# Appendix D: New Magic Items

#### BLADE OF THE WOOD

Weapon (any sword), rare (requires attunement)

A finely crafted sword with delicate etchings, it resonates with a faint hum of life.

You gain a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with this magic weapon.

The sword has 2 charges. You can expend a charge and speak the command word to cast *spike growth* (save DC 16) centered on yourself. You can pass through this terrain unaffected.

The sword regains one charge each day at dawn.

#### THE BOREALUS

Staff, artifact (requires attunement)

This legendary artifact was created by a powerful wizard, crafted from the finger of a towering, ancient elemental aspect of frost. It is so cold to the touch that it numbs any skin it comes into contact with, although an attuned character is immune to this effect.

*Gifts of the Rime.* As long as you are attuned to *the Borealus*, you gain the following benefits:

- You are resistant to fire damage
- You are immune to cold damage
- **d** You learn the *ray of frost* cantrip

Breath of Winter. While holding the staff you can use your action to unleash an icy-cold blizzard from your open mouth. A 100-foot-cone of hoarfrost blasts forth in a direction of your choice, dealing 9d8 cold damage to all creatures within the cone if they fail a DC 18 Constitution saving throw, or half as much on a success. You can't use this property again until the next dawn.

Glacial Prison. By using your action to touch the staff to a surface, you can cause a barrier of ice to spring into existence from a point you can see along this surface within 200 feet of you. This effect is otherwise identical to a wall of ice spell cast at 6th level, with a DC 18 for all saving throws related to the effect. You can't use this property again until 3 days have passed.

*Cruel Winds.* Wherever the staff goes, a bitterly cold boreal wind accompanies it. The wind gusts intermittently within 30 feet of the attuned character and extinguishes all non-magical flames it comes into contact with.

**Destroying the Staff.** The staff can be destroyed through exposure to flames from a fire elemental of equal power to the being it was crafted from. After centuries of exposure, it will melt away into nothing.

#### FEATHERED HELM

Wondrous item, rare (requires attunement)

The helm itself is simple leather, hide, scale, or plate, but the magic imbued into it comes from the feather. The birdfolk races of Humblewood consider the giving of a feather to be one of the highest honors one can bestow, and it represents an eternal bond or deep appreciation.

The helm has 3 charges that, while wearing it, you can use to activate its abilities. The helm has different properties based on the race of the birdfolk who gifted the feather.

*Corvum.* You can use a charge to cast *hideous laughter* (save DC 16) and two charges to cast *detect thoughts* (save DC 16).

Gallus. You can use a charge to cast bless and two charges to cast aid.

**Luma.** You can use a charge to cast a random 1st-level spell from the sorcerer spell list, then roll a d20. On a roll of 20, you may use this ability again without expending a charge. On a roll of 1, the spell also targets you, unless you are it's only target, in which case the spell fizzles to no effect. Any spell cast using this helm that requires a saving throw has a save DC of 16.

**Raptor.** You can use a charge to cast *hunter's mark* and two charges to cast *magic weapon*.

*Strig.* You can use a charge to cast *divine favor* and two charges to cast *pass without trace*.

The helm regains 1d3 charges each day at dawn.

## A TRUE GIFT

Whether you are playing through the Humblewood adventure, or playing your own campaign in the Wood, look for organic relationships between a character and the races of birdfolk. If one stands out, use that to decide what type of feather is offered to the player in this helm.

Additionally, a character whose character is a birdfolk may want to make this gift themselves. Make sure to create a narrative bond between this player and who they share a feather with — the gift of a feather is not something which should be given lightly.

#### NECRONOMICON EX CORVIS

Book, artifact (requires attunement by a wizard)

This legendary tome of dark necromancy was penned by the mad corvum necromancer Lathrus, of the Night's Call. The book is one of a kind and contains terrible necromantic secrets.

The *Necronomicon Ex Corvis* is a spellbook, and as such only wizards can truly benefit from studying the dark secrets within.

