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Running Siege of the Diamond City

This GM guide to the Season 5 Special Scenario *Siege of the Diamond City* is not designed to replace your ordinary GM preparation but to augment it. Read it in conjunction with the scenario.

GM Materials Checklist:

- The scenario: Siege of the Diamond City
- These run notes
- Chronicles: 8 copies
- Pictures: Mendevian flag, crusader, and war badge (*ISWG*); monsters to be faced
- Maps: Blank Flip-Mat. Useful maps from the *Gamemastery Flip-Mat* line include Pub Crawl, City Market, City Square, City Streets, Town Square, and Urban Tavern. Useful maps from the *Gamemastery Map Packs* line include Army Camp, Inns, Marketplace, Shops, Towns, and Waterfront.
- Handouts: Map of Nerosyan, Thurl's letter
- Miniatures
- Timer

This is a combat-heavy scenario. GMs should familiarise themselves with the PCs opponents, noting tactics, special abilities, and feats to ensure that combat remains swift throughout.

Like some previous Special Scenarios, *Siege of the Diamond City* is a multi-table cooperative game and inter-table interaction should be encouraged but controlled.

GMs should refer to the **Play Summary** below and follow it. All GMs should bring a timer that they can use and indicate to the Overseer when their table is ready to transition to the next section throughout the event. You will not have time to draw detailed maps during play so pre-draw any that are required.

Introduction (Mustering)

The event starts immediately, even before every player has been assigned a table, mirroring the general milling around that will be happening in the Starrise Spire. GMs begin Act 1 when at least four players have sat at their table, whether they are the right players or not. If a player ends up having to move to another table, ensure that they are aware that anything that has occurred at your table has indeed occurred for their character, and they can take that information with them to their new table.

Play Summary (5-hour)

Time (rel.) 0:00	Section Starting the Event	Action Overseer reads Starting the Event
0:00-0:13	Act 1	GMs muster tables with the help of HQ staff . Once at least 4 players are sat and have introduced themselves in character, GM's run Act 1: Gathering at the Starrise Spire.
0:13	Closing Time	Overseer reads the first (shorter) Closing Time transition text.
0:13-0:15	Closing Time	GMs swiftly conclude Act 1 events.
0:15	Closing Time	Overseer reads the second (longer) Closing Time transition text.
0:15-2:35	Act 2	GMs deal with PC reactions, read Getting Started, and run Act 2: Demonic Incursion
2:35*	Ending Act 2	Overseer announces the results of the final cycle.
2:35-2:45	Ending Act 2	GMs swiftly conclude their current encounter.
2:45	Act 3	Overseer announces transition to Act 3.
2:45-4:50	Act 3	GMs run the part of Act 3: The Siege of the Diamond City that is relevant for their subtier.
2:45-4:50	Act 3	Overseer announces key successes in the battle as they are achieved.
4:50	Act 3	Overseer announces the siege is broken and begins calculation of victory points.
4:50-5:00	Ending the Event	GMs swiftly conclude their current encounter as the demons retreat, and start to prepare Chronicle sheets.
5:00	Conclusion	Overseer reads Conclusion and announces the final result of the battle.

*If 5 cycles pass before this time, the Overseer may initiate the end of Act 2 before this time.

Act 1: GATHERING AT THE STARRISE SPIRE

GMs who wish to make this more of an interactive event can begin this Act in character, meeting and greeting fellow pathfinders who walk past or sit at their table. GMs can also choose to be one of their own characters, although mid- to high-level characters who are likely to have some experience and measure of authority in the Society, as well as those likely to have researched the information that they can make available to the PCs, are advised.

Act 2: DEMONIC INCURSION

Don't forget to apply the combat bonuses relevant to the current District Threat Level, as per the table below. This is perhaps best explained as a morale bonus but is currently untyped. To keep things simple, if you wish to keep these morale effects confined to the enemy, you could perhaps choose to apply a -1 penalty to their d20 rolls and DCs in a Green District, rather than giving the PCs a +1 bonus.

Threat Level	Advantage	Bonus to d20 rolls, and DCs for spells and special abilities
Red	Enemies	+2
Orange	Enemies	+1
Yellow		and the second
Green	PCs	+1

The following table shows the encounters by area: each city district, and outside the city walls. If you run all of the encounters for a given area and need more, start using suitable encounters from other areas or urge your PCs to move to another area.

Encounter\District	Battle	Confluence	Egelsee	Outer	Woundward
A1. Devil in the Details	Y	Y	Y		Y
A2. Opportunity Strikes	Y	Y	Y		Y
A3. Rallying Cry	Y	Y	Y		Y
A4. Who's the Foulest of Them All	Y				
A5. Unsafe House	Y				
A6. At the Foot of Starrise		Y			
A7. The Rise of Ooze		Y			
A8. The Sovereign of Pilgrim's Rest			Y		
A9. Thurl's Lodge			Y		
A10. A Grand Old Ship				Y	
A11. Conveyors of Hope				Y	
A12. Besieged Outpost				Y	
A13. Traitor's Run					Y
A14. Woundward Vigil					Y

The following table summarizes the aid that is available to the PCs by subtier. Note that there are errors in the subtiers described in this section: there is no 8-9 subtier in play. References to subtier 8-9 should be replaced by 7-8.

Aid\Subtier	1-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	10-11
Number of times receive aid*	3	3	2	2	1
Healing	1d8+1	1d8+5	2d8+5	3d8+9	4d8+15
Weapon or Ammo (10)	Cold iron	Mwk cold iron			
Oil of align weapon (good)			Y	Y	Y
Lesser restoration spell			Y	Y	Empowered
Regain spell				2nd or lower	3rd or lower
+1 demon bane ammo (2)					1
Aid token: aid another	+2	+2	+3	+3	+4
Aid token: allied offensive	+1d8 dmg	+1d8 dmg	+2d8 dmg	+2d8 dmg	+3d8 dmg
Aid token: burst of healing	1d6	1d6	3d6	3d6	5d6
Aid token: spellcasting synergy	+1 DC	+1 DC	+2 DC	+2 DC	+2 DC +SL heal/harm

* Not including aid received via an Aid Token.

A1: (Any District) DEVIL IN THE DETAILS

The PCs should engage the crusaders for at least a minute, persuading them of their folly and pointing out the nature of devils versus demons (assuming they made the relevant DC 15 Knowledge [planes or religion] check. Engage the players in heated debate for around a minute and then get the PC who was the main speaker in the exchange to make the Diplomacy check, and allow any other PC who meaningfully contributed during the exchange an Aid Another check. Anyone who made the Knowledge check can gain the +4 bonus to their Diplomacy check, be it to the main Diplomacy check, or to an Aid Another check.

If this check fails but the PCs subsequently make Katrina speak out against her family, she criticizes her parents for their employment of evil fiends and laughs at what they would think of her using them to defend a poor orphanage.

BEARDED DEVIL

This seething devil deftly wields a vicious, saw-toothed glaive, while below its toothy maw writhes a hideous, twitching beard. LE Medium outsider (devil, evil, extraplanar, lawful)

Init +6; Senses darkvision 60 ft., see in darkness; Perception +10 DEFENSE

AC 19, touch 12, flat-footed 17 (+2 Dex, +7 natural) hp 57 (6d10+24) Fort +9, Ref +7, Will +3 DR 5/good or silver; Immune fire, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10; SR 16

OFFENSE Speed 40 ft.

Melee glaive +5/+0 melee (1d10+12 nonlethal) or 2 claws +4 melee (1d6+8 nonlethal)

Space 5 ft.; Reach 5 ft. (10 ft. with glaive)

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th)

At will-greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only)

1/day-summon (level 3, 1 bearded devil or 6 lemures, 50%)

TACTICS

During Combat Under Katrina's orders, the devils make non-lethal attacks against the crusaders and PCs (if the PCs join the combat). Consequently, the devils do not attack with their beards, or use their infernal wound ability (removed from statblock for simplification). The devils power attack (included in stat block) unless they miss both attacks in two consecutive rounds. STATISTICS

Str 19, Dex 15, Con 19, Int 6, Wis 12, Cha 10 Base Atk +6; CMB +10; CMD 22

Feats Improved Initiative, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (glaive)

Skills Climb +13, Intimidate +7, Perception +10, Sense Motive +6, Stealth +11

Languages Celestial, Common, Draconic, Infernal; telepathy 100 ft.

