within 30 feet of you to make a weapon or cantrip attack against an enemy of your choosing. The attack deals bonus damage equal to your Charisma modifier.

## WINTER BLOODLINE

### SORCERER

Just as the heirs of Brennin draw magic from their legacy, you too have eldritch powers beyond mortal ability. However, your lineage is not that of the patriarchy but rather of the matriarchy. You are an heir of winter and possess fae blood. You may have been born of a union between mortal and fae, your family may have been blessed or cursed in the past, or any other of a number of ways that such a bloodline might arise.

#### SCION OF FROST

At 1st level, you have awoken as a child of winter. You gain resistance to cold damage. Additionally, you can glad yourself in frosty armor. When you aren't wearing armor, your Armor Class equals 10 + your Dexterity modifier + your Charisma modifier.

#### COCOON'S PROTECTION

The state of Ember has driven Maeve to offer additional aid to any of the fae bloodlines. At 1st level, you can call upon the protection of Winter's Cocoon. If you fail a saving throw or miss with an attack roll, you can roll 2d4 and add it to the total, possibly changing the outcome. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a short or long rest.

#### FAE FRIEND

Beginning at 6th level, you can call upon lesser fae to aid you. As a bonus action, you can spend 3 sorcery points to magically summon a fae friend to target one creature you can see within 120 feet of you. The fae friend uses the harpy's statistics (see the *Monster Manual*), with the following changes

- The fae friend is size Small, not Medium, and it counts as a fey, not a monstrosity.
- It appears with a number of temporary hit points equal to half your sorcerer level.
- Creatures hit by the fae friend reduce their speed by 5 feet until the end of their next turn. This speed reduction can stack if the fae friend hits a single target multiple times.
- The fae friend's **luring song** only effects the target.

The fae friend appears in an unoccupied space of your choice within 30 feet of the target. Roll initiative for the fae friend. The fae friend disappears if it is reduced to 0 hit points, if its target is reduced to 0 hit points, if it is more than 100 feet from you, or after 5 minutes.

#### BLACK ICE

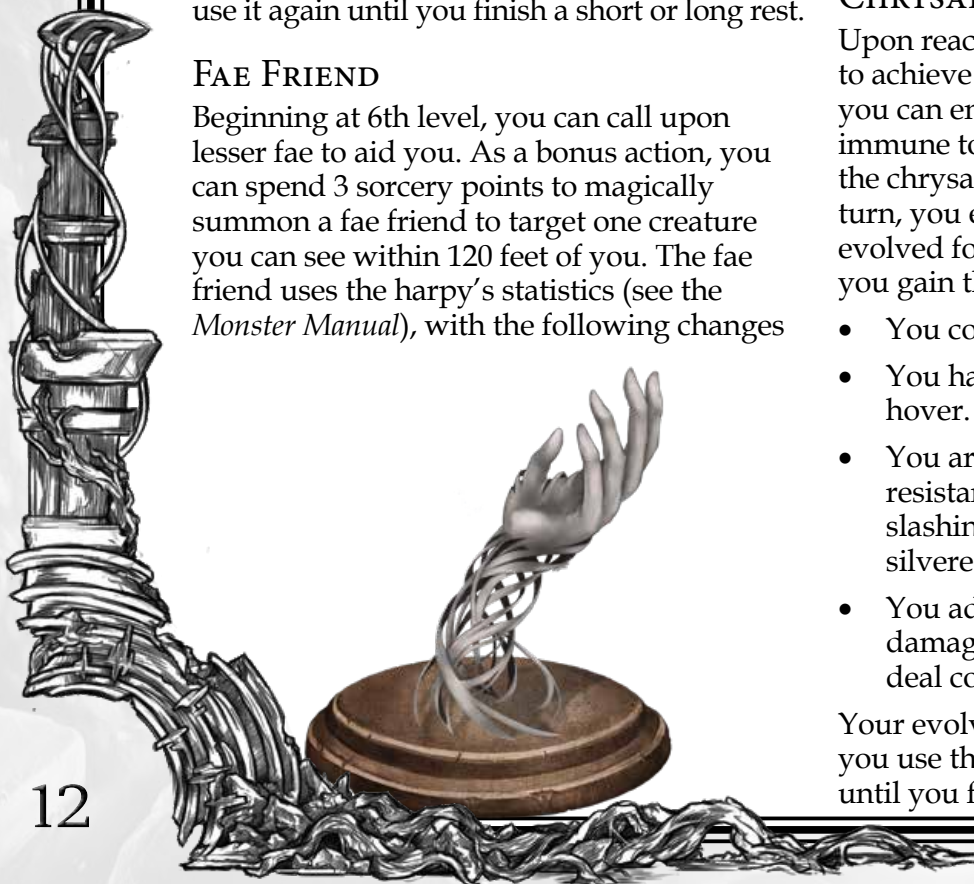
At 14th level, you have left mundane cold behind and entered the winter realm. Spells and cantrips you cast that deal cold damage reduce the target's speed by 5 feet, regardless of if the spell hits or the target succeeds on their saving throw. This stacks with other forms of speed reduction, such as *ray of frost*.

#### CHRYSALIS REBIRTH

Upon reaching 18th level, you have learned to achieve a more perfect form. As an action, you can enter a chrysalis of ice. You are immune to all damage and effects while in the chrysalis. At the beginning of your next turn, you emerge from the chrysalis in your evolved form. While in your evolved form, you gain the following benefits:

- You count as a fey creature.
- You have a 60 foot flying speed and can hover.
- You are immune to cold damage and have resistance to bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered.
- You add your Charisma modifier to the damage rolls of cantrips and spells that deal cold damage.

Your evolved form lasts for 5 minutes. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.



## KOR THE MANY VOICED

### WARLOCK

The demon Kor feasts within the Lunar Temple. Served by the Stewards of the Luminous Circle, amongst others, this hydra-like creature of malice and magma has a simple ambition: to be left alone. One might incorrectly assume that such a motivation would make Kor an unsuitable choice for a warlock patron but that simply is not the case. Kor is more than willing to grant power to mortals in exchange for one simple thing: ensure he is left alone. That is the only demand Kor makes of his warlocks, though there may be occasional requests from other heads, especially Kor the Proudful.

#### Level Warlock Spells

1sr	<i>burning hands, chaos bolt</i>
2nd	<i>detect thought's, scorcher</i>
3rd	<i>minute meteors, tongues</i>
4th	<i>conjure elementals*, wall of fire</i>
5th	<i>geas, immolation</i>

\*fire elementals only

#### REBEL CASTING

Beginning at 1st level, you are blessed by Kor the Rebel. When you reduce a hostile creature to 0 hit points, you can cast a cantrip as a bonus action.

#### MANY VOICED

At 6th level, you are blessed by Kor the Deceiver. You can perfectly replicate the sound, cadence, and candor of any creature you hear speak for at least 5 minutes. You gain advantage on Charisma (Deception) checks made to impersonate this creature by voice alone.

#### BURNING FEAST

Upon reaching 10th level, you are blessed by Kor the Hungry. You add your Charisma modifier to the damage rolls of cantrips and spells that deal fire damage.

#### PRIDE'S STING

At 14th level, you are blessed by Kor the Proudful. When you have to make a death saving throw at the start of your turn, you

can instead spring back to your feet with a burst of hellfire. You regain hit points equal to half your hit point maximum, and then you stand up if you so choose. Each creature of your choice that is within 30 feet of you takes fire damage equal to 2d12 + your Charisma modifier.

Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.

## MAEVE, QUEEN OF WINTER

### WARLOCK

Maeve has been absent from the world for longer than almost any can count. As the Summer Madness takes hold of more and more individuals, Maeve's desperation grows deeper. She has begun to reach out to Ember natives and visitors alike with a bargain. Work towards ending the Eternal Summer and releasing Maeve from the Winter Cocoon and receive unfathomable power in exchange.

#### Level Expanded Spells

1sr	<i>ice knife, shield</i>
2nd	<i>gust of wind, spike growth*</i>
3rd	<i>sleet storm, slow</i>
4th	<i>ice storm, stoneskin*</i>
5th	<i>cone of cold, hold monster</i>

\* Manifests as ice

#### HEART GROWS COLD

Beginning at 1st level, you understand that you must do what Maeve instructs, no matter the cost. When you reduce a hostile creature to 0 hit points, you gain advantage on saving throws until the end of your next turn.

#### FROSTBITTEN

At 6th level, your extremities blacken as you become numb. You gain resistance to cold damage and become immune to petrification.

#### SUDDEN FREEZE

Upon reaching 10th level, you gain the ability to protect your vitals from harm by quickly manifesting ice crystals to deflect blows directed at them. When you are hit by a melee or ranged attack, you can use your reaction

to gain a bonus to your Armor Class equal to your Constitution modifier (minimum 1) against the triggering attack. You can use this feature a number of times per day equal to your Charisma modifier (minimum 1)

### SNOWBLIND

At 14th level, you can summon the strength of your patron to hinder your foes. You can create a snowstorm in a 60 foot radius circle centered on you as an action. Hostile creatures in this snowstorm treat the area as difficult terrain and must make a Constitution saving throw. Creatures that fail this saving throw are blinded while in the snowstorm. A hostile creature that begins its turn in the snowstorm takes 5d10 cold damage. Ranged weapon attacks made in the snowstorm or against creatures in the snowstorm have disadvantage. The snowstorm follows you as you move and lasts for 1 minute or until you dismiss it (no action required).

Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.

## NEW WARLOCK INVOCATIONS

### HELLISH BLAST

**Prerequisite:** *eldritch blast cantrip, Fiend Patron or Kor Patron*

You can choose to have your *eldritch blast* deal fire damage instead of force damage. When you choose to have it deal fire damage, it deals d12's instead of d10's.

### GHELID BLAST

**Prerequisite:** *eldritch blast cantrip, Maeve Patron*

You can choose to have your *eldritch blast* deal cold damage instead of force damage. When you choose to have it deal cold damage, creatures struck by it reduce their speed by 5 feet until the end of their next turn.

## SCHOOL OF STARGAZING

### WIZARD

An order decimated by the cruelty of the Stewards of the Luminous Circle, the Stargazers are incredibly few in number, though new members can join their unofficial ranks in a number of ways. Some might simply consult and study the stars, others might study musky tomes found in ruined libraries, while others might even be mentored by the spirits of deceased Stargazers. Regardless of the cause, a Stargazer is a master of cosmic magic and can manipulate those forces to devastating effect.

### NATURAL KNOWLEDGE

Starting at 2nd level, you select two druid cantrips and add them to your spellbook. These count as wizard cantrips for you.

### MOTE MAKER

Beginning at 2nd level, you can channel starstuff with each arcane spell cast. When you cast a wizard spell or cantrip, you can create a starmote in an unoccupied space within 30 feet of yourself. The starmote emits dim light in a 5 foot radius and can detonate at your command. You can use a reaction or a bonus action to cause one starmote to explode in a 5 foot radius sphere. Creatures in the sphere take 1d4 radiant damage.



## STARRY STEP

Upon reaching 6th level, you gain the ability to step through the darkness between the stars. When you are in dim light or darkness, you can teleport up to 30 feet to an unoccupied space that is also in dim light or darkness. You do not need to see your destination before teleporting.

## CHANNEL STARLIGHT

When you reach 10th level, you can become the embodiment of a sickening star. You can cast *sickening radiance* without expending a spell slot. Casting *sickening radiance* in this way creates three starmotes. Once you use this feature, you can't use it again until you finish a long rest.

## EMPOWERED MOTES

At 16th level, your starmotes are finally pure. Your starmotes deal 1d4 radiant damage and 1d4 psychic damage.

## SCHOOL OF CRYSTAL

### WIZARD

These wizards have studied the teachings of the fey. Some were taken as appointed apprentices while others studied from discard tomes, communing with the crystals themselves, and dangerous experimentation. This unique school of magic grants its practitioners new avenues to interacting with the arcane forces of the world.

Followers of this school commonly identify themselves as Crystal Sages, taking the title for the most powerful of their ranks, Tylwyth. Their spells frequently take on hard jagged edges, brilliant scintillating light, or motes of sparkling ice. Many spells function identically to their normal castings but Crystal Sages also gain access to modified castings of an array of spells.

## MINERAL MAGIC

Starting at 2nd level, you have unlocked the potential of modified crystal casting. When you cast a wizard cantrip you can choose to have it deal its normal damage type or cold damage. Additionally, at 5th level you can instead choose to have the cantrip deal radiant damage.

## PREEMPTIVE SIGHT

Beginning at 2nd level, your ability to study crystals grants you the ability to quickly react to unsure futures. If you would be surprised at the beginning of an encounter you are instead not surprised and may move normally on your turn during the surprise round.

## PEER THROUGH CRYSTAL

Upon reaching 6th level, you have learned to divine stones better than all other spellcasters. When you cast the *augury* spell with a wizard spell slot you can ask about two outcomes instead of just one. Additionally, further castings of the spell before you complete your next long rest only have a cumulative 15 percent chance for providing a random reading.

## GROWTH OF QUARTZ

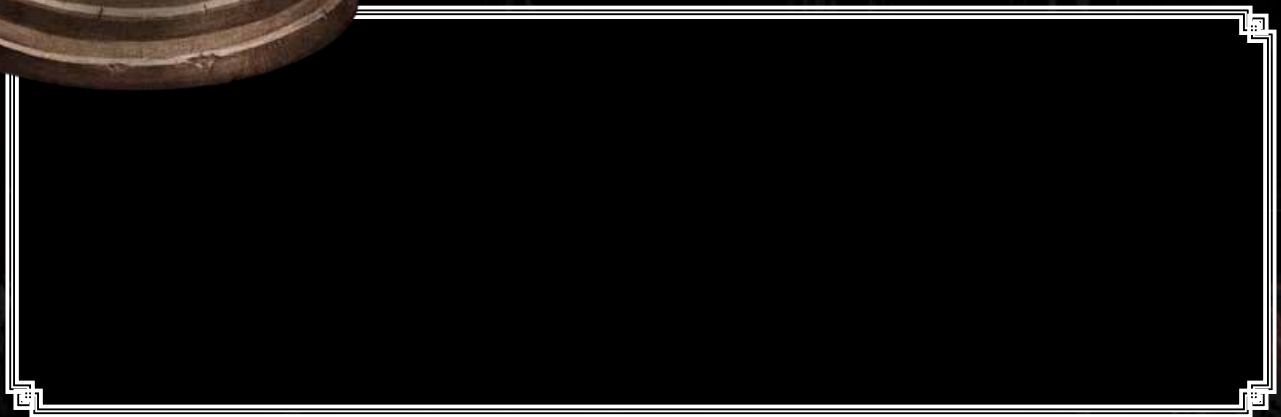
When you reach 10th level, your abilities to clad yourself in crystalline magic erupt forth. When you deal damage with a cantrip that is modified by your Mineral Magic feature, you gain temporary hit points equal to your Intelligence modifier + your proficiency modifier, and you gain a +2 bonus to AC while these temporary hit points remain.

## CREEPING CRYSTAL

At 16th level, you gain the ability to protect others with your crystal spells. When your Growth of Quartz feature activates, you can grant up to two allies within 10 feet of you temporary hit points equal to your Intelligence modifier and a +1 bonus to AC. A creature loses this bonus to AC when they lose their own temporary hit points.



# BOSS FIGHTS





# THAT BOSS FIGHT

The term 'That Boss' was coined by BPB Games and is used at our table. When the GM tells us that we're about to go up against a 'That Boss' we say our goodbyes and prepare for the worst. A 'That Boss' puts your dragons and your liches to shame. You'd feel safer if you were facing the Tarrasque.

In short, a 'That Boss' is a fight we expect to lose at least one party member to and it's a fight that we know is specifically designed to function in an irregular way. We won't just be able to swing our swords and sling our spells until it dies. It's going to take planning, cooperation, and good rolls to best this foe.

Presented below is the Burnished King, a 'That Boss' for use in your home game. It might look a little different than what you're used to and that's OK. We've written out how to run the Burnished King in detail and explained their unique mechanics. So go ahead, read on and be ready to tell your players that they're going to be going up against a 'That Boss.' They'll need at least that heads up if they want to make it out alive.

## DESIGN PRINCIPALS

A 'That Boss' isn't designed to function like a normal monster in the same way that monsters aren't designed to function like player characters. Things work differently when you reach this level of power and it's important that certain mechanics and actions work in a slightly different way. The various, universal tweaks for a 'That Boss' are presented below:

## TURN ECONOMY

With rules written the way they are players are often hamstrung when it comes to options in battle. If it comes down to using a skill or making an attack then nine times out of ten the player is going to take the shot. Who wants to give up their entire turn just to roll Arcana or Perception?

The first, and arguably most important, rule of 'That Boss' fights is simple. Certain skills do not cost an action to roll. When it comes to knowledge skills like Religion or Nature it just doesn't make sense to use an entire action to see if your character remembers something. Memory doesn't work like that. Either you know what

you're looking at or you don't. Either it looks familiar or similar to something else or it doesn't. That's not an action that requires six seconds. That's an instant effect. So, all rolls made to remember things or to gain information at a glance cost no action to perform. Application, however, might still use an action.

We like this rule so much that we use it outside of 'That Boss' fights as well. It just makes sense and it lets players roleplay while they 'rollplay' which is good. You never want a player to feel like they wasted their turn. It is counterproductive not only for them but for you as well.

## ENEMY DESIGN

There's a weird stigma in the tabletop community that MMORPG's are somehow 'bad' for tabletop roleplayers to enjoy. We're not crazy about that mindset and prefer to find things that would be interesting to implement in our own games rather than writing an entire genre off because it's "too gamey."

Raid bosses from MMORPGs are amazingly detailed and have so many unique functions that work so well with a 'That Boss.' Combine these new and unique ways of looking at encounter design with a real, human Dungeon Master and you enter into a new world of possibilities

A 'That Boss' presented below will have differences from other monsters as will the general rules of combat. Most notably, their health will "scale" depending on the amount of players they will be encountering and when they transition from one Phase to the next the initiative order returns to the top regardless of its current location. Additionally, they may have extra turns in the initiative order, the ability to summon minions, have multiple reactions, and may have Legendary and Lair Actions. The goal is to create a 'That Boss' that is a fair but incredibly difficult challenge to overcome no matter what your party size is.

# BRENNIN

## THE SUMMER KING

Confronting Brenninn the Summer King is a feat that could save the Realm of Ember. However, such a task is suicide and is appropriate material for a series of adventures unto itself. Quite literally a broken man, Brenninn cannot be truly slain or brought to justice while his body and soul are separated. Those looking to bring an end to the Endless Summer would first have to seek out the phylactery or some manner of soulstone substitute to contain the four fragments of Brenninn's own soul. They would then need to reverse the ritual given to Brenninn

by the Fatesealer Witch on the immobilized husk of Brenninn's body. Then, and only then, would Brenninn be restored. His actions in this state might take any form, but most who care to wonder believe that he would simply redouble his efforts to retain his wife's lost soul or somehow bring her back into the realm of the living, damned be anyone who stands in his way.

However lovelorn his motivation, one would be hard pressed to ignore the fact that the death of Brenninn and the liberation of Maeve at the hands of a Chosen of Ember is what the realm so desperately needs to survive.

### PHASE ONE: FRAGMENTS

The four fragments of Brenninn's soul have scattered across the realm. Some reside in Yúla while others wander the wastes of the world. All have the ability to warp reality around them and are dominated by one overwhelming ambition.

Before confronting a fragment, adventurers would first need to secure the phylactery worn by the husk of Brenninn that patrols Castle Ember or construct a soulstone, a type of temporary container for souls. Neither of these tasks are easy to accomplish but might occur organically during an adventurer's journeys across Ember.

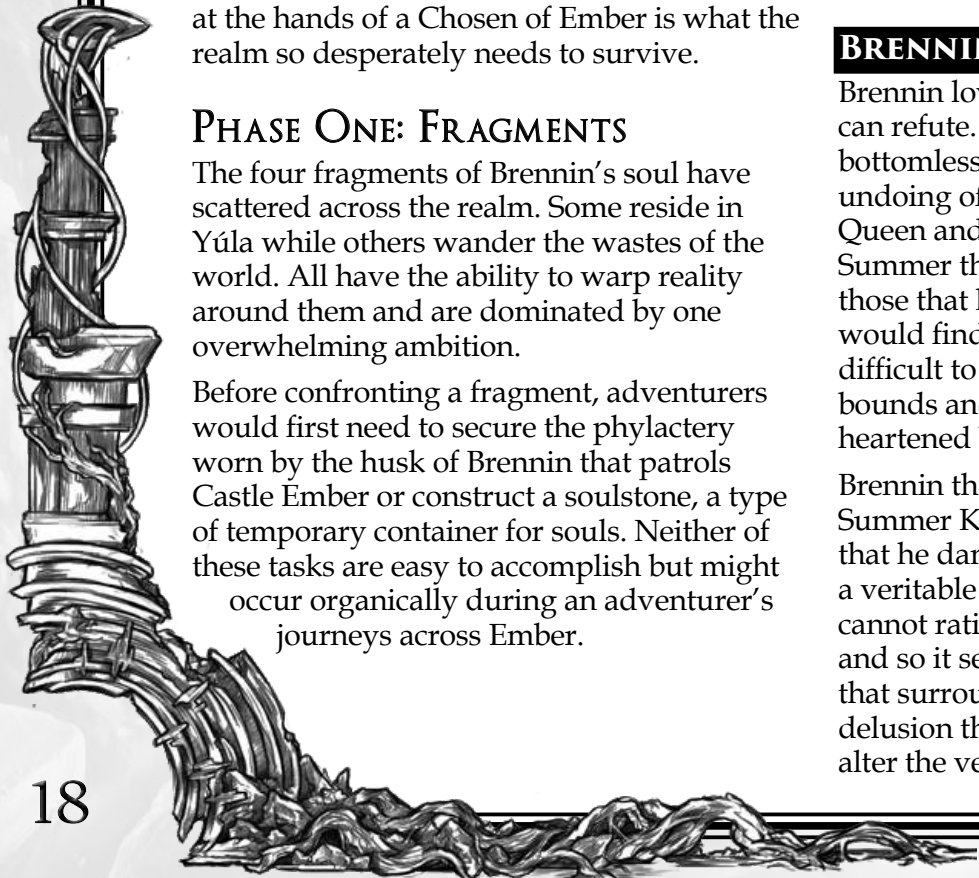
With the receptacle in hand, adventurers could directly engage the fragments in combat or attempt to soothe the broken souls into willingly submitting themselves to capture. Peaceful resolution typically requires an extended social encounter with multiple rolls, presented arguments, and the use of one or more object or person that could sway the heart of each fragment. The specifics of scenes such as this are left to the discretion of the Game Master as the level of comfort in roleplaying varies from group to group. Some things, such as Brenninn the Father being directly confronted by one of its children, might bypass the need to roll altogether or become a combat unto itself without proper handling.

Mechanically, each fragment of Brenninn is a creature unto itself that is also part of the larger, first phase of the extended Brenninn boss fight. They all use the Fragment of Brenninn stat block presented below. However, each aspect of Brenninn has its own special abilities and actions that modify the base stat block.

### BRENNIN THE HUSBAND

Brenninn loved his wife Brigid, of this no one can refute. Many would argue that it was his bottomless affection that was the ultimate undoing of Ember. He refuted the Equinoct Queen and brought about the Endless Summer that plagues the land. However, those that knew Brenninn and Brigid in private would find the words to condemn Brenninn difficult to muster. His love truly knew no bounds and even those around them were heartened by their romance.

Brenninn the Husband is the fragment of the Summer King that loved his wife so dearly that he damned an entire realm and scorned a veritable goddess. It is so broken that it cannot rationalize that Brigid is long dead, and so it sees her in many of the creatures that surround it. So strong is this fragment's delusion that they are made manifest and alter the very fabric of perception around it.



## FRAGMENT OF BRENNIN

Challenge 15 (13000 XP)

### Medium humanoid, unaligned

**Armor Class** 16 (breastplate)

**Hit Points** 171 (18d8 + 125)

**Speed** 35 ft.

**STR** 19 (+4)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 20 (+5)

**INT** 7 (-2)    **WIS** 10 (+0)    **CHA** 15 (+2)

**Skills** Athletics +8, History +8, Persuasion +7

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing damage from nonmagical weapons

**Damage Immunities** fire

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, petrified, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** truesight 5 ft., passive Perception 10

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Enervating Recuperation.** When a Fragment of Brennin reduces a creature to 0 hit points or less, it gains 30 temporary hit points.

**Fragment's Demise.** When a Fragment of Brennin is reduced to 0 hit points or less, it must be captured within a vessel. After 24 hours, if the Fragment of Brennin is not captured it returns at full hit points in a random location within 5 miles of its defeat.

**Spectral Guards.** When a Fragment of Brennin makes an initiative check, four phantasmal royal guards manifest within 30 ft. of it.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** A Fragment of Brennin makes 3 greatsword attacks.

**Greatsword.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (2d8+4) slashing damage, 5 (1d10) bludgeoning damage, and the target is pushed 10 ft.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

The Fragment of Brennin can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. The Fragment of Brennin regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Attack.** The Fragment of Brennin makes a greatsword attack.

