THE NUTCRACKER & THE MOUSE KING

A LEVEL 5 5E CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE FOR 5-7 PLAYERS

The Nutcracker is a classic Christmas tale of magic and mystery. I have re-written this 1816 German story by E.T.A Hoffman for a D&D adventure.

At the Royal Christmas Eve party the Queen is kidnapped by the evil Mouse King and our adventurers are sent to rescue her.

Into the mouse-hole they go, where it leads no-one knows.

This adventure is best played with a group of 5-7 characters of level 5.



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AN INTRODUCTION

The Spell You Broke On Your Head Falls, You Shall Crack Nuts, Prince Of The Dolls.

- The Mouse Queen

This adventure concerns a kidnapped Queen, a mysterious Artificer, a cursed Nutcracker and a mad Mouse King.

ABOUT THIS ADVENTURE

This adventure is a retelling of a classic Christmas tale and world famous ballet. Every year I try and make a Christmas themed one-shot for my 7 players for the last game of the year, something that sounds both familiar and strange, and this is what I have tried to accomplish here. This story is suitable to use with the 5e rules and although I have at times had to change some monster stats around I hope that it is still recognizable to more seasoned DMs and players.

RUNNING THE ADVENTURE

This adventure contains everything you need to get right in and play the game. You'll find all the details of the story, the monsters and the player character sheets. All you and your players will need is an understanding of how to play the game. The adventure can be played with less characters and I have highlighted the optional ones in the **hooks** section.

It is possible to play the adventure without the warlock and the Cleric, who are part of the Queens entourage. If you have only 5 players then you need not bother to include them in the story at all.

ADVENTURE SYNOPSIS

At the palace party on Christmas Eve the Queen Marie Stahlbaum is gifted with a carved nutcracker which she is instantly enamored with. Halfway through the evening's festivities the Nutcracker breaks and the Queen is devastated, leaving the party early. A scream echoes through the palace, and the Queen is no longer in her rooms when checked. Rat Swarms attack the guests and staff, and the adventurers are urged to find the missing Queen by entering the realm of the Mouse King through the newly opened mouse hole.

ADVENTURE HOOKS

Each character in the story has a specific reason to be at the party tonight. Give each character the following adventure hook to let them know why they have come along. They can flesh these out as much as they like before the game, or alternatively there should be enough here to simply hand them over to them on the night.

THE BARD

Hired by the Queen as an entertainer for the night's festivities, you watch the goings on of the noble guests while you play your instruments and sing your songs. You are accompanied by your companion, the wizard, who wows guests with magic tricks.

THE WIZARD

Hired by the Queen to entertain her noble guests, you and the bard have worked many shows like this before and expect a lot of tips for a good night's show.

THE ROGUE

Not technically a guest, you procured an invitation to the event through means that are your own secret. Here to admire the shiny baubles of the locked room more than the Queens new frock, and maybe gain one or two extra loot items.

THE CLERIC (OPTIONAL)

Nurse to the Queen since she was young, you stay by her side as friend and confidant. You understand that sometimes when the Queen throws a tantrum she just needs a little space to calm down. It's stressful being queen so you don't judge her.

THE Warlock (OPTIONAL)

As the Queen's advisor you are often found just a few steps behind her. You take your role seriously and are devoted to her reign as it keeps you well fed and clothed.

THE FIGHTER

Captain of the Guard, you are here to keep the peace should the guests get a little rowdy, and are sworn to protect the Queen with your life.

THE MONK

You have offered your services under the guise of waiting on the guests of the Royal party. You are in fact the bodyguard of Drosselmeier, the Artificer, undercover. He has hired you to protect him and follow his orders.

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A ROYAL PARTY

Christmas long ago was the memory of a dream that seemed never to end. But somewhere in the middle of that dream, I always did wake up, just in time to attend the Christmas party.

- Marie Stahlbaum

PRESENTS FIT FOR A

QUEEN

Our adventure begins on Christmas Eve, at a party, in the Palace of Queen Marie Stahlbaum. Queen Marie is a young Halfling female who rules this land alone. She feels a great amount of pressure from the nobles around her to marry and secure the throne, but has of yet not found anyone she deems suitable to share her crown, or bed. She holds this party every year and invites are highly sought after amongst the nobles of the land. People bring the Queen lavish gifts, each one trying to out-do their neighbour and earn the Queens favour. Presents are arranged under the tree, near the throne in the ballroom. This is also where the night's music, entertainment and food are presented.

When the adventurers are ready read:

The party is in full swing, music and singing can be heard across the town. There is a party happening at the grand Palace of Queen Marie and you're all invited! The ballroom is a buzz with festive cheer, and all of the city's wealthy are out to play, drink and dance. The staff are running to and from the kitchen area with trays and plates of finger food and sparkling wine. The night's entertainment amuses the guests with their Christmas carols and magic tricks.

The ballroom is the main area of play at the moment. Players can check other locations, but will need to be in the ballroom when the Queen comes down from her rooms. The stairs to the upstairs are well guarded by **soldiers** who take their job incredibly seriously. While the players wait for the Queen to arrive they can introduce themselves, investigate the other guests, the rooms of the palace, and the ballroom they are currently in.

The adventurers are all here for different reasons at the moment, and so may wish to spend some time getting to know their surroundings and talking to guests rather than each other. It should be noted that the Cleric and the warlock will not be present at this time as they are upstairs with the Queen. You may wish to include them in this beginning part of the story, by giving them a reason to not be at her side.

Investigating. The room is lavishly decorated and guards are posted around the room to watch guests and their sticky fingers. A successful DC10 Dexterity (Sleight of Hand) would allow a guest to acquire a nice new candlestick holder or a shiny new bauble from the tree, a DC20 Dexerity (Sleight of Hand) would allow the nimblest of adventurers to lift a trinket or two from a wealthy guest.

General Features

The following features about the environment are true unless otherwise stated in a specific area description

Doors. The doors are wooden

Light. The palace is well lit with candles and sconces lit in every room

LOCATIONS IN THE PALACE

THE BALLROOM. 1

This massive room is full of the city's finest. No expense has been spared with the spread, and the guests chat within their social circles. A large bay window is half covered in a Christmas tree, and an empty throne is perched close by, surrounded in elaborately ribboned gifts, each one trying to out-do the last.

The entertainment is placed near the roaring fire, where stockings are hung from the mantle. Guards walk around the room watching guests, while their Captain stands at the entrance to the room watching for the Queen to arrive.

The ballroom also has a very special guest present, **Mr. Drosselmeier**, a talented Artificer and toymaker. He is well known in the area, and a quick DC10 Intelligence (Investigation) check will alert the adventurers to his presence. He is happy to chat with anyone about his craft and is very charming. He has in his hands a Nutcracker toy tied in a ribbon, which with a DC10 Wisdom (Insight) the party can tell is a gift for the Queen.

If the party wishes to find out more about The Nutcracker itself they find Drosselmeier to be

quite secretive about it, refusing to show it off to them. A successful DC15 Charisma (Persuasion) check will convince Drosselmeier to show the party a quick glimpse of a ½ Orc styled Nutcracker in armor, holding a sword and shield, with one eye missing.

Roleplaying Drosselmeier:

Mr. Drosselmeier is a charming and amenable character, though quite modest of his work. He appears a little nervous with all the attention he gets from the nobles around him and is often distracted mid-sentence by someone or another in the background pointing or talking about him.

THE KITCHEN. 2

The kitchen is chaos. The staff are working over-time to create a feast for tonight's festivities and the air is hot from all the pots and pans on the hobs and oven doors opening and closing. Everywhere you look there is someone running about with a hot plate or a sharp knife.

This kitchen is exactly how you might imagine a busy kitchen to be on the most important night of the year. The chef is very stressed, and is in a foul mood. A successful DC15 Charisma (Persuasion) will get him to calm down long enough to talk to the adventurers about the Queen and the party and what is on the menu tonight. Talking to the other staff will incur the wrath of the chef and the adventurers will swiftly be ushered out of the kitchen area.

THE LIBRARY. 3

This room is nice and quiet. The walls are covered in books floor to ceiling and it has that amazing old book smell. There are a few elderly guests sitting on the large leather chairs talking quietly to each other.

The elderly guests will pay the adventurers no mind as they explore the room.

Secret Door. A successful DC10 Intelligence (Investigation) check of the bookcases will reveal a secret book latch that opens into a small hidden room.

Treasure. Inside the room the adventurers find a shield leaning up against the wall and a small pouch containing 23sp and 4gp.

