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Azriel, Count of Zhalfirin

CHARACTER NAME

Ranger 3

CLASS &amp; LEVEL

Vampire

RACE

Noble

BACKGROUND

M4RZ

PLAYER NAME

Lawful Evil

ALIGNMENT

EXPERIENCE

STRENGTH	10
	+0

INSPIRATION	
+2 PROFICIENCY BONUS	

DEXTERITY	14
	+2

CONSTITUTION	14
	+2

INTELLIGENCE	11
	+0

WISDOM	12
	+1

CHARISMA	16
	+3

SAVING THROWS	
O +2 Acrobatics (Dex)	
O +1 Animal Handling (Wis)	
O 0 Arcana (Int)	
O 0 Athletics (Str)	
O +3 Deception (Cha)	
● +2 History (Int)	
● +3 Insight (Wis)	
O +3 Intimidation (Cha)	
● +2 Investigation (Int)	
O +1 Medicine (Wis)	
O 0 Nature (Int)	
● +3 Perception (Wis)	
O +3 Performance (Cha)	
● +5 Persuasion (Cha)	
O 0 Religion (Int)	
O +2 Sleight of Hand (Dex)	
O +2 Stealth (Dex)	
O +1 Survival (Wis)	

## SKILLS

13 PASSIVE WISDOM (PERCEPTION)

## Languages:

Common, Abyssal, Dwarvish

## Armor:

Light Armor, Medium Armor, Shields

## Weapons:

Simple Weapons, Martial Weapons

## Tools:

Playing Card Set

## OTHER PROFICIENCIES &amp; LANGUAGES

CP	
SP	
EP	
GP	225
PP	

a Backpack, a Bedroll, a Mess Kit, a Tinderbox, 10 Torches, 12 Days of Rations, a Waterskin, 50 ft Hempen Rope, a set of fine clothes, a scroll of pedigree

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15 ARMOR CLASS	+2 INITIATIVE	30ft SPEED
Hit Point Maximum	25	
CURRENT HIT POINTS		
TEMPORARY HIT POINTS		
Total 3d10	SUCCESES	FAILURES
3d10 HIT DICE	O O O	O O O
	DEATH SAVES	

NAME	ATK BONUS	DAMAGE/TYPE
Rapier	+4	1d6 p
Crossbow	+4	1d8 p
Claws	+4	1d6 s

## Bite

1d6 + 2 necrotic damage

## Rapier of Life Stealing

Crossbow (80/320), 20 Crossbow Bolts

## ATTACKS &amp; SPELLCASTING

Cloak of the Underdark,	
Crypt Ring	
Scale Mail	
CP	
SP	
EP	
GP	225
PP	

a Backpack, a Bedroll, a Mess Kit, a Tinderbox, 10 Torches, 12 Days of Rations, a Waterskin, 50 ft Hempen Rope, a set of fine clothes, a scroll of pedigree

## EQUIPMENT

**Calculating:** Azriel possesses a sharp and strategic mind, carefully considering his actions and weighing their consequences.

## PERSONALITY TRAITS

**Family Legacy:** Azriel's strongest bond lies with the memory of his family and their lost honor, driving his quest for vengeance.

## IDEALS

**Justice:** Azriel seeks to right the wrongs inflicted upon him and restore justice, both for himself and the innocent.

## BONDS

## Dark Desire - Wrath

Seeks vengeance against any and all that have wronged them in the most brutal and cruellest fashion.

## FLAWS

## Vampiric Weakness

- Forbiddance
- Running Water
- Stake to the Heart
- Sunlight Hypersensitivity

## Vampiric Traits (True Vampire)

- Undead
- Unholy Body
- Blood Connoisseur
- Superior Darkvision
- Vampire Fangs & Talons
- Misty Escape

## Feats

- Shapechanger (Bat)
- Position of Privilege

## Ranger (Swarmkeeper)

- Favored Enemy
  - Aberration
- Favored Terrain
  - Grassland
- Fighting Style
  - Dueling
- Gathered Swarm
- Swarmkeeper Magic
- Primal Awareness

## FEATURES &amp; TRAITS



# Azriel, Count of Zhalfirim

CHARACTER NAME



Standing at an imposing height, Azriel, Count of Zhalfirim exudes an aura of undeniable allure and danger. His skin is flawlessly pale, hinting at an eternal existence untouched by the sun's rays. Jet-black, sleek hair cascades down his back, framing a face of sharp, chiseled features. Azriel's eyes, intense and mesmerizing, glow with a piercing crimson hue, reflecting the insatiable thirst for blood.

