# Regional Encounters A Basic Fantasy RPG Supplement

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#### Introduction

The existing BFRPG Wandering Monster wilderness tables include some variations based on region ecology but don't allow for level-appropriate encounters. For example, a group of Level 1 adventurers don't stand a chance against one hungry vampire! This document provides a set of tables to generate regionally-appropriate random encounters that add flavour to the main quest.

While this is presented as a Basic Fantasy RPG supplement it may be useful in a variety of different games. If you would like a copy of the Basic Fantasy Role-Playing Game Core Rules, please visit www.basicfantasy.org.

#### **Using These Rules**

The Wandering Monster tables in this supplement are arranged into regional areas. The encounters generated are intended to be balanced to provide flavour to the main quest rather than becoming life-or-death struggles.

The challenge range of each table is set by the die used. The lowest levels of challenge are generated using a d6, extending the challenge by using a d8 or a d12, with the most challenging encounters available through a d20, (reroll, choose, or do something special on a 17-20).

Encounter generation can also inform environment the players come across. For example, before an encounter with a Giant Funnel-web Spider the players may spot webs extending outwards from a dark tunnel; Skeletons might be found among piles of bleached bones; a Mummy might be found in a crumbling desert tomb.

Unless otherwise noted, monsters are available in the Core rule book.

#### Number appearing

In order to provide an appropriate level of challenge the monster as well as number appearing are levelled.

The number appearing column includes some unfamiliar nomenclature:

| Appearing | Generate with e.g.                          | Meaning   |  |
|-----------|---|---|--|
| 1         | n/a   | 1 appears   |  |
| (1)       | n/a   | Minimum 1 appears                                 |  |
| 1d2       | 1-2, 3-4 on a d4;<br>Odd vs even on any die | 1 or 2 appear                                     |  |
| 1d3       | 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 on a d6<br>d6/2, d12/4        | 1-3 appear  |  |
| 1d6-1     | 1d6, then subtract one                      | 0-5 appear  |  |
| 1d6-1 (1) | 1d6, subtract 1, minimum 1                  | 1-5 appear  |  |
| PC        | Number of players                           | 1 appears for every player                        |  |
| PC/2      | Half the number of players                  | 1 appears for every<br>2 players                  |  |
| PC+1d4    | Number of players, add 1d4                  | 1 appears for each<br>player, plus another<br>1-4 |  |
| PCd4      | 1d4 for each player                         | 1-4 appear for each player                        |  |

# Desert or Badland regions

| Level 1-2 encounters |                                    |                     |  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Die roll             | Creature or Group                  | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                    | Hawk                               | 1d4 (1)             |  |
| 2                    | Antelope                           | 1d3+2 (3)           |  |
| 3                    | Camel                              | 1d6+1 (2)           |  |
| 4                    | Fly, Giant                         | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 5                    | Snake, Giant Rattlesnake           | 1 (1)               |  |
| 6                    | Spider, Giant Funnel-web (as Crab) | 1 (1)               |  |
| 7                    | Beetle, Giant Bombardier           | PC/2 (1)            |  |
| 8                    | Gnoll (scouting party)             | PC-1 (1)            |  |
| 9                    | Living Statue, Crystal             | 1 (1)               |  |
| 10                   | Locust swarm (as Insect swarm)     | 1d3 (1)             |  |
| 11                   | Hyena                              | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 12                   | Fly, Giant                         | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 13                   | Gnoll (hunting party)              | PC+1 (1)            |  |
| 14                   | Harpy                              | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 15                   | Scorpion, Giant                    | 1 (1)               |  |
| 16                   | Skeleton                           | PCd4 (2)            |  |

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| Level 3-4 encounters |                                    |                     |  |
| Die roll             | Creature or Group                  | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                    | NPC Party: Settler (as Pilgrim)    | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 2                    | Snake, Pit Viper                   | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 3                    | Hawk, Giant                        | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 4                    | Skeleton                           | PCd2 (2)            |  |
| 5                    | Rhagodessa, Giant                  | 1 (1)               |  |
| 6                    | Lizard, Giant Draco                | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 7                    | Mummy                              | 1 (1)               |  |
| 8                    | Scorpion, Giant                    | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 9                    | Hangman Tree                       | 1 (1)               |  |
| 10                   | Spider, Giant Tarantula (Trapdoor) | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 11                   | Gnoll (raiding party)              | PCd2 (5)            |  |
| 12                   | Harpy                              | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 13                   | Ogre                               | 1d3 (1)             |  |
| 14                   | Wight                              | 1 (1)               |  |
| 15                   | Living Statue, Stone               | 1 (1)               |  |
| 16                   | Lizard, Giant Tuatara              | 1 (1)               |  |

