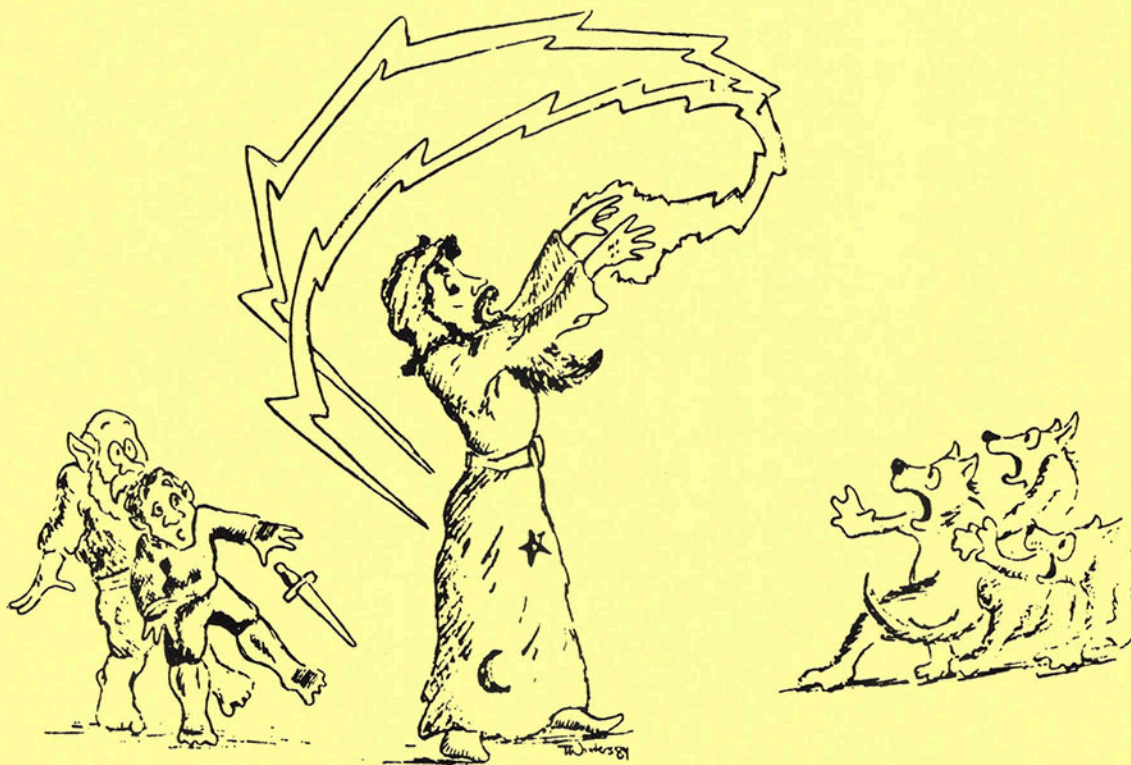


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SPELL BACKFIRE RESULTS

FOR BOTH SPELLS AND MAGICAL DEVICES

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| POSSIBILITY OF SPELL BACKFIRING | - BASE CHANCE 5% |
| FOR EACH POINT OF INTELLIGENCE | |
| OF THE SPELL CASTER OVER 16 | - SUBTRACT 1% |
| ALIGNMENT OF TERRITORY:* | |
| SAME AS SPELL CASTER | - SUBTRACT 3% |
| NEUTRAL OR 50% DIFFERENT | - ADD 5% |
| 100% OPPOSED | - ADD 10% |
| MAGIC ATTEMPTED IN PRESENCE | |
| "BEING" ** OF OPPOSITE ALIGNMENT- | ADD 20% |

EFFECT ON CASTER

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|---|---|
| 1 - 10 = LOSE 1 TO 4 HIT POINTS | 71 - 75 = CASTER CURSED WITH INSOMNIA FOR 1 TO 6 DAYS. (CAN'T RELEARN SPELLS) |
| 11 - 20 = LOSE 1 TO 8 HIT POINTS | |
| 21 - 25 = LOSE 1 TO 12 HIT POINTS | 76 - 80 = CASTER CURSED WITH MUSCLE SPASM FOR 1 TO 6 DAYS (CAN'T CAST SPELLS) |
| 26 - 30 = LOSE 1 TO 20 HIT POINTS | |
| 31 - 40 = REVERSED AFFECT ON TARGET | 81 - 85 = CASTER CURSED WITH AMNESIA FORGETS 1 TO 6 SPELLS |
| 41 - 50 = SPELL BOUNCES: HITS CASTER | |
| 51 - 55 = SPELL RICOCHETS: HITS RANDOM PERSON IN PARTY. | 86 - 97 = CASTER CURSED WITH AMNESIA FORGETS COMMAND WORD FOR 1 TO 4 MAGICAL DEVICES. |
| 56 - 57 = CASTER BLINDED: 1 - 10 TURNS | |
| 58 - 59 = CASTER BLINDED: 1 - 20 TURNS | 98 - 99 = CASTER CURSED WITH TOTAL AMNESIA |
| 60 - 65 = CASTER MUTED: 1 - 10 TURNS | 100 = CASTER KILLED INSTANTLY. |
| | NO SAVING THROW ALLOWED. |
| 66 - 70 = CASTER MUTED: 1 - 20 TURNS | |
| CAN'T CAST SPELLS OR USE DEVICES | |

INSTRUCTIONS: Roll percentile dice and compare the number to the table. The results are applied immediately. No saving throw is permitted as that is included in the chance for the spell to backfire. If the spell does backfire, the spell that is being cast is not important. The results of the backfire is determined by the dice roll and have no connection with the normal results of the spell cast. The spell backfire affects only the caster and no other member of the party, even area effect spells.

* A territory has an alignment when some powerful creature controls its area. For example, the castle of an evil wizard the castle will take on the alignment of the wizard. The alignment of the area should be determined by the dungeon master according to the predominate alignment of the creatures who reside there.

** "Being" refer to Demons, Demigods, Devils, Gods, or Powerful Magic Users.

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