**Defend (2 Actions).** The Fragment of Brennin uses the Dodge action.

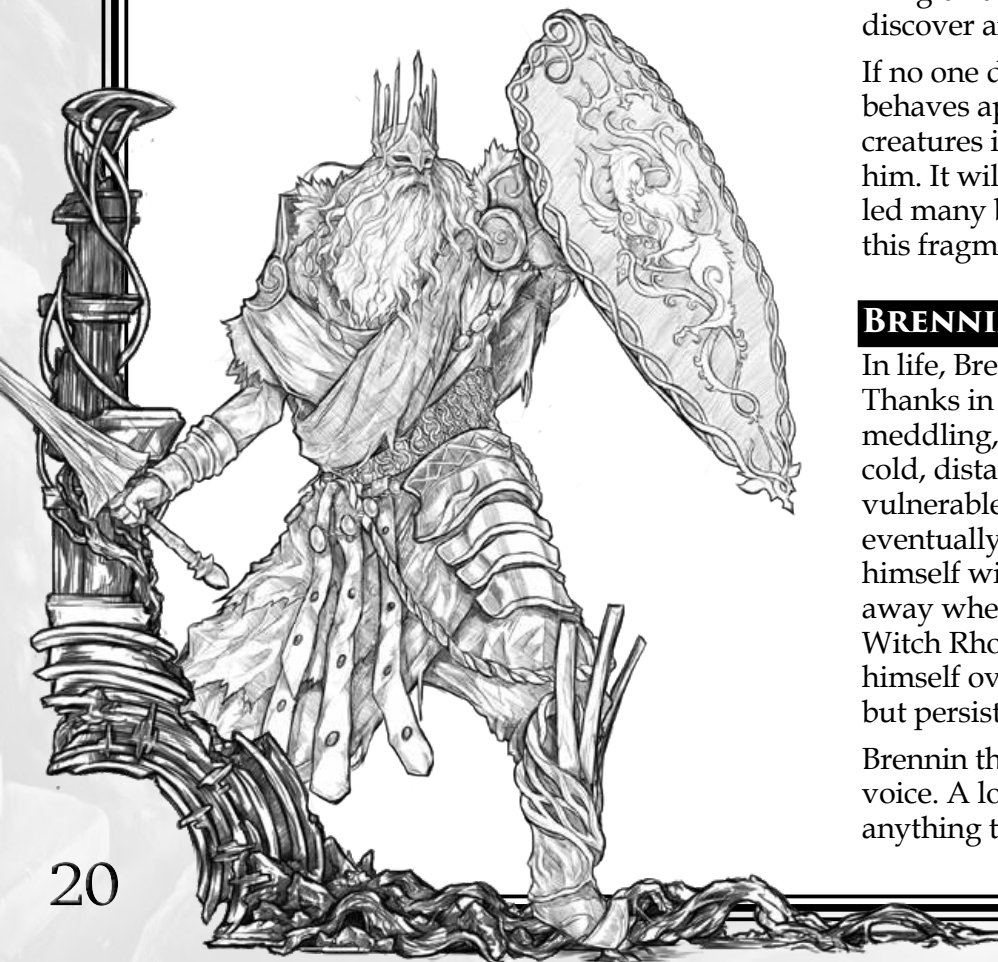
**Withdraw.** The Fragment of Brennin uses the Disengage action.



Adventurers looking to peacefully bring this fragment to its end must first uncover an item precious to Brigid that Brenninn, no matter how far gone, would recognize. There are several such items spread throughout the realm that can be discovered with gilded tongues or deep dives into the history of Ember.

One rests within Brigid's private workspace within Castle Ember there is a single, unremarkable painting. This painting was the first gift Brigid gave to her husband-to-be: a landscape of the artisan's guild chamber where they first met.

Another can be found in a desk tucked away in the ruins of the artisan's guild. When Brigid was being courted by Brenninn he sent her a flowery letter that she kept in the drawer of her desk while she was the guildmaster. Due to several unfortunate twists of fate, the desk has ended up discarded and forgotten in the basement of the guild along with the poetic letter penned by Brenninn. Finally, the wedding band Brenninn gave to Brigid would instantly awaken this fragment. However, the ring is currently in the possession of Ceidwen, the Reaper of Ash.



## BRENNIN THE HUSBAND STATS

Presented below are the additional abilities and actions for Brenninn the Husband. These add to or modify the abilities and actions listed in the Fragment of Brenninn stat block.

### NEW ABILITY: WINTER'S LOVER

When Brenninn the Husband would take cold damage, it instead heals an amount of hit points equal to the damage that it would have been dealt.

### NEW ABILITY: LIFE PARTNER

When Brenninn the Husband makes an initiative check, it targets one creature that he can see. Brenninn believes this creature to be its wife. Half of any damage dealt to Brenninn is also dealt to its wife. Brenninn stills takes full damage from attacks. Brenninn cannot attack its wife. Additionally, the wife gains immunity to cold damage. These effects persist for 24 hours or until Brenninn makes another initiative check, whichever comes first.

### Tactics

Brenninn the Husband attacks any creature that is too close to its "wife" without fail. It believes all things that draw to near the "wife" are interlopers attempting to tear "Brigid" away from him. Clever parties can discover and exploit this flaw.

If no one draws near "Brigid," this fragment behaves appropriately and attacks any creatures it feels pose an imminent threat to him. It will never attack "Brigid" which has led many bands of adventurers who challenge this fragment to have one sole survivor.

## BRENNIN THE FATHER

In life, Brenninn was not an ideal father. Thanks in no small part to the Earl Clíodhna's meddling, his children grew up with a cold, distant father. She placed words in the vulnerable king's ear of their weakness that eventually drove Brenninn to disassociate himself with his children and send them away where they were taken in by Fate-sealer Witch Rhonwen. Brenninn's disgust with himself over this decision remained a small, but persistent voice in the back of his mind.

Brenninn the Father is the manifestation of this voice. A loving, doting father who would give anything to undo his deeds and become the

perfect father. It wanders the realm in search of its children, not fully sure of what it would do should it ever find them.

Adventurers looking to peacefully seal Brennin the Father within the phylactery must first seek out something to awaken the fragment's senses and force it to confront its failings as a father. Several things could potentially perform this task.

The first object is perhaps the most dangerous to obtain, a description that should concern any attempting to liberate the Father. In the heart of Castle Ember is the nursery where Brennin's children spent their formative years. An abandoned, dusty crib hewn from soft stone sits in the corner of the room. The crib is warm to the touch and was chiseled by hand, by Brennin, when Brigid was pregnant with Ceidwen. Liberating it from Castle Ember could prove deadly.

Another object that could be used to free Brennin the Father lies deep in the heart of the Lower City. In the home where Rhonwen took in the children of Brennin is a small, leather-bound journal. Penned by Caddell, it describes his sorrow turned frustration turned anger at his father for abandoning his children at the behest of Cliodhna.

Finally, should an adventurer free the minds of either Caddell or Ceidwen from their excruciating wrath, confronting either one would be more than enough to give the fragment reason to falter. However, this does not account for how either of the children would react when confronted with this mockery simulacra of their father.

### **BRENNIN THE FATHER STATS**

Presented below are the additional abilities and actions for Brennin the Father. These add to or modify the abilities and actions listed in the Fragment of Brennin stat block.

#### **NEW ABILITY: FATHER AND CHILDREN**

When Brennin the Father makes an initiative check, it targets two creatures that he can see. Brennin believes these creatures are its children. Brennin's children have disadvantage on all hostile actions made against it. If Brennin is required to make a save or Ability Check against an effect from one of its children, it has advantage on the roll.

#### **NEW ABILITY: TOUGH LOVE**

Brennin the Father's attacks deal an extra 13 (2d12) force damage against its children.

#### *Tactics*

Brennin the Father is fine with tough love. It first targets its children if they make a hostile action against it. However, when it reduces a child to 0 hit points or fewer, it chooses to simply knock the creature unconscious instead of killing it. All other creatures, on the other hand, are killed.

### **BRENNIN THE BUILDER**

A peerless architect, Brennin was forced to put aside his youthful dreams due to the machinations of powers outside of his control. Those that worked with him claimed his ambition was boundless, his ability peerless, and his execution flawless. Even when he became king, a part of Brennin still clung to these desires.

Even now, his passion for construction and design manifests as a fragment of the shattered Summer King. It wanders the destroyed Realm of Ember, lamenting the damage wrought without realizing that his decisions are, in part, to blame for the state of the kingdom. Any that would accuse the fragment of such deeds are met with fury. The fragment quite literally cannot understand that the shape of the kingdom could ever possibly be its fault as it would never allow something such as this to pass.

Those looking to peacefully capture this fragment would have to delve deep into the ancient history of Brennin's childhood and adolescence to find an object that could enlighten the fragment. One such object rests within his childhood home in Yúla. Within the dilapidated estate prowl summer-crazed valets and other dangers. However, within the room of his childhood is a single sketchpad. Drawn on one page of the pad is a charcoal picture of a crude but massive building. This picture is the first "blueprint" drawn by Brennin and seeing it soothes the fragment.

Another object that can redeem the fragment lays lost in the Kingswood. Buried beneath moss, peat, and time rests a broken spearhead attached to a short, splintered shaft. Apart from its gilded head, the spear is unremarkable. However, acute scholars would note that the decorative gilding is indicative of the work of Ahnarad's most trusted smith. This broken spear was held by Brenninn on the day his uncle, father, and brother were killed by the ice wolf Helyór. To Brenninn, this spear is not just a symbol of the day his family died but is indeed a marker of the day his dreams of being a builder were killed.

Finally, a third object that could wrest free Brenninn the Builder's mind is quite literally etched in stone. As Brigid slowly perished, Brenninn's thoughts were wrought with pain and any moment not spent agonizing over how to preserve his wife's immortal soul were moments of pure, unadulterated dread. In the massive eldritch library located within Abbey Marowlyth, beneath a rotting carpet is a stone floor. Etched upon this stone floor is a compulsive drawing created by Brenninn in a subconscious attempt to calm his ragged nerves. Witnessing this intricate floor plan for his wife's mausoleum would shatter Brenninn the Builder. However, bringing the massive floor stones to Brenninn, or bringing him to them, might prove a feat greater than most could achieve.

### **BRENNIN THE BUILDER STATS**

Presented below are the additional abilities and actions for Brenninn the Builder. These add to or modify the abilities and actions listed in the Fragment of Brenninn stat block.

#### **NEW ABILITY: SUMMER'S ARCHITECT**

Teleportation of any kind does not function within 5 miles of Brenninn the Builder. Those that attempt to teleport take 10d10 force damage and arrive at a random, unoccupied location within 5 miles of Brenninn.

#### **NEW ACTION: MANIFEST RAMPART (RECHARGE 5-6).**

Brenninn the Builder creates a wall of magical stone within 20 ft. of itself. The wall is 20 ft. high, 40 ft. long, and 10 ft. thick.

#### **NEW ACTION: YOUTHFUL ASPIRATION**

Brenninn the Builder tells a creature that can hear it about its optimistic ambitions for the Kingdom of Ember. The creature must make a DC 18 Charisma saving throw or be charmed by Brenninn's ideals. Creatures that are normally immune to charm are still effected by this action but have advantage on their save. Creatures that normally have advantage on saving throws to resist charm do not have advantage. Creatures with no special resistances to charm have disadvantage on their saving throw. A charmed creature can reattempt the saving throw at the end of each of their turns.

#### *Tactics*

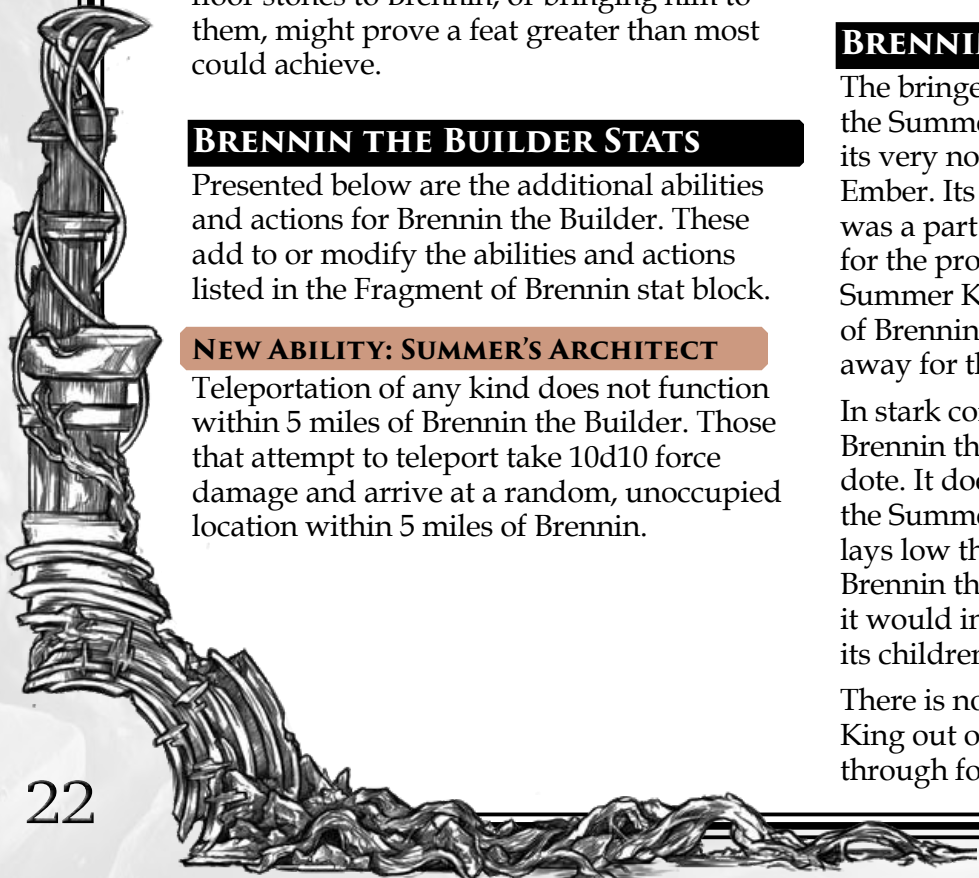
Brenninn the Builder is the weakest in combat of all the fragments. It cannot share damage and has no means of dealing extra damage. Instead, it tries to win enemies over and separate dangerous foes with its unique actions. It heavily favors charming all creatures before sealing them inside a rampart and fleeing. It will fight if cornered, however.

### **BRENNIN THE SUMMER KING**

The bringer of the Endless Summer, Brenninn the Summer King is an existence that, by its very notion, brings ruin to the Realm of Ember. Its ambitions are lofty. In his life there was a part of him that genuinely wished for the prosperity of the realm. Brenninn the Summer King is the callous, loveless fragment of Brenninn that wished to throw everything away for the betterment of the realm.

In stark contrast to the other fragments, Brenninn the Summer King does not dally or dote. It does. Wandering the realm, Brenninn the Summer King brings end to conflict and lays low those driven summer-mad. Were Brenninn the Summer King given the chance, it would instantly agree to wed Maeve or slay its children.

There is nothing that can bring the Summer King out of this fervor. It can only be stopped through force of arms.



## BRENNIN THE SUMMER KING STATS

Presented below are the additional abilities and actions for Brenninn the Summer King. These add to or modify the abilities and actions listed in the Fragment of Brenninn stat block.

### MODIFIED ACTION: FALSE SWORD OF EMBER

Brenninn's *Greatsword* action is replaced with the *False Sword of Ember* action:

**False Sword of Ember.** *Melee Weapon Attack.* +9 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. Hit: 17 (2d12+4) slashing damage, 7 (2d6) fire damage, 7 (2d6) radiant damage, and 7 (2d6) necrotic damage.

### NEW ABILITY: SINISTRAL FLAME AURA

As a bonus action, Brenninn can activate an aura of sinistral fire. The aura lasts for three rounds before it extinguishes. All creatures that begin or end their turn within 25 feet of Brenninn take 10 (3d6) fire damage, 10 (3d6) radiant damage, and 10 (3d6) necrotic damage. A creature can take this damage twice in a single turn if it both begins and ends within the Sinistral Flame Aura. Once the aura extinguishes, Brenninn cannot use reactivate the aura for five rounds.

### Tactics

Brenninn the Summer King is the most dangerous of all the fragments. Most adventurers would be wise to avoid combat and instead seek out something to make it willingly submit. In battle it makes expert use of its *Sinistral Flame Aura* and ends its turn within 25 feet of as many creatures as possible. The *False Sword of Ember* can easily lay low even the mightiest combatant in only a few swings.

## PHASE TWO: THE HUSK

The Husk of Brenninn is a withered monstrosity that patrols the halls of Castle Ember. A puppet around the finger of Cliodhna, this animate corpse is little more than a glorified watchdog. It is a mindless servant that attacks any creature that should not be in Castle Ember.

Facing the Husk of Brenninn is no small feat. It can leap great distances, create crushing pressure with a single sword stroke, and feels no pain. Due to the ritual that fractured Brenninn's soul, the Husk cannot be harmed beyond a certain point without first having part of its soul placed back into its body.

This phase of the boss fight handles quite differently than any published boss fight. It is both a combat and a skill challenge that strikes a balance between the necessity of battle and the need for support.

### Skill Challenge

The party must succeed on eight skill checks in total over the course of the combat. Narratively, this means that the party is attempting the ritual to place Brenninn's soul fragments into the Husk while it does combat with them. The appropriate skills for the challenge are listed below, as well as the maximum amount of successes each skill can contribute to the skill challenge. If clever players suggest a skill that is unlisted that could, in theory, work within the confines of the ritual or to distract Brenninn allow them to make a roll at an appropriate DC. This check can count as a success but it can also give the next skill check made advantage or reduce the DC by a considerable amount, such as 5.

**Arcana, DC 20 (2 Successes):** The eldritch component to the ritual requires the phylactery's creation process to become undone. Making an Arcane check is a Bonus Action.

**History, DC 22 (1 Success):** This skill does not necessarily come into play during the battle. Instead, it is an approximation of research done before the combat began that would prove vital to the ritual's success. Making a History check is not an action but can only be attempted by each character once.

**Medicine DC 20 (2 Successes):** The creation

of vital medical poultices and their use is integral to the ritual. A character must be within 5 ft. of Brenninn to make a Medicine check. Making a Medicine check is a Bonus Action.

**Nature, DC 18 (2 Successes):** The knowledge of the reagents used in the ritual is vital to its success. When to ignite certain aromatic herbs, the components of a soothing balm that must be placed on the Husk, and more are all acceptable narrative uses for Nature. Making a Nature check is an Action.

**Perception, DC 20 (See Description):** Perceiving something important at a critical moment can save a party. Perception does not grant any successes, but does reduce the DC of the next two skill checks made by 3. Making a Perception check is a Bonus Action that can only be attempted by each character once.

**Persuasion, DC 19 (2 Successes, See Description):** Reasoning with the slowly rebuilt Brenninn can cause him to fight back against the Husk's mindlessness. Persuasion can only be attempted after four successful skill checks have been made. Making a Persuasion check is a Bonus Action.

**Religion, DC 15 or DC 22 (3 Successes):** The holy hymns and chants of the ritual must be completed to some degree. The Husk of Brenninn can only be reduced to 0 hit points when there is at least one success on a Religion skill check. Making a Religion check is either an Action or no action. If done as an Action, it is a DC 15 check. If done without using an Action, it is a DC 22 check.

The Husk can only take so much damage before the party must succeed on at least two skill checks. Each time the Husk would exceed a combined total of 50 hit points of damage, check to see if the party has completed at least two skill checks since it last took a total of 50 hit points of damage. If they have, the Husk continues to take damage normally. If they haven't, the Husk takes no further damage. For example, if the party

has completed 6 skill checks, the Husk can take a maximum of 150 damage and but will not drop below 70 hit points until the party completes two more skill checks and completes the

ritual. Once the ritual is complete, the Husk of Brenninn can be reduced from 70 hit points to 0 hit points.

### *Tactics*

The Husk of Brenninn is mindless and easy to manipulate. It sees a threat before it and knows to crush it. It is intelligent enough to know to use its *pressure lunge* action on as many targets as possible. It makes the best use of its two turns but isn't intelligent enough to understand effects that give it disadvantage or to prioritize spellcasters and other, softer, targets.

With the ritual complete and the Husk of Brenninn reunited with all four Fragments of Brenninn, a powerful magic fills the area as an oppressive heat washes over the party like a wave. Brenninn the True Summer King rises once again.

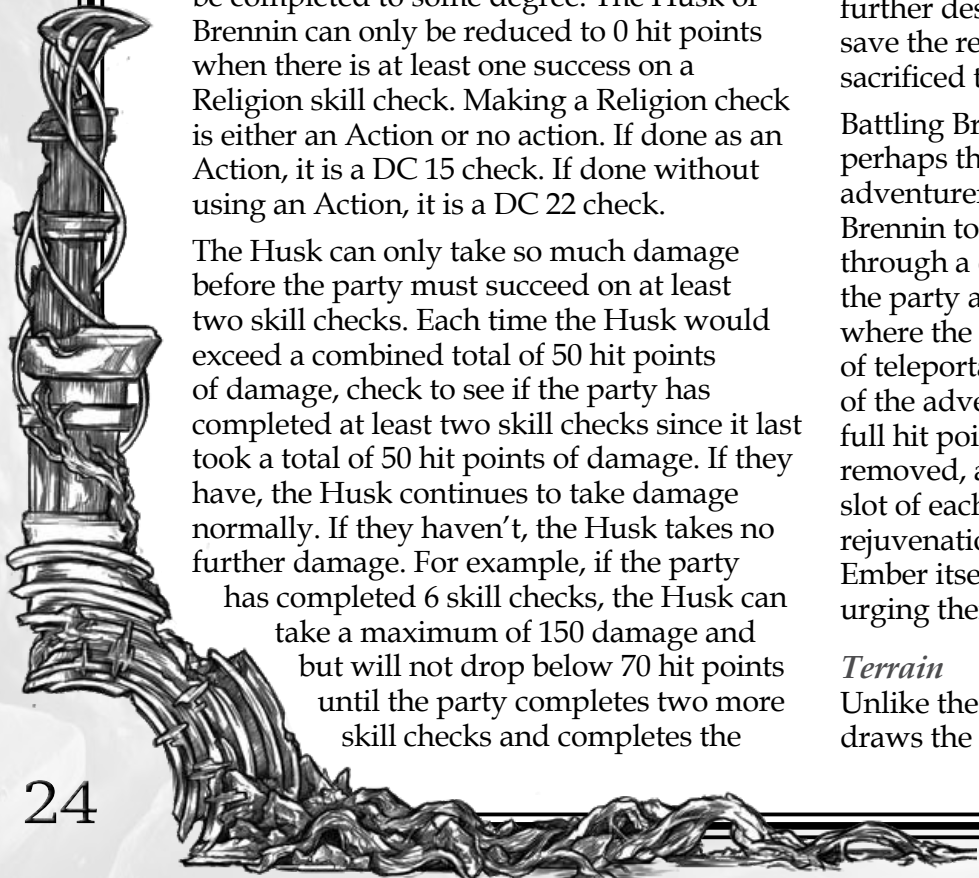
## PHASE THREE: BRENNIN THE TRUE SUMMER KING

Brenninn the True Summer King is a rational but deeply disturbed man. The grief from his failure to save Brigid is all consuming at first. He is still blind to the betrayal of the Earl of Aderyn and wishes for nothing more than to find a new way to bring his wife back to life. If left alone, Brenninn will plunge Ember into further destruction. Adventurers looking to save the realm know one truth: he must be sacrificed to the fire.

Battling Brenninn the True Summer King is perhaps the most difficult thing a party of adventurers can do. Ember itself wishes for Brenninn to be consumed in flame and so, through a distorting wave of heat, brings the party and Brenninn to the ritual grounds where the Summer Embers rage. The moment of teleportation washes away the fatigue of the adventurers. They are restored to full hit points, any ongoing conditions are removed, and spellcasters regain one spell slot of each level below 6th they can cast. The rejuvenation may be a gift from Maeve or Ember itself. Whatever the case, something is urging them onwards.

### *Terrain*

Unlike the previous phases, this battle draws the party to a very specific area with





## HUSK OF BRENNIN

CHALLENGE 16 (15,000 XP)

### Medium humanoid, unaligned

**Armor Class** 16 (breastplate)

**Hit Points** 220 (21d8 + 126)

**Speed** 35 ft.

**STR** 23 (+6)    **DEX** 15 (+2)    **CON** 22 (+6)

**INT** 2 (-4)    **WIS** 2 (-4)    **CHA** 10 (+0)

**Skills** Perception +11

**Damage Vulnerabilities** radiant

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing damage from nonmagical weapons

**Damage Immunities** fire, necrotic

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** passive Perception 16

**Languages** understands Common

### ABILITIES

**Bounding Leap.** The Husk of Brenninn can leap great distances. It has a long jump of 30 ft. and a high jump of 15 ft. It does not need a running start.

**Guardian.** The Husk of Brenninn is physically incapable of leaving Castle Ember unless given a direct order by Cliodhna.

**Immortal Body.** The Husk of Brenninn cannot be destroyed until the ritual is completed as described above.

**Mindless Husk.** The Husk of Brenninn cannot be the target of any spell or feature that requires a creature to make an Intelligence of Wisdom saving throw.

