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Monstrous Lair #34: Green Hag's Swamp provides you—the busy, time crunched GM—with the details to effortlessly bring to life the green hag swamps in your campaign.

Are you a busy GM? Does session prep take too long? Do you never have time to work on the cool little details that can bring your adventures, dungeons and campaign to life? This short, focused compilation gives you, the time-crunched GM, the tools to effortlessly add verisimilitude and detail to your dungeons. Use the material herein either before or during play and bask in your players' adulation.

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USING THIS PRODUCT

Designed specifically for you, the busy GM, these tables can be used before or during the game to help breathe life into a smugglers' den and are compatible with published modules or your own adventures. Adding depth and verisimilitude to your game helps the players' (hopefully willing) suspension of disbelief.

The tables appear in the order you'll likely need them. Roll on the relevant table and use the result to spark your creativity. Re-roll or modify any inappropriate results.

- Outside the Lair: Determine features outside the lair, using this table.
- What's Going On? The green hag probably isn't just sitting
 around waiting for intruders. Use this table, to determine what
 it is doing when the PCs arrive. Remember, the PCs' actions
 may render some of the entries moot—particularly if the hag is
 aware of intruders.
- Major Features: Use this table, to determine the lair's major feature(s). This feature is so obvious, the PCs automatically notice it. Only reveal information in brackets if a PC discovers it in some way.
- Minor Features: Use this table, to determine the lair's minor feature(s). The feature might be so obvious the PCs automatically spot it; alternatively, the PCs may have to make an easy skill check to notice the feature. Only reveal information in brackets if a PC discovers it in some way.
- **Green Hag's Appearance**: Use this table, to generate notable hag's appearance and other characteristics.
- Treasures & Trash: Use these tables, to add interesting items
 to the green hag's hoard. Assign a value to each treasure
 appropriate to your campaign. The tables assume you will
 place magic items, coins and other notable items and do not
 contain such entries.

The tables herein make two assumptions:

- 1. You have a map of the area, or will design one "on the fly".
- 2. You know what lurks in the area and have all their stat blocks.



GREEN HAG'S SWAMP

Aided by powerful magics the hags of the rivers and swamps draw in unsuspecting victims with their mimicry and disguise before devouring them in orginatic feasts of shocking depravity.

1: OUTSIDE THE LAIR

D10

- Nauseating blood-red water seeps through the earth and fills the air with the scent of decay.
- Spiders and insects drop onto passers-by making the journey uncomfortable (and possibly dangerous).
- Twisted trees studded with knots and boles seem to scowl down at those passing below.
- Wind chimes made of children's bones and glass tinkle and twist in the trees, despite there being no breeze.
- 5 A rusting sword hangs over the path, point downwards.
- A nearby oak collapses into itself spilling thousands of angry biting insects into the area.
- 7 Sudden winds send sharp branches clawing at faces.
- 8 Blood red streamers of silk flutter in the breeze leaving burning welts where they brush against skin.
- 9 The wind whispers the names of fallen and lost loves.
- 10 A creature hisses at the party from the shadowy trees.

2: WHAT'S GOING ON?

D10

- A frumpy, red cheeked washer-woman smiles at the group's approach before inviting them for dinner.
- Disguised as a beautiful young maiden the hag washes her clothes whilst flaunting her naked body.
- The hag has taken the form of a tall red headed woman dressed as a ranger and carrying a longbow.
- Wrapped in ragged cloaks the hag croons to herself as she tends to the poisonous flowers lining the path.
- The hag chuckles to herself as she removes the entrails from a massive boar hanging from a wooden A frame.
- Sharpening a rusty old fish knife the hag prepares an augury with a helpless rabbit as sacrifice.
- 7 The hag tends to fungus growing in the corpses of several decomposing children.
- 8 Disguised as a child the hag runs and hides when seen.
- 9 In the form of a gnarled tree the hag observes intruders.
- 10 The hag polishes stones and skulls for her home.