THE STORE CUPBOARD. 4

This tiny room is used to store the palace brooms and cleaning equipment. As you open the door you catch a couple of nobles in an embrace. Embarrassed, they stumble pass you and back into the party.

A successful DC15 Intelligence (History) check will tell the adventurers that the couple are married, but not to each other. Lord Westerly and Lord Hamal are from rival families, though that does not seem to have stopped them enjoying themselves here this evening.

THE STAIRCASE. 5

The long grand staircase up to the Queen's private chambers is heavily guarded. As you approach, the soldier's hands go to their swords at their sides. They stand over the entrance to the staircase and block your path.

The Queen's private chambers are strictly out of bounds (for the moment) and the **guards** will not leave their post for anything save a command from the Queen herself, even the Captain cannot make them move from their post. A successful DC20 Charisma (Persuasion) check would convince one of the guards to go and check on the commotion in the kitchen, providing the party have already visiting that area.



THE QUEEN'S ENTRANCE

After the adventurers have found each other, explored a bit and had their fill of trying to get the guards to move from their posts, they hear a loud knocking of something heavy against the marble floor in ballroom. Guests that are not in the ballroom start to make their way hurriedly to the ballroom; the staff begin to shuffle guests that are being slow into the room. The Queen, her nurse and her warlock enter the ballroom from the grand staircase the soldiers had been guarding.

Queen Marie Stahlbaum enters the ballroom dressed in her finest attire. A Halfling woman of around 30, she is slightly taller than most of her race, but still short compared to her guests, staff and guard. She wears an elaborately tall hairstyle to give her a bit of extra height. Her dress is red and green with white fur trim, she smiles and waves politely at the guests, looking more embarrassed than regal. She hurries over to the throne, near the Christmas tree in the window and her guests flock around her, each eager to give her their gift and gain favour. She catches Drosselmeier's eye and beckons him forwards. He hands her the Nutcracker and she gives a small squeal of delight, and immediately begins to examine it, all other gifts forgotten.

The Queen is enchanted by this ½ Orc Nutcracker and instructs her nurse to get her some nuts at once so that she might use it. The guests begin to slowly move away as they realise that the Queen is no longer interested in their gifts. They stay wrapped under the tree. If the adventurers wish to approach the queen they will first need to succeed a DC20 Charisma (Persuasion) check to convince her to tear her eyes away from the Nutcracker. Those in the party that know the Queen well gain advantage on this.

Drosselmeier has resumed his place near the fireplace and a curious adventurer may get some more information out of him in regards to the Nutcracker now that he is less nervous. A successful DC10 Charisma (Persuasion) check will reveal the following information:

The Nutcracker: What Drosselmeier knows.

Drosselmeier tells a tale of a brave ½ Orc barbarian who was injured whilst trying to defeat a mad King.

The ½ Orc, who was in love with a Queen, was asked to kill the Mad King after he had killed their children in a fit of rage. In return she would marry him and make him her King.

Whilst trying to kill the Mad King he was injured and lost the use of one of his eyes, disfiguring his face.

During the fight the Mad King's warlock tried to hex the barbarian, but the hex failed and rebounded off the ½ Orc's magical armor turning the Mad King into a mouse, killing his beloved Queen and freezing the Barbarian into a wooden soldier, not unlike the Nutcracker presented to the Queen today.

After Drosselmeier tells his tale (or not if the check failed) the queen gives a scream and a yelp and runs from the room in quite a state.

The Queen lets out a terrible wail and in an instant is gone from the room, telling her nurse and sorcerer to leave her alone; she bats guards out of her way, and exits the ballroom. You can all hear her running up the staircase outside to her private chambers.

The guests are left in silence at the outburst, some titter amongst themselves, some pick up their gifts and make to leave. A successful DC10 Intellengence (Investigation) of the throne area will allow an adventurer to find the sword of the Nutcracker lying on the floor amongst broken nut shells and glitter. A successful DC15 Wisdom (Insight) check on Drosselmeier will show adventurers that he is contemplating something.

At once the guests start screaming and running. You hear the smashing of glasses as trays are dropped to the marble floor. You notice a huge black mass of fur, and teeth, and tails, moving closer towards you.

As the adventurers look to see what is the matter x7 **Swarms of Mice** begin piling into the room, one over one another, heading straight for the party.

After the rats are disposed of the adventurers and Drosselmeier are the only ones left in the palace. Drosselmeirer runs out of the room and up the staircase, tripping over bodies that were not so fortunate as to escape the rat swarms. The adventurers follow him up the stairs to the Queen's bedroom. A successful DC10 Intellegence (Investigation) will alert the adventurers to a mouse hole in the corner of the room, and a success of DC15 for the same check will also show a torn piece of red cloth, on the side of the hole, like it was caught when something was pulled through.

It is at this point that Drosselmeier begs the adventurers to follow the Queen and save her. A successful DC10 Charisma (Persuasion or Intimidation) or a DC15 Wisdom (Insight) will gain the adventurers some more information about the ½ Orc's tale, and the possible fate of the Queen.

The Nutcracker: What Drosselmeier knows.

Drosselmeier tells the party that the Nutcracker is not of his making and that he believes it to be the actual ½ Orc cursed into the Nutcracker body.

He had brought it to the Queen in the hope she could somehow break the spell over him, and fulfill the promise made to him by another Queen many years before.

He had not counted on the Mad King still being alive and believes that the King has kidnapped Queen Marie and taken her to his dungeon palace to be his bride.

If the Queen is not rescued the land will be in jeopardy, the Nutcracker can protect her from the King but he will need his sword back.

Drosselmeier hands the party the Nutcracker's sword (unless they picked it up themselves) and ushers them over to the mouse hole. He will not accompany them through the Mad King's domain.

As they draw closer to it they notice that it appears to be bigger, but when they look back at Drosselmeier they realise it is them that are getting smaller. Some magic is afoot here. They enter the mouse hole.

End of Part 1

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THE MOUSE KING'S DOMAIN

Today King of Mice, tonight King of Dolls, tomorrow King of Everything!

The Mouse King

ENTERING A MOUSE HOLE

The party are now entering a more traditional dungeon crawl and the adventure can truly begin. The hole they are standing in appears to have been dug out of the wall itself and a path leads away from the hole and further into the dungeon.

General Features

The following features about the environment are true unless otherwise stated in a specific area description

Doors. The doors are wooden

Light. The way forward is not lit; adventurers will need darkvision of 60ft+ or torches to see their way forward.

Size. As the party have now shrunk down to the size of a mouse, encounters with creatures such as cockroaches and mice will be adjusted thus in the Monster section of the story.

Throughout this part of the adventure, if the party become restless, or take too long making decisions then roll a d12 on the Random Encounter Table below for a fun little surprise!

d12	Encounter						
1-4	3d6 mice soldiers preparing an ambush						
5-7	A lost traveling mouse merchant selling very expensive cheese appears						
8-9	A party of tired looking wooden soldiers are found, looking for a way out						
10-12	1d4 cockroaches appear on the path						





LOCATIONS IN THE DUNGEON

The following locations are identified on Map 2.

ENTRANCE CORRIDOR. 1.

The mouse hole path before you appears as if dug by hand or claw. The ceiling curves over your head, not much taller than you stand and there is no light along the hall in front of you, and soon the path descends into darkness.

The path itself is well dug out and does not, for the moment count as difficult terrain. The path ahead leads to many doors and areas worth investigating.

Investigating. A successful DC10 Wisdom (Survival) check reveals mouse claw footprints and drag marks leading further into the dungeon. A DC15+ also reveals that the mouse claw marks are bipedal.

Creatures. Drawn by any noise the adventurers may be making are 2 cockroaches that lurk in the shadows and rubble of area 3. They try and hide if they become aware of the adventurers and they ambush the first character that arrives at the area without being quiet about it.

LAKE ROOM. 2.

The room is dark and you hear the drip, drip, drip of water droplets landing on a larger body of water. The air is cool and the ground beneath you is slippery and wet.

Diseased Pool. A large area of water 5 ft deep, takes up majority of this room, and is tainted with disease. Anyone who drinks the water or wades into it is exposed and must make a successful DC15 Constitution Saving Throw to avoid infection. Symptoms manifest 30 mins after exposure and include high fever, muscle spasms, and eventual paralysis.

