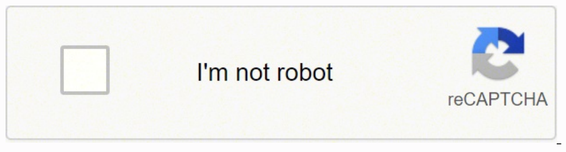

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I wanted him to hate me, wanted him to lash out at me in anger and vengeance and a grief so hot it would burn. With this alliance agreed upon, Hetamon moves on to the more pressing topic. Discipline Octavio's seek the taken discipline is detailed on the following page under the Order of the Torrent entry. That said, parties that wait to tackle Part 3 until all other loose ends are tied up might be surprised to find some unexpectedly large paydays, especially if they find all of the hideout's secrets! James Jacobs Creative Director 3 TURN OF THE TORRENT ADVANCEMENT TRACK "Turn of the Torrent" is designed for four characters and uses the medium XP track. Ever the pedant, Elgadazum won't bother attacking the PCs on sight, and might well enjoy the opportunity to break his boredom with conversation; he's eager to find someone who agrees with him that "waiting for the cusp of adulthood to sacrifice a soul is a waste of time, and that souls are souls regardless of how long they've been lodged in living flesh," but immediately attacks anyone who attempts to open the door to area C6 or otherwise enter that area. A wretchghost can become inexplicably dormant for months or even years, merging its incorporeal form with some solid object (the wall of a structure or the watery depths of a sewer, for instance). I turned my gaze to the water shimmering like black glass. The captain fears that the latest proclamation may well spell doom for his beloved and hopes to smuggle him out of Kintargo to safety, yet dares not risk showing himself on land due to the strictures of the eighth proclamation. Of course, using only one arm makes climbing difficult (his Climb check modifier is –4), and if he wasn't expecting a rescue, he doesn't have time to arrange for the west gate to be unlocked. When combat begins, one of the skum flees to area D12 to alert the tribe's leader, but the rest remain behind and fight to the death. • Danger in a den of thieves in the Pathfinder's Journal, by Stephanie Lorée. This is the only option that does not carry with it any increase in Notoriety upon success. If they're escorted here by a guard, that guard leads them to the appropriate cells (cells B11b, B11d, and B11f). He hopes to successes or even ask them for handouts stay hidden for several weeks once his or help. The few visitors who returned from the city reported sighting a horrific, tentacled mass at the center of the temple, but disagree on its exact nature. My guess? Morale Octavio fights to the death if any allies still stand, but on his own he retreats from combat if reduced to fewer than 20 hit points. One particularly interesting ledger, though, is a set of deeds for a number of warehouses and waterfront buildings in Vyre that name one Molly Mayapple as 50 the legal owner. SPIKED PIT TRAP CR 6 XP 2,400 Type mechanical; Perception DC 25; Disable Device DC 25 EFFECTS Trigger proximity; Reset automatic; Bypass hidden switches (Perception DC 25) Effect 20-ft.-deep pit (2d6 falling damage); pit spikes and cutting edges (Atk +12 melee, 2d4+4 damage); Reflex DC 20 negates; multiple targets (all targets within 5 ft. A successful DC 30 Perception check reveals the door, but the skum haven't discovered it yet. The Watcher in the Walls (CR 7) Two pillars support the ten-foot-high ceiling of this chamber. OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. He was enjoying himself. With a successful DC 15 Knowledge (local) check, a character recalls result 7 from the Kintargo Rumors table on page 7 about the Poison Pen, but little more. Revealed to be a beloved professor from the Alabaster Academy named Mangvhune, the Temple Hill Slasher was executed soon after he was captured. The three corpses of these unfortunates still lie draped on their separate beds, but the wretchghosts themselves linger throughout the room. As it had for so many years now, my mind returned to the Poleiheira. Ecology Scholars have put forth many theories on the origin of azuretzis, though given the nature of proteans, multiple such theories may be true. (Of course, for the truly desperate, theft is an option as well.) There is no significant illumination in these chambers. In growing desperation, a particularly spiteful Silver Raven named Brakisi engineered the abduction of Lord-Mayor Sarini's son, Alvek, to hold him hostage and force the lord-mayor into complying with Silver Raven demands. System Reference Document © 2000, Wizards of the Coast, Inc.; Authors: Jonathan Tweet, Monte Cook, and Skip Williams, based on material by E. If an NPC from the previous adventure is not listed below (as is the case for the imp Blosodriette and the inquisitor Azvernathi Raul), the expectation is that this NPC has been defeated or simply has no further part to play in the rest of the campaign. fear) Defensive Abilities bravery +1 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. Development: If the PCs don't cast speak with dead, or if they cast it but simply don't ask the right questions, they hit a dead end with this investigation. He was also the guild's enforcer, responsible for punishing infractions among their own. It's best if the PCs first notice her as she keeps an eye on Tayacet them from afar, perhaps watching from a shadowy alleyway as they shop in the market, or maybe as an unfamiliar face visiting a tavern. This effect functions as per zone of truth, save that it emanates from the kyton (not a fixed point in space) and thus moves along with the kyton. Turns out I was right about her. One of the maps details the now-destroyed Lucky Bones building above. Pathfinder Adventure Path #98: Turn of the Torrent © 2015, Paizo Inc.; Authors: Mike Shel, with Thurston Hillman, Stephanie Lorée, Tim Nightengale, and Todd Stewart. Creatures: The cult of Mahathallah numbers a dozen changelings in all, of which half are currently present in the Lucky Bones. The entrance of living creatures is all that the wretchghosts need to rise up in a howling fury, attacking at once (they do not pursue foes from this room, however). The elves are despondent and convinced of their inevitable doom, to the extent that they merely assume PCs are a new form of tormentor. The man spins webs like a spider, realizes that the PCs aren't Barzillai's agents, Octavio though I can't decipher his design yet. antagonist eager to see the PCs fail. of pit's edge) C5. Sometimes one of these dormant undead beings emerges for a moment to emit its ravenous howl of unsated desire, only to quickly retreat back into its shelter. Be sure to give... D4. The machine in this room is the magical pump that the Gray Spiders used to create and maintain breathable air in these tunnels. He chuckled. Further, the Hellknights placed an arcane lock on the doors (CL 9th; the door's break and Disable Device DCs above include the +10 bonus granted by the spell). Flayleaf: Hold person (DC 15), slow (DC 15). Setrona Sabinus but it will lessen the impact of learning that Setrona's is particularly skilled at devilpin and gains a +4 bonus neighbor, Luculla Gens, is a cultist of Mahathallah, so if on all attack rolls while playing the game; if someone you wish to preserve that surprise, you'll need to adjust manages to beat her anyway, she's duly impressed. The patrol made a slow, sweeping turn. Sharpened Edges (Su) A shell sentinel's component shells are supernaturally sharp. It must move in a straight line while jetting, and does not provoke attacks of opportunity when it does so. Their ability to remain hidden and observe from the water, a place humans often forget to watch for spies, Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary grants the rebellion a +1 bonus on Secrecy checks for as long as the scouts remain a part of the Silver Ravens. As often as not, the fading rebellion's efforts would end up doing more damage to the city or its citizens than anything House Thrune was engineering. Once the message is delivered, Captain Alas, this is what the waves have washed up on my shore. ELIA NONES CR 6 XP 2,400 Female half-elf gunslinger 7 (Pathfinder RPG Ultimate Combat 9) LE Medium humanoid (elf, human) Init +5; Senses low-light vision; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 19, touch 15, flat-footed 14 (+4 armor, +3 Dex, +2 dodge) hp 64 (7d10+21) Fort +8, Ref +9, Will +6; +2 vs. 10. This adventure does more than simply hand out experience points and magic items to move the plot forward toward the inevitable rebellion set to hit Kintargo in the fourth adventure, "A Song of Silver." It serves to give your players reasons to care—reasons to go on. He bludgeoned the man to death with his medical kit until a nearby tavern keeper, drawn by the commotion, restrained him. An investigation of these books reveals that most of them concern clockwork theory, tinkering, and machinery, but several books on medical or alchemical topics lie among them as well, strangely out of place. The Gray Queen's Court (CR 6): A high-minded rat king (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 4 225) who calls herself the Gray Queen claims a small block of Old Kintargo and rules over her court of six grimples (Bestiary 4 142), ordering them to bring her fine food to despoil and delicate silks to line her nest. Securing Forged Papers The documents required to transfer prisoners are of a specific and detailed nature—but the format of these documents is no big secret. Unable to set foot on land to handle the situation himself (due to Barzillai's eighth proclamation, which proscribes nonnative-Kintargan captains from setting foot in the city) and unwilling to risk his crew, he turns to the PCs as his tools for rescuing Marquel from his overprotective father. paizo.com/pathfinder Printed in China. XP 3,200 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. When he was a child, he and his diplomat parents were sent to Eleder in Sargava to represent House Thrune's interests. After Curfew (6:00 p.m.—9:00 a.m.): Six guards are on patrol duty, while the other three relax in area B2. I scowled at him. All of the furnishings are moldering and decaying... Creatures: Beneath the shrine's dome await two figures clad in tattered rags. Otherwise, he uses feint every other round to attempt to set up a sneak attack opportunity with his next attack. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary CR 2 XP 600 each Advanced ghouls (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 294, 146) hp 17 each Trap: When the Lucky Bones functioned as the Gray Spiders' domain, the well in this room provided access to the smugglers' tunnels below—and incidentally, to the guild's treasure vault. When the Gray Spiders learned of the order's investigation into their activities in 4675 ar, the guild executed an audacious response—one of their leaders assassinated Lictor Reya. Octavio rose quickly to the rank of Hellknight in the order, despite the burning animosity of then lictor Arcamo Hyrmagus. If I'm from hunters until victims can be safely to throw in with the Silver Ravens, I need two returned to their families, and today, the things. Development: Bright lights or loud noises made here are sure to draw the denizen of area D11 to investigate. Three of the four gemstones in the well capstone are worth 500 gp (1,500 gp total) and the ruby is worth 1,000 gp, but prying any one stone loose causes the trap to trigger. Susceptible to Addicts (Ex) A creature that is addicted to the same drug associated with a particular wretchghost can affect the wretchghost with weapons or spells as if the wretchghost were not incorporeal. PRICE 11,708 GP BALGORRAH SLOT none CL 7th WEIGHT 2 lbs. If appeased with fancy gifts, the Gray Queen and her court might share the many dark secrets they see and hear, rather than tearing out trespassers' organs. The cordulegaster can use this ability to charge. Marquel is deeply disturbed, disappointed, and depressed by his family's increasing loyalty to Thrune, which he views as both traitorous and craven. The shells must then be laid out in a pattern roughly corresponding to the creature's final shape, and then anointed with a thick and vile necromantic reduction from the living flesh of a creature afflicted with the slime of an aboleth or of a veiled master. If a PC fails a Diplomacy check to gather information about the murders by 5 or more, Varl Wex learns that someone is on his trail (see Wex's Apartment on page 34 for the repercussions of this development). The PCs may already know this game, of course, and may have played it at the Tooth and Nail. Who knows when their veiled masters shall rouse them to war once more? Of course, these kytons have no additional insights as to why such phrases are lies, and indeed, they have even been known to willfully ignore requests to repeat things they know to be true if doing so can further their own complex plans. Now, however, the winches have seized up, and any attempt to use the ropes to cross by a creature of Small or larger size results in the rope breaking and a fall (Reflex DC 15 negates). When a perfect site for their headquarters comes along, will the heroes survive long enough to claim it as their own? Many of these small creatures do eventually settle into the forms of larger proteans, though it's unclear whether they gestate into true imenteshes or naunets, or simply retain these larger shapes as part of some long-term play-acting. When Ungol-Pagh and his tribe of skum arrived here more recently, the enchanter brokered a deal with the devil—if it would continue to serve as guardian, the skum promised to do what it could to release the devil. Ruined doors to the south and west provide further access, while to the north, a heap of rusting, algae-caked rubble lies below a tenfoot-diameter hole in the ceiling. B5. CR 1 Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Acisazi Scout 55 Melee unarmed strike +3 (1d3+1 nonlethal) Special Attacks combat style (two-weapon combat), favored enemy (monstrous humanoids +2) TACTICS During Combat These Acisazi scouts prefer to fight with a trident and dagger, but lacking their equipment (as detailed here), they defend themselves as best they can with their fists. An antique wooden desk sits in the southwestern corner of this room, attended by a high-backed chair with tufts of stuffing protruding here and there from its rotting cushions. The Stygian bites of cordulegasters dwelling in these marshes have a weaker effect—those bitten must succeed at a DC 13 Will save or become confused for 1d4 rounds. Unless otherwise indicated, the chambers below the Lucky Bones are not illuminated. This is likely the PC who attempted a Diplomacy or Intimidate check, but could just as easily be the first character to attack in the combat. Cloakers: Created by aboleths as a race to spy on their human and ulat-kini minions, cloakers have a unique relationship with modern skum. Liset shook her head, reaching into the pouch at her belt. I suggest you come with me, if only to marvel at a sight few people ever see—my Captain's restraint." If the PCs put up a fight, Elia attacks as detailed in her tactics. The symbol is that of the Order of the Torrent (a successful DC 10 Knowledge [local] check reveals this if the PCs don't recognize it automatically), left here decades ago by the Order of the Torrent when the Hellknights sealed these doors after their raid on the Lucky Bones. Do you seek my aid in stripping them from you? Pathfinder Player Companion: Inner Sea Primer Pathfinder Player Companion: Monster Summoner's Handbook Pathfinder Player Companion: Dirty Tactics Toolbox Pathfinder Player Companion: Heroes of the Streets Pathfinder Player Companion: Occult Origins Pathfinder Player Companion: Black Markets $10.99 $12.99 $14.99 $14.99 $14.99 $14.99 (Available October 2015) □ □ □ □ □ □ Every great Game Master needs great accessories, and Paizo's Pathfinder Accessories offer exactly what you need to enhance your Pathfinder Roleplaying Game experience! 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The genesis of the skum race makes them frustratingly useless for drow fleshwarping. Encounters with any of these gangs can be made more or less challenging by adding or subtracting members, or adding higher-level leaders. Her shrine has been tended by an ever-dwindling staff of seers and guardians who, Setrona warns, are unlikely to be welcoming of intruders, especially if her cousin has made clear his desire to remain unfound. Allow the PC to roll 1d10 to determine how many pieces the cup breaks into (the captain stresses that she should drop it, not hurl it, so a high Strength score won't modify this roll). Termination: This License will terminate automatically if You fail to comply with all terms herein and fail to cure such breach within 30 days of becoming aware of the breach. The Armigers The armigers kept in prison cells are conscious but in bad shape—each has taken 20 points of nonlethal damage from neglect and starvation. "I'll see you there safe." The ceaseless rhythm of the patrol's long oars rose and fell, throwing sprays of water into the air as the boat skirted the wall. Myrletta's corpse doesn't get a save if Hetamon or another chaotic good character casts the spell; otherwise, the corpse has a Will save bonus of +4. I held to this hope as a day passed, maybe more. In all, the excruciators and armigers are a CR 9 encounter. The statuette 46 of Mahathallah is worth 100 gp, and is also hollow—a character who succeeds at a DC 25 Perception check finds that the base can be opened. If the result is less than or equal to the Silver Ravens' effective Notoriety score, the PCs' movements have been noticed, and at some point after they finish their task at the Shrine of Saint Senex and are returning to the city, they are confronted by a group of dottari eager to take them into custody and interrogate them. Vespasio Vespam Owner of Vespam Artisans (N male human expert 6) Vespasio Vespam is a lifelong resident of Old Kintargo. I would have clung to him tighter, had I known it would be my last pleasant memory. Like voidworms, some azuretzis emerge spontaneously from the Maelstrom's raw possibility, imbued with life and set adrift to do as they please. Inhabited by myriad freshwater monsters, Egregzia is a destination for many Free Captains from the Shackles searching for buried treasure, but scrags and merrow have set up underwater camps to ambush such entrepreneurs. Once she's forced into melee herself, she casts shield of faith. The door leading to the stairs is well-oiled and opens easily—it is not kept locked. Conversely, she appreciates 33 politeness and respect; a successful DC 15 Diplomacy check is all that's required to get her to open up. Powerful Bite (Ex) A cordulegaster applies 1-1/2 times its Strength modifier to its primary bite damage. Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary "It's all right," I said. Updating the License: Wizards or its designated Agents may publish updated versions of this License. She prefers to let her guards fight in melee while she holds back and uses spells at range or steps in to heal a wounded guard as needed. The mound has an opening on the southeast side, flanked by two poles sporting gouts of fire that dance erratically in the ocean breeze. LUCKY BONES FEATURES The charred ruins of the Lucky Bones stand at the southwestern edge of the city, surrounded by warehouses. While not true daemons, they are native to Abaddon and make up an important part of the plane's environment, filling the role of large ambush predators, much like crocodiles do on Golarion. The caretaker's corpse would be the least of my worries. Something in Hetamon snapped. For 1 round after a wretchghost causes a living creature to become addicted, the wretchghost receives a reprieve from the wracking phantom pains that torment it and gains a +2 bonus on all attack rolls, 90 skill checks, and saving throws during that round. And thus was founded the Order of the Torrent. This pit originally housed a trained emperor cobra guardian, and served as an effective deterrent for anyone who wandered away from the eastern chambers. If the PCs went so far as to refuse the reward, this increases to 3d6+20 Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Elgadazum the Hateful 43 new supporters. Use of Product Identity: You agree not to Use any Product Identity, including as an indication as to compatibility, except as expressly licensed in another, independent Agreement with the owner of each element of that Product Identity. Read or paraphrase the following to the players. The PCs may be disturbed to learn that some of the most recent carvings mention the rise of the Silver Ravens, but so far, the skum haven't yet reported to their master of these recent events. 16 Odds and Evens: Odds and evens is a simple twoplayer game that uses six-sided dice. "I'd be honored to escort you from here," he said. Marquel Aulorian is a young man with a gentle face and fine, dark brown hair, but bags under his eyes hint at the fact that he's not been sleeping well of late. He set his burden on the pallet in the corner of the room, as far from the chamber pot as he could. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Ecology Wretchghosts are found most often in the types of places addicts frequent, such as the seedier districts of urban settings, where dealers in illicit substances ply their predatory trade. With a successful DC 15 Knowledge (local) check (or a DC 20 Diplomacy check to gather information), a character recalls that Vespam Artisans is Kintargo's largest manufacturer of clockworks—further, this workshop is located square in the section of Old Kintargo where the murders have occurred. Of course, Wex's blows are much Varl Wex 35 Balgorrah The Skinsaw Cult uses many tools to work toward the culmination of Father Skinsaw's pattern of slayings, not the least among them being the crafting of specialized weapons to aid the bloody task of murder. well, let's call it a 'personal matter.' I Wencella—all of them 1st-level commoners who are could send my crew to attend this, but I would much prefer treated quite well and have no ambitions of freedom sending someone with whom I have plausible deniability, (see the captain's Campaign Role section on page 63 should they fail in their task. (If you're feeling particularly showy, hand the player an actual porcelain tea cup to drop onto the floor!) "The fragments of this cup represent the number of favors I owe you," says Sargaeta once the shards are gathered. The guards know this, and if one is escorting the PCs, he regretfully informs them that the last prisoner isn't available. "Maharai," he said by way of greeting. He prefers to stay mobile, using Vital Strike to minimize foes making full attacks against him. Others can and do breed conventionally, setting off in pairs or trios of mixed and shifting gender and even forming massive mating balls like some terrestrial serpents with great enthusiasm. Any attempt to force the door open, or any attempt to pick the lock that fails by 5 or more, triggers the trap, causing several razor-sharp disks to lance out of the door to saw and slice away at the target that triggered the trap. The captain has been twice vexed by Barzillai Thrune's proclamations, first by the eighth (which forbids ship captains who aren't native Kintargans from setting foot on land in city boundaries) and more recently by the tenth (which specifically outlaws the work of his semisecret lover, Marquel Aulorian, who is in fact the notorious Poison Pen of Kintargo). The public climax, though, comes as the PCs finalize the Silver Ravens' outward persona as a protector and ally of the people. Overwhelmed by the brutality of the attack, the Gray Spiders retreated deep into the sea caves below the Lucky Bones' cellars, flooding the lowest level of their hideout before the Hellknights could destroy everything the thieves stood for. Captives sent to the vats either prove completely resistant to drow efforts, or melt into piscine sludge with the slightest alchemical prodding. Even then, the pump won't function until its missing valve ring is replaced in area D10. Though I liked to think that I believed less in his lies. He increasingly comes to see Barzillai Thrune (and by extension, the inquisitor's entire family) as the true traitor to the nation, and Cassius hopes to reestablish proud Chelish traditions once Kintargo is saved. He sips one Marquel Aulorian, scion of tea from a delicate porcelain one of Kintargo's older noble families. What could she be planning? The four gemstone eyes are malachite, moonstone, ruby, and turquoise; pressing them in the correct order—moonstone, moonstone, ruby, turquoise, malachite—bypasses the trap and opens the capstone like a trap door (see Development on page 52). addicts) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 5th; concentration +7) 1/day—ray of exhaustion (DC 15), touch of idiocy Special Attacks tormented howl STATISTICS Str —, Dex 16, Con —, Int 6, Wis 14, Cha 15 Base Atk +6; CMB +9; CMD 22 Feats Combat Reflexes, Dodge, Improved Initiative, Skill Focus (Perception) Skills Fly +22, Perception +16 Languages Common SQ associated drug (opium), hungering reach, voracious frenzy ECOLOGY Environment any Organization solitary, pair, or gang (3–8) Treasure incidental SPECIAL ABILITIES Addiction (Su) A wretchghost's touch causes wracking pain in the form of 2d6 points of damage—creatures that are specifically immune to pain or unliving creatures (undead or constructs) are immune to this damage, but otherwise this damage bypasses all forms of damage reduction. I can't do that if you won't let me. Shell sentinels are constructs designed specifically for use by the veiled masters or by those talented slaves with whom the veiled masters deign to share their secrets. MISSION 1: INTO THE HOLDING HOUSE When the PCs contact Lictor Octavio, the Hellknight is faced with a quandary. Baccus, a male tiefling sorcerer, handled the drug running and distribution, often using conjured devils to deliver or pick up exotic ingredients because of their ability to teleport at will. If they can, Octavio believes that these new Silver Ravens might just have what it takes to liberate Kintargo without destroying it in the process. To better serve, their traditional mental limits have been removed, granting them a +6 bonus to their Intelligence, Wisdom, and Charisma scores. The woman, whose name was Setrona Sabinus, quickly dissuaded Hetamon from turning himself in to the city guard. to fight with their halberds, using Intimidating Prowess on their first attack and then Power Attack for the rest of the fight. They don't mind and won't interfere if the PCs cast preparatory spells in the cell block before entering the chamber, but refuse to enter the room. The items consist of a silver comb worth 50 gp, an iron chalice inlaid with pearls worth 200 gp, and a bead of force that has, so far, miraculously avoided accidental detonation. Marsh giants revere skum as messengers and servants of Dagon, and skum eagerly exploit this veneration to add marsh giants' strength to their raiding parties and war machines. Yet focused as he is on his responsibilities as the leader of the Rose of Kintargo, he's been increasingly distracted and dismayed by his ailing father, whose advancing age and fragility increasingly resist even the tiefling's skilled ministrations. Setrona further impresses upon the PCs that it would not do to attract too much attention to the Shrine of Saint Senex, and she suggests they use stealth in their approach, preferably traveling to the shrine after dark. The abduction humanized Lord-Mayor Sarini and gave him a potent narrative for the people of Kintargo to sympathize with. The fisherman guided the rudder, while Liset and I sat near the bow. Ivy growing along the walls helps climbers, but a successful DC 10 Climb check is needed to scale the 15 feet to the secondfloor window of Marquel's room. Deliver it in person, or perhaps via one of your silver raven trinkets. The building is one of the taller structures in Old Kintargo ; the upper two of its three stories are constructed of old gray wood. Skum are an immortal race, and the eldest among them date back to the time of Azlant and the earliest days of humanity, though their servile minds make no special efforts to record or recollect the wonders of history. And of course, if a PC comes up with his own idea for a favor, do your best to have the captain honor the request—if it's something you decide he can't or wouldn't do, he informs the PCs and returns the fragment for later use. By F. If the PCs have no way to pick locks themselves, once a method of disabling the arcane lock is secured, either a Covert or Sabotage rebellion action (and a successful DC 15 Secrecy check) can open the doors. Its masthead bore the likeness of a devil, carved in stark simplicity. Prisoner transfers are common at the Holding House, so Sabo is unlikely to be immediately suspicious of the PCs unless they're foolish enough to appear before her wearing holy symbols or other items that obviously proclaim their opposition to Asmodeus or House Thrune. room itself has been used more often in recent years "You are certainly hopeful idealists, but in my experience, by the Order of the Torrent as a staging area for people passionate revolutionaries lack discipline. 2. We did not head toward the gate as I'd expected, but turned west toward a sally port. Zerk: Blur, haste. These gifts are, in and of themselves, perfectly functional. If the PCs return the following day with additional signatures, Sabo attempts a second Linguistics check at a –4 penalty. I gritted my teeth against the fear snaking down my spine. When the PCs leave the city, roll a Notoriety check. Iomedaeans in Kintargo continue to cluck their tongues and shake their heads, feeling that while the Glorious Reclamation has its heart in the right place, its timing is off—they worry that the knights may have bitten off more than they can chew. However, they must complete three tasks before the dungeon can serve as a proper headquarters. Like hydrodaemons, cordulegasters can survive prolonged exposure to the Styx's tainted waters, where they lurk near the river's edge and lie in wait for prey to wander close. She becomes aware of the status of any creature that puts one of these rings on, which may have repercussions later in the Hell's Rebels Adventure Path (particularly in "A Song of Silver," but also perhaps in the next adventure, "Dance of the Damned"). TURN OVER THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE SLIPPED THE NET OF JUSTICE! HANDOUT #1 The specific text of Proclamation the Ninth is presented here as Handout #1. Drayven held another dagger to the throat of a woman by the time I reached my husband. Beginning with captive human stock, aboleths used alchemical reagents and their own natural slime to render their subjects pliable. If Sabo approves the transfer request, she asks a guard from area B1 to escort the PCs into the cell block to gather the prisoners—see Rescuing the Armigers on page 23 for more details. In other words, give the PCs a Hellknight, membership in chances to relax and unwind—if every single the Order of the Torrent is moment of the game is grim and dark, the perfect choice—while this things can get overwhelming. The Hellknight strongly suspects that these He pauses a moment, then turns to face the PCs with open armigers are being held in the Holding House. Fortunately, that NPC manages to escape with a few hit points, and soon thereafter seeks out the PCs to relate his or her harrowing tale. WRETCHGHOSTS (3) CR 5 XP 1,600 each hp 52 each (see page 78) Treasure: The three remaining bodies of the doomed addicts were well-to-do members of the city's aristocracy, and their surviving jewelry (signet rings, bracelets, earrings, and necklaces) is worth 2,400 gp in all. Morale Ungol-Pagh fights to the death, knowing that failure to maintain this advanced scouting post for his master would result in a far worse punishment should he flee to report bad news to the aboleth necromancer. From critically acclaimed author Chris A. "In any event, assuming he's not in the clutches of House Thrune, I think I know where my cousin is. ELDER CORDULEGASTER CR 7 XP 3,200 NE Large outsider (aquatic, daemon, evil, extraplanar) Init +4; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +16 DEFENSE Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary AC 20, touch 9, flat-footed 20 (+11 natural, –1 size) hp 85 (9d10+36) Fort +10, Ref +5, Will +8 Defensive Abilities all-around vision; Immune acid, disease, poison, death effects, waters of the River Styx; Resist cold 10, electricity 10, fire 10 OFFENSE Speed 10 ft., swim 30 ft., jet 60 ft. 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We honor those who honor the watery dead." The seers know Octavio has gone below to avoid scrutiny, but have no political leanings themselves. Perhaps you may again be of service to your government. I blinked as the limestone walls of Corentyn grew near. While he is a member of the Chelish navy, he does not approve of Barzillai Thrune or his methods, and is uneasy with the government's reliance on the Church of Asmodeus. D7. These iron rungs are rusty, but remain strong enough to allow entry into area A1 15 feet below. The apocrisiarius kyton adds its Intelligence modifier as a bonus on all damage rolls for the lancets (this modifier is in addition to any other damage modifiers, such as that granted by Strength, and is included in the statistics above). A more significant hazard lies in wait at the door to area D4, which is both locked and trapped. If the heroes can aid him in rescuing some of his armigers from imprisonment, they could serve the Silver Ravens well. The four armigers held in the Holding House are Benjen Preveau, Hortense Lierre, Ilsani Aberveen, and Kasston Auruda. Lorelu's knowledge is limited to what she knew in life, and to what currently exists within the dungeons below the Lucky Bones. The entire poem is reproduced nearby as Handout #3. This ability is twice as effective against outsiders with the chaotic subtype, chaotic-aligned aberrations, and fey. At your discretion, the PCs can also use divination or other magic to try to secure clues that can point them to this location. D11. Study of the texts reveals numerous links to the city of Vyre, and it was to this city that most of the abducted victims were sent—many appear to have been scheduled for sacrifice or sold into slavery. Advanced Class Guide Advanced Player's Guide The Inner Sea World Guide ACG APG ISWG Ultimate Combat Ultimate Equipment Ultimate Magic UC UE UM This product is compliant with the Open Game License (OGL) and is suitable for use with the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game or the 3.5 edition of the world's oldest fantasy roleplaying game. When he notes the arrival of the PCs in the cavern, the devil is a bit surprised that intruders came from within the complex, not from the outside. If the PCs volunteer to help, the elves are grateful—see the next adventure, "Dance of the Damned," for both how the PCs can save Acisazi from the aboleth Menotheguro and the fate of the half-elven ally, Shensen. Planar Swamp Cordulegaster: The memory-stealing waters of the Styx become diluted once they trickle out into the foul swamps of the Outer Sphere. Creatures: Lurking out of sight in this cavern is a single savage devilfish that has long dwelled in this cave. After flirting briefly with a career in Kintargo's dottari, a position he lost interest in after realizing how loosely Kintargo played with the law, he opted for a much more impressive goal: attaining the rank of Hellknight in the Order of the Torrent. For the next several years, Kintargo actually served Cheliax as a dutiful supporter, but in time, the Silver City's rebellious nature began to reassert itself. sunder) Feats Greater Weapon Focus (scimitar), Improved Bull Rush, Improved Critical (scimitar), Improved Initiative, Improved Sunder, Iron Will, Power Attack, Toughness, Vital Strike, Weapon Focus (scimitar), Weapon Specialization (scimitar) Skills Intimidate +13, Knowledge (nobility) +7, Linguistics +6, Perception +8, Profession (sailor) +11, Sense Motive +8, Swim +15 62 Languages Aquan, Common, Halfling, Infernal, Polyglot, Shadowtongue, Varisian SQ armor training 2 Combat Gear potion of cure moderate wounds, potion of water breathing; Other Gear +1 breastplate, +1 buckler, +1 scimitar, belt of giant strength +2, gold rings (worth 150 gp), 180 gp In his youth, Cassius Sargaeta never imagined himself as a captain in Her Infernal Majestrix's fleet; in fact, he never thought he'd ever return to Cheliax at all. "They're heading straight for us." Liset stole the words from my mouth. Once the PCs are inside the manor grounds, the lack of hiding places makes crossing to the building dangerous, but this side of the grounds is not patrolled by any human Aulorian guards. The aboleth has no significant plans for Kintargo—like others of its kind, it merely considers the indirect observation of humanity a wise practice. Food arrived, delivered by a girl who refused to acknowledge me. MAGLAP CR 5 XP 1,600 Advanced faceless stalker (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 2 292, 122) hp 52 Treasure: Around Maglap's neck hangs a key and an unholy symbol on a leather strap. Allow the PCs to come up with their plan, then use the information given about the building and its guards to determine the final success. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 63 HETAMON HAACE This man's otherworldly nature is impossible to miss. Acisazi Prisoners This long, flooded corridor is flanked by staggered cells, each barred by a heavy iron gate—a dreary, depressing prison block. In time, they took to cannibalizing the bodies of the dead thieves, but that only delayed their inevitable death by starvation. Captain Sargaeta is impressed with you, and merely wants to ask for your aid in a delicate matter. They adopt the appearance of greater proteans, playing the parts of imenteshes, keketars, and naunets, but inevitably descending into nonsensical debates amid fits of giggles. THE WATCHER IN THE WALLS CR 7 XP 3,200 Advanced xorn (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 294, 284) hp 80 Treasure: The yellow tiles have hidden compartments beneath them. Here, then, was the meat of it. D5. Likewise, he attacks anyone who attacks him—a likely result if good-aligned PCs talk to the amoral devil too long, or if anyone succeeds at the DC 12 Perception check to hear the muffled sounds of cries for help coming from area C6. knew there g was somethin I sinister abou Drayven the moment t I saw him. Lady of Graves, have mercy on the souls of those who perished within, and may the Guildmasters of the Gray Spiders burn for their sins." The Hellknights chose these doors as the site of the seal for their intrinsic strength and their role as a choke point in the level's layout (they never learned of the secret passageway between areas C4 and C13). To keep our site running, we need your help to cover our server cost (about $400/m), a small donation will help us a lot. A heal or restoration spell restores the lost memories immediately. Significant sections of the walls and floors have been inscribed with etchings of tiny letters, while statuefilled alcoves stand guard along the walls. Skum prodigies have been further fused with bioluminescent deep-sea fishes and serve as personal attendants to their masters. Drayven ignored it. There are quite a few Milanites in the city, but until the Rose sends word, they wait. NOTORIETY CHECKS During this adventure, you'll need to periodically roll Notoriety checks to determine whether the Silver Ravens' growing renown and infamy are enough for certain events to take place, or how an encounter with an ally or enemy might start out. A successful DC 30 Disable Device check allows a character to correctly deduce the code after 2d6 rounds of careful study, but failure automatically triggers the trap. Instead, there was only regret, and perhaps a bit of shame. Story Award: Balgorrah is an evil weapon, but the churches of Abadar and Shelyn both issue a bounty for the weapon if the PCs wish to "sell" it to them, rewarding the PCs full gp value for the weapon as a reward. After the first day, the victim is constantly exhausted from muscle cramps. For the loyal skum who still serve aboleths, most still embrace their ancient role as slave-soldiers, training as cavaliers, fighters, and slayers. Lictor Octavio knows that all of the surviving armigers from his order are still being held in the Holding House in Old Kintargo, but also knows they won't stay there for much longer. MISSION 3: ON THE SLASHER'S TRAIL During the years of 4596–4599 ar, Kintargo suffered under the blade of a notorious serial killer, the Temple Hill Slasher. Instead, the dottari target petty criminals for these initial displays of power. Subscribe to Pathfinder Adventure Path The Hell's Rebels Adventure Path continues! 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A player's turn consists of a single neighborhood. • Minor Cache (3): Potions of cure light wounds (6), potions of lesser restoration (2). Melee mwk halberd +10 (1d10+8/×3) Ranged mwk composite longbow +6 (1d8+4/×3) TACTICS During Combat The dottari guards are frustrated and enraged if their duties are interrupted, and they focus their attacks on the characters they feel most personify the interruption. Habitat and Society Within the Maelstrom, azuretzis frolic and cavort amid their ever-changing environment, defining themselves by whom and what they chose to copy. At your discretion, you can use these unique allies as inspiration for creating allies of your own design, perhaps out of NPCs the PCs have grown attached to during the course of play. For many years, the chambers below the Lucky Bones lay quiet. If any PC speaks favor with the new leadership in a most unseemly before the captain does, Elia stiffens but the captain manner." He's grown worried that his friend might be in holds up a hand to stay her before he finally speaks. Furthermore, Octavio hopes the PCs can use diplomacy or subtlety to solve this problem while avoiding both significant public discord and the attention of House Thrune, and thus prevent swift retribution and escalation. I expected him to be as scared as I was, but he seemed filled only with rage. Higher breeds of proteans seem reluctant to share—or perhaps are confused by—any deeper secrets of azuretzi births. The handy haversack is far from empty—it contains a small fortune of coins and miscellaneous jewelry (180 pp, 800 gp, and 3,000 gp of rings, necklaces, and bracelets) that Baccus had hoped to use to help set up a new identity after escaping from the Hellknight raid. C2. This was once a private meeting room for the leaders of the Gray Spiders, and it was here that the three planned their final desperate defense of the Lucky Bones while the Hellknights raided the floors above. Check for the week's doghousing victims at the start of each rebellion's Upkeep phase. This trail leads to the southernmost and largest ruined fireplace, where a successful DC 25 Perception check reveals a hidden trap door that opens with surprising ease on oiled hinges. © 2015 Paizo Inc. Tayacet Tiora's full statistics appear in the next adventure. Each time a creature damages a shell sentinel with a natural weapon or attempts to grapple it, the creature takes 1d4 points of slashing damage; if the creature takes the maximum amount of damage from the sharpened edges, it also takes 1 point of bleed damage. A successful DC 20 Diplomacy check to gather information is all that's needed to secure this information. A spell sat on the back of my tongue, ready to unleash itself on this man. If they caught us, there would be questions I couldn't answer. (h) "You" or "Your" means the licensee in terms of this agreement. Wex Returns Home (CR 9) At some point while the PCs explore the apartment, Varl Wex returns home from an extended walk through Old Kintargo, during which he was scouting for his next victim. Afterward, Hetamon completely devoted himself to the goddess, finding one of the few local clerics of the underground faith to instruct him in the ways of her priesthood. Razizo pushed the body of his comrade off him. Thank you for interesting in our services. (In fact, he gives the PCs the boots regardless once Varl Wex is defeated, but his opinion of them is higher if they don't ask up front.) If the PCs have already purchased these boots, feel free to substitute a similarly priced tailored item instead. With the loss of Jackdaw, the Silver Ravens became disorganized and fractious. Smugglers' Cave (CR 7) A submerged ancient wooden pier and boardwalk extend into this entirely flooded cavern, suggesting that at some point in the past the cavern was not so inundated with water. The notes indicate that Baccus believed an original copy of this book was hidden somewhere in Kintargo, but that all he'd managed to uncover from it were several incomplete notes. Today, Captain Cassius Sargaeta has served in the Chelish navy for several years. And know that you have earned a friend tonight." Needless to say, this is a huge resource for the party, one that can be employed at any point during the Adventure Path. This room was once a shrine devoted to Norgorber, the patron of the Gray Spiders, but the changeling cultists have been working for many months to transition the space into a shrine devoted to Mahathallah. 