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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		
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, only using *dimension door* to escape with her familiar if she is somehow 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 (arca	na)
+15, Knowledge(dungeoneering) +10, Knowledge (planes) +15, Knowledge (religion)	
+10, Linguistics +10, Perception +5, Spellcraft +15	
anguages Abyssal, Aquan, Auran, Celestial, Common, Ignan, Infernal, Terran	
5Q 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.	
E 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)	
וף 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	
DFFENSE	
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— <i>invisibility</i> (self only)	
1/day—augury, suggestion (DC 15)	
1/week— <i>commune</i> (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 suggestio	<u> </u>

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/×3) 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 CHARLATAN

Halfling rogue 5 LE Small humanoid (halfling) Init +8; Senses Perception +9 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 15, flat-footed 14 (+3 armor, +4 Dex, +1 size) hp 41 (5d8+15) Fort +4, Ref +11, Will +1; +2 vs. fear Defensive Abilities evasion, trap sense +1, uncanny dodge OFFENSE Speed 20 ft. **Melee**+1 short sword +9 (1d4+1/19-20) Ranged mwk hand crossbow +9 (1d3/19-20) Special Attacks sneak attack +3d6 TACTICS During Combat The rogue uses surprise and flanking to make sneak attacks, as well as his slow reactions rogue talent. STATISTICS Str 10, Dex 18, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 8, Cha 15 Base Atk +3; CMB +2; CMD 16 Feats Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Point-Blank Shot, Weapon Finesse Skills Acrobatics +14 (+10 when jumping), Bluff +10, Climb +10, Disable Device +14, Knowledge (local) +8, Perception +9, Sleight of Hand +12, Stealth +16 Languages Common, Halfling **SQ** roque talents (finesse roque, slow reactions), trapfinding +2 **Combat Gear** potions of cure light wounds (2), potion of invisibility; **Other Gear** masterwork studded leather, +1 short sword, masterwork hand crossbow with 20 bolts, masterwork thieves' tools, tindertwig (5), 60 gp LOOTER CON ARTIST Half-elf bard 6 NE Medium humanoid (elf, human) Init +1; Senses low-light vision; Perception +3 DEFENSE AC 15, touch 12, flat-footed 14 (+3 armor, +1 deflection, +1 Dex) hp 30 (6d8) Fort +1, Ref +6, Will +6; +2 vs. enchantments, +4 vs. bardic performance, language-dependent, and sonic Immune sleep OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. Melee mwk rapier +6 (1d6/18-20) **Ranged** dagger +5 (1d4/19-20)

Special Attacks bardic performance 18 rounds/day (countersong, distraction, fascinate, inspire competence +2, inspire courage +2, *suggestion*)

Bard Spells Known (CL 6th; concentration +10)

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2nd (4/day)—alter self, detect thoughts (DC 16), minor image (DC 17), suggestion (DC 16)

1st (5/day)—comprehend languages, disguise self, silent image (DC 16), ventriloquism (DC 16)

0 (at will)—dancing lights, detect magic, ghost sound (DC 15), message TACTICS

During Combat The bard uses her potion of invisibility to hide and minor image to make illusory combatants. If pressed, she uses suggestion to make her enemies leave the fight.

STATISTICS

Str 10, Dex 13, Con 8, Int 14, Wis 12, Cha 18

Base Atk +4; CMB +4; CMD 16

Feats Skill Focus (Perform [act, oratory]), Spell Focus (illusion), Weapon Finesse

Skills Acrobatics +6, Escape Artist +10, Knowledge (arcana) +10, Knowledge (local) +14, Knowledge (nobility) +13, Perception +3, Perform (act, oratory) +16, Perform (string) +13, Sense Motive +10, Spellcraft +8, Stealth +10

Languages Common, Draconic, Elven

SQ bardic knowledge +3, elf blood, lore master 1/day, versatile performance (act, oratory)

Combat Gear *elixir of truth, potion of cure light wounds, potions of invisibility* (2); **Other Gear** +1 *leather armor,* masterwork rapier, dagger, *ring of protection* +1, violin, 13 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

SCHIR

This goat-headed humanoid is covered in a mangy gray hide that only partly covers its gaunt but muscled frame. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar)

Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft., see invisibility; Perception +13

DEFENSE

AC 19, touch 12, flat-footed 17 (+2 Dex, +7 natural) hp 37 (5d10+10) Fort +6, Ref +3, Will +3 DR 5/cold iron or good; Immune disease, electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 15 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. Melee mwk halberd +8 (1d10+10/×3 plus disease), gore +1 (1d6+4) or gore +6 (1d6+10) Special Attacks powerful charge (gore, 3d6+10) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th; concentration +4) Constant—see invisibility, tongues 3/day—arcane lock, expeditious retreat, protection from good

TACTICS

Before Combat If given the chance, the schir casts protection from good, then expeditious retreat.

