

## Common Species

### Old Man Gloom

FILTHY INSECTS SCUTTLE IN PITCH BLACK, TIRELESS  
ERECTING TEMPLES OF WISDOM REVERSED  
GNAWING CAVERNS THROUGH THE FOLDS OF THE SOUL THROUGH VENTRICLE  
S AND VEINS  
PARASITIC SPAWN DEVOTED SERVANTS FIRST AS PUPAE INGESTED INHALE  
D IN THROUGH THE EYES THE EARS SQUIRMING IN THE MOUTH  
SWALLOWED INTO THE DEPTHS  
GROWING IN SUCCESSIVE WAVES  
THEIR COMMON SPECIES: LUST, ANGER, FOUL DECEPTION, THE SCOURGE  
OF THE AVERTED EYE  
IN WEAKNESS, IN BLINDNESS, AND IN SLUMBER, I AM RIGHTLY DEVOURE  
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THEIR BITES LEAVE NOT WELTS UPON THE SKIN BUT SCARS UPON THE SO  
UL  
MY TASK, TO BRING DOWN INTO THEIR MASSES WHITE FLAME  
A SALVE FOR ANCIENT WOUNDS, AND RENDER THEM TO NAUGHT