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Monstrous Lair #31: Wyvern's Nest provides you-the busy, time crunched GM-with the details to effortlessly bring to life the wyvern nests in your campaign.

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#### USING THIS PRODUCT

Designed specifically for you, the busy GM, these tables can be used before or during the game to help breathe life into a smugglers' den and are compatible with published modules or your own adventures. Adding depth and verisimilitude to your game helps the players' (hopefully willing) suspension of disbelief.

The tables appear in the order you'll likely need them. Roll on the relevant table and use the result to spark your creativity. Re-roll or modify any inappropriate results.

- **Outside the Lair**: Determine features outside the lair, using this table.
- What's Going On? The wyvern probably isn't just sitting around waiting for intruders. Use this table, to determine what it is doing when the PCs arrive. Remember, the PCs' actions may render some of the entries moot-particularly if the wyvern is aware of intruders.
- **Major Features**: Use this table, to determine the lair's major feature(s). This feature is so obvious, the PCs automatically notice it. Only reveal information in brackets if a PC discovers it in some way.
- **Minor Features**: Use this table, to determine the lair's minor feature(s). The feature might be so obvious the PCs automatically spot it; alternatively, the PCs may have to make an easy skill check to notice the feature. Only reveal information in brackets if a PC discovers it in some way.
- **Wyvern's Appearance**: Use this table, to generate notable wyvern's appearance and other characteristics.
- **Treasures & Trash**: Use these tables, to add interesting items to the wyvern's hoard. Assign a value to each treasure appropriate to your campaign. The tables assume you will place magic items, coins and other notable items and do not contain such entries.

The tables herein make two assumptions:

- 1. You have a map of the area, or will design one "on the fly".
- 2. You know what lurks in the area and have all their stat blocks.



Wyverns are the angry lesser cousins of true dragons. Lairing in high crags and tangled forests they watch over the lands of men ready to pounce on anything they see as prey.

#### 1: OUTSIDE THE LAIR

#### D10

1	A rotten carcass of a cow dangles from a tree.
2	The discarded body of a bear blocks the path.
3	The acrid stench of rotten flesh and vinegar fills the air.
4	A maze of broken bodies and shattered bones litters the ground around the lair. (Movement through the area is noisy and dangerous).
5	Several trees are twisted and broken by the passage of something large and heavy.
6	Serpentine patterns cover two large pillars of rock as if they were ancient monuments or markers of some sort.
7	Slumped in a crevice is a corpse, its flesh bloated and purple. Thick, dry foam encrusts its mouth.
8	The body of a man dangles from a tree. It falls to the ground as the PCs move closer.
9	The nearby undergrowth seems diseased and rotten; it crumbles when touched.
10	The buzzing of thousands of flies makes hearing normal speech difficult. (The flies may be disease-riddled).

#### 2: What's Going On?

#### D10 1 The wyvern claws at its mouth, trying to dislodge a bone. The wyvern drags a bear carcass aside to clear a space 2 amid the rubbish covering the floor. Crunching on a dead cow, and enjoying its meal, the 3 wyvern is oblivious to its surroundings. The wyvern talks to a crushed corpse in a loud voice 4 asking it silly questions. The wyvern pulls angrily at a mule's head hanging from 5 the wall. 6 The wyvern laments over shattered eggshells. 7 The wyvern listens intently as a ragged prisoner speaks. 8 The wyvern licks fresh wounds with its forked tongue. 9 The wyvern gnaws the rotten body from a cage. Scratching at a large patch of shedding skin on its flank, 10 the wyvern finally pulls it off against the wall.

#### 3: MAJOR LAIR FEATURES

#### D10

1	Rotting intestines tangled around rocks form snares to trip the unwary onto jagged bones covering the floor.
2	A skeleton lies twisted on the floor its spine twisted backwards and its hand set in twisted claws.
3	Deep, bloodstained furrows scar the ground, where the wyvern has battled intruders.
4	A large pile of vomit laced with rocks stains the floor.
5	Poison from the wyvern's sting drips from sharp rocks, maybe causing injury to careless intruders.
6	Chiselled patterns of scales adorn several large rocks.
7	Rusted armour and weapons lie tangled in a pile of bodies. Examining the pile may cause injury and disease, if the searcher is not careful.
8	Crushed and torn white, feathered wings (from a pegasus) cover the floor.
9	A large section of wall is splintered and smashed; drying wyvern venom drips from the damaged section.
10	A broken merchant's cart now serves as a nest.