**Abyssal Secrets.** By spending a full week studying the dark secrets in this tome, your Intelligence score increases by 2. These secrets gnaw at your mind, however, and your Wisdom score decreases by 1.

*Grasp of Shadows.* By spending at least a minute reciting a ritual listed in this book, you can summon forth 1d4 + 2 **shadows.** These creatures are loyal to you and can understand any instructions you give them. They will carry out these instructions to the best of their ability. This property can only be used once per week.

**Knowledge Beyond Reason.** You may add the spells listed below into your spellbook. However, the tome removes the restriction that requires you to be able to prepare and cast these spells. In effect, you can copy these spells to your spellbook now, though they will only be available to prepare once you reach a level at which you can cast them.

Additionally, rather than pay gold pieces to copy any spell within into your spellbook, you may deal one point of damage to yourself and take one level of exhaustion to scribe the spell in your own blood.

Level	Spell
3rd	animate dead, bestow curse, vampiric touch
4th	blight
6th	circle of death, magic jar
7th	finger of death

**The Corvum's Curse.** After copying at least one spell from this tome into your spellbook, you must succeed on a DC 16 Wisdom saving throw or become cursed (as *bestow curse*), with the effect of the curse being decided by the GM.

The curse persists for 2d4 days, but its duration resets anytime you copy a spell from this book. Otherwise, only a remove curse spell cast using a 5th level or higher spell slot can rid you of this effect.

**Destroying the Book.** Unlike other artifacts, the book is not immune to damage. Pages removed from the book will lose their magic within a day. Additionally, exposing the book to direct sunlight for at least 8 hours will cause the dark magic within to dissipate, rendering it useless.

#### **NEST CHARM**

Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)

This charm is a sphere of intricate metal branches, interwoven to form a sort of nest.

By placing the charm on the ground and speaking its command word, you can cause it to unfold, creating a 30-foot-diameter circular platform of interwoven branches. Once the platform has reached its full size, a magical tree grows beneath it, lifting the platform 50 feet into the air, carrying any passengers and items along with it.

This perch lasts up to 8 hours, at which point the tree will retreat into the ground and the platform will shrink, eventually curling back into the small charm. At any time the command word can be spoken again to dismiss the perch in a similar fashion. Once the nest charm's power has been used, it can't be used again until the next dawn.

# **RED-FEATHER BOW**

Weapon (any bow), uncommon (requires attunement)

A prized hunting weapon among mistral raptors, this bow is imbued with magic to help the wielder see their prey from afar.

You gain a +1 bonus to attack and damage rolls made with this magic weapon.

The bow has 3 charges. When you fire an arrow from this bow, you can speak the command word and use a charge to see through the arrow as a bonus action. You can see from the point your arrow lands as if you were there for 1 minute. If the arrow strikes a creature, you see what they see for the same duration.

The bow regains 1d3 charges each day at dawn.

#### WING CREST SHIELD

Armor (shield), uncommon (requires attunement)

While wielding this shield, you gain a +1 bonus to your AC.

As an action, you can speak the command word to cast gust of wind (save DC 15). Once the shield has been used to cast this spell, it can't be used to cast this spell again until the



# Appendix E: Random Encounters

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Here are a few random encounter tables to both provide inspiration for any encounter you may wish to build, and to flesh out the encounters in your game.

# CITY ENCOUNTERS (LEVELS 2-4)

### d8 Encounter A mapach tinkerer with a hand cart of goods distracts the party with his marvellous wares while his hedge bard partner attempts to pickpocket them. An innocent cervan priest is accosted by 1d4 birdfolk guards. These birdfolk are criminals who've 2 stolen Perch Guard uniforms, and the party will be rewarded for their capture. A visiting **vulpin noble** is interested in seeing the sights. Show them around town by rolling again on 3 this table. They will accompany the party for this encounter, and should they survive, will reward the party 20 gp for the invigorating time. A gathering of acrobatic street performers. If high enough level, a party member with the Sharp Mind 4 trait, or who makes a DC 14 Intelligence check, will recognize a gallus monk among them from a wanted poster. A citywide parade to honor Gaspard, the Champion. There are jousts, fencing matches, and 5 other contests in which the party can participate. Defeat a jerbeen swashbuckler in a duel to win a magic item. A mysterious death. If players are high enough level, this could lead to a fight with the corvum assassin who was paid to perform the murder. A bar fight breaks out between 1d4 mapach bandit 7 patrons and 1d4 birdfolk militia. A pair of **jerbeen thieves** steal from the party. This 8 leads back to their vulpin captain leader, who runs a pickpocketing ring in town.