3: MAJOR LAIR FEATURES

D10

- Stupified slaves, their minds broken by the hag's evil wander aimlessly around the area.
- 2 Colourful bushes and flowers filled with potent contact poison line the paths and waterside of the hag's lair.
- Large patches of poisonous fungus grow in the skulls of the hag's victims. (The hag throws them at her foes).
- Small bits of meat and bone are laid in a pattern on a normal stone beside the path.
- 5 Clawing hands grab at the pond's surface from a body wedged in the roots below a gnarled willow.
- 6 Rot and rust cover a skeleton in a submerged cage.
- Brightly coloured poisonous frogs and snakes move through the stunted bushes growing about the area.
- A discarded cauldron beside the lair's entrance acts as a kennel for a feral dog.
- 9 Walkways of rotting logs form paths above the mire.
- A large quagmire of black mud bubbles and hisses before releasing foul gas into the air.

4: MINOR LAIR FEATURES

D10

- The skeleton of a giant alligator forms a bridge over a stagnant pool of dark water.
- 2 A low wall surrounds a deep pool under the shade of a black willow tree.
- Creeping plants deliver tiny poisonous thorns into the skin of those brushing past.
- A swarm of ticks clings to a branch ready to clamber or drop onto a passing beast.
- Swarms of tiny biting and stinging insects carry virulent disease from the marsh.
- 6 Skeletal mannequins hang from branches clothed in the rags of the hag's victims.
- 7 Sharp, upthrust bones fill shallow pits.
- Three skulls are bound together with vines and placed on a thorny spike; they scream when approached.
- A thin half-elf sings a sordid shanty to himself before bursting into tears, his mind lost to the hag's touch.
- 10 A vat of human fat fills the area with a terrible stench.

5: GREEN HAG'S APPEARANCE

D10

- A huge bird's skull covers the face of the hag as she limps slowly along.
- Boney plates erupt from the hag's spine as she waddles closer; sores pockmark her thick green skin.
- Pitch black skin covers the hag's face which is hidden behind a lank curtain of filthy white hair
- A snake's skeleton is entwined around the tall hat of the robed hag. Bone symbols of power cover her coat.
- 5 Stinking robes of human skin cover the hag's frail body.
- Wearing nothing the hag stalks forwards; her long black, blade-like claws are a contrast to her milky white skin.
- Fat leeches cover the hag's grey/green warty skin as she rises from the mire.
- 8 Shredded priest's robes cover the hag's bloated body.
- With skin like a gnarled tree's bark and claws like sharpened stakes the hag blends into the swampy trees,
- The hag wears the treated skin of a former lover over her own as clothes; his face forms her horrible mask.



6: TREASURES

D10

- This headdress of fish skulls and deer antlers increases the wearer's powers of persuasion.
- A small cage of bone and skin that when worn as a pack weighs nothing despite what it holds.
- A blackened five knuckled finger; when a knuckle is snapped it causes immense pain to the target.
- This razor-sharp saw-backed gutting knife causes jagged bleeding wounds when its victim is impaled.
- When thrown, this fungus-filled child's skull detonates fills the air with poisonous spores.
- A rough shift of elf skin conceals the wearer from scrying and magical detection.
- A long plait of white hag's hair that entangles its prey on command or when used as a whip.
- This crocodile skin mask adorned with auroch horns grants its wearer great strength.
- This thick sheaf of human skins details how to animate a hut complete with chicken legs for locomotion.
- A thick net of tangled sinew that drains the strength of those trapped within.

7: TRASH

D10

- Human ears fills this jar. Sometimes the hag talks to the
- 2 Sticky crimson toffee covers this apple (which may be poisoned or rotten).
- Some of this collection of helmets impaled on spikes still contains smashed skulls.
- 4 A flea-infested cloak of knotted hair and wool riddled with disease.
- A bracelet of coarse rocks and shells threaded onto a long thin plait of grey hair. Those wearing it develop sores that quickly become infected.
- 6 A leather thong set with a single, rotted human tooth.
- 7 A rotting leather pack now home to a swarm of rats.
- 8 A wooden lyre with several broken strings replaced with plaited human hair.
- 9 Baby teeth and locks of hair fill this clay pot.
- A dried horse penis embellished with polished horn and shells.

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