CHARACTER APPEARANCE

Azriel, once known as Count Azriel of Zhalfirim, led a life of opulence and power as a respected nobleman. However, his idyllic existence shattered when a nefarious rival, Lord Malachi, orchestrated a treacherous coup, accusing Azriel's family of crimes they did not commit. The false allegations led to the downfall of House Zhalfirim, leaving Azriel's loved ones betrayed, imprisoned, or executed.

Consumed by grief and a burning desire for revenge, Azriel's path led him to the doorstep of a sinister cult. Desperate to avenge his family's honor, he struck a dark bargain with a malevolent entity, willingly sacrificing his humanity to become a vampire and gain the power necessary to enact his revenge.

Azriel's campaign of revenge took him through treacherous lands, navigating dangerous alliances and unearthing long-buried secrets. Along the way, he discovered that Lord Malachi had struck deals with other dark forces, jeopardizing the entire realm. Determined to protect innocent lives, Azriel expanded his vendetta to become a guardian of the realm, purging it of darkness and corruption.

CHARACTER BACKGROUND

43 (90)  
AGE  
Crimson Red  
EYES

6'4  
HEIGHT  
Pale  
SKIN

180lbs  
WEIGHT  
Black  
HAIR

Once a prosperous realm ruled by the esteemed House Zhalfirim, the County of Zhalfirim flourished under the benevolent leadership of Count Azriel. The castle stood as a symbol of grandeur, while the lands thrived with fertile fields and bustling markets. Festivals and celebrations brought joy to the people, and Zhalfirim became renowned for its artisans and scholars. However, shadows crept in as Lord Malachi plotted a coup, accusing House Zhalfirim of crimes. Betrayed and shattered, Zhalfirim fell into darkness. But Count Azriel, driven by vengeance, embraced his transformation into a vampire, determined to restore his family's honor and reclaim Zhalfirim's prosperity. The stage was set for a battle between light and darkness, shaping the county's fate.

NAME  
**The County of Zhalfirim**



SYMBOL

ALLIES &amp; ORGANIZATIONS

Azriel's eyes, once vibrant and full of life, have been forever transformed by his vampiric nature. They gleam with an intense, mesmerizing crimson hue, piercing through the darkness with an alluring and magnetic presence. When he locks gazes with others, they feel a strange pull, as if drawn into an enchanting trance. Azriel moves with an otherworldly grace, gliding silently and effortlessly through both shadows and crowds. His steps are light and ethereal, leaving barely a whisper as he traverses the realm. There is an enigmatic quality to his presence, an air of elegance and mystery that captivates those around him. Azriel's voice is rich and resonant, possessing a velvety quality that carries a subtle hint of allure. When he speaks, it is as if his words are woven into melodic patterns, captivating listeners and leaving them hanging on his every word. His voice carries an innate charm, a subtle manipulation that adds to his influence over others. As a vampire, Azriel possesses heightened strength, speed, and resilience. His physical prowess surpasses that of mortals, allowing him to overpower opponents with ease. He is also blessed with accelerated healing, quickly recovering from wounds that would prove fatal to others. These supernatural abilities bolster his presence and reinforce his status as a formidable force.

ADDITIONAL FEATURES &amp; TRAITS

**1. The Zhalfirim Family Crest:** A meticulously crafted pendant bearing the emblem of House Zhalfirim. Fashioned from the purest silver, the crest features the regal lion rampant on one side, while the reverse showcases the serene landscape of Zhalfirim. The crest acts as a symbol of Azriel's ancestral lineage and serves as a reminder of the honor and heritage he strives to reclaim.

**2. The Crypt Ring:** A delicate ring, its band forged from a rare black metal that seems to shimmer with a faint ethereal glow. Nestled within the band is a small, perfectly polished splinter of Azriel's coffinlike structure - the very vessel that held him during his transformation into a vampire. The ring acts as a conduit for his connection to the darkness, granting him a subtle link to his past and serving as a reminder of the sacrifice he made to embark on his path of revenge. When worn, the ring pulses with a faint, otherworldly energy, a constant reminder of his eternal nature and his unyielding determination to reclaim his lost glory.

