Creatures D6 / Rathtar



Name: Rathtar
Type: Predatory Creature

Dexterity: 3D
Perception: 3D
Strength: 6D

Special Abilities

Teeth: Str+2D Damage.

Tentacles: Str+1D Damage

Climbing Pads: The Rathtar has pads on the ends of it's tentacles which allow it to climb more easily, and giving it a bonus +1D in all climbing roll.s

Rubbery Skin: The Rathtars skin is tough and rubbery, providing good armour against both energy and physical damage, providing a +1D bonus to resist damage.

Move: 20
Size: 6.09m Tall, 1.5m Long

Description: Rathtars were large, carnivorous cephalopods that slithered on land. They were highly dangerous creatures known for hunting in packs, and were involved in an incident known as the Trillia Massacre. They shared common ancestry with the sarlacc, blixus and vixus.

Although the study of rathtars was rare due to the danger posed by the beasts, it was believed that they shared common ancestry with other tentacled species such as the sarlaccs, the blixii, and the vixus of Umbara. Rathtars reproduced by fission, leading to rapidly increasing numbers if the species' population was not controlled.

Rathtars appeared physiologically primitive, endowed with only rudimentary senses and possessing small brains. Despite the appearance of a mindless eating machine, rathtars proved effective at working together, and displayed affinity for pack hunting. Individual rathtars appeared to become smarter when in proximity to others of its species, and rathtar packs utilized howls, at a frequency beyond humanoid hearing, to communicate among one another. They also vocalized deafening roars when attacking and devouring prey, and let out horrifying shrieks of fury when in pain.

Lacking a true skeleton, a rathtar had an enormous, round, slug-like body covered in light-reactive sensing orbs. They possessed multiple long, tentacle-like appendages; their principle feeding tentacles whipped out to capture and devour prey, which typically consisted of anything they perceived as non-rathtar. The creatures were ravenous and persistent eaters, capable of consuming virtually anything that could fit into their robust, radial mouths, which were funnel-shaped and lined with rows of razor sharp teeth. Their throat distended outward into a hollow tongue, useful for swallowing struggling prey. The bilious creatures typically tore their meals apart piece by piece.

Capable of locomotion, rathtars curled their ambulatory tentacles inward to form a ball and roll themselves forward in a whirl of whipping tentacles. They moved fast for their size, and had adhesive pads on their pointed tentacle tips-known as a club-which helped them attach to surfaces. Their tentacles had enormous strength, and were of a muscular hydrostat form. Their fleshy bodies were covered in a hard, rubbery exterior, giving the rathtars a heavy resistance to blaster bolts, small-arms fire, and even biting attacks.

The biological study of rathtars was extremely rare due to the beasts' dangerous nature. Although capturing even one rathtar was considered a near-impossibility, the creatures were targeted by hunters and collectors. They were notably prized by those who amassed live biological specimens, such as King Prana and his rival, Regent Solculvis of the Mol'leaj system.

Rathtars were found on Twon Ketee, where they were hunted by a team employed by a big game hunter during the last decades of the Galactic Republic. The group, led by an alien hunter, encountered a rathtar in the swamps, which used its tentacles to slam the hunters into hard surfaces before devouring them. The massacre was observed by the Sith Lord Darth Maul, who attacked the rathtar with an ax. He defeated the beast, only to recall the creatures were pack hunters, and faced off against two more of the monsters. Maul sated his bloodlust by killing both, dropping a tree on the last, and departed the planet to report back to his Sith Master, Darth Sidious.
Prior to his involvement with the Dragon Void Run, Han Solo attempted to steal a newly-hatched rathtar belonging to the Selonian Dorae, who intended to use the creature to pay off important individuals. The beast attempted to eat Solo, causing his Wookiee First Mate Chewbacca to kill it. Dorae, unable to pay her debts, lost her protection and suffered greatly. She tracked down Solo and Chewbacca during the Galactic Civil War, hoping to exact revenge for her woes.

At some point before the First Order–Resistance conflict, rathtars were involved in a vile and depraved incident that came to be known as the Trillia Massacre, in which many beings were killed and eaten by the creatures. Thirty years after the Battle of Endor, Han Solo transported three rathtars aboard his Baleen-class heavy freighter, the Eravana, though getting the creatures aboard cost Solo most of his crew. Solo was transporting the creatures to a collector, King Prana, who he said was in competition with the regent of the Mol'leaj system. When Han, Chewbacca and BB-8 were confronted by Kanjiklub and the Guavian Death Gang, Rey and Finn were below the deck, listening. When it seemed like Han was in trouble, Rey proposed they close the blast doors on either side of Han and Chewie. Instead, Rey accidentally opened the wrong doors, unleashing the rathtars. The rathtars attacked and killed most of Kanjiklub and the Guavian Death Gang. Finn was grabbed by a rathtar and almost killed, but Rey saved him at the last second by closing a door on the tentacle holding Finn.

When Rey, Finn and Solo boarded the Millennium Falcon to escape, a rathtar attached itself to the cockpit window. The Falcon entered hyperspace while the rathtar was still clinging to the ship, and was ripped apart by the extreme acceleration, leaving smears on the window. A number of rathtars survived aboard the Eravana, and King Prana ultimately learned of the incident, unhappy at being denied his prizes.

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