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Morale Luculla attempts to flee combat if reduced to 15 or fewer hit points, using invisibility to aid her flight if she hasn't done so already. Seashells are woven into Jenbai's long beard, while Remele's braids hang down 12 past her waist, shells and bits of driftwood knotted in their lengths. I am but just started on this subject, so you will need to wait your turns, my hopefuls..." Ghenemahl does not initiate combat, and after her short speech goes back to her work on Hortense, who is at –5 hit points but stable (thanks to regular applications of stabilize from the kyton). Use of Contributor Credits: You may not market or advertise the Open Game Content using the name of any Contributor unless You have written permission from the Contributor to do so. C4. While many of Kintargo's citizens have little love for the overly strict Hellknights, those of the Order of the Torrent have never done wrong by the city—in fact, over the years they've helped many desperate people escape capture by pirates, kidnappers, and worse. If they manage to rescue the armiger, award them an additional 400 XP. Outside the River Styx, cordulegasters are most often found in shallow, slow-moving waters and swamps, especially Abaddon's Bile Sluice and Plaguemere. I could still feel the heavy vellum between my fingers, the tannin and iron scent of the ink, the giddy rush of power in my belly as I deciphered its words. Both Angus and Phenio know of their fate and despair of their imprisonment, as their birthdays are drawing near. Before an attempt at forging these papers is possible, the PCs must confirm which armigers are held in the prison—fortunately, while this isn't common knowledge, the city doesn't hide the information from the public. To the apocrisiarius kyton, the wounds caused by such cutting truths are the finest vintage of suffering one can inflict. Elia's entrance into the PCs' locale of choice is calm and civil. If the PCs don't secure one of the keys, picking the lock requires a successful DC 25 Disable Device check. If the result rolled is outside the Challenge Rating range appropriate for the PCs, roll again on the table or choose a different encounter. They fight most frequently with the Logrunners, Old Kintargo's largest drug gang. Amulat-kini have the advanced creature simple template and 8 or more class levels. My husband swallowed hard. Play this out by simply Cassius Sargaeta Sargaeta bluntly describes Marquel's regarding the players for about a father as "a grasping little prig currying minute of silence. It is rare but not unheard of for a pack of wretchghosts to include multiple different associated drugs. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Iudeimus Tenement Like most of the buildings in Old Kintargo, Iudeimus Tenement is somewhat dilapidated, but built well enough to have stood the test of time. I didn't ask why he possessed such a sail, and he didn't ask us about the corpse we'd left behind. Skum have an obnoxious tendency to protect their ancient homes and secrets—homes and secrets drow would undoubtedly put to superior use. Lictor Sabinus remained evervigilant and endured these disorganized attempts to assassinate or discredit him—until the Night of Ashes. With a successful DC 16 Will save, an unwilling creature can resist having a spell effect taken from it or applied to it. The gate relocks 1 minute later, at which point the guardian becomes active once again. He tells them that he is now in their debt, and furthermore, that he's a man who honors his debts. "A way out." The scroll Drayven Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary possesses seems to grant him passage even among the Thin Wisp thieves of Corentyn. Sargaeta asks the PCs to return to him and deliver the Wencella, see if our guests would care for some of that recipient's reply—verbatim. OFFENSE STATISTICS Speed 30 ft. C16. out and admits his suspicions that the PCs are leaders If the PCs accept the mission, Sargaeta gives them the of the Silver Ravens, but does finally conclude with the message (a fine parchment envelope with a plain black following statement. He nodded once, strode to the door of my cell, and pounded on it in three succinct beats. And of course we can arrange for your apprentice's release. These constructs often serve aboleths, skum, faceless stalkers, and cults of dominated humanoids as guardians, particularly of captured prisoners or other living victims. There are no recent bodies kept here Once she or the PCs make such an offer, the lictor sighs (the most recent is that of a sailor who drowned 4 years heavily before replying. They responded by assassinating Lictor Reya, our heroic founder. When the scouts join as a bonus team, they function as a group of spies. Luculla owns a small confectioner's shop called "Sweet Tooth" that shares a roof with the Tooth and Nail, and often stops by the tavern to hand out treats—her candied blackberry tarts are among the most popular of her offerings. The Chelaxian raised his hand and smiled. 6. Hortense is stable but at –5 hit points. 60 Full statistics for Barzillai, High Priest Grivenner, and their allies appear in Pathfinder Adventure Path #100. PART 3: LUCKY BONES 36 With information gained from their new Hellknight ally, the PCs can claim a long-forgotten complex below a ruined gambling hall in the oldest part of Kintargo, but only if they can clear out the cultists and monsters that have taken up residence within! 4 The PCs begin this adventure at 4th level. The most obvious way to rescue Hortense is to attack and slay the kyton. Would that I had heard the soft sigh of swords being drawn, or that my careful nature had asserted itself to warn me. (In either of these cases, Wex is instead lying in wait in his apartment, prepared to ambush those he fears have come too close to finding out his sinister secret—see Wex Returns Home on page 34 for more details.) The map on page 20 shows the northern half of the tenement, and Wex's apartment occupies the northwest quarter. If the PCs attend the excruciation with Setrona, she's relieved to note soon enough that her cousin isn't among the 1d4 victims—but she does recognize the armiger as a low-ranking member of the Order of the Torrent. Kidnapped by the cult several days ago, they're hungry, thirsty, and traumatized by the recent events. When a poor soul is excruciated via doghousing, he is placed within the nail-studded doghouse—within, the confines prevent one from standing up or lying down, forcing the victim to squat or hunch over to avoid slumping against the The Glorious Reclamation As things proceed in Kintargo with the PCs' rebellion against Lord-Mayor Barzillai Thrune's rule, the Glorious Reclamation continues to gather strength throughout the rest of Cheliax. The save DC is Charisma-based, and replaces the associated drug's normal addiction save. Although they were initially skeptical that a tiefling could be truly altruistic, Hetamon's gentle demeanor and healing skills quickly endeared him to his neighbors, whose suspicion gave way to genuine affection for the boy. 8. CASSIUS SARGAETA CR 8 XP 4,800 Male human fighter 9 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init +4; Senses Perception +8 DEFENSE AC 19, touch 10, flat-footed 19 (+7 armor, +2 shield) hp 90 (9d10+36) Fort +9, Ref +3, Will +4 (+6 vs. There are three likely strategies that the PCs might employ to solve this situation: force, stealth, and trickery. At the very least, if If the PCs have accomplished anything particularly the PCs deny him, Captain Sargaeta instructs his crew public, he congratulates (or ridicules, as you see fit) to spread what information he knows about the Silver their accomplishments there as well. D1. I would recognize my son's handiwork anywhere. Voracious Frenzy (Su) When in close proximity to a substance to which it was addicted in life (20 feet or less), a wretchghost goes into a mad frenzy that increases its speed but hampers its defensive reflexes. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Construction A shell sentinel's body consists of 200 pounds of shells, each of which must be polished and ground so that its edges are as sharp as razors. The missing valve ring can be found in area D12. Trap: The air in this room is old and stale, but still breathable. Regulars and Diversions If the PCs rescue the armigers from the Holding As the PCs return to the Tooth and Nail (or whatever House, Lictor Octavio joins the Silver Ravens as a unique location they favor), you should strive to build a cast of ally (see page 61). A PC who succeeds at a DC 30 Knowledge (geography) check knows that the "Drowning Eye" is a name for an obscure undersea pit off the west coast of Ravounel— it's unlikely that the PCs know this now, but they'll become more than familiar with this location in the next adventure. GRAY MAN SIGIL CR 8 XP 4,800 Type magical; Perception DC 31; Disable Device DC 31 EFFECTS Trigger touch; Reset automatic; Bypass gemstone button combination Effect spell effect (variant summon monster VI; summons 1 fiendish xenopterid; CL 11th) GRAY MAN Fiendish xenopterid (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 4 288, 183) hp 93 Treasure: Most of the gear possessed by the dead thieves has rotted and rusted away, but 168 gp, a +1 mithral short sword, and a vest of escape remain in good condition. Finally, he halted at a dead end. Unless a PC succeeds at a DC 30 Perception check as the door is opened, this scrap drops unnoticed to the floor, and when Wex returns, he knows intruders are in his home. The approach of delicious living flesh is more than enough to rouse them—they attack at once and pursue foes relentlessly, fighting until destroyed. Daemon, Piscodaemon from the Tome of Horrors Complete © 2011, Necromancer Games, Inc., published and distributed by Frog God Games; Author: Scott Greene, based on original material by Gary Gygax. "Determination." "Who are you?" He bowed before me in a flourish that said he was schooled in at least some courtly manners. As soon as he as additional guards. The Reclamation never directly impacts events in Hell's Rebels, but the PCs should still hear rumors about how the Iomedaeans are faring, if only to help explain why Cheliax doesn't send a stronger response to growing unrest in Kintargo—the government has its hands full dealing with its own rebels. • A look into the ecology and society of the sinister aquatic humanoids known as skum, by Thurston Hillman. Lictor Yehl declared the raid—in which the Hellknights had not taken a single loss—a victory, but then sealed the chambers they'd captured rather than fully exploring them. Only the strongest-willed skum resist the demands of their creators, and such individuals must flee or be torn asunder by their own people. I expected more... Outside of the Maelstrom, the discomfort of stagnancy encourages azuretzis to grow increasingly more erratic and mischievous, pushing against what they perceive as a flaw in other planes. Insome Filas Bartender and Cook at the Tooth and Nail (CG male human commoner 1) There are those in the world who are destined for greatness, to grow into the role of hero or villain and work profound changes upon the world. Other notes with the ledgers indicate that these deeds are stolen, and that the Gray Spiders intended to use the deeds to blackmail Miss Mayapple, yet the raid by the Hellknights cut this plan short. If you your result is less than or equal to the Silver Ravens' current Notoriety score, then they or their agents are recognized as rebels—this can be good (if they're being recognized by a potential ally, such as Lictor Octavio) or bad (if they're being recognized by agents of Thrune). If the PCs manage to capture a changeling, she does nothing but spit vile curses and constantly attempts to escape. Of course, by the time the proclamation is made public in the early morning of the first day of this adventure, Barzillai and his agents have already taken steps to eliminate the Order of the Torrent. Jagged russet plates cover the cordulegaster's body, camouflaging the creature by mimicking natural rock formations found in Abadd0n's waterways. Indeed, as this adventure begins, new murders begin afresh, and the PCs are likely to hear rumors of them (particularly result 2 on the Kintargo Rumors table on page 7)—but it's a new friend, Hetamon Haace, who draws their attention to the latest. Further, as Varl Wex's murders (see page 31) continue to pile up, Tayacet grows increasingly distracted by them, as these crimes are much more interesting to her. She has very little patience or concern for her own safety, and attempts to intimidate her are unusually difficult; a successful DC 26 Intimidate check is required to secure her cooperation. Creatures: The sole guard of this area is a cerberi named Gorefangs, given to Auxis Aulorian by Barzillai as a token of appreciation for the patriarch's recent support of Thrune. The guards prefer not to meddle with the kyton's affairs; they aren't quite sure what her purpose here is, but know better than to ask questions. She's eager to wager her secrets against the PCs' minds, but certain things can drive her into a fury: anyone wearing the colors and symbols of the Order of the Torrent; anyone attempting to disturb her remains; someone winning more than eight games or getting caught cheating; someone refusing to gamble with her (and likewise, someone deciding he's had enough and wanting to leave the room); and, of course, anyone attacking her. We will simply have to renegotiate our terms." I sighed. The Tooth and Nail and the Long Roads Coffeehouse both suffice in the short term. Though your name and face may be safe in the City of Masks, your soul and morality may not. In other cases, skum maintain the old cruelty of their bygone masters, kidnapping women to incubate their next brood. These loose collectives also mass together to repel invaders and, like schools of fish, seem to maneuver and outflank opponents without a single, central intelligence to direct them. Most of them are spread throughout Avistan, where they search for the lost and taken throughout the Inner Sea region, but they also often serve as mercenaries aboard ships in waters sailed by slavers. Luculla orders her cultists (and the devil Elgadazum, if he's present) to play the role of the cult's remaining leaders, including orders to give their lives so that the cult can live on. If the PCs have convinced Sabo they have legitimate authority to transfer the prisoners, she and the guards don't bat an eye at the PCs leading or carrying the wounded armigers out of the Holding House, but if the PCs sneaked into the complex, smuggling their rescues back out could be a problem. Found as an infant in the ashes of her village, she was taken in by a neighboring shaman and trained to be a powerful jungle druid. However, when they returned moments later, looks of astonishment lit their faces. (perfect) Melee corrupting touch +9 (7d6, Fort DC 17 half) Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Lorelu 47 Special Attacks consume life, sneak attack +3d6 C12. It ran like wax over his pale skin, across both cheekbones, as if someone had carved him ear to ear. Gillmen: Potentially the only surviving members of the Azlanti species, the so-called "low Azlanti" distance themselves from skum communities. Using aboleth alchemy, skum train mindless oozes to perform basic tasks. If they manage to use diplomacy or threats to defuse the excruciation without causing a fight, award them 2,400 XP. For the next 7 years, Lictor Sabinus demonstrated admirable skill at sizing up people, recognizing their strengths and limitations, and keeping the order from dwindling. The shrine is mostly underground, carved into an upthrust escarpment of stone that overlooks the Yolubilis. Large skum communities still feature many of the creatures and weapons left behind as their masters retreated. Trap: There is, of course, more to this trap than is obvious. Smite Chaos (Su) This ability functions as the paladin's smite evil class feature, but against chaotic-aligned creatures. He prefers to capture enemies alive unless they're mindless creatures, undead, or evil or chaotic outsiders. Until he recovers the magical kukri, Wex attacks with his dagger, focusing his attacks on the PC who carries the knife (making disarm attempts if appropriate). An iron gate blocks access into a corridor to the east. If more PCs succeed at their Bluff checks than fail (or if the failures and successes are equal in number), Sabo might idly flirt with a PC or two, but she's quick to ask for the transfers and looks them over. Natsiel vanished again, thinking what a great joke it would be to witness the disaster this responsibility would

have on the man. This information can be learned with a successful DC 20 Knowledge (history) roll (or at your discretion, a successful check with a poetryassociated skill such as Craft [poetry] or even Perform [sing], at the same DC). Interior: Ceiling height is a uniform 10 feet within the Holding House. Most Darklands skum remain clustered in the fallen ruins of their absent masters. In any event, make sure to keep track of what happens with Balgorrah, as the Skinsaw Cult may well seek out the weapon during the fourth adventure, “A Song of Silver.” If they manage to reclaim the weapon in that adventure, Balgorrah may well return in the final adventure, fully awakened, in the clutches of a Skinsaw assassin specifically sent to target the PCs as they work to secure a final alliance with the rest of Cheliax—see Pathfinder Adventure Path #102: Breaking the Bones of Hell, for more information on this possible plot development. Borderlands cordulegasters automatically recover from physical blindness or deafness after 1 round by growing new sensory organs to replace the compromised ones. If no PC is capable of forging the documents, one of their NPC allies (or a successful DC 25 Knowledge [local] check) suggests one Ruba Fenquay (CN female human expert 6; Linguistics +15) as a resource. The secret door on its northern face was once as well hidden as those above, but exposure to water has resulted in some of its internal hinges rusting a bit, leaving a faint red stain around its edges. While to friendly competitions. Copy of this License: You MUST include a copy of this License with every copy of the Open Game Content You distribute. Find Your Path Pathfinder Adventure Path is your monthly Pathfinder RPG campaign resource. The devil has been tasked with watching over the prisoners in the adjoining room (area C6), which the cult has been using to imprison teens abducted for sacrifice to Mahathallah. B1. The residue of personality clinging to its psyche is ruthless and filled with hate, and it is overwhelmingly jealous of the living, who can still enjoy the bliss of its associated drug. Doors on this level are waterlogged and swollen—a successful DC 18 Strength check is needed to force each open. Sabotage: With a successful DC 15 Secrecy check, a team of saboteurs learns about the otyughs guarding area C1, and manage to slide some poisoned filth through gaps in the floor. Under the new leadership of Reya’s most gifted follower, Parthos Yehl, the Order of the Torrent mounted an all-out assault on the Gray Spiders. His leather armor had offered no resistance, and the blade had sunk deep enough that only the hilt was visible. Liset turned a wary eye to our captain. If he gets the idea that the PCs have brought harm to the skum, the devil attacks in an enraged frenzy, as he had hoped to use their contact with the aboleth Menotheguro (whom Shurshogot hasn’t yet met) to help him escape his binding. Trickery: This route has the strongest chance of success. He left the door open behind him, as though certain I would not—or could not—flee, and approached me like a hunting cat, prepared to pounce. As soon as he notices the accomplish both goals.” PCs, he tiredly makes his presence known with a gruff baritone What Lictor Octavio has in mind comment: “These shrouded bodies concerns finding out what happened to are those of drowned sailors with no Lictor Octavio the Order of the Torrent armigers and living relations, given a place of honor rescuing them without causing more down here by the grace of Saint Senex.” violence. One line is circled: “Moonstone, Moonstone, ruby bright / Open turquoise, malachite.” This is a clue to opening the capstone at area C16, circled by Guildmistress Hei-Fen many years ago. She whistled twice, shrill and short. Shrine to Mahathallah (CR 7) The ceiling of this long chamber rises to a height of twenty feet overhead, the shallow vaulting supported by stone pillars. it’s also a district ripe for recruitment to the Silver Raven A hit on the named target reduces the thrower’s hellcause, as many of its residents are known to engage in debt by the number of points that target is worth, while practices that skirt the edge of the law. The harbor lay ahead of us, boats of all sizes and shapes bobbing at the moors. Though the swamps of Stygia in Hell are devoid of daemons, many of these twisted beasts find purchase and thrive there. With a successful DC 20 Knowledge (religion) check, a character recognizes the driftwood statue as being a depiction of Saint Senex herself. The nest on the ground is the bedding of the faceless stalker Maglap, a creature that spends relatively little time here overall. Though I had taken the caretaker’s life, my apprentice bore the weight of regret for us both. They immediately attack any intruders, and while they pursue foes into area D6, they don’t do so elsewhere in the complex. But the man who entered my cell next carried no food, only a scarred face and several wicked-looking daggers strapped purposefully about his body. When used to take a Rescue Character action, the armigers can rescue up to four characters at once from a single location. Hei-Fen, a female human wererat cleric of Norgorber, controlled much of the Gray Spiders’ abduction plots, but also served as the guild’s spiritual leader. B10. Development: Once the capstone is opened, a 10-footdiameter shaft is revealed. Development: If the PCs haven’t encountered the faceless stalker Maglap yet (see page 38), at your discretion, they may encounter the creature here. Development: If the devil Elgadazum teleported to Luculla’s side, Luculla enters this room via the secret door from area C8 in 1d6+4 rounds to relocate the prisoners there to area C9. Readers interested in references to Pathfinder RPG hardcovers can find the complete rules of these books available online for free at paizo.com/prd. GHASTS (6) its trap. To either side of this curtain in each alcove sits a once-luxurious divan, next to a simple wooden stool and a low table supporting a grimy hookah. Creature: This room was used by the guild as a place to dispose of unwanted refuse from the torture chamber above (area D5). He’s led the Order of the Torrent for a decade, and during that time they’ve rescued dozens of missing people and other unfortunates from abduction. 79 BESTIARY T hat horrid thing came up from the waters stinking like gods-know-what—a new stench has to really stand out to be noticeable in the sewers. Razizo withdrew from me, his face hard and unreadable. A minor ally of a PC (such as one of the NPCs presented on the inside back cover) might mention “an intenselooking Tian woman came by earlier asking questions about you.” Once the PCs get the idea they’re being followed, they might start seeing Tayacet more often. In rare instances, skum bear wildly different pigmentation—almost always the result of sorcerous blood sneaking into the tribe from their human relations. Further details on the progress of the Glorious Reclamation can be found in the next Adventure Path, Hell’s Vengeance. The noble patriarch is infuriated at the PCs and wants them arrested, but if they succeed at a DC 26 Diplomacy check, they can persuade him to let them off with a warning. If the PCs are caught without prisoners, they can either fight their way out or agree to meet with the Holding House’s warden, Sabo the Spider, whereupon they still might need to fight their way to freedom if they can’t trick her or otherwise convince her to let them go. “If you change them I declare I must know you’re playing fair!” “In yon vault your papers lie,” Crowed the Crook in swift reply. A shallow pool of water lies in the northwest corner of the room, where a rusty iron ladder descends from a hole in the ceiling above. A second, lesser-known group of skum still serve their aboleth masters directly in the lowest reaches of Orv’s Sightless Sea. The most complicated part of such a plan might well be how to sneak the prisoners back out of the building, since none of the armigers are particularly sneaky. When he struck, it was to kill. 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A shell sentinel is composed entirely of razor-sharp shells, and the binding matrix that holds its form together and gives it its rudimentary but foultempered intelligence is a slithery black sludge distilled from the rotted flesh of unwanted slaves. A complex man, Cassius would rather see Kintargo in open rebellion than sit idly by while its leader abuses power for personal gain at the cost of Thrune’s resources or reputation. When the PCs first open the doors (or alternatively, when they first arrive in area C13 if they find the secret passageway from area C4), the haunted nature of the chambers beyond should quickly become apparent, with the long, mournful moans of a few dozen starving souls sighing out in greeting. If Wex is warned in advance, he lies in wait in his secret room, leaving the secret door ajar so only a successful DC 10 Perception check is required to notice it. Currently, cells B11a, B11c, B11e, and B11j each contain a half-crazed vagabond (use the statistics for a beggar on page 300 of Pathfinder RPG GameMastery Guide if needed); these prisoners yell and howl if they notice intruders, hoping to report the intruders to the guards in return for freedom (or at the very least, a better meal). Mocking Touch (Su) An azuretzi can borrow another creature’s talents with a successful touch attack, suppressing a target’s ability to use a single spell or spell-like ability (up to 4th level) of the protean’s choice for 1d4 rounds, after which the target regains the use of the spell or spell-like ability. The smugglers’ tunnels were built below sea level, and an ingenious machine worked to keep many of the chambers dry. Several of the soldiers could see us from their posts, yet they paid us no mind. To the west hang three faded portraits. Hellknight Armor (Ex) When Octavio wears Hellknight plate, he reduces its armor check penalty by 1, increases the maximum Dexterity bonus allowed by 1, and moves at full speed. See Mission 1: Into the Holding House Silver Ravens and immediately stands down. One evening, a beautiful woman named Natsiel seduced him, and he fell into despair when she abandoned him. The save DC is Charisma-based. Melee mwk rapier +11/+6 (1d6–1/18–20) Ranged mwk pepperbox +11/+6 (1d8+3/×4) Special Attacks deeds (dead shot, deadeye, gunslinger initiative, gunslinger’s dodge, pistol-whip, quick clear, startling shot, targeting, utility shot), grit (1), gun training +3 (pepperbox) TACTICS During Combat Elia opens combat with her pepperbox and works to maintain ranged superiority by staying mobile when needed, or slowing her enemy’s ability to move with tanglefoot bags if necessary. Among the many agents Barzillai hires to keep tabs on the growing situation is a talented mercenary and investigator named Tayacet Tiora (LN female human investigatorACG 8), a Cheliax-born Minkaian who dabbled with membership in the Hellknights, the church of Asmodeus, and the dottari of three different Chelish cities before deciding that none of them were right 17 for her. The skum have left the other disks alone. of the delivery. The elves explain that Acisazi has come under an insidious assault by a what they believe to be an aboleth wizard. 5 The PCs should be 5th level by the time they start exploring the Lucky Bones. Now, I insist we leave.” “We will return for her?” He nodded. The game, she explains, is called “odds and evens.” With a successful DC 15 Knowledge (local) or Profession (gambler) check, a PC knows of the game and its rules; otherwise, Lorelu explains the rules to the PCs before beginning play. —C. It’s best if this event occurs before the PCs actually begin to explore the Lucky Bones. “The Lucky Bones was, to the public, a gambling hall and opium den. Above, a changeling cult of Mahathallah led by none other than Luculla Gens, neighbor to the Tooth and Nail, has repurposed the Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary 37 Lucky Bones Intrigues If the PCs manage to recruit a team of saboteurs or spies, they can have the rebellion take Covert or Sabotage actions against the chambers below the Lucky Bones, as detailed in the Hell’s Rebels Player’s Guide. All three of these poets have been dead for decades—only the so-called “Poison Pen of Kintargo” (and, of course, any PC poets included on the list) still lives. An examination of the device and a successful DC 30 Spellcraft check reveals the machine is a magical pump that fills the surrounding chambers with breathable air, but that years of neglect have resulted in some damage. Barzillai Thrune decided to reopen the Holding House as an interim prison for suspects who might not yet warrant full imprisonment. His father has promised many times to pay for the regeneration spell required to restore the use of his arm, but never followed through due to disappointment that his son chose again and again to look to his writing rather than help carry on the family’s mercantile interests in silver and salt. Once the PCs have her ear, Nurla confirms that Varl Wex is one of her tenants. The pump still functions, and radiates an aura of strong transmutation magic. Every centimeter of scrawling script was knowledge reclaimed for my god and my family. “Perhaps the God-Fiend has already claimed us both,” he said before latching the bolt behind him. Story Award: If the PCs learn about Luculla early from Maglap, award them an additional 1,200 XP. He pushed the woman away and held out his hand for me. If the PCs trigger this alarm, the leader becomes aware of their presence as described in area D12. Its “head” is a tangle of long limbs composed of razor-sharp edges, and its body seeps with foamy, toxic-looking slime. From acclaimed short story author Gary Kloster comes a tale of revenge, lost cities, and unlikely alliances, set in the award-winning world of the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game. Indeed, the suggestion for this proclamation came from Paralictor Kyrre Ekodyre of the Order of the Rack, and if the PCs find proof of this suggestion in the fourth adventure, “A Song of Silver,” they’ll have gained a potent bit of intelligence to prevent further meddling in Kintargo’s destiny by Barzillai’s favored Hellknights. A successful DC 20 Knowledge (religion) check reveals that the religious accoutrements are associated with Mahathallah. If so, he continues to serve in this capacity as the adventure proceeds—but as an option, if a chaotic good, 7th-level PC takes the Improved Familiar feat at the end of this adventure, consider having Vendalfek volunteer to serve as this familiar. Walls and Roof: The Holding House’s walls feature no windows and are made of reinforced masonry (hardness 8, hp 180, break DC 45). Following the ulat-kini’s inception, the species quickly became one of the aboleths’ finest weapons in their many wars against Azlant and Thassilon. Captain Sargaeta requests the company of those citizens who so ably liberated a certain gathering of wrongfully imprisoned Hellknights from unjust incarceration. I rummaged through my healer’s sachet, searching for something that might help me escape, but it was a useless endeavor. 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Turn of the Torrent by Mike Shel Night Road KINTARGO Silver Road AULORIAN ESTATE Ri ilis Riv er r ve bi l is Yolub Yo lu VERITAS PLAZA THE DEVIL’S THREADS RUBA’S SHOP SCOURGE OF BELIAL TOOTH AND NAIL LUCKY BONES HOLDING HOUSE VESPAM ARTISANS LUCKY BONES RIVER EXIT SHRINE OF SAINT SENEX Rav ou ne l Ro IUDEIMUS TENEMENT ARGO ISLE ad 0 1,200 FEET Authors • Thurston Hillman, Stephanie Lorée, Tim Nightengale, Mike Shel, and Todd Stewart Cover Artist • Wayne Reynolds Interior Artists • Dave Allsop, Ekaterina Burmak, Steve Ellis, Miguel Regodón Harkness, Jaime Martinez, Caio Maciel Monteiro, Will O’Brien, Patrick Reinemann, Kiki Moch Rizky, Kim Sokol, and Tatiana Vetrova Cartographer • Robert Lazzaretti Design Elements • Eva Widermann Creative Director • James Jacobs Editor-in-Chief • F. Opening the secret door from the southern, non-secret side causes the yellow mold to burst, filling the northeastern portion of the tunnel with deadly spores to a distance of 10 feet from this room. Sometimes shell sentinels lose their original purpose following many years of inactivity. The Chelish government accepts whatever the kyton says as truth, knowing that it can’t utter falsehoods even if the Nidalese diplomat somehow tricked the kyton. For the next 40 years, the Order of the Torrent continued to honor its charter of rescuing those who had been abducted, yet the order’s membership continued to decline. If the PCs haven’t allied with the Order of the Torrent, they may still make the connection themselves and seek out the seers—the seers agree to use the wands on the PCs in exchange for a donation to the Shrine of 250 gp per charge used, or at no cost if the PCs manage to make them helpful via Diplomacy or other means. The second chest is lined with padded velvet, and contains eight potions of cure moderate wounds, four potions of lesser restoration, four potions of neutralize poison, four potions of remove curse, four potions of remove disease, two vials of lich dust poison, six vials of medium spider venom, a single vial of wyvern poison, and a ruby vial (worth 3,500 gp) containing a single dose of oil of life (distilled from the quicksilver of a philosopher’s stone but never used by the guild). It was pleasure that I recognized in his smile. The halfelf is affable and polite, and is genuinely interested in learning a bit more about the PCs as they make their way to the Old Harbor. 11. They then fused the scales, fangs, and organs of deep-sea beasts into the deliquesced human flesh. If no PC is familiar with the Order of the Torrent, a successful DC 15 Knowledge (local) check reveals that they are a small band of Hellknights native to Kintargo, housed in the Castle District in Citadel Vaull. Maglap uses these outfits to augment the various appearances he assumes on the streets above, and has not yet realized that among the clothing is a fully functional (if grime-encrusted) cloak of the manta ray. His congregation has grown modestly over the past four years and now includes several prominent citizens of Old Kintargo, most of whom don’t know each other but know of the cult’s overall presence and influence in the city. Creature: Ghenemahl herself is a type of kyton used often in Nidal as a messenger or diplomat—an apocrisiarius kyton (see page 72). Each fragment I found brought me closer to a cure. Pump Valves The eastern wall of this low-ceilinged cave is riddled with one-foot-diameter holes, most of which are adorned with a circular ring of silvery metal etched with tiny runes. They might overhear a rumor while relaxing at the Long Roads Coffeehouse or the Tooth and Nail. At 9th level, when a Order of the Torrent Hellknight gains his third discipline, he cannot choose the summon devil discipline. But before the PCs can strike, they must forge alliances with nearby tribes of aquatic elves and the free city of Vyre to cut off Cheliax’s easy sea and land routes, forcing Lord-Mayor Barzillai Thrune to rely solely on his resources at hand to defend his control of Kintargo. Come, we have little time before your husband discovers he’s been cuckolded.” “I will certainly not, if that’s your intention.” Something small and dark whispered in my thoughts that he was right; I would leave Liset if it meant a cure for Khem. The spell’s effects, caster level, and remaining duration are unaffected, and continue as if the new target were the caster’s original target. However, an apocrisiarius kyton considers inflicting pain and suffering nothing more than a tool to reach what truly intrigues it—the purest form of a single truth. This meeting should feel a bit intense—Barzillai doesn’t mean to attack or harm the PCs, but the PCs likely don’t know that for sure. Gnaw (Ex) If a cordulegaster begins a round with a foe grappled in its jaws, it automatically deals bite damage as a standard action or part of a full-round action. But those chambers still exist below the ruined gambling hall—chambers that were never mapped or officially reported. The Gray Spiders used this large room to host truly high-stakes games in which players wagered their limbs, lives, or evens souls, often playing against sinister outsiders or visitors from other realms. Marsh Giants: Just as skum have dealings with isolated clans of humans, so too do they strike bargains with these profoundly deformed coastal giants. Human-skum relations spawn one of two results: a full-blooded skum, or an oddly deformed being that is sallow and greasy but who can still pass as human. These tribes still instinctively cling to the sites they fought over in bygone ages, mostly aquatic habitats where the abundant food supply blunts their aggressive tendencies. Triggering a switch is a move action. Although some wretchghosts might have been addicted to multiple drugs in life, one addiction always takes precedence over the others when such an unfortunate becomes a wretchghost. The water is cold and still, but only slightly murky with mud and silt. Only Hortense Lierre isn’t in her cell (area B11k)— she’s been claimed for the day by the kyton Ghenemahl. Force of Will (Ex) Octavio gains a +2 bonus on Will saves against spells with the fear descriptor. This attitude generally manifests as an air of superiority over the Silver Ravens. If more PCs fail their Bluff checks than succeed, or if the result of the Notoriety check is less than or equal to the Silver Ravens’ Notoriety score, Sabo denies the transfer request and asks the PCs to gain the signature of a dottari captain and return with it the next day. A shell sentinel can create a poison cloud like this no more than once per minute. To casual observation, the ruins look entirely abandoned, but with a successful DC 16 Perception or Survival check, a character notices a partially hidden trail that winds through the rubble. Piles of sail canvas and jumbled coils of rope litter the stony floor, and the walls, floor, and ceiling have been carved to look like wood. A failed Rescue Character attempt by the armigers does not increase the Silver Ravens’ Notoriety score. Hetamon is a friend of the tavern’s owner, who moves to introduce the PCs to the man if they haven’t already met (they may recognize him from a prior visit to the Devil’s Threads, which is known to carry magical clothing at times). In the next adventure, she may well have a change of heart about whom she works for, so at this point, she might stress the fact that she might be paid by Thrune but works for the citizens, thus foreshadowing her actions to come. Gangs might offer PCs insights or insights, and can turn out to be either valuable allies or dangerous enemies in the old city. A secret door in the northern wall of the pit leads to the floor of a second pit in area C13—a passageway known to the Gray Spider guildmasters but not, alas, to their doomed subordinates. The prisoners are generally chained to a nearby pillar during this time, affording the prisoners about 5 minutes of time to exercise before they’re returned to the cell. As “Turn of the Torrent” begins, the Glorious Reclamation has seized control of several smaller towns, including the town of Kantaria. Listed below are the spell-like abilities for all of the drugs detailed on pages 236–237 of the GameMastery Guide plus alcohol—use these as inspiration for coming up with spell-like abilities for other drugs. CHANGELING CULTISTS (4) CR 2 XP 600 each Female changeling cleric of Mahathallah 1/rogue 2 (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 4 29) LE Medium humanoid (changeling) Init +5; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +9 DEFENSE AC 14, touch 11, flat-footed 13 (+2 armor, +1 Dex, +1 natural) hp 19 each (3d8+2) Fort +2, Ref +4, Will +5 Defensive Abilities evasion OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. Take care to mind father’s hound. If the PCs fall for this trickery, the vengeful priestess flees into hiding as soon as she can to plot revenge against the PCs and to rebuild her cult, abandoning the incriminating evidence in area C9 to its eventual discovery. Skum ravagers are barely sentient voracious beasts that are loosed into the surrounding tunnels as watchdogs. Once it attacks, it fights to the death, pursuing prey relentlessly. But unlike with sahuagin—another traditional enemy of aquatic elves—skum clash with aquatic elves only when commanded to do so by aboleth masters or when aquatic elves push into ancient skum territories. As the proprietor of one of Old Kintargo’s oldest taverns, the Tooth and Nail, Setrona knows and is known by a diverse array of citizens, and her reputation as something of an upstart and a critic of the government is well established. Drayven and I were outnumbered, and my healing arts would be of little use until after the scuffle had ended. My rescuer studied me a long moment, and then he nodded as though coming to his own conclusion. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary 65 LICTOR OCTAVIO SABINUS Lictor Octavio Sabinus, the last son of a minor noble family long fallen from favor in Chelish society, is a square-jawed man with close-cropped hair. As we traveled up and up, the walls narrowed enough that we had to turn sideways. 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Creature: A single guardian protects this room—a rope golem. She shouted out to us for help, then she cursed the gods as it dragged her back into the muck, her voice burbling as she slid through the shallows. This man is the tiefling tailor Hetamon Haace, and he’s been lying low since Barzillai took over the city. Listed in brief below are NPCs from the previous adventure who are assumed to still be active in the campaign. ADVENTURE BACKGROUND In the years after the end of the Chelish Civil War in 4640 ar, the city of Kintargo was aimless and lost. INT 10 CHA 12 WIS 14 EGO 7 LANGUAGE empathy On a successful critical hit, this +1 kukri deals 2 points of bleed damage, which stacks with any bleed damage already caused by the attack. Each time a doghousing occurs, Kintargo’s population diminishes by an amount equal to the 1d4 victims, but the act causes an upswell in support for the Silver Ravens. Cassius acts friendlier toward the PCs if they show sincere interest in his beliefs and relationship. Her polite but firm knock at the door should prompt puzzled looks from the building’s employees and customers. She’s clad in rags and covered with horrific wounds—her right arm is partially flensed, and her pinky finger is missing from her left hand. After several decades of idleness, the constructs might abandon their assigned tasks and begin to wander, staking out their own territories and attacking any creatures that enter these arbitrary domains. The bulk of these notes contains nothing new, but one note in particular considers the possibility that Mangvhune may have been manipulated by supernatural forces beyond this world, and that his spirit may have somehow become anchored to Kintargo due to some strange eldritch and primordial feature of the region, yet the note does not go into further detail. When multiple wretched addicts perish in the throes of a shared drug addiction in an area infused with pain and misery, those tortured souls sometimes cling to each other, and their overwhelming hunger for just one more fix sometimes anchors them to this world. They know she’s not human, but think of her as a devil (neither knows what a changeling is) with mismatched eyes and sharp claws. I shall await your escort this midnight, and shall arrange to leave the western gate unlocked for your convenience. She’s got her in the torture room. The more human-like infants are born able to breath air, but still carry their skum destiny; when their human flesh dies of old age, they slough off their skin, revealing a living adult skum within. Creatures: The skum don’t use this room to torture prisoners—those they capture are simply left to linger in the cells (see area D6). She whistles appreciatively when the PCs ask for paperwork to falsify a prisoner transfer, stating with her white wooden smile that such a task is very dangerous, and the work very expensive. Written in Infernal, the contract promises to draw upon the “resources of Master Menotheguro of the Drowning Eye” in order to achieve the devil’s freedom once the Master’s “mission to observe the air-breathers of Kintargo” has concluded. The “Welcome Mat”: A room that serves as a combination lounge for the guards and a place to meet 20 with visitors to the Holding House. He’s taking a significant (but by his calculations, a lesser) risk by involving the PCs, and 28 if they come through for him, the captain is willing to do what he can, subtly and carefully, to aid the Silver Ravens in removing Barzillai Thrune from power—hopefully while preserving his lover’s life and his own position in the Chelish navy. He might grouse a bit at your methods, but I know for a fact that he’s no supporter of Thrune, and having his network of agents at your disposal can only help, right? The Holding House was the city’s original jail, but until recently the 19 B. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary A Grateful City This adventure has two separate climaxes—a hidden one and a public one. His crew has largely picked up on his opinions. She might ask a few more probing questions as well—names of superiors or even how long one of the PCs has been worshiping Asmodeus. “It will find its way back to him. At the last minute before the PCs depart on their mission, Lictor Octavio comes to a sudden decision and loans one of the PCs his mother’s mithral short sword, explaining that not only will this weapon help the bearer against any devils he may encounter in the days to come, but also that showing it to the armigers and explaining that it belonged to the lictor’s mother (a bit of information Octavio would never give someone who stole the weapon) should be all that’s needed to convince the prisoners that the PCs are allies. A victim of doghousing takes 1d6 points of nonlethal damage from starvation and thirst per day, and 1d6 points of lethal damage from dog bites per day. If the PCs don’t bother to hide their actions and seek out the shrine in broad daylight, they might be noticed by Thrune agents... In either case, the warden meets with the PCs in her office (area B3). Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation ADVANCED GLOBSTER CR 6 hp 69 (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 3 290, 131) Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo D12. He’d left his wife in their shanty near the docks and run up a black sail to keep the guards who watched over Corentyn’s indomitable walls from spotting us. Each rescued victim increases the rebellion’s Notoriety score by 1. If all three locks are disabled, the door can be opened without triggering the trap. Each of these statues is made of stone and depicts a feminine figure, although the details seem more like they were formed in clay that was allowed to harden rather than carved directly from rock. His chin settled on my crown. Though he was my height, staring into those heartless eyes was almost painful. Guard Barracks: This room holds five bunk beds for the guards to rest in when they aren’t assigned to patrol but are still on duty. The house is always the first player on the first round. Acisazi Scouts: If the PCs rescue the Acisazi scouts from area D6, the elves seek to return to their home to the west, but 1 week after the PCs rescue these elves, they return and pledge their loyalty to the Silver Ravens. Reformation: If any provision of this License is held to be unenforceable, such provision shall be reformed only to the extent necessary to make it enforceable. Unlike constructs whose traditions are mired in humanoid magical tradition, the typical shell sentinel appears more like a streamlined froglike creature with flippers instead of feet and a set of four talons on stalks in place of a head. Attempting to open the door without the key (either by forcing it open or picking the lock) causes a thin, stiletto-like blade to thrust out, potentially stabbing (and poisoning) the unfortunate who attempted to open the door. Robinson Senior Art Director • Andrew Vallas Art Director • Sonja Morris Graphic Designer • Emily Crowell Publisher • Erik Mona Paizo CEO • Lisa Stevens Chief Operations Officer • Jeffrey Alvarez Director of Sales • Pierce Watters Sales Associate • Cosmo Eisele Marketing Director • Jenny Bendel Vice President of Finance • Christopher Self Staff Accountant • Ashley Kaprielian Data Entry Clerk • B. However, to blunt the slaves’ creativity, ambition, and capacity for self-organization, the aboleth fleshwarpers infused traits of aquatic predators. “Do they see us?” she asked. Those who fail to save against this effect are staggered for 1 round. Wesley Schneider Executive Editor • James L. Over aeons, this monstrous people forgot their once-proud martial heritage and even their formal name, replacing it with the derogatory title of “skum” bestowed on them by their human adversaries. Of course, if you worry that these rumors might distract your players from this Adventure Path’s main plot, feel free to downplay or omit their presence in your game entirely. Lictor Octavio hopes to rebuild the Order of the Torrent, but knows that Kintargo’s current clime is inappropriate for such a task. The ledges surrounding the pit are hinged such that after a few seconds of delay they swing suddenly downward to hurl intruders into the depths below. As the lone ranking Hellknight of the Order of the Torrent in Kintargo, Lictor Octavio has nowhere to call home; unless the PCs offer him somewhere to stay, he opts to go into hiding at the Tooth and Nail, imposing upon his cousin’s hospitality. Morale If two otyughs are slain, the survivor scurries off to cower and sob in a corner—it fights to the death if the PCs press the advantage, but otherwise won’t further contest their coming and going through the chamber. He smelled of leather and the acidic wash used to blacken blades, of freshly baked bread and a home I thought I’d forgotten. Her body has been savaged, and bears a total of 37 separate stab wounds. The furniture in each room is old, moldering, and decaying from the moisture. If the PCs are caught by the guards and surrender, they’re brought before a florid and sputtering Auxis Aulorian. He was Chelish, and I might have mistaken him for a noble were it not for the silvery scar bisecting his regal nose. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary A Murdered Rose In the previous adventure, the PCs should have received a short message from the leader of Kintargo’s Milani cult, the Rose of Kintargo. It was only poor fortune or the irony of the gods that my search had brought me back to the home I’d forsaken, back to the start of my troubles. Keep in mind as well that the PCs may have trouble talking directly about the forgeries while in her aura, and if she’s allowed to peruse the forgeries too closely, she may even attempt to speak them aloud. Octavio’s initial assumption is that any intruders are If the PCs ask for Octavio’s opinion as to why Barzillai agents of Barzillai sent to hunt him down, and if the PCs outlawed his order, the Hellknight responds with his attack or if he’s surprised by them (which might be the brow furrowed in thought: “We were investigating case if the PCs sneak into the room and find him seated rumors that Lord-Mayor Bainilus didn’t actually flee at the desk in contemplation), the Hellknight fights to the city for Arcadia as the government claims. Conversely, if the devastated young man is ignored, he may well end up getting himself killed by this adventure’s end, likely by making a foolhardy attempt to assassinate Barzillai Thrune or High Priest Grivenner of the church of Asmodeus. If the PCs manage to force a confrontation but wish only to talk, Tayacet respects the PCs but remains evasive. Two whipping posts are positioned to north and south, while narrow, rusty cages sit against the walls. SOCIETY Nowadays, skum divide themselves into two distinct groups: the masterless and the loyal. The key to opening the well safely lies in the gemstone eyes set in the xenopterid’s face, along with the poetry clue hidden in area C15. He never comes Ravens around, increasing their Notoriety score by 2d6. The script, written in Infernal, reads, “These doors sealed by the Order of the Torrent; all holdings within awaiting arbitration. These rounds of gambling continue until a PC is caught cheating or refuses to play, or until the PCs have collectively won a total of eight rounds and have had the ghost answer eight questions (at which point Lorelu accuses the PCs of cheating and attacks). At that point, she flees if she feels that her foes are merciless; otherwise, she surrenders and hopes to be ransomed back to her captain. In truth, the building was a front for a guild of thieves and abductors known as the Gray Spiders. He might offer spells if paid some respect (or fed), or attack if he believes the PCs have harmed or will harm the otyughs in area C1. Whether or not the devil calms down if the PCs offer to aid in its escape is up to you, but in any event, until the binding is removed (only powerful effects like antimagic or mage’s disjunction can do so), Shurshogot cannot leave this cavern. The PCs are likely to uncover portions of this history as they explore the gambling hall’s basement; feel free to hand out additional tidbits as you see fit, perhaps rewarding curious PCs who use the Gather Information rebellion action to try to find out more. Melee Balgorrah +12/+7 (1d4+4/18–20) or dagger +10/+5 (1d4+3/19–20) Ranged dagger +9 (1d4+3/19–20) Special Attacks sneak attack +4d6 plus 4 bleed TACTICS Before Combat Wex drinks a potion of shield of faith if he can before entering combat; if he doesn’t have this chance, drinking the potion is his first action in battle. Sunlight slipped in and blinded me, but that mattered little as I pushed my way past Drayven to gulp at the fresh air. The exact timing of their birthdays is left to you, but the PCs should have at least one chance to rescue them before they’re murdered by Luculla. Elia Nones 25 certainly use the advice of friendly NPCs to encourage the PCs to accompany Elia back to the ship, especially if they’ve heard the rumor that suggests that Captain Sargaeta might not be as strong a supporter of Thrune as one might think. I was only an apprentice then, naive and endlessly eager. If the PCs accept, see the appendix on page 61 for the benefits gained by having the tiefling cleric and the cult of Milani as allies of the Silver Ravens, and see page 64 for more details on Hetamon’s personality and background. He’d probably hate me if he found out I told you this, but the Order of the Torrent sometimes uses a small shrine just south of the city in the Argo swamps as a safe house. for various missions throughout Old Kintargo. At precisely noon, the bells above the Cathedral of Asmodeus ring out a number of times equal to the number of PCs in the party, and the ground-floor doors to the opera house open to allow Lord-Mayor Barzillai Thrune to step out into the public eye. The third and final chest contains a cloak of elvenkind, a folding boat, four prisoner’s dungeon ringsUE (see Development below), a wand of alter self (23 charges), and a robe of powerlessness that appears to be a robe of 53 D6 D11 D5 D1 D13 D4 D3 D10 D7 D2 D9 D8 D12 D. She dragged Hetamon into the common room of the little dive, called the Tooth and Nail. The neighbors are insular folk who don’t know much about each other, and if fighting breaks out in the halls, they stay inside their homes. If she’s Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary 15 him from being easily located by Thrune agents. As it was, I could only stare as Drayven procee

food. Now nearly 30, he lives a double life as a tailor in Redroof, respected despite his heritage, and as the leader of Kintargo's followers of Milani, the goddess of hope, devotion, and uprisings. It made him both more terrifying and appealing. The order's members aren't all stationed here in Kintargo— they work throughout Avistan, after all, and I suppose it's something of a blessing that most of their two dozen or so members were elsewhere when Barzillai made the order illegal. The strength of his convictions is more than apparent within the penetrating gaze of his intent gray eyes. STATISTICS Str 10, Dex 11, Con 8, Int 16, Wis 9, Cha 12 Base Atk +2; CMB +2 (+4 disarm); CMD 8 (12 vs. The fisherman wound our vessel into the harbor, passing under the lanterns that dotted the city like fireflies. SLASHING GEARS CR 6 XP 2,400 Type mechanical; Perception DC 25; Disable Device DC 28 EFFECTS Trigger touch; Reset automatic Effect Atk +15 melee (4d6+10/18–20) Treasure: The skeletal tiefling is all that remains of one of the Gray Spider guildmasters—Baccus the devil binder. A wretchghost has little left of its former personality or ambition, but when it comes to the task of addicting the living to its drug of choice, these creatures can be shockingly cunning and sneaky, particularly in the way they use their spell-like abilities. Elven Absinthe: Eagle's splendor, reckless infatuationUM (DC 15). So I took my savior's hand and once more left my husband to clean up my mistakes. Melee 2 claws +3 (1d4+2) Ranged mwk net +3 Special Attacks channel negative energy 3/day (DC 10, 1d6), hell's corruption (1 round, 6/day), sneak attack +1d6 plus 1 bleed Domain Spell-Like Abilities (CL 1st; concentration +4) 6/day—copycat (1 round) Cleric Spells Prepared (CL 1st; concentration +4) 1st—commandD (DC 14), cure light wounds, shield of faith 0 (at will)—bleed (DC 13), light, resistance D Domain spell; Domains Devil, Trickery Development: If the PCs are forced to retreat before defeating Luculla, the six changeling cultists who weren't here the first time the PCs visit return to fortify the defenses here. Cloakers and mimics are both common neighbors, and chuuls often share their hunting grounds with skum, who revere the aberrations as something between older siblings and bogeymen. Ecology The precise origins of the cordulegaster remain unclear. Using the government's own overly complicated rules and regulations against it allows the PCs to fight fire with fire. Off the starboard side and some distance down the wall, a patrol boat emerged. But this is my burden." "It always is." I let my hand fall from her and noted the blood under my nails where I had clawed at the caretaker's grip around my throat. I'm afraid attendance is compulsory." Feel free to adjust Elia's greeting as appropriate, but it's important to let the PCs know that she not only represents the Chelish navy but also knows the PCs have something to do with Kintargo's burgeoning rebellion. Infested Pit (CR 7) This oval-shaped chamber is dominated by a twenty-footdeep pit. These tactics are as vile as they are dangerous, for a wretchghost that escapes such control invariably seeks out its onetime master to extract revenge as best it can. A seer casts sanctuary on the first round of combat, then divine favor and weapon of awe in the next 2 rounds before breaking her sanctuary effect and casting command on foes to force them to lie down. Lancet Mastery (Su) An apocrisiarius kyton wields two lancets in combat. During the rebellion's next Upkeep phase, increase the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score by 1d6, plus 1 for each Aulorian guard slain. Most of the games here, however, were of a more mundane nature, with desperate people willing to gamble a hand, a leg, or a loved one for a chance, however small, to win a huge payout. The metal capstone itself can be forced off the well or simply smashed apart (hardness 10, hp 60, break DC 28), but each attempt triggers Gray Man 51 Each time the trap is triggered, the engraved image pulses with gray light and summons a fiendish xenopterid (a creature often referred to as a "gray man" by the faithful of Norgorber) to attack creatures within the room. The skum generally keep them closed despite this difficulty for the added security. C13. If a creature fails this save and becomes addicted, it immediately takes that drug's damage but does not gain its effects. The two barrel-shaped objects are in fact watertight chambers used to effect these transportations. Every 30 minutes, one guard from area B1 and one from B6 makes a slow patrol, walking a clockwise circuit through the building and checking all rooms save areas B5 and B12 along the way—you can assume that these checks take each guard 10 minutes to perform.Daytime (9:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.): During the day, only eight guards are on site at any given time (since this is the point when guards rotate out for a couple of hours, one at a time, to head out into the city for personal reasons). If the PCs rescue the twins and deliver them safely home, the Shellets are incredibly grateful and offer the PCs all their savings in reward (this amounts to only 14 gp, 23 sp, and 38 cp). 77 I am not, by nature, a reckless person. Contact with this toxin, which runs throughout a shell sentinel's form, causes intense pain and clouds the minds of living creatures unfortunate enough to be subjected to it. It was her careful planning and orchestrations that resulted in the assassination of Lictor Reya when the Order of the Torrent first started to investigate the guild. Despite her simple appearance, Ruba is an accomplished scribe. They should adventure does not assume remember what they're fighting for, after any PCs take this option, Lictor all, and if you don't let them engage in the Octavio welcomes any who do. The results of such actions, if successful, are as follows. If she's on her own (or if it looks like she's about to be on her own), the changeling attempts to cast summon monster IV to conjure up a fiendish giant wasp to protect her. The skum attack on sight and fight to the death; if the PCs retreat and return at a later date, they find the room empty— any skum who survived the first fight have relocated to area D8. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary CAMPAIGN ROLE As this adventure progresses, the lictor, now a man without a cause, comes to increasingly view the Silver Ravens as allies. result of this check exceeds DC 15, the The captain appraises the PCs character also knows that the Aulorians have in silence for an interminable long supported Kintargo, but with Barzillai period as he sips his tea—the Thrune's arrival, the family patriarch Auxis primary source of the exotic scent has grown increasingly supportive of in the room. Setrona is short for a human, and has a habit of making up for her height with a bombastic (some would say shameless) way of speaking. I fell to my knees, bruising them on the cobblestone, and waited for my vision to clear. Octavio had long wondered what might have been sealed away in the chambers below the Lucky Bones, but lack of resources—and a worry that what he might uncover could very well be the final straw in destroying the order's reputation—stayed his hand. She hoped that the shame of a tiefling child would be too much for him to bear—that he would fall into sin and fuel the Abyssal machine upon his death, and that the trauma would send the child's soul to follow his father's. Skum hulks possess the giant creature simple template and serve as common laborers. High-Stakes Hall (CR 7) A long mahogany gambling table sits at the center of this chamber, surrounded by richly carved chairs fitted with silk cushions. Two rusty iron winches sit to the east and west sides of the room, connected by a length of sagging, moldy rope that hangs over the pit. The order has diminished in recent years to a historic low of 23 members. "Are we near the strait?" I asked. Finally, the spies learn of the hidden entrance to area C1—the PCs can automatically locate the hidden trap door in this case. But before the Silver Ravens can rise up, they need allies—friends among powerful groups like the Order of the Torrent Hellknights, a hidden cult of Milani, and disenfranchised agents of the government itself. If the PCs visit during the daytime and present their prisoner transfer orders, the guards escort them to meet with Sabo. The windows on the ground floor of the manor are barred, but those on the second floor are not. He frets for the lost youth of the undercity and how the deceptions of Mahathallah have led them astray. B6. The tunnel on the far side of this room extends a further 50 feet off the edge of the map before surfacing in an old sewer tunnel below Old Kintargo. • The changeling cult, the undead, the skum, and the drowning devil must be defeated or driven off. As a result, as long as Cassius remains an ally, the rebellion is immune to the effects of the "Increased Patrols" event—if this event is rolled, treat it as no event and instead grant the rebellion +3d6 supporters. In the meantime, Cassius should be played as a valuable but hesitant supporter of the rebellion, a man whose influence and knowledge of the Imperial Navy is invaluable to the protection of Kintargo. This ability functions as polymorph, granting the azuretzi relevant abilities and ability score adjustments, and the azuretzi can assume the specific form of an iconic creature, reproducing its appearance exactly or twisting and exaggerating features to make itself a caricature of its target. Lictor Octavio Sabinus: The Hellknight's advice to the Silver Ravens grants a +4 bonus on all Security checks to take the Rescue Character rebellion action. If this occurs, the encounter should be with a group of four dottari guards (see page 11). At your discretion, other methods might work as well—if the PCs haven't had a reason to visit Vespam Artisans (and thus get on the trail of Varl Wex), an ally could even recommend they pay a visit there to see about having a specialist attempt to disable the door. Some of these NPCs might of sight for this adventure, and that includes simply provide the PCs with rumors. ECOLOGY Environment any freshwater (River Styx) Organization solitary Treasure none 83 KYTON, APOCRISIARIUS This slender humanoid is clad in a severe black leather harness and long skirt decorated with curling twists of wire. Especially talented spellcasters can attempt to gain control over these rogue constructs if they have the Craft Construct feat, but doing so requires the targeted shell sentinel to be restrained (or to otherwise be made a willing participant) for the 1d4 days it takes to imprint a new "creator" into the construct's primitive mind. He's affable, always happy to have new patrons. The proteans can move a spell's effect to themselves, sharing its effects as if they were a single creature, or else shift it to any single valid target of the original spell within 30 feet. Hyrantam: What remains of the former capital of Lirgen is now located in the Sodden Lands. The term "sadistic" is synonymous with kytons, who are known for their innate cruelty and capacity to gain pleasure from the suffering of others. Oozes: Skum possess a unique relationship with the copious species of oozes that dwell in the Darklands. His hand moved in a blur, one instant lifting in mock surrender, and the next flicking a dagger he'd palmed from his belt. In any event, Gorefangs spends the days lurking in his doghouse, and the evenings patrolling the grounds. Wise PCs instead ask about the Lucky Bones itself. Only the fact that it has four eyes (represented by four gemstones) is an obvious clue to the figure's true xenopterid nature. He's endured at least a half dozen attempts on his life as well as countless unsuccessful efforts to frame him for crimes or injure his esteem in the eyes of Lord-Mayor Bainilus. But Khem's time was running short, and my imprisonment would not save my son. If no PC can help with the water-breathing problem, or if they wish to conserve those resources for other reasons, there are other options. The kyton operates on those it captures with these lancets; these fiends prefer to use torture and vivisection to carve away both physically and metaphorically at their victims until all that remains is the one nugget of information they desire—a pure truth, unadulterated by extraneous life. The Kintargo Rumor Mill The PCs have numerous opportunities to pick up rumors about current events in Kintargo. HELLKNIGHT OF THE TORRENT ARMIGERS XP 400 each Human fighter 2 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init +1; Senses Perception +3 24 CR 1 Development: Once the PCs rescue the armigers, they need somewhere safe to hide out. The actual result of this Sleight of Hand check sets the Perception DC for others to notice the character cheating. within them I will be glad to be gone from this place. On occasion they hire themselves out to those who require the services of a skilled torturers and interrogators, but they are used most often as messengers and diplomats, particularly in the political mazes of Nidal. A shell sentinel never attacks its creator, others of its creator's race, or creatures magically controlled by its creator, unless it is attacked first or its creator gives it direct orders that countermand this. When one of his flock falls to Wex's blade, Hetamon decides to make contact. Within the chambers below, ceiling height averages 8 feet. "A bit skinny, no?" He tilted his head as he studied me, reminding me of a bird. He generally uses Power Attack only against foes who don't appear to be heavily armored, but if he's hitting his targets often and they don't seem to be giving him a challenge, utilizing Power Attack certainly helps to satisfy Cassius's passion for dramatics. Morale Lorelu fights until destroyed, but cannot pursue foes out of area C11. In addition, the Shellets are indefatigable when it comes to spreading word of the PCs' deeds, and during the next rebellion Upkeep phase, the Silver Ravens automatically gain an additional 3d6 supporters. Public reaction to this proclamation is somewhat mixed. "Ah, there it is," he said. His advice and aid help the PCs in minor supporting characters who serve as regulars. At your discretion, if a player roleplays being polite to her particularly well (even if it seems obviously feigned— Nurla is bad at recognizing subtlety and sarcasm in others), no Diplomacy check is needed. Faced with the prospect of imprisonment, Cassius fled Sargava for the Shackles. In addition, as long as Octavio remains an ally of the Silver Ravens, his presence and leadership bolster the rebellion's morale— the rebellion is immune to the Low Morale event as long as the lictor remains allied with them. Her lean frame and piercing gaze can be quite unnerving, particularly when combined with her habit of lacing her conversation with congenial speech and the occasional sexual innuendo. Kintargo Rumors d10 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Rumor "The Scourge of Belial has been moored in Old Harbor for several days. Its lower jaw folds under its head as the cordulegaster rests, cupping over the mandibles like a mask of interlocking, irregular teeth. Like my rescued from abductions. When Azlant fell, the cloaker race fled, hiding in the Darklands to survive. Predating the race's origin by millennia, skum abhor these aquatic intruders who frequently attempt to retake the ancient Azlanti ruins the ulat-kini hold so dear. In fact, the altar is itself a door, and a successful DC 18 Perception check reveals a catch holding the stone in place. However, few outsiders appreciate their creativity, and sour reactions can drive the fickle proteans into angry fits. The partial map of the Aulorian estate provided on page 20 shows the estate grounds between its western gate (a secondary entrance to the estate) and Marquel's second-story bedroom. She smiles sweetly at the PCs as the bone dice her skeleton touches float into the air and spin before her. As with other secret doors in this complex, it's difficult to find (Perception DC 35) and hasn't been discovered by the cultists. "A jest, my lady. None of the chests are trapped. Anyone caught harboring a Hellknight of the Torrent runs the risk of facing her own punishment, ranging from a fine of 500 gp up to excruciation via doghousing. The shrine's dome is 8 feet high. Within, the hollow pillar drops 20 feet down to area D2. Armiger Preveau is held in cell B11b, Armiger Auruda in cell B11d, and Armiger Aberveen in cell B11f. A DRUNK IN THE SLUMS (CR 5) If the PCs are short on experience, or if the PCs accidentally let Luculla Gens know they're planning on clearing out the Lucky Bones, you can run this encounter (this may well happen if they speak to Octavio at the Tooth and Nail and don't take precautions to keep their discussion secret, or you can assume that Luculla learns if the Silver Ravens fail a DC 20 Secrecy check). Poison Cloud (Su) As a standard action, or as a free action after it hits a target with at least one attack after using pounce, a shell sentinel can exude a dense, dark cloud of poisonous ink as long as it is underwater. A. wax seal) and a scrap of paper containing a few notes Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 27 about the Aulorian estate (see The Aulorian Estate below). This chamber was once used by the Gray Spiders as a lounge and meeting 40 1 SQUARE = 5 FEET hall, but the cult of Mahathallah now uses it (and the adjoining rooms) as living quarters. Out of the water, shell sentinels can function, yet they lose their ability to create poison clouds and can move about only with an awkward flopping motion—as a result, they tend to stay submerged at all times. Ulat-Kini: Formerly an aboleth research facility, the aquatic overlords abandoned the Darklands city of Ulat-Kini to the species that once bore its name. Morale Varl Wex fights to the death. Feel free to lessen or strengthen the grisly details of Hortense's plight (depending on the comfort level of your group) before describing her tormentor: a pale woman clad in wire and leather, weeping tears of blood and impaled by dozens of long, thin lancets. He's been snatched up by the lord-mayor's guards and is rotting in the keep!" (See Mission 2 on page 24 for more details.) "Lady Docur's School for Girls closed its doors—the students there are kept under lock and key, and the lady herself isn't letting anyone in or out. You must affix such a notice to any Open Game Content that you Use. He can't use the arm to take actions or carry objects, and takes a –4 penalty on Climb, Disable Device, Sleight of Hand, and Swim checks and to his CMD (these modifiers are incorporated into the above statistics). The effect did not soften his appearance. It retreats into these walls if no targets remain the room. with bite) Special Attacks extending jaw, gnaw, powerful bite, pull (bite, 10 ft.), stygian bite (Will DC 15) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 9th; concentration +9) At will—healing thief UC (DC 13) 3/day—aqueous orb APG (DC 13), hydraulic torrent APG 1/day—confusion (DC 14), summon (level 3, 1 cordulegaster, 50%) STATISTICS Str 23, Dex 11, Con 19, Int 12, Wis 14, Cha 8 Base Atk +9; CMB +16 (+20 grapple); CMD 26 Feats Ability Focus (stygian bite), Alertness, Improved Initiative, Improved Natural Attack (bite), Lightning Reflexes Skills Climb +15, Intimidate +8, Knowledge (planes) +6, Perception +16, Sense Motive +11, Stealth +8 (+13 in swampy terrain or underwater), Survival +14, Swim +26, Use Magic Device +11; Racial Modifiers +5 in swampy terrain or underwater Languages Abyssal (can't speak), Draconic (can't speak), Infernal (can't speak); telepathy 100 ft. 75 I've come to accept that Razizo and I are victims of our complicated past together. When she first meets the PCs, roll a Notoriety check. Rope trick or animate rope deals 1d6 points of damage per 3 caster levels. Sensing an opportunity to make a bit of money, Tayacet offered her services to Barzillai Thrune, but the job he assigned her—to learn what she could about the Silver Ravens—grows increasingly uncomfortable for the woman as she comes to realize just how unpleasant Barzillai is. She used her supernatural passion to drain Hetawell's life almost completely, leaving him crippled and shattered, knowing the poor family could never afford to pay for Hetawell's recovery. Story Award: If the PCs avoid a confrontation with Gorefangs and the guards entirely, award them 4,000 XP as if they'd defeated them in combat. Cold Momugado: Located on Lake Nirthran in the Darklands realm of Sekamina, this settlement of skum is based out of the ruins of an aboleth temple. If you're using the rebellion rules from the Hell's Rebels Player's Guide, the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score will have been established already and will continue to fluctuate as the Adventure Path progresses. The save DC is Constitution-based. The Gray Spiders used watertight barrels and bottles of air (see area D8) to come and go via the flooded passageways that connected to both Kintargo's sewers and the Yolubilis River. Doors: The Holding House's doors are strong wooden doors (hardness 5, hp 20, break DC 25), with the exception of the doors to the cells, which are iron (hardness 10, hp 60, break DC 28). deadlier if he can make sneak attacks, but on his own against a group, he likely has very few opportunities to do so. Of course, the type of information the PCs gain depends on the questions they ask—if Hetamon casts the spell, he works with the PCs beforehand to determine what questions they'd like asked. My stomach growled. The air in these halls is noticeably colder—only a few degrees above freezing, in fact, and light sources seem slightly oppressed, as if they were finding it more difficult to illuminate the halls. Two rings glittered on each of his hands, and an amulet set with a ruby winked at his throat. They made him more beautiful. The two bodies in the middle of the room are the skeletal remains of a pair of unfortunate addicts from the opium den who were slaughtered by the room's guardian. If you wish, you can have the PCs stumble across a new murder victim as they travel from one place to another—the discovery of a fresh trail of blood leading into an alley should be all it takes to get the PCs interested. Vespasio is initially quite protective of his clients, but once he becomes aware of the fact that the PCs suspect one of them is the slasher, he grows more helpful. "I will not leave without her," I said. She might not appear at all, or perhaps features only in a rumor. paizo.com Paizo, Paizo Inc., the Paizo golem logo, Pathfinder, and the Pathfinder logo are registered trademarks of Paizo Inc.; Pathfinder Roleplaying Game and Pathfinder Tales are trademarks of Paizo Inc. Once a creature becomes addicted to the drug, it can still take damage from the wretchghost's touch but suffers no additional effects from its addiction ability—indeed, the creature might now find itself at something of an advantage over the wretchghost because of the creature's susceptibility to addicts. "You're not coming?" Liset asked. Permission granted to photocopy this page. 1. He then focuses his actions on providing healing or assistance to allies. 