TREASURE



# FEATURES, MAGIC ITEMS AND SPELLS

## VAMPIRE

### VAMPIRIC WEAKNESSES

Although vampires can be incredibly strong, their curse still comes with several notable drawbacks. Regardless of if you are a vampire spawn or a true vampire, you are affected by the following weakness unless specified otherwise.

**Forbiddance.** You can't enter a residence without an invitation from one of the occupants.

**Running Water.** Your flesh is torn apart in the presence of water, you take 6 (1d12) acid damage when you end your turn in running water. This damage may not be reduced in any way.

**Stake to the Heart.** If a piercing weapon made of wood is driven into your heart while incapacitated in your coffinlike structure, you become paralyzed until the stake is removed if you are a true vampire. However, if you are a vampire spawn, you are instead destroyed.

**Sunlight Hypersensitivity.** You sear and burn in the light of the sun, your flesh immolating. If you end your turn in direct sunlight, you take 20 radiant damage. You also have disadvantage on any attack rolls and ability checks when in direct sunlight.

### VAMPIRIC TRAITS (TRUE VAMPIRE)

Most of a vampire's victims become vampire spawn, ravenous creatures with a vampire's hunger for blood, but under the control of the vampire that created them. If a true vampire allows a spawn to draw blood from its own body, the spawn transforms into a true vampire no longer under its master's control. Few vampires are willing to relinquish their control in this manner. A vampire spawn becomes free-willed when their creator dies but may seek to become true vampires via drinking from another true vampire or making a pact with some otherworldly entity.

**Undead.** Your creature type is considered to be both humanoid and undead.

**Unholy Body.** Dark magic sustains you, making you resistant to necrotic damage. Healing potions do not have a healing effect on you. Instead, they deal poison damage equal to the amount that was meant to heal. To heal you must either drink blood, spend hit dice, or finish a long rest.

**Blood Connoisseur.** Even though you are undead, you still require sustenance in the form of blood to sustain your unholy existence. You are immune to diseases. You do not need to eat

or breathe, but you can ingest food and drink if you wish, though this food is always bland and stale to you. If you go for longer than seven days without drinking at least one ration of blood, at the midnight of the seventh day and every midnight on days thereafter, you suffer one level of exhaustion, which can only be removed by drinking a ration of blood. After consuming one ration of blood, you recover all levels of exhaustion caused by this trait. If you reach 6 levels of exhaustion due to this trait, instead of suffering death, no longer gain any more levels of exhaustion and become indefinitely paralyzed. The only way to remove this paralysis is to be exposed to a ration worth of blood.

A ration of blood is a vial, or 4 ounces, and while that is just enough to sustain you each week, you still feel the urge to drink and may still appear twitchy or ravenous in the heat of battle or when treating a wounded ally. A pint, such as that contained within a flask is considered a healthy amount, enough to keep you sustained while also suppressing your less civilized behavior. Each ration of blood heals you for 3 (1d4 + 1) hit points while a pint will heal you for 7 (2d4 + 2) hit points.

**Superior Darkvision.** You can see in dim light within 120 feet of you as if it were bright light, and in darkness as if it were dim light. You can't discern color in darkness, only shades of gray.

**Vampire Fangs & Talons.** All vampires have sharpened teeth capable of tearing flesh from bone and draining blood from the body and elongated claws, their natural weapon, which can be used to make an unarmed strike.

**Bite.** If a willing, paralyzed, charmed, incapacitated, restrained, or grappled, creature within 5 feet of you has blood, you may use your bonus action to Bite them dealing 3 (1d6) piercing damage and draining their blood dealing additional necrotic damage equal to your Constitution modifier (minimum 1 necrotic damage). Drinking blood this way is equal to consuming a ration as per your Blood Connoisseur trait. If this trait fails to deal at least one point of necrotic damage, you also fail to drink any blood. The damage for your Bite increases by 1d6 when you reach 5th level (2d6), 11th level (3d6), and 17th level (4d6).

**Claws.** You may use your Strength or Dexterity modifier for your attack and damage rolls with your claws. If you hit with them, you deal 3 (1d6) slashing damage instead of the bludgeoning damage normal for an unarmed strike.

**Misty Escape.** When you drop to 0 hit points outside of your coffinlike structure, you transform into a cloud of mist instead of falling unconscious, provided you are not in an area of sunlight or running water. If you can't transform, you are destroyed.