**Peerless Combatant.** The Fragment of Brenninn rolls initiative twice and gets a full turn on both results.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** A Fragment of Brenninn makes two attacks.

**Extinguished Sword of Ember.** *Melee Weapon*  
*Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target.  
*Hit:* 27 (3d12+8) slashing damage.

**Pressure Lunge (Recharge 5-6).** Brenninn thrusts his blade with enough strength to create a crushing wind pressure in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC 20 Constitution saving throw, taking 55 (10d10) force damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one. All creatures, regardless of their save, are knocked prone.

very specific effects. It is possible to fight Brenninn the True Summer King elsewhere, but while the party does not know it this area and moment is where they have their best chance of defeating him.

The promenade that runs through the ritual ground is carved from smooth stone. Up a small flight of stairs rests the Pyre of Summer Embers, the final end of all Kings of Ember. It burns brightly and casts the area in daylight that cannot be dispelled under any circumstance.

In addition to the massive pyre atop the small ziggurat of steps, there are four smaller sconces that contain small fires of the Summer Ember. A weapon attack made by a creature that is within 5ft. of a sconce deals an extra 4 (1d8) fire damage, 4 (1d8) necrotic damage, and 4 (1d8) radiant damage. It is important to note that this damage ignores Brenninn the True Summer King's immunity to these damage types. Additionally, when a creature casts a spell that deals fire damage while within 5ft. of a sconce, the spell becomes imbued with the Summer Embers' flames and ignores Brenninn's immunity to fire damage. However, using the flame in this way can destroy a character. If the character uses the sconces in this way for two consecutive turns or ends up occupying the same area as the fire, they are blinded until the end of their next turn and take 20 hit points of damage. This damage cannot be prevented or reduced in any way.

High atop the staircase is the Pyre of Summer Embers. Any character that is pushed into the pyre instantly takes 50 fire damage which cannot be prevented or reduced in any way. If Brenninn is pushed into the pyre he instead gains a level of exhaustion for each round he is in the flames. He can attempt a DC 30 Constitution saving throw as a bonus action on his turn to remove one level of exhaustion.

Additionally, characters that make weapon attacks while adjacent to the pyre deal an extra 10 (1d20) fire damage, 10 (1d20) necrotic damage, and 10 (1d20) radiant damage. Much like using the sconces, characters that use the pyre for two consecutive turns are blinded until the end of their next turn and take 50 points of damage. This damage cannot be prevented or reduced in any way.

If a character casts a healing spell while adjacent to a sconce or the pyre, the healing done by the spell is increased by 2d20. A character can only heal additional damage in this way once per sconce and once for the pyre. Any attempts to use the sconces or pyre beyond this subjects the caster to the appropriate penalty depending on whether a sconce or the pyre was used.

Brennin cannot make use of either the sconces or pyre to modify his own attacks. They have rejected the Summer King and seek only his death.

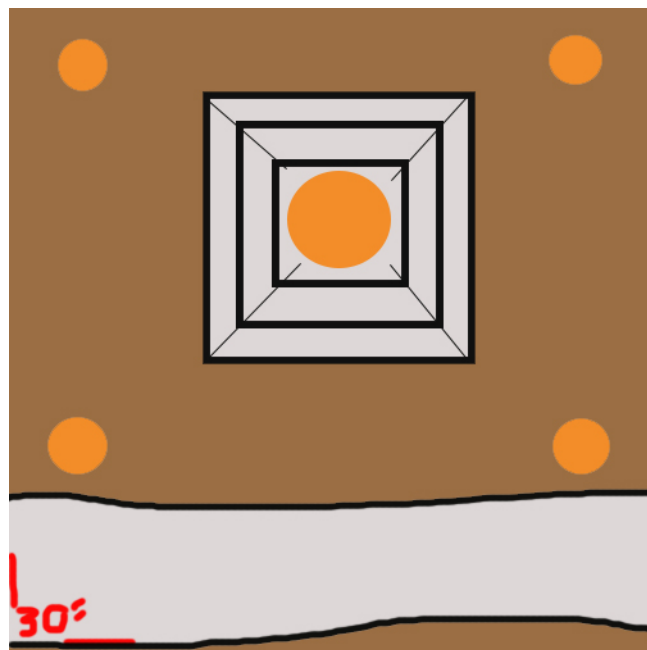
### *Tactics*

Brennin the True Summer King is a veritable juggernaut. He switches between his two multiattack sets depending on which could create the most chaos. He knows to prioritize healers first and then spellcasters before engaging heavily armored foes. He takes special care to kill spellcasters making use of the Summer Embers terrain effect.

Brennin the True Summer King also knows to stagger its turns to maximize his legendary actions. He will delay one of its turns to ensure there are at least one or two enemies that act between his two turns. If such manipulation is impossible, he ensures there is at least one foe between his two turns and uses his decree or flickering charge legendary actions in these limited space areas whenever possible.

Brennin is a highly mobile combatant and isn't afraid of opportunity attacks thanks to his ability to Dash as a bonus action and the Shield of Lewellyn. Movement is key to using Brennin. He has a longer reach than most characters and is far more mobile than them as well. Clever adventurers might begin to hold their attack actions for when Brennin moves past them or draws too close. It is important to remember that these attacks are not opportunity attacks and are made normally. They simply aren't made during the character's turn.

He fears the Summer Embers and does what he must to stay away from them, especially the pyre. He knows they will reach out to him and refuses to submit to his inevitable end. However, he will draw close enough to the pyre to push his foes into its hungry, sacred flames.



# BRENNIN THE TRUE SUMMER KING

CHALLENGE 22 (41000 XP)

**Medium humanoid, unaligned**

**Armor Class** 16 (breastplate)

**Hit Points** 409 (18d8 + 90)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 25 (+7)

**DEX** 18 (+4)

**CON** 23 (+6)

**INT** 17 (+3)

**WIS** 15 (+2)

**CHA** 20 (+5)

**Saving Throws** Str +13, Dex +10, Con +12, Int +9, Wis +8, Cha +11

**Damage Immunities** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing damage from nonmagical weapons, fire, necrotic, radiant

**Condition Immunities** blinded, charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, restrained, stunned

**Senses** truesight 15 ft., passive Perception 12

**Languages** Common

## ABILITIES

**Architect.** Brenninn the True Summer King cannot be the target of the *maze* spell. Any attempts to cast it on him automatically fail and the spell slot used is wasted.

**King's Advance.** Brenninn the True Summer King can Dash as a bonus action.

**Peerless Combatant.** Brenninn the True Summer King rolls initiative twice and gets a full turn on both results.

**Shield of Lewellyn.** All opportunity attacks made against Brenninn the True Summer King have disadvantage.

**Sinistral Flame Aura.** When Brenninn the True Summer King has 200 or fewer hit points, a wreath of flame surrounds his body. Creatures that begin or end their turn within 10 ft. of Brenninn the True Summer King must make a DC 22 Constitution saving throw. On a failed save the creature is blinded until the end of their next turn and takes 10 (1d20) necrotic damage and 10 (1d20) radiant damage. Once a creature passes this saving throw, they are immune to the Sinistral Flame Aura for 1 hour.

**Sword of Embers.** Brenninn the True Summer King's sword of ember action treats fire immunity as fire resistance and ignores fire resistance.



## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Brenninn the True Summer King can make one of the follow multiattacks: a sword of ember attacks and a shield bash attack or 2 soulfire swing attacks.

**King's Decree (Recharge 6).** Brenninn the True Summer King issues a royal decree to drop arms. All creatures within 100 ft. that can hear him and speak Common must make a DC 20 Charisma saving throw. On a failed saving throw, all attacks against Brenninn made by the target have disadvantage. A character can attempt another saving throw at the end of each of their turns to end this effect.

**Shield Bash.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 10 (1d6+7) bludgeoning damage and the target must make a DC 20 Strength saving throw or be pushed 15 ft. backward.

**Sword of Ember.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +16 to hit, reach 15ft., one target. *Hit:* 23 (2d12+10) fire damage and 16 (3d10) slashing damage.

**Soulfire Swing.** *Melee Spell Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 15 ft., two creatures within reach. *Hit:* 10 (1d20) fire damage, 10 (1d20) necrotic damage, and 10 (1d20) radiant damage.

## LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Brenninn the True Summer King can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Brenninn the True Summer King regains spent legendary actions at the start of his turn.

**Bash.** Brenninn the True Summer King makes a shield bash attack.

**Decree (2 Actions).** Brenninn the True Summer King uses the king's decree action.

**Flickering Charge (3 Actions).** Brenninn the True Summer King moves up to his speed and makes a sword of ember attack. This attack deals 21 (2d20) additional fire damage.

**Move.** Brenninn the True Summer King moves up to his speed.

# CLIODHNA, THE EARL OF ADERYN

An exile from a foreign land, Cliodhna quickly rose through the ranks of Ember with one goal in mind: revenge. The people of the realm are little more than tools in her grand ambitions. She craves the power of the old Kings and Queens of Ember and believes that by harnessing said power she will effortlessly return to her home land and lay it to waste.

Unlike other bosses presented in this document, Cliodhna has no specific area where she is encountered. She might be found within the confines of Castle Ember's massive libraries, her private quarters, or could possibly be coaxed out of hiding by rumors relating to the Capsa Signet. Game Masters are encouraged to be creative with the environments that such battles would take place in and to have Cliodhna fully exploit such terrain to her advantage.

## PHASE ONE: GUARDIANS OF THE EARL

Cliodhna is always accompanied by two members of the Tirithal Knights. Additionally, she can create an amount of shadow beasts equal to the amount of player characters in the combat when she rolls initiative thanks to her Ring of Lunae ability. In phase one, Cliodhna is playing with her opponents and is full of quips and jabs. Mechanically, it is identical to a standard combat and has no special rules outside of terrain rules that a Game Master might incorporate. When Cliodhna, the Earl of Aderyn is reduced to 0 hit points, the party succeeds at cutting the Ring of Lunae from her hand. Cliodhna howls in pain and enters phase two.

## TACTICS

A cunning fighter, Cliodhna allows her allies and summoned creatures to directly confront her foes. She herself heavily favors sudden surprise attacks against isolated opponents. If surrounded she uses *tenebrous cloud* to escape before returning to her hit-

and-run tactics. If she sees an opponent close to collapse, she orders her allies away so that she can get the deathblow and gain the benefit of *soul harvest*.

The shadow beasts do what they can to avoid sunlight but will endanger themselves if it benefits Cliodhna. The Tirithal Knights directly engage foes and make great use of their actions and abilities that penalize attacks not targeting them.

## SIDEBAR: CEIDWEN'S AID

If Ceidwen was saved by the party instead of left to her fate or killed, she reduces the amount of shadow beasts by one and completely removes the royal guards from the combat. She battles them "off screen" and allows the party to focus on fewer targets.

Additionally, as a bonus action once during the combat, a character can ask her to heal a party member with a 6th level *heal* spell.

## PHASE TWO: SHADOW OF ADERYN

The source of Cliodhna's power, the Ring of Lunae, is now the greatest weapon the party has in stopping her. She is desperate and would sooner die than give up the ring. It is vital to her plans for her homeland.

Stress to the player's the importance of the Ring of Lunae in this encounter. While it is possible to defeat Cliodhna the Shadow without its aid it is incredibly difficult. Using the ring in this phase requires a character to both hold the ring and interact with it using any number of skills presented below. If clever players suggest a skill that is unlisted that could, in theory, work within the confines of the combat then allow them to make a roll at an appropriate DC. This check can count as a success but it can also give the next skill check made advantage or reduce the DC by a considerable amount, such as 5.

**Arcana or Religion, DC 24:** Manipulating the Ring of Lunae requires a knowledgeable

# CLIODHNA, THE EARL OF ADERYN

CHALLENGE 14 (11500 XP)

## Medium humanoid, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 22 (studded leather)

**Hit Points** 180 (24d8 + 72)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 13 (+1)    **DEX** 22 (+6)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 19 (+4)    **WIS** 12 (+1)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Dex +11, Cha +8

**Skills** Arcana +9, Deception +13, Intimidation +11,  
Investigation +9, Perception +11, Persuasion +14

**Damage Resistances** necrotic

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed,  
poisoned, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 24

**Languages** Common

## ABILITIES

**Antimagic Vulnerability.** One of Cliodhna's hands do not function in areas of anti-magic. This lowers her AC to 19 and prevents her from casting a spell or cantrip and then making an umbran scimitar attack on the same action.

**Bloodmoon Whorl.** When Cliodhna deals damage to a creature with a melee weapon attack, she gains a stack of Bloodmoon Whorl, up to a maximum of 3 stacks. Attacks made against her while she has at least one stack of Bloodmoon Whorl are made with disadvantage. If an attack against her misses, she loses one stack of Bloodmoon Whorl.

**Calculating Fighter.** Cliodhna adds her Intelligence modifier to her Armor Class (included in her AC).

**Isolated Strike.** Each turn, Cliodhna deals 22 (4d10) extra psychic damage with the first weapon attack she hits with against creatures that have no allies within 5 ft. of them.

**Ring of Lunae.** When Cliodhna rolls initiative, she also summons an amount of *shadow beasts* equal to the amount of player characters in the combat. This includes any player characters that she is unaware of.

**Soul Harvest.** When Cliodhna reduces a creature to 0 hit points or fewer with the Umbran Scimitar, she heals 50 hit points and the creature must make a DC 20 Constitution saving throw or die.

**Spellcasting.** Cliodhna is a 17th-level spellcaster. Her spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 18, +10 to hit with spell attacks), requiring no material components:

At will: *booming blade*, *greenflame blade*

1st-5th level (4 5th-level slots): *cloud of daggers*, *hellish rebuke*, *hold monster*, *vampiric touch*

## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Cliodhna, the Earl of Aderyn makes 2 umbran scimitar attacks or casts 1 spell or cantrip and makes 1 umbran scimitar attack.

**Umbran Scimitar.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 11 (1d6+8) slashing damage and 21 (2d20) necrotic damage.

**Tenebrous Cloud (Recharge 6).** Cliodhna creates a cloud of living darkness within 100 ft. of her. Each creature hostile to her in a 30-foot radius sphere centered on that point must make a DC 18 Strength saving throw. A target takes 16 (3d10) necrotic damage and 16 (3d10) psychic damage and is restrained on a failed save. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of their turns. On a successful save, the target takes half as much damage and is restrained until the end of their next turn.



hand, both literally and figuratively. On a successful check, the character can disable one of Cliodhna's abilities until the start of their next turn. The abilities that can be disabled are *bloodmon whorl*, *life harvest*, and *queer visibility*.

**Insight, DC 16:** The wielder can use the ring to read the shadows that surround Cliodhna. On a successful check, the character can follow the shadows to her intended target. The next character subjected that needs to make a saving throw against Cliodhna's *umbran scimitar* has advantage on their saving throw. Making an Insight check is a bonus action.

**Perception (See Description):** Spotting an invisible Cliodhna is a near impossible task. The character must make a Wisdom (Perception) check opposed by Cliodhna's Dexterity (Stealth). If the character succeeds, they can wreath Cliodhna in a thin layer of shadow that makes her visible and targetable. However, once exposed in this way, Cliodhna can immediately move up to her speed. Making a Perception check is an action.

**Intimidation, DC 17 (See Description):** Any character can attempt to intimidate Cliodhna. Threats about the destruction of the ring, her impending death, or the fact that she will never obtain her revenge are all more than enough to draw her ire. If a character succeeds on an Intimidation check, Cliodhna must attack them on her next turn. Only two creatures can successfully goad Cliodhna at a time. Making an Intimidation check is a bonus action.

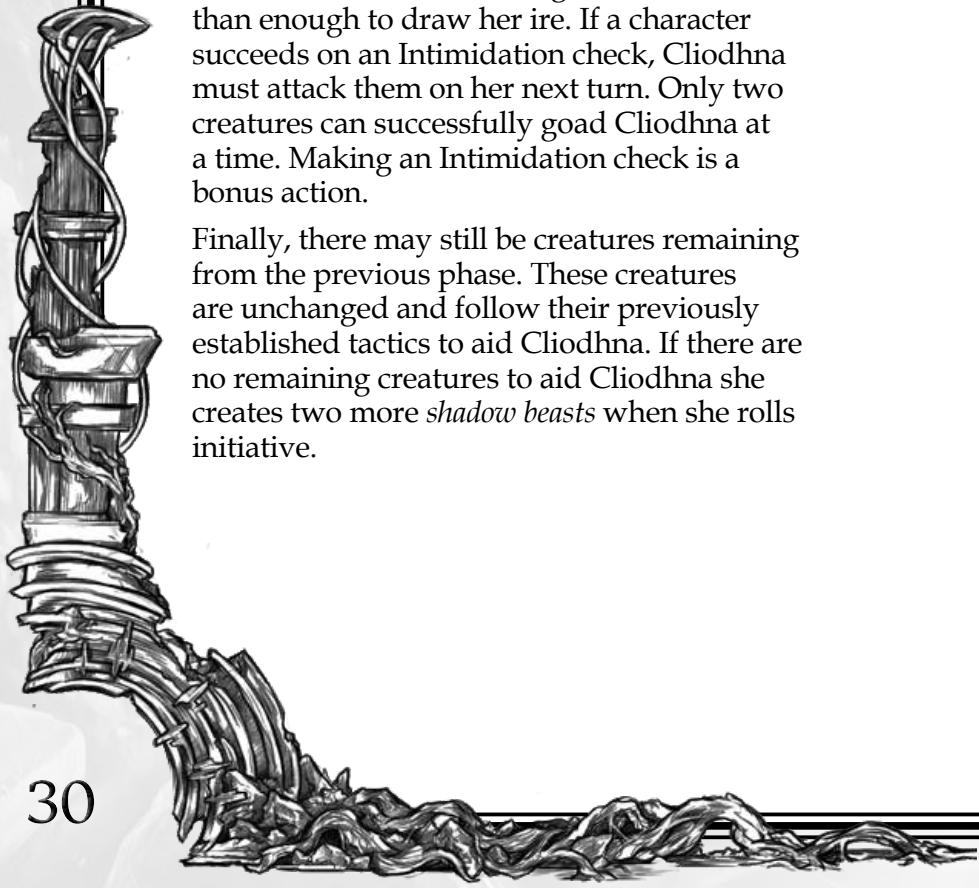
Finally, there may still be creatures remaining from the previous phase. These creatures are unchanged and follow their previously established tactics to aid Cliodhna. If there are no remaining creatures to aid Cliodhna she creates two more *shadow beasts* when she rolls initiative.

## TACTICS

Cliodhna has gone mad but she is not so far gone that she has lost her tactical acumen. While retreat is not an option for the Earl, she still has a very specific kill order for the party. Spellcasters, healers, ranged threats, melee threats. She teleports around the battlefield and whittles away at enemies in order of this internalized priority. Thanks to this increased mobility, she finds it prudent to blind ranged combatants and render them useless.

In addition to this blindness, Cliodhna's *queer visibility* ability allows her to move unmolested every other turn. She uses this time to position herself so that she can cause the most damage and chaos possible.

Once she realizes that her ring is being used against her, she does everything in her power to kill whoever is holding it at any given time. If she kills the holder she uses a bonus action to pick up the ring and will attempt to retreat on her next turn. If she escapes the party has made their lives in Ember incredibly difficult. She will do whatever it takes to exterminate them and reclaim it.



# CLIODHNA THE SHADOW

CHALLENGE 15 (13000 XP)

## Medium humanoid, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 18 (studded leather)

**Hit Points** 225 (30d8 + 90)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 13 (+1)    **DEX** 22 (+6)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 19 (+4)    **WIS** 12 (+1)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Dex +11, Cha +8

**Skills** Arcana +9, Stealth +15

**Damage Resistances** necrotic

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 11

**Languages** Common

## ABILITIES

**Bloodmoon Whorl.** When Cliodhna deals damage to a creature with the Umbran Scimitar, she gains a stack of Bloodmoon Whorl, up to a maximum of 3 stacks. Attacks made against her while she has at least one stack of Bloodmoon Whorl are made with disadvantage. If an attack against her misses, she loses one stack of Bloodmoon Whorl.

**Enraged Champion.** Cliodhna the Shadow has advantage on all initiative rolls.

**Life Harvest.** When Cliodhna the Shadow deals damage to a creature with the Umbran Scimitar, she heals 10 hit points.

**Queer Visibility.** On the first round of the phase, Cliodhna is visible. While visible she acts normally and can be attacked normally. At the beginning of her second turn, she becomes invisible and teleports to a location of her choice within 30 ft. While invisible, she can take no actions but can move herself up to her base speed. At the start of her third turn, Cliodhna becomes visible and her first attack that turn deals 16 (3d10) extra psychic damage. Cliodhna continues to alternate between visible and invisible in this order from turn to turn.

## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Cliodhna the Shadow uses umbran scimitar three times.

**Umbran Scimitar.** Cliodhna teleports up to 20 ft. away, ending this teleportation in a space adjacent to an enemy creature before lashing out with a complicated feint. The target must make a DC 19 Intelligence saving throw. On a failed save, the target takes 31 (3d20) necrotic damage and is blinded until the end of its next turn. On a successful save, the target takes half as much damage and is not blinded. This action counts as a melee weapon attack. Cliodhna can only target a creature with this action twice in a single turn.

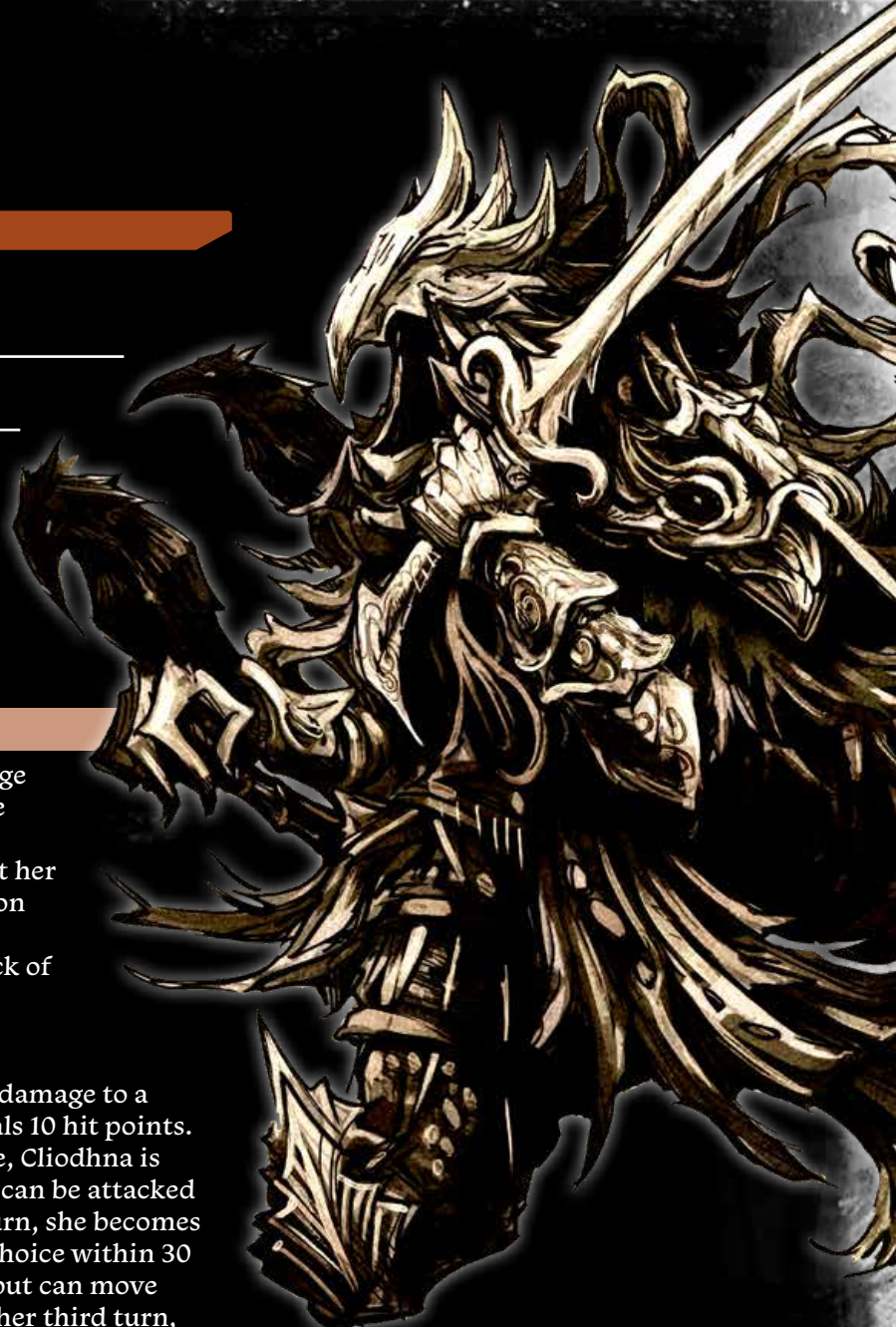
## LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Cliodhna the Shadow can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn.

**Move.** Cliodhna moves up to her speed.

**Penumbral Hex (2 Actions).** Cliodhna selects one creature within 30 ft. of her. That creature has disadvantage on all attack rolls made against Cliodhna until the end of Cliodhna's next turn.