12. Very few were so lucky. These bones are lucky tonight! Will you wager part of yourself for my secrets, my friends?" Lorelu's transition into undeath unhinged her mind; she remembers her life as one might remember a dream, with the exception of her love for gambling. Longterm skum habitats show countless signs of disastrous collapse and ill-conceived repairs, often repeatedly in the same problem areas, and their most ancient cities feature terrifyingly elegant aboleth architecture pockmarked with amateurish stone walls. If confronted by the PCs, he does his best to bluff his way past them to his secret room to get the knife, but if they've found the room already, he realizes the game is up and attacks. The Gray Spiders typically employed the aid of charmed aquatic creatures like chuuls, but sometimes, for particularly delicate shipments, by guild members under the effects of water breathing. Shortly afterward, it became clear that Yehl and several of his subordinates were planning to rob the guild's treasury for themselves rather than return the stolen goods, and they were charged with corruption and expelled from the Order of the Torrent. Since the Chelish Civil War, Saint Senex has drifted into obscurity. A natural 1 results in the thrower missing the perfect hideout for the rebellion can be found. Jackson comes a fantastical tale of love, espionage, and high-seas adventure, set in the award-winning world of the Pathfinder Roleplaying Game. The final fight for the Lucky Bones took place here, with Guildmaster Baccus fleeing below while the last of the Gray Spiders held the Hellknights back long enough for Baccus to seal the well and flood the tunnels. As Elia leads the PCs up the gangplank and aft to the entrance to the captain's cabin, she explains that Captain Cassius Sargaeta has had a short fuse lately, and recommends that they avoid interrupting him when he's speaking. Vespasio can tell the PCs that Wex lives nearby in Iudeimus Tenement, but isn't sure of the exact address within the building. enchantments Immune sleep OFFENSE Speed 30 ft., swim 30 ft. My quarters, to which I am confined, shall be lit by two red candles." If the PCs agree to deliver the message by hand, as Captain Sargaeta hopes, he strongly recommends stealth, with a delivery by night preferred. To the west stands a statue carved from driftwood depicting a woman dressed in robes, holding the body of a drowned sailor in her arms. Note that the Silver Ravens can use the Rescue Character action to try to rescue victims of doghousing. If the PCs wish to investigate the location where the body was found, Hetamon leads them to the site (an alley in the southwestern portion of Old Kintargo), but alas, no clues remain—Wex is careful to leave few leads at the scenes of his murders. If Luculla's been warned (such as by minions fleeing from the west), she has one of her cultists wear her face mask, then drapes herself over the altar so that when the PCs enter the room, they see what appears to be an entranced Luculla about to be sacrificed by a worshiper of the Dowager of Illusions. The PCs' defeat of Nox may not be public knowledge, and their overtures of alliance with the Order of the Torrent may not be either, but Hetamon is observant and receives regular reports from his flock. While Hetamon isn't intended to gain levels as the campaign progresses (he has little ambition for power), this could change if a PC takes a particular liking to him and inspires the tiefling to be more than a tailor and part-time healer. The unpleasant decor is intended to ward off idle curiosity, but also provides the chamber's denizens food and comfort. Setrona fully intends to accompany the PCs on the trip, but if they would prefer to go alone, she understands and gives the PCs her signet ring as a token to aid in securing her cousin's cooperation if and when they find him. Morale Cassius surrenders once he is reduced to 10 hit points or fewer if he suspects his foes are capable of mercy. These new murders, as it turns out, are perpetrated by one Varl Wex, an unhinged artisan who has been influenced and inspired by an evil weapon once owned by the Temple Hill Slasher. If reduced to fewer than 45 hit points, he flees, hoping to move elsewhere in the complex or even out a window and up a wall so he can hide and then strike from hiding to gain a sneak attack opportunity. As Barzillai steps out of the opera house and the church bells fade, he looks the PCs over intensely, his harsh stare making a lie of his politic smile. Her smile was fierce as she turned it on me. The License: This License applies to any Open Game Content that contains a notice indicating that the Open Game Content may only be Used under and in terms of this License. Fragile Frame (Ex) Whenever a shell sentinel is dealt a critical hit from a bludgeoning weapon or rolls a natural 1 on a Reflex saving throw, it must succeed at a DC 12 Fortitude save to resist being forced to discorporate. Observation Post (CR 7) Part 3: Lucky Bones XP 2,400 Phosphorescent lichen grows on the walls of this cave, though portions have been scraped away so that someone can carve messages into the stone walls. take place through the seers as proxies. It also contains several pages of notes transcribed from a partial copy of a copy of the infernal Book of the Damned. As the PCs approach, she speaks gruffly and makes a rude gesture as she says, "What are you loiterers on about? The skeleton wears a gleaming silver chain shirt, and one skeletal hand is clutched in a fist held against its chest. Attendance Is Compulsory (CR 6) Captain Sargaeta keeps his ear to the ground as best he can, and knows of the Silver Ravens and PCs even if they've taken pains to hide their identities. More rarely, azuretzis congregate around more imposing keketar proteans, basking in their presence and stammering like excited children. Each day that passes, the elves slowly starve (Core Rulebook 444–445), as the skum aren't particularly interested in feeding their prisoners. Otherwise, on page 18 for more details. "You don't look like much," he said, not unkindly. Truthspeaker (Ex) An apocrisiarius kyton is incapable of lying; it can withhold the truth by refusing to answer a question, but can't utter or 84 telepathically communicate a falsehood. Of course, not everyone appreciated the new lictor's leadership. Story Award: For finally forcing Barzillai to acknowledge them and the Silver Ravens (even if he doesn't mention the group out loud), but having the wisdom to realize that now is not the time for a fight, award the PCs 3,200 XP. Trap: Although she leaves the door open to avoid having to wrestle with it whenever she comes and goes, Luculla has protected the entrance to her quarters with a glyph of warding that affects anyone but herself who passes through the door. Elder Cordulegaster The insectile eyes of this chitin-covered daemonic monstrosity display a malign intelligence. GOG – TORRENT – FREE DOWNLOAD – CRACKED Pathfinder: Kingmaker – Enhanced Plus Edition is the first isometric party-based computer RPG set in the Pathfinder fantasy universe. She falls back on using channeled negative energy whenever she's surrounded and alone. Without the direct oversight of their aboleth masters, the two tribes have descended into infighting and petty squabbles over territory, food, and credit for discoveries. Old Kintargo Encounters d% Result Avg. If they wish to do so, let them. Once these details are known, creating the documents is just a matter of time (1 hour per prisoner), resources (50 gp in fine paper and the various colored inks to create the forms), and a Linguistics check. The excruciators themselves are dottari guards—men and women clad in black leather trousers, bloodstained chainmail aprons, and face-obscuring hoods painted with mocking visages, the universal emblem of their terrible craft. Among the smallest true proteans, they enjoy taunting creatures that fall short of their own embrace of chaos—a metric that encompasses most every creature across the planes. In addition, four Order of the Rack armigers stand by in the event of an uprising. At this point, the maximum rank of their rebellion increases from 10 to 15. MARQUEL AULORIAN CR 2 XP 600 Male human aristocrat 1/expert 3 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init +0; Senses Perception +6 DEFENSE AC 14, touch 10, flat-footed 14 (+4 armor) hp 14 (4d8-4) Fort +0, Ref +1, Will +4 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. "I thought that you might wish to clean that nasty cut." "It is nothing." He smiled, though it held no warmth. Though she wore the regalia of Corentyn's guard, she bore no insignia or epaulets. They fell together, a tangle of limbs in a steadily growing pool of blood. I bent at the waist, struggling to catch my breath. Skum feed on nearly anything. ed repell have Who would ever suspect a den of thieves lies ? "Yes, you will. On even rarer occasions, a wretchghost somehow arises from an obsessive attachment to an object that held significance for it when the agonized soul was among the living: a pipe, an item of jewelry, a piece of furniture, or an article of clothing. Though apocrisiariuses are native to the Plane of Shadow, they frequent the Material Plane with distressing regularity. However, rumors persist of these undead wandering beyond their former haunts, tormenting people who once enabled or profited from their hateful addictions. He wants to rescue his devastated order's armigers from their wrongful imprisonment in the Holding House, but knows he can't simply walk into the building and demand their release—after all, the arrests were made under the auspices of Chelish law. Beside me, Liset had removed her boots. The first time the PCs encounter the otyughs thereafter, the creatures are sickened from the poisoned food they ate. Balgorrah can cast bleed at will (and does so automatically if it notices any dying creature within 30 feet), and can cast death knell once per day. This Adventure Path assumes he continues to address the PCs. Tailor these additional the PCs do not take this route and instead aid the captain; words to show the PCs that the captain's been keeping a if they choose to deny him aid, you might wish to bring close eye on them—he's impressed if the PCs managed Captain Sargaeta back in a later adventure, perhaps as an to rescue the Hellknights from prison, for example. Brakisi's pride prevented him from admitting the abduction was a bad idea, and the situation escalated until a Hellknight of the Order of the Scourge named Reya Naulvaneti intervened. Many of the notes focus on the rather lurid history of Kintargo's time under the knife of the Temple Hill Slasher. If the Alternatively, a second game can begin, with each player PCs instead wish to use the Long Roads Coffeehouse increasing her hell-debt by 10 (thus, the winner starts at or any other location as a place to meet, that's fine, 10 and the other players start higher). The name "Menotheguro" is mentioned several times in cadences of awe and respect, but the messages do not make clear what this creature is. And with that promise fresh upon his lips, we fled down the dank, dungeon halls. If faced with a stand-up fight, she uses a tanglefoot bag on her enemy and then disengages to escape the combat. The carvings on the wall are written in the eerie language of the aboleths, relating various observations of human activity in Kintargo over the past several months— this is how the leader of the skum scouting tribe has kept notes on their observations. At this point, the golem swiftly coils and loops in on itself, rising into a 7-foot-tall, roughly human-shaped figure made of knots and coils. There is no better place to consider the foils of one's life than a dungeon. Wesley Schneider Pore over the sinister faith of one of Hell's whore queens, better known as the dowager of illusions. Offer and Acceptance: By Using the Open Game Content You indicate Your acceptance of the terms of this License. The Silver Ravens must have a team capable of taking the Secure Cache action to take advantage of this benefit, and can do so only once per month, but this monthly cache is provided free of charge. The remaining three perished here in the days that followed, dying of neglect and thirst while suffering through withdrawals and rising soon thereafter as wretchghosts—incorporeal undead that suffer the pang of addiction beyond death. Bropholog knows little about the cult, save that it has lured away three young otyughs he'd been proselytizing to about the wonders of tide and flotsam. ELGADAZUM THE HATEFUL CR 6 XP 2,400 Advanced bearded devil (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 294, 73) hp 69 C6. His dark hair seemed to shimmer around his shoulders, blade-straight and almost feminine. The skum feed the devilfish regularly to secure its cooperation, keeping it as a guardian against accidental intrusions from the sewers. Each skum possesses a set skin coloration in variations of green, yellow, and gray, as well as a pattern of spots unique to the individual. Product Identity: The following items are hereby identified as Product Identity, as defined in the Open Game License version 1.0a, Section 1(e), and are not Open Content: All trademarks, registered trademarks, proper names (characters, deities, etc.), dialogue, plots, storylines, locations, characters, artwork, and trade dress. A successful DC 20 Knowledge (religion) check identifies the statues as depicting her transition from beauty to skeleton (a transformation she undergoes every day), while the writing that covers about 75% of the walls and floors are prayers to the Dowager of Illusions that aren't quite finished yet. This event can thus serve as an alternative way to draw the PCs to the site if they don't learn of it from Octavio. Melee bite +11 (1d4+3), 2 claws +8 (1d3+1), tail slap +8 (1d4+1 plus grab) Special Attacks constrict (1d4+4), mocking touch, spell pilfer Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th; concentration +9) Constant—detect law At will—dimension door, shatter (DC 15) 3/day—dispel magic, hideous laughter (DC 14) 1/day—chaos hammer (DC 17) STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 23, Con 19, Int 16, Wis 14, Cha 17 Base Atk +6; CMB +8 (+12 grapple); CMD 24 Feats Improved Initiative, Multiattack, Weapon Focus (bite) Skills Acrobatics +15, Bluff +12, Diplomacy +12, Escape Artist +9, Fly +25, Knowledge (planes) +9, Perception +11, Sense Motive +11, Stealth +19, Survival +11, Swim +17 Languages Abyssal, Protean SQ change shape (polymorph), mimic form STATISTICS Environment Any (Maelstrom) Organization solitary, pair, or cackle (3–6) Treasure none SPECIAL ABILITIES Mimic Form (Su) Azuretzis are masterful shapeshifters. But if I had, my son would die a young man and never know a life without illness or pain. Azuretzi proteans, also known as mockery wyrms, personify the whimsical side of the Maelstrom's profound antipathy toward order. My heart hammered in my chest, and sweat soaked my back. They appear in the highest concentration within the Maelstrom's borderlands, but are also known to travel the Outer Planes, sating their curiosity and ever-shifting whims. In the meantime, if the PCs equip them with armor and gear, the elves are eager to help. Veiled masters' natural telepathy also allows them to reach into the minds of the ulat-kini to divine their history and activate long-buried psychic commands. shrine of Norgorber to that of the Dowager of Illusions. Melee bite +14 (2d6+9 plus grab and pull), tail slap +9 (1d8+3) Space 10 ft.; Reach 10 ft. Drayven showed no such distress. "What is it you want?" I asked. This was once a staging area for the Gray Spiders for smuggling both goods and abduction victims alike. By introducing Luculla among the other regulars, she can become a more dangerous and surprising foe in Part 3 of this adventure. All of the resulting numbers are added together, and if the final total matches the first player's odd or even claim, that player wins the round. During the day, the vigilant cerberi immediately attacks any PCs it spots, while after dark, its patrols bring it through the area shown on the map once every 1d6 minutes. OCTAVIO SABINUS CR 7 Male human fighter 5/Hellknight 3 (Pathfinder Campaign Setting: The Inner Sea World Guide 278) LG Medium humanoid (human) Init –1; Senses Perception +12 Languages Common SQ armor training 1, aura of law, discipline (seek the taken), Hellknight armor 1, Order of the Torrent Combat Gear +1 merciful arrows (8); Other Gear +1 Hellknight plateISWG, +1 halberd, mwk composite longbow (+3 Str), mithral short sword, cloak of resistance +1, 79 pp DEFENSE SPECIAL ABILITIES AC 19, touch 9, flat-footed 19 (+10 armor, –1 Dex) hp 72 (8d10+24) Fort +10, Ref +2, Will +6 (+9 vs. Surviving veiled masters can use their powers to detect the exact lineage of a skum tribe, and track down lost property. Each disk radiates faint transmutation magic, and a successful DC 30 Spellcraft check confirms that the rings help to power the pump in area D7. Indeed, apocrisiariuses have been known to deliberately avoid acquiring the desired information in a timely manner in order to maximize the amount of time they can spend tormenting their victims, under the theory that only when a being has nothing else to cling to does the truth it conceals become pure. She's not offended by anyone who prefers not to answer, and if asked, she reports that she was born into a Corentyn naval family. "By my word, I swear we will return for your apprentice," he said. "Don't talk to me of family. Pit Trap (CR 6) 42 fleeing cultist pause to activate a switch as she moves into or leaves this area. Golem, Rope from the Tome of Horrors Complete © 2011, Necromancer Games, Inc., published and distributed by Frog God Games; Author: Scott Greene. She dipped their soles into the water, allowing the current to wash away the caretaker's blood. His address to the PCs is short and brief, but his voice is strong and impossible to ignore. The manacles are of standard quality, and can be unlocked with Luculla's key if the PCs can't break them or pick the locks via a successful DC 30 Disable Device check. It was shortly afterward that others in the order discovered that Yehl and some of his subordinates had sought to preserve the Gray Spiders' ill-gotten gains for themselves and had planned to return to the complex to loot it. With their own cities destroyed in the ensuing devastation, the aboleths retreated from Golarion's surface, and their need for their aquatic soldiers waned. Lieutenant Nones Thrune, abandoning his family's more stands near the door at attention, traditional Kintargan values. Captain Sargaeta's cabin is richly appointed, with windows of stained glass and walls hung with seascape paintings and nautical antiques. Locks: Every door can be locked (Disable Device DC 30). We are a non-profit group that run this website to share documents. In the previous adventure, murders perpetrated by a band of tooth fairies once again started the rumors that the Slasher had returned, and while the PCs likely solved those murders, the rumors persist. The PCs certainly have access to what would seem to be the perfect delivery method—a figurine of wondrous power— but since Captain Sargaeta also hopes the PCs escort Marquel back to his ship, he comes right out and admits as much if he learns that this is the PCs' intent. He wears a ring of protection +2 on the hand slumped at his side, while clutched in his fist are three small keys for the chests in the vault (area D4). This customization allows the items to be the focus of locate object spells—a tactic Barzillai might use in upcoming adventures if the PCs keep the items (or even if they opt to give them to allies or put them in "safe keeping" in their hideout). Vespasio secretly supports what the Silver Ravens represent, so if the PCs reveal their ties to that group, he grows even more forthcoming. In this case, the door to the stairs is barricaded so that the PCs must succeed at a DC 20 Strength check force it open. and is Copyright 2000 Wizards of the Coast, Inc. Sutter Development Leads • Adam Daigle and James Jacobs Senior Developer • Rob McCreary Developers • John Compton, Adam Daigle, Mark Moreland, and Owen K.C. Stephens Assistant Developers • Crystal Frasier, Amanda Hamon Kunz, and Linda Zayas-Palmer Senior Editors • Judy Bauer and Christopher Carey Editors • Joe Homes, Jason Keeley, and Lyz Liddell Lead Designer • Jason Bulmahn Designers • Logan Bonner, Stephen Radney-MacFarland, and Mark Seifter Managing Art Director • Sarah E. Of course, Thrune won't take these new developments lying down—what retributive reaction might one of Cheliax's most dangerous inquisitors have in plan for the Silver Ravens? The old, rusted rungs of an iron ladder descend into the shaft, which is flooded with water 10 feet below the floor level of this chamber. Melee +1 scimitar +18/+13 (1d6+9/15–20) Special Attacks weapon training (heavy blades +2, light blades +1) TACTICS During Combat Cassius is a bombastic fighter and enjoys humiliating foes in battle by pushing them around (preferably off the decks of ships to send them tumbling into the briny deep) or sundering their weapons (typically in combination with Vital Strike in order to do as much damage to the weapon as possible), only resorting to normal attacks when desperate or to finish off his foes. For 1 round after being forced to discorporate in this way, a shell sentinel gains vulnerability to bludgeoning damage. the latest is a pair of twins from the Iudeimus Tenement. See Mission 2 on page 24 for more details on this mysterious poet. Three men in dark leather armor exited the sally port. He knows Marquel is confined to his quarters, and can provide a map of the grounds between the estate's secondary western gate and the second-floor room that serves as Marquel's chambers, and asks again for the PCs to exercise as much discretion as they can—Marquel's father must not know of this message. Master's Office XP 3,200 Type mechanical; Perception DC 20; Disable Device DC 25 EFFECTS Trigger location; Reset manual Effect 20-ft.-deep pit (2d6 falling damage); yellow mold (Pathfinder RPG Core Rulebook 416); multiple targets (all creatures on the ledge); Reflex DC 15 negates C14. Captain Sargaeta now functions as an ally to the rebellion, as detailed in the NPC Gallery on page 63. If a PC takes Lorelu up on her offer to gamble, the ghost giggles in delight and introduces herself as Guildmistress Lorelu. When her pepperbox is out of ammo, she engages in melee only if the foes seem to be struggling. The Gangs of Old Kintargo (CR varies): Several gangs operate out of Old Kintargo and the undercity. This friend is well-defined jawline. In one note, a particularly interesting bit of text, written in Tien, reads, "Mayapple may be a fellow rat, but that doesn't exempt her from being fed on by a Spider!" These deeds can play a key role in the next adventure when the PCs travel to the city of Vyre. His fist had left its mark on one side of my face; his scalpel had carved a line down the other. While the guards serve house Thrune, Sabo is in fact an agent of the Church of Asmodeus on loan to serve as the Holding House's warden until Barzillai Thrune has Kintargo under his full control. In order to prove themselves, the skum launch raids on nearby settlements—an act that will surely bring attention to the otherwise inconspicuous ruins. The changelings know about the secret door that connects area C3 to a bedroom, but not about the others. Those encountering them report taunting and childish games of copycat, which azuretzis seem to consider the highest form of art. Doing so requires a successful DC 11 Security check— for every 5 points by which this check exceeds the DC, an additional victim of the 1d4 for that week is rescued as well. The building's gently sloped roof has slate shingles over a reinforced wood frame (hardness 5, hp 75, break DC 25). When you're called upon to make a Notoriety check, roll d%. A boarding gaff is a double weapon, but the seers do not fight with them in this manner, instead making single attacks with the weapon's hooked end. "Well done, well done! Would that more of the citizenry were as keenly observant and helpful as you intrepid citizens! I'll have my eye on you, trust in that, for I have no doubt you have great works still ahead of you. A successful saving throw (Will DC 13) reduces the Intelligence damage to 1 point and eliminates the skill check penalty. To control skum's numbers, aboleths cultivated their slave race with no ability to bear young or lay eggs. This assassination would prove to be the Gray Spiders' greatest mistake, as the resulting raid on the Lucky Bones by the outraged Hellknights of the Order of the Torrent completely destroyed the building above and slaughtered the guild's members. A successful DC 20 Knowledge (religion) check identifies the one-eyed devil as the symbol of Mahathallah. The rope golem does not immediately attack, and if someone breathes out upon the drowned sailor's lips, the golem reverts to its dormant mode. Processing: New prisoners are processed here before being placed in a cell. Finally, she can serve as a perfect proxy by which to deliver news of Varl Wex's defeat if 18 the PCs wish to avoid the publicity they would bring on themselves by claiming such an accomplishment using their own public personas. No one else saw it, but I still believe her! Maybe Rizovair didn't get killed during the civil war after all?" (This foreshadows the blue dragon Rizovair's role in "A Song of Silver." Having other NPCs mention knowing friends of friends or whoever spotted the dragon can help bolster this. Instead, the items are customized to incorporate images of ravens, and utilize silver as adornments. Benches for visitors sit in the halls, along with a few chairs and a table in a nook to the north flanked by two of the building's primary stone supports, but these open areas are rarely used. It is not immune to any fire-based effects or spells at all. It sped through the air, a gentle whir accompanying its flight, and landed in a man's chest. There are six tubes in all, each leading up to connect to the pump in area D7. A successful DC 25 Perception check made while investigating the apartment reveals a few telltale drops of blood: some on the windowsill in the bedroom, and a few more on the floor here and there between the bedroom and washroom. Referring to themselves as am-ulat-kini, the true servants, these ancient skum wield magical weapons and armor they claimed as trophies in long-forgotten battles and develop skills in a variety of combat styles and arcane arts. The beast attacks as soon as the party enters the cavern, but flees to area D8 in an attempt to escape to the river if reduced to 10 or fewer hit points, squeezing its way through the narrow tunnel to do so. If they arrive fully armed and armored, Barzillai smirks and might say something like, "Always ready to defend the city—admirable traits!" He might even, in fact, be a little insulted if the PCs don't arrive in their full gear. The fungus has reached the central portion of the southern ledge, but hasn't grown that high on the northern side. With the aid of a rebel group called the Silver Ravens, the city had managed to stand against the advances of House Thrune until nearly the end, when Queen Abrogail I ascended to the throne. When azuretzis take umbrage toward other creatures, they stalk, observe, and ultimately impersonate them, using mimicry to undermine and humiliate these targets of their ire, sometimes destroying careers and relationships with cruel pranks. This adventure assumes that the PCs are escorted to the Scourge of Belial by Lieutenant Nones. Prisoner Storage: This room is used to store gear and belongings confiscated from incoming prisoners. Drow: As with most other races in the Darklands, drow detest skum and attack them on sight. Story Award: If the PCs show restraint and avoid any confrontation at all, award them 1,200 XP for their discretion. Before long, he'd been awarded command of his own ship, the Scourge of Belial. The skum here made their way into the city only recently, under the direction of a trio of bickering aboleths. Am-Ulat-Kini: The eldest of the skum who witnessed the rise and fall of Azlant, the am-ulat-kini endured the fall of their aboleth masters and the ensuing millennia. If that phrase contains a lie, the kyton cannot repeat it. Only the bits of gray around his temples and the lines that etched his brow with worry were more recent additions. She greets the room with a thin-lipped smile and a twinkle in her eyes. "But I don't know what kind of condition either of you will be in when you do," she continued, turning to face me. Her eyes are colorless orbs, and tears of blood course down her cheeks. The lower level, still flooded by river water, has become the lair of a tribe of skum sent here by an aboleth necromancer named Menotheguro to observe Kintargo (the PCs will face this aboleth in the next adventure). Auxis Aulorian plays an additional role in the next adventure— this adventure assumes any interactions the PCs have with the man are negligible or minimal, but you can use the information in "Dance of the Damned" to guide an early encounter with the man here. Furthermore, as long as Hetamon remains an ally, the Silver Ravens are immune to the Sickness rebellion event. The corpse can be identified with a successful DC 22 Knowledge (nature) check. Treasure: The crawlspace within the room itself is just under 4 feet tall, and a fine throw rug of Qadiran manufacture (worth 500 gp) adorns the floor along with a few cushions. A typical cordulegaster can grow up to 12 feet long and 7 feet tall at the head, and can weigh as much as 2,000 pounds. Supportive PCs can be rewarded by having Rexus emerge from this dark period as a loyal companion, cohort, or even lover. A short message has been written onto the doors in precise script, along with a symbol of an armored fish. GENESIS Skum were born via the horrible process of fleshwarping, an abominable blend of alchemy and magic now more associated with drow than aboleths. Read more October 3, 2017 8:30 AM Want to help make DLC in Obsidian games even better? It shouldn't take long for the PCs to convince the elves they are here to rescue them (if this is indeed the PCs' intent, of course), at which point the elves become grateful. Growing up, Vespasio struggled to keep his own workshop supplied, and the idea of a sort of tinker's co-op came to him one night in a dream. Morale Elia fights until reduced to 15 or fewer hit points. Relations between aboleths and skum are one-sided, with aboleths always in positions of absolute power. Vespam Artisans The combination of the murderer wearing a craftsman's leather apron and smelling of slurk grease should point the PCs to Vespam Artisans in Old Korvosa. Creatures: The six wretched addicts who perished here rose as ghasts not long after they starved to death, and linger here still, listless and quiet as they wait patiently for an excuse to move. The two just vanished into thin air, it seems!" (The fate of these missing twins is revealed in area C6 on page 43) "The Silver Ravens are attracting all sorts of strange attention—I heard that Thrune even hired a Tian specialist of some sort to help track them down!" (See Being Followed on page 17 for more details.) "The Church of Asmodeus might be the official religion, but sure as my father's a bastard there's more devil cults operating in the shadows in Kintargo—I hear that their leaders walk among us, pretending to be regular folks like you and me!" (This foreshadows the cult of Mahathallah under the Lucky Bones in Part 3.) "The Order of the Torrent was banned by Barzillai Thrune after he found out that they were actually minions of Norgorber and had been operating as a thieves' guild—when the order took out the Gray Spiders all those years ago, they did more than end that guild; they became that guild!" (False rumor; intended to foreshadow the Gray Spiders and to keep the PCs on their toes—and perhaps so they will not immediately trust the Order of the Torrent on sight.) "The Poison Pen hasn't released any new poems or verses in several weeks. Lord-Mayor Sarini reveled in his new role; excruciations of traitors, crushing tariffs and fines, and other punishments flowed freely through the Silver City's streets as he worked to crush any last remaining shred of rebellion in Kintargo's heart. I touched her shoulder. The method by which the PCs deliver the message is ultimately up to them, but the captain would prefer them to deliver the message by hand. During Combat Ungol-Pagh spends the first few rounds of combat casting defensive spells—mirror image, shield, and displacement, in that order (the effects of these spells are not factored into the above statistics). (Wex typically returns home from a murder by climbing up to his northern bedroom window rather than risk being spotted by night owls in the halls.) Proof of Wex's secret life lies within a hidden room accessible via a secret door in his washroom. ORDER OF THE TORRENT "Breathe deeply before the plunge." Fortress Currently none (previously Citadel Vaull, Castle District in Kintargo) Leader Lictor Octavio Sabinus Symbol Armored fish Armor Aquatic themes with fin-shaped flourishes Favored Weapon Halberd or longbow Reckoning Allowing oneself to be nearly drowned and then revived Discipline When a member of the Order of the Torrent becomes a 3rd-level Hellknight, he gains his first discipline: seek the taken. Veiled Masters: While the strongest-willed ulat-kini may resist the command of aboleths, none can deny the merest whim of a veiled master. HOLDING HOUSE B10 B11a B11b B11c B12 B9 B8 B11d B7 B11e B1 B6 B11f B11g B11h B11i B11j B11k B4 AULORIAN ESTATE IUDEIMUS TENEMENT B2 B3 B1 B5 1 SQUARE = 5 FEET structure sat abandoned. Cassius made it to shore safely and managed over the next few years to reintegrate himself into Chelish society. Melee lancet +14/+9 (1d4+7/19–20/×3), lancet +14 (1d4+5/19–20/×3) Special Attacks unnerving gaze (30 ft., DC 16) Spell-Like Abilities (CL 7th; concentration +9) Constant—aura of truth (DC 14) At will—mage hand, open/close, stabilize 3/day—cure moderate wounds, poison (DC 16), sending, tongues 1/day—order's wrath (DC 16), plane shift (self only, to or from the Material Plane or the Plane of Shadow) STATISTICS Str 17, Dex 20, Con 18, Int 17, Wis 10, Cha 15 Base Atk +9; CMB +12; CMD 27 Feats Dodge, Improved Initiative, Two-Weapon Fighting, Weapon Finesse, Weapon Focus (lancet) Skills Bluff +14, Diplomacy +14, Heal +12, Intimidate +14, Knowledge (arcana) +6, Knowledge (local) +6, Knowledge (nobility) +6, Knowledge (religion) +12, Linguistics +15, Sense Motive +12, Sleight of Hand +14 Languages Abyssal, Aklo, Aquan, Auran, Celestial, Common, Ignan, Infernal, Necril, Shadowtongue, Terran, Undercommon SQ lancet mastery, truthspeaker ECOLOGY Environment any (Plane of Shadow) Organization solitary, pair, or company (3–8) Treasure standard SPECIAL ABILITIES Aura of Truth (Sp) An apocrisiarius kyton exudes an aura of truth, making it difficult for anyone within 30 feet to utter a lie. ("Wizards"). A figure walked the deck, the light of a lantern bobbing in his outstretched hand. Certain enterprising and unscrupulous necromancers or priests of religions associated with undeath have taken to keeping small groups of wretchghosts under their control for the use of their addictive touch, either treating the undead as an unlimited source of the drug's effects, or using the addictions they cause to aid in controlling other underlings. Treasure: An examination of the nest reveals that much of the clothing is in relatively good shape, barring its filthy condition. All sublicenses shall survive the termination of this License. Creatures: A group of four skum lie in wait in this room, along with a pair of reefclaws they've recruited and befriended. (Of course, feel free to have the PCs start this new mission before then if you wish, but the challenges they'll face near Acisazi are more significant than those in this adventure, and a wise party finishes off "Turn of the Torrent" before jumping ahead!) ACISAZI SCOUTS (5) XP 400 Aquatic elf ranger 2 (Pathfinder Campaign Setting: The Inner Sea World Guide 25) CG Medium humanoid (aquatic, elf) Init +3; Senses low-light vision; Perception +7 DEFENSE AC 14, touch 14, flat-footed 10 (+3 Dex, +1 dodge) hp 19 (2d10+4) Fort +4, Ref +6, Will +0; +2 vs. Nurla Botve Owner of Iudeimus Tenement (N female human commoner 4) Like any city, Kintargo has its fair share of cantankerous elders, yet to those who live in the district of Old Kintargo, none seem more cantankerous or elderly than Nurla Botve, owner of one of the city's oldest tenement houses. Force: A frontal assault on the Holding House could work, but has the highest chance of backfiring on the PCs. In this case, the entire host of guards within (including the kyton in area B12) mobilizes to defend the place, and every minute that passes brings a cumulative 20% chance that 2d4 dottari guards arrive as reinforcements. COPYRIGHT NOTICE Open Game License v 1.0a © 2000, Wizards of the Coast, Inc. Once all three of these conditions are met, the PCs can make full use of the complex. Morale Setrona flees if she's forced into a stand-up fight or if she's reduced to 15 or fewer hit points, preferring to survive a fight to plot vengeance later. During the 9 TOOTH AND NAIL CELLAR A. My gaze could not help but wander to the bread, to the dark red apples. CORDULEGASTER CR 6 XP 2,400 NE Large outsider (aquatic, evil, extraplanar) Init +4; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 19, touch 9, flat-footed 19 (+10 natural, –1 size) hp 76 (8d10+32) Fort +10, Ref +4, Will +8 Defensive Abilities all-around vision; Immune waters of the River Styx OFFENSE Speed 10 ft., swim 30 ft., jet 60 ft. Pump Room The secret door to this room bears rust stains similar to the one in area D1 (Perception DC 30 to notice the door). "Of course." I closed the short distance between us and held his gaze. When the forger is ready, you can roll the final Linguistics check in secret to set the forgery's DC to be detected. Six guards are on patrol duty, while the other two relax in area B2. In battle, he uses Vital Strike on his first attack, then Power Attack with his full attacks. Uncover the secrets of Adyton, a permanent mindscape Mahathallah's followers can use to access terrible secrets. as is the skeleton of a halfling clad in dark leather armor and clutching a handful of bone dice, slumped in a chair at the northern head of the table. Ghenemahl is a dangerous foe for 4th-level characters to face, but given that, if all goes well, this is likely to be the only fight they have this day, as well as the fact that they have the kyton outnumbered, the PCs have an advantage. She would save me, as she always had. POISON STILETTO TRAP CR 6 XP 2,400 Type mechanical; Perception DC 25; Disable Device DC 25 EFFECTS Trigger touch; Reset manual; Bypass use key to unlock door Effect Atk +15 (1d4 plus sassone leaf residueUE) 39 BASEMENT UPPER DUNGEON C16 C15 C1 C12 C14 C13 C10 C10 C3 C2 C4 C5 C7 C6 C11 C8 C9 C. See the beginning of Part 3 on page 36 for details on Octavio's knowledge of this perfect hideout. Not only do you get a Steam coupon for 10%... (See the foreword on page 3 for more information on Notoriety checks.) Public Excruciations (CR 9) Some of Barzillai Thrune's more exuberant supporters engineered excruciations in the previous adventure, "In Hell's Bright Shadow," but until this day, the government has not held any official excruciations. A successful DC 20 Climb check is needed to scale the smooth walls. Barzillai Thrune hopes these excruciations will spread fear and force compliance from the city's increasingly rebellious citizenry, but the combination of Kintargo's prevailing political leanings and the growing influence of the Silver Ravens is destined to make this plan have the opposite effect. He came to the temple of Nethys seeking a healer who also knew her way around dead languages. It's locked (Disable Device DC 25), but can be opened with one of the keys carried by a seer of Saint Senex. Left to their own devices, azuretzis cause only minor—if endless—mayhem. These skum maintain surprisingly cordial relations with the inhabitants of Illmarsh, whose residents refer to them as the "neighbors down bay." Bereft of their aboleth overlords, these skum have turned to the worship of the demon lord Dagon, fervently searching for items important to the Shadow in the Sea. Hetamon Haace: Hetamon leads an entire cult of Milanite worshipers that he can bring to bear—he and the cult are treated as a single ally. Stairs in the hall lead upward along the way until the floor rises just above the floodwater level. Excess water is pumped out into the river, and areas D1–D9 and D12 have breathable air pumped into them. He is somewhat slow of wit, often suffers fits of laziness, and is easily distracted; his questionable talents lie in areas like laughing at jokes for the wrong reason, forgetting to ask for payment for drinks, and an almost comical need to follow instructions. River Access (CR 8) The floor of this large, flooded chamber drops away into a bowl-like pit, while the ceiling is thickly covered with strings of algae. Images of a one-eyed insectile face, smeared on the walls in what appears to be blood, decorate the spaces between sconces. Watercraft rocked gently in our wake. When Barzillai's forces seized them and the citadel, Lictor Sabinus made the hardest choice of his life—rather than stay behind and sacrifice himself as a martyr or become merely another prisoner, he abandoned his post and went into hiding in the Shrine of Saint Senex—he remains there now, wrestling with the repercussions of his choice, selfdoubt, and a growing conviction that he should emerge and risk death in an attack against the government in a desperate attempt to make a difference. Partially broken shelves sit against the north and east walls, and strange symbols of a one-eyed insectile face have been painted on the walls along with curving lines of strange, sinister script. Now a third of it lies in rubble, a testament to our folly and greed. Each player (to a maximum KINTARGO of four) begins a game of devilpin with a "hell-debt" of Aside from a single notable diversion to the Greens, the 10 points. Zea: The young tiefling woman Zea had a relatively small role to play in the previous adventure, but in "Turn of the Torrent," she could return as the point of contact between the PCs and Hetamon Haace, helping to introduce the man to the people who helped her out recently. Gary Gygax and Dave Arneson. Drayven tilted his head, watching me. A turning point in Hetamon's life came late one night on his way back from setting a stonemason's broken wrist. Generally speaking, the closer a skum remains to its original Azlanti heritage, the darker its skin's hue. At the same time, he constantly worries that his mother Natsiel could well return to destroy his family—a fear fated to come to a head during the fourth adventure, "A Song of Silver." In the meantime, Hetamon is available for healing and can certainly provide the PCs with advantageous spells, altering his repertoire each day based on the party's needs. Guild Meeting Hall (CR 6) Twin rows of stone pillars support a shallow vaulted ceiling ten feet above the floor of this wide room. PART 1: THE NINTH PROCLAMATION 5 After the Hellknights of the Order of the Torrent are declared outlaws, the PCs must seek out its missing lictor to recruit his aid for the rebellion. These orders consist of little more than "attack," "follow," or "stay," but controlled oozes seem to obey the wishes of skum through some sympathetic relationship, rather than acknowledging any specific verbal cues. Her eyes were wide and dark, seeming to reflect every star above the Hespereth Strait. But when he first meets the PCs, Octavio knows that he needs to keep his head down, for if he dies, his order dies. They attempt to repair their ancient homes—or at least delay the ravages of time—but their clumsy hands and dull minds are poorly suited to the challenges of civil engineering. The twins can reveal to the PCs that they were abducted by Luculla, who lured them into her shop with promises of trying out a new type of candy—only to drug them senseless. Sabo enjoys making the guards feel uncomfortable and awkward around her, and isn't above threatening disobedience in the ranks with "visiting hours with Ghenemahl." Sabo is no more in the loop than the guards as to why the church lets the kyton "play" here, but the guards don't know that, and so far the implied threat has worked wonders for keeping the dottari in line. Devilpin: The game of devilpin uses darts and a wallStory Award: For locating Lictor Octavio and taking mounted target painted with an infernal face—one with the initial steps to secure an alliance with him, award the blue skin, ivory horns, a flat yellow nose, and a forked PCs XP as if they'd defeated him in combat. Twice a day, at sunset and sunrise, the victim is allowed out of the doghouse to scavenge for scraps of food and water left by the dottari (or, Barzillai Thrune hopes, vindictive citizens), but the victim must contend with two or more feral dogs that have been chained within reach of the food. Finally, once per month, Hetamon can work with Silver Ravens members to generate a cache of healing supplies. 4. Much smaller than the rest of their kind, groups of azuretzis follow greater proteans like younger siblings, eagerly serving as acolytes for whatever creation or destruction the larger wyrms enact. Shiver: Daze monster (DC 14), deep slumber (DC 15). My husband had never been a stranger to swordplay, and I imagined time had only honed his natural abilities. The changelings know the PCs likely have copies of the keys, but by barricading the door, they hope to gain enough time to prepare for a fight while the intruders work to muscle their way in. I can't return you to your son whole and sane unless you allow me to share in your hardships." "I'm fine," I said, and I realized it was true. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary spiked walls. By other ways as well, not least of which is his assistance building up these minor NPCs as friendly faces, you in helping the Silver Ravens secure a new base of give the PCs reasons to care about protecting the operations. Explore and conquer the Stolen Lands and make them your kingdom! Based on our players' feedback and suggestions, this version of the game improves and builds upon the original. Next, they'll need to inform Lictor Octavio of their success (likely necessitating a second trip to the Shrine of Saint Senex). Even with the rancid scent of the cell's former occupants clouding my senses, I could smell the warm yeast of the bread. Melee +1 heavy mace +8 (1d8+2) Special Attacks bane (7 rounds/day), hand of the acolyte (7/day), judgment 3/day Inquisitor Spell-Like Abilities (CL 7th; concentration +11) At will—detect alignment 7 rounds/day—discern lies Inquisitor Spells Known (CL 7th; concentration +11) 3rd (2/day)—cure serious wounds, retributionAPG (DC 17) 2nd (4/day)—cure moderate wounds, hold person (DC 16), lesser restoration, spiritual weapon 1st (5/day)—command (DC 15), cure light wounds, inflict light wounds (DC 15), shield of faith, wrathAPG 0 (at will)—bleed (DC 14), brandAPG (DC 14), detect magic, detect poison, guidance, light Domain Magic TACTICS During Combat Sabo prefers to use her judgment of healing during a fight; her fast healing gained by this judgment is included in the statistics above. The more common masterless are those skum that were left behind on the surface or in the Darklands realm of Sekamina when the aboleths retreated. STATISTICS Str 17, Dex 10, Con —, Int —, Wis 11, Cha 1 Base Atk +6; CMB +9 (+13 grapple); CMD 19 SPECIAL ABILITIES Immunity to Magic (Ex) A rope golem is immune to any spell or spell-like ability that allows spell resistance. Shurshogot was careful to extract a contract from the skum, and keeps the carved shell safe even though the contract itself exudes no supernatural compulsion to enforce the skum to hold up their end of the bargain— such an infernal contract's creation being outside the drowning devil's current capabilities. Creatures: When the Gray Spiders and Hellknights sealed both ends of this area, 11 drug-addled patrons were unfortunately locked within. Her hand had fallen to her rapier, her fingers dancing around the pommel. Regardless of its addiction, a wretchghost looks like a cadaverously thin phantom with sunken, glowing eyes and limbs that seem to writhe and twist more like tentacles than articulated arms and legs. Indeed, someone who peers into one of the holes can make out hints of a larger room (area D7) with a successful DC 20 Perception check. Orvian Skum: These skum reside in the depths of Orv with their aboleth masters. LUCKY BONES Treasure: The changelings do their best to horde anything of value before refuse is tossed out here, but a few objects slipped by. Soon thereafter, Thrune agents captured the leader of the Silver Ravens, a mysterious person known only as Jackdaw, and imprisoned her in a secret cell in Kintargo Keep. Heaps of books and papers are stacked around the rug, while sitting on a small stand opposite the secret door is an ornate-looking kukri with a bloodstained ivory handle and a blade faintly glowing red. After losing two of their number to the Watcher in the Walls, the final six who reached here found themselves stuck at a dead end. They work to maintain reach with their gaffs, but use their wintry touch ability if forced to fight adjacent foes. Of the six cultists stationed here, two attend to Luculla in area C8, while the others relax here. Since this is a forgery of a similar document, the forger gains a +8 bonus on her Linguistics check; no specific handwriting samples are needed. If the PCs take steps to hide or disguise their movements, halve their effective Notoriety score for this check, but if they're particularly brazen or are caught out after curfew, double the score. Of more immediate interest are those notes chronicling the knife known as Balgorrah, which Wex has researched extensively—here, the PCs can learn of the knife's origins as a weapon of the Skinsaw Cult and of how Mangvhune himself once owned the blade. At first, Lictor Sabinus submitted to Barzillai's rule despite his suspicions about Lord-Mayor Bainilus's disappearance and the true cause of the fires on the Night of Ashes. A portable cot bedecked with furs and a feather mattress sits to the southwest, while to the southeast stands a small semicircular desk on the top of which lies a miniature altar, a statuette of a skeletal woman with fleshless wings, and several books and scrolls. As with so