KATRINA DECKLAND

Human conjurer 7 N Medium humanoid Init +5; Senses Perception +5 DEFENSE AC 15, touch 11, flat-footed 14 (+4 armor, +1 Dex) hp 45 (7d6+21) Fort +5, Ref +4, Will +6

OFFENSE Speed 30 ft.

Melee cold iron or alchemical silver dagger +2 (1d4-1/19-20)

Ranged cold iron or alchemical silver dagger +4 (1d4-1/19-20)

Arcane Spell-Like Abilities (CL 7th; concentration +12); 8/day-acid dart (1d6+3 acid)

Wizard Spells Prepared (CL 7th; concentration +12)

4th-dimension door, summon monster IV

3rd-haste, stinking cloud (DC 18), summon monster III

2nd-glitterdust (DC 17), invisibility, minor image (DC 17), summon monster II

1st-grease (DC 16), mage armor, magic missile (2), protection from good, summon monster I

0 (at will)-detect magic, ghost sound (DC 15), mage hand, ray of frost

Prohibited Schools enchantment, necromancy

TACTICS

During Combat Katrina remains out of combat, using *dimension door* to escape with her imp if she is targeted by an enemy. **STATISTICS**

Str 8, Dex 13, Con 14, Int 20, Wis 10, Cha 12

Base Atk +3; CMB +2; CMD 17

Feats Alertness, Augment Summoning, Craft Wondrous Item, Defensive Combat Training, Improved Familiar, Improved Initiative, Scribe Scroll, Spell Focus (conjuration)

Skills Appraise +10, Craft (traps) +15, Craft (jewelry) +10, Fly +10, Handle Animal +5, Intimidate +6, Knowledge (arcana) +15, Knowledge(dungeoneering) +10, Knowledge (planes) +15, Knowledge (religion) +10, Linguistics +10, Perception +5, Spellcraft +15

Languages Abyssal, Aquan, Auran, Celestial, Common, Ignan, Infernal, Terran

SQ arcane bond (imp familiar), summoner's charm (3 rounds)

Combat Gear lesser metamagic rod (silent), scrolls of expeditious retreat, obscuring mist, see invisibility, black

tentacles; **Other Gear** alchemical silver dagger, cold iron dagger, *cloak of resistance* +1, *headband of vast intellect* +2 (knowledge [planes]).

IMP, FAMILIAR

Fiendish wings and a whipping scorpion-like tail lash behind this diminutive, red-skinned nuisance. LE Tiny outsider (devil, evil, extraplanar, lawful)

Init +3; Senses darkvision 60 ft., detect good, detect magic, see in darkness; Perception +7

DEFENSE

AC 20, touch 16, flat-footed 16 (+3 Dex, +1 dodge, +4 natural, +2 size)

hp 22 (7 HD); fast healing 2

Fort +1, Ref +6, Will +4

Defensive Abilities improved evasion; DR 5/good or silver; Immune fire, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10

OFFENSE

Speed 20 ft., fly 50 ft. (perfect) **Melee** sting +8 (1d4 plus poison)

Space 2-1/2 ft.; **Reach** 0 ft.

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th)

Constant—*detect good, detect magic*

At will—*invisibility* (self only)

1/day—augury, suggestion (DC 15)
1/week—commune (6 questions, CL 12th)

TACTICS

During Combat The imp stays invisible and close to Katrina, defending her if she is attacked in melee. It uses suggestion to attempt to dissuade anyone who looks likely to hit her.

STATISTICS

Str 10, Dex 17, Con 10, Int 13, Wis 12, Cha 14

Base Atk +3; CMB +1; CMD 15

Feats Dodge, Weapon Finesse

Skills Acrobatics +9, Appraise +3, Bluff +8, Craft (traps) +11, Craft (jewelry) +11, Fly +24, Handle Animal +6, Intimidate

+6, Knowledge (arcana) +11, Knowledge (dungeoneering) +3, Knowledge (planes) +11, Knowledge (religion) +3, Linguistics +3, Perception +7, Spellcraft +11

Languages Common, Infernal

SQ change shape (boar, giant spider, rat, or raven, *beast shape I*), deliver touch spells, empathic link, share spells **SPECIAL ABILITIES**

Poison (Ex) Sting—injury; *save* Fort DC 13; *frequency* 1/round for 6 rounds; *effect* 1d2 Dex; *cure* 1 save. The save DC is Constitution-based, and includes a +2 racial bonus.

NEROSYAN CRUSADER

Human warrior 3 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init -1; Senses Perception +5 DEFENSE AC 13, touch 9, flat-footed 13 (+4 armor, -1 Dex) hp 22 (3d10+6) Fort +3, Ref +0, Will +2 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. **Melee** mwk guisarme +7 ($2d4+3/\times3$) or mwk longsword +6 (1d8+2/19-20) Ranged javelin +2 (1d6+2) Space 5 ft.; Reach 5 ft. (10 ft. with guisarme) TACTICS During Combat The warrior uses his reach to trip foes as they close, and switches to his sword if necessary. STATISTICS Str 15, Dex 9, Con 10, Int 8, Wis 12, Cha 11 Base Atk +3; CMB +5; CMD 14 Feats Alertness, Toughness, Weapon Focus (guisarme) Skills Intimidate +6, Perception +5, Sense Motive +4 Languages Common

Gear chain shirt, javelins (3), masterwork guisarme, masterwork longsword, manacles, 36 gp

A2: (Any District) OPPORTUNITY STRIKES

The armored flesh of the two large fiends at the front of the bank looks scaly and moist. Their large, toothy mouths gape below hungry, reptilian eyes.

It is a DC 21 Knowledge (planes) check to identify these demons as hezrous. High-level groups may attack, and thereby swiftly discover their illusory nature and go through the front into the bank, while lower level groups will sneak around if they are able to locate the sewer entrance.

Maps: Use the *Pub Crawl* flip-mat or another of your own choosing. The *Sewers* map pack may also be useful.

LOOTER DERVISH

Human rogue 10 N Medium humanoid (human) Init +8; Senses Perception +12 DEFENSE

AC 20, touch 16, flat-footed 15 (+4 armor, +1 deflection, +4 Dex, +1 dodge) **hp** 68 (10d8+20)

Fort +4, Ref +11, Will +2

Defensive Abilities evasion, improved uncanny dodge, trap sense +3 OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee+1 keen rapier +13/+8 (1d6+3/15-20) **Ranged** light crossbow +11 (1d8/19-20)

Special Attacks sneak attack +5d6

TACTICS

Before Combat The rogue relishes combat, but often prefers to hide the full extent of his abilities until he's completely surrounded, the better to take his enemies by surprise and make use of Whirlwind Attack.

During Combat The rogue charges into combat, trying to get in the middle of as many enemies as possible before using Whirlwind Attack, laughing and singing prayers as he lays waste to his enemies.

