

## GREAT OLD ONE PACT

# ALTERNATE FAMILIARS

Sane minds shirk from attempting to comprehend the sheer number of creatures that live beyond the borders of conventional reality, out past the stars where the Great Old Ones dwell. Indeed, the warped, alien children of the elder things are legion, and only madness comes to those that dwell on their myriad forms, faces, or lack thereof.

Still, some of these elder spawn make ideal magical familiars for those who have struck the appropriate pacts of power. Warlocks seeking to understand the secrets beyond time and the cosmos are well-suited to have an eldritch companion to assist them in their journey skirting insanity. These creatures offer counsel, or companionship, and protection to those mad enough to seek it from such a source.

### GIBBERING ORBLET

Grown out of the remains of a full-sized adult gibbering mouter, gibbering orblets are something like the larval stage of their former parent. Constantly floating and enunciating a string of whispered nonsense syllables from multiple mouths, gibbering orblets are every bit as vile and madness-inducing as their adult kin, and only the most insane or power-hungry warlocks seek their companionship.

Gibbering orblets eventually grow into



mouthers, but require a steady stream of nourishment in the form of assorted organic matter for their size to grow big enough. Typically, an orblet is able to grow to full size after a century of regular feeding.

Strictly speaking, orblets do not require food to survive, only to grow and gain more mass. An unfed orblet is an unhappy orblet, though, and wise warlocks looking to keep possession of their fingers and appendages don't let an orblet remain unfed for long.



## GIBBERING ORBLET

*Tiny aberration, neutral*

**Armor Class** 13 (natural armor)

**Hit Points** 10 (3d4+3)

**Speed** 10 ft., fly 40 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
6 (-2)	14 (+2)	13 (+1)	8 (-1)	12 (+1)	8 (-1)

**Skills** Perception +3

**Damage Immunities** psychic

**Senses** darkvision 120 ft., passive Perception 13

**Languages** Common and Deep Speech, can't speak intelligibly beyond two words

**Challenge** 1/4 (50 XP)

**Limited Telepathy.** The gibbering orblet can magically communicate simple ideas, emotions, and images telepathically with any creature within 100 feet of it that can understand a language.

**Gibbering.** The gibbering orblet babbles incoherently while it can see any creature and isn't incapacitated. Each enemy creature that starts its turn within 10 feet of the orblet and can hear the gibbering must succeed on a DC 11 Wisdom saving throw. On a failure, attacks against the creature from the orblet (and, if the orblet is a familiar, the orblet's companion as well) are made with advantage. Affected creatures repeat this save at the start of each of their subsequent turns, and a creature that saves against this effect cannot be affected by it for 24 hours.

### ACTIONS

**Bites.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 5 (1d4+3) piercing damage.

**Poison Spittle.** *Ranged Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, range 10/20 ft., one target. Hit: 4 (1d4+2) acid damage, and the target must succeed on a DC 11 Constitution saving throw or be poisoned for 1 minute.

**Phasing.** The orblet partially phases into the etherial plane or returns to the material plane. While partially in the etherial plane, attacks targetting the orblet are made with disadvantage, but the orblet may not take any other actions than choosing to use this ability to return to the material plane. The orblet returns to the material plane if it dies.

## ALBINO PENGUIN

Native to the Underdark in polar regions, the so-called "albino penguins" are more a proper sub-species of penguin than a run-of-the-mill penguin affected by albinism.

Typically, these creatures spend their lives nesting in the dark frozen caves well under the ice, fishing in frigid subterranean pools and rarely emerging into daylight unless feeding conditions are dire. Few members of surface tribes have ever seen a mass albino penguin migration, and such an occurrence is largely considered to be an auspicious omen.