An infected creature suffers one level of exhaustion when it finishes a short rest after being exposed. Whenever it finishes a rest

there it must make a DC10 Constitution saving throw. On a failed save, the creature suffers another level of exhaustion. On a successful save, its exhaustion level is reduced by one. It its exhaustion level reaches 5, the infected creature becomes paralyzed until the disease is cured, or the effect is removed with a *lesser restoration* spell or similar magic. If a successful saving throw reduces the infected creature's exhaustion level to 0, the creature recovers from the disease.

This area is difficult terrain as it is very wet and slippery. In the middle of a lake is a small patch of dry land. A successful DC10 Intelligence (Investigation) check (with disadvantage if the adventurer checking has no darkvision) reveals a small chest sitting on the island.

Treasure. The chest is unlocked, and contains 1d10 sp, and 1d10 gp, as well as a *potion of invisibility*. A successful DC10 Intelligence (Investigation) check will show a small hidden compartment that contains one +1 arrow.

AMBUSH CORRIDOR. 3.

Here waiting for the party are 2 cockroaches, hiding in the shadows. A stealthy party will be able to surprise the monsters, however if the party has been particularly loud then the cockroaches will get a surprise round on them.

Lurking in the shadows as you come up to the hallway are 3 giant cockroaches. They are massive, about the size of an adult Owlbear! They make a hissing and clicking noise as they move in for the attack.

The cockroaches themselves don't hold any loot, and their massive corpses will take up a considerable amount of space in the entrance of area 3. If the party wishes to venture forth along this corridor they will eventually reach a dead end.

Secret Door. A successful DC20 Wisdom (perception) check will show a trapped secret door, leading to area 7. The door opens by way of a masonry block that also serves as a lever, which can be pushed on the left side, or pulled out from the right.

Needle Trap. If the lever is pulled out, that movement sets off a needle trap. The needle extends 3 inches out of the opening, dealing 1 point of piercing damage to whoever pulled the lever. Someone who carefully and slowly pulls the lever open can easily see the needle before it strikes. Disabling the needle requires thieves' tools and a successful DC15 Dexterity check. If the check fails by 5 or more, the trap goes off, stabbing the character unless the character succeeds on a DC 15 Dexterity saving throw.

CORRIDOR. 4.

This long dark corridor leads to a room in area 5 and a secret room in area 6 which can be found by solving the riddle engraved on the statue that blocks the way.

The air is stale in this thirty-foot-long corridor, which leads to a small room on the right, and a large stone statue.

Arrow Trap. Each time any weight is placed on any part of the center 10-foot-square section of the corridor, a mechanical pressure plate is activated, triggering a trap. An arrow fires from above the doorframe for area 5 at the creature who triggered the trap: +5 to hit, 5 (1d10) piercing damage.

With a successful DC15 Intelligence (Investigation) check a character can deduce the presence of the pressure plate from variations in the mortar and stone around it, compared to the surrounding floor. Wedging an iron spike or something similarly sized and sturdy object under the pressure plate prevents it from activating.

STORE ROOM. 5.

A dark and dusty chamber appears to be used for hiding broken equipment that the soldiers don't wish to throw out. Piles of arrow heads, broken poles, crates and cheap rusted weapons fill up the small space of this room.

This small room contains broken weapons, crates and other junk that could be used to obstruct a door, or jam up a trap by an inventive adventurer.

SANTA'S RIDDLE. 6.

Dust fills the corridor the further down it you move, it looks like a layer of grey snow. As the corridor comes to an end, standing before you is a 10-foot-tall stone statue of a heavily robed smiling dwarf, carrying a large sack over his shoulder.

Santa Sculpture. If a creature moves within 5 feet of the statute, a *magic mouth* spell causes Santa to utter a riddle in Common as follows:

I beam, shine and sparkle white, I brighten the day with a single light. I charm and enchant one and all, I can counter even the darkest pall. What am I? (Answer: A smile)

Secret Door. A secret door behind the statue leads to area 8. The adventurers can notice the statue is actually a secret door with a successful DC20 Wisdom (Perception) check. Under the scrutiny of detect magic the statue radiates a faint aura of abjuration magic. The door comes open, the statue turning on its base, only after someone speaks the riddle correctly.

Once the door is opened, it closes on its own 1 minute later, although any obstruction placed in the doorway prevents it from doing so.

SECRET CORRIDOR. 7.

Beyond the door is a small damp corridor that looks to have been dug out by large beasts. The ceiling is low and there are claw marks along the muddy walls, the ground squelches beneath your feet. The smell in this corridor is indescribable.

At the end of the corridor is a wooden hatch in the ceiling above you.

This area can be reached by finding the secret door in area 3, or the trapdoor in area 9.

Investigating. A successful DC10 Wisdom (Perception) check lets the adventurers hear voices coming from above in area 9.

Above you can hear two high pitched voices arguing. They seem to be in two minds about what to do with the prisoner they are guarding.

The wooden hatch is closed and locked. It can be opened by a character that succeeds on a DC15 Dexterity check using thieves' tools. This hatch leads to area 9, and a character that succeeds a DC10 Dexterity (Stealth) check may carefully open the hatch and peer into the room above.

SOLDIER BUNK ROOM. 8.

A large chamber, the principal bunk room for the Mouse Soldiers houses up to ten of them at any one time, none are in the room at the moment, and so it is assumed they are out on duty at the moment. This chamber is filled with rough-hewn bunks, tables and chairs, and the floors are strewn with hay and torn paper. There is a faint glow from a few wall sconces that have been lit in here. At a first glance it appears that a dozen or so mouse soldiers might use this area at any one time.

The adventurers can enter this room either via the secret door from area 6, or from the main door off of **area 1**. Another door to the east leads down a corridor to an elaborately decorated locked door at **area 8**.

THE CELLS. 9.

Dozens of blunted and broken arrows lie around the floor. Three crudely sewn targets are hung along the wall. Sconces hang on the wall lighting the room with a dim glow. A permanent camp of sorts lies north of the wall, complete with a fire ring and several small iron cook pots.

Squalor reigns in the low-ceilinged room. A small iron cage is set father back in the room and several corroded manacles are connected to the walls, and some still bind a few crumbling cockroach exoskeletons.

Creatures. There are four **Mouse Soldiers** assigned to watch the room. They seem to be spending their time shooting at the hair-andfur-filled burlap dummies that look vaguely like the Nutcracker and the Queen.

A battered ½ Orc with one eye lies in the cage, which is almost too small for him. Freeing the caged ½ Orc requires either a successful DC15 Strength check to bend the bars or a successful DC15 Dexterity check using thieves' tools to open the cage lock. Upon freeing the ½ Orc the party will quickly realise he is the Nutcracker come alive. He is wearing his soldiers' uniform just like in the painted toy the adventurers saw earlier in the night.

Development. If the characters give the Nutcracker back his sword he charges off out of the room regardless of whether or not the mouse soldiers have been defeated, muttering about saving the Queen and redeeming himself. If the adventurers do not give him back his sword he stays with the party, but cannot fight in any upcoming battles until he gets it back.

Roleplaying The Nutcracker

The ½ Orc has spent a long time as an inanimate toy and finds it hard to communicate with others. His words are clipped and his jaw moves slowly and stiffly. He is a military man and very focused.

If pressed he will tell the adventurers a small amount of his story including:

- 1. He blames himself for the death of his queen
- 2. He regrets being unable to defeat the Mad King last time he faced him
- He has watched the world go by, trapped in the toys body
- He means to make amends by killing the King and freeing Queen Marie

CHAMBER OF THE SUGAR PLUM FAERIE DRAGON. 10.

The adventurers can enter this area in two ways. Either by following the corridor from the cells in area 9, or from the east exit of area 8.

If the party didn't find the cells and rescue The Nutcracker themselves they will find him here calling out the Sugar Plum Faerie Dragon, weaponless.

You walk through into a large chamber with man-made marble floors and ceiling. Bits of smashed furniture and other debris are scattered about the floor. In the center of the room stands the ½ Orc Nutcracker with his sword in hand.

A loud growl fills the room and out of the shadow steps a huge violet dragon with dragon-fly-like wings.

Creature. The violet **sugar plum faerie dragon** is initially out of view, resting in the shadows to the north-east of the room. She is there to guard the entrance to the Mad Mouse Kings throne room. She is hostile to those who enter the chamber and is currently focused on the ½ Orc Nutcracker, who stands in front of her, screaming.

Treasure. The faerie dragon has scoured the room and gathered all items of worth into a nest she has made in the north east corner. The valuables include a dragon-shaped jade figurine (worth 20gp), a crystal goblet (5gp), and twenty-four pieces of fine silverware (1gp each). Two items of considerable value can be unearthed by separate successful DC15 Wisdom (Perception) checks: a fine agate statue of the elven deity Corellon Larethian (worth 45qp) and a medium chain mail shirt.