**Slash.** Cliodhna makes the following attack: *Melee Weapon Attack*: +11 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit*: 11 (1d6+8) slashing damage and 11 (2d10) necrotic damage.



# MAEVE, THE WINTER QUEEN

Maeve's grasp on reality is steadily loosening as the Endless Summer plods on. There are agents within the realm of Ember that seek to free Maeve while others desire nothing more than her continued imprisonment and eventual death. Adventurers traveling the realm could end up in either camp.

To those souls seeking to free the realm from summer madness, Maeve extends whatever aid she can. However, due to the immense strain such actions place on her and the limited times that she is capable of such feats, communicating with her or receiving assistance is an exceedingly rare occurrence.

## PHASE ONE: WINTER'S COCOON

Maeve, the Winter Queen awaits the conclusion of the Endless Summer. Her domain rests in a secluded area where she is attended to by fey guardians who ensure the safety of the Winter's Cocoon, a massive, gem-like swaddle of frost and gossamer that sustains the ever weakening Maeve.

The cavern that houses the Winter's Cocoon is a sprawling grotto with unnatural stones and a floating, white mist. Three guardians tend to the flora of the area. Two use the statistics for Yetis but they have 14 Intelligence and 16 Charisma. The third uses the statistics for a Cambion but its Infernal Charm becomes Fey Charm, all fire damage it deals becomes cold damage, and it cannot plane shift. All guardians have their type changed to Fey.

### Lair Actions

On initiative count 20 (losing initiative ties), the Winter's Cocoon takes a lair action to cause one of the following effects; the cocoon can't use the same effect two rounds in a row.

- A friendly creature within 120 feet of the cocoon disappears into the fey realm. While in the fey realm, the target recovers 20 hit points. On the next Lair Action, the target reappears anywhere within 120 feet of the cocoon. Its first single target attack that turn deals an additional 11 (2d10) cold damage.
- A hostile creature within 120 feet of the cocoon disappears into the fey realm. While in the fey realm, the target is incapacitated. On the next Lair Action, the target reappears anywhere within 120 feet of the cocoon and is no longer incapacitated.
- A patch of clinging frost appears in an unoccupied space within 50 feet of the cocoon. The patch is 15 feet in diameter and 10 feet high.





## WINTER'S COCOON

CHALLENGE 5 (1800 XP)

### Huge ooze, unaligned

**Armor Class** 10 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 100 (8d12 + 48)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40 ft. (hover)

**STR** 1 (-4)      **DEX** 1 (-4)      **CON** 22 (+6)

**INT** 1 (-4)      **WIS** 1 (-4)      **CHA** 30 (+10)

**Saving Throws** Con +9

**Skills** Arcana +9, History +15, Nature +16,  
Persuasion +13, Religion +9, Stealth +9

**Damage Resistances** fire

**Damage Immunities** bludgeoning, piercing, and  
slashing damage from weapons that aren't  
silvered, cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** blinded, charmed,  
deafened, exhaustion, fatigued, frightened,  
grappled, paralyzed, prone, restrained,  
stunned

**Senses** tremorsense 120 ft. (blind beyond this  
radius), passive Perception 6

**Languages** --

### ABILITIES

**Inanimate.** The Winter's Cocoon automatically fails any Strength or Dexterity saving throws.

**Mindless.** The Winter's Cocoon cannot be the target of any spell that has an Intelligence, Wisdom, or Charisma saving throw.

**Regeneration.** The Winter's Cocoon regains 30 hit points at the start of its turn if it has at least 1 hit point. If it takes acid or necrotic damage, this trait doesn't function at the start of its next turn.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The Winter's Cocoon uses Northern Light twice.

**Northern Light.** *Ranged Spell Attack:* +8 to hit, range 120 ft., one target. *Hit:* 9 (2d8) cold damage and 9 (2d8) psychic damage.

### Terrain

The cavern is festooned with unnatural terrain. The layout of the cave remains mostly the same throughout the fight's various phases, so Game Masters should keep track of what sections have been altered or destroyed.

**Blood Rock (red shapes):** The rust red rocks dot the land and are touched with a fey lust for violence. When a creature reduces another creature to 0 hit points or less while both creatures are within 15 ft. of a blood rock, the creature that made the attack gains 15 temporary hit points.

**Clinging Frost (white patches):** This thin mist of magical water is actually highly volatile essence of winter. Most patches are 15 feet in diameter and 10 feet high. Non-fey creatures that move through clinging frost reduce their speed by 5 ft. for every 5 ft. they travel through it. Clinging frost can be removed completely with an action used by either the creature affected by it or an ally within 5 ft.

**Grasping Grass (green central mass):** This tall grass surrounds the cocoon. Creatures that fall prone in the tall grass are automatically grappled by the grass. It has a +7 Strength (Athletics) check. One 5 ft. square of grass has 10 hit points and is immune to bludgeoning and piercing damage. The 6-foot tall grass also blocks visibility for creatures beneath it.

**Gravity Stones (black shapes):** These whirling oblong stones create small gravity wells in their immediate vicinity. Ranged weapon attacks that travel within 5 ft. of a gravity stone are made with disadvantage.

**Trees (brown circles):** Mundane trees dot the landscape. Maeve can target them with her *mantle of vitreous wood* in phases two and three. They can also act as cover against phase 3's timer mechanic if the trees are still there. They are destroyed in one hit. Seven trees total.

### *Lair Actions*

On initiative count 20 (losing initiative ties), the Winter's Cocoon takes a lair action to cause one of the following effects; the cocoon can't use the same effect two rounds in a row.

- A friendly creature within 120 feet of the cocoon disappears into the fey realm. While in the fey realm, the target recovers 20 hit points. On the next Lair Action, the target reappears anywhere within 120 feet of the cocoon. Its first single target attack that turn deals an additional 11 (2d10) cold damage.
- A hostile creature within 120 feet of the cocoon disappears into the fey realm. While in the fey realm, the target is incapacitated. On the next Lair Action, the target reappears anywhere within 120 feet of the cocoon and is no longer incapacitated.
- A patch of clinging frost appears in an unoccupied space within 50 feet of the cocoon. The patch is 15 feet in diameter and 10 feet high.

### *Tactics*

The cocoon's guardians maximize their area of effect abilities and magical charms to debilitate interlopers in as large a number as possible. The Winter's Cocoon indiscriminately fires bolts of aurora-like lights at intruders. The guardians do their best to position themselves near gravity stones to protect themselves from ranged attacks. The lead guardian hides itself within the grasping grass while using its ice ray action.

The following two phases change depending on the actions of the party while within Ember. If the party is seeking to simply free Maeve then she emerges into the world and listens to the party's requests. If they were acting on her behalf she thanks them for their loyalty.

However, parties looking to slay Maeve face an entirely different outcome. If the party did not actively wear down Maeve's sanity then they begin Phase Two. If the party worked to hinder Maeve before freeing her they begin Phase Three. Actions that can erode

Maeve's sanity include: the party forcing her to manifest frequently, performing a ritual to alter the cocoon, or killing Atkond, the Sundered Duke.

## PHASE TWO: MAEVE THE WINTER QUEEN

Fully freed and in total control of her faculties, Maeve is a deadly spellcaster with absolute dominion over her home. She attacks her would-be assassins with overwhelming force.

### *Tactics*

Maeve prioritizes freezing people when she can. If there are no targets that can be frozen on a given turn she casts spells instead of making two attacks. She attempts to move creatures towards patches of clinging frost, which she is immune to, in order to hamper their movements and hasten their petrification.

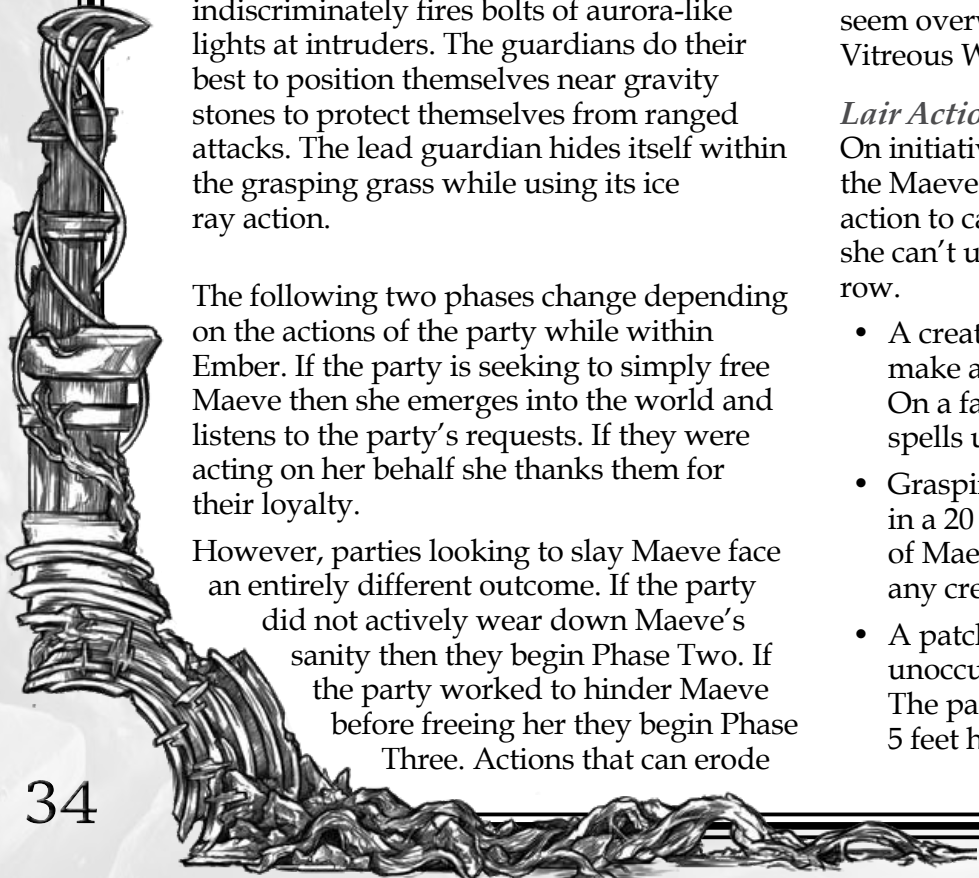
Her aerial superiority is limited by the confines of the cavern but she does take to the skies when adequately threatened on the ground. If her attackers have sufficient ranged ability she favors cover, gravity stones, and prioritizes such characters for freezing.

If Maeve has no allies, or her surviving allies seem overwhelmed, she uses the Mantle of Vitreous Wood.

### *Lair Actions*

On initiative count 20 (losing initiative ties), the Maeve the Winter Queen takes a lair action to cause one of the following effects; she can't use the same effect two rounds in a row.

- A creature within 100 feet of Maeve must make a DC 17 Intelligence saving throw. On a failed save, the target cannot cast spells until the end of its next turn.
- Grasping grass sprouts from the ground in a 20 foot diameter patch within 20 feet of Maeve. The grass attempts to grapple any creatures on the ground in that area.
- A patch of clinging frost appears in an unoccupied space within 50 feet of Maeve. The patch is 10 feet in diameter and 5 feet high.



# MAEVE THE WINTER QUEEN

CHALLENGE 16 (15000 XP)

## Large fey, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 17 (mage armor)

**Hit Points** 204 (22d10 + 66)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40 ft. (hover)

**STR** 15 (+2)

**DEX** 18 (+4)

**CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 18 (+4)

**WIS** 15 (+2)

**CHA** 22 (+6)

**Saving Throws** Dex +9, Cha +11

**Skills** Arcana +9, History +15, Nature +16, Persuasion +13, Religion +9, Stealth +9

**Damage Resistances** fire, bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered

**Damage Immunities** cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** truesight 30 ft., passive Perception 23

**Languages** Common, Druidic, Sylvan

## ABILITIES

**Chosen of Winter.** Maeve is always under the effects of the *mage armor* spell. If Maeve takes fire damage her Armor Class is reduced to 14 until the end of her next turn.

**Frost's Bite.** Creatures that take damage from *bite of winter's cold* reduce all of their movement speeds by 10 ft. If a creature's movement speed is reduced to 0 ft. in this way, they are frozen solid and count as petrified. A creature can attempt a DC 19 Strength saving throw at the end of each of their turns to remove this speed reduction and petrification.

**Frozen Spells.** All spells cast by Maeve the Winter Queen deal cold damage instead of the spell's listed damage type. Additionally, creatures that are normally immune to cold damage are instead resistant to spells cast by Maeve.

**Mind of Two Worlds.** Maeve can maintain concentration on two spells simultaneously. If she fails a concentration check she chooses which spell to stop concentrating on.

**Spellcasting.** The maeve the winter queen is a 16th-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 19, +11 to hit with spell attacks). The maeve the winter queen has the following spells prepared:

**Cantrips (at will):** *chill touch*, *eldritch blast*, *light*

**1st level (4 slots):** *shield*

**2nd level (3 slots):** *acid arrow\**, *blur*, *detect thoughts*

**3rd level (3 slots):** *counterspell*, *fireball\**

**4th level (3 slots):** *black tentacles*, *ice storm*, *phantasmal killer*

**5th level (2 slots):** *cone of cold*, *mislead*

**6th level (1 slots):** *wall of ice*

**7th level (1 slots):** *force cage*

**8th level (1 slots):** *maze*

\*does cold damage

## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Maeve makes 2 bite of winter's cold attacks or makes 1 bite of winter's cold attack and casts 1 spell or cantrip.

**Bite of Winter's Cold.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +8 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 14 (2d10+3) cold damage and 7 (2d6) piercing damage.

**Mantle of Vitreous Wood (Recharge 6).** Maeve magically animates one or two trees she can see within 60 ft. of her. These trees have the same statistics as an *awakened tree*. An animated tree acts as an ally of Maeve. It remains animate for 1 day or until it dies; or until Maeve takes a bonus action to turn it back into an inanimate tree. The tree then takes root if possible. After using this action, Maeve takes 10 damage.

## LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Maeve the Winter Queen can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn.

**Flight.** Maeve flies up to her fly speed.

**Frostbite.** Maeve makes a bite of winter's cold attack.



## PHASE THREE: MAEVE THE MAD

If Maeve's sanity has been worn away, she immediately enters Phase Three upon her release. Massive icicles that run from the ground to the cavern's ceiling flash freeze. Unable to communicate, Maeve becomes a frenzied beast with one intention: killing her attackers and then advancing on Castle Ember.

### *Terrain*

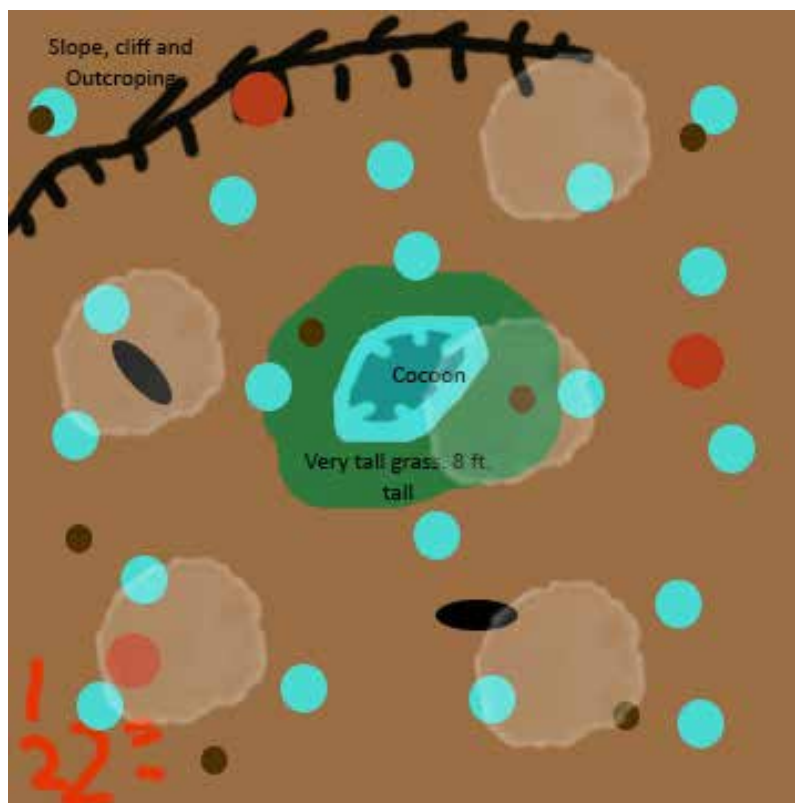
In addition to the previous terrain effects, now large, 5 foot diameter icicles run the height of the cavern. These icicles are vital to the success of the party and to evade Maeve's **icicle storm** feature. Each icicle can survive two volleys of **icicle storm** before they shatter completely. Communicate cracking and groaning that struck icicles make to ensure that the players know that the protection they offer is not permanent.

### *Tactics*

The many icicles and other line of sight obstacles hinder visibility in the cavern. Maeve is mindless and fights to the death. Maeve uses **slalom** to position foes in isolated places before hammering away that them and activating **hoar blood**. Due to the nature of **hoar blood**, Maeve tends to favor striking multiple targets each round to maximize her destruction.

### *Lair Actions*

Maeve the Mad has no Lair Actions.



## MAEVE THE MAD

CHALLENGE 13 (10000 XP)

### Large fey, chaotic neutral

**Armor Class** 18 (mage armor)

**Hit Points** 228 (24d10 + 96)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40 ft. (hover)

**STR** 16 (+3)    **DEX** 21 (+5)    **CON** 18 (+4)

**INT** 17 (+3)    **WIS** 13 (+1)    **CHA** 22 (+6)

**Saving Throws** Dex +9, Cha +11

**Skills** Arcana +9, History +15, Nature +16,  
Persuasion +13, Religion +9, Stealth +9

**Damage Resistances** fire, bludgeoning, piercing,  
and slashing damage from weapons that  
aren't silvered

**Damage Immunities** cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** blinded, charmed,  
frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** truesight 30 ft., passive Perception 23

**Languages** Common, Druidic, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Chosen of Winter.** Maeve is always under the effects of the *mage armor* spell. If Maeve takes fire damage, her Armor Class is reduced to 15 until the end of her next turn.

**Hoar Blood.** Creatures that take damage from bite of winter's cold take an additional 16 (3d10) cold damage and must make a DC 17 Constitution saving throw or fall prone at the start of their turn. A creature only takes this damage once, regardless of the amount of times it was struck. Creatures can be affected by frozen blood again but only if they are again struck by bite of winter's cold.

**Icicle Storm.** When Maeve the Mad rolls initiative place a d6 face up on 3 in a place where the players can see it. At the start of each of Maeve the Mad's turn, reduce the number by one. When the die would reach zero, Maeve immediately makes an attack in a 30 foot radius sphere as a bonus action. Creatures in the area take 25 piercing and 25 cold damage. Creatures that have an icicle, tree, or boulder between themselves and Maeve take no damage. Once Maeve makes this attack the d6 counter resets to 3 and resumes its countdown.

**Transformed Glacier Aegis.** When Maeve takes damage, all creatures within 10 ft. of her take 5 (1d10) cold damage and 5 (1d10) piercing damage.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Maeve makes 2 bite of winter's cold attacks and uses slalom.

**Bite of Winter's Cold.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, 15ft. cone, creatures in cone. *Hit:* 15 (2d10+4) cold damage and 7 (2d6) piercing damage.

**Mantle of Vitreous Wood (Recharge 6).** Maeve magically animates one or two trees she can see within 60 ft. of her. These trees have the same statistics as



# CEIDWEN

## REAPER OF ASH

Ceidwen's trauma has taken root deep in the very essence of her being. Her father's betrayal at the hand of his most trusted advisor, her early banishment from Castle Ember, and her brother's descent into inhumanity have all contributed to the young Daughter of Ash becoming numb to the world around her. In her current form, Ceidwen is little more than a wandering husk of what she once was, content to harvest any soul at any time, even if it is not their time.

Facing her in battle is not as simple as some might believe, and not simply because of her overwhelming power. Ceidwen is, for better or worse, connected to the cycle of death and rebirth that hangs in limbo across Ember. If she is ever killed she simply returns to life, just like the phoenix that travels with her.

### TERRAIN

Ceidwen is a wandering force of entropy and callous death. It is possible to encounter her in nearly any location across Ember but she is especially drawn to the sites of great tragedies. Where ever she is encountered should have dynamic terrain that benefits her and the party.

A rocky clearing in the Vitreous Wood where briar twists from the earth between massive, crumbling stones, a ruined building in the Lower City with overturned stalls, carts, and multi-level buildings, or a moonlit coast of slick, jagged jetty near the Forlorn Cove are all potentially amazing battlefields for the Reaper of Ash. It's recommended to add elevation to the battle to better make use of her teleportation abilities and ranged attacks. Such dynamic scenes can turn a straightforward battle with a hidden Skill Challenge into something incredibly memorable.

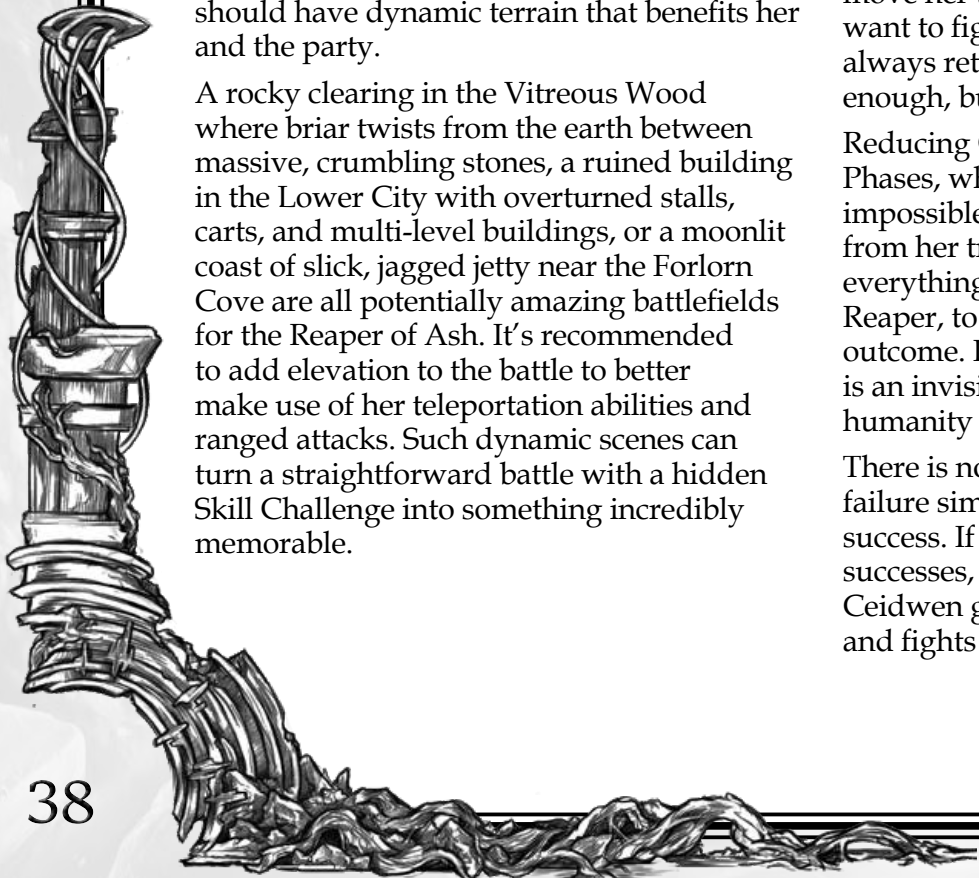
### UNIQUE MECHANIC: REPENT

In both phases, Ceidwen has a unique mechanic, known as "Repent," that functions in a way not unlike a Skill Challenge. However, unlike a normal Skill Challenge, the existence of Repent is unknown to players who have not done research or who lack empathy.

Scattered around Ember are many accounts of who Ceidwen was and what she has become. For parties looking to challenge her, they should first find some of these records. Perhaps words from the Fate-sealer spoken in portent could inform the party that they cannot kill Ceidwen but they can "kill her cruelty." If the party tracks down and slays Caddel the Last Prince of Summer, perhaps with his dying breath he urges the party to save Ceidwen even though they failed to save him. Personal diaries of any major character with association to Ceidwen could also give background on the gentle soul she once possessed and hint that "acts of heroism" or "genuine kindness" were once enough to move her to joyful tears. Characters that only want to fight Ceidwen can "win" but she will always return. For some groups that might be enough, but for others they might want more.

Reducing Ceidwen to 0 hit points in two Phases, while incredibly dangerous, is not impossible. Groups looking to wake her from her trance need to be willing to risk everything, while still fighting against the Reaper, to achieve such a monumental outcome. Repent, as mentioned previously, is an invisible Skill Challenge that tracks the humanity of the party.

There is no failure threshold for Repent. A failure simply removes an already scored success. If the party scores a cumulative 7 successes, the combat immediately ends as Ceidwen grasps her head, writhes in pain, and fights to rediscover her decency.



## SUCCESSSES

The following actions grant successes:

**Comradery (Unlimited Successes):** A character willingly forgoes a superior tactical decision to heal an unconscious ally adds 1 Success.

