

2024-04-24 – Empire of the Ghouls

Characters

- Bruno (PP 15) – There are many layers to the dark gods worshipped by the ghouls – Akma Apophis is the oldest of them.
- Durrin (PP 20) – Akma Apophis may be a mask of Hel – or vice versa. The ghouls worshipped both as separate gods yet both domains cross over.
- HB (PP 18) – Camazotz loves the strife of the ghouls and their gods. Let them burn.
- Ved Pinion (PP 19) – To see Ved Ivis in action is to see what Pinion might have become. Pinion had a whole life without murder. Ivis has had no such life.
- Verci (PP) – To have hunted the Shoggoth and destroyed it is amazing. But you sense something else here too.
- Wynasia (PP 11) – Never have you been in the heart of a den of such evil in your life. This whole cavern could collapse and the world would be better for it.

Strong Start

In the shrine of Akma Aphosis, the caretaker awakens.

Scenes

- Temple of Akma Aphosis. The three bowls – DC 18 Religion or Arcana to convert them from the death of Akma Aphosis to the life of Aten. Each gives the equivalent of a long rest.

Secrets and Clues

- The god Akma-Apophis is one of the most powerful and ancient deities of the Ghoul Imperium – though less venerated than the Hunger God, Vardesain, or the cult of the Red Mother.
- Ghouls worship many deities and many masks of those deities.
- The Bone Cathedral was once a temple to Akma-Aphosis but later became a cathedral to the Hunger God Vardesain.
- High Priest Radomir Marrowblight holds the Book of Worlds and the Book of Souls which he uses to conduct ancient rites of Akma Aphosis.
- Smiling Margarette is fanatically loyal the Duke Radomir Marrowblight. Her Fifth Legion of Darakul, known as the Dread Feast, guard the ceremony.

- High Priest Radomir has sealed the vault with death magic that turns both living and dead into dust.
- Ixian ghouls have begun attacking other ghouls in Vandekhul.
- The emperor still waits behind his walls of soldiers – the Crimson Blades and Armor of Titans.
- The Dread Feast hates the Crimson Blades and Armor of Titans. They are fanatically loyal to Smiling Margarette who is loyal to the duke.
- Intelligence came to darakhuls through noble blood – the processing and devouring of noble and holy blood.

Notable NPCs

- Keslek the Caretaker – former priest of Akma Apophis now tossed aside to rot in the cellars for these new priests and their new rituals.

Monsters – LBM 42 to 63

- Serpents of Apophis CR 6 AC/DC 15 HP 112 Atk/Prof +7 DPR 41 Atks $3 \times 1d6 + 11$ – Grapple and restrain, acidic bites.
- The Caretaker CR 8 AC/DC 15 HP 136 Atk/Prof +7 DPR 53 Atks $3 \times 1d6 + 15$ – Circle of death for 53 or 27.
- Dread Feast Darakhul CR 6 AC/DC 15 HP 112 Atk/Prof +7 DPR 41 Atks $3 \times 1d6 + 11$
- Smiling Margarette CR 12 AC/DC 17 HP 175 Atk/Prof +9 DPR 77 Atks $4 \times 1d6 + 16$
- High Priest Radomir Marrowblight CR 12 AC/DC 17 HP 175 Atk/Prof +9 DPR 77 Atks $4 \times 1d6 + 16$
- Duke Moretto Lichmark CR 10 AC/DC 17 HP 155 Atk/Prof +9 DPR 65 Atks $4 \times 1d6 + 13$
- Iron Ghoul CR 4 AC/DC 14 HP 84 Atk/Prof +6 DPR 28 Atks $2 \times 1d6 + 11$
- Qorgeth, the Writhing Prince, Pale Maw, the Devourer, is the lord of worms and decay TOB 2023 80

Treasure

- 14,910 gp, 1,728 pp (**32,190gp**), 5,000 gp diamond, Ioun Stone (Leadership), Ring of Regeneration
- The Left Eye – Gemstone of disintegrate
- The Right Eye – Power Word Kill
- The Three Bowls.