THE MAD MOUSE KING

After the Sugar Plum Faerie Dragon has been defeated The Nutcracker rushes off up the staircase towards the throne room of the Mad Mouse King.

Up the tall marble staircase is a forty-foot-diameter domed chamber. Dim violet light shines down from the broken skylight above a large golden throne. Upon the throne sits the Mad Mouse King, looking down through each of his seven-heads at The Nutcracker and all of you.

Off to the side of the throne Queen Marie is chained to a smaller throne. Her mouth is gaged, her face is bloodied and bruised, and she appears unconscious.

"Well, well, well, look who's back. I've waited a long time for you Nutcracker" the King says as he gets up off his throne and starts to walk down slowly towards you all.

Creature. The Mad Mouse King is a seven-headed mouse and he is in every sense of the word, mad. Each of his seven heads has its own personality and opinions, with the Kings head in the middle wearing a large crown. Before fighting he will engage the adventurers in conversation where they will get a chance to, if they wish, find out a little more of his story.

The personalities of his additional heads are as follows:

- White. God-fearing, prone to nonunderstandable rants
- 2. Black. Calculated evil, prone to laughing manically to itself at inopportune moments.
- 3. **Green.** Proud, prone to jealousy if it feels it is not getting enough attention
- Blue. Power-hungry, prone to butting in to conversations the other heads are having
- 5. Red. Angry, prone to violent outbursts
- 6. Violet. Gloom, prone to fits of frustration



Facts about the Mad Mouse King:

- The rebounded curse not only turned the King into a very large mouse, but also merged his advisors into his body, giving him 7 heads instead of one.
- The six additional heads often bicker with each other and rarely share the same option. This can make for interesting roleplay during battle.
- Driven mad with remorse for the death of his queen the King cannot be reasoned with.
- He believes that Queen Marie is his dead wife and wants her on the throne with him forever.
- He blames the Nutcracker for his curse, because the ½ Orc fell in love with his wife.

FACING THE MAD MOUSE KING

When the King has finished having his say the characters will take on the most important goal of finishing off the Mad Mouse King and saving Queen Marie. As the King makes his way down to the battle ground the characters will understand that this is no mere monster they face. It should be clear from the stats that the King is a hard boss to battle.

When the Kings hit points are reduced to half, 3 of the six additional heads fall silent and are no longer in action. Roll 3d6 to determine which ones these are:

- 1. White
- 2. Black
- 3. Green
- 4. Blue
- 5. Red
- 6. Violet

During this fight you can opt whether or not to use The Nutcracker, his stats are provided in the monster stats page. If your party is struggling to defeat the king he can come in and give a few swipes, however, if the party are doing well on their own then have him become knocked prone or unconscious for the majority of the fight, coming back into the swing of it when the King is low on hit points. **Treasure.** Characters who survive the Mad Mouse King battle can claim any loot they can carry. Inside the chests by his throne are these items:

- Ninety-seven small gems worth 10gp each
- Three huge gems a 10,000gp peridot, a 50,00 gp emerald, and a 100,000 gp black opal
- Four magic weapons a defender, a sword of vengeance, a berserker axe, and a spear of backbiting
- Twelve potions
- Six spell scrolls, each of a wizard spell of 5th level or lower
- One magic ring, one magic rod, one magic staff, and three wondrous items.

THE KING IS DEAD

After what is sure to be an epic battle the Mad Mouse King is defeated. The Nutcracker scrambles over the Queen Marie and undoes her chains. She is still unconscious at 0 hit points and will need healing in order to wake her.

The Nutcracker offers to carry the Queen back through the dungeon to the safety of her own palace and urges the party to come as well. Upon arrival back through the mouse hole the adventuring party are transformed back to their full size and are standing in the Queens chambers. The Nutcracker stands before you in his ½ Orc form, still carrying the Queen, who he places in her bed.

The ½ Orc follows the adventurers downstairs and begins to clean the bodies that are still on the floor from the rat attack. Drosselmeier is nowhere to be seen.

The adventurers leave the palace, with the loot they collected along the way, and head to the nearest inn where they wish each other a Merry Christmas and enjoy a piping hot roast dinner.



THE DUNGEONS OF THE MOUSE KING









=== BARD FEATURES ===

* Hit Points • PHB 52

* Spellcasting • PHB 52

You can cast known bard spells using CHA as your spellcasting modifier (Spell DC 14, Spell Attack +6) and known bard spells as rituals if they have the ritual tag. You can use a musical instrument as a spellcasting focus.

* Bardic Inspiration • PHB 53

As a bonus action, a creature (other than you) within 60 ft. that can hear you gains an inspiration die (1d8). For 10 minutes, the creature can add it to one ability check, attack roll, or saving throw. This can be added after seeing the roll, but before knowing the outcome.

3 / Short Rest • 1 Bonus Action

* Jack of All Trades • PHB 54 You can add half your proficiency bonus, rounded down, to any ability check you make that doesn't already include it.

* Song of Rest • PHB 54 During a short rest, friendly creatures who can hear your performance regain additional hit points when they spend Hit Dice based on your level: [2nd] 1d6, [9th] 1d8, [13th] 1d10, [17th] 1d12

* Bardic College • PHB 54

College of Valor

* Expertise • PHB 54

Your proficiency bonus is doubled for any ability check you make with chosen proficiencies (2 at 3rd and 10th level).

* Bonus Proficiencies • PHB 55

You gain proficiency with medium armor, shields, and martial weapons.

* Combat Inspiration • PHB 55 A creature that has a Bardic Inspiration die from you can roll that die and add the number rolled to a weapon damage roll, or, when an attack roll is made against the creature, it can use its reaction to roll the die and add the number rolled to its AC against that attack, after seeing the roll but before knowing whether it hits or misses.

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 54

* Font of Inspiration • PHB You regain all of your expended uses of Bardic Inspiration when you finish a short or long rest.

=== TABAXI RACIAL TRAITS ===

* Ability Score Increase • VGtM

* Age • VGtM

- * Alignment VGtM
- * Size VGtM
- * Speed VGtM

* Darkvision • VGtM You can see in darkness (shades of gray) up to 60 ft.

* Feline Agility • VGtM When you move on your turn in combat, you can double your speed until the end of the turn. Once you use this trait, you can't use it again until you move 0 feet on one of your turns.

1 / Other • Special

FEATURES & TRAITS

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L		NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
0	0	Leather	1	10 lb.			
\mathbb{D}		Rapier	1	2 lb.			
	0)	Dagger	1	1 lb.			
\mathbb{L}		Backpack	1	5 lb.			
	0	Bedroll	1	7 lb.			
L		Clothes, Costume	3	12 lb.			
GP	15	Candle	5				
		Rations (1 day)	5	10 lb.			
	0	Waterskin	1	5 lb.			
	WEIGHT CARRIED	Disguise Kit	1	3 lb.			
	62 lb.	Viol	1	1 lb.			
Ш	ENCUMBERED	Bagpipes	1	6 lb.	ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGHT
	0 lb.						
	PUSH/DRAG/LIFT						
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You have a climbing speed of 20 ft. and your claws are natural weapons that deal 1d4 -1 slashing damage, instead of the normal bludgeoning damage for an unarmed strike.

| Claws: 1 Action

* Cat's Talent • VGtM You have proficiency in the Perception and Stealth skills.

* Languages • VGtM

=== FEATS ====

* Lucky • PHB 167

You have 3 luck points per long rest. Whenever you make an attack roll, an ability check, or a saving throw (or when an attack roll is made against you), you can spend one to roll an additional d20 and you choose which die to use. You can choose to spend luck points after you roll the die, but before the outcome is determined.