During Combat The schir uses its powerful charge to enter melee, using power attack (included in stats) at all times unless it misses all attacks in two consecutive rounds.

STATISTICS

Str 17, Dex 14, Con 15, Int 8, Wis 5, Cha 6 Base Atk +5; CMB +8; CMD 20 Feats Iron Will, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (halberd) Skills Acrobatics +10 (+18 jumping), Climb +11, Intimidate +6, Perception +13, Survival +2; Racial Modifiers +8 Acrobatics when jumping, +8 Perception Languages Abyssal; telepathy 100 ft., tongues SPECIAL ABILITIES Disease (Ex) A schir gnaws constantly at the ends of its halberd. This infuses the blades with disease from the demon's filthy spittle. Any creature struck by a schir's halberd must succeed at a DC 15 Fortitude save or contract gray pox—a frightening

spittle. Any creature struck by a schir's halberd must succeed at a DC 15 Fortitude save or contract gray pox—a frightening disease that causes weakness, gray splotches on the skin, and eventual catatonia. The save DC is Constitution-based. *Gray Pox*: Halberd—injury; *save* Fort DC 15; *onset* 1 day; *frequency* 1/day; *effect* 1d6 Str damage; *cure* 2 consecutive saves.

A6: (Confluence) AT THE FOOT OF STARRISE

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., see invisibility; Perception +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—<u>summon</u> (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.

INCUBUS

This darkly handsome humanoid's batlike wings, curving horns, and bestial legs betray his demonic origin. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 12, flat-footed 16 (+2 Dex, +6 natural)

hp 76 (8d10+32) Fort +10, Ref +6, Will +8

DR 10/cold iron or good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 17 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average)

Melee mwk scimitar +14/+9 (1d6+5/18-20) or2 slams +13 (1d4+5)

Special Attacks pain redoubled

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 8th; concentration +13)

Constant-tongues

At will—charm person (DC 16), detect thoughts (DC 17), greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), suggestion (DC 18)

1/day-crushing despair (DC 19), summon (level 3, 2 schirs 40%) TACTICS

During Combat

STATISTICS

Str 20, Dex 15, Con 18, Int 16, Wis 15, Cha 21

Base Atk +8; CMB +13; CMD 25

Feats Flyby Attack, Lightning Reflexes, Power Attack, Vital Strike

Skills Acrobatics +6, Bluff +16, Diplomacy +16, Escape Artist +6, Fly +13, Intimidate +16, Knowledge (planes)

+14, Perception +13, Sense Motive+13, Spellcraft +14, Stealth +11; Racial Modifiers +8 Intimidate, +8 Perception

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

SQ change shape (Small or Medium humanoid; *alter self*)

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Pain Redoubled (Su) When an incubus confirms a critical hit with a melee weapon or a natural weapon, that attack deals an additional 2d6 points of nonlethal damage and the target must succeed at a DC 19 Fortitude save or be wracked by pain, becoming sickened for 1d6 rounds. Multiple uses of this ability extend the duration. The save DC is Charisma-based.

A7: (Confluence) THE RISE OF OOZE

MAGMA OOZE, POISONOUS

This seething mass of bubbling molten rock churns and moves of its own hungry accord.

