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COUGAR *Mountain Lion*

Cougars are native to Hârn, but are also found throughout northwestern Lythia. They mainly hunt the forested foothills of the Sorkin, Felsha, and Rayesha mountains. Pelts are mostly tawny brown, with patches of white on the underbelly. They are much smaller than the lion and tiger, but bigger than the dejekra and lynx. Adult males typically weigh 110 pounds and females are about 25% lighter.

Superstitions

The grace and power of the cougar are admired by all wilderness folk. Some barbarian tribes consider them to be sacred creatures. To many superstitious folk the terrifying wail of the cougar is a warning of death.

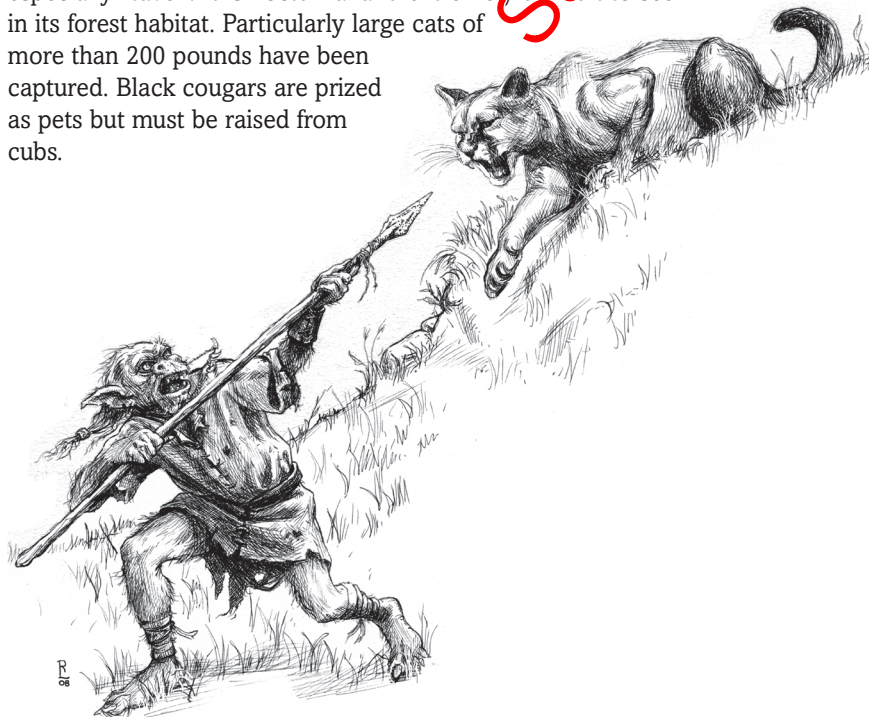
Habitat & Hunting

Cougar hunt wild deer and mountain goats and sheep. Domestic livestock in frontier settlements are also taken. Attacks on humans are rare, as cougar do not generally recognize humans as prey. However, a cougar will attack a hunter if cornered, or by females defending their cubs. When the cougar does attack, it usually employs its characteristic neck bite attempting to sever the spinal cord.

A female reaches sexual maturity at age two. Gestation is 90–105 days. The average litter is 2–4 cubs. The cubs stay with their mother until they are 13–18 months old. The male departs shortly after the mating season ends.

Subspecies

The BLACK COUGAR, or shadowcat, is associated with the dark churches, especially Naveh. It is nocturnal and extremely difficult to see in its forest habitat. Particularly large cats of more than 200 pounds have been captured. Black cougars are prized as pets but must be raised from cubs.



COUGAR

Habitat: Forest/Mountain
Length: 75"
Height: 24"
Weight: 110 lb
Diet: Carnivore
Lifespan: 10–15 years
Cycle: Twilight
Cost: 350d (healthy cub)

ATTRIBUTES

10 STR	16 EYE ¹	05 INT	13 END
11 STA	18 HRG	10 AUR	50 MOV
18 AGL	20 SML	18 WIL	

¹Night Vision +3

SKILLS

90 INITIATIVE	72 AWARENESS
90 DODGE	72 STEALTH
72 BITE 3P	72 TRACKING
90 CLAW 3E	60 INTIMIDATE
65 JUMP	20 SWIM

- –50% to be trained.
- +25 to AML when jumping down from above. Can aim for the upper body without penalty.

Armour

B4 E3 P1 F3 GAC 1

STRIKE LOCATIONS

01–15 Head
 16–20 Neck
 21–35 •Fore Leg
 36–58 Thorax
 59–63 Abdomen
 64–80 •Quarter (Hip)
 81–93 •Hind Leg
 94–00 Tail
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DEJEKRA

The Dark Thief

The dejekra is a long, lean, black cat. It is the only cat of this size that inhabits human settlements. It is a notorious thief and is active when the human settlement is quiet. It will hunt dogs, but prefers easier prey, like young livestock.

Superstitions

The dejekra are the preferred cats of the Navehans, who consider this dark thief sacred to Naveh. Some folk think each Dejekra contains the soul of a dead Navehan who failed to gain entrance to Kamil. A few Navehan temples are believed to breed the cats on Hårn.

A dejekra is often blamed if a child or valuable animal goes missing. Seeing a dejekra is known to foretell a death in the family. If a dejekra is caught within a village, it foretells a plague or famine in the coming season. A dejekra seen on a wedding day foretells that someone has been untrue (usually it's the visiting bride that's blamed; although if the bride is local, the blame is placed squarely on the groom).

Habitat & Hunting

Dejekra range natively through the unsettled lands of south-west Lythia and are sold throughout the Zhelorian states. A few have been sighted in the Mafani states, the Kingdom of Homora, and Azeryan. Bounties on the cats are common along the Venarian Sea.

The dejekra is a scavenger as much as a hunter and is reputed to eat everything, or at least try. Dejekra are patient hunters, but always seek easy prey. Their dark coloring allows them to ambush prey easily in the twilight hours and throughout the night, when they are most active.

A female is fertile after 18 months. Gestation is about 90 days. The average litter is 2-3 cubs. The cubs are born with a grey spotted coat that darkens as the cat gets older. There are no known dejekra subspecies.



DEJEKRA

Habitat: Forest/Civilized lands
Length: 36"
Height: 18"
Weight: 70 lb
Diet: Carnivore
Lifespan: 8-10 years
Cycle: Nocturnal
Cost: 350d (healthy cub)

ATTRIBUTES

09 STR	10 EYE ¹	06 INT	12 END
12 STA	18 HRG	11 AUR	28 MOV
19 AGL	16 SML	15 WIL	

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SKILLS

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