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Ĺ		NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
S	n	Scale Mail	1	45 lb.	Amulet	1	1 lb.
\mathbb{L}		Shield	1	6 lb.	Clothes, Fine	1	6 lb.
50	0)	Warhammer	1	2 lb.	Signet Ring	1	2005
E		Crossbow, Light	1	5 lb.			
60	0	Crossbow Bolts	20	1.5 lb.			
L		Backpack	1	5 lb.			
G	25	Blanket	1	3 lb.			
JL		Candle	10	-			
CPPE	0 9	Tinderbox	1	1 lb.			
	WEIGHT CARRIED	Alms Box	1	771			
	84.5 lb.	Block of Incense	2	(100)			
	ENCUMBERED	Censer	1	2023	ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGHT
	0 lb.	Vestments	1	<u>855</u> 5			
	PUSH/DRAG/LIFT	Rations (1 day)	2	4 lb.			
	0 lb.	Waterskin	1	5 lb.			
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)	Guidance <c></c>	Cleric	1000	1A	Touch	V,S	1 Minute	PHB 248	D: 1m, V/S
C	Spare the Dying	Cleric	1000	1A	Touch	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 277	V/S
C	Toll the Dead	Cleric	WIS 14	1A	60 ft.	V,S	Instantaneous	XGtE 169	V/S
C	Sacred Flame	Cleric	DEX 14	1A	60 ft.	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 272	V/S
C	Green-Flame Blade	Cleric	+6	1A	5 ft.	V,M	Instantaneous	SCAG	V/M
C	Shocking Grasp	Cleric	+6	1A	Touch	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 275	V/S
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1	Bane <c></c>	Cleric	CHA 14		30 ft.		1 Minute	PHB 216	D: 1m, V/S/M
	Bless <c></c>	Cleric	199 199	1A 1h + 10m	30 ft.		1 Minute	PHB 219	D: 1m, V/S/M
	Ceremony [R] Command	Cleric	WIS 14	1A	Touch 60 ft.	V,S,M V	Instantaneous 1 Round	XGtE 151 PHB 223	V/S/M D: 1Rnd, V
	Create or Destroy Water	Cleric	-	1A			Instantaneous	PHB 223	30 ft. Cube, V/S/M
200	Cure Wounds	Cleric	1025	1A	Touch	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 230	V/S
	Detect Evil and Good <c></c>	Cleric	1022	1A	Self/30 ft. Sphere		10 Minutes	PHB 231	D: 10m, 30 ft. Sphere, V/S
5	Detect Magic [R] <c></c>	Cleric (Always Prepared)	1070	1A	Self/30 ft. Sphere	V,S	10 Minutes	PHB 231	D: 10m, 30 ft. Sphere, V/S
C	Detect Poison and Disease [R] <c></c>	Cleric	1000	1A	Self/30 ft. Sphere	V,S,M	10 Minutes	PHB 231	D: 10m, 30 ft. Sphere, V/S/M
C	Guiding Bolt	Cleric	+6	1A	120 ft.	V,S	1 Round	PHB 248	D: 1Rnd, V/S
C	Healing Word	Cleric	1000	1BA	60 ft.	V	Instantaneous	PHB 250	V
C	Inflict Wounds	Cleric	+6	1A	Touch	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 253	V/S
P	Magic Missile	Cleric (Always Prepared)	91 315	1A	120 ft.	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 257	V/S
	Protection from Evil and Good <c></c>	Cleric	11 111	1A	Touch		10 Minutes	PHB 270	D: 10m, V/S/M
	Purify Food and Drink [R]	Cleric			10 ft./5 ft. Sphere		Instantaneous	PHB 270	5 ft. Sphere, V/S
	Sanctuary	Cleric	WIS 14	1BA	30 ft.		1 Minute	PHB 272	D: 1m, V/S/M
C	Shield of Faith <c></c>	Cleric	-	1BA	60 ft.	V,5,M	10 Minutes	PHB 275	D: 10m, V/S/M
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78.5	Aid	Cleric		1A	30 ft.		8 Hours	PHB 211	D: 8h, V/S/M
	Arcanist's Magic Aura	Cleric (Always Prepared)		1A	Touch		24 Hours	PHB PHB 215	D: 24h, V/S/M
	Augury [R] Blindness/Deafness	Cleric	CON 14	11m	Self 30 ft.	V,S,M	Instantaneous 1 Minute	PHB 215	V/S/M D: 1m, V
b	Calm Emotions <c></c>	Cleric	CHA 14		60 ft./20 ft. Sphere	V,S	1 Minute	PHB 221	D: 1m, 20 ft. Sphere, V/S
	Continual Flame	Cleric	-	1A	Touch		Until Dispelled	PHB 227	D: Until Dispelled, V/S/M
	Enhance Ability <c></c>	Cleric		1A	Touch	V,S,M	1 Hour	PHB 237	D: 1h, V/S/M
	Find Traps	Cleric	100	1A	120 ft.	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 241	V/S
C	Gentle Repose [R]	Cleric	100	1A + 10m	Touch	V,S,M	10 Days	PHB 245	D: 10d, V/S/M
C	Hold Person <c></c>	Cleric	WIS 14	1A	60 ft.	V,S,M	1 Minute	PHB 251	D: 1m, V/S/M
C	Lesser Restoration	Cleric	11 11	1A	Touch	V,S	Instantaneous	PHB 255	V/S
C	Locate Object <c></c>	Cleric	-	1A	Self	V,S,M	10 Minutes	PHB 256	D: 10m, V/S/M
	Magic Weapon <c></c>	Cleric (Always Prepared)		1BA	Touch	V,S	1 Hour	PHB 257	D: 1h, V/S
	Prayer of Healing	Cleric	-	10m	30 ft.	V	Instantaneous	PHB 267	V
	Protection from Poison	Cleric		1A	Touch	V,S	1 Hour	PHB 270	D: 1h, V/S
	Silence [R] <c></c>	Cleric	-	1A + 10m	120 ft./20 ft. Sphere		10 Minutes	PHB 275	D: 10m, 20 ft. Sphere, V/S
	Spiritual Weapon Warding Bond	Cleric	+6	1BA	60 ft.	V,S	1 Minute	PHB 278	D: 1m, V/S
	Zone of Truth	Cleric Cleric	CHA 14	1A 1A	60 ft./15 ft. Sphere	V,S,M V,S	1 Hour 10 Minutes	PHB 287 PHB 289	D: 1h, V/S/M D: 10m, 15 ft. Sphere, V/S
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Fighter 5 CLASS & LEVEL

Dragonborn

RACE

Knight BACKGROUND PLAYER NAME

Once per short rest as an action, exhale destructive

(type determined by your ancestry), taking 2d6 ([6th] 3d6, [11th] 4d6, [16th] 5d6) on a failed save, and half

As an action once per short rest, exhale in a 15 ft.

Cold Damage [6th] 3d6, [11th] 4d6, [16th] 5d6

cone (CON DC 12, half damage on success) for 2d6

You have resistance to the damage type associated

Attacking at long range doesn't impose disadvantage

on your ranged weapon attack rolls and your ranged

weapon attacks ignore half cover and three-quarters

weapon that you are proficient with, you can choose to take a -5 penalty to the attack roll to add +10 to the

cover. Before you make an attack with a ranged

Breath Weapon (White): 1 / Short Rest • 1 Action

energy based on your Draconic Ancestry. Each creature in the area must make a DC 12 saving throw

damage on a successful one.

White Dragon • BR 34

* Damage Resistance • PHB 34

with your draconic ancestry.

White Dragon • BR 34

* Sharpshooter • PHB 170

Cold Damage

=== FEATS ===

attack's damage.

(Milestone) EXPERIENCE POINTS

== FIGHTER FEATURES ===

CHARACTER NAME

* Hit Points • PHB 71

* Proficiencies • PHB 71

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* Fighting Style • PHB 72 You adopt a fighting style specialty.

| Archery • PHB You gain a +2 bonus to hit with ranged weapon attacks.

* Second Wind • PHB 72 Once per short rest, you can use a bonus action to regain 1d10 + 5 HP.

1 / Short Rest • 1 Bonus Action

* Action Surge • PHB 72 Once per short rest, you can take one additional action on your turn. [17th] Twice per short rest

1 / Short Rest · Special

* Martial Archetype • PHB 72

Arcane Archer

* Arcane Archer Lore • XGtE 28 You gain proficiency in an additional skill and learn an additional cantrip.

