

ADVENTURE BOX page:

Slusque the Mind Eater Adventure Box

This month, our limited-edition Adventure Box presents the brain-eating “Slusque” with decorated glassware and other collectible articles. Want to save 10% and never miss a box?

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What’s in the Adventure Box?

- One 16 oz pint glass adorned with a mid-lunch Slusque!
- Two beautiful pulpboard coasters
- A ready-to-paint miniature featuring a battle-ready Slusque!
- A stainless steel bottle opener
- Nifty Adventure Drinkware stickers
- A detailed character sheet so you can use Slusque to meticulously slaughter adventurers in your current D&D campaign.

Craving more treasures?

Check out the equally awesome add-on items, including a t-shirt, full-color poster, stone coasters, and more.

More Information:

- *A great gift for those who appreciate intelligent, horrific, cross-dimensional beings who feast on BRAAAAINS!*
- *Only available for ONE MONTH!*
- So....this is another chance to begin (or continue) your Adventure Drinkware collection.
- *We only use lead-free inks.*
- *Care instructions:* Although our prints are indeed resilient, we recommend washing the glass by hand to ensure permanency and vivid coloration.

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Slusque is a deadly, dastardly, uncomely creature who enjoys eating brains. Slusque, however, prefers the brains of absolutely terrified victims (which describes most of his victims, considering his general appearance, his psychic assaults of intrusive, disgusting thoughts, and those writhing, jiggling mouth tentacles). Yuck!

So, Slusque enjoys feeding on the terrified. And because of this, his devious machinations drive potential victims through a gauntlet (technically, a fabricated maze somewhere in the Underdark) of strategized horrors – horrors consisting of lesser predators that “tenderize” the victim’s psychic terror. And when the victim finally arrives at the end of his/her/its travails, they meet Slusque, who, stroking his tendrils like a villain’s handlebar mustache, reveals himself as the true, previously veiled threat. And then he feasts.

Slusque the Mind Eater T-Shirt

Made from 100% cotton, this mind eater t-shirt features the manipulative “Slusque” – he was about to feast (hence the clutched brain), but was interrupted. So, the unfortunate (and rude) interrupter is about to receive a brain-murdering Mind Blast. Yes, it’s cruel, but they brought it on themselves. I suppose it’s better than becoming a thrall, or a walking, formerly talking brain snack.

More Information:

- *A great gift for fans of Dungeons and Dragons*, and the terrible monsters it created to very specifically feast on brains. Because eating brains is disgusting, especially when the subject is very much alive (well, until the third or fourth bite).
- *Wear it around the house*, while playing Dungeons and Dragons, or while asserting your mental superiority over lesser beings who, let’s be honest, immediately fall under the following two categories: Food and slaves.
- *Care instructions*: Although our prints are quite resilient, we recommend turning the shirt inside out before sacrificing it to the “Great, Spinning Maw of Enchanted Self-Washing” (i.e., your washing machine). And then, we recommend examining the label to ensure constant and prolonged use.

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Slusque the Mind Eater Sandstone Coasters

Crafted from solid sandstone, these mind eater sandstone coasters feature the diabolical Slusque. And if he doesn't eat your brain outright, he'll annihilate your ability to do math, and make you forget the color orange with a barrage of memory-killing Mind Blasts.

Measuring 5.25" across in diameter, these solid coasters feature a creature based on one of Dungeons and Dragons' most horrific creatures – a creature that prefers brains over beer, and never dares place a glass of chilled brain juice on an unprotected surface. I mean, not without a coaster. Duh.

More Information:

- *A great gift for those who don't immediately retch at the sight of squid-headed aliens munching dribbling brain parts between undulating face tendrils! EEEEWWW!*
- *These mind eater coasters are perfect for avoiding those terrible, circular stains on your refinished wooden gaming table! They're decorative, useful, collectible, and a little disgusting (considering the subject matter).*

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Slusque the Mind Eater Poster (Product Description)

Available in two sizes and printed on semi-gloss poster paper, this full-color poster features the manipulative “Slusque” – you interrupted his lunch, so he’s psionically pummeling you into a state of persistent drooling.