**History (DC 18, 2 Successes):** As an action, the character can appeal to Ceidwen with learned information about Cliodhna's betrayal, the status of Brennin's soul, or the madness of Caddell in an attempt to remind her of what she once felt was truly important. The character makes an Intelligence (History) check. A failed roll does not count as a Failure and a successful roll adds 1 Success.

**Loyalty (3 Successes):** A character uses the Protection Fighting Style to guard an ally adds 1 Success.

**Mercy (Unlimited Successes):** By refusing to attack Ceidwen when a character clearly has the upper hand, such as if she has been disarmed or is knocked prone, that character automatically scores 2 Successes.

**Persuasion (DC 19, 3 Successes):** As an action, the character can try to reason with Ceidwen's better angels with a Charisma (Persuasion) check. A failed roll does not count as a Failure and a successful roll adds 1 Success.

## CEIDWEN, THE REAPER OF ASH

CHALLENGE 13 (10000 XP)

**Medium humanoid, unaligned**

**Armor Class** 21

**Hit Points** 187 (22d8 + 88)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 15 (+2)    **DEX** 22 (+6)    **CON** 19 (+4)

**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 20 (+5)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Dexterity +11, Wisdom +10

**Skills** Athletics +7, Acrobatics +11, History +6, Intimidation +8, Religion +6, Stealth +11

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing damage from nonmagical weapons, cold, necrotic

**Damage Immunities** fire, radiant

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, petrified, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** truesight 30 ft., passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Blessed Warrior.** Ceidwen adds her Wisdom modifier to her Armor Class (already included).

**Consume Soul.** When Ceidwen reduces a creature to 0 hit points or less, she gains a soul stack. Ceidwen can have a maximum of five soul stacks at a time. At any time, Ceidwen can consume a soul to gain 25 hit points, give herself advantage on all rolls until the end of her next turn, or deal an extra 24 (7d6) necrotic damage with her next extinguished blade attack. Ceidwen starts combat with at least one soul stack. If Ceidwen consumes the soul of a creature, nothing can return it to life, not even a wish.

**Kill Command.** At the beginning of her turn, Ceidwen targets a creature within 30 feet for her phoenix familiar to attack. The target takes 11 (2d10) fire damage and 4 (1d8) slashing damage from the phoenix's assault.

**Shadow Shroud.** Ceidwen can cast dimension door once per round without having to use an action to do so. She must begin and end her movement in dim light or darkness.

**Veil of Sorrow.** At end of her turn, Ceidwen selects a creature within 60 feet. This creature has disadvantage on their next attack roll or saving throw. Creatures with an Intelligence score of 3 or less are immune to this feature.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Ceidwen makes three extinguished blade attacks.

**Extinguished Blade.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +11 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 10 (1d8+6) slashing damage, 11 (1d12+5) necrotic damage.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Ceidwen can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Ceidwen regains spent legendary actions at the start of her turn.

**Attack.** Ceidwen makes an extinguished blade attack.

**Emotional Assault.** Ceidwen uses her *Veil of Sorrow* feature.

**Wreathe in Shadow (2 Actions).** Ceidwen uses the Dodge action.

### *Failures*

**Bluster:** A character that makes a Charisma (Intimidation) check target in front of Ceidwen removes 1 Success.

**Callousness:** The first character that acts after an ally is knocked unconscious is judged harshly. If the character leaves the ally behind they inadvertently remove 2 Successes. This failure can be avoided if the character audibly makes plans for another ally to heal the victim.

**Dishonor:** A character that fights dirty, such as one that uses Sneak Attack or Combat Maneuvers, removes 1 Success. Each character can only contribute to this failure once.

**Ruthlessness:** Attacking Ceidwen when she is prone or disarmed removes 1 Success.

**Tyranny:** A character that uses a spell or ability that would make Ceidwen frightened or charmed removes 2 Successes.

## PHASE ONE: THE REAPER OF ASH

The husk of a woman that was once Ceidwen has been known to attack the living on sight. Regardless of how the encounter began, the Reaper of Ash intends to move it towards one certain outcome: the death of her opponents.

### *Tactics*

Phase One presents an incredibly mobile Ceidwen. She has several abilities that function at the beginning and end of her turn. Ceidwen maximizes these traits by debuffing targets she plans to focus on with a Legendary Action using Veil of Sorrow while damaging targets she has difficulty hitting with Kill Command. Ceidwen also uses her Shadow Shroud in a flexible manner. If she is pressed on all sides she teleports at the beginning of a round but, if she feels it's safe enough to move normally, waits to the end of her turn to quickly disappear into a safe area. Ceidwen will almost never teleport further than 100 feet and always ensures she can still see her targets at the end of this jaunt.

## PHASE 2: CEIDWEN ABLAZE

Pushed into a corner, Ceidwen merges forms with her phoenix companion. Reborn in into a fiery visage, Ceidwen is now a far more dangerous foe. The Burning Reaper can be "killed" but, ultimately, will return without fail.

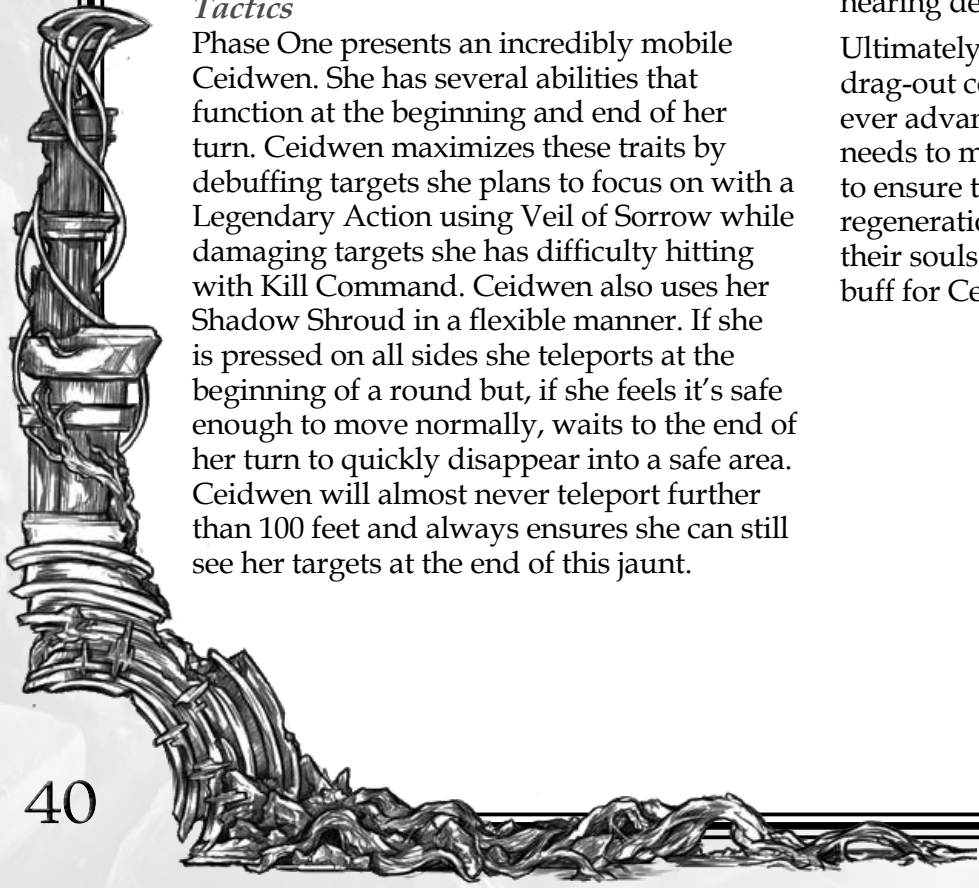
### TACTICS

Without the assistance of her phoenix as an independent party, Ceidwen temporarily summons its power into her blade, into a mantle of flame that dances around her, and into blasts of roaring inferno. Any souls that Ceidwen had in Phase One remain.

Without the ability to teleport, Ceidwen becomes a much more aggressive enemy. She charges forward, prioritizing characters with the least remaining hit points. She has no need to be fearful and fight defensively. She knows she is immortal and leverages that knowledge to a terrifying degree.

For her multiattack, Ceidwen favors using her phoenix blade attacks on the same target, but uses phoenix fire on ranged foes, favoring those who have clustered together. Her Legendary Actions are flexible enough to handle a variety of situations and she greatly favors Attack and Immolate if targets are nearing death.

Ultimately, Phase Two is a knock-down drag-out combat encounter that places an ever advancing Ceidwen against a group that needs to maximize their damage each round to ensure they can stay ahead of her potent regeneration and prevent her from harvesting their souls. Each fallen ally becomes a major buff for Ceidwen.





# CEIDWEN, THE BURNING REAPER

CHALLENGE 13 (10000 XP)

## Medium humanoid, unaligned

**Armor Class** 21

**Hit Points** 187 (22d8 + 88)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 15 (+2)    **DEX** 22 (+6)    **CON** 19 (+4)

**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 20 (+5)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Dexterity +11, Wisdom +10

**Skills** Athletics +7, Acrobatics +11, History +6, Intimidation +8, Religion +6, Stealth +11

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing damage from nonmagical weapons, cold, necrotic

**Damage Immunities** fire, radiant

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, petrified, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** truesight 30 ft., passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common

## ABILITIES

**Blessed Warrior.** Ceidwen adds her Wisdom modifier to her Armor Class (already included).

**Consume Soul.** When Ceidwen reduces a creature to 0 hit points or less, she gains a soul stack. Ceidwen can have a maximum of five soul stacks at a time. At any time, Ceidwen can consume a soul to gain 25 hit points, give herself advantage on all rolls until the end of her next turn, or deal an extra 24 (7d6) necrotic damage with her next extinguished blade attack. Ceidwen starts combat with at least one soul stack. If Ceidwen consumes the soul of a creature, nothing can return it to life, not even a wish.

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**Shadow Shroud.** Ceidwen can cast dimension door once per round without having to use an action to do so. She must begin and end her movement in dim light or darkness.

**Veil of Sorrow.** At end of her turn, Ceidwen selects a creature within 60 feet. This creature has disadvantage on their next attack roll or saving throw. Creatures with an Intelligence score of 3 or less are immune to this feature.

## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Ceidwen makes three extinguished blade attacks.

**Extinguished Blade.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +11 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 10 (1d8+6) slashing damage, 11 (1d12+5) necrotic damage.

## LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Ceidwen can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Ceidwen regains spent legendary actions at the start of her turn.

**Attack.** Ceidwen makes an extinguished blade attack.

**Emotional Assault.** Ceidwen uses her Veil of Sorrow feature.

**Wreathe in Shadow (2 Actions).** Ceidwen uses the Dodge action.



# CADDELL

## LAST PRINCE OF SUMMER

CHALLENGE 15 (13,000 XP)

### Medium humanoid, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 18 (plate armor)

**Hit Points** 199 (21d8 + 105)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 23 (+6)    **DEX** 10 (+0)    **CON** 21 (+5)

**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 20 (+5)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Skills** Athletics +15, History +5, Intimidation +8

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing

**Damage Immunities** necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 11

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Aggressive.** As a bonus action, Caddell can move up to his speed toward a hostile creature that he can see.

**Peerless Warrior.** Caddell can use up to two Reactions each round.

**Reckless.** At the start of his turn, Caddell can gain advantage on all melee weapon attack rolls during that turn, but attack rolls against him have advantage until the start of his next turn.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Caddell makes two Betrayal attacks.

**Betrayal.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +11 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 19 (2d12 + 6) slashing damage and 16 (3d10) necrotic damage.

**Summon the Slain.** Caddell swings Betrayal and summons 1d4+1 spirits. The spirits use the statistics for Guards (*Monster Manual*, pg. 347) and act on initiative 10. The spirits persist for one minute before disappearing.

**Wind Force.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +11 to hit, range 50 ft., one target. *Hit:* 12 (1d12 + 6) bludgeoning damage and 16 (3d10) necrotic damage.

### REACTIONS

**Mark for Death.** When a creature deals damage to Caddell with a weapon attack, he can mark them for death. The creature gains vulnerability to necrotic damage until the end of Caddell's next turn. If the creature is immune to necrotic damage, it is instead resistant. If a creature is resistant to necrotic damage, it loses its resistance.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Caddell can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Caddell regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Attack.** Caddell makes an attack with Betrayal.

**Summon (2 actions).** Caddell uses *Summon the Slain*.

**Withdraw.** Caddell uses the Disengage action and moves up to his speed.

### TACTICS

Caddell is a brute. There is no logic to his combat. He chops, and hacks, and chops, and kills. He will kill entire parties if they do not adequately prepare to fight the beast that the Prince of Ember has become. Those that approach him with Ceidwen, his sister and the Princess of Ember, may be spared this gruesome end.

### TERRAIN

Caddell fights in close quarters unless baited out of the crypts he stalks. Thanks for his overwhelming strength, he can easily smash through walls and pillars while attacking his foes. Rubble should dot the area, creating difficult terrain for all combatants. If creatures attack Caddell from a distance, he makes full use of terrain for cover during his advance.





# RHONWEN

## THE FATESEALER WITCH

CHALLENGE 4 (1,100 XP)

**Medium humanoid, neutral good**

**Armor Class** 14 (mage armor)

**Hit Points** 44 (8d8 + 8)

**Speed** 30 ft.

STR 12 (+1)      DEX 12 (+1)      CON 12 (+1)

INT 16 (+3)      WIS 20 (+5)      CHA 18 (+4)

**Skills** Arcana +10, History +10, Nature +10, Religion +10

**Senses** truesight 30 ft., passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common, see Predictive Tongue

### ABILITIES

**Portent.** When Rhonwen finishes a long rest, roll six d20 and record the numbers rolled. She can replace any attack roll, saving throw, or ability check made by her or a creature that she can see with one of these foretelling rolls. Each foretelling roll can only be used only once. When she finishes a long rest, she loses any unused foretelling rolls.

**Predictive Tongue.** When Rhonwen finishes a long rest, she chooses two languages to gain proficiency in. She can change what bonus languages she is proficient with at the end of a long rest.

**Ritual Caster.** Rhonwen can perform any spell with the ritual tag, provided the spell's is 5th level or less.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Rhonwen makes two smoldering censer attacks.

**Billowing Smoke.** Rhonwen casts fog cloud as a 2nd level spell. The cloud does not impede Rhonwen's vision.

**Smoldering Censer.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +3 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. Hit: 3 (1d4 + 1) bludgeoning damage and the target must make a DC 15 Charisma saving throw. On a failed save, the creature cannot attack Rhonwen until the end of their next turn. Creatures that are immune to the poisoned condition automatically pass their saving throw.

### REACTIONS

**Explosive Preparations.** Rhonwen saw into the future and placed a trap accordingly. When a creature within 60 feet of Rhonwen moves, they pass by an explosive rune she placed in advance. The target must make a DC 15 Constitution saving throw, taking 11 (3d6) force damage on a failed save or half as much on a successful one.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Rhonwen can take 2 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Rhonwen regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Attack.** Rhonwen makes a smoldering censer attack.

**React (2 actions).** Rhonwen gains an additional Reaction this turn.

**Withdraw.** Rhonwen uses the Disengage action and moves up to her speed.

### TACTICS

Rhonwen is no warrior and no battle mage. Though her abilities are potent, they cannot predict all events. In such instances, Rhonwen attempts to dissuade her would be attackers with words. If her words fail, she will do what she can to flee. She favors Explosive Preparations above other forms of damage as, with proper foresight, she can prepare them well in advance. Unless her Portent rolls are incredibly high she saves them for attacks that would hit her. For multilingual parties, Rhonwen knows the two languages that they are most likely to speak in code. She does not let on to the fact that she understands what they are attempting to hide from her.

### TERRAIN

Rhonwen mostly resides within a sequestered study or temple. Those that seek to petition her will almost never succeed in tempting her to leave her accommodations. Large, open areas and walls lined with bookshelves make up the bulk of the terrain. Pews and arcane alters are also common fixtures. Caddell from a distance, he makes full use of terrain for cover during his advance.

# ATKOND

## THE SUNDERED DUKE

### ATKOND PRIME

CHALLENGE II (7,200 XP)

**Large fey, lawful neutral**

**Armor Class** 16 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 144 (17d10 + 51)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40ft. (hover)

STR 18 (+4)	DEX 14 (+2)	CON 17 (+3)
INT 15 (+2)	WIS 16 (+3)	CHA 13 (+1)

**Skills** Athletics +8, Intimidation +4, Persuasion +4

**Damage Resistances** fire, bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered

**Damage Immunities** cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, prone, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 14

**Languages** Common, Sylvan

#### ABILITIES

**Exploit Weakness.** Atkond's true crystal axe attacks that hit prone creatures deal 13 (2d12) extra force damage.

**Frozen Advance.** Atkond ignores difficult terrain related to ice and snow.

**Linked Awareness.** Anything one Atkond is aware of, all Atkonds are aware of.

**Magic Resistance.** Atkond has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

**Pack Tactics.** The instance has advantage on attack rolls against a creature if at least one of the instance's allies is within 5 feet of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

**Winter's First Chosen.** Creatures within 20 feet of Atkond at the start of his turn take 7 (2d6) cold damage and are knocked prone.

#### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Atkond makes two crystal axe attacks.

**True Crystal Axe.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 18 (2d12 + 5) slashing damage and the target must make a DC 16 Strength save or be knocked prone. If the target is already prone it is instead pushed 15 feet backward in a straight line, directly away from Atkond.

**Rime Storm (Recharge 6).** Atkond erupts in a flurry of snow and ice shards. Creatures in a 30 foot radius sphere centered on Atkond must make a DC 16 Strength saving throw. On a failed save, the target takes 27 (5d10) cold damage and 16 (3d10) piercing damage, or half as much on a successful one. Regardless of if the creature passes or fails, it is knocked prone.

#### REACTIONS

**Violent Rebuke.** When Atkond is hit by a weapon attack, he can move up to 30 feet closer to the creature that hit him. If he ends this movement within 5 feet of the triggering creature, he can make a true crystal axe attack against them.

#### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Atkond can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Atkond regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Attack.** Atkond makes a true crystal axe attack.

**Onslaught (2 actions).** Atkond gains an additional Reaction this turn.

**Withdraw.** Atkond uses the Disengage action and moves up to his speed.

#### TACTICS

Atkond feels no fear. He is aware of danger but will do anything in the name of Maeve the Winter Queen. Few who have opposed Atkond have lived to tell the tale, and even those who have were spared. Atkond advances at all times, never stopping, never looking back. A chill wind blows when he is enraged, sweeping victims off their feet. He prioritizes prone targets but if none present themselves will settle for anyone. Atkond's preferred opponent is a stalwart warrior with skill at arms. If such an opponent agrees to duel Atkonds one on one, Atkond does not use his Legendary Actions unless his opponent's allies break etiquette. In such instances, Atkond immediately unleashes a rime storm and sets to work crushing his opponents.



## ATKOND SQUADRON

CHALLENGE 12 (8,400 XP)

### Gargantuan swarm of medium fey, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 16 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 148 (11d20 + 33)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40ft. (hover)

**STR** 18 (+4)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 13 (+1)

**Skills** Athletics +9, Intimidation +5, Persuasion +5

**Damage Resistances** fire, bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered

**Damage Immunities** cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, prone, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Frozen Advance.** The squadron ignores difficult terrain related to ice and snow.

**Linked Awareness.** Anything one Atkond is aware of, all Atkonds are aware of.

**Swarm.** The squadron can occupy another creature's space and vice versa, and the squadron can move through any opening large enough for a Medium fey. The squadron can't regain hit points or gain temporary hit points.

**Winter's Chosen.** Creatures that hit the squadron with a melee attack reduce their speed by 10 feet until the end of the squadron's next turn.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The squadron makes two crystal axe attacks.

**Crystal Axe.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 0 ft., one target. Hit: 31 (4d12 + 5) slashing damage, or 18 (2d12 + 5) slashing damage if the squadron has half its hit points or fewer.

### TACTICS

In dire times, Atkond gathers together large numbers of his Instances into a squadron. These massive swarms of fey creatures have overwhelmed fortified castles, fortresses, and mountain keeps. Due to the alien nature of Atkond's fractured existence, squadrons work together with effortless unity and are more than enough to route even the hardest and best prepared mortal armies.

They fly above their foes before descending like a crashing wave and quickly retreating to the sky.

## INSTANCE OF ATKOND

CHALLENGE 5 (8,400 XP)

### Medium fey, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 16 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 82 (11d8 + 33)

**Speed** 30 ft., fly 40ft. (hover)

**STR** 18 (+4)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 13 (+1)

**Skills** Athletics +8, Intimidation +4, Persuasion +4

**Damage Resistances** fire, bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered

**Damage Immunities** cold, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned, prone, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 14

**Languages** Common, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Frozen Advance.** The instance ignores difficult terrain related to ice and snow.

**Linked Awareness.** Anything one Atkond is aware of, all Atkonds are aware of.

**Pack Tactics.** The instance has advantage on attack rolls against a creature if at least one of the instance's allies is within 5 feet of the creature and the ally isn't incapacitated.

**Winter's Chosen.** Creatures that hit the instance with a melee attack reduce their speed by 10 feet until the end of the instance's next turn.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The instance makes two crystal axe attacks.

**Crystal Axe.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +8 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. Hit: 16 (2d10 + 5) slashing damage.

### REACTIONS

**Parry.** The instance adds 2 to its AC against one melee attack that would hit it. To do so, the instance must see the attacker and be wielding a melee weapon.

### TACTICS

A single Instance of Atkond is a dangerous threat, despite being only a fragment of the true Atkond. Commonly traveling in duos or trios, an Instance of Atkond works with its allies to overwhelm opponents one by one, to the complete exclusion of their victim's allies in all but the most dangerous of circumstances. They fight without fear but are not outwardly aggressive to travelers.







# TYLWYTH THE CRYSTAL SAGE

CHALLENGE 8 (3,900 XP)

**Large fey, chaotic neutral**

**Armor Class** 14 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 97 (15d10 + 15)

**Speed** 25 ft.

**STR** 12 (+1)    **DEX** 15 (+2)    **CON** 13 (+1)

**INT** 20 (+5)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 19 (+4)

**Skills** Arcana +9, Deception +8, History +9, Nature +11, Persuasion +8

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing damage from weapons that aren't silvered

**Condition Immunities** charmed, paralyzed, poisoned, stunned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 13

**Languages** Common, Sylvan

## ABILITIES

**Crystal Link.** When Tylwyth makes a crystal blade attack, he can make the attack as if he was in the space of any allied creature within 150 feet.

**Cunning Blow.** Tylwyth can use Intelligence instead of Strength on attack and damage rolls.

**Displacement (Recharges after Tylwyth Casts an Illusion Spell of 1st Level or Higher).** As a bonus action, Tylwyth projects an illusion that makes him appear to be standing in a place a few inches from his actual location, causing any creature to have disadvantage on attack rolls against him. The effect ends if Tylwyth takes damage, he is incapacitated, or his speed becomes 0.

**Spellcasting.** Tylwyth is a 10th level spellcaster. His spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC #, +# to hit with spell attacks). Tylwyth has the following wizard spells prepared.

**Cantrips (at will):** *poison spray, blade ward, mending*

**1st level (4 slots):** *bless, color spray\*, shield, silent image\**

**2nd level (3 slots):** *blur\*, invisibility\*, phantasmal force\**

**3rd level (3 slots):** *hypnotic pattern\*, lightning arrow, major illusion\**

**4th level (3 slots):** *greater invisibility\*, phantasmal killer\**

**5th level (2 slots):** *conjure volley, phantasmal killer\**

\*Illusion spell of 1st level or higher

## ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Tylwyth makes two crystal blade attacks.

**Crystal Blade.** *Melee Spell Attack:* +8 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. Hit: 12 (2d6 + 5) force damage.

## LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Tylwyth can take 2 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Tylwyth regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Attack.** Tylwyth makes a crystal blade attack.

**Quick Cast.** Tylwyth uses a cantrip.

**Withdraw.** Tylwyth uses the Disengage action and moves up to his speed.

## TACTICS

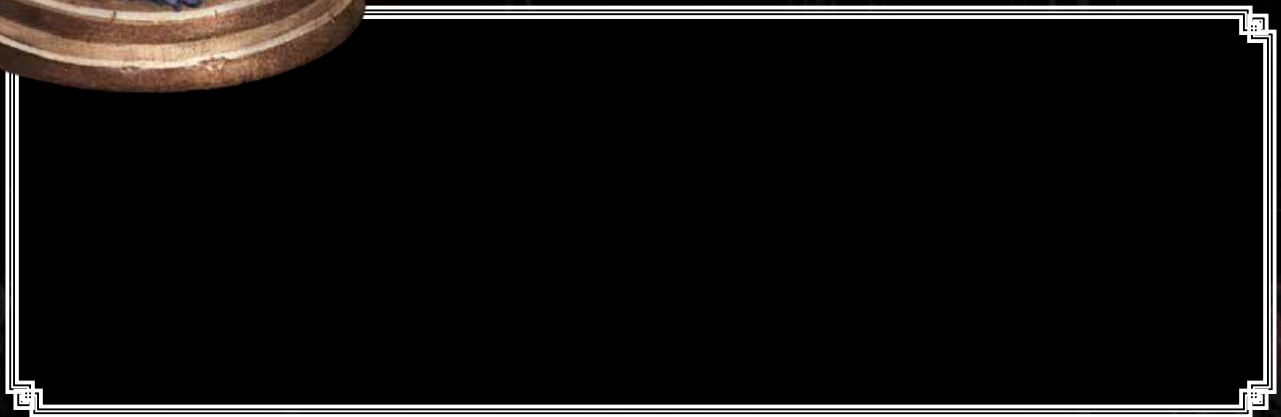
Tylwyth is a coward at heart. Despite his considerable skill with illusion and conjuration magic, he would much rather avoid conflict when at all possible. His ability to use crystal blade at a great distance is invaluable when conflict becomes unavoidable. For foes that pass his allies but do not quite reach him, Tylwyth saves spells such as phantasmal killer and conjure volley. If his displacement is ever broken, he uses his next action to cast an illusion spell to reactivate the ability. If Tylwyth feels suitably threatened, he casts major illusion or greater invisibility and promptly flees the battlefield.