| Level 5-6 encounters |                                    |                     |  |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Die roll             | Creature or Group                  | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                    | NPC: Trader (as Merchant)          | 1                   |  |
| 2                    | Fly, Giant                         | PCd2 (3)            |  |
| 3                    | Hyena                              | 1d8 (4)             |  |
| 4                    | Beetle, Giant Bombardier           | PC (2)              |  |
| 5                    | Spider, Giant Funnel-web (as Crab) | 2 (2)               |  |
| 6                    | Skeleton                           | PCd4 (2)            |  |
| 7                    | Gnoll (raiding party)              | PCd2 (5)            |  |
| 8                    | Roc (Normal)                       | 1 (1)               |  |
| 9                    | Lizard, Giant Tuatara              | 1 (1)               |  |
| 10                   | Manticore                          | 1 (1)               |  |
| 11                   | Gnoll and Hyena (hunting party)    | PC & PC/2 (4)       |  |
| 12                   | Spectre                            | 1 (1)               |  |
| 13                   | Mummy & Skeleton                   | 1 & PCd2 (2)        |  |
| 14                   | Roc (Normal)                       | 2 (2)               |  |
| 15                   | Scorpion, Giant                    | 2 (2)               |  |
| 16                   | Basilisk                           | 1 (1)               |  |

| Level 7-8 encounters |                                |                     |  |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Die roll             | Creature or Group              | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                    | NPC Group: Bandit              | PC+1 (3)            |  |
| 2                    | Locust swarm (as Insect swarm) | PC (3)              |  |
| 3                    | Rhagodessa, Giant              | 1d6 (2)             |  |
| 4                    | Basilisk                       | 1 (1)               |  |
| 5                    | Gnoll and Hyena (patrol)       | PCd2 & PC/2         |  |
| 6                    | Lizard, Giant Draco            | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 7                    | Elemental, Earth (as Staff)    | 1 (1)               |  |
| 8                    | Elemental, Air (as Staff)      | 1 (1)               |  |
| 9                    | Golem, Bone                    | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 10                   | Salamander (Flame)             | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 11                   | Manticore                      | 2 (2)               |  |
| 12                   | Mummy                          | 2 (2)               |  |
| 13                   | Rust Monster                   | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 14                   | Living Statue, Stone           | 1d3 (2)             |  |
| 15                   | Dragon, Blue (age 1)           | 1 (1)               |  |
| 16                   | Hydra (PC+1 heads, min 4)      | 1 (1)               |  |

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| Level 10-12 encounters |                                  |                     |  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Die roll               | Creature or Group                | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                      | NPC Group: Caravan (as Merchant) | 2d2                 |  |
| 2                      | Snake, Spitting Cobra            | 1d4 (1)             |  |
| 3                      | Spider, Giant Tarantula          | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 4                      | Skeleton                         | PCd4 (4)            |  |
| 5                      | Lizard Man (scouting party)      | PC+1 (2)            |  |
| 6                      | Locust swarm (as Insect swarm)   | PC+1 (3)            |  |
| 7                      | Basilisk                         | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 8                      | Salamander (Flame)               | PC/2 (1)            |  |
| 9                      | Elemental, Earth (as Device)     | 1 (1)               |  |
| 10                     | Elemental, Air (as Device)       | 1 (1)               |  |
| 11                     | Golem, Amber                     | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 12                     | Hydra (PC+1 heads, min 5)        | 1 (1)               |  |
| 13                     | Djinni                           | 1 (1)               |  |
| 14                     | Roc (Large)                      | 1 (1)               |  |
| 15                     | Dragon, Blue (age 3)             | 1 (1)               |  |
| 16                     | Dragon, Red (age 2)              | 1 (1)               |  |

