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UNICORN INFO

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Unicorns live forever unless they are killed. They can be black or brown or other colors, not only white.



The horn of a unicorn is called an alicorn and it was believed to hold magical and medicinal properties.



In medieval and Renaissance times, the tusk of a narwhal was sometimes sold as unicorn horn.



The unicorn was traditionally thought to be the natural enemy of the lion.

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Unicorns are difficult to capture. It was once thought that to avoid capture a unicorn would jump off a high cliff and twist in the air landing on its horn, whose magical powers would save it from death.



The national animal of Scotland is the unicorn. The British Coat of Arms features a unicorn to represent Scotland, and a lion to represent England.



The Venetian explorer, Marco Polo (in the late 1200s), thought the rhinoceros was a unicorn.



National Unicorn Day is on April 9th each year.

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Elves have pointy ears



Elves are always right, and never wrong.



Elves do not get on well with dwarves



Elves either live a very long time, e.g. 700 years, or some elves live forever, i.e. never die from old age; though they can be killed.

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Although elves live for centuries once they reach maturity, their bodies do not age.



Elves are often considered more beautiful than humans.



Elves are a proud warrior race.



Elves believe their race and culture are better than all others.

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A little dragon is called a 'dragonet." However, in mythology, smaller dragons were often more fierce and deadly than larger ones.



People who study dragons are called dragonologists.



In early dragon stories, before flying became popular, dragons would drop out of trees onto people's heads.



In many Western myths, dragons hoard gold and jewels.

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Dragons are often linked to natural elements. European dragons breathe fire, while Asian dragons control water, rain, rivers, and storms



Dragons are often shown as breathing fire. But there are dragons known for exhaling ice while others may emit toxic vapours.



Red-coloured gemstones are sometimes called 'dragon stones' because they were believed to be hardened lumps of dragon blood.



Ancient Chinese emperors claimed they were direct descendants of dragons, and the dragon was a sacred symbol of the throne

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Dwarves are known to be grumpy, especially when dealing with elves, whom they distrust.



Dwarves love treasure and hoard their gold, jewels and precious metals.



Dwarves never go bald. All the members of one clan will usually braid their beards the same way.



Dwarves are resistant to poison and magic, ie hostile magic spells won't work on them. But they can create magic tools, armor and weapons, instruments and toys

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Dwarves live in caves and tunnels where they mine precious metals and gems.



Dwarves are great in a battle. They love to fight close-range. Their favorite weapons are axes and hammers.



Dwarves live about 250 years. They are never considered an adult until they are 65 years old.



Female dwarves look like male dwarves. Some writers say they grow beards too, some writers say they don't.

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