Yeah, let’s....let’s not disturb Slusque while eating. He’s....easily aggravated (and violently self-conscious).

More Information:

- *The perfect gift for those who appreciate the horrific biology of super-intelligent brain eaters!* Hang it on the wall of your den, gaming room, bedroom, or wherever thralls congregate (in order to assert psionic dominance).
- This high-quality mind eater poster will look AMAZING in a frame. It will also secrete a shiny mucus coating if one feeds it brains regularly. (No, it will not do that. And mashing brains against a poster is disgusting, and probably the result of something illegal).
- *Care instructions:* After hanging, we recommend avoiding direct eye contact to reduce the chances of *accidental* mental enslavement.

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Slusque the Mind Eater 3930 Hat

Based on a certain creature found in DnD's *Monster Manual* and available in multiple sizes, this fitted hat features an embroidered iteration of "Slusque." And Slusque, although quite happy with his hat, is made unusually peckish by what lies underneath. Namely, brains.

More Information:

- This fitted hat features a curved bill and an embroidered "Adventure Drinkware" logo on the back.
- The perfect gift for fans of Dungeons & Dragons, and any number of enthralling RPGs where beasts dwelling in the Underdark will absolutely enslave you, or snack upon you.
- *This fully embroidered mind eater hat will be the talk of your next Dungeons and Dragons session, or command people to be the talk of your next Dungeons and Dragons campaign.*

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Slusque the Mind Eater 5950 Flat-Billed Hat

Available in multiple sizes but NOT a means to cover facial tendrils, this fitted, flat-billed hat features a fully embroidered “Slusque.” This fashionable 5950 flat-bill hat does NOT contain a mind eater tadpole that may enter your skull, slowly consume your brain, and ultimately transform you into a horrifying mind eater. Nope. No chance of that happening.

More Information:

- This fitted hat features an embroidered “Adventure Drinkware” logo on the back. So, it’s official Adventure Drinkware merch.
- You said, “Hey, something that eats brains would be cool.” And we said, “Voila!”
- *This fully embroidered, flat-billed hat is the perfect gift for those who appreciate one of DnD’s most formidable (and icky) foes.*

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Slusque the Mind Eater Snapback Hat

This black and adjustable hat features a fully embroidered image of the especially devious “Slusque.” And he (or rather, “it,” considering it’s sexless and lays eggs) isn’t here to play darts and Scrabble – it’s here to outmaneuver you in every conceivable way, and then consume your spongy thinkin’ box. Yep.

More Information:

- This fitted hat features an embroidered “Adventure Drinkware” logo on the back. That means it’s official Adventure Drinkware headwear!
- The back features an adjustable “snapback” tab to ensure a comfortable fit. And that airy “netting?” Why, that keeps one’s head cool, but offers little protection against slobbering, brain-hungry head tendrils.
- *This fully embroidered, flat-billed hat celebrates a classic, truly terrifying DnD monster that’s been terrorizing ill-prepared characters since the very first edition of Dungeons and Dragons.*

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Slusque the Mind Eater Blog

Slusque is smart. Smart enough to lure you through a terror-filled gauntlet with psionically enthralled beasts driven to madness with one singular, unassailable thought: “Eat the target, and don’t stop eating until said target is simply a pile of skinless, spotless bones.”

Of course, if you survive the gauntlet and make it to Slusque (who loves to reveal himself as the master manipulator behind your seemingly unrelated but beyond coincidental woes), he’ll psychically compel you, painfully, to walk into a nearby spinning saw or other mechanically motivated stabbing contraptions. And then, standing over you, he’ll pontificate about your silly (but grisly) demise in a horrible, squishy language that usually induces pancreatic cancer or exploding appendages.