N Large ooze (fire) Init -5; Senses blindsight 60 ft.; Perception -5 DEFENSE AC 4, touch 4, flat-footed 4 (-5 Dex, -1 size) hp 85 (9d8+45) Fort +8, Ref -2, Will -2 Defensive Abilities split (cold and slashing, 8 hp); Immune fire, ooze traits Weaknesses vulnerability to cold, vulnerability to water OFFENSE Speed 10 ft., climb 10 ft. Melee slam +14 (2d6+13 plus 2d6 grab, and burn and poison) Space 10 ft.; Reach 5 ft. Special Attacks burn (2d6, DC 19), constrict (2d6+13 plus burn), poison (DC 19) TACTICS **During Combat** STATISTICS Str 28, Dex 1, Con 21, Int -, Wis 1, Cha 1 Base Atk +6; CMB +16 (+20 grapple); CMD 21 (can't be tripped) Skills Climb +17

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SPECIAL ABILITIES

Lava Body (Ex) The magma <u>ooze</u> is formed of molten rock. Whenever a creature strikes a magma <u>ooze</u> with a weapon, that weapon takes 4d6 points of<u>fire</u> damage unless the attacker makes a DC 19 Fortitude save. Damage caused to weapons in this manner is not halved, but hardness does help prevent some of the damage dealt. The save DC is Constitution-based.

Poison (Ex) Magma Ooze Poison: Slam—injury; save Fort DC 19; frequency 1/round for 6 rounds; effect 1d2 Con; cure 2 consecutive saves.

Vulnerability to Water (Ex) A significant amount of water, such as that created by a <u>create water</u> spell, the contents of a large bucket, or a blow from a water <u>elemental</u>, that strikes a magma <u>ooze</u> forces the creature to make a DC 20 Fortitude save to avoid being staggered for 2d4 rounds. A magma <u>ooze</u>that is immersed in water must make a DC 20 Fortitude save each round (this DC increases by +1 each subsequent round) or become petrified, reverting once the water is gone.

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

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.

A10: (Outer) A GRAND OLD SHIP

ASPIS ENFORCER

Elf barbarian 6 CN Medium humanoid (elf) **Init** +4; **Senses** low-light vision; Perception +12 DEFENSE

AC 17, touch 12, flat-footed 13 (+5 armor, +4 Dex, -2 rage) hp 68 (6d12+24) Fort +8, Ref +6, Will +5; +2 vs. enchantments Defensive Abilities improved uncanny dodge, trap sense +2; Immune sleep OFFENSE Speed 50 ft. Melee mwk elven curve blade +10/+5 (1d10+4/18-20) **Ranged**+1 composite longbow +11/+6 (1d8+4/×3) Special Attacks rage (15 rounds/day), rage powers (rolling dodge +2, swift foot +10 feet) TACTICS During Combat The barbarian switches freely between bow and blade as the situation warrants. Base Statistics When not raging, the barbarian's statistics are AC 19, touch 14, flat-footed 15; hp 56; Fort +6, Will+3; Meleemwk elven curve blade +8/+3 (1d10+1/18-20); Ranged+1 composite longbow +11/+6 (1d8+2/×3); Str 13, Con 12; CMB +7; Skills Climb +8. STATISTICS Str 17, Dex 18, Con 16, Int 10, Wis 12, Cha 10 Base Atk +6; CMB +9; CMD 21 Feats Deadly Aim, Point-Blank Shot, Power Attack Skills Acrobatics +12 (+20 when jumping), Climb +10, Craft (bows) +5, Handle Animal +5, Knowledge (nature) +5, Perception +12, Stealth +5, Survival +5 Languages Common, Elven SQ elven magic, fast movement, weapon familiarity Combat Gear potions of cure light wounds (2), potions of longstrider (2), alchemist's fire (2); Other Gear +1 chain shirt, +1 composite longbow (+3 Str) with 20 arrows, masterwork elven curve blade, climber's kit, 2 gp **ASPIS SCOURER** Half-elf sorcerer 5 LE Medium humanoid (elf, human) Init +2; Senses low-light vision; Perception +7 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 13, flat-footed 15 (+4 armor, +2 Dex, +1 dodge, +1 natural) hp 30 (5d6+10) Fort +3, Ref +6, Will +4; +2 vs. enchantments Resist acid 5, fire 10 OFFENSE

Speed 30 ft.