* Arcane Shot • XGtE 28

Twice per short rest and once per turn when you fire an arrow from a shortbow or longbow as part of the Attack action, you can apply one Arcane Shot option of your choice to that arrow. You decide to use the option when the arrow hits a creature, unless the option doesn't involve an attack roll. 2 / Short Rest · Special

* Arcane Shot Options • XGtE 28

| Enfeebling Arrow • XGtE A creature hit by the arrow takes an extra 2d6 necrotic

damage and must also succeed on a CON saving throw (DC 10), or the damage dealt by its weapon attacks is halved until the start of your next turn. [18th] Increases to 4d6 necrotic damage on hit

Special

| Shadow Arrow • XGtE A creature hit by the arrow takes an extra 2d6 psychic damage, and must succeed on a WIS saving throw (DC 10) or be unable to see anything farther than 5 ft. away until the start of your next turn. [18th] Increases to 4d6 psychic damage on hit.

| Special

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 72

* Extra Attack • PHB 72 You can attack twice whenever you take the Attack action on your turn.

| Special

=== DRAGONBORN RACIAL TRAITS ===

* Draconic Ancestry • PHB 34 You gain a breath weapon and damage resistance with your chosen dragon type.

| White Dragon • BR 34 Cold

* Breath Weapon • PHB 34

FEATURES & TRAITS

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بال		NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
CP	0	Leather	1	10 lb.	Clothes, Fine	1	6 lb.
		Longbow	1	2 lb.	Signet Ring	1	 3
(sp(0)	Flail	1	2 lb.			
		Glaive	1	6 lb.			
Q		Handaxe	1	2 lb.			
J		Handaxe	1	2 lb.			
GP	25	Arrows	20	1 lb.			
بال		Backpack	1	5 lb.			
	0	Bedroll	1	7 lb.			
	WEIGHT CARRIED	Mess Kit	1	1 lb.			
	90 lb.	Tinderbox	1	1 lb.			
	ENCUMBERED	Torch	10	10 lb.	ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGHT
	0 lb.	Rations (1 day)	10	20 lb.			
	PUSH/DRAG/LIFT	Waterskin	1	5 lb.			
	0 lb.	Rope, Hempen (50 feet)	1	10 lb.			
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EQUIPMENT





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Monk 5 CLASS & LEVEL

Tortle

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Pirate BACKGROUND PLAYER NAME

(Milestone) EXPERIENCE POINTS

== MONK FEATURES ===

* Hit Points • PHB 77

* Proficiencies • PHB 77

* Unarmored Defense • PHB 78

While not wearing armor and not using a shield, your AC equals 10 + DEX modifier + WIS modifier.

* Martial Arts • PHB 78

While you are unarmed or wielding only monk weapons and you aren't wearing armor or wielding a shield, you can use DEX instead of STR for the attack and damage rolls, you can roll your Martial Arts damage die in place of the normal damage, and when you use the Attack action on your turn, you can make one unarmed strike as a bonus action.

Unarmed Strike: 1 Bonus Action

* Ki • PHB 78

You can spend Ki Points to fuel ki features. You have 5 points per short rest and your Ki save DC is 12.

Flurry of Blows - After you take the Attack action on your turn, you can spend 1 ki point to make two unarmed strikes as a bonus action.

Patient Defense - You can spend 1 ki point to take the Dodge action as a bonus action on your turn.

Step of the Wind - You can spend 1 ki point to take the Disengage or Dash action as a bonus action on your turn, and your jump distance is doubled for the turn.

Ki Points: 5 / Short Rest • Special

| Flurry of Blows: 1 Bonus Action

| Patient Defense: 1 Bonus Action

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Step of the Wind: 1 Bonus Action

* Unarmored Movement • PHB 78 Your speed increases by 10 feet while you are not wearing armor or wielding a shield.

* Monastic Tradition • PHB 78

Way of the Drunken Master

* Deflect Missiles • PHB 78 You can use your reaction to deflect or catch the missile when you are hit by a ranged weapon attack. When you do so, the damage you take from the attack is reduced by 1410 + 2 + 5. If you reduce damage to 0 and have a free hand, you can spend 1 ki point to make a ranged attack (as with a monk weapon) with a range of 20/60.

1 Reaction

Deflect Missiles Attack: 1 Reaction

* Bonus Proficiencies • XGtE 34 You gain proficiency in the Performance skill and brewer's supplies if you don't already have it.

* Drunken Technique • XGtE 34 Whenever you use Flurry of Blows, you gain the benefit of the Disengage action, and your walking speed increases by 10 ft. until the end of the current turn.

Special

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 78

* Slow Fall • PHB 78

You can use your reaction when you fall to reduce any falling damage you take by 25.

1 Reaction

* Extra Attack • PHB 79

You can attack twice, instead of once, whenever you take the Attack action on your turn.

* Stunning Strike • PHB 79

When you hit with a melee weapon attack, you can spend 1 ki point to make the target stunned until the end of your next turn if it fails a CON saving throw (DC 12).

| Special

=== TORTLE RACIAL TRAITS ===

* Claws • TTP

Your claws are natural weapons that deal 1d4 + STR modifier slashing damage, instead of the normal bludgeoning damage for an unarmed strike.

1 Action

* Hold Breath • TTP You can hold your breath for up to 1 hour at a time.

* Natural Armor • TTP

Your shell gives you a base AC of 17 (your DEX modifier does not apply). You can use a shield and apply its bonus as normal.

* Shell Defense • TTP

As an action, you can withdraw into your shell to gain a +4 bonus to AC and advantage on STR and CON saving throws. While in your shell, you are prone, your speed is 0, you have disadvantage on DEX saving throws, and you can't take reactions. You can emerge from your shell as a bonus action.

FEATURES & TRAITS

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A		NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
9	0	Quarterstaff	1	4 lb.			
Γ		Dart	10	2.5 lb.			
\subseteq	0)	Backpack	1	5 lb.			
		Clothes, Common	1	3 lb.			
$\subseteq 0$	0	Crowbar	1	5 lb.			
Д		Hammer	1	3 lb.			
GPQ	10	Piton	10	2.5 lb.			
Д		Rations (1 day)	10	20 lb.			
(PPB	0 9	Rope, Hempen (50 feet)	1	10 lb.			
	WEIGHT CARRIED	Rope, Silk (50 feet)	1	5 lb.			
	76 lb.	Tinderbox	1	1 lb.			
	ENCUMBERED	Torch	10	10 lb.	ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGHT
	0 lb.	Waterskin	1	5 lb.			
	PUSH/DRAG/LIFT						

EQUIPMENT



1 Action

* Survival Instinct • TTP You gain proficiency in the Survival skill.

=== FEATS ===

* Tavern Brawler • PHB 170 Increase your STR or CON score by 1. You are proficient with improvised weapons. Your unarmed strike uses a d4 for damage. When you hit a creature with an unarmed strike or an improvised weapon on your turn, you can use a bonus action to attempt to grapple the target.

| Tavem Brawler Strike: 1 Action

| Tavern Brawler Grapple: 1 Bonus Action

ADDITIONAL FEATURES & TRAITS

NAME

NAME

QTY WEIGHT

QTY WEIGHT

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT






== ROGUE FEATURES ===

* Hit Points • PHB 95

* Proficiencies • PHB 95

* Expertise • PHB 96

Your proficiency bonus is doubled for any ability check you make for two chosen proficiencies. [6th] Choose two additional proficiencies.

* Sneak Attack • PHB 96

Once per turn, you can deal an extra 3d6 damage to one creature you hit with an attack with a finesse or ranged weapon if you have advantage on the attack roll. You don't need advantage on the attack roll if another enemy of the target is within 5 ft. of it, that enemy isn't incapacitated, and you don't have disadvantage on the attack roll.

| Special

* Thieves' Cant • PHB 96

You have learned thieves' cant, a secret mix of dialect, jargon, and code that allows you to hide messages in seemingly normal conversation. It takes four times longer to convey such a message than it does to speak the same idea plainly.

* Cunning Action • PHB 96 You can take a bonus action on each of your turns to take the Dash, Disengage, or Hide action.

| 1 Bonus Action

* Roguish Archetype • PHB 96

| Mastermind

* Master of Intrigue • SCAG 46 You gain proficiency with the disguise kit, the forgery kit, and one gaming set of your choice. You also learn two languages of your choice, and you can unerringly mimic the speech patterns and accent of a creature that you hear speak for at least 1 minute.

* Master of Tactics • SCAG 46 You can use the Help action as a bonus action, and when you use the Help action to aid an ally in attacking a creature, the target of that attack can be within 30 ft. of you if it can see and hear you.

1 Bonus Action

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 96

* Uncanny Dodge • PHB 96 When an attacker that you can see hits you with an attack, you can use your reaction to halve the attack's damage against you.

| 1 Reaction

=== ELADRIN RACIAL TRAITS ===

* Darkvision • PHB 23 You can see in darkness (shades of gray) up to 60 ft.

* Keen Senses • PHB 23 You have proficiency in the Perception skill.

* Fey Ancestry • PHB 23 You have advantage on saves against being charmed, and magic can't put you to sleep.

