

World of Baliganapalli Fields

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Deep in rural South India there is a small pocket of opportunity between the wilderness filled with innumerable predators, and a poor human village of hungry farmers and game hunters. The land is a rich red, where coconuts, palm and mangos grow both wild and cultivated. All are at the mercy of nature, with her sudden deluges of the monsoon and long, unforgiving droughts. Life is hard and rabbits have learned to endure and follow tradition in order to survive. Each and every rabbit knows their place and those who step out of line often pay a dear price.

Questions: The Warren

- What is the most sacred part of the warren?
- How is the social order of the warren structured? Which rabbits are highest? Which are the lowest? Where are you in the structure?
- Which superstitions rule the warren?
- Why won't the bush rabbits join your warren?
- How does the warren deal with the outbreak of disease?
- Who was born into the slums of the warren?
- Who is responsible for tricking the wild dogs away from the warren?
- What happens when the monsoon rains come?
- Who was the last rabbit to be driven out of the warren by gossip?
- How does the warren survive the long droughts?
- What festival is most anticipated at the warren?

Questions: Stakes

- What is your relationship with the local macaque troupe?
- How do you deal with the human hunters?
- What do you do when the warren is flooded?
- What will happen if you disobey your elders?
- Why do you stick to the edge of the village?
- What sacrifices are made during a famine?
- What will you do if the pack of wild dogs gets larger?

Questions: Situation

- Is it day or night or somewhere between?
- Is it during the monsoon or a long drought?
- Who is infected by disease in the warren?
- What recent change have the humans made to the land?
- Which elder has died?
- Where does the blame fall?

Questions: Relationship

- Who thinks you are an insufficient mate?
- Who is your favorite storyteller?
- Who thinks you do not keep to the traditions?
- Who is your closest family?
- Who do you gossip about the most?
- Who do you seek approval from?
- Who knows your secret?

Names

The Bush:

mango, papaya, ragi, elephant grass, jackfruit, bur-flower, gooseberry, coconut palm, eucalyptus, sugarcane, custard apple fruit, drumstick, jasmine, turmeric

Baliganapalli Rabbits:

Babu, Saranya, Neema, Dakshi, Lahar, Arun, Madhumati, Paandu, Bakul, Lakshmi, Kajri

Rabbits in the Deep Bush:

Praveen, Nanda, Lokesh, Bhavani, Harish, Maheswari

The Wild Dogs:

Sarama the Head Bitch, Ankit the damaged, Riya the Singer, Sahila the Guide, Sanjiv the Ancient

Snakes:

krait, king cobra, bamboo pit viper, whip snake, spectacled cobra, Russell's viper, saw-scaled viper

Other Creatures:

black kite, macaque monkey, white humped cow, heron, palm squirrel, sheep, bandicoot rat, peregrine falcon, goat, wild bees, geckos

the warren

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NPCs

NIRMALA, a Baliganapalli rabbit

Trait: Gossip Monger

Voice: Sly and Matronly

- Stir up bad feelings
- Gain from strife
- Superstitious
- Enforces tradition

SUNIL, a bandicoot rat

Trait: Scavenger

Voice: Furtive, opportunistic

- Forage from garbage
- Eat others' food
- Sneak through the village
- Spread disease

SEEFA, a deep bush rabbit

Trait: Pragmatic

Voice: hardened and terse

- Take on a snake
- Knows secrets of the land
- Endure the elements
- Hide an injury

DHIWA, the cow

Trait: Plodding

Voice: Cheerful, wise

- Chew cud
- Wander the village and fields
- Keep a benevolent eye out for the rabbits
- Sound the alarm

Predators

SARAMA, the Head Bitch

Trait: Ravenous, eternally ravenous

Voice: Conniving

- Lead a rabble
- Avoid getting caught by humans
- Make sport of the hunt
- Look for easy opportunities

MANA, the black kite

Trait: Lonely

Voice: Distant, aloof

- Pierce with sharp talons
- Swoop from above
- Avoid casting a shadow
- Call for her mate

HASAN, the spectacled cobra

Trait: Seductive

Voice: Warm, generous, inviting

- Sing lullabies
- Stare into the eyes of his prey
- Avoid the sharp hooves of cows and goats
- Slips into the tall grass

HUNTER, a human

Trait: Hungry

Voice: Methodical, shrewd

- Pace steadily through the brush
- Throw rocks with a sling
- Set snare
- Track rabbit signs

Threats

THREAT OF THE MONSOON

Intent: To force the rabbits out of the warren

- It just keeps raining
- The water in the vegetable fields rises
- A tunnel collapses
- Nowhere to hide

THREAT OF CLEAR CUTTING FIRES

Intent: to yield more farmland

- Smoke and fear fill the air
- Flames get close to the warren
- Other animals are herded toward the warren
- Rabbits are lost in the chaos

THREAT OF THE SNAKE NEST

Intent: to feed on the warren

- A krait finds easy pickings
- Many eggs hatch
- They are tiny and everywhere
- Kraits thrive and breed more

THREAT OF DROUGHT

Intent: to scorch the landscape

- Endless dry heat
- Vegetation withers
- Humans are hungrier
- Famine strikes the land

THREAT OF DISEASE

Intent: to spread through the warren

- Rabbits get sick
- Sick rabbits are driven out
- Rabbits die in large numbers

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Custom Moves

Gossip

When you try and undermine a rabbit through gossip, air your idle chatter aloud and roll +shrewd. On a 10+, you succeed and the warren views the rabbit negatively. -1 Forward for Speak Plainly. On a 7-9, the gossip runs amok, your victim knows its source and you are viewed equally badly. -1 Forward for both you and your target.

Tradition

When following tradition in dealing with a problem, roll +steady. On a 10+, take +1 Forward. On a 7-9, take +1 Forward and choose 2 consequences of your interpretation of tradition:

- The elders of the warren disapprove
- The gods are angered and you gain a curse
- Your interpretation causes social upheaval within the warren
- Your interpretation damages a sacred place or object of the warren



SCHOOL

CHILDREN

GOAT

OLD TREE

BE CAREFUL!

FARMERS

WATERING HOLE

VIEWPOINT

WET

THE ORCHARD

CHATTY BIRDS

WILD GRASS

CULVERT

VILLAGE

DOGS?

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