Melee mwk light mace +3 (1d6) or 2 claws +2 (1d4) Ranged mwk light crossbow +5 (1d8/19-20)

Special Attacks claws (2, 1d4, treated as magic, 7 rounds/day)

Sorcerer Spells Known (CL 5th; concentration +9)

2nd (5/day)—acid arrow, mirror image, resist energy

1st (7/day)—cause fear (DC 15), charm person (DC 15), mage armor, magic missile, ray of enfeeblement (DC 15)

0 (at will)-acid splash, detect magic, ghost sound (DC 14), mage hand, message, read magic

Bloodline draconic (green)

TACTICS

Before Combat The sorcerer casts mage armor and resist energy (fire).

During Combat The sorcerer casts mirror image, then entangles opponents with his wand of entangle (using the Use Magic Device skill). He uses one of his scrolls of levitate to avoid melee combat, and casts cause fear to remove opponents threatening him.

Base Statistics Without mage armor and resist energy, the sorcerer's statistics are AC 14, touch 13, flat-footed 11; Resist acid 5.

STATISTICS

Str 10, Dex 14, Con 12, Int 13, Wis 8, Cha 18

Base Atk +2; CMB +2; CMD 15

Feats Combat Casting, Dodge, Eschew Materials, Lightning Reflexes, Skill Focus (Use Magic Device)

Skills Intimidate +10, Knowledge (arcana) +7, Perception +7, Spellcraft +7, Use Magic Device +13

Languages Common, Draconic, Elven

SQ bloodline arcana (acid spells deal +1 damage per die), elf blood

Combat Gear potion of cure moderate wounds, potion of invisibility, scrolls of levitate (2), scroll of ray of exhaustion, scroll of silent image, wand ofentangle (20 charges), smokestick; Other Gear masterwork light crossbow with 10 bolts, masterwork light mace, cloak of resistance +1, 190 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.

NABASU

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

A13: (Woundward) TRAITOR'S RUN

FALSE 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/ \times 3) 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 INCUBUS This darkly handsome humanoid's batlike wings, curving horns, and bestial legs betray his demonic origin. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 12, flat-footed 16 (+2 Dex, +6 natural) hp 76 (8d10+32) Fort +10, Ref +6, Will +8 DR 10/cold iron or good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 17 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average) Melee mwk scimitar +14/+9 (1d6+5/18-20) or2 slams +13 (1d4+5) Special Attacks pain redoubled Spell-Like Abilities (CL 8th; concentration +13) Constant-tongues At will-charm person (DC 16), detect thoughts (DC 17), greater teleport (self plus 50 lbs. of objects only), suggestion (DC 18) 1/dav--crushing despair (DC 19), summon (level 3, 2 schirs 40%) TACTICS **During Combat** STATISTICS Str 20, Dex 15, Con 18, Int 16, Wis 15, Cha 21 Base Atk +8; CMB +13; CMD 25 Feats Flyby Attack, Lightning Reflexes, Power Attack, Vital Strike Skills Acrobatics +6, Bluff +16, Diplomacy +16, Escape Artist +6, Fly +13, Intimidate +16, Knowledge (planes) +14, Perception +13, Sense Motive+13, Spellcraft +14, Stealth +11; Racial Modifiers +8 Intimidate, +8 Perception Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common; telepathy 100 ft., tongues SQ change shape (Small or Medium humanoid; alter self) SPECIAL ABILITIES Pain Redoubled (Su) When an incubus confirms a critical hit with a melee weapon or a natural weapon, that attack deals an additional 2d6 points of nonlethal damage and the target must succeed at a DC 19 Fortitude save or be wracked by pain, becoming sickened for 1d6 rounds. Multiple uses of this ability extend the duration. The save DC is Charisma-based. **SCHIR** This goat-headed humanoid is covered in a mangy gray hide that only partly covers its gaunt but muscled frame. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft., <u>see invisibility</u>; <u>Perception</u> +13 DEFENSE AC 19, touch 12, flat-footed 17 (+2 Dex, +7 natural) hp 37 (5d10+10) Fort +6, Ref +3, Will +3 DR 5/cold iron or good; Immune disease, electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 15 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. **Melee** mwk halberd +8 $(1d10+10/\times 3 \text{ plus disease})$, gore +1 (1d6+4) or gore +6 (1d6+10)Special Attacks powerful charge (gore, 3d6+10)

Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th; concentration +4)

Constant—see invisibility, tongues

3/day-arcane lock, expeditious retreat, protection from good

TACTICS

Before Combat If given the chance, the schir casts protection from good, then expeditious retreat.