STATISTICS

Str 14, Dex 19, Con 12, Int 13, Wis 8, Cha 10

Base Atk +7; CMB +9; CMD 25

Feats Combat Expertise, Dodge, Improved Initiative, Mobility, Nimble Moves, Spring Attack, Weapon Finesse, Weapon Focus (rapier), Whirlwind Attack

Skills Acrobatics +17, Climb +15, Disable Device +19, Escape Artist +17, Intimidate +13, Perception +12, Perform (dance) +13, Sleight of Hand +17, Stealth +17, Swim +15

Languages Common, Elven

SQ rogue talents (combat trick, finesse rogue, opportunist, surprise attack, weapon training), trapfinding +5

Combat Gear *potion of blur, potion of cat's grace*, alchemist's fire (2); **Other Gear** +1 *studded leather*, +1 *keen rapier*, light crossbow with 20 bolts, *ring of protection* +1, masterwork thieves' tools, 480 gp

LOOTER PILLAGER

Elf bard 8

CN Medium humanoid (elf)

Init +3; Senses low-light vision; Perception +13

DEFENSE

AC 18, touch 15, flat-footed 14 (+3 armor, +1 deflection, +3 Dex, +1 dodge)

hp 43 (8d8+4)

Fort +3, Ref +10, Will +7; +2 vs. enchantments, +4 vs. bardic performance, language-dependent, and sonic

Immune sleep

OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee rapier +7/+2 (1d6+1/18-20)

Ranged+1 longbow +10/+5 (1d8+1/×3)

Special Attacks bardic performance 21 rounds/day (move action; countersong, dirge of doom, distraction, fascinate, inspire competence +3, inspire courage +2, *suggestion*)

Bard Spells Known (CL 8th; concentration +11)

3rd (3/day)-haste (DC 18), major image (DC 18), sepia snake sigil (DC 18)

2nd (5/day)—invisibility, mirror image, shatter, sound burst (DC 16)

1st (5/day)—animate rope, disguise self, grease, lesser confusion (DC 14), silent image (DC 16)

0 (at will)—daze (DC 15), detect magic, light, mage hand, prestidigitation, read magic

TACTICS

Before Combat The bard posts political screeds in alleys, imbuing them with *sepia snake sigils* to trap those reading them. If anticipating combat, the bard drinks his *potion of eagle's splendor*.

During Combat The bard starts by casting *haste* and *mirror image*. He then shoots at opposing spellcasters or deafens them with *sound burst*.

Base Statistics Without eagle's splendor, the bard's statistics are Bard Spells Known reduce spell DCs by

- 2; Cha 17; Skills Bluff +10, Perform (dance) +14.
- STATISTICS
- Str 13, Dex 16, Con 10, Int 10, Wis 10, Cha 17

Base Atk +6; CMB +7; CMD 22

Feats Dodge, Mobility, Point-Blank Shot, Shot on the Run

Skills Acrobatics +7, Bluff +12, Climb +10, Escape Artist +14, Knowledge (arcane, local, nature, planes) +8, Perception +13, Perform (dance) +16, Sleight of Hand +11, Stealth +14

Languages Common, Elven

SQ bardic knowledge +4, elven magic, lore master 1/day, versatile performance (dance, comedy), weapon familiarity

Combat Gear potions of cure moderate wounds (2), potion of eagle's splendor, potion of invisibility; **Other Gear** +1 leather armor, +1 longbow with 20 arrows, rapier, *cloak of resistance* +1, *ring of protection* +1, 45 gp

A4: (Battle) WHO'S THE FOULEST OF THEM ALL?

Note that the squire only knows that one of the senior representatives is "working with the demons". He doesn't know the specifics that one is possessed by a shadow demon.

If the PCs suspect possession, however, one of the most common strategies to attempt to oust the shadow demon may be by using a *protection from evil/chaos* effect. If the possessed representative is brought under a *protection from chaos/evil* effect, then they immediately receive a new saving throw with a +2 morale bonus versus the shadow demon's *magic jar* (Will DC 19). Be aware of any ongoing *magic circle against chaos/evil* spells the PCs may already have in effect that would immediately come into play as they approach the representatives. Use the following Will save bonuses (which include the +2 morale bonus) for the attendees:

- Grundun Cleareye: Will +8
- Aline Valerys: Will +8
- Dermont Tabecland: Will +7
- Salantris: Will +9

If the attendee makes the save, the *magic jar* is immediately suppressed and the attendee becomes extremely distraught, crying out "*Help! Please help me! A demonic shadow is inside my head. Get it out! Get it out!*" This is enough for the shadow demon which, being unable to control the attendee while under the effect, chooses to flee. If the attendee doesn't make the save, however, then the shadow demon continues its ruse while subtly attempting to ensure that it is not caught in any further such effects, such as a repeat casting of a *magic circle*.

A5: (Battle) UNSAFE HOUSE

HEZROU

CE Large outsider (aquatic, chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +4; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +23 Aura stench (DC 24, 10 rounds) DEFENSE AC 25, touch 9, flat-footed 25 (+16 natural, -1 size) hp 145 (10d10+90) Fort +16, Ref +3, Will +9 DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 22 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., swim 30 ft. Melee bite +14 (4d4+14 plus grab), 2 claws +14 (1d8+14 plus grab) Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft. Special Attacks nausea Spell-Like Abilities (CL 13th) At will-chaos hammer (DC 18), unholy blight (DC 18) 3/day-gaseous form 1/day-blasphemy (DC 21) TACTICS During Combat The hezrou opens with blasphemy, getting as many enemies in the radius as possible before full attacking or great cleaving with power attack (included in stats). A grabbed opponent is dropped at the start of the hezrou's turn so that it can full attack and grab again. It uses unholy blight and chaos hammer if forced to fight at range. STATISTICS

Str 27, Dex 11, Con 29, Int 14, Wis 14, Cha 18

Base Atk +10; CMB +19 (+23 grapple); CMD 29

Feats Blind-Fight, Cleave, Great Cleave, Improved Initiative, Power Attack

Skills Climb +21, Escape Artist +10, Intimidate +14, Knowledge (arcana)

+15, Perception +23, Spellcraft +15, Stealth +9, Swim +29; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

 \boldsymbol{SQ} amphibious

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Nausea (Ex) The noxious vapors and foul fluids that constantly weep and seethe from a hezrou's body are particularly heinous to those the creature grapples. Each round a creature is grappled by a hezrou, the grappled foe must make a DC 24 Fortitude save to avoid becoming nauseated. A creature nauseated in this manner remains nauseated until he succeeds on a DC 24 Fortitude save, or until a minute has passed during which he is not grappled by the hezrou, whichever condition comes first. The save DC is Constitution-based.

A6: (Confluence) AT THE FOOT OF STARRISE

BAREGARA

This lumbering apelike monster has blood-red fur, twisted horns, and a hideous fanged orifice set in the center of its chest. CE Large outsider (chaotic, evil, extraplanar)

Init +8; **Senses** darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +22

DEFENSE

AC 25, touch 13, flat-footed 21 (+4 Dex, +12 natural, -1 size) hp 200 (16d10+112) Fort +17, Ref +14, Will +10 DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison, Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 23

OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., climb 40 ft.

Melee bite +20 (1d8+15), 2 claws +20 (1d10+20 plus grab), gore +15 (1d8+20)

Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft.

Special Attacks devouring grapple, monstrous challenge, one-armed hold

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 16th; concentration +19)

Constant-see invisibility

At will-dispel magic, teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only)

3/day-quickened hold person (DC 15)

1/day-summon (level 4, 1d4 dire apes 50% or 1d2 girallons 35%), unholy blight (DC 17)

TACTICS

Before Combat The baregara has already successfully used one monstrous challenge in its rampage through the city and has several minutes of its surge of power remaining (included in stats).

During Combat The baregara uses acrobatics to get to obvious spellcasters or lightly armoured opponent as swiftly as possible upon whom it uses its devouring grapple ability, while using quickened *hold person* against heavily armoured opponents. It always power attacks (included in stats) unless all its attacks miss.

STATISTICS

Str 30, Dex 19, Con 24, Int 15, Wis 16, Cha 17

Base Atk +16; CMB +27 (+31 grapple); CMD 41

Feats Critical Focus, Improved Initiative, Intimidating Prowess, Iron Will, Power Attack, Quicken Spell-Like Ability (*hold person*), Step Up, Throw Anything

Skills Acrobatics +15, Bluff +14, Climb +29, Diplomacy +11, Intimidate +32, Knowledge (nature) +10, Knowledge (planes) +13, Perception +22, Sense Motive +14, Stealth +19, Survival +19, Swim +18

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Devouring grapple (Ex) The mouth at the center of a baregara's chest automatically deals 2d8+5 points of damage per round to any creature the baregara successfully grapples.

Monstrous Challenge (Su) As a standard action, a baregara can make an Intimidate check to demoralize an opponent. If this check is successful, the baregara surges with power and gains a +4 enhancement bonus to Strength and Constitution for 10 minutes. This ability is usable three times per day.

