

TREASURES OF NEOEXODUS: MALICE BLADE

The Janissaries are part knight, part monk, and part sorcerer. With their unparalleled powers over the mind and blade alike it is no wonder that they would produce powerful and exotic weaponry best suited for their unique form of combat and philosophy. Perhaps one of the most bizarre weapons crafted by the Janissaries warriors was a red crystal blade forged from purest emotional anger and hate known as the Malice Blade.

HISTORY

According to the sect's historians, the Janissary known as Regmar Hultsson sought the ultimate physical manifestation of his own aggression and blood thirst in battle. He reasoned that if he could isolate that rage into a terrible weapon his prowess in battle could only increase, as it would be his pure focused mind directing a weapon made from his own aggressive nature.

For decades, he studied the methods of the Cavians, researched the lost secrets of soul knives, and even went so far as to study various martial arts and magical disciplines based upon controlling and directing raw emotion. After nearly forty years of hard study and finally mastering a number of different disciplines, Regmar finally felt he was ready to separate his aggressive energies from his conscious mind. He isolated himself in a remote part of the fortress and meditated for twenty-one days, forming the blade into a solid weapon of crystallized mental energy.

The results were both better and worse than he could have ever truly understood. He had indeed created a weapon every bit as terrifying as his years of pent up rage and battle fury. And it was, in fact, powerful when wielded in the right hands. The tragedy was that without the fury now contained within the blade he was incapable of wielding the weapon. Regmar retired to a pacifist's life teaching new recruits how to focus and harness their mental powers and never again touched a weapon. So his story ended.

Malice Blade, however, among the Janissaries, has become something of a legend as a weapon that unlocks and enhances a warrior's natural battle fury. The stories also tell a warning, as a warrior who takes up the blade runs the risk of losing control and entering an unstoppable battle frenzy devoid of honor and chivalry.

The weapon has been wielded successfully only by a small number of notable Janissaries including Rygar Telagson, Harumi Takamashi, and the most recent wielder, Thelan



villains, and monsters of indescribable horror. While much of the credit has gone to these worthy wielders, it is without a doubt that their success might not have been possible without the additional fury provided by the Malice Blade.

However a recent observation has Thelan Malakash concerned about the viability of the sword as a usable weapon in the future and he has been hesitant to draw it as a result. Originally the blade was a cloudy color not dissimilar to amethyst. Over time, he has noticed that with each wielder the blade darkens and grows redder. In his hands the red has deepened into a dark crimson. He has also noted that nearly all the wielders of the weapon retired early, becoming pacifists not unlike the blades creator. He fears that the weapon actually drains and stores the aggressive feelings of the wielder, and worse, actually drains the anger and aggression out of those it

strikes. Considering that the weapon unleashes this anger in the midst of combat, he fears that



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DESCRIPTION

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CONSTRUCTION

Requirements Craft Magic Arms and Armor, *concussive blast*, *matter manipulation*, creator must be able to enter a rage like the barbarian ability at least once a day; **Cost** 27,335 gp

given enough time the weapon will simply become uncontrollable in anyone's hands. He has yet to find a suitable solution to this problem. For now, he prefers a weapon forged from his own mental energy as opposed to the Malice Blade, and only draws it in circumstances where he feels he has no other alternative.

DESCRIPTION AND CONSTRUCTION

The Malice Blade appears to be a falchion crafted out of a single piece of deep red crystal. It glows malevolently whenever its wielder feels angry or is in the midst of battle.

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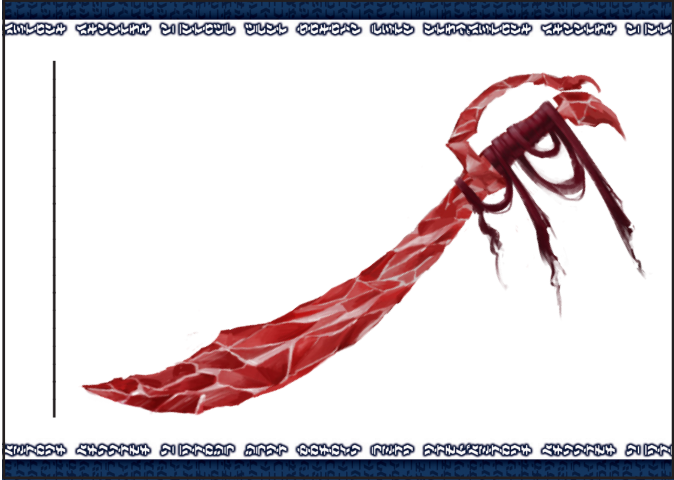
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WEAPON CARDS**

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