

This is a system agnostic creative tool to help in the generation of story hooks, keyed with a fairly general medieval fantasy setting in mind.



Random Story Table

Description: This is a table I created to allow for the creation of random encounters on the fly. Rolling once on each column gives you a three word list with an animal, a person and an object, which you can then use as a starting point for your adventure, encounter or sea shanty. I've found that this three word dynamic is usually enough to generate enough creative force to come up with an event or a challenge on the fly.

Alternately, the table can be used to generate quite passable tavern names by using just two of the columns at a time.

D100	Animal	Person	Object
1	Cat	Gongfarmer	Cadaver
2	Hen	Farmer	Carcass
3	Rooster	Butcher	Skull
4	Piglet	Baker	Skeleton
5	Sow	Chandler	Bloodstain
6	Hog	Tinker	Heart
7	Cow	Tailor	Gallows

TABLE A: Random Story Hooks

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8	Bull	Soldier	Gibbet
9	Lamb	Spy	Plague
10	Sheep	Priest	Midden
11	Ram	Sexton	Wardrobe
12	Pony	Peasant	Backpack
13	Donkey	Quacksalver	Vial
14	Mule	Cobbler	Jug
15	Watch dog	Minister	Barrel
16	Hunting hound	Beggar	Box
17	War dog	Thief	Trunk
18	Gelding	Sailor	Cauldron
19	Mare	Bosun	Bucket
20	Stallion	Captain	Basket
21	Snail	Commodore	Ham
22	Hedgehog	Sergeant	Egg
23	Mouse	General	Cheese wheel
24	Squirrel	Merchant	Wineskin
25	Rabbit	Marksman	Turnip
26	Hare	Woodcutter	Pumpkin
27	Otter	Tracker	Pie
28	Beaver	Hunter	Apple
29	Deer	Trapper	Stew
30	Elk	Landlord	Herb
31	Goat	Watchman	Crossroads
32	Goose	Sheriff	Castle
33	Sparrow	Knight	Bridge
34	Magpie	Lady	Roadhouse

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35	Swan	Princess	Stable
36	Crane	Baron	Tavern
37	Seagull	King	Portal
38	Crab	Pontiff	Garden
39	Eel	Maiden	Well
40	Fowl	Minstrel	Hearth
41	Stoat	Lover	Bog
42	Weasel	Bastard	Glade
43	Fox	Liar	Outhouse
44	Badger	Knave	Cavern
45	Wolverine	Paragon	Cellar
46	Wolf	Miser	Graveyard
47	Bear	Wastrel	Bedroom
48	Lynx	Braggart	Kitchen
49	Cougar	Scholar	Campfire
50	Raven	Buffoon	Market
51	Hawk	Elf	Dagger
52	Eagle	Dwarf	Blade
53	Condor	Halfling	Axe
54	Vulture	Gnome	Hammer
55	Owl	Pixie	Lance
56	Viper	Dryad	Sling
57	Pike	Satyr	Bow
58	Shark	Mermaid	Crossbow
59	Whale	Siren	Staff
60	Squid	Harpy	Spear
61	Lion	Wizard	Lance

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62	Tiger	Witch	Shield
63	Panther	Sorcerer	Helmet
64	Jackal	Summoner	Gauntlet
65	Hyena	Druid	Boot
66	Scorpion	Necromancer	Girdle
67	Spider	Enchanter	Breastplate
68	Python	Conjurer	Cloak
69	Cobra	Diviner	Noose
70	Elephant	Shaman	Belt
71	Zebra	Werewolf	Mattress
72	Giraffe	Vampire	Poppet
73	Parrot	Ghoul	Poem
74	Turtle	Mummy	Letter
75	Rhino	Spirit	Notebook
76	Hippo	Nightmare	Grimoire
77	Gecko	Revenant	Lock
78	Monitor	Poltergeist	Throne
79	Crocodile	Wight	Anvil
80	Dolphin	Lich	Chain
81	Will-o-wisp	Goblin	Scabbard
82	Narwhal	Hobgoblin	Dice
83	Jackalope	Orc	Lamp
84	Peacock	Gnoll	Beerstein
85	Mammoth	Bugbear	Mask
86	Roc	Ogre	Drum
87	Kraken	Troll	Flute
88	Phoenix	Ettin	Whistle

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89	Owlbear	Cyclops	Lute
90	Griffon	Giant	Horn
91	Wyvern	Treeman	Coin purse
92	Drake	Golem	Jewel
93	Basilisk	Shapeshifter	Ring
94	Cocatrice	Elemental	Pendant
95	Unicorn	Avatar	Hairpin
96	Pegasus	Imp	Signet
97	Eye tyrant	Fiend	Chalice
98	Manticore	Demon	Idol
99	Chimera	Devil	Sceptre
100	Dragon	Demigod	Crown