



THE **MAXOLOTL**

Aquatic agriculturalists with an unique
regenerative properties.

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Preferring the warm coastal shores of tropical locales, the Maxolotl are no strangers to those that reside along the coastline. While skittish at first, the communities that dwell in coastal reefs are often curious enough to make contact with those that would settle on the coast, even if it's just to give a cursory awareness of their presence. Though they clad themselves in leather and often carry a harpoon for hunting purposes, it's rare for the Maxolotl to be hostile to newcomers on their shores. Instead, they prefer to pursue relationships of mutual understanding with their neighbors. Those that disrespect the waters and their sanctity may just see the oceans themselves turn against them as the Maxolotl have little tolerance for those that sully their homes.

Most Maxolotl make their homes in the shallow reefs of pristine coasts where they set up small communities. Most of them are agriculturalists of some nature and often specialize in farming specific types of creatures or aquatic plants. Crustaceans, mollusks, small fish, and odd aquatic fruits make up their diet and they pride themselves on being self-sufficient within their own communities, often freely trading what they grow with others in their area. They form small farming communities which they refer to as pods where they see all of their needs met by the naturally fertile areas in which they inhabit. It's not unusual to find pods stretching up to 50

or 100 members, but much beyond that means that it's time for a few to break away and form their own pod elsewhere.

Curious by nature and able to amphibiously breathe above and below water, it's common to see them journey onto the shore close to where their pods form. Many that do venture onto shore prefer to take pitchers of water with them to douse their skin occasionally, helping to keep it moistened and protected from the harsh sun above the water. When meeting others, they are often curious to learn, through cautious in their initial approach. If those on shore seem to be amicable to their presence, they may return time and again to trade for exotic goods from the dry world to take back to their pods. It has been rumored that particularly friendly relationships with shore dwellers have even lead to some of them being considered an unofficial part of the Maxolotl pod, freely offering their aid and goods to shore dweller.

While they are good natured and understanding of the desire that shore dwellers may have to fish the waters, the Maxolotl are protective of their home and the creatures within it. If a pod of Maxolotl is found, most concur that it's best to work with the pod than against it. They often know the best areas with healthy fish populations that would be ripe for harvesting without harming the ecological balance of their ocean homes. Those who draw the ire of Maxolotl pods through overfishing or destruction of their home reefs often face an uphill battle to remain on the oceans for long. It's not

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CREATURE 5

N **MEDIUM** **HUMANOID** **AMPHIBIOUS**

Perception +12

Languages Common, Axolo

Skills Diplomacy +13, Medicine +16, Nature +13, Performance +13

Str +2, **Dex** +5, **Con** +5, **Int** +4, **Wis** +4, **Cha** +5

Chameleon The maxolotl's skin shifts and changes to match its surroundings. While it remains motionless, the maxolotl gains a +2 circumstance bonus to Stealth checks to Hide.

Wild Empathy The maxolotl can use Diplomacy to Make an Impression on animals and to make very simple Requests of them.

Items harpoon, leather armor

AC 22; **Fort** +17, **Ref** +15, **Will** +12

HP 78 regeneration 15 (deactivated by acid); **Weaknesses** 8 acid

Speed 30 feet, swim 30 feet

Melee ♦ claw +13, Damage 2d6+6 slashing

Ranged ♦ harpoon +13, Damage 1d8 piercing

Divine Prepared Spells DC 19, attack +11 ; **3rd** *heal* (×3); **2nd** *gentle repose*; **1st** *spirit link*; **cantrips (3rd)** *shield*

Gift of Life ♦♦ **Frequency** once per day; **Effect** The maxolotl touches a creature next to it and temporarily passes on its regenerative properties. For the next 1 minute, the creature gains regeneration 15 which can be deactivated by acid damage. For the duration of this effect, the maxolotl's regeneration ceases to function.

known exactly how the Maxolotl communicate with other species, but tales have been shared of whales, dolphins, and even sharks attacking boats that have run afoul of a Maxolotl pod.

Seeing themselves as tenders of their ocean home, the Maxolotl take their charge seriously. They seek a harmonious balance with the creatures and plant life that they farm for their own sustenance. Those who share their goals and understand their desire to protect the oceans, may just make themselves a friend of the pod. One of the greatest gifts they can bestow on an outsider is a charm they call the Axolittle. A reference to their shared history as much smaller, less developed creatures, these charms grant the wearer something that the Maxolotl hold dear, their powers of regeneration. Receiving one is no small honor and is often part of a greater ceremony made to honor those that the pod have deemed worthy.

The next time you journey to a warm coastal shore and are lucky enough to meet one of these creatures, do your best to understand their connection with the world around them. You just may learn something yourself.

TACTICS

Maxolotl are not fighters by nature, but will take up arms to defend their pod or the areas they have charged themselves with tending. They know that they are weak alone and prefer to work with other creatures to even the odds whenever possible. In a straight on fight with a single Maxolotl, they will flee for aid.

- Regeneration is one of the strongest properties that the Maxolotl have and they will utilize it by dropping back in a fight in order to heal and come back.
- When fighting multiple Maxolotls, they will attack and retreat in waves to slowly chip away at their enemy, knowing that their regeneration will keep them healed while their enemies suffer.
- With their mottled chameleon like skin, they will hide if they are unsure of the purpose of an encounter.
- If they take an unexpected amount of damage, they won't hesitate to utilize their heal spell.
- Wild Empathy is often used to gain favor with creatures around them and secure alliances for their pods.
- Gift of life is a powerful boon reserved for friends of the Maxolotl. Passing on their own regeneration is not something they take lightly.

SUGGESTED PAIRINGS

Maxolotl are group fighters and shouldn't be pitted against a party alone. Give them friends to battle alongside them.

- They will often make allies in the aquatic beings around them. It's not uncommon to see octopuses, sharks, whales, dolphins, and others come to their aid.
- They are typically friendly creatures so presenting social encounters first and foremost could see the party becoming their allies as well.



AXOLITTLE

ITEM 6

HEALING **INVESTED** **MAGICAL**

Price 232 gp

Usage worn necklace; **Bulk** L

Dwelling in the warm reefs of tropical coasts, the Maxolotls are a friendly culture that look at the world outside of their communities with a sense of wonder and curiosity. Those who welcome the Maxolotl or seek to become allies will often find themselves bestowed a gift from one of their craftsmen. This amulet is set with sparkling jade stones and adorned with a small, hand carved figure of an axolotl as seen from above. Holding it fills you with feelings of comfort as if floating in a warm pool.

While invested in this amulet, you are especially capable at tending to others. When you attempt a Medicine check to Treat Wounds on a creature other than yourself, you gain a +1 item bonus to that check.

Activate ♦♦ command; **Frequency** once per day; **Duration** 1 minute; **Effect** You speak a command word in the Maxolotl's native tongue and fill yourself with restorative properties similar to the creature. For the duration, you gain regeneration 15. This regeneration can be deactivated by acid damage.

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