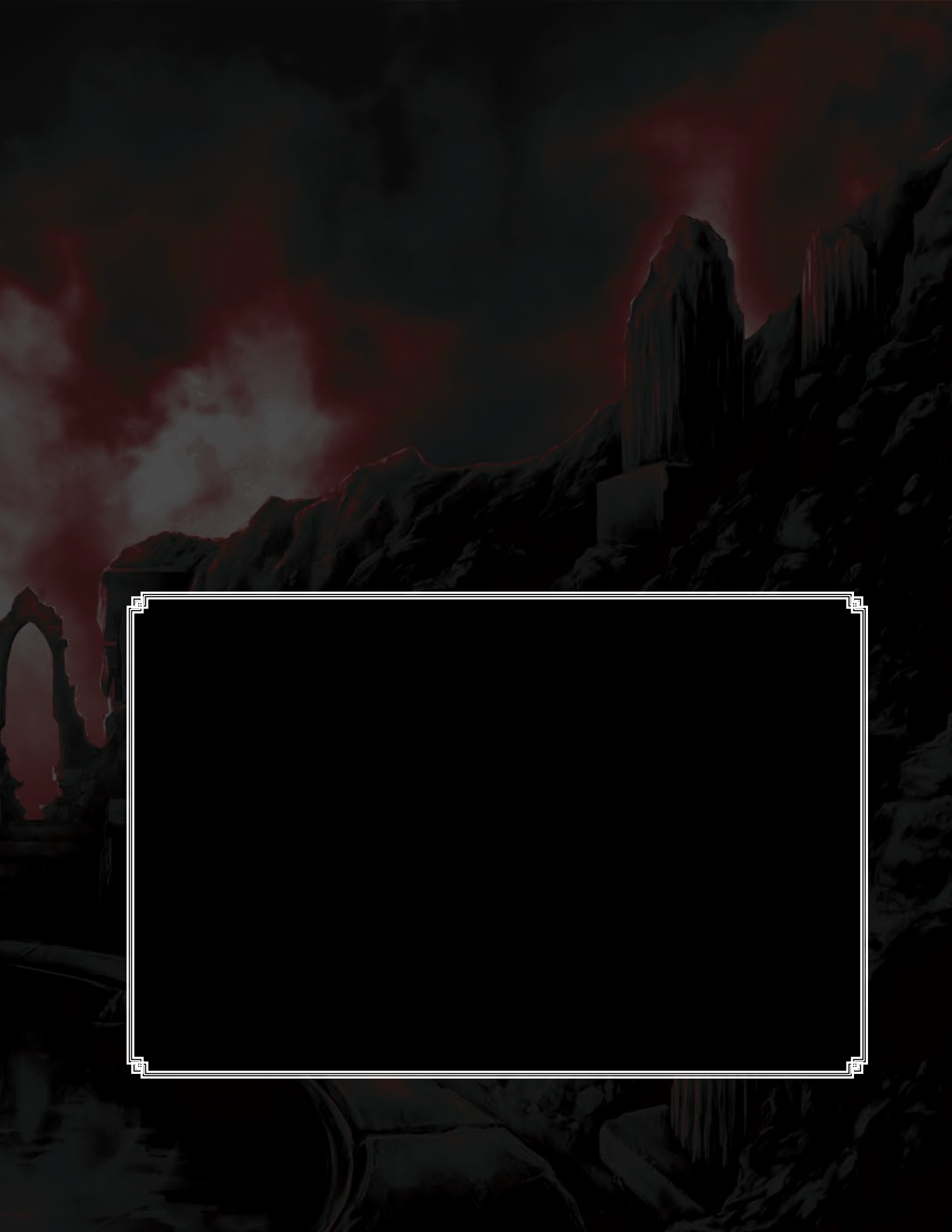
## TERRAIN

Fighting Tylwyth is a rare occurrence. He is a coward who would much rather flee. Those that ambush him in his study will find crystal growths, shattered ground that counts as difficult terrain, and large floating orbs and books that reduce visibility.



# OTHER CHARACTERS





# CASTLE EMBER

## BARTUN THE BOLD

CHALLENGE 5 (1,800 XP)

Medium humanoid, neutral evil

**Armor Class** 16 (unarmored defense)

**Hit Points** 102 (12d8 + 48)

**Speed** 35 ft.

**STR** 17 (+3)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 18 (+4)

**INT** 8 (-1)    **WIS** 8 (-1)    **CHA** 12 (+1)

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened

**Senses** passive Perception 9

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Mobile Commander.** Moving through an allied creature's space does not count as difficult terrain for Bartun. Additionally, he can end his turn in the same space as an ally, provided that ally is size Large or greater

**Monstrous Leadership.** Allied creatures within 60ft. of Bartun that can hear him can add a d6 to their attack and damage rolls. This effect ends if Bartun is incapacitated.

**Reckless.** At the start of his turn, Bartun can gain advantage on all melee weapon attack rolls during that turn, but attack rolls against him have advantage until the start of his next turn.

### ACTIONS

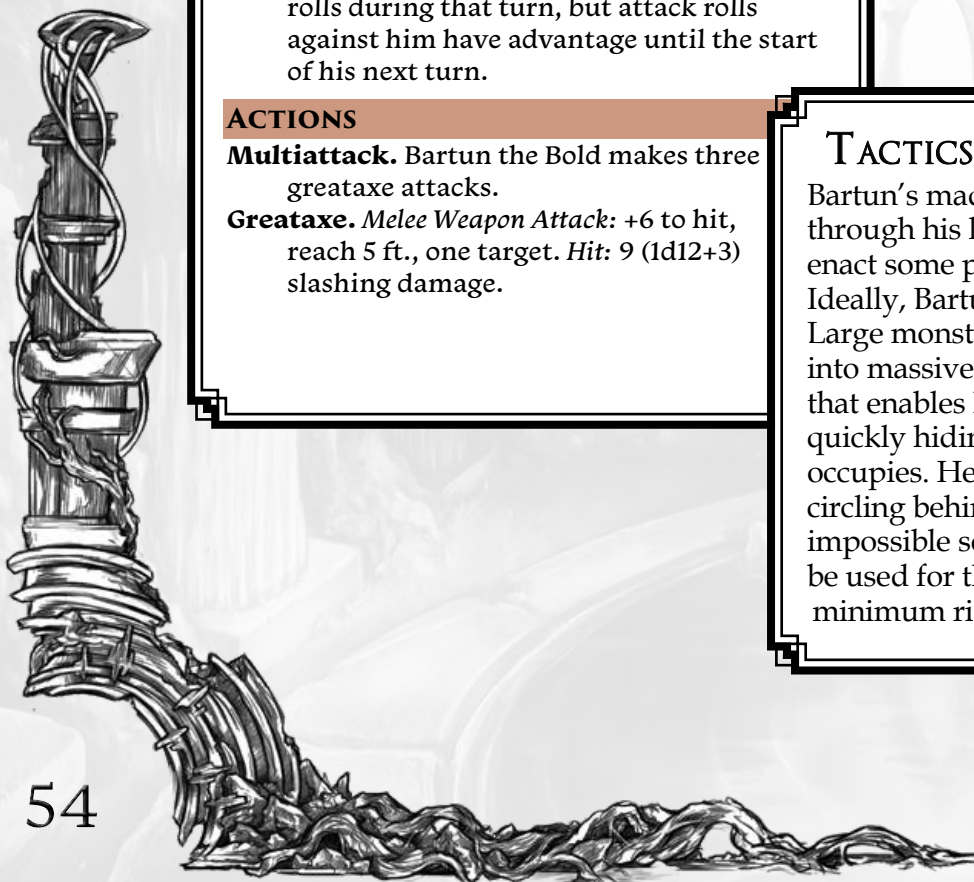
**Multiattack.** Bartun the Bold makes three greataxe attacks.

**Greataxe.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 9 (1d12+3) slashing damage.



### TACTICS

Bartun's madness and ability to move through his larger allies enables him to enact some particularly brutal maneuvers. Ideally, Bartun fights alongside several size Large monsters, such as Ogres or refluffed into massive humans or some other threat, that enables him to strike at foes before quickly hiding in the same area that the ally occupies. He favors tight corridors that make circling behind these massive allies nearly impossible so that his **Reckless** feature can be used for the maximum result with the minimum risk.



## CAPTAIN GRAHAM

CHALLENGE 5 (1,800XP)

Medium humanoid, neutral

**Armor Class** 16 (unarmored defense)

**Hit Points** 97 (15d8 + 30)

**Speed** 50 ft.

**STR** 15 (+2)    **DEX** 16 (+3)    **CON** 15 (+2)

**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 17 (+3)    **CHA** 12 (+1)

**Skills** Acrobatics +6, Athletics +5, History +4, Insight +6, Perception +6, Stealth +6

**Senses** **passive** Perception 16

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Great Leap.** Graham can spend his bonus action to leap 30 ft. Opportunity attacks made during this leap have disadvantage. If he jumps in this way, his base speed is reduced to 10 ft. until the end of his current turn.

**Holy Strikes.** Graham's unarmed and weapon attacks count as magical for the purposes of overcoming damage resistance.

**Self-Flagellation.** Graham can deal 10 damage to himself to give all of his attacks this round advantage.

**Unarmored Defense.** While Graham is wearing no armor and wielding no shield, his AC includes his Wisdom modifier.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Roland makes three short sword attacks. Graham can forgo one of these attacks to instead increase his Armor Class by 2.

**Short Sword.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 7 (1d8+3) slashing damage. If the target is a creature, Graham can choose one of the following additional effects:

- The target must succeed on a DC 14 Strength saving throw or drop one item it is holding (Graham's choice).
- The target must succeed on a DC 14 Dexterity saving throw or be knocked prone.
- The target must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw or have disadvantage on its next attack roll.

### REACTIONS

**Deflect Missile.** In response to being hit by a ranged weapon attack, Graham deflects the missile. The damage he takes from the attack is reduced by 13 (1d10+8).

### TACTICS

Captain Graham ran from the Garrison of the Dead. Even in his new holdings fear wracked his mind. In combat, he is a highly mobile threat that weaves in and out of melee. He debilitates foes with his martial arts and sets up vulnerabilities for his allies to exploit. When threatened he self-flagellates and enters a religious fervor.

## CARL HEMMINGS, THE DOCKMASTER

CHALLENGE 2 (450 XP)

Medium undead, chaotic evil

Armor Class 9

Hit Points 65 (10d8 + 20)

Speed 0 ft.

STR 8 (-1)      DEX 8 (-1)      CON 14 (+2)

INT 15 (+2)    WIS 16 (+3)      CHA 14 (+2)

**Skills** Intimidation +4, Perception +5

**Damage Immunities** acid, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, poisoned, prone

**Senses** passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**O, Captain.** Allied creatures within 100ft. of the Dockmaster that can hear him have advantage on all attack rolls and saving throws. Additionally, they have an unlimited amount of reactions each round. They can still use only one reaction each turn. The Dockmaster still only has one reaction each round. This effect ends if the Dockmaster is incapacitated.

**Resurrection.** If the Dockmaster is reduced to 0 hit points or fewer, he “dies.” At dawn on the following day, he returns to life. This resurrection can be prevented by removing the “dead” Dockmaster from the mast and giving him a proper burial.

**Unwilling Ulysses Pact.** The Dockmaster is tied to the mast of his ship. He automatically fails any Strength and Dexterity saving throws and ignores all forced movement effects.

### ACTIONS

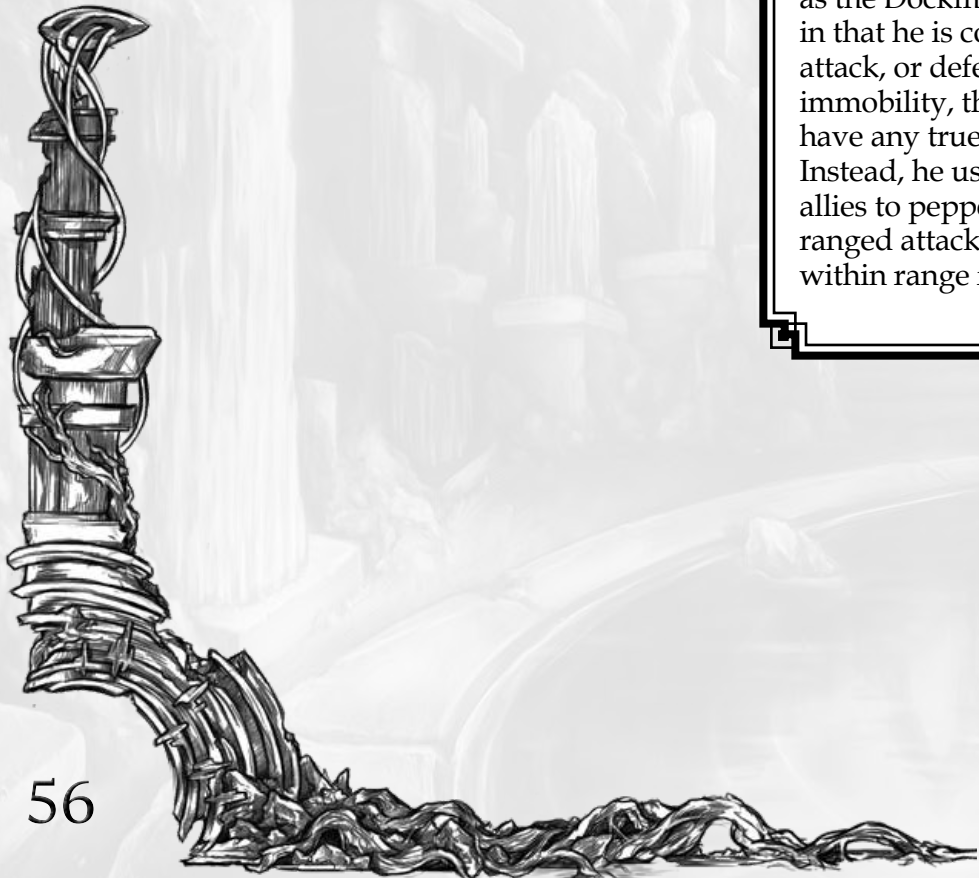
**Kill Command.** The Dockmaster orders an allied creature within 60ft. that can hear him to make a weapon attack.

### REACTIONS

**Protect Me.** When the Dockmaster would be hit by an attack that does not target any other creatures, he can bark a command at an allied creature within 30ft. that can hear him. That creature moves up to its speed, ending its movement adjacent to the Dockmaster. That creature is the new target of the triggering attack.

### TACTICS

Carl Hemmings, more commonly known as the Dockmaster, is an irregular entity in that he is completely unable to move, attack, or defend himself. Because of this immobility, the Dockmaster does not have any true ability to engage in combat. Instead, he uses **Kill Command** to order allies to pepper enemies, usually with ranged attacks from allies that are also within range for **Protect Me**.





## EDRIC

CHALLENGE 1 (200 XP)

Medium humanoid, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 15 (breastplate)

**Hit Points** 33 (6d8 + 6)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 13 (+1)    **DEX** 12 (+1)    **CON** 13 (+1)  
**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 10 (+0)    **CHA** 14 (+2)

**Skills** History +3

**Senses** passive Perception 10

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Discretion.** Edric can use the Disengage action as a bonus action.

**Valor.** As a bonus action, Edric can move up to his speed toward a hostile creature that he can see.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Edric makes two shortsword attacks.

**Shortsword.** Melee Weapon Attack: +3 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 4 (1d6+1) slashing damage.

### REACTIONS

**Parry.** Edric adds 2 to its AC against one melee attack that would hit it. To do so, he must see the attacker and be wielding a melee weapon.

### TACTICS

Edric is not a hostile individual. He much prefers to talk through problems than to resort to violence. If forced into a battle, Edric shows little fear and does his best to emulate the knights he aspires to be like. If he feels confident, he uses Valor to advance on foes but, if overwhelmed, uses Discretion, which is the better part of valor. He is studied enough in the art of war that he knows to prioritize vulnerable spellcasters in battle.

## GETHWINE

CHALLENGE 4 (1100 XP)

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 12

**Hit Points** 60 (8d8 + 24)

**Speed** 0 ft., fly 40 ft.

STR 10 (+0)	DEX 14 (+2)	CON 16 (+3)
INT 12 (+1)	WIS 8 (-1)	CHA 16 (+3)

**Skills** History +3, Intimidation +5

**Damage Resistances** acid, cold, lightning, thunder; bludgeoning, piercing and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Damage Immunities** fire, necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, prone, restrained

**Senses** passive Perception 10

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Cooking Aura.** While Gethwine has less than 30 hit points, he emanates a high heat. A living creature that ends its turn within 15 feet of Gethwine takes 7 (2d6) fire damage.

**Hearth Light.** Gethwine sheds bright light in a 5-to-30 foot radius and dim light for an additional number of feet equal to the chosen radius. Gethwine can alter the radius as a bonus action.

**Incorporeal Movement.** Gethwine can move through other creatures and objects as if they were difficult terrain. He takes 5 (1d10) force damage if he ends his turn inside an object.

**Spiritual Force.** Gethwine uses Charisma in place of Strength for attack rolls, damage rolls, and saving throws.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Gethwine makes two attacks: one with his spectral cleaver and one with his fire ray.

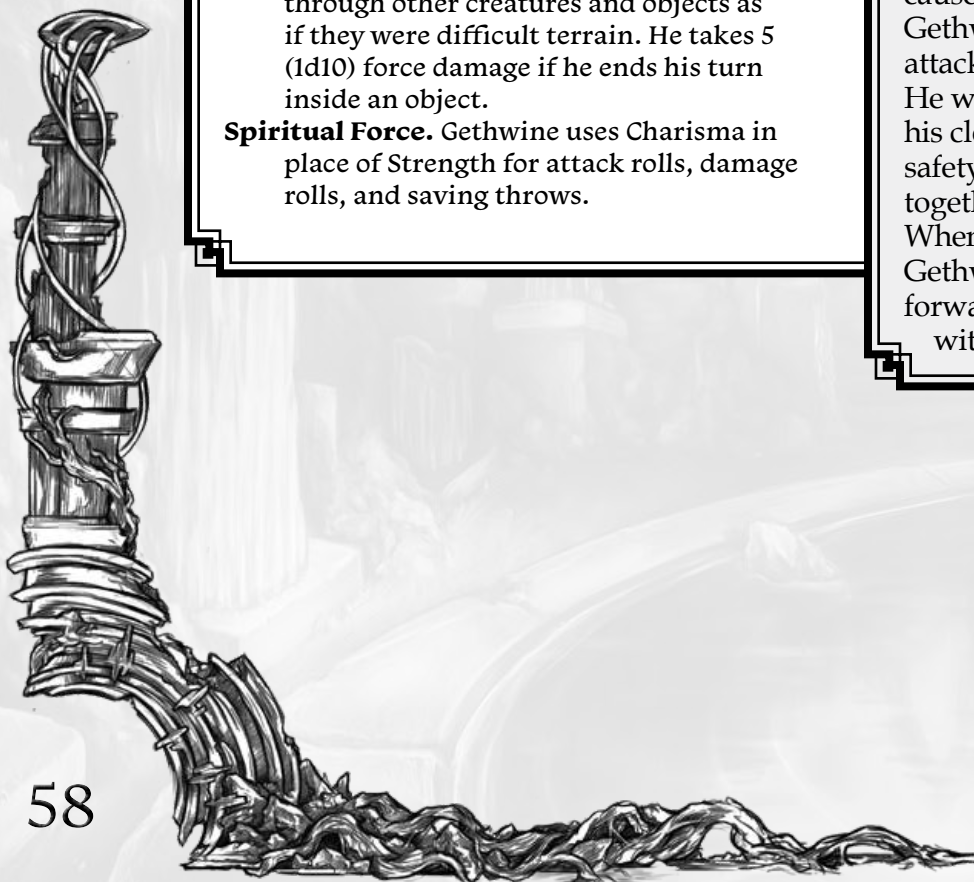
**Spectral Cleaver.** Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 6 (1d6+3) slashing damage and 5 (1d10) necrotic damage.

**Flambé Ray.** Ranged Spell Attack: +5 to hit, range 100 ft., one target. Hit: 10 (3d6) fire damage.

**Oven Roasting (Recharge 5-6).** Gethwine exhales oppressive, burning heat in a 15-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC 13 Constitution saving throw, taking 17 (5d6) fire damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

### TACTICS

Death and the curse altered Gethwine. Before, he was a jovial cook who enjoyed nothing more than preparing meals and feasts. Now, Gethwine's instability and fear of the larders running out has caused a descent into madness. In battle, Gethwine is an overbearing force that attacks any living creature on sight. He weaves through walls to chop with his cleaver and fire **Flambé Ray** from safety. If at least two targets are grouped together, he unleashes his roasting breath. When reduced to 30 hit points or fewer, Gethwine becomes enraged and barrels forward at enemies, ensuring they are all within range of his **Cooking Aura**.



## GORWEDD THE GUARDIAN

CHALLENGE 10 (5900 XP)

Large aberrant, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 20 (full plate armor),  
16 (Unstable Form)

**Hit Points** 175 (14d10 + 98)

**Speed** 25 ft.

<b>STR</b> 21 (+5)	<b>DEX</b> 14 (+2)	<b>CON</b> 24 (+7)
<b>INT</b> 10 (+0)	<b>WIS</b> 8 (-1)	<b>CHA</b> 6 (-2)

**Skills** Perception +4

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, prone

**Senses** passive Perception 14

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Advance Unrelenting (Either Form).**

Gorwedd ignores difficult terrain.

**Grasping Hands (Unstable Form Only).** The many hands erupting from Gorwedd lash out at nearby creatures. A creature that comes within 5 feet of Gorwedd must make a DC 17 Strength saving throw or be restrained. A restrained creature can use its action to attempt to break free on its turn. Gorwedd can only restrain two creatures at a time.

**Immovable (Either Form).** Any time Gorwedd would be moved against his will, he can choose to reduce the distance he is moved by up to 20 feet.

**Unstable Form.** When Gorwedd is reduced to 100 hit points or fewer his form destabilizes. His fleshy, combined form erupts from his armor and he changes into his Unstable Form. All creatures within 30 feet of him are pushed 15 feet backward from his sudden transformation.



### ACTIONS

**Multiattack (Either Form).** Gorwedd makes three attacks.

**Ball and Chain (Stable Form Only).** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 15 ft., one target. *Hit:* 16 (2d10+5) bludgeoning damage and the target must make a DC 17 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone.

**Debris Throw (Unstable Form Only).** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, range 25 ft., one target. *Hit:* 14 (2d8+5) bludgeoning damage.

**Golden Spear (Unstable Form Only).** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, range 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 10 (1d10+5) piercing damage and 9 (2d8) psychic damage.

### TACTICS

Gorwedd's two distinct forms grant the Guardian two radically different styles of combat. In his *stable* form, he is a powerful but direct combatant who seeks to overpower opponents through sheer force of arms. He keeps his distance to maximize the effectiveness of his **Ball and Chain's** reach. After becoming *unstable*, Gorwedd and the soldiers bound by Brennin's curse erupt from the confines of his full plate armor. In this form, Gorwedd is much more aggressive and keeps close to enemies to better make use of **Golden Spear** and **Grasping Hands**. If he cannot reach a target or a ranged threat becomes particularly annoying he will use **Debris Throw** to punish them.

## HERALD HARWIN

CHALLENGE 2 (450 XP)

Medium undead, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 12

**Hit Points** 44 (8d8 + 8)

**Speed** 0 ft., fly 30ft.

**STR** 10 (+0)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 12 (+1)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 14 (+2)    **CHA** 11 (+0)

**Skills** Perception +4

**Damage Resistances** acid, fire, lightning, thunder; bludgeoning, piercing and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Damage Immunities** cold, necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, prone, restrained

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Broken Psyche.** When Harwin takes psychic damage, he is immediately forced out of anything he is possessing. The next attack against him has advantage.

**Incorporeal Movement.** Harwin can move through other creatures and objects as if they were difficult terrain. He takes 5 (1d10) force damage if he ends his turn inside an object.

### ACTIONS

**Draining Touch.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (2d10+2) necrotic damage.

**Possess Possessions (Recharge 5-6).**

Harwin inhabits a piece of furniture, suit of armor, or some other property in the castle. This functions identically to the animate objects spell except that the object's hit points are equal to Harwin's current hit points and it can only animate four objects, rather than ten. He can attack with all possessed possessions as a single Attack action.

