

MONSTER LOOT

LOST MINE OF PHANDELVER



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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK?

The work is half the reward, but what if you want the whole reward? After braving the dangers of an acid-spewing dragon or the petrifying gaze of a snake-headed medusa, it is reasonable that the adventurers who survived the monster's onslaught might claim some sort of prize. This document supplies a list of items and loot that traveling adventurers might find on the monsters they encounter and slay on their fantastical journeys.

What follows in this section are some light mechanics for harvesting dead creatures. There are different types of loot that can be found on a monster, not all of which are necessarily useful for a group of travelling adventures. The supplied loot tied to each monster are simply suggestions that can be changed by the DM to fit the circumstances of the campaign they are running.

The loot found within this document has been designed with the rules below in mind for two reasons. First, this prevents characters immediately picking something up from a monster and using it seconds later. Second, this document assumes that there is a body left to harvest once the creature has been killed. This should be considered when the adventurers are fighting demons and devils, which are likely to leave no corpse as they respawn on their home plane after being killed on the Material Plane.

KILLING HUMANOID ENEMIES

Many humanoid enemies exist within the worlds of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS. Some of the more popular include goblins and orcs. Opposing their wicked ways have set brave adventurers on the path to becoming legends of the realm.

When killing a humanoid enemy, the adventurers are entitled to any loot the humanoid may carry on their person. Weapons, armor, and other sparse items are listed below the humanoid's name, as with every other monster. However, harvesting body parts, such as hide and flesh, from humanoid creatures is not something this document covers because we don't encourage adventurers to tear into the bodies of people.

HARVESTING CHECKS

There are a few ways to harvest the monsters found in the worlds of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, and doing so can impact the nature of the game being played. What follows are some suggestions as to how the characters might be able to harvest a recently deceased creature.

ABILITY CHECK

When a character attempts to harvest a creature, they must first succeed on a specific ability check to successfully harvest the components from it. The nature of the ability check depends on the monster's type. The following table should be seen as a suggestion for splitting up the checks and can be changed to better fit the nature of the game at hand.

TYPE OF ABILITY CHECK

Creature Type	Ability Check
Beast, dragon, giant, monstrosity, plant	Nature
Humanoid	Survival
Celestial, fiend, undead	Religion
Aberration, construct, elemental, fey, ooze	Arcana

The DC of the check is determined by the CR of the creature being harvested, but the harvesting check DC cannot be lower than 10 and cannot be higher than 30. If a character succeeds on the ability check, they are able to harvest all available loot on the monster. If they fail the check, the character is only able to harvest half of the items.

Harvesting Check DC = 10 + monster CR
(not lower than 10 and not higher than 30)

If the character fails the check by 5 or more, a mishap occurs during the harvesting process. This could be anything from piercing a gland of acid to an environmental accident, such as a rock slide covering the creature. Regardless of the nature of the mishap, all loot is lost.

Remember that two characters can help one another harvest a creature. This means that one of them gains advantage on their roll, thereby increasing their chances of successfully looting the monster.

TOOL CHECK

Without the necessary tools, the characters might be unable to fully harvest the monster in question. The set of tools needed, if any, to harvest the creature is up to the DM and can vary from monster to monster. Weapons and armor can simply be picked up from the ground, while organs and hide need more finesse to obtain.

Alternatively, the DM can introduce the idea of harvester's tools, a type of artisan's tools that are required when harvesting certain resources from a creature, such as hide and organs. The harvester's tools come in a leather satchel that can be rolled out for easy use while in the field. The tool set includes a bonesaw, a thinly bladed knife, a whetstone, a scraper, and a mincing blade. The price for a set of harvester's tools is 30 gp.

HARVEST TIME

The size of the creature being harvested can heavily impact how long it takes to completely loot the monster. If the adventurers are unwilling to harvest for the entire duration, or they are somehow interrupted, they only get a portion of the loot. The amount of loot they get in such a situation varies and is decided by the DM.