# CAVE ENCOUNTERS (LEVEL 1)

d8	Encounter
1	1d2 <b>gray oozes</b> conceal themselves as stagnent pools.
2	A shifting slime attacks.
3	1d2 roosting <b>swarms of emberbats</b> drop from the ceiling.
4	2 caustic slimes attack.
5	The party finds a 6-foot-tall bioluminescent mushroom.
6	1d4 sticky slimes attack.
7	Two sticky slimes and a caustic slime attack.
8	1d4 violet fungus attack.
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d8	Encounter			
1	The party finds a small shrine to Gesme within a hidden grotto. The first player to pray here gains the ability to cast <i>clairvoyance</i> once, without material components.			
2	2 <b>raptor explorers</b> are leading a <b>strig tracker</b> bounty hunter to the party.			
3	1d4 giant petrels circle overhead (use the stat block for a <b>giant eagle</b> , but with a 30 ft. swim speed).			
4	A violent storm rolls in. If the party chooses not to take shelter, they must make a DC 14 Constitution saving throw while traveling, suffering a level of exhaustion on a failure.			
5	A mass of seaweed turns out to be a <b>sham-bling mound</b> .			
6	A ship is stolen from the docks by 1d4 +1 <b>birdfolk sailor</b> pirates, led by a <b>jerbeen swashbuckler</b> .			
7	A sinking ship is spotted with it's crew aboard. There are 1d3 <b>hunter sharks</b> circling in the water.			
8	A crashing wave sweeps in, and the party must make a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be swept			

80 feet into the sea, where a water elemental

lies in wait.

# Forest Encounters (Level 1-2)

#### d8 Encounter

- 1 2d4 **mapach bandits** ambush the party.
- 2 1d2 **swarms of emberbats** attack the party.
- 1d4 magmin can be spotted burning foliage
- 3 through the trees. They haven't started a fire yet, but they will if left unchecked.
- The party finds a moss covered shrine to Reya. The
- 4 first character that stops to pray here gains the ability to cast *elevated sight* once.

# 1d4 mapach bandits and a jerbeen thief spring

- from the forest, offering safe passage for a road toll of 3 gp per party member. They will attack if the toll is not paid immediately.
- 6 1d3 wolves led by a dire wolf attack the party.
  - A **birdfolk skirmisher** on patrol is struggling in a large spider web and calling for help. He has been
- bound in silk, requiring a DC 15 Strength check or one round using a cutting tool to free him. There are 1d2 +1 **giant spiders** hidden in the trees.

A bandit's net trap has been laid across the trail and covered with leaves. It can be spotted with a DC 15 Wisdom (Perception) check. If players walk into it,

the trap springs, and players must make a DC 14
Dexterity saving throw to avoid getting caught. On
a failure, you can roll on this table again to compli-

# Mountain Encounters (Levels 2-3)

#### d8 Encounter

- Two **griffons** can be seen in the distance. They give a warning shriek. The party can find another route, losing ground and rolling again on this table, or fight them.
- 2 1d4 mapach bandits and a vulpin captain attack.
- 3 A hungry **basilisk** appears.
- 4 1d4 jerbeen thieves attack.
- 5 1d4 **mountain lions** attack.

The weather suddenly shifts to a bitter storm. If the party chooses not to take shelter, they must make a

6 DC 13 Constitution saving throw while traveling, suffering a level of exhaustion from the cold on a failure.

The party finds a weathered shrine to Altus. The first character that stops to pray here gains the ability to cast *enhance ability* once, without using material components. The player may only select either the **Bear's Endurance** or **Bull's Strength** options when the spell is cast.