One-Armed Hold (Ex) A baregara's huge arms allow it to initiate and maintain a grapple without the standard -4 penalty for not having both hands free.

NABASU

This lanky fiend's mouth is filled with sharp fangs, while great bat-like wings stretch from its scaly hide. CE Medium <u>outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, native)</u>

Init +7; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +23

DEFENSE

AC 22, touch 14, flat-footed 18 (+3 Dex, +1 dodge, +8 natural)

hp 103 (9d10+54)

Fort +9, Ref +9, Will +9

DR 10/cold iron or good; Immune death effects, electricity, paralysis, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 19

OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft., fly 60 ft. (average)

Melee 2 claws +15 (1d6+6), bite +15 (1d8+6)

Special Attacks consume life, death-stealing gaze, sneak attack +2d6

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 8th)

At will-deeper darkness, greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), telekinesis (DC 19)

3/day-enervation, silence (DC 16), vampiric touch

1/day-mass hold person (DC 21), regenerate, summon (level 4, 1 nabasu 30% or 1d4 babaus 30%)

TACTICS

During Combat STATISTICS

Str 22, Dex 17, Con 22, Int 15, Wis 16, Cha 19

Base Atk +9; CMB +15; CMD 29

Feats Cleave, Combat Expertise, Dodge, Improved Initiative, Power Attack

Skills Acrobatics +15, Fly +15, Knowledge (arcana) +14, Knowledge (planes) +14, Perception +23, Sense

Motive +15, Stealth +15 (+23 in shadowy conditions), Survival +15; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception, +8 Stealth in shadowy areas

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Consume Life (Su) When a nabasu creates a ghoul with its gaze attack, it gains a growth point. It gains a bonus equal to its growth point total on attack rolls, CMB rolls, saving throws, caster level checks, and skill checks. Its maximum hit points increase by 10 for each growth point, and its caster level for spell-like abilities increases by 1. For every 2 growth points, its natural armor bonus, SR, and CR increase by 1. Every time it gains a growth point it makes a DC 30 caster level check— success indicates it matures (gaining both the advanced and the giant simple templates) and *plane shifts* to the Abyss in a burst of smoke. A nabasu can have a maximum of 20 growth points—it automatically matures if it has not done so already when it reaches 20 growth points.

Death-Stealing Gaze (Su) As a free action once per day per growth point (minimum of 1/day), a nabasu can activate its death-stealing gaze for a full round. All living creatures within 30 feet must succeed on a DC 18 Fortitude save or gain a negative level. A humanoid slain in this manner immediately transforms into a ghoul under the nabasu's control. A nabasu's

gaze can only create one ghoul per round—if multiple humans perish from the gaze in a round, the nabasu picks which human becomes a ghoul. The save DC is Charisma-based.

A7: (Confluence) THE RISE OF OOZE

CARNIVOROUS CRYSTAL

The facets of this crystalline formation shift and vibrate, as though in anticipation.

N Medium ooze (earth, extraplanar)

Init -5; Senses blindsight 120 ft.; Perception -5

Aura subsonic hum (60 ft., DC 22)

DEFENSE

AC 17, touch 5, flat-footed 17 (-5 Dex, +12 natural)

hp 136 (16d8+64)

Fort +9, Ref +0, Will +0

DR 10/-; Immune cold, electricity, ooze traits; Resist fire 20

Weaknesses brittle, vulnerable to sonic OFFENSE

Speed 10 ft., climb 10 ft.

Melee slam +18 (7d8+9/18-20 plus entrap)

Special Attacks crystallize, entrap (DC 22, 1d10 rounds, hardness 10, hp 10), razor sharp

TACTICS

During Combat

STATISTICS

Str 22, Dex 1, Con 18, Int —, Wis 1, Cha 1 Base Atk +12; CMB +18; CMD 23 (can't be tripped)

Skills Climb +14, Stealth +0 (+5 in rocky environs); **Racial Modifiers** +5 stealth (+10 in rocky environs) **SQ** freeze, split (critical hit from a bludgeoning or sonic attack, 15 hp)

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SPECIAL ABILITIES

Brittle (Ex) Bludgeoning and sonic attacks can inflict critical hits on a carnivorous crystal. A successful critical hit from such attacks causes the carnivorous crystal to split, even if the attack causes no damage. The crystal remains immune to precision-based damage, such as damage from sneak attacks.

Crystallize (Ex) A creature entrapped by a carnivorous crystal's attack must succeed at a DC 22 Fortitude save each round or become helpless. If a helpless creature fails this save, it becomes petrified as its body crystallizes. In 1d4 hours, the petrified victim shatters and a new carnivorous crystal emerges from the remains. The save DC is Constitution-based.

Razor Sharp (Ex) A carnivorous crystal's slam attack deals devastating piercing and slashing damage, and threatens a critical hit on a roll of 18, 19, or 20.

Subsonic Hum (Su) An active carnivorous crystal gives off supernatural sonic vibrations. Any living creature starting its turn within this aura must succeed at a DC 22 Fortitude save or be stunned for 1 round. A creature that successfully saves cannot be affected by the same carnivorous crystal's subsonic hum for 24 hours. This is a sonic mind-affecting effect. The save DC is Constitution-based.

A8. (Egelsee) THE SOVEREIGN OF PILGRIM'S REST

The value of the gold and gems Sister Amira provides is APL x 1000 gp. Zuka initially asks for APL x 2000 gp.

A9. (Egelsee) THURL'S LODGE

The text and map of this section refer to the playtest version of the scenario that denoted Thurl's Lodge as area B. Replace any reference to B with A9 as follows:

- B1 = A9a (Reception)
- B2 = A9b (Waiting Room)
- $B_3 = A_9c$ (Storage
- B4 = A9d (Meeting Chamber)
- $B_5 = A_9e$ (Guest Room)
- B6 = A9f (Thurl's Study)
- $B_7 = A_{9g}$ (Thurl's Bedchamber)

VROCK, ADVANCED

A cloud of spores and a trail of feathers surrounds this twisted cross between a man and a gigantic vulture. CE Large outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +8; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +25

DEFENSE
AC 26, touch 13, flat-footed 22 (+4 Dex, +13 natural, -1 size)
hp 130 (9d10+81)
Fort +15, Ref +12, Will +8
DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 20
OFFENSE
Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average)
Melee 2 claws +12 (2d6+13), bite +12 (1d8+13), 2 talons +12 (1d6+13)
Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft.
Special Attacks dance of ruin, spores, stunning screech
Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th)
At will—greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), telekinesis (DC 20)
1/day—heroism, mirror image, summon (level 3, 1 vrock 35%)
TACTICS
Before Combat The vrock casts heroism, then mirror image.
During Combat The vrock tries to hover adjacent to two or more opponents and full attacks or cleaves with power attack
(included in stats), and uses its spores. It delivers its stunning screech when it can get as many spellcasters in the radius as
possible. If reduced to half hit points or less, it flies up and attempts to summon another vrock (if it is not summoned itself). If
harried at range, it uses telekinesis to grapple and pin, while closing for the kill. It uses dance of ruin with at least one other
vrock and performs the dance in the air, outside of melee reach.

STATISTICS

Str 25, Dex 19, Con 29, Int 18, Wis 20, Cha 20

Base Atk +9; CMB +17; CMD 31

Feats Cleave, Combat Reflexes, Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Power Attack

Skills Fly +14, Intimidate +17, Knowledge (arcana) +16, Knowledge (planes) +16, Knowledge (religion) +16, Perception +25, Sense Motive +17, Spellcraft +16, Stealth +12, Survival +17; **Racial Modifiers** +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common; telepathy 100 ft.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Dance of Ruin (Su) A vrock can dance and chant as a full-round action—at the end of 3 rounds, a crackling wave of energy explodes from the vrock, dealing 5d6 points of electricity damage to all creatures within 100 feet. A DC 19 Reflex save halves this damage. For each additional vrock that joins in the dance, the damage increases by 5d6 and the DC to avoid the effect increases by +1, to a maximum of 20d6 when four or more vrocks are dancing (the DC continues to increase with additional vrocks, but the damage does not). The dance immediately ends and must be started anew if any of the participating vrocks is slain, stunned, or otherwise prevented from dancing. The save DC is Charisma-based.