During Combat The schir uses its powerful charge to enter melee, using power attack (included in stats) at all times unless it misses all attacks in two consecutive rounds.

STATISTICS
Str 17, Dex 14, Con 15, Int 8, Wis 5, Cha 6
Base Atk +5; CMB +8; CMD 20
Feats Iron Will, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (halberd)
Skills Acrobatics +10 (+18 jumping), Climb +11, Intimidate +6, Perception +13, Survival +2; Racial
Modifiers +8 Acrobatics when jumping, +8Perception
Languages Abyssal; telepathy 100 ft., tongues
SPECIAL ABILITIES

Disease (Ex) A schir gnaws constantly at the ends of its halberd. This infuses the blades with disease from the <u>demon</u>'s filthy spittle. Any creature struck by a schir's halberd must succeed at a DC 15 Fortitude save or contract gray pox—a frightening disease that causes weakness, gray splotches on the skin, and eventual catatonia. The save DC is Constitution-based. *Gray Pox*: Halberd—injury; *save* Fort DC 15; *onset* 1 day; *frequency* 1/day; *effect* 1d6 Str damage; *cure* 2 consecutive saves.

A14: (Woundward) WOUNDWARD VIGIL

GIANT QUEEN BEE, FIENDISH

This giant bee is as large as a horse and unusually fat, with dark red stripes on her body.

N Large vermin (extraplanar)

Init +0; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +1

DEFENSE

AC 17, touch 9, flat-footed 17 (+8 natural, -1 size)

hp 59 (7d8+28) Fort +9, Ref +2, Will +3

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 +8 (1d8+6 plus poison)

Space 10 ft.; Reach 5 ft. Special Attacks smite good 1/day

TACTICS

During Combat

STATISTICS

Str 19, **Dex** 11, **Con** 18, **Int** –, **Wis** 12, **Cha** 13 **Base Atk** +5; **CMB** +10; **CMD** 20 (28 vs. trip)

Skills Fly +2

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Poison (Ex) Sting—injury; save Fort DC 17; 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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2. IN DEFENSE OF THE WEAK

BABAU, ADVANCED

This emaciated figure looks like a horned human skeleton smothered within a bone-tight hide of slimy leather. CE Medium <u>outsider</u> (chaotic, <u>demon</u>, <u>evil</u>, <u>extraplanar</u>) **Init** +7; **Senses** darkvision 60 ft., <u>see invisibility</u>; <u>Perception</u> +21 DEFENSE

AC 23, touch 13, flat-footed 20 (+3 Dex, +10 natural) **hp** 87 (7d10+49)

Fort +12, Ref +8, Will +7

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 +14 (1d6+7), bite +14 (1d6+7) or longspear +14/+9 (1d8+10/x3), bite +9 (1d6+3) **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—<u>summon</u> (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 25, Dex 17, Con 24, Int 18, Wis 17, Cha 20

Base Atk +7; CMB +14; CMD 27

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

Skills <u>Acrobatics</u> +13, <u>Climb</u> +14, <u>Disable Device</u> +13, <u>Escape Artist</u> +13, <u>Perception</u> +21, <u>Sense Motive</u> +13, <u>Sleight of</u> Hand +13, Stealth +24; **Racial Modifiers** +8 Perception, +8 Stealth

Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Draconic; <u>telepathy</u> 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 20 Reflex save. A creature that strikes a babau with a melee weapon must make a DC 20 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.

GIANT WASP, FIENDISH

This horse-sized wasp is covered in orange and black vertical stripes—its stinger is the size of a sword and drips with black venom.

N Large vermin (extraplanar)

Init +1; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +9

AC 14, touch 10, flat-footed 13; (+1 Dex, +4 natural, -1 size)

hp 34 (4d8+16)

DEFENSE

Fort +8, Ref +2, Will +2

Immune mind-affecting effects; Resist cold 5, fire 5; SR 8

OFFENSE Speed 20 ft., fly 60 ft. (good) Melee sting +6 (1d8+6 plus poison)

Space 10 ft.; Reach 5 ft. Special Attacks smite good 1/day

TACTICS

During Combat

STATISTICS Str 18, Dex 12, Con 18, Int –, Wis 13, Cha 11

Base Atk +3; CMB +8; CMD 19

Skills Fly +3, Perception +9; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Poison (Ex) Sting—injury; *save* Fort DC 18; *frequency* 1/round for 6 rounds; *effect* 1d2 Dexterity damage; *cure* 1 save. The save DC is Constitution-based, and includes a +2 racial bonus.

