TREASURES OF NEOEXODUS: WYRDCLAW & DRAGONSBREATH



The tales of Desert Shade, First Khagan of the Dominion, are many, varied, and often made of equal parts fact and fiction. One particular tale tells of an enemy wizard that opposed him in the early days, before he declared himself Khan of Khans. According to this tale, Desert Shade was nearly defeated. He was saved by a gift from a rival of the enemy wizard: a magical scimitar and shield, which gave the First Khagan the edge to defeat his enemy and forge a kingdom.

HISTORY

In ages past, a warrior of surpassing skill and cunning earned his place as leader of the Cordelian people. His name is lost to time, but he is known as Desert Shade to the people of the Dominion. Yet there was a time when his legacy was in doubt, when a cunning enemy opposed him at every turn. Had it been so, there may have been no Dominion and Desert Shade's name would not have rung through the ages.

In the early days of his career, before the founding of the city of Qijom, Desert Shade insulted the honor of a powerful wizard. This wizard, known only as Burning Sands, then turned his considerable talents toward undoing all that the mighty warrior had built. He vexed Desert Shade greatly, killing his men, stealing his treasures, and causing great turmoil among his people. Many times Desert Shade attempted to put an end to Burning Sands, but always the wizard's cunning and arcane power kept him one step ahead of Desert Shade. The wizard would escape time and time again, unstoppable as the desert wind, leaving behind destruction and the echoes of mocking laughter. Desert Shade's people began to scatter,

seeking sanctuary with other khans. Then one day a visitor arrived at Desert Shade's camp, seeking audience.



The visitor was a sorcerer called Blessed
Oasis. She told Desert Shade that
Burning Sands was an enemy in

her advice, she could assist him in defeating the wizard and saving himself from ruin. With little left to him but his wits and wisdom, Desert Shade accepted her counsel.

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Soon after, Desert Shade announced his impending marriage. A great caravan conveyed his bride from another khanate. In the midst of the trek, Burning Sands attacked. He summoned a great wind, sending blinding sand that panicked the animals and scattered the

guards. The wizard then approached the silk palanquin carrying Desert Shade's bride-to-be. With a wave of his hand, the silk covering was ripped away. To his surprise, there was no young maiden within. Instead, Desert Shade leapt forth, brandishing a magical scimitar and shield, both newly crafted for him by Blessed Oasis.

Burning Sands was confident, having met the warrior on the field of battle before and been victorious each time. He sent a bolt of blazing fire at Desert Shade, only to have it swallowed by the shield. In a rush, Desert Shade charged forward, his scimitar moving in a flashing blur. The wizard, protected by spells that could turn the sharpest blade, never flinched. But when the blade landed, his protections faded like smoke before a wind. The flashing blade bit deep and the desert sands drank thirstily of the wizard's blood.

No fool, the wizard attempted to flee, using his magic to leap into the sky like a bird and escape. This time, Desert Shade leapt into the air after him. His sorcerous ally, invisible and

> accompanying him on the journey, used her magic to grant him flight. As the two soared through the



air, Desert Shade raised his shield and used the wizard's own magic to engulf him in a blast of fire. Burning, the wizard plummeted, falling hard upon the sands. As he attempted to crawl away, the First Khagan landed, strode up, and beheaded him with a final stroke.

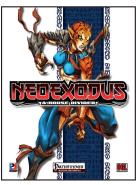
With the death of the wizard there was much rejoicing. Desert Shade did indeed marry, taking his Blessed Oasis as his bride. It is said that her influence was the impetus for the formation of the magocracy and that she was the first of the Wyrdcaster bloodline. Whatever the truth of this tale, the weapon and shield are fact. They are often found in the hands of warriors seeking to defeat magical foes, and are quite effective in such tasks.

DESCRIPTION AND CONSTRUCTION

This scimitar is forged of blued steel. Its sports an elaborate guard crafted of gold, in the image of an imperial dragon. The hilt is wrapped in raw red silk, overlaid with intercrossed straps of black suede leather, accented in gold. A golden ring is attached to the pommel.

The round wooden shield is crafted of layered strips of lacquered wood. A pair of imperial dragons is emblazoned on the shield's face, painted in lime, rampant and appearing to chase one another around the wooden surface.

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Aura strong abjuration and transmutation; **CL** 12th **Slot** none; **Price** 40,315 gp; **Weight** 4 lbs.

DESCRIPTION

Wyrmclaw is a +1 keen dispelling burst scimitar. Additionally, if the weapon does not already have a dispel magic or greater dispel magic stored, it can siphon the spell from foes. On a successful hit, if the target has either of the spells prepared (or an available spell slot of the appropriate level in the case of a spontaneous caster), it must make a Will save (DC 19) or lose the spell, which becomes stored within the blade. If the target has both spells, the wielder chooses the spell to be siphoned.

CONSTRUCTION

Craft Magic Arms and Armor, greater dispel magic, keen edge; **Cost** 20,315 gp

DRAGON'S BREATH

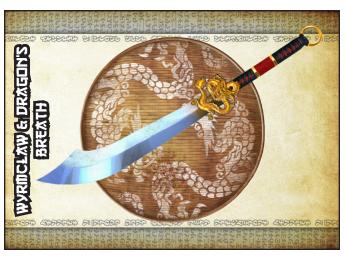
Aura strong evocation; **CL** 12th **Slot** none; **Price** 22,153 gp; **Weight** 5 lbs.

DESCRIPTION

Dragon's Breath is a +3 wyrmsbreath (fire) light wooden shield that is crafted to be used with the scimitar Wyrmclaw. When both shield and scimitar are used together, the shield's powers can be used to enhance the weapon. As a free action, the shield's bearer can use a stored charge from the shield to grant Wyrmclaw the flaming weapon quality for 1 round. This ability may be maintained as a free action each round thereafter for as long as Dragon's Breath has charges remaining.

CONSTRUCTION

Craft Magic Arms and Armor, burning hands; **Cost** 11,153 gp













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