Spores (Ex) A vrock can release a cloud of spores from its body once every 3 rounds as a free action. Adjacent creatures take 1d8 points of damage from the spores, plus 1d4 points of damage per round for 10 rounds as the spores grow into thick green vines. Although ugly, the vines are harmless and wither away in 1d4 days if not shaved off before then. The spores can be destroyed by casting *bless* on the affected creatures or by sprinkling them with holy water. This attack can also be halted by effects that remove or provide immunity to disease.

Stunning Screech (Su) Once per hour, a vrock can emit a shrill screech. All creatures except demons within a 30-foot-radius spread must succeed on a DC 23 Fortitude save or be stunned for 1 round. The save DC is Constitution-based.

A10: (Outer) A GRAND OLD SHIP

ASPIS BRUTE

Half-orc monk 8 LE Medium humanoid (human, orc) Init +5; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 17, flat-footed 16 (+1 Dex, +1 dodge, +2 monk, +1 natural, +3 Wis) hp 60 (8d8+21) Fort +9, Ref +8, Will +10; +2 vs. enchantments Defensive Abilities evasion, orc ferocity; Immune disease OFFENSE Speed 50 ft. **Melee** unarmed strike +10/+5 (1d10+4) or mwk greataxe +11/+6 (1d12+6/×3) or unarmed strike flurry of blows +10/+10/+5/+5 (1d10+4) Ranged shuriken flurry of blows +7/+7/+2/+2 (1d4+4) Special Attacks flurry of blows, stunning fist (8/day, DC 17) TACTICS During Combat The monk uses Stunning Fist, Scorpion Style, and Greater Grapple. STATISTICS

Str 18, Dex 12, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 16, Cha 8 Base Atk +6; CMB +12 (+16 grapple); CMD 29 (31 vs. grapple) Feats Defensive Combat Training, Dodge, Greater Grapple, Imp. Grapple, Imp. Initiative, Imp. Unarmed Strike, Power Attack, Scorpion Style, Stunning Fist Skills Acrobatics +9 (+25 when jumping), Intimidate +12, Perception +13, Sense Motive +14, Stealth +11 Languages Common, Orc SQ fast movement, high jump, ki pool (7 points, magic), maneuver training, orc blood, purity of body, slow fall 40 ft., weapon familiarity, wholeness of body **Combat Gear**potion of bull's strength; **Other Gear** masterwork greataxe, shuriken (20), amulet of natural armor +1, cloak of resistance +1, headband of inspired wisdom +2, 119 gp **ASPIS DEVOTEE** Human cleric 10 CE Medium humanoid (human) Init +3; Senses Perception +14 DEFENSE AC 21, touch 10, flat-footed 21 (+11 armor, +1 deflection, -1 Dex); +1 vs. good opponents hp 78 (10d8+30) Fort +10, Ref +3, Will +12; +2 vs. good opponents OFFENSE Speed 20 ft. **Melee**+1 falchion +11/+6 (2d4+5/18-20) Special Attacks aura of madness (DC 19, 10 rounds/day), channel negative energy 4/day (DC 16, 5d6), might of the gods (+10, 10 rounds/day) Domain Spell-Like Abilities (CL 10th; concentration +14) 7/day-strength surge (+5), vision of madness (+/-5) Cleric Spells Prepared (CL 10th; concentration +14) 5th—flame strike (DC 19), righteous migh t^D, summon monster V 4th—confusion^D (DC 18), cure critical wounds, summon monster IV (2), unholy blight (DC 18) 3rd-blindness/deafness, magic circle against good, magic vestmen t^D, summon monster III, water breathing 2nd—bull's strength^D, cure moderate wounds, darkness, shield other, silence (DC 16), summon monster II 1st—bane (DC 15), bless, command (DC 15), cure light wounds, divine favor, enlarge person^D (DC 15) 0 (at will)-create water, detect magic, light, mending D Domain spell; Domains Madness, Strength TACTICS Before Combat The cleric casts magic circle against good and magic vestment. During Combat The cleric drinks a potion of invisibility, then uses summon monster V and summon monster IV to overwhelm opponents, and attacks with flame strike, casting righteous might before entering melee. Base Statistics Without magic circle against good and magic vestment, the cleric's statistics are AC 20, touch 10, flat-footed 20. STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 8, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 18, Cha 12

Base Atk +7; CMB +10; CMD 20

Feats Augment Summoning, Combat Casting, Heavy Armor Proficiency, Improved Initiative, Power Attack, Spell Focus (conjuration)

Skills Handle Animal +11, Heal +8, Knowledge (nature) +1, Knowledge (religion) +6, Perception +14, Spellcraft +8 **Languages** Common

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Combat Gearpotions of invisibility (2); **Other Gear**+1 full plate, +1 falchion, cloak of resistance +1, headband of inspired wisdom +2, ring of protection +1, silver unholy symbol, 110 gp

A12: (Outer) BESIEGED OUTPOST

For the line of defensive spikes, refer to *Map Pack: Army Camp*. If you don't have access to it, just hand draw them to cross the entire map.

KALAVAKUS

This muscular, violet demon walks upon elephantine feet. Large, razor-sharp horns cover its body. CE Medium <u>outsider</u> (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) **Init** +1; **Senses** darkvision 60 ft.; <u>Perception</u> +24

DEFENSE
AC 25, touch 11, flat-footed 24 (+1 Dex, +14 natural)
hp 125 (10d10+70)
Fort +10, Ref +8, Will +10
DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 21
OFFENSE
Speed 30 ft.
Melee bite +16 (1d6+6), 2 claws +16 (1d8+6), gore +16 (2d6+6)
Special Attacks enslave soul, horns, powerful charge (gore, 4d6+12)
Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th; concentration +15)
At will—command (DC 14), greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), telekinesis (DC 18)
3/day— <u>air walk</u> , <u>dominate person</u> (DC 18), <u>haste</u>
1/day—greater command (DC 18), summon (level 4, 1 kalavakus 40%), symbol of persuasion (DC 19)
TACTICS
During Combat
STATISTICS
Str 22, Dex 13, Con 24, Int 15, Wis 17, Cha 16
Base Atk +10; CMB +16 (+22 disarm); CMD 27
Feats Combat Expertise, Improved Bull Rush, Improved Disarm, Improved Trip, Power Attack
Skills Acrobatics +14, Climb +19, Intimidate +16, Knowledge (planes) +15, Perception +24, Sense
Motive +16, Stealth +14, Use Magic Device +16; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception
Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.
SPECIAL ABILITIES
Enslave Soul (Su) A kalavakus can attempt to enslave the soul of any mortal creature within 60 feet as a swift action. The
kalavakus must have line of sight to the target. The target can resist this special attack with a DC 18 Will save, but is
staggered for 1 round even if the save is successful. If the save is successful, the creature is immune to this ability for 24
hours. If the save is a failure, the target's soul is enslaved—this creature takes a -6 penalty on all attack rolls and saving
throws against that kalavakus. If a creature with an enslaved soul is slain by that kalavakus, the soul immediately infuses
the <u>demon</u> 's body, affecting it with a <u>heal</u> spell (CL 12th). A kalavakus can have only one mortal soul enslaved at a time—if it

enslaves a second soul, the first is released. This is a mind-affecting death effect. The save DC is Charisma-based.

Horns (Ex) The kalavakus's numerous horns can easily catch weapons and yank them away from opponents. The <u>demon</u> gains a +4 racial bonus on all disarm attempts as a result.

