

The Lich Queen of Yhangha

Despite being a powerful lizard-folk sorcerer, the undead Lich Queen is magically trapped within a small part of the ruined village of Yhangha. On the surface, this restricts her to stay within the area known as The Glade. Below the surface, she cannot leave the confines of the Temple Tomb complex. Above ground at night within The Glade, the stars are not those of Nibirum. Should they ever change back, the spell trapping her here would be broken, and the Lich Queen would be free to leave.

This portrait shows the Queen as she appears most of the time, with very pale scales, bones showing or poking through her skin, and with the piercing red eyes typical of many liches. While ancient, she is relatively young by contrast to much of the tomb complex where she resides. She has many magical abilities, and can, for instance, teleport instantly to any part of her tiny domain as she pleases. At night, she is often to be found gazing at the sky from the top of the Temple Tomb's ziggurat. She cannot be harmed by any blunt weapon, whether magical or mundane, and if harmed by other means, she regenerates quite rapidly.

Her long bone staff enhances her abilities considerably. It allows her to sense and open any locked or secret doors without effort. The staff has two skulls attached to it (they seem to have grown from it, so firmly are they fused to it, with the staff passing through the top of each skull). Both show the same scarlet eye-points as does the Queen. The upper skull is apparently missing its lower jaw, and is of an unidentifiable, perhaps extinct, humanoid creature. The lower skull is that of an adult human. The half-skull is a magical artifact in its own right, the Crown of Madness, which allows its owner (who would usually wear it as a skullcap, appropriately enough, although the Lich Queen does not need to) to force a target within sight to take a random action as often as required.

On the Queen's left index finger, she wears a jewelled Ring of Power. This provides magical armouring as if she were wearing full mail armour, increases all her own natural abilities (such as strength, intelligence, dexterity and so forth), gives her the ability to pass without leaving any footprints wherever she steps, and to cast low-level magical spells at will, as often as she desires.

It is thus scarcely surprising that the local ape-folk avoid and fear the whole area near Yhangha.