While in mist form, you can't take any actions, speak, or manipulate objects. You are weightless, have a flying speed of 20 feet, can hover, and can enter a hostile creature's space and stop there. In addition, if air can pass through a space, the mist can do so without squeezing, and it can't pass through water. It has advantage on Strength, Dexterity, and Constitution saving throws, and is immune to all nonmagical damage, except the damage it takes from sunlight.

While you have 0 hit points in mist form, you can't revert to your vampire form. If you do not reach your coffinlike structure within 2 hours, you are destroyed. Once in your coffinlike structure, you revert to your vampire form. You are then paralyzed until you regain at least 1 hit point. After spending 1 hour in your coffinlike structure with 0 hit points, you regain 1 hit point.

## RANGER

### FAVORED ENEMY

You have significant experience studying, tracking, hunting, and even talking to a certain type of enemy.

Choose a type of favored enemy: aberrations, beasts, celestials, constructs, dragons, elementals, fey, fiends, giants, monstrosities, oozes, plants, or undead. Alternatively, you can select two races of humanoid (such as gnolls and orcs) as favored enemies.

You have advantage on Wisdom (Survival) checks to track your favored enemies, as well as on Intelligence checks to recall information about them.

When you gain this feature, you also learn one language of your choice that is spoken by your favored enemies, if they speak one at all.

You choose one additional favored enemy, as well as an associated language, at 6th and 14th level. As you gain levels, your choices should reflect the types of monsters you have encountered on your adventures.

### NATURAL EXPLORER

You are particularly familiar with one type of natural environment and are adept at traveling and surviving in such regions. Choose one type of favored terrain: arctic, coast, desert, forest, grassland, mountain, swamp, or the Underdark.

When you make an Intelligence or Wisdom check related to your favored terrain, your proficiency bonus is doubled if you are using a skill that you're proficient in.

While traveling for an hour or more in your favored terrain, you gain the following benefits:

- Difficult terrain doesn't slow your group's travel.
- Your group can't become lost except by magical means.
- Even when you are engaged in another activity while traveling (such as foraging, navigating, or tracking), you remain alert to danger.
- If you are traveling alone, you can move stealthily at a normal pace.
- When you forage, you find twice as much food as you normally would.
- While tracking other creatures, you also learn their exact number, their sizes, and how long ago they passed through the area.

You choose additional favored terrain types at 6th and 10th level.

### FIGHTING STYLE

You adopt a particular style of fighting as your specialty. Choose one of the following options.

You can't take a Fighting Style option more than once, even if you later get to choose again.

### DUELING

When you are wielding a melee or martial weapon in one hand and no other weapons, you gain a +2 bonus to damage rolls with that weapon.

### RANGER ARCHETYPES

#### SWARMKEEPER

**Gathered Swarm.** At 3rd level, a swarm of intangible nature spirits has bonded itself to you and can assist you in battle. Until you die, the swarm remains in your space, crawling on you or flying and skittering around you within your space. Because of your vampiric nature these nature spirits have taken the form of bats. Once on each of your turns, you can cause the swarm to assist you in one of the following ways, immediately after you hit a creature with an attack:

- The attack's target takes 3 (1d6) piercing damage from the swarm.
- The attack's target must succeed on a Strength saving throw against your spell save DC or be moved by the swarm up to 15 feet horizontally in a direction of your choice.
- You are moved by the swarm 5 feet horizontally in a direction of your choice.

**Swarmkeeper Magic.** Also at 3rd level, you learn the Mage Hand cantrip if you don't already know

it. When you cast it, the hand takes the form of your swarming nature spirits.

You also learn an additional spell of 1st level or higher when you reach certain levels in this class, as shown in the Swarmkeeper Spells table. Each spell counts as a ranger spell for you, but it doesn't count against the number of ranger spells you know.

### SWARMKEEPER SPELLS

Ranger Level	Spell
• 3rd	Faerie Fire, Mage Hand
5th	Web
9th	Gaseous Form
13th	Arcane Eye
17th	Insect Plague

### PRIMAL AWARENESS

You can focus your awareness through the interconnections of nature learning additional spells when you reach certain levels in this class, as shown in the Primal Awareness Spells table. These spells don't count against the number of ranger spells you know.

### PRIMAL AWARENESS SPELLS

Ranger Level	Spell
• 3rd	Speak with Animals
5th	Beast Sense
9th	Speak with Plants
13th	Locate Creature
17th	Commune with Nature

Once per long rest, you can cast each of these spells once without expending a spell slot.