* Trance • PHB 23 You don't need to sleep, but meditate semiconsciously for 4 hours a day. While meditating, you can dream after a fashion; such dreams are actually mental exercises that have become reflexive through years of practice. After resting in this way, you gain the same benefit that a human does from 8 hours of sleep.

* Ability Score Increase • MToF 61 Your Charisma score increases by 1.

* Fey Step • MToF 62

Once per short rest as a bonus action, you can magically teleport up to 30 ft. to an unoccupied space you can see. [3rd] Your Fey Step gains an additional effect based on your current season (DC 13 if the effect requires a saving throw).

1 / Short Rest • 1 Bonus Action

=== FEATS ===

* Alert • PHB 165 You gain a +5 bonus to initiative, you can't be surprised while you are conscious, and other creatures don't gain advantage on attack rolls against you as a result of being unseen by you.

FEATURES & TRAITS

	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
n	Leather	1	10 lb.	Oil (flask)	2	2 lb.
	Rapier	1	2 lb.	Rations (1 day)	5	10 lb.
0)	Shortbow	1	2 lb.	Tinderbox	1	1 lb.
	Dagger	1	1 lb.	Waterskin	1	5 lb.
0	Dagger	1	1 lb.	Rope, Hempen (50 feet)	1	10 lb.
7	Arrows	20	1 lb.	Thieves' Tools	1	1 lb.
15 🐧	Backpack	1	5 lb.	Clothes, Common	1	3 lb.
	Ball Bearings (bag of 1,000)	1,000	2 lb.			
0	String	10				
EIGHT CARRIED	Bell	1				
73.5 lb.	Candle	1	100 l			
ENCUMBERED	Crowbar	2	10 lb.	ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGH
0 lb.	Hammer	1	3 lb.			
PUSH/DRAG/LIFT	Piton	10	2.5 lb.			
0 lb.	Lantern, Hooded	1	2 lb.			

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Warlock 5 CLASS & LEVEL

Kenku

RACE

CHARACTER NAME

Sgraiw

== WARLOCK FEATURES ===

* Hit Points • PHB 106

* Proficiencies • PHB 107

* Otherworldly Patron • PHB 107 You have struck a bargain with an otherworldly being.

| The Hexblade

* Pact Magic • PHB 107

You can cast known warlock spells using CHA as your spellcasting modifier (Spell DC 12, Spell Attack +4). You can use an arcane focus as a spellcasting focus.

* Expanded Spell List • XGtE 55 Additional spells are added to the warlock spell list for you

* Hexblade's Curse • XGtE 55

Once per short rest, as a bonus action, choose one creature you can see within 30 ft. to curse it for 1 minute (or until the target dies, you die, or you are incapacitated). Against the cursed target, you gain a 3 bonus to damage rolls, score a critical hit on a roll of 19 or 20, and you regain +6 HP if it dies.

1 / Short Rest • 1 Bonus Action

* Hex Warrior • XGtE 55

You gain proficiency with medium armor, shields, and martial weapons. Whenever you finish a long rest, you can touch one weapon that you are proficient with and that lacks the two-handed property (or any of your pact weapons). With that weapon, you can use your CHA modifier for the attack and damage rolls until you finish your next long rest.

| Special

* Eldritch Invocations • PHB 107 You learn fragments of forbidden knowledge that imbue you with an abiding magical ability.

Eldritch Spear • PHB 111

When you cast eldritch blast, its range is 300 ft.

| Maddening Hex • XGtE 57 As a bonus action, you can deal +1 psychic damage to the target cursed by your hex spell (or other cursing warlock feature) that you can see if it is within 30 ft, and also to creatures of your choice within 5 ft. of the cursed target.

| 1 Bonus Action

| Sign of III Omen • PHB 111 Once per long rest, you can cast bestow curse using a warlock spell slot.

* Pact Boon • PHB 107 Your otherworldly patron bestows a gift upon you for your loyal service.

| Pact of the Blade • PHB As an action, you can create a pact weapon in your hand (you choose the form, you're proficient with it, and it counts as magical). You can also transform a magic weapon into your pact weapon by performing a special ritual.

FEATURES & TRAITS

Create Pact Weapon: 1 Action

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 108

=== KENKU RACIAL TRAITS ===

* Ability Score Increase • VGtM

* Age • VGtM

* Alignment • VGtM

* Size • VGtM

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* Speed • VGtM

* Expert Forgery • VGtM You have advantage on all checks made to produce forgeries or duplicates of existing objects.

* Kenku Training • VGtM You are proficient in your choice of two of the following

You are proticient in your choice of two of the following skills: Acrobatics, Deception, Stealth, and Sleight of Hand.

* Mimicry • VGtM

You can mimic sounds you have heard. A creature can tell these sounds are imitations with an Insight check opposed by your Deception check.

* Languages • VGtM

=== FEATS ====

* Spell Sniper (Bard, warlock, Warlock) • PHB 170 When you cast a spell that requires you to make an attack roll, the spell's range is doubled. Your ranged spell attacks ignore half cover and three-quarters cover. You learn one cantrip that requires an attack roll from your chosen class spell list (CHA is your spellcasting ability for it).

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=== WIZARD FEATURES ===

* Hit Points • PHB 113

* Proficiencies • PHB 113

* Spellcasting • PHB 114

You can cast prepared wizard spells using INT as your spellcasting modifier (Spell DC 14, Spell Attack +6) and wizard spells in your spellbook as rituals if they have the ritual tag. You can use an arcane focus as a spellcasting focus.

* Arcane Recovery • PHB 115 Once per day when you finish a short rest, you can choose expended spell slots to recover - up to a combined level of 3, and none of the slots can be 6th level or higher.

1 / Long Rest · Special

* Arcane Tradition • PHB 115

School of Abjuration

* Abjuration Savant • PHB 115 The gold and time you must spend to copy an abjuration spell into your spellbook is halved.

* Arcane Ward • PHB 115

Once per long rest, when you cast an abjuration spell of 1st level or higher, you can create a magical ward on yourself that lasts until you finish a long rest. The ward has +13 max HP, and takes damage instead of you until it reaches 0 HP. Whenever you cast an abjuration spell of 1st level or higher, the ward regains HP equal to twice the level of the spell.

1 / Long Rest · Special

* Ability Score Improvement • PHB 115

check, or saving throw, you can reroll the die and must use the new roll. ack +6) if they * Brave • PHB 28 you have advantage on saving throws against being frightened. * Halfling Nimbleness • PHB 28 You can move through the space of any creature that is of a size larger than yours. an be 6th * Silent Speech • SCAG You can speak telepathically to any one creature you share a language with within 30 ft. === FEATS === * Observant • PHB 168

=== GHOSTWISE HALFLING RACIAL TRAITS ===

When you roll a 1 on the d20 for an attack roll, ability

* Lucky • PHB 28

Increase your INT or WIS score by 1. If you can see a creature's mouth while it is speaking a language you understand, you can interpret what it's saying by reading its lips. You have a +5 bonus to your passive Perception and passive Investigation scores.

FEATURES & TRAITS

	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT	NAME	QTY	WEIGHT
0	Quarterstaff	1	4 lb.			
	Component Pouch	1	2 lb.			
(O)	Backpack	1	5 lb.			
	Book	1	5 lb.			
0	Ink (1 ounce bottle)	1	<u>222</u> 6			
	Ink Pen	1	222			
10 🐧	Parchment (one sheet)	10				
	Little Bag of Sand	1				
0 9	Small Knife	1				
WEIGHT CARRIED	Spellbook	1	3 lb.			
22 lb.	Clothes, Common	1	3 lb.			
ENCUMBERED				ATTUNED MAGIC ITEMS	QTY	WEIGHT
0 lb.						
PUSH/DRAG/LIFT						
0 lb.						
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MONSTERS

SWARM OF MICE

Medium swarm of tiny beasts, unaligned

Armor Class 10 **Hit Points** 24 (7d8 – 7) **Speed** 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
9 (-1)	11 (+0)	9 (-1)	2 (-4)	10 (+0)	3 (-4)

Damage Resistances bludgeoning, piercing, slashing Condition Immunities charmed, frightened, grappled, paralyzed, petrified, prone, restrained, stunned Senses darksight 30 ft., passive perception 10. Languages -

Challenge ¼ (50 XP)

Keen Smell. The swarm has advantage on Wisdom (Perception) checks that rely on smell

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

ACTIONS

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +2 to hit, reach 0 ft., one target, one target in the swarms space. Hit: 7 (2d6) piercing damage, 3 (1d6) piercing damage if the swarm has half its hit points or fewer.

