

Hear now the Litany of the Twelve. All Monsters are fruit from one of these trees. All have their weaknesses; all have their strengths. Beware even the weakest of them, and pray to whatever god you follow that you never meet a Monster's Avatar.

- First came the **Angels** and the **Devils**, forever fighting their war. Know them for their merciless smiles and blood-drenched wings. Their hate for each other is such that it blots out their reason.
- The **Blood-Drinkers** have spread their hunts far and wide. They live and die by the blood, and gather it by more ways than there are stories. They chase the sun, but never dare catch it.
- Some **Corpse-Gnawers** remember speech, after a fashion. Others remember nothing but the Hunger. Fear both, respect both; but keep meat handy, lest meat you become.
- **Skin-Changers** creep and run and lurk in the dark places of the Earth. They love the Beasts they become, and the freedom it gives them to shout and revel and kill in joy. Their eyes are always on the Hunt, and their mouths always itch for the taste of another's throat.
- Some think that the **Beast-Men** are Skin-Changers, but that is a lie. The Beast rules the Skin-Changer;

the Beast-Man masters the Beast. They have no need to change to kill, nor do they need an excuse.

- What are the **Un-Born**? They are mockeries of life, and mock it themselves. The Un-Born feel nothing. Even their murders are done out of inexorable fate.
- **Warlocks** and **Witches** are two sides of the same corroded coin. The Warlock steals power from the universe, and the Witch steals power from life. They hate each other, yet one will not raise a finger against the other.
- There have been many **Counterfeits**; they delight in pretending to be that which is feared, or appeased, or avoided. They meddle, and forget that others are real. Fear their laughter.
- There have always been the **Loathsome**, but their day has come at last. They are *wrong*. They should not *be*.
- And then there is **Mankind**. Fear Man most of all, for he is the killer of Monsters. He is the Monster that was put upon Earth to keep the rest of us in our place.

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