### TACTICS

Harwin's existence is a cursed one. After his suicide the Curse of Summer lashed his soul to the grounds he once lived to serve. The consummate groundskeeper and castellan, Harwin still serves. He prefers to observe intruders from a distance and rushes to report his findings to Brennin. Unfortunately, Harwin is blind to the fact that he is simply speaking to the listless husk of his former liege. If forced into combat Harwin immediately possesses as many objects as the situation calls for. He favors outnumbering isolated foes but will opt for large and durable objects when faced with groups.

## HUNTMASTER ROLAND

CHALLENGE 7 (2,900 XP)

Medium humanoid, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 16 (studded leather)

**Hit Points** 84 (13d8 + 26)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 13 (+1)    **DEX** 18 (+4)    **CON** 14 (+2)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 20 (+5)    **CHA** 12 (+1)

**Skills** Perception +8, Stealth +7

**Damage Immunities** poison

**Senses** passive Perception 18

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Close Quarters Shooter.** Roland does not have disadvantage when on ranged weapon attacks made while a hostile creature is adjacent to him.

**Keen Hearing and Sight.** Roland has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on hearing or sight.

**Sharpshooter (3/Day).** As a bonus action, Roland can add 6 (1d12) to his next attack or damage roll with a ranged weapon. If the target is grappled or restrained, Roland can instead add 13 (2d12) damage.

**Sneaky.** Roland can use the Hide action as a bonus action.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Roland makes three recurve bow attacks.

**Recurve Bow.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, range 150/600 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (1d12+4) piercing damage.

**Short Sword.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 7 (1d6+4) slashing damage.

### REACTIONS

**Side Step.** When an attack would hit Roland, he can side step to lessen the damage. The triggering attack has its damage reduce by 10 (d12+4).

### TACTICS

Roland is an apex predator. Few creatures, if any, can challenge him dominion in the Kingswood. He watches, waits, and listens. No one knows how he selects his quarry but pity anything that becomes prey. His arrows rain down quickly and with a unified direction. When faced with a group, Roland focuses on threats with high mobility or ranged capabilities first. He prefers hit and run tactics but will fight fair when forced to do so. If he cannot escape he commands Saw Yer the Hound to leap from his hiding place and savage heavily armored targets.

## SAW YER THE HOUND

CHALLENGE 3 (700 XP)

Medium undead, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 14 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 44 (8d8 + 8)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 17 (+3)    **DEX** 15 (+2)    **CON** 15 (+2)

**INT** 7 (-2)    **WIS** 12 (+1)    **CHA** 8 (-1)

**Skills** Perception +3, Stealth +4

**Damage Immunities** necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, poisoned

**Senses** passive Perception 13

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Keen Hearing and Sight.** Saw Yer has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on hearing or sight.

**Pounce.** If Saw Yer moves at least 20 feet straight toward a creature and then hits it with a bite attack on the same turn, that target must succeed on a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone. If the target is prone, Saw Yer can make a claw attack against it as a bonus action.

**Sneaky.** Saw Yer can use the Hide action as a bonus action.

**Spiky Hide.** Creatures that make melee attacks against Saw Yer while within 5 feet of him take 3 (1d6) piercing damage.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Saw Yer makes one bite and one claw attack.

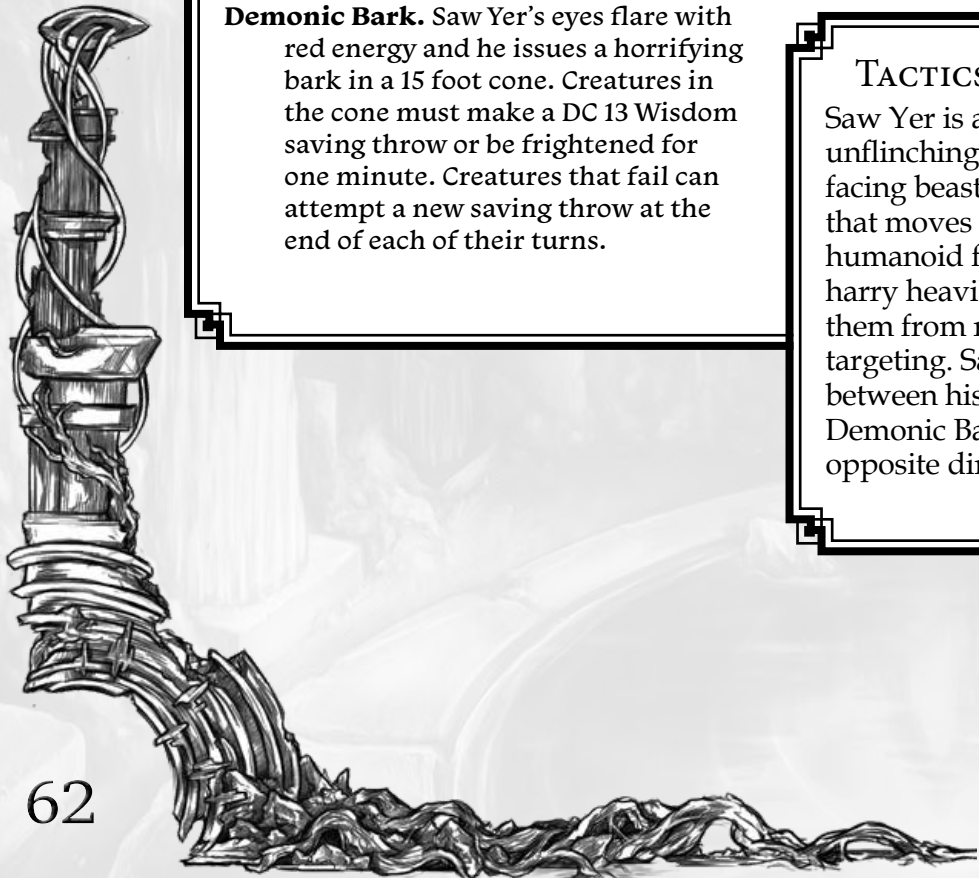
**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 8 (1d10+3) piercing damage and the target is grappled (escape DC 13).

**Claw.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 5 (1d4+3) slashing damage.

**Demonic Bark.** Saw Yer's eyes flare with red energy and he issues a horrifying bark in a 15 foot cone. Creatures in the cone must make a DC 13 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened for one minute. Creatures that fail can attempt a new saving throw at the end of each of their turns.

### TACTICS

Saw Yer is a bastardized hunting hound that is unflinchingly loyal to Huntmaster Roland. When facing beasts, Saw Yer is a quick and deadly force that moves for the throat. However, when facing humanoid foes, Saw Yer is often commanded to harry heavily armored or slow foes to prevent them from reinforcing their allies who Roland is targeting. Saw Yer makes sure to position himself between his target and their allies before using Demonic Bark so as to force the target to flee in the opposite direction of their allies.



## MAD CLAYDEN

CHALLENGE 6 (2,300 XP)

### Medium aberration, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 16 (otherworldly beauty)

**Hit Points** 105 (14d8 + 42)

**Speed** 30 ft., climb 30 ft., swim 30 ft.

**STR** 18 (+4)    **DEX** 15 (+2)    **CON** 16 (+3)

**INT** 10 (+0)    **WIS** 8 (-1)    **CHA** 18 (+4)

**Skills** Intimidation +8

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing, psychic

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, poisoned, prone

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 9

**Languages** Common, telepathy 60 ft.

### ABILITIES

**Amphibious.** Clayden can breathe air and water.

**Many Footed.** Clayden can take the Dash or Disengage action as a bonus action on each of his turns.

**Many Limbed.** Clayden can grapple two creatures at the same time. While grappling two creatures Clayden loses his climb speed.

**Otherworldly Beauty.** Clayden's body does not reflect surface beauty, but rather the beauty of the depths. He adds his Charisma modifier to his Armor Class.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Mad Clayden makes one cutlass and two tentacle attacks.

**Cutlass.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 7 (1d6+4) slashing damage and 11 (2d10) psychic damage.

**Tentacle.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 6 (1d4+4) bludgeoning damage and the target is grappled (escape DC 15).

### REACTIONS

**Glance the Depths.** When Clayden is hit by an attack, he can show the creature that attacked him a vision of the ocean's "beauty." The target must make a DC 16 Charisma saving throw. On a failed save, the target must choose between taking 15 (3d10) psychic damage or becoming paralyzed until the beginning of their next turn.

### TACTICS

Mad Clayden was once a well respected captain of Ember's expeditionary force but after an encounter with something far from the kingdom's shores he began to change. After an honorable discharge, Clayden assembled a crew and returned to the seas on his own vessel which now prowls the Ship Graveyard and the waters around Ember. Battles with Clayden will almost always occur on his ship, the Hateful Pillager, or in the ocean itself. Clayden uses his enhanced mobility and form to run, climb, and swim circles around his foes while lashing out with his tentacles. He receives aid from his maddened crew and sometimes the creatures of the depths. He prefers to move in three dimensions and attacks from above or below foes whenever possible.

## Matriarch of the Departed

Challenge 15 (13,000 XP)

Medium undead, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 12

**Hit Points** 105 (14d8 + 42)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 12 (+1)    **DEX** 15 (+2)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 14 (+2)    **WIS** 20 (+5)    **CHA** 17 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Con +8, Wis +10, Cha +8

**Skills** Arcana +10, Nature +13, Perception +9, Religion +8

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing, cold, lightning

**Damage Immunities** necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, poisoned

**Senses** truesight 120 ft., passive Perception 19

**Languages** Common

### Abilities

**Call Skeleton (Recharge 5-6).** As a bonus action, the Matriarch can create or summon 4 (1d6+1) skeletons within 30 ft. of herself.

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day).** If the Matriarch fails a saving throw, she can choose to succeed instead.

**Rejuvenation.** If her phylactery is not destroyed, Matriarch gains a new body in 1d10 days if she is destroyed. This new body appears within 5 feet of the phylactery, which is located in the Garrison of the Dead.

**Spellcasting.** The Matriarch is a 14th-level spellcaster. Her spellcasting ability is Wisdom (spell save DC 18, +10 to hit with spell attacks). She has the following spells prepared:

**Cantrips (at will):** *druidcraft, mage hand, thaumaturgy, toll the dead*

**1st level (4 slots):** *cure wounds, fog cloud, inflict wounds, jump*

**2nd level (3 slots):** *enhance ability, lesser restoration, locate object*

**3rd level (3 slots):** *counterspell, glyph of warding, tongues*

**4th level (3 slots):** *banishment, freedom of movement, greater invisibility*

**5th level (2 slots):** *antilife shell, contagion*

**6th level (1 slot):** *blade barrier*

**7th level (1 slot):** *reverse gravity*

**Turn Resistance.** The Matriarch has advantage on saving throws against any effect that turns undead.

### Actions

**Rotting Touch.** Melee Spell Attack: +10 to hit, reach 5 ft., one creature. Hit: 21 (3d10+5) necrotic damage. If the target is reduced to 0 hit points or fewer, they immediately die, return to full hit points, their type becomes undead, and they enter the service of the Matriarch.

### Legendary Actions

The Matriarch can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. The Matriarch regains spent legendary actions at the start of her turn.

**Cantrip.** The Matriarch casts a cantrip.

**Rotting Touch (2 Actions).** The Matriarch uses her Rotting Touch.

**Shadow Walk.** If the Matriarch is in dim light or darkness she can teleport 45 feet. She must end this movement inside dim light or darkness.

### Tactics

Eadwine, the Matriarch of the Departed's true name, is the progenitor of the undead affliction that plagues Ember's garrison. She now calls the Garrison of the Dead her home and is easily amongst one of the most dangerous creatures in the realm. In combat she is always accompanied by large numbers of undead creatures whose numbers she further bolsters with her Call Skeleton feature which animates corpses or conjures forth shadowy skeletal figures if no corpses are present. Her spells grant her a great degree of flexibility but her preferred tactic is to simply cloak herself in an antilife shell and let her minions rip apart foes. Particularly powerful enemies might be given the gift of undeath through her Rotting Touch.



## THE BLIND BEGGAR

CHALLENGE 1 (450 XP)

Medium undead, lawful good

Armor Class 11

Hit Points 27 (6d8)

Speed 30 ft.

STR 8 (-1)      DEX 12 (+1)      CON 11 (+0)

INT 13 (+1)      WIS 15 (+2)      CHA 17 (+3)

**Skills** History +6, Perception +4, Survival +5

**Damage Resistances** acid, fire, lightning, thunder; bludgeoning, piercing and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Damage Immunities** cold, necrotic, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, prone, restrained

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14

**Languages** understands all languages

### ABILITIES

**City Secrets.** The Blind Beggar knows the secrets of Ember's Lower City. While not in combat, she (and those she chooses to lead), can travel between any two locations in the city twice as fast as her speed would normally allow.

**Incorporeal Movement.** The Blind Beggar can move through other creatures and objects as if they were difficult terrain. She takes 5 (1d10) force damage if she ends her turn inside an object.

**Lost and Found.** The Blind Beggar knows many things. She can make a DC 15 Intelligence (History) check to recall information about the Lower City. On a success, she recalls such information with perfect clarity and is willing to guide kind and just creatures to what they are searching for. On a failed check, she does not have information about the thing in question but knows where such information can be found.

### ACTIONS

**Misleading Touch.** The Blind Beggar touches a creature within 5 ft. of her. The target must make a DC 13 Intelligence saving throw or be forcefully teleported to an unoccupied space chosen by the Beggar within 1000 ft. The creature must end this teleport on solid ground but they can be teleported into dangerous areas.

### TACTICS

The Blind Beggar is a gentle entity. Neither ghost nor living, she has no interest in explaining herself or her existence. She does not engage in combat but will defend herself as necessary by teleporting threats away. She never forgets a place or a face and is willing to guide kind souls to things they are searching for within the Lower City.

## THE PONTIFEX

CHALLENGE 9 (5,000 XP)

### Huge monstrosity, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 14 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 172 (15d12 + 75)

**Speed** 40 ft., climb 30 ft.

**STR** 19 (+4)    **DEX** 8 (-1)    **CON** 21 (+5)

**INT** 6 (-2)    **WIS** 17 (+3)    **CHA** 7 (-2)

**Saving Throws** Str +7, Con +8, Wis +6

**Skills** Perception +7, Persuasion +5, Religion +8

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Condition Immunities** charmed

**Senses** tremorsense 60 ft., passive Perception 17

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day).** If the Pontifex fails a saving throw, he can choose to succeed instead.

**Spellcasting.** The Pontifex is a 5th-level spellcaster. His spellcasting ability is Wisdom (spell save DC 15, +10 to hit with spell attacks). He has the following spells prepared:

### TACTICS

The Pontifex lures prey in with his voice, which is still gentle and inviting. He strikes from the temple's darkness and rushes large groups of prey all at once. He augments his body with divine magic, summons spiritual reinforcements, and drops from the ceiling onto landlocked prey. The Pontifex has lost much of his self-control and reveals in the feast that follows a battle.

**Cantrips (at will):** *guidance, light, thaumaturgy*

**1st level (4 slots):** *cure wounds, inflict wounds, searing smite, shield of faith*

**2nd level (3 slots):** *aid, blindness/deafness, spiritual weapon*

**3rd level (2 slots):** *blinding smite*

**Spider Climb.** The Pontifex can climb difficult surfaces, including upside down on ceilings, without needing to make an ability check.

### ACTIONS

**Slam.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +8 to hit, reach 15 ft. cone, creatures in the cone. *Hit:* 17 (2d12+4) bludgeoning damage and the target must make a DC 16 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

The Pontifex can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. The Pontifex regains spent legendary actions at the start of his turn.

**Scuttle.** The Pontifex moves 30 ft. This movement does not provoke opportunity attacks.

**Strike.** The Pontifex makes a Slam attack against a single target.

## THE TIRITHAL KNIGHTS

CHALLENGE 5 (1800 XP)

Medium humanoid, lawful evil

**Armor Class** 20 (full plate, shield), 18 (without shield)

**Hit Points** 52 (7d8 + 21)

**Speed** 25 ft.

**STR** 18 (+4)    **DEX** 14 (+2)    **CON** 16 (+3)

**INT** 10 (+0)    **WIS** 14 (+2)    **CHA** 12 (+1)

**Damage Resistances** cold, fire, bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened

**Senses** passive Perception 12

**Languages** Common

### TACTICS

The royal knights of Brennin, the Tirithal Knights were a unit renowned for their cooperation and strength of arms. They are weapon masters that are never without at least one ally within arm's reach. They cover one another with their Shield Wall feature and overwhelm opponents with their massive weaponry. They fight to the death while in the presence of those they serve but are intelligent enough to flee battle if there is no tactical necessity.

### ABILITIES

**Magic Resistance.** The knight has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

**Shield Wall.** Allied creatures within 5 ft. of the knight while it is equipped with a shield increase their Armor Class by 1. A creature can benefit from multiple shield walls but the bonus to Armor Class cannot exceed +3.

**Trained.** A melee weapon deals one extra die of its damage when the knight hits with it (included in the attack).

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The knight makes two attacks.

**Greatspear.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 17 (2d12+4) piercing damage.

**Greatsword.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +7 to hit, reach 5 ft., one or two targets. *Hit:* 14 (3d6+4) slashing damage and the target is pushed back 5 ft. The knight cannot make this attack while holding a shield.

## WATCHER WULFRUM

CHALLENGE 4 (1,100 XP)

Medium humanoid, neutral

**Armor Class** 16 (breastplate)

**Hit Points** 102 (12d8 + 48)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 17 (+3)    **DEX** 16 (+3)    **CON** 14 (+2)

**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 10 (+0)    **CHA** 10 (+0)

**Skills** History +3, Perception +2

**Damage Resistances** necrotic

**Condition Immunities** blinded

**Senses** passive Perception 12

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Frantic Movement (1/Long Rest).** At the end of another creature's turn, Wulfrum can take a complete turn.

**Unblinking.** Wulfrum has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on sight.

**Undead Killer.** Wulfrum has advantage on weapon attacks against undead creatures and those attacks deals 13 (2d12) bonus damage against them.

### ACTIONS

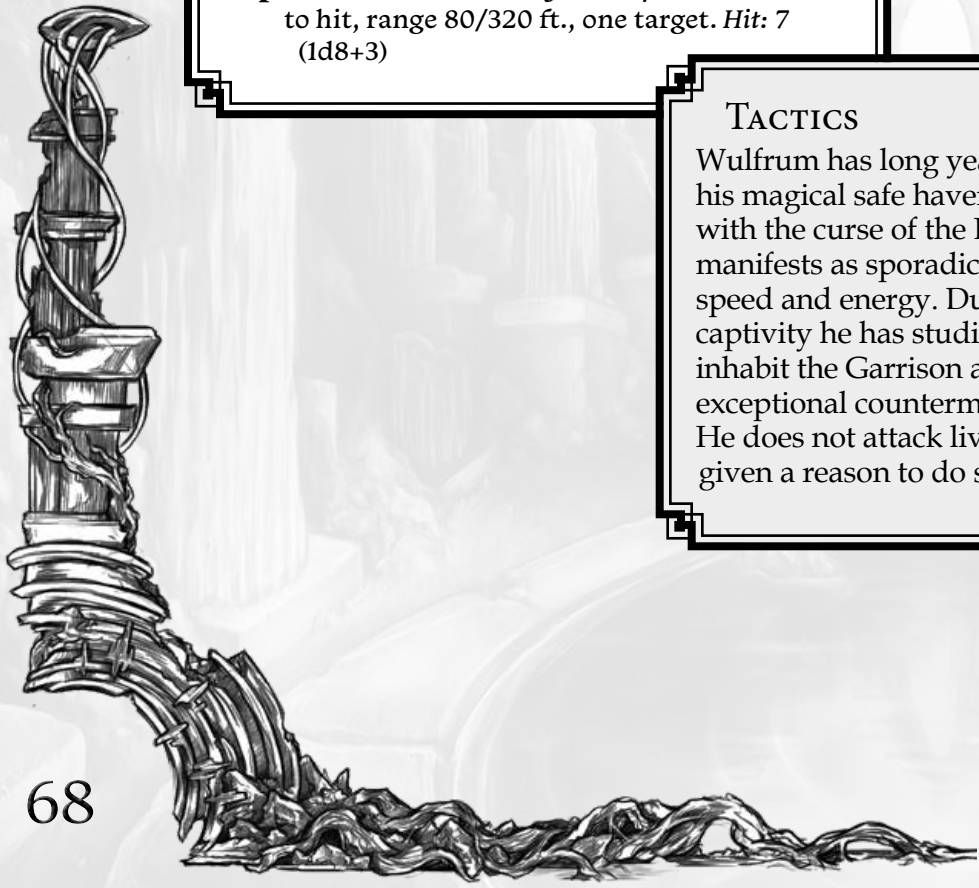
**Multiattack.** Watcher Wulfrum makes three attacks.

**Longspear.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 6 (1d6+3) piercing damage.

**Repeater Crossbow.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, range 80/320 ft., one target. *Hit:* 7 (1d8+3)

### TACTICS

Wulfrum has long yearned for escape from his magical safe haven. This desire mingled with the curse of the Eternal Summer and manifests as sporadic bursts of violent speed and energy. During his self-imposed captivity he has studied the undead that inhabit the Garrison and has developed exceptional countermeasures against them. He does not attack living creatures unless given a reason to do so.



# THE VITREOUS WOOD

## CHAMPION OF THE ROYAL GROVE

CHALLENGE 14 (11,500 XP)

Gargantuan construct, lawful neutral

**Armor Class** 18 (plate armor)

**Hit Points** 201 (13d20 + 65)

**Speed** 15 ft.

**STR** 26 (+8)    **DEX** 6 (-2)    **CON** 21 (+5)

**INT** 20 (+5)    **WIS** 18 (+4)    **CHA** 14 (+2)

**Saving Throws** Str +13, Con +10, Int +10, Wis +9

**Skills** History +10, Perception +9

**Damage Immunities** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned, prone, restrained

**Senses** truesight 120 ft., passive Perception 17

**Languages** Common

### ABILITIES

**Anchorite.** The Champion cannot be sent to another plane, such as with the banishment spell.

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day).** If the Champion fails a saving throw, it can choose to succeed instead.

**Magic Resistance.** The Champion has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

**Radiant Burst.** Any time the Champion takes radiant damage, its body flares with brilliant light. All creatures that can see the Champion must make a DC 16 Constitution saving throw or be blinded until the end of their next turn.

**Siege Monster.** The Champion deals double damage to objects and structures.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The Champion makes two Slam attacks.

**Slam.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +13 to hit, reach 15 ft., one target. *Hit:* 21 (2d12+8) bludgeoning damage. **Sweep** (Recharge 5-6). The Champion selects two spaces within 10 ft. of it, one as a starting space and one as an ending space, that are no further than 20 ft. apart and sweeps its massive limbs through the area. Creatures in or adjacent to the area must make a DC 18 Strength saving throw or take 24 (3d10+8) bludgeoning damage, or half as much on a successful one. The creature is then pushed to the nearest unoccupied space adjacent to the ending space.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

The Champion of the Royal Grove can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. The Champion regains spent legendary actions at the start of its turn.

**Slam (2 Actions).** The Champion uses the Slam action.

**Stride.** The Champion moves 30 ft.

**Withdraw (3 Actions).** The Champion closes its crystalline body off with its massive metal plates until the beginning of its next turn. Whenever it takes damage, it reduces the damage taken by 18 (2d12+5).

### TACTICS

The Arborescent Champion is a gentle entity that will not attack unless first aggressed. In battle it is a straightforward foe that simply overwhelms lesser creatures with brute force. It alternates between aggressive and defensive with its Legendary Actions and Sweeps as many targets at a time as possible. It gives no mercy when provoked, despite the inevitable pleas of future victims.

## EUROCLYDON THE MIST DRAGON

CHALLENGE 12 (8,400 XP)

Huge dragon, chaotic neutral

**Armor Class** 17 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 126 (11d12 + 55)

**Speed** 40 ft., fly 60 ft.

**STR** 22 (+6)    **DEX** 16 (+3)    **CON** 21 (+5)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 12 (+1)    **CHA** 18 (+4)

**Saving Throws** Str +10, Dex +7 Con +9, Wis +5, Cha +8

**Skills** Insight +5, Perception +5, Persuasion +8, Stealth +7

**Damage Immunities** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical weapons

**Senses** blindsight 30 ft., darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 15

**Languages** Common, Draconic

### ABILITIES

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day).** If Euroclydon fails a saving throw, she can choose to succeed instead.

**Misty.** Euroclydon has advantage on Dexterity (Stealth) rolls made while in light or heavy obscurement.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Euroclydon makes three attacks: one with her bite, one with her claws, and one with her tail.

**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +10 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 15 (2d8+6) piercing damage.

**Claw.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +10 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 13 (3d4+6) slashing damage.

**Tail.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +10 to hit, reach 15 ft., one target. *Hit:* 19 (2d12+6) bludgeoning damage.

**Fog Breath (Recharge 5-6).** Euroclydon exhales a cloud of hazy mist in a 60-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC 16 Charisma saving throw, taking 42 (12d6) psychic damage, or half as much damage on a successful one.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Euroclydon can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Euroclydon regains spent legendary actions at the start of her turn.