COCKROACH

Large beast, neutral evil

Armor Class 15 (natural armor) Hit Points 68 (8d10 + 24) Speed 20 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
15 (+2)	15 (+2)	12 (+1)	11 (+0)	14 (+2)	10 (+0)

Saving Throws. Dex +4, Wis +4 Damage Resistances. cold, fire, lightning Damage Immunities. poisoned Condition Immunities. poison Senses darksight 60 ft., passive perception 15. Languages Abyssal Challenge 5 (1,800 XP)

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

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

ACTIONS

Multiattack. The cockroach makes two attacks with its bite.

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target, Hit: 16 (4d6 + 2) piercing damage plus 24 (7d6) necrotic damage

SUGAR PLUM FAERIE DRAGON

Large dragon, chaotic neutral

Armor Class 18 (natural armor) **Hit Points** 136 (13d10 + 65) **Speed** 40 ft, fly 80ft

 STR
 DEX
 CON
 INT
 WIS
 CHA

 21 (+5)
 10 (+0)
 19 (+4)
 14 (+2)
 13 (+1)
 17 (+3)

Saving throws. Dex +3, Con +7, Wis +4, Cha +6 Condition Immunities lightning Senses darksight 120 ft., blindsight 30 ft. Passive Perception 17 Languages Common, Draconic Challenge 8 (3,900 XP)

Innate Spellcasting. The dragons innate spellcasting ability is Charisma (spell save DC 13). It can innately cast a number of spells, requiring no material components.

Violet 1/day: Dancing Lights, Mirror Image, Hallucinatory Terrain, Polymorph

Limited Telepathy. Using telepathy, the dragon can magically communicate with any other faerie dragon within 60 feet of it.

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

ACTIONS

Multiattack. The dragon makes three attacks: one with its bite and two with its claws.

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

Claw: *Melee Weapon Attack*: +8 to hit, reach 5ft., one target. Hit: 12 (2d6 + 5) slashing damage.

Euphoria Breath (recharge 5-6). The dragon exhales a puff of euphoria gas at one creature within 5 ft of it. The target must succeed a DC12 Wisdom saving throw, or for 1 minute, the target can't take reactions and must roll a d6 at the start of each of its turns to determine its behaviour during the turn:

1-4. The target takes no action or bonus action and uses all of its movement to move in a random direction.

5-6. The target doesn't move, and the only thing it can do on its turn is make a DC12 Wisdom saving throw, ending the effect on itself on a success.

MOUSE SOLDIER

Medium humanoid, any alignment

Armor Class 17 (Splint) Hit Points 58 (9d8 + 18) Speed 30 ft.

 STR
 DEX
 CON
 INT
 WIS
 CHA

 16 (+3)
 13 (+1)
 14 (+2)
 10 (+0)
 11 (+0)
 10 (+0)

Skills. Athletics +5, Perception + 2 Senses. passive perception 12. Languages Common Challenge. 3 (700 XP)

ACTIONS

Multiattack. The mouse soldier makes two longsword attacks. If it has a shortsword drawn, it can also make a shortsword attack,

Longsword. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 7 (1d8 + 3) slashing damage, or 8 (1d10 + 3) slashing damage if used with two hands.

Shortsword. Melee Weapon Attack: +5 to hit, reach 5ft., on target. Hit 6 (1d6 + 3) piercing damage.

Heavy Crossbow. Ranged Weapon Attack: +3 to hit, range 100/400 ft., one target. Hit: 6 (1d10 + 1) piercing damage.

GUARD

Medium humanoid, any alignment

Armor Class 16 (breastplate) Hit Points 58 (9d8 + 18) Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA	
16 (+3)	13 (+1)	14 (+2)	10 (+0)	11 (+0)	10 (+0)	

Skills. Deception + 5, Insight +4, Persuasion +5 Senses. passive perception 12. Language. Common Challenge. 1/8 (25 XP)

ACTIONS

Rapier. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +3 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 5 (1d8 + 1) piercing damage.

REACTIONS

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



WOODEN SOLDIER

Medium humanoid, any alignment

Armor Class 15 (breastplate) Hit Points 9 (2d8) Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
11 (+0)	12 (+1)	11 (+0)	12 (+1)	14 (+2)	16 (+3)

Skills. Deception + 5, Insight +4, Persuasion +5 Senses. passive perception 12. Languages Common, Abyssal Challenge. 1/8 (25 XP)

ACTIONS

Rapier. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +3 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 5 (1d8 + 1) piercing damage.

THE NUTCRACKER

Medium 1/2 Orc, Lawful Good

Armor Class 17 (Studded leather, shield) Hit Points 112 (15d8 + 45) Speed 30 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
18 (+4)	15 (+2)	16 (+3)	10 (+0)	12 (+1)	15 (+2)

Saving throws. Str +7, Dex +5, Con +6 Skills. Athletics +10, Intimidation +5 Senses. passive perception 11 Languages Common Challenge. 5 (1,800 XP)

Brave. The Nutcracker has advantage on saving throws against being frightened.

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

ACTIONS

Multiattack. The Nutcracker makes three melee attacks or two ranged attacks.

Longsword. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +5 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 7 (1d8 + 3) slashing damage, or 8 (1d10 + 3) slashing damage if used with two hands.

Shield bash. Melee Weapon Attack: +7 to hit, reach 5ft., on target. Hit 69 (2d4 + 4) bludgeoning damage. If the target is a medium or smaller creature, it must succeed on a DC15 Strength saving throw or be knocked prone.

Spear. Melee or Ranged Weapon Attack: +7 to hit, range 20/60 ft., one target. Hit:11 (2d6 + 4) piercing damage, or 13 (2d8 + 4) piercing damage is used with two hands to make a melee attack.

REACTIONS

Parry. The Nutcracker adds 3 to its AC against one melee attack that would hit it. To do so, the Nutcracker must see the attacker and be wielding a melee weapon.

THE MAD MOUSE KING

Large seven-headed monstrosity, chaotic evil

Armor Class 19 (natural armor) Hit Points 300 (24d10 + 168) Speed 40 ft, fly 80ft

 STR
 DEX
 CON
 INT
 WIS
 CHA

 23 (+6)
 16 (+3)
 18 (+4)
 7 (-2)
 14 (+2)
 12 (+1)

Skills. Perception + 6, Stealth + 7 Saving throws. Dex +3, Con +7, Wis +4, Cha +6

Senses darksight 90 ft., blindsight 30 ft. Passive Perception 16 Languages Common, Abyssal Challenge 11 (7,200 XP)

Innate Spellcasting (3/Day). The king can innately cast Divine Word (spell save DC 13). His spellcasting ability is Wisdom.

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

Limited Magic Resistance. The King has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

Multiple Heads. The King can take two reactions per round, and has advantage on saving throws against being knocked unconscious. If he fails a saving throw that would normally stun a creature, one of his legendary actions is spent instead.

ACTIONS

Multiattack. The King makes three attacks. One with his bite, one with his claws, and one with his tail.

Bite. *Melee Weapon Attack*: +10 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target, Hit: 22 (3d10 + 6) piercing damage.

Claw: *Melee Weapon Attack*: +10 to hit, reach 5ft., one target. Hit: 12 (2d6 + 5) slashing damage.

Tail: Melee Weapon Attack: + 10 to hit, reach 15 ft., one target. Hit 6 (1d6 + 3) bludgeoning damage.

LEGENDARY ACTIONS

The King can take 3 legendary actions per day, choosing from the options below. Only one legendary option can be used as a time, and only at the end of another creatures turn.

Bite (costs 1 action). *Melee Weapon Attack*: +10 to hit, reach 10 ft., one target, Hit: 22 (3d10 + 6) piercing damage plus 7 (2d6) cold damage (white mouse head), acid damage (black mouse head), poison damage (green mouse head), lightning damage (blue mouse head), fire (red mouse head), or psychic damage (purple mouse head).

White mouse head. Cold breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes an icy blast in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) cold damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Black mouse head. Acid breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes a black smoky blast in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) acid damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Green mouse head. Cold breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes an green fog cloud blast in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) poison damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Blue mouse head. Cold breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes an electric blast in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) lightning damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Red mouse head. Cold breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes a fiery blast in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) fire damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.

Violet mouse head. Cold breath (Costs 2 actions). The King breathes a mighty scream in a 30-foot cone. Each creature in that area must make a DC15 Dexterity saving throw, taking 18 (4d8) psychic damage on a failed save, or half as much damage on a successful one.



THE NUTCRACKER & THE MOUSE KING

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