Smite Good (Su) 1/day as a swift action, adds Cha bonus (+0) to attack rolls and damage bonus equal to HD (+4) against good foes; smite persists until target is dead or the fiendish creature rests.

NABASU

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

RETREATING CRUSADER

Human cleric 5
LN Medium humanoid (human)
Init -1; Senses Perception +6
DEFENSE
AC 18, touch 9, flat-footed 18 (+7 armor, -1 Dex, +2 shield)
hp 41, currently 0 (5d8+15)
Fort +7, Ref +1, Will +7
OFFENSE
Speed 20 ft.
Melee mwk longsword +8 (1d8+3/19-20)
Special Attacks channel positive energy 6/day (DC 13, 3d6)
Domain Spell-Like Abilities (CL 5th; concentration +7)
5/day—touch of law
5/day—battle rage (+2 damage)
Cleric Spells Prepared (CL 5th; concentration +7)
3rd— <u>dispel magic</u> , magic vestment ^D , <u>searing light</u>
2nd— <u>align weapon</u> (law only) ^D , <u>enthrall</u> (DC 14), <u>resist energy</u> (DC 14), <u>sound burst</u> (DC 14)
1st—command (DC 13), divine favor, magic weapon ^D , shield of faith, summon monster I
0 (at will)—guidance, light, purify food and drink, resistance
D Domain spell; Domains Law, War
TACTICS
Before Combat The cleric casts magic vestment.
During Combat The cleric attacks with her longsword, and casts magic weapon or align weapon as needed. When fighting

undead, she channels positive energy. Otherwise, she uses ranged magical attacks only as a last resort.

Base Statistics Without magic vestment, the cleric's statistics are AC 18, touch 9, flat-footed 18.

STATISTICS

Str 17, Dex 8, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 14, Cha 12

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Base Atk +3; CMB +6; CMD 15
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Feats <u>Combat Casting</u>, Heavy Armor Proficiency, Improved Shield Bash, <u>Weapon Focus</u> (longsword) **Skills** <u>Diplomacy</u> +9, <u>Heal</u> +6, <u>Knowledge</u> (nobility) +6, <u>Knowledge</u> (religion) +5, Perception +6 **Languages** Common **Combat Gear** *potion of* <u>bull's strength</u>, thunderstone; **Other Gear** masterwork splint mail, +1 <u>light</u> steel <u>shield</u>, masterwork longsword, <u>cloak of resistance</u> +1, silver holy symbol, 271 gp

SCHIR

This goat-headed humanoid is covered in a mangy gray hide that only partly covers its gaunt but muscled frame. CE Medium outsider (chaotic, demon, evil, extraplanar) Init +2; Senses darkvision 60 ft., see invisibility; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 19, touch 12, flat-footed 17 (+2 Dex, +7 natural) hp 37 (5d10+10) Fort +6, Ref +3, Will +3 DR 5/cold iron or good; Immune disease, electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 15 **OFFENSE** Speed 30 ft **Melee** mwk halberd +8 $(1d10+10/\times 3 \text{ plus disease})$, gore +1 (1d6+4) or gore +6 (1d6+10)Special Attacks powerful charge (gore, 3d6+10) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th; concentration +4) Constant-see invisibility, tongues 3/day-arcane lock, expeditious retreat, protection from good TACTICS Before Combat If given the chance, the schir casts protection from good, then expeditious retreat. During Combat The schir uses its powerful charge to enter melee, using power attack (included in stats) at all times unless it misses all attacks in two consecutive rounds. STATISTICS Str 17, Dex 14, Con 15, Int 8, Wis 5, Cha 6 Base Atk +5; CMB +8; CMD 20 Feats Iron Will, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (halberd) Skills Acrobatics +10 (+18 jumping), Climb +11, Intimidate +6, Perception +13, Survival +2; Racial Modifiers +8 Acrobatics when jumping, +8Perception Languages Abyssal; telepathy 100 ft., tongues

SPECIAL ABILITIES

Disease (Ex) A schir gnaws constantly at the ends of its halberd. This infuses the blades with disease from the <u>demon</u>'s filthy spittle. Any creature struck by a schir's halberd must succeed at a DC 15 Fortitude save or contract gray pox—a frightening disease that causes weakness, gray splotches on the skin, and eventual catatonia. The save DC is Constitution-based. *Gray Pox*: Halberd—injury; *save* Fort DC 15; *onset* 1 day; *frequency* 1/day; *effect* 1d6 Str damage; *cure* 2 consecutive saves.