SUCCUBUS

Tiny horns, bat-like wings, and a sinuous tail betray the demonic nature of this alluring woman. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +3; Senses darkvision 60 ft., detect good; Perception +21, DEFENSE AC 20, touch 13, flat-footed 17 (+3 Dex, +7 natural) hp 84 (8d10+40) Fort +7, Ref +9, Will +10 DR 10/cold iron or good; Immune electricity, fire, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10; SR 18 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average) Melee 2 claws +11 (1d6+1) Special Attacks energy drain, profane gift Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th) Constant-detect good, tongues At will-charm monster (DC 22), detect thoughts (DC 20), ethereal jaunt (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), suggestion (DC 21), greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), vampiric touch 1/day-dominate person (DC 23), summon (level 3, 1 babau 50%) TACTICS **During Combat** STATISTICS Str 13, Dex 17, Con 20, Int 18, Wis 14, Cha 27 Base Atk +8; CMB +11; CMD 22 Feats Agile Maneuvers, Combat Reflexes, Iron Will, Weapon Finesse

Skills Bluff +27, Diplomacy +19, Disguise +19, Escape Artist +11, Fly +14, Intimidate +16, Knowledge (local) +15, Perception +21, Sense Motive +13, Stealth +14; Racial Modifiers +8 Bluff, +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common, Draconic; *tongues*, telepathy 100 ft. **SQ** change shape (*alter self*, Small or Medium humanoid)

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Energy Drain (Su) A succubus drains energy from a mortal she lures into an act of passion, such as a kiss. An unwilling victim must be grappled before the succubus can use this ability. The succubus's kiss bestows one negative level. The kiss also has the effect of a *suggestion* spell, asking the victim to accept another act of passion from the succubus. The victim must succeed on a DC 22 Will save to negate the *suggestion*. The DC is 22 for the Fortitude save to remove a negative level. These save DCs are Charisma-based.

Profane Gift (Su) Once per day as a full-round action, a succubus may grant a profane gift to a willing humanoid creature by touching it for 1 full round. The target gains a +2 profane bonus to an ability score of his choice. A single creature may have no more than one profane gift from a succubus at a time. As long as the profane gift persists, the succubus can communicate telepathically with the target across any distance (and may use hersuggestion spell-like ability through it). A profane gift is removed by *dispel evil* or *dispel chaos*. The succubus can remove it as well as a free action (causing 2d6 Charisma drain to the victim, no save).

A13: (Woundward) TRAITOR'S RUN

BABAU

This emaciated figure looks like a horned human skeleton smothered within a bone-tight hide of slimy leather. CE Medium <u>outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar)</u>

Init +5; Senses darkvision 60 ft., <u>see invisibility</u>; <u>Perception</u> +19 DEFENSE

AC 19, touch 11, flat-footed 18 (+1 Dex, +8 natural)

hp 73 (7d10+35)

Fort +10, **Ref** +6, **Will** +5

Defensive Abilities protective slime; DR 10/cold iron or good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire

10; **SR** 17 OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee 2 claws +12 (1d6+5), bite +12 (1d6+5) or longspear +12/+7 (1d8+7/x3), bite +7 (1d6+2) Space 5 ft.; Reach 5 ft. (10 ft. with longspear) Special Attacks sneak attack +2d6 Spell-Like Abilities (CL 7th) Constant—see invisibility At will—darkness, dispel magic, greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only) 1/day—summon (level 3, 1 babau at 40%) TACTICS

During Combat The babau casts *darkness* on its longspear and then closes for melee, targeting blinded opponents with its sneak attack. It uses its longspear to trip with reach if approached, or if an enemy's armour proves difficult to pierce. It uses *dispel magic* on any effect that negates its darkness.

STATISTICS

Str 21, Dex 13, Con 20, Int 14, Wis 13, Cha 16 Base Atk +7; CMB +12; CMD 23

Feats Combat Reflexes, Improved Initiative, Iron Will, Skill Focus (Stealth)

Skills Acrobatics +11, Climb +12, Disable Device +11, Escape Artist +11, Perception +19, Sense Motive +11, Sleight of

Hand +11, Stealth +22; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception, +8 Stealth

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Protective Slime (Su) A layer of acidic slime coats a babau's skin. Any creature that strikes a babau with a natural attack or unarmed strike takes 1d8 points of acid damage from this slime if it fails a DC 18 Reflex save. A creature that strikes a babau with a melee weapon must make a DC 18 Reflex save or the weapon takes 1d8 points of acid damage; if this damage penetrates the weapon's hardness, the weapon gains the broken condition. Ammunition that strikes a babau is automatically destroyed after it inflicts its damage.

FALSE CRUSADER

Human warrior 6 CN Medium humanoid (human) Init +0; Senses Perception +4 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 10, flat-footed 18 (+8 armor) hp 51 (6d10+18) Fort +7, Ref +3, Will +3 OFFENSE

Speed 20 ft.

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Melee mwk heavy flail +9/+4 (1d10+3/19-20) or mwk halberd +9/+4 (1d10+3/×3) or longspear +8/+3 (1d8+3/×3) or
morningstar +8/+3 (1d8+2) or cold iron kukri +8/+3 (1d4+2/18-20)
Ranged javelin +6 (1d6+2)
Space 5 ft.; Reach 5 ft. (10 ft. with longspear) TACTICS
During Combat The mercenary throws a few javelins, then closes in for the kill.
STATISTICS
Str 14, Dex 10, Con 12, Int 9, Wis 11, Cha 8
Base Atk +6; CMB +8; CMD 18
Feats Diehard, <u>Endurance</u> , <u>Power Attack</u> , <u>Toughness</u>
Skills Climb +0, Handle Animal +3, Intimidate +6, Knowledge (local) +0, Perception +4, Swim +0
Languages Common
Combat Gear potion of barkskin, potion of cure moderate wounds, alchemist's fire (2), holy water; Other Gear masterwork
half-plate, cold iron kukri, javelins (4), longspear, masterwork halberd, masterwork heavy flail, morningstar, <u>cloak of</u>
<u>resistance</u> +1, antitoxin, sunrod, 325 gp
VROCK
A cloud of spores and a trail of feathers surrounds this twisted cross between a man and a gigantic vulture.
CE Large outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar)
Init +6; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +23
DEFENSE
AC 22, touch 11, flat-footed 20 (+2 Dex, +11 natural, -1 size)
hp 112 (9d10+63)
Fort +13, Ref +10, Will +6
DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 20 OFFENSE
Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average)
Melee 2 claws $+10 (2d6+11)$, bite $+10 (1d8+11)$, 2 talons $+10 (1d6+11)$
Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft.
Special Attacks dance of ruin, spores, stunning screech
Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th)
At will—greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), telekinesis (DC 18)
1/day—heroism, mirror image, summon (level 3, 1 vrock 35%)
TACTICS
Before Combat The vrock casts heroism, then mirror image.
During Combat The vrock tries to hover adjacent to two or more opponents and full attacks or cleaves with power attack

(included in stats), and uses its spores. It delivers its stunning screech when it can get as many spellcasters in the radius as possible. If reduced to half hit points or less, it flies up and attempts to summon another vrock (if it is not summoned itself). If harried at range, it uses *telekinesis* to grapple and pin, while closing for the kill. It uses dance of ruin with at least one other vrock and performs the dance in the air, outside of melee reach.

STATISTICS

Str 21, Dex 15, Con 25, Int 14, Wis 16, Cha 16

Base Atk +9; CMB +15; CMD 27

Feats Cleave, Combat Reflexes, Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Power Attack

Skills Fly +12, Intimidate +15, Knowledge (planes) +14, Perception +23, Sense

Motive +15, Spellcraft +14, Stealth +10, Survival +15; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common; telepathy 100 ft.

SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Dance of Ruin (Su)** A vrock can dance and chant as a full-round action—at the end of 3 rounds, a crackling wave of energy explodes from the vrock, dealing 5d6 points of electricity damage to all creatures within 100 feet. A DC 17 Reflex save halves this damage. For each additional vrock that joins in the dance, the damage increases by 5d6 and the DC to avoid the effect increases by +1, to a maximum of 20d6 when four or more vrocks are dancing (the DC continues to increase with additional vrocks, but the damage does not). The dance immediately ends and must be started anew if any of the participating vrocks is slain, stunned, or otherwise prevented from dancing. The save DC is Charisma-based.
- **Spores (Ex)** A vrock can release a cloud of spores from its body once every 3 rounds as a free action. Adjacent creatures take 1d8 points of damage from the spores, plus 1d4 points of damage per round for 10 rounds as the spores grow into thick green vines. Although ugly, the vines are harmless and wither away in 1d4 days if not shaved off before then. The spores can be destroyed by casting *bless* on the affected creatures or by sprinkling them with holy water. This attack can also be halted by effects that remove or provide immunity to disease.
- **Stunning Screech (Su)** Once per hour, a vrock can emit a shrill screech. All creatures except demons within a 30-foot-radius spread must succeed on a DC 21 Fortitude save or be stunned for 1 round. The save DC is Constitution-based.