Slusque enjoys acts of horrendous experimentation. Normally, itty-bitty Mind Eater tadpoles are placed in human brains (in order to transform said humans into finicky adult Mind Eaters). But Slusque, out of macabre curiosity, employs variations of this vomit-inducing life cycle. Although commanded by the Elder Brain to place tadpoles in humans, Slusque, able to deflect some of the Elder Brain’s influence, usually slips a few tadpoles in his pocket, moves to a secret location beyond the Elder Brain’s influence, and places the tadpoles...in a selection of lesser creatures. So, if you see a rabbit with writhing face tentacles suck out the brains of a wandering young squire? Well, you know EXACTLY who’s responsible for such a cuddly, cotton-tailed killer.

About that ability to dismiss, ever so slightly, the Elder Brain’s influence.

That giant brain sitting in a gore-filled, amniotic goo, and positioned in the colony’s centermost point for casting efficient psychic influence? Well, it usually has the ultimate say over most Mind Eaters. But Slusque? Well, he’s a little different – perhaps more evolved. You see, there’s a sliver of Slusque’s consciousness the Elder Brain can’t control. Within the Elder Brain’s range of influence, Slusque is certainly compelled by its thoughts, and acts on them accordingly. However, if he really isn’t a fan? He can offer an inkling of resistance. And if he has his own opinion, and wishes to act upon it unilaterally? He can hold that thought, hide it from the Elder Brain’s encroaching, ever-present awareness, and once outside the Elder Brain’s psychic radius, act autonomously on that thought. (Although some Mind Eaters do desire a higher station and more respect within the colony, ultimately, they must yield to the Elder Brain’s control. And they could never, EVER hide strains of dangerous, rebellious thinking from said Elder Brain.)

Because of Slusque’s unique portion of inviolable awareness, he has plans to overtake, and perhaps mutate himself into (after several hundred more hours of experimentation and incantation), the colony’s Elder Brain.

Slusque LOVES his favorite thrall, Tom.

Like all Mind Eaters, Slusque has a band of attentive thralls. But he's fond of one in particular – "Tomszzzzsizzlephizzzzkit" (as spoken in his preferred, disgusting tongue), or simply, "Tom."

Tom, you see, genuinely works to please Slusque. And Slusque, appreciating Tom's pleasing fervor, genuinely appreciates Tom's effort. And Tom, being a particularly strong ogre, has, on several occasions, protected Slusque from falling rocks, arbitrary questing adventurers, and occasional bands of determined knights who, under royal decree, seek to kill the horrific squid-faced devil turning bunnies into brain-starved beasts.

When Slusque does battle, he dons battle armor.

Although not usually one to confront foes head-on (he prefers veiled, villainous machinations), he dons a particular battle armor made by elven blacksmiths under extreme duress. And if he's wearing armor, that means he's wielding a crescent-moon staff to horribly stab those who survive a surgical, psionically hurled thought-spear.

In summation: If you see Slusque (or any Mind Eater, for that matter), stay away. Stay far, far away. Unable to distinguish between Slusque and any other Mind Eater? Then look for the closely following ogre wearing a "Team Slusque" t-shirt. Yep.

Armor Class: 15 (breastplate)/20 with battle armor
Hit Points 71 (13d8 + 13)
Speed 30 ft.

STR DEX CON INT WIS CHA
11 (+0) 12 (+1) 12 (+1) 19 (+4) 17 (+3) 17 (+3)

Saving Throws: INT +8, WIS +6, CHA +6
Skills: Arcana +8, Deception +6, Insight +6, Perception +6,
Persuasion +6, Stealth +4
Senses: Darkvision (they misspelled it) 130 ft, Passive Perception 16
Languages: Deep Speech, Undercommon, Telepathy 120 ft
Challenge: 7 (2,900 XP)

Magic Resistance. Slusque has advantage on saving throws against spells and other magical effects.

