

# Out of Charge

“I get why vampire bats,” I told the sorcerer while I batted one with my mace. “I also get why *giant* vampire bats. Why do these have giant yellow faces on their chests, though?”

“Those are supposed to be suns,” he yelled back, while his hands blurred symbols. As in, literally. Even I could see them. “They’re *Incan* giant vampire bats!”

“That’s stupid!” I grunted. “Why would you manifest things *that* weird?” At that very moment, the shimmering field before us winked out.

“Because they use up a lot of ambient mana,” he gloated. “Including the mana powering the barrier.”

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