

Age: early tweens

Race: underwater newt

Pronouns: he/him (though many refer to him as "it")

Occupation:

- Wharfside spectacle / exhibit

Class: civilian

Level: 0

Alignment: lawful good

Languages:

- Human
- Newt

Factions:

Adjectives:

- Slick

Armour Class: 12

Hit Points: 3

Speed: 20 (swim 40)

STR 13

DEX 14

CON 11

INT 7

WIS 6

CHA 15

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# Role-Playing

## Improv

Introduction: From the wharfside water comes a hoarse croaking voice - "WILL PELHAM BEAUTY OR GOVERNADOR WIN THIS YEAR'S DERBY?"

Appearance: Brown sleek furred skin, snout, black eyes, gilled cheeks. Webbed fingers, flippered feet, spinal ridge to his tail.

Expressions: WILL THERE BE A WAR?; DEATH RAYS TURN WHOLE CONTINENTS INTO DUST; DO YOU WANT PERFUMED BREATH? USE "FRESH" TOOTHPASTE.

Mannerisms: Wags tail underwater when excited; barks when happy or scared;

performances "the newt", his underwater dance, the request

## Acting

Motivations: Gossips incessantly, and strangers gossip to him; reads every pamphlet ever printed; parrots the town crier verbatim.

Passions: Gossip

Secrets:

Vulnerabilities: Will never be accepted into a human social group so as to satisfy his yearnings; has never had an original thought.

Skills:

- Nature; Survival

Special Abilities: Underwater Breathing

Attacks: None

Combat Tactics: Scheuchzeri will avoid combat at all costs

# Story

Nobody can be sure how Scheuschzeri ended up in the ponds. But everyone knows that he hears the best of the news because he's always treading water in a well-placed pond. Scheuschzeri will spend most of his time in deeper waters by the wharf in the sea-side frontier village of Griptight Keep [Any Seaside Trading Village] overlorded by the pirate baron Koon The Bold. He spends daytime hours skipping out of the wharf into the various marshy puddles that characterize the paths of the village overhearing conversations. He's become so attuned to these interactions and the value of their content to others that he often positions himself in the best spots to overhear the best possible informations.

How did poor Scheuschzeri become this way? Nobody is completely certain. Some claim that he was once a pirate who had fallen in love with a Siren while at sea and upon his attempt to capture her heart she laughed in his face and banished him to the ponds and wharf-side. Others tell a story of how it was his own choice; that he is actually a powerful sorcerer who grew tired of his capabilities and cast this polymorph on himself in reverence of the greater society.

**Author notes for the artist:**

- Straight out of War With the Newts, the funniest nihilistic science fiction novel ever written.