Blind from birth, albino penguin chicks quickly learn to navigate their icy homes by a combination of echolocation and latent



## ALBINO PENGUIN

*Tiny aberration, neutral*

**Armor Class** 14

**Hit Points** 10 (3d4+3)

**Speed** 20 ft., swim 60 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
4 (-3)	18 (+4)	13 (+1)	8 (-1)	12 (+1)	11 (+0)

**Skills** Perception +3

**Damage Resistances** psychic

**Damage Immunities** cold

**Condition Immunities** blinded

**Senses** blindsight 60 ft. (blind beyond this radius), passive Perception 13

**Languages** understands Common and Deep Speech but can't speak

**Challenge** 1/4 (50 XP)

**Limited Telepathy.** The albino penguin can magically communicate simple ideas, emotions, and images telepathically with any creature within 100 feet of it that can understand a language.

**Magic Resistance.** The albino penguin has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

### ACTIONS

**Peck.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one target. Hit: 4 (1d4+2) piercing damage.

**Scare (1/Day).** One creature of the albino penguin's choice within 20 feet of it must succeed on a DC 11 Wisdom saving throw or be frightened for 1 minute. The target can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, with disadvantage if the albino penguin is within line of sight, ending the effect on itself on a success.

psychic talent. Strange energies under the arctic lands have gradually seeped into the penguin's very physiology to develop this talent, which the penguin harnesses directly to ward off predators and other potential threats, and which passively enhances the penguin's resilience to the arcane.

## FLUMPHLING

Flumphs, while an eclectic and seldom-seen species, are nevertheless in the habit of seeding diverse and far-flung areas with their offspring in an attempt to grow new flumph colonies. Once every two or so years when the budding season is upon them, some flumphs travel to the far off reaches of the Underdark to allow a new home and plenty of growing room for the future flumphlings budding off the body of the adult. While the new flumphlings sometimes do generate new colonies, many young flumphs grow up without a colony to call their own, and typically wander around the Underdark, feeding on the ambient psychic energy from much larger threats.

Flumphlings need large amounts of energy and food to fully grow, and have been known to follow around powerful arcane casters as a reliable food source and source of companionship. Most flumphlings prefer to associate themselves with powerful beings on the good end of the alignment spectrum, but will usually get along just fine with neutral companions. Flumphlings may follow those with evil leanings if the food is good enough, but the flumph always bemoans their practices and entreats them to mend their ways.

While full-grown flumphs can sustain themselves on psychic energy alone, young flumphlings require protein to increase their body size. They will capture and consume lizards, frogs, and snakes, but will always prefer mice and rats, and will chase any they find relentlessly. Some flumphlings even consider the hunting of rodents to be a sacred duty - though none can fathom why.

## FLUMPHLING

*Tiny abberation, lawful good*

**Armor Class** 12

**Hit Points** 7 (3d4+0)

**Speed** 5 ft., fly 40 ft.

STR	DEX	CON	INT	WIS	CHA
6 (-2)	14 (+2)	10 (+0)	10 (+0)	14 (+2)	11 (+0)

**Skills** Arcana +2, History +2, Perception +4, Religion +2, Stealth +4

**Senses** darkvision 60 ft., passive Perception 14

**Languages** understands Common and Undercommon but can't speak, telepathy 60 ft.

**Challenge** 1/8 (25 XP)

**Advanced Telepathy.** The flumphling can perceive the content of any telepathic communication used within 60 feet of it, and it can't be surprised by creatures with any form of telepathy.

