Should a Reptile of this Species, whom Fear, Despair, and Greediness had long buried in his Hole, where he lay wound up in himself, feeding on Rancour and Discontent; should such a Reptile, in the active Season, cast off his Slough, and spring out in the Face of Day, you will know him by these Marks. His Characteristicks are a Rattle and a Sting; his only Language is an His; slippery and glossy, and Glittering, nimble and ready at a Turn; but without Feature, or Limbs, or Proportion. Should this Monster attempt to scatter his Poison among the Herd

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