## FEATS

### SHAPECHANGER (BAT)

Vampires are known for their ability to shift from form to form. You gain the shapechanger tag and if you are not in sunlight or running water, you can use your action to polymorph into a Tiny bat[1] or a Medium cloud of mist for 1 minute, or back into your true form.

**Bat Form.** While in bat form you can't speak, your walking speed is 5 feet, and you have a flying speed of 30 feet. Your statistics, other than your size and speed, are unchanged. Anything you are wearing transforms with you, but nothing you are carrying does. You revert to your true form if you die.

Once you transform this way you cannot do so again until you complete a short or long rest.

### POSITION OF PRIVILEGE

Thanks to your noble birth, people are inclined to think the best of you. You are welcome in high

society, and people assume you have the right to be wherever you are. The common folk make every effort to accommodate you and avoid your displeasure, and other people of high birth treat you as a member of the same social sphere. You can secure an audience with a local noble if you need to.

## SPELLS

### CANTRIP

#### FAERIE FIRE

*1st-Level Evocation*

**Casting Time:** 1 Action

**Range:** 60 feet

**Components:** V

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 minute

Each object in a 20-foot cube within range is outlined in blue, green, or violet light (your choice). Any creature in the area when the spell is cast is also outlined in light if it fails a Dexterity saving throw. For the duration, objects and affected creatures shed dim light in a 10-foot radius.

Any attack roll against an affected creature or object has advantage if the attacker can see it, and the affected creature or object can't benefit from being invisible.

#### MAGE HAND

*Conjuration Cnatrip*

**Casting Time:** 1 Action

**Range:** 30 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 1 minute

A spectral, floating hand appears at a point you choose within range. The hand lasts for the duration or until you dismiss it as an action. The hand vanishes if it is more than 30 feet away from you or if you cast this spell again.

You can use your action to control the hand. You can use the hand to manipulate an object, open an unlocked door or container, stow or retrieve an item from an open container, or pour the contents out of a vial. You can move the hand up to 30 feet each time you use it.

The hand can't attack, activate magic items, or carry more than 10 pounds.

### LEVEL 1

#### DETECT POISON AND DISEASE

*1st-Level Divination (Ritual)*

**Casting Time:** 1 Action

**Range:** Self

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 10 minutes

For the duration, you can sense the presence and location of poisons, poisonous creatures, and diseases within 30 feet of you. You also identify the kind of poison, poisonous creature, or disease in each case.

The spell can penetrate most barriers, but it is blocked by 1 foot of stone, 1 inch of common metal, a thin sheet of lead, or 3 feet of wood or dirt.

### FOG CLOUD

*1st-Level Conjuration*

**Casting Time:** 1 Action

**Range:** 120 feet

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** Concentration, up to 1 hour

You create a 20-foot-radius sphere of fog centered on a point within range. The sphere spreads around corners, and its area is heavily obscured. It lasts for the duration or until a wind of moderate or greater speed (at least 10 miles per hour) disperses it.

**At Higher Levels.** When you cast this spell using a spell slot of 2nd level or higher, the radius of the fog increases by 20 feet for each slot level above 1st.

### SPEAK WITH ANIMALS

*1st-Level Divination (Ritual)*

**Casting Time:** 1 Action

**Range:** Self

**Components:** V, S

**Duration:** 10 minutes

You gain the ability to comprehend and verbally communicate with beasts for the duration. The knowledge and awareness of many beasts is limited by their intelligence, but at minimum, beasts can give you information about nearby locations and monsters, including whatever they can perceive or have perceived within the past day. You might be able to persuade a beast to perform a small favor for you, at the DM's discretion.

