

**ASSASSINNPC's**  
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**5TH EDITION EQUIPMENT**

**FOR HOURS OF CONFUSED PLAYERS**



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**“ANCIENT RIDDLES” IS A TABLETOP COMPENDIUM  
DESIGNED TO HELP GAME MASTERS CONFUZZLE  
THEIR PLAYERS WITH PUZZLES OF THE MIND.**



**Disclaimer:**

Because most of these riddles are centuries old, many of their writers have been disputed, as different people have claimed these riddles as being their own creation. To avoid such disputes, author names have been excluded from this edition. In the unlikely event that you would like to dispute one of these riddles as your own, please feel free to reach out to me @assassin\_npc and we can talk.



# Introduction

Greetings Legend! My name is Assassin, and I had a feeling I'd see you here.

## What is this book:

Riddles are a fun and easy way to watch your players struggle.

This is a book full of ancient, timeless riddles written throughout the millennia that you can use on your players (along with a couple of my own).

## How it works:

This book contains two main sections: the *GM Pages*, and the *Player Handouts*.

### GM Pages

Each *GM Page* contains the following:

- Riddle Number (in roman numerals)

- Riddle printed in an easy-to-read typeface for the GM to read
- Answer to the riddle in **bold** below
- Difficulty estimator on the bottom of each page (difficulty will vary depending on each player's life experience, so accuracy of this estimator may vary)

### Player Handouts

In the appendices at the back of the book, you will find each riddle written in a medieval font as a stand-alone handout you can give to your players. Riddles there are also sorted by Numerals.

Wishing you all the best, and I hope you have an amazing day!

Sincerely,

Your NPC, Assassin



# GM PAGE

## Riddle I

What is it that's blind with an eye in its head, but the race of mankind its use cannot spare; spends all its life in clothing the dead, but always itself is naked and bare?

Answer:  
**Needle**

**EASY**





# GM PAGE

## Riddle VII

(assassin's example no. 1)

I've stabbed more dead beasts  
Than any man's sword  
I'm simple to craft  
But I belong with a lord

Answer:

**Fork**

**EASY**





# GM PAGE

## Riddle VIII

(assassin's example no. 2)

I'll make you hum  
I'll make you swing  
I'll make you numb  
To every sting

Answer:

**Beer**

**EASY**





# GM PAGE

## Riddle IX

No one can hold me  
In his palms or sight;  
I scatter sudden clatter  
Far and wide.  
I want to hammer oaks  
With mournful might;  
Yes, I strike sky  
And scour countryside.

Answer:  
**Wind**

**MEDIUM**





# GM PAGE

## Riddle XIII

Oft I must strive with wind and  
wave, Battle them both when  
under the sea I feel out the  
bottom, a foreign land. In lying  
still I am strong in the strife; If  
I fail in that they are stronger  
than I, And wrenching me loose,  
soon put me to rout. They wish  
to capture what I must keep.  
I can master them both if my  
grip holds out, If the rocks  
bring succor and lend support,  
Strength in the struggle. Ask me  
my name!

Answer:

**Anchor**

**MEDIUM**





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My house is not quiet, I am not loud;  
But for us God fashioned our fate together.

I am the swifter, at times the stronger,  
My house more enduring, longer to last.

A times I rest; my dwelling still runs;  
Within it I lodge as long as I live.

Should we two be severed, my death is sure.

Answer:

**Fish in the river**

**MEDIUM**





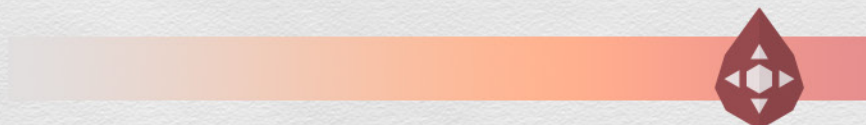
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What is the sister of the sun,  
Though made for the night?  
The fire causes her tears to fall,  
And when she is near dying  
They cut off her head.

Answer:  
**Candle**

**HARD**





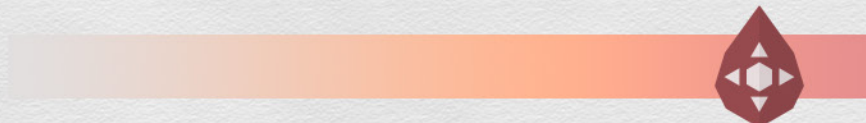
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Riddle XX

When set loose  
I fly away,  
Never so cursed  
As when I go astray.

Answer:  
**Fart**

**HARD**





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I'm told a certain something  
Grows in its pouch,  
Swells and stands up,  
Lifts its covering.  
A proud bride grasped  
That boneless wonder,  
The daughter of a king  
Covered that swollen thing  
With clothing.

Answer:

**Bread dough**

**HARD**





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## Player Handouts



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I would like to honor and appreciate the ancient authors throughout history who wrote these riddles, as well as the riddle-makers around the world who continue to write for our enjoyment. We honor your legacy, even though our players may at times nitpick at your “poor” choice of wording (see disclaimer on page two).

### My Inspiration

Finally, I want to thank God because he gave me the idea to create this Instagram account, to post these silly roll tables, to branch out into compendiums, and to make this book for you. All my greatest ideas come from him. He truly is the best.

Thank you for reading this! Before you go, I just wanted to say that you **matter**, you are more **valuable** than you know, and your life has a **purpose** far greater than you can see today. Revelation is coming.



**YOU'RE A LEGEND.**