VROCK, MYTHIC

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, mythic) Init +7; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +23 DEFENSE AC 27, touch 12, flat-footed 24 (+3 Dex, +15 natural, -1 size) hp 152 (9d10+103) Fort +13, Ref +11, Will +6 DR 10/epic and good; Immune electricity, poison; Resist acid 10, cold 10, fire 10; SR 22 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., fly 50 ft. (average) Melee bite +14 (1d8+6 plus bleed), 2 claws +14 (2d6+6 plus bleed), 2 talons +14 (1d6+6 plus bleed) Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft. Special Attacks bleed (1d6), entrapping vines, greater stunning screech, manic dance of ruin, mythic power (4/day, surge +1d8) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 12th; concentration +15) 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%) STATISTICS Str 23, Dex 17, Con 25, Int 14, Wis 16, Cha 16 Base Atk +9; CMB +16; CMD 29 Feats Cleave^M, Combat Reflexes^M, Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Power Attack, Stand Still^B Skills Fly +13, Intimidate +15, Knowledge (planes) +14, Perception +23, Sense Motive +15, Spellcraft +14, Stealth +11, Survival +15; Racial Modifiers +8 Perception Languages Abyssal, Celestial, Common; telepathy 100 ft. SPECIAL ABILITIES

- **Entrapping Vines (Ex)** A mythic vrock can expend one use of mythic power as a swift action to release a cloud of spores from its body, affecting all adjacent non-demons. The spores deal 2d8 points of damage on the first round as they grow into ugly vines; for the next 10 rounds, they deal 1d6 points of damage and entrap the affected creatures (DC 21, 10 rounds, hardness 5, hp 10). The vines can be destroyed by casting bless on the creatures or by sprinkling them with holy water. This is a disease effect. The save DC is Constitution-based.
- **Greater Stunning Screech (Su)** Once per hour, a mythic vrock can emit a shrill screech. All non-demons within a 30-foot radius spread must succeed at a DC 21 Fortitude save or be stunned for 1 round. If the vrock expends one use of mythic power, any creature that fails its save is staggered for 1d6 rounds after the stun ends. The save DC is Constitution-based.
- Manic Dance of Ruin (Su) A mythic vrock can expend one use of mythic power to dance and chant as a full-round action, after which it releases a crackling wave of energy, dealing 5d6 points of electricity damage to all creatures within 100 feet (Reflex DC 17 half). Each additional vrock that joins in the dance adds 1 to the DC and an additional 5d6 points of damage, up to a maximum of 20d6. 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.
- **Mythic Power (Su):** Mythic creatures can draw upon a wellspring of power to accomplish amazing deeds and cheat fate. This power is used by a number of different abilities.
- **Surge (Su):** A mythic vrock can call upon its mythic power to overcome difficult challenges by expending one use of mythic power to increase any d20 roll it just made by rolling 1d8 and adding it to the result. Using this ability is an immediate action taken after the result of the original roll is revealed. This can change the outcome of the roll. The mythic vrock also makes use of several mythic feats. The benefits of these feats not already included in the stat block above are detailed below.
- **Mythic Cleave:** Whenever you use Cleave or Great Cleave, one of your attacks can be made against a foe that is within your reach, but not adjacent to the foe you attacked. You can expend one use of mythic power when you use Cleave or Great Cleave to continue making attacks against foes regardless of their position, as long as you continue to hit each foe. You can't use this ability to attack a foe more than once per round.
- **Mythic Combat Reflexes:** You can make any number of additional attacks of opportunity per round. As a swift action, you can spend one use of mythic power to, until the start of your next turn, make attacks of opportunity against foes you've already made attacks of opportunity against this round if they provoke attacks of opportunity from you by moving.