Cliff-Ghasts (Cliff Wraiths) - His Dark Materials

Terrifying flying predators that haunt the mountain peaks of multiple worlds.

Medium Monstrosity (Chaotic Evil)

Armor Class: 14 (Natural Armor)

Hit Points: 85 (10d10 + 30)

Speed: 30 ft., Fly 60 ft.

Ability Scores

• Strength: 14 (+2)

• Dexterity: 16 (+3)

• Constitution: 16 (+3)

• Intelligence: 10 (+0)

• Wisdom: 12 (+1)

• Charisma: 8 (-1)

Skills

• Stealth: +6

• Perception: +5

• Survival: +4

Saving Throws

• Dexterity +6, Constitution +6

Senses

• Darkvision: 120 ft.

• Passive Perception: 15

Languages

• Can mimic simple speech in a raspy, broken manner.

Traits & Abilities

Night Predator:

• Cliff-Ghasts thrive in darkness and high altitudes.

• In Dim Light or Darkness:

• Advantage on Stealth checks.

• Advantage on attack rolls against creatures that rely on sight.

Pack Hunters:

• Gains Advantage on attacks if at least one ally is within 5 feet of the target.

Horrific Visage:

• When a creature first sees a Cliff-Ghast within 30 feet, it must make a DC 14 Wisdom saving throw or become Frightened for 1 minute.

• A Frightened target can remake the save at the end of its turns.

Actions

Multiattack:

• The Cliff-Ghast makes two attacks: one with its claws and one with its bite.

Claw Slash: Melee Weapon Attack

• +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target

• Hit: 12 (2d6 + 3) slashing damage.

Bite: Melee Weapon Attack

• +6 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target

• Hit: 15 (3d6 + 3) piercing damage.

• If the target is a Medium or smaller creature, it must make a DC 14 Strength saving throw or be Grappled.

Swooping Strike (Recharge 5-6):

• The Cliff-Ghast flies 20+ feet in a straight line and makes a Claw Slash attack.

• On a hit, the target must make a DC 14 Dexterity saving throw or be Knocked Prone.

Tactics

• Stalk Prey: They ambush from cliffs or foggy skies.

• Hit & Run: They strike and then retreat into the air.

• Terrify & Isolate: They rely on their Frightening presence to scatter enemies.

CR (Challenge Rating): 6

(2,300 XP)