The party finds a roost of 1d3 **giant eagles** with 1d4 young (Medium sized beasts that cannot attack) with them. They will attack unless the party can convince them they are not a threat.



# SCORCHED GROVE ENCOUNTERS (LEVEL 3)

#### d8 Encounter

- 1 1d4 +1 swarms of emberbats attack.
- An **ashsnake** attacks. If the party is hunting for the **ashsnake** in **Part 3**, it is waiting to ambush them.

The party finds a small stand of scorched trees, two of which tower above the others. When approached these two **awakened trees** attack with branches

that glow with embers. Their attacks deal fire damage instead of bludgeoning damage, and can set flammable objects carried by characters on fire.

One **fire elemental** can be seen off in the distance.

Players must make a DC 10 Dexterity (Stealth) check to avoid its notice, otherwise it will see them and attack.

- 5 1d3 magma mephits and 1d2 dust mephits attack.
- 6 1d4 magmin attack.

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A Tender is being attacked by a **swarm of emberbats**.

A field of geysers lays ahead, each intermittently spraying scalding gases into the air. The party can attempt to cross cautiously with a DC 16 Intelligence check to notice a pattern, or by making three DC 14 Dexterity saving throws, taking 4 (1d8) fire damage on each failure. Pass or fail, after 3 saving throws they've made it across. Alternatively, party members can choose to go around. If so, roll again on this table.

# SWAMP ENCOUNTERS (LEVEL 1)

#### d8 Encounter

- 1 1d3 **birdfolk skeletons**, covered in moss rise from the murky water and attack.
- 2 Two sticky slimes and a caustic slime attack.

The party stumbles upon a swarm of quippers in

the water. Players with a passive Perception of 15 or higher notice the swarm and avoid it.

The party finds a fungus covered shrine to Henwin within a tangle of plant life. The first character to pray here gains the ability to cast *spiny shield* once, without using material components.

5 1d4 **sticky slimes** attack.

1d2 **swarms of insects** envelop the party. They have a walking speed of 5 ft., a 30 ft. flying speed, and no climbing speed.

7 Two **caustic slimes** attack.

A birdfolk researcher caught in quicksand. Requires

a DC 12 Strength (Athletics) check to free. Roll
again on this table to complicate the encounter.



# Appendix 7: What did They Find?

Use this helpful list to determine what a character might find when searching through a place in the Wood, in an NPCs bag, or the like.

d20	They find	d20	They find
1	A carefully cleaned and varnished mouse skull.	11	A necklace made from the shells of small iridescent beetles.
2	A ruby statue worth 50 gp, but birdfolk and humblefolk alike believe it to be cursed.	12	A wooden frog that is perpetually slick with some kind of viscous moisture.
3	A golden coin dating back to the very founding of Alderheart.	13	A short, thin twig that is unbendable and indestructible.
4	A small switch-knife hidden inside of a wooden spoon.	14	A locket made from a polished periwinkle shell. A strange sigil has been carved on the inside.
5	A holy symbol of an Amaranthine not worshipped in Humblewood.	15	A glass jar filled with eight fireflies, each giving off light. One glows white, and the others glow a
6	A feather with brilliant tropical colours, not seen on any Humblewood birdfolk.	16	different colour of the rainbow.  A bandit mask from a time before the Coalition.
7	A ring with a strange seed where a gemstone would normally be.	17	A detailed onyx carving of a birdfolk skull. It is cold to the touch.
8	A mechanical cricket, but its winding key is missing.	18	A silver pinecone that is completely immune to fire damage.
9	A thin length of chain, that when examined is actually made of seamless loops of wood.	19	A locked music box. Mechanical chirping can occasionally be heard from inside.
10	A small bag containing hand polished marbles, each one with a different small insect in it.	20	A weathered parchment scroll, which unfurls to reveal music inscribed in long-faded ink.



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