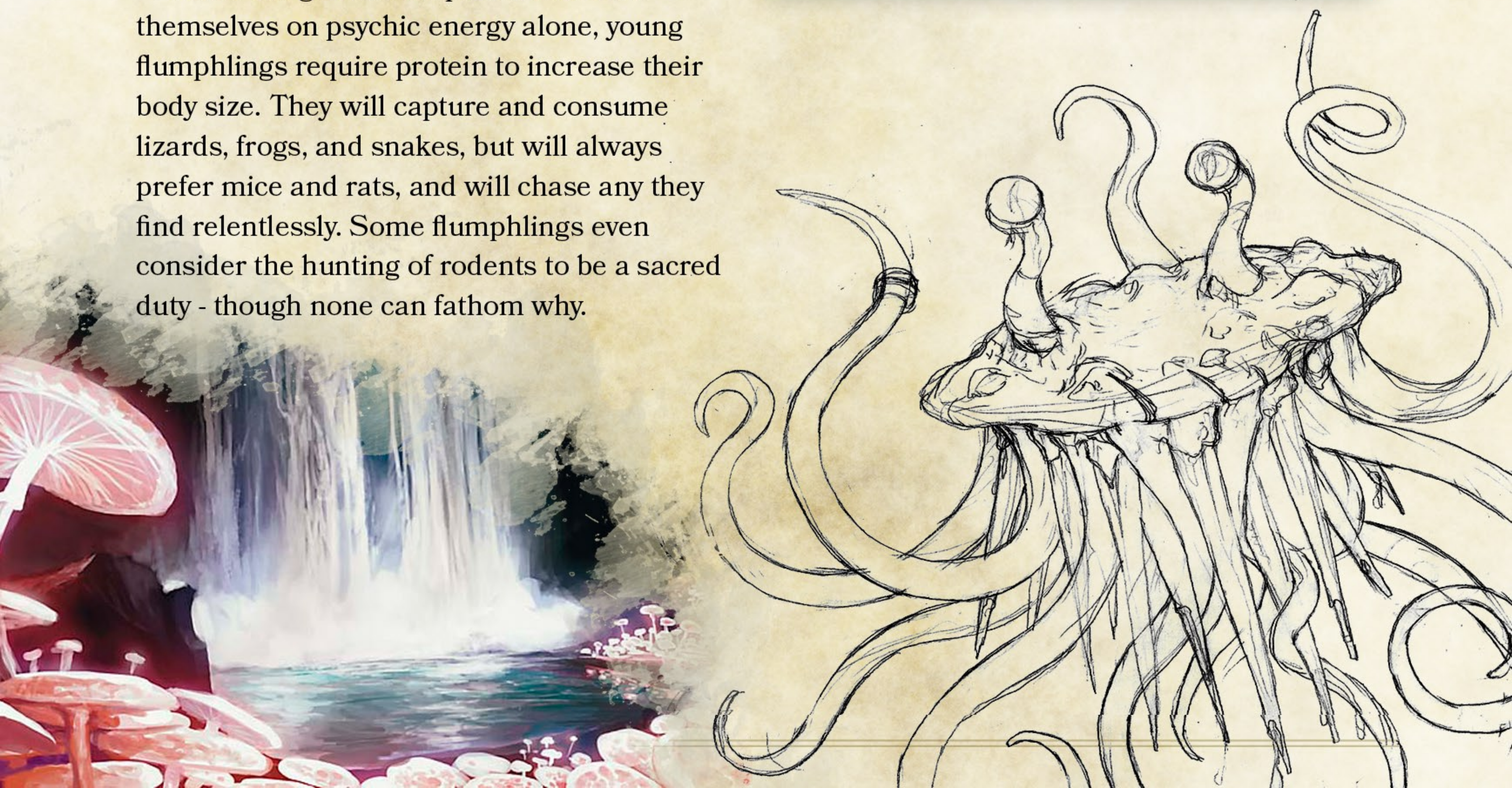
**Telepathic Shroud.** The flumphling is immune to any effect that would sense its emotions or read its thoughts without its consent. If the flumphling is serving as a familiar, this trait is shared by its companion as long as its companion is within 10 feet.

**Magic Resistance.** The flumphling has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

### ACTIONS

**Tendrils.** *Melee Weapon Attack:* +4 to hit, reach 5 ft., one creature. *Hit:* 4 (1d4+2) piercing damage plus 1 acid damage. At the end of each of its turns, the target must make a DC 11 Constitution saving throw, taking 1 (1d4-1) acid damage on a failure or ending the recurring acid damage on a success. A *lesser restoration* spell cast on the target also ends the recurring acid damage.

**Stench Spray (1/Day).** One creature within 15 feet of the flumphling must succeed on a DC 11 Dexterity saving throw or be coated in a foul-smelling liquid. A coated creature exudes a horrible stench for 1 hour. The coated creature is poisoned as long as the stench lasts, and other creatures are poisoned while within 5 feet of the coated creature. A creature can remove the stench on itself by using a short rest to bathe in water, alcohol, or vinegar.



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