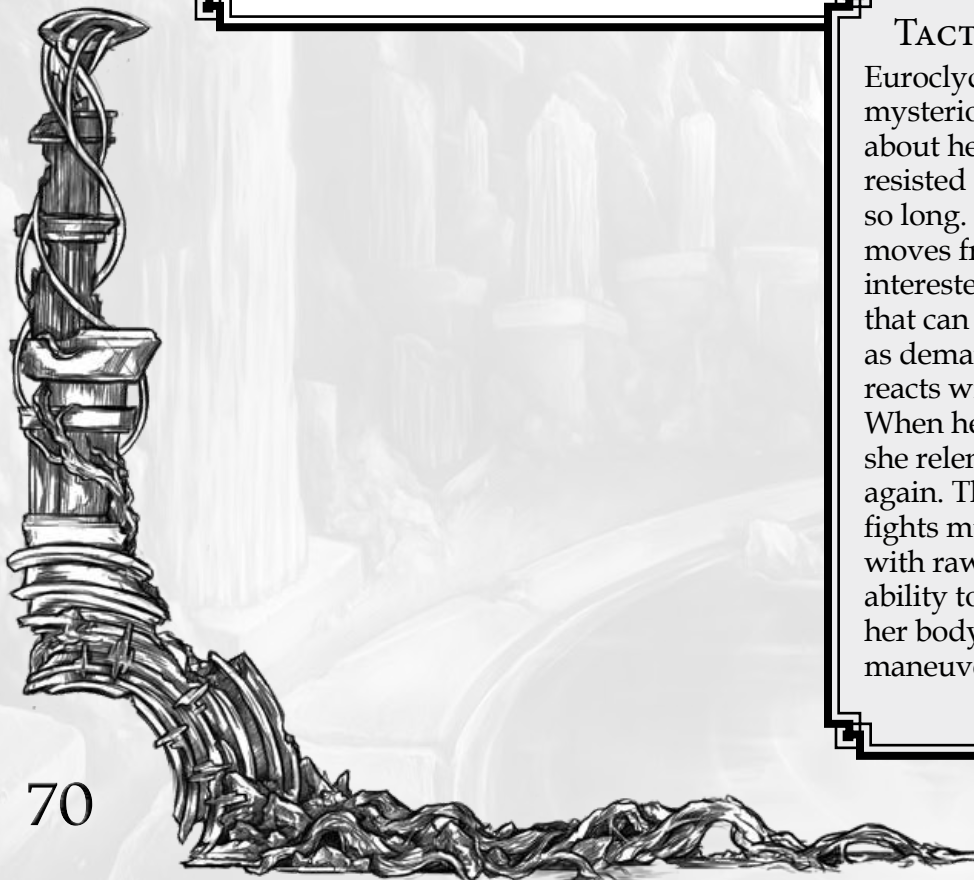
**Fog Form.** Euroclydon's form slightly breaks apart and turns into mist. The next time that Euroclydon would take damage she halves the damage she would take.

**Mist Walk.** Euroclydon teleports 30 feet into an unoccupied area.

**Tail.** Euroclydon makes a Tail attack.

### TACTICS

Euroclydon the Mist Dragon is a mysterious creature. Little is known about her intentions and how she has resisted the curse affecting Ember for so long. What is known is that she moves frequently and isn't particularly interested in killing. She makes requests that can more accurately be described as demands of lesser creatures and reacts with swift and violent retribution. When her prey is on the verge of death she relents and makes her request once again. Those who refuse are slain. She fights much like the rest of dragonkind, with raw physical force. However, her ability to alter the density and form of her body allows her a great degree of maneuverability and defense.



## KEEPER OF CUPS

CHALLENGE 3 (700 XP)

Medium humanoid, lawful good

Armor Class 12 (padded)  
Hit Points 90 (12d8 + 36)  
Speed 30 ft.

**STR** 16 (+3)    **DEX** 12 (+1)    **CON** 16 (+3)  
**INT** 12 (+1)    **WIS** 13 (+1)    **CHA** 14 (+2)

**Skills** Insight +3, Intimidation +4, Investigation +3, Persuasion +4

**Damage Resistances** poison

**Condition Immunities** exhausted, poisoned

**Senses** passive Perception 11

**Language** Common, Goblin, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Bouncer.** The Keeper of Cups has advantage on all rolls targeting an intoxicated or exhausted creature.

**Powerful Build.** The Keeper of Cups counts as one size larger when determining what he can push, drag, or lift.

### ACTIONS

**Carving Knife.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 6 (1d6+3) piercing damage.

**Torrent of Liquor.** The Keeper of Cups tips the massive silver urn on his back, unleashing a wave of colorful and intoxicating liquor in a 30-foot cone. Creatures in the cone must make a DC 15 Constitution saving throw, gaining a level of exhaustion on a failed save. Creatures that are immune to the poisoned condition automatically pass their saving throw.

### TACTICS

The Keeper of Cups is not a warrior and he craves no conflict. He simply wants Brennin to propose to Maeve and for his position to remain vital to Ember. He is used to keeping the goblins and sprites working under him in line with words and has turned away many would be aggressors with kind words and the offering, or forcing, of delicious spirits.

## MUGINN, THE LORD OF RAVENS AND THIEVES

CHALLENGE 3 (700 XP)

Small fey, chaotic neutral

**Armor Class** 15 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 44 (8d6 + 16)

**Speed** 10 ft., fly 70 ft.

**STR** 12 (+1)    **DEX** 19 (+4)    **CON** 15 (+2)

**INT** 16 (+3)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 17 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Int +5 Wis +5, Cha +8

**Skills** History +5, Insight +5, Nature +5, Perception +5, Persuasion +7, Sleight of Hand +7, Stealth +9, Survival +5

**Damage Resistances** bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from weapons that aren't silvered

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 15

**Language** all

### ABILITIES

**Critical Pinch.** When Muginn makes a critical hit against a creature with his Beak attack, he can steal something from the target. This might be a memory or a physical item and he can return them without using an action. If Muginn is reduced to 0 hit points or fewer, anything he has stolen is instantly returned to its owner.

**Crow Sight.** Muginn can transfer his senses into any crow within 10 miles of him as a bonus action. While his senses are transferred he can see, hear, smell, and taste anything the crow can. He can end this effect at any time without using an action.

**Swift Flight.** Opportunity attacks that target Muginn are made with disadvantage.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Muginn makes two beak attacks. He can substitute one Beak attack for a Pinch action.

**Beak.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 9 (2d4+4) piercing damage.

**Calling Caw (Recharge 5-6).** Muginn squawks loudly to call for aid, summoing 2 (1d4) swarms of ravens that arrive no further than 100 ft., but no closer than 50 ft., of him.

**Pinch.** Muginn makes a Dexterity (Sleight of Hand) check against a target within 5 ft. of him. The target can attempt to defend themselves with a Wisdom (Insight) check to predict the feints. If Muginn succeeds, he may steal an item from the target. Common targets include spell component pouches, arcane foci, and quivers of arrows.

### TACTICS

The Lord of Ravens and Thieves is proud but prefers flight to fight. Hated and loved by anyone with any measure of wit, Muginn is constantly on the run but often makes his presence known. In battle he is always accompanied by large numbers of ravens that follow his commands. He prefers hit-and-fly tactics that leave him out of the reach of his foes. When faced with a spellcaster or archer he will attempt to steal their arrows and spellcasting equipment before promptly dropping the items off of a nearby cliff or hanging them high up in a tree.



## TERRAC THE DREAM VENDOR

**CHALLENGE 13 (10,000 XP)**

**Medium undead, chaotic evil**

**Armor Class** 15 (magic robes)

**Hit Points** 105 (14d8 + 42)

**Speed** 30 ft.

**STR** 13 (+1)    **DEX** 16 (+3)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 20 (+5)    **WIS** 15 (+2)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Saving Throws** Int +10, Wis +47

**Skills** Arcana +15, Nature +10, Perception +7, Persuasion +8, Religion +10

**Senses** truesight 5 ft., passive Perception 17

**Languages** Common, Celestial, Infernal, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Magic Resistance.** Terrac has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

**Spellcasting.** The Matriarch is a 16th-level spellcaster. His spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 18, +10 to hit with spell attacks). He has the following wizard spells prepared:

**Cantrips (at will):** acid splash, light, minor illusion, prestidigitation

**1st level (4 slots):** chromatic orb, false life, identify, sleep

**2nd level (3 slots):** alter self, ray of enfeeblement, spider climb

**3rd level (3 slots):** dispel magic, magic circle, slow

**4th level (3 slots):** banishment, black tentacles, polymorph

**5th level (2 slots):** animate objects, scrying

**6th level (1 slot):** chain lightning

**7th level (1 slot):** plane shift, teleport

**8th level (1 slot):** maze

Ring of Invisibility (2/Long Rest). As a bonus action, Terrac can activate the ring to turn invisible for 1 minute. Making hostile actions while invisible does not under this effect.

### ACTIONS

Staff. Melee Weapon Attack: +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one creature. Hit: 5 (1d8+1) bludgeoning damage.

### TACTICS

Terrac is slow to anger and fast to end a fight. His preferred method of fighting is to simply cast animate objects on ten pieces of Tiny metal shrapnel that he carries in a large pouch at his hip, activate his ring of invisibility, and wait for the objects to shred his opponents. If pushed into a corner or put into a situation where invisibility is not an option, such as against creatures with truesight, he unleashes overwhelming arcane force. If he deduces he cannot win he simply teleports away.

## THE GOBLIN KNIGHT

CHALLENGE 3 (700 XP)

Small humanoid, neutral good

**Armor Class** 19 (splint, shield)

**Hit Points** 49 (9d6 + 18)

**Speed** 20 ft.

**STR** 16 (+3)    **DEX** 11 (+0)    **CON** 14 (+2)

**INT** 13 (+1)    **WIS** 14 (+2)    **CHA** 15 (+2)

**Skills** Insight +3, Intimidation +4, Perception +4, Persuasion +4, Stealth +2

**Senses** darkvision 60ft., passive Perception 14

**Language** Common, Goblin, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Charge.** If the Goblin Knight moves at least 10 feet straight toward a target and then hits it with a Tiny Lance attack on the same turn, the target takes an extra 9 (2d8) piercing damage.

**Great Weapon Fighter.** The Goblin Knight can use weapons with the Heavy property without disadvantage.

**Nimble Escape.** The Goblin Knight can take the Disengage or Hide action as a bonus action on each of his turns.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The Goblin Knight makes a Shield Bash and Tiny Lance attack.

**Shield Bash.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 5 (1d4+3) bludgeoning damage, and the target must make a DC 13 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone.

**Tiny Lance.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. *Hit:* 8 (1d10+3) piercing damage.

### REACTIONS

**Block.** The Goblin Knight adds 2 to his AC against one melee attack that would hit him. To do so, the Goblin Knight must see the attack and be wielding a melee weapon or shield.

### TACTICS

The Goblin Knight presents himself with an air of austerity but is not above a brutal fight. In battle he uses his armor to protect himself from potential blows while rushing back and forth, lance pointed forward. Though he is a simple fighter, he uses his superior equipment and small stature to his advantage whenever possible.



# ABBEY MAROWLYTH

## HELYÓR

### THE WINTER WOLF

CHALLENGE 11 (7,200 XP)

**Huge monstrosity, neutral good**

**Armor Class** 16 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 161 (17d12 + 51)

**Speed** 40 ft.

**STR** 20 (+5)    **DEX** 16 (+3)    **CON** 17 (+3)

**INT** 10 (+0)    **WIS** 15 (+2)    **CHA** 16 (+3)

**Skills** Perception +6, Stealth +7

**Damage Resistances** fire

**Damage Immunities** cold

**Condition Immunities** blinded, charmed, frightened

**Senses** truesight 120 ft. (blind beyond this radius), passive Perception 13

**Languages** understands Sylvan

#### ABILITIES

**Frost Biter.** When Helyór attacks a frostbitten target he can choose to have the attack deal an additional 7 (2d6) cold damage or gain 9 (2d8) temporary hit points. He can only activate Frost Biter once per target per turn.

**Icewalk.** Helyór ignores difficult terrain related to ice and snow.

**Keen Hearing and Smell.** Helyór has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on hearing or smell.

**Pounce.** If Helyór moves at least 20 feet straight toward a creature and then hits it with a bite attack on the same turn, that target must succeed on a DC 17 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone. If the target is prone, Helyór can make a claw attack against it as a bonus action.

**Snow Camouflage.** Helyór has advantage on Dexterity (Stealth) checks made to hide in snowy terrain.

#### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Helyór makes one bite and two claw attacks.

**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 14 (2d8+5) piercing damage and 7 (2d6) cold damage.

**Claw.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 10 (1d10+5) slashing damage and 5 (2d4) cold damage.

**Rime Bark (Recharge 5-6).** Helyór unleashes a dangerous bark of sonic pressure and frigid cold in a 30-foot cone. Creatures in the cone must make a DC 16 Constitution saving throw, taking 16 (3d10) cold and 16 (3d10) thunder damage and becoming frostbitten for 1 minute on a failed save, or half as much damage without becoming frostbitten on a successful one. Frostbitten creatures reduce their movement speed by 5 feet. Additionally, the area of the cone becomes slick with ice and counts as difficult terrain for the next hour.

#### TACTICS

Though seriously wounded, Helyór is still a deadly foe. A unique combatant that excels at mobility and creating dangerous terrain. His strength lies in fighting large numbers of individuals. He opens with Rime Bark to coat as many targets with frostbite as possible before savaging his victims. He uses Frost Biter to replenish his temporary hit points before moving to his next target. This cushions his health and makes taking opportunity attacks much less dangerous as he moves to another target to activate Frost Biter again. He uses Rime Bark as often as possible in an attempt to create massive patches of ice that he can corral enemies in.

## KOR THE MANY VOICED

CHALLENGE 16 (15,000 XP)

**Huge fiend (demon), chaotic evil**

**Armor Class** 17 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 225 (18d12 + 108)

**Speed** 50 ft.

**STR** 26 (+8)    **DEX** 10 (+0)    **CON** 23

(+6)

**INT** 14 (+2)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 18

(+4)

**Saving Throws** Str +13, Con +11, Int +7,  
Wis +8, Cha +9

**Skills** Perception +8

**Damage Resistances** cold, lightning

**Damage Immunities** fire, poison;  
bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing  
damage from nonmagical weapons

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened,  
poisoned

**Senses** truesight 120 ft., passive Perception 18

**Languages** Abyssal, Common, Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Burning Air.** The air around Kor is superheated. Creatures take 13 (2d12) fire damage if they start or end their turn within 15 ft. of Kor, but they can only take this damage once per round.

**Fiend Fire.** Kor ignores a target's fire resistance. Additionally, creatures that are immune to fire damage only have fire resistance against his attacks.

**Functional Immortality.** When Kor is reduced to 0 hit points or fewer, he does not die. If the glowing red heart located in his chest cavity is not destroyed within 5 minutes, he returns to life at full hit points in an explosion of fire.

**Reactive Heads.** Kor has four extra reactions that can be used only for opportunity attacks.

**Wakeful.** Magic cannot put Kor to sleep. While he sleeps, at least one of his heads is awake.



### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** Kor makes four bite attacks.

**Bite.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +9 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. Hit: 13 (1d10+8) piercing damage and 5 (1d10) fire damage.

**Magma Breath (Recharge 6).** Kor's four heads each belch a torrent of liquid magma in four 120-foot long, 5-foot wide lines. Creatures in the lines must make a DC 18 Constitution saving throw, taking 45 (10d8) fire damage on a failed save, or half as much on a successful one. Additionally, the area of the cone becomes jagged with obsidian and counts as difficult terrain for the next hour. Creatures that fall prone in the obsidian take 21 (2d20) piercing damage.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Kor the Many Voiced can take 3 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Kor the Many Voiced regains spent legendary actions at the start of his turn.

**Bite.** Kor makes a Bite attack

**Build Bile (2 Actions).** Kor's Magma Breath action recharges.

**Move.** Kor moves up to his speed.

**Obsidian Flare (2 Actions).** Kor flexes his internal magma stores, increasing his Armor Class by 2 until the end of his next turn.

### TACTICS

Discovered and freed by the Stewards of the Luminous circle, Kor the Many Voiced is a demon that seeks to consume the wellspring located within the Lunar Temple. In battle, Kor's heads work in violent harmony to tear foes limb from limb. He isolates creatures with his Magma Breath action and lashes out against those same creatures. If a creature is deemed a threat but has something Kor deems worthwhile he will attempt to negotiate rather than go through the trouble and danger of mortal combat.

## STARGAZER TELANOUN

CHALLENGE 1 OR 13 (200 OR 10,000 XP)

Large humanoid, chaotic good

Armor Class 12 (15 with mage armor)

Hit Points 120 (16d8 + 48)

Speed 30 ft.

STR 14 (+2)    DEX 14 (+2)    CON 16 (+3)  
INT 22 (+6)    WIS 20 (+5)    CHA 18  
(+4)

Skills Arcana +11, History +11, Nature +11,  
Perception +10, Religion +11

Senses truesight 240 ft., passive Perception 20

Languages Common

### ABILITIES

**Day and Night.** The Stargazer is a life that exists on two opposite axis. During the day, they have four levels of exhaustion, no Legendary Actions, and can only cast cantrips, 2nd level spells. At night, they have full access to all of their features.

**Legendary Resistance (3/Day, Night Only).** If the Stargazer fails a saving throw, they can choose to succeed instead.

**Spellcasting.** The Stargazer is a 17th-level spellcaster. Their spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC 19 at night or DC 16 during the day, +11 to hit with spell attacks at night or +8 during the day). They have the following warlock spells prepared:

**Cantrips (at will):** *eldritch blast, false life, mage armor (self only), mage hand, silent image, thaumaturgy*

**1st-5th level (4 5th-level slots):**  
*banishment, contact other plane, fear, flame strike, hellish rebuke, ice knife, sleep, vampiric touch*

**1/night each:** *feblemind, mass suggestion, scrying*



### ACTIONS

**Seeing Stars.** *Melee Spell Attack:* +11 or +8 to hit, reach 5 ft., one creature. Hit: 13 (2d6+6) psychic damage and the target is teleported 30 ft. to an unoccupied space of the Stargazer's choosing.

### LEGENDARY ACTIONS

Stargazer Telanoun can take 4 legendary actions, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary action option can be used at a time and only at the end of another creature's turn. Stargazer Telanoun regains spent legendary actions at the start of their turn.

**Cantrip.** The Stargazer casts a cantrip.

**Confusion (2 Actions).** The Stargazer casts confusion on a single target within 60 ft. If the target fails their saving throw, they suffer the effects of the spell on their next turn only.

**Move.** The Stargazer moves up to their speed.

**Seeing Stars.** The Stargazer uses their Seeing Stars action.

### TACTICS

Stargazer Telanoun is the sole survivor of a desperate attempt to halt the spread of the Eternal Summer's curse. During the day, they are nearly unresponsive to the outside world and can muster only the faintest resistance against would be assailants. At night, they unleash a neigh unstoppable salvo of spells. They use their Confusion Legendary Action to befuddle enemy spellcasters and threats they must evade.

## THE STEWARDS OF THE LUMINOUS CIRCLE

CHALLENGE 3 (700 XP)

Medium aberration, chaotic evil

**Armor Class** 13

**Hit Points** 39 (6d8 + 12)

**Speed** 0 ft., fly 40 ft. (hover)

STR 12 (+1)    DEX 17 (+3)    CON 15 (+2)

INT 16 (+3)    WIS 11 (+0)    CHA 16 (+3)

**Skills** Arcana +5, Intimidation +5, Perception +2

**Damage Immunities** acid, force, poison

**Condition Immunities** charmed, frightened, poisoned, prone

**Senses** passive Perception 12

**Languages** Common, Deep Speech

### ABILITIES

**Corpse Eater.** The steward can use a bonus action to consume a corpse within 5 ft. of it. Once consumed, it recovers a spell slot or heals itself for 10 hit points.

**Spellcasting.** The steward is a 3rd-level spellcaster. Its spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 13, +5 to hit with spell attacks). It has the following warlock spells prepared:

**Cantrips (at will):** *eldritch blast, false life*

**1st-2nd level (2 2nd-level slots):** *armor of the abyss, hex, misty step*



### TACTICS

A Steward of the Luminous Circle is a dangerous foe, even on its own. They are capable of flight, fling spells from on high, and can fire a variety of dangerous explosive weapons they concocted themselves. When facing a foe, it begins by casting armor of the abyss on itself to maintain a constant stream of temporary hit points before launching bombs from the air. If pressed into a dangerous situation, it will attempt to teleport away with misty step, Dash, and fly away.

### ACTIONS

**Alchemical Bomb.** The steward throws one of three explosive bottles up to 30 ft. away from itself. Choose one of the following alchemical bombs:

- **Boil Bomb:** The bomb explodes in a 20-foot radius sphere of sticky yellow mucus. Creatures in the sphere must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw, taking 16 (3d10) necrotic damage and reducing their movement speeds by 10 feet for one minute on a failed save, or half as much damage without the movement speed reduction on a successful one.
- **Leech Bomb:** The bomb explodes in a 15-foot radius sphere of murky black liquid. Creatures in the sphere must make a DC 14 Dexterity saving throw, becoming covered in leeches on a failed one. Creatures that are covered in leeches take 9 (2d8) damage from blood loss at the beginning of each of their turns. They can attempt to rip the leeches off of them with a successful DC 14 Strength saving throw at the end of each of their turns.
- **Toxic Bomb:** The bomb explodes in a 30-foot radius sphere of lime green fog. Creatures in the sphere must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw, taking 10 (3d6) poison damage and becoming poisoned for one minute on a failed save, or half as much damage without becoming poisoned on a successful one.

**Luminous Staff.** Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 7 (1d8+3) bludgeoning damage, 4 (1d8) fire damage, 4 (1d8) psychic damage.

### REACTIONS

**Luminous Demise.** When the Steward is reduced to 0 hit points or fewer, they can immediately move up to 40 ft. toward a hostile creature, grab them, and detonate themselves in a massive explosion. The creature makes a DC 13 Constitution saving throw, taking 9 (2d8) force damage on a failed save, or half as much on a successful one.

## WAYSIDE GOLEM

CHALLENGE 13 (10,000 XP)

**Huge construct, neutral good/lawful evil**

**Armor Class** 15 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 157 (15d12 + 60)

**Speed** 20 ft.

**STR** 20 (+5)    **DEX** 8 (-1)    **CON** 19 (+4)

**INT** 15 (+2)    **WIS** 16 (+3)    **CHA** 2 (-5)

**Damage Immunities** acid, poison; bludgeoning, piercing, and slashing from nonmagical weapons that were made on this plane

**Condition Immunities** charmed, exhaustion, frightened, paralyzed, petrified, poisoned

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 13

**Languages** understands Common, Draconic, Deep Speech, and Sylvan

### ABILITIES

**Eye Stones.** The golem has three magical stones that float near its head. It can activate a stone as a bonus action to use its magical effect. Once the golem activates a specific stone it cannot use the same stone again until it has activated the other two. Each stone maintains concentration on the spells they cast but the golem rolls for concentration checks when damaged as normal.

- **Growth Stone:** The golem casts entangle.
- **Mason Stone:** The golem casts stone shape or spike growth as a 4th level spell.
- **Glow Stone:** The golem casts daylight or darkness.

**Immutable Form.** The golem is immune to any spell or effect that would alter its form.

**Magic Resistance.** The golem has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

**Magic Weapons.** The golem's weapon attacks are magical.

**Otherworldly.** The golem is unaffected by the Curse of Summer.

**Unwilling Puppet.** The golem is trapped inside its own body and is under the direct command of the Stewards of the Luminous Circle. He can do nothing but obey their commands and any other spells or magical effects that attempt to control him automatically fail.

### ACTIONS

**Multiattack.** The golem makes one stone arm and one wood arm attack.

**Stone Arm.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +10 to hit, reach 15 ft., one target. *Hit:* 24 (3d12+5) bludgeoning damage and the target is pushed 10 ft. backward.

**Wood Arm.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +10 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target. *Hit:* 21 (3d10+5) slashing damage and the target must make a DC 17 Strength saving throw or be restrained. The target can attempt to break free at the end of each of their turns.

**Lantern of Lost Souls (Recharge 5-6).** The golem sparks a blast of soulfire in a 60-foot cone. Creatures in the cone must make a DC 17 Charisma saving throw, taking 22 (4d10) necrotic and 22 (4d10) radiant damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

### TACTICS

The Wayside Golem is a prisoner in its own body. With its massive heart corrupted by the Stewards of the Luminous Circle, the golem's body cannot resist their commands despite the protests of its mind. In battle it is a clever threat despite its massive body. It hides itself behind buildings, large trees, and boulders while advancing on enemies. It will attempt to restrain melee threats and leaves them behind while it chases down ranged threats. It has almost no reason to fear spellcasters and instead prioritizes threats with magical weapons, especially ranged combatants. Due to its slow speed it uses its Lantern of Lost Souls action to strike beyond its normal reach whenever possible. Some say that the Wayside Golem has been seen capturing creatures or using them as hostages while it retreats from ranged threats that have proven too elusive to be slain.



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