

PLATED GUARDIAN

CREATURE 19

RARE**N****GARGANTUAN****CONSTRUCT**

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Perception +28; darkvision

Skills Athletics +36, Stealth +28

Str +11, **Dex** +1, **Con** +9, **Int** -4, **Wis** +0, **Cha** -5

AC 41; **Fort** +36, **Ref** +28, **Will** +27

HP 340; **Immunities** bleed, death effects, disease, doomed, drained, fatigued, healing, mental, necromancy, nonlethal attacks, paralyzed, poisoned, sickened, unconscious;

Resistances physical 15 (except adamantine)

Speed 15 feet, swim 50 feet

Melee ♦ claw +36 [+32/+28] (agile, deadly 3d12, magical, reach 15 feet), **Damage** 4d8+17 bludgeoning plus improved grab

Melee ♦ tail +36 [+31/+26] (deadly 3d12, magical, reach 15 feet), **Damage** 4d12+17 bludgeoning

Deadly Tear ♦ **Requirements** The guardian has a single creature grabbed. **Effect** The guardian grabs on to the creature with both claws and attempts to tear the creature apart. The creature takes 6d12+17 bludgeoning damage (DC 42 basic Fortitude save). A creature reduced to 0 hit points by this damage increases their dying value by 2, instead of 1. If this would kill a creature, they are ripped in two.

Pulse Call ♦♦ (evocation, primal, sonic) The guardian unleashes a wave of pummeling sound that deals 15d6 sonic damage in a 60-foot emanation. Each creature in the area must attempt a DC 42 Fortitude save. The guardian can't use Pulse Call again for 1d4 rounds.

Critical Success The creature is unaffected.

Success Half damage, and the creature is stunned 1.

Failure Full damage, and the creature is stunned 2.

Critical Failure Double damage, and the creature is stunned 3.

There was once an ancient society that had grown far more powerful than the rest of the world. Their understandings of magic and science had grown by leaps and bounds past the others, and they were refused to share their progress with others. Instead, they protected and hoarded their knowledge meticulously, maybe fearing that if others got a hold of their same knowledge, that it would be the end of their society. That they would have their learning turned against them.

Unfortunately for them, despite all their planning and preparations, devastation still struck. No one is sure of what or where their downfall came from, but in the span of a few days, the society was lost to the world. Their buildings were destroyed, their cities leveled, their knowledge lost to the waves and fire that wiped away almost all proof of their existence. What did survive in their place are the horrifying beasts and machines they built to protect their now ruined cities. One such machine is the plated guardian, a massive mechanical crustacean that had been created to become a powerful protector of ancient sites.