## MISCELLANEOUS ATTACK AND DAMAGE ROLLS

### MELEE WEAPONS

#### **Attack Roll.**

*Rapier of Life Stealing:*

1d20 + DEX-Modifier + Proficiency Modifier

Current Max: 24

#### **Damage Roll.**

*Rapier of Life Stealing:*

1d8 + DEX-Modifier + 2 (Fighting Style: Dueling)

Current Max: 12

### RANGED WEAPONS

#### **Attack Roll.**

*Crossbow:*

1d20 + DEX-Modifier + Proficiency Modifier

Current Max: 24

#### **Damage Roll.**

*Crossbow:*

1d8 + DEX-Modifier

Current Max: 10

### SPECIAL ATTACKS

#### **Attack Roll.**

*Bite:*

1d20 + STR-Modifier + Proficiency Modifier

Current Max: 22

*Claw:*

1d20 + DEX-Modifier + Proficiency Modifier

Current Max: 22

#### **Damage Roll.**

*Bite:*

1d6 + STR-Modifier + CON-Modifier

Current Max: 6 piercing + 2 necrotic damage

*Claw:*

1d6 + DEX-Modifier

Current Max: 6

# CLOAK OF THE UNDERDARK

*Wondrous item, uncommon (requires attunement)*



## APPEARANCE

The Cloak of the Underdark exudes an enigmatic allure, its craftsmanship a testament to the sinister elegance of drow design. Fashioned from the finest black silk, its surface ripples like the shadowed waters of a deep, still lake under a moonless sky. Woven into this dark tapestry are threads of silver, so faint they seem like whispers of light, capturing the essence of starlight filtered through a canopy of ancient, twisted trees. These silver filaments form intricate patterns, reminiscent of both the beauty and danger that dwell in the heart of the Underdark.

The cloak itself is supple and light, draping effortlessly around the wearer, its edges flowing like liquid shadow. When drawn about the body, it seems to meld with the darkness, making the wearer meld into the shadows. The hood, when raised, shrouds the face in mystery, leaving only the slightest glint of eyes to pierce the gloom.

To those with a keen eye, the cloak might almost appear alive, its silver threads pulsing faintly with an unseen power. It offers not just protection from the piercing rays of the sun but also a silent promise of dominion over the night. This cloak is not merely a garment but a statement of power and defiance against the natural order.

## HISTORY

The Cloak of the Underdark's origins are steeped in the shadows of legend and the depths of ancient magic. Crafted during a tumultuous era in the Underdark, it is said to have been woven by a master drow enchantress, skilled in the arts of shadow and light. She imbued the cloak with the essence of the Underdark itself – a realm where darkness reigns supreme, and the faintest light can be both a beacon and a betrayer.

The enchantress, whose name has been lost to the ages, was rumored to have a fascination with the surface world and its daylit beauty, a curiosity rare among her kind. She sought to create an artifact that would allow her kindred to explore the world above without succumbing to the lethal tyranny of the sun. Thus, the Cloak of the Underdark was born, a masterpiece of protection and deception, enabling its wearers to walk under the sun's gaze unharmed.

For centuries, the cloak passed through the hands of various owners, each adding to its legend. It became a symbol of power and survival, coveted by vampires, assassins, and adventurers alike. Tales of its existence spread far beyond the Underdark, whispering of a garment that could turn the deadliest weakness into strength.

## MAGIC

While wearing this cloak, you can pull its hood over your head to cause yourself to become immune to the effects of sunlight. The cloak allows for no sunlight to pass through.

# CRYPT RING

*Ring, very rare (requires attunement by a true vampire)*



## APPEARANCE

The Crypt Ring is a masterpiece of dark elegance and mystical allure. Forged from a lustrous black metal, its band gracefully curves to cradle a striking silver head, designed with an ornate coffin-shaped compartment.

The silver head of the ring is adorned with intricate details, patterns that seem to dance and swirl in the light, evoking images of nocturnal energies and necromantic spells. The overall design of the ring balances the macabre with the majestic, imbuing it with an air of noble darkness. This ring does not merely accessorize; it whispers tales of ancient vampirism, of nights shrouded in mystery and power drawn from the shadows.

The Crypt Ring's aura is palpable, a visual manifestation of its connection to the otherworldly. Around it, a subtle, spectral glow hints at the ring's latent energies, ready to be unleashed by its wearer. This aura enhances the ring's appearance, making it not just an item of adornment but a beacon of the dark, mystical forces it embodies.

## HISTORY

The Crypt Ring, a marvel of necromantic craftsmanship, was conceived out of necessity by the ingenious minds of ancient vampires seeking to mitigate some of the intrinsic vulnerabilities of their immortal existence. Recognizing the perilous condition of being bound to a singular resting place, these vampires collaborated with masterful sorcerers and artisans to create a solution that would grant them greater freedom and security.