#### 4: MINOR LAIR FEATURES

#### D10

1	A broken tree trunk serves as a scratching post. Several old shed claws lie nearby.
2	A lion's skull lies on a rock, displayed like a trophy.
3	A large, splintered wooden shield, crushed by a blow from the wyvern's tail lies scattered about the nest.
4	Several large black scales are stacked together in a teetering pile.
5	Strange many-legged insects feed on spattered venom.
6	Ruined silks and furs dangle from rocks and trees like pennants, and flutter gently in the breeze.
7	Several bodies clad in scale mail hang from nearby trees and sharp rocks.
8	Crows peck at bodies and fly off noisily if disturbed.
9	Cave paintings depict wyverns fighting and being worshipped by humanoids.
10	A shallow pit lies beneath a flap of cow hide; sharp bones protrude from it to snag intruders' ankles.

#### 5: WYVERN'S APPEARANCE

wounded wyvern's body.

#### D10

1	Thick green scales cover the grey leathery hide of this ancient wyvern.
2	With skin and scales of pitch black this wyvern seems to absorb the light around it.
3	Crimson scales hide the blood covering this massive wyvern's chest and serpentine neck.
4	The wyvern wears a crown of tusks and horns to make it look like a dragon.
5	A ragged leather saddle, complete with saddlebags, is set high on this black scaled wyvern's back.
6	Glowing green and blue arcane sigils and runes adorn the wyvern's hide.
7	Deeply scarred from previous battles this clever wyvern allows intruders to talk to it before devouring them.
8	The wyvern's speckled ochre- and rust-coloured scales help it to hide against its lair's strangely coloured walls.
9	A massive rusted manacle attached to a short length of chain hangs from the wyvern's leg.
10	Shattered scales and exposed bones cover this heavily wounded wyvern's body.

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#### 6: TREASURES

D10	
1	A black bladed longsword emits cloud-like shadows hiding its wielder when drawn from its scabbard of black and grey wolf skin.
2	A heavy spear, its oak shaft carved with scales, constantly drips potent venom from its long barbed tip.
3	Tucked tightly in a scroll tube is the design for scale armour using wyvern hide and scales.
4	This crown of silver is inlaid with small polished scales that enables its wearer to converse with dragon-kind.
5	A long dagger made a wyvern's venomous sting has a handle wrapped in sinew and hide. The weapon constantly oozes venom and is deadly but fragile.
6	A stinking cloak of wyvern hide that makes its wearer resistant to venoms; the stench cannot be removed.
7	This chess set is of quartz wyverns and ebony dragons. It is enchanted to play against its owner.
8	This box contains several small pieces of a wyvern's heart that transforms the eater into a vicious hybrid of man and wyvern.
9	An ancient helm of steel and bone depicts a roaring dragon. Brittle with age it is worth a fortune to a collector of antiquities.
10	A damaged map detailing the lairs of powerful monster that were hunted by the original owner.

#### 7: Trash

#### D10

1	A tattered cloak emblazoned with the heraldic symbol of a wyvern flying over a castle.
2	Two cracked cups; venom taints one of the cups.
3	A barrel of bandits' heads preserved in salt (This was a deceased bounty hunter's cache).
4	The skeletal remains of a massive gnawed-on fish
5	Several candles with writing scratched into them.
6	A shed wyvern claw.
7	Ripped wings made from tattered silks. (A pretentious bard attempted diplomacy that went horribly wrong.)
8	A thief cage, bent and twisted from a long fall.
9	A wagon, in strangely good condition but too large to remove from the nest without destroying one or the other, fills part of the wyvern's lair.
10	A leather boot impaled on a cracked bone.

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