many of the desperate acts the Silver Ravens attempted in those dreary days, this effort backfired. “Anything—short of outright public treason to the queen—I’ll do for you. In other cases, the den dovetailed with their abduction racket—a potential mark was given a complementary night in the den, and once he had succumbed to the drugs, a nearby secret door allowed a Gray Spider to drag the victim away into the surrounding secret passageway and hustle him down to area D6 below. Treasure: Barzillai’s gifts are not insignificant. “There you are,” he said, digging at the dirt. In the twenty-odd years I’d known Razizo, he had changed very little. The cabin is large and spacious, taking up the entirety of the aft quarter of the ship’s deck, and smells of pleasant spices and rare incense. STATISTICS Str 8, Dex 16, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 13, Cha 14 Base Atk +7; CMB +6; CMD 21 Feats Deadly Aim, GunsmithingUC, Iron Will, Point-Blank Shot, Skill Focus (Intimidate), Toughness, Weapon Finesse Skills Bluff +12, Intimidate +15, Perception +13, Profession (sailor) +11, Sense Motive +8 Languages Common, Elven SQ elf blood, gunsmith Combat Gear potion of invisibility, tanglefoot bags (3); Other Gear mithral shirt, mwk pepperboxUE with 18 bullets, mwk rapier, cloak of resistance +1, snuffbox, tindertwigs (10), tobacco, 26 gp Story Award: If the PCs agree to accompany Elia without violence, award them 2,400 XP for this savvy, diplomatic decision. This might mean a sordid street corner, an ill-lit back alley, or an underground opium den. Backed by their masters’ other flesh-warped horrors, from the conniving cloakers to the enormous crayfish that served as mounts and carriages all at once, they waged terrible war against their former kin wherever solid land rose up from the sea. Barzillai intends to give the PCs gifts that he can later track, but at the very least, he wants the opportunity to look them in the eyes—if only to make future attempts to scry on the PCs easier. Furthermore, a caste of human-sized slave-warriors could make use of the clumsy human tools captured from aboleths’ enemies. Eventually, I drifted into a fitful sleep where nightmares both remembered and imagined visited my restless mind. As it so happens, to rescue them and rebuild the this is a perfect chance for you to order. My arms fell about his waist, and my head fell against his chest. Further, if the rebellion has already made a successful covert action, the saboteurs also manage to secure a copy of a key pickpocketed from one of these changeling cultists—this key unlocks the door in area C1 and bypasses the trap there. Whatever their origins, cordulegasters have since spread throughout the Styx river system and into adjoining Outer Planes. If a fight begins, roll a new Notoriety she’s been imprisoned—or worse—by Barzillai Thrune. He was handsome and charming, curious about our Garundi ancestors to an extent I thought no one was capable of but me. These traits make skum hostile and feral during their land-bound assaults on human settlements, but passive and docile in their watery homes. Melee 4 talons +10 (1d6+2/18–20 plus 1 bleed and poison) Special Attacks poison cloud, pounce Spell-Like Abilities (CL 5th; concentration +3) 88 Constant—freedom of movement At will—locate creature (see below) STATISTICS Str 14, Dex 19, Con —, Int 3, Wis 15, Cha 6 Base Atk +7; CMB +9; CMD 23 Feats Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Skill Focus (Perception), Weapon Focus (talons) Skills Disguise +0 (+16 as shells while discorporated), Perception +8, Swim +12; Racial Modifiers +16 Disguise as shells while discorporated Languages Aklo, Aboleth SQ discorporate, sense the masters ECOLOGY Environment any (usually aquatic) Organization solitary, pair, or gang (3–7) Treasure none SPECIAL ABILITIES Discorporate (Su) As an immediate action, a shell sentinel can relax the supernatural energies that bind together its form, causing it to seem to fall apart into a loose tangle of shells. The walls are reinforced masonry, and even in areas that aren’t flooded, they drip with moisture. but if they’re caught out after curfew, they certainly will be. It’s not often the Captain displays this amount of respect. I hardly recognized it as my own. Refining the process required centuries of work and consumed untold legions of slaves before producing a stable process to transform weak, air-breathing human chattel into fearsome aquatic warriors. If the result is higher than the Silver Ravens’ Notoriety score, she doesn’t immediately recognize the PCs as being associated with the Silver Ravens, but she does ask them who they’re representing and where the prisoners are headed. 3. Power structures among skum remain loose at best. If he notices that his home has been intruded upon (perhaps by noting the displaced yarn on his door, or by hearing the PCs within), he quickly goes back outside, drinks a potion of shield of faith, and then uses stealth to climb up through his bedroom window in an attempt to make it to his secret room to recover Balgorrah. 70 Among both groups of skum, a small number still recall the time of Azlant and the great war. The maps on the table are mostly of the city of Kintargo, and focus on now-out-of-date information about where patrons, allies, and enemies of the Gray Spiders lived. The elves are all competent but low-level rangers—alone, they would be no match for the skum, but as support for the PCs, their aid can be great. With no opportunity to break out the Holding House, her current goal is to survive the attention of her kyton tormentor long enough for her fellow armigers to escape or be rescued. No portion of this work other than the material designated as Open Game Content may be reproduced in any form without written permission. Ecology So obsessed with truths are these single-minded fiends that they exude a supernatural aura that causes others nearby to be unable to lie as well. Creatures: Two young men, both thin and disheveled, cower in the southeast corner of this otherwise bare chamber. The chamber itself is watched over by a sinister figure—an apocrisiarius kyton named Ghenemahl—and it is here that Hortense Lierre can be found the first time the PCs visit the prison (see Rescuing the Armigers on page 23). The disappearance of her cousin has shaken her, though, and her normally amused expressions have given way to worry and fear. Gods know you couldn’t risk seeing your husband. If the gaze. He was brought back to Cheliax to testify, only to have a Riddleport pirate ship sink his captors’ vessel just off the Chelish coast. Rescuing the Armigers (CR 7) Once the PCs’ transfer requests are approved (or once they manage to fight or sneak by the guards, if they’re opting for force or stealth), they need only gather their prisoners from the cell blocks. With Lictor Octavio’s information about the raid, PCs who search for this trail and hidden door gain a +10 bonus on their skill checks, but unfortunately, Octavio’s advice provides no further insight as to what waits below. If forced into a fight, she stays mobile, looking for flanking opportunities if she has allies or taking the Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary 7 SQ rogue talents (finesse rogue, weapon training), trapfinding +2 Combat Gear potions of cure light wounds (2), tanglefoot bags (2); Other Gear mwk studded leather, +1 dagger, darts (5), 112 gp, 5 sp Tooth and Nail The Tooth and Nail may present the facade of a rundown tavern, but it is in fact a fixture of Old Kintargo as a popular hangout for the district’s artisans, merchants, and adventurers. Read or paraphrase the following ago), yet the seers maintain their watch from above. Where once rose humanity’s triumph, cold water now pools. If the victim isn’t quick, the dogs eat the food and drink the water, but if the victim goes for it, he’ll likely be bitten at least a few times before he’s force to retreat to the doghouse for shelter. If he’s forced to abandon allies, he turns all of his resources to rescuing any who were captured, or if they were killed, avenging their deaths. She left Hetamon with that baby, a squealing tiefling whose demonic ancestry was more than apparent in his horns, eyes, and skin. D8. Each door has a sliding metal flange that allows it to be barred from the outside. “What is that?” He reached under his breastplate, producing a rolled parchment. Where were you?” “I sent money,” I said. Lorelu, a female halfling rogue, oversaw the guild’s gambling and games, and served as the public face for the Gray Spiders. She was either an impostor or so such a low-ranking soldier it hardly mattered. The captain leaves unsaid the implication that he’d rather not have the PCs read the contents of the letter, and if they’re audacious enough to open it in front of him, he becomes enraged enough to attack if they don’t immediately cease. If the PCs do deliver the message this way, Marquel uses the same silver raven to send a reply: “Message received, but I cannot leave on my own. Disposal Cave (CR 6) The walls of this flooded cave are encrusted with filth and sludge; a mound of awful sloppy mud, bones, and other refuse lies near the center of the cave, below a five-footdiameter hole in the ceiling. THE UNDERCITY, ABOVE The random encounter tables presented here feature the rising threats the PCs should encounter while exploring the Old Kintargo district. The difference in depth is seldom more than a few inches, but the constant motion is enough to qualify as running water for the purposes of foiling locate creature spells cast from elsewhere in the region. The skum within venerate a god named Shumbauth, thought by other Darklands inhabitants to be an ancient aboleth of immense size. B8. Torrent Armigers: Once at least three armigers of the Order of the Torrent are rescued, they join the Silver Ravens as a bonus team. For all subsequent rounds, the loser of the previous round chooses the next round’s first player. When directed, azuretzis become agents of protean infiltration, saboteurs, and sowers of misdirection and discord. Vespasio protects those who rent from him, seeing them almost as his apprentices, but has little patience for tenants who could, by their actions, damage his reputation. At this point, she attempts a Linguistics check to try to see through the forgeries, with a +2 bonus since this type of document is well known to her. This is Captain Cassius Sargaeta. STATISTICS Str 12, Dex 8, Con 14, Int 10, Wis 18, Cha 13 Base Atk +5; CMB +6; CMD 15 Feats Combat Casting, Improved Initiative, Lightning Reflexes, Lookout APG, Outflank APG, Toughness, Weapon Focus (heavy mace) Skills Bluff +11, Diplomacy +11, Heal +14, Intimidate +14, Knowledge (local) +7, Knowledge (nobility) +3, Knowledge (religion) +10, Linguistics +7, Sense Motive +14 Languages Aklo, Celestial, Common, Halfling, Infernal, Shadowtongue, Strix, Varisian SQ monster lore +4, solo tactics, stern gaze +3, track +3 Gear +1 breastplate, heavy steel shield, +1 heavy mace, amulet of natural armor +1, prison key, skeleton cell key, 318 gp Story Award: If the PCs manage to fool Sabo with forged documents, award them XP as if they’d defeated her in combat. Combining her keen investigatory eye and focused will on the problem, Reya single-handedly tracked down Brakisi’s hideout, confronted the Silver Ravens, and defeated the man in a public battle at Salt Gate in the spring of 4644 ar. “My cousin Octavio is an obstinate and difficult man, but he’s also an honorable one. Their capture by the skum has confirmed these fears, for they now know their captors serve the same creature that has set its sights on their home—an aboleth necromancer named Menotheguro. Though I was anxious for what might await us in Corentyn and beyond, I felt nothing for the caretaker. As a result, it’s not uncommon to find shell sentinels serving tribes of gillmen or merfolk—while these constructs are petty and vile in temperament, their inability to harm those who share the race of their creators makes them unusual but safe guardians for many tribes. Who knows what terrible purpose this army of the depths could accomplish? If the PCs turn the blade over to Inspector Tayacet, she gives them a reward for the knife equal to half its value, but such an option still keeps the weapon out of idle hands. If no secondary target is in reach, it uses its second slam attack against the poor victim it’s currently strangling. If they confront the captain about this before aiding him, he furrows his brow and sighs in frustration. For the time, the skum delight a cruel rusalka named Sarrsene, and her amusement spares them the wrath of the Lirgeni leader, a sorcerer known as the Star Savior who seeks to court the aquatic fey. ECOLOGY In their desire for a useful servitor race, aboleths recognized the many benefits of the human form. The save DC is Charisma-based and includes a +2 racial bonus. There are two primary goals in “Turn of the Torrent”: continuing to gather support from notable NPCs in the city, and securing a safe hideout to house the growing rebellion. Guardian at the Gate (CR 5) The ceiling of this damp chamber is seven feet high, bolstered by square supports of rough-hewn wood. I heard a faint click, and stone ground against stone as a portion of the wall slid aside. Unfortunately, this act trapped several unfortunate addicts and lower-ranking thieves who had hidden themselves away to avoid the fighting, and today their anguished spirits haunt the place as undead. The 12-foot-high wrought-iron fence can be scaled with a successful DC 10 Climb check, although the hedge that lines the inside of the fence counts as difficult terrain, and PCs moving through it take a –5 penalty on Stealth checks. Hetamon has very little experience with investigating, tracking down, and confronting murderers, and hopes the PCs agree to help. While skum once possessed strong military discipline, modern skum have mostly devolved into primal survivalist groups. Their disorganization, widely dispersed nests, and fiercely defensive behavior means few other powers in the Inner Sea region— humanoid or monstrous—can establish genuine relationships with the ulat-kini, leaving rumor and hearsay to fill in the details of their lives to outsiders. Questions regarding Octavio Sabinus elicit this cryptic answer: “He has cast his breath upon the Stone many times, long a friend to our shrine. It’s just over there... Remember that forcing the old, swollen door open requires a successful DC 14 Strength check. The shaft drops an additional 20 feet into the dark river water before opening into area D1 below. His actions have proved I was right about . Gorefangs’ limited intellect has so far prevented it from passing on to Barzillai hints that young Marquel Aulorian is the Poison Pen, but Marquel’s luck won’t hold forever. It is more than apparent that Wex believes Mangvhune’s spirit resides in the blade, and that the weapon came into his hands because he was destined to carry on the Slasher’s work. ROPE GOLEM CR 5 XP 1,600 N Medium construct (Tome of Horrors Complete 340) Init +0; Senses darkvision 60 ft., low-light vision; Perception +0 DEFENSE AC 17, touch 10, flat-footed 17 (+7 natural) hp 53 (6d10+20) Fort +2, Ref +2, Will +2 DR 5/adamantine and slashing; Immune construct traits, magic Weaknesses vulnerable to fire TACTICS During Combat The rope golem attacks the closest target each round; if two targets are equally close, it alternates its slams between those foes. Would you be interested in for further details regarding these halflings’ potential providing me with aid? This is a disease effect. Any creature bitten by a cordulegaster takes 1d4 points of Intelligence damage and a cumulative –2 penalty on all Craft, Knowledge, and Profession checks for 24 hours. A pair of guards is always posted here. Vendalfek: The fairy dragon Vendalfek may have been recruited as an ally to the Silver Ravens. The vast majority of the Gray Spiders lived in the now-destroyed aboveground portion of the hall, and it was this structure’s ground floor that housed most of the publicly accessible portions of the gambling hall and drug den. Maglap fights to the death, but if the PCs manage to capture him alive and force him to talk (a feat that requires magical compulsion or mind-reading, as Maglap would otherwise never give up what he knows), they could learn that he serves Mahathallah at the whims of “her daughter of the mismatched eyes.” If you wish, the PCs could learn of Luculla’s true nature here. In the kyton’s hands, these weapons function as +1 keen punching daggers. I loosed the spell, eager for the bright glow of fire to surround him, longing for the scent of burned hair to fill this godsforsaken cell. See page 17 for the game’s rules. Once opened, the trap door reveals a short staircase that leads down to area C1. I hear her captain, Cassius Sargaeta, isn’t really that much of a fan of Thrune...” (See Mission 2 on page 24 for more details.) “Heard another murder victim was discovered somewhere near the south wall in Old Kintargo, slashed up the same way Professor Mangvhune carved up his victims back in the day... Kintargo never fully emerged from Mangvhune’s shadow, and he remains today as a fixture of the city’s urban legends. “My lady?” Liset asked. In any event, if the prisoners go missing as the result of a successful rescue, the Silver Ravens’ Notoriety score increases by 1d6. SKUM (4) CR 2 XP 600 each hp 20 each (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 253) REEFCLAWS (2) CR 1 XP 400 each hp 13 each (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 2 234) Development: The leader of the skum tribe (see area D12) keeps an alarm spell active here at all times. Guards assigned to Holding House duty serve week-long stints. CR Source 1–2 1 cockroach swarm 2 Bestiary 2 58 3–6 2d4 Flowershop Crew 3 Bestiary 2 123; members (fetchlings) see below 7–9 1d4 giant cockroaches 3 Bestiary 2 58 10–12 1d4 lemure devils 3 Bestiary 79 13–16 2d4 Logrunners (cutpurses) 3 NPC Codex 144; see below 17–22 1d6 Black Eyes 4 NPC Codex 128; (town watchers) see below 23–27 1d4 bounty hunters 4 NPC Codex 129 (poachers) 28–32 2 chokers 4 Bestiary 45 33–37 1 faceless stalker 4 Bestiary 2 122 38–43 1d4 Jollytime Girls 4 NPC Codex 11; (axe warriors) see below 44–48 1d6 riding dogs 4 Bestiary 87 49–53 1 voonith 4 Bestiary 3 283 54–60 1d6 changeling cultists 5 See page 41 61–65 1d4 hell hounds 5 Bestiary 173 66–70 2 ooze mephits 5 Bestiary 203 71–76 1d4 Spellcrafters 5 NPC Codex 179; (investigator wizards) see below 77–83 1d6 skum 5 Bestiary 253 84–88 The Sewer Sage 5 See below 89–93 1 wretchghost 5 See page 78 94–97 1 bearded devil 5 Bestiary 73 98–101 1 cerberi 6 Bestiary 3 51 102–105 The Gray Queen’s Court 6 See below 106–109 1d4 otyughs 6 Bestiary 223 110–111 Diola brothers 7 NPC Codex 98; (cruel devotees) see below 112–113 1d6 attic whisperers 7 Bestiary 2 34 114–115 1d4 shadow mastiffs 7 Bestiary 3 241 116–117 1 water naga 7 Bestiary 3 199 118–119 1 xenopteri 7 Bestiary 4 283 120+ 1 erinyes devil 8 Bestiary 75 Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary The Sewer Sage (CR 5): The surge of strange activities in the undercity has pushed a unique prophet named Bropholog—an otyugh cleric of Gozreh—to the surface to find shelter. Pays his rent every month and on time, but that smell... I hadn’t seen the Chelaxian move, but I caught the glint in his dark eyes. Hetamon has always wondered about the true nature of the aristocrat and halfling slave—he’s exhausted his research into them and has decided they may well have been a vision granted him by his goddess to point him toward his true path. Within a lead-lined interior is a single scroll of raise dead. Though we seemed to be ascending, the dirt floor grew muddy. If the PCs can present these papers to Sabo, and they pass her inspection, it’s unlikely the building’s guards suspect a thing. While this creature is now harmless, the corpse foreshadows the involvement of similar monsters in the fourth adventure, “A Song of Silver.” Treasure: The locks on the chests are formidable (Disable Device DC 35), but the body just outside the vault at area D3 carries keys for each. If the PCs approach the tenement at night, no one waits to greet them, but if they approach during daylight hours, a squat, elderly woman in drab clothing sits in a rickety chair on the tenement porch, wearing what appears to be a semipermanent mixture of exhaustion and disgust on her face. To the north, a hand-carved circular tunnel angles upward before curving to the east. When he finally applied for a position in Her Infernal Majestrix’s navy, his skills served him quite well. Lorelu gains 5 temporary hit points each time she uses this ability; these temporary hit points last for a maximum of 1 hour but do not stack. The changelings do their best to capture the PCs alive, using nets and wands of hold person for crowd control, or using command to get the PCs to drop what they’re holding to limit their combat options. A cordulegaster has a second set of jaws that shred captured food, allowing it to make a secondary bite attack (+8 attack, 1d8+3) against a foe it is currently grappling. The Gray Spiders had three masters who worked together and oversaw the three guild enterprises. 59 A large crowd gathers by noon in Aria Park before the opera house—a gathering that should evoke the protest the PCs were a part of at the start of the previous adventure. Today, most of the heap below is in fact the bulk of a particularly foul aquatic monster—an advanced globster. Some of the crowd boo or call names, but as the Hellknights bristle, the crowd calms. The room features a few spiky cages, an iron maiden against the east wall, and a pair of racks. Lictor Arcamo was ashamed of the entire episode and forbade any of the rest of us from investigating it, and in time, it all mercifully slipped from memory. The rancid smell of slurk grease and other industrial chemicals lies heavy in the air, but the dozen or so crafters and tinkers toiling within don't seem to notice the foul odor. Any things a bit to incorporate a meeting between the PCs communication between him and the Silver Ravens can and Luculla elsewhere. I realized we weren’t getting enough air, and the torch was burning away what little was available to us. Story Award: If the PCs manage to get the armigers out of the Holding House without killing a single guard or Sabo, award them 3,600 XP. The round begins with the first player claiming “odd” or “even.” The second player then decides the number of “throws” in the round (minimum of two). (Only the fact that Octavio sees this law as corrupt and abusive allows him to justify breaking it in the first place, and the mere fact that he’s forced to think this way unsettles the rigid-minded man.) More importantly, the forces stationed at the Holding House are significant. “Asmodeus take you,” I said. Unfortunately, none of the workers toiling when the PCs arrive are wearing leg braces, and any questions get the PCs gruffly referred to the building’s owner and proprietor, Vespasio Vespam (N male human expert 6). I believe in order, in careful deliberation, of wisdom through time and consideration. alignment every morning and drinks a potion of bear’s endurance before combat. “Shall we?” She began walking without waiting for my response. One nail was torn and twice as bloody, and hummed with pain. “Here’s your answer, Cassius!” The two embrace and exchange a tender kiss, Sargaeta actually weeping. Shortly thereafter, Cassius ran away from home in a bid for attention. This is a sonic, mind-affecting fear effect. Lictor Octavio prefers to remain out city of Kintargo. This subtle change in his appearance is a result of the final ritual to become a genius loci—something Barzillai undertook in secret during this adventure. If one of the PCs in your group is a poet, author, or other writer of scandals or satire, consider adding that PC’s name to the list of outlawed authors’ works. Most escalate their games of play-acting beyond the Maelstrom, imitating a chorus of angels or a cadre of demons to tell silly stories and have imaginative adventures. I believe defend himself. He has managed to accumulate a loyal and devoted crew, including his first mate, a half-elven gunslinger from Katapesh named Elia Nones. Typically, games of devilpin are played for remainder of this adventure is focused almost exclusively silver coins, but with every player’s consent, other coins in the district of Old Kintargo, the city’s most ancient can be substituted. Iron Doors A pair of immense iron doors stands closed here. Remember to add Kintargo’s danger rating to the results of any rolls to determine what they encounter! Since this adventure spans a range of levels, some random encounters might be too simple or too difficult for the PCs, depending on where they are in the course of the adventure. To the east, a stage supports a stone altar presided over by a seventh statue of the same feminine form, her right half skeletal and her left half beautiful. Scratches on the stone walls from desperate fingers attest to the fact that these twins are not the first of this room’s recent prisoners. LUCKY BONES LOWER DUNGEON bones (the Gray Spiders used this robe to neutralize the spellcasting abilities of abducted victims). Read more July 27, 2017 12:00 AM Only four days left! Don't miss your chance to sign up for a free Obsidian.net account and take advantage of our exclusive fan offer for Pathfinder Adventures. The bridge previously cost only 3 cp to cross, but starting with this adventure the toll for crossing the bridge increases to 5 sp—an announcement that should hardly inconvenience the PCs, but which serves as a symbol for the Silver Ravens and ordinary citizens to rally around. If this is how events play out in your campaign, you can use Luculla as a recurring villain—perhaps even (after she gains several levels) as a replacement for some of the minions of Mahathallah the PCs are destined to face in this Adventure Path’s final installment! This adventure assumes the PCs either don’t fall for Luculla’s trickery or quickly find evidence of the truth. Humans are abundant and grow to maturity quickly. While seemingly random in their placement across the world, many colonies of skum represent the final sites attacked by aboleth overseers, or once-glorious undersea enclaves that survived the fall of Azlant. Morale The seers fight to the death defending the shrine. CONCLUDING THE ADVENTURE Once the PCs have explored the dungeons below the Lucky Bones, they can start to use them as a well-hidden headquarters for the Silver Ravens. These windows can be closed from the outside, but the guards generally leave the windows open to ease the half-hourly checks and twicedaily feedings of the occupants. South Guardroom: Two guards stand watch here at all times. These notes reveal that Baccus used a binding spell to hold Shurshogot in place, and that by uttering the phrase, “Shurshogot, be silent!” in Infernal, one could cause the devil great pain—it was via this method that Baccus managed to keep Shurshogot cowed, and the PCs can use the same phrase to their advantage when they confront the devil in area D13. I lost all sense of my bearings. “He isn’t worth your grief,” I said. For apocrisiariuses, speaking a truth is the greatest pleasure they can achieve, particularly if those to whom it is spoken suffer from the revelation. Regardless of how an early confrontation with the PCs goes, once it occurs, Tayacet lies low for some time and the PCs won’t see her again until the next adventure—unless they get in over their heads, in which case you can have Tayacet break cover to save them. When a cordulegaster attacks, its jaws separate and shoot forward to grasp its prey, pulling it closer so the mandibles can begin to shred and devour its unlucky victim’s flesh. Notes on this map indicate that Guildmistress Lorelu was to defend this floor and Guildmaster Baccus was to defend the smugglers’ tunnels (this includes an indication that Baccus should call upon his “pet devil” Shurshogot for help, but provides no more insight there). See Meeting the Warden below for more details. Creatures: Three adolescent otyughs dwell here. SABO THE SPIDER CR 6 XP 2,400 Female human inquisitor of Asmodeus 7 (Pathfinder RPG Advanced Player’s Guide 38) LE Medium humanoid (human) Init +7; Senses Perception +4 DEFENSE AC 18, touch 9, flat-footed 18 (+7 armor, –1 Dex, +2 shield) hp 56 (7d8+21); fast healing 3 Fort +7, Ref +3, Will +9 OFFENSE Sabo the Spider 22 Speed 20 ft. She’s often called “Countess” by denizens of the district, a wry yet affectionate reference to her family’s long-lost noble roots. Each time a PC loses, he must allow Lorelu to feed upon his life essence to taste fragments of what she lost when she was killed—she does so with her consume life ability (see her statistics below). Simply write your request on a scrap of paper and use it to wrap a shard of the teacup. During Combat The traditional weapon of the seer of Saint Senex is the boarding gaff (see Special Abilities below). Shells and Pillories (CR 7) The low, seven-foot-high ceiling in this completely flooded torture chamber gives it a claustrophobic feel. Finally, while not really a gang, the three Diola brothers prowl Old Kintargo as “resurrectionists,” stealing bodies form the cemetery and occasionally murdering unfortunate souls to sell to undiscriminating doctors and anatomy students. Turning Wex’s body and the evidence (including Balgorrah) over to a neutral party, such as Inspector Tayacet, is perhaps the best solution if the PCs wish to maintain more anonymity, but doing so prevents them from enjoying the significant public relations boost to their cause as detailed at the end of the adventure. Advanced Bestiary © 2014, Green Ronin Publishing, LLC; Author: Jeff Hersh; Developer: Owen K.C. Stephens. The seers are naturally suspicious of the PCs, as none save Order of the Torrent Hellknights have approached the neglected shrine in years. She reached the end of the pier and waved to us. These would be my reminders of the caretaker, though his face was already beginning to fade. They seemed to ascend endlessly, disappearing into a coal-black sky. A player who seeks to cheat at odds and evens and succeeds at a DC 20 Sleight of Hand or Profession (gambler) check can adjust the total of his roll; on a success, that player can reroll one of the three dice rolled in that throw, but must accept the new result. The elves are eager to escape and return to Acisazi and report to their leaders what they’ve learned, but distraught to have not found their ally Shensen to recruit her aid. When she finds she cannot do so, or if she otherwise learns that the orders are false, she gleefully attacks the PCs as she becomes eager to extract from them the true reason they’ve come for Hortense. Cloakers fear and hate their creators, and avoid skum under aboleth influence, but they otherwise see their weak-willed cousins as useful fodder. Creature: An advanced xorn known as the Watcher in the Walls is bound into this room via a binding spell and cannot leave the room other than to merge into the walls or floors no farther than 5 feet away. The boat’s sails snapped, buffeted by the same breeze that hurried us forward. Likewise, if the PCs take any aggressive act against either seer, the pair immediately attack. Repeat offenses result in longer stays in the doghouse. A successful DC 29 Diplomacy check convinces the seers to admit that Octavio has been granted asylum in the chambers below, but that if the PCs wish to speak to him, they must pass the altar door and meet the challenges below, to prove to Saint Senex they are worthy to speak to a friend of the shrine. A successful DC 15 Heal check or DC 25 Perception check reveals that the wounds were caused by a light bladed weapon (most likely a kukri), while a successful DC 20 Knowledge (arcana) check confirms that the weapon was likely magically enhanced to cause particularly bloody wounds. During Combat If she has allies, Luculla hangs back and uses her ranged spells against foes. If they arrive after dark, the guards are suspicious about what the PCs are doing out after curfew but assume that since they have transfer orders, they have permission. She laid her boots on the keel to dry in the warm night air and stared at the glint of starlight across the water’s surface. GLYPH OF WARDING CR 4 XP 1,200 Type magic; Perception DC 28; Disable Device DC 28 EFFECTS Trigger spell; Reset none Effect spell effect (glyph of warding [blast glyph], 3d8 sonic damage, Reflex DC 17 half); multiple targets (all targets in a 10-ft.-square area) Treasure: The gold-plated skull is worth 250 gp, and contains 4 doses of unholy water. In addition, a character who succeeds at a DC 20 Diplomacy check to gather information about people known to wear metal-and-leather leg braces in Kintargo turns up a list of a mere five people, only three of whom are human, and only one of whom is a Varisian man. HETAMON HAACE CR 4 XP 1,200 Male demon-spawn tiefling cleric of Milani 5 (Pathfinder Player Companion: Blood of Fiends 20) CG Medium outsider (native) Init +1; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +5 DEFENSE AC 15, touch 11, flat-footed 14 (+3 armor, +1 Dex, +1 shield) hp 26 (5d8) Fort +4, Ref +2, Will +7 Resist cold 5, electricity 5, fire 5 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. The one exception is if he believes Cassius Sargaeta is in danger—Marquel fights to the death if he thinks doing so will save his beloved. A creature that takes damage from a wretchghost’s touch must succeed at a DC 16 Fortitude save or become addicted to the drug associated with that particular wretchghost. C3. Azuretzi proteans are highly skilled shapeshifters, able to copy almost any creature’s appearance. This guild used a popular gambling hall and drug den in Old Kintargo called the Lucky Bones as their base of operations, from which they orchestrated numerous criminal escapades. A sign reading “Manager” is posted on a door next to stairs leading to upper floors. Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder’s Journal Bestiary OPTIONAL ENCOUNTER: BEING FOLLOWED (CR 7) Although Barzillai Thrune doesn’t publicly acknowledge the Silver Ravens as a threat for the bulk of this adventure, that isn’t to say he ignores them. Once any three of these tasks are fulfilled, Barzillai is forced to publicly acknowledge the fact that the Silver Ravens exist. board entirely, which immediately doubles the thrower’s For the remainder of this adventure, it’s assumed that hell-debt. Hold off until this point before proceeding with this mission to ensure that the PCs have a better chance of surviving their encounter with the madman. “There was nothing else to be done,” I said. She can be haggled down to 200 gp with a successful DC 20 Diplomacy check or DC 16 Intimidate check, but using Intimidate lowers the quality of her work, imposing a –8 penalty on her Linguistics check to create the forgery. 14. While the guards tend to spend time playing dice, they quickly respond to visitors with a gruff, “State your business, unless you seek accommodations for the night.” B2. Creature: What appears to be a drunken sailor staggers toward the PCs, singing an old Chelish sailor’s song in a terrible off-key voice as he stumbles along: “She promised me/To faithful be/But all that changed by morning/I went a-deck/A drunken wreck/Her new red smile, a warning.” In truth, this sailor is a faceless stalker worshiper of Mahathallah who works for Luculla Gens. Yet, he could just as easily turn on the rebels should he feel they’re doing more harm than good to the city. To the west, a stone stage stands empty, while empty torch sconces line the walls between the doors. in armor) Melee mwk longsword +9 (1d8+5/19–20) Ranged longbow +5 (1d8/×3) TACTICS DOTTARI GUARDS (4) CR 3 XP 800 each Human fighter 4 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init +1; Senses Perception +6 DEFENSE AC 17, touch 11, flat-footed 16 (+6 armor, +1 Dex) hp 34 each (4d10+8) Fort +6, Ref +2, Will +3 (+1 vs. SKUM ON GOLARION Skum can be found all across Golarion, from small groups of survivors to entire self-sustaining colonies. A shallow pool of water lies in the southeast corner, while in the northeast corner of the room someone has set up a camp. Depending on what questions the PCs ask, you can provide hints about traps and secret doors, or perhaps give them tidbits about the Lucky Bones’ history, the fates of the other guildmasters (including the fact that Lorelu knows Hei-Fen escaped the Order of the Torrent, but not where she lives now, or indeed if she does still live). As outsiders, these fiends don’t need to eat to survive, yet an apocrisiarius kyton denied the opportunity to extract a hidden truth for too long grows emotionally starved. Crafted ages ago for Saint Senex by a grateful wizard, the rope golem appears to be a pile of knotted rope in the middle of the room until someone moves more than 10 feet into the room from the ladder. Generally, doghousing lasts for a week, and if a victim survives the week, he is released with a stern warning. The paintings on the wall are faded and moldy, and while their subjects can still be made out, they have very little value. I glanced at Razizo. Scour: Cat’s grace, vision of hellUM (DC 15). The owner of any Product Identity used in Open Game Content shall retain all rights, title and interest in and to that Product Identity. Otherwise, he fights to the death. SEERS OF SAINT SENEX (2) CR 3 XP 800 each Middle-aged human oracle 4 (Pathfinder RPG Advanced Player’s Guide 42) N Medium humanoid (human) Init –2; Senses darkvision 30 ft.; Perception +2 DEFENSE AC 12, touch 8, flat-footed 12 (+4 armor, –2 Dex) hp 21 each (4d8) Fort +0, Ref –1, Will +6 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. Despite such apparent impertinence, azuretzis’ games are born of great reverence— their attempt at respect simply suffers because of the creatures’ short attention spans and irrepressible senses of humor. 15. While the PCs may feel a temptation to mount a daring public rescue of the victims, discretion is the better part of valor at this point. Melee mwk rapier +3 (1d6/18–20) TACTICS During Combat In a fight, Marquel always uses the total defense option, and either seeks support from others or simply attempts to flee. The two most significant clues that you should try to work into her answers are that she noticed the attacker walked with a limp and had a metaland-leather leg brace, and that his leather apron smelled faintly of rancid cheese and urine. The Order of the Torrent appeals to lawful good Hellknights—they have never knowingly had an evil member among their ranks. The contents of each cache depend on whether the Silver Ravens choose a minor, intermediate, or major cache, as detailed below; the placement of the cache itself is left for the PCs to choose. Sacrificial Cell Although not locked, the door to this chamber is kept closed. Please take these gifts from the city of Kintargo as Thrune’s thanks to your services rendered, and please continue to work to ensure, as I do, this grand city’s safety and proud legacy.” Barzillai has nothing more to say, and a successful DC 12 Sense Motive check reveals the sarcasm in his voice, yet he is not interested in public confrontations. The fact that the bulk of this adventure’s treasure waits in Part 3 means that a party that mixes the boundaries between Parts 2 and 3 will have less of a wait for loot. A ring of 11 keys for these doors hangs in the torture chamber (area B12). Anyone caught with these works in their possession is fined 100 gp and must hand over the writings for destruction; failure to do so results in imprisonment for 2d4 days and a fine of 500 gp. Luculla casts undetectable alignment daily to further her disguise, and none of the regulars at the Tooth and Nail suspect the truth. A secret door in the southern wall of the pit (at the pit’s floor level) leads to a passageway to area C4, but the yellow mold in the pit has grown over it, increasing the difficulty of noticing it from the secret side (Perception DC 40). Spell Pilfer (Su) Two azuretzis can work together as a standard action to redirect an ongoing spell effect from one creature within 30 feet to another. This could explain why many mimics congregate near major skum settlements, scavenging the communities’ leftovers, though few reveal themselves to the aquatic warriors. Melee bite +4 (1d6+1 plus disease), 2 tentacles +3 (1d4 plus grab) Space 5 ft.; Reach 5 ft. CAMPAIGN ROLE Hetamon has great empathy for the cause of the Silver Ravens, as their aims are consistent with his own philosophy and religious faith. Several streams empty into the gorge, and deep within its basin rests a hidden 72 underground temple populated by skum. 7. Mimics: Though mimics’ true origins are unknown, some scholars posit that they were also created by aboleths. If you use this optional encounter, Octavio remains safe in the Shrine of Saint Senex, but you should instead have one of the Torrent armigers who would otherwise be held prisoner in the Holding House (see Part 2) be among the victims. I stopped. Within, a grisly sight awaits the PCs—a pale, pretty young woman with long brown hair has been affixed to one of two racks in the chamber. In this regard, the PCs represent Tiora the lictor’s best hope at seeing his armigers released from their unjust incarceration before they’re transferred to a more secure prison, executed, or worse. If the PCs catch these cultists unawares, they’re resting in randomly determined bedrooms surrounding the area. The map denotes the obvious side of a secret door with a dot—the secret side lacks this notation and requires a successful DC 35 Perception check to notice. Flooded Warehouse (CR 7) D. This enables the Hellknight to use an enlarged locate creature as a spell-like ability with 67 ECOLOGY OF THE SKUM O f old Karvhandahr, nothing remains. Creature: As the PCs enter the room, a faint milky shimmering dances in the air around the halfling corpse, then quickly coalesces into the ghostly form an attractive but wild-eyed halfling woman. (20 ft. He looks up as the PCs enter, but Marquel speaks first, rushing into Sargaeta’s arms. Inner Sea Races EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS From Golarion’s unique human ethnicities to common foes like orcs, goblins, and strix, this hardcover tome provides rules, history, and cultural details to make the denizens of the Pathfinder world come alive! Paizo, Paizo Inc., the Paizo golem logo, Pathfinder, and the Pathfinder logo are registered trademarks of Paizo Inc.; Pathfinder Roleplaying Game and Pathfinder Campaign Setting are trademarks of Paizo Inc. Showing Ghenemahl the forged transfer orders is a mistake—she doesn’t ask for them, but if she sees them, she attempts a Linguistics check to determine their veracity. Morale Once one changeling is slain, the remaining changelings drink their potions of invisibility and flee to area C8 to join their mistress and report

