

TREASURES OF NEOEXODUS: OMEN BLADE

A short sword of sharpest obsidian, once wielded by a crime lord concerned with fate and intelligence gathering, *Omen Blade* offers occasional warnings against misjudgments and especially curses. In addition, the wielder can accept an ill omen on himself in order to inflict similar misfortune on an enemy.

HISTORY

Less than two hundred years ago, a ring of skillful rogues, assassins, and thieves plagued Amitola in the Reis Confederacy. Far from the power of the Confederate government to control, their influence seemed impossible to challenge to the common people they victimized. One particularly infamous leader of this secretive syndicate was a panther warrior named Barassa. Whispered rumors said he rose meteorically through the ranks of his gang through the use of the same enchanted weapon that made him such a notoriously difficult thief to catch. One rumor claimed he had traded his soul to the blood-witches of the woods in exchange for this sword. Others said it was a twist of fate that delivered the weapon from a mysterious long-dead craftsman to its first known owner.

Barassa was a brutally effective leader, keeping order among his lackeys with threats and ruthless sacrifices that put him ahead of any rivals, despite what any onlooker would expect to be catastrophic losses. In the end, the limited foresight offered by *Omen Blade* proved a false insurance. Barassa became too reckless, feeling as if his own cunning granted him prescience, as certain as the sword's, but longer-reaching. In his greatest gambit, he allowed most of his chief lieutenants to be killed by a rival so that Barassa himself could kill the foe while he was weakened from the fight. Unfortunately for the crime lord, his servants had been too easy a challenge and his rival slew him and took his blade from him.

In the years that followed, *Omen Blade* changed hands many times, going from one powerful thug to another, until few could keep track of it. In the present day, at least three notorious criminals simultaneously claim to bear the legendary weapon in order to intimidate their rivals, ironically also marking themselves for assassination by yet another rival, afraid of the consequences of waiting to take action; the victor, truthfully or not, claiming inheritance of the weapon.



DESCRIPTION AND CONSTRUCTION

Omen Blade is a short sword composed of glossy obsidian that shines like a mirror. The hilt is bound with gorilla hide and the pommel is adorned with crow feathers. It glows with jagged lines, as if the blade is about to explode into a thousand shards, when a foe falls victim to its curse or its owner foolishly disregards one of its warnings.

Aura strong divination; **CL** 12th
Slot none; **Price** 71,185 gp; **Weight** 2 lb.

DESCRIPTION

This +4 *short sword* has a critical threat range of 18-20 due to its perpetually razor-sharp edge. It warns its owner of potential misjudgments or curses. All objects and creatures with the ability to lay curses and hexes cast no reflection in the surface of the blade. If an action is likely to immediately (within 1 round) result in a curse for the omen blade's owner while it is in her hands, it slips and falls to the ground as a warning.

Once per day as a swift action, the wielder can cast *bestow curse* (DC16) on a target that has taken damage from the sword. The curse expires after one hour and can be removed like any other curse. The wielder may elect to suffer from an identical curse, and deny both targets a saving throw. Spell resistance applies normally.

Once per week, the blade can be asked for an omen as per *augury* with a command word, the answer is empathically communicated to the wielder.

CONSTRUCTION

Requirements Craft Magic Arms and Armor, *augury*, *bestow curse*, *keen edge*; **Cost** 36,685 gp

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