Innate Spellcasting (Psionics). His innate spellcasting ability is Intelligence (spell save DC15). He can innately cast the following spells, requiring no components:

At will: *detect thoughts*, *levitate*
1/day each: *dominate monster*, *plane shift* (self only)

ACTIONS-

Face Tentacle Assault: Melee (misspelled) Weapon Attack: +8 to hit, reach 6 ft., one creature. *Hit:* 15 (2d10 + 4) psychic damage. If his target is Medium or smaller, it is grappled (escape DC 15) and must succeed on a DC 15 Intelligence saving throw or be stunned until this grapple ends.

Living Brain Buffet: Melee Weapon Attack +8 to hit, reach 6 ft., one incapacitated humanoid grappled by Slusque. *Hit:* 55 (10d10) piercing

damage. If this damage reduces the target to 0 hit points, the mind eater kills the target by extracting and devouring its brain.

Mind Blast (Recharge 5-6): Slusque magically emits psychic energy in a 60-foot-cone. Each creature in that area must succeed on a DC 15 Intelligence saving throw or take 22 (4d8 + 4) psychic damage and be stunned for 1 minute. A creature can repeat the saving throw at the end of each of its turns, ending the effect on itself on a success.

SLUSQUE'S LAIR

Let's remove "illithids or" from "Most illithids or Mind Eaters belong to a colony of sibling creatures in the Underdark devoted to an Elder Brain - a massive brain-like being that resides in a briny pool near the heart of the community. From the pool, the Elder Brain telepathically dictates its desires to each individual mind eater within 5 miles of it, for it is able to hold multiple (was misspelled) conversations (was misspelled) at once."

Let's add: *Because of Slusque's unique ability to ignore some of the Elder Brain's influence, he created for himself, in secret (of course), a sizable lab/experimental chamber. It's stuffed with books (magical tomes, ancient books featuring ghastly anatomy and other-dimensional horrors – perhaps instructionals followed by, or created by, Slusque himself throughout his immoral experimentation), and sizable glass tubes or vertical glass chambers filled with terrible, misshapen bodies of failed or in-progress alterations.*

And yes, that's Tom the ogre by his side – he's fetching very sharp tools, delicate but spiky instruments, and occasionally glass vials (which he often spills, leading to harsh, hissing reprimands from an infuriated Slusque).

Let's get rid of "LAIR ACTIONS" and "REGIONAL EFFECTS"

Introducing June's New Adventure Box: Slusque the Mind Eater!

Adventure Box #3 is here, and it's compelling you – through painful psionic suggestion – to purchase its contents: Several awesome items adorned with the disgusting, brain-gorging Slusque!

[Image of box w/ items or character]

Want to own, at your peril, this geeky selection of collectible items featuring a creature who regularly eats brain matter on rye (with a side of wormy 'slaw)? Hit the button and secure your limited-edition Slusque the Mind Eater Adventure Box:

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Did You Know....

,... a character sheet comes with every Adventure Box? That means you can actually use Slusque to torment adventurers in any 5th Edition D&D campaign. Don't be merciful – we recommend utilizing Slusque to consume, grossly, the helmeted gray matter of any player foolish enough to confront him.

Insert basic image of character sheet

Want to learn more about the malicious Slusque who strategizes the destruction of local adventurers while creating more Mind Eaters from previously cuddly creatures? Then you need to read more about Slusque, and learn exactly how to spot him (and therefore, successfully avoid him).

BUTTON: ["Read More About Slusque" (Leads to Blog Post)]

June's Featured Artist: Slusque is courtesy of renowned artist/writer Tim Seeley. A seasoned comic book professional, Tim is responsible for acclaimed creator-owned titles like *Revival* and *Hack/Slash*, and worked on several more books for big-time publishers like DC, Marvel, Darkhorse, and Image. Learn a little more about Tim, and where to see/read more of his compelling work.

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