

SECTION 116: THE CITRUS FAMILY

CHAPTER 362: ORANGES

OVERVIEW

Oranges (fig. 19.3.1) are a sweet citrus fruit. Oranges are rich in vitamin C and are an excellent way to prevent scurvy.

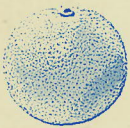


Fig. 19.3.1: an orange.

LINKAGE

Every orange is linked to a sentient entity on this plane.

Usually invisible, the bond between the orange and the entity is visible to the naked eye only under rare and specific circumstances.

The bond is dynamic and shifting. When the linked entity perishes, the orange will respond by decaying and becoming a ghost orange.

PLANAR TRANSLOCATION

If an orange is taken to a plane not inhabited by its linked entity, the orange's power level will change.



POWER LEVEL INCREASES OR DECREASES ON A LOGARITHMIC SCALE.

LIFE SLINGSHOT

If a linked entity perishes but subsequently returns to life, its bonded orange becomes an anti-orange. The orange's anti-state of anti-existence creates a nullification field. This nullifies all nearby nutrition runes, including protein wards and carb hexes.

GHOST ORANGE

A ghost orange sublimates into a Juicy Wisp. Juicy Wisps are invisible and intangible. However, they can be smelled by Custodians (fig. 19.3.2).

Juicy Wisps wander the plane until they are absorbed by the wet nose of a Custodian.



Fig. 19.3.2: a Custodian

REUNION

Upon contact with the wet nose of a Custodian, the Juicy Wisp loses its corporeal form and enters a non-Euclidean pocket.

HURT WAVE

A Hurt Wave is a collective experience. Across the plane, all oranges are washed over with a lingering bittersweet ache. They feel the loss of one of their own – the texture of their skin, the fullness of their pulp, their one-of-a-kind indescribable citrus zing that once existed but will never exist again. Within a pinprick of a moment, they are drenched in an ocean of orange experiences. It is debilitating and breathtaking.

SHADOW SERPENT

In rare instances, a Shadow Serpent (fig. 19.3.3) will accidentally discover a Juicy Wisp. If a Shadow Serpent manages to consume and digest a Juicy Wisp, the Juicy Wisp will immediately return to corporeal form, not as an orange, but as an apple.



Fig. 19.3.3: a Shadow Serpent.