

LICH

Natural Habitat: Crypts, Ruins

Frequency: Very Rare

Number: 1

Description: A lich is an undead Adept, usually but sometimes a cleric/priest, who has used its magical powers to unnaturally extend its life.

A lich is a gaunt and skeletal humanoid with withered flesh stretched tight across horribly visible bones. Its eyes have long ago been lost to decay, but bright pinpoints of crimson light burn on in the empty sockets.

Liches speak Common plus any other languages they knew in life.

Talents, Skills, and Magic: These creatures may use any and all human skills, talents, and magic that they knew in their mortal life, though they cannot access these abilities until they achieve some degree of sentience. In general, they will be at least Rank 10 with whatever College of Magic they studied while alive. They can use weapons, wear armor and carry shields just as they did when they were alive. Their touch is frighteningly chilled, and any character that comes into contact with a lich suffers D+4 damage. This damage is never absorbed by normal armor.

Movement Rates: Running: 150

PS: 30-45 **MD:** 15-25 **AG:** 15-25 **MA:** 20-30

EN: 20-35 **FT:** 25-40 **WP:** 25-30 **PC:** 20-30

PB: 3-7 **TMR:** 6 **NA:** None

Weapons: Lich are treated as humans for all purposes in combat, except that they cannot be harmed by non-magical weapons. In addition, the touch of a Lich causes D+4 damage, which cannot be absorbed by mundane armor.

Comments: An integral part of becoming a lich is creating a magic phylactery in which the character stores its life force. As a rule, the only way to get rid of a lich for sure is to destroy its phylactery. Unless its phylactery is located and destroyed, a lich reappears 1d10 days after its apparent death.

Each lich must make its own phylactery or with an appropriate Artisan skill or a Mechanician, which requires rank 10. The character must be a Shaper or able to work with one with a well stocked laboratory of at least rank 11. The phylactery costs 264*d* and the Shaping of it costs 165,280*d*.

The most common form of phylactery is a sealed metal box containing strips of parchment on which magical phrases have been transcribed.

Other forms of phylacteries can exist, such as rings, amulets, or similar items.