A14: (Woundward) WOUNDWARD VIGIL

ABYSSAL BEE

This giant bee is as large as a horse and unusually fat, with dark red stripes on her body.
Advanced fiendish giant queen bee
N Large vermin (extraplanar)
Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +3
DEFENSE
AC 21, touch 11, flat-footed 19 (+2 Dex, +10 natural, -1 size)
hp 73 (7d8+42)
Fort +11, Ref +4, Will +5
DR 5/good; Immune mind-affecting effects; Resist cold 10, fire 10; SR 11
Weaknesses vulnerable to smoke
OFFENSE
Speed 20 ft., fly 60 ft. (good)
Melee sting +10 (1d8+9 plus poison)
Space 10 ft.; Reach 5 ft.
Special Attacks smite good 1/day
TACTICS
During Combat
STATISTICS
Str 23, Dex 15, Con 22, Int —, Wis 16, Cha 17
Base Atk +5; CMB +12; CMD 24 (32 vs. trip)
Skills Fly +4
SPECIAL ABILITIES
Poison (Ex) Sting—injury; save Fort DC 19; frequency 1/round for 4 rounds; effect 1d2 Con; cure 2 consecutive saves.

Smite Good (Su) 1/day as a swift action, adds Cha bonus (+1) to attack rolls and damage bonus equal to HD (+7) against good foes; smite persists until target is dead or the fiendish creature rests.

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3. FROM MENDEV'S HEART

BHOGA SWARM (KAKUEN-TAKA WITHOUT FLESH MANSION)

CE Diminutive outsider (chaotic, evil, extraplanar, swarm) **Init** +10; **Senses** darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +31

Init +10; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +31 DEFENSE

AC 22, touch 21, flat-footed 15 (+6 Dex, +1 dodge, +1 natural, +4 size)

hp 199 (21d10+84)

Fort +17, Ref +20, Will +10

Defensive Abilities swarm traits; **Immune** poison; **Resist** acid 10, cold 10, electricity 10, fire 10; **SR** 25 OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee swarm (5d6 plus dimensional snare and distraction)

Space 15 ft.; Reach 0 ft.

Special Attacks consume flesh

TACTICS

During Combat STATISTICS

Str 1, Dex 23, Con 16, Int 6, Wis 13, Cha 13

Base Atk +21; CMB -; CMD - (can't be tripped)

Feats Ability Focus (consume flesh), Dodge, Great Fortitude, Improved Initiative, Improved Iron Will, Iron Will, Lightning Reflexes, Run, Skill Focus (Perception), Step Up, Toughness

Skills Acrobatics +30, Intimidate +25, Perception +31, Stealth +32, Survival +11

Languages Abyssal SPECIAL ABILITIES

Dimensional Snare (Su) Any creature affected by the kakuen- taka's swarm attack must succeed at a DC 21 Will save or be affected by dimensional anchor for 1 round. This save is Charisma-based.

CARRIONSTORM, POISONOUS

Bits of feather and flesh buzz around this swarm of rotting ravens like f lies, countless lifeless eyes staring out from the chaos.

NE Tiny undead (swarm)
Init +4; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +6
DEFENSE
AC 12, touch 12, flat-footed 12 (+2 size)
hp 11 (2d8+2)
Fort +1, Ref +0, Will +5
Defensive Abilities swarm traits; Immune undead traits
Weaknesses vulnerable to channeled energy
OFFENSE
Speed 10 ft., fly 40 ft. (good)
Melee swarm (1d6 plus distraction and poison)
Space 10 ft.; Reach 0 ft.
Special Attacks poison (DC 12)
TACTICS
During Combat
STATISTICS
Str 1, Dex 11, Con –, Int 2, Wis 14, Cha 13
Base Atk +1; CMB -1; CMD 4 (can't be tripped)
Feats Improved Initiative
Skills Fly +12, Perception +6
SQ pallid bond
Languages Necril
SPECIAL ABILITIES
Dimensional Snare (Su) Any creature affected by the kakuen- taka's swarm attack must succeed at a DC 21 Will save or be affected by dimensional anchor for 1 round. This save is Charisma-based.
Poison (Ex) Carrionstorm Poison, Swarm—injury; save Fort DC 12, frequency 1/round for 6 rounds, effect permanent
blindness, cure 2 consecutive saves. The save DC is Constitution-based (using the carrionstorm's Constitution).
Vulnerable to Channeled Energy (Ex) A carrionstorm takes 150% as much damage as normal from channeled positive
energy.

BARONESS AJAGNAGARL

This enormous demon wears a double-strand necklace strung with crusaders' helms, each a trophy of a purportedly virtuous warrior whom she corrupted. She delights in turning her enemies against one another. Female Glabrezu, Demon CE Huge outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +0; Senses darkvision 60 ft., true seeing; Perception +26 DEFENSE AC 28, touch 8, flat-footed 28 (+20 natural, -2 size) hp 186 (12d10+120) Fort +18, Ref +4, Will +11 DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 24 OFFENSE Speed 40 ft. **Melee** 2 pincers +20 (2d8+10/19-20), 2 claws +20 (1d6+10), bite +20 (1d8+10) Space 15 ft.; Reach 15 ft. Special Attacks rend (2 pincers, 2d8+15) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 14th) Constant-true seeing At will-chaos hammer (DC 19), confusion (DC 19), dispel magic, mirror image, reverse gravity (DC 22), greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), veil (self only), unholy blight 1/day-power word stun, summon (level 4, 1 glabrezu 20% or 1d2 vrocks 50%) 1/month—wish (granted to a mortal humanoid only) TACTICS **During Combat** STATISTICS

Str 31, Dex 11, Con 31, Int 16, Wis 16, Cha 20

Base Atk +12; CMB +24; CMD 34

Feats Cleave, Great Cleave, Improved Critical (pincer), Persuasive, Power Attack, Vital Strike

Skills Bluff +28, Diplomacy +22, Intimidate +22, Knowledge (history) +18, Knowledge (local) +18, Perception +26, Sense Motive +18, Stealth +7, Use Magic Device +17; Racial Modifiers +8 Bluff, +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

THE UNNAMABLE

A pair of hezrou demons tromps across the battlefield, mowing down enemies with long sweeps of their slimy claws and incapacitating entire units with their overwhelming stench. 2 Hezrou Demons CE Large outsider (aquatic, chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +4; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +23 Aura stench (DC 24, 10 rounds) DEFENSE AC 25, touch 9, flat-footed 25 (+16 natural, -1 size) hp 145 (10d10+90) Fort +16, Ref +3, Will +9 DR 10/good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 22 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., swim 30 ft. Melee bite +14 (4d4+14 plus grab), 2 claws +14 (1d8+14 plus grab) Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft. Special Attacks nausea Spell-Like Abilities (CL 13th) At will-chaos hammer (DC 18), unholy blight (DC 18) 3/day-gaseous form 1/day-blasphemy (DC 21) TACTICS During Combat The hezrou opens with blasphemy, getting as many enemies in the radius as possible before full attacking or great cleaving with power attack (included in stats). A grabbed opponent is dropped at the start of the hezrou's turn so that it can full attack and grab again. It uses unholy blight and chaos hammer if forced to fight at range. STATISTICS Str 27, Dex 11, Con 29, Int 14, Wis 14, Cha 18

Base Atk +10; CMB +19 (+23 grapple); CMD 29

Feats Blind-Fight, Cleave, Great Cleave, Improved Initiative, Power Attack

Skills Climb +21, Escape Artist +10, Intimidate +14, Knowledge (arcana)

+15, Perception +23, Spellcraft +15, Stealth +9, Swim +29; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; telepathy 100 ft.