Crafted from the darkest metals and infused with the essence of vampirism, the Crypt Ring's most distinctive feature is its silver compartment capable of holding a fragment from the vampire's own coffin. This innovation allows any enclosed space mimicking a coffin to serve as a sanctuary, mirroring the protective and rejuvenating properties of the vampire's true resting place. Thus, a vampire wearing the ring, and having a piece of their original coffin secured within, could find solace and regeneration in multiple locations, a tactical advantage that dilutes one of their most exploitable weaknesses.

The creation of the Crypt Ring marked a significant turning point in the nocturnal society of vampires, offering a newfound mobility and safeguarding their existence against hunters and sunlight. Over the centuries, the knowledge and method of crafting these rings have been guarded zealously, passed down through generations of vampires and their closest allies. Despite their rarity, multiple Crypt Rings are known to exist, each as unique as the vampire who owns it, yet all sharing the same life-preserving properties.

This artifact's existence is a testament to the lengths to which the undead will go to preserve their dominion over the night and their lives in the shadows. The Crypt Ring remains a coveted item among vampires, a symbol of ingenuity, survival, and the unyielding will to overcome the boundaries of their curse.

## MAGIC

This ring can only be attuned by a true vampire. While worn with a part of your coffinlike structure in its compartment, any coffinlike structure has the same effect as your coffinlike structure.

# RAPIER OF LIFE STEALING

Weapon (Rapier), rare (requires attunement)



## APPEARANCE

The "Rapier of Life Stealing" is a weapon of formidable beauty and dark allure. Its slender, elegantly crafted blade stretches gracefully, tapering to a fine point designed for precision. The metal of the blade possesses an otherworldly sheen, reflecting hues of ominous blacks and deep purples, as if absorbing the very light around it.

Enveloping the blade, ethereal lightning bolts dance in a mesmerizing display of power. These are not ordinary sparks but manifestations of necrotic energy, shimmering in hues of sinister green and vibrant purple, crackling with the promise of life force to be siphoned from its victims.

The rapier's hilt is a masterpiece of craftsmanship, featuring intricate designs that hint at its ancient and mystical origins. It might bear symbols or sigils associated with necromancy or the vampire lore, paying homage to its wielder, the true vampire Azriel, the Count of Zhalfirim. The grip is wrapped in a material that looks like black leather, offering a firm hold, while the crossguard and pommel are adorned with precious stones, emphasizing its status as a weapon of high nobility.

## HISTORY

The "Rapier of Life Stealing" is not merely a weapon; it's a relic with a history as dark and intriguing as its appearance. Forged in the depths of the Underworld by a cabal of necromancers, it was created during the eclipse

of the Blood Moon, which is said to empower objects with the essence of life and death. The rapier's blade was cooled in the blood of a vampire lord, giving it its necrotic abilities and the unique property of sizzling with green and purple lightning bolts, a visual manifestation of its power to siphon life force.

Over centuries, the rapier has been instrumental in shaping the fate of empires and the lives of many. It is rumored that each soul claimed by the rapier adds to its strength and to the longevity of its wielder. Legends speak of duels where the weapon's blade cut through magical barriers as if they were mere mist, and of battles where its necrotic energy turned the tide in favor of its wielder.

However, the Rapier of Life Stealing is also a curse. Its desire for life force can become insatiable, driving its wielder to seek combat relentlessly. It's said that the weapon whispers to its owner, urging them to strike down friends and foes alike to feed its thirst.

The true extent of the rapier's abilities and its history remains shrouded in mystery, as it continues to be a coveted artifact for those who seek power over life and death. Its story is a blend of triumph and tragedy, a reminder of the price of wielding such unfathomable power.

## MAGICAL EFFECTS

### LIFE STEAL

Once per turn you can deal an extra 1d6 necrotic damage to one creature, that isn't a construct or an undead, you hit with an attack if you have advantage on the attack roll. You gain temporary hit points equal to the life lost this way. The damage increases by 1d6 at levels 5, 10, and 15.

### CURSE

Once the character is attuned to this locket, he cannot willingly unattune off it unless he is targeted by the remove curse spell or similar magic.

### BLOOD THIRST

The "Rapier of Life Stealing" thirsts for blood and life's energy. Once per day it must be dipped into the blood of at least two different creatures. If not done so the Max HP of the wielder is decreased by 1d8 each day until the weapon's Blood Thirst is stilled. The HP reduction die increases to a d10 at level 5, a d12 at level 10 and a d20 at level 15.