TIME SPEND HARVESTING

Monster Size	Time to Fully Harvest
Tiny	Less than ½ hour
Small	½ hour
Medium	1 hour
Large	2 hours
Huge	4 hours
Gargantuan	8+ hours

TIME OF DEATH

The amount of loot available on a creature can vary depending on time since death. If the characters just killed it, all the loot is available to them if they wish to harvest the creature. This is not the case if they stumble upon a carcass that has been rotting away in the wild for several weeks.

The DM should estimate the amount of loot left on a monster if the party stumbles upon a dead creature. In most cases, it is impossible to harvest food from creatures entering a state of decay. There are exceptions to this, such as a character using the spell *purify food and water* on the carcass, which might cleanse the flesh enough that rations can be harvested.

TYPES OF LOOT

Some creatures are able to use armor and weapons, but they don't always take the best care of them. If an item has the broken descriptor, the item was damaged prior to fighting or during the fight in which the creature died. A broken item does not function until it has been repaired by an artisan or by a creature with proficiency in the required set of tools. To repair the item, the characters must pay half of the cost of the item. For instance, a broken glaive with an initial cost of 20 gp would cost 10 gp to repair.

Other items, such as blood or other liquids, are harvested in vials. This means that, unless a character has some sort of container to gather the item, they cannot harvest it from the creature. A single vial holds four ounces of liquid. If items like dust or ash can be harvested, these also need to be stored in some sort of container if the characters wish to bring it with them.

Some creatures, like beasts and monstrosities, might yield rations. This refers to harvesting meat from the creature that can be eaten as a day's ration. Whether or not this meat needs to be cooked before it is edible and how long it lasts before it turns rancid is determined by the DM. Most meat starts to go bad after 1-2 days, if not cooked or cured.

Certain creatures have items that can be used as an additional material component for spellcasters. The use of these components must be declared before any saving throws or attack rolls are made because of the spell in question. When the item is used in this way, it is consumed in the process of casting the spell and cannot be reused.

start of each of its turns. The creature can use an action to scrape the goop off, ending the effect early.

ORC

- 1 Broken Greataxe.
- 1 Broken Hide Armor (size Medium).
- 1d4 Javelins.

OWLBEAF

- 1d6 Owlbear Claws. Can be crafted into a dagger (2 gp, 1 day).
- 2d6 Owlbear Feathers. Two feathers can be used as fletching on an arrow or a crossbow bolt. Ranged attacks that use ammunition made from these feathers deal an additional 1d4 damage on a hit. After the ammunition has been fired, it loses this property.
- 2d6 Rations.

REDBRAND RUFFIAN

- 1 Broken Shortsword.
- 1 Broken Studded Leather Armor (size Medium).

SILDAR HALLWINTER

- 1 Broken Chain Mail.
- 2d6 Crossbow Bolts.
- 1 Broken Heavy Crossbow.
- 1 Broken Longsword.

SKELETON

- 2d6 Arrows.
- 1 Broken Shortbow.
- 1 Broken Shortsword.

SPECTATOR

- 1 Large Spectator Eye. Can be crafted into a counter shield (500 gp, 30 days). Requires attunement. Once per day, you can activate the shield as a reaction and cast *counterspell* at its lowest level. If you have to make an ability check when using this feature because of the opponent's spell level, you add +2 to the ability check. You add no other modifier.
- 1d2 Spectator Eyestalks. Once per day, the eye stalk can fire one spectator eye ray. The type of ray being fired depends on the type of eye stalk it was shot from. The type of eye stalk is determined at random when the stalk is harvested.
- 2d6 Spectator Teeth. These teeth can be sold for 2 gold pieces per tooth.

STIRGE

- 1 Ration.
- 1 Stirge Proboscis. Functions as a dart.

TWIG BLIGHT

- 1 Twig. Can be used as an arcane focus or a druidic focus.

WOLF

- 1d6 Rations.
- 1 Wolf Hide. Two hides can be crafted into leather armor (10 gp, 2 days) or studded leather armor (45 gp, 3 days).

YOUNG GREEN DRAGON

- 1d2 Green Dragon Claws. Can be crafted into a dagger (150 gp, 9 days). On a hit, you deal an additional 1d6 poison damage with this weapon.
- 1d2 Green Dragon Fangs. Can be crafted into a shortsword (150 gp, 9 days). On a hit, you deal an additional 1d6 poison damage with this weapon.