SQ amphibious

Nausea (Ex) The noxious vapors and foul fluids that constantly weep and seethe from a hezrou's body are particularly heinous to those the creature grapples. Each round a creature is grappled by a hezrou, the grappled foe must make a DC 24 Fortitude save to avoid becoming nauseated. A creature nauseated in this manner remains nauseated until he succeeds on a DC 24 Fortitude save, or until a minute has passed during which he is not grappled by the hezrou, whichever condition comes first. The save DC is Constitution-based.

KAKUEN-TAKA

Within a towering structure of bone and rotting flesh lurk hundreds of flittering fiends. The dreaded carrion swarm towers of the demonic hordes, this animated carcass writhes toward Nerosyan, intent on spreading death among the crusaders and pathfinders manning the walls.

CE Huge outsider (chaotic, evil, extraplanar, swarm) **Init** +10; **Senses** darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +31

DEFENSE

AC 16, touch 15, flat-footed 9 (+6 Dex, +1 dodge, +1 natural, -2 size)

hp 199 (21d10+84)

Fort +17, Ref +20, Will +10

Defensive Abilities fleshy shield; Immune poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, electricity 10, fire 10; SR 25 OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee swarm (5d6 plus dimensional snare and distraction), 2 slams +19 (5d6)

Space 15 ft.; Reach 0 ft. (10 ft. with slam)

Special Attacks consume flesh, trample (5d6, DC 20)

TACTICS

During Combat STATISTICS

Str 10, Dex 23, Con 16, Int 6, Wis 13, Cha 13

Base Atk +21; CMB 23; CMD 40 (can't be tripped)

Feats Ability Focus (consume flesh), Dodge, Great Fortitude, Improved Initiative, Improved Iron Will, Iron Will, Lightning Reflexes, Run, Skill Focus (Perception), Step Up, Toughness

Skills Acrobatics +30, Intimidate +25, Perception +31, Stealth +12, Survival +11

Languages Abyssal SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Consume Flesh (Su)** Once per round, when a kakuen-taka kills or reduces a creature to negative hit points with its swarm attack, it automatically attempts to consume the target's flesh as a free action (Fortitude DC 24 negates). If the target fails its save, its body is destroyed and the kakuen-taka gains the benefits of a death knell spell. This is a death attack.
- **Create Carrionstorm (Ex)** As a full-round action at sunrise, a kakuen-taka (a bhoga swarm with a flesh mansion) can create 1d4 carrionstorms (see page 408 of the Rise of the Runelords Anniversary Edition). These carrionstorms have a blinding poison in addition to their swarm attack. The carrionstorms are not under the control of the kakuen-taka but instinctively follow it, attacking minor foes while the kakuen-taka destroys greater threats. If the flesh mansion is destroyed and the kakuen-taka does not create another one within 24 hours, the carrionstorms are destroyed. Any carrionstorms in excess of four wander away from the kakuen-taka and are automatically destroyed 24 hours later. Carrionstorm Poison (Ex) Swarm— injury; save Fort DC 12, frequency 1/round for 6 rounds, effect permanent blindness, cure 2 consecutive saves. The save DC is Constitution-based (using the carrionstorm's Constitution).
- **Dimensional Snare (Su)** Any creature affected by the kakuen- taka's swarm attack must succeed at a DC 21 Will save or be affected by dimensional anchor for 1 round. This save is Charisma-based.
- **Flesh Mansion (Ex)** A kakuen-taka's bhoga swarm normally inhabits a hollowed-out reconfigured corpse called a flesh mansion, which it uses as a shelter, vehicle, and war machine. When the swarm wears a flesh mansion, it uses the above stat block (unlike a normal swarm, the flesh mansion's slam attacks have reach and threaten squares within its reach). As a standard action, the swarm can abandon its flesh mansion (which falls inert in its square), inhabit an empty flesh mansion, hide within its flesh mansion (gaining cover against all opponents but still being able to use its swarm attack), or stop hiding within the flesh mansion. If the flesh mansion is destroyed, the swarm can create another by performing a ritual that requires 1 hour and the corpse of a Huge creature. The flesh mansion is not a separate creature, nor is it undead; it is merely a corpse the swarm manipulates. Without a flesh mansion, the bhoga swarm's statistics are CE Diminutive outsider (chaotic, evil, extraplanar, swarm); AC 22, touch 21, flat- footed 15; Defensive Abilities swarm traits; Melee swarm (5d6 plus dimensional snare and distraction); Reach 0 ft.; Str 1; CMB —; CMD (can't be tripped); Stealth +32.
- Fleshy Shield (Ex) A newly created flesh mansion has 150 hit points. The swarm takes only half damage from all attacks that deal hit point damage, with the remainder taken by the flesh mansion. Because a swarm of Diminutive creatures is immune to all weapon damage, apply half of all weapon damage to the fleshy shield and ignore the half that would be applied to the swarm. When the flesh mansion reaches 0 hit points, it is destroyed and the swarm functions like a normal swarm (see Flesh Mansion above). A kakuen-taka can repair a damaged flesh mansion by spending a full-round action grafting a corpse into it (restoring 5 hit points for a Small corpse, 10 for Medium, 20 for Large, 50 for Huge).

SUNDERHEART

This massive, eyeless draconic creature is covered in purple- hued scales and sharp, spiky protrusions. Once a dragon that called Sarkoris her own, the beast now known as Sunderheart foolishly tried to bargain with Deskari's generals as an equal only to fall before the Abyss's corrupting influence.

Female woundwyrm CE Huge dragon (chaotic, evil) **Init** +5; **Senses** blindsight 60 ft.; Perception +22 DEFENSE

AC 30, touch 10, flat-footed 28 (+1 Dex, +1 dodge, +20 natural, -2 size)

hp 225 (18d12+108)

Fort +17, Ref +12, Will +12

DR 10/good or lawful; **Immune** acid, dragon traits, gaze attacks, illusions, magic paralysis and sleep, poison, polymorph, visual effects; **SR** 26

OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft., burrow 30 ft., fly 60 ft. (average), swim 30 ft.

Melee bite +26 (2d8+10), 2 claws +26 (2d6+10), tail slap +21 (2d8+5), 2 wings +21 (1d8+5)

Space 15 ft.; Reach 10 ft. (15 ft. with bite)

Special Attacks breath weapon (100-ft. line, 16d6, Reflex DC 25 for half, usable every 1d4 rounds), entropic breath, maw of the Abyss

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 18th; concentration +23)

Constant—entropic shield, freedom of movement

1/day—polymorph any object (DC 23) STATISTICS

Str 31, Dex 13, Con 22, Int 14, Wis 13, Cha 20

Base Atk +18; CMB +30; CMD 42 (46 vs. trip)

Feats Blind-Fight, Critical Focus, Dodge, Flyby Attack, Improved Initiative, Power Attack, Snatch, Staggering Critical, Stunning Critical

Skills Acrobatics +19, Bluff +18, Diplomacy +15, Fly +18, Intimidate +26, Knowledge (planes) +23, Perception +22, Spellcraft +23, Survival +22, Swim +22

Languages Abyssal, Common, Draconic SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Entropic Breath (Su)** Instead of a line of acid, a woundwyrm can exhale a 30-foot cone of *acid fog* (as the spell) that persists for 1 minute. Any creature that begins its turn within the entropic breath becomes confused (Will DC 25 negates) for as long as it remains within the cloud and for 1d6 rounds thereafter.
- **Maw of the Abyss (Su)** As a full-round action, a woundwyrm can attempt to suck creatures and unattended objects in a 15foot cone into a vortex in its maw. This acts as a drag combat maneuver (CMB +30) against creatures, and acts as a Strength check with a +10 bonus to break objects. Unattended objects weighing less than 100 pounds are automatically drawn into its maw. Creatures and objects alike take 1d12 points of sonic damage per round within the cone. While using this ability, a woundwyrm cannot speak, use its breath weapon, or make attacks or attacks of opportunity with its bite attack.