the shapes and abilities of other creatures makes azuretzis unpredictable and dangerous opponents. This chamber is where Luculla spends her private time, rests, and studies various religious texts. A trio of hidden switches located on the walls just outside of this room (indicated on the map by tiny red marks) deactivate the trap as long as at least one switch is engaged. While Armiger Lierre is normally kept in cell K, she's being tormented in the torture chamber (B12) the first time the PCs visit the area. Much to Cassius's delight, the actual Poison Pen, Marquel Aulorian, was quick to reciprocate Cassius's attraction, and the two became clandestine lovers. Instead, she took it on herself to dispose of the body. An enigmatic combination of factors can awaken an inactive wretchghost, including the concentrated presence of living souls, magical energies, the use of its drug of choice in close proximity, or other less discernible causes. B12. Yet life of a sort still walks the streets of Azlant's orphan city: the servants of its conquerors, formed in the mocking guise of humanity and left untended since its fall. I smell your falsehoods. They prefer During Combat An Order of the Rack armiger prefers to take living prisoners, but won't stay his hand to make nonlethal attacks until the last minute—they aren't afraid to drop violent foes to the ground and then bandage them later if necessary. Today, Balgorrah is an intelligent magic kukri that seeks to compel those of weak will to continue Father Skinsaw's plan: to drive those who find and use it to kill and kill again. Of course, this is not (yet) the case, but Marquel prefers his father to suspect this rather than the truth—that he's the Poison Pen of Kintargo, and has been writing scandalous poetry about the government for over a year. They might even earn rumors from friendly NPCs as a reward for helping them. (10 ft. As plans went, it was not my best. Cordulegasters living in the Bile Sluice are immune to poison, whereas those residing in the Plaguemere are immune to disease. STATISTICS Str 18, Dex 11, Con 21, Int 18, Wis 12, Cha 6 Base Atk +5; CMB +9; CMD 19 Feats Arcane Strike, Combat Casting, Craft Wondrous Item, Multiattack, Scribe Scroll, Spell Focus (enchantment), Toughness Skills Bluff +1, Diplomacy +1, Intimidate +12, Knowledge (arcana) +15, Perception +12, Spellcraft +15, Stealth +7 (+11 underwater), Swim +23, Use Magic Device +6 Languages Aboleth, Aklo, Aquan, Elven, Infernal, Undercommon SQ amphibious, arcane bond (amulet of natural armor +1), enchanting smile Combat Gear wand of lightning bolt (12 charges); Other Gear amulet of natural armor +1, headband of vast intelligence +2, lesser extend metamagic rod, carving tools, pump valve ring (from area D10), spellbook (a series of engraved clam shells that contains all prepared spells plus an additional four 1st, 2nd-, and 3rd-level spells of your choice) D13. These features provided slave stock that was easy to produce under controlled conditions but virtually incapable of breeding uncontrollably on its own. A creature that is grappled by a rope golem cannot speak or cast spells with verbal components. While the upper level of the shrine isn't warded via magic, its underground chambers (areas A1 and A2) are protected by a permanent mage's private sanctum (CL 15th), placed ages ago by one of Saint Senex's allies (the same wizard who created the guardian of area A1, as it happens). As an incorporeal shade, the wretchghost can no longer revel in this bliss, save for brief moments when it infuses living flesh with this chemical desire. To padding the pockets of the same Chelish nobles you rob?" He sighed, his shoulder slumping like his son's had not but a day past. fear) OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. A pair of strange, barrel-shaped objects sit in the northeast corner of the flooded boardwalk, while long beards of algae hang from the cavern ceiling here and there, waving languidly in the slow current. The sounds of battle do little to Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 23 arouse suspicion outside of this room, partially because the guards and Sabo would not shed tears to see the kyton slain, but mostly because the walls of the torture chamber are relatively soundproof. The stink in the air comes from sewage, waste, dead animals, and other garbage left strewn about this place by the changeling cultists who dwell below. Liset followed, and we watched the fisherman's boat disappear into the night. But I knew their affiliation when the one in front drew back his hooded cloak. Setrona hopes the PCs can avoid bloodshed and engineer a diplomatic method of determining whether Lictor Octavio can be found within. Raid on the Lucky Bones To understand the current situation in the Lucky Bones, it can help to know its history. In the unlikely event that the PCs repair the pump before defeating the skum, those creatures retreat to the remaining flooded areas when the pump is reactivated. Instead, the group of four Aulorian guards waits to confront the PCs once they have defeated the cerberi. All other cells are empty (unless you wish to add additional NPC prisoners of note). The devil remains here today, bound to this cavern still and desperately eager to escape back to Hell. Meeting Marquel Marquel Aulorian is, in effect, "grounded" by his father, who suspects his son of having something to do with the Silver Ravens. "You did well," I whispered in his arms. They could learn a rumor after 1d4 hours of investigation with a successful DC 15 6 Toll Hike Early in this adventure, preferably before the PCs are contacted by Setrona (see A Cousin's Plea below), Thrune announces an increase to the Bleakbridge toll. The gate is made of heavy black iron that's somewhat rusted (hardness 10, hp 35, break DC 22). The winches were used to move cargo and bound captives across the pit for transport to and from the smugglers' tunnels, and the ledges to either side were used by skilled thieves to cross safely (Acrobatics DC 7). "They're a ways off," he said. Furthermore, as long as even one Order of the Torrent armiger remains Development: For now, Lictor Octavio prefers to captive in the Holding House, Lictor Octavio is hesitant remain here in hiding; the seers above provide him with to take direct action against the government for fear of food and water, and the wards in the shrine prevent repercussions against the imprisoned armigers. In this event, the NPC didn't get a good look at the attacker, other than to relate the same descriptions and clues the PCs could have learned but failed to from Myrletta— specifically those about the attacker wearing a leg brace and smelling of slurk grease. "I know. Squat rows of columns clutter the room's central space, while each of the seven alcoves is divided in half by a moldering curtain. Hetamon settles into a cozy corner of the room where the discussion won't be easily overheard, then reveals to the PCs that he leads the Rose of Kintargo, and that the faithful of Milani are ready to aid the Silver Ravens. C11. The ruins themselves are picked over—very little remains but rubble, a tangle of timbers, and three partially collapsed brick fireplaces. It's at this time that Lictor Octavio calls the PCs to a meeting— he has some information that they will doubtless find of great interest. Inside, the Tooth and Nail carries the stink of stale beer, tobacco smoke, and less discernible odors hovering in the air like clouds of gnats. The pit is only 20 feet deep, but the razor-sharp edges combined with the spikes below enhance its effectiveness—back in the day, the Gray Spiders kept these cutting and piercing implements poisoned, but fortunately for modern intruders, the cultists who live here now have not done the same. Cordulegasters are often found serving more powerful outsiders, particularly hydrodaemons and piscodaemons, and assist the daemons in harvesting souls. OCTAVIO SABINUS CR 7 Octavio desperately wants to oppose Barzillai, but XP 3,200 moving against the lawful government of the nation hp 72 (see page 66) remains an unsettling concept to him. In fact, Barzillai doesn't quite trust Auxis yet, and has ordered Gorefangs to serve as a spy as much as a guard—now and then, Barzillai sends a devil minion to telepathically communicate with the cerberi to find out if the Aulorians are up to anything. Dwarven Fire Ale: Fire breathAPG (DC 14), protection from energy. The timing of when the elves were captured is left vague—when the PCs first start exploring the level, the elves have been imprisoned here for 1 day. Covert: With a successful DC 15 Secrecy check, a team of spies doesn't manage to infiltrate the chambers below, but does learn that a cult of devil-worshiping changelings has taken up residence therein. I ate the meal Razizo had left, though the bitterness I felt overwhelmed its flavor. You wouldn't venture into Corentyn unless absolutely necessary. Tears of blood weep from its eyes—physical evidence of the sorrow it has tasted over the ages from dreadful truths torn from the flesh and mind of its countless victims. "A good lad, I suppose. It melted on my tongue, the buttery glaze coating it nearly making me moan. The guard extended her hand and helped me onto the dock. Myrletta's corpse confirms she was attacked late at night, and while she didn't get a good look at her assailant, she knows he was a Varisian man. Now, as he entered the tiny cell I'd been stewing in this past hour, Razizo was still as handsome and charming. C7. A large carving of a strange, tall, lanky man in a cloak adorns the capstone. I miss the sun. Skum protect their lairs with as much military precision as they can recall, but their lives increasingly revolve around maintenance. The halfling Make-Way picks up the pieces and hands them to the PC. Shelves carved into the walls hold old broken bottles, while benches with padded seats sit against the walls under these shelves. Hetamon went to investigate early this morning, only to discover the missing worshiper's body in a dreadful state. As they learn to survive without masters, many have gravitated towards scouting and hunting roles such as rogues, hunters, and rangers. Thank you again for your service to this city!" At this point, he retreats into the opera house. Azuretzis form mock choruses among their own kind, imitating specific cabals of proteans. These doors are incredibly well hidden from view from one side, but from the other side they are obvious and require no Perception check to notice them. SMUGGLERS' TUNNELS The ceiling of this entirely flooded chamber is fifteen feet high, supported by square columns of stone that measure five feet to a side and are crusted with algae. In return, he promises his delectable fruit." friendship and support, as best as he can give it. Because of their inherent ability to recognize lies, apocrisiariuses are often used as emissaries between the governments of Nidal and Cheliax. Hungering Reach (Su) Against foes that are addicted to its associated drug, a wretchghost has reach as if it were one size category larger (10-foot reach for most wretchghosts). Seer of Saint Senex 13 This room was built to symbolize a ship upon which a drowned sailor once sailed, while the gated tunnel that leads to area A2, whose walls were once painted deep blue, represents the descent of the drowned body to the sea bed below. Ulat-kini offer no counsel, ask no rights, and offer no resistance, hoping that if they serve loyally they will be rewarded as a master might reward a loyal hound. Two of the guildmasters, Lorelu and Baccus, would ultimately perish in this fight. Of greater interest to the PCs are the numerous hidden routes along the rooftops and through the sewers— returning these maps to the Silver Ravens allows the rebellion to gain a permanent +3 bonus on Secrecy checks. This ink cloud forms a 10-foot-diameter spread centered on the shell sentinel that provides total concealment. For legitimate customers, the thieves honored their side of the bargain, keeping the addicts comfortable as long as their credit and finances held out. The skeletal remains of a man with goatlike horns lies slumped against the door. Key to this route's success, Octavio points out, is securing a set of forged transfer orders for the armigers. This edition includes: Explore the Stolen Lands, a region that has been... 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The strongest or oldest skum—often one and the same—typically takes the reins of power in such a community. A red wax seal graced its edge, unbroken and bearing the royal crest of House Thrune. 61 CAPTAIN CASSIUS SARGAETA The very image of the savvy, confident ship's captain, this man's immaculate appearance command respect even from those not signed onto his ship. Yet he cannot move back into his old home, as Citadel Vaull is now under the control of the Order of the Rack, and Octavio's holdings have been seized by the government. In the corpse's place, growing between the cracks of the bloodstained road, was a vibrant rose—the sign of the Everbloom herself: Milani. Once it was a symbol of humanity's strength, of our ability to create something larger than ourselves. Development: The altar beneath the center of the shrine's driftwood dome appears unremarkable. Read more All News File loading please wait... Any of these causes the ghost to lose interest in gambling and attack; however, if the PCs leave and return after an attack, they find Lorelu reverted to her less antagonistic personality. Every day you remain is a day your wings remain clipped and the nib of your delightful pen remains dry. When not wielded by the kyton, these weapons revert to nonmagical daggers. Over the next several years, Cassius served on no fewer than a dozen pirate ships, moving from one crew to the next on a whim. I thought to say something, to offer her comfort or at least relieve her guilt. They prefer to focus their attacks on one shared foe at a time. Farther from shore, skum claim ancient, sunken cities or more recent shipwrecks as their domains. And More! Loyalty and betrayal in Corentyn in the Pathfinder's Journal by Stephanie Lorée! Plus a host of new monsters in the Hell's Rebels Adventure Path bestiary. While discorporated, a shell sentinel gains a +16 racial bonus on Disguise checks to appear as a mound of shells. Lorelu expects all of the PCs to take turns playing odds and evens. Brown paint clings in patches, and it's easy to see how the room may have once looked very much like the hold of a ship. ADVANCED DEVILFISH CR 5 XP 1,600 hp 52 (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 2 292, 88) D10. The creature's growls and barks and howls are enough to attract the attention of the human house guards in 2d4 rounds, but none of these guards are brave enough to intervene in a fight involving the frightening beast. Of course, if in your game one of these NPCs has become more important, you should feel free to include that NPC in "Turn of the Torrent." Barzillai Thrune: At the start of this adventure, LordMayor Barzillai Thrune is certainly aware of the PCs and the Silver Ravens, but though they humiliated his bodyguard Nox, the inquisitor isn't too concerned yet about the PCs and their rebellion. If they can track down this murderer and stop him (or at the very least expose him so that the city government is forced to act), they not only prevent further bloodshed, but they also bolster the rebellion's reputation among the people. Sewer Access (CR 5) Phosphorescent lichen covers the walls of this huge, flooded cavern, giving it the eerie atmosphere of a cathedral devoted to some watery god. Creatures: At your discretion, you can have Setrona fear that Octavio may be among the first to be excruciated, 10 1 SQUARE = 5 FEET and she could ask the PCs to accompany her to the event to determine if indeed this is the case. The tavern shares the building with a confectioner's shop, identified by the words "Sweet Tooth" painted at its entrance on Tuce Alley. However, with a successful DC 20 Diplomacy check to gather information, a character confirms that all similar recent murders (of which there have been seven) have occurred in southern Old Kintargo. Senex herself was an oracle of the waves who devoted much of her later life to the recovery of the bodies of drowned sailors, to return them and their belongings to their families rather than leaving them at the bottom of Nisroch Bay or to the deeper stretches of the Yolubilis. Torches lit our way, guiding our feet over crushed stone that soon turned to wooden planks, then nothing more than naked tunnels hewn from subterranean rock. When you're ready to begin this mission (soon after the PCs finish Mission 1 is a good point to do so), the captain sends his first mate, a gunslinger named Elia Nones, to deliver an invitation. She speaks in a soft, musical voice: "A wager? Having existed under continuous aboleth influence, most skum of Orv have been further modified by their masters—often repeatedly over the millennia—to make them more efficient servants. I'm sure you understand." The PCs' destination is moored at the southernmost pier in the Old Harbor. During Combat If a PC wields or holds Balgorrah at the start of a fight, the blade attempts to take control of the PC who holds it, and if successful, forces the PC to give the blade to Wex. In fact, the PCs could use one of the favors promised by Cassius in A Tender Reunion on page 30 to secure the freedom of all three halflings. Creatures: The skum tribe utilizes this room as a sort of barracks now, and the first time the PCs visit, they encounter five of the aquatic monsters here. The encounter is almost certain to result in a fight—it could take place in a narrow alleyway of your design, but at your discretion might even occur in an alley or on the street near the Tooth and Nail, the Long Roads Coffeehouse, or any other building the PCs frequent. Poison (Ex) Poison cloud or talon—contact; save Fort DC 13; frequency 1/round for 6 rounds; effect staggered plus 1d4 Wisdom; cure 1 save. to know that the Silver Ravens Creature: Lictor Octavio has been are more than thugs who seek brooding here for the past several days, to fight in the streets—I need to living off the meager supplies know you can exercise subtlety provided by the seers and agonizing and work at least partially over his decision to abandon the within the bounds of the law to armigers of the Order of the solve problems when such an Torrent so that he might survive option exists. Red liquid spilled across the mattress like a bloody stain. In fact, most share them and support Cassius's efforts to keep such views hidden. Several large parchment maps sit on the table, along with a curved dagger and a few stacks of dusty coins. The six ghasts have between them 3,000 gp in jewelry. Skum still attack these ancient enemies on sight, even those enthralled by their aboleth masters. More importantly, a miss increases the thrower's hell-debt by that number as the PCs eventually learn, it's in Old Kintargo that the of points. Less commonly, azuretzis emerge from the souls of mortal petitioners that have been judged by Pharasma and delivered into the Cerulean Void. This is Balgorrah, the blade Wex uses to commit his murders. Hetamon knows of the Silver Ravens, but has been waiting to see if they had the conviction to become a force worth respecting before presenting himself to them. Shell sentinels can easily cross between marine and freshwater environments, and given proper protections can even endure in hostile liquid environments such as acid. It was the same kind of silent precision with which Liset wielded her rapier, but Drayven's attacks were not meant to subdue. Melee bite +9 (1d6+4), 2 claws +9 (1d4+4) Wizard Spell-Like Abilities (CL 6th; concentration +10) 7/day—dazing touch 57 Enchanter Spells Prepared (CL 6th; concentration +10) 3rd—dispel magic, displacement, hold person (DC 18), slow (DC 17) 2nd—acid arrow, glitterdust (DC 16), hideous laughter (DC 17), mirror image, touch of idiocy 1st—alarm, charm person (DC 16), mage armor, reduce person (DC 15), shield 0 (at will) —acid splash, detect magic, mage hand, message Opposition Schools evocation, necromancy TACTICS Before Combat Ungol-Pagh casts mage armor on himself, and keeps a mental alarm spell active at the base of the stairs from area D8 active at all times; he uses his lesser extend metamagic rod to enhance both of these spells. Habitat and Society Because apocrisiariuses see themselves as seekers of truth, they tend to hold themselves apart from other kytons out of a haughty sense of superiority. The spies confirm that the cult is about a dozen changelings strong, but at any one time, about half that number are spread out throughout the city and aren't in the Lucky Bones. Instead, a cerberi guards this portion of the estate—a gift from Barzillai Thrune himself, given to the Aulorians as reward for their recent overtures of support. Thick growths of pale yellow fungus grow in the pit, amid the bones of what appears to be a long-dead giant snake. Development: The four prisoner's dungeon rings in the chest are still linked to a jailer's dungeon ring worn by the one surviving Gray Spider, Hei-Fen. They carry no curses and are nondenominational—they are not decorated with any Chelish or infernal insignias. I am Drayven, and I have what you need." I furrowed my brow. Perhaps I could have spent years proving myself to him and Khem, to healing the damage I had caused my family. The resulting skum represent aboleths' idealized version of humanity: physically strong, easily controlled, and able to stand the rigors of an aquatic environment. Yet when Aspis Consortium mercenaries release an ancient evil that burns her adopted home to the ground, Jiri must gather a group of her own to uncover the secrets of a lost nation and stop the fire spirit—and the greedy treasure hunters trying to leash it for their own ends—before it lays waste to the entire Mwangi Expanse. That despair only deepened when she returned a week later to reveal her true nature—she was a half-succubus, and by using magical elixirs, had quickened the gestation of their child. Stealth: A stealthy prison break's chances of success depend as much on luck as they do on timing and planning. This tribe is further described in Pathfinder Adventure Path #46: Wake of the Watchers. Some days later, several drug addicts from the opium den managed to make their way to this room in desperate search of food. She describes the captain with admiration as "a rare individual, eccentric, but a man of refined tastes, from a noble Ostenso family." She may mention that the Scourge's latest voyage involved hunting Shackles pirates as far as the Eye of Abendego. Instead, she began working as an independent investigator, promising to bring no agenda to her employers' needs other than the one she's paid to bring. Read more July 20, 2017 12:00 PM In the latest tutorial for Pathfinder Adventures, we are joined once again by Twitch streamer, DanDizz, as we learn how a scenario is played out in the game. Read more July 20, 2017 12:00 AM Over in our developer blogs, a new post has gone up that details the Rise of the Goblins campaign, which is coming to Pathfinder Adventures.Get a look at two new characters who will be joining in on... Alcohol: Hideous laughter (DC 14), suggestion (DC 15). Part 2 of this adventure focuses on the numerous tasks the PCs can undertake to gain the support of noble families, local criminal gangs, underground religions, and more, while Part 3 focuses on the exploring and reclaiming of the chambers below the ruins of the Lucky Bones to serve as a new hideout for the Silver Ravens. Development: Ten feet east of the gate on the north wall of the passage is a hidden panel, which the PCs can find with a successful DC 25 Perception check. The southwestern pillar is in fact hollow. At your discretion, a successful DC 30 Knowledge (local) check (or a successful check with a poetry-themed skill, such as Craft [poetry] or Perform [song], at the same DC) allows a character to recall "Hell's Coda," an old poem that featured the password-style phrase from which the door's code was taken (see area C15). (Elements that have previously been designated as Open Game Content or are in the public domain are not included in this declaration.) Wayne Reynolds presents Lictor Octavio Sabinus in his full Order of the Torrent Hellknight armor, resolving a question folks have been asking for a while: what does a lawful good Hellknight look like? This does mean that in cases where a creature might hold multiple secrets, an apocrisiarius may not be the best choice for the job. Unable to cross planar boundaries alone, azuretzis delight in being summoned by mortal spellcasters. This encounter can take place whenever the PCs are afoot in one of Old Kintargo's less affluent regions, perhaps as they're traveling to a mission or simply out to do some 38 shopping. These serrated edges allow its lashing tail to open deep, jagged wounds with every blow. Note that the proclamation does not call for the arrest or persecution of the authors of these works—only possession of those POSSESSION OF POETRY OR PROSE WRITTEN BY THE FOLLOWING AUTHORS IS HEREBY FORBIDDEN AND PUNISHABLE BY A FINE Turn of the Torrent OF 100 GOLD PIECES OR IMPRISONMENT: BOSWYTH THE BARD, CHARLETTA D'VANEP, Foreword GHENRAIL OF VYRE, AND THE ANONYMOUS Part 1: The Ninth MISCREANT WHO CALLS HIM- OR HERSELF THE "POISON PEN OF KINTARGO." ALL DOCUMENTS BEARING THE WRITINGS OF THESE MISCREANTS MUST BE TURNED Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo OVER TO THE DOTTARI FOR DESTRUCTION Part 3: Lucky Bones BY SUNDOWN. Development: If Wex knows the PCs are on to him and has set an ambush, he's retrieved his blade from this stand, but the other incriminating evidence remains. B3. Opium Den (CR 8) TACTICS During Combat Lorelu uses her ability to consume life as often as she can, taking advantage of the rounds in between to set up combat positioning so that in following rounds she can use Improved Feint to add her sneak attack damage to her corrupting touch (note that even then, a creature can attempt a DC 17 Fortitude save to reduce this 10d6 points of damage by half). 26 Meeting the Captain (CR 8) Captain Sargaeta's ship, the Scourge of Belial, is currently moored in the Old Harbor just west of Salt Gate. As Hei-Fen fled into the smugglers' tunnels below, she deactivated the pumps, causing the waters of the Yolubilis to rush in and flood most of the level and preventing the Hellknights from following. fear) Defensive Abilities bravery +2 OFFENSE Speed 30 ft. She's been in service for 10 years, under Captain Sargaeta for half of that time, and now serves as his first officer. The Flowershop Crew are Nidalese refugees who sell information to their homeland's embassy and blackmail anyone they find with a secret. If the result is less than or equal to the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score, Ruba recognizes the PCs for who they are and agrees to do the job for 1,000 gp. When my next meal arrived, I prepared myself to overwhelm the girl, take her hostage, and bargain for my release. Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery She didn't have the poise of a soldier, either. It was sadness that weighed them both, a misery I had caused. Several full bookcases sit against the wall. The methods of extracting and preparing this slime requires living victims, and the decidedly painful and vile rendering process not only poisons the resulting construct's personality with an appetite for misery and cruelty, but also imbues poison into its form. Built on a desperation that was carefully worming its way inside of me, it was all I could hope to accomplish. Hetamon himself is an exception, and asks to join the Silver Ravens as an ally. A handful of variant species of skum exist across Golarion, two of which are described below. As such, Cassius should present a difficult moral choice to the PCs. He's a severe captain who keeps slaves, but he's not cruel. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary SPECIAL ABILITIES Boarding Gaff This exotic two-handed melee weapon first appeared in Pathfinder Player Companion: Pirates of the Inner Sea. If the PCs visit by day, she's quick to add, "He's out at the moment, I believe, but go ahead and slide a message under his door if you like!" Wex's Apartment Wex is not home the first time the PCs visit his apartment unless they've rolled poorly on attempts to gather information about him, or unless 24 hours have passed since they speak to Nurla about him. If he's expecting them, he leaves his window unlocked; otherwise, the PCs need to either pick the lock (Disable Device DC 30), smash it, or simply rap on the window to get his attention—a thrown pebble from below is enough to do this. Holding House Guards (CR 7) The Holding House's current warden is a woman named Sabo, called "the Spider" behind her back because of her gangly frame and the persistent rumors of her murdering several previous lovers. Identification: If you distribute Open Game Content You must clearly indicate which portions of the work that you are distributing are Open Game Content. The well to the west drops down 20 feet to area D11— the Gray Spiders used this well to dispose of "leftovers" after a torture session went awry. During the course of the adventure, the PCs have a 20% chance of a random encounter every hour they spend exploring Old Kintargo, but they should have no more than two random encounters per day. Note that Varl Wex is a dangerous foe—luring the PCs into seeking out this villain before they're 6th level is not recommended. Rules for drugs and addiction appear on pages 236–237 of Pathfinder RPG GameMastery Guide. The reach of its primary bite attack is 15 feet. STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 13, Con 16, Int 10, Wis 12, Cha 8 Base Atk +4; CMB +7; CMD 18 Feats Cleave, Deadly Aim, Iron Will, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (longsword), Weapon Specialization (longsword) Skills Intimidate +6, Knowledge (planes) +4, Perception +5 Languages Common SQ armor training 1 11 Combat Gear potion of cure moderate wounds; Other Gear mwk full plate, heavy steel shield, longbow, mwk longsword, 40 gp FERAL DOGS (2) CR 1 XP 400 each hp 13 each (riding dogs; Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 87) HELLKNIGHT OF THE TORRENT ARMIGER CR 1 XP 400 hp currently 6 (see page 11) Development: If the PCs force the excruciators to delay the excruciation and relocate the armiger to the Holding House, the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score increases by 2d4. Once primarily used by the Gray Spiders as a place to run their complex abduction ring, the smugglers' tunnels also contained the guild's treasure vault and escape tunnels. with tentacles) Special Attacks constrict (1d6) Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary TACTICS During Combat While small for otyughs, these young specimens remain aggressive and dangerous in a group. On his own, or when forced to fight, the tiefling starts a battle with spiritual weapon, then uses blindness/ deafness on the most dangerous-looking foe. A stout iron door with a complex, gearlike lock bars progress to the north. Thick layers of dust lie over the long central table and shelves of this room. Their attempts to excavate the ruins has repeatedly stalled, thanks largely to skum's inability to work alongside a larger tribe of faceless stalkers also serving Vorimorath. If the PCs lack the resources to get through the door, their allies or the rebellion can aid them once they've wiped out the cultists and made areas C1–C9 safe. If a PC already has a magic item in this slot, use what you know of that player and character to offer an equally attractive substitution— Barzillai wants his gifts to be used and worn, even if he suspects the PCs are wary of doing so. If the PCs succeed at a DC 16 Intimidate check or use mind-controlling magic, they can force the seers to comply, but in these cases the seers plan to attack the PCs when they emerge from the shrine in retaliation for their bullying. She shrugged, her own grin beginning to show. As long as this state persists, the wretchghost's fly speed increases by 10 feet, it gains a +2 bonus on attack rolls, and it takes a –4 penalty to its AC. 91 Next Month Dance of the Damned Mahathallah By Richard Pett Now that the PCs have established a hideout in the city of Kintargo, the heroes of the growing rebellion are poised to take back the city from the clutches of House Thrune. The complex's secret doors are made of stone (hardness 8, hp 60, break DC 28) and are in much better condition. Currently, the armor and weapons of the imprisoned Hellknights (four sets of gear, each comprising a suit of full plate, a halberd, a longbow, 20 arrows, and 25 gp), along with additional, relatively worthless clothes and trinkets from the other prisoners, are stored here. GHENEMAHL CR 7 DEFENSE AC 12, touch 12, flat-footed 10 (+1 Dex, +1 dodge) hp 22 each (2d10+7) Fort +5, Ref +1, Will +1 (+1 vs. These manifestations don't have any significant game effects, but don't forget to mention them now and then as the PCs explore until they've managed to clear out all of the undead denizens within. When the PCs meet the Aulorians in the next adventure, the distraught parents worry about their missing son regardless of whether the PCs were the ones responsible for Marquel's disappearance. An azuretzi can maintain a mimicked form indefinitely. The captain has a favor to ask. North Guardroom: Two guards stand watch here at all times. He was short and lean as a young boy, but age painted his eyes with a calculating hardness that frightened me. In such a case, the changeling hisses in frustration and rage and attacks the PCs as detailed in her statistics below. After winding for about 200 feet each, they exit into the waters below the river banks in a relatively deep gully below the southwest corner of Kintargo's city wall. Drayven smiled. The iron gate is generally kept locked (hardness 10, hp 30, break DC 25, Disable Device DC 30) day and night. His followers are only loosely organized—as a goddess of revolutions, Milani's teachings encourage her worshipers to maintain small groups so that if one is compromised, the others can continue. If the PCs turn down the captain's offer, he appears The halfling woman cutting pineapple offers juicy disappointed, then nods to his first mate. All of Citadel Vaull's holdings have been seized: the Hellknight stronghold is now nothing more than an empty shell, its resources handed over completely to the Order of the Rack Hellknights in Castle Kintargo. Over time, the tiefling established a small, hidden place of worship in his shop, where he conducted clandestine services for devotees of the Everbloom. If the PCs have convinced the seers that they are Octavio's allies and deserve a chance to speak to the lictor, the seers unlock this door with one of their distinctive hook-shaped keys and lift the stone to reveal the way down to area A1. The interior of Wex's home is very clean, with bouquets of fragrant flowers arranged artfully about the space (Wex's not entirely successful attempt to mask the smell of the slurk grease he works with). But until the heroes find the ideal hideout for their rebellion—a place secret enough and strong enough to withstand the battles to come—they'll be forced to stay in the shadows. Patrol Duty: At all hours of the day, two guards are posted in area B1, two are posted in B6, and two are posted in B7. It was Baccus who engineered the guild's ingenious magical pumps that allowed them to utilize chambers below sea level for such activities. The ring on his left hand sparked briefly, and my spell sizzled into nothing. D3. When they do so, you can randomly determine which rumor they hear using the Kintargo Rumors table on page 7; information in parentheses after each rumor indicates if the rumor is a general one or if it links to a specific encounter in this adventure. The feral dogs are kept in their cages at this point, and if they get loose, they could attack PCs, dottari, or Hellknights alike. Each iron cell door has its own unique key. He first asks if the PCs have heard rumors of the murders that have plagued Kintargo of late—if they have not, he nods grimly and tells them what he's heard (see result 2 on the Kintargo Rumors table on page 7). They generally avoid their hell's corruption subdomain power in combat, preferring instead to use this ability on the street to prepare a potential mark for easier mugging in a one-on-one fight. Any attempts to do so (including attempts to obey commands to do so while the kyton is mind controlled) simply fail, as if the kyton had chosen not to communicate. Tormented Howl (Su) Once per day as a standard action, a wretchghost can emit a terrible howl of need that leaves those within 40 feet staggered for 1d4+1 rounds (Will DC 16 negates). If asked why the captain wishes to see the PCs, she states, "Well, you must admit that you've been making quite the name for yourselves, even if you have been trying to keep things hush-hush. In all cases, it loses much of the awareness of its former life and identity— only its gnawing, toxic hunger remains. The cup of wine wobbled and fell. He is also skilled at brewing potions and crafting wondrous magical items, and as long as the PCs can provide him with the raw materials (in the form of the funds to finance the project at hand), he'll craft whatever they might need—within his abilities. STATISTICS Str 18, Dex 10, Con 16, Int 14, Wis 8, Cha 12 Base Atk +9; CMB +13 (+15 bull rush, +15 sunder); CMD 23 (25 vs. