TREASURES OF NEDEXODUS **HBREXKER**

Oathbreaker is a guisarme notorious among the leaders and great scholars of the Sanguine Lord's church. A Sanguine Covenant paladin bore the weapon in an attempt to sidestep her vows for the ostensibly greater good, and can help free others from their limitations as well. Though its effect is only temporary, it is supplemented with other powers which can theoretically keep others from ever realizing what has happened.

HISTORY

Long ago, terrible persecutions of pagans by believers in the Sanguine Covenant swept the Caneus Empire. The obsessed Emperor oversaw much of the populace suffer sword-point conversions, leaving only a tiny fraction of the original faith of the Empire intact in the most remote regions. Despite a great deal of cruelty and suffering inflicted in the name of the noble Sanguine Lord, these brutal tactics did prove largely successful. However, anything less than total victory was not enough for a few of the most ruthless in the church. One paladin believed that the only way to truly redeem the nation from its old, mistaken, ways was to finally erase the few stubborn holdouts.

Although a skilled craftswoman in her own right, the paladin convinced the Emperor's personal magical smith to help her forge a unique guisarme that would allow her to root out the last resistance by whatever means necessary. She knew that she risked her soul, but she believed her actions would be justified by saving

many more. In her own warped perspective, she was doing a service to the Sanguine Lord for the

DAR **ROLEPLAYING GAME COMPATIBLE**

Aura strong conjuration; CL 11th Slot none; Price 108,308 gp; Weight 10 lb.

DESCRIPTION

This +3 axiomatic guisarme protects its owner with a +2 insight bonus on Will saving throws against mind-affecting effects as long as it is carried. By planting the butt of the pole on the ground and touching a target as a standard action, the wielder can use cure serious wounds or remove disease a combined total of three times per day. Once per day, when Oathbreaker is successfully used to make a combat maneuver against a summoned creature, that creature must succeed on a Will save (DC 19) or fall under the control of the wielder as if the wielder had summoned the creature. Also once per day, if the wielder would suffer a loss of class abilities or the negative effects of a geas as a result of taking a prohibited action or changing his alignment, so long as they remain on the Lawful axis, the owner can attempt a Will save (DC 19); if he succeeds, he is temporarily immune to those consequences. Every 24 hours thereafter, he must make a new saving throw with a DC +2 greater than the previous one. If he fails one of these saving throws or another creature takes possession of Oathbreaker, the consequences take effect.

CONSTRUCTION

Craft Magic Arms and Armor, cure serious wounds, misdirection, nondetection, summon monster VI; Cost 54,308 gp

greater good, even if it might be against his will. Such was her arrogance that she resisted the stripping of her paladin powers for a time even after resorting to torture against the clerics of the old gods. Her certainty in her own righteousness was visible to any spirit that studied her for even a moment, and so she cowed more than a few summoned servants of the pagan priests into accepting her mission as their true calling and turned them against their summoners.

In the end, the Archprelate and his servants learned of the paladin's misdeeds and brought her to trial. She nearly escaped being revealed as fallen from grace, but her smith ally had a change of heart. He was so appalled by

> the true depths to which she had sunken with his help, that he revealed to the inquisitors the scheme







DESCRIPTION AND CONSTRUCTION

Oathbreaker is a sturdy, well-built guisarme of a solid shade of deepest blood-red. It never shows any blood on its surface no matter the color or volume of the blood it has spilt.









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