|                     | Level 16                   | Level 16-18 encounters               |                     |  |  |  |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| Number<br>appearing | Die roll Creature or Group |                                      | Number<br>appearing |  |  |  |
| 2d2                 | 1                          | NPC Group: Caravan (as Merchant)     | 2d4                 |  |  |  |
| 1d4 (1)             | 2                          | NPC Group: Nomad (as Nobles)         | d6+5                |  |  |  |
| 1d4 (2)             | 3                          | Hangman Tree                         | 2 (2)               |  |  |  |
| PCd4 (4)            | 4                          | Basilisk                             | 1d4 (2)             |  |  |  |
| PC+1 (2)            | 5                          | Salamander (Flame)                   | PC/2 (1)            |  |  |  |
| PC+1 (3)            | 6                          | Lizard Man & Giant Tuatara (patrol)  | PCd2 (4) & 1        |  |  |  |
| 1d4 (2)             | 7                          | Wraith                               | 1d4 (1)             |  |  |  |
| PC/2 (1)            | 8                          | Elemental, Earth (as Spell)          | 1 (1)               |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 9                          | Elemental, Air (as Spell)            | 1 (1)               |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 10                         | Golem, Iron                          | 1d2 (1)             |  |  |  |
| 1d2 (1)             | 11                         | Rust Monster                         | PC-1 (3)            |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 12                         | Sand Worm (as Purple Worm)           | 2 (2)               |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 13                         | Hydra (PC+2 heads, min 5), plus Fire | 1d3 (2)             |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 14                         | Djinni                               | 1 (1)               |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 15                         | Efreeti                              | PC/2 (2)            |  |  |  |
| 1 (1)               | 16                         | Dragon, Red (age 6)                  | 1 (1)               |  |  |  |

| Level 13-15 encounters |                                  | Level 18            | 3+ encounters |                           |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Die roll               | Creature or Group                | Number<br>appearing | Die roll      | Creature or G             |
| 1                      | NPC Group: Caravan (as Merchant) | 2d2                 | 1             | NPC Group: Caravan (a     |
| 2                      | NPC Group: Nomad (as Nobles)     | d4+2                | 2             | NPC Group: Settlers (as   |
| 3                      | Snake, Pit Viper                 | 1d8 (4)             | 3             | Scorpion, Giant           |
| 4                      | Lizard Man (hunting party)       | PCd2 (4)            | 4             | Locust swarm (as Insect   |
| 5                      | Snake, Giant Rattlesnake         | 2 (2)               | 5             | Living Statue, Crystal    |
| 6                      | Mummy                            | 1d4 (3)             | 6             | Efreeti                   |
| 7                      | Skeleton                         | PCd4 (6)            | 7             | Elemental, Earth (as Spe  |
| 8                      | Roc (Large)                      | 2 (2)               | 8             | Elemental, Air (as Spell) |
| 9                      | Golem, Stone                     | 1d2 (1)             | 9             | Golem, Bronze             |
| 10                     | Hydra (PC+2 heads, min 5)        | 1d2 (1)             | 10            | Djinni                    |
| 11                     | Sand Worm (as Purple Worm)       | 1 (1)               | 11            | Sand Worm (as Purple V    |
| 12                     | NPC Group: Bandit                | PC+1 (3)            | 12            | Efreeti                   |
| 13                     | Elemental, Earth (as Device)     | 1d3 (1)             | 13            | Lizard Man & Giant Tua    |
| 14                     | Elemental, Air (as Device)       | 1d3 (1)             | 14            | Dragon, Red (age 7)       |
| 15                     | Dragon, Blue (age 5)             | 1 (1)               | 15            | Roc (Giant)               |
| 16                     | Dragon, Red (age 4)              | 1 (1)               | 16            | Roc (Giant)               |

| Level 18+ encounters |                                     |                     |  |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Die roll             | Creature or Group                   | Number<br>appearing |  |
| 1                    | NPC Group: Caravan (as Merchant)    | 2d4                 |  |
| 2                    | NPC Group: Settlers (as Pilgrim)    | d6+5                |  |
| 3                    | Scorpion, Giant                     | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 4                    | Locust swarm (as Insect swarm)      | PCd2 (3)            |  |
| 5                    | Living Statue, Crystal              | PC+1 (3)            |  |
| 6                    | Efreeti                             | PC/2 (2)            |  |
| 7                    | Elemental, Earth (as Spell)         | 1d3 (1)             |  |
| 8                    | Elemental, Air (as Spell)           | 1d3 (1)             |  |
| 9                    | Golem, Bronze                       | 1d2 (1)             |  |
| 10                   | Djinni                              | 1 (1)               |  |
| 11                   | Sand Worm (as Purple Worm)          | 1d4 (2)             |  |
| 12                   | Efreeti                             | PCd2 (2)            |  |
| 13                   | Lizard Man & Giant Tuatara (patrol) | PCd6 & PCd2         |  |
| 14                   | Dragon, Red (age 7)                 | 1 (1)               |  |
| 15                   | Roc (Giant)                         | 1 (1)               |  |
| 16                   | Roc (Giant)                         | 2 (2)               |  |

## **REGIONAL ENCOUNTERS**

Inhabited, Tamed, or Civilised regions

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Jungle

#### **REGIONAL ENCOUNTERS**

**Mountains or Hills** 

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Ocean

## **REGIONAL ENCOUNTERS**

Swamp

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Undead

#### **REGIONAL ENCOUNTERS**

**Grassland or Plains** 

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