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 87 SHELL SENTINEL This mass of shells is assembled into a shape that resembles a cross between a frog and a squid. "Why am I here?" 76 "That's what I'd like to know. Increasingly taken by this enigmatic stranger's words, Cassius began visiting Kintargo often, and with the aid of his first mate finally managed to identify the poet as a scion of one of Kintargo's older noble families and arrange a meeting. A boarding gaff inflicts 1d6 points of damage on a hit, and is a reach weapon and a trip weapon. As soon as a PC opens the door, Wex strikes with surprise (assuming he succeeds at his Stealth check), hoping to kill or incapacitate a lone character, pull her into his hiding spot, and then reset his ambush for the next foe. However, upon his most recent arrival at the city after an extended pirate-hunting mission in the Shackles, he was distraught to find House Thrune had placed the city under martial law. If the PCs ask her general questions, answers like "I don't know," or "I am not versed in that topic," count as a legitimate answers. The PCs should be 7th level by the adventure's end. Last thing she said before they both disappeared below the surface was, 'You aren't my mommy.' "I started drinking that night." —Melia Stumbtow, Black Eyes gang member 80 T his volume of the Hell's Rebels Adventure Path takes adventurers into Kintargo's underbelly, and the bestiary reflects the wretched undead, tricky outsiders, and aquatic creepy-crawlies that inhabit the city's dark corners. • A collection of devious and dangerous monsters by Tim Nightengale, Mike Shel, and Todd Stewart. Otherwise, the golem attacks anyone who moves more than 15 feet east into the room. "Did Khem give that to you?" I asked. At this point, roll a Notoriety check. PART 3: LUCKY BONES After the PCs complete Mission 1 and have rescued the armigers, Lictor Octavio feels comfortable coming out of hiding. Special customers of the Lucky Bones were allowed to spend days at a time in this den, dreaming opium dreams and trusting their well-being to the Gray Spiders. More importantly, Octavio has a suggestion for the PCs about a perfect place for the Silver Ravens to settle and grow: the ruins of the Lucky Bones. If the PCs ignore the request, she instead seeks them out personally. He looked up at my husband, who stepped toward him to help, and collapsed into Razizo's arms. It was at this time that a guild of thieves known as the Gray Spiders rose to prominence. When Hetamon intervened, the aristocrat hissed at him, "Take your filthy claws off me, devilspawn!" and struck the tiefling across the face with his free hand. They served loyally as slave-armies to their alien masters, a bridge between the bizarre aboleths and humanity, until Earthfall wiped out both Azlant and aboleths' need for overt war. When underwater, they passively consume krill, plankton, and algae with every breath, filtering this sustenance through their muscular gills. When armed with Balgorrah, Wex focuses his attacks on the most wounded foe—if someone is dropped to negative hit points, the magic blade immediately uses death knell on the dying victim in an attempt to bolster Wex. Tayacet's made something of a name for herself by solving murders throughout Cheliax, and had come to Kintargo as a sort of vacation to do some research on one of the nation's most notorious historical killers, the Temple Hill Slasher, when Barzillai Thrune took control. The Order of the Torrent has long supported the seers, though, and unless they are convinced that the PCs bear the lictor no ill will, they don't reveal anything else. ECOLOGY Environment any freshwater (River Styx) 82 Strangely reminiscent of dragonfly nymphs, cordulegasters are monstrous creations that inhabit the waterways of the River Styx. The place is the Shrine of Saint Senex, and if my cousin is anywhere, he's there." With a successful DC 16 Knowledge (local or religion) check, a PC knows about the Shrine of Saint Senex's more public history, but not its use by the Order of the Torrent as a safe house. "They imprisoned you without cause." I touched the fallen man, but he was long past my help. This may well be the final straw that pushes the captain from government agent to subversive—particularly if the PCs respect and aid him when his government employers would do the opposite. Most make due with scavenged or stolen weapons and armor, casting aside their longlost masters' magic and treasures as they age into dust, and sometimes actively destroying these items out of disgust at their former enslavement. SHRINE OF SAINT SENEX (CR 5) Once the PCs are out of the city, it's a short walk west of Ravounel Road to the swampy western shore of Argo Isle. Enjoy a classic RPG experience inspired by... Game Overview With the help of over 18,000 Kickstarter backers, Narrative Designer Chris Avellone and composer Inon Zur, Owlcat Games is proud to bring you the first isometric computer RPG set in the beloved Pathfinder tabletop universe. If asked, she claims to have lost her eye in a beating by her "hateful stepfather." In truth, Luculla is the high priestess of a clandestine devil cult based in the chambers below the Lucky Bones. The middle of the room features a ten-foot-diameter iron capstone over what appears to be a well, next to which stands a winch made of wood and rusted iron. With a successful DC 12 Craft check associated with metalworking or forging, a character notes that leather armor that incorporates numerous pockets in an apron is likely the garb of an artisan. The save DC is Charisma-based. If the PCs attack the excruciation, the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score increases by 3d6. A shell sentinel's locate creature spell-like ability functions only to divine the location of these creatures, and is not blocked by running water. Eight of the addicts recovered in time to seek out food (only to meet their ends in areas C14 and C16). Temporary hit points bestowed by Balgorrah last for 1 minute. Very little natural light gets into the building, and ventilation is poor—each room is lit by everburning torches as indicated on the map. Melee +1 morningstar +4 (1d8+1) Special Attacks channel positive energy 6/day (DC 15, 3d6) Tiefling Spell-Like Abilities (CL 5th; concentration +8) 1/day—shatter (DC 15) Cleric Spell-Like Abilities (CL 5th; concentration +8) 6/day—rebuke death (1d4+2) Cleric Spells Prepared (CL 5th; concentration +8) 3rd—blindness/deafness (DC 16), remove curse D, speak with dead 2nd—aid, enthrall (DC 15), remove paralysisD, spiritual weapon 1st—bless, cure light woundsD, protection from evil, sanctuary (DC 14), shield of faith 0 (at will)—detect magic, guidance, mending, read magic D Domain spell; Domains Healing, Liberation TACTICS During Combat Hetamon casts sanctuary at the start of combat, following with shield of faith. Once the door is opened, a 3-foot-wide shaft set with iron rungs is revealed. Conception is difficult by design, and some skum communities have resigned themselves Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 69 to establishing necessary, if grotesque, relationships with human communities, offering human women and their families treasures scavenged from the deep or bountiful harvests of fish for years to come in exchange for bearing skum young. Her expression was masked, but I knew her well enough that I could not miss the tension in her jaw, the slow clench and release of her fists. We've put together a short survey that we'd like your input on. SHURSHOGOT CR 8 XP 4,800 Drowning devil (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 4 52) hp 103 Treasure: The large scallop shell onto which UngolPagh scribed the short contract between the skum and Shurshogot is hidden in the southwest corner of the cavern, along with a collection of 25 pearls worth a total of 2,500 gp and one additional pearl that is actually a pearl of power (2nd level). In order to accomplish this goal, the PCs need to accomplish at least three of the following four objectives: gaining the support of the Order of the Torrent (by completing Mission 1), securing an alliance with Captain Sargaeta (by completing Mission 2), defeating the murderer Varl Wex (by completing Mission 3), or by achieving a Notoriety score of 50 or higher. He doesn't seek to openly oppose Barzillai, since he'd rather keep his lucrative position in the Chelish navy, but if he can help remove Barzillai from power, the vengeful Captain will be happy. The first contains the guild's final takes from ransoms and other thefts, amounting to 388 pp, 2,345 gp, 6,590 sp, 14,400 cp, and various art objects, gems, and jewelry worth an additional 4,200 gp. A regular might become armigers are rescued, to give Barzillai infatuated with a PC and court him or a chance to assume he has fled the her. The specific text of the Tenth Proclamation is presented as Handout #2. Over his shoulder, my healer's sachet dangled. Whatever I thought of Razizo, he was no fool. The location and timing of the confrontation are left to you, but if combat occurs in a public place (or if the bodies of slain dottari are later discovered), the Silver Ravens' Notoriety score increases by 1d6. If doing so results in allies being captured, she uses her resources in the days to come to engineer a rescue operation as best she can. I had never seen a barrister carry so many blades or align himself with thieves, but the latter did not strike me as too odd a notion. A successful DC 20 Perception check reveals such a compartment, and once the first is located, finding compartments in other tiles is automatic. At the same time, House Thrune placed a particularly odious sycophant named Nemnen Sarini in the role of lord-mayor. The dozens of surgical lancets that pierce an apocrisiarius's body do the creature no harm, and the holes these instruments leave are as bloodless as they are deep. When Cassius's Kintargan lover, Marquel Aulorian (secretly the inflammatory poet known as the "Poison Pen of Kintargo"), is confined to his quarters by his father after Barzillai's tenth proclamation targets his work, the Captain has finally had enough. Few skum diverge from these aggressive positions, though sorcerous blood takes root among their kind as readily as it does among humans. In the end, duty and loyalty to his hometown kept him rooted in place. Indeed, his official stance at the start of this adventure is to ignore the Silver Ravens, hoping that by not validating them with a public response he can avoid giving them even more attention. It had been a long time since I had witnessed the goodness of man surpass his inherent greed. CAMPAIGN ROLE Recently, the subversive and beautiful verses of a mysterious poet in Kintargo who writes under the nom de plume of "the Poison Pen" have enthralled Cassius. These brands identify each tribe's specific master, and these markers can be detected by any sort of telepathic intrusion (such as detect thoughts or a creature's natural telepathy). There, the tiefling came to his senses, horrified by the blood that covered his hands and healer's kit. B9. The skeleton slumped against the table to the north is the body of one of the Gray Spiders' guild leaders— Lorelu, who continues to exist here as a ghost. Storeroom Floor-to-ceiling shelving lines the walls of this storage space, although little beyond cobwebs and dust-covered fragments remain on the shelves. STATISTICS Str 12, Dex 12, Con 11, Int 5, Wis 13, Cha 6 Base Atk +3; CMB +4 (+8 grapple); CMD 15 Feats Multiattack, Toughness, Weapon Focus (tentacles) Skills Perception +7, Stealth +6 (+14 in lair) Languages Common (cannot speak) Trap: Unlike most other doors in the dungeons below, the door leading to the stairs down to area C2 is in good condition and opens easily when unlocked. How much of your ill-gotten earnings went to paying off Corentyn's guard? If the fisherman overheard our exchange, he said nothing, and I was grateful for the silence that followed. Which begs the question, why?" I ate slowly, cursing his cleverness. By the time the Hellknights had pursued the guild's three leaders into the dungeons below, most of the rank-and-file Gray Spiders had been slain. I raised Khem, clothed him, fed him, held him when the nights grew cold enough to make his bones ache and his body seize. (Note that this full reward of 7,200 XP would equal what the PCs would have otherwise earned by defeating all nine of the Holding House guards in combat). The same key unlocks all the wooden doors; Warden Sabo carries one such key, while another is carried by the currently patrolling guard at any one time. A few days before this adventure begins, a small group of aquatic elves came to Kintargo seeking their missing ally Shensen and were captured by these skum, who are now using the elves to plot an attack on the elven village of Acisazi. No railing guards the edges of the pit, which are decorated with shards of jagged glass and metal. It's this route that Octavio suggests the PCs follow, and this route that receives the bulk of attention below. Of those who remain, Hortense Lierre was the furthest in her training, and as such she blames herself for the capture of her sisters and brothers. Those aware of apocrisiariuses know that they are incapable of uttering falsehoods, and so messages delivered by them are beyond corruption or confusion. The victim or goods were sealed in the barrel along with a bottle of air (see Treasure below), then tugged out into the river via the tunnels in area D13 or into the sewers in are D9 as needed. Finding Octavio Setrona is thankful and eager to recruit the PCs' aid, explaining that her cousin Octavio, Lictor of the Hellknights of the Torrent, has gone missing and that she fears for his safety. An apocrisiarius typically appears as a human whose eyes are blank, white orbs. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 14, Con 16, Int 12, Wis 10, Cha 8 Base Atk +7; CMB +10; CMD 25 Feats Dodge, Fleet, Improved Iron Will, Iron Will, Power Attack, Stealthy, Toughness, Weapon Focus (kukri) Skills Acrobatics +15, Bluff +12, Climb +16, Craft (mechanical) +12, Disable Device +21, Escape Artist +19, Intimidate +12, Knowledge (local) +5, Knowledge (planes) +2, Perception +13, Stealth +24 Languages Abyssal, Common, Varisian Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary VARL WEX CR 9 XP 6,400 Male human expert 1/fighter 1/rogue 8 CE Medium humanoid (human) Init +2; Senses Perception +13 DEFENSE AC 21, touch 15, flat-footed 18 (+4 armor, +2 deflection, +2 Dex, +1 dodge, +2 shield) hp 97 (10 HD; 9d8+1d10+48) Fort +7, Ref +8, Will +6 Defensive Abilities evasion, improved uncanny dodge, trap sense +2 OFFENSE Speed 35 ft. The strange artistry on the statues is a result of Luculla's use of stone shape to reshape statues of Norgorber into those of her goddess. Treasure: Lorelu's nonmagical equipment and gear have long since rusted or decayed away into uselessness, but her magical treasures and coins remain: 240 gp, 119 pp, a bejeweled silver ring worth 1,500 gp, a Small suit of +2 shadow leather armor, a ring of protection +2, a circlet of persuasion, and a partial deck of illusions containing only the eight spade cards. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary GOREFANGS CR 6 XP 2,400 Cerberi (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 3 51) hp 76 AULORIAN GUARDS (4) CR 1 XP 400 each Human warrior 3 (use the statistics for a guard on page 267 of the Pathfinder RPG NPC Codex) hp 22 each Development: If Gorefangs is killed, Barzillai soon learns of the canine spy's death. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary B. I don't believe I would have noticed it, had it not stood open. Once Luculla is defeated, any surviving changeling cultists flee the city. The air is thick with the cloying reek of garbage and decay, and clouds of fat flies buzz about, making it doubly unpleasant to breathe within the dank chamber. 9. Diplomacy could offer a solution as well, though. Treasure: Both barrels are filled with water at the moment, but each still contains an inactive but fully functional bottle of air. Aether: Dispel magic, calm emotions (DC 14). She commands him to teleport to her side if he's nearly defeated, and the devil does so if reduced to 10 hit points or fewer, whereupon Luculla heals him as best she can and adjusts his orders—making him as her own personal bodyguard. You can use her to advise the PCs to wait until later that evening to attempt a rescue (at which point the Order of the Rack armigers will no longer be present), or even to rely upon the Silver Ravens to mount a rescue later in the week. The skum know about this door, but they don't understand the purpose of the room's contents. Enormous, albino crayfish—common war mounts in ancient times—now run feral near many ulat-kini strongholds. STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 13, Con 15, Int 10, Wis 12, Cha 8 Base Atk +2; CMB +5; CMD 17 Feats Dodge, Power Attack, Toughness, Weapon Focus (halberd) Skills Intimidate +4, Knowledge (planes) +2, Perception +3, Sense Motive +3 Languages Common XP 3,200 Apocrisiarius kyton (see page 72) hp 85 Story Award: If the PCs extract Hortense from Ghenemahl's clutches via noncombat methods, award them XP as if they'd defeated the kyton in combat. Note that Boswyth is one of the poets whose work is outlawed by Barzillai's tenth proclamation, so carrying this document may cause PCs trouble if they are caught with it. It's by interrogating Myrletta's corpse via speak with dead that the most significant clues can be discovered. SKUM (5) CR 2 XP 600 each hp 20 each (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 253) D2. Hardened spines and fins grow from their bodies, giving skum surprising grace underwater and offering an extra layer of protection. The first time a character enters this chamber, he must succeed at a DC 12 Fortitude save or be nauseated for 1d4 rounds and then sickened for 1d4 minutes. The doors to this area are kept locked save for when new prisoners arrive. Their eventual plan is to bring the elves back to Menotheguro for enslavement, and if the PCs don't rescue the elves or defeat the skum within 2 weeks of their first entrance into this level, this becomes the elves' fate. The very existence of these chambers has remained a secret for these 40 years, and now, in an ironic turn, the same order that put a final end to the Silver Ravens so long ago may just hold the key to a new home for the rebellion! Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary PART 1: THE NINTH PROCLAMATION The event that kicks off "Turn of the Torrent" is yet another proclamation issued by Barzillai Thrune— this one aimed squarely at the Hellknight Order of the Torrent. STATISTICS Str 16, Dex 8, Con 16, Int 10, Wis 12, Cha 14 Base Atk +8; CMB +11; CMD 20 Feats Alertness, Improved Critical (halberd), Improved Iron Will, Iron Will, Power Attack, Vital Strike, Weapon Focus (halberd), Weapon Specialization (halberd) Skills Acrobatics –4 (–8 when jumping), Intimidate +10, Knowledge (local) +5, Knowledge (planes) +2, Perception +12, Sense Motive +12, Survival +12 66 As a young man, Octavio Sabinus briefly considered leaving Kintargo and the only ties to his family: his cousin, Setrona, whose rebellious attitude he finds frustrating, and his late mother's mithral short sword. Great cities built for thousands now hold only a few hundred scattered slave-soldiers. STATISTICS Str 18, Dex 13, Con 14, Int 8, Wis 10, Cha 12 Base Atk +4; CMB +8; CMD 19 Feats Alertness, Intimidating Prowess, Iron Will, Power Attack, Weapon Focus (halberd), Weapon Specialization (halberd) Skills Intimidate +12, Perception +6, Sense Motive +6 Languages Common SQ armor training 1 Combat Gear potions of cure light wounds (2); Other Gear mwk chainmail, mwk composite longbow (+4 Str), mwk halberd, mwk manacles, 90 gp HELLKNIGHT OF THE RACK ARMIGERS (4) CR 3 XP 800 each Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary Human fighter 4 LN Medium humanoid (human) Init +1; Senses Perception +5 DEFENSE AC 22, touch 11, flat-footed 21 (+9 armor, +1 Dex, +2 shield) hp 42 each (4d10+16) Fort +7, Ref +2, Will +4 (+5 vs. Although he is fit and healthy, Marquel's right arm is withered and atrophied; he carries it close to his chest, usually hidden 29 under his shirt, and is rather sensitive about it. The enemies of Cassius's enemies are his friends, but wise PCs should keep in mind that Cassius is not initially their ally. Razizo strode toward me until he was close enough I could feel the heat of his words against my face. Guildmistress Hei-Fen's role was to attempt an escape via the smugglers' tunnels to bring news of the assault to their allies in Vyre. In this event, it's up to you whether the PCs encounter Captain Sargaeta or ever gain access to the rest of this mission; if they don't, they'll miss out on the opportunity to gain a key ally in the adventures to come! You can Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary "Good day! I am Lieutenant Elia Nones of the Chelish warship Scourge of Belial. If the PCs persist in trying to force an end to the event after failing the Diplomacy or Intimidate check, or if they draw weapons or otherwise become threatening, the dottari excruciators (use the stats for dottari guards below) and Hellknight armigers attack at once. In the daytime, I imagined they might sparkle, a beautiful and imposing creation. They function as a group of infiltrators, and thus grant the Reduce Danger and Rescue Character rebellion actions. He has nothing slices to each PC on a platinum platter while Captain more to say to the PCs, and Elia leads them back to dry Sargaeta goes on, setting down his teacup on the desk land, briskly advising them they'd best stay out of the and picking up the monkey, stroking its furry head as captain's way in the future. A character who succeeds at a DC 15 Craft (mechanical or similar) check or a Knowledge (arcana) check notes that the unusual stink of rancid cheese and urine is likely from slurk grease, which is often used in the construction and maintenance of clockworks. Further adding to their misery and shame, they were captured not long thereafter by the skum. In the darkness, the stone pylons reminded me of cairns. But there was no fight in me strong enough to resist the temptation of one person whom I loved still loving me in return. Morale Sabo is fiercely loyal to the Church of Asmodeus— and thus her position as warden—and fights to the death. Most commonly, skum reproduce by mating with humans. "I remember that appetite." "Had I known you intended to imprison me, I would not have stayed Liset's hand," I said between bites. If reduced to fewer than 10 hit points, he attempts to flee combat, go into hiding, and recover. No track or trail leads to the shrine, but the swampy ground between it and the road is safe to travel. Occasional tribes of masterless still fall under the influence of a lone aboleth or the temptations of dark powers— skum are a race bred to serve, after all, and few have the willpower to resist an aboleth's call—but they rarely mourn these temporary masters once the aboleths' attention wanes or a party of adventurers removes them from power, releasing the skum once more. So long as these skum remain undisturbed, they are rarely noticed by their neighbors. Story Award: In addition to the variable number of favors owed to them, the PCs earn 2,400 XP for rescuing Marquel, escorting him to the Scourge of Belial, and securing the captain's support. Their strength and durability make skum especially capable barbarians and fighters. Although the end of the Gray Spiders removed the compulsion to protect this chamber, Shurshogot found that the magic binding him here remained. If he knows the PCs are Silver Ravens, Vespasio automatically gives this information, and further says that Wex is a very talented tinkerer, but that he doesn't take his gift seriously—the man is relatively sporadic on his dues and hasn't been in all week. In the meantime, he pledges his assistance to the PCs—he and the armigers join the PCs as a unique ally and a bonus team at this point. Melee 2 slams +9 (2d6+3 plus grab) Special Attacks constrict 1d8+3, strangle 14 Over the years, the seers of Saint Senex have done their best to recover the bodies of drowned sailors; those who are survived by relatives generally end up in family plots or otherwise claimed, but those who with the PCs, Setrona makes an impassioned plea to her had no living relations ended up here, in the Drowned cousin to return to Kintargo and join the Silver Ravens. Casting dispel magic to end a character's method of breathing water is a favorite tactic of the skum enchanter. Whatever his immediately lowers his weapon and attempts to parley. If the result Thrune and agrees to join the Silver Ravens. The symbol depicts a bejeweled skeletal hand; a successful DC 20 Knowledge (religion) check identifies it as the symbol of Mahathallah, a relatively obscure whore queen of Hell, and a demigoddess whose areas of concern include death, fate, and vanity. Whether those traditions mesh with the PCs and the Silver Ravens' desires for Kintargo's future remains to be seen. And if the PCs return Octavio's trust and support, the Order of the Torrent may well become a valuable and pivotal asset for the rebels. The ink cloud persists for 2 rounds before dispersing. Her hope is to be "rescued" by the PCs—she explains she had been inducted into the cult, but when she attempted to escape, they prepared to sacrifice her. All that is known is that by this army's might, Karvhandahr is no more. One final paper stuffed in a ledger contains a short poem written by the notorious halfling poet Boswyth, a well-known critic of Thrune and rumored worshiper of Norgorber who grew up in the city of Vyre. What's worse—as long as any gemstones are missing from the capstone, it can't be unlocked. "If the fragment was here, I would have found it," he said. I cannot venture onto slaves are violinist Hopgut, tailor Make-Way, and cook land to take care of... Serrated edges line its protective chitin and run down the creature's back, making it dangerous to grab or hold (and sparing it from larger predators). Infant full-blooded skum, which are not yet able to breathe air for more than a few minutes, return to the sea. UNGOL-PAGH NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary CR 7 XP 3,200 Male skum enchanter 6 (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 253) LE Medium monstrous humanoid (aquatic) Init +0; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +12 DEFENSE AC 17, touch 10, flat-footed 17 (+4 armor, +3 natural) hp 80 (8 HD; 6d6+2d10+48) Fort +7, Ref +5, Will +9 Resist cold 10 OFFENSE Speed 20 ft., swim 40 ft. Grant and Consideration: In consideration for agreeing to use this License, the Contributors grant You a perpetual, worldwide, royalty-free, non-exclusive license with the exact terms of this License to Use, the Open Game Content. Grivenner sent her here to the Holding House, and instructed Sabo to allow Ghenemahl the use of any prisoners she desired, and to not disturb her once she makes a selection. They adore taking positions of power over skum communities, assuming the roles of charismatic rulers, as ancient impulses still compel the ulat-kini to defer to other aboleth creations. Each cell is opened once per day around sunset, one at a time, during which point the guards empty the prisoner's chamber pot and give the cell a brief search. Habitat and Society Wretchghosts Wretchghosts are most commonly found in small groups—those encountered alone are almost always sole survivors of a once-larger gang of wretchghosts. It can store a number of icons equal to its Intelligence modifier (three for most azuretzis), after 86 which it must consciously discard the memory of one icon to study a new creature. Just like you." My chest tightened at her words. Typically, this is the fate of shell sentinels that happen to outlive their creators. House Thrune has developed dozens of methods of excruciation, but in this case, Barzillai Thrune goes forward with a method of his own design—doghousing. Creatures: Within each cell marked with an "X" on the map languish the latest prisoners of the skum—five aquatic elves recently captured as they were exploring the waters surrounding Kintargo. "Stop!" I scrambled toward Razizo, who stumbled under the weight of the man. Captain also silent. There are four excruciators present, along with a pair of feral dogs. Unnerving Gaze (Su) The gaze of an apocrisiarius kyton causes an opponent to become overwhelmed with a painfully acute awareness of all the times that lies (be they his own or those of others) have hurt or complicated his life. I hear they've got some sort of fiend in there too—something that's been working to extract intelligence and more from the prisoners!" (See Mission 1 on page 18 for more details.) SETRONA SABINUS CR 3 AC 18, touch 15, flat-footed 13 (+3 armor, +4 Dex, +1 dodge) hp 25 (4d8+4) Fort +2, Ref +8, Will +0 Defensive Abilities evasion, trap sense +1, uncanny dodge time to dart away into hiding to ambush foes again and again. See Rescuing the Armigers on page 23 and the kyton's bestiary entry on page 72 for more information about this creature. Borderlands Cordulegaster: Populations in the expanse of the Styx that runs along the borders of the Maelstrom are subject to the whirling chaos just beyond. Unwilling targets can resist the azuretzi's mocking touch with a successful DC 16 Will save. The hidden climax comes as the PCs defeat the current inhabitants of the chambers below the Lucky Bones and claim the complex as a headquarters for the Silver Ravens. However, 1 point), nose (AC 20, 2 points), or horns (AC 25, 3 points). with bite) Special Attacks extending jaw, gnaw, powerful bite, pull (bite, 10 ft.), stygian bite (Will DC 13) STATISTICS Str 23, Dex 11, Con 19, Int 6, Wis 14, Cha 6 Base Atk +8; CMB +15 (+19 grapple); CMD 25 Feats Alertness, Improved Initiative, Improved Natural Attack (bite), Lightning Reflexes Skills Climb +15, Intimidate +0, Perception +13, Sense Motive +11, Stealth +6 (+11 in swampy terrain or underwater), Swim +24; Racial Modifiers +5 Stealth in swampy terrain or underwater Languages Abyssal (can't speak), Infernal (can't speak) Organization solitary or cluster (2–4) Treasure none SPECIAL ABILITIES Extending Jaw (Ex) A cordulegaster can extend its jaws with blinding speed. He shrugged. Hazard: The fungus growing throughout the pit is a large colony of yellow mold. Smugglers' Well (CR 7 and 8) An intense battle occurred here, as indicated by gouges and old bloodstains on the walls and floor, scorched patches from old fires, and the moldering skeletons of several men and women sprawled on the floor. The scaffold consists of a 30-foot-square wooden platform, at the center of which has been placed a small wooden doghouse-shaped structure, the walls and roof of which have been festooned with nails. Hetamon's father, Hetawell, was a tailor who struggled to make ends meet in Redroof while striving to live as an honest man. Otherwise, the changelings try to capture the PCs alive for sacrifices; if they manage to do so, the PCs are stripped of gear (which is then stashed in area C5) and will, in a few days, be offered up to the Dowager of Illusions. If Nidalese diplomats wish to assure Cheliax that their darkened nation poses no threat, they send one of these fiends. in armor) Melee +1 halberd +14/+9 (1d10+8/19–20/×3) or mwk mithral short sword +12/+7 (1d6+3/19–20) Ranged mwk composite longbow +8/+3 (1d8+3/×3) Special Attacks smite chaos, weapon training (polearms +1) Hellknight Spell-Like Abilities (CL 8th; concentration +10) At will—detect chaos 5/day—discern lies 1/day—seek the taken (enlarged locate creature) TACTICS During Combat Octavio prefers to attack chaotic targets at the start of a fight, using smite chaos from the beginning of the battle and focusing on one foe at a time. If they can is less than or equal to the rebellion's Notoriety score, accomplish this mission with subtlety, his loyalty to the Lictor Octavio recognizes the PCs as the leaders of the cause only grows. She was infuriated when she returned a decade later to find the son and father content and harmoniously devoted to one another. A2. An azuretzi can assume the form of an iconic creature as a swift action, or revert to its natural form as a free action. Read more September 26, 2017 10:00 AM We are happy to announce that new content has arrived today for Pathfinder Adventures. If warned by a skum from area D8 or by his alarm, he casts these spells and then heads east to confront the PCs there. Gray Vault Three heavy iron chests sit against the north wall of this otherwise empty room—empty, that is, save for the desiccated corpse of a human woman with eight long spidery legs protruding from her back. Her return of Alvek, safe and sound, to his distraught father earned the Hellknight more than the adoration of the public—her commanders were so impressed they mandated that she should found a new order in Kintargo, dedicated to the recovery of abductees and missing persons. But now they merely loomed, inexorable and foreboding. Enjoy a classic RPG experience inspired by games like Baldur's Gate, Fallout 1 and 2 and Arcanum. There is a superior Knowledge (nobility) check knows that the air about him, and he scrutinizes the PCs Aulorians made their name in Kintargo silently with a cool and dispassionate through the salt and silver trades. "Devils' single greatest flaw: Doubtful wits entrenched in Law!" HANDOUT #3 in area C11. Despite his aggressively mediocre personality and second-rate skill set, Setrona Sabinus has employed him as hired help at her bar for years. He watched after and supported his ruined father with a tenderness that echoed the deep bond of love between the two. The elves may even agree to join the Silver Ravens as a bonus team (see the appendix on page 60) if the PCs promise to come to their village's aid once they've concluded their business with the Lucky Bones. The central painting depicts a stern-looking young Tian-Shu woman with a narrow face and short hair; its plaque identifies her as "Guildmistress Hei-Fen." Treasure: There are 38 pp, 230 gp, 392 sp, and 43 cp scattered on the table (the Gray Spiders used the coins as markers and paperweights); the curved dagger is a dagger of venom left behind in the guildmasters' haste to leave the room and carry out their ill-fated defense of their home. Of course, if the PCs ask if they can read the letter or inquire about its contents, he

informs them that he's hiring them as couriers, not editors, and the contents of the letter are not their concern. Printed in China. you're free to head in and show your transfers to her if you want, but I wouldn't recommend it." The guards refuse to follow PCs into the torture chamber because of their fear of the kyton, but if pressed even further, they describe Ghenemahl's appearance ("a bone- white woman with knives piercing her body and tears of blood staining her cheeks") and note she was "sent here by the church, so that probably countermands your orders anyway, hmm?" A PC who succeeds at a DC 22 Knowledge (planes) check after hearing this colorful but incomplete description recognizes the kyton for what she is. 52 the Core Rulebook before starting play here. With a successful DC 15 Knowledge (history) check (or, at your discretion, a poetry-associated skill such as Craft [poetry] or even Perform [sing]), a character can identify the names of Boswyth, D'Vanep, and Ghenrail as moderately provocative post-civil-war poets whose works criticized or lampooned House Thrune. Some believe Charon created these monstrosities to patrol the shorelines of the Styx and prevent trespassers from crossing without paying his tolls. disarm) Feats Combat Expertise, Improved Disarm, Skill Focus (Craft [poetry]) Skills Bluff +8, Craft (poetry) +11, Disguise +8, Knowledge (local) +9, Knowledge (nobility) +9, Linguistics +10, Perception +6, Perform (oratory) +8, Sense Motive +5, Sleight of Hand +3, Stealth +7 Languages Aklo, Aquan, Azlanti, Common, Elven, Halfling, Infernal, Shadowtongue Gear mithral shirt, mwk rapier, inkpen, sheets of poetry, 78 gp SPECIAL ABILITIES Withered Arm (Ex) One of Marquel's arms is withered and useless. Some speculate that it might be a mutant aboleth, while others claim Shumbauth is a mother of oblivion—a horrifying child of Lamashtu—and still others insist the sanity-robbing entity must be an undocumented spawn of Rovagug. Of course, they would prefer to be outfitted with their full plate and halberds first. Guard Post (CR 6) A ten-foot-wide pit yawns in the center of this room, leaving a five-foot-wide walkway surrounding it. • Intermediate Cache (2): Elixirs of hiding (4), potions of invisibility (4), scrolls of silence (2). Morale If one of their number is slain, the dottari guards realize things are getting out of hand and attempt a fighting retreat to the Holding House, using their longbows and moving back each round. Let us know what you think and help us make better games for... When my order learned the Gray Spiders were involved in a kidnapping and slavery ring tied to the cult of Norgorber, we confronted them. "I borrowed it." 74 "Does he know?" A smiled worked its way to my lips, tugging at the cut and causing the fresh bruises to sing. In the rounds that follow, the seers focus their attacks on the same target. If Tayacet realizes she's been spotted, it should be easy enough for her to escape via a combination of flight or invisibility; she doesn't look to confront the PCs, since that's not what she's been paid for. Should the PCs show any sign of aggression, the first mate's hand drifts to her pistol and she states, "I should mention that I tend to make a fair amount of noise when I'm put off, and I suspect you'd rather avoid drawing the wrong kind of Chelish curiosity here, no? Most of these NPCs don't have parts to play in this month's adventure other than as advisors or perhaps sources of rumors or quests, but depending on whom your players have taken a particular shine to, feel free to have their roles in this adventure expand. Cassius is an atheist, but knows better than to openly display these convictions, just as he's been careful to avoid letting his growing dissatisfaction with the government show. Once it grapples a foe, it continues to constrict and strangle that foe while using its second slam to attack nearby foes (though it cannot grapple a second foe). Once the Hellknight has been so informed, he breathes a sigh of relief and packs his gear. See the Hell's Rebels Players Guide (available online for free at paizo.com) for more details on how teams and allies function. Only one summoned gray man can be active at a time, even though the trap resets automatically. Morale Hetamon is no coward, but neither does he seek to martyr himself. The iron doors in this hall are rather rusted (hardness 10, hp 40, break DC 22), but still serve well enough to keep prisoners locked within. Let the dawn kiss my bones one last time." If the PCs agree to this, Lorelu no longer attacks if the PCs disturb her remains, assuming they intend to give her peace. He scanned the wall, moving the torch close enough I thought he might singe his face. This terrifying sight is Ghenemahl herself, and as she sees the PCs, she smiles and addresses them: "And who is this come to my court? • Major Cache (1): Potions of cure serious wounds (4), restorative ointment (5 applications), scrolls of dispel magic (2), scroll of raise dead, scroll of restoration. For years, the creature was content to lurk here, only venturing out every few weeks for food. Scott Keim Chief Technical Officer • Vic Wertz Software Development Manager • Cort Odekirk Senior Software Developer • Gary Teter Campaign Coordinator • Mike Brock Project Manager • Jessica Price Licensing Coordinator • Michael Kenway Community Team • Liz Courts and Chris Lambertz Customer Service Team • Sharaya Kemp, Katina Mathieson, Sara Marie Teter, and Diego Valdez Warehouse Team • Will Chase, Mika Hawkins, Heather Payne, Jeff Strand, and Kevin Underwood Website Team • Christopher Anthony, Winslow Dalpe, Lissa Guillet, Julie Iaccarino, Erik Keith, and Scott Spalding ON THE COVER ADVENTURE PATH 2 OF 6 TURN OF THE TORRENT Foreword 2 Turn of the Torrent 4 by James Jacobs by Mike Shel NPC Gallery 62 Ecology of the Skum 68 Pathfinder's Journal: Monsters Among Us 2 of 6 74 Bestiary 80 by Mike Shel by Thurston Hillman by Stephanie Lorée by Tim Nightengale, Mike Shel, and Todd Stewart Reference This book refers to several other Pathfinder Roleplaying Game products using the following abbreviations, yet these additional supplements are not required to make use of this book. In A Fighter's Tale: Valeros, join Valeros on his own side quest storyline and unlock Tontelizi for your further adventures in... His eyes are amber and catlike, while stubby horns protrude from his forehead. A successful DC 25 Knowledge (arcana or planes) check made after studying these particular notes for 1 hour reveals that while the tiefling's research was far from complete, he had managed to conjure and bind a drowning devil named Shurshogot to his service, and had set it to guard the smugglers' tunnels. "Makes me wonder what all the fuss is about," he said and reached for me. That damnable text would be my salvation, as it had been my doom. S." CASSIUS SARGAETA CR 8 XP 4,800 hp 90 (see page 62) The Aulorian Estate (CR 7) Marquel Aulorian leads a double life as the so-called "Poison Pen of Kintargo"—an anonymous critic of all things Thrune. A1. makes you wonder!" (See Mission 3 on page 31 for more details.) "Been more kids going missing... The seers keep these wands handy for the retrieval of the bodies of drowned sailors, but their alliance with the Order of the Torrent is such that one of them agrees to loan the PCs her wand—or even to use the wand on the PCs if none of the PCs can use it. The race's contamination with the maddening aboleth slime leaves them more susceptible to the divine whispers that empower oracles, but more commonly, divine casters among the masterless are druids. Such kytons suffer no physical effects from this metaphorical starvation, but might well agree to things they otherwise would not (such as releasing a prisoner or revealing information they have been entrusted with) in return for someone admitting before them and allies a truth that shames and hurts those who hear it. The rapid thrum of his heart echoed against my ear. Vyre Gazetteer By Richard Pett Learn more about the secretive city of Vyre, a place where every earthly delight can be had for a price. SHELL SENTINEL CL 9th; Price 10,000 gp CONSTRUCTION Requirements Craft Construct, false life, geas/quest or dominate monster, keen edge, poison (an aboleth or veiled master can substitute its slime for this requirement), creator must be caster level 9th; Skill Craft (alchemy) DC 20; Cost 6,000 gp 89 WRETCHGHOST This ghostly, emaciated figure's mouth hangs agape in an endless howl, and its abnormally long arms almost touch the ground. A kyton who loses a lancet can withdraw a lancet from its flesh and transform the blade into a new punching dagger as a move action. Elia specifically avoids the standard introduction of a warship (normally introduced as "Her Infernal Majestrix's warship") as a subtle hint that her captain might be dissatisfied with Thrune's methods, and any PC who succeeds at a DC 20 Knowledge (nobility or local) check or a DC 25 Sense Motive check notes the omission (and its significance) at once. Later in the adventure, he can be a source of water breathing spells, and if the PCs lack the skills needed to repair the pump below the Lucky Bones, Hetamon can take up that task as well. Faces dirty and streaked with tears, both teens are bound hand and foot by manacles chained to a single ring set in the stone floor. By the start of the next adventure, Barzillai realizes that the PCs are a threat and sets into motion a complex trap to not only capture the PCs but also discredit the Silver Ravens— see "Dance of the Damned" for more details. He stood rigid for an instant, then his body cradled mine as though the rift of time and pain between us had never been. The use of any Product Identity in Open Game Content does not constitute a challenge to the ownership of that Product Identity. 31 The Rose of Kintargo's leader certainly doesn't look the part of an ally—as a tiefling, his countenance doesn't particularly inspire trust at first glance. STATISTICS Str 13, Dex 17, Con 12, Int 10, Wis 10, Cha 12 Base Atk +2; CMB +3; CMD 17 Feats Dodge, Two-Weapon Fighting Skills Handle Animal +6, Knowledge (nature) +5, Perception +7, Stealth +8, Survival +5, Swim +14 Languages Common, Elven SQ amphibious, elven magic, track +1, wild empathy +3 Story Award: Grant the PCs 600 XP for each rescued aquatic elf that survives to the end of this adventure. It is, of course, currently locked—the keys carried by the changeling cultists (or the faceless stalker Maglap) can unlock the door, as can a successful DC 25 Disable Device check. On other planes, they swarm portals and gates to the Maelstrom, and flock to chaotic planar cities such as Galisemni or the Wandering City of Emerald Song, where they form roving gangs of pranksters and thieves. Landlocked strongholds of skum existed in the aftermath of Earthfall, but the ulat-kini's ravenous diet caused most such enclaves to gorge themselves into starvation. You might even consider letting a lone PC catch a glimpse of the dragon at some point!) "Thrune's been using the Holding House as temporary jail, but there's more to it than that. The message itself, should the PCs break the captain's trust and read it, is short and sweet: "My dearest Marquel— This city is no longer a place for artists. Yet all that changes when his sometime friend Vreva Jhafae—a high-powered courtesan and abolitionist spy in the slaver stronghold of Okeno—draws him into her shadowy network of secret agents. In addition, the two bodies in the middle of the room are clad in similar clothes to the bodies in area C12, including signet rings, bracelets, earrings, and necklaces worth a total of 1,200 gp. If the PCs don't rescue Marquel before the end of this adventure, Barzillai finds out and has the young man abducted. Further, he and Captain Sargaeta are lovers. danger, due to complicated "political views," and the letter When he does, his voice is deep and cultured. At the very least, Lictor Octavio volunteers to pay for an allied spellcaster to cast 44 knock on the doors. Once reduced to 30 or fewer hit points, she casts invisibility and flees to heal her wounds, then returns to rejoin the fight. The guards, for their part, would not regret it if the kyton were killed or driven off, but certainly take no steps toward this goal themselves. Story Award: The twins' parents are Morten and Cessei Shellet, poor common folk who live in the Iudeimus Tenement. These teams and allies don't count against any team maximums the rebellion would normally have. Each PC must attempt a Bluff check opposed by Sabo's Sense Motive check, and if the conversation takes place after curfew, Sabo gains a +4 bonus on her Sense Motive check because of her suspicion regarding the unusual timing of the transfer request. It is quite likely that many PCs will balk at the idea of securing an alliance with a man who keeps slaves. Please help us to share our service with your friends. It wasn't until later, when my heart had already been won, that I learned he was the bandit in his tale, and his fascination with history was more for profit than pursuit of wisdom. Asked about what sort of creatures the PCs might face elsewhere in the complex, she might say of the ghouls in area C12, "Some of the more tenacious acolytes of the pipe linger on, their hunger for oblivion replaced by hunger for flesh," or "The river runs below us now, and its dark currents have brought in new visitors below our feet," to hint at the skum in the smugglers' tunnels. We need your help to maintenance this website. Once the Silver Ravens reach rank 9, Barzillai Thrune realizes that his tactics are flawed and he suspends further excruciations. Creature: The leader of the skum scouts, an enchanter named Ungol-Pagh, has taken this cave as his den. Once off the estate, though, it's a relatively simple matter for the PCs to escort the Poison Pen back to the Scourge of Belial. Even with a blade at her throat, the woman caught the sight of the seal of House Thrune, and she began to tremble. No temporary hit points are gained if the target was already bleeding, even for a lesser amount. Whoever opens the door finds a dark-haired half-elf woman standing there, dressed in the red-andblack uniform of a Chelish naval officer with rapier and pepperbox firearm sheathed at her sides. This latest victim was a woman named Myrletta (CG female human cleric of Milani 1). She would not be so easily cowed by a bunch of criminals. This arrogance is sometimes answered with extravagant punishments meted out by more powerful kytons of other types, but apocrisiariuses take these brutal reprisals with equanimity, seeing such persecution as acts of jealousy, and further justification of their pursuit of truth. Tribes of skum dwell throughout the Inner Sea region, where they congregate in ancient aboleth strongholds or in locations associated with the final orders given by the skum's aboleth masters. Associated Drug (Ex) All wretchghosts are associated with a specific type of drug. I suspected something was up with the guard at Turn of the Torrent the docks straight away when I saw no rank on her uniform. A game? Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 85 PROTEAN, AZURETZI Brilliant blue scales mottled with purple blotches cover this sinuous creature's body. provided someone first scouts the place out to ensure nothing unwanted has moved in!" Octavio has regretfully little more to provide the PCs other than an address to the ruined building that once served as the complex's aboveground extension. grandiose. But then Lictor Reya's successor, Lictor Yehl, made the curious choice to seal the Lucky Bones rather than fully explore it. Morale The rope golem fights until destroyed, but does not pursue foes from this room. The Hellknights of the Torrent lost interest, associating the location with shame on their order, but within the last year, two other groups have independently come to recolonize it. No terms may be added to or subtracted from this License except as described by the License itself. In particular, she asks them about their preferences of wine, culture, and song, and asks where they've traveled. Storage: Supplies for running the prison are kept here. The entire process must take place while submerged in water, and the total cost of the components is 2,000 gp. The beast unfolded its whole damned face in a flash and speared Senny like a stunned trout. The metal on the device seems unharmed by its long submersion, other than being caked with algae and silt. As the PCs draw near, the shrine's aboveground extents become apparent—a 2-foot-wide path rises up from the marshy ground, leading to what appears to be a heap of stones and driftwood. C8. Where once glistened a jewel of Azlant, silence chills the air. If the PCs offer to subtly foment rebellion against those edicts —or if they are willing to act as intermediaries between the captain and the Poison Pen— Cassius will be much more likely to ally with them. These skum survived the aeons following Earthfall through their own wits and tenacity, and while they still demonstrate little capacity for innovation or leadership, most violently reject masters, even to the point of renouncing religion and the gods themselves. But in other locations, such as Longacre, Thrune agents have managed to defeat the knights. You may use any authorized version of this License to copy, modify and distribute any Open Game Content originally distributed under any version of this License. A rickety railing separates the hallways from a 30-foot-drop to the ground-floor courtyard. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary CLOSING NOTES While Part 1 of this adventure plays out in a relatively linear manner, where the PCs go from there is left up to them. Tough scales that turn away simple weapons cover their rubbery flesh. She appears as a young, frail-looking, dark-haired woman in a simple dress, a patch over one eye, soft leather gloves on her hands, and a fancy rectangular talisman hung about her neck. I'd thought that my Chelish rescuer would recognize the futility of a fight, that he might use his charm or wit or official-looking sealed parchment to diffuse the situation. Today, the result of his vision provides resources, tools, and a creative environment for many independent and up-and-coming inventors and artisans in the city. When I spoke, my voice was cold and final. Melee unarmed strike +5 (1d3+3 nonlethal) TACTICS During Combat Even if unarmed (as detailed above), the armigers are brave and eager to help in a fight. Creature: This room served as a guard post for the Gray Spiders, and continues to do so today for the cultists of Mahathallah. These two are the missing twins the PCs may have heard of via rumor (see result 2 on the Kintargo Rumors table on page 7), Angus and Phenio Shellet (N male human commoners 1). If Sabo denies the PCs' second request or if at any point she detects the forgery, she attempts to detain the PCs, intending to interrogate them to find out what's really going on. Ghenemahl: Ghenemahl spends all of her time in the torture chamber. If the PCs manage to catch him by surprise, they find him chiseling notes into the stone wall—notes about "a sudden uprising of rebellious activity in the city above by a group calling themselves the 'Silver Ravens.'" Ungol-Pagh brooks no interruption to his work and attacks at once. This tendency has long been a cause of friction with her only living relative, Lictor Octavio Sabinus, but now that Octavio's order has been outlawed and he's gone missing, Setrona has grown distraught. Interrogating a charmed faceless stalker, a rescued prisoner, or taking the time to explore area C9 before returning a "rescued" Luculla are all likely ways for the truth to come out. In battle, they work to support each other as much as to capture "criminals," preferring to flank with fellow armigers. Behind us, the patrol boat turned and faded into the distance. The ship is obviously undergoing extensive repairs following its recent adventures. If pressed for information, the guard appears nervous, then explains, "She's been claimed by our... "I did the best I could without you," he said softly. He is accompanied by a dozen Hellknights, a pair of hulking cerberi, and the high priest of Asmodeus in Kintargo, Corinstian Grivenner. Story Award: Once the PCs narrow the search to Vespam Artisans and a man with a leg brace, award them 1,200 XP. (15 ft. Laying bare the most damning of secrets, particularly those that have existed only in a cloak of lies, is to apocrisiariuses like the completion of a masterpiece. Most shell sentinels were created by aboleths, but the secret of their construction has been stolen and used by other aquatic races. As he traveled back through Old Kintargo, he happened on an aristocrat upbraiding a halfling slave. The standard wretchghost presented here is associated with opium. If a character breathes out upon the drowned sailor's lips, the gate to the east unlocks and the guardian of the room allows safe passage. The azuretzi can cast that spell once, using its own caster level and Charisma modifier to determine the spell's effects and save DC. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary TACTICS During Combat A changeling casts shield of faith on the first round of combat—if she hears the PCs coming early, she does so before combat. Should the PCs seem hesitant, Hetamon offers them 32 a reward for their aid: a pair of boots of levitation, free of charge, from his shop. Instead, they work to keep the government distracted from the Silver Ravens, and when the time to fight is nigh, they emerge from their hideouts throughout the city to aid directly. Its shifting hide forms the shapes of laughing faces. Luculla promised Elgadazum the thirteenth sacrifice's soul as payment—more than enough to satisfy the devil, who otherwise feels that guard duty such as this is a waste of time. He got involved in smuggling and would have excelled at the profession had he not publicly denounced a partner who betrayed him and, in the process, revealed his own illegal activities. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary This vault was guarded by an enslaved jorogumo (Pathfinder RPG Bestiary 3 156), a type of spidery shapechanger from Tian Xia often used as specialty assassins by certain Norgorber cults. If the PCs object to this, the kyton instead attacks them, hoping to make the PCs her latest subjects. The Gray Spiders used these spaces as another way to hide illgotten wealth (the guildmasters could walk through the room without angering the xorn). The place is warded against magical observation, and they've used it in the past as a staging place for smuggling those they've rescued into or out of Kintargo. Creatures: If the cultists are caught unawares by the PCs, Luculla is studying religious texts in area C9 while two of her cultists toil at the monotonous task of etching more prayers into the walls and floor with tiny stone carving tools. Read more August 2, 2017 11:30 AM We are very excited to announce that the Rise of the Goblins deck 1 DLC is now live in Pathfinder Adventures! Take control of Poog and Ranzak as you see the game through the goblin's eyes.... Both are extremely frightened of her and want nothing more than to return home. As soon as someone steps more than 5 feet away from the ladder into the room, a permanent magic mouth activates on the statue, speaking the following to the room. Submerged skum occasionally feed on fresh meat as well, but only in the wake of incursions from outsiders; rarely do they form deliberate hunting parties. They rarely act as assassins, being too shortsighted and distractible for such serious work. "Swear it," I said. A shiver coursed through me. I daresay that people in your position liberation). This volume of Pathfinder Adventure Path continues the Hell's Rebels Adventure Path and includes: • "Turn of the Torrent," a Pathfinder adventure for 4th-level characters, by Mike Shel. Numerous moldy and dusty ledgers and scrolls sit on the shelf to the south. bull rush, 25 vs. These isolated Orvian cities still maintain incredible levels of civility and magic, wonderful and alien all at once, and unfortunate explorers who stumble upon them are taken aback by the intelligence and organization displayed by Orvian skum. Unique Teams The PCs have the opportunity to recruit the following teams during "Turn of the Torrent." Recruiting each of these teams earns the PCs 1,000 XP. If combat breaks out, Wex fights as detailed below in his tactics, moving out of his secret room immediately and using Acrobatics to move about the area as needed. Liset would save me. Their leader Luculla sleeps in her own chamber adjoining the main temple (area C9), but the others spend their evenings here when they're not slumming elsewhere in the city. In all likelihood, only the devil's death can bring it the freedom it desires. She casts divine favor next, then fights in melee (using copycat for extra defense as often as she can). He has her imprisoned in a freshly outfitted torture chamber below the Kintargo Opera House for the duration of this adventure, undergoing such horrific torment that she emerges as a broken soul in the third adventure, "Dance of the Damned." Rexus Victocora: Rexus is devastated to learn of the grisly fate of his parents if the PCs discovered their zombified corpses in Hocum's Fantasmagorium, and spends much of this adventure brooding and mourning. These events lead directly into the next adventure, where the PCs can secure an alliance with the elves by helping defend them from Menotheguro. Others perfect their race's largely forgotten unarmed combat style of flowing, dance-like movements and arterial slashes that work equally well on land and in the water. "Ah, my darling!" the captain cries. STATISTICS Str —, Dex 18, Con —, Int 14, Wis 12, Cha 19 Base Atk +4; CMB +7; CMD 22 Feats Combat Expertise, Dodge, Improved Feint, Iron Will, Weapon Finesse Skills Acrobatics +15, Bluff +13, Climb +6, Diplomacy +13, Disguise +13, Escape Artist +13, Fly +14, Perception +20, Profession (gambler) +10, Sense Motive +10, Sleight of Hand +13, Stealth +25 Languages Common, Halfling, Infernal, Varisian SQ rogue talents (combat trick, finesse rogue, honeyed wordsAPG 2/day), trapfinding +3 SPECIAL ABILITIES Consume Life (Su) As a standard action once every 1d4 rounds, Lorelu can make a touch attack to reach into a creature's head and absorb portions of that creature's vitality, dealing 1d3 points of ability damage to a randomly determined physical ability score (roll a d6: 1–2 = Strength, 3–4 = Dexterity, 5–6 = Constitution) and causing the creature to become staggered for 1 round. The nature of the addiction a wretchghost suffered while it lived strongly influences its personality as well as its supernatural abilities. Had I known what would happen, I like to think I would have interceded. He can't use two-handed weapons at all. I've waited ages for a game. Only one PC may attempt this check, but other PCs can attempt the aid another action using the same skill (be it Diplomacy or Intimidate). "Please, eat. As a special note, if the PCs ask her how they can put her to rest, the ghost sighs mournfully and gives a wistful smile before replying, "Such kindness from those I would likely have counted as prey in life. He carried a tray laden with apples and bread, a hunk of cheese and a cup of wine. "I would have handled it," she whispered. Nox: If she escaped death at the end of the previous adventure, Nox reports her failure to her master, Barzillai, who doesn't take the news well. They attempt to detain the PCs, but do not pursue if the PCs flee. In these miserable situations, mortal souls can linger on after death as wretchghosts. him, as well "I had little choice in the matter." He tapped his cheek. Drayven blinked once, a slow, sly expression crossing his face. Morale Marquel flees combat as soon as he takes any damage. Amorphous Anatomy (Ex): The cordulegaster's vital organs constantly shift and change shape, granting it a 50% chance to ignore additional damage caused by critical hits and sneak attacks, and rendering it immune to polymorph effects. Whether you want to allow an early confrontation is up to you. If they confront her, she tries to laugh it off, but flees to the Lucky Bones at the first opportunity. The man gazed down at the protruding dagger as though confused. 5. Mending heals the rope golem 2d6 hit points. he needs delivered to Marquel must be delivered to his "I can't deny my disappointment. Captain Cassius Sargaeta: In addition to promising a number of favors to the PCs, the captain uses his crew to watch and observe patrol patterns. The supernatural removal of his heart in the light of the soul anchor deep below Kintargo has left the man somewhat shaken, but in time he recovers from his ordeal—by the time the PCs confront him in "A Song of Silver," he'll be as healthy as ever. He goes on to tell the PCs that the latest victim was one of his own, a relatively new worshiper of Milani who missed an appointment with him the night before. The to the players at this point. "You mean it won't be, after you've had a good night's rest and can call on your god for aid." "What do you want, Razizo?" I asked. I had yet to discern why Drayven wanted my freedom, but he had informed me he'd been a barrister in a former life and adept at finding so-called loopholes. Once he attacks, Elgadazum telepathically alerts Luculla in area C8, sending her updates on the PCs' tactics. The door is of reinforced iron, and its complex combination lock requires three consecutive successful Disable Device checks to pick (hardness 10, hp 90, break DC 30, Disable Device DC 30). If either seer is reduced to fewer than 10 hit points, the other uses healing magic on the wounded seer. These survivors are paragons of their species, often leading cabals of skum abandoned by their former masters, or serving as bodyguards or generals to aboleth warlords. An investigation of his body reveals his +2 mithral shirt, a handy haversack, and a +1 lawful outsider bane mithral dagger in a boot. Inability to Comply: If it is impossible for You to comply with any of the terms of this License with respect to some or all of the Open Game Content due to statute, judicial order, or governmental regulation then You may not Use any Open Game Material so affected. Disputes are settled through rough, nonlethal combat, and most ulat-kini earn as many scars from their own people as from outsiders. Sabo: Warden Sabo can be found in area B3 during the day, or B5 after curfew. Note that while these adolescent otyughs aren't as powerful as adults, their statistics aren't quite as diminished as a typical young otyugh's statistics would otherwise be, due to their being nearly (but not quite) full grown. His first significant act of aid to the Silver Ravens is to tell them what he knows of the Lucky Bones. Just above the height at which the ladder passes into area A1, a dark, foggy mass obscures vision—a character who succeeds at a DC 25 Knowledge (arcana) check recognizes it as the border of a mage's private sanctum. Luculla used a lesser planar ally spell to call up Elgadazum, a particularly powerful bearded devil who serves in Mahathallah's realm in Hell. When his twelfth and final voyage ended with his ship sinking and his capture by the Chelish pirate hunter Hell's Maiden, Cassius was swift to volunteer all he knew about ship routes and movements through the Shackles. Creatures other than shell sentinels within the ink cloud are considered to be in darkness, and are exposed to the shell sentinel's poison as well. No light reached my cell save for the glow of torches outside my door. Strangle (Ex) A rope golem has an unerring talent for seizing its victims by the neck. "What about Liset?" I asked as Drayven led me through one winding passageway after another. In the Tooth the Order of the Torrent remains and Nail, the games of devilpin and inactive for this adventure and odds and evens are particularly popular; the next, it may revive in "A Song rules for these games are presented of Silver." In the unlikely event below, but you can substitute other games that a PC might wish to become as you wish. Today, these flooded chambers are the lair of a gang of skum in the service of an aboleth necromancer named Menotheguro, who tasks these skum with maintaining this lair as a convenient place from which to keep an eye on Kintargo. he should wash his clothes when he gets back from work!" She's hesitant to reveal which room is his, but with a well-timed compliment or a bribe of at least 20 gp, she reveals his apartment is room 303 on the third floor. Cell Block: Each of the cells' iron doors has a small window—3 inches tall and 8 inches wide—set at eye level for a human. If the PCs try to reply, he holds up a well-manicured hand and begs their patience: "There will be a time, soon, where we might have more to discuss, but for now, the duties of a lord-mayor call. He attacked her with a kukri that glowed red, while the man himself wore a suit of dark leather armor that incorporated an apron with many pockets. Each time a PC wins a round, the ghost promises to pay him with knowledge—she'll answer any one question posed her by the winner. In any event, the PCs earn 1,600 XP for rescuing the twins and returning them home. Those skum who were left behind took refuge across the world in coastal settlements or deep in the cold waters of Sekamina, guessing at what their absent masters might wish of them or attempting in vain to complete their final orders. The mangled skeletons of two people lie slumped in the center of the room. The fisherman chuckled, returning her greeting. Potions of water breathing are the least expensive option, but scrolls work as well, and both are readily available in Kintargo. Other rarer alchemical reagents can be substituted for this reduction (such substitutes are required if the creator wishes the final construct to be nonevil). Although this space may look as if it's threatening a collapse at any moment, it is in fact quite stable and secure. B7. When the azuretzi suppresses the use of a spell, the targeted spellcaster cannot cast that spell, even if he prepared it multiple times. A wretchghost's associated drug determines which addiction it causes with its incorporeal touch, which addicts that its hungering reach affects and that can affect it, with which substance its voracious frenzy interacts, and which once-per-day spell-like abilities it can access. He has no taste for violence, and uses his rapier only to defend himself. Eventually, their involvement in a kidnapping ring connected to a cult of Norgorber in the neighboring city of Vyre brought them to the attention of the Order of the Torrent. Insome Filas is, in every sense, not one so destined. Proclamation the Tenth At some point after the PCs have returned from the Shrine of Saint Senex, Thrune issues a tenth proclamation. reason, I've come to believe it bodes ill for all of Kintargo." If Setrona is with the party, the lictor figures things out immediately; no Notoriety check is needed in this case. Air and (during the day) shafts of sunlight filter in through a few gaps in the ceiling here and there. Liset did not need to hear my pleas. fear) Defensive Abilities bravery +1, force of will Aura of Law (Ex) Octavio's aura of law (see the detect law spell) is equal to his total character level (8th level). It did not occur to me then that the Poleiheira had rushed many such decisions in my life, but even if it had, I doubt it would have mattered. The rope golem has been programmed to not attack anyone entering this room from this route, but if someone climbs the ladder and later returns to this room, he must again breathe upon the drowned sailor's lips to prevent the rope golem from attacking. An examination of the figure etched on the capstone reveals a disturbing truth—it is no man at all, but a strange insect that stands like a man, its wings folded against its body like a cloak. I released the breath I was holding and noticed a guard walking the docks that we were approaching. Without this, a successful Bluff, DC 20 Diplomacy check, or DC 13 Intimidate check (or the right kind of compelling magical effect) is needed to convince the armigers not to flee the PCs' custody at the first opportunity. They still grumble a bit about how 21 things like this should be handled during the day before sending a guard to alert Sabo of the unusual meeting. In this case, several days later, Varl Wex strikes again—this time attacking a low-level NPC one of the PCs knows (an NPC mentioned in this adventure's foreword might work well). He no longer feels the need to remain in hiding below the shrine, since now only he will suffer the repercussions of his future actions. Marquel is initially suspicious, but if shown the letter, he agrees to read it at once, his eyes widening in shock, delight, and relief as he realizes whom it's from. 5 BY ORDER OF LORD-MAYOR BARZILLAI THRUNE, THE CONGRESS OF HELLKNIGHTS KNOWN AS THE ORDER OF THE TORRENT IS FROM THIS DAY FORWARD STRIPPED OF ITS CHARTER! ALL OF ITS HOLDINGS AND POSSESSIONS ARE CONFISCATED, ITS PRIVILEGES AND ENTITLEMENTS REVOKED, AND ITS MEMBERS DECLARED OUTLAWS! STEADFAST CITIZENS ARE COMMANDED TO Diplomacy check to gather information or by taking the Gather Information rebellion action. This first official excruciation takes place at the southern end of Veritas Plaza, where the dottari have erected a large scaffold for the event. Wisher's Well: The Thassilonian ruin of Wisher's Well rests in the Sandpoint hinterlands and is home to a small tribe of skum under the command of the albino aboleth Vorimorath. The voracious creatures recognize changelings as providers of food, and are smart enough to avoid attacking anyone who looks like one of them, but eagerly and noisily surge out of their mounds of filth to confront all other intruders. paizo.com Available Now Hortense Lierre Order of the Torrent Armiger (LN female human fighter 2) When Barzillai Thrune outlawed the Hellknight Order of the Torrent, all of the order's armigers in Kintargo were gathered up and imprisoned. Egregzia: Among the ruins of the lost cyclops empire of Ghol-Gan, the city Egregzia rests under the waves. Further, if the PCs discover Cassius's tie to Marquel Aulorian, they might express sympathy for his frustrations about the Lord-Mayor's proclamations in Kintargo. Daemon, Hydrodaemon from the Tome of Horrors Complete © 2011, Necromancer Games, Inc., published and distributed by Frog God Games; Author: Scott Greene, based on original material by Gary Gygax. If the PCs merely refuse to accompany her, she sighs in frustration, asks one last time, and if the PCs still resist, she gives up and leaves them to their drinks. Time was difficult to measure. On a success, the PCs' words, along with the crowd's growing displeasure convinces the guards to delay the excruciation, and they pack the armiger back into an armored wagon and return to the Holding House, where he's held for several more days (and could be rescued by the PCs when they infiltrate the building later in this adventure). Once his spells are in place, he prefers to attack with magic, starting with slow to keep from being overwhelmed. I bound his wounds—which he'd told me were gained while fending off bandits—and translated a scrap of ancient Jistka. Further, the kyton is so absorbed in her work that she takes a –10 penalty on her initiative check should combat begin, and the PCs should automatically gain the benefits of surprise on the first round of combat if they launch an attack without warning. For each person lost to doghousing, the Silver Ravens gain 1d6 supporters. An azuretzi can perfectly mimic other forms by spending a full-round action studying a specific creature and registering the creature as an icon in its memory. Or will he sign on as a privateer, bringing freedom to others—at the price of his own? Makes those rumors that she teaches her students more than just how to excel in the aristocracy take on a new meaning, hmmm?" (This foreshadows the Lady Docur's role has to play in the next adventure; for now, she should remain mysterious to the PCs. See "Dance of the Damned" for more information.) "A friend of my cousin swears she saw a blue dragon flying in circles above the Cathedral of Asmodeus last night while the bells rang. Since the aboleths' departure, Ulat-Kini has become a place of reverence for the skum—holy site, homeland, and afterlife all in one. C1. 2 Keep in mind that NPCs from the first adventure shouldn't just fade away once you finish "In Hell's Bright Shadow," even if they don't have significant roles stitched into the fabric of "Turn of the Torrent." While these NPCs don't receive "screen time" in this adventure, their presence should still be felt by the PCs at times. My cabin is yours if you wish—you may trust these messengers to escort you to me. The waters of this bog slowly rise and fall with the tides of the river estuary. The Jollytime Girls are a half-orc girl gang who band together for mutual protection and to take out their frustrations on anyone they decide is "too pretty." A rough troupe of halfling troublemakers, the Black Eyes, fancy themselves vigilantes, but demand hefty tolls for any protection they offer. Their heads show the greatest deviation from their human origins. Busy activity on the ship's main deck isn't slowed by the PCs' arrival, though the crew do eye the newcomers with surly suspicion. He wants desperately to flee, but even if he felt he could get by Gorefangs' jaws, he doesn't feel as if he has any safe place to flee to in Kintargo, thinking that his lover Cassius is still deployed far to the south in the Shackles. This middle-aged couple is all that remains of the acolytes of Saint Senex—Brother Jenbai and Sister Remele. You agree not to indicate compatibility or coadaptability with any Trademark or Registered Trademark in conjunction with a work containing Open Game Content except as expressly licensed in another, independent Agreement with the owner of such Trademark or Registered Trademark. check at the start of each of Octavio's turns to determine It didn't help that I took offense, quite publicly, at our if he suddenly recognizes the PCs—if the PCs identify new lord-mayor's recruitment of the Order of the Rack themselves, he recognizes them at once. "Later. The effort failed spectacularly, though, when his neglectful parents seized the opportunity to abandon him for good. Two colorfully plumed tropical birds perk could stand to benefit from having a captain in the Chelish up in golden cages, and a small monkey in a miniature navy owe you a few favors, hmmm?" Chelish sailor's suit shells peanuts atop a large desk of rare wood. The doors are wooden and reinforced with iron (hardness 5, hp 10, break DC 13) but are in poor condition. Lictor Arcamo taunted the eager Octavio and saddled him with humiliating tasks. This location is fully explored in Pathfinder Society Scenario #34: Encounter at the Drowning Stones. Given their exuberance and small size, many outsiders think of azuretzis as the "child" caste of proteans, with their shapeshifting abilities serving as a sort of cosmic puberty. If foes attempt to attack her from outside the room, she simply retreats into a wall or floor to await an opportunity to attack once again. The inquisitor keeps a close eye on the Silver Ravens—as a student of Chelish history who's also had the luxury of being able to access uncensored documents held in Thrune vaults, Barzillai knows the legacy of the Silver Ravens, and if the rebellion reaches a point where they become a problem, he wants to be ready to take action. On the day Barzillai Thrune took control of Kintargo, the Order of the Torrent, under the leadership of Lictor Octavio Sabinus, had diminished to a mere 23 members (many of whom were mere armigers and not full Hellknights). The armigers themselves have little reason to trust the PCs, of course, but showing them Octavio's sword and revealing its history instantly assuages their fears. One of the earliest constructions of Old Kintargo, it's also one of the city's strongest. Just as awesome as the others! Paizo Inc. Liset's rapier was halfway from its scabbard before I laid my hand on her shoulder. The majority of the books and notes are, like the strangely off-topic books in the front room, concerned with medical and alchemical notes. A character who succeeds at a DC 25 Survival check confirms that someone likely moved 34 between the window and the washroom while dripping in blood, and while most of the droplets have been cleaned up, a few escaped notice. WRETCHGHOST CR 5 XP 1,600 CE Medium undead (incorporeal) Init +7; Senses darkvision 60 ft.; Perception +16 DEFENSE AC 16, touch 16, flat-footed 12 (+2 deflection, +3 Dex, +1 dodge) hp 52 (8d8+16) Fort +4, Ref +5, Will +8 Defensive Abilities channel resistance +2, incorporeal; Immune undead traits Weaknesses susceptible to addicts OFFENSE Speed fly 30 ft. DOTTARI GUARDS (4) Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary CR 3 XP 800 each hp 34 each (see page 11) Meeting the Warden (CR 6) Sabo the Spider is a soft-spoken but intense woman. Magically recycled air flows through the various domes of the city, which contain isolated, inbred tribes of humans unaware that a world exists beyond their dank homes. 7120 185th Ave NE, Ste 120 Redmond, WA 98052-0577 paizo.com Open Content: Except for material designated as Product Identity (see above), the game mechanics of this Paizo game product are Open Game Content, as defined in the Open Game License version 1.0a Section 1(d). Hetamon and a few of his flock transported the body back from the alley in which it was found, and did their best to maintain its condition so a later investigation wouldn't be compromised. The bulk of the building's interior is taken up by a large open area that serves as both a workshop and warehouse. See Luculla Gens lighter side of life in Kintargo, there's a page 67 for more information about the chance they'll lose sight of it. Sediment and grit swirl lazily in the water, caught up in eddies and currents that grow slightly stronger near the two tunnels to the west. APPENDIX: TEAMS AND ALLIES During this adventure, the PCs can recruit bonus teams and several allies to augment and enhance the Silver Ravens. He was silent for a long moment, running his hands up and down my back as if assuring himself that this was real, that I was real. "I don't know what he's told you, but its all lies," "I never lie." With his freehand, Drayven removed the papers from inside his breastplate. In any case, the informant doesn't know the man's name, but does know he works at Vespam Artisans. Sounds to me to be the perfect place for a rebellion to set up shop... —From the Fires of Azlant, "Of Karvhandahr the Surviving City" 68 B orn of obscene aboleth science and immorality, modern skum—also known as the ulat-kini— are the result of countless centuries of experimentation that fused captive humans with abominations from the ocean's depths. Morale Once an armiger is reduced to 10 or fewer hit points, all of the armigers retreat, leaving the situation for any surviving dottari to handle. Warden's Chambers: The Holding House warden is the only occupant who actually lives in the Holding House; this room is used as a bedroom, lounge, and personal quarters. As the PCs arrive, Setrona asks him to take a break; once he leaves the building, she locks the door and gathers the PCs at the bar for a talk. A large sign made of artistically rendered letters of iron stands over the broad entryway of this establishment, reading, "Vespam Artisans." A raucous symphony of steel spills out onto the street while several skilled metalworkers practice their art within. 81 CORDULEGASTER Interlocking plates of chitin cover this massive, six-legged beast's face like a jagged mask. The indefatigable younger man executed these missions efficiently and without complaint until Hyrmagus finally died at the age of 77 and Octavio was made lictor. "Where are you going with my wife?" Razizo's baritone voice seemed louder in the daylight. At this point, you can allow one PC to attempt a Diplomacy or Intimidate check to convince the dottari excruciators to call off the event, but this is an extremely difficult task, requiring a successful DC 35 check in either skill. If they also manage to do so in a way that doesn't increase their Notoriety score, award them an additional 3,600 XP. If a PC attempts to resist this feeding in any way, Lorelu flies into a rage and attacks, as she does if any PC doesn't agree to play. But when the Hellknights raided the Lucky Bones, the Gray Spiders adopted a scorched-earth policy that returned the tunnels below to their natural flooded state (placing their vault even farther out of reach from the air-breathing intruders). The floor is decorated with five-foot-square colored tiles, the reds and yellows and blues and greens faded with the passage of time and appearing to have no real pattern. Two unusual constructs provided to them by their aboleth master Menotheguro stand 54 1 SQUARE = 5 FEET guard here—a pair of shell sentinels who lie in ambush in the form of heaps of shells. A wooden door, reinforced with rusting iron strips, sits in the eastern wall. However, few skum have the force of personality required to fully wield that power; instead, most with sorcerous blood become bloodragers. B11. They explain to the PCs that they came to Kintargo seeking the aid of an elven ally who lives in the city—the half-elf Shensen—but were stymied upon discovering Kintargo to be under strict Thrune control, and learning that their ally was nowhere to be found. Unless a dominant master seizes control and enforces discipline, skum usually fracture into small packs to hunt and gather before returning to a shared lair. The five aquatic elves consist of three women (Aava— the spokesperson for the elves—Maenu, and Saracea) and two men (Iquellan and Velmaian). He urges the PCs to take action soon, but also urges them to use subtlety and tact. When the azuretzi suppresses a spell-like ability, it can use that ability up to three times, or as many times per day as its target could, whichever is fewer. "He has cause," I said, glancing at my husband. Story Award: If the PCs avoid a fight with the golem, either by employing stealth or performing the ritual at the statue, award them XP as if they'd defeated the golem in combat. When it opened for him, he hesitated. Their lack of obvious weapons and their silent footsteps marked them as different, dangerous. Play proceeds until a thrower reduces her hellthe PCs take up Setrona's offer to use her tavern, the debt to 0, at which point the remaining players each pay Tooth and Nail, as a place to meet and as a staging area the winner a number of coins equal to their hell-debts. 6 The PCs should be 6th level before confronting Varl Wex or exploring the second level of the Lucky Bones. Little remains of this site but rubble today, he warns, but the entrance—once uncovered—should still be accessible. I would like to say that I refused Drayven's offer and stayed with my husband. They did not wear the livery of a guard nor of any Chelish house. He saves his merciful arrows to use against foes he knows he wants to interrogate later, or to pacify those he suspects are being forced to act against their will. Most likely, both scenarios take place; protean castes operate according to no rational or self-consistent rules, and the suggestion that they could offends protean sensibilities. He prefers to go about the city in a hood to hide his horns, and wears gloves and other bulky clothes to disguise the strange color of his skin, but when he approaches the PCs at the Tooth and Nail (or their preferred establishment), he doesn't bother hiding any of his fiendish features. In honor of this accomplishment, the Order of the Torrent has focused itself on rescuing the abducted. Tales even exist of wretchghosts displaying addictions to specific, still-living people. Vault Door (CR 6) Water drips from glistening walls in this relatively dry hallway. The otyughs have recognized these objects as "sparkly" and have set them aside in a niche to the southwest; characters who succeed at a DC 20 Perception check spot them there. "Those who would visit the drowned departed must bring to these lips the gift of lung's bounty, lest my guardian stand before your approach." This is a request for a visitor to exhale a breath upon the lips of the drowned sailor carried by the statue—not the lips of Saint Senex. The room's properties cousin, you have good hearts, but it takes more (see below) make it an ideal place to hide out than heart to stand up for what's right. This one is my husband." When I was young, falling in love with Razizo had been a simple, careless thing. As the excruciation gets under way, one of the excruciators hauls the Torrent armiger out onto the scaffold to offer him one last chance to betray his lictor. This patch not only brings in a host of issue fixes to the game, but also introduces the Asmodee dice! The Asmodee dice are free to all... hands alone, preferably without his father's knowledge towering giants out of myth, someone more... As long as Hetamon remains an ally, the rebellion's Notoriety score automatically decreases by 1d6 points at the start of every Upkeep phase. Turn of the Torrent Foreword Part 1: The Ninth Proclamation Part 2: Trouble in Old Kintargo Part 3: Lucky Bones NPC Gallery Ecology of the Skum Pathfinder's Journal Bestiary 73 THICKER THAN BLOOD Pathfinder's Journal: Monsters Among Us 2 of 6 T he Arch of Aroden stretched across the sky like a broken arm. To an apocrisiarius, strategically withholding a truth can be far more potent than a lie ever could be. Trap: The northern ledge contains a simple hinge trap that functions the same as those in area C4, dropping down to throw anyone on the ledge into the pit as soon as a Small or larger creature reaches the halfway point across the ledge. The northernmost painting depicts a red-haired man with goatlike horns and sharp teeth—its plaque identifies him as "Guildmaster Baccus." The southernmost painting depicts an attractive halfling woman—its plaque identifies her as "Guildmistress Lorelu," and the PCs might recognize her if they've encountered her ghost 49 Hell's Coda "Contract terms are by the book!" Crooned the Devil to the Crook. I could still smell his rotten breath against my cheek, even over the pervasive scent of fish that surrounded our boat.

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